LANT. Principal Characters by Massey, Munden, Howard, Whitby, Middleton, Fildew, Lucas, Barrett // Mrs Winchelsea, Mrs Lefevre, A Gentlewoman (1st appearance [unidentified]). [Edition of 1767 (T. Lowndes and J. Williams) lists the parts: Sir Anthony Woodville, Sir Geofry Gingle, Delamour, Young Woodville, Thady MacBrogue, Constable, Watchman // Florimel, Emily, Betty.]

Wednesday 13 HAY

COMMENT. By Permission [of the Lord Chamberlain]. Benefit for Massey. Afterpiece: Never performed in London, written by the author of THE SON/IN/LAW [John O'Keeffe; 1st acted at Smock Alley Theatre, Dublin, 14 Jan. 1767. See also CG, 16 Mar. 1782, when it was acted as THE POSITIVE MAN].

To begin at 7:00. Tickets delivered for the 4th instant will be taken. Tickets and places for the Boxes to be had of Rice at the Theatre, and of Massey, No.4, St. Martin's-street, Leicester-Fields.

THE SCHOOL FOR SCANDAL. As 21 Sept., but Crabtree – Waldron. Also Tbursday 14
BELPHEGOR. As 9 Oct., but Justice Solemn – Waldron.

COMMENT. Receipts: £237 25. (209/8/0; 27/1/6; 0/12/6).

THE BONDMAN. As 13 Oct. Also THE TOUCHSTONE. As 11 Oct., but Friday 15 Wewitzer in place of Rayner; omitted: Wewitzer from his original part. CG COMMENT. Receipts: £159 os. 6d. (154/11/0; 4/9/6).

OTHELLO. Othello – A Gentleman (1st appearance upon the [recte: this] stage [Henry]); Roderigo – Dodd; Cassio – Palmer; Brabantio – Aickin; Lodovico – Packer; Duke – Chaplin; Montano – Norris; Gratiano – Wrighten; Iago – Bensley // Æmilia – Mrs Hopkins; Desdemona – Miss Farren (1st appearance in that character). Also THE ELOPEMENT. As 21 Sept.

COMMENT. [Henry is identified in playbill of 15 Nov. He had been acting in America since 1767 (Dictionary of American Biography); and see 18 Apr. 1780.] "We cannot but object to [his] calling handkerchief hand-kercher, according to the old Saxon termination. Perhaps he may be justifiable [sic] on the strict rules of etymology, but singularity always looks like affectation" (Morning Chronicle, 18 Oct.). Receipts: £109 2s. 6d. (91/15/0; 17/2/0; 0/5/6).

THE MAID OF THE MILL. Lord Aimworth - Mattocks; Sir Harry Sycamore (1st time) - Edwin; Giles - Reinhold; Mervin - Robson; Fairfield - Hull; Ralph (1st time) - W. Bates // Fanny - Miss Brown; Lady Sycamore - Mrs Pitt; Theodosia - Mrs Morton; Patty - A Young Lady (1st appearance [Miss Storer]). Also THE TOUCHSTONE. As 15 Oct.

COMMENT. [Miss Storer is identified by MS annotation on Kemble playbill.] Receipts: £118 115. (117/13/6; 0/17/6).

MACBETH. Macbeth (1st time [at this theatre]; and 1st appearance at this theatre) – Henderson; Macduff – Clarke; Duncan – Hull; Banquo – Wroughton; Malcolm – Whitfield; Lenox – L'Estrange; Seyton – Thompson; Hecate – Reinhold; Witches – Quick, Mrs Pitt, Brunsdon // Lady Macbeth – Mrs Hartley. Also THE TOUCHSTONE. As 15 Oct.

SINGING. Mainpiece: Vocal parts by Reinhold, Doyle, J. Wilson, Baker // Miss Brown, Miss Valois, Mrs Morton, Mrs Willems, &c.

COMMENT. [Henderson had 1st acted Macbeth in London at DL, 31 Mar. 1778.] "We have often remonstrated against the incongruous stile of dressing plays at each theatre... Last night the modern custom of making the principal actor fine was followed without any regard to propriety, or any care about the other personages of the drama" (Morning Chronicle, 19 Oct.). Receipts: £249 10s. 6d. (248/6/0; 1/4/6).

