Friday 22 CG ROBIN HOOD. As 12 Oct. Also ST. PATRICK'S DAY. As 12 Oct., but added: Corporal – Thompson; Flint – Stevens.

DANCING. End of mainpiece a new Dance, Leap Year; or, A New Way of Wooing

(composed by Byrn) by Byrn, Mrs Davenett, Mrs Goodwin.

Saturday 23 DL JANE SHORE. Hastings – Smith; Gloster – Aickin; Belmour – Packer; Ratcliff – R. Palmer; Catesby – Phillimore; Derby – Chaplin; Shore – Bensley // Alicia – Miss Kemble; Jane Shore–Mrs Siddons. Also Catherine and Petruchio. Petruchio – Palmer; Grumio – Baddeley; Baptista – Wright; Biondello – R. Palmer; Taylor – Burton; Pedro – Phillimore; Music-master – Fawcett; Hortensio – Wilson // Bianca – Miss Simson; Curtis – Mrs Love; Catherine – Mrs Wrighten. COMMENT. Receipts: £280 51. (253/11; 26/9; 0/5).

*Monday 25* DL THE BEGGAR'S OPERA. As 25 Sept. Also HARLEQUIN JUNIOR. As 23 Sept.

DANCING. As 2 Oct.

COMMENT. Receipts: £131 2s. (106/17/0; 24/2/6; 0/2/6).

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ROMEO AND JULIET. Romeo - A Young Gentleman (1st appearance on any stage [Holman]); Capulet - Clarke; Friar Lawrence - Hull; Benvolio - Davies; Prince - Fearon; Paris - Bonnor; Tibalt - Cubitt; Montague - Thompson; Peter - Stevens; Apothecary - Jones; Mercutio - Lewis // Lady Capulet - Mrs Poussin; Nurse - Mrs Pitt; Juliet - Miss Younge (1st time at this theatre). Before the play an Occasional Address [spoken by Hull]. Also The Musical Lady. As I Oct. SINGING. End of Act IV of mainpiece Juliet's Funeral Procession, with the Solema Dirge. Vocal Parts by Johnstone, Brett, Baker, Cubitt, Gaudry, Pemberton, Whitaker, Darley, Doyle // Mrs Bannister, Miss Wheeler, Mrs Martyr, Mrs Morton, Miss Stuart, Mrs Davenett, Miss Cranfield, Mrs Kennedy.

COMMENT. [Holman is identified on playbill of 5 Nov. Address by John Barwis (European Magazine, Oct. 1784, p. 336, which also lists name of speaker).] Mainpiece: With new Dresses, Scenery and Decorations. In Act 1 a Masquerade Scene. [This

notice is included in all subsequent playbills.]

"This easy and natural performance of Holman . . . will prove a fatal blow to the cause of the Attitudinarians and Face-makers; to those who think dramatic excellence consists in . . . finding out meanings that were never meant . . . in stretching out their fingers like monkies dying in convulsions . . . in uttering their words like minute-guns at royal funerals" (Public Advertiser, I Nov.). "Why does Romeo wear black in the last Act? Is it on account of his banishment? He has not heard of Juliet's death" (Gazetteer, 28 Oct.).

Tuesday 26 DL As YOU LIKE IT. Touchstone - King; Orlando - Brereton; Amiens (with songs) - Williames; Duke Senior - Aickin; Adam - Moody; Oliver - Packer; Duke Frederick - Chaplin; Silvius - R. Palmer; Jaques de Bois - Fawcett; Corin - Waldron; Charles - Wrighten; William - Burton; Le Beu - Phillimore; Jaques - Palmer // Caelia (with the Cuckow song) - Mrs Wilson; Audrey - Mrs Wrighten; Phoebe - Miss Barnes; Rosalind - Miss E. Kemble. Also Bon Ton; or, High Life above Stairs. Sir John Trotley (with the original Prologue) - King; Colonel Tivy - Brereton; Davy - Parsons; Jessamy - Burton; Lord Minikin - Dodd // Lady Minikin - Miss Pope; Gymp - Miss Tidswell; Miss Tittup - Miss Farren.

DANCING. End of Act 1 of mainpiece The Sportsmen's Return, as 16 Sept.

singing. In Act v of mainpiece a song by Miss Field. [This was sung, as here assigned, in all subsequent performances.]

