BASHFUL LOVER, by] Massinger. [In it the playbill assigns Hortensio to Pope, but he was ill, and in his "stead Johnston read the part of Hortensio" (European Magazine, June 1798, p. 396). Prologue by John Taylor (Poems, I, 60).] Morning Herald, 29 May: Tickets to be had of Hull, Duke's Court, Dean's-yard, Westminster; of Mrs Litchfield, James-street, Covent-Garden; of Waddy, No. 214, opposite Southampton-street, High Holborn. Receipts: £261 25. 6d. (53/9/6; 4/16/6; tickets: 202/16/6, of which Hull took £72 75.; Mrs Litchfield £60 175., Waddy £69 125. 6d.).

Wednesday 30

THE CASTLE-SPECTRE. As 9 Apr. Also THE PRISONER. Marcos – Kelly; Bernardo – Dignum; Pasqual – Sedgwick; Roberto – Suett; Lewis – Wewitzer; Narcisso – Master Chatterley // Clara – Miss De Camp; Theresa – Miss Leak; Nina – Mrs Bland; Juliana – Mrs Walcot.

Thursday 31 DL

CG

DANCING. End of mainpiece a Dance, in which a Pas Seul by Mlle Parisot, and the favourite Hornpipe by Sga Bossi del Caro.

COMMENT. Benefit for Fosbrook, box book and house keeper. Receipts: £484 171. (85/9; 65/6; 3/0; tickets: 331/2) (charge: £218 31.).

THE RIVALS. Sir Anthony Absolute – Munden; Capt. Absolute – Toms; Faulkland – Holman; Sir Lucius O'Trigger – Johnstone; David – Townsend; Fag – Farley; Coachman – Thompson; Acres – Knight // Julia – Mrs Pope; Mrs Malaprop – Mrs Davenport; Lucy – Miss Leserve; Maid – Mrs Norton; Lydia Languish – Miss Betterton. Also THE RAFT. As 9 Apr. Also REFORMED IN TIME. As 25 May.

COMMENT. Account-Book: Tickets delivered by Paskin, Hall (carpenter), Furkins (ditto), Robson (music porter), Strahan, Haseler, Goodwin, Hill, Ledger, Hall (box-keeper) will be admitted. Receipts: £434 155. 6d. (24/4/0; 2/18/0;

tickets: 407/13/6).

June 1798

A BOLD STROKE FOR A WIFE. As 23 Sept. 1797, but 1st Stockbroker – Webb // Lady – Mrs Cuyler; omitted: Servant, Waiters. Also SYLVESTER DAGGERWOOD. As 13 Nov. 1797. Also THE FOLLIES OF A DAY. As 9 Apr., but Susan – Mrs Jordan.

Friday 1 DL

COMMENT. Account-Book: Tickets delivered by Miss Mellon, Miss Heard, Miss Arne will be admitted. Receipts: £103 7s. 6d. (52/6/0; 48/17/6; 2/4/0; tickets: none listed).

INKLE AND YARICO. As 18 Apr., but Inkle – Johnstone; Sir Christopher Curry – CG Murray // Narcissa – Mrs Mountain. Also HARLEQUIN AND FAUSTUS. As 28 May, but in III: Colombine – Mrs Watts.

SINGING. In Act I of mainpiece the original Duet by Johnstone and Mrs Pope; In the course of the Evening Black Ey'd Susan, Sally in our Alley, Old Towler, all by Incledon; The Beggar, as 25 May; Dueto, as 28 May.

COMMENT. Benefit for Brandon, box-book and housekeeper. Receipts: £465 31. 6d. (84/18/6; 12/0/0; tickets: 368/5/0).

THE WONDER. As 2 Nov. 1797, but Don Felix – C. Kemble (1st appearance in that character); Gibby – Sparks; Lissardo – King. Also THE PRIZE. As DL 21 Sept. 1797.

MONOLOGUE. End of mainpiece an Epilogue in the Character of Cupid by Master Chatterley.



