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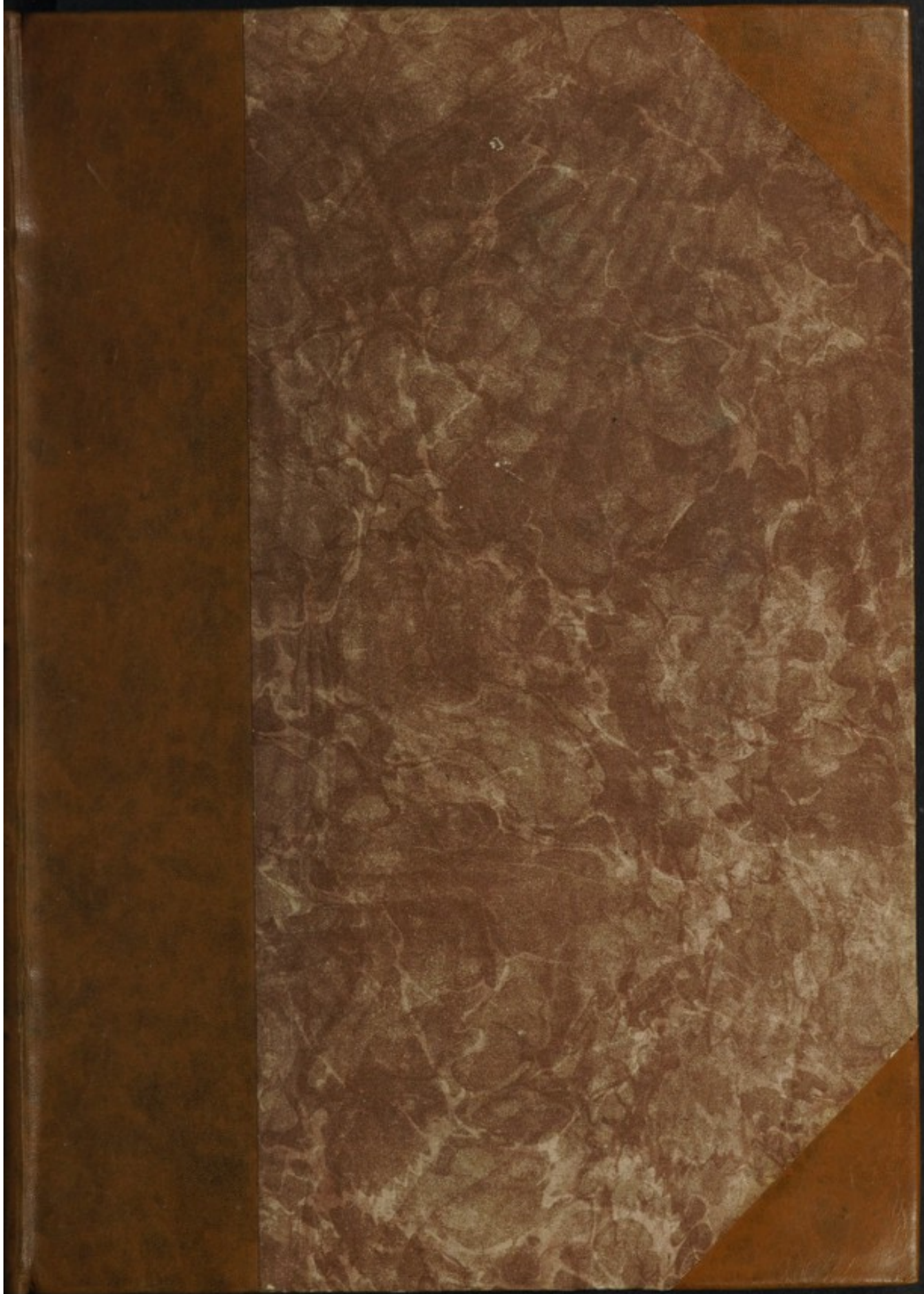
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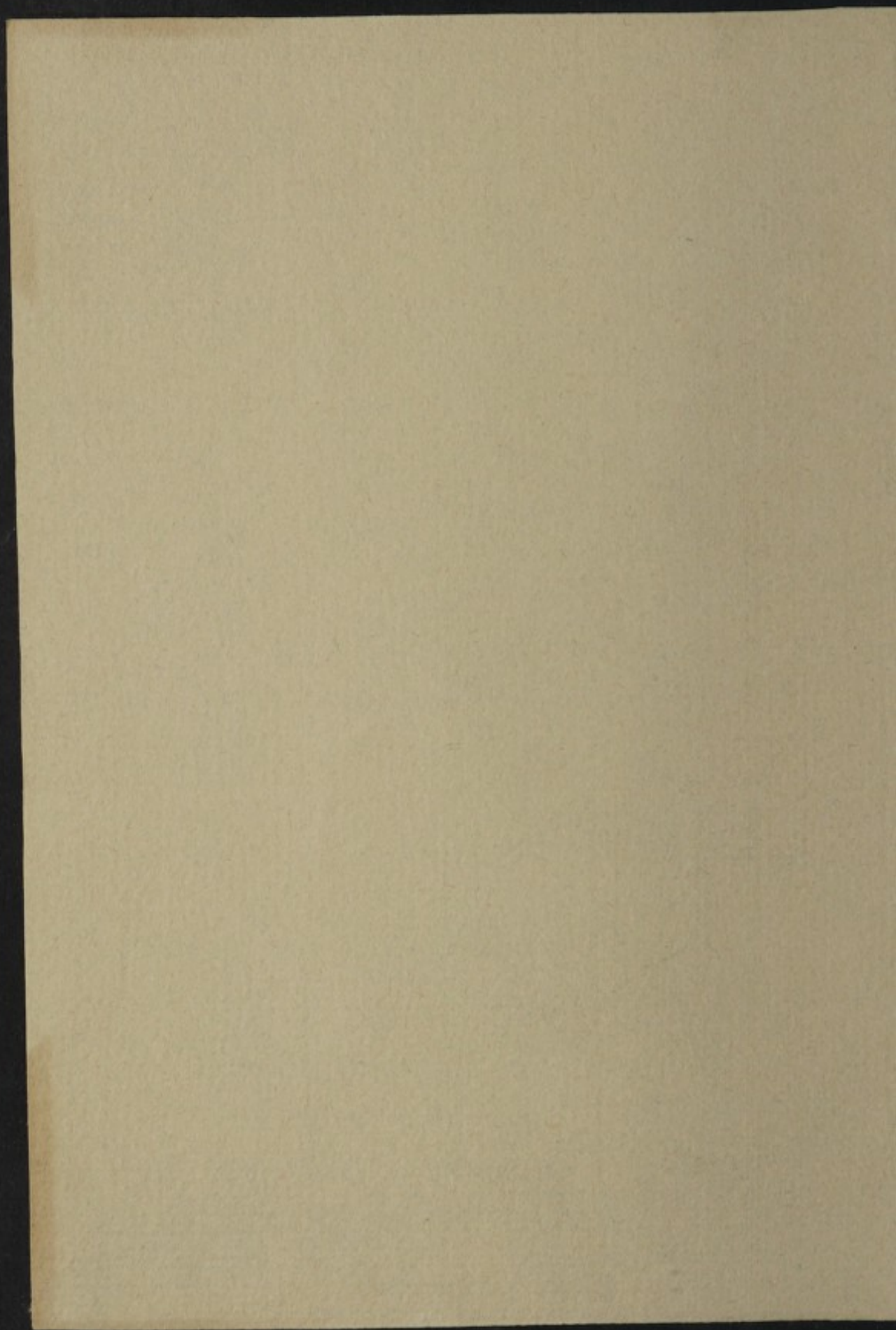


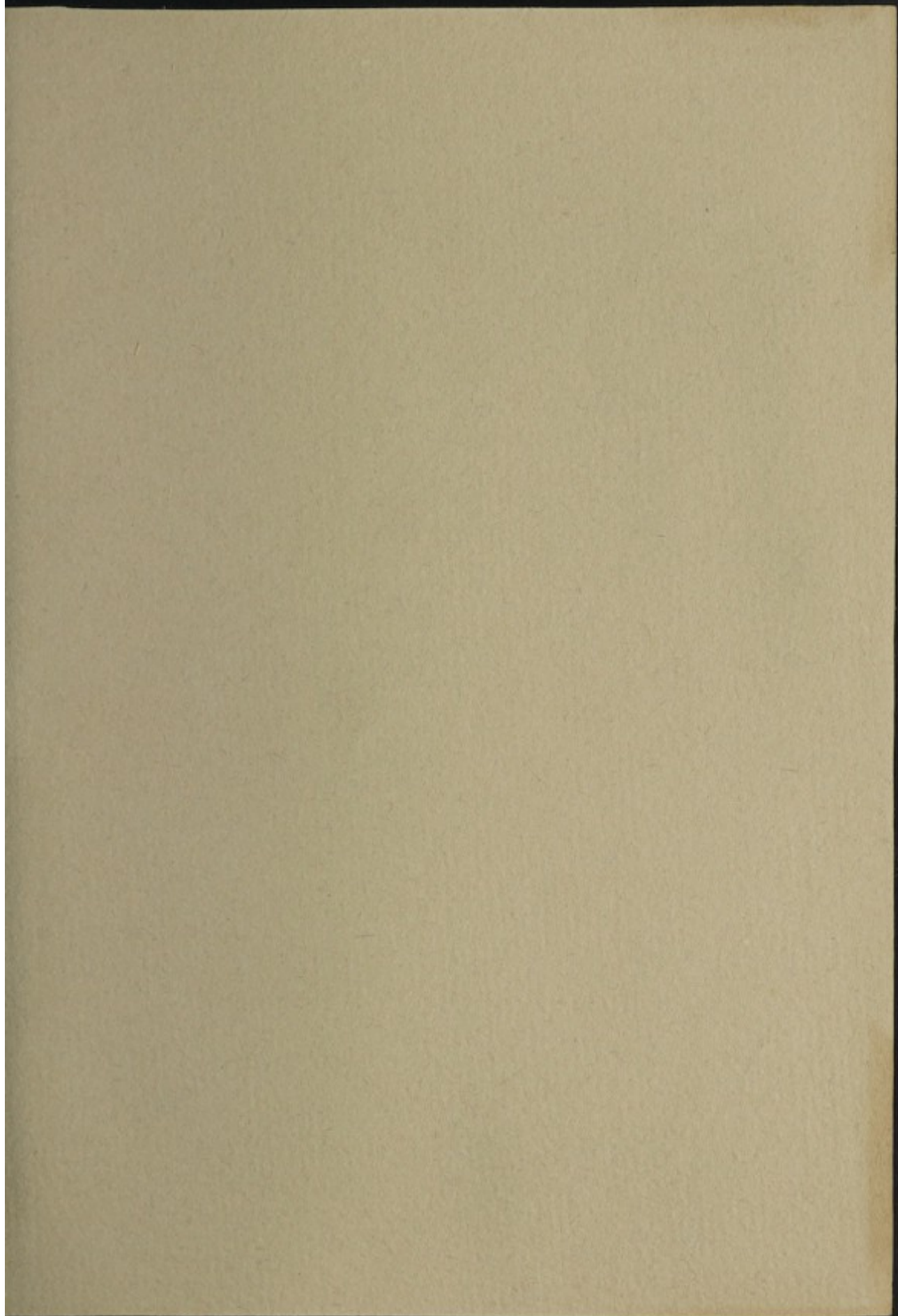


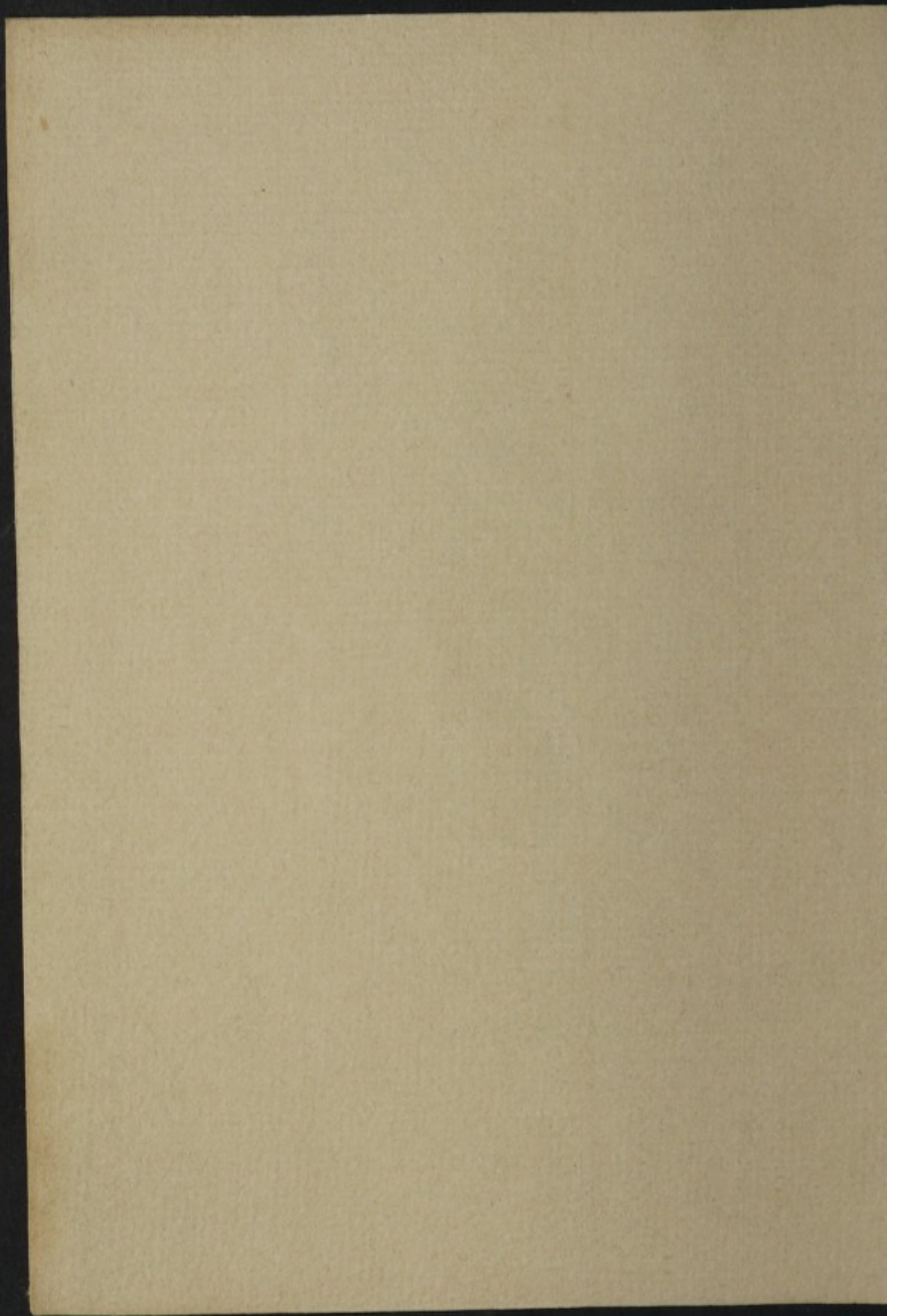


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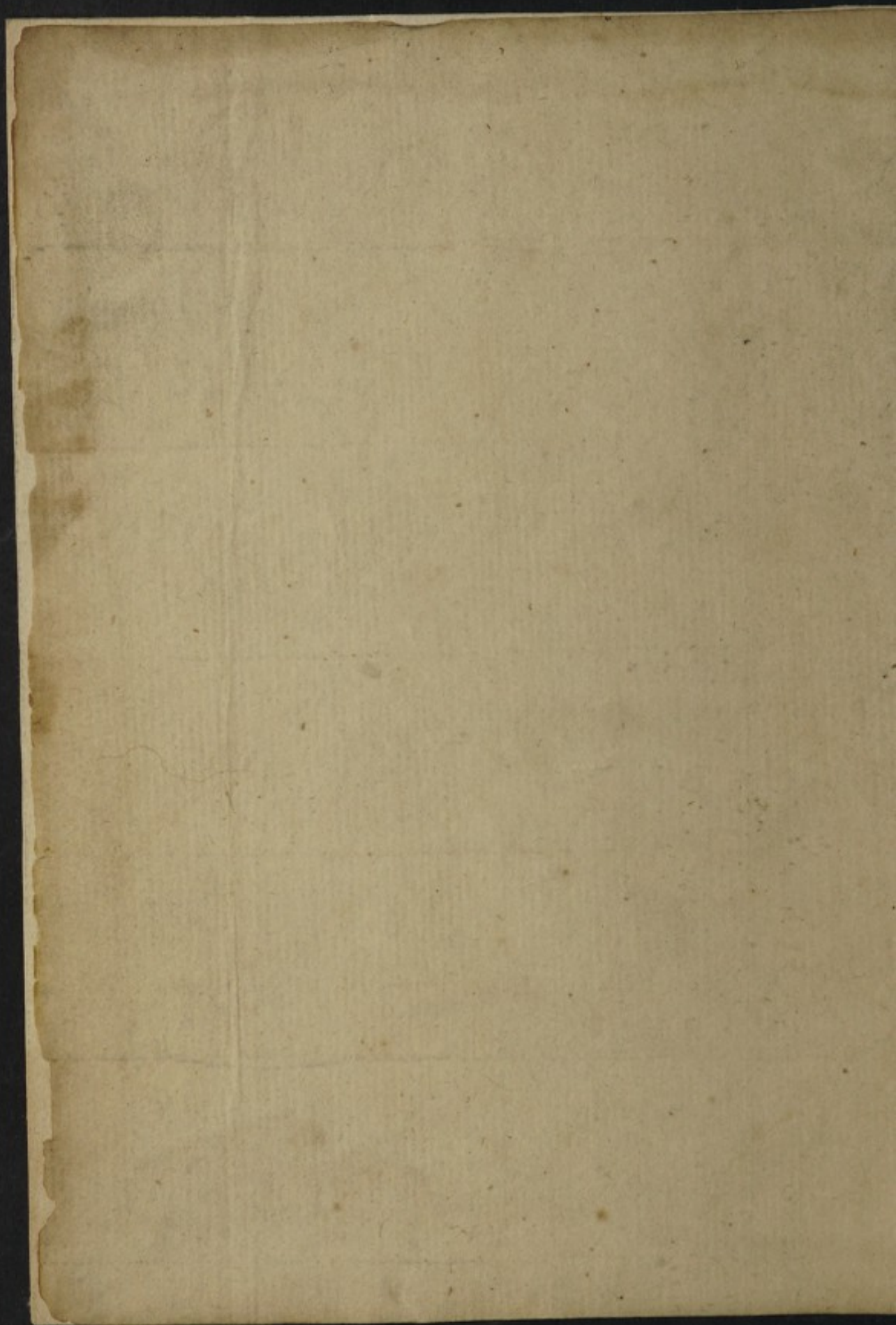


