

GOTTFRIED FINGER

(c.1655-1730)

In Grove's *Dictionary of Music and Musicians* in 1980, Michael Tilmouth wrote that 'Finger's music still awaits a comprehensive survey'. So far as Finger's instrumental music is concerned, that survey materialized with Robert Rawson's fine work, *From Olomouc to London: the Early Music of Gottfried Finger (c.1655-1730)*, 2 vols. (PhD diss., Royal Holloway, University of London, 2002). Robert has kindly agreed that that part of his comprehensive index listing works involving viola da gamba can be reproduced here. He took pains to include incipits of all parts, which I have retained here, given that it is always likely that further sources will emerge, possibly in some incomplete form with just one or more parts. For the same reason he (and we) include incipits of all movements from the suites. Works with scordatura tunings are presented with original and sounding notation. The numbering RI (=Rawson, Instrumental) should become the standard means of identification.

FINGER, Gottfried

A1 - VIOLA DA GAMBA

Prelude, E mi

RI 15

Source: *GB-DRc* A27, f. 123', 'Prelude Mr Finger'



Divisions*,

RI 16

Source: *CZ-KRa* A4679

Attribution: Autograph manuscript; melody was re-used by Finger on several other occasions



A2 - 2 VIOLAS DA GAMBA

[Some of these pieces may be missing continuo parts, but are included here for ease of use]

Chaconne,

RI 54

Source: *D-SÜN* Schloss MS 12, 'Ciaconna'

Concordances: *GB-Ob* Mus. Sch. d.249, ff. 138-141



Curiosa,

RI 55

Source: *D-SÜN* Schloss MS 12, 'Curiosa'



Intrada,**RI 56**Source: *D-SÜN* Schloss MS 12, 'Intrada'**Pastorale, A****RI 57**Source: *D-SÜN* Schloss MS 12, 'Pastorale' (Missing continuo).Concordances: A shorter version of this piece in *GB-Ob* Mus.Sch. D.249, for 3 vdg, bc (RI173).**Sonata, A minor****RI 58**Source: *D-SÜN* Schloss MS 12, 'Sonata 4'**Sonata, B****RI 59**Source: *D-SÜN* Schloss MS 12, 'Sonata 5'Concordance: *GB-Ob* Mus. Sch. c.93, ff. 57-59r 'Sonatina'**Sonata, G****RI 60**Source: *D-SÜN* Schloss MS 12, 'Sonata 3'

Sonata Amoena, E major**RI 61**Source *D-SÜN* Schloss MS 12, 'Sonata 1 / Amoena'**Sonata Ariosa, D minor****RI 62**Source *D-SÜN* Schloss MS 12, 'Sonata 2 / Ariosa'

Comments: This sonata contains paraphrases and variations on the aria 'Dieu des Enfers' (and the preceding sarabande 'concert pour Orphée) from Lully's *Le naissance de Venus* (Palais Royale, 1665)

**Sonata Augustiniana, D minor****RI 63**Source: *D-SÜN*, Schloss MS 12, 'Sonata 6 / Augustiniana'

Comment: This sonata contains an imitative section based on a theme which is nearly identical to the one which opens RI 148.

**Sonata Aureliana, G minor****RI 64**Source: *D-SÜN* Schloss MS 12, 'Sonata 15 / Aureliana'

Sonata Furiosa, D major**RI 65**Source: *D-SÜN* Schloss MS 12, 'Sonata / Furiosa'

Comment: This may have been an earlier or alternative version of item 13 in this manuscript; part of the work has been crossed out and part copied on a flap

**Sonata Furiosa, G major****RI 66**Source: *D-SÜN* Schloss MS 12, 'Sonata 13 / Furiosa'**Sonata Grandaeua, D minor****RI 67**Source: *D-SÜN* Schloss MS 12, 'Sonata 7 / Grandaeua'**Sonata Gratirosa, D major****RI 68**Source: *D-SÜN* Scloss MS 12, 'Sonata 10 / Gratirosa'

Sonata Jucunda, A major

RI 69

Sources: *D-SÜN* Schloss MS 12, 'Sonata 8 / Jucunda'
CZ-KRa A4688, 9v-10r, 'Sonata' (vdg 2 only)



Sonata Mixta, A major

RI 70

Source: *D-SÜN* Schloss MS 12, 'Sonata 12 / Mixta'



Sonata Primaeva, C major

RI 71

Source: *D-SÜN* Schloss MS 12, 'Sonata 11 / Primaeva'



Sonata Selecta, D major

RI 72

Source: *D-SÜN* Schloss MS 12, 'Sonata 14 / Selecta'



Sonata Suavisona, B minor

RI 73

Source: *D-SÜN* Schloss MS 12, 'Sonata 9 / Suavisona'



Suite, A major (scordatura)

RI 74

Sources: *D-SÜN* Schloss MS 12

GB-Ob Mus Sch. D.228, ff. 66r-69r

Scordatura tuning: *E', A', C#, e, a, c#'* (sounding pitch shown small above)

