

- suicide on 19 May] was remarkable for a very retentive memory, which enabled him on the slightest notice to become a substitute for almost any performer who might be suddenly disabled from appearing" (*European Magazine*, June 1796, p. 397). "The house was a very good one, but it has been said that Sheridan went to the Treasury and carried off the money, so that Benson's widow and children never got a sixpence" (Genest, VII, 245). Receipts: £678 10s. 6d. (319/8/0; 66/3/6; 2/19/0; tickets: 276/6/0; odd money: 13/14/0) (charge: £212 15s.).
- Thursday 9**
DL
- MAHMOUD.** As 28 May, but Miss De Camp in place of Mrs Bland. Also **ALIVE AND MERRY.** As 28 May, but Mrs Bramwell in place of Mrs Bland.
COMMENT. [Account-Book: Tickets delivered by Boimaison, Wm. Banks, Cooke, Daglish, Henderson, Maddocks, Purser, Roffey, Scott, Smith, Whitmell, Wells, Miss Chatterley will be admitted.] Receipts: £101 7s. 6d. (56/8/6; 31/6/0; 8/9/0; tickets: none listed; odd money: 5/4/0).
- Friday 10**
DL
- MAHMOUD.** As 10 June. Also **THE DEAF LOVER.** Capt. Meadows – R. Palmer; Young Wrongward – Caulfield; Old Wrongward – Hollingsworth; John – Burton; Canteen – Russell; Sternhold – Maddocks; Groom – Banks; William – Webb; Bob – Evans // Sophia – Miss Heard; Betsey Blossom – Mrs Bramwell; Chambermaid – Miss Tidswell.
COMMENT. [Account-Book: Tickets delivered by Chippendale, Dale Sen., Fisher, Gregson, Rhodes, Stageldoir, Wentworth, Mrs Butler will be admitted.] Receipts: £50/10/6 (28/18/6; 18/5/0; 1/2/0; tickets: none listed; odd money: 2/5/0).
- Saturday 11**
DL
- PEEPING TOM.** Peeping Tom (with *The Little Farthing Ruslight*) – Fawcett (1st appearance in that character); Mayor of Coventry – Wathen; Crazy – Waldron; Earl of Mercia – Caulfield; Count Lewis – Palmer Jun.; Harold – Davies // Mayoress – Mrs Hopkins; Emma – Mrs Harlowe; Lady Godina [*sic*] – Mrs Cuyler; Maud – Mrs Kemble. Also **THE LIAR.** Young Wilding – Palmer (1st appearance on that stage these 2 years); Old Wilding – Davies; Papillion – Burton; Waiter – Ledger; Servants – Abbot, Lyons; Sir James Elliot – R. Palmer (1st appearance on that stage these 2 years) // Miss Godfrey – Miss Heard; Kitty – Mrs Hale; Miss Grantham – Mrs Harlowe. Also **BANNIAN DAY.** Characters by Johnstone, Fawcett, Suett, Wathen, Davies, Waldron Jun., Ledger, Trueman (1st appearance on that stage) // Mrs Bland, Mrs Jones, Miss Leak. [Cast from text (T. N. Longman, 1796): Captain Macgallaher – Johnstone; Batch – Fawcett; Bobby Notice – Suett; Jack Hawser – Wathen; Sir Geo. Goodwill – Davies; Servant – Waldron Jun., Bailiff – Ledger; Lieut. Goodwill – Trueman // Polly – Mrs Bland; Maid Servant – Mrs Jones; Mrs Goodwill – Miss Leak.]
COMMENT. 3rd piece [1st time; MF 2, by George Brewer]: The Musick by Dr Arnold. Books of the Songs to be had at the Theatre. *Morning Herald*, 6 July 1796: This Day is published **BANNIAN DAY** (1s.).
Boxes 5s. Pit 3s. 1st Gallery 2s. 2nd Gallery 1s. The Doors to be opened at 6:00. To begin at 7:00 [same throughout season]. Places for the Boxes to be had of Rice, at the Theatre. [On this evening the following performers appeared both at DL and at the HAY: Suett, Caulfield, Trueman, R. Palmer, Burton, Miss Leak, Miss Heard.]
- HAY**
- ANTIGONA.** As 31 May.
DANCING. As 7 June throughout.
- King's**
- KATHARINE AND PETRUCHIO.** Petruchio – Palmer; Baptista – Packer; Hortensio – Trueman; Grumio – Hollingsworth; Music-master – Banks; Biondello – R. Palmer; Pedro – Phillimore; Taylor – Burton; Peter – Evans; Gabriel – Cooke; Nathaniel – Webb; Gregory – Maddocks // Katharine – Mrs Goodall; Bianca –
- Monday 13**
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Miss Tidswell; Curtis – Mrs Booth. Also THE PRIZE. As 19 Sept. 1795, but Lenitive – Wathen; Mr Caddy – Maddocks. Also THE IRISH WIDOW. Sir Patrick O’Neale – Moody; Whittle – Hollingsworth; Nephew – Caulfield; Bates – Maddocks; Kecksey – Dodd; Thomas – Burton // Widow Brady – Miss De Camp. MONOLOGUE. End of 2nd piece *Monsieur Tonson* by Caulfield.

