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## PREFACE

## To all Lovers of MUSICK.

USICK in ancient Times was held in as great Estimation, Reverence and Honour, by the most Noble and Vertuous Persons, as any of the Liberal Sciences whatsoever, for the manifold Uses thereof, conducing to the Life of Man: Philosophers accounted it an Invention of the Gods, bestowing it on Men, to make them better conditioned than bare Nature afforded; and conclude a special necessity thereof in the Education of Children, partly from its natural delight and partly from the efficacy it hath in moving the Affections to Vertue; commending chiefly these three Arts in the Education of Youth, Grammar, Musick and Gymnastick; this last is for the Exercise of their Limbs. Quintil. reports, in his time the same Men taught both Grammar and Musick. Those then who intend the Practise thereof, must allow Musick to be the gift of God, yet (like other his Graces and Benefits) it is not given to the Idle, but they must reach it with the hand of Industry by putting in practice the Works and Inventions of skilful Artists; for meerly to Speak and Sing are of Nature, and this double use of the Articulate Voice the rudest Swains of all Nations do make; but to Speak well, and fing well, are of Art: There-

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Therefore when I had confidered the great want of Books, fetting forth the Rules and Grounds of this Divine Science of Musick in our own Language, it was a great motive with me to undertake this Work, though I must confess our Nation is at this time plentifully stored with skilful Men in this Science, better able than my felf to have undertaken this Work; but their flowness and modesty (being, as I conceive, unwilling to appear in Print about fo small a matter) has made me adventure on it, though with the danger of not being so well done as they might have performed it: And I was the rather induced thereunto, for that the Prescription of Rules of all Arts and Sciences ought to be delivered in plain and brief Language, and not in flowers of Eloquence; which Maxim I have followed: For after the most brief; plain, and easie method I could invent, I have here fet down the Grounds of Musick; omitting nothing in this Art which I conceived necessary for the Practice of Young Beginners, both for Vocal and Instrumental Musick: Also I have in a brief method fet forth the Art of Composing Two, Three, and Four Parts Musically; in such easie and plain Kules as are most necessary to be understood by Young Practitioners, which were never before Printed, but now in this Tenth Edition: The Work as it is, I must confess, is not all my own, some part thereof being collected out of other Authors which have written on this Subject, the which I hope will make it more approved. And if in the whole I gain your ingenious Acceptance, it will further encourage me to do you more Service in this nature.

### Of MUSICK in General,

#### And of its Divine and Civil Uses.

USICK is an Art unsearchable, Divine and Excellent, by which a true Concordance of Sounds or Harmony is produced, that rejoiceth and cheareth the Hearts of Men: and bath in all Ages and in all Countries been highly reverenced and efteemed; by the Jews for Religion and Divine Worship in the Service of God, as appears by Scripture; by the Grecians and Romans to induce Virtue and Gravity, and to incite to Courage and Valour. Great Disputes were among Ethnick Authors about the first Inventor, some for Orpheus, some Lynus, both famous Poets and Musicians; others for Amphion, whose Musick drew Stones to the Building of the Walls of Thebes; as Orpheus had by the harmonious Touch of his Harp, moved the wild Beasts and Trees to Dance: But the true meaning thereof is, that by Virtue of their Musick, and their wise and pleasing Musical Poems, the one brought the Savage and Beaft-like Thracians to Humanity and Gentleness; the other perswaded the rude and careless Thebans to the fortifying of their City, and to a civil Conversation: The Egyptians to Apollo, attributing the first Invention of the Harp to him, and certainly they had an high esteem of the Excellency of Musick, to make Apollo (who was the God of Wisdom) to be the God of Musick: But the People of God do truly acknowledge a far more ancient Inventor of this Divine Art, Jubal the fixth

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sixth from Adam, who, as it is recorded Gen. 4.27. Was the Father of all that handle the Harp or Organ. St. Augustine goeth yet farther, shewing, that it is the gift of God himself, and a Representation or Admonition of the sweet Consent and Harmony which his Wisdom hath made in the Creation and Administration of the World. And well it may be termed a Divine and Mysterious Art, for among all those rare Arts and Sciences, with which God hath endued Men, this of Musick is the most sublime and excellent for its wonderful Effects and Inventions: It hath been the study of Millions of Men for many thousand years, yet none ever attained the full scope and perfection thereof; but still appeared new Matter for their Inventions; and which is most wonderful, the whole Mystery of this Art is comprised in the compass of three-Notes or Sounds, which is most ingeniously observed by Mr. Christopher Simpson, in his Division-Violist, pag. 18. in these words, All Sounds than can possibly be

Tris sun Oppia.

joyned at once together in Musical Concordance, are still but the reiterated Harmony in Three; a significant Emblem of that Supreme and Incomprehensible Trinity, Three in One, Governing and Disposing the whole Machine of the World, with all its included Parts in a perfect Harmony; for in the

Harmony of Sounds, there is some great and hidden Mystery above what hath been yet discovered. And Mrs. Catherine Phillips in her Encomium on Mr. Henry Laws his second Book of Ayres, hath these words:

Nature, which in the vast Creation's Soul, That steady curious Agent in the whole,

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The Art of Heaven, the Order of this Frame, Is only Musick in another Name. And as some King, Conqu'ring what was his own, Hath choice of several Titles to his Crown; So Harmony on this score now, that then, Yet still is all that takes and Governs Men. Beauty is but Composure, and we find Content is but the Concord of the Mind; Friendship the Unison of well-tun'd Hearts; Honour's the Chorus of the Noblest Parts: And all the World, on which we can resect, Musick to the Ear, or to the Intellect.

Nor hath there yet been any Reason given of that sympathy in Sounds, that the Strings of a Viol being struck, and another Viol laid at a distance, and tuned in Concordance to it, the same Strings thereof should sound and move in a sympathy with the other, though not touch d: Nor that the sound of a Sackbut or Trumpet, should by a stronger Emission of Breath, skip from Concord to Concord, before you can force it into any Gradation of Tones or Notes. Ath. Kercherus, a learned Writer, reports, that in Calabria, and other Parts of Italy, there is a poysonous Spider, called the Tarantula, by which such as are bitten fall into a Frensie of madness and laughter; to allay the immoderate passion thereof, Musick is the speedy Remedy and Cure, for which they have solemn Songs and Tunes.

The first and chief Use of Musick is for the Service and Praise of God, whose gift it is. The second Use is for the Solace of Men, which as it is agreeable unto Nature, so it is allowed by God, as a temporal blessing to recreate and cheer men after long study and weary labour in their Vocations. Eccles. 40. 20. Wine and Musick rejoyceth the Heart, as the Philosopher adviseth, Musica Medicina est molestiæ illius per labores suscipitur.

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Æliamus in his Hist. Animal. 1.10.c. 29. writeth, That of all Beasts, there is none that is not delighted with Harmony, but only the Ass. H. Stephanus reports, that he saw a Lion in London leave his Meat to bear Musick. My self as I travelled some years since near Royston, met a Herd of Stags, about twenty, upon the Road, following a Bag-pipe and a Violin, which while the Musick plaid they went forward; when it ceased they all stood still; and in this manner they were brought out of York-shire to Hampton-Court. If irrational Creatures so naturally love and are delighted with Musick, shall not rational Man, who is endued with the knowledge thereof? A Learned Author hath this Observation, That Musick is used onely of the most Aerial Creatures, loved and understood by Man: The Birds of the Air, those pretty Winged Choristers, how at the approach of the Day do: they warble forth their Makers Praise? among which, observe the little Lark, who by a natural instinct doth very often mount up the Sky, as high as his wings will bear him, and there warble out his Melody as long as his strength enables him, and then descends to his flock, who presently fend up another Chorister to supply this Divine Service. It is also observed of the Cock, which Chaucer call's Chanticleer, his Crowing is founded Musically and dothallude to the perfect Syllables of the word Ha-le-lu-jah.

Athanasius Kircher, writes also, that the Cock doth sound a perfect Eight Musically, thus, when his Hens come from their nest, he hath several other observations of Co co co co co co co co.co. Co. Sounds by such Animals.

The Philosopher says, not to be Animal Musicum, is not to be Animal Rationale. And the Italian Proverb

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Proverb is, God loves not him, whom he hath not made to love Musick. Nor doth Musick only delight the Mind of Man, and Beasts, and Birds, but also conduceth much to bodily health by the exercise of the Voice in Song, which doth clear and strengthen the Lungs, and if to it be also joyned the Exercise of the Limbs, none need fear Asthma or Consumption; the want of which exercise is often the death of many Students: Also much benefit hath been found thereby, by such as have been troubled with defeets in Speech, as Stammering and bad Utterance. It gently breaths and vents the Mourners Grief, and heightens the Joys of them that are cheerful: It abateth Spleen and Harred. The valiant Souldier in Fight is animated when he hears the found of the Trumpet, the Fife and Drum: All Mechanick Artists do find it cheer them in their weary Labours. Scaliger (Exercit. 302.) gives a reason of these Effects, because the Spirits about the heart taking in that trembling and dancing Air in the body, are moved together, and stirred up with it; or that the Mind, harmonically composed, is Roused up at the Tunes of the Musick. And farther, we see even young Babes are charm'd asleep by their Singing Nurses; nay the poor labouring Beasts at Plow and Cart are cheer'd by the sound of Musick, though it be but their Masters Whistle. If Godthen hath granted such benefit to Men by the Civil exercise, fure the Heavenly and Divine Use will much more redound to our eternal comfort, if with our Voices we joyn our Hearts when we sing in his Holy place. Venerable Bede writeth, That no Science but Musick may enter the Doors of the Church: The Use of which in the Worship and Service of God, that it hath been anciently used, and should still be continued, may be easily proved from the Evidence of Gods Word, and the Practice of the Church

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in all Ages: You shall seldom meet Holy David without an Instrument in his Hand, and a Psalm in his Mouth; Fifty three Holy Meters or Psalms he dedicated to his Chief Musician Jeduthun, to compose Musick to them: He was one in whom the Spirit of God delighted to dwell, for no evil Spirit will abide to tarry where Musick and Harmony are lodged; for when he playd before Saul, the evil Spirit departed immediately. This Power of Musick against evil Spirits, Luther seemeth to think that it doth still remain, Scimus (saith he) Musicam Dæmonibus etiam invisam & intolerabilem esse, We know that Musick is most dreadful and intolerable to the Devils. How acceptable Divine Harmony was to God in his Worship, appears in 2 Chron. 5. 12, 13. Also the Levites, which were the Singers, all of them of Asaph, of Hemon, of Jeduthun, with their Sons and their Brethren being arrayed in white linnen, having Cymbals and Pfalteries, and Harps, stood at the East end of the Altar, and with them an hundred and twenty Priests founding with Trumpets: It came even to pais, as the Trumpeters and Singers were as one, to make one found to be heard in praising and thanking the Lord: And when they lift up their Voice with the Trumpets and Cymbals, and Instruments of Musick, &c. that then the House was filled with a Cloud, even the House of the Lord. The Use of Musick was continued in the Church of the Jews, even until the Destruction of their Temple and Nation by Titus. And the Use thereof also began in the Christian Church in our Saviour and his Apostles time. If you Consult the Writings of the Pri-mitive Fathers, you shall scarce meet with one that doth not write of the Divine Use of Musick in Churches; and yet true it is, that some of them did find fault with some Abuses

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Abuses thereof in the Service of God; ( and so they would now if they were alive; ) but that condemneth the Right Use thereof no more than the Holy Supper is condemned by St. Paul, while he blameth those who shamefully profaned it. The Christian Emperours, Kings, and Princes in all Ages have had this Divine Science in great Esteem and Honour: Constantine the Great, and Theodosius, did both of them begin and sing Divine Hymns in the Christian Congregations; and Justinian, the Emperour, composed an Hymn to be sung in the Church, which began, To the only begotten Son and Word of God: Of Charles the Great it is reported, that he went often into the Psalmody and Sung himself, and appointed his Sons and other Princes what Pfalms and Hymns should be Sung. But to come nearer home: History tells us, that the ancient Britains of this Island had Musicians before they had Books; and the Romans, that invaded them (who were not too forward to magnifie other Nations) confess what power the Druids and Bards had over the Peoples Affections, by recording in Songs the Deeds of heroick Spirits, their Laws and Religion being sung in Tunes, and so without Letters transmitted to Posterity; wherein they were so dexterous, that their Neighbours of Gaul came hither to learn it. Alfred, a Saxon King of this Land, was well skill d in all manner of Learning, but in his knowledge of Musick took most delight. King Henry the Eighth did much advance Musick in the first part of his Reign, when his mind was more intent upon Arts and Sciences, at which time he invited the best Masters out of Italy, and other Countries; whereby he grow to great Knowledge therein; of which he gave Testimony, by composing with his own hand two entire Services of sive and six Parts, as is recorded by the Lord Herbert,

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Herbert, who writ his Life. Edward the Sixth was a Lover and Encourager thereof, If we may believe Dr. Tye, one of His Chappel, who put the Acts of the Apostles into Metre, and Composed the same to be sung in Four Parts, which he Printed and Dedicated to the King; his Epistle began thus:

Considering well, most Godly King.
The Zeal and perfect Love
Your Grace doth bear to each good Thing,
That given is from above,

That such good Things your Grace might move.
Your Lute when you assay,
Instead of Songs of wanton love,
These Stories then to Play.

Queen Elizabeth was not only a Lover of this Divine Science, but a good Proficient herein; and I have been informed by an ancient Musician and her Servant, that she did often recreate her self on an Excellent Instrument called the Poliphant, not much unlike a Lute, but strung with Wire: And that it was her care to promote the same in the Worship of God, may appear by her 49th. Injunction. And King James granted his Letters Patents to

the Musicians in London for a Corporation.

