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## ABBREVIATIONS

CMM	Corpus Mensurabilis Musicae
GCO	<i>Gaffurius Codices Online</i> , < <a href="https://www.gaffurius-codices.ch/">https://www.gaffurius-codices.ch/</a> >
<i>Grove Music Online</i>	< <a href="https://www.oxfordmusiconline.com/grovemusic/">https://www.oxfordmusiconline.com/grovemusic/</a> >
Librone 1	Milan, Archivio della Veneranda Fabbrica del Duomo, Sezione Musicale, Librone 1 ( <i>olim MS 2269</i> )
Librone 2	Milan, Archivio della Veneranda Fabbrica del Duomo, Sezione Musicale, Librone 2 ( <i>olim MS 2268</i> )
Librone 3	Milan, Archivio della Veneranda Fabbrica del Duomo, Sezione Musicale, Librone 3 ( <i>olim MS 2267</i> )
Librone [4]	Milan, Archivio della Veneranda Fabbrica del Duomo, Cassette Ratti, n° VII, 34–43 ( <i>olim MS 2266</i> )
MCD	<i>Motet Cycles Database</i> , < <a href="http://www.motetcycles.ch/">http://www.motetcycles.ch/</a> >
MCE	<i>Motet Cycles Edition</i> , < <a href="https://www.gaffurius-codices.ch/s/portal/page/editions">https://www.gaffurius-codices.ch/s/portal/page/editions</a> >
<i>MGG Online</i>	< <a href="https://www.mgg-online.com">https://www.mgg-online.com</a> >
MSD	Musicological Studies and Documents
NJE	New Josquin Edition
Petrucci, <i>Motetti A</i>	Ottaviano Petrucci, <i>Motetti A</i> (Venice, 1502; RISM B 1502 <sup>1</sup> )
Petrucci, <i>Motetti C</i>	Ottaviano Petrucci, <i>Motetti C</i> (Venice, 1504; RISM B 1504 <sup>1</sup> )
Petrucci, <i>Motetti IV</i>	Ottaviano Petrucci, <i>Motetti Libro Quarto</i> (Venice, 1505; RISM B 1505 <sup>2</sup> )
RISM	Répertoire International de Sources Musicales
RRMMAER	Recent Researches in the Music of the Middle Ages and Early Renaissance

## GAFFURIUS'S PARATEXTS: NOTES ON THE INDEXES OF LIBRONI 1–3

DANIELE V. FILIPPI

Priscos cum haberes quos probares indices,  
Lector, placere qui bonis possent modis,  
Nostri libelli cur retexis paginam?

LUXORIUS (sixth cent.)

The index (or *tabula*) compiled by Franchinus Gaffurius for Librone 1 has attracted the attention of modern scholars exclusively because it lists the *motetti missales* – it is indeed the only source for that very name – and for related matters of attribution. No one has ever tried, however, to study the index more thoroughly and see if it contains any further clues for a better understanding of the manuscript's genesis and structure. At the 'Motet Cycles' conference in Basel, in April 2016, Francesco Rossi highlighted some peculiar features of the index and used them as evidence for his 'reconsiderations on the *motetti missales* paradigm';<sup>1</sup> a discussion ensued about how to reconcile his pragmatic and content-oriented reading of the index with the fact that some of the entries had clearly been written at different times, with different inks and scripts. Then came Martina Pantarotto's first palaeographical and codicological study of the Libroni<sup>2</sup> and, with the colleagues of the Polifonia Sforzesca research team, we started pondering some unsolved riddles in the structure of Librone 1: it was only then that I decided to go back to the index and scrutinize it more closely. My first results made evident that the stratigraphy of the index

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1. Later published as Francesco Rocco Rossi, 'Surveying the First Gaffurius Codex: Reconsiderations on the "Motetti Missales" Paradigm', in Daniele V. Filippi and Agnese Pavanello (eds.), *Motet Cycles between Devotion and Liturgy*, Schola Cantorum Basiliensis Scripta, 7 (Basel: Schwabe, 2019), 381–95.

2. Martina Pantarotto, 'Franchino Gaffurio maestro di cantori e di copisti: Analisi codicologico-paleografica dei Libroni della Fabbrica del Duomo', in Daniele V. Filippi and Agnese Pavanello (eds.), *Codici per cantare: I Libroni del Duomo nella Milano sforzesca*, Studi e saggi, 27 (Lucca: Libreria Musicale Italiana, 2019), 103–38.

reflected the stratigraphy of Gaffurius's interventions on the manuscript: Joshua Rifkin had already established that 'many additions to the choirbook by Gaffurius [...] clearly postdate the binding of the volume',<sup>3</sup> but we needed more detail. Pantarotto was then working on what would become her chapter in the present volume, and in one of our joint brainstorming sessions I prompted her to study the variations in Gaffurius's script according to this perspective. Her enthusiastic response resulted in the discovery of no fewer than eight phases of Gaffurius's interventions (nine phases in all, if considering the other Libroni too).<sup>4</sup> The preliminary study of the index of Librone 1, then, proved decisive for a better understanding of the manuscript. The following notes have been updated in the light of Pantarotto's findings: unsurprisingly, however, as the reader will soon see, the newly acquired knowledge comes hand in hand with further unanswered questions.

To the detailed discussion of the index of Librone 1, some briefer remarks on those of Libroni 2 and 3 follow, whose study yields more modest results: it further illuminates, nevertheless, Gaffurius's *modus operandi*, and more generally confirms that the attention dedicated to paratexts is always well spent.

