

in Lombard street – and there dined with them, he giving me a dish of meat, to discourse in order to my serving Deering; which I am already obliged to do, and shall do it – and would be glad he were a man trusty, that I might venture something along with him. Thence home; and by and by, in the evening, took my wife out by coach, leaving her at Unthankes, while I to Whitehall and to Westminster hall, where I have not been to talk a great while; and there hear that Mrs. Lane and her husband live a sad life together, and he is gone to be a paymaster to a company to Portsmouth to serve at sea. She big with child. Thence I home, calling my wife – and at Sir W. Batten's hear that the House hath given the King 250000*l* to be paid for this war, only for the Navy, in three years time; which is a joyful thing to all the King's party I see – but was much opposed by Mr. Vaughan and others, that it should be so much. So home and to supper and to bed.

27. *Lords day*. To church in the morning. Then dined at home, and to my office and there all the afternoon setting right my business of Flaggs; and after all my pains, find reason not to be sorry, because I think it will bring me considerable profit. In the evening came Mr. Andrews and Hill, and we sung with my boy Ravenscrofts four-part psalms, most admirable music. Then (Andrews not staying) we to supper; and after supper fell into the rarest discourse with Mr. Hill about Rome and Italy, the most pleasant that I ever had in my life. At it very late, and then to bed.

30. Up, and with Sir W. Batten and Sir J. Mennes to the committee of the Lords and there did our business; but Lord, what a sorry despatch those great persons give to business. Thence to the Change and there hear the certainty and circumstances of the Duch having called in their fleet and paid their men half-pay, the other to be paid them upon their being ready upon beat-of-drum to come to serve them again – and in the meantime to have half-pay. This is said. Thence home to dinner, and so to my office all the afternoon. In the evening my wife and Sir W. Warren with me to Whitehall, sending her with the coach to see her father and mother. He and I up to Sir G. Carteret and first I alone, and then both, had discourse with him about things of the Navy; and so I and he calling my wife at Unthankes, home again and long together, talking how to order things in a new contract for Norway goods, as well to the King's as to his advantage. He gone, I to my monthly accounts; and bless