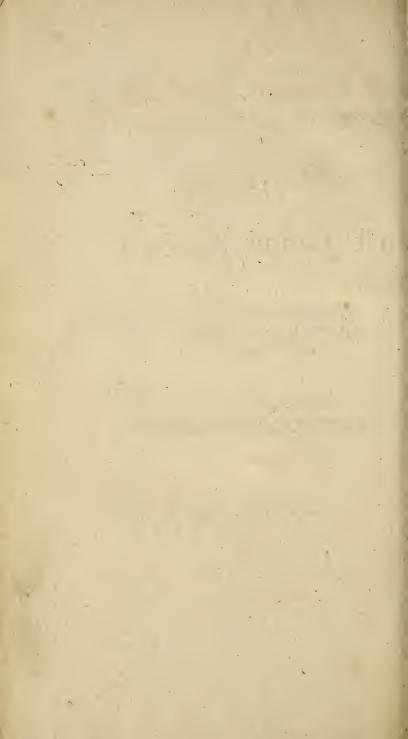
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PART I.

OVERTURE to the Occasional ORATORIO.

SONG, Mr. SALE. (Joshua)

SHALL I in Mamre's fertile plain
The remnant of my days remain;
And is it given to me to have
A place with Abraham in the grave?
For all these mercies I will sing
Eternal praise to Heaven's high King.

CHORUS.

For all these mercies we will sing Eternal praise to Heaven's high King.

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RECIT. accompanied, Miss POOL. (Israel in Egypt)

This new Creation baffled all the art
Of wily magic: all amaz'd they cried,
"This is the finger of Almighty God!"

SONG.

Vain your triumph, idle mortals!

To pretend a new creation

Form'd by art and human pow'r.

He alone, who guides our nation,

Life can give, or life reftore.

CHORUS. (Jephtha)

When his loud voice in thunder spoke,
With conscious fear the billows broke,
Observant of his dread command:
In vain they roll their foaming tide,
Consin'd by the Almighty power
That gave them strength to roar:
They now contract their boist'rous pride,
And lash, with idle rage, the laughing strand!

SONG, Mr. HARRISON. (Samfon)

Total Eclipse! no Sun! no Moon!
All dark amidst the blaze of noon!
O glorious light! no cheering ray
To glad my eyes with welcome day!
Why thus depriv'd thy prime decree?
Sun, Moon, and Stars, are dark to me.

CHORUS.

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O First-created beam, and thou great WORD!

LET THERE BE LIGHT! and light was over all;

One heavenly blaze shone round this earthly ball;

To thy dark servant LIFE by LIGHT afford.

SONG, Miss POOL. (Semele)

Where-e'er you walk, cool gales shall fan the glade, Trees, where you sit, shall croud into a shade. Where-e'er you tread, the blushing flowers shall rise, And all things flourish where-e'er you turn your eyes.

Da Capo.

DOUBLE CHORUS. (Ifraelin Egypt)

He gave them hailftones for rain; Fire mingled with the hail ran along upon the ground.

End of the First Part.

PART II.

Fifth Grand Concerto.

SONG, Miss DALL. (Esther)

(Accompanied on the Organ by Mr. GREATOREX.)

PRAISE the Lord with cheerful noise,
Wake my glory, wake my lyre;
Praise the Lord each mortal voice,
Praise the Lord ye heavenly choir.
Zion now her head shall raise,
Tune your harps to songs of praise.

Da Capo.
David's

AIR, Miss CANTELO. (Saul)

David's Lamentation for Saul and Jonathan.

In fweetest harmony they liv'd,

Nor death their union could divide;

The pious son ne'er left his father's side,
But, him defending, bravely, bravely dy'd!

A loss too great to be surviv'd.

For Saul, ye maids of Israel moan,

To whose indulgent care.

You owe the scarlet and the gold you wear,

And all the pomp in which your beauty long has shone.

CHORUS.

Oh! fatal day, how low the mighty lie!
Oh! Jonathan, how nobly didst thou die,
For thy King and Country slain.

SOLO, Miss CANTELO.

For thee, my brother Jonathan,
How great is my diffres;
What language can my grief express?
Great was the pleasure I enjoyed in thee,
And more than woman's love, thy wond'rous love to me.

