

- Winstone; Fidelia – Mrs Ward; Rosetta – Mrs Pritchard. Also MISS IN HER TEENS. As 22 March, but Puff – James. Jasper omitted. *Monday 26*  
DL  
DANCING. *Comic Dance*, as 21 Feb.; *L'Entree de Flore* – Mlle Aurette.  
COMMENT. Benefit for Yates. Tickets of Yates next door to Mr Walsh's Music Shop, Catherine St., Strand and at stage door. Rec'd Cash £51 8s. 6d., plus £79 16s. from tickets. Total £131 4s. 6d. Paid Leviez by order Lacy £6 6s. (Treasurer's Book). Receipts: £140 (Cross); charges, £60 (Treasurer's Book).
- THE MERRY WIVES. As 24 Jan., but Ford – Sparks. Also MISS IN HER TEENS. As 9 Nov. 1749, but Flash (in imitation of the Original) – Dyer. CG  
COMMENT. Benefit for Sparks. Charges £60. Deficit to Sparks £11 2s. 5d., covered by £104 11s. from tickets. Paid Redman a bill for writing parts 10s. 4d.; Paid Lampe on acct by Mr Kirkman £12. Receipts: £48 18s.
- THE FATAL MARRIAGE. As 13 March, but Jaqueline, Nurse and Child omitted. Also LETHE. Frenchman (by particular desire) – Garrick; Fine Gentleman – Woodward; Aesop – Bridges; Drunken Man – Yates; Mercury – Beard; Mrs Riot – Mrs Clive. *Tuesday 27*  
DL  
DANCING. By Grandchamps, Mlle Aurette, Mathews, Miss Baker, &c.  
COMMENT. Benefit for Mrs Green. Tickets of Mrs Green in Broad Court, Bow St., Covent Garden, and at the stage Door. Tickets deliver'd out for the *Provok'd Wife* will be taken. Paid Blandford (Tallow Chandler) £12 15s. 9d. Cash rec'd £77 2s., plus £79 8s. from tickets. Total £156 10s. (Treasurer's Book). Receipts: £170 (Cross); charges, £63 (Treasurer's Book).
- COMUS. Comus – Quin; Elder Brother – Ryan; Younger Brother – Ridout; 1st Spirit – Sparks; 2nd Spirit – Anderson; Bacchanal – Lowe; Euphrosyne – Miss Young; Sabrina – Miss Falkner; Lady – Mrs Woffington; Attendant spirits of Comus – Leveridge, Baker, Wilder, Roberts, Mrs Wright, &c. With *Dances* proper to the Masque. Also A CURE FOR A SCOLD; or, The Taming of a Shrew. Principal parts by Dunstall, Cushing, Wilder, Baker, Stoppelaer, Miss Falkner, Mrs Dunstall, Miss Young. [See 26 April.] CG  
COMMENT. Benefit for Lowe. Charges £60. Deficiency to Lowe £11 16s. covered by £104 9s. from tickets. [Afterpiece appears under the Shakespearian title in the Account Book. Actually it was James Worsdale's *Cure for a Scold* taken from Shakespeare's play.] Mainpiece: By particular desire. Tickets to be had of Lowe at his lodgings the corner of Southampton St., Covent Garden, and of Page at the Stage door of the Theatre. Receipts: £48 4s.
- ADRIANO IN SIRIA. *Cast not listed.* Also LA SERVA PADRONA. *Cast not listed.* King's  
COMMENT. Benefit Signor Laschi, with Comic Interludes between the Acts, called *La Serva Padrona*. The music composed by Sig Gio. Batista Pergolesi.
- SOLOMON. Principal parts performed by Sga Galli, Miss Arne, Beard. *Wednesday 28*  
DL  
MUSIC. *Concerto on Violincello* – Jones.  
COMMENT. Benefit for Jones. A Serenata. Books of which may be had at the theatre. To begin at twelve o'clock promptly (*General Advertiser*).  
