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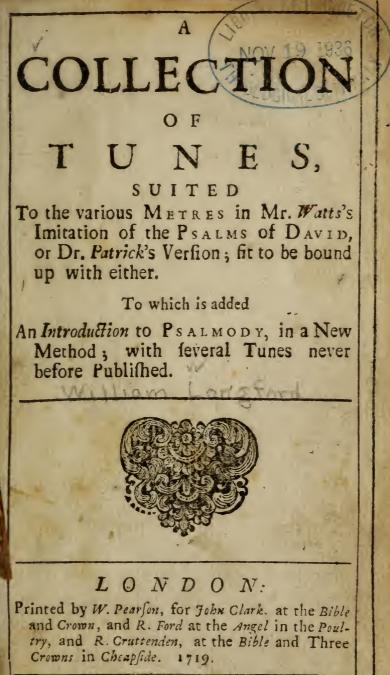
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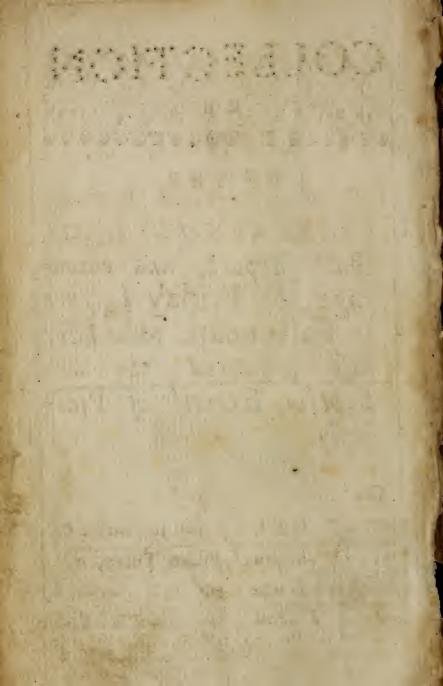
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GENTLEMEN of the Society, that support, and encourage the Friday Lecture in Eastcheap, who have also promoted the delightful Exercise of Psalmody.

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HERE present you with a Col-I lection of Pfalm Tunes, which I hope you will favourably I think you have a double A 2 Right

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Right to them : First, because I have taken the Liberty to copy the greatest Part of them ( by far ) out of your Standard Book of Psalm Tunes: Secondly, because haveing been engaged in your Service for Jo many Tears, I thought I could not take a more fitting Opportunity, to offer Some Testimony of my grateful Respects to you, than this affords me. Indeed, when I first began to copy them out, I intended them only for my own private Use, in the Desk; to bind up with Dr. Patrick's Version; but when I had almost finished what I intended for that Purpose, Application was made to me, to collect a Number of Tunes, that might Suit with the various Metres of Mr. Watts's Imitation of the Pfalms of David; together with an Introduction to Plalmody. I the more readily comply'd with that Request, because I thought I should at once oblige them that made it, and you too.

## DEDICATION.

I know many of you stand not in need of fuch an Introduction, having made very considerable Progress in Psalmody, but at the Same time there are others of you, who have more lately join'd your felves to the Society, to whom, I hope, it will be useful, and to fuch especially, I would recommend the fudious perusing of it; and glad should I be, if. those that come into the Society, would shew the Same Diligence, in attaining to the Knowledge of the Rules of Psalmody, that a great many of you formerly did. The Introduction is in a new and uncommon Method, which, for its Familiarity and Plainness, I hope will be Taking and Profitable. I have added Some new Tunes, that I presume, you never have seen in Print before, which I hope will be acceptable to you. I know there are such. that so critically look to espy Faults, that this Performance will not escape their Cen-Jures : However this may satisfy me, that

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it has been the Fate of better Performances than this, to pass under the severe Censures of the Critical, who are more diligent to find Fault in others, than to amend their own. Such as it is, I hope you will please to accept, it as the best way I could think of, to shew my Respect and Gratitude to you. I am, Gentlemen, under many Obligations,

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PON the Publication of Mr. Watts's Pfalms, being defired to present the World with a Collection of Pfalm Tunes, I thought it would not be improper, by way of Introducti-

on, to lay down a few plain Dire-ctions, for the better Understanding of Psalmody; which, to render it the more Familiar, I chose to. do by way of Question and Answer, that thereby it might be Intelligible to the meanest Capacities; and therefore the Introduction shall be in Answer to the following Inquiries.

