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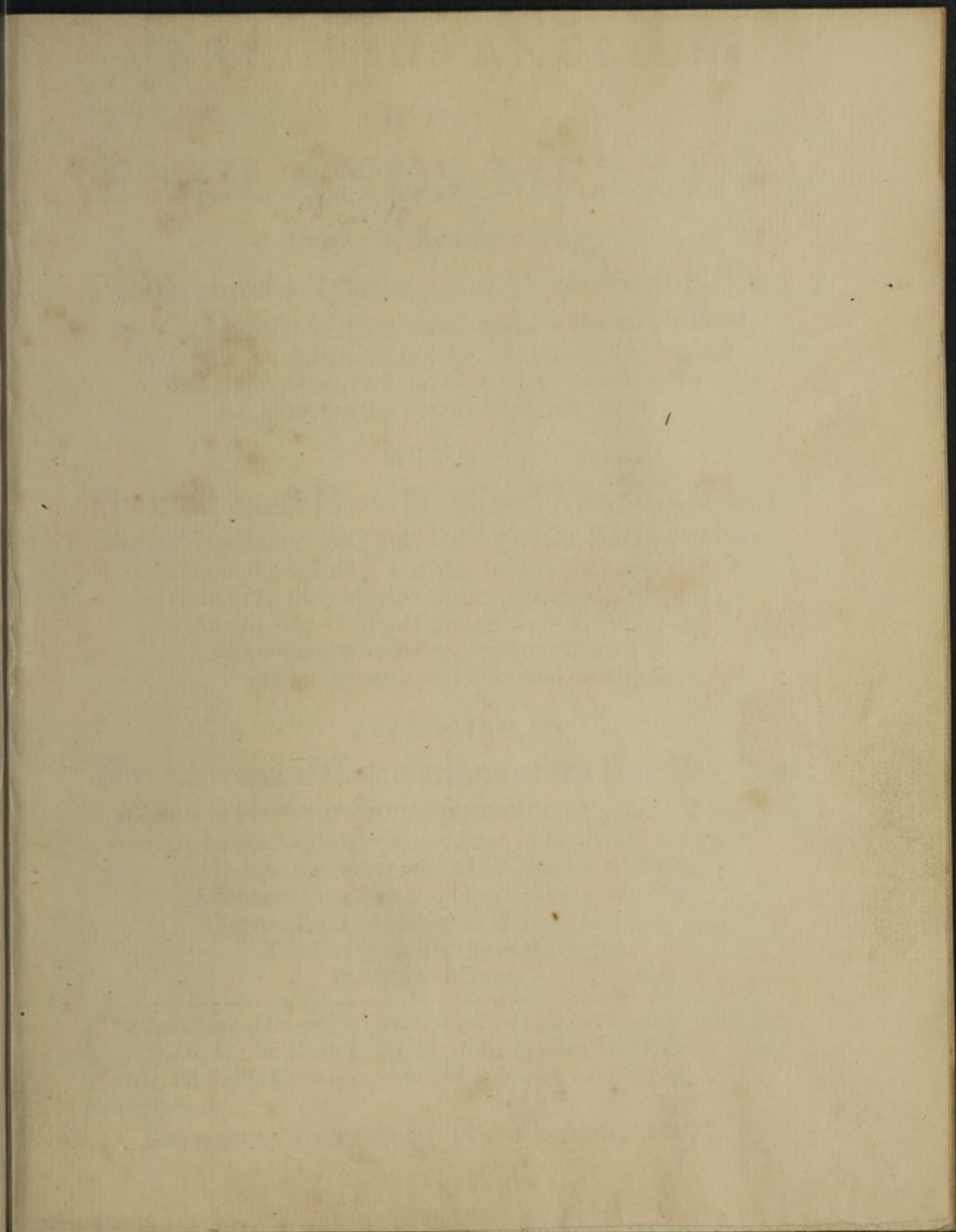


