

# THE DIARY

1661



At the end of the last and the beginning of this year I do live in one of the houses belonging to the Navy office as one of the principall officers – and have done now about half a year. After much trouble with workmen, I am now almost settled – my family being, myself, my wife, Jane, Will Ewre, and Wayneman, my girl's brother.

Myself in a constant good health – and in a most handsome and thriving condition. Blessed be Almighty God for it. I am now taking of my sister Paulina to come and live with me. As to things of State – the King settled and loved of all. The Duke of Yorke lately matched to my Lord Chancellor's daughter, which doth not please many. The Queene upon her return to France – with the Princesse Henrietta. The Princesse of Orange lately dead, and we into new mourning for her.

We have been lately frighted with a great plot, and many taken<sup>a</sup> upon it and the fright of it not quite over.<sup>1</sup> The parliament, which hath done all this great good to the King, beginning to grow factious, the King did dissolve it December 29. last – and another likely to be chosen speedily.<sup>2</sup>

I take myself now to be worth 300*l* clear in money. And all my goods and all manner of debts paid, which are none at all.

*a* repl. 'taking'

1. This was Overton's Plot: see above, i. 319, n. 1. The Privy Council was still busy taking counter-measures: R. S. Bosher, *Making of Restoration settlement*, pp. 205–6.

2. Elections were held in the following spring, and the new parlia-

ment met on 8 May. The old parliament's offence was not its factiousness (which the Government mostly controlled) but its illegal origin as a convention summoned before the return of the King.

JANUARY. 16<sup>60.</sup>  
61.

1. Called up this morning by Mr. Moore, who brought me the last things for me to sign for the last month; and to my great comfort tells me that my fees will come to 80*l* clear to myself and about 25*l* for him, which he hath got out of the pardons, though there be no fee due to me at all out of them.<sup>1</sup>

Then comes in my Brother Tho., and after him my father, Dr. Tho. Pepys, my uncle Fenner and his two sons<sup>2</sup> (Anthonys only child dying this morning, yet he was so civil to come and was pretty merry) to breakefast. And I have for them a barrel of oysters, a dish of neat's tongues, and a dish of Anchoves – wine of all sorts, and Northdown<sup>a</sup> ale.<sup>3</sup> We were very merry till about 11 a-clock, and then they went away.

At noon I carried my wife by Coach to my Cosen Tho. Pepys; where we, with my father, Dr. Tho., Cozen Stradwick, Scott, and their wives dined. Here I saw first his Second wife, which is a very respectful\* woman.<sup>4</sup> But his dinner a sorry, poor dinner for a man of his estate – there being nothing but ordinary meat in it. Today the King dined at a Lord's two doors from us.<sup>5</sup> After dinner I took my wife to White-hall; I sent her to Mrs. Pierces (where we should have dined today) and I to the Privy Seale, where Mr. Moore took out all his money; and he and I went to Mr. Pierces (in our way seeing the Duke of Yorke bring his Lady this day to wait upon the Queene, the first time that

*a* word blotted

1. Pepys and Moore acted as Sandwich's deputies at the Privy Seal: for their fees, see above, i. 213, n. 1. In December 1660 Pepys had signed 'a deadly number' of free pardons: above, i. 312.

2. Sons-in-law: Anthony and William Joyce.

3. Margate ale: see above, i. 232, n. 1.

4. Thomas Pepys, a well-to-do business man of Westminster, had

married Ursula Stapelton at Kensington in March 1660.

5. He had just attended the christening of the Duke of York's child (Charles, Duke of Cambridge) at Worcester House in the Strand: *Kingd. Intell.*, 7 January, p. 2. In the first few months of his restoration the King often dined or supped at the London houses of the nobility. See Rugge, i, passim.

ever she did since that great business;<sup>1</sup> and the Queene is said to receive [her] now with much respect and love); and there he cast up the fees and I told the money. By the same token, one 100*l* bag, after I had told it, fell all about the room, and I fear I have lost some of it that we told.<sup>a</sup>

That done, I left my friends and went to my Lord's; but he being not come in, I lodged the money with Mr. Sheply; and I bade good-night to Mr. Moore and so returned to Mr. Pierces and there supped with them and Mr. Pierce the purser, and his wife and mine – where we have a calves head carbonadoed, but it was [so] raw we could not eat it, and a good hen. But she is such a slut that I do not love her victualls.