### The index of Librone 1

The index of Librone 1 was written by Gaffurius on the parchment pastedown of the front cover.<sup>5</sup> Evidently, the master penned it after the volume was bound and after entering the foliation,<sup>6</sup> probably copying from a draft list previously compiled by browsing through the manuscript. The index consists of two main lists, written with the same script and ink in two columns, and some additions. Disregarding the additions for the moment, the main list on the left can be described as a register

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3. Joshua Rifkin, 'Munich, Milan, and a Marian Motet: Dating Josquin's "Ave Maria ... Virgo Serena"', *Journal of the American Musicological Society*, 56/2 (2003), 239–350 at 253, n. 29, and 254, nn. 31 and 32. Previously, Masakata Kanazawa, 'Polyphonic Music for Vespers in the Fifteenth Century' (Ph.D. diss., Harvard University, 1966), 444–46 had noticed the remarkable variance in Gaffurius's script: he correctly identified some of Gaffurius's post-binding additions, but mistakenly attributed them to a different hand (which he labelled 'Scribe IV').

4. See Pantarotto's chapter and, for a synopsis, her Appendices 5 and 6.

5. For the provenance, material aspect, and collocation of the manuscript's former pastedowns (later detached from the binding), see my chapter (§1484–1490: towards Librone 1') and the chapter by Martina Pantarotto (§1.6) in the present volume. For a digital reproduction of the two leaves carrying the index, originally glued together, see <<https://www.gaffurius-codices.ch/s/portal/item/3207>> (top half) and <<https://www.gaffurius-codices.ch/s/portal/item/3209>> (bottom half) respectively.

6. As Martina Pantarotto observed in one of our Libroni sessions, in coeval manuscripts the foliation was often inserted only in view of the indexing, and Gaffurius had a penchant for indexing his manuscripts. I express my heartfelt thanks to her for this and other valuable suggestions that I have gladly incorporated in my text.

of motets (including Marian antiphons and a Te deum), in impeccable order of occurrence from fol. '65' (= 64v–65r) to fol. '188' (=187v–188r), but excluding the motets belonging to the special cycles listed in the right-hand column. Each item's incipit is preceded by the number of voices<sup>7</sup> and followed by the folio number. In two cases (Gaffurius's own motets *Virgo dei digna* and *Salve mater salvatoris*), the specification 'letanie' (litanies) is added on the left. The main list on the right, topped by the heading 'Motetti missales consequentes', is dedicated to the well-known motet cycles included in the manuscript, again listed in order of occurrence; they are provided with some annotations and, unlike the single motets on the left, with attributions ('Gaffori', 'Gaspar', 'Loyset'). I will not dwell here on the idiosyncrasies of the *motetti missales* list, whose remarkable implications as to the nature and function of the cycles, as well as the attribution of *Ave domine Iesu Christe*, have already been discussed in previous studies.<sup>8</sup>

In sum, Gaffurius conceived the index as a systematic list of the motets included in Librone 1, with the special group of the *motetti missales* put in evidence on the right. The other genres present in the manuscript (hymns and Magnificats) are left out. The two main lists considered together (always disregarding the additions) cover fols. 64v to 188r, that is gatherings 9–24 (see below, however, for the substantial omissions in gatherings 13–15).

As to the additions, they are entered in two distinct areas: one at the bottom of the left column (in which we can further distinguish between the first added item, *Vita dulcedo*,<sup>9</sup> clearly placed in continuation to the main list, and the detached and differently aligned block below); the other at the bottom of the right column.

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7. Note that the scoring of Binchois's *Te deum* 'a faux bordon' had first been entered as '4', then Gaffurius erased the '4' and wrote '3'.

8. On the first aspect, see at least Knud Jeppesen, 'Die 3 Gafurius-Kodizes der Fabbrica del Duomo, Milano', *Acta Musicologica*, 3/1 (1931), 14–28; Thomas L. Noblitt, 'The Ambrosian "Motetti Missales" Repertory', *Musica Disciplina*, 22 (1968), 77–103; Paul A. Merkley and Lora L. M. Merkley, *Music and Patronage in the Sforza Court*, Studi sulla storia della musica in Lombardia, 3 (Turnhout: Brepols, 1999), 332–53; Nolan Ira Gasser, 'The Marian Motet Cycles of the Gaffurius Codices: A Musical and Liturgico-Devotional Study' (Ph.D. diss., Stanford University, 2001); Rossi, 'Surveying the First Gaffurius Codex'; and Daniele V. Filippi, 'Breve guida ai *motetti missales* (e dintorni)', in Filippi and Pavanello (eds.), *Codici per cantare*, 139–69. On the second aspect, see now the introduction to [Loyset Compère?], *Ave domine Iesu Christe*, ed. Daniele V. Filippi, Motet Cycles Edition, 2 (2020), *Gaffurius Codices Online*, Schola Cantorum Basiliensis, <<https://www.gaffurius-codices.ch/s/portal/page/editions>>. Further observations on how Gaffurius's indexes can be of help to the cataloguer of the Libroni are in Cristina Cassia, 'La compilazione del Catalogo dei Libroni: Problemi e osservazioni', in Filippi and Pavanello (eds.), *Codici per cantare*, 275–90.

9. The piece is catalogued as *Salve regina* in Cristina Cassia, 'Catalogo dei Libroni gaffuriani', in Filippi and Pavanello (eds.), *Codici per cantare*, 291–389, no. [I.85], and in *GCO-Catalogue*, but in the following discussion, for clarity, I will always use the incipit, as Gaffurius did in the index, and call it *Vita dulcedo*.