Allemande

RI74.1



Courante

RJ174.2



Sarabande

RJ174.3



Gavotte

RI74.4



Guig

RI74.5



Suite, D major

RI 75

Source: *D-SÜN* Schloss MS 12

Praeludium

RI75.1



Allamande

RI75.2



Guig

RI75.3



Courante

RI75.4



Gavotte

RI75.5



Passaglia

R175.6



Suite, D major

Sources: *D-SÜN* Schloss MS 12

GB-Ob Mus. Sch. D.249, 66r-69v

Allamande

R176.1



Courante

R176.2



Guig

R176.3



Ciaccona

RI76.4



Suite, E minor (*scordatura*)

RI 77

Sources: *D-SÜN* Schloss MS 12

GB-Ob Mus. Sch. D.228, 62r-65v

Scordatura tuning: *E', G', B, e, a, d'*

Praeludium

RI77.1



Allamande

RI77.2



Guig

RI77.3



Suite, G major

RI 78

Source: *D-SÜN* Schloss MS 12

Grave

RI78.1



Allemanda

RI78.2



Courante

RI78.3



Guig

RI78.4



A2 – VIOLA DA GAMBA AND BARYTON

Suite, Bb major

RI 79

Source: *D-SÜN* Schloss MS 12, suite no. 2

Preludium

RI79.1



Allamande

RI79.2

The musical score for 'Allamande' (RI79.2) consists of two systems, each with three staves. The first system has a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a 13/8 time signature. The second system has a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F-sharp), and a 13/8 time signature. The notation includes various rhythmic values, including eighth and sixteenth notes, and rests.

Courante

RI79.3

The musical score for 'Courante' (RI79.3) consists of two systems, each with three staves. The first system has a bass clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a 3/4 time signature. The second system has a bass clef, a key signature of one sharp (F-sharp), and a 3/4 time signature. The notation includes various rhythmic values, including eighth and sixteenth notes, and rests.

Gavotte

RI79.4

Sarabande

RI79.5

[double] vdg

Ciaccona

RI79.6

Suite, C minor/C

RI 80

Source: *D-SÜN* Schloss MS 12, no. 7

Sonatina

RI80.1

Allamande

RI80.2

Handwritten musical score for 'Allamande' (RI80.2). The score is written for a single melodic line on a five-line staff. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The melody begins with a half rest, followed by a series of eighth and sixteenth notes, including some beamed sixteenth-note passages. The piece concludes with a final quarter note and a repeat sign.

Courante

RI80.3

Handwritten musical score for 'Courante' (RI80.3). The score is written for a single melodic line on a five-line staff. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 3/4. The melody is characterized by frequent eighth-note patterns and some beamed sixteenth-note passages. The piece ends with a final quarter note and a repeat sign.

First system of musical notation, measures 1-4. It consists of two systems of staves. The first system has a treble staff with a 3/4 time signature and a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a bass staff. The second system has a treble staff with a 3/4 time signature and a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#), and a bass staff. The music features a mix of eighth and sixteenth notes, with some rests and ties.

(vdg, 'violit', bar 57:)

Second system of musical notation, measures 5-8. It consists of two systems of staves. The first system has a treble staff with a 3/4 time signature and a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a bass staff. The second system has a treble staff with a 3/4 time signature and a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#), and a bass staff. The music continues with eighth and sixteenth notes, maintaining the melodic and harmonic themes established in the first system.

Aria, [C]

R180.5

The image shows a musical score for an Aria in C major. It consists of two systems of staves. The first system has a single treble and bass staff. The second system has a grand staff with treble, middle, and bass staves. The music is in 12/8 time and features a melodic line in the upper staves and a supporting bass line.

Suite, C major

RI 81

Source: *D-SÜN* Schloss MS 12, 'no. 3'; baryton tuning: *G, C, e, g, c, e'*

Praeludium

Adagio

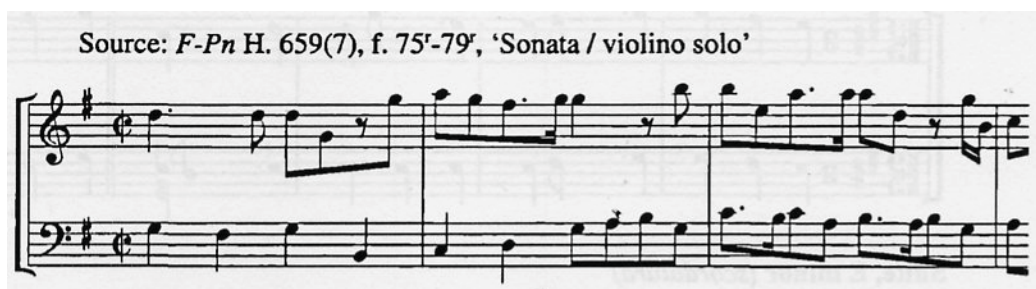
RI81.1

The image shows a musical score for a Praeludium in C major, marked Adagio. It consists of two systems of staves. The first system has a single treble and bass staff. The second system has a grand staff with treble, middle, and bass staves. The music is in 12/8 time and features a melodic line in the upper staves and a supporting bass line.