COMMENT. Afterpiece: Not acted these 2 years. [Prologue by George Colman, the elder.] Receipts: £129 10s. (99/2; 30/4; 0/4).



ROMEO AND JULIET. As 25 Oct. Occasional Address as 25 Oct. Also THE Tuesday 26 POOR SOLDIER. As 21 Sept. CG SINGING. As 25 Oct.

TANCRED AND SIGISMUNDA. Tancred - Kemble; Siffredi - Bensley; Osmond - Barrymore; Rhodolpho - R. Palmer; Officers - Phillimore, Wilson, Chaplin, &c. // Laura - Miss Kemble; Sigismunda - Mrs Siddons. Also THE QUAKER. As 30 Sept.

Wednesday 27 DI.

COMMENT. Receipts: £188 19s. 6d. (174/19/0; 13/1/6; 0/9/0; tickets not come in: 0/10/0).

RULE A WIFE AND HAVE A WIFE. Leon – Henderson; Duke – Cubitt; Cacafogo – Booth; Juan – Davies; Sanchio – Thompson; Alonzo – Fearon; Copper Captain – Lewis // Margaretta – Mrs Inchbald; Clara – Miss Platt; Altea – Mrs Morton; Old Woman – Mrs Pitt; Maid – Mr Besford; Estifania – Mrs Abington. Also The Sultan. Solyman – Davies; Osman – Fearon // Ismene – Mrs Martyr; Elmira – Mrs Inchbald; Roxalana – Mrs Abington. Dancing. End of mainpiece, as 22 Oct.; Afterpiece to conclude with a Grand Dance. Chief of the Bostanges – Harris; Principal Female Dancers – Mrs Ratchford, Miss Besford.

COMMENT. Afterpiece: Taken from Solyman the Magnificent of Marmontel.

DECEPTION. Principal Characters by Palmer, Dodd, Bensley, Brereton, Aickin, Parsons // Miss Pope, Mrs Wilson, Miss Farren. [Cast from European Magazine, Oct. 1784, p. 328: Wharton – Palmer; Vainlove – Dodd; Sir Henry Lofty – Bensley; Henry – Brereton; Lord Courtly – Aickin; Mr Salter – Parsons // Lady Betty Friendly – Miss Pope; Miss Salter – Mrs Wilson; Clarissa – Miss Farren.] Prologue spoken by Bannister Jun. Epilogue spoken by Miss Farren. Also THE PADLOCK. As 19 Oct.

Thursday 28

DANCING. End of Act IV of mainpiece a New Dance incident to the Piece by Mr and Miss Hamoir.

COMMENT. Mainpiece [1st time; C 5, author unknown; frequently attributed to Thomas Vaughan, but his authorship denied in a letter written by him to editor of the Oracle, 13 Feb. 1796. Author of Prologue unknown. Epilogue by Edward Topham (European Magazine, Nov. 1784, p. 393). MS: Larpent 670; not published; synopsis of plot in London Magazine, Nov. 1784, p. 389]. Receipts: £161 25. 6d. (142/9/0; 18/0/6; 0/13/0).

THE MAN OF THE WORLD. Sir Pertinax Macsycophant - Macklin; Lord Lumbercourt - Wilson; Sydney - Aickin; Melville - Clarke; Counsellor Plausible - Jones; Serjeant Eitherside - Booth; Tomlins - Stevens; Sam - Ledger; John - Thompson; Egerton - Lewis // Constantia - Miss Ranoe; Betty Hint - Mrs Morton; Lady Macsycophant - Miss Platt; Nanny - Mrs Davenett; Lady Rodolpha Lumbercourt - Miss Younge. Also ROSINA. Belville - Johnstone; Captain Belville - Brett; Rustic - Davies; Irishman - Egan; William - Mrs Kennedy // Phoebe - Mrs Martyr; Dorcas - Mrs Pitt; Rosina - Mrs Bannister.

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THE PROVOK'D HUSBAND. Probably as 18 Sept. Also THE GENTLE SHEPHERD. As 18 Oct.

Friday 29

COMMENT. [As mainpiece the playbill announces DECEPTION, but "The Author...gave evident marks of good sense... by withdrawing his Piece yester-day noon, in the room of which THE PROVOK'D HUSBAND was substituted" (Public Advertiser, 30 Oct.).] Orders and Free List £34 5s. Receipts: £54 10s. 6d. (41/9/0; 12/17/6; 0/4/0).

