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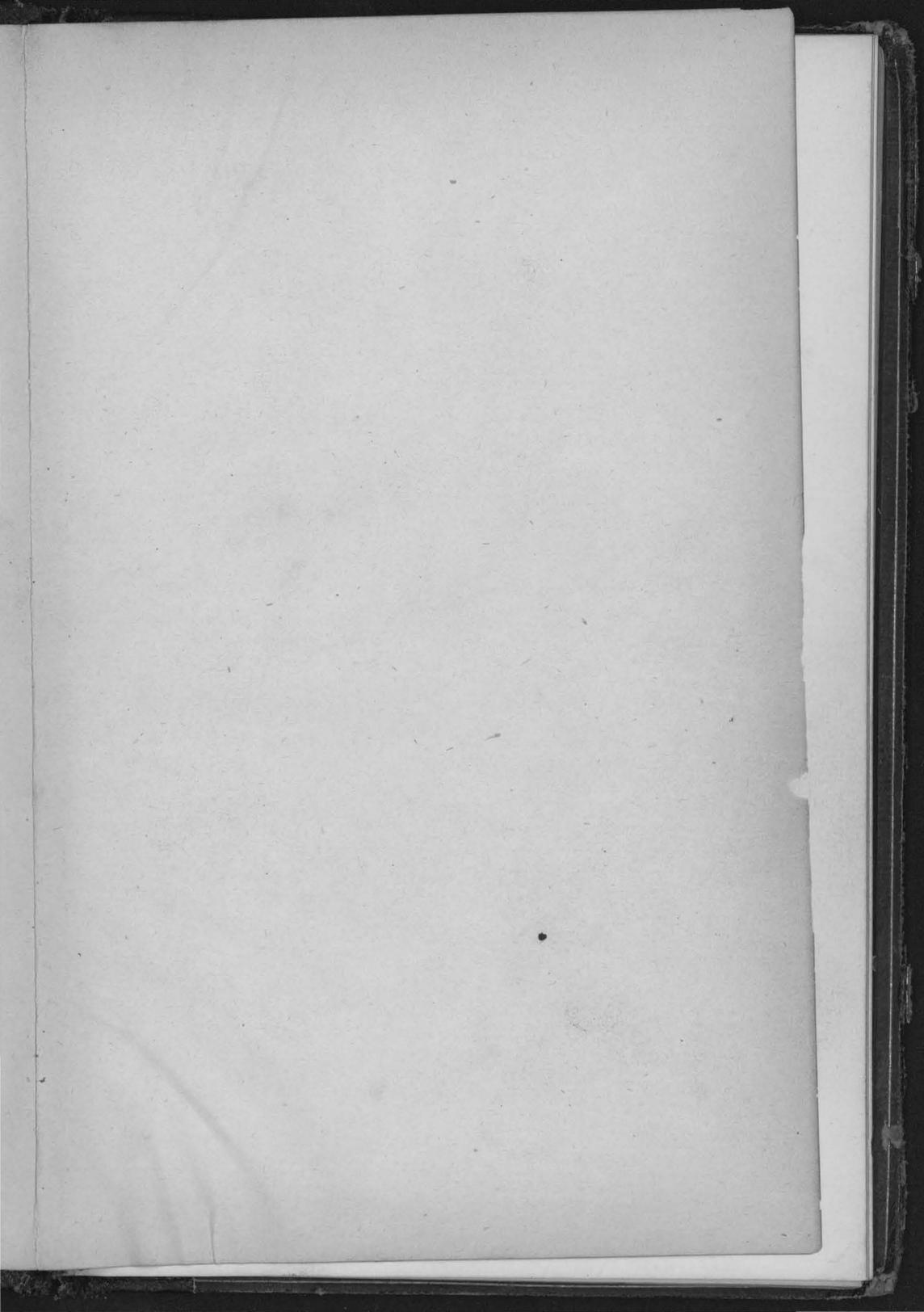


STATUTES
OF THE
MOST ANCIENT
AND
MOST NOBLE ORDER
OF THE
THISTLE



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June 21.

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HIS MAJESTY AND HIS HEIRE

ORDER OF THE THISTLE

BY

HIS MAJESTY ANNE

BY THE LETTERS UNDER

THE GREAT SEAL OF GREAT BRITAIN, FRANCE AND IRELAND

BEARING THE FOLLOWING

IN WITNESS WHEREOF WE HAVE CAUSED THESE LETTERS TO BE WRITTEN

AND SIGNED BY US IN THE PRESENCE OF OUR PRIVY COUNCIL

AT WESTMINSTER THE 21ST OF JUNE 1714

IN WITNESS WHEREOF WE HAVE CAUSED THESE LETTERS TO BE WRITTEN

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STATUTES AND ORDERS

OF THE

MOST ANCIENT AND MOST NOBLE

ORDER OF THE THISTLE,

REVIVED BY

HER MAJESTY ANNE,

BY THE GRACE OF GOD,

Queen of Scotland, England, France, and Ireland,

DEFENDER OF THE FAITH,

Sovereign of the said Most Noble Order,

FOR

THE BETTER REGULATING THE PROCEEDINGS AND
SOLEMNITIES THEREOF,

IN ALL THE CIRCUMSTANCES THEREUNTO BELONGING.

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STATUTES AND ORDERS,

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1. In the first place, We think fit to continue the ancient number of Knights, to wit, Twelve Brethren, with Ourself, the Sovereign of the said Most Noble Order, to be the precise number of that Order in all time coming.

2. That the Sovereign's Habit be such as they shall think fit at any time hereafter to appoint. That the Habit of the Brethren of this Order be a Doublet and Trunk Hose of Cloth of Silver; Stockings of Pearl-coloured Silk, with White Leather Shoes, Garters, and Shoe-strings of Green and Silver; the Breeches and Sleeves of the Doublet decently garnished with Silver and Green Ribbands, a Surcoat of Purple Velvet, lined with White Taffeta, girt about the middle with a Purple Sword-belt, edged with Gold, and a Buckle of Gold, at which a Sword with a Gilded Hilt, whereof the shell is to be in form of the Badge of the Order, and the Pommel in the form of a Thistle, in a scabbard of Purple Velvet, over all which a Mantle or Robe, of Green Velvet, lined with White Taffeta, with Tassels of Gold and Green, upon the left shoulder of which, upon a Field of Green, Saint Andrew the Apostle, his Image, bearing before him the Cross of his Martyrdom, of Silver Embroidery, with a circle of Gold round it, upon which the

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motto "*Nemo me impune lacesset*," in letters of Green, and at the lower part of it a Thistle of Gold and Green, the Flower Reddish. About the Shoulders is to be worn the Collar of the Order, consisting of Thistles, and Sprigs of Rue going betwixt, at the middle of which, before, is to hang the Saint Andrew of Gold, enamelled, with his Gown Green, and the Surcoat Purple, bearing before him the Cross, enamelled White, or, if of Diamonds, the exact number of Thirteen; the Cross and Feet of Saint Andrew resting upon a Green ground, the Collar to be tied to the shoulders of the Robe with White Ribband; upon their heads, on days of solemn procession or feasting, where the Sovereign is present, or has a Commissioner for that effect, they are to wear, at the time of permission, a Cap of Black Velvet, faced up with a border of the same, a little divided before, wide and loose in the Crown, having a large plume of White Feathers, with a Black Egret, or Heron's Top, in the middle of it, the Borders of the Cap adorned with Jewels.

3. That the Jewel of the said Order is to be worn at a Green Ribband over the left shoulder, cross the body, and tied under the right arm; the Jewel to have on the one side the Image of Saint Andrew, with the Cross before, enamelled, as is above said, or cut on stone, enriched with precious stones round it, on the back of which shall be enamelled a Thistle, Gold and Green, the Flower Reddish, with the before-mentioned motto round it; the Ground upon which the Thistle is to be done shall be enamelled Green.

