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Abstract

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Select occurrences in conversation

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Select Occurrences
in Conversation

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An Abstract of what has passed in the
Conversation or the Correspondence
between several Persons of all Ranks
and Professions and C^W since the
year 1740 on various Subjects as
they happened at the time or on their
Revival as a Topick of Conversation
N.B. These Remarks were ^{sometimes in haste} put down without
regard to regularity of succession, as the
Page occurred on opening the book.
For the Index Vide the new Dispensary the 2^d
Editⁿ under the Covers.

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1 Sir H. y St-by inveighing with great
Vehemence and Acrimony against Sir
R- W. and quoting many Circumstances
in proof of his being a most Rapacious
Plunderer and an Extravagant Squan-
derer and that in short He ought to
be deemed and treated as the Catiline
of the British State and Senate. ^{He} said
by way of a Reply that ~~He~~ did not Pre-
sume to become his Advocate or
think himself equal to the Task of
defending the measures of Sir R. W
Administration, yet He apprehended
a Comparison implying much less
Criminality than what He had made
use of might with great Propriety be
applicable to his Character, as that
Sir R. W might be said to act the
Part of a Tobacco Smoker who Exerts
his Skill and Industry to draw in the Fun-
nel with no other Design than to Regale his
mouth and Jaws with its Warmth and
afterwards quickly to Puff it out ag-
-ain.

Professor T. of Cambridge being at
Cambridge Wells said ^{E.W.} He was widely
the ablest Logician or the most subtle
Reasoner that ^{E.W.} he ever saw. Intro-
-duced there to draw this inference that
it was the Reverend of Persons resort-
-ing to it as a salutary for the Recovery
of lost Health, ^{E.W.} Reply ~~was~~ that if
this same Person was allowed to go into
an Examination of the Fact, the Cir-
-cumstances attending it w. ^{E.W.} author-
-ise him to say of this Crowd as Cicero
did of Pythias That his frequent
Visits to Syracuse were made Chiandron
Negotiaudi causa.

M^r B-t of Badshah having espoused Miss
N-n after a Courtship of many years accomp-
-anied with much Expense Chagrin and Vexa-
-tion ~~mediated~~ mediated his future unhappiness to his
Brother the Captain by assuring him it was
his opinion the Bridegroom would in a very
little time find himself in the same Cir-
-cumstances with that Industrious Person
who should get the Possession of a Kernell
by having first broke several of his
Teeth with the Shell.

A certain Arch. P. remarking that it
 was true Mr. J. P. his Wife was of low
 Origin and had officiated under her Mother
 as Housekeeper in his Grace the Duke of S.
 but that she had by her Care rendered
 him great service during a very long
 Illness and bore an unspotted Character
 as to her Virtue to which I replied no
 stranger to the Queen that was Couched
 under these last Words: That the Non
 Disputandum was perhaps as applica-
 ble to Wives as to Husbands and that for my
 own Part I sh^d. always give the Pre-
 ference to a Brill. & Diamond with a
 small Flaw in it to the best Bristol
 Stone.

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On being told that L. & P. had married
L. & Carol. ^{L. & P.} made Answer that ^{He} ~~He~~
this event would place his Lord's Courage
beyond the Possibility of a Doubt as it
was plain He Rivalled S. George himself
in being Possessed both of the Maid and
the Dragon too.

Being Informed that L. & T had accus-
sed the great Duke of C as having Guly
but no Brwells ^{replied} that her Lady. ps
Head was Provided with Brains w. ch
gave many Signs of Wit but none of
Judgt like a certain Gent. in Estate
which Produced all Brash Wood but
no Timber

A certain Gentleman making mention
that the beautiful Miss H who had
Eloped with L. & E was after her Re-
turn well married ^{replied} that
his L. & E having Pluckt and Reguled
himself with the Rose might very
well Permit the Husband to become
the Possessor of the Thorn

Cap. R who had been Aid du Camp to
Marshal W took an occasion to be very
curious in the Marshal & Praise after
the Battle of T. & to extoll his Con-
duct at the Expense of the Duke of C
to which ^{replied} that considered
the Captain as a kind of Fly that w. C
puncht in with on a fir R. & ce. when
not allowed to fly light on a strong Pot

This Late R. & H. S. the Duke of C when any
Sentiment was attempted to be supported by its
agreement or Disagreement with any known
maxim was ever ready to declare his Disbelief
of Proverbial Remarks, and that 9 times in ten
they wld be found to be Vulgar Errors; as an
Instance whereof he gave this Couplet
When the Wind is in the East | The Weather
is neither good for man nor Beast | The Reverse
of which his R. & H. S. declared with great
Positiveness to be the Truth, and that ~~2/3~~ 3/4
of what had any Claim to be called good
Weather in Eng. was brought by and contin-
ued during an Easty Wind. As his R. & H. S.
was very capricious in his Patronage, and quickly
offended with such Persons, as openly Presumed to
express a Diff. ce in Opinion from him, & by
in great confid. & Friend. P did ~~the~~ the honors
I impart this Particularity in his R. & H. S. made
of Thinking and Judging, and having most ge-
nerally acknowledged the oblig. ~~of~~ ^{of} ~~the~~
univer to his Edgp; I begged Leave to observe that
however great the Disproportion and great it
certainly wld be between the ^{number of} Converts and the
Adherents to the old Vulgar Doctrine, & was per-
suaded that whatever Pains might have been
used by his R. & H. S. with the first to make them
subscribe to his Belief, no Labour or Art what-
ever w. be sufficient to Prevail with the Lat-
ter to Allow him a Place in their Idea with
those illustrious Personages who are said to
have come out of the East.

L^d Chanc^r H^{is} M^{aj}ty's daily
in his arrogant Treatment of his
former Companions and Associates. ^W
took the Liberty to compare him to a
Fly which having once got Wings
disturbed every one with its Buzz
rememb^rg no more that it is orig^l
State it ^{was} ~~cropped~~ as a maggot.

Pr^o the late Prince of Wales having
retired from his Levee, a certain Person
observed what a Number of illiterate
~~mean spirited~~ ^{corrupt} time serving Lunnish Syco-
phants, Knaves and Dependants ram-
ained behind in the Room. Now Obser-
vation is very true said ~~that~~ ^{that} should
not End there, for Approaches from the
great Pleasures they have seemingly
afforded, something of much greater Imp-
ortance to the Publick Welfare is to be
gathered as they may serve to Denote the
mental Abilities of his R^y H^{is} M^{aj}ty with no
less Certainty than the natural Excrement
he leaves behind in the Close stool
Point out to his Physicians the inter-
nal State and Constitution of his Body.

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+ between the Outward and Inward
Fembrace shall be my warrant
for Comparing the Col to

A Conversation arising on the Plia-
 bility of S. & B. The S. y at War, and
 of what great use this Quality was to
 his S. sp, certly so said. ~~The~~ Right that
 can change it self into the Color of
 any Stone is never in want of Food or
 Prey.

Sir Edm-d And in extolling with
 great Encomiums the Custom of sending
 the Sons of the Nobility and Gentry to Travel
 thro France and Italy gave Sir L. P. M.
 as an Instance of the great Benefit ge-
 thence to be derived ~~What he not said~~
~~that he should not~~ ~~in any manner~~ controvert the truth
 of ~~that~~ Theory but it must be observed
 that you are very unfortunate in the
 choice of your Example, as it is a
 glaring Fact, the Instance you have
 adduced can contribute no more to the
 Confirmation of your Doctrine, than the
 Life of the most Profligate Priest could
 serve to Authenticate the Tenets of
 the Christian System; and now that we
 are on this Subject of Travelling Per-
 mit me to add what has fallen within
 my own Observation, that Three out
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of Four of these Thinevants have
returned home profane Scoffers at
all Religion, natural or Revealed,
and having thus divested themselves
of every Virtue that does honor to
the Natives of their own Country, make
an Insolent and arrogant Display of
their being Ingrafted with almost
every Vice and fashionable Folly
which Render the Inhabitants of
a Foreign Nation detestable in the
Eyes of every virtuous and Considerate
Person.

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soon after the Appointment of L^t A. C.
 to the Command of the Coldstream Regiment
 of Guards it was a common Topic of Con-
 versation and much promoted by his Friends
 that his Lordship was the Idol of the whole
 Corps whilst B^r their L^t Col. was
 their Plague and Abomination: The Reason,
 said ^{the} was obvious. Their Col was affable and
 courteous, entertaining his Guests with
 a plentiful Delicacy, whilst B^r their L^t
 Col. was morose surly and brutal and a
 self stuffing Gourmand and what
 ought never to be omitted as an *anecdote*
de malheur on the part of B^r that his
 Lordship paid the strictest Obedience to
 the French Maxim which enjoins "Tais-toi
 si tu n'as rien de bon à dire, et ne
 parles point ce qui est odieux;" in
 consequence of which all Acts of Favour
 Benevolence and Preferment were signi-
 fied to the Corps first *Viva Voce* from
 his Lordship's Mouth and all such measures
 as partook of Displeasure, Severity and
 Punishment were first notified by Order is-
 sued from the Pen of the L^t Col and fre-
 quently carried into Execution under
 his own Inspection: his Lordship well
 knowing that it is with mankind as with
 Dogs which mark the Captives with their
 Teeth instead of the Hand which Inflicts

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Mr. R. A. the Surg. being with ~~Edgar~~
Paris and proclaiming with extatic
Praises that the Figure of S. Paul
as ~~was~~ Represented on the Canvas
ascend'g to the third Heaven was drawn
in so masterly a manner that he seem'd
to fly thither as fast as he could
Lay Legs to his pony: Do you believe
I said enough to him that he ascends
with as much speed as you descend
in y^r Ghost when you fled from your
Heaven ~~down from the Began~~
of Mr. P. the Person's Adulter's Wife

Soon after the Death of Sir J^{ms} L^r mention was made of the very great Fortune which his Will shewed he had Amassed, to this I replied It was well known that during his life time his constant Employ was that of a Chymist to extract Gold from Dirt, and that now by his Death he had approved his Skill and Industry to resemble the Qualities of a Turnepit who bestirs himself with so much Pains only to Roast meat for others.

News being brought of the Death
 of the Duke of Gloucestre and some
 Persons expressing a kind of Ad-
 miration at his Grace's early
 Exit out of the World. This Event
 said ^{it} ought by no means to occa-
 sion any Surprise, for what ~~what~~
 else could be his Grace's Lot,
 but that He who with such eager
 Steps trod the Paths of Pleasure
 gratifying his Lust and unrea-
 sonable Appetites per fas at que
 nefas, should terminate his
 Race thro' Life in a manner not
 unlike that of a Stage Coach wheel,
 which having run over all the
 high Roads of the Kingdom is at last
 on account of its shattered rotten
 Condition condemned to ^{make off} ^{grave with} the fire
 or the Dunghill.

Tin all Professions des Hommes à demi
and in the

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→ Objects que chacun pousse
hors du Passage.

Col Hudson of the Guards surnamed
the Pious was (to use the military
Phrase) reputed a good Duty Officer
un bon Homme mais d'un esprit si
bouché that every Officer in the Corps
thru a variety of succeeding Ensigns
had stepped forward into Preferment
and disregarding his Seniority had
obtained the Command of Regiments
in Preference to him. An Appoint-
ment of this kind having chanced to
fall to Case Lord Anson expressed
some Indignation thereon, and also
his surprise at the Patience, which
the Col. sh^d exerted on the frequent
Repetition of these insulting Promotions
He pacified my Lord, and said ^{that} ~~that~~ ^{these} ~~these~~
However, there are ~~these~~ Military
Bits of Men, ~~that~~ may be truly said to
Resemble the Rags that drop to the ground
from their Regimental Colours, and ~~being~~
~~are~~ not much unlike in insignificance
and ~~being~~ they commonly share the
same Fate ~~being~~ —

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on it, being signified by me that Lord
 B. Sec^y at War and J. C. the Director of
 the Hospital and R. A. the ^{Surgeon} Inspector of
 Regimental Informaries had like
 petty Tradesmen clubbed their stock
 of ^{Sophistical} Arguments and had misrepresented
 the Function of an Hospital Physician
 to the military Establishment so
 as to obtain His Majesty's Order for the
 total Dismissal of all Persons of that
 Profession and by which the Sick and
 Wounded were for the future to be
 committed to the Care of Apothecaries
 and Surgeons. ^{etc} I made this observation
 that the Physicians might herein be
 said to have undergone a like kind
 of Fate as the Thracians of old were
 exposed to, in being drove from their
 Habitations by Mice and Rats.

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Not long before the Accession of his
 present Majesty took Place some Carvers
 the Favorites of his Father ^{their being kept at the length}
 their Dissimulation ^{of his Reign} observed to them with an
 angry Tone it was an Argument both
 of their Disaffection and of their
 Ignorance, for there was no Truth
 more certain than this, Senex cito
 moriturus etiam nemo occidat.

Ld Leg - r having made a just Repre-
 sentation and Complaint to his Majesty
 of the many shameful Devices and Court
 Tricks which the Sycophants of Land
 G - y put in practice with a Design by
 depriving him of his Command of the
 Ordnance to obtain the Mastership for
 their Patron, but failing in their At-
 tempt had brought Disgrace on the
 Marquis and themselves too. ^{He} took the
 Liberty to Rally one of the chief
 managers of the Conspiracy against
 Ld Leg - r by showing them that their
 Ignorance of the Poets Remark had
 fully Verified its Truth

Sedulitas autem stulte, quem di-
ligit, urget.

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News being brought that M^r A. v
 the G. v had marr. d L. y C. K. ~~Expt~~
 Remark ~~was~~ that it was but just that
 M^r A who had made his Bonst and was
 well known to have so often defiled
 the Star of Hyman sh. ed at each
 build on himself for the use of
 his friends but that in doing so it
 must be owned he had done it very
 ungenerously and illiberally for that
 no Volaries w. d ever be drawn to
 offer Incense there in put in the dark
 at which time his 9 Goovers might pass for Joan

It being remarked that Col. Jov was the
 Constant Attend^t of L^{ie} G. S. one Inference
 C^{ol} said might be drawn that the Col. s
 mind possessed one Quality of the Steel
 He bore about him in being Obd. to
 every Impulse of the Magnet

Being informed that Col. S^{formerly}
 Aid du Camp to the Duke of C. d. d. d.
 in the East Ind of the Dyeniy, my obser-
 vation was that such Gross Corpulent
 Bodies generally died the death of
 the Crocodile by presenting the Belly
 as a sure Lodgement for his Shaft.

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on seeing a Throng of Soldiers paying
 servile Homage to L. J. G. on his being
 appointed Commr. in Chief after the
 Disgrace of L. J. G. ^{and} This Adulation
 called to his mind the story of the Ass
 that carried the Egypt. Goddess to W. A.
 all knees were bowed down but not
 from any Respect to the Beast but the
 Burthen

News being brought that C. J. had
 manifested almost an incredible
 Attachment to L. J. G. by the Evidence he
 gave on his Exps Trial whilst on the
 other hand his chief Fav. had Confir-
 -m'd C. J. K. acted much in the Reserve
 and in a manner Deserted his Cause
 C. J. took occasion to observe that Cap. J.
 might justly be compared to a fixed
 Star that shone brightest in the Frost-
 -iest Night, and that C. J. K. might pro-
 -perly be said to resemble the Glow-
 -worm which in a cold and wintry
 Season no longer continued to
 Afford any Light.

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A certain Gen. T. Larick in the Praise
 of the King of Prussia and notwithstanding
 his great Losses of Generals and
 officers of all Ranks during his
 War with Aus. a skill maintaining
 a Superiority in the Field I begged
 Leave to observe that this Prof. in
 majesty was a Descend. from
 Nimrod one who did not consider
 man. as his fellow Brethren
 but as his Game to be sacrificed
 when and where for his Pleasure
 or Profit

A certain Gent.ⁿ conceiv^g vast
hopes on the choice of a new Parlt.
Mr. Tupper's Leave was to him a Question
if on Shuffling the Cards by what
-ever Hands it was done, it was
not always found that the Knaves
still remained in the Pack.

The first of these
 is the fact that the
 population of the
 country has increased
 very rapidly since
 the year 1800. This
 has been due to a
 number of causes,

Mr R. A. the Insp. & Surg.ⁿ had always
 two hearts generally two faces by
 which he was enabled to play a double
 Part as a Fawning Sycophant and
 an Invidious Detractor Set the Prai-
 -ses he bestowed on his Benefactor
 however so extravagant, they were sure
 to be tempered with some backbiting
 Asperion, so that his Character
 of every Individual Ended like
 a Law Suit with a Clause of Ex-
 -ception.
 - ~~of the Bedch.~~ ~~of the Bedch.~~ ~~of the Bedch.~~
 - ~~of the Bedch.~~ ~~of the Bedch.~~ ~~of the Bedch.~~
 Majesty Geo. the 2^d of several Particulars
 relative to a long Conversation which
 had passed between a Couple of Pro-
 -dick Court Ladies, as they had acciden-
 -tally come to the Ears of Gen. l. Mose-
 who taking Delight to help Obscurity
 about had given it quick Circulation
 among his debauched Acquaintance
 Humphs says the King I will have the
 whole Story from the Gen. l. himself
 He will give it me without Mining
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Expressive as you do, the Jew is a
 plain Speaker and calls a Spade
 a Spade and the black Joke by its
 common Name. In this said ^{by} his Maj-
 -esty has shewn the precise Judge-
 -ment He had conceived of this General
 Abilities, for it is well known that
 He always speaks as He was taught
 the Catechism, in the Vulgar tongue.
 and moreover how strange so ever it
 may seem, it is a certain truth, that
 of all the Members which compose
 that Body, his Tongue far outdoes
 any other in Acts of Lasciviousness,
 it is a complete Ubiquitarian
 of uncleanness, not restrained by
~~circumstances~~ any Regard to
 Sex, Time, or Place.

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It being reported that Administration
 had avowed themselves much mistaken
 in the Judgement they had formed of L. J.
 A. abilities whom they had sent to Paris
 and that his Excellency had been most
 grievously Duped by the Artifices and
 Chicanery of the French Ministry. Our
 own ^{Guid} ought to take shame to them-
 selves in as much as had they not been
 deluded by a specious Appearance
 a strict Research into his L. J.'s real
 merit would have disclosed to them
 what the French Court quickly discovered
 when they Characterised him comme
 un Seigneur d'un Caractere particulier
 on le peu savoir Beaucoup et en
 Beaucoup fait admirer. In short the
 English Court in their choice and
 Appointment of Lord A. to this Office
 manifested the same kind of Ignorance
 as a Passenger would do who should
 Judge of the Wealth of a Jeweller
 by what he saw in the Street Exposed
 to View on the Shop ~~board~~ ^{on board}.

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A certain Secretary reciting the
 Actions of the late Duke of M-h and
 seeming at a loss to account for
 their extravagant Wildness and
 Inconsistency ^{etc} told him the Wonder
 would cease if he w^d give himself
 the trouble to Recollect that during
 his Grace's minority an Ignis Fatuus
 had disposed that feeble Sovereign
 Reason from the Seat of Empire
 and having mounted the Throne had
 ever since took the Reins of Gov-
 ernment into his own hands. It
 is from this Cause alone that all
 the Vagaries, which his Grace has
 committed and ^{which} excite y^r Astonish-
 ment, admit of as easy an expli-
 cation and with as much Certainty
 as are the most Eccentric Motions
 of the most irregular Planet in the
 Solar System Reducible to a Solu-
 tion by the sole Principle of
 Attraction.

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On the Failure of the Expedition
 against Rochfort it became ^{a subject} ~~matter~~
 of Conversation and matter of Astonish-
 ment how it had happened that the
 Gen^{ls} Sir ^{Mont} and ^{By} were made choice
 of to Command it, who had therein ma-
 nifested such Proofs of their Inability
 and want of every Qualification re-
 quisite for the carrying that Object of
 Administration into Effect may it not
 have happened hence ^{that} ~~and~~ Lord
 L-r and his Majesty's Ministers have
 been imposed on by the Phrynosomy
 of these Generals as self conceited
 Connoisseurs often are by the false
 of their Coins which however defici-
 ent in Weight gain a Place in their
 Cabinet by their bearing an outside
 of a genuine Hue

Mr F - L - ne complaining with very
 great Reason of his Son's Behaviour on
 his Return from his Travells abroad under
 the Guidance and Inspection of a
 French Refugee, an illiterate vain
 fawning Coxcomb, and that it was his
 opinion his Son had at a great exp-
 ence of time and money Wandered over
 a great Deal of Ground to the Amuse-
 ment of his Sight without any Imp-
 rovement of his mind, that by adding
 Affectation to his natural Share of
 Folly he was become an Effeminate
 Profane Babler of Parks much Lady
 like Possessed, but with no useful
 Talent blessed! Dear Sir said I be-
 comforted, yours is by no means a
 singular Case I can shew you a
 plentiful Number of Parents in the
 same unfortunate Situation ~~com-~~
^{demanding} ~~plainly~~ of the misconduct of
 these modish Travelling Tutors
 much after the same manner and
 nearly for the same reason too, as
 Solomon did that of his Factors
 who

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were commiserated by him to bring
Gold but in its stead returned
with Apes and Peacocks.

Being Present on a Field Day ap-
- pointed for the Exercise of an Han-
- noverian Regiment of Infantry
I was not a little disturbed with
the sound of a thick Oak Stick
as it was applied across the
Shoulders of the Soldiers drawn
up in Rank and File, and which
Noise being so often repeated
obliged him at last to draw this
Conclusion that when once any
Person of the Human Species
was necessitated to Enroll
himself a German Soldier
He exchanged his Flesh and
Blood and from that moment
Subjected himself to be treated
as Stock Fish.

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so frequent and Violent were the
Passions of Gen. l. E-t that the
Officers under his Command expressed
the greatest Discontent at the
rude Treatment they underwent
from his outrageous Behaviour.

To convince them however that
their Resentment was ill founded
and that they ought to be Pacified
I made use of this Argument, that
nothing in all Nature was more
self Evident than this Truth
that the Gen. l. was himself
Commanded by a Demoniac a
spirit of the same kind with
that which if Credit may be
given to what is Recorded of it
had Plunged a whole Herd of
Swine into the Ocean.

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Being on Shipboard with the
 Gentleman R-T, He on frequent
 occasions manifested a Combustible
 Constitution of Soul of an
 uncommon kind inasmuch as to
 furnish a probable suggestion
 that it was of ~~that~~ species of
 the Pyrites Aethers. Daily
 did I regret He was not Placed,
 as he often merited a Seat in the
 Ducking Stool as by his Immers-
 ion, an Experimental Proof in
 Confirmation of my Opinion w^d
 Put this Desideratum beyond
 the Possibility of a Doubt.

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Sir Br— St—n gave ~~Edw~~ an Account
 of the great Regret and Anguish with
 which his Late Brother Sir Miles
 was used to bewail his ill Luck at
 Play, which involving him in a
 great deal of Debt had Reduced
 him to sell all the Landed Property
 he had a Power to Dispose of. We
 might deplore said ~~the~~ Loss
 of his Estate by ^{Gaming} ~~such means~~, a Loss
 too, which you too most Senuibly
 Experience the bad Effects of,
 as an Estate is by no means to be
 accounted of the same Species
 with the Phoenix, that when the
 old one is consumed, its Ashes
 should give ~~birth~~ immediate
 Birth to a new one ~~in its~~
~~stead.~~

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General Halley was a Person on account of his notorious Inhumanity extremely odious to the private Soldiers, and as he one day accompanied the Duke of Cam. & in his making the Rounds to Visit the several out Posts he descried a stragling Soldier appearing somewhat overpowered with Drink, who being presented to the Duke was asked several Questions to which he gave very evasive Answers pretending either thro real or affected Ignorance not to know his Roy. & High. & always concluded with a Solicitation of something by way of Alms and that if he would only give him one Shilling he would do such a Feat as no

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man in the whole Army besides
 himself would perform. The
 Duke with great good Humour
 gave the Man a Shilling and
 now said He what is this notable
 Exploit that you mean to Do?
 I am my Eyes says the Soldier,
 but I will drink Gen^l Halley's
 Health with it, which immedi-
 ately raised a Pent of Laughter
 to the great Confusion of the
 General. Being apprised of this
 Adventure at their Return to
 Head Quarters this Soldier's Be-
 haviour said Wiggles to my
 I do a two different Lights, in
 which it may be Viewed; either
 as it serves to Confirm and Rati-
 fy the Opinion of the great
 Roman

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Roman Poet "Quid non Ebrietas
designat?" or to act in contra-
-distinction to the Sentiment of the
immortal Shakespeare and "That
the Liquor poured in at his Mouth
had not ~~not~~ play'd the Part of a
Thief to Steal away his Reason"
but rather that of a Scavenger
to Clear away their Mud.

+ as thereby to indicate beyond a
Doubt a Defect in the Powers of
the mind or Body

During the time that the fashionable
 mode prevailed of Publishing the Portraits in
 Caricature of Persons in the Church or the
 State, ^{and} eminently singular by their outward
 form Gesture or Department, ^{and} in which
~~art I found it was said to have a happy~~
~~pre-eminence~~, there was handed about a
 very ludicrous Drawing, entitled The Pillars
 of the State; which being shown to Gov.
 Wm. He said that he was very ready
 to allow every merit to the Pencil of the
 Artist, but begged Leave to be a Dis-
 sident in regard of the Pen which
 had given it the title as it bore of
 Pillars and that he proposed an
 Amendment by the substitution of
 Caterpillars as bearing a much
~~more resemblance to Truth and~~
~~Reality~~ as conveying an Emblem
 more analogous to the Subject so
 presented to Publick View.

news being brought from Italy
 of the Death of the Duke of Y^{and}
 many Persons bewailing his early
 and as they called it his untimely
~~Death~~ declared his Difference in
 opinion from them, and that it was al-
 together an Error to term his Death
 either premature or untimely
 inasmuch as it was agreeable to the
 constant Course of Nature and the
 known Laws of Wear and Tear &c
 it not a Fact well attested that
 the Duke for several Years last past
 has led the Life of a most Voluptu-
 -ous Pilgrim, *ca et la*, having no
 abiding Place, in one scattering
 his Money, in another dropping his
 Wit and every where parting with
 his ~~body~~ ^{Purity of Mind or Body}. What else then is
 any one to expect should Enave
 from such Restless Pursuits to Gra-
 -tify a debauched Appetite but
 that the Constitution must fall
 into Disease and Decay and must
 in some Sense be reduced to
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The first of the month of
January 1800 was a
very fine day and the
weather was very
pleasant. The wind was
from the north and
the sun shone
very brightly. The
temperature was
very warm and
the people were
very happy. The
first of the month
of January 1800
was a very fine day
and the weather was
very pleasant. The
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very warm and the
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the month of January
1800 was a very fine
day and the weather
was very pleasant.
The wind was from
the north and the
sun shone very
brightly. The
temperature was
very warm and
the people were
very happy.

undergo the Fate of a Stage
Coach Wheel which having run
through all the high Roads of
the Kingdom becomes at last
so shattered and Inform as to be
Thrown aside and Declined to
the Fire.

Several Ladies declaring in Company
that professed Libertines made the
best Husbands and that in their opi-
- nion they ought to have the Prefer-
- ence: Your Judgement Ladies give
me Leave to Presume is in this
matter founded on the same Princi-
- ple and I hope too confirmed by
the same Experience, as would
Influence you in your Choice of
a Boar or a Rabbit for its
Wildness

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That old Miser and Avarice Vulture
 He has married a young Girl to
 whom by Age He might very well
 have Persecuted her Grandfather
 Behold, said W, on this occasion
~~increased the Cruelty~~ may we
 not pronounce of a Clergyman
 as Virgil has done of Misenius
 that his Cruelty extended even
 to that of Tying the Dead and the
 Living together

Being asked what Motive could In-
 -duce Lady H-t W-h to marry her
 Footman I no I am an illiberal
 Clown The Son of an Irish Cottager
 Sir W replied, It was in obedience to
 the Evangelical Command of
 High and Low, Rich and Poor, one
 with another.

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It being remarked that Lord
 Gr^{am}, Mr^r Stan^d and Mr^r Quin
 were the constant Guests at every
 Entertainment of any Note: This
 said is the mere Effect of an
 Inevincible Quality by which the
 Notes of such Epistles are as
 regularly and as certainly Printed
 to a Point as the Sea Buoys
 by Nature have their Bellies
 always turned towards the Wind.

A certain Person taking great
 Pains to relate the laborious
 Manœuvres and the many grove-
 -ling Subterfuges, which his R-
 H-s the Duke of C- d had made
 use of in his amorous Intrigue
 with L- y Gr- v, summed up the
 whole Account with an Ironical
 Narrative of the ridiculous
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Tenouement accompanying
 the last Scene of that Ignomini-
 -ous Adventure in an Inn at
 St Albans. Your Sale replied I, C
 It contains indeed many laughable
 Circumstances, however among
 others it may serve to Warrant
~~by~~ Resemblance of his R- & H- s
 to a Mole, industriously Bustling
 in the dark like that Blind Rep-
 -tile to expose its Works and to be
 by them exposed to the Scorn and
 Contempt of every Beholder.

The first of these is the
 fact that the population
 of the world is increasing
 at a rapid rate. This is
 due to a number of factors,
 including improved medical
 care, increased food supply,
 and a general increase in
 living standards. The result
 is that the world is becoming
 more crowded, and this has
 led to a number of problems,
 including pollution, over-
 crowding, and a shortage
 of natural resources. These
 problems are all interconnected,
 and they all have the potential
 to cause serious damage to
 the environment and to
 the quality of life for future
 generations. It is therefore
 essential that we take
 action now to address these
 problems, and to ensure
 that the world is a better
 place for all of us.

