

- MERRY ANDREW.** *Author not known. Cast not known.* Saturday 29
BF
 COMMENT. Pepys, *Diary*: [After leaving LIF] met my wife in a coach, and stopped her going thither [LIF] to meet me; and took her, and Mercer, and Deb., to Bartholomew Fair, and there did see a ridiculous, obscene little stage-play, called "Marry Andrey"; a foolish thing, but seen by every body; and so to Jacob Hall's dancing of the ropes; a thing worth seeing, and mightily followed.
- HAMLET.** [Adapted from William Shakespeare, probably by Sir William Davenant.] Monday 31
LIF
 [Hamlet] – Betterton. See also 28 May 1663.
 COMMENT. Pepys, *Diary*: To the Duke of York's playhouse, and there met my wife and Deb. and Mary Mercer and Batelier, where also W. Hewer was, and saw "Hamlet," which we have not seen this year before, or more; and mightily pleased with it; but, above all, with Betterton, the best part, I believe, that ever man acted.
- ENTERTAINMENTS.** BF
 COMMENT. Pepys, *Diary*: [After attending LIF] to the Fayre, and saw "Polichinelle."

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- ENTERTAINMENTS.** Tuesday 1
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 COMMENT. Pepys, *Diary*: So to the Fair, and there saw several sights; among others, the mare that tells money, and many things to admiration; and, among others, come to me, when she was bid to go to him of the company that most loved a pretty wench in a corner. And this did cost me 12*d.* to the horse, which I had flung him before, and did give me occasion to baiser a mighty belle fille that was in the house that was exceeding plain, but fort belle.

Wednesday 2

A FAST DAY FOR THE BURNING OF LONDON

- BARTHOLOMEW FAIR.** [By Ben Jonson.] *Cast not known.* Friday 4
Bridges
 COMMENT. The King's Company. Pepys, *Diary*: My wife having a mind to see the play "Bartholomew-Fayre," with puppets. Which we did, and it is an excellent play; the more I see it, the more I love the wit of it; only the business of abusing the Puritans begins to grow stale, and of no use, they being the pople that, at last, will be found the wisest. And here Knepp come to us, and sat with us. [Earlier that day Pepys had been to the Fair briefly, but saw none of the entertainments.]
- ENTERTAINMENTS.** Monday 7
BF
 COMMENT. Pepys, *Diary*: I with Lord Brouncker (who was this day in an unusual manner merry, I believe with drink), J. Minnes, and W. Pen to Bartholomew-Fair; and there saw the dancing mare again, which, to-day, I find to act much worse than the other day, she forgetting many things, which her master beat her for, and was mightily vexed; and then the dancing of the ropes, and also the little stage-play, which is very ridiculous.