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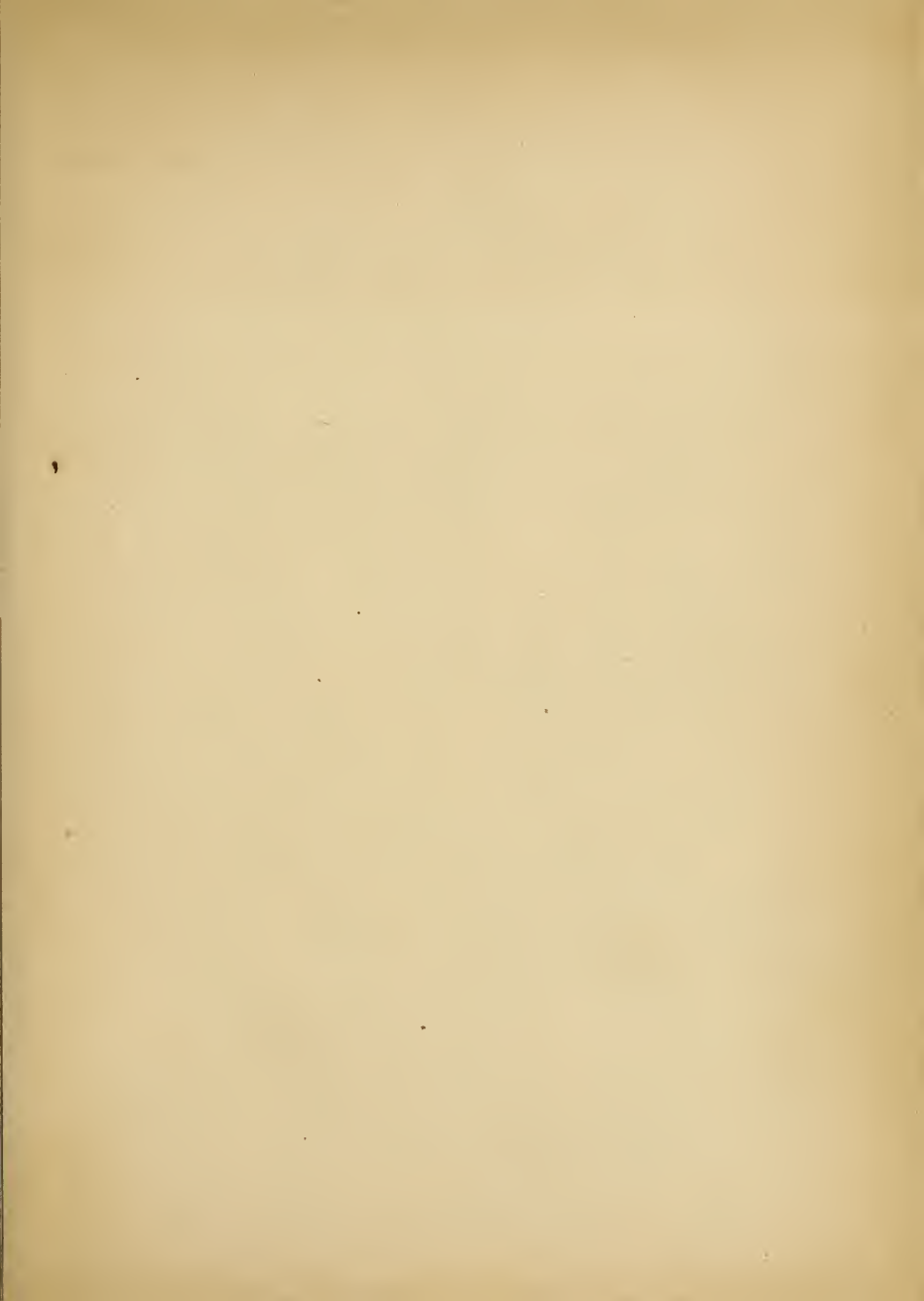


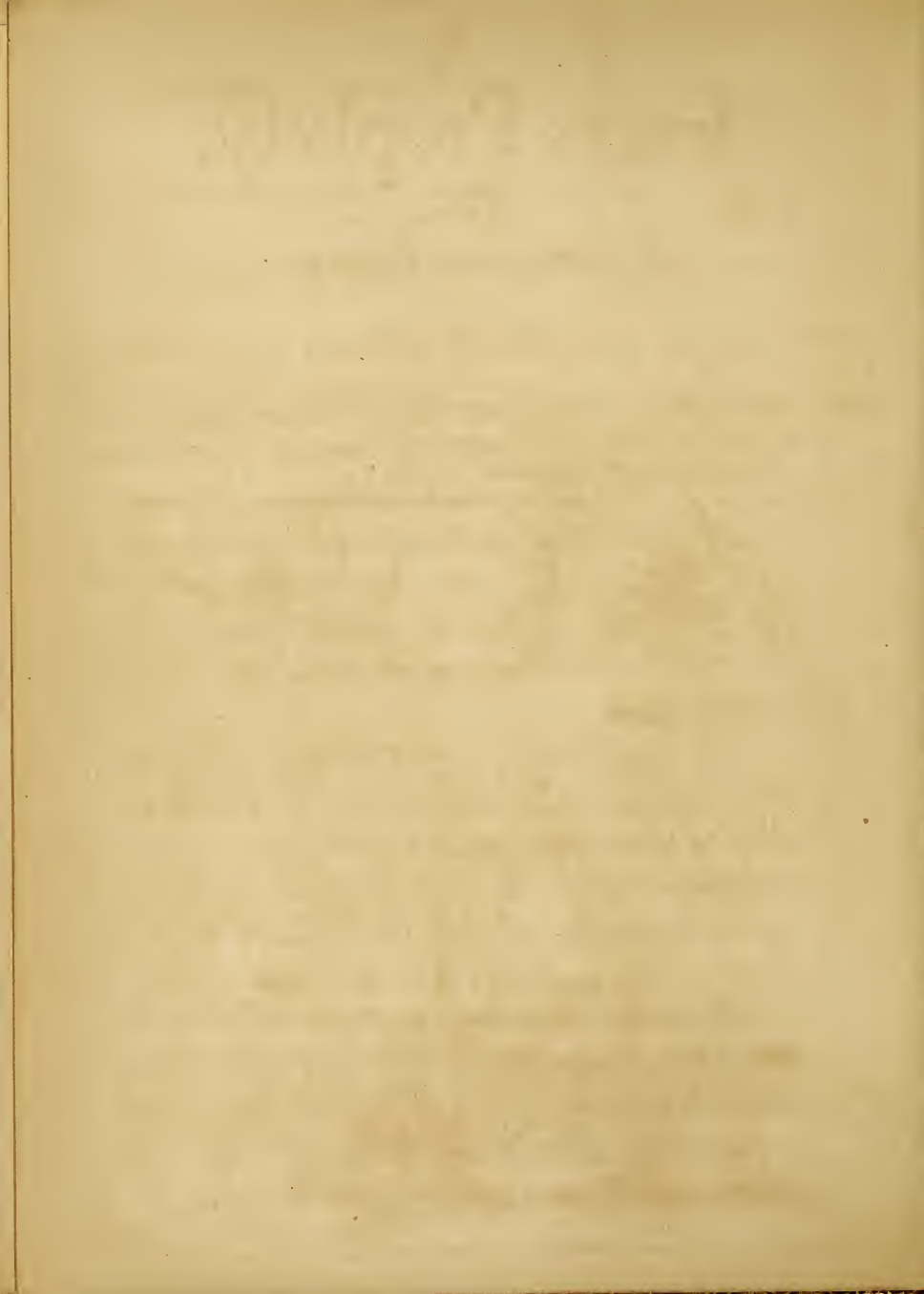
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# A Iewes Prophefy,

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*News from Rome.*

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# To the renowned

Lord, *Don Mathias de Rensie*  
of Venice.



