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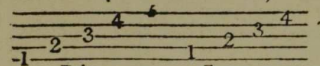
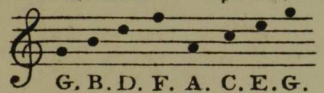
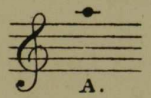
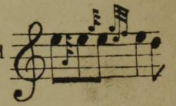
BEFORE attempting to play, it is necessary to learn some of the characters which represent sounds, and the manner of playing them. As, however, the Pupil will not have occasion for all, in the commencement of his practice, the plan pursued in the following pages is to introduce such points in a progressive order. It is earnestly recommended not to pass over a page till its contents are learned, and to remember that improvement is more likely to be retarded by haste than by deliberation.

THE Stave consists of five parallel lines, the notes are placed on the lines, in the spaces between them, and also below and above the Stave. 

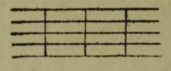
The Treble or G clef 𝄞 is used in Pipe music and gives the following names to **THE NOTES** 

The Bagpipe has no note lower than G. and but one upon the ledger line above the Stave 

The Time to be given to notes depends upon their form, The different formed notes are the Semibreve 𝅝, (not used in Pipe music.) The Minim 𝅗𝅥, Crotchet ♩, Quaver ♪, Semiquaver 𝅘𝅥𝅯, and Demisemiquaver 𝅘𝅥𝅰, The latter of which is characterestic of the Instrument as a Grace note, and used to break monotonious sound 

as two or more notes cannot be played distinctly without it.

A 𝅝 is as long as 2 𝅗𝅥 or 4 ♩ or 8 ♪ or 16 𝅘𝅥𝅯 or 32 𝅘𝅥𝅰, — A 𝅗𝅥 is equal in length to 2 ♩ or 4 ♪ or 8 𝅘𝅥𝅯 or 16 𝅘𝅥𝅰

A ♩ is equal to 2 ♪ or 4 𝅘𝅥𝅯 or 8 𝅘𝅥𝅰, — A ♪ is equal to 2 𝅘𝅥𝅯 or 4 𝅘𝅥𝅰, — A 𝅘𝅥𝅯 is to 2 𝅘𝅥𝅰,  Bar lines di-

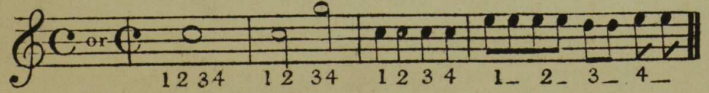
vides a movement in small equal portions of durations. The double bar ‖ marks the end of a particular part, or the whole air. The dotted double bar :‖ means that the part from the begining (or the last double bar) is to be repeated.

The time of a Musical Composition is Common, — Triple, — Simple, or Compound. Simple Common Time is C or C or $\frac{2}{4}$. The latter is called half common time. Compound common time is expressed by $\frac{6}{4}, \frac{6}{8}, \frac{12}{8}$ & $\frac{12}{16}$. Simple triple time by $\frac{3}{2}, \frac{3}{4}$, & $\frac{3}{8}$. Compound triple time by $\frac{9}{4}, \frac{9}{8}$ & $\frac{9}{16}$.

IN THIS COLLECTION, THE FOLLOWING ARE THE ONLY TIMES USED.

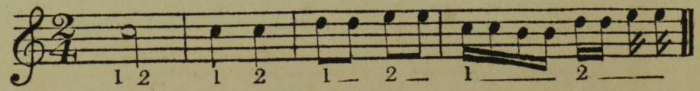
SIMPLE COMMON TIME.

One Semibreve or equivalent in a Bar.



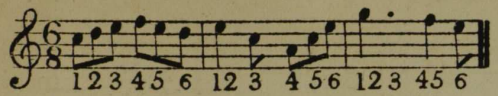
HALF COMMON TIME.

One Minim or two Crotchets.



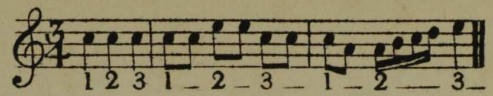
COMPOUND COMMON TIME.

Six Quavers or equivalent in a bar.



SIMPLE TRIPLE TIME.

Three Crotchets or equivalent.



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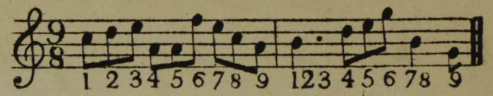
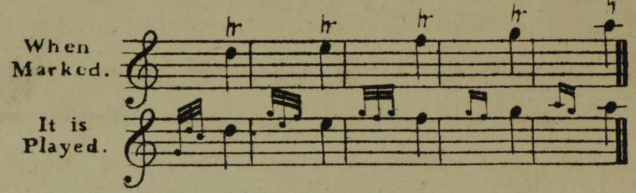
Nine Quavers or equivalent



When a ♮ is placed over D. E. F. G. or A. it must be played g. d. c. to D. ___ g. e. f. to E. ___ g. f. g. F. ___ g. f. to G. ___ and a. g, to A.

EXAMPLE



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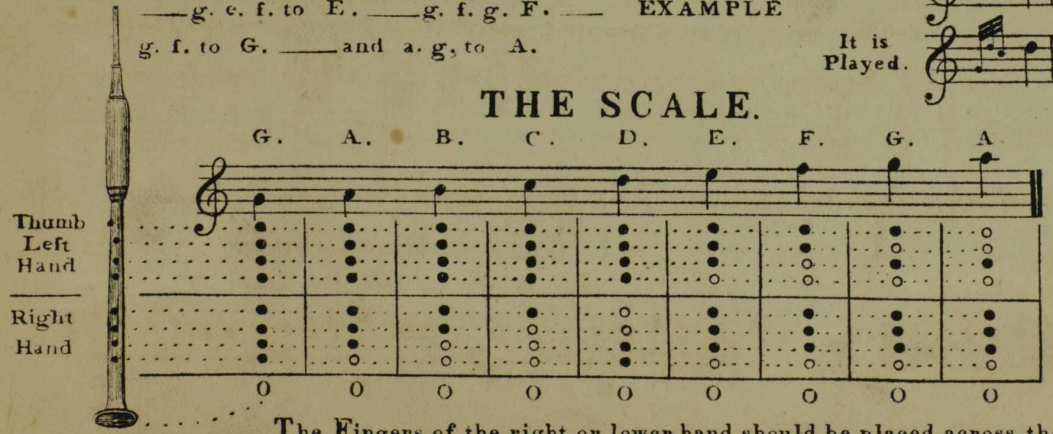
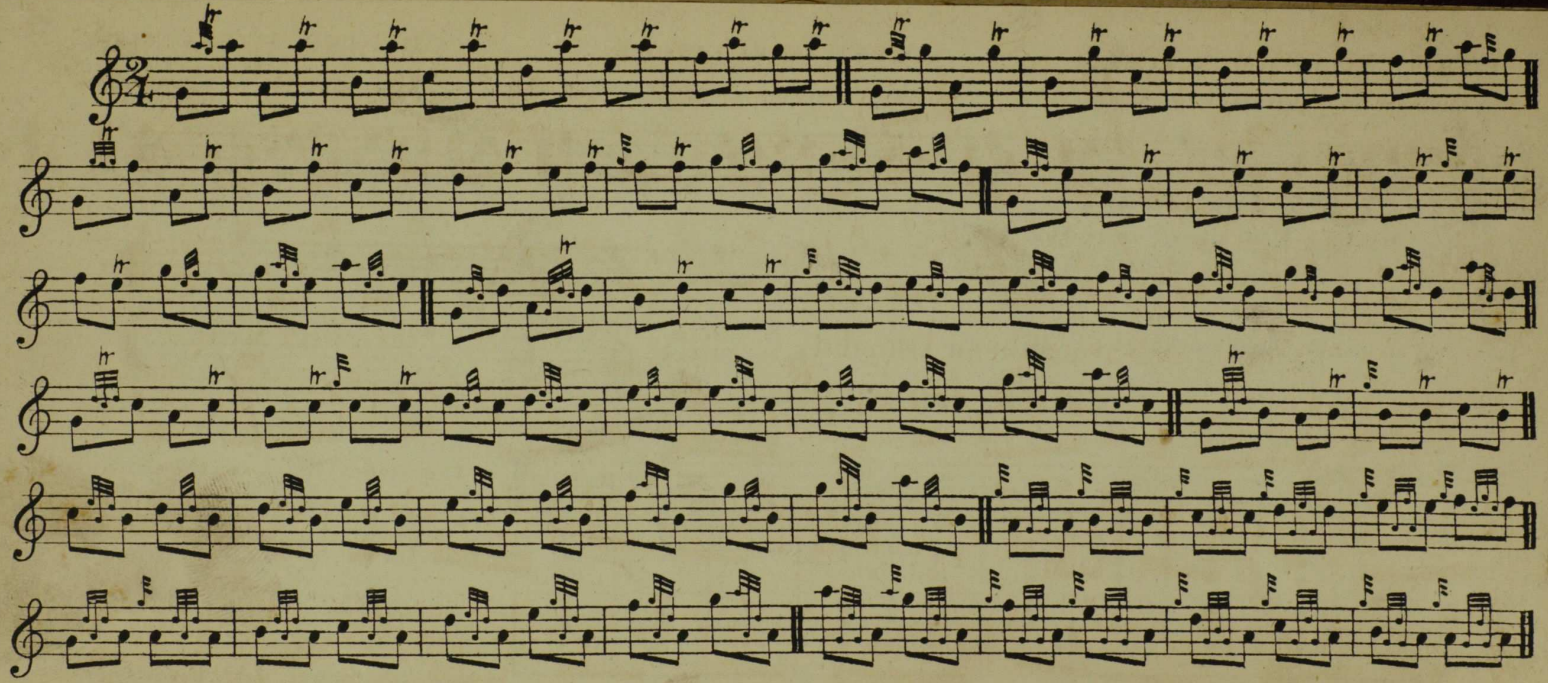


OBSERVE.

The round Black ● shows which fingers are to be down and the ○ those that are to be up. The Thumb of the right-hand should be placed precisely behind C. in holding the Chanter, But the little finger of left hand is not used.

The Fingers of the right or lower hand should be placed across the chanter, so that the fourth finger will cover the low A. note without causing the other fingers to be bent.



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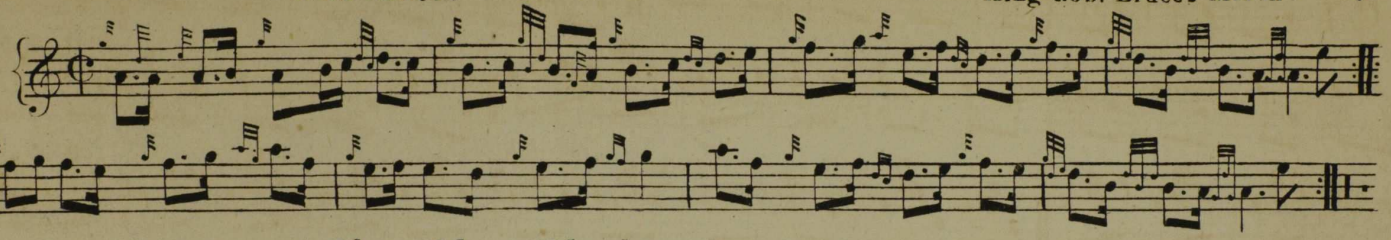
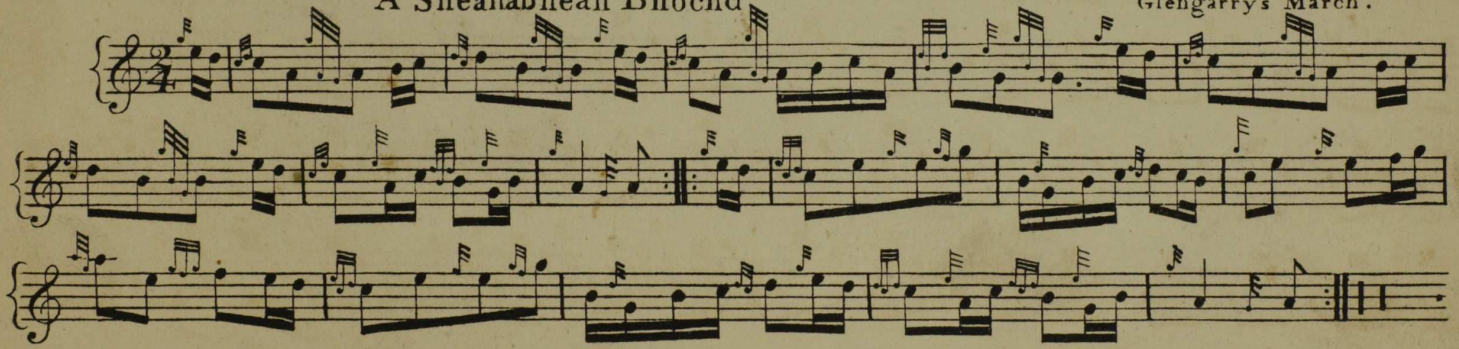
King Robt Bruce's March.



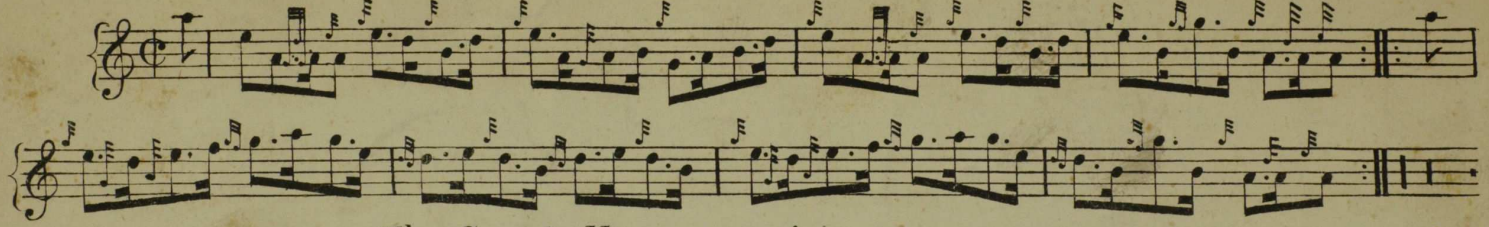
A Sheanabhean Bhochd

Glengarry's March.



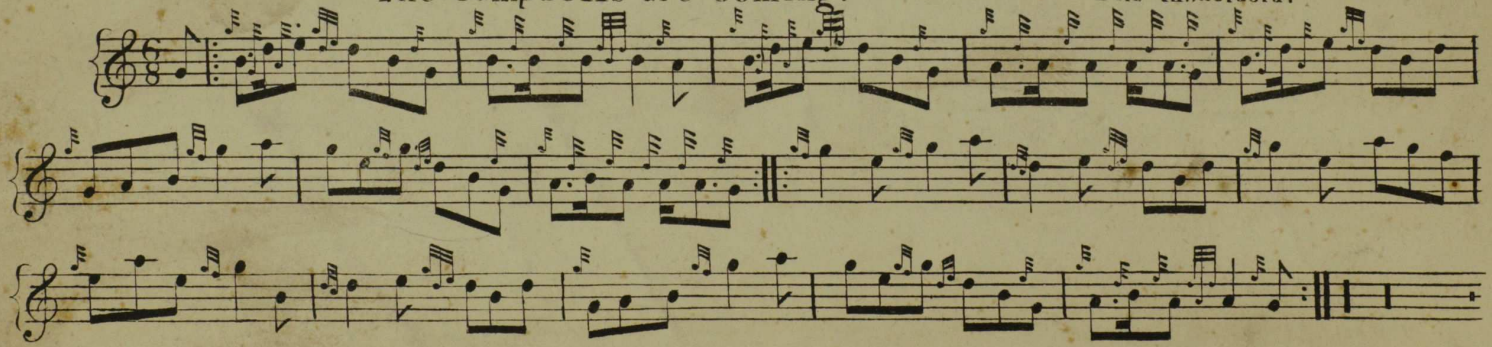
Sud mar chaidh an càI a dholaidh.

The Haughs of Cromdale.



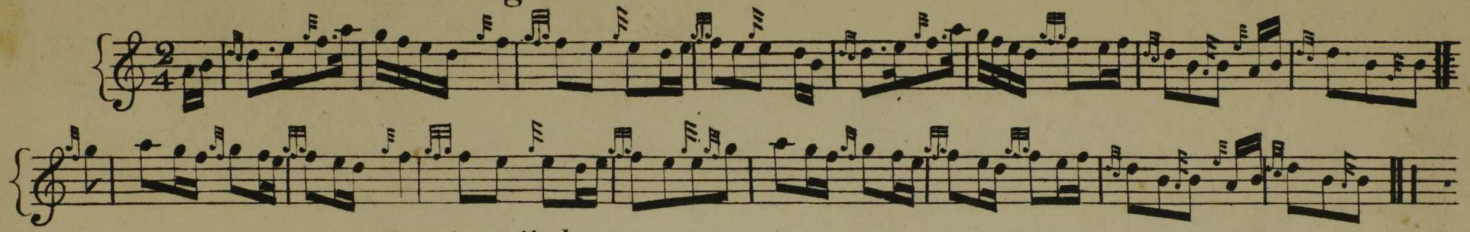
The Campbells are coming.

Bail' Inbheraora.



The Highland Laddie.

Mac Iain Ghasta.



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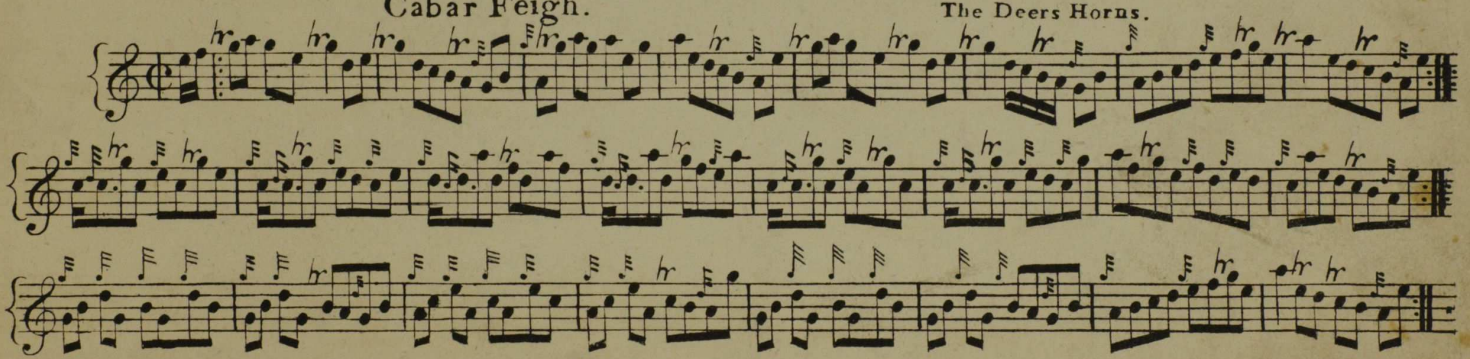
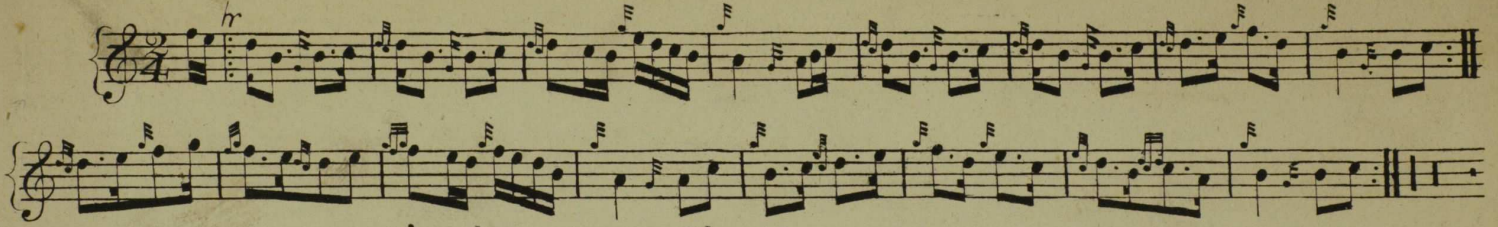
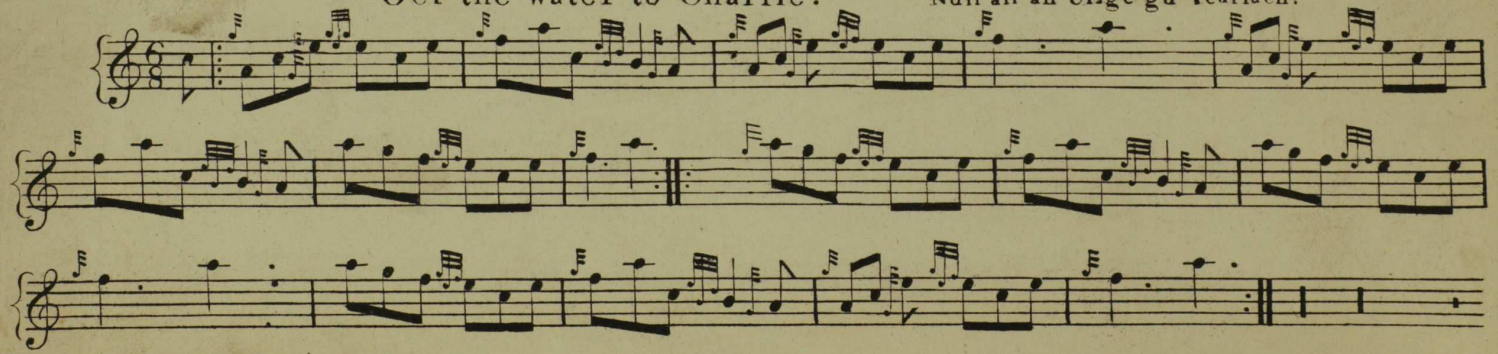
The Deers Horns.

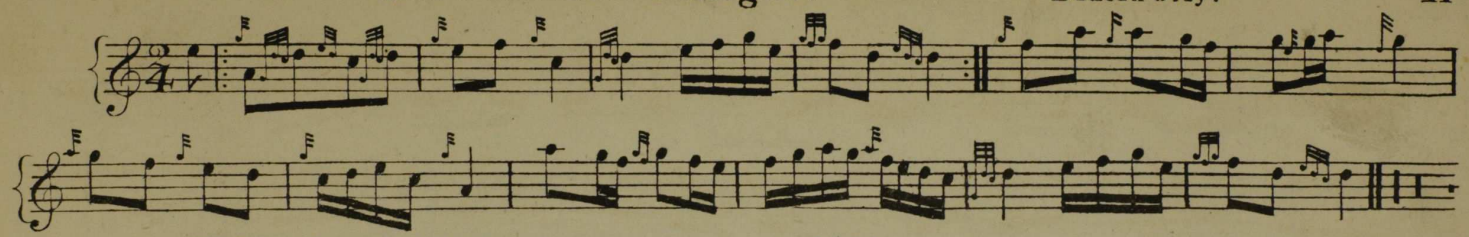


An Cath-Bhuidheann Rioghail Gaëlach. 42d Royal Highlanders Original March.

