The Performance will be repeated on Wednesday Next (Public Advertiser). Receipts: £190 15s.

Saturday 20

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DANCING. As 16 March.

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ALONZO. As 27 Feb. Also THE WEDDING RING. As 4 March.

Monday 22

COMMENT. Eleventh and Last time of performing Mainpiece this season. Afterpiece: By Particular Desire. Othello and The Irish Widow, to have been performed this evening for Mr Barry's Benefit, oblig'd to be deferr'd till further notice (playbill). Mr Barry being Ill his Benefit which was to have been this Night is oblig'd to be deferr'd (Hopkins Diary). [So, according to Hopkins, the profits went to the house.] Receipts: £171 195. 6d.

To the Public Advertiser: Sir, I spent an agreeable evening lately with a Country Friend at the Primitive Puppet Show, and was not displeased at the ridicule pointed at the dull, spiritless stuff, which composes modern Sentimental Comedy. I was entertained too with the manner in which some of the Actors were taken off; But I cannot think mimicry worthy to furnish an Evening Entertainment for a Polite British Audience, or suited to the happy ridicule and pointed wit of Aristophanes. The old Roman comedy, as it was called, was designed for nobler purposes: it was directed to improve the head and mend the heart. The keen manly satire of that Comedy was pointed at Upstart, Braggart, Vice, and to expose the dangerous unfeeling craft of innocent Villainy, or to use the words of Mr Pope — Brand the bold front of shameless, guilty man. Such was, and such ought to be, the salutary Direction of Wit, and Satire by exhibiting characters in their genuine colours, when the mask, which disguises and conceals them from the eyes of the Weak the Credulous, and the Ignorant, is drawn off. The words of Horace are -Detrabere et pellam, nitidus qua quisque per ora Cederet, introrsum turpis. Yours, Dramaticus.

Poetry for the Public Advertiser. Epigram on the New Tragedy ALONZO.

No wonder that each female voice Resounds Alonzo's praise; A sure foundation of Applause, The crafty Author lays.

Against the Virtue of his Wife A Hushand, if he's wise According to the Gallant HOME, Should not believe his eyes.

MACBETH. Macbeth - Smith; Macduff - Clarke; Lenox - Hull; Malcolm - Perry; Banquo - Bensley; Duncan - Gardner; Seyton - Thompson; Hecate - Reinhold; Witches: Dunstall, Mrs Pitt, Quick; Vocal Parts by Mattocks, Reinhold, DuBellamy, Baker, Owenson, Fox, Mrs Baker, Mrs Lampe, Mrs Jones; Lady Macbeth - Mrs Hartley, first time. Also THE PADLOCK. As 19 Dec. 1772.

DANCING. End of Play: New Dance, as 6 Feb.

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COMMENT. Benefit for Mrs Hartley. Charges £69 2s. 6d. Profit to Mrs Hartley £89 12s. 6d., plus £90 14s. from tickets (Box 270; Pit 132; Gallery 34) (Account Book). Receipts: £158 15s.

THE DOUBLE DEALER. Maskwell – Reddish; Sir Paul Plyant – King; Careless – Palmer; Brisk – Dodd; Lord Froth – Parsons; Mellefont – Brereton; Lord Touchwood – Packer; Lady Touchwood – Mrs Hopkins; Lady Froth – Mrs Abington; Lady Plyant – Miss Younge; Saygrace – Wright; Cynthia – Miss Platt. By way of Epilogue a little piece of Descriptive Poetry (First Time) call'd The Wishing Cap, by

Tuesday 23 DL

