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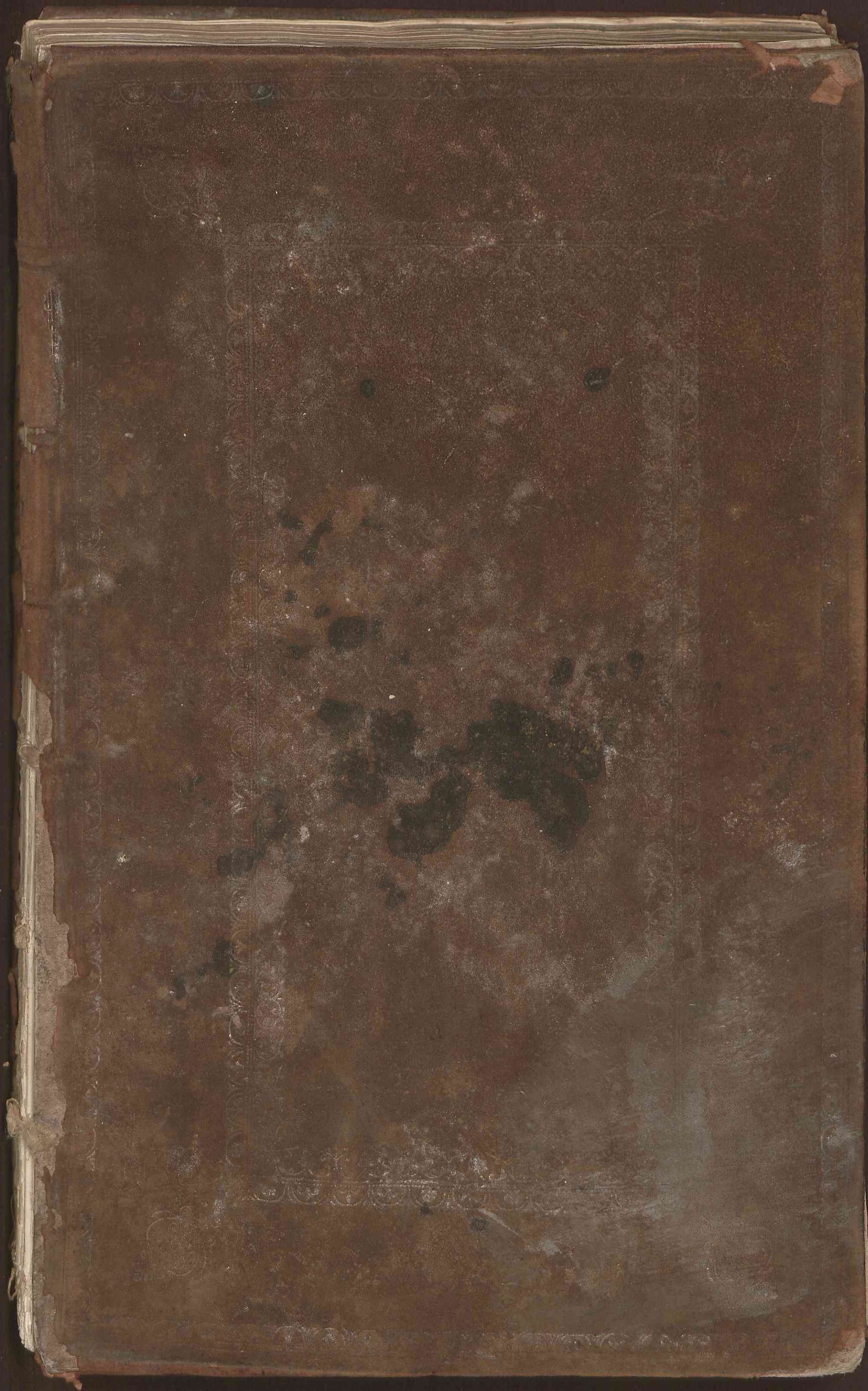
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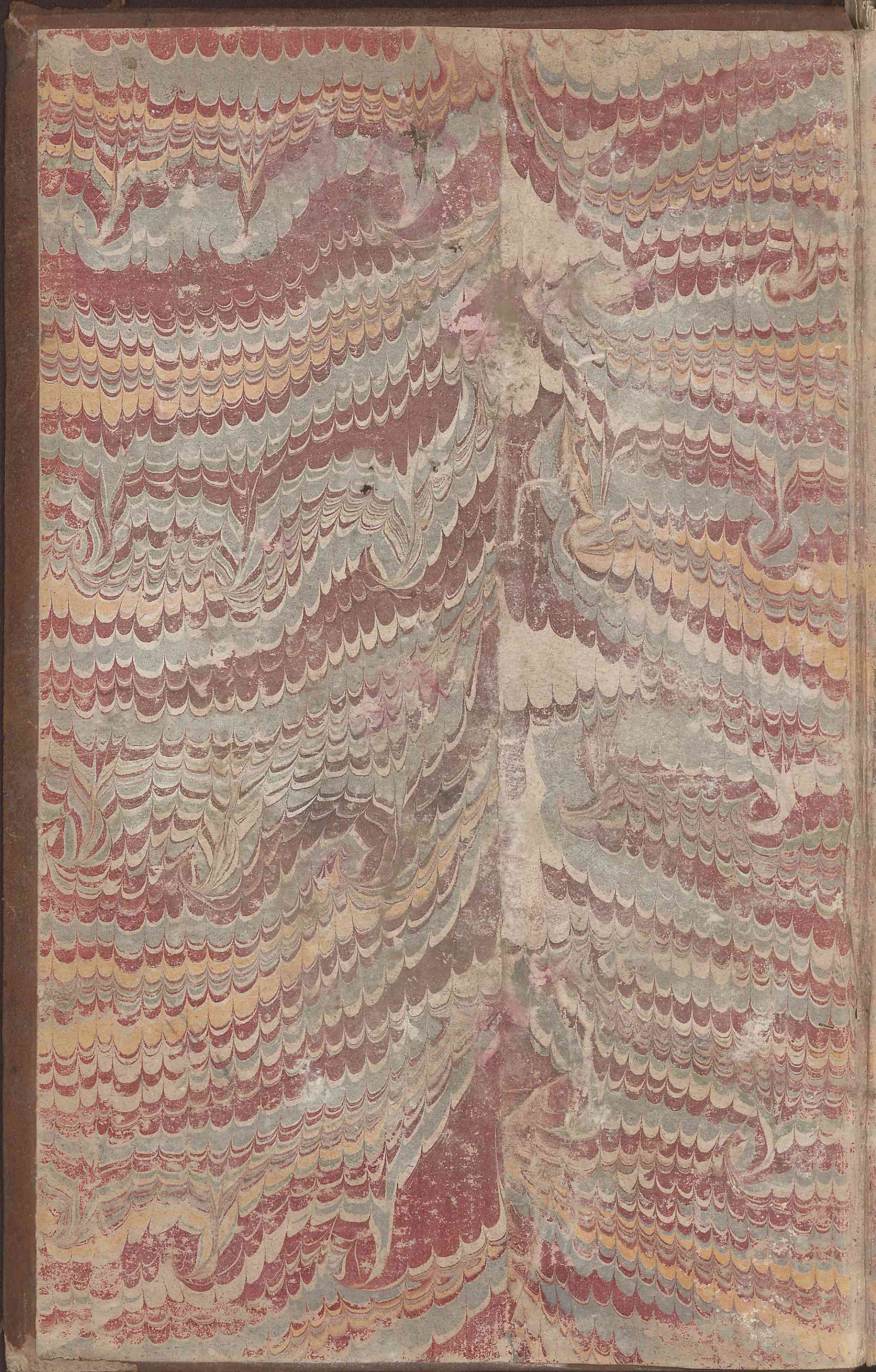
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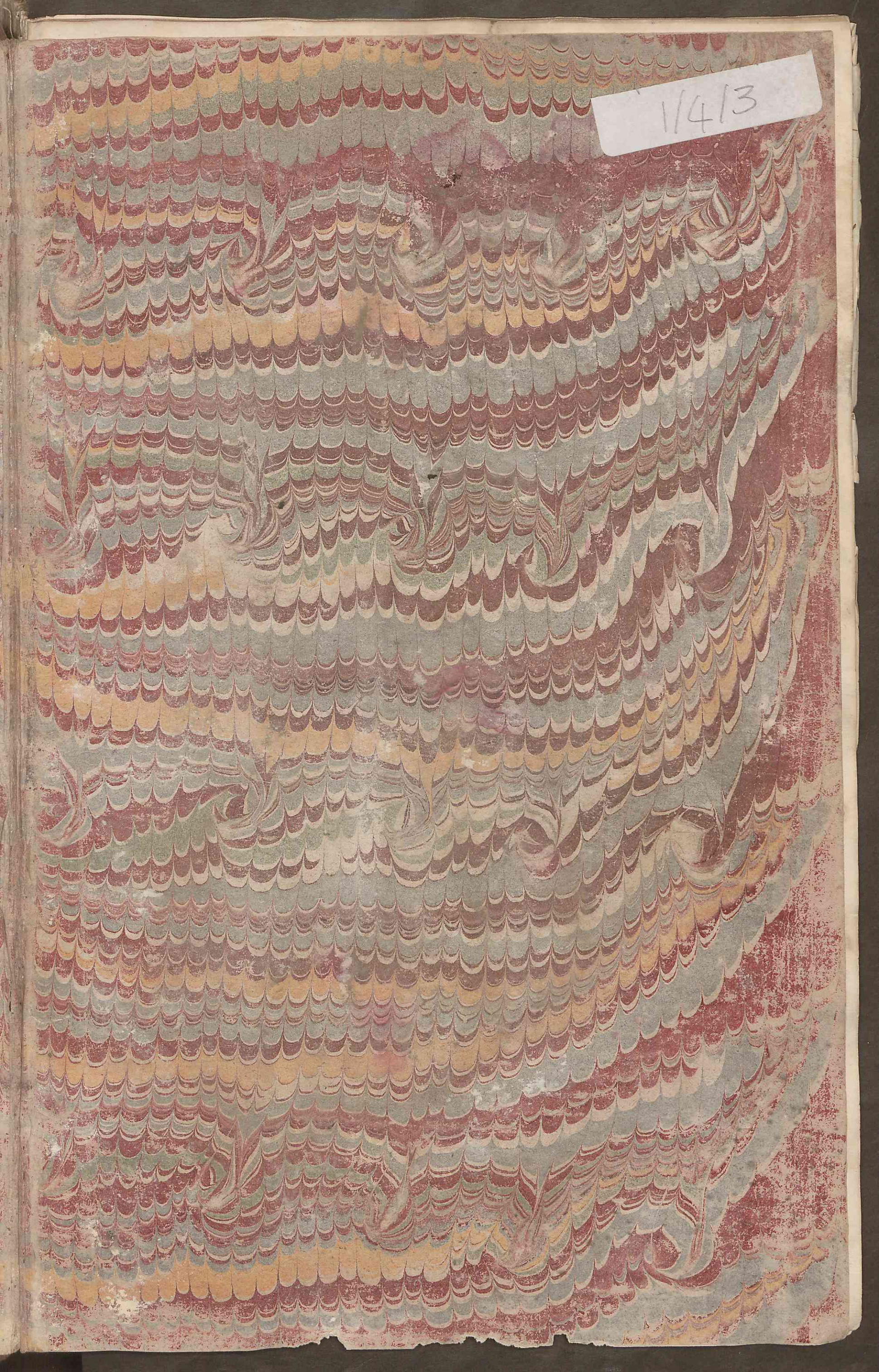
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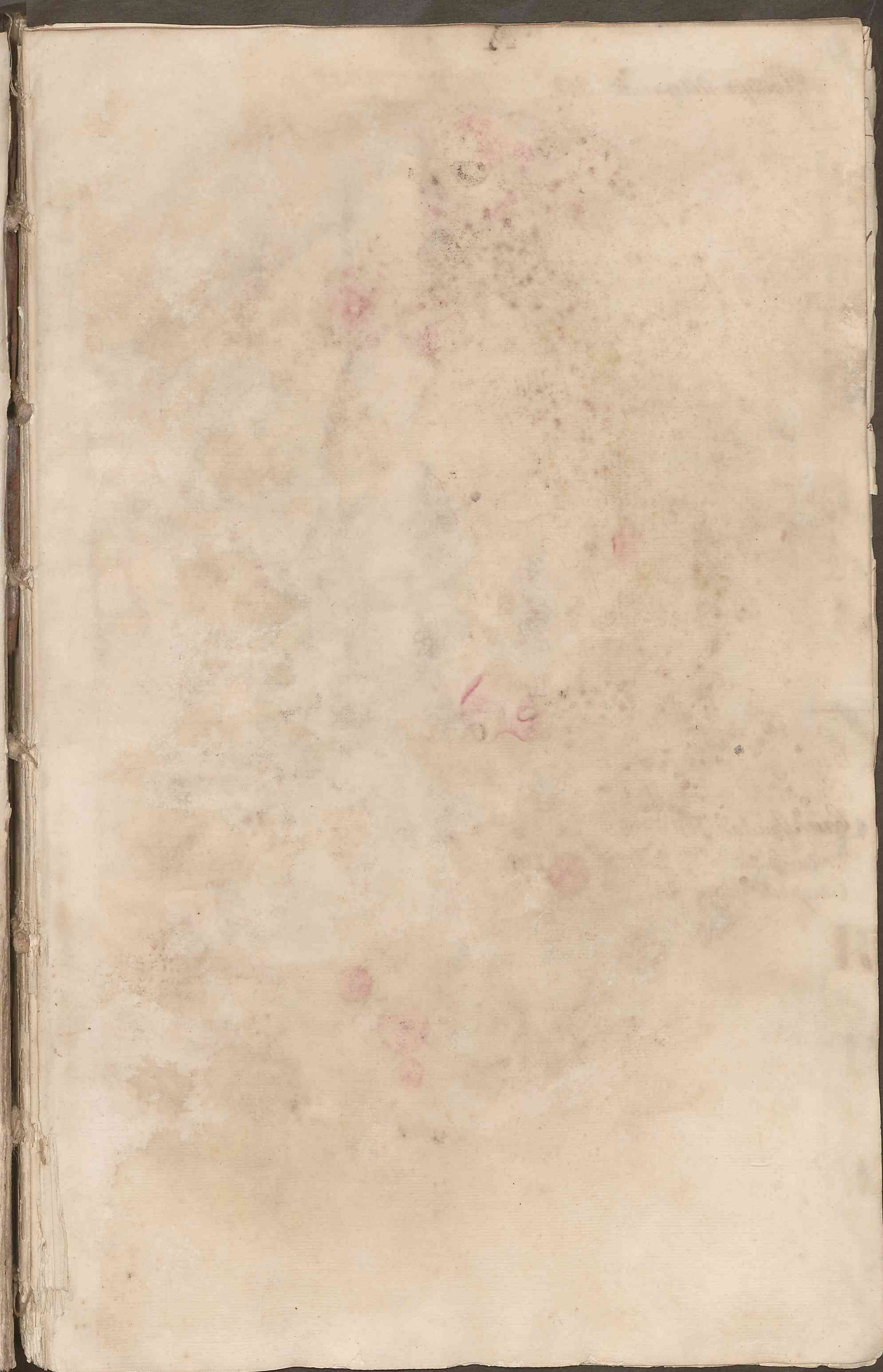