After the particuler things allea-  
ged in my former writings vnto  
your Lordshippe, I thought it  
good and conuenient by this my  
Letter, to aduertise your Lord-  
ship, of certaine great, horrible,  
and fearefull things that hapned  
in this quarter.


Purposing to certifie your Lordship of the pompe  
and great triumph at the presenting of the Captaines  
of the Sea, vnto the great Turke: the miserie and vn-  
happines of the poore prisoners: the discorde & con-  
tention that came by the sonne of the Vice Roy of  
Naples, being prisoner: the threatnings made to the  
Christians: the receiuing of the Ambassadors of the  
Soffy: the pompes, tryumphes, and entertainments  
made vnto them, and yet dissembled enough, with  
mocking one the other at their departing: the pre-  
sents giuen: the going of the great Turke a hunting,

and all other things written at large, as your Lordship shall vnderstand.

But now your Lordship shall vnderstand at thys time, the greatest, the most wonderfull, and most strange thing that euer was heard of. The which partly hath so troubled the great Turke, and all the rest, that they haue left of all other affayres, to provide for the perrill and danger that at this time hangeth ouer theyr heads.

Your Lordships to vse,

Signior Valeſco.



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**T**he newes are come that the king of Hungarie maketh a great Army, which ſhall haue for his ayde the gallies of Buda, and of many other Princes of Chriſtendome. And they ſay mozeouer, that the King of Bohemia will helpe therein, and that the moſt part of Chriſtian Princes will come and ayde him in this enterprize againſt the Turke, except the Signorie of Venice, which meddleth nothing at all in it. Theſe reporters of newes affirme, that there ſhal come aboue a hundred gallies, beſides other Barks, ſhips, & Hulkes without number. Which is occaſion that they haſten the warre the moze. Notwithſtanding, men eſteeme not ſo much hereof, as of the war that is made beyond the Mountaines, as you ſhall vnderſtand not without wondering at it. The Tartars make friendes vpon the greater Sea, & haue made a league & friendſhip with the great Turke, requiring ayde, for they are moleſted with war by the great Emperoz of Moſcouia, & Prince of Sagodie, of Pogore, of Smelengie, of Droſſy, of Gazam, of Virgolofam, of Tartarie, of Cham, and of diuers other people and regions lying toward the South: they ſay that this Emperoz or Duke hath two Armies, and is called Iohn Dwaitillo, a young man, of the age of xxiiii. yeares, noble and valiant, and a Chriſtian, after the inſtitution of the Greekes, and preſumeth that by reaſon of his blood, the Empire of Conſtantinople doth belong to him. And theſe two Armies ſee about a two hundred thouſand horſe.

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They were not wont in time paſt to be ſo ſtrong, nor ſo feared of the Turkes, for they had not the uſe of artillarie in the warre: but nowe they haue meruailous great preparation in theſe warre. Hee hath in wages certaine Dutch Captaines, and about tenne thouſand Maſter gunners, and is ueruailous well furniſhed with harquebuſhes and artillery, and becauſe men vnderſtand that hee hath ſo vanquiſht the Tartarians, and brought the to ſuch a ſtate, that they cannot much more reſiſt him, and that if the ſaid Muſcouite ſhould be maſters ouer the Tartars, they ſhould conſequentially be Rulers of the great ſea, & the way ſhould be open and eaſie for them to come, not onely to Conſtantinoble, but alſo to driue the Turke out of Europe: and becauſe that the ſaide great Turke is aſſured of this enterpriſe and commotion of the Greekes: he hath concluded and determined, to ſend to the ſaid Tartars a good aſſiſtance of fiſteene thouſand fighting men, and alſo for this purpoſe, hee hath ſent to the ſea ten Gallies to paſſe them ouer.

When make mention and doubt of Mondaccio, which is a great Prince and Ruler, and able to make foureſcore, or a hundzed thouſand horſe: and yet men are vncertaine whoſe part he will take, becauſe he is a tributarie vnto the great Turk.

There is newes alſo from Affrica, that the King of Bugien, the King Tramece, the King of Tunis, the children of Serif, the Lozde of Murocho, and of Gran, with the Arabians & other, haue taken in hand to driue and expulſe the Turke wholly out of Affrica, & to endomage him as much as they may. When know not yet in what place they will war, but we ſhall know it ſhortly. The newes alſo is, that the Soſſie is in Campe with a great Army,

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Armie, and hath the Medes to helpe him, which border vpon the Caſpian ſea, and of one ſide neighbour to the Hircans, called at this day Correxans and Zecatans, with whom he hath made a league and peace. There are on his ſide alſo the Ibeans and Albians, and alſo the people of Melibar, which harbor vpon the Indians, & likewise with the king of Boſphorus, all beeing people maruailous ſwift and nimble. In this ſo mightie an hoſt and armie, is alſo Baſcet the ſonne of the great Turke, by meanes whereof all in thoſe parts is in great trouble, as well as heere. It ſeemeth that the Ianiffaries bring him the lot of Turkie, as Baduget, Zermonia, Alepo, and all the Regions lying neere to the Soffis' reuolted, all the which particularities ſhall be vnderſtood moze at large.

This newes is great, & hath made the great turke to miſe enough vpon it, but aboue all theſe meruelous and dreadfull newes which are hapned, there is yet chaunced another, which hath greatly feared & abaſhed all men, which although it ſeemeth to be incredible, yet vpon my credit it is moſt true, and that is, that a people heretofore vnknewen, mighty, ſwift, & maruailous nimble, hath taken weapon in hand, to the diſadvantage and loſſe of the houſe of Ottoman. They ſay that Alexander the great did in times paſt driue beyond the mountaine Caſpe nine tribes and a halfe of the Habrewes which worſhipped the Calfe & Serpent of gold and draue them away, that neuer ſince there was no newes of them, neither knew any man if they were in the worlde or not: becauſe the Sea of lande, or the ſandie ſea, by a certaine inconuenience of ſand Grauel or Beeche, ſwelled and roſe ſo high, that it vtterly took from them the way into this our Kingdom. But now by  
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the meane of the new Navigation that y<sup>e</sup> Hollanders haue made, they are arrived in their country, and haue eſpied out all their dooings: and after y<sup>e</sup> the ſaide Hollanders had instructed and taught them in the ſcience and knowledge to artillery, and gun-powder for Harquebuſes & Dags, whereunto they are maruelous apt and ready, they are become in all thinges very perſit. After this they egged them forward to take weapon in hand, and paſſe the ſaide mountaine by Land. And becauſe the ſandy Sea did hinder their paſſage, it appeareth y<sup>e</sup> ſome Dutchman or Italian, which yet men knowe not, but notwithstanding ſome great Aſtrogian or Coſmopraper taught them the way, making ſome hill plaine with fire, whereby they might eaſilye paſſe, which is a thing of great wonder.

