# PARTHENIA

or

# THE MAYDENHEAD

of the first musicke that

ever was printed for the VIRGINALLS!

COMPOSED

By three famous Masters: William Byrd, Dr. John Bull, & Orlando Gibbons,

Gentlemen of his Ma^ties most Illustrious Chappell.

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by William Hole.

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# TO THE HIGH O MIGHTY

*and magnificent Princes Frederick Electo Palatine of the Reine: and his betrothed Lady, Elizabeth the only daughter of my Lord the King.*

The virgin PARTHENIA whilst yet I may I offer up to your virgin Highnesses. To you Gracious Lady even from the byrth she was entended: and now I trust shalbe more wellcome having learnd to tune and twine together these next neighbour letters E. and F. the vowell that makes so sweet a Consonant. Her notes so linkt and wedded together seeme lively Hieroglyphicks of the harmony of mariage, the high and holy State wherinto you shortly must be incorporat. This smale worke yet first in this kind, was only ment for this lesser world: howbeit under your shadowes in yo sunneshine I should say rather; yt is, yo sweete and glorious Consorte it may sound & rellish in the eares of the greater. For Musick like that miraculous tongue of the Apostles having but one and ye same Character is alike knowne to all the sundry nations of ye world. And what wonder sine Harmony is the Soule thereof multipliciously varied of fowre bare notes as ye Body is of the fowre Elements. These lessons were composed by three famous Masters in the faculties, whereof one had ye honor to be yo teacher most Illustrious lady; and had he not had it before thereby deserued the stile of a Doctor. If to theire great grace, yo Grace will vouchsafe to lend yo white hands they will arriue wth more pleasure at ye princely eares of yo GREATE FREDERIKE. Our lord Jesus who hath honored mariage wth his deere praesence and first miracle, extraordinarily done at ye instance of his mayden mother, aeternally blesse von maydes and maryed.

Yo Highnesses most humbly Wm Hole

## Mr. Hugh Holland

On his worthy frend Will:
& his Triumuirt of Musicke.

List to that sweete Recorder:
How daintily this BYRD his notes doth warry,
As if he were the Nightingalls owne brother!
Loe, where doth pace in order
A brauer BULL, then did Europa cary:
Nay let all Europe showe me such an other.
Orlando though was counted Musicks fath:
Yet this ORLANDO parallels di Lasso:
Whose triple praise would tire a very Lasso.
The heere in one these three men heare y[rather]
And praise thaire songes: & sing his praise who [married]
Those notes so well wth they so sweetely varied.

## Mr. Geo: Chapman

In worthye loue of this new worck,
and the most Autenticall Auctors.

By theis choice lessons of theise Musique Mast[rs]:
Ancient, and heightn'd wth y[e] Arts full Bowles,
Let all ou moderne, mere Phantastique Tasters,
Whose Art but forreigne Noueltie extolls,
Rule and confine theyr fancies: and prefer
The constat right, & depthe Art should pauce,
To all lite flashes, by whose light they err:
This wittie Age, hath wisedome least in vse:
The World, ould growing, Ould, wth it grow Men;
Theyr skylls decaying, like theyr bodies strength[e]:
Yonge Men, to ouide are now but Childeren:
First Rules of Art, encrease still wth theyr length.
Which see in this new worck, yet neuer seene:
Art, y[e] more ouide, growes eu[r] y[e] more greene.

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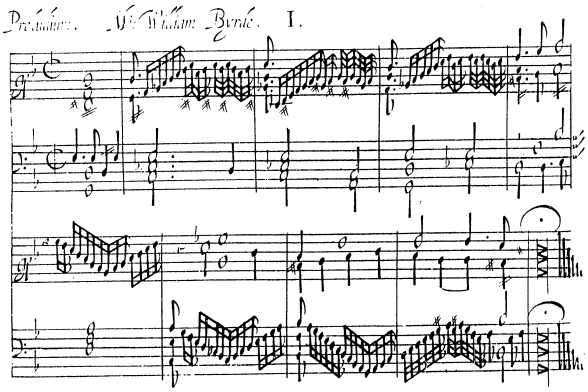

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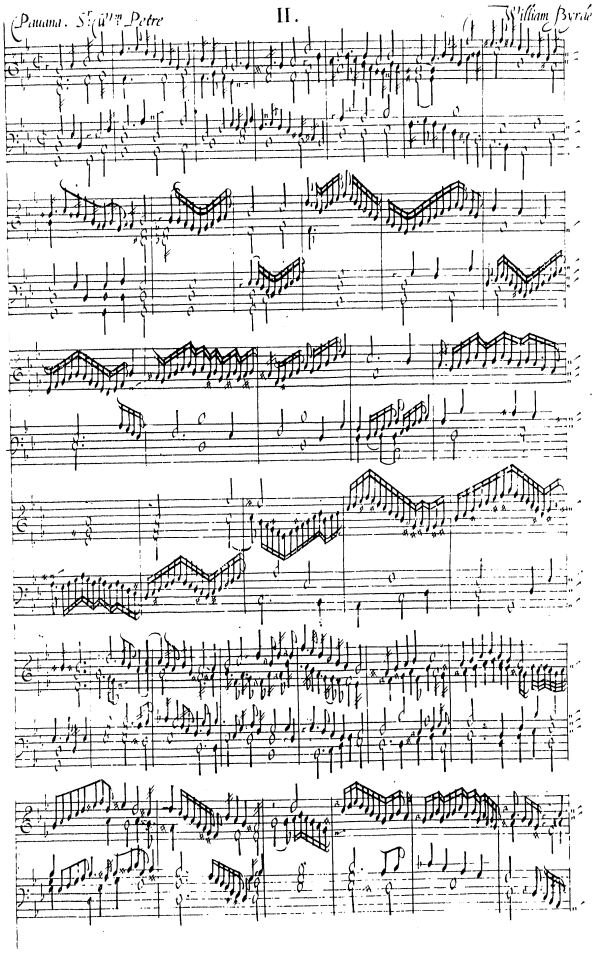