After supper I sent them home by Coach and I went to my Lord's and there played till 12 at night at cards at Best<sup>2</sup> with J. Goods and N. Osgood.<sup>3</sup>

And then to bed with Mr. Sheply.

2. Up earely; and being called up to my Lord, he did give me many commands in his business. As, about taking care to write to my uncle that Mr. Barnewells papers should be locked up, in case he should die, he being now suspected to be very ill.<sup>4</sup> Also, about consulting with Mr. W. Mountagu for the settling of the 4000*l* a year that<sup>b</sup> the King hath promised my Lord.<sup>5</sup> As also about getting of Mr. George Mountagu to be chosen at Huntington this next parliament, &c.<sup>6</sup>

That done, he to White-hall stairs with much company, and I with him; where he took water for Lambeth; and there, coach for Portsmouth.

The Queenes things were all in White-hall court, ready to be sent away, and her Majesty ready to be gone an houre after to

*a* MS. 'could'

*b* repl. 'upon him'

1. Their secret marriage: see above, i. 261 & n. 1. For the Queen Mother's attitude to it, see Lister, ii. 79.

2. 'Beast'; a card-game.

3. Servants.

4. Robert Barnwell was Sandwich's steward at Hinchbrook. He died

on 4 June 1662, heavily in debt to his employer.

5. See above, i. 285 & n. 4. Mountagu wrote to Sandwich on this subject on the following day: Carte 73, ff. 341r, 345r.

6. He was returned for Dover on 6 May.

Hampton-court tonight, and so to be at Pourtsmouth on Saturday next.

I by water to my office, and there all the morning; and so home to dinner – where I found Pall (my sister) was come; but I do not let her sit down at table with me; which I do at first, that she may not expect it hereafter from me. After dinner I to Westminster by water – and there found my Brother Spicer at the Legg with all the rest of the Exchequer men (most of whom I now do not know) at dinner. Here I stayed and drank with them; and then to Mr. George Mountagu about the business of eleccion; and he did give me a piece in gold. So to my Lord's and got the chest of plate brought to the Exchequer, and my Brother Spicer put it into his Treasury. So to Wills with him to a pot of ale; and so parted.

I took a turne in the hall, and bought the King and Chancellors speeches at the dissolving the parliament last Saturday.<sup>1</sup>

So to my Lord's and took my money I brought thither last night and the Silver Candlesticks; and by Coach left the latter at Alderman Backwells, I having no use for them, and the former home. There stood a man at our door when I carried it in, and saw me; which made me a little afear'd.

Up to my chamber and wrote letters to Huntington and did other business.

This day I lent Sir W. Batten and Captain Rider my chine of beef for to serve at dinner tomorrow at Trinity-house, the Duke of Albemarle being to be there and all the rest of the Bretheren, it being a great day for the reading over of their new Charter which the King hath newly given them.<sup>2</sup>

3. Early in the morning to the Exchequer, where I told over what money I have of my Lord's and my own there, which I find to be 970l: thence to Will's, where Spicer and I eat our dinner of a roasted leg of porke which Will did give us. And

1. *His Majestie's gracious speech, together with the Lord Chancellor's, to both houses of parliament; on . . . the 29th day of December 1660 . . .*; published according to Thomason on this day;

reprinted *Parl. Hist.*, iv. 169-77; not in the PL.

2. The charter of 27 November 1660; a copy was kept by Pepys in his *Miscellanies*, xi. 665; PL 2879.

after that, I to the Theatre, where was acted *Beggars bush*<sup>1</sup> – it being very well done; and here the first time that ever I saw Women come upon the stage.<sup>2</sup> From thence to my father's, where I find my mother gone by Bird the carrier to Brampton, upon my uncles great desire, my aunt being now in despair of life. So home.

