

4. Up and to my office, showing myself to Sir W. Batten and Sir J. Mennes, and no great matter made of my periwig, as I was afeared there would. Among other things, there came to me this morning Shales of Portsmouth by my order, and I begun to discourse with him about the arrears of stores belonging to the Victualling Office there; and by his discourse, I am in some hopes that if I can get a grant from the King of such a part of all I discover, I may chance to find a way to get something by the by, which doth greatly please me the very thoughts of. Home to dinner and very pleasant with my wife, who is this day also herself making of Marmalett of Quince, which she now doth very well herself. I left her at it, and by coach I to the New Exchange and several places to buy and bring home things; among others, a case I bought of the Trunke-makers for my periwig; and so home and to my office late.

6. This morning, waking, my wife was mighty earnest with me to persuade me that she should prove with child – which if it be, let it come and welcome. Up to my office, whither Comissioner Pett came, newly come out of the country, and he and I walked together in the garden, talking of business a great while. Thence, he being gone, to my office and there despatched many people. And at noon to the Change to the Coffee-house; and among other things, heard Sir John Cutler say that of his own experience in time of thunder, so many barrels of beer as have a piece of Iron laid upon them will not be stirred, and the others will.

8. *Lords day.* Up; and it being late, to church. I found that my coming in a periwig did not prove so strange to the world as I was afeared it would, for I thought that all the church would presently have cast their eye all upon me – but I found no such thing. Here an ordinary lazy sermon of Mr. Mills, and then home to dinner and there Tom came and dined with us; and after dinner, to talk about a new black cloth-suit that I have a-making; and so at church time I to church again – where the Scott preached, and I slept most of the time. Thence home and I spent most of the evening upon Fullers *Church History* and Barcklys *Argenis*; and so after supper to prayers and to bed.

9. To Westminster hall, where I met with Mr. Pierce the surgeon; and among other things, he asked me seriously whether I knew