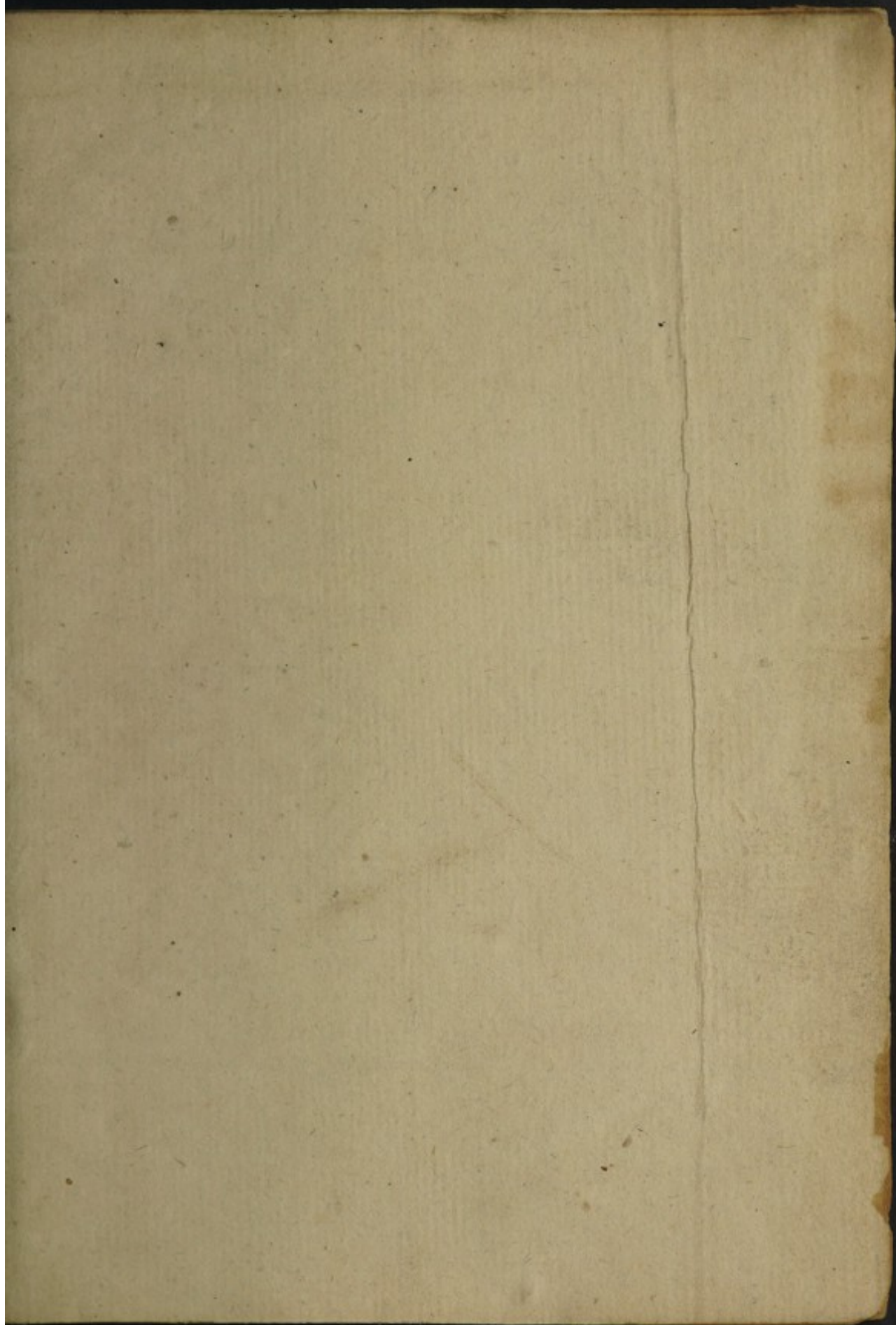


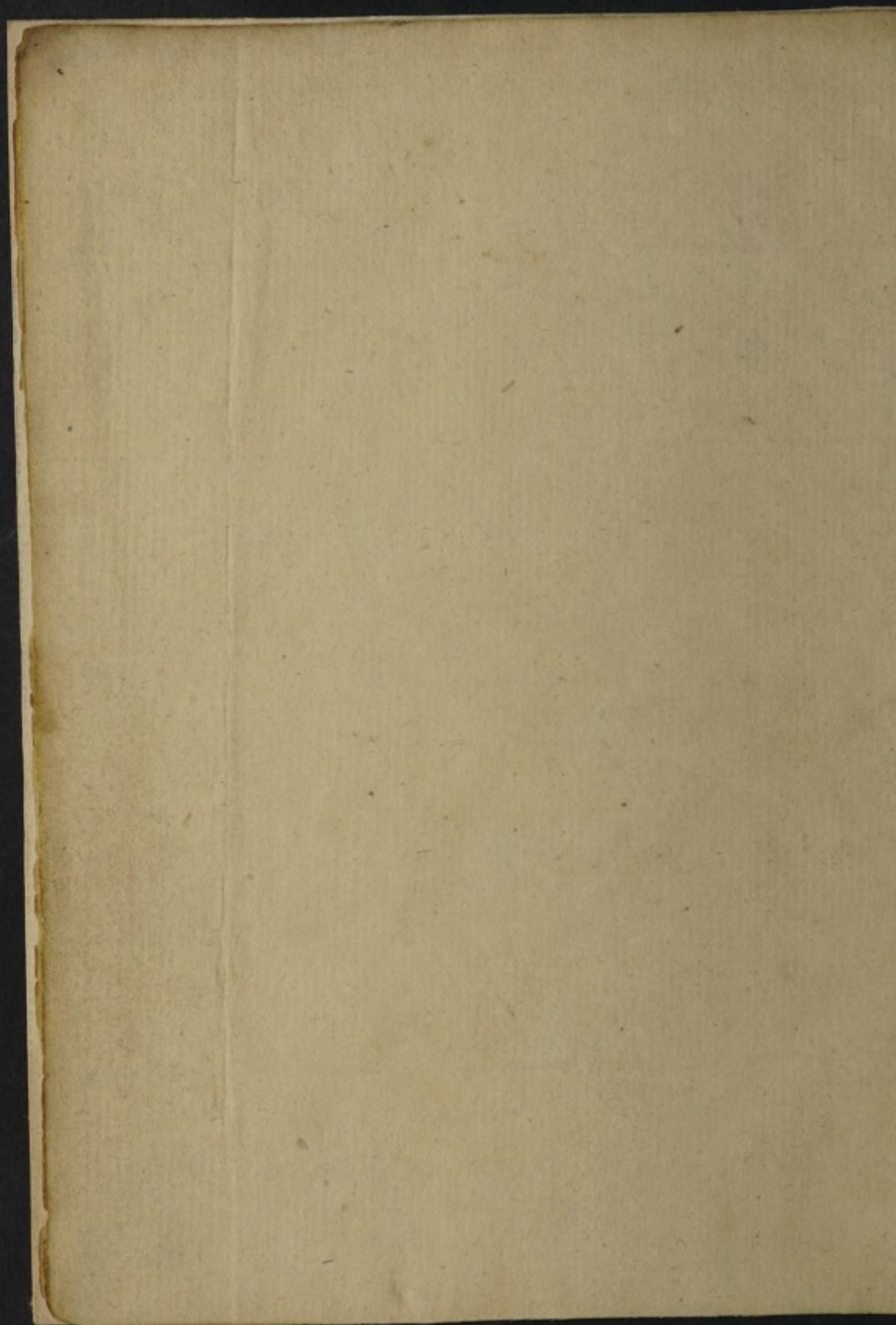


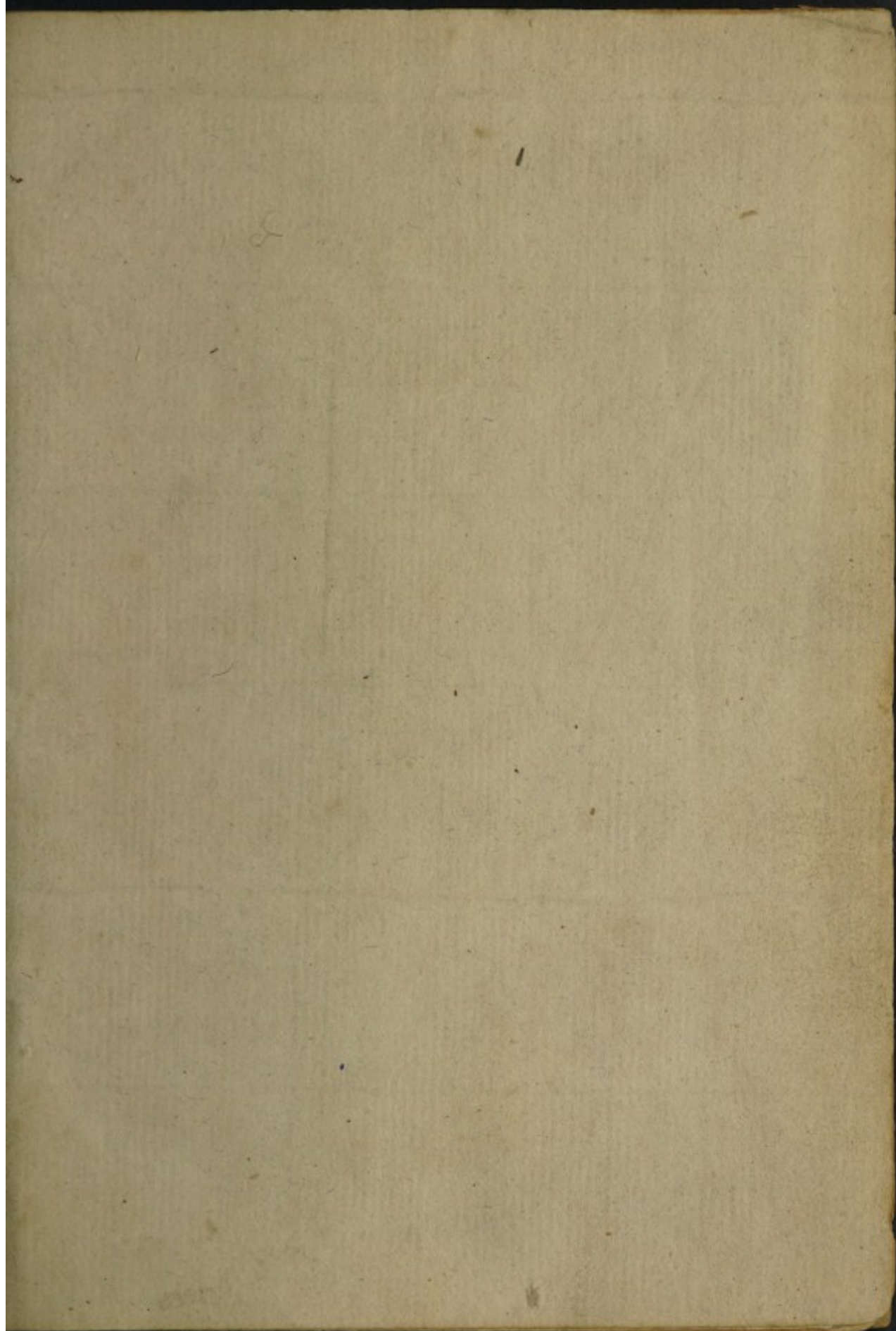


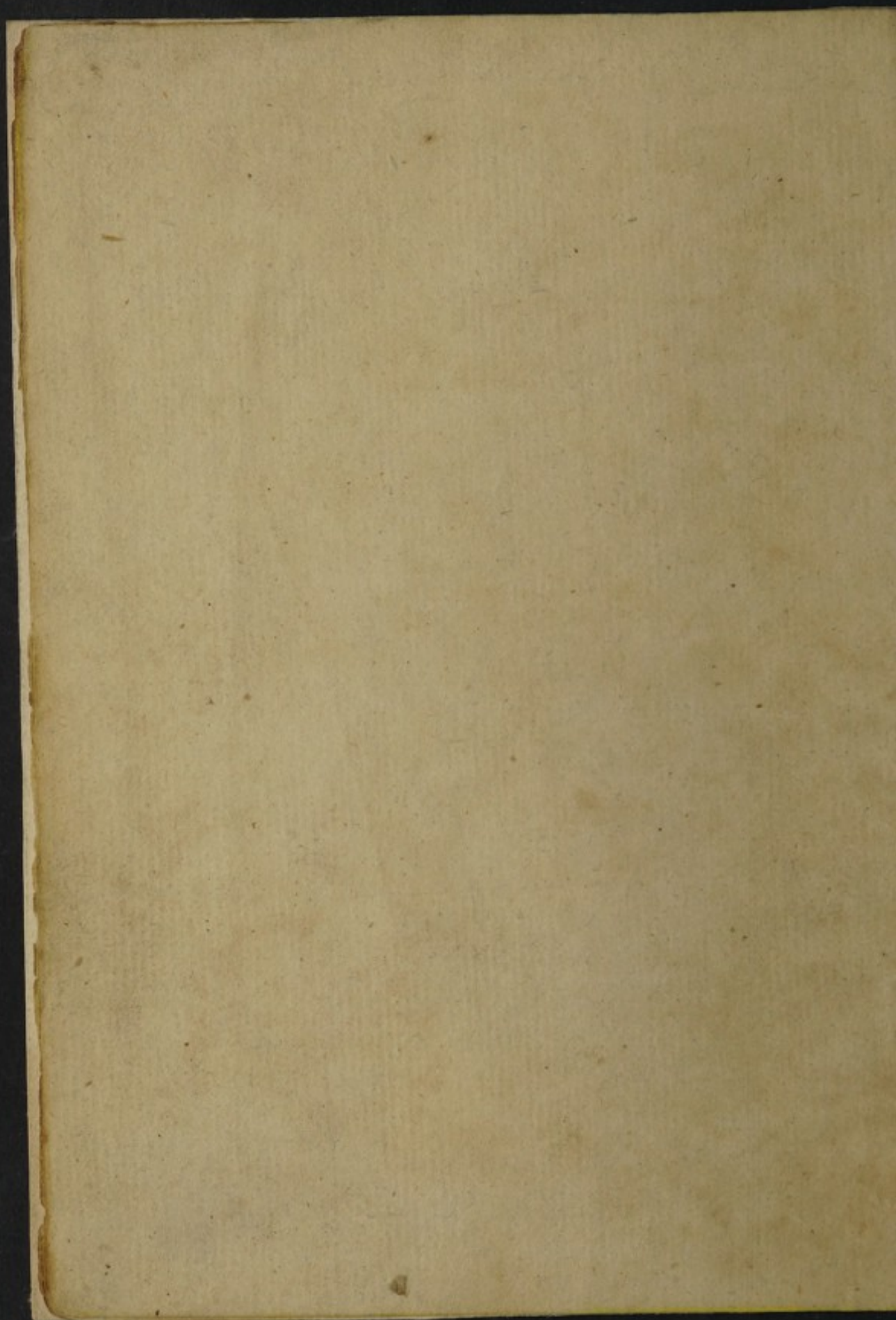
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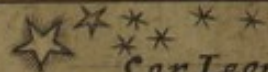





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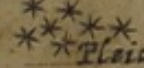
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Omnes Planetæ sub terra.

The first Comet, or blazing Star. Novemb^r. and December 1664.



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
Cometes Saturni,  Pleiades.

Stella
Crinita.

Omnes Planetæ sub terra.

The second Blazing Star. January 1665.




Fin 

Stella Barbata

Cometes Jovis
et Martis.

Saturnus et Jupiter supra terram

η in ζ Stat: 

The last Blazing Starr.
Aprill 1665.

These Blazing Starrs!
Threaten the World with Famine, Plague, & Warrs:
To Princes, Death: to Kingdoms, many Crosses:
To all Estates, inevitable Losse!
To Herds-men, Rot; to Plowmen, haples Seasons:
To Saylor, Storms; to Cittyes, Civill Treasons.

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Μηδὲς Κομῆτης ἀσὶς ἔκκατον φέρει. (i. e.)

Nullus Cometes qui malum nullum ferat.

Omnes Cometes significant Bella, Terrores, & magnos Sventus in mundo. Benat.

Ignota obscura viderunt Sidera noctes,

Ardentemq; Polum flammis, Cœloq; volantes

Obliquas perinane faces crinemq; timendi

Sideris, & Terris mutantem R gna Cometen.

Lucan.

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TO THE
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(both for Valour and Prudence)

That great Favourer of *Arts*, as well as *Arms*,

ROBERT PEYTON, Esq;

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In his Majesties High Court of

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T O T H E
Impartial Reader.

Courteous Reader,

T*He ensuing Discourse courts thy candid Acceptance, and friendly Construction. It is a Subject not very liberally treated of, by Meteorologers and Astrologers; and among those that have wrote thereof, there are great, and (almost) irreconcilable differences; and, if I have, in my prosecution hereof, been too zealous for Truth; and thereby happened to have swallowed any Errors [many, I hope, and am confident, they cannot be;] let the novelty of the Theam, plead my Apologie; and the consideration of humane frailty, be a Sanctuary to protect me, from hard censure and calumny.*

Were the Work to begin again, I could (methinks) perform it much better. For, some faults I can my self espie; which I wish were not past remedy: yet none so intolerably great, as to lead any into an Error; or out of the paths of Truth: and therefore (I presume) within the Perimeter, and Indulgence, of the Judicious.

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But there are captious Readers, as well as courteous Ones : and Books are censured or commended, as the perusers of them, either Sympathize or Antipathize, with them.

Ad captum lectoris, habent sua fata libelli.

Each Book (saith the Noble Herbert) sent into the World, is like a Barque put to Sea, and as liable to censures, as the Barque is to foul weather.

One thing I would advertise thee of, and that is this : Where, in several places of this Treatise, I mention the Effects of Comets ; I would not be too strictly understood, or interpreted : For, by such an expression, I intend, not to make Comets, or Blazing Stars, the causes of such effects ; but the Antecedents or Prodromi, of them only. And it is to stoop to vulgar capacities, that I (all along) make use of the Word. I ever did, and yet do, look upon Comets to be like Beacons ; whose use and office, is, to give warning to mankinde of approaching dangers ; and to be the certain signes, (but not causes) of Mundane Catastrophes.

JOHN GADBURY.

From my House in Jewen-
Garden, against the Sun
in Jewen-street, near
Aldersgate-street.

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De Cometis :

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Proæme.

IT is observed by *Cæsar* in his *Commentaries*, that the *old Gauls* were so tickled and pleased with *Rumours* and *Reports* (true or false) that they made it their main business to enquire of every one they met, (though but a *Carrier*, or common passenger) what *News* they heard, or what *fresh Sights* they had seen. The same affected humour is by *S. Paul* reprehended in the *Athenians*, a sort or Sect of men who made it their principal work to *babble* and *tell Stories*; as having no *leisure* for ought else, but to hear and report *News*.

Of the same *superstitious humour*, and *itching ears*, are the people of *this Age* or *Generation* wherein we live: which I well knowing, and having been many years an *observer* of the same, (in *this Nation* especially) was unwilling (I confess,

fels, at first) to give credit unto the general report and noise of the late Comets apparition: and that upon serious and good Grounds and Reasons.

1. The reporters of this *Celestial Prodigie* unto me, at the first, were such as I esteemed *Discontents*, and might therefore reasonably be supposed to raise, spread and promote stories of a strange tendencie, on set purpose to amaze and amuse our late-distracted, and yet not well-quieted Kingdom.

2. My self, upon the reports that so liberally ran of this Comet, was desirous (before I became too credulous) to have a sight thereof; which six or seven nights I endeavoured, but (*nescio quo fato*) still missed of my expectations; and then began to conceive the report thereof to be an *Imposture*, and my self, as others, by the relation abused.

3. The consideration of several rumours, reports and stories of the same nature, some out of *Holland, Germany, France, Italy, &c.* with inferences drawn from them, either of *politick* or *villanous consequence*; and (without truth) obtruded upon the world, both in former and later years: whereas (to my knowledge) there hath not, since *Decemb. 1652.* (excepting that about *Rackelsburg* in *Anstria* on *Jan. 12. 1664.* which was rather an *Ignis fatuus* than a Comet) any such apparitions been seen in the heavens.

These several Arguments, together with a consideration had unto the constant and daily deceptions promoted in the habitable part of this *earthly Globe*, swayed and perswaded with me, not too readily or greedily to believe the many and various rumours and reports that ran of this *celestial Phenomena*. But behold! whilst I was thus reasoning with my self, and inclining to a *non-belief* of the matter, although so eminently bruted about for a certain truth; several of my *Astrological acquaintance* and friends, from several parts of this Nation, and from *Scotland* and *Ireland*, intimate the same unto me by Letters; and this from the *visible and ocular experience* themselves had of the same: and divers persons (which I knew could have no by-ends in such reports) confirmed the same unto me, from some *Observations* themselves took of this Comet, here in *London*, and in other places near unto it.

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Upon all which *Reports, Attestations and Confirmations* of the same, I was resolv'd (before I would yet give full credit therunto, knowing that *Fame is a Lier*) to make further tryal, and thereby endeavour a *sight and observation* (if possible) of this Comet *my self*. And to this purpose, I again endeavour'd *several other nights*, for a discovery of this *new Star*: but always hitherto *missing thereof*, I was still apt to conceive the *whole relation groundless*. But being unwilling to brand so many of my friends that had *ascertained* me of the *verity* of the matter by Letters, and *viva voce*, for *lyers*; I was apt to believe, they might be *cozened* with some *pseudo* or *false Phenomena*; and that at some times they might possibly have seen the *Moon glimmering thorow clouds of different colours*, (which my self several nights took notice of) and not seeing *her body perfectly*, by reason of *such clouds*, they might *presume* the same to be some *new Apparition* or *Comet*; or else, some *Ignean vapours* might by their *ascent* toward the *fiery region*, be occasionally *set on fire, &c.* which might easily *deceive the eyes* of a *moderately-skilful* person, much more an *Ignorant*. And *some nights* that I watched, I saw such *Meteors*, and once or twice *Lightning, &c.*

But while I was thus *perswading and reasoning* with my self, it was averred unto me, by a very good friend of mine, that a *learned person* in this Citie, a *Dr. of Divinity*, but most excellent *Mathematician*, had on *Decemb. 16.* in the morning, observed this Comet many hours together, by *Instrument*, in the *South and Southwest* parts of the *heavens*. And it was also *assured* me, that some time before *that*, an honored and *learned person*, one of the *Royal Society of Gresham-Colledge London*, observed the same with *Instruments* fit for that purpose, and found the *site and motion* of this *New Star* to be in the Constellation of *Jason's ship Argos*, *viz.* one of the *largest Constellations* in the *heavens*; extending it self almost thorow *three whole Signes* of the *Zodiacal Circle*.

These Relations from the *mouthes and observations* of Gentlemen *more then ordinarily skilful*, and *curiously* (to my knowledge) *acquainted with such matters*; prevailed with me to use a *farther endeavour* for a *discovery* of this Comet;

which I did *several nights* after : and behold, on Friday *Decemb. 23.* from the hours of *eight* unto *ten* in the evening, I had *full sight* of *one Comet*, but it seems not *this* so much talkt of, but *another*. It was in *colour* very *pale* and *cloudy*, in *figure* *round*, and in *magnitude* (as nigh as I could judge) about *three inches diameter*. This night it was without any *tail*, *stream*, *bush* or *beard*, as the *former Comet* was reported to have been seen withal. It was now in *Longitude* neer to that Star called *Aldebaran*, or the *Bulls eye*, in *5 d.* of the *celestial Twins* : but by reason of its *South-Latitude*, it seem'd to the eye, to make a kinde of *equilateral Triangle* with the said Star, and the *Pleiades* or *Seven stars*.

On *Decemb. 24.* being *Christmaseve*, I had the happiness to see it again, about *6 a clock* that evening; and then it was neer the later end of the *celestial signe Taurus* in *Longitude*. Now it appeared of a *bright*, yet *pale colour*, almost like that Star called *Phosphorus*, or the *morning-star*, for *colour*, but *twice as big*; darting forth some *pleasant beams* equally *round*, much like unto that which appeared in *Decemb. 1652.* the certain *presager* and *precursor* of those grand *Polonian*, *Swedish*, *Danish*, *Tartarian* and *Moscovitish Wars*; as there was, and yet is the *Opinion* and *Judgement* of all the *Learned in Astrologie*. A *Catalogue* of my further *Observations* on this *celestial Prodigie*, I shall refer to an after-place in this *Treatise* : and, that I may not perplex my *Reader* with a *Labyrinthical discourse*, I shall, for *his* and *my own satisfaction*, propound the *following Method*, which I purpose (God permitting) to pursue, in relation to these *new Stars*, their *natures*, *positions*, and *significations*.

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| 1. | } of { | <i>Comets</i> or <i>new stars</i> in general. |
| 2. | | Their <i>several names</i> and <i>kindes</i> . |
| 3. | | Their <i>magnitude</i> , <i>matter</i> , and <i>time of generation</i> . |
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CHAP. I.

Of Comets or New Stars in general.

MAny and divers are the Opinions of *Philosophers* and *Naturalists* concerning *Comets* and *New Stars*. Some affirming that they are generated *de novo*, in *heaven*, of a *celestial matter*, not by the generation of any *new substance*, but by *condensation*, with a *mixture* of *darkness* and *diaphanety*, which most aptly receives the *light of the Sun*, and transmits or *darts* it forth upon this *terrestrial Globe* again, oftentimes to the *amazement* of the beholders. Others think *Comets*, &c. to be nothing real or distinct from other *pre-existent bodies*, but rather a *meer emphasis* or appearance, made by the *reflection* or *refraction* of the beams or rays of the *Sun* or *Moon*, in such kinde of manner as is the *Halo*, *Parellis*, *Paraselene*, or *Rainbow*. And some there are again, that hold that *Comets* are *Wandering Stars* or *Planets*; seldom seen, by reason either of their *nearness* to the *Sun*, or their *too far distance* from the *Earth*, or the *more dense part* of the air where they are; which after some distance of time coming to a *greater distance* from the *Sun*, or *neerer* the *Earth*, becomes *conspicuous* to *vulgar sights*.

Paracelsus and his followers confidently affirm, that a *Comet* is *crescens singulare*, not generated of any *sperm* or *semen*, or produced from any *Matrix*, but *formed* and *composed* by *Angels* or *Spirits*; which usually betokens *future events*, either *good* or *bad*: for the *Angels* (saith he) or *Spirits*, well knowing, that *such things* shall most *certainly* come to pass; they *form* or *create* a *Comet*, and give it such a *figure* or *shape* as they please; and having *kindled* it, they *attract* it along thorow the air either *higher* or *lower*, that *Mortals* may the more *zealously* behold it, and be the more *remarkably* possessed with its *significations*.

Some there are, that have thought a *Comet* or *Blazing Star* to be a *sublunary Meteor*, arising from the most *subtil* and
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thin breathings or vapours, that ascend out of the earth; and are not so much *enflamed*, as *illustrated* of the Sun; even as it were, like unto *Glass-pots* full of *water*, distained with a *yellow* or *rutilant* colour. And others there be, that think *Comets* are generated of an *elementary Meteor*, that is, of the more *subtile exhalations*, which by vertue of their own *levity* and *rarity*, are *mounted* so high, that they ascend *above the Moon*; and then by their own *Chrystal-like clearness* do, as it were, *soak* and *drink up* the *rays* of the *Planets*, but more especially the *Sun*, and afterwards transmit themselves into a *tail*, *bush* or *beard*, and the like.

Bodinus, and divers others with him, opinionated, that *Comets* or *Blazing Stars* were no other, then the *souls* or *spirits* of *illustrious men departed*, and now triumphing in heaven. And others (as fondly) have supposed *Comets* to be *Fires* conveyed in the Heavens to and fro, by *Spirits* or *Intelligences*.

Let this suffice for *Comets* or *New Stars* in general: and before I end, I hope the *Reader* shall have *no cause* to judge me *Sceptical*, although herein I have not delivered much of *mine own opinion*.

CHAP. II.

Of the Names and Kindes of Comets or Blazing Stars.

A *Comet*, of the *Greeks* called Κομήτης, in *Latine* *Cometa*, or *Cometes* (called so from *Coma*, the *hair* of a mans head) although taken in a *strict sense*, signifies but one *species* of the *Phanomenon*, viz. *Stellam Crinitam*, or *Capillatam*, a *Star* with *long hair*, made so by the *splendour* of his rays; or, (after *Cicero*) *convinnatum sydus*, a *Star* with *crisped hair*: Yet in a more *extended sense*, it is a *generical* or *common name* to all the *rest* of them, mentioned in *Pliny*, lib. 2. cap. 25. of his *Natural History*; where, respecting the common and known accidents of *colours* and *shapes*, he reckons up these *twelve* following *species*.

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1. The first is called *Stella Crinita*, viz. an hairy Comet, horrible to behold, equally enflamed round, with bloody shagged hairs like a bush, or the hair of the head. When it appears less terrible, it is by some termed *Rosa*, a Rose.

