

PREFACE, to the FIFTH Edition:

THE encouragement which continues to be given to this Work, has induced the Editor to publish another Edition, which he flatters himself will meet with the approbation of the Performers of Vocal Sacred Harmony.

A number of Gentlemen, who are good judges of Musick, have been consulted—and no Tunes are inserted but such as have been well recommended. Several original pieces of Musick, and others which have never before been published on this side the Atlantick, embellish this Edition.

Through the hurry in which the fourth Edition went through the Press, many errors escaped the observation of the Corrector, until the Book was published; but the greatest care has been taken to make this fifth Edition very correct, and the Editor hopes it will be found so-Several Gentlemen, well acquainted with Musick, and respectable as Authors, having inspected it before publication, and corrected the errors of the Press.

The Lovers of Sacred Harmony may rest assured, that at all times every attention will be paid to make this Collection truly useful and pleasing, and any approved Musick that may be presented for insertion, or any hints for the improvement of the work, will be thankfully received by their's and the publick's very humble servant,

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TO THE

Several Musical Societies,

In the New England States,

THIS

TYPOGRAPHICAL IMPRESSION

OF

Sacred Harmony,

IS HUMBLY DEDICATED,

BY THEIR OBEDIENT SERVANT,

The EDITOR.





Worcester Collection of SACRED HARMONY.

PART I.

An INTRODUCTION to the GROUNDS of MUSICK; and RULES for LEARNERS.

Of the SCALE of Musical Notes, commonly called the GAMUT.

MUSICK is written on five lines, which, including the spaces between them, and immediately above and below them, are called by musicians, a stave, and are thus placed,

It often happens that notes of musick ascend above, or descend below, these sives lines, and then another line is occasionally added, and is called the Ledger Line. Notes on the upper ledger line, are called notes in Alt, and those on the lower ledger line, are called Doubles.

These lines and spaces are represented by the first seven letters of the alphabet, which are placed on the stave, according to the part of musick for which it is designed. The parts of church musick are commonly sour, viz. Treble, Counter, Tenor, and Base. The letters are placed on the Treble and Tenor stave in the following order.

 $Treble and Tenor. \begin{tabular}{c|c} \hline G & Sol. \\ \hline E & La. \\ \hline C & Fa. \\ \hline A & La. \\ \hline G & Sol. \\ \hline C & Fa. \\ \hline A & La. \\ \hline F & Sol. \\ \hline A & La. \\ \hline C & Fa. \\ \hline E & La. \\ \hline La. \\ \hline D & Sol. \\ \hline C & Fa. \\ \hline E & La. \\ \hline D & La. \\ \hline C & Sol. \\ \hline C & Fa. \\ \hline C & Sol. \\ \hline C & Fa. \\ \hline C & Sol. \\ \hline C & Fa. \\ \hline C & Sol. \\ \hline C & Sol$

Every part of musick has, placed at the beginning of the stave, what is called a Cliff, or a musical character which shews what part of the manick is on that stave—whether Treble, Tenor, Counter, or Bass.

The Treble and Teror chiff is the fame. It is always placed on G, the lower line but one in the Treble and Teror stave, and is therefore called the G Cliff, and is thus marked,

In Counter the letters on the stave are thus placed,

A Soi.

Fa. called the C Cliff, being always placed on that letter, which is the middle line of the Counter stave, and

A Soi. is now used only for this part of mu-

In Base the seven letters are thus placed on the stave, viz.

A B Me.

A C La.

Soil.

The third and last cliff is the F Cliff, used onFa.

La. ly in Base, and always placed on F, the upper
Base.

B C Fa.

B A Me.

La.

If either of the cliffs be moved to another line or fpace, the letters in the order before placed, must all move with it; but in modern compositions of musick, this feldem orever happens.

Although there are more than feven places on the stave to be named by letters, yet there are but seven letters used, every eightly being the same repeated, and they always keep the same order; wherever G is found, the next letter above is A, the next B, and so on, always reckoning both lines and spaces.

All notes of musick which represent sounds, are called, in sounding of them, by sour names only, viz. Me, se, soil, la. * Me, is the leading note, and when that is found, the notes on the lines and spaces above are called fa, soil, la, fa, soil, la; and those below me, la, soil, fa, la, foil, fa; after which me will come again; as in the sollowing example of the Trelle, or Tenor.

me, fa, fol, la, fa, fel, la, me.

In Counter and Bass, after finding me, the other notes are named in the same order.

* Be cateful to speak the notes plain. Me is commonly wrote mi, but I have called it me through the whole of this Introduction, as it is so sound fi, as in fither; la, as in fath; and fit, as in folder.

I would here beg leave to observe, that the reason and origin of using figures at the beginning of the stave to denote the time, seems to be almost lost, and they are called three is two, or three from two, 3 to 44-3 from 8, &c. without seeming any thing more than arbitrary characters, to denote a quicker or slower time. I think it may be of some use to explain this matter.

At first the notes, instead of the names of semibreve, minim, crotchet, &c. were called by the names of numbers, denoting their relative quantities or lengths. Thus a semibreve being willed one, a minim was a lied 2, a crotchet 4, a quaver 8, semiquaver 16, &c. And \(\frac{3}{2}\), means three minims in a bar, \(\frac{3}{2}\) three crotchets; \(\frac{3}{2}\), three quavers; \(\frac{3}{2}\), fix quavers in a bar; \(\frac{1}{2}\) and in common time, \(\frac{7}{2}\), means two crotchets; And so of several other times which are now little used; us, \(\frac{1}{5}\), \(\frac{7}{5}\), \(\frac{9}{2}\), \(\frac{7}{3}\), \(\frac{1}{3}\), \(\frac{1}{3}\), the upper figure denoting the number of notes in a har, and the lower figure, the name, or what kind of notes they are. (Fig. the various modes of time see page ten.)

There are faid to be but feven natural founds, every eighth found being the fame, and is called an Otiave; therefore these founds are represented by only feven letters. The founds are called in mulick Tones, five of them are called whole tones, and two of them femitones, or half nates. The semitones are between B and C, and between E and F, as marked in the foregoing example.

Although this is the natural fituation of the femitones, yet their places on the staves, are very often altered by flats and sharps; therefore observe, that

The natural place for me, is, in all parts of mufick, on that line or space of the stave which is called B:

| at if B be flat, b me is in - | _ | | - | - | | E | If F be sharp * me is in - | | - | | - | - | | F |
|-------------------------------|---|-----|---|---|---|---|------------------------------|---|---|---|----|---|------|--------|
| Bhand Ehit is in - | | - | - | - | | A | F ※ and C ※ it is in - | | | - | | - | ** | C |
| B b E b and A b it is in - | | - 1 | - | - | - | D | F % C % and G % it is in | - | | | ** | w | N. 4 | 4 . CF |
| B b E b A b and D b it is in | - | ** | | | - | G | F % C % G % and D % it is in | | - | * | 40 | - | ,- | D |

As in the following example, viz.

| Me in its | 1 | Me, transf | sosed by Flats. | | Me, transposed by Sharps. | | | | | |
|------------------------------------|----------|-------------|---|------------------------------|---------------------------|--|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|--|--|
| Natural & Flace. Tenor, or Treble. | | | | B, E, A and D flot, Me in G. | | | F, C & G sharp, Me in G. | F, C, G and D fharp, Me in D. | | |
| 3 | <u>6</u> | ÷ 0 | <u></u> 6 <u>Б</u> | | | × 6 | ×× | X 740 | | |
| Counter. Me. | Me. | Me. | Me. | Me. | Me. | Mc. <u></u> <u></u> <u></u> <u></u> | Me, | W. C | | |
| Eafs. Ale. | Me. | Me. — | Me. | Me, | Me. | * Me. | Me. | Me. | | |
| Me. | Me. | 5_0_ Me. | 5 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 | 5 h | Me. | [™] Me. | — ⊕ Me. | <u>X</u> × ⊖ | | |

When B is flatted it makes a cobole tone between B and T, and leaves only half a tone between E and F, confequently but half a tone between F and G. The reason of this is the alteration of me; for, find we where you will, the notes above, are called as before observed, fa, fol, la, &c. and helow, la, fol, fa, &c. and the two semiteness are always found between me and fa, and la and fa.

A distinction should always be made between the two sounds of B-me and C-fa: Many are apt to strike B-me as high as C-fa in sharp keyed

tunes, which injures the compession.

These notes are sounded sometimes quicker, and sometimes slower, according to the several moods of time hereaster to be explained; the

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notes of themselves always bear the same proportion to each other, whatever the time may be.

| | | - | | are notes | of filence | which fig | rnify that | rou muß | rest. or | keep filent. f | o long time | as it takes to fe | ound the |
|--|---|------------|--------------|-----------------------------|------------|-----------|------------|--------------|------------|------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|----------|
| All Ref | 75 | | 1-7-3-1- | notes they | reprefer | it: Excep | ting the S | emibreve R | est, which | is called the | Bar Reft, al | ways filling a | bar, let |
| Rests al Eesides | fo help to f | ill bars a | at the begin | nning and e ade use of i | end of tu | nes. | | h are as fo | | | | E | |
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| | | | Of o | ther CH | ARAC | TERS u | sed in N | IUSICK | , and t | heir USES | | | |
| - I. | 2. | 3. | 4. | ٥٠. | 6. | 7. | 8. | 9. | 10. :S: | tr. | 12. | 1 1 1 | 14. |
| | 3 | -b- | ~- <u>%</u> | | | -44 | | | | 0: | Pollo | 3-3-9 | |
| Point of Addition, | Point of Diminution. | Flat. | Sharp. | Natural. | Slur. | Direct, | Bar. | Double. Bar. | Repeat. | Shake, or Trill. | Double Ending. | Notes of Distinction. | Chife. |
| 2. A F | HE Point of Addition, fet at the right hand of any note, adds to the time of that note half as much as it was before. When this point is fet to a femibreve, it is as long as three minims, &c. as for example, 2. A Figure of 3; or Diminution, fet over or under any three notes, shews that they must be reduced to the time of two notes of the same kind, as which shews that when this figure is fet over three crotchets, they must be sung in the time of one minim, and three quavers, with this figure, in the time of one crotchet. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3. A Flat b is a mark of Depression, and causeth any note before which it is placed to be sounded half a tone lower than if the stat was not there; and when a flat is set at the beginning of a stave, it has the influence of flatting all such notes as happen to be on that line or space through the whole strain, unless regulated by the intervention of sharps, or naturals, which answer only for those notes where those naturals or sharps are laced, and respect the tone of those notes only, but do not alter their names. 4. A Sharp % is a mark of Elevation, just the reverse of the stat, and raises all the notes before which it is placed, helf a tone higher: If set at the eginning of a stave, it sharpens, or raises every note on that line or space throughout the strain, except contradicted by flats or naturals. 5. A Natural \(\beta \) is a mark of Restoration, which being set before any note, that was made flat, or sharp, at the beginning of a stave, but the note which the state of | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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6. A Shir or Tie, links any number of notes together

7. A Direct, we is placed only at the end of lines, to direct the per-

which should be fung to one syllable, * as for example,

former to the place of the first note, in the next line.