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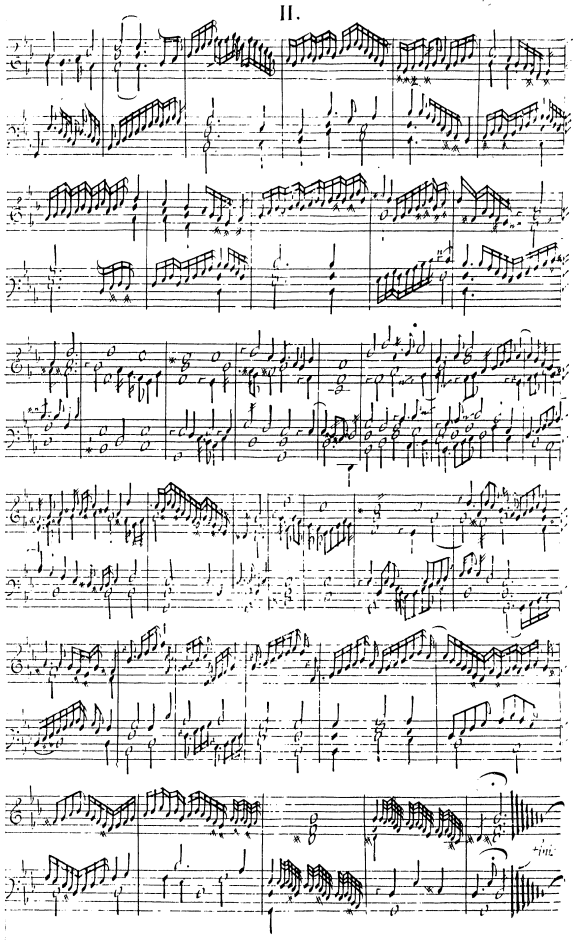

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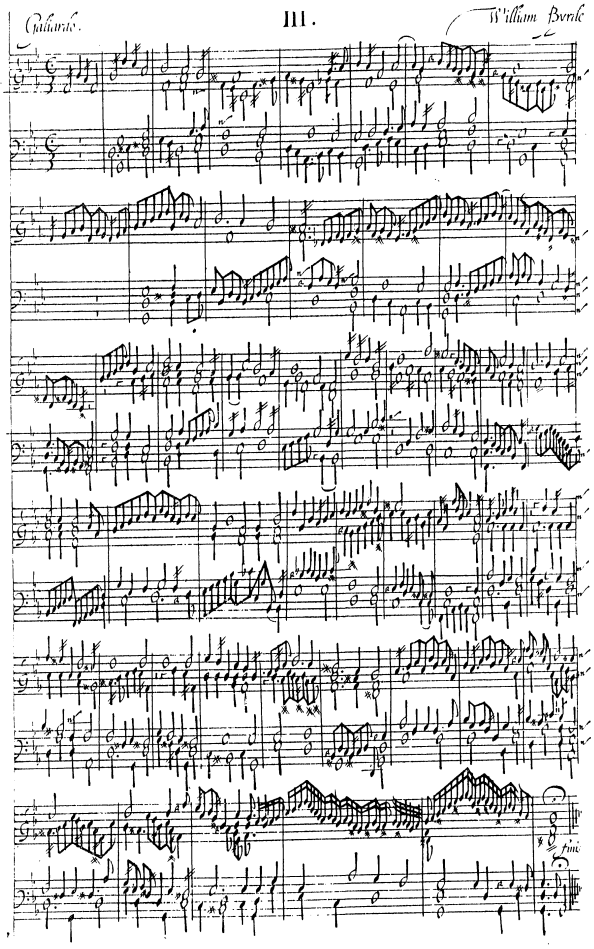

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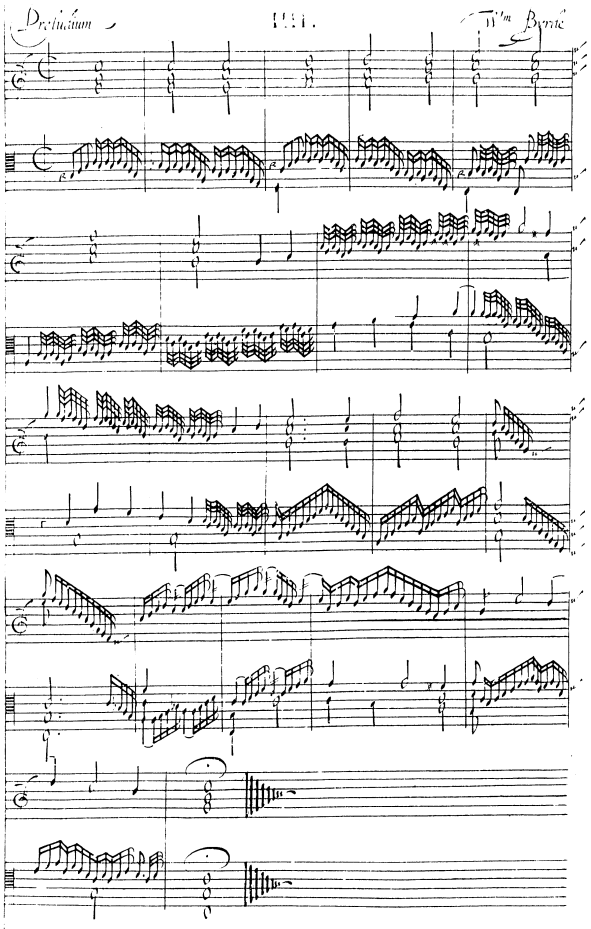

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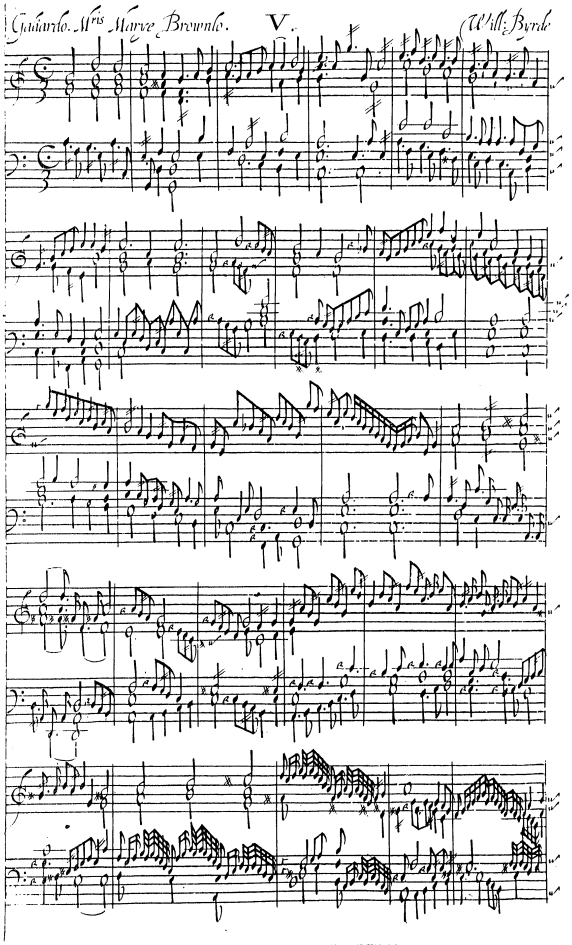

