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## The PREFACE.

S PRAISE and Thankfgiving is a bounden and indispensable Duty from all Men unto God for ever, for all his Graces, Mercies, and Benefits towards us; and is by Him accepted as the highest Part of Divine Worship; so has it been held in the greatest Reverence, Honour and Esteem, by the most learned, hely, and virtuous Persons in all ages; and by most Religion: in the known World.

And as Musick is its Copartner, it is no less esteemed; but has the Superiority of all other Arts and Sciences whatsoever, by Reason it is employed in the bigbest Office that can be performed, by either Men or Angels; whereby we found forth the Praise and Glory of the great Author of all created Harmony, &c. &c.

PRAISING of God is as early as the Creation itself, for when Jehovah had laid the Foundation of the Earth, the Morning Stars sang together, and the Sons of Men shouled for Joy. This plainly shews us our Duty on Earth; and, that it was God's holy Will at the first Creation, that we should celebrate the Praises of Jehovah by Singing; which is a moral Duty.

The Royal Pfalmodist King David, our Great Master, whom we imitate, (though but faintly for went of his Heart) was not only a Man after God's own Heart, but was also the greatest Promoter of it that ever lived; who seldom met without a Pfalm in his Mouth, or an Instrument in his hand; in whose Musick was such sweet, sacred, and charming Power, that it drove the evil Spirit from Saul;—and Elista brought the holy Spirit upon himself; which Examples plainly demonstrate, that no evil Spirit cares to abide where Musick or Harmony is settled: And certainly, when it is composed into a sweet and regular Composition, suitable to the Subject, it renders it more sit for the boly Spirit to work upon, and convey more Truth to the Understanding.

Hence it is, that all must allow Musick to be the Gift of God, as a true Representation of the sweet Consent and Harmony, which his infinite Wisdom hath made, in the first Creation; and is given to us as a Temporal Bleffing, both for his Service, and our own Recreation, after hard Labour and Study.

There is scarce any Author in boly Writ, but recommends this Duty; as incumbent unto Men, almost in every part of Scripture; which are here too tedious to mention. Holy David often cries out, O that Men would praise the Lord for his Goodness and for his awonderful Works to the Children of Men.--O sing unto the Lord a new Song: Sing unto the Lord all the Earth--Bleffed are they that can Rejoice in thee, O Lord, for they shall walk in the Light of thy Countenance.---And also all primitive Writers in Times of Old, greatly encouraged this Divine and noble Art.

God also fent his great and heavenly Quire of Angels to usher in the Birth of his Son Jesus Christ, with these words, Glory to to GOD on High, Peace on Earth, and Good will towards Men, &c.

Singing of Pfelms is a Duty and Office angelical, and greatly recommended to us to practice as a Gospel Ordinance; and that we should always with one Mind and one Mouth glorify God with the Voice of Melody. Whenever I sing myself, methinks, the very Motion that I make with my Hand to the Musick, makes the same Pulse and Impression on my Heart; it calls in my Spirits, it distributes a Calmness all round me; it delights my Ear and recreates my Mind, it sills my Soul with pure and heavenly Thoughts, so that nothing is near me but Fearse and Tranquility; And when the Musick sounds sweetest in my Ear, Truth slows the clearest in my Mind.

And as Divine Musick excelleth all other Arts in the known World, and is deemed a heavenly Exercise and standing Part of Devotion, how much the more ought we to endeavor the true Knowledge of it, to perform it decently and in good Order: And to follow the Examples of all good Men who have taken such Pains to recommend it.

It may be further added, from the Experience of many good Authors, that where Pfalmody is most used, those Churches are generally the most filled: it having a great Influence over the Minds of most People, especially Youth; and keeps them from many Vices on the Lord's Day. It is a great Preservative to Health, it strengthens the Breast, and clears the Lungs. It helps a stammering Speech (as I know by Experience) to a true Pronunciation of Words; and is the only Way to Knowledge, where Nature has bestowed a good Voice, which excelleth all Infruments; and the better the Voice is, the meeter it is to serve Goowithal; it being given us for the very same End.

