

through bridge to Blackfriars and home – she being much pleased with the ramble – in every particular of it. So we supped with her and then walked home, and to bed.

### *Observations*

This I take to be as bad a Juncture as ever I observed. The King and his new Queene minding their pleasures at Hampton Court. All people discontented; some that the King doth not gratify them enough; and the others, Fanatiques of all sorts, that the King doth take away their liberty of conscience; and the heighth of the Bishops, who I fear will ruin all again. They do much cry up the manner of Sir H. Vanes death, and he deserves it. They clamour against the Chimny-money and say they will not pay it without force. And in the meantime, like to have wars abroad – and Portugall to assist, when we have not money to pay for any ordinary layings-out at home. Myself all in dirt about building of my house and Sir W. Batten's a storey higher. Into a good way; fallen on minding my business and saving money, which God encrease; and I do take great delight in it and see the benefit of it. In a longing mind of going to see Brampton, but cannot get three days time, do what I can. In very good health, my wife and myself.

### ★ JULY ★

1. To the office. And there we sat till past noon; and then Capt. Cuttance and I by water to Deptford, where the *Royall James* was paying-off by Sir W. Batten and Sir W. Penn. To the pay again after dinner; and seeing of Cooper the Mate of the ship, whom I knew in the *Charles*, I spoke to him about teaching the Mathematiques, and do please myself in my thoughts of learning of him. And bid him come to me in a day or two. Towards evening I left them and to Redriffe by land. Mr. Cowly the Clerk of the Cheque with me, discoursing concerning the abuses of the yard, in which he did give me much light. So by water home.

2. Up while the chimes went 4 – and put down my Journall; and