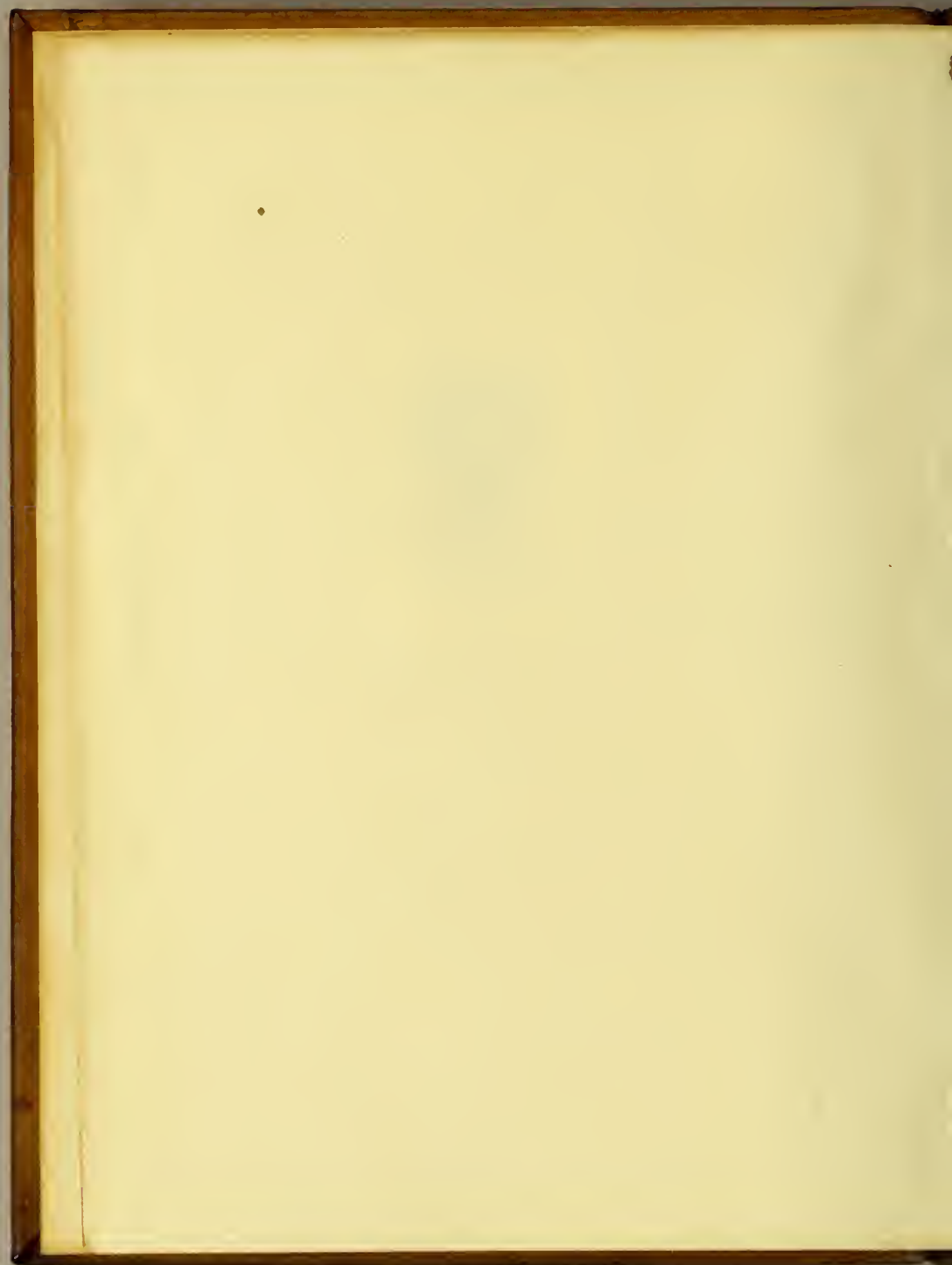






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L Iteras Serenitatis
vestrae 6. Febr.
nuperi ex arce St. Ger-
mani ad nos datas, ab