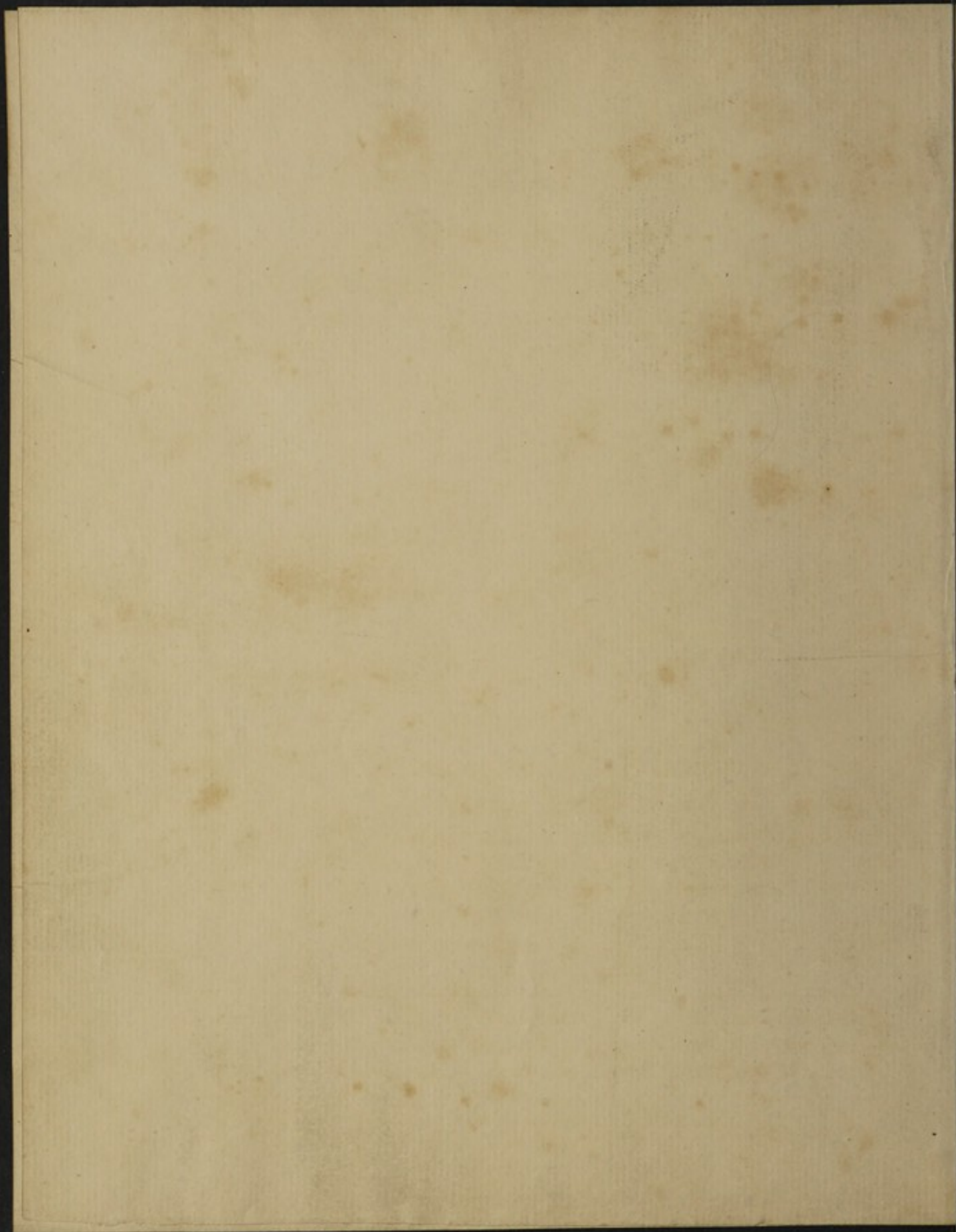




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MERCURIUS ANGLICUS:
OR,
ENGLAND'S MERLIN.

Prophetically fore-telling,
The Admirable Events, and Wonderful Effects,
that shall befall the King of Scots, the States of Holland,
and the Parliament of England, in all their Consultations,
Warlike Actions, and Naval Designs, both by Sea
and Land, for the Year of our Lord, 1653.

WITH
The most exact Predictions, and Monthly Obser-
vations, touching the great Rising of the European Na-
tions against England; and the success that will attend
them in all their Motions, Enterprises, and Attempts;
As also, the Causes of these strange Revolutions,
Mutations, Inclinations, and Eversions of Em-
pires, Kingdoms, and Common-wealths.

LIKEWISE,
The Astromical Calculations of the Eclipses, Lu-
nations, and conjunctions; portending a great Change
of Government, Religion, and Law, in England, Scotland,
and Ireland; together with the taking off all Taxes,
Assessments, Burdens, and Oppressions; and cal-
ling to a severe Account all Committees and
Treasurers; with the executing of
many great Ones.

Collected out of the most elaborate Works of Captain George Wharton,
Esquire, Mr. William Eillie, Mr. John Boeker, Mr. Vincent Wing,
and Mr. Nicholas Culpeper, Students in Astrology and physick.

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ENGLANDS MERLIN



The Anatomical Club

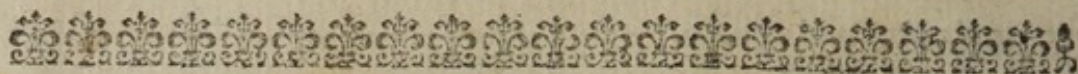
By J. W. Jones

London, Printed by J. W. Jones, 1853

To the Reader.

