

- Thursday 28*  
CG THE UNHAPPY FAVOURITE; or, The Earl of Essex. Essex – Lee; Burleigh – Sparks; Southampton – Ridout; Raleigh – Anderson; Rutland – Mrs Vincent; Nottingham – Mrs Ridout; Queen Elizabeth – Mrs Horton. Also PERSEUS AND ANDROMEDA. As 23 Nov.  
COMMENT. Not acted these seven years. [But see 26 Dec. 1744.] Receipts: £97 6s. 6d.
- Friday 29*  
DL THE BUSY BODY. As 16 Sept., but Sir Jealous – Bridges. Also A DUKE AND NO DUKE. As 26 Dec.  
SINGING. By Master Mattocks.  
DANCING. *Savoyard Travellers*, as 10 Nov.  
COMMENT. Mrs Auretti danc'd first since she hurt her leg (Cross). Receipts: £40 (Cross); £47 6s. (Treasurer's Book).
- CG THE MERRY WIVES. As 6 Dec., but Shallow – Collins; Slender – Bennet. Also PERSEUS AND ANDROMEDA. As 23 Nov.  
COMMENT. Receipts: £108 4s.
- Saturday 30*  
DL MACBETH. As 17 Oct., but Witch – Shuter in place of Neale; Hecate omitted; Mrs Clive omitted from Vocals. Also THE ANATOMIST. As 1 Dec., but add Old Gerald – Shuter; Beatrice – Mrs Bennet.  
COMMENT. Paid Mr Spencer writing Music for *Chaplet* £6 8s. 6d.; Salary list £254 7s. 11d.; Norton 4 chorus singers £1; Mrs Hobson a bill 10s. 5d. (Treasurer's Book). Receipts: £100 (Cross); £105 9s. 6d. (Treasurer's Book).
- CG THE CONSTANT COUPLE. As 21 Nov., but Tom, Constable, Lady Darling, and Parley not listed. Also PERSEUS AND ANDROMEDA. As 23 Nov.  
COMMENT. Receipts: £132 14s.

## January 1750

- Monday 1*  
DL THE TEMPEST; or, The In enchanted Island. Prospero – Bridges; Ferdinand – King; Trincalo – Yates; Hippolito – Mrs Willoughby; Caliban – Blakes; Stephano – Shuter; Mustachio – James; Ventoso – Ray; Sycorax – Taswell; Miranda – Miss Cole; Dorinda – Mrs Green; Ariel – Mrs Clive (with Proper Songs). With *Decorations*, particularly: *A Dance of Aerial Spirits* by Mlle Mariet, Miss Baker, Mrs Shawford, and Mrs L'Font. *A Dance of Winds* by Macneale, Shawford, Pelling and Master Shawford. *A Grand Dance of Fantastic Spirits* in the shapes of four Demons, four Monsters, and four Pigmies. Infernals by Reinhold and Bennet. The whole to conclude with the *Masque* of Neptune and Amphitrite. Neptune – Beard; Amphitrite – Miss Norris. Also THE ANATOMIST. As 30 Dec. 1749.  
COMMENT. With proper scenes, Machines, &c. [This is the Dryden-Davenant version.] Paid G. Garrick balance of his bill £6 13s.; Christmas Box to y<sup>e</sup> Beadle 3s. 6d.; Mr Norton 5 chorus £1 5s.; Xmas Jury £1 1s.; Mr Madden for an Embroidered Coat and a velvet suit of Cloaths £12 (Treasurer's Book). [This month was published *A Dissertation on Comedy* (by John Hippisley, Jr) in which the Rise and Progress of that Species of the Drama is particularly considered and deduced from the earliest to the present age. By a Student of Oxford. Printed for T. Lowndes (*Gentleman's Magazine*, Register of Books). The "Student of Oxford" seems to have been a Garrick apologist in the extreme: "But whatever reason there may have been formerly for this complaint [the immorality of the stage] since Mr Garrick's management the Stage is become the school of manners and morality: Ribaldry