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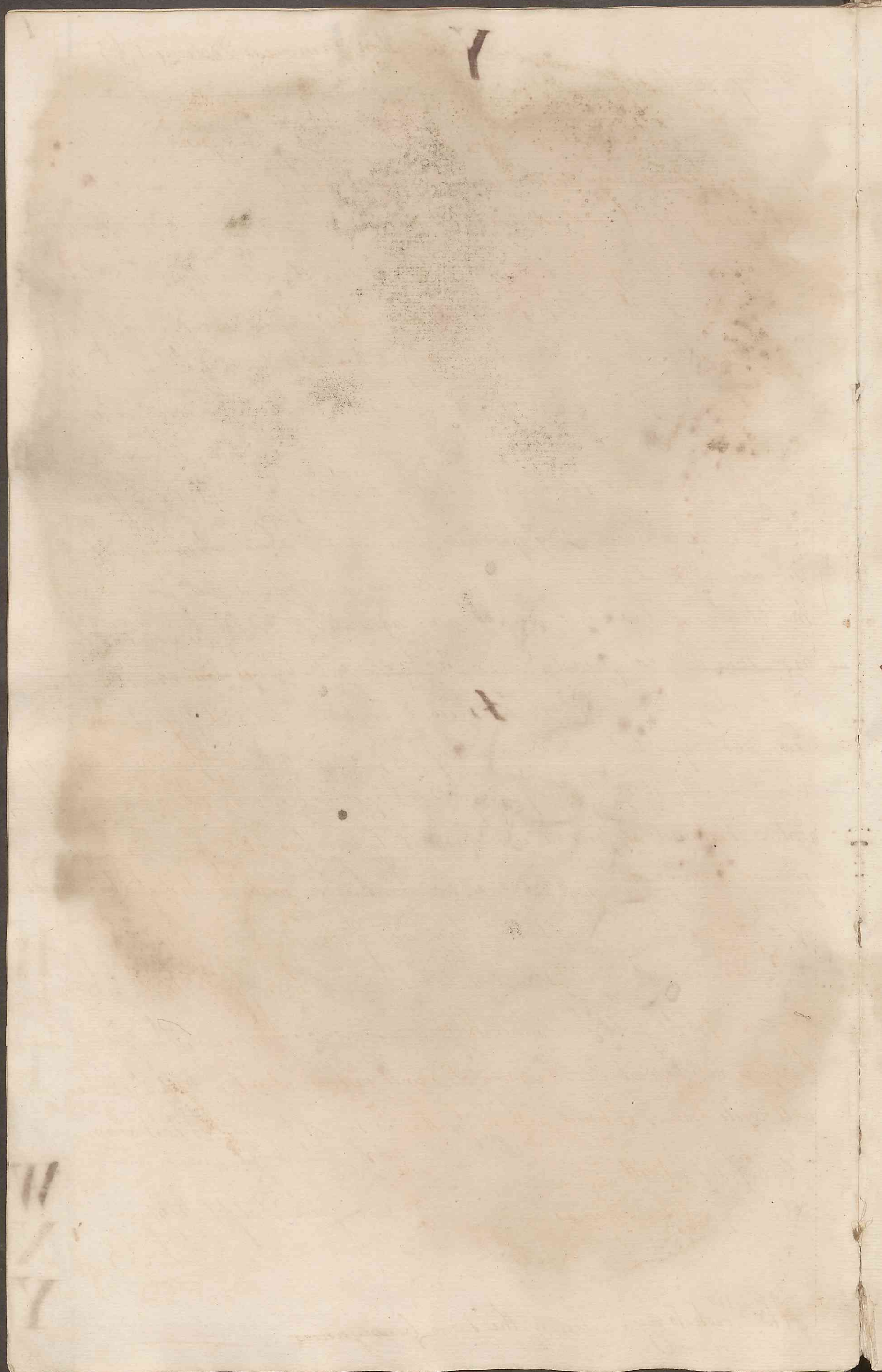
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Kingston Jamaica 28 June 1765

