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DANCING. Hornpipe by Ferguson. By Cox, a Pewterer of the City of London, who never appeared on any stage before, particularly a Harlequin and a Scaramouch. Two Pierrots by Smith and La Back. End Afterpiece: Drunken Man of Pritchard. MUSIC. V: Preamble on the Kettle-Drums by J. Woodbridge, and the celebrated Water Musick, composed by Mr Handel, accompanied with Trumpets and French Horns.

COMMENT. Benefit Pritchard. At the Desire of several Persons of Distinction. Afterpiece: A New Ballad Opera. [By Henry Ward.]

> Plays are like Mirrours, made for Men to see, How bad they are, how good they ought to be.

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HENRY IV, Part II. AS II March. Also THE VIRGIN UNMASK'D. Lucy – Mrs Clive; but see 22 Nov. 1735. MUSIC. End Afterpiece: Preamble on Kettle Drums by Poitier. DANCING. I: Tambourine by Mile Roland. III: Harlequin and Harlequine by Poitier

and Mlle Roland. IV: English Maggot by Villeneuve and Mrs Walter. V: Double Jealousy, as 27 March.

COMMENT. Benefit Mlle Roland. [For a poem On the Stage, see Country Magazine, April, 1736; and for an essay on the stage, see Grub St. Journal, I April.]

THE BEGGAR'S OPERA. As 13 Feb.

DANCING. I: A new Comic Ballet by Nivelon and Mlle De L'Isle. II: French Peasants by Lalauze, Mlle D'Hervigni, &c. v: Glover's Scot's Dance.

COMMENT. Benefit MacSwiny. At the Desire of several Ladies of Quality. Written by the late Mr Gay. Receipts: money £61 175. 6d.; tickets £60 55.

THE FUNERAL. Puzzle – Rosco. Also THE LOVER HIS OWN RIVAL. GF Cast not listed, but see 25 March. DANCING. III: Richmond Maggot by Le Sac and Mrs Woodward. IV: Dutch Skipper

by Vallois and Mrs Bullock. v: Scot's Dance by Houghton, Mrs Bullock, &c. SINGING. II: By Mrs Chambers.

COMMENT. Benefit Rosco. At the Desire of several Persons of Distinction. [Tickets at Rosco's, two doors below GF.]

PASQUIN. As 19 March.

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COMMENT. For an essay on this play and current drama, see The Prompter, 2 April.

OROONOKO. Oroonoko – Walker; Aboan – Stephens; Daniel – Hippisley; LIF Governor – Paget; Blandford – Chapman; Stanmore – Aston; Driver – Mullart; Jack Stanmore – Houghton; Hotman – Bencraft; Imoinda – Miss Bincks; Widow Lackit – Mrs Mullart; Charlotte – Mrs Kilby; Lucy – Miss Horsington. Also FLORA. Flora – Miss Norsa; Betty – Mrs Kilby; Hob – Dan French; Roger – Sibblis.

SINGING. English Roast Beef by Leveridge. Mock Italian Song by E. Roberts.

COMMENT. Benefit Dan French of Hampstead. [The bill has a long song about the performance, written presumably by Dan French. For a full account of the expenses of this performance, see BM Add MSS 32, 251, p. 308.] CG

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