

# THE DIARY

1664



16<sup>63</sup>/<sub>64</sub>. JANUARY.

1. Went to bed between 4 and 5 in the morning with my mind in good temper of satisfaction – and slept till about 8, that many people came to speak with me. Among others, one came with the best New Year's gift that ever I had; namely<sup>a</sup> from Mr. Deering, with a bill of exchange drawn upon himself for the payment of 50*l.* to Mr. Luellin – it being for my use, with a letter of compliment.<sup>1</sup> I am not resolved what or how to do in this business, but I conclude it is an extraordinary good New Year's gift, though I do not take the whole; or if I do, then give some of it to Luellin. By and by comes Captain Allin and his son Jowles and his wife, who continues pretty still. They would have had me set my hand to a certificate for his Loyalty and I know not what, his ability for any imployment. But I did not think it fit, but did give them a pleasing denial – and after sitting with me an hour, they went away. Several others came to me about business; and then, being to dine at my uncle Wights, I went to the Coffee-house (sending my wife by Will) and there stayed talking an hour with Collonell Middleton and others; and among other things, about a very rich widow, young and handsome, of one Sir Nich. Golds, a merchant lately fallen, and of great Courtiers that already look after her. Her husband not dead a week yet. She is reckoned worth 80000*l.*<sup>2</sup>

Thence to my Uncle Wights, where Dr.<sup>b</sup> <sup>3</sup> among others dined, and his wife a seeming proud conceited woman; I know not what to make of her. But the Doctors discourse did please me very well about the disease of the Stone; above all things extolling Turpentine, which he told me how it may be

a l.h. repl. s.h. 'this'

b MS. 'Dr. of'

1. See above, iv. 415, n. 4.

2. For her marriage to the courtier Thomas Neale, see below, p. 184. The wits thereafter called him 'Golden

Neale': *Parl. Hist.*, iv, App. p. xxv.

3. Supply '[Alexander] Burnet', a friend of Wight.

taken in pills with great ease.<sup>1</sup> There was brought to table a hot pie made of a swan I sent them yesterday, given<sup>a</sup> me by Mr. Howe; but we did not eat any of it.<sup>2</sup> But my wife and I rise from table pretending business, and went to the Dukes house, the first play I have been at these six months, according to my last vow;<sup>3</sup> and here saw the so much cried-up play of *Henry the 8th* – which, though I went with resolution to like it, is so simple a thing, made up of a great many patches, that, besides the shows and processions in it, there is nothing in the world good or well done.<sup>4</sup> Thence, mightily dissatisfied, back at night to my uncle Wights and supped with them; but against my stomach out of the offence the sight of my aunts hands gives me; and ending supper with a mighty laugh (the<sup>b</sup> greatest I have had these many months) at my uncles being out in his grace after meat, we rise and broke up and my wife and I home and to bed – being sleepy since last night.

2. Up and to the office and there sitting all the morning, and at noon to the Change; in my going met with Luellin and told him how I had received a letter and bill for 50*l* from Mr. Deering and delivered it to him; which he told me he would receive for me. To which I consented, though professed not to desire it if he doth not think himself sufficiently able by the service I have done, and that it is rather my desire to have nothing till he be further sensible of my service. From the Change I brought him home, and dined with us. And after dinner I took my wife out (for I do find that I am not able to conquer myself as to going to plays till I do come to some new vow concerning it

*a* repl. 'made by'

*b* MS. has the bracket after 'the'

1. On 17 July 1664 Burnet showed Pepys how to take his turpentine pills.

2. The swan probably came by courtesy of Sandwich, who was Master of the King's Swans in the Thames and elsewhere, and Bailiff of Whittlesea Mere. Will Howe was a servant of his.

3. A vow of 13 June 1663 to eschew theatre-going until after Christmas: above, iv. 182. (A).

4. Davenant's revival of Shakespeare's play (q.v. above, iv. 411 & n. 5) was so spectacular that it was talked about for years. In the procession scene (Act V, sc. 5) faces and figures at windows and balconies were painted on the backcloth and wings of the setting. Pepys had not seen a play since 13 June 1663; this production was at the LIF. (A).

and<sup>a</sup> that I am now come: that is to say, that I will not see above one in a month at any of the public theatres till<sup>b</sup> the sum of 50s be spent, and then none before New Year's Day next, unless that I do become worth 1000*l* sooner then then – and then I am free to come to some other terms). And so, leaving him in Lombard Streete, I took her to the King's house and there met with Mr. Nicholson my old colleague<sup>1</sup> – and saw *The Usurper*,<sup>2</sup> which is no good play, though better then what I saw yesterday. However, we rise unsatisfied and took coach and home. And I to the office late, writing letters; and so home to supper and to bed.