Sonata, G major

RI 138

Source: *F-Pn* H. 659(7), 75r-79r, 'Sonata / violino solo'

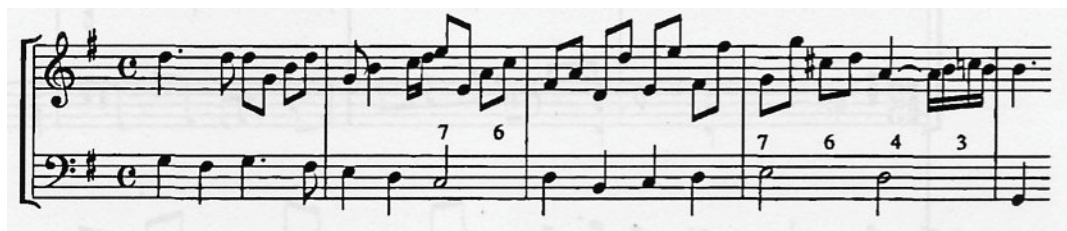


Sonata*, G major

RI 139

Source: *GB-Lbl* Add. 31,466, 21v-22r, 'XVI'

Attribution questionable. This sonata is very similar to others in this manuscript which are attributed to Finger. More convincing is the writing in (this incipit) bar 3, which suggests that this might be an arrangement of a recorder sonata.

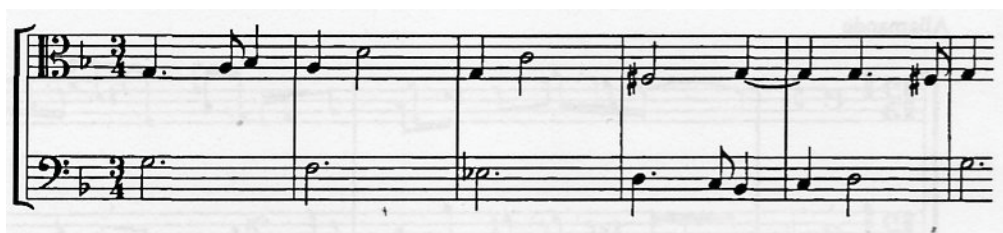


A2 – VIOLA DA GAMBA AND BASSO CONTINUO

Divisions, G minor

RI 140

Source: *GB-Ob* Mus. Sch. C.61, 56-57, 'G. F.'



Sonata*, A major

RI 141

Source: *GB-Ob* Mus. Sch. D.228, 101v-102r, 'Sonata Terza'

Continuo part missing



Sonata*, A major

RI 142

Source: *GB-Ob* Mus. Sch. MS D.249, 42v-44r, 'Sonatina'

Attribution based in Finger's (re)use elsewhere of the same opening theme



Sonata*, A minor

RI 143

Source: *GB-Ob* Mus. Sch. D.228, 104v-105r, 'Sonata Sesta'

Continuo part missing



Sonata, Bb major (*scordatura*)

RI 144

Sources: *GB-Ob* Mus. Sch. D.249, 153-156, 'Sonatina / Mr. Finger'

GB-Ob Mus. Sch. D.228, 103v-104r, 'Sonata Quinta'

Tuning: *F'*, *Bb*, *D*, *f*, *bb*, *d'*



Sonata*, D major

RI 145

Source: *GB-Ob* Mus. Sch. D.228, 99v-100r, 'Sonata Prima'

Continuo part missing

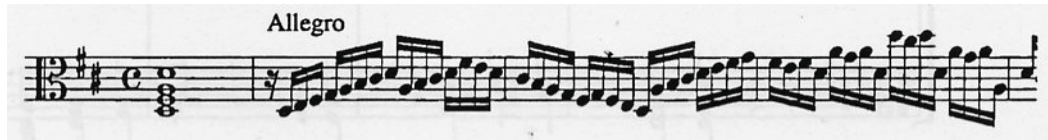


Sonata, D major

RI 146

Source: *GB-Ob* Mus. Sch. D.228, 100v-101r, 'Sonata Seconda'

Continuo part missing



Sonata, D minor

RI 147

Source: *GB-Ob* Mus Sch. D.249, 55-57, 'Sonata'