Singing

Singing is acceptable to God at all Times, and in all Places, For the Lord heard Paul and Silas, at Midnight when they were in Prison and the Prison Doors were opened, and their Bands were loosed, &c. This very Instance one would think is sufficient to make the most hardned Contemner of this Ordinance leave off railing against it. It is a great scandal to our Religion, which is the purest in the World, if rightly understood, to see how greatly Psalmody is neglected; and where it is a little minded, it is carried on quite different to what was intended: For instead of being done with good Oeconomy, sealously, and with a willing Mind; it is either done Lazily, or with Cavilling, and Self-Conceit, which renders it contemptable enough; as I know by daily Experience, from near 40 Years Practice, in divers Countries in this Kingdom.

If this one Remedy was well applied, (as I faid before in a nother Treatife) it might in some Measure, work a Reformation; i. c. First, that Persons of the Higher Rank would more encourage it, then would the lower Class naturally sollow their Good Examples, either for Love or for Fear; by which Means we should have better Preformances, larger Congregations, and our Religion more flourishing, instead of a daily Decay.

Secondly, That all Churches had Places for their Quires, convenent Encouragement to perfevere in Performance, and be furnished with able and skilful Masters, regularly qualified for fo-good an Undertaking.

From what has been said, by good and holy Men, concerning this great Duty, let us all endeavour to sollow their good Advice and pious Examples; and daily strive to suppress all Opponents as would hinder our Devotions; whereby we may attain a more sure and eternal Weight of Glory, &c.

But to promote the Praise and Glory of God, as far as I am able, 1st. I have faid down a short and easy Legentuction to the Grounds and Principles of Musick; wherein nothing that is useful for this Book is omitted.

- 2d. I have adapted good and agreeable Musick to the best Portions of the Psaims of David, of either Versions; which is neither too dull, nor yet two gay: but such as well becomes the Subject of the Words; with many Fazing Chorus's, which may be emitted, where Voices can't be had to perform them according to Art.
- 3d. For the further promoting of DIVINE MUSICK, I have laid down, A new and felest Number of Divine HYMMED easy ANTHEMS and CANONS, now in Vogue; composed in Two, Three, and Four Parts; and have set the Whole in Section Voices or Organ, &c. which I hope will be as useful as intended, &c.

#### An Explanation of the most useful TERMS that are generally used in Musick.

DAGIO, A very flow Movement. Affetuoso, very Tender and Affectionate. Allelujah, PRAISE THE LORD. Alto, Altus, The Counter-Tenor. Arfin and Thefin, Rifing and Falling. Bajs, The lowest foundational Part. Binary, up, and down, both Equal. Cadence, All Parts making a Close. Cantus, The Treble, or highest Part. Canon, A perpetual Fuge. Chant, To fing, Alfo the Church Tune. Chorus, All parts moving together. Close, All parts ending in Harmony. Counter-Tenor, Between Treble and Tenor. Demi, The Half. Diapason, A perfect Eighth. Diapente, A perfect Fifth. Diatessaron, A persect Fourth. Diatonick, The common Scale. Divoto, In a devout Manner. Eccho, Soft, like an Eccho. Epachord, A Seventh. Encore, over again, more still, yet. Exampli Gratia, Ex gr --- As for Example. Fin, The last, or finishing Note.

Forte, Loud. Fortiffino, very Loud. Fuge, Notes flying after of the same. Gratiofo, Graceful, and agreeable. Granda, very grand, or the greatest. Gravisonns, very grave and solid. Harmonick Sounds, Sounds agreeable. Haut Contra, The Counter-Tenor. Hemi, The Half. Hexacard, A Sixth. Imperfect, Cords of the lesser Intervals. Interval, The Space between Sounds. Inbarmonical, Sounds disagreeable. Lamantatone, Lamenting and grave. Languissiant, In a languishing Manner. Largo, A middle Movement of Time. Major, The greater. Medius, The Counter-Part. Minor, The Leffer. Moderatio, Of a moderate strength. Musico-Theorico, A Person who studies Musick, writes Treatises, and explains dark Paffages therein; and publickly gives Instruction by Practice. Nota Bene, Note well, ormark well. O.Tave, A perfect eight, of 12 Semitones. Voce Solo, A fingle Voice.

