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OF

THOROUGH BASS,

FOR

YOUNG HARMONISTS;

AND

PRECEPTS FOR THEIR PROGRESSIVE ADVANCEMENT,

EXEMPLIFIED BY NATIONAL AIRS, SOLFEGGIOS, SERENADES, CAVATINAS, DUOS, TERZETTOS, GLEES, MADRIGALS AND CHORUSSES.—INSTRUMENTAL GROUNDS, VARIATIONS, PRELUDES, MODULATIONS, EMBEL-LISHMENTS, SONATAS, TRIOS, QUARTETTOS, CRESCENDOS, CADENZAS, OVERTURES, AND SYMPHONIES:

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APPENDIX.

Thorough Bass.

The reader is supposed to be capable of performing elegant melody, particularly if he be endeavouring to acquire a knowledge of practical harmony; therefore the superfluous elements of the former have not swelled the size of this volume, as its title only promises those essentials which will (it is hoped), be of greater importance to the student of the latter.

The chords in *Thorough Bass* being denoted by figures set over or under bass notes, what those figures indicate has been preferred for the commence-

ment of the following instructions.

The figures 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, are directors for the addition of unison, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, and octave to a given bass; all of which (except the first) are sounds more acute than the said bass.

It has appeared extraordinary to many, that the unison, being the self-same tone, should be designated by 1, as 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8, are elevations by degrees, on which account they are in many works called steps: architects and musicians number their scales differently, as the former's first

step is an elevation.

However, we will suppose musical intervals to be spaces between two sounds, although the counting of them has been productive of as much altercation, as "whether the first day of the year 1800 was the commencement of the present century!" We must use part of the terms which ingenious harmonists have established, though, perhaps, others more proper might be sometimes invented.

Here follows the notation of the abovementioned intervals, in the natural

key of C, with a major 3rd.



The five horizontal lines are, by all writers, but by very few practitioners, collectively called a staff, for which the readers of old books will find stave. Although these latter eight notes (being in the treble staff) are an octave higher than the



former eight on the bass staff, they are still called unison 2d, 3d, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, and more frequently used as such in thorough bass, than the real distances.

C, E, and G, (played or sung at the same instant,) produce that concord of sweet sounds, called in England the common chord, with its 3d major.

But concords with four sounds will be oftener wanted than those with three; therefore, the next arrangement of this fundamental chord includes the octave to the bass.

Either the 3d, or the 5th, or the octave, may be placed next to the bass, which different arrangements of the upper parts are termed three positions. Composers, by a more enlarged dispersion, produce three more positions, which the fingers

cannot reach, therefore the exhibition of them is reserved for the article under the head of dispersed harmony.

The following short progression employs the common chord of C, the common chord of F, and the common chord of G; each of which consists of a fundamental bass, a major 3d, a perfect 5th, and a perfect 8th, in different positions.

From which example the reader will perceive, and it will be useful hereafter to bear it in mind, that to ascend a 4th, or descend a 5th (with the bass notes), is considered by harmonists equivalent.

Beginners are recommended to play the chords which lie next the bass first, and afterwards the different positions alternately; as that mode of practising all the examples may greatly facilitate the gratifying accomplishment, reading and performing from scores.

major 3d. minor 3d.

The interval between C and E is greater than that between A and C; therefore, the former has been called a major, and the latter a minor 3d.

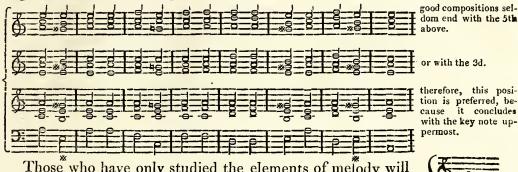
Performers on the Piano-forte may compute distances by the short and

long keys of that instrument, naming the key which sounds the lowest note 1, and the next key above it 2, proceeding in the same manner up to 4 for a minor 3d, and to 5 for the major.

In the common chord to A with a minor 3d, if the octave to the bass appears, the chord is said to contain four parts.

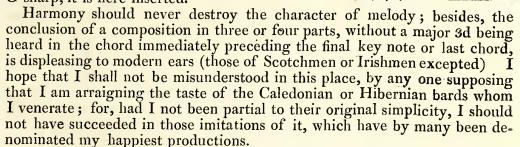
The following example begins with it, and is first succeeded by the perfect chord of E, but with a major 3d. Immediately it appears again, but succeeded by the common chords of F, C, and F, with major 3ds, D with a minor 3d, E with a major 3d, when it appears again followed by D with a

minor 3d, E with a major 3d, which the said common chord of A with a minor 3d succeeds for the conclusion; all of which chords are comprised in eight bars, and in three positions.



Those who have only studied the elements of melody will perceive the reason why the G is made sharp in the chords which stand above E.

But lest they should have forgotten that the ascending scale in the minor mode of A comprizes G sharp, it is here inserted.



The sharp placed above or below the bass note E, which instructs the accompanier to play a major 3d with it; for, were 3, 5, 8, placed singly and hori-

together perpendicularly 5 and the sharp omitted, the accompaniest who is

obedient to the letter (or rather the figure) of the law, would play a minor 3d; but a harmonious ear would prevent a repepetition of such an unsatisfactory conclusion as this.



An accompanier with a fine ear (although he may be without science,) often corrects a careless signature.

A common chord with its 3d minor succeeded by another with its 3d major, is an entertaining progression.

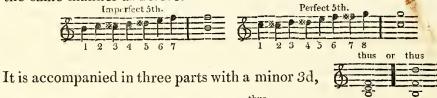
These two bars also afford important information relative to signatures.—It is a general rule to count every interval from the bass in conformity to the nature of the key; therefore, the sharps and flats



denoted by the thorough bass signature are here accidentals, expressing major and minor 3ds: a natural is also used here to signify a major 3d, because the same bass note first carried a minor 3d denoted by a flat. The horizontal short line drawn from the figure 5— is called a mark of continuation, and implies that the said sound which expressed that 5th must be a part of the succeeding chord.

The imperfect or diminished fifth.

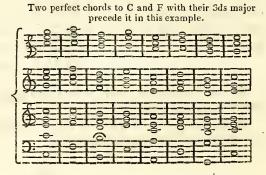
When F is placed above B thus and sounded together, the imperfect 5th is heard; called so because its two notes are considered to be nearer to each other (by a minor semitone) than those which produce the perfect fifth; which will appear evident when the keys are counted in the same manner as before.



and in four with a 3d and 8th

It is not customary either to begin or end a composition with it; therefore, the common chord of A with a minor 3d, the common chord of F with a major 3d, and the common chord of D with a minor 3d, precede it in the following example.





Here follows the same bass, but in triple time; the chords over which hop too much, but the example may be useful by exposing that impropriety. It may likewise revive in absent minds the three positions of six chords.



A small arch formed thus has been almost universally recommended by didactic

writers for the signature of the imperfect 5th; but voluminous composers have almost as universally preferred a figure. For I have examined many living works, even down to the year 1605, when thorough bass was invented, and have seldom discovered the arch, although I cannot help being an advocate for it when the chord is succeeded as in the above examples and in the following phrase; which (although it consists but of four bars) of



chord.

Fundamental

chord.

of it.

second inver-

sion of it.

which (although it consists but of four bars) comprizes three species of common chords.

Inversion.

If I have been sufficiently explanatory, the reader will be well enough acquainted with the most perfect chord in harmony to proceed to the inversion of it.

Fundamental first inversion

A chord is said to be inverted when the bass and one of its upper parts have changed places. Thus the common chord of C, by the 3d being taken for its bass, is converted into a chord called the 6th; its 6th having been the fundamental bass of the chord from which it is derived.

The second inversion is effected by taking the 5th for a bass, by which transformation it becomes a chord called the 4th and 6th; the 4th having been the fundamental bass of the common chord from which it is derived.

Any of the notes which compose the chord of the 6th may be doubled for a fourth part; therefore, the chord of the 6th is said to contain four parts when the 3d or the 6th to the bass is doubled. The 8th may also be doubled, but the latter does not appear in the following short progression, as it consists of only two perfect common chords and their inversions.



This arrangement of the chords in the first staff is objectionable, because they not only skip too much for thorough bass, but produce one of the most unpardonable trans-

gressions, by ascending and descending with perfect 5ths and octaves: the technical terms for which, are, consecutive 5ths and 8ths, and similar motion.

As the 3d and 6th were doubled for the fourth part in the last example, the 8th and 6th are doubled alternately in the next; in which every bass note is marked with a 6, except the first and last, as few compositions begin with the chord of the 6th and none end with it.



N. B. The third is the 6th's favorite companion; for, (in such excursions as the last)

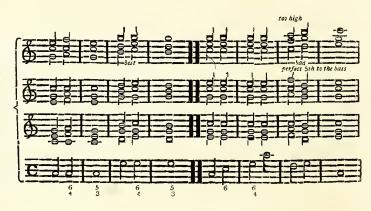
it is always welcome whether it be invited by a figure or not.

A striking instance has induced me to believe, that notes which produce major or minor 3ds will be more easily comprehended and remembered, than those which generate minor and major 6ths; although the latter be the inversions of the former.

An enthusiastic admirer of Correli's fifth opera being highly delighted with his lovely daughter's thorough bass accompaniment, while he was feelingly expressing the soothing Adagio at the commencement of the ninth solo, attributed the effect to her judicious arrangement of the chords. When this fascinating performance was concluded, he was anxious to know whether she was perfectly acquainted with inversion; for he classed her uncommon genius above her harmonical knowledge, from her frequent beautiful digressions from the thorough bass signature, which he feared might be beyond her comprehension. The interrogatories were first confined to 3ds, and the replies were correct; but when we proceeded to 6ths, as erroneous, she called the interval between E and C a major 6th, and that between F and D a minor 6th; whereas the reverse is exactly the case. Yet there is an easy mode of ascertaining the quality of inversion; for, if any interval be minor, its inversion must be major. This doctrine being of great consequence, will be fully illustrated hereafter.

Second inversion of the common chord.

In the following short progression the chord of the 4th and 6th is twice introduced; first upon the bass note C, and afterwards upon G. Immediately after the double bar the common chord to C stands: Its first derivative (the chord of the 6th) is next; and its second inversion (the chord under consideration) follows: all of which chords are in three positions.



The chord of the 4th and 6th, which is the second inversion of the common chord of A with a minor 3d in three parts is written thus: playing the following four bars it will be twice heard, which may appear extraordinary, as the right hand strikes the same notes for the fundamental chord and its two inversions. But all the parts of harmony are calculated from the bass; and when the 3d of a common chord is selected for the bass, it is simply called the chord of the 6th, although it be accompanied with a 3d; but when the 5th of a common chord is taken for its bass, it is called the chord of the 4th and 6th.

the effect of which imgin or end with it. By

It was necessary to mark a 5 above the sharp in the common chord to E, because it was preceded by a 6 on the octave of the bass note bearing the same name.

When the figures 4 and 6 are thus affixed to A, the signature indicates these

notes for its accompaniment.

The 4th being perfect and the 6th minor, prove that the 4th and 6th to A, and the 4th and 6th to E (as above), are of the same species; and the latter may be called a transposition of the former. Both these chords are introduced in the two following examples, the last contains three species of the chord called the 4th and 6th.



The dash through the 6 and the 4 raises those intervals a minor semitone; in consequence of which, where they occur, a sharp is placed before F and D in the treble line.

Inversion of the chord called the imperfect or diminished fifth.

It has been already observed, that when B, D, and F are written thus, and sounded together, the combination presents to the eye and to the ear the imperfect common chord; but when B, by inversion, is made the highest and D becomes the lowest note, the union loses a little of its character and all its name; for it is in this form called a chord of the 6th; and when F is placed the lowest, it then becomes a chord of the 4th and 6th. In the imperfect common chord, the 3d is minor and the 5th diminished; in the first inversion of it, the 3d is minor and the 6th major; in the second inversion of it, the 6th is major and the 4th is said to be extreme sharp. It will appear strange that B, when placed above F thus, should be called an extreme sharp 4th, as both notes are in the diatonic scale of C in the major mode, particularly as there is not any 4th to which the epithet sharp is given; and the same B,

when placed above D, is only termed a major 6th.

Neither this chord nor its two inversions are so often used as the same notes which compose them are, for three parts of another chord, which cannot be classed with common chords. But in the following example both the inversions of the chord under consideration are introduced; and, for the sake of uniformity, in four parts and in three positions.



