King's

THE COUNTRY GIRL. As 22 Sept. 1787. Also THE FIRST FLOOR. As Saturday 5 18 Sept. 1787.

COMMENT. Receipts: £157 15s. 6d. (140/16/0; 16/12/6; 0/7/0).

THE MISER. As 21 Jan., but Upholsterer – Evatt // Harriet – Mrs Inchbald. CG Also THE FARMER. As 31 Oct. 1787, but Gardner in place of Thompson. COMMENT. Receipts: £173 12s. 6d. (164/2/6; 9/10/0).

GIULIO SABINO. Principal Characters by Marchesi (1st appearance), Balelli, Calvesi, Forlivesi (1st appearance) // Sga Schinotti, Sga Giuliani (1st appearance). [Cast from libretto (J. Stevenson, 1788): Sabino – Marchesi; Arminio – Balelli; Annio – Calvesi; Tito – Forlivesi // Voadice – Sga Schinotti; Epponina – Sga Giuliani.]

DANCING. End of Act I The Military Dance, as 15 Jan.; End of Opera Les Fêtes de Tempe, as 28 Feb.

COMMENT. A new Serious Opera (1st time [in London; 1st performed at

Venice, 1781]); the music by Sarti, under the direction of Mazzinghi.

"At length in the spring arrived the celebrated Marchesi, whose fame had long reached this country, and who had been extolled to such a degree that impatience and expectation were raised to the highest pitch; and on the first night of his appearance the theatre was not only crowed to the utmost in every part, but on the rising of the curtain, the stage was so full of spectators that it was some time before order and silence could be obtained, and with some difficulty that Marchesi, who was to open the opera, could make his way before the audience. Marchesi was at this time a very well-looking young man, of good figure, and graceful deportment. His acting was spirited and expressive: his vocal powers were very great, his voice of extensive compass, but a little inclined to be thick" (Mount-Edgcumbe, 66–67).

Receipts: £437 15s. 6d., i.e. 560 tickets delivered to Prendergrass [see 8 Dec. 1787], who sold 558; 110 to Toosey, who sold 86; 400 to Butler, who sold 285; 236 to Snelson, who sold 204. Total non-subscription tickets sold: 1133.

ARTAXERXES. Arbaces (for that night only) – Mrs Crouch (1st appearance in that character); Artaxerxes – Dignum; Rimenes – Fawcett; Artabanes – Kelly (1st appearance in that character) // Semira – Mrs Forster; Mandane (for that night only) – Mme Mara (1st appearance on any [non-musical] English stage). Also WHO'S THE DUPE? As 15 Mar.

COMMENT. Benefit for Kelly. Part of the Pit will be laid into the Boxes. To prevent Confusion, Ladies are desired to send their servants by Half past Four o'Clock. [Mme Mara had sung in concert at the Pantheon in 1784; in opera at the King's in 1786; and in the DL oratorios in 1787 and 1788.] Public Advertiser, 27 Mar.: Tickets to be had of Kelly, No. 48, Rathbone Place. Receipts: £351 55. 6d. (177/12/0; 9/13/6; 0/5/0; tickets: 163/15/0) (charge: £111 35.).

THE MAN OF THE WORLD. As 3 Mar. Also OMAI. As 24 Mar. COMMENT. [The performance was interrupted when "a piece of brass of upwards of a pound weight [was] hurled from the gallery into the pit, and much injured a lady on which it fell" (Public Advertiser, 8 Apr.). Advertisement from the theatre printed in the same newspaper, 9 Apr.: "For discovery of the offender the Theatre offers a reward of 10 guineas." Account-Book, 26 June: Paid Messrs Francis the reward offered £10 10s.] Receipts: £278 2s. 6d. (272/7/0; 5/15/6).

TWELFTH NIGHT. Sir Andrew Ague-cheek - Dodd; Sir Toby Belch - Moody; Orsino - Whitfield; Sebastian - Lamash; Fabian - R. Palmer; Antonio - Phillimore; Clown (with the original *Epilogue Song*) - Suett; Malvolio - Bensley // Viola - Mrs Jordan; Maria - Mrs Kemble; Olivia (with songs) - Mrs Crouch. Also THE

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Monday 7

Tuesday 8



Tuesday 8 DL ROMP. Young Cockney – Dodd; Captain Sightly – Barrymore; Old Cockney – Fawcett; Richard – Wilson; Servant – Newbold; Barnacle – Suett // Penelope – Miss J. Stageldoir; Miss La Blonde – Miss Barnes; Priscilla Tomboy – Mrs Jordan. COMMENT. Receipts: £189 18s. 6d. (149/17/0; 39/6/6; 0/12/6; ticket not come in: 0/2/6).