Q. What is Pfalmody ?

A. Pfalmody is the finging of Pfalms in fuch Tunes as are proper to the Gravity and Solemnity

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of the Subject, according to the Rules of the Gamut : Without the Knowledge of which, it is impossible regularly to perform any Musick, either Vocal or Instrumental.

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A. There-are many Perfons who have very good Mufical Ears, that can take in a Sound from another that fings true; but without the Knowledge of the Gamut Rules, he cannot judge whether he fings true or falfe.

Q. What is the Gamut or Scale of Mulick?

A. The Gamut or Scale of Musick is the Repetition of the feven first Letters of the Alphabet, viz. A B C D E F G, together with a Syllable or Syllables, expressing the Names of the Notes on the feveral Keys of the Gamut.

Q. How do you Repeat your Gamut or Scale of Musick?

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Q. How do you diftinguish those Keys in the foregoing Scale which descend below Gamut, or ascend above Ela?

A. All below Gamut are term'd Double, as double F Faut, double E Elami, &c. |and those above E la, are called Notes in Alt. as G Sol re ut in Alt, and A la mi re in Alt, &c.

Q. How do you express the Gamut in the pricking of Tunes?

A. Every part that is fung is prick'd on five Lines, on which Lines and the Spaces between each Line is the Place for the Notes, anfwering the feveral Letters or Keys in the Gamut; as you may fee by the foregoing Scale.

Q. Do you never exceed the Number of five Lines for the pricking of any Tune?

A. No, except there be occasion for a borrow'd Line above or below the five Lines, and then it is extended no further than the Note or Notes for which it was borrow'd.

Q. How shall I know the several Parts of a Tune as they stand in the Gamut on those five Lines?

A. You must observe which of those Marks or Characters which you see in the Gamut or Scale of Musick is placed at the Beginning of your Tune, for that denominates the Tune or Part you are to fing, there are three of them, which we call Cliffs wiz. The F fa ut Cliff mark'd thus i which gives

the Name of *F fa ut* to that Line on which it ftands, and is proper only for the *Bafs*; and is, or ought always to be placed on the uppermost Line but one. The fecond Mark or *Cliff*; its proper Place

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Place is on the middle Line, and is called the C folfaut Cliff, and is mark'd thus E proper for middle Parts, and is often removed to the Lines above or below the middle Line; but on which Line foever it standeth, it giveth that Line the Name of C folfaut, from which your Lines and Spaces must be reckon'd as in the Gamut, both above it and below it; but by reason of the frequent Removes and various Places of this Cliff, it renders it somewhat intricate and difficult to Learners in fol - fa - ing their Tunes, and naming their Notes ; so that our Modern Authors have, in a great Measure, left out the use of it, and to supply its seeming want have pricked all the Parts except the Bass, with the G fol re ut Cliff at the beginning of the Tune, which Cliff is mark'd thus 2 and its place is on the lowest Line but one, of the five Lines. But that I may be yet more intelligible to the Learner, I will give you Examples of the Use and Places of each of the Cliffs, and first of the Bass or F fa ut Cliff.



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3dly, Of the G fol re ut Cliff, which is of the most general Use.

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Q. How may I understand my Notes so as to sing by the Gamut Rules?

A. You must first learn to call your Notes on the Lines and Spaces by their proper Names, which is the readiest way to give them their proper and distinct Sounds.

Q. What are their Names, and how shall I know their Places as they are pricked on the five Lines?

A. The Names now in use, by which your Notes are called, are Mi Fa Sol La; you are first to find out the proper place for Mi, and above that Place you ascend, and call the first Fa, the second Sol, the next La, and ascending still higher, you repeat Fa Sol La over again, so that twice Fa Sol La brings you to the Return of your Mi, for it comes but once in eight Notes; and descending below Mi, you name them backward, La Sol Fa, La Sol Fa; and then you come to Mi again, for every Ostave is the same.

Q. Why are the Notes call'd by these Names?

A. Because it is necessary for the commodious Expressing of a Musical Sound, to make use of some Syllable; and these Syllables are very well adapted to express the distinct Sounds of your several Keys in the Gamut. Q. But

Q. But I find in the Gamut two other Syllables, which you give me no Instructions about, viz. ut and re?

A. It is true, and the French make use of them ftill; but our English Masters have thought these four sufficient, and repeating them twice in the Compass of eight Notes to be the most Compendious, and Easter to the Learner, and as fully answers the End, as if they were all continued; for as Mi directs us how to place Fa Sol and La, so Fa directs us where to place the half Tone, which must have two places in the Octave, and they are both exprefs'd by Fa.