A near Relation of Ser R.^d W. by
 expresses a great Concern and La-
 -mented much that He who was
 so excellent a Preacher, that He
 who so well knew his Lord's Will
 and the many stripes denounced
 against the offending Party,
 should lead a Life so libidi-
 -nous and dissolute and set an
 Example so pernicious to his
 Family, his Congregation, and
 Society in general. Perfectly do I
 agree with you, replied I in your
 Epithet of Pernicious, as the
 Pestilence does not spread a
 more dreadful Contagion than
 a Profligate Priest; it is with
 him as with an Auditor. 3

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Counter, where one stands for
a thousand, so incontestably
true is that observation of the
Poet

Plus malefacta nocent quam -
- bene dicta nocent.

Comptroller of the Treasury
at the Treasury Department
Washington, D.C.
Dear Sir:
I have the honor to acknowledge
the receipt of your letter of the
10th inst.

Lord H-x and several of his Family expressing great Discontent on the Death of Lady H-ke his Daughter ^{repeated the} ~~news~~ ^{to the Person who} ~~repeated the~~ ^{joined in the Complaint that the} Prediction ^{she} had made on the News of the Marriage was now fully Verified as ^{she} had then declared that whatever might be the Difference in her Lady's Person, Life, and Conversation from that of Cleopatra in those respects her latter End would be like her's and she would Die by Placing an Ask on her Bosom

A certain Person informed the Company he was with of an Observation he had made with regard to Col. Bent M^r Vernon and M^r Sh-o-e, how very afraidness they were in the Devours they paid to young Persons of every Denomination, who became

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possessed of a great Fortune or
 Entitled thereto, whom on all
 occasions they attended Nocturna
 Versuremann, Versare diurna
 This Association, replied I, is, I grant,
~~you~~, inexplicable by the Princi-
 -ples of moral Philosophy, but
 admits of an easy Solution when
 examined by Those of ~~the Science~~
 of Gaming, ~~which~~ ^{who} ~~being~~ ^{himself} the
 Daughter of Alchemy has taught
 her Disciples not only the Art to
 Extract Gold from Dirt, but this
 further important Lesson in the
 Secrets of Combination, that Needy
 or Rapacious Gamblers, Rich, ~~and~~
 Ignorant, and Vain Novices, King-
 -ry Wines and Raw Meat afford
 the best Prey to each other.

His Roy-^{al} High-^{ness} & W^m Duke of C-d
 did ^{not} ~~but~~ the honor to Enquire what
 was the occasion his Grace the Duke of
 Mal-gh to Employ another Physician,
 well knowing the very great Regard
 which his Father had on all occasions
 and even in his last Moments Express'd
 on his Account May it please your
 R-^{oyal} Highness, I perceived from what
 I said at that time his Grace did not
 leave it in his Power to harbour a
 Suspicion of his being in the least
 displeased with his Conduct on the
 contrary He declared how sensible
 how conscious He was of his having
 exerted every Ability in his Power
 accompanied with the most zealous
 and Affectionate Attendance on his
 Father. I do not therefore now im-
 -pute his present Neglect of him to
 a defect in his Will but to that
 of his Memory as I apprehend that
 was it brought to an Examination
 it would exhibit a similar
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T Tho They all agreed in expressing
their surprise at this Event, they differed
widely in their sentiments what could
have occasioned it, some imputing it
to ~~one Cause~~ others assigning a quite
contrary motive; Sir C. ~~to the~~ ~~contemporary~~
being then appealed to for his opinion, said
that he apprehended They were all of
them mistaken

Construction with that of a Sieve
^{may truly as Davus did thus}
 and ~~it is not the same~~ ^{characterise it}
~~as Davus did of himself~~
 Plena Rimarum sium hac atque
 illuc Perfluo.

News being brought to Sir C. W. that his
 M^y had set aside all his Phys.^{ns} in
 ordinary and had employed Sir R. J. an
 Extra^y in the Care of his Person; He
 begged Leave to observe that this Choice
 was only one ~~proof~~ ^{instance} in confirmation
 of Numberless others in confirmation
 of the Truth of that Doctrine as Estab-
 lished by the Apostle that the Silly Man
 is mistaken in all his Ways.
 Sir C. W. ^{was being on a visit} ~~being~~ ^{engaged}
 in a Conversation turned on his M^y having
 employed a Physicⁿ Extraordinary in
 Preference to those in Ordinary, and
 whose Characters and Merits in their
 Profession ^{had been} ~~were~~ ^{well known} ~~and~~ ^{receptionably}
 approved of by the Public. As some
 chose to assign one Reason, others
 another as the Cause of his adopting
 this measure, and all expressing their
 astonishment at the Event Sir C. W.
 intimated they were all of them
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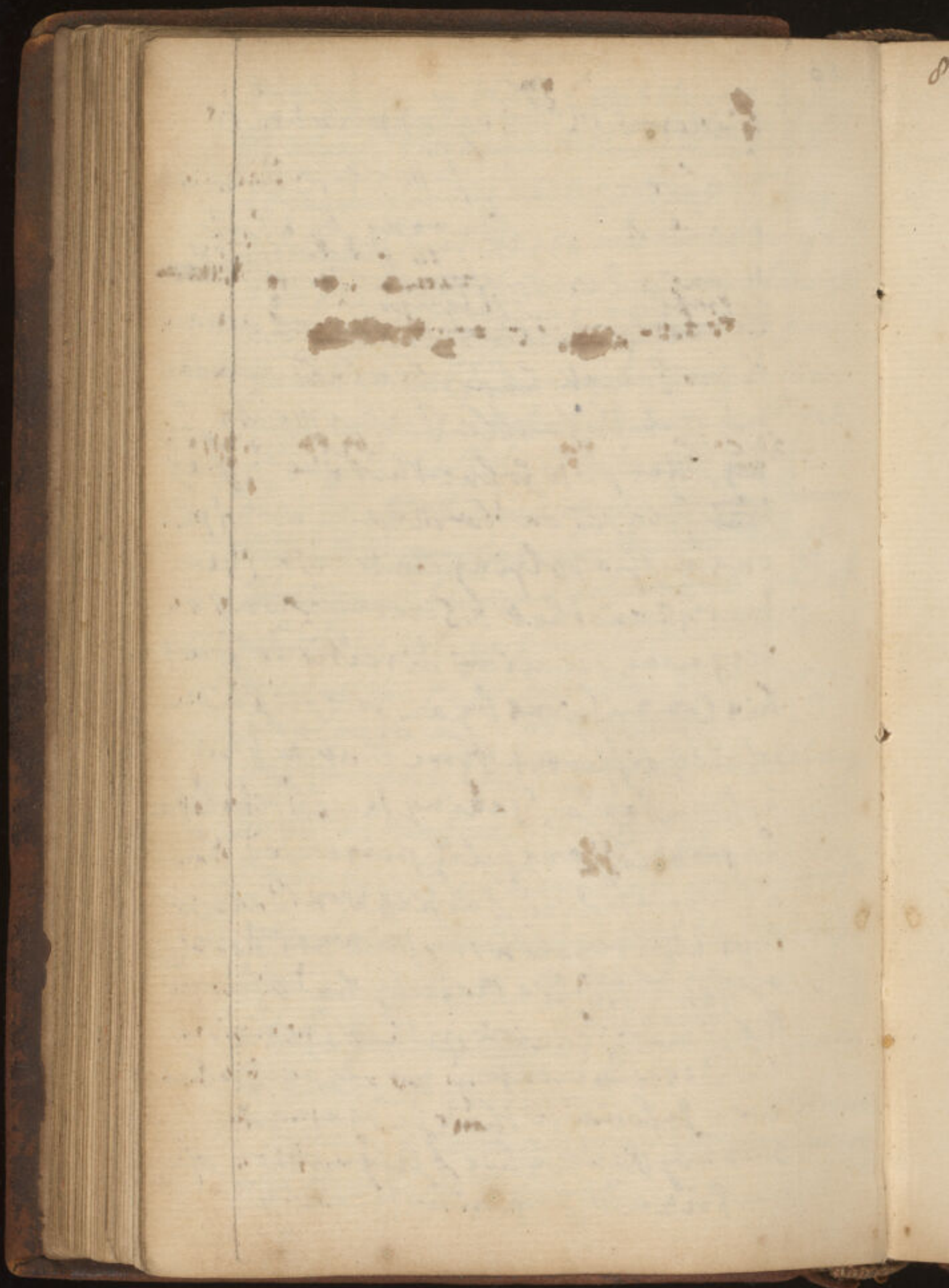
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misadventures in their Conjectures and
of whose fallacy they would have full
of which I lectured with the least
conviction
of their giving their Assent, if they
would but have Recourse to his M^ys
general Tenor of Proceeding on almost
every ^{occurrence} Circumstance which had pre-
sented it self during his Reign inas-
much as such a Retrospection w^d put
it beyond the Possibility of a Doubt
that all his measures ~~he~~ had ~~been~~
~~conducted~~ ~~to any other Guide~~ but that of
State ~~and~~ ~~Prudence~~ Voluntas, and of
which he oblige some Ladies that were
present Sir C. W. gave this extempore
Explanation by Reason the Conf: n^d
Our Monarch's Will ~~and~~ Right or Wrong
shifts as the Sands the Sport of every Wind
I manifested a Character ^{quadrating} ~~which~~ ~~ad~~
admission ~~quadrating~~ with the Descrip-
-tion given by the Poet of those Mortals
whose ^{afforded} Inconvenience ~~gave~~ just Cause
to suspect whether
"Iidem eadem possunt hominem durare"
and of which Passage

promoted

General M^{re} being appointed to
 the Government of M-a, a Question
 was started in a Company by what
 means a Person of ~~such low~~ ^{so addicted to}
~~Profligacy and Intemperance~~ ^{Profligacy and Intemperance} a mere
 Homo Peccati had obtained so many
 and such Valuable Preferments
 since ^{the} Attempt to solve this Query was
 founded on the Medicinal Appli-
 cation of applying Contraria Con-
 trariis and that a Sovereign was on
 very many occasions directed to grant
 his Commissions by an Inscription
 totally different from that on the
 Golden Apple. Taking these Postulata
 for granted ~~he~~ was fully persuaded that
 all unprejudiced Parties would allow
 that with regard to the present Choice
 of Genl M^{re} his Majesty had observed
 the Deut. Sequi with a Precision
 and Discernment in no respect what-
 ever inferior to that Judgement
 shewn by Paris in his Assignment of
 the Prize to Superior Beauty



Being told that the Earl of
 Mex-gh had attributed his Convers-
 -ion to Popery to the Influence of the
 mystic Rites and Ceremonies with
 which the divine Worship in that
 Church was celebrated. That a
 Person, replied I, ^{prose} of such weak In-
 -tellects as his Lord. P professes,
 should become a Proselyte to Pop-
 -ery ought not to appear in the
 least a wonderful Event; as it is
 a well known Truth, that its Prie-
 -sts are in possession of a Curtain
 which They artfully avail them-
 -selves of to hide the gross Errors,
 and Despotick Designs of that Church
 from giving offence to the Wise
 or the Powerful; but we draw it
 to dazzle Ensnare and Enslave
 the Weak, the Timid, and the
 Ignorant; employing it in one
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case as a means to I give a soft
 still Voice in order to Excite a
 pliant plausible Devotion in the
 Breasts of the First; and in the other,
 to Proclaim aloud their Thunder-
 ing Anathemas more forcibly
 for the purpose of creating an
 Idolatrous Superstition and
 passive Obedience in those
 of the latter, thus Exhibiting
 the Deity in an amiable or a
 Formidable Light, as may best
 serve their own knavish and
 Lucrative Designs.

This News, gracious as it was, how-
 -ever extorted from ~~me~~ him this
 Reflection, if, agreeable to an
 established Maxim, it be allowed
 Qui cito dat, bis dat, may it
 not with equal Propriety be said
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of Disposition, such as completely
 fullfilled the Poet's description ^{quit}
 Quod cupide petijt mature plenareli,
 A temper of mind so changeful com-
 pelled ~~me~~ ^{her} oft to declare that it
 made her Resemble the Frogg Lake
 Lake in Arabia, which as Travellers
 have related of it is salt sweet and
 Bitter several times in the space
 of 24 hours

His Majesty having delayed near
 two years, sent a Messenger to Inform
^{him} ~~that~~ He had Issued out his Order
 for carrying the Request ~~that~~ had
 made to him into Execution;
 This News, gracious as it was, how-
 -ever extorted from ~~him~~ ^{him} this
 Reflection, if, agreeable to an
 established Maxim, it be allowed
 Qui cito dat, bis dat, may it
 not with equal Propriety be said
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of a Willful Procrastination
that his Delay tends to Depreciate
the Merit of the Favor ^{so} conferred
as certainly as does a Negative
Quantity in an Algebraical
Equation lessen the Value of
the Affirmative Terms which
compose it.

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96 Several of Mr Whitfields Dis-
-ciples extolling the divine Powers of
his Preaching and its wonderful Ef-
-ficacy in freeing them from the
Leaven of Unrighteousness and
making them the Children of
the new Covenant of Grace. On
my Word, said ^{etc} as your Preaching
has extended the Number of Off-
-ences beyond that of Sinning
against the ten Commandments
He would well deserve to be Ran-
-ked among the cruel Tribe of
Egyptian Taskmasters if He
neglected to put on you ^{a Breast Plate and} ~~an Armour~~
^{helmet}
sufficient for your Defence against
such a Host of treacherous Adv-
-ersaries.

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9th The Rev. & Mr. Stern Author of Trichoman
Shandy being in Company at an Evening Party
of Pleasure, with a View to Enliven the
Conversation, proposed that each
member of it should form a Simili-
-tude expressive of some Resemb-
-lance to the Circumstances or Condi-
-tion of the Party who sat on his right
and left hand. In the Course of this
Project when the Tour of Fun be-
-came ^{the} ~~very~~ ^{of the} ~~lost~~ ^{lost} to exhibit ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~addressed~~ ^{addressed}
himself to Mr. Stern his neighbouring
Companion, whose Behaviour had
been very Indecent and Obscene,
by saying, Rev. & Sir, ^{in C. W.} I must first
with no small concern Premise,
that ~~the~~ ^{the} far the greatest Number of
Clergymen who have come within
his Notice, have shewn that They

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like the Bells of their Parish
 Church have indeed by their Ring-
 -ing called others into it, but
 nevertheless manifested in them-
 -selves an absolute Deafness to
 the Sounds they ^{so loudly} utter forth; and
 now to proceed with ^{the} ~~my~~ Similitude,
 I apprehend that nothing ~~is more~~
~~of you~~ ^{to me} can be more apropos or be
 better adapted to set forth your
 Likeness, than by comparing you
 to a Crack'd Bell; its jarring
 Noise by the Flaw in its Metal is
 truly disgusting, ^{in like manner} ~~as~~ the Discor-
 -dance so notorious in your Life no
^{is given} give less offence to those Ears of
 your Audience
 - Which would otherwise be charmed
 with your Preaching, ^{this} ~~and for which~~
 Schism ^{this Gap} in your moral Conduct ^{admits}

admits of no other Remedy as
far as ^{his} ~~my~~ Information goes than
what ~~we~~ can

(Cassock you have play'd the Part of a
zealous Nonconformist acting in
open & disobedience to the Instructions
of the Poet who has laid down this
Practical Rule "Ut Og")

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no Remedy ~~because~~ ^{but} ~~than~~ ^{than} what can
depend on the truth of the Popish

Doctrine of Purgatory in procuring
as must be that of your Emblem
your Amendment by passing thro the
Fire. However not to Conclude

this Symbolical Censure, without

paying you the Tribute of Praise

which is really due to you, it must

be allowed by ~~all~~ ^{every} Pen

of every Denomination and Sex

who have any Knowledge of

you, that you are not in the least

Chargeable with the Sin of Slop-

perity, since from the first to the

present moment of your Wearing

the Casack you have ^{played the Part of a} ~~been~~

zealous ⁱⁿ ~~disobedience~~ ^{to} the Instructions of

Non-conformity ^{laid down} ~~by~~ the Poet who has

laid down this

"At melius possis fallere
Sume Togam" Ha ha ha said

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The first of the year
 was a very cold day
 and the wind was
 very strong. The
 snow was very
 deep and the
 ground was very
 hard. The
 trees were very
 bare and the
 leaves were very
 dry. The
 water was very
 cold and the
 ice was very
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 e Calo cecidit Cato, Risum
 teneatis Amici?.

Being questioned by Doctor Ak-de
 what could be ^{the} ~~my~~ ^{motivation} ~~for putting~~
 himself out of ^{his} ~~my~~ proper station at
 such a distance from the President's
 Chair at that time occupied by
 Sir Wm Brown. He replied from the
 Enmity above to Iniquity and Vori-
 -feration, qualities so notorious &
 Exerted by Sir Willm that alas
 in ^{this} ~~my~~ present remote Situation I had
 Reason to make the same Complaint
 of the President as the Persian ^{servant} ~~that~~
 is said to have done on a similar
 occasion "J'entends le Bruit de la
 meule mais je n'en vois pas la
 Farine."

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Whenever, as I have very often be-
 -held Lord B— en his neighbour across
 the Street hold up his hands above his
 Head for a Considerable time in order
 to procure for them a superior Degree
 of delicate Whiteness, a Custom
 which his Lordship never failed to Prac-
 -tise and pulling off his Gloves re-
 -peatedly to survey the Effect of
 these his Aerial Suspensions on
 such Dugs as he gave an Enter-
 -tainment, it always brought to
~~my~~ mind the Speed as recorded to
 have been made by a certain French
 Woman on seeing the Corpse of a
 man of great Rank, who had killed
 her Husband, carried in funeral
 Pomp to the Grave Habited in a
 Capuchin's Dress. Tu as beau te
 déguiser, notre Seigneur te
 connaît

connoître bien". Alas, my Lord,
 thought^{g^o est}, your white hands, as they
 are not the Emblems so nice They
 not do the Office of a mask to your
 Heart, its Deceitfulness bids Defi-
 -ance to every Artifice of Head or
 Hand that can be Employed to Di-
 -vert the Eye of Discovery towards
 any other Object how industriously
 so ever Presented to attract the No-
 -vice even of those Conivial
 Spectators

vivere Quadrā
 Qui Bona summa putant aliena, ~

So Rapid was the Dissipation, which
 the great Fortune acquired by Lord
 H—d during his Continuance in the
 Employments of Secretary at War
 and Paymaster of the Army, under-
 went thro' the inordinate Rage
 of Gaming, which occupied the
 whole Attention and Time of his
 Days, that it became the general
 Topick of Conversation. How
 admirably said ^{in the} I on such an
 occasion presenting it self, may
 the French Proverb under a very
 small Variation be accommoda-
 ted to the present Instances of Ra-
 -pacity and Profusion, as by it we
 are taught this Lesson "Ce qui
 Vient par le Tambour s'en Ret-
 -ourne par le Cornet."

20. Aug. 1842. The 2nd of Aug. 1842.
In your letter of the 17th inst. I received
the enclosed and was glad to hear
of the success of the young ladies
in their studies. I am sure they will
continue to improve and I hope to hear
of their success in the future.
I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
J. W. W.

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It being objected to C. W. during his Ab-
 -sence as Physician to the Army that He
 paid too great a Tribute to Solitude and ab-
 -stracted himself from those convivial
 meetings where they the Sons of Mars
 and genuine Progeny of sound Philosophy
 made no Estimate of Life beyond that
 of a Day and therefore accounting them-
 -selves the genuine ~~Sons~~ Progeny of
 sound Philosophy, ^{Rather assumed their understandings} ~~valued themselves~~
 very highly on their employing on their
 employing each possible moment of so
 contracted a span in mirth and Jollity
 with Women and Wine. To this C. W.
 replied that He held such sensualists
 to be rather the Real Representatives
 of their old Gluttonous Father, Time
 himself, as He is ever drunkenly the
 ancient Painters taking up his Song
 and feeding on his Daughters, and that

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He differed so very much from them
in thinking as they boasted, that they
spent their Days in Ease ^{and} their Nights
in Pleasure, that he would in Prefe-
-rence to a Converse with such Brutes
in human Shape, make it his Choice
to dwell with a Herd of Hogs or a
Kennel of Dogs, ^{as} affording most und-
-oubtedly a far more innocent and
being so, a much more Rational Pass-
-time.

said he has his Lordship shewn a Proof
of his Discernment as in the Choice he
makes of his Favourites for as

A certain Col. I viz Brown giving ~~me~~
 an Account of such Persons as were
 the chief Attendants at the Service
 of Lord Legation and were the most
 constant Companions and Guests at
 his Table, he demanded what could
 be inferred from such a Group
 of Men. In nothing so much
said He as in the Choice He makes
 of Favorites has his Lordship shewn
 a Proof of his Discernment, for
 as He is himself possessed of all
 the Vanity of a Gascon He could
 not do better than by carrying
 the Device of ^{King} Richard the 3^d into
 Execution, to Provide himself
 with such Instruments as had
 the Power of performing the
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office of Mirrors and rendering
themselves perfectly agreeable
by reflecting no other Image
but that of their Patron and
Purchaser and Patron.

M^r Aub. y Beaumont being very lavish in
the Praises of Doctor Sam Johnson, it is very
true ^{by C. L.} reply ^{to} that he is deserving of the
Eulogiums you have bestowed on him,
respect being had to his Genius and Con-
-dition; but when an Estimate is taken
of his ~~conduct~~ uncouth, coarse and rude
Behaviour ^{this total want of manners as} ~~it will be found as totally~~
^{certainly} a disqualifies ^{him from} occupying the Place of a
Social or agreeable Companion, as the
Want of Polish would exclude a Dia-
-mond from the Capacity of ~~ever~~ being
ever Worn as an Ornament.

120 Mr Governor having just then quitted
the Company of Lord Pet-^{er} took that opp-
-ortunity to acquaint ^{me} ~~the~~ after what an
indecent manner his Lordship interlarded
his Conversation with Oaths and Curtes-
es as to render his discourse which would
otherwise have been not only agreeable
but shrewd and pertinent, exceedingly
offensive and disgusting. My own Ear,
replied ^{me} ~~the~~ constrain me to give a concur-
-rent testimony to what you now Report
of Lord Pet-^{er}, and permit me to add
that from his Lordship's very frequent
Recourse to Oaths and Imprecations ~~He~~
^{his Lordship} ~~was~~ Induced to believe that ~~he~~ paid
these Devotional Offerings to the
supreme Being from the same Principle
which directed the Heathens in their
adoration of Hercules to pelt him
with Volleys of sticks & stones and
Rubbish.

James Henry Jackson
of the State of New York
County of Albany
City of Albany
do hereby certify that
the within and foregoing
is a true and correct
copy of the original
as the same appears
from the records
of the said County
of Albany
in the office of the
County Clerk
at Albany
this 1st day of
January 1881
James H. Jackson
County Clerk

122 During the Residence of the King
of Denmark in England, all his
manoeuvres manifested the Signs of a
Shallow unsteady Mind, and of which
soon after his Return to Copenhagen sig-
-nal Proofs were given to all Europe in
the Persecution and Exile of his Inno-
-cent Queen and the shameful Execution
of his Favourites and Ministers the Stron-
-gers on a Scaffold, Events, wholly to be
Imputed to his Majesty's Weakness and
Pecillanimity and the machinations of
an Intriguing Queen Dowager: Facts of
such Notoriety becoming the Topick of
all Conversation and every Person dec-
-laring their particular Sentiments on
the Political State and Constitution of
the Danish Nation ^{and} took the Liberty to
Express ^{his} ~~mine~~ by Exhibiting the Subjects
of that Sovereign as the true Objects
of unavoidable Misery and therefore
deserving a Commiseration, such
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1744 indeed as no Pen or Pencil could suf-
-ficiently describe for where is the Pain-
-ter that will Presume to represent
Les malheurs d'un Cheval dont le
maître n'a point des yeux.

Being present in a Conversation when
it was reported that Ad-^r the Agent,
Dum-^r the Commissary Gen^r Tag or the Deputy
Paymaster of the Army, and several others too
tedious to mention, who from the like low
servile Beginnings had Swelled them-
-selves into a Wealthy Importance,
were become the Objects of General
Scorn and Derision, by the contrivances
Acq^d they Assumed, the Flaughtiness
of their Deportment, and a special
affected turning away their Face
from their Cotemporary Acquaintance
of small Fortunes to whose Services re-
-vertheless in many Instances and on
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many occasions they stood Indebted
 for their present Rise and Exaltation.
 Whoever, said ^{and} ~~at~~ ^{and} ~~at~~ a very small Ex-
 - pence of Trouble and ^{and} ~~and~~ Time, will Ex-
 - amine the Histories of all Ages and
 Nations, will find similar Facts reco-
 - rded in abundance, so as to afford
 ample Testimony to this truth, that the
 Advancement of mean and Ignoble
 Persons to Offices of Power and Dignity,
 or of the Indigent to Riches and Afflu-
 - ence never failed to produce in them
 an arrogant Insolent and Contemptuous
 Behaviour, such as manifested an abso-
 - lute Forgetfulness of their original
 meanness, of their obligation to, or of
 their Connexion with their former
 Associates, however worthy and de-
 - serving of their Regard, so very just
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and accurate is that Observation of
 Tacitus "Solus Vespasianus mutatus
 in melius". To which on account of a
 Circumstance respecting the special
 Attitude of these Upstarts as it is set
 forth in your description of it, ~~I shall~~
 take the Liberty to Remark, that such
 vast Changes of Fortune Import
 along with them an Imperfection of
 a peculiar Cast not confined as some
 Naturalists have thought to the Lynx
 alone, but is such as most conspicu-
 -ously displays it self at certain
 times in the Deportment of some
 Individuals of the Human Species,
 Empowering them no less than it does
 the other, by turning the Head aside,
 to Effect a total Oblivion of any Object
 which has before presented it self
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Genl Napier taking an opportunity to
 enroll the manoeuvres of the Duke of
 Cumberland at Culloden and shewing how
 they effectually contributed to obtain
 that Victory over the Rebel Army I said
 He could not imagine in what consisted
 the difference of Conduct, which could
 occasion such a Series of ill Success
 as attended all the various Encoun-
 -ters which his Royal Highness had with
 the Forces under French Commanders
 from Fontenoy to Closter Severn you
 will not General said I be at a Loss for
 a Solution to this Query, if you will
 Recollect a Circumstance that never
 fails to present it self between two
 Schoolboys engaged in unequal Combat.
 The lesser of the two Champions it is
 true finds himself compelled to yield
 to the superior Force of his Adversary

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Thw, nevertheless as if exulting
 in his bloody nose, torn hair, and brui-
 -sed cheeks, he retires not from the
~~field~~ ^{way} hill he has, with weeping eyes
 challenged his Antagonist to fight
 with his match, meddle with your
 match as you dare. Vulpinandum
 est cum Vulpe says the Latin Adage
 yet in defiance of this Caution, his
 Royal Highness in all those Engage-
 -ments, you have mentioned, had even
 la Hardiesse de se battre avec
 un Loup et demi; but thanks to
 Duke Ferdinand of Brunswick nous
 voilà quittes.