Nor was his late Sacred Majesty, and Blessed Martyr, King Charles, the First, behind any of his Predecessor's in the Love and Promotion of this Science, especially in the Service of Almighty God, which with much Zeal he would hear reverently performed, and often appointed the Service and Anthems himself, especially that sharp Service Composed by Dr. William Child, being by his Knowledge in Musick a competent Judge therein; and could play his part exactly well on the Bass-Viol, especially of those Incomparable Fancies of Mr. Coperario to the Organi.

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Of whose Vertues and Piety (by the infinite mercy of Almighty God) this Kingdom now enjoys a Living Example in his Son and our Gracious Soveraign Charles the Second, whom God long preserve; whose Love of this Divine Art appears by his Encouragement of it, and the Professors thereof, especially in his bountiful Augmentation of the Annual Allowance of the Gentlemen of His Chappel; which Example if it were followed by the Superiours of our Cathedrals in this Kingdom, it would much encourage Men of this Art (who are there employed to Sing Praises to Almighty God) to be more studious in that Duty, and would take off that Contempt which is cast upon many of them for their mean performances and poverty; but it is their and all true Christians forrow, to see how that Divine Worship is contemned by blind Zealots, who do not, nor will not understand the use and excellency thereof.

But Musick in this Age (like other Arts and Sciences) is in low esteem with the generality of people, our late and Solemn Musick, both Vocal and Instrumental, is now justed out of esteem by the new Corants and Jigs of Foreigners, to the grief of all sober and judicious Understanders of that formerly solid and good Musick: Nor must we expect Harmony in Peoples Minds, so long as Pride, Vanity, Faction, and Discords, are so predominant in their Lives: But I conclude with the Words of Mr. Owen Feltham in his Resolves, We find saith he, that in Heaven there is Musick and Hallelujah's Sung; I believe it is an helper both to good and evil, and will therefore honour it when it moves to Vertue, and shall

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the Scale of Musick call'd the Gam-ut.

HE Gam-ut is the Ground of all Musick. Vocal or Instrumental; and (as Ornithoparcus reports) was composed by Guido Aretinus, about the Year 060, out fix Syllables in the Saphick of the Hymn of . Fohan. Baptista.

UT-queant laxis REsonare fibris MIra gestorum

F Amuli tuorum

SOLve poluti

L Abii reatum.

By another thus, IT RElivet MI ferum FAtum SOLitumg; LAborem; Ascending thus,



These six Notes were used for many years past in this order, Ascending and Descending, but now four are only in use, viz, Sol, La, Mi, Fa, (so that that and the are changed into Sol and La) which are sufficient to express the several Sounds, and are less burthensome to the Practitioner's Memory.

Example. Sol La Wi Fa Sol La Fa Sol

Besides the Names of these Notes, there is used in our Scale of Musick called the Gam-ut, seven Letters of the Alphabet, which are set in the sirst Column, at the Beginning of each Rule and Space, as G, A, B, C, D, E, F. And of these there are Three Septenaries ascending one above the other, G being put first, agreeing with the third Letter in the Greek Alphabet called Gamma, and is made thus r in Greek, in English G, (the first Derivation thereof being from the ancient Greek) as you may see in the Scale of Musick at the end of this Chapter.

These seven Letters are called Cliss, or more properly Cleaves, and the Syllables adjoying to them are the Names of the Notes. By the three Septenaries are distinguished the three several Parts of Musick into which the Scale is divided; first, the Bassus, which is the lowest Part; secondly, the Mean or middle Part; and thirdly, the Treble or highest Part; so that according to these three Septenaries, Sameur is the lowest Note, and Elathe highest. And these, the usual Sameurs in Mr. Morley and others did not exceed; but there are many Notes used, both above and below, and

and do exceed this Compass, both in Vocal and Instrumental Musick, which ought not to be omitted; for the Compass of Musick is not confind: And though there be but three Septenaries of Notes in the Example of the Gam-ut, which amount to the Compass of One and Twenty Notes or Sounds; yet in the Treble, or highest Part, as occasion requires, you may Ascend more Notes, for it is the same over again, only eight Notes higher: Or in your Bassus or lowest Part, you may Descend the like Notes lower than Gam-ut, as the Compass of Voice or Instrument is able to extend, which will be the same, only Eights to those above. And these Notes of Addition are usually thus distinguished:

Those above Ela in the Treble are called Notes in Alt, as F fant in Alt, G solve at in Alt, &c. and those below Gameut in the Bassas are called double Notes, as Double F faut, Double Ela mi, &c. as being Eights or Diapasons to those above Gameut. I have therefore in the Table of the Gameut in this Book, expressed them with double Letters in

heir right places.

The Gam-ut is drawn upon fourteen Rules and heir Spaces, and comprehends all Notes or Sounds stual in Musick, either Vocat or Instrumental, yet when any of the Parts into which it is divided, viz. Treble, Mean or Tenor, and Bass, shall come to be pricked out by it self in Songs or Lessons, either or Voice or Instrument, sive Lines is only usual for me of those Parts, as being sufficient to contain the Compass of Noves thereto belonging: And if here be any Noves that extend higher or lower,

it is usual to add a Line in that place with a Pen. But for all Lessons for the Organ, Virginals, or Harp, two Staves of six Lines together are required, one for the left hand or lower Keys, the other for

the right hand or upper Keys.

He that means to understand what he Sings or Plays, must study to be perfect in the Knowledge of the Scale or Gam-ut, to have it perfect in his Memory without Book, both forward and backward, and to distinguish the Cliffs and Notes as they stand in Rule or Space; for knowing the Notes Places, their Names are eafily known.

The three Columns to the right hand of the Scale

or Gam-ut are thus described:

The first Column is called B duralis, or B sharp, as having no Flat in B mi, and has in it the Names of the Notes as they are called on the Rules and in

the Spaces, ascending and descending.

The second Column is called B naturalis, or B proper, having a B flat in B mi only, which is put at the beginning of the Line with the Cliff; and in this Column likewise you have the Names of the Notes as they stand on Rule or in Space.

The third and last Column is called B mollaris. or B fa, having two B flats, the one in B mi, the other in E la mi, placed at the beginning with the Cliff; and here also you have the Names of the

Notes.

In these Three Columns the names of the Notes are changed according to the proper Keys; Alfo observe this for a General Rule, that what Name any Note hath, the fame Name properly hath Treble, Mean, Tenor, or Bass.

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A Second Table of the Scale of MUSICK called the GAM-VT, in which every Key or Note is put in its proper place upon the Five Lines on Rule and in Space, according to the two usual figned Cleaves or Cliffs, viz. the Baffus and the Treble, ascending from the lowest Note of the Bass to the highest in the Treble.



CCfaut, DD solre, EE lami, FF faut, Gam-ut, Are,

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#### Of the Cliffs or Cleaves.

N the Gam-ut (as I said before) is contained three Septenaries of Letters, which are G, A, B, C, D, E, F, These seven Letters are set at the beginning of each Rule and Space, and are called Cliffs; of these seven, four are only used, one of which is commonly placed at the beginning of every Line of any Song or Lellon, either Vocal or Instrumental. The first is called F fam Cleave or Cliff; which is only proper to the Bassor lowest Part; and is thus marked a on the fourth Line, at the beginning of Songs or Lessons. The second is the C fol faut, which is proper to the Middle or Inner Parts, as Tenor, Counter-Tenor, or Mean, and is thus figned or marked #. The third is the G fol re ut Cleave or Cliff, which is only proper to the Treble or highest Part, and is signed or marked thus on the fecond Line of the Song or Lesson.

These three Cliffs are called the three signed Cliffs, because they are always set at the beginning of the Lines on which the Song or Lesson is prickt, Cliff or Cleave is derived from Clavis a Key, or guide to

understand the Notes.

From these Cliffs, the Places of all the Notes in your Song or Lesson are understood, by proving your Notes from them, according to the Rule of the Gam-ut, either up or down.

A fourth Cliff is the B Cliff, which is proper to all Parts, as being of two natures or properties,

that is to fay, Flat or Sharp, and doth only serve for the flatting and sharping of Notes, and therefore it is called B fa, B mi; the B fa signifies flat, the B mi, sharp. The B fa, or B flat, is known on Rule or Space by this mark [b]; and the B mi, which is sharp, by this [x]

But these two Rules you are to observe of them both: First, the  $\mathcal{B}$  fa, or  $\mathcal{B}$  flat, doth alter both the name and property of the Notes before which it is placed, and is called Fa, making that Note half a Tone or Sound lower than it was before.

Secondly, the B mi, or B sharp; alters the property of the Notes before which it is placed, but not the Name; for it is usually placed either before Fa or Sol, and they retain their Names still; but their Sound is raised half a Tone or Sound higher.

Note, That these two B Cliffs are placed not only at the beginning of the Lines with the other Cliff, but are usually put to several Notes in the middle of any Song or lesson for the flatting and sharping them, as the Harmony of the Musick requires.

#### CHAP. III.

A brief Rule for Proving the Notes in any Song or Lesson.

TIRST observe with which of the three usual Cliffs your Song or Lesson is signed with at the beginning; if it be with the G sol rest Cliff, then if the Note be above it, whose Name and Place you

you would know, you must begin at your Cliff, and assign to every Rule and Space a Note, according to the Rule of your Gam-ut, ascending till you come to that Rule or Space wherein the same Note is set: But if the Note be below your Cliff, then you must prove downwards to it, saying your Gam-ut backwards, assigning to each Rule and Space a Note, 'till you come to its place. So that by knowing in what place of your Gam-ut the Note is set, you will easily know its name, the next Chapter directing you an infallible Rule for it, and that by an easie and familiar Example.

#### CHAP. IV.

Containing a plain and easis Rule for the Naming your Notes in any Cliff.

Having observed the foregoing Direction of proving your Notes to know their Places, you may easily know their Names also, if you will follow this Rule: First, observe that Mi is the principal or Master-Note, which leads you to know all the rest; for having found out that, the other sollow upon course: And this Mi hath its being in four several places, but it is but in one of them at a time; its proper place is in B mi; but if a B flat, which is a B flat (as is mentioned in Chap. 2.) be put, in that place, then it is removed into E la mi, which is its second place; but if a B flat be placed there also, then it is in its third place, which is A la mi re; if a B flat come there also, then it is removed into

its fourth place, which is Dia folre; so that in which of these it is, the next Notes above it assending are Fa folla, Fa folla, twice, and then you meet with your Mi again, for it is found but once in eight Notes: In like manner, the Notes next below it descending are La folfa, La folfa, and then you have your Mi again: For your better understanding of which, observe this old Metre, whose Rules are plain, true, and easie.

To attain the Skill of Musicks Art, Learn Gam-ut up and down by heart, Thereby to learn your Rules and Spaces, Notes Names are known, knowing their Places. No Man can sing true at first sight, Unless he Name his Notes aright: Which soon is learnt, if that your Mi You know its Place where e're it be.

Example.

Sol la Mi fa fol la fa fol

\*\*E la mi. Then \*\*E is Mi, be fure of that.

Sol la fa fol la Mi fa fol la Mi fa fol



If all be Flat, E, A, and B,
Then Mi alone doth stand in \*D.

Example.



The first three Notes above your Mi.
Are fa sol la, here you may see;
The next three under Mi that fall,
Them la sol sa you ought to cull.

#### Example.



Sol la Mi fa sol la fa sol fa la sol fa Mi la sol fa

If you'll sing true without all blame, You call all Eights by the same name.

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Example of the Eighths.



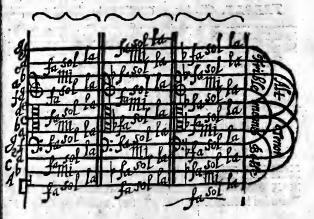
First learn by Cliffs to Name your Notes, By Rules and Spaces right; Then Tune with Time, to ground your Skill, For Musicks sweet Delight.

These Rules and Examples being seriously perused by the Learner, will infallibly direct him in the right naming of his Notes, which is a very great help to the Singer; for nothing makes him sooner mistake his Tune in Singing, than the missianing his Notes: And therefore take this one Rule more for the naming your Notes, by finding your Minits several places in any Cliff whatsoever, be it Bass, Treble or any Inward Part, there being no Song pricked down for any Part that does not employ some of the Five Lines in the following Example. The several Parts are demonstrated by the little Arches, or Columns, on the right side of the Example.

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Another Example for Naming the Notes in A any Cliff.

Mi in B. Mi in E. Mi in A.



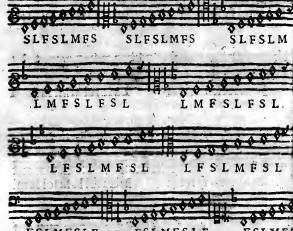
This Example expresses the Names of the Notes in the three Removes of Mi. I have seen Songs with four Flats, as is before mentioned, viz. in B mi, E la mi, A la mi re, and D la sol re; but this fourth place of D la sol re is very seldom used, and such Songs may be termed irregular, as to the Naming the Notes, (being rather intended for Instruments than Voices) and therefore not sit to be proposed to young Beginners to sing. And because I will omit nothing that may be useful to Practitioners, I have set down a third Example of Naming the Notes in all Parts, as the Flats are assigned to the Cliss.

An exact Table of the Names of the Notes in all the usual Cliffs, expressed in the Six several Parts of Musick.





