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'Short observations of the 3. viage 1607 in the Dragon'

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About this record

The volume consists of a summary of the original journal of William Keeling concerning the Third Voyage of the East India Company to India, 1607-10. The summary was probably drawn up by an East India Company scribe in London. The extracts relate to Keeling's service as Captain successively of the *Dragon*, 1607-08, and the *Hector*, 1608-09. Keeling instructed the *Dragon* to set sail for England on 23 November 1608 (folio 4).

The two ships concerned were the *Dragon* [full title the *Red Dragon*]: voyage to Bantam, 1607-09 (Captain William Keeling, later Gabriell Towerson), and *Hector*: voyage to Surat and Bantam (Captain William Hawkins, later William Keeling), 1607-10.

The *Dragon* left the Downs on 12 April 1607; reached Saldania [Saldanha, Cape of Good Hope] on 17 December 1607, anchored at Abderacaria [Abd al Kuri, Socotra] on 25 April 1608, was at Priaman [Pariaman, Indonesia] in July 1608, and was at Bantam [Banten, Indonesia] from October to November 1608. The *Hector* was at Banda [the Banda Islands] from February 1608 [New Style date February 1609] to August 1609, and at Bantam from August to October 1609.

Note on front cover: '12 March 1606/7. Dragon, Consent, Hector' and '1606/7. 3Voyage' (folio 2).

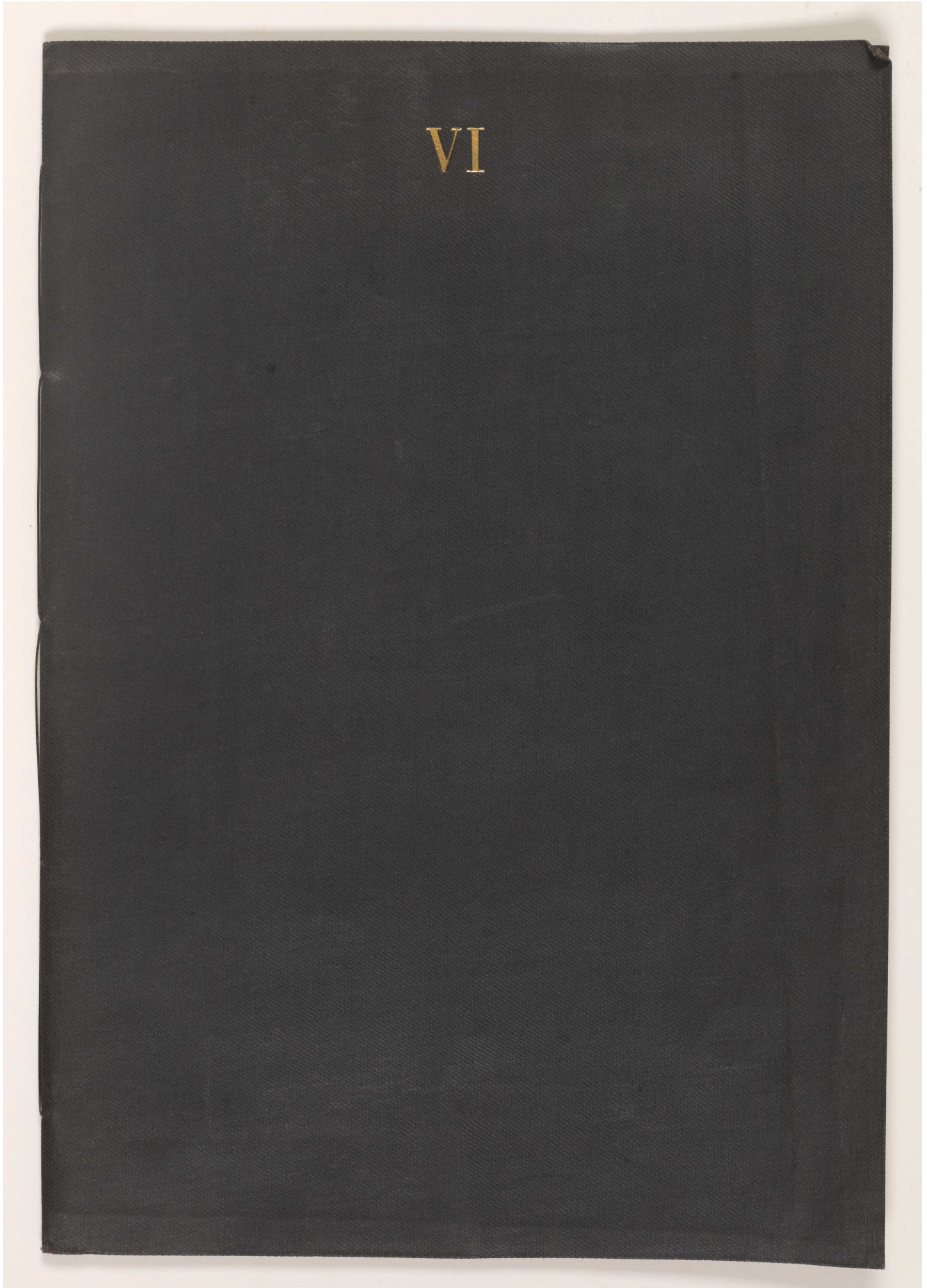
Inscribed: 'The princepall notes of the third voyadge [sic] to the East Indies by William Keeling [Keeling] Governor Begunne the 12th of March Ann. Domino 1607' (folio 3).

The summary covers: general navigational information; winds; the provisioning of the ship; descriptions of trading activity; commodities traded (especially pepper, spices, and cloth); references to Dutch trading activity; and general remarks.

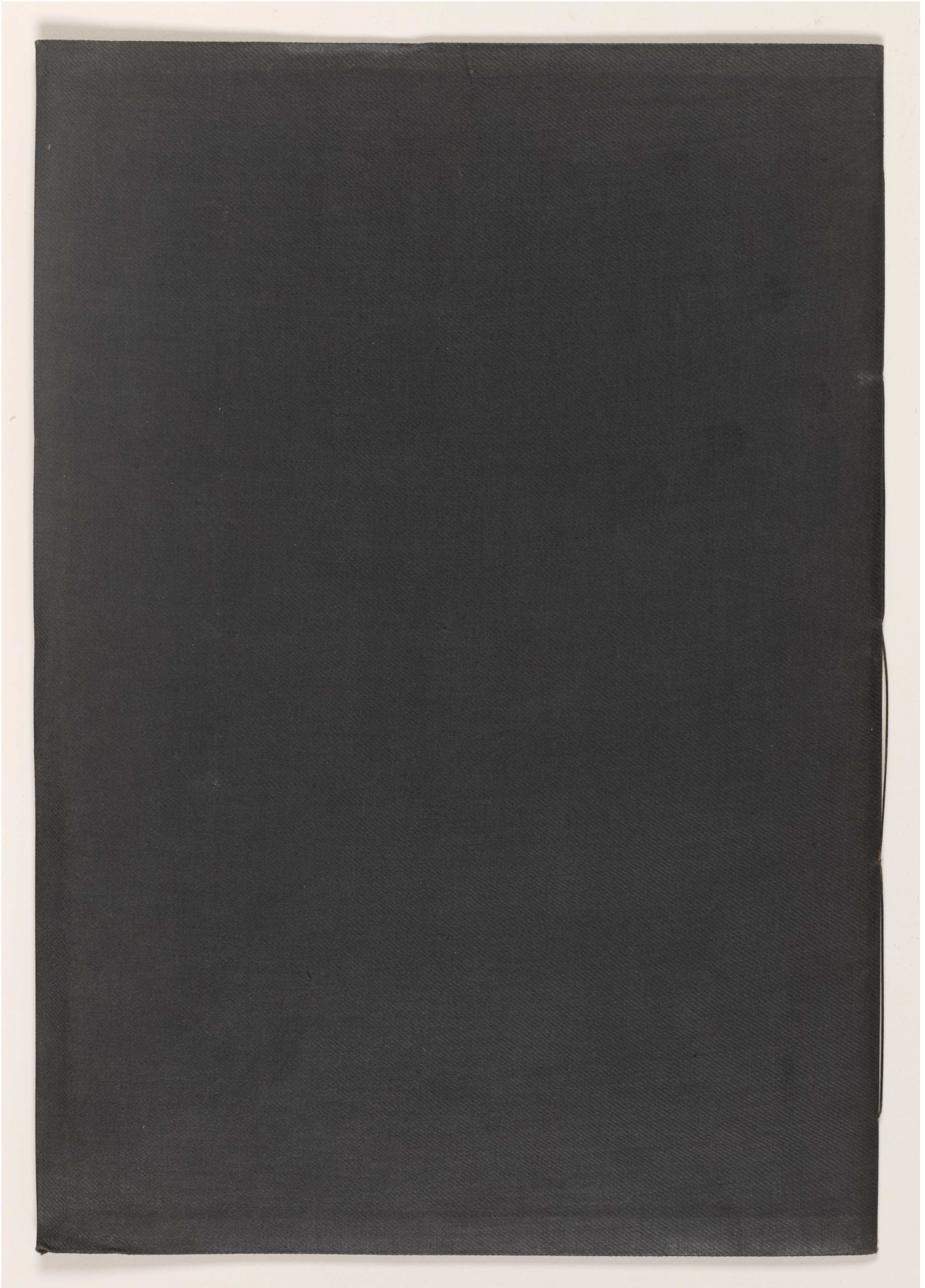
The decision to establish an English factory at Bantam, with Augustine Spaulding as Chief Factor, is described on folio 5.

The dates of the entries (where indicated) are Old Style (Julian calendar).