2. *Barbata*, called by the Greeks *κρονιας*, à barba, a bearded Star or Comet. It is sometimes thought to be a tailed Star. The difference (as *Fromundus* thinks) grows from a respect had to the Sun: for, if by the motion of the *primum Mobile* it arise in the morning before the Sun, it is then termed *barbata*, because it appears bearded, extending its rays Westward; as did the Comet anno 1618. But if it arise in the evening after Sun-set, it is then called *Caudata*, because it is tailed; and casts out a long train behind it Eastward, as did the Comet in the year 1577.

3. The third is called *acrotia*, i. e. *Faculum*, a Dart or Javelin, because it brandisheth its rays or beams in the form or shape thereof: as did that, which appeared in the year 1533, in the Month of July.

4. They call *Gladus* or *Pugio*, a Knife, Sword or Dagger, the head of which usually appears like to the hilt of a sword, but the rays or beams (suddenly contracting a point) resemble a Dagger or Knife, rather than a Sword, which is larger: like unto that which appeared in the year 1532. Some Historians call it *Metam*, or *Pyramidem*.

5. Is called *Discus*, or rather *Disciformis*, because it resembleth in shape or form, a Dish or Platter; i. e. when it is of figure broad and round, glittering and shining, almost of an Amber-colour, dilating slender rays round about its body equally.

6. The sixth is called *Pithetes*, or *Doliaris*, for that it very much resembleth the shape of a Tun, hiding as it were its smokie and obscure beams in the very middle thereof, as in a hollow concave.

7. The seventh hath the appellation of *cornu*, *Ceratias*, or *cornu*; the bending or crooked flame whereof, is doubled or bowed like unto a Horn, the head of a Crossers staff, Shepherds Crook, or a Persians sword. Such was the last of the three (saith one) that appeared anno 1618. Pliny saith, such a
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one appeared a little before the whole host of Greece fought the battel of *Salamis*.

8. The eighth is called *λαμπάς Lampas*, ἀλάμπειν *splendo*, signifying to *shine*; it bearing the similitude of a burning *Lamp* or *Torch*, issuing out *flames* in the heavens.

9. Is called ἵππων *Hippus*, *Equinum Sydus*, or *Stella Equina*: it is a *Comet* or *Star* that emitteth streams like a *Horses Mane*. It is very *swift* in *motion*, and (as *Pliny* saith) very often turneth round.

10. The tenth is termed *τρίγυς*, i. e. *Hircus*, in shape like unto an *He-goat*, because it is invironed with some kind of *hairs*, and a *mane*, seemingly *rough* and *hairy*, by the slender *fibræ* of its *beams* or *rays*.

11. This is called *Argyromus*, or *Argenticomus*, viz. a *Star* or *Comet Silver-hair'd*, being very *white* and *thin* in its *shining*. There appeared (saith *Pliny*) a *white Comet*, so shining with its *silver hairs*, it could scarce be discerned; and therein declaring the *image of God* in *Mankind*. Which words *Fromundus*, lib. 3. cap. 4. conceives, are relating to the *Star of the Magi*, perhaps (saith he) for the *same* that *Comet* had which was seen in the *East*, and in *Judea*, in the time of *Augustus*; wherein the express *image of a little boy*, declared that *God was made Man*. *Sibylla Tyburtina*, from the sight of *this Comet* forewarned *Augustus Caesar* of *Christ's coming*, as *Mantuan*, aptly alluding to the said *Sibyl*, hath ingeniously and learnedly urged.

12. The last is called *ροχνη* in *Greek*, in *Latine* *Hasta*; and is a *Comet* in form of a *Spear*, or *Ferk*: some of late, have termed it *Veru*, a *Spit* or *Broach*; others, *Perticam*, a *Pole* or *Perch*: because *such shapes* it most of all resembleth in the heavens.

These are the several *Appellations* given to *Comets* by *Pliny* and others: all which *species* of *Comets* or *Blazing Stars*, *Aristotle* (that *Prince of Philosophers*) lib. 1. *Meteor.* cap. 8. reduces unto two onely, viz. *Crinitas* and *Barbatas*: under the *first* of which he comprehends all those *species* that dilate their *rays* like *hairs*, round about on every part. And under the *later*, viz. *Barbatas*, he comprehends all those

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that stretch forth, or cast out a *tayl* or *mane*, either right or crooked, towards one part onely.

Some divide them *à motu & substantiâ*, from their motion and substance, into *two sorts*. *Alii ardorem undiq; fundunt, nec locum mutant; alii in unam partem ignem vagum in modum comæ porrigunt, & Stellas permeant*: Some *Comets* extend or stretch out their *Ardour* or *Light* on every side, and never change their place; and others there are, that spread forth a *scattering fire* towards one part only, like the hair of a mans head, and so passeth through the *Stars*.

Others again divide them, *à materia vel loco*, in respect of of their matter or place; Inasmuch as some *Comets* or *Blazing Stars* are *Elementary*, and others *Cœlestial*, as they suppose and imagine.

Astrologers divide them into *seven Species*, *ab efficienti causa*, from the efficient cause; according to the *Number* and *Nature* of the *Seven Planets*, *Viz.*

1. Those *Comets* which appear of a *Splendent, Yellow, or Gold-colour*, glorious to behold, they reasonably, and very justly, attribute unto the *Sun*.

2. Such as are of a *Leaden, Envious, Pale, Ashy Colour*, are termed *Saturnine*. And such was this *Comet* or *Blazing Star*, that lately appeared to us.

3. Those that are seen very *Bright and Clear*, more whitish then those of the *Sun*, are called *Comets of Jupiter*, or *Jovial new Stars*; and such (to the best of my remembrance) at some times, was that *Comet* that appeared *Anno 1652. in December*.

4. When any *new Star* or *Comet* appears in the *Heavens*, of colour *Red, Rutilant, or Fiery*, it is then attributed unto the *Planet Mars*.

5. Those *Comets* that are of an *Illustrious, Pleasant, bright, Silver-colour*, clear and transparent to behold, belong to the *Planet Venus*.

6. When *Comets* or *new Stars* appear in the *Heavens* of divers different *Colours*; As, *Azure, Yellow, Red, Green, &c.* somewhat resembling a *Rainbow*, you may then be confident, they are *Comets of Mercury*.

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And this shall serve for the several *Names* and *Kindes* of *Comets*.

CHAP. III.

Of the Matter, Magnitude, and time of generation of Comets or New Stars.

IN Chap. I. I have *lightly*, (under the Notion of *Comets in general*) touched upon the *efficient*, and partly the *material* causes of *Comets*, &c. But here, I intend to be a little more *plain* in the discovery of the *matter* of *Comets*.

Pythagoras, and his followers, affirm a *Comet* to exist of the *same matter* as do the *Fixed Stars*; and that it is possible they may be of the *number* of those *Stars*, which very seldom appear; yet at some certain *prefixed seasons*, and after some *periodical revolutions* of time, they do *arise* and shew themselves.

Epigenes, and others after him, suppose a *Blazing star* to be an elevation of *spirit* or *winds*, mixed with an *earthly substance*, and in time convenient is set on *fire*, by an *antiperistasis*, in the heavens; and so it becomes terrible to the beholders.

Strato, and some of his followers, conclude a *Comet* to be nothing else, but the *light of a Star* enwrapped in a thick cloud; and by little and little, breaks thorow the same, and makes the *cloud* a *Glass* as it were, the better to *reflect* its rays downward. *Boethius* conceives them to be *apparitions* of the *Air*, let loose and spread at large.

But *Aristotle* (who is *Princeps Philosophorum*) tells us, with much more probability of *Truth* and *Reason*, That the *matter* or *material cause* of *Comets*, or *Blazing Stars*, is an *exhalation hot and dry, fat, and clammy*, viz. with a little of
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unctuous moisture in it, attracted and drawn from the Earth, (Viz. the moist and hot parts thereof) into the highest Region, or part of the Air, and sometimes into the Starry Region; where it is closely conglutinated into a great lump, by reason of the constant and continued supply it hath from below, so long as there is a working power to exhale or attract it; And it being thus compacted and exhaled, is in convenient and proper times set on fire by the excessive heat of the place where it resteth. Now it sometimes continues long in burning and blazing, and sometimes again but a little while, according to the paucity or plenty of the matter whereof it consists. And unto this last opinion, as the most rational, and Philosophical, I do principally adhere; adjudging all the others to be but pretty devices, and fancies of wit and invention, no way to be favoured or allowed for truth, in the judgement of a sober Naturalist.

Of the Magnitude or greatness of Comets, it is not to be expected that much should be said by me, because very few of the Ancients have wrote thereof; and those few that have, have wrote but sparingly. This truth we may give credit unto, that different Comets, have different Magnitudes: and every Comet that appears unto us, is at different times of a different magnitude or Bigness. Of their Magnitude.

Some Comets have appeared greatest at first shewing themselves, and by little and little decreased and grown sensibly to a magnitude more parvovs, until they have totally vanished, or been extinguished. Others have appeared little at first, and afterwards have encreased to a very Immense magnitude, (as that of the year 1460.) and at the last, grown little as at the first again.

Haly tells us of a Comet, that appeared in the year 1200 in Magnitude as great as the Moon, when she is half full of light; Viz. when in her first or last Quarter, or quadrat aspect of the Sun. And adds hereunto, that it had a head three times bigger then Venus.

Fracastorius reports, he found that Comet which appeared Anno 1532. to be three times greater then Jupiter. The Comet that appeared Anno 1577, Tycho Brahe is said to have

observed it, *seven minutes*, and more then *twice so big* as *Venus*, when in her *Perigæon*, or nearest distance to the Earth. The same *famous Person*, at the first appearance of the *Comet 1585*. observed it to be almost equal in *magnitude* to *Jupiter*. But the greatest of all that we read of in any *History* or *Author*, was that which appeared *Anno 146* ante *Christum*; which is said to have bin bigger then the *Sun*: Whereof the famous *Seneca* speaks, in these words: *Paulo ante Achaicum bellum, Cometes effulsi non minor Sole*: Lib. 7. Nat. q. C. 15. A short time before the *Grecian War*, there did appear a *Comet*, not less in *magnitude* then the *Sun*.

Logomontanus, and others, observed the *Comet Anno 1618* to be in *magnitude* somewhat bigger then the *Star* called the *Virgins Spike*, (a *Star* of the first *magnitude*) yet less then the planet *Jupiter*. And the *Diameter* of his head, they found to be one hundred and seventy five *German miles*; and in proportion to the *Diameter* of the Earth, as 377 is to 3600. The length of the *Tail* was observed to be continually *variable*, and very uncertain; except on *December* the 29. on which day it was observed to be 445 *Semidiameters* of the Earth, which answers to three hundred eighty two thousand and seven hundred *German miles*. And *Tycho* observed the true *Diameter* of the head of that *Comet Anno 1577*, (before mentioned) to be three hundred sixty and eight *German miles*; and in proportion to the *Diameter* of the Earth, as 3 to 14. And the length of the *Tail* to be at the least 95 *Semidiameters* of the Earth, and eighty one thousand and seven hundred *German miles*. Which *Relations* I doubt not, but will seem incredible to *vulgar apprehensions*; although they have the advantage of *Mathematical Demonstration*. Nay, *Seneca* Lib. 7. Cap. 15. relates, that in the *Raigne* of *Attalus* (*Viz.* 125 years *Ante Christum*) there appeared a *small Comet* at the first; afterward, it mounted and dilated it self on high, and came even to the *Equinoctial circle*; and was there so *immensely extended*, as that it equalized that *Portion* or part of *Heaven*, called the *Milkie way*. The *Tail* of the *Comet 1577*, observed by the *Tres-Noble Tycho*, was twenty two degrees in length. But the *Tail* of the *Comet* that

that appeared *Anno* 1618. was more remarkable for difference of *magnitude*, then all others that are by *Astronomers* remembred. For sometimes it was found twenty one degrees in length, *other times*, fifty or sixty degrees, *other times* seventy, *others* ninety, and *once* one hundred and four degrees. This is most certain, that as the *Heads of Comets* are never found to be of one certain *bigness* or *magnitude*; so neither are their *Streams* or *Tayls* of one and the same *Longitude*; but both are found *apparently* to differ, as the *Star* becomes at first more and more enkindled, and at last the *matter* thereof begins to be *Exhausted*, and growes less. *As we see it most apparenly in the flame of a Torch or Candle.*

Although the *Comets* that appeared in the years 1618. and 1652. and now in 1664. with us, have bin in the *Winter-season*; yet are divers *Astronomers* and *Philosophers of opinion*, that they are generated in *Autumn* or *Summer*; ut mostly in *Autumne*: and the *reasons* they give, are moderately convincing: For (say they) In the *Spring*, there is *too much moisture*, and *too little heat*, to gather a *Comet*; and therefore *that time* is very unapt for *their* generation. In the *Summer*, there is *too much heat*, which is apt to *disperse* and consume the *matter* of which a *Comet* is formed, so that it cannot well be joynd together; and therefore they are *seldome then generated*. And the *Winter-Season*, that being *Cold and Moist*, is directly contrary to the Nature of a *Comet*, which is *Hot*, and *Dry*; and therefore unfit for *their* generation. The *Autumnal season* therefore is the *proper season* for the purpose. And it is to be *considered*, that there ought to be a convenient distance of *time* betwixt the generation of a *Comet*, and its *visibility* or *Appearance*; like as in all other *Productions* whatsoever. *Ergo*, *Comets* that appear in *Winter* are most *naturally* and *genuinely* presumed to be generated in *Autumne*.

But now, as there is no *general*, but admitteth of exception, so here in this we mult concede to the same allowance and *liberty*. For as the learned *Junctinus*, *Franciscus Resta*, and *others* well observe, *other times* have had their *Comets* to appear and be visible in, besides *Winter*; and so consequently have

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have had their times for Generation of them likewise: but this is [*Rarum quid,*] a thing that seldome happens; and therefore cannot infringe the general assertion, that they are mostly seen in Winter; and more frequently generated in Autumne. In these Northerne climates we know that ☉ entering Aries, *Viz.* in the month of March, constantly shewes the birth of Vegetables; and December their conception, when ☉ enters Capricorn. Yet sometimes we know, that Autumne hath had its Spring, *Viz.* when ☉ enters Libra, as it happened Anno 1602. and lately in 1662, when (in the later of the two) to my knowledge, Strawberries and Roses, and divers other lovely emblems and testinonies of the Spring, were very frequently sold in the Mercates of London; and possibly it would be worth an enquiry, whether every 60 years, we have not the like Vernaculous Autumne.

But now, as these particular second springs, could not, nor did not, Anticipate the proper, usual, and customary Spring; so neither can the apparition of Comets, at other different seasons, destroy the general opinion of their commonly, and most usually appearing in the Winter; and their being generated in Autumne. Let this therefore suffice for the time of the generation and Apparition of Comets, and also for this whole Chapter.

CHAP. IV.

Of the Situation and Motion of Comets.

Some have conceived that all, or most Comets have first appeared under Charles his Wain, or that constellation called *Ursa major*, or the great Bear. And some again, in the *Galaxia*, or *Milkie-way*: but both these, we know to be wide of truth; for that experience testifies, Comets have been seen in other parts of the Heavens, as well as in these. *Pliny* (an eminent Author, but not in all things he sets down to be believed) tells us, that they are seldome seen in the West part of Heaven, but mostly about the South, or the Pole *Antarctique*. This also is

not in every Comets apparition, true; for Anno 1569. Comets
 9 die Novembris post occasum Solis, prope Jovem in 12 grad.
 Capricorni apparuit. In the year 1569, on the the ninth day
 of November, after the Sun was set, there appeared a Comet
 in twelve degrees of Capricorne, neer to the body of Jupiter;
 which must be in the West. And anno 1433 Ingens Cometa,
 per tres menses face ad occidentem versa apparuit. In the year
 1433, There appeared a wonderful Comet by the space of
 three months, verging or turning toward the West.

No doubt there is to be made, but Comets have appeared
 in several places of Heaven, and are not confined to shew
 themselves in any one particular place. The Comet that ap-
 peared Anno 1607, first shewed it self between the North
 and West points, having almost 50 degrees of Northern De-
 clination, and by its motion, according to the succession of
 signes, it at length got beyond the Equator, and attained to
 above 12 degrees of Southern declination, before it vanished.
 Some Comets also have appeared in the North, and so have
 been moved Eastward; as that in the time of Claudius, Anno
 Christi 54. Others have been moved toward the South, as
 those that appeared in the years 1313. and 1531. And o-
 thers, directly in the North, not moving much therefrom;
 as that Anno 44 ante Christum, about the time of the Death
 of that great Captain, Julius Caesar. All those Comets of
 the years 1475, 1532, 1533, 1539, 1556, 1618; were moved
 from the East, Westward, yet obliquely, and inclining toward
 the North. Aristotle saw, and described the Comet that ap-
 peared Anno 373 ante Christum, to begin in the West Equi-
 noctial point, and end with the girdle of Orion. In fine, Comets
 are observed to differ in their situation, and are not confi-
 ned to any one part of Heaven to appear in; but wheresoever
 they happen to be, when they are ready first to be set on fire,
 there they are said to have their first situation; (however va-
 riously moved afterward, from some alternate causes) be that
 place, either East, West, North, or South.

Some have supposed that some Comets are Fixed, and stir
 no more from the places they first appear in, then do the
 Stars of the Eighth Sphere; and that others again are move-
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able, as are the *Planets*. The first opinion cannot but be *fictions* and untrue; for most impossible it is that any thing on this side the *Eighth Sphear*, can admit of a real *fixation*, (as indeed that it self doth not) or a *fixation* in comparison of that. For should any one part of *Heaven* stand really still, and remain (as it were) *Idle*, the whole frame of *Nature* would suddainly be out of order, and destruction immediately pursue each being; as a learned *Author*, upon another occasion, excellently well observed. We must therefore allow, that all *Comets* or *New Stars* have a motion. And this motion must be either *direct* or *retrograde*; (i. e.) either according to the *succession* of *signes*, or contrary thereunto, as *Astrologers* well observe.

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Some *Comets* have been observed to move according to the *succession* of *Signes*, as those that appeared in the years 1590 and 1607. Some again, have been moved contrary to the *succession* of *Signes*, as those that appeared in the years 1556, 1618, 1652, and this last with us, 1664. and divers others that I could mention. Some *Comets*, that have at first been *Retrograde*, have at length become *direct*; As did that *Anno* 1556. And some again, that at first appeared *direct*, have turned *Retrograde*, or seemingly become *Stationary*; as did those which happened in the years 1569 and 1582.

That all *Comets* have a proper *Diurnal* or daily motion, agreeing to that of the *Primum mobile*, is most apparently true; for that such as are seen to appear in the *Morning*, have been observed to return suddainly in the *Dawning* of the day; but not to be seen at or after *Sun set* in the same place; as they must necessarily have been, had they remained in the same place: Likewise, many (if not all) *Comets* or *New Stars*, that are seen in the *Evening*, appear so after *Sun setting*, above the west part of the *Horizon*; so that they have set in the *West* before, or about *Midnight*; or at least, before the rising of the *Sun* the next morning. Some *Comets* have so great a motion, that they are *visible* all night long; and indeed set not at all; by reason of their being included within the *Circle* of your *Topical Stars*, that do never set; as *Caput Meduse*, and the like. Such were those of the years

1513, 1533, 1556, and 1618. Let this therefore suffice for the *situation* and *motion* of *Comets*.

CHAP. V.

Of the Duration and Continuance of Comets or New-Stars.

DOctor *Falke* in his second book of *Meteors*, page 31, brings it in as an Argument of the greatness of *Comets*, that there was never any one yet perceived, but at the least it endured seven days: Much longer they have been seen; namely forty dayes, and some six months together. Wherefore (saith he) it must needs be a wonderful deal of matter that can give so much nourishment for so great and fervent a fire, and for so long a time.

Some again assert, that *Comets* have appeared not less then a week, not longer time then seventy daies: But these opinions we know to be wide of truth. For that *Comet* mentioned by the learned *Plutarch*, which appeared before the *Peloponnesian Wars*, hung in the Heavens over Greece 75 daies together. Then, in *Tycho's* time, the new *Star* that appeared in *Cassiopeia's* chair, was of a much longer duration and continuance. This is most certain, that according to the paucity or plenty of the matter (as I formerly urged) whereof they consist, so they burn or blaze, a longer or lesser time.

The *Comet* that appeared anno *Christi* 64, in the time of *Claudius Nero*, appeared at least six months together. So did that likewise, which was seen Anno *Christi* 1240. also that anno *Christi* 603, which appeared a little before the birth of the *pseudo-Saviour* of the *Turks*, *Mahomet*. But the longest that ever we read of, was that which *Josephus* maketh mention of, in his seventh book of the *Wars* of the *Jews*, and cap. 17. thereof, which (saith he) was visible an whole year together before the destruction of *Jerusalem*; and all that time hover'd over that great city in most terrible manner. *Comets* also have been seen to continue less time then a week, *Viz.* the least of times by *Meteorologists* assigned. As that observed by *Peter*

*Creusser an Astronomer, Anno Christi 1527. whereof Kecker-
man, Lib. 6. System. Phis. maketh mention. It was for the
time most terrible to behold, yet lasted not above an hour and
fifteen minutes. And this is the shortest time we read that ever
any Comet continued.*

Most certain, every *Ignis fatuus*, or *Draco volans*, &c. that appears in a *Summer evening*, neer *morish* or *marishy* places, had it but strength enough to ascend to the higher region of the Air, and substance enough to continue there but a time convenient to await its being set on fire, would become a *Comet* or *New Star*: for we see and know they differ nothing from each other in matter and quality, but onely in quantity and place; and so come to be less terrifying (though sometimes they are found terrifying enough) to the beholders of them.

CHAP. VI.

*Of the Final cause, or the Significations of Comets or
New Stars.*

THe learned in *Meteorologie* and *Astrologie* have alwaies looked upon *Comets* or *Blazing Stars* to be the notable *Nuntii* or *Messengers* of *unusual calamities*, as the death or deposition of *Princes*, &c. *Destruction* and *Ruina* of *Kingdomes*, *Empires*, *States*, and *Governments*; the *Plague* and *Rot* of the *Communalty*, the foretokens of *Famine*, *War*, *Desolation*; as also terrible *Tempests*, and prodigious *Earthquakes*, &c.

Cometae repente nascentes regni mutationem, aut pestilentiam, aut bella, ventos astusvè portendunt, saith a learned Author: *Comets* appearing unto mankind unlooked for, declare the change or alteration of *kingdomes*, the *plague*, *wars*, *windes*, and *tempests*. Nay *Aristotle* himself acknowledgeth, *Cometas significare tempestatem & ventorum*, &c. That *Comets* signifie *tempests* and the intemperance of *windes* and *showres*. *Cometam qui dicitur Xiphias* (saith *Molineus*) *portendere bella*,
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experientis comprobatum est, Pogoniam presignificare mortem Regum. Experience is an eminent Evidence, that a Comet like a sword portendeth war; and an hairy Comet, or a Comet with a Beard, denotes the death of Kings.

