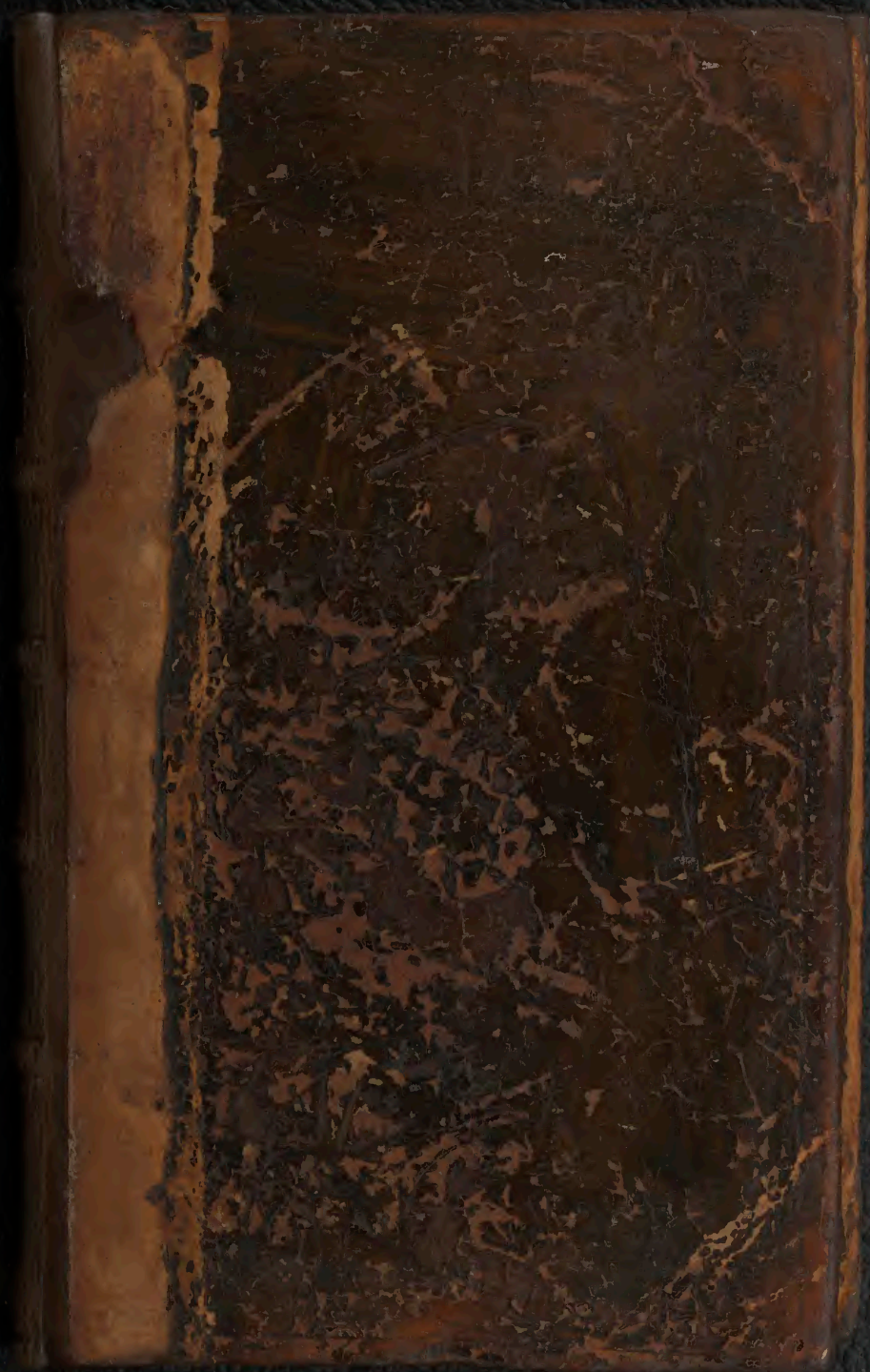
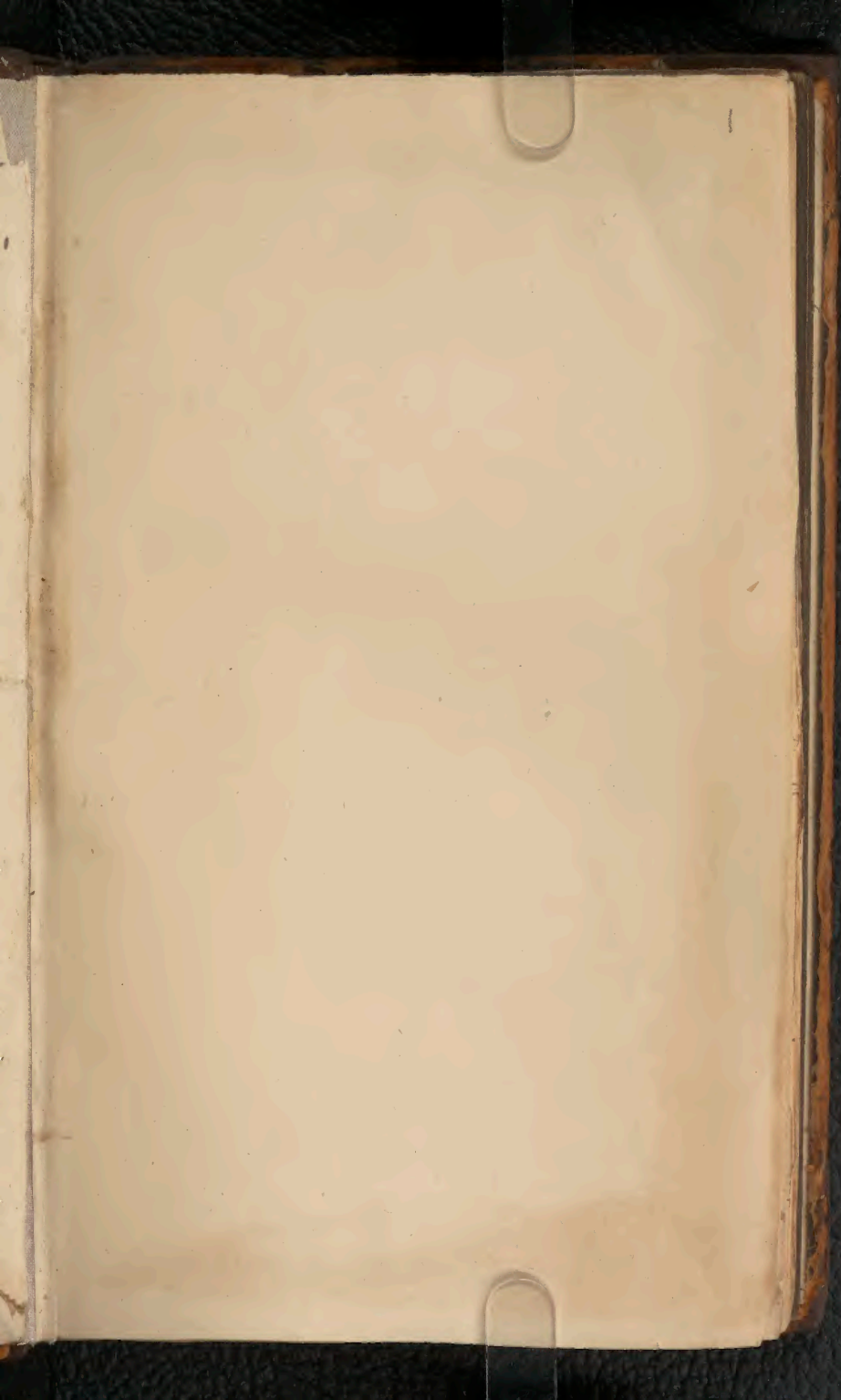




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the Dangers and Distres-
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Vol. 10th.

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publications, but have not yet seen them. They are a dear purchase, above my reach at present. I wish they had appeared sooner; for the Budget has been too long in opening. The strong & pointed Truths make some people stare; but it will be no easy matter to make them blush.

Dr Demas in your Neighbourhood! What brings the flirting, wrong-headed Body there? Will he ever settle? No. A light Head gives the ~~Head~~^{Feet} much to do.

Stop here, till we see if new Matter casts up.

Have you seen The Song of Solomon paraphrased: with a Commentary, & Notes Practical & Critical?

We think, it is excellent, & notably well intended. Favours me with your Opinion of it. Such Performances are not saleable in these Days of boasted light & liberty, immersed in profound Darkness! Darkness, that may be felt!

B. Baith & alexander are both of them quite ab agenda! God helps, Forvain is the Help of Man.

Since Writing as above, I have seen a Bookseller, who told me, we would soon

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have a neat Edition of the Original Pa-
pers, published by Macpherson from
Dublin at half, if not a third, of the
Price.

I have lately met with an Edit. 1701.
of Hicke's Sermons; in the Beginning
of which, on the two waste Leaves, is
an excellent short account of his Life,
from his Cradle to his Coffin, with the
Inscription on his Grave - Stone, in the
Gland - Writing of one Edward Frank-
lin, Rainham, A. M. I had it for a Trifle.

I have blotted some Sheets of Pa-
per in thrashing the Buff of Dr. Bluff,
as to his faniful Tour in Scotland,
which I have interleaved in his
pompous Account. He is as blind
as a Mole, a downright Ignoramus
of ~~any~~ a Fool, as to Scots Affairs; inso-
much, that it may be truly said of
him, Nay, but to see the Naked-
ness of the Land are ye come;
for his fertile Imagination sees
Nakedness where no Nakedness is.
In writing to a Friend, he called
his Book a Tour of Notions; &
indeed so it is, of very odd, fan-
iful Notions, false in Fact, in
very many Instances!

