Monday 7

THE REVENGE. As 14 Oct., but Carlos – Jefferson, 1st time. [J. Aickin had been hissed in the part of Carlos.] Also THE PADLOCK. As 3 Nov. DANCING. II: A Comic Dance call'd The Toung Patagonians.

COMMENT. Afterpiece: By Particular Desire.

CG ARTAXERXES. As 22 Oct. Also HARLEQUIN DR FAUSTUS. As 27 Oct., but Furies - Arnauld, &c.

DANCING. II: The Garland, as 28 Oct.

COMMENT. Afterpiece: By Particular Desire. Receipts: £199 16s. 6d. (Account Book).

Tuesday 8 THE WONDER. As 25 Oct. Also THE LOTTERY. As 31 Oct., but Scotsman – Hartry; Countrymen omitted.

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THE WAY TO KEEP H1M. Lovemore - Smith; Sir Brilliant - Bensley, 1st time;
William - Cushing; Sideboard - Holtom; Sir Bashful - Yates; Widow Belmour
(with the original song) - Miss Macklin; Lady Constant - Mrs Dyer; Muslin Mrs Green; Mignionet - Miss Pearce; Furnish - Miss Mills; Mrs Lovemore Mrs Yates. Also HARLEQUIN DR FAUSTUS. As 7 Nov., but Faust's man Banks.

DANCING. II: The Lamplighters, as I Nov. COMMENT. Receipts: £139 14s. (Account Book).

King's GLI AMANTI RIDICOLI. Cast not listed.

COMMENT. Letter from Impartial to the editor of the Public Advertiser: The managers of the Opera most certainly think themselves peculiarly unfortunate in having incurred the disapprobation of your correspondent Timotheus. . . . If . . . it has been found . . . that this Demi-critic has given his opinion to the public too precipitately, little regard will be paid to his animadversions, and the managers who, perhaps, will be found to have spared neither trouble or expense, will meet with the support they solicit. . . . The splenetic gentleman, perhaps, resides chiefly in the country, and only came to town to see some Raree Shew, consequently he might never have heard of our justly celebrated Lovattini, Guadagni, Moriggi, and so forth, with whose performances we have been so highly entertained, to whom the Nightengale, as he is pleased to call Giaccomazzi, and Luciani, for the demi-characters in the Comic will make no inconsiderable additions; from hence I conclude, that our Opera entertainments this season will exceed any we have ever had in this country.

Wednesday 9 THE EARL OF WARWICK. As 3 Oct. Also QUEEN MAB. As 11 Oct., but DL Puck - Mas. Cape, and to Conclude with a Masquerade.

COMMENT. Mr Aickin hissed for being imperfect.—This night was introduced at the end of the Pantomime a Grand Masquerade in imitation of that given by the King of Denmark at the Opera House, and lighted up after the same manner—Every performer belonging to the House was on, even Mr Garrick and his brother.—The dresses were very elegant, and the whole very striking,—and gave pleasure to the Audience (Hopkins Diary). [The masquerade remained a part of Queen Mab and was also attached to Fortunatus. It evoked the following verse in Lloyd's Evening Post, Nov. 21-23]:

One night last week a merry blade, Wbo'd seen the Royal Masquerade, And paid ten guineas for admission, Began to damn the imposition; His friend reply'd, "Tou may complain, For I last Night at Drury Lane, Saw full as much for eighteen pence, As you got at such vast expence."—G. S. C——y.

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