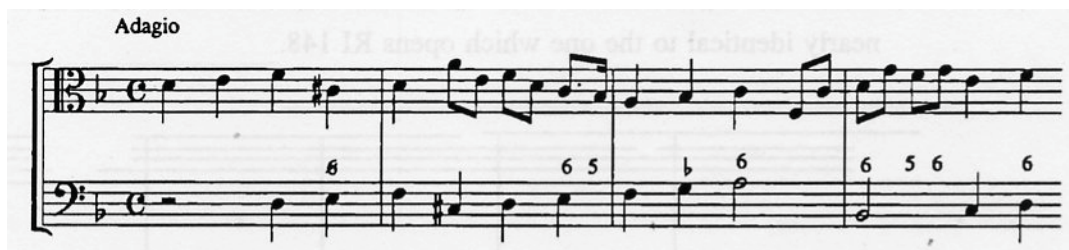


Sonata, D minor

RI 148

Sources: *GB-Ob* Mus. Sch. D.249, 134-137, 'Mr. Finger / Viola da gamba sola'

GB-Ob Mus. Sch. D.228, 102v-103r (vdg only)



Suite*, A major (*scordatura*)

RI 149

Source: *GB-Ob* Mus. Sch. D.249, 142-145

Tuning: *E', A', C#, e, a, c#'*

Intrada

RI149.1

sounding pitch

Allamande

RI149.2

Courante

RI149.3

6

Sarabande

RI149.4

Double

[Double at sounding pitch]

Gavotte 3 times

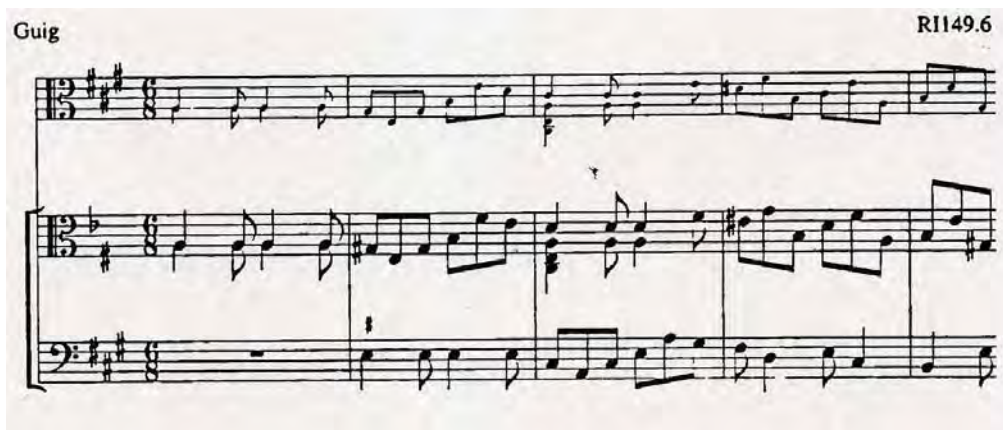
RI149.5

Gavotte

Double

Note: This 'double' has been crossed-out [by Sherard?].

[Double at sounding pitch]



A3 – 2 VIOLAS D'AMORE AND BASSO CONTINUO

Intrada, A minor

RI 172

Source: *D-SÜN* Schloss MS 12; basso continuo missing



A3 – 2 VIOLAS DA GAMBA AND BASSO CONTINUO

Pastorella, A major

RI 173

Source: *GB-Ob* Mus. Sch. D.249, 96v-103r, 'Pastoralle / â 3 viola di gamba / con continuo

An earlier, more elaborate, version survives (2 vdgs only) in *D-SÜN* [RI 57]



Suite*, A major (*scordatura*)

RI 174

Source: *GB-Ob* Mus. Sch. D.249, 149r-152v

Identical *scordatura* to **RI 149**, and the treatment of the viol parts, as well as the use of an intrada as an opening movement of a suite, are typical traits of Finger.

Tuning: *E', A', C#, e, a, c#'*

Intrada

RI174.1

Handwritten musical score for the 'Intrada' section, measures 1 through 4. The score is written for three systems, each with a treble and bass staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is common time (C). The notation includes various note values, rests, and fingerings. The first system shows a melodic line in the treble and a supporting bass line. The second system continues the melody with some chromatic movement. The third system features a more active bass line with fingerings 7, 6, 7, 6, 7, 6, and 6 indicated below the notes.

Allamanda

RI174.2

Handwritten musical score for the 'Allamanda' section, measures 1 through 4. The score is written for three systems, each with a treble and bass staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is common time (C). The notation is more complex than the 'Intrada' section, featuring many sixteenth and thirty-second notes. The first system shows a melodic line in the treble and a highly rhythmic bass line. The second system continues the melody with some chromatic movement. The third system features a more active bass line with fingerings 6, 6 b 5, and 6 5 indicated below the notes.

Double

Musical score for 'Double' in 13/8 time, key of D major. The score consists of two systems, each with a treble and bass staff. The first system features a treble staff with a melodic line and a bass staff with a harmonic accompaniment. The second system continues the melody and accompaniment, with a '6' and '6 b 5' marking above the bass staff in the final measure.

Courante

RI174.2

Musical score for 'Courante' in 3/4 time, key of D major. The score consists of two systems, each with a treble and bass staff. The first system features a treble staff with a melodic line and a bass staff with a harmonic accompaniment. The second system continues the melody and accompaniment, with a '5' marking above the bass staff in the final measure.

