STRANGER) [singer not listed]; The United Englishmen by Munden; A favourite song by Mrs Hindmarsh; Little Taffline; or, The silken sash by Mrs Bland.

Thursday 23

COMMENT. Benefit for Mrs Bland. Afterpiece: By permission of the Proprietors of the Theatre-Royal, Drury-Lane. Times, 18 Aug.: Tickets to be had of Mrs Bland, No. 25, King-street, Covent-garden.

THE HEIR AT LAW. As 22 June. Also THE DEAD ALIVE. As 4 Aug., but omitted: Servants.

Friday 24 HAY

COMMENT. ROSINA [advertised on playbill of 23 Aug.] is unavoidably postponed till next week.

THE ROAD TO RUIN. As 14 Aug., but added: Mr Smith - Abbot; Hosier -Caulfield; Sheriff's Officer - Ledger; Jacob - Waldron Jun. // Jenny - Mrs Norton; Mrs Ledger - Mrs Hale. Also NO SONG NO SUPPER. As 13 July.

Saturday 25 HAY

FALSE AND TRUE. As 15 Aug. Also THE GUARDIAN. Mr Heartly (1st time) - Barrymore; Mr Clackit - R. Palmer; Sir Charles Clackit - Suett // Miss Harriet - Miss Stuart; Lucy - Mrs Gibbs. Also The Shipwreck. As 23 Aug., but added: Shark - Caulfield; omitted: There stood Jonas.

Monday 27 HAY

INKLE AND YARICO. As 16 June, but Yarico - A Young Gentlewoman (1st appearance on any [recte this] stage [Mrs Brown]); omitted: Sailors. Also THE IRISHMAN IN LONDON. As 20 July, but added to Murtock Delany: The Irish Lad and Nun (The Musick by Shield).

Tuesday 28 HAY

SINGING. End of mainpiece Patents all the Rage by Munden; A Mock Italian Song by Fawcett; The Group of Lovers; or, Beauty at her Levee by Munden; a new song, The British Volunteers by Johnstone, with Chorus by Trueman, D'Arcy, Linton, Waldron Jun., Abbot, Lyons.

COMMENT. Benefit for Johnstone. "Mrs Brown is sister to Miss Biggs of Drury Lane, and . . . has played frequently in her father's company in the country [i.e. Barnstaple, &c.]" (Monthly Mirror, Sept. 1798, p. 179). Morning Herald, 22 Aug.: Tickets to be had of Johnstone, No. 19, Piazza, Covent-Garden.

THE PURSE. As 20 Aug. Also THE MERCHANT OF VENICE. Shylock -Wednesday 29 C. Kemble (1st appearance in that character); Anthonio – Aickin; Gratiano – R. Palmer; Lorenzo (with a song) - Davies; Tubal - Waldron; Old Gobbo -Waldron Jun.; Launcelot – Suett; Duke – Davenport; Salanio – Caulfield; Solarino – Trueman; Leonardo – Lyons; Balthazar – Ledger; Bassanio – Barrymore // Jessica (with a song) - Mrs Bland; Nerissa - Mrs Harlowe; Portia - Miss De Camp. Also ROSINA. Belville - Trueman; Capt. Belville - Davies; Rustic - Waldron Jun.; Irishmen - Caulfield, Abbot; William - Mrs Harlowe // Phoebe - Mrs Bland;

Dorcas - Mrs Davenport; Rosina - Miss Griffiths (1st appearance in that character). COMMENT. "We suggest the necessity of curtailing the entertainments . . . The Purse ought to have been entirely omitted. There is a want of alertness between the acts which is much better managed at the Winter Theatres. Rosina did not begin till half past eleven o'clock. We advise the Female Performers not to disguise their faces with so much rouge. If it is in some measure necessary at the Winter Theatres, where the chief part of the audience are at a distance from the Stage,

we conceive in this small House it is less necessary" (Times, 30 Aug.).

FALSE AND TRUE. As 15 Aug. Also Two Strings to Your Bow. As 16 July, but omitted: Don Sancho, Drunken Porter. Also HIGH LIFE BELOW STAIRS. Lovel - C. Kemble; Freeman - Trueman; Philip - Caulfield; Duke's Servant - R. Palmer; Sir Harry's Servant - Palmer Jun. // Kitty - Miss De Camp; Lady Bab's Maid - Mrs Edward; Lady Charlotte's Maid - Miss Heard. DANCING. In Act II of 3rd piece a Mock Minuet by R. Palmer and Miss De Camp.

Thursday 30