ATABLE shewing the Comparison of the most usual Cliffs, how they agree together in the naming the Notes.









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# CHAP. V.

# Of Tuning the Voice.

HUS having briefly given you plain and familiar Rules for the understanding the nature and use of the Gam-ut, It will be necessary, before I set down your first plain Songs, to insert a word or two concerning the Tuning of the Voice, in regard none can attain the right guiding or ordering his Voice, in the rifing and falling of several Sounds which are in Musick, at first, without the help of another Voice, or Instrument. They are both of them extraordinary helps: But the Voice of a skilful Artist is first to be preser'd, yet the Voice guided by the sound of an Instrument, may do well, if the Learner have skill thereon himself to express the feveral founds, fo that his Ear and Voice go along with the Instrument, in the ascending and descending of the several Notes or Sounds. And (if not) if an Justrument be sounded by another who is an Artist, fo the Learner hath a good Ear to guide his Voice in unity to the sound of the Instrument, it will with a little practice (by fometimes finging with, and fometimes without) guide his Voice into a perfect Harmony, to fing plain Song with exactness; I mean by Tuning his Notes perfectly, Ascending and Descending, and in rasing or falling of a Third, a Fourth, a Fifth, or Sixth, &c. as in the following Plain Songs they are set down. At the first guiding the Voice therein it will much help you if you observe this Rule; for a Third ascending, which

which is from Sol to Mi, at your first Tuning sound by degrees all three Notes, as Sol La Mi, then at second Tuning seave out La, the middle Note, and so you will Tune from Sol to Mi, which is a Third. This Rule serves for the rising of Fourths or Fifths, Ge. as your third Plain Song in the next Page directs.

Observe, that in the Tuning your Voice you strive

to have it clear.

Also in the expressing your Voice, or Tuning of Notes, let the Sound come clear form your throat, and not through the teeth, by sucking in your breath, for that is a great obstruction to the clear utterance of the Voice.

Lastly, observe, that in Tuning your first Note of your plain Song, you equal it so to the pitch of of your Voice, that when you come to your highest Note, you may reach it without squaking, and your lowest Note without grumbling.

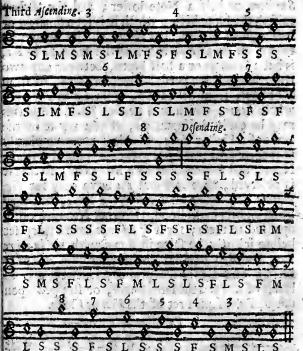
The three usual Plain Songs for Tuning the Voice, with the proper Letters of the Names of the Notes.



Second.



Third.



# Of Tones or Tunes of Notes.

Bferve that the two B Cliffs before-mentioned are used in Songs for the flatting and sharping Notes. The property of the B flat is to change Minto Fa, making that Note to which it is joyned a Semi-

Semitone or half a Note lower; and the B sharp raiseth the Note before which it is set a Semitone or half a found higher, but alters not its Name; for that from Mi to Fa, and likewise from La to Fa, is but a Semitone or a half Note, between any two other Notes it is a perfect Tone, or found, as from Fa to Sol, from Sol to La, from La to Mi, are whole Tones, which is a perfect found. And this may be easily distinguished, if you try it on the Frets of a Viol or Lute, you shall perceive plainly that there goes two Frets to the stopping of a whole Note; and but one Fret to a half Note; fo that it is observed, that Mi and Fa serve only for the flatting or sharping all Notes in the Scale, and they being rightly understood, the other Notes are easily applyed to them; for if G fol re ut have a sharp set before it, it's the same in sound with A la mire flat; and B fa B mi flat, is the same with Alamire sharp; and Cfaut sharp is D solve flat, &c. as being of one and the same sound, or stopped upon one and the same Fret of the Viol or Violin.

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For Discourse of the Cords and Discords, I shall only name them in this Part of my Book.

PErfect Cords are these, a Fifth, an Eighth, with their Compounds or Octaves.

Imperfect Cords are these, a Third, a Sixth, with their Compounds; all other distances reckoned from the Bass are discords.

A Diapason is a perfect Eighth, containing 5 whole Tones, and 2 half Tones, that are in all seven natural Sounds or Notes besides the Ground, what

flats or sharps foe're there be.

For a further discourse, I refer you to Mr. Sympson's Compendium, or, The Art of Descant; my purpose here being only to set down the Rules for the Theoretick Part of Musick, so far as is necessary to be understood by young Practitioners in Vocal or Instrumental Musick. I shall in the next Chapter give an account of the Notes, their Time and Proportions.

#### CHAP. VII.

The Notes; their Names, Number, Measure, and Proportions.

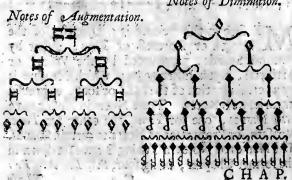
Large Long Breve Semibre Minim Crotchet Quaver Semiq.

Easure in this Science is a Quantity of the Length or shortness of Time, either by Natural Sounds, pronounced by the Voice, or Artificial, upon Instruments; which Measure is by a certain motion of the hand or foot, expressed in variety of Notes. These Notes in Musick have two Names, one for Tune, the other for Time, Measure, or Proportion of Notes to certain Sounds. The Names of Notes in Tuning I have set down in the former Chapter, being sour, Sol, La, Mi, Fa:

Those in the Measure or Proportion of Time are eight, as a Large, Long, Breve, Semibreve, Minim; Crotchet, Quaver, and Semiguaver, expressed at the beginning of this Chapter: The four first are Notes of Augmentation or Increase, the four last of Diminution or Decrease. The Large is the first of Augmentation, being longest in found: In Time, or Measure, it is the Master-Note, being of one certain Measure by it felf: By which all the other Notes, both of Augmentation and Diminution, are measured by or proportioned to its value. The Large contains eight Semibreves, the Long four, and the Breve two, the Semibreve one. The Notes of Diminution, viz. Minim, Crotchet, Quaver, and Semiquaver are reckoned to, as the others were measured by the Semibreve; and, according to the ordinary proportion of Time, two Minims are accounted to the Semibreve, two Crotchets to the Minim, two Quavers to the Croschet, and two Semiquavers to the Quaver.

Example.

Notes of Diminution.



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Of the Rests or Pauses, of Pricks, and Notes of Syncopation.

Large. Long. Breve. Semibreve. Minim. Crotchet. Quaver.



Pauses or Rests are silent Characters, or an artiscial omission of the Voice or Sound, proportioned to a certain Measure of Time, by motion of the hand or foot (whereby the Quantity of Notes and Rests are directed) by an equal measure, the signatures and characters of the Rests are placed over each

Note in the foregoing Example.

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To these Notes appertain also certain other Rules, as Augmentation, Syncopation, Pricks of Perfection or Addition; of which, I shall only set down what is necessary to be understood by the Practitioner; as first, of the Pricks of Perfection or Addition; next of Syncopation, or breaking of the Time, by the Driving a Minim through Semi-breves, or a Croscher through Minims, which is the bearing Time in the middle of such Notes.

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portion or measure a Minim, and makes that Semibreve which before was but two Minims to be three Minims, in one continued Sound; and so the like proportion to other Notes.

### Example.

Prick Long, Breve, Semibreve, Minim, Crotchet, Quaver.



A further Example of the Prick Notes, wherein the Measure of the Time is barred, according to the Semibreve, both by Prick Semibreves, Minims, and Crotchets.



Secondly

Secondly, Pricks of Perfection are used for perecting of Notes, and are only used in the Triple-lime; of which, I shall speak more at the latter

nd of Chap. X.

Thirdly, Syncopation is when the beating of Time alls to be in the midst of a Semibreve or Minim, &c. r, as we usually term it, Notes driven 'till the Time falls even again,





This Example shews, that many times in Songs r Lessons, two, four, or more Quavers or Semiwavers are tyed together by a long stroke on the op of their Tails; and though they be so, they re the same with the other, and are so tyed for he benefit of the fight, when many Quavers or emiquavers happen together, not altering the Measure or Proportion of Time. CHAP.

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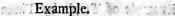
Of the Keeping of Time by the Measure of the Semibreve or Master-Note

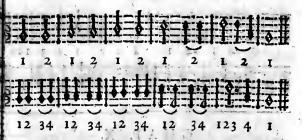
Notes are proportioned, and its Measure when whole is expressed (naturally by the Voice or artificially by an Instrument) by moving the Hand or Foot up and down. In Notes of Aug mentation, the Sound is continued to more than one Semibreve; but in Notes of Diminution, the Sound is variously broken into Minims, Crotchets, and Quavers, or the like: So that in keeping Time your hand goes down at one Minim, and up at the next. For the more ease at first, if you have two Minims, or four Crotchets, as in the Example following, in one Bar, which is the proportion of a Semilireve; you may, in Minims, pronounce one two; your hand being down at your first founding one, and up at two, and down again at the third Minim, up at the fourth, and down at the fifth Ge. Alfo when you have four Crotobets, pronounce one, two, three, four, that is, the hand is down at one and up at three, and down when you begin the next Bar of four Crotchets, as in this Example. This Rule observe, according to the Measure of those Notes your Semibreve is divided into, by certain Bars 'twixi every Semibreve, be it either Triple, Duple or Com mon Time. gres bereile of the shift, when the

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Example of quicker Notes divided into Common-Time.

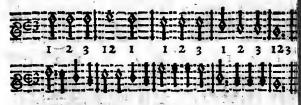


Example of Tripla by Three Semibreves.



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Example of Tripla by Three Minims.



## CHAP. X.

Of the Four Moods or Proportions of the Time or Measure of Notes.

The usual Moods may not here be mist, In them much cunning doth consist.

THere are Four Moods, the which are divided into Four Tables, that is to fay:

These Four Moods were used in sormer times, but of late years, those of our Nation that have Composed Musick, either Vocal or Instrumental, have made use only of the two latter; that is to say, the Impersest of the More and Impersest of the Less, the first being called the Tripla Time, the other the Dupla or Common Time, these two being sufficient to express much variety of Music: However, because the Italians do at this day use in their Music all Four, I will not omit to give you the Desinitions and Proportions of them in their order, and be more large upon the two latter, because most used by the Practitioners of Music in our Nation.

Of the two first Moods.

THE Perfett of the More is when all go by three, as three Longs to a Large, three Breves to a Long, three Semibreves to a Breve, three Minims to a Semibreve; except Croschess, &c. which go by two; Mark'd thus,

The Perfect of the More 03.



THE Perfect of the Less is when all go by two, except the Semibreves, as two Longs to a Large, two Breves to a Long, three Semibreves to a Breve, two Minims to a Semibreve, &c. and its Sign or Mark is made thus,

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Of the two last and most useful Moods.

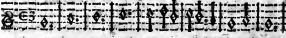
3. THE Imperfett of the More is when all go by two, except the Minims, which go by three as two Longs to a Large, two Breves to a Long, two Semibreves to a Breve, three Minims to the Semibreve with a Prick of Perfection, which makes the whole proportion of three Minims, and is called a whole Time: His Mood is thus figned c 3, and this is usually called the Triple Time.

The Imperfect of the More 3.



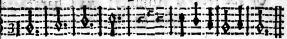
This Mood is much used in Airy Songs and Galliards, and is usually called Galliard or Triple Time; and is of two Motions, the one flow, the other more swift.

The first is, when the Measure is by three Minims to a Semibreve with a Prick, which Prick is for Perfection, to make it a perfect whole Time, and is usually called Tripla or Three to one.



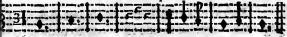
The second Measure of this Triple Time is to a swifter motion, and is measured by three Croschers, or a Minim

finim with a Prick for Perfettion, which is a whole ime. This swifter Measure is used in Light essents, as Sarabands, Jigs, and the like.



This swifter Triple Time is sometimes prick'd in lack Notes, which Black Note is of the same Meare with the Minim in the soregoing Example, but seldom used, because the Minims are the same and rive as well.

For Example.



THE Fourth or last Mood, which is called the Imperfect of the Less, is when all goes by wo, as two Longs to a Large, two Breves to a long, two Semibreves to a Breve, two Minims to a emibreve, two Crocchets to a Minim, &c. and his is called the Duple or Semibreve Time, (but many all it the Common Time, because most used;) and is Mood is thus marked \$\frac{1}{2}\$ and is usual in Anthems, antasses, Pavans, Almans, and the like; whose leasure is set down in this following Example.

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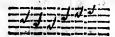
Note, Thut when this Common Mood is reversed hus \$\,\text{, it is to signifie, that the Time of that Lesson or long, before which it is so set, is to be Play'd or Sung as wift again as the usual Measure.

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Of the feveral Adjuncts and Characters
used in Music.

Direct is usually put at the end of the Lin and serves to direct to the place of the fir Note on the next Line, and are thus made:



2. Bars are of two forts, fingle and double. The fingle Bars ferve to divide the Time according to the Measure of the Semibreve: The double Bars are set to divide the several Strains or Stanzaes of the Song and Lessons: And are thus made:

3. A Repeat is thus marked and is used to fignifie that such a part of a Song or Lesson must be played or Sung over again from that Note ove which it is placed.

4. A Tye is of two uses; first, when the Note i driven, or the Time struck in the middle of the Note, it is usual to Tye two Minims, or a Minim

and a Crotchet together, as thus:



The Second fort of Tyes is when two or more Notes are to be Sung to one Syllable, or two Notes or more to be plaid with once drawing the Bow on the Viol or Violin, as thus:



the Note which the Author intends should be held to a longer Measure than the Note contains; and over the last Note of a Lesion.