WE have received
your Majesties
Letters, dated from St.
Germans the sixth of Fe-
bruary

ejusdem in aula nostra *bruary last, by the Earl*
 Ablegato Carlinfortio *of Carlingford, your*
 exhibitas, recte accepimus, & ex iis in quem *Envoy in our Court: By*
 statum redacta sit Serenitas vestra, qualiterque *them we have understood the*
 ab exercitibus suis, imo & ab intimis & domesticis fere omnibus, *Condition your Majesty is*
 post adventum Principis Arausionensis derelicta præcipiti fuga salutis suæ consulere, & *reduced to; and that you*
 ibidem in Gallia præsidium, subsidiumque *being deserted after the*
 quærere coacta sit: Denique etiam à nobis ad *landing of the Prince of*
 recuperanda Regna sua *Orange, by your Army,*
 Auxilium expetat pluribus intelleximus. *and even by your Dome-*
 serenitati vestræ id certo *stick Servants, and by*
 recipere & confirmare *those you most Confided in,*
 possumus, quod simul *and almost by all your Sub-*
 atque peracerba hæc *jects, you have been forced by a sudden flight to*
provide for your own safety, and to seek Shelter
and Protection in France:
Lastly that you desire Assistance from us for the recovering your Kingdoms.
We do assure your Majesty, that as soon as we
heard of this severe turn

rerum vicissitudo ad
 aures nostras pervenit,
 animum etiam nostrum
 non communi illo hu-
 manitatis, sed pro sin-
 cero nostro in eandem
 affectu, propiore &
 strictiore sensu tetige-
 rit, & intime indoluerimus,
 illud tandem evenisse,
 quod nobis quantumvis
 meliora sperantibus animus
 jam dudum anxie prælagit.
 Quod si enim Serenitas
 vestra amicissimis nostris
 per Ablegatum nostrum
 nuperum Comitum in
 Caunitz factis remonstrationibus
 potius, quam fraudulentis
 Gallorum suggestionibus,
 quibus id unum agebant,
 ut per

of Affairs, we were moved at it, not only with the common sense of Humanity, but with much deeper Impressions suitable to the sincere Affection which we have always born to you. And we were heartily sorry that at last that was come to pass, which (though we hoped for better things) yet our own sad thoughts had suggested to us would ensue. If your Majesty had rather given Credit to the Friendly Remonstrances that were made you, by our late Envoy, the Count de Kaunitz, in our Name, than the deceitful Insinuations of the French, whose chief aim was, by fomenting continual Divisions between

you.

petuas inter Serenitatem vestram, & ejusdem Populos fovendo simultates reliquæ Christianæ Europæ tanto securius insultarent, si eadem præbuisset, & continuis eorundem pacifragiis & contraventionibus, quarum vindiciæ pace Neomagensi ad eandem spectabant, autoritate & potentia sua modum serio ponere, eumque in finem communia nobiscum, aut cum aliis recte consulentibus, consilia inire placuisset. Nobis quidem nullum dubium est quin Serenitas vestra animos Populi sui odio Religionis nostræ jam tam

you and your People, to gain thereby an Opportunity to insult the more securely over the rest of Christendom. And if your Majesty had put a stop, by your Force and Authority, to their many Infractions of the Peace, of which by the Treaty at Nimegen you are made the Guarantee, and to that end entered into Consultations with us, and such others as have the like just Sentiments in this matter; We are verily persuaded that by this means you should have in a great measure quieted the Minds of your People, which were so much exasperated through their aver-