Q. You feem to intimate a Necessity of finding Mi first; Pray how shall I learn its proper Place, that I may know how to call my Notes above and below Mi, by their proper Names?

A. First, observe what Flats or Sharps you have at the beginning of your Tune, if you find neither Flat nor Sharp there, then your Mi is in B, (which is its natural Place;) but if you find a Flat (which is mark'd thus (b) put upon B, then you must place your Mi in E; and if there be a Flat in E also, then your Mi is placed in A; and fometimes you will find B, E, and A all flatted, and then you must place your Mi in D.

Q. But how shall I find Mi when there are Sharps at the beginning of a Tune?

A. The first place for a Sharp is F, and if you find a Sharp (which is mark'd thus ( # ) in F only, then F is Mi; but if you find Sharps in F and C, then

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you must place your Mi in C'; and in iome Authors you will find F, C, and G, all fharp'd, and then you must place your Mi in G; and in which of these Places soever you find Mi, your other Notes follow in the same Order as we have already mention d matter 1 at 26 ) our other book work

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Q. Why are Flats and Sharps fet at the beginning of Tunes? And of what Ute are they H va .

A. The Ule of a Flat at the beginning of a Tune, is to depress all the Notes throughout the Tune on that Key where it is fixed, half a Tone lower in Sound, than they would have been with out a Flat; and on the contrary a Sharp raifes the Sound half a Tone higher.

Q. But suppose I meet with a Sharp placed before a Note that is naturally flat, or before a Note flanding upon a Key flatted at the beginning of the Tune? Debotal side at the beginning of

A. That Sharp lerveth only to raife that Note, before which it is placed, half a Tone higher than it was without it: And on the contrary, when you meet with an accidental Flat before a Note naturally *fharp*, it deprefieth the Sound half a Tone lower than it would have been without it, and I think changing the Name into Fa, is fome Affiftance to the Voice in the right flatting fuch a Note. Q. Is there fo many Keys as there are Letters

put down and repeated in the Gamut ?

A. There is, properly speaking, but seven Keys answering the seven Letters of the Alphaber, which you find in the Gamut, viz: A B C D E F G; for uA amot ai ba An Introduction able fium 15 for if they were to be repeated ever fo often, as I told you before, all Eighths are the same, aben ic and a woy as you aben aben aben aben to

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A. By five whole Tones, and two half Tones, which half Tones (as I faid before) are expressed by the Syllable or Note Fa; fo that beginning with G, to which in a natural Key you apply the Note Sol, to A La, and to B, Mi, Sc. Then from G to A, is a whole Tone, from A to B is a whole Tone, from B to C is half a Tone, which is expressed by your Fa above Mi; then from C to D is a whole Tone, from D to E is a whole Tone, from E to F is half a Tone, which is expressed by Fa above La; and from F to G is a whole Tone, which compleats the Octave: But that I may come up to the End I proposed to my self in this Introduction, (viz.) Plainness and Perspicuity, take the following Examples in the feveral Removes of Mi by Flats and Sharps, before spoken of in the two Cliffs, now most in Ufe, (viz.) The F fa ut and the G fol re ut Cliffs.

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The fame Rule is to be observ'd in the C fol fa ut Cliff; but it being fo little used, I forbear to swell this small Introduction with Examples.

Q. Are not fome of the Keys properly and naturally flat or fharp, without the Addition of either Flat or Sharp to them?

A. Yes, E B and A are naturally Sharp, and G F D and C are naturally flat Keys, as by the foregoing Examples you may ice, those Keys which are naturally *fharp* have *flats* apply'd to them, and those naturally flat are subjected to Sharps at the B\_3 begining

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beginning of the Tunes, except D la fol re, to which you may fometimes find a Flat or a Sharp accidentally apply'd; but if you find that Key either flatted or fharped at the beginning of your Tune, you may look upon fuch a Tune as fitter for an Inftrument than the Voice, or at leaft it is irregular for that we call Sol fa ing of a Tune.

A. All those when some prick den a fait Q. Is there no other Notion of this Term Key, but what is capplicable to the feven Letters in the Gamut? Platms of ? Jumps

A. Yes, there is likewise the Tone or Key, in which the Tune is prick'd, and that is either a flat Key or a scharp Key.

Q. How shall I know when a Tune is prick'd in a flat Key, and when it is prick'd in a sharp Key?

A. You are not to make your Judgment from the Flats or Sharps you find at the beginning of your Tune, but you must observe the last Note of your Tune, for that is the Key in which your Tune is faid to go; and if you have a flat Third next above your Key, then your Key is flat, if a sharp Third next above, then your Key is sharp. Only observe if your Tune is composid in ever so many Parts, you must always look at the closing Note of your Bass to find your Key.

