

imploy Mr. Turner about it, at which I was much vexed and begun to dispute; and what with the letter of the Dukes orders, and the practice of our predecessors, which Sir G. Carteret knew best when he was Comptroller, it was ruled for me. What Sir J. Minnes will do when he comes I know not, but Sir W. Penn did it like a base raskall, and so I shall remember him while I live. After office done, I went down to the Tower wharfe, where Mr. Creed and Sheply was ready with three chests of Crusados, being about 6000*l*, ready to bring on shore to my house; which they did, and put it in my further cellar – and Mr Sheply took the key. Thence to the Wardrobe, where I find my Lady come from Hampton Court, where the Queene hath used her very civilly; and my Lady tells me is a most pretty woman – at which I am glad. Yesterday (Sir R. Ford told me) the Aldermen of the City did attend her in their habitts, and did present her with a gold Cupp, and 1000*l* in gold therein. Home and to the office; where, about 8 at night, comes Sir G. Carteret and Sir W. Batten. And so we did some business. And then home and to bed, my mind troubled about Sir W. Penn – his playing the rogue with me today. As also about the charge of money that is in my house, which I had forgot. But I made the maids to rise and light a candle and set it in the dining room to scare away thieves. And so to sleep.

4. Sir W. Batten and I by water down to Woolwich and there saw an experiment made of Sir R. Ford's holland's yarne (about which we have lately had so much stir; and I have much concerned myself for our Ropemaker, Mr. Hughes, who hath represented it as bad); and we found it to be very bad, and broke sooner then, upon a fair triall, five threades of that against four of Riga yarn; and also that some of it hath old Stuffe that hath been tarred, coverd over with new hempe, which is such a cheat as hath not been heard of. I was glad of this discovery, because I would not have the King's workmen discouraged (as Sir W. Batten doth most basely do) from representing the faults of merchants goods, when there is any.

5. To the Wardrobe; and there my Lord did enquire my opinion of Mr. Moore, which I did give to the best advantage I could, and by that means shall get him joyned with Mr. Townesend in the Wardrobe business. He did also give me all Mr. Sheplys and Mr. Moores accounts to view – which I am glad of, as being his great trust in me, and I would willingly keep up a good interest with him.