Once more I again appear in publick: (notwithstanding the late publishing of an irreverent and counterfeit Pamphlet, called, The Dutch bloody Almanack) presenting you with the great Revelations, Positions, Passions, and Prediction, with every Moment's Observations, for the year of our E. 4. 1652. to ether with sundry Judgments, Apocalypses, Calculated from the Influence of the first Opposition, upon Saturn and Jupiter, 27 Feb. 22, and 23, 7h: 16 P. M. as a Protest against the superstitious notions spread by the late two years Luna Delusory, and by the Solar Eclipse of the 29. March, 1652. But before I enter on this years Judgement, I conceive it meet: to write and peruse, a collected and commendable the Intention, contemplation, the Causes of the Mutations, Inclinations, and Excesses of this Year, Kingdoms, and Commonwealths, and the rather, because (as I suppose) Time never produced an Age so full of Rudities, nor a Generation of Men so inclin'd to Novelty, as now the present: wherein every day presents a New Society every Month is so different. The Causes are thus distinguished: The first Cause is God, the Creator & Governor of this World, who hath set certain Intervals, and periods of Time, to all his creatures, amongst which periods, the 500. and 700. year are decemur, and must be so. And the second Reason hereof, is for that in this space of time, the 2. last of the 6. Generation of Man, is almost spent, and more and more declineth from the fullness of strength and perfection of that Assembly, as it hath obtain'd and preserved by the 11. Verses: As a like as the Power of men become weak and feeble in the 4th. Age, so the 6th. Age, even so a feeble decreaseth the strength and vigour, and their Kingdoms, and states proceed and propagated. Secondly, The inferior Stars, or Lights, in the material firmament, of the planets and Stars, touching which learned Keckermannus, thus Observeth: Quod quoniam (which he) most effectually operates upon a humane Body, best accessible to it, and so also on the Body of the Prince himself, and his subjects to wit, as tho. it changes the Temperaments of their bodies, and with those Temperaments their manners or conditions, and the manner or condition of their mind, and labours being changed, a Mutation of the Commonwealth followeth. And with him agree, that excellent Astronomer, Origanus, who saith, We observe a continual change, and mutations of Kingdoms, which these planets riggs, and bear a like with others, but as the world is full of the Parity, there is nothing perpetual. Thus not doubting, but that you will accept my friendly acceptance, to the same, as to your own, I humbly desire my self.

Remains, G. H.



Merlinus Anglicus, &c.

Januarys Observations.

The year seems to begin pleasantly; our States promise fairly; and long-look't for comes at last; for the heavy burden of the people is removing; the honours of many great Ones are eclipsing; and the souldiery begin to be highly elevated, whilst the poor Countrey Farmer (whose condition I pity) complains and sads his heart, in regard his Cattle are like in many places to perish for want of fodder and meat. A great change threatens the Lawyer: Sadness seems to possesse the spirits of many great Ones. The year initiates fair, but seasonably cold and frosty; and so continues for the most part, until the 15 day, from whence (especially about the 18, 19, 20, & 21 days) look for abundance of snow or rain, and dark unwholesome weather.

Observations on Feb.

Great are the Designs now in Consults, and such as may (by Gods blessing) make us happy for some succeeding years; Angels of Gold please the saints on earth, else why are some zealous spirits now calmed? Remits cold fair weather for the most part till the 10 day; from whence expect cold winds, Rain or snow, until the 14. The 15 and 16 days fair and seasonable. About the 17, 18, & 19 days look for more rain and snow. The latter end of this month (especially the 26 day) will produce impetuous storms of Rain and Hail. Full moon the 2^d day. New moon the 17 day.

Observations on March.

The Hollander is as busie as a fly in the hony-pot, and great preparations are making against us; but alas! I cou'd wish Noah's Dove might appear with glad tydings of peace, after these late, long, and terrible wars, which are still like to be for some years universal. Some small snow the first three days. Much Rain or snow about the full Moor, and so for the most part till after the 6 day; and thence the Air will be more serene (though very cold and frosty mornings) until the 15 day. The rest of the month will be fair but windy. The 4 day full Moon, but she's totally eclipsed all England over. The 19 day full Moon.

A word in season to the Lawyer; Gentlemen, to deal ingeniously, the divine Aspects of heaven promiseth fair; ballance your Wisdom in the Scales of Equity, and do justice to all men; for there are a people that will swell with invectives against Thee neer these Times.