4. That the Medal of the Order be all of Gold, being the Saint Andrew, bearing before him the Cross of his Martyrdom, with a Circle round, on which to be the motto of the Order, and at the lower part of the Circle, between the joining of the words, a Thistle, and to be

worn in a Green Ribband, as the Jewel, at times when the Jewel is not worn.

5. That upon the left breast of the Coat and Cloak shall be embroidered a badge of proportionable bigness, being Saint Andrew's Cross, of Silver Embroidery, with Rays going out between the points of the Cross, in the middle of which, a Thistle of Green and Gold, upon a Field of Green, and round the Thistle and Field a Circle of Gold, having on it the motto of the Order in letters of Green.

6. That Her Majesty, and Her Royal Successors, Sovereigns of the said Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle, shall, in all time coming, wear the said Order on the Ribband of the Order of the Garter, or otherwise, in any manner that Her Majesty shall think fit, and shall wear the Collar of the said Order on the Day of the Feast of Saint Andrew, being the Thirtieth of November yearly.

7. That the Knights Brethren of the said Order shall wear their Collars on all Collar Days, wherever the Sovereign is, and within Scotland, by obligation, upon all days of public solemnities, whether the Sovereign be there or not.

8. That all the Collar Days be the same Ordinary Collar Days now observed by her Majesty.

9. That the Collar, with the Saint Andrew belonging to it, and the Medal of the Order given by Her Majesty and Successors, Sovereigns of the said Most Noble Order, to the Knights Brethren thereof at their admission, be returned, at their deaths, to the Sovereign.

10. The Order is to have a Great Seal in the custody of the Chancellor thereof, having on the Dexter side Saint Andrew's Cross, and on the Sinister, the Arms of Great Britain, as they are carried by Us in Scotland, encircled with the Collar of the Order, with the Image

of St Andrew hanging at it, with the motto of the Order going round the seal: on the other side, the Image of Saint Andrew, bearing the Cross before him, with a Glory round his head, written round "*Magnum Sigillum Antiquissimi et Nobilissimi Ordinis Cardui.*"

11. That there be a Secretary of the Order, to transmit the Sovereign's Orders to the Knights Brethren, and that he attend her Royal Person for that effect. He shall have, on days of solemnity, a Mantle of Green Satin, lined with White, on the left shoulder of which the Badge of Saint Andrew's Cross;—his Ordinary Badge is to be hung in a Chain of Gold, being a Thistle, Gold and Green, upon Two Pens crossed saltier ways, with the motto round about, and an imperial Crown upon the Top.

12. The Lyon shall have Robes and Badges upon the shoulder conform to the Secretary, in his hand, his Staff of Office, and about his neck, his Badge, with the Saint Andrew turned outward.

13. The Usher conform to the Secretary in all things except his Badge, which is to be Two Sprigs of Rue in form of Saint Andrew's Cross, Vert upon a Field White, upon which a Thistle of Gold, and round the motto, upon which an Imperial Crown, and in his hand the Baton of his Office. *Extract from Statutes of the Order of the Thistle*

14. Before any can be admitted to the Most Noble Order, he must be a Knight Bachelor.

Here follows the Form of the Oaths to be taken by all such as shall be admitted into this Order as Brethren,

1st, I shall fortify and defend the true reformed Protestant Religion, and Christ's Holy Evangel, to the utmost of my power.

2d, I shall be loyal and true to my Sovereign Lady

the Queen, Sovereign of this Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle.

3d, I shall maintain and defend the Statutes, Privileges, and Honours of the said Order.

4th, I shall never bear Treason about in my heart against our Sovereign Lady the Queen, but shall discover the same to her :

So help me God.

15. The Oath being taken by the Elect Knights, before any whom the Sovereign shall appoint, they may actually wear the Badges and other Ornaments belonging to the Order; and in regard We have not as yet named a person to be Chancellor of the said Order, and that there is no Great Seal belonging thereto, We do therefore ordain, that our Signet of the said Order, which is to be in the custody of our Secretary of the said Order, shall serve for any Warrant or Order that We shall think fit to grant or emit, for nominating any of the Knights Brethren or Officers, or any other thing relating to the said Order.

16. The Royal Chapel of our Palace of Holyrood House (is) to be Chapel of the Order in time coming.

17. That no alteration of the Habit, Jewel, Collar, Badge, or other Ornaments belonging to the said Order, or of the using or wearing of them, be offered to Her Majesty by any of the Brethren, without a concurrence of the major part of them.

Given under our Royal Hand and Signet, at our Court at St James's, the Thirty-first day of December 1703, and of our Reign the Second year.—A. R.

By Her Majesty's Command,
CROMARTIE.

ADDITIONAL STATUTES *of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle, made and appointed by GEORGE, by the Grace of God, King of Great Britain, France, and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, and Sovereign of the said Most Noble Order.*

George R.

THAT the words of the Oath contained in the Statutes, signed by our Royal Sister and Cousin, the late Queen ANNE of Blessed Memory, upon the 31st day of December 1703, and appointed to be taken by the Knights Brethren and Officers of the said Order, be Lord GEORGE, in the place of Lady ANNE.

That the form of the Oath to be taken by the Usher of the said Order be the same that was appointed to be taken by the Secretary.

That the Thistle, in the middle of the Star, to be worn on the Coat or Cloak, be Green, heightened with Gold, upon a field of Gold, and that the Circle round the Thistle and Field be Green, and the motto in letters of Gold.

That upon the left shoulder of the Mantle or Robe of Green Velvet there be the Star, as is hereby appointed to be wore on the Coat or Cloak, in place of what was directed to be wore by the aforesaid Statutes.

That the Image of St. Andrew, which, by the aforesaid Statutes, is appointed to be wore at the Collar of the Order, be made larger than it now is, and have round it Rays of Gold going out from it, making the form of a Glory.

That all Orders, Rules, and Statutes, relating to the said Most Noble Order, which have been heretofore made and appointed by Her said late Majesty Queen ANNE, and not altered by the above Statutes, are hereby confirmed.

Given under our Royal Hand and Signet of our Order, at our Court at St James's, the Seventeenth day of February 1714-15, in the First Year of our Reign.

By the Sovereign's command,

DAVID NAIRN,
Sec. Nob. Ord. Card.

ADDITIONAL STATUTES of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle, made and appointed by GEORGE, by the Grace of God, King of Great Britain, France, and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, and Sovereign of the said Most Noble Order, (viz.)

George R.

WHEREAS We have appointed Robes for our Knights Brethren of our Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle, for the more solemn and decent manner of holding Chapters of Election; We have likewise thought fit to appoint the following ceremonial and method to be observed, as followeth:

That upon the death of any Knight Brother of the Order, the Sovereign, or His Commissioner, after having notice thereof, shall forthwith give directions for summoning as many of the Knights as can then conveniently be had, to meet within six weeks, for the electing a new Brother into the Society.

That there be three Knights at least, besides the Sovereign, or his Commissioner, to constitute a Chapter; but under this number no Election to be made, unless, in case of exigency, the Sovereign being present, be pleased to grant a dispensation for want of full number.

That neither the Sovereign nor any Knights Brethren

enter the Chapter without wearing both their Mantles and Collars, nor any of the Officers of the Order attend without his Mantle and Chain. That none have power to nominate, but only such who are present at the Chapter, and no Proxy be admitted to vote: that each of the Knights Brethren that are present at the Election shall nominate for himself six sufficient Persons, free from all reproach and scandal, whether they be Subjects or Foreigners, provided that they are known not to favour or abet any party at enmity with the Sovereign; that is to say, Two Earls, or of higher degree, Two Barons, and Two Knights.

That the Scrutiny be collected by the Secretary, there being as yet no Chancellor; and in the absence of the Secretary, the collection to be made by Lyon King of Arms; but in absence of both these Officers, the Scrutiny may be gathered by the Usher.