Descending with an imperfect 5th to a perfect, is better than ascending to it; yet both should be avoided as much as possible.

A chord and its inversions may be repeated several times in various positions, before any of them are succeeded by a chord of a different description.



Some particular masters have figured such basses as the above in the following manner.



But, where motion has been given to the bass with the parts of one chord, the generality of composers have conceived that a thorough bass signature would have been superfluity.

I will close this exhibition of concords with two specimens of favourite simplicity: the one ancient (or rather old), the other modern (but not new), which do not employ more chords than those already given, and which I hope have been so thoroughly understood as to be well remembered.





We shall now treat of Discord.

Discord, like that of Musick's various parts, Discord that makes the harmony of hearts, Discord that only this dispute shall bring, Who best shall love the Prince & serve the King.

"The Necessity of double Rhimes, and ordering of the words and numbers for the sweetness of the Voice, are the main hinges on which an Opera must move; and both of these are without the compass of any art to teach another to perform; unless Nature in the 1st place has done her part, by enduing the Poet with that nicety of hearing, that Discord of sounds in words, shall as much offend him, as a Seventh in Musick would a good Composer."

If a seventh had been offensive to all good Composers, Alexander's Feast would have afforded but a mawkish treat; For altho's some spiritless Compositions consists entirely of Concords, it never will be in the Power of Music to imitate the Passions, so strongly described in that Noble Poem, without the aid of Discord; and the reader of the following pages will perceive that the seventh is the Root, or Foundation, of all musical Discord; therefore the meaning of our great Poet must have been the improper treatment of it.

⁽a) In the Key of D with a minor 3., the Ancients inserted B flat as an accidental, the Moderns mark it at the cliff.

The Interval termid a seventh, when formid with any two notes of the Diatonic Scale in the major mode can only be major with minor 7ths.

Yet when each note, of the said Scale, has a 3d a 5th and a 7th placed above it,

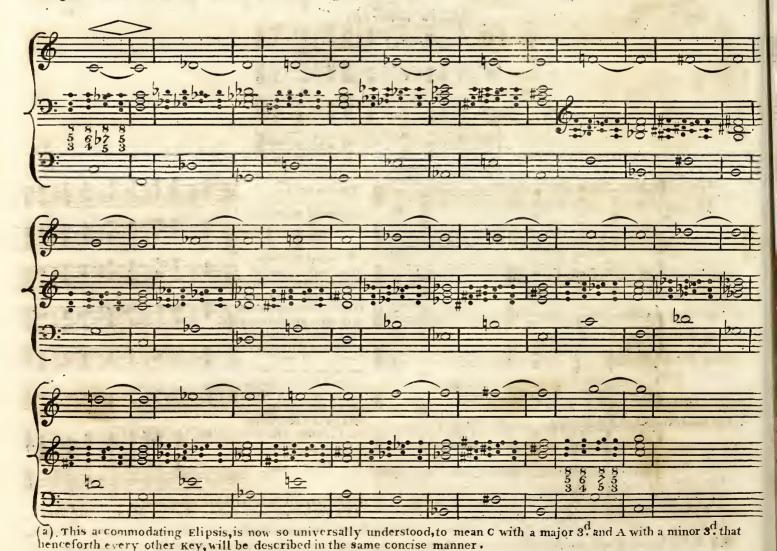
thus

It exhibits four species of harmonious compound, scalled chords of the se-

venth: In those numbered land 4, the 3ds are major, the 5th perfect, and the 7th major; In numbers 2,3, and 6, the 3ds are minor, the 5th perfect, and the 7th minor, In No. 5, the 3d is major, the 5th perfect, and the 7th minor, In No. 7 the 3d is minor, the 5th imperfect, and the 7th minor; The different qualities of the 3ds and 5th have been found a little perplexing, to those who have studied the whole of them together; It is therefore recommended to begin with No. 5, without no ticcing the others, until that most agreeable of all Discords, has made a lasting impression on the mind.

"Another Song, requires another day."

It is the first chord in many modern Compositions, and few of any age end without its being the penultimate harmony, as when it is followed by the common chord of the Key note, they form the most satisfactory concluding perfect cadence; The improving practitioner shall now be relieved from the tiresome monotony, which a restriction to the Keys of C Major, and A Minor, has hitherto occasioned; Previous to which, it will be necessary to acquire a readiness of striking the chords to chromatic basses, which a daily practice of the following Ascent, will amusingly facilitate, as the Discord, under consideration, appears in each alternate bar, preceded by two concords: Vocal Performers frequently improve their intonation, by sustaining the highest notes of such exercises, with crescendos, and diminuendos, When particular effects are wanted, parts of a chord are often omitted; The fifth of the full chord of the seventh, is here retrenched to render the progression of the notes, which lie next to the bass, more melodious.



There are three Inversions of the four sounds which constitute the Chord of the seventh. The first of which is called the fifth & sixth, figured thus 5; the second Inversion is the chord called the third and fourth, figured thus 3; the third Inversion is the chord called the second, figured thus, 2 or thus 3 There are likewise various positions of the Fundamental Discord and its Inversious In the following Examples they are placed upon the accented bass note of each bar, and their resolutions on the succeeding unaccented part. (a)



it is resolved.

Some Theorists will not allow this to be a chord of the seventh because its bass rises a second instead of proceeding by leaps of a fourth ascending or a firth descending.

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When accidents are added, a modulation takes place, which altered Progressions (according to the opinion of some Authors) ought not to retain the appellation of Sequences, as the sharps and flats lead to new keys: perhaps Rotation might prove an acceptable Term, but I am almost afraid to coin new names for old Articles, having provoked sarcastic Wit, by calling this useful director — a Rhombus.

Pi



The diminished 7th in its simplest form, followed by its most natural resolution has already been exhibited; But its artful transformations, inversions, deceptive resolutions and surprises perhaps never will be circumscribed by Legislation; For the same keys of a Piano Forte which sound this favorite equivocal chord when written thus will also sound this & this & this & Any of which may be transformed into a chord of the diminished 7th formed of three minor 3^{ds} or the 3^{ds} may be dispersed by different positions and the chord still retain its name.

N.B. The Discords are expressed by Semibreves and their resolutions by Dots



The above are all minor resolutions, But in these days of extravagant modulation, the diminished 7th is followed by Concords with major 3^{ds} Twelve methods of going out of a chord of the diminished seventh are noted & figured in Rosseau's Dictionary, & the upper parts were arranged in the following manner by one of his worthy & ingenious Countrymen



In 1753 a learned Doctor in music censured a favorite Instrumental Composer when he discovered *N.º 8 in his Concertos. the Question & Answer of these two Disputants are so apposite that the reader may receive both amusement & instruction from their being quoted here.

"Suppose the Question were put to a young Practitioner in ThoroughBass what are the proper Consequents of G sharp in the Bass with a seventh figured to it? Would not his Answer be the G sharp is a plain Indication that A should be the following Note; & the Seventh which is Fnatural will expect to find its Resolution in E natural?" To this I need only observe, that as the Question is put to a Learner, So the Answer is such as a Learneronly could give. But if he had put the Question to a Master, he would have shewn him, that these Resolutions may be varied many ways; & that otherwise it would be a vain attempt in the Composer to produce Variety in his Work, seeing every Novice might beforehand suggest, when any particular Chord was struck, what next was to follow.

There are two more chords of the Seventh, which cannot be formed with the notes of the Diatonic scale, on which account some Denominators have termed them The diminished 3d between Anomalous and others Spurious that the most licentious D sharp & Finatural is so discordant Composers prefer the following arrangement of the sounds: Because the two notes which produced the exploded diminish ed third, from a change of position, are at the distance of an extreme sharp sixth in No I. and the Interval is a tenth between them in modern Compositions have been greatly enriched As the best Inversions, they will be much employed in the illustrations of fashionable by their harmony. The Discords are expressed by Semibreves and their resolutions by dots.



Those who resolve the Chord called the German sixth in this manner of the offend the cultivated Ear with consecutive 5ths which may be avoided by holding on the 3rd and 5th to part of the succeeding bass note is such an universal favourite that an effort has been it under the eye of the young harmonist upon almost every bass note and so arranged that it may be practised with pleasure in the following progression which has been honoured with the highest approbation of those unaccustomed to flatter.



Having exhibited the nine sevenths and their Inversions we may now proceed to those more extensive compounds called Chords by supposition.

Before the Theories of Rameau & Marpurg became prevalent, these chords were described by different appellations, Modifications and Foundations the numerous adherents to the Doctrine of those celebrated Authors, are of opinion that Corelli's favourite antipenultimate chord (the 3) is a branch of the Ne plus ultra of Rameau termed the eleventh: Marpurg's Ne plus ultra soars a 3d higher, in name, by being called the thirteenth. Many respectable Authors consider them to be Suspensions, Appoggiaturas &c: But whatever may be their proper titles and classifications, the consequence to an accompanier is to know what strings to strike when bass notes are figured accurately.



Several of these chords are extremely harsh, but when they are judiciously arranged in a progression of harmony they prevent sweetness from becoming satiety, which will be evident to those who practise and examine the best of the selections in which they bear so conspicuous a part. Positions which differ from the above, and omissions of some of the sounds, and figures, render chords by supposition more agreeable to the ear and less embarrassing to the eye than when they lie in their full state in the order of thirds. The ninth is prepared by a 3d and or by a 5th and a served but one Author who asserted that the minth and pure harmonist has followed. The ninth resolves by descending a degree, its bass may remain stationary or ascend a 2d 3d or 4th



The chord of the 2^d & 5th is a branch of the Eleventh which has not appeared in the preceding Examples: It only contains three real parts which may be inverted so as to become chords of the 4th & 5th & the 4th & 7th therefore to render the practice of these three chords a little entertaining troduced in the following rotation of Cadences in which the treble of one becomes the bass of the other alternately in several keys.

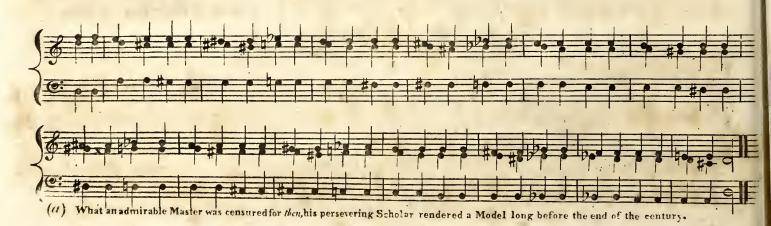


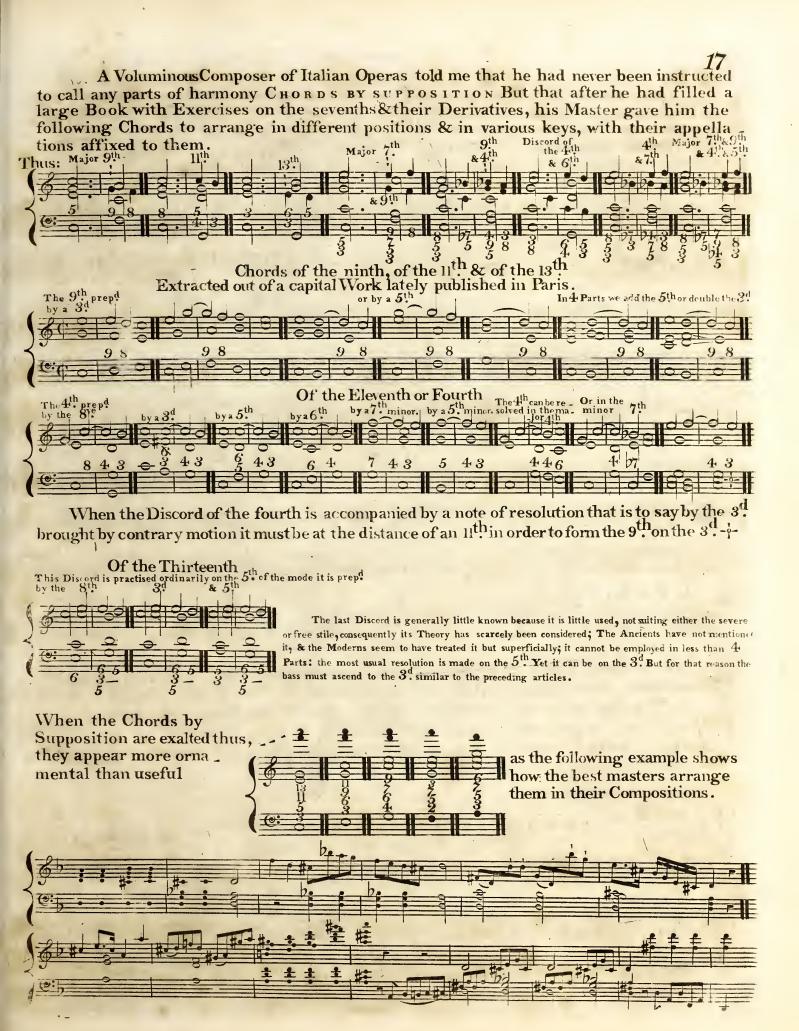
How to cheat the Ear by unexpected mutations, is now the favourite study of artful Composers; but such progressions as the following "could not obtain tolerance in 1725." (a)

The discerning reader will perceive that the discord of the 4th (see the beginning of each bar) is properly prepared and resolved; but the sudden transitions from the

Diatonic, to the Chromatic, and to the Enharmonic Genus, are authorised more by

fashion than theory.