'Short observations of the 3. viage 1607 in the Dragon' [front] (1/28)



'Short observations of the 3. viage 1607 in the Dragon' [back] (2/28)



'Short observations of the 3. viage 1607 in the Dragon' [spine] (3/28)



'Short observations of the 3. viage 1607 in the Dragon' [edge] (4/28)



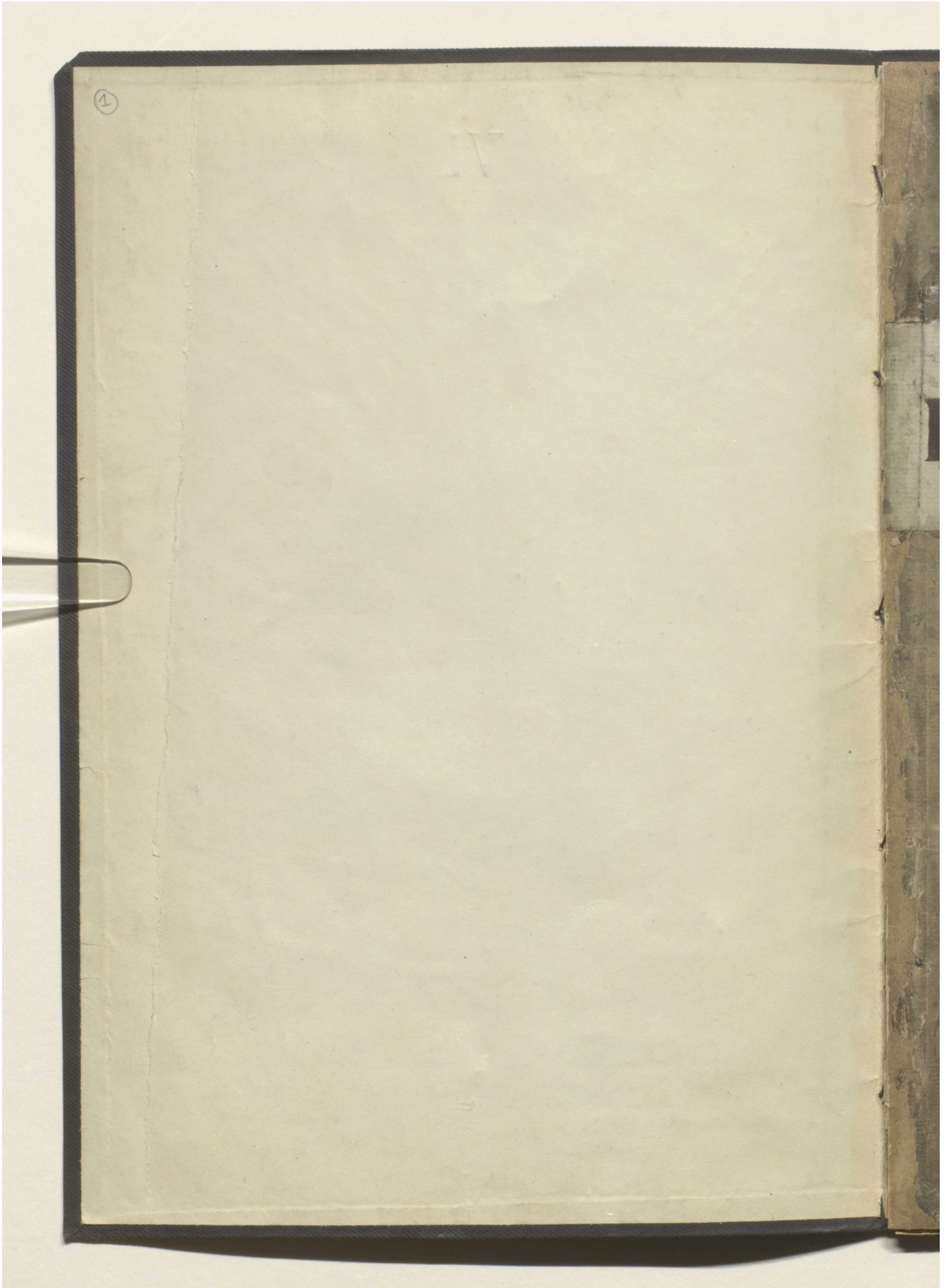
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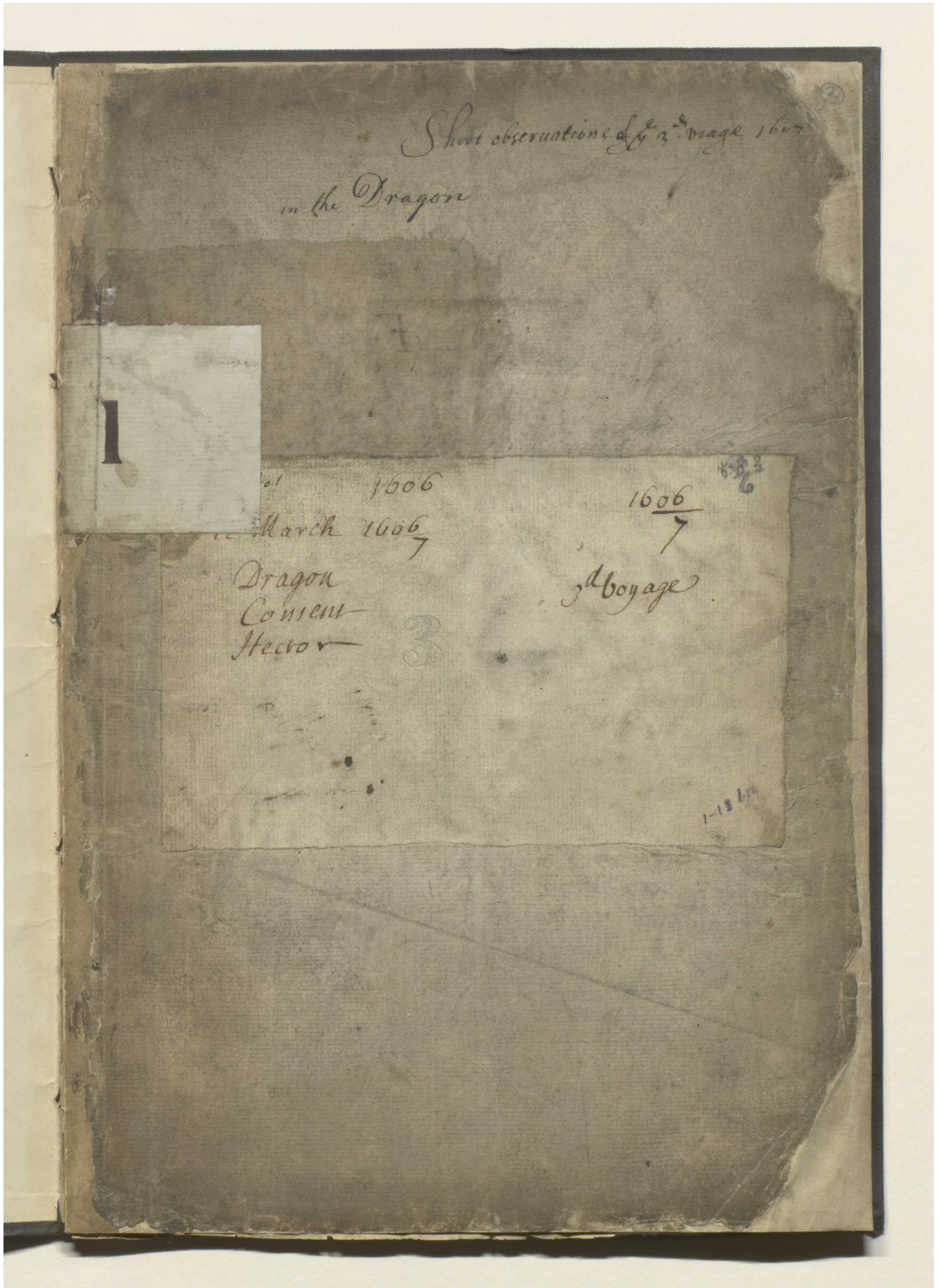
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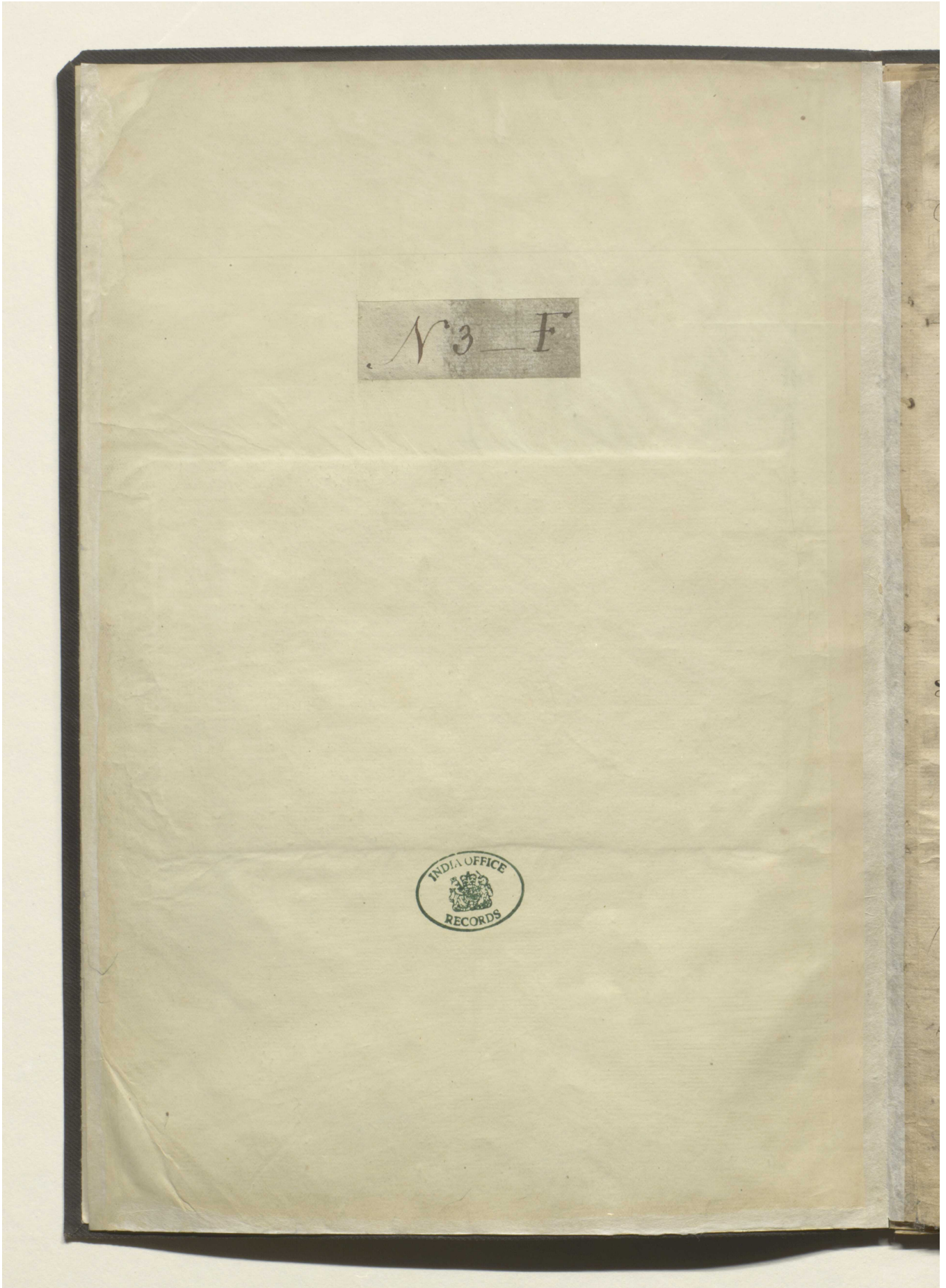
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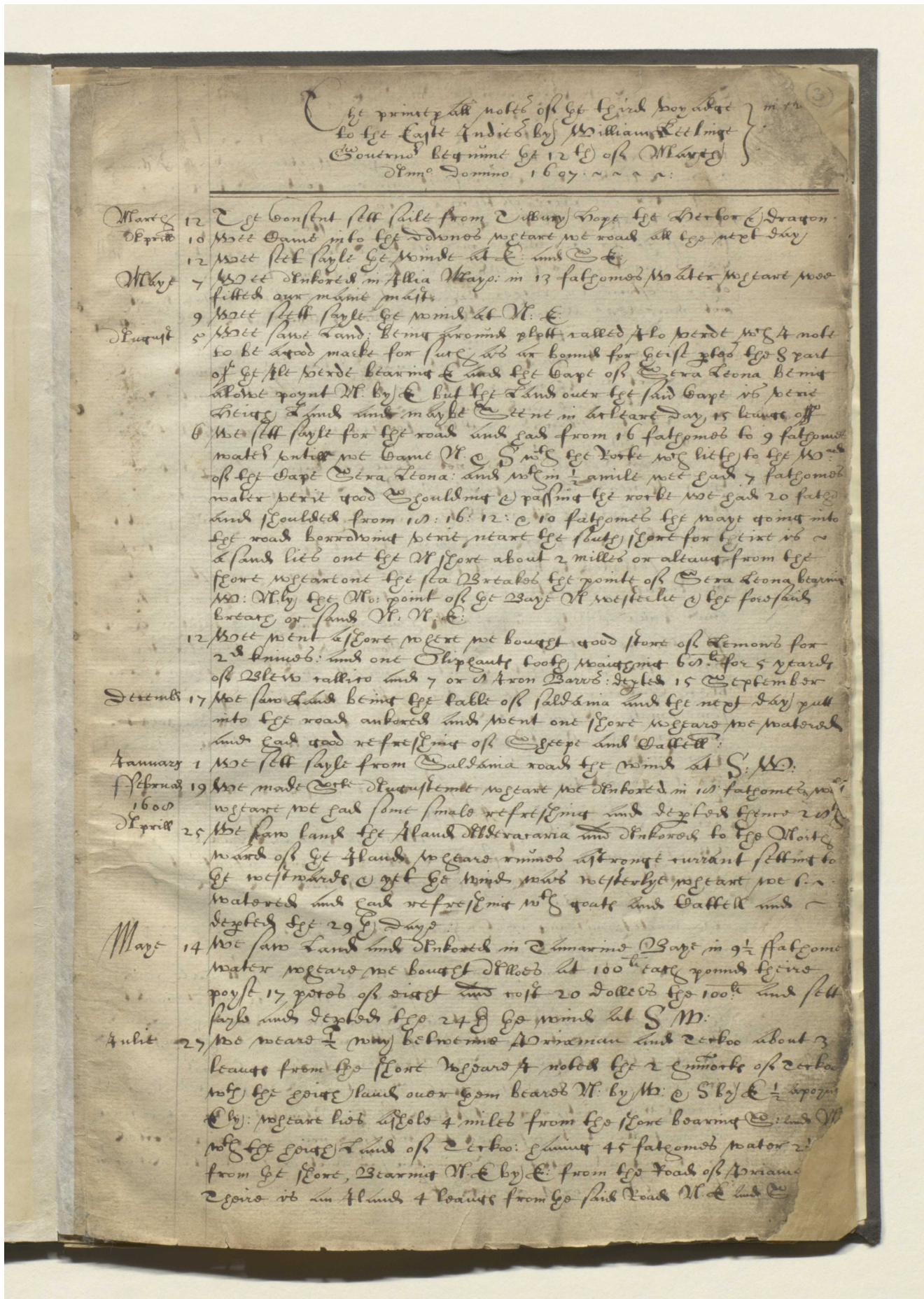


