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Thursday 30 DG of the second Prologue and the second Epilogue are in BM Egerton MS. 2623, ff. 54-55.

Downes (Roscius Anglicanus, pp. 34-35): The Year after in 1673. The Tempest, or the Inchanted Island, made into an Opera by Mr Shadwell, having all New in it; as Scenes, Machines; particularly, one Scene Painted with Myriads of Ariel Spirits; and another flying away, with a Table Furnisht out with Fruits, Sweetmeats and all sorts of Viands; just when Duke Trinculo and his Companions, were going to Dinner; all things perform'd in it so Admirably well, that not any succeeding Opera got more Money.

May 1674

Monday 11 THE C

THE CHANGES; or, Love in a Maze. [By James Shirley.] Cast not known. For a previous cast, see 1 May 1667.

COMMENT. The King's Company. This performance is on the L. C. list, 5/141, p. 73. See Nicoll, Restoration Drama, p. 345.

Tuesday 12 DL THE INDIAN EMPEROUR; or, The Conquest of Mexico by the Spaniards. [By John Dryden.] Cast not known. For a previous cast, see 11 Nov. 1667.

COMMENT. The King's Company. This performance is on the L. C. list, 5/141, p. 73. See Nicoll, Restoration Drama, p. 345.

Saturday 16 DG COMMENT. It is possible that *The Tempest* had been acted regularly to this date and that it continued to be presented frequently in the following week. In L. C. 5/15, p. 3 (Nicoll, *Restoration Drama*, p. 356) there is an order directing Turner and Hart (and any other members of the His Majesty's Chapel Royal) who sing in *The Tempest* to remain in London during the week, going to Windsor (when the King was absent from Whitehall) on Saturdays and returning on Mondays.

DL

THE TRAGEDY OF NERO, EMPEROUR OF ROME. [By Nathaniel Lee.] Edition of 1675: Nero – Hart; Britannicus – Mehun; Petronius – Burt; Otho – Wintersal; Piso – Lydal; Seneca – Cartwrite; Drusillus – Clark; Plautus – Coysh; Silvius – Watson; Mirmilon – Powell; Flavius – Harris; Poppea – Mrs Marshal; Agrippina – Mrs Cory; Octavia – [Mrs] Cox; Cyara – Mrs Bowtel; Syllana – Mrs Uptiel [Mrs Uphill]; Caligula's Ghost – Griffin. The Prologue, Spoken by Mr Haines. The Epilogue Spoken by Mr Harris.

COMMENT. The King's Company. This performance is on the L. C. list, 5/141, p. 73: Nero. See also Nicoll, Restoration Drama, p. 345. There is no certainty that this was the premiere, but the first production was probably not much earlier than this time.

June 1674

Tuesday 4 DG [THE TEMPEST.] See 30 April 1674.

COMMENT. The Duke's Company. The Journal of Baron von Schwerin, [14 June 1674 NS (?)], 4 June 1674 OS: (translation) Attended an English play, [The Tempest], or the Enchanted Island, which because of the changing of the scenes was well worth seeing (in Gesandtschafts-Berichten des Ministers Otto von Schwerin [Berlin, 1837], p. xxII). See also 16 May 1674.