THE TON; or, Follies of Fashion. Principal Characters by Lewis, Quick, Aickin, Johnstone, Pope, Farren, Wewitzer, Bernard, Fearon // Mrs Mattocks, Mrs Wells, Miss Brunton, Mrs Bernard, Mrs Morton, Mrs Pope. [Cast from text (T. Hookham, 1788): Captain Daffodil – Lewis; Ben Levy – Quick; Villiers – Aickin; Macpharo – Johnstone; Lord Ormond – Pope; Lord Raymond – Farren; Lord Bonton – Wewitzer; Pink – Bernard; Trusty – Fearon // Lady Bonton – Mrs Mattocks; Clara – Mrs Wells; Lady Clairville – Miss Brunton; Mrs Tender – Mrs Bernard; Mademoiselle – Mrs Morton; Lady Raymond – Mrs Pope.] Prologue spoken by Farren. Epilogue spoken by Mrs Wells ["who, at the end of the epilogue, after a proper preparation, favoured the house with an imitation of Mrs Siddons in a passage of Isabella" (London Chronicle, 9 Apr.)]. Also HOB IN THE WELL. Hob – Ryder; Sir Thomas Testy – Fearon; Dick – Brown; Old Hob – Booth; Friendly – Davies // Hob's Mother – Mrs Pitt; Betty – Miss Stuart; Flora – Mrs Martyr.

COMMENT. Mainpiece [1st time; C 5, by Lady (Eglantine) Wallace. Prologue by Joseph Jekyll (*World*, 14 Apr.). Epilogue by Thomas Morris, with five lines added by Edward Topham (*Public Advertiser*, 15 Apr.)]: With new Scenes and Dresses. *Public Advertiser*, 26 Apr.: This Day is published The Ton (18d.).

"On the next representation we hope the other performers will not give the audience reason to believe that the prompter has a part in the play from his frequent audibility" (*Public Advertiser*, 9 Apr.). Receipts: £295 18s. 6d. (294/9/o; 1/9/6).

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GLI SCHIAVI PER AMORE. As 5 Feb.

DANCING. As 3 Apr. througout.

COMMENT. By Command of Their Majesties. Receipts: £254 13s. [non-subscription].

Wednesday 9 DL THE WONDER. As 24 Oct. 1787. Also RICHARD COEUR DE LION. As 4 Apr.

COMMENT. Receipts: £153 175. (108/6/0; 42/6/6; 3/2/0; ticket not come in: 0/2/6).

CG THE CASTLE OF ANDALUSIA. As I Apr. Also Omai. As 24 Mar. COMMENT. Receipts: £123 125. 6d. (119/3/6; 4/9/0).

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THE JEALOUS WIFE. Ld. Trinket - Simpson; Major Oakly - Follett Sen.; Sir Harry Beagle - Follett Jun.; Charles - Cooper; Russet - Connor; Captain O'Cutter - Grace; Tom - Curtis; John - Smith; Paris - Gaudry; Mr Oakly - L'Estrange // Mrs Oakly - Mrs Hunter; Harriet - Mrs Marsh; Toilet - Mrs Waldron; Lady Freelove - Mrs Greville. Also THE EPHESIAN MATRON. Centinel - Dighton; Father - Gaudry // Maid - Miss Poyton; Matron - Mrs Sparks. Also THE IRISH WIDOW. Whittle - Follett Sen.; Nephew - Cooper; Kecksey - Simpson; Bates - Curtis; Thomas - Grace; Pompey - Master Findlay; Sir Patrick O'Neale - L'Estrange // Widow Brady (with the Epilogue Song) - Mrs Greville. DANCING. End of Act 1 of 3rd piece a Hornpipe by Alison.

COMMENT. By Permission of the Lord Chamberlain. Benefit for Mrs Greville and Mrs Hunter. The Doors to be opened at 5:30. To begin at 6:30. Tickets delivered for the 7th and by L'Estrange will be taken.