CHORUS.

Oh! fatal day, how low the mighty lie!

Where, Ifrael, is thy glory fled?

Spoil'd of thy arms, and funk in infamy,

How can'ft thou raise again thy drooping head?

SONG

SONG, Mr. SAVILLE. (Saul)

(Jonathan's expostulation with Saul)

RECITATIVE, accompanied.

O filial piety! O facred friendship!
How shall I reconcile you? Cruel Father,
Your just commands I always have obey'd:
But to destroy my Friend, the brave, the virtuous,
The God-like David! Israel's desender,
And terror of her focs!---to disobey you!--What shall I call it?---'tis an act of duty
To God, to David, nay indeed to you.

AIR.

No, cruel Father, no;
Your hard commands I can't obey!
Shall I with facrilegious blow
Take pious David's life away?
No,---with my life I must defend
Against the world, my best, my dearest Friend.

AIR, Miss MAHON. (Athalia)

Tyrants would, in impious throngs, Silence his Adorer's fongs; But shall Salem's lyre and lute At their proud commands be mute?

CHORUS.

Tyrants! ye in vain confpire, Wake the lute and strike the lyre: Why should Salem's lyre and lute At their proud commands be mute?

SONG, Mr. HARRISON. (Anthems)

Every day will I give thanks unto Thee, And praife thy Name for ever and ever.

CHORUS. (Athalia)

The mighty Power in whom we trust, Is ever to his promise just:

He makes this facred day appear

The pledge of a propitious year.

RECITATIVE, Mr. SAVILLE.

Rejoice, O Judah! this triumphant day, Let all, the goodness of our God display, Whose mercies to the wond'ring world declare His chosen people are his chosen care.

FULL CHORUS.

Give glory to his awful name, Let ev'ry voice his praise proclaim.

SONG, Miss CANTELO. (Theodora)

RECITATIVE, accompanied.

Oh! worse than death indeed! Lead me, ye guards, Lead me, or to the rack, or to the slames, I'll thank your gracious mercy.

AIR.

Angels, ever bright and fair, Take, O take me to your care:---Speed to your own courts my flight, Clad in robes of virgin white.

Da Capa.

CHORUS. (Saul.)

Gird on thy fword, thou man o might,
Purfue thy wonted fame;
Go on, be prosperous in fight,
Retrieve the Hebrew name.

Thy firong right-hand, with terror arm'd, Shall thy obdurate foes difinay; While others, by thy virtue charm'd, Shall croud to own thy righteous fway.

End of the Second Part

A CONCERTO on the PIANO FORTE,

By Mr. CLEMENTI.

PART III.

Introduction and Chorus. (Joshua)

YE fons of Ifrael, ev'ry tribe attend, Let grateful fongs and hymns to heaven afcend: In Gilgal, and on Jordan's banks, proclaim One First, one Great, one Lord Jehovah's name.

SONG, Mr. SAVILLE. (Ifrael in Egypt)

Thou shalt bring them in, and plant them in the mountain of thine inheritance; in the place, O Lord, which thou hast made for thee to dwell in; in the sanctuary, O Lord, which thy hands have established.

AIR.

AIR, Miss DALL. (Saul)

O God-like youth! by all confest,
Of human race the pride!
O virgin, among women blest,
Whom heaven ordains thy bride!
But ah! how strong a bar I see,
Betwixt my happiness and me.

SCENE from SAUL.

(The Ifraelites Song of Triumph for David's Victory over Goliah)

SYMPHONY with CARILLONS.

RECITATIVE, Miss CANTELO.

Already, fee the daughters of the Land, In joyful dance, with inflruments of mufic, Come to congratulate your victory.

SEMI-CHORUS.

Welcome, welcome, mighty King! Welcome all who conquest bring.

Welcome David, warlike boy, Author of our prefent joy!

Saul, who hast thy thousands slain, Welcome to thy friends again!

David his ten thousands slew, Ten thousand praises are his due!

RECITATIVE, accompanied, Mr. SAVILLE.

Saul.—What do I hear? Am I then funk so low

To have this upstart boy preferred before me?

FULL

FULL CHORUS.

David his ten thousands slew, Ten thousand praises are his due!