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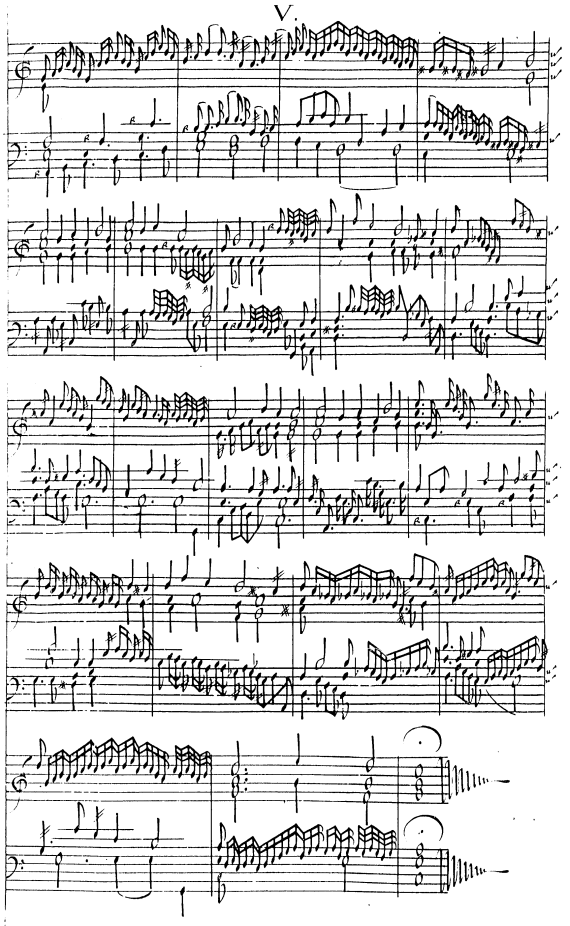

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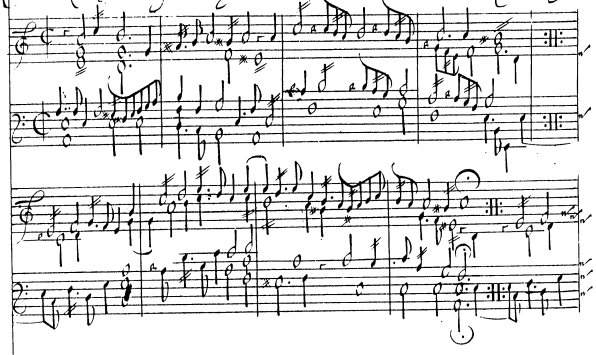

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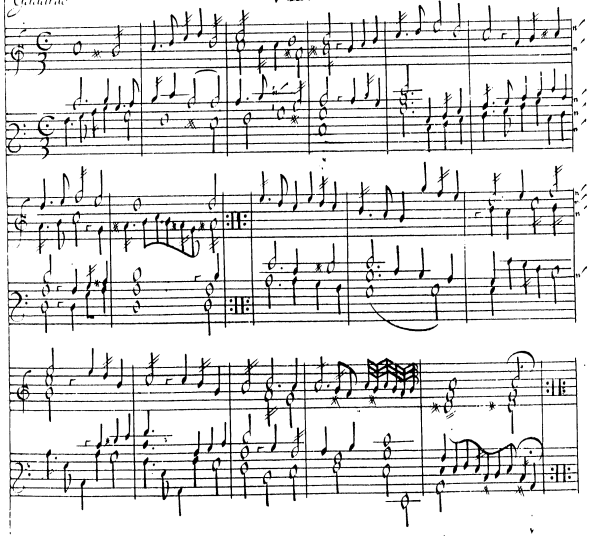

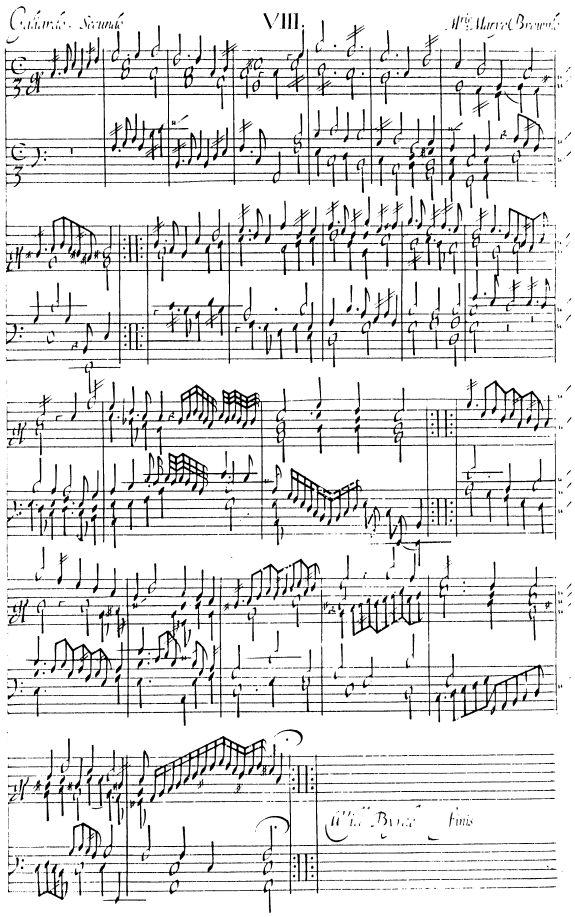
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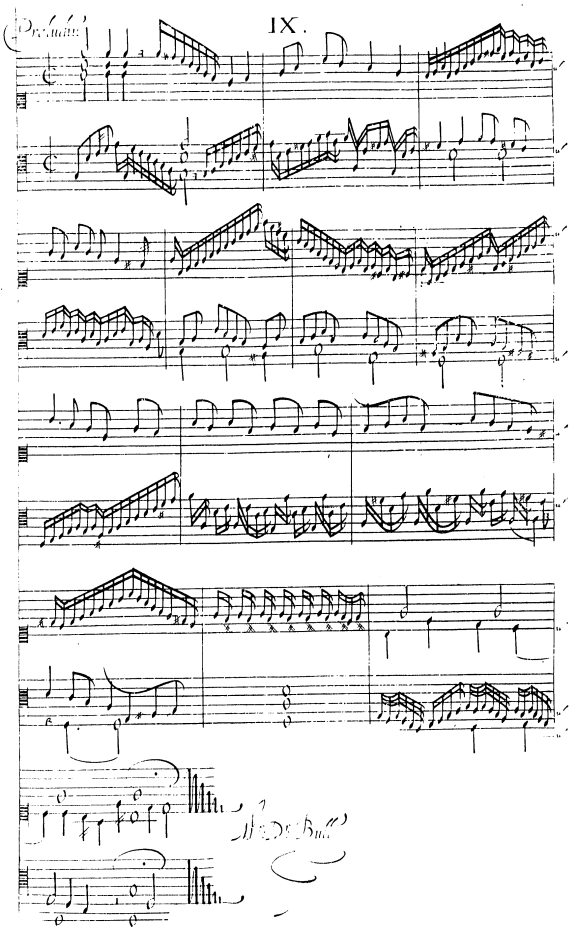

