

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 four-line ukulele staff. The key signature is three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and the time signature is 3/4. Chord diagrams are placed above the treble staff and fingerings are indicated on the ukulele staff. The piece concludes with a double bar line and repeat dots.

*Burning of Crieff*

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.