The Learned Junctinus, Spec. Astrol. fol. 315. after an Elegant and Philosophical discourse of Comets, hath this conclusive passage: *Finis ergo Cometarum est parare siccitatem, pestem, famem, bella, mutationem regnorum, & rerum publicarum, legum, traditionum, &c. (i. e.) To denote and foreshew siccitie, the Plague, Famine, Wars, change of Kingdomes, States, Commonwealths, of Lawes and Customs, terrible Windes, Earthquakes, sterility of all things useful for Mankind, excessive great Heat, &c. is the very end wherefore Comets do appear.*

Peucer de Divinat. tells us ——— That Comets as often as they appear, do portend calamities, a mutation and destruction of things. Nay, the famous Tully is not silent herein, but Lib. 2. de nat. Deorum, saies ----- *Sidera concinnata bello Octaviano magnarum fuerunt calamitatum prænuntii*: That Comets or strange Stars, were the forerunners of those prodigious calamities occasioned by the Octavian War. Thus then we see, by the concurring consent and testimonies of the Learned, that Comets have very notable effects alwaies attending them, and that of different kinds. Not that they are the absolute and compelling causes of such effects as usually attend them; but the signes and foretokens thereof: *As the departure of the Sun, is a forerunner of darkness or night; or the banishment of that darkness, the prodromus of the Suns approach again.*

Cometem non esse physicam causam calamitatum, sed signum potius ad placitum Dei, &c. Saith Fromund, A Comet is not a Physical cause of calamities, but rather a signe thereof, at the pleasure and will of God, who useth the Comet (although as a natural means) to the terror and amendment of some mortals: Even as he uses the Rainbow, to signifie the covenant made betwixt himself and mankind. And although Comets or New Stars, may be fortunate (or seem to be so at the least) unto some; yet are they not sent unto that end, but to de-

nonno and threaten more *sorrowful things*, and to heap up
 the *death* and *calamities* of *Princes*, &c. Lib. 1. Mer. C. 3.
 And for the same reason, an eminent *Meteorologist* tells us,
 that ----- *Cometa magnas mutationes inducunt tam elementis*
mundi, quam, &c. That *Comets* infer or induce very great
mutations, as well in the *elements*, as in *animate creatures*
 who inhabit the earth, or in the *governments* of *Kingdoms*
 and *Cities*; Yet this they do not as the *efficient causes* of
 such things, but as certaine *signes* or *tokens* of them. All
 these *Arguments* laid together, how wilful and sottishly
vain must those be, that *deny* these unusuall *Phanomena* to *sig-*
nifie or *denunciate* ought unto *mankinde*? And how weak a
Sophister and rash a *Sceptick* must he prove, that will upon the
wasting stock of his own *confidence* and *humour*, contend against
 the *signes* of *heaven*? There is no man (saith divine *Molineus*)
 unless *such an one* who hath no *Religion*, that is not troubled at
lightning and *thunder*; and affrighted at the sight of an *H O R-*
RIBLE COMET. He goes on: *Quam ominosa fuerit*
stella crinita 1607, testantur tot calamitates Urbium, Ecclesia-
rum projecta cadavera. How *Ominous* that *Blazing Star*
 that appeared in the year 1607 was, so many *calamities* of
Cities, and *desolation* of *Churches*, sadly testifie, Lib. de *præcog-*
nosc. fol. 161.

Longomontanus (as quoted by *Cap. G. Wharton*, in his
Hemerosc. 1654. in *Append. ad Astr. Dan. cap. 7.* for I have
 not the book by me) sharply reprehends *Erastus* and others,
 who allow of some *vertue* to ordinary *Stars*, yet indulge no
 power or *efficacy* to *Comets*, because (saith he) *God* and *nature*
have made nothing in vaine, but *ordained* the *evils* themselves
signified by *Comets* to a *good end*: that is to say, *dearth* of
Corn and *barrenness*; that the *earth* as it were by *lying fal-*
low, might in the interim be *sited* and *prepared* to a *plenty* of
 all *fruits*: so likewise *Tempests*, that the *air* being thereby
tossed and *tumbled*, might be *purged* from *dregs*; and *disea-*
ses and *wars*, that *wicked* and *ungodly men* being thereby *root-*
ed out, the *world* might be *renewed*. For, although these
 new *Phanomena* be locked up in the *Cabinet* of *Nature*, in
 respect of the *matter*, and *efficient cause* thereof; yet as to
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the end, they were pre-ordained of God, to signify the eversions and changes of publike things, and to pull down the too-much-security of men.

Comets, as often as they appear in the world, denounce unto the earth (or persons rather dwelling thereon) heauie tribulations, sorrows and afflictions: even as earth-quakes, or some prodigious terrene births; or fishes to forsake their elements, birds theirs, or the like. And the ingeniously-learned Kepler is of opinion, that Comets were made, to the end the aetherial Region might not be more void of monsters, then the Ocean is of whales and other great thieving fishes: and that a gross fatness being gathered together, as excrements into an Apostem, the celestial air might thereby be purged, lest the Sun should be obscured, as (partly) he was in the year 1547, from the 24 to the 28 of April; or for a whole year together, as in that in which Julius Caesar was slain, when, being made weak by a bloody or murry-colour, he cast but a dim and disdainful light. Thus we see, there is (partly) a necessity for such appearances; that Nature might thereby be the better preserved in Order, as well as for Mankind thereby to be menaced with subsequent calamities.

And so I come to the Astrological significations of Comets; first, in respect of their names; secondly, in respect of the Planets unto whom they are attributed; thirdly, in respect of the parts of the Zodiack in which they appear.

CHAP. VII.

Of the significations of Comets according to Astrologers.

SECT. I.

Of their significations in respect of their Names.

¶ *Umbertinus* and others say, that a Comet which appears like a spit or dart, significat *mutationem ac diminutionem fructuum, arborum, & terrarum, & terrarum nascentium; & mortalitatem Regum*

Regum & Divitum, & eorum qui sunt apti regno: i. e. It denotes an altering, removing, mutation and diminution of fruits, trees, and of all things growing on the earth; a mortality or death of Kings, and of rich persons or Nobles; and of such who are likely to succeed in the Kingdom.

A Comet of the colour of the Planet *Mars*, which hath rays under or round it, like unto burning Coals; significat penuriam, &c. It denotes want, or an abatement of former plenty; yet not an absolute famine; an enhancing onely of the price of commodities useful for mankinde, whereby the poorer sort suffer: it portends also wars that shall be fomented by the pretended religious sort of people, who shall be great sufferers thereby.

When that Comet appears which is called *Pertica*, significat siccitatem atq; aquarum paucitatem, & paucitatem annonæ, &c. It betokens siccity, and a paucity of waters, drying up rivers, and the like: It also foreshews dear years, scarcity of provisions, which always pinch the common and vulgar sort of people.

A Comet appearing with an hairy tail or mane, emitting Lunar-beams or rays, it hath signification of much damage and detriment unto the greatest of persons, as Emperours, Kings and Nobles: and prenotes the rise of such men in the world, that shall make it their main business to eradicate and destroy the old established Laws and Customs, and set up new ones in opposition to them: but these mischiefs shall happen chiefly unto those places unto which the Comet shall extend its rays, or unto which its tayl pointeth.

When a very great tailed Comet appears unto the world, significat mortem Regum, seu Magnatum & Nobilium qui sunt apti Regno: & maxime versus partem in quam extenderit caudam sive radios, & significat praelia: It intimates the death of Kings, nobles, and great persons, and such as are in eminent place in the Kingdom: it denotes also wars; but chiefly in those parts unto which it extends its tayl or rays.

If a Comet of Martial colour appear in the East-part of heaven, with its head depressed; significat praelia, &c. It threatens wars, house-burnings, fire and sword, plague and famine

mine; and this chiefly among the *Arabians* and *Egyptians*; where also will be great *drought* and *ficciny*, scarcity of *waters*. All which *mischiefs* shall extend themselves unto the *Regions* and *Kingdoms* which lie from them *Westward*.

And if the Comet called *Argentius*, or *Argenticomus*, shall appear, which is the brightest and clearest of all Comets; and hath the clearest and purest beams; significat *abundantiam frumenti & fructuum in partibus in quibus apparuerit, &c.* it portends abundance of *corn* and *fruit*; and an increase of all things growing upon the earth, in those parts especially unto which it shall be visible.

When the Comet called *Rosa* (which is *Stella crinita*, or an hairy Comet; but not all out so terrible as that of the first appellation) I say, when this Comet doth appear, significat *mortem Regum & Magnatum, ac Divitum & Nobilium*: It declareth the *death* of *Kings* and *great persons*, and of *rich men* and *Nobles*; and a *mutation* of several ancient *Customs* and *Laws*; with an alteration of them for the better.

If there appear an obscure *darkish* Comet at any time, significat *mortalitatem per mortem naturalem, & mortem per gladium atq; decollationem*. It signifies a *mortality* among men, by *natural death*, as also by the *Sword*, and the *beheading* or putting many to a publick *violent death*.

This may suffice for the *first Section*, viz. of the significations of Comets in respect of their *names*.

SECT. 2.

Of their Significations, in respect of the Planets unto which they are attributed.

First, I shall begin with *Saturnine* Comets; which always denote, there shall happen in the world many *pernicious evils*, as *Famine*, *Plague*, *Exiles*, *Penury*, *Grief*, *Trouble*, and *Vexation*; and an *absolute destruction* of all things that grow upon the earth, useful for *man* and *beast*; excessive *cold air*, great *frosts* and *snows*; high and tempestuous *windes*, *shipwracks*, and damage in *Navigation*; a destruction and want of *fish*, great *inundations* and *storms*; *Locusts* and *Caterpillers*

in abundance, destroying the *fruits* of the earth. *Kingdoms* and *Countries*, *Cities* and *Men*, under the government and signification of *Saturn*, are the greatest sufferers in the effects of such-like Comets.

Jovial Comets, or Comets of the nature of *Jupiter*, pre-
sage (saith mine Author) a very great plenty of all things, a very fertile year, a pleasant *salubrious air*, with seasonable *showres*, and wholesom *blasts of winde*; chiefly, if they shall happen in an *aquatique* or watry *Signe*, and in the *winter-season*. *Regna quae sunt sub imperio Jovis patientur, varia detrimenta & accidentia*: Kingdoms also which are subject to the government of *Jupiter*, suffer much *detriment*, and many various accidents.

Those *Comets* or *New Stars* that are of the nature of the fiery Planet *Mars*, foretoken pestiferous and horrible *winds* and *tempests*, an exsiccation or drying up of *ivers* and *fountains*; a destruction of the *fruits* of the earth, by vermin and putrefaction; prodigious and frequent *Thunders* and *Lightnings*; many *shipwracks* and *sea-fights*; *wars*, *quarrels* and *contentions*, *tumults* and *seditions*, *rebellions*, *massacres*, *slaughters*, and *bloudshed*; an alteration of *Governours* and *Governments*; multiplicity of *thieves* and *robbers*, both at land and sea; destruction of *Governments*, *Laws*, *Customs* and *Constitutions*, and the like. All which *evils* are of the nature of *Mars*, and those places and persons subject unto *Mars* are principally designed sufferers thereby.

Comets of the nature of the *Sun*, portend many great infirmities and dangers: And as the *Sun* in general hath signification of *Kings* and the *greatest of persons*; so the *New Stars* or *Comets* attributed unto him, declare the *death* or *destruction* of such kinde of persons or Rulers, be they either men or women. My Author says, *Cum rerum Regni mutatione, sed quibus meliora succedant, &c.* with a mutation or change of things, of or belonging to such Kingdom or Kingdoms; but these alterations are still for the better. Sometimes such *Comets* denote *war*, great *droughes*, *uproars*, *tumults*, and the like.

Those *Comets* which are attributed to *Venus*, chiefly spend

spend their effects upon the *fruits of the earth*, destroying them, as also *Waters and Rivers, &c.* Great mutations they denote also to happen in the *world*, alterations of received and long-continued *Laws, Customs and Ordinances*: They likewise bring great *detriment and damage* to women of all kindes, not sparing therein your *holy Virgins and Matrons* which inhabit *Religious houses*, and renouncing the world are become *Votaries to heaven*: *Nunnes and Lady Abbesses* are likewise concerned in the *effects* of them: *Empresses, Queens, Princesses, Dutchesses, Countesses, Ladies* of greater and lesser *quality*: all these, I say, more or less, as their *particular Genitures* concur, are subject to the *effects* of the *Comets of Venus*: *Kingdoms, Countries, Cities and corporations, families and persons* subject to *Venus*, are likewise concerned in their *effects*.

Such *Comets* as are of the nature of *Mercury*, declare abundance of *industry and policie* to be set on foot in the world; makes men apt to *entrap and ensnare* each other: they denote also great *calamities*, and the *death or destruction* of some *great or famous man or men*: many times, they bode *famine, plague and wars*: *Wise men* are ruined, and had in *low esteem, outwitted, degraded, and destroyed*: *Learning it self runs retrograde*; and *impudence and ignorance assume the Chair*. *Kingdoms, Countries, Cities and persons* subject to *Mercury*, are the *chief patients*, and suffer under these *Comets effects*. What those *kingdoms, &c.* are, see my *Doctrine of Nativities, part 1.*

Comets that are attributed to the nature of the *Moon*, denote some kinde of *prejudice* unto the *vulgar sort* of people, as also unto *women*: they likewise *presage* an *alteration of Rites and Customs, laws and priviledges, &c.* many times, *wars, and sterility* succeed hereupon; *shipwracks*, damage unto *sea-men* generally; *rot of small cattel*, and a want of *provision* in general.

Thus much for the *significations of Comets*, as they are attributed to the *seven Planets*, and for the second *Section*.

SECT. 3.

Of their Significations in respect of the part of the Zodiack, in which they happen.

THe Zodiack is a Circle that divides the Heavens into twelve equal parts: in some one of which, what Comet soever it be, that appears, it must first, and indeed (allowing progression unto it) alwayes be observed. Now, Astrologers, that they might not be wanting in their own Art, by serious and sedulous observation, have excogitated the significations and effects of such Comets, or new Stars, as they have happened in any of the 12 parts of the Zodiack: and their opinions I shall abbreviate in the following order.

If any Comet or new Star shall appear in *Aries*, Significat *malum ac detrimentum divitum ac magnatum, atq; Nobilium in partibus Orientis, & multitudinem tristitie cum rusticis, &c.* It portends much mischief and detriment unto rich men, and the chiefest of persons that inhabit the Eastern parts of the world; and a multitude of sorrows and troubles to the vulgar: It bodes also warlike preparations, effusion of much blood; the death or destruction of some great Prince or Princess, occasioning much consternation and trouble among those, where such accident or accidents shall happen. It intimates great droughts and diseases, which shall afflict the head and eyes; a murrain among small Cattel; the dejection of the Noblest and best of persons, and exaltation of the most vile and base: Religion, under the effects of a Comet in *Aries*, hath sometimes found many pernicious adversaries.

When any Comet or Blazing Star shall appear in *Taurus*, Significat *malum esse hominum, & paucitatem boni eorum, &c.* It foretokens much evil to befall mankinde, a lessening of their goods or Estates; they will injure and rebel one against another in the Countreys, or those places subject unto that signe. It also portends the death of some great and eminent Man; many mischiefs, captivities, and in a manner, a license for, or toleration of, all manner of evils: It also denotes detriment to the greater sort of Cattel, as the Horse, Oxe, Cow, &c.

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Terrible windes; a corruption or putrefaction of fruit and Corn; great Earthquakes, and cold pinching Winters: great sicknesses raigh among men, proceeding from corruption of blood; *Ut Scabies & Pruritus.*

If a *Comet* appear in the *Cœlestial Twins* at any time, *Significat apparitionem lascivie atq; fornicationis, & incestus veneri, cultus in hominibus, &c.* It declares men to be lascivious and given to commit fornications, to be in love with incestuous courses, and to neglect goodness, and the true worship and reverence of God. It bodes also strifes, quarrels, controversies, wars and dissentions, grievous diseases, whence many children die, and young men or youth in abundance: Many abortions; and prejudices to women with childe; a destruction of Birds [*avium interitum*] famine and want, thunder and lightning, prodigious lofty windes, blowing down Trees by the roots.

But if a *Comet* shall be seen in the signe of *Cancer*, it prefigeth abundance of *Locusts* or *Caterpillars*, or such worms that destroy the fruits of the earth; a paucity of fruit, but plenty of vermine: Wars, discords, and unhappiness among men; more then common evils befall them. Either the *Heir* of some *Kingdom*, or chief Governour or Governess thereof, resignes to death: Many are drowned, or overwhelmed in sorrows; many Robberies and Outrages, besieging and plundering of Cities; the Famine and Pestilence also raigneth.

A *Comet* or new Star appearing in *Leo*, or the *cœlestial Lyon*, declares men to be prejudiced and infested with a multitude of *wilde Beasts*, Wolves, and the like; Corn in the fields destroyed by Worms and *Caterpillars*; *Rats*, *Weefels*, *Mice*, and such like vermine, do many mischiefs, and bring much damage unto men in their Estates. The *Gentry* and *Nobility*, and divers great *Ladies* suffer detriment; and many of them submit to the *Grave*. Strifes and Wars among Kings, and a great effusion of blood in the *Eastern* parts of the world: heavy dolours in the eyes of men; Dogs run mad in multitudes.

A *Comet* in the *Virgin* appearing, imports the purging of

the Houses or Courts of Kings; and that many belonging to them, shall remove or wander, from one place to another, out of one Country into another; it threatens also *their banishment*, or captivity; the loss of their *Goods, Honours and Offices*, without any hope of Restoration: It brings much damage and detriment to *Merchants*, and stirs up many injuries and insolencies among men of every degree; whence proceed *Animosities and Rebellions*, thence exiles and captivities, and many tribulations, sorrows and sadness unto particular men, *Abortions* to women; the nobler sort of the Female sex, (but that they now adayes make it matter of honour) would also be subject to great *scandals, infamies & disgraces*.

Si apparuit in signo Libræ ex stellis Cometæ, significat latrones ac abscisores viarum, prædones, &c. If any Comet or new Star shall appear in the *Cœlestial Balance*, it portends many Thieves, Thefts and Robberies, House-breakers, and Robbers or Cutters on the high-way; and a great ground for men to dread poverty: And by reason of the extremity of heat and cold, (in their respective seasons) the *very hearts* of men shall suffer great damage and detriment, and this even to death. The death of some King or famous Person, is also hereby portended, great slaughters and vulnerations, secret contrivances, plots, and treacheries, occult conjurations, &c. Purchasers and Buyers subject to infinite loss, in their contracts and bargains: A great want of *Rain*, impetuous *Winds*, horrible *Earthquakes*; a drying up of *Fountains, Rivers,* and *Springs*; a scarcity of the *Fruits* that grow on the earth; *dear Tears*, little charity or kindness to be expected, so that the poorer sort are like to starve.

If a Comet or new Star shall appear in the signe *Scorpio*, *significat multitudinem guerræ atq; bellorum, &c.* It signifies a multitude of Wars and Controversies among men; Rebellion against Kings and chief Magistrates; alterations and changes, among men of Martial discipline: great labour, trouble and difficulty, among all kinds of men; contentions and animosities among Princes, and the graver sort, and most superiour kinde of Persons; at some times a very great scarcity of waters, as also of Corn, and all sorts of grain and fruit.

fruit that grows on the earth; great danger unto teeming Women, and very great griefs and pains unto men and women in those parts, that *Astrologers* tell us *Scorpio* governs.

Si apparuit in signo Sagittarii aliqua ex stellis Cometis, depressionem significat hominum Nobilium, Sapientum, Scribarum, atq; Doctorum Legum, &c. When any *Comet* appears in *Sagittary*, it denotes the depression of the most noble sort of men, men of the worthiest persons, and most splendid parts, Great, Wise, Prudent and Learned; such as are *Antiquaries*, and well acquainted with *Philosophy*, *Law*, and *Divinity*: it imports likewise a loss of their substance or Estates, and not for any known, but for private and occult causes. It sometimes bodes great trouble to *Princes*, *Captivities*, *Depositions*, *Contumelies*, *Reproaches*, and other such like accidents to happen unto them.

If a *Comet* or Blazing Star shall happen to appear in *Capricorn*, it argues *Fornications* and *Adulteries* in that time, to be rise and common among men; *Et erunt bella inter Reges & Nobiles*: and there will be War and bloodshed between Kings and Nobles: It also denotes a multitude of calamities and infortunacies unto all sorts of people; the death of *Kings* or *Princes*, by poyson or other violent means, *quarrels*, *strifes*, and *robberies*, both in *City* and *Country*; persecution of Godly and Religious men, and things; contempt of *Religion* it self; terrible *snows*, *hails*, and *frosts*; bitter and tedious *winters*; whence issues a destruction of the seeds of all things growing in the earth: And unto all these will be added, *Plague*, *Famine*, and *vulgar Fury*.

When any *Blazing Star* shall appear in *Aquarius*, it presages terrible and durable Wars and slaughters among men, and many other kindes of cruelties and crosses. In the *Eastern* parts of the world, some eminent Prince, or great Female Person, yields unto death; *Epidemical Diseases*, and lasting distempers now take their Rise; the *Air* is much darkened and obscured; great *Winds*, *Thunder*, and *Lightning*; from whence proceeds a *Plague* or *Pest*, so mighty and universal, that sweeps away a multitude of all sorts of persons, as well those of the more lofty sort, as those that are more vile and base.

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And if any *Comet* or Blazing Star shall happen to appear in *Pisces*, or the Fishes; it portends there shall be War and strife, and this chiefly among *Relations*, or those that are allyed one to another; many will commit violence upon themselves, as well as upon their enemies; it denotes also the woful and calamitous estate of the vulgar or common people; great contentions and troubles will arise among them, by reason of Religion and the Faith generally professed; former traditions and priviledges called into question; and not only the earth, but the Air will be replete with *Prodigies*. It bodes also the destruction (and consequently the want) of Fishes, and much danger unto all that Navigate or Voyage by Sea: The greatest Potentates on earth shall be at difference with each other; and many rebellions and slaughters, will happen, in their chiefest Cities or Towns.

It is to be noted, that although *Comets* happening in such and such parts of the *Zodiacal Circle*, are the usual, nay the certain *Prodromi* of Wars, &c. yet such Countreys only subject to the *signe*, or its *triplicity* wherein the *Comet* happens, are only concerned in the *effects* thereby portended. So also, such *Kings* or other meaner persons, whose *Genitures* have relation unto such *signe*, wherein the *Comet* or new Star happens.

And so I come to my intended discourse of the late Comets.

CHAP. VIII.

Of the two Comets, or Blazing Stars lately seen with us in England, and in other parts of the World.

FOr *Method's* sake, and the respect I owe unto *Order*, I shall divide this *Chapter* into these several *Sections* following.

1. A brief *Narrative* of the *Comets* lately seen.
2. An *Historical Account* of what hath succeeded such *Apparitions* for 600 years past.
3. The probable *Effects* that may attend these *Comets* in general.
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4. The particular Relation they have to divers Kings, Emperors, &c. Kingdoms, Countreys, &c.

In each of which, I shall be as brief and perspicuous, as the matter or subject will permit: Which when I have done, if I gain but the approbation of the impartial Reader, and judicious Artist, (whom alone I aim herein to pleasure and please) I shall not value the *snarlings* of *Sycophants*, *Temporizers*, *Cheats* and *Impostors*: Some whereof, having of late been (without either *Art* or *honesty* in themselves, or any just occasion or ground from me given) so impudently audacious, as to fasten many *scandals* and *contumelies*, *reproaches* and *disgraces*, upon me and my Works: whom, although I have answered as becomes a *Man*, and an *Artist*; yet so zealously constant are they, in their implacable hatred, and confederated and continued *malice*, that no less than *five* of these *barking Monstrils*, have I this last year met with; as if they took their *humour* of *hawling* and *railing* from each other by *sympathy*; as your *Cocks* are said to crow at the dayes approach. Howbeit, although these reasonless creatures do clap their wings and clamour, yet they are so *careless*, if not *senceless*, of their own reputations, that whereas I have charged upon some of them 100 Errors, (and those broad-fac'd ones) for any one seeming oversight, they can or dare fairly lay to my charge; they pass them by, as *totally unconcerned*, and fall fresh a railing upon my Person and Education; supposing, that if they make but a *noise*, the *victory's* their own; and the world *ex necessitate*, is engaged to believe them. But I shall leave this *railing Rout* to their own *destiny*, and pursue a better *Game*, viz. the Method above prescribed; which, without any *Preface* or *Proame*, I shall now hasten unto.

SECT. I.

A brief Narration of the two Comets lately seen.