Double

The musical score for 'Double' is written in 3/8 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of two systems, each with a treble and a bass staff. The first system has four measures: the treble staff plays a continuous eighth-note melody, while the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes. The second system also has four measures, continuing the melodic and harmonic patterns. The notation includes various note values, rests, and bar lines.

Sarabande

RI174.3

The musical score for 'Sarabande' is written in 3/8 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of two systems, each with a treble and a bass staff. The first system has four measures, showing a steady eighth-note melody in the treble and a more active bass line. The second system also has four measures, with the treble staff featuring some chords and the bass staff continuing the melodic flow. Fingerings are indicated with numbers 5 and 6 in the final measures of the second system.

Double

The musical score for 'Double' is written in 13/8 time and consists of two systems. The first system has a treble staff with a melodic line and a bass staff with a harmonic accompaniment. The second system also has a treble staff with a melodic line and a bass staff with a harmonic accompaniment. A third system, located below the second, consists of a single bass staff with a melodic line. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The first system has a treble staff with a melodic line and a bass staff with a harmonic accompaniment. The second system also has a treble staff with a melodic line and a bass staff with a harmonic accompaniment. The third system, located below the second, consists of a single bass staff with a melodic line. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The first system has a treble staff with a melodic line and a bass staff with a harmonic accompaniment. The second system also has a treble staff with a melodic line and a bass staff with a harmonic accompaniment. The third system, located below the second, consists of a single bass staff with a melodic line. The key signature is one sharp (F#).

Bouree

RI174.4

The musical score for 'Bouree' is written in 13/8 time and consists of two systems. The first system has a treble staff with a melodic line and a bass staff with a harmonic accompaniment. The second system also has a treble staff with a melodic line and a bass staff with a harmonic accompaniment. A third system, located below the second, consists of a single bass staff with a melodic line. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The first system has a treble staff with a melodic line and a bass staff with a harmonic accompaniment. The second system also has a treble staff with a melodic line and a bass staff with a harmonic accompaniment. The third system, located below the second, consists of a single bass staff with a melodic line. The key signature is one sharp (F#).

Gigue RI174.5

A3 – 2 VIOLINS AND BASSO CONTINUO

Sonata, A major

RI 175

Sources: *Sonatae Pro Diversis Instrumentis*, op. 1 (London, 1688), 'Sonata Sesta'
B-LVu P206 \9inc.), f.1
F-LYm 129.949
US-Cu MS 959, no. 61

Sonata, A major

RI 176

Sources: *X Suonate a tre*, op. 5 (Amsterdam, 1702), 'Sonata v'
B-Bc 24910, 12r-v
B-Bc 25764, no. 5
US-Cu MS 959, no. 62

Adagio

Sonata, A minor

RI 177

Sources: *X Suonate a tre*, op. 5 (Amsterdam, 1702), 'Sonata iv'

B-Bc 24910, 10r-v

B-Bc 25764, no. 4



Sonata, B-flat major

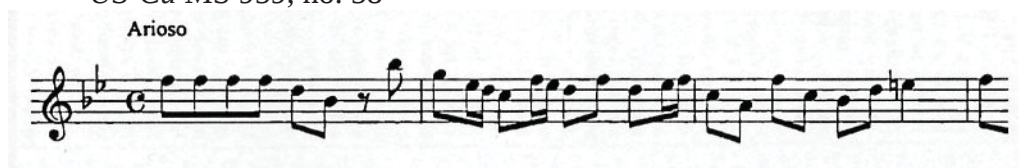
RI 178

Sources: *X Suonate a tre*, op. 5 (Amsterdam, 1702), 'Sonata ii'

B-Bc 24910, 5r-6v

B-Bc 25764, no. 2

US-Cu MS 959, no. 58



Sonata, B-flat major

RI 179

Sources: *Sonatae XII Pro Diversis Instrumentis*, op. 1 (London, 1688), 'Sonata quarta'

B-LVu MS P206 (inc.), f.3

F-LYm 129.949

US-Cu MS 959, no. 57



Sonata, B minor

RI 180

Source: *X Suonate a tre*, op. 5 (Amsterdam, 1702), 'Sonata vii'



Sonata, B minor

RI 181a

Source: *X Suonate a tre*, op. 5 (Amsterdam, 1702), 'Sonata ix'

Transposition of **RI 162** [recorders, D minor]

Sonata, D major

RI 182

Source: *B-Bc* 2491, 13r-v, '[no.] 8'



Sonata, D major

RI 183

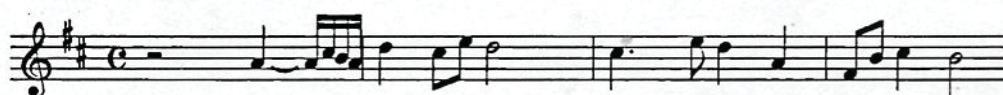
Source: *GB-Ob* Mus. Sch. C.62, pp. 40-40b, 'Sonata secunda' (vln 2 only)