Observe that a note cannot be shaken without breaking of it to pieces, 8. A Bar is used to divide the musick according to the measure note, into equal parts. as in the example: See the minim marked with a tr. and the example how to perform it. 19. A Double Bar I is commonly preceded by a Repeat. 12. A Double Ending, shewn by the figures 1 2 fet over notes at the close of a tune, when there is a repeat, thus, :S: Fift Example. 1 informs the finger, that the note under fi-10. A Repeat :S: flews that a part of the tune is to be fung twice, begingure I, is fung before the repeat, and the -gning the feeond time of finging, at the note over which it is placed, and note under 2 must be fung the second time, ending at the next Double Bar, or Close: Therefore having fung that omitting the note under figure 1. But if part once you must immediately sing it again. the notes are ticd, as in the fecond example, -11. A Shake, tr. or Trill, is or ought to be placed over any note then both notes are fung the fecond time. 13. Such notes as have Marks of Distinction placed over or under them, , , fhould be founded very diftinst, and with some emphasis, * In finging flurred notes in words, great care should be taken to pronounce the words properly, for which purpose observe these directions: Keep your lips and teeth asunder from the beginning to the end of the flur, warble the notes in your throat, fliding - is two, three, or four bars toeatily from one found to another, without any kind of hitch or jolt, (which is too of-1- gether, which shew the tune ten practifed) and if possible do not stop to take breath until you you have done; otherwife you break the flur and spoil the pronunciation. to be ended. Applicative and the properties of the various MOODS of TIME used in PSALMODY. The TINE different Moods of Time are now used in Plalmody, four of which are called Common Time, viz. Adagio, Largo, Allegro, and 2, 4, or 2 Fours, and are thus characterized at the beginning of tunes or strains, viz. These four are called common time, because they are measured by even numbers, as 2, 4, 8, &c. Adagio, denotes a very flow movement: It has a femibreve for its measure note; every bar containing that or other notes or reals amounting to the fame quantity of time; fo in the example following, a femibreve fills the first bar; the second bar is filled by four crotchets; the third bar by a semibreve rest. In order to give these notes and rests their proper regular

that is, or ought to be shaken, something like the following.

er, and fung plain. Notes may fometimes be graced, but not difgraced.

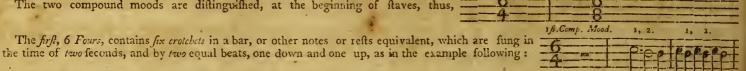
better be unattempted by the perform-

This is called one of the graces in mufick; but unless it is well done, it had

time, a motion of the hand is necessary, which is calling Beating of Time; every motion or fwing of the hand, is called a Beat. This mood has four beats in a bar, which should be beaten two down, and two up, in the following manner, adigio. 1, 2, 3, 4-First, lightly strike the ends of your fingers : Secondly, the heel of your hand : Thirdly, raise your hand a little, and thut it partly up: Fourthly, raife it still higher, and throw it open at the same time; which completes the bar. It is best to distinguish the third motion from the fourth, by d, d, u, u. thutting or opening the hand. Every bar in this mood of time is performed in the like manner. Each best should be exactly one second of time. Largo, the fecond mood in common time, has likewife a femibreve for its measure note, and contains notes or rests to that amount, in each bar. This also has four beats to a bar, performed in the fame manner as in Adagio, only one quarter quicker, or four beats in the time of three feconds. Largo. 1, 2, 3, 4 1, 2, 3, 4 Where the music, in Large, consists chiefly of minims, femetimes but two beats are given to a bar. Allgro, the third common time mood, has also a femilireve for its measure note, and contains notes or rests to that amount, in each bar; but has only two beats to a bar, which are one down, and one up, allowing one fecond to each beat, as in the example. The fourth common time mood, 2, 4, or 2 fours, has a minim for its measure note, and notes or rests to that amount in each bar; it has also too beats -2 to a bar, one down, and one up. Four beats in this time, are performed as quick as three in Large, when for: beats are given to that mood of time. (See note at the bottom of page 6th.) The next moods of time in order, are called Triple Time moods, of which there are three, viz. 3 Twos; 3 Fours; and 3 Eight. They are called Triple, because they are measured by odd numbers, each bar containing either three minims, three crotchets, or three quavers; two of which must be sung with the hand down, and one up. The marks of triple time are thus set at the beginning of staves, The first, 3 Tavr, contains three minims, or one pointed femiliere, or other notes which measure equal to them, in a bar; which are fung in the time of three feconds, two beats down, and one up, as in the example. 1/t. Trip'e Time. 1, 2, 3. 1, 2, 3. 1,2,3. N. B. A minim in 3 Truos is performed in the same time as a crotchet in the first mood of common time. The fecond mood of triple time, 3 fours, contains three crotchets, or other notes or refts equivalent, in a bar. which has three beats, two down, and the other up, one half quicker than the first triple time mood: A crotchet in this time is equal to a crotchet in the second mood of common time. 2d. Tripis Time. 1, 2, 3. The third triple time mood, has three quavers, or one 3d. Triple Time. 1, 2, 3. 12, 3. 1,2,3. 1, 2, 3. 1, 2, 3. pointed crotchet, or other notes, or refts, equivalent, in a --bar; has also three beats to a bar, but they are performed as quick again as in the mood last mentioned.

The two remaining moods are called Compound Moods; being compounded of common and triple meafure; of common, as the bar is divided equally, the fall being equal to the rife; and of triple, as each half of the bar is threefold.

The two compound moods are distinguished, at the beginning of staves, thus,



2.d. Comp. Mood.

The fecond compound mood, contains fix quavers in a bar; has also two beats to a bar, one down and one up. A beat in this mood has the fame time as the fecond in common time. called Largo.*

Of

* Mr. Reed, in treating of the feveral moods of time, writes as follows: "The figures in the examples placed over the bars flew the number of beats in each har, and the letters placed under the bars shew how they must be beat, viz. the letter d shews when the hand must go down, and the letter z, when it must rife up.

The bar rest is properly so called, because it is allowed to fill a bar in all moods of time.

Observe here-That the hand falls at the beginning, and rifes at the end of every bar, in all moods of time.

That in the Adagio and Lurgo moods, a femibreve is four beats, a minim two, a crotchet one, a quayer half, &c.

That in the Allegro and 3, 2, moods, a femibreve is two beats, a minim one, a crotchet half, &c.

That in the 2, 4; 3, 4; 3, 8, and 6, 8, moods, a femibreve cannot be used, because that it will more than fill a bar.

That in 2, 4, and 3, 4, a minim is two beats, a crotchet one, and a quaver half, &c.

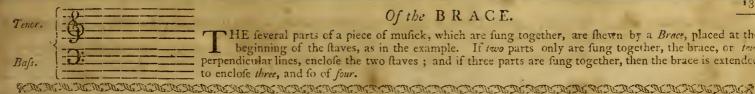
I hat in 3, 8, where a minim cannot be used, a crotchet is two beats, a quayer onc, &c.

That in 6, 4, a pointed minim is one beat, crotchets three at a beat, &c.

That in 6, 8, a pointed crotchet is one heat, quavers three at a beat, &c.

Observe also, --- That in those moods of time which are not marked with figures, a semibreve fills a bar; but in all those moods which are marked with figures, the upper figure expresses a certain number of notes of some kind which fill a bar, and the under figure show many of that kind of notes are equal to a semibreve; so in the mood marked \$\frac{3}{2}\$, the upper figure being 3, shews that three notes of some kind will able a bar in that mood, and the under figure 2, shews that two of them are equal to a semiloreve: now two minims are equal to a semibreve, therefore three minims fill a bar in that mood of time. The same rule holds good with regard to the other moods marked with figures.

The performing the feveral moods in their proper time, is a matter which should be well attended to: And yet singers often fail in this point. That some moods are quicker and some slower, all agree, yet some will sing every mood alike, or so nearly alike that the difference is scarcely perceptible. This, in many pieces, especially in such as change from one mood to another, entirely frustrates the defign of the composer, and ruins the musick. Others again will sing all moods too slow: This is so common that many persons who profess to be good singers will scarcely allow it to be an error. It is generally most prevalent in those companies where the spirit of musick is upon the decline, and the fingers grown dull and indifferent about finging; they will then drag on heavily through a piece of mufick, and render it not only a burden to themselves, but o fagrecable to all who hear thom. On the other hand, fome may err by beating time too fait; this error is fometimes found in persons who are possessed of too great a share



THE several parts of a piece of musick, which are sung together, are shewn by a Brace, placed at the beginning of the staves, as in the example. If two parts only are fung together, the brace, or two perpendicular lines, enclose the two staves; and if three parts are sung together, then the brace is extended to enclose three, and so of four.

Of CHUSING NOTES.

OTES are often fet immediately over each other in the fame stave and bar, only one of which is to be founded by the same person; the finger may found which of them he pleases: If two persons are singing the same part, one of them may take the upper note, and the other the lower note.

Example of chufing Notes.

