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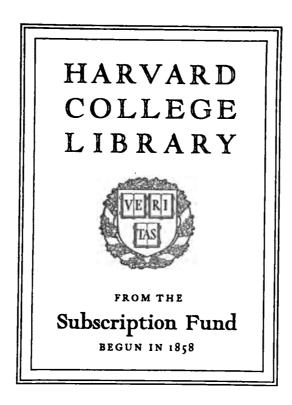
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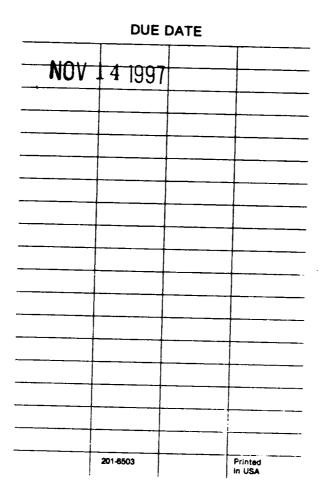
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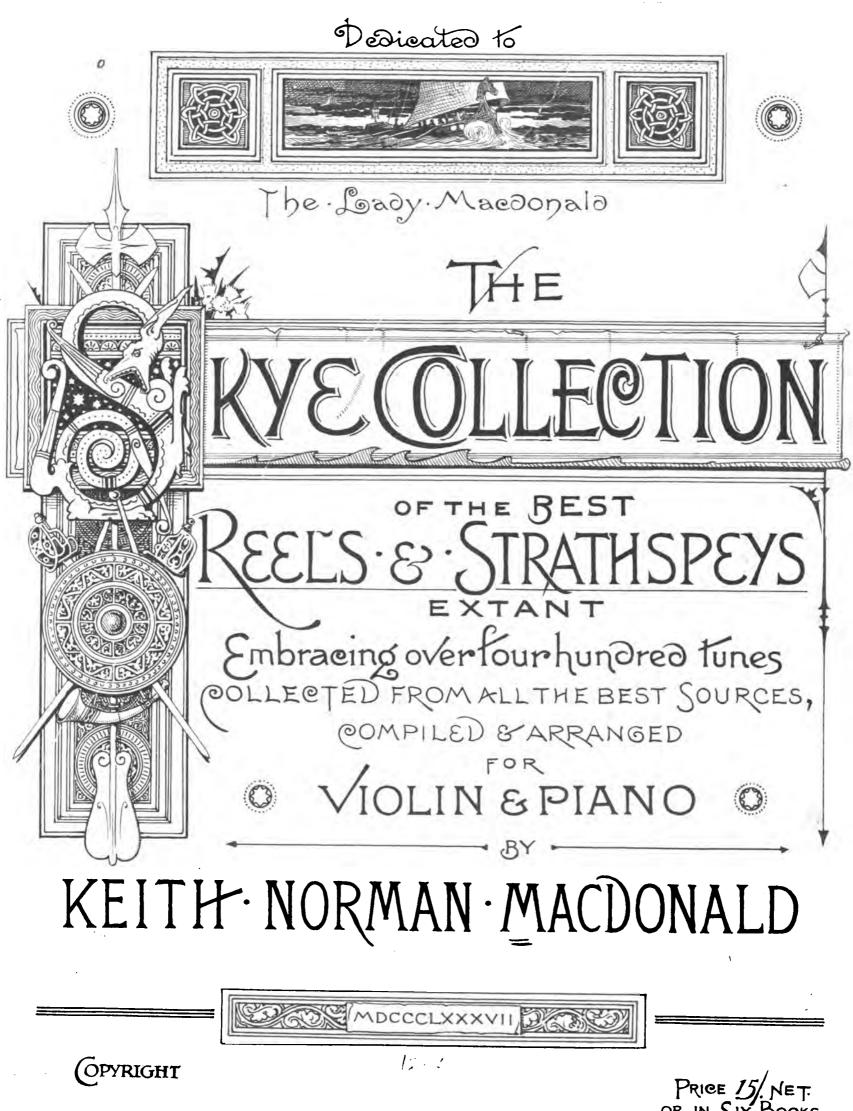
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Preface.



O all true lovers of Scottish music, the Compiler trusts that this Collection of the best Reels and Strathspeys that have hitherto been composed will supply a want which most enthusiasts must long have felt—viz., a work which should embrace all the fire and vigour of our National Music concentrated in one volume, containing all the most musical and best compositions, and omitting those of doubtful excellence. This object, he hopes,

has, to a great extent, been attained in the present work, and he feels confident that, wherever the book is opened, the player may turn to the right or to the left and he will meet with good tunes on every page.