6. The Figures usually placed over Notes in the Thorough Bass of Songs or Ayres, for the Organ or Theorbo, is to direct the Performer to strike in other parts to those Notes, as Thirds, Sixths, with Sharps and Flats; As thus.

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I I I I I have not put forth to the view of the World those Fruits of my Music Studies employed about that Noble manner of Singing, which I learnt of my Master the famous Scipione del Palla in Italy; nor my Compositions of Ayres Composed by me, which I saw frequently practised by the most famous Singers in Italy, both Men and Women: But seeing many of them go about maimed and fpoyl'd, and that those long winding Points were ill performed, I therefore devised to avoid that old manner of running Division which has been hitherto used, being indeed more proper for Wind and Stringed Instruments than for the Voice: And feeing that there is made now adays an indifferent and confused use of those excellent Graces and Ornaments to the good & true manner of Singing, which we call Trills, and Grupps, Exclamations of Increasing

and Abating of the Voice, of which I do intend in this my Discourse to leave some Foot-prints, that others may attain to this excellent manner of Singing: To which manner I have framed my last Ayres for one Voice to the Theorbo, not following that Old way of Composition; whose Music not suffering the Words to be understood by the hearers, for the multitude of Divisions made upon short and long Syllables, though by the Vulgar fuch Singers were cryed up for famous. But I have endeavoured in those my late Compositions to bring in a kind of Music, by which men might as it were Talk in Harmony, using in that kind of Singing a certain noble neglect of the Song (as I have often heard at Florence by the Actors in their finging Opera's). in which I endeavoured the Imitation of the Conceit of the Words, feeking out the Cords more or less passionate, according to the meaning of them, having concealed in them so much as I could the Art of Descant, and paused or stay'd the Consonances or Cords upon long Syllables; avoiding the short, and observing the same Rule in making the passages of Division by some few Quavers to Notes and to Cadences, not exceeding the value of a quarter or half a Semibreve at most. But, as I faid before, those long windings and turnings of the Voice are illiused, for I have observed that Divisions: have been invented, not because they are necessary unto a good fashion of Singing, but rather for a certain tickling of the Ears of those who do not well understand what it is to sing Passionately; for if they did; undoubtedly Divisions would have been abhorr'd, there being nothing D 2

nothing more contrary to Mion than they are, yet in some kind of Munc tess Passionate or Affectuous; and upon long Sylla les, not short, and in final Cadences some short ants of Division may be used, but not at all adders, but upon the practice of the Descant; but whink of them first in those things that a man will ling by himself, and to fashion out the manner of them, and not to promise a mans self that this Descant will bear it: For to the good manner of Composing and Singing in this way, the understanding of the conceit and the humour of the words, as well in Passionate Cords as Passionate Expressions in Singing, doth more avail than Descant; I having made use of it only to accord two Parts together, and to avoid certain notable Errors, and bind certain Discords for the accompanying of the Passion, more than to use the Art: And certain it is, that an Ayre Composed in this manner upon the Conceit of the words, by one that hath a good fashion of Singing, will work a better effect and delight more than another made with all the Art of Descant, where the Humour or Conceit of the words is not minded.

The original of which defect (if I deceive not my felf) is hence occasioned, because the Musician doth not well possess and make himself Master of that which he is to Sing. For if he did so, undoubtedly he would not run into such errors, as most easily he falleth into, who hath framed to himself a manner of Singing; for Example, altogether Passionate, with a general Rule, that in Encreasing and Abating the Voice, and in Exclamations, is the foundation of Passion, doth always

whether the words require it: Whereas those that well understand the conceit and the meaning of the Words, know our defects, and can distinguish where the Passion is more or less required. Which sort of people we should endeavour to please with all diligence, and more to esteem their praise,

than the applause of the ignorant Vulgar.

Thus Art admitteth no Mediocrity, and how much the more curiofities are in it, by reason of the excellence thereof, with so much the more labour and love ought we, the Professors thereof, to find them out: Which love hath moved me (considering that from Writings we receive the light of all Science, and of all Art ) to leave behind me this little light in the ensuing Notes and Discourses; it being my intention to show fo much as appertaineth to him who maketh profession of Singing alone, to the Harmony of the Theorbo, or other Stringed Instrument, so that he be already entred into the Theorie of Music, and Play sufficiently. Not that this cannot also be attain'd by long practife, as it is feen that many, both Men and Women, have done, and yet this they attain is but unto a certain degree: But because the Theorie of the Writings conduceth unto the attaining of that degree; and because in the profession of a Singer (in regard of the excellence thereof) not only particular things are of use, but they all together do better it; therefore to proceed in order, thus will I fay:

That the chiefest foundations, and most important Grounds of this Art are, the Tuning of the Voice in all the Notes; not onely that it be neither too high nor too low, but that there be a good manner of Tuning it used. Which Tuning being used for the most part in two fashions, we will consider both of the one and the other; and by the following Notes will shew that which to me seemeth more proper to other effects.

There are some therefore that in the Tuning of the first Nove, Tune it a Third under: Others Tune the said first Nove in his proper Tune, always increasing it in Loudness, saying, that this is the good way of putting forth the Voice gracefully.

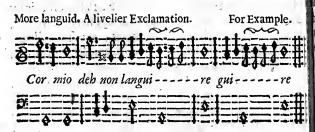
Concerning the first: Since it is not a general Rule, because it agrees not in many Cords, although in such places as it may be used, it is now become so ordinary, that instead of being a Grace (because some stay too long in the third Note under, whereas it should be but lightly touched) it is rather tedious to the Ear; and that for Beginners in particular it ought seldom to be used: But instead of it, as being more strange, I would chuse the second for the Increasing of the Voice.

Now, because I have not contained my self within ordinary terms, and such as others have used, year rather have continually searched after novelty, so much as was possible for me, so that the novelty may fitly serve to the better obtaining of the Musicians end, that is, to delight and move the affections of the mind, I have found it to be a more affectious way to Tune the Voice by a contrary effect to the other, that is, to Tune the first Note in its proper Tune,

Tune, diminishing it; because Exclamation is the principal means to move the Affection; and Exclamation properly is no other thing, but the flacking of the Voice to re-inforce it somewhat more. Whereas Increasing of the Voice in the Treble Part, especially in feigned Voices, doth oftentimes become harsh, and unfufferable to the Hearing, as upon divers occasions I have heard. Undoubtedly therefore, as an affection more proper to move, it will work a better effect to Tune the Voice diminishing it, rather than increasing of it: Because in the first of these ways now mentioned, when a man increases the Voice; to make an Exclamation, it is needful that in Slacking of it, he increase it the more. And therefore I have faid that it showeth harsh and rough. But in the Diminishing of the Voice it will work a quite contrary effect, because when the Voice is slacked, then to give it a little spirit, will always make it more passionate. Besides that also, using sometimes one, sometimes another, variety may be used, which is very necessary in this Art, so that it be directed to the said end.

So then, if this be the greatest part of that Grace in Singing, which is apt to move the affection of the mind, in those conceits certainly where there is most use of such Affections or Passions; and if it be demonstrated with such lively reasons, a new consequence is hence inferred, that from Writings of men likewise may be learned that most necessary Grace, which cannot be described in better manner, and more clearly for the understanding thereof; and yet it may be perfectly attained unto: So that after the study of the Theorie, and after these

Rules, they may be put in practife, by which and man grows more perfect in all Arts, especially in the profession of a perfect Singer, be it Man or Woman.



Of Tuning therefore with more or less Grace, and how it may be done in the aforesaid manner, tryal may be made in the above-written Notes with the words under them, Cor mio, deh non lan-For in the first Minim with the Prick, you may Tune Cor mio, diminishing it by little and little, and in the falling of the Crotchet increase the Voice with a little more spirit, and it will become: an Exclamation passionate enough, though in a Note: that falls but one degree: But much more sprightful! will it appear in the word deh, by holding of an Note that falls not by one degree: As likewise its will become most sweet by the taking of the greater Sixth that falls by a leap. Which thing I have: observed, not only to show to others what a thing Exclamation is, and from whence it grows; but also that there may be two kinds of it, one more passionate than the other; as well by the manner in which they are described, or tuned in the one: way

vay or other; as also by imitation of the word, when it shall have a signification sutable to the coneit. Besides that, Exclamations may be used in Il Passionate Musicks, by one general Rule in all Minims and Crotchets with a Prick falling; and they hall be far more Passionate by the following Note, which runneth, than they can be in Semibreves; in which it will be fitter for increasing and diminishing he Voice, without using the Exclamations. by confequence understand, that in Airy Musicks, or Corants to Dance, instead of these Passions, there s to be used only a lively cheerful kind of Singing, which is carried and ruled by the Air it felf. he which, though fometimes there may be place for some Exclamation, that liveliness of Singing is n that place to be omitted, and not any Passion to speused which sayoureth of Languishment. ipon we see how necessary a certain judgment is or a Musician, which sometimes useth to prevail above Art. As also, we may perceive by the foregoing Notes, how much greater Grace the four first Quavers have upon the second Syllable of the word Languire (being so stayed by the second Quaver with a Prick) than the four last equal Quaavers, so Printed for Example. But because there tire many things which are used in a good fashion of binging, which because there is found in them a reater Grace, being described in some one manner, nake a contrary effect one to the other; whereupon we use to say of a Man that he Sings with much Grace, or little Grace: These things will occasion me at this time first to demonstrate in what fashion have described the Trill and the Grup; and the manner

manner used by me to teach them to those who have been interressed in my house; and surther, all other the more necessary effects: So that I leave not us expressed any curiosity which I have observed.



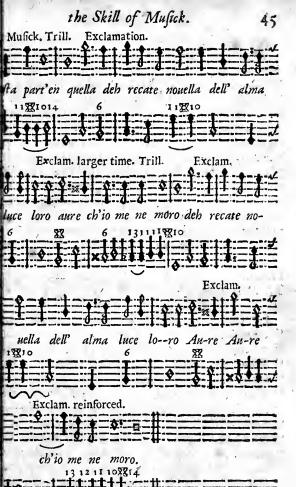
The Trill described by me is upon one Note only that is to fay: to begin with the first Crochet, an to beat every Note with the Throat upon the vowe [a] unto the last Breve; as likewise the Gruppo, of double Relish. Which Trill and Gruppo was exact. learned, and exquisitly performed by my Scholars. that if it be true, that Experience is the Teache of all things, I can with fome confidence affin and fay, that there cannot be a better means ufe to teach it, nor a better form to describe it. Which Trill and Grup, because they are a step necessar unto many things that are described, and are effect of that Grace which is most desired for Singing well; and (as is aforefaid) being described in or or other manner, do work a contrary effect t that which is requisite: I will shew not onely hou they may be used, but also all the effects of the described in two manners, with the same value the Notes, that still we may know (as is afore mentioned) that by these Writings, together with Practise, may be learned all the Curiosities of the Art.

Example of the most usual Graces.



It is to be observed in these Graces that second hath more grace in it than the first; and your better experience we will in this follow Ayre describe some of those Graces with wounder, together with the Bass for the Theorbo; which Ayre is contain'd the most passionate passas





And

And because in the two last Lines of the foreging Ayre, Deh done son fuggiti, there are contains the best passions that can be used in this not manner of Singing, I have therefore thought got to set them down, both to show where it is fit encrease and abate the Voice, to make Exclamation Trills, and Grups; and in aword, all the Treasur of this Art: and that they may serve for Examp whereby men may take notice in the Musick of the places, where they are most necessary, according to the passions of the words. Although I call the the noble manner of Singing, which is used without the noble manner of Singing, which is used without ying a mans self to the ordinary measure of time making many times the value of the Notes less that, and sometimes more, according to the conceit of the words; whence proceeds that excellent kind of Singing with a graceful neglect, whereas I have spoken before.

or most usual Grace in Singing, called the Trill which, as he saith very right, is by a beating in the Throat on the Vowel (a'h) some observe that it that the Throat, in one sound, upon a Note; For the attain ing of this, the most surest and ready way is by im the tation of those who are perfect in the same; yet have heard of some that have attained it after the manner, in the singing a plain Song, of 6 Notes in and 6 down, they have in the midst of every Now beat or shaked with their singer upon their Throat which by often practice came to do the same Not exactly without. It was also my chance to be seen to the same to be

company with some Gentlemen at a Musical Practice, which sung their parts very well, and used this Grace (called the Frill) very exactly: I desired to know their Tutor, they told me I was their Tutor, for they never had any other but this my Introduction: That (I answered) could direct them but in the Theory, they must needs have a better help in the Practick, especially in attaining to sing the Trill so well. One of them made this Reply (which made one smile) I used saidhe, at my first learning the Trill, to imitate that breaking of a Sound in the Throat which Men use when they Lewer their Hawks, as the-he-he-he; which he used slow at first, and after more swift on several Notes, higher and lower in sound, till he became perfect therein.