3. *Lords day*. Lay long in bed; and then rose and with a fire in my chamber stayed within all day, looking over and settling my accounts in good order – by examining all my books and the kitchen books; and I find that though the proper profit of my last year was but 305*l*, yet I did by other gain make it up 444*l*<sup>3</sup> – which in every part of it was unforeseen of me; and therefore it was a strange oversight for lack of examining my expenses that I should spend 690*l* this year. But for the time to come, I have so distinctly settled all my accounts in writing and the particulars of all my several layings-out, that I do hope I shall hereafter make a better judgment of my spendings then ever. I dined with my wife in her chamber, she in bed. And then down again and till 11 at night; and broke up and to bed with great content, but could not make an end of writing over my vows as I purposed, but I am agreed in everything how to order myself for the year to come, which I trust in God will be much for my good. So up to prayers and to bed.

This noon Sir W Pen came to invite me and my wife against next Wednesday,<sup>c</sup> being Twelfth-day, to his usual feast, his wedding day.

a preceded by bracket      b repl. 'and that only'  
c MS. 'wedding day'

1. John Nicholson, late of Magdalene College.

2. A tragedy by Edward Howard, first published in 1668. This is the first record of a performance. Hugh Peters is represented as Hugo de Petra, and the references to Damocles

the Syracusan are allusions to Oliver Cromwell. (A).

3. The 'proper profit' would be from official fees; the rest from unofficial gifts. For fees in general, see above, i. 223, n. 1.

4. Up betimes, and my wife being ready and her maid Besse and the girl, I carried them by coach and set them all down in Covent-garden and there left them, and I to my Lord Sandwich [’s] lodgings, but he not being up, I to the Dukes chamber, and there by and by to his closet; where, since his lady was ill, a little red bed of velvet is brought for him to lie alone, which is a very pretty one. After doing business here, I to my Lord’s again and there spoke with him, and he seems now almost friends again as he used to be.<sup>1</sup> Here meeting Mr. Pierce the surgeon, he told me, among other Court news, how the Queene is very well again and the King lay with her on Saturday night last. And that she speaks now very pretty English and makes her sense out now and then with pretty phrases – as among others, this is mightily cried up – that meaning to say that she did not like such a horse so well as the rest, he being too prancing and full of tricks, she said he did “make too much vanity.” Thence to the Tennice Court<sup>2</sup> (after I had spent a little time in Westminster-hall, thinking to have met with Mrs. Lane, but I could not and am glad of it) and there saw the King play at Tennis and others. But to see how the King’s play was extolled without any cause at all, was a loathsome sight, though sometimes ended he did play very well and deserved to be commended; but such open flattery is beastly. Afterward to St. James’s park, being unwilling to go to spend money at the ordinary, and there spent an hour or two, it being a pleasant day, seeing people play at Pell Mell<sup>3</sup> – where it pleased me mightily to hear a gallant, lately come from France, swear at one of his companions for suffering his man (a spruce blade) to be so saucy as to strike a ball while his master was playing on the Mall.

Thence took coach at White-hall and took up my wife, who is mighty sad to think of her father, who is going into Germany against the Turkes. But what will become of her brother I know not; he is so idle, and out of all capacity I think to earn his bread.<sup>4</sup>

Home – and at my office till 12 at night, making my solemn

1. For his recent difference with Pepys over Sandwich’s affair with the girl at Chelsea, see above, iv. 386–7.

2. In Whitehall Palace.

3. See above, ii. 64 & n. 2.

4. It seems unlikely that her father went to the war. Her brother Balty soon afterwards decided to seek his fortune in the Dutch army: below, p. 37.

vowes for the next year, which I trust in the Lord I shall keep. But I fear I have a little too severely bound myself in some things and in too many, for I fear I may forget some. But however, I know the worst, and shall by the blessing of God observe to perform or pay my forfeits punctually. So home and to bed – with my mind at rest.