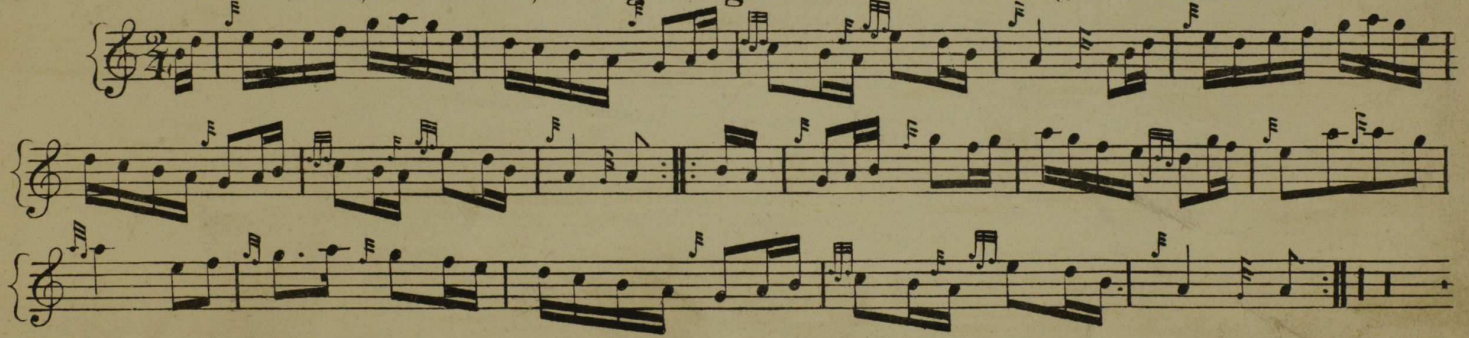


O'er the water to Charlie. Null air an Uisge gu Tearlach.





Théid sinn, théid sinn, le suigart, agus théid. King William 3d. March.



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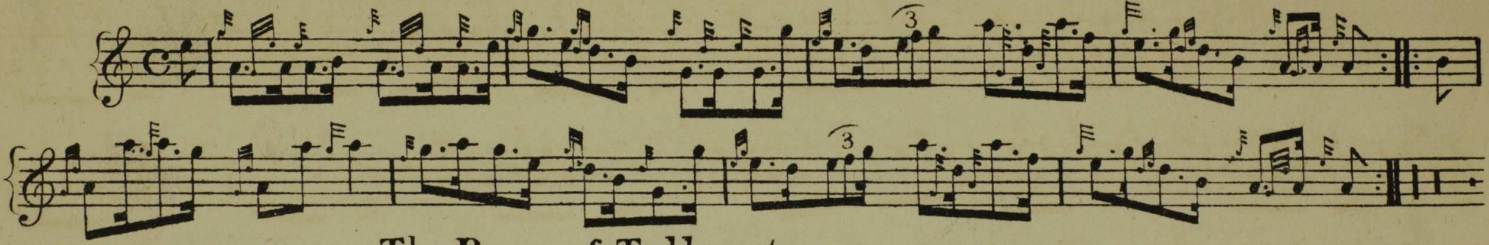
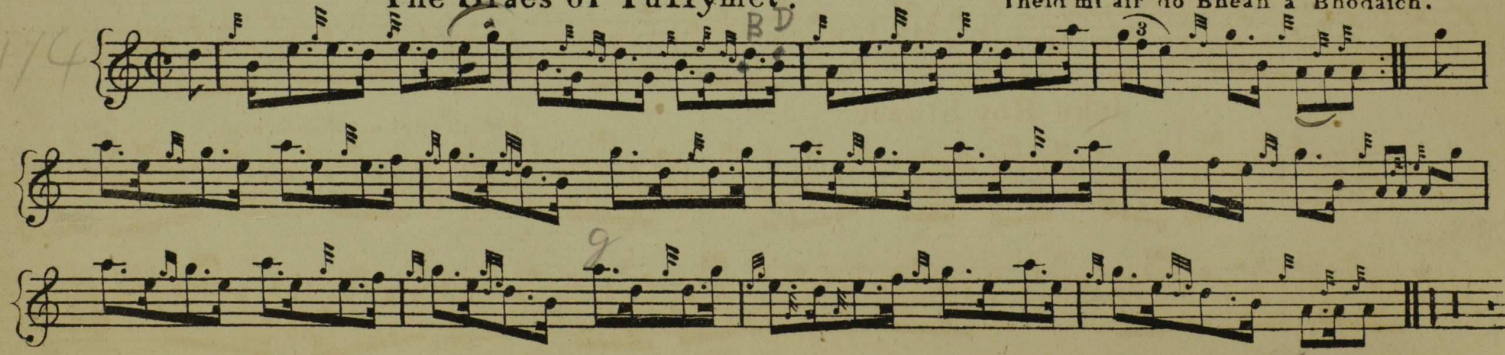
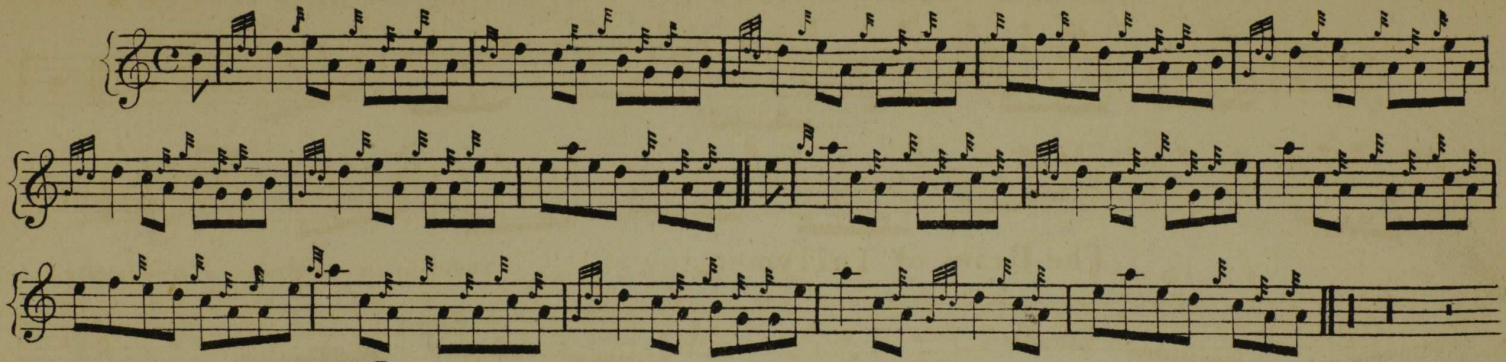


Highland Harry back again.

The Braes of Tullymet.

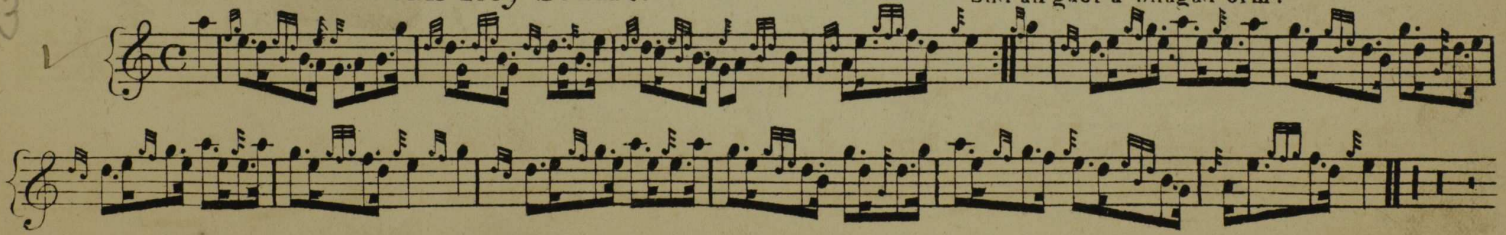
Théid mi air do Bhean a' Bhodaich.





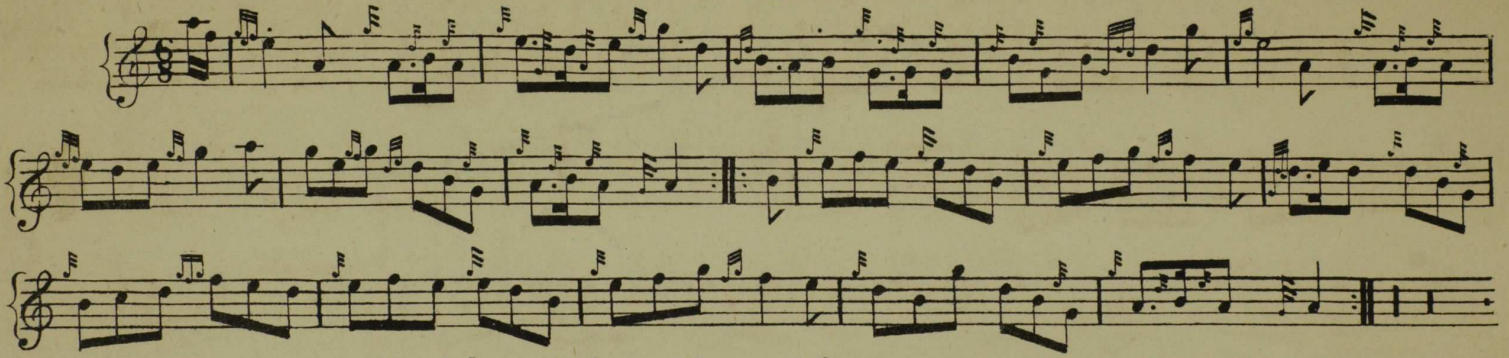
John Roy Stuart.

Sud an gaol a bhagad orm.



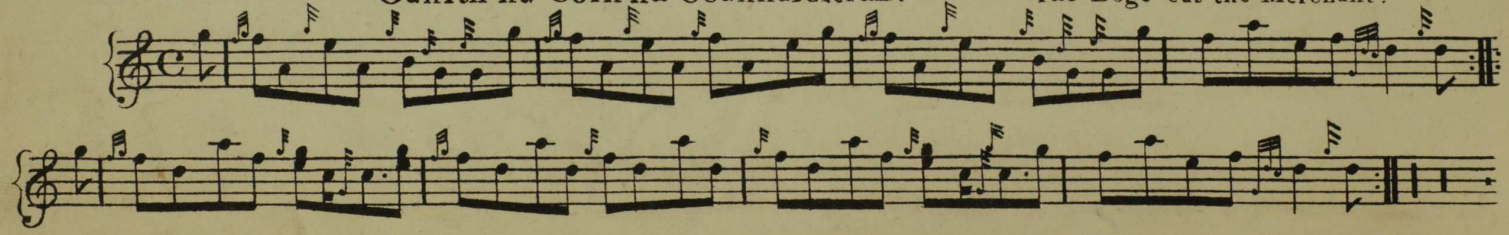
The Hills of Glenorchy.

Monaidhean Ghlinn Urachaidh.



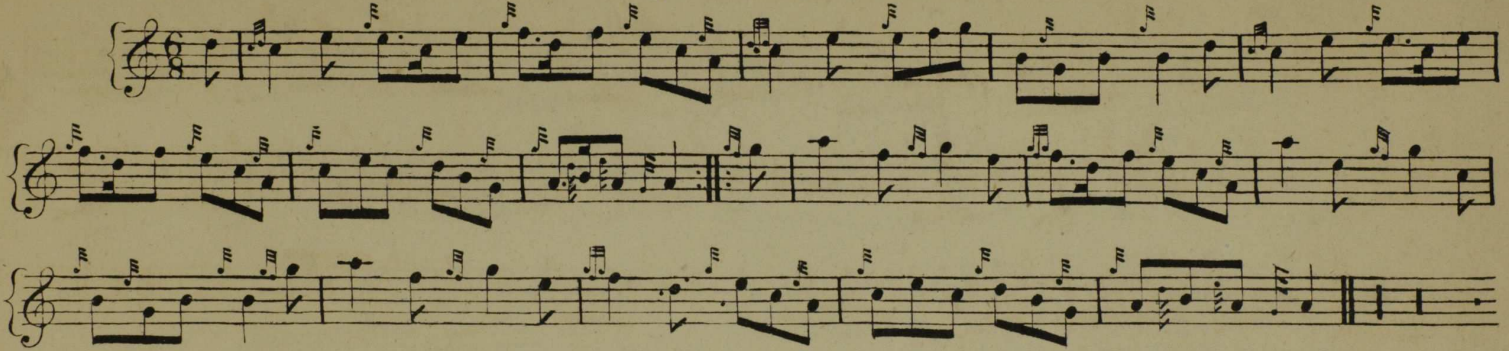
Ganith na Coin na Ceannaichean.

The Dogs eat the Merchant.



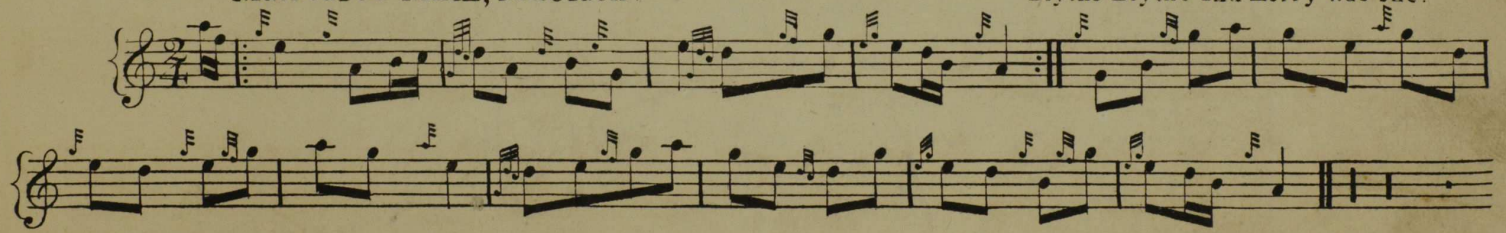
Rachainn a' mhi re ri Nighinn ghlain òig.

Duke of Atholl's March.



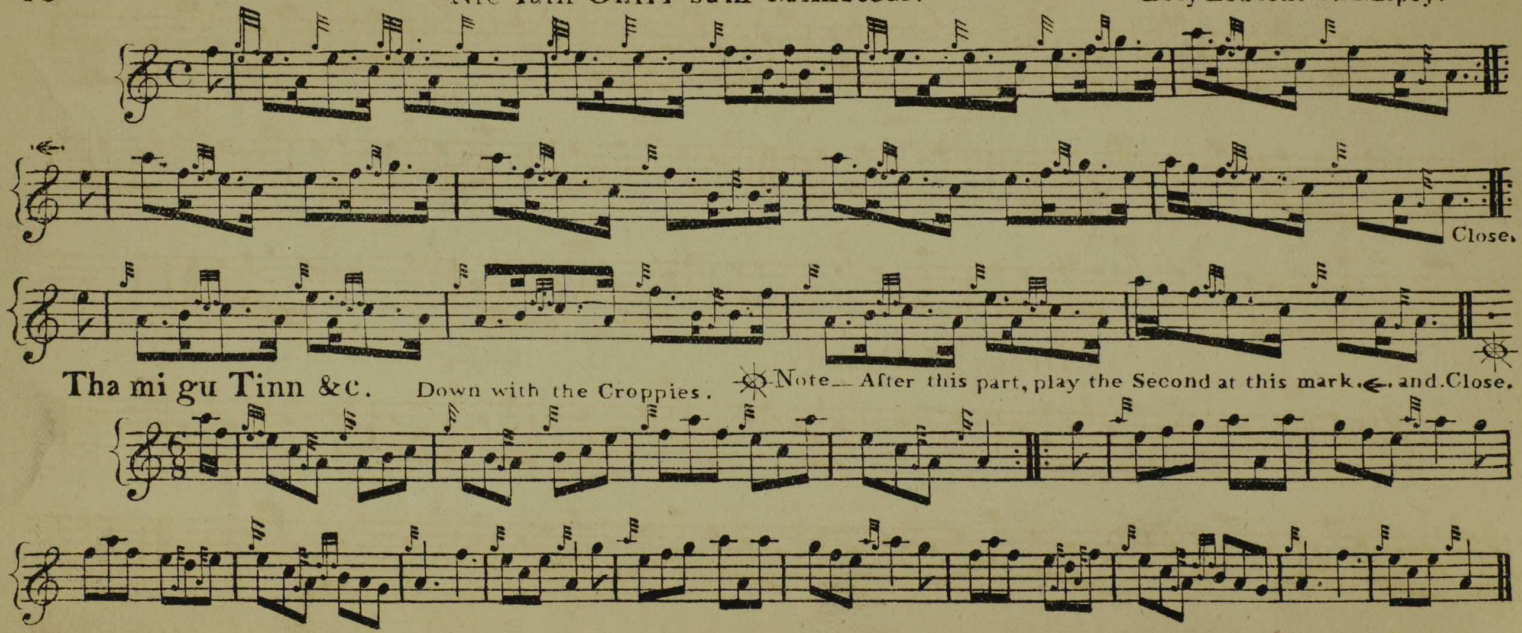
Maireared Mhìn, Mholach.

Blythe Blythe and merry was she.

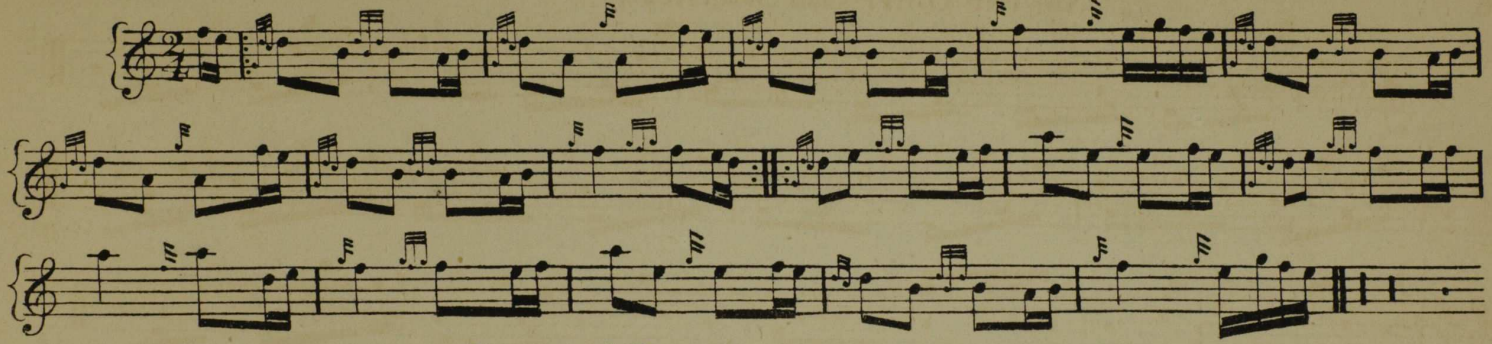


Nic Iain Ghirr 'sam Ministear.

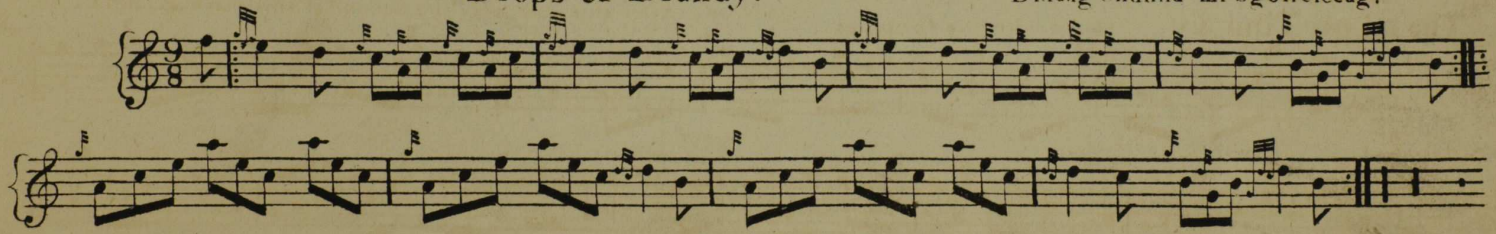
Lady Loudon's Strathspey.



The Isle of Skye Local Militia's March. Na Bi goid na Coille orm.

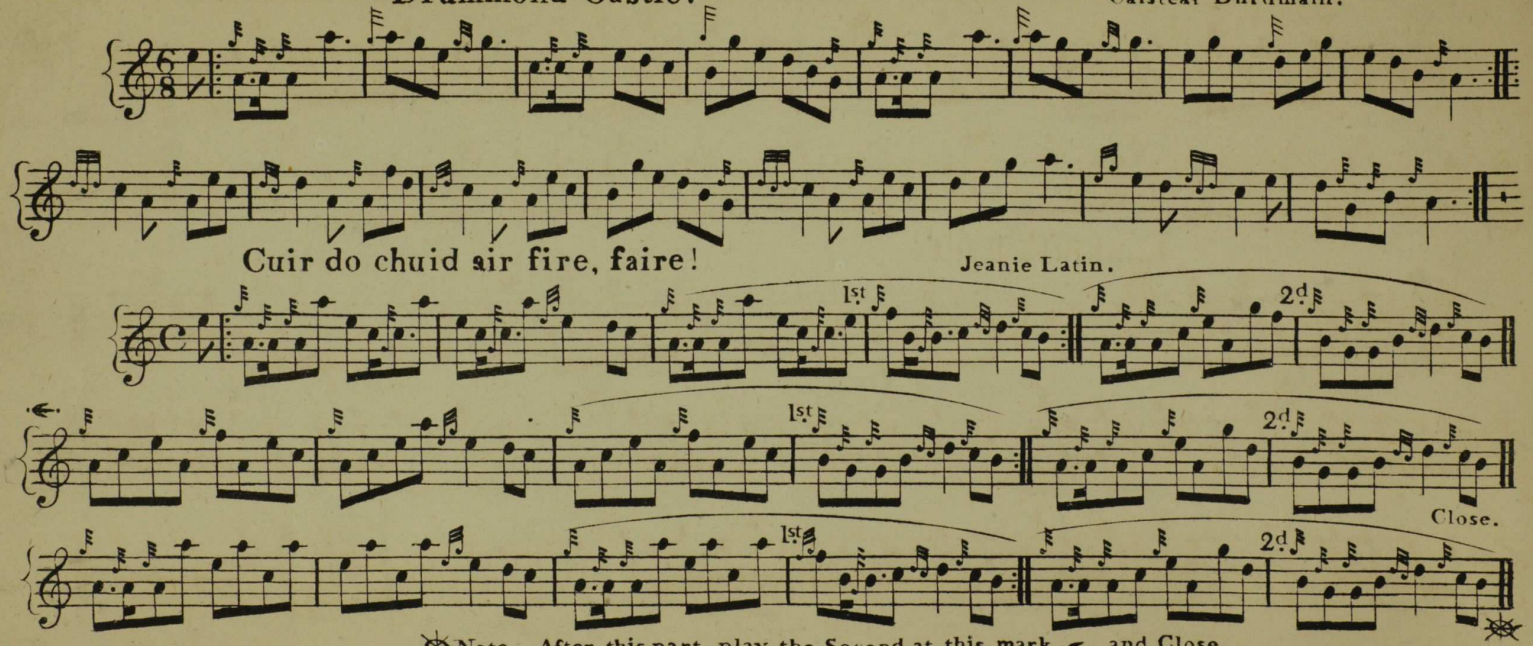


Drops of Brandy. Dìdeag Chunna' mi Sgoireiceag.



