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Garrick's Shakespeare Jubilee, 1769. When David Garrick, the most distinguished actor of his day, organised a splendid festival in honour of our greatest dramatist, writes Carola Oman, everything favoured him except the weather. Carola Oman | Published in History Today Volume 19 Issue 8 August 1969. On the morning of May 8th, 1769, a delegation representing the Corporation of the Borough of Stratford-upon-Avon visited England’s most famous actor-manager in his London home. The Shakespeare Jubilee was staged in Stratford-upon-Avon between 6 and 8 September 1769. The Jubilee was organised by the actor and theatre manager David Garrick to celebrate the Jubilee of the birth of William Shakespeare. It had a major impact on the rising tide of bardolatry that led to Shakespeare's becoming established as the English national poet. Thomas Arne composed the song Soft Flowing Avon for the Jubilee.