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Saturday 2 DL COMMENT. Account-Book: Tickets delivered by Benson, Coates, Chatterley, Gregson, Gibson, Purser, Sparks, Smith, Whitmell, Willis, Weber, Wells, Mrs Byrne will be admitted. Receipts: £56 12s. (26/17/0; 28/1/6; 1/13/6; tickets: none listed).

CG

THE COMEDY OF ERRORS. As 10 Apr., but Dromio of Ephesus – Rees, in imitation of Munden's Voice, Manner, &c.; added: Dr Pinch – Wilde. Also THE WATERMAN. As 20 Apr., but Tom Tug (with Toung William) – Incledon. Also THE WITCHES REVELS; or, The Birth of Harlequin. Harlequin. – Simpson; Clown – Follett; Pantaloon – Hawtin; Kiddy Wigsby – Simmons; Crop (his servant) – Master Rees; Witches – Thompson, Street, Dyke, &c. // Principal Witch – Mrs Martyr; Mother – Mrs Lloyd; Colombine – Mlle St. Amand. SINGING. In Act III of 1st piece song in character by Mrs Henley; In the course of the Evening Old Towler by Incledon.

IMITATIONS. In 2nd piece new Imitations by Rees.

VAUDEVILLE. As 28 May.

COMMENT. Benefit for Simpson, Powel, Rees & Mrs Henley. 3rd piece [1st time; P1]: Selected from The Rape of Proserpine, Lord Mayor's Day, Harlequin's Museum, Harlequin Skeleton, Harlequin Sorcere, Aladin, &c. In the course of the Compilation will be introduced: The Birth and Emancipation of Harlequin from the Egg-shell—the Dying Scene—the Skeleton—His Renovation—the celebrated Gladiator Scene, &c. In particular, among many surprising Escapes, the Jump through the Tea-chest; Flight from one Balcony to the other; a Leap over twelve Soldiers with fixed Bayonets; the Flight back and Jump through a Tamborine—and (for that night only) Simpson will run perpendicular up the Wall of a House, 30 Feet High. To conclude with a View of the Grotto of Magic.

"There are some imitations which almost identify the originals, but [Rees's as Dromio] was a vile caricature, which would never have been recognized but for the specification in the play bills" (Monthly Mirror, June 1798, p. 371). Receipts: £269 19s. 6d. (48/19/0; 20/17/6; tickets: 200/3/0, of which Simpson took £72 5s. 6d., Powel £27 10s. 6d., Rees £36 11s., Mrs Henley £61 16s., leaving £2 to

be accounted for).

King's

CINNA. As 24 Feb.

DANCING. As 13 Mar. throughout.

Monday 4 DL MACBETH. As 7 Nov. 1797, but Donalbain - Master Palmer; Macbeth - Palmer; Banquo - Barrymore; Macduff - Wroughton; omitted: Captain, Messenger. Also BLUE-BEARD. As 14 May.

SINGING. As 7 Nov. 1797, but Miss Wentworth in place of Miss Menage. COMMENT. Receipts: £207 15. 6d. (147/14/6; 57/6/6; 2/0/6).

CG

WILD OATS. As 20 Mar., but Sir George Thunder - Davenport; John Dory (1st time) - Farley // Lady Amaranth - Miss Betterton; omitted: Lamp, Trap, Landlord, Zachariah, Twitch. Also UNANIMITY; or, War, Love, and Loyalty. Scene I. Cottage and Sea View. The sailor's Pledge of Love, as 15 May. Scene II. View of the Tower. The Wind blew fresh and fair by Townsend. Scene III. Rural View. Lowland Festivity. In which will be introduced the celebrated piece of machinery, The Peacock, by Sloper. Jamie - Bologna Jun.; Croudy - Bologna // Jenny - Miss Cranfield; Moggy - Mrs Watts. Scene IV. Romantic View. Duetto by Mrs Martyr and Mrs Mountain. Scene v. Mess-house. With a jolly full bottle by Incledon, Townsend, Gray, Linton, &c.; Toung William was a seaman true by Incledon; Great Britain still her Charter boasts by Incledon and full Chorus. To conclude with an Allegory, in honour of his Majesty's Birth-Day [celebrated on this day], in which