It is worth noting straightaway that all the motets recorded in the main or original lists were copied by Scribe A and Scribe B in the manuscript, whereas all the motets added to the index, and those which remained unrecorded as well, were copied by Gaffurius. With the sole exception of Gaspar van Weerbeke's short cycle *Christi mater ave* (fols. 114v–117r), all the motets added to Librone 1 are compositions by Gaffurius, or attributed to him by modern scholars, or anonymous.

Whereas the two main lists seem to reflect the 'original state' of the manuscript after the binding (at least as far as motets are concerned), about the additions we may wonder whether they were already present in the manuscript but were added to the index only later, or they were added *ex novo* to the Librone and consequently to the index (although the two operations need not necessarily have been performed at the same time).

Let us examine the additions, starting from the right-hand column of the index. It is immediately apparent that each entry is distinct for script and ink (with the exception of the pair *Magnum nomen domini* and *Audi benigne conditor*), and that they do not follow the order of the pagination. Leaving aside, for the moment, the question whether or not these pieces were added underneath the *motetti missales* column because they pertain to that group,<sup>10</sup> we should observe that four out of six motets were entered by Gaffurius in the Librone as 'fill-ins' between gatherings: *O Iesu dulcissime* between Scribe B's gatherings 5 and 6, *Trophaeum crucis* between Scribe A's gathering 4 and Scribe B's gathering 5, *Virgo prudentissima* between Gaffurius's gathering 1 (preceded by blank folios) and Scribe A's gathering 2; and *Omnipotens aeterne deus* between gathering 12 (Scribe B) and gathering 13 (inaugurated by Scribe B and then filled by Gaffurius). *Magnum nomen domini* and *Audi benigne conditor*, instead, are copied in the midst of gathering 15. The first four of the added motets (*Magnum*, *Audi*, *O Iesu*, and *Trophaeum*) are for five voices: indeed, they are the only real five-voice pieces in the whole manuscript.<sup>11</sup>

Turning to the additions at the bottom of the left-hand column, I distinguish, as said, the case of the anonymous *Vita dulcedo* (setting the even verses of the *Salve regina*), because it is clearly attached to the main list – either because, as proposed by Rossi, it was meant to be performed in alternatim with the composition that closes the main list (the three-voice *Salve regina*, fols. 187v–188r, a likewise anonymous setting of the antiphon's odd verses),<sup>12</sup> or simply because Gaffurius wanted to keep the three *Salve regina* settings close to one another in the list. In any case,

10. See the discussion on Rossi's hypothesis below.

11. The three motets of Compère's cycle *Ave virgo gloriosa caeli iubar* and two motets from the cycle *Ave domine Iesu Christe* famously have a pseudo-five-voice scoring, with two alternating tenors: see my introductions to the digital Motet Cycles Edition, vols. 2 and 3, GCO, <<https://www.gaffurius-codices.ch/s/portal/page/editions>>.

12. Rossi, 'Surveying the First Gaffurius Codex', 392–93.

*Vita dulcedo* was entered in the manuscript between gathering 15 (on which see below) and gathering 16 (Scribe A). The five entries in the bottom block correspond to motets entered consecutively in gathering 13, but strangely, as already observed by Rossi,<sup>13</sup> they are in reverse order in the list. The block is misaligned with the main list, or rather the incipits are aligned with the voice number specifications of the list above, as if Gaffurius had initially forgotten to add the voice numbers and then entered them further to the left. At least three different inks and varieties of Gaffurius's script are visible (one for the first three items, *Imperatrix reginarum*, *O res laeta*, and *Castra caeli dum transcendo*; one for *Verbum sapientiae*; and one for *Benedicamus domino*).<sup>14</sup> We may notice that *O res laeta* seems to have been inserted after the entries immediately above and under it: the number '4' has an unusual curved shape, the folio abbreviation is partially superimposed on the one above it, and in general the vertical spacing is ungainly.

Now, which motets in Librone 1 remained outside both of the original lists and the additions? Ten motets (by, or attributed to, Gaffurius, or anonymous), consecutively copied at fols. 102v–112r (= the last folios of gathering 13, the entire gathering 14, and the beginning of gathering 15); and the three-motet cycle *Christi mater ave* by Weerbeke, at fols. 114v–117r (= end of gathering 15). In other words, the index excluded the entire gatherings 13–15, constituting a Gaffurian enclave between the block of the motets copied by Scribe B (gatherings 9–12) and the block of the motets copied by Scribe A (gatherings 16–24), with the following exceptions:

- *Omnipotens aeterne deus*, copied by Gaffurius as a fill-in between gatherings 12 and 13, and included (last) among the additions on the right;
- *Virgo dei digna*, copied on the first full opening of gathering 13 by Scribe B and duly included in the original list;
- *Magnum nomen domine* and *Audi benigne conditor*, copied in the midst of gathering 15 and included, as we have seen, among the additions on the right.

How to account, then, for these exclusions, surely not based on matters of genre or content, and for the various additions to the index?

Rossi advanced an explanation based on his broadening of the concept of *motetti missales*.<sup>15</sup> In his view, the additions in the right-hand column continue the list of the *motetti missales* above: Gaffurius entered the first four right-hand additions,

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13. Ibid., 389.

14. Even though the index does not specify it, there are actually two distinct four-voice *Benedicamus domino* at fols. 97v–98r, as already pointed out by Rossi, 'Surveying the First Gaffurius Codex', 390–91.

