THE MERCHANT OF VENICE. Shylock - Kemble; Gratiano - R. Palmer; Bassanio - Wroughton; Launcelot - Suett; Duke - Packer; Lorenzo (with songs) - Williames; Salanio - Fawcett; Solarino - Phillimore; Tubal - Waldron; Gobbo - Jones; Antonio - Bensley // Jessica (with a song) - Mrs Forster; Nerissa - Mrs Wilson; Portia - Mrs Siddons. Also SELIMA AND AZOR. As 3 Jan. DANCING. End of Act III of mainpiece Jamie's Return [performers not listed, but see 7 Jan.]; End of Act IV Minuet de la Cour and Gavot by the young D'Egvilles, Miss Blanchet, Miss De Camp.

COMMENT. "In the interview with Tubal [Kemble] would have proved successful in marking the rapid transitions between his joy and grief... had not his voice somewhat failed him, being exhausted by the great exertion immediately preceding" (Public Advertiser, 19 Jan.). Receipts: £156 5s. 6d. (131/1/0; 24/11/0; 0/13/6).

CG ARTAXERXES. As 16 Oct. 1788. Also Animal Magnetism. As 27 Nov. 1788.

COMMENT. Receipts: £154 (148/12; 5/8).

King's LA COSA RARA. As 10 Jan.

DANCING. As 10 Jan. throughout.

Monday 19
THE REVENGE. Zanga – Kemble; Carlos – Barrymore; Alvarez – Packer;
Manuel – Phillimore; Alonzo – Wroughton // Isabella – Miss Tidswell; Leonora –
Mrs Farmer. Also ROBINSON CRUSOE. As 22 Dec. 1788.
COMMENT. Receipts: £154 25. (114/10/0; 37/19/6; 1/12/6).

CG THE HIGHLAND REEL. As 8 Dec. 1788. Also ALADIN. As 29 Dec. 1788.

DANCING. As 7 Nov. 1788.

COMMENT. Receipts: £240 6s. (235/18; 4/8).

THE WEST INDIAN. As 25 Oct. 1788, but added: Lucy – Miss Barnes; omitted: Stukely, Sailor. Also ROBINSON CRUSOE. As 22 Dec. 1788.

COMMENT. KING HENRY THE EIGHTH [advertised on playbill of 19 Jan.] is, on Account of the Indisposition of Mrs Siddons, deferred 'till Saturday next (after which it will be laid aside from some Time, on Account of Preparations for CORIOLANUS [see 7 Feb.]) with THE CRITIC [also advertised on playbill of 19 Jan.]. Kemble Mem.: Palmer imprisoned [seemingly for debt]. Receipts: £129 131. (108/3; 19/19; 1/11).

MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING. Benedick – Lewis; Leonato – Hull; Don Pedro – Davies; Claudio – Farren; Balthazar (with a song) – Darley; Don John – Booth; Antonio – Thompson; Borachio – Macready; Conrade – Cubitt; Friar – Fearon; Verges – Wewitzer; Dogberry – Quick; Town Clerk – Edwin // Hero – Mrs Inchbald; Beatrice – Mrs Abington. Also ROSINA. As 13 Oct. 1788. DANCING. In Act II of mainpiece a Masquerade Dance incident to the Play.

COMMENT. Receipts: £248 7s. (234/1; 14/6).

King's LA COSA RARA. As 10 Jan.

DANCING. As 10 Jan. throughout.

Wednesday 21 SHE WOU'D AND SHE WOU'D NOT. As 31 Dec. 1788, but Alguazile –
Chaplin. Also THE DEVIL TO PAY. As 31 Dec. 1788, but Lady Loverule –
Miss Tidswell; Lettice – Miss Barnes.
COMMENT. Receipts: £204 15. (167/4; 34/16; 2/1).

