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COMMENT. The documents analyzed by Langhans, "New Restoration Theatre Accounts," pp. 120, 126-27, leave uncertain the date of resuming daily performances in the autumn of 1685. The Company acted regularly to 5 June 1686 and then acted 23 times between 7 June and 27 Sept. 1686.

[DL or DG]

CONCERT.

COMMENT. Samuel Pepys to Robert Southwell, 10 Oct. 1685: To night wee have had a mighty Musique-Entertainment at Court for the welcoming home the King and Queen. Wherein the fraequent Returnes of the Words, Arms, Beauty, Triumph, Love, Progeny, Peace, Dominion, Glory, &c. had apparently cost our Poet-Prophet more paine to finde Rhimes then Reasons (R. G. Howard, Letters and the Second Diary of Samuel Pepys [London, 1932], p. 171. [The entertainment for this occasion seems not to have survived.]

Saturday 10 At Court

KING AND NO KING. [By Francis Beaumont and John Fletcher.] Cast not known. For a previous cast, see season of 1682-83.

[DL or DG]

COMMENT. The United Company. This performance is on the L. C. list, 5/147, p. 68: The Queene & a Box for ye Maydes of Honor. See also Nicoll, Restoration Drama, p. 350.

THE ROVER. [By Mrs Aphra Behn.] Cast not known.

Thursday 29 At Court

City

Tuesday 20

COMMENT. The United Company. This performance, which is out of the chronological order, is on L. C. list, 5/147, p. 68; the list does not indicate which Part of this play was given. See also Nicoll, Restoration Drama, p. 350, and page 380, for an order (L. C. 5/147, p. 1) for rehabilitation of the seats in the theatre.

LONDON'S ANNUAL TRIUMPH: Performed on Thursday, Octob. 29. 1685. For the Entertainment of the Right Honourable Sir Robert Jeffreys, Kt Lord Mayor of the City of London. With a Description of the several Pageants, Speeches, and Songs made proper for the Occasion. All set forth at the proper Costs and Charges of the Worshipful Company of Iron Mongers. Composed by Matt. Taubman.

COMMENT. See also Luttrell, A Brief Relation, 1, 362. The cost of the pageants was £175; the total cost of the Lord Mayor's Show came to £473 4d. See Robert Withington, English Pageantry (Cambridge, Mass., 1920), II, 62.

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THE SOLDIERS' FORTUNE. [By Thomas Otway.] Cast not known. COMMENT. The United Company. The players received the customary fee of f.20. See A Calendar of the Inner Temple Records, ed. Inderwick, III, 230.

Monday 2

RULE A WIFE AND HAVE A WIFE. [By John Fletcher.] Cast not known. For a previous cast, see 15 Nov. 1682.

Wednesday 4 At Court

COMMENT. The United Company. This performance is on the L. C. list, 5/147, p. 68. See also Nicoll, Restoration Drama, p. 350.

SIR COURTLY NICE. [By John Crowne.] Cast not known. For a previous cast, see 9 May 1685.

Monday 9 At Court

COMMENT. The United Company. This performance is on the L. C. list, 5/147, p. 68. See also Nicoll, Restoration Drama, p. 350.

