Saturday 24 DL Magazine, Mar. 1798, p. 260)]: With new Scenes, Dresses, &c. With Musick [by Thomas Shaw].

"Mrs Siddons was successful in all the impassioned parts; but she cannot sustain a mixed character. She is the Muse of Tragedy herself, and when she descends from her lofty state to the level of familiar dialogue, she instantly ceases to astonish and we to admire" (Monthly Mirror, Apr. 1798, p. 234). "The dialogue must be considerably abridged, as well for the purpose of preserving the interest of the piece, as for shortening the time of representation, which is at least an hour too long, it being half past ten before the curtain dropt" [see 26 Mar.] (Morning Herald, 26 Mar.). Receipts: £420 75. 6d. (378/11/6; 40/18/0; 1/8/0).

CG He's Much to Blame. As 16 Feb. Also Oscar and Malvina. As 20 Mar.

COMMENT. [Afterpiece in place of A DEVIL OF A LOVER, advertised on playbill of 22 Mar.] Receipts: £181 21. (170/4; 10/18).

An Act of LA SPOSA IN EQUIVOCO. As 22 Mar. Also Act II of SEMIRAMIDE. As 9 Jan.

DANCING. End of 1st piece Le Triomphe de Thémis, as 22 Mar.; End of 2nd piece La Vengeance de l'Amour, as 22 Mar., but omitted: Pas de Quatre of Panurge, and names of performers.

Monday 26 THE STRANGER. As 24 Mar., but omitted: Webb, Evans, Fisher. Also BLUE-DL BEARD. As 22 Feb., but Beda – Mrs Bland.

COMMENT. "Many judicious alterations and curtailments have taken place [in THE STRANGER]" (Morning Herald, 28 Mar.). Receipts: £445 145. (379/9/6; 64/10/6; 1/14/0).

CG A CURE FOR THE HEART ACHE. As 16 Oct. 1797. Also OSCAR AND MALVINA. As 20 Mar.

COMMENT. Receipts: £183 55. 6d. (181/7/6; 1/18/0).

THE JEW. Sheva – Meredith; Charles Ratcliffe – Egerton; Jabal – Wilson; Sir Stephen Bertram – Harley; Saunders – Richards; Frederick Bertram – Wilkinson // Mrs Ratcliff – Mrs Williams; Dorcas – Miss Thompson; Eliza Ratcliff – Miss Herbert. Also A NAVAL INTERLUDE. Tom Grog – Egerton; Sam Stern – Meredith; Ben Bobstay – Betts; Harry Halliard – Harley; George Streamer – Miss Wilkinson. Also THE MAYOR OF GARRATT. Jerry Sneak (with an old new song) – Cussans; Sir Jacob Jollup – Meredith; Bruin – Wilkinson; Roger – Harley; Major Sturgeon – Egerton // Mrs Sneak – Mrs Egerton. Also THE GHOST. Farmer Harrow – Egerton; Trusty – Meredith; Sir Jeffery Constant – Harley; Captain Constant – Richards; Clinch – Wilkinson // Dolly – Mrs Egerton. SINGING. 2nd piece: With Songs, &c.

COMMENT. By Permission of the Most Noble the Marquis of Salisbury [the Lord Chamberlain]. Benefit for Wilkinson. 1st piece: Compress'd into 4 acts. The Doors to be opened at 5:30. To begin at 6:30 precisely. Tickets to be had of Wilkinson, No. 16, Lisle Street, Leicester Square.

Tuesday 27 THE STRANGER. As 26 Mar. Also BLUE-BEARD. As 26 Mar. DL COMMENT. Receipts: £356 (297/6/6; 57/0/6; 1/13/0).

CG THE GHOST. As 7 Nov. 1797, but Clinch – Farley. Also He's MUCH TO BLAME. As 13 Feb., but omitted: Thompson, Rees, Blurton, Wilde, Abbot, Curties. Also OSCAR AND MALVINA. As 20 Mar., but omitted: all Domestics, all Bards.

COMMENT. Receipts: £156 2s. (153/12; 2/10).



CINNA. As 24 Feb.

DANCING. As 6 Mar. throughout.

Tuesday 27 King's

A GRAND SELECTION FROM THE MOST FAVOURITE WORKS OF HANDEL. Principal Vocal Performers, Leader, as 23 Feb.