The Trill being the most usual Grace, is usually made in Closes, Cadences, and when on a long. Note Exclamation or Passion is expressed, there the Trill is made in the latter part of such Note; hut most usually upon binding Notes and such Notes as precede the closing Note. Those who once attain to the perfect use of the Trill, other Graces will become easie.]

since then there are so many effects to be used the excellency of this Art, there is required to the performing of them) necessarily a good ce, as also good wind to give liberty, and serve on all occasions where is most need. It shall refore be a prositable advertisement, that Prosessor of this Art, being to sing to a Theorbo other stringed instrument, and not being compelled

pelled to fit himself to others, that he so pitch him Tune, as to fing his clear and natural Voice, avoir ding feigned Tunes of Notes. In which, to feight them, or at the least to inforce Notes, if him Wind ferve him well, fo as he do not discovered them much; (because for the most part they offend the Ear;) yet a man must have a command of Breath to give the greater Spirit to the Increasing and Diminishing of the Voice to Exclamations and other Passions as is related; therefore let him take heed that spending much Breath upon such Notes, it do not afterward fail him in such places as it is most needful: For from a feigned Voice can come no noble manner of Singing; which only proceed from a natural Voice, ferving aptly for all the Notes which a man can manage according to he ability, employing his Wind in such a fashion as the command all the best passionate Graces used in this most want by this most worthy manner of Singing. The lovely whereof, and generally of all Musick, being kindled in me by a natural inclination, and by the study of fo many years, shall excuse me, if I have suffered my felf to be carried further than perhaps was fir for him, who no less esteems and desires to learn from others, than to communicate to others what himself hath learned; and to be further transported in this Discourse, than can stand with that respect I bear to all the Professors of this Art: Which Art being excellent and naturally delightful, dothether become admirable, and entirely wins the love of others, when fuch as possess it, both by teaching and delighting others, do often exercise it, and make it appear to be a pattern and true resemblance of thof

hose never ceasing celestial Harmonies, whence rocced fo many good effects and benefits upon larth, raising and exciting the minds of the head ers to the contemplation of those infinite delights which Heaven afforderh: Vale.

Of the Five Moods used by the Grecians.

1. The Dorick 34. The Phrygian 2. The Lydian 3. The Æolick 25. The Ionick.

F these Moods, though of little use among us, there is scarce any Author that has wrote of Musick but do give account of hem; among the Latin, Alstedius, Cassiodorus, and thers; in English, Mr. Dowland, Mr. Morley and dr. Butler; therefore not to be fingular, I give ou this short Account.

These Moods have not relation to those Moods eforementioned; those refer to Notes and Time, hefe only to Tune. That which the Grecians called Mode or Mood, the Latins termed Tone or Tune: The design of either, was to shew in what Key the ong was set, and how each Musical Key had reation one to another. These five appertained to he Antient Grecians only, and had their feveral ppellations from the Countries in which they were avented and practifed. The Latins reduced theirs o Eight Tones or Times, which were by the Churchmen termed Plain-songs. These exceeded not the compass of six Notes, and were to direct how to begin and end in the proper Keys; which Eight Tones or Tunes are Printed in the Third Part of Mr. Morley's Introduction, Pag. 147. These Grecian Moods had various effects.

I. The Dorick Mood consisted of grave and flow Tim'd Notes (Counterpoint) where the Composition of Parts goes Note for Note together, be they of two, three, or four Parts, as is my late Book of Musick of four Parts to Psalms and Hymns, Printed in Folio, 1671. This Mood had its name from Doria, a civil part of Greece near Athens; and being solemn, moveth to Sobriety and Godliness.

2. The Lydian Mood was used to Grave, solemn Musick, the Descant or Composition being of slow time, sitted to sacred Hymns and Anthems, or Spiritual Songs, in Prose, sometimes in Verses alone, and sometimes in full Chorus of sour or sive Parts; which moveth a kind of Heavenly Harmony, whereby the mind is lifted up from the regard of Earthly things to those Celestial Joys above. This Mood had its derivation from the samous River in Lydia called Pastolus, (whose winding retrograde Meander, represented the admirable variety of Fuges and Sounds in Musick,) passing by the samous Cities of Philadelphia, and Sardis, once the Royal Seat of rich King Crassus.

3. The Æolick Mood was that which was of more Aiery and fost pleasing found, as Madrigals or Fala's of five and six Parts, Composed for Viols and Voices by many English Authors, as Mr. Morley, Wilks, Wilbey, Ward, and others: Which Musick

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Passions, and charmeth the Affections into a sweet and pleasing temper; such as was that enchanting Musick of the Harp, provided for King Saul, t Sam. 16. That Saul was refreshed, and the evil prirt departed from him. This Mood had its derivation from Lolia (a Kingdom of Lolus) whence he is seigned to send his rushing Winds, which do resemble this Mood, that is so commixt with Fuges

and airy reports, one part after other.

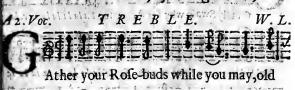
4. The Phrygian Mood was to a more warlike and couragious kind of Musick, expressing the Musick of Trumpets and other Instruments of old, exciting to Arms and Activity, as Almans, and the like. This Mood had its derivation from Phrygia (a Region bordering upon Lydia and Caria) in which is that Martial Town Cios, and the most high Hill Ida, famous for the Trojan War. Many Historians have written of the rare Effect of Musick in warlike Preparations: Suidas (in litera T) writes of Timotheus, a skillful Musician, that when Alexunder the Great was much dejected in his mind, and oth to take up Arms, he with his Phrygian Flute expressed such excellent sounds and varieties of Musick, that the Kings passions were immediately tirred to War, and ran presently and took up Arms. But the Story of Ericus the Musician passes all; who had given forth, that by his Musick he ould drive men into what Passion or Affections he isted; and being required by Bonus King of Den-nark to put his Skill in practice, he with his Harp for Polychord Lyra expressed such effectual melody and harmony in the variety of changes in several Keys ,

Keps, and in such excellent Fug's and sprightfully Ayres, that his Auditors began sirst to be moved with some strange passion, but ending his excellent Voluntary with some choice Fancy upon this Phrygin Mood, the Kings passions were suddainly alrered, and excited to that height, that he fell upon his most trusty Friends which were near him, and slew some of them with his Fift for lack of another Weapon; which the Musician perceiving, ended with the sober and solemn Dorick; which brought the King to himself, who much lamented what he had done. This is recorded at large by Crantzius, lib. 5. Danie cap. 3, and by Saxo Grammaticus, lib. 12. Hist Danie, and others.

effeminate Musick, as pleasant amorous Songs, Corants, Sarabands, and Jigs, used for honest mirth and delight at Feasts and other merriments. This Mood had its derivation from the Ionians of Ionia, which lies between Lolia and Caria, a situation full of all pleasure, whose plenty and idleness turned their honest mirth into lasciviousness. By this Mood was the Pythagorian Huntsup, or morning Musick which wakened and rouzed their dull Spirits to study and action. The abuse of this Mood is soor reformed by the sober Dorick; for what this excite above moderation, the other draws into a true

Decorum.

Short AYRES or SONGS of Two Voyces, Treble and Bass, for Beginners,





Time is still a flying, and that same Flow'r that



fimiles to day, to morrow will be dying.

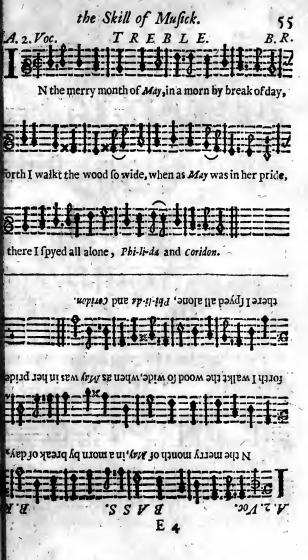


Time is fill a flying, and that fame Flow'r that



A 2. Voc.





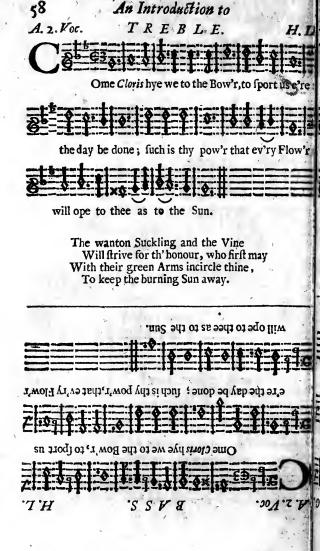


my Pipe, fing to my Pipe, fing to my Pipe'a Roundelay.



Urn Amarilla to thy Swain, turn Amarilla,

SSVE





## Rules and Directions for singing the Psalms.

For fort Tunes to Four Lines, viz

Oxford Tune Cambridge Tune Litchfield Tune Low-Dutch Tune

York Tune Windfor Tune Westminster Tune Ely Tune worcester Tune Hartfordshire Tune

Southwell Tune New Tune

St. David's Tune Martyrs Tune . Winchester Tune London Tune London new Tune Norwich Tune Hereford Tune Exeter Tune

To Pfalms Confola-

To Pfal. of Prayer, Confession, and Funerats.

To peculiar Pfal. as 25,50,97,70,134

Thefe Tunes, in Tuning, the first None will bear a chearful bigb pitch, in regard their whole Compals is not above five or fix Notes, from the bigbest Note to the loweft.

To Pfalms of Praise and Thank serving.

OThese Tunes eight Notes Compas above the first, and therefore you must begin the first Note Lion.

Long Tunes, most of them usual to Pfalms of Eight Lines. ? Can lie affest my ond a ree, 13 or

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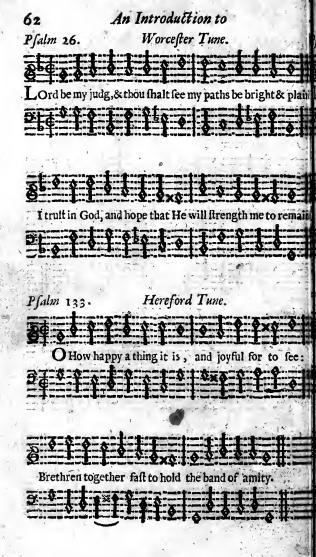
These Tunes are eight. Fores in Compa above the fuft Note, and therefore in must begin the first Note low. ris call her fun-bright liye ayon

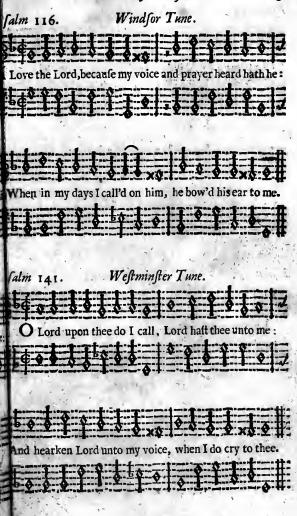
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Lunes

unes of Pfalms fung in Parish-Churches, with the Bafaunder each Tune.



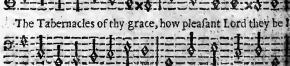




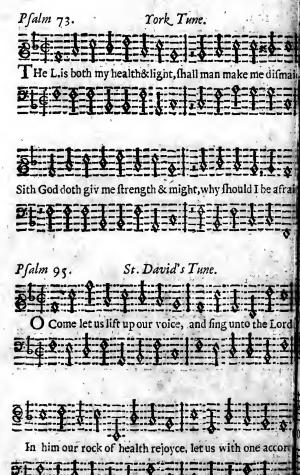


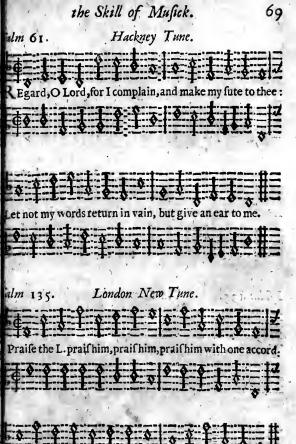


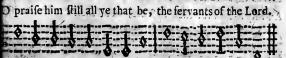




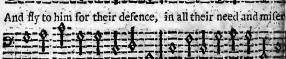


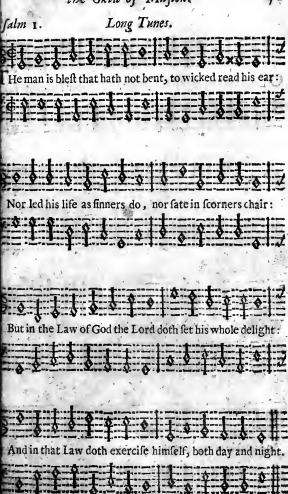










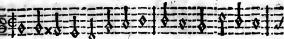




And purifie yet once again my hanious crime and bloody fact





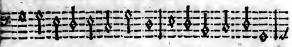


Et God arise, and then his foes will turn themselves to siight,

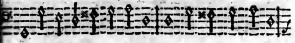




His en'mies then will run abroad, and scatter out of fight.

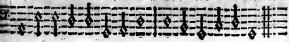


And as the fire doth melt the wax and wind blows smoke away





So in the presence of the Lord the wicked shall decay.















I bave lately published the whole Book of Pfalms and Hymns in a Pocket Volume, with the Tunes to each Plalm in three Parts, Cantus, Medius, and Bassus, in a more plain and easie method than any heretofore Primed, to which (when you are perfect in these) I refer you.

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## THE ORDER of PERFORMING THE

## DIVINE SERVICE

Cathedrals and Collegiate Chappels.

HE Confession and Absolution being read by the Priest in one continued and

folemn Tone, the Priest and the whole Choir repeat the Lords Prayer, thus: Our Father which art in Heav'n, &c for ever and ever, Amen. Priet O Lord open thou our lips, And our mouth shall shew forth, &c. Prieft. O God make speed to fave us. O Lord make hast to help we

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the holy Ghoft:

As it was in the beginning, is now, &c. world without end, Amen.

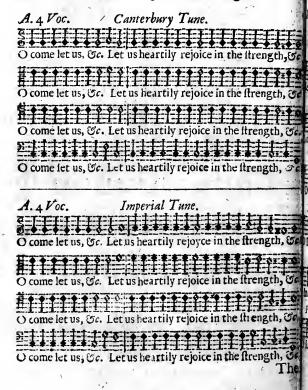
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The Venite is begun by one of the Choir, then any by fides, observing to make the like Break or lose in the middle of every Verse, according as it shorter or longer.



feveral Authors. Sometimes it is sung to one of the following Tunes of Four Parts, with the Organ of without it. Te Deum being ended, and the second Lesson read, Jubilate or Benedictus is sung by the Choir, as they are variously composed, or else tone of the following Tunes of Four Parts.