4. Office all the morning (my wife and Pall being gone to my father's to dress dinner for Mr. Honiwood,<sup>3</sup> my mother being gone out of town); dined at home, and Mr. Moore with me – with whom I had been early this morning at White-hall at the Jewell-Office, to choose of a piece of gilt plate for my Lord in returne of his offering to the King (which it seems is usuall at this time of the year, and an Earle gives 20 pieces in gold in a purse to the King);<sup>4</sup> I chose a gilt tankard weighing 31 ounces and a half, and he is allowed 30; so I paid 12s for the ounce and a half over what he is to have. But strange it was to me to see what a company of small Fees I was called upon by a great many to pay there; which I perceive is the manner that courtiers do get their estates.<sup>5</sup>

1. See above, i. 297, n. 2; now produced at the TR, Vere St. (A).

2. These were not the first professional actresses to appear on the English stage. In 1629 actresses in a French troupe performed at the Blackfriars, Red Bull and Fortune theatres, but were hooted off the boards. In 1656, Mrs Edward Coleman, who visited Pepys on 31 October 1665, sang the part of Ianthe in Sir William Davenant's opera, *The siege of Rhodes*, at Rutland House in Charterhouse Yard. The articles of agreement which Davenant made when he formed the Duke of York's company on 5 November 1660 show that he had decided to employ actresses. But the King's company, under the management of Thomas Killigrew, probably preceded him in the use of actresses. A woman evidently played the part of Desdemona in Killigrew's production of *Othello*

at the TR, Vere St on 8 December 1660, for Thomas Jordan wrote a special prologue for it 'to introduce the first Woman that came to act on the Stage'. Her identity is not known; Anne Marshall, Margaret Hughes and Katherine Corey have been suggested: J. H. Wilson, *All the King's ladies*, pp. 6-8; id. in *Theatre Notebook*, 18/no. 2. (A).

3. Peter Honeywood of West Hawkes, Kent, lodged at John Pepys's house in Salisbury Court until c. 1666.

4. New Year gifts were regularly exchanged between the King, on the one hand, and peers and office holders, on the other, their value being nicely graded by status. At this time the King spent c. £2000 p.a. on them: BM, Egerton 2543, f.129v.

5. Cf. Sandwich's remark to Pepys about the importance of fees: above, i. 223 & n. 1.

After dinner Mr. Moore and I to the Theatre, where was *The Scornefull Lady*<sup>1</sup> acted very well – it being the first play that ever he saw. Thence with him to drink a cup of ale at Hercules pillars, and so parted. I called to see my father, who told me by the way how Will and Mary Joyce do live a strange life together, nothing but fighting, &c., so that sometimes her father hath a mind to have them divorced.<sup>2</sup> Thence home.

5. Home all the morning. Several people came to me about business; among others, the great Tom: Fuller, who came to me to desire a kindness for a friend of his who hath a mind to go to Jamaica with these two ships that are going, which I promised to do.<sup>3</sup>

So to White-hall to my Lady, whom I found at dinner, and dined with her and stayed with her talking all the afternoon. And thence walked to Westminster-hall; so to Wills and drank with Spicer; and thence by Coach home, staying a little in Pauls churchyard to bespeak Ogilby's *Æsop's fables* and Tullys *officys* to be bound for me.<sup>4</sup> So home and to bed.

#### 6. *Lords day. and Twelfeday.*

My wife and I to church this morning; and so home to dinner to a boiled leg of mutton – all alone.

