

★ SEPTEMBER ★

1. *Lords day.* Up, and betimes by water from the Tower; and called at the Old Swan for a glass of strong water and sent word to have little Michell and his wife come and dine with us today; and so, taking in a gentleman and his lady that wanted a boat, I to Westminster, setting them on shore at Charing cross; I to Mrs. Martin's, where I had two pair of cuffs which I bespoke, and there did sit and talk with her and no mas, ella having aquellos upon her; and here I did see her little girl my god-daughter, which will be pretty. And there having stayed a little, I away to Creeds chamber; and when he was ready, away to Whitehall, where I met with several people and had my fill of talk. So home by water to dinner, where comes Pelling and young Michell and his wife, whom I have not seen a great while, poor girl. And then comes Mr. How, and all dined with me very merry; and spent all the afternoon, Pelling, How, I and my boy, sing[ing] of Locke's Response to the Ten Commandments, which he hath set very finely, and was a good while since sung before the King and spoilt in the performance – which occasioned his printing them for his vindication, and are excellent good. They parted, in the evening my wife and I to walk in the garden; and there scolded a little, I being doubtful that she had received a couple of fine pinners (one of point-de-Gesne), which I find she hath from some[one] or other of a present; but on the contrary, I find she hath bought them for me to pay for them, without my knowledge. This doth displease me much; but yet doth so much please me better then if she had received them the other way, that I was not much angry, but fell to other discourse; and so to my chamber, and got her to read to me for saving of my eyes; and then having got a great cold, I know not how, I to bed and lay ill at ease all the night.

2. This day is kept in the City as a public fast for the fire this day twelve months. But I was not at church, being commanded with the rest to attend the Duke of York; and therefore with Sir J. Mennes to St. James's, where we had much business before the Duke of York; and observed all things to be very kind between the Duke of York and W. Coventry, which did mightily joy me. When we had done, Sir W. Coventry called me down with him to his chamber and there told me that he is leaving the Duke of York's service, which I was amazed at; but he tells me that it is not with the