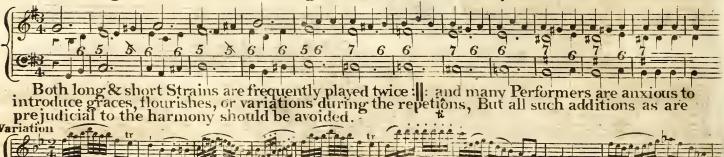




The retentive Practitioners of the preceding examples must soon be sufficiently qualified to accompany the following portions of classical compositions without the chords being written above their basses, as heretofore; and should their positions be well chosen the Performers of the melodies and their Accompaniers will experience reciprocal Aid. N.B. The highest notes of the chords should <u>not</u> be the same as those <u>of</u> the Violin part. Adagio skips the chords should move by the smallest degrees. The treble of the 1. is thebase of the 2. Vivace Four bars answered in Canon The Archetype of many elegant Compositions: followed by a section with a spirited bass Allegro The upper part of these Sonatas was composed expressly for a Violin, but I have repeatedly had the gratification of hearing it most charmingly performed on a Violoncello & accompanied with a Piano Forte by one of the best Conducters of Ancient music, who preserved the composers harmony by play_

ing those passages of the base an octave lower which, in their original situation would have produced exploded Inversions: Here it may be useful to observe that the open 3d string G of the Violoncello is an 8 lower than the open 4th string G of the Violin.

When the admirable composer of the subjoined ${
m Tr}$ 10 was preparing it for Publication He held it of the greatest importance to figure his basses accurately.





The diligent Student who unites a natural taste with an acquired agility, and can express them either by the Voice or upon any Instrument must feel that there are many paths which lead to excellence; and those wanderers who are apt to lose their way might find it by following that unerring Guide a figured base.



It is recommended to practise the outline with steadiness, and the Riffioramenti with agility (alternately) as they were the daily exercises of the most accomplished Italian singer of the present age.

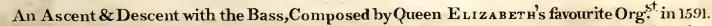
As many of the Selections have seven sharps, or five Flats, marked at the cliff, a frequent practice of a few scales, in these difficult Keys, may enable Performers to acquire a facility in the execution of them; and that the Rule of the octave may be played successively, without shocking the Ear, in six different major Keys which gradually rise inpitch

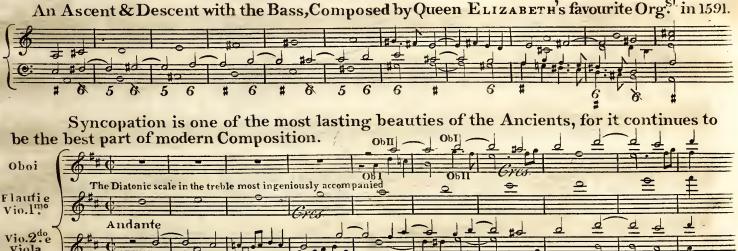


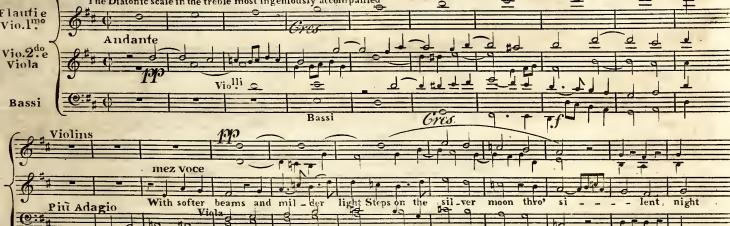
The accompaniment to simple basses (which are not figured) is generally conform. able to the Rule of the Octave But to those of Grandeur and Variety other chords are ingeniously mixed.

That sound which is begun on the unaccented part of a measure and is continued until a bar divides it, is called a syncopated note, more especially if it accompanies two

different chords.



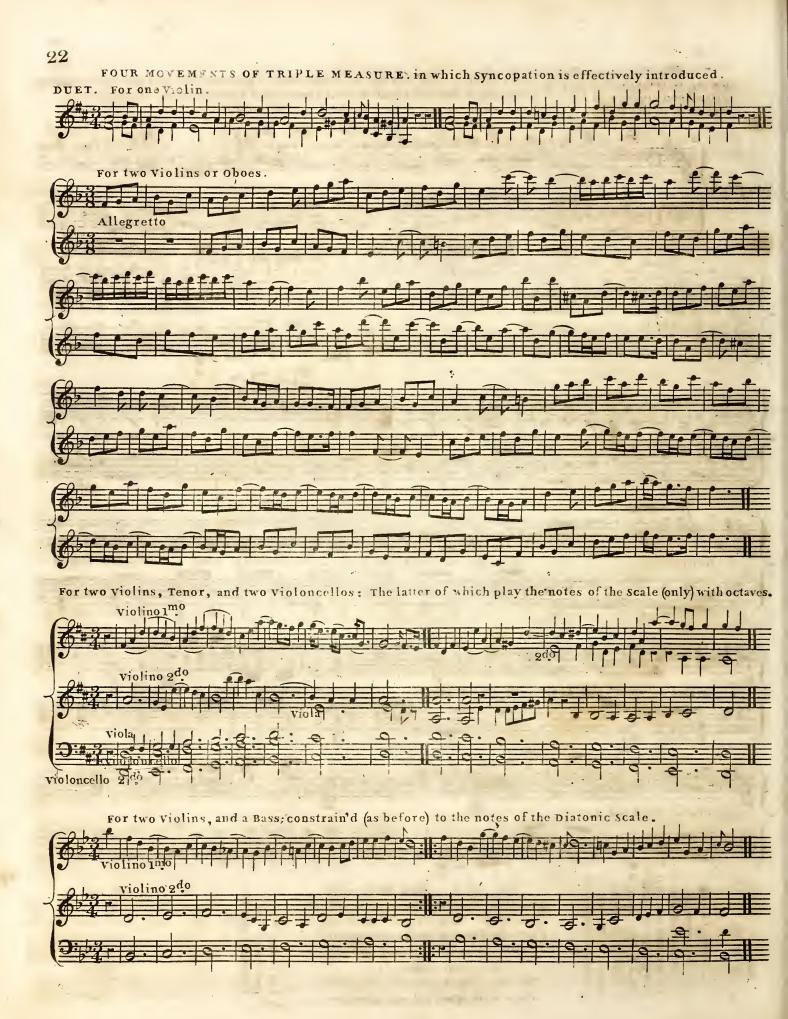




The Syncopated part of Music is seldom original, therefore its admirers are astonished and delighted whenever they hear the following unique Specimen, which flowed from the pen of a Composer "Whose matchless strains disclose, Alcestes' sufferings, Iphigenia's woes?"



* * The passing notes are false relations but I hope they will not be condemned unheard



Owing to the Encomium of a musical Historian, and the humour of the spectator No V; I have so often been applied to for the following beautiful Cavatina, that I employed a friend to write english words to it, restricting him to the measure and accent of the original Italian.



24 THE MAGNANIMOUS CONQUERORS. correct performance of the following fine old Madrigal, will afford a delicious treat to the lovers of pure harmo: mes, form'd by the union of flowing Melodies; It is here first published with english words, in the adaptation of which, special care has been taken to preserve the syncopated beauties, which are so judiciously dispersed throughtout this symetrical Composition; and for the accommodation of Ladies, the real sounds of the Contralto and Tenor Parts, are expressed by their favorite cliffs. First Treble. Heroes famil for their He _ roes Second Treble. lour, Heroes fam'd for their va _ lour. roes famd for their The real sounds He of the Counter Tenor expressed by the Treble Cliff. Heroes famd for their Va in . _ lour, The real sounds of the Tenor, expressed by the lour. Heroes famid for their Bass Cliff. Bass . roes famd for the fam'd for their Valour inspire the Carol in_spire the ca_ rol inspire the The _ rol inspire the Ca_ rol in-spire the Ca-rol - rol in_spire the The Ca_ rol in spire the Ca_ rol inspire inspire the Ca_rol -rol spire the _ rol The in _ spire _ the Ca_ in _ spire the Ca rol rol The va_lour inspire the Ca__ inspire the rol The Valour their Ca _ crown'd with Laurel are crown'd with Laurel mighty con _ querors are crown'd with Laurel mighty con _ querors are crown'd with Laurel mighty Con - querors are crown'd with Laurel are crown'd with Laurel Virtue hath triumphd mighty Con querors àre crown'd with Laurel Vir tue hath tri

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I have endeavourd to court attention to this part of the Appendix with the Language of a profound Critick and sublime Composer who has raised the importance of national melodies by his discriminating Eye and harmonious Pen. "It may seem necessary to apologize for having dedicated so large a portion of the work to a subject hitherto considered but of little importance; it is a subject, however which I am not disposed to view in that light; one wherein much remains to be discovered, and the study of which every lover of music may prosecute. I am aware that some of the most eminent writers on the art have been inclined to disregard this species of music, because it was preserved by tradition?

The following Air is here published with the permission of the accurate Editor of a most valuable collection of the Ancient music of Ireland: It is most assuredly genuine as my friend's veracity was never doubted and his opinion of its merits is happily expressed in the subjoined note which exactly corresponds with my own.*



Several Ladies, who do credit to their Instructors by correct performances of Vocal harmony, particularly requested that the following beautiful Irish Air might be arranged for two sopranos and a base, placing every note of its elegant melody on the first staff that it might be occasionally sung by one voice



The following Curiosity is said to be one of the most ancient Irish tunes, although it was printed in a most excellent Book of harmony dated 1673.

A more familiar notation than the original has been substituted and a figured

bass added.



I have conjecturally surmised that the harmony to the above church-like melody, and to many other tunes in the said book, was added by the reputed Composer of the bewitching and deatless music to MACBETH, by whom the Editor was addressed

Thus

"Thou kindfriend, whose pains and cares have been To publish this harmonious Magazine; Enjoy thy Labours; whilst we sing Peace to our Nation, Honour to the King."

Where the mansions of Lords are all stockdwith goodcheer,

For the Cambrian blood yet enriches their veins

And still in their hearts Generosity reigns.

And thus by another learned Contrapuntist

"Those of thy former Publications, were Collected, but all these selected are With so much care, that such a numerous store In so good method, ne'er were done before. This Book shall prove (where men have souls to sing) A musical companion for a King."