To church again; where before Sermon,<sup>a</sup> a long Psalm was set that lasted an houre while the Sexton gathered his year's contribution through the whole church.<sup>5</sup>

<sup>a</sup> l.h. repl. s.h. 'com'–

1. See above, i. 303, n. 3; now produced at the TR, Vere St. (A).

2. Sc. by a decree obtained in an ecclesiastical court, which (except in cases of nullity) gave no rights of remarriage.

3. The ships sailed in February with settlers and stores – an important step in the colonisation of Jamaica. The 'great Tom: Fuller' was the divine and author. His friend may have been Peter Beckford, his parishioner at Cranford, Middlesex, who founded a prominent dynasty of Jamaican planters.

4. He retained neither in his library, but kept later editions of both (1665 and 1695 respectively): PL 2832, 856. John Ogilby's verse paraphrase of Aesop had been published in 1651 and again in 1658: for its purchase, see below, vii. 48 & n. 1. The Cicero was possibly the Cambridge edition of 1660.

5. To set a long psalm for this purpose was a common practice: cf. below, ix. 21 & n. 1. The sexton was Fleetwood Duell, appointed in 1644.



After sermon home; and there I went to my chamber and wrote a letter to send to Mr. Coventry with a piece of plate along with it – which I do preserve among my other letters.<sup>1</sup>

So to supper; and then after prayers to bed.

7. This morning news was brought to me to my bedside that there hath been a great stirr in the City this night by the Fanatiques, who have been up and killed six or seven men, but all are fled.<sup>2</sup> My Lord Mayor and the whole City have been in armes, above 40000.<sup>3</sup> To the office; and after that to dinner, where my brother Tom came and dined with me; and after dinner (leaveing 12d with my servants to buy a cake with at night, this day being kept as Twelfeday), Tom and I and my wife to the Theatre and there saw *The Silent Woman*,<sup>4</sup> the first time that ever I did see it and it is an excellent play. Among other things here, Kinaston the boy hath the good turn to appear in three shapes:<sup>5</sup> 1, as a poor woman in ordinary clothes to please Morose; then in fine clothes as a gallant, and in them was clearly the prettiest woman in the whole house – and lastly, as a man; and then likewise did appear the handsomest man in the house. From thence by link to my Cosen Stradwickes, where my father and we and Dr. Pepys – Scott and his wife, and one Mr. Ward and his. And after a good supper we have an excellent cake, where the mark for the Queene was cut;<sup>6</sup> and so there was two queenes, my wife and Mrs. Ward; and the King being lost, they chose the Doctor to be King, so we made him send for some wine;

1. In a book of drafts or copies: see below, p. 10. Neither the book nor the letter has been traced.

2. This was the rising of the Fifth-Monarchists, led by Thomas Venner, begun on the previous evening. After a service at their meeting-house off Coleman St, c. 60 had come out in arms to conquer the world in the name of Christ the King (Charles II being away at Portsmouth). Despite their numbers, they were to strike terror into London and Westminster for the next three days. After a skirmish with the trained bands, they had now fled into hiding in Kenwood,

near Highgate.

3. A slip for 4000.

4. By Jonson; see above, i. 171, n. 2. (A).

5. Epicene, one of Kynaston's chief roles at this time, is the boy who masquerades as a woman before his identity is revealed at the end of the play. (A).

6. For the method by which the King and Queen of Twelfth Night festivities were chosen, see above, i. 10, n. 3. Thomas Strudwick was a provision-dealer – hence the excellence of the food.

and then home: and in our way were in many places strictly examined, more then in the worst of times, there being great fears of these fanatiques rising again. For the present I do not hear that any of them are taken.

Home, it being a clear Mooneshine and after 12 a-clock at night. Being come home, we find that my people have been very merry, and my wife tells me afterward that she hath heard that they had got young Davis and some other neighbours with them to be merry; but no harme.