Though, of course, all do not possess equal merit, yet there are none that will sound unpleasant to the ear, and, with fairly good playing, there is no lack of fire in them.

Some of the very best reels and strathspeys are pipe tunes, which one seldom or ever meets with in pianoforte arrangements. This real defect has been remedied in the present volume. The best pipe tunes have been introduced, and yet kept within the compass of the bagpipe; so that the performer, whether he be pianist, violinist, or piper, will find something fit for his mettle, and something that will never fail to rouse his enthusiasm.

It is but right here to mention some of the principal sources from which the tunes have been taken-which is a guarantee of their merit-viz., Marshall's Music, the Gows, Daniel and Donald Dow, Davies' "Caledonian Repository," Lowe's excellent Collection, James Scott Skinner (the best living composer of Scottish music), Robert M'Intosh's, Captain Fraser's, the "Inverness Collection," J. T. Surennes', Peter Milne's, Cameron's, Kerr's, and several other minor collections. Some of the pipe tunes have been taken from Ross's, Gunn's, and Glen's Collections, and some have been written from memory, as they are generally played in the Isle of Skye.

One word of caution may here be given against the tendency that exists at the present day to play this class of music a great deal too fast. Some are possessed of the idea that, in order to dance a Highland reel well, one must jump and shout like a maniac. It is only on very festive occasions that this sort of capering should be tolerated; in the beginning it was not so. The present writer well remembers the style of dancing of the older inhabitants of Skye thirty years ago, and he is bound to say that it was then different from what one sees nowadays in a public ballroom. It was then always graceful and spirited, without one-tenth of the shouting that is now heard; and as to the time of the music, performers would have considered it an insult to be asked to play faster than the proper time. The strathspey, especially, should be played with grace and in measured time, giving the dancer an opportunity of moving his limbs gracefully. When this is not done, the thing degenerates into the railway speed performance of a clog dance in a pantomime, and to a stranger seems most ludicrous; while the music itself sounds as a regular jumble of the same note repeated in different strains. In recording these truths, it must be remembered, however, that no other music can touch the human heart with greater effect than a Scotch reel; and so long as human beings indulge in the innocent amusement of dancing, this class of music will always hold its own. If the Collection of our best tunes which has here been brought together should help to increase the popular taste for such an inspiriting pastime, the Compiler will consider himself amply repaid for his trouble.

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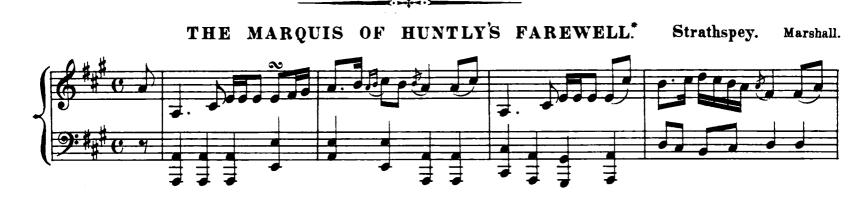
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Country Dance

# THE SKYE COLLECTION

OF REELS AND STRATHSPEYS.









THE MARQUIS OF TULLYBARDINE.

Reel.







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\* The Reel of Tulloch should be played first as a Strathspey and then as a Reel followed by Stumpie and The Deil among the Tailors a welcome combination to enthusiastic dancers.





TIMOUR THE TARTAR.







\* Or Miss Wedderburn, also played as a Reel. From Peter Milnes Collection.



BECAUSE HE WAS A BONNY LAD.







THE HIGHLAND SOCIETY OF LONDON.

Strathspey.







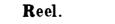
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DALDOWNYS.\*

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Pipe tune.





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DALDOWNYS.\*



















\* Generally played as a Strathspey and Reel for the sword dance.















By kind permission of M. James Scott Skinner the best living composer of Scottish music I am pleased to be able to introduce some of his excellent tunes and his system of bowing described in the following note.

