

- Wednesday 28*
DL relation to that great Man, is to have a Benefit at Drury Lane Theatre on Wednesday next. I willingly joined in their devotions, and rejoice with the Publick on their having an opportunity of shewing their gratitude and Veneration to a man whose Genius reflects a lustre on the British Literature, and whose sentiments have added strength to the British liberties; to an author whose works have been the delight of our Fathers, and will be the Admiration of our sons: latest posterity; to an Englishman who is not only the Glory of our Country, but the Honour to Human Nature. This fair Opportunity of paying a respect to his Memory (the last of the kind that can be offered to us, as Mrs Foster is the only surviving branch of his family) must certainly be embraced with Eagerness and pleasure; all who have any pretence to an Elegant Taste, all lovers of Liberty, and every friend of the Muses, will surely crowd to the house on this distinguish'd night, and give at once an instance of the politeness of their manners, and the goodness of their hearts, I am, &c. A Lover of Milton (*General Advertiser*).
- CG JUDAS MACCHABAEUS. As 9 March.
- JS VENICE PRESERVED. *Cast not listed.* Also DAMON AND PHILLIDA. *Cast not listed.*
COMMENT. At the New Theatre, James St. A concert, etc. Benefit for Edward. Prices 3s., 2s., 1s. To begin at six o'clock (*Daily Advertiser*).
- Thursday 29*
DL MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING. As 23 Feb., but Friar, Borachio and Dogberry not listed. Also LETHE. As 27 March, but Tattoo – King; Frenchman – Blakes; Old Man – Taswell; Mrs Tattoo – Miss Cole; Charon – Winstone.
DANCING. End of Play, *Venetian Gardeners* by Grandchamps, Mlle Aurette.
COMMENT. Benefit for Mr and Mrs Havard. Tickets to be had at Havard's House in Broad Court, Bow St., at the Bedford, and at the Stage Door. Rec'd. Cash £72 2s. 6d., plus £79 5s. from tickets. Total £151 7s. 6d. Bought 6 lbs. lamp-wick 10s. (Treasurer's Book). Receipts: £160 (Cross); charges, £63 (Treasurer's Book).
- CG RULE A WIFE AND HAVE A WIFE. As 18 Jan.
SINGING. I: *O Lovely Peace* (a duetto from *Judas Maccabaeus*) by Lowe and Miss Falkner; II: *Mirth gives Courage* by Leveridge; III: *Spara il Pastor contente* (from the opera *Phaeton*) by Miss Falkner; IV: *The Truly Happy Man* by Leveridge; End of Play: *Epilogue* to Music by Leveridge.
DANCING. V: By Cooke and Miss Hillyard.
COMMENT. Benefit for Leveridge. Charges £60. Deficiency to Leveridge £17 17s., converted by £127 2s. from tickets. Receipts: £42 3s.
- Friday 30*
CG JUDAS MACCHABAEUS. As 9 March.
- Saturday 31*
DL MEROPÉ. As 9 Feb., but Ismene – Miss Cole. Also THE CHAPLET. As 13 March, but add Grandchamps, Mathews, Miss Baker.
DANCING. *Venetian Gardeners* by Grandchamps and Mlle Aurette.
COMMENT. Benefit for Berry. Tickets at Pope's Peruke Maker Russell St. Rec'd Cash £93 3s., plus £92 11s. from tickets. Total £185 14s.; Paid Salary List £203 7s.; Norton 5 chorus £1 5s. (Treasurer's Book).
To the Public, Gentlemen and Ladies, I am very sorry that a long, sharp, and severe fit of Illness prevents me the satisfaction of making my personal application to my friends as usual, against my Benefit; but finding myself every day rather worse than better, I hope you will be so kind as to take this notice, that the *Stratagem*, will be performed on Saturday the 21st of April; the part of Archer by Mr Garrick, for the benefit of Mr and Mrs Mills; with a Farce and all other usual Entertainments. From your most oblig'd Servant, William Mills.

