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## PREFACE.

SACRED Scripture informs us that all the duties of christain churches, should be performed with decency and in order---Music being one of those duties, and a pleasing science, is, when properly improved, equally beneficial to society and individuals, as it has a tendecy to reconcile discordant hearts and unite them in the social bands of friendship---it qualifies us to take an active part in that delightful exercise which is the brightest ornament of religious worship---it raises in the breast the most noble feelings, and is a pleasing resource in the trying hour of affliction;

The Puble's Humble Servants,
THE EDITORS.

### INTRODUCTION to PSALMODY.

#### The GAMUT.

Is the feale of Mufical Notes.

It confils of feven diffind degrees of found, viz. Five whole tones, and two femi or half tones, which are called an Odlave. They are reprefented on five lines and ipaces, by the feven first letters of the alphabet, arranged as follows:

BASS.	COUNTER.	TENOR, or TREBLE.			
B Mi.	A La.	Sol.			
Λ	G Sol.	F			
G Sol.	Fa.	E La.			
F	) ELa.	DSol.			
E I.a.	D III Sol.	C Fo.			
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C Fa.	B   Mi.	A -Q- La.			
BMi.	A	C TAS Sol			
A La.	G Sol.	Fa.			
G-Sol.	Fa.	F.			
E D	6 P	(			

The feale is divided into three parts, each of which, confifting of five lines with their fpaces, is called a Stave, and diffinguished with a cliff.

The first is called the Bafs slave—its cliff is called the F Cliff, and is marked thus: The six placed on the uppermost line but one, and gives to the line its name.

The fecond is called the Counter flave, the cliff, marked thus, it always carries the C me. This cliff is by some authors confidered it always carries the C with it.

The third is called the Tenor and Treble flave; its cliff is called the G Cliff, marked thus, and is fixed on the fecond line from the bottom, which is called the G line.

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In music there are but four notes representing founds, their names are mi, fa, fol, la; the principal of which is mi, where that isfound, the order of the others in rising, will be 1a, fol, la, fa, fol, fa, and in falling, la, fol, fa, la, fol, fa, atter which in either way, the mi recurs. It hath been before remarked, that of the seven distinct degrees of found, called tones, two are semi or half tones; their natural places are between B and C, and E and E. They are, however, often placed differently by flash of sharps, which transpote mi from B, its natural place; in all which eases, the semi or half tones, will be between mi and fa, as in the natural fedel.

#### RUELS for finding the MI.

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Its natural place is in	B I	If F be fart, mis in	F
		If F and C be tharp, MI is in	
If B and E be flat, MI is in	A	If F C and G be thart, MI is in	G
If B E and A be flat, MI is in	D	If F C G and D be fharp, M1 is in	D
If B E A and D be flat, Ms is in	G	If F C G D and A be /harb, MI is in -	A
If B E A D and G be flat, MI is in -	C	If F C G D A and E be fharp, MI is in	E
If B E A D G and C be flat, MI is in		If F C G D A E and B be flarp, ms is in	
If BEADGC and Flor Hat, we is it	sin R		

#### A TABLE of the TRANSPOSITION of the ML.

- 1	Mi on B, its natural				B, E, A and D	1			
	place.		B and E flat Mi	B, E and A flat	flat Mi on G.	F fharp Mi on	F and C sharp	F, C & G fharp	F, C, G and D
	Tener or Treble.	B flat Mi on E.	on A.	Mi on D.		F.	Mi on C.		fharp mi on D.
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The mi is always a fourth above, or a fifth below, the last added flat; and when governed by sharps, it is always on the last at sharped.

#### MILSICAL NOTES with their RESTS

APoster	Semibreve.	Minim.	Crotchet,	Quaver,	Semiquaver.	Demifemiquaver.	2 Bars.	4 Bars,	8 Bars.
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and				7-7-	1 7 7				
Reits.				-				-	

Refts are notes of filence, indicating a paufe or filence for the length of time required for the notes they reprefent. The femibreve rest is also used for filling a bar, in all moods of time.

The following SCALE will shew the PROPORTION the NOTES bear to each other.



EXPLANATION.

FLAT, placed at the beginning of a tune or ftrain, regulates the mi, and when before a note, finks it half a tone.

A Sharp also regulates the mi, and when placed before a note, raises it half a tone.

