

June 1665

COMMENT. The dangerous increase in the plague resulted in a proclamation closing the theatres. L. C. 5/138, p. 417 (in Nicoll, *Restoration Drama*, p. 299n):
Whereas it is thought Dangerous that soe greate resort of People should be permitted at yo^r Theatre in this tyme of Infection of the Plague These are therefore to require you that you forbear Acting any more Playes vntill you shall receive further Order from mee. Monday 5

August 1665

COMMENT. A proclamation forbidding the keeping of Bartholomew Fair (and Sturbridge Fair in Salisbury) is in the Chetham Library, Manchester. A similar notice is in *The Newes*, 17 August 1665. No doubt, Southwark Fair fell under a similar closing order. Monday 7
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