I have most busily found out an
incontestible Proof of a much doubt-
ed & disputed Fact, namely, that
Mr. David Lindsey, who baptized

K. Charles I. was really in holy Orders, before his embracing the Reformation in Scotland. See Heith's Catalogue of Scottish Bishops, pag. 119. where this point is greatly doubted; on the Margin of which I have transcribed the strong & pointed Proof.

The Countess was at Bath before Good-Friday.

Deus sit semper tecum tuisque.
Amen. A Dieu,

April 29. 1775.

Dear Sir,

A Dieu.

From B. G. London, June 2. 1775.

R. R. D. Sir, Your very acceptable Letter by Tommy Bowdler came safe to hand, & at the same time the kind Bearer gave us the Satisfaction of hearing he had left yourself & good Mrs Forbes both very well. May you long, very long be so, & enjoy many comfortable Returns of the great Holy Festival just now at hand!

I hear Mr Cotton has been so generous & kind as to take Money Falconer off poor Mrs Murray's Hands; to the latter a great Deliverance indeed; but what Mrs Cot-

ton is doing, or proposes to do with the unpromising Girl herself, I have not yet learnt.

I hear your Countess arrived safe at Bath on Easter-Eve; but more I have not heard of her Ladyship.

What Pity is it, that Mr. Mc-Pher-son's Publication of Original Papers did not appear in the World sooner! What Scenes of Iniquity, Treachery & Misrepresentation have they brought to Light? They appear to be published faithfully & impartially. ~~But~~ I wish his History of the Time may be wrote with the like Impartiality; but, alas! I fear that is hardly to be expected from one of his Cast; yet, thus far I can say at present, tho' I have asked questions about it, I have not met with any Body that could give me a satisfactory Account.

Yes, Sir, I have seen the Song of Solomon paraphrased, &c. and am greatly pleased with it, so well pleased, that I have read it over no less than three times. It is performed with no less Tradition than Elegance, both pleasing & admirable indeed; & the Language pure & correct throughout. And, what renders it still more worthy of approbation & Commendation, is the Modesty

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& Virtue that appears almost in every Page. In short, I cannot say enough of it; therefore must hold my pen. It was brought to me by Mr. Smith from Mr. Cheyne; to whom I beg you will give my best Thanks when you see him. I greatly fear the Publication will not defray the Expence of Printing. I gave Mr. Smith a Quin-nea for the Editor, with an Injunction not to let it be known from whence it came. The same Injunction, dear Sir, I must lay upon you; nor had you been troubled with this, but to shew you how much I liked the Thing itself. Methinks, I have a violent Curiosity to know the Author, who must be a Person of no mean abilities.

I am glad you are likely to have Mr. Phayson's Original Papers from Ireland at a moderate Expence. They will be much called for; I dare say, in your Country; & tho' they come late, yet, bad as the World is, I would hope they may do some good.

My good Friend talks of threshing Dr. Bluff; tho' I cannot say, but I need his Tour with Pleasure. However, I am not qualified to judge of the Merits of the Performance, but you are. I could wish you to give Pennant

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a Dribbling in your Way. He is an
ill-principled, poor Fellow.
You have met with a great Curio-
sity indeed, in the short Account of
Dr. Hickeys Life, which has happily
fallen into your Hands. I should be
much obliged to you for a Transcript
of it. One Copy would serve both Mr
Bowdler & me.

The Incontestable Proof you have lately
discovered of King Charles the 1st's
Baptism, is a valuable Curiosity. I am
glad it is in such good Hands.

Mr James being now in Possession
of Mr Bretts Considerations, &c.
and Mr Bowdler's Remarks, I have
recommended it to him to take pro-
per Notice of them; yet, I wish it
may not be inconvenient to him,
on account of his infirm State of
Health. Let us pray for him &
his good Success.

Tommy Bowdler is still in Town
with his Brother, who seems loth
to part with him. My Sister
(thank God) got safe to Dum-
fries, & remembers you & Mrs For-
bes with much Gratitude for all your
Civilities.

I am sorry to hear the two good old
Bishops are both ab agendo. I trust
Care will be taken of the Succession.

My Wife joins in best Regards & every kind Wish to yourself & good Mrs Forbes, & commending you both heartily to God & his Keeping, I am

Dear Sir, yrs ever faithfully & affectionately D^y

Copy of a Return to the Above.

R. R. D. S. Your agreeable Favor of the 2^d instant I gladly received on 4th 6th

To keep a Friend in Suspense, is unkind. Receive then inclosed a Copy of the first Account of Dr. Hickey's Life, & likewise a Copy of the Proof of the Validity of R. Charles I his Baptism. The Editor of these, methinks, might appear in a News-paper, which transmit to me, & I shall take Care to have it inserted in one of our Scots papers. O! for a Copy of Alex^r Baillie's performance, the Benedictine Monk. But that cannot be easily had. A more purchase it would be, if it were only upon account of the Orders of Mr Lindsay.

May Mrs Cotton have Comfort of the Charge has taken in hand, to the great Relief of poor Mrs Murray.

The Countess is in good Health. Her Ladyship is flown in the pen-and-ink work. However, I have had two Letters; but Business prompts this.

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My Fears about Mr. Jefferson are the
very same with yours, that his History
may be as you suspect.

Your Encomium upon the Song of So-
lomon paraphrased, &c. is truly de-
lightful. I know not for certain who
is the author; only, by knitting things
together, I aim at guessing, which
you may come to know some day about.

You must know more of my Mind
as to Dr. Bluff, from my Letter by
Mrs. Falconer. He impudently as-
serts things false in Fact, and
fraggors at a mighty Rate; tho'
I must own, there are some most
excellent Touches in his Tour of
Notions, as he himself called it. I
have bestowed several Sheets upon
Pennant, which I have carefully
interleaved in his two splendid
Quartos, wherein I have given
him a most hearty Drubbing. He
is a most violent, downright
Stewart - Plater without Rhime
or Reason.

Mr. Innes is to buckle on his ar-
mour. But, how can he convince
One of an Error, when the Root of
all evil, is at the Bottom? amisar-
era fames, &c.

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Let the fratres fraterni of Bowdler know, that we wish well to them and all theirs.

Not a single Word this long Time about Cousin Peggie; about whom I & others would gladly hear aliquid boni.

Poor Asⁿ Ear, upon failing of his usual moiety, joined the emigrants in aught left, to seek a Grave in a foreign Land, where his Merit is not known, & would be little regarded! all things good & happy to you and yours. Wearied with scribbling,

A Dear,

Dear Sir,

A Dear

June 8th,
1775

Upon a separate Bit of paper what follows.

n. B. This, upon Honour, to be ^{itted} comm^{uni}icated to the Flames, & to be breathed to no person whatsoever.

Quar. Does Mrs Bowdler understand the Hebrew Language? I am sure, I have been told this by some one person or other, perhaps, Mr Robert Lyon. Answer me this by any Means."

From John Farquharson of Aldersg.

"Dunfermline, May 29. 1775. My old Friend is still in Florence; nor do I believe, he will return home, until he see whether or not he will be welcome. His principal Servant has left him, I might venture to add his most faithful Friend, not by any falling out, but for Family-Business, & too much fatigue. All you sent me was forwarded conform To Desire, which gave a good deal of Pleasure to those it was designed for."

From B. G. London, [without Date]
received on Saturday, June 17. 1775.

"R. R. & D. S. a thousand Thanks for your most obliging & quick Return with the Copy of the Short Account of Dr. Hike's Life, which is indeed a very valuable Acquisition, & will equally gratifie our worthy Friend Mr. Bowdler as well as myself. The Copy of the Proof of the Validity of King Charles the Fifth's Baptism is likewise a very valuable & welcome Curiosity, & you have my best Thanks for it. I wish I were able to make a suitable Acknowledgment.

As to the Author of the Commentary & paraphrase, I am apt to suspect you are upon a wrong Sent; for, if I am not greatly mistaken, the Party imagined has neither that Correctness & Elegance of Style, nor the Qualification of Languages to be equal to such a performance. There may be,

perhaps, a little smattering of Hebrew,
& of Greek surely less; but as I con-
fess myself perfectly in the dark,
shall say no more. Wonders may a-
rise, & I may be found really mis-
taken, & the Mishnah & Gemarah
may have been studied where I little
suspected; tho' Genius ^{there} certainly is.

Poor JS^r! Can, I am sorry for him!
He has been some times in my thoughts,
& I confess I have had an Inclination
to allow the poor £5. per annum
myself, but it cannot be done now.

'Tis not long since I heard of Peggie
She & her Companion were both well,
& lived in Splendor.

Your anecdotes concerning Dr. Bluff
are curious enough; but he is incorri-
gibly nasty; so we shall throw him
aside for the present.

War is now lighted up in America,
God only knows where it will end.

R—e & agt R—e, tho' it be
melancholy to think.

I was concerned to hear you say you
were wearied with scribbling, & to think
so free & kind a Scribe had so much
upon his hands. But 'tis time to think

of my weaning with my scribble, so
with our best respects & every kind wish
to you & good Mrs Forber, shall conclude
Yours ever faithfully & affectionately
Aly."