That whoever collects the Scrutiny, they must begin with the youngest Knight, and so proceed upward from one side to another, ending at the eldest; and after the Scrutiny is taken, he must humbly declare to the Sovereign the Person on whom the choice is fallen. The Sovereign approving of the Election, the Green Rod must be sent out attending the Two Junior Knights, to introduce the Elect Knight, who enters the Chapter supported on his right and left hand by the Two Knights, Green Rod walking before them, who, as soon as they enter the room, must make their low reverences to the Sovereign, or his Commissioner, and, about half-way, another; and being advanced up to the Sovereign, a third low reverence; after which the Green Rod shall draw the Sword of State, and, kneeling, present the same to the Sovereign, upon which the Elect Knight, being presented, and kneeling down, shall receive the Honour of a Knight Bachelor; which

the said Union, do not now exist, amounting in the whole to One Hundred and Eleven Pounds Two Shillings^s and Two Pence: and whereas, likewise, the Fee of our Usher of the said Order being in that Table but Eight Pounds Six Shillings and Sixpence, a sum that bears no proportion to his Office, We have therefore thought fit, by the advice of the Knights Brethren of our said Most Ancient and Most Noble Order, and for the better encouragement of the said Officer, to appoint his Fee, in all time coming, to be Twenty-seven Pounds Fifteen Shillings and Sixpence, according to the under-written Table, viz.

To the Secretary of the Order,	- - -	£55 : 11 : 0
To Lyon King of Arms,	- - -	27 : 15 : 7
To the Usher of the Order,	- - -	27 : 15 : 7

In all, £111 : 2 : 2

Which sum of One Hundred and Eleven Pounds Two Shillings and Two Pence, We do hereby order and require all who shall be admitted as Knights Brethren of our Most Ancient and Most Noble Order, to pay according to the above distribution, upon their being admitted into the said Order.

Given under our Royal Hand and Signet of our Order aforesaid, at our Court at St James's, the Seventeenth day of July 1717, in the Third Year of our Reign.

By the Sovereign's Command,

DAVID NAIRN, *Sec.*

Addition to the foregoing Statutes.

G. R.

AND whereas the Table of fees established by our Most Dear Sister, the late Queen ANNE, before the Union of

the Two Kingdoms, did consist of divers articles due to several Officers, some of which, by virtue of the Union, does not now exist, amounting in the whole to One Hundred and Eleven Pounds Two Shillings and Two Pence: and whereas, likewise, it being humbly represented unto Us, by the Knights Brethren of our Most Noble Order aforesaid, that the Fees formerly appointed were too mean, and not suitable to the dignity of the Order, and in which there was not sufficient provision made for the six Heralds, six Pursuivants, and six Trumpeters, in that part of our United Kingdom of Great Britain called Scotland, therefore We will and ordain, that the Table of Fees, in all time coming, be as followeth, viz.

To the Secretary of the Order,	-	-	£100
To Lyon King of Arms,	-	-	70
To the Gentleman Usher of the Green Rod,			70
To the six Heralds,	-	-	30
To the six Pursuivants,	-	-	18
To the six State Trumpeters,	-	-	9

In all, £297

Which sum of Two Hundred and Ninety-seven Pounds Sterling aforesaid, We do appoint to be paid to the respective Officers above mentioned, or their Attorney, by each succeeding Knight, upon their admittance into the said Most Ancient and Most Noble Order.

Given under our Royal hand and Signet of our Order aforesaid, at our Court at St James's, the Fourteenth day of February 1720-1, in the Seventh Year of our Reign.

By the Sovereign's Command,

DAVID NAIRN, *Sec.*

His Majesty GEORGE III., by Warrant dated the Seventh of January 1763, was pleased to appoint Doctor JOHN JARDINE to be Dean of the said Order, who is to receive and take for each succeeding Knight, upon his admission into the said Order, the sum of Fifty Pounds Sterling for his Fee, as Dean of the said Order.

George R.

WHEREAS, by the Statutes of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle, made and appointed by her late Majesty Queen ANNE, it is, amongst other things, provided, that the number of Knights of the said Order should be Twelve Brethren, besides the Sovereign of the Order. Now, We being minded to mark with our Royal favour a greater number of Noble Persons, do ordain and declare, that the number of Brethren of the said Most Ancient and Most Noble Order shall henceforth, and in all time coming, be Sixteen.

Given under our Royal Hand and Signet of our Order aforesaid, at our Court at St. James's this Eighth day of May 1827, in the Eighth Year of our Reign.

By the Sovereign's Command.

ROBT. QUARME, *Gent. Usher*,
In the absence of the Secretary.

Statute fixing the Ceremonial to be observed at Chapters of the Order of the Thistle.

William R.

WHEREAS, by a Statute of our Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle, made by our Royal Predecessor King GEORGE the First, bearing date the 17th day of July 1717, certain Regulations were Ordained regarding the more Solemn manner of holding Chapters of Election

within the said Order; and whereas it hath been humbly represented unto Us, that the said Regulations have for many Years past been dispensed with or disused, We, taking the Premises into Our Royal consideration, are graciously pleased to ordain and declare that the following Ceremonial shall, henceforward, be observed at all Chapters of our said Order, viz.

That, whenever the Sovereign shall be pleased to Command a Chapter of the said Order to be holden, the Secretary (there being as yet no Chancellor of the Order) shall issue Letters of Summons to the Knights Brethren of the Order, requiring them to attend at the time and place appointed, habited in their Mantles, and wearing their Collars of the Order. That there shall be three Knights at least, besides the Sovereign, to constitute a Chapter, unless, under especial circumstances, the Sovereign be pleased to grant a dispensation therewith, under the Seal of the Order.

The Knights Brethren having assembled, and being attended by the Officers of the Order, (wearing their Mantles and the Chains and Badges of their respective Offices,) shall be called over by the Secretary of the Order, and proceed into the presence of the Sovereign in the Chapter-Room.

The Sovereign having been pleased to command the Knights Brethren to take their respective seats at the Table, and having signified His Royal pleasure, touching the Election of a Knight into the said Order, each of the Knights Brethren shall nominate, in writing, six Sufficient Persons, (being subjects of the Sovereign, and free from all reproach,) that is to say, two Dukes, Marquises, or Earls, two Viscounts or Barons, and two Knights. The Suffrages shall then be collected by the Secretary (or his Deputy,) and in their absence by the Lord Lyon, and in his absence by the Usher of the Green Rod. The Officer who collects the Suffrages shall begin with the Junior

Knight, and proceed regularly upwards to the Senior Knight, and shall then, kneeling, present the same to the Sovereign.

The Sovereign having been graciously pleased to declare the name of the Person Elected into the Order, the Knight Elect shall be received at the Door of the Chapter-Room by the two Junior Knights Brethren present, and conducted between them, with the accustomed reverences to the Sovereign, preceded by the Secretary, bearing the Ensigns of the Order on a Cushion, and by the Usher of the Green Rod. The Sword of State, being thereupon delivered to the Sovereign by the Senior Knight present, the Knight Elect shall kneel down, and receive the honour of Knighthood, after which he shall Kiss the Sovereign's hand. The Knight then rising, the Chancellor or Secretary shall administer the Oath to him. The Knight again kneeling near the Sovereign, the Secretary on his knee, will present to the Sovereign, the Ribband and Jewel of the Order, which the Sovereign will place over the Knight's left shoulder. The Knight having again kissed the Sovereign's hand, will rise, and having received the congratulations of the Knights Brethren, will retire.

The Chapter being ended, the Knights Brethren will, by command of the Sovereign, be again called over by the Secretary, and will withdraw from the presence of the Sovereign with the usual reverences, attended by the Officers of the Order :—

Given under our Royal Hand and the Signet of our Order aforesaid, this Fourteenth day of August 1833, in the Fourth Year of our Reign.

