

September 1774

- THE DRUMMER.** Tinsel – Dodd; Sir George – J. Aickin; Vellum – Parsons; Fantome – Packer; Butler – Baddeley; Gardener – Weston; Coachman – Moody; Lady Trueman – Mrs Hopkins; Abigail – Miss Pope. Also **THE MEETING OF THE COMPANY.** Parts by King, Weston, Parsons, Aickin, Hurst, Bransby, Wright, Ackman, Miss Platt, &c. [Bayes – King; Weston – Weston; Parsons – Parsons; Patent – Aickin; Hurst – Hurst; Prompter – Ackman; Phill – Wright; Miss Platt – Miss Platt, &c. (character assignments tentative based on Huntington Library MS)]. Also **THE IRISH WIDOW.** Whittle – Parsons; Kecksey – Dodd; Sir Patrick – Moody; Bates – Baddeley; Newpew – Cauthery; Thomas – Weston; Widow (With an *Epilogue* SONG) – Mrs Greville.
- DANCING. I:** *The Irish Fair* by Atkins, Mrs Sutton, &c.
- COMMENT.** A new short Introductory Piece before a play [*The Meeting of the Company*]. This new Prelude call'd The Meeting of the Company or Bayes' Art of Acting by D. G. Esq—it is full of fine Satyr & an Excellent Lesson to all performers, it was receiv'd with very great Applause (Hopkins Diary). [MacMillan's note from Kemble differs slightly in the wording. The salaries this season were £94 7s. 8d. per day; £566 6s. per week. Kemble's note as to total receipts is short by 8 pence.] Prices: Box 5s. Pit 3s. Gallery 2s. Upper Gallery 1s. [Unfavorable review of *Meeting of the Company* in *The Westminster Magazine* (Sept., p. 472). The actor Aickin referred to this season is J. Aickin. Francis Aickin left DL before the beginning of this season. He was dismissed by Garrick in May. See Booden, *Private Correspondence of David Garrick*, I, 651–55.] Paid Renters £8; Advanced Mr Watson (box office keeper) £10; Ditto to Mr Mortimer (box office keeper) £15 (Treasurer's Book). [The funds to the box office keepers was operating cash which was returned 29 May 1775. Payment to Renters was same for each acting night until the eighty-eighth night (9 Jan. 1775) when it dropped to £4 nightly, since half of the stock holders (the Old Renters) were paid up by that time. The remaining 100 nights of the season plus 11 Oratorio nights yielded £448 to the Renters. No further mention of this item of expense will be made this season.] Total to Renters £1,152. Receipts: £212 14s. 6d. (Treasurer's Book).
- THE FAIR ORPHAN.** Parts by Kennedy, Fearon, Follett, Owenson, Jacobs, Mrs Brett, Mrs Mitteer, Mrs Nost, Mrs Roachley. Also **THE RIVAL FOOLS.** Sir Gregory – Wilson; Sir Oliver – Lloyd; Sam Simple – Kennedy; Cunningham – Fearon; Niece – Mrs Brett; Mirable – Mrs Nost; Governess – Mrs Mitteer.
- ENTERTAINMENT. II:** *Dissertation on Hobby Horses* – Wilson.
- SINGING.** *Scotch Song* – Aitkin, first appearance on that stage.
- COMMENT.** By Permission. Benefit for Fearon and Kennedy. Mainpiece: A new Comedy. Afterpiece: A farce altered from Cibber's comedy of same title].
- ALL'S WELL THAT ENDS WELL.** Parolles – Woodward; King – Hull; Lafeu – Clarke; Bertram – Lewes; Clown – Shuter; Duke – DuBellamy; Steward – Fearon; Lords – Cushing and Davis; Interpreter – Thompson; Diana – Mrs Mattocks; Widow – Miss Pearce; Countess – Mrs Hull; Helena – Miss Macklin. Also **THOMAS AND SALLY.** Squire – Mattocks; Sailor – DuBellamy; Dorcas – Mrs Baker; Sally – Mrs Mattocks.
- DANCING.** End of Play: A Comic Dance, *The Italian Gardeners*, by Mr and Miss West (Late pupils of Sg Grimaldi) their first appearance on this stage. [See DL 9 Dec. 1760.]