Organe, The Organ Part. Piano, Soft and sweet like an Eccho. Presto, Quick. Pieno, Full, or altogether. Quarta, Four Parts in Score. Recte & Rectro, Forwards, & Backwards. Replica, Represa, Let it be repeated. Score, All Parts standing Bar against Bar Semi, The half. Semitonick, The Octave divided into 12 Solo, Solus, Alone. (Sounds. Sharp, Sounds sharp and chearful. Syncopation, Sounds driven thro' the Bars Tacet, Silence. Tenderment, In a tender Manner. Transposition, Removeing from one Key to another. Treble, Threefold the 3d Octave above the Bass. Tripla, Time, moveing by Threes. Tutt Tutte, All Voices together. Veloce, Very Quick. Vivace, Quick, gay and lively. Vibration, Shaking or Trembling. Vigorofo, with Life and vigour.

#### CHAP I.

#### Of the GAMUT, and its Use: And of CLIFFS.

THE fole Subject of this following Discourse is SOUND; which Art or Sicence, is called Musick, which may be performed, or made, either by a natural Voice, or an artificial Instrument; which Art may be properly summ'd into these Three following Heads, viz. Tune, Time, and Concord.

I. Tune is regulated by the Scale of Mufick, called the GAMUT; which gives a true Distinction of all Sounds, or Tones,

either Grave or Cheerful.

II. Time is comprehended and understood by Marks or Charasters called Notes; which being fixed regularly on the Lines and Spaces of the Gamut, guideth the Perfermer to a true and exact Movement of Time, either Quick or Slow; which when performed by Voice or Instrument alone, 'tis called Melody.

III. CONCORD is when two, three, or more Sounds, are performed together in Mufical Concordance; there being the Distance of 3, 5, 8, or more Notes above another; which when regularly composed together, 'tis called HARMONY, i. e. Three in One.

The true Nature and Uje, of these three Heads, I shall endeavour to demonstrate; and all their useful Branches thereunto belonging, in a plain familiar Method, in the following Chapters.

#### Sect. 1. Of the GAMUT, &c.

THE Scale of Musick, as Authors report, was Composed about the Year 960, by Guido Aretinus, a Monk of St. Benediti's Order, who first received it from the Greeks, and afterwards reduced it into the form as it now appears, who used to place this Greek Letter T, at the Bottom of the Scale, from whence it took its Name, which was called Gamma, or GAMUT, but in English G, which shewed from whence he did derive it.

This Scale contains all the Degrees of Sound, which is the Grammar or Ground-work of all Musick; without which no Know-

ledge can be gained in this Noble and Divine Science. Therefore, I shall first fet down, and afterwards explain it.

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# Explanation.

The SCALE is divided into three Parts, each Part including five Lines; in which you have a Name for every Line, and every Space; they being either a whole or half Tone distant, one from another: And when your Notes are set on any of them you must call them by that same Name as is given to that Line or Space.

Observe, that every eighth Letter, (together with its Degree of Sound) bears the same Name as was before; the Scale being sounded on no more than seven Letters. viz. G, A, B, C, D, E, F, and then G again; for every Eighth is the same, upwards, or downwards.

This Scale you must learn perfect by Heart, so that having the Name of every Line and Space perfect in your Memory, you may readily call your Notes in any of them.

Observe also that all Notes that shall ascend above F-faut, in the Treble, are called Notes in Alt; and all Notes that descend below Gamet in the Bass are called Doubles, as Double-F-faut. Elami, Desolve, &c.

Sect. 2. Of

#### Sect. 2. Of the several CLIFFS, and their Use.

I'N the foregoing Scale of Musick, there are three several Marks or Characters, called CLIFFS; one of which is always (or ought to be) placed at the Beginning of every Stanza, or Line of Musick; in order to shew you what Part whether Treble, Tenor, or Bass, &c. which Characters give to the Line, whereon they are fix'd, the Names of C, C, or F; whereby you may find the Names of all the rest in their proper Order, both above and below it; M, k, or Cliff, is like a Key or Inlet to the Scale of Musick; for every Change of Cliff, changeth the whole of the Scale, &c.

1. The Bass or F faut Cliff is generally set on the second Line from the Top: It gives to its Place the Name F, and when sung called Fa.

2, The C-fol faut Cliff is mostly used for the Counter-tenor or inner Part, and may be set on any of the sour lowest Lines: It gives to its Place the Name C, and when sung called Fa.