'Short observations of the 3. viage 1607 in the Dragon' [2r] (8/28)



'Short observations of the 3. viage 1607 in the Dragon' [2v] (9/28)





28th 3 Islands of Oxymian lie *W. E. N. W.*: being distant
 from others about one mile
 29th I went ashore into the Country and presented unto him 3
 stonell & lobes one blew rullio one yoro storkle one bawrtle and
 2 sword blades, the yornd sent me one goat and 4 goat the
 messenger one yoro of blew rullio
 30th I went ashore to the yornd, where after dinner I agreed wth
 some of the principall men of the yornd for pay at 22^½ dollars
 the yornd besides 6 dollrs of yentle Custom. Altho payent two
 other Customs or rather taxations the one of 160 dollrs the other
 not much less were to paye mustered & disbursed and writing
 were drawn betwixt us
 31st I sent ashore to waite pay but many delays were made and
 would not waite, where unto the yornd sent but in the yornd
 August 5th could to the Muradama & lode for 159 mast of gold, but no
 mention for mure & lode
 Oxymian yeldeth yearly not about 500 basars of pay, but the
 the parts neare adjoining wth Bassanio & the yornd mountains and
 other like parts yt yeldeth 2500 Basars yearly (not quantity)
 will lade 2 good ships and maye bougt very cheap if laborer
 were sought to buy all the yore for yore yore it is only
 in August & September and is first made by the yornd
 and haue but the yornd the yore not had yore for the yore
 of the yore gate & yore express command to the yornd
 therefore if any yore at the yore all hand bring from the yore
 blew Gallioes wth rullioes blue strip & yore rullioes
 some small and fine yore, the yore laborer will doe well for
 another yore first yore the yore of the yore toward for our
 proceeds
 0th we buy yore for Iron and soult 10 bars for at all of gold every
 full 16 mast every mast 4 lb
 19th we had mure lode about customs of Iron and Gallioes wth the
 utterly denyed paynt so the yore lode Comysale about yt
 30th I got lode to waite the yore the yore and soult 15 bars
 of Iron for 16 Basar of the yore
 note: The writt mure of the yore of any mure lode except
 Iron wth the yore in barter and as afford said
 September 20th Hamit firm yore and some to eat we could not sell paynt and the
 19th we went wth the yore of the yore of Oxymian 10 leants and hoard to
 the east ward of Alia Detritoga we saw in the yore of gold and
 heard the yore to get a leant of yt. we went to the east ward
 of yt 4 leant the yore Sumatra being 4 leant from us
 21st we went wth the yore 6 or 7 leant of Sumatra and the yore about 4
 leant wth the yore great the yore for the yore upon the yore
 is farfuller to be yore for we find not sure the yore
 22nd we bonit 9 leant from Sumatra saw mure small the yore to
 board of the yore 3 or 4 leant of

'Short observations of the 3. viage 1607 in the Dragon' [4r] (12/28)

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October 4. We went into Bantam Road we went a short time and spent about 2000
of silver and 5000 of powder and 5000 of
November 2. We went into the bay and went some about but we were not
not: 11. We went into the bay for the first time and we were not
not: 23. We went into the bay for the first time and we were not
January 1. We went into the bay for the first time and we were not
February 4. We went into the bay for the first time and we were not
Banda. 8. We went into the bay for the first time and we were not
9. We went into the bay for the first time and we were not
16. We went into the bay for the first time and we were not
24. We went into the bay for the first time and we were not
25. We went into the bay for the first time and we were not
March 10. We went into the bay for the first time and we were not
13. We went into the bay for the first time and we were not

He took by me to Barbara, & answered that remaining they deferred to me
until the Hollander came w^{ch} was not misapprehended by ministers
being almost spent & would not quit about 90 Royalls w^{ch} were
w^{ch} we had

March 19 The States sent against four Rooba w^{ch} & refused to paye they sent
against to tell me that now they would to greaten but except it
would exceed 100 Dolls & sent (save my) labor & sent them word
that they & laden not one gramme & would not exceed 100 Dolls
w^{ch} were after long dispute not agreed for 100 Dolls Rooba 300 Dolls and
Scripmaunt 50 Dolls being p^{er} salm^{it}, and to the 4 Sabanders
& ports of Barasa or Mallica part above w^{ch} they w^{ch} came
and wanted the latter paye 99 Dolls and in Sabanders paye 5th 13th
for our Royalls in to wisest

20 He began to manage the people of Antioch sent to me for Scripmaunt
w^{ch} & refused to paye they cannot not keep their word in price w^{ch} me
they sent against that cannot scripmaunt they would paye out (they)
w^{ch} the last Royalls & would to the will to let them have 50 Dolls and
to paye them in (they) if possible

23 He made secret words w^{ch} the rest of 100 Dolls to send up to the
next command to land them 300 Royalls and sent Scripmaunt 100 Dolls
w^{ch} & Mullayob & Antioch

The Hollander and people at open words

1609 20 He took in more and m^{ch} and he continued but next end
was more by the Hollander

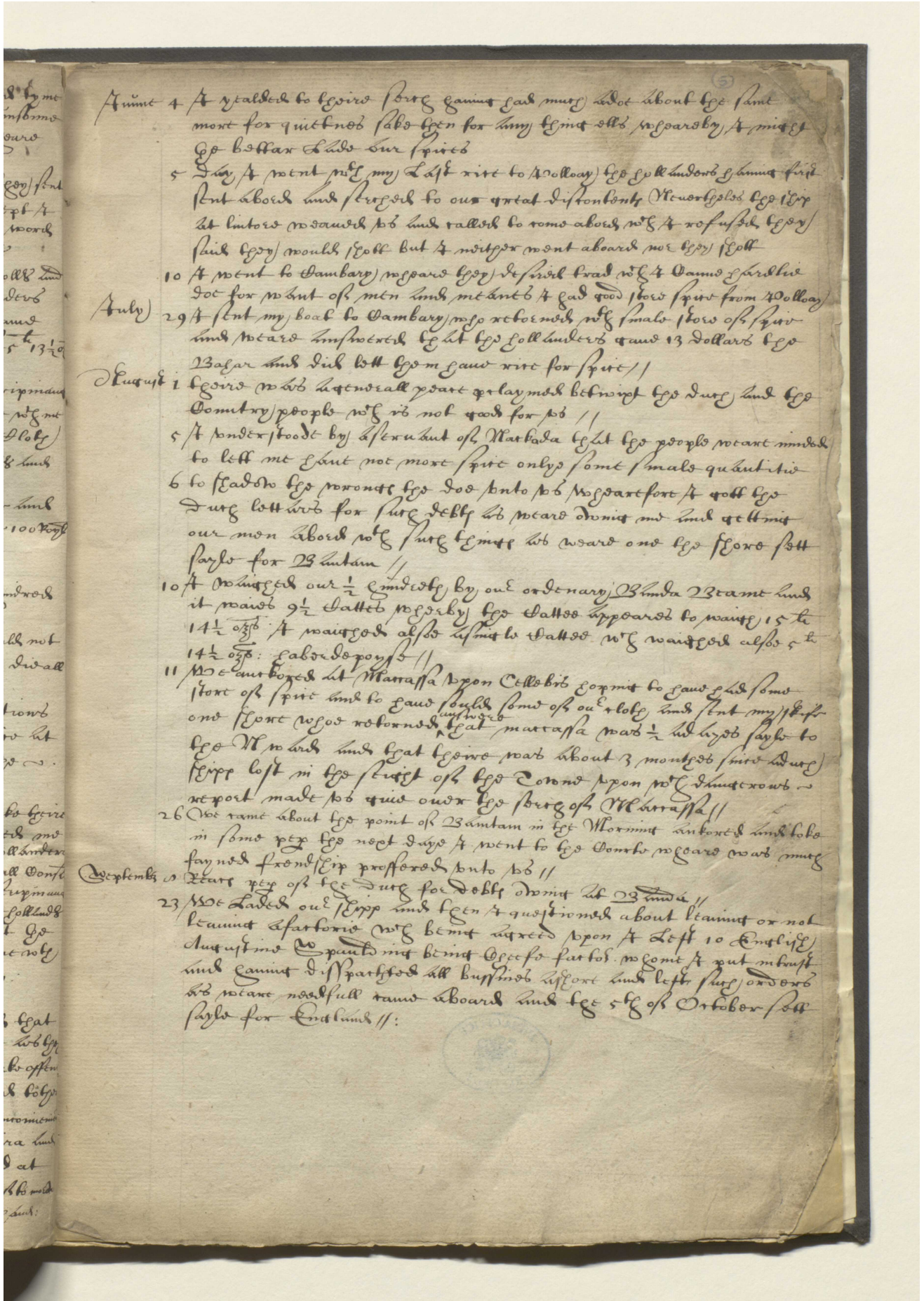
April 26 He being in my boat w^{ch} 5 of the best affirmed that if it would not
dealt w^{ch} them they would rob upon the next and would die all
before they would dealt w^{ch} the Hollander

