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*Example of the Imperfect of the More Prolation.*

												
Larg	Breues	Semibr	Min.	Crot.	qua.	Semiq	Crot.	qua.	Semiq	Crot.	qua.	Semiq
2	2	4	12	12	12	24	6	4	8	6	4	8
4	4	8	24	24	24	48	12	12	24	12	12	24
8	8	16	48	48	48	96	24	24	48	24	24	48
16	16	32	96	96	96	192	48	48	96	48	48	96
32	32	64	192	192	192	384	96	96	192	96	96	192

But now *Practise* hath so infected this *Measure*, especially in the *Prolation* and *Diminution* of it, that when a *Perfect Artist* comes to sing a song of such *Practical Charactering*, (supposing it to bee *Character'd* according to the iust *Perfection* and *Imperfection* of the *Degrees*) hee shall bee (almost) as far to seeke for the *Measure* intended, as were they that *Compos'd* it to seeke for the true *Charactering* of that *Measure*, they would haue exprest. For that I may giue instance herein, I finde it by them thus exampl'd ☉<sub>3</sub> or thus ☉, the which indeed I must confesse is the *Imperfect Time*, and the *More Prolation*; But then I demaund to what end tends that *Ternary Number*? Hereto they will answer (especially those who in conceyt are *Masters* that it is to signifie a *Triple Proportion*, by which the Song before which it is set, must