5. Up and to our <office>, where we sat all the morning; where my head being willing to take in all business whatever, I am afeared I shall over-clog myself with it. But however, it is my desire to do my duty and shall the willinger bear it. At noon home and to the Change, where I met with Luellin – who went off with me and parted, to meet again at the Coffee-house, but missed. So home and found him there and Mr. Barrow come to speak with me; so they both dined with me alone, my wife not being ready. And after dinner, I up in my chamber with Barrow to discourse about matters of the yard with him and his design of leaving the place, which I am sorry for – and will prevent if I can.<sup>1</sup>

He being gone, then Luellin did give me the 50 pound from Mr. Deering which he doth give me for my pains in his business and which I may hereafter take for him – though there is not the least word or deed I have yet been guilty of in his behalf but what I am sure hath been to the King's advantage and the profit of the service, nor ever will I. And for this money I never did condition with him or expected a farthing at<sup>a</sup> the time when I did do him the service. Nor have given any receipt for it, it being brought me by Luellin. Nor do purpose to give him any

a repl. 'before I had'

1. Philip Barrow, Storekeeper at Chatham (for whose disputes with his colleagues see above, iv. 149 & n. 2), was now threatening to resign unless given an extra clerk, and another labourer or two. Mainly through the influence of Pepys and Coventry he had his way. Pepys considered him 'a most well-meaneing man, and one whose aptitude to a little peevish-

ness I am soe farr from accompting any ill circumstance in him, that even in that very respect I should prefer him before another of less mettle that might be frightened or flattered to a breach of his trust' (Pepys to Commissioner Pett, 16 February 1664): NMM, LBK/8, p. 96. See below, pp. 50, 88; *Further Corr.*, pp. 14-15.

thanks for it – but will, wherein I can, faithfully endeavour to see him have the privilege of his Patent as the King's merchant.<sup>1</sup> I did give Lue two pieces in gold for a pair of gloves for his kindness herein.

Then he being gone, I to my office, where busy till late at night, that through my mere being over-confounded in business, I could stay there no longer, but went home and, after a little supper, to bed.

6. *Twelfth day.* Up and to my office, where very busy all the morning; being ended over-loaded with it through my own desire of doing all I can. At noon to the Change but did little, and so home to dinner with my poor wife; and after dinner read a lecture to her in Geography, which she takes very prettily, and with great pleasure to her and me to teach her. And so to the office again, where as busy as ever in my life, one thing after another and answering people's business. Peticularly, drawing up things about Mr. Woods masts, which I expect to have a quarrel about with Sir W. Batten before it be ended – but I care not.<sup>2</sup> At night home to my wife to supper, discourse, prayers, and to bed.

This morning I begun a practice which I find, by the ease I do it with, that I shall continue, it saving me money and time – that is, to Trimme myself with a Razer<sup>3</sup> – which pleases me mightily.

7. Up, putting on my best clothes, and to the office, where all the morning we sat busy; among other things, upon Mr. Wood's performance of his contract for Masts, wherein I was mightily concerned, but I think was found all along in the right and shall have my desire in it, to the King's advantage.<sup>4</sup>

At noon all of us to dinner to Sir W Pens, where a very handsome dinner. Sir J Lawson among others, and his lady

1. Cf. above, iv. 415 & n. 4.

2. Wood's partner William Castle was Batten's son-in-law. For the dispute, see below, n. 4.

3. Pepys was not again shaved by a barber until 20 September 1665.

4. Pepys's notes on this case (7 January etc.) are in NWB, pp. 15,

29, 46. (See esp. his final and fullest note, 30 April, at p. 46.) Wood's masts (delivered in December) were alleged by Pepys to be too short. Wood attended this meeting. The dispute ended with a triumph for Pepys in April.



and his daughter, a very pretty lady and of good deportment – with looking upon whom I was greatly pleased. The rest of the company of the women were all of our own house, of no satisfaction or pleasure at all. My wife was not there, being not well enough nor had any great mind.

