COMMENT. 1st piece: The Music partly selected from Handel, Purcell, Pleyel, Anfossi, Cimarosa, Grétry, Giordani and Sacchini; and partly composed by Shield. With an Overture by Salieri. [3rd piece in place of THOMAS AND SALLY, advertised on playbill of 23 Nov.] Receipts: £195 115. 6d. (189/14/0; 5/17/6).

Tuesday 24 CG

THE HAUNTED TOWER. As 24 Nov. Also THE HUMOURIST. As Wednesday 25 22 Oct., but omitted: Blunt, Servant.

COMMENT. Receipts: £173 1s. (146/1/0; 26/2/0; 0/10/6; tickets not come in: 0/7/6).

THE DRAMATIST. As 14 Oct. Also THE FARMER. As 14 Sept. CG DANCING. End of mainpiece The Deserter, as 13 Nov. COMMENT. Receipts: £287 121. (272/10; 15/2).

THE HAUNTED TOWER. As 24 Nov. Also THE CITIZEN. As 20 Oct. Thursday 26 COMMENT. Benefit for the Author [of mainpiece, who is named in Kemble Mem., but not on the playbill]. Receipts: £207 55. 6d. (177/10/0; 28/12/6; 1/3/0; tickets: none listed) (charge: £105).

RULE A WIFE AND HAVE A WIFE. As 12 Nov. Also THREE WEEKS CG AFTER MARRIAGE. As 12 Nov. DANCING. As 25 Nov. COMMENT. Receipts: £146 21. (133/9; 12/13).

MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING. Benedick-Kemble; Claudio - Barrymore; Don Pedro - Whitfield; Don John - Aickin; Balthazar (with a song) - Williames; Antonio - Packer; Dogberry - Moody; Town-Clerk - Baddeley; Verges - Burton; Leonato - Bensley // Hero - Mrs Kemble; Beatrice - Miss Farren. Also THE ISLAND OF ST. MARGUERITE. As 23 Nov.

DANCING. In Act II of mainpiece a Masquerade and Dance [see 9 Dec.] proper to the Play.

COMMENT. Mainpiece: Not acted these 2 years. Receipts: £146 135. 6d. (96/10/0; 48/6/6; 1/17/0).

THE CLANDESTINE MARRIAGE. Lord Ogleby - King; Lovewell - Holman; Sir John Melvil - Macready; Canton - C. Powell; Brush - Bernard; Serjeant Flower - Powel; Traverse - Thompson; Trueman - Evatt; Sterling - Quick // Miss Sterling - Mrs Mattocks; Fanny - Miss Brunton; Betty - Mrs Wells; Chambermaid - Mrs Rock; Mrs Heidelberg - Mrs Webb. Also The Poor Soldier. As 9 Oct.

COMMENT. [Playbill of 2 Dec. states, correctly, that mainpiece was "2nd time these 16 years." In it the playbill assigns Sir John Melvil to Farren, but "Macready was the substitute for Farren" (World, 28 Nov.).] Receipts: £192 81. 6d. (189/12/6; 2/16/0).

THE HAUNTED TOWER. As 24 Nov. Also Who's THE DUPE? As Saturday 28 17 Oct.

COMMENT. Receipts: £236 4s. (221/19; 13/1; 1/4).

ROBIN HOOD. As 28 Oct., but Stella – Miss Rowson; Annette – Mrs Rock. CG Also The Follies of a Day. As 21 Nov. Also Thomas and Sally. Thomas – Bannister; Squire – Johnstone // Dorcas – Mrs Martyr; Sally – Mrs Mountain (Their 1st appearance in those characters).

Dancing. 3rd piece: To conclude with a Dance [performers not listed].



Saturday 28 CG COMMENT. 1st piece: For the 1st Time compress'd [anonymously] into 2 Acts. "MacNally brought [Arthur Murphy] to Covent-garden Theatre to see [ROBIN HOOD]; when, to the surprise of the author... the opera was that night performed as an afterpiece, having been, without his knowledge, cut down into two acts" (O'Keeffe, 1, 45). 3rd piece: Not acted these 16 years [acted 12 Dec. 1780]. Receipts: £212 145. 6d. (209/14/0; 3/0/6).

Monday 30 DL OTHELLO. Othello - Kemble; Roderigo - Dodd; Cassio - Barrymore; Brabantio - Aickin; Lodovico - Packer; Duke - Fawcett; Montano - Whitfield; Gratiano - Phillimore; Iago - Bensley // Æmilia - Mrs Ward; Desdemona - Mrs Powell (1st appearance in that character). Also THE PADLOCK. Probably as 12 Nov. COMMENT. Mainpiece: Not acted these 3 years [acted 27 Oct. 1787]. [As afterpiece the playbill announces THE ISLAND OF ST. MARGUERITE, but "Kelly's illness prevented . . . The Island" (Kemble Mem., which lists the substitute play).] Receipts: £139 151. (110/0; 28/4; 1/11).

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JANE SHORE. Hastings – Holman; Glo'ster – Aickin; Belmour – Hull; Ratcliff – Gardner; Catesby – Thompson; Derby – Evatt; Dumont – Farren // Alicia – Miss Brunton; Jane Shore – Mrs Pope. Also THE TOUCHSTONE. Cast not listed. [Partial cast from Diary, I Dec.: Harlequin – Boyce; Pierrot – Reeve; Kit Keel – Ryder // Colombine – Mrs Mountain. And see 3 Dec.]

COMMENT. Afterpiece: Not acted these 12 years [acted 21 May 1782]. An Operatic, Comic Pantomime, with material Alterations and Additions, particularly a Grand Spectacle, being a Representation of a Jubilee Procession of the Nobles, Clergy, and People at Rome ["which consisted of artificial figures, horse and foot, cars, &c.; it was very well managed" (Morning Post, 1 Dec.).]. The new Airs, Chorusses, &c. by Reeve. With new Music, Scenes, Dresses, and Decorations. Words of the Songs, &c. to be had at the Theatre. Receipts: £264 19s. (255/4; 9/15).

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Tuesday 1 DL THE HAUNTED TOWER. As 24 Nov. Also HIGH LIFE BELOW STAIRS. Lovel – Bannister Jun.; Duke's Servant – R. Palmer; Sir Harry's Servant – Whitfield; Philip – Baddeley; Freeman – Fawcett // Kitty – Miss Pope.

DANCING. In afterpiece a Mock Minuet by R. Palmer and Miss Pope.

COMMENT. Receipts: £215 81. 6d. (193/15/0; 20/15/0; 0/18/6).

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As YOU LIKE IT. As 20 Nov. Also ROSINA. As 10 Nov.

DANCING. End of Act 1 of mainpiece Divertissement, as 2 Oct.

COMMENT. Paid 1/2 Years Land and House Tax £106 2s. 7d. Receipts: £187

1s. (182/6/6; 4/14/6).

Wednesday 2 DL THE HYPOCRITE. Doctor Cantwell - Moody; Sir John Lambert - Packer; Darnley - Wroughton; Seyward - Barrymore; Colonel Lambert - Whitfield; Officer - Maddocks; Servant - Lyons; Maw-worm - Parsons // Lady Lambert - Mrs Kemble; Old Lady Lambert - Mrs Hopkins; Betty - Miss Tidswell; Charlotte - Miss Farren (1st appearance in that character). Also THE VIRGIN UNMASK'D. As I Oct., but Quaver - Barrymore.

COMMENT. Mainpiece: Not acted these 12 years [acted 4 Oct. 1781]. Receipts: £132 6s. 6d. (102/3/0; 27/0/0; 3/3/6).

