Monday 27 THE PROVOK'D WIFE. As 7 Nov. 1753, but Belinda – Mrs Mills. Also FOR-DL TUNATUS. As 7 Jan. COMMENT. Receipts: £120 (Cross).

THE SUSPICIOUS HUSBAND. As 18 April, but Clarinda – Mrs Pritchard.

Also FORTUNATUS. As 7 Jan.

COMMENT. Last time this season for the afterpiece. By Particular Desire.

Receipts: £100 (Cross).

Wednesday 29

ELIZA. Cast not listed. [Britannia – Mrs Arne; Liberty – Miss Scott; Peace – Miss I. Scott; Shepherdess – Miss I. Young; Genius of England – Miss Poitier; Neptune – Champness; Shepherd – Sadler (Edition of 1754).]

COMMENT. A new Musical Entertainment. Written by Mr Rolt, and set to Musick by Mr Arne. To begin at 6:30 P.M. Pit and Boxes 5s. Gallery 3s. Originally announced for 4 Feb.; postponed to 11 Feb. because of the illness of Mrs Arne,

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The Stratagem. As 26 March, but Gibbet – Bransby. Also The King DL AND THE MILLER OF MANSFIELD. As 13 May.

DANCING. IV: Country Amusements, Devisse, Mlle Auretti.

COMMENT. Benefit for Mrs Horton. Last time of the Company's performing.

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Tuesday 4 [ELIZA.] As 29 May. HAY COMMENT. [Not

comment. [Not performed.] Last Night the new English Opera of Eliza was suppressed by an Order from superior Power, by which Means many Persons of Taste were deprived of a very elegant Entertainment, as it was universally acknowledg'd that this musical Performance has very extraordinary Merit, being a sensible Composition, calculated to convey the liveliest Ideas to the Fancy, and to awaken the Passions of every feeling Heart. It is said, that instigated by this Disappointment, Mr Arne will apply to P—t for a Bill to unnaturalize him, that he may then have the Privileges of an Englishman, as well as any Foreigner of them all (Gray's Inn Journal No 37, 8 June).

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THE BUSY BODY. Marplot – Cibber; Sir George Airy – Cross; Sir Francis
Gripe – Shuter; Charles – Havard; Sir Jealous Traffick – Phillips; Whisper – Vaughan; Isabinda – Mrs Baker; Patch – Mrs Cross; Miranda – Mrs Clive. Also The
HUMOURISTS. Pistol – Cibber; Shallow – Shuter; Falstaff – Phillips; Silence –
Stoppelaer; Bardolph – Clough; Mouldy – W. Vaughan; Feeble – Blakey; Shadow –
Slim; Prince – Cross; Poins – Young Cross; Davy – H. Vaughan; Wart – Johnson;
Dame Quickly – Mrs Cross; Doll Tearsheet – Miss Bradshaw. After which (by Desire) The Drunken Peasant – Phillips (his first Appearance on that Stage these Ten Years). Epilogue – Nobody.

DANCING. Devisse, Mme Lussant.

