

MINUTES & RESOLVES  
OF THE EXECUTORS  
OF THE LATE  
SIMON MC TAVISH ESQ<sup>R</sup>  
IN CANADA

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Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> July 1804.

At a meeting of the Executors of the late  
Simon Mc Tavish, Esquire, held this day,  
Were present -

Joseph Frobisher  
Isaac Todd } Executors  
James Reid }  
and  
Mr. Simon Mc Gillivray.

It being thought necessary at this  
moment to take under consideration several  
matters respecting the Estate of the deceased,  
and to determine thereon as far as circum-  
stances shall require, until a fuller meeting  
of the Executors can be had, it was therefore  
agreed as follows -

That the funeral expences of the deceased  
and other demands against his Estate, be  
immediately paid off, and to avoid confusion  
and inconvenience, it is also agreed that  
J W Reid shall receive and examine all the  
accounts that may be brought in against  
the Estate of the deceased, and on behalf of  
the Executors give an order on the House of  
Mc Tavish Frobisher and Co for the payment  
thereof

thereof, and of all monies that may be required for the workmen employed about the House at the Mountain. —

It being also necessary that some determination should be taken whether the building of the house at the mountain shall be continued, and the work pursued according to the original plan, the Executors upon considering the Contracts made by the deceased with the different workman, and the advanced state of the building at the time of his death, do agree and determine that the said Contracts be carried into effect as far as they extend, and that measures shall be hereafter taken to cover up and secure the building in the most effectual manner. — And it is also agreed, that directions be given to Mr Gilmore, the Inspector of the Work, to procure a new sett of books to keep regular accounts with the workmen, since Mr M<sup>r</sup> Tavish's death.

It is agreed that the following sums be paid to the persons herein after named, for their respective services, and who may not produce any specific charge against the Estate —

To Doctors Blake Sym and Loedel, for  
their attendances, four Guineas each -  
To Dr Mountain, five Guineas. -  
To Mr. Somerville three Guineas. -  
To Mr Ray for himself & Sexton, two Guineas.  
To Mrs Young, two pounds.  
To Mr Sunday One pound  
To Mr Langhorn three pounds - And  
to John Clifton and Betsy Wall two of  
Mr. McTavish's Servants, according to his  
request during his last illness, there be paid  
five Guineas each. -

The above sums making in all £43, 6<sup>m</sup> 8<sup>s</sup>

And to prevent misunderstanding it  
is agreed that the black Cloth hung up  
in the Presbyterian Meeting House, be  
left to the disposal of Mr Somerville and  
his Elders. -

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> July 1804

At a meeting of the Executors held  
this day, were present -

Jos. Hobisher

Isaac Todd

James Reid

It having become necessary to regulate  
and ascertain from what period the annuity  
bequeathed to Mr M'Favish shall commence  
and the house expences and wages due to  
servants in the family of the deceased, shall  
be settled and paid; it was agreed by and  
with the Consent of Mrs M'Favish, that  
the said Annuity shall commence and take  
effect from and after the first day of August  
next, and that the servants wages and house  
expenses be settled and paid up to that period.  
And it is further agreed at the request of  
Mr M'Favish, that the following sums  
be paid as a gratuity to the servants of  
the deceased -

To Peggy Lane - Ten pounds - And to  
Jenny McLeod, Margaret Murphy, Anne  
McMullen, Charlotte Church, Joseph  
Beauchamps - Joseph Fecteau - Donald  
McGillis - Baby Latreille, and Old Sanscartier  
five pounds each - making mall £55.-

That

That there be paid to Mr Langhorn twenty  
shillings being the balance still due to him  
as appears by his acct he has delivered in.

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> August 1804. —

At a meeting of the Executors held this day, were present:-

William McGillivray  
Joseph Frobisher  
Isaac Todd - and  
James Reid -

Who determined and agreed that for the regularity of the proceedings to be had and taken by the Executors under the last Will and Testament of the deceased, that the said Will be immediately proved by the Subscribing Witnesses thereto, and an authentic Copy thereof and of the Probate to be obtained thereon, be transmitted to Mr. Duncan McGillivray in England, for such proceedings thereon as shall be found necessary - and that a copy of the said will be made and delivered to each of the Executors. —

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Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> Aug<sup>r</sup> 1804

This day the last Will and Testament  
of the late Simon McTavish, Esq. was proved  
before The Hon. The Judges of the Court of  
Kings Bench for this District, by William  
Gilmore and Lewis Charles two of the  
Subscribing Witnesses thereto, and Probate  
granted thereon by the said Judges.—

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Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup> 1805.

It was this day agreed that an Inventory be taken of all the Estate property and effects of the deceased, in order to satisfy the legacy made to Mrs. McTavish, and to dispose of the residue of the moveable property in such manner as shall be thought most adviseable

And as Mrs. McTavish is entitled by law to be appointed Tutor to her minor children, it is also agreed, that a Petition be presented to the Judges for this purposes, but that such appointment shall be made subject to the restriction contained in the last Will and Testament of the deceased respecting the removal of his children, and also the regulating of their education while there.

The Township of Dorset having been purchased by the deceased for and on behalf of the House of McTavish Frobisher & Co from John Young Esq. of Quebec, and the purchase money, and other expences laid out thereon, paid by the said House, but the Deed of purchase being passed in the name of the said late Simon McTavish without any mention of the rights of the other Partners in the said House in that Purchase, and the said Executors conceiving the said Township, will be a profitable and advantageous

advantageous purchase for the Residuary Legatee  
of the deceased and of great value by the time  
he comes of age, it was therefore agreed by  
and with the Consent of all the Partners of the  
said House of W Tavish Trotisher & Co and to  
prevent difficulties, that the said Township  
be entered in the Inventory to be made of the  
Estate of the deceased as belonging thereto,  
and that the amount of the purchase  
money and all expences laid out upon the  
same by the said House charged to the said  
Estate.

Thursday 13<sup>rd</sup> Sept. 1804

This day Mr McTavish was appointed  
Tutor to the minor Children of the deceased  
and Mr Simon McGillivray Sub-Tutor.

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Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> Sept. 1804.

The Inventory of the Estate and Effects  
of the deceased having been this day made  
and closed as far as Circumstances will at  
present permit - and it appearing to the  
Executors that it will be fit and proper, as  
well for their own Security, as to avoid  
expence to the heirs of the deceased, that the  
opinion of the Relations and friends of the  
said Heirs, who are now minors, be taken, to  
ascertain and determine how far it will  
be adviseable to carry on or compleat the  
building of the House at the Mountain,  
and to limit as far as may be the expences  
to be laid out thereon, inasmuch as the Lands  
whereon the said building is erected cannot be  
disposed of in any manner so as to draw the  
Interest or an equivalent for the monies heretofore  
expended thereon by the said deceased - It was  
therefore

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therefore agreed that a Petition be laid before  
the Hon. The Judges of the Kings Bench, -  
stating the Contracts entered into by the late  
Mr. McTavish, and the advanced state of the  
building at his decease, that thereupon the  
opinion of the relations and friends of the  
said minors be had and taken in the premise,  
and confirmed by the said Judges. -

And it appearing from the said  
Inventory that there are sundry articles in  
the Cellar of the Dwelling House in the  
Town of Montreal, which cannot strictly  
be considered as comprehended in the  
bequest of the Household Furniture made  
to Mrs. McTavish, but as the same are of  
inconsiderable value and may be of use to  
Mr. McTavish, who now resides in the  
said house, it is therefore agreed by and with  
the approbation and consent of Mr. Simon  
Mc Gillivray Tutor ad hoc to the said minor  
children, that all the said Articles, of which  
a list shall be made out, be left for the  
use and disposal of Mr. McTavish. -

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> 1804. —

The Executors taking into consideration  
the necessity of disposing of the Seigniory  
of Terrebonne in such manner as shall be  
most productive to the Estate of the deceased  
and finding that the present revenue of the  
said Seigniory is not adequate to support  
the expence of an Agent, and make any  
reasonable return for the great sums of money  
expended thereon — Considering also, that  
under the last Will and Testament of the  
deceased, the Executors are authorised to  
dispose of his real Estate in such manner as  
they shall see meet and circumstances require,  
They have therefore thought fit, and do  
agree, to lease the said Seigniory of Terrebonne  
with all the rents revenues and profits thereof  
until the Residuary Legatee shall come of  
age, at and for such reasonable Rent as  
can be got for the same — And Mr.  
Henry McKenzie, the present Agent at  
Terrebonne having offered to take a lease  
of the said Seigniory during the above period  
at the rate of twelve hundred pounds per  
annum, and to give security for the due  
and punctual payment of that sum,  
provided the House of M'Favish Frobisher & Co  
will assist him by a sufficient credit and  
advance of Goods, to carry on trade at

Terrebonne

Terrebonne to such extent as they shall see fit, in order that he may be thereby enabled to make good the above Rent, but without which assistance from the said House, he cannot make the above offer - And the said House of W Tavistock & Co, with a view to assist the Executors in promoting the interests of the said Estate, having generously agreed to make the necessary advances, and to assist the said Henry McKenzie in carrying on trade at Terrebonne aforesaid the better to enable him to pay the said Rent - The said Executors being convinced that the said offer is the ~~most reasonable~~<sup>best</sup> that can be obtained for the disposal of the said Seigniory as above stated, and the most advantageous for the Estate of the deceased, do now agree to accept thereof, and cause the necessary Deed of Lease to be made out in consequence -

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Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> 1804

This day a deed of Lease was executed by the Executors before S. G. Beck, Public Notary to Mr Henry McKenney of the Estate of Terrebonne with all its revenues for the space of Twelve Years, at the rate of twelve hundred pounds per annum  
Rent -

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> 1804

This day Mrs McTavish executed a Release and discharge to the Executors and to Mr Simon McGillivray as Tutor ad hoc to her minor Children, for the Legacy bequeathed to her by the last will and Testament of the deceased, & which she acknowledged to have received in conformity to that Will

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> Decr 1804.