A Natural. The property of this character is to counteract the two foregoing characters, respecting the tone of the notes only, except when placed at the beginning of a new firain; in which case its effect is to reflore the mi also to its natural place. NeverthePoint of -

less when a tune begins with two or more flats or sharps, and one or more of them are restored with this character through all the parts, the residue will be in their full force.

The important uses and effects of these three characters should be critically explained by every teacher, and as carefully attended to by every learner of music.

Point of Addition

This placed on the right hand of a note, makes it half as long again as it would otherwife be,

Point of Initiation:

This point either over or under any three notes, reduces them to the time of two.

Single Bars.

Thefe are used to divide certain quantities of notes or rests between each, according to the mode of time to which the tune is set.

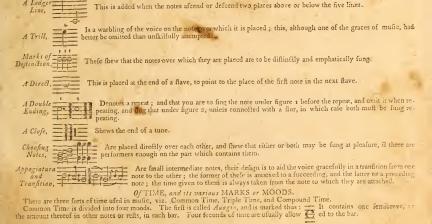
Double Bars. These denote the end of a firain.

Refeats, \_\_\_\_ Either of these characters denote that the notes standing between them, are to be sung a second time.

A Slur, Drawn over or under any number of notes, denote their belonging to one fyllable.

A Brace. Both of these are used to determine the number of parts which move together.

A Hold. This character shows that the note over which it is placed, should be dwelt upon something less than a best longer than its true time.



The second mood is called Large, and marked thus: This contains the same quantity of notes in a bar as the first, but is permed in one quarter less time. formed in one quarter less time.

The third is called *Allegro*, and thus marked: This mood, likewife, contains the fame quantity of notes in each bar as the preceding moods, but is performed in the time of two feconds to a bar.

The fourth mood of Common Time contains the amount of one minim in a bar, and is marked with figures thus:

ed about one quarter fafter than the Allegro. Triple Time is divided into T three moods, the first of which, contains three minims in a bar, or other notes and rests to the same amount, and is marked thus: This is performed in the time of three feconds to the bar.

The fecond mode is marked thus, and contains three crotchets or their amount in a bar, and is performed about one quarter fafter than the former. ther than the former.

The third mode contains the amount of three quavers in a bar, and is thus marked:  $\frac{3}{9}$  It is performed about a quarter fafter than

the fecond.

Compound Time Moods, & contains to the amount of fix crotchets in a bar, and is performed in the time of two feconds, 🕏 contains to the amount of fix quavers in a bar, and is performed one quarter faster than the former. There are several other moods,

3 but as they are not in common use they are only set down, 3-16:: 6-16::: 9-4::: 9-8::: 9-16::: 12-4::: 12-8::: 12-16 Obferve that the lower figures 2, 4, 8, &c. in all the forementioned moods, denote the composition to be the measure of such like moods as will make one bar in common time. Here it may not be improper to notice, that the four moods of Common Time are measured by even numbers; as for example, 2,

4, 8, &c. Those of Triple time by odd numbers; as for example, 3, 6, 9, &c. and Compound Time by an even number of beats in a bar, with an odd number of notes to each beat; as for example, three crotchets, three quavers, &c. But the first mood of Common Time, is the standard, by which all the other moods of time are measured and regulated. The moods marked with figures, are derived from, and have a primary reference to that; for example, the mood marked with the figures 2-4, denotes the bar to contain two fourths of a bar, or femibreve, in the first mood of Common Time. Thus all the other moods, distinguished with figures, are to be confidered as fractional parts of a femibreve, in the first mood of Common Time; the lower figure shewing into how many parts the femibreve is to be divided, and the upper figure the number contained in the bar.

The foregoing moods having been fufficiently explained and understood; the others marked with figures, will easily be compre-

No person should sing a solo or any other strain which belongs to a different part, without particular desire. Any number of notes driven through bars, should be sounded full and smooth when slured, without jirking or jumping, so as to prevent graceful singing; opening the mouth freely, but not too wide, gently warbling the sound in the throat from one tone to another till the slur is sinsified. In beating time, great care is necessary that the hand does not influence the voice by beating misplaced accents, which is almost an universal error. For the first and second moods of common time, observe, first, lightly strike the dost of your singers, secondly, the heel of your hand, thirdly, raise your hand a little, and southly raise it fill higher, which completes the bar. The triple time moods, should be beat as the two first moods of common time, omitting the last beat. The third and sourch moods of common time and the moods of compound time, have each two equal motions of the hand.