Theſe people haue two mighty great armies, and infinite ſtoze of vittuals, by reaſon of the fruitfullneſſe of theyr country, they are alſo well provided of all manner of preparation for war, and cunning in y<sup>e</sup> practice of theyr weapons. They ſay they will come & recover the land of Promiſe, towards the which the firſt army is already very neere, to the great terror and dread of every man which hath either ſeene or hearde of them. The ſpyes which haue bene ſent out by the great turke to diſcry them, do affirme, that beſide a hundred and two Armies, there followe an infinite number of people, as well foot-men as horſe-men, and theyr firſt armie is already arrived vpon the limmits of Turkey, putting all to fire and ſword. Theyr language is baſtard Hebrew: & becauſe men ſpeake much of it heere, I will not forgette to ſpeake alſo ſomething thereof woorthy to bee noted, and well vnderſtoode: The Hebrewes of Conſtantinople ſay, that they haue certaine propheſies

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propheſies, among the which one maketh mention, that from the foure parts of the world, ſhall riſe a people, and come into Gog and Magog, and then ſhall appeare (as they perſwade themſelves) their Meſſias in might and power, and then they ſhall haue dominion and rule in the world, whereof they ſecretly reioyce, and are wonderous glad. They ſay moreover, that there is a prophecie grauen in a pillar ſet at Podromo which ſaith thus: A mighty Prince ſhall riſe, whoſe beginning ſhall be of ſmal reputation, who by his Iſſue ſhal way of ſuch force and ſtrength (with the helpe of God) that he ſhall bring to nothing, the empire and rule of Ottoman, and ſhall be the right poſſeſſor and inheritor, of the Empire of Conſtantinople, & they beleue all that it ſhall be this Emperoz and Duke of Muſcouia, which is already in great eſtimation among the Greeks.

The Turkes haue a prophecie, which they ſing often and weepe bitterly the while, for it betokeneth and denounceth vnto them, their vtter ruine and deſtruction. And although it ſeeme ſtraunge, to ſay that the Turkes haue prophecies, it is no meruaile: for Balam was a falſe Prophet: the Sybilles alſo prophecied and were Pagans. For all theſe cauſes the great Turke hath forbidden wine, & will that all men goe ſiue times in a day to the Moſchea, and pray to G O D for theyr helth and ſafetie. And ſo he prepareth three great armies, one againſt the Muſcouites, another againſt the Soffie, and the third for to goe againſt the Hebrewes of the Mountaines of Caſpij. Within theſe fewe dayes you ſhal haue other newes, wherefore thng making an end, I commend me vnto your good Lordſhip: from Rome, the firſt day of June, 1606. Your faithfull and truſty ſeruant, Signior Valeſco.

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The description of the first Armie, conducted  
by Zoroam a Jew, Captaine generall  
of the Armies.

**F**irst of all a Jew of verie great stature, of a fleshlie colour, more red then otherwise, with broad eyes, called Zoroam, is Captaine generall of all the Armies, hee leadeth vnder his Ensigne twelue thousand horse, and twenty thousand footmen. The horse-men are armed after a light sort, but very good Harnes, almost aftet our fashiou: they carrie Launces of longe Reedes, very hard and light, yet so sharpe pointed, that they passe thozowe a thing with incredible lightnesse: they carry also shields oz targets of bone, and in steede of swords, they vse certaine Courtilaxes.

They are apparrelled with the colour of their Ensigne, and all clothed with silke: the foote-men carrie Pikes of the same sort, with Helmet and Habergin: their Ensigne is of blacke silke and blewe, with a Dog following a Hart, oz Bucke, and a saying wozitten in it, which is in our language thus: Either quick or dead.

### 2. Of the Armie of Don Phares.

**T**here is one called Phares, which is an Carle, yong and valiant, not regarding this present life: this man hath vnder his commaund fifteene hundred Horsemen armed lightly, onely on the fore-part and head-peece: yet this Armour is so well tempered and wrought, that it keepeeth out a Launce and Harquebus shot.

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This manner of arming themſelues, is to the intent they may neuer turne their backe to runne away: they haue alſo fierce and light horſes: they are eigh- teene thouſand footemen, apparrelled with a kinde of ſodden leather, made of the ſkinne of a certaine Beaſt, ſo that no pike nor Harquebuſh can pearſe it. Theſe men are beaſtly people, and wil neuer flie for any thing, they are very obedient and ſubiect vnto cheir Prince, and their ordinary apparrel is Silke. The Enſigne that they beare, is a falcon pecking or billing with another Byrde, with a ſentence that ſaith, Either thine or mine ſhall breake.

### 3 Of the Marqueſſe of Galair.

There is a Marqueſſe of Galair called Goes, this man leadeth fifteen hundred men of armes, which be all exceeding well armed and ſtout, ſtrong, and rebuſt men: their horſes be moriſkes, the greateſt, the ſtrongeſt, the faireſt, and the beſt that be in the world: there are alſo ſeuenteene thouſand ſouldiours, very wel appointed with Lance and harquebuſh: their Enſigne or armes is a redde field, with a maide clothed in greene, holding a Lion in her hand, with theſe words, I hope to ſubdue a greater thing.

### 4 Of the Duke of Falach.

There is a Duke of Falach, called Obeth, who hath vnder his conduct xx. thouſand footmen, armed with a certaine mettall like yron, but it is light and hard, they haue many good ſwords, launces, and other force, harquebuſhes, and wiſlers: their Enſigne or armes, is a mermaid in a blacke field, and the deuſe thus, My ſinging ſhall not ceaſe vntill the end.

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The description of the Armie conducted by  
Captaine Nauifon:

**T**here is a captaine called Nauifon, which hath vnder him xx. thousand men, appointed and armed with the skin of a serpent, most hard & stiffe, they haue Axes, pollaxes, pikes, harquebusbes, and other kind of weapong: their Ensigne or armes, is a white snaille in a blacke fielde, with a deuise about it, By little and little men go very farre.

Of the tribe of Simeon there is a Prince of Arsay, whose name is not yet known, but they say he is a Deuill, great, grosse, & thicke beyond measure, with a flat nose, and both he and his men are of the stature of Giants: he leadeth with him xx. thousand footemen, almost all Alfiers, which are also so swift & nimble, that they will take hozses running: they make a meruailous noise, such as no people vse: their Ensigne is, an Eute in a blacke field, and hane for their pospe, Such is my gouernment.

6 Of the Duke of Barfald.

**T**here is a duke of Barfald, and he is the conducter of xiii. thousand footmen, which are all Harquebusbers, & carry no fire matches, but strike it with a stone: they are apparrelled & armed with such a hard kinde of leather, and so enchaunted, that no yron weapong in the world is able to perse it thozow. They bee also very swift and light: their Ensigne or armes, is a day tree in a blew field, and their deuise thus, I hope to spread, and be greene againe.