Notes fet an eighth below the common Bass, are called Ground Bass. Rests are often placed over each other, but the time of both is to be reckoned.

Of the several CONCORDS and DISCORDS, both perfect and imperfect. [From Tansur's Royal Mel.]

THERE are but four Concords in musick, viz. Unifon, Third, Fifth, and Sixth; (their Eighths or Octaves are also meant.) The Unifon is called a perfect cord; and commonly the Fifth is so called; but the Fifth may be made imperfect, if the composer pleases.—The Third and Sixth, are called imperfed; their cords not being to full, nor to freet as the perfect: But in four parts, the Sixth is often used instead of the Fifth, in some certain places, when the Fifth is left out; so in effect, there are but three concords, employed together, in composition.

N. B. The meaning of the word Imperfect, fignifies, that it wants a femitone of its perfection, to what it does when it is perfect; for, as the leffer, or imperfect Third, includes but three balf tones; the greater or major Third, includes four half tones, &c.

of oftentation To enable young fingers and young teachers of mufick to avoid all these errors, and to give each mood its proper time, I have added the following directions. Take a leaden ball, the fize whereof is immaterial; about an inch in diameter is as well as any : Sufpend it by a small tight cord in such a manner as that it may swing each way without interruption, and for the feveral moods of time, let the length of the cord from the centre of the ball to the pin or nail from which it is fuffeened be as follows a

For the Adagio, Allegro, 3, 2 and 6, 4 moods, 39² Inches. For the Largo, 3, 4 and 6, 8 moods, _____ 22 \frac{1}{20} ____

Then for every fwing or vibration of the ball, i. e. every time that it crosses the perpendicular line, or place of its natural fituation when at rest, count one beat, and for the different moods of time according to the different lengths of the gord as expressed above. This is to easy a way of ascertaining the true timesor each mood, that it is presumed no one who defigns to be a finger will think it too much trouble to make trial of it.

These moods are however, sometimes varied from their true time, by arbitrary words, such as quick, slow, &c. being placed over the tune or anthem, in which case no certain rules can be given: The following general directions however may not be amifs.

When the term flow occurs, let the mufick be performed about one fixth flower than the true time, and when the term very flow occurs, about 43 much flower ftill, and contrary for terms quick and very quick."

The Difcords, are a Second, a Fourth, and a Seventh, and their Octaves; though sometimes the greater Fourth comes very near to the found of an impersed cord, it being the same in ratio as the minor Fifth. But I will set you

An Example of the several CONCORDS and DISCORDS, with their OCTAVES under them.

| Single Cords | V C O R D S. -1. 3. 5. 6. | DISCORD 2. 4. 7. |
|----------------------------|--|-------------------------|
| Their Octaves, or Eighths- | 8 10 12 13 15 17 19 20 22 24 26 27 | 9 11 14 16 18 21 &c. |

M. B. That if a voice, or instrument, could reach to ten thousand Octaves, they are all counted as one, in nature.

Every Eighth, or Otlave, contains twelve semitones, the five whole tones being divided into femitones, and the two natural semitones, make the twelve. As in the following example.

An OCTAVE contains 12

| Demitone | 5. | |
|------------|--------------------|-------|
| G | 8th | 12 |
| f* orgb | × 7th | 1 |
| F-F- | —b 7 th | 10 |
| E | ₩ 6th | |
| e b or d 💥 | b 6th | 8 |
| D | — 5 th | 200 |
| c × or d b | × 4th | 6 |
| C | 4 th | 5 |
| B | -× 3ª | 4 |
| bh or a 🖄 | b 3d | 3 2 1 |
| A | × 2ª | 2 |
| g × or a b | b 2d | |
| | - unifon. | 0 |

In this scale of Semitones, the lower line G is made the foundation from which the others are reckoned, and is therefore called a Unison, because one and the same sound is a unison. The right hand column of figures shews the number of semitones between G at the bottom and each of the other letters, both in their natural situation, and when made stat or sharp. Next above G you will find G sharp, or A stat, which is called a stat second, containing but one semitone; the next is A, which is a sharp second, containing two semitones; the next is B stat, or A sharp, which is a stat third, containing three semitones; the next is B, which is a sharp third, containing four semitones; the next is C, which is a sourth, containing five semitones, &c. &c. The stat second, third, sixth and seventh, are called lesser seconds, thirds, &c. and the sharp second, third, fourth, sixth and seventh, are called greater seconds, thirds, &c. which is the common distinction, and the greater always contains a semitone more than the lesser.

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Of the KEYS used in Musick.

IN Musick there are only two natural, or primitive Keys; one of which is cheerful, and called flar; the other melancholy, and called flat. C is called the sharp key, and A the flat key. Without the aid of flats and sharps placed at the beginning of staves, no tune can rightly be formed on any other than natural keys. Flats

and sharps placed at the beginning of staves transpose B-me, the centre and master note, together with all the rest in their order, and by forming what are called artificial keys, bring the same effect as the two natural keys. The reason why the two natural keys are transposed by flats and sharps at the beginning of the staves, is, to bring them within the compass of the voice. The last note in the Bass is the key note, and is immediately above, or below me; if above, it is a sharp key; and if below, it is a flat key; or in plainer terms—all tunes are either on a sharp or a flat key; if the last note of the Bass, or key note is named fa, then it is a sharp key; but if it is named la then it is a flat key. The key note can never properly be me, or so. The reason why one tune is on a sharp, lively key, and another on a slut, melancholy one, is that every third, sixth and seventh, in the sharp key, is half a tone higher than in the slat key. See the following example of the two keys.





Of the founding the EIGHT NOTES.

THOSE learners of pfalmody, who make themselves sufficiently acquainted with the knowledge of the Gamut, and first principles of vocal music, may proceed to tune their voices by the following notes.

Great care must be taken to give every note its true and distinct found, and to observe the semitones between me and sa, and sa and sa in ascending; and also between sa and sa, and sa and sa



CONCLUSION.

THIS part of the work will be concluded with some observations on singing, and general directions to learners, extracted from the American Singing Book, which are as follows, viz.

"When a tune is well learnt by note it may be fung in words, and every word should not only be pronunced according to the best rules of grammar, but spoken plain and distinct. Singers often fail in this point, by which means half the beauty of the musick is lost, the words not being understood.

"Notwithstanding all that has been said or can be said with regard to graces, the best way is to sing with ease and freedom, and without consining yourself to any certain rules for gracing musick, any further than can be adapted in a natural and easy manner, there being nothing forced or unnatural in good musick.—

Every singer should sing that part which is most suitable to his voice, in which case learners should submit to the judgment of their master. Care should be taken, in singing companies, to have the parts properly proportioned; one half the strength of the voices should be upon the bass, the other half divided upon the other parts.—A folo should generally be sung softer, and a chorus which follows a solo, louder than the rest of the musick. When the words soft, loud, are placed over the musick, some regard should be paid to them. When words are repeated in musick, the strength of the voices should increase every they are repeated, and when the musick is repeated it may be well to sing it louder the second time than the first. Low notes in the bass should generally be sounded full, and the high notes in any part, not sull, but clear. In sugging musick the strength of the voices should increase as the parts sall in, and the pronunciation in such cases should be very distinct and emphatick."



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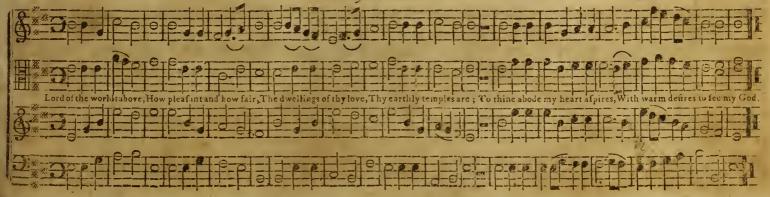
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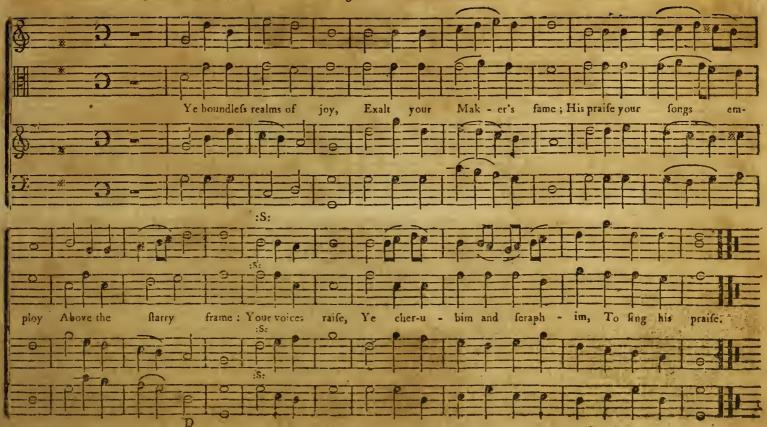
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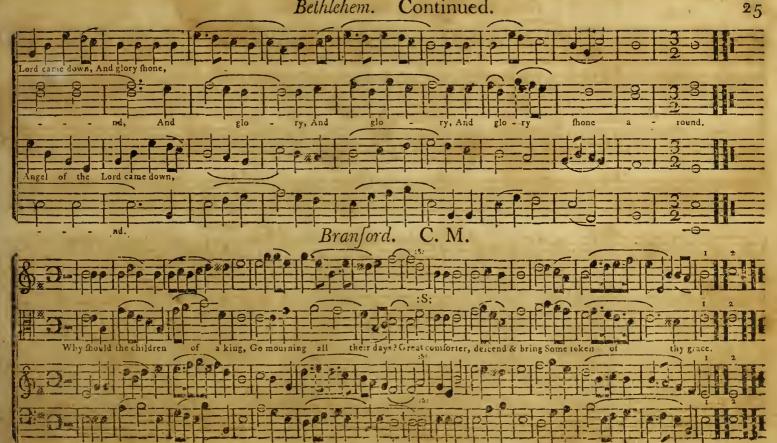
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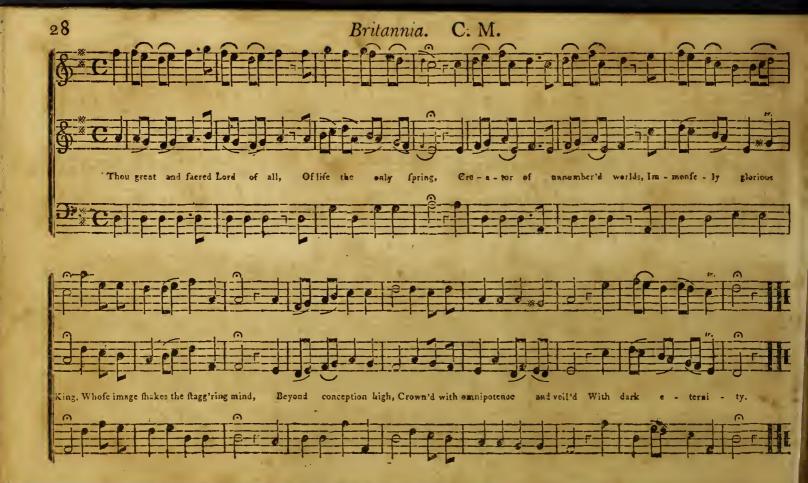


