SINGING. IV: Smiling Dawn out of Jeptha by Mrs Chambers.

DANCING. Grand Scots Ballet, as 16 Dec. 1752.

Thursday 12

COMMENT. Benefit for Mrs Elmy. [The Public Advertiser included a full-column quotation from Henry VIII, Act v, scene iii, as a "true and lively image of 'Conscious Virtue' injuriously attacked." Cranmer: I humbly thank your highness . . . along with a paragraph of praise of Shakespeare.]

THE MESSIAH. Cast not listed.

COMMENT. Being the last Oratorio this season.

Friday 13 CG

Saturday 14

THE ALCHEMIST. As 20 March, but Doll Common - Mrs Cross; add Surly - Blakes; Ananias - Shuter; Tribulation - Taswell; Dapper - Vaughn; Lovewit - Winstone; Dame Pliant - Mrs Bennet. Also THE DEVIL TO PAY. As 5 Oct. 1752, with (By Particular Desire) an Epilogue by Shuter, riding on an ass. DANCING. IV: Le Matelot Basque, as 5 Oct. 1752; V: Country Amusements, as 12 April. COMMENT. Benefit for Blakes and Mrs James. Mainpiece: Acted but once these three years. Tickets to be had of Blakes at his House in Duke's Court, near Broad Court, Bow St. Covent Garden; of Mrs James in Little Wild St., Lincoln's Inn Fields; and at stage door. Receipts: £270 (Cross).

VENICE PRESERV'D. As 21 Dec. 1752. Also THE WHAT D'YE CALL IT. CG As 8 Dec. 1752.

MUSIC. Piece on the Welch Harp by Parry.

DANCING. Grand Scots Ballet, as 16 Dec. 1752.

COMMENT. Benefit for Ridout. Tickets deliver'd by Roberts will be taken. Being the last time of the company's performing till the Holidays.

MRS MIDNIGHT'S CONCERT AND ORATORY. See 27 March. SINGING. Mason's song and Several Scots Songs – Lauder. COMMENT. Benefit for Lauder.

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As You Like It. As 13 March, but add Oliver – Burton; Audry – Mrs James.

Also The Genii. As 19 Feb.

COMMENT. Receipts: £180 (Cross).

THE MERCHANT OF VENICE. As 26 Jan., but Solarino – Ridout; Launcelot – Barrington; Nerissa – Mrs Barrington. Also THE WHAT D'YE CALL IT. As 8 Dec. 1752.

DANCING. Il Pastore, as 19 Dec. 1752; and Scots Ballet, as 16 Dec. 1752.

COMMENT. Benefit for Mr and Mrs Barrington. [No Buildings on stage. Salarino – Usher, according to Hogan, based on a Harvard playbill.]

[THE NON JUROR.] PROVOK'D HUSBAND (Cross). Cast: [Dr Wolf - Yates, Tuesday 24 first time] for Provok'd Husband, see 19 Dec. 1752. Also THE CHAPLET. As DL 1 March. Dancing End of play, Matelot Basque - Ferrier.

DANCING. 1: A Hornpipe by the Little Swiss and a child 5 years old; II: A Grand Ballet, by Devisse and Mlle Auguste; III: A Serious Dance by Janeton Auretti; IV: La Chacone des Characters, Harlequin - Mlle Auretti; Punch - Devisse; V: The Lourre and Minuet, by Mathews and Janeton Auretti.

COMMENT. Benefit for Mr Mathews & Jan: Auretti. Ye Provok'd Husb[an]d was play'd Palmer being ill (Cross). No Building on Stage. [The bills, all printed before the last minute change, list The Non Juror. Probably announcement was unnecessary, as audience came mainly to enjoy the dances this night.] Receipts: £100 (Cross).