7 Of the Armie of the Duke Pasill.

**T**here is a duke of Pasill called Abia, he hath vnder his conduct a thousand footemen, very cruell, hauing all kind of weapong to push or pricke far off,  
and

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and to ſtrike night, but farre different from ours, they are very expert in artificiall fire, and make the greateſt and moſt dreadfull things with all y<sup>e</sup> a man can imagine: they do it either by arte or enchauntmen, ſo that it ſeemeth that it raigneth fire vpon their enemies, and yet notwithstanding hurteth not themſelues at all, by reaſon they are apparrelled with a certaine Serpents ſkin which preſerueth them. Their Enſigne is a Cat holding a Rat in her paw in a blacke ſielde, and their poſy thus, Euen ſo hapneth it to him that is not governed.

### 8 Of the Army conducted by the Earle of Albaty.

**T**here is an Earle of Albary caled Orut, which hath vnder his gouernaunce a thouſand Horſe-men with Croſſe-bowes, ſome of them weare certaine light armour of a kind of hard mettall, with Rappers and daggers after theyr manner, they fight alwayes running, and their horſes are ſo ſwift that it is wonderfull. This man alſo hath xx. thouſand horſes barbed with very fine leather. Some cary pikes and Partifans, & ſuch like weapons. Their Enſigne or armes is a man in chaines, in a ſield parted halfe with greene and Purple, and this deuſe withall, My chaines ſhall bind another man.

### 9 Of the Marqueſſe of Vorio.

**T**here is a Marques of Vorio called Manaffes, who hath vnder his conduct xvii. thouſand footemen, Armed with a very hard & ſtrong leather, which men beleue to be enchaunted, becauſe that no weapon nor harquebuſſ is able to perſe it thozowe, yet it is a

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light as Linneu cloth, and a thing very fayre to ſee to. Theſe now haue all ſorts of weapons that an Armie may haue: and they are diuided and ſet in a very faire, comely, and decent order: their Enſigne is an old man in a chariot, in a blacke ſielde, ſaying thus, After a long iourney I ſhall be happy.

### *Caleb Shilock his propheſie, for the yeere, 1607.*

**B**E it knowne vnto all men, that in the yeere 1607. when as the Moone is in the Watrye ſigne, the world is like to bee in great danger: for a learned Jew, named Caleb Shilock, doth write that in the ſaſaid yeere, the Sun ſhall be couered with the Dragon in the mozning, from ſiue of the clocke vntill nine, and will appeare like fire: therefore it is not good that any man do behold the ſame, for by beholding thereof, hee may loſe his ſight.

Secondly, there ſhall come in the ſame yeere a meruailous great flood of water, to the great terroz and amazement of many people.

Thirdly, there ſhall ariſe a meruailous great wind, and for feare thereof many people ſhall be conſumed or diſtraughted of their wits.

Fourthly the ſame yeere, about the month of May, will ariſe another wonderfull great flood, and ſo great as no man hath ſeene ſince Noyes flood, which will continue three daies, and three nightes, whereby many Citties and Townes which ſtandeth bypon Sandie ground will be in great danger.

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Fiftly, Infidels and Hereticks, through great feare and dread, will flye and gather together, and as much as in them lies, make war againſt Chriſtian princes.

Sixtly, in the ſame yeare after the great waters be paſt, about the end of the yeere will be very great and fearefull Sickneſſes: ſo that many people are like to die by the infection of ſtrange diſeaſes.

Seauenthy, there will be throughout the Worlde great trouble and contention about matters of Religion, and wonderfuh ſtrange newes vnto all people, as concerning the ſame.

Eightly, the Turke with his God Mahomet ſhall bee in daunger to looſe his Septer, through the great change and alteration in his Regiment, by reaſon of famine and warres, ſo that the moſt part of his people will rather ſeeke reliefe from the Chriſtian, then from him.

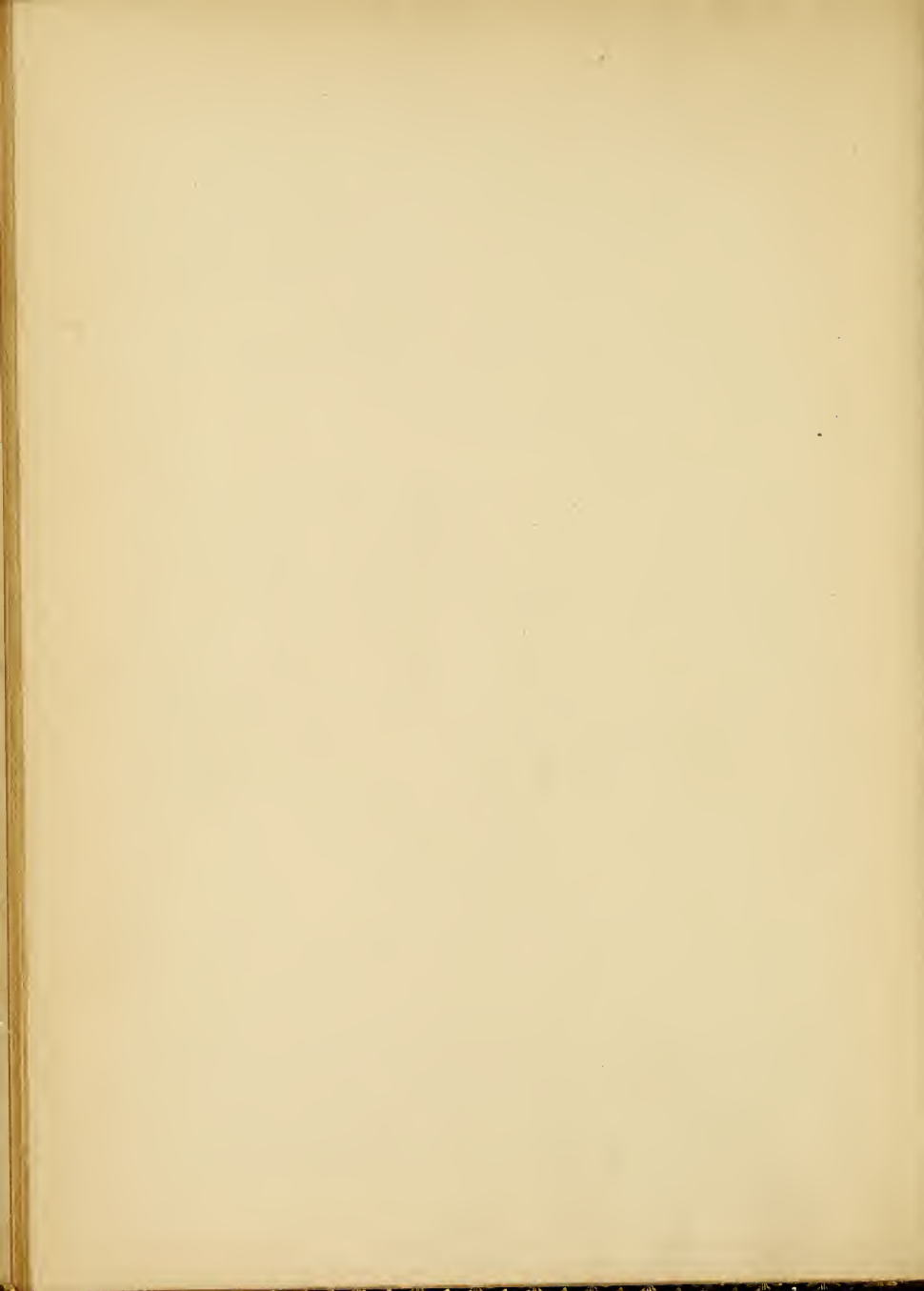
Ninthly, there will alſo ariſe great Earth-quakes, whereby diuers goodly buildings & high houſes, are like to be ouerthrowne and ruinated.

