KING ARTHUR. As 17 Dec. 1735. Prologue and Epilogue, as 17 Dec. 1735. COMMENT. Thomas Gray to Horace Walpole, 3 Jan.: I went to King Arthur last night, which is exceeding fine; they have a new man to supply Delane's place, one Johnson, with ye finest person & face in the world to all appearance; but as awkward, as a Button-maker; in short, if he knew how to manage his Beauties to advantage, I should not wonder, if all the Women run mad for him: the inchanted part of the play, is not Machinery, but actual magick: the second scene is a British temple enough to make one go back a thousand years, & really be in ancient Britain: the Songs are all Church-musick, & in every one of ye Chorus's Mrs Chambers sung ye chief part, accompanied with Roarings, Squawlings & Squeakations dire. Mrs Giffard is by way of Emmeline, & should be blind, but, heaven knows! I would not wish to see better than she does, & seems to do; for when Philidel restores her to sight, her eyes are not at all better than before; she is led in at first, by a Creature, yet was more like a Devil by half, than Grimbald himself; she took herself for Madame la Confidente, but every body else took her to be in the Circumstances of Damnation: when Emmeline comes to her sight, she beholds this Mrs Matilda first, & cries out Are Women all like thee? such glorious Creatures! which set the people into such a laugh, as lasted the whole Act: the Frost Scene is excessive fine; the first Scene of it is only a Cascade, that seems frozen: with the Genius of Winter asleep & wrapt in furs, who upon the approach of Cupid, after much quivering, & shaking sings the finest song in the Play: just after, the Scene opens, & shows a view of arched rocks covered with Ice & Snow to ye end of ye Stage; between the arches are upon pedestals of Snow eight Images of old men & women, that seem frozen into Statues, with Icicles hanging about them & almost hid in frost, & from ye end come Singers, viz: Mrs Chambers, &: & Dancers all rubbing their hands & chattering with cold with fur gowns & worsted gloves in abundance.—Gray, Correspondence, 1, 36-37.

Saturday 3

ARTAXERXES. Cast not listed.

King's

THE TWIN RIVALS. As 3 Jan. Also THE INTRIGUING CHAMBER- Monday 5
MAID. As 1 Jan.

DANCING. 1: English Maggot by Villeneuve and Mrs Walter. II: Drunken Peasant
by Lo Brun. W. The Penns of a long.

by Le Brun. III: The Rover, as 3 Jan.

COMMENT. Mainpiece: Written by Mr Farquhar. [Prince of Wales present.]

THE PROVOK'D HUSBAND. As 17 Sept. 1735. Also APOLLO AND CG DAPHNE. As I Jan., but Frenchwoman – Miss Sandham; Spanish Woman – Mrs De L'Orme.

COMMENT. Receipts: £90 155.

KING ARTHUR. As 17 Dec. 1735. Prologue and Epilogue, as 17 Dec. 1735. GF COMMENT. The Fifteenth Day.

THE TWIN RIVALS. As 3 Jan. Also THE VIRGIN UNMASK'D. As 22 Tuesday 6
Nov. 1735.

DANCING. 1: By Mlle Anne Roland, &c. 11: Dutchman and Frow by Le Brun and
Miss Brett, H. Farlich, Magnet by Villennuye and Mrs. Walter, W. Tambauring

Miss Brett. III: English Maggot by Villeneuve and Mrs Walter. IV: Tambourine by Mlle Roland. V: The Roper, as 3 Jan.

COMMENT. Mainpiece: Written by Mr Farquhar.

THE CONSCIOUS LOVERS. As 28 Nov. 1735. Also Apollo and Daphne. CG As 5 Jan.

COMMENT. At the Desire of several Persons of Quality. Receipts: £49 131.

KING ARTHUR. As 17 Dec. 1735. Prologue and Epilogue, as 17 Dec. 1735. GF