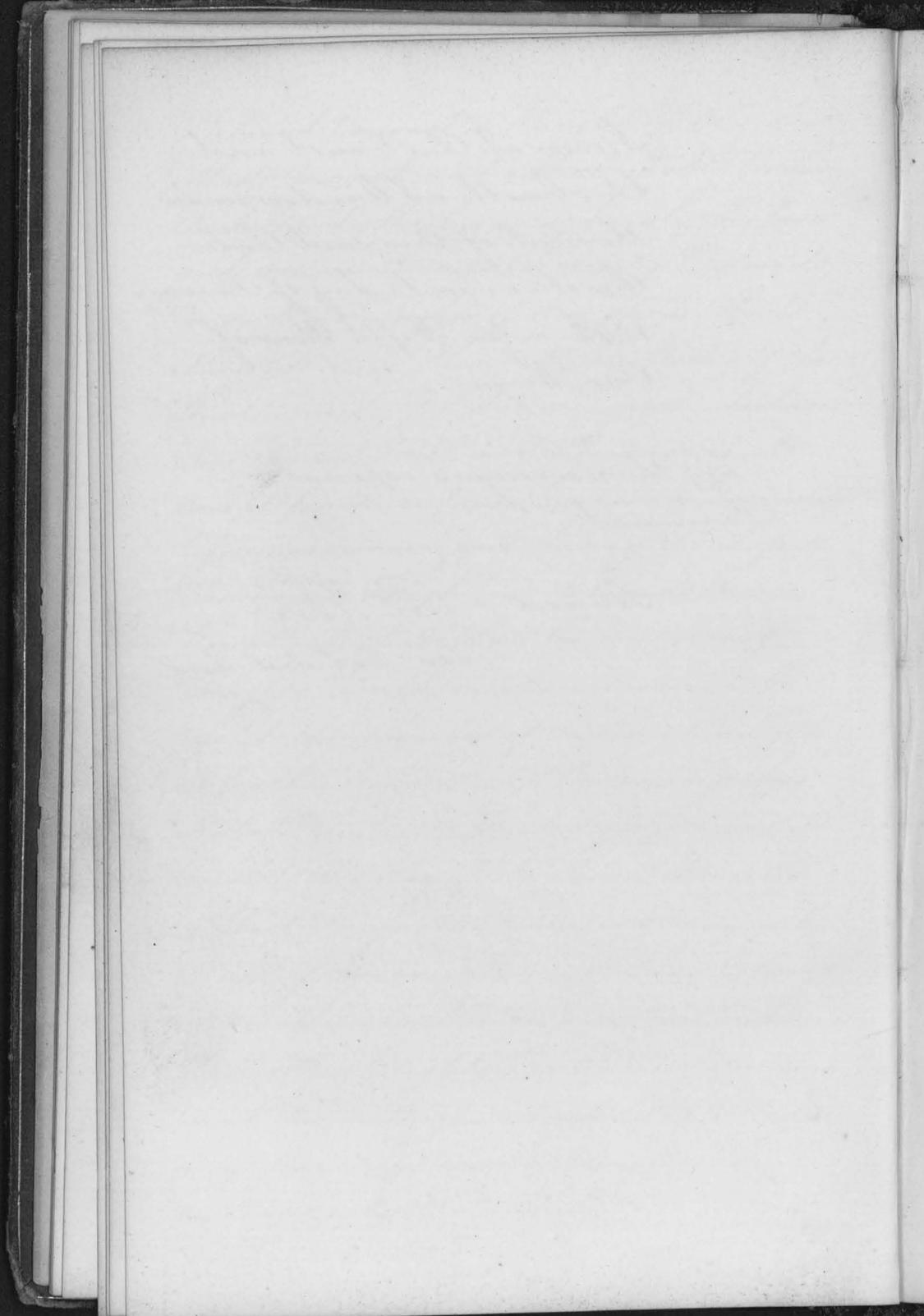
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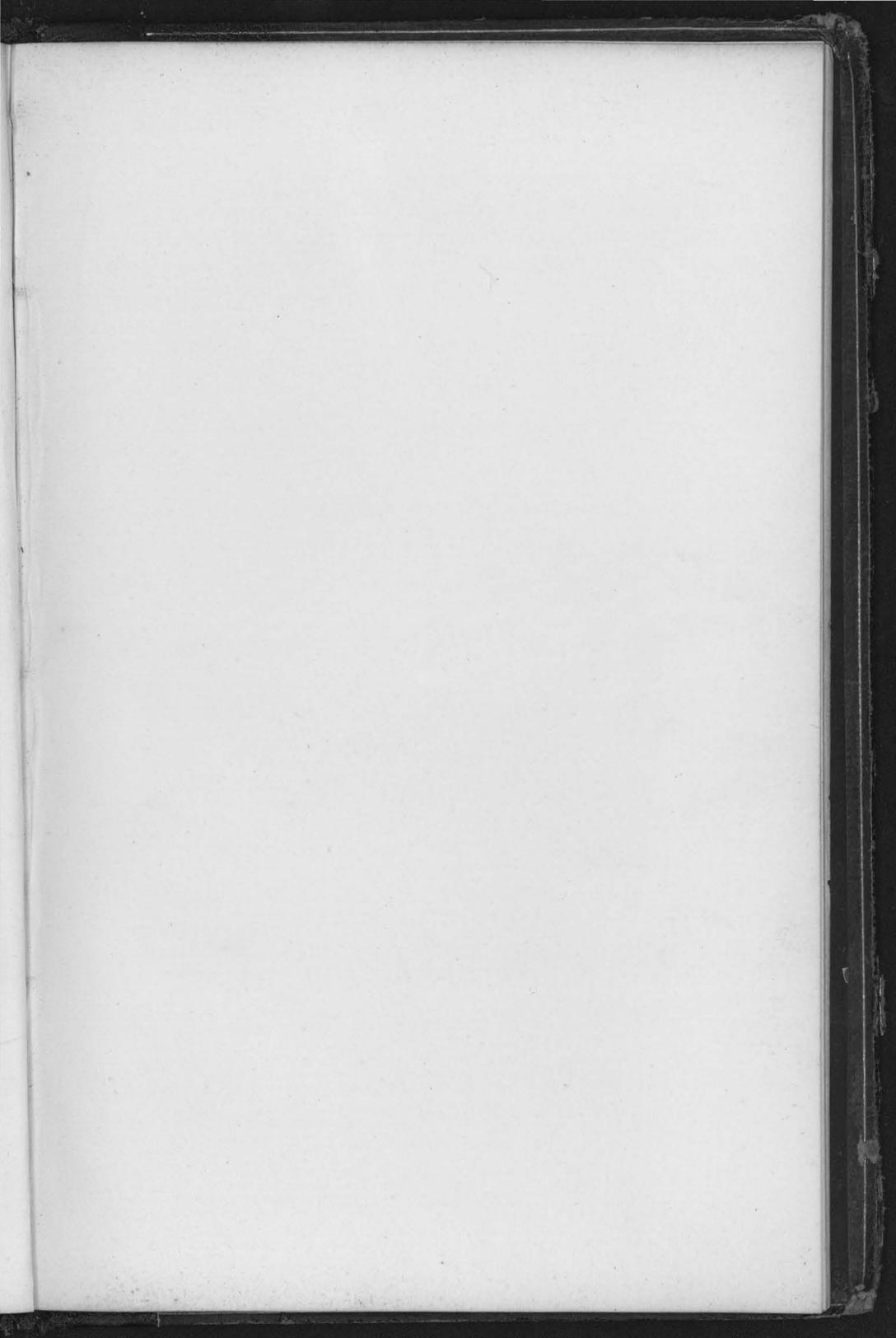
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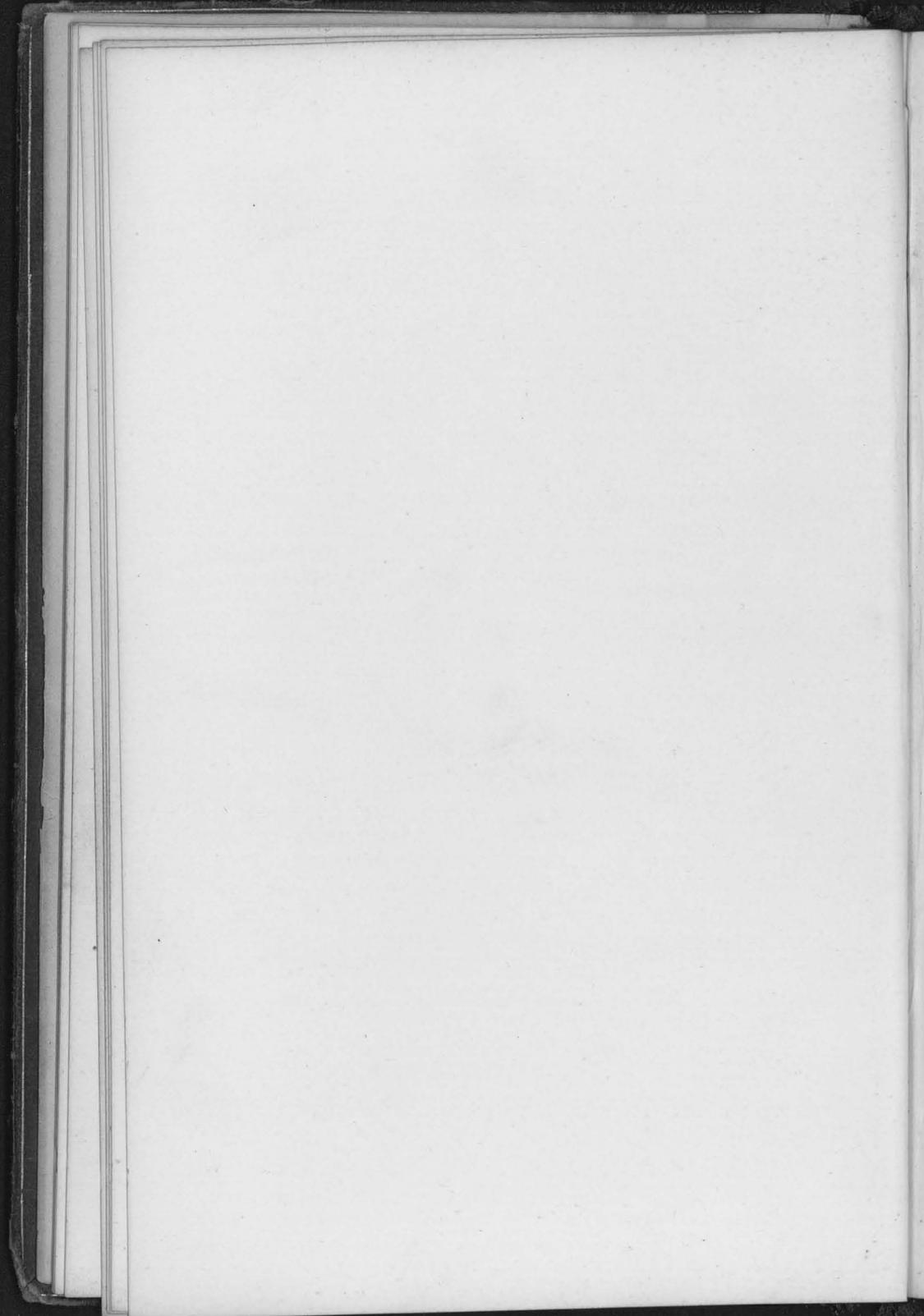
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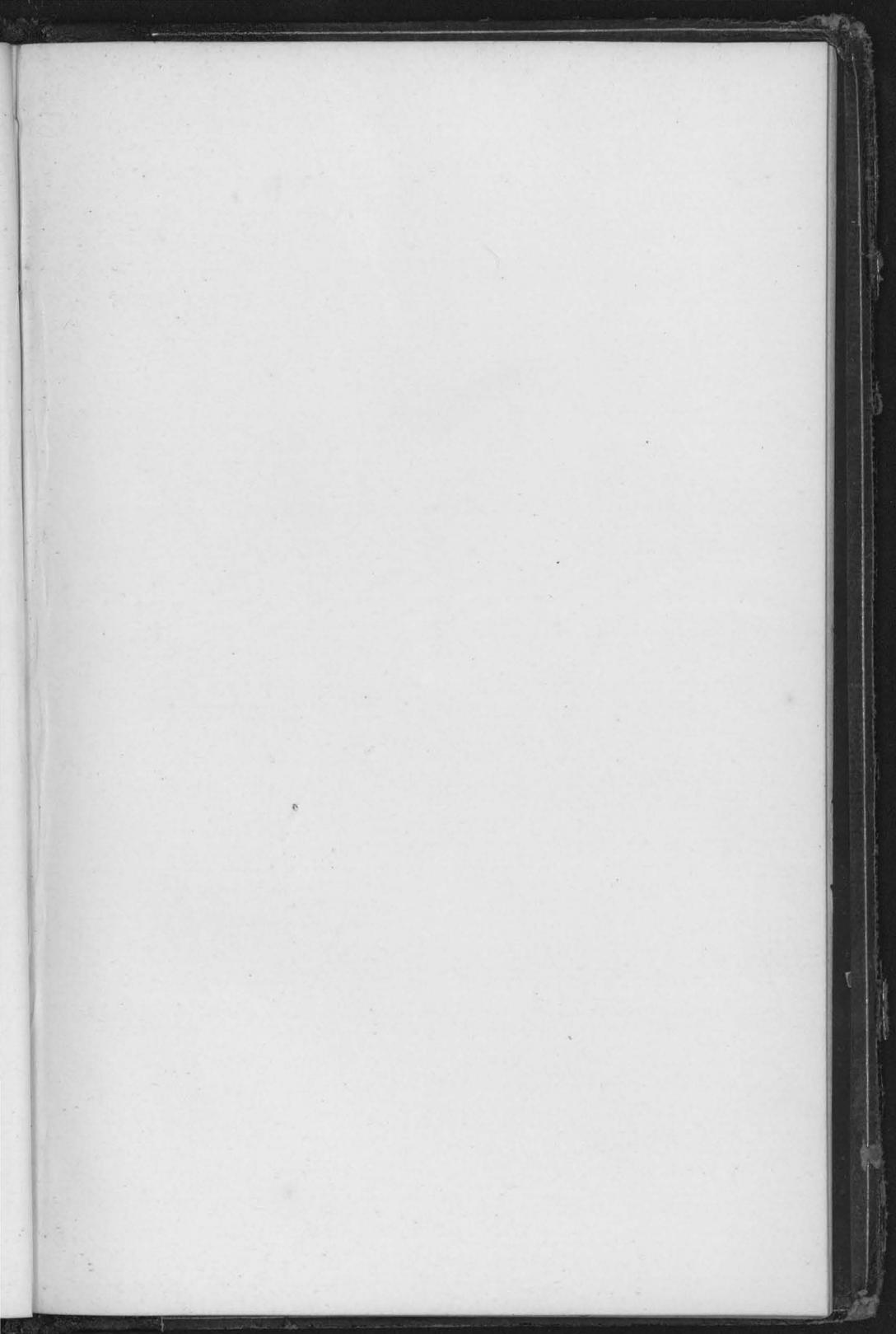
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Order of the Knights of the Bath, the number of
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teen, and We the Sovereign of the said
Order being desirous of increasing in an
special manner our Royal Regard
for our dear and Beloved Consort His
Royal Highness Prince Albert
Augustus Charles Emmanuel Duke
of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha and
Noble Order of the Bath and Knight
Grand Cross of Our Most Honourable
Military Order of the Bath, We do here
by in virtue of the power inherent in Us
as Sovereign discharge with the Statute
whereby the number of Knights of the Bath
thereof is limited as aforesaid in as far
as may be required for the special pur-
pose of admitting our said dear