NOTES of Syncopation have their found continued through bars, or are placed out of their natural order.

Of A C C E N T.

THIS is a certain firefs of voice upon the accented of emphatical words and fyllables: In Common Time, the accent is placed on the first and third parts of the bar; in Triple, only upon the sirst; in Compound Time, it is placed on the first and fourth parts: It however often happens that the emphatical words or syllables fall upon the perus of the bar which are unaccented, in which case the mustic must conform to the emphasis, and the general rules for accenting give way.

Of the KEYS of MUSIC.

THERE are but two Keys in Mufic, viz. C, the Major or Sharp Key, and A, the Minor or Flat Key. The laft note of the Bafs is the key note, and is always the next above or below mi; or otherwife, if the laft note of the Bafs be fa, it is a fharp, if lag a flat Key. The first is fusited to express the clueful passions, the latter the mournful and pathetic.



The regular places for the femitones, as has been before observed, are between B andC, and E and F, as are marked in the foregoing example. The first, third, fifth and fixth, above the Major Key, are a semitone higher than those of the Minor Key. No tune can be regularly formed on any other than these, without the aid of slats or flarps at the beginning.



For The Counter or C Cliff, being ufed by many authors and compilers of mufic, is fet down in the loregoing Rules; but as there are in this Collection many tunes with two Trebles, the authors make ufe of the Tenor Cliff.

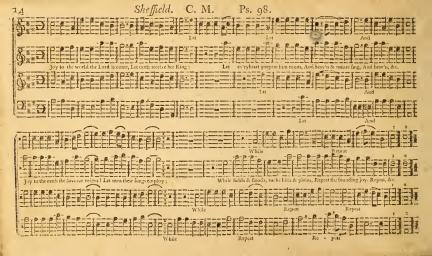
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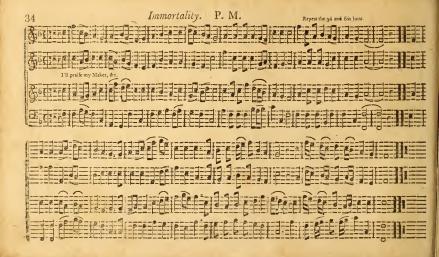








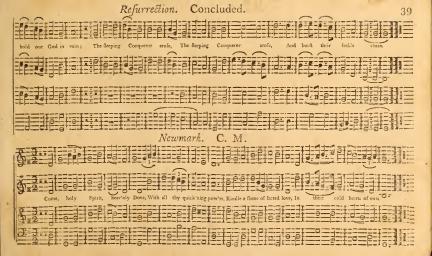


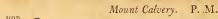
















Yes our fine have done the deed Drove the nails that fix him here, Crown'd with thoms his facred head, Pierc'd him with a foldier's fpear, Made his foul a facrifice, Tor a finful world he dies.

Shall we let him die in vain?
Still to death purfue our God?
Open tear his wounds again
Trample on his precious blood?
No; with all our fins we part,
Sayjour take my broken heart.





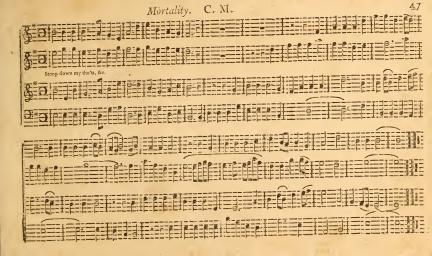


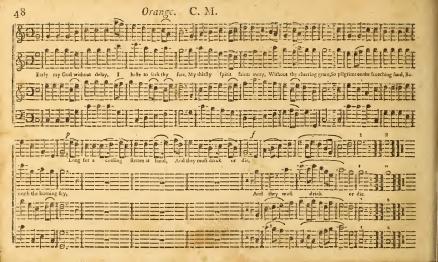






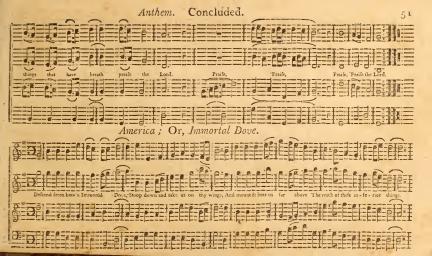


































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