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Reference	IOR/L/MAR/A/XXI
Date(s)	9 Mar 1614-27 Feb 1615 (CE, Gregorian)
Written in	English in Latin
Extent and Format	1 volume (149 folios)
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About this record

Journal of the voyage of the East India Company ship *New Year's Gift* from England towards Surat and Bantam (Captain Thomas Elkington, Master Martin Pring/Nicholas Downton), 9 March 1613 [New Style date 9 March 1614]-14 September 1615 (dates given are for arrival unless otherwise indicated): 9 March 1613 [New Style date 9 March 1614], off the Lizard; 15 June 1614, Saldanie [Saldanha Bay, Cape of Good Hope]; 6 August 1614, St Augustine's Bay [Madagascar]; 9 September 1614, Sucatora [Socotra].

The journal ends on 14 September 1614, with the ship leaving Socotra bound for Surrate [Surat].

Labelled on the front cover 'No. 15', and inscribed '1614. Begun 9th. March 1613/14. Ends 30 Sept [September] 1614' (folio 1B).

The journal contains regular dated entries in (variously) seven or eight columns, under the following headings: daies [days]; houres [hours]; course; leages [leagues]; latitude (degrees and minutes); varia[tion]; windes [winds]; and [month, year, and remarks]. When the ship is in harbour, the entries consist of remarks only.

The journal records: navigational information; weather; sea conditions; topographical and anthropological descriptions; descriptions of flora and fauna; potential trading commodities; and references to the other ships with which the *New Year's Gift* sailed in convoy.

The journal includes descriptions of Saldanha Bay and Pengwin Ilande [Penguin Island] (folios 5-7); St

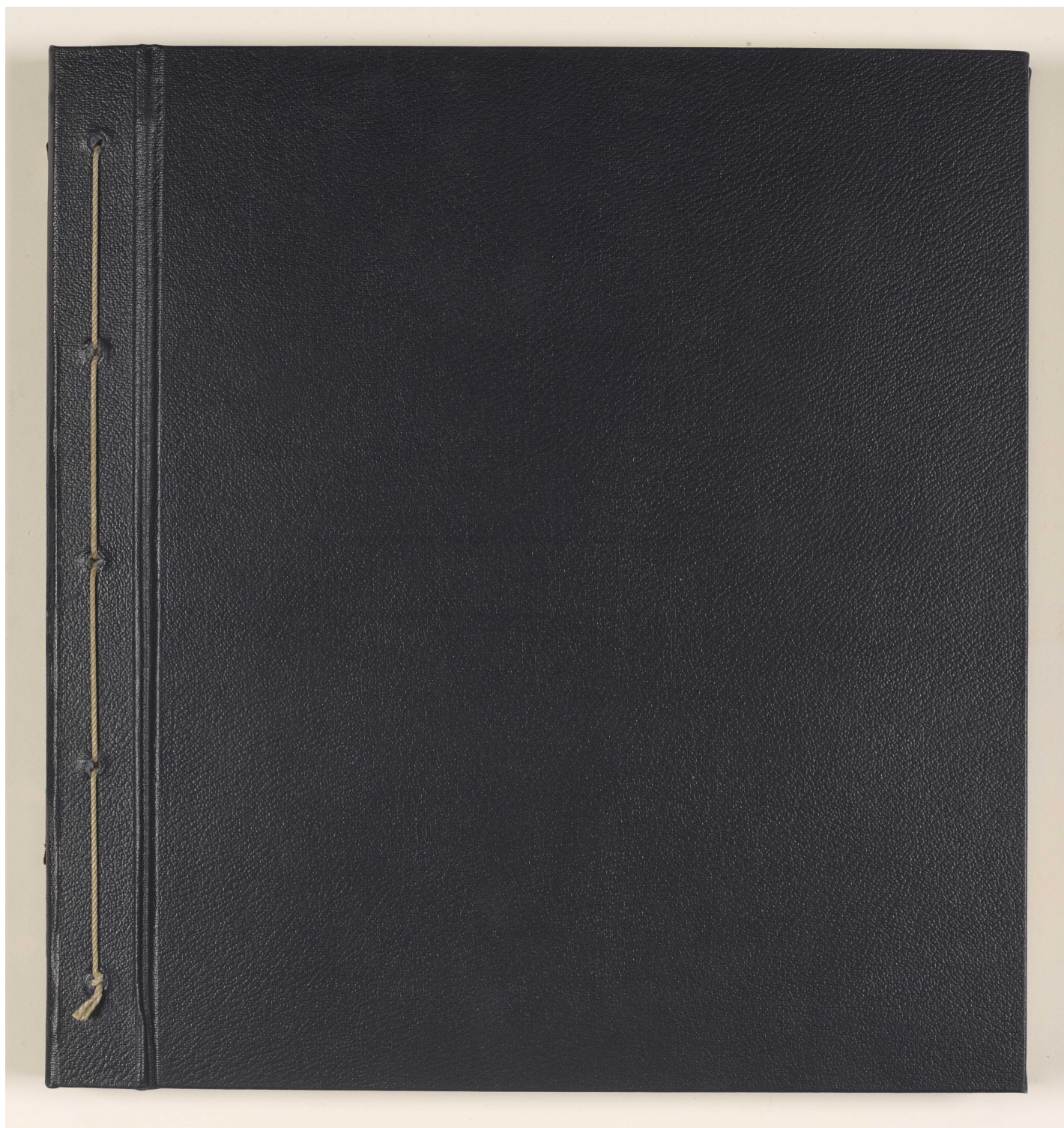
Augustine's Bay (folios 11-12); and the reception given to members of the ship's crew by the King of Socotra (folios 12-13).

The record includes a draft letter dated 27 February 1614 [New Style date 27 February 1615], which describes the voyage, and gives an account of an engagement between English ships and a Portuguese fleet at Surratt [Surat] in January [1615] (folios 14-15).

The record bears summary notes of a later date in pencil on the front cover, and in the left hand margin of the journal and letter.

The journal and letter (where indicated) employ Old Style (Julian calendar) dates only.