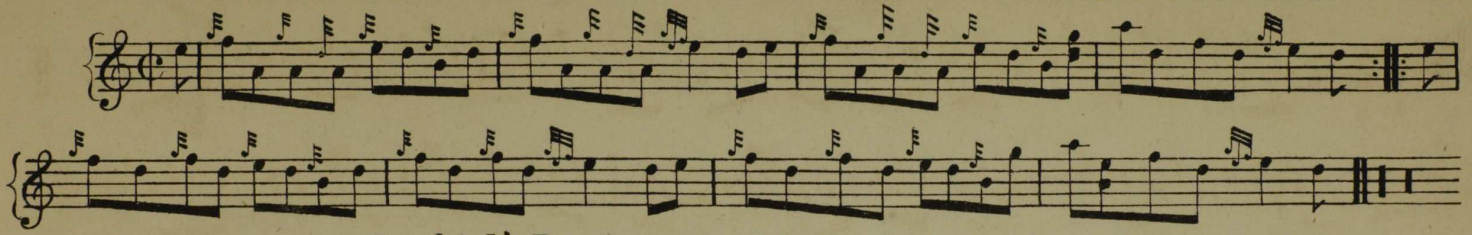
Drummond Castle.

Caisteal Dhrumain.


Cuir do chuid air fire, faire!
Jeanie Latin.

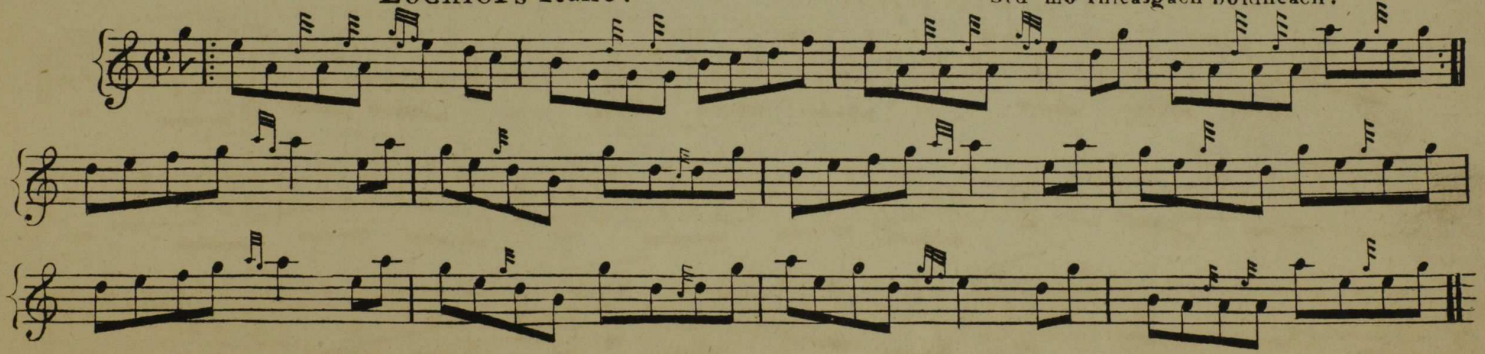
Note — After this part, play the Second at this mark and Close.

Macfarlane's Lilt.



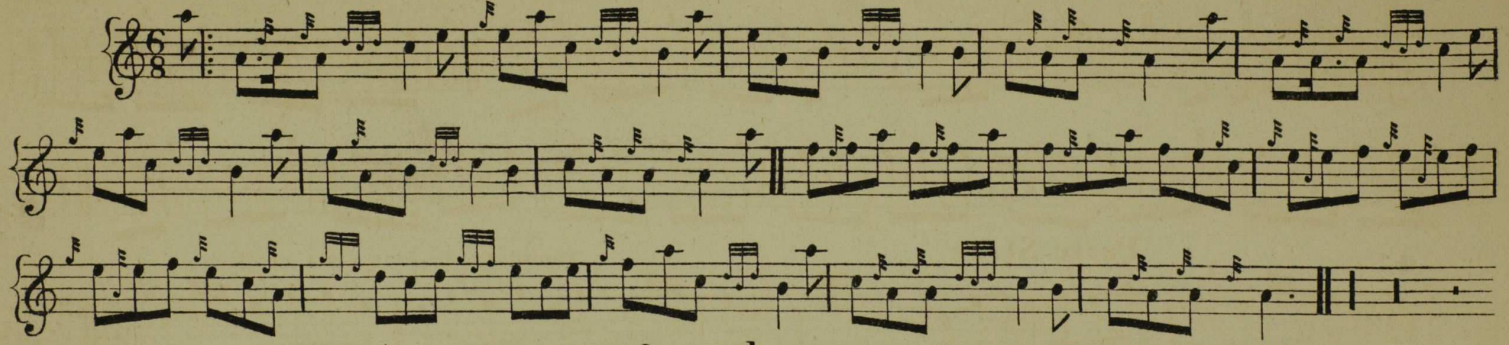
Lochiel's Rant.

Stu mo fhleasgach bòidheach.



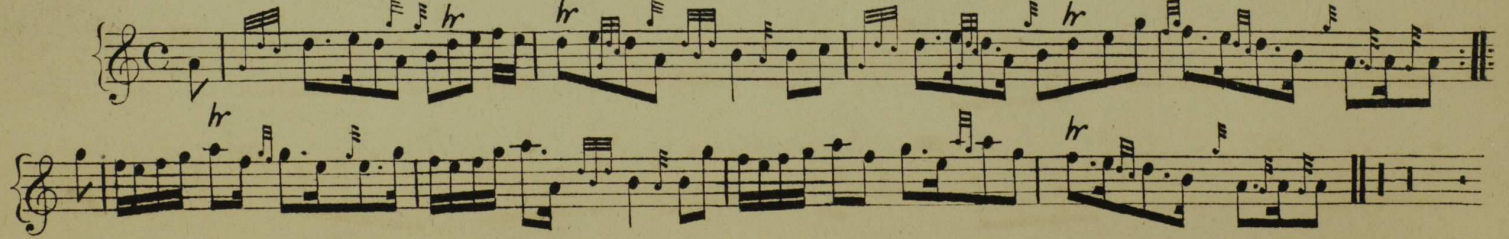
The Rock and a wee pickle Tow.

Iain Chaimbeil a' Bhanca.



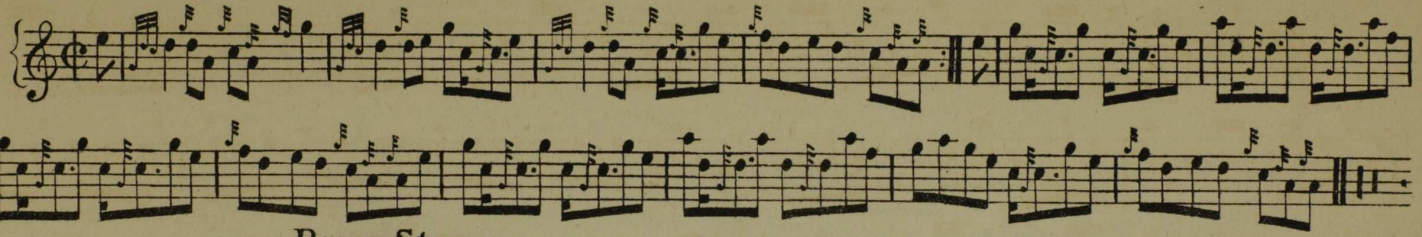
A man's a man for a' that.

An Gille Dubh mo Laochan.



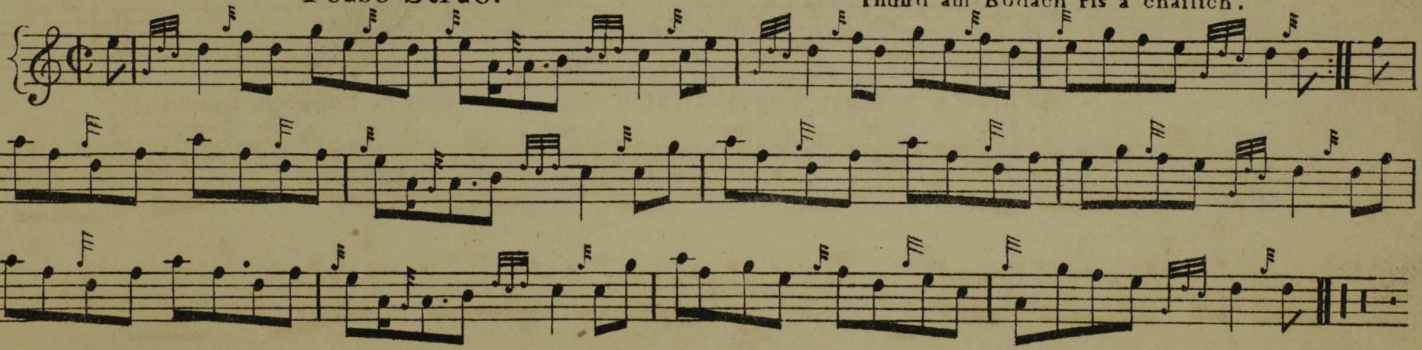
Caisteal Dhiurra.

Dewra Castle.



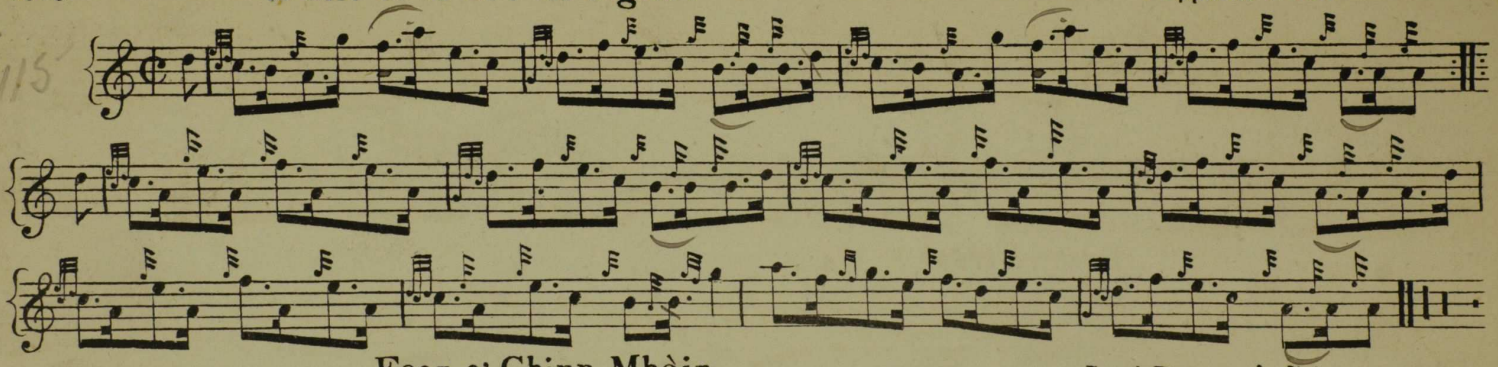
Pease Strae.

Thuird am Bodach ris á chailich.



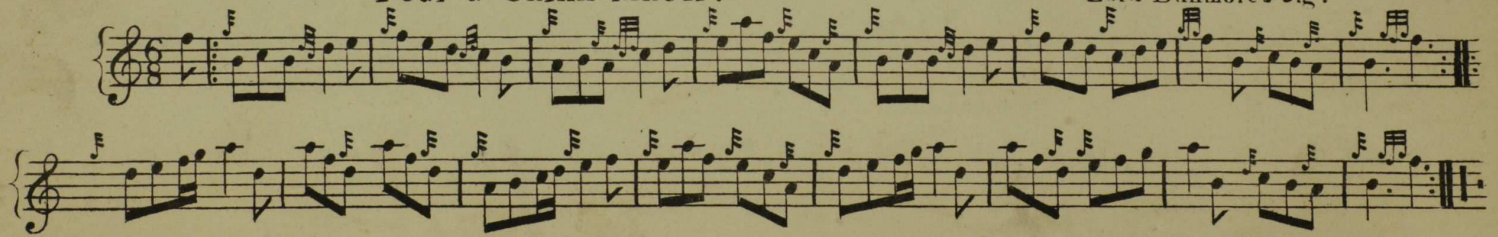
H-uile tè sa' còt an togail.

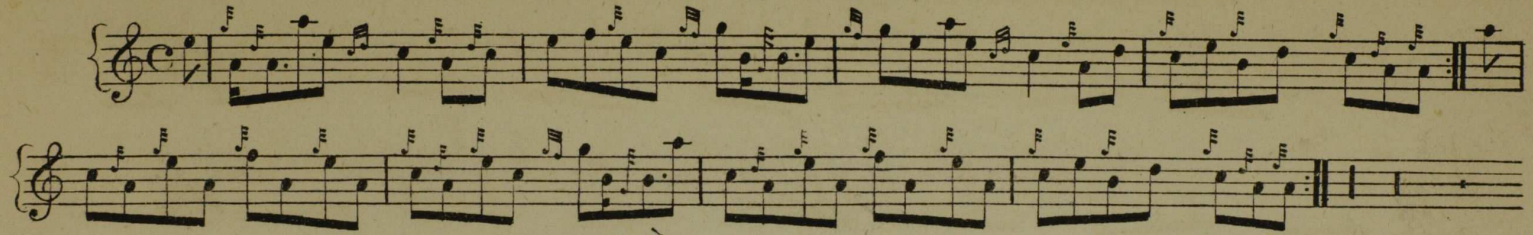
Keppoch's Rant.



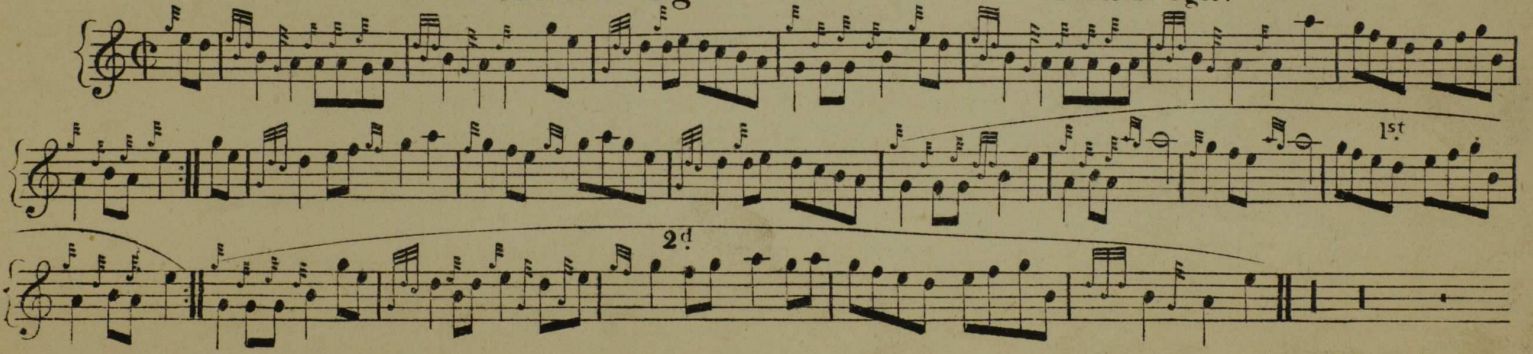
Fear a' Chinn Mhòir.

Lord Dunmore's Jig.



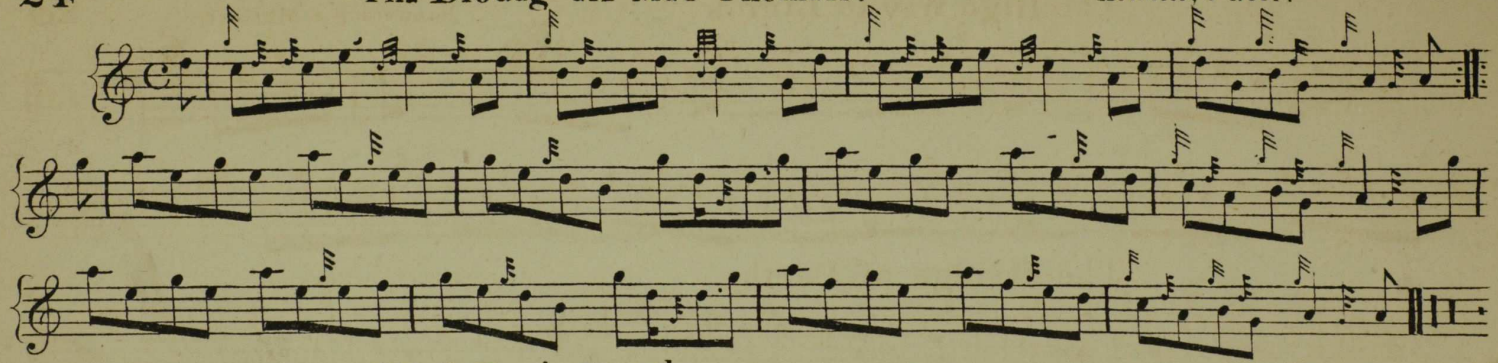


Catriana Òg. Katherine Ogie.



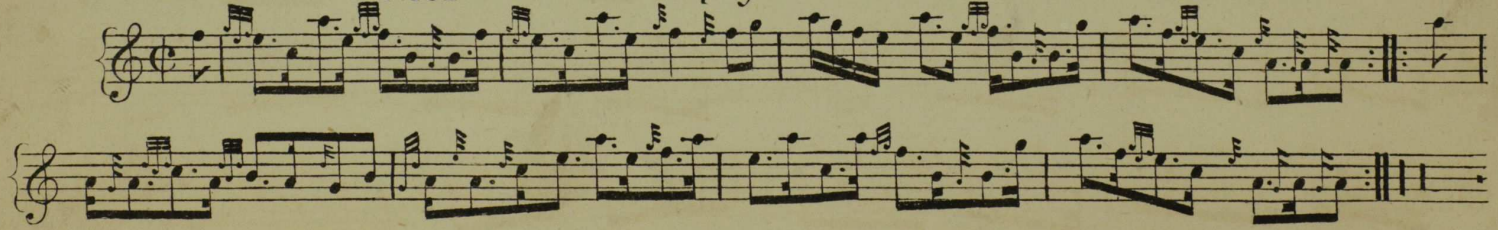
Tha Biodag air Mac Thòmais.

Arndilly's Reel.



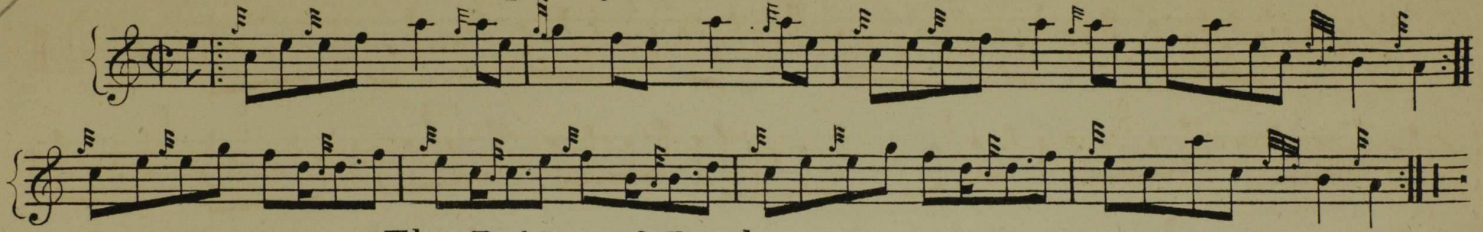
Niel Gow's Strathspey.

Am bun á Chruidh Cha Chaidil mi.



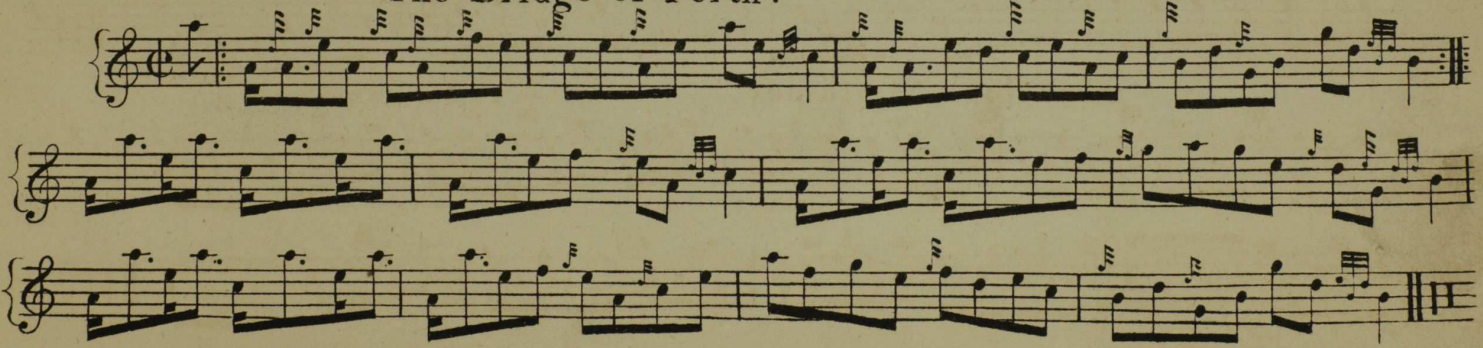
The High Way to Linton.

Bannarach a Mhirein.