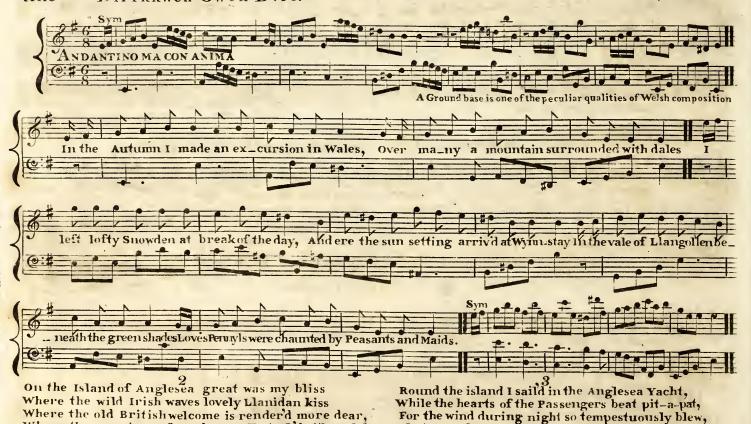
For the wind during night so tempestuously blew,

But the morn became mild and the whispering gales

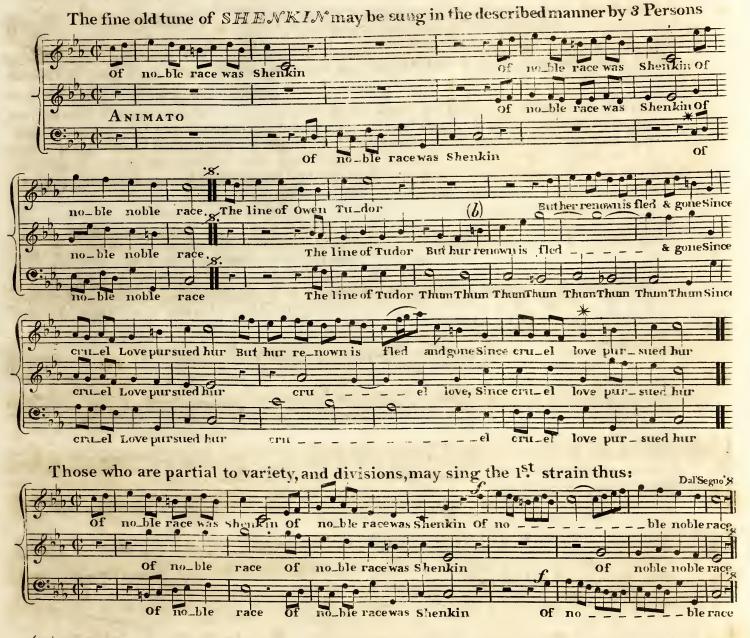
That none kept the Deck save the vigilant Crew;

Reecho'd our blessing the PILOT of WALES.

The following Air is supposed, by many, to have been the production of Ireland although it is published in a Collection of ancient British Harmony with the Welsh "DIFYRRWCH GWYR DVFI." title



Whether the laws of Counterpoint were known among the ancient Bards or Minstrels, is a very questionable point; One of their Historians asserts that, "The Welsh do not sing in unison like other people, but in many different parts; so that when a crowd of singers meet as is usual in Wales, one hears as many different parts and tones of voice as there are performers"



(a) There is a Professor, at present, distinguished by the title of Bard, who eminently proves his pretensions to it by lineage, performance and publications; in one of his works he truly observes that a famous English composer admired the following Welch Ground so much that he imitated it in a Cotch.



The ascension to a sharp 4th was an ancient prohibition _ is now an admitted difficulty _ and when accurately tuned a modern beauty.

** The harmony of the Cadences might have been more complete, but the original base and melody of an AncientAir (when effective) ought not to be mutilated.

It is less difficult, and more useful, to add symphonies and accompaniments for the Harp or keyed Instruments than for an Orchestra; In consequence of which many excellent collections have been recently published, But as I consider such additions to be protected property, I have not included any of them in my Examples. To a northern Editor I am greatly indebted for transmitting me the following apposite Anecdote, But I should swerve from my general rule, and publish inattention to other Editors, were I to exhibit more of the party's names than their Initial letters.

"This leads me to mention a circumstance which M. R the husband of B communicated to a party of us, of whom M. G was one. He said that H himself thought so highly of the Symphonies and Accompaniments which he composed for my Scottish and Welsh Melodies, that he had a great number of the MSS framed and hung on the walls of his rooms in Vienna at the time of R's visiting him! Such a singular compliment to our national Music from so great a man, seems not unworthy of being recorded."

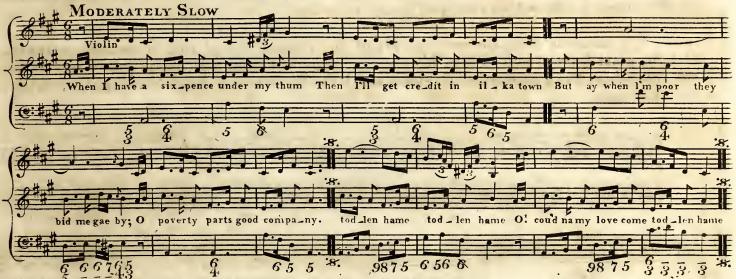
The moderns unite the refinements of the German school with these artless strains; But the most learned musician of his time accompanied them with such figured basses as the following, the symphonies excepted, which for his ears, and Judgement, would have been too chromatic.



John Anderson my Jo John, we clamb the hill thegither; And mony a canty day, John, we've had wi' and another; Now we mann totter down, John, and hand in hand we'll go, And sleep thegither at the foot, John Anderson my Jo.

^{*} I have heard the first Fi sang sharp by those who were deaf to scottish heauties

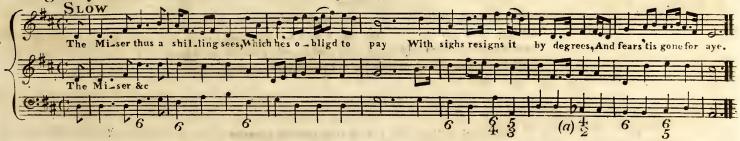
The universal Harmonist (so frequently alluded to in this work) Condescended to accept of an engagement to set accompaniments for a Violin & Violoncello to an 100 Scots songs; & when he viewed some of the words & passages which generally appear uncouth to Foreigners, he requested that he might refer to me, instead of a Glossary, while he played his accompaniments with a Piano Forte, & sang the melodies: The Violin part to Todlen hame proved so delighting, that with it, & the melody, we formed a Vocal Duet; after which he observed that when he was first requested to harmonize this Air, he proposed to relieve its monotony by a progression to some of its relative keys; But the attempt convinced him that modulations & contrasts would destroy its character & prove less pleasing than its repeated passage.



A great & original genius in this Art & a professed admirer of the Scotch songs (some of which he published with an accompaniment) used to say, that he had blotted many a quire of Paper to no purpose, in attempting to compose a second strain to that fine little Air which in Scotland is known by the name of The Broom of Cowden knows.



The Air as it was sung by the original Macheath & Polly in the season of 1727_8 arranged by one of the most learned Contrapuntists of that Period.



⁽a) The present Macheath sings the C marked flat in the sixth bar which produces an effect that has delighted our greatest Theorist It will appear strange that a flat should be used for a natural, but so it is in the Doctors Score.

32 A favorite Singer of the following elegant scots melody, was accompanied in the year 1771 by four of the greatest performers in Europe, and the voice was supported, but not overpowered by the expressive finger of its ingenious Harmonizer. oboe solo. violino. viola. Basso . Be_neath love_ly young Swain pain ' to dis co ver his war __ bled his winds ceased to breathe and the Foun tains to flow Rude Winds with com__pas_ sion could

The Composers of Symphonies and accompaniments to scotish songs, may profit by this excellent model to fashion others b



During my Infancy, I was taught to play and sing the following Airs, which were then called Border Tunes, and as many of my Subscribers Honour their native Counties, Durham, Westmorland, and Northumberland; for their gratification and to augment the Collector's stock of printed rarities, these hitherto neglected flights of Fancy may prove conspicuous figures in the groupe of national Melodies. THE KEEL ROW. In this form it may be sung with a voice of common compass, or played mod upon any fashionable Moderately I have frequently heard it with this hackney'd -Piano Forte accompaniment. Right Hand Likewise with the left hand playing the Melody, and accompanied with the right, thus when it is used for a Dance, more than two crotchets in a bar would fatigue the vampers of Basses and render the gaity of the Mc-lody inaudable. For the Harp or any Key'd Instrument .

(a) This natural simple Air, is an universal favourite and performed by the Duke of Northumberland's Piper, in a characterestick manner, which notation cannot well describe, I have various copies of it, but as they have been composed for an Instrument seldom heard with astonishment, except on the borders of England, a publication of them might have proved an unessential part of this work, Therefore the arrangements for the Piano Forte, Harp, Violin, and Violoncello, became a natural preference.



Crying ma ma ma ma for the loss of their Dams.

The Sun's brightest lustre, enlivens the day, on the white blossom'd Hawthorn, are perch'd the pretty birds, who sing to the Heart, more than Music with Words . .

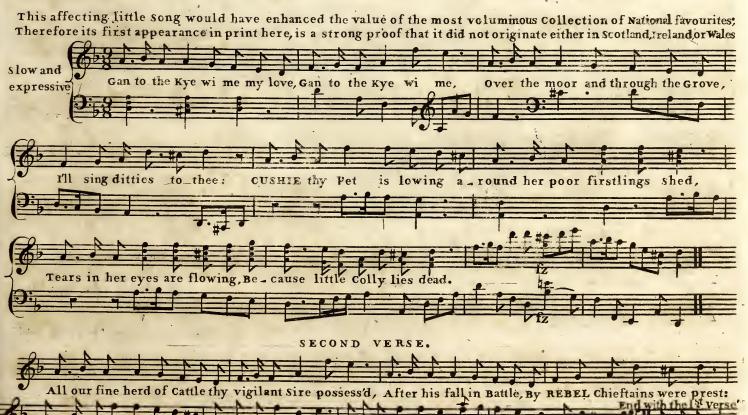
The Shepherd and Shepherdess envy not wealth, The treasures they prize are Contentment and Health, And long may they nurture their innocent Lambs, That bleat on the Mountains for loss of their Dams.

The Chromatic Semitones in this tune, give it a modern colour, but whether it be an Original, or a Copy, a neat execution of it, has long been considered the necessary attainment, by the preferred Hopping Musicians. (a)



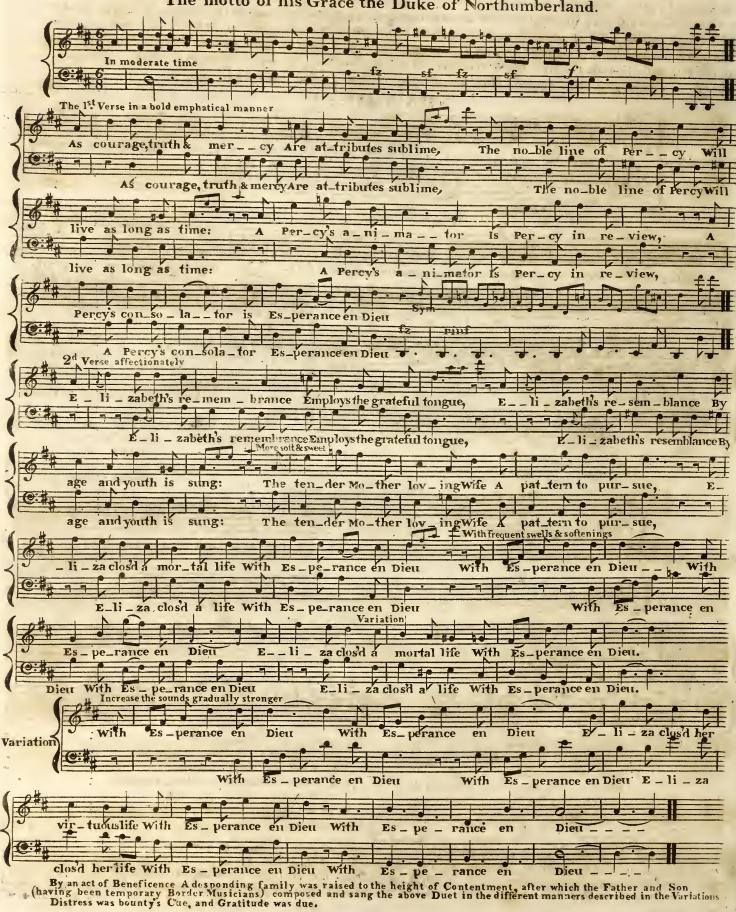
(a) A Hopping, is an annual Festivity, peculiar to the northern parts of England, at which, Relatives, and Friends, mingle in the merry Dance, and the whole Scene, is a gratifying Picture, of active Content.

GAN TO THE KYE WI ME MY LOVE. Or the Widows Ditty to her child.



KINE now is all our property, Left by thy Fathers Will; Yet if we nurse it watchfully, we may win geer enough still. Gan to the Kye

ESPÈRANCE EN DIEU, The motto of his Grace the Duke of Northumberland.



