Saturday 25 DL

[No Performance. Whitson Eve.]

COMMENT. Paid salary list £621 16s. 6d. (Treasurer's Book).

MARLY

THE RECRUITING SERJEANT. Cast not listed. Also LA SERVA PADRONA.

ENTERTAINMENT. Piety in Pattens, and the Spouting Club.

Monday 27 DL

KING RICHARD III. Richard - Garrick, first time in 5 years; Catesby - Packer; King Henry - Reddish; Lady Anne - Mrs Siddons, first time; Prince Edward -Miss P. Hopkins. Rest as 12 Dec. 1775. Also THE DEVIL TO PAY. As 5 Dec. 1775, but Sir John Loverule - Vernon.

COMMENT. Ladies send servants by 5 to keep Places and prevent Confusion. Doors will be opened at half after five o'clock. To begin at half after 6 o'clock (playbill). Mr G. Voice and Spirits was never finer he never wanted Spirit or Voice thro' the whole part and Convinced the Audience that those Amazing powers he has always possess'd are now as brilliant as ever. Never was a part play'd with greater Propriety nor an Audience more lavish of their Applause (Hopkins Diary). [Mac-Millan's note from Kemble differs slightly.] [A full column letter for the Morning Chronicle this date from Theatricus to Garrick protested the fact that his announced benefit for the Theatrical Fund on the 30th of May would be all sold out to the highest bidders for tickets; that a nobleman offering ten Guineas for four box seats would get them in preference to the tradesmen who offered only a pound, the stated price of the tickets. Since charity was the cause this writer suggested that Garrick give a second benefit night to the Fund, with the hopes (1) that the Fund would be thereby vastly increased, and (2) that opportunity might be given for twice as many people to see a Garrick final performance. It was, perhaps, in response to this public request that Garrick gave a second Benefit night for the Fund on 10 June. The Morning Post, 20 May, noted: "The concourse of servants assembled yesterday morning at seven o'clock, at Drury Lane Stage Door, to take places for the approaching benefit, in which it is said Mr Garrick will again play Richard III, was astonishing, amounting to many hundreds, three fourths of which were not able to succeed in their embassies" (Hampden, Journal).] Receipts: £307 3s. 6d. (Treasurer's Book).

THE DUENNA. As 16 Dec. 1775. Also THREE WEEKS AFTER MAR-CG RIAGE. As 2 May, but Thompson replaces Young. DANCING. End of Opera: The Humours of the New-Market Races, as 3 May. COMMENT. Doors open half past 5. To begin half past 6 o'clock.

THE MINOR. Smirk and Mrs Cole - Foote; Minor - Aickin; Shift (with Imi-HAY tations) - Bannister; Sir William - Baddeley; Sir Richard - Fearon; Loader -Palmer; Transfer - Jackson; Dick - Stephens; Lucy - Miss Ambrose. Also THE AUTHOR. Cadwallader - Foote; Young Cape - Aickin; Sprightly - Fearon; Gov. Cape - L'Estrange; Vamp - Baddeley, first time in that character; Poet -Jones; Printer's Devil - Walters; Robin - Lloyd; Arabella - Miss Ambrose; Mrs Cadwallader - Mrs Gardner. DANCING. The Haymakers.

[Fragmentary dramatic entertainments]: Serenata; the Milkmaid; the Spouting Club; MARLY the Recruiting Serjeant; Shylock's Plot; and the Catch Club. No casts listed. COMMENT. [The formula for Mary-le-bone this season is Entertainment in three parts, into which skits seem to be inserted.]

LA BUONA FIGLIUOLA. As 12 Dec. 1775. Tuesday 28 DANCING. As 16 May, Le Matelotes, Ballet Pastoral; as 12 March, Astolphe. King's COMMENT. By Particular Desire.

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