Saturday 21

MARIAN. Edward – Johnstone; Sir Henry Freeman – Bannister; Robin – Blanchard; Thomas – Darley; Jamie – Powel; Oliver – Thompson // Peggy – Mrs Mountain; Patty – Mrs Martyr; Marian – Mrs Billington. Also The Follies Of A Day. Count Almaviva – Lewis; Antonio – Edwin; Bazil – Powel; Page (with a song) – Mrs Martyr; Figaro – Blanchard // Countess – Mrs Bernard; Marcelina – Mrs Webb; Agnes – Miss Rowson; Susan – Mrs Pope. Also The Death of Captain Cook. As 21 Sept.

COMMENT. 2nd piece: 1st Time [at this theatre (see DL, 7 Nov.)] in 3 acts. Receipts: £214 2s. (209/16/6; 4/5/6).

Monday 23 KING HENRY THE FIFTH. As I Oct. Also THE ISLAND OF ST. MAR-DL GUERITE. As 20 Nov., but added: Mrs Fox. COMMENT. Receipts: £166 115. 6d. (118/6/0; 46/15/0; 1/10/6).

KING LEAR. King Lear – Harley; Bastard – Fennell (Their 1st appearance in those characters); Gloster – Hull; Kent – Aickin; Albany – Davies; Cornwall – Macready; Burgundy – Blurton; Physician – Gardner; Gentleman Usher – Bernard; Edgar – Holman // Regan – Mrs Bernard; Goneril – Mrs Platt; Arante – Miss Rowson; Cordelia – Miss Brunton. Also Tom Thumb. As 16 Oct.

COMMENT. Mainpiece: Not acted these 4 years. [Afterpiece in place of The Highland Reel, advertised on playbill of 21 Nov.] Receipts: £215 81. 6d. (211/6/6; 4/2/0).

THE HAUNTED TOWER. Characters by Kelly, Baddeley, Moody, Suett, Dignum, Sedgwick, Whitfield, Williames, Bannister Jun. // Sga Storace (1st appearance on the English stage [i.e. in a speaking part]), Miss Romanzini, Mrs Booth, Mrs Crouch. [Cast from Songs (J. Jarvis, 1789): Lord William - Kelly; Baron of Oakland - Baddeley; Hugo - Moody; Lewis - Suett; Robert - Dignum; Charles - Sedgwick; De Courcy - Whitfield; Martin - Williames; Edward - Bannister Jun.; Hubert - Webb; Servant - Lyons // Adela - Sga Storace; Cicely - Miss Romanzini; Maud - Mrs Booth; Lady Elinor - Mrs Crouch.] Also The MILLER OF MANSFIELD. The King - Whitfield; Richard - R. Palmer; Joe (with a song) - Williames; Lord Lurewell - Benson; The Miller - Moody // Kate - Mrs Wilson; Peggy - Miss Collins; Margery - Mrs Hopkins [Public Advertiser: Mrs Booth].

COMMENT. Mainpiece [1st time; co 3, by James Cobb. Text 1st published (unauthorized), Dublin [1790]. Sga Storace had 1st appeared in concerts from 1774 to 1778, and at King's on 24 Apr. 1787 and thereafter]: With new Scenes, Dresses and Decorations. The new Music composed by Storace, the rest compiled from Linley [Sen.], Purcell, Sarti, Paisiello, Martin [y Soler], Pleyel, &c. The Scenes designed and executed by Greenwood. Books of the Songs to be had at the Theatre.

"In her own particular line on the stage [Sga Storace] was unrivalled, being an excellent actress, as well as a masterly singer. She settled entirely in England, and after quitting the opera (to which she was frequently recalled in times of distress, as was too often the case), she engaged at Drury Lane, where the English opera was raised to an excellence not known before, by her singing, with that of Mrs Crouch, Mrs Bland, Kelly, and Bannister, and under the direction of her brother Stephen Storace, who composed, or rather compiled, several very pretty operas, of which the Haunted Tower, and the Siege of Belgrade still remain favorites, and are frequently performed" (Mount-Edgcumbe, 65).

Account-Book, 4 Jan. 1790: Paid Cobb on Acct. of the Purchase of the Copyright of the Haunted Tower £157 10s.; 27 Feb. 1790: Paid Cobb in full for Copyright £52 10s. Receipts: £219 9s. 6d. (200/13/0; 17/14/6; 1/2/0).

THE PROPHET. Rathmud – Quick; The Sultan – Bannister; Carlos – Johnstone; Lazarus – Blanchard; Hali – Powel; The Vizier – Thompson // Ismene – Mrs Martyr; Faracknaz – Mrs Billington. Also THE FOLLIES OF A DAY. As 21 Nov. Also THE DEATH OF CAPTAIN COOK. As 21 Sept.

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