12 June 1788.] Afterpiece [1st time; MF 2, author unknown. MS: Larpent 1131; not published]: The Music and Overture by Spofforth. *Morning Herald*, 4 May: Tickets to be had of Mrs Mountain, No. 6, York-street, Covent-Garden. Receipts: £380 181. 6d. (150/7/6; 5/16/0; tickets: 224/15/0).

Tuesday 10 CG

I DUE GOBBI. As 12 Apr. DANCING. As 23 Apr. throughout.

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THE SMUGGLERS. As 13 Apr., but Packer in place of Aickin; Trueman of Dignum. Also THE VIRGIN UNMASK'D. As 5 May, but omitted: Timothy. Also THE DESERTER. Henry – Kelly; Russet – Bannister; Simpkin – Suett; Skirmish – A Gentleman (1st appearance on any stage [Medley]); Flint – Burton; Serjeant – Phillimore // Louisa – Miss Leak; Jenny – Mrs Bland; Margaret – Mrs Maddocks.

Wednesday 11

SINGING. End of 1st piece the favourite duett from SAMPSON, My Faith and Truth, by Miss Leak and Master Welsh; End of 2nd piece Listen to the Voice of Love (composed by Hook) by Master Welsh.

COMMENT. Benefit for Master Welsh. [2nd piece in place of THE SULTAN, advertised on playbill of 10 May. Medley is identified in MS list in Kemble playbills of new performers for this season.] "A riot took place this evening, occasioned by the performance of Skirmish by a new actor. This person, wanting every quality requisite for the stage, performed so very much to the dissatisfaction of the audience, that the piece was mutilated in such a manner that for some time it was insisted on that the whole should be repeated more perfectly and by another actor. This being impossible, some mischief was threatened, but after a short time the disturbance ceased" (European Magazine, June 1796, p. 396). Morning Herald, 30 Apr.: Tickets to be had of Master Welsh, No. 9, St. Margaret-street, Westminster. Receipts: £292 4s. (84/11/6; 47/15/6; 12/14/0; tickets: 146/19/6; odd money: 0/3/6) (charge: free).

THE WAY TO GET UN-MARRIED. As 30 Mar., but added: Blurton, Rees. Also ARTAXERXES. As 30 Apr., but Artaxerxes (1st time) – Mrs Clendining. Also THE DOLDRUM. As 2 May.

COMMENT. Receipts: £194 12s. (191/8; 3/4).

HAMLET. As 29 Apr., but Hamlet (for this night only) – Mrs Powell; Osric – R. Palmer; Ghost of Hamlet's father (for that night only) – Palmer // Gertrude – Miss Morris (of CG); omitted: Ophelia's Air. Also THE FOLLIES OF A DAY. Count Almaviva – Bannister Jun.; Figaro – R. Palmer; Antonio – Wewitzer; Bazil – Phillimore; Page – Mrs Bland // Countess – Mrs Goodall; Agnes – Miss Heard; Susan – Miss Farren.

Thursday 12 DL

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COMMENT. Benefit for Mrs Powell. "If we make allowances for embarrassment and imperfect study, the performance of Mrs Powell was by no means indifferent" (Monthly Mirror, May 1796, p. 50). Afterpiece: Not acted these 4 years. Morning Herald, 2 May: Tickets to be had of Mrs Powell, No. 22, Henrietta-street, Covent-Garden. Receipts: £466 11s. 6d. (189/3/6; 53/1/6; 4/14/6; tickets: 216/15/0) (charge: £212).

THE MERCHANT OF VENICE. Shylock – Harley (2nd appearance in that character); Antonio – Macready; Bassanio – Pope; Gratiano – Knight; Lorenzo (with songs) – Johnstone; Launcelot – Quick; Salanio – Claremont; Solarino – Williamson; Old Gobbo – Powel; Duke – Davenport // Jessica (with a song) – Mrs Mountain; Nerissa – Mrs Townsend; Portia – Mrs Pope. Also Arrived at Portsmouth. As 13 Jan. Also The Irish Mimick. As 22 Apr. DANCING. As 20 Apr.

SINGING. In the course of the Evening a Hunting Song [Old Towler] by Incledon;



Thursday 12 CG In 2nd piece as in 3rd piece 12 Apr., but added: Hearts of Oak by Incledon and Chorus; omitted: The seaman who of wars may tell, Rule Britannia.