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From B. G. "London, July 6. 1775.

You will think it, I am very sensible, of sufficient Importance, tho' I have little else at present worth communicating, when I tell you, that I had a Letter the other Day from Cousin Peggie, who gives me the pleasure of hearing that She & her Companion are in perfect good Health, & desires, with kind Remembrance of all Friends, that they ~~must~~^{may} know it. They are in the Duchy of Tuscany, where they have been some Time.

Probably, Sir, you may know, Lady Gallonay is at present in Town, in her Way to Edinburgh. Her Ladyship frequently mentions you & good Mrs Forbes, & talks of letting forward next Week.

Mr Bowdler is greatly pleased & obliged by the Account of Dr Hike's Life, which is very valuable & distinct for the Compass of it; & likewise for the various Anecdotes relating to H. Charles the 1st Baptism. 'Tis lucky they fell into your Hands.

Tommy Bowdler is now with his

Friend Rowley Burdon at Oxford,
to be present at the Act. Mr John
Bowler set out yesterday for
Kent. He will be at Spring Grove,
where he is to communicate the
Sense of the Scots Bishops on a
certain important affair."

Copy of a Return.

Two of yours now lying before me.
The first, without Date, I received
on Saturday, June 17. Mr Lyon's Peti-
tion was instantly lodged in the proper
Hands, & is well received.

As to the Author of the Commentary, &c.
all is merely conjectural & Guess-Work.

Things in America are turning
out more & more serious; and, as
you justly say, God only knows where
they will end.

Your sufficient Importance of the 6th
instant is truly valuable. Long may you
live to enjoy such like, & far better. May
your laudable Endeavours be crowned wth
Success, to the Joy & Admiration of the
whole Earth.

Mr Cheyne went from us this Day.
We failed not to remember You and
friendly Mrs Gordon in a proper way
cordially & frequently. Messrs Thomas
Boulders, Senior & Junior, their Birth-
Days, happening ⁱⁿ this Week, were:

cheerfully remembered oftener than once.

We have seen Mr. Jones, Spouse & Son in passing to Peebles; and, I am glad to tell you, they are all fat and fair enough, which I could not fail to tell them. Upon this Complaints began to be breathed; but, upon entering into the Spirit of Conversation, these were soon blown away. He has left with me Confideration & the Appendix, till he return this Way. He read to me what he had already written. N. Brett will be touched to the Quick, & Mr. Bowdler sufficiently vindicated & supported. In a Word, these Papers have put Mr. Jones in Spirits, & the Employment will do him Service. Be not afraid. Leave him to the Freedom of his own Will.

May the Countess enjoy a happy & prosperous Journey. The new Factor, &c. passes up extremely well, to the Satisfaction of all concerned.

It pleases me much, that the two little Copies are so much to the Taste & Satisfaction of Mr. Bowdler.

What is meant by the Act at Oxford or Cambridge? Is it Confer-

ring of Degrees, &c? I have read
on the Title - page of a Sermon,
preached on Act-Sunday.

I am glad, H. Brett knows the
Mind of the Scots Bishops on a
certain point. May it amend him,
& silence his Subtilties. July 14. 1775."

Extract of a Letter from Pisa,
March 20. 1775.

My Intention was not to write to you
till I should be at Rome; but my Wishes
happened to be crowned with Success
nearer hand. We went to Florence from
this Place on the 18th of last Month,
& arrived the same Night. The next
Morning I was told Prince Darleigh
was in Town. I made an impatient
Ramble, till I found out, that he
had a Servant, who could speak
English, who proved to be a rank
Highlander, John Stewart of the
Family of Ardvorlich. He has been
with his Royal Master ever since
the Year 1745. He is the upper
Domestick. We were happy to
meet each other. I asked, if it was
possible I could say in my own Country I
had spoken to his Master. He replied,
there was no Difficulty, & desired me
to come next Morning, the 22^d, & I
should obtain my Request. Accordingly,

I came at 9 o' Clock, time enough to breakfast with Mr Stewart, before Prince Daragh could be seen, which was 11. when Mr Stewart called me up stairs, & introduced me into his Dressing Room; where, seeing him before me, I knelt down. He kindly gave me his Right Hand, which I did myself the Honour to kiss, saying, "it was the Loyalty of my Parents to his Royal Family, that emboldened me to presume this Attempt." He asked me, what Family I was of. I answered, "of the House of Glenbuckly, that the late Alexander was a near Relation to me." "Ah! poor Man! said he, I remember him perfectly well." He spoke a few Words more, in which he said, "My Lord, I wish you well," & then retired. He looks rather old in Complexion, & is pretty stout in Person. He keeps a constant grand Equipage, especially when at Rome. He is still at Florence, but is expected at Pisa in a Month's Time."

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From B. G. "London, July 25. 1775.

Two Days after the good Countess left Town, the inclosed were left at my House; but, as I know not where with any certainty to send the Packets to her Ladyship sooner, I hope, Sir, through your kind Conveyance, they will come safe to her Ladyship's Hand. We beg our best Regards to the worthy Countess, & shall be anxious to hear of her safe Arrival after so long & tedious a Journey in such hot Weather. The 2 or 3 first Days after her Ladyship's setting out from London, proved very wet, which gave us a good deal of Pain on her Ladyship's Account; but, if it shall have pleased God, she be arrived safe & in Health, all is well: all Thanks be to God! Your last obliging Letter with two inclosed came safe, & were accordingly delivered.

What is called the Act at Oxford, besides conferring the ordinary & regular, as well as honorary, Degrees, there is a Commemoration of Founders & Benefactors, attended with the performances of Musick, vocal & instrumental; & moreover Orations in Latin adapted to the Occasion, & often Verses in Latin too recited, of the humorous Kind: all highly entertaining, magnificent & solemn. Cambridge

hath something usually of the same Sort;
but, alas! far short of Oxford made respects.
I am glad Lady Gallows's new Tailor
pleases all concerned. I was pleased to
hear you saw Mr. Jones & his Family,
& that they all looked so well, fat & fair.
I hope the Journey will do them all good.
God grant it. We are obliged to you &
Mr. Cheyne for remembering us. This
dirty Scrap was intended to have been
thrust into Lady Gallows's packet.
but suspecting there might be over-
weight, when I came to weigh, I found
it to be so; therefore am obliged to bes-
tow another Frank on this pitiful Scrap.
Poor Mrs. Lyon is greatly obliged to
you for your friendly attention to her
affair.

Yes, indeed the Affairs in America are
daily turning out ~~worse & worse~~ more &
more serious. The British Ministry are
like to have an ugly affair upon their
Hands, & are, I dare say, at their
Wits-End how to get rid of it. When
we are heartily embarked, it will, I
think, be very extraordinary, if the
French & Spaniards should remain
indifferent Lookers-on.

We join in kindest Complements, &c."

Copy of a Return.

To yours of July 25. the Countess ar-
rived safe on Friday, the 4th instant,
in Spirits & good Looks, like a Eagle,

renewing her age, God be thanked.
Her Ladyship makes frequent Men-
tion of you & good Mrs Gordon wth
Kindness & Esteem.

Thanks for the amount of the act
at Oxford.

Mr Inner & his Family set out u-
pon their Return to Abt, on Wednes-
day, the 2^d instant. The Journey
seems to have done them Good.

Your Opinion of America, I am
persuaded, is very just. The bloody
Work is begun; but God only knows,
how & when it will end. Foreigners, as
you observe, will readily interfere.

Divide et impera, is the Maxim
in all such Cases, though mischievous
enough.

Along with this you have some
Occurrences, which may add a little
to your Entertainment.

Gray Cooper, Secretary to the Treas-
ury at London, prides himself in
being reckoned a Scotsman, as de-
fended of Scots Prosecutors; & now
he has obtained his Wish by an attes-
ted proof of his concerning Evidence.

God be wth you & yours, now & evermore
Augt 10. 1775. Adieu, Dear Sir,
Adieu.

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Declaration for Gray Cooper, Esqr,
Secretary to the Treasury at London.
Leith, July 29. 1775.

I have often heard Dame Magdalen Scott, Relict of Sir William Bruce of Kinross, narrate, It consisted with her Knowledge, that Cooper of Hogar was the first Gentleman in Scotland, who had a Coach of his own at the Cross of Edinburgh.

The said Lady Bruce died at the Citadel of Leith, June 24. 1752. in the 82^d Year of her Age; so that the Year of her Birth must have been 1670.

Robert Forbes, A. M.

Historical Anecdotes for Information. July 31. 1775.

Iuxta se posita magis elucescunt.

Some Instances of what has been the Behaviour of this & other Nations, when great Revolutions happened in them, how tender they were of those unfortunate Clergymen, who could not comply with the unexpected Changes that fell out, & how careful they were to provide them of Means, whereby

they could subsist.

First, At the Beginning of the Reformation in Germany, the Princes, among other Grievances, complained, that there were so many idle Bellies (meaning Monks & Friars) in the Empire; & though they found them both useless & burdensome, yet, considering, that the Men were unfit for other Employments, & incapable of getting a Livelihood for themselves; offered, by way of gentle Remedy, that the present Possessors should be allowed to enjoy their Rents during Life; but in case any of them should happen to die, none should be allowed to succeed them.

Secondly, When at the Treaty of Munster, the Archbishoprick of Magdeburg, was given to the Margrave of Brandenburg, in consideration of what the Swedes got from him in Pomerania, it was in this express clause, that the Bishop, who was in Possession, should continue in the full Enjoyment of his Rents during Life.