exulceratos multum de- on to our Religion, and
 mulsisset, & etiamnum the publick Peace had been
 tam in Regno suo, preserved as well in your
 quam in Romano Im- Kingdoms as here in the
 perio tranquillitas illi- Roman Empire. But
 bata staret. Nunc au- now we refer it even to
 tem quo loco res no- your Majesty, to judge
 stræ sint, ut Serenitati what condition we can be
 vestræ auxilium præ- in to afford you any As-
 stari possit à nobis, qui sistance, we being not
 non Turcico tantum only engaged in a War
 bello impliciti, sed in- with the Turks, but
 super nos etiam crude- finding our selves at the
 ssimo & iniquissimo same time unjustly and
 Gallis rerum suarum, barbarously Atacked by
 it putabant, in Anglia the French, contrary to,
 securis, contra datam and against the Faith of
 dem impediti sumus, Treaties, they then reckon-
 finiet Serenitati vestræ ing themselves secure of
 dicandum relinqui- England. And this
 us. Illud sane ean- ought not to be conceal-
 m non celandum du- ed; that the greatest In-
 nus, quod Religio- juries which have been
 etiam nostræ non done to our Religion have
 flowed.

ab aliis majore injuria quam ab ipsismet Gal-
 lis illata sit; quippe qui non tantum in nostrum,
 & totius Christianæ orbis perniciem fœdifra-
 ga arma cum juratis Sanctæ Crucis hostibus
 sociare, & susceptos à nobis pro Dei Gloria
 conatus interrompere, successusque ab Omni-
 potenti manu nobis concessos impedire fas
 sibi ducunt; sed etiam in Imperio perfidiam
 perfidia cumulando urbes deditone occupa-
 tas contra datam ex ipsiusmet Delphini ma-
 nu signatam fidem immensis tributis ex-
 haurire, exhaustas diripere, direptas fundi-

flowed from no other than the French themselves; who not only esteem it lawful for them, to make Perfidious Leagues with the sworn Enemies of the Holy Cross, tending to the destruction both of us and of the whole Christian World, in order to the checking our Endeavours, which were undertaken for the Glory of God, and to stop those Successes which it hath pleased Almighty God to give us hitherto; but further have heaped one Treachery on another, even within the Empire itself. The Cities of the Empire which were surrendered upon Articles, signed by the Dolphin himself,

tus excindere, aut
flammis delere. Pa-
latia Principum ab
omni antiquitate in-
ter seivissima bello-
rum incendia intacta
servata exurere, tem-
pla spoliare, dediti-
tios in servitutem more
inter barbaros usita-
to abducere. Denique
passim, imprimis vero
etiam in Catholico-
rum Ditionibus, alia
horrenda, & ipsam
Turcarum tyranni-
dem superantia, im-
manitatis & seivitiæ
exempla edere, pro
Ludo habent. Quæ
cùm necessitatem nobis
summam imponant,
non contra ipsos mi-
nùs, quam contra

himself, have been ex-
hausted by excessive Im-
positions; and after their
being exhausted have been
Plundered; and after
Plundering have been
burned and razed.
The Palaces of Princes,
which in all times, and
even in the most destru-
ctive Wars, have been
preserved; are now burnt
down to the Ground. The
Churches are robbed, and
such as submitted them-
selves to them; are, in a
most barbarous manner,
carried away as Slaves.
In short, it is become a
Diversiõ to them to com-
mit all manner of inso-
lences and cruelties in ma-
ny places, but chiefly in
Catholick Countries, ex-

B ceeding

Turcas, omni nos
& Sacrum Romanum
Imperium meliori ra-
tione tuendi, ab ipsi-
usmet Serenitatis Vef-
trae æquanimitate cer-
tum nobis assensum
promittimus, nobis à
nemine imputari posse;
siquam hæcenus per
multiplices Tractatus
assequi non potuimus
securitatem, justissimis
Armis asserere sataga-
mus; eundemque in fi-
nem cum iis, quo-
rum interest, commu-
nes pro defensione &
securitate nostra ratio-
nes inire cogamur. De
cætero Deum rogamus,
ut omnia ad suam
Gloriam dirigat, ve-
straq; Serenitati in hoc

ceeding, the Cruelties of
the Turks themselves;
which having imposed an
absolute necessity upon us
to secure our selves and
the Holy Roman Em-
pire; by the best means
we can think on, and that
no less against them than
against the Turks; We
promise our selves from
your justice ready as-
sent to this, That it ought
not to be imputed to us,
if we endeavour to pro-
cure, by a just War, that
security to our selves which
we could not hitherto ob-
tain by so many Treaties;
and that in order to the
obtaining thereof, We take
measures for our mutual
Defence and Preservation,
with all those who are
equally

