Wednesday 29 HAY

COMMENT. Benefit for Bannister. 3rd piece [1st time; INT 1, by Charles Stuart. MS: Larpent 570; not published. Prologue by the author (London Chronicle, 1 Sept.)].

Thursday 30 HAY

A PRELUDIO. As 8 Aug. Also THE BEGGAR'S OPERA. As 27 Aug. Also MEDEA AND JASON. As 8 Aug. COMMENT. By Command of Their Majesties.

Friday 31 HAY

KENSINGTON GARDENS. As 24 Aug., but Massey in place of Blissett; added: Wewitzer. Also THE CHAPTER OF ACCIDENTS. As 7 June. Also THE HODGE PODGE. As 28 Aug.

SINGING. In 1st piece, as 22 Aug.; End of Act III of 2nd piece Admiral Benbox, as 17 Aug.; In 3rd piece an Italian Laughing Song by Delpini, and Moderation and Alteration, as 17 Aug.

COMMENT. Benefit for Palmer.

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Saturday 1 HAY

A PRELUDIO. As 8 Aug., but Beggar - Usher. Also THE BEGGAR'S OPERA. As 27 Aug., but Mrs Slammekin - Mr Davis. Also MEDEA AND JASON. As 8 Aug.

COMMENT. [2nd piece in place of THE ENGLISH MERCHANT; 3rd piece of THE AGREEABLE SURPRISE, both announced on playbill of 31 Aug.]

Monday 3 HAY

THE ENGLISH MERCHANT. As 18 July. Also?

COMMENT. [As afterpiece the playbill announces the 1st night of THE AGREEABLE SURPRISE, but Miss Harper was ill, and the farce was changed. Its substitute has not as yet come to light. Public Advertiser, 4 Sept.: Miss Harper being somewhat recovered from the indisposition which prevented her performing yesterday evening . . . will attempt to go through her part in THE AGREEABLE SURPRISE this evening.]

Tuesday 4 HAY

THE ENGLISH MERCHANT. As 18 July. Also THE AGREEABLE SUR-PRISE. Characters by Bannister, Wilson, Wood, Webb, Egan, Stevens, Painter, Kenny, Edwin // Mrs Webb, Mrs Wells, Mrs Poussin, Miss Harper. [Cast from Songs (T. Cadell, 1781): Compton – Bannister; Sir Felix Friendly – Wilson; Eugene - Wood; Chicane - Webb; John - Egan; Thomas - Stevens; Stump -Painter; Cudden - Kenny; Lingo - Edwin // Mrs Cheshire - Mrs Webb; Cowslip -Mrs Wells; Fringe - Mrs Poussin; Laura - Miss Harper.]

COMMENT. [Mainpiece in place of THE SEPARATE MAINTENANCE, announced on playbill of 3 Sept.] Afterpiece [1st time; MF 2]: Written by the Author of THE SON-IN-LAW [John O'Keeffe]. The Overture and New Musick composed by Dr Arnold. The new Scenes painted by Rooker. Books of the Songs to be had at the Theatre. [MS: Larpent 568; text 1st published (authorized),

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Wednesday 5 HAY

THE SEPARATE MAINTENANCE. As 27 July. Also THE AGREEABLE SURPRISE. As 4 Sept., but Miss Harper's part read by Miss Hitchcock. DANCING. As 20 June.

COMMENT. [In afterpiece the playbill retains Miss Harper, but she "still continuing [ill], an apology was made, and the audience entreated to allow Miss Hitchcock to read the part of Laura - a request wit hwhich they readily acquiesced" (London Chronicle, 6 Sept.).]