3. The G folreut Cliff, may be used for either Treble or Tenor, or for any inner Parts, and is commonly set on the second Line from the Bottom: It gives to its Place the Name G, and when sung called Sol.

For the practical Scale of Musick, on the five Lines, vocal and instrumental, in the three usual Cliffs, see Page 7th.

N. B. That in the Compass of every eight Notes, there are two of them called semi, or half Tones, which are from Mi to Fa, and from La to Fa; there being a Bar drawn between them. Suppose a whole-Tone be an Inch, the half-Tone is but half an Inch, which is a mathematical Demonstration.

Learn first by Cliffs to call your Notes, both Lines and Spaces right. Then learn in time to ground your Skill in Musick's sweet-Delight.

#### C H A P. II. Of the Names and Measures of the Notes, and their Rests and Use.

THIS Scale comprehends the fix feveral Sorts of Notes used in Musick, with their Rests under them; of which I shall discourse and begin with.

1. The Semibreve whose Length and Proportion of Time is as long as you may leisurely tell 1, 2, 3, 4, by the slow

Motion of the Pendulum of a Large Chamber-Clock, or any other Pendulum of the like Proportion, it being the longest Note of any now in use, tho' formerly it was the shortest. It is the Measure Note, and guideth all the rest.

The Minim is but half the Length of the Semibreve, having a Tail to it.
 The Crotehet is but half the Length of the Minim, having a black Head.

4. The Quaver is but half the Length of the Crotchet, having the Tail turn'd up.

5. The Somiquaver is but half the Length of the Quaver, having the Tail turn'd up with a double stroke.

6. The Demiferiquaver is but half the Length of the Semiquaver, having the Tail turn'd up with a treble stroke, which is the shortest Note now used in Musick.

Rests are Notes of Silence, which signify that you must rest, to keep silence, so long as you would be sounding one of the respective Notes. For the names of the Notes, see Page first.

#### Of other CHARACTERS used in MUSICK.

- 1. A Flat is a Mark of Contraction, and causeth any Note it is set before that riseth a whole Tone, to rise but half a Tone I mean to flat or sink it half a Tone lower than it was before, the same as from Fa to La, or Fa to Mi; also all Flats that are set at the beginning of a Tune serves to flat all such Notes that happen on that Line or Space, except any Note be contradicted by an accidental Sharp or Natural. Flats are also used to regulate the Mi, in transposition of Keys.
- 2. A Sharp is a Mark of Extention, it being to raife or sharp any Note it is set before, half a Tone higher, the same as from Mi to Fa, or La to Fa. Likewise all sharps that are placed at the Beginning of the five Lines serves to sharp all such Notes as shall happen on that Line or Space, except contradicted by an accidental Plat or Natural, which serves only for that Note. Sharps are also used to regulate the Mi, in Transposition of Keys.
- 3. A Repeat is used to direct the Performer that such a Part or Strain must be repeated over again from the Note it is set over, or under, or after. Either of these Words signify the same, viz. Reptatur, Represa, Replica, Replicato, Reditta, Riditta, Encore, (Italian.)

This Character is also used in Canons, to direct the following Farts to fall in at such Notes it is placed over.

4. A Slur, is in form like a Bozo, drawn over, or under the Heads of two, three, or more Notes, when they are fung to but one Syllable.

5. A Single Bar, serves to divide the Time in Musick, according to the Measure-Note.

6. Double-

6. Double-Bars serve to divide many Strains in Musick, as a Period at the End of a Sentence. But if they be dotted on each side, as thus :ll: it signifies that such a Strain, or Part, must be repeated over again. Double-Bars, when used in Pfalm Tunes are often set only for the benefit of the Sight; or that you may, if you please, rest to take Breath, the Time of one Beat, or two Beats, if the Subject should so require, &c.

7. A Direct, is placed at the End of a Line, to direct the Performer to the place of the first Note in the next Line.

Either of these Words signifies the same, viz. Index, Guidon, Monstra.

8. A Natural, is a Mark of Restoration, which being set before any. Note that was made flat or sharp at the beginning, restores it to its former Natural Tone, or as it was before those Flats or Sharps were so placed.

9. A Shake, called the Trilloe, is commonly (or ought to be) placed over any Note that is to be shaked or graced.

10. A Close, or Concludo, is three, four, or more Bars together, and always set after the last Note of a piece of Musick, which signifies a Conclusion, or the closing all Parts in a proper Key.

