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 18s. 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.

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COMMENT. By Command of Their Majesties. Receipts: £386 19s. (379/8/6; 7/10/6).

THE WHEEL OF FORTUNE. As 7 Dec. 1797, but Governor Tempest – Dowton; Friday 16
Coachman – Sparks. Also Blue-Beard. As 1 Feb., but Hassan – Maddocks // DL
Beda – Miss Leak.

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