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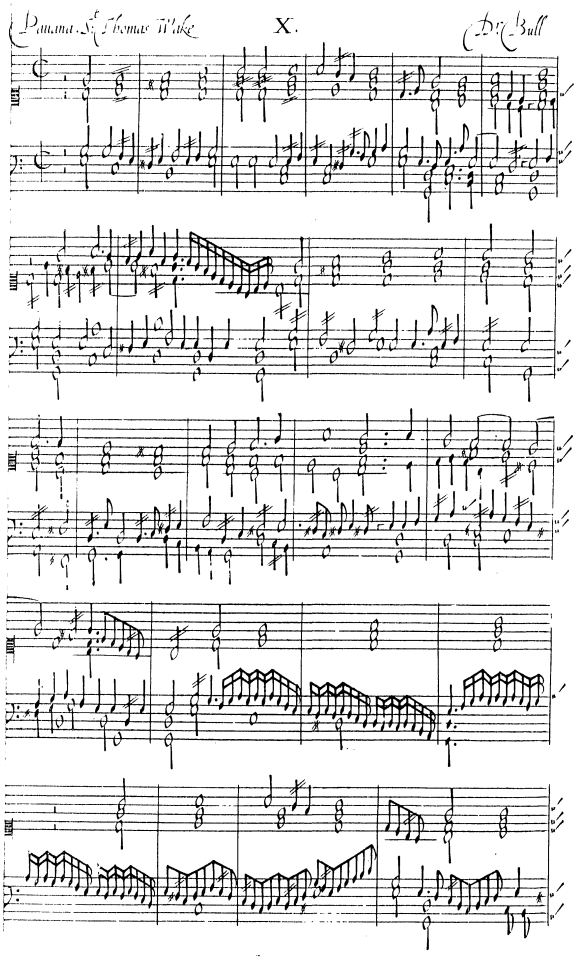

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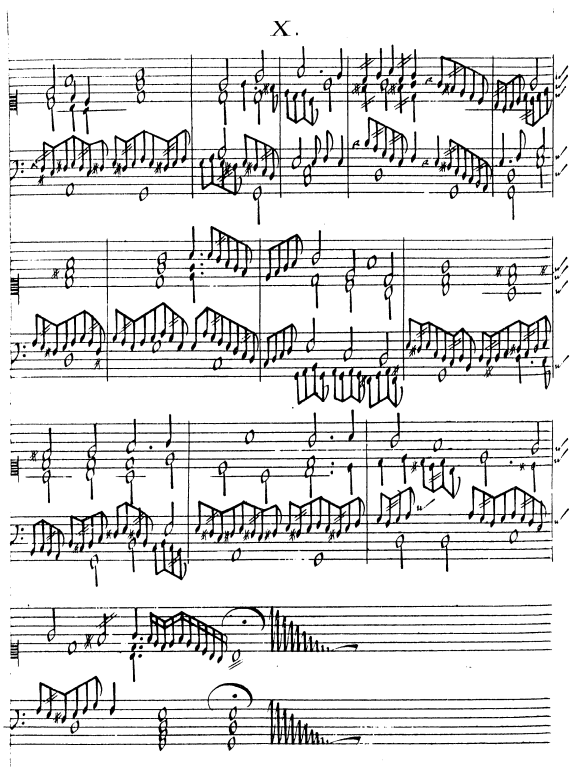

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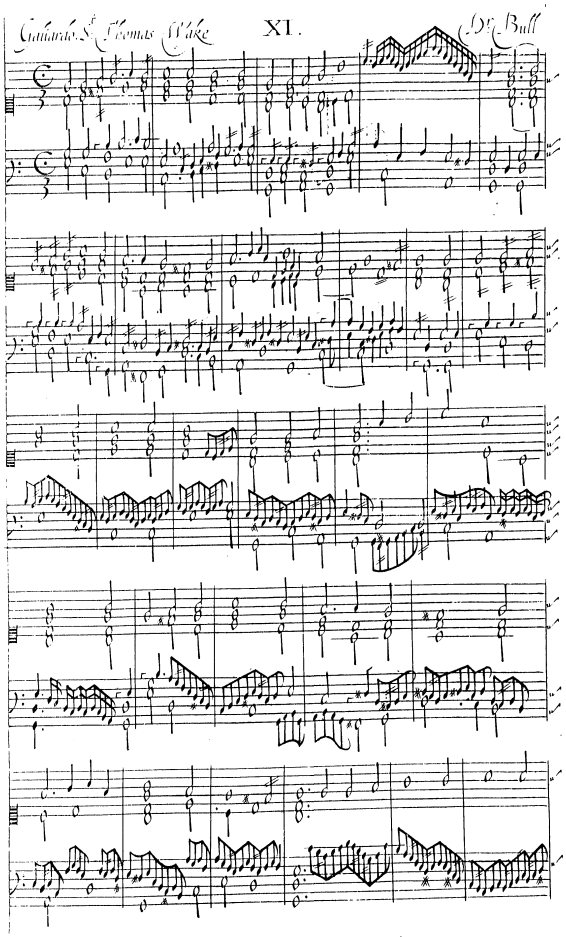

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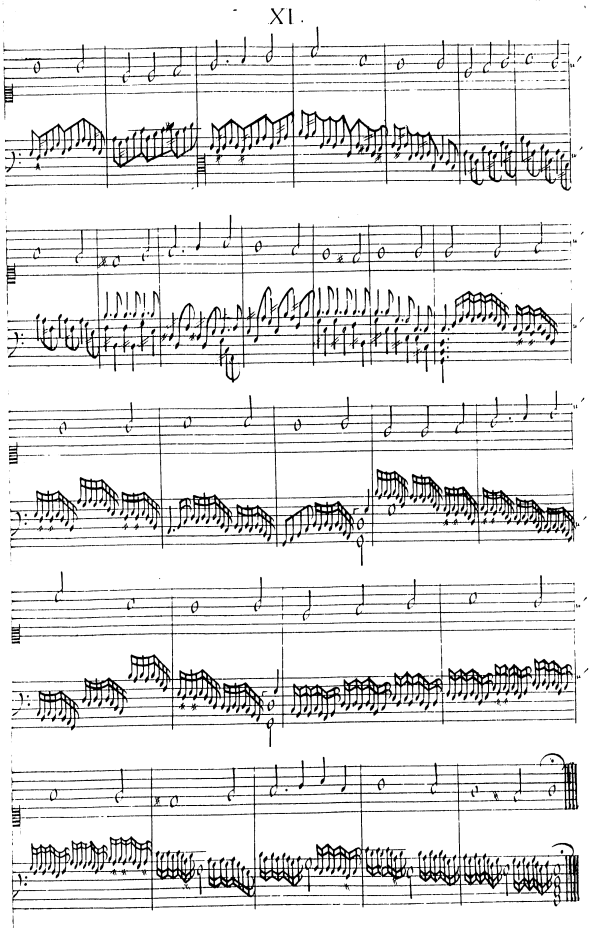