But to see how Sir W. Penn imitates me in everything, even in his having of his chimney piece in his dining-room the same with that in my wife's closet – and in everything else, I perceive, wherein he can. But to see again how he was out in one compliment: he lets alone drinking any of the ladies' healths that were there (my Lady Batten and Lawson) till he had begun with my Lady Carteret, who was absent (and that was well enough), and then Mr. Coventry's mistress,<sup>1</sup> at which he was ashamed and would not have had him have drunk it, at least before the ladies present; but his policy,\* as he thought, was such that he would do it.

After dinner, by coach with Sir G. Carteret and Sir J. Mennes by appointment to Auditor Beale's<sup>2</sup> in Salisbury-court, and there we did with great content look over some old Leigers to see in what manner they were kept; and ended it was in an extraordinary good method, and such as (at least out of design to keep them employed) I do persuade Sir J. Mennes to go upon; which will at least do so much good, it may be, to keep them for want of something to do from envying those that do something.

Thence (calling to see whether Mrs. Turner was returned, which she is and I spoke one word only to her and away again) by coach home and to my office, where late; and then home to supper and bed.

8. Up and all the morning at my office and with Sir J. Mennes, directing him and Mr. Turner<sup>3</sup> about keeping of their books according to yesterday's work – wherein I shall make them work enough. At noon to the Change and there long; and from thence by appointment took Luellin, Mount, and W. Symons and Mr. Pierce the surgeon home to dinner with me, and were merry. But Lord, to hear how W. Symons doth commend and look sadly, and then talk bawdily and merrily,

1. Not identified; he never married.

2. Bartholomew Beale, Auditor of the Imprests in the Exchequer.

3. Thomas Turner, Mennes's clerk.

though his wife was dead but the other day, would make a dog laugh. This dinner I did give in further part of kindness to Luellin for his kindness about Deering's fifty pounds which he procured me the other day of him.

We spent all the afternoon together and then they to cards with my wife (who this day put on her Indian blue gown, which is very pretty), where I left them for an hour and to my office and then to them again; and by and by they went away at night and so I again to my office to perfect a letter to Mr. Coventry about Deputy Treasurers;<sup>1</sup> wherein I please myself and hope to give him content and do the King service therein.

So having done, I home and to teach my wife a new lesson in the Globes and to supper and to bed.

We had great pleasure this afternoon, among other things, to talk of our old passages together in Cromwells time. And how W. Symons did make me laugh and wonder today, when he told me how he had made shift to keep in, in good esteem and imployment, through eight governements in one year (the year 1659, which were ended, and he did name them all)<sup>2</sup> and then failed unhappy in the ninth, *viz.* that of the King's coming in. He made good to me the story which Luellin did tell me the other day, of his wife upon her death-bed – how she dreamt of her uncle Scobell and did foretell, from some discourse she had with him, that she should die four days thence and not sooner, and did all along say so and did so.<sup>3</sup>

Upon the Change, a great talk there was of one Mr. Tryan,

1. BM, Add. 32094, f. 15r, dated this day; copy in NMM, LBK/8, pp. 90–2; printed in *Further Corr.*, 10–14. Pepys recommended the separation of the posts (usually held jointly) of Admiral's secretary and Deputy-Treasurer to the fleet. His views arose mainly from his experience with Creed's accounts during the past year. Cf. also HMC, *Rep.*, 5/1/314b.

2. Reckoning by the old calendar year, and counting all changes in the executive, whether or not they were formal changes of the constitution,

the list would be: (1) Protectorate of Richard Cromwell, to 22 April 1659; (2) Council of Officers, 22 April–6 May; (3) Committee of Safety, 7–18 May; (4) Council of State, 19 May–14 October; (5) Council of Officers, 14–27 October; (6) Committee of Safety, 28 October–24 December; (7) Council of State, 2 January 1659–21 February 1660; and (8) reconstituted Council of State, 25 February–1 May 1660.

3. For a similar story (of a person who preached his own funeral sermon), see below, 20 January 1668 & n.

an old man, a merchant in Lymestreete, robbed last night (his man and maid being gone out after he was a-bed) and gagged and robbed of 1050*l* in money and about 4000*l* in Jewells which he had in his house as security for money. It is believed that his man, by many circumstances, is guilty of confederacy, by their ready going to his secret Till in his desk wherein the key of his cash-chest lay.<sup>1</sup>

9. Up (my underlip being mightily swelled, I know not how but by over-rubbing it, it itching)<sup>2</sup> and to the office, where we sat all the morning; and at noon I home to dinner, and by discourse with my wife thought upon inviting my Lord Sandwich to a dinner shortly. It will cost me at least ten or twelve pound; but however, some arguments of prudence I have, which however I shall think again upon before I proceed to that expense.

