MUSIC. By Desire a Concerto on the Violin by Cross Jun.

COMMENT. Benefit for myself & Wife (Cross). Last time of performing the afterpiece this season. Tickets of Cross at Crown-Court, Russel St., Covent Garden, &c. Receipts: £256 (Cross).

Thursday 28

CG

DOUGLAS. As 14 March.

COMMENT. Benefit for the Author. [Last time of performing it this season, according to the advance notice for 27 April.]

THE CARELESS HUSBAND. Lady Betty Modish - Mrs Pritchard; Lady Easy -Friday 29 Mrs Davies; rest as of 23 Oct. 1756. Also THE AUTHOR. As 13 April, but DLadd Sprightly - Usher.

DANCING. New entertainment of dancing, particularly End of Play, by Desire a Minuet by Leviez and Miss Pritchard.

COMMENT. Benefit for Leviez. No Building on the stage. Tickets of Leviez at the last House on the right hand in Beaufort Buildings, Strand, &c. Receipts: £150 (Cross).

CG THE RIVAL QUEENS. As 25 Oct. 1756. Also LETHE. As 18 April. DANCING. III: Haymakers Dance, as 23 April; v: The Lamplighters, by Poitier and Mlle Capdeville. COMMENT. Benefit for Bencraft.

CREUSA. Aletes - Mossop, 1st time; Phorbas - Davies; Lycea - Mrs Bennet; Xuthus - Berry; Ilyssus - Miss Macklin; Pythia - Miss Haughton; Creusa - Mrs Pritchard. Also THE TAMER TAM'D. Palmer, Yates, Miss Pritchard, Burton, Usher, Mrs Bennet. [No assignment to characters available.] singing. By Beard.

Saturday 30

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COMMENT. Afterpiece alter'd from Beaumont & Fletcher (Cross) being a sequel to Catherine and Petruchio; or, The Taming of the Shrew (Public Advertiser). Benefit for Pritchard. Tickets of Pritchard in Great Queen St., Lincoln's Inn Fields; and at Pritchard's Warehouse in Tavistock St. [The Larpent MS 133 lists the characters: Sophocles, Tranio, Maria, Bianca, Jaques, Petruchio, Petronius, Pedro, Citizens, Countrymen, Doctor, Apothecary, 1st Watch, 2nd Watch.] Receipts: £140 (Cross).

THE STRATAGEM. As 21 Jan., but Gibbet - Holtom; Sir Charles - R. Smith; Cherry - Miss Helm. Also THE DEVIL TO PAY. As 14 Jan., but Loverule -Baker.

DANCING. By Poitier and Mlle Capdeville, unspecified.

COMMENT. Benefit for Carmichael, Prompter, Holtom, Miss Condill, and Miss Helm. Tickets deliver'd out by Mlle Vivier, Mlle Jansolin, &c. will be taken.

ROSMIRA. Partenope – Signora Passerini; Arsare – Ricciarelli; Rosmira – Signora King's Regina Mingotti (Larpent MS).

DANCING. With new dances.

COMMENT. A new Opera. Musick composed by Felice Giardini.

## May 1757

A BOLD STROKE FOR A WIFE. Feignwell - Woodward; Obediah Prim -Monday 2 Taswell; Freeman - Palmer; Anne Lovely - Miss Macklin, 1st time; Mrs Prim -



Monday 2 DL Mrs Macklin; Periwinkle – Philips; Sackbut – Bransby; Aminadab – Master Simson; Betty – Miss Minors; Modelove – Blakes; Tradelove – Burton; Simon Pure – Vaughan. Also The Tamer Tam'd. As 30 April. SINGING. I: By Miss Young.

DANCING. II: A Comic Dance [dancers unspecified]; III: A Hornpipe by Harrison; IV: A New Comic Dance.

COMMENT. Benefit for Burton and Philips. Last time of performing the Afterpiece this season. Tickets deliver'd by Mr Hayes will be taken. Mainpice: Not acted these 6 years. [See 2 Feb. 1753.] This month was published An Answer to that Important Question Whether it is lawful for the Professors of the Christian Religion to go to plays (32 pp.) [Advises members of the Congregation to read Scriptures instead.] Also published A Letter of Abuse to David Garrick. Receipts: £160 (Cross).

CG THE REFUSAL. As 12 March, but *Original Cantata* omitted. Also HARLE-QUIN STATUE. As 23 April.

SINGING. II: My Fond Shepherd, &c., by Mrs Chambers; IV: Fair Kitty, &c. by Mrs Chambers.

DANCING. III: Drunken Peasant - Miles; Clown - Bennet; V: As 10 Dec. 1756, but Miss Hillyard omitted.

COMMENT. Benefit for Miles, Mrs Baker, Mrs Chambers, Mrs Pitt.

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ACIS AND GALATEA. Cast not listed.

COMMENT. By Mr Handel. Benefit for Jonathan Snow. Pit and Boxes 55. Gallery 35. To begin at 6:30 P.M.

Tuesday 3 DL HAMLET. As 13 Dec. 1756, but Hamlet – Holland, 1st time; Polonius – Taswell; Ophelia – Mrs Cibber. Also THE LYING VALET. Melissa – Mrs Jefferson; Gayless – Jefferson; Sharp – Yates; Kitty Pry – Miss Minors. With an Epilogue on Lying written by Garrick, spoke by Yates,.

COMMENT. Benefit for Wood [Sub-Treasurer]. Mainpiece: For last time this season. Tickets deliver'd by Miss Minors will be taken. Tickets to be had of Wood at Mr Burn's in James St., Covent Garden, &c. Receipts: £140 (Cross).

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As You Like It. As 22 Nov. 1756, but Touchstone - Collins, 1st time. Also HARLEQUIN STATUE. As 23 April, but Harlequin - Miles; Colombine - Mrs Dyer; Pierrot - LaLauze. To conclude with a Dance by Lucas.

SINGING. I: A Song by Howard; III: By Particular Desire, When Phoebus the Tops of the Hills does adorn, by Lowe and Howard.

COMMENT. Benefit for Howard and Collins.

King's ROSMIRA. Cast not listed.

Wednesday 4

CREUSA. As 30 April. Also MERCURY HARLEQUIN. As 27 Dec. 1756.

COMMENT. Mainpiece: By particular Desire. Walker, Miss Barton, Miss Rousillet, Mrs Preston Tickets (Cross). Tickets delivered for the Double Dealer will be taken (Pubic Advertiser). Receipts: £80 (Cross).

CG HAMLET. As 22 March, but Hamlet – Barry; Bernardo – R. Smith; Polonius – Costollo. Also THE KNIGHTS. Hartop – Shuter; Sir Gregory – Bennet; Jenkins – White; Robin – Holtom; Jenny – Mrs Baker; Sukey – Miss Mullart; Penelope – Mrs Pitt; Tim – Costollo. To conclude with the *Drunken Peasant* by Phillips.

DANCING. IV: A Hornpipe by Poitier; V: The Lamplighters, as 29 April.

COMMENT. Benefit for Costollo and Ballard (Treasurer). Last time of performing the Mainpiece this season. Tickets sold at the doors will not be taken. [See T. Wilkinson *Memoirs*, I, 117–19 on Mrs Woffington's illness and inability to play Gertrude.]