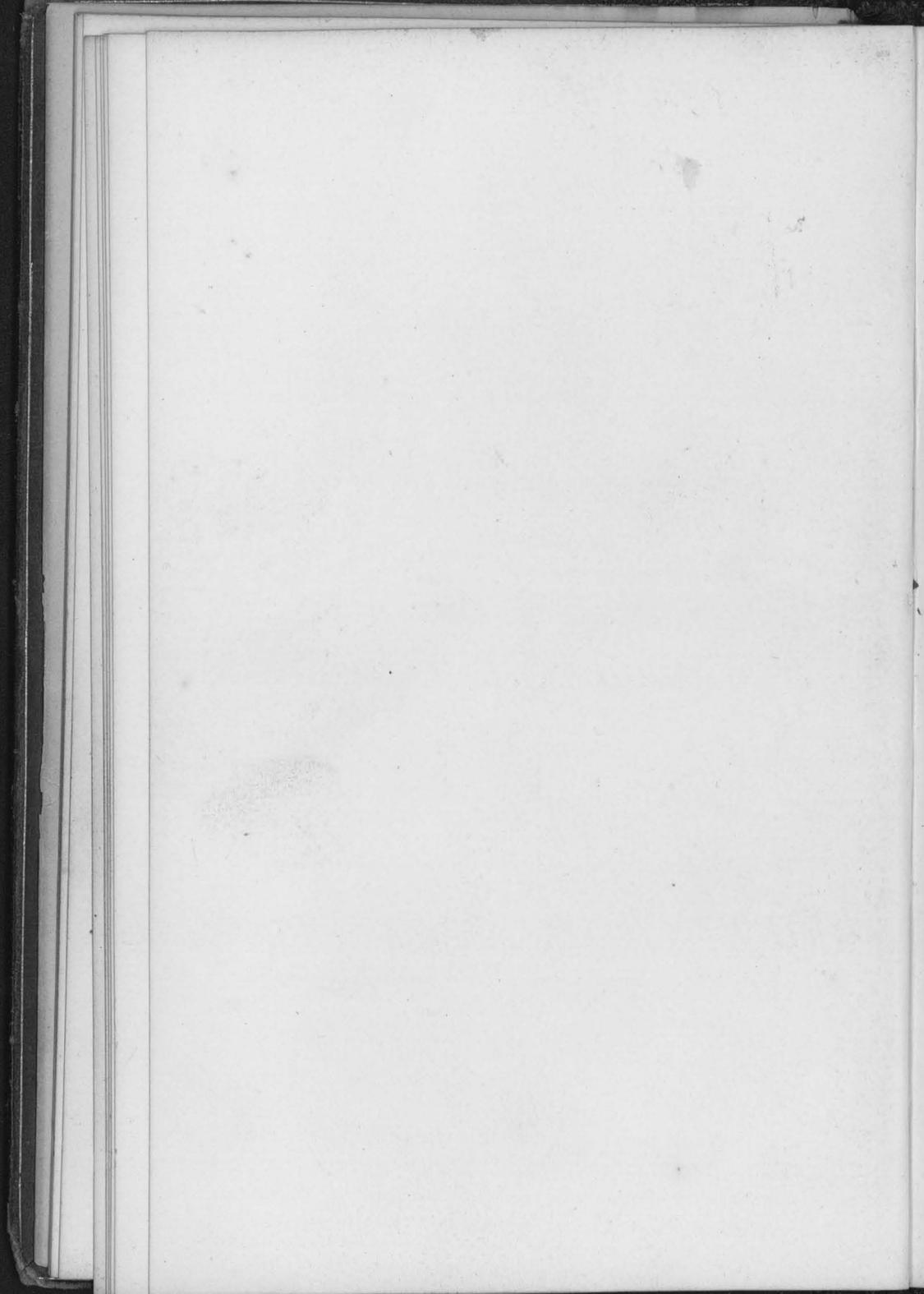
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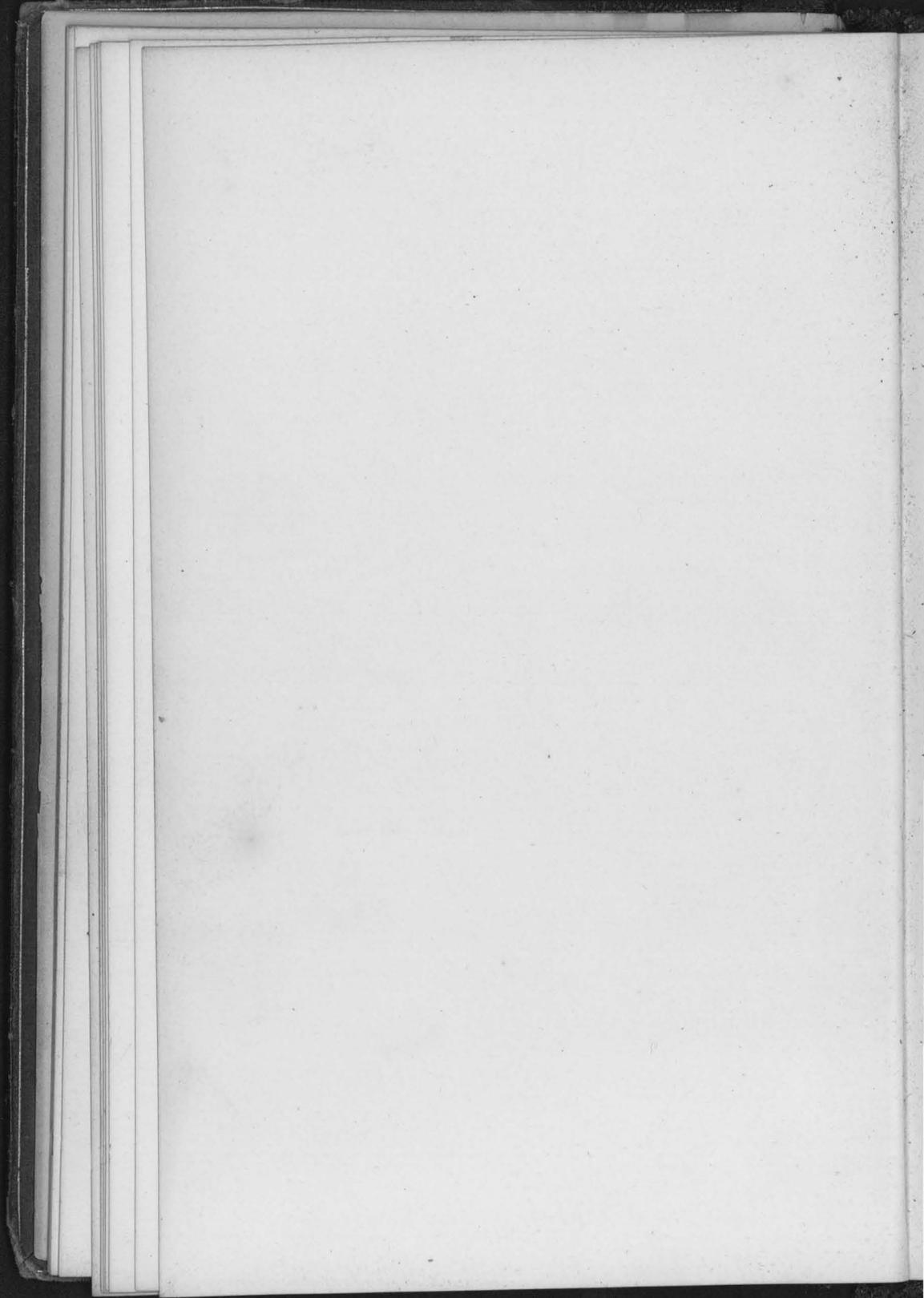






