PAROCHIAL HARMONY; Confisting of a Collection of

PSALM-TUNES

In three and four Parts, by some of the most eminent ancient & modern Composers and others.

the New Version of Psalms, and intended to supply the great Deficiency of Tunes in that Version.

To which are added,

Reafons for publishing this Collection and Remarks on other Publications of this Nature

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To all Lovers of Parochial HARMONY.

I had feveral Reasons for publishing a Collection of Fralm Tunes, which are as follow, (viz) That, in opposition to the opinion of some modern Enthusiasts, who have adopted certain ludicrous Melodies for Divine Worship; a set of more proper Tunes might appear, to inform the World how far those People are mistaken in this particular, and by their being composed by the most eminent antient and modern Masters, they will further shew how exactly They agree in the Composition of this kind of Music.

Secondly, That though there are some who object to so great a number of Tunes, and recommend the use of sive or six only, yet it is well known that so sew are not sufficient, because that number must be repeated almost every Sunday for want of greater variety, and a great number of the Pfalms, especially the new Version, being in particular Measures, would therefore never be used; or else, those who use the new Version, must almost constantly sing the old 100 dth & 113 th Pfalm Tunes, the greatest part of that Version being in those Measures.

Thirdly. That though the Supplement to the new Verfion of Pfalms has fupplied us with feveral good Tunes, which are now in common use, there were still more wanting, as will plainly appear upon a due examination of it.

This deficiency is here abundantly supplied, & several Tunes in the Supplement, & other Collections that were incorrectly printed, and in improper Keys, as also in but two Parts; are here corrected, and Parts added to them.

The * Mclody, or Air of each Tune is put in y Treble * Call'd by fome old Authors the Plain Song Cliff, Cliff, agreeable to the defign of the Composers, which in fact, is agreeable to the Rules of Composition; though most Publishers of Psalm Tunes have put the Air of the Tunes in the Tenor Cliff, and made the Treble a kind of an inner Part to fill up the Harmony, but this is entirely wrong, because the Treble Part being the highest, always claims the Melody as its own Property, and every Scale of Voice has something peculiarly relative to its Kind; for as M. Galiard observes, * 'The Soprano has generally most Volubility, and becomes it 'best, and also equally the Pathetick. The Contr'Alto more of the Pathetick than the Volubility; the Tenor less of the 'Pathetick, but more of the Volubility than the Contr'Alto, 'though not so much as the Soprano. The Bass,in general 'more pompous than any, but should not be so boisteroous 'as now too often practised.'

How ever, it is certain that the Melodies of all the Pfalm Tunes were originally fet in the Treble Cliff, with the other Parts under them, as appears by the first Publication of them by their several Composers, and the alteration before mentioned, has been made by some of the greatest Novices in the Science, who have published them so, in opposition to the opinion of the most eminent Masters.

Nothing is more common than for Practioners in plain Pfalmody not to be taught the use of the Appoggiatura, when was invented to adorn the Art of Singing, and is a little Note placed immediately before a great one, for the arriving more gracefully to it; it is therefore hoped that those who think proper to introduce any of the following Tunes, will make use of the Appoggiaturas where ever they are marked.

There are proper Words put to every Tune, but as it is improper to fing any Tune constantly to one set of Words,

^{*} See Notes on Tofi's Florid Song Chap / 1. 10

except fuch as are in particular Measures, it is necessary to sing ye Tunes to other Psalms as often as occasion shall serve.

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To prevent any one pleading ignorance, all the new Tunes are marked thus X.



























