New Year's Gift: Journal [front] (1/44)



New Year's Gift: Journal [back] (2/44)



New Year's Gift: Journal [spine] (3/44)



New Year's Gift: Journal [edge] (4/44)

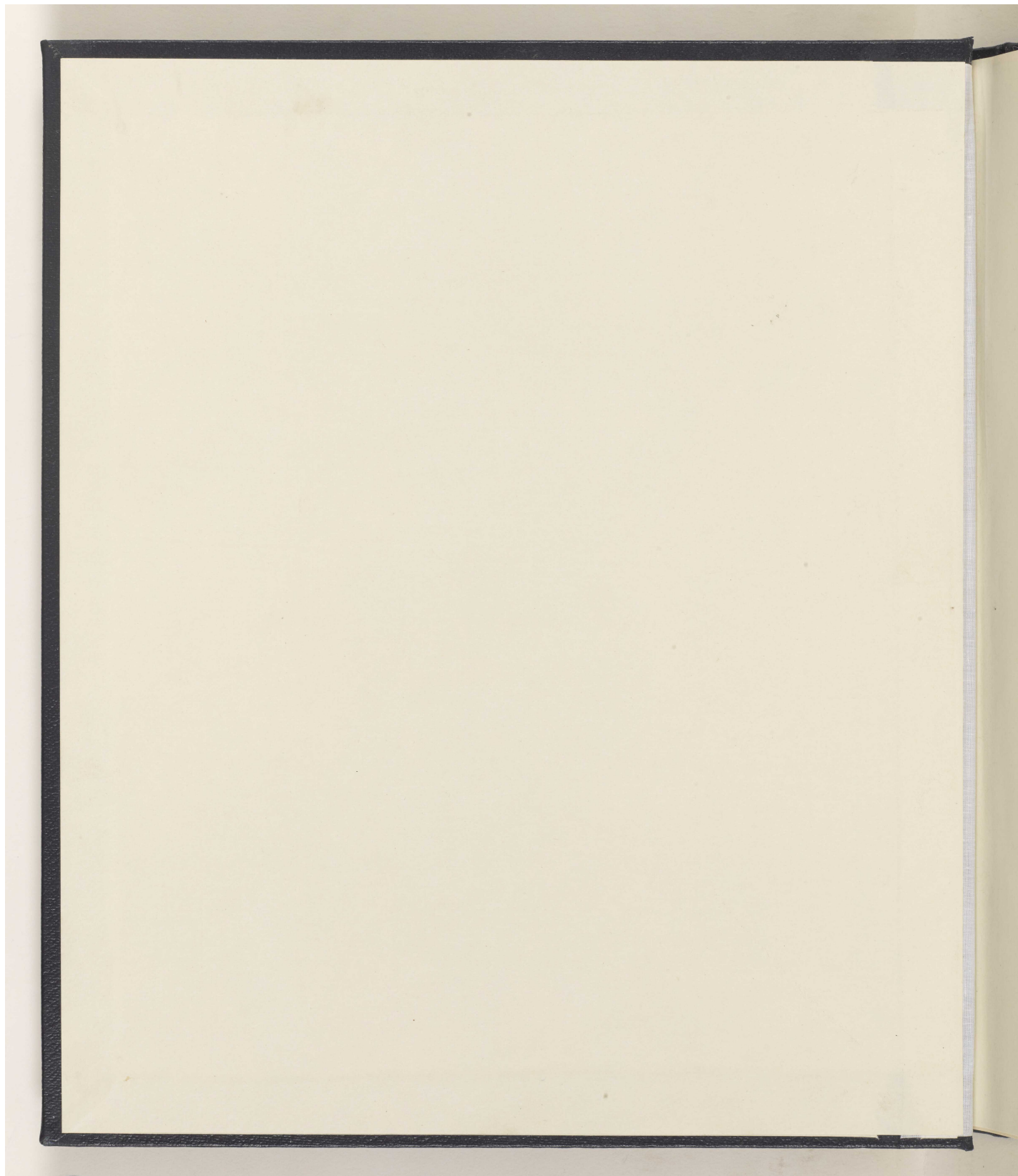


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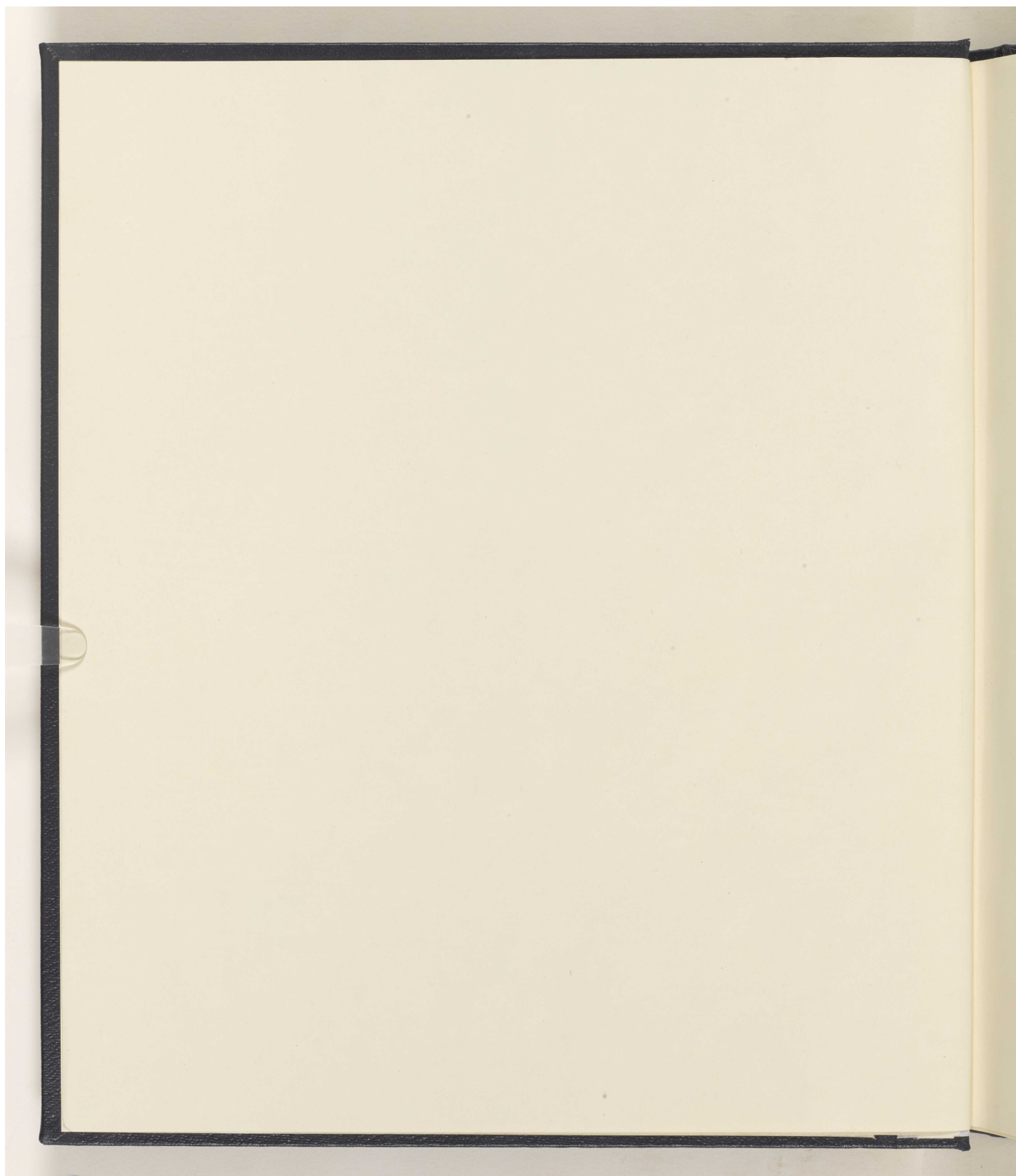