Sonata, D major

RI 184

Source: *GB-Ob* Mus. Sch. C.62, pp. 42-42b, 'Sonata Quarta' (vln 2 only)



Sonata, D major

RI 185

Source: *GB-Ob* Mus. Sch. C.62, pp. 44-44b, 'Sonata Sesta' (vln 2 only)



Sonata, D minor

RI 186

Sources: *X Suonate a tre*, op. 5 (Amsterdam, 1702), 'Sonata iii'

B-Bc 24910, 7r-v

B-Bc 25764, no. 3



Sonata, E major

RI 187a

Source: *X Suonate a tre*, op. 5 (Amsterdam, 1702), 'Sonata viii'

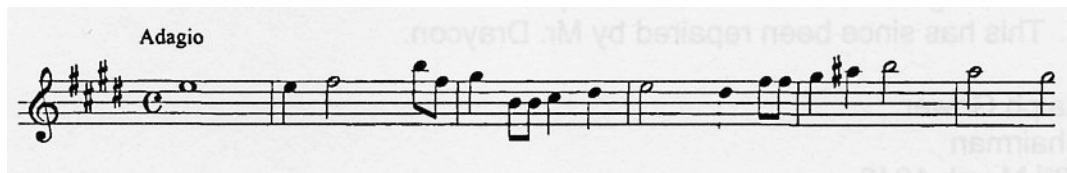
Transposition of **RI 166** [recorders, G major]



Sonata, E major

RI 188

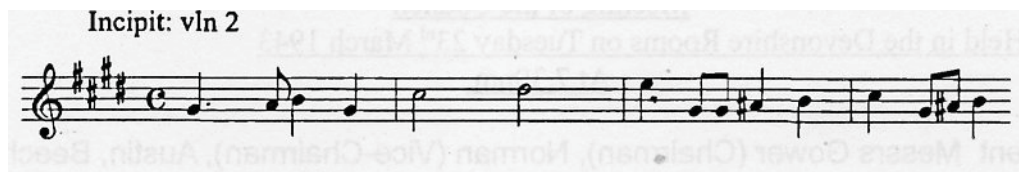
Source: *B-Bc* 24910, 14r-v '[no.] 9'



Sonata, E major

RI 189

Source: *GB-Ob* Mus. Sch. C.62, pp. 41-41b, 'Sonata terza' (only vln 2 survives)



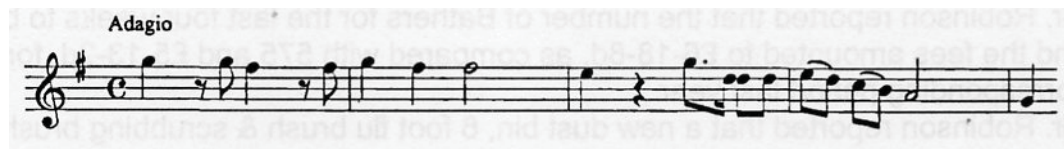
Sonata, E minor

RI 190a

Source: *X Suonate a tre*, op. 5 (Amsterdam, 1702), 'Sonata vi'

Concordances: opp. 4 & 6, no. 8 [G minor]: *B-Bc* 24910, 11r-v; *B-Bc* 25764, no. 6;
W. Corbett, op. 2 (1701), 'Sonata vi'

Transposition of **RI 168** (recorders, G minor)



Sonata, F major

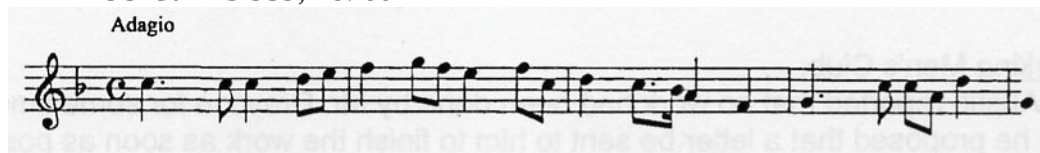
RI 191

Sources: *X Suonate a tre*, op. 5 (Amsterdam, 1702), 'Sonata I'

B-Bc 24910, 9r-v

B-Bc 25764

US-Cu MS 959, no. 60

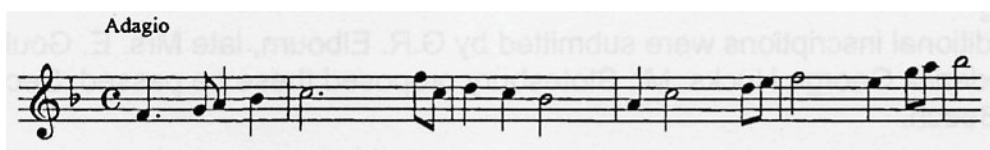


Sonata, F major**RI 192**

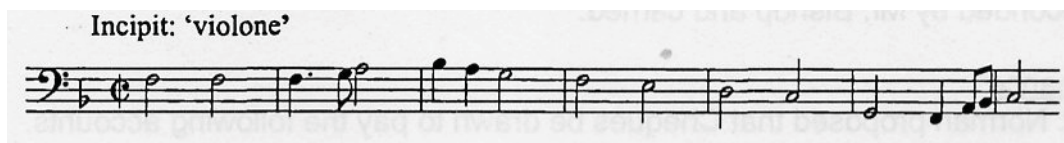
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B-LUv P206 (inc.) f. 4
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US-Cu MS 959, no. 59