8. My wife and I lie very long in bed today, talking and pleasing one another in discourse. Being up, Mr. Warren came and he and I agree for the deales that my Lord is to have.<sup>1</sup> Then Will and I to Westminster, where I dined with my Lady. After dinner I took my Lord Hinchinbrooke and Mr. Sidney to the Theatre and showed them *The Widdow*, an indifferent good play, but wronged by the womens being much to seek in their parts.<sup>2</sup> That being done, my Lord's coach<sup>a</sup> waited for us; and so back to my Lady, where she made me drink of some Florence wine and did give me two bottles for my wife. From thence walked to my Cosen Stradwicke and there chose a small banquet\* and some other things against our entertainment on Thursday next. Thence to Tom. Pepys and bought a dozen of trenchers,<sup>3</sup> and so home.

Some talk<sup>b</sup> today of a head of Fanatiques that doth appear about Barnett, but I do not believe it.<sup>4</sup>

However, my Lord Mayor, Sir Rich. Brown, hath carried himself very honourably, and hath caused one of their meeting-houses in London to be pulled downe.<sup>5</sup>

a MS. l.h. 'coached'

b MS. 'talks'

1. See above, i. 324 & n. 1.

2. The play was a comedy by Thomas Middleton, written c. 1616 and published in 1652. The faulty memorising of parts was not uncommon in the Restoration theatre because of its repertory system and the frequent changes of programme. (A).

3. Tom (the turner) was son of

Thomas, elder brother of Pepys's father. His shop was on the e. side of St Paul's churchyard.

4. This rumour was possibly started by the rebels taking to the woods near Highgate.

5. Probably Venner's meeting-house in Swan Alley, off Coleman St; but there appears to be no trace of this order in the city records.

9. waked in the morning about 6 a-clock by people running up and down in Mr. Davis's house, talking that the Fanatiques were up in armes in the City,<sup>1</sup> and so I rise and went forth, where in the street I find everybody in arms at the doors; so I returned (though with no good courage at all, but that I might not seem to be afeared) and got my sword and pistol, which however I have no powder to charge, and went to the door, where I found Sir R. Ford; and with him I walked up and down as far as the Exchange, and there I left him. In our way, the streets full of trainebands, and great stories what mischief these rogues have done; and I think near a dozen have been killed this morning on both sides. Seeing the city in this condition, the shops shut and all things in trouble, I went home and sat, it being office day, till noon. So home and dined at home, my father with me. And after dinner he would needs have me go to my uncle Wights (where I have been so long absent that I am ashamed to go): I found him at home and his<sup>a</sup> wife; I can see they have taken my absence ill, but all things are past and we good friends; and here I sat with my aunt till it was late, my uncle going forth about business – my aunt being very fearful to be alone. So home to my lute till late, and then to bed – there being strict guards all night in the City, though most of the enemy they say are killed or taken.

10. This morning my wife and Pall went forth early. I stayed<sup>b</sup> within and there comes Mr. Hawly to me and brings me my money for the Quarter of a year's salary of my place under Downing<sup>2</sup> that I was at Sea. So I did give him half,<sup>3</sup> whereof he did in his noblenesse give the odd 5s. to my Jane. So we both went forth (calling first to see how Sir W. Pen doth, who I find very ill), and at the hoope by the bridge we drank two pints of Woremoode and sack – talking of his wooing afresh of Mrs. Lane and of his going to serve the Bishop of London.

a MS. 'my'

b MS. 'state'

1. Driven from the woods by hunger, Venner's band had under the cover of darkness slipped past the regulars sent after them and had returned to the city in the early morning of this day. They were now

being hunted down by large forces of militia, and by regulars under York and Albemarle.

2. Pepys's clerkship in the Exchequer.

3. See above, i. 83, 238.

Thence by water to White-hall and found my wife at Mrs. Hunts; and leaving her to dine there, I went and dined with my Lady, and stayed to talk a while with her.

After dinner Will comes to tell me that he hath presented my piece of plate to Mr. Coventry, who takes it very kindly and sends me a very kind letter, and the plate back again<sup>1</sup> – of which my heart is very glad. So to Mrs. Hunts, where I find a Frenchman, a lodger of hers, at dinner; and just as I came in was kissing my wife, which I did not like, though there could not be any hurt in it.

