Thursday 27 THE RECRUITING OFFICER. As 29 Jan., but Melinda – Mrs Bernard. Also OMAI. As 24 Mar.

COMMENT. Receipts: £163 171. 6d. (158/9/6; 5/8/0).

Friday 28 LOVE IN THE EAST. As 25 Feb. Also BON TON. As 6 Nov. 1787, but Lord Minikin – Dodd; omitted: Gymp.

COMMENT. Receipts: £103 125. (82/16/0; 19/19/6; 0/16/6).

THE RIVALS. Faulkland – Lewis; Captain Absolute – Bernard; Sir Anthony Absolute – Fearon; Sir Lucius O'Trigger – Johnstone; Fag – Brown; David – Wewitzer; Coachman – Thompson; Acres – Quick // Julia – Miss Brunton; Mrs Malaprop – Mrs Webb; Lucy – Miss Stuart; Lydia Languish – Mrs Pope. Also THE POOR SOLDIER. As 17 Sept. 1787, but Norah – Miss Rowson. DANCING. End of mainpiece The Irish Lilt by Mr and Mrs Ratchford.

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The Regent. Principal Characters by Kemble, Aickin, Barrymore, Packer, Bates, Wilson, Phillimore, Chaplin, Benson, Alfred, Spencer, Wroughton // Mrs Ward, Mrs Siddons. [Cast from text (J. Robson and W. Clarke, 1788): Manuel – Kemble; Solerno – Aickin; Ansaldo – Barrymore; Gerbin – Packer; Diego – Bates; Servant – Wilson; Banditti – Phillimore, Chaplin; Pedro – Benson; Gomez – Wroughton; Carlos – Master Gregson // Paula – Mrs Ward; Dianora – Mrs Siddons. Alfred, Spencer are unassigned.] Prologue spoken by Wroughton. Epilogue spoken by Mrs Siddons. [These were spoken, as here assigned, at all subsequent performances.] Also The Miller of Mansfield. The King – Whitfield; Richard – R. Palmer; Joe (with a song) – Williames; Lord Lurewell – Benson; Courtiers – Phillimore, Lyons; Keepers – Fawcett, Jones, Alfred; The Miller – Moody // Kate – Mrs Wilson; Peggy – Miss Collins; Margery – Mrs Hopkins.

COMMENT. Mainpiece [1st time; T 5, by Bertie Greatheed. Prologue by the Rev. David Williams. Epilogue by Hester Lynch Piozzi (see text)]: With new Scenes, Dresses, and Decorations. *Public Advertiser*, 20 May 1788: This Day is published The Regent (1s. 6d.). Afterpiece: Not acted these 12 years [acted 29 May 1779].

"I do think that Mrs Siddons for Vigour of Action, pathetic Tone of Voice, & a sort of Radiance which comes round her in Scenes where strong heroic Virtues are displayed, never had her Equal" (*Thraliana*, 11, 715).

Receipts: £226 13s. (211/1; 14/4; 0/18; tickets not come in: 0/10).

THE BEGGAR'S OPERA. Captain Macheath – Mrs Kennedy (last appearance in that character); Peachum – Booth; Lockit – Thompson; Mat o' the Mint – Darley; Ben Budge – Ledger; Filch – Wewitzer // Lucy – Mrs Martyr; Mrs Peachum – Mrs Webb; Jenny Diver – Mrs Morton; Diana Trapes – Mrs Pitt; Polly – A Young Lady (2nd appearance on any stage [Mrs Ferguson]). Also Tom Thumb. Tom Thumb – Master Simmons; Grizzle – Edwin; Doodle – Davies; Noodle – Cubitt; Ghost – Darley; Arthur – Quick // Huncamunca – Mrs Kennedy; Glumdalca – Mrs Webb; Dollalolla – Mrs Martyr.

DANCING. In Act III of mainpiece a Hornpipe by Mrs Ratchford; End of mainpiece, as 29 Nov. 1787.

COMMENT. Benefit for Mrs Kennedy. [Mrs Ferguson is identified in Gazetteer, 1 Apr.] Receipts: £293 15s. 6d. (143/4/0; 3/8/6; tickets: 147/3/0).

King's LA CAMERIERA ASTUTA. As 4 Mar.

DANCING. End of Act 1 New Dance, as 15 Mar.; End of Opera L'Amour et Psiché,
as 29 Jan.

