

Mr. Lanyon, whom I invited last night, and a friend they brought along with them. So home; and with our venison pasty we had other good meat and good discourse. After dinner sat close to discourse about our business of the victualling of the garrison of Tanger – taking their prices of all provisions; and I do hope to order it so that they, and I also, may get something by it – which doth much please me, for I hope I may get nobly and honestly, with profit to the King. They being gone, came Sir W. Warren and he and I discoursed long about the business of masts; and then in the evening to the office, where late writing letters, and then home to look over some Brampton papers, which I am under an oath to despatch before I spend one half-hour in any pleasure or go to bed before 12 a-clock; to which, by the grace of God I will be true. Then to bed. When I came home, I found that tomorrow being Sunday, I should gain nothing by doing it tonight, and tomorrow I can do it very well and better then tonight: I went to bed before my time, but with a resolution of doing the thing to better purpose tomorrow.

3. *Lords day*. Up and ready, and all the morning in my chamber looking over and settling some Brampton businesses. At noon to dinner, where the remains of yesterday's venison and a couple of brave green geese; which we are fain to eat alone, because they will not keep – which troubled us. After dinner, I close to my business; and before the evening, did end it with great content and my mind eased by it. Then up and spent the evening walking with my wife, talking; and it thundering and lightening mightily all the evening – and this year have had the most thunder and lightening, they say, of any in man's memory; and so it is it seems in France and everywhere else. So to prayers and to bed.

4. Up, and many people with me about business; and then out to several places, and so at noon to my Lord Crews and there dined, and very much made on there by him. He offered me the selling of some land of his in Cambridgeshire, a purchase of about 1000*l* – and if I can compass it, I will. After dinner I walked homeward, still doing business by the way, and at home find my wife this day of her own accord to have lain out 25*s*. upon a pair of pendants for her eares; which did vex me and brought both me and her to very high, and very foul words from her to me, such as trouble me to think she should have in her mouth, and reflecting upon our old