Note: Examples of bowing. The straight slur (4.3) is performed by lifting the bow smartly off the strings, both notes being taken in one up or down bow as the case may be. The short note is taken with the end of bow. When the arrow occurs (4.3) the first note is taken down and the other three all up, taking care to re-emphasize the third note. The loop (4.3) is used only at the termination of a strain, the bow being dragged, along generally in a down bow. In playing Strathspeys the D's A's & E's should be played unison, thus: (4.3) then the effect will be greater. When closing a tune, the chord of the key should be given as many Strathspeys & Reels do not end on the key but frequently on the fifth, Those who wish to play with the national touch would do well to study this Note as well as M? Skinner's other works.















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HIGHLAND WHISKY.

Strathspey.

















\* The slurs in the 1st and 2nd time of 2nd part may be omitted as it suits the fancy of the player. In the original there was no 2nd time in either part and is introduced to produce variety and effect.







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\*I am indebted to Miss L. Duff Stuart for this excellent old tune.

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"This excellent Reel is in MFJ. Lowe's best style and very popular.





The accent upon the a in 2nd and 3nd bars do give character to the time. This tune (Lady Mary Ramsay) is called "The auld toon o'Edinburgh" in James Porteous's Collection and having his initials attached it is possible he may have been the composer of it.

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MISS OLIPHANT.\*

Strathspey.

























M<sup>r</sup> ROBERTSON OF LUDE.

Strathspey.









**DOGS BITE CHAPMEN** 

Reel.









\*Light and spirited bowing.



\*\* Prince Charlie of course. \*Broigas Fada air Maighistir Ord.



















\* The Key stone of Inverness.













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\*I am indebted to Mr John Dow. Newport, for several fine old tunes from Ross's, Porteous, and Petrie's Collections.



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\*These splendid tunes possess a great deal of fire and require light and spirited bowing Would be particularly suitable for a band. \*\*These 8 tunes go well together. Digitized by Google





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M? ALEX? CUNNINGHAM'S STRATHSPEY.













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\*Also known in Skye as "Porst an Righ." The Kings tune.

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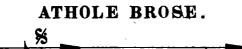




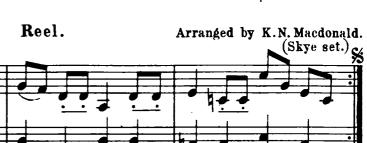


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Strathspey.













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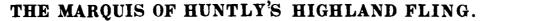






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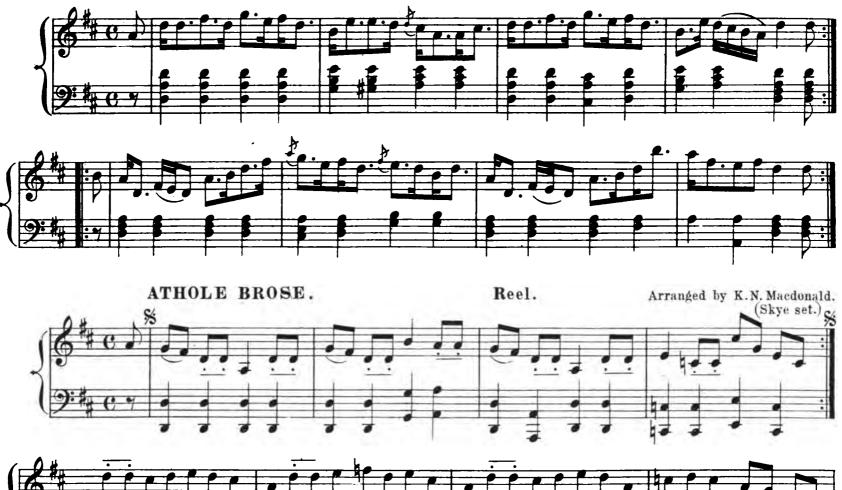
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DRUMNAGARRY.\*

Strathspey.



\*This is almost the same tune as The Fishers Rant.



\* Sometimes called Tarbolton Lodge



















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NEW CHRISTMAS OR THE BASS REEL.













