COMMENT. By Permission of the Lord Chamberlain. Oratorio: Composed by the late Dr Arne. At Playhouse Prices [see 10 Mar.]. The Doors to be opened at 5:30. To begin at 6:30. Tickets for the Boxes to be had at Messrs Longman and Broderip's, in Cheapside and the Haymarket; and at the Stage Door of the Theatre, in Suffolk-street, where Places may be taken.

Wednesday 3

THE REPARATION. As 14 Feb. Also HARLEQUIN JUNIOR. As 3 Feb. COMMENT. Benefit for the Author [of mainpiece, who is named in the Account-Book, but not on the playbill]. Receipts: £180 12s. 6d. (179/5/0; 1/7/6; tickets: none listed) (charge: £105).

Thursday 4

ZARA. Lusignan - Henderson; Nerestan - Whitfield; Orasmin - Fearon; Chatillon - Hull; Melidor - Thompson; Osman - Wroughton // Selima - Mrs Whitfield; Zara - Mrs Crawford (1st appearance in that character these 6 years). Also THE RIVAL KNIGHTS. As 9 Oct. 1783. Also Rosina. As 8 Oct. 1783. COMMENT. Receipts: £202 11s. (188/6/6; 14/4/6).

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DEMOFOON TE. Principal Characters by Pacchierotti, Franchi, Bartolini, Tasca, Schinotti // Sga Catenacci, Sga Lusini. [Libretto (G. Bigg, 1778) lists the parts: Timante, Demofoonte, Cherinto, Matusio, Adrasto // Creusa, Dircea.]

King's

DANCING. End of Act II Friendship leads to Love, as 6 Dec. 1783, but omitted: Lepicq; End of Opera Le Réveil du Bonheur, as 3 Feb.

SINGING. Pacchierotti will conclude the 1st Act with an entire new scene by Sarti; In Act III a song, composed by Handel, by Pacchierotti.

MUSIC. Between the 1st and 2nd Acts a sonata on the harpsichord by Clementi. COMMENT. Benefit for Pacchierotti. Opera: A Serious Opera; the Music by several eminent Masters.

Pit tickets will admit two persons to the 1st, and three to the 2nd Gallery; but no money to be returned. Tickets to be had of Pacchierotti, No. 7, Great Marylebone-street, near Cavendish-square.

> Friday 5 DL

ACIS AND GALATEA. Vocal Parts and 1st Violin as 27 Feb. Also DRYDEN'S ODE. Singers same.

MUSIC. End of Part I of oratorio concerto on the violoncello by Crosdill.

COMMENT. By Command of Their Majesties. Public Advertiser, 6 Mar.: In 1st piece Love in her Eyes was sung by Norris; O ruddier than the cherry by Reinhold; Consider, fond shepherd by Mrs Kennedy; Heart, thou seat of soft delight by Miss George. The concerto consisted of "two Movements made up of common Ballads."

THE COUNTESS OF SALISBURY. Alwin - Smith; Grey - Aickin; Morton -Saturday 6 Farren; Sir Ardolph - Packer; Laroches - Chaplin; Peasant - Wright; Knights -Phillimore, Fawcett, Kenny, &c.; Lord William - Miss Heard; Raymond - Palmer // Eleanor - Miss Kemble; Countess of Salisbury - Mrs Siddons (1st appearance in that character [in London]). Also THE DESERTER. As 31 Jan.

COMMENT. Mainpiece: Not acted these 3 years. [Mrs Siddons's 1st appearance as the Countess of Salisbury was at Bath, 25 Nov. 1778.] "So thoroughly wretched, so utterly destitute of all Requisites is this Tragedy . . . that it excites with Wonder not a little Indignation that the unexampled Genius of such an actress [as Mrs Siddons] should be wasted on Dullness if possible yet more unexampled" (Public Advertiser, 8 Mar.). Receipts: £275 os. 6d. (256/7/0; 16/19/6; 1/9/0; ticket not come in: o/5/o).

RULE A WIFE AND HAVE A WIFE. Leon - Henderson; Duke - Whitfield; Cacafogo – Booth; Juan – Davies; Sanchio – Thompson; Alonzo – Fearon; Copper Captain – Lewis // Margaretta – Mrs Inchbald; Clara – Miss Platt; Altea – Mrs Whitfield; Old Woman – Mrs Pitt; Maid – Mr Painter; Estifania – Mrs Abington.