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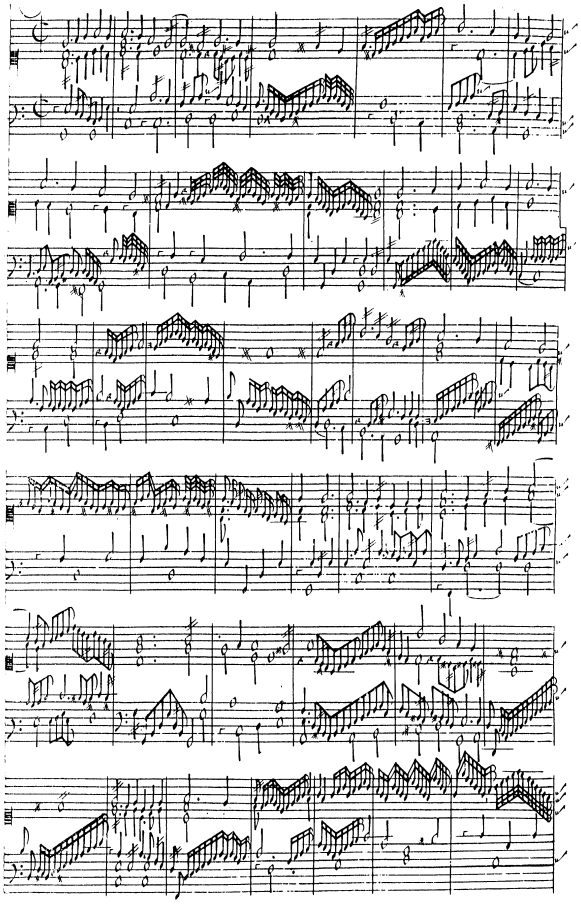

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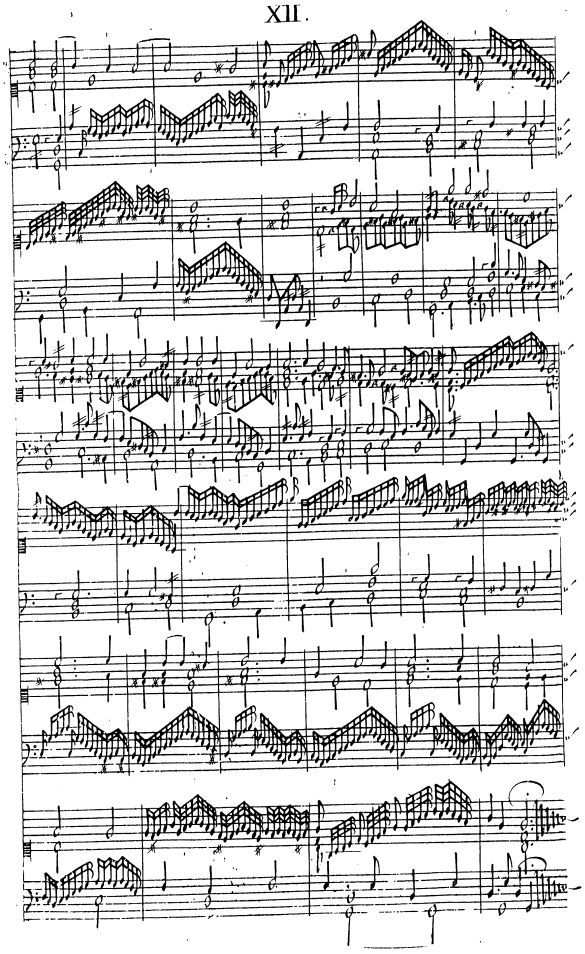

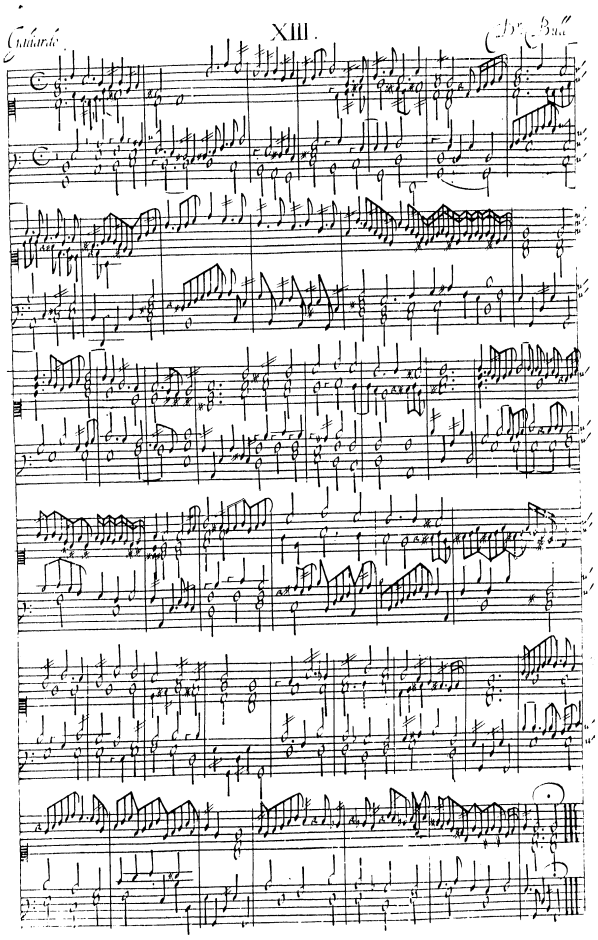
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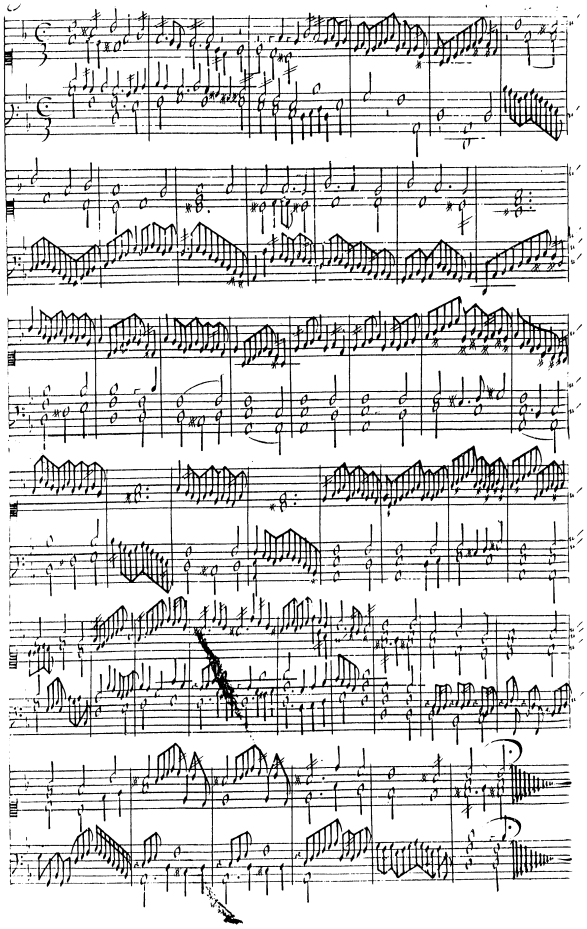

