Saturday 17 King's

SIROE. Cast not listed, but edition of 1728 lists: Cosroes - Boschi; Siroes - Senesino; Medarses - Baldi; Laodicea - Signora Cuzzoni; Emira - Signora Faustina; Araxes -Palmerini.

COMMENT. [Music by Handel. Text by Haym.] The King, Queen, Princess Amelia, and Princess Carolina present.

Monday 18

LOVE IN SEVERAL MASQUES. As 16 Feb. COMMENT. Benefit the Author.

LIF

THE BEGGAR'S OPERA. Cast not listed, but see 29 Jan.

COMMENT. Receipts: £163 16s. 6d. Probable attendance: boxes, 207 paid and 8 orders; stage, 35 paid; balcony, 2 paid; pit, 294 paid and 5 orders; slips, 59 paid; first gallery, 435 paid and 2 orders; second gallery, 190 paid.

Tuesday 19 DL

LOVE IN SEVERAL MASQUES. As 16 Feb.

LIF

THE BEGGAR'S OPERA. Cast not listed, but see 29 Jan.

COMMENT. Receipts: £158 131. Probable attendance: boxes, 212 paid and 3 orders; stage, 26 paid; balcony, 3 paid; pit, 287 paid; slips, 48 paid; first gallery, 410 paid and 1 order; second gallery, 195 paid.

King's

SIROE. Cast not listed, but see 17 Feb.

COMMENT. [No advertisements of opera performances before 1 March are available, but the opera was probably performed on the regular Tuesday and Saturday schedule.]

Wednesday 21 THE OLD BATCHELOR. As 6 Dec. 1727.

MUSIC. Select Pieces.

DANCING. By Roger, Rainton, Lally's Son, Mrs Brett, Miss Robinson, Miss Robinson Jr, Miss Brett.

COMMENT. Written by Mr Congreve.

LIF

THE BEGGAR'S OPERA. Cast not listed, but see 29 Jan.

COMMENT. Receipts: £170 9s. 6d. Probable attendance: boxes, 236 paid; stage, 44 paid; balcony, 2 paid; pit, 290 Paid and 3 orders; slips, 47 paid and 1 order; first gallery, 419 paid and 1 order; second gallery, 189 paid. For a comment on the play by Thomas Edwards, see V. M. Gilbert, "Unrecorded Comments on John Gay, Henry Travers, and Others," Notes and Queries, August 1953, pp. 337-38.

HAY

THE RIVALS; or, The Happy Despair. Harlequin - Lege; Pantalon - Wenpicollo; Pantalon's Man - Ribarwarle; Genius - Y. Vanture; Landlord - Pisard; Columbine Mrs Violante; Countrymen - Gourroin, Millon; Countrywomen - Mrs Gilmarine, Mrs Volar; Pierot - Lalauze; Egyptians - Gambellon, Trimuer; Gypsies -Miss Violante, Miss Gaurie, Miss Malloin; Devils - Vollan, Goudain.

COMMENT. A Dramatick Entertainment of Dancing in Grotesque Characters, the whole entirely new. [In previous weeks Mrs Violante had been offering miscellaneous entertainments at the HAY, but this is the first piece which begins to resemble a dramatic production.]

Thursday 22 DL

THE PROVOK'D HUSBAND. Cast not listed, but see 10 Jan.

LIF

THE BEGGAR'S OPERA. Cast not listed, but see 29 Jan.

COMMENT. Receipts: £163 141. 6d. King, Queen, Princess Royal, and Princess Carolina present. Probable attendance: boxes, 228 paid and 28 orders; stage, II paid and I order; pit, 302 paid and I order; slips, 43 paid and 24 orders; first gallery, 443 paid; second gallery, 199 paid.