Thirdly, Let us consider what has been the Temper of England, when great Changes happened in it. First, at the Suppression of the Monasteries by King Henry VIII

(not the tenderest of Princes) the Ab-
 bots & priors had pensions settled on
 them during Life. Secondly, Queen
Elizabeth his Daughter, allowed a
 provision to those Popish Clergy,
 who were turned out for non-compli-
 ance. Thirdly, The English parlia-
 ment in King Charles the First's
 Time, notwithstanding their violent
 Heat against Episcopacy, Voted, those
 Clergymen that were turned out
 for non-compliance, should have
 a competent & honourable Mainte-
 nance, settled upon them during
 Life. Fourthly, When the chief
 management of affairs, was esta-
 blished in the person of Oliver
Cromwell, notwithstanding his
 exceeding Hatred to the Church of
England, & that he was a Man
 so full of Blood, as to be void
 of Bowels; yet, either to avoid
 the Censure of extreme Cruelty,
 or, that the Miseries of so many
 honest Men, suffering for Con-
 science sake, made some Impression
 upon him; Ordered, that a fifth
 part of their Rents should be

given to such, as were unprovided
 of means of their own to support
 them. Fifthly, At the late Revo-
lution, such Emergency, so natural
 to Englishmen, was shewn by the
 Members of the English Con-
vention Convention, that they im-
 powered King William to settle
 provisions even upon those, who,
 by Reason of Scruples of Consci-
ence, could not come into the
 Interest of his Government.

If we look into the History
 of Scotland, such was the Tem-
 per of our Reformers (though
 violent enough in other Mat-
 ters) that they allowed the
 very Papish Bishops, to enjoy
 some, if not all, their Rents
 during Life; & in all the differ-
 ent Turns that have happened
 since (& several there have
 been) all the Clergy, who would
 comply with the Changes that fell
 out, were allowed to keep posses-
 sion of their Churches & Livings.

By these Instances we may see
 what has been the Behaviour

of this & other Nations, when great
Revolutions happened in them, how
 tender they were of those unfor-
 tunate Clergymen, who could not
 comply with the unexpected Chang-
 es that happened, & always provid-
 ed them of Means whereby they
 could subsist. 'Tis only those of the
 Episcopal Clergy in Scotland, who
 must be excepted from this Rule.
 No Compassion must be shewn to ^m them,
 nor could so much as a Compliance
 have such as actually did comply.
 They were treated with the utmost
 Injustice, the most unfeeling cru-
 elty & Barbarity; Instances of which
 are upon Record, hundreds upon
 hundreds having been left to starve!
 But I chuse not to name Particulars.

From such pious Confessors,
 & worthy Sufferers, has Gray
Cooper, Esquire, the Honour to
 be defended. Therefore, he may,
 as to his own particular, adopt,
 with great Truth, either of the
 following Mottos.

Virescit vulnere virtus.

Evanescit e tenebris.

Edr, Augt 1. 1775. the above
 Two, on separate papers, were read,
 after Dinner, in the Hearing of a-
 bout 24 Gentlemen, who had been
 employed in serving Gray Cooper,
Esqr, their Male, in habit & Reputation
 to Sir John Cooper of Gogar, in
 Right of his own Great-Grand-
 father, the Revd Mr James
Cooper, Clergyman at Kumbie,
 who had retired from the Confrir-
 ons of 1688. to Holy Island, &
 who was Brother to the late Sir
John Cooper of Gogar, Great-Grand-
 father of the late Margaret
Lady Balmerino, Relict of
Lord Arthur, the said Sir
John having only a Daughter,
 Grandmother to Lady Balme-
rine. The said Revd Mr James
 had a Son, William, educated
 a Physician, who practised in Ber-
wick, & who had a Son, William,
 bred a Physician, who practised
 in Newcastle, whose Son, now Sir
Gray Cooper, enjoys the Title of

Knight Baronet of Gogar, about 6 Miles from Edinburgh.

Lady Balmerino's Father, Captⁿ John Chalmers^{did}, spend all he had in a Suit for the Estate of Gogar, in Right of his Mother, Heiress of Gogar, but failed in the attempt.

Your Friend, having a List of the ousted & persecuted Clergymen about 1688. became a material evidence in the above Sening, called in England a Court of Inquest. He dined with the Jury, &c. and said Grace before & after Dinner, two Sheriffs, the Mayors of Edⁿ & Berwick, several Knights, &c. in Company. A grand & superb Entertainment was served up, with the best and richest Wines.

After giving Thanks, your Friend added, God preserve Sir Gray Cooper of Gogar & his Family. Amen.

Upon which, one of the Knights said, "This is the first Time he has been so named, & very properly too."

Three Brothers were Churchmen, Alexander at Selkirk, who left only Female Issue, & died before the Rev

olution; Simon at Dunfermline, 9th
 demitted, to save himself from persecu-
 tion, had a meeting-house afterwards
 in Edr, & died without issue; & James
 at Kumbie, as above. I have some
 of Simon's Sermons in his own
 Hand-Writing.

Copy of a Letter to Alexander
 Mitchell, Esq^r, Edinburgh.

Sir, you have inclosed two pa-
 pers [Declaration & Historical Ac-
 necdotes] to be transmitted, when &
 how you please, to Sir Gray Cooper,
 Baronet, of Yogar, to whom, Lady
 Cooper & the Family I heartily wish
 all Joy in the justly revived Title
 of Succession to an ancient & hon-
 ourable Family; & may there never
 be wanting an Heir Male, lineally
 descended from Sir Gray, to repre-
 sent so respectable a Family, till
 Time shall be no more.

You have, to my certain Knowledge,
 evidenced, for about eight years past,
 a steady perseverance & unremitting
 Diligence, in searching out this af-
 fair of a dormant Title; & your lau-
 dable Endeavours here, much to your
 Honour, been crowned with no less
 remarkable than deserved Success. In

all this you have done well, & like
a Blood-Relation indeed, as you have
the Honour to be lineally descended
from the Best & worthy Mr. A-
lexander Cooper, Clergyman at
Selkirk, one of the three Sons
of the once flourishing Family
of Hogar, who were, all of them,
Churchmen before the Revolution.

I am, in all Truth & Sincerity,

Sir,

Your faithful Friend,
& obedient, humble
Servant,

Leith, Augt 8.

1775.

Robert Forbes.

Copy of a paragraph in a Letter to
Alexr Mitchell, Esqr, Custom-House, Edr,
from Sir Grey Cooper of Hogar, Baro-
net.

London, Augt 22. 1775. You'll be
so good, as to return my best
Thanks & Acknowledgments to the
Reverend Mr Forbes, for the kind
& very material ~~evidence~~ assis-
tance he was so good as to give

in the vindicating the dormant Honour of our Family, & for his very obliging Congratulations on our Success, which certainly was owing to your Zeal & Diligence in searching it out.

Paragraph from John Fargher
son of Adley.

Dunbarque, Augt 21. 1775. The
only News I have at present, is, that
my old friend lives at Florence
with his bonny boy — & they keep
their health pretty well, as I & my
Cailish do, thank God. I have sent
thee inclosed a print of a certain La-
dy. I wish, I could send thee the
Original, but I hope, all is not
lost that is in danger.

From B. G. "London, Sept 21. 1775.
Looking at the Date of your last oblig-
ing Letter, which accompanied the pa-
quet of curious Anecdotes, I was sur-
prized to find I had been so long in
acknowledging the Favour. The late re-
vived Baronet is greatly obliged for
your Researches to establish his Title.
I have ordered him to be frequently
mentioned of late, to be at Court at-
tending the Levee.

I am glad, to hear you think our
worthy Friend Mr Innes better for
his late Jaunt. poor Mr Brett has
lately felt something like a Stroke
of the Palsy, & is advised to go to
Bath for it; & I am told is to set out
on his Journey on Monday next.

May God grant him the wished for Relief, & that he may live to be convinced of his Error!

We were glad to hear the Countess was in Health, good Looks & good Spirits. May, let our humble Service, best Respects & all good Wishes be presented to her Ladyship; & my Wife farther begs the Favour of you, Sir, to give the inclosed Letter to her Ladyship, when you see her, for we hear She has been at Aberdeen, & was going to Inverness. Her Ladyship is an excellent Traveller. We wish her a safe Return to Edinburgh.

Our worthy Friend Mr Bowdler has been a few Days in London, since I had your last, and, thank God! was very well. I communicated your Anecdotes to him, with which he was very well pleased.

What think you of our American Affairs? The Storm threatens may then otherwise.

We join in every kind Wish to yourself & good Mr Forbes, and, commending you & all yours to the Blessing and Protection of

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of Almighty God, I am,

Dear Sir,

Yours ever faithfully &
affectionately,

Sir, Robt Gordon.

To John Farguharson of Alderg.
Octr 3. 1775. Many Thanks for your kind letter of Augt 21. inclosing two prints of a certain amiable Lady. I heartily join with you in wishing, You could send me the Original. But Patience must have its part. Work.

You see, I have been at some pains in collecting a List of the Royal Palaces in Scotland, with a particular View to the Information of your Principal Friend; to whom, pray, transmit this Sheet, with all dutiful Obeisance.

Should I ~~think~~ think fit to have it published, his Will is a Law to me. It would appear best at first in some foreign place, & would, in due time, make its Way to Britain, as the Author would not wish to be known, especially considering some Rome-Touches; which, the truer, the harder of Digestion.