These Tunes of Four Parts are proper for Choirs to sing the Psaim
Te Deum, Benedictus, or Jubilate, to the Organ.

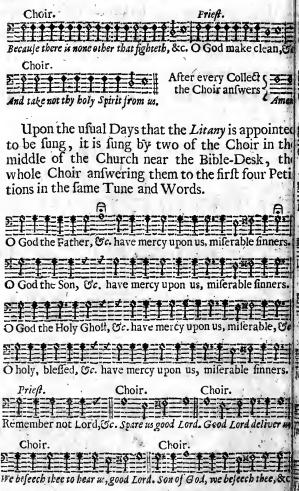


Then follows the Apostles Creed, which is sung by the whole Choir in one continued solemn and rave Tone: Upon Festivals, Athanasius's Creed is ung in the same Tune by sides; and sometimes it is ung to the Organ.



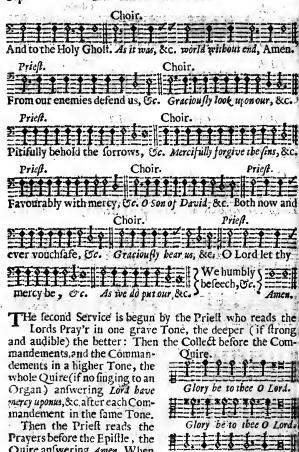
Priest. Choir. Priest.

Lord save thy people. And bless thine, &c. Give peace, &c.



O Lamb





Then the Priest reads the Prayers before the Epistle, the Quire answering Amen. When the Epistle is done and the Gospel named. The Quire sings, Glory be to thee O Lord, in the form here let down.

Glory be to thee O Lord.

Glory be to thee O Lord.





#### ABRIEF

# INTRODUCTION

To the Playing on the

# Bass-Viol.

The Second BOOK.

HIS Viol is usually called de Gambo, or the Bass or Consort Viol, because the Musick thereon is play'd from the Rules of the Gam-ut, and not as the Lyra-Viol, which is by Letters or Tablature. Of this Viol de Gambo there are three several sizes, one larger than the other, according to the three Parts of Musick set forth in the Gam-ut, viz. Treble-Viol, Tenor-Viol, and Bass-Viol. The Treble-Viol plays the highest Part, and its Lessons are prick'd by the G sol reut Cliff 3; the Tenor-Viol, or middle Part, its Lessons are by the C sol faut Cliff 3; and the Bass-Viol, which is the largest, its Lessons are

by the F faut Cliff 3: These three Viols agree in one manner of Tuning; therefore I shall first give you Directions for Tuning the Bass-Viol, which is usually strung with fix strings (as you may ob-ferve on the Figure expressed in the foregoing Page) which six strings are known by six several names; the first, which is the smallest, is called the Treble; the second, the small Mean; the third, the great Mean; the fourth, the Counter-Tenor; the fifth, the Tenor or Gam-ut string; the fixth, the Bafs. But if you will name them after they are Tuned, according to the Rule of the Gam-ut, the Treble string is Dla sol re; the small Mean, Ala mire; the great Mean, Ela mi; the Counter-Tenor, C faut: the Tenor or fifth string, Gam-ut; and the sixth or Bass, double D sol re. Belonging to these six strings there are seven frees or stops on the neck of the Viol, which are put for stopping the various Sounds, according to the several Notes of the Gam-ut, both Elat and Sharn. For the more plain understanding Flat and Sharp: For the more plain understanding of which, I have drawn an exact Table in Page 92 and 93, beginning with the lowest Note on the sixth string, and so ascending to the highest on the sirst or Treble string. The perfect understanding of which Table will not be the sixth string. which Table will much further you in the know. ledg of Tuning the Viol; for which Tuning I wil give two Rules, one by Tablature or Letters, the other by the Gam-ut Rule, the first being the easiest way to a beginner, whose Ear at first being not well acquainted with the exact Distance. of Sounds the Strings are Tuned in, may by thi way, use only one Sound, viz. an Unison, which is to make two strings (one of them being stopt

he other not) to agree in the same Sound: The Letters are Eight,  $\mathcal{A}$ ,  $\mathcal{B}$ ,  $\mathcal{C}$ ,  $\mathcal{D}$ ,  $\mathcal{E}$ ,  $\mathcal{F}$ ,  $\mathcal{G}$ ,  $\mathcal{H}$ ; seven of these are assigned to the seven Frees on the Neck of the Viol;  $\mathcal{A}$  is for a string open,  $\mathcal{B}$  is the first Fret,  $\mathcal{C}$  the second,  $\mathcal{D}$  the third,  $\mathcal{E}$  the sourth,  $\mathcal{F}$  the sifth,  $\mathcal{G}$  the sixth, and  $\mathcal{H}$  the seventh.

### Example.



When you begin to Tune, raise your Treble or smallest string as high as conveniently it will bear without breaking; then stop only your second or small Mean in F, and Tune it till it agree in Unison with your Treble open; that done, stop your Third in F, and make it agree with your Second open; then stop your Fourth in E, and make it agree with your Third open; then stop your Fifth in F, and make it agree with your Fourth open; and lastly, stop your Sixth in F, and make it agree to your Fifth open. This being exactly done, you will sind your Viol in Tune, according to the Rule of the Gam-ut.

### Example, Tuning by Letters.

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				<u></u>	_:1
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### Example, Tuning by Notes.



Dlafolre. Alamire. Elami. Cfaut. Gam-ut. DD solre.

The other way of Tuning is by the Rule of the Gam-ut, by distances of Sounds, as in the foregoing Example, thus: The Treble being raised as high as it will conveniently bear without breaking, is called D la sol re, then Tune your second sour Notes lower, and it is Alamire; the third sour Notes lower is E la mi; the fourth three Notes, or a Flat Third lower, is C fa ut; the fifth four Notes lower, is Gam-ut; and the sixth sour Notes lower than the sisth, is double D sol re: This is the most usual way of Tuning it; yet there are some Lesson do require it one Note lower, which is double C faut, but that is very seldom.

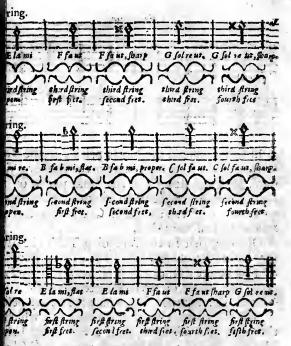
rample of the Notes ascending and descending by Tablature, and Notes, as they ascend and descend on the several Frets or Stops.



The Viol being thus Tuned, practice this Example the Notes ascending and descending, and by it ou shall know the Viol is right Tuned.

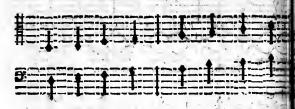
An exact TABLE, directing the places of a the Notes, Flat and Sharp, to every Sto on the Bass-Viol, according to the Gam-un beginning at the lowest Note of the Bass of the Sixth String, and ascending to the higher on the Treble, or first String.





t is usual in Lessons for the Basi-Viol, to add inth Line above or below if the Note require, to change the Cliff when the Notes ascend above a fol re, the Practitioner ought therefore to be fect in the C sol faut Cliff on the middle line, as I see in the five last Notes of the Table; also s Example mentions the agreement of Notes in the Cliffs, Bass and Tenor.

### Example.



In this Example the Notes prick'd in the Te Cliff, are the same with those in the Bass or Ff Cliff, and are stopp'd in the same places on Vial. This I thought sit to mention, because y will meet with the change of Cliffs in some of

following Lessons: Next

Observe, that in the foregoing Table the Sh.

(x) before a Note makes it stopt a Fret lower, a b Flat before a Note a Fret higher; for two Frego to one whole or perfect Note, as that Tadoth direct: Sometimes you may see a sharp before D folre, then it is stopt a Fret lower, which the place of E la mislat, so if a Flat is set befor Ala mire, it is a Fret higher, which is G folres sharp: The like of other stat or sharp Notes.

Also if a B stat or B sharp be set on Rule or Si

Also if a B flat or B sharp be set on Rule or S at the beginning of any Line with the Cliff, the Flat or Sharp makes all the Notes which are in same Rules or Spaces to be flat or sharp through

whole Leffon.

### Treble=Miol.

These Directions for the Bass-Viol do also serve e Treble-Viol, which is strung with six strings and tuned in the same manner, only eight Notes gher, G sol re ut on the Treble is the eighth above sol re ut on the Bass, being stopped on the same ring and Fret with the Bass; and so other Notes cordingly.

### Example of Tuning.

Dlafol. Alamire. Elami. C fol faut. G folreut. Dlafolre.



String. 2 String. 3 String. 4 String. 5 String. 6 String.

### Tenor-Miol.

The Tenor-Viol is an excellent Inward Part, and uch used in Consort, especially in Fantasies and yres of 3, 4, 5 and 6 Parts. The Tuning of it the same with the Bass and Treble, for the stance of sound betwixt each String; but being Inward Part betwixt both, its Tuning is sour otes higher than the Bass, and sive Notes lower an the Treble; its sirst or Treble String is Tuned G sol re ut on the third String of the Treble-Viol; second sour Notes lower, which is D la solre; e third sour Notes lower, is Alamire; the fourth tee Notes (or a stat third) lower, is F sant; the sifth

fifth four Notes lower than it, is C faut; and the fixth four Notes lower than the fifth is Gam-un which is answerable to the Gam-un on the Bass-Vin

### Example.

G solreut. Dlasolre. Alamire. F fa ut. C fa ut. Gam to



1 String. 2 String. 3 String. 4 String. 5 String. 6 String

### Some General Rules for the Hiol.

There are three forts of Bass-Viols, as the are three manners of ways in Playing.

1. A Bass-Viol for Consort must be one of the

largest size, and the Strings proportionable.

2. A Bass-Viol for Divisions must be of a lefize, and the Strings according.

3. A Bass-Viol to play Lyra-way, that is 1 Tablature, must be somewhat less than the ty

former, and strung proportionably.

4. In the choice of your Viol-Bow, let it be preportioned to the Viol you use, and let the Hair laid stiff, and the Bow not to heavy, nor too long.

it gently between your Knees, resting the low end thereof upon the Calves of your Legs, and I your Feet rest slat on the Ground, your Toturned a little outward, and let the top of your Viol lean towards your lest shoulder.

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6. In holding of your Bow, observe this Rule: fold the Bow betwixt the ends of your Thumb and orefinger, an Inch below the Nut, the Thumb and fore Finger resting on the Wood, the ends of our second and third Fingers staid upon the Hair, which you may poise and keep up your Bow. our Bow being thus fix'd, you must draw it over the string, and then another, in a Right-angle, bout two or three Inches above the Bridge, making ach several string yield a clear sound without puching the other.

7. In the posture of your left hand observe this ule, place your Thumb on the back of the Neck, and opposite to your Foresinger, so that when your ingers are to rest on the several stops or Frets, our hand may have liberty to move up and down, soccasion shall require; and in the stopping observe that when you set any Finger down, let it of the just upon the Fret, but close to it, bearing hard down to the end of your Finger, and let rest there, untill occasion require the moving it; d be fure not to list your Fingers too high, but eep them in an even distance to the Frets, that they may passmore readily from Fret to Fret. 8. In the Rule of true Fingering, where you skip

8. In the Rule of true Fingering, where you skip Fret, there leave a Finger; and when you have ny Notes which are high Notes, that go lower an the Frets, there those highest Notes are always opt either with the third or fourth Finger (by ifting the Fingers lower) if with the third, then e first and second Fingers are ready to stop the onext Notes either ascending or descending om it: But if the highest Note be stopt with

the fourth Finger, then the Note under i is stopt either with the third or second Finger according as it is either Flat or Sharp; if Sharp the third; if Flat, the second. But whether the highest Note be stopt with the third or fourth Finger, the third below it must be stopt with the first Finger, which is ever as a guide to the two Notes above it. Lastly, when two Notes which follow one another are stopt with the same Finge removed, it is to prepare the other Fingers to the forementioned posture, or to remove then to some other place. This order of Fingering directs the whole Fingerboard (in stopping thre Notes which follow upon any one string) with this provise, where stops are wide, the fourth or little. Finger is of more use, when lower down, when the stops fall more close.

9. In the moving your Bow observe this Rule when you see an even number Quavers or Semi quavers, as 2, 4, 6, or 8, tyed together, you mul begin with your Bow forward, though the Boy be drawn forward the Note before; but if the number be odd, as 3, 5, or 7, (which is by reaso of a Prick Note or an odd Quaver Rest) then the first Note must be plaid with the Bow drawn back

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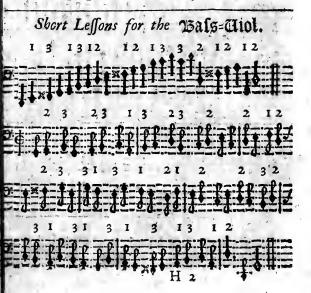
Lastly, in the practice of any Lesson, play is flow at first, and by often practice it will bring your hand to a more swift motion.

