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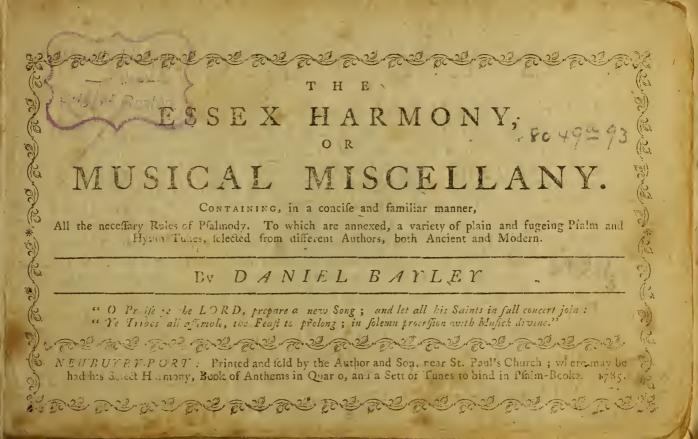
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PREFACE.

ROM the encouragement I have had in my former Publications of Music, I now offer to the Public my Essex Harmony, or Musical Miscellany, which contains a number of

plain and fuging Psalm and Hymn Tunes, such as I find are most generally approved of.

Although great improvements have of late years been made in church music, yet I think there appears a danger of erring by introducing into public worship light and trisling airs, which are more suitable for the opera than the solemnities of temple worship. Wherefore that schools and congregations might be furnished with a collection of Tunes suitably calculated for the purpose of divine worship, that are not too dull, nor yet too airy, I have now published the following collection, under the title of the Essex Harmony, or Musical Miscellany; and cannot but flatter myself with the hepes of its meeting with the approbation and encouragement of the public, having taken the utmost pains in examining tunes, selecting such as are most generally approved of, paying particular attention among other things to a variety in the airs, judging it a matter of no small consideration to have the Music agree with the subject of the Psalm or Hymn.

I remain the Public's very humble Servant

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The Ground and Rules of Music Explained. The Gamut.

HE Gamut, or Scale of Music, contains all the degrees of sound that are made either by voice or instrumment, & are expressed by the seven sirst letters in the Alphabet, beginning with the lowest line in the Bass, which is called G: then counting upward, A, B, C, D, E, F; and then G again, and so on, for every eighth is the same upwards or downwards. The Scale is divided in three parts, including sive lines each, with their respective Cliss, representing the several parts of music. The Scale contains three Octaves; all above are called notes in alt, and all below are called doubles, as double F, double E, &c. In the foregoing Scale you will find three characters called Cliss, one of which must be set on one of the five lines in every piece of music, to show which is Bass, Tenor, Counter or Treble. The Bass Cliss is always set on the fourth line from the bottom, and is called F. The Counter or C Cliss,* is mostly set on the middle line, and is called G. The Tenor or Treble Cliss set on the second line, and is called G. You may see by the Scale what relation on one part has with another. For instance, G the upper space in the Bass, G the second line in the Tenor, and G the upper line in the Counter, are a unison, or same sound. And G the upper line in the Counter, G the space above the upper line in the Tenor, and G the second line in the Treble, are likewise in unison, and are two octaves, or a sistential above G the lowest line in the Bass; so that it plainly appears, that the Scale contains three octaves. The Treble is to be considered as in a Woman's voice, which is an eighth above a Man's, and is a proper Treble volve. Observe that from B to C, and from E to F, that is from Mi to Fa, and from La to Fa, ascending, are but half Notes or Semitones; all the rest are whole Notes: So that an Octave consists of five whole and two half Notes, or twelve Semitones.

In order to know where to find the Mi in the feveral removes, observe, that when there is neither Flat nor Sharp at the

beginning of a line, Mi is in B; but

If B be Flat, Mi is in			E.	If F be Sharp, Mi is in			F.
B and E, Mi is in	- 1	-	A.	F and C, Mi is in -		12 /	C.
B, E and A, Mi is in.		-	D.	F, C and G, Mi is in	-	. 00	G.
B, E, A and D, Mi is i	n -	_	G.	F. C. G and D. Mi is in		-	D.