May God amend the Times, & send us better Days. Amen. A Dier.

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To B. G. Oct 3. 1775. Your Favor
of Sept 21. is now lying before me.
Sir Grey did not take on the Title, till
that he & Lady Cooper appeared at
Court, & kissed Hands.

Poor Mr Brett! May he live to come
to a better Way of thinking, which would
please me much.

The Countess has not yet ^{is} cast up
with us. The Weather with us ^{is} fine &
tempting for jaunting, which will read-
ily induce her Ladyship to take a
springing Trip.

God be thanked, that Mr Bowdler
holds out so well. Long be it so.

Indeed the American Affair may
come to shake the Empire of Britain.

Be so good, as transmit the inclosed
Sheet, after perusal, to Friend Farquhar-
son.

We join in every good Wish to you &
good Mrs Gordon. God be ever with
you & ^{all} yours. A Dieu,

Dear Sir

A Dieu

N. B. From whom came the Scribble
about the Charitable Fund? The Writer
is not deficient in point of Confidence.
I had particular Thanks from Sir Grey.

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From B. G. London, City 16. 1775.

Yours with Mr Farquharson's inclosed, came safe to hand, which was accordingly forwarded as directed; & I am much obliged to you, dear Sir, for the perusal of it; for indeed it is very curious & must have cost you a good deal of pains in compiling, & no doubt will be acceptable to the parties, for whom it was originally intended. I perceive, till I read your account, that I have been under a mistake, in believing Charles ^{1st} to have been born at Dumfries instead of Dumfrieslin.

You ask, Sir, from whom came the Scribble about the charitable Fund? I answer, from Mr Harper, when he returned Mrs Lyon the late Mr Thomson's Benefaction. The Winter speaks in that Scribble of Collections made in England for the Clergy. In Answer to which, I shall only say, that in my time I never heard of such Collections. I have good reason to believe, that, after the Revolution, there were very liberal Donations bestowed upon the Reviving Clergy by particular people, besides Legacies, which fell in afterwards; but no Extractions; the malignant

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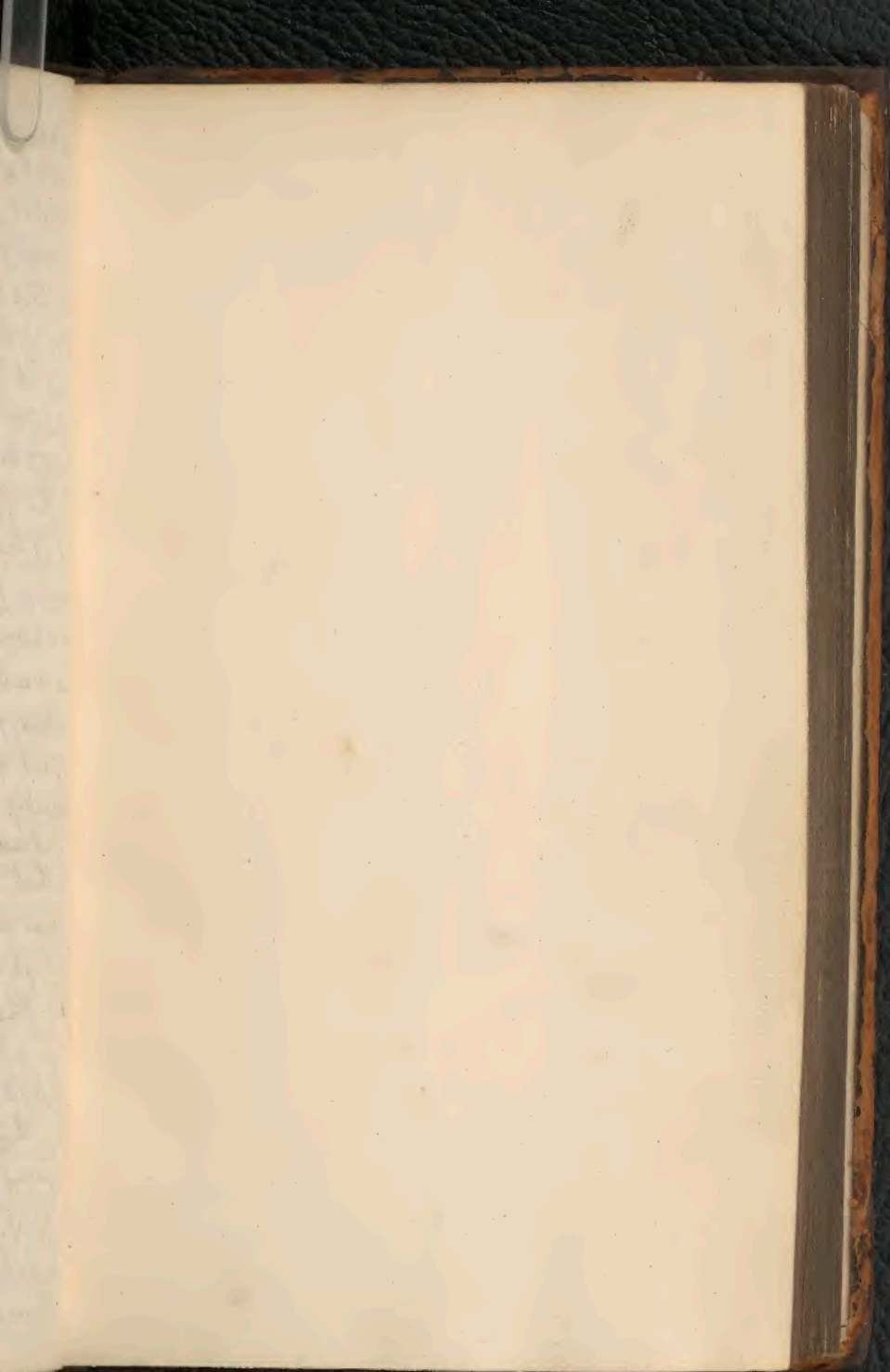
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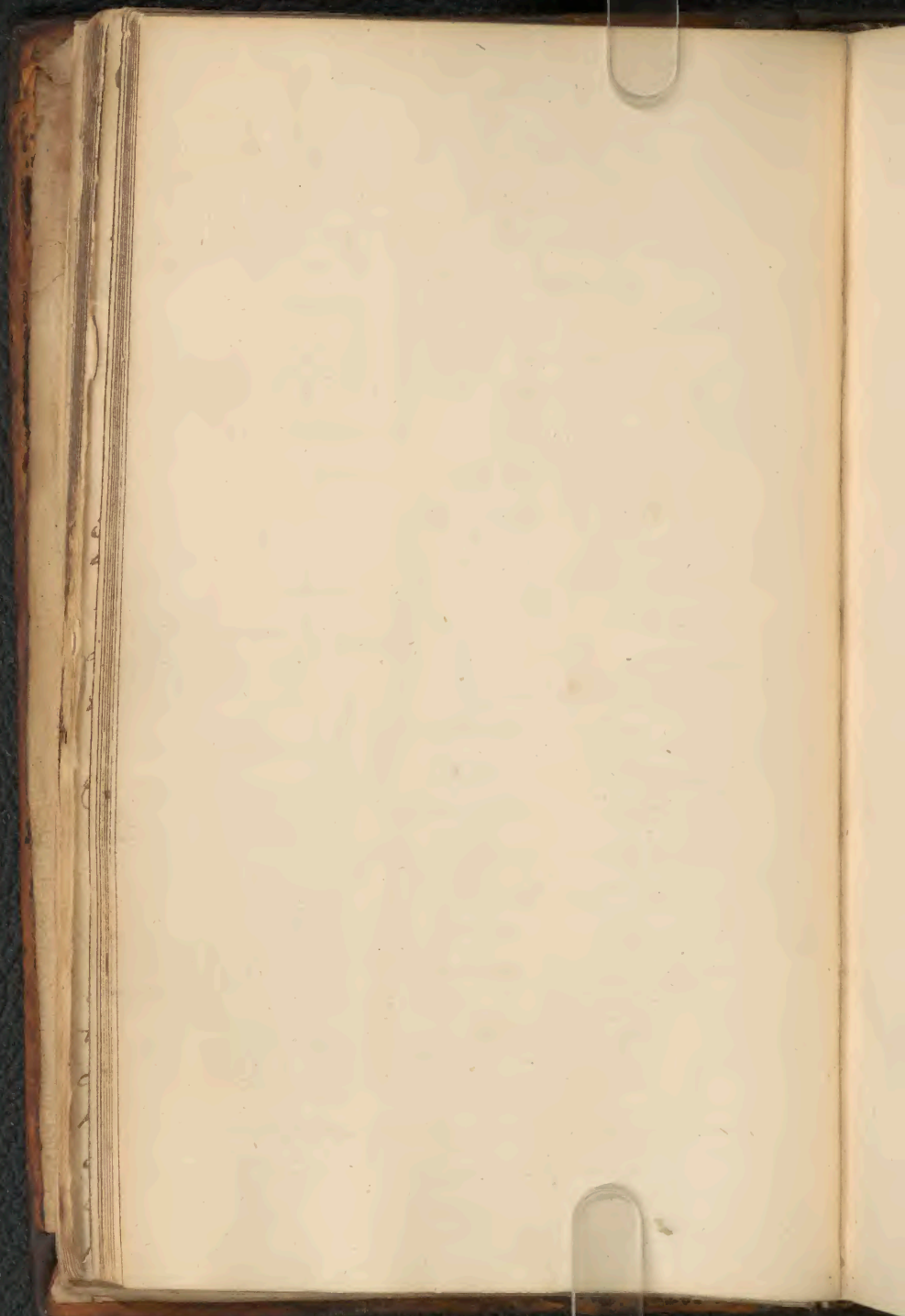
Government would not suffer it. So far were they from doing any thing themselves for the poor distressed Clergy by way of provision for their necessities. The poor distressed persecuted Clergy of the Church of Scotland received at Times Benefactions from England, both from Chapters & particular Colleges in Oxford & Cambridge, besides the Gifts of well disposed Persons of the Laity; all which, except some few particulars, have, alas! now for a long time been at an End.