The Executors considering the expences which daily accrue to the Estate, by keeping in their own hands and management the farm and lands at the Mountain, entailed by the last Will and Testament of the deceased and that they are not authorised, nor do they think it adviseable to carry into effect the many improvements the said deceased had in view to make upon the said Lands, and conceive it will be most advantageous for the Estate to lease the said Farm and Lands under proper restrictions, until the present Heir shall come of age — And Mr Lewis Charles having offered an annual Rent of Seventy pounds for the said premises during the said period which the said Executors think it will be more adviseable to accept than to continue the management of the said farm and lands as above mentioned, but as they are not sufficiently authorised under the said last Will and Testament to make so long a lease of the said premises nor to accept of the said Rent for the same without the previous Concurrence of the Relations and Friends of the said Heir legally assembled for this purpose — It is therefore agreed that such Assembly be had before the Hon. the Judges, as soon as conveniently

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may be, that the above offer may be submitted  
to their Consideration and opinion, and the  
Executors be thereby enabled to act in such  
manner as shall be considered the most  
beneficial for the Estate of the deceased -

Monday 31<sup>st</sup> Decr 1804

A meeting of the Relations and friends  
of the minor children of the late Simon de Savish  
Esq. was this day held in consequence of a  
Petition laid before the Judges respecting  
the leasing the property at the Mountain  
to Lewis Charles, when it was agreed  
that the offer made by the said Lewis Charles  
for renting the same ought to be accepted, <sup>as</sup>  
which opinion was confirmed by the Judges  
and a Deed of Lease made out accordingly -

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> January 1805

At a meeting of the Executors held  
this day were present -

William McGillivray  
Joseph Trotisher  
Isaac Todd and  
James Reid -

The House of McCawish Trotisher &c  
having this day laid before the Executors  
a statement of the Accounts between them  
and the Estate of the deceased, balanced  
and closed up to the 30<sup>th</sup> day of November  
last, as far as the nature of their Concerns  
will permit; by which it appears  
that there was then due to the said Estate  
by the said House a balance of Forty  
thousand seven hundred and Seventy  
three pounds fourteen shillings and  
five pence, after charging the deceased  
with his proportion of the Outfit of last  
Spring to the North West, amounting  
to twenty five thousand nine hundred  
and ninety nine pounds eight shillings  
and two pence, which was made some  
time previous to his decease, and in  
which his Estate is thereby become interested.

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until the returns of that outfit shall have been realised and ascertained, which will probably happen in two years hence, when the same will be placed to the credit of the said Estate. — That the said Estate is further interested in the profit or loss which may accrue from the winding up of the three North West Adventures preceding that of the year One thousand eight hundred and four; in the sale of the Ship — Montreal, and in any further loss that may be sustained in realizing the property vested in the trade carried on at Terrebonne, in which the said House of Mr Tavistock Frobisher & Co held a share. — That there has been expended and laid out for the purchase of the Seigniory of Terrebonne, and the improvements made thereon, a sum of twenty nine thousand nine hundred and twenty eight pounds eight shillings and ten pence; and for the purchase of the Township of Dorset and expences accrued thereon, a sum of Four thousand Six hundred and fourteen pounds five shillings.

And

And the said House of Mr Frobisher & Co did also state and declare to the said Executors, that from the nature of the trade in which the property of the deceased in the said House is vested, it will be impossible to realise the aforesaid sum of Forty thousand Seven hundred and Seventy three pounds fourteen shillings and five pence and pay the same to the Executors of the deceased before the expiration of the Seven Years limited by his last Will and Testament, without a manifest loss, injury, and inconvenience to the Estate of the deceased, and to the Concerns in which he was interested.

And the said Executors having examined and duly considered the said Accounts, are severally convinced and satisfied that the same are just and correct, and do accept and approve thereof accordingly as containing a true and complete statement of the right and interest of the deceased in the Concerns of the said House, and of the balance it owes

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to his Estate, as far as the nature of  
their said Concerns will now permit,  
And it is agreed, that the above  
Statement, and declaration made  
by the said House, be inserted in the  
Inventory of the Estate of the  
deceased hereto fore made —

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March 1805.

Isaac Shay who has been employed by the deceased to do the Carpenter work at the House on the Mountain, and who after Mr. Mc Tarist's death, completed the same as far as was judged advisable under the direction of the Executors, having set up a claim against the Estate for a sum of two hundred and twenty Pounds damages which he alleges to have sustained by reason of his agreement with the deceased not having been complied with, and by his not being employed to complete and finish all the Carpenter and Joiners work requisite for finishing the said House agreeable to the intentions of the deceased. — The said Executors considering that no written agreement appears to have been made between the deceased and the said Isaac Shay and that they are not authorised, nor do they conceive they ought to pay to the said Isaac Shay any sum of money whatever

whatever beyond his charges for the  
work done by him, and which have  
been satisfied, do therefore reject the  
demand of the said Isaac Shay, as  
being wholly unreasonable and  
unjust -

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May 1805

At a meeting of the Executors of the  
late Simon Mc Tavish, Esq. held this day  
were present

Mess<sup>r</sup> William McGillivray  
Duncan McGillivray  
Joseph Frobisher  
Isaac Todd, and  
James Reid —

who being assembled in order to take  
into Consideration various matters —  
respecting the Estate of the said late  
Simon Mc Tavish, and to form resolutions  
thereon for their guidance in the —  
management of the said Estate, with  
a view as far as they are able and  
circumstances will permit, to carry  
into effect the last Will and Testament  
of the deceased, and all his intentions,  
regarding the same, according to the  
best of their Judgment, and the  
legal opinions they have received.

It was thereupon agreed and  
determined as follows. —

First It being ordered and directed in and  
by the said last Will and Testament, that

none

none of the legacies therein mentioned exceeding one hundred Guineas shall be paid out of the Estate left by the Testator, until seven years at least after his decease, unless sufficient monies for that purpose shall have been realised therefrom without loss or inconvenience to the Concern or Concerns in which the said Testator was a Partner and a question being agitated thereon whether the House of Mr Tavish Frobisher and Company, in which the property of the said Testator is chiefly vested, can be held and bound under any construction of the said Will, to realise and pay over to the said Executors the monies belonging to the Testator in that Concern before the expiration of the said term of seven years, and whether it be the right of the said Executors or of the Partners in the said House to determine in what manner and when the said monies ought to be realised and can be paid without loss or inconvenience to the said Concern — The said Executors considering the extensive business in which the said Testator was engaged as the leading Partner in the said House, his zeal in supporting and carrying on the same to the utmost extent, and his unlimited confidence in the Partners of the said House, are well convinced and satisfied that it was his intention that the Partners in the

said

said House should not only have a sufficient time allowed them to realize his property in that Concern, but should be permitted to hold and enjoy the same for the space of seven years at least after his decease, unless they should find it convenient sooner to pay the same to the Executors — Considering also the opinions of Counsel on this point which strongly tend to confirm this explanation of the above clause in the will and of the Testator's intention respecting the same — It is therefore agreed that the monies belonging to the Estate of the deceased now in the said House, shall remain therein until the expiration of the said seven years, or until the Partners in the said House shall give notice to the Executors, that the said monies or any part thereof can be sooner paid without loss or inconvenience to the Concern or Concerns in which the said Testator was a Partner, At which time only the said Executors conceive they will have a right to claim and receive the said monies, and be bound to apply the same to the purposes of the said Will. —

Secondly It being provided and determined in and by the said last Will and Testament, that there shall be paid and allowed for the board and maintenance of each of the Testator's children while they remain under the care of their mother

a sum of fifty pounds annually - but the said Executors foreseeing that it will soon be necessary that some of the said Children be removed to England for their education, whereby a greater allowance than the said fifty pounds will be required for defraying the necessary expences - attendant thereon, and it being now proper to determine in what manner and from what fund such extra allowance shall be taken and paid. - The said Executors pursuant to the terms of the said Will and the opinions of counseil thereon, do agree, that whatever sum of money shall be required for the maintenance and education of any of the said Children - exceeding the said annual sum of Fifty pounds shall in the mean time and until their respective legacies be realised and funded in such manner as to raise interest thereon according to the said Will, be paid out of the Legacies left to every such Child, or whom amount such extra - allowance may be required - And as it will be necessary to employ some person to attend and take care of the said children or any of them upon their leaving this Country and to defray the expence of a Passage for such person to England & other expences that may accrue thereon, and as Mrs Eliz Tavish intends soon to go to England with the said Children and to take charge of them thither, it is agreed, that there shall be paid out of the Legacies of the said Children, (to be equally divided among them) a proportionate share of the Expences that may be incurred by Mrs Eliz Tavish for a Passage to England, or otherwise arise by her charge of the said Children thither - the amount whereof to be hereafter ascertained -

Thirdly

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Thirdly It being doubted whether the payment  
of the Legacies bequeathed by the said Will  
exceeding one hundred Guineas, can be exacted  
before the expiration of the seven Years then  
limited, and if it cannot, whether the Legatees  
or any and which of them, will be entitled to  
Interest upon their respective Legacies, as some  
of the said Legacies are made payable at the  
age of majority of the Legatees, and the Interest  
on others directed to be applied in defraying  
the expence of their education — The said  
Executors considering that according to the terms  
of the said Will and the intention of the Testator  
they are not authorised or enabled to call in  
or realise his property now in the said  
House of Mr Favish Lubisher & Co before the  
expiration of the said Seven Years, do therefore  
agree and determine, that none of the  
said Legacies shall be paid before the expiration  
of the said period, unless monies arising from  
the said Estate shall be sooner paid by the  
said House into the hands of the said Executors  
in which case the same shall be divided  
paid and applied either pro rata, or in full  
satisfaction of the said Legacies, according as  
such monies shall be sufficient to go or extend;  
That no Interest can legally accrue or be paid  
upon any of the said Legacies till from and  
after the time the same shall become due, or  
monies be received to satisfy them, in manner

as aforesaid, except upon the legacies to John and Alexander McTavish, the Testator's nephews and to Miss Sutherland, upon which, Interest shall be annually accounted for and paid from the time of the decease of the Testator, the same being expressly given by the will, and ordered to be applied towards the expence of the education of the three last named Legatees, and whereby the said Testator places himself in loco parentis with regard to them.—