One of the greatest promoters of this Appendix, with an alacrity, that I shall hold in remembrance, introduced me to womers, and Captain, of a ship bound to the Columbia River, and mann'd partly with Canadian Voyagers, who sang heir native Airs, while they paddled us, with astonishing velocity, from the Shore to the Ship, as well as up and down he Thames. During which, I pencil'd several of their monotonous Melodies, and the Gentlemen, (above alluded to,) and the goodness, to transmit me the words of those songs. But their prolixity, and want of Interest, induced me to substitute the following lines, to the first Tune, which on revisal appeared an Archetype of those, which are suppressed. The second is a more graceful, easy, and flowing Melody. but less so than the third.



(a) Sherzando, means in a playful manner.

(b) Forzando, or sforzando, or their abbreviations, fz, or sf, to force, or give emphasis, to one note.

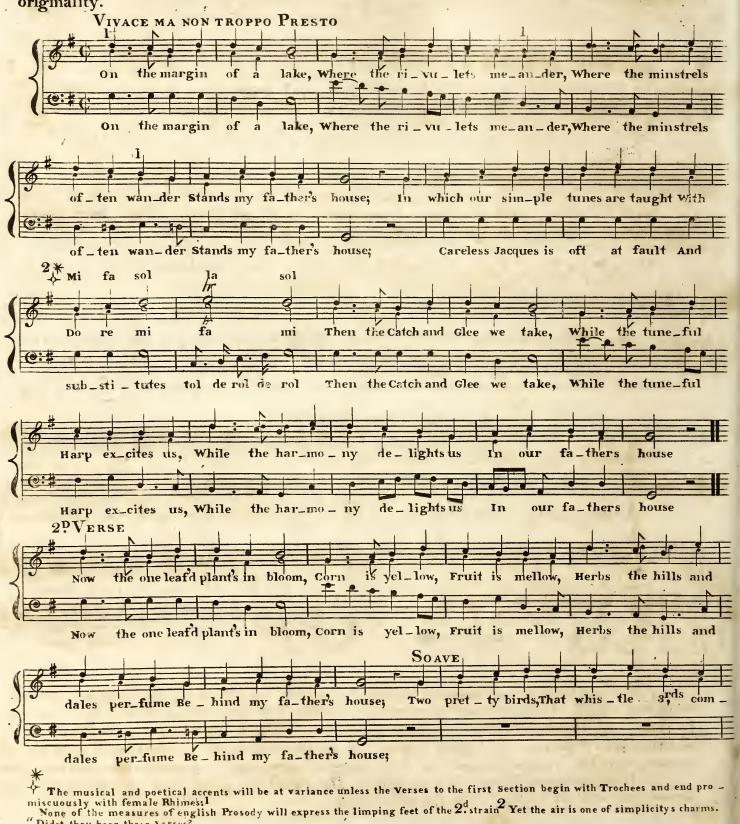
(c) Rinforzando, or rinf, to swell the group of notes, to which either of them is affixed.

^{&#}x27;d) Tenuto to hold on the notes of the chord their full length. This last Technical Term, stands under the chord of the diminished seventh, which is followed by a too fashionable resolution, that I have heard one of the greatest Theorists of the Age censure.

" Didst thou hear those Verses?

DERRIERE CHEZ MON PERE is the french title to the following Air which has been published in a collection of Chansons de Vôyage, but not for three voices:

Whoever attempts to unite regular Poetry with this melody will find it a difficult will lessen its impressive undertaking: ²Any alteration of its oddly measured Phrase originality.



Yes I heard them all, and more too; for some of them had in them more feet than the Verses would bear"



The six Chapters of musical Rhythm in which the following citations occur, deserve to be registered in the memory of every Composer. "The disposition of Melody or Harmony in respect of Time or Measure is termed Rhythm. The knowledge of this Rhythmic subdivision of Melody is of great importance in practical music as the singer must not take breath, nor the Performer on keyed Instruments seperate the Notes in the middle of a foot."

It is not enough that nothing of fends the ear, but a good Poet will adapt the very

sounds, as well as words to the thing he treats of.

We cannot omit remarking to the glory of Tasso that the greatest part of the Goudoliers can recite by heart the chief part of the Jerusalem Delivered, that many know it entirely and spend the night in their Boats singing it alternatively from one vessel to another, that it it is assuredly a most inimitable BARCOROLLE. Homer alone had the honour before himself of being thus celebrated, and no other Epic Poem has since met with similar renown. I transcribed this article from Rousseaus entertaining Dictionary, (for a memorandum,) the night before I left London, for Italy, where I easily obtained the Music of these Curiosities, and I exhibit them to the reader without the alteration.





Pertante strade si raggira e tante
Il corridor che in sua balia la porta

che alfin dagli occhi altrui pursi delegna Ed e sover chio omai ch altri la Segua.

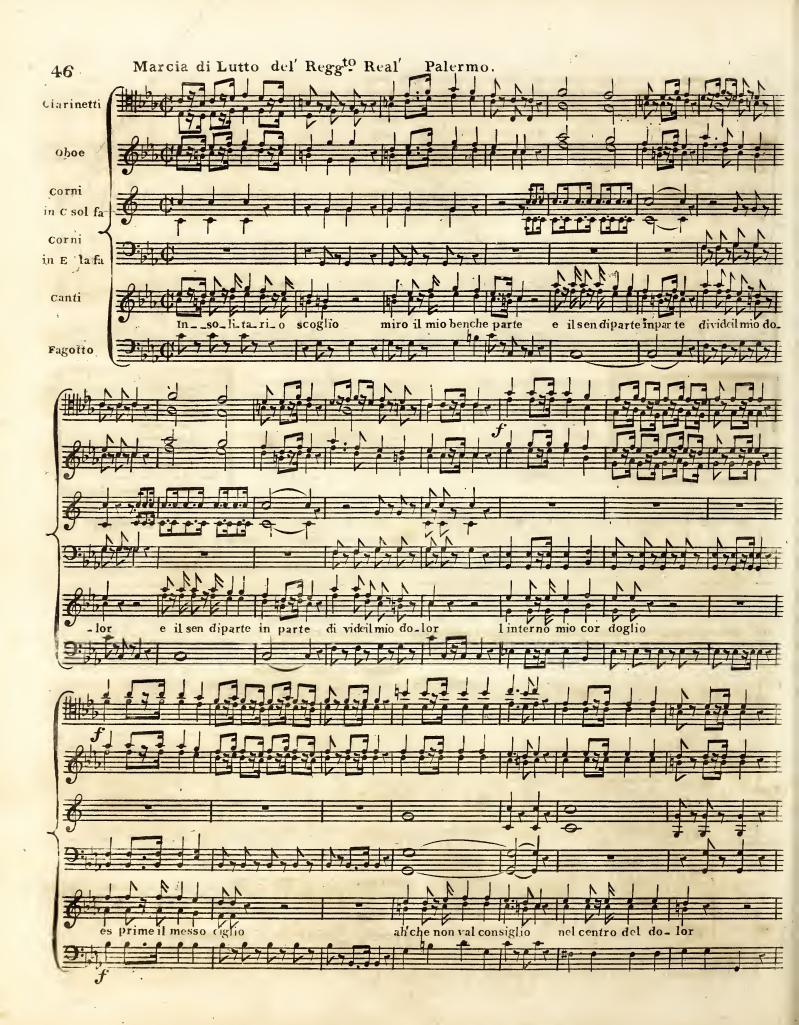


world have great obligations to a worthy ingenious Clergyman, from whose Essay the Author of this work has derived much information.

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To the honour of that great Musician, who has produced so many of the modern composer's archetypes, it should be mentioned, that he was as much entitled to esteem, for Benevolence, as admiration for his Genius; He had as our immortal Bard expresses it, A tear for pity, and a hand open as the day, for melting Charity, but unhappily that want of prudence, and attention, to the painful minuteness of necessary oeconomy, often deprived him of power, to indulge the fedings of his Heart, by administering to the appeals of misfortune. A singular incident of this nature, occurred to him, as follows: As he was walking one day, near the suburbs of Vienna, he was accosted by a Mendicant, of a very prepossessing appearance, and manner, who told his tale of woe, with such effect, as to interest M. strongly in his favour; But the state of his purse, not being correspondent with the impulse of humanity, he desired the Applicant to follow him to a Coffee House. As soon as they entered the House, M. drew some music paper from his pocket, and in a few minutes composed the Menuet, which is annexed to this Memoir, which with a Letter, from himself, he gave to the distressed Man, desiring him to take them to his Publisher, who resided in the City. A composition from M. was a Bill payable at sight, and the happy Beggar was immediately presented in return for the M.S. to his great surprize, with five Double Ducats.







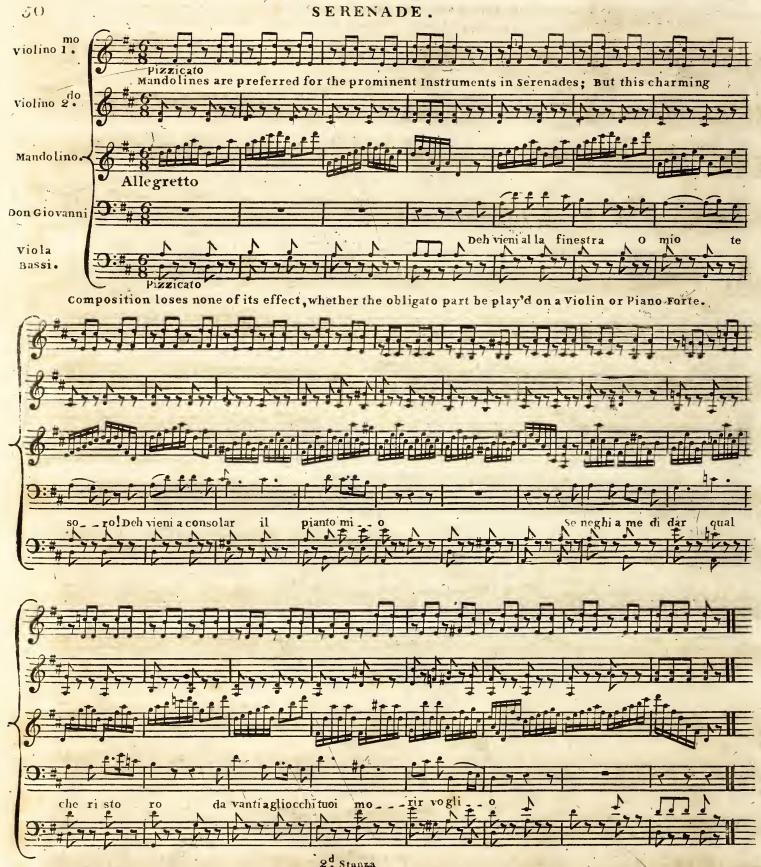
when o is written for B clarinets, the tone is B flat. When c is written for Horns, mark'd at the cliff E lafa, the tone is E flat. 'Tis not the most general method to express parts for clarinets and Horn's by Tenor and Bass cliffs; For were the above played upon violoncellos, the tones would be an octave lower than they were intended by their composer, who was a conspicuous master of a conservatorio; therefore his score has not been altered.

The following ingenious accompaniment, to a striking vocal passage form'd with two notes only, is for B Clar. inets, Oboes and Trombones: The sounds of the Clarinets are here denoted by the treble Cliff and the pitch of the Instruments, but those of the Trombones are directed by Tenor cliffs.