**Sonata, F major****RI 193**

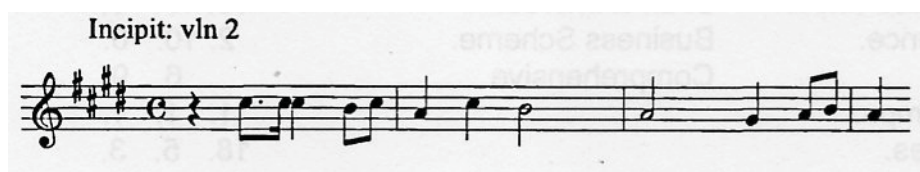
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**Sonata, F major****RI 194**

Source: GB-Ob Mus. Sch. E.39, 'Sonata 1 / Mr Finger' (only violone part survives);
title-page indicates 2 violins, violone, basso continuo

**Sonata, F# minor****RI 195**

Source: GB-Ob Mus. Sch. C.62, pp. 43-43b, 'Sonata Quinta' (vln 2 only)



A3 – 1 VIOLIN, 1 VIOLA DA GAMBA, AND BASSO CONTINUO

Lesson*, A major**RI 196**

Source: GB-Ob Mus. Sch. D.249, 49r-54r, 'lesson / â / 1 violetta / viola da gamba /
con continuo'

Attribution: On the basis of style, Finger's authorship of other similar pieces in the same source, and the idiomatic use of the viol.

Preludio

RI196.1

Allamande

RI196.2

Double

Courant

RI196.3

Double

Saraband

RI196.4

Double

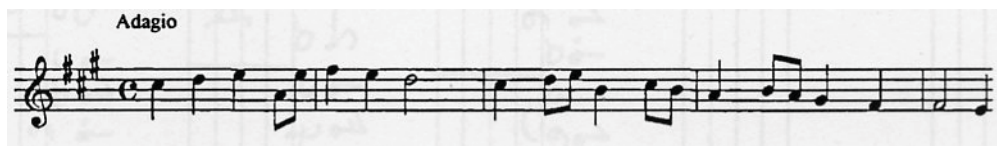
Double



Sonata, A major

RI 197

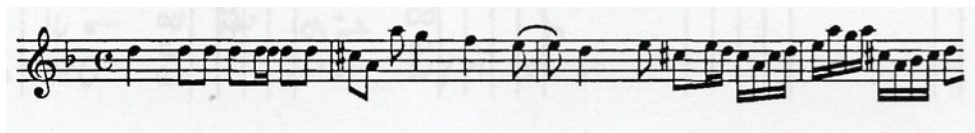
Sources: *Sonatae XII Pro Diversis Instrumentis*, op. 1 (London, 1688), 'Sonata Terza'
B-LUv P206, ff. 4-5 (inc.)
F-LYm 129.949



Sonata, D minor

RI 198

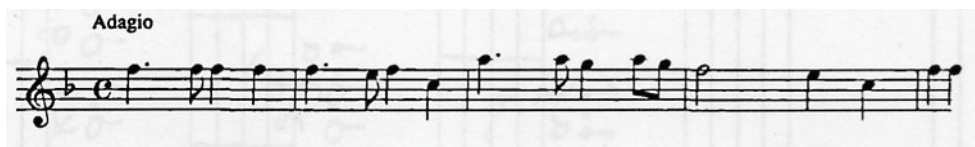
Sources: *Sonatae XII Pro Diversis Instrumentis*, op. 1 (London, 1688), 'Sonata Prima'
B-LUv P206, f. 4 (inc.)
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Sonata, F major

RI 199

Sources: *Sonatae XII Pro Diversis Instrumentis*, op. 1 (London, 1688), 'Sonata Secunda'
B-LUv P206, f. 4 (inc.)
F-LYm 129.949



Suite*, A major (*scordatura*)

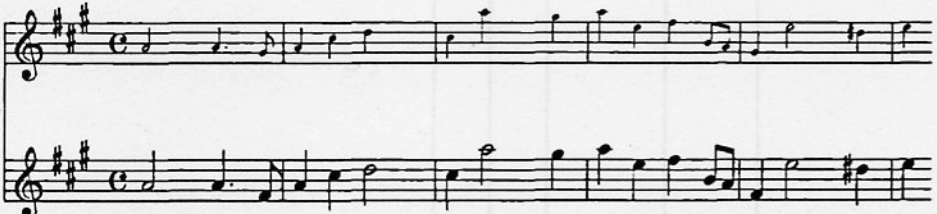
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Source: *GB-Ob* Mus. Sch. D.249, 82r-85r, 'violino'