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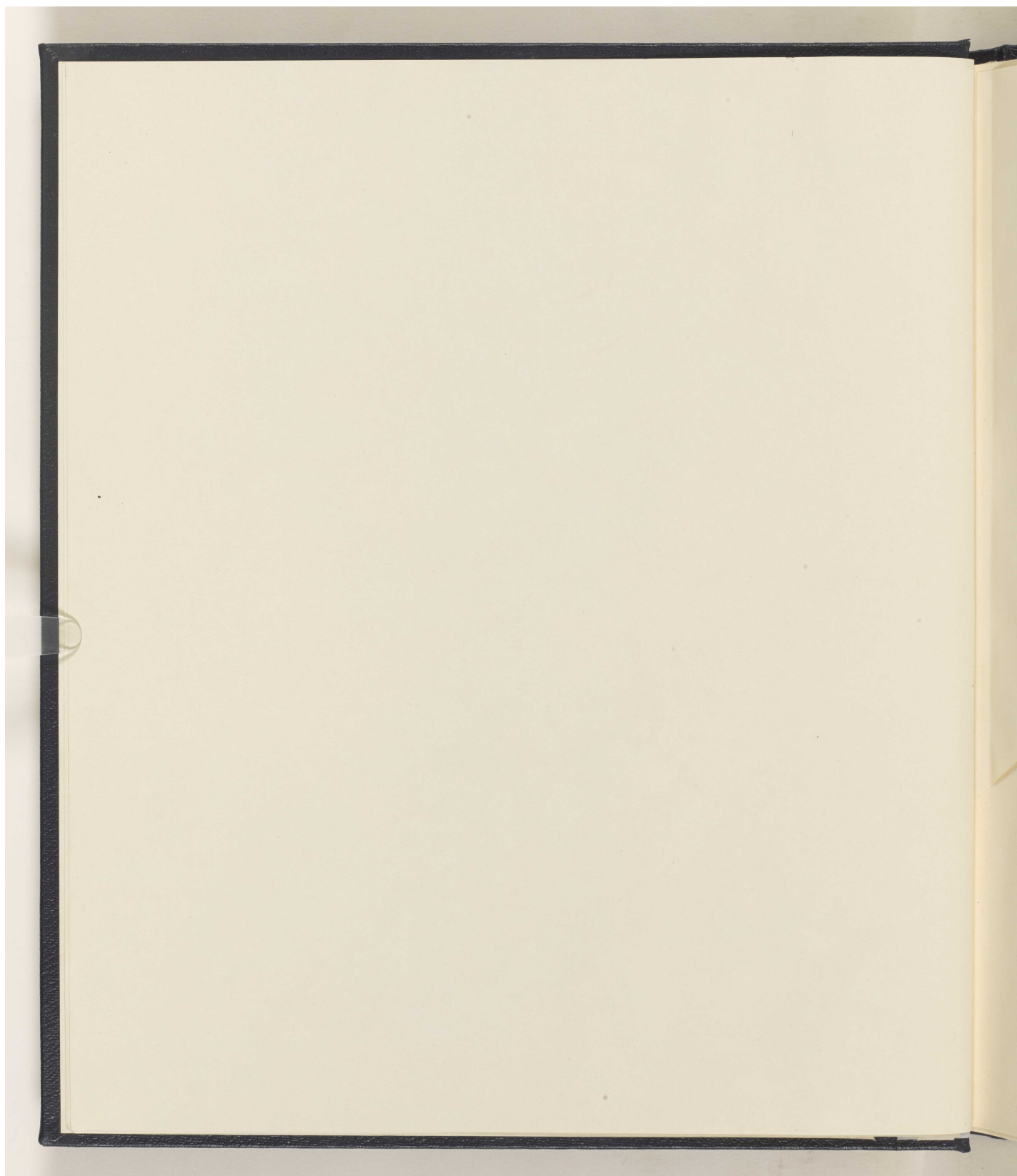