And the said Executors considering also the legacy bequeathed by the Testator to Alexander Grant, now a boy, a School, with the particular power given to them to secure pay and apply this Legacy in such manner as they shall see fit; and conceiving it to be most advantageous for the said Alexander Grant that the Interest of the said Legacy should be applied towards the expence of his education in the same manner as the Interest upon the legacies made by the Testator to his said Nephews and Miss Sutherland, It is therefore agreed, that the sum of One thousand pounds bequeathed to the said Alexander Grant shall remain in the hands of McTavish Robison & Co, and that the Interest thereof shall be annually paid and applied to defray the expence of his education until circumstances shall require a different application of the said Legacy, of which the said Executors will judge.—

Fourthly

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It being provided by the said last Will and Testament that there shall be paid to Mrs M'Favish annually during her life time a sum of twelve hundred pounds, and that the same be secured to her either upon Real property or in such other sufficient manner as shall raise and secure the aforesaid Annuity - The said Executors in order to comply with the said Will as far as Circumstances will at present permit, and also to pay the said annuity in such manner as will be most suitable and advantageous for the said Mrs M'Favish do now agree and determine, that out of the present Revenue of the Estate of Tenebonne there shall be secured and annually paid to her a sum of Seven Hundred and eighty pounds, also the sum of seventy pounds arising from the Rent of the farm at the Mountain, and that the remaining sum of three hundred and fifty pounds, to compleat the aforesaid annuity, of twelve hundred pounds, be paid out of the Testator's property in the said House of M'Favish Frobisher & Co by the Executors who are Partners in that House - That as soon as the debts now due upon the said Estate of Tenebonne, amounting to Seven thousand pounds, shall be paid off, the whole of the said annuity shall be secured upon that Estate -

Fifthly

Fifthly.

It being also directed and provided by the said last Will and Testament that the sum of One thousand pounds Sterling shall be held in trust by Hugh Fraser William McGillivray and Duncan McGillivray for the special use purpose and intent of applying the Interest thereof yearly and every year in assisting such of the Testator's Poor Relations in Scotland, as he may have neglected to provide for by his said Will — The said Executors in order to give effect to the intentions of the Testator as far as they can judge thereof by the above bequest, do consent and agree that the said sum of One thousand pounds shall remain in the said House of all Faithful Friends or be otherwise vested and applied, as the said Trustees shall see fit, and that they shall be entitled and authorised to use, apply and dispose of the Interest yearly accruing thereon from the decease of the said Testator in manner as directed by the said Trust —

Sixtly.

Inasmuch as by the Laws of Scotland the devise and limitation made by the Testator of the Estate of Dunandry, cannot take effect in exclusion of the absolute right of inheritance of the heir at Law to the said Estate, and as the said Executors are desirous in every respect to fulfill and carry into effect the intentions of the said Testator as expressed in the said

Will

Will, they do therefore determine and agree  
that in case the Heir at Law to the said  
Estate, shall refuse when he comes of age, to  
confirm the devise and limitation aforesaid  
respecting the entail of the said Estate, the  
said Executors shall use every means of  
control in their power both at Law and  
in equity to enforce the said Entail in terms  
of the said Will — And as it will be  
necessary for the due management of the  
said Estate of Dunardry and the revenues  
thereof, that some person or persons be  
appointed as Tutor or Tutors to William  
McLavish the present Heir, now a minor,  
untie he shall attain the age for electing his  
own Curator or Curators; And considering  
that Mr Simon McGillivray hath hereto  
been appointed Tutor to the said Heir and  
to the other minor Children of the said Testator,  
for the special purpose of representing them  
at the Inventory made of the Estate and Effects  
left by the said Testator in this Country,  
and at the delivery of the legacy bequeathed  
to Mr McLavish by the said Will, It is  
therefore thought fit and proper that the  
said Simon McGillivray, jointly with John  
Fraser, Esq. of London, and Hugh Fraser,  
Esq. of Brightmoney be appointed Tutors

to

to the said William McTavish for the purpose, aforesaid; and in case of the refusal of any of the said Gentlemen to accept this charge, that some other person be appointed in his room -

Seventhly - It being a matter of the greatest moment that every care and attention be had to the education of the Testator's Children, upon their removal to England, and considering that none of the said Executors, except John Fraser Esquire, constantly resides in England and that he is a person well acquainted with the proper course to be used in this respect, the said Executor therefore hope, that as the friend and one of the Executors of the deceased he will accept of this charge - and it is agreed that the said John Fraser, and such of the other Executors as shall happen from time to time to be in London shall have the charge care and management of all matters and things touching the proper course of education to be followed respecting all or any of the said Children, provided that nothing be done herein contrary to the Consent and approbation of the other Executors - and it is recommended with regard to the said William McTavish that he shall receive the best education that can be procured -

Eighthly

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The said Executors having received communication of a claim made by the said Hugh Fraser for a sum of one hundred pounds to be annually paid him out of the estate of the deceased, to defray the expences of the education of his Grand children, in consequence of two letters addressed to him by the Testator containing a promise to this effect - are unanimously of opinion and do agree that this mark of gratuity in the deceased cannot operate an Obligation on his Estate, nor raise a Debt which the Executors can or ought voluntarily to satisfy - That however desirous the Executors feel to discharge their trust in strict conformity to the intentions of the Testator and however gratifying it would have been to them in this particular instance had it been in their power, to continue the gratuity and benevolent intentions of the Testator to a promising family, yet in going out of the will, no choice is left to them, nor can they admit any claim of this nature with security to themselves as accountable characters for the property entrusted to them under the will of the deceased, and for the execution of which only, that trust was given - In order however to prevent all misunderstanding among the Executors and the unpleasant

sensations

sensations that might be occasioned by proceedings at Law, the Executors agree to propose a means of accommodation to enable them to pay the above sum of One hundred pounds with that security which they ought reasonably to expect in their situation — which is, that the said Hugh Fraser will agree and undertake by some Instrument in writing, securing a sufficient security under the Laws of Scotland, to reimburse and pay, to the said Executors or to the Residuary Legatee to whom they are accountable, all such sums of money as shall from time to time be advanced and paid by the said Executors from and after the decease of the Testator, in case the said Executors shall be held by Law to amount for and pay to the said Residuary Legatee the whole or any part of the said monies — upon this security and undertaking the said sum of One hundred pounds will continue to be annually paid for such length of time as shall be conceived reasonable and be agreed on between the parties ~ But should the said Hugh Fraser decline to accept this proposal, and as one of the Trustees to the Heir of Dunarday, retain

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in his hands such part of the revenues of  
that Estate as shall be sufficient to satisfy the  
above claim, in that case the Executors will  
it to be understood, that the said Hugh  
Fraser must be alone responsible for that  
act, and accountable to the Heir when  
he comes of age, should he dispute his  
Claim —

And the said Executors having again  
considered and revised the different proceedings  
and resolutions by them heretofore had and  
taken in and about the affairs and  
Concerns of the Estate of the deceased as  
contained in this & the thirty four preceding  
pages of this book, do hereby ratify  
approve and confirm the same —

P M Gillray  
Duncan M Gillray  
Jo Robbston —

Isaac Todd

J<sup>r</sup> Reid

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Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> Decr 1806.

At a meeting of the Executors of the late  
Simon M' Tavish Esqur, held this day, were  
present -

William M' Gillivray  
Duncan M' Gillivray  
Isaac Todd  
Joseph Frobisher  
James Reid -

Who taking into consideration the different  
memorandums and information communicated  
to them by Mr Simon M' Gillivray respecting  
the estate of the deceased, and particularly  
respecting the Estate of Dunerdry in Scotland  
the following points were unanimously  
agreed on -

That the said Estate of Dunerdry be  
surveyed and a regular plan made thereof  
descriptive of its limits and extent, with  
such remarks touching its soil & situation  
as may convey a sufficient designation thereof.

It appearing, that from the high rent  
agreed to be paid by the present tenant of  
the farm of Bardarick on the said Estate, he  
is now in arrear, and unable to continue his  
lease upon the terms therein limited, and it  
being

being submitted what steps would be most proper to be taken to relieve him without injuring the Estate - it is thought most advisable under the circumstances of the case to liberate him from his said lease at next Whitsunday<sup>†</sup>, and to advertise the Farm to be released for five years from that period, in such manner as the Factor on the Estate shall judge most convenient and proper.

+ upon paying up his arrears.

Respecting the repairs to be made to the fences and inclosures on different parts of the said Estate, the Executors are of opinion that the most advisable mode is, that the tenant on the land or farm where such repairs are wanted, should in the first instance be at the charge and expence of making the same, and at the expiration of his lease, or when he leaves the Farm, that he shall be reimbursed the appraised value of such improvements, to a certain extent to be agreed on. —

The Executors are also of opinion that the working of the slate quarry on the said Estate ought to be immediately discontinued, as they do not see a sufficient prospect of advantage that

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that can accrue to the Estate, by continuing it.

And taking into consideration the claim of Mr Alexander McTavish for an annuity of twenty pounds out of the estate of the deceased, the Executors are of opinion, that the same cannot be granted, and that they have no power or authority to extend or continue any act of benevolence of the late Mr. McTavish upon the grounds stated, nor pay monies which they cannot justify under his will. —

It is agreed that a letter be written to John Fraser Esq. of London, respecting the children of the deceased now at School, requesting him to communicate to Mrs. McTavish their decided opinion and determination, that no interference on her part can be admitted or allowed in the education of the said children and in their regular attendance at School, and should she persist in this interference, measures must be taken to counteract it. — That in case Mrs. McTavish shall think fit to leave England next year, it is the will of the Executors that her son Simon shall not accompany her, as the business

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of his education must soon begin, and the inconvenience and expense, besides the danger of another voyage across the Atlantic must be felt by all parties, more especially by his mother  
~~who~~ <sup>who</sup> ought therefore to be convinced of the propriety of the measure and agree thereto.

