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THE ROMAN EMPRESS. [By William Joyner.] Edition of 1671: Valentius – Mohun; Florus – Kynaston; Honorius – Bell; Statilius – Lyddel; Macrinus – Beeston; Servilius – Harris; Carbo – Littlewood; Fulvia – The young Mrs [Rebecca] Marshall; Antonia – Mrs Kneap; Hostilius – Watson; Arsenius – Cartwright; Aurelia – Mrs Boutell; Sophonia – Mrs Cory.

COMMENT. The King's Company. The date of the premiere is not known, but, as the companies were probably silenced to at least the end of July, and the play was entered in the *Stationers' Register*, 12 Sept. 1670, it was probably acted in August 1670. The Dedication tends to confirm this with the statement: in spight of a dead Vacation.

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