Monday 17 DL COMMENT. Afterpiece: Engagement as 6 Mar., but added: The Whole to conclude with a magnificent Illumination; displaying particularly two Ships of the Line in a most brilliant and superb Fire-Work. Receipts: £233 155. (189/5/6; 41/2/6; 3/7/0).

CG

A CURE FOR THE HEART ACHE. As 27 Jan. Also HARLEQUIN AND OBERON. As 6 Mar., but added: Two entire new Scenes, representing the Humours of Greenwich in Easter Holidays.

COMMENT. Receipts: £313 9s. (306/7; 7/2).

Tuesday 18

THE WHEEL OF FORTUNE. As 11 Nov. 1796, but Emily Tempest - Miss Mellon. Also LODOISKA. As 16 Feb., but in *Horde*: Phillimore in place of Annereau.

COMMENT. "Miss Mellon possesses good comic powers, but they are rather of the hoyden cast; and there was a want of judgment in those who assigned this character [one recently acted by Miss Farren] to her" (*True Briton*, 19 Apr.). Receipts: £195 9s. (143/0/6; 48/15/0; 3/13/6).

CG

WIVES AS THEY WERE, AND MAIDS AS THEY ARE. As 7 Mar., but Simmons in place of Fawcett. Also HARLEQUIN AND OBERON. As 17 Apr. COMMENT. Receipts: £186 7s. 6d. (176/10/6; 9/17/0).

King's

L'ALBERO DI DIANA. Principal Characters by Viganoni, Morelli, Braham //
Sga Storace, Sga Fabrizzi. [Cast from Larpent MS 1161: Endimione – Viganoni;
Doristo – Morelli; Silvio – Braham // Amore – Sga Storace; Diana – Sga Fabrizzi;
Clizia – Sga Salimbeni; Britomarte – Sga Pastorelli.]

DANCING. As 31 Jan throughout.

COMMENT. Opera: 1st time in this Country [1st performed at Vienna, 1787. In subsequent bills occasionally entitled, as originally, L'ARBORE DI DIANA]. The Music by Martini [i.e. Martin y Soler].

Wednesday 19

THE WILL. Characters by King, Wroughton, Bannister Jun., R. Palmer, Suett, Russell, Packer, Webb, Evans // Mrs Jordan, Miss Tidswell, Mrs Booth, Miss Mellon. [Cast from text (G. G. and J. Robinson, 1797): Sir Solomon Cynic – King; Mandeville – Wroughton; Howard – Bannister Jun.; Veritas – R. Palmer; Realize – Suett; Robert – Russell; Old Copsley – Packer; Servants – Webb, Evans // Albina Mandeville – Mrs Jordan; Deborah – Miss Tidswell; Mrs Rigid – Mrs Booth; Cicely Copsley – Miss Mellon.] Prologue spoken by R. Palmer. Epilogue spoken by Mrs Jordan. [These were spoken, as here assigned, at the 1st 9 performances only (see 2 May).] Also The Purse. As 21 Feb.

Dancing. As 21 Dec. 1796.

COMMENT. Mainpiece [1st time; C 5, by Frederick Reynolds. Prologue by John Taylor. Epilogue by Miles Peter Andrews (see text; although Boaden, Jordan, I, 286 says the Epilogue was by Samuel Rogers, being the same as that spoken on 27 Apr. 1795)]: With new Scenes, Dresses, and Decorations. [Afterpiece in place of No Song No Supper, advertised on playbill of 18 Apr.] Morning Herald, 29 Apr. 1797: On Monday [1 May] will be published The WILL (2s.). Account-Book: Reynolds to receive £33 6s. 8d. for every night of The WILL. Receipts: £413 4s. (344/12/6; 63/16/6; 4/15/0).