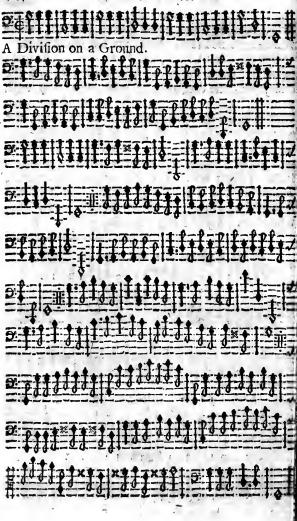
And now, your Viol being Tuned according to the foregoing Directions, I have here followin. fet down a few Lessons for to begin with, and over the Notes I have fet Figures, to direct with

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what Fingers to stop them; 1, 2, 3, 4, is set for first, second, third, and sourth Fingers; those which have no Figures over, are the string open.

For the usual Graces, the Shake is the principal; of which there are two, the close shake and the open shake; the close shake is when you stop with your first Finger on the first Fret, and shake with your second Finger as close to it as you can; the open shake is when you stop with your first Finger on the first Fret, and shake with your first Finger on the third Fret; this observe in all stops what-soever. For other Graces, as Double Relishes, Backfalls, &c. I refer you to the Table of the several Graces in my Directions for the Treble-Violin, which are proper also to the Bas-Viol.



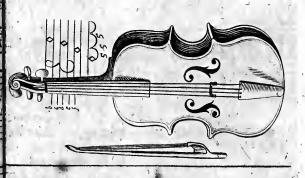






# A BRIEF INTRODUCTION

To the Playing on the TREBLE-VIOLIN.



H E Treble-Violin is a cheerful and fprittely Instrument, and much practifed of late, some by Book, and some without; which of these two is the best way, may assly be resolved, to learn to play by Rote or Ear vithout Book, is the way never to play more than what may be gain'd by hearing another play, which

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may foon be forgot; but on the contrary, he which learns and practifes by book, according to the Gamme, which is the true Rule for Musick, fails not, after he comes to be perfect in those Rules, which guide him to play more than ever he was taught or heard, and also to play his Part in Consort; which the other can never be capable of.

### Directions for Tuning the Miolin.

The Violin is usually strung with four strings, and tuned by sifths; for the more plain and easie understanding thereof, and stopping all Notes in their right places and tune, it will be necessary, that on the neck or singer-board of your Violin there be placed six frets, as is on a Viol: This though it be not usual, yet it is the best and easiest way for a Beginner who has a bad Ear, for by those Frets he has a certain Rule to direct and guide him to stop all his Notes in exact tune, whereas those that learn without, seldom have at first so good an Ear to stop all Notes in persect Tune.

Therefore for the better understanding thereoff in this following Example is assigned to those six frees on the singer-board, six Letters of the Alphabet in their order; the first free is B, the second C; the third D, sourth E, sifth F, and sixth G; A is not assigned to any Free, but is the string open.

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3 Great Mean,	SbJ	I	0	81	£.	29
4 Bas	(b)	T.	[3]	6	.t.	. 3
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In this Example you have the names of the Ford frings, with the Letters assigned to each Free. he Scale of Musick on the Four Strings of the Treble-Violin, expressed by Letters and Notes.



This Example doth direct the places of all the Votes, Flat and Sharp; each Note being placed of the Letter, according to their several frops pon each fring distinctly, beginning at the lowest of the Basi, or fourth fring, and ascending p to the highest on the Treble, according to the case of the Gan-ue; in which you may also observe, but the Lessons for the Violin by Letters are prick'd in four Lines, according to the four several strings; ut Lessons by Notes are prick'd upon five Lines, appears in that Example.

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For the Tuning of the Violin, is usually by Fifths, which is five Notes distance betwixt each string; which according to the Scale or Gam-ut, the Bass or fourth string is called G solveut, the third, or great Mean, D la solve; the second, or small Mean. Ala mive; the sirst, or Treble, E la; as in the following Example, the first Nove of each string is upon a, and is known by this signature \* under each of those Notes.

Example of the Tuning, as the five Notes afcend on each of the four strings, beginning on the Bass or fourth string.



Also for a Beginner to Tune by Eighths, will be easier than by Fifths, if his Violin be fretted; to begin which, he must wind up his first or Treble-firing as high as it will bear, and stop it in F, then Tune his second an Eighth below it; then stop the second in F, and Tune the third an Eighth under it; then stop the third in F, and Tune the sourch an Eighth below that; and so your strings will be in persect Tune.



G fol reut. Alamire. B fabmi. C fol fa ut.

Having

Having thus given you the Tuning of the Treble Violin; it will be very necessary here to set down the Tuning of the Tenor-Violin, and the Bast-Violin, being both used in Consort: The Tenor or Mean is a larger Violin than the Treble, and is Tunes five Notes lower than the Treble, and the Cliff i put sometimes on the midle and sometimes on the second Line.

Example. The Tuning of the Teno: Aiolin.



Example. The Tuning of the Wals- Miolin.



Thus (after the plainest method I could) I have set down several Rules and Directions for the Treble-Violin, by way of Fretting, which I have known used by some eminent Teachers on this Instrument, as the most facile and easie to initial set their Scholars: And also Directions for Pricking down Lessons in Letters; yet I do not approve this way of Playing by Letters, save only as set Guide to young Practitioners, to bring them the more readily to know all the Stops and Places

e Notes, both Flat and Sharp, and being pert therein, to lay the use of Letters aside, and ep to their Practice by Notes and Rules of the emut only. For this reason I have added some w Lessons both ways, that after you can play em by Letters, you may play the same again by otes. Those who desire to be surnished with are Lessons for this Instrument, I refer to a Book tely published, Entituled, Apollo's Banquet, conining above two hundred New Tunes for the eble-Violin, with the most usual French Dances ded to them, which are used at Court and in ancing Schools.

### me General Rules for the Treble-Miolin.

Irst, The Violin is usually plaid abovehand, the Neck thereof being held by the left hand; the wer part thereof is rested on the left Breast, at the below the shoulder: The Bow is held in the ight hand, between the ends of the Thumb d three Fingers, the Thumb being staid upon e Hair at the Nut, and the three Fingers restupon the Wood: Your Bow being thus sixed, us are first to draw an even stroke over each ing severally, making each string yield a clear d distinct sound.

Secondly, For the posture of your left hand, ace your Thumb on the back of the Neck, posite to your Foresinger, so will your Fingers ve the more liberty to move up and down on a several Stops.

Thirdly,

Thirdly, For true fingering, observe these derections, which will appear more easie to you understanding, if in your first practice you have your Violin Fretted, as is before mentioned, the where you skip a fret or stop, there to leave Finger; for every stop is but half a Tone or Not for from b to to is a whole Note; therefore the leaving of a Finger is necessary to be in readiness whe half Notes happen, which is by Flats and Sharps.

Fourthly, When you have any high Notes, whit reach lower than your usual Frets or Stops, ther you are to shift your singers; if there be but tw Notes, then the sirst is stopt with the second singer

and the rest by the next fingers.

Fifthly, In the moving your Bow up and do observe this Rule, when you see an even number of Quavers and Semiquavers, as 2, 4, 6 or 8 ty together, your Bow must move up, though was up at the Note immediately before, but if y have an odd number, as 3, 5, or 7, (which happevery often, by reason of a prickt Note or an od Quaver Rest) there your Bow must be drawn downwards at the first Note.

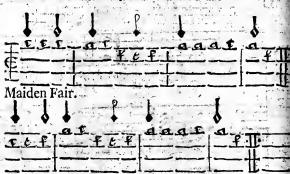
Lastly, In your practice of any Lesson, plant it slow at first, and by often practice it will brid

your hand to a more swift motion.

As for the several Graces and Flourishes that a used, as Shakes, Backfalls, and double Relishes, to following Table will be some help to your practice for there is first the Note plain, and after to Grace expressed by Notes at length.



Short TUNES for the Treble=
Miolin, by Letters and Notes.



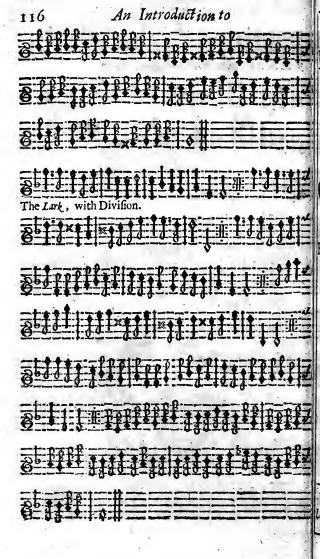
Note, That in these Lessons by Letters, the Time is not put over every Letter, but if a Crotchet be over any Letter, the following Letters are to be Crotchet, also, 'till you see the Note changed, and the like it to be observed in other Notes.











### A BRIEF

## INTRODUCTION

TO THE

## Art of Descant,

OR,

## Composing Musick in Parts:

Setting forth the

Exact Rules and Principles, to be observed by all Practitioners that desire to Learn to Compose Musick either Vocal or Instrumental, in Two, Three, or more Parts.



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### of Cords and Discords.

Here are Nine Concords of Musick, as followeth:

A Unison, Third, Fifth, Sixth, Eighth, Tenth, Twelfth, Thirteenth, and Fourteenth; whereof five

are called perfett, and four imperfett.

The five perfect, are Unifon, Fifth, Eighth, Twelfth, and Fifteenth. Of these you may not take two of one fort together, neither rising nor falling, as two Fifths, or two Eighths.

Of the other four, called imperfect, you may take two or three together of one fort, rising or falling, which are a Third, Sixth, Tenth and Thir-

teenth.

These Nine Concords are comprehended in four, viz.

Unison, Eighth, are accounted as one, for every Eighth is the same.

Third, I likewise,

Fifth, likewise.

Sixth, In like fort.

So that in effect there are but four Concords.

The Diftords are, a Second, Fourth, and Seventh, with their Eighths; which being sometime mixt with Concords make the best Musick, being orderly taken.

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### Composing MUSICK in Parts:

Usick is an Art of Expressing perfect Harmony, either by Voice or Instrument; which Harmony ariseth from well-taken Concords and Discords.

In the Scale there are Seven Notes, G, A, B, C, D, E, F; for their Eights are the fame in Nature of Sound.

Of these Seven, some are called Concords, and others Discords. The Concords are Four in Number, viz. a Unison, a Third, a Fifth, and a Sixth.

The Discords are Three in Number, viz. a

Second, a Fourth, and a Seventh.

The Third, Fifth, and Sixth are either Perfect, or Imperfect. The Imperfect is less than the Perfect by half a Note: As,

A Third Minor includes four half Notes.

A Third Major includes five half Notes.

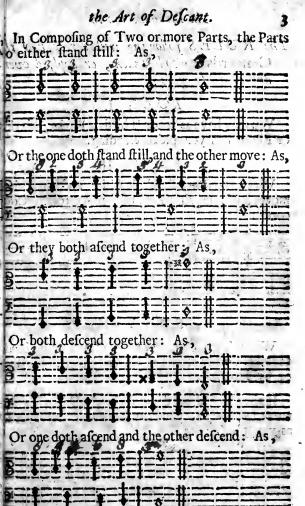
A Sixth Minor includes nine half Notes.

A Sixth Major includes ten half Notes.



Example, Of the Perfect and Imperfect Cords and their Octaves.

Unperfect Cords and their Octaves.	§A A	3d. 6th.	 13 <del>-</del>		7
Perfect Cords and their Octaves.	§A A	5th. 8th.	 12 - 15 -	1 2	9.
Discords and their Octaves.	A	7th.	14 -	ز لئب	15



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The RULES following will direct how to Concords are to be taken, or applyed ever one of these ways:

#### RULE. I.

You may have as many Thirds, Fifths, Sixth or Eighths as you please standing.

### RU. INE. II.

When one Part standeth still, and the other moves, the moving Part may move to any Cords: As



#### RULE. III.

When Two or more Parts ascend or descend together, they ascend or descend either gradually or by Intervals.

If they ascend or descend gradually, they demove by Thirds, you may have as many Third as you please: As,



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Or ascend or descend by Sixths. As



Take no more than two or three Sixths; Or ney move by a Fifth or a Sixth: As



You may have as many Notes as you please.

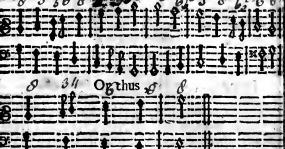
If two Parts ascend by Intervals, then you may have from

RULE IV.

If two Parts do descend together gradually, nen as in the Third Rule: If by Intervals, you will move from

RULE

If two Parts do move diversly, as one rising and the other descending. Then thus



Or upon the Third, your Bass must begin i

the same Key, and end in the same Key.

A Unison is good so it be in a Minum or a Crotchet but it is better if the one hold and the other b going: Two Eighths or two Fifths ascending or de fcending together, is not lawful, unless one be the Major, the other the Minor Fifth.

### Of Taking Discords.

Discords are either taken by way of Pass, Binding.



So thus you fee, a Difcord is placed between two RULE Concords.



A Difcord is bound three feveral ways; first, be-

The first Note of the upper Parts may be any ord to the Bass, the second Note of the upper Part wish be a third to the Bass, the third Note must be a cond to the Bass, the last part of a third Note must e a third to the Bass, and the closing or sourth Note wish be a third or eighth to the Bass, as in the Examp.

The first Note of the Bass must be any Concord the upper Part, the first part of the second tote of the Bass must be a Third to the second

Note of the Treble or upper Part.

The last part of the second Note of the Bass must e a Second to the upper Part; the Third Note of he Bass must be a Third to the second Part of the hird Note of the Treble, and Close as in the afore-

aid Example.

This Binding is feldom taken in a Close in more arts than Two; but in the middle of a Lesson is to be taken as often as you shall see occasion his Binding is feldom or never taken in other totes than in this Example.