THE first of these *Blazing Stars* lately seen, was observed first to appear (as I have it from my good friend Mr. James Blackwel) who was then at *New-Yorke* in *New-England*) upon *November 18. 1664.* about three or four a clock
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in the morning *there*: It was *East-South-East* in the Heavens, in the beginning of the Equinoctial signe *Libra*, viz. about 3 degrees, having great *South-latitude* from the *Ecliptique*; but the *precise Latitude*, he was not able (for want of proper Instruments) to determine. And after this, he saw it commonly, nigh about the same part of the *Zodiack*, several dayes together: which shews *its motion* was not *swift*; yet that motion it had, was by *Retrogradation*.

Upon *Decemb. 1.* in the morning, he saw it in the *South* part of the *Heavens*, not very far distant from the *Moon*; the *Moon* being somewhat *Eastward* of it. It was now of a *bright colour*, almost like unto *Venus*, or our evening-Star, but not altogether so glorious.

On *Decemb. 2.* he saw it again, and it was then moved into the later part of *Virgo*. And so he continued observing of it *night by night* (as the *weather* would permit him) until the 21 of *December*, when he observed it in the later degrees of *Leo*; and there (he believes) it extinguished; it being no more to be seen, either by *him*, or any *other*, in the *Ship*: although after this, *they* were some weeks at *Sea*, and several *nights* endeavoured after a sight thereof.

The body of this *Comet* was very great, and its *tail* of a very great length; it pointed *Westward*, both as it arose, and as it set; and this constantly from the beginning of its *first appearance*, to the time of its *vanishing*.

This was that *Comet*, which at the beginning, I say was seen *Dec. 16.* by a *learned Divine* in this City; as also by an *honoured person*, one of the *Royal society* of *Gresham-Colledge*, *London*. The same also I had confirmed unto me, by several *Letters* from several parts of this Nation, too large to be here remembred. About the 16. *Decemb.* an intimate *Friend* of mine, coming from *Norwich* toward *London*, saw it in the later degrees of *Leo*, and orally acquainted me therewith.

Neither doth this Relation of *Mr. J. Blackwels* (with the others) much differ from that Letter Printed in our *News-book*, dated from *Stockholme* in the Kingdom of *Sweden*: which runs thus-----Upon *Dec. 9. Old stile, 1664.* about 4 in the morning, here were several persons that took an exact obser-
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vation of a Comet, which had appeared for sundry nights before. Its Ascension was found to be South South-East here at Stockholm; and the tail thereof extended South-East (the other relations say Westward) to 20 degrees in length: which is computed as 31 to 28, compared to that seen 1618. The position of this at present they take from the Spica Virginis, 29 deg. and a half; and from the tail of the Lyon 41 deg. Southward. Its Latitude is 20 degrees, and Longitude 182, which agrees to 1 deg. (paulo plus) of Libra, in the Latitude of Stockholm.

Now, that this Letter is mistaken in the pointing of the tail or stream of the Comet, observe the several following Letters and Relations.

From Edenborough, Decemb. 15. 1664.

Here has appear'd for these ten dayes by-past, a Comet, which arises about two in the morning, and is seen till five, to the South South-West from Edenborough. It is not so big as others have been; but very remarkable, in that it has a stream issuing from the side of it, like a red flame out of the mouth of a furnace----- It seems to point West and by North. This relation I finde in our News-books.

From York I received a Letter, dated Decemb. 18. 1664. part whereof was as followeth-----We have in these parts, many mornings together, observed a very great Comet, about the bigness of the Moon in Apogæon; sometimes quite round, with pricklie rayes equally extended; other times, with a tail some 15 or 16 degrees in length, pointing exactly Westward all the time. It had great South-latitude; and was in Longitude neer to the glorious Star called Alphrad, or the bright Star of Hydra; and a little Eastward of the bright Star in the Buckler of the Ship, called Market. And yesterday morning about 3 a clock, I saw it again, almost in Conjunction of the bright Star in the back of the Lyon. Many among us are perswaded, it bodes some more then ordinary change; but wherethe arrow of Gods anger (by this unusual apparition foretoked) will light, or upon whom, we must expect to be directed by those who make it their enquiry into such matters-----You will not only oblige me, but many of your friends hereabouts, very much, if you will but vouchsafe

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your opinion in a line or two from your own hand, what this strange new Star may portend, &c.

In another Letter dated from Oxford, I had this account of the first Comet. ----- (Sir,) Although I doubt not, but you have seen the Comet your self at London; yet I held myself obliged to acquaint you with my weak observations thereon; in which, if I have not gone so artificially to work as I might have done, you must know, there is a difference betwixt an under-graduate and a master of Science; and it is not yet two years compleat, since I first was your Pupil. ----- On December 12 in the morning about two of the clock, there arose in the South-East part of Heaven, the Comet, which appeared very big, yet of a pale colour; the stream issuing from it was neer seven foot long, to the eye: Its Longitude was in the later, Viz. about twenty two degrees of Virgo, and it was about 28 degrees Southward, from the great Star of the mast of Fasons ship Argos: it had some sixteen degrees South-Latitude from the Ecliptique: the tail pointed Westward.

On December 16, I saw it again, but somewhat later in the morning, Viz. past 4 a clock. It then was in some 11 degrees of Virgo; and neer unto the bright Star of Hydra, which hath 22 degrees South-Latitude, from the Ecliptique. It pointed with its stream still Westward: the Latitude I could not observe very much, to vary from what it had at first.

On December the 21, I saw it again, just in the beginning of Virgo, the Latitude grown less by two degrees: it was greater now to ocular vision, then at the first, and its tail still pointed Westward.

Several other Letters have I by me, which (did they not tend to the same purpose,) I should most willingly commit to the Press; but it being sufficiently plain by these, that the taile of this Comet did point Westward, which is the thing I have endeavoured to evince; I should but vainly blot Paper with the mention of any farther proof. Hence it emergeith, that the relation from Stockholme, is mistaken in the position of the tail or stream of this Comet; which I can attribute to nothing but *Lapsus calami*, for the observation otherwise, seems excellently well taken, and bespeaks him an industrious Astronomer, that was at the pains thereof. Since

Since the writings hereof, I have met with a fight of the observations made by one Mr. Philip Stained of Bristol; who observed it on December the 3 about 6 in the morning on the Meridian, having 16 of degrees Altitude; Longitude 181 degrees, [Viz. in 1 degree of Libra] and 24 degrees of South-Latitude: It was seen between the constellation of the Water-pot and the Raven.

On the 16 of December, he saw it again, at half an hour past two in the morning. Its Meridian Altitude was but 7 degrees and a half; Longitude 30 degrees of Leo: Latitude 45 degrees South. The tail pointed North-West by West, between Sirius and Canicula: its motion was West by South, half a point South; so that in these 13 daies (saith he) it moved neer South-West by South 32 degrees and a half; and in 24 hours, 2 degrees, 30 minutes. And so I come to the relation of the second Comet.

That there were two Comets, there is no doubt to be made; for there have been testimonies of the truth thereof, from almost all parts of Christendome. For proof whereof observe the following relations. In the Gazets or Newsbooks, I finde in a Letter from *Hamburgh* dated December the 24. 1664. this passage ----- The great Comet lately seen here, appears no longer with us: but here is now another, much less then the former, rising South-East, and setting in the North-West.

In a Letter from *Oxford* I received this information ----- The late great Comet (which I wrote unto you of) is vanished; but now there appears another, somewhat less then that, and more pale in colour. It was December 23 deg. in Longitude, neer the South-eye of the Bull, having some 19 deg. of South-Latitude from the Ecliptique: it was round, and without any tail or stream issuing from it, as had the other. On December 24, I saw it again, and then it seemed as big as an ordinary trencher-plate, about eight inches diameter, and had prickly rayes dispersed round. Some here would needs suppose it the same Comet, but that is impossible; the first, extinguishing in the later part of the *Cœlestial Lyon*; and this within few nights after, was first seen in the beginning of the *Twins*. It must therefore be another Comet.

The account which my good friend Mr. Blackwell gives me, is this; That within five or six nights after the extinction, or disappearance of the first Comet [which was in Leo] he saw another, viz. on December the 26, whose position by Longitude, was in 10 deg. of Taurus, somewhat near the Pleiades, its Latitude near 16 degrees South; and of magnitude much less then the former Comet. And then, coming toward Land, and being extremely busied, he could observe it exactly no longer.

The beforementioned Mr. P. Stairred at Bristol, hath made these several following observations of this second Comet. I (saith he) observed this second Comet December 24, his Longitude to be in 13 deg. 30 m of Taurus, Latitude 18 degrees South; bearing from the bright Star in the jaw of the Whale, South-East 6 deg. 30 m. the tail pointing between Orions shoulder and the Bulls eye, at 8 a clock at night.

The 30 day of December it moved into 4 degrees of Taurus, and had 36 degrees of South-Latitude having moved in 6 daies 15 deg. (i. e.) two degrees 30 m. in 24 houres.

The 3 day of January 1665 (Astron.) it was 30 degrees in Aries, in the Ecliptique.

The 9 of January it recovered 2 degrees of North-Latitude, the tail pointing toward the Pleiades, half an hour past 5 at night.

The 12 of January it was on the Meridian, a quarter past 5, his Longitude 27 degrees in Aries: North-latitude about 4 deg. and under the first Star of Aries 3 degrees, appearing less then a Star of the fourth magnitude. His motion being from the 24 of December, to the 12 of January following, (being 19 daies) was North-West, half a point Westerly, 27 degrees and 15 m. which is 1 degree 26 m. for his mean moving in 24 hours ----- but towards the later end it moved less then 1 deg. in 24 houres. This was the last time I could see the Comet, by reason of the Moons approaching.

The first Comets tail pointed North-West by West; the second pointed North-East by East. Hitherto Mr. Stairred.

And so I come to the several observations that my self, sometimes alone, and sometimes with others, made of this later Comet; for the former I could never see. On

On December 23 & 24. 1664. I observed this Comet, as I have related at the beginning of this book; but the 25 and 26 dayes, by reason of clouds and dark Air, I could not see it.

On December 27. I saw it again, neer 16 degrees of *Taurus*, having 22 deg. South-Latitude. It had then a *brush or tail* neer six foot long, pointing exactly *East North-East*.

Upon Decemb. 28. from the hours of 10 to 12 I saw it very well, a little South of that glorious Star called *Menkar*, or the *jaw of the Whale*: its Latitude was much increased, it was now neer 26 degrees South.

On December 29. it was about 9 deg. of *Taurus*, and the tail was much longer then formerly, *viz.* to common vision, it was near 9 foot in length; I suppose it appeared the longer, it being a *most clear, curious, bright starry-night*.

On December 30. it was in about 6 degrees, or somewhat less of *Taurus*; and inclining somewhat neerer the *Ecliptick* then formerly. Its tail or stream appeared very long this night also.

Decemb. 31. It was not to be seen at *London*, by reason of the *cloudiness and remisness* of the evening.

January 1. from a little past 7 in the evening, until neer 10 a clock, I saw it again in the 3 deg. of *Taurus*, tailed as long as before; the *tail* still pointing *North-East*. It had not now above 4 deg. South-Latitude.

On January 2. I saw it in the *South-East*, from 5 until neer 8 at night, as neer as I could observe, removed into one degree of *Taurus*, a little South of the hair of the *Whale*; the tail rather *increasing* then *diminishing* in its Longitude.

Upon January 3. I took observation of it again, and it was then in 29 deg. of *Aries*, neer the Stars of the *caelestial Ram*. It had now little or no Latitude, half a degree was the most.

Upon the 4, 5, & 6 dayes of *January*, by reason of the *cloudy and overcast evenings*, it could not be seen at all, with us at *London*.

On the 7 day of *January*, it being a clear evening, about eleven at night, I took view of it again; the *tail* or stream now abated.

abated in length; its Longitude was but 28 degrees of *Aries*, (which shewed it almost stationary now) the *Latitude* not above a degree from the *Ecliptique*, but altered in denomination, viz. North.

I have discoursed with several, that saw it the 8, 9, 10, 11, & 12 dayes of *January*, who tell me, that it was observed to be wearing away, and that those evenings it sometimes was seen with a tail, and other times without one. My self being then taken with an unhappy lameness in my most useful Arm, could not observe further then I have already related. And if the learned *Astronomer*, or curious Critick in celestial Science, shall finde me in my Observations to differ any thing from certain truth, I hope he will correct them with candor, and kindly accept my endeavours, it being the first time that I ever attempted any thing of this kinde; and a thing not common among *Astrologers*, to be so curiously observant. For the *Pseudo-Astronomers*, or *Knap-sack Astrologers* (for not only this Age, but this great City swarms with such Cattel!) if they shall undertake to cavil or carp at my adventure herein, as sometimes (without cause) they have, at other my Writings; I shall desire them first publish better of their own, and thereby shew me my mistakes; or otherwise I shall only estimate them, as they truly deserve, a brood of Ignorants! and such that will sooner invite my contempt, then merit my compliance.

SECT. 2.

Containing an Historical Account of what hath succeeded such Apparitions for above 600 years past.

A Comet (saith the great *Philosopher* and *Naturalist Pliny*) is not easily purged away by sacrifice: he instances-----
Ut civili motu Octavio Consule, iterumq; Pompei ac Caesaris bello: As (saith he) it was found in that civil War when *Octavius* was *Consul*, and in that War also, that was betwixt *Pompey* and *Caesar*. The saying among the *Greeks*, is a truth not to be despised, or indeed, lightly believed or considered, viz. *Μηδεις Κομης οσις ε χαρον ειση.* (i. e.) Never did any Comet yet appear, but it was the messenger of Mischief, or brought some

evil along with with it. Which great and certain truth, I shall evince unto you, by many eminent instances.

In the year 66. P.C. There appeared a great Comet for six months together: *Gessius Florus* was then slain by the Jews, over whom he was President. And 70000 Romans slain by *Boadicea* a British Queen.

In the year 70. There appeared a Comet. *Vitellius* the Emperor (that enemy to the heavenly influences) was by their Energy compell'd to yield to the Grave. *Otho* killeth himself.

Anno 213. Another Comet appears of dreadful magnitude. *Severus* the Emperor dieth, according to his own Prediction; for he was an *Astrologer*.

In the year 363. A Comet appeareth. The Temple of *Apollo* is burnt: *Julian* the Apostate, in prosecuting the Persian War, is slain himself at *Chresiphon*.

In the year 454. A Comet appeared ten weeks together. *Theodisius* the Emperor dieth; The King of *Goths* is slain.

In the year 571. A Comet of great Magnitude appeareth. *Albanus* King of *Lumbardy* dieth. The Persians War with the Romans. The *Huns* break into *Germany*, but are expelled by the *French*.

In the year 814. A great Comet seen. *Charles* the great dieth.

In the year 839. A Comet appeared in *Aries*. *Lodovicus Pius* the Emperor dieth. The *Danes* invade *England*. The *Moors* waste *Italy*, but are expelled. *Lothair* wars with his brethren, and there are slain 100000 men.

Anno 983. A great Comet seen. And the Emperor *Otho* the second dieth, and leaves the Empire in great distraction.

Anno 1106. A great Comet appeareth. The Emperor *Henry* the fourth dieth; as supposed of grief, that his Son had lately rebelled against him.

Anno 1169. Another Comet was seen. The Sultan of *Egypt* is slain by *Syraconus*. *Malcolme* King of *Scots* dieth. The Romans rase *Alba*. *Catanz* in *Sicily* destroyed, and 19000 people therewith, by a prodigious Earthquake.

Anno 1214. A Comet appeared for 18 dayes together.
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The King of Arragon slain. The Spaniards kill 200000 Moors. William King of Scots dieth.

Anno 1301. A Comet of wonderful magnitude appeared in the Heavens. The Turks invade the Empire. Andrew King of Hungary resigns his power and life unto Death.

Anno 1341. A terrible Comet (with many other apparitions) was seen in the Heavens. The Emperor Andronicus this year, or the beginning of the following year, suffered a fatal and unheard-of Tragedy. The King of Sicily dieth.

Anno 1375. A Comet with a Beard was seen many nights together in the Heavens. Charles IV. dieth. 17 Towns in Flanders drowned. The Christians kill 20000 Turks in Bosnia by a stratagem. Great calamities in Italy. Prince Edward, commonly called the black Prince, dieth: and not long after, Edward III. King of England dieth. French take the Isle of Wight; burn Rye and Hastings.

Anno 1390. A great Comet appeared. King John of Castile dieth by a fall from his Horse. Presently after, John Hus opposeth the Pope: Mary Queen of Hungary dieth.

Anno 1402. A mighty Comet was seen in the Heavens; and so the year after, &c. Tamberlain enters Asia, (calling himself *Iram Dei*, & *Vastitatem Terræ*; The wrath of God, and destruction of the Earth.) Kills two hundred thousand Turks; takes Bajazet Prisoner, shackles him, and puts him in an iron Cage, and carries him captive through all Asia, making him his foot-stool when he ascended his horse. John Hus is condemned and burnt for an Heretick at Constance.

Anno 1421. Another Comet appears in the Heavens. Henry V. King of England dieth. And the next year, Charles VI. King of France dieth. Zisca routs the Emperors Forces, and burns Cuthna; which place, for the Silver-Mines sake, he called *The Purse of Antichrist*.

Anno 1440. A great Comet was seen. An universal Pestilence rageth throughout the whole world. Albertus the Emperour dieth. King of Bobemia dieth. The Marshal of France burnt for Sorcery. Amurat II. wastes Hungary; but expelled at last by Corvinus Huniades.

Anno 1450. Another Comet appeared. *Amurath* the Emperor of the *Turks* dieth at the siege of *Croiz*. *Scanderbeg* the Great, overcometh *Mustapha* his Competitor.

Anno 1456, 1457. In the month of *June* appeared two Comets: the former in *Cancer*; the later in *Pisces*. *Mahomet* the Great beaten from the siege at *Belgrade* by *Huniades*. *Huniades* dieth. *Ladislaus* King of *Poland* dieth. *Alphonfus* King of *Naples* dieth.

Anno 1460. *Cometa visu terribilis apparuit*; A most terrible Comet appeared to sight. King of *England* is made Prisoner at *Northampton*. The civil War begins in *France*. *Charles VII.* King of *France*, and *Adolphus* Duke of *Holsatia*, both die. *Crackow*, a great City in *Polonia*, wasted with fire and sword. *Mahomet II.* Emperor of *Turkey*, after many Victories, cruelly kills *David* the Emperor of *Trapezund* and his two Sons. The Duke of *York* is slain in *Yorkshire*.

Anno 1477. A Comet of the colour of *Saturn* appeared. There ensued a most terrible *Plague*. The *Helvetians* slay 17000 *Burgundians*, and *Charles* their Duke. The *Turks* waste *Carinthia*; and the *Tartars*, *Podolia*.

Anno 1492. A Comet for two months appeared in the Heavens; it began in *December* a little after Sun-set. A Rot of great Potentates; *Pope Innocent VIII.* dies. *Alphonfus* King of *Portugal* dies by a fall from his horse. *Frederick* Emperor of *Germany* dies. *Casimer* King of *Poland* dies. A great part of *Cracovia* burnt.

Anno 1500. A Comet of wonderful magnitude seen in *April*, for 18 dayes together, in the signe *Capricorn*. *Steno* King of *Sweden*, and the Queen of *Bohemia*, die. *Millain* rebelleth, and is suddenly subdued again. Next year, *Prince Arthur* dieth; and so doth the wife of *Henry VII.* of *England*.

Anno 1506. there appeared two Comets: the first on the 11 of *April*, it lasted but 5 dayes; the second in *August* following. *Alexander* King of *Poland* dies. King of *Spain* dies. *Philip* the Son of *Maximilian* the Emperor dies.

Anno 1512. There appeared a great Comet in *Leo*. *Pope Julius II.* and *Bajazet* Emperor of the *Turks*, dies. *John* King of *Swedland* dies. *James IV.* King of *Scotland*, slain at *Flodden-field*.

den-field. A great Plague at Constantinople, whereof there died 160000 people. The King of Poland being at War with the King of Muscovia, kills 40000 of his men at a pitch Battel.

Anno 1521. Another Comet appeared. Pope Leo X. dies. *Christiernus* King of Denmark expelled his Kingdom. The Emperor invades Picardie in France. King Henry VIII. of England, this year writes against the Supremacy of the Pope.

Anno 1530. There appeared a Comet, that passed through all Cancer, Leo, and Virgo; it continued a Month. In Holland there are no less then 404 Parishes by an inundation drowned, with all their People and Cattel. The Turks take Buda in Hungary. Cardinal Woolsey this year dieth.

Anno 1533. A Comet of wonderful magnitude appeared; it was a Retrograde one, and ran thorow all Gemini, Taurus, and Aries. Pope Clement VII. dies. *Alphonsus* Duke of Ferrara, and the Duke of Millain die. Sedition and strange factions raised by the Anabaptists in Hungary. A Plague at Noremburg.

Anno 1538. A fiery Comet appeared in the signe Pisces, with a very long tail. Charles Duke of Gelderland dieth. The next year John Duke of Cleve dieth. John King of Hungary dieth. George Duke of Saxony dieth. Isabella Empress of Germany dieth; and shortly after, Katherine Queen of England is beheaded.

Anno 1545. A Comet appeared in the West, in colour like blood. Lodowick the Palatine Elektor dieth. Martin Luther dieth. And the next year the Smalcaldian War in Germany breaks out. And the French Massacre. King Henry VIII. of England, and Francis I. King of France, both die. The Earl of Surrey is this year beheaded.

Anno 1558. A Comet in the form of a Spit appeared in the Month of August, of a pale envious colour; denoting a more then ordinary Mortality of Kings, Queens, and Princes, &c. The Emperor Charles V. dies. Queen Mary of Hungary and Bohemia dies. Queen Mary of England dies. *Christiernus* II. King of Denmark dieth in Prison; and this after 26 years imprisonment, and ten years captivity. [See his Nativity in my *Collectia Geniturarum*, part. 1. pag. 52.]
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Henry II. King of France slain by running at Tilt. Pope Paul IV. dieth. King of Portugal dieth. The Dukes of Venice and Ferrara die: and 15 Cardinals, besides many other Princes.

Anno 1569. A Comet appears at the setting of the Sun, neer the Planet Jupiter, in 12 degrees of Capricorn. A Famine in Austria, Swevia, Bobemia, Bavaria, Russia, Lithuania. Joachimus II. Elector of Branderburgh dieth. And a little after, 400000 People are drowned in Flanders and Holland, besides Cattel.

Anno 1572. The Comet or new Star in the Chair of Castopæia appeared; of which the famous Tycho Brahe wrote. Sigismund King of Poland dieth. A great Massacre in France. The Duke of Norfolk in England beheaded. The next year, the French King, Charles IX. dieth; and civil Wars thereby arise in France. Now also was a great Rebellion in Ireland.

Anno 1577. Another Comet of great magnitude appeared. Sebastian King of Portugal died the next year, of two wounds which he received in his head, in his expedition for Africk. See his Nativity in my Col. Genit. part. 1.

Anno 1585. A Comet appeared many weeks together. Osman the Emperor of the Turks, and Stephen King of Poland, both die.

Anno 1602. A Comet appeared. Queen Elizabeth of England dieth. The Turks lose Alba Regalis, and 60000 men. The Spaniards invade Ireland, and are beaten back again. The Swedes attempt Livonia, but in vain.

Anno 1607. Another Comet appeared. Charles Duke of Lorraine dieth. Great Wars between the Swedes and Danes.

Anno 1618. A Comet appeared from the 26 of Novemb. to the end of Decemb. following it was very great, and its tail or stream of a very great length. The Emperor Matthias dieth. And Anne Queen of England dieth. The Empress of Germany, about this time also died. Many eminent Mutations in all parts of Europe succeeded this Comet.