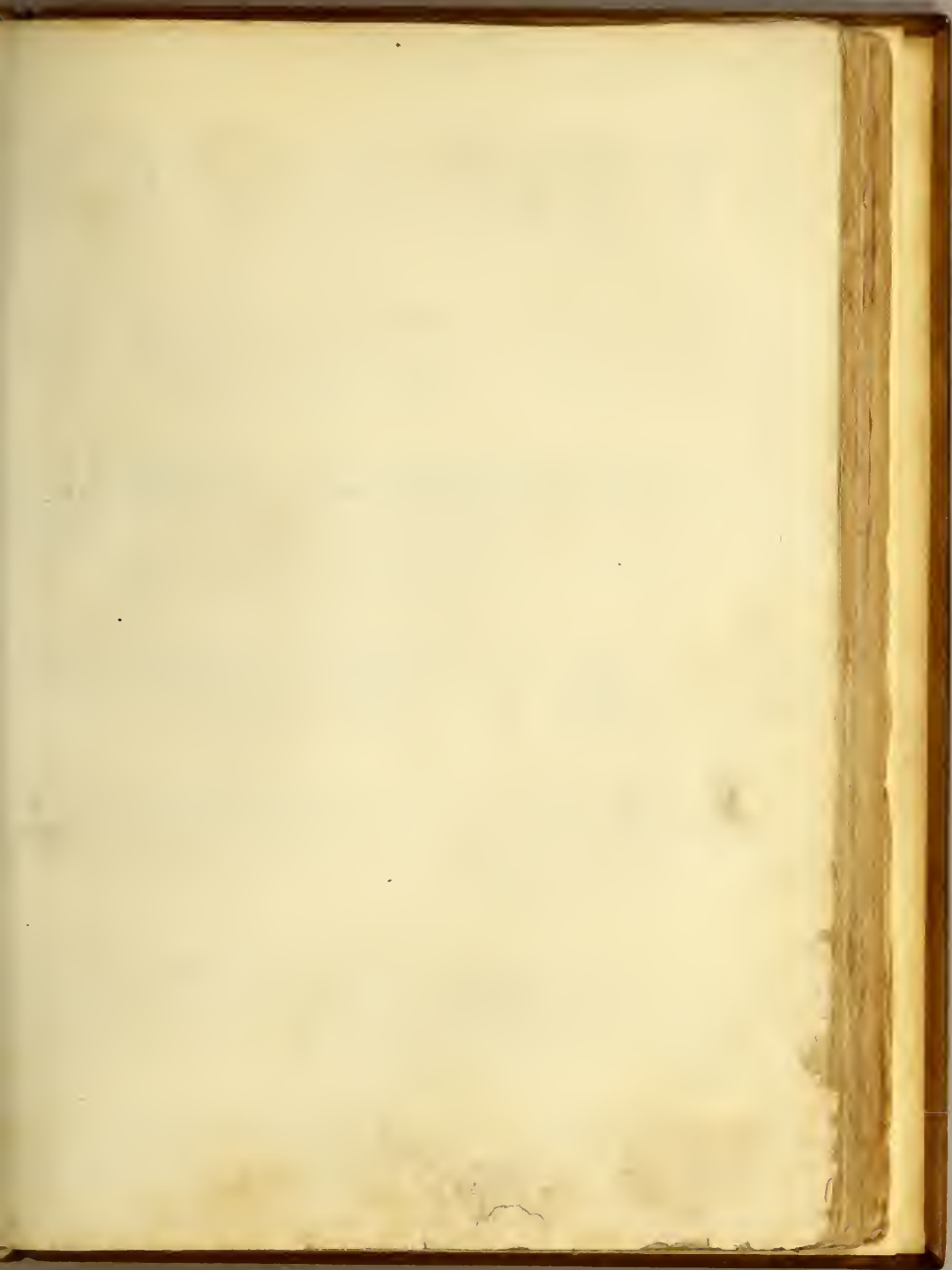
gravissimo infortunio equally concerned in the
 suo vera solatia præ- same Design with us. It
 ster, qui tandem tener- remains that we beg of
 rimo fraterni animi af- God, that he would direct
 fectu complectimur. all things to his Glory, and
 that he would grant your