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Begins 9 Mar 1614

Ends 14 Sept 1614

New Year's Gift

Captain Nicholas Downton

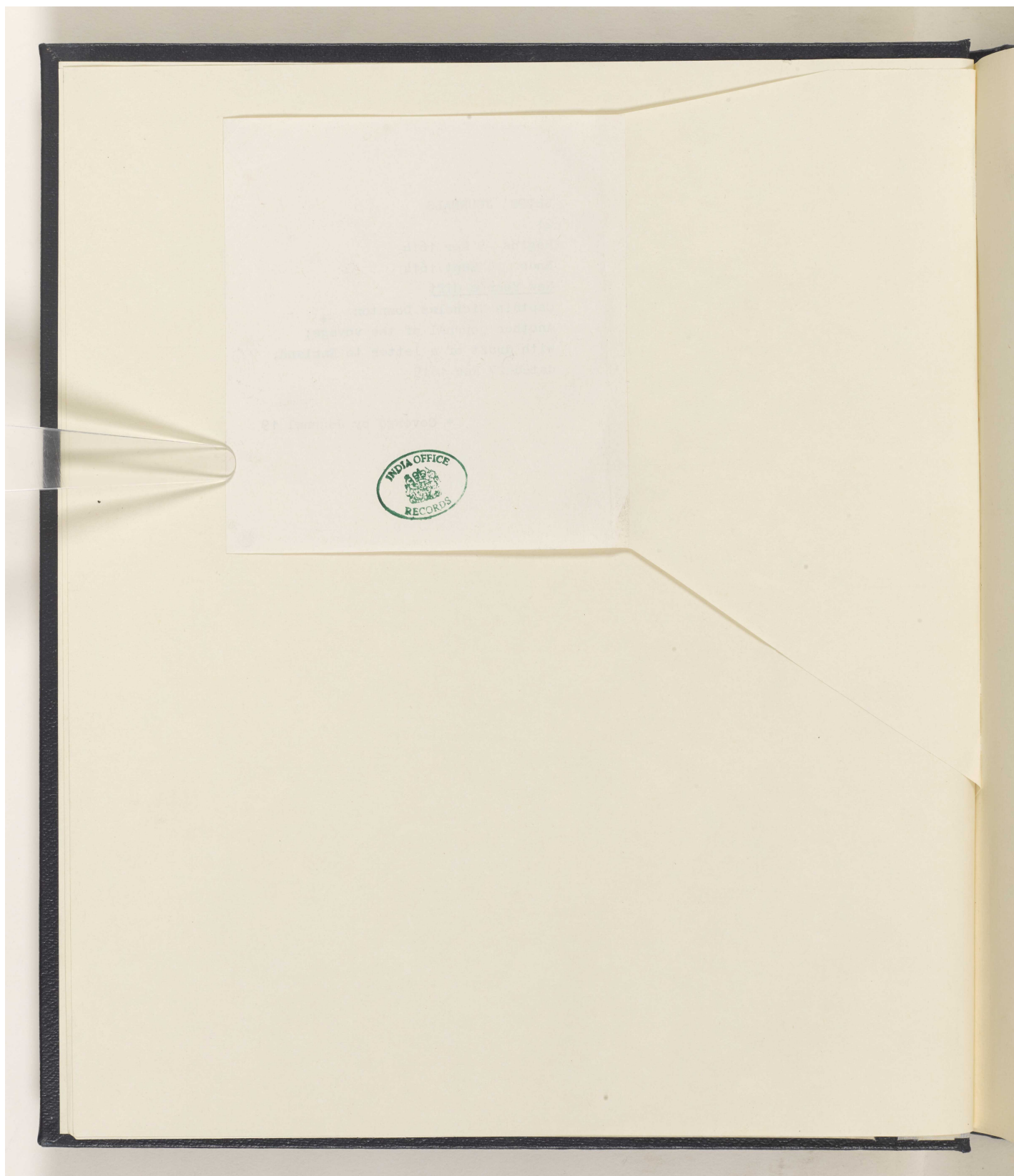
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Another journal of the voyage;
with draft of a letter to England,
dated 27 Feb 1615

* Covered by Journal 19



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New Year's Gift: Journal [1av] (13/44)