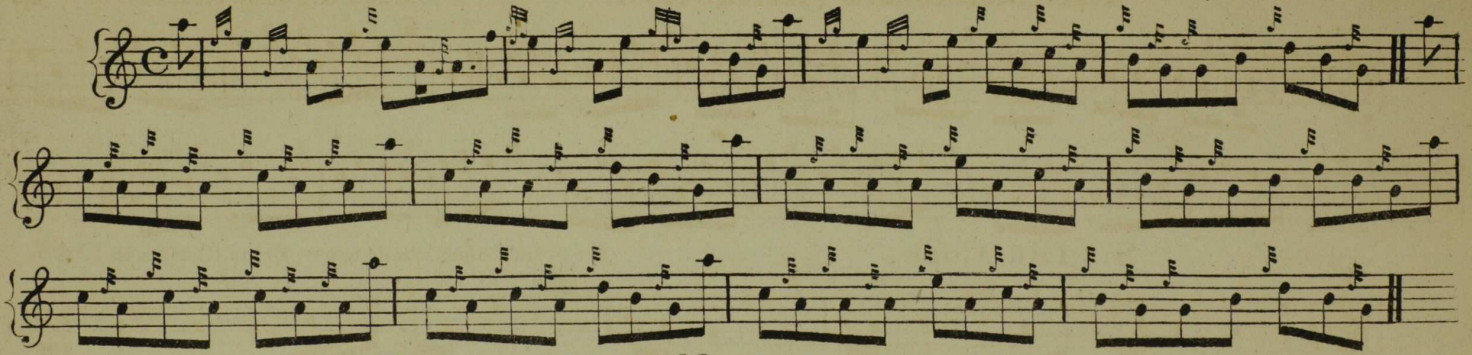
The Bridge of Perth.

Drochait Pheairt.



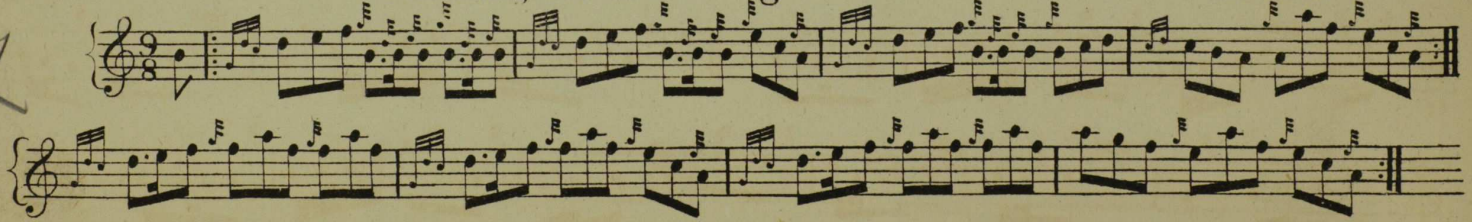
Righle Thulaichean.

The Reel of Tulloch.



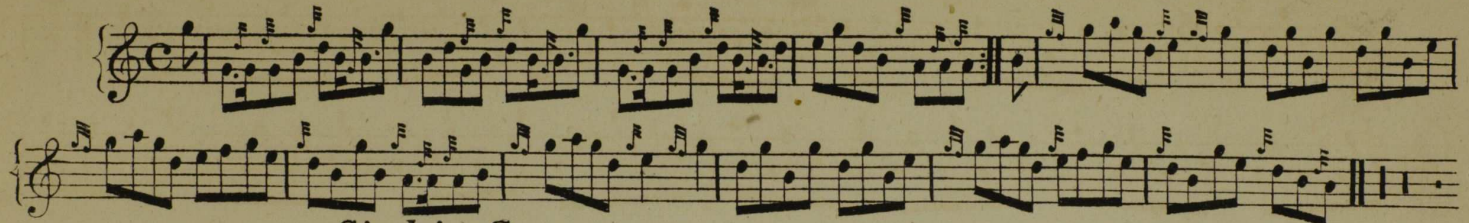
Uilleam's, Calum's Morag.

Brose and Butter.



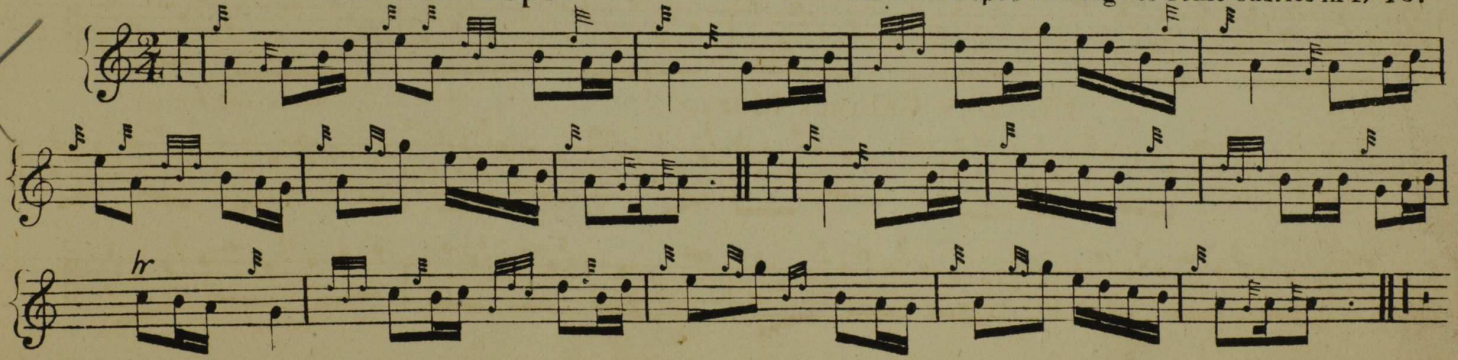
Earl Mareschal's (Keith) Reel.

Scann Nighean Iseabail.



Sir Iain Cope.

Sir John Cope's challenge to Prine Charles in 1745.



Tuloch Gorm.

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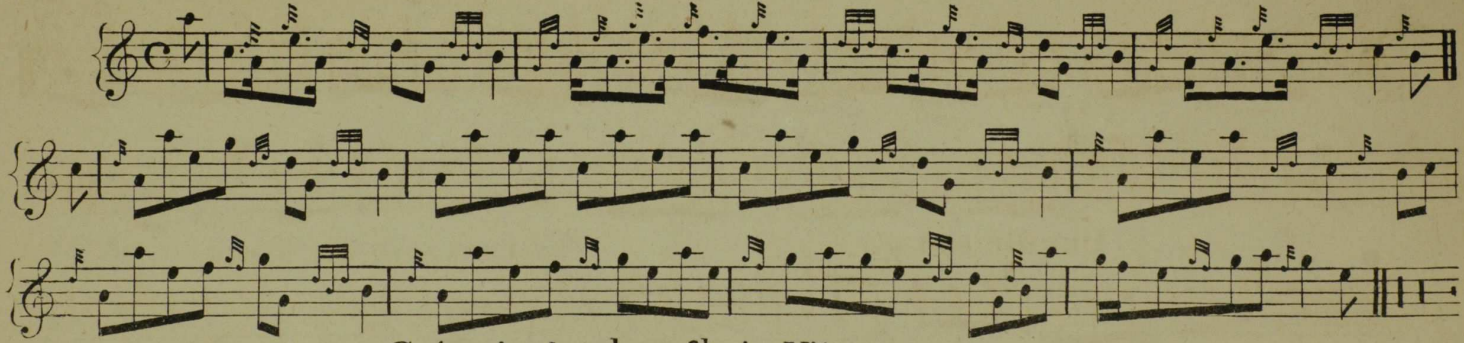
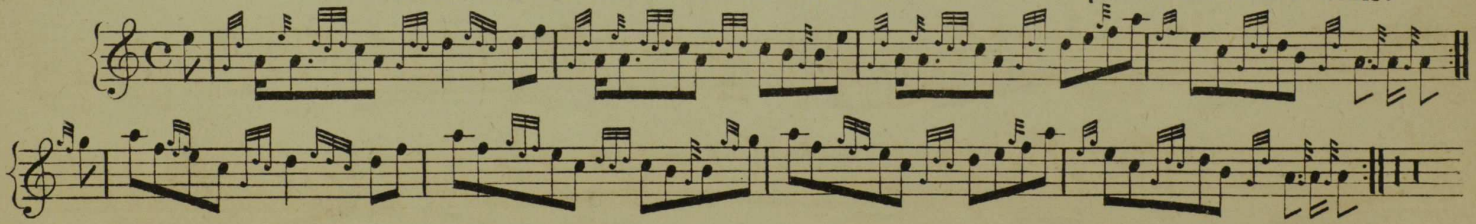


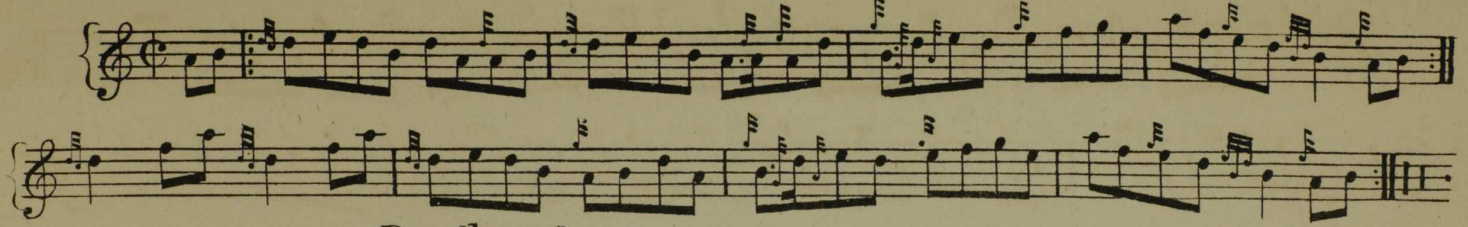
Cuir air do shon fhein Uilleam.

Up and waur them a' Willie.



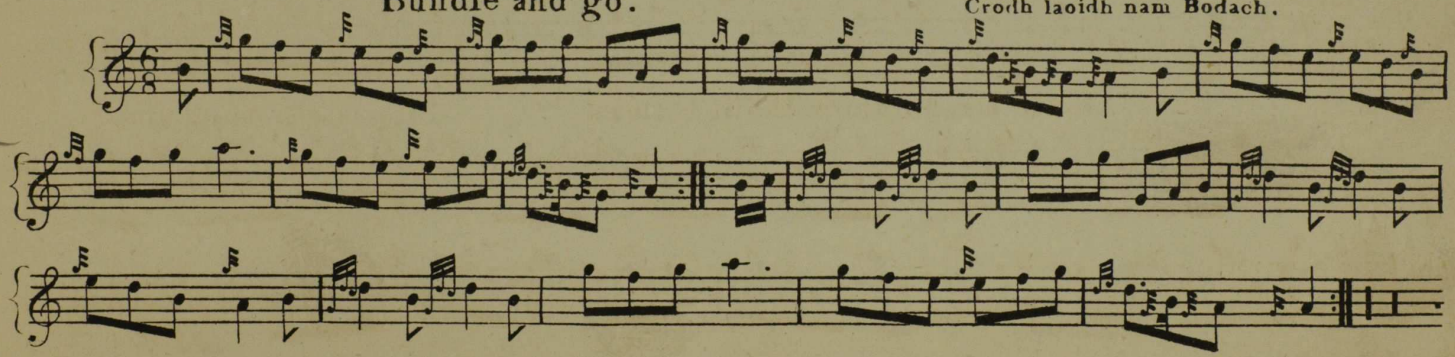
The Reel of Bogie.

A Bhainis a bha'n Torrasdal.



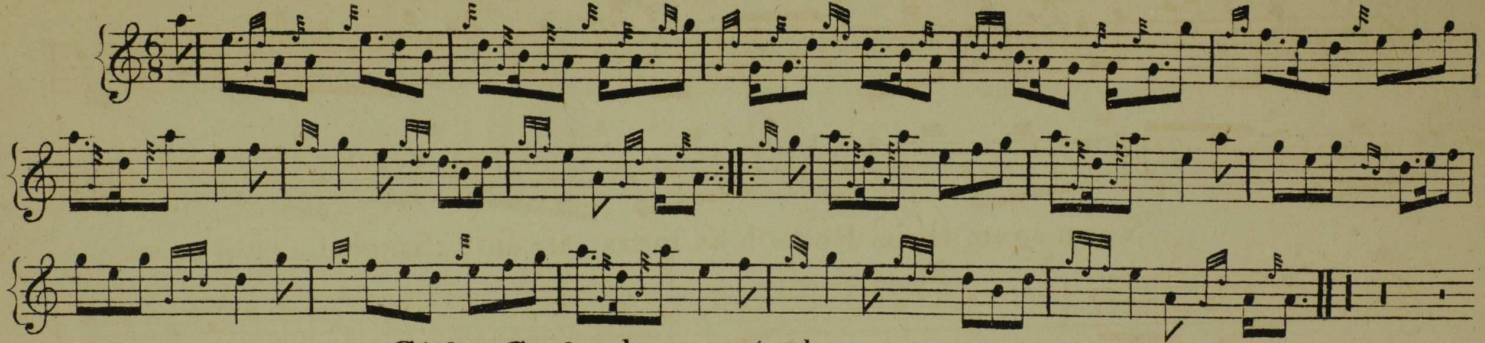
Bundle and go.

Crodh laoidh nam Bodach.



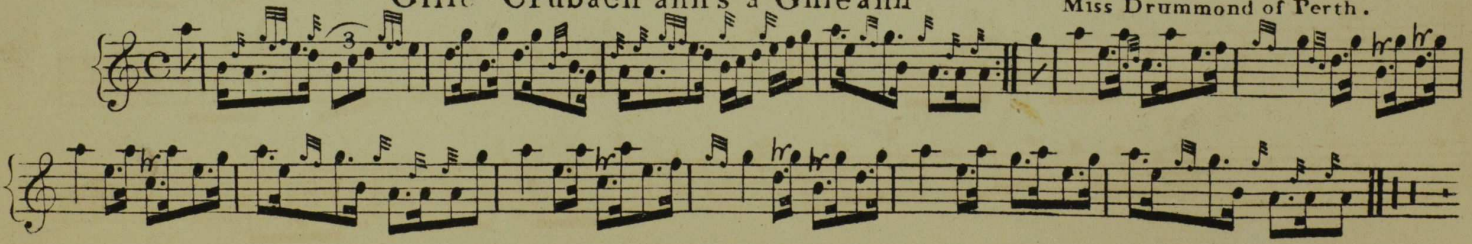
An Gille Dubh Gaolach.

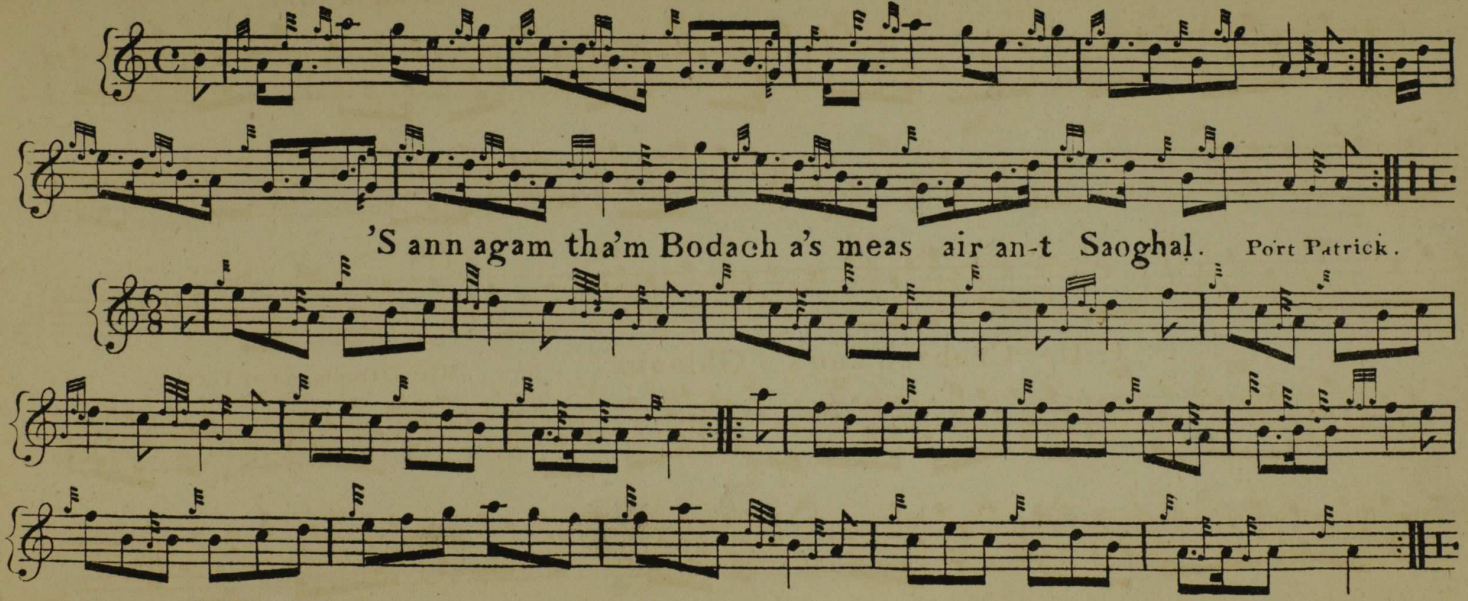
Annie Mc. Nab.



Gille Crubach ann's a Ghleanu

Miss Drummond of Perth.

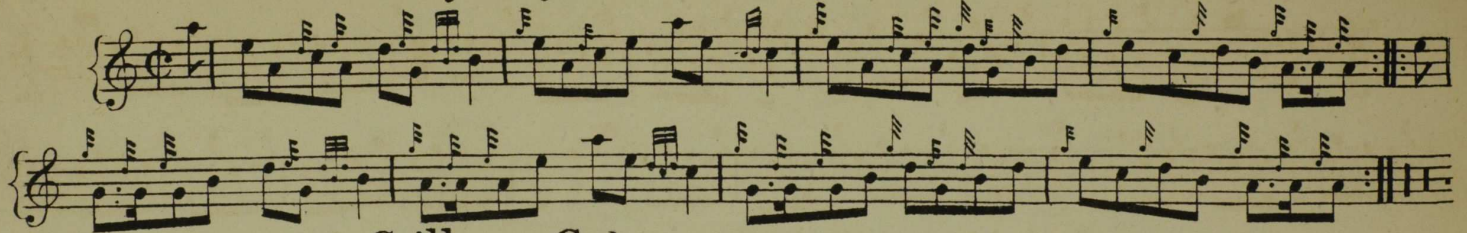




'S ann agam tha'm Bodach a's meas air an-t Saoghal. Port Patrick.

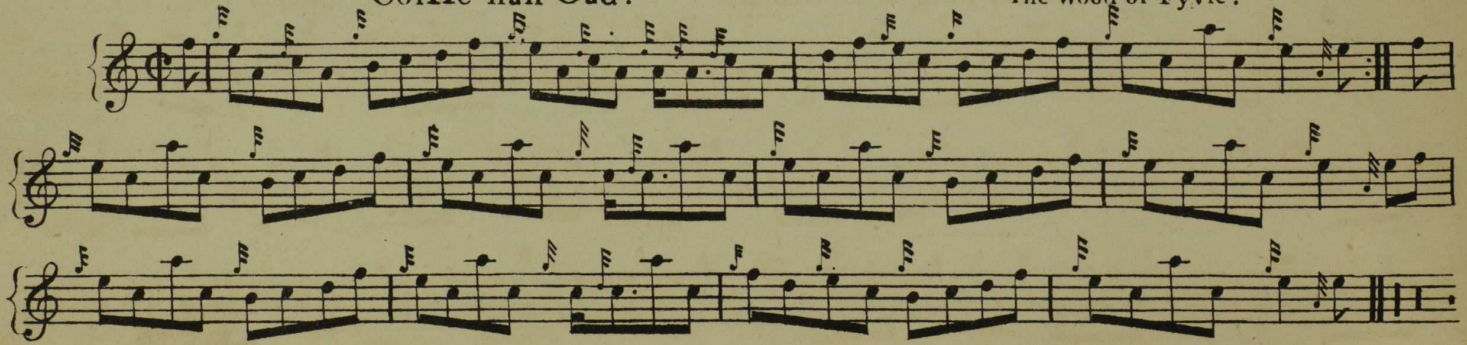
Mary Gray.

Dúbh a' Chailleach, dubh a bréid.



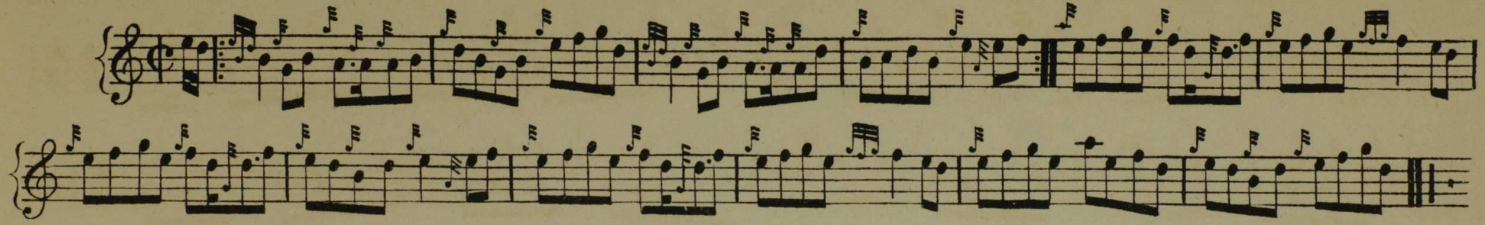
Coille nan Gad.

The Wood of Fyvie.



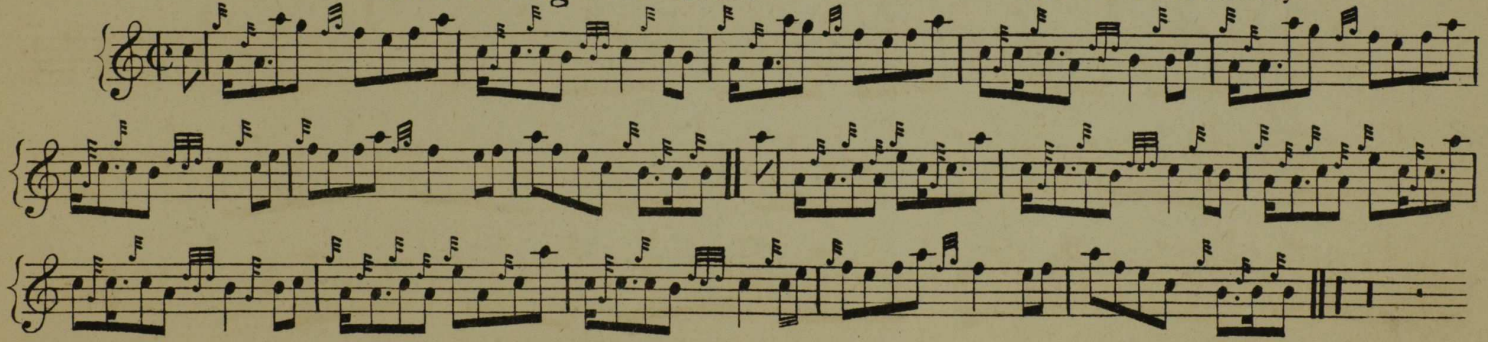
Johnnie Lad.

Dòmhnull a bh'air a' Ghille.