Anno 1652. A Comet appeared in the signes Gemini and Taurus, from the 9, some say the 11 of Decemb. to the 30 thereof. The English subdue Scotland; and beat the Dutch at Sea. The English Parliament, surnamed, the Long, turn'd

out of doors by their own Army. Suddenly after, O. Cromwel (a private Gentleman by birth, but then General of the Army) assumes the Government of Great Britain. The King of the Romans, and the Pope of Rome, in less then two years after die. Strange and unheard-of alterations in Law and Government here in England; new Courts of Justice; Council of State; Major-Generals, &c.

Thus have I given you a brief account, of what hath succeeded Comets & New Stars. And if you take a strict view of what I have here Historically written; you shall finde, that the death of Kings and great Persons, are the most eminent Concomitants of such Apparitions: As if GOD AND NATURE INTENDED BY COMETS, TO RING THE KNELLS OF PRINCES, ESTEEMING THE BELLS IN CHURCHES UPON EARTH, NOT SACRED ENOUGH, FOR SUCH ILLUSTRIOUS AND EMINENT PERFORMANCES.

SECT. 3.

The probable Effects that may attend these Comets in general.

BY the several Relations I have mentioned in the former Section, it is apparent, that there were two Comets: Although I confess, at first, I did (and many eminent Philosophers and Astronomers yet do) believe, that there was but one: but the matter is very clear and demonstrative; for on December 21. the first was observed in the later part of Leo; and there (as is supposed) it extinguished. And on December 23. my self saw the other, in the beginning of Gemini; which was, but two days after. And if there were (as many would have it) but one Comet; that must in 48 hours space, have moved little less then one Quadrant of the Circle; its motion must have been so prodigiously swift! So that (if the magnitude thereof, were such as Astronomers generally conceive, viz. neerly as big as the Moon,) it would have been
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more *amazing* and *terrifying* in its *motion*, then it is likely to be in its *effects*, or *significations*; which I assure my self, will not be *mean*. And so I come to consider them.

The greatest *Masters in Astrologie*, as *Cardanus*, *Haly*, &c. in the consideration of the *effects* of *Comets* or *new Stars*, do use to examine the *Figures* of the *New* and *Full-Moons*, preceding such apparitions; which, if the *true* rise or beginning of a *Comet* were known, I esteem a most rational way or ground for the *Artist* to proceed on. But the *first* of these *Comets* being seen by some in the *middle*, or toward the end of *November*; and by others, not until the *middle* of *December*; (nay, and perhaps it may so have fallen out, that the *first* of them, may not have seen its *beginning* by a *fortnight* neither; unto which in this manner of judgement he is confined!) I altogether account it unsafe, and indeed, *Anti-Astrological*, to excogitate the *effects* of that *Comet* thence. Nor indeed, shall I adventure to enquire after the *later Comets* significations, from so *infirm* a ground; although (I presume) I may much better, then the *former*; because most relations seem to agree to a nearness of *time*, for the *beginning* or *first* appearance of that *Comet*. Yet, there being a possibility for a *mistake* in the *Artist* of its *beginning* likewise, I shall adhere unto some more *certain Rules*; and these shall be, by considering,

1. Their *Nature* or *Quality*.
2. The *parts* of the *Zodiack* they were visible in.
3. Their *colour* and *magnitude*.
4. The *part* of *Heaven* unto which their *stream* pointed.

First, of their *Nature* and *Quality*. The nature or quality of the *first Comet*, was *Martial*. As by information from *Paris* in *France*, and *Edenborough* in *Scotland*, by letters may be known: which tell us, *sometimes* it appeared *pricklie* and *rough*, and as it were *stuck with nails*; and *sometimes* again, the *stream* issuing from it, was like a *red flame* out of the *mouth* of a *furnace*.

A *Comet sub dominio Martis*, &c. say the learned in *Astrologie*, *Portends pestiferous and horrible windes and tempests, an exsiccation or drying up of Rivers and Fountains: a destruction*
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of the fruits of the earth, by vermine and putrefaction. Prodigious and frequent thunders and lightnings; many shipwracks and Sea-fights; Wars, quarrels, and contentions, tumults and seditions, rebellions, massacres, slaughters and bloodshed; an alteration of Governours and Governments; multiplicity of Thieves and Robbers, both at Land and at Sea; destruction of Governments, Laws, Customs and Constitutions, &c. Juncti. Spec. Astr. de Cometis.

Ant. Phil.
Satyr 5.

Blood, Death, and Tragick stories, Mars doth yield;
A Golgotha of Graves, whose purple field
Dy'd Crimson with his fatal Massacres,
Craves bloody Ink, and scarlet Characters.
A Pen that like a bullets force would reel
A Marble Conscience!

And if we consider the general constitution of things at present, not only in Europe, but in every part of the world, we shall finde that they incline to a participation of such cruel effects; and are in a manner fitted and prepared for the malefique impressions thereof. A Retrograde Star or Comet, (saith our learned Countrey-man Dr. Dee, Aphor. 83.) seems to infringe the constant Order of nature, in that it finishes its daily motion in shorter time then the Equator it self doth. That this Comet was Retrograde, is sufficiently proved; in as much as it was observed to move out of Libra into Virgo, and so into Leo, where it vanished, being contrary to the order or succession of signes.

Haly is of opinion, That a Retrograde Comet, significat Hereses, & Legum turbas, &c. Presageth Heresies, and many different and various Laws: Then the which (saith he) none are more cruel; seeing that in all other evils, men may know they intend mischiefs: But in the breaches and debates of Laws and Heresies, and in Wars raised by reason of variety of Laws; when men exercise their cruelty upon Infants and little children, and kill men with torments and fire, lead away captives into bondage, spoile the fields, and destroy whole Cities with fire: some think they do God good service, others play the hypocrites,

erites, &c. Cometa qui contra ordinem signorum feruntur, semper mutationem Legum portendunt. Those Comets or Blazing Stars which are carried contrary to the succession of *signes*, always premonstrate alterations and changes of *Laws, Customs, and Constitutions*. Thus then we see, what effects are likely to succeed this Comet, as it is in *nature and quality*, attributed to the fiery Planet *Mars*. He is indeed, the Patron of *Passion*, and *Mecenas* of *Mischiefs*; and from him, is heat irritated and kindled in the *breasts* of men, whereby they are provoked to *anger*; then from *anger*, proceeds *contentions and quarrels*; from them, *wounds and bloody Wars*; from *War*, *Victory* emergeth; and from *Victory*, *change of Kingdoms, States and Republics*. Effects being thus concatenated to their *causes*, with what *reason or modesty*, can or dare any *Antagonist*, longer reproach or vilifie that *Art*, by which men come to the knowledge of the heavenly *Influences*; and without which, they shall never be *Surveyors* of *Natures chiefest Dominions*; as wanting the acquaintance of *Homers golden Chain*, which links both *Heaven and Earth* together?

The second Comet was of the *nature and quality* of *Saturn*, as appears by the several foregoing *relations* thereof; and was *Retrograde*, as the former; which will be a means of doubling its effects.

If (saith *Franciscus Junctinus*, fol. 317.) any Comet shall appear *De natura Saturni*, of *Saturns* nature, disposition and quality, it bodes many pernicious and strange evils to happen among men; for he is an enemy to nature, and all natural existencies, and brings *Famine, the Plague, Exile*; penury, grief, trouble and vexation; and an absolute destruction of all things that grow on the earth, useful for man or beast: *Excessive cold Air, great frosts and snows*; high and tempestuous winds, shipwracks, and damage in *Navigation*; a destruction and want of *Fish*; great inundations and storms; *Locusts and Caterpillers* in abundance, destroying the fruits of the earth.

And indeed, when we consider these several dreadful significations, it may put us all to (that which we have so long abjured, and wickedly hated and contemned) our *Litany*---
From *War, Plague, and Famine, Libera nos Domine!* Good
Lord!

Lord deliver us. For this second Comet, as if intended by God and Nature, to precur and presage more astonishing and horrid effects, then usual; was concomitated with a most strange and dismal Prodigie, almost at its first appearance, viz. on December 27. a relation whereof take as followeth, as it was by Letter communicated to me, by my much esteemed friend Dr. William Freeman, of Cranfield in Bedfordshire-----The Comet I suppose is no News to you, but I (saith he) will tell you some: That is, on die 3 Decemb. 27. the appearance of a blew and purple-colour, all full of leprous spots, most ugly to behold; it was about 10 deg. below the Pleiades; and as much from the Comet, making an Equilateral Triangle with them; (as big as five Moons) and it went with them, from 12 of the clock till day: It was round, but a most loathsome thing to look upon. I have never since heard of it: the interpretation I leave unto you, and remain, &c.

Not long before this, we had News of the shape of a great black Coffin seen in the Air at Hamburg, and other parts in Germany and Flanders. And the very day that the last Prodigie was seen, I meet with (in our News-books) a Letter dated from Erfort, viz. Decemb. 27. the contents whereof are these-----We have had our part here of the Comet, as well as other places; besides which, here have been other terrible Apparitions, and noises in the Air; as fires, and sounds of Cannon and Musquet-shot: And here has likewise appeared several times, the resemblance of a Black-man, which has made our Sentinels to quit their Posts; and one of them was lately thrown down by him from the top of the Wall.

Now, although I have no great faith in Apparitions of this nature; (and some reasons I have given in my Book of Prodigies wherefore) And knowing, that melancholy heads, by the strength of fancy and imagination, may conceit they see such things, that really are not: yet, when such fancies shall really prepossess the general opinion; it is to be presumed, that somewhat more then common, is contriving against the generality of mankind. As we see it in any individual person, that is engaged in any business of concernment. If there be *perturbatio mentis*; or (as we use to say) his heart misgive him,

or that he be in his own minde perswaded, he shall be worsted, or come to damage in his *undertaking*: he is more then half *vanquished*, before he come to the *tryal*.

Our fears but apt and prepare us, for the embraces of that mischief we dread. And indeed the *World* hath not of late, vainly feared such mischiefs as these *Comets* portend; but as soon as they have begun to fear, they have been compelled to share therein. I need not instance in the activity of the sword, or the *incroaching* quality of the sickness; both which, are playing their parts to purpose, all *Europe* over; and will more, within a few years. For the world must know, and believe it for a truth, THAT COMETS ARE NOT GONE, SO SOON AS THEY DISAPPEAR.

Secondly, the parts of the *Zodiack* they were visible in. The first *Comet*, had his progress from the beginning of *Libra*, throrow *Virgo*, and vanished in the later part of *Leo*.

If any *Comet* shall appear in *Libra*, There will be many thieves, thefts, and robbings on the high-way, much want and poverty, &c. It also shews the death of some King or great Person; great slaughters and vulnerations; plots, treacheries, and secret contrivances, want of rain, horrible windes and Earthquakes, dear years, little love or charity among men.

A *Comet* in *Virgo*, significat, &c. Denotes a thorow purging of the Houses and Courts of Kings, and the sad and wandring condition of many Courtiers, their captivity or banishment, confiscation of their Goods or Estates; damage to Merchants, and to men of all sorts; abortious to women, and the death of many of the nobler sort.

Si apparuit in signo Leonis, &c. If a *Comet* appears in the signe of the *Lion*, Men will be prejudiced by wilde Beasts, Wolves, and the like; Corn will be destroyed in the fields by worms and caterpillers; and the baser sort of vermine do damage to men in their Estates, &c. as Weefels, Rats, Mice, &c. the Nobility and Gentry suffer many dolours, and many of them die. Wars among Kings, and a great effusion of blood in the East part of the world.

Haly de jud. Astron. pars 8. cap. 41. saith, If a *Comet* shall happen in *Libra*, Significat quod populis faciet malum Regi, &

proditiones coopertas. Si in Virgine (saith he) significat quod ille Rex Ægypti suos interficiet inimicos, & accident ei multa bella. At si casus ille fuerit à Leone, significat quod Rex morietur, & letabuntur inimici ejus, & exibat de climate Babyloniæ qui adversabitur Regi, & faciet damnum. I need not English these Aphorisms, they being so plain and common to be understood.

The second Comet had its motion from the beginning of Gemini, quite through Taurus, and extinguished, or disappeared in the later degrees of Aries. When a Comet appears in Aries (saith Junctine) it denotes mischiefs and detriment unto rich men, and the greatest of persons that govern in the Eastern part of the world; multitudes of miseries to the vulgar; great preparations for War, and much bloodshed; the death or captivity of some great Prince or Princess, &c. Great droughts and diseases; a Rot or Murrain of smaller Cattel; the loftiest men are abased, and the vilest exalted; Religion it self not so much honoured as it ought to be. Haly saith, it signifies, That a great King of the Christians shall die; and that there shall be Wars and strifes in the Land of Babylon.

If a Blazing Star or Comet appear in Taurus, it bodes the bad state and condition of men, and a lessening of their Fortunes; they will rebel against, and injure one another: it sometimes intimates the death of some great man; mischiefs, captivities, and a license of things unlawful: Detriment to great Cattel; great windes; a corruption and putrefaction of Corn; cold and pinching winters, Earthquakes, great sicknesses, &c. Haly saith, it intimates a depopulation of many Cities in the Land of the Christians; and a great mortality in the Kingdom of Babylon. Significat quod multe civitates depopulabuntur in terris Christianorum, & quod accidet mortalitas in terra Babyloniæ.

Si apparuit aliqua ex stellis Cometis, &c. If any Comet shall appear in Gemini, it foretokens much wantonness, and many fornications among men, and that they shall be in love with incestuous courses; they will neglect goodness, and the true worship and reverence of God; Religious persons had in low esteem. It also intimates strifes, quarrels, controversies and contentions; grie-

vous diseases, whereof many children die; many abortions, and damage to women with child; a destruction of Birds, Famine; thunder and lightning; lofty windes, tearing down trees by the roots. Haly sayes, There shall happen many strifes and contentions in the Countreys subjeēt to the Christians; and that the King of Egypt shall die, and there shall reign in his stead a very handsome, beautiful, lovely, and well-made man; and there will also happen infirmities, and a mortality in the Kingdom of Persia. *Significat quod accident rixæ in terris Christianorum, & morietur Rex Ægypti, & regnabit loco ejus homo formosus & habilis; & mortalitas & infirmitas accidet in terra Persia, part 8 fol. ult.* Thus much may serve for to be spoken of the parts of the Zodiack, wherein those Comets were visible; and what they particularly portend in each of them.

Thirdly, The colour and magnitude of the Comets. The first of them you have already heard, was rutilant or fiery, and of the nature of Mars; for the colour of a Comet declares the nature of the Planet which governs it: *Color enim significat naturam Planetæ dominantis*: And the effects will (no doubt) be answerable to the colour thereof. The colour of the later Comet was pale and envious, and nothing so glorious as (report makes) the former. *Stella, quo magis est lucida, eo nobilioris censetur nature.* By how much the more bright or lucid any Star or Comet is, by so much is it presumed to be of a more noble nature.

And although both these Comets are the messengers of calamities, and tristitious events to befall mankind; yet the first (for his lustre) compared to the second, will be in its effects, much the Nobler. The sword is an enemy, that by the sword, a man of resolution and magnanimity may contend with, and be in hopes of a Victory: But the Plague and Famine are adversaries there is no fence for, or defence against; the later, most certain; unless God of his mercy, before-hand, send a Joseph to provide a remedy! They are so sure an ambush, that the subtilty of all the Machiavils in the world cannot destroy, or enervate: Enemies that the stoutest of men cannot take a revenge upon; though they see their dearest friends murder'd by them, before their faces! whereas the edge of

the sharpest sword may be blunted; and the danger by an equal contest, prevented; at least mitigated. But, hold, my Pen! This is to argue too much for humanity. In a more holy and refined sence, I acknowledge with the Kingly Prophet, It is better for us to fall into the hands of God, then of man.

The magnitude of the first Comet was very great; and of the second, not meanly great. For, to my own sight and observation, the later was at some times, at the least twelve inches Diameter; the former, by all relations (I have met with) was much bigger: which intimates the vigour and vehemency of their effects. For it is an Aphorism received by all—*Quo major est stella, eo est efficacior*: The greater any Star or Comet is, the more eminently efficacious will the effects thereof be. But for the measure of time in these manner of judgments, Astrologie it self is defective, and I must therefore crave the excuse of the indulgent Reader, that I do not assigne (as some have done) from my own conceptions, a beginning, or termination unto their physical Effects.

Astrologers indeed tell us, that an Oriental Comet, doth suddenly shew its effects; but an Occidental, doth it more deliberately and slowly. *Cometa Orientalis effectum suum citius ostendit; Occidentalis tardius*. But neither Ptolomy or any other Astrologer, hath left us any especial Rule, whereby we might know, the precise beginning of a Comets effects. Cardan, it is true, would have us suppose that the effects of Comets in the beginnings, are like Eclipses; deferred for so many months, as there shall be unequal hours intercepted betwixt the Comet, and the Ascendent of the Figure set to the middle time of its appearance. But the middle time, like the beginning (as I have urged before) is not easily obtained; Cardan's conceit thereof, is not therefore to be put in practise.

But Lastly, I come to consider the parts of Heaven, unto which their streams or tail pointed. And the first of them pointed North-West by West. The second, pointed directly North-East by East.

The significations of Comets are alwayes found to operate most strongly upon those Kingdoms and Countreys, &c. unto which they point or extend their beams or rays, &c. as all
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Astrologers consent. Ptolomy in his *Quadrip. lib. 2. cap. 8.* saith, That those places that are menaced and threated with the dire effects of Comets, are known by the parts of the Zodiack in which they are posited; and unto what part or parts of Heaven, they extend their rayes. Hence, I conclude, that the Arrows of Gods anger (in the effects before-mentioned) presaged by the Apparitions of these Comets, will be principally levell'd at the East and West parts of this earthly Globe: Not, that the Northern parts wherein we live, will be totally free, but subject to a competent participation of the miseries and calamities thereby denounced; yet not, in any respect, equal unto the Eastern and Western Countreys: because they shared so powerfully of their Rayes.

I shall mention the particular Kingdoms and Countreys herein concerned, in the next Section; and so hasten to a conclusion of this more prolix Discourse, then I at the first intended.

SECT. 4.

The Particular Relation those Comets have, to divers Kingdoms and Countreys, Emperors, Kings, &c.

THE Kingdoms and Countreys, &c. subject unto the effects of these Comets, are those under *Libra, Virgo, Leo, Gemini, Taurus, and Aries*; because, either in part or in whole, the Comets were visible in those Signes. What Kingdoms and Countreys, &c. those are, see my *Doctrine of Nativities*, part. 1. cap. 10. pag. 83, 84, 85. A part of them I shall for my present purpose here insert, viz. *Austria, Alsatia, Livonia, Sabaudia, Thuscia, Achaia, Greece, Corinthia, Rhodes, Mesopotamia, Assyria, Babylon, Gallia, Italy, Bohemia, Turkie, Sicilia, Phœnicia, Sardinia, Lombardy, Flanders, Armenia, Hircania, Ireland, Russia, Lorrain, Polonia, Campania, Helvetia, Franconia, Persia, Parthia, Bœtia, England, France, Germany, Denmark, Swecia, Syria, Palestina*; with many more Kingdoms and Countreys too long to be remembred. Some of the principal Cities are these following-----*Bononia, Sena, Mantua, Parma, Lucerne, Nantz,*

Nantz, Lipsig, Naples, Augusta, Capua, Florence, Verona, Padua, Brunswick, Cracovia, Lorrain, London, Bruges, Bramberg, Noremburg, Corduba, Versellas, Mogoutia, Rome, Damascus, Syracuse, Ravenna, Cremona, Prague, Ulms, Confluence, Lintz, Bristol, Corinth, Jerusalem, Novaria, Cuma, Brundusium, Lyons, Tholose, Basil, Paris, Heidelberg, Lisbon, Arles, Placentia, Spires, Antwerp, Frankford, Vienna: *Cum multis aliis*. All which Kingdoms and Countreys, may with an absolute and true grief bemoan themselves, and repent, for the sad effects these *Monitors of Heaven*, (the *Comets*) particularly, and in a peculiar sence, threaten them withal. And because I would not be too large in my repetitions (though, as *Cardan* saith, *seg. 4. Aphor. 85. Repetitio necessaria est in hac scientia*) I will give those several Kingdoms, &c. mentioned, the words of *Dubartas*, (as paraphrased by our Country-man *Jos. Silvester*) wherein they may see the effects that by these *Comets* are threatned to befall them, contracted, for their better consideration, and caution, thus.

The Blazing Star,
Threatning the world with Famine, Plague and War:
To Princes, Death! To Kingdoms, many Crosses;
To all Estates, inevitable Losses!
To Herdsmen, Rot; to Plowmen, hapless Seasons;
To Sailors, Storms; To Cities, Civil Treasons!

The first of the *Comets* was visible in the *Midheaven* of the King of *Spain's* Nativity; and the second was seen in his sixth and seventh houses; as may be seen by the Figure thereof.

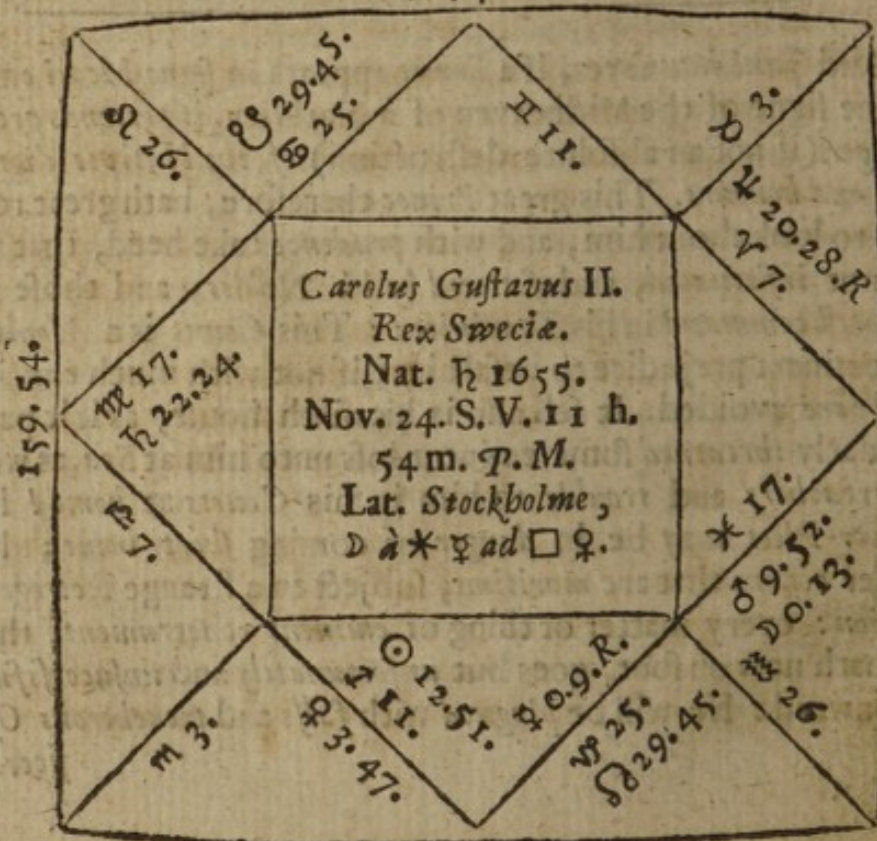
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ficers; his servants and those about him will be perfidious unto him, inasmuch, as one Comet falls in his sixth House; yet will they suffer much damage, and undergo many sorrows; many of them will be put to death, and many lose their Honours and Officers: nor will this great Princes enemies have much cause to rejoyce at his miseries, although they should terminate in death: for I assure my self, that many of them will drink deep of the cup of affliction with him.

Spain it self in general is not menaced; yet Austria, and very probably, the House or Family bearing that Name, are particularly and most eminently concerned in these Comets effects: As by the Catalogue of places, subject to the ire and fury of these caelestial Prodigies, before-going, may be seen.

The first of these Prodigies fell in the very Ascendent of the young King of Sweden; which considered, together with the Sun in that Princes Nativity, now directed ad quadratum Saturni, to the square of envious Saturn (a Planet obviating his Horoscope at birth) doth denounce much infelicity to happen unto that illustrious Person, both of forraign and domestick concernment.