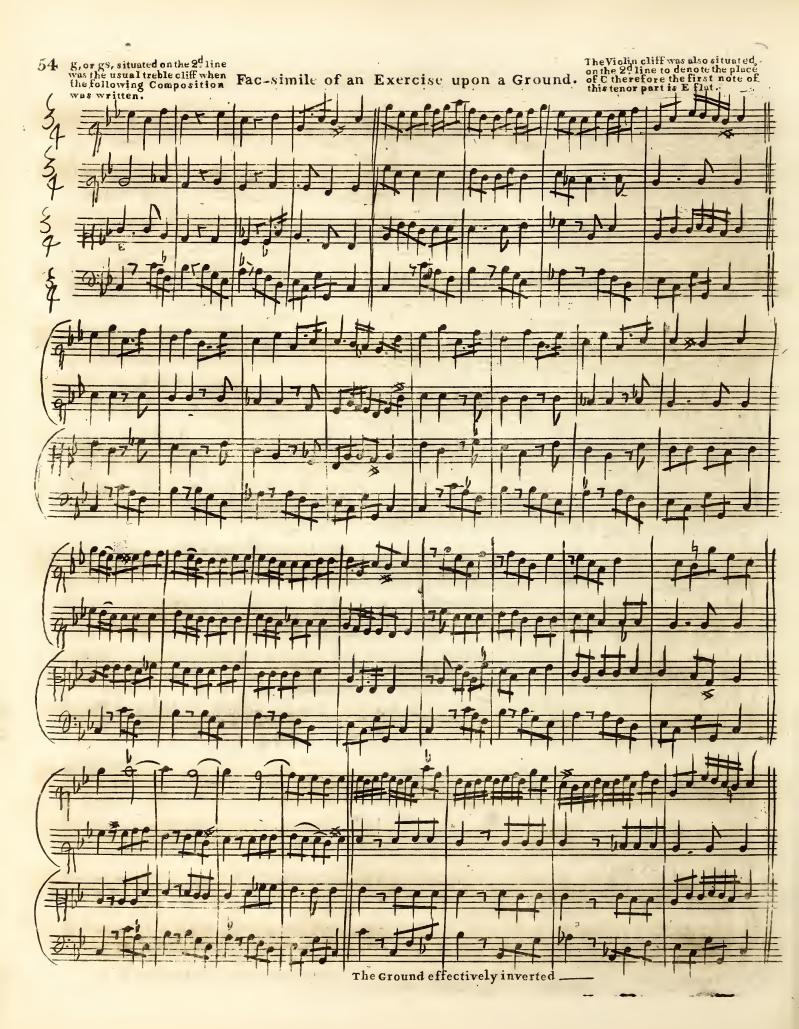


. Tu ch hai la bocca dolce piu che il mele, Tu che il Zacchero porti in mezzo il core! Non esser, gio-ja mia, con me crudele! Lascia ti almen reder mio bell'amore!

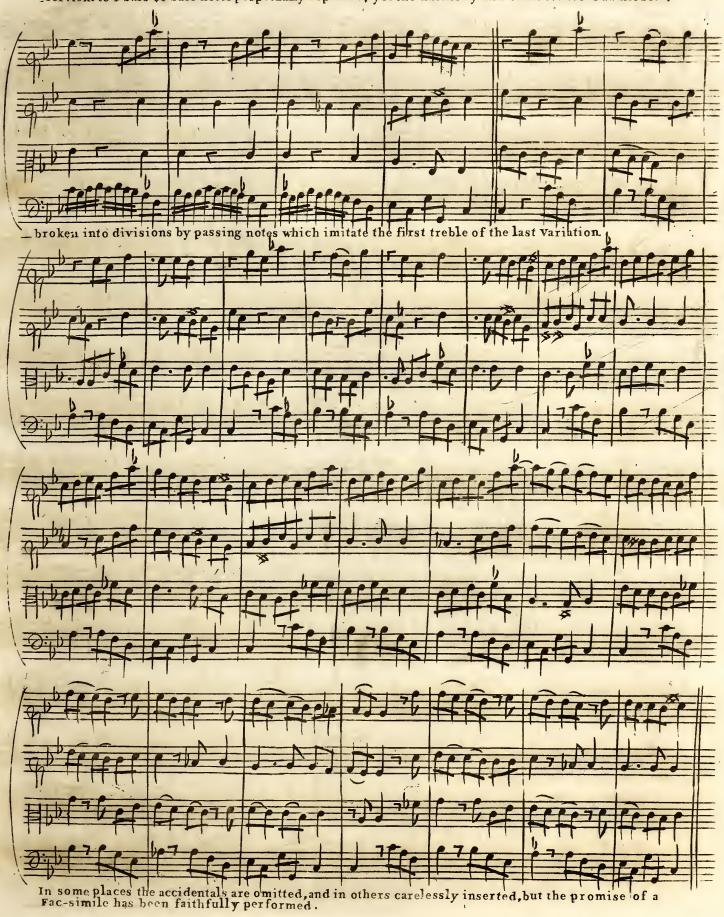
The Masters instructions to his favourite Disciple continued from Page 50 of the Introduction, which Exercise comprises 51 Imitations of Fugues by different Counterpoints, all constrained to harmonize with four bars of melody. 12 Let the accompaniment occasionally rest, that you may be enabled to write a Duet or Trio as well as a Quartet. 13. Introduce various points, and let some of them move in Canon.







Those who examine this Composition with attention, will percieve that the Violins and Tenor are nearly subjectivent to 4 bars of bass notes perpetually repeated, yet the harmony and contrivance is admirable.



At the note of exclamation! The Author commences an ingenious Digression of feeling, expression, and modulation, without suffering his subject to be forgotten. 56

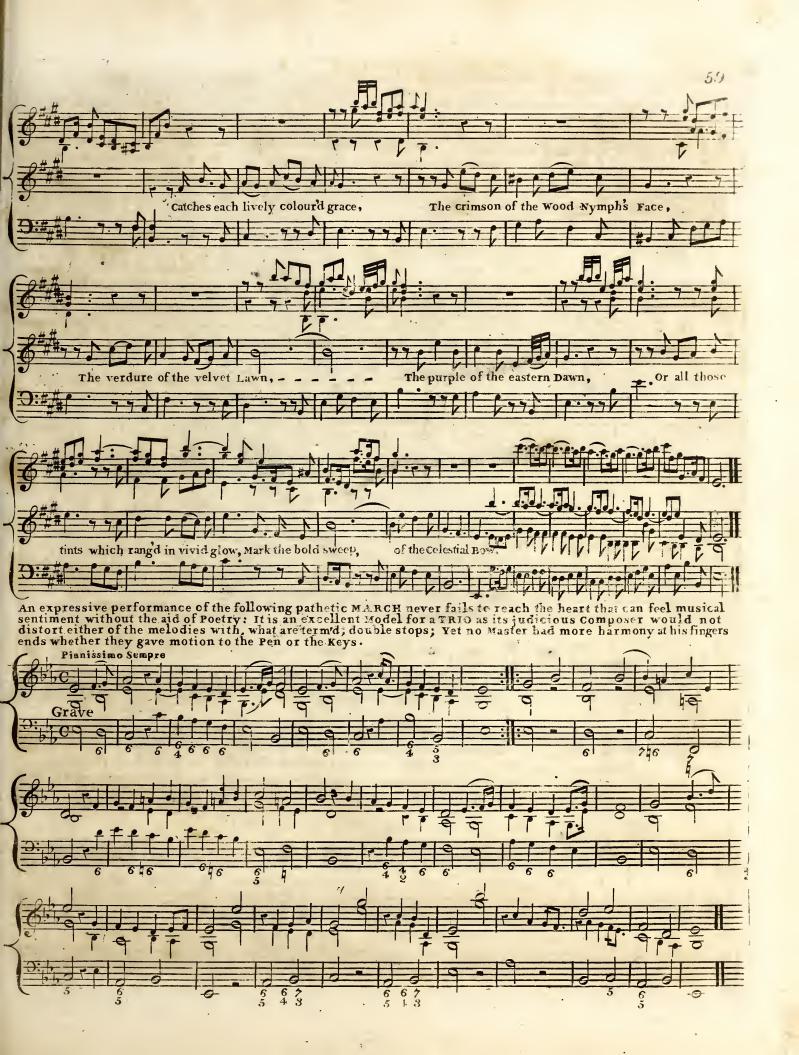
Many more chromatic designs were sketched upon this simple Ground, which probably the multifactious engagements of the skilful artist would not allow him sufficient leisure to Harmonize and finish for an exhibition.

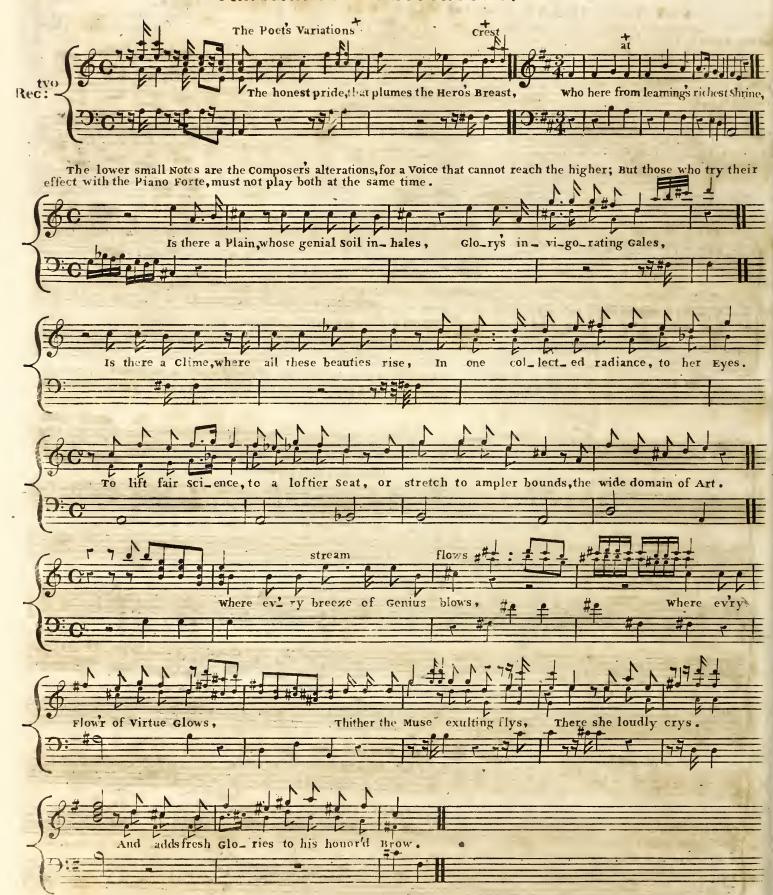
Fac-simile of "ditties highly penn'd sung by a fair queen, in a summer's bower, with ravishing division to her lute" Chan Son 57 9 Scoth Tune d

The above 3 Airs were engraved from Princess (afterwards Queen) Anne's lute book, which was given me by an estimable brother Professor who values the new flights of Beethoven more than all the old curiosities in the kingdom.

58 to the worthy son, of a late exquisite english Composer, I have to acknowledge my obligations, for a present, of an original M. S. which contains the following Recitative, and Air; Curiosity led me to cut asunder its tack'd leaves, when I percieved that the Poet had made some judicious alterations, which his Coadjutor had expressed with a facility that is worthy of being regarded by the Students of Recitative.



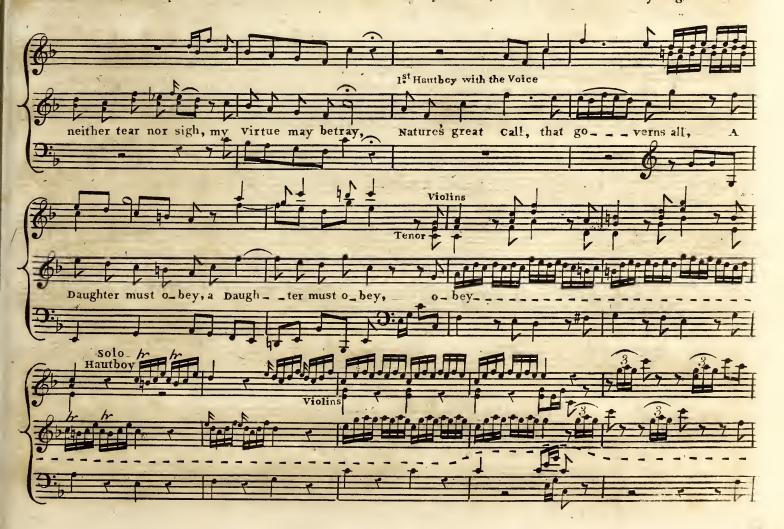


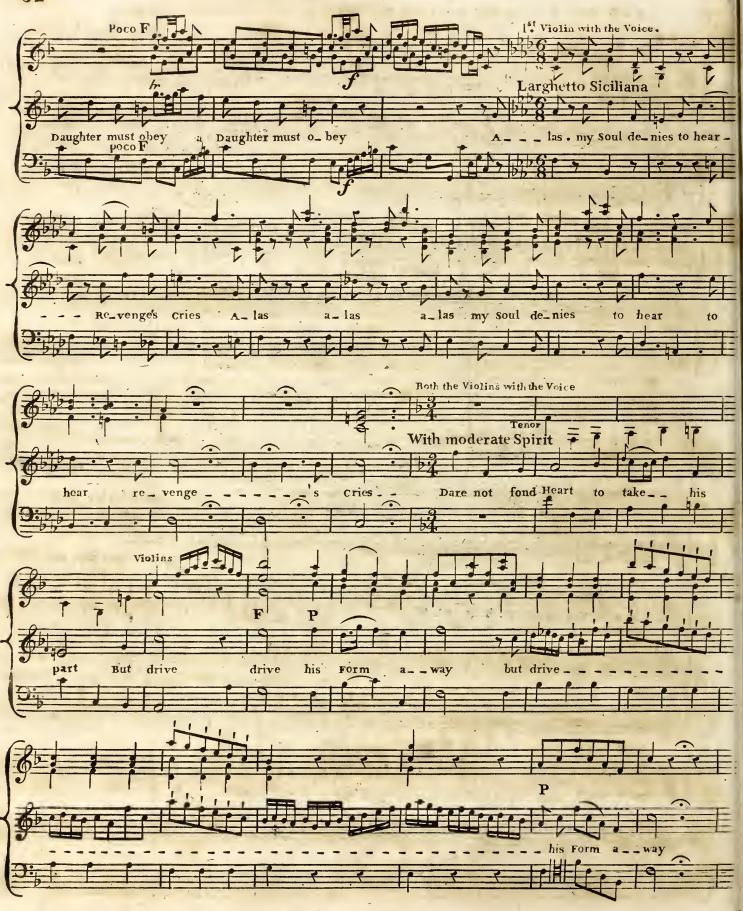


An extract (only) of this song was promised in the Prospectus, But as there never was any other notation of it but the Authors original M.S. the readers of this work might have been disappointed by a less exhibition; than the whole



The Violins rest from the Asterisk, to the double Bar; But instead of the characters to denote silence, A familiar notation to express the real sounds of the Horns has been preferred, for the information of the young Harmonist.