Henry Knight Esq. Bristol.

Dear Sir

I arrived here late last night after a pleasant Passage of 7 Weeks. I cannot say much concerning Trade except that the times never were so bad as at present, at least this is all the talk; Money very scarce, of the North Americans carry off the Stamp Duties, there being no others to be had notwithstanding they are 6/8 each, which makes a great want of Cash for the Curr. Busing of the Island, I have not yet been able to get a Store, bad as the times are they are all taken up. Have heard of one in Port Royal street which is a very good one and not occupied at present, but if I can get another in that part of the Town shall be glad as the rent of this is very high, but am afraid that I shall be under the necessity of taking this, which I shall determine on this Afternoon, But if I cannot get one of less rent will take it only for a month or two, till I can get one that will be more agreeable; The Ship is not yet come up as the Wind will not permit, am in hopes she will be up tomorrow, the Wares Brothers Capt. Devonalds not yet arrived. The best Articles at present are Beef Cheese and Tripes but wish it may keep its price, as it is dropping in every Day Cheese now sells at 1/6 Butter 9. Large Beef 65. Mutton 85. Pork 80. This a very slow Sale. The times at present are undoubtedly very bad, but you may assure yourself nothing on my part shall be wanting to make the best of a bad Market. The Spanish Trade is entirely stop'd and of course great quantities of Goods on hand. Several Vessels are already arrived here from Waterford Dublin and other parts of Ireland, this Ship goes tomorrow morning, the Milford and Prosper are both at Old Harbour and will sail in about a Week by whom will write you. I have nothing further to say at present but that I am

Yr Obedt Servt.

Dear Sir

Yr Obedt Servt. Thomas.

Your Dutiful Nephew

L B

N.B. Wrote to my Mother by the same Conveyances.

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Messrs. Bush & Allen Bristol Kingston Jamaica 6th July 1765

Genl.

I fully intended writing you by Capt. Thomas but he went for St. Harbour sooner than expected; this goes for Lorain who leaves this place this afternoon and as he will sail tomorrow perhaps may be with you as soon as the Post. The times at present are very bad as you will hear by those who have lately left the Place. I have not made more than £50 Sales yet but am in hopes shall do better as soon as I get into a good Store which will be on Wednesday next; was glad to get any place to put my goods in at first, so was under the necessity of taking this place, which is quite out of the way. Have not got much of my Goods on Shore yet which as the times are at present is not very material. But had there been any demand for any of the Articles should have supplied by it; in future when you ship any thing on board a Vessel, beg that it may be put on board the Ship the last, which may easily be effected by having it all ready packed and hurry it down when she begins to fill up. What Cheese have opened turn out very good, likewise the Bacon, cannot say any thing concerning the Bottles Liquor as have none of it on Shore yet, but what is come out of the Vessel to Miles is in a bad Condition, Bristol Beer will scarce sell on any terms, great Quantities on hand, Taunton Ale is what is mostly enquired for which sells at 17/6 per dozen if good, Cyder no demand for, Bacon sells at 15/- per pound, with I had more as I think should be able to run it off in time, Cheese 12/- for a single one or two but may buy if you will take ~~xxx~~ a hundred ^{at 10/-} I do not intend to let it go for less if I can possibly avoid it, as it is in good Order it will keep and do not think shall have any great supply soon; The Red Housings belonging to Taboris and Capt. Lewis are all spoiled, they will never see currency for Sterling, indeed I think they are a precarious Article and the Profits should they come good, not equal to the risk you run; Candles sells at 7 1/2 p p pound therefore am fortunate in having only 20 Boxes also in having only 10 Boxes of Sires for they are a great drag. I am at a loss what to advise you would answer but fancy Cheap Bacon's Tripes & other of the Articles usually sent from Bristol will do as well as any thing. Capt. Devonald not yet arrived indeed should be

Glad if he would not till I get to my Store. Nothing going on here but Electioneering
Capt. Thomas & Lorain will inform you of the situation of Affairs at this place. I
have nothing further occurs at present but that I am wishing you Health &
Success.

Yours humble Servant

P.S. It will be necessary to keep up an Assortment
of Goods in my Store; for tho' the Sale is slow,
there are few Articles but what will sell at least at 75 Cent Advance,
if good, and most at 100 but more of this when have made myself better
acquainted.

Pth Milford Capt. Lorain — Pth Malborough

Kingston Jamaica, 6th July 1765

M^{rs} Bush, Bristol
D^r Madam

I would have done myself the pleasure of writing you by Capt.
Thomas, but he went to Old Harbour to Sail on Flour or two Coarses than expected.
I am very well and hope the Country will agree with me, which it it does make no
doubt but I shall reconcile myself to it in time. I think it has greatly the advantage of S. Kitts

When I left England you was so kind as to say that you would send out any
thing I might want, and I have an excellent Stock of every thing except Waddocks
indeed have enough of them at present, but 4 of them are getting Old so should be
glad if you would take the trouble of buying some more for 6 more and send them
at your leisure, as am in no hurry; I have already wrote my Uncle J^{ms} Bush
Pilton and inclosed is a Letter for my Mother which beg you will forward.