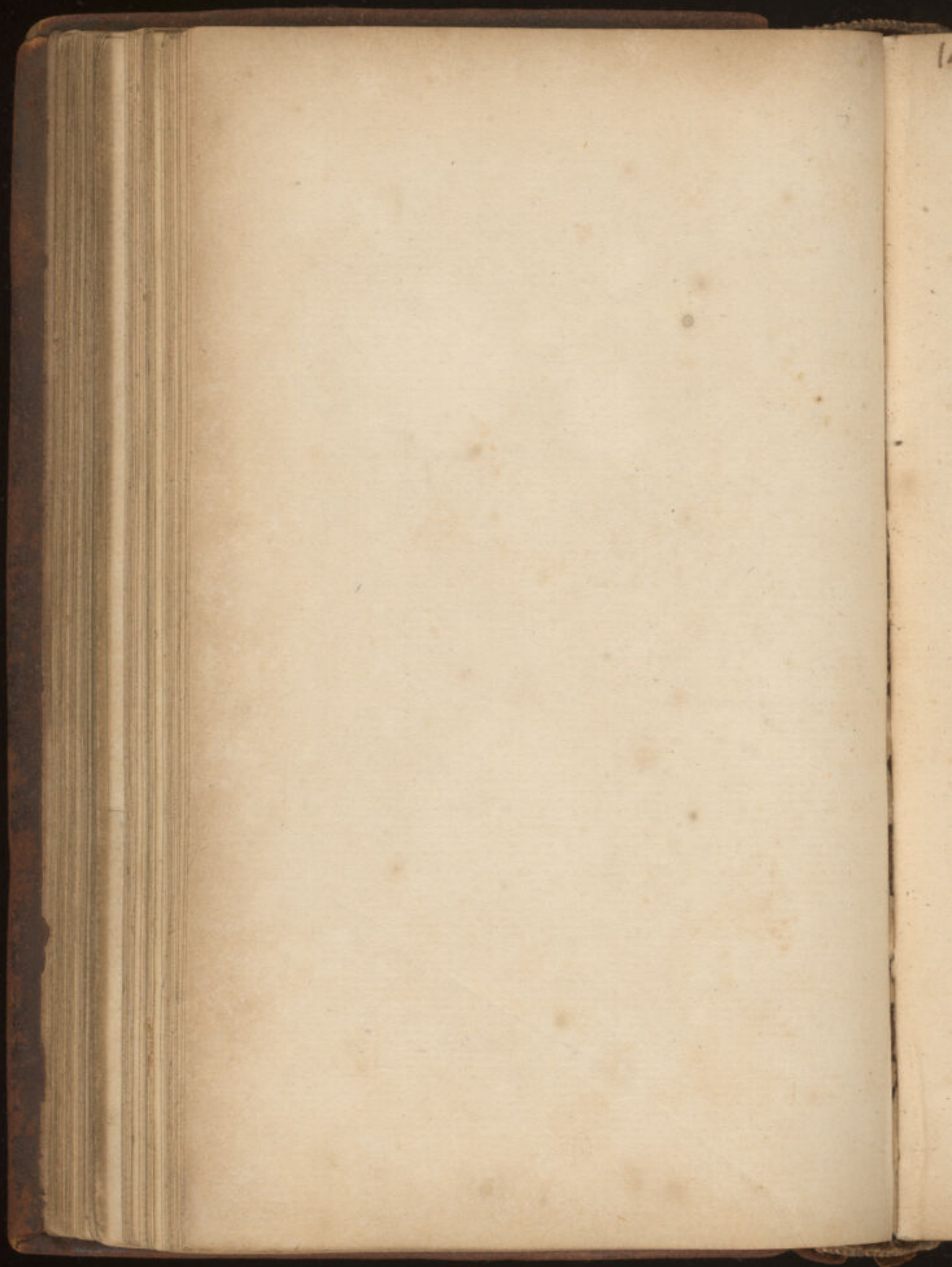
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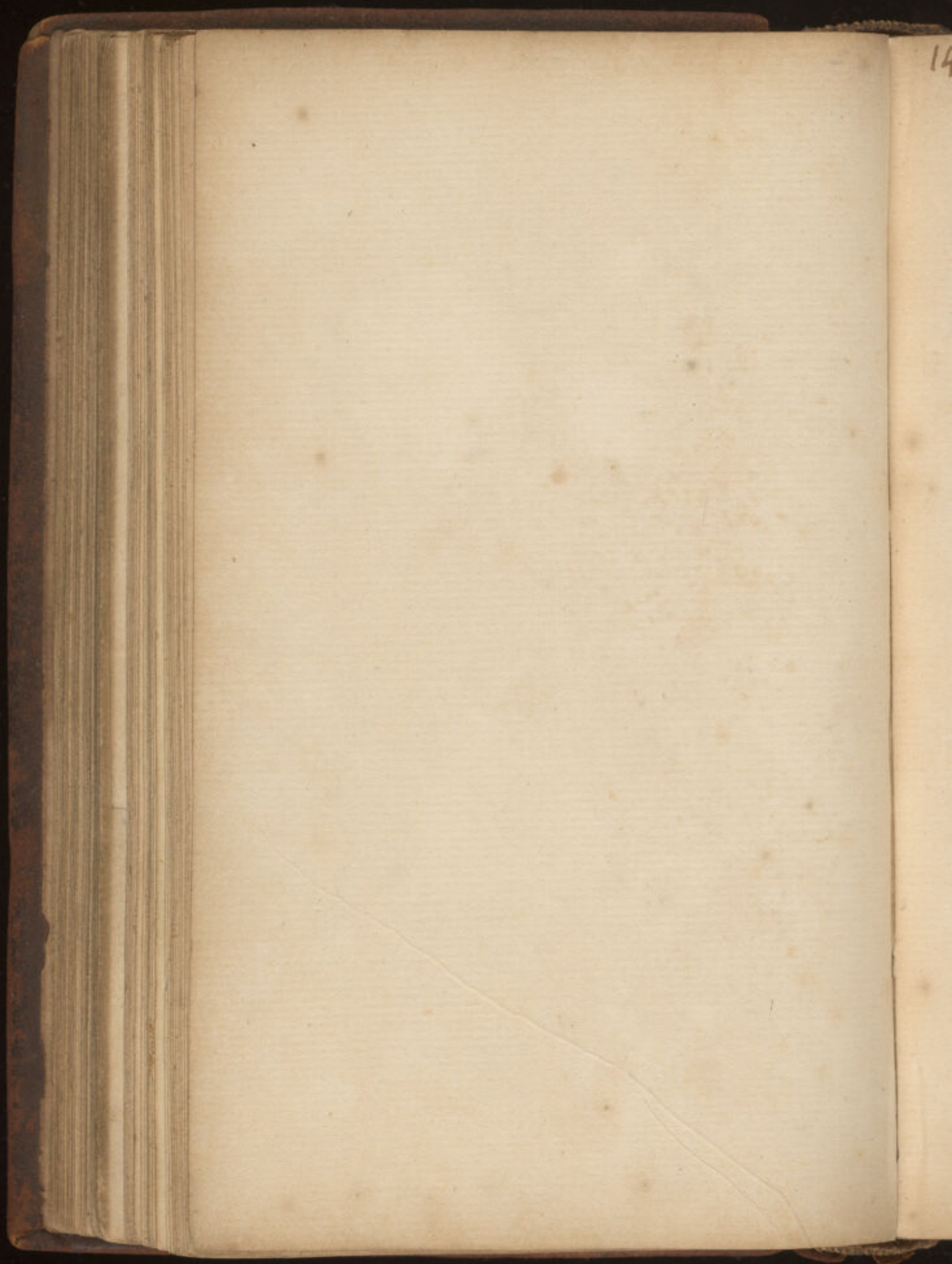
Household mention was made that Sir J. E. -
was appointed Physician in ordinary on which
occasion Sir C. - was asked by one of the
Company if he had ever attended the
Prince in his Profession, yes says he, I did
so in his Infancy inasmuch that he had the
care of him during the Junocul. & for
the small Pox, and now said he from the
~~present~~ Events as just mentioned I have
ample Proof of the Grecian Philosopher's
Remark. Would you do good without hopes
of ~~Recompense~~ do it to a Child or an old
Person as the one will never remember
it and the other probably never live to
Repay it.

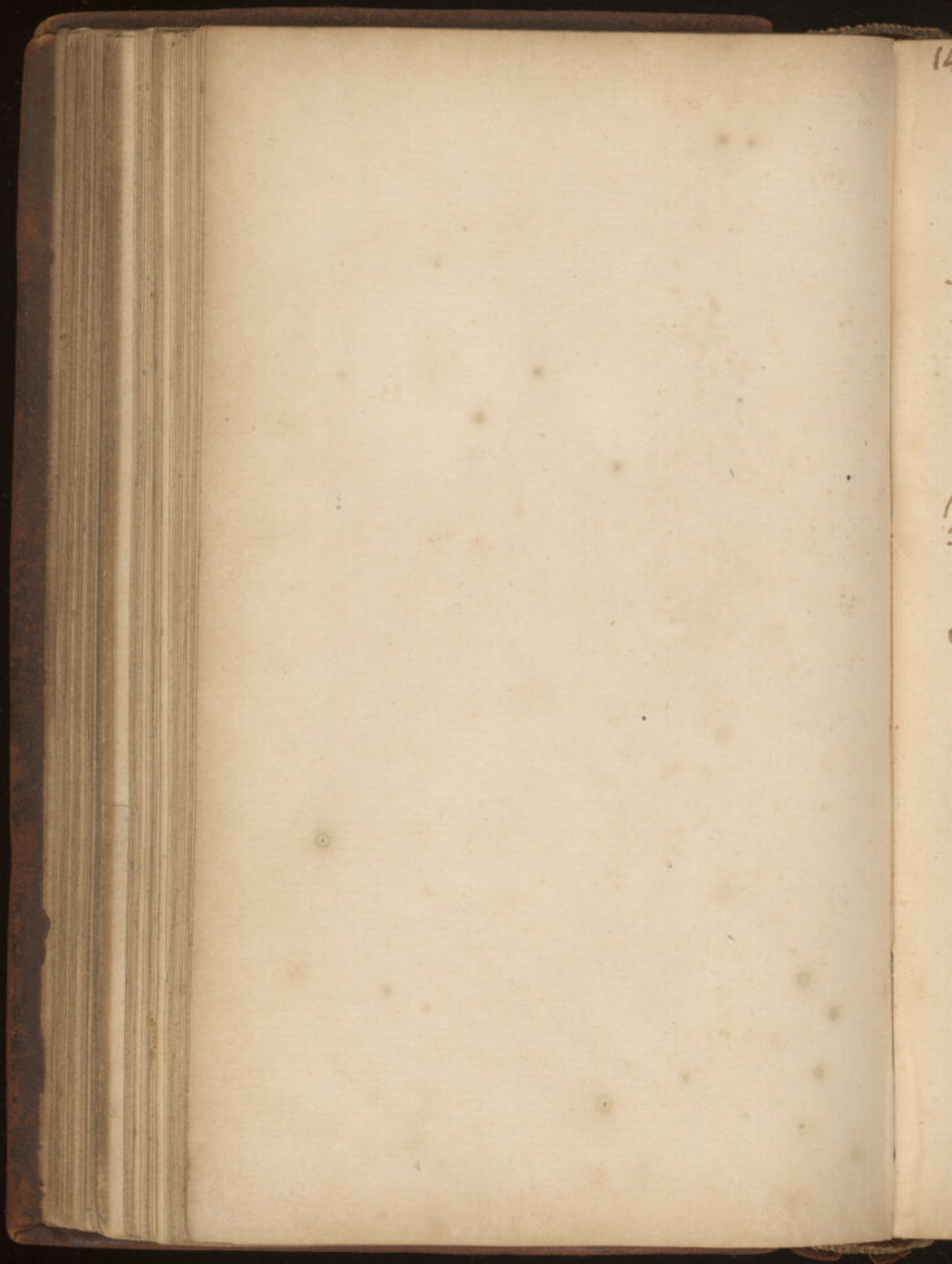
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. in relation to the above named matter. I have the honor to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration. I am, Sir, very respectfully,
 Yours, etc.
 J. H. [Signature]

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Genl Cho-ly avowing the Truth
 of Baron le Craff's Observation of
 the frailty of Female Beauty arra-
 -igned all such Persons as guilty of the
 highest degree of Folly who permitted their
 Eyes to superintend or direct their Choice
 in that of a Wife; and to corroborate his
 Assertion gave among many other ~~the~~
 Proofs ~~the~~ ^{the} Dut-^{ies} of H-^{er} as an
 undeniable Instance of the Visible
 Decay of Beauty in ^{her} married State.
 Ought you, replied ~~I~~ to Urge this in
 Prejudice to the Charms of Beauty
 and the Legal Possession of it, whoever
 after the Fruit was formed was weak
 enough to expect the Presence of its
 fair Blossom should still remain
 as necessary to captivate and secure
 the Eye of Affection.

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In a certain Company a Debate
 arose on the Propriety of this Express-
 - ional Form of Words *Nolo Episcopari*
 as spoke by the Clergy on ~~the~~ Promo-
 - tion to Prelacy. ~~The~~ opinion, the Justness
 of which I had grounded on an Examination
 and Review of the Merits of the Bishops
 who had sat on that Rev. Bench during
 the greatest Part of the present Century
 was to this Effect namely that the
 present Declaration of *Nolo Episcopari*
 should be Exchanged for that other
 made use of in the Ceremony of Crea-
 - ting a Knight of the Order Bleu.
 who on that occasion publicly on
 his Knees Informs his Sovereign
Domine non sum Dignus. Was
 this Alteration once adopted, ~~being~~
 persuaded, every Objection that had
 been so warmly alledged against the
 present Prelatical Mode would be
 totally removed, and could ^{scarcely} ~~never~~ be urged
 against the ^{new} Substitute as 99 times in 100
 that Declaration might be avowed in
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perfect Conformity with Truth.

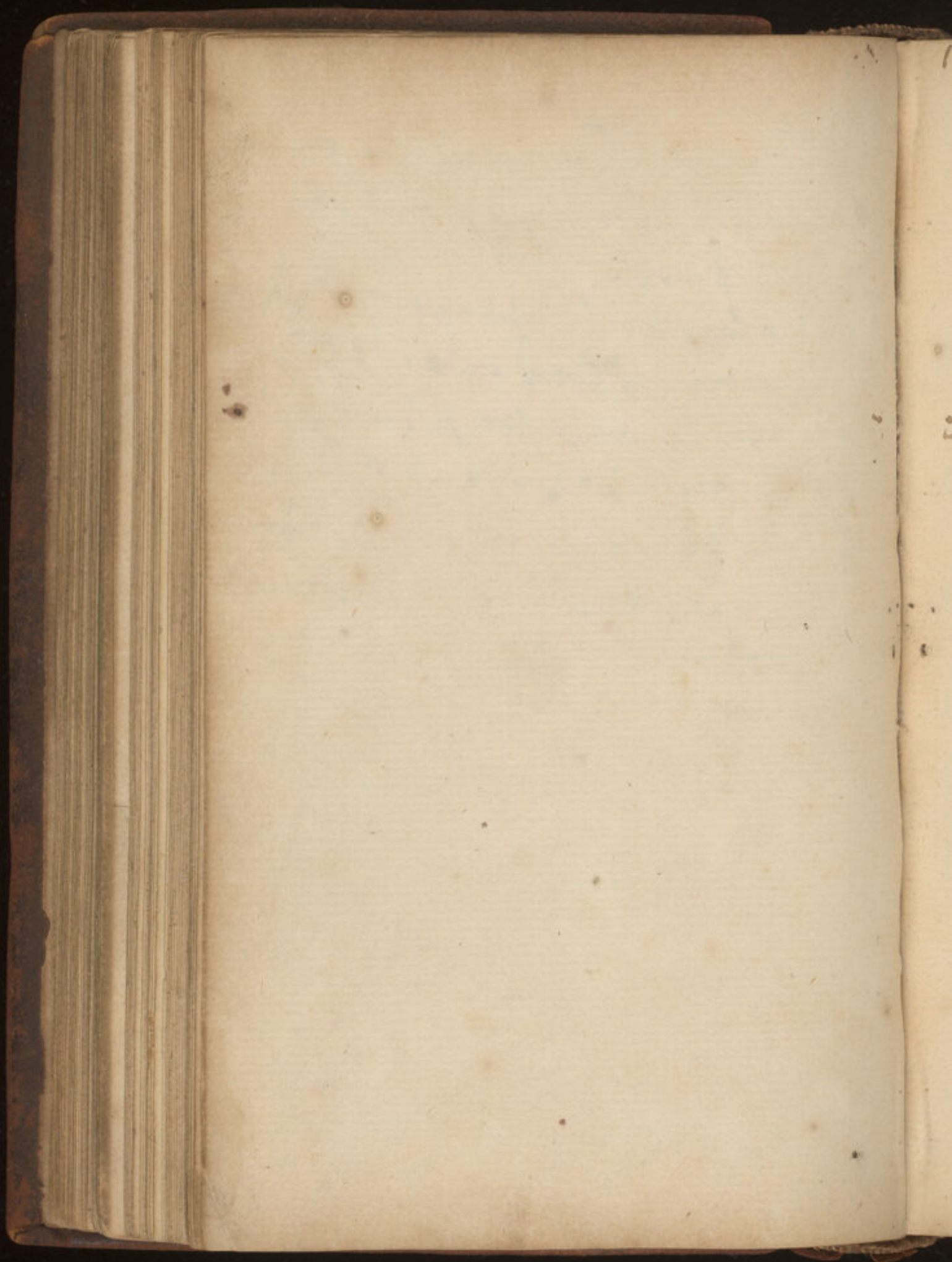
Being on a Visit at Canons a Person under no small degree of Surprise remarked with what an uncommon Rapidity that large Estate and very fine Villa, which were acquired by the ^{unwearied attention} ~~industry~~ of H. y Br. & ^{to the distress} ~~family~~ of a very lucrative office held by his extravagant Prodigality when Duke of Ek- & Slip away from his hands into those of a Day Labourer employed by himself at the Building of it. This, said I, may excite Astonishment in those who confine their Observations to what passes among the human Species, but who ever will extend their a little further to what the Republic of Ants presents to our View, will discover a most striking Resemblance

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- Cause, as this Insect, whilst it
 continues in its primitive Station
 "Ore habitat, quodcumque potest, atque
 addit & cervo"

but whenever by change of Condition
 it is metamorphosed into a Fly, it
 does indeed acquire Wings which
 as they serve to Raise it from the
 Ground, so no less contribute to hurry
 it on to quick and certain Destruction

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 out what the cause of the
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During the Madness and Rage of the
 Middle Freeholders in the behalf and
 support of Mr W. & I endeavoured to
 to dissuade them from their Purpose
 by shewing them that such a Li-
 - centious Person who was himself
 among other Arguments by which I
 endeavoured to dissuade them
 from their purposed Choice of him
 as Knight of the Shire. I urged this
 other as a further Reason to Reject
 him, that being such a Licentious
 Person, and no more than the Scum
 of Liberty he could never with any
 Propriety be returned to Parlia-
 - ment as their Representative,
 since it was plain no ~~free~~ Seat could
 ever be ^{regularly} ~~possibly~~ obtained for him in
 that House, but thro the means of
 some Beggarly Borough, where
 Pot Wobblers composed the major
 Part of the Electors.

The first thing I did was to
 go to the bank in the morning
 and see what the interest was
 on my money. I found it was
 very low. I then went to the
 office and saw the manager.
 He told me that the interest
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 was not in demand. I then
 went to the bank and saw the
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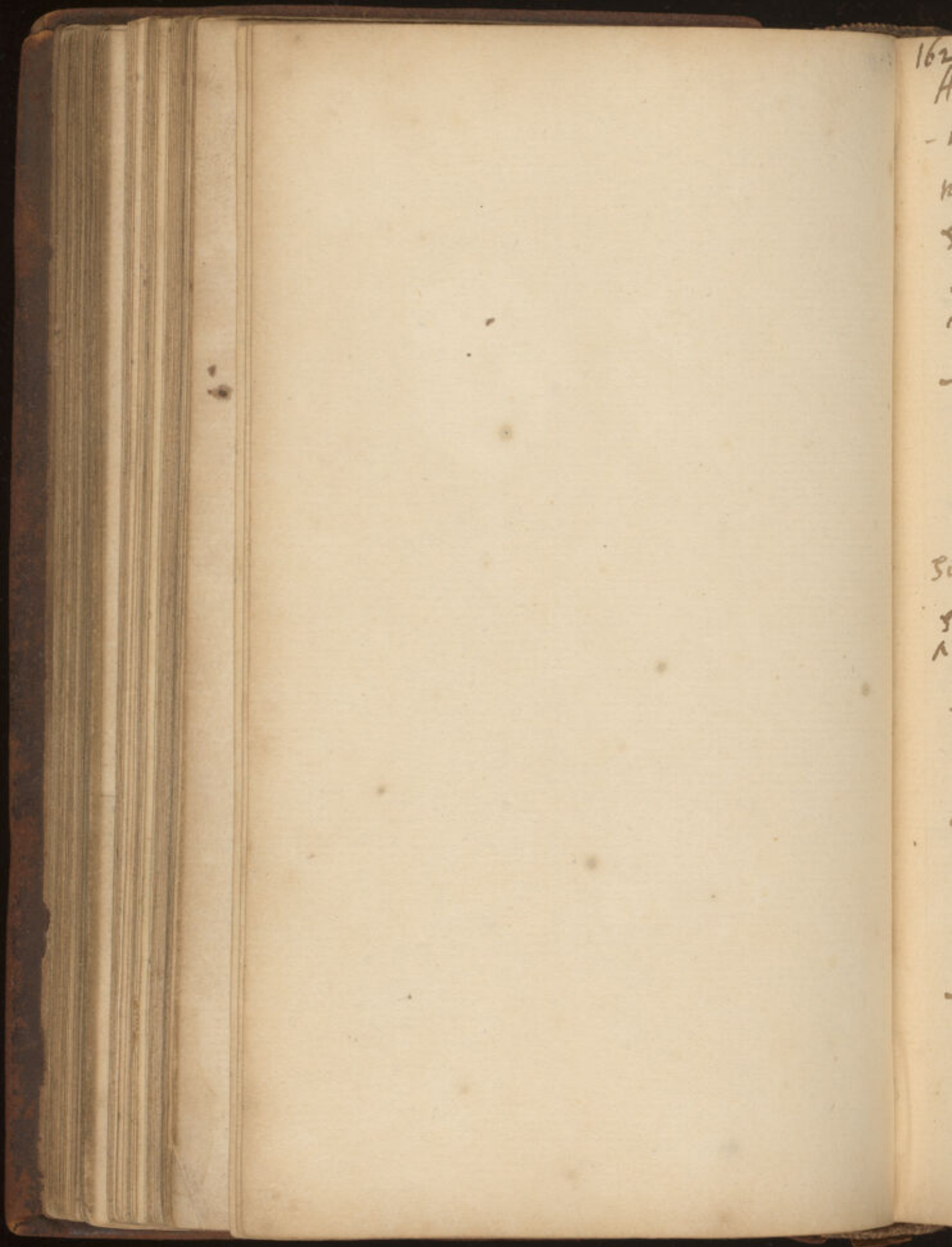
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A certain Person expressing his Indig-
 - nation at the Vile and Infamous Abuse
 with which his M-ty's Character was
 so frequently and so unjustly Aspersed
 and that He could not bear to see a
 Personage of such Integrity so tra-
 - duced. Your Zeal in defence of
 Truth said ^{in E. H.} is very commendable
 and will ^{is not like} doubtless Warrant on
 this occasion ^{the} ~~my~~ Companion ^{no the} ~~fact~~
 Situation in which you have placed him - y^e ap-
~~propriate Situation~~ and your ~~self~~
^{self to} that of Socrates and Xanthippe ^{As the} ~~that~~
 Innocency which Enabled that great
 Philosopher to suffer Death with
 the ^{utmost} greatest Composure, raised a
 Fury in his Wife's Breast which She
 could by no means prevent from
 bursting forth into Curses and Impre-
 - cations.

With what a rapid hurry and
 a certain Person are the Speeches and
 Confessions made by Malefactors ~~at~~
 the place of Execution Vocifera-
 -ted and Circulated thro the Streets
 of this Metropolis. That is a Cir-
 -cumstance said ^{se} which must
 afford their Friends and Acquaint-
 -ance a very comfortable Consola-
 -tion for their unhappy Fate, how so
 says He, for this plain reason, repli-
 -ed ^{te} As we have divine Authority
 to believe that happy are the Dead
 whose Works follow them.

166 News being brought to a Company that
Lord Sherrin had purchased the magnifi-
cent House which Lord Bute had planned
and built for himself in B-ley Square,
each Person pretended to assign the
motive which could have induced his
Lordship to make such an extraordinary
Sale; but the same thing taking place
as in most Cases of a similar Nature
namely that Quot Homines tot Senten-
-tia, when ^{the} Conjecture was demanded
Heguer the following Reply That ^{the} ~~the~~ ^{of the} ~~the~~
-mised the Cause of this Event should
be attributed to an Attention, which
Cicero the great Director of the Decency
et Honesty in ^{regard of such} matters has laid down
that ^{it behoves} the Proprietor of every House to
take special Care, he was himself the
Ornament of it, and not to Leave it ~~to~~
the Power ~~to~~ ^{to} have ^{the} Application
Reversed, and therefore as Lord Bute
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though somewhat too late became
 fully sensible that this Important
 Instruction could not be carried
 into ~~perfect~~ Execution by his Perso-
 -nal Residence therein without Expo-
 -sing himself to the general Ridi-
 -cle of every Passenger. He had
 artfully avoided it by transferring
 that Property to a Cozcomb, whose
 overweening Conceit of himself always
 rose in proportion and grew greater and
 greater as was that of the Bulk and
 Grandeur of the House, which called
 him Master

The Duke of Bol-n rendering himself
 by the Splendour of his Dress an Object
 that attracted the Eyes of the whole
 Company at Court on a Birth Day; are
 you not Sir Ch-n said Sir Ch: 9 Saunders
 quite dazzled and confounded with
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the glittering Figure which my Brother
Admiral makes here in the Drawing
Room. I am not at all Blinded by
this Outside Appearance, replied I, for
for I can with as much ease separate
the Gilding from his Grace as I would
skim the Cream from the Milk and
am not afterwards in the least Sur-
prised to find that what Remains
underneath may be thrown to the
Wash Tub as Food for Hogs with-
out Impeachment of Wast.

Being informed that Mr Ad-^r had by
a Personal Solicitation artfully and
unawares addressed to his Majesty obtained
the Appointment of Surgeon to Chelsea
Hospital then Vacant by the Death of
Mr R-^y and by which Mr Mid-ⁿ
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who putting his Trust and Confidence
 in a Royal Word of an assured Suc-
 -cession thereto was much vexation-ly
 disappointed: Who is there now guide
^{the} I can entertain the least Doubt that
 the Promises made by Kings partake of
 the Nature of Chaff when to the Breath
 of a Symplicit Surgeon Wafted ~~thro~~
 a Month's ^{Ear} ~~Wind~~ is in an instant
 quite sufficient to Blow ~~any such verbal~~
 - Bling the of ancient Birth clear away from
~~his memory~~ his memory

A Foreigner of Distinction was told that there
 was at Tunbridge Wells an excellent Min-
 -eral Water of such Power and Efficacy as
 occasional Valentinarians to Resort thither
 during the Summer Season from every Part
 of the Kingdom in full assurance of Re-
 -covering their Loss of Health by the Use
 of it. On his being introduced into the Ball
 Room where he beheld a crowded As-
 -embly of Persons very elegantly if not
 sumptuously dressed and wholly devoted

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to the Pleasure they took in Gaming and
 Dancing. He seemed exceedingly aston-
 -ished and asked, Is it possible this can
 be a Rendezvous of Valetudinarians?
 your Query Sir said ~~it~~ is very appropriate,
 nevertheless you have been rightly in-
 -formed of the Pretence which serves
 the Purpose of Convening this gay and
 splendid Assembly to this Place, but
 it is reserved for me to Apprise you of
 the Truth, and which I shall briefly do
 by acquainting you that these fash-
 -ionable folks are induced thus to
 Assemble themselves together at these
 Wells by the same ^{powerful} Motive which led
 Pythius as Tully informs us to Pay his
 frequent Visits to Syracuse "O Mandi
 non Negotiorum causa."

to that, which frequently occurs
between the Foxes and the Badgers
that when the last have dug Holes
for their own use, They have the
misfortune to find themselves
stunk out by the Foxes.

A certain Person said with a Sneer to
C. W. that he apprehended he would
readily allow the Gout to be the Op-
-probrium Medicorum, by no means
sir, the Gout is an Infirmary which
confers no more Disgrace on the Physician
than Short sightedness does on the Op-
-hician; the Opprobrium appertains
to those Empiricks and those only, who
Profess to Cure what only admits of
being Alleviated.