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Ship of Downington Fleet

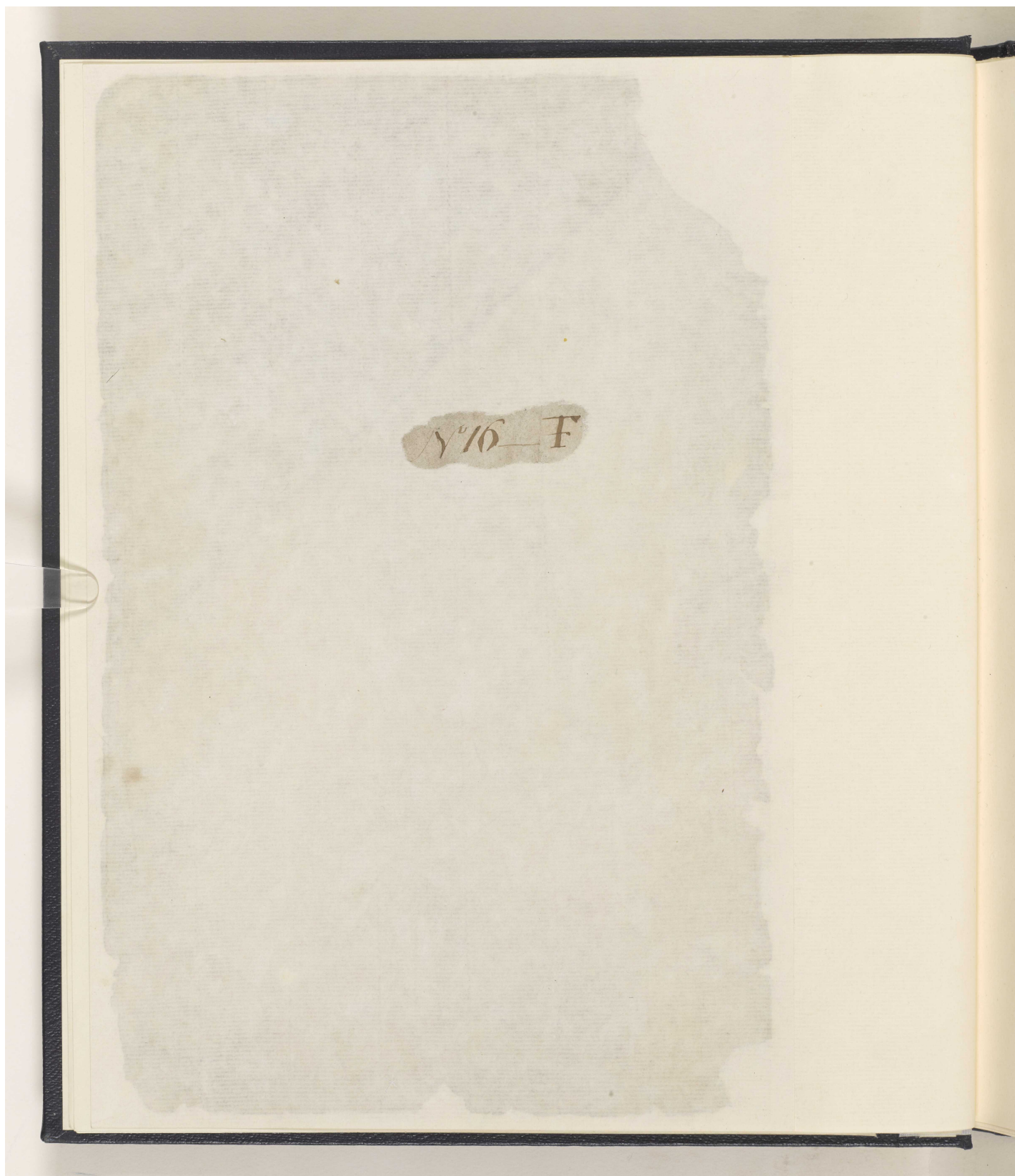
New Year's Gift p. 10

Began: 9. March 1614

End: 30 Sept 1614

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	10 SS	21	43-11	—	NE
13	14 SS	30	—	—	NE
	20 SB	36	—	—	NE
14	4 SB	4	39-51	—	no N no no S no
15	24 SB	14	39-59	—	no S no no N no
16	24 SE	15	30-16	—	no S no N
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21	24 SS	37	34-20	—	no N
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	9 SB	11	—	—	NE
	9 SE	15	—	—	NE
24	9 SS	16	29-09	—	NE
	9 SB	15	24-20	—	NE
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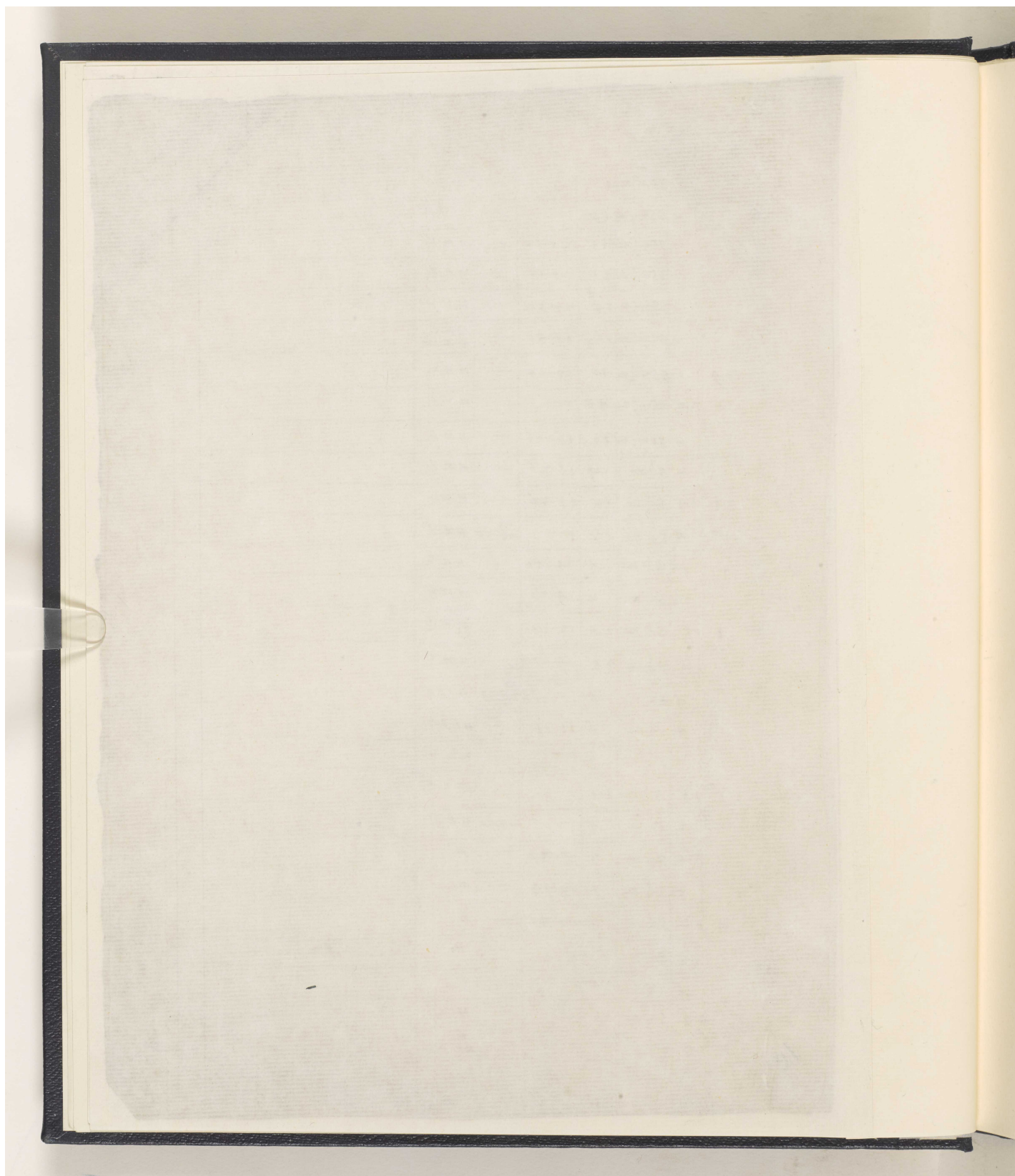
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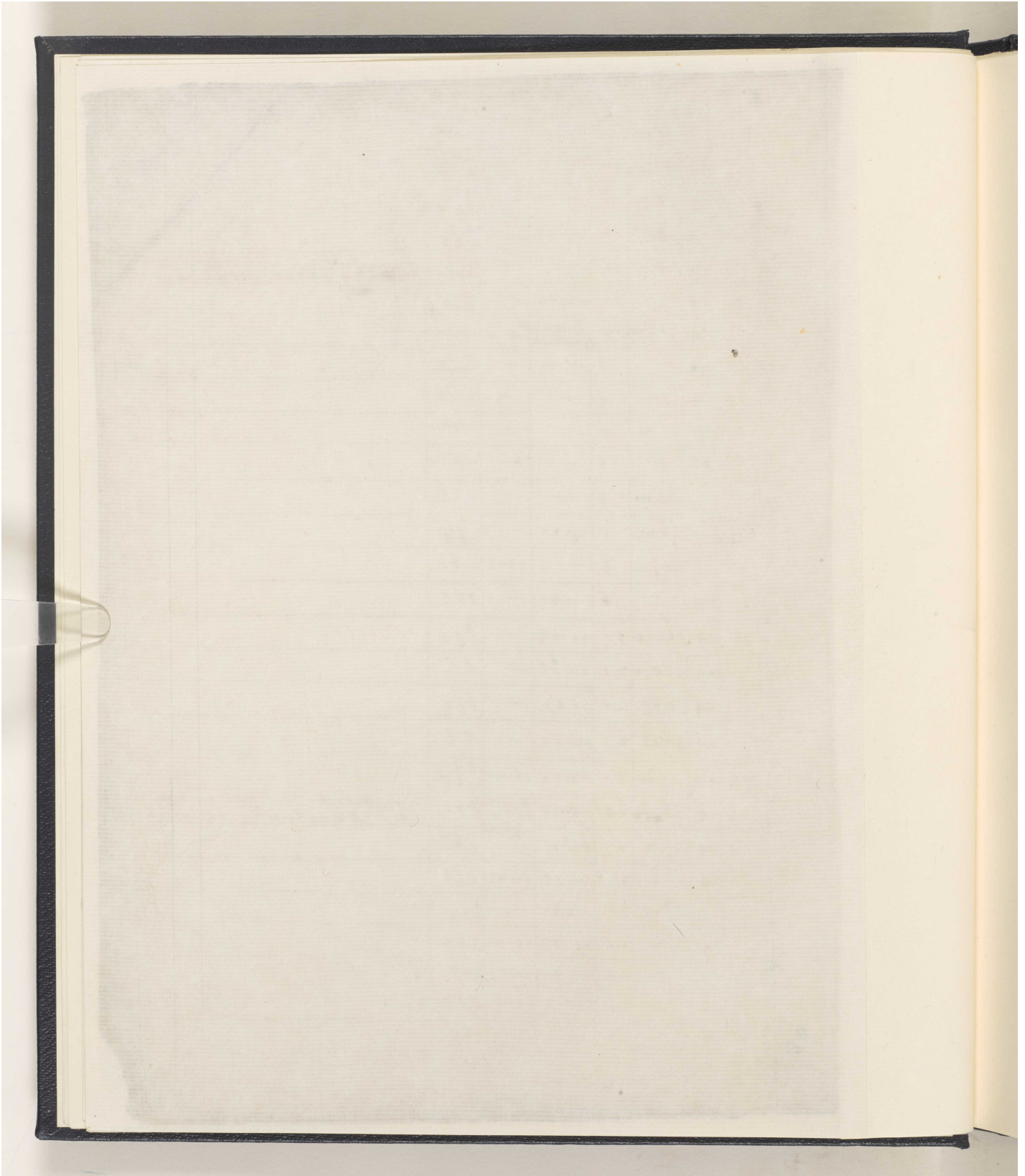
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29	SS $\frac{1}{2}$ no	11	21-19	—	NE