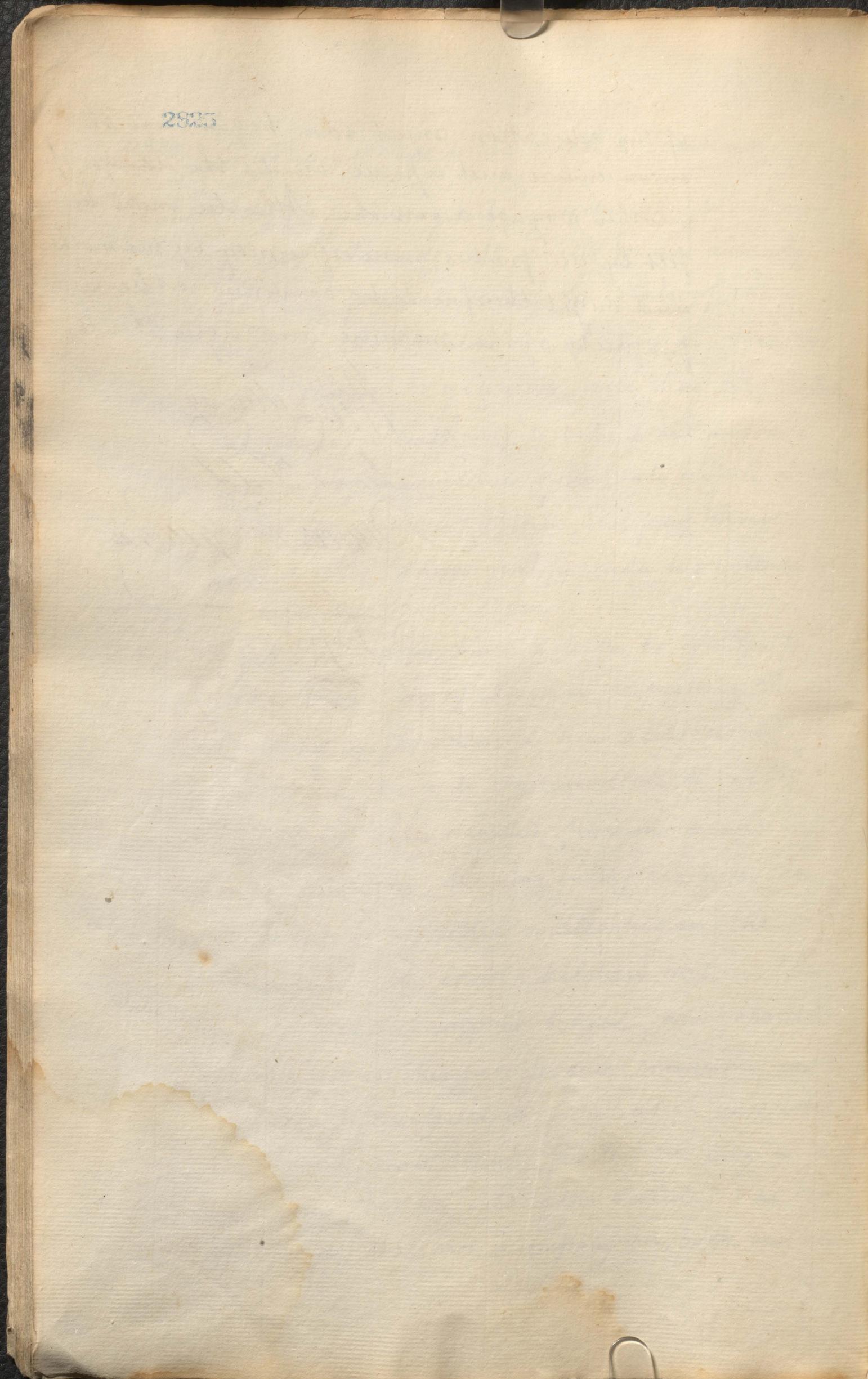
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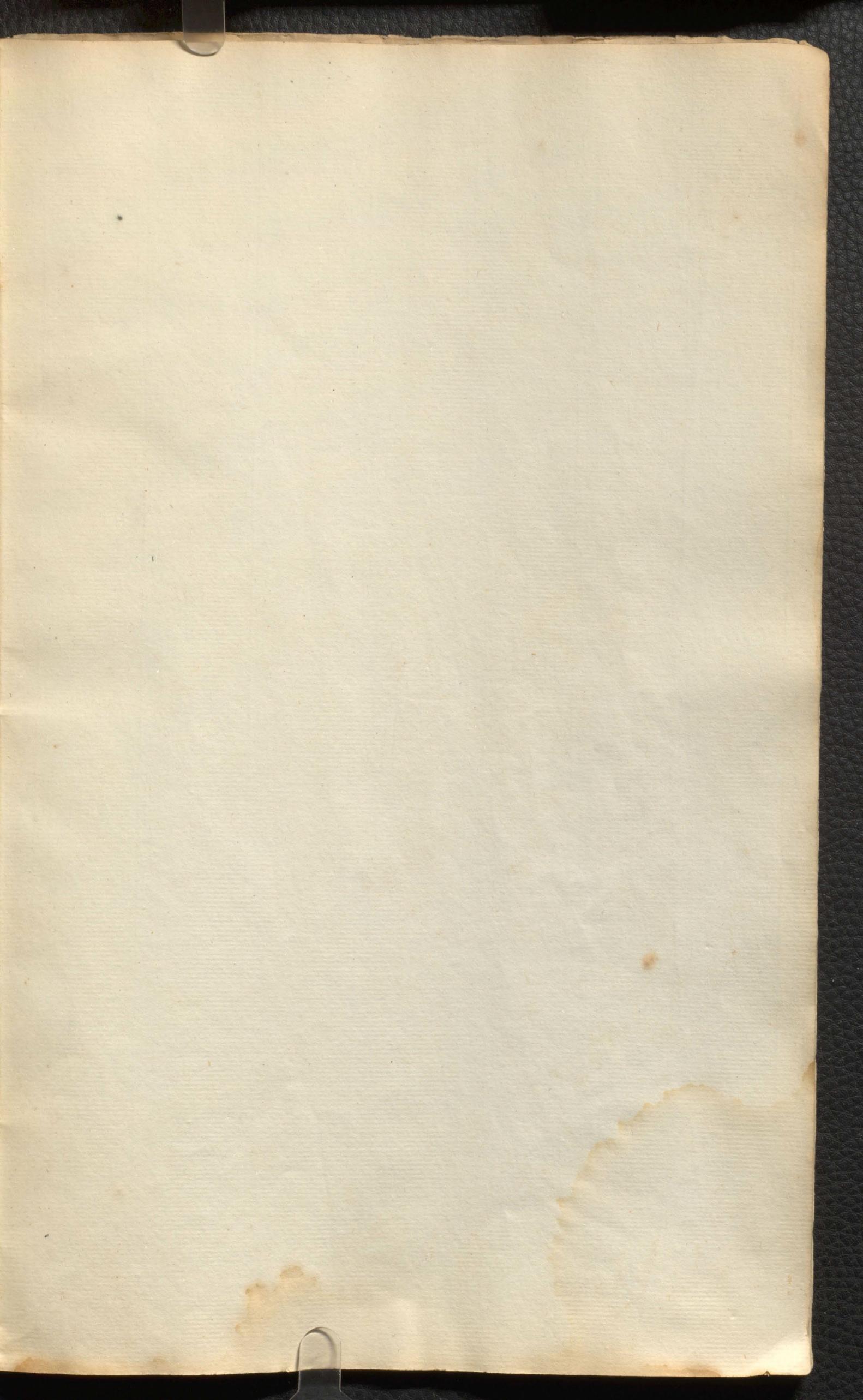
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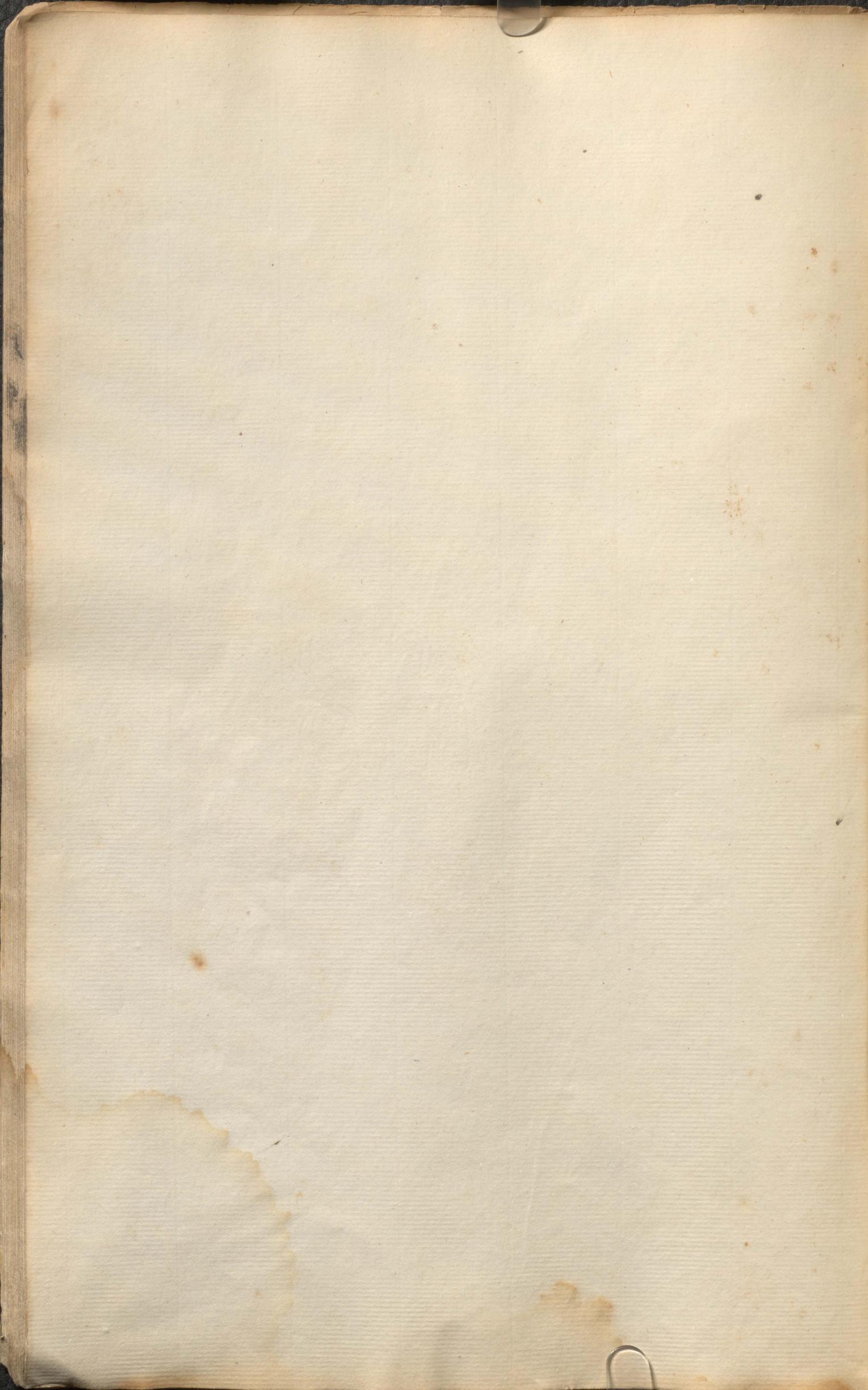
