

I never dared to shew my face before, not being on a footing with the riotous company that used to be admitted there, to attend their several masters' call; a nuisance, from which I rejoice the managers have at length, after so many hints and solicitations, found out a method to deliver their audience. Thursday 30
King's

I remember to have seen a darkish way down a flight of steps to a dismal winding staircase, which I was told led to the footman's gallery, and, supposing that the road I was to take on this occasion, was very agreeably undeceived by being shewn up about halfway to the five shilling gallery, and by a turn through an arch introduced to a new and convenient staircase leading to this region of the gods, where I was surprised to find myself arrived before I thought I was half-way up. The managers have indeed made this place very neat and commodious, by rendering the descent much less steep, lowering and matting the benches, painting and lighting the whole place; so that I found myself as much at my ease there, as in any other part of the house, and much better situated than I had expected; likewise, by their following Mr Garrick's example, in removing the pendant lustres, and lighting after the foreign manner, you have a full view of the whole stage; by which the magnificence appears greatly increased.

The performance was beyond my expectations, as I think the performers excel any in their way which have appeared in this country; but I need not expatiate upon a subject the town in general have been, or I dare say will be, as good judges of as yours, &c.

THE ALCHEMIST. Face – Palmer; Subtle – Burton; Lovewit – Packer; Anaias – Parsons; Kastril – Yates; Surly – Baddeley; Dapper – Dodd; Tribulation – Hartry, 1st appearance on this stage; Sir Epicure – Love; Abel Drugger – Garrick; Dame Pliant – Mrs Bennet; Doll Common – Mrs Pritchard. Also A FAIRY TALE. Friday 31
DL
As 28 Oct.

COMMENT. Paid half year's rent to the Marquis of Tavistock, due Michelmas last £150 4s. 7d.; Paid George Garrick for use of the managers £21; Paid Mr Barry on his note £30; Mr Garrick (Fauxhall acct) £1 1s. Rec'd stopages £3 7s. (Treasurer's Book). Receipts: £259 13s. (Treasurer's Book).

KING JOHN. King John – Ross; Pembroke – Gardner; Prince Henry – R. Smith; Essex – Redman; Salisbury – Anderson; Bastard – Smith; Faulconbridge – Holtom; Austria – Buck; Hubert – Gibson; King of France – Clarke; Dauphin – Hull; Pandulph – Walker; Chatillion – Davis; Governor of Angiers – Wignel; Queen Elenor – Mrs Vincent; Lady Blanch – Miss Vincent; Lady Faulconbridge – Mrs Ferguson; Prince Arthur (second time) – Master Wignel; Constance – Mrs Ward. CG
Also CORONATION. As 22 Sept.

COMMENT. Receipts: £146 10s. 6d. (Account Book).

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THE COUNTRY GIRL. As 25 Oct. Also QUEEN MAB, As 29 Oct. Saturday 1
DL
DANCING. I: *The Vintage*, as 11 Oct.

COMMENT. Paid salary list £435 5s. (Treasurer's Book). Receipts: £110 (Treasurer's Book).

LOVE IN A VILLAGE. As 18 Oct. Also CATHERINE AND PETRUCHIO. CG
Petruchio – Woodward; Grumio – Shuter; Taylor – Morgan; Catherine – Mrs Green.

DANCING. II: *The Garland*, as 23 Oct.

COMMENT. Mainpiece: *By Desire*. Receipts: £147 5s. (Account Book).

- Saturday 1*
King's TRAKEBARNE GRAND MOGOL. *Cast not listed.*
COMMENT. A new Serious Opera composed by several celebrated Composers. [From the *London Evening Post*: "The Decoration of the Opera House is very splendid. The Concert Master has 50 Guineas a night, an Englishman. The First Dancer 6 Guineas a night."]
- Monday 3*
DL THE COUNTRY GIRL. As 25 Oct., but in Act III, will be introduc'd a New Song. Also QUEEN MAB. As 29 Oct.
DANCING. II: A Pantomime Dance *The Italian Bakers*, as 11 Oct.
COMMENT. *The Country Girl* published at 1s 6d. Paid B. Johnson's Head a bill £1 3s. 9d.; Paid Lawrence and Keel paper bill £7 2s. 6d. (Treasurer's Book). Receipts: £134 7s. (Treasurer's Book).
- CG KING JOHN. As 31 Oct. Also CORONATION. As 22 Sept.
COMMENT. Receipts: £125 17s. 6d. (Account Book).
- Tuesday 4*
DL TAMERLANE. Tamerlane – Havard; Moneses – Powell; Axalla – Packer; Bajazet – Holland; Dervise – Bransby; Omar – Hurst; Zama – Fox; Mirvan – Keen; Stratocles – Aickin; Hali – Strange; Prince of Tanais – Ackman; Arpasia – Mrs Yates; Selima – Mrs Palmer. With the usual *Prologue* – Bensley. In Act IV the Original Song of *O! Gentle Sleep*. by Miss Young. Also QUEEN MAB. As 29 Oct.
COMMENT. Paid Mr Palmer of Bath 2 bills for spermeccetti candles £91 3s.; Rec'd of Mr Blagden One Year's rent due at Xmas £3 10s. (Treasurer's Book). Receipts: £190 14s. (Treasurer's Book).
- CG TAMERLANE. Tamerlane – Ross; Bajazet – Smith; Moneses – Dyer; Axalla – Perry; Dervise – Walker; Omar – Gardner; Hali – Davis; Prince of Tanais – Anderson; Zama – Redman; Stratocles – Cushing; Selima – Mrs Mattocks; Arpasia – Mrs Ward. *Usual Prologue* – Dyer; Original Song, *To Thee O Gentle Sleep* – Mrs Baker. Also THE ROYAL CHACE. As 25 Oct., but add Shepherd—? Merlin – Legg.
COMMENT. Paid half year's land tax for theatre due Mich. last £37 10s. Paid ditto for House in Bow Passage £2 1s. 8d., also ½ years tax for window light in theatre £4 18s. 3d. and for same in House in Bow Passage 15s. Paid half years scavenger's rate for theatre, £2 1s. 8d., and for Bow Passage House, 2s. 1d. Paid half year's Church rate for theatre £4 3s. 4d. and for Bow Passage House 4s. 2d. (Account Book). Receipts: £125 7s. 6d. (Account Book).
- King's GLI STRAVAGANTI. *Cast not listed.*
- Wednesday 5*
DL THE COUNTRY GIRL. As 3 Nov. Also QUEEN MAB. As 29 Oct.
DANCING. II: *The Vintage*, as 11 Oct.
COMMENT. [From *The London Evening Post*: "Married: Michael Arne, music composer and son of Dr Arne, to Miss Wright, a celebrated singer of Drury Lane Theatre."] Paid Mr Evans on Wardrobe acct £10 10s. (Treasurer's Book). Receipts: £133 17s. (Treasurer's Book).
- CG KING JOHN. As 31 Oct. Also CORONATION. As 22 Sept.
COMMENT. Paid Mrs Perry for walking 6 nights in the *Coronation* £1 10s.; Paid Mr Cooper, Printer £41 16s. (Account Book). Receipts: £110 9s. 6d. (Account Book).
- Thursday 6*
DL THE COUNTRY GIRL. As 3 Nov. Also QUEEN MAB. As 29 Oct.
DANCING. II: *Italian Bakers*, as 11 Oct.
COMMENT. Mainpiece: By Particular Desire. Paid Poor's rate for St Martin's half year to Midsummer last £20 4s.; Paid printer's bill £9 6s.; Mr Bensley on note £75 (Treasurer's Book). Receipts: £106 11s. (Treasurer's Book).