Tuesday 4

THE SURRENDER OF CALAIS. King Edward – Middleton; Harcourt – Wentworth; Sir Walter Manny – Sparks; John de Vienne – Aickin; Ribbomont – Barrymore; Eustache de St. Pierre – Cory; Officer – Surmont; John d'Aire – Trueman; Citizens – Wewitzer, Russell, Webb, Chippendale; O'Carrol – Caulfield; La Gloire – Bannister Jun.; Crier – Hollingsworth; Old Man – Packer; Carpenters – Suett, Maddocks; Serjeant – Wathen // Queen – Miss Heard; Julia – Miss De Camp; Madelon – Mrs Bland. Also The Apprentice. As 4 Oct. SINGING. In mainpiece Vocal Parts by Danby, Wentworth, Brown, Tett, Denman, Atkins, [J.] Fisher, Aylmer, Gallot, Peck, Walker, Willoughby, Phillimore, Evans, Fisher, Caulfield Jun. // Mmes Arne, Roffey, Wentworth, Jackson, Maddocks, Menage, Menage Jun., Chippendale, Gawdry, Butler, Benson, Bowyer, Jacobs, Coates, &c.

COMMENT. Mainpiece: By Permission of the Proprietor of the Theatre Royal, Hay-Market. Receipts: £168 13s. (97/0/6; 69/9/6; 2/3/0).

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RAMAH DROOG. As 14 Nov. Also THE JEW AND THE DOCTOR. As 23 Nov.

COMMENT. Receipts: £278 2s. 6d. (274/8/0; 3/14/6).

Wednesday 5

A WORD FOR NATURE. Characters by Aickin, Suett, Barrymore, Bannister Jun., R. Palmer, Dowton, Hollingsworth, Evans, Webb, Fisher, Ryder // Miss Pope, Miss Biggs, Mrs Walcot. [Cast from Monthly Visitor, Dec. 1798, p. 392: Lord Glenandry – Aickin; Sir Toby Truckle – Suett; Clifton – Barrymore; Leonard – Bannister Jun.; Starling – R. Palmer; Runic – Dowton; Patrick Malooney – Hollingsworth // Lady Truckle – Miss Pope; Matilda – Miss Biggs; Mrs Lofty – Mrs Walcot. Evans, Webb, Fisher, Ryder are unassigned.] Prologue spoken by Barrymore. Epilogue spoken by Bannister Jun. Also The Captive of Spilburg. As 20 Nov.

DANCING. As 14 Nov., but added: Johnston; omitted: Male, W. Banks.

COMMENT. Mainpiece [1st time; C5, by Richard Cumberland. 1st published (without assignment of parts) in his *Postbumous Dramatic Works*, 1813, Vol. 1, as THE PASSIVE HUSBAND. Prologue and Epilogue by the author (Thomas Holcroft, *Life*, ed. Elbridge Colby, 1925, II, 205)]. Receipts: £253 8s. 6d. (189/12/6; 60/7/6; 3/8/6).

CG

LOVER'S VOWS. AS I Nov. Also THE JEW AND THE DOCTOR. AS 23 Nov. COMMENT. By Command of Their Majesties. Doors, &c. as 21 Nov. Receipts: £470 55. 6d. (466/11/6; 3/14/0).

Thursday 6 DL A WORD FOR NATURE. As 5 Dec. Prologue, Epilogue as 5 Dec. Also THE SHIPWRECK. As 3 Nov.

DANCING. End of mainpiece The Scotch Ghost; or, Little Fanny's Love. Jamie – Dubois; Glaude – Grimaldi; Saundy – Master Chatterley; Donald – Whitmell // The Lady of Dunblain – Mlle Parisot; Elpsa – Mrs Brooker; Fanny (with a Hornpipe) – Sga Bossi del Caro. Villagers – Roffey, Garman, Wells, Gauron, Goodman, Johnston, Bisan // Mmes Brigg, Byrne, Daniels, Vining, Luciet, Riches, Drake.

COMMENT. Ballet: 1st time these 2 years. Receipts: £188 141. (109/5/6; 77/3/6; 2/5/0).

CG

RAMAH DROOG. As 14 Nov. Also THE JEW AND THE DOCTOR. As 23 Nov.

COMMENT. Receipts: £230 4s. 6d. (226/11/6; 3/13/0).

Friday 7 DL A WORD FOR NATURE. As 5 Dec., but Miss Biggs's part read by Miss Heard; omitted: Fisher, Ryder. Prologue, Epilogue as 5 Dec. Also THE CAPTIVE OF SPILBURG. As 20 Nov. DANCING. As 5 Dec.