20 He went to Volley w^{ch} after more and many stations
they made no agreement to deal w^{ch} me only for all the spirit at
Volley and Volaron and at Mirapotte and not to sell or give to the
Hollander one (they) of

The Hollander offered 12000 Dolls among the Country to make their
peace and drive the state w^{ch} they refused to doe and desired me
not to give any ill of them and they suffered by the Hollander
to come to (they) to the (they) of being being upon special (they)
for & brought sure spirit at was at Volley and paid to the Scripmaunt

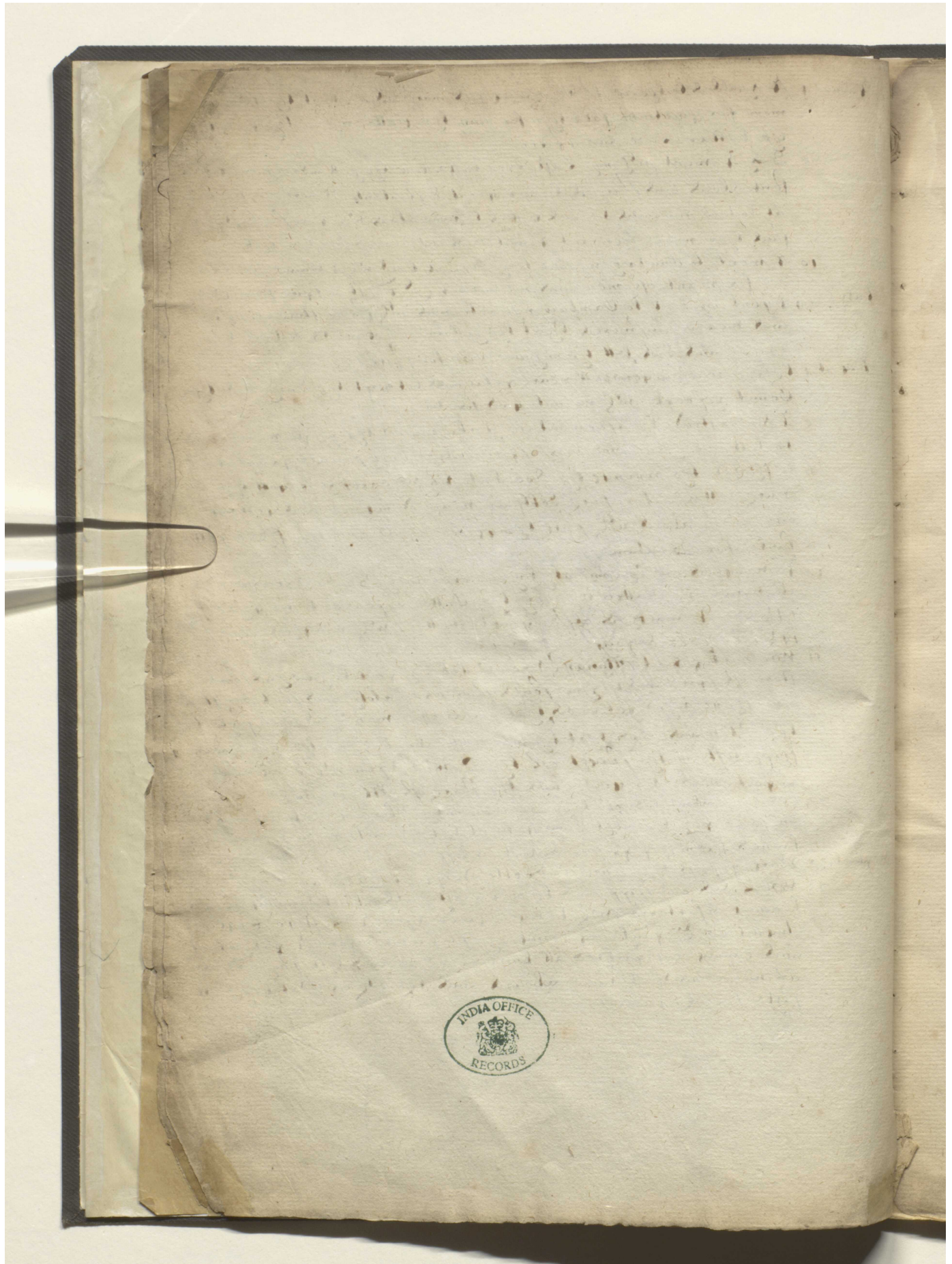
May 24 He went to Port and bought spirit for 10 Dolls for Bagar and the Hollander
offered 15 Dolls for & questioned w^{ch} them about our state but he
desired me to consent that either they would perform w^{ch}
me or else enter after to desert the little of do not men
The Hollander still seems to hinder our trade

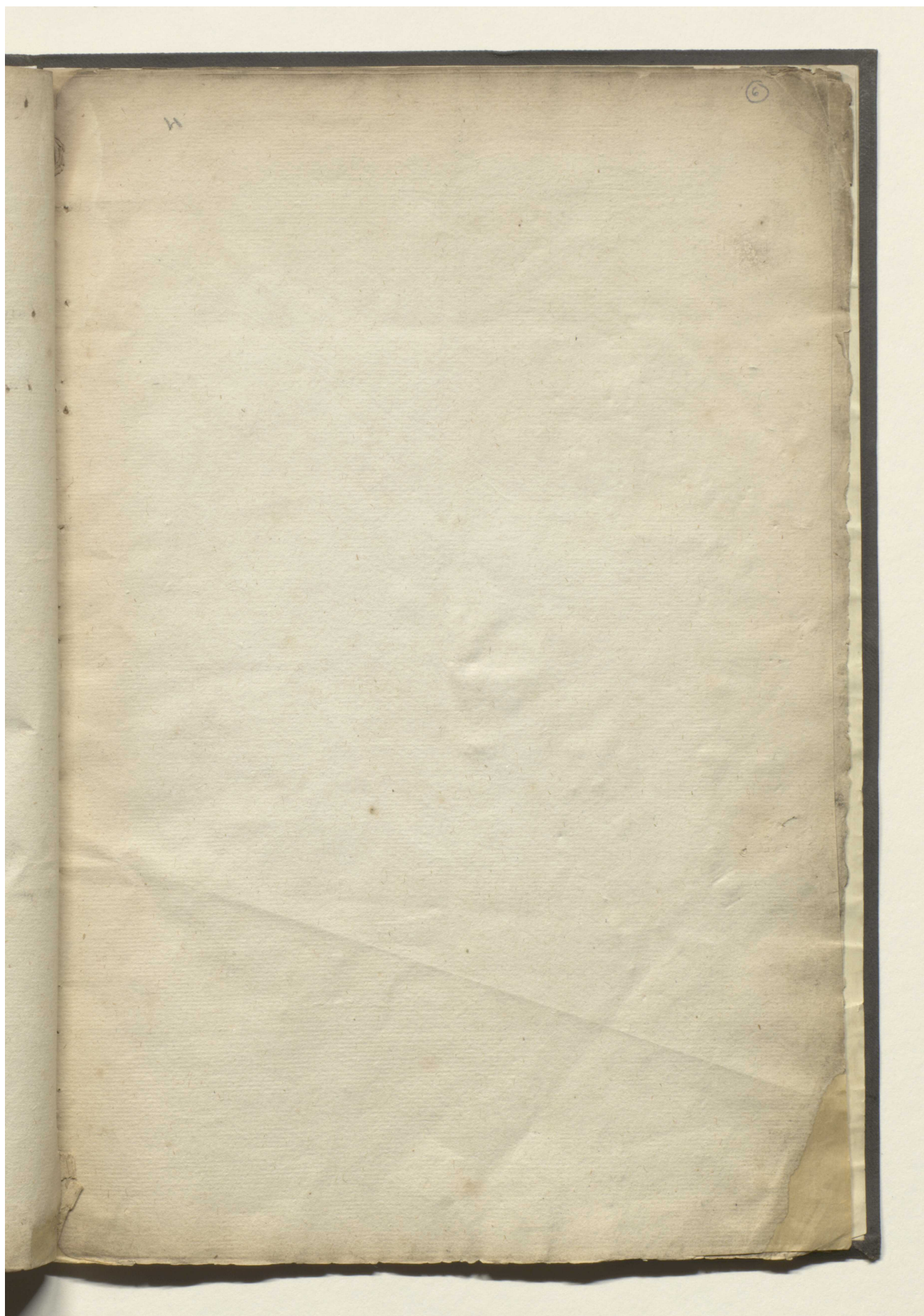
25 The first Admirall of the Dutch fleet sent me word above that
it would have good trade at Sabatana except at first by me w^{ch} they
should come to surprise the same Altho requested me not to take off
if their boats did lay mine above to stay w^{ch} and it did by
them w^{ch} & took in full the end in prevention of w^{ch} in
& opposed unto them that if they would paye sure debt w^{ch} Mina and
Bomba with me w^{ch} amounted to 12 or 13000 Dolls & would trade at
Mina and Volaron only, they promised me answer of the
but afterwards they would not suffer any nation to trade at any (they)



