THE RIVAL QUEENS. As 20 Dec. 1757. Also THE LOVER HIS OWN Saturday 25 RIVAL. As 28 Sept. 1757.

DANCING. Jovial Coopers, as 7 Nov. 1757.

COMMENT. [Barry's one-third of surplus came to £40 16s. 4d. The fourteen Renters who received payments on 23 Feb. were New Renters (i.e., they had purchased shares only since the beginning of the current season). The Hutchison Mure Esq Account (See CG 1757 Estimate of Constant Expenses) lists forty shares outstanding for Old Renters at 2 shillings per night. Rich, during the next thirty days, sold new shares until by 27 March 1758 he had on his books forty-five New Renters in addition to the 40 old ones. Their names will appear as they bought in. On this night (25 Feb.) George Wolley purchased one share. This was an appropriate time to sell stock in the theatre since Rich could now show a favorable balance on his nightly Account Books of £620 3s. 9d. with all bills paid, including interest to Old Renters.] Receipts: £202 9s. (Account Book).

DEMETRIO. Cast not listed.

COMMENT. At the particular Desire of Several Persons of Quality.

King's

AGIS. As 21 Feb., but Euanthe – Mrs Yates; Sandane – Mrs Davies.

COMMENT. Receipts: £180 (Cross).

Monday 27

THE PROPHETESS. As I Feb.

COMMENT. Receipts: £135 16s. Paid Col. Philip Honywood one night's rent of one share commencing this day 2 shillings (Account Book).

AGIS. As 27 Feb.

COMMENT. By Command of the Prince of Wales. Receipts: £200 (Cross).

Tuesday 28
DL

HAMLET. As 20 Jan. Also LETHE. As 24 Jan., but Frenchman omitted. CG DANCING. Sicilian Peasants, as 17 Dec. 1757.

COMMENT. Receipts: £140 17s. Barry's 1/3 of surplus came to £20 5s. 8d.

The Renters were this night increased to 17 by purchases of one share each by Robert Randoll, Margaret Randoll, and John Powell. Paid Mr Arne for composing the Music in Dioclesian, £26 5s. (Account Book).

DEMETRIO. Cast not listed.

COMMENT. As 25 Feb. At the Particular Desire of Several Persens of Quality.

King's

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COMMENT. [During this month was published The Case of Authors . . . Stated with Regard to Booksellers, the Stage, and the Public by James Ralph. Pages 23-31 condemn both Garrick and Rich for their treatment of authors: "Those who have custody of the stage claim also custody of the Muse . . . There is no drawback on the profit of the night in old plays. . . . To fly from Garrick in case of any contempt or neglect to Mr Rich, is enough to deter any man in his senses from embarking a second time on such a hopeless voyage."]

JEPTHA. Cast not listed, but Jeptha - Beard; Iphis - Signora Frasi; Hamor - Miss Young [Mrs Scott]; Storage - Miss Frederick; Zebul - Champness (Dean, Handel's Dramatic Oratorios, p. 619).

COMMENT. With new Additions and Alterations.

