

May 1669

- KING AND NO KING. [By Francis Beaumont and John Fletcher.] Downes (*Roscius Anglicanus*, p. 5): Arbaces – Hart; Tygranes – Burt; Mardonius – Mohun; Gobrias – Wintersel; Lygones – Cartwright; Bessus – Shotterel; Arane – Mrs Corey; Panthea – Madam Gwin. *Thursday 6*
Bridges
- COMMENT. The King's Company. This play is on the L. C. list, 5/12, p. 17. See also Nicoll, *Restoration Drama*, p. 344.
- COMMENT. *The Travels of Cosmo the Third* [Monday 20 May 1669 NS, Monday 10 May 1669 OS]: After this excursion through the city, his highness went to the comedy at the Duke's theatre (p. 304). *Monday 10*
LIF
- THE ROMAN VIRGIN; or, The Unjust Judge. [Altered from John Webster, *Appius and Virginia*, probably by Thomas Betterton.] Downes (*Roscius Anglicanus*, p. 30): Virginius – Betterton; Appius – Harris; Virginia – Mrs Betterton. An edition of 1679, with the name of John Webster on the title page, has no prologue, no epilogue, no actors' names. *Wednesday 12*
LIF
- COMMENT. The Duke's Company. Langbaine, *English Dramatick Poets*, p. 509: [It] was alter'd (as I have heard by Mr Carthwright) by Mr Betterton. Downes, p. 30: [Done] by the same Author [Betterton] . . . and all the other Parts Exactly perform'd, it lasted Successively 8 Days, and very frequently Acted afterwards.
- Pepys, *Diary*: To the Duke of York's playhouse, and there, in the side balcony, over against the musick, did hear, but not see, a new play, the first day acted, "The Roman Virgin," an old play, and but ordinary, I thought; but the trouble of my eyes with the light of the candles did almost kill me.
- [THE ROMAN VIRGIN; or, The Unjust Judge.] See 12 May 1669. *Thursday 13*
LIF
- COMMENT. The Duke's Company. If Downes' statement—that the play was acted eight days successively—is correct, this tragedy was acted from 12 May through 20 May.
- [THE ROMAN VIRGIN; or, The Unjust Judge.] See 12 May 1669. *Friday 14*
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- [THE ROMAN VIRGIN; or, The Unjust Judge.] See 12 May 1669. *Saturday 15*
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- [THE ROMAN VIRGIN; or, The Unjust Judge.] See 12 May 1669. *Monday 17*
LIF
- THE SPANISH CURATE. [By John Fletcher, with Philip Massinger.] *Cast not known.* Bridges
- COMMENT. The King's Company. Pepys, *Diary*: To the King's playhouse, and saw "The Spanish Curate" revived, which is a pretty good play, but my eyes troubled with seeing it, mightily.
- [THE ROMAN VIRGIN; or, The Unjust Judge.] See 12 May 1669. *Tuesday 18*
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- [THE ROMAN VIRGIN; or, The Unjust Judge.] See 12 May 1669. *Wednesday 19*
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- [THE ROMAN VIRGIN; or, The Unjust Judge.] See 12 May 1669. *Thursday 20*
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