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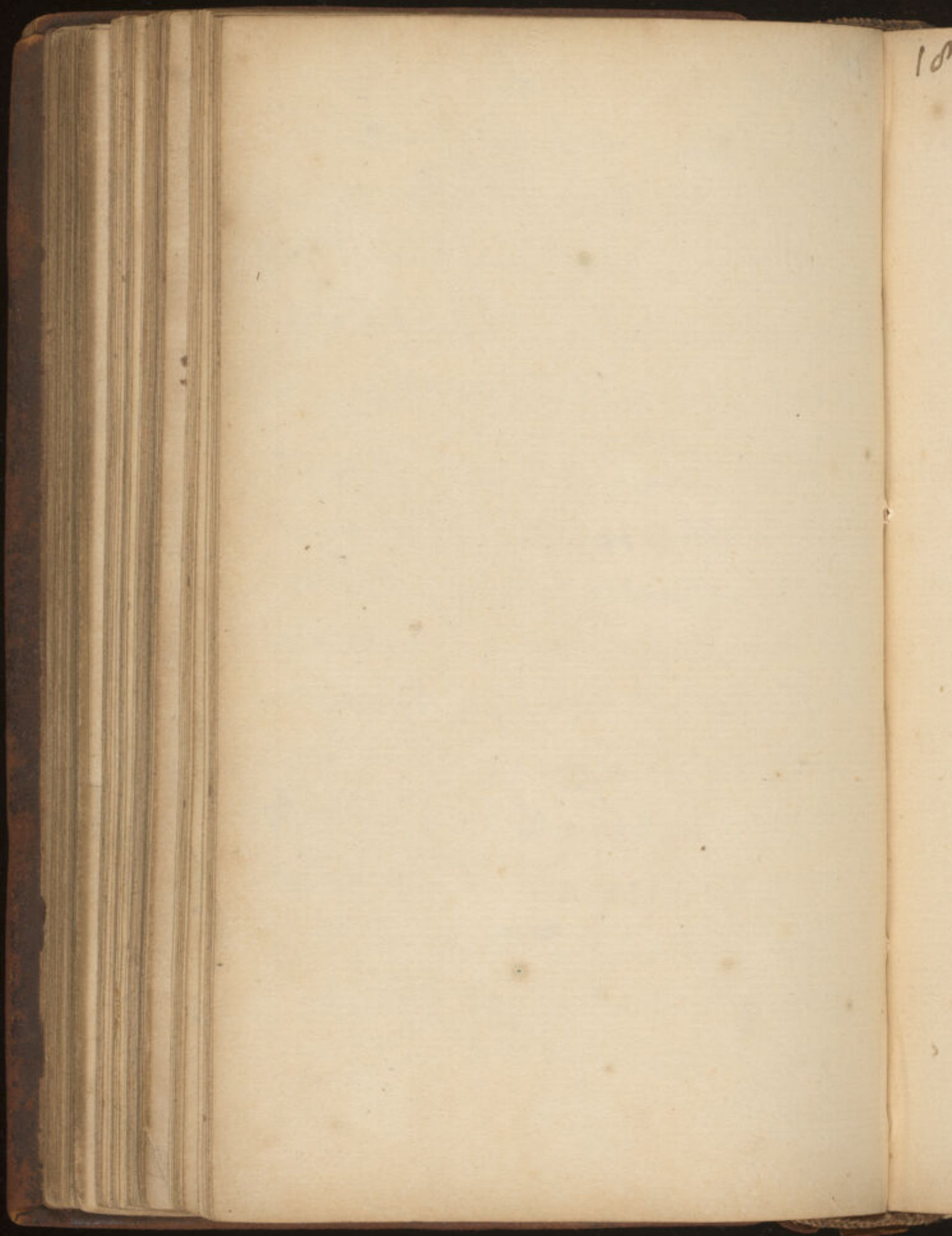
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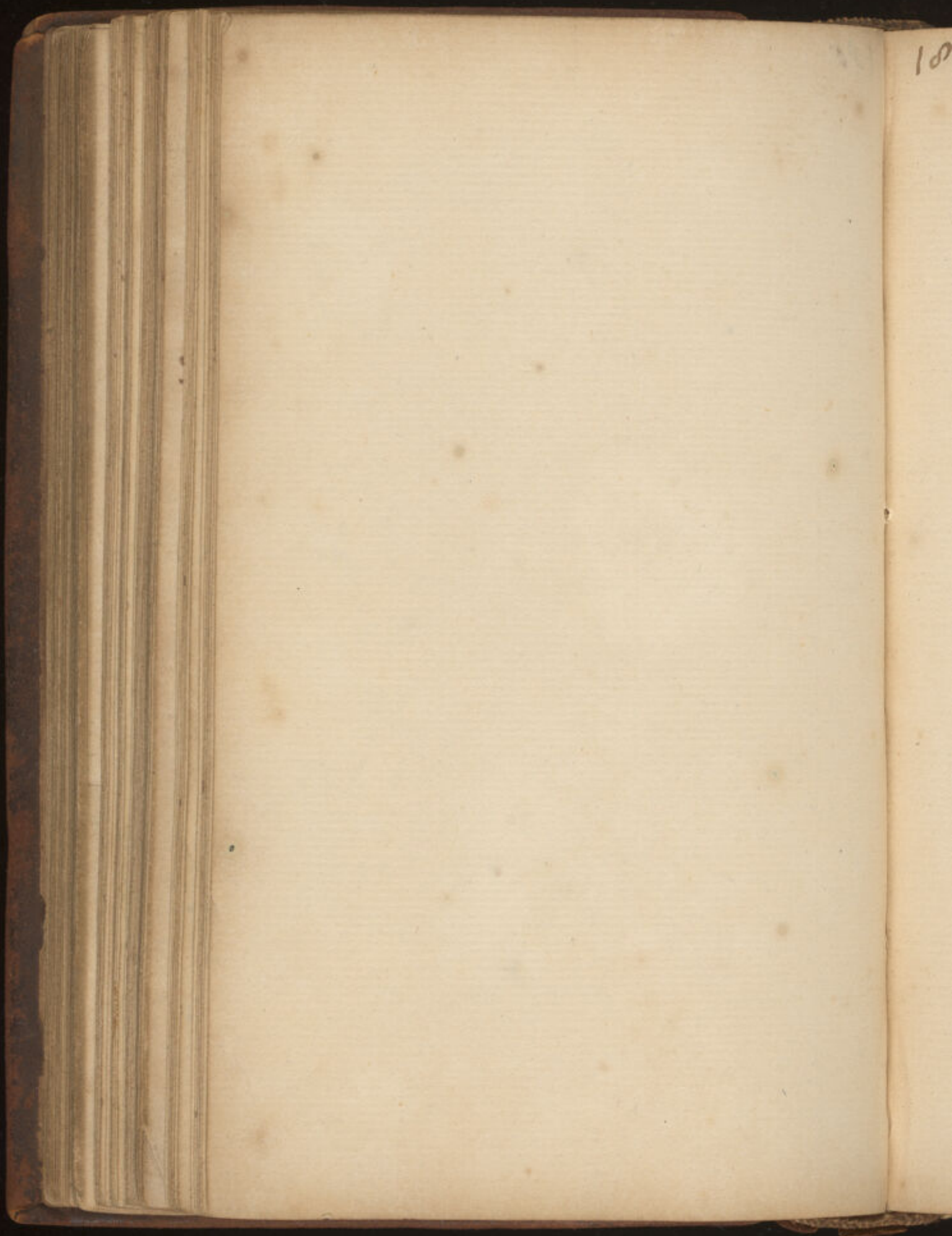
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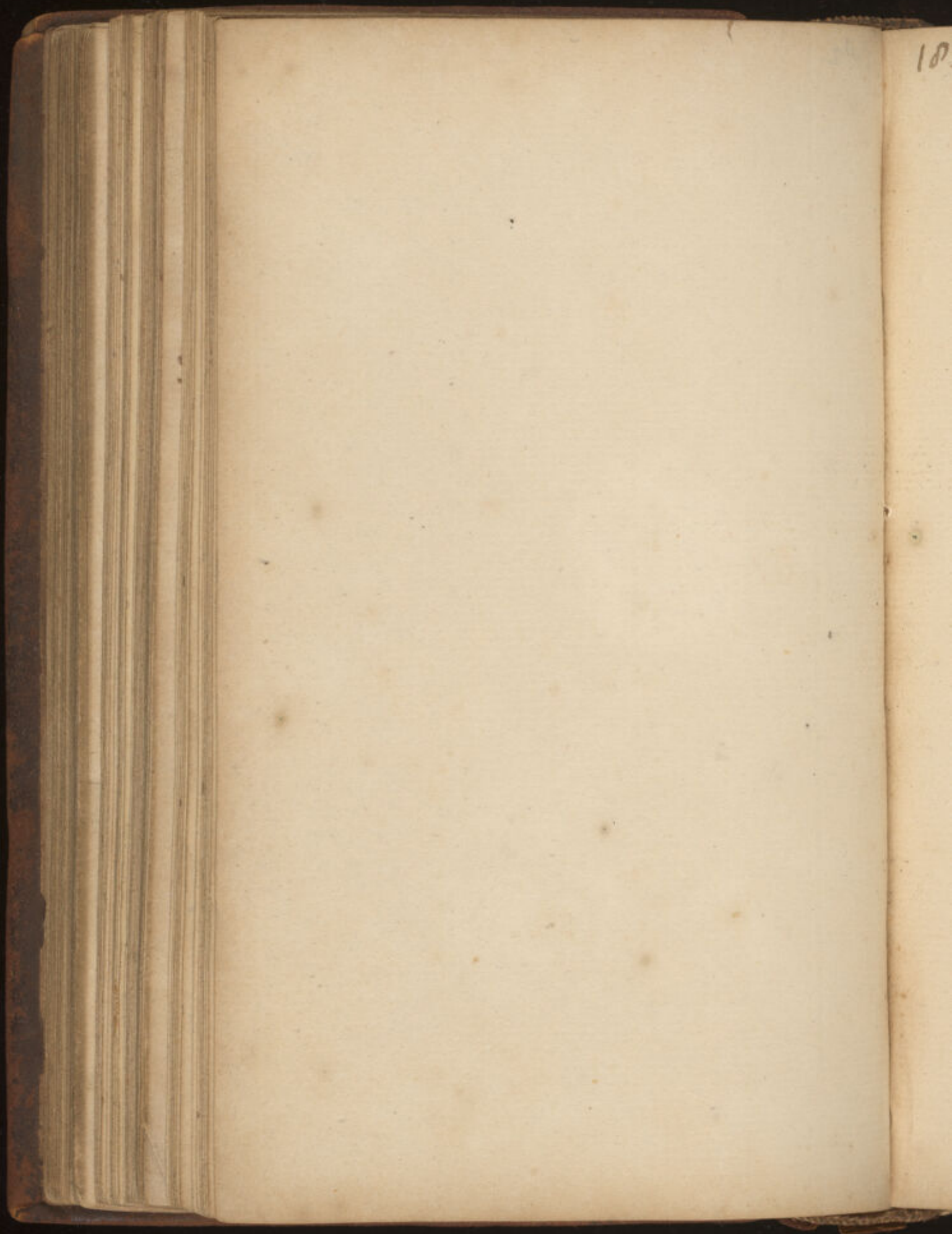
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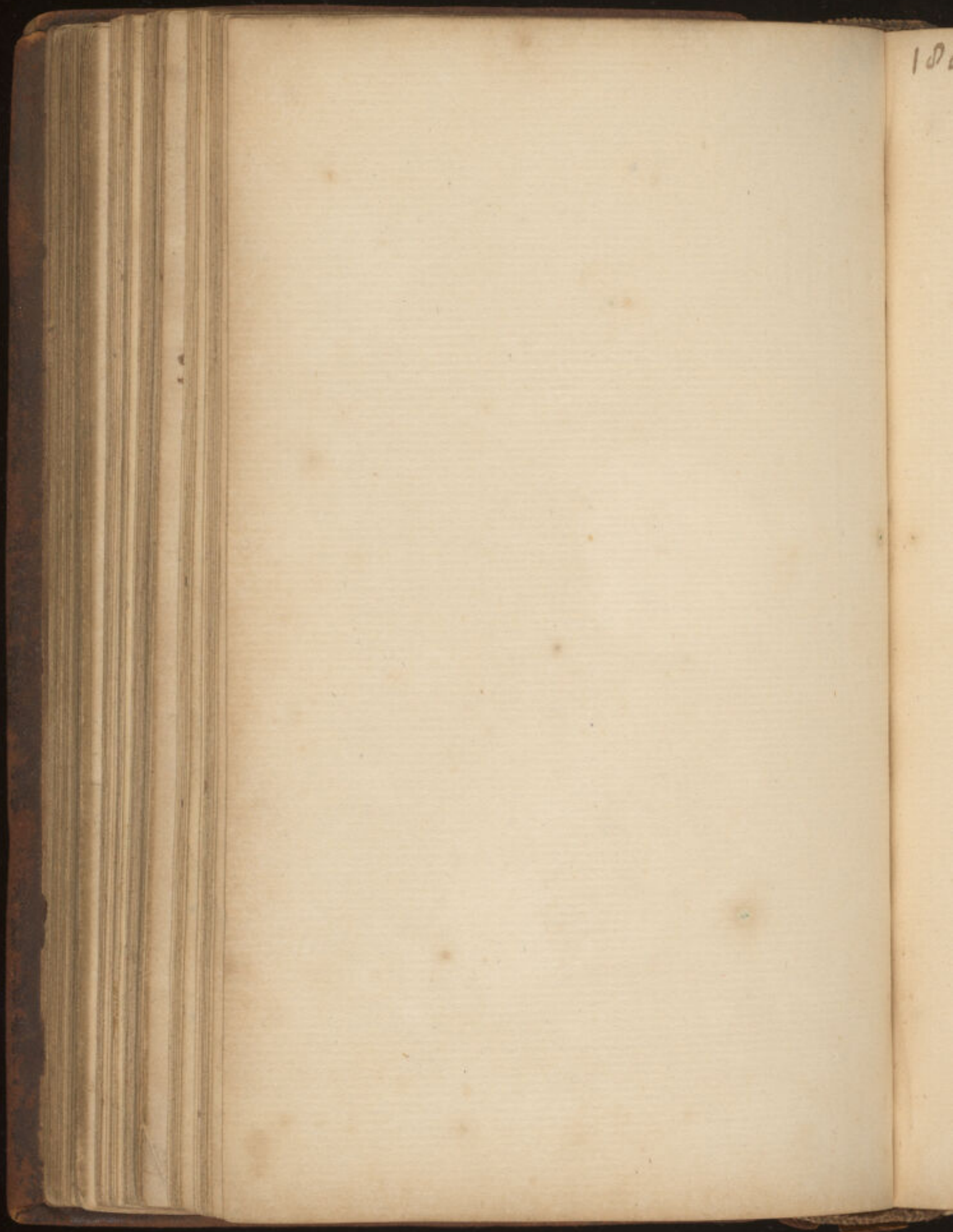
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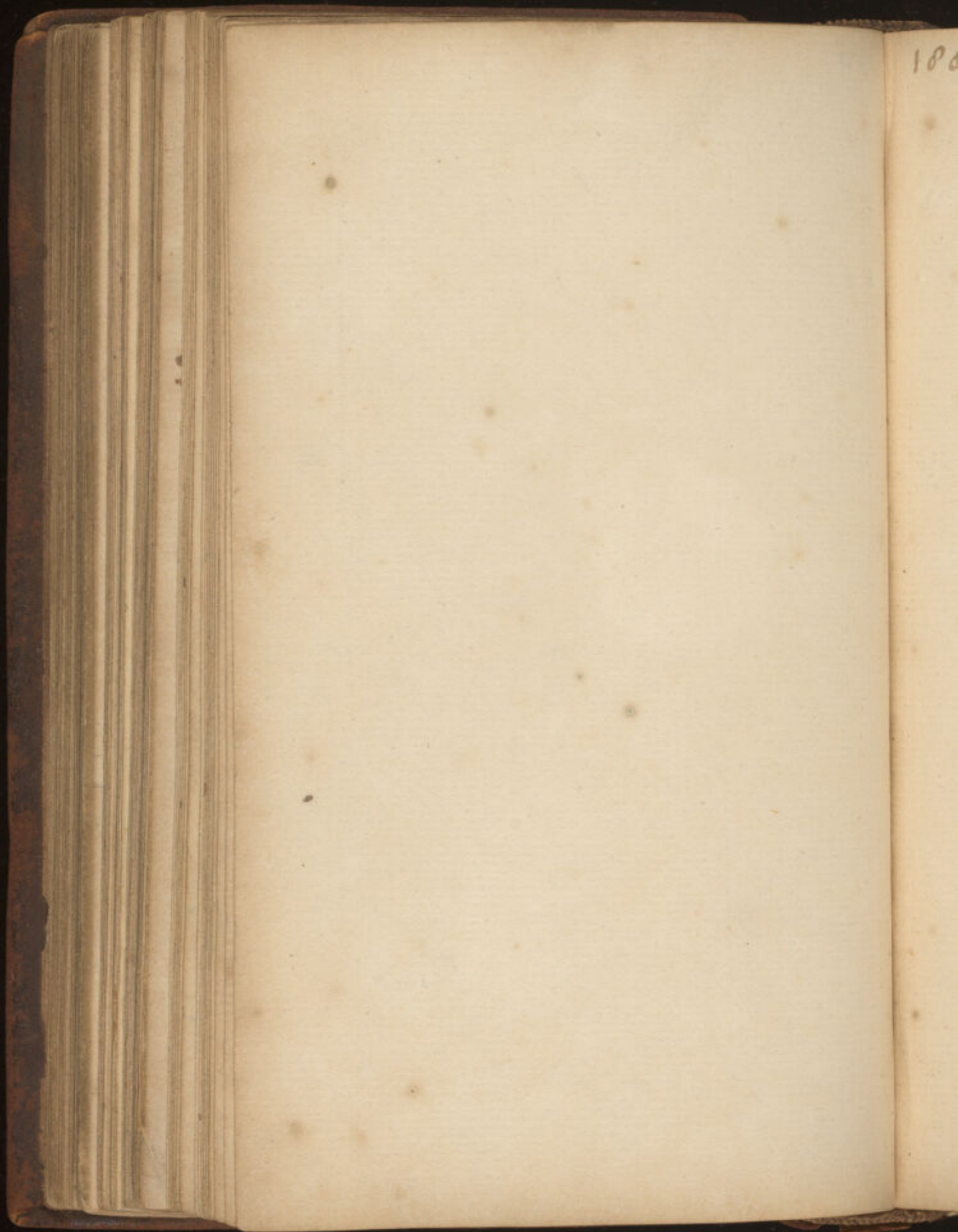
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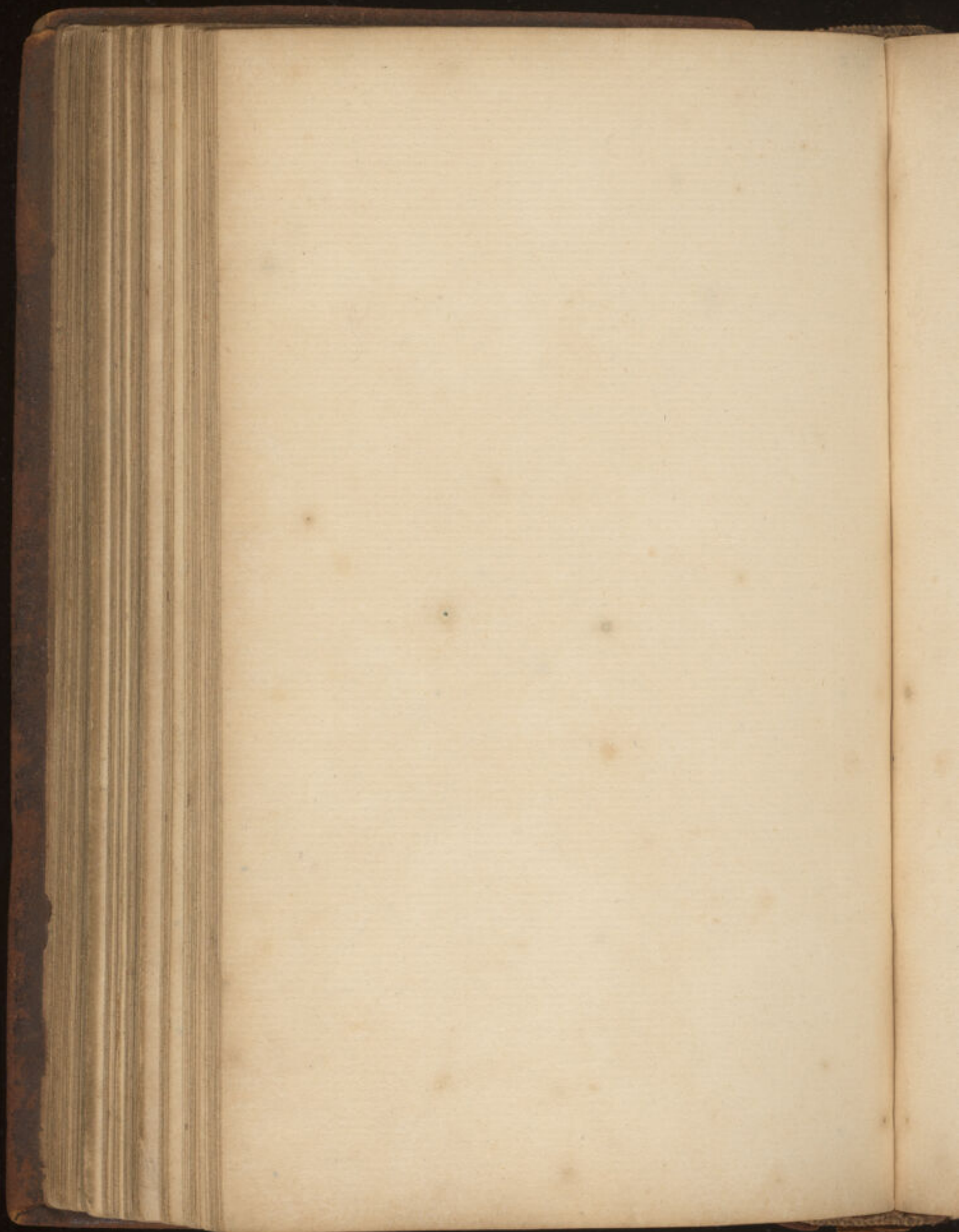
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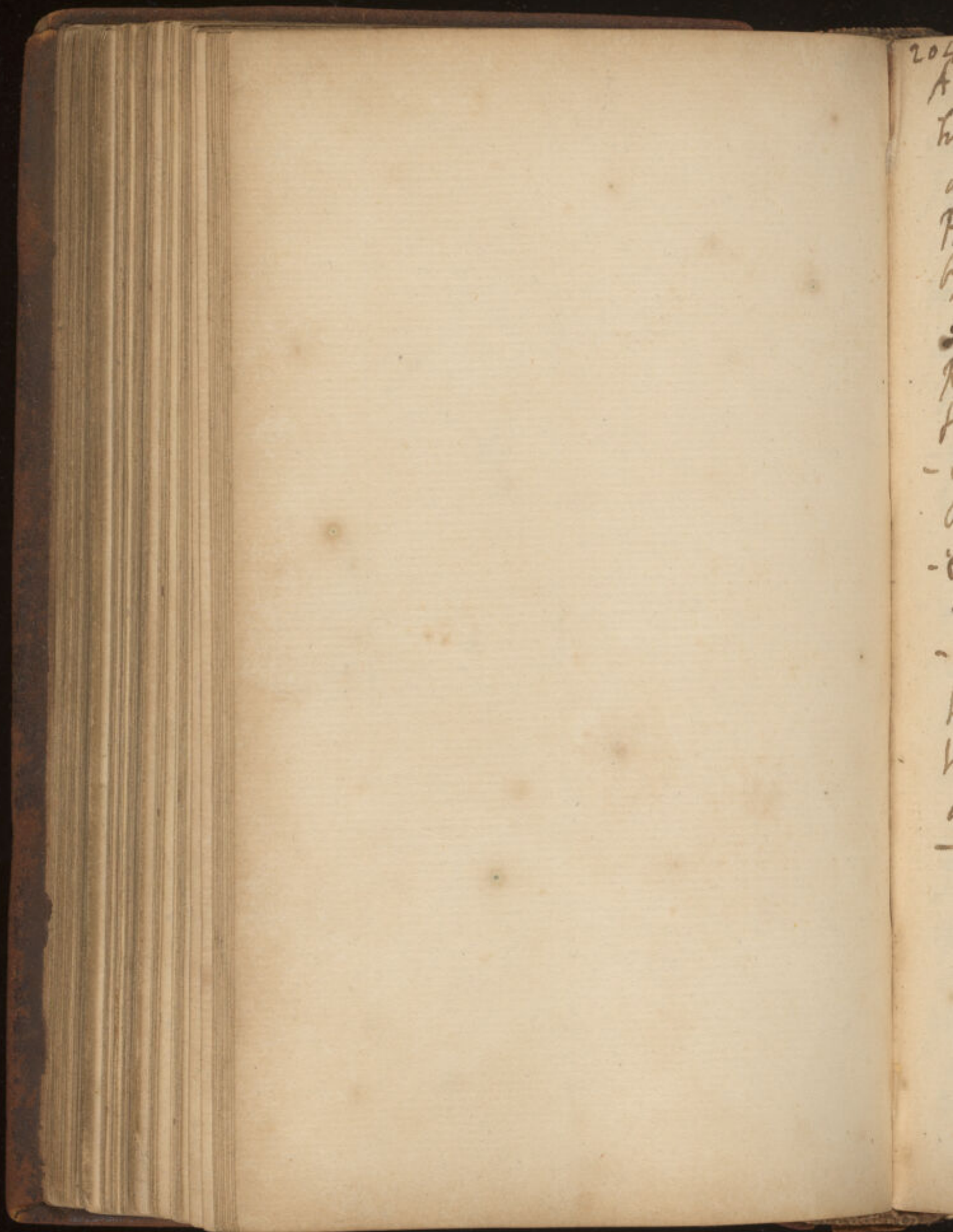
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A certain member of Parliament expressing
 his surprise at Gen^l C-ys Resolution
 and wavering & timid Conduct in the
 Business of Administration. ^{said Sp. W.} Permitt me
 by way of Reply to observe there are
 Sceptics in Government as well as in
 Religion and Experience has shown
 that there is a certain Species of Politi-
 -cians, whose Brains are perplexed
 by the least Reason and remain Disat-
 -tached with the Best, for it is with
 such Minds as with an ill made Ba-
 -lance, which during its motions
 to and fro up and down, seemingly comes
 to an Equality, yet in an Instant appears
 as Unsettled as ever.

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nothing said a certain Critic can
 more clearly demonstrate the great
 Ignorance, which the mind has of its
 own Powers, than by having Recourse
 to the Works of the best Authors in
 all Ages and Countries; inasmuch as
 They will give undeniable Testi-
 -mony to the truth of this Remark
 That those Persons, who had acqui-
 -red to themselves the highest Deg-
 -ree of Reputation for Performan-
 -ces of Wit, Genius, or Judgement,
 became sooner or later dull futile
 wrongheaded, immoral, or Pernicious
 Scribes; whereof among very many
 Instances He enumerated the Names
 of Milton Dryden Addison Congreve
 Tindal Gordon Manderille Swift.
^{Bentley} Hume Warburton Johnson and Voltaire.
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from hence to infer that the Noce
 trisum of the ^{reputed} sage Philosopher is
 the Command of an impossibility; other-
 wise so many Illustrations Authors could
 never have themselves executed
 the office of Administrators to
 their own good Name and impose on
 themselves the piercing Chagrin
 of seeing it in their own Life time
 Buried with Ridicule or Ignominy.
 Such Penmen, ^{well} ~~as they~~ Resemble
 in their fate that of the Eagle
 wounded with an Arrow feathers
 from its own Wing, ^{and} ^{emphatically} may with it
 utter forth a similar Sigh of
 Condoleance Foolish Bird that
 I was to bring forth feathers for
 my own Destruction.

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A certain Nobleman complaining of the
 unsteady measures pursued by Govern-
 -ment since his Majesty's Accession to the
 Throne and ascribing the Cause thereof to a
 succession of young and unexperienced
 Ministers, Persons led by Humor and Capri-
 -ice. Your L^d sh^d said ^{myself} will cease to Calam-
 -itate this Choice, if you will give your
 self Leave to Reflect that the Ship the anti-
 -ent Emblem as well as Defence of this
 Kingdom has of late been Dismasted and
 Exchanged for a Vessel not of Strength
 indeed, but of Speed called a Cutter, to
 whose Helm any Boy may be appointed
 Steersman, who has Dexterity enough
 to Jump into its Cockboat, as by the
 Help of that, he can on the first alarm
 of any threatening ~~storm~~ Danger trium-
 -phantly Ride in the Whirlwind, and
 securely Defy the Storm.

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Lord S-X on his Return from a Tour thro
 France expressed no small Surprise at
 the Difference between the Subjects of France
 and Great Britain: The former says his Lord.
 under all their Poverty and the grievous op-
 -pressions imposed on them by a Despotie
 Government possess in general une gaieté
 du Cour rante whilst on the contrary
 the British Nation abounding with Wealth
 and blessed with a glorious Freedom under the
 mildest Monarchy ~~in the world~~ manifest daily
 the most repining, murmuring and Dis-
 -contented Minds of any People in Europe
 your Lord.
 Remark said I is a very just
 one, and perhaps these Differences of Dis-
 -position may admit of some Illustra-
 -tion by Comparing the two Nations
 to a Couple of Carts, the one long
 accustomed to a burthensome Service
 the other seldom brought forth or put
 to any use. The first it is well known
 goes silently away with a heavy Load
 whilst the latter screams and Flies
 each Step it makes though it has little
 more than its own Wheels to Drag
 along.