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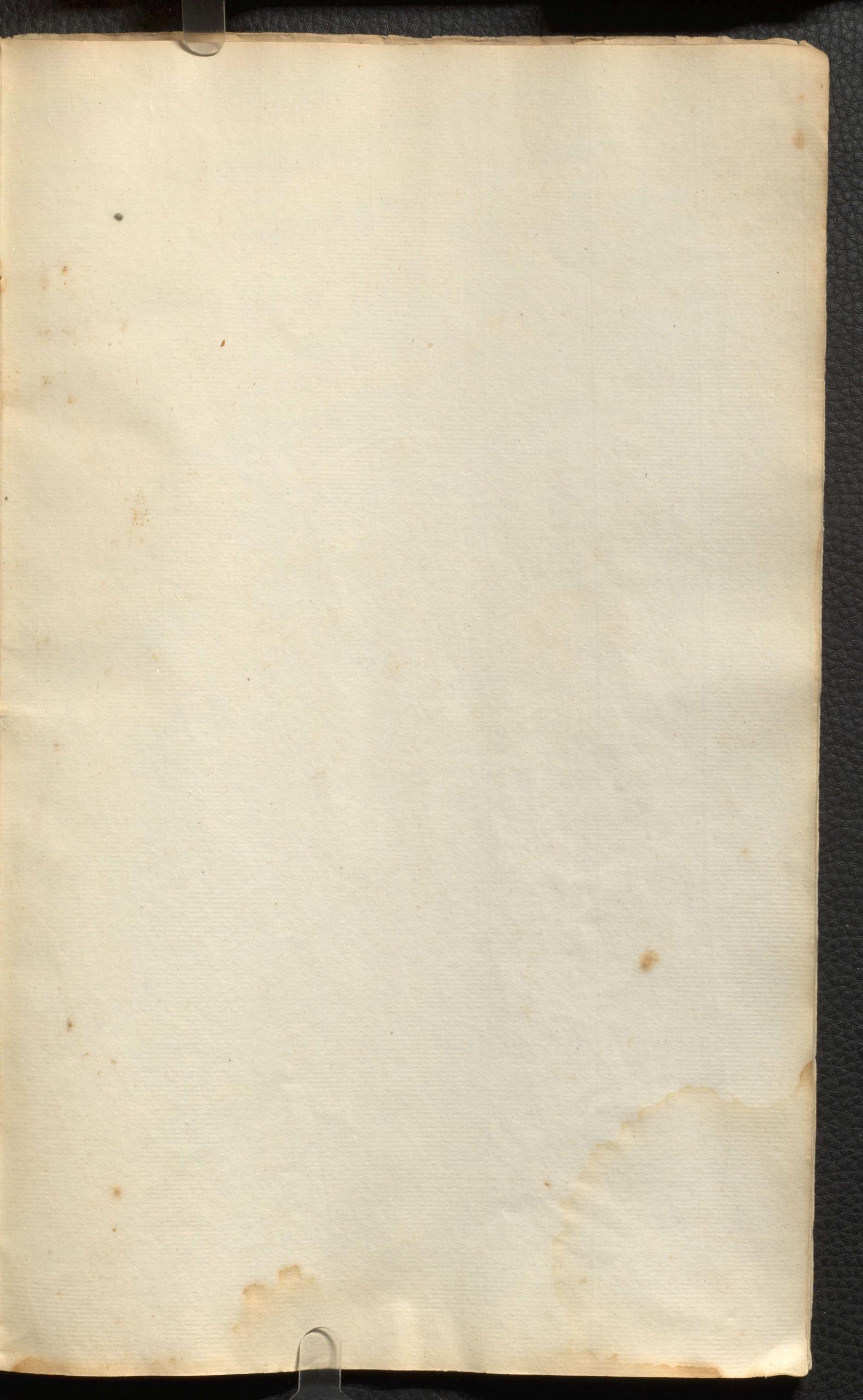
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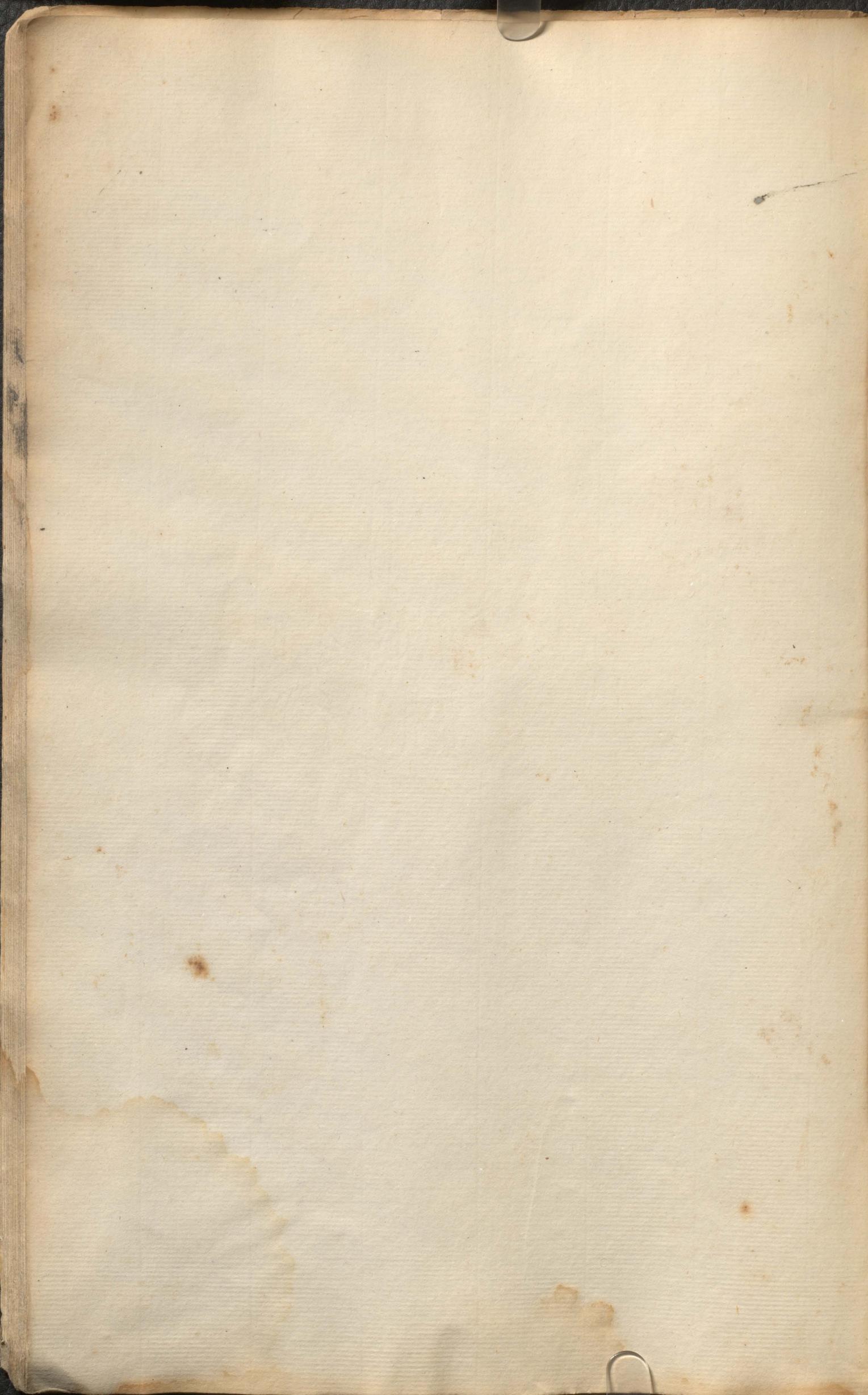
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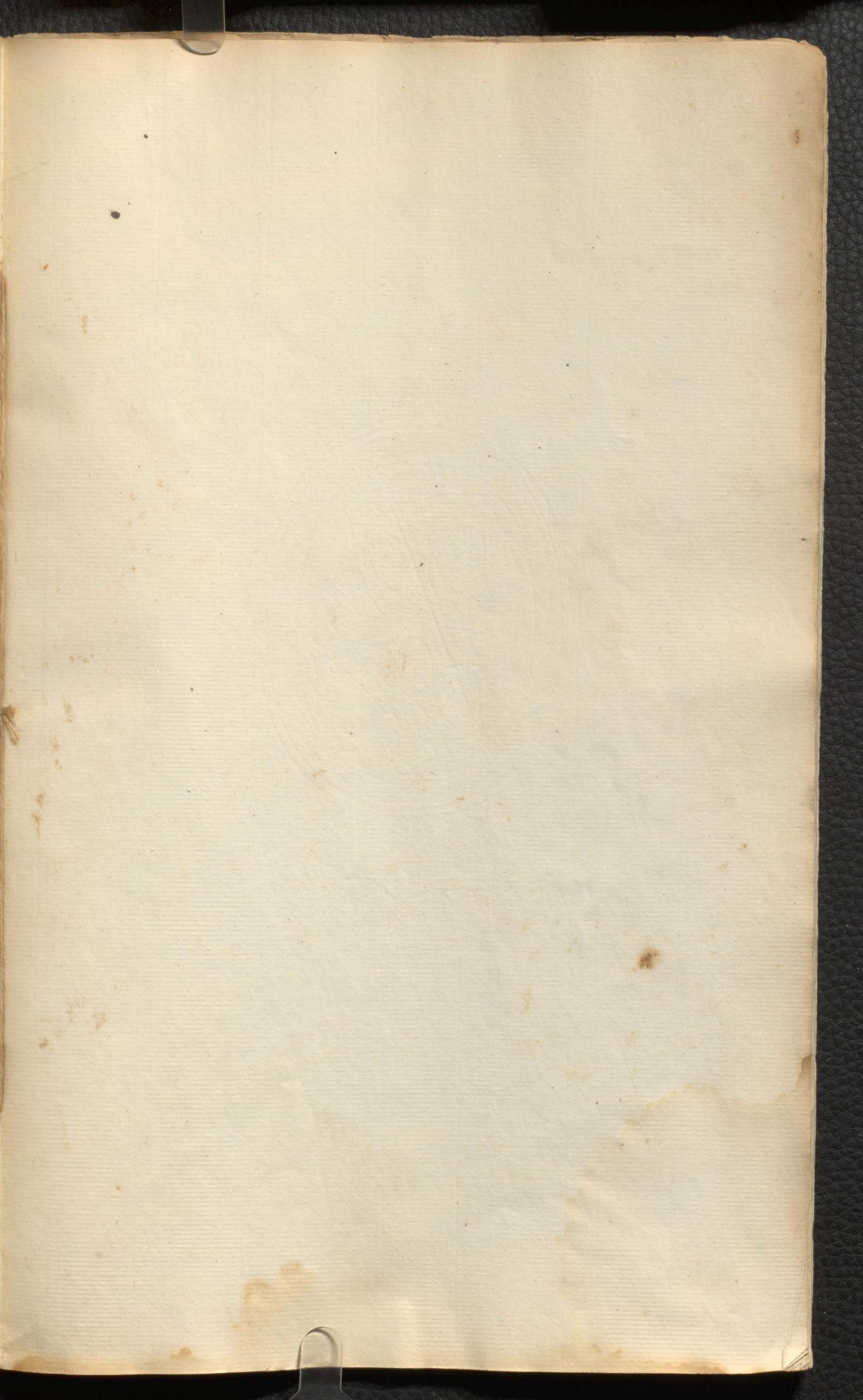


