Saturday 7 CG

COMMENT. Benefit for Wilson. 1st piece [1st time; PREL 1, by John Dent. On 16 Aug. acted at HAY under its 2nd title]. 2nd piece: As altered in 3 acts by Garrick. [Kean was from the HAY.]

King's

ARTASERSE. As 16 Apr.

DANCING. End of Act I Robin Gray, as 21 Apr.; End of Opera The Deserter, as 11 Jan.

Monday 9 DL

THE CLANDESTINE MARRIAGE. As 30 Sept. 1784, but Brush – [Lee] Lewes. Also THE DEAF LOVER. Meadows - [Lee] Lewes; Canteen - Suett; Young Wrongward - Phillimore; John - Burton; Joe - Wilson; Groom - Fawcett; Sternhold - Wrighten; Cook - Chaplin; William - Alfred; Old Wrongward - Baddeley // Sophia – Miss Palmer; Chambermaid – Miss Barnes; Betsy Blossom (with songs) – Mrs Wilson.

DANCING. As 18 Sept. 1784.

COMMENT. Benefit for [Lee] Lewes. Receipts: £144 6s. (25/9/0; 14/15/6; 0/7/6; tickets: 103/14/0) (charge: £,105 19s. 4d.).

CG

FASHIONABLE LEVITIES. As 2 Apr. Also BARATARIA. As 27 Apr.

Tuesday 10

MACBETH. As 7 Feb. Also Bon Ton. As 26 Oct. 1784.

COMMENT. Benefit for a Fund for the Relief of those who from their Infirmities shall be obliged to retire from the Stage. [Ernst Brandes quoted in J. A. Kelly, p. 109: Brandes has much to say on the subject of Shakespeare . . . He regrets that the role of Ophelia is assigned in both theaters on the strength of the candidate's accomplishments as a singer, which he considers relatively unimportant; and that the mania for operettas has been allowed to disfigure several of Shakespeare's plays. The Tempest had been debased to an opera, and a whole army of witches had been added to the cast of Macbeth, so that witches' arias and witches' choruses might be introduced.] Receipts: £241 10s. (131/16/0; 12/17/6; 1/1/6; tickets: 95/15/0) (charge: free).

CG THE FOLLIES OF A DAY. As 19 Mar. Also THE POOR SOLDIER. AS 11 Dec. 1784.

King's

IL PITTORE PARIGINO. As 15 Mar.

DANCING. End of Act 1 New Divertissement, as 3 Mar., but omitted: Frederic, and Dance in Wooden Shoes; End of Opera Il Convitato di Pietra, as 12 Mar.

DL

Wednesday 11 THE WAY TO KEEP HIM. Lovemore - Smith; Sir Brilliant Fashion - Dodd; William – Baddeley; John – Phillimore; Sideboard – Burton; Sir Bashful Constant – King // Mrs Lovemore - Mrs Hedges; Muslin - Miss Pope; Lady Constant - Mrs Brereton; Mignionet - Miss Hale; Widow Belmour (with a song) - Miss Farren. Also Who's the Dupe? As 21 Oct. 1784.

SINGING. End of mainpiece Stand to your guns by Bannister; Bright Phoebus has mounted the chariot of day by Dignum; Jack, thou art a toper and Toby's brown jug by Dignum, Suett, Williames, Barrymore.

COMMENT. Benefit for Spencer and Mrs Hedges. Mainpiece: Not acted these 2 years. Receipts: £173 16s. 6d. (17/3/0; 10/6/0; 0/11/6; tickets: 145/16/0) (charge: £,105 11s. 4d.).

CG

RULE A WIFE AND HAVE A WIFE. As 27 Oct. 1784. Also THE LAWYERS' PANIC. As 7 May, but added: Jones, Newton, Thompson, Bates, Darley, Painter, Besford, Bonnor // Miss Brangin; omitted: Cubitt, Wilson. Also THREE WEEKS AFTER MARRIAGE. As 5 Mar.

COMMENT. Benefit for Wild [prompter]. Public Advertiser, 7 May: Tickets to be had of Wild, No. 17, Bow-street, Covent Garden. The unfortunate circumstance of breaking his leg . . . has prevented his attending the theatre the whole season [and see 18 Apr.].

