Wednesday 1 LIF COMMENT. Prince Frederick present. Receipts: £116 111. Probable attendance: boxes, 114 paid and 21 orders; stage, 8 paid; pit, 256 paid and 10 orders; slips, 20 paid and 32 orders; first gallery, 254 paid and 2 orders; second gallery, 205 paid.

Thursday 2 DL THE TEMPEST; or, The Inchanted Island. Prospero - Mills; Ferdinand - Wilks; Antonio - W. Mills; Gonzalo - Oats; Alonzo - Roberts; Hippolito - Mrs Cibber; Stephano - Shepard; Mustacho - Harper; Trincalo - Miller; Ventoso - Norris; Miranda - Mrs Booth; Dorinda - Miss Raftor; Ariel - Miss Robinson Jr. COMMENT. With all the Original Songs and Dances, and several new Decorations. [Prince Frederick and Princess Amelia present.]

LIF THE BEGGAR'S OPERA. As I Jan.

COMMENT. Receipts: £69 1s. 6d. Probable attendance: boxes, 74 paid and 14 orders; stage, 7 paid; pit, 183 paid and 11 orders; slips, 13 paid and 6 orders; first gallery, 133 paid and 7 orders; second gallery, 181 paid.

THE LOTTERY. As 10 Dec. 1728, but Plowshare – Pearce; Mrs Subtle – Mrs Palmer; Abigail – Mrs Clarke. With a new Prologue to the Town, and the Original Epilogue.

DANCING.

COMMENT. Benefit the Author.

Friday 3 THE TEMPEST. As 2 Jan., but Caliban – Johnson.

DL LIF

THE BEGGAR'S OPERA. As I Jan.

COMMENT. Receipts: £55 10s. 6d. Probable attendance: boxes, 47 paid and 16 orders; stage, 3 paid; pit, 160 paid and 9 orders; slips, 15 paid and 3 orders; first gallery, 115 paid and 10 orders; second gallery, 113 paid.

Saturday 4 DL LOVE FOR LOVE. Cast not listed, but see 12 Sept. DANCING.

COMMENT. By Command of his Royal Highness. Written by Mr Congreve.

LIF THE BEGGAR'S OPERA. As I Jan.

COMMENT. Receipts: £88 75. 6d. Probable attendance: boxes, 112 paid and 7 orders; stage, 6 paid; pit, 228 paid and 22 orders; slips, 16 paid and 5 orders; first gallery, 151 paid and 5 orders; second gallery, 137 paid.

HIC CONCERT.

COMMENT. L. Granom's Weekly Concerts of Musick. [To begin this day. Each subscriber may have two printed tickets for each night for ladies only at a half guinea for the two tickets. At 7 P.M. To be continued on Saturdays.]

Monday 6 THE TEMPEST. As 3 Jan.
DL COMMENT. Universal Spe

COMMENT. Universal Spectator, 11 Jan.: Last Sunday Night [5 Jan.] Mrs Baker, the Actress of Drury-Lane Theatre, was buried in a very handsome Manner at St. Clement's Danes, the Master of the House and most of the Actors attending the same.

LOVE IN A RIDDLE. Cast not listed, but edition of 1729 lists: Arcas – Mills;

Aegon – Harper; Amyntas – Williams; Iphis – Mrs Thurmond; Philautus –

Cibber; Corydon – Griffin; Cimon – Miller; Mopsus – Oates; Damon – Ray;

Ianthe – Mrs Cibber; Pastora – Mrs Lindar; Phillida – Mrs Raftor. Prologue spoken by Wilks. Epilogue spoken by Egon [Harper].

COMMENT. [By Colley Cibber.] Never Acted before. A New Pastoral (of Three Acts). N.B. Printed Books of the Play will be sold at the Theatre.



Fog's, 11 Jan.: On Tuesday Night last a ridiculous Piece was acted at... Drury-lane, which was neither Comedy, Tragedy, Opera, Pastoral or Farce; however, no Thief or Robber of any Rank was satyriz'd in it, and it could be said to give Offence to none but Persons of Sense and good Taste; yet it met with the Reception it well deserv'd, and was hiss'd off the Stage.

Tuesday 7 DL

See also Cibber, Apology, I, 243-44, 248-49; Victor, History of the Theatres, II, 106-7; Whincop, p. 197.

THE BEGGAR'S OPERA. As I Jan.

LIF

COMMENT. By Command of his Royal Highness. Receipts: £118 14s. Probable attendance: boxes, 127 paid and 11 orders; stage, 6 paid; pit, 273 paid and 13 orders; slips, 24 paid and 27 orders; first gallery, 323 paid and 1 order; second gallery, 181 paid.

LOVE IN A RIDDLE. Cast not listed, but see 7 Jan.

Wednesday 8

COMMENT. Universal Spectator, 11 Jan.: Last Wednesday his Royal Highness the Prince went to... Drury-Lane, to see Mr Cibber's new Pastoral.... The Actors were for a while prevented from performing, by the great Disturbance some of the Audience made. But on a Speech from Mr Cibber, with a Promise it should not be acted again, the Catcalls, &c. ceased, and they were suffered to go on and end the same.

See also Applebee's, 11 Jan.; Egmont, Diary, III, 325; Whincop, p. 198.

THE BEGGAR'S OPERA. As I Jan.

LIF

COMMENT. Receipts: £54 171. Probable attendance: boxes, 55 paid and 2 orders; stage, 7 paid; pit, 162 paid and 19 orders; slips, 9 paid and 11 orders; first gallery, 99 paid and 15 orders; second gallery, 70 paid and 1 order.

THE ORPHAN. As 15 Oct. 1728.

COMMENT. At the particular Desire of several Ladies of Quality.

Thursday 9 DL

THE BEGGAR'S OPERA. As I Jan.

LIF

COMMENT. Receipts: £47 9s. Probable attendance: boxes, 49 paid and 19 orders; stage, 6 paid; pit, 119 paid and 18 orders; slips, 3 paid and 9 orders; first gallery, 92 paid and 13 orders; second gallery, 117 paid and 5 orders.

THE FUNERAL. As 23 Oct. 1728.

MUSIC. Select Pieces between the Acts.

DANCING.

Friday 10 DL

THE BEGGAR'S OPERA. As I Jan.

LIF

COMMENT. Receipts: £44 141. Probable attendance: boxes, 42 paid and 3 orders; pit, 138 paid and 17 orders; slips, 2 paid and 3 orders; first gallery, 83 paid and 13 orders; second gallery, 90 paid and 1 order.

VENICE PRESERV'D; or, A Plot Discover'd. Jaffier - Smith; Pierre - Giffard; Priuli - Burnum; Renault - Lacy; Duke - Turner; Antonio - Reynolds; Bedamar - Jones, the first Time of his appearing on the Stage; Belvidera - Mrs Purden. SINGING. By Nichols.

HAY

THE TRUE AND ANCIENT HISTORY OF KING LEAR AND HIS THREE DAUGHTERS. Lear - Mills; Edgar - Elrington; Edmund - Wm. Mills; Gloster - Roberts; Kent - Williams; Gentleman Usher - Cibber Jr; Cordelia - Mrs Booth; Goneril - Mrs Grace; Regan - Mrs Shireburn.

Saturday 11 DL

COMMENT. At the particular Desire of several Ladies of Quality.

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