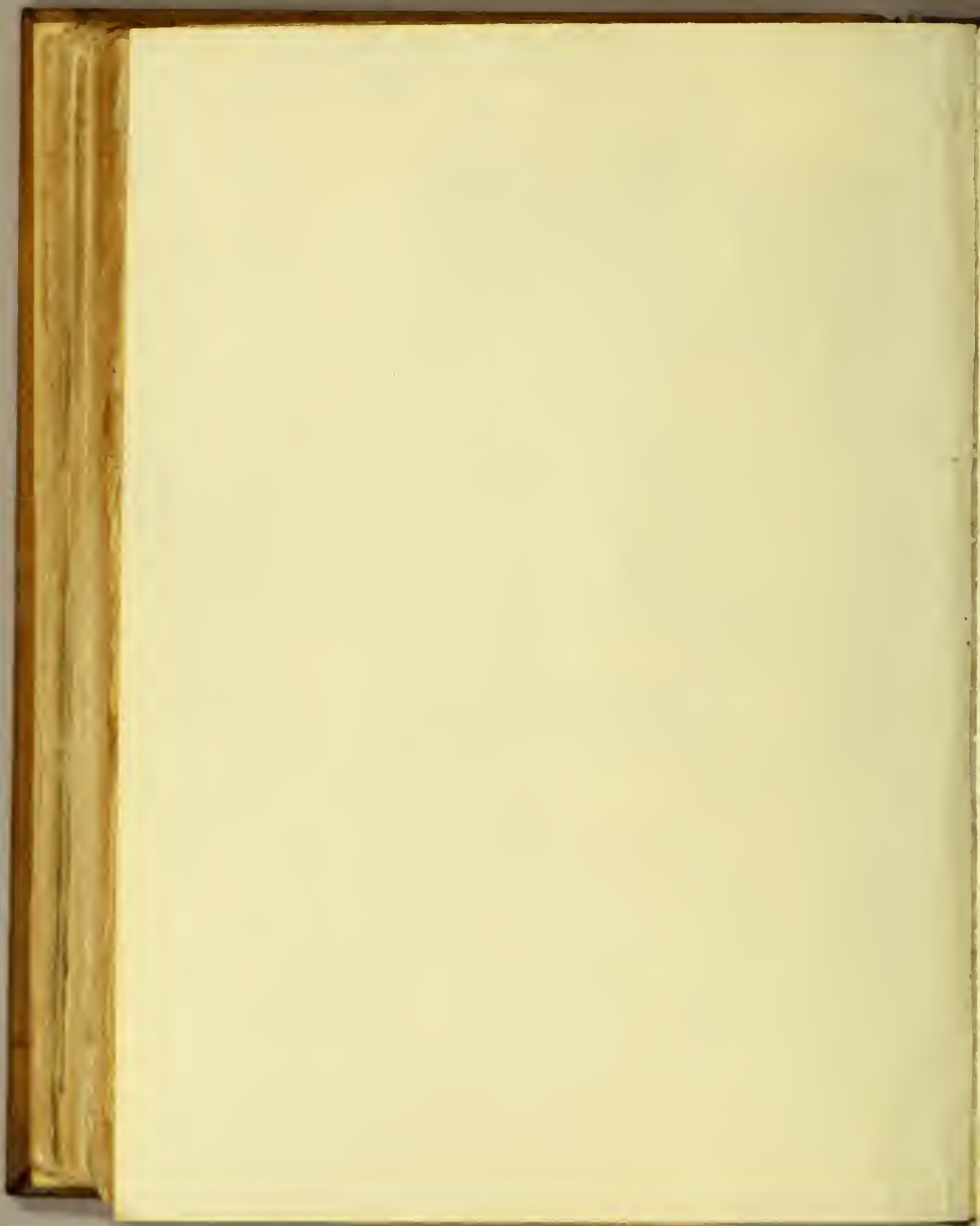
Viennæ 9. Aprilis
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