I shall at all times be glad to receive a Line, or two from you, if you can
spare time, informing me of any Revolutions that may happen amongst our
Acquaintance at Bristol. At present I have nothing further but to wish you & yours
all Health and Happiness and to assure you that I am

Yours Dutiful Nephew
LB

P.S. Beg my Compl^{ts} to S^r D.
Castlemain this M^{rs} &c &c or any one
who enquires after LB

Pth Milford. Capt. Lorain — Pth Malborough

Kingston Jamaica 6 July 1766

M^{rs} Dorothy Bright Worcester

I have now the pleasure of informing you that I am safe arrived at my destined Port, and very well in Health; by what little I have seen of the place, make no doubt but I shall soon be reconciled to it, all kinds of Provisions are here in great plenty and perfection, and you have large quantities of fine Beef and all other sorts of Meat killed every Day, which you buy for 1 ^{lb} 10 pence equall to 5 ¹/₂ Sterling. The Climate is not near so Unhealthy as it was some years ago, before the Country began to be cleared of the Wood, and the People now live very regular; every body is up of the Streets all open before 6 o'clock, they dine between 12 and 1, and generally go to Bed at 9 in the Evening; I have been inform'd that was you to go to all the Taverns in Town at that time, you would find them shut, and very rarely see any one there, except a Captain of a ship by chance.

As to Trade I wish I could give you a more favourable Ac^t. but at present the times are very bad, no money in the Country, owing to the Spanish Trade being put an entire stop to, by the rapacity of the Officers of Men of War & Customs, who now are the cause of as great a Calamity at this place, as the Excisemen in Herefordshire, or as the Locusts were in Egypt. However will hope for better times and endeavour to make the best of them, bad as they are at present. As yet I am at M^{rs} Miles house and am now opening Store, and not yet fix'd in regard to Living, but have a good Lodging Room at my Store and I will endeavour to Board with some reputable Person in the Family way, as it will be much cheaper and more agreeable than going always to Tavern which is the only alternative; as I am certain I have no business nor any inclination to go to Newcastle yet. I should be glad if you would get me a pair of Sheets more, and send with the remainder of my Shirts, they are for a Childs Bedstead, so need not be very large. I hope my Grandmothers, Aunts & all other Friends are well, I desire my Duty to them All, also Love to my Sisters, and Compliments to any of my acquaintance, who at the distance of near 5000 Miles, enquires after the Welfare of D^r Mother

The Dutcher, Cap^t Lorain

The Malborough

your Dutiful Son
S^t B
L^o

Kingston Jamaica 4th July 1765 5

Mess^{rs} Henry Saunders & William Evans
at Montego Bay Jamaica
Gen^l

I have rec^d a Letter from M^r Fraⁿ Williams of Bristol, enclosing a Power of Attorney to me, to settle with you for an Adventure, in which you were jointly concern'd, and for which you have never paid him with any Act of Sales, Remittance, or even a single Line, since your arrival at this Island, you must be sensible that a disappointment of this kind to a Man in his Situation must greatly distress him, which is not making a generous return to the Friendship he shew'd you, for his only motive for entering into it was purely to serve you. It is needless for me to enter into the particulars of this affair, as you both must be thoroughly acquainted with it; you must likewise be sensible of the Obligation you gave him to remit £300. & to supply for your 2/3rd of the first cost of the Adventure, also to furnish him with Account of Sales & make a Remittance for his 1/3rd of the same, none of which you have complied with; I beg you will favour me with an Answer to this by first Conveyance, informing me whether you have yet sent him the Account of Sales, if you have made him any Remittance, and to what amount; also in what manner you intend discharging the Debt you owe M^r Williams, as I should be sorry to be under the necessity of putting the power of Attorney in Execution, for which reason have wrote this, I hope that you are inclinable to do him justice without being compell'd.

I am expecting your Answer
M^r Williams has writ
you on this occasion which
you will receive with this

Y^r Gen^l your humble serv^t

Kingston Jamaica 6th July 1765

Henry Bright Esq^r of Bristol

I wrote you the 24th ulto. by the Ship and Copy of the Prospect since which I have taken a House for a little time, as it is out of the way, till I can get one that is better situated, which I am in hopes of doing on Wednesday, as I am then promis'd one near the Court House, between that and the Beef Market, I cannot get one in Port Royal Street except at the best Price where there is nothing going forward and the rent very dear, I have not near half my Goods landed, nor has been

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Blowing Weather so much that the Ship could not work at times, plenty of most
kind of Goods on hand and a very slow Sale, Money is very scarce. I have not
yet made more than £20 Sales but am in hopes as soon as I get to the other Store
and am a little known shall do better it is difficult quoting the price of any thing
for when any person can show Money it will stagger the best Resolutions, the People
will not turn them away if possible, Cheese 12. Pound, but by the Town 10, & for
Money some have sold at 9: I have sold only 3 or 4 which are at 11/6
Tripes 17/6, Miltch Bacon 15. with I had more, Taunton Ale 17/6 should be
scarce Saleable as Taunton is all the cry, Candles 7/2 am glad that I have only
20 Boxes. I think Miltch Bacon, Cheese, a few Tripes, Taunton Ale, some
Tobacco, a few Negro Pipes, Fruit, Linseed Oil, Negro Cloathing, Cornabrigg &
Rolls may do in some of the early Vessels to be here in Novemb. or Decem. no Rolls
in the Country and much enquired after. I am hopeful shall render some
Profit on the Adventure, if can but sell it at the prices now going, and get paid
for the same; I have hired a Jew who formerly lived with M. Miles when his
Brother Philip was in England, to whom I am oblig'd to give, after the rate of £75
Pannum, the same he gave. If you could hear of any trusty good Lad who would
come for a time for his Cloths believe it might be better then Hiring one here, for
there is not much dependance to be put in these Fellows, and the Number of Days
they are absent on Act of their Religion is another material thing; indeed this will be
of some Service to me at present, till I come a little acquainted, as he knows the
People which as a Stranger I must be ignorant of, but will endeavour to guard
against his palming as few on me. I shall be oblig'd to pay after the rate of £1/40
Pannum sent for the Store, which with his Salary Negro Hire &c. will be a large
Deduction out of the Commissions I draw, but as I cannot get it for less must be under
the necessity of giving it and endeavour to make my other Expenses as little as
possible, hitherto I have been at M^{rs}. Miles, but shall sleep in my Store & will board
out which is what many People here do at present as being cheaper & will be more
agreeable to me then going to a Tavern. I cannot yet pretend to fix on any particular
Branch of Business or say whether it would be best to set up for all the Commiss:
which may offer, but as soon as I have thoroughly inform'd myself in that particular
will advise you for in these difficult times I shall endeavour to guard against
Involving myself as much as possible, and if there is any thing to be got by Bristol Goods

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Which I shall see in a Month or two may as well keep it amongst ourselves as
let other People reap the Benefit, tho' if Mr. Munchley thought that Cornabrigs or
Rolls would answer and was disposed to buy should be glad of the Comignment, as then
what Goods I have from my Friends would in some Measure be in their own way. At
present there is but a slow Sale for Cornabrigs which I make no doubt but Chatham has
advise him off also the prices as he has some from him, I saw a Bale of mudline only
sold for 11¹/₂ Credit, but whether that will answer or not cannot pretend to say
as I cannot learn the Cost of them but in a few Weeks shall be able to give you an
Act. of what will do

Capt. Lorain goes to Old Harbour this Evening, I have endeavour'd to
procure a Turtle for you agreeable to your Orders, but I cannot get one small enough
Capt. Lorain has three on board which he bought at Old Harbour & has promis'd to
mark one of them abt. 30 or 60 lb. for you as soon as he gets on board; I offer'd to pay
him for it but as he does not know the exact weight would not take it and desired
I would mention it to you in the Letter and he would receive it from you which
I consented to thinking it would make no difference, the price is 9¹/₂ p^{ts} and they have
been some weeks on board and are in good Order so will be the more likely
to Live, Capt. Stringer is expected this Evening from Invercut his Ship is full

I beg my Duty to my Aunt, Love to Dicky, and best Respects to Mr.
Myster and am wishing your Health & Happiness

P.S.

D. Sir

your Dutiful Nephew

The three Brothers Capt.

Veronald is not yet arriv'd

of the Misses Capt. Lorain

of the Malborough.

