

and I to walk in the garden with W. Howe, whom we took up, he having been to see us. He tells me how Creede hath been questioned before the Council about a letter that hath been met with, wherein he is mentioned by some fanatiques as a serviceable friend to them; but he says he acquitted himself well in it. But however, something sticks against him, he says, with my Lord; at which I am not very sorry, for I believe he is a false fellow. I walked with him to Pauls, he telling me how my Lord is little at home – minds his carding and little else – takes little notice of anybody; but that he doth not think that he is displeased, as I fear, with me; but is strange to all – which makes me the less troubled. So walked back home, and late at the office; so home and to bed. This day Mr. Turner did lend me, as a rarity, a manuscript of one Mr. Wells, writ long ago, teaching the method of building a ship; which pleases me mightily. I was at it tonight but durst not stay long at it, I being come to have a great pain and water in my eyes after candlelight.

2. Up and to my office, and afterwards sat – where great contest with Sir W. Batten and Mr. Wood and that doting fool Sir J. Mennes, that says whatever Sir W. Batten says, though never minding whether to the King's profit or not. At noon to the Coffee-house, where excellent discourse with Sir W. Petty; who proposed it, as a thing that is truly questionable, whether there really be any difference between waking and dreaming – that it is hard not only to tell how we know when we do a thing really or in a dream, but also to know what the difference between one and the other. Thence to the Change; but hearing at this discourse and afterward with Sir Tho. Chamberlin, who tells me what I heard from others, that the complaints of most Companies were yesterday presented to the committee of Parliament against the Dutch, excepting that of the East India, which he tells me was because they would not be said to be the first and only cause of a war with Holland, and that it is very probable as well as most necessary that we fall out with that people – I went to the Change and there found most people gone; and so home to dinner, and thence to Sir W. Warren's and with him passed the whole afternoon; first looking over two ships of Capt. Taylors and Phin. Pett's now in building, and am resolved to learn something of that art, for I find it is not hard, and very useful. And thence to Woolwich; and after seeing Mr. Falconer, who is very ill, I to the yard and there heard Mr. Pett tell me several things of Sir W. Batten's ill managements; and so with Sir W. Warren walked to