15. Rossi, 'Surveying the First Gaffurius Codex', and Francesco Rocco Rossi, 'Franchino Gafurio compositore: Tra indagine stilistica e nuove conferme attributive', in Filippi and Pavanello (eds.), *Codici per cantare*, 219–31.

which Rossi considers as potentially forming a cycle,<sup>16</sup> then the last two, and then he continued to add entries ‘boustrophedonically’ from the bottom of the left-hand column,<sup>17</sup> featuring two ‘virtual’ mini-cycles (*Virgo prudentissima* combined with the first *Benedicamus domino*, and *Omnipotens aeterne deus* with the second one) and a four-motet cycle encompassing *Verbum sapientiae*, *Castra caeli*, *O res laeta*, and *Imperatrix reginarum*.<sup>18</sup> Irrespective of the genre-specific problems raised by the proposed cycles, the weak point of this reconstruction lies in the fact that, in its content-centred perspective, it leaves the blatant graphic dissimilarity of the index entries unexplained and disregards the palaeographical and codicological status of the corresponding items in the manuscript altogether.

After observing this, and aiming at an accurate explanation for all the puzzling details of the index, I formulated a different hypothesis. When the volume was bound, Gaffurius compiled the main lists: at that point, besides some folios in gathering 1 and the last verso/first recto between some gatherings, a substantial part of the manuscript was still unwritten, comprising the entire gatherings 13 (with the exception of *Virgo dei digna*, written by Scribe B), 14, and 15. Gaffurius copied *Vita dulcedo* as a fill-in between gatherings 15 and 16 and entered it consecutively in the left-hand column (possibly also for its logical connection with the two *Salve regina* at the end of that list). Afterwards, Gaffurius progressively filled fols. 97–102 in gathering 13 (in non-consecutive order), and added the corresponding items in the left-hand column: possibly *Castra caeli* and *Benedicamus* first, with a bold and large script, then *Imperatrix reginarum* (keeping it at a distance from the main list above), then *O res laeta* (wedged in between the surrounding entries), and finally *Verbum sapientiae*. When he got to adding pieces at fols. 102–117, there was no more room in the left-hand column: possibly in order not to invade the right-hand column, solely dedicated to the *motetti missales*, he gave up the idea of indexing those pieces. Later on, however, when he added some further motets as ‘fill-ins’ between gatherings, he preferred to invade the right-hand column rather than lose track of the scattered new motets: leaving a certain distance from the *motetti missales* list, he added the entries for *O Iesu dulcissime*, *Trophaeum crucis*, *Virgo prudentissima*, and *Omnipotens aeterne deus*. Later still, he copied *Magnum nomen domini* and *Audi benigne conditor* in the last available openings of gathering 15, and for some reason felt the need to include them in the index: this he did by squeezing the entries between the *motetti missales* and the additions below (perhaps also in order to keep the five-voice motets, possibly linked by cyclic relationships, close to one another).<sup>19</sup>

16. Rossi, ‘Surveying the First Gaffurius Codex’, 389–90; Rossi, ‘Franchino Gaffurio compositore’.

17. Rossi, ‘Surveying the First Gaffurius Codex’, 386.

18. Ibid., 390–91.

19. See C33a and C33b in the *Motet Cycles Database*, Schola Cantorum Basiliensis, <<http://www.motetcycles.ch/>>.

TABLE 3.1. MOTETS ADDED TO, OR MISSING IN, THE INDEX OF LIBRONE 1

The ‘phase’ in the rightmost column (based on Martina Pantarotto’s analysis of Gaffurius’s script) refers to the copying of the piece, not to the inscription of the index entry.

INCIPIT	COMPOSER	FOLS.	GATHER- ING	INDEX STATUS	PHASE
<i>Virgo prudentissima</i>	Gaffurius	7v–8r	1/2	added (right)	Gaff <sup>8</sup>
<i>Trophaeum crucis</i>	anonymous	31v–32r	4/5	added (right)	Gaff <sup>8</sup>
<i>O Iesu dulcissime</i>	[Gaffurius?]	39v–40r	5/6	added (right)	Gaff <sup>7</sup>
<i>Omnipotens aeterne deus</i>	Gaffurius	95v–96r	12/13	added (right)	Gaff <sup>8</sup>
<i>Benedicamus domino</i>	anonymous	97v–98r	13	added (left)	Gaff <sup>4</sup>
<i>Verbum sapientiae</i>	Gaffurius	98v–99r	13	added (left)	Gaff <sup>8</sup>
<i>Castra caeli dum transcendō</i>	Gaffurius	99v–100r	13	added (left)	Gaff <sup>8</sup>
<i>O res laeta</i>	Gaffurius	100v–101r	13	added (left)	Gaff <sup>8</sup>
<i>Imperatrix reginarum</i>	Gaffurius	101v–102r	13	added (left)	Gaff <sup>8</sup>
<i>Eia mater</i>	[Gaffurius?]	102v–103r	13	—	Gaff <sup>6</sup>
<i>Vox iucunda cum favore</i>	[Gaffurius?]	103v–104r	13/14	—	Gaff <sup>3</sup>
<i>O Iesu dulcissime</i>	[Gaffurius?]	104v–105r	14	—	Gaff <sup>3</sup>
<i>Reformato r animarum</i>	[Gaffurius?]	105v–106r	14	—	Gaff <sup>3</sup>
<i>Ave cella novae legis</i>	[Gaffurius?]	106v–107r	14	—	Gaff <sup>4</sup>
<i>Promissa mundo gaudia</i>	Gaffurius	107v–108r	14	—	Gaff <sup>4</sup>
<i>O beata praesul is</i>	anonymous	108v–109r	14	—	Gaff <sup>3</sup>
<i>Ave mundi reparatrix</i>	anonymous	109v–110r	14/15	—	Gaff <sup>3</sup>
<i>Uterus virgineus</i>	anonymous	110v–111r	15	—	Gaff <sup>8</sup>
<i>Haec est sedes gratiae</i>	anonymous	111v–112r	15	—	Gaff <sup>8</sup>
<i>Magnum nomen domini</i>	Gaffurius	112v–113r	15	added (right)	Gaff <sup>7</sup>
<i>Audi benigne conditor</i>	Gaffurius	113v–114r	15	added (right)	Gaff <sup>7</sup>
<i>Christi mater ave</i>	Weerbeke	114v–115r	15	—	Gaff <sup>8</sup>
<i>Mater digna dei</i>	Weerbeke	115v–116r	15	—	Gaff <sup>8</sup>
<i>Ave stella matutina</i>	Weerbeke	116v–117r	15	—	Gaff <sup>8</sup>
<i>Vita dulcedo</i> [= <i>Salve regina</i> ]	anonymous	117v–118r	15/16	added (left, consecutively)	Gaff <sup>3</sup>