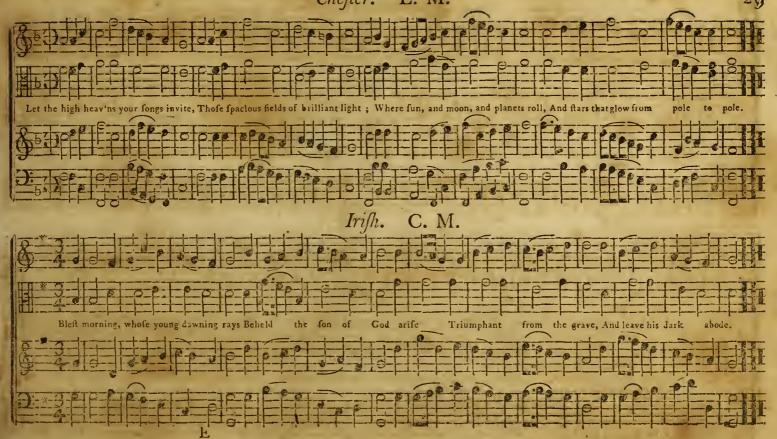


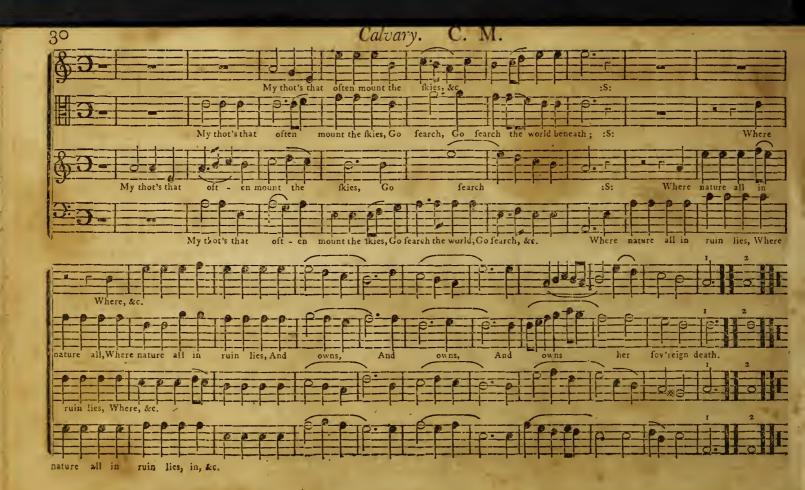
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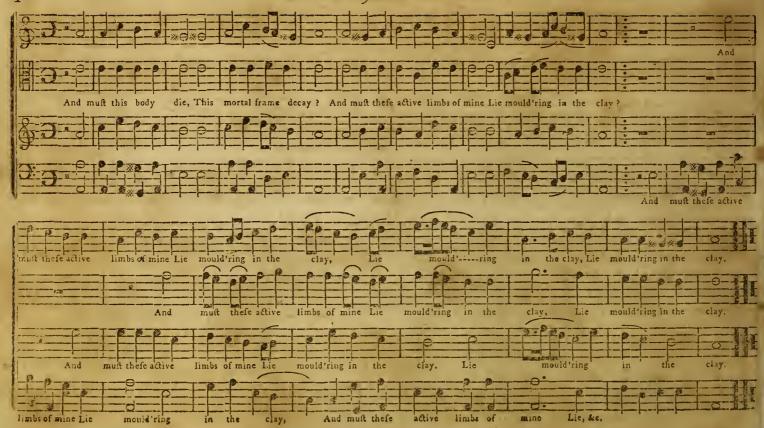




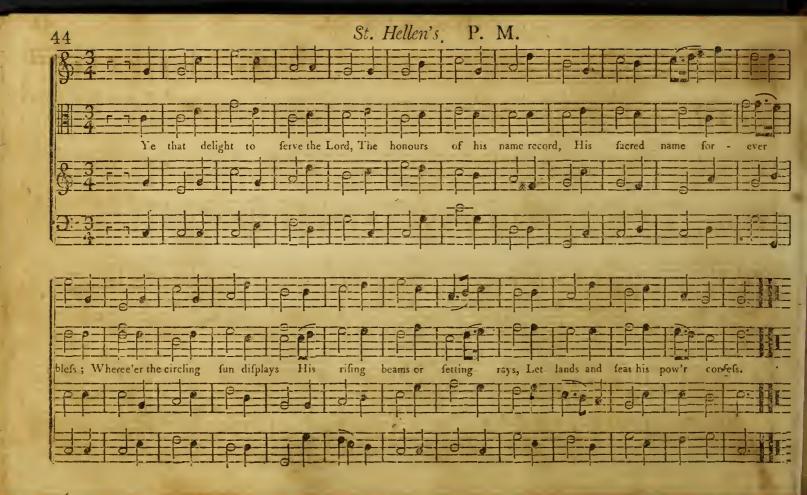


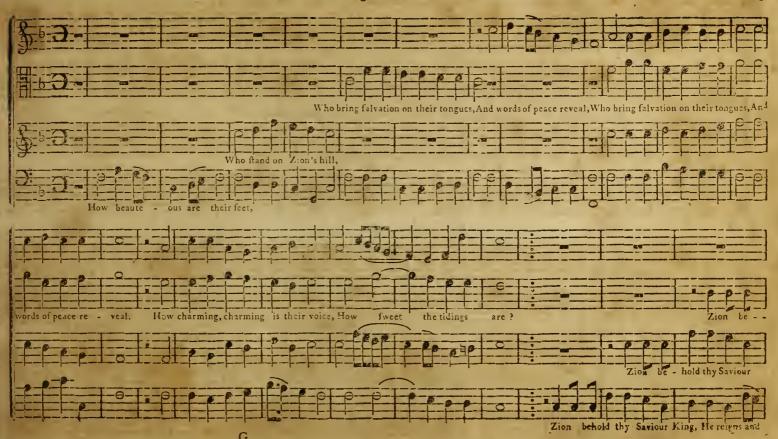
















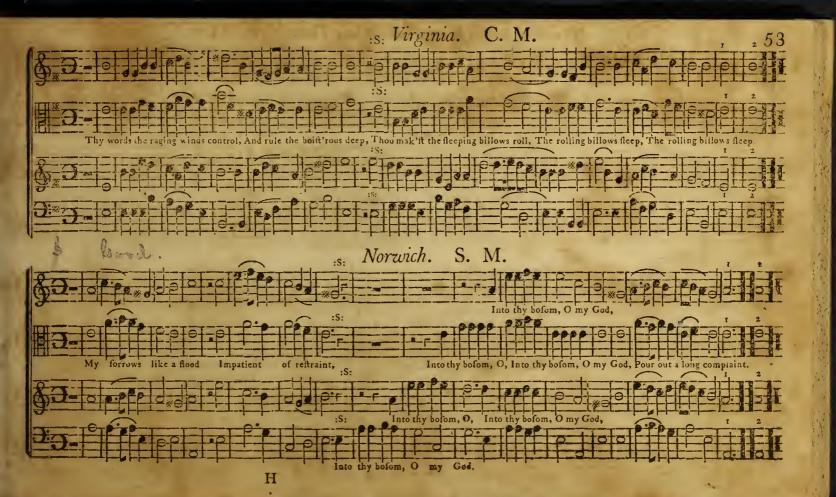




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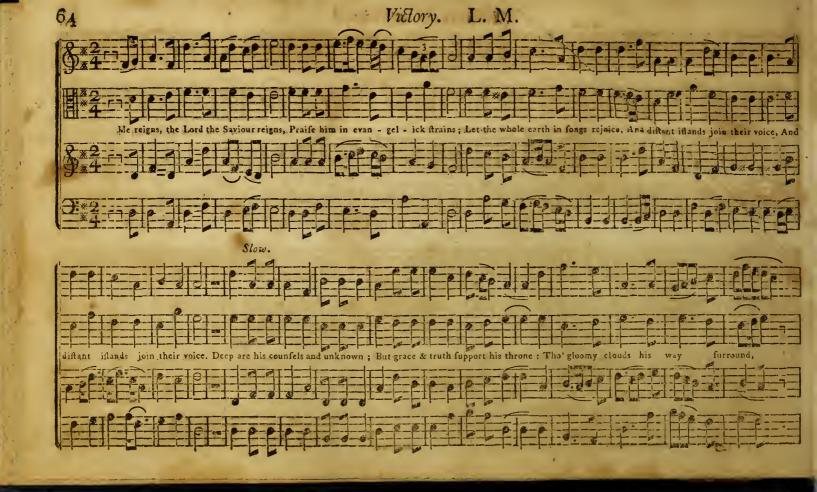




