

## December 1698

LOVE AND A BOTTLE. [By George Farquhar.] Edition of 1699: Prologue, DL  
By J. H. [Joseph Haines], Spoken by Mr Powell; a Servant attending with a  
Bottle of Wine. Epilogue, Written and Spoke by Jo. Haynes in Mourning. Roebuck-  
Williams; Lovewell - Mills; Mockmode - Bullock; Lyrick - Johnson; Pamphlet -  
Haynes; Rigadoon - Haynes; Nimblewrist - Ashton; Club - Pinkethman; Brush -  
Fairbank; Lucinda - Mrs Rogers; Leanthe - Mrs Maria Alison; Trudge - Mrs  
Mills; Bulfinch - Mrs Powel; Pindress - Mrs Moor.

COMMENT. Rich's Company. The date of the first performance is not known,  
but it cannot be later than December 1698, for the play was advertised in the  
*Post Man*, 27-29 Dec. 1698. The play may have been produced earlier in the  
season, but it apparently followed the two operatic works (*The Island Princess*  
and *Rinaldo and Armida*), as the Epilogue alludes to the "late Singers." It also  
refers to Sigismondo Fideli, as being lately arrived, and he is known to have given  
a concert on 22 Dec. 1698.

COMMENT. James Brydges, *Diary*: About 5 my Coz: Roberts & I went to y<sup>e</sup> Tuesday 13  
Playhouse in Covent Garden, but not liking y<sup>e</sup> play, wee went to that in Lincolns DL, LIF  
inn fields, & staid till 'twas done. I saw L<sup>d</sup> Normanby, L<sup>d</sup> Willouby, Sir Rich:  
Samford &c. here (Huntington MS St 26).

## CONCERT.

COMMENT. *London Gazette*, No 3454, 15-19 Dec. 1698: On Thursday next Thursday 22  
will be performed in York-buildings, a new Entertainment of Vocal Musick, by YB  
Seigneur Fidelio, beginning exactly at 7 a night.

## January 1699

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COMMENT. *London Gazette*, No 3457, 26-29 Dec. 1698: On Wednesday next, Wednesday 4  
will be performed at York Buildings Mr Daniel Purcell's Musick made for last YB  
St Cecilia's Feast, for the Benefit of Mr Howel and Mr Shore, with an Addition  
of new Vocal and Instrumental Musick. [*London Gazette*, 29 Dec. 1698-2 Jan.  
1698/9, adds: beginning at 7 at night.] See also 22 Nov. 1698.

COMMENT. Elizabeth Barry to the Right Hon. Lady Lisburne, 5 Jan. 1698/9: Thursday 5  
As for the little affairs of our house I never knew a worse Winter only we have LIF  
had pretty good success in the Opera of Rinaldo and Armida where the poet  
made me command the Sea the earth and Air but had I really that Authority  
I cou'd with joy forsake it all to wait on your Ladyship. . . . Eliz: Barry. Lon:  
jan: y<sup>e</sup> 5th this moment Alexander is bespoke to entertain y<sup>e</sup> Bride I mentioned  
[the daughter of Lord Litchfield married to Lord Baltimore's son] & all their  
guest to-morrow (See M. A. Shaaber, "A Letter from Mrs Barry," *The Library  
Chronicle*, The University of Pennsylvania, XVI [1950], 46).

THE RIVAL QUEENS; or, The Death of Alexander the Great. [By Nathaniel Friday 6  
Lee.] Presumably Mrs Barry acted Roxana. LIF

COMMENT. Betterton's Company. See letter of 5 Jan. 1698/9.