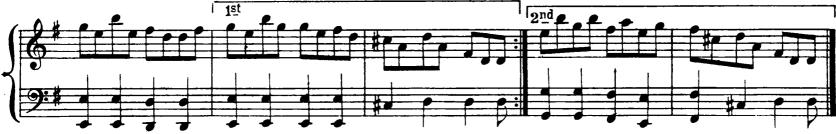








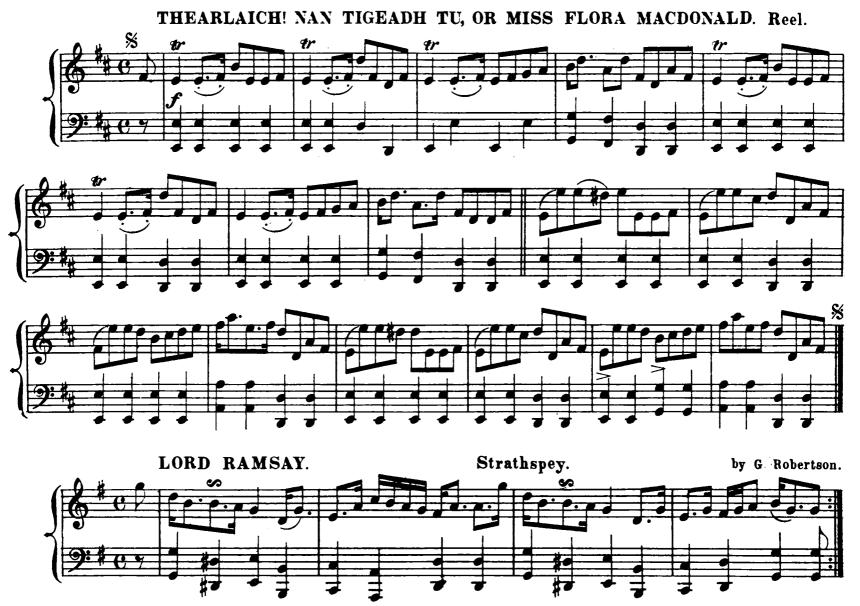












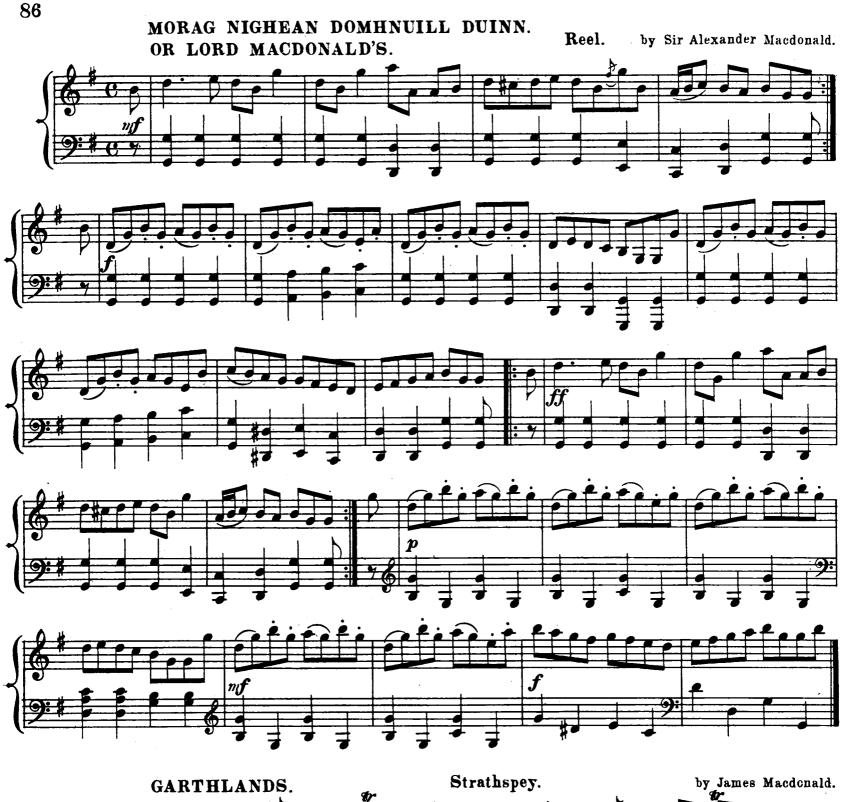






















<sup>\*</sup>And called Miss Jane Stewart, Pittyvinch, in his collection.































\*or Athole Cummers.



\*Called Hopeton House, in Bremners Collection.

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by Daniel Dow.

Strathspey.















\*or "The Highlanders march from the battle of Waterloo" or Bonny toun o' Kenmore.







From Ross' Collection.



















\*From Gow's Collection.

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\*This splendid tune requires considerable dexterity in light and spirited bowing. \*\* This tune makes a first rate Reel by making quavers of the semiquavers, and should be played as such for variety.





\*This majestic tune is also very effective when played as a Strathspey.

















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\* These three tunes should be played in succession.







\*This majestic tune is also very effective when played as a Strathspey.

