CAMBYSES, KING OF PERSIA. [By Elkanah Settle.] Edition of 1671 Cambyses – Betterton; Prexaspes – Harris; Otanes – Crosby; Darius – Smith; Artaban – Norris; Osiris – Mrs Long; Smerdis – Medbourne; Parasithes – Sandford; Theramnes – Young; Phedima – Mrs Jennings; Orinda – Mrs Dixon; Mandana – Mrs Betterton. Prologue. Epilogue.

Tuesday 10 LIF

COMMENT. The Duke's Company. This performance is on the L. C. lists at Harvard. See Van Lennep, "Plays on the English Stage," p. 17. There is no indication as to whether this is the premiere. The play was licensed 6 March 1670 [1671]. Downes (Roscius Anglicanus, p. 27) refers to it as being the first "new Play" acted at Dorset Garden in 1666, an error as to both place and time of presentation. Downes adds: All the other Parts, being perfectly well Acted, Succeeded six Days with a full Audience.

It seems unlikely that Cambyses was given six days consecutively at this time. A performance of The Forc'd Marriage on Monday 9 Jan. 1670/1 and one of The Humorists on Saturday 14 Jan. 1670/1 do not permit six uninterrupted days for Cambyses at this time.

THE HUMORISTS. See 10 Dec. 1670.

COMMENT. The Duke's Company. This performance is on the L. C. lists at Harvard. See Van Lennep, "Plays on the English Stage," p. 17.

Saturday 14 LIF

COMMENT. The Prologue and Epilogue to Sir William Cartwright's The Ordinary were printed in A Collection of Poems Written Upon Several Occasions, 1673, and the play was licensed for a revival, the date of the license being 15 January 1671. See The Plays and Poems of Sir William Cartwright, ed. G. Blakemore Evans (Madison, Wisc., 1951), p. 262. The fact that this day falls on Sunday and the fact that the Prologue and Epilogue were printed in 1673, raise the possibility that this date should be regarded as 15 January 1671/2 rather than 15 January 1670/1.

Sunday 15

TARTUFFE. [By Matthew Medbourne (?)]. See 14 June 1669.

COMMENT. The King's Company. This performance is in a memorandum of Lord Cheyne, Huntington Library MS EL 11, 145: for Coach to a play calld Tartuff.

Wednesday 25 [Bridges]

THE CONQUEST OF GRANADA, Part I. See December 1670.

COMMENT. The King's Company. See G. J. Gray, "The Diary of Jeffrey Boys of Gray's Inn, 1671," Notes and Queries, 27 Dec. 1930, p. 455.

*Thursday 26* Bridges

## Monday 30 A FAST DAY FOR THE MARTTRDOM OF CHARLES I

THE CONQUEST OF GRANADA, Part II. See December 1670.

COMMENT. The King's Company. See G. J. Gray, "The Diary of Jeffrey Boys of Gray's Inn, 1671," Notes and Queries, 27 Dec. 1930, p. 455.

Tuesday 31

Bridges

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THE COMMITTEE. [By Sir Robert Howard.] Cast not known. For a previous Thursday 2 cast, see 13 Aug. 1667.

COMMENT. The King's Company. See A Calendar of the Inner Temple Records, ed. Inderwick, III, 81.