To the Publick: Walking in St James's Park the other day, I followed two young Gentlemen along the Mall, and overheard one of them say to the other, "shall we go and offer sacrifice to the Manes of Milton?" To which the other reply'd "with all my heart." I must own I had some curiosity to know in what this ceremony would consist, and determined to observe them. I accordingly followed them at some distance, into Dodsley the Bookseller's in Pall Mall; where to my great satisfaction I found that this most acceptable sacrifice was only an offering of Charity to the Granddaughter of Milton; who on account of her age, her poverty, and her

- Wednesday 28*  
DL relation to that great Man, is to have a Benefit at Drury Lane Theatre on Wednesday next. I willingly joined in their devotions, and rejoice with the Publick on their having an opportunity of shewing their gratitude and Veneration to a man whose Genius reflects a lustre on the British Literature, and whose sentiments have added strength to the British liberties; to an author whose works have been the delight of our Fathers, and will be the Admiration of our sons: latest posterity; to an Englishman who is not only the Glory of our Country, but the Honour to Human Nature. This fair Opportunity of paying a respect to his Memory (the last of the kind that can be offered to us, as Mrs Foster is the only surviving branch of his family) must certainly be embraced with Eagerness and pleasure; all who have any pretence to an Elegant Taste, all lovers of Liberty, and every friend of the Muses, will surely crowd to the house on this distinguish'd night, and give at once an instance of the politeness of their manners, and the goodness of their hearts, I am, &c. A Lover of Milton (*General Advertiser*).
- CG JUDAS MACCHABAEUS. As 9 March.
- JS VENICE PRESERVED. *Cast not listed.* Also DAMON AND PHILLIDA. *Cast not listed.*  
COMMENT. At the New Theatre, James St. A concert, etc. Benefit for Edward. Prices 3s., 2s., 1s. To begin at six o'clock (*Daily Advertiser*).
- Thursday 29*  
DL MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING. As 23 Feb., but Friar, Borachio and Dogberry not listed. Also LETHE. As 27 March, but Tattoo – King; Frenchman – Blakes; Old Man – Taswell; Mrs Tattoo – Miss Cole; Charon – Winstone.  
DANCING. End of Play, *Venetian Gardeners* by Grandchamps, Mlle Aurette.  
COMMENT. Benefit for Mr and Mrs Havard. Tickets to be had at Havard's House in Broad Court, Bow St., at the Bedford, and at the Stage Door. Rec'd. Cash £72 2s. 6d., plus £79 5s. from tickets. Total £151 7s. 6d. Bought 6 lbs. lamp-wick 10s. (Treasurer's Book). Receipts: £160 (Cross); charges, £63 (Treasurer's Book).
- CG RULE A WIFE AND HAVE A WIFE. As 18 Jan.  
SINGING. I: *O Lovely Peace* (a duetto from *Judas Maccabaeus*) by Lowe and Miss Falkner; II: *Mirth gives Courage* by Leveridge; III: *Spara il Pastor contente* (from the opera *Phaeton*) by Miss Falkner; IV: *The Truly Happy Man* by Leveridge; End of Play: *Epilogue* to Music by Leveridge.  
DANCING. V: By Cooke and Miss Hillyard.  
COMMENT. Benefit for Leveridge. Charges £60. Deficiency to Leveridge £17 17s., converted by £127 2s. from tickets. Receipts: £42 3s.
- Friday 30*  
CG JUDAS MACCHABAEUS. As 9 March.
- Saturday 31*  
DL MEROPÉ. As 9 Feb., but Ismene – Miss Cole. Also THE CHAPLET. As 13 March, but add Grandchamps, Mathews, Miss Baker.  
DANCING. *Venetian Gardeners* by Grandchamps and Mlle Aurette.  
COMMENT. Benefit for Berry. Tickets at Pope's Peruke Maker Russell St. Rec'd Cash £93 3s., plus £92 11s. from tickets. Total £185 14s.; Paid Salary List £203 7s.; Norton 5 chorus £1 5s. (Treasurer's Book).  
To the Public, Gentlemen and Ladies, I am very sorry that a long, sharp, and severe fit of Illness prevents me the satisfaction of making my personal application to my friends as usual, against my Benefit; but finding myself every day rather worse than better, I hope you will be so kind as to take this notice, that the *Stratagem*, will be performed on Saturday the 21st of April; the part of Archer by Mr Garrick, for the benefit of Mr and Mrs Mills; with a Farce and all other usual Entertainments. From your most oblig'd Servant, William Mills.