Saturday 18 DL cludes it is too finely and artistically conceived to please the masses. He closes by complimenting the Ladies of Great Britain for he "scarce ever saw so shining an assembly in the Boxes. Their early approbation of a Tragedy in which not only the words but the ideas are entirely chaste; a tragedy filled with noble sentiment and poetic beauty is at once a proof of their delicacy and penetration."] Receipts: f.100 (Cross); f.101 (Powel).

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THE PROVOK'D WIFE. As 11 Oct. 1748, but Lady Fanciful – Miss Bellamy; Belinda – Mrs Hale. Also APOLLO AND DAPHNE. As 26 Jan.

King's

IL GIRAMONDO. Cast not listed.

DANCING. Between the Acts.

COMMENT. A Pasticcio (Burney, II, 848). A Dr Crosa is the promoter of the Italian company here (Daily Advertiser).

HAY

AUCTION OF PICTURES. With a New Prologue.

COMMENT. Benefit for a performer. Tickets for the 11th will be taken. Being the last time of performing it this Season.

Monday 20 DL MAHOMET AND IRENE. As 7 Feb. Also THE VIRGIN UNMASK'D. As 23 Nov. 1748, only Lucy - Mrs Clive listed.

DANCING. The Savoyards, as 20 Sept. 1748.

COMMENT. Benefit for the Author. Tickets to be had as 9 and 14 Feb. [The Gentleman's Magazine this month gave a nine-column article to the "Plan and Specimens of Irene a Tragedy by Mr Samuel Johnsin acted at Drury Lane from 6-20 February inclusive." In it plot was first retold, then excerpts from speeches were given which illustrated the beautiful expression of the moral values contained in the play: "To instance every moral which is inculcated in this performance, would be to transcribe the whole; but, however difficult I shall select a few." No comments are made upon the stage presentation, all is presented upon the basis of examination of the text. William Shenstone thought not much of it as a play. See Letter to Lady Luxborough 22 March.] Receipts: £110 (Cross); house charges, £63 (Powel).

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THE PROVOK'D WIFE. As 18 Feb. Also APOLLO AND DAPHNE. As 26 Jan.

COMMENT. Mainpiece: By Desire.

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JANE SHORE. Cast not listed. Also THE BOTTLE CONJURER OUTDONE; or, The Power of Magick, and the Escape of Harlequin into a Quart Bottle. Harlequin - Morgan.

COMMENT. At the Great Tiled Booth, Bowling Green, Southwark. A concert, etc. Benefit for Morgan.

Tuesday 21

THE MISER. As 25 Jan., but Clerimont, James, Furnish, List, Mrs Wisely, Wheedle omitted. Also THE TRIUMPH OF PEACE. Mars - Cooke; his followers - Blakes, Vaughan, Marr, Adams, Shawford, Harvey, Yates, Harrison; War - Winstone; Power - Lee; Ambition - Palmer; Peace - Mrs Mills; Justice - Mrs LaFont; Liberty - Mrs Ansley; Shepherds - Havard, Beard, Reinhold, King, and Master Maddox; Shepherdesses - Mrs Clive, Miss Cole, Miss Medina; Britannia - Anne Auretti; Hungarians - Cooke and Janeton Auretti; French - Mathews and Mrs Addison; Dutchman - Pelling; Spaniard - Shawford; concluded with a view of the Temple of Peace.

COMMENT. [Afterpiece]: A Masque by Mr Dodsley. Went off Toll (Cross). New Dresses, Scenes, Decorations, &c. Music compos'd by Mr Arne. Nothing under Full prices will be taken. [Customary note for all subsequent performances this season. Will not be repeated.] Receipts: £170 (Cross); £161 191. (Powel).

