As 27 Jan.

JULIUS CAESAR. As 15 Feb. Also THE CAMP. As 13 Nov. 1779. COMMENT. THE OLD BATCHELOR [announced on playbill of 17 Feb.] is obliged to be deferr'd on account of King's illness. Receipts: £161 75. (107/3; 53/9; 0/15).

Saturday 19

THE BEGGAR'S OPERA. AS 12 Feb. Also HARLEQUIN EVERY-WHERE.

COMMENT. Receipts: £253 1s. (250/2; 2/19).

QUINTO FABIO. As 22 Jan. DANCING. End of Act I Pastoral Ballet, as 27 Nov. 1779; End of Act II Masquerade Dance, as 21 Dec. 1779, but omitted: Henry; End of Opera Serious Ballet, as 22 Jan.

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THE TIMES. As 4 Dec. 1779. Also FORTUNATUS. As 27 Jan. COMMENT. Benefit for the Author [of mainpiece]. Receipts: £186 55. (140/12; 27/10; 0/12; tickets: 17/11) (charge: £105).

Monday 21 DL

CG KING LEAR. As 19 Nov. 1779, but King Lear – A Gentleman (1st appearance [Bludrick]) // Cordelia - Mrs Jackson. Also Comus. As 17 Feb. COMMENT. [Bludrick is identified by MS annotation on Kemble playbill.] Receipts: £230 13s. (228/4; 2/9).

THE RIVALS. Sir Anthony Absolute - King; Acres - Dodd; Sir Lucius O'Trigger -Moody; David - Parsons; Fag - Baddeley; Coachman - Griffiths; Faulkland -Brereton (1st appearance in that character); Captain Absolute - Palmer // Mrs Malaprop - Mrs Hopkins; Julia - Mrs Baddeley; Lucy - Mrs Wrighten; Lydia Languish - Miss Farren (1st appearance in that character). Also FORTUNATUS.

Tuesday 22

COMMENT. Receipts: £134 8s. (103/15/0; 30/10/6; 0/2/6).

THE BELLE'S STRATAGEM. Principal Characters by Lewis, Wroughton, Lee Lewes, Aickin, Whitfield, Robson, Edwin, L'Estrange, Thompson, Wewitzer, Fearon, Booth, Jones, W. Bates, Quick // Mrs Hartley, Mrs Mattocks, Mrs Morton, Miss Morris, Miss Stewart, Mrs Poussin, Mrs Webb, Mrs White, Miss Younge. [Cast from text (T. Cadell, 1782): Doricourt – Lewis; Sir George Touchwood – Wroughton; Flutter - Lee Lewes; Saville - Aickin; Villers - Whitfield; Courtall -Robson; Silvertongue - Edwin [in text: W. Bates]; Gentlemen - L'Estrange, Thompson; French Valet - Wewitzer; Porter - Fearon; Dick - Stevens; Mountebank - Booth; Crowquill - Jones; Hardy - Quick // Lady Frances Touchwood -Mrs Hartley; Mrs Racket - Mrs Mattocks; Miss Ogle - Mrs Morton; Kitty Willis - Miss Stewart; Lady - Mrs Poussin; Letitia Hardy - Miss Younge. W. Bates, Miss Morris, Mrs Webb, Mrs White are unassigned.] Prologue spoken by Edwin. Epilogue spoken by Miss Younge. [These were spoken as here assigned, at all subsequent performances.] Also CROSS PURPOSES. As 22 Sept. 1779.

COMMENT. Mainpiece [1st time; c 5, by Hannah Cowley. Miss Younge had a song [Wake, thou son of dullness] composed by Michael Arne. Authors of

Prologue and Epilogue unknown]: New Scenes and Dresses.

Account-Book, 16 June: Paid Mrs Cowley for suspending the publication of the Belle's Stratagem £100. Public Advertiser, 1 Apr. 1782: In a few Days will be published THE BELLE'S STRATAGEM. A spurious Copy having been published in Ireland [in 1781] make[s] it necessary to observe that the above is the genuine Comedy, as performed at Covent Garden Theatre. Ibid., 9 Apr. 1782: This Day is published THE BELLE'S STRATAGEM (1s. 6d.). Receipts: £213 19s. (212/15/ 6; 1/3/6).