In turn, the weak points of this reconstruction emerged after Martina Pantarotto started to define the stratigraphy of Gaffurius’s interventions in Librone 1. Table 3.1 lists, in order of appearance in the manuscript, all the motets added to the

index and the motets left out of it, showing the corresponding phase in Gaffurius's script, based on Pantarotto's findings.

To the earliest phase, Gaff<sup>2</sup>, belong *Vita dulcedo* and *Imperatrix reginarum*. Gaffurius copied the first at the border between the blank area and Scribe A's motet block, and added it consecutively to the left-hand list. As Pantarotto herself suggests in her chapter, Gaffurius might have copied *Imperatrix* after some blank openings in gathering 13 because Scribe B was supposed to continue his copying work in those folios. It is difficult to figure out why Gaffurius did not index the pieces copied during the Gaff<sup>3</sup> and Gaff<sup>4</sup> phases, scattered in gatherings 13 and 14. The only exception, concerning the (two) *Benedicamus domino*, might have been prompted by the need to easily retrieve those liturgically expedient items. Of the Gaff<sup>5</sup> phase, three motets were listed (in gathering 13) and three ignored (in gatherings 14 and 15). The three consecutive motets in gathering 13 might have been included for the cyclic or para-cyclic connections between them and with the following *Imperatrix reginarum*. Again, it is hard to fathom why the pieces belonging to the next Gaff<sup>6</sup> phase (notably Weerbeke's short cycle) were not included in the index. On the contrary, all the pieces in the Gaff<sup>7</sup> phase were included among the right-hand additions, both the 'fill-in' *O Iesu dulcissime* and the two consecutive motets *Magnum nomen domini* and *Audi benigne conditor* of gathering 15 (all three five-voice pieces are also copied in the later Librone [4], possibly combined in a cycle with another motet).<sup>20</sup> Finally, the latest Gaff<sup>8</sup> phase comprises the three 'fill-ins' scattered in the manuscript and included in the index at the bottom of the right-hand column.

Combining the chronological and the topographical perspectives, it is clear that the additions on the left-hand side came first (Gaff<sup>2</sup>–Gaff<sup>5</sup>), although the staggered sequence both of the copying and of the insertions in the index, as well as the resulting reverse order in the index, appear difficult to explain in a convincing way. The additions to the right-hand side belong, instead, to the later Gaff<sup>7</sup>–Gaff<sup>8</sup> phases, and their order in the index in fact seems to mirror the chronology of the copying (hence the lack of foliation order) – although, as said, we cannot assume that the operations of copying and indexing were always performed simultaneously.

In sum, pending further research we have to accept the fact that some of Gaffurius's additions to the index follow a transparent logic, while some others, and some omissions too, depend upon inscrutable criteria (in certain cases possibly related to compositional or functional connections between the pieces such as those proposed by Finscher, Gasser, Rossi, and the present writer).<sup>21</sup>

20. See again C33b in the *Motet Cycles Database*.

21. See Ludwig Finscher, *Loyset Compère (c.1450–1518): Life and Works*, MSD, 12 ([Rome]: American Institute of Musicology, 1964), 90, n. 10; Gasser, 'The Marian Motet Cycles'; Daniele V. Filippi, 'Text, Form, and Style in Franchino Gaffurio's Motets', in Thomas Schmidt-Beste (ed.), *The Motet around 1500: On the Relationship between Imitation and Text Treatment?* (Turnhout:

Regardless of the remaining doubts and questions, the study of the index led us to some momentous deductions about Librone 1 and Gaffurius's way of proceeding. First of all, it now seems evident that at the moment of the binding, foliating, and indexing of the volume, Gaffurius left substantial space for future additions: he left blank not only several folios in gathering 1 and the interstices between gatherings or blocks, but three entire gatherings in the midst of the motet section. (Why not at the end of the manuscript, after Scribe A's own motet block? Possibly because Scribe B had already begun gathering 13 with *Virgo dei digna* and then interrupted his work: this might have inspired Gaffurius to create a 'buffer zone' for the future addition of motets, which he delimited by adding *Vita dulcedo* immediately before Scribe A's block.)

Secondly, our current knowledge about the layered additions partially problematizes the documentary evidence regarding the dating of Librone 1. Since no specific payment for the binding of the book has emerged from the archive (as it did, instead, for Librone 2),<sup>22</sup> we can only assume that the 'snapshot' of the original lists in the index exactly corresponds to the date inscribed on the pastedown of the back cover (23 June 1490). We cannot entirely rule out, however, that some of the early additions came after the original lists but before the inscription of the ownership note. It seems, nevertheless, clear that the motets added to the index and those left out of it were copied after those recorded in the original lists – therefore most probably after June 1490 (with the caveat just mentioned), and in some cases at a distance of years.