Mr. Samuel Munchley

Kingston Jan^y 25 July 1763

When that the pleasure of seeing you in person, your
desire I would on my Arrival at this place advise you of the price of Cornabrigs & at present
they are from 11 to 12 p^{ts} and Credit, White is worth 12 p^{ts} which I think would answer,
unless they are very dear with you, as to Rolls there are none in the Island, and would sell
very well if they were here now, I make no doubt but I could get 13 p^{ts} for them if they are in such
Demand. There is a great Complaint of the German Cornabrigs being not of the same
Quality, at this time, they appear good on the outside, but when they are

Opened, the Middle of the piece is not near so good, as you have some Orange with
 Capt. Bluntam, and may be has advised you fully concerning that article, who
 must be better able to speak from Experience, than I possibly can form
 Speculation Only. — At present I can only say, that if you are inclinable
 to become an Adventurer to this Island, you may depend on my utmost Endeavours
 for your Interest, in any thing you may commit to my care, and shall always
 be glad to execute any of your Commands, I have wrote to my Uncle on this
 Subject to whom if you will be pleas'd to Communicate your Intentions
 I shall be glad, and may Occasion his receiving some little Satisfaction in
 Order to goods I have sent him. — I shall take the Liberty of advising
 you the State of the Market at this place at times, and if you will favour me with
 a Line in Return with your Sentiments on this Country Produce shall be
 glad — I am with much Respect

Sir

Your Humble Serv^t

Sugar 28 lb 10/6 Rum 1 lb 1/2
 Cotton 2 lb 10/6 Ginger 15 lb 10/6
 Peppercorn 1 lb 10/6
 Mustard 1 lb
 Coffee 1 lb 10/6
 M^r R. Frederick Capt. Johnson — via London
 of the Hope

M^r Robert Bush — Bristol

Kingston Annamie 25 July 1765

We are now settled in Burgh for my self at this place,
 make you a tender of my service in any Commands you may have, and if you
 are inclinable to become an Adventurer to Annamie, in your own way, I shall
 be glad of your favour, and you may depend on my best Endeavours for your
 Interest, in whatever you may commit to my care. — Should the Spanish
 Trade again revive at this place, you may depend on my taking the first
 opportunity of advising you, as they take off large Quantities of Peppercorn
 at present I cannot give you any Encouragement on that Head, here is one
 we have in our Night, who perhaps may induce more to follow their Example
 if they find that here are suffered to trade without any molestation, at present
 I have nothing further to say, but will take the Liberty of troubling you with a
 Line in future, in hopes that we may have some favour together,
 which may turn to our Mutual Advantage, I beg my Compliments to M^r Bush and am

Sir

Your Humble Serv^t

of the R. Frederick Capt. Johnson — via London
 of the Hope Capt. Bluntam

Messrs Bush & Ellen Smith Kingston Jamaica the 14th July 1765

My last to you was but the first and most enough, which
I hope you have received, I am now got to my store and have all my Goods ordered, which
turn out pretty good in quality, have sold to the best of prices I so far have managed,
the a very slow sale, I shall think myself very well off, if I can raise money
Enough to pay my Freight and Duty for I have run nothing, the Officers are a very
strict, I am afraid my Son Susan, I have from I hope I shall be able to get some
Cords will remain on hand some time, as there are very little of them, I have
is a much Reader of the Fitcher, then in hope, have only 2 Hitches left, &
they will soon be gone, have not sold one keg yet, which please to mind in future
The Gunpowder is very good, and turns out pretty well as to Breachings, I have
20 more sacks of the same Quality, which will be a great selling point, for the
next ship will bring me a further supply of that article, as I have the full
half the 100 lb & 25 lb, as mine has the credit of being very good, I hope you
will take care to send none but what is of the best Quality, and as much Gunpowder
as possible, for it is much Reader of the than the other, and the difference in price
is more than the difference in cost with you, while I am in it I cannot get
this Cheese is what is mostly Enquire after, they complain of mine being too hot
and eat dry, have lost sellings, even all on that account, I suppose you have to get
some of lower price, and send the West India, I mean about 20 for 25 lb if they are
mild, and would not be too dry when they come here would sell equally as well as the
very best Old Cheese of 32 lb, and the difference in the cost is worth the saving
I wish to be glad to have the Cheapest the best which you can send, I am sure of
profit, yet would have some kind of price, as some people will not go to the expense
of the former, I have one box of my tobacco sold, over much as I wish to, but I have had
but I have in 6 pound boxes which have been able to have sold some of them when you
were any more, because to have them as light as possible, for the Export will give
you the more, if they run very light, and as a much Reader of the, the Monarchs
said she 20 lbs are hopeful she is with you in the Sun, if you will have heard
of the Death of poor Stringer, the main commands the ship, the price is very good
Messrs. Messrs. Messrs. & Beare have taken upon them the Management, not
only of the ship but also of poor Stringers private Affairs, & Mr. Shippes went
up to St. Vincent to dispatch the vessel, he used good nature, but I am no doubt but
he has taken every necessary step to secure his property, & I advise his wife of the
situation of his Affairs. — As friend I have nothing further to say, but to wish you
and yours all Health and Happiness, I am

Yours Humble Servant
Messrs. Bush & Ellen Smith
Capt. Johnson — via London
P. the Jamaica. Master Capt. Smith

Kingston Jamaica 25 July 1768

Dear Sir

I should be glad if Mr Williams would
send me Distillate & necessary ingredients
for making Ink, as that made from y^e Powder is not good

Y^r Obed^t & Dutifull Nephew

that is a time of Year, when I must and some Articles generally sell
dear as present. I'll be bold to offer large, many of them more for my part
in daily expectations of them, these I wish to be, could wish to be
was offered, as here is large Quantities expected, many Consignments of
Provisions from Ireland in the Fall of the year will be produced, but rather
than to have any concerns in the Adventure, but I wish to be
be, am hopeful that you and some other Friends will make up a large
sum, such as you may judge to best adapted to the Market and times, which
at present I cannot pretend to say more, but will keep you advised by all
Opportunities, When you write shall be glad with the price List for this
Country. Produce also your Remarks thereon, and what you think will
be most likely to succeed, at present it is very high here, as the Ships go home so much short
of their Annual Supply from the Windward Islands, and the large business
being near so large as usual, makes the People ^{with} flatter themselves with the
Expectations of good Sales this Year, this I am sure of they ought to be good to
make a handsome one, when Sugar sells here from 2 1/2 to 3 1/2 p^{er} Whitting
Sugar 3 1/2 to 3 1/2 p^{er} the Bush, Rum 2 1/2 p^{er} Gallon, Cotton 2 1/2 p^{er} pound of 2 1/2 p^{er} lb very
fine, Sugar from 1 1/2 to 1 1/2 p^{er} lb Logwood 2 1/2 to 3 1/2 p^{er} lb, Indigo 2 1/2 p^{er} lb,
Coffee 1 1/2 p^{er} lb and most with a heavy Sale at these prices but after the 25th
they will not be in such Demand. In my last I advised you that I had hired
a few men to be sent, and desired that if you could hear of any good trades I had who
would come over here I had time for a time that you would send them, which
I now confirm, I hope you will be able to procure one with whom you
will make the best Agreement you can, I send by first conveyance, at
present I have nothing more to add but that I am

Kingston 25 July

Your Obedient Son

John Frederick Esq. Esq. son

John Jamaica Planter. Edmund

Henry Laurens Esq. South Carolina

Kingston Jamaica October 1965

After having visited all his Majesty's dominions in America
except Georgia and Florida I am come to a determination of settling in this Island,
where I have now been about 10 Weeks and as present I am for I have by myself
that I am married with any person that is agreeable, would willingly enter into a
Partnership, on my Return from North America I spent 6 Months with my
Friends in England who all think themselves much obliged to Mr. Laurens, for
the many kind and friendly services he has done me during my stay in Charleston; and
they would be glad of an opportunity of showing all the Countenance in their Power
to any of my Friends there, as I do should at this place I am now fully determined

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I make very thing subservient to Business, and can truly say experience as
much pleasure in that, as in any way of Life I have ever known, and am not
not without great expectations, that my honest Endeavours with the Crown & Court
Success, as my Uncle & others Friends in England will patronize me, and
have assured me that they will do every thing in their power, to enable me to do
Business with Credit and applause. Upon the presumption of having it in
my Power, to render you many other Gent. as great satisfaction in whatever
they may commit to my care, as any other Person, I make bold to tender my
best service to you or any of your Friends, when they have any Commands this
Way, and if you can recommend me to any thing in the Common Law, or
amongst any of your Acquaintance, shall be ever ready to do it to the utmost
Obligations you have already ~~sent~~ ^{sent} me, let the time be
as they will, you may with great truth assure them, of having the
strictest justice done them, and no Endeavours of mine shall be wanting, to
render their concerns as advantageous as possible. Mr. Laurens as well as
Every other Branch of your Family always have my best wishes for a continuance
of every felicity, and that of which will at all times give pleasure to.