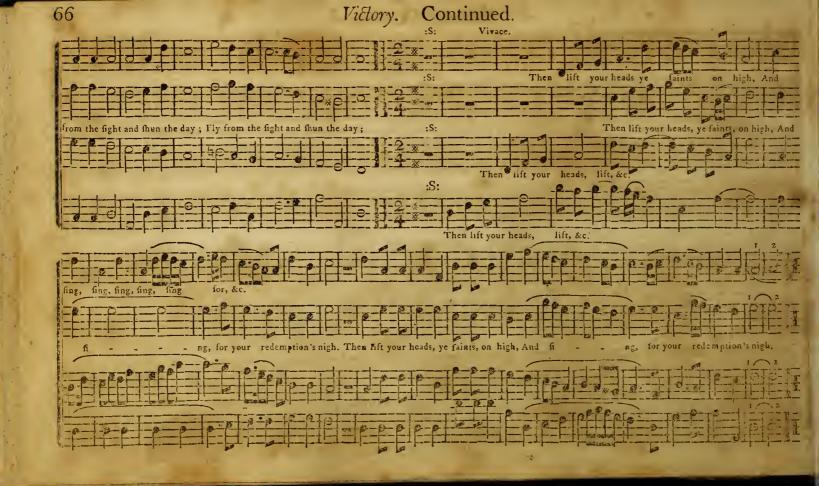






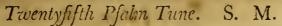




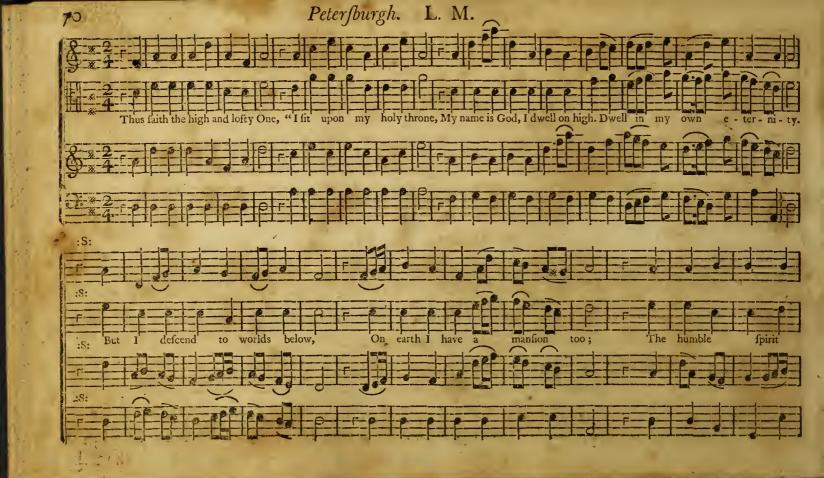


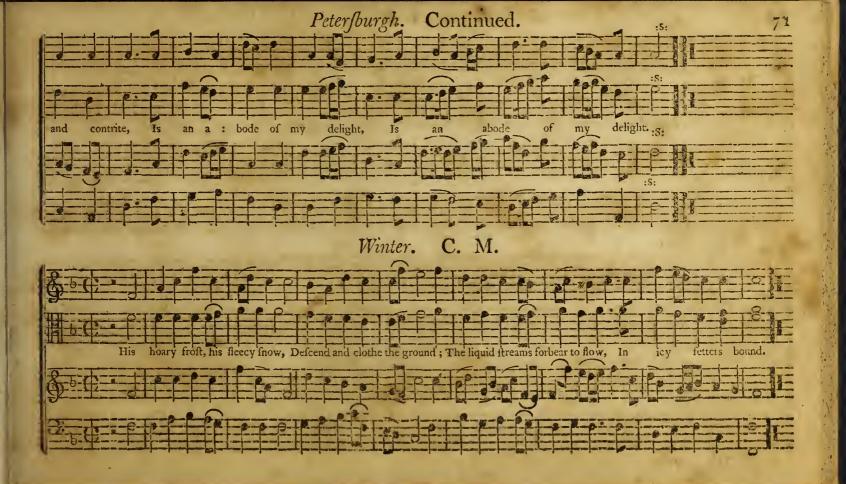














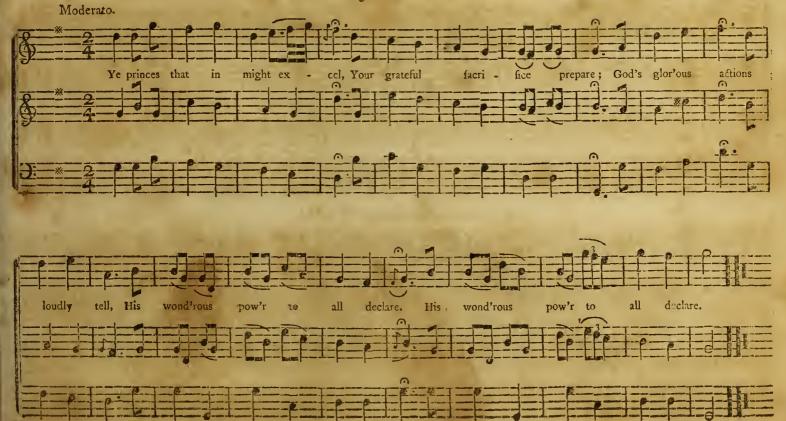














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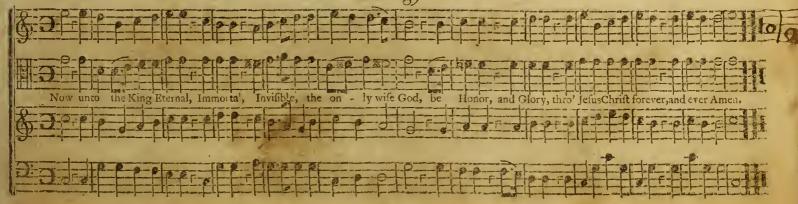
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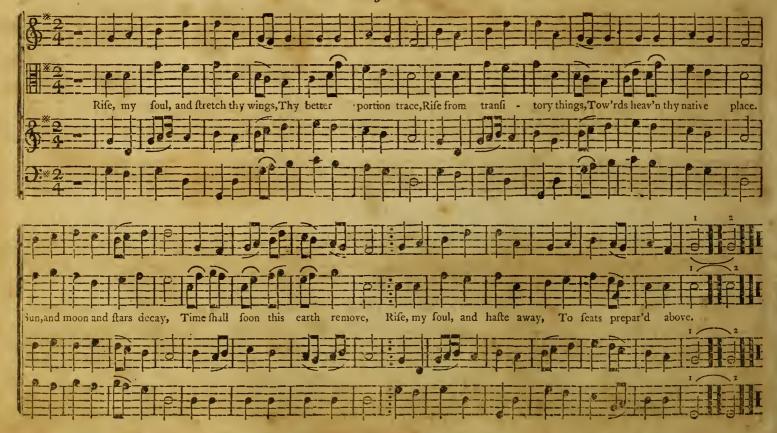
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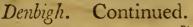
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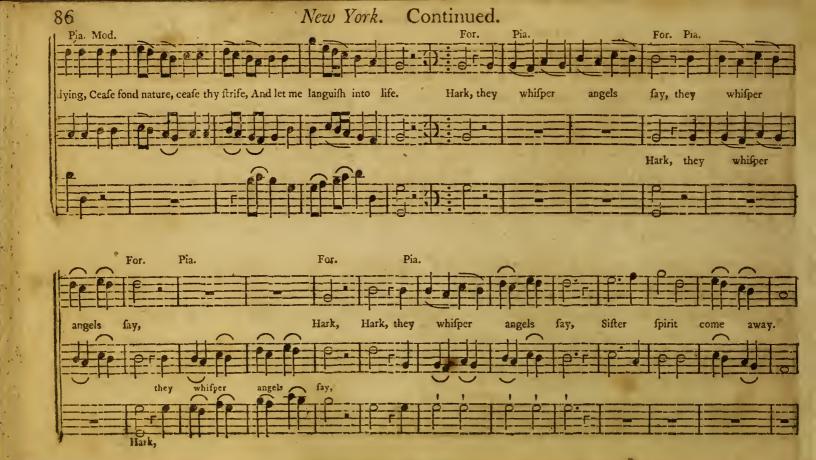


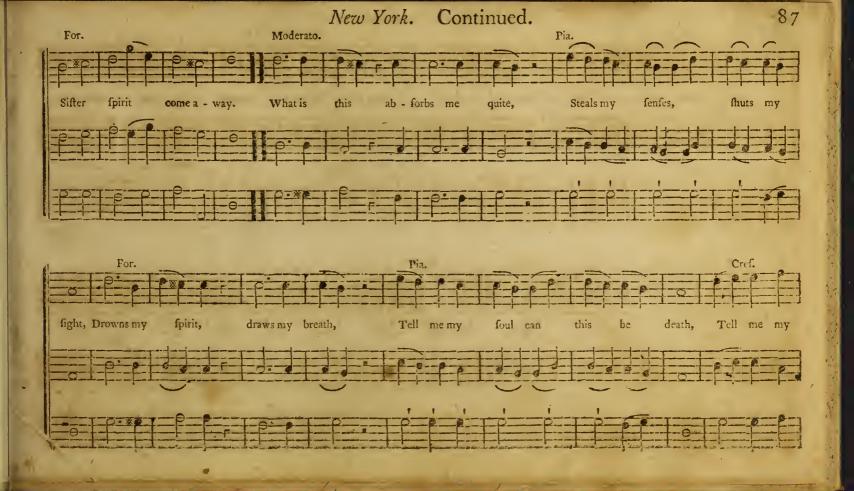




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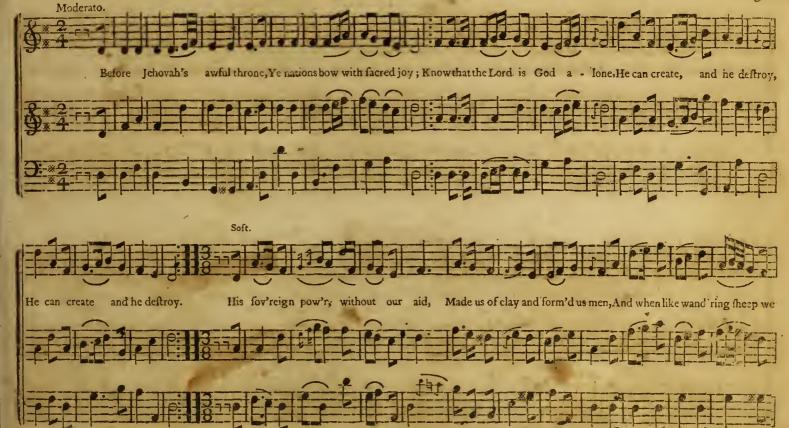




