

Tuesday 14 CORIOLANUS. Coriolanus – Smith; Tullus – Ryan; Volusius – Sparks; Mene-
CG nius – Shuter; Cominius – Ridout; Galesus – Gibson; Brutus – White; Sicinius –
 Bennet; Plebeians – Dunstall, Barrington, Collins, Costollo, &c.; Volumnia –
 Miss Condill; Veturia – Mrs Hamilton. In which will be introduc'd a Roman
 Ovation after the manner of the Antients. Also THE SHEEP SHEARING.
 As 13 March, but Florizel – Smith.

DANCING. As 17 Dec. 1757.

COMMENT. Benefit for Smith. Mainpiece: Not acted these 4 years. No build-
 ing on stage. Receipts: £60 12s. 6d. plus tickets £222 5s. (boxes 458; pit 605;
 gallery 170). Charges £63. Mr Robt. Lewis came in for 1 share (Account Book).
 [Smith advertised, and it appeared his house at his benefit was too full & [there
 was] confusion in getting to places (Winston MS 8). See Smith's note in *Public
 Advertiser*, 16 March.]

King's ISSIPILE. *Cast not listed.*

COMMENT. A New Opera. The Musick newly composed by Sig Cocchi.
 New Clothes, Decorations, and Dances. [On Monday 13 March Sga Frasi published
 in the *Public Advertiser* thanks for those who supported her benefit (6 March)
 and apologized for deficiencies in the performances. Some of the principals were
 engaged in the run of the new tragedy [*The Propbetess? Mariamme?*] whose run she
 could not anticipate.]

Wednesday 15 THE MESSIAH. *Cast not listed.*

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Thursday 16 THE WAY OF THE WORLD. Mirabell – Palmer; Fainall – Havard; Witwou'd –
DL Woodward; Sir Wilful – Yates; Petulant – Blakes; Waitwell – Walker; Millamant –
 Mrs Pritchard; Lady Wishfort – Mrs Clive, 1st time; Mrs Marwood – Mrs Yates;
 Foible – Miss Minors; Mrs Fainall – Mrs Davies. Also MISS IN HER TEENS.
 Fribble – Garrick; Flash – Woodward; Captain Loveit – Palmer; Puff – Yates;
 Tag – Mrs Bennet; Bidy – Miss Minors.

SINGING. III: By Desire, *Cymon and Iphigenia* by Beard. [It had been advertised in
 advance, but this night in Act III.] Cantata by Miss Young.

COMMENT. Mrs Clive L^y Wishfort—(bad) Fribble Garrick (Cross). Benefit
 for Mrs Clive. Part of Pit laid into Boxes Tickets of her in Henrietta St. and of
 Mr Varney at the Stage Door. Receipts: £310 (Cross).

CG DOUGLAS. Douglas – Barry; Randolph – Ridout; Glenalvon – Smith; Norval –
 Sparks; Officer – Bennet; Anna – Mrs Vincent; Lady Randolph – Mrs Bellamy,
 1st time. Also LETHE. As 28 Feb.

DANCING. *Sicilian Peasants*, as 17 Dec. 1757.

COMMENT. Benefit for Sparks. Receipts: £83 2s. 6d. plus Tickets £184 12s.
 (boxes 335; pit 551; gallery 182). Advanced Mrs Bellamy on her salary £105.
 Two new Renters came in at 1 share each: Sir Thomas Robinson and Robert
 Hassell (Account Book).

Mr Smith takes this earliest opportunity to return thanks the Ladies and
 Gentlemen who honoured him with their presence at his Benefit on Tuesday Night,
 and is very sorry for any interruption that might happen in the performance.
 The indulgence of his friends that night far exceeded his most sanguine excep-
 tions; otherwise he should have provided proper accomodations for them on the
 stage (*Public Advertiser*).

[See *Theatrical Review, 1757 and Beginning of 1758*, for contemporary comment
 on mainpiece: “It is not paying it a very great, much less an undeserved compli-
 ment to give it the preference over all the dramatic pieces that have been presented
 at either house these six or seven years . . . Tears were the first praises I gave it . . .
 no play except *Lear* ever made such a strong constant impression on my feelings.”]