*The Term commences with the Lawyer's grief
[Curt Fees, and they deserve as Curt relief:]
Lawyers prefer the sharpest Lawes, as best
To keep a Common-wealth in peace and rest:
If so; why should the Gown-men frown and puff
To see the Courts of Justice lynn'd with Buff?
No Plea e're moved as a Sword can do;
For that ore-ruleth Judge and Jury too.*

April

Observations on April.

Four times shall the Inhabitants of the earth behold the Luminaries eclipsed this year, twice the Sun, and as oft the Moon; but we in England, as also Ireland, France, Spain, and Scotland, shall not see any of them, except one, & that total of the Moon, which will happen on the 4. of March; it will begin at one of the clock, 48 min. past, in the morning; the beginning will be at one min. before 3 of the clock, the greatest obscurity at 53 min. past 3 a clock; the end of it at 17 min. past 4, and at 57 min. past 5 the Moon will have fully recovered her borrowed light: the whole duration will be 4 ho: 9 min. the colour of the Eclipse at the greatest darkness will be black, with a greenish ash-colour. The effects will operate about the 26 of Octob. about which time, up goes some great Ones in Authority Rain, Thunder, and Lightning, most part of the month. Full Moon the 2^d day. New Moon the 16 day.

Observations on May.

O Save all, save all, save all; never more need; for the month seems to begin with blood; and some eminent Gentlemen are expos'd to the mercy of the merciless Heavens defend the City and Country from Oppression and Tyranny; for violent fevers, the small pox, and a great sickness or pestilence threatens the people. Violent and bloody sea-fights all along our Coasts, and great preparations in Scotland to invade us. The month begins with storms, but ends fairly, with a full Moon the 2^d day, and a new Moon the 16 day.

Whither an Army now? well! I could say

Who 'tis will get, or who shall lose the day,

Thrasillus like inform you, who shall prove

Victorious in's Ambition, who in's Love:

But I am silent, nay, I must be dumb,

'Tis Treason, now, to pray, Thy Kingdom come.

Observations on June.

Sad news from several parts; & our Grandees begin to be somewhat amused, by reason of the vehemency of an extreme pestilence that threatens to remove them from their Judicature at Westminster: Gods will be done; but my ardent desire is, That Divine providence may divert this sore and heavy judgment; and that hunger and sickness may not afflict the poor: Few Kings and Princes in Europe but shall taste of the fury of the Eclipse before cited; and those that domineer like little Lords ought to look about them: but mum! I dare say no more.

July's Observations.

A Sad time! All Europe are up in arms, and the people stretch their wits, even till they break them, to fight against the Decrees of Heaven. The Commonwealth in general is foreseen to be in a good condition, and the States receive good news from their servants at sea; Which produceth an attonement from the poor Hogens of Holland, but without a miracle no peace proceeds; so that they swarm like Locusts in our seas, yet return home handsomely beaten. Here is much snarling and tugging again about the Laws and Tythes by discontented souls, whilst our superiors are also amongst themselves divided in their consultations, how to appease the demands of Thousands, whom nothing will serve or satisfy but a new Election. Oh Heavens! the elaborate Works of many are slighted, and their great policy is not now worth the tears of a Loue; Some

(Th' Accents of her supreme Authority:)

That would do it; her in her swaddling clothes,

At the first of August, and World's Peace, our English King, Charles the first, cut down Cedar, and Levell Mountains; and on the 11th day of the month, which was the day of the Countess's death, all England was in mourning. The month begins with wind, bringing Rain about the 4 day. Snow & Rain about the 8, 9, & 10 days; but from thence till the 17 day the Air will be more serene, but cold and frosty, afterwards you shall be troubled with great and dangerous winds.

The Nation mourns because of mourning;

Her scarlet fine cause with black taint leather;

Diseases rage and strongly multiply;

Our new Republic's store, and life to give;

London bewails, bestows her lend penance;

Of begging for A posture of Deceit.

Observations on December.

Great is the increase of our enemies abroad; and divisions heighten our discontent at home. New Lords, new Laws; yet the year ends with discontent, and the people stand fully resolved to proceed a step higher into a future Election. Cold and frosty for the two first days, violent showers of Rain about the 6 day. Snow about the 8 day. Frost and cold sleeping weather from the 12 to the 16. Fair and reasonable from the 16 day till the 23. after which you shall have more snow on rain for the most part of the rest of the days, but frost concludes the year.

Before the year concludes fresh ills arise;

Few Discontents, but old Idlatries;

Our strength impairs, our enemies increase;

And all contribute to obstruct our peace;

We are yet divided, and possess not peace;

We must have better hearts, or better years.

Astrological Judgment for the year, 1653.