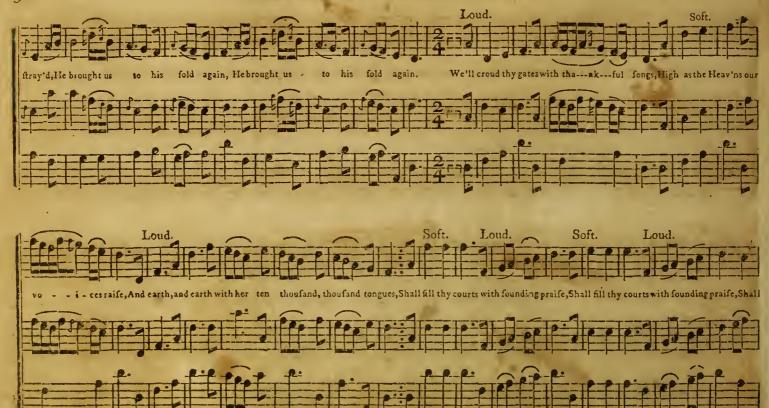


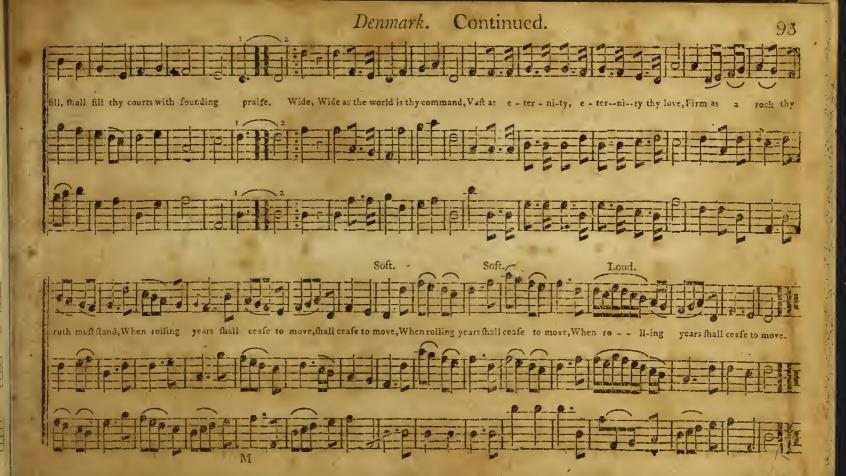






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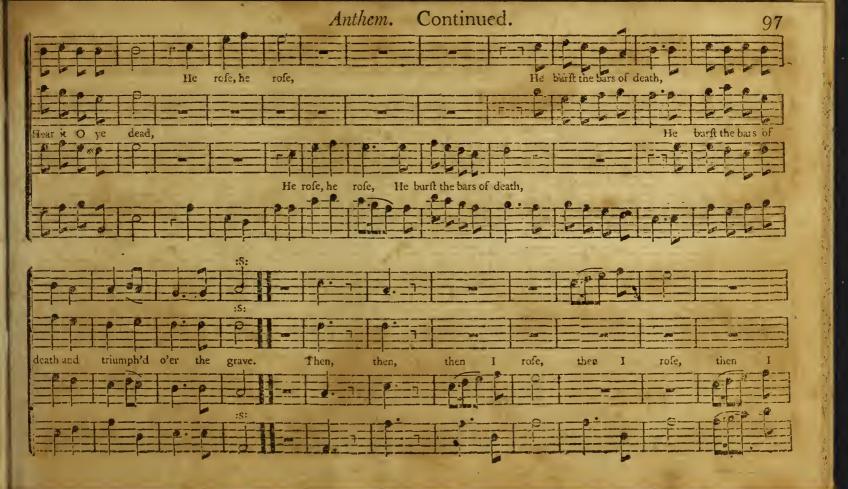






