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October 1672

Thursday 3

THE CITIZEN TURNED GENTLEMAN. [By Edward Ravenscroft.] See 4 July 1672.

COMMENT. The Duke's Company. This performance is on the L. C. list, 5/141, p. 2. See also Nicoll, Restoration Drama, p. 347.

Tuesday 29 City LONDON TRIUMPHANT; or, The City in Jollity and Splendour. . . . Invented and performed for Congratulation and Delight of the well-deserving Governour, Sir Robert Hanson Knight, Lord Mayor of the City of London. At the Cost and Charges of the Worshipful Company of Grocers. [By Thomas Jordan.] COMMENT. The Lord Mayor's Pageant.

November 1672

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THE ASSIGNATION; or, Love in a Nunnery. [By John Dryden.] Edition of 1673: Prologue. Duke of Mantona – Major Mohun; Prince Frederick – Kynaston; Aurelian – Hart; Camillo – Burt; Mario – Cartwright; Ascanio – Mrs Reeve; Benito – Haynes; Sophronia – Mrs James; Lucretia – Mrs Marshall; Hippolita – Mrs Knep; Laura – Mrs Bowtel; Violetta – Mrs Cox. Epilogue.

COMMENT. The King's Company. The date of the premiere is not known, but the play followed *The Citizen Turned Gentleman* (4 July 1672) and refers to it in the Prologue. Edward Ravenscroft replied in the Preface and Prologue to *The Careless Lovers*, which appeared in February or March 1672/3. A song, "Long betwixt Love and fear Phillis tormented," set by Robert Smith, is in *Choice Songs and Ayres*, The First Book, 1673.

Preface to *The Assignation:* It succeeded ill in the representation, against the opinion of many of the best Judges of our Age.

Langbaine, English Dramatick Poets, p. 154: This Play was Damn'd on the Stage.

Friday 1 MT [THE SULLEN LOVERS; or, The Impertinents. By Thomas Shadwell.] Cast not known. For an early cast, see 2 May 1668.

COMMENT. The Duke's Company. An unnamed play is the entry in A Calendar of the Middle Temple Records, ed. Hopwood, p. 175, but a Prologue to this play "Acted at the Middle Temple" is in A Collection of Poems Written upon several Occasions by several Persons (1673). It may have been acted at this time.

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PHILASTER; or, Love Lies a Bleeding. [By Francis Beaumont and John Fletcher.]

Cast not known.

COMMENT. The King's Company. This play is listed in *A Calendar of Inner Temple Records*, ed. Inderwick, III, 89, for the period 29 Oct. 1671 to 3 Nov. 1672. In view of the previous sequence of performances it seems more likely that *Philaster* was acted in 1672 than in 1671.

Monday 4 DG THE MORNING RAMBLE; or, The Town-Humours. [By Henry Nevil Payne.] Edition of 1673: Prologue. Townlove – Betterton; Merry – Harris; Ruffle – Smith; Muchland – Medbourn; Rash – Crosby; Fullam – Underhill; Breef – Norris; Honour Muchland – Mrs Johnson; Betty Rash – Mrs Long; Rose – Mrs Shadwell; Lady Turnup – Mrs Osborn. Epilogue.