Wednesday 28

PART I. Occasional Overture. Wave from Wave by Sale (ISRAEL IN EGYPT). From Harmony by Chorus (DRYDEN'S ODE). Every day will I give by Incledon (CHANDOS ANTHEMS). O filial piety by Dorion (SAUL).

PART II. Overture. O the pleasures of the plains by Chorus; Shepherd, what by Master Elliot; I rage, I melt, I burn and O ruddier than the cherry by Reinhold; The flocks shall leave by Miss Poole, Incledon, Reinhold (ACIS AND GALATEA). Grateful Hearts by Miss Dufour (NABAL). Hear, Jacob's God by Chorus; O mirror of our fickle state by Miss Celson (SAMSON). Sweet Bird by Mme Mara, accompanied on the violin by G. Ashley (L'ALLEGRO). My arms against and Sound an alarm by Incledon; We hear by Chorus (Judas Maccabaeus). No, cruel father by Incledon (SAUL). O, had I Juhal's lyre by Miss Poole (Joshua). The many rend the skies by Chorus (Alexander's Feast). Pious orgies by Mme Mara (Judas Maccabaeus). No more to Ammon's God by Chorus (Jephtha).

PART III. Select parts of the Water Music. Softly sweet by Miss Poole, accompanied on the violoncello by C. Ashley (ALEXANDER'S FEAST). I feel, I feel and Arm, arm, ye brave by Reinhold; We come, we come by Chorus (JUDAS MACCABAEUS). The Soldier tir'd by Mme Mara (Dr Arne). What's sweeter than the new blown rose by Miss Poole and Master Elliot (JOSEPH). Oh, come, let us worship by Incledon ([CHANDOS] ANTHEMS). But bright Cecilia by Mme Mara; As from the power by Mme Mara and Chorus; The dead shall live by Chorus (DRYDEN'S ODE). MUSIC. As 9 Mar. throughout.

COMMENT. "Miss Poole did not appear at the Oratorio last Wednesday . . . She has been very dangerously ill" (Morning Herald, 30 Mar.). Her substitute is not named.

THE STRANGER. As 26 Mar. Also BLUE-BEARD. As 26 Mar. COMMENT. Receipts: £519 51. (466/18; 49/18; 2/9).

Thursday 29 DL

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FALSE IMPRESSIONS. As 23 Nov. 1797, but omitted: Follett, Curties, Mrs Norton. Also OSCAR AND MALVINA. As 27 Mar.

COMMENT. By Command of Their Majesties. Receipts: £419 (411/11/6; 7/8/6).

A GRAND SELECTION FROM THE MOST FAVOURITE WORKS OF HANDEL. Principal Vocal Performers, Leader, as 23 Feb.

Friday 30 CG

PART I. Overture (SAMSON). Shall I in Mamre's by Sale; For all these mercies by Chorus (JOSHUA). O Change beyond Report and O Mirror of our fickle state by Miss Celson (SAMSON). My arms against and Sound an alarm by Incledon; We hear by Chorus; Come, ever smiling liberty by Miss Poole (JUDAS MACCABAEUS). When his loud voice by Chorus (JEPHTHA). O worse than Death and Angels ever bright by Mme Mara (THEODORA). He gave them bailstones by Chorus (ISRAEL IN EGYPT).

PART II. Overture and March (SCIPIO). Tyrants would by Mme Mara; Tyrants ye in vain by Chorus (ATHALIA). He layeth the beams by Reinhold (EZIO). Grateful bearts by Miss Dufour (NABAL). Fall'n is the foe by Chorus (JUDAS MACCABAEUS). Great Jeborah's awful word by Miss Poole (ISRAEL IN EGYPT). Gentle Airs by Incledon, accompanied on the violoncello by C. Ashley (ATHALIA). Bravura Agitata by Mme Mara. The Lord shall reign by Chorus; For the Horse of Pharaoh and And Miriam by Incledon; Sing ye to the Lord by Mme Mara; The Horse and his Rider by Chorus (ISRAEL IN EGYPT). Mad Bess by Mme Mara (Purcell).

PART III. Selected from THE MESSIAH. Overture. Comfort ye and Every Valley by Incledon. And the Glory by Chorus. How beautiful by Master Elliot. The trumpet shall sound by Reinhold. Rejoice greatly by Miss Poole. For unto us a Child

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