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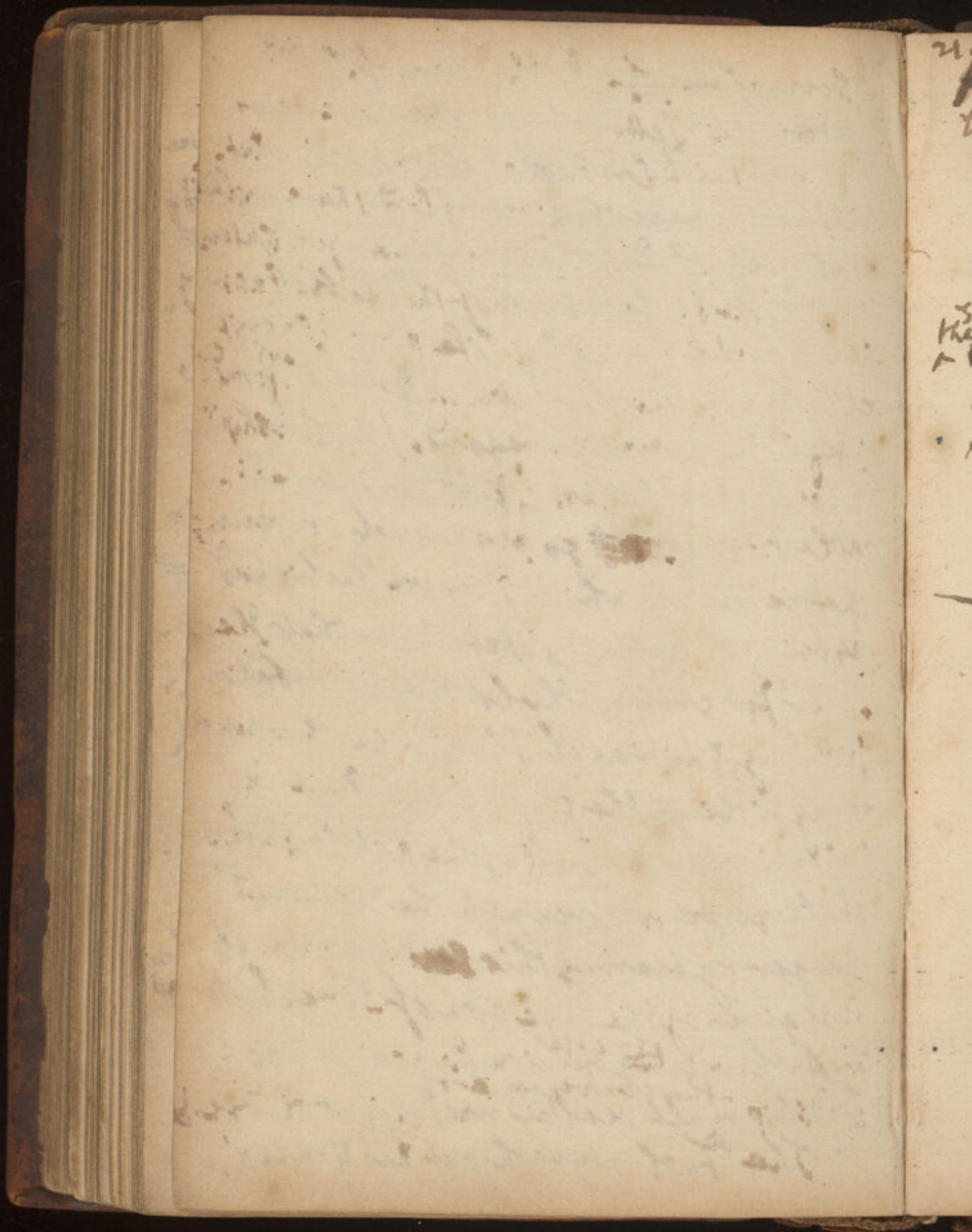
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Sir ~~James Oglethorpe~~ Taking the Liberty to
 Censure his Majesty on the Promotion
 of certain Persons to Rank and Dignity
 and of others to Offices of Power and
 Profit concluded his Remark by alled-
 -ging as a excuse of those measures,
 that they were to be ascribed to the
 Influence with which the Breath
 of a Minister swayed all his Acti-
 -ons. Is it possible said I, that you
 Sir ~~Chas~~ can really harbour so mean
 an Opinion of his Majesty's Abili-
 -ties, or that a British Monarch
 who commands the most powerful
 Navy in the Universe sh^d resem-
 -ble the meanest Ship in his Fleet,
 and be Whirled about by any Wind
 that might blow at his Tail

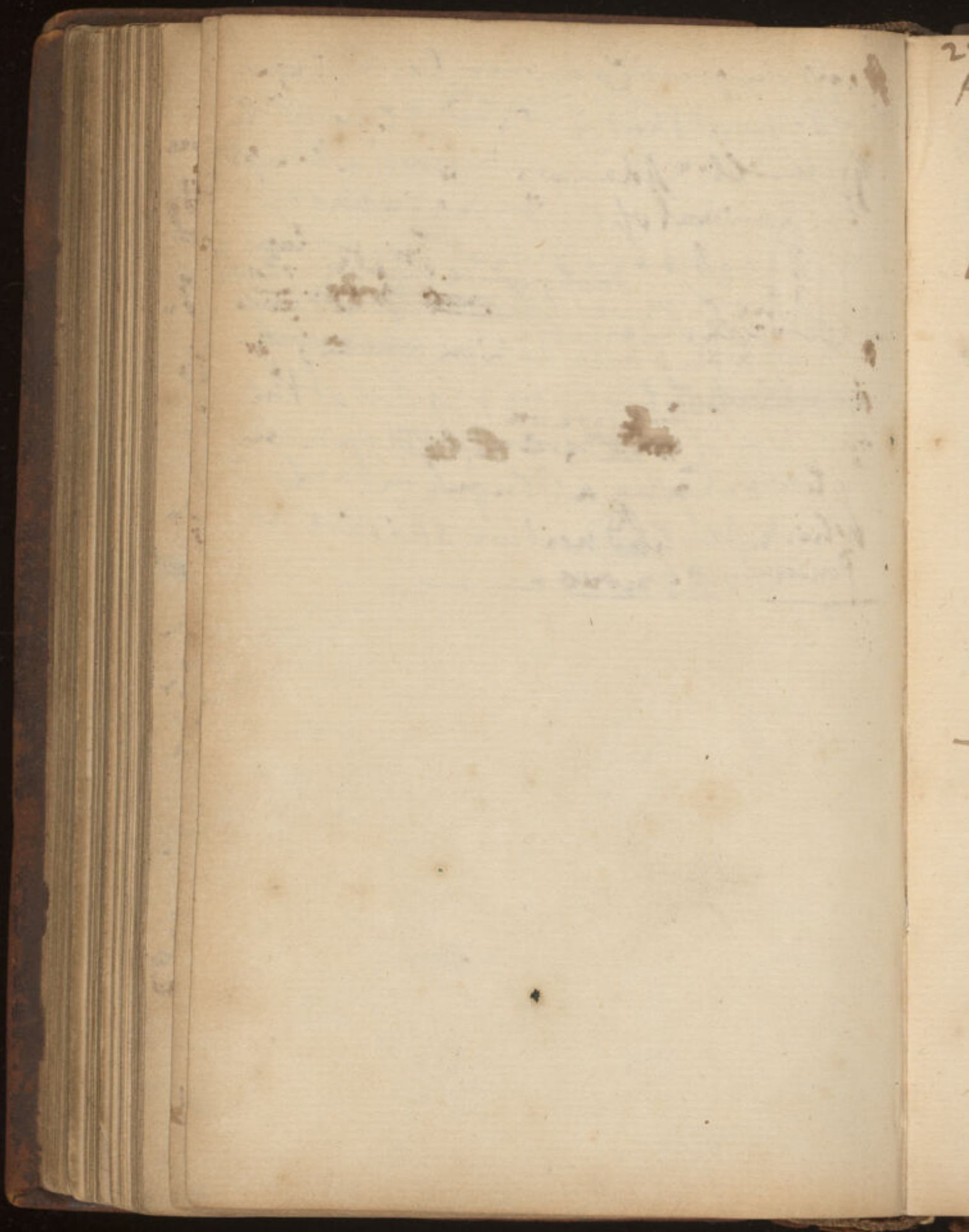
T at the same time it cannot be
denied but that with equal Force
and Veracity ^{Exhibit} They ~~have~~ ^{in a light} ~~been~~ ^{to have been} this
Author ~~is~~ ^{an} ~~in~~ ^{grand Comedien} ~~in~~ ^{Ruse}
are in Court gate, in so much that
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& whether it may relate to that of
Men or Manners.

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Soon after the Publication of Lord
Chesterfield's Letters by Mr Stanhope being
in company with Lord R. - He enquired what
- her) has Perused them; yes my Lord I have, well
then said his Lord. p what opinion do you enter-
-tain of the Performance of this noble Peer
so celebrated during his Life pour. l. Esprit
et le genie. That the Publick ~~replies~~, formed
a right Judgement in regard of his Lordship's
Talents, these Letters afford an incontest-
-able Proof, ~~that~~ so strenuously condemning
the manner in which they are Published
as being Criminally Defective, that He
shall for ever withhold his Approbation
from any Edition of them, till the run-
-ning title at the head of each Page in
imitation of the Tail of the Rattle Snake
shall serve to Forewarn the threatened
Danger by bearing this ~~maxim~~ maxim as
it is given by the wise Son of Sirach
an Author ^{in my opinion} far exceeding his
Lordship in all real and useful Knowledge
"The Fool poureth out his Graces."



A certain great Commoner having Express'd
 his Assents. that L. Nth an & one of the
 Greenwill.ⁿ Administratⁿ would attempt
 the Revival of the Dying Embers of
 the Stamp Act by a Duty on Tea perhaps
 said I his L.^d was ^{not aware that he should} ~~not aware that he should~~
 thereby give an undeniable
 proof to the whole Nation ~~that they~~
~~that they~~ of his being possessed of the
 abilities of ^{an Egyptian} ~~an Egyptian~~ Magician
 by his bringing a Plague on the Land
 which he had neither Skill nor
 Power to Remove.



A quondam Minister exclaiming vehemently
 against his M^y for his frequent changes
 in his great officers of State and that
 by such a Conduct he w^d never gain
 a real Friend, perhaps said I y^e may
 fancy that his M^y as a Puppy in a
 Warren w^d run at every thing with
 catch nothing but I apprehend his
 Condition to resemble more that of the
 Rabbit than the Puppy and that
 he has Reason to believe every crea-
 -ture he sees in his Closet as a Beast
 of Prey meaning to feed himself at
 the expence of his Proves and Property

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Being Informed that the Report made
 by the Committee of the House of Commons
 had Represented Lord Enve among
 many other heinous offenders as Guilty
 of Crimes of the cruelest and deepest
 Dye I replied, that needy Villains
 the Excrements of their own Country
 and who from the lowest Extraction
 had found means to acquire great
 Wealth and Power in India ~~may~~
 be said to have Exhibited in
 that Climate what the Historians
~~have~~ of Egypt have Recorded of its
 Lakes, whose exhalations first
 became Meteors and shortly after-
 wards were changed into Monsters

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Being told that his Majesty paid no
 regard to the Addresses and Remonstrances
 that ^{were presented} ~~were presented~~ from all Parts in behalf of
 the Americans, ~~Mr. de la Fayette~~ ^{Mr. de la Fayette} gave it as his opinion
 such a Proceeding was altogether
 fruitless and that the Grand would show
 his Majesty's mind to be like his own
 hand and the more in proportion to the
 Alloy added thereto.

a Report of

A Conversation commencing on the Death
 of the King of France, a Question arose
 relative to the comparative Merits bet-
 -ween him and Louis the 14th; on which
 occasion Lord Segoev gave it as his
 opinion, that all things as they were
 greater or lesser were strictly speaking
 objects of Comparison, but that in certain
 cases it was a species of Absurdity to
 Place them in such a Light, and that the
 Instances then under Consideration ought
 to Rank under that Denomination. for
 Louis the 14th as far surpassed his
 Successor in Merit, as le Grand the
 little

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Title conferred on him by the universal
 Assent of his Subjects denoted an Ex-
 -cellence much superior to that of
 Le bien Aime the utmost ~~the~~ Mark of
 Honor they could allow or assign to his
~~Majesty~~ Majesty Louis the 15th. ~~that he should not~~
~~regard his Lordship that he should not~~
~~enter into an exami-~~
 -nation of the particular facts, ^{which} ~~that~~ have
~~occurred~~ during the Reign of either of
 these monarchs, to Ascertain the Question
 now in Debate, but ^{that he might be} permitted to observe,
 that (to use the Language of your own
 Profession) He apprehends the Ground your
 Lordship has taken to maintain the
 Preheminance of your ^{favorite} Hero on, is
 scarcely tenable; for taking, as you
 have done, the titles annexed to their
 Names as Significant of the Estimation
 due to their Individual Merits, the
 Inference in his opinion will amount
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I ~~compassionate~~ goodness of his own by the
unerring Proofs of that goodness and
Clemency which dwelt in his own Breast
and

to this, that Louis le Grand had the Art
 to Captivate the Eyes of the French
 Nation and Louis le bien aimé that of
 gaining their Affections, the one Ranges
 high in their Imaginary Idea of
 Excellence ^{as derived from Pomp and Magnificence} the other was firmly
 seated in their Hearts ^{as founded on the compassions} and to which of
 these a Preference is to be Assigned is
 a Point already tried and Adjudged by
 that celebrated French Politician le
 Sieur Amelot de la Houssaie "C'est
 beaucoup d'être Admiré mais c'est
 encore plus d'être Aimé."

Being Informed that Doc. W. and Sir N. J.
 Phys. who his M^y had Sig. & a Certif. to
 Affirm the Insuff. of G. & C. to discharge
 the Duty of Asst. & Phy. n on the American
 Staff to which I was more justly
 summoned by the S. y. at War, perhaps
 said I these Doc. vs had a further View
 as well knowing it w. to ensure them
 an Entrance on all the Books of every
 Pettifogging Attorney when in want
 of such End. cc. to support their Cause
 and that I did not in the least doubt
 but that on such occasions They
 w. to find themselves much in the
 same Predicament with a Gamester
 who was never at a Loss at what
 Shop to supply himself with false
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It being urged in Company that ^{the} Dr.^r was a Verbal Critic & read by
 from some ~~fractures~~ brought in proof thereof
 & gave his Assent to it but added that
 at the same time it must be taken
 for granted that the Dr.^r was an
 Heteroclite ~~as~~ ^{clearly} having only the
 single Quality of Words it was
 plain ~~that~~ ^{the} Plural Number
 was wanting to Compleat the Man
 of real Science.

Mr^r John Ro-r and some other Rakes and
 Debauchees boasting that They were
 the only Wise and Happy mortals the
 true begotten Sons of Pleasure. For
 otherwise said I a few moments more
 will beyond a Doubt demonstrate your
 Wisdom to be folly and your Happi-
 -ness the certain Parent of Misery
 you are not the Sons of Pleasure

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but the offspring of Licentiousness
and the only possible Use which can Re-
-dound to Society from your Vicious
Courses and Pursuits is by its members
Viewing you in the same Light as
Diogenes did the Archer, whose
Arrows perpetually falling far
Wide of the Mark served however
to shew the Philosopher ~~the~~^a Track
which would securely lead him to
the Prize the Object of all his
Aims.

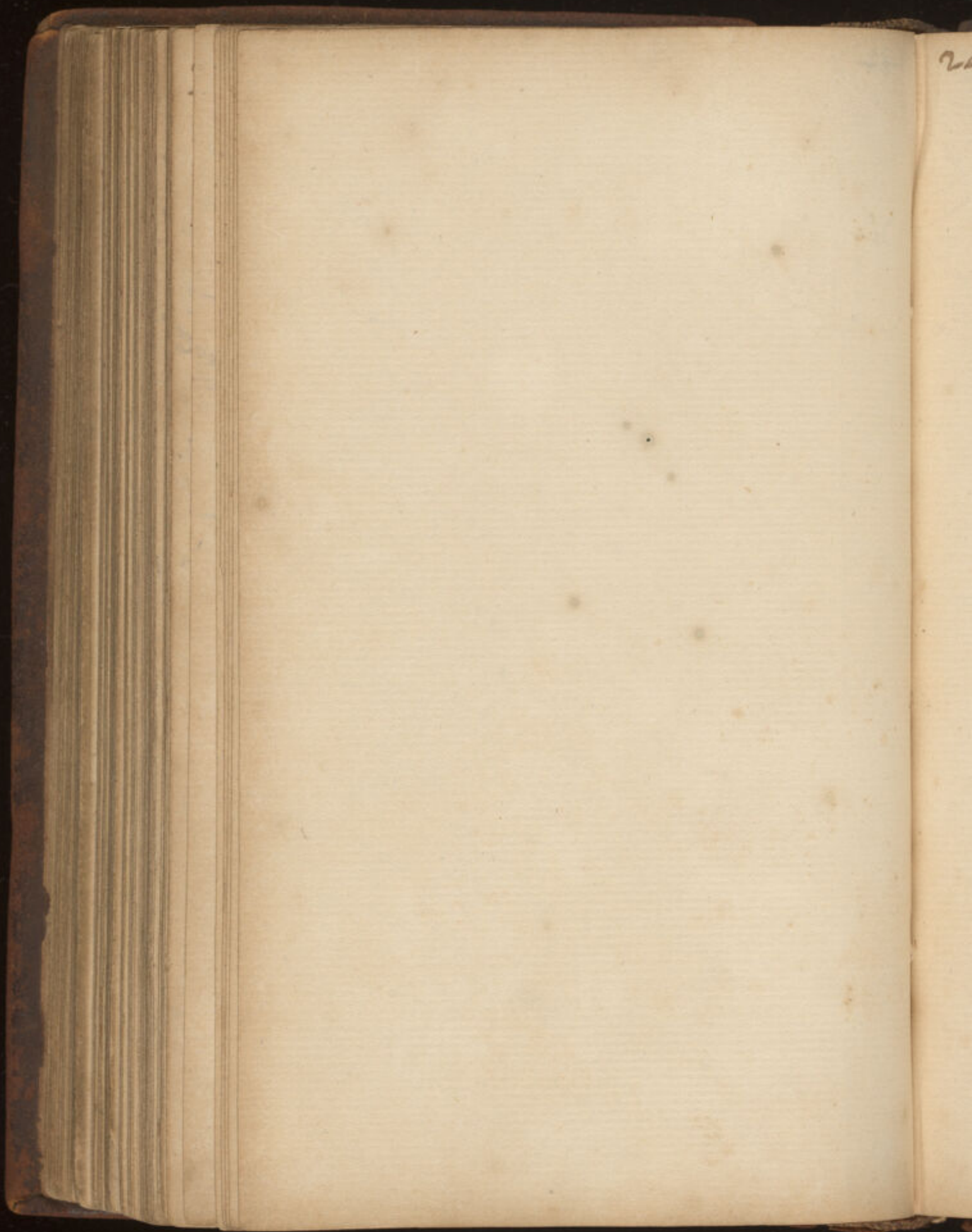
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23^d / Sir C. W being at his Majesty's levee on this
Queen's birth Day which proved to be snowy and
windy it was remarked to him the seasonableness
of it, very true it is so, but it is no less true that the
preceding season for many weeks may be said to re-
semble the new Play Too Civil by half.

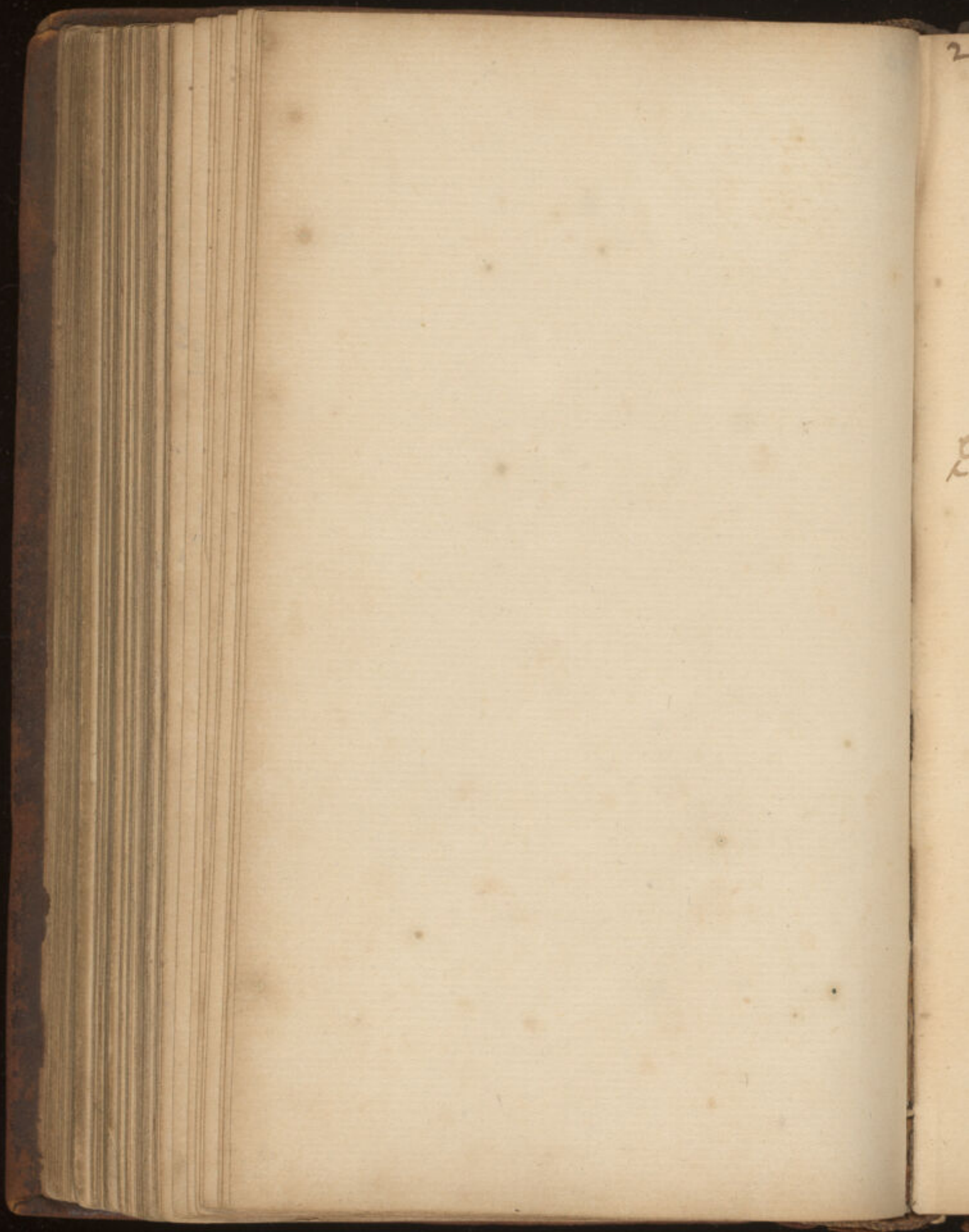
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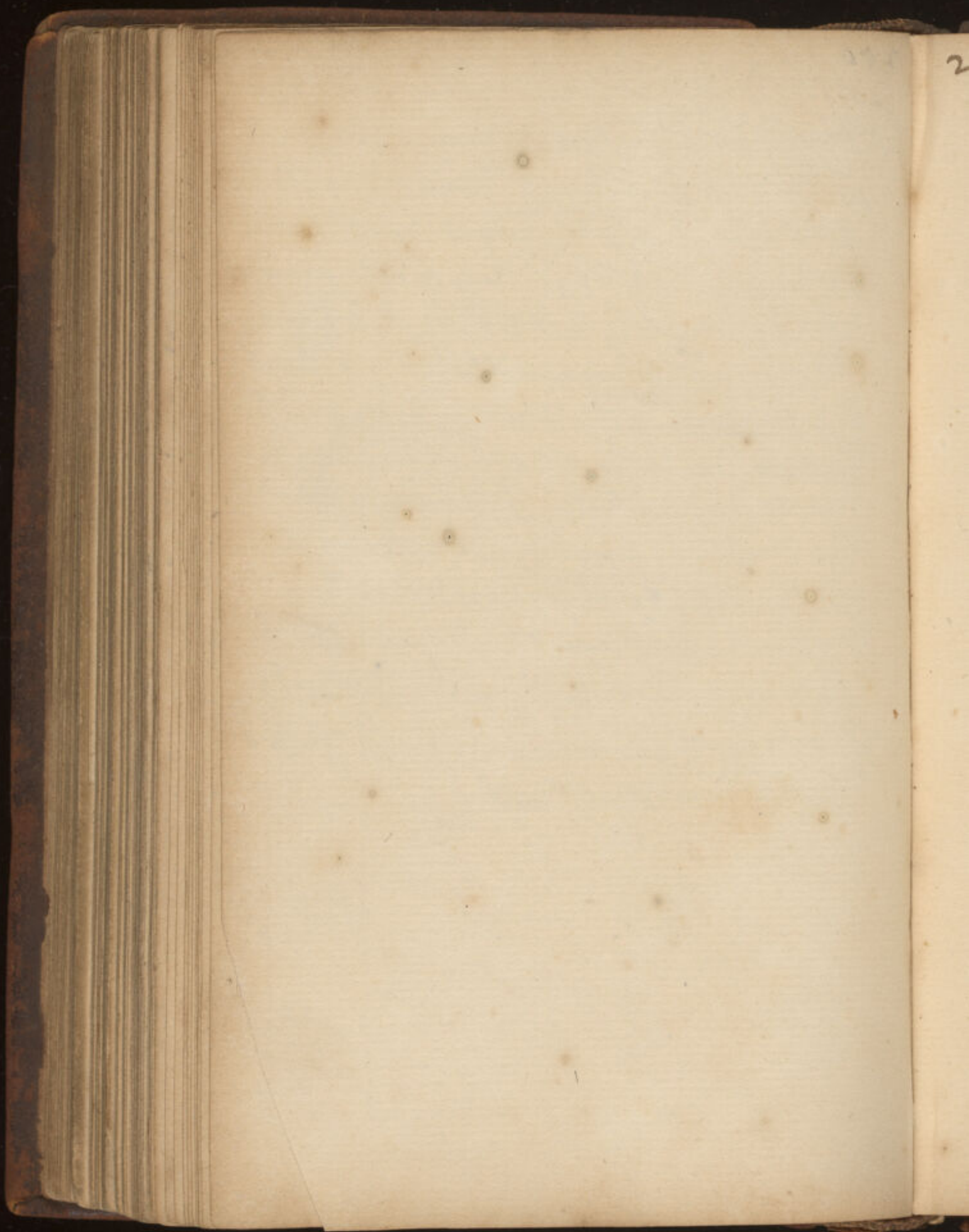
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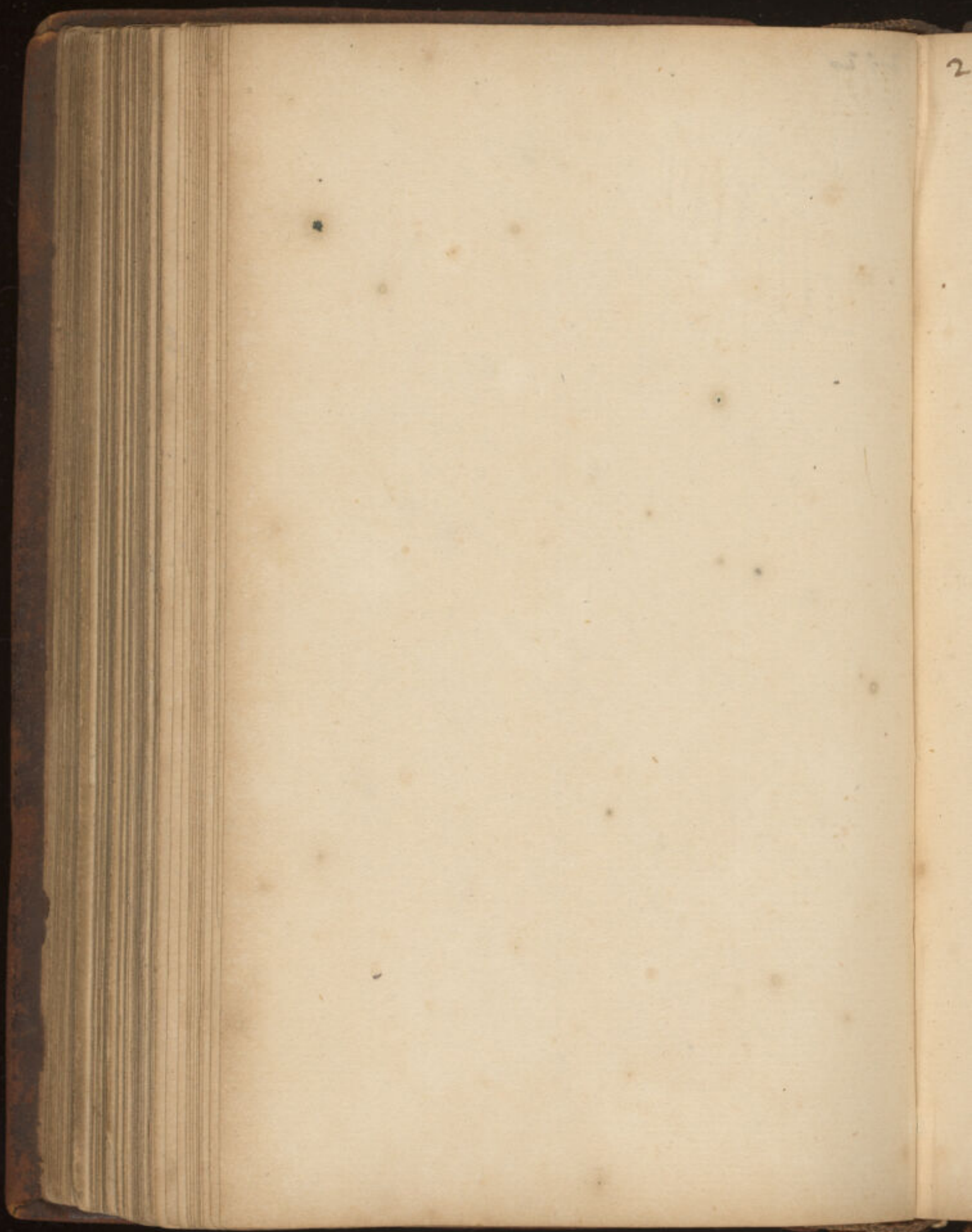


Some Persons expressing their Astonish-
 -ment as well as their Concern that men
 of the most Licious Principles and the
 most abandoned ^{and corrupt} manners should be the
 Ministers and Favorites of a Sovereign
 who so avowedly Professed such a high
 Regard and Attachment to Piety and Virtue
 The ^{Explanation} ~~Solution~~ of this Phenomenon said I,
 I ~~do~~ ^{not} ~~admit~~ ^{indeed} of a Solution by the regular
 but the Inverse Rule of Analogy ~~as by~~
 this it will be found the terrestrial Mo-
 -narch differs ^{essentially} in this respect from his
 Brother of the Ocean the Leviathan, in
 whom it is universally allowed that the
 Stench ~~first~~ commences at and spreads
 it self ^{from} from the Head.