Q. Are not fome of your feven Keys capable, of themfelves to express either a Flat or Sharp Tune, without either Flats or Sharps at the beginning?

A. Yes, these two (viz.) C fol faut and A la Mi-

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Mire, and therefore they are call'd Master or Natural Keys; for all other Keys, whether express'd with Flats or Sharps are reduc'd to the fame Air with these two.

Q Of what further use are these Keys?

A. All those Tunes which are prick'd in a flat Key are proper for melancholly Subjects, fuch as Pfalms of Confession and Humiliation, &c. and those prick'd in a sharp Key for Pfalms of Thankigiving and Praise, &c.

Q. But having thus far inftructed me in naming my Notes, and applying the Rules to Practice, how fhall I know the Length of my Notes, and what is meant by keeping of Time in finging?

A. You must observe what Mood is fix'd at the beginning of your Tune.

Q. What is a Mood ?

A. There is feveral forts of Moods, both as to their Characters, and Meafures; but I fhall only give you an Inftance or two of fuch as are moft in Use for Pfalmody: And those are either call'd Common Time, or Tripla Time. The Sign of the Mood for Common Time is a Semicircle, which for the floweft Time is mark'd thus C The next is a degree faster, and is mark'd thus and the quickeft is mark'd thus  $\mathbf{P}$ .

Q. What are the diffinct Names of the Notes, according to their feveral diffinct Characters, and what Proportion do they bear one to another? A. In

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A. In this Measure of Common Time, before describ d, one Semibreve, which is the longest Note now generally used, contains two Minims, one Minim two Crotchets, one Crotchet two Quavers, and one Quaver two Semiguavers, as appears by the following Example. 2102 200151 one orad T. A

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Q. What is the meaning of a Prick. or Period, being plac'd after a Note?

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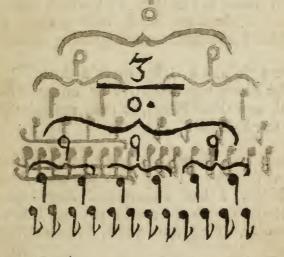
A, It is call'd a Prick of Perfection, and makes the Note going before it, half fo long again as it was; as for Inftance, a Semibreve with a Prick after it, is as long as a Semibreve and a Minim, fo a Minim

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Minim with a Prick, is as long as a Minim and a Crotchet, and fo for all other Notes, as you may fee more plainly in the fucceeding Example.

How fhall I know Tripla-Time?

A. There are various Sorts of this, but those most used in Pfalmody have three Minims in a Bar, and are mark'd thus (3) or thus  $(\frac{3}{2})$  or thus (31) for the better explaining of this Tune, and the use of the Prick of Perfection, take one Example.



Q. Are there no other Mulical Adjuncts uled in Pfalmody? noissing to seal a billes at st A. Yes, there is Refts or Paules which are fometimes placed at the beginning, or in the Middle of a minim

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There is also a Direct, mark'd thus of which you find at the End of your five Lines, when a Tune is continu'd to direct you in what Key your next fucceeding Note flands. And there is also a Repeat, mark'd thus (.S.) or thus (.S.) which fignifies that fo much of the Tune must be fung over again, as from that Character, to the beginning of the Strain.

There is alfo a Slur, mark'd thus 2, which ties the Notes together, over or under which it is placed, and those Notes, so tied, are to be sounded all in one Syllable.

These short Directions being well digested, will give a sufficient Light into the true Practice of this Noble, I had almost said Angelical Art of Psalmody; which if I can be any way Instrumental to promote, I shall think all my Pains well bestowed.

N. B. Although I have been as plain and intelligible as possible; yet the Learner cannot expect to be a perfect Proficient in the Art of Sol-faing and Sounding his Notes, without the Affistance of a Master that is throughly skill'd therein.

