ARLEQUINO TRIOMPHANTE. As 5 March.

COMMENT. The children will tumble. At the Desire of several persons of HAY quality.

SAUL. Cast not listed, but see suggested cast in Dean, Handel's Dramatic Oratorios, pp. 299-300.

Wednesday 13 King's

KING LEAR. As 24 Oct. 1744, but Burgundy – Simpson. Also THE ANA-TOMIST. As 12 Jan., but Angelica – Mrs Ridout. SINGING. II: By Lowe.

Thursday 14

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DANCING. III: By Muilment. v: By Sga Bettini &c.

COMMENT. Benefit Mrs Giffard. Mainpiece: At the Particular Desire of Several Persons of Quality. Servants will be admitted to keep places on the stage; and the ladies are desired to send their servants by 3 o'clock. Mr Giffard having receiv'd directions for places at his benefit takes this opportunity of acquainting his friends he shall desist from troubling them on that occasion this season. Tickets to be had of Mrs Giffard at No. 11, in Craven Buildings, Drury Lane; and of Hobson at the Stage door.

THE LADY'S LAST STAKE; or, The Wife's Resentment. Miss Notable – Mrs Clive; Lord Wronglove – Hale; Sir Friendly Moral – Cashell; Lord George Brilliant – Cibber; Lady Wronglove – Mrs Horton; Lady Gentle – Mrs Vincent; Mrs Hartshorn – Miss Hippisley; Mrs Conquest – Mrs Pritchard. Also THE DEVIL TO PAY. As 11 Dec. 1744.

SINGING. II: Wanton Breezes, from the Oratorio Love and Friendship, sung by Miss Edwards. IV: (by particular desire) the Irish Song, Ellen a Roon, by Mrs Clive. V: The Favourite Duette Let Caesar and Urania Live (compos'd by the late Henry Purcell) by Mrs Clive and Miss Edwards.

DANCING. III: By Cooke and Sga Campioni.

COMMENT. Benefit Mrs Clive. Mainpiece: At the Desire of Several Ladies of Quality. Never acted there before. [Amphitheatre on stage as described 11 March.]

THE REHEARSAL. Bayes - Dance; Usher - Tucker; Epilogue - Bayes. Also GF THE MOCK DOCTOR. Cast not listed.

COMMENT. At the Late Wells. Benefit Tucker. Tickets given out for The

Provoked Wife by Tucker taken this Night. [Prices as 12 March.]

ARLEQUINO TRIOMPHANTE. Cast not listed.

COMMENT. At the Desire of several Persons of Quality.

HAY

A CONCERT OF MUSICK. Vocal parts – Lowe and youngest Miss Turner; violin – Brown; violoncello – a Gentleman; Concerto on bassoon – Hebden; French Horn – Wynch; German Flute – a Gentleman.

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COMMENT. Tickets 5s. each. 7 P.M. Tickets at Walsh's in Katherine St; Simpson in Swithin's Alley; Johnson, in Cheapside; and at the place of performance.

JOSEPH AND HIS BRETHREN. Cast not listed.

Friday 15 King's

THE PROVOK'D HUSBAND. As 7 Jan., but Lady Grace – Mrs Mills; Lady Wronghead – Mrs Macklin; Squire Richard – Green; Lady Townly – Mrs Cibber. SINGING. II: Gentle Shepherd by Mrs Arne; IV: Vo Solcando, a Favourite song of Farinelli's, by Mrs Arne.

Saturday 16 DL

DANCING. III: a Serious Dance by Muilment. v: Turkish Dance by Muilment.

COMMENT. Benefit Mrs Cibber. By Command of their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales. Servants admitted to keep places on the stage.



Saturday 16 THE LADY'S LAST STAKE. As 14 March. Also ORPHEUS AND EURYDICE.
CG As 7 Jan.

COMMENT. Written by Colley Cibber, Esq., Poet Laureate.

GF MACBETH. Cast not listed.

COMMENT. By Desire. [Prices return to 2s., 1s. 6d., 1s.]

HAY L'INCONSTANZA DELUZA. Cast not listed, but see 9 Feb.

Monday 18 DL

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TANCRED AND SIGISMUNDA. Tancred - Garrick; Siffredi - Sheridan; Osmond - Delane; Rodolpho - Havard; Sigismunda - Mrs Cibber; Laura - Miss Budgell; Epilogue - Miss Budgell and Mrs Cibber [1st edition, but listed in order of actors given by *General Advertiser*, except *General Advertiser* adds Bridges & Mozeen].

COMMENT. Tragedy never acted. By James Thomson. Characters New Dress'd. But as it is rather more fashionable to run mad about Mr Thomson's play, I will change my theme and talk to you of Tancred. I want much to know how you like it, at this distance I would lay any wager you do not like it so well as your sister does, who certainly cannot be your sister and not have been to see it long ago. Everybody agrees that no play was ever so much improved in acting, at least since the Booths and Bettertons. That first scene especially, where Siffredi discovers to Tancred who he is, pleased me almost beyond anything I ever saw, indeed even before I saw it, that scene was my favourite. But what do you think of the story, and what of the style?—A Series of Letters between Mrs Elizabeth Carter and Miss Catherine Talbot, I, 60 (dated strangely 2 March).

[On 26 April, the Daily Post published a letter by Bellario on Tancred and Sigismunda, discussing the kind of support it received]: A very remarkable new Lord of the Treasury was proud of appearing its Foster Father, and attended at the public rehearsals; the first night of the performance this celebrated person and his friends in the Box with him (all very lately most flaming Patriots) were seen clapping their hands at the following remarkable speech: First of You All... To Quit Mistakes. [The letter also discusses political aspects of the play, then the poetry of the lines. The author heard that three hundred lines were cut out after the first performance, and was of opinion that double that amount would have

been beneficial.]

CG DON SEBASTIAN. As 27 Oct. 1744, but Antonio – Cibber Jun.; Morayma - Mrs Clive; Merchant – Bencraft. Also The Devil to Pay. As 11 Dec. 1744, but Jobson – Dunstall.

SINGING. 1: (by particular Desire) The Charms of Polly Willis by Mrs Clive. IV: By Beard.

DANCING. III: By Cooke and Sga Campioni. v: By LaLauze and Sga Campioni. COMMENT. Benefit Ryan. Mainpiece: At the particular desire of several Ladies of Quality.

GF KING RICHARD III. Richard - Cushing. Also FLORA. Cast not listed.

COMMENT. Benefit Cushing. 2s. 6d., 2s., 1s. Tickets at the Brown Bear in
Hooper's Square; King Harry's Head, Red Lion St.; Dawson's under Furnival's
Inn, Holborn.

Tuesday 19 TANCRED AND SIGISMUNDA. Actors only, but see 18 March. DL

THE REVENGE. As 12 Nov. 1744. Also THE ROYAL CHACE. As 22 Jan. COMMENT. Mainpiece: At the Particular Desire of several persons of Quality. Yesterday Morning died, aged 80 Mrs Cooke, formerly an actress belonging to the TR in LIF.

