KING RICHARD III. As 21 Sept. 1753, but Richard – Shuter, 1st time, and by Particular Desire; King Henry – Ridout; Richmond – Dyer; Norfolk – Bencraft; Oxford – Wignell; Prince Edward – Miss Mullart. Also THE LOTTERY. As 16 Nov. 1753, but Stocks not listed.

Tuesday 2 CG

DANCING. Les Taileurs, as 10 Dec. 1753; Les Charboniers, as 7 March. COMMENT. Benefit for Dyer. No building on stage.

DIDONE. Cast not listed.

King's

COMMENT. Benefit for Sga Passerini. [From charges and countercharges published in great length in the *Public Advertiser*, it appears that Sga Frasi had earlier arranged to produce *Samson* at the King's on this night for her benefit. Learning that the subscribers to the opera season could enter on their own tickets on this night she decided to change nights to avoid any losses, only to find that her singers were engaged at one theatre or another on other nights. Meanwhile, Signor Passerini got permission to have this night scheduled at King's for his wife's benefit, and Sga Frasi lost out all around. Passerini asserted that the charge for renting the Great Room, Dean St. Soho was 5 guineas for a night.]

JUDAS MACCHABAEUS. Cast not listed. See 27 March.

Wednesday 3

EVERY MAN IN HIS HUMOUR. As 19 March, but add Cash – Blakes; Tib omitted. Also THE SHEPHERD'S LOTTERY. As 22 Sept. 1753, but concluding with a *Pastoral Dance* by Dennison, Mlle Auguste.

Thursday 4 DL

COMMENT. Benefit for Mr Berry (Cross). Tickets at Pope's, a Peruke-Maker, in Russel Street, Covent Garden; of Benoni Sedgley, at the Ship and Anchor, Temple Bar, and at the Stage Door. Receipts: £230 (Cross).

THE SIEGE OF DAMASCUS. As 28 Nov. 1753. Also THE LYING VALET. As 18 March.

DANCING. II: Italian Peasants, as 20 Nov. 1753; IV: Les Charboniers, as 7 March; End of Play: (By Particular Desire) Louvre and Minuet by Cooke and Miss Hilliard. COMMENT. Benefit for Cooke. Part of Pit will be laid into boxes. Tickets delivered out for the 22nd will be taken.

THE MESSIAH. Cast not listed.

COMMENT. Being the last Oratorio this season.

Friday 5

THE CONSCIOUS LOVERS. As 16 Nov. 1753, but Humphrey, Daniel omitted. Also FORTUNATUS. As 7 Jan.

Saturday 6

DANCING. By Particular Desire. The Louvre and Minuet, by Devisse and Mlle Auretti.

COMMENT. Mr Devisse has Tickets (Cross). Last till Holidays. Receipts: £180 (Cross).

THE MERCHANT OF VENICE. Shylock (the Jew) - Arthur; Antonio - Sparks; Bassanio - Ryan; Duke - Anderson; Gratiano - Dyer; Lorenzo (with songs in Character) - Lowe; Solarino - Ridout; Solanio - Gibson; Gobbo - Collins; Tubal - Stoppelaer; Launcelot - Shuter; Jessica (with a song adapted to the Character) - Mrs Chambers; Nerissa - Mrs Vincent; Portia - Mrs Bland. Also The Lying Valet. As 18 March, but Gayless, Guttle omitted.

ENTERTAINMENT. Dialogue-Epilogue between Tom Jarvis (an itinerant Turner) and his Horse.

DANCING. Les Taileurs, as 10 Dec. 1753; Italian Peasants, as 20 Nov. 1753.

COMMENT. Benefit for Arthur. By Particular Desire. No Building on Stage. Last time of performing before the Holidays.

