suicide on 19 May] was remarkable for a very retentive memory, which enabled him on the slightest notice to become a substitute for almost any performer who might be suddenly disabled from appearing" (European Magazine, June 1796, p. 397). "The house was a very good one, but it has been said that Sheridan went to the Treasury and carried off the money, so that Benson's widow and children never got a sixpence" (Genest, VII, 245). Receipts: £678 10s. 6d. (319/8/0; 66/3/6; 2/19/0; tickets: 276/6/0; odd money: 13/14/0) (charge: £212 15s.).

Thursday 9

MAHMOUD. As 28 May, but Miss De Camp in place of Mrs Bland. Also ALIVE AND MERRY. As 28 May, but Mrs Bramwell in place of Mrs Bland.

Friday 10 DL

COMMENT. [Account-Book: Tickets delivered by Boimaison, Wm. Banks, Cooke, Daglish, Henderson, Maddocks, Purser, Roffey, Scott, Smith, Whitmell, Wells, Miss Chatterley will be admitted.] Receipts: £101 75. 6d. (56/8/6; 31/6/0; 8/9/0; tickets: none listed; odd money: 5/4/0).

Saturday 11

MAHMOUD. As 10 June. Also THE DEAF LOVER. Capt. Meadows - R. Palmer; Young Wrongward - Caulfield; Old Wrongward - Hollingsworth; John - Burton; Canteen - Russell; Sternhold - Maddocks; Groom - Banks; William - Webb; Bob - Evans // Sophia - Miss Heard; Betsey Blossom - Mrs Bramwell; Chambermaid - Miss Tidswell.

COMMENT. [Account-Book: Tickets delivered by Chippendale, Dale Sen., Fisher, Gregson, Rhodes, Stageldoir, Wentworth, Mrs Butler will be admitted.] Receipts: £50/10/6 (28/18/6; 18/5/0; 1/2/0; tickets: none listed; odd money:

2/5/0).

HAY

PEEPING TOM. Peeping Tom (with The Little Farthing Rushlight) — Fawcett (1st appearance in that character); Mayor of Coventry — Wathen; Crazy — Waldron; Earl of Mercia — Caulfield; Count Lewis — Palmer Jun.; Harold — Davies // Mayoress — Mrs Hopkins; Emma — Mrs Harlowe; Lady Godina [sic] — Mrs Cuyler; Maud — Mrs Kemble. Also The Liar. Young Wilding — Palmer (1st appearance on that stage these 2 years); Old Wilding — Davies; Papillion — Burton; Waiter — Ledger; Servants — Abbot, Lyons; Sir James Elliot — R. Palmer (1st appearance on that stage these 2 years) // Miss Godfrey — Miss Heard; Kitty — Mrs Hale; Miss Grantham — Mrs Harlowe. Also Bannian Day. Characters by Johnstone, Fawcett, Suett, Wathen, Davies, Waldron Jun., Ledger, Trueman (1st appearance on that stage) // Mrs Bland, Mrs Jones, Miss Leak. [Cast from text (T. N. Longman, 1796): Captain Macgallaher — Johnstone; Batch — Fawcett; Bobby Notice — Suett; Jack Hawser — Wathen; Sir Geo. Goodwill — Davies; Servant — Waldron Jun., Bailiff — Ledger; Lieut. Goodwill — Trueman // Polly — Mrs Bland; Maid Servant — Mrs Jones; Mrs Goodwill — Miss Leak.]

COMMENT. 3rd piece [1st time; MF 2, by George Brewer]: The Musick by Dr Arnold. Books of the Songs to be had at the Theatre. *Morning Herald*, 6 July 1796: This Day is published BANNIAN DAY (15.).

Boxes 55. Pit 35. 1st Gallery 25. 2nd Gallery 15. The Doors to be opened at 6:00. To begin at 7:00 [same throughout season]. Places for the Boxes to be had of Rice, at the Theatre. [On this evening the following performers appeared both at DL and at the HAY: Suett, Caulfield, Trueman, R. Palmer, Burton, Miss Leak, Miss Heard.]

ANTIGONA. As 31 May.

DANCING. As 7 June throughout.

King's

KATHARINE AND PETRUCHIO. Petruchio – Palmer; Baptista – Packer; Hortensio – Trueman; Grumio – Hollingsworth; Music-master – Banks; Biondello – R. Palmer; Pedro – Phillimore; Taylor – Burton; Peter – Evans; Gabriel – Cooke; Nathaniel – Webb; Gregory – Maddocks // Katharine – Mrs Goodall; Bianca –

Monday 13

