DEMETRIUS. Cast not listed, but see 12 Feb. Also POURCEAUGNAC AND GRILETTA. Cast not listed, but see 25 Jan.

Tuesday 15 King's

ALEXANDER'S FEAST. Cast not listed, but Deutsch, Handel, p. 429, speculates concerning a possible cast. With Concertos on the Organ, and other Instruments.

COMMENT. By Command of their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess

Wednesday 16 CG

of Wales [who were present]. An Ode, written by Mr Dryden. The Pit will be floored over, and laid into the Boxes.

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CONCERT.

MUSIC. Solo on the Violin by M. C. Festing; and a Solo on the German Flute by Weideman.

COMMENT. Benefit Barrett.

Tbursday 17 DL

THE SCORNFUL LADY. Scornful Lady – Mrs Furnival, the first time of her appearance on that stage; Elder Loveless – Mills; Young Loveless – Cross; Welford – Milward; Savil – Johnson; Morecraft – Shepard; Sir Roger – Griffin; Poet – Oates; Captain – Winstone; Martha – Miss Holiday; Widow – Mrs Grace; Abigail – Mrs Willis. Also THE KING AND THE MILLER OF MANSFIELD. As 14 Feb.

COMMENT. By Command of Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales [who were present]. Mainpiece: Written by Beaumont and Fletcher. Afterpiece: Written by the Author of the Toy Shop. [For a letter on the disputes between the footmen and the gentlemen, see *Grub St. Journal*, 17 March.]

[There is in the Bennett Collection, I, 93, in the Birmingham Library, an exceptionally curious advance notice for a performance to be given at Drury Lane soon after Easter of The Conscious Lovers and The Devil to Pay, with no cast for either play in the bill. The announcement appears to refer to the spring of 1737 and presumably appeared around the middle of March. It is intended for the benefit of a Widow under Misfortunes and the bill bears the heading: Gift and Pleasure. According to the announcement, the widow has been left Italian pictures, antiques, jewels, and precious stones; and she intends, for the encouragement of her benefactors, to make a gift of all the objects, which will be placed in three hundred parcels. Tickets for the performance are advertised at five shillings, and no one is to be admitted without a ticket. The pit and boxes are to be put together at two tickets for each person, and the first and second galleries are placed together at one ticket for each spectator. The tickets are not to be left with the doorkeepers as usual, but only shewn and kept. On the day following the benefit a raffle will be held, by Mr Foubert's Patent Mathematical Machine, at Hickford's Great Room in Brewers Street, Golden Square, and only holders of tickets will be admitted to the raffle. After this entry was set, an advertisement was found in the Daily Advertiser, 18 April 1738, announcing this performance for 13 May 1738. The Daily Advertiser on 5 May 1738, however, announced that the proposed performance had been cancelled.]

THE CONSCIOUS LOVERS. Young Bevil - Delane; Myrtle - Ryan; Indiana - Mrs Horton; Tom - Chapman; Phillis - Miss Bincks; but see 8 Jan. Also THE CHEATS OF SCAPIN. As 28 Jan.

SINGING. In II: The Song written by Sir Richard Steele, and designed by him originally for this Play, will be new set to Musick by Mr Howard and sung by Mr Beard. III: A Chancon a Boire, beginning Crowns of Sweet Roses by Leveridge and Laguerre. v: As I saw Fair Clara by Beard and Salway.

DANCING. IV: Glover's Dance of Sailors. End Afterpiece: Comic Dance by Nivelon, Lalauze, Mrs Laguerre, Mrs Le Brun.

COMMENT. Benefit Ryan. By particular Desire.