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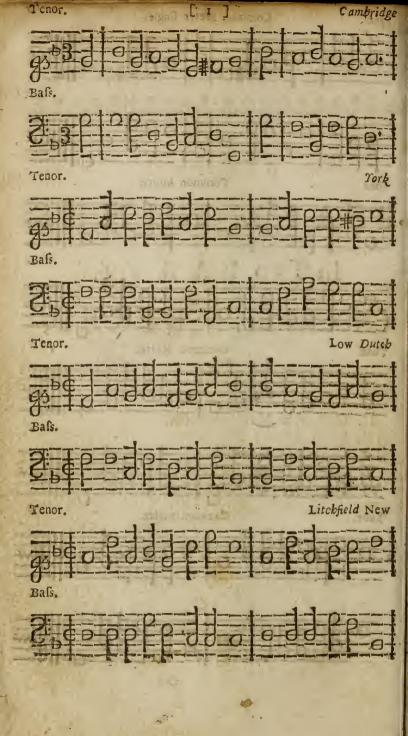
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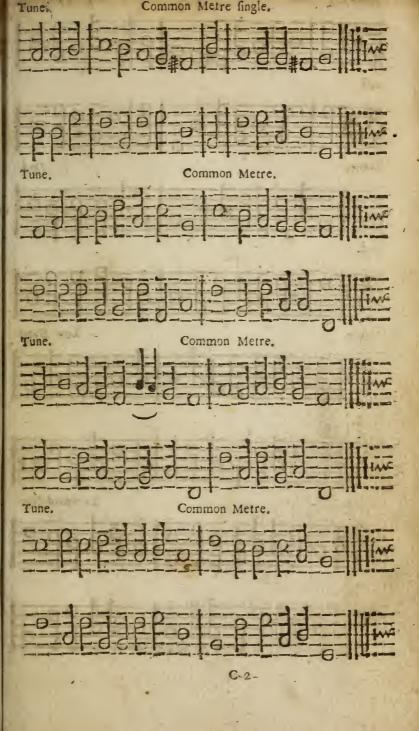
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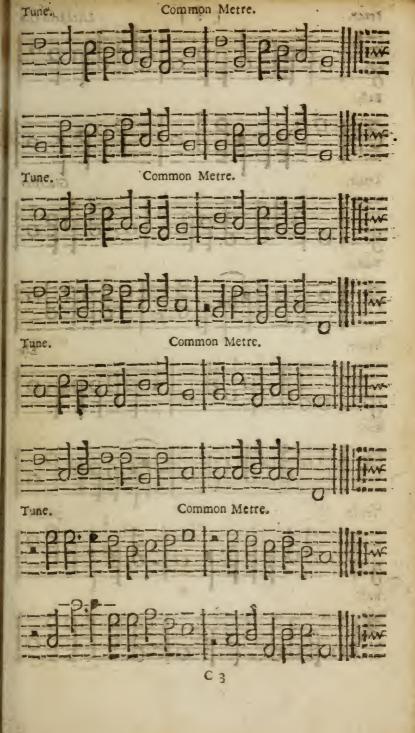
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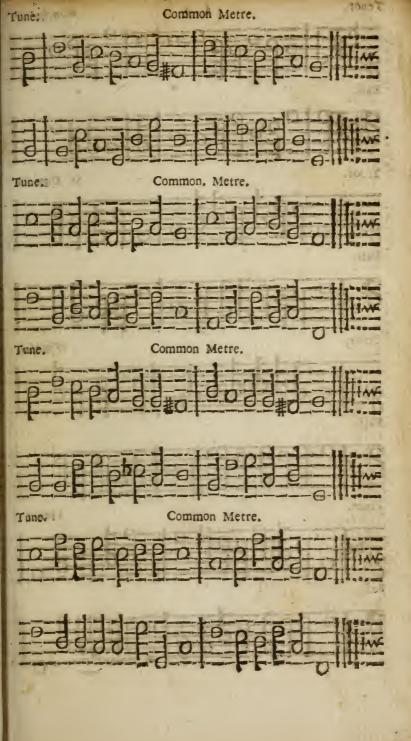