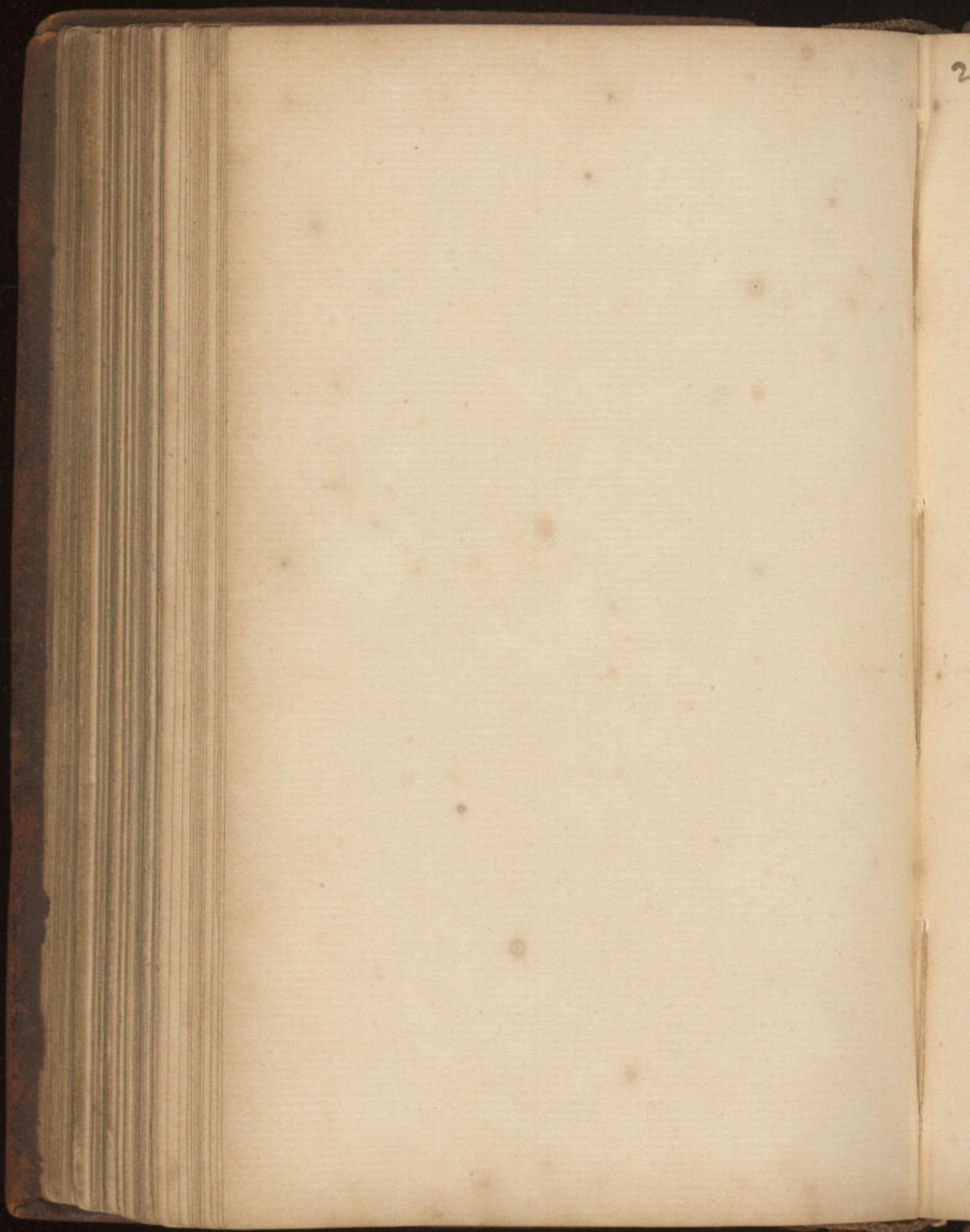
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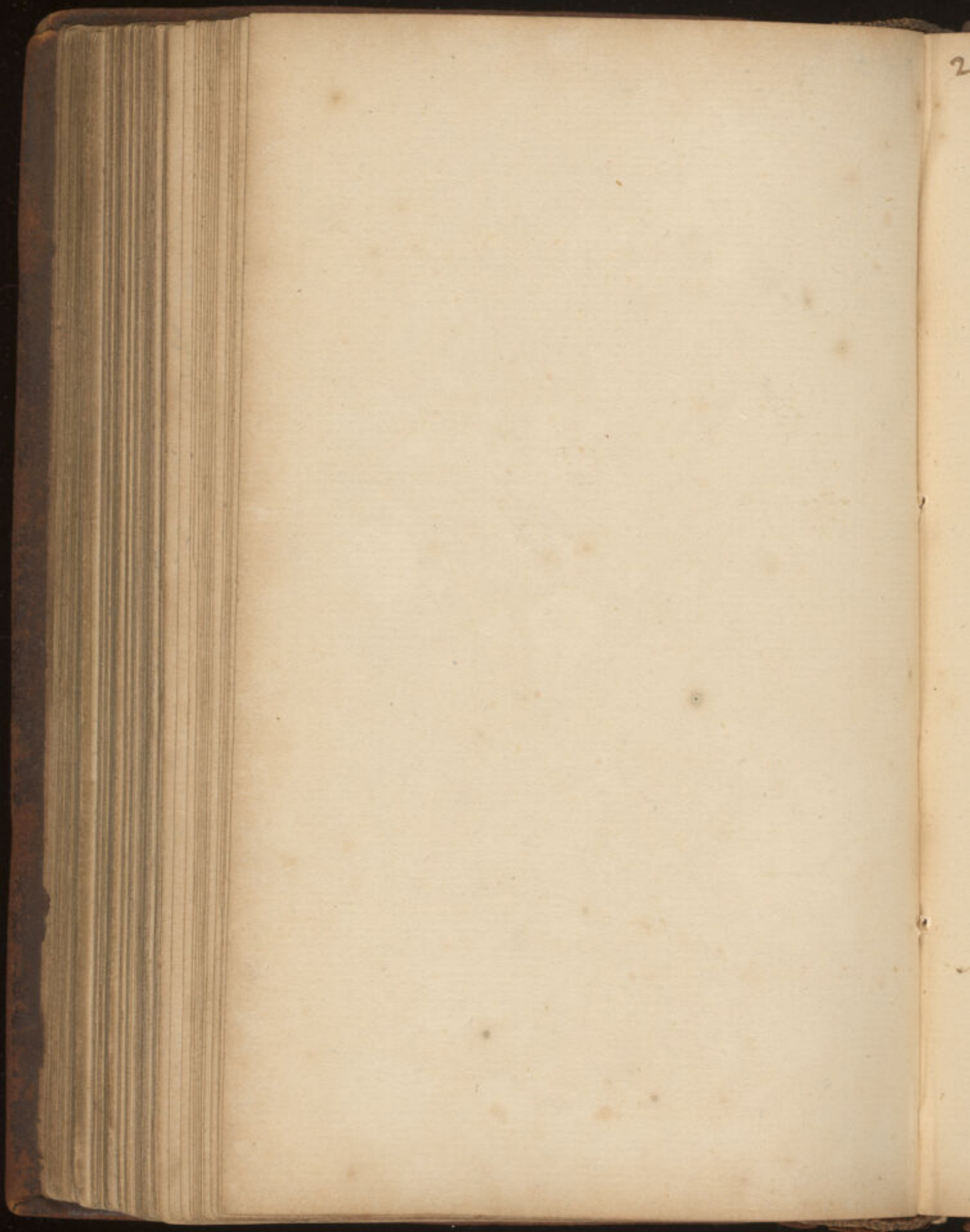
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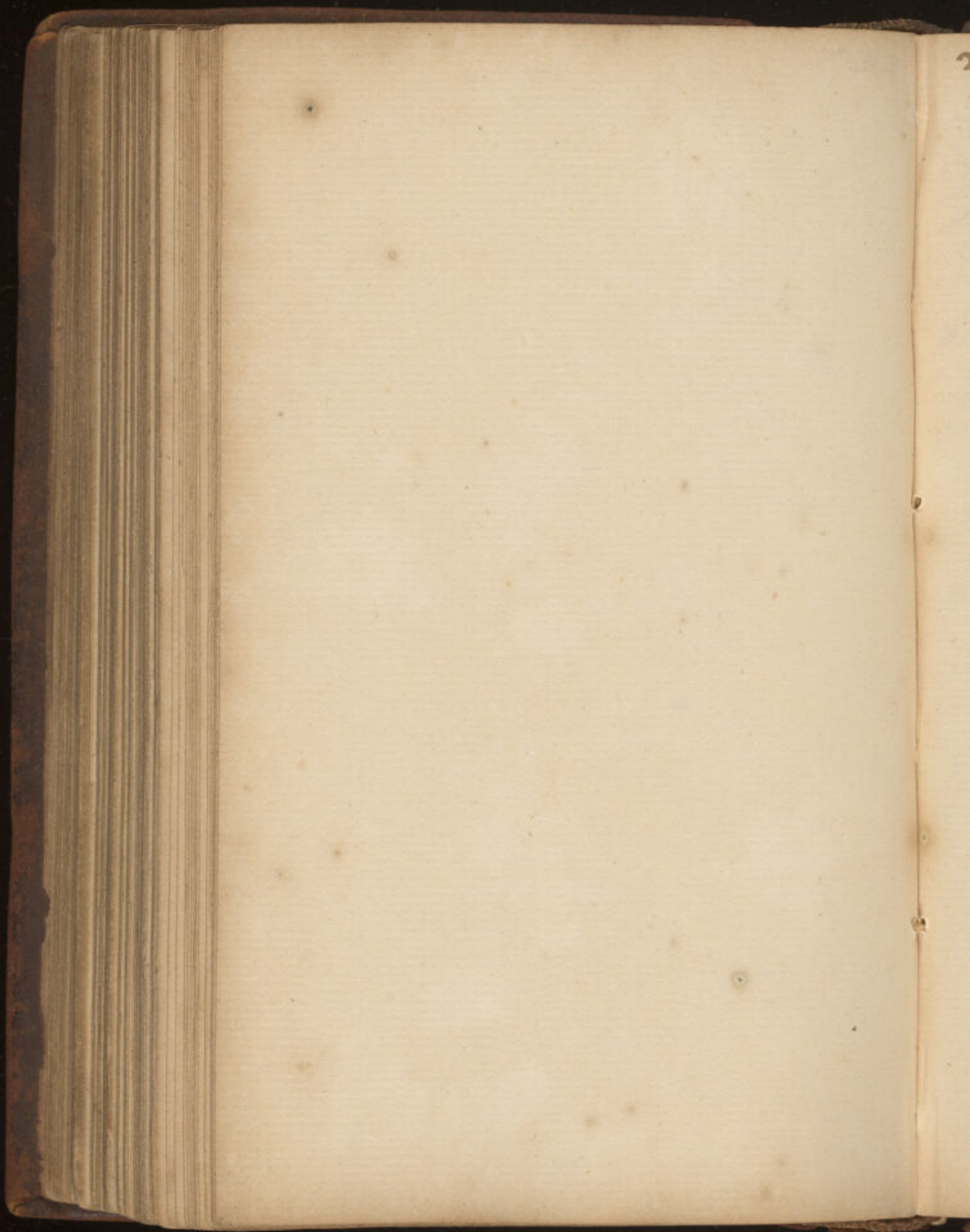
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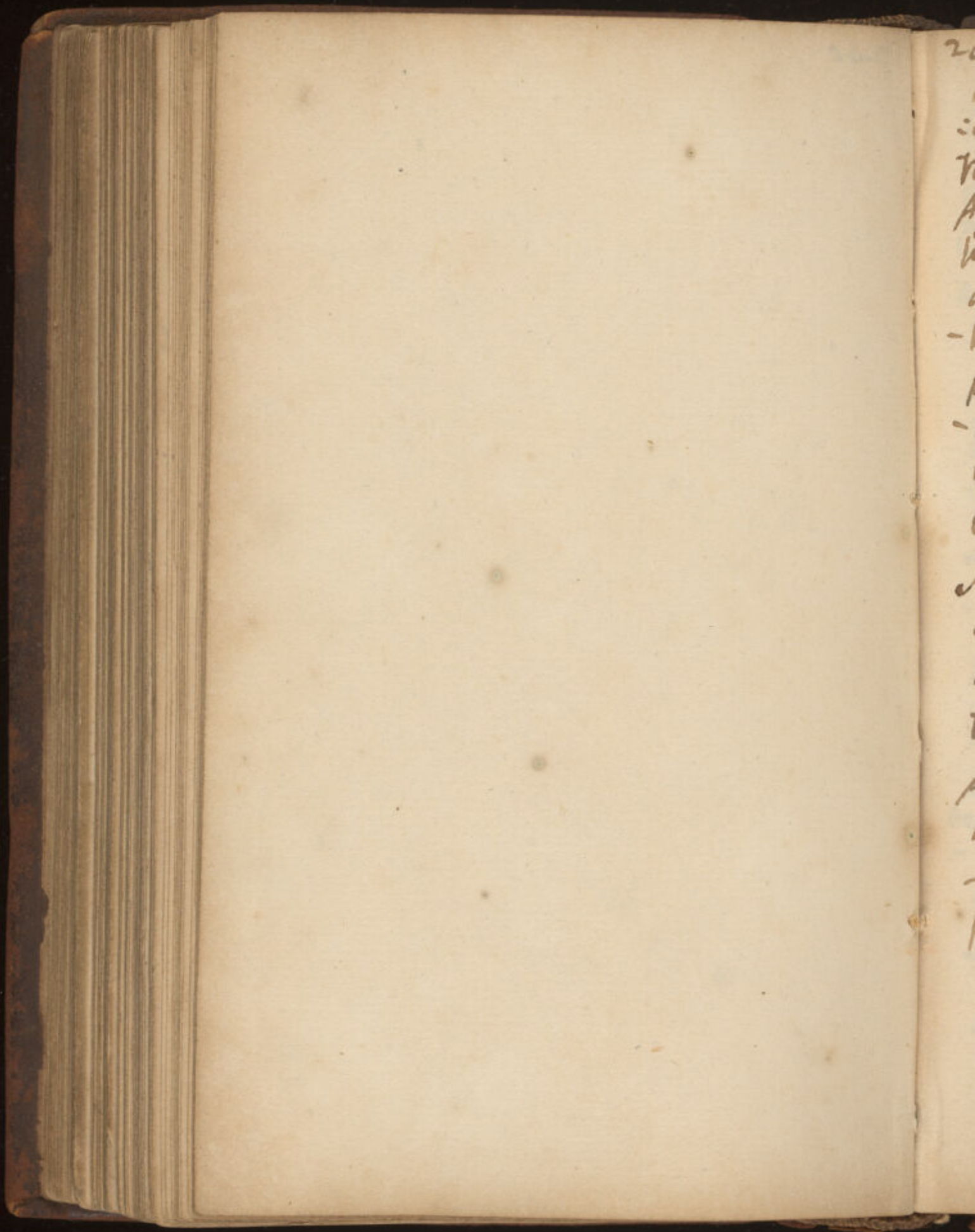


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Being told that Sir C. S. y was elected
 into Parliament by the Corporation of
 N—m notwithstanding his most positive
 Affirmations of his total non Attendance
 wth that Duty nothing said I can more fully
 demonstrate the Ignorance of these Elec-
 -tors of what the History ^{not only} of the past but the
 present times have shown to be the Const-
 -ant Practice of all Ministers of State
 inasmuch as they have by their present
 Choice of Sir Ch. betrayed a supine
 Imprudence of no less Importance than
 a Banker would do who tho apprised
 and by certain Experience assured that
 his Property was daily exposed to the
 Attacks of a notorious Robber should
 nevertheless of his own Accord with-
 -draw one of his Watchmen from doing
 the Office of a Guardian to it.

Being told ^{that} Col St L-r had ex-
 -changed his Post as Inspecting Comptroller
 of the Military Revenue for that of Lt
 Col in a Regiment on Service in America
 against the rebellious Colonists, as a spe-
 -cious Plea for his Ridding himself
 of Lady-man-ll whom he had lately
 married on Account of her large Fortune.
 Truly said ^{the} the old Lady deserves Com-
 -miseration, to experience the Green-
 -sickness in her second Child hood and
 now to feel her ^{Eyes} ~~eyes~~ dazzled if not
 blinded with the flames of Love
 when the Infirmities of her ^{Person} ~~eyes~~ are
 become
 - such as scare away the Husband, as
~~affrighted Volunteer~~ across the Atl-
 -antic rather than stay at home the
 Hiveling to work the engine which
 should Quench her Ladyship's
 unextinguished Embers.

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A Variety of Opinions ^{was} started ^{on}
~~the~~ in Vindication of ~~the~~ the
Countess of B-^{ps} marriage with the Duke of K-n. Her
Grace said I would probably have
met with a much better Fate, if instead
of Resting the Merits of her Cause on
a Decision of Doctors Commons she
had founded it on a Maxim held
in the highest ^{through all ages} & Esteem by her own Sex
and Revered by the Common Law of Eng-
land as unquestionably True that
Superflua non Nocent So sensible
~~the~~ are the French Moralists of the Im-
portance of this Doctrine that they
have established the Practice of it
into a Proverb "Avoir le Double des
Choses necessaires à la Vie c'est
Vivre doublement."

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Mr. Roper reported to me, as feeling some
 surprise, that the Widow K-ly had
 espoused for her third husband Col.
 Ed-^d of the Guards. That's an event
 said I, in which there is nothing that ought
 to occasion the least symptom of surprise
 if it be considered that a Widow can
 accommodate her self as readily and
 with as little alteration to answer all
 the purposes of a subsequent marriage
 as the Upholder can suit his pleasure.
 - cloth to perform the service of ano-
 - ther funeral. As to the Merit, which
 the Col. a younger son of a Family
 in Wales is entitled to derive from
 this achievement, it is confessedly
 great and deserving of ^{general} commendation
 for however he may hereafter approve
 himself a good husband he has most
 certainly played the part of a provident
 husbandman who being born heir to no
 land of his own takes the proper means of
 securing constant work for his plough in another
 man's soil.

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On being Informed that Miss Th-
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was married to Captain L-ck of the
Horse Guards, nothing said I can be
more consonant to Reason than
such an Union as Enables both the
Parties jointly to Fight under their
Colours.

Being assured that M^r Garrick had
taken his final Leave of the
Theatre He has not, said I, Retired
~~alone~~, ~~for~~ Nature ~~has~~ ^{also} ~~been~~ ^{also}
taken her Flight along with him
~~as to the others they must stay~~
~~but~~ disdaining to stay behind
in company with Actors who would
Present themselves on the Stage
as Her Representatives, either
on Sticks or Crutches.

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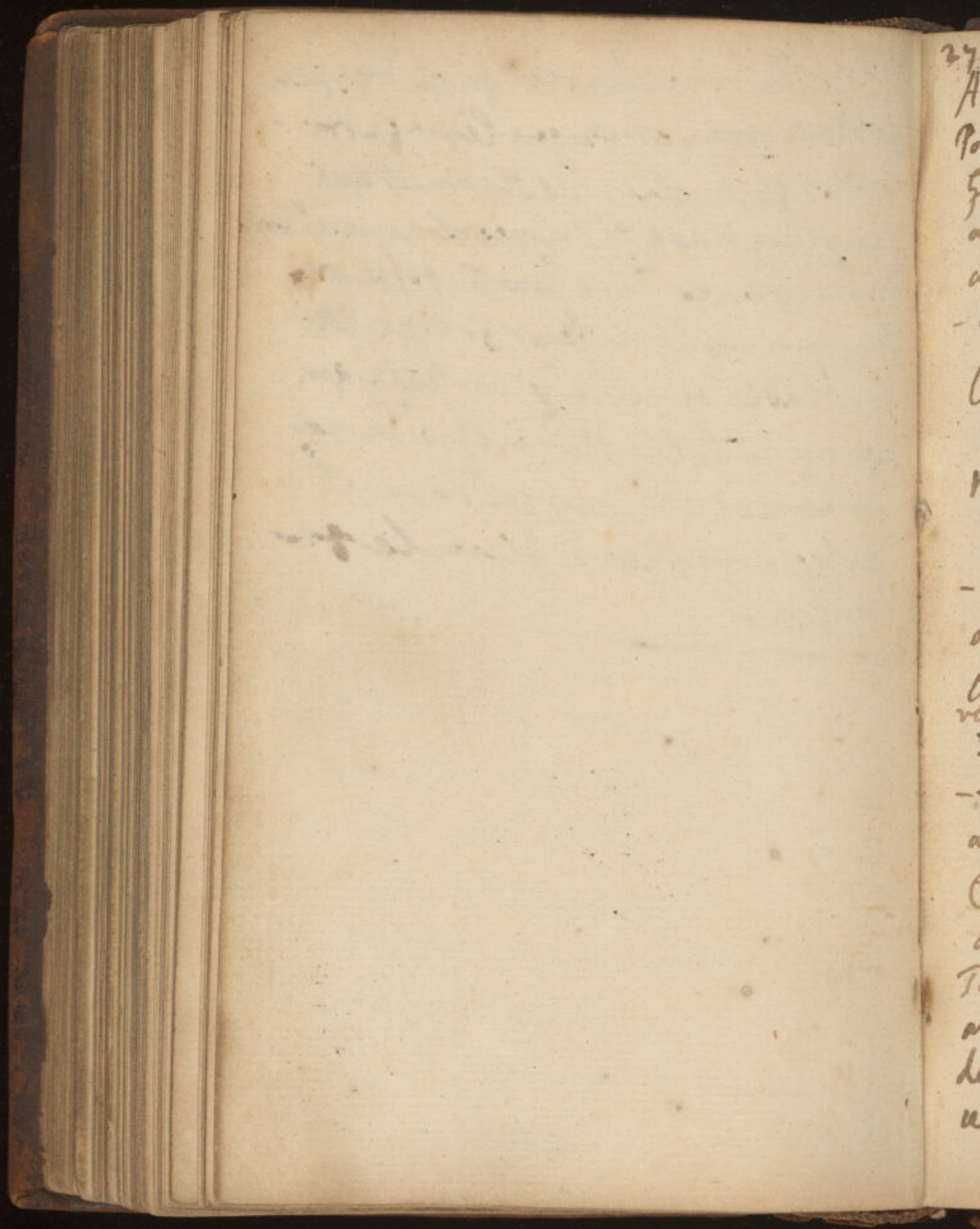
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on the Arrival of the news that General
 Howe had Retired from Proton with
 all his Forces and H. Willing de; an
 Irish Officer in the French Service Exul-
 -ted much and was very Lively in his Prai-
 -ses of the American Chiefs, and that
 it might well be said of them, qu'ils
 avoient des Yeux et des Mains,
 l'Esprit et le Courage meles en-
 -semble, ces gens la savent bien
 causer de l'Embaras à des autres
 mais ils ne s'embarassent eux-
 -mêmes du Rien. Pardon me Sir
 and I if I differ with you in my senti-
 -ments on this Event. I am thoroughly
 persuaded that General Howe a seule-
 -ment Retiré pour mieux Sauter. Je
 connois assez parfaitement bien ^{ces} ~~les~~
 gens la, dont vous avez tant Loués
 les Yeux et les Mains, et permettez
 moi

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276 moi de vous afeurer qu'en tres peu
de tēps vous verrez que leur entre-
-prises sont celles des Hommes qui
conceivent des Chimeres & accouchent
de Tromperie: Toute leur sagesse ou
pour mieux dire leur sottise est
semblable de celle d'un Nain qui
auroit eu folle Hardiesse de se
pervenaler qu'avec sa force il
pust arracher à Hercule sa
masque



A certain Person animadverting on the
 Political Constitution of the English
 Government, declares, there must be
 a very capital Defect in its System
 and Administration that could Autho-
 -rise or tolerate on any Pretence the
 Customary Practice so much in
 Vogue of Exhibiting Boxing
 Matches as a Species of Publick
 Entertainment, which always pro-
 -duced horrid Spectacles of Cruelty
 and very often ended in the Death of
 One or more of the Combatants Sir C. W.
~~replied that~~ ^{Smith} ~~most~~ readily ~~but~~ acqui-
 -esce in ^{these} ~~your~~ Sentiments of Deestation
 and Condemnation of this most barbarous
 Custom and ^{beg} leave to confirm ^{the decision} ~~it~~ by
 applying to it the ^{Sage} Observation of that
 Turkish Ambassador on his being present
 at a Tournament in Paris Si c'est tout
 de bon, c'est n'est pas assez; si c'est
 un Jeu, c'est trop.

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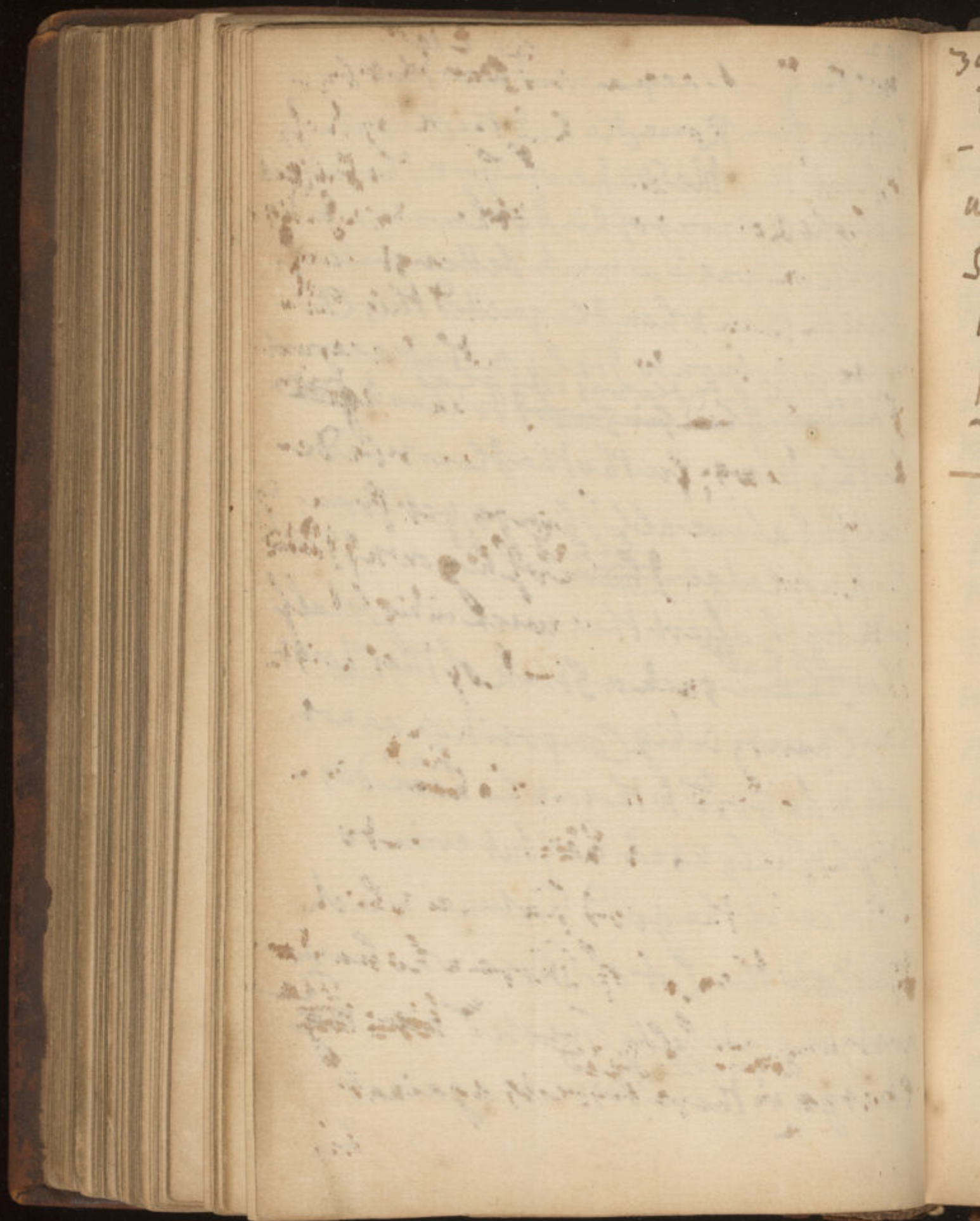
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Patience being recommended in a
 certain Company as the most necessary
 Virtue to render the married State happy
~~For to say so saying himself~~
~~For my self guide~~ so perfectly persua-
 ded of the ^{truth} that he used the Phrase
 of the Logicians ~~Hee~~ ^{Hee} deem it the Sine
 qua non To this M^r Chaffins a
 young Surgeon lately married replied,
 that for his Part He lost all the
 Patience He had the first Week
 truly said I, then is your Condition far
 more pitiable than that of a Sea
 Captain who should Embark ~~on~~
~~on a voyage round the globe~~ on a Vessel
 with no more than a Week's Pro-
 vision to make a Voyage
 round the Globe.

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Mr. Serjeant acquainted ^{me} that by
 Letters from Rome he had the Happiness
 to find that the Duke of G. & the Subject
 to slight Returns of his Asthmatic Indis-
 -position was in a much better state of
 Health than when he quitted this Eli-
 -mate by Return to Italy on that account
^{I said Sir I was very glad}
~~I am very glad Sir said I to thank him~~
 for this News; for tho' the Heart be de-
 -ciful above all Things, yet from
 the Knowledge ^{he had} of his own ^{Heart}
 with truth assert thus much in his behalf
 that ~~he had~~ ^{he had} such a Stock of the Christi-
 -ian Charity in his Composition as not
 only to do good to those who ~~have~~ ^{had} des-
 -pightfully used him but even to
 Rejoice in the good Fortune which
~~falls~~ to the Lot of those who have
 most ungratefully treated him: ^{The}
 Charge in these respects against
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his R-P H-S rests on Proofs equi-
 -valent to a Demonstration, yet the
 utmost of his malevolence ^{was} a mere
 Sentimental Disapprobation of
 his Conduct, being with Sully
 persuaded of this Truth "Si Ingra-
 -tum Dixero omnia Dixero".

Leaving the Curse behind them
which accompanies them

306 In a certain Company great Praises were
bestowed on his M^r for his Affability, his
frequent Condescension to mix in discourse
with his Menial Servants and his total Neg-
lect of every thing that appertained to
Rank & State I shall not omit to

mention one little of his M^r Claim to
all the Eulogium you have bestowed on him
tho it is possible it may have no better
Pretensions to Humility of manners
than were those of Diogenes, who with
Pride far superior if not unknown to
Cato tramped on the fine Carpets of
that divine Philosopher, be this Point
of Character as it may it cannot however
be doubted that ~~that~~ ^{the} ~~virtues~~ ^{which} he
actually possesses may be truly said
to ^{partake of the nature of those} ~~Resemble~~ those ascribed by Cato to Cato
"His Virtues have wound one his Country"
and form the only Circumstance wherein
he can in any sense be deemed to bear
a Resemblance to that most illustrious
Roman.

308 A member of Parlt. on his return
from the House of Commons and being
in a Company where Sir C. W. was, recited
several Parts of a Speech that Genl Bagg.
had made and among some Reflections of
Placing a Confidence in the Militia he
severely Censured the Minister for the
sending out new Levies and new Raised Regi-
-ments on foreign Service, and which nothing but
their Ignorance of the real Military Profession
could induce them to, in thinking it was
Knowledge sufficient that an Army was
taught to march, Load and Fire, this was
trivial in comparison with the more & essen-
-tial Practices to constitute an useful
Body of Troops, many other Articles were
essential to qualify men for the service of
an Army, on all which to pick & he dwelt
a long time. What Sir said Sir C. W. was
there no one had spirit enough to thank
him for his shrewd Remarks and to Compliment
him on his ~~long~~ Improvements in the Art of
War as having been the first in the Pro-
-fession who had ever taught a new Lesson
totally unknown to the British Forces
before his Expedition to St. Chanz, not that
of Loading and Firing but of unloading
and Tiling.