The Pick of Perfection, or Point of Addition, which adds to the Sound of any Note, half as much as it was before----When

this Point is set to a Semibreve, it must be held as long as three Minims, &c.

Of Pricked Notes observe, That sometimes you will meet with a Point at the Beginning of a Bar, which belongs to the Sound of the last Note of the foregoing Bar, and that all Notes thus divided are called Notes of Sincopation or Driving-Notes, from their being cut asunder with Bars, and driven thro'; of which I shall say more when I come to treat of time.

Observe, That you will often meet with Quavers tied together in threes, which three are to be performed in the time

of a Crotchet. If Crotchets, but one Beat, &c.

There is another Character used in Musick, called a Hold, made thus , and usually placed over any Note that may be beld some what longer than the Note contains. When any Rest is placed just under it, both standing over a Note, it is called a Rest or Hold, denoting, that you may either rest at pleasure, or bold on the Sound at Pleasure, on all Words of great Importance; or listen if all the performers are in true Order, &c. This the French call a Surprise.

There is yet another Mark, called a Divider, diverfly marked, thus =, or thus (3), which divides the Score of the Com-

position, shewing what Parts move together, and what do not.

[ Unless all Notes, Names, Rests, and Marks--- Are perset known by Heart, ] None ever can attain to know--- The Rules of Musick's Art.

#### C H A P, III.

#### Sect 1. Of Tuning the Voice with Variety of Lessons for young Beginners, which Lessons fee Page First.

IT is not to be imagined that any Art or Science can ever fo perfectly be learned without a compleat Master or Tutor as it is with; though many have attained great Skill by reading good Authors; and not tinged with the Spirit of Contradiction and Self-conceit, have accquired great Knowledge therein. The first Rule the young Performer is to begin with, is the Gamut, as I have said before, which he must not only learn to say, but also must know well by Heart, both Line and Space, learning

both by Letters, and by the Vocal Syllables.

#### Sect. 2. Of the several GRACES used in Musick.

HE Trilloe, or Shake, is the principal Grace, used in Musick; that is, to move or shake your Voice or Instrument, distinctly on one Note, or Syllable, the Distance of a whole Tone. First move slow, then faster by Degrees; and by observing this Method, you will certainly gain the perfection of it. You must move as fast as possible while the Length of the Note is performing. The Trilloe, or Shake, may be used in all descending Pricked Notes, and always before a Close; also on all descend-

ing tharp Notes, and descending Semitones, but none shorter than Crotchets.

There is another Grace used in Musick that requires much Judgment, called the Grace of Transition; that is, to flur, or break a Note to sweeten the Roughness of a Leap; and in Instrumental Musick, Transition is often used on the Note before a Close; by which you will see how you may make Transitions, which sometimes are pricked down in small supernumerary Notes, they being as it were to bear or lean on as you slip over Intervals, to soften the Roughness of a Leap, &c. which is the Persection of a Singer, be it Man or Woman.

CHAP.

#### CHAP. IV.

Of TIME in its various Moods, and how to beat them.

Sect. 1. Of the Measure and Proportion of Common-Time and its various Moods.

OMMON-TIME \*, is measured by even Numbers, as 2, 4, 8, &c. each Bar including such a Quantity of Notes as will amount to one Semibreve, (which is the Measure-Note, and guideth all the rest) it being called a Whole Time, or the Time-Note.

But to give every Note its due Measure of Time, you must use a constant Motion with your Hand, or Foot; once down, and

once up in every Bar; which Motion is called Time and Measure.

I told you before, that the Time and Measure of the Semibreve, (which is the Measure-Note in Common-Time) was so long as you may leisurely tell 1, 2:3,4: therefore the Motion of your Hand, or Foot, is to beat two with your hand down, and two up, in every Bar; so that you are as long down as up; which fort of Time is known by the several Marks or Moeds

called Quadruple Proportion, being measured by Four.

