COMMENT. The Duke's Company. Pepys, Diary, 20 Oct.: Young Killigrew did so commend "The Villaine," a new play made by Tom Porter, and acted only on Saturday at the Duke's house, as if there never had been any such play come upon the stage. The same yesterday was told me by Captain Ferrers; and this morning afterwards by Dr Clerke, who saw it.

Saturday 18

Downes, p. 23: Written by Major Thomas Porter; this Play by its being well perform'd, had Success extremly beyond the Company's Expectation. . . . It Succeeded 10 Days with a full House, to the last. [Downes especially praises Price. The edition of 1663 has a Prologue but no actors' names and no epilogue.]

THE VILLAIN. See 18 Oct.

Monday 20

COMMENT. The Duke's Company. Pepys, Diary: To the Duke's house, and there was the house full of company: but whether it was in over-expecting or what, I know not, but I was never less pleased with a play in my life. Though there was good singing and dancing, yet no fancy in the play, but something that made it less contenting was my conscience that I ought not to have gone by my vow, and, besides, my business commanded me elsewhere.

THE VILLAIN. See 18 Oct.

Tuesday 21

COMMENT. If Downes is correct that this play was given ten days successively, the run lasted from Saturday 18 through Tuesday 28 (including one performance at court).

FRIAR BACON AND FRIAR BUNGAY. [By Robert Greene.] Cast not Cockpit

COMMENT. This play was seen by Jacques Thierry and Will Schellinks (Seaton, Literary Relationships, pp. 334, 336). The company may have been Jolly's, but it may also have been the King's, temporarily acting there. See Sprague, Beaumont and Fletcher, p. 22, and Hotson, Commonwealth and Restoration Stage, pp. 178-79.

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Monday 27

THE VILLAIN. See 18 Oct. COMMENT. Pepys, Diary: Here we staid some time, thinking to stay out the play before the King to-night, but it being "The Villaine," and my wife not being

there, I had no mind.

At Court

THE VILLAIN. See 18 Oct.

Tuesday 28 LIF

LONDON'S TRIUMPH: Presented in severall Delightfull Scaenes: And Celebrated in Honour of the truly Loyal, and known deserver of Honour, Sir John Robinson. [By John Tatham.] The edition of 1662 has no actors' names, no prologue, no epilogue.

Wednesday 29

COMMENT. The Lord Mayor's show. Evelyn, Diary: Was my L. Majors shew with a number of sumptuous pageantry, speeches & Verses: I was standing in an house in Cheape side, against the place prepared for their Majesties. The Prince & heire of Denmark was there, but not our King.

