THE RELAPSE. As 31 Dec. 1751, but Young Fashion - Mozeen; Worthy - Blakes. Sir John, Page, Tailor, Bull, and Shoemaker omitted. Also THE LYING VALET. As 9 Nov. 1751.

Monday 4 DL

CG

DANCING. II: A Hornpipe by the Little Swiss; v: A Comic Dance by Shawford Jun, and Miss Shawford.

SINGING. IV: By Master Vernon.

COMMENT. Benefit for Dunbar, Gray, Dawson, and Smith. Receipts: £180 (Cross).

THE PILGRIM. Pilgrim - Ryan; Alphonso - Arthur; Seberto - Gibson; Old Pilgrim - Riccard; Curio - Anderson; Governor - Usher; Roderigo - Sparks; Jaques - Dunstall; Lopez - Bransby; Porter - Barrington; Stuttering Servt - Bennet; Alonzo - Holtham; Mad Englishman - Macklin; Mad Scholar - Dyer; Master of Mad House - Marten; Mad Priest - Bencraft; Mad Taylor - Cushing; Mad Welshman - Collins; Alinda - Mrs Vincent; Juletta - Mrs Ridout; Drunken Servt - Paddick; Vertigo - Redman. Also The Contrivances. As 28 April, but add Argus - Bennet.

DANCING. II: Two Pierrots, as 15 April; III: Grand Comic Ballet, as 16 Dec. 1751; V: Drunken Peasant by Phillips with Clown - Bennet.

SINGING. IV: If Love's a Sweet Passion by Mrs Chambers.

COMMENT. Benefit for Stede, Cushing, Redman and Bennet. Mainpiece: Not acted these seven years. [See 21 April 1748.]

A BOLD STROKE FOR A WIFE. As I Jan., but Freeman – Simson; Masked Lady omitted. Also THE ANATOMIST. As 31 March, but full cast of 10 Sept. 1751 listed.

Tuesday 5

HAY

DANCING. II: Scotch Dance, as 27 April; IV: A Hornpipe by the Little Swiss; V: A Comic Dance by Sg Piettro, and Mad Janeton Auretti.

SINGING. III: By Mattocks.

COMMENT. Benefit for Verney (Housekeeper). Receipts: £170 (Cross).

KING RICHARD III. As 26 Dec. 1751, but Richmond - Riccard. Also THE CG CONTRIVANCES. As 4 May, but Argus - Collins.

COMMENT. Benefit for Collins, Riccard, Paddick, Miss Ferguson. Tickets for the Royal Merchant will be taken. Tickets sold at the door will not be admitted.

THE OLD WOMAN'S ORATORY. See 2 May. A Full Piece, composed by Noell; Two Orations – Mrs Midnight; A Duetto on two Beesomatoes with a Song; a Solo in a New Taste by Sig Piantofugocalo; a new Concerto and Solo on the Cymbalo – Noell; a new Cantata in the Venetian Taste, composed by Sig Hasse, to be sung by Sig Bombazino, accompanied with the Vox Humaine; Solo on violincello – Master Hallett, in the Character of a Cupid; An Oration on the Salt-Box by a Rationalist; A Declamatory Piece on the Jew's Harp by a Casuist; a Solo of Humour on the French Horn, by Mrs Midnight's Daughter; Also a Prologue and Epilogue spoken and sung – Toe.

COMMENT. By particular Desire of several Ladies of Quality. Positively the last Night. [Intended as satire on the Reverend John Henley's Oratory (eccentric preacher, 1692–1756) and as a puff for *The Midwife* or *Old Woman's Magazine*, edited by Christopher Smart and John Newberry, 1751–53. *The Old Woman's Oratory* written and produced by Smart. See the *Gentleman's Magazine*, 1752, p. 43; and Horace Walpole's letter to Montagu 12 May 1752, as follows: "It appeared the lowest buffoonery in the world, even to me who am used to my uncle Horace. There is a bad oration to ridicule, what is too like, Orator Henley; all the rest is perverted music. There is a man who plays so nimbly on the kettle drums, that he has reduced that noisy instrument to be an object of sight; for if you don't see the tricks with his hands, it is no better than ordinary. Another plays on a violin and

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