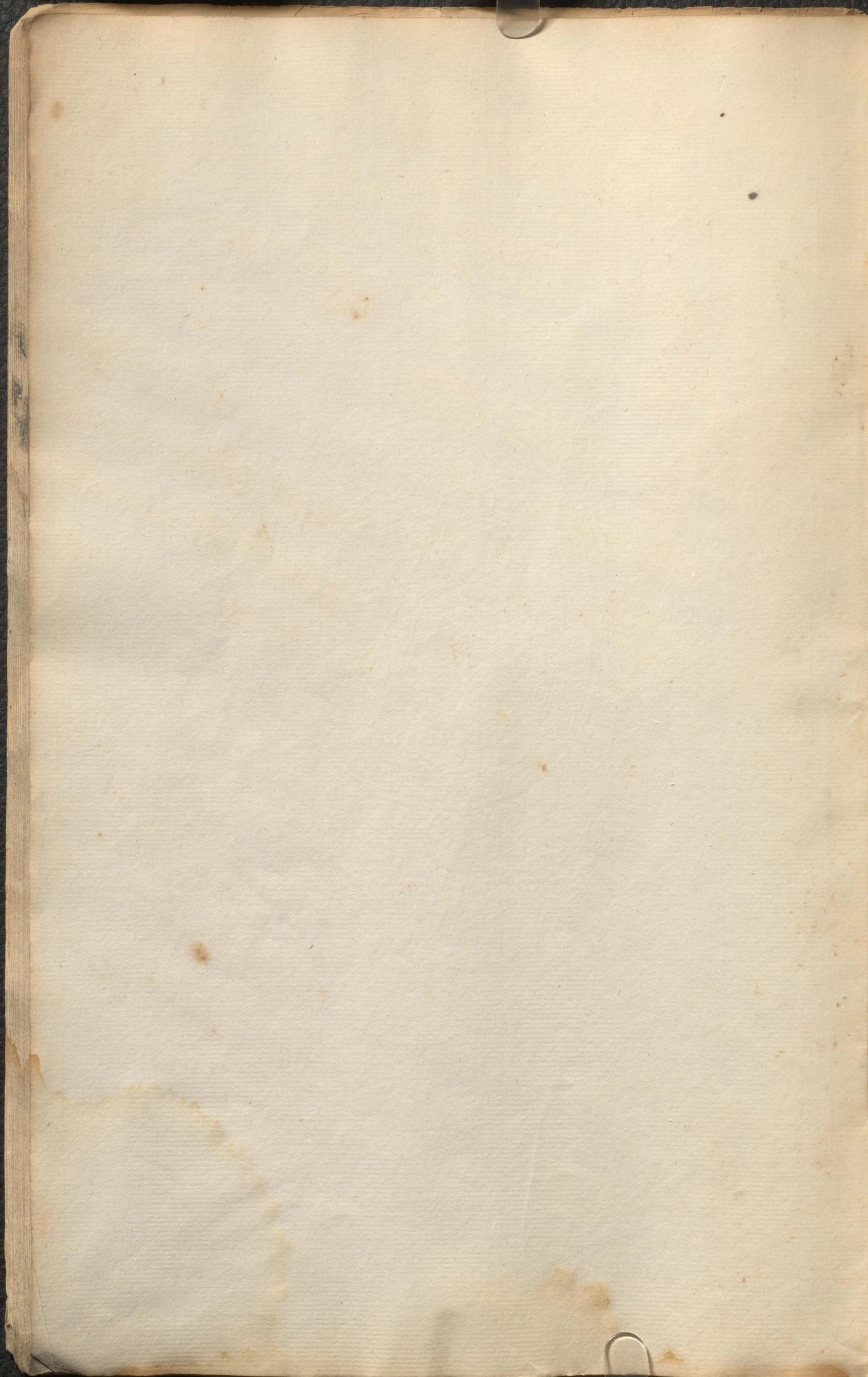


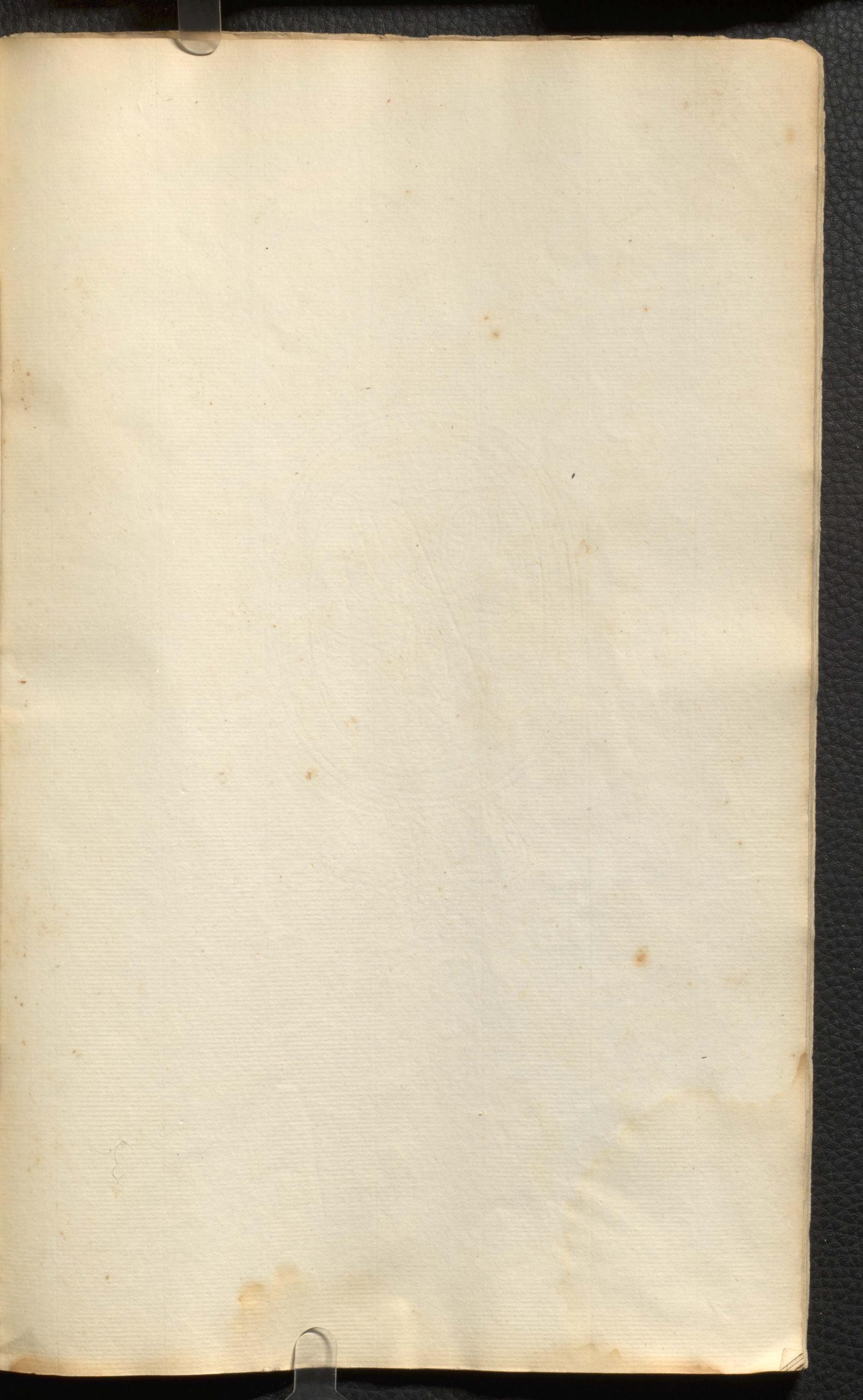


