

Wooding, J. G., printmaker. Mrs. Inchbald as Lady abbess [Aemilia] in the 'Comedy of Errors'; Mrs. Wells in the character of Jane Shore. London:

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The Lady Abbess appears in Act 5 of *The Comedy of Errors*, the head of a priory in Ephesus who reproaches Adriana for her handling of her husband (Act 5, Scene 1). Elizabeth Inchbald (1743 - 1821) is depicted in the role in an engraving for the *New Lady's Magazine* in 1786. Only mildly successful as an actress, around the time of this publication, Inchbald was making a name for herself as a playwright.

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