Thence by Coach to my uncle Wights with my wife; but they being both out of doors, we went home. Where after I had put some papers in order and entered some letters in my book which I have a mind to keep,<sup>2</sup> I went with my wife to see Sir W. Pen,<sup>a</sup> who we find ill still – but he doth make very much of it. Here we sat a great while; at last comes in Mr. Davis and his lady (who takes it very ill that my wife never did go to see her)<sup>3</sup> and so we fell to talk: among other things, Mr. Davis told us the particular examinations of these Fanatiques that are taken. And in short it is this –

Of all these Fanatiques that have done all this, viz., routed all the train-bands that they met with – put the King's lifeguard to the run – killed about 20 men – broke through the City gates twice – and all this in the daytime, when all the City was in armes – are not in all above<sup>b</sup> 31.<sup>4</sup> Whereas we did believe them (because they were seen up and down in every place almost in the City, and have been about Highgate two or three dayes, and in several other places) to be at least 500. A thing that never was heard of, that so few men should dare and do so much mischief.

a repl. 'Batten'

b MS. 'about'

1. As Pepys had hoped: above, i. 322.

2. See above, p. 7. This book has not been traced.

3. John Davis (Navy Office clerk) had a very proud wife: cf. above, i. 277, 278.

4. Davis was perhaps referring to the number arrested earlier in the

rising, which was about 30: *State Trials* (ed. Howell), vi. 105, n. Contemporary accounts agree in placing the total number of the rebels at 40–60: ib., vi. 106, n.; *CSPD* 1660–1, p. 470; *EHR*, 25/741; Sir Richard Baker, *Chronicle* (1679), p. 735. But it is certain that these fanatics fought with a wild courage.

Their word was "King Jesus, and the heads<sup>1</sup> upon the gates!" Few of them would receive any Quarter but such as were taken by force and kept alive, expecting Jesus to come and reign here in the world presently,\* and will not believe yet but their work will be carried on, though they do die.

The King this day came to towne.

II. *office day.* This day comes news by letters from Portsmouth that the Princesse Henriette is fallen sick of the meazells on board the *London*, after the Queene and she was under sail – and so was forced to come back again into Portsmouth harbour. And in their way, was by negligence of the Pilott run upon the Horse-sand. The Queene and she continues aboard, and do not entend to come on shore till she sees what will become of the young Princesse. This newes doth make people think something ended; that three of them should fall sick of the same disease one after another. This morning likewise, we have order to see guards set in all the King's yards; and so we do appoint who and who shall go to them. Sir Wm Batten to Chatham – Collonell Slingsby and I to Deptford and Woolwich<sup>2</sup> – Portsmouth, being a garrison, needs none.

Dined at home – discontented that my wife doth not go neater, now she hath two maids. After dinner comes in Kate Sterpin (whom we have not seen a great while) and her husband to see us – with whom I stayed a while; and then to the office and left them with my wife.

At night walked to Pauls churchyard and bespoke some books against next week; and from thence to the Coffee-house – where I met Captain Morrice the upholster. Who would fain have lent me a horse tonight to have rid with him upon the City-guard with the Lord Mayor – there being some new expectations of these rogues; but I refused by reason of my going out of town tomorrow. So home and to bed.

1. The regicides' heads: see above, i. 269.

2. Cf. Duke of York to Sir W. Compton, 11 January, ordering the delivery of arms for this purpose:

PRO, Adm. 2/1745, f.23v. The Duke mentioned Slingsby, but not Pepys, as responsible for Deptford and Woolwich.

12. *Saturday.*<sup>a</sup>

With Collonell Slingsby and a friend of his, Major Waters (a deafe and most amorous melancholy gentleman, who is under a despayre in love as the Collonell told me, which makes him bad company, though a most good-natured man), by water to Redriffe; and so on foot to Deptford – our servants by water. Where we fell to choosing four Captains to command the guards, and choosing the places where to keep them and other things in order thereunto. We dined at the globe, having our messenger with us to take care for us. Never till now did I see the great authority of my place, all the Captains of the fleet coming cap in hand to us.