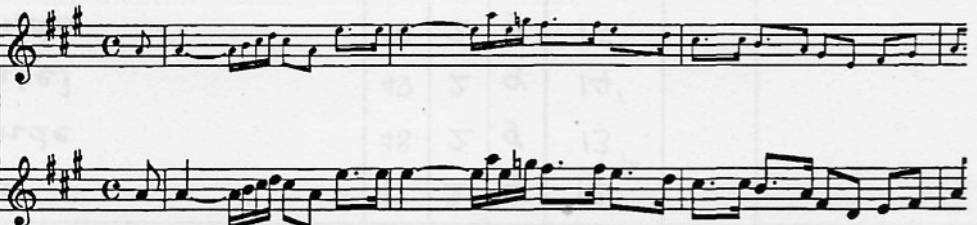
This violin part is an alternative part to the viola da gamba 1 part in **RI 174**. *GB-Ob* Mus. Sch. D.249, 142-145 (version for 2 violas da gamba and basso continuo) has incipits of the other parts. Actual pitch is shown in reduced size above incipit

Scordatura tuning: *c'*, *e'*, *a''*, *e''*

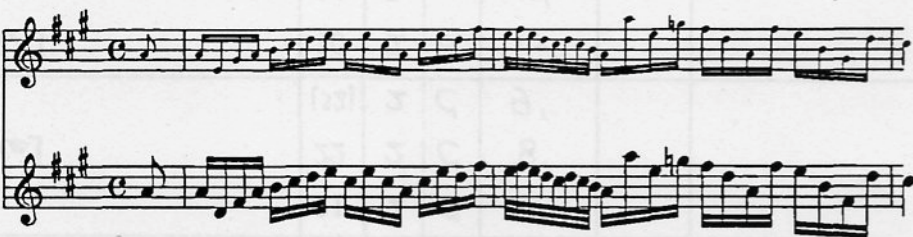
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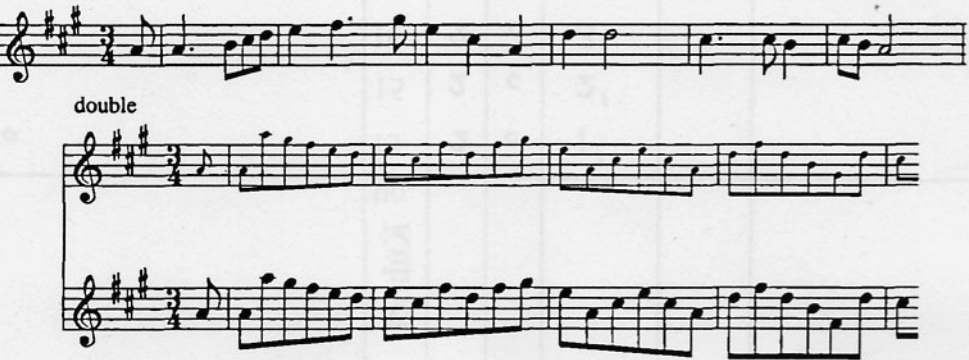
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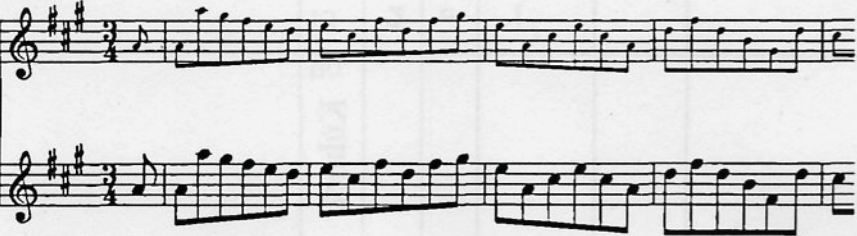
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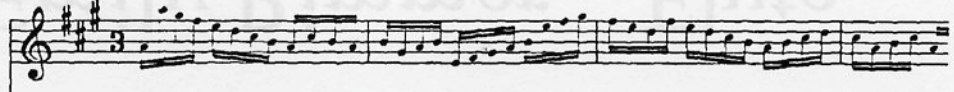
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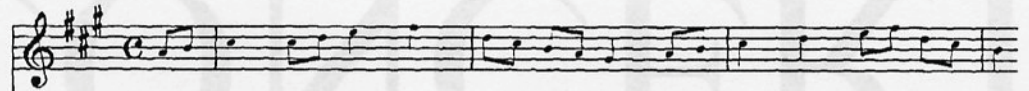
Sarabande RI200.4



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Bourée RI200.5



Guige RI200.6

A3 – VIOLIN, VIOLONCELLO, AND BASSO CONTINUO

Sonata, C major

RI 201

Source: *X Suonate a tre*, op. 5 (Amsterdam, 1702), 'Sonata x'

