

COMMENT. The Duke's Company. This performance is on the L. C. list, 5/142, p. 81. See also Nicoll, *Restoration Drama*, p. 348. The play has a musical setting by Jeremiah Clarke. There is no certainty that this date represents the premiere, but a certain performance on 14 Feb. 1676/7 suggests that this performance on 12 Feb. 1676/7 is part of the initial run. Very probably the play was repeated on 13 Feb. 1676/7.

Monday 12  
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ANTONY AND CLEOPATRA. See 12 Feb. 1676/7.

Tuesday 13  
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ANTONY AND CLEOPATRA. See 12 Feb. 1676/7.

Wednesday 14  
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COMMENT. The Duke's Company. *The Diary of Robert Hooke*: Grace and Tom at Play *Antony and Cleopatra*.

THE SIEGE OF RHODES, Part II. [By Sir William Davenant.] *Cast not known*.

Saturday 24  
DG

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## March 1677

THE COUNTRY INNOCENCE; or, The Chamber-Maid Turn'd Quaker. [By John Leanerd.] Edition of 1677: Prologue, Spoken by Mr Clark. Sir Oliver Bellingham – Lydell; Sir Robert Malory – Coysh; Captain Mullineux – Goodman; Plush – Wiltshire; Rash – Griffin; Gregory Dwindle – Haynes; Mr William – Powell; Old Thrashard – Watson; Abraham – Styles; Lady Lovely – Mrs Marshal; Lady Malory – Mrs Rutter; Margaret – Mrs Baker; Gillian – Sarah Cook; Barbara – Mrs Knep; Old Gentlewoman – Perrin. Epilogue.

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COMMENT. The King's Company. There is no indication of the date of the first performance, but a licensing date of 6 April 1677 and the large number of minor actors in the cast suggest a Lenten performance.

Preface to edition of 1677: I think (without Ostentation) never was House more throng'd; . . . The first, second, and other times it was Acted, I think lost me no Credit, but . . . Fortune . . . Jaded me, robbing me of the Honour of my Plays continuance for that time; by a Mischance which hapned to one, whose Part was too considerable to be quickly studied.

THE RIVAL QUEENS; or, The Death of Alexander the Great. [By Nathaniel Lee.] Edition of 1677: Prologue to Alexander, Written by Sir Char. Scroop, Baronet. Epilogue. Alexander – Hart; Clytus – Mohun; Lysimachus – Griffin; Hephestion – Clarke; Cassander – Kenaston; Polyperchon – Goodman; Philip – Powell; Thessalus – Wiltshire; Perdicas – Lydall; Eumenes – Watson; Meleager – Perin; Aristander – Coysh; Sysigambis – Mrs Corey; Statira – Mrs Boutell; Roxana – Mrs Marshall; Parisatis – Mrs Baker.

Saturday 17  
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COMMENT. The King's Company. This performance is on the L. C. list, 5/141, p. 359: The Rivall Queene. See also Nicoll, *Restoration Drama*, p. 346. That this is the premiere is indicated by a letter from the Marquis of Worcester to the Marchioness, 17 March 1676/7: Sir Charles Sedley's *Cleopatra* has been acted often, and to-day a new play of the death of Alexander, but I have not been to see either, living a mighty drudging life (HMC, 12th Report, Appendix, Beaufort MSS., IX, 66).

Downes (*Roscus Anglicanus*, p. 11), has a cast which agrees (except for omissions) with that in the edition of 1677. Downes adds (p. 16): [Hart in] Alexander, towards the latter End of his Acting; if he Acted in any one of these but once in a Fortnight, the House was fill'd as at a New Play, especially Alexander,