MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING. Benedict - Garrick; Don Pedro - Havard; Thursday 28 Leonato - Berry; Don John - Winstone; Claudio - Lee; Friar - Bridges; Borachio -Blakes; Dogberry - Taswell; Balthazar (with a Song in Character) - Beard; Verges - Neale; Conrade - Usher; Town Clerk - James; Sexton - Ray; Hero -Mrs Elmy; Margaret - Mrs Havard; Ursula - Miss Cole; Beatrice - Mrs Pritchard. In Act 11, a Masquerade Dance by Mathews and Mrs Addison. To conclude with a Country Dance by the characters of the play. Also THE INTRIGUING CHAM-BERMAID. Lettice - Mrs Clive; Drunken Colonel - Woodward.

COMMENT. It being the first time of Mr Garrick's playing since his Marriage, the Jests in Benedick were receiv'd with uncommon applause: he married Mad: Viollete, on ye 22d of June : 1749 (Cross). Receipts: £180 (Cross).

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Friday 29 CG

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THE RECRUITING OFFICER. Cast not listed. Also DAMON AND PHILLIDA. Cast not listed.

COMMENT. At the Great Tiled Booth [Bowling Green?]. By particular desire ... By the same Company that performed The Busy Body on Monday night (Daily Advertiser).

THE PROVOK'D HUSBAND; or, A Journey to London. Townley - Ryan; Manly - Delane; Lady Grace - Mrs Barrington; Basset - Anderson; Mrs Motherly -Mrs Cushing; Myrtilla - Miss Young; Trusty - Miss Haughton; Sir Francis -Arthur; Lady Wronghead - Mrs Bambridge; Squire Richard - Collins; Moody -Dunstall; Miss Jenny - Miss Minors, being her 1st appearance on that stage; Lady Townley - Mrs Woffington. Also PHOEBE; or, The Beggar's Wedding. Hunter - Lowe; Chaunter - Bridgwater; Quorum - Marten; Tippet - Miss Young; Phebe – Mrs Dunstall.

COMMENT. [Mrs Barrington, formerly Mrs Hale.] To the Author of the General Advertiser, &c. Sir: I am far from being of the opinion of too many of my countrymen, who exclaim against the performances of foreigners be they ever so extraordinary: on the contrary whenever I hear of a person who merits Encouragement from the Publick, I use all my interest in his favour; and will always continue so to do, though he should come from the extremity of the globe-Nor am I of the opinion of another class, who imagine no man can be a great performer unless he comes from a strange land. I am convinced we have an artist at present among us, as excellent in his way as ever was seen in Britain. He is an Englishman, and citizen of London; and without any instruction (as I am inform'd) performs all the surprizing Equilibres on the Slack Rope that were exhibited by the famous Turk. I have seen his performances once already and they gave me infinite pleasure. Tomorrow evening I intend to see them again, at the Theatre in the Haymarket, and heartily wish him the success he deserves, Yours, &c A. B. [See 23 Dec. 1749 note about Rich's engaging Caratha the Turk, and note, 28 Oct. 1749.] Receipts: £.67 9s.

THE LONDON MERCHANT. As 22 Sept. Also THE DEVIL TO PAY AS Saturday 30 DL 22 Sept.

singing. IV: By Master Mattocks.

COMMENT. Mainpiece: By Desire. Receipts: £60 (Cross).

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Monday 2 CG

KING RICHARD III. Richard - Quin; King Henry - Delane; Richmond -Ridout; Buckingham - Sparkes; Stanley - Redman; Oxford - Bencraft; Catesby -Gibson; Ratcliff - Anderson; Tressel - Cushing; Norfolk - Bransby; Lord Mayor -