Wednesday 28 CG COMMENT. Benefit for Middleton. [Ist piece in place of NAPLES BAY, advertised on playbill of 27 May.] 3rd piece [Ist time; MD 3, by Henry Siddons. Author of Prologue unknown]: Taken from the Sicilian Romance of the Author of the Romance of the Forest [Ann Radcliffe]. Overture and Music entirely new by Reeve. Morning Herald, 6 June 1794: This Day is published THE SICILIAN ROMANCE (II.)

[In 3rd piece the playbill lists Incledon, but "an apology was made on account of Incledon's indisposition, whose character in the After-piece was well supported by Townsend" (*Thespian Magazine*, July 1794, p. 281).] *Morning Herald*, 22 May: Tickets to be had of Middleton at Vint's, perfumer, No. 3, Tavistock-row, Covent-Garden. Receipts: £203 131. 6d. (92/14/0; 9/3/0; tickets: 101/16/6).

Thursday 29 DL THE GAMESTER. As 22 May. Also MY GRANDMOTHER. As 12 May. COMMENT. Powell: Lodoiska rehearsed at 11 (Sedgwick absent). Receipts: £370 35. 6d. (287/5/6; 75/10/6; 7/4/6; ticket not come in: 0/3/0).

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THE DESERTER. As 18 Oct. 1793, but Russet - Powel. Also THE SIEGE OF MEAUX. As 22 May. Prologue, Epilogue as 19 May. Also BARNABY BRITTLE. As 16 Nov. 1793, but Clodpole - Munden; omitted: Jeffery.

COMMENT. Benefit for the Author [of 2nd piece]. Receipts: £88 13s. (81/10; 7/3; tickets and charge: neither listed).

King's

SEMIRAMIDE. As 26 Apr., but omitted: Braghetti, Torregiani, Garelli, Sga Colombati. Also LA SERVA PADRONA. Characters by Garelli, Morelli // Sga Banti. [Cast from libretto (C. Clarke [1794]): Vespone – Garelli [in libretto, unassigned]; Uberto – Morelli // Serpina – Sga Banti.]

DANCING. End of Act I of afterpiece Les Ruses de l'Amour [performers not listed, but see I Apr. No other ballet performed this evening.]

COMMENT. Benefit for Sga Banti. 2nd piece: A Comic After-piece; the music by Paisiello. Tickets to be had of Sga Banti, No. 3, Hay-market. "The Banti's Benefit produced (presents included) £1, 353" (World, 3 June).

Friday 30 DL THE PIRATES. As 23 May, but Captain - Trueman; omitted from Lazzaroni: Trueman; from Vintagers: Mrs Brooker, Mrs Brigg, Mrs Harris, Mrs Haskey, Mrs Barrett, Miss Bourk. Also KATHARINE AND PETRUCHIO. Petruchio - Palmer; Baptista - Packer; Hortensio - Bland; Grumio - Baddeley; Music-master - Banks; Biondello - Benson; Pedro - Phillimore; Taylor - Burton; Adam - Lyons; Peter - Evans; Walter - Trueman; Gabriel - Cooke; Nathaniel - Webb; Gregory - Maddocks; Ralph - Welsh // Katharine - Mrs Goodall; Bianca - Miss Tidswell; Curtis - Mrs Booth.

COMMENT. Powell: Katharine & Petruchio rehearsed at 11; Lodoiska at 12 (Benson two scenes; Bannister two scenes). Receipts: £281 55. 6d. (221/19/0; 57/1/0; 2/5/6).

CG BRITISH FORTITUDE AND HIBERNIAN FRIENDSHIP. As 12 May. Also CYRUS. Cyrus - Holman; Astyages - Richardson; Mithranes - Hull; Harpagus - Harley; Cambyses - Farren // Aspasia - Miss Hopkins; Mandane - Mrs Yates (Who performed the Grecian Daughter, at Mr Colman's Theatre [31 Mar.], with distinguished Applause; 2nd appearance on any stage). Also THE SPRIGS

OF LAUREL. As 7 May, but omitted: Capt. Cruizer.

COMMENT. Benefit for Hull and Miss Hopkins. 2nd piece: Written by [John]

Hoole, the elegant Translator of Tasso, Ariosto, &c. Receipts: £208 os. 6d. (55/2/0;

7/10/0; tickets: 145/8/6).

Saturday 31 THE JEW. As 8 May. Also THE CHILDREN IN THE WOOD. As 14 May. DL COMMENT. Receipts: £320 145. (257/11/6; 53/16/0; 9/6/6).

