

February 1688

- DL THE INJURED LOVERS; or, The Ambitious Father. [By William Mountfort.] Edition of 1688. Prologue to the Injur'd Lovers, Spoken by Mr Mountfort. King of Sicily – Williams; Rheusanes – Betterton; Ghinotto – Griffin; Dorenalus – Mountfort; Old Colonel – Sanford; Soldiers – Lee, Jevon, Underhill; Princess Oryala – Mrs Barry; Antelina – Mrs Bracegirdle. Epilogue, Spoken by Mr Jevon. COMMENT. The United Company. The date of the first performance is not known, but Luttrell's date of acquisition of the separately-printed Prologue and Epilogue is 6 Feb. 1687/8 (see A. S. Borgman, *The Life and Death of William Mountfort* [Cambridge, Mass., 1935], p. 26n). Very probably the play had its premiere early in February. The Prologue and Epilogue are reprinted in Wiley, *Rare Prologues and Epilogues*, pp. 256–58. A song, "Lucinda close or veil those eyes," with music by J. B. Draghi, is in *The Banquet of Musick*, The Second Book, 1688. Charles Gildon, *The Lives and Characters of the English Dramatick Poets* (London, 1698 (?)), p. 102: [It] did not succeed as the Author wish'd.
- Monday 6 At Court THE DOUBLE MARRIAGE. [By John Fletcher and Philip Massinger.] *Cast not known.* COMMENT. The United Company. This performance is on the L. C. list, 5/148, p. 145. See also Nicoll, *Restoration Drama*, p. 351. By this time Henry Purcell had apparently composed the Act tunes for this play. See *Works*, The Purcell Society, XVI (1906), xxxii. Luttrell (*A Brief Relation*, I, 431): The 6th was observed as a festival of joy for the kings coming to the crown; . . . and at night was a play at court.
- Monday 13 At Court THE BEGGAR'S BUSH. [By John Fletcher.] *Cast not known.* COMMENT. The United Company. This performance is on the L. C. list, 5/148, p. 145. See also Nicoll, *Restoration Drama*, p. 351. When this play was revised and revived as *The Royal Merchant; or, Beggar's Bush* at Drury Lane, 19 June 1705, the bill bore the heading: Not acted these Twenty Years.
- Monday 20 At Court KING LEAR. [Altered from William Shakespeare by Nahum Tate.] *Cast not known.* COMMENT. The United Company. This performance is on the L. C. list, 5/148, p. 145. See also Nicoll, *Restoration Drama*, p. 351.
- Monday 27 At Court THE HUMOROUS LIEUTENANT. [By John Fletcher.] *Cast not known.* COMMENT. The United Company. This performance is on the L. C. list, 5/148, p. 145. See also Nicoll, *Restoration Drama*, p. 351.

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- DG A FOOL'S PREFERMENT; or, The Three Dukes of Dunstable. [Adapted from Fletcher's *Noble Gentleman* by Thomas D'Urfey.] Edition of 1688: Cocklebrain – Nokes; Justice – Leigh; Lyonel – Montfort; Clermont – Kinaston; Longevile – Powel; Bewford – Bowman; Toby – Jevon; Usher – Powel Sr; Aurelia – Mrs Bowtel; Celia – Mrs Jordain. Prologue, Spoken by Mr Jevon. Epilogue, Spoken by Mr Montfort.