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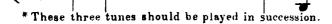


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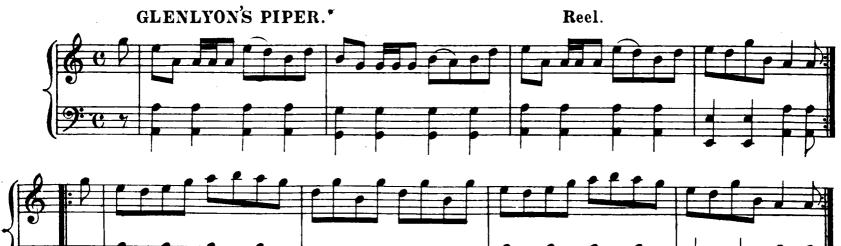
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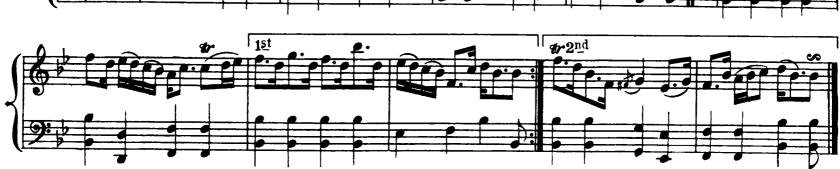


\*So namea by Neil Gow\_named "Miss Jane Stewart" in Marshall's collection.



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\*This fine reel should be played with great vigour.





































Strathspey.

































\* Viscount Brome courtesy title of the eldest son of the Marquis of Cornwallis.



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MF MARTINS COMPLIMENTS TO DF KEITH MACDONALD.\* Strathspey.







\* A good dancing tune.



















\* From Nicolson's Collection.

















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M<sup>rs</sup> HENRY LUMSDEN OF TILLWHILLY'S STRATHSPEY. Marshall.























\* An Honorary title of the Duke of Gordon.

















\*"MF Horns"Strathspey in Gows Collection. \*\*I am indebted to MF James Marshall President of the Dundee Scottish Musical Association for several excellent tunes by Robt Macintosh and other Composers.



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\*Another version of "The Bridge of Inver."



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\*Another version of page 77 in a different Key.

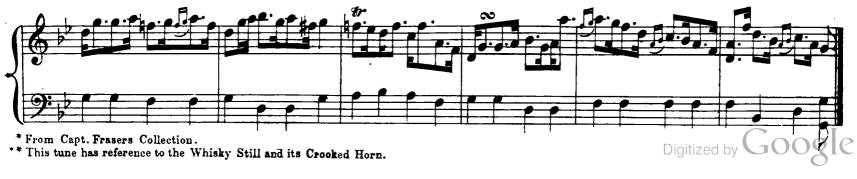
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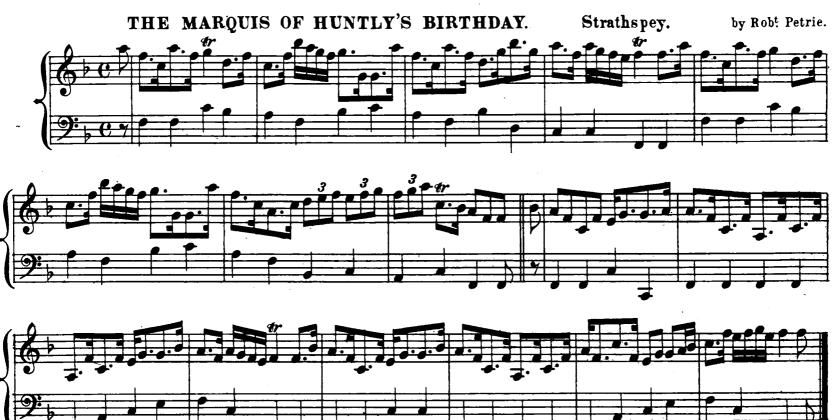


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<sup>4</sup> This tune can be played as a Reel or Strathspey.

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\* These tunes are in Scott Skinner's best style.