COMMENT. Benefit for Harley [whose 1st appearance as Shylock was at CG, 6 Nov. 1789]. 1st piece: Not acted these 6 years. 2nd piece: With a view of Highstreet, Portsmouth, at the time of an Illumination. *Morning Herald*, 12 May: Tickets to be had of Harley, Castle-street, Bloomsbury. Receipts: £219 121. 6d. (102/13/0; 2/11/6; tickets: 114/8/0).

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LA MODISTA RAGGIRATRICE. As 23 Apr.

DANCING. End of Act I L'Amant Statue, as 23 Apr., in which Mlle Parisot will introduce a new Pas Seul; End of Opera an entire new Ballet, composed by Onorati, La Villageoise Enlevée; ou, Les Corsaires, by Mme Rose, Mme Bossi, Mme Hilligsberg, Mlle Barré, Didelot, Lahante, Gentili, Fialon, Mlle Parisot.

COMMENT. Benefit for Mlle Parisot. Tickets to be had of Mlle Parisot, No. 9, Haymarket.

Friday 13 DL LOVE AND MONEY. Characters by Suett, Wathen, Benson, Trueman, Cooke, Caulfield, Phillimore, Webb, Maddocks // Miss De Camp, Miss Leak. [Cast adjusted from text (J. Wallis [1798]): Andrew – Suett; Peter – Wathen; Drowsy – Benson; Lord Rakish – probably Trueman; Pliant – Cooke; Meanright – Caulfield; Runlet – probably Phillimore; Anchor – probably Webb; Jemmy – probably Maddocks // Jane – Miss De Camp; Barbara – Miss Leak.] Also The Belle's Stratagem. Doricourt – Whitfield; Hardy – Hollingsworth; Sir George Touchwood – Wroughton; Flutter – Bannister Jun.; Saville – C. Kemble; Villers – Benson; Courtall – R. Palmer // Letitia Hardy – Mrs Jordan; Mrs Rackett – Miss Pope; Lady Touchwood – Mrs Kemble; Miss Ogle – Miss Tidswell; Kitty Willis – Miss Stuart. Also No Song No Supper. As 17 Sept. 1795, but Louisa – A Young Lady (1st appearance on any stage [Miss Andrews]); Margaretta – Miss Leak; omitted: William, Servant.

SINGING. In the course of 1st piece Thro the Wood, Laddie by Miss Leak; In the Masquerade Scene in 2nd piece Ally Croker by Miss Leak and Master Welsh.

COMMENT. Benefit for Miss Leak. 1st piece: Never performed here. The Musick selected, with new Accompaniments and a Scottish Overture, by Dr Arnold. [Miss Andrews is identified in MS list in Kemble playbills of new performers for this season.] Morning Herald, 30 Apr.: Tickets to be had of Miss Leak, Upper Mews Gate, Castle-street, Leicester-square. Receipts: £155 11s. 6d. (84/2/0; 66/10/0; 0/17/0; tickets: none listed; odd money: 4/2/6) (charge: £213 0s. 7d.).

CG

BRITISH FORTITUDE AND HIBERNIAN FRIENDSHIP. As 5 Apr., but omitted: Sedgely. Also SPECULATION. As 16 Nov. 1795, but Epilogue omitted. Also LOCK AND KEY. As 26 Apr.

COMMENT. Receipts: £119 75. (114/12; 4/15).

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IFIGENIA IN TAURIDE. As 9 Apr.

DANCING. End of Act I La Villageoise Enlevée [performers not listed, but see 12 May]; End of Opera Little Peggy's Love, as 21 Apr.

Saturday 14 WHITSUN EVE.

Monday 16 DL ALMEYDA. As 20 Apr. Also THE WEDDING DAY. As 26 Apr., but Lord Rakeland - Russell.

COMMENT. Notice on playbill of 13 May: Mrs Siddons having consented, at the desire of many Ladies and Gentlemen who were disappointed of Places for the New Tragedy, to delay her departure from Town [see 2 May] His Majesties' Company will perform ALMEYDA on Monday next. Being positively the Last Night of Mrs Siddons's Appearance this Season. Receipts: £448 16s. 6d. (377/14/0; 68/19/0; 2/0/6; ticket not come in: 0/3/0).