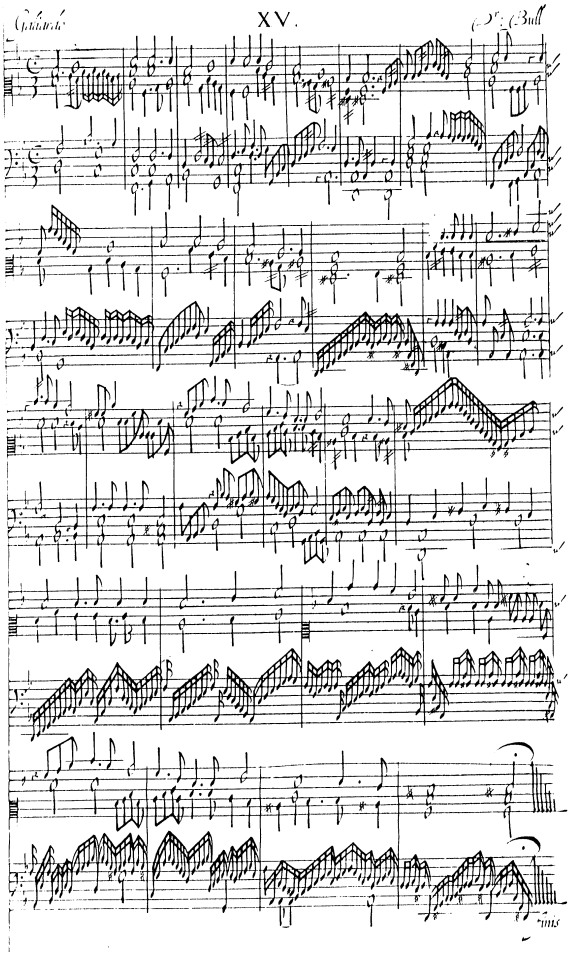
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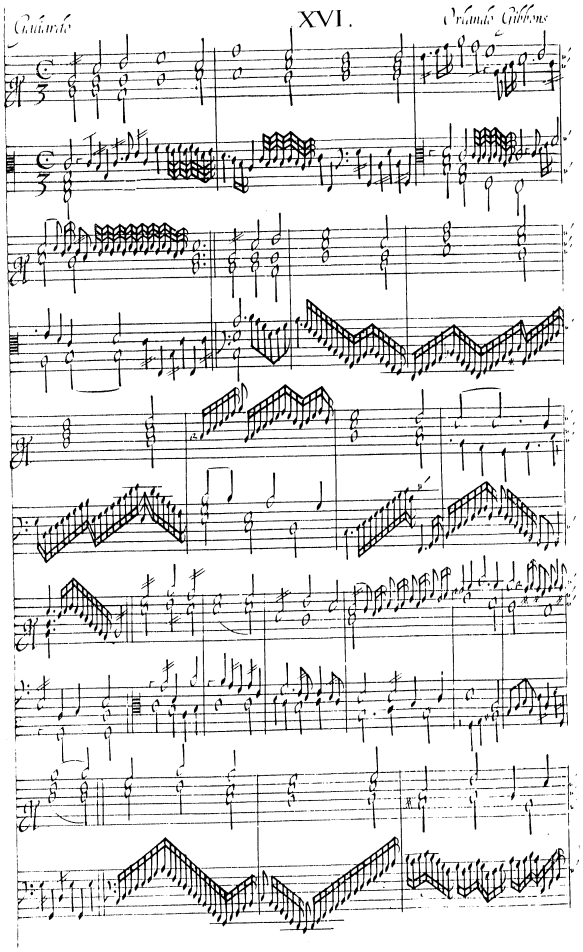
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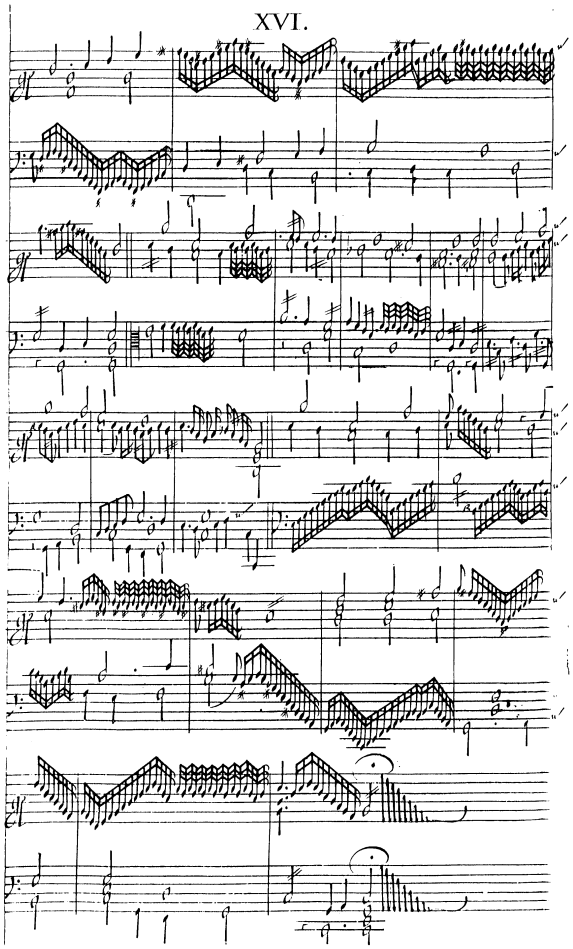
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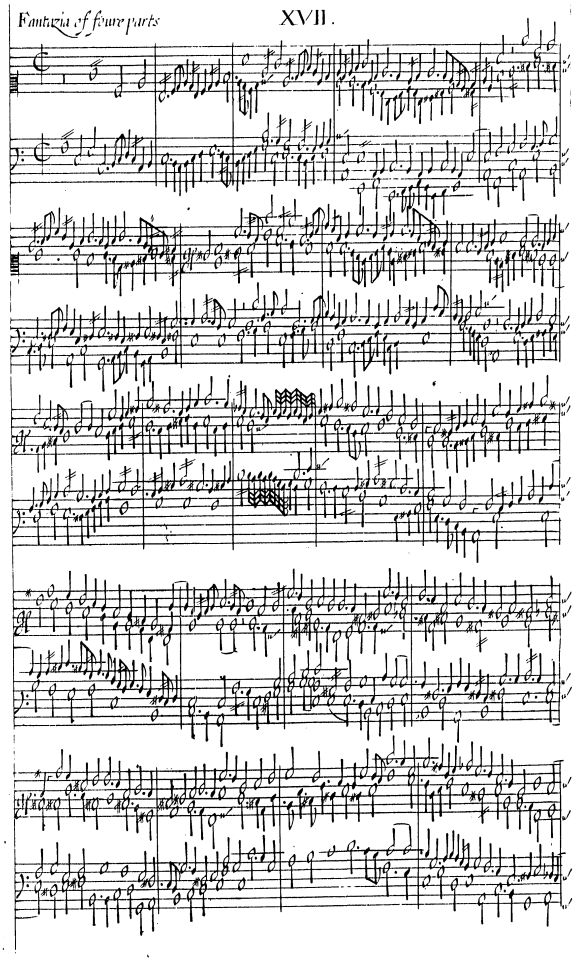