The following notation will convey to the reader the method of performing Psalmody in London during the early part of the 16th century.



The motive for including this wonderful production among the specimens of sublimity is stated in page 69.65 which contains its Drum and Trumpet parts.

Hauthoy I mo Hauthoy 2 do Andante Violino 1mo violino 2do Viola Andante canto Alto trem___ hle, The Nations tremble at the dreadful _ ble, tremble, The Nations trem -Tenore Basso ___ ble, The Nations tremble at the dreadful The Nations trem _ _ ble, tremble, Tutti Bassi unisons at the dreadful sound, sound, Heavn thurders, Heavnthunders, Tempests roar, Tempests roar, Heavn 3:4 Heavn thunders, Heavn thunders, Tempests roar, Tempests roar, sound, at the dreadful sound, Heav'n thunders, Heavn thunders, Tempests roar, Tempests roar, Heavn thunders, Heavn thunders, Tempests thunders, Heavn thunders, Tempests roar, Tempests roar, Heavn thunders, Heavn thunders, Tempests









observed his countenance expressing rapturous astonishment during the Concert of Ancient music, I embraced the favourable opportunity of enquiring how he estimated the Chorus in Joshua "The Nations tremble at the dreadful sound" The reply "He had long been acquainted with music, but never knew half its powers before he heard it, and he was perfectly certain that only one inspired Author ever did, or ever would pen so sublime a composition."

Having heard sacred compositions well performed in foreign Cities where english Oratorios are not collected, and where this Appendix will be circulated, I became anxious to afford my distant Patrons an opportunity of transcribing Krehearsing what I had so strongly recommended to their notice: In consequence of which the parts for the Trumpets and Drums have been engraved on a seperate page as its glorious effect might be diminished by omission or substitution. But I have to regret that the limits of this work would neither allow a larger engraving of the above Chorus, nor an insertion of its impressive Introductory Air, GLORY TO GOD.

Having been presented with a manuscript Score of IL RITORNO DI TOBIA by its Author, I endeavoured to make a suitable return by requesting his acceptance of JEPTHA: and when I expressed my admiration of the Recitatives in the former, which abound with the finest specimens of the Enharmonic, their Composer proved his liberality and Judgment by declaring that "Deeper and Deeper still" in the latter greatly surpassed them in Pathos and Contrast. And while I was examining this wonderful production for Extracts an impressive singerhad the goodness to rehearse it, during which my mind became so agitated by a succession of various emotions, that I determined to lay the whole of this Climax and anticlimax of musical expression before the eye of the reader, to prove, that the highest praise of it will never mount to an Hyperbole





Puring the Passion week in 1788 An Englishman who ranks in the highest class of sublime composers honoured requesting a copy of the song which in 1800 occupied this page of the Introduction to Harmony He greatly compaid me for my ready compliance by presenting me with the original M s of the following Prayer (for Good Friday:) which cannot fail of proving a gratifying SUCCEDANEUM, as the song here alluded to may be purchased at any Music Shop for one shilling.



At the Anniversaries of INSTITUTIONS which dignify Royalty, honour the Wealthy, and relieve the Indigent, The following Cannon is the appropriate Grace after Meat, and when its sounds are steadily sustained by large Choirs, the tuneful Ear cannot partake of a more delicious Treat; some deaf Criticks who review Music with a jamdic'd Eye have discovered the 7th resolved by falling to the 8th and afterwards rising to it without being prepared, while the Bass is stationary; which progressions are not authorised by the laws of Counterpoint: But this is a species of Composition in which the three Parts must consist of the same Melody, differing only in point of Pitch, one being a 4th and the other an octave below the Guide; Therefore if the Cavillers (alluded to) adhere to those restrictions and alter the 6th 9th and 10th bars, their substitutions will most assuredly injure the finest short specimen of Canon that ever flowed from the Pen of a Sacred Composer.



In the Year 1813, I was highly gratified by associating with the distinguished Pupils of a late Doctor in Musick, who annually commemorate their Master's goodness, and proclaim his merit, by a matchless performance of his sublime Compositions: such an union of vocal talent, was seated at the dinner table, that the visitors naturally expected to be enraptured, with a superior performance of Non nobis: But they were decieved, without being disappointed, for at the end of an impressive Grace, the following ingenious Canon commenced, charming attention, while the manly tear, was bedewing the Cheek of a feeling son, who lives to bear his Father's image, and revive his memory.



As it was performed when a Lady, who presided at a Dinner Table, gave the signal for her female Guests to withdraw. N.B. The Epithet Cheerful might mislead, therefore it is hoped, that the term ANDANTE will be particularly regarded; as Hilarity, without Confusion, is what the Author is desirous of promoting; Yet it is that species of complication, form'd "by the union of several parts into one Integral."





N.B. When the leading Voice arrives at the first mark S the second commences the third follows the second and the fourth the third at the same distance.

The Examiners of these Tables, who write, and play Chords, with embarrassing doubt, will percieve that they may a reference to them, acquire confident facility. Let them try to express, without the assistance of these Guides, the Chord of the diminished seventh, by Notes, with double Flats, and it will be an uncommon accomplishment, if these Referees do not occasion correction. Extreme sharp 2 extreme sharp 4 . & major 6ths Major 6ths extreme sharp 4 & minor 3ths , versions Imperfect 5ths sharp 6ths & minor 3ds Foundations Minor 2 extreme flat 4. & minor 6. Those who are pleased with the three following Inversions, are partial to harshness Inversions Extreme sharp 5ths major 6ths & major 3ds Foundations Major 7ths minor 3ds & perfect 5ths Minor 2ds perfect 4ths & sharp 6ths Minor 3 ds extreme flat 4 & minor 6th Inversions Perfect 5ths minor 6ths & major 3ds Foundations Major Sevenths major 3ds & extreme sharp 5ths Extreme sharp 6ths perfect 5ths & major 3ds 1st Inv" The diminished 3d imperfect 5th and diminished 7th form too harsh a chord for harmony, but its second Inversion, now termid the German 6th has become one of the most fastionable combinations, which the above transpositions of it will prove Found" Extreme sharp 6ths extreme sharp 4th & major 3ds The following chords, also contain diminished 3 ds between the second, and third parts, and are useless

But they are the foundations of the above Inversions, distinguished by the appellation of Italian Sixths; Altho the 4.

has been generally omitted, in the models of elegant Accompaniment .

78 Chords by Supposition, or Suspensions, Substitutions, Appograturas, &c. &c.

If all the different modes of figuring these chords, and all their titles had been enumerated here, it would have been impossible to have included their notation in the same pages; Therefore the sufficiently intelligent diminution of embarrassing NNONYMA, has been preferred to the needless encrease of technical terms. N.B. the four upper Parts of all the following chords, Viz. those on the treble staves, are in the two preceeding pages, and are there called sevenths, but here they are changed into 9ths 11ths & 13ths from the addition of basses successively placed at the distance of a 3th & a 7th below the fundamentals of the said sevenths.





An acute observer will percieve, that transpositions of these sevenths, with basses placed under them, have produced all the 9th 11ths & 13th in this and the preceeding page; But whoever looks (in this work) for the other species of sevenths augmented to chords of 9th 11ths & 13th will search in vain; As their inharmonious jargon is so disgusting, that I could not be an advocate for their being associated, even with the above harsh assemblage. Of the three chords, called the ninth, the eleventh, the thirteenth; The parts which lie above the bass, instead of being placed in the order of 3th as above, may be arranged several ways, or some of them may be left out; Here it becomes necessary for the Reader to bear in mind, that each different arrangement, of the upper parts of a chord, is called Position; The placing one of the harmonies in the bass (instead of the fundamental) is called Inversion, and the leaving out some of the sounds, is called omission, or retrenchment.



The three Discords under consideration, are the most frequently used with sustaind hass notes which causes regretthat Performers upon the Piano Forte Harp, or Harpsichord, are obliged to hear their lessend effect, from repetition, or reiteration. In the city of Turin I was much delighted, with a stringed Instrument, which sustaind Chords with vast power, and magical intonation, while its keys were pressed down with firmness; A lighter touch expressed a Dulcet Piano, which the Performer's skill, gradually encreased to an Orchestral Fortissimo. An Advertisement farther on particularly describes the quality of that Instrument, the Inventor of which, (luckily for me) was an excellent Harmonist; But bigoted to that School, in which he was taught to consider Rameau and Marpurg's Chords by Supposition, merely

Apprograturas: To exemplify his Doctrine, (in the most simple manner) He played Common Chords, Minor Sevenths, and their Inversions, with his left Hand, and added 9ths 11ths & 13ths with his right Hand.



Extracts accompanied with Apposite Remarks, Questions, Answers, & Anecdotes of several of those illustrious musicians who, by a residence amongst us, have materially

contributed to the improvement of our national taste.

From the middle, to the end, of the last Century, the Overtures to Operas were rendered so insipid by monotonous basses & a paucity of modulations, that soon after the arrival of a great Symphonist in London, He made the subjoined Remark, for which I am indebted to a much esteemed friend whose memory & mimickry enabled him towrite it with that deviation from grammatical Orthography which may convey to the reader the Composers idiomatic way of speaking. "I coud play de pase to an Italian Oferture widout my left hand — dere is no ting but D —A. — DA. DA. soamtimes G and for a Vonder C"



This Cudenzu was frequently performed in the Hanover Square Concert rooms by an english singer who is still in possession of pathos, grace, a prodigious compass of voice, a perfect Shake and a great knowledge of music: Her execution of the rapid divisions was so true and distinct, that notwithstanding the instrumental performers vied with each other in every species of excellence. 81 Allegro violino. Violoncello. clarinetto. voce. Allegro The sustain'd chromatic Descent Lento Assent to G in altissimo and the dulcet bar leading to the final shake Lento

The intonation of the voice was conspicuously attractive,







The full score of the last section occupies so many folio pages, that limitation obliged me to make my extract out of a judicious reduction of it. So small a part of so large a whole will but convey a faint idea of the taste, spirit, and brilliant effects of a composition so full of contrast, without confusion. It was written in Paris, where orchestras are numerously supplied with excellent performers on every instrument; yet the variety of subjects, episodes, playful imitations, passages of emphasis, crescendos and diminuendos in the overture to Anacreon*, were never so finely expressed as by the band of the Phil-Harmonic Society, in London. This bold assertion was an admitted truth by a discriminating amateur, after he had been delighted with performances of it in both cities; and he further acknowledged, that this union of foreign with native talent has formed an assembly not to be met with in any other part of the world.

Among the performers, associates, members, directors, leaders, and conductors, are many distinguished vocal, as well as instrumental composers, whose productions are continually charming the ears of the softer sex, while their sublime oratorios, operas, glees, duets, and songs, ingenious concertos, preludes, studios and scale exercises, are adding brilliancy to the finger and harmony to the mind.