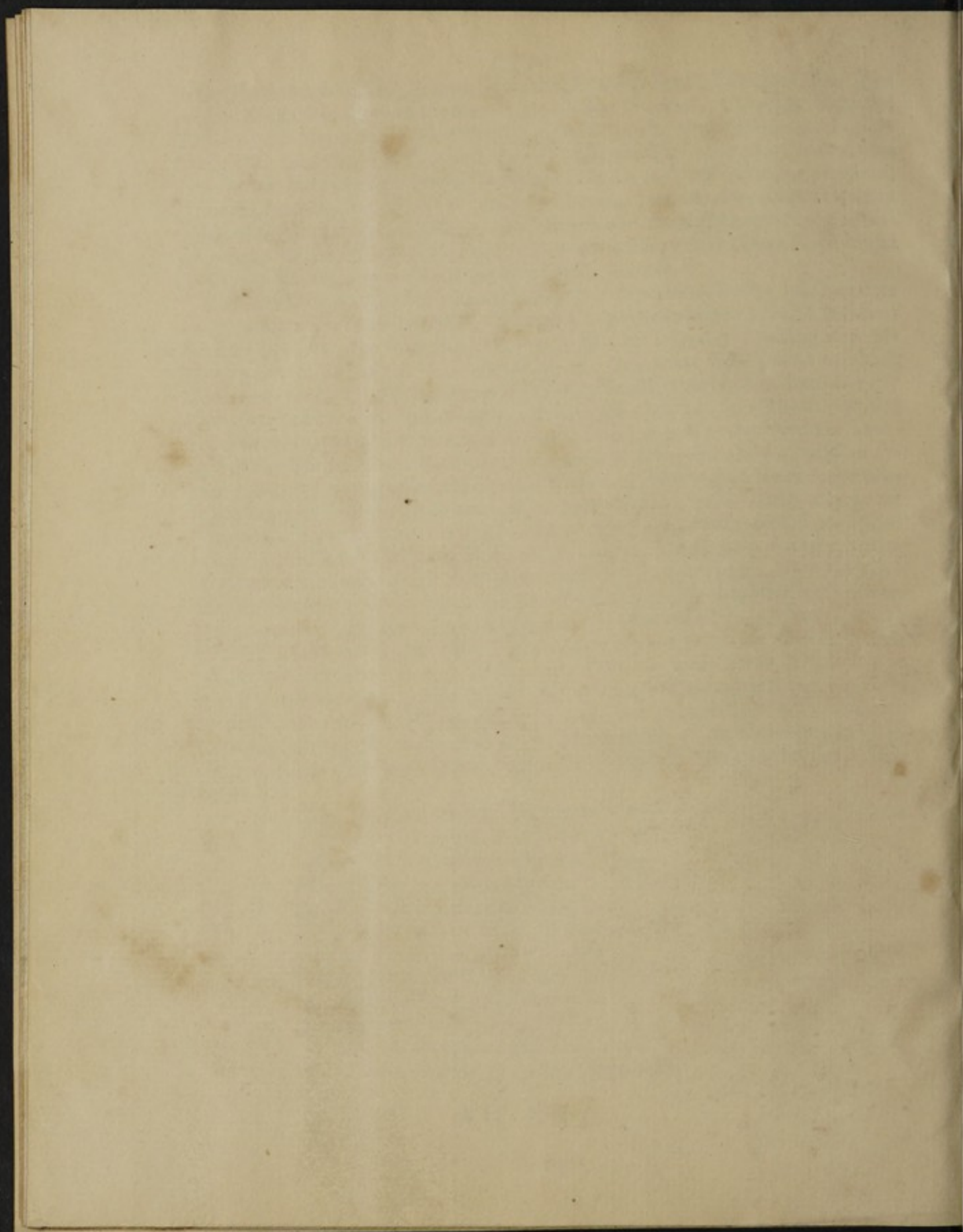
The Lord of the Ascendant in this World's Revolution is dissolved now by motion into the Case of the 3rd House, which signifies a great slaughter of famous King or Prince, great tumults, and injuries, an universal hatred and malice betwixt the people, and their Governors, cruel and bloody wars both by sea and land, the sackings of Cities and Towns, Houses burning, Robberies, Rapes, Depopulations, violent and unexpected deaths, rampant Seditions, long and grievous infirmities, the plague, and a general Murrain amongst Cattel: Abortive births, acute fevers, poxes and Plumes, with other diseases proceeding of blood; vehement Colds, a dearth of corn and rait, abundance of in and Worms: New Religions, new Governments, new Laws, new Customs. in word, a general madness and confusion to all such Kingdoms, Commonwealths, Cities, and Towns, as are under the dominion of Aries, Cancer, &c. that is