Monday 18



Monday 18 HAY THE TOUCHSTONE OF INVENTION; or, The Soldier's Fortune. Principal Parts by Holmes, Williams, Horwell, Master Woodward, Dugdale, Bates, Decastro, Wright, Munden, Noble, Barrett // Miss Dudley, Miss Bowles, Miss White, Mrs Baker, &c. Cast not known. Also HENRY AND EMMA. Henry - Smith; Eugenius - Noble // Emma - Miss Dudley. Also THE BUSY BODY. Marplot-Mills; Sir George Airy - Davis; Sir Francis Gripe - Blanchard; Sir Jealous Traffic - Bates; Whisper - Dugdale; Servant - Master Woodward; Charles - Miller (1st appearance) // Isabinda - Miss Dudley; Patch - Mrs Barnard; Scentwell - Miss Mitchell; Miranda - Miss Brangin (1st appearance). Prologue spoken by Haynes. Epilogue (speaker not listed).

DANCING. 2nd piece: With a Hornpipe by Lonsdale.

SINGING. End of Act I of 1st piece a two part song, Damon and Clora, by Leach and Miss Mitchell (1st appearance); End of Act III My sweet pretty Mogg by Wright.

COMMENT. By Permission [of the Lord Chamberlain]. Benefit for Davis. 1st piece: Altered from [The Soldier's Fortune, by] Otway, by John Brownsmith. [MS not in Larpent; not published.] 2nd piece: A Poetical Interlude altered from Prior's Nut-brown Maid. 3rd piece: Altered to 3 acts. [Prologue by Shatford Jones. Author of Epilogue unknown. For authorship of 1st piece and prologue see Morning Chronicle, 25 Oct.]

Boxes 5s. Pit 3s. 1st Gallery 2s. Upper Gallery 1s. The Doors to be opened at 5:30. To begin at 6:30. Tickets delivered for Davis and Wright will be admitted.

Tuesday 19 DL THE WAY OF THE WORLD. Mirable – Smith; Fainall – Bensley; Sir Wilful Witwou'd – Yates; Petulant – Baddeley; Waitwell – Parsons; Witwou'd – King // Lady Wishfor't – Mrs Hopkins; Marwood – Miss Sherry; Mrs Fainall – Mrs Sharp; Foible – Miss Pope; Millamant – Mrs Abington. Also THE QUAKER. Lubin – Vernon; Solomon – Parsons; Easy – Wrighten; Steady – Gaudry // Gillian (1st time) – Miss Collett; Cicely – Mrs Love; Floretta – Mrs Wrighten.

COMMENT. Afterpiece: The Music composed by Dibdin. Receipts: £189 51.6d. (150/0/0; 37/19/0; 1/6/6).

Wednesday 20

THE BONDMAN. As 13 Oct. Also PLYMOUTH IN AN UPROAR. Principal Characters by Mattocks, Robson, Booth, Wewitzer, Brunsdon, Jones, Fearon, L'Estrange, Messink, Stevens, Thompson, Cushing, Egan, Vernon // Miss Brown, Mrs Whitfield, Mrs Kennedy. [Cast from text (G. Kearsley, 1779): Lieutenant Beauclerk - Mattocks; Charles Wilson - Robson; Pipes - Booth; Twist - Wewitzer; Lord Heartless - Brunsdon; Buckram - Jones; Ostler - Fearon; Miner - L'Estrange; Landlord - Messink; Officer - Stevens; Ben - Vernon; Sailor - Baker; Ruffian - Bates // Emilia - Miss Brown; Miss Freeman - Mrs Whitfield; Sukey - Mrs Kennedy. Thompson, Cushing, Egan are unassigned.]

COMMENT. Afterpiece [1st time; MF 2, by Edward Neville]: The Overture and Music composed by Dibdin. Books of the Entertainment to be had at the Theatre. Public Advertiser, 20 Oct.: This Afternoon at Three is published PLYMOUTH IN AN UPROAR (11.). Receipts: £242 161. 6d. (241/5/0; 1/11/6).

Thursday 21 DL CYMON. Cymon - Vernon; Merlin (1st time) - Gaudry; Dorus - Parsons; Linco-Dodd // Urganda - Mrs Baddeley; Fatima - Mrs Wrighten; Dorcas - Mrs Bradshaw; Cupid - Miss Field; Shepherdesses - Miss Collett, Mrs Davies; Sylvia - Miss Brown (of CG). Also The Deuce is in Him. Colonel Tamper - Palmer; Major Belford - Packer; Prattle - Baddeley // Madam. Florival - Mrs Davies; Bell - Mrs Sharp; Emily - Miss Pope.

DANCING. In Act 1 of mainpiece a Dance of Cupids; In Act 1V a Dance of Darmons (performers not listed). [These were danced in both subsequent performances.]

COMMENT. Mainpiece: The Music by Michael Arne. With a Grand Procession of different Orders of the Knights of Chivalry. [This was included in both subsequent performances.] Afterpiece: Not acted these 2 years. Receipts: £162 196. (130/8/0; 31/11/6; 0/19/6).