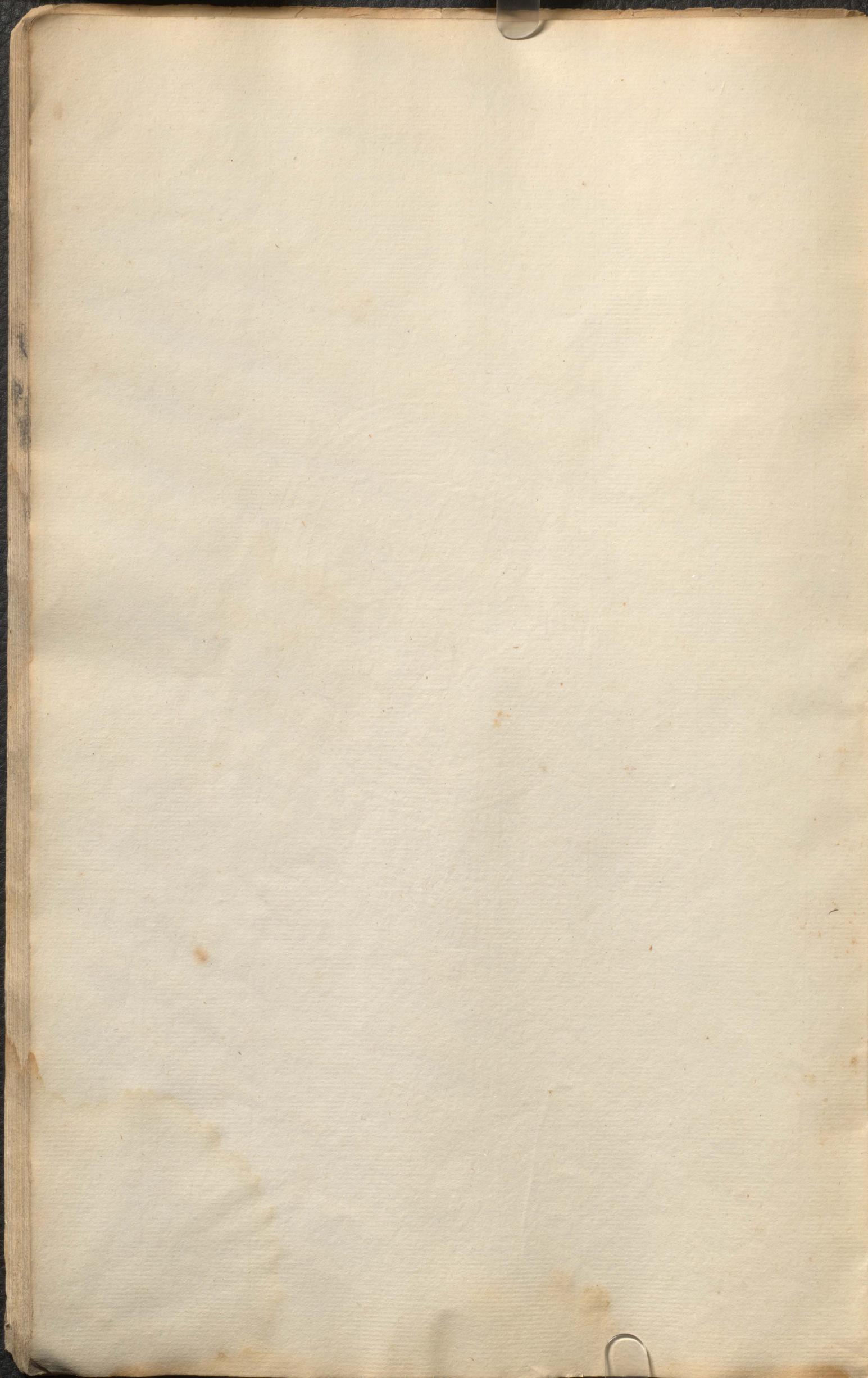


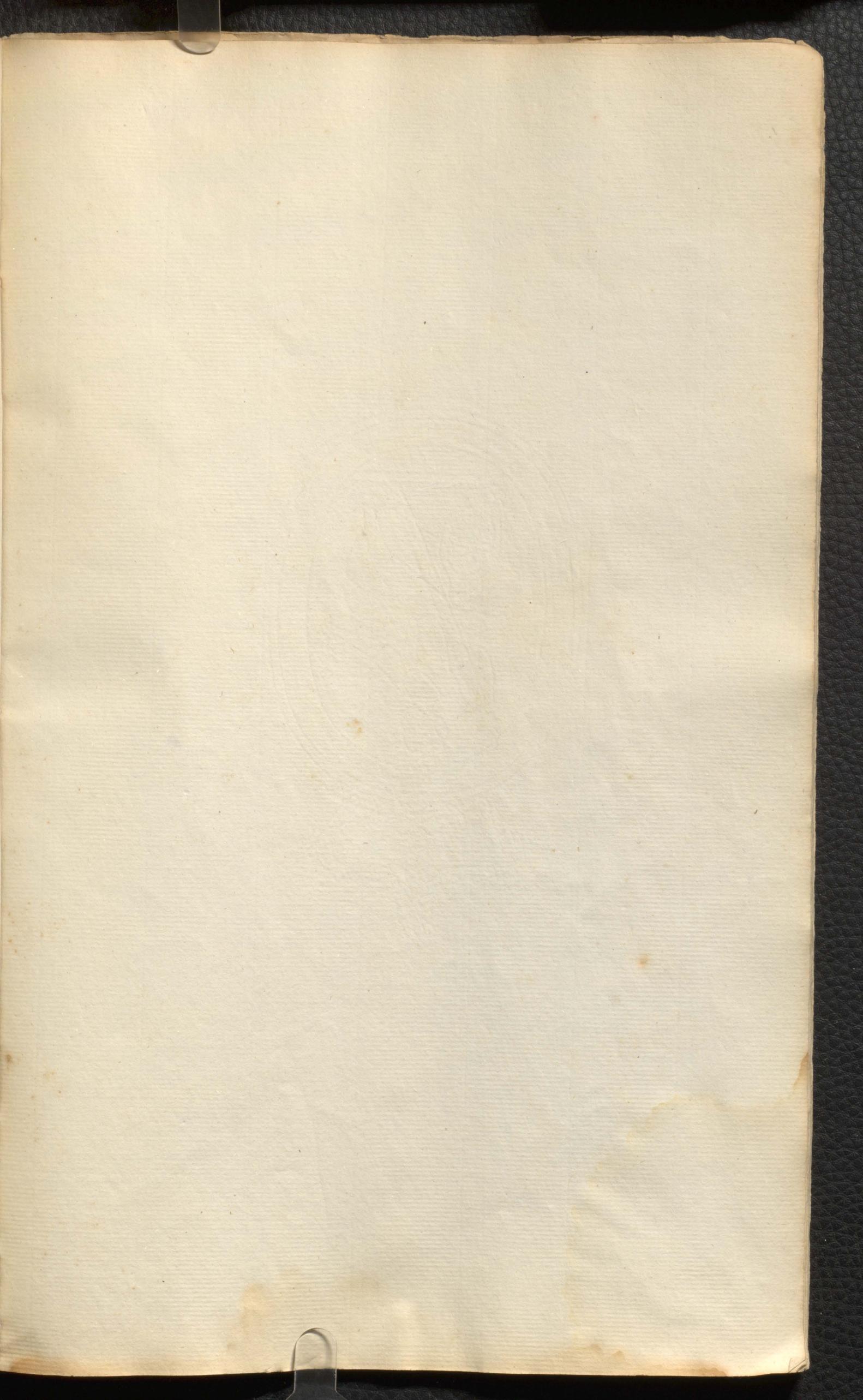


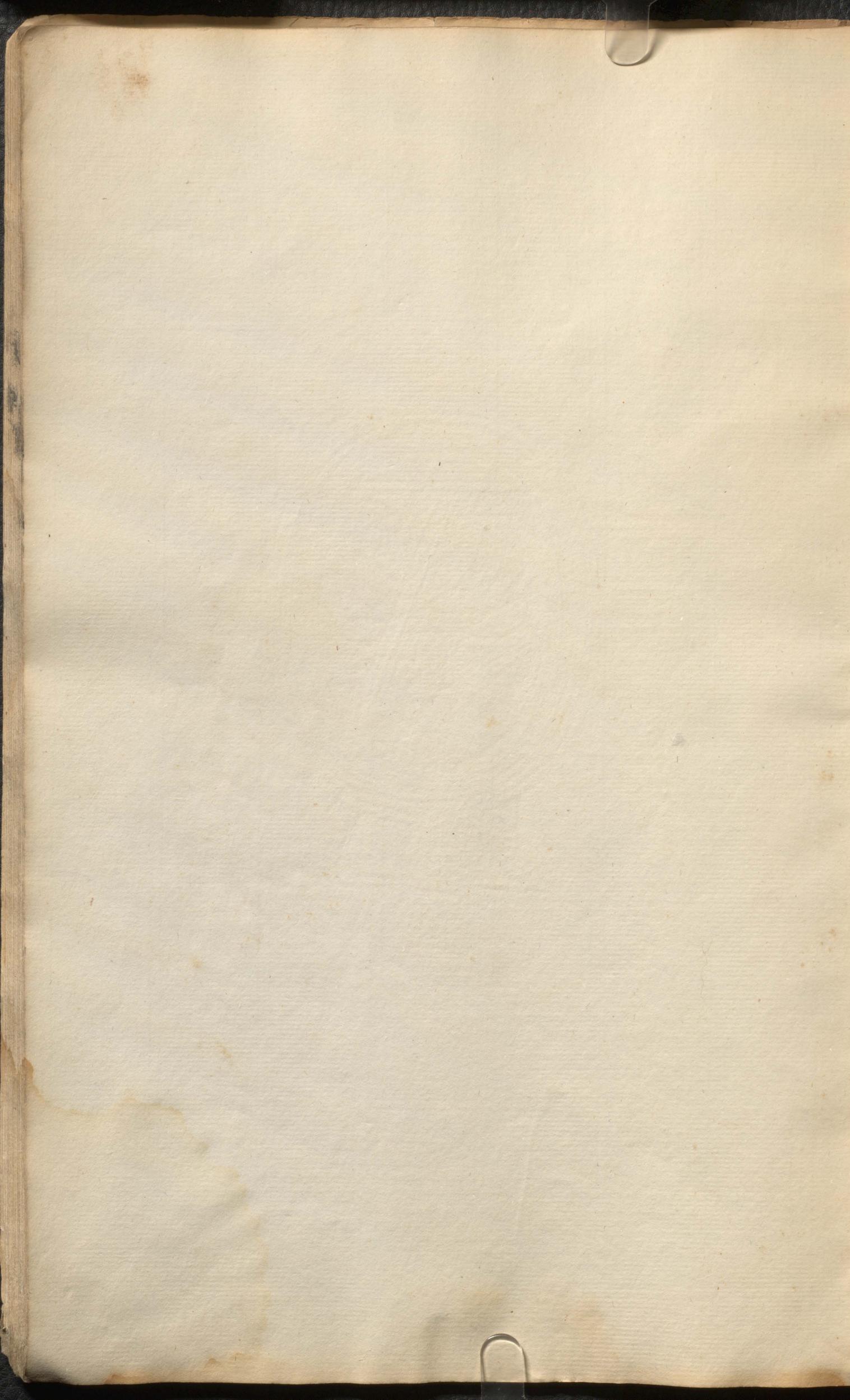