THE WAY TO GET MARRIED. As 19 Oct. 1796. Also WHAT D'YE CALL IT? Jonas Dock, alias Timothy Peascod - Munden; Sir Roger - Davenport; Sir Humphrey - Thompson; Justice Statute - Street; Steward - Powel; Peter Nettle - Farley; Constable - Abbot; Countryman - Follett; Unborn Ghost - Master Standen; Smut, the Farrier's Ghost - Simmons; Squire Thomas, alias Thomas Filbert - Knight // Mother's Ghost - Mrs Henley; Grandmother - Mrs

Gilbert; Dorcas - Mrs Watts; Aunt - Mrs Platt; Ghost of Bess - Mrs Norton; Kitty Carrots (with the original song, 'Twas when the seas were roaring) - Mrs Martyr. Also Tom Thumb. Tom Thumb (with The Little Farthing Rushlight) - Young Standen; Grizzle - Munden; Ghost - Bowden; Doodle - Haymes; Noodle - Townsend; King Arthur - Quick // Huncamunca - Mrs Clendining; Glumdalca - Mrs Gilbert; Dollalolla - Mrs Martyr.

Wednesday 19

COMMENT. Benefit for Quick. 2nd piece: In one Act. A Tragi-Comic, Pastoral, Operatical, Farcical Drama, written by the Author of The Beggar's Opera [John Gay]. *True Briton*, 3 Apr.: Tickets to be had of Quick, No. 30, Little Queen-street, Lincoln's Inn-Fields. Receipts: £352 os. 6d. (140/15/6; 5/9/0; tickets: 205/16/0).

THE WILL. As 19 Apr. Also RICHARD COEUR DE LION. As 6 Dec. 1796, Thursday 20 but Florestan – Cooke; omitted: Chorus of Peasants.

COMMENT. Receipts: £293 155. 6d. (216/18/6; 73/18/0; 2/19/0).

WIVES AS THEY WERE, AND MAIDS AS THEY ARE. AS 18 Apr. Also CG HARLEQUIN AND OBERON. As 17 Apr. COMMENT. Receipts: £185 135. 6d. (178/7/6; 7/6/0).

THE WILL. As 19 Apr. Also THE HUMOURIST. As 7 Dec. 1796.

DANCING. As 21 Dec. 1796.

COMMENT. Receipts: £268 175. (205/19/6; 60/15/6; 2/2/0).

Friday 21

DL

A CURE FOR THE HEART ACHE. As 27 Jan. Also RAYMOND AND CG AGNES. As 20 Mar.

COMMENT. [Afterpiece in place of HARLEQUIN AND OBERON, advertised on playbill of 20 Apr.] Receipts: £181 161. (176/6; 5/10).

THE WILL. As 19 Apr. Also Who's THE DUPE? As 13 Oct. 1796.

COMMENT. Receipts: £282 191. (216/18/6; 60/11/0; 5/9/6).

DL

WIVES AS THEY WERE, AND MAIDS AS THEY ARE. As 30 Mar. Also CG RAYMOND AND AGNES. As 20 Mar. COMMENT. Receipts: £244 35. (235/1/6; 9/1/6).

L'ARBORE DI DIANA. Cast not listed, but see 18 Apr. DANCING. As 11 Feb. throughout.

King's

THE WILL. As 19 Apr., but Dowton in place of King. Also KATHARINE AND PETRUCHIO. Petruchio – Palmer; Baptista – Packer; Hortensio – Trueman; Grumio – Suett; Musick-master – Banks; Biondello – R. Palmer; Pedro – Phillimore; Taylor – Hollingsworth; Peter – Evans // Katharine – Mrs Goodall; Bianca – Miss Tidswell; Curtis – Mrs Booth.

DANCING. As 21 Dec. 1796.

Monday 24 DL

COMMENT. [In mainpiece the playbill retains King, but he "being suddenly indisposed with the gout, his part was, after an apology, undertaken by Dowton, who performed it with considerable effect" (*Morning Herald*, 25 Apr.).] Receipts: £283 175. (213/16/6; 67/1/0; 2/19/6).

A CURE FOR THE HEART ACHE. As 28 Jan. Also HARLEQUIN AND CG OBERON. As 17 Apr.

COMMENT. Receipts: £202 os. 6d. (193/10/0; 8/10/6).

THE WILL. As 24 Apr., but Dowton's name listed in playbill. Also RICHARD COEUR DE LION. As 6 Dec. 1796, but Richard – Dignum; omitted: Chorus of Peasants.

COMMENT. Receipts: £211 17s. 6d. (157/0/6; 50/17/6; 3/19/6).