Furthermore, we are now in a better position to understand that the original project of Librone 1 was more consistent (and, *si licet*, less Gaffurian) than it may appear owing to the successive additions. If we consider that the motets at fols. 7–8, 31–32, and 39–40 are posterior additions (as suggested by their insertion at the bottom of the right-hand column and verified by palaeographical analysis), the original genre-based layout of the manuscript emerges more clearly, with the first gathering dedicated to hymns, the subsequent seven to Magnificats, and the following sixteen to motets. In this perspective, it makes perfectly sense that Gaffurius copied *Virgo prudentissima* not in the first available opening of the first gathering (originally dedicated to hymns and only later 'invaded' by Magnificat verses), but at the border between that gathering and following one: in all likelihood he wanted to leave room for further hymns, although in the end the two openings before *Virgo prudentissima* remained blank.<sup>23</sup>

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Brepols, 2012), 383–410 at 397; and the articles by Rossi repeatedly quoted above. Only a systematic study of Gaffurius's motets might clarify these issues.

22. See my chapter 'The Making and the Dating of the Gaffurius Codices' in the present volume.

23. The chapter by Pantarotto in the present volume discloses the successive addition of hymns in gathering 1: see §§1.3 and 1.5.

As already inferred by Rifkin, Librone 1 in its original state (revealed by the index and fully exposed by palaeographical analysis) was almost entirely the work of Scribe A and Scribe B: it was only later that Gaffurius's interventions progressively sedimented, reflecting his ongoing activity as composer and chapel master of the Duomo.

## The index of Librone 2

The index of Librone 2 is preserved in fragments: the remaining portions were pasted, probably during the 1950s restoration, on the recto of a folio placed at the beginning of the manuscript.<sup>24</sup> Judging from the substantial fragments, the index consisted of a single column subdivided into a list of masses, in the upper part, with a heading no longer visible, and a list of motets, underneath, with the heading 'Motetti'. A few faded or erased entries in the space between the two lists are only partially readable. The list of the masses is particularly useful in that it informs us of titles and attributions not always present in the body of the manuscript (a crucial help in case of unica such as Gaffurius's own *Missa trombetta* and *Missa De tous biens pleine*).<sup>25</sup>

As in the case of Librone 1, the palaeographical homogeneity and consecutive pagination of the main portions of the two lists allows to detect, by contrast, a few additions. Among the masses, the two additions at the bottom of the list are clearly readable: 'Missa brevis et expedita' and 'Alia missa brevis eiusdem toni'. The foliation, however, is no longer visible, and conversely these titles are not written over any of the masses copied in the manuscript. Amerigo Bortone tentatively identified these items as the masses copied at fols. 110v–114r (GCO-Catalogue no. [II.30]) and 114v–117r + 209v–211r (GCO-Catalogue no. [II.31]) respectively.<sup>26</sup> Adelyn Leverett contended, perhaps more convincingly, that the entries refer instead to the masses at fols. 69v–72r + 143v–144r (GCO-Catalogue no. [II.23]) and 110v–114r (GCO-Catalogue no. [II.30]).<sup>27</sup> Between the main list and the two items just mentioned, there seem to be two faded entries. One is completely unreadable, but its folio number is probably '94', therefore it should point to Gaffurius's *Missa sexti toni irregularis* at fols. 93v–100r. The beginning of the following entry reads 'Missa sancte' and thus refers to the same master's *Missa Sanctae Caterinae quarti*

24. Apparently, when Knud Jeppesen examined the manuscript, decades before the 1950s restoration, the index was on the 'Versoseite': see Jeppesen, 'Die 3 Gafurius-Kodizes', 15. For a digital reproduction see <<https://www.gaffurius-codices.ch/s/portal/item/3937>>.

25. See Cassia, 'La compilazione del Catalogo dei Libroni', 278.

26. Franchino Gaffurio, *Messe*, ed. Amerigo Bortone, *Archivium Musices Metropolitanum Mediolanense*, 3 (Milan: Veneranda Fabbrica del Duomo, 1960).

27. Adelyn Peck Leverett, 'An Early Missa Brevis in Trent Codex 91', in John Kmetz (ed.), *Music in the German Renaissance: Sources, Styles, and Contexts* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1994), 152–73 at 161–64.

*toni* at fols. 101v–109r (or 100v–110r, counting in the two surrounding motets that form a hybrid cycle with the mass).<sup>28</sup> Finally, after two unreadable entries, we find a faded ‘Sanctus’ (see below for a possible identification among the non-indexed items) and a strangely slanting but very clearly legible entry for the *Sanctus* at fols. 18v–19r. The appendages to the index correspond, therefore, as Pantarotto’s analysis shows, to late phases of intervention by Gaffurius (the mass [II.30] = Gaff<sup>7</sup>; *Sanctus* = Gaff<sup>8</sup>) and to the late contributions by Scribe E (if the mass [II.23] is the *Missa brevis et expedita*, copied in two interstices between gatherings 9/10 and 18/19) and of Scribe F (the *Missa sexti toni irregularis* and the *Missa Sanctae Caterinae* in gatherings 12–13).

Among the motets, the original list includes Weerbeke’s works copied by Scribe A at fols. 48v–53r,<sup>29</sup> whereas the additions regard *O beata praeasulis*,<sup>30</sup> *Promissa mundo gaudia*, *Accepta Christi munera*, and *O sacrum convivium*. The late insertion of the first two motets, copied consecutively in gathering 1 by Scribe C and thus belonging to the earliest layer of the manuscript,<sup>31</sup> has no obvious explanation, if not Gaffurius’s distraction or second thoughts: in fact, the entries seem graphically homogenous with the previous ones in the list. The other two motets were copied consecutively, but in reverse order, by Gaffurius in the late Gaff<sup>7</sup> phase, in an area remained empty between the blocks of Scribe A and Scribe D (gatherings 7–8).