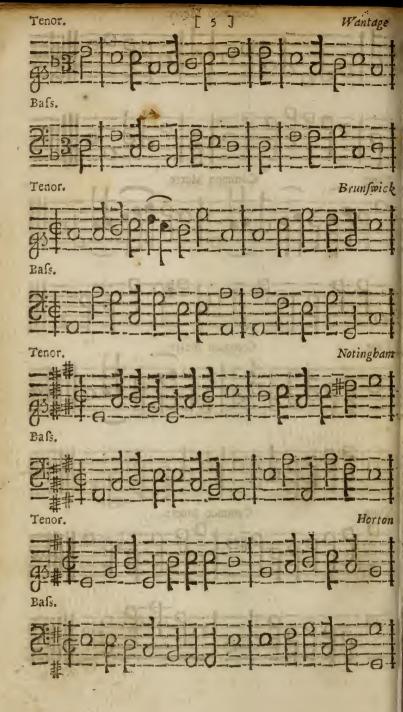


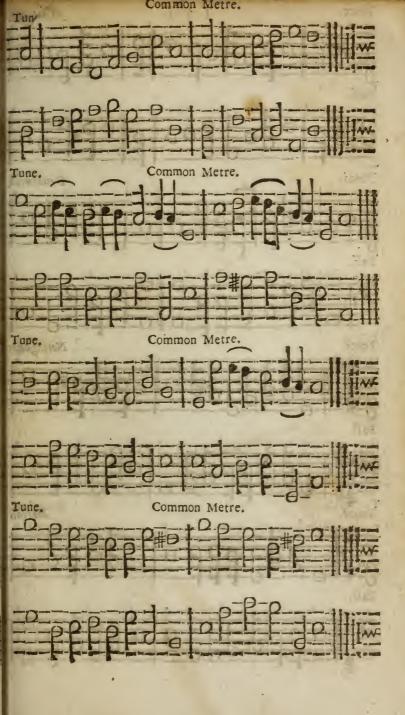




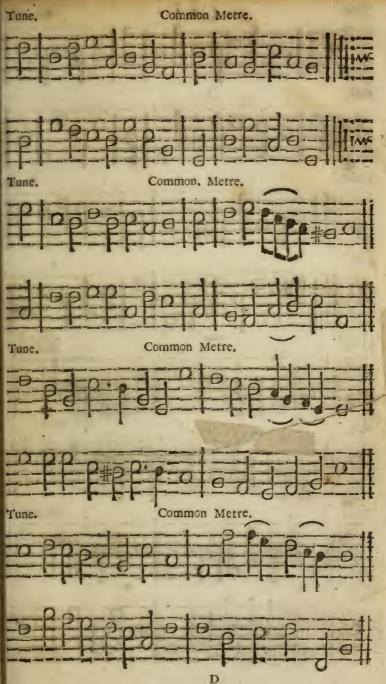






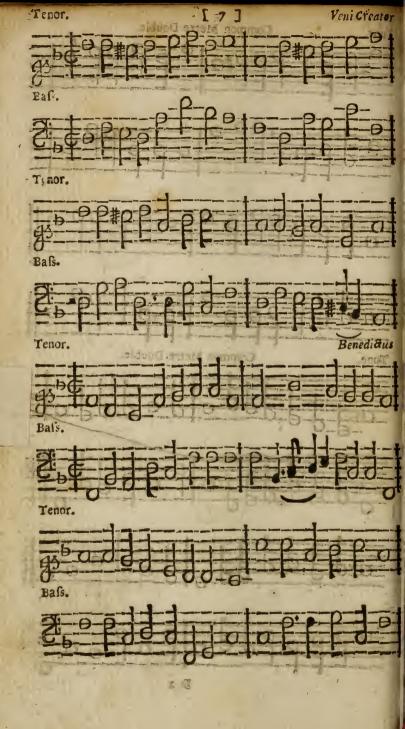






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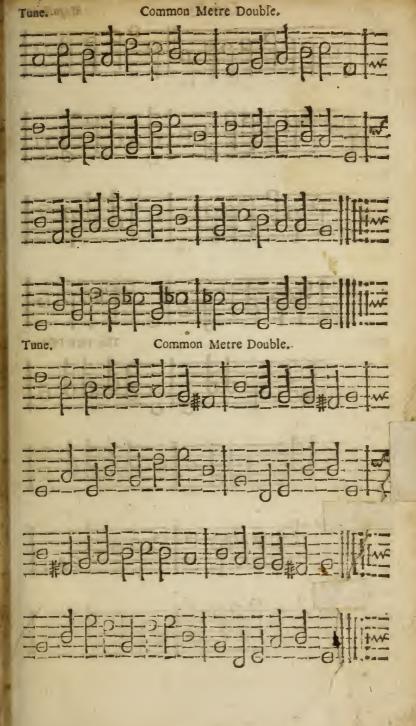
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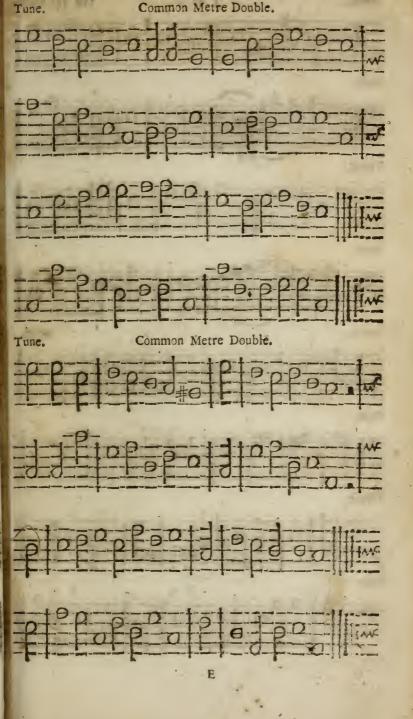