Laſtly, there will be great remoouings of the earth in diuers places, ſo that for feare thereof, many people will be in a ſtrange amazement and terror.

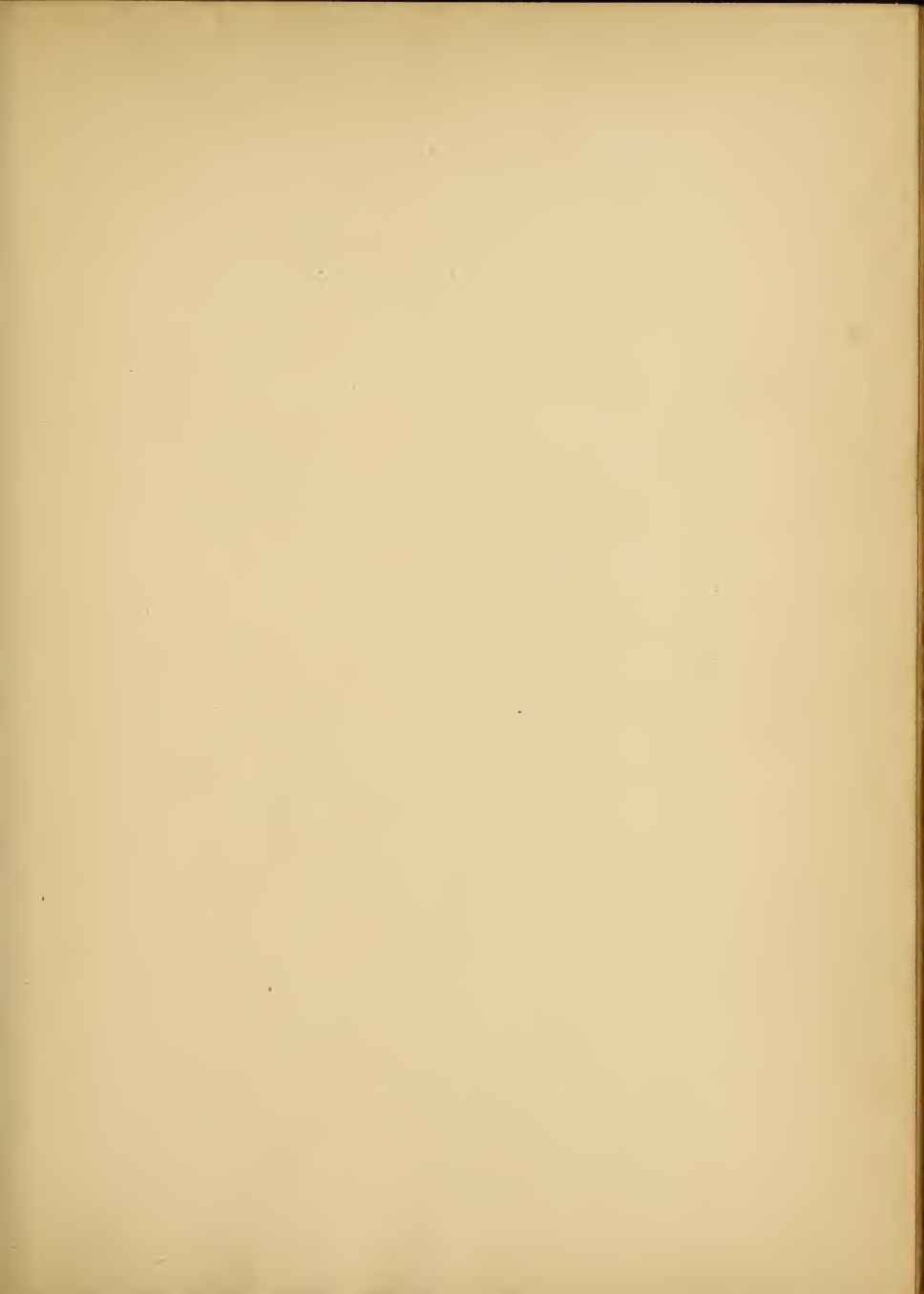
Theſe puniſhments are prognosticated by this learned Jew, to fall vpon the whole Worlde by reaſon of ſinne, wherefore it behoueth all Chriſtians to amende their euill liues, and to pray earnestly vnto G O D to withhold theſe calamities from vs, and to conuert our harts wholly to him, whereby we may find fauour in our time of neede, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. Amen.