Having stayed very late there talking with the Collonell, I went home with Mr. Davis, storekeeper (whose wife is ill and so I could not see her), and was there most princelike lodged, with so much respect and honour that I was almost at a loss how to behave myself.

13. In the morning we all went to church<sup>1</sup> and sat in the pew belonging to us. Where a cold sermon of a young [man] that never hath preached before. Here Comissioner Pett came with his wife and daughters – the eldest, being his wife's daughter, is a very comely black woman. So to the globe to dinner. And then with Comissioner Pett to his lodgings there (which he hath for the present while he is in building the King's yacht, which will be a very pretty thing and much beyond the Duchman's);<sup>2</sup> and<sup>b</sup> from thence with him and his wife and daughter-in-law\* by Coach to Greenwich church,<sup>3</sup> where a good sermon, a fine church, and a great company of handsome women. After sermon to Deptford again; where at the Comissioners and the globe we stayed long. And so I to Mr. Davis's to bed again.

a blot in upper margin      b repl. 'where'

1. St Nicholas's, Deptford.

2. Peter Pett's yacht was the *Catherine*. For the Dutch yacht (given to the King by the city of Amsterdam and commanded by Jan de Gens), see above, i. 222 & n. 1. Yachts were a Dutch invention, and

at 8 November 1660 Pepys had not believed it possible that the English could build anything comparable.

3. St Alfege's, a medieval building of various periods, replaced in 1718 by the present church.

But no sooner in bed but we have an alarme and so we rise. And the Comptroller comes into the yard to us – and seamen of all the ships present repair to us; and there we armed, with everyone a handspike, with which they were as fierce as could be. At last we hear that it was only five or six men that did ride through the guard in the towne without stopping to the guard that was there and some say shot at them. But all being quiett there, we caused the seamen to go on board again; and so we all to bed (after I had sat awhile with Mr. Davis in his study, which is filled with good books and some very good song=bookes): I likewise to bed.

14. The armes being come this morning from the tower, we caused them to be distributed. I spent much time walking with Lieutenant Lambert, walking up and down the yards, who did give me much light into things there. And so went along with me and dined with us. After dinner Mrs. Pett (her husband being gone this morning with Sir Wm. Batten this morning to Chatham) lent us her coach and carried us to Woolwich – where we did also dispose of the armes there and settle the guards. So to Mr. Pett's the shipwright<sup>1</sup> and there supped; where he did treat us very handsomely (and strange it is to see what neat houses all the officers of the King's yards have),<sup>2</sup> his wife a proper woman and hath been handsome, and yet hath a very pretty hand.

Thence I with Mr. Ackworth to his house, where he hath a very pretty house and a very proper lovely woman to his wife,<sup>3</sup> who both sat with me in my chamber; and they being gone, I went to bed – which was also most neat and fine.

15. Up and down the yard all the morning, and seeing the seamen exercise, which they do already very handsomely.

Then to dinner at Mr. Ackworths, where there also dined with us one Captain Bethell, a friend of the Comptrollers. A good dinner and very handsome. After that and taking our leaves of

1. Christopher Pett was Master-Shipwright at Deptford and Woolwich yards, and youngest brother of Commissioner Peter Pett.

2. It was often remarked that the officers of the yards used the King's

workmen and materials to embellish their houses: e.g. John Hollond, *Discourses* (ed. Tanner), pp. 150-1.

