## February 1787

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Tbursday 1 CYMBELINE. As 29 Jan. Also THE FIRST FLOOR. As 13 Jan. DL DANCING. End of Act III of mainpiece, as 13 Jan. SINGING. In Act 11 of mainpiece Dr Cook[e]'s Glee, Hark! the Lark at Heav'n's Gate sings, by Dignum, Williames, Danby, Master Clarke, &c. COMMENT. Paid One Half Yrs Land Tax £48 2s. 4d. Receipts: £264 18s. (249/1/0; 15/12/6; 0/4/6).HE WOU'D BE A SOLDIER. As 12 Jan. Also THE TWO MISERS. As CG 30 Nov. 1786. DANCING. As 31 Jan. COMMENT. Benefit for the Author [of mainpiece, who is named in the Account-

Book, but not on the playbill]. Receipts: £206 13s. 6d. (200/2/6; 6/11/0; tickets: none listed).

Friday 2 RULE A WIFE AND HAVE A WIFE [1st 3 acts only]. As 10 Jan., but Altea -Miss Tidswell. [Also RICHARD COEUR DE LION, announced, but not acted.]

> COMMENT. "Friday night, about 20 minutes before eight o'clock, on the conclusion of the third act, a very serious alarm took place at Drury Lane Theatre. A fire broke out at an oil-shop, the corner of Little Brydges-street. The flames appearing through the windows at the back of the upper gallery, the alarm of fire spread through many parts of the house. [The audience was dismissed, those in the boxes] passing over the stage into Russel-street . . . Some of the box and pit company continued for a time on the stage with the performers, some of whom were dressed in character, others half dressed, and the appearance [was] truly motley" (Public Advertiser, 5 Feb.). Receipts: £133 12s. (129/10; "An Alarm of Fire prevented the 2nd Acct."; 3/12; tickets not come in: 0/10).

THE MAN OF THE WORLD. As 15 Dec. 1786. Also THE POOR SOLDIER. CG As 31 Oct. 1786.

COMMENT. Receipts: £257 31. (250/19/6; 6/3/6).

[Theatre dark] Saturday 3 DL COMMENT. "It is apprehended that ... on Account of the Fire ... in Bridge'sstreet [see 2 Feb.], the Avenues to the Theatre will be . . . impassable, for which Reason there will not be any Performance" (Public Advertiser, 3 Feb.). [CYMBELINE and THE FIRST FLOOR were announced on playbill of 2 Jan.] THE MERRY WIVES OF WINDSOR. As 29 Nov. 1786. Also LOVE IN A CG CAMP. As 25 Nov. 1786. COMMENT. Receipts: £,191 (180/7; 10/13). King's GIANNINA E BERNARDONE. As 9 Jan. DANCING. As 20 Jan. throughout. COMMENT. Receipts: £186 155. [non-subscription].

Monday 5 CYMBELINE. As 29 Jan. Also THE FIRST FLOOR. As 13 Jan. DL DANCING. As I Feb. SINGING. As I Feb. COMMENT. By Command of Their Majesties. Receipts: £318 8s. (304/1; 14/2; 0/5).

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