

- Thursday 4*
DG Norris; Noddy – Powel; Jobson – Jevon; Doctor – Freeman; Lady Lovemore – Mrs Cook; Jane – Mrs Price; Lettice – Mrs Twyford; Nell – Mrs Percyval. Prologue, spoke by Mr Jevon. Epilogue, Spoken by Mr Jevon and Mrs Percyval.
COMMENT. The United Company. Newdigate newsletters, 4 March 1685/6: This day a new play called *The Devil of a Wife* was Acted with great Applause at that formerly called the Ds Playhouse (Wilson, "Theatre Notes from the Newdigate Newsletters," p. 82). See also 6 March 1685/6.
- Saturday 6*
DG THE DEVIL OF A WIFE. See 4 March 1685/6.
COMMENT. The United Company. Peregrine Bertie to the Countess of Rutland, 6 March 1685/6: To day is acted Jevans' new farse; Thursday was the first day. I must confess it is the strangest thinge I ever saw; 'twas mighty full the last time, and to day there is noe getting in (HMC, 12th Report, Appendix, Rutland MSS., Part v, Vol. II, p. 106). [Since Friday 5 March was a Friday in Lent, it is possible that the farce was not given on that day.]

April 1686

Monday 29 March-Saturday 3 April

PASSION WEEK

- Thursday 8*
[DL or DG] THE COMMITTEE. [By Sir Robert Howard.] *Cast not known.*
COMMENT. The United Company. This performance is on the L. C. list, 5/147, p. 125: The King & Queene & a Box for y^e Maydes of honor. See also Nicoll, *Restoration Drama*, p. 351.
- Mid-April*
DL THE LUCKEY CHANCE; or, An Alderman's Bargain. [By Mrs Aphra Behn.]
Edition of 1687: Prologue, Spoken by Mr Jevon. Sir Feeble Fainwou'd – Leigh; Sir Cautious Fulbank – Nokes; Gayman – Batterton; Belmour – Kenestone; Bearjest – Jevon; Noysey – Harris; Bredwell – Bowman; Lady Fulbank – Mrs Barry; Leticia – Mrs Cook; Diana – Mrs Mountford; Gammer Grime – Mrs Powell. Epilogue, Written by a Person of Quality, Spoken by Mr Betterton.
COMMENT. The United Company. The date of the first performance is not known. The edition of 1687 states on the title page: This may be printed, April 23. 1686. It was entered in the *Stationers' Register*, 8 May 1686, under the title: *The Disappointed Marriage; or, Te Generous Mistris*. It was probably first given before mid-April 1686, with the publication delayed, a delay accounting for the fact that Mrs Percival, who did not marry Mountfort until 2 July 1686, appears in the cast as Mrs Mountford. A song, "O love that stronger art than wine," the music by John Blow, the verse by Ousley, and sung by John Bowman, is in *The Theater of Music*, The Fourth Book, 1687.
- Friday 30*
At Court HAMLET, PRINCE OF DENMARK. [By William Shakespeare.] *Cast not known.*
COMMENT. The United Company. This performance is on the L. C. list, 5/147, p. 125. See also Nicoll, *Restoration Drama*, p. 351.