\*This tune is the same as "Lady Georgina Gordon," but both names are retained in index as it is known by these different names in different parts of the country





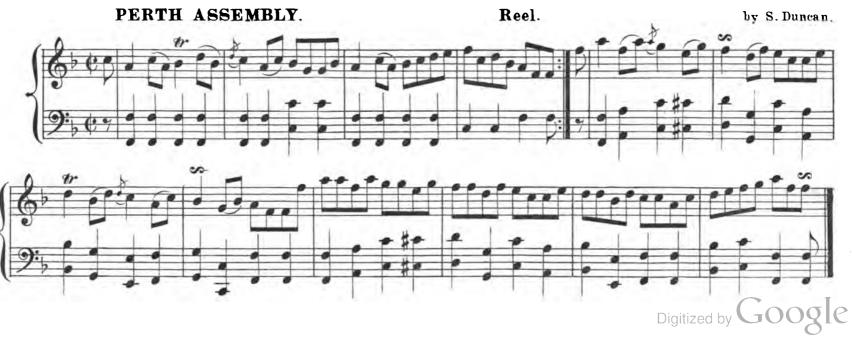






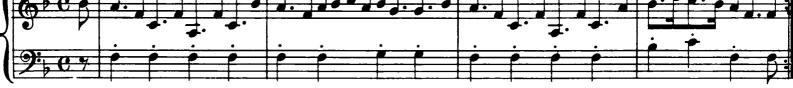








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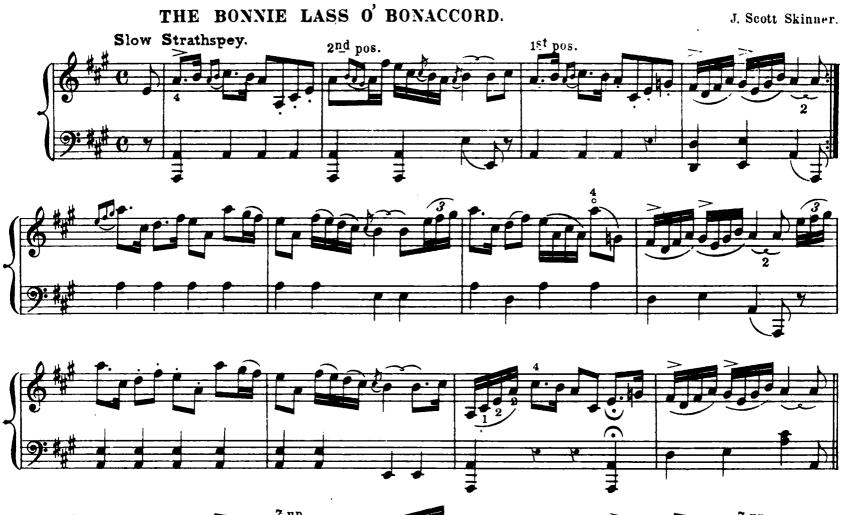






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## SOLOS.



























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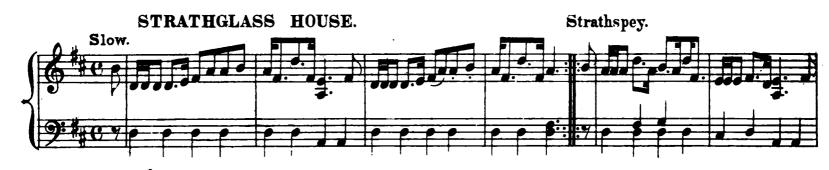






