

The Committee, thinking to have seen Knepp there, but she did not act. And so to my bookseller's and there carried home some books; among others, Dr. Wilkins's *Reall Character*. And thence to Mrs. Turner's, and there went and sat and she showed me her house from top to bottom, which I had not seen before – very handsome. And here supped; and so home and got Mercer, and she and I in the garden singing till 10 at night; and so home to a little supper, and then parted with great content and I to bed. The Duchess of Monmouth's hip is I hear now set again, after much pain. I am told also that the Countesse of Shrewsbry is brought home by the Duke of Buckingham to his house; where his Duchess saying that it was not for her and the other to live together in a house, he answered, "Why, Madam, I did think so; and therefore have ordered your coach to be ready to carry you to your father's;" which was a devilish speech, but they say true; and my Lady Shrewsbry is there it seems.

16. Up; and to the office, where we sat all the morning. And at noon home with my people to dinner; and thence to the office all the afternoon, till, my eyes weary, I did go forth by coach to the King's playhouse and there saw the best part of *The Sea Voyage*, where Knepp I saw do her part of sorrow very well. I afterward to her house, but she did not come presently home; and here yo did besar her ancilla, which is so mighty belle. And I to my tailor's, and to buy me a belt for my new suit against tomorrow. And so home and there to my office, and afterward late walking in the garden; and so home to supper and to bed, after Nell's cutting of my hair close, the weather being very hot.

17. *Lords day*. Up, and put on my new stuff suit with a shoulder-belt, according to the new fashion, and the hands of my vest and tunic laced with silk lace of the colour of my suit. And so, very handsome, to church, where a dull sermon of a stranger. And so home and there I find W. How and a younger brother of his come to dine with me; and there comes Mercer and brings with her Mrs. Gayet, which pleased me mightily, and here was also W. Hewers; and mighty merry and after dinner to sing psalms; but Lord, to hear what an excellent Base this younger brother of W. How's sings, even to my astonishment and mighty pleasant. By and by Gayet goes away, being a Catholique, to her devotions, and Mercer to church, but we continued an hour or two singing, and so parted;