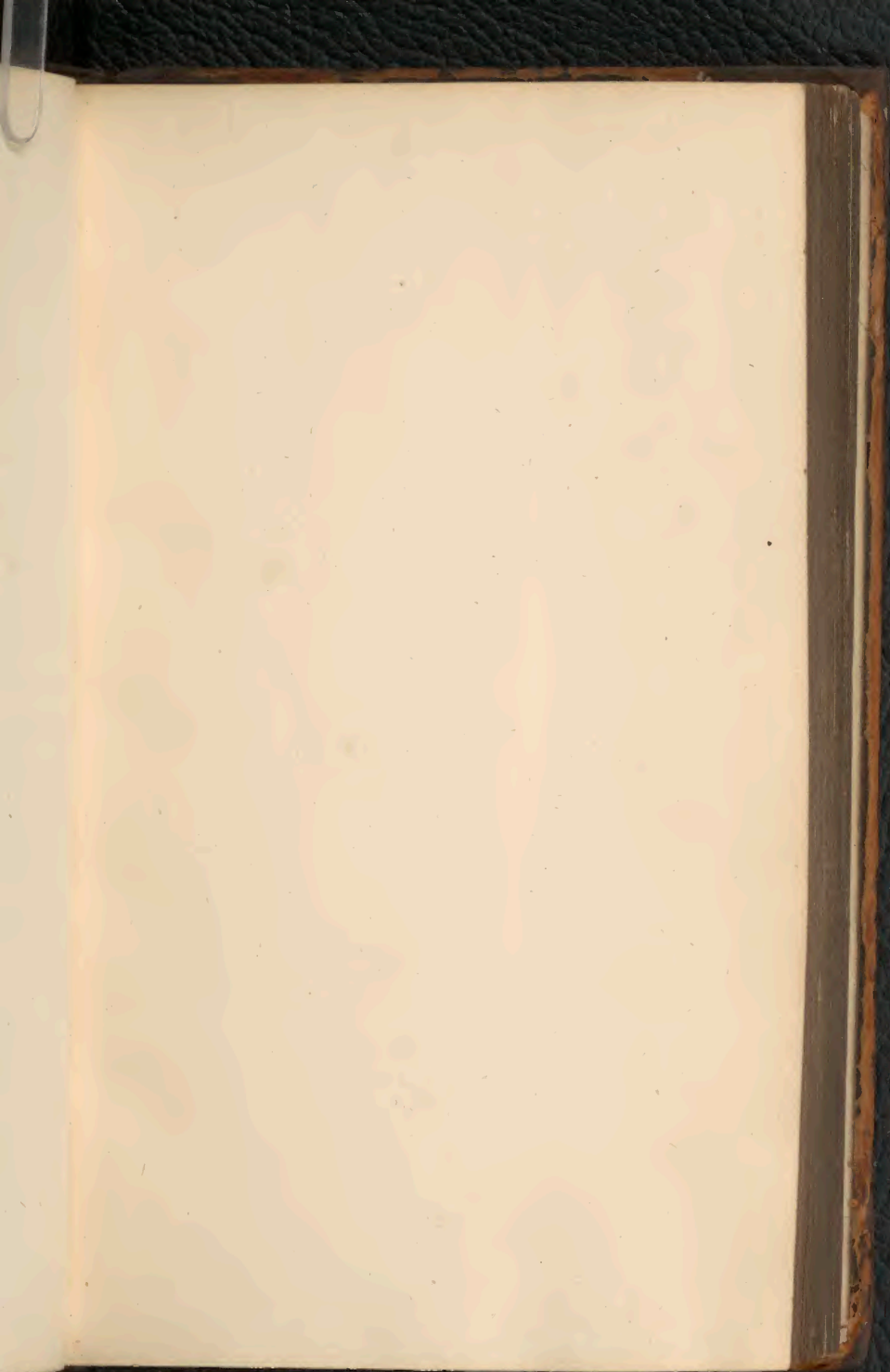
The weather still continuing fine & inviting, probably the worthy Countess has not yet cast up amongst you. Her Ladyship loves travelling, I believe.

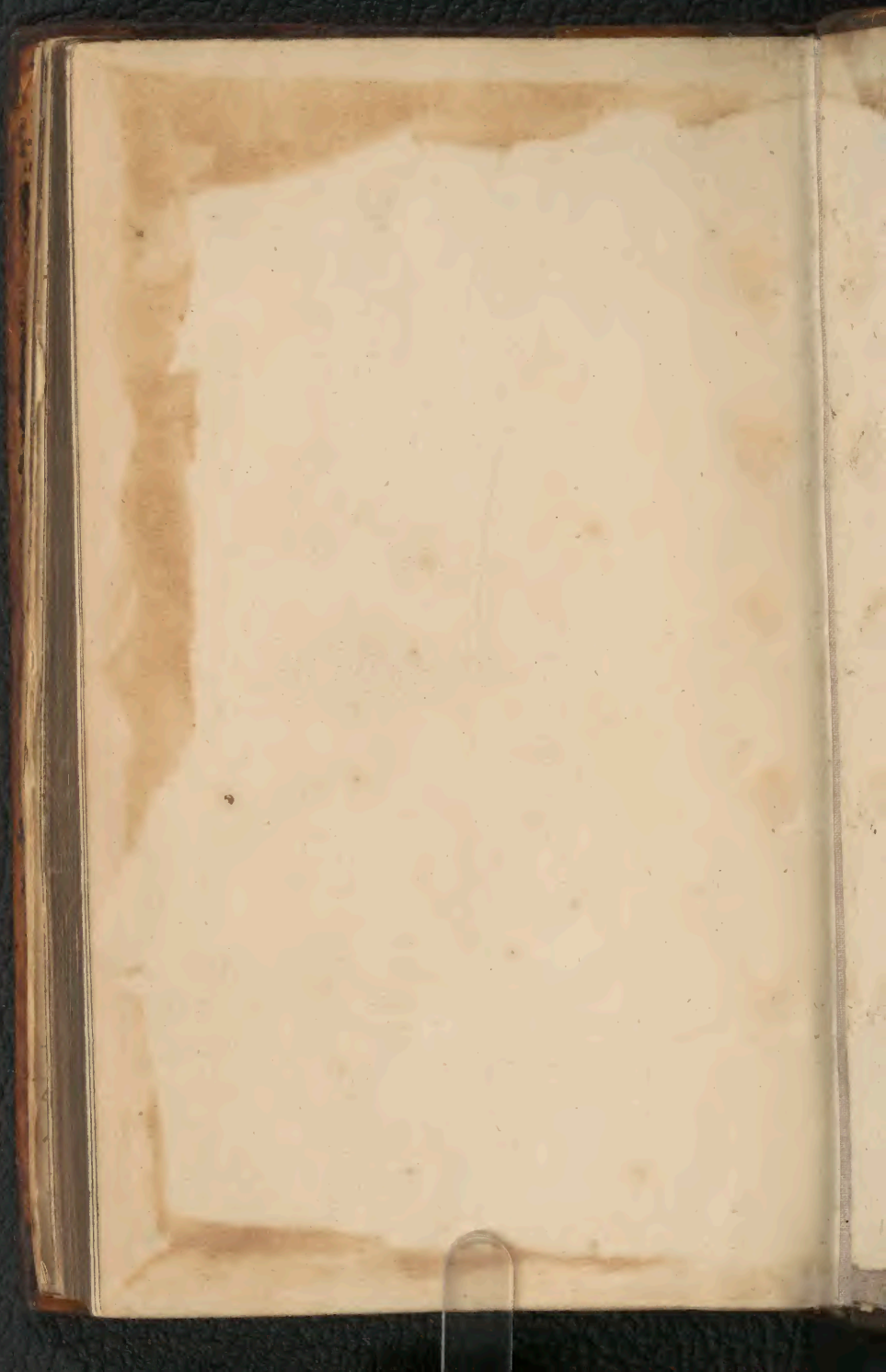
Indeed, Sir, I am of your Opinion, that the American Affairs as things appear at present, look formidable enough to shake the Empire of Britain, tho' it be purposed, as I am well assured, to have an Army of 40,000 effective Men, besides every other Requisite, in America in the Spring. I am, &c.