* The C Cliff by some is used in Tenor placed on the sourth line; but whatever line it stands upon, it gives to that line the name of C.

Having found Mi, the master Note, observe that above Mi twice, sing Fa Sol La, below Mi twice, La Sol Fa; then comes Mi again in either way.

The Names and Measure of the Notes.

A Semibreve is the longest Note now in use.

A Minim is half the length of the Semibreve.

A Crotchet is half the length of the Minim.

A Quaver is half the length of the Crotchet.

A Semiquaver is half the length of the Quaver.

A Demisemiquaver is half the length of the Semiquaver.

Musical Characters Explained.

A Flat set before a Note sinks it half a tone.

A Sharp set before a Note, raises it half a tone.

Observe, that Flats and Sharps. Set at the beginning of a Tune, effect all the Notes on the lines or spaces on which they are set; unless contradicted by a Natural.

A Natural set before any Note, made flat or sharp, restores it to its primitive sound.

A Star or Bow is drawn under or over as many Notes, as are to be fung to one fyllable.

A figure 3 fet over or under any three Notes, denotes they are to be fung in the time of two of the same denomination.

A Point or Dot at the right hand of a Note, makes it half as long again. A Semibreve with a Point as long as three Minims.

A fingle Bar divides the time according to the measure Note of the movement.

Double Bars ferve to divide the strains.

A Direct at the end of a line, shows the place of the succeeding Note.

A Repeat denotes a repetition from the Note over which it is placed, to a double Bar or Close.

A figure 1-2 denotes that the Notes under figure 1 is to be sung before repeating, and the Notes under 2 after repeating; but if slurred, both are to be sung.

Ledger Lines are added where the Notes ascend or descend beyond the Stave.

Explanation of Time.

Time in Music consists of two forts, viz. Common Time, and Triple Time.

Common Time is measured by even numbers or beats, as two, four. The first Mood denotes a flow movement, has a Semibreve for a measure note, containing that or other Notes or Rests equal to it, between every single Bar, which is held four seconds, or while you may tell 1 2 3 4 by the pendulum of a large clock, counting 1 2 with the hand down, and 3 4 with it up.

The fecond Mood has the same measure Note, as the first, and beat in the same manner, only quicker, sour in the time of three. The third Mood has the same measure Note, and sung twice as quick as the first Mood; two beats in each Bar, one

down, the other up.

The fourth Mood, which is marked ²₄, has a Minim for a measure Note; Crotchets beat as Minims in the third Mood, only a third quicker.

Of Triple Time.

Triple Time is measured by odd numbers, the fall double to the rife. The first Mood contains three Minims or other Notes equal to it, in each Bar, and sung in the time of three seconds, two beats down, and one up; a Minim being performed in the Time of Crotchets in the first Mood of Common Time.

The second Mood contains three Crotchets in a Bar, beat as the first Mood, only quicker; Crotchets in this Mood are

fung in the same time as Crotchets in the second Mood of Common Time.

The third Mood contains three Quavers in a Bar, and is performed as quick again as the second, and is beat in the same manner.

As I shall not have any occasion to use Compound Time in this performance, I shall omit explaining it. I am of opinion that Compound Time is very unsuitable for Plalmody.

N. B. The hand falls at the beginning of a Bar in all forts of Time.

Notes of Syncopation, are Notes driven out of their proper order in the Bar, or driven through the Bar, and requires the hand to be taken up, or put down while the Notes are founding.

Choosing Notes are when one stands directly over the other, and either of them may be sung.

Explanation of Keys used in Music.

A Key in Music is the principle and governing tone.

There are but two natural primitive Keys in Music, viz. C the natural Sharp Key, and A the Flat Key.

If the Mi be transposed to any of the seven letters by Flats or Sharps, it is brought to the same effect as the two

natural Keys.

The last Note in the Bass is the Key Note, which if it has the greater third above it, viz. Fa, Sol, La, it is a Sharp Key; if it be a lesser third, viz. La, Mi, Fa, it is a Flat Key. In the Sharp and Chearful Key, every third, fixth and seventh, is half a Note higher than in the Flat Key.