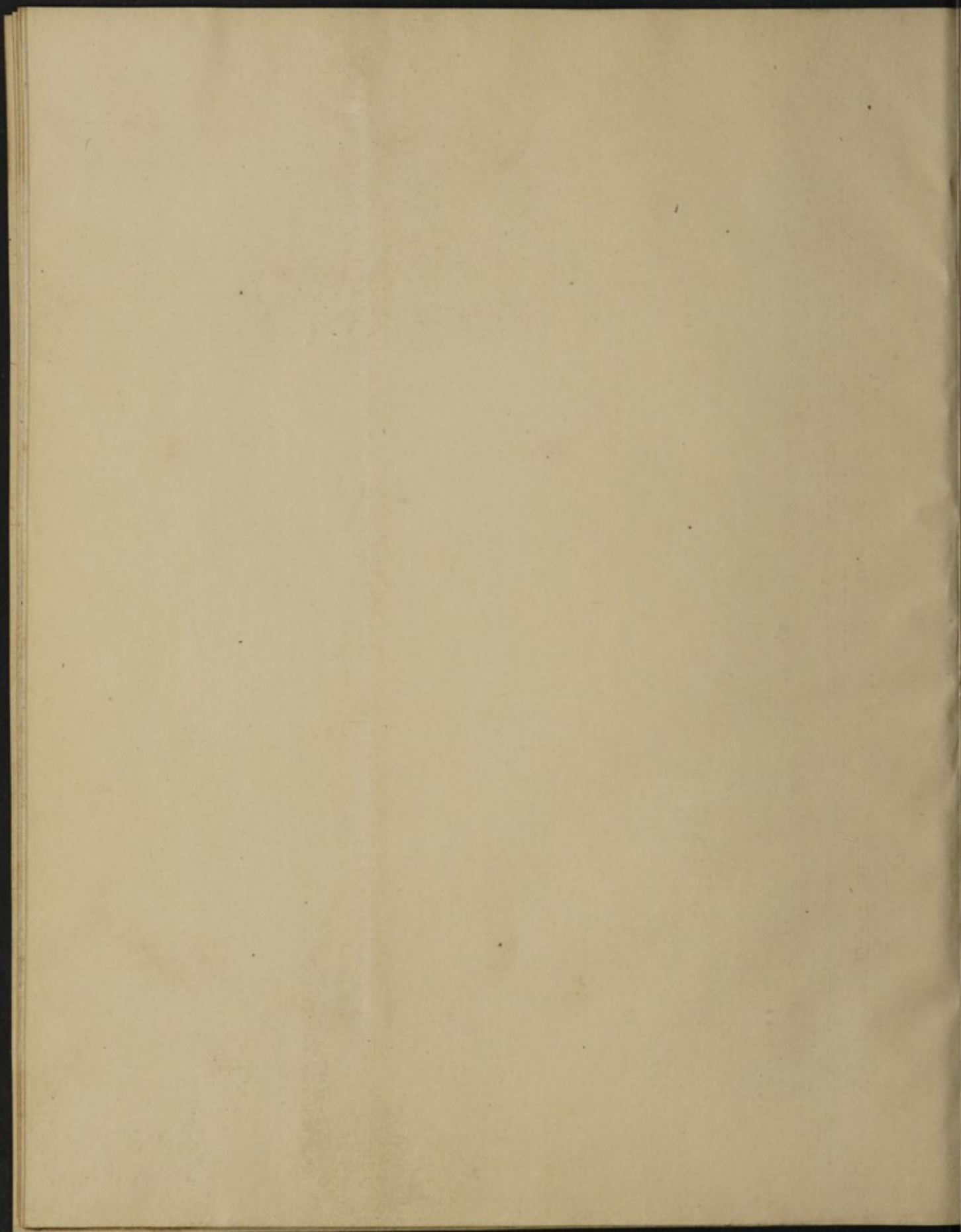
to say, England, Scotland, France, Germany, Zealand, Spain, Portugal, &c. The present King of Spain hath the Sun in the 18 deg. of Aries, with the Dragons Tayl, and the Moon in the 28 of Sagittary, in conjunction with Saturn, the Sun in the 5th, and the Moon in the 2^d house of the Radix; and therefore let him expect some harm or loss to befall him either in his body, children, or revenew, if not all. Another King I know (and truly honour) which Horoscope is within 3 deg. of the point eclipsed, Mar. 3. 1653. which bodes him some infirmity of body, what, I say not: because I suppose the progression of the Horoscope to the Terms of Jupiter, may frustrate the evil thereby signified.