Which compositions remained unrecorded in the index, and how to account for such omissions? For the masses *La Bassadanza* and *Omnipotens genitor* we cannot know for sure, but they were probably included in the lost initial part of the index. For the omission of the anonymous *Sanctus*, of the *Sanctus* with second part *O sapientia* attributed to Compère, and of the same composer’s *Ave virgo gloriosa*, all copied consecutively by Scribe A in a section of the Librone otherwise duly indexed, there is no easy explanation. The motets *Hac in die* and *Virgo constans* did not need a separate entry as they were included in the hybrid cycle of the *Missa Sanctae Caterinae* (see the rubric over *Hac in die* at fol. 100v). The *Ave verum corpus* attributable to Gaffurius in turn did not need an entry as it was an ‘ad Elevationem’ motet complementing the *Sanctus* of the *Missa brevis octavi toni*.<sup>32</sup> In turn, the following *Sanctus*, added by Gaffurius himself (Gaff<sup>7</sup>) probably as an alternative

28. See C20 in the *Motet Cycles Database*.

29. *Quam pulchra es, Ave regina caelorum* (2.p. *Ave corpus domini*), *O Maria clausus hortus, Ave regina caelorum* (2.p. *O salutaris hostia*), and *Quem terra pontus*. For their cyclic relationships, see C13b and C12b in the *Motet Cycles Database*.

30. Preceded in the index by the same rubric that we read at fol. 6v, ‘Pro sancto Ambrosio’: only the last three letters of the abbreviated name ‘Am.<sup>io</sup>’ are visible.

31. The text of *O beata praeasulis*, however, was entered by Gaffurius: see *GCO-Inventory*.

32. See Merkley and Merkley, *Music and Patronage*, 347–48; Sergio Lonoce, ‘Gaffurio perfectus musicus: Lettura dei “motetti missales”’ (tesi di laurea, Università degli Studi di Milano, 2009), 99–103; Agnese Pavanello, ‘The Elevation as Liturgical Climax in Gesture and Sound: Milanese

movement for the same mass (without ‘ad Elevationem’ motet), did not necessarily need a separate entry (or it might have corresponded to the faded or erased ‘Sanctus’ entry mentioned above). The other ‘missing’ compositions were again added to the manuscript either by Gaffurius in the late Gaff<sup>7</sup> phase (the anonymous *Sanctus* at fols. 63v–65r and the two-movement mass [II.31] at 114v–117r + 209v–211r), or by another late contributor to Librone 2, Scribe F (the *Te deum* at fols. 204v–209r).

In sum, similarly to what we have seen for Librone 1, here too the study of the index, complemented with the palaeographical analysis, demonstrates that, at the moment of the binding (payment of 16 July 1492),<sup>33</sup> foliating, and indexing of Librone 2, substantial areas of the manuscript were purposely left empty for future additions.

A further observation regards the way in which Gaffurius referenced the masses. Although seven of the masses whose foliation is readable in the index actually comprise a Kyrie, it is only for Weerbeke’s *Missa Ave regina caelorum* and, if my conjecture above is right, for Gaffurius’s *Missa sexti toni irregularis* that the index actually points to the Kyrie. For all the remaining masses, it points directly to the Gloria, as it does, obviously, for the masses that start straightaway with that movement in the manuscript.<sup>34</sup> That the Ambrosian mass did not comprise a Kyrie is well known: Librone 2, however, includes all sorts of mass arrangements (GC, GCS, GCSA, KGCS, and KGCSA).<sup>35</sup> It is unclear whether the different indexing of the two masses just mentioned relates to any special ritual or performance circumstances, or is merely a *lapsus calami*. It seems in any case clear that most index entries reflect the pragmatic need of directly reaching the Gloria when the Duomo chapel had to sing a polyphonic mass (see the end of the chapter for further reflections on this topic).

### The index of Librone 3

The index of Librone 3 is found on the only extant original flyleaf of the manuscript.<sup>36</sup> It lists all the masses contained in the Librone, irrespective of their having two, three, four, or five movements; the other genres are disregarded.

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Elevation Motets in Context’, *Journal of the Alamire Foundation*, 9/1 (2017), 33–59 at 43, n. 58; and Cassia, ‘La compilazione del Catalogo dei Libroni’, 277–78.

33. See again my chapter ‘The Making and the Dating of the Gaffurius Codices’ in the present volume.

34. As observed by Marie Verstraete in a unpublished paper read at the Basel 2016 ‘Motet Cycles’ conference (‘Random Patchwork or Deliberate Design? A Typologizing Approach to Polyphonic Mass Forms in the Milanese Libroni’); see furthermore Filippi, ‘Breve guida ai *motetti missales*’, 158–59 and Pavanello’s chapter in the present volume.

35. See Table 5.3 in the chapter by Pavanello in the present volume.

36. For a digital reproduction, see <<https://www.gaffurius-codices.ch/s/portal/item/4891>>.

As in the index of Librone 1, each entry is preceded by the number of voices and followed by the foliation. As in Librone 2, the index contains precious information about titles and attributions (again, especially helpful for Gaffurius's *unica*: see the *Missa montana*; interesting is the case of the mass copied at fols. 37r–46r, for which the attribution to 'Petricon de la rue' was later corrected by Gaffurius into 'de Brumel').