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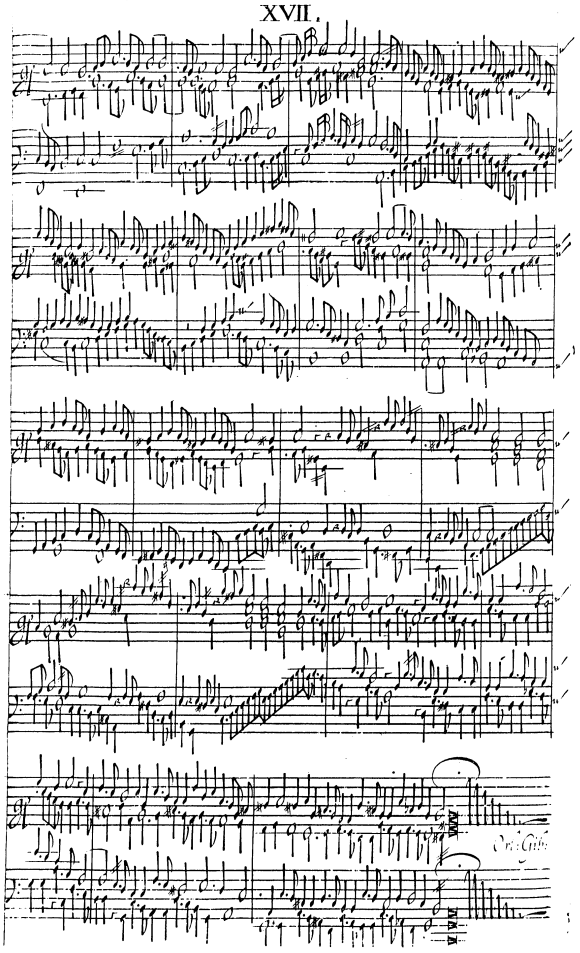

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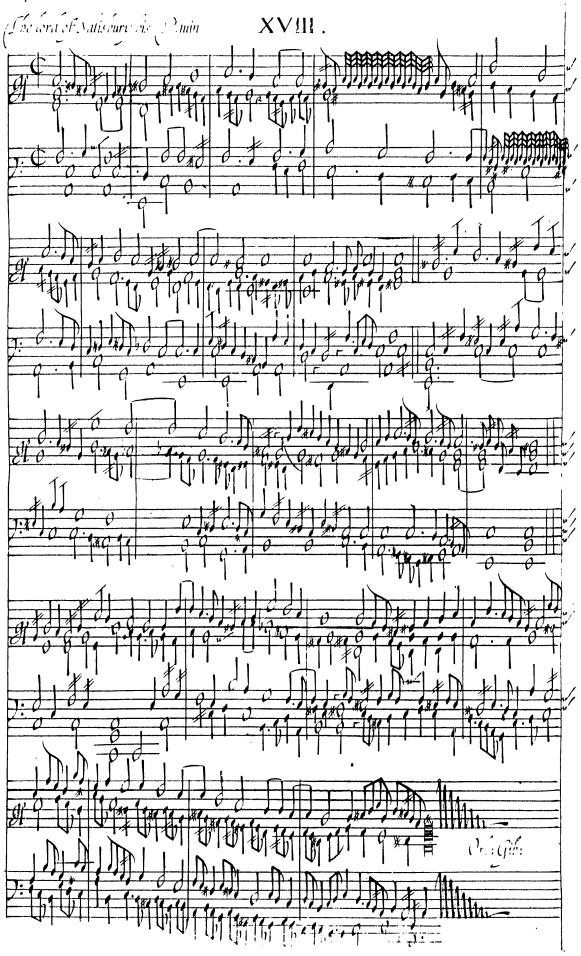

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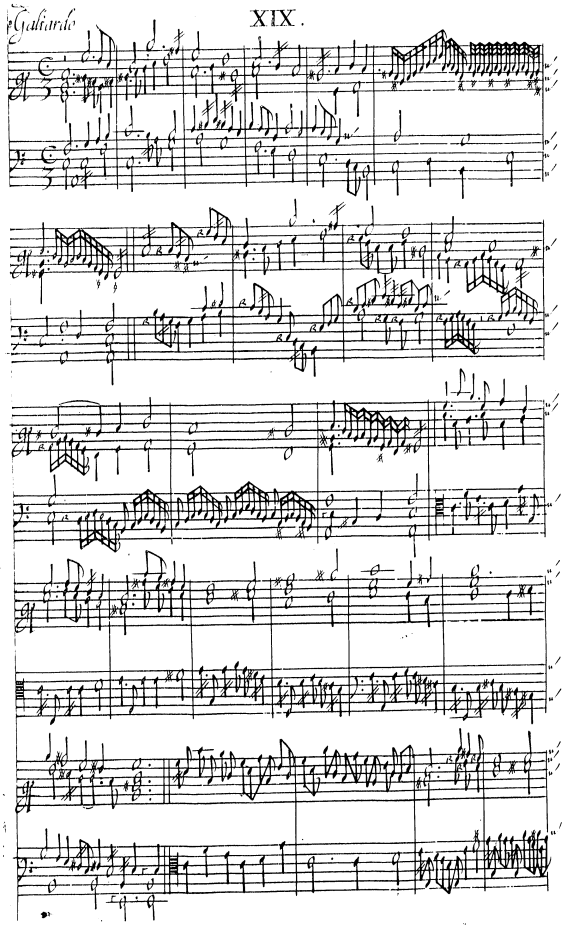