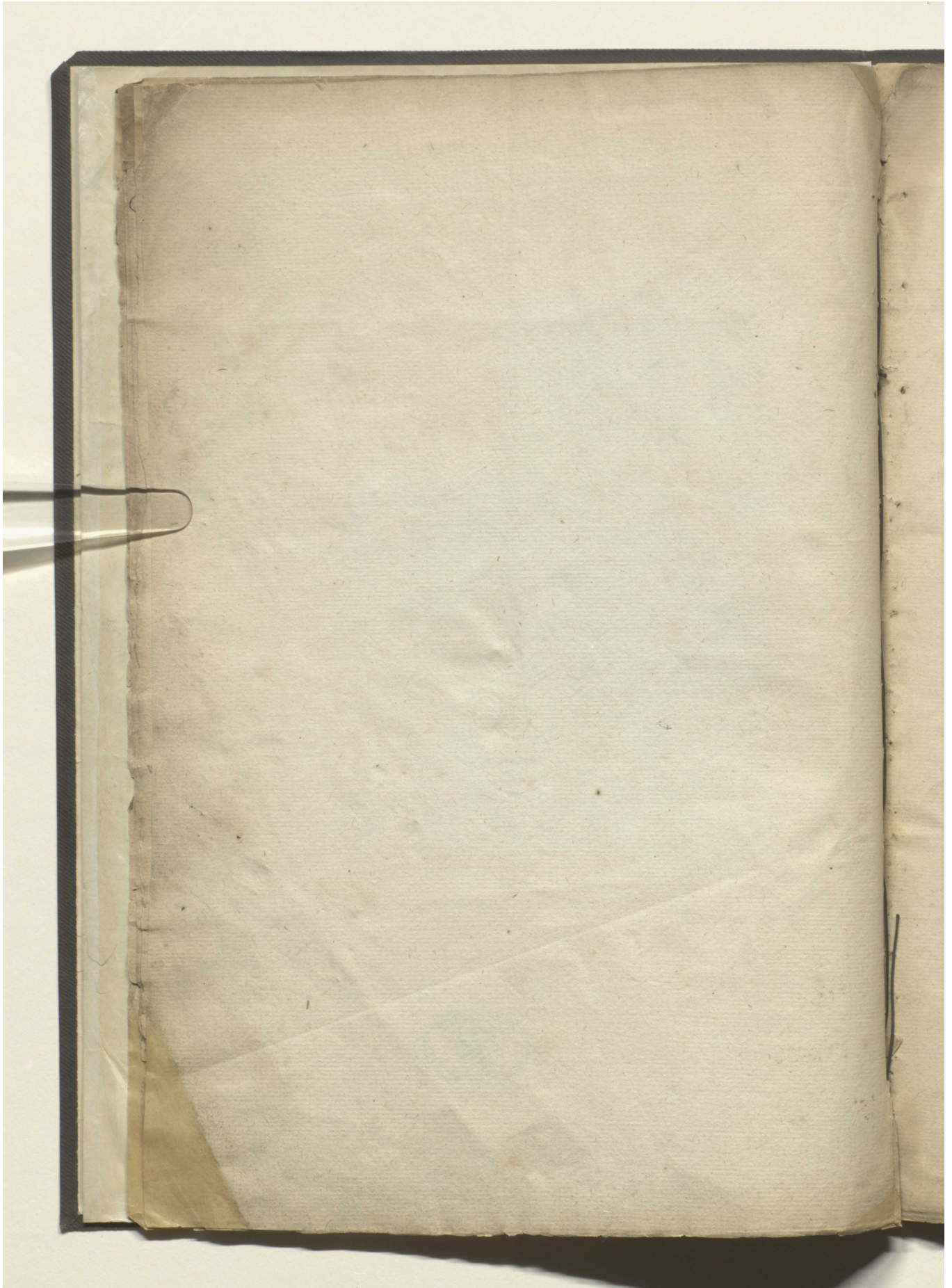
June 4 A yalder to beire forte gannus said musy about the same
 more for quietnes sake then for any thing else, especially, A mist
 go better than our spirits
 5 Day A went with my last xite to Hollay the gold and silver gannus first
 sent aboard and proceed to our great discontent. Nevertheless the ship
 at last we sawed to land called to some aboard with a refusal by the
 said ship would sell but A wither went aboard our ship
 10 A went to Cambray, in good hope desired to buy some of the
 got for want of men and meat to A had good store of spirit from Hollay
 July 29 A sent my boat to Cambray, in good hope to buy some of the
 and heard instruments to be sold by gold and silver and 13 dollars the
 Bazar and did both buy and gave xite for spirit //
 August 1 heard words of a general part of lay men betwixt the Dutch and the
 Country people which is not good for us //
 5 A understood by a servant of Matbada that the people were minded
 to kill me but not more spirit only some small quantities
 6 to be done by means of the Dutch into the part of the Dutch the
 Dutch left us for sure debt we were down and did get us
 our men aboard with sure terms we were one the Dutch set
 pay for 23 Antam //
 10 A was told our 1/2 commodity by our ordinary, Binda became and
 it was 9 1/2 dalters per day the dalters appeared to want 15 to
 14 1/2 of the dalters also as much dalters with want also 5 to
 14 1/2 of the dalters //
 11 We arrived at Marassa upon Cellab's report to have had some
 store of spirit and to have found some of our robe and sent my first
 one home was returned that Marassa was 1/2 the Dutch pay to
 the Dutch and that he was about 3 months since during
 the last in the ship of the Dutch upon the Dutch report
 report made to give our the ship of Marassa //
 26 We came about the point of 23 Antam in the morning and took
 in some part the next day A went to the Dutch regard was my
 favored from the Dutch part to us //
 September 5 Heard news of the Dutch for debt down at 23 Antam //
 23 We loaded our ship and then A questioned about claim or not
 claim against the Dutch with being agreed upon A left 10 English
 Augustino to point me being offered for the point A put in trust
 and cannot dispatch all business except and left sure orders
 we were next full round aboard and the 5th of October set
 sail for England //

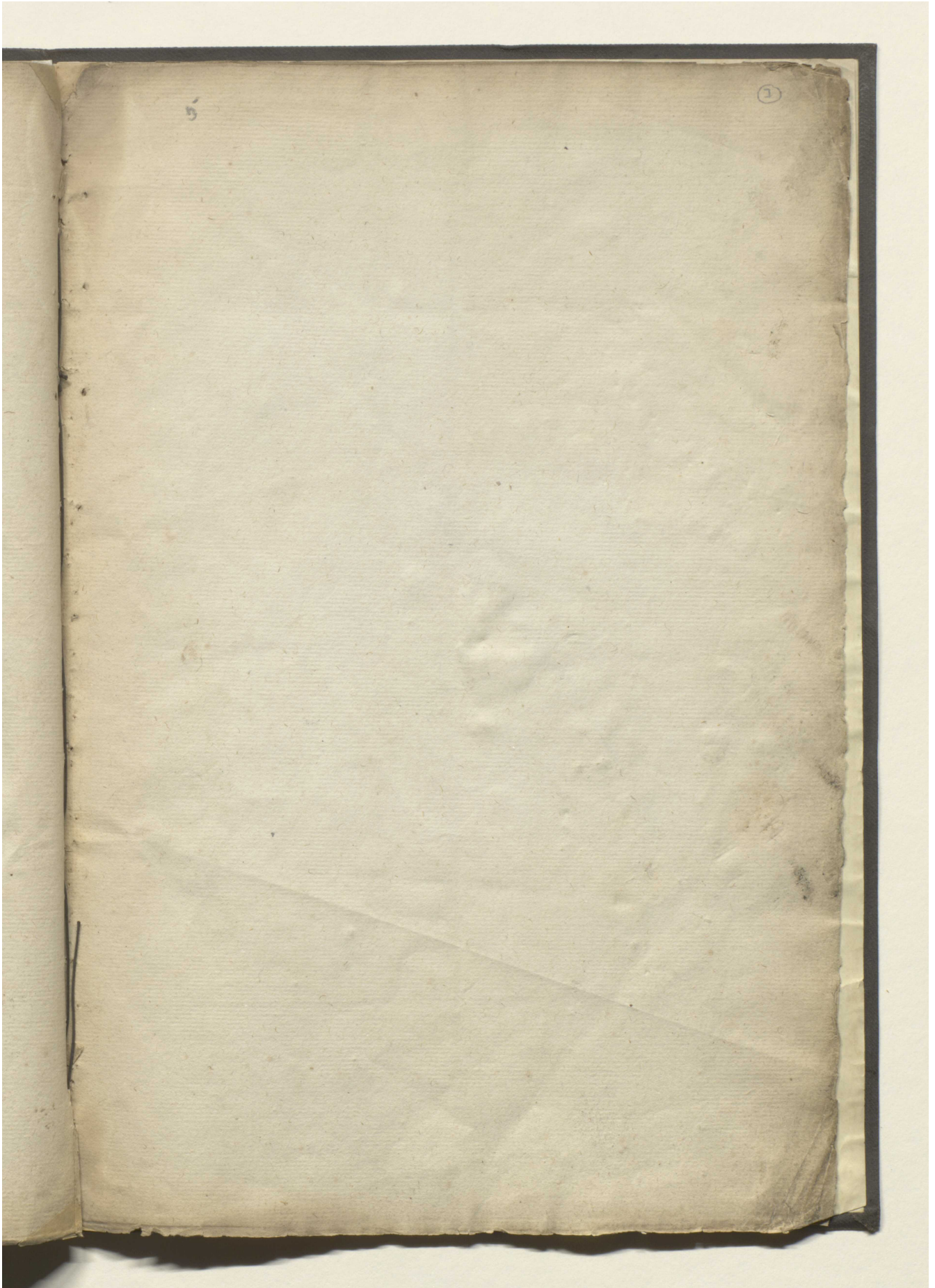
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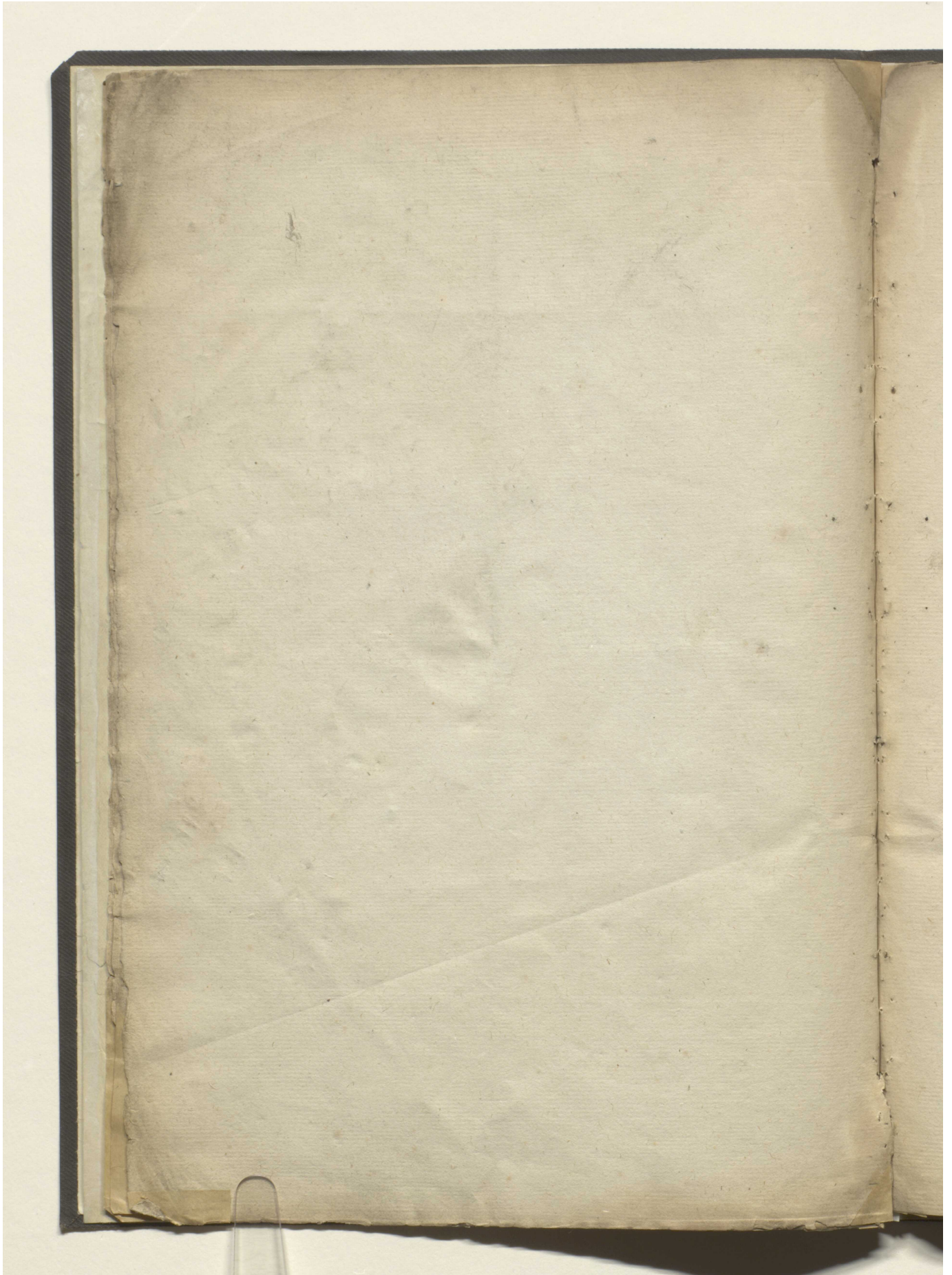