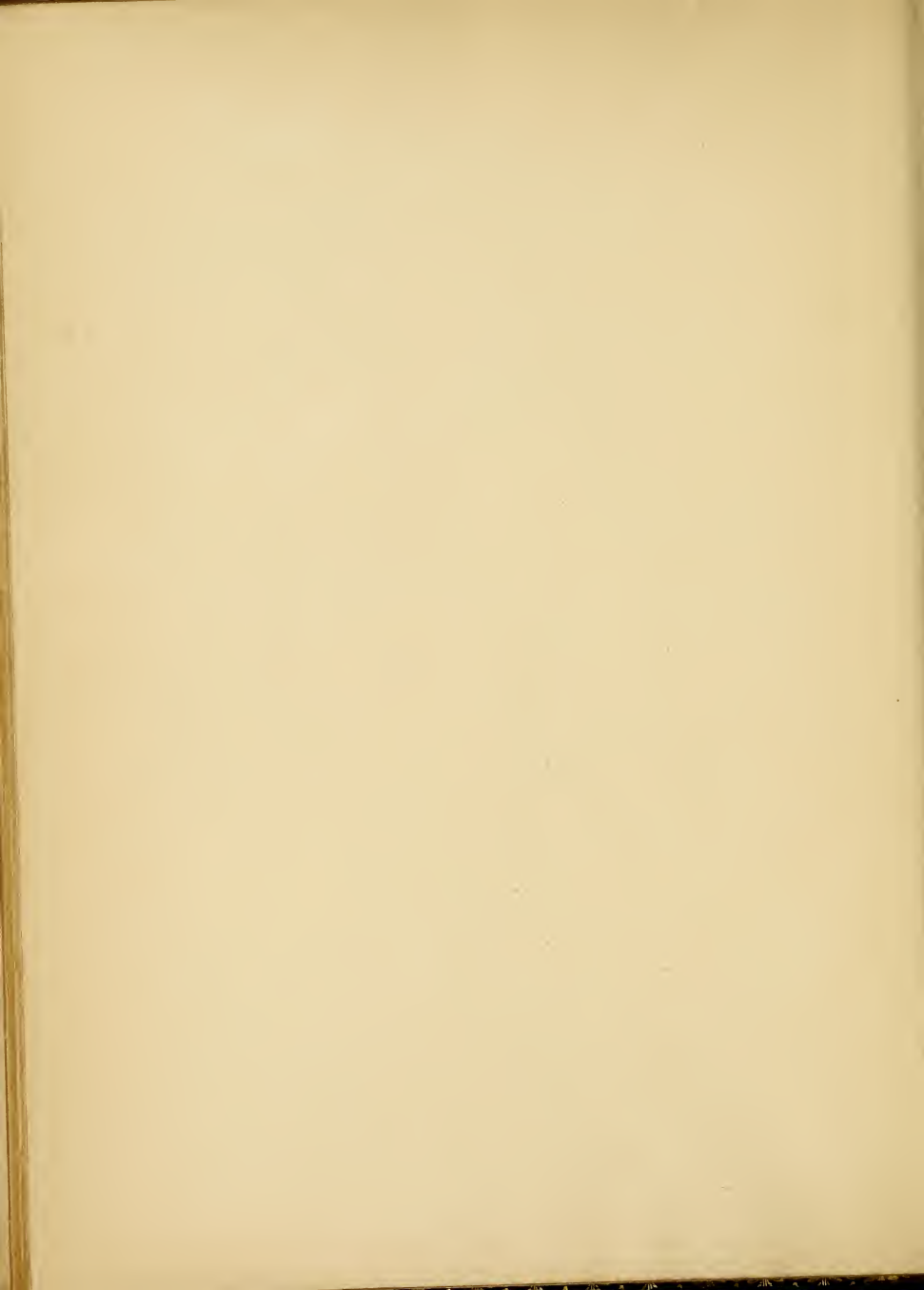
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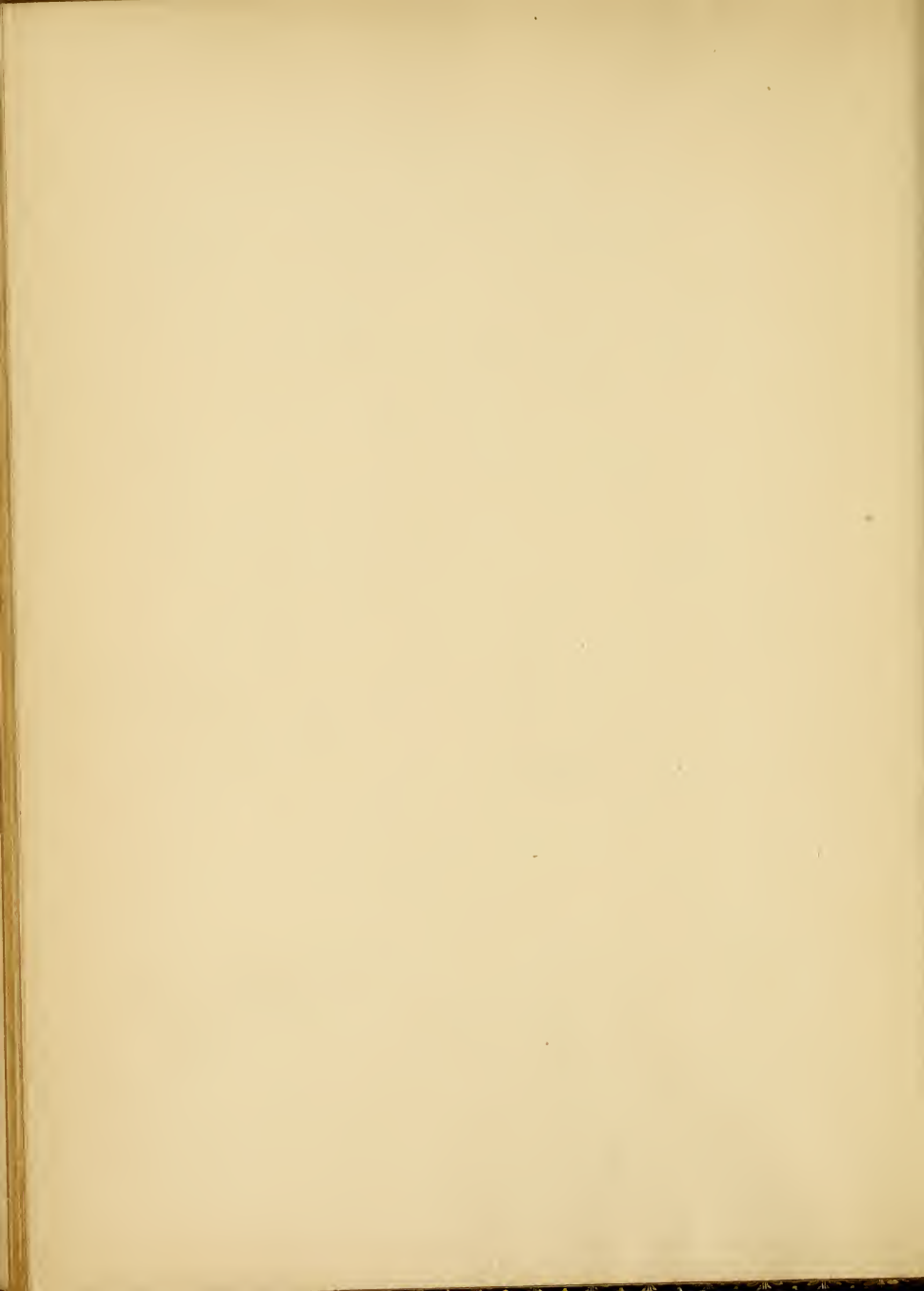


