HE'S MUCH TO BLAME. AS 13 Feb. Also JOAN OF ARC. AS 13 Feb., but Charles - Claremont; omitted: British Officer; from Pageant: EDWARD and ELEANORA, HENRY V.

Wednesday 14

MUSIC. In afterpiece: The Harp by Weippert.

COMMENT. "Incledon is no longer under any engagement at Covent-garden Theatre; having shewn a good deal of restiveness at being obliged to sing in the after-piece of *Joan of Arc*, he applied to Mr Harris on Friday [16 Feb.] to deliver him up his articles, which was instantly complied with" (*Times*, 19 Feb.). [On 22 Feb. and 15 Mar. Incledon acted, by Command; but not again until 14 Apr.] Receipts: £256 181. 6d. (239/10/6; 17/8/0).

HAMLET. As 24 Jan. Also BLUE-BEARD. As 13 Feb. COMMENT. Receipts: £244 65. 6d. (187/8/0; 54/8/0; 2/10/6).

Thursday 15 DL

He's Much to Blame. As 13 Feb. Also Joan of Arc. As 14 Feb. MUSIC. As 14 Feb.

CG

COMMENT. By Command of Their Majesties. Receipts: £386 191. (379/8/6; 7/10/6).

THE WHEEL OF FORTUNE. As 7 Dec. 1797, but Governor Tempest – Dowton; Coachman – Sparks. Also BLUE-BEARD. As 1 Feb., but Hassan – Maddocks // Beda – Miss Leak.

Friday 16 DL

CG

COMMENT. Receipts: £237 17s. 6d. (147/10/0; 85/9/0; 4/18/6).

He's MUCH TO BLAME. As 13 Feb., but added: Mrs Norton. Also JOAN OF ARC. As 14 Feb., but The Argument. The Ballet (principally taken from Historical facts) commences with a Grand Battle before the Town of Orleans, in which the English being victorious, a wounded French Officer (Alenson) solicits shelter in the Inn where Joan of Arc and her sister Blanche reside; this is granted, and they scarcely retire, before the conquering party rush into the Inn, but are prevented from using outrage by the intervention of a young English General (Talbot) of whom the sisters become enamoured. He prefers Blanche; and Joan, from resentment, in conjunction with Alenson, meditate his ruin, in which they fail, and are forced to fly-Joan grown desperate, invokes supernatural aid, and receives a Banner from Lucifer—distinguishes the French King in the midst of his Courtiers, tho' a Nobleman in his habit had been imposed on her for him—demands a consecrated sword and shield at the tomb of Charlemagne heads the French troops, and being victorious, takes young Talbot and her sister (whom he had espoused) Prisoners. Edwin (young Talbot's Page), not allowed to attend on his master, by concealing himself in the spoils of his tent is conveyed to the court-yard of his Prison, thro' the grating of which he gives him a sleeping draught, telling him on drinking it that they will suppose him dead, and the English demand his body. He complies, but the request of the English is refused, and he lowered into the Cell where Blanche is confined-She conceives him dead—despairing, is on the point of destroying herself, when he awakes—the Page from the top of the Cell points out the means of escape, which they are accomplishing, when Joan rushes in, but appalled at the ghost-like appearance of Talbot, whom she conceived dead, permits them to glide by, but pursues them-excursions with the enemy-Joan kills Talbot's Father, and forces him to combat—disdaining the threats of a woman, he throws away his sword, acting only on the defensive—disarms her—she rushes on him, when her supernatural power failing, her sword and shield break to pieces—she snatches her banner, which takes fire—grown desperate, seizes a sword and attempts to stab him, is prevented by British soldiers who surround and vanquish her-Young Talbot at the same time killing Alenson—her life is preserved by the intercession of Blanche—the British are victorious, she rushes off, again solicits supernatural



Friday 16 CG aid—is surrounded by Daemons but saved by the interposition of an Aerial Spirit—Blanche and Talbot are rendered happy, and the whole concludes with a Grand Historical Pageant [&c. as 14 Feb.].

MUSIC. As 14 Feb.