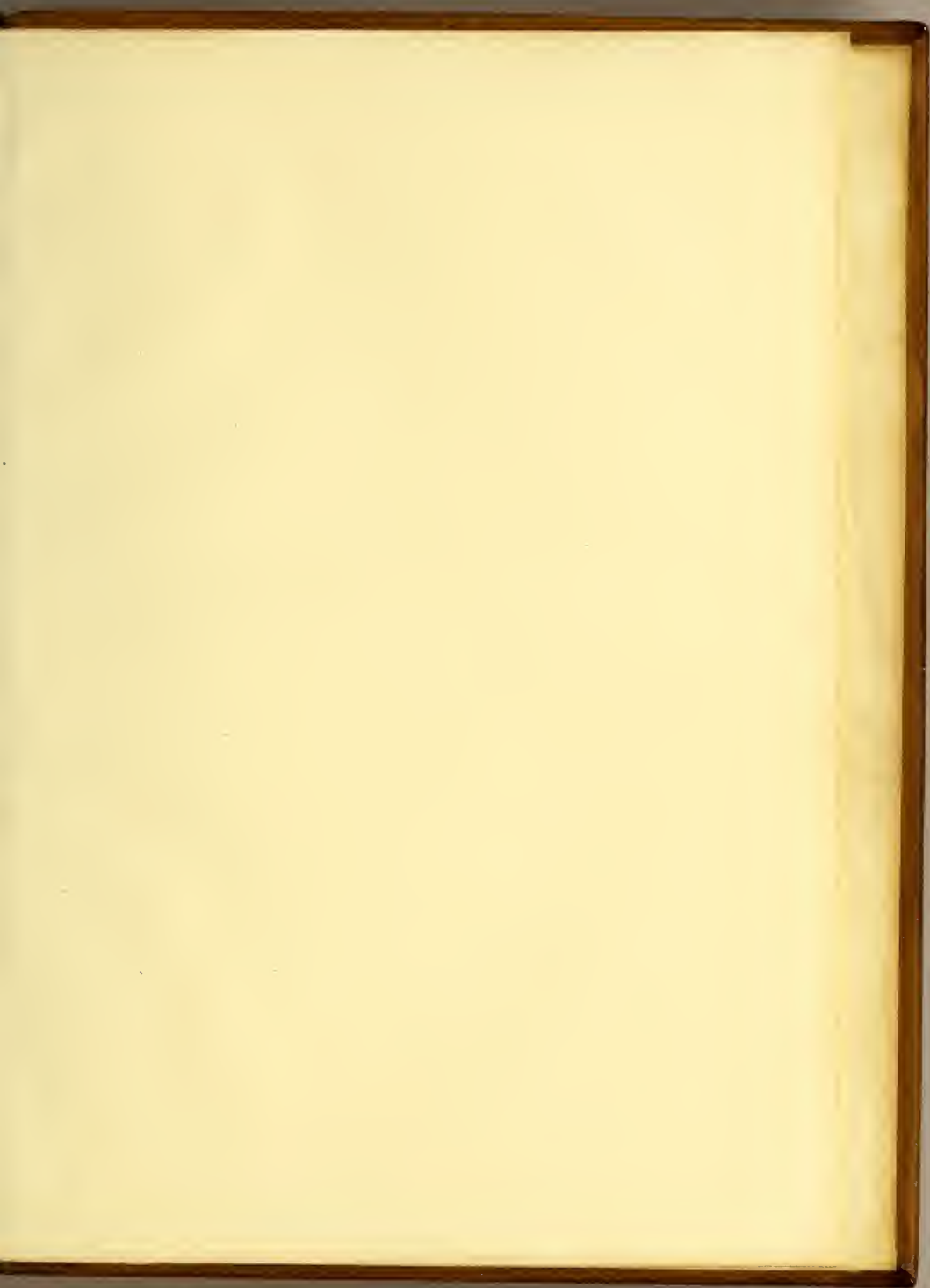
Majesty true and solid
 Comforts under this your

