*Monday 3* HAY DANCING. In Act III of mainpiece a Hornpipe by Master Byrn. [This was danced, as here assigned, in all subsequent performances.]

COMMENT. Ist piece: In 3 Scenes of Dialogue. 2nd piece: The Music compiled by Pepusch. [The playbill assigns Filch to Mrs Wilson and Mat o' th' Mint to Miss Morris, but "Miss Morris was merely a temporary substitute for Mrs Wilson who, it seems, is too far advanced in her pregnancy to dress *en bomme*" (Morning Chronicle, 4 June). But beginning with 7 June Mrs Wilson acted regularly until 3 Aug. Who acted Mat o' th' Mint on this present night has not come to light; the part was perhaps omitted.] 3rd piece: Ballet Tragi-comique. Composed by Signior Novestris [i.e. George Colman, the elder]. The Music by Gluck. With new Scenes, Dresses and Decorations. Machinist and Painter – Sg Rookereschi. Tailor – Sg Walkerino.

Places for the Boxes to be taken of Rice at the Theatre. The Doors to be opened at 6:00. To begin at 7:00 [same throughout season]. Boxes 55. Pit 35. 1st Gallery 25. Upper Gallery 15.

King's I VIAGGIATORI FELICI. As 11 Dec. 1781. DANCING. End of Act 1 New Dance, as 7 May, but omitted: Sga Crespi; End of Act 11 Medea and Jason, as 11 Apr.

Tuesday 4 HAY
THE NABOB. Sir Mathew Mite – Palmer; Mr Oldham – Aickin; Sir John Oldham – Usher; Touchit – Baddeley; Antiquarian – Massey; Waiter – R. Palmer; Nathan – Barrett; Moses – Pierce; Conserve – Egan; Secretary – Davis; Janus – Parsons; Putty – Edwin // Mrs Matchem – Mrs Webb; Sophy – Mrs Cuyler; Crocus – Mrs W. Palmer; Lady Oldham – Miss Sherry. Also THE AGREEABLE SURPRISE! Characters by Bannister, Wilson, Wood, Webb, Egan, Stevens, Painter, Kenny, Edwin // Mrs Webb, Mrs Wells, Miss Harper. [Cast from Songs (T. Cadell, 1782): Compton – Bannister; Sir Felix Friendly – Wilson; Eugene – Wood; Chicane – Webb; John – Egan; Thomas – Stevens; Stump – Painter; Cudden – Kenny; Lingo – Edwin // Mrs Cheshire – Mrs Webb; Fringe – Mrs Poussin [see 6 June]; Cowslip – Mrs Wells; Laura – Miss Harper.]

COMMENT. Afterpiece: Written by the Author of THE SON-IN-LAW [John O'Keeffe]. The Overture and New Musick composed by Dr Arnold. "The same person who, in the play, performed the *scbool-fellow* of the *Nabob* with a great deal of nature, and original humour, here acted the part of the school-master; his name is Edwin, and he is, without doubt, one of the best actors of all that I have seen . . . [He], in all his comic characters, still preserves something so inexpressibly good tempered in his countenance, that notwithstanding all his burlesques, and even grotesque buffoonery, you cannot but be pleased with him . . . Nothing could equal the tone and countenance of self-satisfaction, with which he answered one who asked him whether he was a scholar? 'Why, I was a master of scholars.' A Mrs Webb represented a cheesmonger, and played the part of a woman of the lower class, so naturally, as I have no where else ever seen equalled. Her huge, fat, and lusty carcase, and the whole of her external appearance seemed quite to be cut out for it'' (Carl Philipp Moritz, *Travels in England in 1782*, London, 1924, pp. 73-74).

Wednesday 5 A PRELUDIO. As 3 June. Also THE BEGGAR'S OPERA. As 3 June, but HAY omitted: Mat o' th' Mint. Also MEDEA AND JASON. As 3 June.

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LA BUONA FIGLIUOLA. As 15 Jan.

DANCING. End of Act I New Dance, as 3 June, but added: a Minuet by Le Picq and Mme Simonet; End of Act II an entirely new heroic Ballet, composed by Noverre, Apelles and Campaspe; or, The Generosity of Alexander the Great, by Le Picq, Mme Simonet, Gardel, Simonet, Sga Crespi, Mlle Theodore. [Partial cast from Morning Herald, 6 June (which also has a synopsis of the action): Apelles – Le Picq; Alexander-Gardel // Campaspe – Mme Simonet.]

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