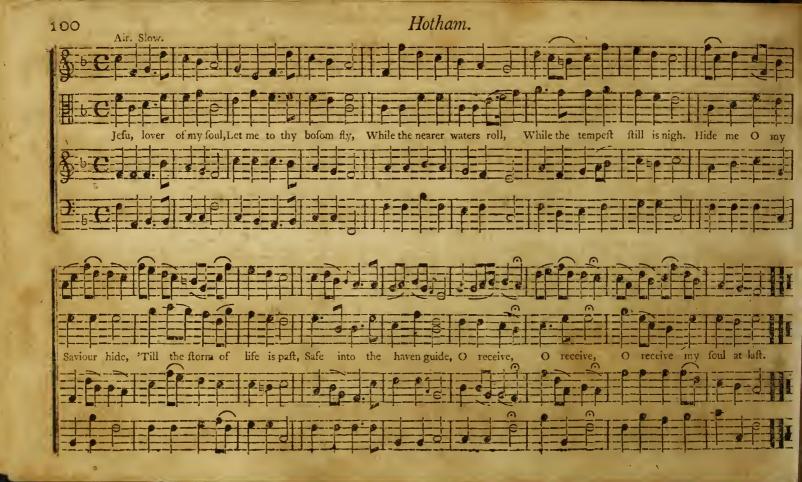




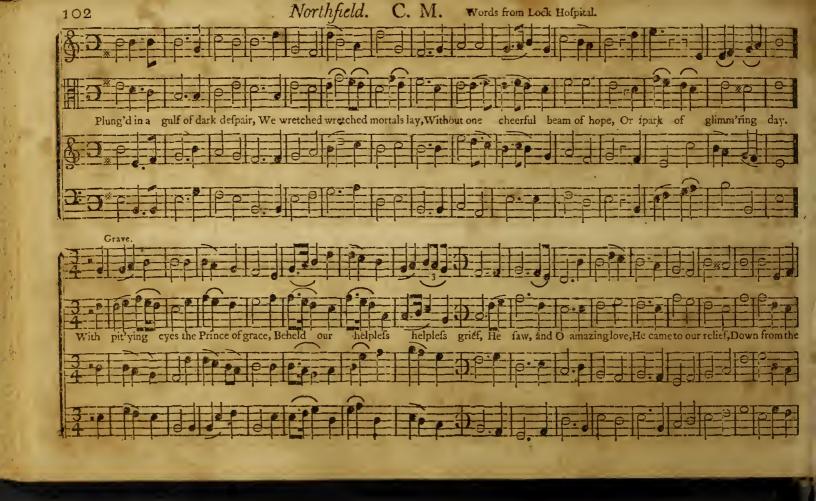




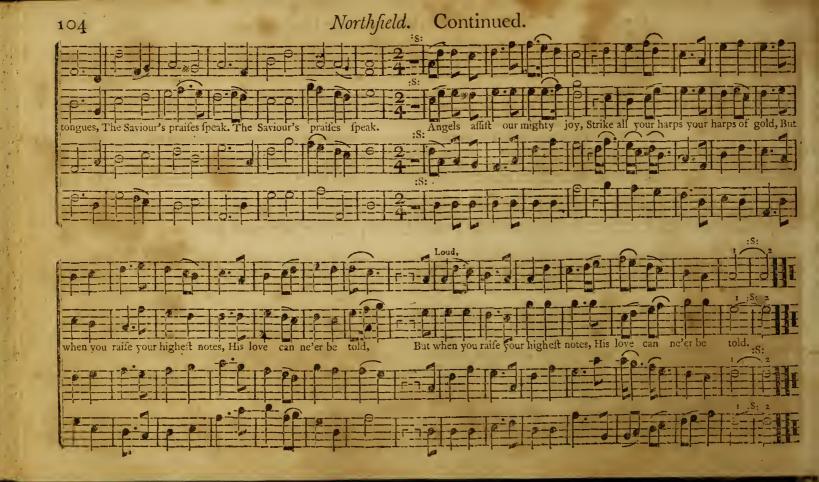


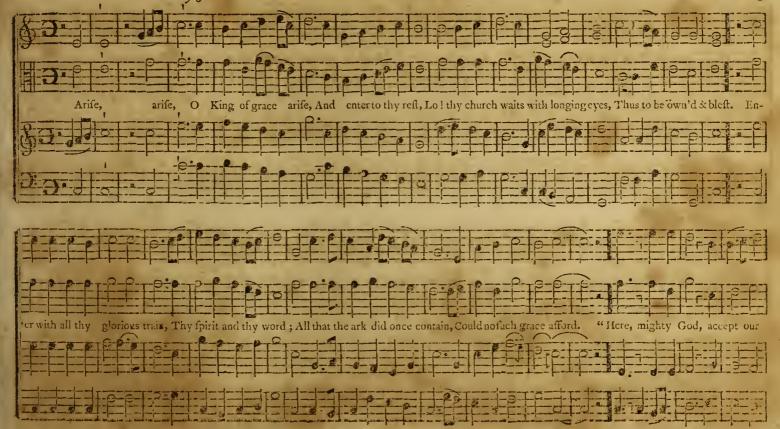


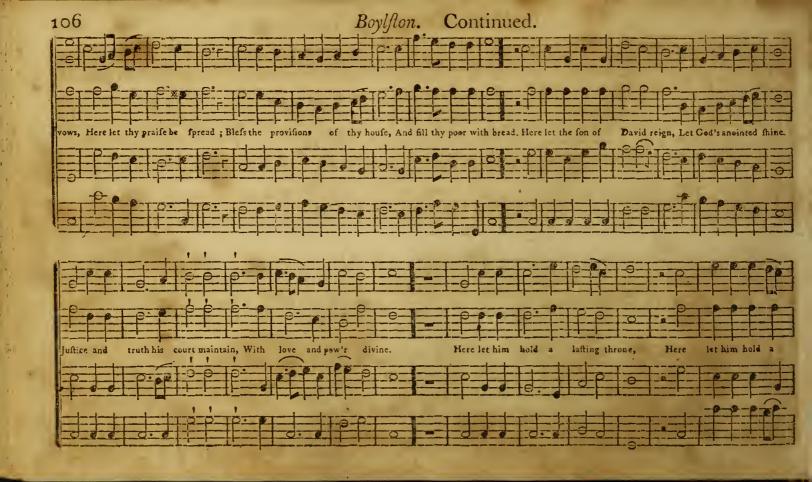


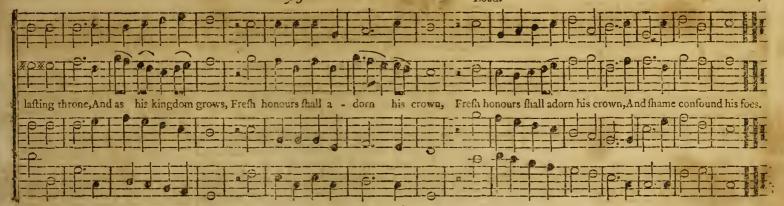






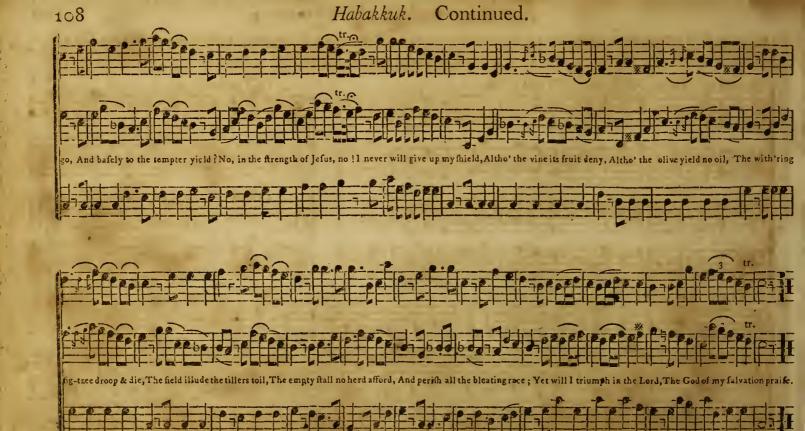






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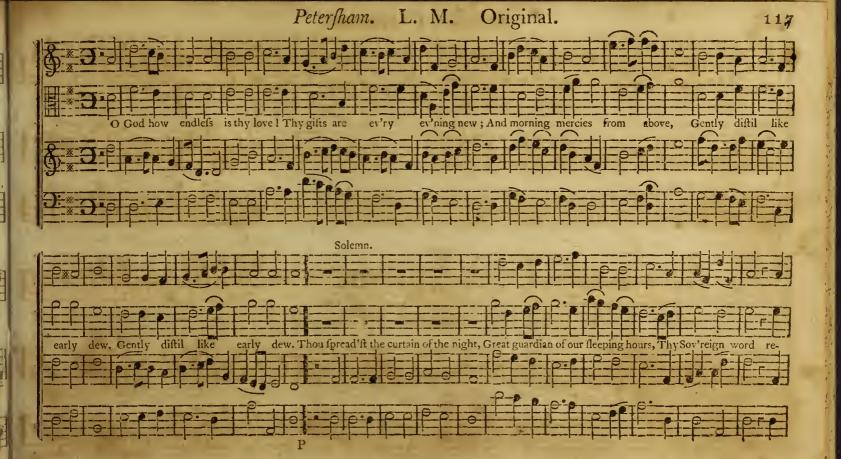




















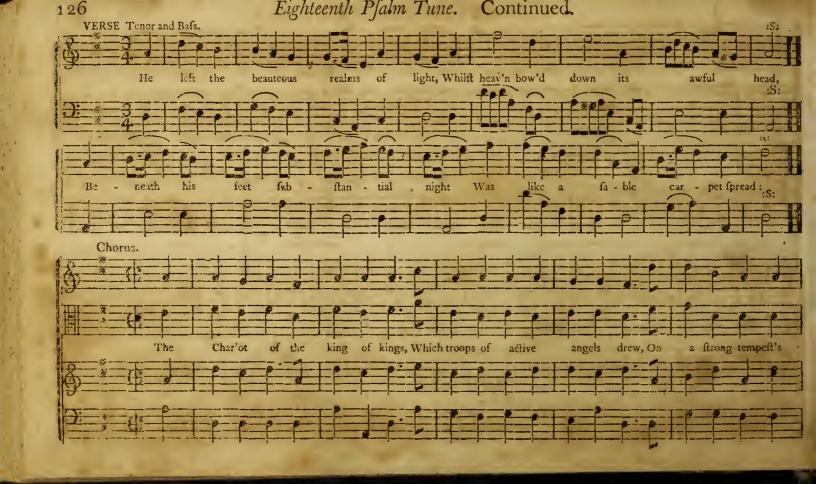








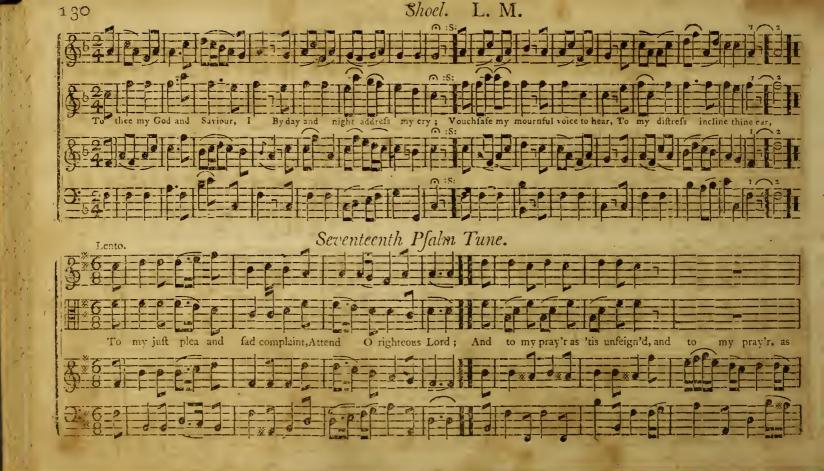


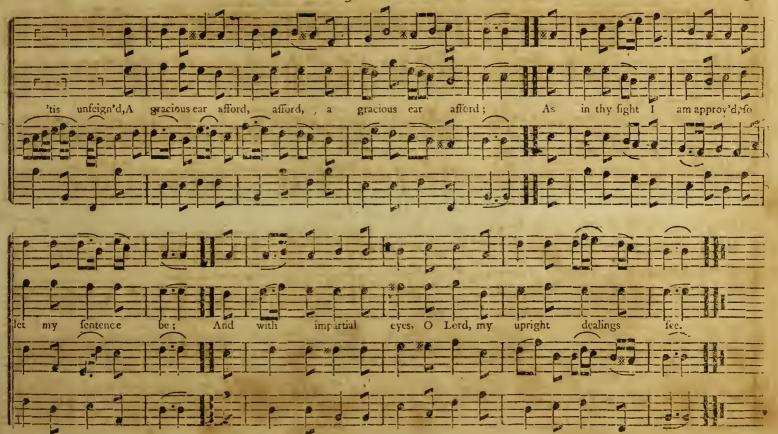












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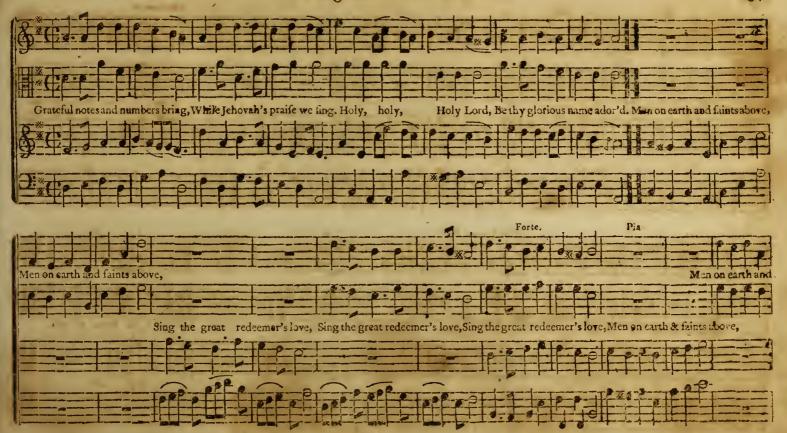