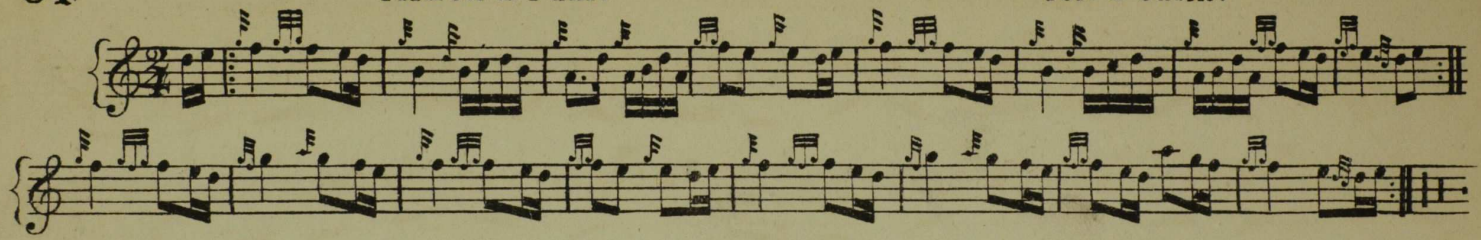
Sabhal beag a' Bhàilidh.

Mrs Mac Leod of Rasay.



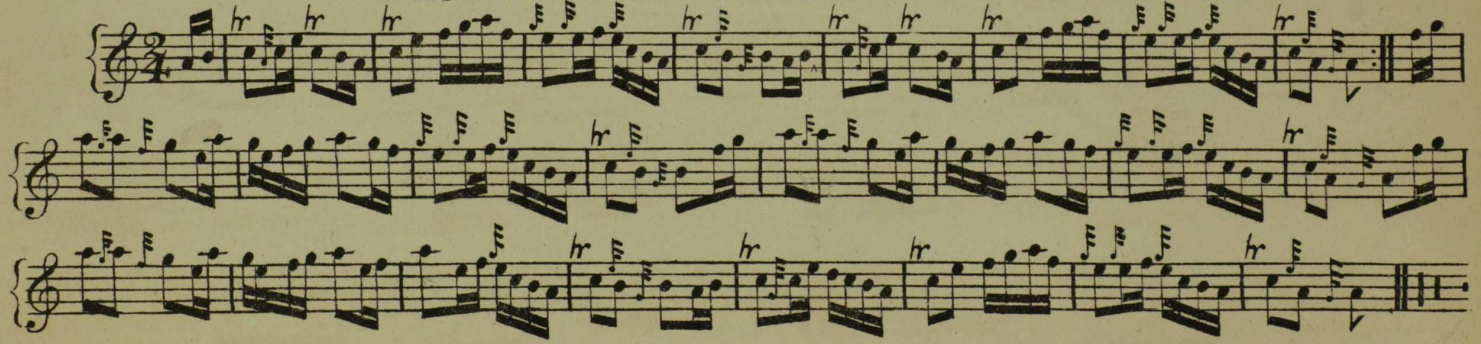
Aiken Drum.

Port a' Ghoill.



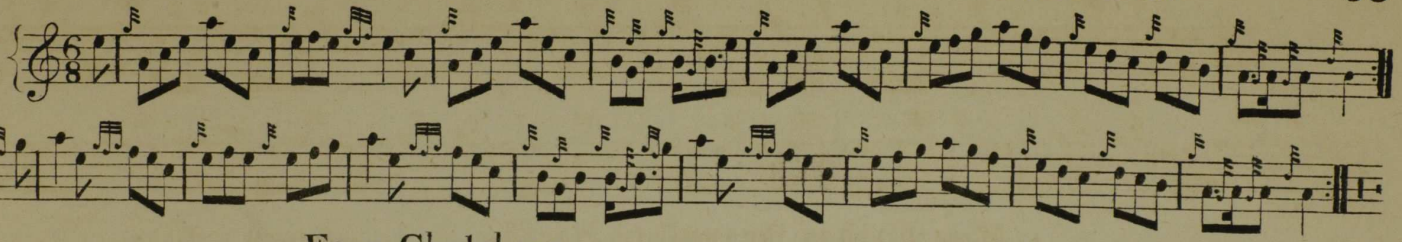
Miss Forbes' farewell to Banff.

Soiridh le Banbh.



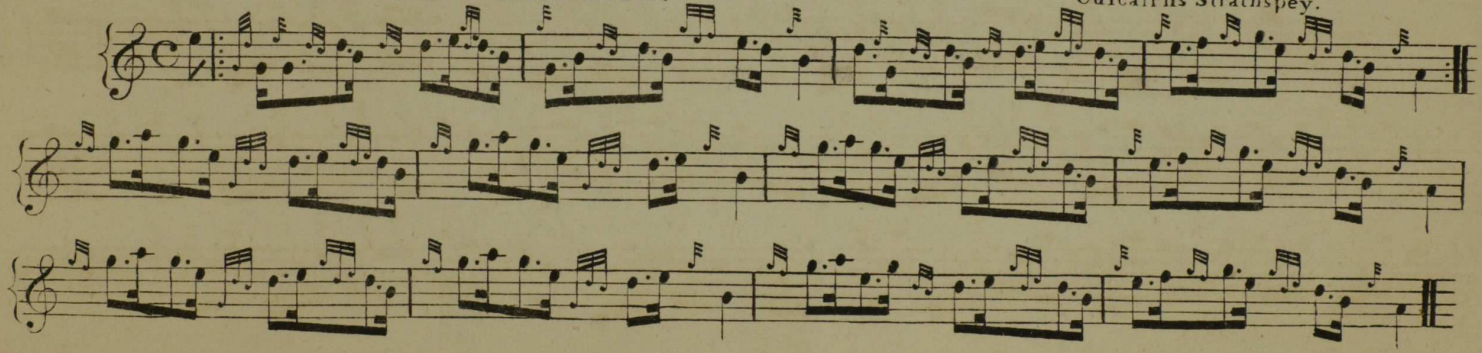
Kenmure's on and awa.

Atasdair Garbh.



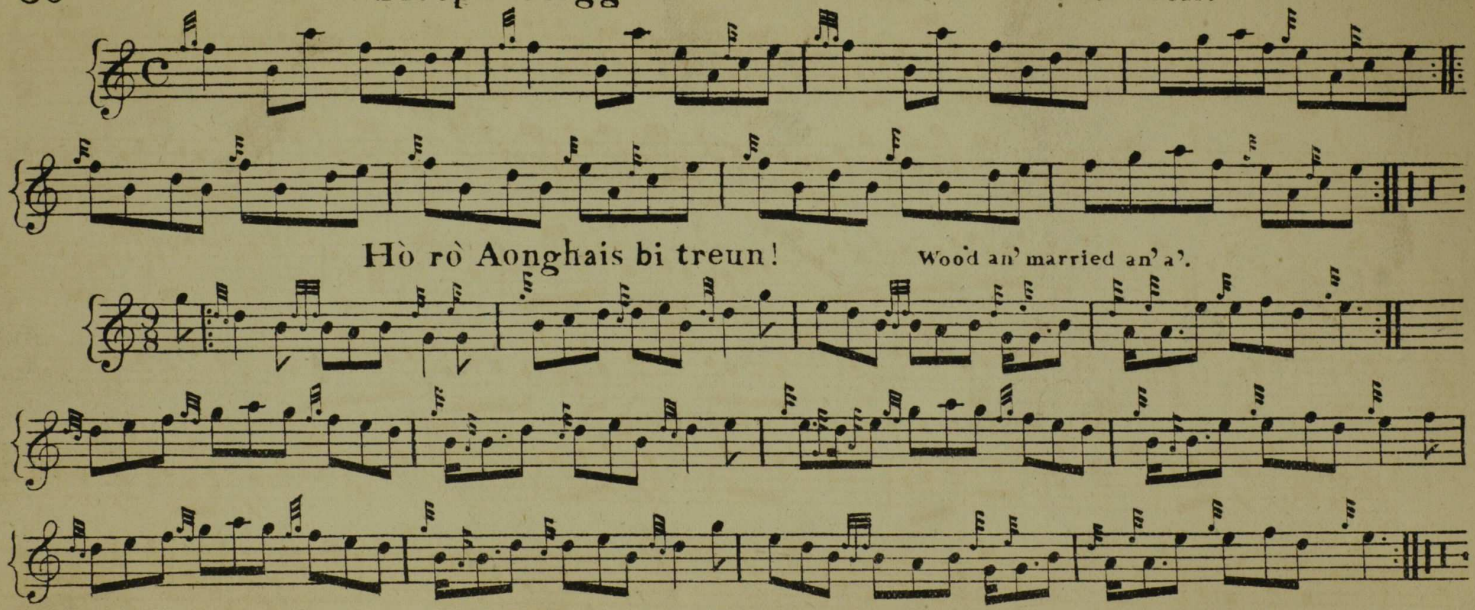
Fear Chulcharn.

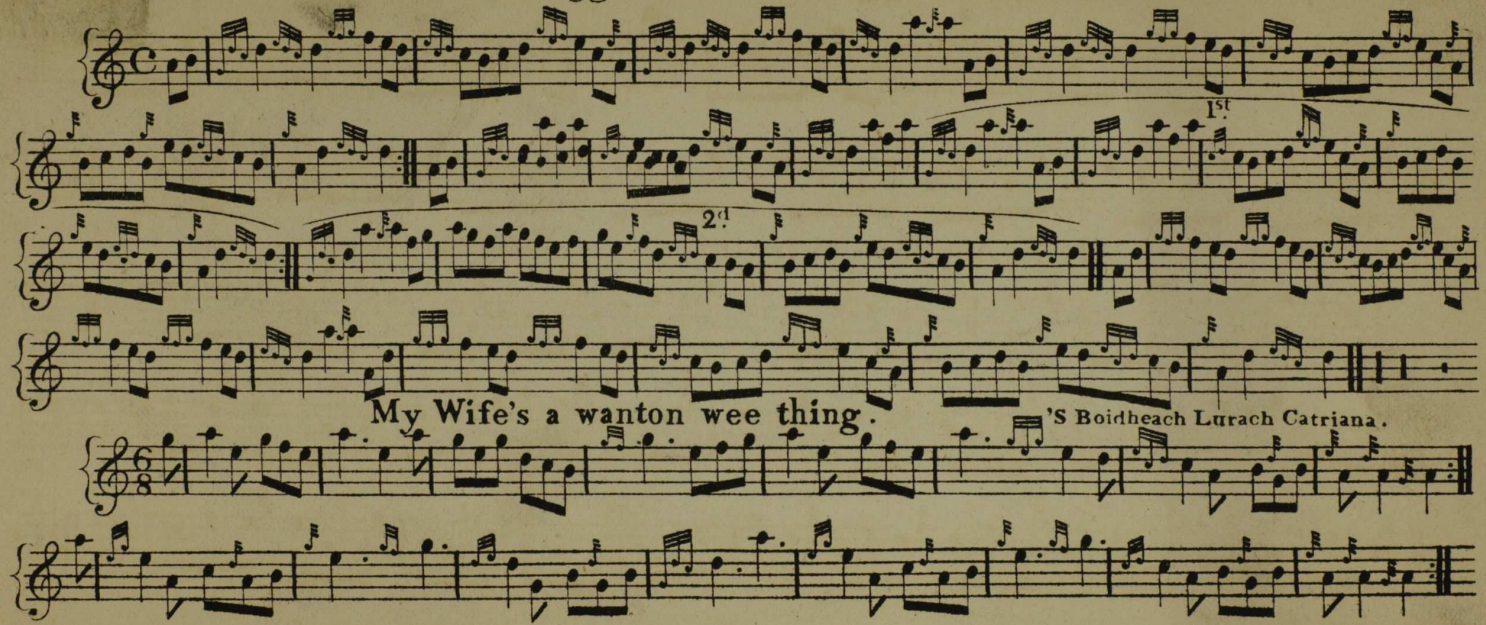
Culcairns Strathspey.



Sleepie Maggie.

Gaolach Robi.

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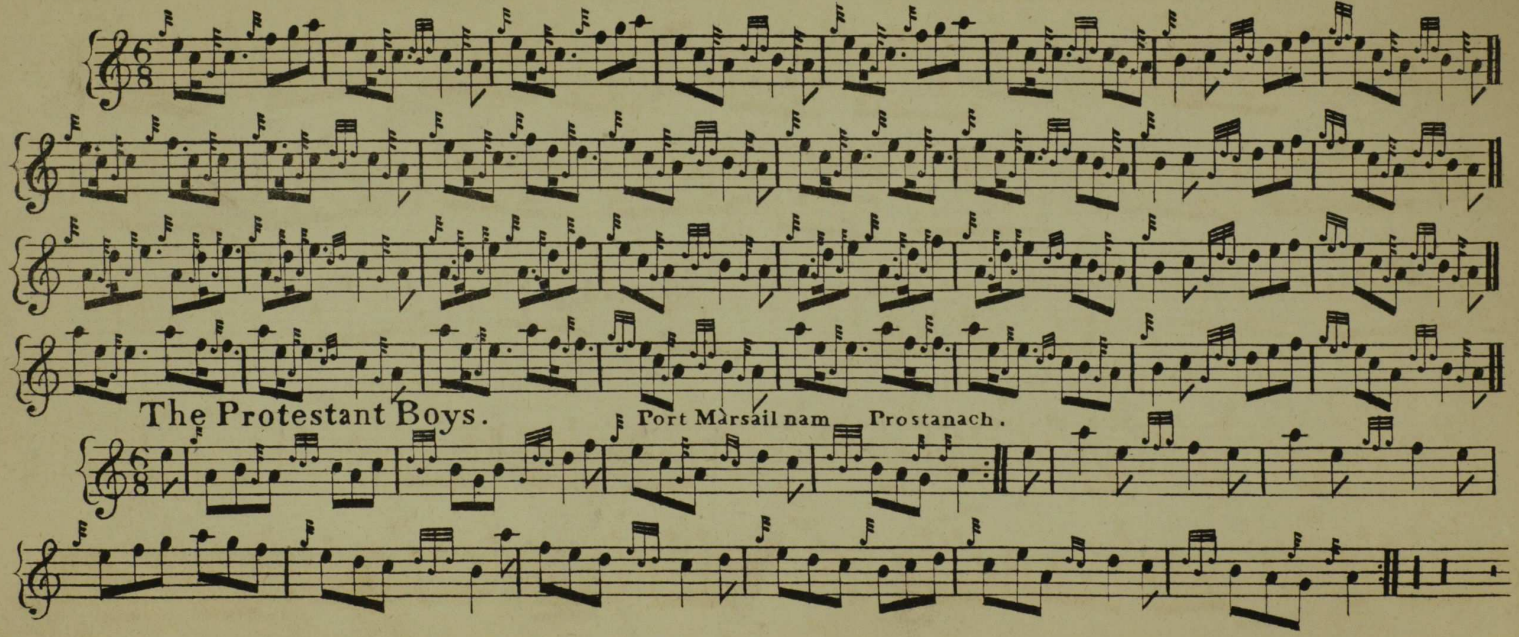
My Wife's a wanton wee thing.
'S Boidheach Lurach Catriana.

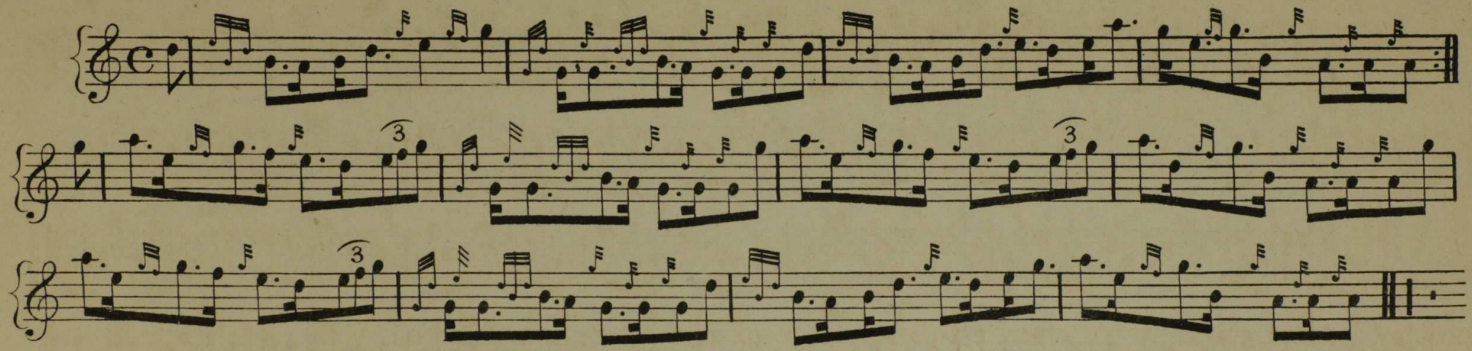
Piobaireachd Dhomhnuill Duibh.

or Lochiel's March.



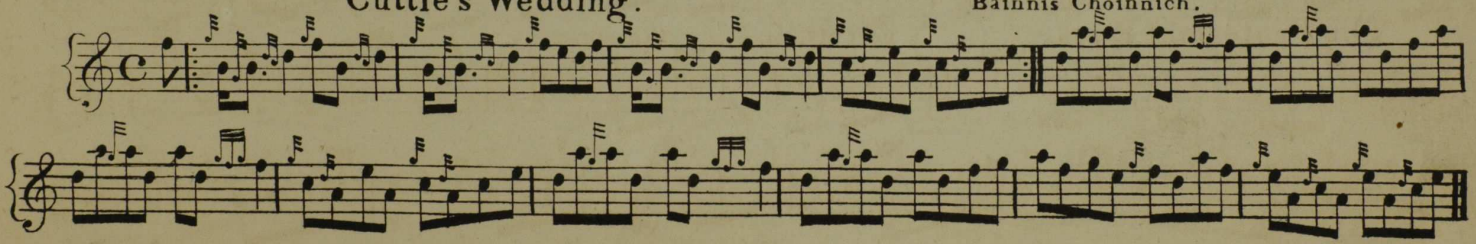
The Red Coat.

An Cota Ruadh.



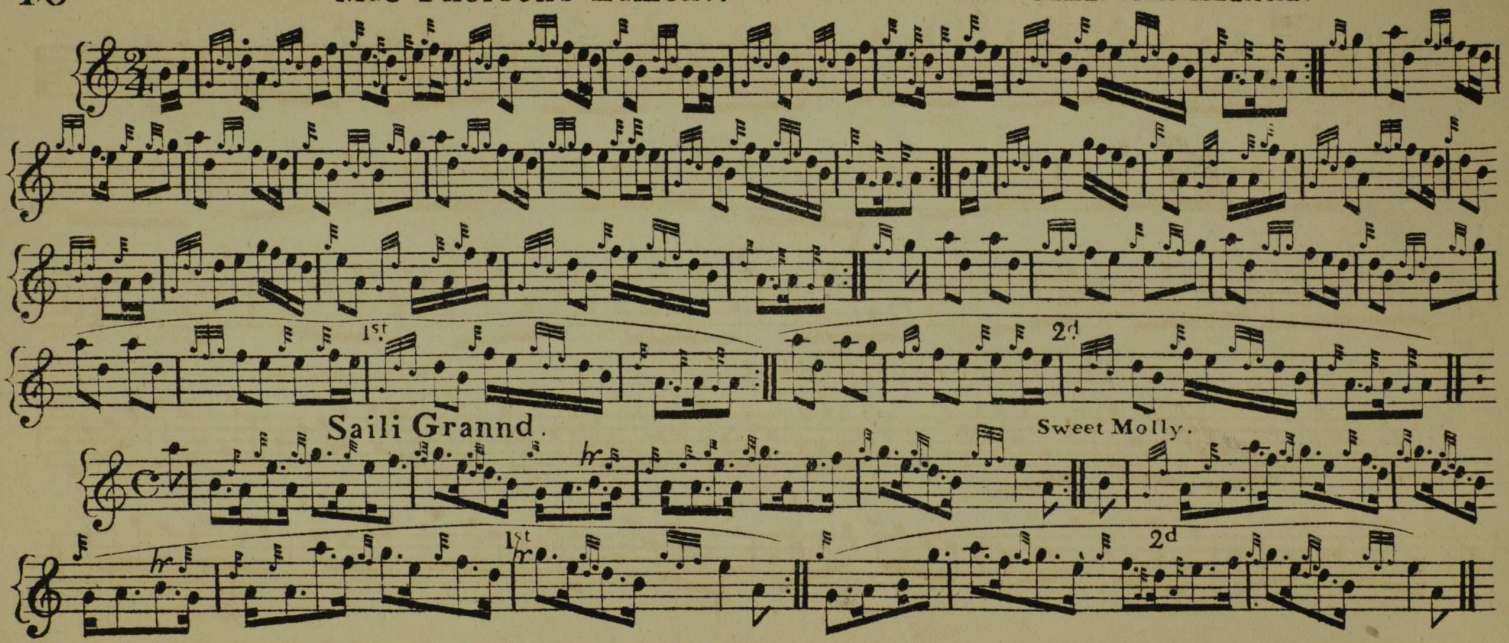
Cuttie's Wedding.

Bainnis Choinnich.

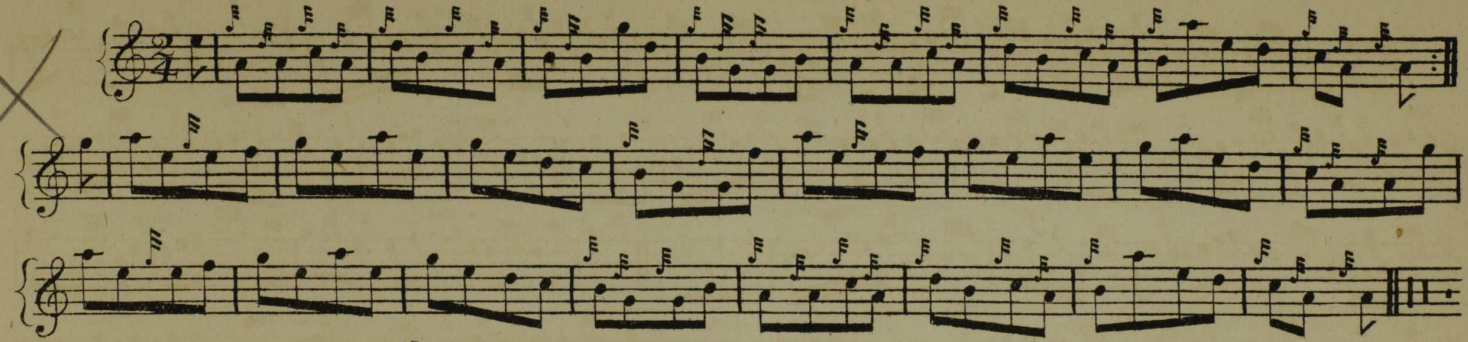


Mac Pherson's Lament.

Cumha Mhic Mhuirich.

