## Richmond

No copyright. Transcribed from The Charlestown Collection, 1803.

C minor Oliver Holden, 1803



2. The mighty voice bade ancient night Her endless realms resign; And, lo, ten thousand globes of light In fields of azure shine. Nowwisdom, with superior sway,. Guides the vast moving frame; While all the ranks of beings pay Deep reverence to His name.

3. He spake: the sun obedient stood, And held the falling day: Old Jordan backward drives his flood, And disappoints the sea. Lord of the armies of the sky, He marshals all the stars: Red comets lift their banners high, And wide proclaim His wars.

4. Chained to the throne, a volume lie With all the fates of men; With every angel's form and size, Drawn by eternal pen. His providence unfolds the book.. And makes His counsels shine; Each opening leaf, and every stroke Fulfils some deep design.

5. Here He exalts neglected worms To scepters and a crown; Anon the following page he turns, And treads the monarch down. Not Gabriel asks the reason why, Nor God the reason gives; Nor dares the favorite angel pry Between the folded leaves.

6. My God, I never longed to see My fate with curious eyes; What gloomy lines are writ for me, Or what bright scenes shall rise. In thy fair book of life and grace, May I but find my name Recorded in some humble place, Beneath my Lord, the Lamb!