	SS $\frac{1}{2}$ no	15	20-32	—	NE
	SS $\frac{1}{2}$ no	16 $\frac{2}{3}$	19-45	—	NE NE no
29	SS $\frac{1}{2}$ no	10	19-20	—	NE
30	SS $\frac{4}{7}$ no	40	—	—	NE
	SS $\frac{2}{3}$ no	11	16-56	—	NE
	SS $\frac{1}{2}$ no	4	16-26	—	NE
31	SS $\frac{1}{3}$ no	17	15-26	—	NE
April	SS $\frac{2}{7}$ no	7	—	04-55	NE
	SS $\frac{1}{2}$ no	5	14-50	—	NE
	SS $\frac{1}{2}$ no	0	14-33	—	NE
1	SS $\frac{1}{2}$ no	20	13-32	—	NE
2	SS $\frac{1}{2}$ no	35	—	—	NE
	SS $\frac{1}{2}$ no	5	—	06-03	NE 6 N
	SS $\frac{1}{2}$ no	6	11-15	—	NE 6 N
	SS $\frac{1}{2}$ no	7	10-37 10-43	—	NE
3	SS $\frac{1}{2}$ no	14	—	—	NE
	SS $\frac{1}{2}$ no	5	—	05-00	NE 6
	SS $\frac{1}{2}$ no	3	09-39	—	N
	SS $\frac{1}{2}$ no	6	09-14	—	N
4	SS $\frac{1}{2}$ no	9	00-45	—	N
5	SS $\frac{1}{2}$ E	23	—	—	N
	SS $\frac{1}{2}$ E	5	7-20 7-27	—	N
6	SS $\frac{1}{3}$ E	16	—	—	N
7	SS $\frac{1}{3}$ E	23	—	—	NE

