

### Peacock and Peahen

1724 January 10 (Friday). In the Morning I was appointed to go back to Mr. How's (upon Mr. Cushing's Horse) to Bring Madame Graves in Company with Mr. Barrett and Madame, Old Mr. How and his Wife. We din'd at Mr. Whooods Upon roast Goose, roast Pea hen, Bak'd Stuff'd Venison, Beef, Pork, etc. After Dinner we Smoak'd a Pipe, read Governor Shute's Memorial to the King and Mr. Cushing and I rode home.

1726 January 10 (Monday). Mr. Whood sent me a Peacock and Peahen.

1726 January 12 (Wednesday). A Spaniard, Oko Smiths, of Valencia came and offered himself to my Service. In the Evening I rode abroad to Captain Byles who Complain'd much of Pains and Lameness. I pay'd him for four Barrells and a powdering Tub made for me. Thence I rode to Neighbor Brighams Whose Son and Daughter were ill. N.B. This Morning my Peacock dy'd.

1726 December 28 (Wednesday). Very Stormy and Cold, but notwithstanding the women, out of their humourousness and gaiety Rode along with me to Mrs. Woods. I brought home my peacock, and got home well though it was a difficult Time, for the Riding, the Cold Storm, and it being in the Evening.