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The *second Comet*, happen'd in this *Princes ninth house*, and began (as neer as can be conjectured) in the exact *Quadrante place* of his *Moon*. If *Comets* in the ninth house (according to the 206 Aphor. seg. 2. of *Cardan*) change *Laws*, and stir up *sedition* in the brains of men, generally: Then will this *Comet* make great alterations in *Swedland*, before its effects have done operating. It is indeed a *Kingdom* very much accustomed to *War*; the people thereof being a *hardy strong sort of men*, able to endure the *beat of Battel*, and the *hardship* that attends it. And now, no question, will they once again be put to the *tryal*; whether by *intestine divisions* among themselves, or by reason of *differences* with the *Polander* or *Dane*, &c. I take not on me to determine: but most assuredly, either the one, or the other, or both, will give opportunity for the beginning of much unhappiness unto the *Swedes* in general, and to the *King* of them in particular. I am apt to believe, (and I have good grounds in *Astrologie* to encourage me) that this *Prince* will, before the effects of these *Comets* are half over, be compelled to yield to the grave, *non obstante* the greatest care, that can be used by the *ablest Physicians* in *Sweden*. Hear *Origanus* of the effects of ☉ ad ☐ ♃ (which direction in his *Nativity*, so unhappily concomitates the *Comet*) Sol ad ☐ Saturni, valetudini grave & acerbum periculum, dextro oculo malum, & violentum casum vel ab equo vel edificio indicit: Implicat etiam natum detrimentis substantiæ & bonorum, que à rapinis & expilationibus servorum atq; rusticorum proveniunt: bonorum quoq; deturbationem significat, & in maritimis mercibus damna & naufragia. Deniq; parentes sejungit, & nato orbitatis affert incommoda.

These *cruel effects*, I say, being concomitated by these *two celestial Apparitions*, and in such peculiar manner, as hath been before remembred; do not meanly or vainly threaten this *Princely Native* with his *expiration*; but denounceth most terrible things unto that *Nation*, or *People* he governeth; giving them in earnest, to understand the *wise mans experience*, who with good ground pronounced long ago, a woe to that *Kingdom* or *Nation*, whose *King* or *Governour* is a *childe*.

The *first* of these *Comets* fell in the *Midheaven*, and place

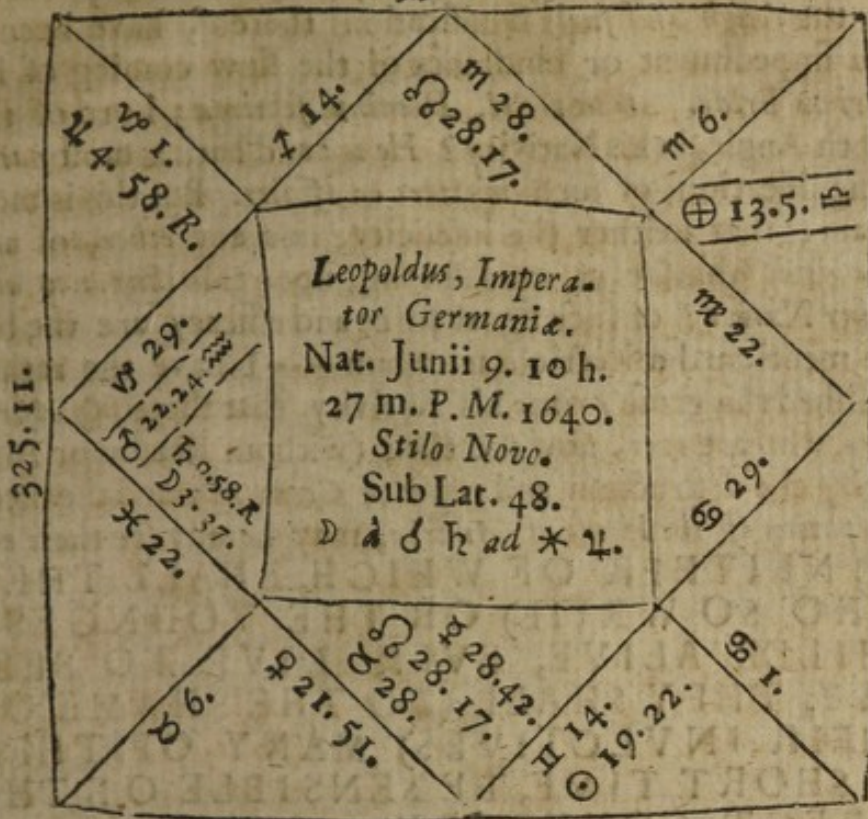
of *Sol*, in the *geniture* of the *active* and *valiant* French King: And that part of the *Zodiack* all *Astrologers* allow to be the *Ascendent* of the *Metropolis* of *France*, *viz.* *Paris*. Much of this *Comets* effects will therefore be poured out upon that *Kingdom*; and that *illustrious Prince*, by reason of the *obstinacy*, *wilfulness*, and *seditionfulness* of many of his own *subjects*, (and those not mean ones neither) will suffer much *perplexity* and *damage*, both at *home*, and in parts *remote*; where he hath any *power* or *authority*. It doth not, (by reason of the *strenuity* of his own fate) threaten his *person* much; yet will his *Honour* be subject to a *deliquium*, and his *power*, be in part, *Eclipsed*: God preserve his *Kingdom* from any more such *rebellions* as happened in the *thirteenth* year of his *Age*, when his *chiefest City* shut their gates upon him; and keep his *subjects* from private *Massacres* at home and abroad; and from any more, such a *terrible fate*, as they lately pertook of, by an *underhand treachery* (as is strongly supposed) at *Gigery*.

The *Nativity* of this *great Monarch*, I have printed among my *Colledio Geniturarum*, part. 1. fol. 39. and for persual whereof, thither I refer the *ingenious* and *desirous Reader*.

Nor, will either of these *Comets* or *Blazing Stars* in their effects much concern his *Imperial Majesty*: neither of them falling in any principal place of his *Geniture*, in respect either of the *Zodiack*, or of the positions of his *Luminaries*. They point out rather, much *infelicity* and *damage* unto his *enemies*, both *publique* and *private*; by reason of their infesting such parts of his *Nativity*, as have relation to, and signification of, them. This *great Emperors* sad and suffering fate (occasion'd by his *Midheavens* occurse, *ad oppositum Solis*, to the opposition of the *Sun*) is fully over, and *himself* no more (in many years) subject unto any such like *cruel calamities*, as then befell *himself*, and *Empire*. See his *Nativity*, as by a very good *Friend* it was respectively communicated to me, and since by me *verified*.

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He is now under the happy effects of ☉ *ad Antisc.* proprium, of the Sun to his own Antiscion: which bespeakes him eminent and honourable in his undertakings all the time the effects thereof shall last; which will be, until his *Medium Cali* by progression come to the *Sextile* rayes of Mars, viz. his 27 year of Age. At what time he will undertake some more then ordinary matter in hand; and will employ his *Armies* against some *forraign Foes*; who will most certainly feel the force of his *Military power*: perhaps be employed in the regaining, many of those *Forts* and *Cities*, that the *Turk* (that grand enemy to *Christendom*) hath by *encroachment* and *treachery* formerly gotten from *him*, and his *Ancestors*.

Howbeit, I must acknowledge that the Ascendents occurse *ad C. A.* ☉ to the *Contra-Antiscion* of the Sun, may give him some *minute disturbance* in his greatest *affairs* at the

present, and most part of this year (I mean only till toward June next, for then his year begins.) Nay, it is most probable, that the rough and surly significations thereof, have been a main impediment or hindrance of the slow coming of his illustrious Bride. Is not Sol, Dominus septima; Lord of the seventh Angle, in his Nativity? He is: and hath a most natural signification, of such matters or affairs. But this is most certain, that neither this infelicity, nor any other, of any other kinde whatsoever, can last long, upon this Illustrious and mighty Native! of such signal force and efficacy are the before-mentioned directions unto him-----I have the rather published this great Prince his Nativity, that those silly Astrologers, who are ever, now and then, (without Reason or Art) counting the destruction and ruine of Germany; and the utter extirpation of the House of Austria, may hereby see their error! NEITHER OF WHICH, SHALL THEY (WHO SO WRITE) OR THE YOUNGEST CHILDE ALIVE, EVER LIVE TO SEE: NAY, THEY SHALL (TO THE SHAME OF THEIR INVECTIVES) MANY OF THEM IN SHORT TIME, BE SENSIBLE OF THE DIRECT CONTRARY.

The effects of the first of these Comets will be most eminently manifest in Rome, the Comet it self expiring in the Ascendent of that great and eminent City, viz. the celestial signe Leo. Howbeit, I cannot, I dare not (with some Enthusiasts) say, that in any manner of way threatens that stately place with ruine or destruction; or that it doth (by any Rules in Astrologie) point at the absolute Catastrophe of the Papal Power, or Catholick Religion. But very rationally it may be concluded, that the present Bishop of Rome, Pope Alexander the seventh, will be most signally concerned in the great effects of this Cælestial Prodigie; and truly I am apt to believe, unto death: In that it happened in the Ascendent of that great Church-mans Geniture; and was observed to appear first, upon the radical place of his Moon. Especially considering that he hath now operating, his Sun ad oppositum Saturni, to an opposition of the hateful Planet Saturn; and this in the eighth
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House, the most dolorous place of the *whole Heavens*: And in a signe that *Saturn* most of all is at enmity with; it being opposite unto that part of the *Zodiack* wherein he is exalted; and therefore 'tis presumed he will the more forcibly dart his envy thereat.

See this great and eminent *Church-mans Nativity*, published in my *Collection of Genitures*, pag. 75. part 2.

Many other Princes there are (whose *Nativities* my good fortune hath failed to acquaint me with) who no doubt are most remarkably menaced by the apparitions of these *Comets*. Whom, together with all other persons, of what degree or quality soever; if they shall have either *Aries*, *Taurus*, or *Gemini*, *Leo*, *Virgo*, or *Libra*, either their *Ascendent* *Mid-heaven*, or places of their *Sun* or *Moon* in their respective *Nativities*, I would have them to take notice, that the *Comets effects* do principally concern them! chiefly, such, that have ill directions operating, and any of their *Hylegiacals* in the signes *Virgo* or *Taurus*: for that the *Comets* passed quite through those signes, when as, they but shortly touched upon any of the other.

Several other matters might have been brought within the verge or compass of this discourse, which lest I should swell my book above its limits intended, I forbear mentioning. Only, one thing I judge necessary to minde the judicious Reader of, that is, about the time in which these effects may operate: and now, although I have mentioned something thereof before, yet I hold it proper here further to acquaint him, that the effects hereof may suddenly begin, though not visibly to appear. It is indeed, an *Aphorism* among *Astrologers*, that *corpora caelestia non agunt in instanti, sed cum tempore*: but this is to be understood, only to an ocular vision of things, As we see not the *Spring*, until *March*, when the *Sun* enters *Aries*; or a *childe*, until it be born; yet without all doubt, nature is never idle, but constantly at work; and there is a *Spring* in *January* and *February*, although invisible to us; and the *childe* doth grow in the wombe of its *Mother*, albeic we see it not until the birth. So *Comets*, &c. have their operations, first in the *humours*, then in the *mindes* of men; and
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after that by degrees they are apparent in their actions! For it is in *heavenly influences*, as in *terrene births*: There is first, a *coition* or *confortion*; then a *conception*, or *treasuring up the matter* (thereby attracted) for a *certain season*; that it might the better receive its *due form* and *impression*: And lastly, from thence (in time convenient) there issues a *Production*--- Thus *nature*, in every thing works *Gradatim*: that it may avoid *monstrositie*; and be proportionally able, in every of its *effects*, to declare the *immense perfections* of that absolute and unerring *Primum mobile*, [God Almighty!] who is, the alone *Father* and *Producer* of all COMETS; and of all other (whether COELESTIAL, or TERRESTRIAL,) PRODIGIES.

CHAP. IX.

Of the Third and last Comet.

IT is a thing so *rare* and *unusual*, for to have *three Comets* in a *year*; nay, sometimes in an *Age*: that we may properly term *this*, wherein we live, not only, ANNUS (sed ÆTAS) MIRABILIS! not only, a WONDERFUL YEAR, but AGE.

Some there are, that would willingly have it, that we have not had THREE COMETS, but ONE only; and that having its *motion* in an *Arch* of a great *Circle*, hath sometime been *hid* from our sight; and at *other times*, *visible* to us. And to strengthen this *opinion*, there is one *Monsieur Auzout*, a French-man (and great Mathematician) that is said to have *predicied its motion*, from *first*, to *last*. Which, with what probable pretence of *truth*, or *certainty*, he hath so done; I must acknowledge, beyond the *Perimeter* of my *understanding*.

The *several Ages*, that the *world* hitherto can boast of, have not attained unto such a *degree of perfection*, in the most common *caelestial Phenomena's*; as to sit down in the *full satisfaction* of any one principle thereof, though never so mean.

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Nor can the best of *Astronomers* (unless comparatively) cry EYPHKA! to any one particular enquiry. If any one Age, could pride it self, in the bringing any one Science to perfection, [I mean so absolute, that in after Ages it should not admit of emendation] the generations to come, would want encouragement (in such Science) for study. Diligent search after the demonstrations of Arts, makes them delightful to the enquirer. The Game affords no pleasure, that is as soon taken, as sprung. And it is the wisdom of the great Creator, to reserve the absolute perfection of things to himself; that men by their scrutiny, (meeting with a comparative perfection) may thereby be taught to admire him, who inhabits perfection, and is the same himself. On this side heaven, men must never expect (in any thing exactly) to finde the *Obeliske* end in a Point.

Whence I argue, If men are so apt to fall short of perfection in those things, that they are familiarly acquainted with, and such that seem to have rational and demonstrative limits and boundaries: what must they be presumed to do, in their adventuring to appoint Laws unto such Appearances, that they have seldome any sight of, or acquaintance with? ---- Men may as well Statute the windes in their progress, as truly, to prescribe or predict, the way, or motion of Comets. If the Planets themselves, admit of inequality in their motions, surely Comets and New-Stars, cannot but be liable to a far greater variety, and incertainty, in their courses; yea, such an inequality, that is not to be preappointed, or predicted, by the wisest of mortals.

In the former part of this Treatise, I have proved that the Comet which first appeared, was a different Comet, from that which was visible to us, at *Christmasts*: And it is very rational to believe, that this present Comet, is a distinct one, from that. For,

1. That Comet, was of colour pale, and envious; this Comet, very splendid and Orient; lovely to behold.
2. The stream of that Comet pointed North-East; the stream of this, tapers upwards, like the flame of a torch or candle.

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3. That Comet was visible alwayes in the evening; this Comet, had its regency in the morning.

4. That Comet, was sometimes seen without a stream; this Comet, alwayes, with one.

5. The Diameter of the head of that Comet, was seldom above three inches; but of this Comet, commonly six inches.

6. That Comet ascended in the South-East part of Heaven; this Comet alwayes arose, in the North-East.

And should it (for all this) be the same Comet, all the sons of Urania, might justly stand and wonder!

Some there are again, that would, not only have us suppose, the three late Comets to be but ONE; but that ONE, which appeared Anno 1652. and they presume, that Comets accomplish their Revolutions, in twelve years; and come night to the same place again.

If this notion could claim any just title to truth, why had we not a Comet Anno 1640? and Anno 1628? And why did not the Comets that appeared Anno 1618. shew themselves two years before? since, by this Revolution indulg'd to Comets, it must of necessity so have been.

Again, if the late Comets, should have been the same with that Anno 1652. it would so much augment Dr. Fulk's wonder; as to drive him, and his followers to astonishment, (at least) if not beyond the force of Hellebore. For (saith he) it must needs be a wonderful deal of matter, that can give so much nourishment for so great and fervent a fire, and for so long a time, viz. either 7 dayes, 40 dayes, or 6 months, the longest and shortest times of the continuance of Comets. *Meteors, p. 31.*

And if it be a wonderful quantity of matter, that must nourish a Comet, for 7, 40, or 182 dayes; what an immense and vast mass of matter, is there required to the feeding of a Comets flames, for 12 years together? and then the same Comet to begin its blazing again.

The learned Ricciolus (who in these matters hath taken a great deal of good pains) tells us--- That from the year 480. ante Christum, to the year 1618. post Christum; there have been

been 154 Comets. But, according to this supposition, of their Revolution every twelve years; we should in that time, have had near 180; so that we shall be at a loss (by this manner of computation) of very near 30 Comets. But I need not labour further in this Argument; since it is rationally to be presumed, that the Author of this fancy-full opinion, had not sooner given it a being, then he perceived an apparent impossibility, of its long existing. And so I return to the Comet again.

This third Comet, is much of the nature and colour of the first; only a little more jovial. For the first (by all relations I ever met with) was purely a Martial Comet; but this hath a mixture of Jupiter and Mars together. And it will no doubt quicken the effects of the other Comets; but so, as to accelerate and dispatch them; and not suffer them, to be always harrasing, the (almost) heartless world. The significations of Jupiter, are benefique and auspicious; but being joyned with Mars, they not only receive an abatement, but will be somewhat the longer, before they shew themselves. For impossible it is, there can be any room or place for benign influences to appear, while the forcible rays of mischief are from a contrary cause darting furiously at this lower world.

It is very seldom (if ever) seen, that salubrious weather, and violent thunder and storms, salute the earth at once. Mars must withdraw his furious Artillery, and Saturn his envious influences, from this terrene Globe; before Jupiter can appear with his more comfortable rays, to refresh, what they have wearied; heal what they have wounded. Gold never mixes with baser metals: noble natures seldom delight in ignoble company. Good and bad are opposites; and they never congregate: it is by accident, they ever accompany each other. Sure I am, as great a vein of happiness, is promised unto mankind by this Comet, (as it is in part attributed to Jupiter) as (almost) of infelicity denounced, by the other two; and the worser influence of this.

What should the mixture of Jupiter with Mars herein mean? unless a Remonstrance of mercy, from the God of

mercies, unto *mankinde* in general, after so great *sufferings* and *unhappineses*, to them *threatned* by the former *Comets*?

What the *tapering* of this *Comets* *stream* or *ray*, so directly *upward*; but an intimation of the *resolution* of *Heaven*, to become *Umpire* (as it were) at length, of all the *differences* and *distrackions*, among *Princes*, *Potentates*, &c. and indeed, among *all kindes* and *species* of *men*? And to acquaint them that *interest*, *hypocrisie*, and *treachery*, &c. are no *ingredients* proper, whereof to make up the *soveraign Balsom* of *Happinesse*, *Peace*, and *Plenty*.

What this *ternary* of *Comets*, one in the *rear* of another & but to let us *know*, that the *variety* of *mischiefs*, &c. constantly *practised* and *promoted* among *men*, are not to receive an *abatement*, but by the *hand* of *Heaven*? No *cure* is to be found for the *maladies* procured by *Mars's* *influences*, but by the *divine Æsculapius*, the *Physician* that *never fails* his *Patient*. From *none*, can *mankinde* expect *unity*, but the *celestial Trinity*!

I might *enlarge* much upon this *present Comet*, and its *significations*; for there is both *good* and *bad*, thereby *portended*. The *good* I have touched upon, in *General*; and it will be *welcome* when it comes; there is *no question*. For the *bad* hereby declared, since it *litle* concerns these parts of *Europe*, wherein *we live*; and seems to *respect* the more *remote Eastern Countreys*; *Turks*, more than *Christians*: I shall desire to be *excused* from any further *discourse* thereof.

Only, because it *first* began in the *Horoscope* of the *Grand Seigniors Nativitie*, and there yet *continueth*: I shall assume the *liberty* of *subjoyning* hereunto, that *mighty Monarchs Geniture*. And the rather, for that, by *promise* (in my *dies Novissimus*) I am thereunto *engaged*.

The Nativity of the present Emperor of Turkey.

This Mighty and puissant Prince (as I have it from a very good hand) was born at Constantinople, Anno 1642, on January the first day, 7 h. 36. min. mane. S. N. and after the manner of vulgar reckoning. But according to Astronomical computation, he was born on December 31. 19 h. 36 m. P. M. the elevation of the Pole of birth, according to Origanus (whom in this nativity I strictly follow) is, 43 d. 5 m. And the Planets places both in Longitude and Latitude, are thus.

Longit. Planitarum.			Latit. Planetarum.		
d.	m.		d.	m.	
☉	11.	4.	♃	4.	45. Septentr.
♃	12.	10.	♄	1.	15. } Merid.
♄	28.	56.	♅	0.	25. }
♅	8.	13.	♆	0.	10. } Septentr.
♆	14.	21.	♇	1.	27. }
♇	1.	51.	♈	2.	16. }
♈	10.	47.			
♉	0.	25.			

The right Ascension of	{	the Sun	_____	d.	m.
		Time	_____	282.	2.
The right Ascension of the Midheaven	{		_____	294.	0.
<i>sine Circulo</i>			_____	216.	2.
The Oblique Ascension of the Horoscope			_____	306.	2.

For the Tenth and fourth Angles.

R. A. M. C. is, 216 d. 2 m.

Proxime	{	Major	{	d.	d.	m.		R. A.	d.	m.
		Minor		m.	216.	36.		216.	2.	
				8	215.	37.		L. A.	215.	37.

111 0. 59. | 0 25.

If 59 m. give 60 m. what 25 m. ? Answer, 25 m. ferè. Ergo, the Cusps of the M.C. and I.C. are m, 8, 0 d. 25 m.

For the first and seventh Angles.

O. A. Horosc. is, 306 d. 2 m.

		d.	d.	m.			m.	d.
Proxime	Major	12	306	18.		O. A.	306	2.
	Minor	11	305	20.			L. A.	305
						1	0.	58.
							0.	42.

If 58 m. give 60 m. what 42 m. ? Answer, 43 m. which leaves the Cusps of the first & seventh Angles in $\nu. \text{C. } 11 \text{ d. } 43 \text{ m.}$

Note, that I purposely omit Equating for the odd 5 m. of Latitude: the matter being purely inconsiderable, and no wayes advantageth the truth in these manner of operations; nor yet, augmenteth Error.

The Figure follows.

216 d. 2 m.



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The Fortitudes and Debilities of the Planets.

☉ is strong by 2.	} Testimonies.
☿ is strong by 18.	
♃ is strong by 21.	
♂ is strong by 12.	
♀ is strong by 17.	
♁ is weak by 24.	
♄ is strong by 12.	
♅ is strong by 7.	

Several Reasons confirming this, to be the Nativity of the Turkish Emperor.

1. **T**He Schem it self, carrieth no mean Arguments of illustriousness and power, and mightiness of action in it: (1) In regard all the Planets are in the ascending part of Heaven. (2) The two great Luminaries of Heaven, (which are the infallible procurers of popular honour and fame) are posited in the Horoscope; and in exact Sextile of the Medium Caeli. (3) A great reception of Saturn and Jupiter; and a Sextile of the fortunate Planets. (4) The Figure it self, is neerly the same with great Augustus Caesar's; and (in some respects) more mighty and powerful, then his: yet not so durable; as the learned in Astrologie well know.

2. This Geniture concurreth with the accidents of the Native; which (together with the former; or indeed without it) plainly demonstrate it, to be the true Nativity of this mighty Monarch. For instance. --- (1) Being aged 17 years, he came to the Throne and Dignity of his Ancestors: then was his Horoscope directed ad Sextilum Martis; and He Lord of the Angle of honour and Sovereignty; posited in the eleventh House (called of the Greeks *Αγασθαιου*.) with notable fixed Stars, of the nature of Saturn, Mars, Jupiter, and Venus: eminently, and naturally signifying the same.