SONG, Mr. HARRISON. (Sofarme)

Rendi il fereno al ciglio, Madre non piager più. Temer d'alcun periglio, Oggi come puoi tu?

Da Capo.

Translation of the foregoing Song, from Dr. Burney's Account of the Commemoration of HANDEL:

May Heaven in pity fmooth that brow, And dry a tender parent's tear, Nor e'er again her heart allow To fwell with forrow fo severe.

CHORUS. (Solomon)

From the Censer curling rise Grateful incense to the skies; Heaven blesses David's throne, Happy, happy Solomon.

DOUBLE CHORUS.

Live, live for ever, pious David's fon, Live, live for ever, mighty Solomon.

SONG, Miss MAHON. (Joshua)
Oh! had I Jubal's!yre,
Or Miriam's tuneful voice;
To founds like his I would aspire,
In songs like her's rejoice!
My humble strains but faintly show
How much to Heaven and Thee I owe.

song,

SONG, Mifs CANTELO. (Jephtha). RECITATIVE, accompanied.

Ye facred priests, whose hands ne'er yet were stain'd With human blood, why are ye thus asraid To execute my Father's will?---The call Of Heaven, with humble resignation, I obey.

AIR.

Farewel, ye limpid fprings and floods, Ye flow'ry meads, and mazy woods; Farewel thou bufy world, where reign Short hours of joy, and years of pain! Brighter scenes I seek above In the realms of peace and love.

DOUBLE CHORUS. (Ifrael in Egypt.)
The Lord shall reign, for ever and ever.

RECITATIVE, Mr. HARRISON.

For the horse of Pharaoh went in, with his chariots, and with his horsemen, into the sea; and the Lord brought again the waters of the sea upon them; --- but the children of Israel went on dry land in the midst of the sea!

CHORUS.

The Lord shall reign for ever and ever.

RECITATIVE, Mr. HARRISON.

And Miriams, the propheters, the fifter of Aaron, took a tembrel in her hand, and all the women went out after her with timbrels and with dances; and Miriam answered them,

AIR,

AIR, Miss CANTELO, and CHORUS.

Sing ye to the Lord, for he hath triumphed gloriously.

The Lord shall reign for ever and ever.

The Horse and his Rider hath he thrown into the Sea!

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PART I.

Overture	-Esther.
Song, Wave from Wave	
Chorus, He rebuked the Red Sea	Ifrael in Egypt.
Chorus, He led them through the deep	5 551
Recit. Justly these Evils	100
Song, Why does the God of Ifrael fleep?	Samson.
Duet, Cease thy Anguish	Athalia.
Chorus, O God! who in thy heavenly Ha	nd Foseph.
Song, The smiling Dawn of happy Days	Fephtha.
Chorus, How excellent thy Name	Saul.
	PART

PART II.

Overture and Dead March FUNERAL ANTHEM. Song, Hark! 'tis the Linnet Foshua. Athalia: Song, Gentle Airs Song, Sweet Bird L'Allegro il Penseroso. Recit. Search round the World Solomon. Chorus, May no rash Intruders Song, How bleft the Maid Hercules. Song, He was Eyes unto the Blind __ | Omnipotence. Double Chorus, Immortal Lord! Deborah.

End of Part II. a CONCERTO on the VIOLIN, By the celebrated Madame GAUTHEROT.

PART III.

Fourth Hauthoy Concerto.

Song, What though I trace
Recit. Sweep, fweep the Strings
Air and Chorus, Music spread thy Voice
Air, Now a different measure try
Battle Chorus, Rouse us next to martial Deeds
Song, Great Jehoyah's awful Word | Ifrael in Egypt.
Chorus, Righteous Heaven | Susanna.
Song, Pleasure, my former ways resigning | Time and Truth.
Gloria Patri | Jubilate.

PRINCIPAL SINGERS,

Mr. HARRISON,
Mr. SALE,
Mr. Griffiths, Mr. Champness, Mr. Gorv,
And Mr. SAVILLE,
Miss POOL,
Miss MAHON, Miss DALL,
And Miss CANTELO.

Leader of the Band Mr. G. ASHLEY, The Organ by Mr. KNYVETT.