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310 In a Company where Mr. W. was
present He was asked whether I thought
not of a regular Physician and who had
gained his chief knowledge in frequenting
an Apoth. ry Shop in select. & had not
been Employed by his M^y as his Physician
and whether it was in Consultation or not,
to which He replied, not in Consultation,
but alone, a Circumstance very much
to his Surprise and Concern, as that He
having attended by M^y as Physician in
ordinary near 20 years and that with uninter-
rupted Success He c^d not but consider
this Treatment and Disesteem of him
by giving a Preference to a Person of
mean Education ~~as~~ as most ungra-
tious and ~~in~~ injurious to his Character
and a Treatment to his Consciousness wholly
undeserved and for which He apprehended
no better Apology could be assigned than
what the History of mankind in all Ages
evinces the truth of that some among them
are endued with a kind of Green Wood
understanding ever shrinking and
Warping in so much that from the want
of a just Discerning Spirit it is beyond
a doubt observable that the Conduct of
such Persons ~~and~~ will be found to Resemble
that ^{of} that Fidelity Animal than

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312 ^{Disgusting} The Fly when from an Insipid ~~state~~
state of the sense of Taste it is seen
Winging its way from a stony Pot to
settle it self with eagerness on
an Excrement.

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Death of an Officer and of his inveterate Obsti-
nacy in refusing to take the Remedies prescribed
him by the Consultation of two Physicians, and that as
he was persuaded the Gout was his sole Disorder he
w^d take nothing but Punch and w^{ch} caused so
great a fever as was his Death, on hearing this
L. W. who was one of the Company said it was
plain that this Gent^l had been punched out of
the World, the Joker pleased M^r Webb that
he called out to Sir C. W. I defy you to Beat that
Sir said Sir C. W. you may well do so, for I will
never at any time or occasion Attempt to Beat
my Wife.

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a certain Gent.ⁿ to Sir C. W. that his Majesty
finding himself a little indisposed has put
himself under the Direction of Dr. J. — it is
very true He replied. The Cause however w.^d
has occas.^d the Disregard of my Sovereign so
very Injurious to my Character as Phys.ⁿ in
ordinary after a successfull Attendance of near
20 years to the Duty of that Station is to me
as totally unknown as is the Disesteem
of my Professional Abilities to my Conscience-
ness wholly undeserved. I am Ready to Con-
-fess said Sir C. W. that not enough Attention
to the Royal Caution of Putting no Trust in
Princes there was a time when I scrupled
not to place a Confidence as Generals
said to have done in believing that
Unus mihi erat pro Populo, but now
nihil great Disquietude I must Reverse
the Words and Indulge a Hope that
Populus mihi erit pro Uno, a delusive
Remore this, it is true, affording alas in its
subversion an immense Retrefs inasmuch
as post Cineres Gloria sera venit

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having occasioned a surmise, that the
Source was probably owing to some latent
Remainder of the Malady called the King's Evil
which had so visibly shown itself in some
Branches of her Royal Grandmother's Family: To
this a certain Lord of the Bed Chamber gave a
flat Negative, and that in contradiction to such
a Report the C. Ed. warrant such to be the
healthful Constitution of his Majesty. & Royal Issue
that there were not any Vestiges of that Cala-
-mitous Indisposition to be found amongst them
and for the truth of which he further referred
it to Sir C. Sc as a Voucher who would corroborate
by his Testimony and his long and intimate Know-
-ledge of the Family the absolute truth of
which he had the felicity to declare to them.
Sir C. Sc thanking him & dep for the honor he
had done him replied though he was firmly
persuaded the Report, which they had heard his
Lordship make of the present happy ^{State} Constitution
of the Royal Progeny and of their total Exemption
from every Circumstance that might serve to
Indicate a lurking Continuance of a late
grievous Constitutional Malady was supported
by fact and would be found on Examination con-
-sonant to Truth; yet it must be confessed he had
the mortification to find his Lordship's general
Statement of this fact did not meet with the
unreserved Credit it merited as it was well
known there were many Persons who had the
Effrontery to Affirm, that so strong a Taint
had for some time Promulged itself in

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Being in a certain Company whom
I found engaged in a Contest on that
very Interesting Subject the unhappy
Disputes between Great Britain and
her North American Colonies, and that
various modes of Reasoning were
employed by the Champions on each
side of the Question in support of
their several Opinions, and as I
perceived the Altercation rising into
an unseemly Warmth, Gentlemen
said Yours Arguments serve only
to Perplex rather than to Decide
the main Question of Mine and
Thine; but be this as it may, your
Controversy ^{truly} resembles that of Lockitt
and Peachum; for it is well worthy
of Observation first that the Mea-
sures ^{pursued by the} Government of Great Britain
are justly Reprehensible, as they
have been carried into Execution in
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Despite of that Political Maxim,
which a celebrated French Legislator
has advanced "à vouloir tirer trop
de Lait, on fait Venir le Sang;
and 2^d it is no less notorious, that
both Parties, the Mother Country, as
you stile her, and the Colonies them-
selves, have been so led away by
Heedstrong precipitate Passions,
as to make them wholly Regard-
-less of that Noble Law, which the
great Roman Orator has laid down
as an Infallible Rule and Guide,
and to which an implicit Obedience
ought to be paid by ^{Discontented} ~~those Persons~~
~~who are entrusted with the Manage-~~
~~ment~~ of every kind in Degree
whatever namely "in Omnibus
Rebus Videndum est Quatenus"

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 Sir P. P. on a Fort in Charles Town
 River as it was published in the Gar-
 -ette from the Admiral's Letter. ~~never~~
 said ~~it~~ was the French maxim more
 completely Verified than it is from
 the Proof afforded it by an Exami-
 -nation into the Detail of the Cir-
 -cumstances attending this Naval or
 Transaction. Methinks ^{every Reader must} I hear
 Sir P. P. himself cry aloud Ce
 n'est pas être sot, que de faire
 une telle sottise, mais bien de
 ne pouvoir pas la Cacher.

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444 Being Informed by M^r Cr-gh that
M^r Walshan ^{Great Fortune} English Gentleman of
had Purchased ^{a large} Estate in France in
Preference to one he had the Option of ^{of it}
in his own Country; y^e Friend, said I, first
begging your Pardon for my Arraigning
him as guilty of extreme Imprudence
has in his Opinion made a most Absurd
Choice, for he has no more Right to
call that Estate, his Property, which
is liable to the capricious Will of
an absolute Monarch, than ^{it is possible} I should have
just Ground to believe the Money in his
hand how close so ever he might grasp
it, to be securely Lodged there, after
he had given his Consent that it should
obey the Word of Command issuing
from the Mouth of that Jugler Breslan.

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336 Sir C. W.

Being at Court on his Majesty's Au-
-dience ~~He~~ had his Ears saluted on every
side with Congratulations on the News
of the precipitate Retreat of the Rebels
from New York wherein Washington
was Wounded and Putnam with some
Thousands of the Rebels were taken Pri-
-soners. On enquiry however I found
this Report had no other Foundation
for its Authenticity than what it owed
to a narrative given thereof by a
Master of a Trading Vessel and who
again professed to have received it by
Tradition from the Mate of a Ship in
the Government's Service, whom he
casually met with in his Passage to
England. No one, said I, ^{in C. W.} it is well
known is more zealous than ^{him} ~~myself~~
in their Wishes for the Success of
his Majesty's Forces over the Rebel
Army

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The first of the year
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The weather was
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340 Sir C. W. being present in a Company
where the Gazette setting forth the great
interesting Event that must ensue on the
Conquest of St. Lucia by Sir G. Rodney,
was the subject of Conversation He begged
I am to observe that as it was well known
to many Persons then present that Sir G. R.
went out on his first Appointment to America
much in Debt to his Countrymen, He had
now more unquestionably Reversed the
Acc't of Debtor and Creditor having not only
brought in his Cotemporary Countrymen
but their Posterity to the latest and Indeb-
-ted to him.

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342 As some Members of Parl. were
giving an Account of the treatment which
Mr. Burke had given to the King's speech and
particularly to that part of it ⁱⁿ which his
majesty had invoked Almighty God to Avert
any evil that might accrue from the Disem-
-powerment of the Empire of Great Britain
by the confederation of Independence to the
American Colonies, among many others
who seemed much pleased and entertained
~~and some who reprobated~~ with the relation
and some who reprobated it. Sir C. W. said
that as to his Part, had he been present
in the same Place and invested with the
same Authority which they possessed he w^{ld}.
most certainly have stood up and told the
House that in his opinion no other answer
was necessary to be made to the long. ludicrous
indecent not to say Profane Comment w^{ch}
had been ^{now} made by an honorable member on his
majesty's speech but what might be fully
comprised in two Lines with very little
Alteration from a witty Poet. Farce
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The speech is fit for no Place but this A - se

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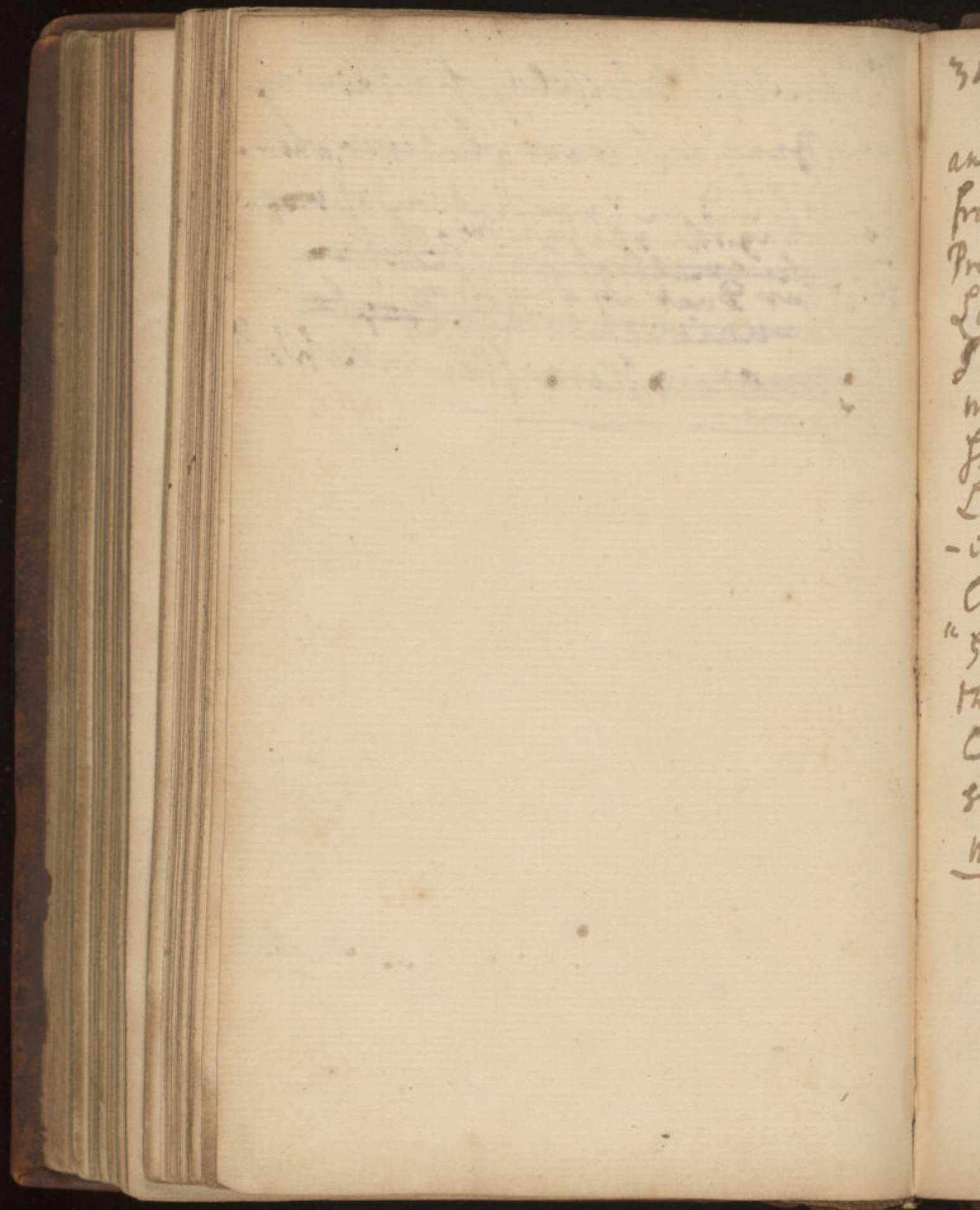
344 Sir C. W.

Being informed that Lady H^{er} soon
after the Death of Doctor Rel. when
~~the~~^{fourth} Husband was beset with a Num-
-ber of Dangling Suitors; Suitors I grant
you they may be, but can never acquire
a just title to that of Dangler; her
Ladyship it is well known was no Imi-
-tator of Penelope either in the De-
-lay or Employment of Time, making
little less than an instantaneous
Choice of a Successor and Professing
her Delight thro ^{such} ~~her~~ means to Repeat
by Day what had been their joint Bu-
-siness by Night. Matrimony in her
Ladyship's Estimate of it, was ranked
as a Game at ~~the~~^{the} ~~table~~^{table} a most fa-
-vourite Amusement ^{which} ~~which~~ ought to
be played with the utmost Dispatch
here, as I hope it self did not
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by the Union of such a Couple
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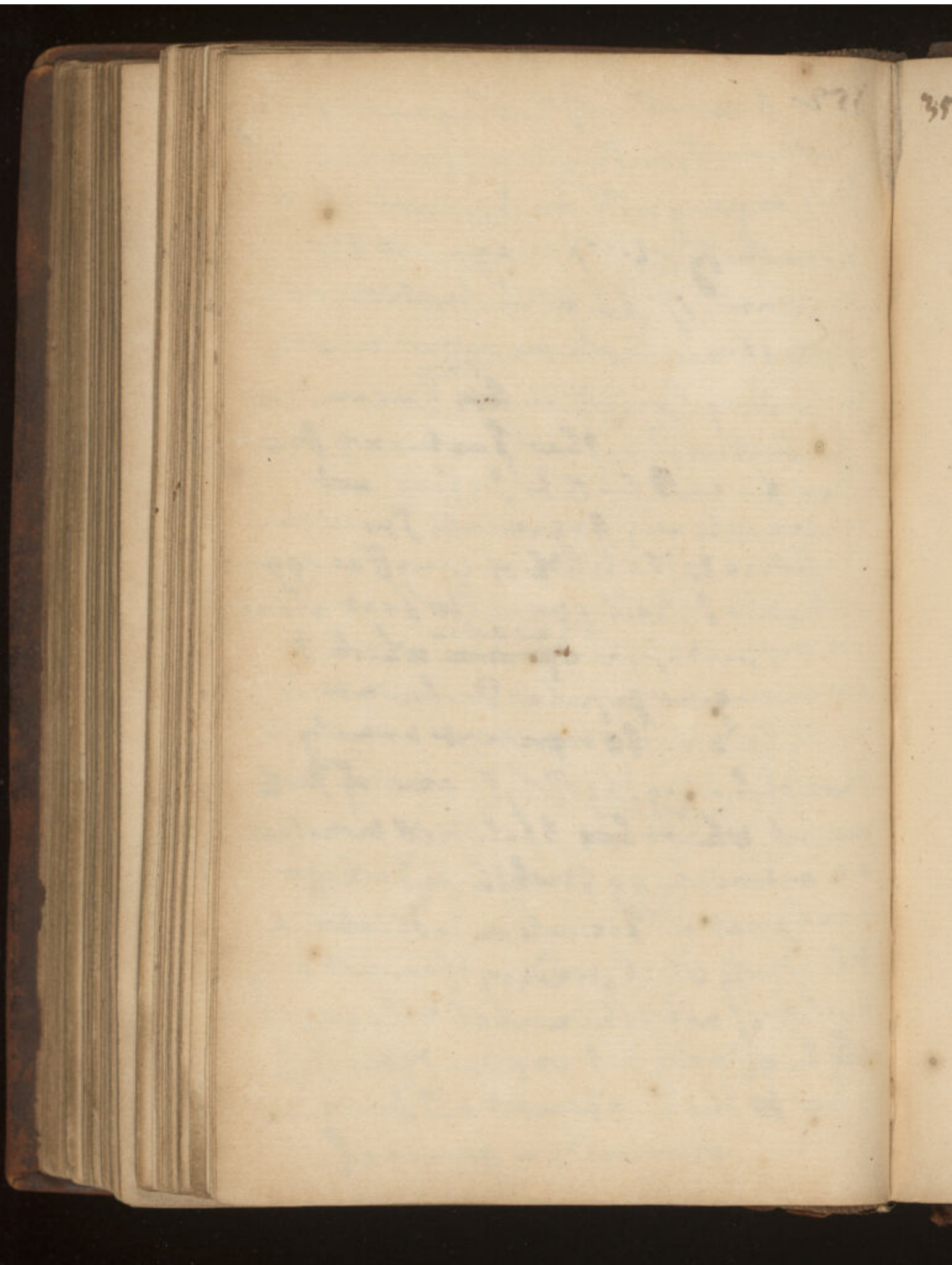
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The Publication of the Gazette
 announcing the Retaking Long Island
 from the Rebellious Colonists, a certain
 Pretender to Wit said, truly it had been
 Long a Doing. your Estimate Sir said
 of this Action is taken by a false
 measure, if you are desirous to
 form a juster Idea of it, give me
 Leave to recommend the Roman max-
 -im to your Consideration which
 lays down this as ^{the} Rule to Judge by
 "Eat cito si sat bene" The Sooner or
 the later are in many cases very trivial
 Circumstances, either unnoticed or very
 soon forgotten, whereas what is once
 well done is Done for ever

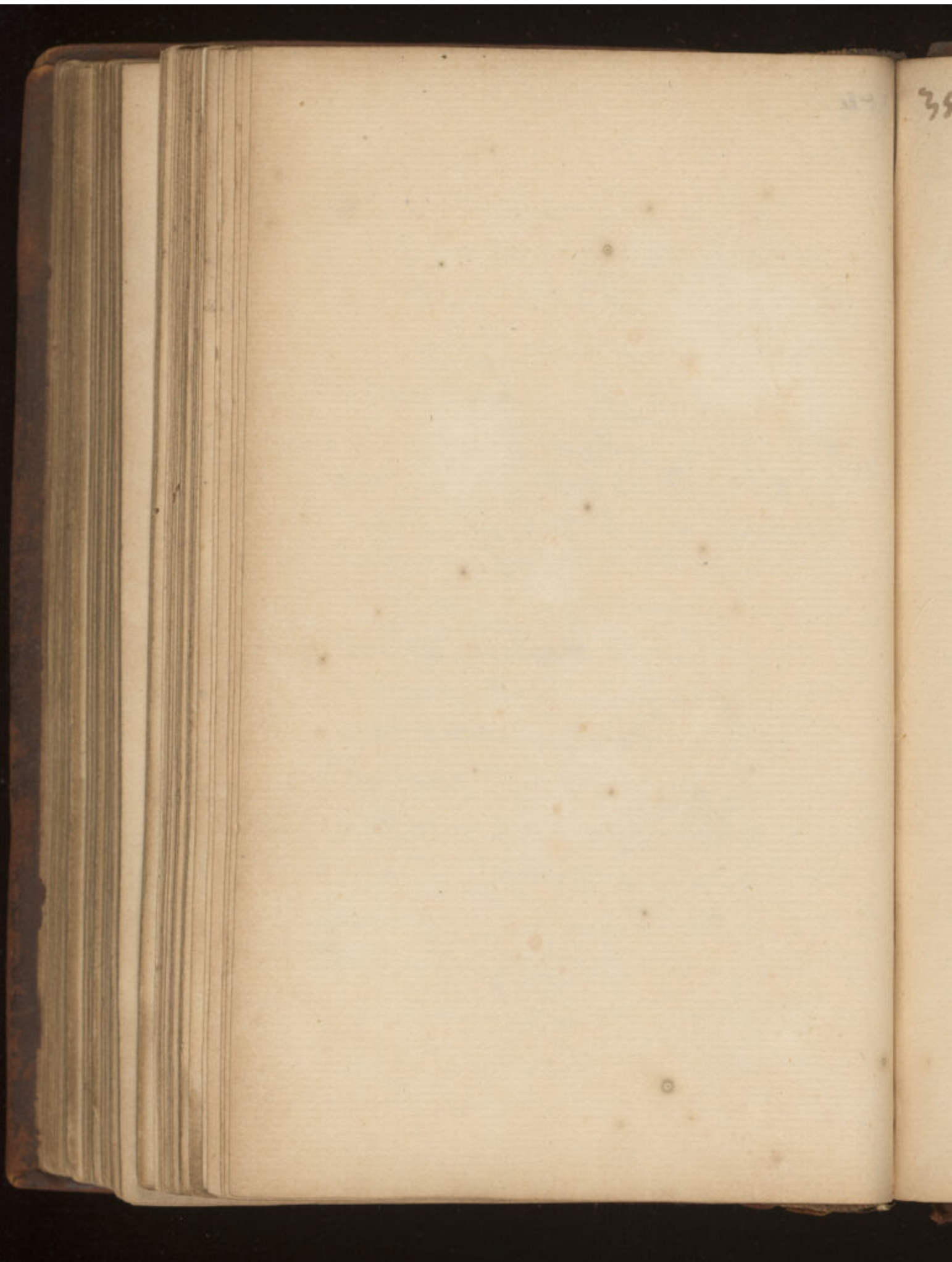
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350. A member of Parliament being
just come from the House entertained
the Company with an Account of a
speech by Ch: F. R. against the
measures of Administration and
from thence took an opportunity
to be very lavish in his Encomiums
he bestowed on that factious Orator
- but Sir said Sir C. W. I shall not
enter into any Arguments Pro or Con
relative to the truth of your Parag-
- raph, but I shall appeal to fact alone
in support of the ^{character} opinion which I
conceive your popular Declaimer is
justly entitled to represent namely in
that of Ascribing the Polypeme of Parli-
- ament, ~~whose~~ ^{whose} Abilities manifest
an astonishing strength and whose
total want of Discretion indicate a
Blindness which renders them not only
useless if not detrimental to himself
and his Party, but expose their Poss-
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of the Community in general.

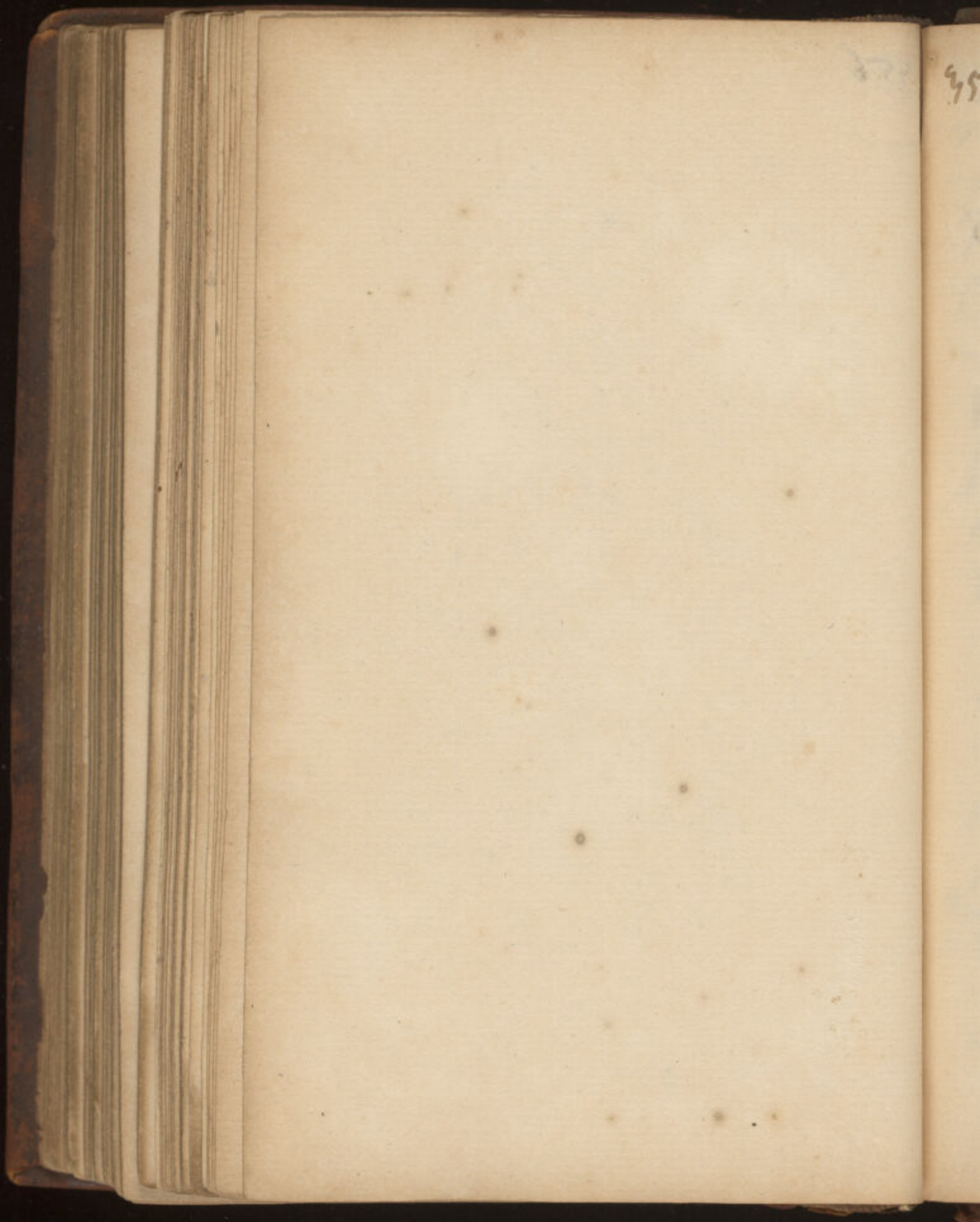
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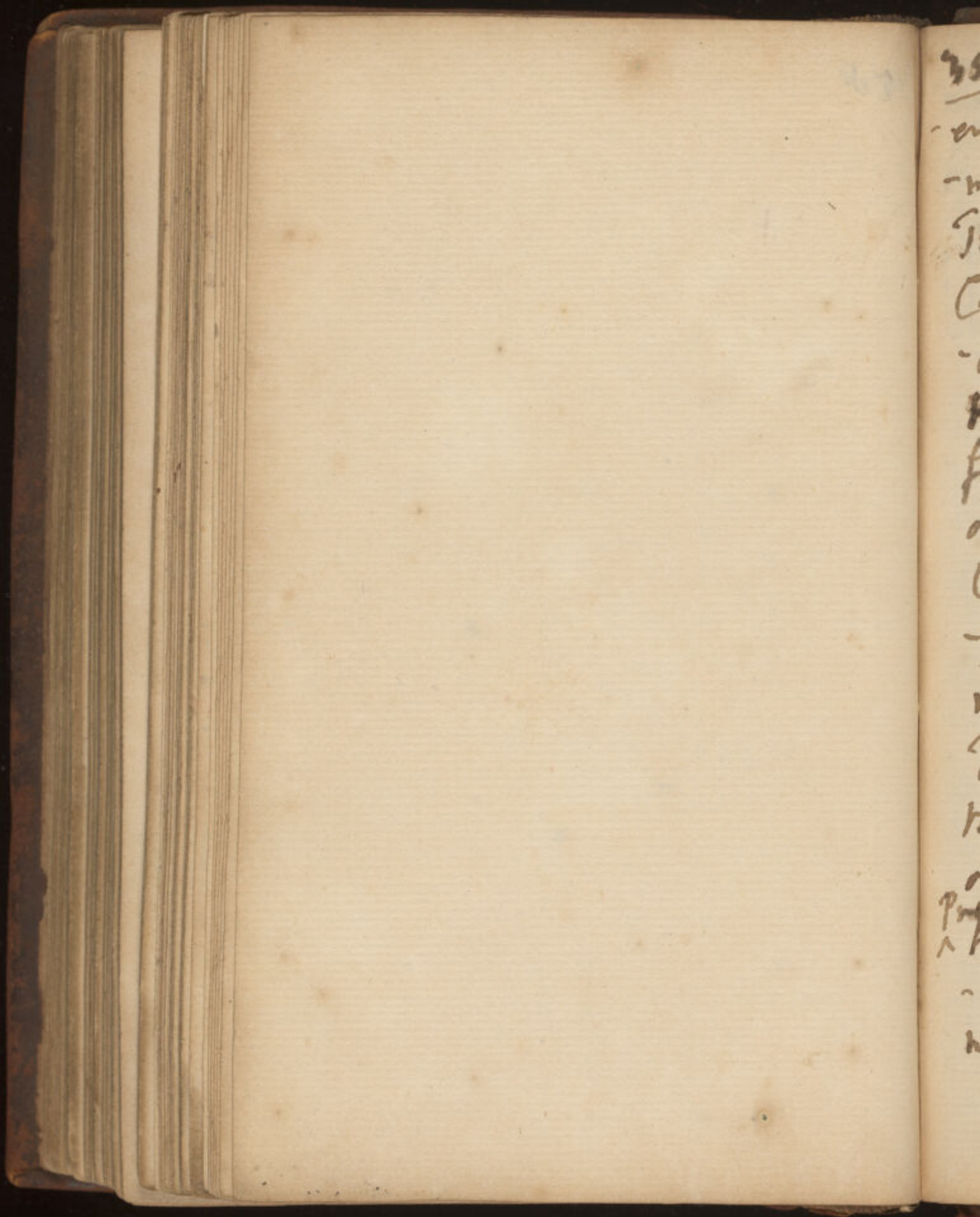
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in the minority protested to
 the majority of the 1st for the
 sake of suspending a bill of
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 which is the only right which
 no man should ever surrender
 to the power of his
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250 A certain Member of Parliam-
ent in the Minority pretended to com-
mend his Majesty & the ^{3d} for his
Talent of Supporting a Chit Chat
Conversation at his Levee, and de-
claring it to be in his Opinion
the Sovereign's real Forté. God
forbid replied I ^{replied} that either you
or any one should ever have just
Cause to pronounce of his Ma-
jesty as Marcell the Dancing
master did of his Country
Folke, the French, when giving
them ~~the preference~~ on account
of the Art which He professed the
^{Preference} to every other Nation, He ex-
claimed, Helas! ~~c'est en cela~~ on
na fait que cela de bien.

