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March 1660

Wednesday 28 ENTERTAINMENT. A Dialogue between Tom a Countryman and Dick a Londoner, sung to the Tune, "I'll never love thee more."

COMMENT. At Drapers' Hall. (See J. Paine Collier, "Monk and the Restoration," Gentleman's Magazine, New Series, XXXVI (1851), 347-52. See also 13 April 1660.)

April 1660

Friday 6 A PUBLIC FAST

Thursday 12 BACCHUS FESTIVAL; or, A New Medley. [By Thomas Jordan.] Cast not known.

COMMENT. Edition of 1660: Being a Musical Representation at the Entertainment of his Excellency the Lord General Monk at Vintners Hall 12 April 1660.

Friday 13 COMMENT. The Diurnal of Thomas Rugg, ed. Sachse, p. 71: 13 April 1660: His Excellency [Monk] with the Councill of State dined att on of the Halls in London [Fishmongers], and now by this time haveing dined att 9 of the cheifest Halls in London; and att every Hall theire ware after diner a kind of a stage play and many prety anticks, som the cittizan and soldier, others the country Tom and citty Dick [see 28 March 1660], att many Halls were dancing and singing, many shapes and ghostes and the like.

Monday 16–Saturday 21 PASSION WEEK

Monday 23 COMMENT. On this date General Monk and the Council of State issued an order forbidding stage plays. (See Hotson, Commonwealth and Restoration Stage, p. 196, and The Diurnal of Thomas Rugg, ed. Sachse, pp. 61, 67.)

May 1660

Red Bull LOVE HATH FOUND OUT HIS EYES; or, Distractions. [By Thomas Jordan.]

Cast not known.

COMMENT. This play was entered in the Stationers' Register, 29 June 1660, but not printed. A Prologue and Epilogue (Epilogue spoken by Cupid) to a play of this title were printed in Jordan's A Rosary of Rarities, p. 17, but these may refer to an earlier performance. (See Bentley, Jacobean and Caroline Stage, IV, 684-85.)

Tuesday 29 COMMENT. Charles II entered London on this day, an event which occasioned several works of a quasi-dramatic nature. One was The Famous Tragedie of the Life and Death of Mrs Rump... As it was presented on a burning Stage at Westminster the 29th of May, 1660. It has a Prologue and Epilogue; the author is not known.