COMMENT. Benefit for Shade, Cameron, Woollams, Wood, Wilson, Dangerfield, Irish, Edwards, Griffiths, Nix, Wooldridge, Panchaud & Cole [box-keepers]. [This was Dodd’s last appearance on the stage.] “Dodd was one of the most perfect actors that I have ever seen. He was the fopling of the *drama* rather than the age. I mean by this, that his own times rarely shewed us anything so highly charged with the vanity of personal exhibition. He was, to be sure, the prince of pink heels, and the soul of empty eminence. As he tottered rather than walked down the stage, in all the protuberance of endless muslin and lace in his cravats and frills, he reminded you of the jutting motion of the pigeon. He took his snuff, or his bergamot, with a delight so beyond all grosser enjoyments that he left you no doubt whatever of the superior happiness of a coxcomb” (Boaden, *Kemble*, I, 55). Receipts: £580 17s. 6d. (25/17/0; 37/3/6; 11/0/0; tickets: 503/4/0; odd money: 3/13/0) (charge: £211 17s. 6d.).

HAY

THE DEAD ALIVE. Motley – Fawcett; Edward – Davies; Degagee – Waldron Jun.; Sir Walter Weathercock – Suett // Miss Hebe Wintertop – Mrs Hopkins; Caroline – Miss Leak; Comfit – Miss De Camp. Also THE BATTLE OF HEXHAM; or, Days of Old. Gondibert – Palmer; Barton – Aickin; La Varenne – C. Kemble; Duke of Somerset – Lyons; Prince of Wales – Miss Menage; Fool – R. Palmer; Corporal – Burton; Drummer – Trueman; Fifer – Waldron Jun.; Robbers – Bannister, Davies, Abbot, Lyons, &c.; Gregory Gubbins – Fawcett // Adeline – Mrs Harlowe; Villagers – Mrs Bland, Miss Leak, Miss De Camp, &c.; Queen Margaret – Mrs Kemble. Also BANNIAN DAY. As 11 June, but omitted: Waldron Jun., Ledger, Mrs Jones.

COMMENT. “The shrillness of [Mrs Hopkins’s] voice, and the squabbishness of her figure are admirable accompaniments to the peevish expression of her features, and thus as far as natural requisites go, she is perfectly suited to old maids and crabbed aunts” (*Monthly Mirror*, Aug. 1796, p. 240). [On this evening the following performers appeared both at DL and at the HAY: Palmer, Trueman, R. Palmer, Burton, Wathen, Suett, Miss De Camp.]

Tuesday 14
DL

MY GRANDMOTHER. As 24 May. Also TIT FOR TAT. Villamour – Barrymore; Old Meanwell – Packer; Young Meanwell – Whitfield; Skipwell – R. Palmer; Servant – Evans // Florinda – Mrs Goodall; Letty – Miss Pope. Also THE LIAR. As 16 Jan., but Old Wilding – Aickin.

MONOLOGUE. End of 2nd piece *Bucks have at ye all* by R. Palmer.

COMMENT. Benefit for Portal, Gibson, Percey, George, Bowley, Stevenson, Hicks, J. Shade [box-keepers]. Receipts: £523 2s. (22/9; 23/15; 8/8; tickets: 457/7; odd money: 11/3) (charge: £211 16s. 11d.).

HAY

THE MOCK DOCTOR; or, The Dumb Lady Cured. Gregory (The Mock Doctor) – Palmer (1st appearance in that character); Sir Jasper – Waldron; Leander – Caulfield; Dr Hellebore – Burton; Davy – Waldron Jun.; James – Palmer Jun.; Harry – Abbot; Sq. Robert – Lyons // Charlotte – Miss Heard; Maid – Mrs Jones; Dorcas – Mrs Harlowe. Also THE AGREEABLE SURPRISE. Lingo – Fawcett; Sir Felix Friendly – Suett; Compton – Bannister; Eugene – Davies; Chicane – Usher; Thomas – Burton; John – Trueman; Cudden – Waldron Jun.; Stump – Ledger // Laura – Miss Leak; Mrs Cheshire – Mrs Booth; Fringe – Miss De Camp; Cowslip – Mrs Kemble. Also BANNIAN DAY. As 13 June.

COMMENT. [On this evening the following performers appeared both at DL and at the HAY: Suett, Palmer, Miss De Camp, Miss Heard.]