The Mi should be pronounced fest, as with the short i, being a medium between mee and my. The a in Fa and La

open as in farm, &c. a medium between fae lae and faw law. The O in Sol, as fole.

Some further Observations on Singing.

In order to make a good proficiency in Singing, let the Learner proceed gradually; beginning with the lessons for tuning the voice, and then with a sew plain tunes, and continue till he has become perfect, both as to the air and time. In singing, the Notes should not be struck and ended abruptly, like the report of a smith's hammer. The low Notes, indeed, should be sounded full, but the other Notes ought to be struck and ended soft, swelling the sound as the air may require. This method of sounding is easier for the voice, and if performed with spirit, will be much more pleasing to the ear. Where no Ress are set, the music should go on without intermission: A cessation between the Notes is often hurtful to the air of the music; if allowable any where, it is at the end of lines in Psalm Tunes. All the Notes going to one syllable, hould be song if possible at one breath, which should be previously taken for that purpose. A long chain of Notes under a slur, should be song softer than plain Notes, being lightly warbled in the throat. Great care should be taken in beating to keep exact time, to have the voice accompany the beats.

There are feveral things to be observed in regard to the graces or ornaments of Music. The approgramments or leading Note, which serves for the arriving more gracefully to the following Note, either rising or falling, and must be dwelt upon according to the length of the Note it is made of; sometimes it is used as a preparation to a trill, and is expressed by intermediate Notes. The Trill or Shake, which is the shaking of two distinct Notes upon one syllable, as long as the tune, will admit, always beginning with the upper and ending with the lower Note, and ought to be used on all descending

pointed Crotchets, and generally before a Close; also on all descending marped Notes and Semitones, but noneshorter than a Crotchets.

Another grace which is very ornamental, when well performed, is called Transition: That is, to sur or break a Note, to soften the roughness of a leap, which if performed with ease, by lightly sliding over the intermediate Notes, is a most beautiful part of music. [See the examples.] It is best however at first to sing plain, and not attempt any turn or humour of the voice, but what is natural to the performer. The accent must be attended to; observe that a Bar of Common Time is divided into sour parts, a Bar of Triple Time into three; the first and third parts of Common Time, and the first of Triple Time, ought to be adapted to the accent of the words; so that if any parts are sung suller than the rest, it must be that on which the accent lies. Regard should be had to words, singing stronger where the words are suitable: Such as might, strength,

thunder &c. and fost where the words are such as mild, meek, &c.

A good Pronunciation is very necessary; the words ought to be spoke clear and distinct; not all as spelt, but as they are spoke by the best masters of language. To sing in concert, several things are to be observed: One very effential thing, is to have the parts well proportioned. The voices on the Bass should be majestic, deep and solemn; the Tenor sull and bold; the Counter, clear and losty; the Treble, soft and shrill. Let each of the performers sing the part that is most natural and suitable to their voices, and never stretch it beyond its proper bearing, nor strive to sing louder than the rest of the company, unless in the place of a leader. Let the piece be set so that all parts may sing with ease, for which purpose a pitch-pipe is very convenient; let the Key Note be first sounded, and all parts take their respective sounds from it. Be careful that the upper parts do not overpower the lower ones. In suging pieces, let each part after beating their empty Bars, sall in with spirit, that the audience may perceive another part added. A Solo should be sung soft and graceful. Particular attention should be had to the closing Note, not to break off too abruptly, but continue the found the whole time required, so that all may conclude at the same instant. All levity, such as whispering, laughing, &c. while singing sacred solemn words, is exceeding unbecoming, and tends to render the performance contemptible.

The beauty of Pfalm-finging depends much on an agreement between the tune and fubject, that the mufic may as much as possible express the meaning of the words. For a pfalm of penitence and prayer, the mufic should be grave, and grounded on a flat key; for a pfalm of praise and thanksgiving, the mufic should be pleasant and lively, on a sharp key; to fing otherwise very much harts the beauty, both of the words and music. Some subjects may be sung in either a flat or sharp key, provided the air is shitable; for inflance, the 50th pfalm, being grand and majestic, may with propriety be sung in a sharp

key tune, yet by realon of the poculiar facinalty of the words, it may be fung in a flat key tune.

An Alphabetical Table of Tunes.

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