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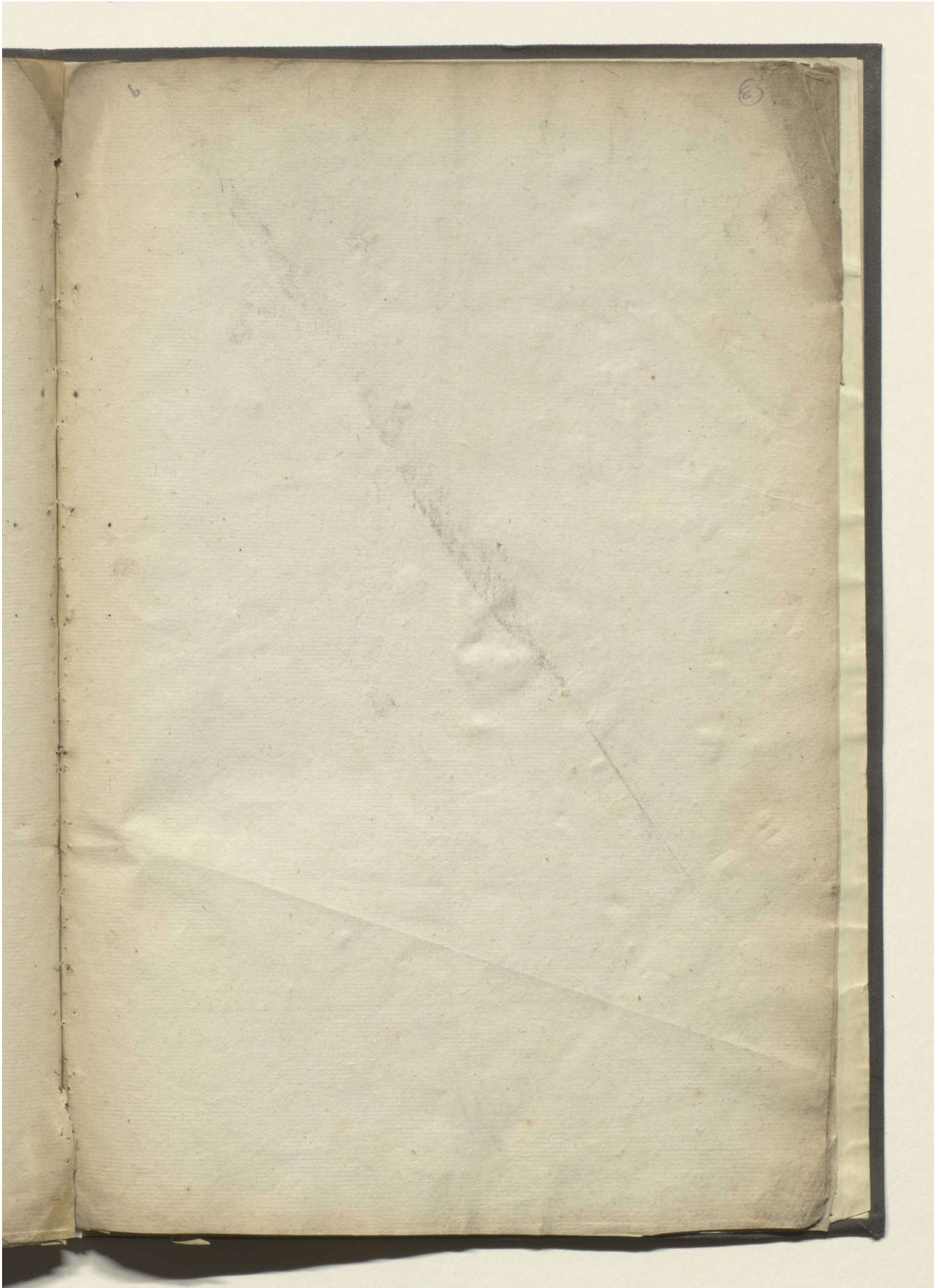




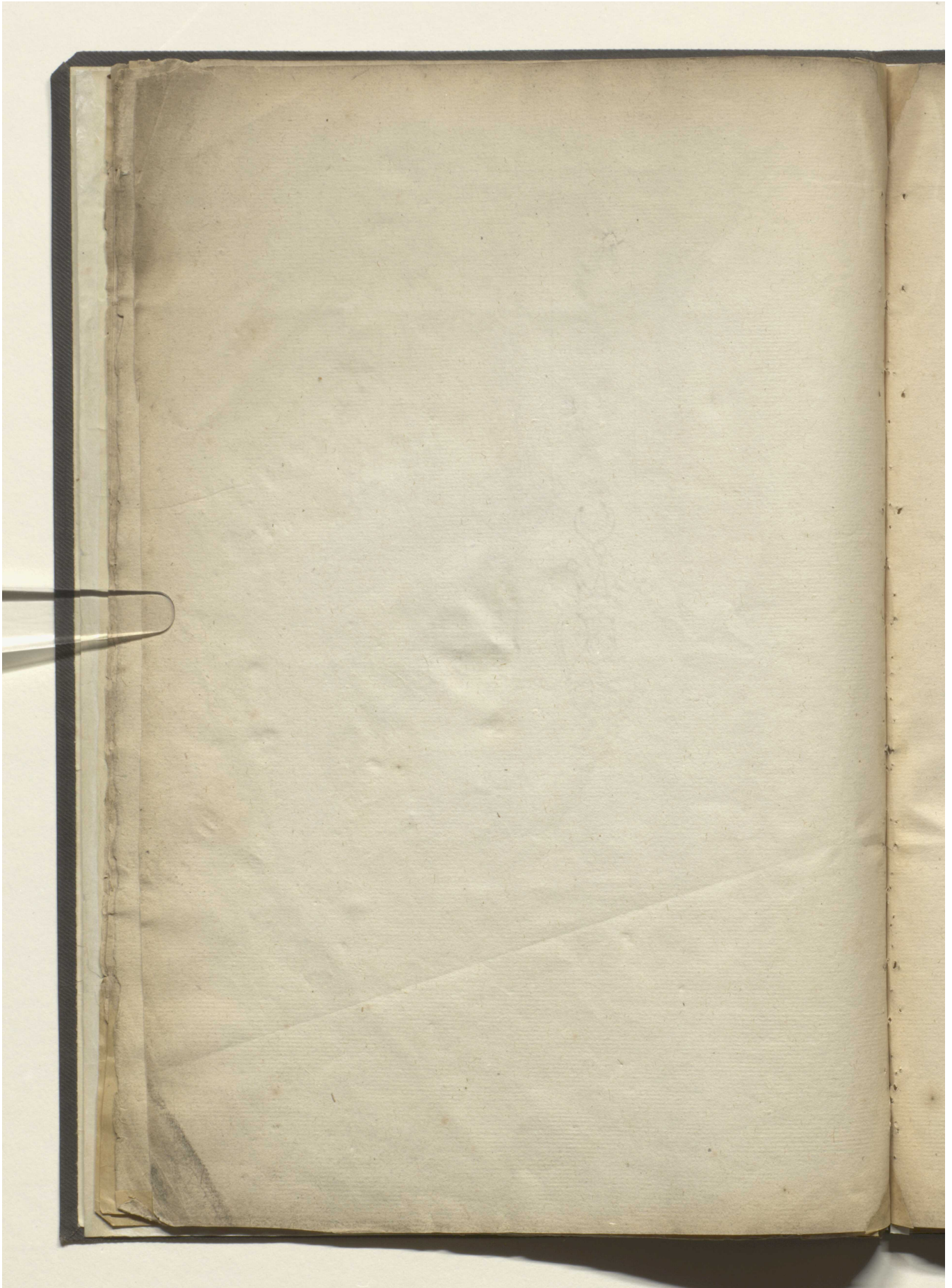
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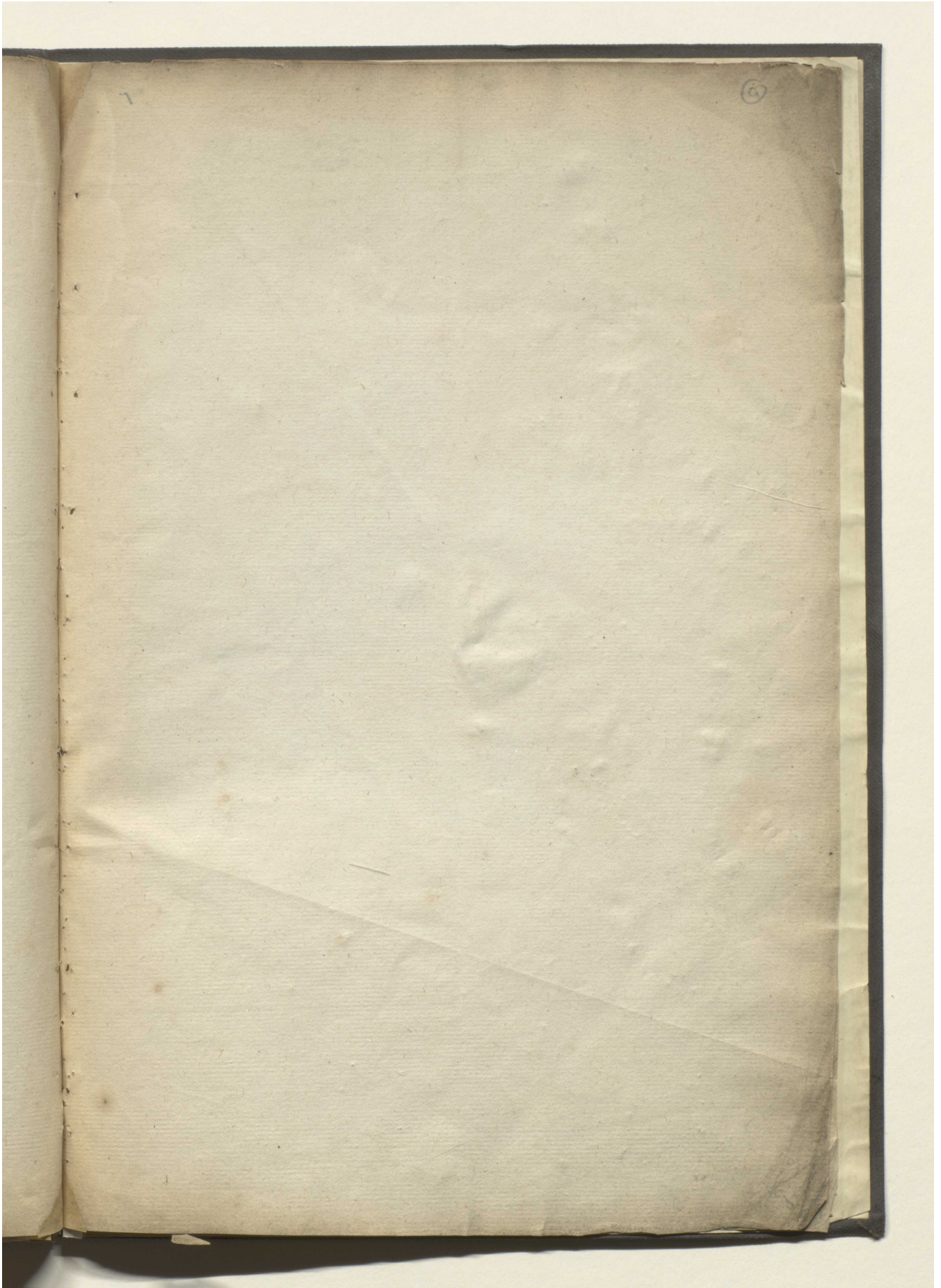