A lady, who from the contraction of bad habits had despaired of ever expressing the most simple movements with favility, formed the laudable resolution of devoting a few months diligent practice to the three last unerring conductors to excellence, and now

- "She guides the finger o'er the dancing keys,
- " Gives difficulty all the grace of ease,
- " And pours a torrent of sweet notes around
- " Fast as the thirsting ear can drink the sound."

It is to be regretted that the concert season, in London, terminated before the arrival of its illustrious visitors; but I have been given to understand that the well-disciplined opera band, and the perfection of our theatrical orchestras, claimed their attention and admiration, and they will have to report that the performances of sacred music in England are unrivalled. Yet we must hold in remembrance that the grandest part of it was furnished by a matchless foreigner.

^{*} Notwithstanding the excellence of this overture, many superior compositions of the same author, and of the greatest authors that ever wrote symphonies, quintettos, quartettos, and trios, have been performed in the course of the society's sixteen concerts, including those produced by the members and associates; but the law that protects the composer's property does not authorise me to publish any part of them.

It having become my duty to lay before my readers a variety of documents to assist those who deliberate before they prefer, I have subjoined the most important parts of letters which were unexpectedly addressed to me by two doctors in music, whose productions have much instructed and delighted the musical world.

" Dear sir;

- "I perceive by your advertisement, that you intend to dedicate the summer to the completion of your supplementary work. Permit me to renew my former offer of assistance by any works, extracts or anecdotes which my library may fortunately contain, upon such subjects as you may have occasion to discuss.
- "You perhaps know how decidedly my opinion is fixed against all the false notes of the trumpet scale, particularly the delusive theories of *** supported by ***, about the derivation of the dominant discord from the inconcinnous seventh of the monochord. It would give me great pleasure to know that we do not differ in this point, and that you not only think and feel them to be out of tune, but that you therefore do not admit them to exist in the scales of harmony or melody; indeed, your judicious omission of the flat sevenths in all the horn scales induces me to believe (what I wish) that you equally reject that note with the fourth and sixth. As for the dispute between *** and ***, I confess I think the terms eleventh and thirteenth very useless; and it is worthy of remark, that while the theorists are disputing about words, you, as a practical writer, clearly shew that neither of those chords are ever used as Rameau, Marpurg, &c. have given them. There are some instances (Padre Martini Saggio di Contrappunto I. 142) where the suspended fourth may have a third with it, as in the

adjoined example from Costanza Porta. But this is very different from the construction of chords by thirds, till the whole scale of music is exhausted, a principle in which further than the ninth (and that only on the dominant) I have not seen any reason to believe. May I not venture to

assert that the eleventh, except as a suspension of the $\frac{5}{4}$, has no existence, or that (in other words) it cannot be found as an integral part of harmony, combined in six real parts, which the followers of Rameau assert. You have very judiciously given the thirteenth as it really exists, under the form $\frac{7}{6}$, which, when reduced to its foundation, is nothing more than the dominant harmony with a $\frac{9}{7}$ taken upon a pedal key note, in which combination I

suspect the third would be rather an unwelcome visitor. I have not yet seen any convincing reason to prove that the eleventh and thirteenth are necessary in any system, and therefore, with ***, I at present reject them, but not wholly on the same ground, as you will hereafter perceive.

"Pepusch's treatise contains the substance of these doctrines, and that book every Englishman ought to consider as his manual. The following extracts are from the celebrated Gradus ad Parnassum, p. 131. quoted by P. Martini above.

"I remain,
"Dear Sir,
"Yours sincerely."



- " If these are not fair suspensions, I am much mistaken.
 - " My dear Mr. S.;
- "Your ready, cordial, and intelligent reply to my bit of a note has comforted my old bones, and again interested me in zeal for the perfection and honour of our art. I had so totally given up the world and its vanities, that I perused no books of science or difficult comprehension, confining my reading to works of amusement, in order to keep off the foul fiend, reflection on self, infirmities and complaint incident to my time of life; so that if my sufferings are not excruciating, I forget them, and like a true good boy, mind my book.
- "And are you going to our dear worthy friend, ********! I hope he need not now be told that I have long not only admired his wonderful abilities on his instrument, but loved him as a man of the most ready wit and friendly disposition I have ever known, and all en badinant, as thoff he were hoaxing a body. The last time I heard him on the violoncello, just before I totally immured myself, I perceived he had changed his style, and played the slow movements with a feeling and expression that melted with delight every hearer of sensibility.
- "I this morning had your "Introduction to Harmony," looked out to take a peep at it in bed, for it is so long since I have opened a musical work of study; but having peeped, I will now venture to aver, I never did

open a book of the kind so replete with practical, useful, and elegant examples of composition, in the best taste and style of the present times, not confined to one species of instrument or voice, but to all that are in general use throughout Europe. And so God bless you, my dear Mr. S., and incline your heart to believe that I am yours, with sincere regard and affection.

"P.S. After reading your prospectus, a certain vecchiaccio dotterato della musica offers this advice:—Feed not the hungry appetite of envy with omissions, but let your improvements consist entirely of additions; for there is a biped (man I cannot call him), who endeavours to increase the sale of his own productions, by depreciating those of his contemporaries."

A promise was given (in a crowded page) of a further description of an effective instrument, which cannot be more fully detailed than by the inventor's advertisement.—" E già molto tempo, che da tutte le più colte nazioni d'Europa si è tentato di costrurre un Cembalo, che sostenesse la voce, ma sino ad ora non si sa, che sia stato meritevolmente eseguito. Il signor Maestro di Capella Anselmo Montù e giunto ad inventarne, e farne uno, il quale sostiene, cresce, e diminuisce la voce, secondoche esigono gli accidenti della musica per esprimere le varie idee, e gli affetti dell'animo, e tal Cembalo è composto di sedici istromenti, cio è undici violini, e cinque bassi, che ne formano tutta l'estensione: egli lo chiama il Cembalo espressivo, ossia il violino armonico, per che si suona coll'arco, e la sua voce e di violino, il quale forma una nuova, grata, sonora e dilettevole armonia."

The obliging Maestro amused me chiefly with his extemporising faculty. But a lesson being placed upon his music-desk, which I had often listened to with rapturous astonishment; (having heard it repeatedly expressed by the brilliant finger of its composer, who is universally allowed to have formed that school which exalted the style of piano forte music in our country), I entreated him, and successfully, to convince me that the lights and shades in that composition might be harmonized upon his cembalo, which he executed most effectually; for the buono mano and dolce maniera were conspicuous in their proper places; on which account I have often regretted that a similar instrument, for which I bargained with its ingenious inventor, never reached England, where it would have been improved by an artist who was then an honour to human nature, and whose death taught many as well as myself to feel the loss of a liberal friend! "He was one of the noblest works of God,—he was an honest man."

It would have been an unpardonable omission not to have mentioned the Maestro Anselmo Montu's effective method of accompanying a young female Sardian while she was singing sweetly a national ballad. It was not with that too fashionable arpeggio, but with a dispersed melody different from the voice part, yet supporting without stunning it. Here I cannot avoid expressing a hope that some of our best composers may adopt the same mode occasionally, for that I am not singular in my preference will be made evident by a quotation from an author, who will have every claim to natural originality, if we may except the copying his master, who was his father. "It may be confessed that an accompaniment altogether independent of the voice will, to the singer (who is also to accompany) require some previous practice; but let him hope that while the elaborate and almost insurmountable difficulties of modern piano forte music is vanquished by perseverance, that the forcible and more natural claims of vocal skill will not be overlooked. It is only from repetition that novelty, generally speaking, however excellent it may be, will find its way to the understanding or the heart."

Retraction, directed by conviction, is a necessary exposition; I therefore acknowledge that I erred greatly when I supposed that this work might comprise the beauties of our resident composers; for having filled many sheets with them, the revisal convinced me that their republication might be followed by prosecutions or injuries; in consequence of which I have only retained those which were extracted from original MSS., expired

copyrights, and foreign productions.

I am likewise apprehensive that I may appear, in some of my accommodating pages, to be an advocate for the abolition of the tenor cliff; I will therefore make the amende honorable, by the insertion of a paragraph written by an organist, whose compositions

and performances cannot be imitated but by superior excellence.

"It was suggested that it would be better to publish all the vocal parts (except the bass) in the treble clef; but as I consider this practice as an innovation, I was unwilling to afford an additional example of an erroneous custom that has already become but too prevalent. The treble clef, when applied to the counter tenor and tenor parts, does not indicate the real or true notes that are required to be sung, the C clef does, and I trust therefore that no apology is necessary on my part, for preferring truth to falsehood, or that which is proper to that which is improper."

Should the above judicious remarks induce a few patient English ladies to include a universal knowledge of cliffs in the adopted foreign fashions, the laudable example

might benefit many followers.

I have appropriated a large portion of this work to vocal harmony, because the best part of it may be old, but never can be obsolete. This opinion I will back with a passage in an Historical Enquiry, respecting the performance on the harp in the Highlands of Scotland, drawn up by an author, whose various productions have proclaimed his useful erudition and didactic powers, and who never lessened their consequence by quoting falsehood.

"It was on a lute of the smaller size that Queen Mary used, for the most part, to accompany her songs. The accomplished ladies, and even gentlemen of that period, could sing a part of madrigals, and other vocal compositions of four parts, at sight; and many of the excellent vocal compositions in three and four parts, of that period, are

still sung with pleasure in England, and are among the most difficult and intricate music of that description, that is sung at this day. Queen Mary's private concert consisted

chiefly of music of this kind.

"Queen Mary had three valets, who sung three parts, and she wanted a person to sing a bass or fourth part. David Rizzio, who had come to France with the ambassador of Savoy, was recommended as one fit to make the fourth in concert, and thus he was drawn in to sing sometimes with the rest; and afterwards, when her French secretary retired himself to France, this David obtained the said office."

The harmony of a well arranged score is the picture which charms the mind of a well educated musician, who appreciates and feels all its beauties during his silent admiration! But the ear must have been previously formed to the true intonation, and the

eye to the accurate perception of harmonious combinations.

When practical musicians are capable of reasoning in a philosophical manner, their science greatly adds to the respectability of the art; I therefore felt an elevation of my profession while I was transcribing part of an excellent commentary for this article, be-

cause it is the production of a learned graduate in music.

"As the colours of the painter would not present any picture to the eye, unless artfully disposed upon his canvass, so the light reflected by the picture, if not refracted by the visual humours, would be unintelligible to the mind; in like manner as the sounds of a musician would be without meaning to the ear, unless they were reduced to modulated harmonies, so would the harmonies be unfelt by the mind, if not modified by the mazy channels of the ear. And again, both the picture and the music would be unimpressive to the senses, if the senses were not in communication with the mind. Sensations then are composed of sensuality and intellectuality. And as without mind the eye and ear would never have heard and seen, so without the ear and eye the mind would never have had the ideas of light and sound."

If this book should exceed expectation, and prove the best of its kind, I hope it will not continue to merit that distinction long; for although the necessary endowments to form so great and good a musical historian as the one we have recently lost may never again adorn an individual, we have still among the living professors excellent lecturers, classical translators, profound theorists, and didactic authors, whose pens will (I hope)

be constantly employed to facilitate and extend the harmonic art.

I casually met a composer of celebrity, immediately after he had been examining the score of a sacred composition, the performance of which he assured me must delight and astonish the musical world. Another professor, whose glees and songs are universally admired, delivered his opinion (of the composition alluded to) in the following words: "It is most exquisite pantomime music, but not the least like an oratorio." I have been fortunate, for I can bear witness of its first representation; and whatever may be its disputed pretensions to title or merit, the conductor, singers, and accompaniers, were highly entitled to unqualified praise for affording such a delicious treat to their auditors, whose applause was hearty and unequivocal.

During its attractive repetitions, many enthusiastic admirers of descriptive originality raised its chorusses above the sacred productions of the last century; while as many firm adherents to ancient sublimity levelled them with the secular finales of Italian

operas.

"Vain his attempts, who strives to please them all."

I must therefore not be dismayed if I should hear as many critics acknowledging that I have done my best, without approving of my labours: but should they censure candidly and judiciously, the continuation of this work may become more perfect than the present part of it; for while gracious Providence grants me powers, and the public at large encourage my exertions, I will not shrink from the performance of my duty.

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