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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Saturday 11 LIF THE PROPHETESS. Cast not listed.

COMMENT. By Command of his Royal Highness. The Prince and three Princesses present. Receipts: £159 16s. Probable attendance: boxes, 175 paid and 26 orders; stage, 17 paid; pit, 294 paid and 5 orders; slips, 24 paid and 31 orders; first gallery, 401 paid and 1 order; second gallery, 138 paid.

Monday 13 DL THE CHANCES. John – Wilks; Frederick – Mills; Antonio – Miller; Duke – Bridgwater; Petruchio – Wm. Mills; Peter – Harper; Anthony – Norris; 1st Constantia – Mrs Cibber; 2d – Mrs Booth; Landlady – Mrs Willis. Also HARLEQUIN HAPPY. Pierot – Roger; but see 1 Nov. 1728.

COMMENT. Mainpiece: As it was alter'd by the late Duke of Buckingham.

LIF

MEASURE FOR MEASURE. Duke - Quin; Angelo - Milward; Escalus - Ogden; Claudio - Ryan; Lucio - Chapman; Provost - Pitt; Isabella - Mrs Buchanan.

DANCING. Scottish Dance by Mrs Bullock. Fingalian by Newhouse and Mrs Ogden. Two Pierrots by Salle and Mrs Pelling. Shepherd and Shepherdess by Moreau and Mrs Moreau.

COMMENT. Benefit a Gentleman who has wrote for the Stage. Written by Shakespear. Receipts: money £22 51.; tickets £72 181. Probable attendance: boxes, 23 by money and 207 by tickets; stage, 3 by money; pit, 56 by money and 141 by tickets; slips, 5 by money; first gallery, 25 by money; second gallery, 57 by money.

Tuesday 14 DL THE TENDER HUSBAND. As 24 Oct. 1728.

DANCING. By Lally, Essex, Miss Robinson Sr, Miss Robinson Jr, Master Lally, Miss Brett.

LIF

THE BEGGAR'S OPERA. As I Jan.

COMMENT. Receipts: £72 25. 6d. Probable attendance: boxes, 107 paid and 16 orders; stage, 1 paid; pit, 171 paid and 30 orders; slips, 11 paid and 12 orders; first gallery, 110 paid and 16 orders; second gallery, 115 paid and 4 orders.

Wednesday 15 DL

THEODOSIUS. As 21 Nov. 1728 but Theodosius – Williams; Marcian – Mills; Atticus – Boman; Leontine – Corey; Pulcheria – Mrs Horton. Also HARLE-QUIN HAPPY. As 13 Jan.

COMMENT. At the Desire of several Ladies of Quality. [Prince Frederick, Princess Amelia, and Princess Carolina present.]

LIF

THE BEGGAR'S OPERA. As I Jan.

COMMENT. Receipts: £45 6s. Probable attendance: boxes, 60 paid and 6 orders; stage, 3 paid; pit, 105 paid and 16 orders; slips, 10 paid and 8 orders; first gallery, 75 paid and 20 orders; second gallery, 86 paid and 3 orders.

Thursday 16 DL THE DISTREST MOTHER. Cast not listed, but see 8 Oct. 1728.

COMMENT. By Command of his Royal Highness. [The Prince, Princess Royal, Princess Amelia, and Princess Carolina present.]

LIF

THE LONDON CUCKOLDS. Ramble - Ryan; Townly - Walker; Lady No - Mrs Bullock; Wiseacre - Bullock; Doodle - Hall; Dashwell - Spiller; Loveday - Houghton; Eugenia - Mrs Vincent; Peggy - Miss Holiday; Engine - Mrs Egleton. DANCING. By Salle, Moreau, Pelling, Newhouse, Lanyon, Du Pre Jr, De la Garde Jr, Mrs Laguerre, Mrs Moreau, Mrs Bullock, Mrs Pelling, Mrs Ogden, Miss La Tour. MUSIC. A Piece of Musick accompanied by Joachim Frederic Creta, who will blow the First and Second Treble on Two French Horns, in the same Manner as if Two Persons: Being the first Time of his appearing in Publick, since his Arrival in Great-Britain.