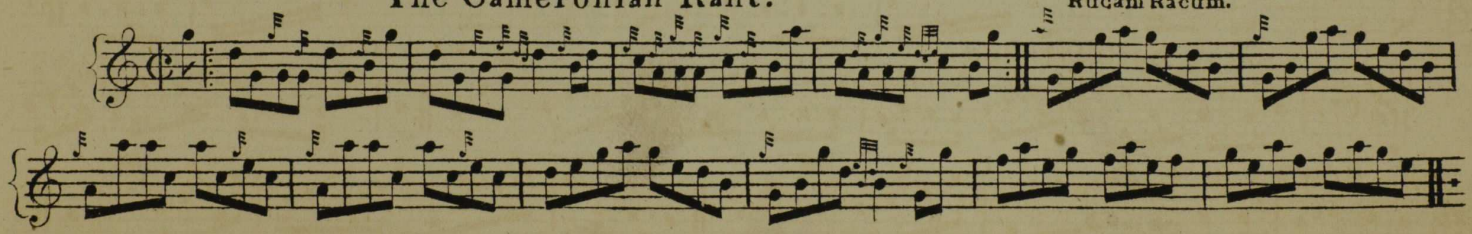


Thoir do Ghunna cuide riut.



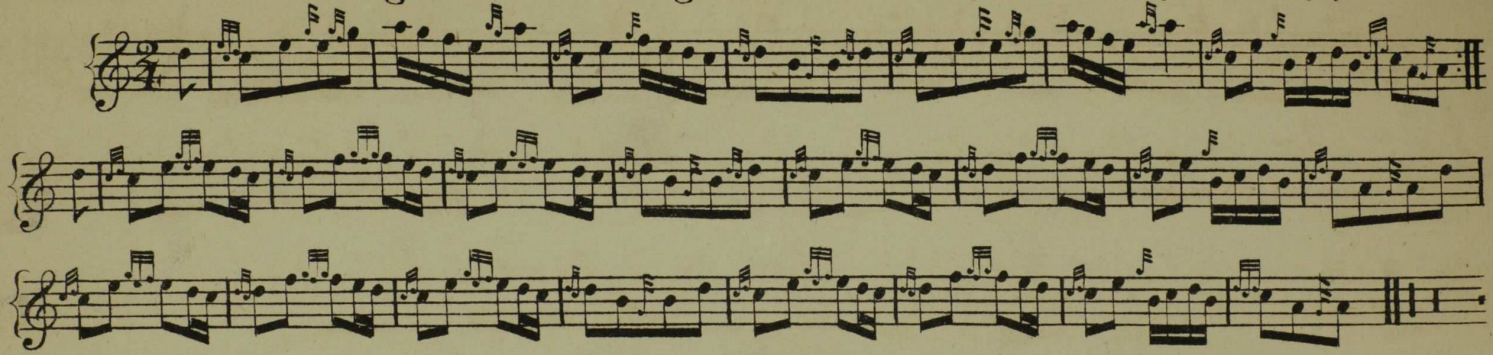
The Cameronian Rant.

Rucam Racum.



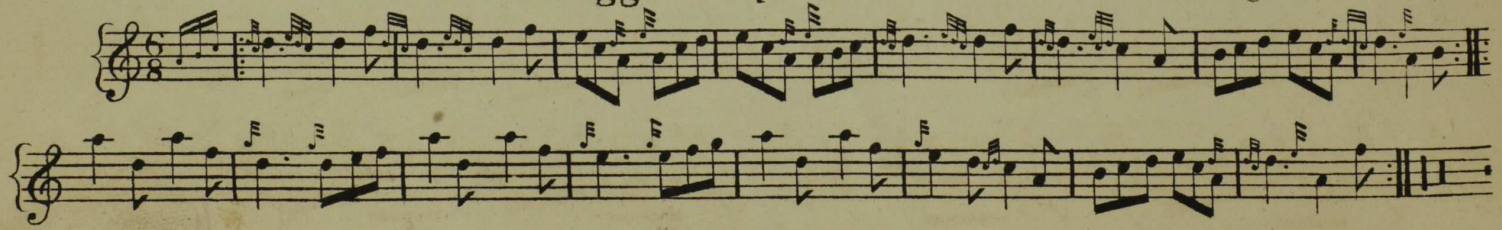
Buail gu Dlù led' Chluigean mi.

Stumpie's Strathspey.



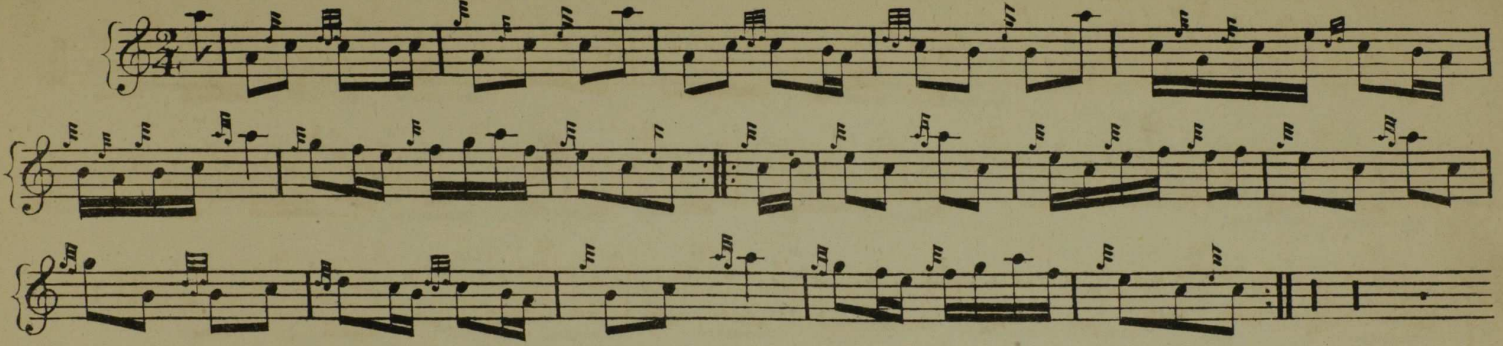
The New Rigged Ship.

Port. na Lulnge.



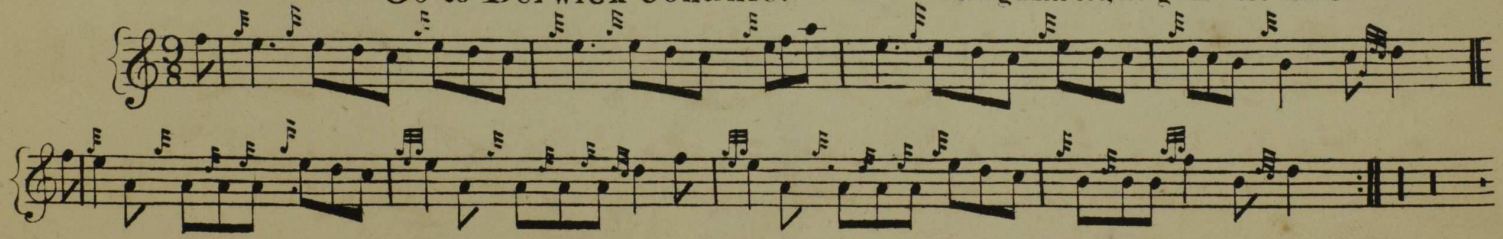
The White Cockade.

An Suaithneas Bàn.



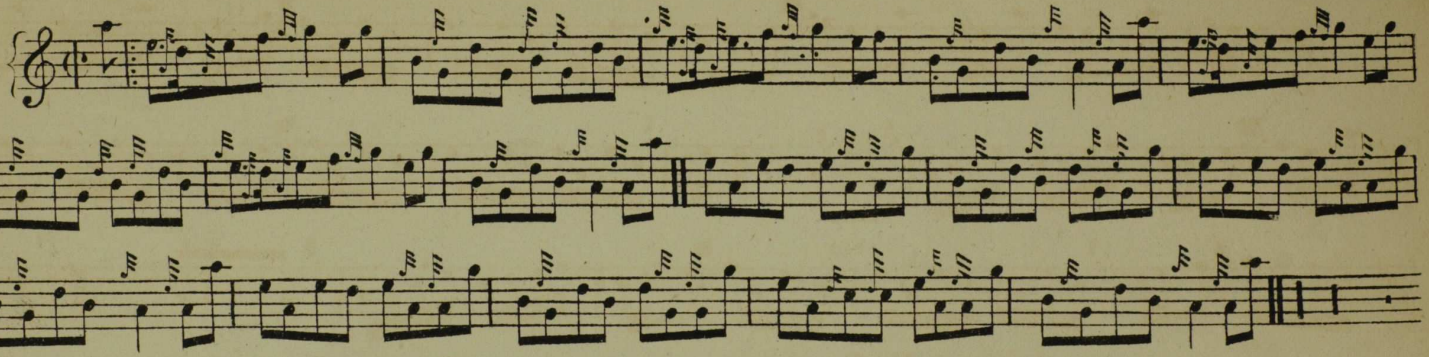
Go to Berwick Johnnie.

O Irioghuill ort, irioghuill ort Anna.



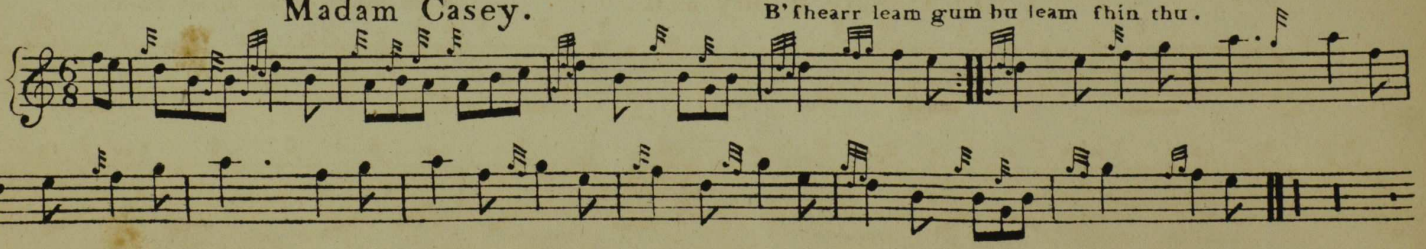
Am Muillean Dubh.

The Black Snuff Mill.

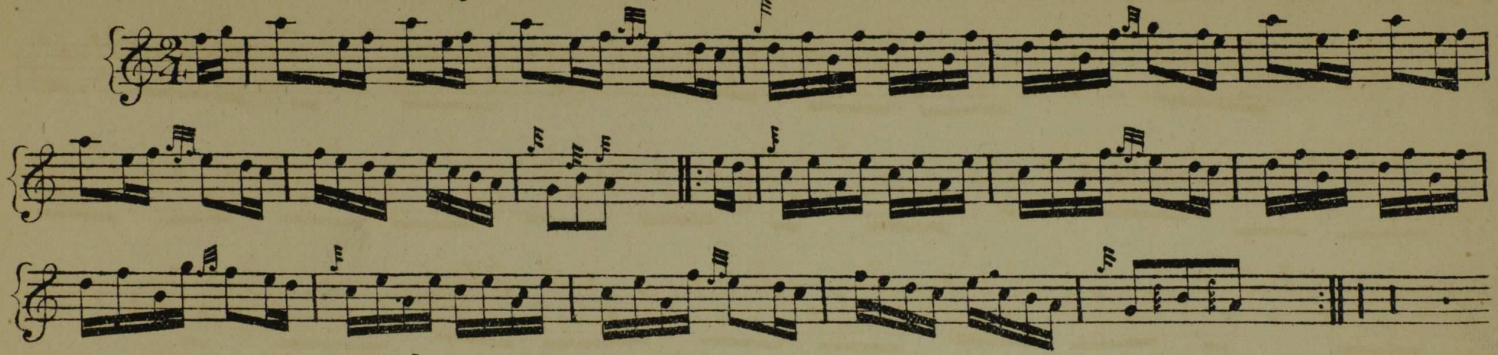


Madam Casey.

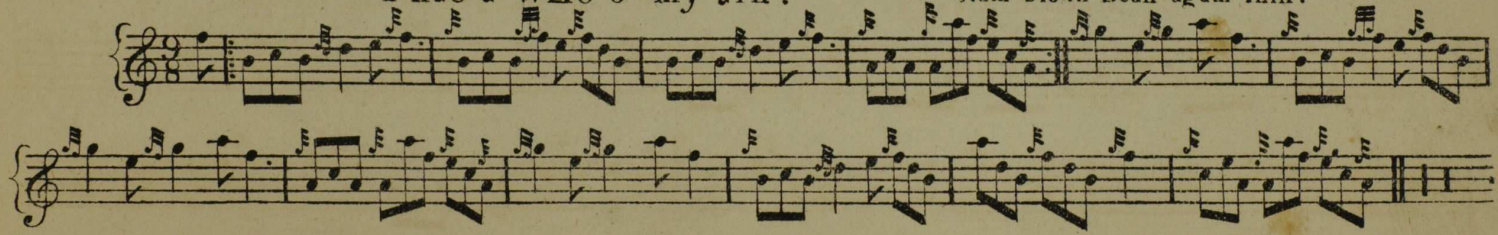
B'fhearr leam gum bu leam fhin thu.



The D_l amang the Tailors. Am Braman air reang nan Teilear!

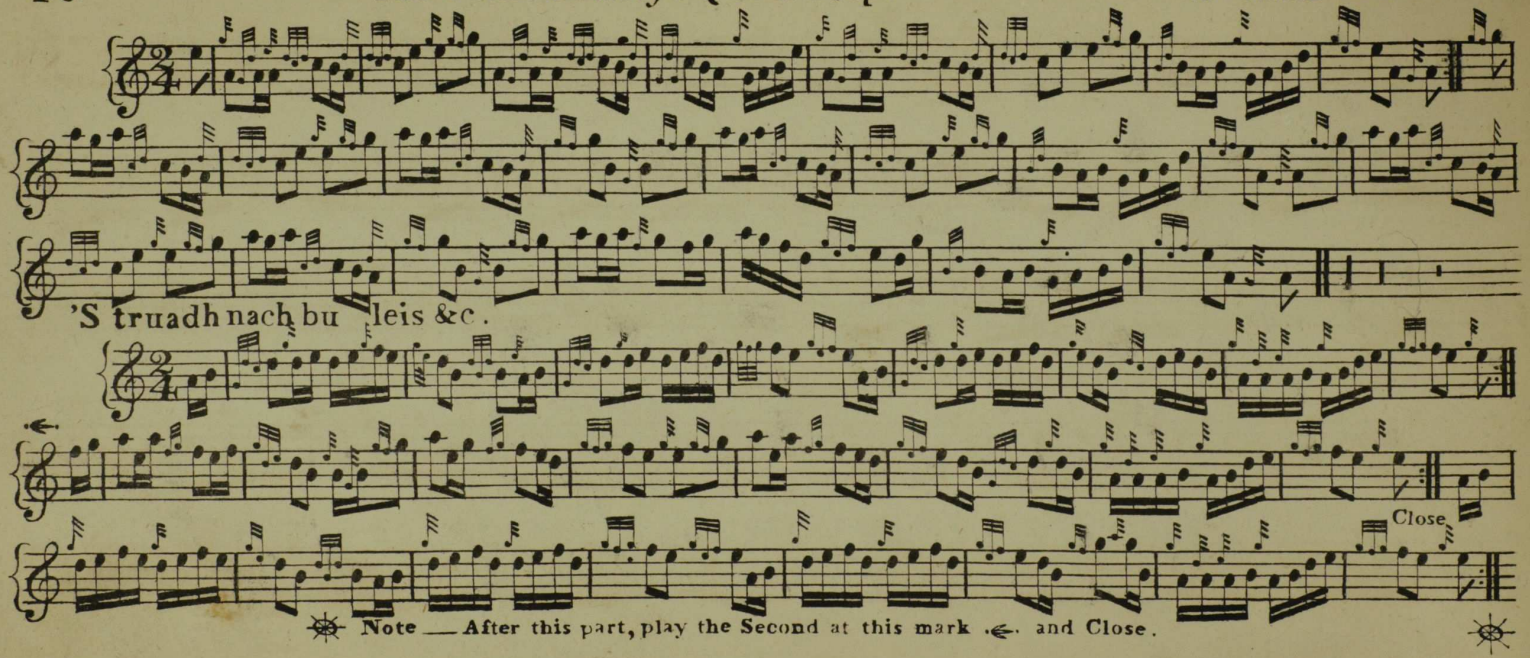


I hae a Wife o' my ain. Nam biodh Bean agam fhin.



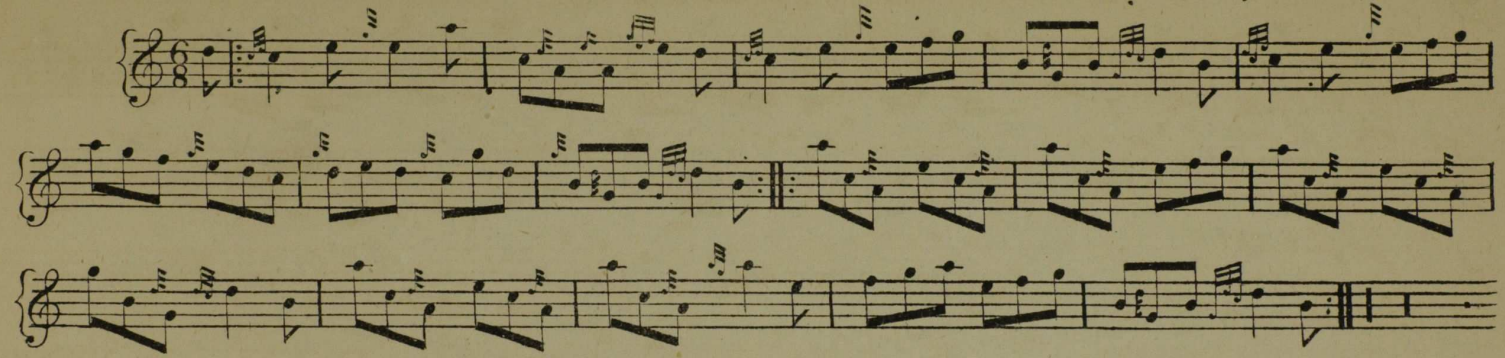
The Celtic Society's Quick Step.

An Comunn Gàelach.



Gillean a Stabaill.

The Stable Boys.



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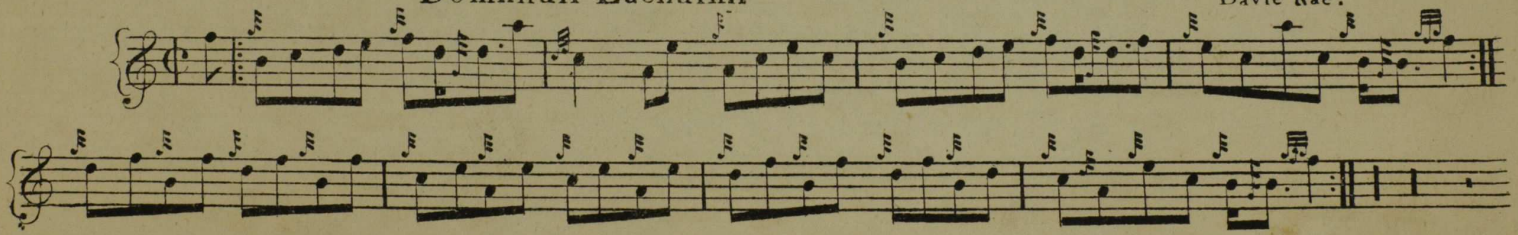
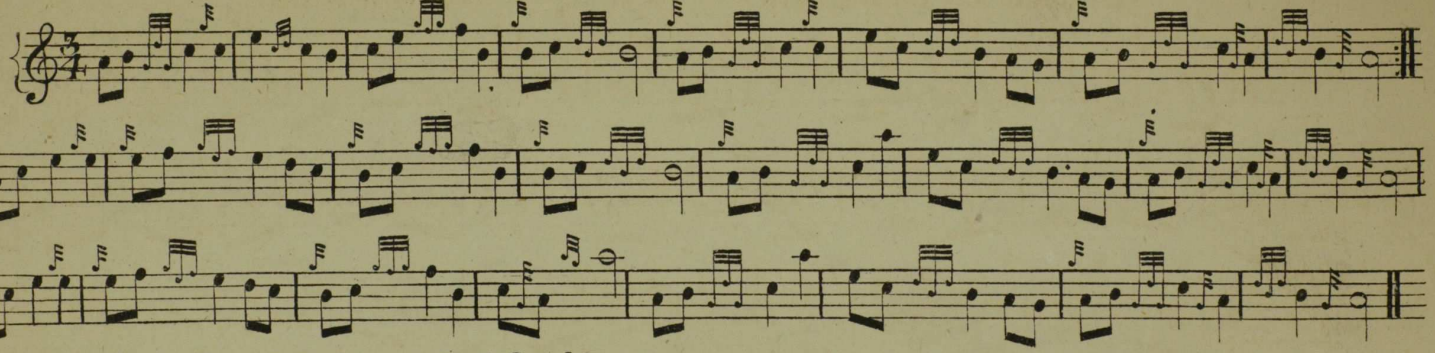


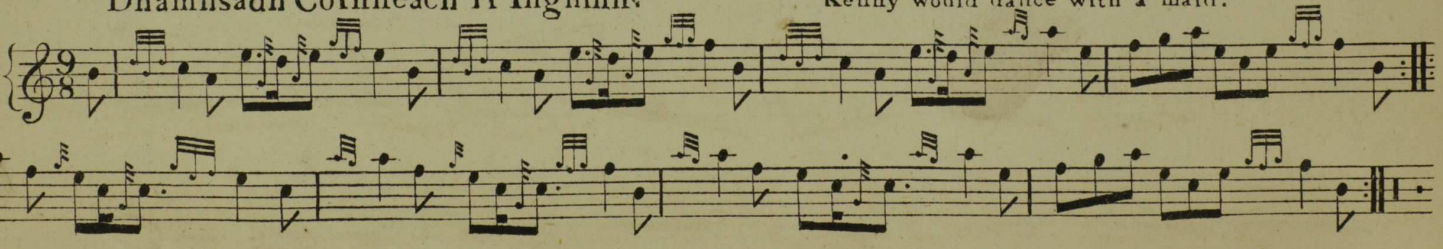
Lochaber no more.

Gleann Gallaidh nan Craobh.