Yr Obedt. Servt. James

Dear Sir

Yr Obedt. Servt. James

West Price Street, Head & Tardina
Sent

Kingstree Jamaica 8 October 1765

Before I left England my Uncle Mr. Wright secured your
favor, wherein you make a tender of your service to him, and I have since
advised him, of the firm of your House, which I strongly recommended, from the
knowledge that I have of Mr. Price and Mr. Head, and I sincerely wish your
Firmship may be productive of the good ends for which it was thus taken
I am now fixed in Business at this place, where I shall be glad to execute any of
your Commands, if you have any concerns this Way that you will commit to my care
I shall be very glad that I have put in my Request to you as much satisfaction as any of
my Neighbors, thus you may be assured of, that my utmost Endeavours shall
always be exerted for the interest of my constituents, and they may depend on
having the strictest justice done them, if by any means I can be serviceable to you,
beg you will make no Example of commanding.

Yr Obedt. Servt. James

Sent

Your Humble Servt

W
M^r Benjamin Smith of Carolina
Gen^l

Kingston Jan^y 2^d 1765

The many Civilities shew'd from you when I was
in Charleston lays me under an obligation which I should be glad of an opportunity
to repay. I have now taken up my Residence at this place where I carry on
Business by myself, and if you have any business here which I can be serviceable
to you may depend on my using the utmost for your interest. Could you
recommend me to any of the Gentlemen who trade to this Island, I should be
much oblig'd to you, as it is in my power to give them as great satisfaction as any of
my Neighbours. Upon the least opportunity, I should willingly embrace
Every opportunity of shewing you any service in my Power, I am
The Yelloly Capt. James
Your humble Servant

M^r Smith & Baillie Saint Christopher
Gen^l

Kingston Jan^y 2^d 1765

I have just now with M^r & M^{rs} Baillie in Command
promised myself the pleasure of calling on you at St. John, in my way to that Island,
but all the circumstances will make it impossible for me to do so, even to
St. John's, for I must stay on shore, notwithstanding we had
for this purpose as I am now at St. John's, I am now at this place,
where I carry on business by myself, and as there is little or no intercourse
between the Islands, I shall have it in your power to recommend me to any of the
Gentlemen who trade to this Island, and if you may think it proper that I should
call on you, I shall be much oblig'd to you, and I shall be much oblig'd to you
if you will favour me with a line by any opportunity, I will much oblige
The Yelloly Capt. James
Your humble Servant

M^r Alexander Duncan North Carolina
Gen^l

Kingston Jan^y 2^d 1765

The Civilities shew'd from you when I was at Wilmington
lays me under an obligation, which I should be glad of an opportunity to repay. After
having visited all His Majesty's American Provinces, I have taken up my Residence
at this place, where I carry on business by myself, and as there is little or no intercourse
between the Islands, I shall have it in your power to recommend me to any of the
Gentlemen who trade to this Island, and if you may think it proper that I should
call on you, I shall be much oblig'd to you, and I shall be much oblig'd to you
if you will favour me with a line by any opportunity, I will much oblige
The Yelloly Capt. James
Your humble Servant

If having it in my power, to give my Constituents as much Satisfaction as any of my Neighbors, I offer my Service to you, in any Commands you may have this Way. This you may be assur'd of, that if you or any other Gent. Commit anything to my Care, my Integrity is my Honor, and not to be accused otherwise. I shall be wanting to render the same as advantageous as possible. I am with Respect

Wm. Wilmington Sept. 17. Henderson

Yours Obedient Humble Servt

M^r John Burgwin North Carolina

Wilmington 29 August 1765

Sir

The many civilities & attentions by & receive from you when I was at Wilmington, I entitle you to my best thanks; and I should esteem myself happy with an Opportunity of honoring any Service in my Power in Return. I have now taken up my Residence at this place, where I am intend to stay some Years, and carry on Business in the Commission way, and I should be glad to receive any of your Commands, which you may depend on being executed in the most punctual manner, and I flatter myself that my Connections are such, as will enable me to give Satisfaction to those Gent. with whom I may have any concerns. I beg my best Compliments to M^r Burgwin & am

Wm. Wilmington Sept. 17. Henderson

Yours most humble Servt

M^r John Thompson Virginia

Wilmington 29 August 1765

Dear Sir

Never sent in M^r Dixon did not call for it

A young Gentleman of my Acquaintance going to Virginia who intends spending some days at this time, I have taken the liberty to give him a Letter to you and hope you will excuse him any civilities he may be oblig'd to yourself he has several Acquaintance in Norfolk where I suppose he will stay some time, this favour I shall at all times be glad to return to any of your Friends who may come this way. I should be very willing to receive your Letters from hence but after having waited at the Post Office American Postmen I have taken up my Residence at this place where I carry on Business by myself. If you could recommend me to any of your Friends who have to this Island should be glad; I believe you are pretty sensible that these Effects are very safe in my hands, and I flatter myself that my Connections are such as will enable me to give as much Satisfaction to my Constituents as any of my Neighbors. For any Request I can be oblig'd to you upon the least Intimation would willingly do it and I should be glad with an Opportunity of concerning you that my prospects in that respect are sincere, and I am

I have with me a Letter I shall be glad to receive a Line from you at your Leisure,
in which pray Inform me with the continuations of the history of the Little Doctor
since his Expedition to the West Indies — I hope you will give my compliments to
Mr. Wallingford, & I shall be glad to hear you are the same, & am with esteem

Yours most humble servant

Mr. James Wallingford Bristol

Kingston Jan^y 12 August 1765

On my arrival here, I wrote to Mr. Wallingford at
Monte Cay, and have since for Mr. Wallingford. I shall be glad to hear you
think of the Little Doctor. I shall be glad to hear you think of the Little Doctor.
I hope will be shortly, and when the Remains of the goods are sold, will send
you a faithful List of them, as well as what has been received of the same. I
therefore think it best to write you, than to wait until I have more, as
perhaps you may have more than I can carry in a single Ship. I have part
of the same in particular, I hope have sold with very great success, the
Goods being so much more of the usual Quality, by what I have heard here, the
Money is very scarce, and an excuse of getting it by fair means, but for fear of
the worst will get left. I wish to send the same to Mr. Wallingford, & shall at all times be
glad to hear from you. I hope to go on a little more, & have a
very full quantity more than I can carry, however will keep up my
best, and hope to be better than I am. I hope to be remembered to you. Myself and you may
depend on my doing for you as if it was my own affair, at present I have nothing
more to say. I have nothing more to say to you, my Dependence on being
Believe —

James

James Wallingford

Your most humble servant

Mr. Hope

Mr. Marmaduke Smith London

Kingston Jan^y 12 Aug 1765

I take this earliest opportunity of writing you of my
being arrived and settled at this place, where I carry on business by my self.
I shall at all times be glad to execute any commands you may have
here, tho' you were so obliging as to make me when in England, I was
under an obligation which I should be glad to have the opportunity to perform, and am
sorry that the times are so very discouraging, that at present I cannot think

it is advisable to embark in any thing of that kind; the Spanish Trade being so good makes
so great a quantity of money that we have not enough for the common necessities of the
Island, and great quantities of European goods are sent, which join to the shortness of
the European climate. The circumstances of this Trade fall greatly short of what the people
in England expect. In the present business we are not destitute of hope, for whatever
changes may be effected, it is probable for the future; should there be any possibility of things
getting into their former Channel, and the Trade of this Island again becoming a very
Dependence on my giving you the earliest Information. I beg my Compl^{ts} to your good
Sister and am