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362 A Conversation arising on his
Majesty's conferring the dignity of a Bar^t
on R^t J-6, J-El-t and Cas^t J-ns succeeding
the no less incomprehensible exaltⁿ of Geo.
Geo. B-r. It is very certain said Sir C. W.
that all Records are silent on the prefer-
ment of Surgeons and Scab-washers to this
Honor and it is also worthy of observation
that this Dignity was not been conferred even
on Physicians but such as had already or
were about to Retire with general Appro-
bation and Reluctance Age and Infirmitie
from the Practice of their Profession: It is
however the peculiar felicity of the
present Reign that its Sovereign both
in words and acts not only manifested
and unsupported but in direct opposition
to the Plan and Examples set by his Prede-
cessors thereby affording grounds for
a Conjecture that by his private
Promotion of the medical Faculty during
the daily Exercise of their Art or mag-
istry his Majesty would have it to be
understood that as some were called
English, others Nova Scotia Barons
these last were to accounted Sir
Reverend Barons ready to obey the
summons of any Person at that Price
of a Guinea to examine the Conduct
of a Chamber Pot or a Close Stool or

Counselling which thus giving
them a Preference in Dignity & Honor
is not to be objected to or condemned
by any considerate Person as these
Atheists

364 or an Free Hole and that for his
Part He was not without a hope but
that the Sovereign urged on by the same
Zeal he encourage every Species of Art
which might contribute to Public Utility
He w^d extend his most gracious favour
to the Right Men by giving them the
Rank of Privy Counsellors ^{in which the}
Preference in Dignity which no con-
siderate Person could condemn as
these Artists by their ~~by~~ ^{by} Convergence
of human Ordure out of Sight rendered
a far more beneficial Service to Society
than what could accrue from the
nicest Researches made into its
State and Condition by the Practitioner
in Physick and Surgery however
assisted by the organs of Sight Smell
or Taste.

The only Securities which they could
Pledge to their Constituents or the Publick
for an upright Discharge of the Trust
reposed in them

have thus openly professed their Country

The House of Commons having without
 a Division concurred in giving a Vote for
 Rescinding the Resolution and Order, which
 during the preceding Session They had
 made and Issued and by which the Attorney
 General was directed to prosecute a Couple
 of their members for wilful Perjury, Bribery
 and Corruption; a certain Person highly
 incensed hereat demanded ^{of Sir E. W.} what Opinion
 could ~~the~~ ^{they} entertain of such a Body of Re-
 -presentatives: If said ~~they~~ ^{they} be really
 then Quis Custodiet ipsos Custodes can
 no longer be proposed as a fair Question,
 when the Electors as well as the Elected
 have ~~thus professed their~~ ^{thus professed their} ~~open~~ ^{open} contempt of
 Virtue, when the Guardians too of the Consti-
 -tution manifest such inextinguishable Proofs
 of their being Void both of Conscience
 and of Shame, a Deluge of Vice must with
 the Rapidity of a Torrent break in and over-
 -whelm that Community in certain and
 irretrievable Ruin.

Quis Sola, quis te Solvere Trepalis

I may the Captain however send Sir C. W.
agreeable to his sincere Wishes in his
behalf Save in the conclusion of
the Duty as the Turnspit does and meet

magus Venenis, quis poterit Deus?

Being Informed that Capt. Le Maître, who
 sailed from Falmouth charged with Dispat-
 -ches of the utmost Importance to the Governor
 of Canada, had after a tempestuous Voy-
 -age of 92 Days been necessitated to Re-
 -land them at Falmouth, they are under Im-
 -possibility to ^{leave them at} ~~reach~~ any other Port in
 North America: This perillous Voyage
 of the Capt. is said to be I apprehend a
 Singular marine Adventure, and
 will perhaps be Recorded as such, but
 at least a very notorious not to say an
 useful Resemblance of it is daily to be
 seen in the Progress of a Turnspitt
 Cur ^{when on duty} who with great Assiduity and
 Fatigue ^{as his Duty directs} bestirs himself from Place to
 Place, yet finds all his Movements ter-
 -minate at the last in bringing him to
 the same Spot from which they first com-
 -menced. ^{said for Captain} ~~any~~ however, I sincerely wish,
 the Captain, ^{at the} Turnspitt meet with
 a Reward.

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37^o F. J. North being seized with an Inf.
-flammatory Disorder of a very alarming
nature, and which by its continuance
occasioned the calling in of several
Physicians, a certain Person, importu-
-nately enough, put a Query to Sir C. W.
how it came to pass, that he had not been
applied to on this extraordinary Incident,
to which he replied that his Brethren
of the Faculty were well apprised of
his Refusal to become an Associate in
such a Medical Combination, having
even declared it as an Opinion estab-
-lished on well known Facts and confir-
-med by long Experience, that it varied
quite otherwise with the Natural than the
Body Politick, and tho it should be gran-
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Testimental to that of the former
medicorum Multitudo were the dying
Words of a Roman Emperor not less
Renowned for his Quickness of Appre-
-hension than his Solidity of Judgement.
Add to this an Observation whose
truth is founded on the concurrent Testi-
-mony of all Ages, that it is the com-
-mon Lot of Princes and Ministers of
State to share the same Destiny with
that of a Salt Bitch, who however
uncompassed she may be with a train
of officious Attendants, is notwithstanding
-ding all her Snapping and Gnarling
constrained to submit, not by Choice
but Force, to the Assaults of that
Individual Suitor, who has the good
Luck first to mount and thereby
Secure the Possession of the Premises
within the Grasp of his Paws.

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374 A Factions Citizen reproaching
the measures taken by Government for
the Punishment as well as the Subjec-
-tion of the Rebels in America as tot-
-ally subversive of British Freedom
and in as most Insulting manner continued
to repeat, that whatever Praises the Peo-
-ple of this Island might heretofore
bestow on the Excellences of their Con-
-stitution in the Security of their Persons
or Properties, it no longer subsisted, the
present was an Impression, a Delusion
a mere Shadow. To this Sir C. W. said Sir
I think my self, and sh^d suppose the Com-
-pany here present are with me under
great Obligation to you for the Information
you have now Imparted, for my own
part I can never enough Express my
Thanks, for what Sir replied He had
-lilly; for y^r Confessional Shadow
of a Constitution

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376 as that affords a most satisfactory
proof that ^{the} freedom still exists sub-
stantially.

T They fix the General down to any
determinate Time to Effect the
march of the Troops to Albany, or can there
be a greater Absurdity than to suppose the
orders however Peremptory to be such
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Mr Jennings and some gentlemen in
the Coffee Room in a conversation on the
Event of the Expedition under the command
of Genl Pringle as related in the Gazette
declared themselves zealous Advocates in
Defense of his Conduct, and insisted much on
his being necessitated to act as he had done
in consequence of Peremptory Orders. Sir
C. W. begged Leave by way of a Reply to observe
that altho: it should be granted them the
Orders were as Peremptory as they get
forth in their Plea did it thence follow
that they ~~excused~~ the execution to be
stamped with every mark of ~~disrespect~~ ^{contempt}
~~disrespect~~ or rudeness, and to one or perhaps
~~more~~ of these Gentls this Conduct of the
General must be referred. For the Events
showed he had acted in manifest Violat-
-tion of that well known Maxim, which
w. d have taught him to have moderated
his Manoeuvres by a contrary Lesson to
that he had put in Practice, Not to make
more Hast than good Speed. Besides when-
-ever I reflect on this fatal Misfortune
and Catastrophe methinks its Author
bears the strongest Resemblance to
Dea. Swift's Curd who having totally
spoiled a Hannel of Venison by over
roast

T which the Roman Generalls were
commanded to keep ever in steady
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Roughing it, was ordered by the Dean
to take it back and do it left, that? Im-
-possible he said the Cook, Is it so
says the Dean, then Remember well
that I now warn you never to commit
for the future a fault that it is not
in your Art or Power to Amend. So
universally true is that ^{truly a} ~~truly a~~ Aph-
-orism In omnibus Rebus Videndum
est Quatenus. For to proceed without
Reason ~~is~~ must be the Act of Folly and
against it that of Madness. To form
a Judgement of the present by ~~a~~ comparison
it with past Events is it not reasonable to
infer that the same Change has taken
Place in the Principles of the military
School as Moliere's Medecin malgre
lui declared the ~~College~~ Faculty had
done in their Removal of the Heart from
the Left to the Right. In former times the
General ever bore in mind the Care and
Preservation of the Rear of his Army as
esteeming it the most undeniable Cri-
-terion of his Judgement in the military
Science to secure a safe Retreat from
Danger than by a mistaken Valour fall
a Sacrifice in an unequal Combat, but
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The first of these is the fact that the
 British Government has been unable to
 secure the cooperation of the
 United States Government in the
 prosecution of the war against
 Germany. This is due to the fact
 that the United States Government
 has been unable to secure the
 cooperation of the British
 Government in the prosecution
 of the war against Germany.

agreeable to the Doct.^r Maxim
à l'heure qu'il est nous avons
changé tout cela, the Commander in
Chief, à la mode de J. le Clerc Van Ske-
-ter. Precipitates the Van and leaves
the Devil to run away with the ~~Rest~~
hindmost.

M^r Planchon took an occasion to
Point out to Sir C. W. as a Circumstance
worthy of notice what a Fête a Fête Con-
- vention ^{afforded} ~~substituted~~ reciprocal Whig-
- pers between ~~the~~ Par-^{ty} and Sir Sher-
- idan in the Drawing Room on the Queen
Birth Day, to which he replied, this
Association has nothing in it extraor-
- dinary on the contrary it is perfectly
agreeable to the ^{reggie} ~~Customs~~ and ^{Practices} ~~manners~~
of all Communities ^{inasmuch} as they are both
of them Players with this Difference
that the One Plays on and the other
to the People, ~~who~~ ^{either they} who compose their
Audience necessity Fashion or Choice
become their Audience

Some Gent.^l being of a Party with Sir C. W.
at Vauxhall, one of them took occasion to ex-
-hale much in Praise of the Proprietors by the
many Buildings and Covered Walks that they
had at so great an Expence caused to be made
from time to time, and appealed to Sir C. W. for his
Opinion therein, Sir on the begging of an
Opinion differing with you in my Idea of what you
deem Improvements, I consider them as the Ruins
and that these Gardens, having by these Covered
Walks and Edifices Lost their Rurality may
be said to have undergone the fate of a
Libidinous Priek rendered unfit for service
by too many Erections.

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Is it possible said a certain Person
in a private Company that I. D. H. can have
such an extraordinary Influence over the
H— as to make him pursue such unsteady
such opposite not to say altogether ^{such} absurd
measures with the rebellious Colonies?
It is by no means the Case replied Sir C. H.
For whoever will give himself the Pains to
Examine the Plan of Operations will find
every Line of it from its first beginning
to the present moment so drawn as to
mark out the real Draftsman Sir B,
who inherits the genuine Constitution
of the St. I Race now strutting with
a Countenance resembling that of the
4 Winds in Painting as if He w^d blow
away the Enemy at the first Onset,
now capriciously Seised with a Panic
and exhibiting the timid appearance of
a puny insect shivering at a breeze
ready to crawl to any Hole for Shelter.
That a Conduct so menacing, so destined
- by, that a Mind quite melted in horror et
- tam dispar sibi should have all its de-
- signs take an unprosperous and generally
a most disgraceful Issue cannot afford
matter of surprise to any one the least
conversant

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conversant with Historical or Po-
- litical Writers who have established
this Maxim as fundamentally true
Que toutes les Entreprises faites avec
plus de Chaleur que de Raison ont
des Commencemens Vigoreux mais la
Suite ne répond pas.

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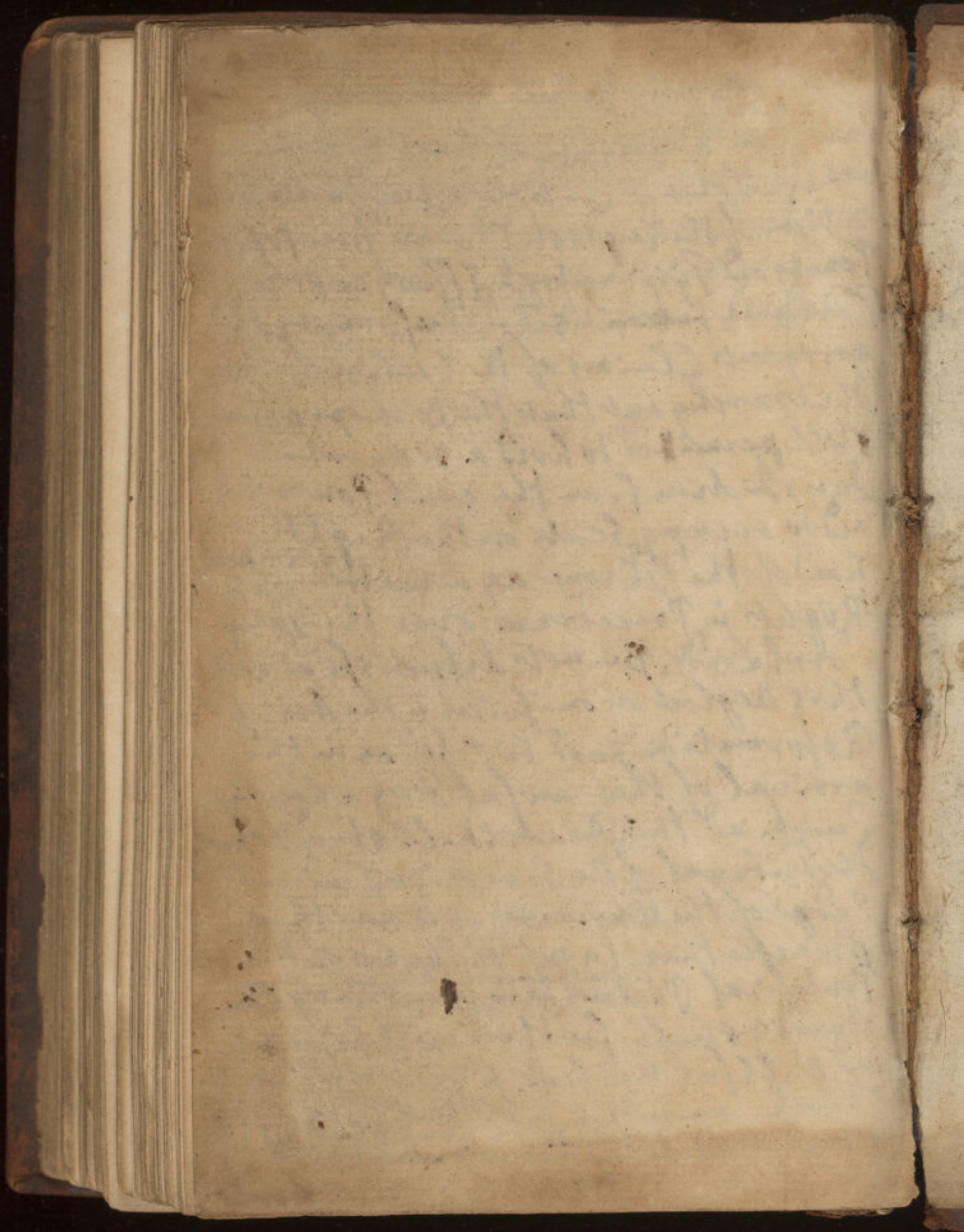
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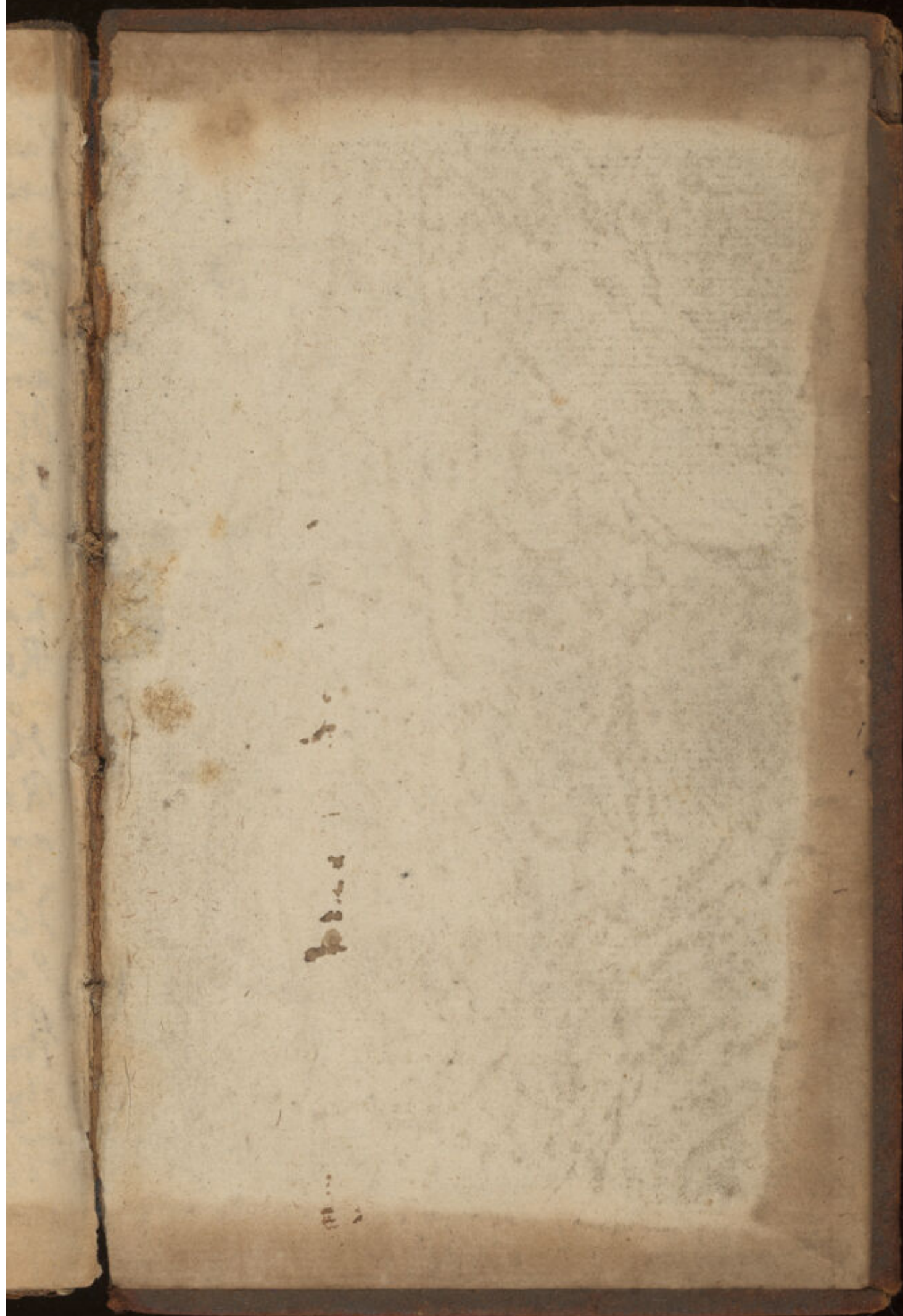
Mr C. W. being asked by a Gentleman in
Company with him, whether he had noti-
-ced the multiplicity of modern Char-
-acters as held forth to View in several
morning Papers, being there announced as
Portrayed by similar Lineaments
drawn by the Pens of certain Eminent
Latin Authors. He replied, He had, and
that it had furnished him with this
further observation that as the Writer
of that Paper gave herein evident
marks of his being most barbarously
influenced by the too common frailty
of the Human Species in spying out
the Vices or even the foibles of both
Sexes with the Eyes of a Lyssa; yet
it was evident to conviction, that
with respect to his own Depravity he
possessed a Degree of Blindness beyond
what is ascribed either to the Mole or the
Beetle, and therefore he would Recommend
the following Motto as a Typical Resembl-
-ance and such as most truly characterized
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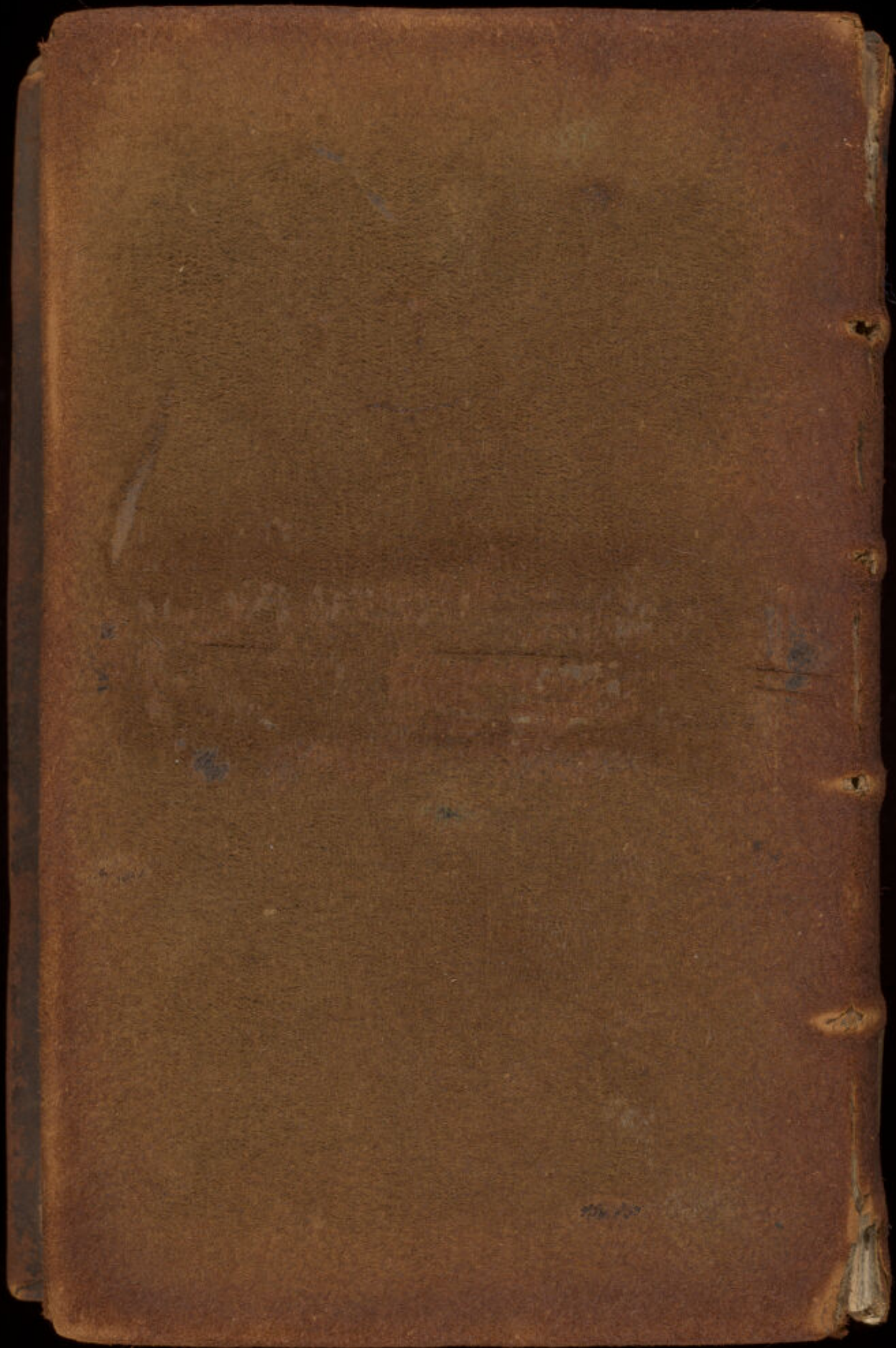
390 This Rev^d Newsmonger and
Portrait Painter in Black and white
viz. Quodlibet in Quodlibet opprobria -
- fingere solent.

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glorious throne ^{and they with the goats} ~~from whence~~ shall
await the promulgation of
Jesus that must from eternity and I've
vorable Decree Go ye Prelates
Hypocrites ye Curied into Everlast
Fire prepared for the Devil and his
Angels.

A certain Person during a Conversation on Ecclesiastical Revolutions remarked that at the time when the Reformation of the English Church from Popish Tenets and Tyranny took Effect, no proper Care was ~~taken~~ used in Reforming the arrogant Claims of the Ecclesiastical Hierarchy but that the Bishops were still permitted to hold a separate Jurisdiction from the civil Power and to occupy Seats on the Right Hand of the Throne as a matter of ^{spiritual} Rights in Precedence over the Temporal Lords. Be not dissatisfied with this Neglect or omission in the Act of Reformation said Sir C. J. as on the arrival of that awful Day when the Quick and the Dead shall stand before the Tribunal of the Sovereign Lord and Judge of the Universe it is more than probable that 19 out of the 20 of these Pontifical Pastors ^{who have} ~~who have~~ ^{ruled} ~~ruled~~ ^{all these} ~~all these~~ succeeding Centuries shall for their most heinous and Willful neglect in feeding the Flock committed to their Charge find themselves ^{condemned} ~~condemned~~ ^{to} ~~to ^{be} ~~be ^{sent to the} ~~sent to the~~ ^{hell} ~~hell~~~~~~









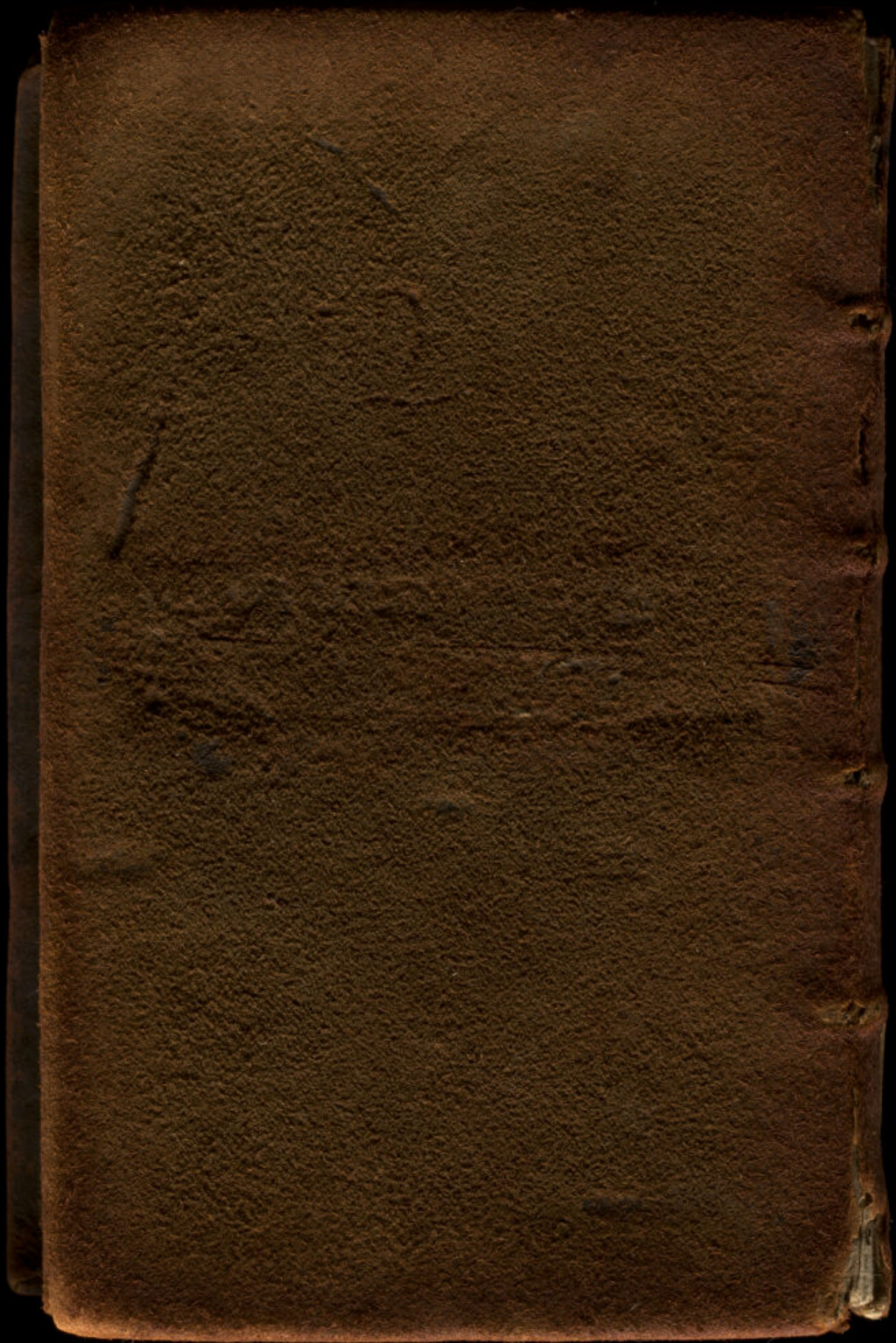
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