Tuesday 6 KNAVE OR NOT. As I Feb. Also BLUE-BEARD. As I Feb. DL COMMENT. Receipts: £305 195. 6d. (207/5/0; 96/8/6; 2/6/0).

THE DOUBLE GALLANT; or, A Sick Lady's Cure. Atall – Lewis; Careless – Holman; Clerimont – Whitfield; Finder – Farley; Sir Harry Atall – Thompson; Dr Bolus – Davenport; Rhubarb – Wilde; Mr Wilful – Powel; Supple – Simmons; Sir Solomon Sadlife – Quick // Wishwell – Mrs Mattocks; Lady Dainty – Mrs Knight; Sylvia – Miss Mansel; Clarinda – Miss Chapman; Lady Sadlife – Mrs Abington. Also The Farmer. As 23 Nov. 1797.

COMMENT. Receipts: £125 25. (117/12; 7/10).

King's EVELINA. As 16 Dec. 1797.

DANCING. End of Act I L'Offrande à Terpsichore, as 2 Dec. 1797; End of Opera a new grand Ballet, composed by Gallet [with music by Bossi], Constante et Alcidonis [performers not listed, but review in Morning Chronicle, 7 Feb., refers to Didelot, Mme Rose, Laborie, Mme Laborie, Mme Hilligsberg].

Wednesday 7 RULE A WIFE AND HAVE A WIFE. As 12 Oct. 1797, but omitted: Servants, Old Ladies, Maid to Estifania. Also BLUE-BEARD. As 1 Feb. COMMENT. [Mainpiece in place of KNAVE OR NOT, advertised on playbill of 6 Feb.] Receipts: £310 51. (203/5/6; 101/19/6; 5/0/0).

FALSE IMPRESSIONS. As 23 Nov. 1797. Also NETLEY ABBEY. As 20 Sept. 1797.

COMMENT. THE HEIR AT LAW [advertised on playbill of 6 Feb.] is obliged on account of Knight's Indisposition, to be deferred till Monday. Receipts: £108 125. (101/10/6; 7/1/6).

Thursday 8 HAMLET. As 24 Jan. Also BLUE-BEARD. As I Feb. DL COMMENT. Receipts: £417 18s. (333/9/6; 83/0/0; 1/8/6).

THE CONSCIOUS LOVERS. As 18 Nov. 1797, but Indiana – Mrs Pope [i.e. formerly Mrs Spencer]. Also HARTFORD BRIDGE. As 5 Feb. SINGING. As 18 Nov. 1797.

COMMENT. By Command of Their Majesties. Doors, &c. as 6 Dec. 1797. Receipts: £367 81. 6d. (359/9/6; 7/19/0).

Friday 9

As YOU LIKE IT. As 7 Oct. 1797, but Jaques – Wroughton; Le Beau – Russell;
Touchstone – Palmer. Also BLUE-BEARD. As 1 Feb.

SINGING. As 7 Oct. 1797.

COMMENT. Receipts: £271 191. 6d. (175/15/0; 92/18/0; 3/6/6).

ENGLAND PRESERV'D. Earl of Surry – Holman; Earl of Pembroke – Pope; Earl William – Betterton; Robert Fitzwalter – Whitfield; Bishop of Winchester – Hull; Earl of Chester – Davenport; English Squire – Clarke; Earl of Lincoln – Waddy; French Prince – Toms; Viscount de Beaumont – Claremont; French Guard – Powel; Count de Nevers – Thompson; Herald – Farley; John de Warrenne – Miss Standen // Lady Surry – Miss Betterton. Also The Poor Sailor, or, Little Bob and Little Ben. Lieutenant Battledor (the Poor Sailor) – Incledon; Compass – Davenport; Bumbo – Farley; O'Daub – Waddy; Freakish – Townsend; Lieutenant – Gray; Capt. Battledor – Munden; Little Bob – Young Standen // Miss Ann Battledor – Mrs Davenport; Nancy – Miss Wheatley; Eliza (alias Little Ben) – Mrs Martyr.

DANCING. In afterpiece a Triple Hornpipe by Blurton, Mrs Watts, Mlle St. Amand. SINGING. End of mainpiece an Interlude of Songs, Glees, and Chorusses: With a jolly full Bottle; Great Britain still her Charter boasts; The Wooden Walls; Queen



Betty was a famous Queen; To arms, to arms, by Incledon, Johnstone, Townsend, Linton, Gray, Street, Lee, Curties, Blurton, Wilde, &c.

