Wednesday 4

COMMENT. Afterpiece [1st time; BURL 2, by Charles Dibdin, based on THE LOVES OF MARS AND VENUS, by Peter Anthony Motteux]: With New Scenes and Dresses. The Music chiefly composed by Dibdin. [Dr Arne and Dr Arnold each wrote one air.] Books of the Burletta to be had at the Theatre. Public Advertiser, 5 Feb. 1778: This Day at Noon is published POOR VULCAN! (1s.). [The playbill lists Reinhold in place of Mahon, but on the Kemble playbill his name is deleted and a MS annotation substitutes Mahon's.] Receipts: £232 5s. 6d. (230/2/6; 2/3/0).

Thursday 5 DL THE BATTLE OF HASTINGS. As 24 Jan. Also COMUS. As 15 Dec. 1777. COMMENT. Receipts: £137 10s. 6d. (119/16/0; 17/7/0; 0/7/6).

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KING LEAR. As 13 Oct. 1777, but Cordelia – Mrs Jackson. Also POOR VUL-CAN! As 4 Feb., but Mahon's name listed in playbill. COMMENT. Receipts: £201 31. 6d. (198/6/6; 2/17/0).

Friday 6 DL CYMON. As 20 Jan., but Dæmon of Revenge – Gaudry. Also THE NOTE OF HAND. As 2 Feb.

COMMENT. Receipts: £140 19s. 6d. (120/14/0; 20/4/6; 0/1/0).

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SHE WOU'D AND SHE WOU'D NOT. Don Manuel – Wilkinson; Don Philip – Wroughton; Don Octavio – Whitfield; Trappanti (1st time) – Lee Lewes // Flora – Mrs Lessingham; Rosara – Miss Leeson; Viletta – Mrs Pitt; Hyppolita – Mrs Bulkley (1st appearance in that character). Also THE AUTHOR. Cadwallader – Wilkinson; Young Cape – Whitfield; Vamp – Wilson; Governor Cape – Fearon; Sprightly – Robson // Arabella – Miss Ambrose; Mrs Cadwallader – Mrs Green. With the Original *Prologue*. Also TEA; or, Tragedy a-la-Mode. Golcondus – Wilkinson; The King, Lindamira, &c. to the best Advantage. DANCING. As 29 Jan.

COMMENT. Benefit for Wilkinson. Mainpiece: Not acted these 3 years. [Afterpiece: Prologue by Samuel Foote. For an account of TEA see Tate Wilkinson, The Wandering Patentee, 1795, I, 282—90.] Receipts: £221 os. 6d. (217/5/6; tickets: 3/15/0) (charge: £70).

Saturday 7 DL EVERY MAN IN HIS HUMOUR. As 2 Jan. Also THE QUAKER. As 7 Oct. 1777.

DANCING. As 3 Feb.

COMMENT. Receipts: £118 7s. (97/18; 20/9; 0/0).

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PERCY. As 10 Dec. 1777. Also POOR VULCAN! As 5 Feb., but Fox in place of Battishill.

COMMENT. Receipts: £180 8s. 6d. (176/4/6; 4/4/0).

King's

ERIFILE. Principal Characters by Roncaglia, Adamberger, Coppola // Sga Prudom, Sga Danzi. [Cast from libretto (T. Cadell, 1778): Cleomene – Francesco Roncaglia; Learco – Valentino Adamberger; Cresfonte – Giuseppe Coppola // Ermione – Sga Prudom; Erifile – Sga Francesca Danzi.]

DANCING. End of Act 1 La Polonaise Favourite, as 31 Jan.; End of Act II Les Bobémiens, as 16 Dec. 1777; End of Opera a Divertisement by Mons and Mlle Banti, Vallouy le cadet, Mlle Baccelli.

SINGING. In Act II an Air, accompanied on the Hautboy by Le Brun, by Sga Danzi. [This was sung, as here assigned, in all subsequent performances.]

COMMENT. A new Serious Opera [1st time; SER 3, by Giovanni de Gamerra]. With grand Chorusses. The Music entirely new by Antonio Sacchini.