3. William Ackworth was Store-keeper at Woolwich; his wife was a sister of Christopher Pett.

the officers of the yard, we walked to the waterside and in our way walked into the Ropeyard, where I do look into the tarr-houses and other places, and took great notice of all the several works belonging to the making of a Cable.<sup>1</sup>

So after a cup of burnt wine at the tavern there, we took barge and went to blackwall and viewed the dock and the new wett=dock which is newly made there,<sup>2</sup> and a brave new merchant-man which is to be launched shortly, and they say to be called the *Royall=oake*.<sup>3</sup>

Hence we walked to dick=shoare, and thence to the towre, and so home – where I found my wife and pall abroad; so I went to see Sir Wm. Pen, and there found Mr. Coventry come to see him and now have an opportunity to thank him and he did express much kindness to me. I sat a great while with Sir Wm after he was gone, and have much talk with him. I perceive none of our officers care much for one another, but I do keep in with them all as much as I can. Sir Wm. Pen is still very ill, as when I went. Home, where my wife not yet come home. So I went up to put my papers in order. And then was much troubled my wife was not come, it being ten a-clock just now striking as I write<sup>a</sup> this last line.

This day I hear the Princesse is recoverd again. The King hath been this afternoon at Deptford<sup>b</sup> to see the yacht that Commissioner Pett is building, which will be very pretty; as also that that his Brother at Woolwich is in making.<sup>4</sup>

By and by comes in my boy and tells me that his mistress doth

a repl. 'make'

b repl. 'Woolwich'

1. For cable making, see below, vi. 34 & n. 3.

2. The largest wet dock in England; used by the E. India Company: H. Green and R. Wigram, *Chron. Blackwall Yard*, p. 16; Sir W. Foster, *John Company*, p. 149. 'The first recorded wet dock with gates on the Thames': Sir J. G. Broodbank, *Hist. port London*, p. 64. Description in Mundy, v. 159–60. Henry Johnson had bought the yard in 1656 from the

E. India Company: Foster, *op. cit.*, p. 149.

3. An E. Indiaman, to be distinguished from the royal ship of the same name. The symbol of the oak-tree (associated with royalty for many centuries) had now been given new vitality by Charles II's hiding in the Boscobel oak after the battle of Worcester, 1651.

4. The *Anne*; now being built for the Duke of York by Christopher Pett.



lie this night at Mrs. Hunts, who is very ill. With which being something satisfied, I went to bed.

16. This morning I went early to the Comptroller's; and so with him by coach to White-hall to wait upon Mr. Coventry to give him an account of what we have done. Which having done, I went away to wait upon my Lady; but coming to her lodgings, I hear that she is gone this morning to Chatham by coach, thinking to meet me there. Which did trouble me exceedingly and did not know what to do, being loath to follow her and yet could not imagine what she would do when she found me not there. In this trouble, I went to take a walking in Westminster-hall and by chance met with Mr. Childe, who went forth with my Lady today; but his horse being bad, he came back again – which then did trouble me more, so that I did resolve to go to her. And so by boate home and put on my boots; and so over to Southworke to the posthouse and there took horse and guide to Dartford;<sup>1</sup> and thence to Rochester<sup>a</sup> (I having good horses and good way, came thither about half an houre after daylight, which was before<sup>b</sup> 6 a-clock, and I set forth after 2); where I found my Lady and her daughter Jem and Mrs. Browne and five servants, all at a great loss not finding me here. But at my coming, she was overjoyed. The sport was how she had entended to have kept herself unknown and how the Captaine (whom she had sent for) of the *Charles*<sup>2</sup> had forsoothed her, though he knew her well enough, and she him. In fine, we supped merry; and so to bed – there coming several of the *Charles* men to see me before I got to bed. The play lay with me.

17. Up; and breakefast with my Lady. Then came Captain Cuttance and Blake to carry her in the barge on board. And so we went through Ham Creeke to the *Soverayne*<sup>3</sup> (a goodly sight

*a* repl. 'Uxbridge'

*b* l.h. repl. s.h. 'about'

1. For riding post with a guide (postboy), see *Comp.*: 'Travel; By road'. The Southwark posthouse was frequently used by the Navy Office: cf. below, p. 231 & n. 2.

2. Roger Cuttance.

3. The *Royal Sovereign*; the largest and best-known warship of the fleet (somesaid the most useless); one of the first of the three-deckers; built from ship-money in 1637, burnt by accident in 1696. See below, iv. 29, n. 4.