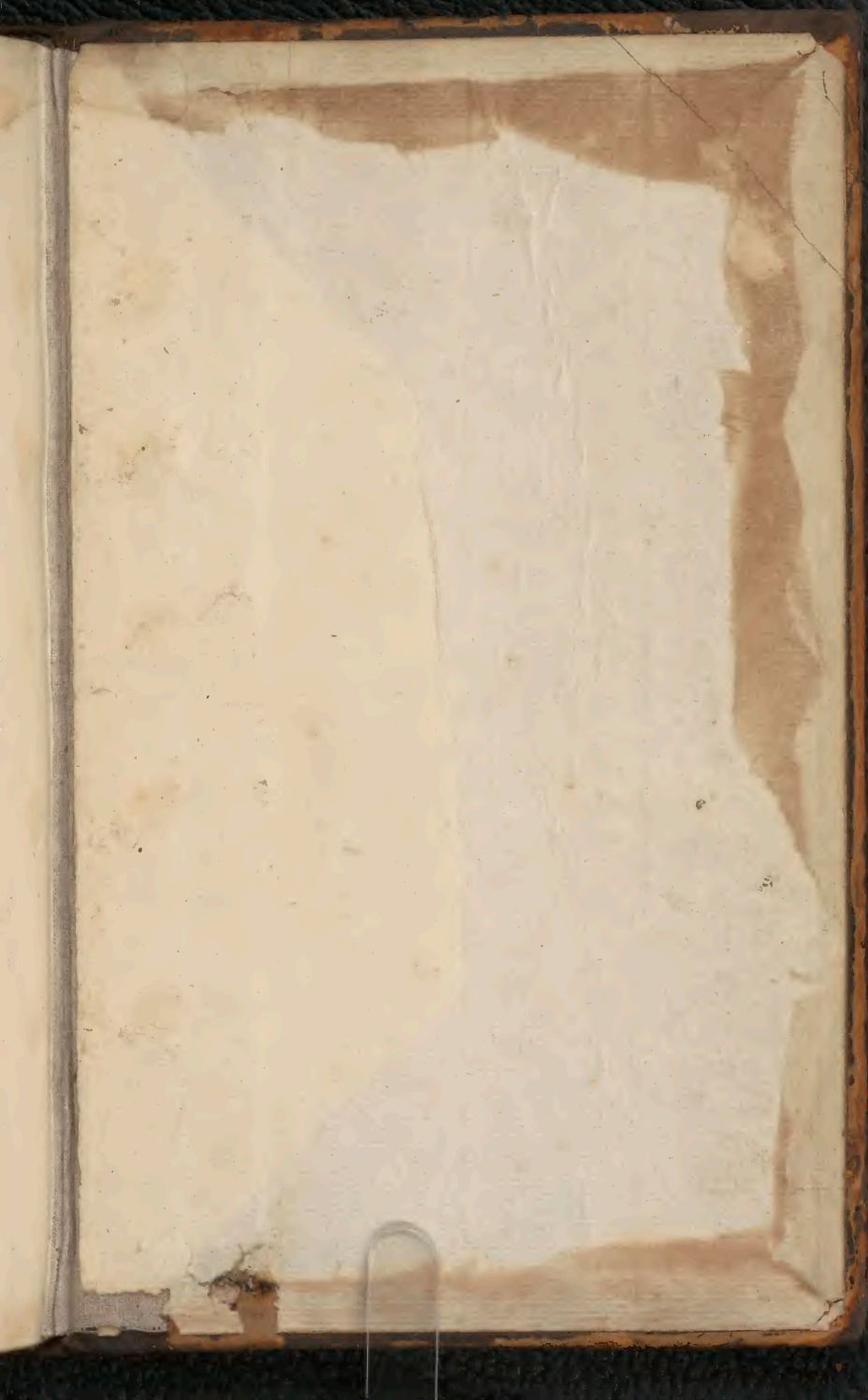
P. S. I have this Moment received a Letter from Cousin Peggy. She and Family are well.