The Jamaica Planter, Linnell
The Jamaica Planter, Linnell

Your Humble Servant

Henry Bright Esq. Linnell
Linnell

Kingston Jan^y 14th Aug^r 1765

I wrote you fully 24. Wks. ago of which you have heard, since which the three Brothers is still in the same day lane in a King
with Wm. Jenkins Butler, who sailed from Cork three Weeks before the second, which
brought Butler down to 8th and last night came in a ship at 10 o'clock from same place,
which will send the Sale greatly, had she about 100 bushels from 8th to 10th of June had
secondly arrived a few Days before the other, should have had a quick Sale and at a much
better price, which he would have done, had Mr. Wiles not put in so much trouble
there: which made the defect deeper than she ought to be, and had she met with fair
Weather and doubtless she would have had a better sale. My Friends of Miss
Bryant very lately, in future would have a great reputation if they had
appeared: I have had a complaint from several people of the Brothers being tricky, but
cannot conceive how that can be, but then I am sure if that there are some who are
Mr. Wiles informs me that the Brothers who are in the same day lane is
very much cheaper than either Miss Wiles or Miss (or Miss) who ought to be
Expensive, and now the same as in the same. The Sally last night was in the same
Situation as when I wrote you last, and what to do with her I believe they cannot tell,
I have several times heard of the Brothers, but they have it not in their power
to give up any freight, and the sailing of the Annual ship is a great hindrance, and
I have seen who would be to the House. I hope you will be kind enough to ship
the sugar which I wrote for in my last, with this alteration, that I would have no
more sugar. Since which I find it necessary to make some addition to the Order
which you have beneath, and I beg may be sent with the head of the goods. I am
Enjoying my health better than I have since my arrival at this place, and am in
hopes of continuing it, as I am in good spirits and take all necessary care of
myself. It will give me pleasure to hear that you and my other friends are all

Well, my dear hopefull that hath been communicable to you. I present I have
Nothing further to write but to desire my Duty and best respect to my Aunt and

to be added to my Cousin's duty

Yours

John Brightwell

30 doz. large & small Shives &c the same had from N. H. which were very good
10 doz. Butts

10 doz. Black Kells

10 doz. of falling haws the best

10 doz. from Thomas's place 40 doz. of small made flat & thin as usual, for the good
like the French ones here

10 doz. 30. Nails in 40 shanks in each they will pack best

35 doz 20. L. 2 shanks of iron each, the rest in smaller packages

40 doz 10. L. 2 shanks of iron each & 24 doz each

150 doz 6. L. 3 shanks of iron each 40 doz each

many people put to the use of a sort of Yacht, which is the reason of my
wanting some of them in smaller packages

2 doz. of Wood Shaves

10 doz. 1/2 shanks

2 doz. of Copper Shaves

10 boxes Soap

8. Chapman's from 25 to 40 lb

10 shanks of the chains

10 Bushell's of lead from, Shal's Bushell's

10 doz. of the chains & long chains

10 doz. of the chains

10 boxes of Mount. Shives, from the office of Mr. Weylert, 1/2 doz to the Tunn

that any time you have any right goods in the store, may sell them
with the same look, to save the freight

Beneath is what I think a good assortment of Irish Provisions, which I should be
glad to receive and to be given, or would take some of the same, but
this I leave entirely to yourself, also to make what alterations you please;
I should myself be able to be before this reaches your hands, you will make
a reduction of the same

20 or 300 Turkeys of various

10 barrels

200 barrels of large Beef, full bound

40 half barrels } Pork

100 barrels

5 half barrels

50 half barrels } 1/2 doz Beef

2 Turkeys } 1/2 doz

I shall be glad if you will send the following articles for my own use:

1/2 doz of the same weight, 1/2 doz of small & 1/2 doz of lead, all of good to be

Walter L. B.

News Express the great Mortality which you have had I am glad to
hear from my Uncle that all our Family continues well. I should nothing more
but to desire my Duty to my Aunt and love to the little ones and am
Yours most humble servant
Wm. Cornwallis of the Hope

Dear Sir

King's Cross Lane. 10th Nov. 1765

John Cusans Esq.
Dear Sir

On my return from North America to England in
November, I made enquiries after you, but could not get any information
my Affairs at home for I have been demanding my presence in that part of the
Country; I intended it impossible for me to visit London before the 1st of January
and was a little surpris'd at to lose my Foot Post with the direction you
gave me in it I could not work; since my arrival at this place, I am
informed that Mr. Sturges has your Honour, to please I enclose this and
hope it will reach your hands. — After having been myself of travelling
in America, I am now to a full determination to settle in this place, in the
Merchandise way, in which I should be very happy with an opportunity of
doing you or any of your Friends any service in my Power; and I flatter myself
from the Friendship you was pleased to express for me, that you will
give me any assistance that is in your power. — I should not have
ventured this far if I did not have had in it three advantageous offers which
in England) but that I am under the countenance and protection of
friends, who are able, and equally ready to give me in any thing
I am a person of having it in my Power to give as much satisfaction
as another person, I make a tender of my best services in any thing you
may have to do here, and I am sure you would be kind enough to be so oblig'd
to your Brother, or any other Gent. of your acquaintance, in the way of Agency
or Factorage, should they have any Occasion to change, it would be serving me
greatly, and they may depend on my having the greatest attention to their
Interest, in whatever they may commit to my care. — The Country for
should rather say the Service for those last years, my Licence at this time
agrees with me very well, and I like it much; I have not yet been in
Thomas in the East, or would have done myself the pleasure of waiting at
Amity Hall. If your leisure you will give me a line, I shall be
It is a great favour. — Sincerely wish you Health & all the pleasure
that England can afford and am

Wm. Peter Beckford

Dear Sir

Your Most Humble servant

Kingdon's Jamaica 20th April 1855

Stephen & Fuller Long Pine Street
No 71 Newbury London S

H. Richard Mass. Cork

The Hope
 The King Edward

we cannot say any thing as to the Quality. It gives me great
pleasure to find that you & your friends have enjoyed their
Health at a time that has been so fatal to numbers.

I have nothing farther but to wish you a Continuance
of Health & am Dear Sir,

Wm Cornwall

Wm Hope

Your truly full & devoted

Wm Hope Esq^r of Ellen Kingston 26 Sept 1765

Since writing the foregoing I have received
the Ale chosen out of the Kitty & have unpack'd some of the
Ale, it do not turn out near so good as that by the King
George, it is an inferior Quality the first Glasse is pretty
fine, but when you come near the bottom of the Bottle it is
very thick and fat, and the flavour is not equal to the other
the great deal, I have nothing new to advise you but to send
but very little each as it is in no demand. Provision much the
same, I do not think they will be better, it is useless to repeat
to you the Weakness of a Times as every person who goes from hence
will inform you of that, when you send any thing in future,
I shall be glad if you will inform me when may
expect another report or what there is any material
Quantity of any of the Articles that will soon be here as I may
regulate the sale in some measure by your intelligence I
reg my duty to my Aunt, and if I have time after I have
written my Uncle's Letter will write her if I have not, she will
be good enough to trust until Capt Wood's sails, I am Gent^l

Your truly
Wm Hope of the King George

Kingston 26th Sept 1785

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To Henry Knight Esq

Dear Sir

At the Hope I wrote you full particulars of my plan
of sending by different Conveyances what I hope you have received long
ago, this, as there was to each letter a list of goods such as I think will
answer the best, & be necessary to keep up an assortment in my den.
In my letter of 16th Sept I told you that I should ship a parcel of
Pimento amounting to two hundred & fifty pounds this time
on the Neptune Capt^m Hudson as Capt^m Miles would not accept of
the same freight, as two London Capt^{ns} Capt^m Hudson offered to
take it for I gave them the preference but they absolutely refused
it, about an hour after my letter was gone they came to tell me
that I should ship it on the King George at the 1st of Oct, the same
as the others offered to carry it for, but I desire that it might be kept
a secret, as they have a good Quantity on board in 10 days I hope
the freight, as I am sensible they will want more assistance
than Capt^m Hubbert can give on his return from the Bay of
ord to keep in with others as they are considered the best.
I should have mentioned them so far as to ship it on the Neptune I suppose
will sail in three weeks or so depending on the weather. I think you that
I should ship on the Neptune I think the King George
the better Conveyance as it is a West India Passage for which
Capt^m Hudson to carry any can full give him a man a very
good ship & a full cargo of all kind of goods in the same space
I wrote, only they have got butter down to 1/6th of the price of 1/3rd by
the Quaker's Sugar is very dear and dear good sugar will
command ^{almost} any price when an many purchasers, the difference
the Pimento by the King George will make a much better
proportion than any sugar that is sent home now, it was
purchased for 1/4th of 1/2nd I could have sold it for the same several

Yours Obedt

might, he informed me he had put Letters for you in three
different vessels in the Harbour, advising you of his proceedings
his not being able to procure a Freight here is the same fate as his
Hugobornes vessel, as there have been near 20 Vessels gone from
this Island, some to the Bay others to Florida, La Paz, & North
America. I do not believe anything further as present but to
discharge my duty to my dear friend

Yr Obedt Servt
Wm King George
The West Indies
your dear friend & friend
L.B.

