

- 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  
DL
- 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  
DL  
**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<sup>e</sup> 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  
DL  
**SINGING.** Between the acts by Miss Norris.

- Tuesday 3**  
DL COMMENT. Benefit for Miss Norris. Tickets at Stage Door. Rec'd Cash £73 11s. 6d., plus £73 6s. from tickets. Total £146 17s. 6d. Paid Blandford (Tallow Chandler) £17 18s.; Paid Mr Field for Mr Killigrew's 9 s[hares] for 100 nights £105 (Treasurer's Book). Receipts: £160 (Cross); charges, £63 (Treasurer's Book).
- CG THE MOURNING BRIDE. Mourning Bride – Miss Bellamy; King – Sparks; Gonzales – Bridgwater; Garcia – Gibson; Selim – Bennet; Heli – Bransby; Leonora – Mrs Barrington; Osmyn – a Gentleman; Zara – Mrs Horton. Also THE DEVIL TO PAY. As 27 Sept. 1749.  
DANCING. III: *Dutch Dance*, as 19 March; End of Play: *A Tambourin* by Jardin.  
COMMENT. Benefit for Mrs Horton. Charges £60. Deficit to Mrs Horton £35 15s. 6d., covered by £43 5s. from tickets. Paid Mr Jossett for 3 pair of shoes for the stage 18s. Mainpiece: Not acted these 10 years. Receipts: £24 4s. 6d.
- King's ADRIANO IN SIRIA. *Cast not listed.*  
COMMENT. Benefit Signora Frasi.
- Wednesday 4**  
DL [No Performance.]  
COMMENT. [Another long letter to the author of the *General Advertiser* pleading attendance at the benefit performance of *Comus*]: Whoever then would be thought capable of Pleasure in reading the works of our Incomparable Milton, and not so destitute of Gratitude as to refuse to lay out a Trifle in a rational and elegant entertainment for the Benefit of his living remains, for the exercise of their own Virtue, the Increase of their Reputation, and the pleasing consciousness of doing good, should appear at Drury Lane theatre tomorrow April 5, when *Comus* will be performed for the Benefit of Mrs Elizabeth Foster, Granddaughter to the Author, and the only surviving branch of the family.  
N.B. There will be a new *Prologue* on the Occasion written by the Author of *Irene*, and spoken by Mr Garrick; and by particular Desire there will be added to the *Masque*, a dramatic Satyr call'd *Letbe* in which Mr Garrick will perform.  
Tickets to be had of Dodsley, Bookseller, Pall Mall; Messrs Payne and Boquet, Booksellers, Paternoster Row; Batson's Coffee House, near the Royal Exchange, and of Hobson at the Stage Door.
- CG SAMPSON. *Cast not listed.* Parts were: Samson, Manoa, Micah, Israelite Officer; Chorus of Israelites, Dalila, Harapha, Chorus of Philistine Women and Priests of Dagon (Larpent MS).
- Thursday 5**  
DL COMUS. As 24 Jan., but add to dancers Mlle Auretti, Mathews, and Mlle Contri; Brothers and Spirits not listed; Lady – Mrs Pritchard. Pelling, Shawford, G. Yates, MacNeale, Mrs Addison, Miss Baker, Mrs Shawford, Mrs LaFont, Miss Shawford omitted. *Occasional Prologue* written by Dr Johnson, spoken by Garrick. Also LETHE. As 29 March, but Frenchman (by particular desire) – Garrick; Aesop, Tatio, Old Man, Mrs Tattoo, Charon not listed.  
COMMENT. *Masque* with a *Prologue*, for y<sup>e</sup> Benefit of Mrs Foster, Grand Daughter to Milton & his only surviving Descendant (Cross). [For *Prologue*, see *Gentleman's Magazine* April 1750.] Rec'd cash £76 6d., plus £71 4s. from tickets. Total £147 4s. 6d. Paid for ½ year New River Water £1; Paid ½ year's scavenger's tax to Lady Day £3 14s. 6d.; Norton 4 Chorus £1 (Treasurer's Book). Tickets deliver'd for the 4th will be taken. Receipts: £150 (Cross); charges, £63 (Treasurer's Book).
- CG THE ALBION QUEENS; or, The Death of Mary Queen of Scots. Queen Elizabeth – Mrs Horton; Norfolk – Ryan; Davison – Ridout; Morton – Bridgwater; Cecil – Arthur; Gifford – Gibson; Dowglass – Mrs Vincent; Mary, Queen of Scots – Mrs Woffington, 1st time. Also THE MAID OF THE MILL; or, The Country