

out some Spaniards and goods out of an English ship which had the Duke of York's pass – of which advice came this day; and the King is resolved to stop Sir Tho. Allen's fleet from coming home till he hath amends made him for this affront, and therefore sent for us to advise about victuals to be sent to the fleet, and some more ships – wherein I answered them to what they demanded of me, which was but some few mean things; but I see that on all these occasions they seem to rely most upon me. And so this being done, I took coach and took up my wife, and straight home and there late at the office busy; and then home, and there I find W. Batelier hath also sent the books which I bade him bring me out of France; among others, *L'estat de France, Marnix, &c.*, to my great content; and so I was well pleased with them and shall take a time to look them over, as also one or two printed music-books of songs; but my eyes are now too much out of tune to look upon them with any pleasure. Therefore, to supper and to bed.

28. Up and to the office, where all the [morning], also after dinner, and there late, despatching much business; and then home to supper and with my wife, and to get her to read to me. And here I did find that Mr. Sheres hath, beyond his promise, not only got me a candlestick made me, after a form he remembers to have seen in Spain, for keeping the light from one's eyes, but hath got it done in silver, very neat, and designs to give it me in thanks for my paying him his 100*l* in money for his service at Tanger which was ordered him. But I do intend to force him to make me [pay] for it. But I yet, without his direction, cannot tell how it is to be made use of. So after a little reading, to bed.

31. *Lords day*. Lay long, talking with pleasure, and so up, and I to church and there did hear the Doctor that is lately turned Divine, I have forgot his name, I met him a while since at Sir D. Gawden's at dinner – Dr. Waterhouse; he preaches in devout manner of way, not elegant nor very persuasive, but seems to mean well and that he would preach holily, and was mighty passionate against people that make a scoff of religion. And the truth is, I did observe Mrs. Hallworthy smile often, and many others of the parish, who I perceive have known him and were in mighty expectation of hearing him preach, but could not forbear smiling; and she perticularly upon me, and I on her. So home to dinner; and before dinner, to my office to set down my journal for this week, and then