

September 1774

- THE DRUMMER.** Tinsel – Dodd; Sir George – J. Aickin; Vellum – Parsons; Fantome – Packer; Butler – Baddeley; Gardener – Weston; Coachman – Moody; Lady Trueman – Mrs Hopkins; Abigail – Miss Pope. Also **THE MEETING OF THE COMPANY.** Parts by King, Weston, Parsons, Aickin, Hurst, Bransby, Wright, Ackman, Miss Platt, &c. [Bayes – King; Weston – Weston; Parsons – Parsons; Patent – Aickin; Hurst – Hurst; Prompter – Ackman; Phill – Wright; Miss Platt – Miss Platt, &c. (character assignments tentative based on Huntington Library MS)]. Also **THE IRISH WIDOW.** Whittle – Parsons; Kecksey – Dodd; Sir Patrick – Moody; Bates – Baddeley; Newpew – Cauthery; Thomas – Weston; Widow (With an *Epilogue* SONG) – Mrs Greville.
- DANCING. I:** *The Irish Fair* by Atkins, Mrs Sutton, &c.
- COMMENT.** A new short Introductory Piece before a play [*The Meeting of the Company*]. This new Prelude call'd The Meeting of the Company or Bayes' Art of Acting by D. G. Esq—it is full of fine Satyr & an Excellent Lesson to all performers, it was receiv'd with very great Applause (Hopkins Diary). [MacMillan's note from Kemble differs slightly in the wording. The salaries this season were £94 7s. 8d. per day; £566 6s. per week. Kemble's note as to total receipts is short by 8 pence.] Prices: Box 5s. Pit 3s. Gallery 2s. Upper Gallery 1s. [Unfavorable review of *Meeting of the Company* in *The Westminster Magazine* (Sept., p. 472). The actor Aickin referred to this season is J. Aickin. Francis Aickin left DL before the beginning of this season. He was dismissed by Garrick in May. See Booden, *Private Correspondence of David Garrick*, I, 651–55.] Paid Renters £8; Advanced Mr Watson (box office keeper) £10; Ditto to Mr Mortimer (box office keeper) £15 (Treasurer's Book). [The funds to the box office keepers was operating cash which was returned 29 May 1775. Payment to Renters was same for each acting night until the eighty-eighth night (9 Jan. 1775) when it dropped to £4 nightly, since half of the stock holders (the Old Renters) were paid up by that time. The remaining 100 nights of the season plus 11 Oratorio nights yielded £448 to the Renters. No further mention of this item of expense will be made this season.] Total to Renters £1,152. Receipts: £212 14s. 6d. (Treasurer's Book).
- THE FAIR ORPHAN.** Parts by Kennedy, Fearon, Follett, Owenson, Jacobs, Mrs Brett, Mrs Mitteer, Mrs Nost, Mrs Roachley. Also **THE RIVAL FOOLS.** Sir Gregory – Wilson; Sir Oliver – Lloyd; Sam Simple – Kennedy; Cunningham – Fearon; Niece – Mrs Brett; Mirable – Mrs Nost; Governess – Mrs Mitteer.
- ENTERTAINMENT. II:** *Dissertation on Hobby Horses* – Wilson.
- SINGING.** *Scotch Song* – Aitkin, first appearance on that stage.
- COMMENT.** By Permission. Benefit for Fearon and Kennedy. Mainpiece: A new Comedy. Afterpiece: A farce altered from Cibber's comedy of same title].
- ALL'S WELL THAT ENDS WELL.** Parolles – Woodward; King – Hull; Lafeu – Clarke; Bertram – Lewes; Clown – Shuter; Duke – DuBellamy; Steward – Fearon; Lords – Cushing and Davis; Interpreter – Thompson; Diana – Mrs Mattocks; Widow – Miss Pearce; Countess – Mrs Hull; Helena – Miss Macklin. Also **THOMAS AND SALLY.** Squire – Mattocks; Sailor – DuBellamy; Dorcas – Mrs Baker; Sally – Mrs Mattocks.
- DANCING.** End of Play: A Comic Dance, *The Italian Gardeners*, by Mr and Miss West (Late pupils of Sg Grimaldi) their first appearance on this stage. [See DL 9 Dec. 1760.]

Saturday 17
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Monday 19
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