LONDON THEATRE

1660-1737

1659-60

William Beeston
@ Salisbury Court

Rhodes's Company
John Rhodes
@ The Cockpit, Drury Lane

Anthony Turner
& Edward Shatterell
@ Red Bull Theatre
@ The Cockpit, Drury Lane

1660-61

The United Company
Sir William Davenant
& Thomas Killigrew
@ The Cockpit, Drury Lane

The Duke's Company
Sir William Davenant
@ Salisbury Court

George Jolly
@ The Cockpit, Drury Lane

The King's Company
Thomas Killigrew
@ Red Bull Theatre

The Red Bull Players
@ Red Bull Theatre

The Duke's Company
Sir William Davenant
@Lincoln's Inn Fields

1661-62

The Duke's Company
Sir William Davenant
@ Lincoln's Inn Fields
@ Red Bull Theatre
@ Salisbury Court

The King's Company
Thomas Killigrew
@ Vere Street Theatre
@ The Cockpit, Drury Lane

1662-63

The Duke's Company
Sir William Davenant
@ Lincoln's Inn Fields

The King's Company
Thomas Killigrew
@ Vere Street Theatre
@ Bridges Street Theatre, Drury Lane (from 7/5/1663)

1663-64

The King's Company
Thomas Killigrew
@ Bridges Street Theatre

1664-65

1665-66

PLAGUE

June 1665-October 1666

GREAT FIRE

September 1666

1666-67

The Duke's Company
Sir William Davenant
@ Lincoln's Inn Fields

The King's Company
Thomas Killigrew
@ Bridges Street Theatre

The Nursery
George Jolly
@ Hatton Garden

1667-68

The Duke's Company
Sir William Davenant
@ Lincoln's Inn Fields

The King's Company
Thomas Killigrew
@ Bridges Street Theatre

The Nursery
Thomas Killigrew?
@ Hatton Garden

William Davenant

1668-69

The Duke's Company
Henry Harrison & Thomas Betterton for the Davenant Family
@ Lincoln's Inn Fields

The Nursery
Thomas Killigrew?
@ Vere Street Theatre

1669-70

1670-71

[Unlicensed Company]
John Perin
@ Bunhill in Finsbury Fields

1671-72

The Duke's Company
Henry Harrison and Thomas Betterton for the Davenant Family
@ Dorset Garden (from 9/11/1672)

The King's Company
Thomas Killigrew
@ Bridges Street Theatre
25th January: FIRE
@ Lincoln's Inn Fields

1672-73

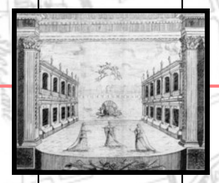
The King's Company
Thomas Killigrew
@ Lincoln's Inn Fields

1673-74

The King's Company
Thomas Killigrew
@ Drury Lane (from 26/3/74)

1674-75

1675-76



1676-77

The Duke's Company
Thomas Betterton & William Smith for the Davenant Family
@ Dorset Garden

The King's Company
Thomas Killigrew with:
Charles Hart
Michael Mohun
Edward Kynaston
William Cartwright
@ Drury Lane

1677-78

The Duke's Company
Thomas Betterton & William Smith for the Davenant Family
@ Dorset Garden

The King's Company
IN DISPUTE
@ Drury Lane

1678-79

1679-80

1680-81

Increased **competition** from foreign companies, booths and stalls during this period...

1681-82

Thomas Killigrew

The United Company
Thomas Betterton & William Smith from 13/5/1682
@ Dorset Garden
@ Drury lane

1682-83

1683-84

Prince of Orange's Company
Foreign Company

1684-85

Death of Charles II

Ascension of James II

1685-86

1686-87

Nell Gwynn

1687-88

The French Comedians
@ Windsor

1688-89

GLORIOUS REVOLUTION

James Harriman-Smith

GLORIOUS REVOLUTION

1688-89

1689-90
The United Company
Thomas Betterton &
William Smith
@ Dorset Garden
@ Drury lane

1690-91

1691-92
The United Company
William Smith
FINANCIAL TROUBLE
@ Dorset Garden
@ Drury lane

1692-93
The United Company
William Smith &
Thomas Betterton
FINANCIAL TROUBLE
@ Dorset Garden
@ Drury lane

1693-94
The United Company
Sir Thomas Skipwith &
Christopher Rich
(Financial malfeasance and flight of Alexander Davenant to Canary Islands)
@ Dorset Garden
@ Drury lane