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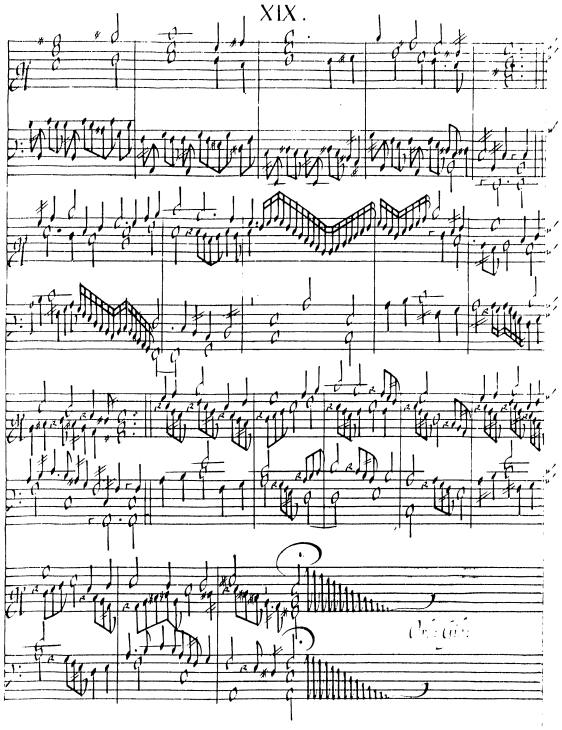

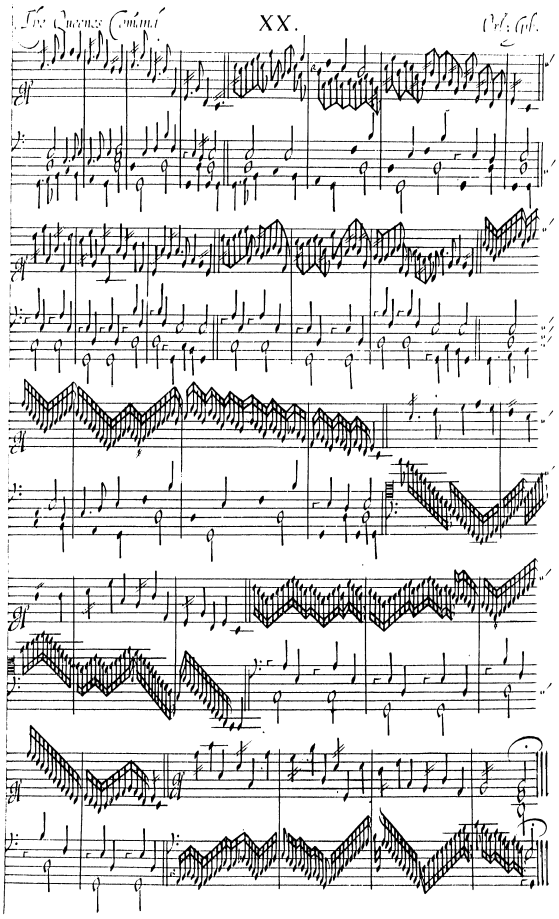
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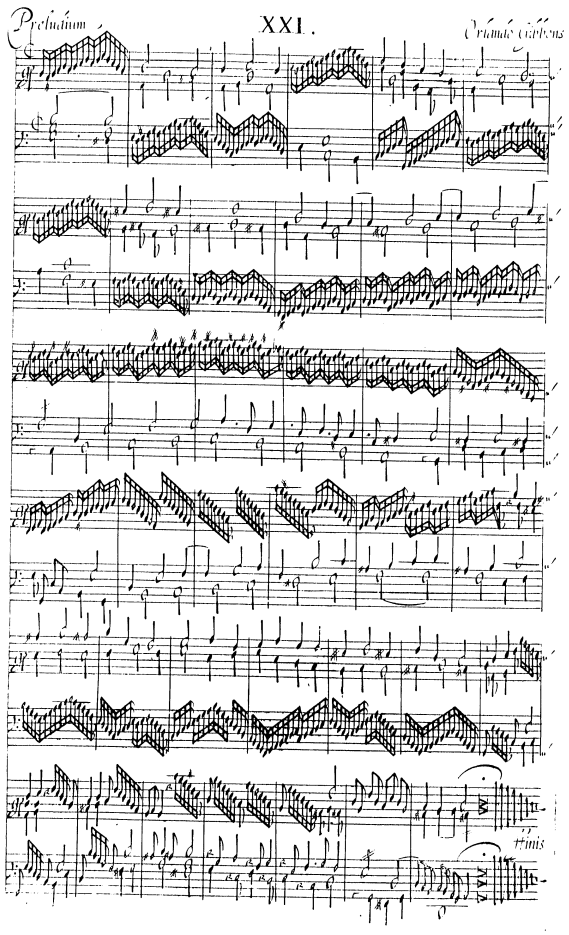
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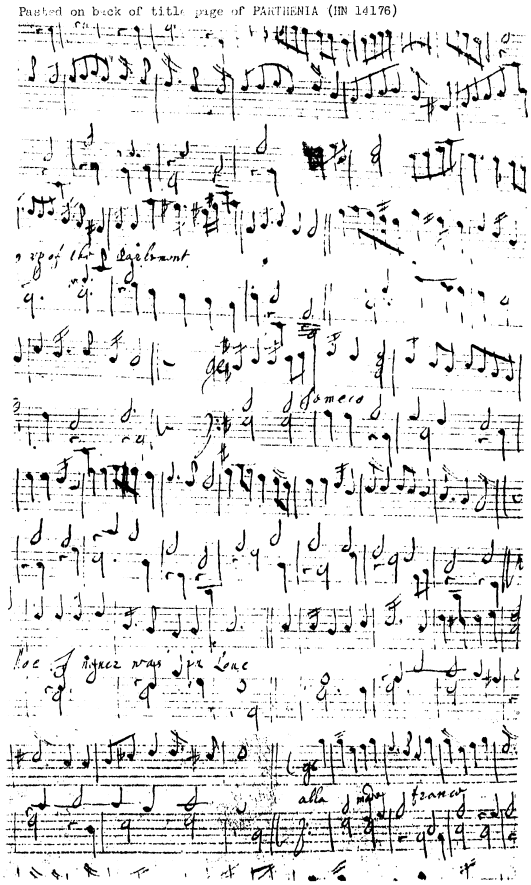

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