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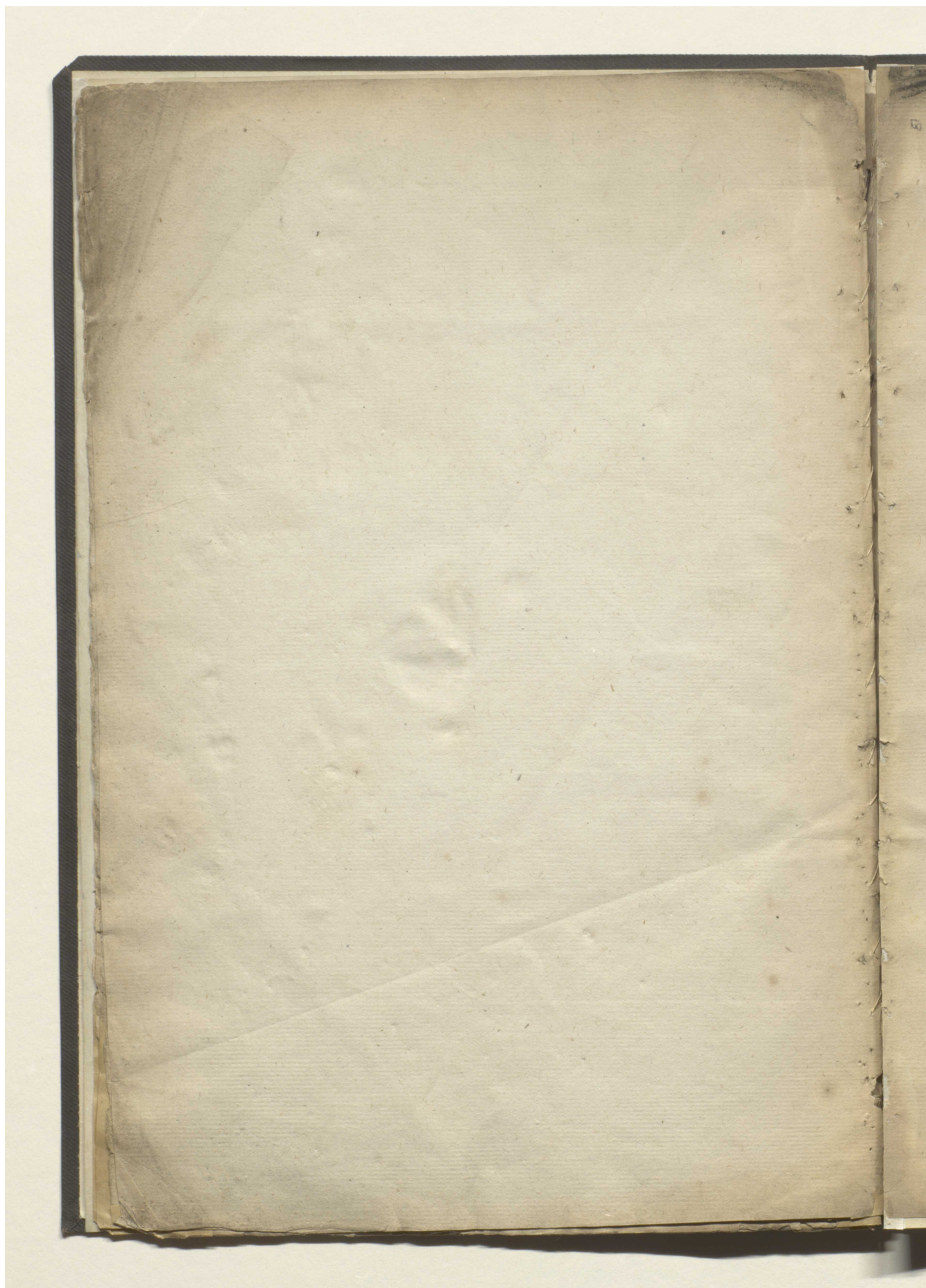


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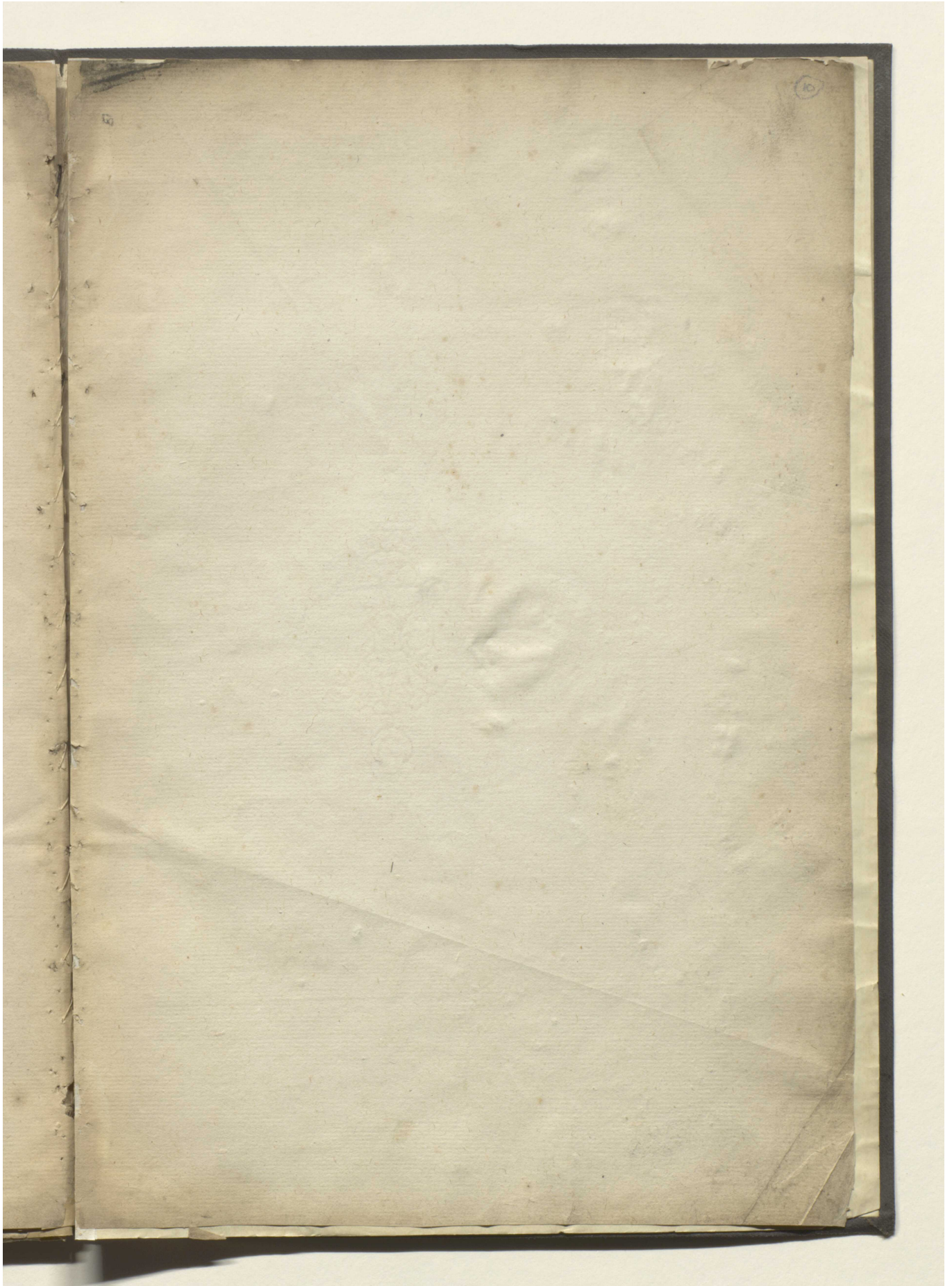