- and Profaneness are no longer tolerated, Sense and Nature exert their influence; Pantomime daily declines, Dancers are but little encouraged; the Burletta performs to empty benches, and the British can now vie with the Athenian Drama when in its severest state of purity" (p. 15). Also, from the same source, *Reflections on that Species of Dramatic Writing which is improperly call'd Serious Comedy*: from the French of M Maillet du Boullely.] Receipts: £120 (Cross); £126 3s. (Treasurer's Book). Monday 1  
DL
- KING RICHARD III. As 2 Oct. 1749. Also PERSEUS AND ANDROMEDA. CG  
As 28 Nov. 1749.  
COMMENT. Receipts: £147 7s.
- THE TEMPEST. As 1 Jan. Also THE LYING VALET. As 21 Oct. 1749. Tuesday 2  
DL  
COMMENT. Last night the Play of the *Tempest*, as alter'd from Shakespear by Dryden, was performed at Drury Lane, when the Music, Dances, and whole performance met with uncommon applause. By particular desire again tonight (*General Advertiser*). Paid Bländford (Tallow Chandler) £18 17s. 3d.; Gave Xmas Box to King's Footmen £2 2s.; to his Chairmen £2 2s.; and to Smith's man 2s. 6d.; Norton 5 chorus £1 5s. (Treasurer's Book). The Play of Hamlet is oblig'd to be deferr'd till tomorrow. Receipts: £100 (Cross); £99 6s. (Treasurer's Book).
- THE CONSTANT COUPLE. As 30 Dec. 1749. Also PERSEUS AND ANDROMEDA. CG  
As 23 Nov. 1749.  
COMMENT. Mainpiece: By particular Desire. Gave Porters of Several Inns of Court Xmas Box at £3 14s. (Account Book). Receipts: £112 15s.
- HAMLET. As 20 Nov. 1749, but Ghost – Sowdon. Wednesday 3  
DL  
DANCING. *Savoyard Travellers*, as 10 Nov. 1749.  
COMMENT. Paid Ayliffe (a Turner) £1 14s. 6d.; Mr Lane (a Tailor) his bill £88 12s.; Xmas Box to Prince's Chairmen £2 2s.; and to Inns or Court [Porters] £3 4s.; Fryar (a Hosier) £6 12s.; Burgess [Bricklayer] his bill £50; Smart (Laceman) £11 1s.; a Coffin for Ophelia 15s. 6d.; Mr Shawford's young son for dancing in the *Tempest* 10s. (Treasurer's Book). Receipts: £100 (Cross); £102 6s. 6d. (Treasurer's Book).
- KING HENRY IV, PART I. As 26 Oct. 1749. Also PERSEUS AND ANDROMEDA. CG  
As 28 Nov. 1749.  
COMMENT. Mainpiece: By Particular Desire. Gave Prince of Wales' Chairmen by Humphrey £1 1s.; to Princess of Wales Chairmen by Cotten £1 1s. (Account Book). Receipts: £122 7s. 6d.
- THE REHEARSAL. As 20 Dec. 1749, but add Gray, Raftor, and Ray. Also Thursday 4  
DL  
THE CHAPLET. As 2 Dec. 1749, but Damon – Beard; Palamon – Master Mattocks; Laura – Miss Norris; Pastora – Mrs Clive. [The *General Advertiser* now assigns parts to the four principals, and for the concluding *Rural Dance* lists only Grandchamps, Mathews, Miss Baker, &c.]  
COMMENT. Paid Carpue (Silk Dyer) £2; Xmas Box to King's Marshal's man 10s. 6d.; Mr Woodward a bill £25; Clutterbuck £57 6s.; Mr Miller (Shoemaker) £5 6d.; Scott (Copper laceman) £19 3s.; Cross for licenser £2 2s. (Treasurer's Book). This day is publish'd, *The Chaplet*, a Musical Entertainment at 6d. as it is now performing with great applause, at Drury Lane Theatre. Sold by Cooper in Paternoster Row. Receipts: £180 (Cross); £165 8s. 6d. (Treasurer's Book).
- THE NON JUROR. Non Juror – Sparks; Sir John Woodvil – Ridout; Col. Woodvil – Dyer; Heartly – Lee; Charles – Lacey; Lady Woodvil – Mrs Horton; Maria – Mrs Woffington. Also PERSEUS AND ANDROMEDA. As 23 Nov. 1749. CG  
COMMENT. Mainpiece: Not acted these three years. [See 19 Jan. 1747.]  
Receipts: £86 18s.