

Tuesday 30

A FAST DAY FOR THE MARTYRDOM OF CHARLES I

February 1683

THE RESTORATION; or, Right Will Take Place. [An adaptation of *Philaster*, possibly by George Villiers, Duke of Buckingham.] Prologue to *Philaster*, By the Duke of Buckingham. The Epilogue to be spoken by the Governor in *Philaster*, By the Duke of Buckingham. *Cast not known.* [DL or DG]

COMMENT. The United Company. The Prologue and Epilogue are printed in *Miscellaneous Works, Written by His Grace, George, late Duke of Buckingham* (London, 1704), pp. 9-13. There is no certainty that Buckingham wrote the adaptation itself, but, in view of his writing both the Prologue and Epilogue, it seems likely. The Epilogue alludes to Shaftesbury, who had taken refuge in Holland and who had died there on 21 Jan. 1682/3, suggesting that the play, if acted, was probably presented in February 1682/3 or soon thereafter. The adaptation was apparently never printed.

THE CHANCES. [By John Fletcher, adapted by Duke of Buckingham.] *Cast not known.* Friday 2 MT

COMMENT. The United Company. The players received the customary fee of £20. See *A Calendar of the Middle Temple Records*, ed. Hopwood, p. 179. Newdigate newsletters, 3 Feb. 1682/3: Yesterday the Govern[ors] of y^e Temple Invited the Greate Lds: of [. . .] together with the Ld: Keeper to dinner where afterwards they were entertayned with variety of songs & a play was Acted before them Called the Chances by the Kings players (Wilson, "More Theatre Notes from the Newdigate Newsletters," p. 59).

April 1683

Monday 2-Saturday 7

PASSION WEEK

COMMENT. In the Bindley Collection, William Andrews Clark Jr Library, is a broadside: A Lenten Prologue Refus'd by the Players. Luttrell's date of acquisition is 11 April 1683. Wednesday 11

COMMENT. Charles II had begun negotiations for bringing Italian players to England again. See the correspondence in HMC, 7th Report, Appendix, pp. 285, 286, 331; and L. C. 5/144, p. 407, in Boswell, *Restoration Court Stage*, p. 61. See also HMC, 7th Report, p. 288 (1 May 1683) and Boswell, *Restoration Court Stage*, p. 125. Mid-April

May 1683

DAME DOBSON; or, The Cunning Woman. [By Edward Ravenscroft.] Edition of 1684: Prologue, Spoken by Mrs Currer. Dame Dobson - Mrs Corey; Decoy - Saunders; Beatrice - Mrs Twiford; Mrs Francis - Mrs Baker; Goslin - Richards; Thursday 31 DG