

6. Up, and to the office, where very busy all the morning; we met upon a report to the Duke of Yorke of the debts of the Navy, which we finished by 3 a-clock; and having eat one little bit of meat, I by water before the rest to Whitehall (and they to come after me) because of a committee for Tanger; where I did my business of stating my accounts perfectly well and to good liking, and do not discern but the Duke of Albemarle is my friend in his intentions, notwithstanding my general fears. After that to our Navy business, where my fellow-officers were called in; and did that also very well. And then broke up, and I home by coach, Tooker with me, and stayed in Lumberdstreete at Viners and sent home for the plate which my wife and I had a mind to change, and there changed it.

7. It being fast-day, I stayed at home all day long to set things to rights in my chamber, by taking out all my books and putting my chamber in the same condition it was before the plague. But in the morning, doing of it and knocking up a nail, I did bruise my left thumb, so as broke a great deal of my flesh off, that it hung by a little. It was a sight frightened my wife – but I put some balsam of Mrs. Turners to it, and though in great pain, yet went on with my business; and did it to my full content, setting everything in order, in hopes now that the worst of our fears are over as to the plague for the next year. Interrupted I was by two or three occasions this day, to my great vexation, having this the only day I have been able to set apart for this work since my coming to town. At night to supper, weary, and to bed – having had the plasterers and joiners also to do some jobbs.

9. Up, and betimes to Sir Ph. Warwicke, who was glad to see me and very kind. Thence to Coll. Norwood's lodgings, and there set right Houlblons business about their ships. Thence to Westminster to the Exchequer about my Tanger business, to get orders for tallies, and so to the Hall, where the first day of the Tearme and the hall very full of people, and much more then was expected, considering the plague that hath been. Thence to the Change, and to the Sun behind it to dinner with the Lieutenant of the Tower and Coll. Norwood and others – where strange pleasure they seem to take in their wine and meat, and discourse of it with the curiosity and joy that methinks was below men of worth. Thence home, and there very much angry with my people till I had put all things in good forwardness about my supper for the Houlblons; but that