COMMENT. A New Opera [Altered by Rolli from Metastasio's Demetrio; Tuesic by Lampugnani (Nicoll, Early Eighteenth Century Drama, p. 388); not listed Kias a new piece in the Larpent MS.].

Tuesday 24 King's

MAHOMET THE IMPOSTER. Zaphna – Garrick; Mahomet – Delane; Alcanor – Giffard; Mirvan – Bridges; Pharon – Winstone; Hercides – ——; Ammon – ——; Palmira – Mrs Giffard; Prologue – Havard; Epilogue – Garrick [from edition of 1744, but listed in the same order as list of actors in *General Advertiser*, except General Advertiser adds Turbutt after Winstone].

Wednesday 25

COMMENT. Never acted before . . . From the French of Voltaire [By James Miller].

THE BEGGAR'S OPERA. As 28 Jan., but MacHeath - Cashell; Polly (by Desire) - Mrs Vincent; Lockit - Marten; Mat - Carr; Jenny - Miss Allen. Also THE LYING VALET. As 10 Oct. 1743, but Trippet - Goodall.

COMMENT. Benefit Cashell. [Address]: At the Dial in little Wild St., near LIF. Mainpiece: At the Desire of several persons of Quality.

THE BRITON. Cast not listed, original prologue and epilogue. SINGING AND DANCING.

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COMMENT. At the particular Desire of several True Britons. A Concert. Written by Mr Phillips. Not acted 20 Years [see 3 April 1722]. 6 P.M. There will be no posting Bills.

MAHOMET. Actors only, but Green replaces Turbutt. See 25 April.

Thursday 26 DL

THE MERCHANT OF VENICE. As 7 April, but Shylock - Ridout; Solarino - CG Goodall; Tubal - Dunstall. Also THE ROYAL CHACE. As 6 April.

MUSIC. Concerto on German Flute (by Desire) by Lawson.

COMMENT. Benefit Ridout, Dupre, Goodall, and Mlle Fabres.

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OTHELLO. Othello – a Citizen for his Diversion; see 6 Feb. SINGING. By a Gentleman who never appeared on any stage before. ENTERTAINMENT. A new Quack Doctor's speech, in character, by a noted Humorist.

COMMENT. Benefit a Brave Soldier, who suffer'd extremely at the Battle of Dettingen [Thomas Brown]. A Concert, etc. 4s., 2s. 6d., 1s. 6d. Tickets at Pinchbeck's shop facing the Haymarket.

MAHOMET. As 26 April. Also THE AMOROUS GODDESS. As 20 April. Fri COMMENT. Author's Night. The Author labouring under a severe and dangerous illness, hopes his friends will excuse his personal Application, and send for tickets to Mr Watts, at the Printing Office in Wild Court; or to Hobson at the Stage door of the theatre.

Friday 27 DL

Shenstone to R. Jago, 20 May: There is a new play acted at Drury Lane *Mahomet* translated from the French of Voltaire; but I have no great opinion of the subject, or the original author as a poet; and my diffidence is rather improved by the testimony of those who have seen it.—*Letters of William Shenstone*, p. 89.

2 HENRY IV. As 11 Jan., but Pistol – James; Hostess – Mrs James. Also THE CG VIRGIN UNMASK'D. As 18 April.

DANCING. Ballet by Cooke &c. Scotch Dance, as 24 Nov. 1743.

COMMENT. Benefit James and Rosco.