great Calamity; we embrace you with the ten-
 der Affections of a Brother.

At Vienna the 9th of April
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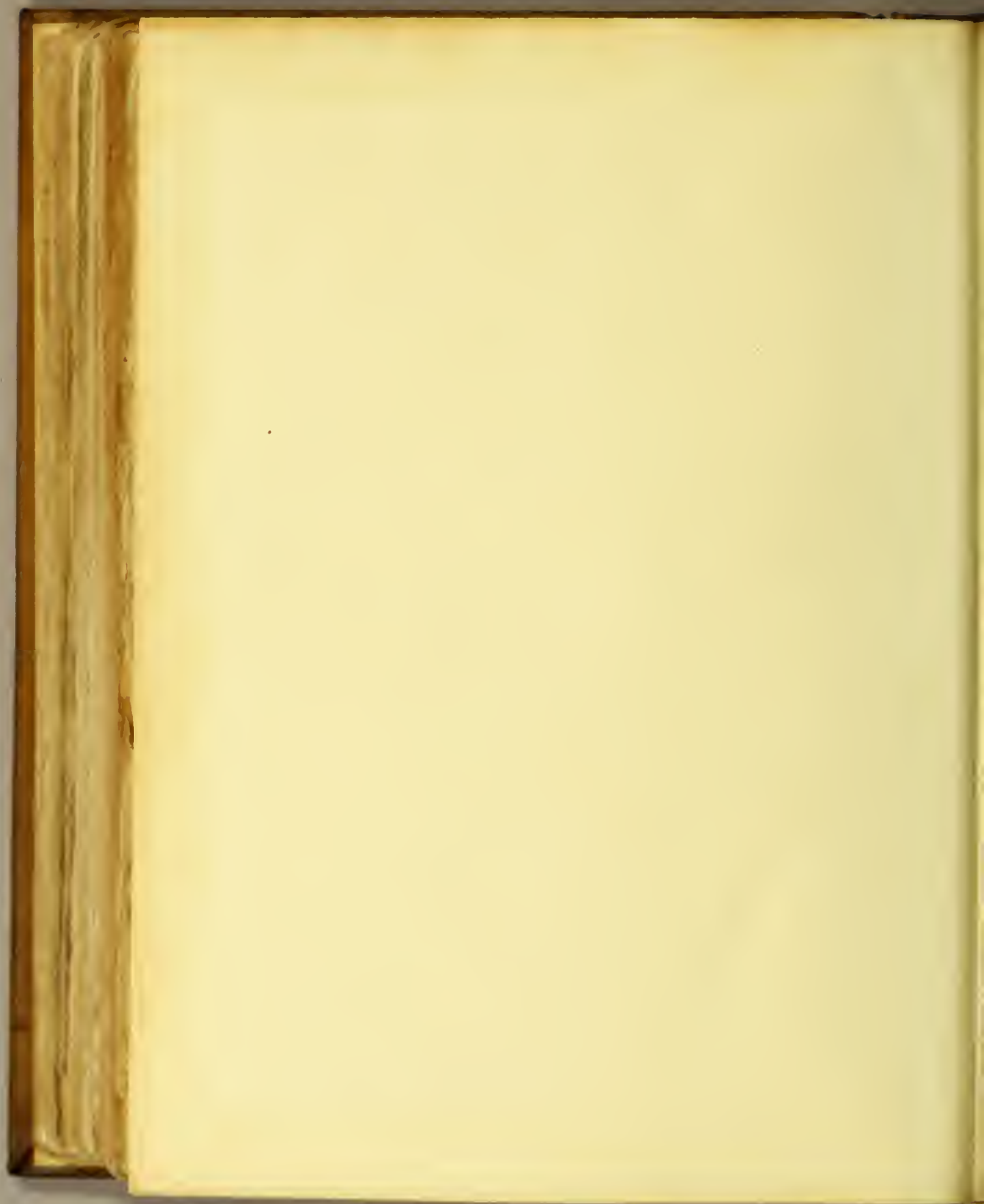












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