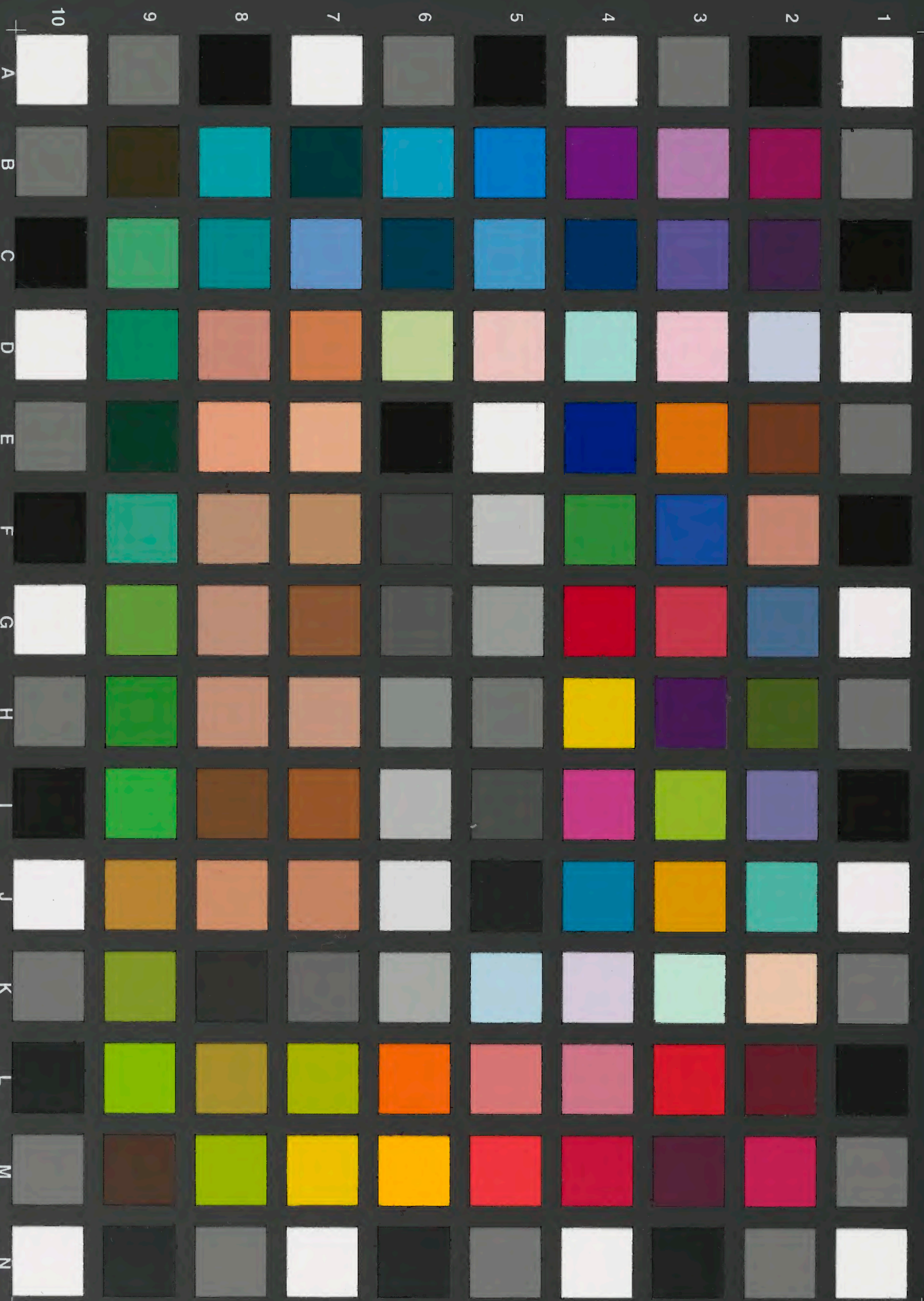






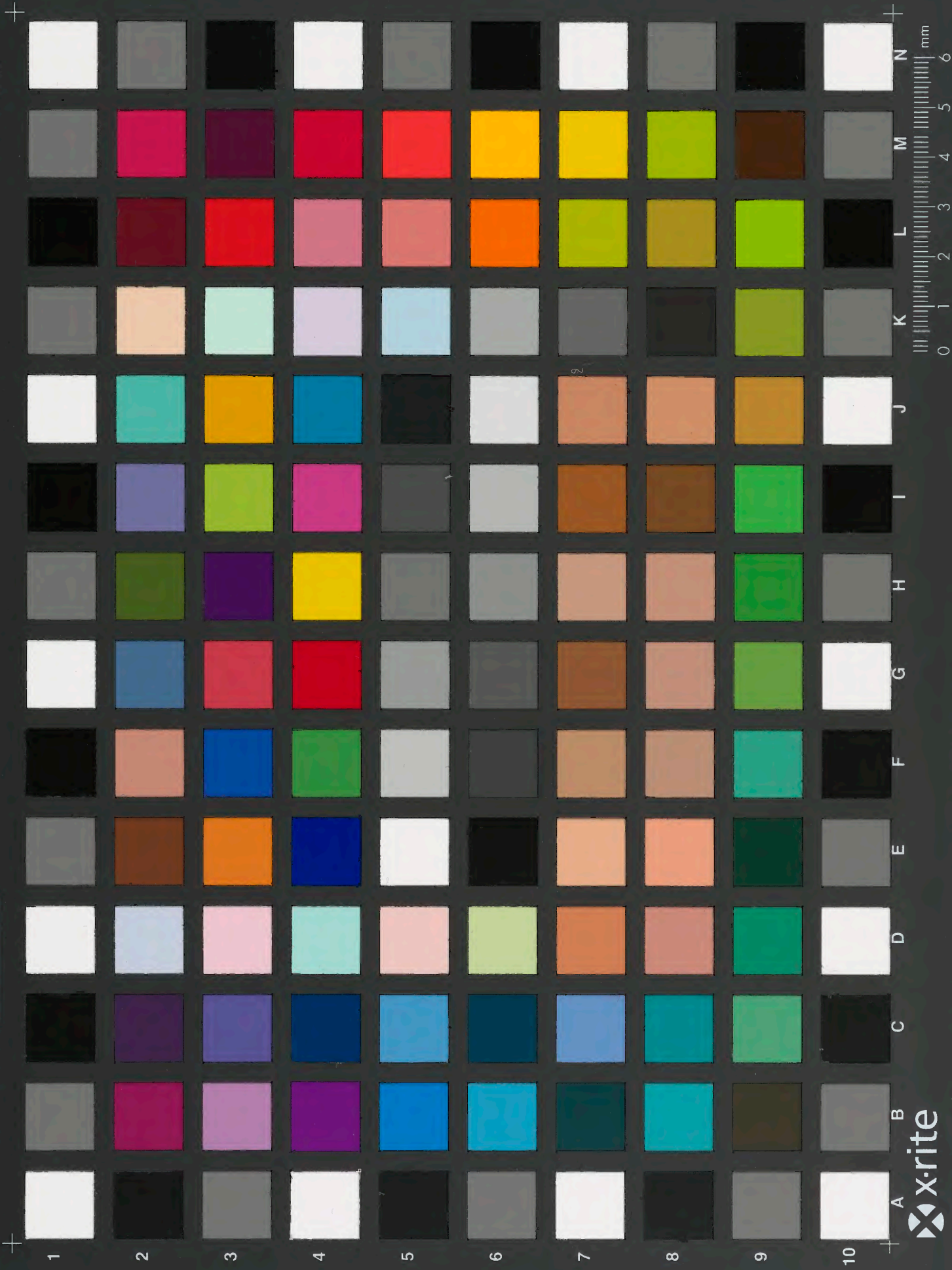
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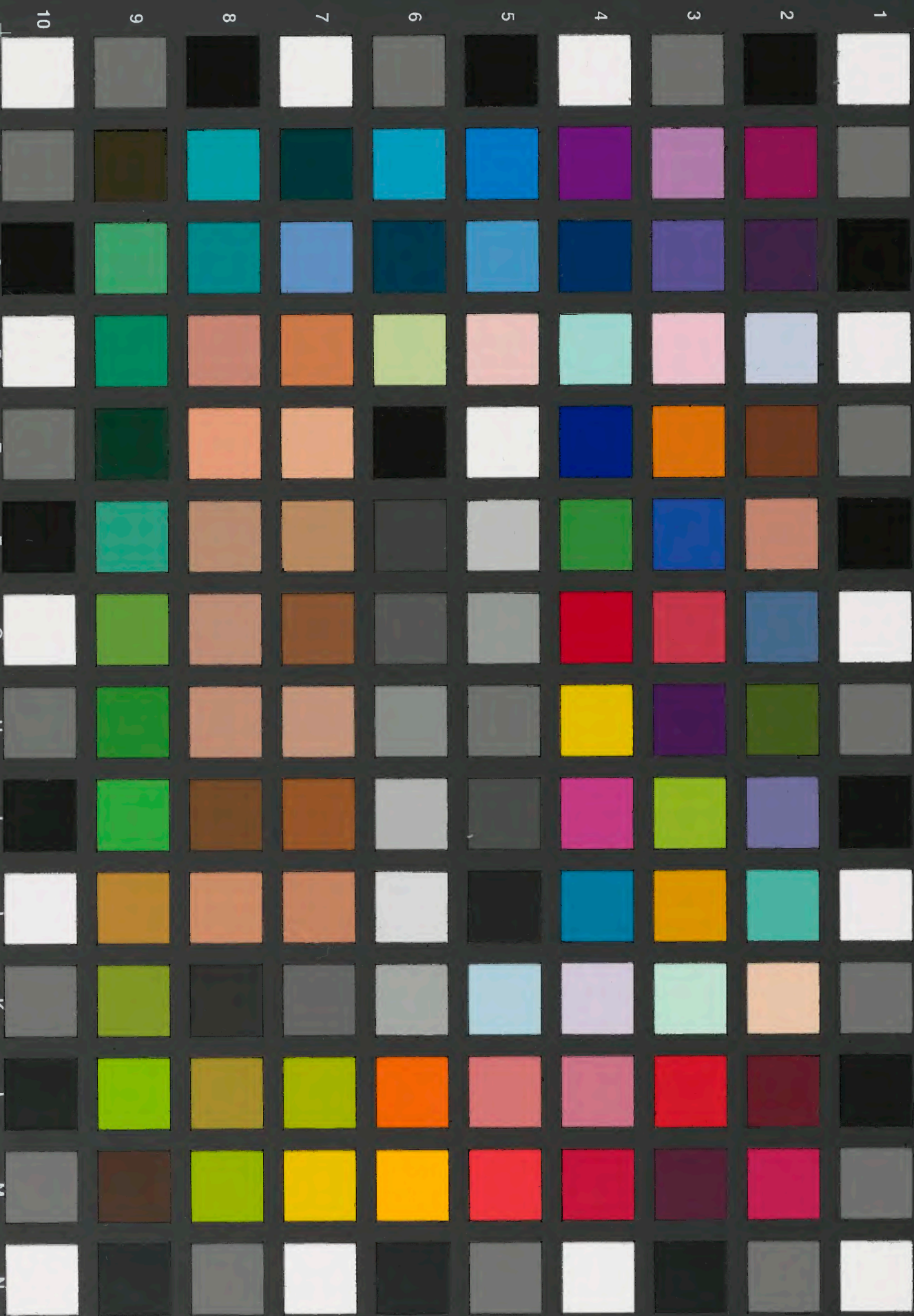
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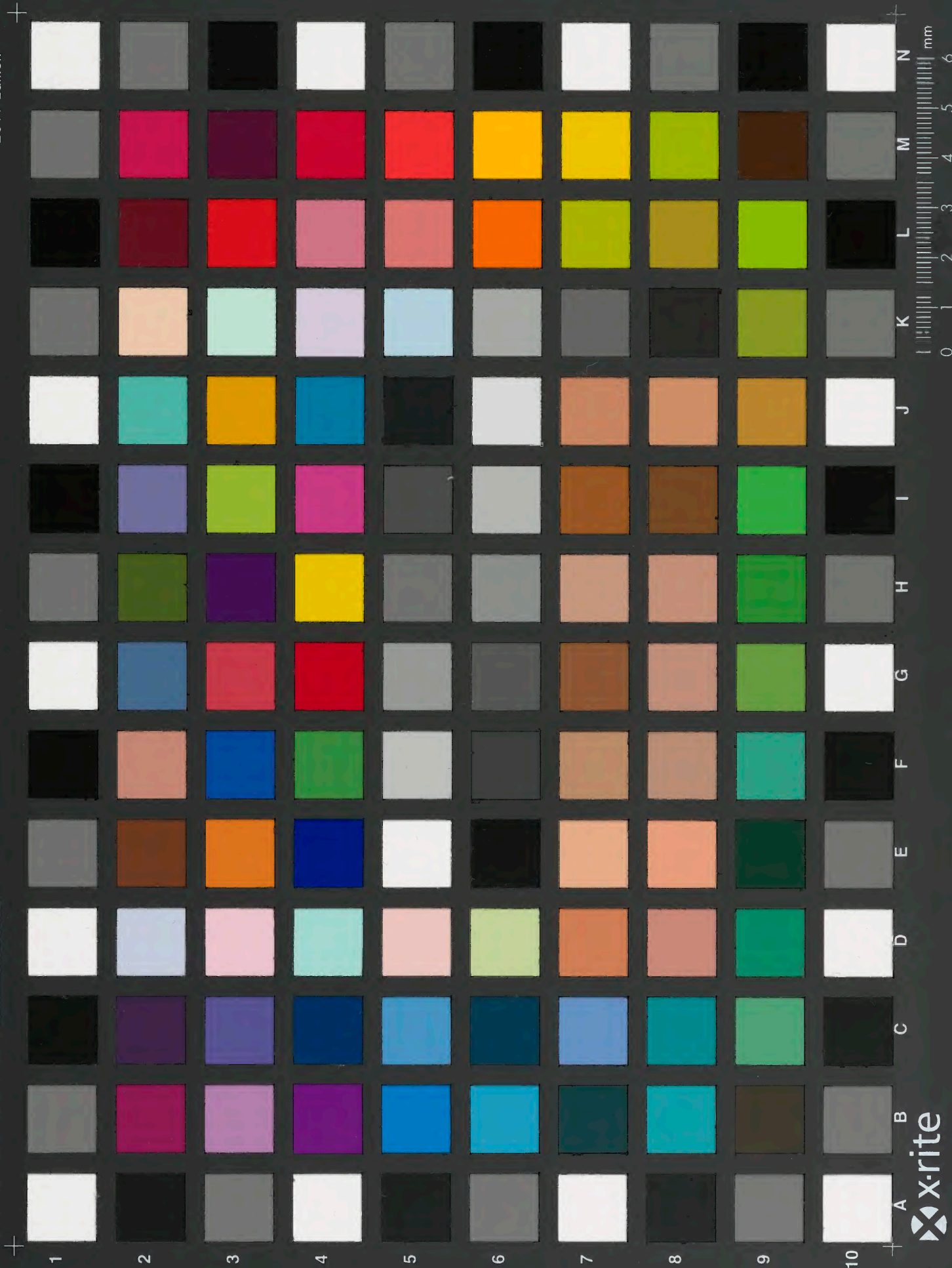


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