Wednesday 27 THE EARL OF ESSEX. Earl of Southampton - Adcock; Lord Burleigh - Martin; HAY Sir Walter Raleigh – Maffet; Essex – Wilkinson // Queen Elizabeth – Mrs Sidney; Countess of Nottingham – Mrs Sincock; Rutland – A Young Lady (1st appearance on any stage [unidentified]). Also THE CITIZEN. Young Philpot – Wilkinson // Maria - The Lady who performs Rutland. MONOLOGUE. End of mainpiece Collins's Ode on the Passions by Wilkinson.

COMMENT. By Permission of the Lord Chamberlain. Benefit for a Widow. Tickets delivered for the 25th will be admitted. The Doors to be opened at 5:30. To begin at 6:30.

Tbursday 28 DL

ROMEO AND JULIET. As 25 Apr., but Romeo – Wroughton. Also THE PRIZE. As 10 Mar.

SINGING. As 25 Apr., but omitted: Miss De Camp.

COMMENT. Mainpiece: In Act II a Masquerade Scene. "Neither in conception nor in power is [Mrs Jordan] adequate to the character . . . This play has not often been so ill performed in a London theatre as it was on this evening" (Monthly Mirror, May 1796, p. 50). Receipts: £231 8s. (162/14/6; 67/15/6; 0/18/0).

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THE WAY TO GET MARRIED. As 14 Apr., but Miss Mansel in place of Miss Wallis. Also LOCK AND KEY. As 26 Apr. COMMENT. Receipts: £181 3s. (176/7; 4/16).

Friday 29 DL

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HAMLET. Claudius - Packer; Hamlet - Wroughton; Polonius - Dodd (1st appearance in that character); Horatio - Whitfield; Laertes - C. Kemble; Rosencrantz - Caulfield; Guildenstern - Trueman; Osrick (for that night only) - Bannister Jun.; Marcellus - Benson; Bernardo - Phillimore; Ghost of Hamlet's father -Bensley; Players - Maddocks, Hollingsworth; 1st Grave-digger - King (1st appearance in that character); and Grave-digger - Burton // Gertrude - Mrs Siddons (1st appearance in that character [in London]); Ophelia (in which she will introduce an additional Air, lately composed by W. Linley) - Mrs Jordan (1st appearance in that character [in London]); Actress – Miss Tidswell. Also THE WEDDING DAY. As 26 Apr.

MONOLOGUE. End of mainpiece a Serio-Comic, Poetic, Prosaic Paraphrase on Sbakespeare's Seven Ages by King.

COMMENT. Benefit for King. [Mrs Siddons's 1st appearance as Gertrude was at Liverpool, 23 July 1777; Mrs Jordan's as Ophelia at Richmond, 19 Aug. 1795.] Morning Herald, 28 Apr.: Tickets to be had of King, No. 56, Store-street, Bedfordsquare; 30 Apr.: The dresses [in HAMLET] were all modern. Receipts: £498 17s. 6d. (284/11/6; 55/9/0; 2/5/0; tickets: 156/12/0) (charge: £,232 7s. 6d.).

THE WOODMAN. Sir Walter Waring - Quick; Capt. O'Donnel - Johnstone; Fairlop - Bowden; Medley - Townsend; Bob - Haymes; Ralph - Linton; Welford -Incledon // Dolly - Mrs Martyr; Bridget - Mrs Watts; Miss Di Clacket - Mrs Davenport; Polly - Miss Standen; Emily - Mrs Mountain. Also THE PRIS-ONER AT LARGE. Muns - Fawcett; Jack Connor - Macready; Lord Edmond -Toms; Frill - Farley; Father Frank - Davenport; Trap - Powel; Count Fripon -Rees; Phelim - Ledger; Dowdle - Munden // Rachael - Mrs Townsend; Mary -Mrs Fawcett; Adelaide - Miss Chapman.

SINGING. End of Act I of mainpiece The Storm by Incledon; End of mainpiece a Grand Harmonic Selection, with Admiral Benbow by Incledon; The Sailor Boy cap'ring on Shore by Fawcett; O bring me wine by Bowden; The Land of Potatoes by Johnstone; The Group of Lovers; or, Beauty at her Levee by Munden; Old Towler by Incledon.