- Mr Mills hopes his friends who intend to honour him with their company, will be so kind as to send to him for Places, Tickets, &c., or call upon him at Mr Gardner's Printing Office in Russel St., Covent Garden; or at Hobson's at the stage door (*General Advertiser*). Receipts: £180 (Cross); charges, £60 (Treasurer's Book). Saturday 31
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- THE PROVOK'D WIFE.** As 4 Dec. 1749. Also **PHEBE.** As 19 March, but return to cast of 29 Sept. 1749, Tippet – Miss Young; Phoebe – Mrs Dunstall. CG
DANCING. I: *New Dance* by Cooke and Miss Hillyard; II: *Dutch Dance*, as 19 March, but now by Cooke and Miss Hillyard; III: *Grand Scots Ballet*, as 1 Feb.; End of Play: *Louvre* and *Mimuet* by Cooke and Miss Hillyard.
 COMMENT. Benefit for Cooke. Charges £60. Deficiency to Cooke £25 10s., covered by £134 7s. from tickets. Tickets of Cooke at Mr Clark's, an Upholsterer in James St., Covent Garden, and at the Stage Door. Died Dennis Delane, Esq. universally regretted (*Daily Advertiser*, 3 April). Receipts: £34 10s.
- IL TRIONFO DI CAMILLA.** Camilla – Signora Frasi; Latino – Laschi; Turno – Signora Giacomazzi; Lavinia – Signora Mellini; Prenesto – Guadagni; Mezio – Signora Moretti. King's
 COMMENT. A New Opera. To begin at half after six (*Daily Advertiser*).

April 1750

- ALL FOR LOVE; or, The World Well Lost.** Antony – Barry; Ventidius – Sowdon; Dollabella – King; Alexas – Blakes; Serapion – Bridges; Myris – Simpson; Gentleman – Barnet; Charmion – Mrs Bennet; Iris – Miss Cole; Octavia – Mrs Elmy, 1st time; Cleopatra – Mrs Pritchard. Also **THE INTRIGUING CHAMBERMAID.** As 29 Jan., but Goodall, and Mrs Hyman omitted. Monday 2
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SINGING. III: By Miss Norris.
DANCING. *Venetian Gardeners*, Grandchamps and Mlle Aurette.
 COMMENT. Benefit for Mrs Elmy. Ladies are desired to send Servants to keep Places at 3 o'clock. Tickets and places to be had of Mrs Elmy at the corner of Tavistock St., in Southampton St., and of Hobson at the stage door. Cash receipts £63 6s. 6d., plus £74 6s. from tickets. Total £137 12s. 6d. (Treasurer's Book). Mr Delane dy'd Sun: y^e 1st of Ap: (Cross). The Masque of *Comus*, design'd to be perform'd at Drury Lane Wednesday next, the 4th of Apl, for the Benefit of Mrs Foster, Granddaughter of Milton, and his only surviving descendant, is, by particular desire of several persons of Quality, on account of Handel's Oratorio deferr'd till Thursday the 5th instant (*General Advertiser*). Receipts: £150 (Cross); charges £63 (Treasurer's Book).
- KING RICHARD III.** As 2 Oct. 1749, but Richard – Lee; King Henry – Bridgewater. Also **MISS IN HER TEENS.** As 26 March, but Flash – Lee. CG
DANCING. As 1 Feb.
 COMMENT. Benefit for Lee. Charges £60. Balance to Lee £1 6s. plus £88 17s. from tickets. Advanced Servandoni £5 5s. Tickets to be had of Lee at Mr Christmas's in Maiden Lane; and of Page at the stage door. Both pieces by Desire. Receipts: £61 6s.
- THE PROVOKED WIFE.** As 23 Oct. 1749, but Heartfree – Palmer; Mademoiselle – Mrs Cross. Also **THE REHEARSAL; or, Bayes in Petticoats.** As 15 March. Tuesday 3
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SINGING. Between the acts by Miss Norris.