ELFRIDA. Principal Characters by Viganoni, Benelli // Mme Banti. [Cast from libretto (E. Jackson [1798]): Adelvolto – Viganoni; Egardo – Benelli; Orgando – Rovedino; Siveno – Braghetti; Osmondo – De Giovanni // Elfrida – Mme Banti; Evelina – Sga Pastorelli.]

Thursday 26 King's

DANCING. End of Act I Peggy's Love, composed by Didelot [with music by Bossi], in which a Pas de Trois by Laborie, Mme Laborie, Mme Hilligsberg; End of Opera La Vengeance de l'Amour, as 21 Apr.

COMMENT. Benefit for Mme Banti. A Serious Opera, 1st time in this country [1st performed at Naples, 1792]; the Music by Paisiello. Tickets to be had of Mme Banti, No. 3, Hay Market.

THE GAMESTER. As 17 Jan. Also SYLVESTER DAGGERWOOD. As 13 Nov. 1797. Also BLUE-BEARD. As 24 Apr.

Friday 27 DL

CG

COMMENT. Benefit for Palmer. Times, 23 Apr.: Tickets to be had of Palmer, No. 39, Great Pulteney-street, Golden-square. Receipts: £274 5s. 6d. (86/1/6; 64/18/6; 0/18/0; tickets: 122/7/6) (charge: £245 3s.).

THE SCHOOL FOR SCANDAL. As 31 Mar. Also MATRIMONY. Characters by Pope, Munden, Knight, Clarke // Mrs Davenport, Mrs Abington. [Cast from Larpent MS: Toby - Pope [in MS: Fawcett]; Sir Harry Somnus - Munden; Lord Compound - Knight; Plywell - Clarke // Lady Somnus - Mrs Davenport; Lady Compound - Mrs Abington.] Also HIGH LIFE BELOW STAIRS. Lord Duke - Lewis; Lovel - Munden; Sir Harry (with the Mock Minuet) - Betterton; Freeman - Clarke; Phillip - Davenport; Tom - Rees; Robert - Thompson; Coachman - Powel // Lady Charlotte - Mrs Follett; Lady Bab - Mrs Gilbert; Cloe - Mrs Masters; Cook - Mrs Norton; Mrs Kitty (with the Song, and Mock Minuet) - Mrs Abington.

SINGING. In Act III of 1st piece a song by Incledon; in 2nd piece Strike the Harp in praise of Bragela [singer not listed].

COMMENT. Benefit for Mrs Abington. 1st piece: By Permission of the Author. 2nd piece [1st time; C1, attributed to Frances Abington. MS: Larpent 1209; not published]: From [LA] SOMNAMBULE; or, Sleep Walker [by Antoine de Fériol. comte de Pont-de-Veyle]. Receipts: £303 12s. (176/1/6; 4/1/0; tickets: 123/9/6).

THE STRANGER. As 26 Mar. Also THE CHILDREN IN THE WOOD. SAS 6 Jan., but Josephine – Miss Leak; 1st Child – Miss Walcot.

COMMENT. Receipts: £188 55. (134/14/0; 49/16/6; 3/8/6; half-tickets: 0/6/0).

Saturday 28 DL

CG

HAMLET. Hamlet – Johnston (Ist appearance in that character on this stage); Ghost – Murray; Polonius – Munden; King – Waddy; Horatio – Egerton (2nd appearance on this stage); Laertes – Whitfield; Ostrick – Farley; Rosencraus – Clarke; Grave-diggers – Quick, Rees // Ophelia – Mrs Mountain; Queen – Miss Chapman. Also HOOLY AND FAIRLY; or, The Highland Lad and Lowland Lass. Donald – Gray; Jockey – Clarke // Kate – Miss Wheatley; Old Woman – Mr Graham (from the Theatre Royal, Edinburgh, 1st appearance on this stage). Also A DIVERTISEMENT. As 2 Oct. 1797, but Old Towler by Incledon in place of To Batchelor's Hall; omitted: Speaking Characters.

DANCING. 2nd piece to conclude with a Highland Reel [performers not listed]; In 3rd piece Ballet, as 13 Oct. 1797.

SINGING. In Act v of 1st piece a Dirge, as 25 Sept. 1797; In 2nd piece Highland Laddy; Hooly and Fairly; Katharine Ogie [recte Oggy]; Andrew and his Cutty Gun; Todlen Hame; Tulloch Goram, &c. [singers not listed]; The Little Farthing Rushlight by Graham.

COMMENT. Benefit for Johnston. [He had 1st acted Hamlet at Edinburgh, 9 July 1794; Egerton's 1st appearance at CG was on 5 June 1797.] 2nd piece [1st