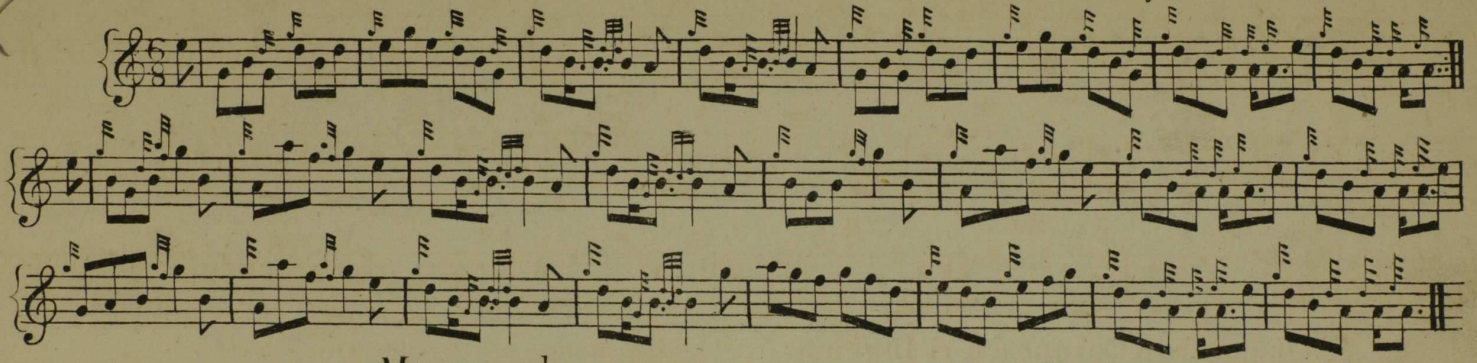
Dhàmhsadh Coinneach ri Inghinn.

Kenny would dance with a maid.



Bodach an Dranndain.

The First of May.



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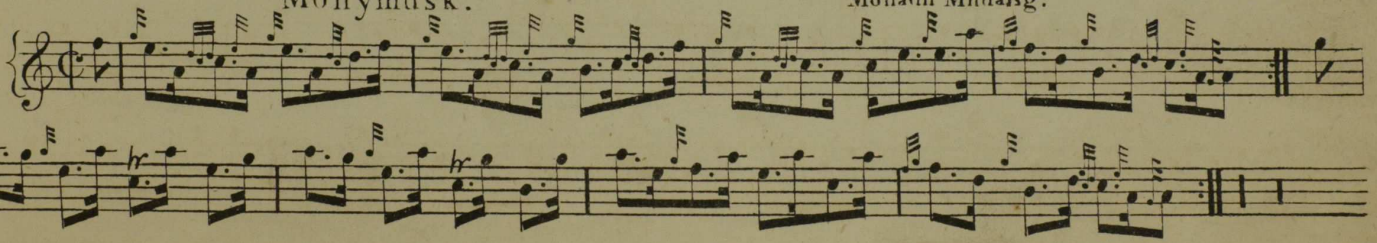
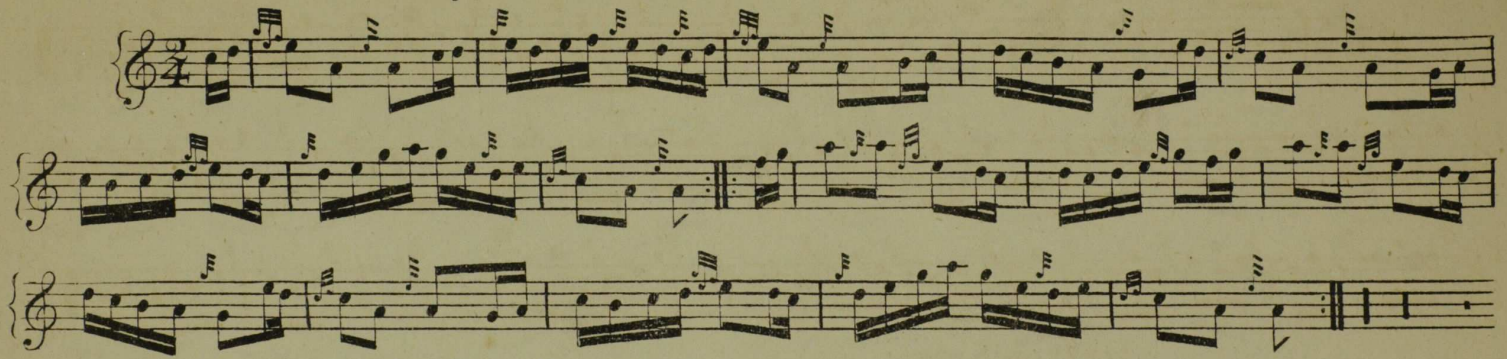
Monadh Mhuaisg.



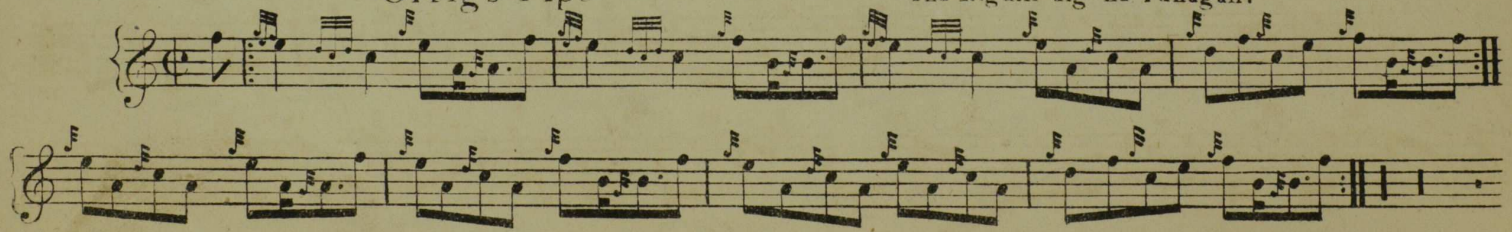
Mary's Dream.

Aisling Màiri.



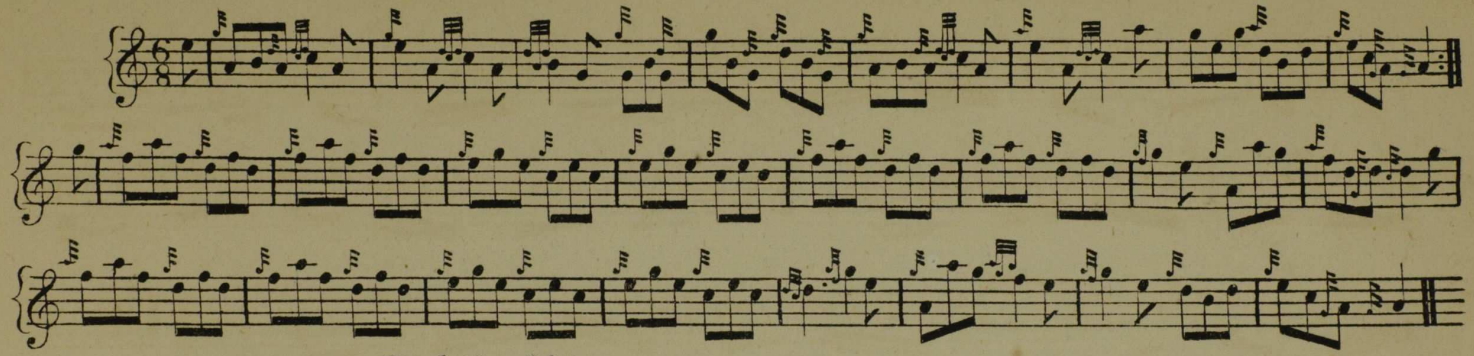
Greig's Pipe

Tha Righill aig na Tunagan.



Dunkeld House.

Taigh Dhun-chaillion.



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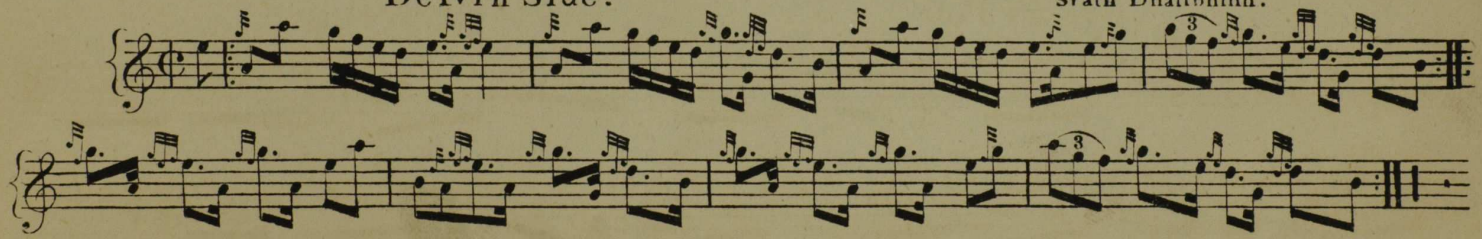
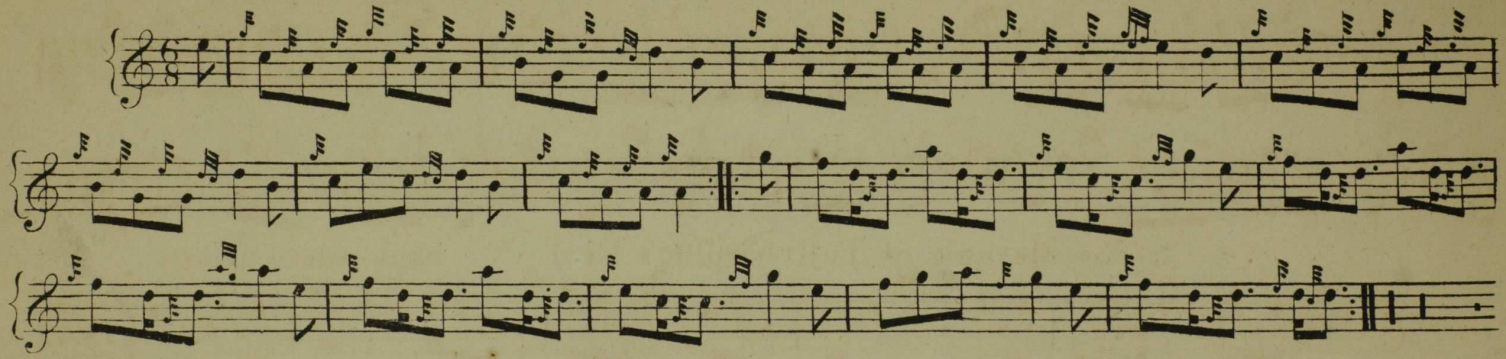
Srath Dhailbhinn.



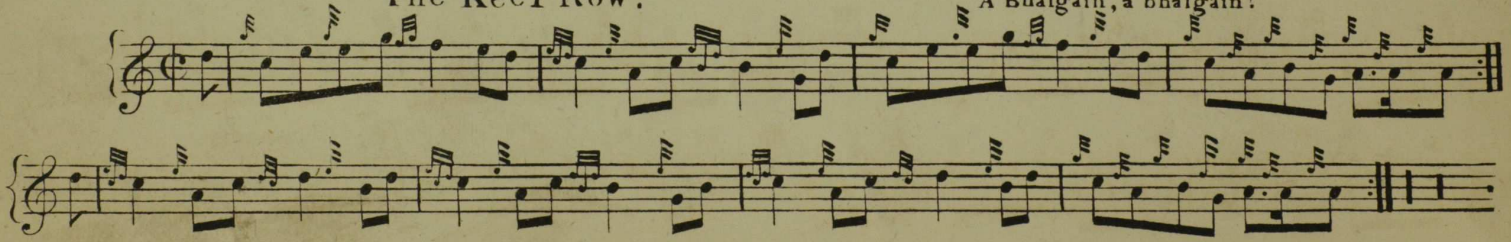
Buachaille Ghobhar.

The Goats Herd .



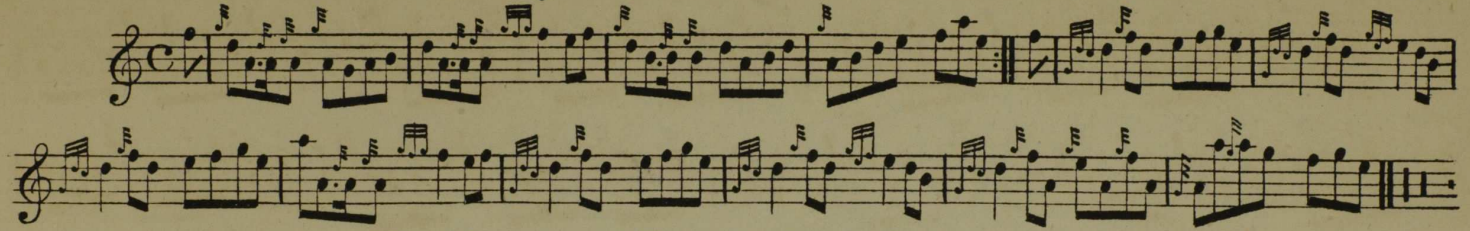
The Keel Row.

A Bhalgain, a bhalgain!



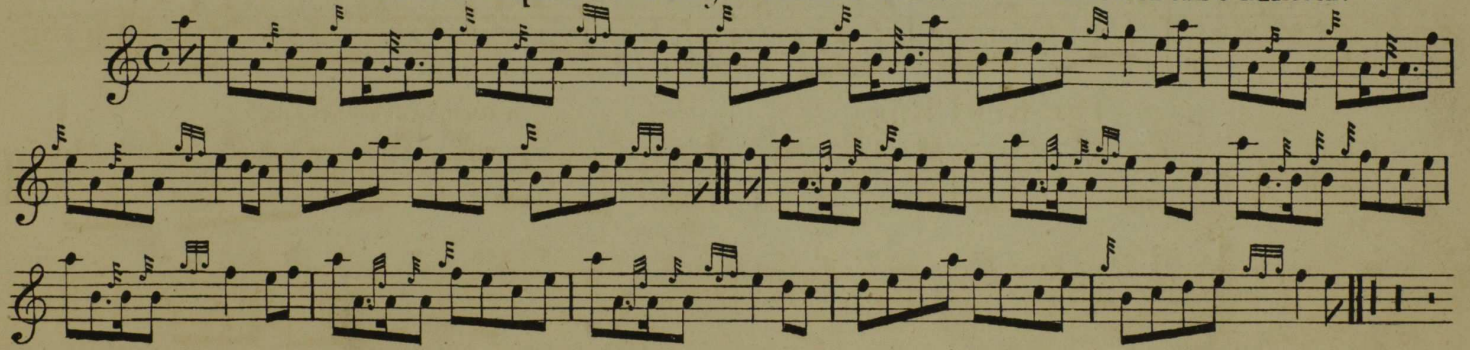
Jenny dang the Weaver.

A nochd a théid mi null air Port.



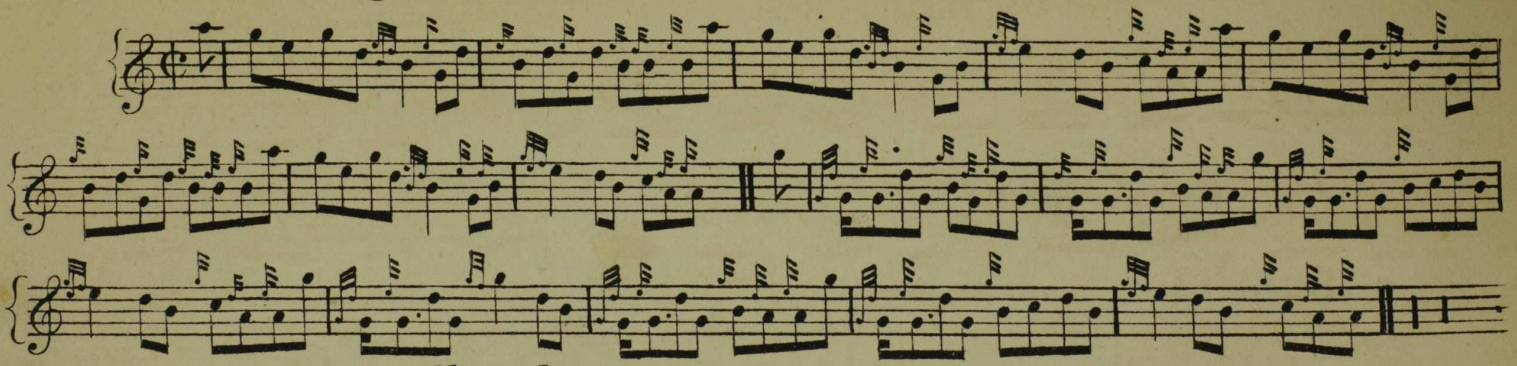
The Marquis of Tullybardine's Reel.

Bruthach Innis Ruairidh.



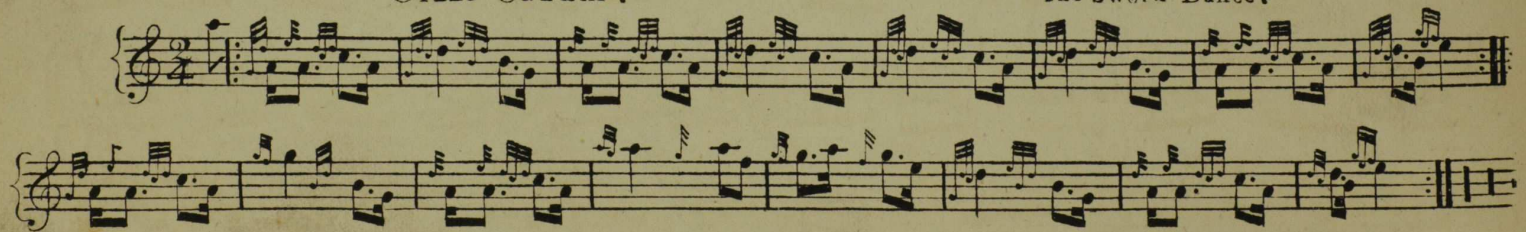
Nighean dubhnan Geala Chas.

The Black hair'd dear Lassie.



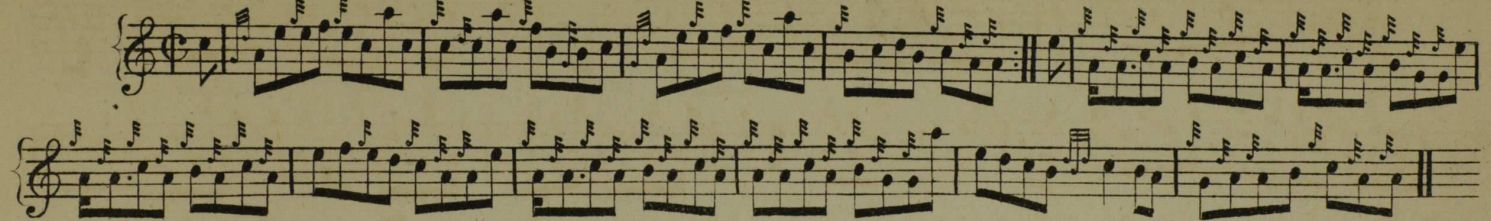
Gille Calum.

The Sword Dance.



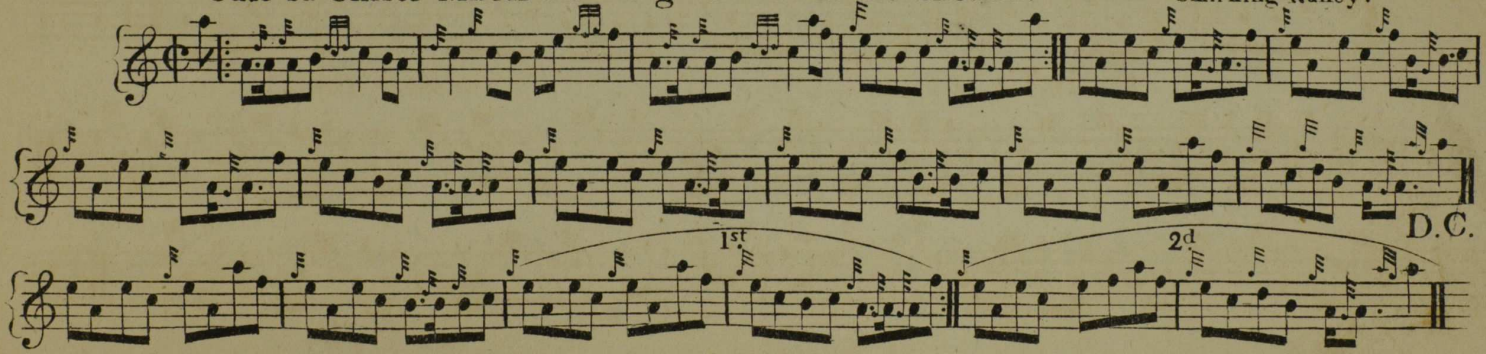
Lord Mac Donald's Reel.

Mòrag Nighean Domhnuill Duinn.



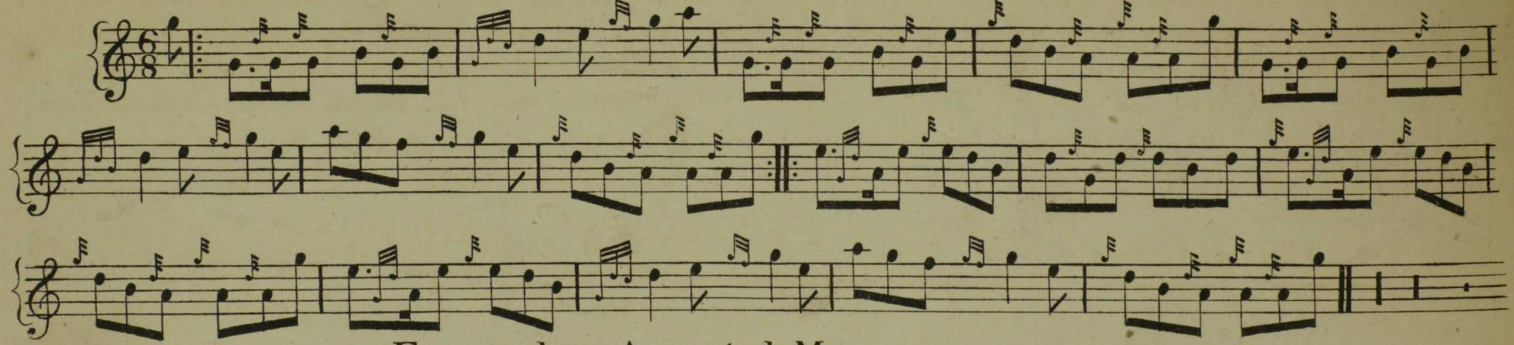
Cuir sa Chiste Mhoir mis còig bonaich fo mo cheann.

Smirking Nancy.