COMMENT. [In mainpiece the playbill retains Miss Biggs, but "Biggs, of Drury-lane Theatre, died yesterday [actually not until 9 Dec.]. The grief of his sister on the occasion prevented her performing in Cumberland's new comedy last night; in consequence of which the part of Matilda was read by Miss Heard" (Morning Herald, 8 Dec.).] Receipts: £158 os. 6d. (98/0/0; 56/11/6; 3/9/0).

Friday 7 DL

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LOVER'S VOWS. AS 22 Oct. Also THE JEW AND THE DOCTOR. AS CG 23 Nov. Also THE MOUTH OF THE NILE. AS 17 Nov. COMMENT. Receipts: £297 195. 6d. (285/13/6; 12/6/0).

A WORD FOR NATURE. As 5 Dec., but Miss Heard in place of Miss Biggs. Saturday 8 Prologue, Epilogue as 5 Dec. Also MY GRANDMOTHER. As 18 Sept. DL DANCING. End of mainpiece The Scotch Ghost, as 6 Dec.

COMMENT. Receipts: £178 6s. 6d. (103/17/6; 73/6/6; 1/2/6).

LAUGH WHEN YOU CAN. Principal Characters by Lewis, Holman, Munden, Fawcett, Miss Gilbert, Townsend, Whitfield, Thompson, Simmons, Wilde, Abbot, Curties, Platt // Mrs Pope, Mrs Gibbs, Miss Mansel, Mrs Mattocks. [Cast from text (T. N. Longman and O. Rees, 1799), and playbill of 16 Sept. 1799: Gossamer – Lewis; Mortimer – Holman; Bonus – Munden; Sambo – Fawcett; Charles Mortimer – Miss Gilbert; Costly – Townsend; Delville – Whitfield; Farmer Blackbrook – Thompson; Waiter – Simmons; Bailiff – Wilde; Gregory – Abbot // Mrs Mortimer – Mrs Pope; Dorothy – Mrs Gibbs; Emily – Miss Mansel; Miss Gloomly – Mrs Mattocks. Curties, Platt are unassigned.] Prologue spoken by Holman. Epilogue spoken by Mrs Pope. [These were spoken, as here assigned, at the 1st 9 performances only, with the Epilogue again on 27 Dec. (see 29 Dec.).] Also The Spoil'd Child. As 24 Oct.

COMMENT. Mainpiece [1st time; C5, by Frederick Reynolds. Prologue by Counsellor Moore (Monthly Mirror, Dec. 1798, p. 368). Epilogue by John Taylor (see text)]: With new Scenes and Dresses. "Lewis's Gossamer is one of those characters which no actor could play but himself, because no man has that happy freedom and facility, that fashionable playfulness and spirit, so joyous, free, and unrelaxing, which distinguish all his performances of this nature" (Monthly Mirror, ibid). Morning Chronicle, 8 Mar. 1799: This Day is published LAUGH WHEN YOU CAN (21.). Receipts: £268 101. (263/17; 4/13).

MEDONTE. Principal Characters by Benelli, Rovedino, Viganoni // Mme Banti. [Cast from libretto (Da Ponte [1798]): Medonte – Benelli; Evandro – Rovedino; Arsace – Viganoni; Talete – De Giovanni // Selene – Mme Banti; Zelinda – Sga Pastorelli.]

King's

DANCING. End of Act I Peggy's Love by Didelot, Laborie, Mme Rose, Mme Laborie, Mlle J. Hilligsberg, Mme Hilligsberg; End of Opera Ariadne et Bacchus [performers not listed].

COMMENT. A new Serious Opera; the music by Sarti. The Doors to be opened at 6:30. To begin exactly at 7:30 [see 29 Dec.]. Pit 10s. 6d. Gallery 5s.

A WORD FOR NATURE. As 7 Dec., but Miss Heard's name listed in playbill. Monday 10 Prologue, Epilogue as 5 Dec. Also BLUE-BEARD. As 26 Nov.

COMMENT. Receipts: £249 135. (163/2/6; 84/11/6; 1/19/0).

LAUGH WHEN YOU CAN. As 8 Dec. Also THE JEW AND THE DOCTOR. CG As 23 Nov.

COMMENT. [Afterpiece in place of ALBERT AND ADELAIDE, advertised on playbill of 8 Dec.] Receipts: £319 14s. 6d. (310/2/6; 9/12/0).