The only evident additions to this index are the last two entries, concerning Alessandro Coppini's *Missa Si dedero* and Loiset Compère's *Gloria et Credo breves*:<sup>37</sup> the corresponding pieces were copied by Scribe J in the empty areas of gatherings 15 (but with an overflow in gatherings 8–9) and 16 respectively. As Pantarotto's palaeographical analysis shows, Scribe J intervened in Librone 3 when the volume was already assembled, and filled the spaces that, once again, had been left empty.

As already noted in previous studies,<sup>38</sup> the index allows us to recover information about the contents of the lost first gathering, which, based on the first entries, included an unidentified mass with the canonic inscription 'In omnem terram exivit sonus eorum' and the Gloria of the *Missa Je ne demande*. As a speculative exercise, I propose here a conjectural reconstruction of the lost gathering. The hard facts (reported without square brackets in Table 3.2 below) are that the first extant folio of the Librone, 11r, is blank, and that, according to the index entries, the canonic mass started at fols. 1v–2r while the Gloria of the *Missa Je ne demande* started at fols. 7v–8r. Furthermore, we know that the rest of the *Missa Je ne demande* was copied by Scribe H at fols. 24v–27r (current gathering 2), after the Lamentations penned by Scribe G (current gatherings 1–2), and filling in the first recto of gathering 3, written by Scribe A. It is fair to assume that the same Scribe H also copied the Gloria. Considering that Scribe G was the main scribe of this Librone, and that he had the habit (or the instruction) of leaving the last openings of a gathering unwritten,<sup>39</sup> and supposing that the canonic mass had only three movements (GCS) as do most of the masses in Librone 3, the reconstruction could be as summarized in Table 3.2.

Regardless of the details of this hypothetical reconstruction,<sup>40</sup> it should be noted that this addition by Scribe H is duly recorded in the index: therefore, although

37. A further incomplete addition ('Et in terra') at the bottom of the list is enigmatic: there are no other masses to be indexed in the manuscript (unless we think of the possible loss of folios at the end: see my discussion of the fragments in the chapter 'The Making and the Dating of the Gaffurius Codices'); the script does not resemble Gaffurius's hand; and the '1' (or '7?') in the column of the scoring is indeed puzzling.

38. See Cassia, 'La compilazione del Catalogo dei Libroni', 285 and GCO-Catalogue.

39. See the chapter by Pantarotto in the present volume (§3.3).

40. A potential weak point is that the Gloria of the *Missa Je ne demande*, at least as edited in Anonimi, *Messe*, ed. Fabio Fano, Archivium Musices Metropolitanum Mediolanense, 6 (Milan: Veneranda Fabbrica del Duomo, 1966), 73–77 (based on Turin, Biblioteca Nazionale Universitaria, MS Ris. mus. I. 27), does not seem long enough to require three openings.

TABLE 3.2. HYPOTHETICAL RECONSTRUCTION  
OF THE LOST FIRST GATHERING OF LIBRONE 3

Fols.	Scribe	Contents/Notes
1r	[empty staves]	
1v–2r	[G]	<i>Missa</i> with canonic inscription ‘In omnem terram...’: Gloria
2v–3r	[G]	[continuation of Gloria]
3v–4r	[G]	[Credo]
4v–5r	[G]	[continuation of Credo]
5v–6r	[G]	[Sanctus (or continuation of Credo)]
6v–7r	[G]	[continuation of Sanctus (or Sanctus)]
7v–8r	[H]	<i>Missa Je ne demande:</i> Gloria
8v–9r	[H]	[continuation of Gloria]
9v–10r	[H]	[continuation of Gloria]
10v	[empty staves]	[since the Credo required two openings, Scribe H skipped to the next available area starting at fols. 24v–25r]
11r	empty staves	

it was entered later than the contributions by Scribe G (in gatherings 1–2) and Scribe A (in gathering 3), it was still penned before the systematic indexing of the masses took place.

Compared to the index of Librone 2, here Gaffurius adopted a more consistent, and in a sense more transparent, way of referencing the masses. For all the five settings actually including the Kyrie, he explicitly mentioned that in the index entries, by using the formula ‘Kyrie cum tota missa’, whereas he reserved the formula ‘Et in terra pax cum tota missa’ for the three- or four-movement masses (GCS/GCSA) without Kyrie. Appropriately, the only entries lacking the formula ‘cum tota missa’ are the lone Gloria from an otherwise unknown mass on ‘Cent mille scude’ (*Cent mille escus*) and the two movements by Compère, indicated as ‘Et in terra pax et Patrem breves de Loyet’. We may wonder whether this change of approach was merely a variation in Gaffurius’s editorial policies, so to speak, or it was prompted by a different liturgical context: was Librone 3 used also (or more often) for liturgies following the Roman rite, in the Francophile climate of the 1500s in Milan?<sup>41</sup> In this perspective, however, it is sobering and ironic that the ratio between the masses with Kyrie and the masses without it is actually higher in Librone 2 (10:13)

41. For a mass sung ‘alla romana’ by the French Cardinal Georges I d’Amboise at the main altar of the Duomo in 1507, see Filippi, ‘Breve guida ai motetti missales’, 161. More in general see ibid. 158–59 and Pavanello’s chapter in the present volume.

than in Librone 3 (5:12).<sup>42</sup> Once again, any attempt at cornering Gaffurio in the Procrustean bed of modern standards of systematicity seems doomed to failure. Fortunately, though, there seems to be always something to learn in the process.

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42. I include among the settings without Kyrie in Librone 2 also the mass with only Gloria and Credo (*GCO-Catalogue* no. [II.31]), and in Librone 3 the *Missa Je ne demande* and the *Gloria et Credo breves*. See Tables 5.3 and 5.4 in Pavanello's chapter in the present volume.



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