Secondly, being aged 22 years, He invaded the Territories of Leopoldus Ignatius, the German Emperor, with a very great

great Army, and was very *victorious* at the first; and took and destroyed many *Forts, Towns and Castles*; came up (almost) as high as *Presburg, &c.* the Moon was now directed *ad Sextilum Martis*; which *direction* intimated (most properly) the *greatness* of that *Martial, daring Action*, and (to be admired) *undertaking* of his. He had also at this *time*, the benign *Planet Jupiter*, fortunating the *places* of the five *Hygiacals*; a most *admirable transit*, to augment the effects of such a *direction*. For it is a most *eminent truth*, asserted by *Origanus*, and *Sir C. Heydon*, That *directions*, do then most *powerfully operate*, or shew themselves, when *Transits*, and other matters, *concur*.

JUDICIUM ASTROLOGICUM.

This is so *glorious and remarkable a Nativity*, that at the first sight, it might easily induce an *able Artist*, to believe him born under it, so *mighty in Conquests and Victories*, that he should seem rather a *petty God*, than a *man*. Chiefly, in that all the *Planets* in the *Scheam*, are disposed of, by the two *superiour celestial Movers*, *Saturn and Jupiter*; and they in *admirable reception* of each other: 'tis *rarum quid!* a thing that among *ten thousand Genitures*, is not to be found. As if the *Person* so born, should *endeavour & attempt*, by *power and policy*, to give *Laws* to the *whole world*; and aim to *joyn* the *head and tail* of the *Snake* together, *viz.* to make all *Nations, Persons, and Opinions*, to *truckle* under his *Greatness*, and *willingly submit* unto his *iron yolk*. But this is only a *representation* through a *false optique glass*; as anon I shall prove; and not by the *Christian world* to be *dreaded*.

Howbeit, confident I am, there are a *sort of people* in *Europe, I, and in England* too; whose *insatiate and ruinous desires* are such, that they had rather *kiss the Alcaron*, and *cringe to Mahomet*, than submit unto those *wholesome and uncorrupted Laws*, and *rational constitutions* established among us; which not only *support a nobler and more heavenly Religion*, and *way of worship*; but *dictate more worthy principles of morality* unto men, then any is to be found among the *Laws*
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and Religions, of any other sort of people in the world. But this Obiter.

Origanus, maketh it an alone-Argument of greatness and Sovereignty, *Cum Dominus Ascendentis aspexerit Solem benigno aspectu*, &c. when the Lord of the Ascendent beholds the Sun with an auspicious Ray, or Aspect, &c. as in this Nativity he doth. Which if so, then surely much more mightly, powerful, and great, must he be; and much greater honour, ought he to attain unto, that hath so many illustrious Positions (as we have before remembred) to bear it company in signification and effect.

If a particular person shall be presumed able to perform any notable or to-be-admired action, without the assistance of any; what may we suppose a whole Troop or Regiment of men, shall be capable of accomplishing? If single bullets, make great breaches, what may be performed by case-shot?

Hear the same Author again----*♃ & Venus feliciter conjuncti felicibus in locis*, &c. If the two fortunes shall be auspiciously joyned in happy places of the Figure, it makes the Native honourable, eminent, and powerful, &c. these two (it is true) are not in a corporal conjunction; (the one being in the Horoscope, the other in the eleventh House) but they are in partil Sextile: And the word Conjunction, Astrologically is understood, an UNITING, as well by beams as bodies. Ergo, the Aphorism is every way fully in force, in this Geniture.

Ludovicus de Rigiis, Aphor. 37. adviseth us, in every Nativity where the Sun is in the Ascendent, to take especial notice of him; for the judgements of the Sun are not to be forgotten. Oger Ferrier, and Argol say, That the Sun in the Ascendent gives honour, praise, esteem, credit, and advancement, favour and respect with the greatest, &c. Nero Caesar, Gustavus Adolphus the great Swedish King, &c. had the Sun in their Ascendent. Nay, those two great Captains of War, *Leonardus Torctenson*, and *Oliver Cromwel*, had the Sun in the Ascendent of their Nativities! (with many others, of different qualities, that I could name) which gave them undeniable honours and advancements; as the world sufficiently can bear witness.

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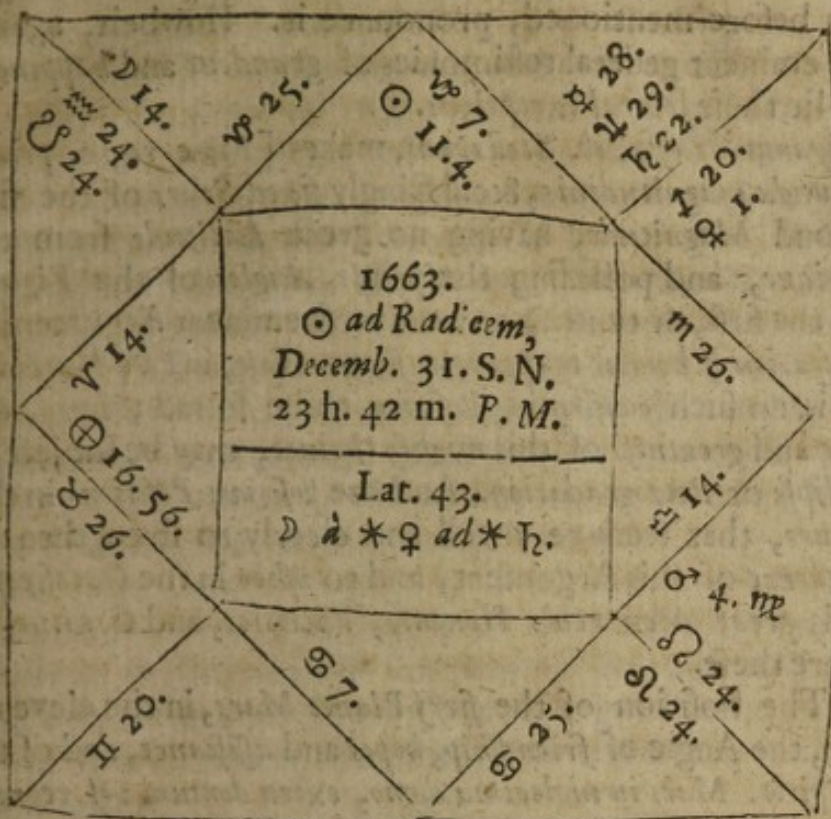
And to be plain, these Texts in *Astrologie*, are not any way dishonoured or lessened, by the actions of this mighty Monarch; For, if we consider his juvenility, with his great activity and forwardness; and the mighty attempts he hath lately made upon the Christians (far beyond any of his Ancestors, either of equal or greater years; nay, parallel almost, unto that prodigious, eminent, and daring Prince, Solyman the Great!) it will readily emerge, that He hath been, and is, both eminent, mighty, powerful, and fortunate, even to the admiration of the whole world; as well as to the great astonishment and consternation of Europe.

Come we now, from the general, to the particular Reasons, of his late eminent undertakings, viz.

1. His Nativity being supposed true, (as I dare be confident it is;) ---- He had *pars fortune*, directed *ad Sextilum Veneris*; and the Governess of the ninth, fourth, and fifth parts of the Figure. (See *Origanus*, and *Junçine*, as also my *Doctrine of Nativities* of the effects of such a direction. It was an eminent cause of the friendships and assistances that He met with, in his late great attempts; and of the readiness of men to serve him: and then, to declare his own resolution and eagerness, in the falling upon, and forwarding so mighty and daring matters, he had *ad Sextilum Martis*, by direction also; which direction added, not only vigor, but violence unto him. Perhaps, an eminent Argument, He hath been the means of so much bloodshed; for, *Mars est Author belli*.

2. He had, not only those directions, to intimate success, &c. unto him, but his Revolution was that year also favourable; as may be seen by the Figure thereof.

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And, at the same time, the Planet *Jupiter*, the most auspicious *Star* (for influence) in the *Heavens*, was fortunating by his *body*, and *beams*, all the *Hylegiacals* of this *Geniture*. A most admirable and glorious *transit* indeed!

From all which, I deduce this natural and legitimate conclusion----- That, *that person*, who bath in his *Nativity*, both *Directions*, *Revolutions*, and *Transits*, at once to favour him; he cannot but be at that time prodigiously happy, in all his attempts and undertakings!

Thus far we have considered the *Melior*, or better part of this *Nativity*, to avoid partiality [A quality I experimentally know, the *Stars* disdain!] Now, I come to take notice of the *Pejor*, or worser part thereof. For, impossible it is, that any *Geniture* can be so absolutely happy, honourable, and victorious, but must in some sort, at some time or other, admit of some *infelicity* and *abatement*.

I deny not, but *this Nativity* is a most excellent one indeed,

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and no less for *eminency* and *illustrousness*, then the Arguments before-mentioned, pronounce it. Howbeit, against those eminent general testimonies of *grandeur* and *happiness*, there lie these several exceptions.

Origanus de effectib. Stellarum, makes [*Fixæ regie, prima vel secunda magnitudinis, &c.*] Kingly fixed Stars of the first or second Magnitude, having no great Latitude from the *Ecliptique*, and possessing the *prime Angles* of the *Figure*, (*viz.* the first, or tenth,) to be a most eminent Argument of the *duration of honour* and *greatness*. -----But, in this *Nativity*, there is no such *confirming Position* to be found; Ergo, the *honour* and *greatness* of this mighty Prince, may be subject to an *Eclipse* or *Retrogradation*. And the *positive Positions* in this *Geniture*, that seem very well and clearly to strengthen the consequence of this Argument, and to usher in the *Catastrophe* of this great *Monarch's Honours, Victories, and Greatnesses, &c.* are these.

I. The Position of the fiery Planet *Mars*, in the eleventh House, the Angle of *friendship, hopes* and *assistance*, and of the good Spirit. *Mars in undecima domo, extra domum vel regnum suum, dat nato inimicitias cum amicis*, saith *Franciscus Jun-
tius*, pag. 97. If the Planet *Mars* in any *Nativity* shall be posited in the *eleventh House*, out of his own *essential Dignities*, or in such place or part of the *Zodiack*, wherein he hath no manner of *Regency*, he declares the *Native* to have many *enmities, bickerings, conflicts* and *controversies*, with his *chieftest friends*.

Much to the same purpose, do *Ferrier* and *Argol* say, *viz.* *Mars* in the *eleventh*, argues *loss of friends; perfidiousness* from them, *enmity* with them: And (oftentimes) the *Native* by his *nobleness* to them, and *confidence* in them, [which is strangely cruel, barbarous and ungrateful!] shall incur much damage.

To have *Mars* in the *eleventh House*, was one position of *Nera's infortunaey*; [a Prince that had in some respects the same arguments of *grandeur*, with this *illustrous Native*,] as may be seen in my *Colleci. Genit.* pag. 4. And who was (at last) less befriended then He? having not only a *whole*

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Senate, but a whole Empire, to his Enemies?

Who ever hath Saturn, Mars, or *Cauda Draconis* in the eleventh, shall be unfortunate in, and receive infelicity from, Friends. Frederick III. King of Denmark, had Mars in the eleventh. Augustus Elector of Saxony, had Mars in the eleventh. Maximilian I. had Mars in the eleventh. Our late gracious Sovereign, King Charles I. had *Cauda Draconis*, (equivalent to Mars) in the eleventh: *cum multis aliis, &c.* And who ever found the infidelity of Friends more certain, then any of all these? Who more credulous of Friends, then any of these? Who ever received less friendship and assistance (in times of extreimity) from friends, then those eminent Princes and Potentates? Nay, who more betrayed by pretended friends, then these suffering Princes?

The same Author urgeth it, yet further; ----- *Infortuna in undecima domo si fuerint, &c.* ----- *Significant paucitatem amicorum & sociorum, & exiguitatem boni eorum, pag. 93.* And there is no one will deny, but the angry Planet Mars, is an infortune; unless therewith, he undertake to deny all *Astrologie*.

Johannes Hispalensis, cap. 17. (as quoted by *Junciinus*) saith, ----- *Qualitatem amicorum cognoscimus secundum naturam Planetæ existentis in domo undecima.* (i. e.) The quality and condition of the Natives friends, is known, from the nature of the Planets existing in the eleventh House: ----- *Nam si fuerit Mars, indicat perfidos atq; feroces, &c.* And that this mighty Monarch, either in or before 1666. will sufficiently experience the truth of these *Aphorisms*, we have no reason to doubt: of which more anon.

2. *Nummos est nervos belli.* As Coin is the adjuvant cause of courage, quarrels, and all warlike actions; nay, as it is, in King Solomon's sence, that *unum hoc*, that one thing, which answers all things! I shall consider in the next place, how this Native is likely to be blest, or assisted therewith.

All *Astrologers* consent, ----- That Saturns presence in the second of a Nativity, wasteth and destroyeth an Estate; consumes and scatters the substance of the Native, and leaves him void (at last) of all help or succour. ----- *Non est bonus Sol, Mars,*

neq; Saturnus, in secunda domo in aliqua Nativitate, nec inde natus bonum habebit; quia Sol destruit Planetas, & aufert eis lumen: Et Mars est significator impedimentorum, & laborum, & defectus substantiae; & Saturnus significat vacuitatem, paupertatem, & indigentiam. Abenrag. sent. cap. 12. p. 4. For Saturn, Mars, or the Sun, to be posited in the second House of a Nativity, is of no good signification; neither should the Native expect good thence, if they are so posited. For the Sun destroys the vertue and power of the Planets, and deprives them of their light. And Mars, he is the promoter of impediments and labours, and generally there, declares a defect or want of substance. And Saturn there, declares emptiness, poverty, and a loss of treasure. The learned Origanus, pag. 623. concurrereth herewith in judgement, when he sayes ---- ♃, ♂, aut ☉, mali sunt in secunda.

And for Examples, I could produce a multitude, to make these Aphorisms good: but it being unnecessary to prove that, which by all Artists is consented unto, I pretermit it. It resulteth therefore, that this great Native, (quoad capax) will suffer much detriment, and be mightily perplexed for, or by reason of, the want of moneys, and the necessaries thereon depending, &c. for the management of his most important affairs. Chiefly, those of War, or any way relating thereunto; because the significator of his substance (being an Infortune) casts an angry Aspect to Mars, the significator of War: plainly portending thereby, not only a want of treasure and substance, but a destruction and consumption of his Exchequer, and what therein he doth enjoy and possess, by unfortunate warlike attempts.

If then, this great Monarch, be (by the Stars in his Nativity) destined to a want of moneys, and treasure, &c. he must surely be neglected of Friends; fall short in his assistances; be frustrate in his hopes and expectations; and finally, be content to fail in all his enterprizes; and instead of obtaining an absolute victory over all those that really are (or as he shall accidentally make) his enemies; be contented at length, to sheath his sword with loss.

And what ever some men think, and believe of this great
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Potentate, and his more then ordinary attempts; either out of Prophecies, or common probabilities, &c. These Aphorisms from his own Nativity, (though at present he be victorious) pronounce him subject to Timon's fate in Lucian, viz. honour'd whilst his treasure remains; scorn'd and contemn'd as abject when exhausted. Which that it will assuredly be, no man that sees and understands this his Geniture, will once so much as question.

3. And if we shall (in the last place) consider, that the Lord of the twelfth is much stronger then the Lord of the Ascendent, or tenth; we may rationally judge, that his private enemies, his perplexities, sorrows, griefs, and troubles, &c. will be more mighty, and powerful, then his Dignities, Honours, pleasures, powers, and advantages, &c.

Nor will the Lord of the twelfth his being in the Ascendent (though a Fortune) be of any lasting felicity unto this illustrious Native: I allow, Jupiter, qua Jupiter, in the Ascendent fortunates any person that hath him so posited; but this is to consider his significations in the best sence: howbeit, Jupiter as Lord of the twelfth, may be all out as mischievous as either Saturn or Mars. What advantage reapeth that man, who by escaping the Axe, is choaked with a feather, or grape-stone? Or, how is he befriended, that misseth death by a thunder-bolt from Heaven, and meeteth with it, in an Isycle here below; as the child in Martial? Every Planet performs his office with relation to the Regiment of his Government. Thus fortunate Planets may become infortunes; and those that per se, are of good and friendly signification, may per accidens, be evil and malicious.

Now, to second this Position, of the Lord of the twelfth in the Ascendent, we finde another, much more malefique; and that is, the Position of the Lord of the eighth in the Ascendent, which Argol, and others say, Denotes unto the Person then born, not only ire, sadness and trouble of minde, in not bringing such matters he shall designe to perfection; but that he shall not be of LONG LIFE.

This I am sure of, the great Station and Transit of the envious Planet Saturn, (this year,) upon his Luminaries, Pars fortuna,

fortune, and the *Horoscope*; together with the late *Comets* apparition in *Capricorn*; will strike hard, not only at his *Honours*, &c. but *Life*; and in all probability will shortly seal the *truth* of this *Apborism*. Chiefly, in that this great *Emperor*, at this time, labours under the *Medium Cæli ad ♄ Martis*. A *direction* of most cruel tendency.

Another testimony I observe in this *Nativity*, which not meanly confirms these before-mentioned, and that is the *Quadrate aspect* of *Saturn* and *Mars*: which *Astrologers* tell us, *Portends* great *actions* to the *Native*; but *withal*, it denotes great *adversities* and *hindrances* in his *enterprizes*; *puffs* him up with *vain cogitations* and *hopes*, and *subjeçts* him to *delusions*. *Argol*. And it is very remarkable, that the *Planets* thus *squaring*, are the *Lords* of the *tenth* and *Ascendent*, as if the *significators* of his *Honour* and *Person*, should be perpetually striving for *superiority* and *pre-eminence*, as long as his *life* should *endure*: and assuredly, upon *evil directions*, (such as *M. C. ad ♄ ♄* before remembred) and *other things* exactly concurring; the *effects* hereof will be seen to purpose: So that at length, this *Potent Emperor* will (I am afraid) be compelled by his own *experience*, to maintain *Silenus* *Axiome*--- *Optimum non nasci, aut cito mori*. So treacherous, and violent, is this *mighty Prince* his *fate*, like to prove; *non obstante*, what was remembred of better signification, in the former part of *this Discourse*.

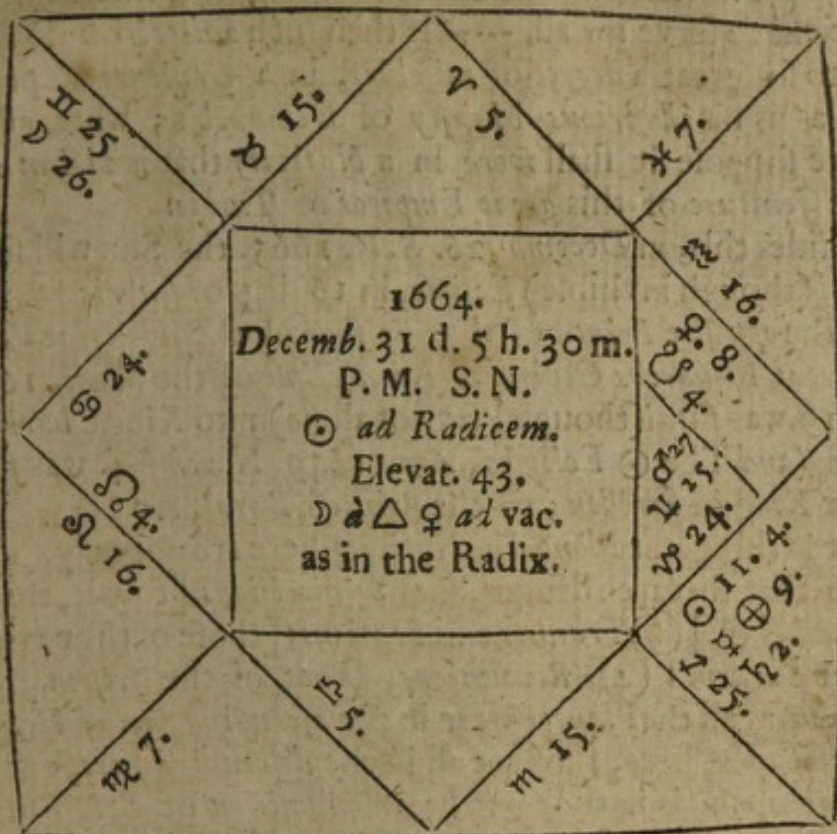
It is the advice of *Haly* ---- *Respice ad applicationem Lune, quia magna est significationis*: That we should have regard to the application of the *Moon*; for (saith he) that is of great import. The *Moon* in this *Nativity* is void of course. ---- *At si Luna fuerit cursus vacua, &c.* If the *Moon* be void of course, the *Native* will be unfortunate in *divers things*, and shall be compelled to partake of *many infelicities*, &c.

All which *Arguments*, like so many *trumpets*, agree in their *sound* and *signification*, to declare a possibility, if not a grand probability, of a *Catastrophe* of the *Honours* and *Soveraignty*, of this great *Turkish Monarch*.

Thus much for the *general Considerations* of this *Nativity*.

I come in the next place, to some particular *brief Observations*,

uations, viz. the direction now operating, and the Revolution of the present year 1665.



Here, the prudent *Astrologer* may observe, the *Tables* to be turned: (*i. e.*) a *Revolutional Figure* directly opposite (I mean not to degrees) to that of the *Radix*; and the angry Planet *Saturn*, (this great *Princes* friend at birth) is now become his enemy: And not only, by his being *Lord* of the seventh, but by his cruel and tedious *Transit* and *Station*, (before remembred) will he afflict this mighty *Monarch*, full as much as the glorious planet *Jupiter*, befriended him the last year.

The direction of *Medium Cæli ad corpus Martis*, will have most furious and violent effects; it is now operating to purpose. This direction in the present *King* of *Denmark's* Nativity, was the *Astrological cause*, of his being invaded by the *Swedish King*, in 1658. and once made a *Prisoner* to, and by, *Carolus Gustavus*; and of his being blocked up close, in his chiefest City,

City, Copenhagen. A numberless number (almost) of instances, could I produce of this kinde, although not in illustrious Nativities: but this one being so remarkable, is sufficient to serve for all. ----- If then such a direction do operate to so great a degree of mischief, in a Geniture so peaceable, as is his illustrious Majesty of Denmark's; what effects can we suppose it shall work in a Nativity that is violent? as is the Geniture of this great Emperor of Turkie.

Besides this, on Decemb. 26. S. V. 1665. the Sun will suffer a total (though invisible) Eclipse, in 16 deg. of Capricorn, viz. near the opposite Point, of three or four of the Hylegiacals, in this great Monarchs Geniture. An Eclipse of the Moon, 1648. Nov. 19. was fatal (though I say not alone) unto King Charles I. of England. The ☉ Eclipsed, Anno 1659. Novemb. 4. was fatal to the King of Sweden; to the Princess Royal, &c.

But in this great Monarchs Nativity, here are not only, (1) Eclipses, that threaten danger, but (2) directions; [to wit, that of M. C. ad ♄ ♃.] (3) Transits and Stations; [those of the envious Planet Saturn.] (4) Revolutions, [that of the present year; wherein, as all the Planets were in the ascending part of Heaven in the Radix, here, they are all in the descending part, except the Moon, who is in the twelfth; a Conjunction of Sol, Saturn and Mercury in the sixth; a Conjunction of Jupiter and Mars in the seventh, in exact of position to the Ascendent, making it the more ominous and fatal.] And lastly, Comets, [viz. this later, that hath appeared in the Ascendent of this Emperors Nativity.]

All which concurring testimonies, presage unto him much sorrow and affliction, of divers kinds; troubles of mind, by reason of publique & private unhappinesse; diseases of the body, & those lingering, cruel, and hard to be endured; loss of honour and eminency; a Retrogradation of his pristine successes; a violation of his peace and quiet; a lessening of his Territories, conquests, and victories; treachery of his neerest and dearest friends, servants and Allies; the rise and advance of his enemies! And after all these, if God of his mercy do not anticipate the influences of the Heavens, he submits (with great anxiety and grief,) to the grave! [perhaps] by treachery. Thus much shall serve for the Nativity of this mighty Monarch.