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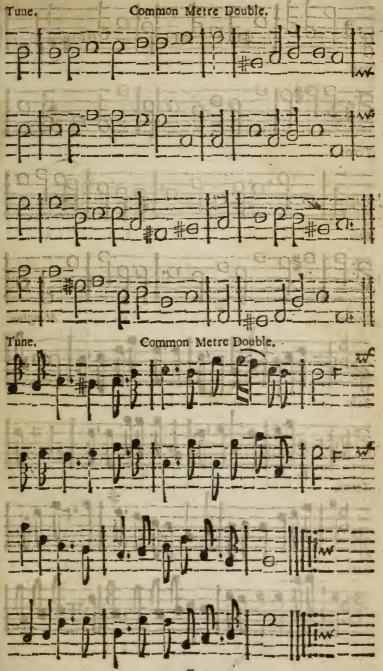
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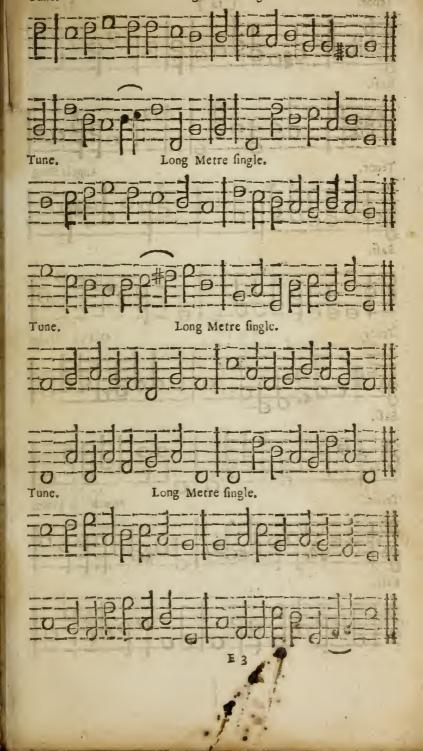


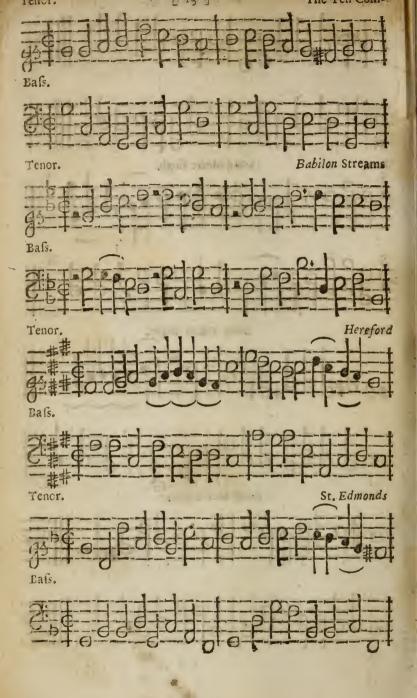
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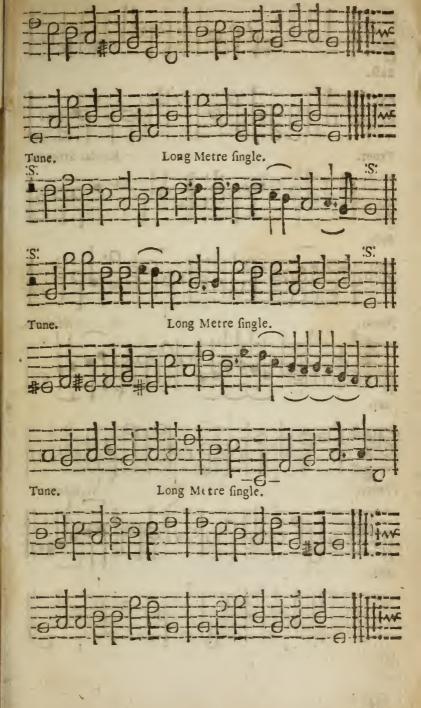