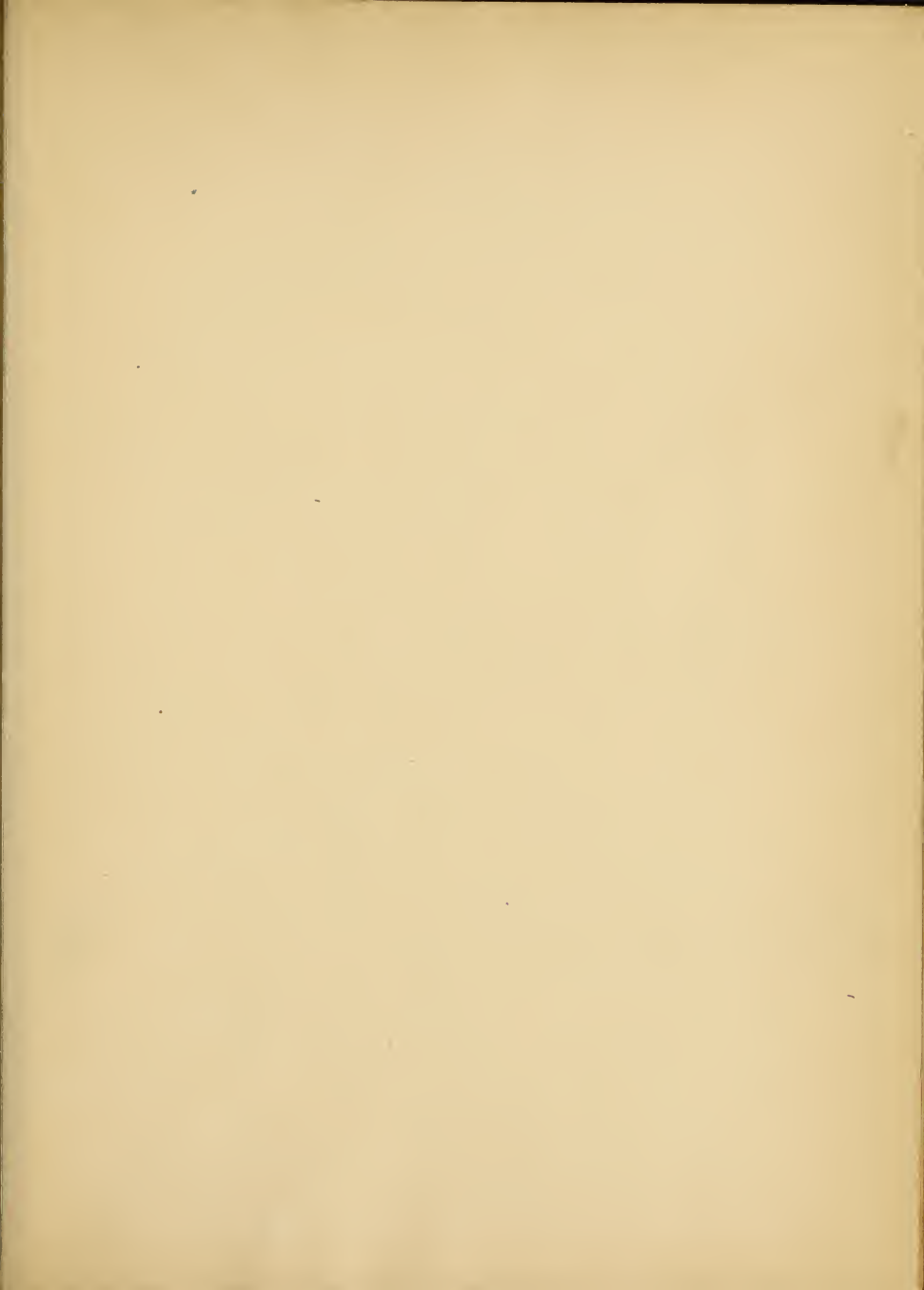


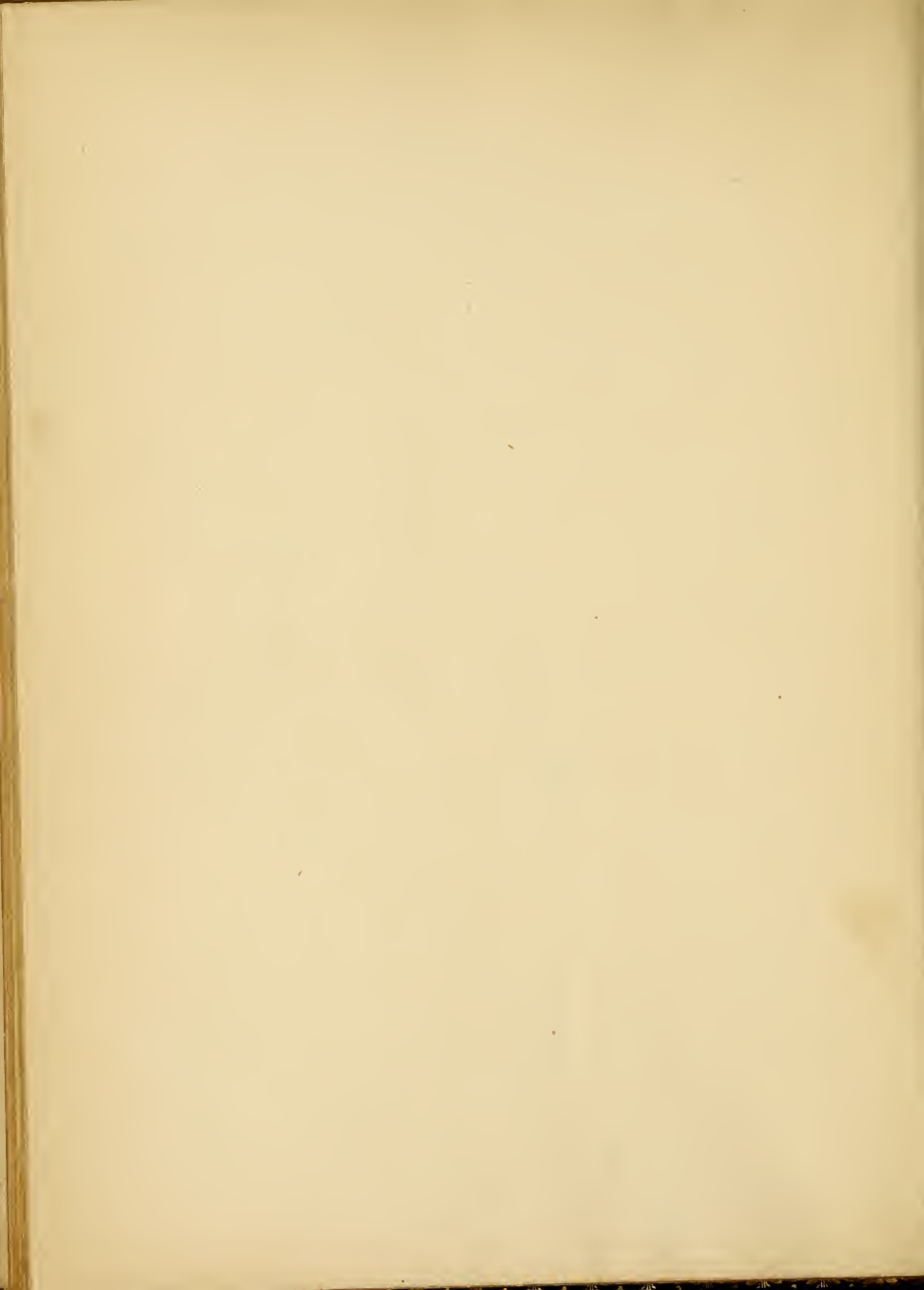




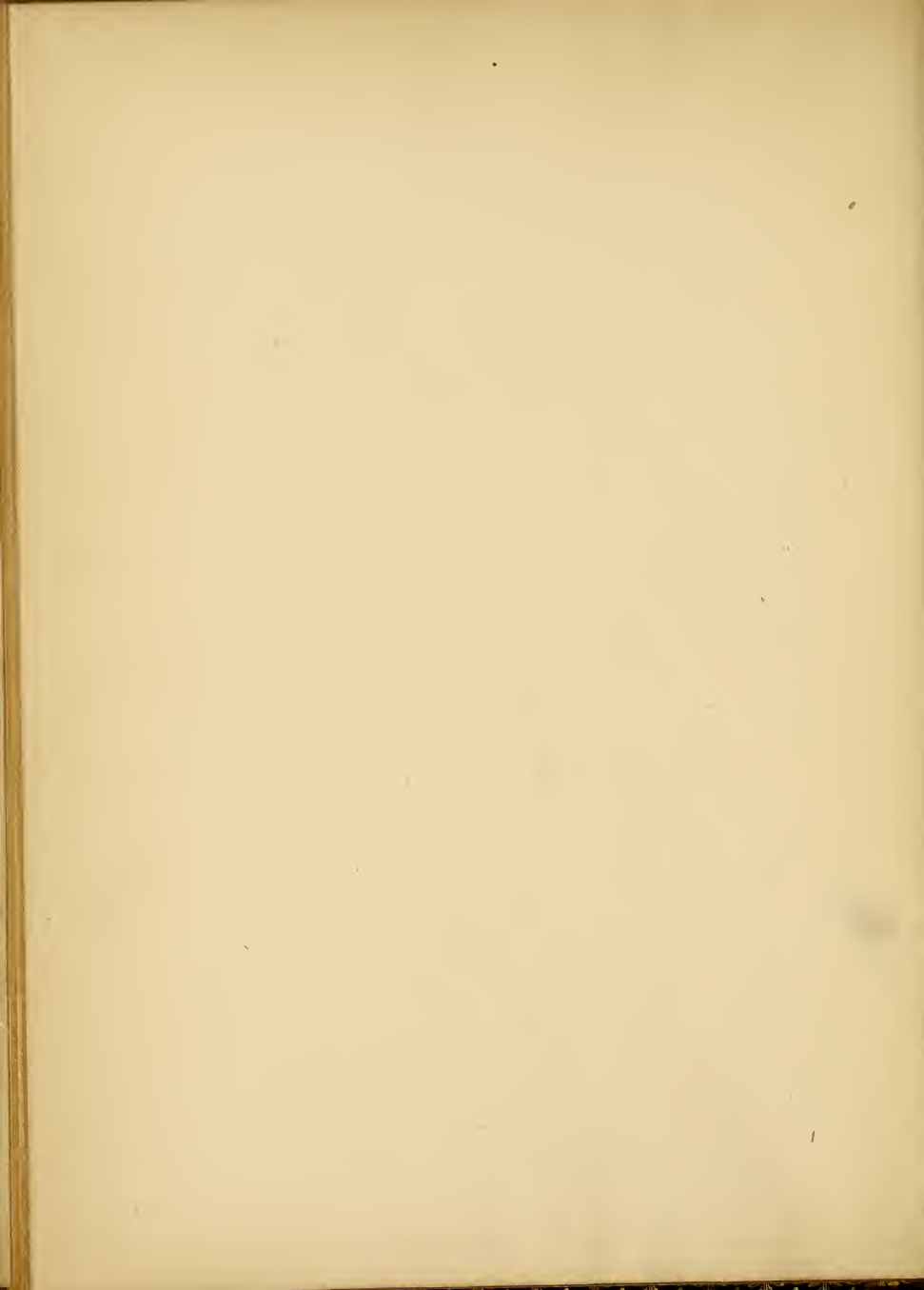