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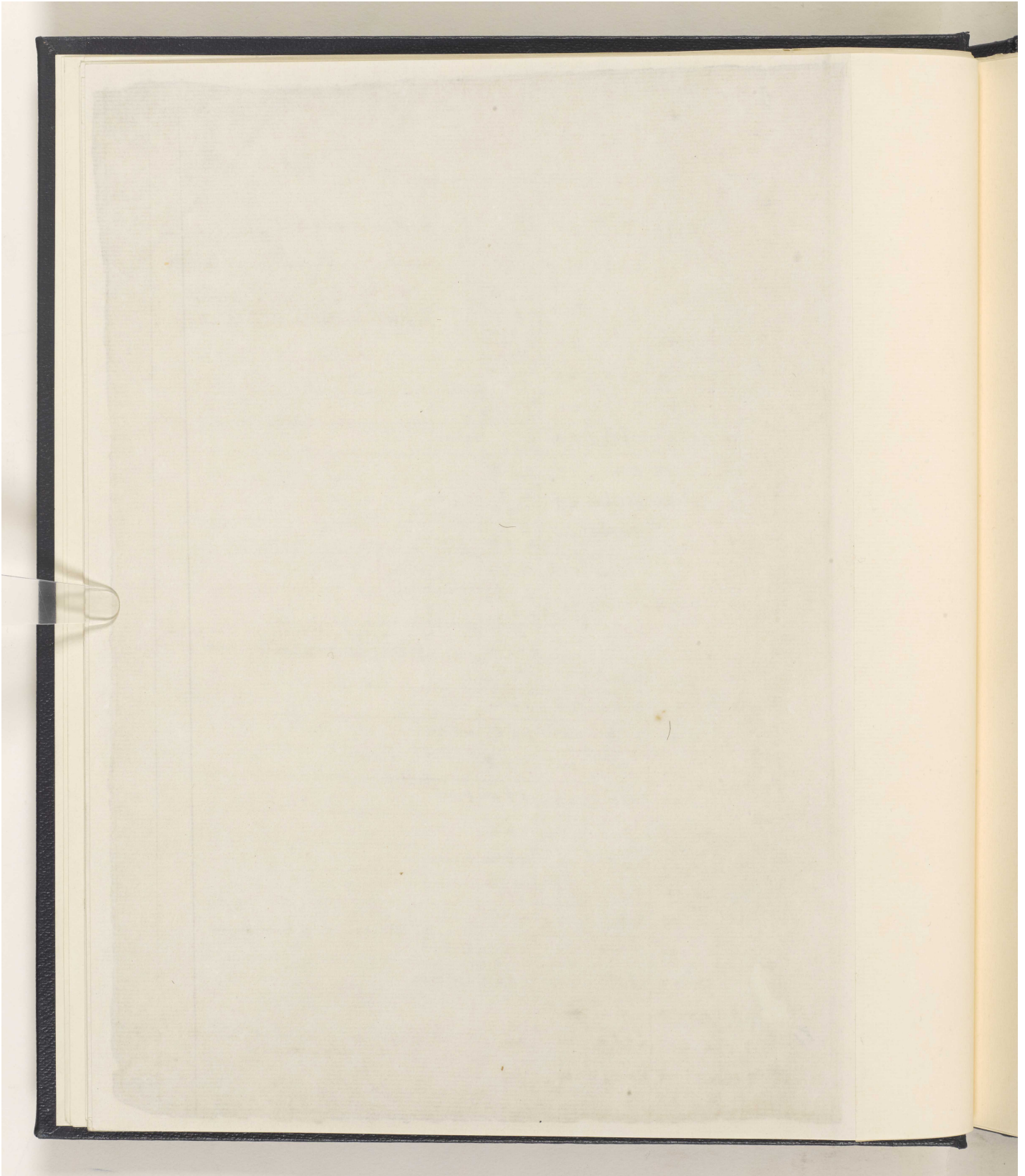
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				balme		
16		S E	6		balme	
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		S 1/2 N	9	01-25	ESE	
				E 6 S		
17	16	SS N 1/2 N	14		06-15	SE 6 E
18	24	NE	6	00-40		SS E
19	24	SB N 1/2 N	12	00-04		ESE
20	24	SB N 1/2 N	21	00-56		SE
21	24	SB 6 S	21	01-57		ESE
22	24	SB 6 S	20	02-50		SE
23	24	S 1/2 N	20	03-50	06-00	SE
				E 6 S		
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				from 24 to 25 no found between		
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26	24	S 5/8 N	24	07-35	09-45	E 6 S
27	24	S 3/4 N	21	09-40		E 6 S
28	24	S 1/2 N	22	09-40	09-00	E 6 S
29	24	S 1/2 N	20	10-40		E 6 S
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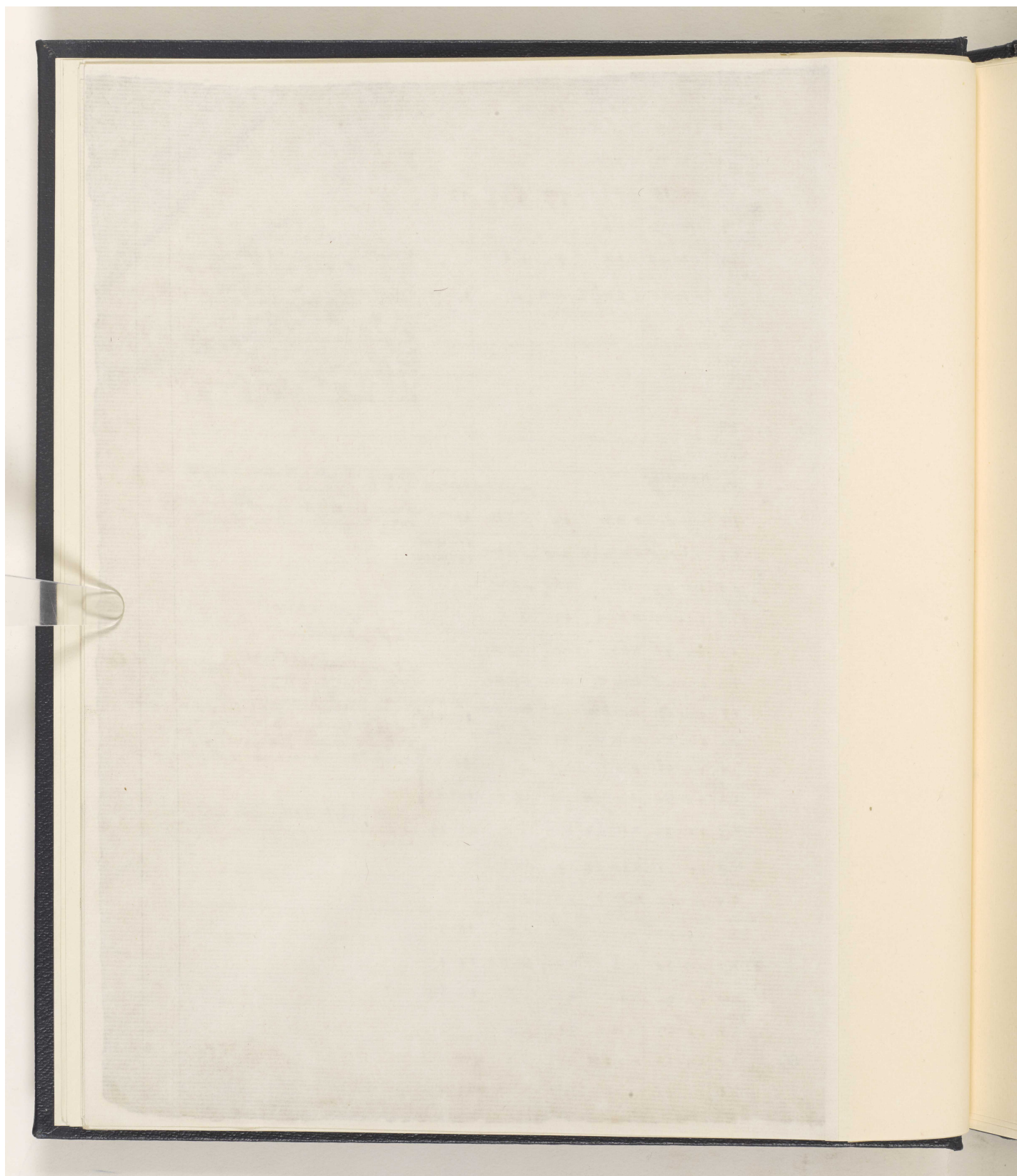