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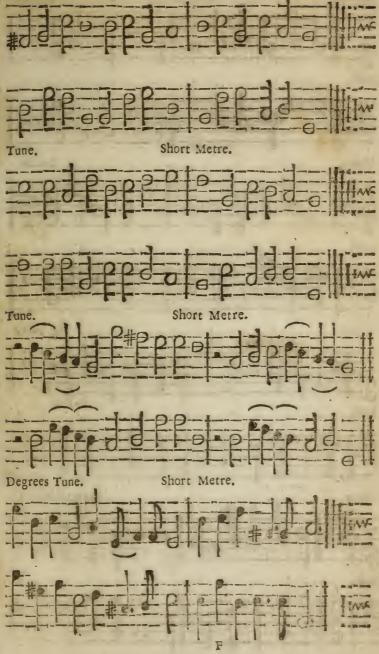
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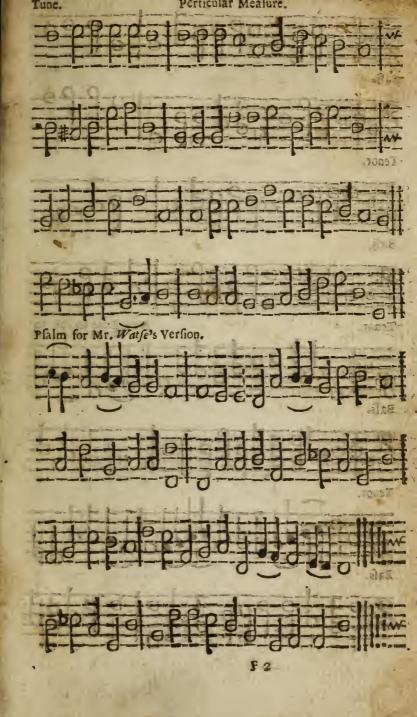




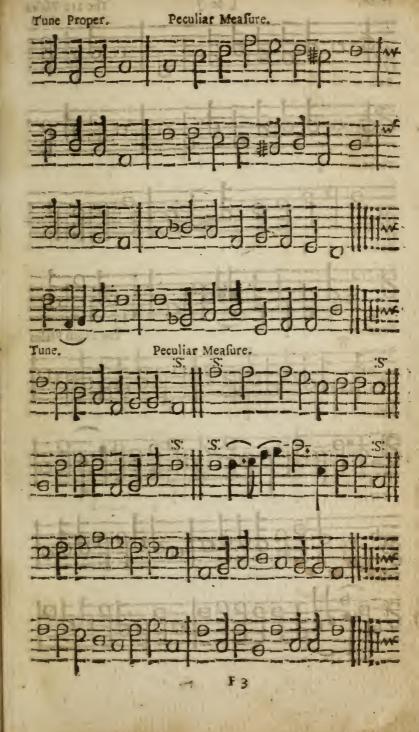


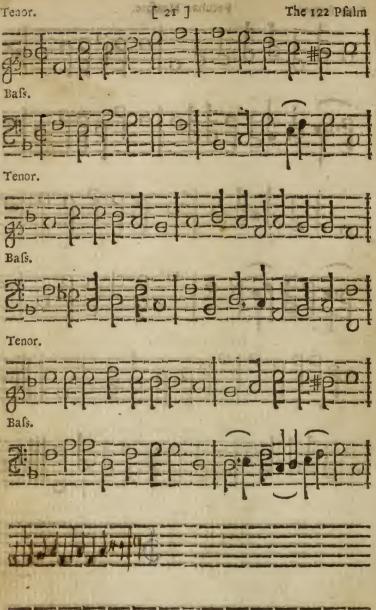












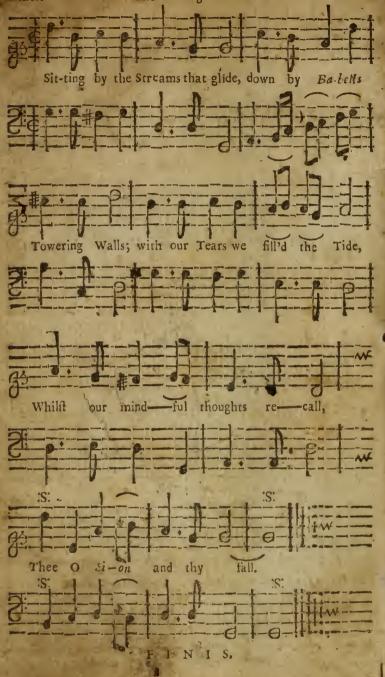












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