

home to dinner and then close to my business all the afternoon.

24. I to my office, and there hard at work all the morning, to my great content, abstracting the contract Booke in into my abstract book; which I have by reason of the war omitted for above two years, but now am endeavouring to have all my books ready and perfect against the Parliament comes, that upon examination I may be in condition to value myself upon my perfect doing of my own duty. At noon home to dinner, where my wife mighty musty, but I took no notice of it; but after dinner to the office, and there with Mr. Harper did another good piece of work about my late collection of the accounts of the Navy presented to the Parliament at their last session, which was left unfinished and now I have done it, which sets my mind at my ease. And so having tired myself, I took a pair of oares about 5 a-clock, which I made a gally at Red-riffe; and so with very much pleasure down to Gravesend, all the way with extraordinary content reading of Boyl's *Hydrostatickes*; which the more I read and understand, the more I admire as a most excellent piece of philosophy.

25. Up, and to the office, where we sat all the morning. At noon home to dinner and there sang with much pleasure with my wife; and so to the office again and busy all the afternoon. At night, Sir W. Batten, W. Penn and myself and Sir R. Ford did meet in the garden. I demanded of Sir R. Ford and the rest what passed today at the meeting of the Parliament – who told me, that contrary to all expectation by the King that there would be but a thin meeting, there met above 300 this first day, and all the discontented party; and ended, the whole House seems to be no other almost. The Speaker told them, as soon as they were sat, that he was ordered by the King to let them know he was hindered by some important business to come to them and speak to them as he intended; and therefore ordered him to move that they would adjourn themselves till Monday next (it being very plain to all the House that he expects to hear by that time of the sealing of the peace, which by letters, it seems from my Lord Hollis, was to be sealed the last Sunday); but before they would come to the Question whether they would adjourne, Sir Tho. Tomkins steps up and tells them that all the country is grieved at this new-raised standing army, and that they thought themselves safe enough in their Traynbands, and that therefore he desired the King might be moved to disband them.