For I wish August 14th 1765

Having finished my letters concerning
Business I now sit down to write a Line to you as Capt^m
Cutbush leaves this place this afternoon, and I am not willing
to miss so good an Opportunity. It gives me great pleasure to hear
that you and all the family enjoy their Health at a time that
has been so fatal to numbers, this place has been very healthy for
the season of the year, for my own part I never was better in my
Life, and like the Country better than I expected considering how
bad the times are at present. There is no material Changes among
any of them your friends, both the Kings are tolerably well tho
I am has had a fever but not very severe they have, they have
been very kind of me in being so asking me to their House for
meat, &c. I must receive much civility from many Gent^l who
when acquainted with my father, some who remember my Uncle
here. I am sure I never hear mentioned but wth Esteem. As to news
we have none that is worth mentioning the dispute between the
the Governor and the Assembly what engages the attention of the
People as they are apprehensive it will be attended wth bad consequences
to the Republic, but as we ought not to anticipate evil before it
comes. I have enclosed you a dialogue relative to the subject

I hope well occasion as nearly as I can at the present time
 have in most Company here, if there is any part of it you cannot
 make out, call in the assistance of Capt. Thomas who I daresay
 know enough of Negro dialect to explain it or Mr. Latham I
 beg my compliments as also to any of my old acquaintances who
 think me worth inquiring after. I wish you and your family
 all Happiness and am
 Dear Madam
 Your Obedt. Servant L. B.

To Mrs. Sanders & Evans

Kingston 27 Sept 1785

Montego Bay
 Your favour of 17. July I have
 but I am in great expectation of
 having a remittance for the £28. 4. 8 for Mrs. Williams
 also for her provision of what you are in Cash on due of the
 Account in which you are jointly concerned. I am now pressing
 in this affair the more I should be, by the means of the
 repeated request of £10 to get the money as soon as possible
 I am thoroughly convinced. I feel obliged to you for the
 pay of. If you cannot procure Cash nor a good bill to the
 value of the sum I have no objection to taking
 either Sugar Rummer, Rummer, provided it is of the best
 Quality and Charge of the Cash price, as you must at present
 it ought to be a part of the money has been a considerable
 time. If you will favour me with the price of the money when
 you wish I shall esteem it a favour if I can be
 serviceable to you here I shall be Glad at any time to do so
 I am Gent. of Mrs. Sanders
 L. B.

^{John}
Henry Bright Esq of Redd. Store
under the firm of H. Bright & Co.

Kingston 17 Octo. 1763

On the other side you have 1000s of Lading for 15 Casks of Pimento amounting to 1000s and getting your Casks 3/5 in which I have carried to the D. of your Adventure of the Three Brothers. I hope this Remittance will turn out better than Sugars and be agreeable in an out which will give me pleasure; I have not been able to sell all the Flour as soon as the Sale is closed you may depend on having it transmitted you and Remittances for the same as fast as I can receive the Money here. Some of the Butter is very bad shall have great difficulty to get clear of it; even at a lowed price, have about 70 Hhds unsold. I wish it had been in my Power to have made a more considerable Remittance but the Sugar is so very bad that no Person can depend on any thing till he has it in his own hands.
Yrs King George
Yrs Neptune

I am Gent. your humble Servant L.B.

H. Bright Esq of Redd. Store
under the firm of H. Bright & Co.

Kingston 17 October 1763

On the other side you have 1000s of Lading for 15 Casks of Pimento amounting to 1000s and getting your Casks 3/5 in which I have carried to the D. of your Adventure of the Three Brothers. I should have been very great pleasure could I have made a larger Remittance but had to get in my Power as Freight Duty Tax and Trade. I tell you in a Person in such bad times as we have at present. Endeavored to please. I tell you could not get more than I liked or would have preferred that to any kind of Produce; Sugar is so scarce of course then, with such things as touching it with any view of making a Remittance and yet there are many purchasers offered for every parcel which comes to Town. I flatter myself that this Pimento will answer better than any other produce as it is good in Quality. It will be some time before I shall be able to close the Sales but as soon as they are you may depend on having them forwarded to you.
Yrs King George
Yrs Neptune

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Mr. Mary Bush Bristol

Kingston N. Oct. 1755

Dear Madam

On my leaving England you promised that if I should want any thing and would apply to you that you would be as good as to procure it and send to me which I know, doubtless you will have been compelled to enter into the Militia have been under the necessity of converting my Blue Coat into a Regimental by the addition of Red Lapels cuffs and Cuffs which renders it useless at all other times except Muster Days. I must therefore beg that you will send me out a Blue Cloth Coat with Buttons and Baskett Buttons of the same Colour to be made without any Lining and Lapels. I shall also be much obliged to you if you will send to Mr. Tucker who lives near the Merch^{ts} Hall for 12 pair of good neat Shoes and 6 pair of Pumps, the Pumps and 6 pair of the Shoes are for a gentleman who has laid out a good deal of Money with me and I would get them for him. They must be made of the same Last as those I brought with me he likewise desires 2 Hats of about 12^s each as near the Size of that I had from Charles Whittuck as possible with Gold Buttons if they be much worn.

I have sent by George Lewis 50 Mills Dollars to pay for the same and enclose you have his Receipt to deliver them to you, what the things amount to more I will remit as soon as I know what the cost of this and the Hartscoats I wrote for some time ago. I am sorry to say that at present the times are very discouraging, but Heaven hopes that they will mend; however I enjoy my Health very well and I think the Country agrees with me. It will give me great pleasure to hear that Mr. Bush yourself and Family are well. I shall at all times be glad to receive a Line from you. But if you have not time to spare from your Family concerns I would yourself and inform me what changes happen amongst you do acquaintance. Hope you will Employ M^r. E. as an amanuensis who I make no doubt will be much obliged to you for finding him such good Employment for some of

You without charging any Commission or take to the same at a
 Valuation on all of it which ever you may chuse, I am very sensible
 the difference of Price between this Market and you is more than the
 Freight and other charges will amount to and as it is my own Act
 I could prefer taking it with you rather than at the Market Price here.
 You must allow that the Proposal I have made is a reasonable one
 I make no doubt but you will comply with it, the sooner you can send
 it the more advantageous it will be to M^r. as Cap^t. Peabody is now
 loading for Bristol who will take it in at an easy freight.
 I am Y^r humble serv^t J^r B

Long Bright Bay

Kingston Jan^y 14th 1783

Dear S^r

My last to you was 1th and 2^d Oct^r
 of the King George and Neptune, since which I have heard nothing
 from you. I enclose you will receive Means of Contributions I bill of
 Cash on M^r. John Anderson for £120
 Sterling, which at 40th Ct Exchange is Curr^t. £108.0.0
 My Commission on Ditto a 5th of 10th is 8.8.0
 To the Debit of Account of 3 Brothers 176.8.0
 You will also receive Ditto I bill on ditto for £100 Sterling which
 at 40th Ct Exchange is Curr^t. £112.0.0
 My Commission on Ditto 5th of 10th is 5.12.0
 To the Debit of Account of ~~several~~ adventures from 117.12.0
 Bristol in Comp^y with M^r. J^r Bush & Son

Both which I expect will be paid, as they assure me they have
 sent effects by this ship to pay them but should they not be paid,
 I hope you will look no opportunity to send them out protested, I
 could not prevail on them to draw at a shorter sight, neither