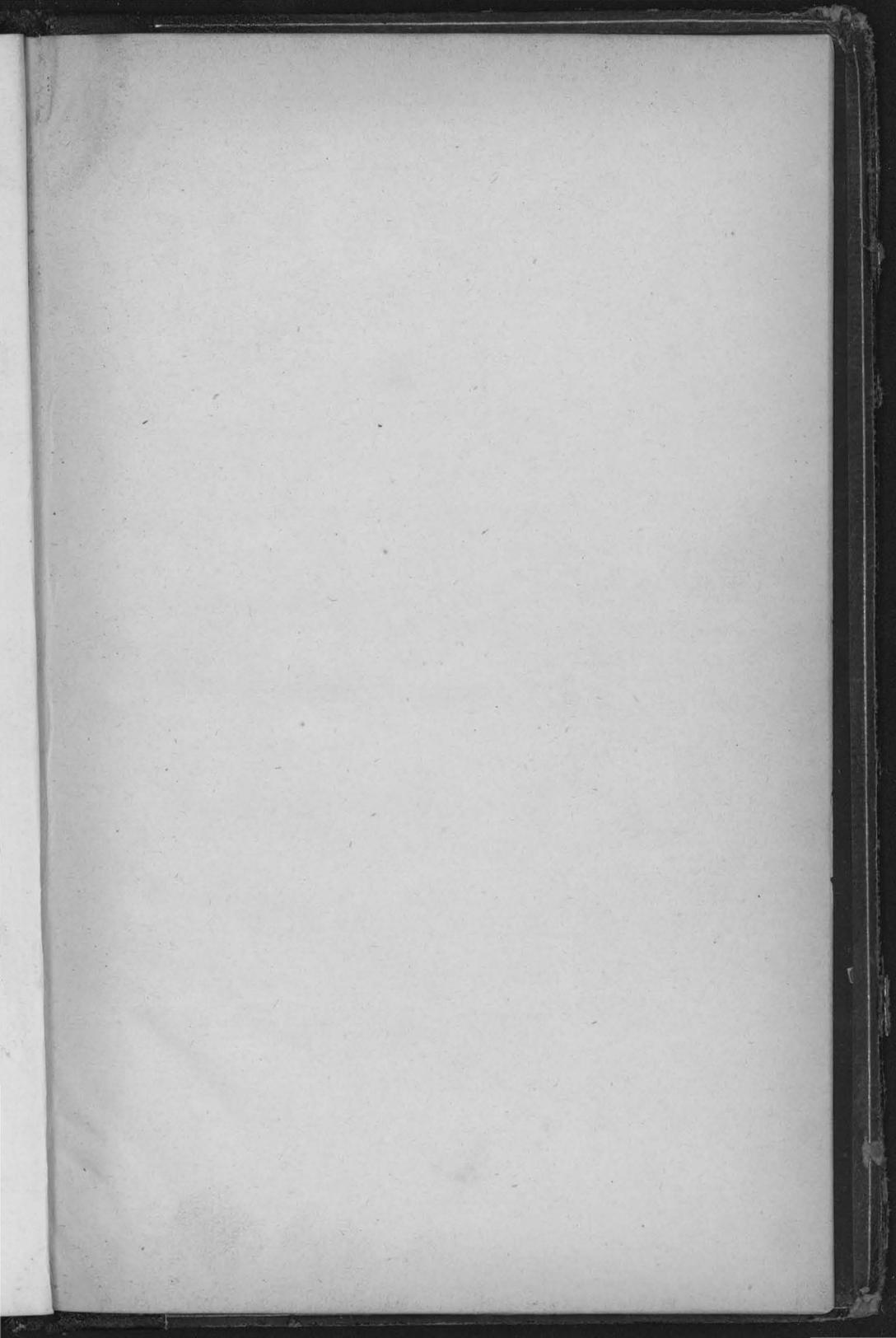


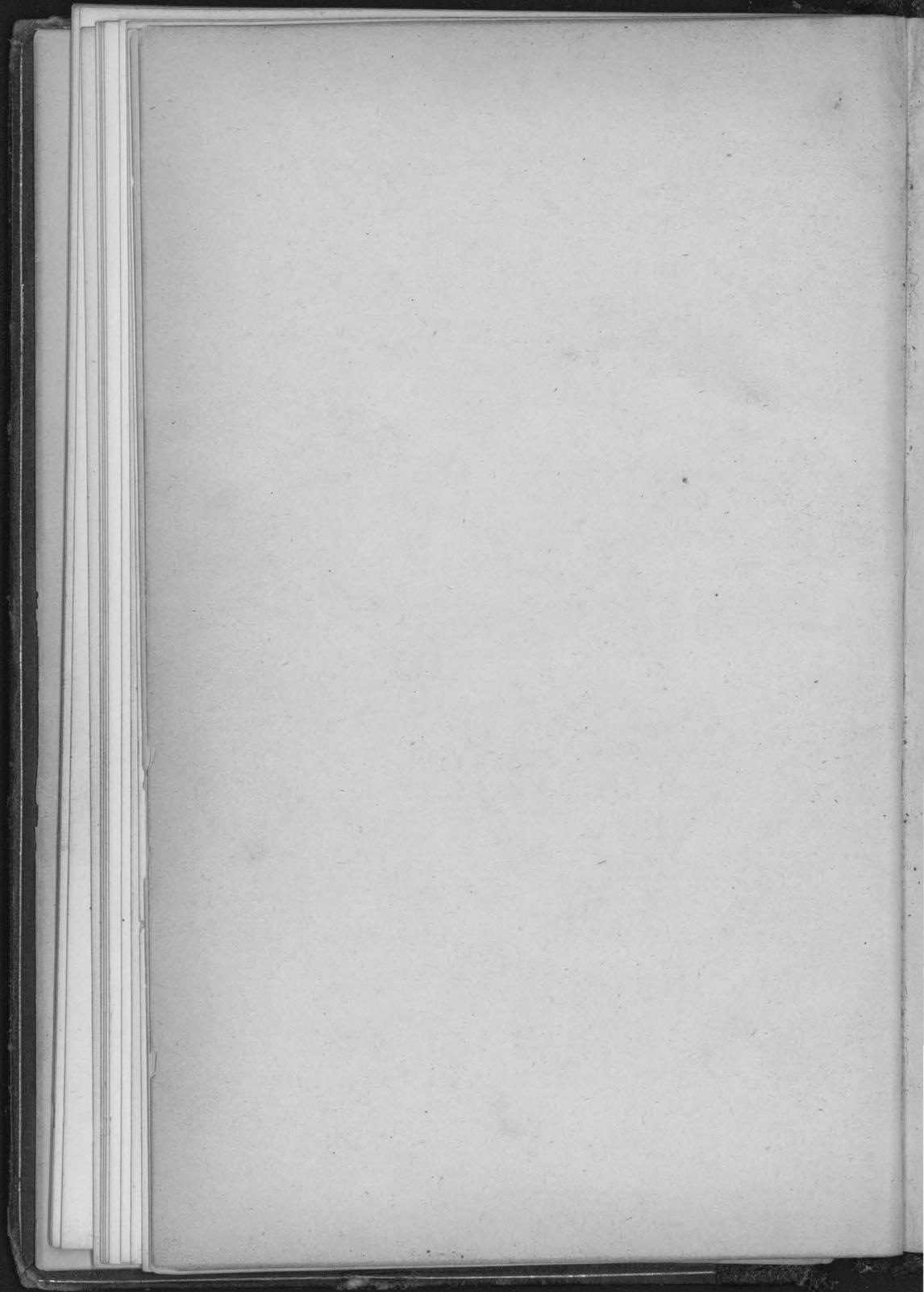


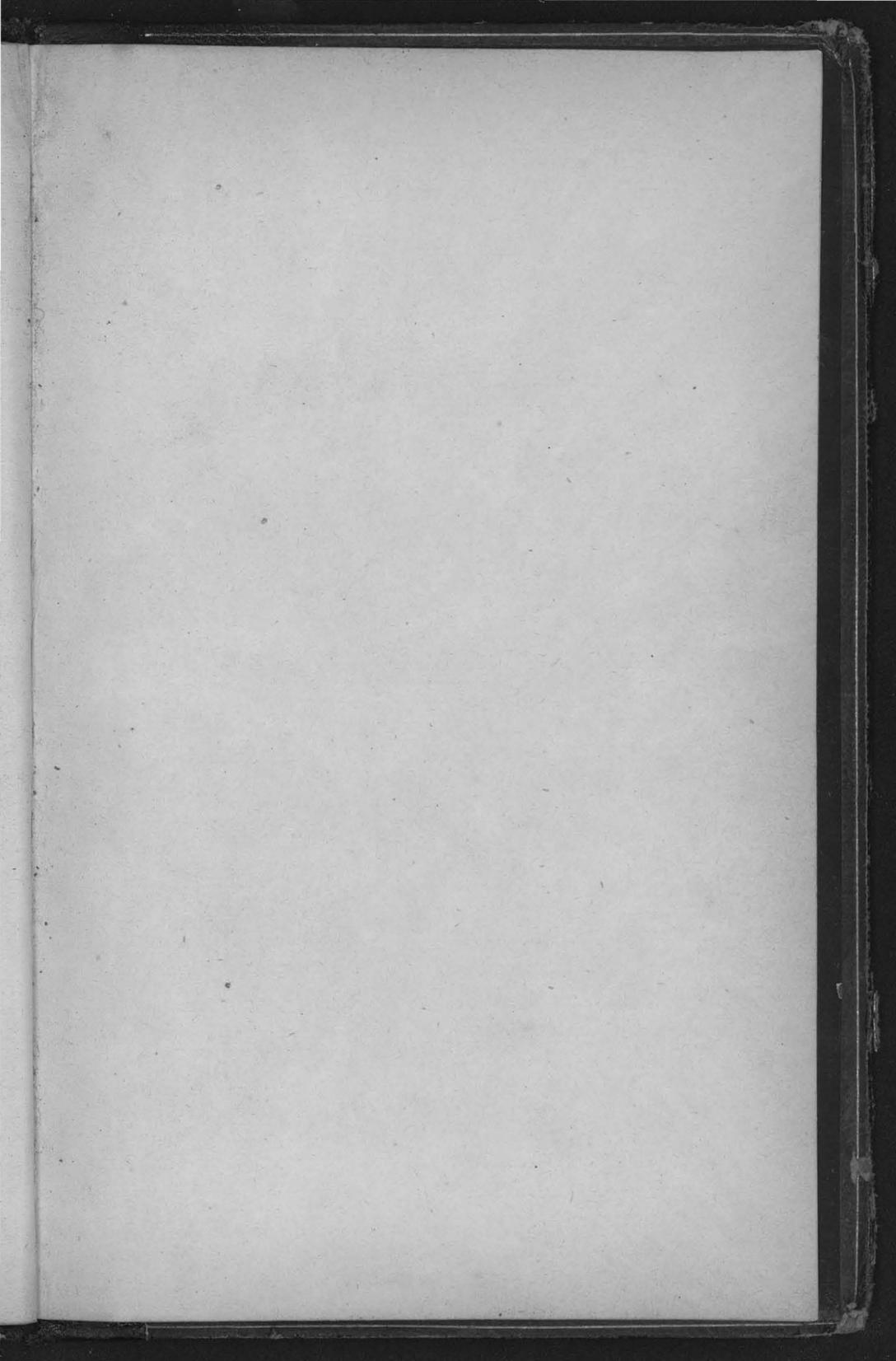