After dinner, by coach I carried my wife and Jane to Westminster; left her at Mr. Hunts and I to Westminster-hall and there visited Mrs. Lane and by appointment went out and met her at the Trumpet, Mrs. Hares; but the room being damp, we went to the Bell tavern and there I had her company, but could not do as I used to do (yet nothing but what was honest) for that she told me she had those. So I to talk about her having Hawly; she told me flatly no, she could not love him. I took occasion to enquire of Howletts daughter, with whom I have a mind to meet a little to see what mettle the young wench is made of, being very pretty; but she tells me that she is already betrothed to Mrs. Michells son. And she in discourse tells me more, that Mrs. Michell herself had a daughter before marriage, which is now near 30 year old – a thing I could not have believed.

Thence, leading her to the Hall, I took coach and called my wife and her maid; and so to the New Exchange, where we bought several things of our pretty Mrs. Dorothy Stacy, a pretty woman and hath the modestest look that ever I saw in my life and manner of speech. Thence called at Tom's and saw him

1. Francis Tryon was 'a rich usurer and jeweller': HMC, *Rawdon Hastings*, p. 144. Both his man (William Hill) and his maid were out of the house at the time of the burglary, but

no collusion was proved. Hill lost some of his own money in the affair. See below, pp. 10-11; *State Trials* (ed. Howell), vi. 566+.

2. Cf. above, iv. 23.

pretty well again, but hath not been currant. So homeward and called at Ludgate at Ashwells uncle's, but she was not within – to have spoke to her to have come to dress my wife at the time when my Lord dines here.<sup>1</sup> So straight home, calling for Walsingham's *Manuall*<sup>2</sup> at my bookseller, to read but not to buy; recommended for a pretty book by Sir W. Warren, whose warrant however I do not much take till I do read it.

So home to supper and to bed – my wife not being very well since she came home, being troubled with a fainting fit, which she never yet had before since she was my wife.

10. *Lords day*. Lay in bed with my wife till 10 or 11 a-clock, having been very sleepy all night. So up, and my brother Tom being come to see me, we to dinner – he telling me how Mrs. Turner found herself discontented with her last bad journey, and not well taken by them in the country, they not desiring her coming down nor the burial of Mr. Edw. Pepys's corps there.<sup>3</sup> After dinner, I to the office, where all the afternoon; and at night my wife and I to my uncle Wight's and there eat some of their swan-pie, which was good, and I invited them to my house to eat a roasted swan on Tuesday next; which after I was come home, did make a quarrel between my wife and I, because she<sup>a</sup> had appointed a wash tomorrow. But however, we were friends again quickly. So to<sup>b</sup> bed. All our discourse tonight was about Mr. Tryan's late being robbed and that Collonell Turner (a mad, swearing, confident fellow, well known by all and by me), one much endebted to this man for his very livelihood, was the man that either did or plotted it; and the money and things are

<sup>a</sup> preceding part of entry crowded into bottom of page

<sup>b</sup> repl. 'to prayers and'

1. Mary Ashwell had been Mrs Pepys's maid, March–August 1663.

2. *Arcana Aulica; or, Walsingham's manual of prudential maxims for the statesman and the courtier* (1655); a popular guide to success written originally by a French diplomatist, Eustache du Refuge (*Traicté de la*

*Cour*, etc.) and pirated by Edward Walsingham (fl. 1643–53). Pepys bought it on 11 June 1666; PL 43.

