

Tunes by Nigel Gatherer

The Burning of Crieff (Nigel Gatherer)

slow air

The sheet music is arranged in six systems, each consisting of a treble clef staff and a mandolin staff. The key signature is three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and the time signature is 3/4. Chord symbols (A, G, D) are placed above the treble staff. The mandolin staff shows fret numbers for both hands (T and B). The piece concludes with a double bar line and repeat dots.

In January 1716, hundreds of Highlanders heading homewards from the Battle of Sheriffmuir burned most of Crieff to the ground. It was at the height of the first Jacobite rebellions and both sides claimed victory, but it directly led to the failure of the 1715 Jacobite cause. Hearing that a mass of Argyll's men were near Auchterarder, a "scorched earth" policy was begun, and the highlandmen burned the towns of Auchterarder, Blackford and Crieff.

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