

- At Court the Restoration," *Theatre Notebook*, VII (1953), 82; and Edwin P. Grobe, "S. Bre, French Librettist at the Court of Charles II," *Theatre Notebook*, IX (1954), 20-21.
- Monday 2 IT COMMENT. A play was probably acted on this day, but the accounts do not name the drama. See *A Calendar of the Inner Temple Records*, ed. Inderwick, III, 98.

March 1674

- LIF THE AMOROUS OLD WOMAN; or, 'Tis Well if it Take. [The author is not known, but the play has been attributed to Thomas Duffett.] Edition of 1674: Prologue spoken by Major Mohun. A second Prologue intended, but not spoken. Honorio – Lydal; Amante – Beeston; Garbato – Eastland; Cicco – Perin; Riccamare – Coysh; Buggio – Chapman; Furfante – Powel; Sanco-panco – Shirly; Constantia – Mrs Cox; Arabella – Mrs James; Clara – Mrs Boutel; Strega – Mrs Corey. Epilogue.
COMMENT. The King's Company. The date of the premiere is not known, but, as the play was entered in the *Term Catalogues*, May 1674, a first production not later than March 1674 is likely. In addition, the relatively large number of minor actors suggests that it might be a Lenten performance by the young players of the company. As to the authorship, the title page states: Written by a Person of Honour. On the other hand, Langbaine (*English Dramatick Poets*, p. 526) reports that he had heard that it was written by Duffett. The second Prologue is in *Covent Garden Drollery*, 1673, but the fact that it was intended but not spoken does not assist in dating the first performance.
- LIF THE MISTAKEN HUSBAND. [The author is not known, but the Preface suggests that one scene was written by John Dryden.] Edition of 1675: The Prologue. No actors' names. The Epilogue.
COMMENT. The King's Company. The date of the premiere is not known, but John Harold Wilson, "Six Restoration Play-Dates," *Notes and Queries*, June 1962, p. 221, has argued, primarily on references in the Epilogue, that the play was probably produced before the opening of the new Theatre Royal in Drury Lane and following two unsuccessful plays: *The Mall* and *The Amorous Old Woman*. The Prologue is in *New Songs and Poems a la Mode*, 1677. Preface to the edition of 1675: This play was left in Mr Dryden's hands many years since. The Author of it was unknown to him, and return'd not to claim it.
- Tuesday 17 DG COMMENT. A disturbance occurred at this theatre on this day. Newdigate newsletters (Folger Shakespeare Library), 21 March 1673/4: His Ma^{ty} has also been pleased to Order y^e Recorder of London to examine y^e Disorders & disturbances on Tuesday last at y^e Dukes Theatre by some persons in drink (John Harold Wilson, "Theatre Notes," p. 79). See also CSPD, 1673-1675, p. 231.
- Wednesday 18 DG THE SEA CAPTAINS. *Author not known. Cast not known.*
COMMENT. The Duke's Company. This play is on the L. C. list, 5/141, p. 216. See also Nicoll, *Restoration Drama*, p. 348. Nothing further is known concerning this play.
- Thursday 26 DL THE BEGGAR'S BUSH. [By John Fletcher.] *Cast not known.* Prologue spoken at the Opening of the New House, written by John Dryden and spoken by Mohun. Epilogue spoken at the Opening of the New House, written by John Dryden.
COMMENT. The King's Company. This performance, which marks the opening of the new Theatre Royal in Drury Lane, is on the L. C. list, 5/141, p. 73. See also