3. Edward Pepys (of Broomsthorpe, Norf.), Jane Turner's brother, had died at her London house on 14 December 1663, but had been buried at Tattersett, Norf.

found in his hand and he and his wife now in Newgate for it – of which we are all glad, so very a known rogue he was.<sup>1</sup>

11. Waked this morning by 4 a-clock by my wife, to call the maids to their wash. And what through my sleeping so long last night and vexation for the lazy sluts lying so long against their great wash, neither my wife nor I could sleep one winke after that time till day; and then I rose and by coach (taking Captain Grove with me and three bottles of Tent, which I sent to Mrs. Lane by my promise on Saturday night last) to White-hall and there with the rest of our company to the Duke and did our business; and thence I to the Tennis Court till noon and there saw several great matches played; and so by invitation to St. James's, where at Mr. Coventry's chamber I dined with my Lord Barkely, Sir G Carteret, Sir Edwd. Turner, Sir Ellis Layton, and one Mr. Seymour, a fine gentleman; where admirable good discourse of all sorts, pleasant and serious.<sup>2</sup>

Thence after dinner to White-hall; where the Duke being busy at the Guinny<sup>a</sup> business – the Duke of Albemarle, Sir W Rider, Povy, Sir J Lawson and I to the Duke of Albemarle's lodgings and there did some business;<sup>3</sup> and so to the Court again

a MS. 'Guimy'

1. See below, pp. 18-19. James Turner (self-styled colonel; an ex-Cavalier, son of a parson, and said to be a solicitor) had been employed by Tryon on several occasions: *State Trials* (ed. Howell), vi. 572, 607, 621. He was arrested this day. It was people of this sort who earned for ex-Cavaliers their raffish reputation: cf. above, iv. 374 & n. 1. When about to be hanged, and engaged in his confession, he put swearing as the first and foremost of his sins; for the legal charges now preferred against him, see HMC, *Rawdon Hastings*, ii. 145. He is there said to have had 28 children, counting only those born in wedlock. His case became a *cause*

*célèbre*. At least two pamphlet lives of him were published in the early months of 1664.

2. The guests named here were Lord Berkeley of Stratton (a Navy Commissioner), Carteret (Navy Treasurer), Turnor (Speaker of the House of Commons and Attorney-General to the Duke of York), Sir Ellis Leighton (Secretary to the Royal African Company), and (probably) Edward Seymour (M.P., later Speaker of the Commons and Navy Treasurer).

3. This was a meeting of the Tangier Committee; Lawson was in command of the Mediterranean squadron.

and I to the Duke of Yorkes lodgings, where the Guinny Company are choosing their Assistants for the next year by balletting. Thence by coach with Sir J. Robinson, Lieutenant of the Tower; he set me down at Cornhill; but Lord, the simple discourse that all the way we had, he magnifying his great undertakings and cares that have been upon him for these last two years,<sup>1</sup> and how he commanded the city to the content of all parties, when the loggerhead knows nothing almost that is sense.

Thence to the Coffee-house, whither comes Sir W. Petty and Captain Grant,<sup>2</sup> and we fell in talk (besides a young gentleman I suppose a merchant, his name Mr. Hill, that hath travelled and I perceive is a master in most sorts of Musique and other things)<sup>3</sup> of Musique, the Universall Character<sup>4</sup> – art of Memory – Granger's counterfeiting of hands<sup>5</sup> – and other most excellent discourses, to my great content, having not been in so good company a great while. And had I time I should covett the acquaintance of that Mr. Hill.

<This morning I stood by the King, arguing with a pretty Quaker woman that delivered to him a desire of hers in writing. The King showed her Sir J Minnes, as a man the fittest for her quaking religion, saying that his beard was the stiffest thing about him. And again merrily said, looking upon the length of her paper, that if all she desired was of that length, she might lose her desires. She modestly saying nothing till he begun seriously to discourse with her, arguing the truth of his spirit against hers.

1. He had also been Lord Mayor, 1662–3.

2. John Graunt, friend of Petty and, like him, a statistician.

3. Thomas Hill, merchant, became a close friend of Pepys later. He was several times to tell Pepys about music in Italy from personal knowledge: e.g. below, 12 October 1668. (E).

4. The attempt to produce a non-mathematical system of characters or symbols which could represent words in any language – a favourite project of the virtuosi of the time. The signs would represent not sounds (as in

shorthand), but ideas. Bacon and Comenius were interested in it; for Bishop Wilkins's book on the subject, see below, 11 January 1666.

