

September 1681

ENTERTAINMENTS.

COMMENT. Luttrell, *A Brief Relation*, 1, 186: There [has] been a tall Irish man to be seen in Bartholomew-fair.

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The Epilogue to a revival of *Mithridates* (see mid-October 1681) has some lines which refer to recent activities at Bartholomew Fair:

*Have not you seen the Dancing of the Rope?
When Andrew's wit was clean run off the Score,
And Jacob's Cap'ring Tricks could do no more,
A Damsel does to the Ladders Top advance
And with two heavy Buckets drags a Dance;
The Tawning Crowd pearcb't up to see the sight,
And slav'r'd at the Mouth for vast delight.*