But I wish we may find it otherwise then is here premonished; I desire peace and not war; but I fear it much, though I hope the contrary; for I see mens hearts more obdurate then ever, every man in these iron d.ys looking after his own by-ends, and not at the common good; but what need I ment on this? Doth not every man that hath eyes see how miserably this Nation hath already been wrackt and poled by a company of beggerly cheats? Sub-Treasurers and Sequestrators look about you, & all you, that have unjustly converted the Treasure of the Commonwealth to your own uses; of what place and condition soever you are of, you are sore threatned, the time will come, and is neer approaching, when you must render an account of your actions; your riches may prove your ruine, if you make not a timely account to the Common-wealth. I pray God make the Parliament wise, the Body of this Fabrick standing upon a jvery tottering foundation: for if this Authority under which we men, after this Opposition of Saturn and Jupiter, shall enforce us to some new and illegal assessment, or by way of raising money upon any pretence whatsoever (except against the Dutch) I am confident, we of the Commonalty joyning with the souldier, shall assume so much liberty to our selves, as to choose and elect such Members as hereafter shall be more tender of our purses, and more liberal of their own; and we shall indeavor so strictly to call unto account each member of this Parl. who hath singured our Treasure, that we shall leave many of them as naked as when they came out of their mothers wombs, or when first to be members of Parliament.

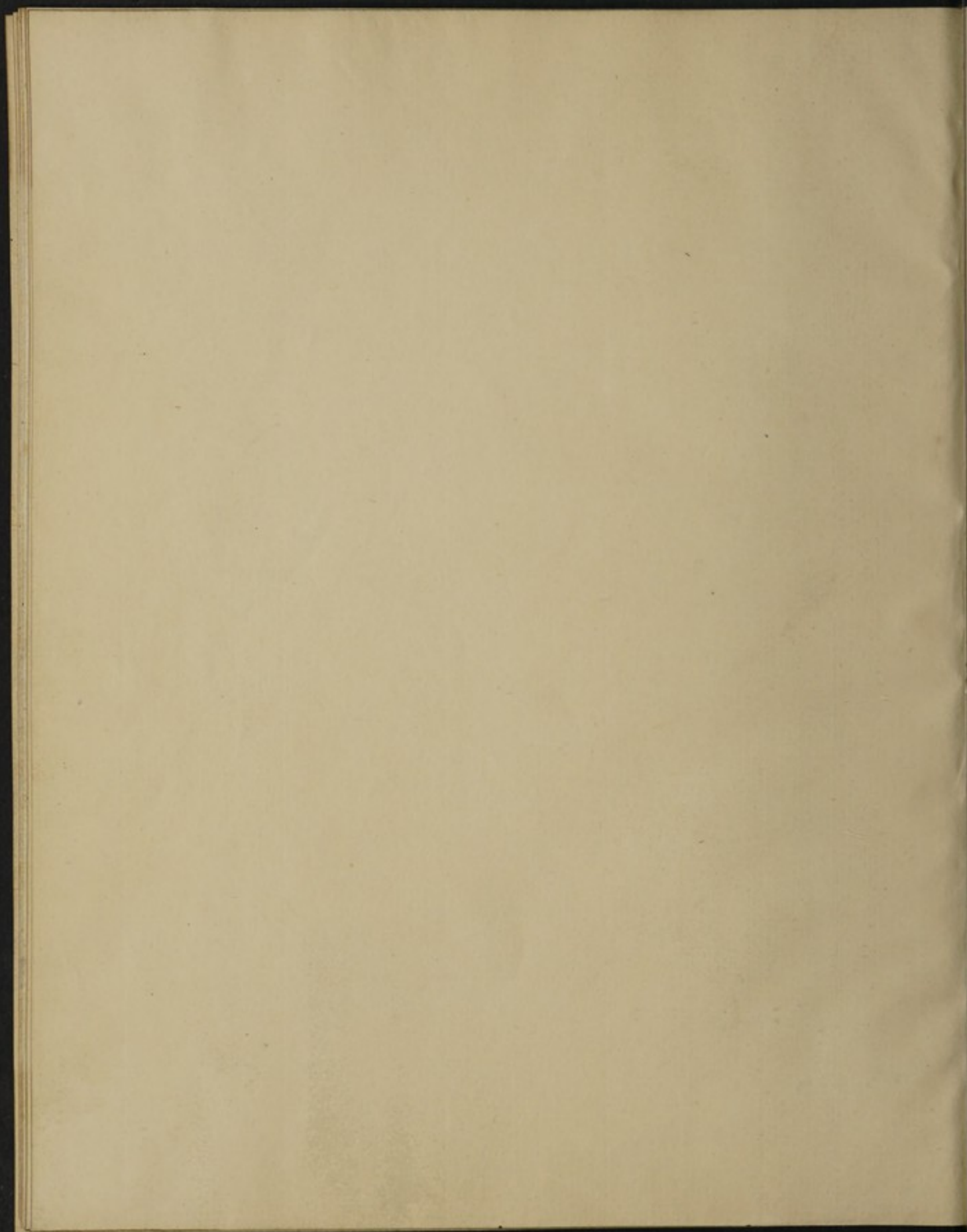
*Thus Changes come, thus Changes will ensue
(Till these corrupted Bodies change for new
And put on Incorruption) Men and Things,
Whole Countreyes, Cities, Beggers, Princes, Kings;
He who but lately wore a Crown of Gold,
Crown'd now with thorns, exil'd, or basely sold:
He clad in Rags and fed with scraps be-fore,
Now throw'd in's stead and sursetting with store:
A glorious Church and Kingdom, but to day,
To morrow both the Wolfe and Fox's prey:
All, all to change, and Dissolution tend,
Poor Almanacks, ev'n they! must have*