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CG COMMENT. Mainpiece: Not acted these 2 years. [See 31 Dec. 1772.] Boxes 5s. Pit 3s. First Gallery 2s. Upper Gallery 1s. No Persons admitted behind the scenes, nor any money returned after the Curtain is drawn up. Places for Boxes to be taken of Mr Sarjant (only) at the Stage Door. The Doors to be open'd at half an hour past 5 o'clock. To Begin half an Hour past 6. Vivant Rex & Regina. [Customary footnote for all succeeding bills this season, not to be repeated here. Woodward seems to have spoken an *Occasional Prologue* on the opening of the theatre. See request for its repetition on bill for 21 Sept. This *Prologue* is Larpent MS 377. It suggests the policy of offerings and competitions for the season—some old plays, some new, some foreign, some pantomimes, some Shakespeare, &c.]
- HAY **THE BEAUX STRATAGEM.** Archer – Aickin; Aimwell – Owenson; Boniface – Williams; Foigard – Griffiths; Gibbet – Follet; Sir Charles – Burton; Sullen – Carpenter; Scrub – Weston; Dorinda – Miss Ambrose; Cherry – Mrs Gardner; Lady Bountiful – Mrs Love; Gypsey – Mrs Weston; Mrs Sullen – Mrs Williams. Also **THE WATERMAN.** Parts by Bannister, Wilson, Weston, Mrs Thompson, Mrs Jewell.
ENTERTAINMENT. End of Play: Imitations by Bannister; After *Imitations* an Interlude call'd PIETY IN PATTEENS. Butler – Weston; Squire – Carpenter; Mrs Candy – Mrs Love; Polly – Mrs Jewell; after the Interlude, *Abel Drugger's return from the Fete Champetre* by Weston.
COMMENT. By Permission of the Lord Chamberlain. Last time This Season. Benefit for Griffith, prompter.
- Tuesday 20**
DL **THE MAID OF THE MILL.** Sir Harry Sycamore – Parsons; Giles – Bannister; Mervin – Fawcett; Lord Aimworth – Davies; Fairfield – Jefferson; Ralph – Dibdin; Fanny – Miss Pope; Lady Sycamore – Mrs Bradshaw; Theodosia – Miss Jarratt; Patty – Mrs Smith. Also **THE MEETING OF THE COMPANY.** As 17 Sept. Also **THE NOTE OF HAND.** O'Connor – Moody; Spavin – Carpenter; Tom Epping – Waldron; Secretary – Griffith; Isaachar – Messink; Revell – Palmer; Sapling – Dodd; Elder Rivers – Jefferson; Rivers – Cautherly; Dipp – Wright; Putty – Wrihten; Francis – Burton; Mrs Cheverley – Mrs Greville.
DANCING. 1: *The Sailors Revels* by Atkins, &c.
COMMENT. Mainpiece: By Desire. Theatre open at half past five. Play to begin half past six. Paid Supernumeraries & Kettle Drum 2 nights £1 7s. (Treasurer's Book). [This payment averaged £2 10s. per night throughout the season, or £470 total for the season. No further notation will be made of the item.] Receipts: £1 52 6s. (Treasurer's Book).
- Wednesday 21**
CG **SHE STOOPS TO CONQUER.** Hardcastle – Shuter; Tony – Quick; Marlow – Lewes; Hastings – DuBellamy; Sir Charles Marlow – Fearon; Mrs Hardcastle – Mrs Green; Miss Neville – Mrs Lessingham; Miss Hardcastle – Mrs Bulkley. Also **THE PADLOCK.** Diego – Reinhold; Leander – DuBellamy; Mungo – Quick; Ursula – Mrs Green; Leonora – Mrs Mattocks.
ENTERTAINMENT. Before the Play: (By Particular Desire) *The New Occasional Prologue* will be spoken by Woodward.
- HAY **THE DUELLIST.** Parts by Follet, Owenson, Smith, Vowell, Wilson, Kennedy, Frances, Hamilton, Walker, Miss Ambrose, Trowell, Mrs Nost, Mrs S. Gardner, Mrs Gardner (Harvard playbill). Also **THE APPRENTICE.** Dick – Kennedy; Wingate – Follet; Simone – Jacobs; Irishman – Owenson; Gargle – Lloyd; Charlotte – Mrs Nost (Harvard playbill).
COMMENT. By Permission. For this Night only. Benefit for Jacobs and Owenson. To begin at 7:00 P.M. [*The Public Advertiser*, 20 Sept., omits Hamilton and Walker but adds Jacobs, Everard, and a Young Gentleman 1st time on that Stage.]