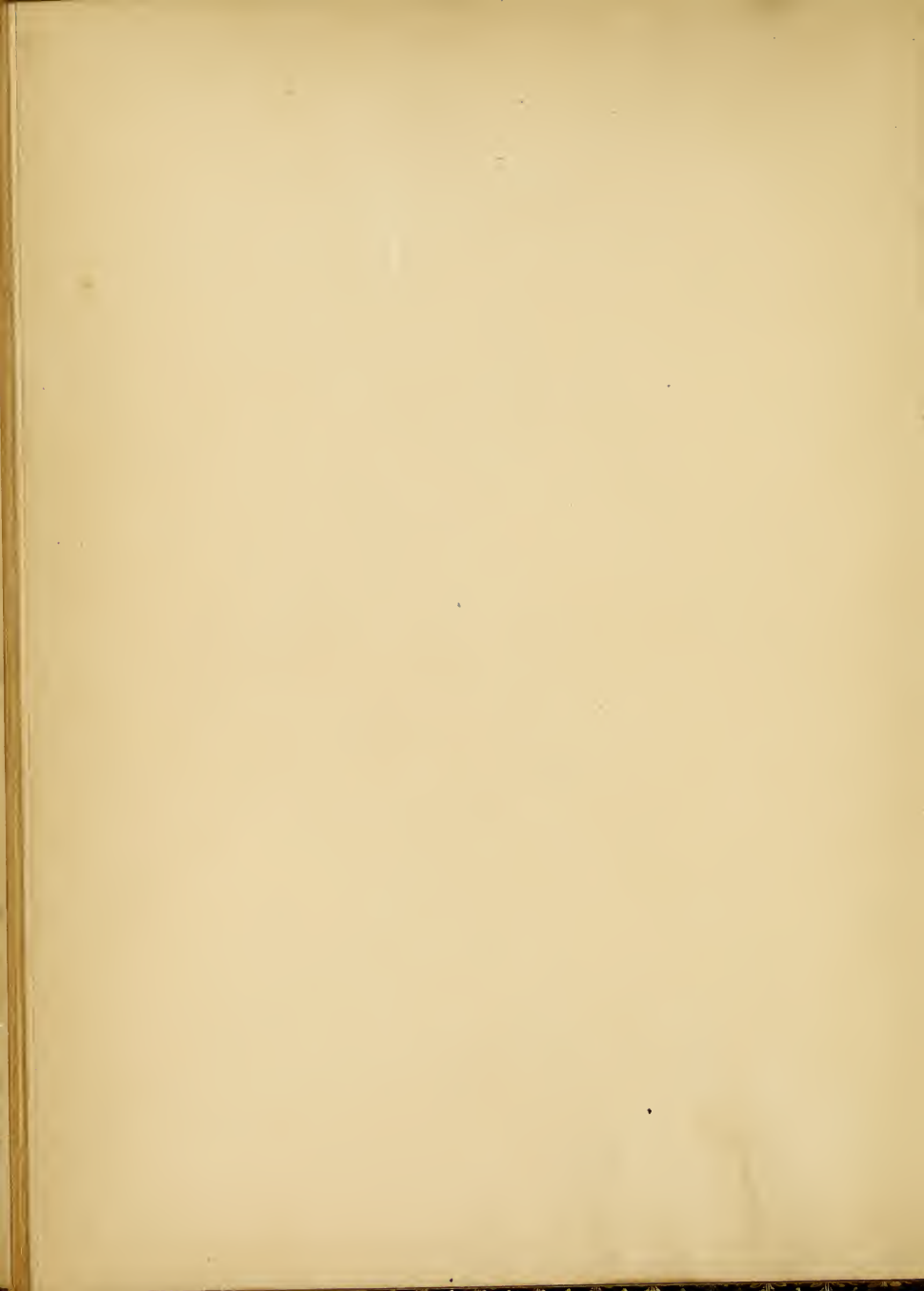


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