5. Abraham Gowrie Granger (alias Hill, alias Browne, etc.), a notorious forger, was alleged in the recent trial of Col. Turner to have plotted to counterfeit Tryon's will and his signature: *State Trials* (ed. Howell), vi. 580. A warrant for his arrest was issued on 14 February: *CSPD 1663–4*, p. 480. He had also recently been accused of forging a deed in the case of Lord Gerard v. Fitton: below, 21 February 1668 & n.

She replying still with these words, "O King!" and thou'd him all along.><sup>a1</sup>

The general talk of the towne still is of Collonell Turner, about the robbery; who it is thought will be hanged.

I heard the Duke of Yorke tell tonight how letters are come that fifteen are condemned for the last plot by the judges at Yorke;<sup>2</sup> and among others, Captain Otes, against whom it was proved that he drew his sword at his going out; and flinging away the Scabbard, said that he would either return victor or be hanged.

So home, where I find the house full of the washing and my wife mighty angry about Will's being here today talking with her maids, which she overheard, idling of their time, and he telling what a good maid my old Jane<sup>3</sup> was and that she would never have her like again – at which I was angry; and after directing her to beat at least the little girl – I went to the office and there reproved Will, who told me that he went thither by my wife's order, she having commanded him to come thither on Monday morning. Now God forgive me how apt I am to be jealous of her as to this fellow, and that she must need take this time, when she knows I must be gone out to the Duke; though methinks, had she that mind, she would never think it discretion to tell me this story of him, to let me know that he was there; much less to make me offended with him, to forbid him coming again. But this cursed humour I cannot kill in myself by all the reason I have; which God forgive me for and convince me of the folly of it – and the disquiet it brings me.

So home – where, God be thanked, when I came to speak to my wife my trouble of mind soon vanished, and to bed. The

<sup>a</sup> paragraph crowded into bottom of the page

1. Cf. Clarendon, *Life*, ii. 124: 'The king had always admitted the quakers for his divertisement and mirth, because he thought, that of all the factions they were the most innocent, and had least of malice . . . against his person and his government.' For a guess at the identity of the Quakeress, see Bryant, ii. 204 n.

2. On 2 January, 15 of the conspirators in the Derwentdale Plot (see above, iv. 347 & n. 4) were convicted. One of the letters is probably that from Col. J. Freschville to Williamson, York, 5 January: *CSPD 1663-4*, p. 431.

3. Jane Birch.

house foul with the washing and quite out of order against tomorrow's dinner.

12. Up and to the office, where we sat all the morning; and at noon to the Change awhile and so home - getting things against dinner ready. And anon comes my uncle Wight and my aunt with their Cozen Mary and Robert, and by chance my Uncle Tho.<sup>a</sup> Pepys. We had a good dinner, the chief dish a swan roasted, and that excellent meat. At dinner and all day very merry. After dinner to Cards, where till evening; then to the office a little and to cards again with them - and lost half-a-Crowne. They<sup>b</sup> being gone, my wife did tell me how my Uncle did this<sup>c</sup> day accost her alone and spoke of his hopings she was with child; and kissing her earnestly, told her he should be very glad of it; and from all circumstances, methinks he doth seem to have some intention of good to us,<sup>1</sup> which I shall endeavour to continue more then ever I did yet. So to my office till late and then home to bed - after being at prayers, which is the first time after my late vow to say prayers in my family twice in every week.<sup>2</sup>

13. Up and to my office a little, and then abroad to many several places about business; among others, to the Geometrical Instrument makers,<sup>3</sup> and then through Bedlam (calling by the way at a old bookseller's, and there fell into looking over Spanish books and pitched upon some, till I thought of my oath when I was going to agree for them and so with much ado got myself out of the shop, glad at my heart, and so away) to the Affrican-house to look upon their book of contracts for several commodities for my information in the prizes\* we give in the Navy. So to the Coffee,\* where extraordinary good discourse of Dr. Whist[l]ers<sup>4</sup> upon my Question concerning the keeping of Masts,

*a* l.h. repl. l.h. 'Wigh'-

*b* rest of paragraph crowded into bottom of page

*c* repl. 'try'

1. Uncle Wight's intentions were not what they seemed: below, pp. 145-6.

2. A New-Year resolution; it was not kept for long.

3. Probably John Browne of the Minories: see below, p. 17.

4. Physician and fellow of the Royal Society.