THE STRATAGEM. Cast not listed. Also THE NECROMANCER. As 20 Dec. Saturday 11 COMMENT. Receipts: £164 8s.

PHARNACES. Cast not listed, but see 27 Nov. 1723. COMMENT. King, Prince, and Princess present. King's

THE MOURNING BRIDE. As 15 Oct. 1723. Also HOB. Cast not listed. DLCOMMENT. At the Desire of several Ladies of Quality.

Monday 13

THE BUSIE BODY. Cast not listed. Also THE NECROMANCER. As 20 Dec. LIF

COMMENT. Receipts: £161 1s.

THE ROYAL CONVERT. Cast not listed. DANCING. A Night Scene between a Harlequin and Countryman. HAY

COMMENT. Not Acted these 10 Years. Written by the late Mr Rowe.

THE SPANISH FRYAR. As 26 Sept. 1723.

Tuesday 14 DL

THE ROYAL MERCHANT. Cast not listed. Also THE NECROMANCER. As LIF 20 Dec. 1723.

COMMENT. Benefit J. Rich. Receipts: £140 55.

VESPASIAN. Cast not listed, but edition of 1724 lists: Vespasiano – Boschi; Tito – King's Senesino; Domiziano - Signora Durastanti; Arricidi - Signora Cuzzoni; Gesilla -Signora Robinson; Sergio - Berenstadt; Licinio - Bigonzi. COMMENT. [Text by Haym. Music by Ariosti.] Pit and Boxes half a guinea (not over 340 tickets). Gallery 5s. At 6 P.M.

THE CAPTIVES. Cast not listed, but edition of 1724 lists: Phraortes - Wilks; Sophernes - Booth; Hydarnes - Mills; Araxes - Williams; Orbasius - Bridgwater; Astarbe - Mrs Porter; Captive - Mrs Oldfield; Doraspe - Mrs Campbell. Prologue spoken by Wilks. Epilogue spoken by Mrs Oldfield.

Wednesday 15

COMMENT. [By John Gay.] True Briton, 22 Jan.: I was a Spectator, the first Night, at... The Captives; when I was Witness to a Ceremony, which I can never judge to be either beneficial to the Author, or contribute much to the Entertainment of the Town. There were large Quantities of Brandy distributed amongst the Footmen in the Boxes, and that in so plentiful a manner, that several of them were carried out of the House dead drunk. This, it seems, is call'd, Christening a Play.

THE PILGRIM. Cast not listed, but see 27 Nov. 1723. Also THE NECRO-MANCER. As 20 Dec. 1723. COMMENT. Receipts: £,145 8s. 6d.

THE CAPTIVES. Cast not listed, but see 15 Jan.

Tbursday 16

MEASURE FOR MEASURE. Cast not listed. Also THE NECROMANCER. As 20 Dec. 1723.

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COMMENT. Receipts: £,127 4s.

THE ROYAL CONVERT. Cast not listed. SINGING. By Mrs Hill. DANCING. As 13 Jan.

HAY

COMMENT. For the Entertainment of his Excellency Hag Abdelcader Perez, Ambassador from the Emperor of Morocco. Written by the late Mr Rowe.