#### RULE III.

The third way of taking a Discord by way of inding is when the Fourth is taken between thirds: As in the following Example.



So that you see the Discords are thus taken, we the first Note of the upper Part may be any Note the Bass, the second Note of the upper Primist be a Fourth to the Bass, the Fisher Note of tupper part must be a Third to the Bass, and the Chemust be an Eighth or a Third, as in the Example.

This Close may be used in any part of a Less of two or more parts, either beginning, middle, ending; but seldom it is to be omitted in the endi of a Lesson: This Close is seldom or never takin longer or shorter Notes than in the Example.

#### RULE IV.

The fourth way of taking of a Discord by woof Binding, is when the seventh is taken between the Sixth and Eighth: As,

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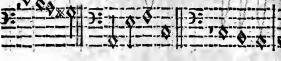
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Another of taking Discords in Binding Notes.







The Rule of Syncopation or Binding Notes,

Two Parts.



Example of Discords upon Binding Notes.



The first Note of the upper Part may be any othe Bass, the first part of the second Note of Cord he upper part must be a Sixth to the Bass, the aft part of the second Note of the upper part must be a Seventh to the Bass, the fourth Note of the upper part must be a Sixth to the Bass, and the Close must be an Eighth or a Third to the Bass.

The Bass must descend four Notes, the two irst Notes must be but half the quantity of the hird Note, and the last Note as long or as short be two places.

is you pleafe.
This Close is used in the middle strain of Three or more parts, and for the final Close manytimes

of two parts.

Lastly, The Note before the Close must be a Fifth, if you fall to the Close, or a Fourth, if you rise to the Close. Your upper part must begin in the Sunison, Third, or Fifth, but not in a Sixth.

# Rules of Rising and Falling one with another.

It is not good to Rise or Fall with the Bass from a Twelsth or Fifth, unto an Eighth, or from an Eighth unto a Twelsth or Fifth. Example.



It is not good to Rise with the Bass from a Sixth unto an Eighth, neither is it good to Fall with the Bass from an Eighth unto a Sixth. Example.



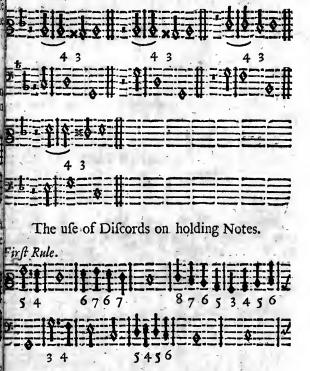
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Usual Cadences or Closes of two Parts.







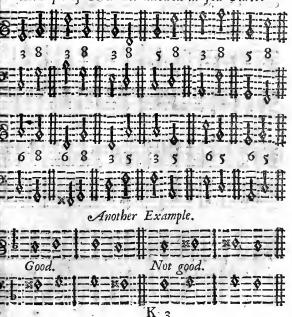
The passing from a Fifth to an Eighth, or from an Eighth to a Fifth may be allowable; so the upper part remove but one degree of a perfect Cord.

As for Thirds and Sixths, which are imperfect Concords, Two, Three, or more of them ascending

or descending together are allowable.

It is good and usual to change from any one to any other different Concord, when any one of the parts keeps it place: But two perfect Cords ascenling or descending is not allowed (unless it be in Composition of Three, Four, or Five Parts.)

Example of Cords not allowed in few Parts.



In this Example, F faut Sparp in the Bassagainst B fab mi Flat in the Treble, is the sound the lesser fourth and is good. But the next when F is Flat in the Bass, against B sharp in the Treble which is the greater fourth, is very Inharmonical therefore to be avoided.

Note, That in few Parts imperfect Concornare more pleasant and less cloying the Ear the many perfect Cords, especially in Two Part where Eights and Fifts are to be least used, unleat the beginning or ending of a Song, and whethe Parts move contrary, the one ascending the other descending.

Example of Two Parts with the proper Closes.







In this Example you may observe the exact method of taking two fevenths together in whatsoeve Key you shall Compose in, with this allowance the two Major sevenths together is not good; but two Minor sevenths together is allowable: Also if you take two sevenths, so the one be Minor, and the other Major it is allowed, but be sure the Minor be seferce the Major, as you see in the Example.

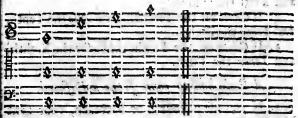


I have often observed in several late Italian Au thors, where Figures are placed over the Thorough Bufs, that 6 or 7 Sevenths have followed each other which has been much wondred at by some Young Composers, and for their satisfaction I have incerted this Example, which shews both the method and manner how it is performed.

#### Of Composing Three Parts.



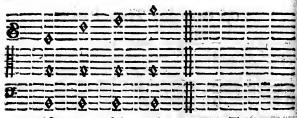
If your Bass be an unison or Eight to the Tenor, then may your Altus be a 3, 5, 6, 8, 10, 12, or 15 to the Bass.



If your Bass be a fifth to the Tenor, your Altus may be a 3, 8, 10, 12, or 15 to the Bass.



If your Bass be a Third under your Tenor, the Altus may be a 5, 6, 12, or 13 above the Bass.



But if your Bass be a Sixth to the Tenor, then must your Altus be a 3, 8, 10, or 15 to the Bass.

## What Cords Three Parts are to Use

1. If Canto use the Eighth, the Alto use the Fifth, and Tenor the Third.

2. If Canto use the Twelfth, then Alto the Tenth,

and Tenor the Eighth.

3. If Canto use the Tenth, then Alto the Eighth, and Tenor the Fifth.

# A Rule how to come from a Discord.

Note must be a Tenth or Third.

2. If you use a Ninth, your next Note must be

the Eighth.

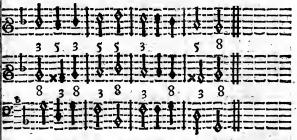
3. If you use a Seventh, your next Note must be the Sixth.

4. If you use a Second, your next Note must be: a Third.

5. If you use a false Fifth, your next Note must be a Third.

When you Compose 3 Parts, it is most proper to be Counterpoint, that is, Note for Note; the Key G with the flat 3d. the most easiest Key for a Begin-

ner, in the Second Treble observe, that a sharp is put to the Second Note, for when the Bass ascends a 4th. or descends a 5th. it requires the sharp or greater Third to that Note. As you see in this Example.



Another Example after these Rules.



This is a fufficient Rule when you come to practice; let the 3d. 5th. and 6th. (fometimes also an 8th.) be your usual Cords, they being the sweetest

and admit most variety, yet use not the 8th except in a passing manner or at a close, of all closes the Cadence is the most usual, for without a Cadence in some on of the parts, either with a Discord or without it you cannot make a formal close, as you find in severa of the former Examples of closes.

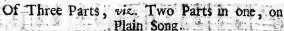


Concords from the Bass upwards.	Concords from Alius downwards.						
F fant \begin{bmatrix} 3 \ A la mire. \\ 5 \ C fol fant. \\ 6 \ D la fol re. \end{bmatrix}	F fa ut \[ \begin{aligned} \begin{aligned} 3 \ Dla fol re. \\ 5 \ B fa B mi. \\ 6 \ Ala mi re. \end{aligned} \]						
E la mi [3] G fol reut. 5 B fa B mi. 6 C fol faut.	E la mi 5 Ala mire. 6 G fol reut.						
Dla folre 3 F fa ut.  5 Alamire. 6 B fa B mi.	Dla solre 3 B fa B mi. 5 G sol re ut. 6 F faut.						
C fol faut 3 E la mi. 6 G fol reut. 6 Ala mire.	C fol faut \begin{cases} 3 & Alamire. 5 & F fam. 6 & E lami.						
B fa B mi 3 D la solre. 5 F fa ut. 6 G solre ut.	B fa B mi 5 E la mi.						
Alamire 3 C folfaut. Alamire 5 E la mi. 6 F faut.	A la mi re 3 F. fa sa. A la mi re 5 Dla folre. 6 C folfaut.						
G solre nt 3 B fa B mi. or 5 D la sol re. Gam-ut 6 E la mi.	G sol re ut \begin{cases} 3 \ E \ la mi. \\ 5 \ C \ fol \ fa ut. \\ 6 \ B \ fa \ B mi. \end{cases}						

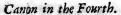
Examples of some short Passages and Cadences of Three Parts, wherein Discords are taken Elegantly.

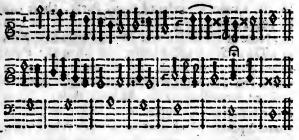




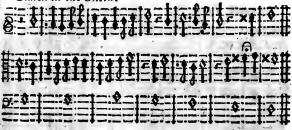








Canon in the Sixth.



A Canon in the Unison following a Sembrief.



In the foregoing Table, Page 27. you see that let the Composition be of many Parts, there can be but Teree several Concords joyned at once to any Note of the Bass, viz. Third, Fifth and Eighth, or a Third, Sixth and Eighth; and when the Fifth takes place, the Sixth must be omitted, and so when the Sixth takes place, the Fifth is to be omitted according to Mr. Morley's Rule. These other following Examples of mixing Concords in Counterpoint, which if well observed is the certain Rule for Composing Four Parts Counterpoint.

Example. Three Parts: In Counterpoint, thus,



The same Three Parts: In Descant, thus,





Now as to the Contrivance of making a Canon of Two Parts in one upon a plain Song, you are irst to consider whether you will begin with Alto or Tenor to be the leading Part; and what Notes will sute proper to the Bass, which done, you rest t or 2 Sembriess in the other Part, which follow according to the leading part that agreeing to the Bass or plain Song, then you are to fill up the acant part of the first or leading part, with such Notes as will be Descant to the following part, and have reference to the succeeding Note of the plain Song, so proceeding from bar to bar, still illing the empty bar of the leading part with such Notes as may agree both with the plain Song, and ollowing part for the next Note of the plain Song.



#### Introduction to

A Canon of 3 Parts in the 4th. and 8th. below.







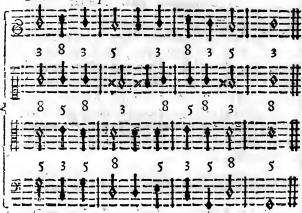
# Of Composing Four Parts.

In the Composing of Four Parts, it is most proper to begin with Counter-point, the usual Parts are Four, viz. Canto, Alto, Tenor and Bassus; in setting these four Parts, the Tenor ought to be Concords different from the other two upper Parts, and as near to Alto as may be for the Harmony is best when the upper Parts are close joyned in persect Concords, avoyding two Eights and two Fifts, either ascending or descending together.

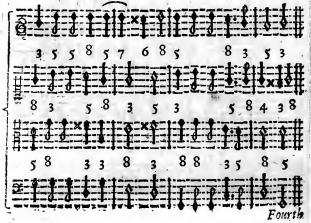
First Example of Counter-point, Four Parts.





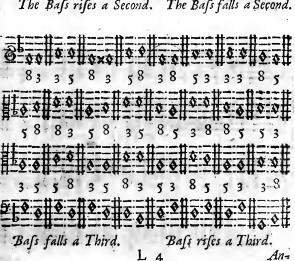


#### Third Example.



Four Examples of Four Parts, Counterpoint.

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Another Example of Counterpoint



An Example how to maintain a Fuge in 4 Parts.

When you have chosen your Fuge, you must examin all your parts and see which of them may begin first, for the sooner you bring in your parts with the Fuge, the better it will shew, your Fuges must either begin in the Fourth, Fifth, or Eighth, and then you must bring in your Second part upon a Fifth, Third, Eighth, or Unison so that it be with a Rest: And then look upon your two leading parts, where you may bring in the Third part; then let them three go together until the Fourth be brought in, being thus brought in you must contrive it so as that you may conveniently come to a close or else bring in some other Fuge, and after the first Fuge is finished by the Bass, if you will maintain another, then what part soever be leader, the rest of the parts must help to fill it, you must make a Bass a purpose to agree with him, and let one part Rest after another so there be Three parts still Example. going:



Several Examples of holding upon Discords in Four Parts.











Short Examples of making a Canon in Four Parts in the Unifon on a plain Song.





Another Example of a Canon in the Unifon on a plain Song.



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A Hymn in Four Parts Counterpoint.

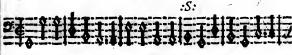




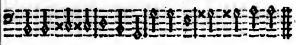




A Canon in the Unison for 3 Voices, wherein is exprest the six Musical Sounds, Ut, Re, Mi, Fa, Sol, La, in their proper places Ascending.



UT queant laxis REsonare fibris MIra gestorum FAmu-



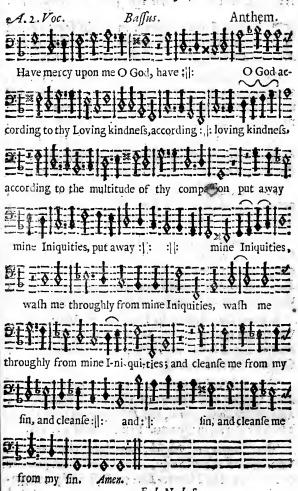
li tu-o-rum SOLve pol-lu-ti LA-bij re--a-tum.

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To conclude this Part of the Art of Composing Musick: My endeavour has been to set forth only what is most useful for the Practitioner, rather by necessary Examples than long Discourses and Precepts: In the whole, you will meet many Examples not to be found in other Books; I must confess, (being streightned for Time) I could not so Methodically put it into that order lintended: However, if what I have here done meet with a kind reception, it will encourage me, (if God permit Life for another Impression) to amend what faults are committed in this. Vale.

7. P.





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