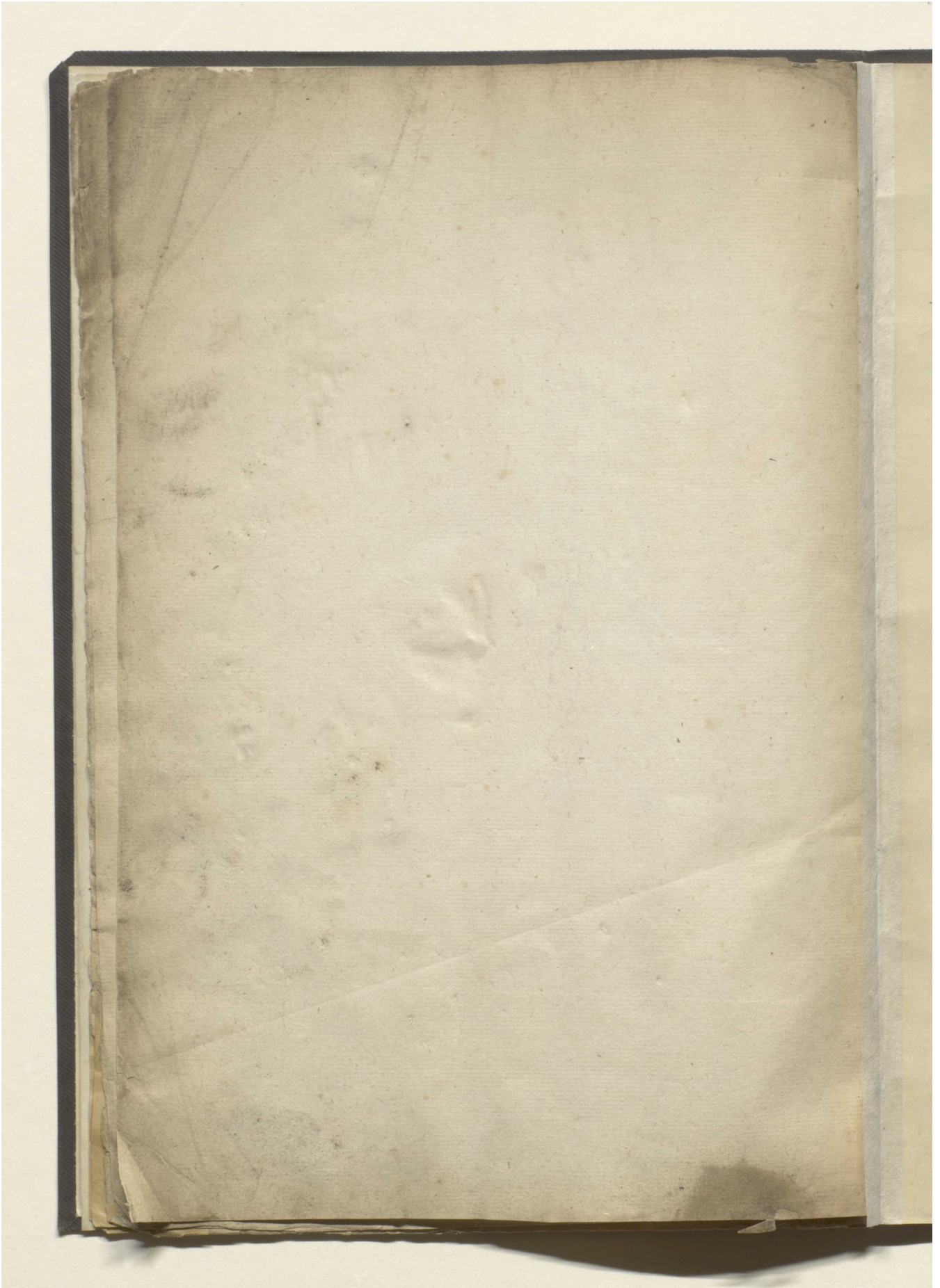
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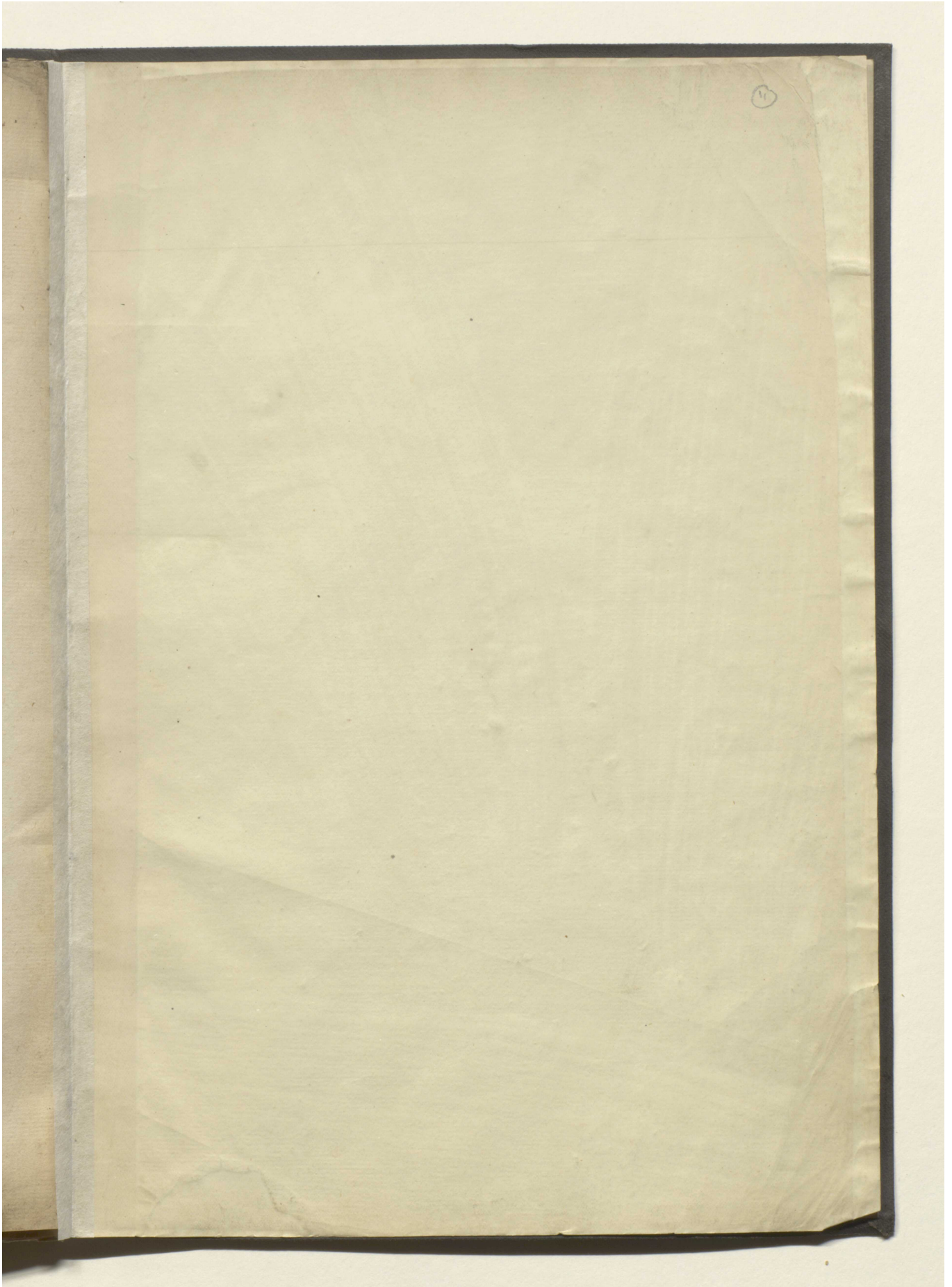
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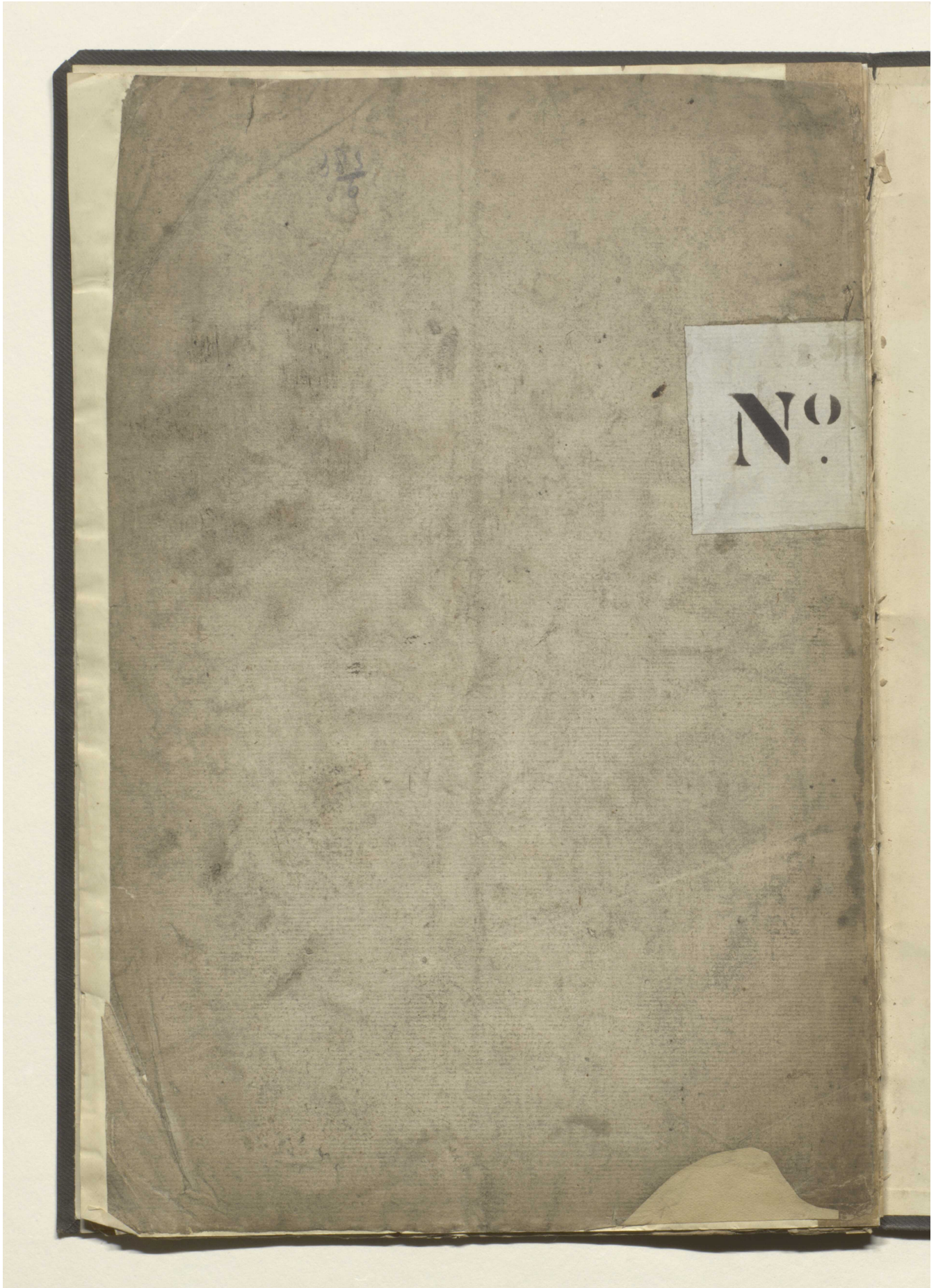
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'Short observations of the 3. viage 1607 in the Dragon' [back-i] (28/28)

