José Ferrer Beltrán (ca. 1745 – 1815) Inedit Sonatas in D and e

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The following sonatas are written in E-Bbc, M 921/16, pages 51-53 and 55-56. Title of the first: Sonata del Rdo. Jph. Ferrer; Andante and Minuet with trio; none of the six sonatas opus 1

Title of the second (page 54-55): Sonata Cantabile Ferrer; it is Nr. 3 of "José Ferrer, Sonatas para clave", by Dionisio Preciado; Real Musical, Madrid 1979

Neither title nor indication has the third, which concludes the manuscript..The tempo could be Andante or Allegro. Common attributes found in Ferrer's already known sonatas (1. and 3. of the Preciado edition) are ascending thirds in the left hand, syncopes and a simpler style than that of Antonio Soler. A double descending octave like in bar 7 is not to be found in other Ferrer sonatas, but anyway there seems to be a notation mistake; the bass line should rather be played like in bar 19.

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