

- Wednesday 11*  
LIF and the King there; so I, against my own mind and resolution, could not forbear to go in, which did make the play seem a burthen to me, and I took no pleasure at all in it; and so after it was done went home with my mind troubled for my going thither, after my swearing to my wife that I would never go to a play without her.
- Wednesday 25*  
Vere THE MERRY WIVES OF WINDSOR. [By William Shakespeare.] See 9 Nov. 1660.  
COMMENT. The King's Company. Pepys, *Diary*: Much against my nature and will, yet such is the power of the Devil over me I could not refuse it, to the Theatre, and saw "The Merry Wives of Windsor," ill done.
- Thursday 26*  
Vere KING AND NO KING. [By Francis Beaumont and John Fletcher.] See 3 Dec. 1660.  
COMMENT. The King's Company. Pepys, *Diary*: Abroad with my wife by coach to the Theatre to shew her "King and no King," it being very well done.
- Saturday 28*  
Vere FATHER'S OWN SON. [*Monsieur Thomas*, by John Fletcher.] *Cast not known*.  
COMMENT. The King's Company. An edition, undated but possibly issued about this time, refers to its being acted at Vere Street. The edition has no cast, no prologue, no epilogue. Pepys, *Diary*: Sir W. Pen and his daughter and I and my wife to the Theatre, and there saw "Father's own Son," a very good play, and the first time I ever saw it.

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- Wednesday 2*  
Vere VITTORIA COROMBONA. [*The White Devil*, by John Webster.] *Cast not known*.  
COMMENT. The King's Company. Pepys, *Diary*: We [Pepys and his wife] went to the Theatre, but coming late, and sitting in an ill place, I never had so little pleasure in a play in my life, yet it was the first time that ever I saw it, "Victoria Corombona." Methinks a very poor play.  
Pepys, *Diary*, 3 Oct.: I . . . calling at Sir W. Batten's, where his son and his wife were, who had yesterday been at the play where we were, and it was good sport to hear how she talked of it with admiration like a fool.
- Friday 4*  
Vere VITTORIA COROMBONA. See 2 Oct.  
COMMENT. Pepys, *Diary*: Captain Ferrers and I to the Theatre, and there came too late, so we staid and saw a bit of "Victoria," which pleased me worse than it did the other day. So we staid not to see it out.
- Tuesday 8*  
Vere BEGGAR'S BUSH. [By John Fletcher.] For an earlier cast, see Introduction to the 1659-60 season.  
COMMENT. The King's Company. Pepys, *Diary*: And late after dinner took Mrs Martha out by coach, and carried her to the Theatre in a frolique, to my great expense, and there shewed her part of the "Beggars Bush," without much pleasure, but only for a frolique.
- Wednesday 9*  
Vere THE CHANCES. [By John Fletcher.] *Cast not known*.  
COMMENT. The King's Company. Pepys, *Diary*: To the Theatre, and shewed [Mrs Pierce and Mrs Clifford] "The Chances."
- Thursday 10*  
Vere THE TRAYTOR. [By James Shirley.] See 22 Nov. 1660.  
COMMENT. The King's Company. Pepys, *Diary*: My wife and I to the Theatre . . . where the King came to-day, and there was "The Traytor" most admirably acted; and a most excellent play it is.