Wednesday 1 LIF is gone. We are resolved to see no more plays till Whitsuntide, we having been three days together. Met Mr Sanchy, Smithes, Gale, and Edlin at the play, but having no great mind to spend money, I left them there.

Friday 4 Vere THE NORTHERN LASS. [By Richard Brome.] Cast not known.

COMMENT. The King's Company. See Herbert, Dramatic Records, p. 118.

Saturday 19 Vere FATHER'S OWN SON. [Monsieur Thomas, by John Fletcher.] Cast not known. COMMENT. The King's Company. See Herbert, Dramatic Records, p. 118.

Wednesday 23 Vere THE SURPRIZAL. [By Sir Robert Howard.] Brancadoro – Lacy.

COMMENT. The King's Company. See Herbert, *Dramatic Records*, p. 118.

This was a new play, but it is not clear that this day was the premiere.

BM Add. Mss. 34, 217, in Hotson, *Commonwealth and Restoration Stage*, p. 246:

For the surprizall it was a good proofe By its getting them mony it took well enough Without which Divell take the Play Be it never so good the Actors say But they may thanke God with all their bart That Lacy plaid Brankadoros part.

Monday 28 Red Bull COMMENT. On this day Jacques Thierry and Will Schellinks saw fencing on the stage at this theatre (Seaton, *Literary Relationships*, pp. 334, 336).

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Monday 5 Vere THE KNIGHT OF THE BURNING PESTLE. [By Francis Beaumont, with John Fletcher (?).] Cast not known.

COMMENT. The King's Company. See Herbert, Dramatic Records, p. 118.

Wednesday 7 Vere THE KNIGHT OF THE BURNING PESTLE. [By Francis Beaumont, with John Fletcher (?).] Cast not known.

COMMENT. The King's Company. Pepys, Diary: At the Theatre, where I saw the last act of the "Knight of the Burning Pestle," which pleased me not at all.

Friday 9 CG PUPPETS. Pepys, *Diary:* Thence to see an Italian puppet play, that is within the rayles there [Covent Garden], which is very pretty, the best that ever I saw, and great resort of gallants.

Monday 12 Vere BRENORALT; [or, The Discontented Colonel]. [By Sir John Suckling.] Cast not known.

COMMENT. The King's Company. See Herbert, Dramatic Records, p. 118.

Saturday 17 Vere LOVE IN A MAZE. [The Changes, by James Shirley.] Jonny Thump - Lacy.

COMMENT. The King's Company. See Herbert, Dramatic Records, p. 118.

Langbaine (English Dramatic Poets, p. 477): This Play has been received with Success (as I said) in our Time; and as I remember, the deceas'd Mr Lacy acted Jonny Thump, Sir Gervase Simple's Man, with general Applause.

Monday 19 Vere THE LITTLE THIEF. [The Night Walker, by John Fletcher.] Cast not known. COMMENT. The King's Company. Pepys, Diary: Sir W. Pen and his daughter, and I and my wife by coach to the Theatre, and there in a box saw "The Little Thief" well done.