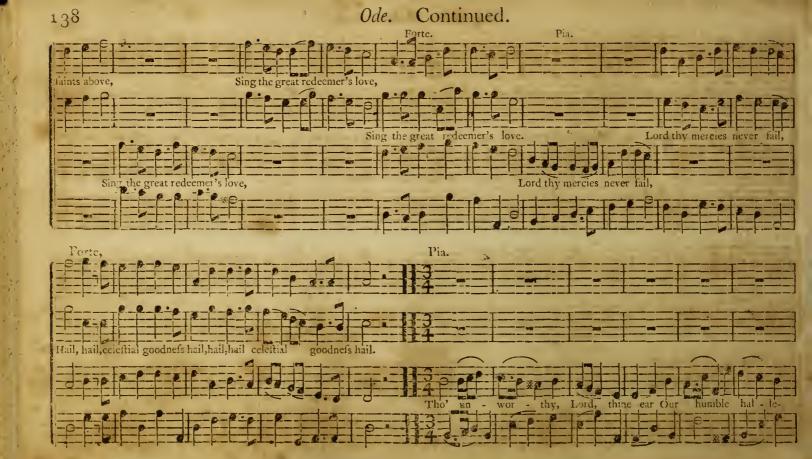


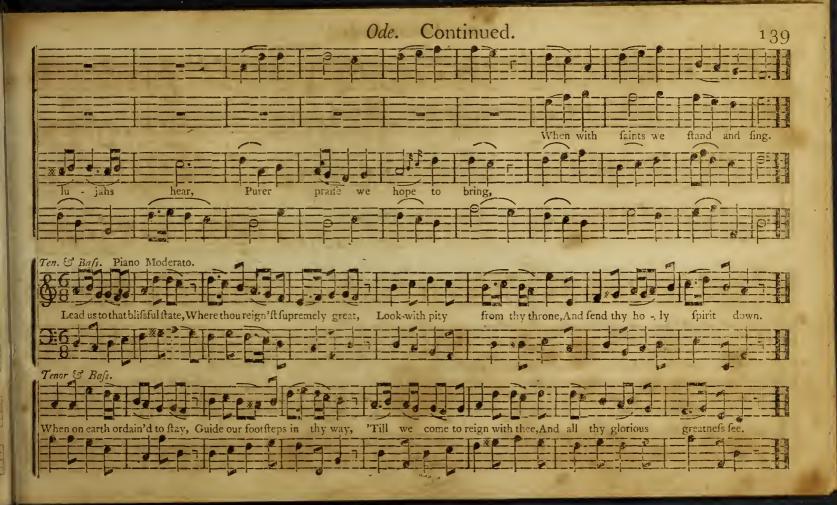


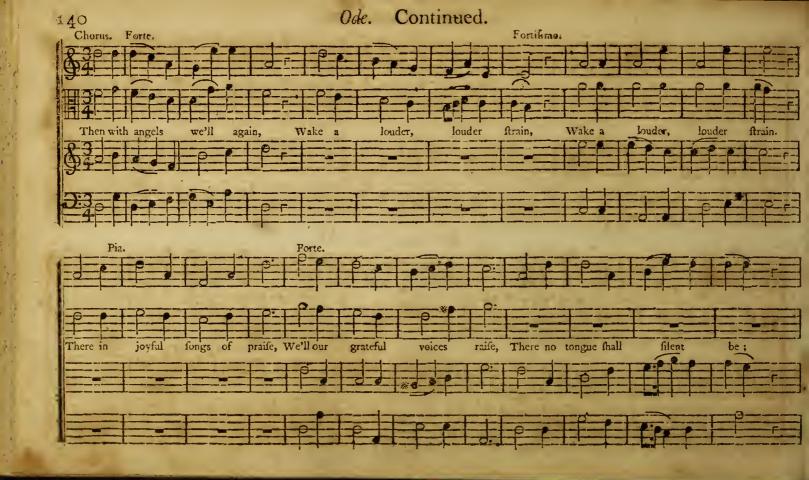




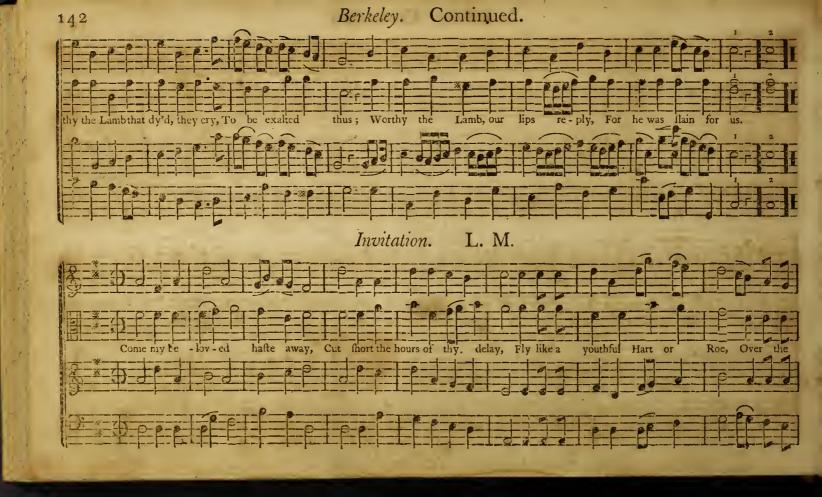






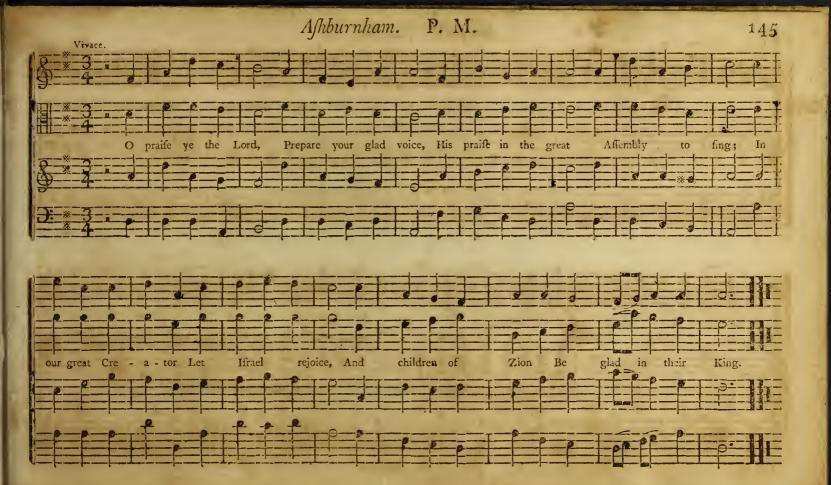




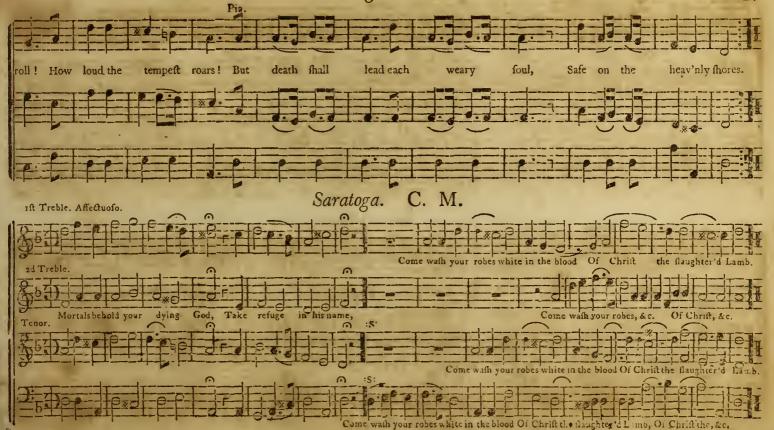


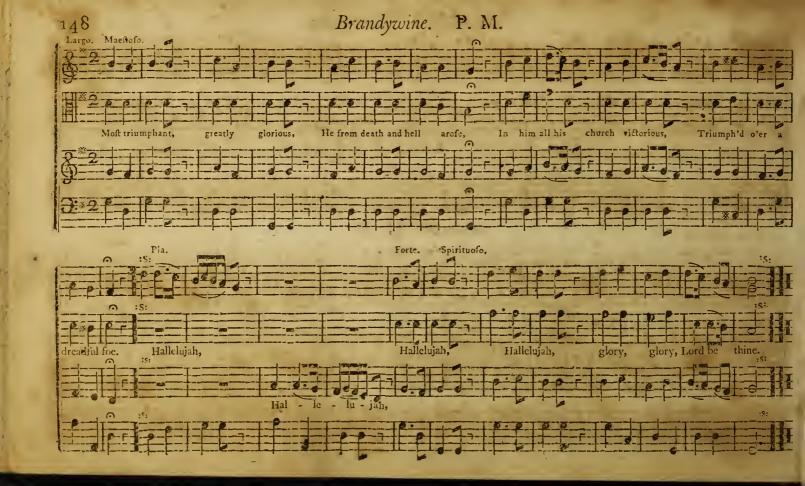










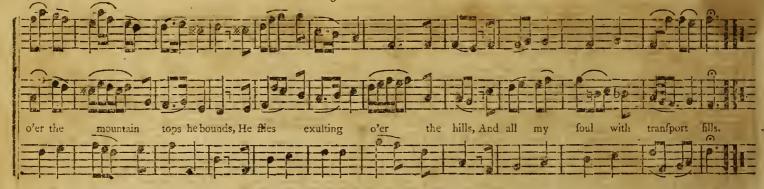






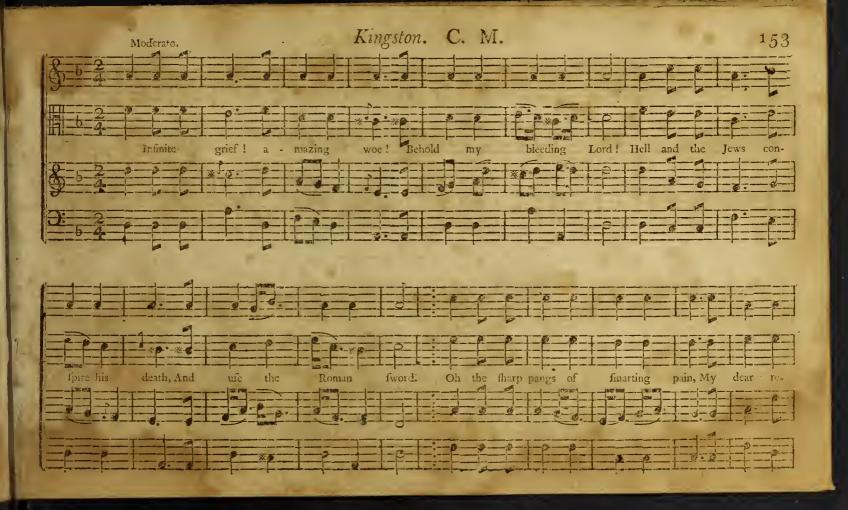




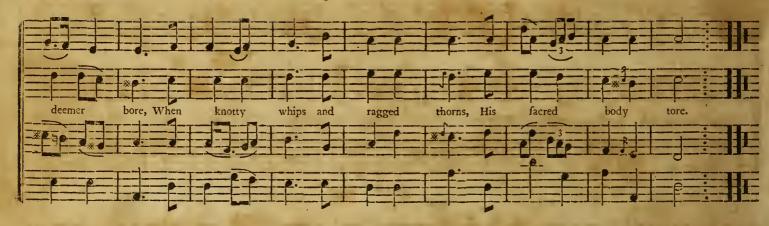


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