

## August 1675

**PSYCHE DEBAUCHED.** [By Thomas Duffett.] Edition of 1678: King Andrew – DL  
Mrs Corbett; Nicholas – Mrs Knep; Phillip – Charleton; Bruine – Harris; Apollo –  
Lyddall; Jeffrey – Coysh; Costard – Poell [Powell (?)]; Justice Crabb – Wiltshire;  
Wou'dhamore – Mrs Rutter; None-so-fair – Haynes; Redstreak – Cory; Woossat –  
Clarke. Prologue. Epilogue.

COMMENT. The date of the premiere is not known, but Robert Hooke attended a play on 27 Aug. 1675 which might well refer not to *Psyche* but to Duffett's travesty of it. In addition, John Harold Wilson has argued that the reference in the Prologue to "The new-come Elephant" probably concerns the elephant imported by Lord George Berkeley and sold by 12 Aug. 1675 (see *The Diary of Robert Hooke*, p. 174). The cast also contains a number of "young actors" who might well have had an opportunity to act in a play in the summer vacation.

**PISO'S CONSPIRACY.** [An anonymous alteration of *Nero*, 1624.] Edition of 1676: DL  
Prologue. No actors' names. Epilogue.

COMMENT. The King's Company. The date of the first production is not known. Although the play was not entered in the *Term Catalogues* until February 1675/6, the references to "Miss-Non-so-Fair," "prince Nick, and t'other House Gallants" suggest that it capitalized upon the appearance of *Psyche Debauched* at DG.

[**PSYCHE DEBAUCHED.**] See August 1675.

COMMENT. The King's Company. *The Diary of Robert Hooke*, 27 Aug. 1675: DL  
Saw Psyche Grand foppery.

**MACBETH.** [Altered from William Shakespeare by Sir William Davenant.] *Cast* *Friday 27*  
*not known.* For a previous cast, see 18 Feb. 1672/3. DL

COMMENT. The Duke's Company. This performance is known from a disturbance which occurred on this day; Langbaine states that the play was *Macbeth*. John Verney to Sir Ralph Verney, 30 Aug. 1675: On Saturday last, at the Duke's playhouse, Sir Tho. Armstrong killed Mr Scrope. . . . Their quarrel is said to [be] about Mrs Uphill, the player, who came into the house maskt, and Scrope would have entertained discourse with her, which Sir T. Armstrong would not suffer, so a ring was made wherein they fought (HMC Verney MSS., 7th Report, 1879, p. 465). See also *The Hatton Correspondence*, *Camden Society*, XXII (1878), 121. *Saturday 28*  
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COMMENT. G. Lady Chaworth to Lord Roos, 7 Sept. 1675: The Dutchesse [of *Friday 3*  
York] lykes Bartholomew Faire so well she hath bin att [it] againe incognito on BF  
Friday (HMC, 12th Report, Part v, Rutland Papers, II, 27).