The First Mood or Mark, is the Adagio Mood, which denotes a very flow Movement. The fecond Sort is the Large Mood, being half as quick again. The third Mood, is the Allegro Mood, or Retorted Mood, being as quick again as the fecond; so that you may tell 1, 2: 3, 4 in every Bar, almost as fast as the Motion of a Watch. It is sometimes marked with a large Figure of 2; and sometimes contains but two Crotchets in a Bar. See the Examples of the several Moods of Time Page first; by the Help of which, and observing other Lessons in Common Time you may be able to beat and perform any Lesson in this Sort of Time, still dividing the Semibreve into as many lesser Notes as you please, according to its Measure-Note.

Syncopation,

<sup>\*</sup> There are two forts of Time, in Musick, viz. Common Time, and Triple Time. Common Time contains the quantity of one Semibreve, or two Minims, or four Crotchets in a Bar; the two first are to beat with the Hand or foot down, and the two last with it up. The first Mood or Mark for Common Time, is a simple C, and denotes a slow grave Movement. The Crotchets in this Mood are to be sung in the Time of Seconds; so that 60 Crotchets, 30 Minims, or 15 Similbreves, are to be sung in the Time of a Minute. The second Mood, which has a Line drawn across the

Syncopation, or Driving of Notes, is very difficult for young Beginners, by reason your hand or soot is either up or down, while the Note is sounding: But the foregoing Examples are sufficient to give you a right Understanding of them, by telling t, 2, with the Hand down, and 3, 4, with it up.

Sect. 2. Of the Measure and Proportion of TRIPLA TIME, in its various Moods.

RIPLA TIME is measured by odd Numbers, as 3, 6, 9, &c. each Bar including either 3 Semibreves, 3 Minims, 3 Crotchets, or 3 Quavers; two of which must be sung or played with the Hand or foot down, and one up; so that you are jost as long again down as up.

The first, and generally the slowest mood in Triple Time is called Sesquialtera Proportion, being a Triple Measure of three Notes to two such like Notes in Common Time, and sung or played in the same time; which is one south Part quicker in every Bar.

This Mood is called Three to Two, and includes three Minims in a Bar, which are performed in the same

Time as two Minims in Common Time; two beat down, and one up; marked thus: 3

The fecond fort of Triple Time, is called Three from four, each Bar containing three Crotchets, or one pointed Minim; two beat down, and one up; marked thus: 3

The third fort, is Three from Eight, each Bar including three Quavers; two down, and one up; and are marked thus: 3

These being all the Moods that are commonly used in Vocal Musick.

And

Middle of the C, denotes a brisk movement; the Time is to be beat and fung about half as fast again as in the flow Mood: and when the C, is inverted, or turned backwards, or marked with a large Figure of 2; it denotes a very quick Movement, and is to be beat or sung about as quick again as the flowest Mood. Note, That the Mood in Common Time, which denotes a brisk Movement, called the Largo Mood, is now generally fixed to all Psalm Tunes that are in Common Time; in which the Crotchets, and so all other Notes in proportion, have been from a long Time past, and now for the most Part, are sung in the time of Seconds.

Triple Time contains 3 Minims, 3 Crotchets, or 3 Quavers, in a Bar. The whole Bar or Measure, in all these different Moods, are divided into three equal Parts, called from that Property Triple Time: the two first in each Bar are to be beat and sum with the Hand or Foot down, and the third or last with it up.

Bur are marked thus \frac{3}{4} and are to be sum near as quick as Crotchets in slow Common Time.

Three Crotchets in a Bar are marked thus \frac{3}{4}, and are to be sum about as quick as Crotchets in brisk Common Time, or the Largo Mood.

And though these Directions import, that your Hand must be always down at the first Note in every Bar, it is now become a practice to beat every Beat down, both in Common Time and in Triple; But I think it is not very material how a person lects, or what Motion he uses, so he keeps but a true Movement, to answer both Notes and Rests: For, unless a person can count his Time in his thoughts, as he sees it, it is impossible either to beat, or person in Confort.