Friday 9

MONOLOGUES. Preceding mainpiece An Occasional Prologue by Holman; Preceding the singing An Address to the Audience (instead of Epilogue) by Pope.

COMMENT. Benefit for the Voluntary Contribution now open at the Bank, for the Defence of our Country. Boxes 10s. 6d. Pit 5s. Gallery 2s. Upper Gallery 1s. Tickets to be had and Places to be taken of Brandon, at the Stage-Door in Hart-Street. Tickets also to be had at the Bar of Lloyd's Coffee-House. [Prologue by William Boscawen (Monthly Mirror, Mar. 1798, p. 178. Author of Address unknown.] "A subscription was set on foot behind the scenes," to which most of the performers contributed £10 apiece (Monthly Mirror, ibid). Account-Book, 12 May: Paid into the Bank of England in aid of the Voluntary Contribution £394 15s. Receipts: £518 8s. (280/9; 12/2; tickets: 225/17) [the difference of £123 13s. appears to have been the house charge].

A BOLD STROKE FOR A WIFE. As 13 Jan. Also BLUE-BEARD. As 1 Feb. COMMENT. Receipts: £272 31. 6d. (175/9/6; 95/5/0; 1/9/0).

Saturday 10 DL

SECRETS WORTH KNOWING. As 26 Jan., but Simmons in place of Knight.
Also THE AGREEABLE SURPRISE. As 8 Nov. 1797.

COMMENT. [Afterpiece in place of JOAN OF ARC, advertised on playbill of 9 Feb.] Receipts: £148 151. 6d. (138/2/6; 10/13/0).

LA SCOLA DEI MARITATI. As 23 Jan., but omitted: Morelli.

DANCING. End of Act I La Chasse d'Amour, as 2 Jan.; End of Opera Constante et Alcidonis, as 6 Feb.

King's

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THE CASTLE-SPECTRE. As 14 Dec. 1797, but Hollingsworth in place of Palmer. Also THE QUAKER. As 20 Dec. 1797, but Solomon – Suett. COMMENT. Receipts: £375 35. 6d. (316/10/6; 54/11/0; 4/2/0).

Monday 12

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THE BUSY BODY. As 4 Oct. 1797, but Sir Francis Gripe – Quick // Miranda – Miss Betterton. Also JOAN OF ARC; or, The Maid of Orleans. Ballet Characters. English: Young Talbot - Bologna Jun.; General Talbot - Bologna; Herald - Helme; Officers - Blurton, Wilde, Abbot, [L.] Bologna, &c. French: Alenson - Farley; Charles (King of France) – Simpson [in Airs: Claremont (see 14 Feb.)]; Cardinal – Powel; Abbot - Thompson; Nobles and Officers - Dyke, Lee, Curties, &c. // Joan of Arc - Mrs Parker. Infernals: Lucifer - Follett; Demons - Goostree, Parsloe, Letteney, Goodwin, Wilkins, &c. Vocal Characters. British Officer - Incledon; Edwin (the Page) [in Airs: Aerial Spirit, disguised as . . . (see 26 Feb.)] - Miss Sims; French and English Officers, Choristers, &c. - Linton, Street, Gray, &c.; Minstrel - Mrs Clendining // Female Choristers - Mrs Henley, Mrs Follett, Mrs Watts, Miss D'Evelyn, Mrs Gilbert, Mrs Norton, Mrs Masters, Mrs Castelle, Mrs Lloyd, Miss Walcup, Mrs Ward, Mrs Iliff, Mrs Bologna, Miss Leserve, &c.; Blanche - Mrs Mountain. The Argument. Joan of Arc and her sister Blanche, being placed in the power of the English Troops besieging Orleans, become both enamoured of Young Talbot-he prefers Blanche, which urges Joan to revenge, and then by employing Magic, she is gifted by Lucifer, for a stated time with supernatural Power, which she employs against the English with success—in the midst of her triumphs her power is crushed by the superior influence of Courage and Virtue, and she is consigned a Victim to the Fiend whose agency she solicited— Then Britannia seated in the Clouds, attended by Commerce, Plenty and Neptune, beholds A Grand Historical Pageant of the following Illustrations of British Heroism: CARACTACUS' Magnanimity before the Throne of Claudius. ALFRED disguised in the Danish Camp as an Harper, and discovering himself to his desponding

Countrymen. RICHARD COEUR DE LION imprisoned in Germany, & liberated