Death of Mary II

1694-95
Rich's Company
['The Patentees']
Sir Thomas Skipwith &
Christopher Rich
@ Dorset Garden
@ Drury lane

Betterton's Company
['The Actors']
Thomas Betterton &
Elizabeth Barry &
Anne Bracegirdle
@ Lincoln's Inn Fields

1695-96

1696-97

1697-98

1698-99

1699-1700

1700-01

1701-02

Death of William II

Ascension of Anne I

1702-03

1703-04

1704-05
Betterton's Company
['The Actors']
Thomas Betterton &
Elizabeth Barry &
Anne Bracegirdle
@ Lincoln's Inn Fields
@ Queen's Theatre in the Haymarket

1705-06

Acts of Union

1706-07

1707-08
United Company
Sir Thomas Skipwith &
Christopher Rich
@ Drury lane

[The Opera]
@ Queen's Theatre

1708-09

1709-10
Rich's Company
Sir Thomas Skipwith &
Christopher Rich
With Aaron Hill from 23/11/1709
@ Drury lane

Betterton's Company
Thomas Betterton
@ Queen's Theatre

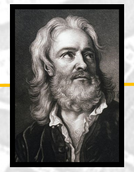
[The Opera]
@ Queen's Theatre

1710-11
[The Drama]
Owen Swiny
Robert Wilks
Colley Cibber
Thomas Doggett
@ Drury Lane

[The Opera]
William Collier
@ Queen's Theatre

1711-12
[The Drama]
William Collier
Robert Wilks
Colley Cibber
Thomas Doggett
@ Drury Lane

[The Opera]
Owen Swiny
@ Queen's Theatre



1712-13
The Triumvirate
William Collier &
Robert Wilks, Colley Cibber, Barton Booth
@ Drury Lane

1713-14

1714-15
Rich's Company
John Rich
@ Lincoln's Inn Fields (NEW)

Ascension of George I

Death of Anne I

1715-16

1716-17
The Triumvirate
William Collier &
Robert Wilks, Colley Cibber, Barton Booth
@ Drury Lane

1717-18

1718-19

1719-20

Royal Academy of Music
Georg Friedrich Handel
@ King's Theatre

1720-21
The Triumvirate
William Collier &
Robert Wilks, Colley Cibber, Barton Booth
@ Drury Lane

Rich's Company
John Rich
Theophilus Keene
Christopher Bullock
@ Lincoln's Inn Fields

Royal Academy of Music
Georg Friedrich

Duke of Montagu's Company
&
French Comedians
@ New Theatre in the Haymarket

1721-22

Aaron Hill's Company
@ New Haymarket

1722-23

1723-24
New Company of English Comedians
@ New Haymarket

1724-25
[Foreign Companies]
@ New Haymarket

1725-26

1726-27
Mme Violante's Acrobatics
@ New Haymarket

George I

1727-28

George II

1728-29
New English Drama
@ New Haymarket

1729-30
Henry Fielding
@ New Haymarket

1730-31
[New Company]
Thomas Odell
@ Goodman's Fields

1731-32

1732-33
Rich's Company
John Rich
@ Covent Garden from 7/12/1732

Mme Violante's Acrobatics
@ New Haymarket

1733-34
End of the Triumvirate
John Highmore
@ Drury Lane

Theophilus Cibber's Rebels
@ Goodman's Fields

1734-35
Rebels Rejoin Drury Lane
John Highmore
@ Drury Lane

Rich's Company
John Rich
@ Covent Garden

Georg Friedrich Handel
@ Covent Garden

The Opera of the Nobility
Nicola Porpora
@ King's Theatre

[French Company]
@ New Haymarket

Georg Friedrich Handel
@ King's Theatre

The Opera of the Nobility
Nicola Porpora
@ Lincoln's Inn Fields

1735-36

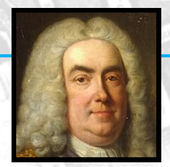
1736-37

1736-37
Drury Lane Company
John Highmore
@ Drury Lane

Rich's Company
John Rich
@ Covent Garden

Georg Friedrich Handel
@ King's Theatre

THE LICENSING ACT OF 1737



Giffard's Company
Henry Giffard
@ Lincoln's Inn Fields (formerly @ Goodman's Fields)

The Great Moghul's Company
Henry Fielding
@ New Haymarket

James Harriman-Smith
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