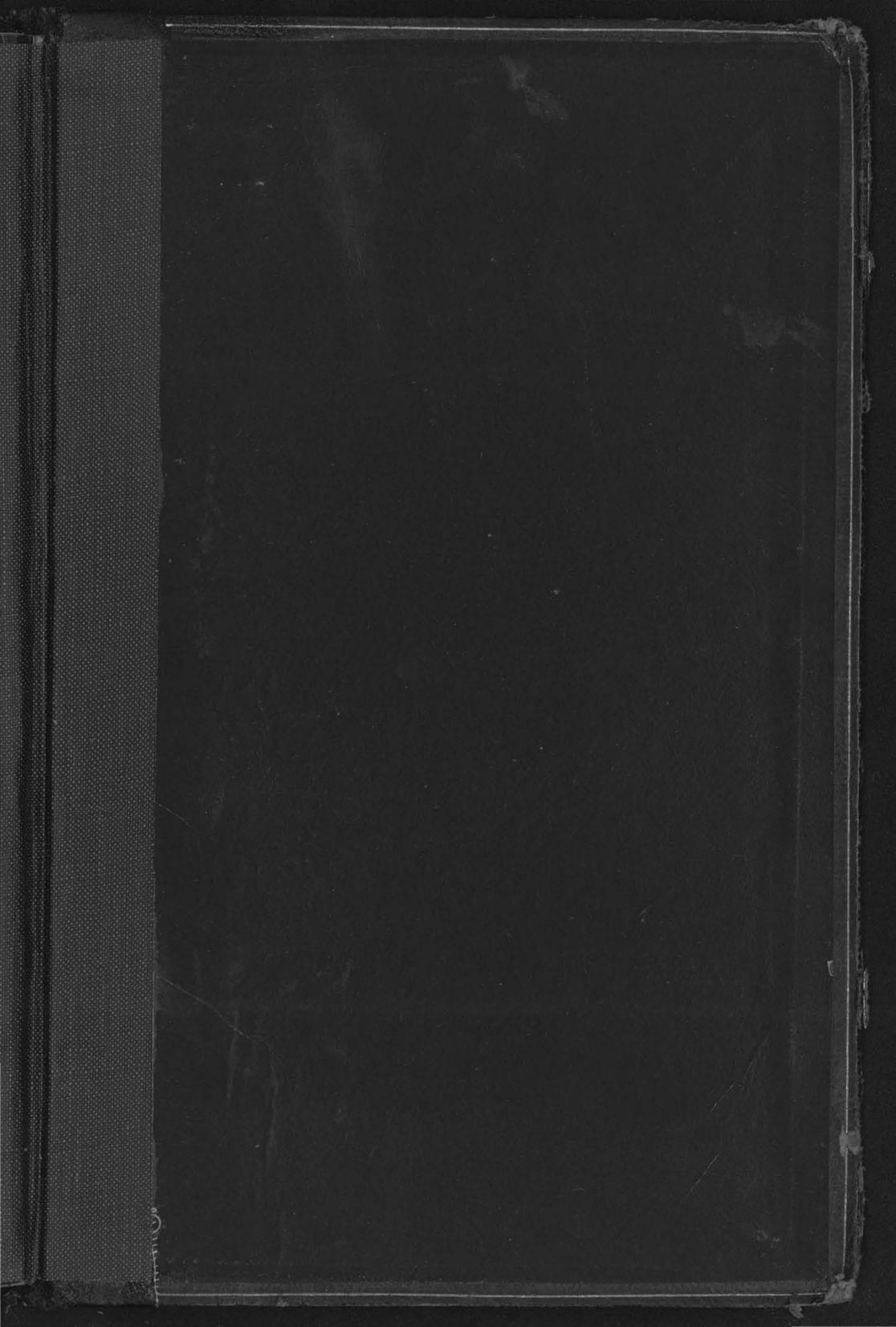














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