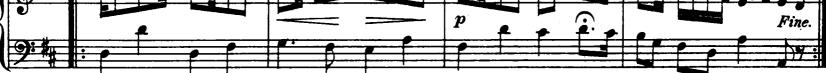






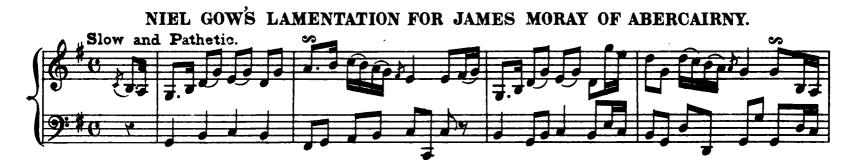


















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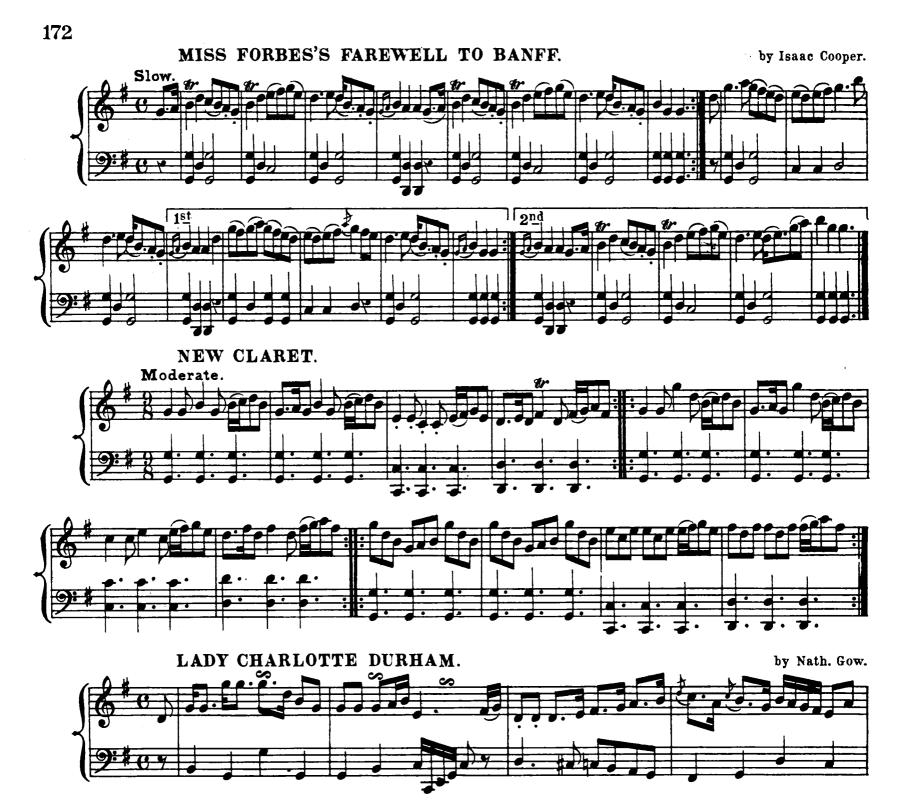
















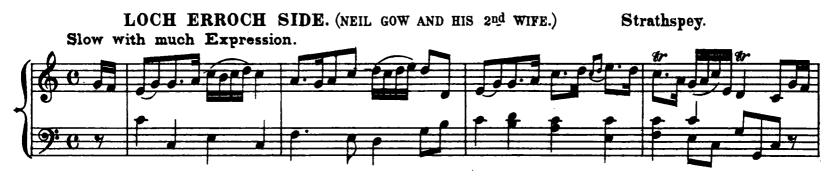




















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BLUE BONNETS OVER THE BORDER.











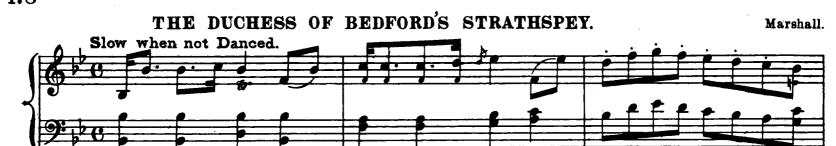






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\*This air has reference to Prince Charles in wandering from the place of his defeat to the Isle of Skye. \*These three tunes are from Cap<sup>‡</sup> Fraser's Collection.

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\*A good dancing tune.























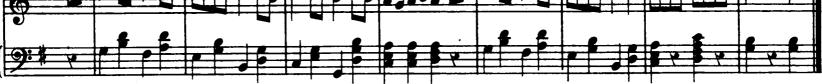


LORD DREGHORN'S QUICKSTEP. Jig. R. Macintosh.









LIVERPOOL HORNPIPE.





















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## COUNTRY DANCES.













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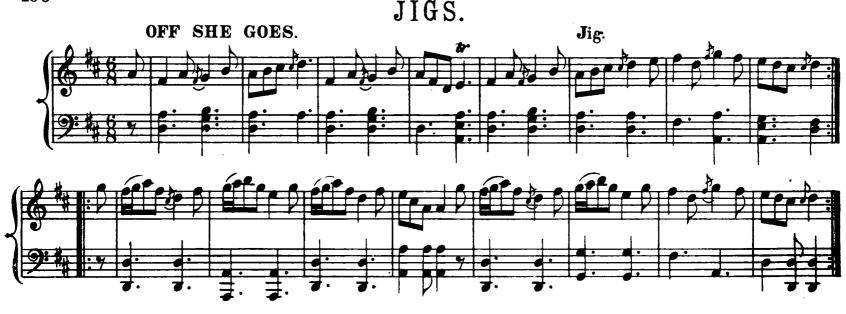


























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