Saturday 6 CG Also THE SULTAN. Osman – Bannister; Solyman – Whitfield // Ismene – Mrs Martyr; Elmira – Mrs Inchbald; Roxalana – Mrs Abington.

DANCING. Afterpiece to conclude with a Grand Dance. Chief of the Bostanges – Harris; Principal Female Dancers – Mrs Ratchford, Miss Besford.

COMMENT. Mainpiece: Not acted these 4 years. Afterpiece: Taken from Soliman the Magnificent of Marmontel. Receipts: £276 175. 6d. (271/13/6; 5/4/0).

King's

DEMOFOONTE. As 4 Mar.

DANCING. End of Act II Friendship leads to Love, as 14 Feb.; End of Opera an entirely new Grand Ballet, composed by D'Auberval, Orpheo. Orpheo - Lepicq; Silenus - Blake; Adonis - Vestris [Jun.]; Evohe, Priestess of Bacchus - Mme Rossi; Egle - Mme Theodore. The Music by Barthélemon.

Monday 8

HAMLET. As 28 Oct. 1783. Also THE DOUBLE DISGUISE. Principal Characters by Parsons, Barrymore, Burton, Dodd // Mrs Wrighten, Mrs Hopkins, Miss Phillips. [Cast from text (J. Bell, 1784): Sir Richard Evergreen – Parsons; Lord Hartwell – Barrymore; Sam – Burton; Tinsel – Dodd // Rose – Mrs Wrighten; Miss Dorothy Evergreen – Mrs Hopkins; Emily – Miss Phillips.]

DANCING. End of mainpiece a new Comic Ballet, The Return of the Hunters, by Mr and Miss Hamoir. [Beginning with the 3rd performance, on 11 Mar., this was entitled The Sportsmen's Return.]

COMMENT. Afterpiece [1st time; MF 2, by Harriet Horncastle Hook]: The Overture and Music entirely new, composed by Hook. Books of the Songs, &c. to be had at the Theatre.

"After four Hours sitting at Hamlet, and Half an Hour more at Miss Hamoir's Ballet, we were cheered indeed by the Overture to the Double Disguise" (Public Advertiser, 11 Mar.). Morning Chronicle, 20 Mar. 1784: This Day is published THE DOUBLE DISGUISE (15.). Receipts: £167 125. 6d. (116/8/0; 50/19/6; 0/5/0).

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Douglas. As 13 Nov. 1783. Also Harlequin Rambler. As 23 Feb., but Columbine - Mrs Ratchford.

COMMENT. Receipts: f.190 17s. (187/16; 3/1).

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THE MAN'S BEWITCH'D; or, The Devil to do about Her. Faithful (the Man Bewitch'd) – Smith; Sir Geoffry Constant (a very extraordinary Ghost) – Stannard; Captain Constant (son of the Ghost) – Keynlas; Clinch – Shatford; Num (a Country Squire) – Mills; Slouch (his man) – Stannard Jun.; Lovely – Cross; Roger (a Countryman) – Watts; Trusty – Swords; Manage – Brown; Sir David Watchum – Lloyd // Laura – Mrs Beaufield; Maria – Miss Vernon; Dorothy – Mrs Reynolds; Lucy – Mrs Thompson; Belinda – Mrs Johnson. New Occasional Prologue spoken by Shatford. Also The MAYOR OF GARRATT. Major Sturgeon – Scott; Sir Jacob Jollup – Knights; Heeltap – Davies; Bruin – Farrell; Lint – Shatford; Roger – Bass; Snuffle – Harris; Jerry Sneak – Swords // Mrs Bruin – Mrs Thompson; Mrs Sneak – Mrs White.

DANCING. End of mainpiece Hornpipe by Rothery. SINGING. Between the Acts Singing [singer not listed].

COMMENT. By Permission of the Lord Chamberlain. Benefit for Watts. Mainpiece: Written by Mrs Centlivre; Not acted these 40 years [not acted since 27 Apr. 1731, at Goodman's Fields]. Prologue written by a Gentleman [unidentified; printed in Town and Country Magazine, Apr. 1784, p. 214. The playbill for this performance is as printed in Morning Chronicle, 8 Mar. Gazetteer, 8 Mar., assigns Captain Constant to Reynolds, Laura to Miss Beaufield, Maria to Mrs Green, Belinda to Miss Johnson]. The Doors to be opened at 5:00. To begin at 6:30. Tickets to be had of Connolly, at the King's Head Tavern, Fenchurch-street; of Watts, No. 2, Upper James-street, Golden-square.

