

reduce it to three acts." [p. 383]. *Correspondence with George Montagu*. Ed. W. S. Lewis & Ralph Brown. (New Haven: Yale University Press, 1941), I, 381-83 [IX, 381-83] Monday 27  
DL

Note: (I, 381n): "Bentley's play of *The Wishes or Harlequin's Mouth Opened*, was offered to Garrick and Rich the beginning of 1761, but was refused by both. His nephew Cumberland showed it to Lord Melcomb, who carried it to Lord Bute, with a compliment in verse to that Lord by Mr Cumberland. Lord Bute showed it to the King, who sent Bentley £200 and ordered the new summer company to play [it]. There was a prologue, flattering the King and Lord Bute which Foote refused to act. Two days before it was played, Cumberland wrote an anonymous pamphlet, addressed to Mr Bentley, and abusing Garrick, who had refused to act Cumberland's tragedy of Cicero's banishment, which he printed this year [1761], unacted. The *Wishes* were played for the first time July 27th, 1761; the 2d 3d and part of the 4th, acts were much applauded, but the conclusion extremely hissed. The *Epilogue* concluded with a satire on Garrick. It was acted five nights. About the same time he wrote a tragedy called *Pbilodamus*, which he was to read to Garrick, but the latter was so angry at their treatment of him, that he declared against seeing Mr Bentley" (MS account by HW of Bentley's writings, in the collection of Lord Waldegrave at Chewton Priory).

- THE WISHES. As 27 July. Tuesday 28  
DANCING. As 27 July. DL
- THE RIDICULOUS GUARDIAN. Reinhold, Gaudry, Sga Seratina. HAY  
DANCING. As 16 July.  
COMMENT. A new English Comic Burletta from the Italian. Music by [John Adolf] Hasse. To begin at half after seven.
- THE WISHES. As 27 July. Thursday 30  
DANCING. As 27 July. DL  
COMMENT. The Third Day.
- THE RIDICULOUS GUARDIAN. As 28 July. HAY  
DANCING. As 23 June.
- THE RIDICULOUS GUARDIAN. As 28 July. Friday 31  
DANCING. As 23 June. HAY

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- LA SERVA PADRONA. As 18 July. Saturday 1  
DANCING. As 23 June. HAY
- THE WISHES. As 27 July. Monday 3  
DANCING. As 27 July. DL
- THE RIDICULOUS GUARDIAN. As 28 July. HAY  
DANCING. As 23 June, except Act III, *The Reapers* – Master Rogers, Miss Twist, Master Tetley, Miss Tetley, Miss Street, &c.
- LA SERVA PADRONA. As 18 July. Tuesday 4  
DANCING. As 3 Aug. HAY