#### CHAP. V.

#### Of the several Keys in Musick: And of Transposition of Keys.

N Musick there are but two natural primitive Keys, viz. C-faut, the sharp and cheerful Key; and A-re, the star melan-choly Key: And that no Tune can be formed on any other Key but these two, without the Help of placing either I lats or Sharps at the beginning of the five Lines; which transposes B-mi, the Center or Master-Note (togother with all the reit in wheir Order, both above and below it) to be the same in effect as the two Natural Keys. For an example of the two natural Keys,

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The Key-Note is the last Note of the Bass, by reason it is the Fundamental Part of all others; which is taken from L-mi, the Center-Note, which lies between both the Key-Notes, the one stat, and the other starp; which are so called, from their having their Thirds, Sixths, and Sevenths, Major or Minor above. And as the Key-Note, of every Composition is a certain principal, and Dominant Tone, fixed on to guide all other Sounds in Order, above and below it; even so B-mi governs that; and when B-mi (or Mi, as we call it) changes its Place, all other Notes, in their Order, like so many Attendants, remove along with it. And although, in Instrumental Mussick, it is not practicable to change their Letters for every Romoves of B-mi, by flats, or sharps, (by reason they always play by Letters) yet they are obliged to state or sharp all Notes as are ordered to change the Places of the Semitones, to be the very same in effect; yet it may be practicable in Vocal-Mussick, if the performers are well skill'd enough to call their Notes by Letters; but this is too perplexing for young Beginners, they generally sinding it difficult enough, at first, to sol-sa

But I shall no longer descant on this Point; but shall, in the next Place, set down the several Removes of R-mi, (as are concern'd in this Book) whereby you may be able to transpose any Piece from its Natural-Key, to any of the other Arrificel-Keys, whether stat or sharp; and to be the very same in Effect, though higher, or lower, Se. which Table you may tree

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#### CHAP. VI.

Of the feveral Concords, and Discords; both Perfect and Imperfect: And of the Figures, used in the THOROUGHBASS:

With some general Rules thereunto.

HERE are but Four Concors in Musick, viz. the Unison Third, Fifth and Sixth; (their Eights or Octaves are also meant) The Unison is called a Persect Cord; and commonly the Fifth is so called; but the Fifth may be made Impersect, if the Composer pleases. The Third and Sixth are called Impersect; their Sounds not being so full nor so sweet as the Persect: But in sour parts the Sixth is used instead of the Fifth, in some certain Places, when the Fifth is lest out; so in Effect, there are but three Concords.

The Meaning of the Word Impersect, signifies, that it wants a Semitone of its Persection, to what it does when it is persect; for as the Lesser, or Impersect, or Minor Third, includes but three Half-Tones: the Greater or Persect, or Major-

Third includes four Half Tones, &c.

The Discords, are a Second, a Fourth, and a Seventh, and their Offaver: though sometimes the Greater Fourth comes very near to the Sound of an Impersest Cord, it being the same in Ratio as the Minor Fifth: but I will set you

An Example of the several Concords and Discords, with their Offaves under them.

N. B. That if a Voice or Instrument, could reach to Ten Thousand Offaver, they are all counted as one in Nature.

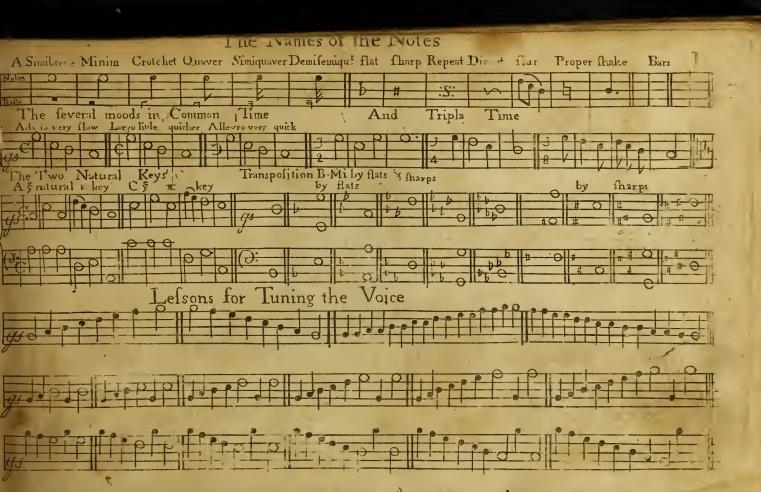
The Table of Cords, Major, and Minor, are inserted Page 3th; By which you will see how Concords and Discords are made either Greater or Lesser, (Persest or Impersest) without the Help of either Flats or Sharps (except the Mojor 4th;) But they may be made in Composition either Greater or Lesser, by adding either Flats or Sharps to one of the Parts, that stands joined with another; and that Discords may be used in Composition, if mixed with Judgment, &c.



















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