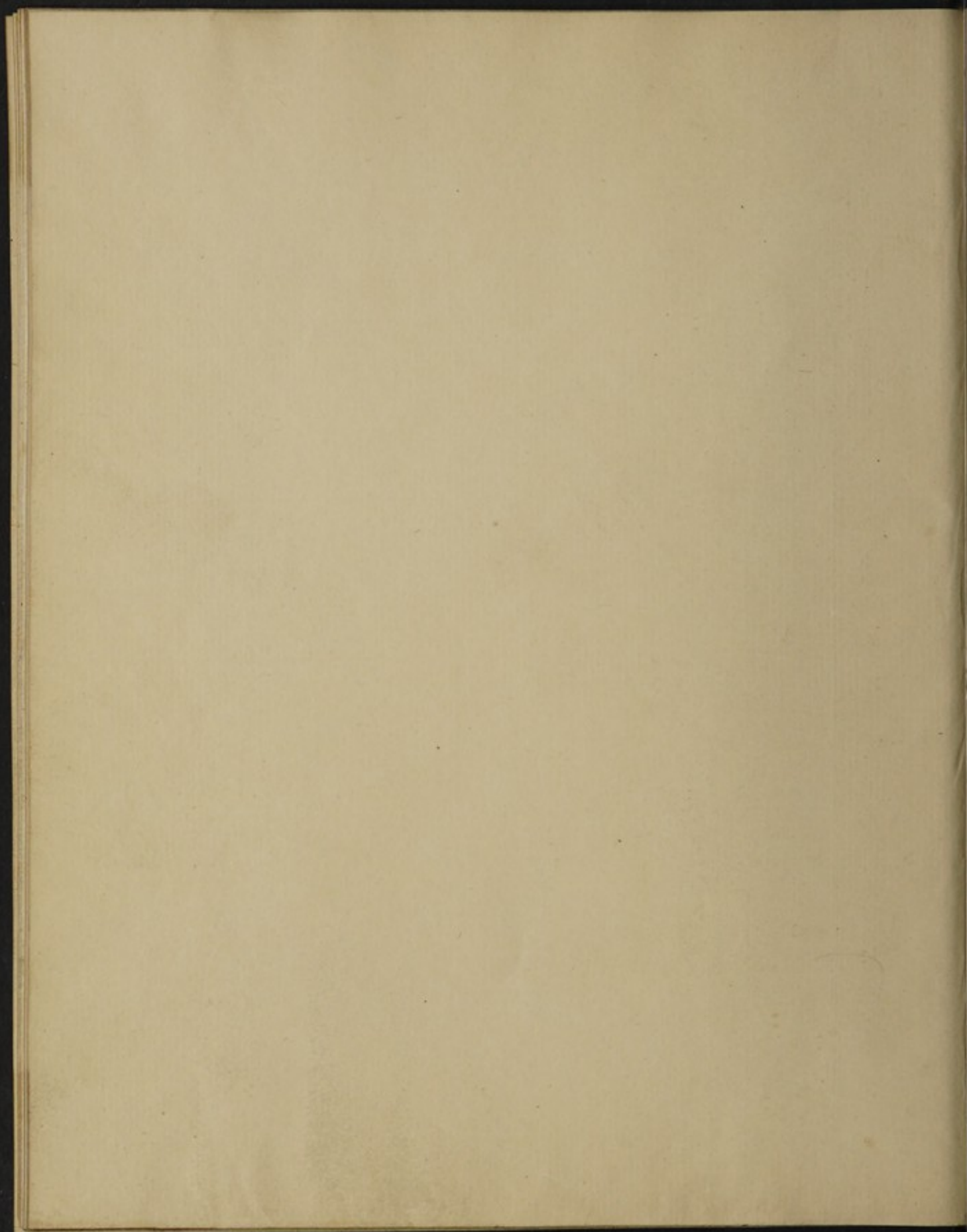
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