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.

Thursday 9 DL

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

LIF

THE BEGGAR'S OPERA. As I Jan.

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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