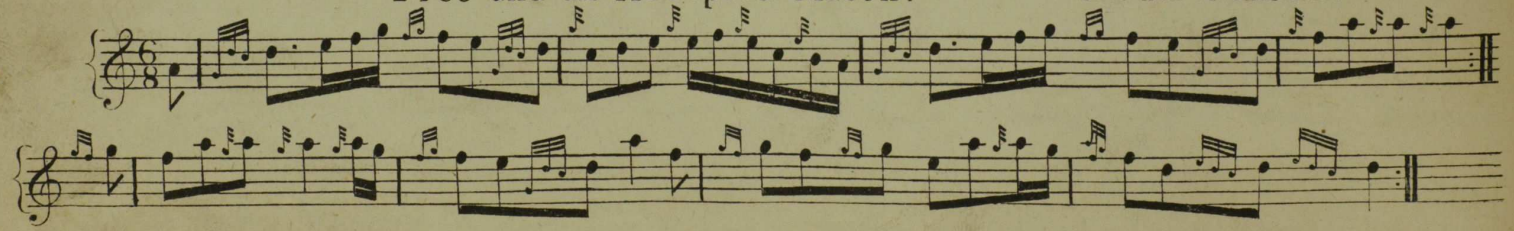
An Tailear Fidhleir.

The Forest.

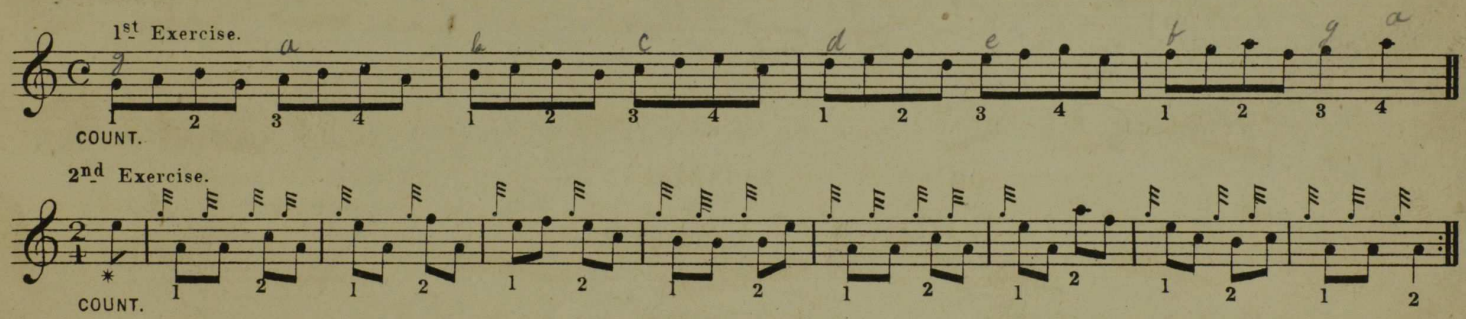


Free and an Accepted Mason.

Port nan Claehairean.

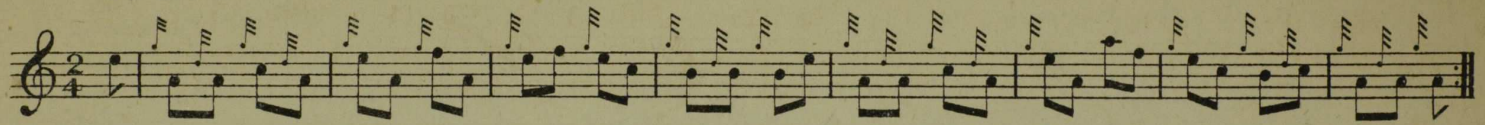


In learning to play the Bagpipes, the Pupil must commence with the Practising Chanter, the fingering of which is shown in the scale at the beginning of this book. After having mastered the scale the following exercises should be learned. lifting the fingers high in making the principal notes which enables the player to make the notes hard and distinct. The grace notes introduced in exercises Nos 2. 3. 4. are made by a slight movement of the fingers, time not allowing them to be raised up as in making the principal notes.

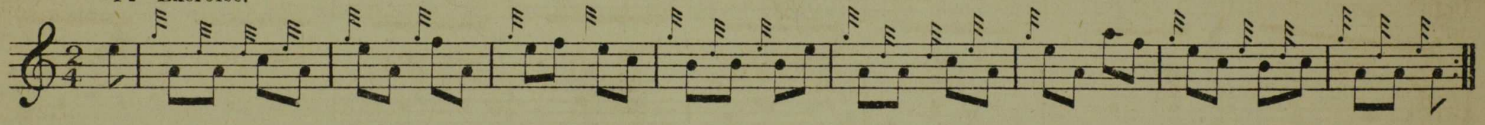


*When a tune begins with an odd note or portion of a bar the last bar will be found to be deficient to the same extent — both together making only one bar so that the time is kept full.

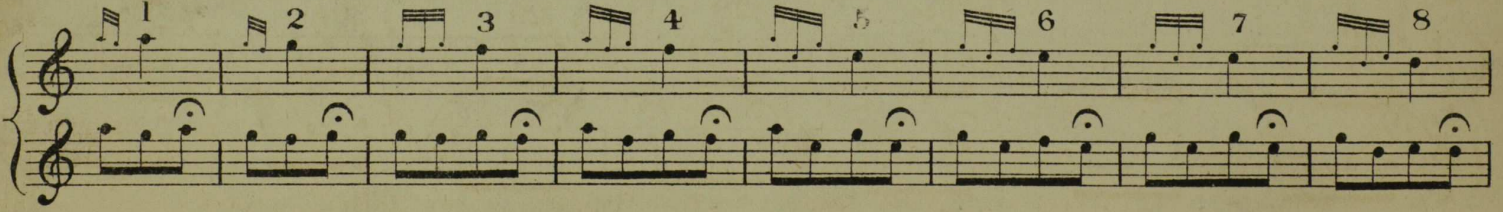
3rd Exercise.

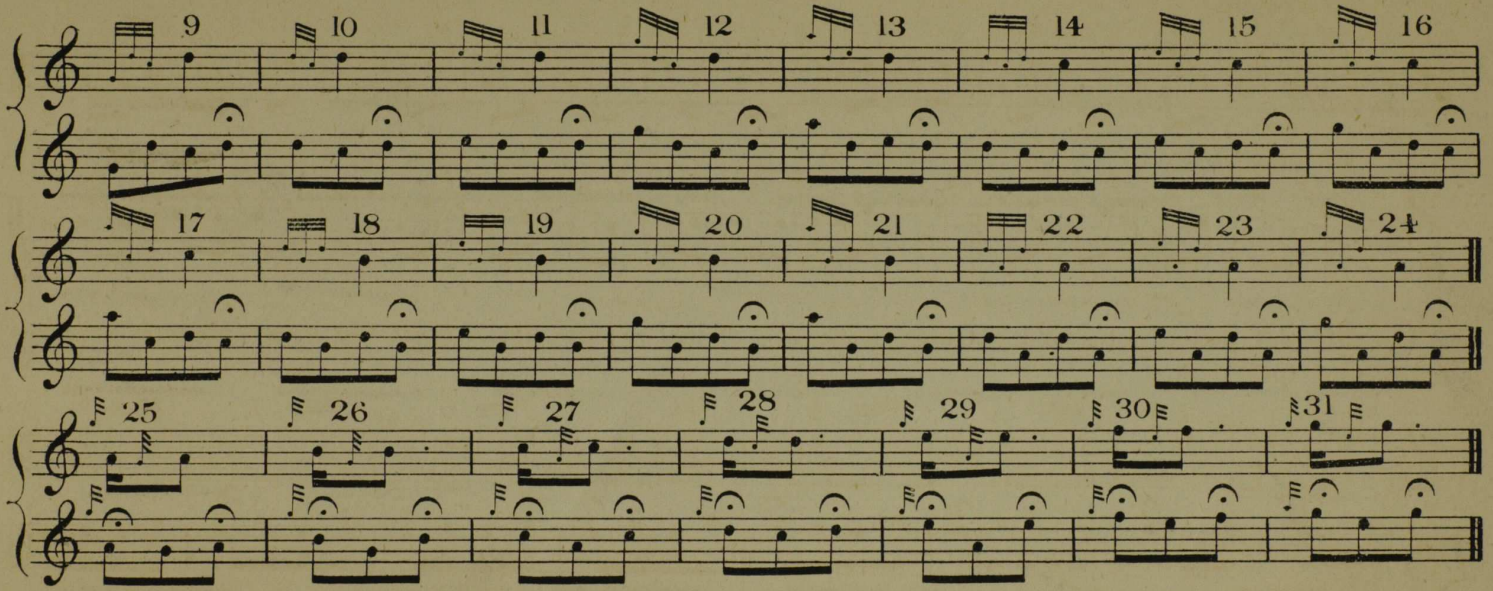


4th Exercise.



The different grace notes and cuttings made use of in bagpipe music; treat the grace notes as principal notes when practising.

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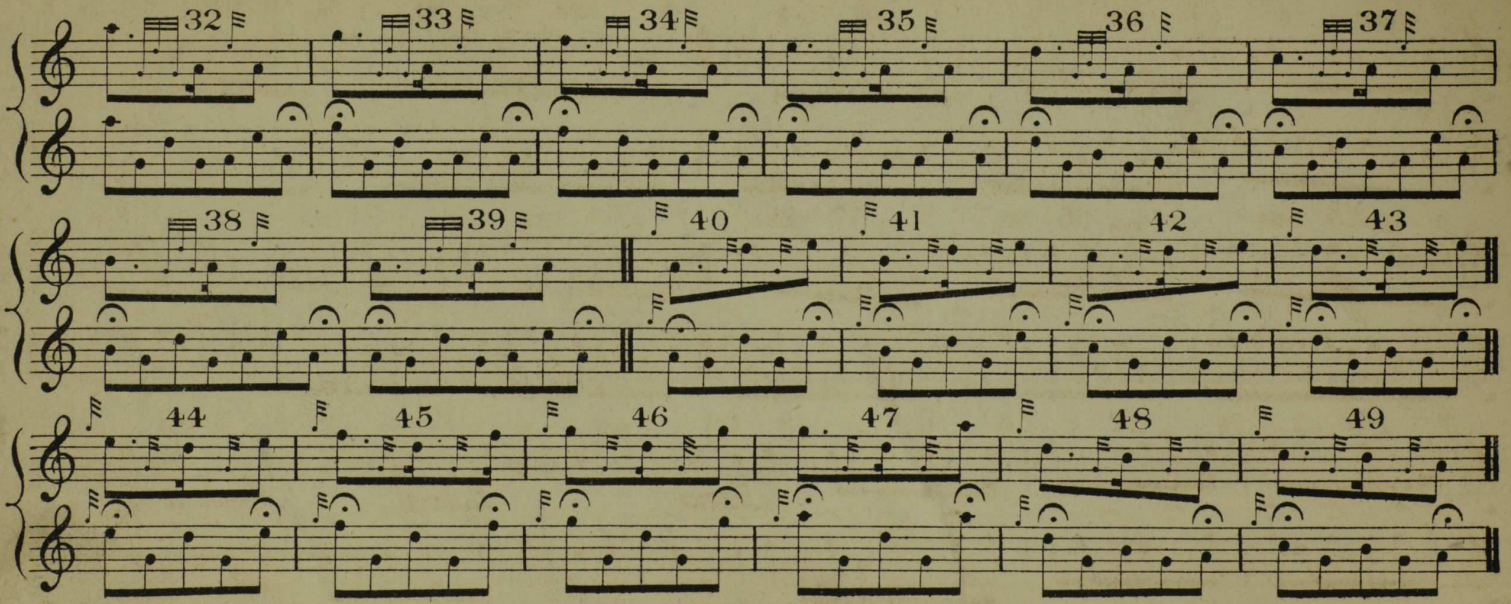
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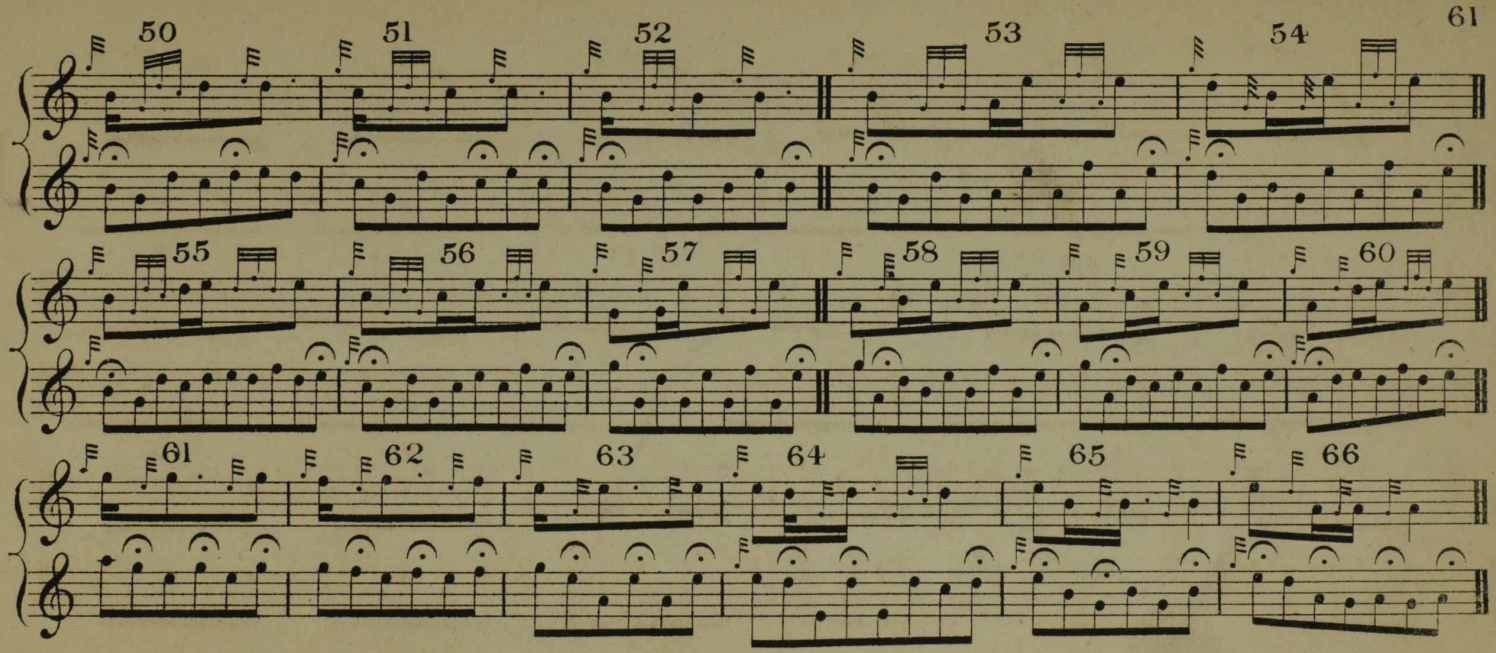
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BLOWING THE BAGPIPES.

After having learned to play a few tunes on the chanter, the pupil may then commence to learn the blowing of the Pipes. First, place the thumb and the first two fingers of the left hand on the Chanter (as in sounding E,) and then place the blowpipe into the mouth (taking care not to grip it hard with the teeth) Grip the stock (the lowest joint) of the Bass drone with the right hand and then blow into the Bag, and when full place it under the left arm. The arm must not be kept too firm on the bag; and when drawing breath, press the arm on the Bag so as to keep up the current of wind the same as when blowing into the Bag; and so on, alternately blowing and pressing the Bag. The blowing of the Pipe must be steady and uniform, and with the longest breath conveniently possible. The strength of the breath ought to be such as keep the reeds in the same strength of sound, quite independent of the assistance of the arm. The pressure of the

arm which holds the bag while the breath rests must be so as to keep the reeds in the same strength of sound as the breath, for if the least difference is perceived, it is a blemish. The motion of the arm must also be so gentle and gradual as to be hardly perceived. It is better to stop two Drones until such time as the pupil has had sufficient practice to enable him to keep the Pipes going steadily. The Drones should be tuned to E on the chanter proving if they are correctly tuned by sounding the low A with which they will be in unison if correctly tuned, and if the chanter reed is fitted correctly into the chanter. If the drones require to be tuned farther up to suit high A, then the chanter reed is too flat; if the Drones require to tune farther down to suit high A, then the reed is too sharp. To make the chanter reed sound sharp, put it farther into the chanter. If the reed is sharp on the top of the chanter, raise it up a little. If the drones tune too far out, lengthen the tongue of the reeds by pushing back the tuning thread; if they tune too far down, shorten the tongue of the reeds which makes them sharper.

DIRECTIONS FOR KEEPING THE BAG TIGHT.

Take off the cover and cork up the stocks, then put into the bag by the chanter stock a small quantity of lard; milk warm, then rub the bag between the hands before a slow fire to make the lard adhere; when cold, clean out the stocks of any lard that may have got into them.

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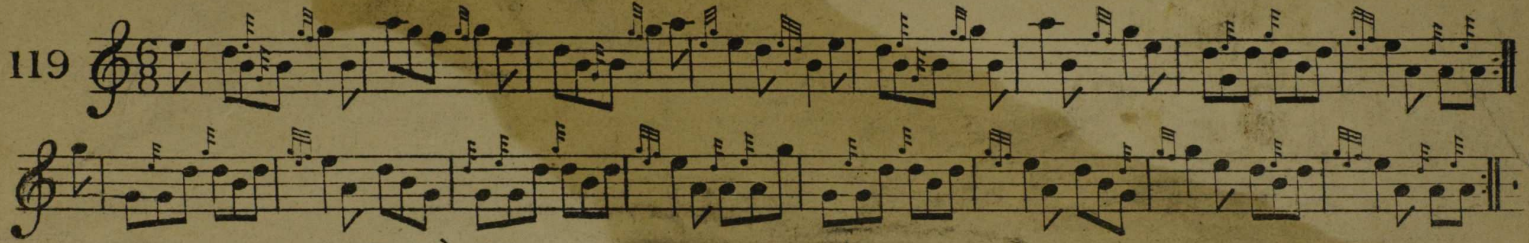

MAGAID A' PHIÒBAIR. THE PIPERS MAGGOT.

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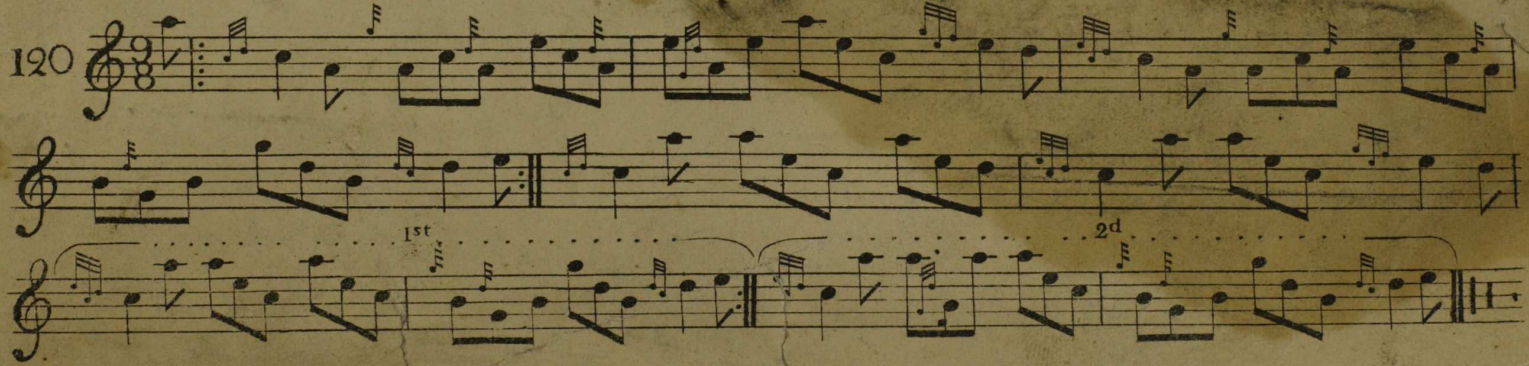

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LADY WEMYSS' JIG.

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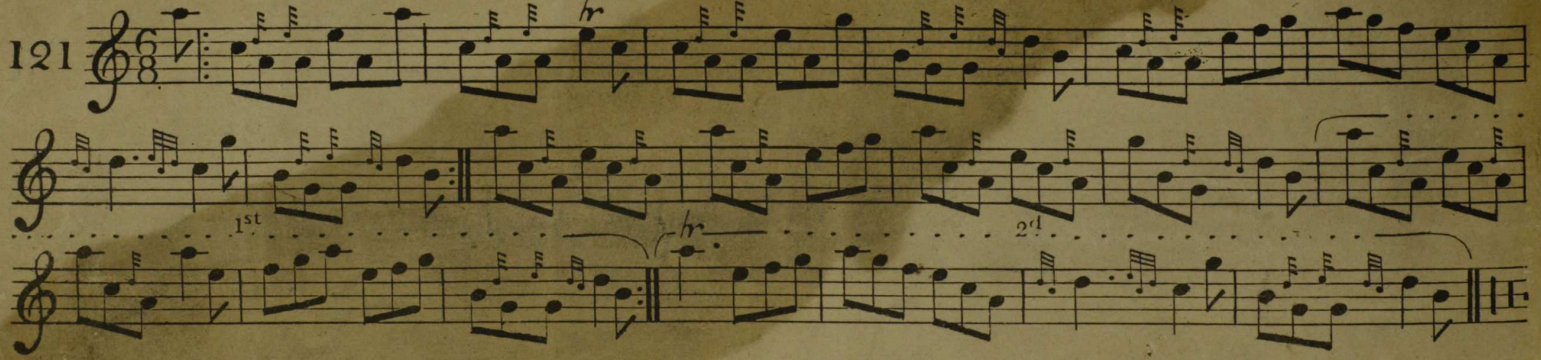
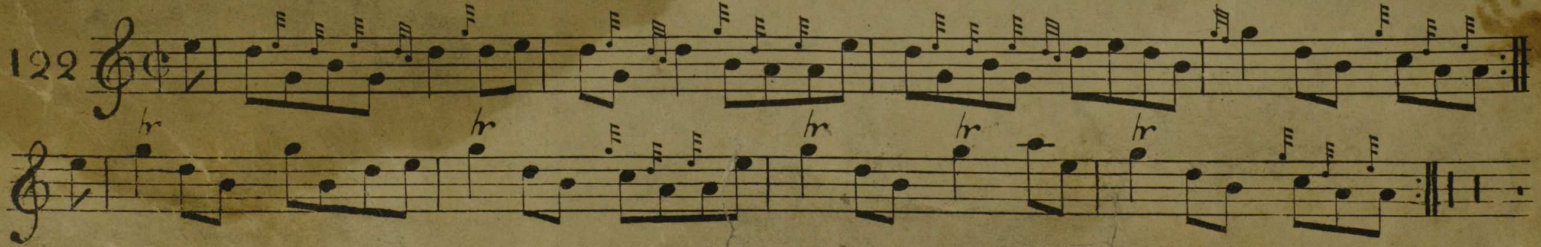


FEAR CHOIRE CHATACHAIN.

MR MAC KINNON OF CORRY.

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