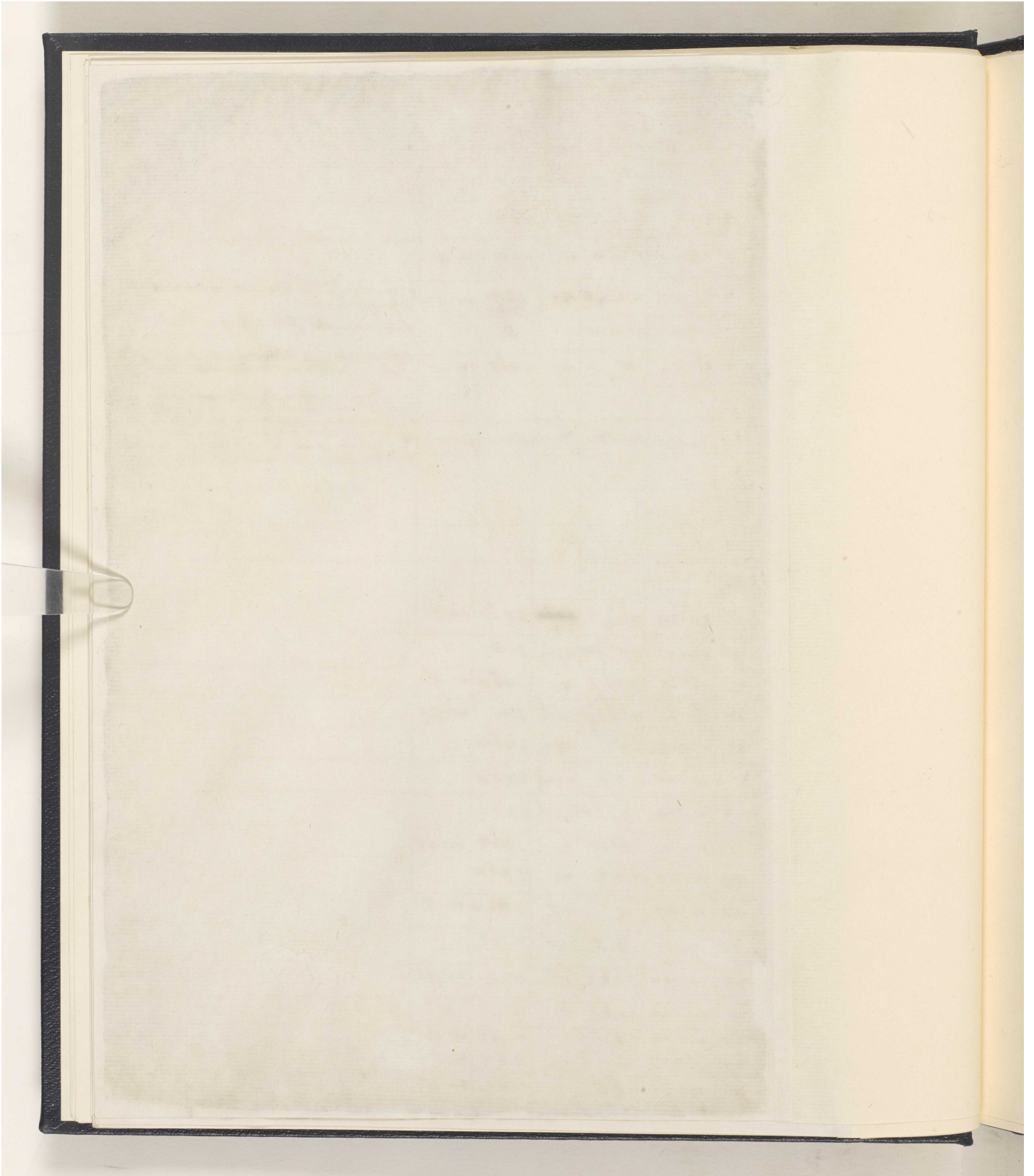
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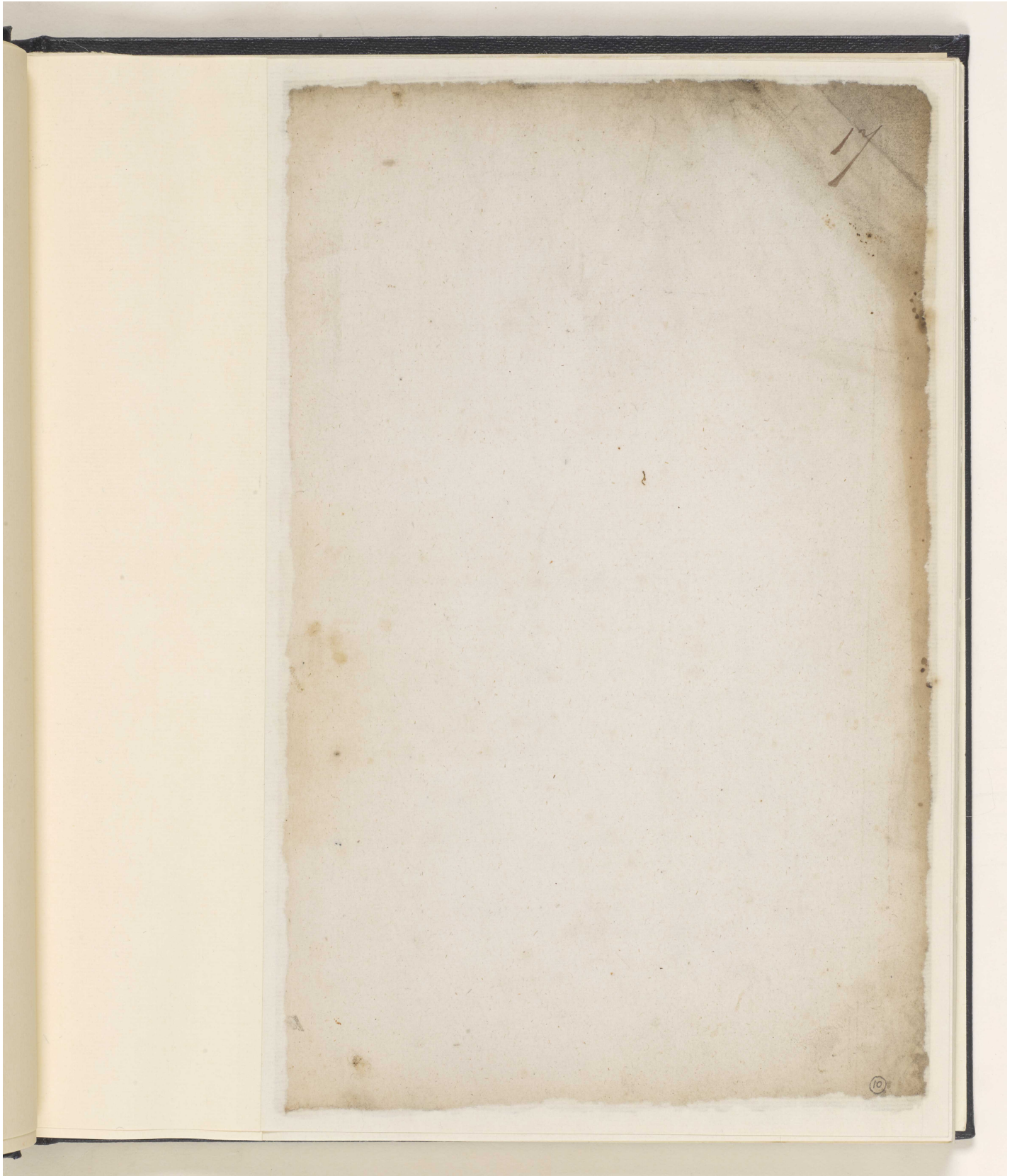
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6	36-33	SE ¹ E ¹ S	32 $\frac{2}{3}$	no S	no forms to 4 variants still setting S no
7	37-10	S	07	no S no n b no	no forms to 4 variants to 1st to 7th points to 4th to 5th to 6th to 7th to 8th to 9th to 10th
8	36-42	ENE	31	no S no no S no no S no	
9	36-29	EBn	20	no S no S no	
10	36-49	SE ¹ E ¹ E	20	S E n n E	
11	35-46	NE ¹ E ¹ E	34	S no S S E	07-00
12	35-42	n no	03	E S E	
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15		EB ¹ S	12 $\frac{1}{2}$	n E	
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