COMMENT. Receipts: £,254 17s. (243/8; 11/9).

Saturday 17

THE COUNTRY GIRL. As 22 Nov. 1797, but Moody – Wroughton; Countryman – Grimaldi // Miss Peggy – A Young Lady (1st appearance on the [recte] this stage [Miss Molini]). Also BLUE-BEARD. As 16 Feb.

COMMENT. [Miss Molini is identified in MS list in Kemble playbills of new performers for this season.] "Mrs Jordan . . . has taken considerable pains with a young lady of the name of Moline [sic], who, under her tuition, has frequently performed at Richmond theatre" (Monthly Visitor, Feb. 1798, p. 175). Receipts: £209 (120/15/6; 85/1/6; 3/3/0).

CG He's Much to Blame. As 16 Feb. Also Joan of Arc. As 16 Feb. *MUSIC.* As 14 Feb. COMMENT. Receipts: £310 8s. (298/13/6; 11/14/6).

King's LA SCOLA DEI MARITATI. As 13 Feb. DANCING. As 2 Jan. throughout.

Monday 19
THE CASTLE-SPECTRE. As 14 Dec. 1797, but R. Palmer in place of Bannister Jun.
Also THE FOLLIES OF A DAY. As 23 Dec. 1797.

COMMENT. Receipts: £374 21. (320/18/6; 51/17/6; 1/6/0).

CG He's MUCH TO BLAME. As 16 Feb. Also THE ROUND TOWER. As 24 Nov. 1797.

COMMENT. JOAN OF ARC [advertised on playbill of 17 Feb.] is withdrawn till Thursday, when it will be performed with Alterations. Receipts: £315 41. 6d. (304/18/6; 10/6/0).

Tuesday 20 DL THE CONFEDERACY. As 11 Nov. 1797. Also BLUE-BEARD. Abomelique (Blue-Beard) – Palmer; Ibrahim – Suett; Selim – Dignum; Shacabac – Bannister Jun.; Hassan – Maddocks; Spahis – Sedgwick, Bannister, Wathen, Trueman, Maddocks [i.e. doubled Hassan], &c.; Janizaries – Danby, Wentworth, Brown, Tett, Denman, Atkins; Male Peasants – Grimaldi, Gregson, Gallot, Aylmer, Potts, Willoughby, &c.; Male Slaves – Roffey, Thomson, Whitmell, Wells, Male, Garman, W. Banks // Fatima – Mrs Crouch; Irene – Miss De Camp; Beda – Miss Leak; Female Peasants – Mmes Arne, Roffey, Wentworth, Jackson, Maddocks, Menage, &c.; Principal Dancer – Mlle Parisot; Female Slaves – Mmes Brooker, Daniels, Brigg, Haskey, Illingham, Byrne, Willis, Vining. [And see 16 Jan.]

COMMENT. Receipts: £275 111. (195/4/6; 76/10/0; 3/16/6).

CG He's Much to Blame. As 16 Feb. Also Peeping Tom. Peeping Tom of Coventry (with *The Little Farthing Rushlight*) – Fawcett; Harold – Clarke; Crazy – Simmons; Mayor of Coventry – Waddy; Count Louis – Claremont; Earl Mercia – Thompson // Emma – Mrs Mountain; Mayoress of Coventry – Mrs Davenport; Lady Godiva – Mrs Gilbert; Maud – Mrs Martyr. COMMENT. Afterpiece: By permission of the Proprietor of the Theatre Royal, Hay-Market. Receipts: £179 (168/11/6; 10/8/6).

King's CINNA. Cast not listed, but see 24 Feb. [Cast from libretto (E. Jackson [1798]):
Ottavio – Rovedino; Cinna – Viganoni; Murena – De Giovanni; Agrippa –
Braghetti // Servilia – Mme Banti; Livia – Sga Pastorelli.]
DANCING. As 10 Feb. throughout.

COMMENT. A new grand Serious Opera, with Chorusses [1st time; SER 2, by Lorenzo Da Ponte]; the Music composed here by Bianchi.