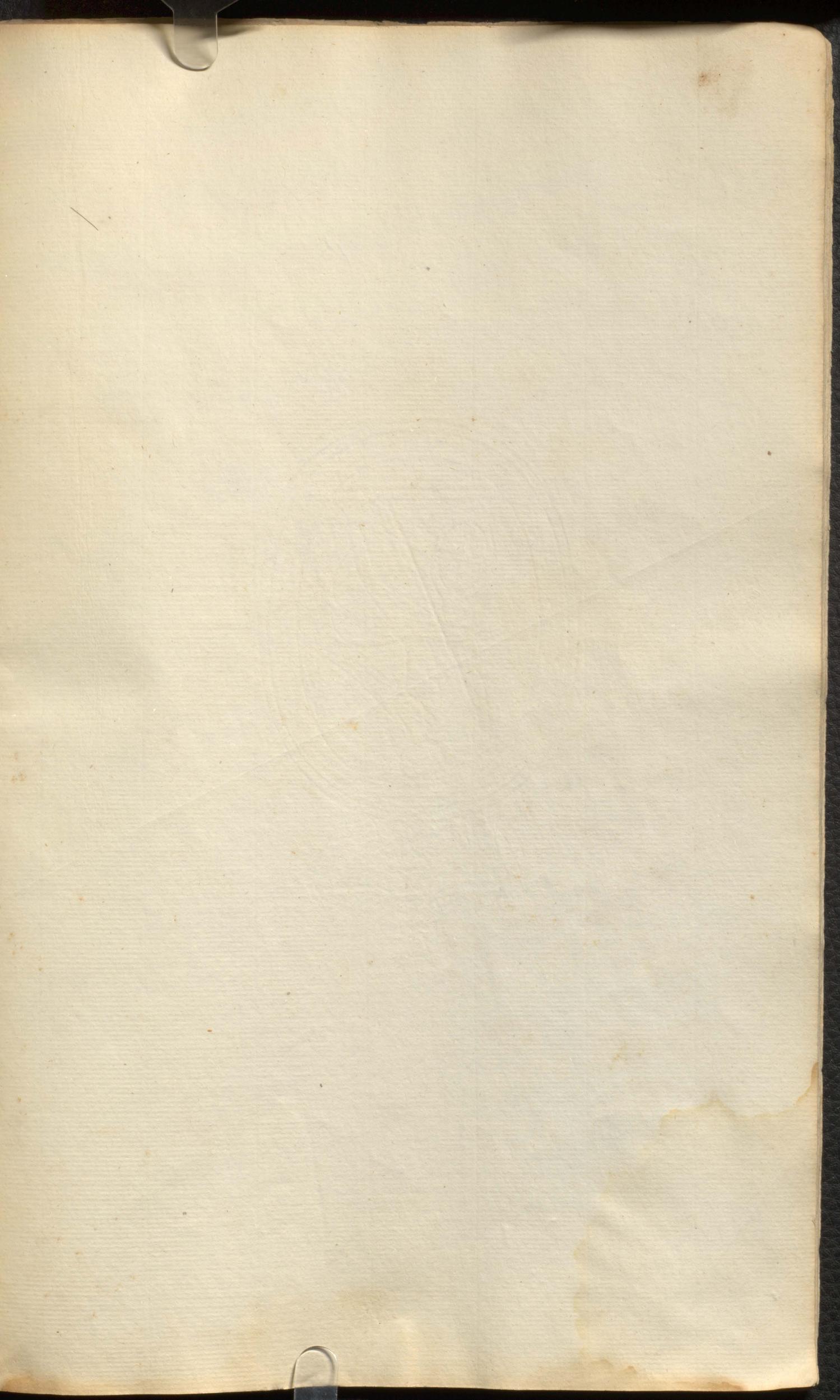


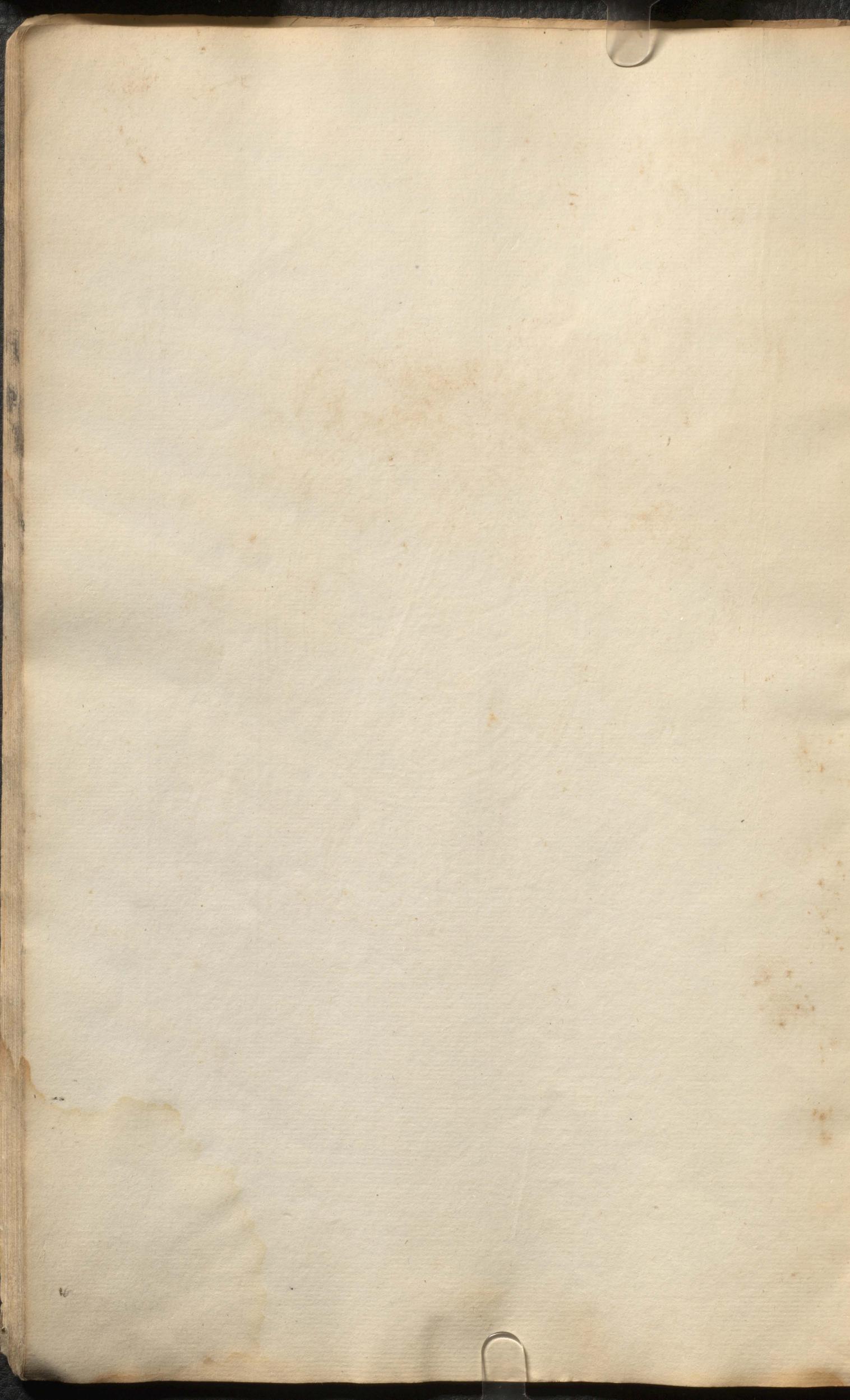


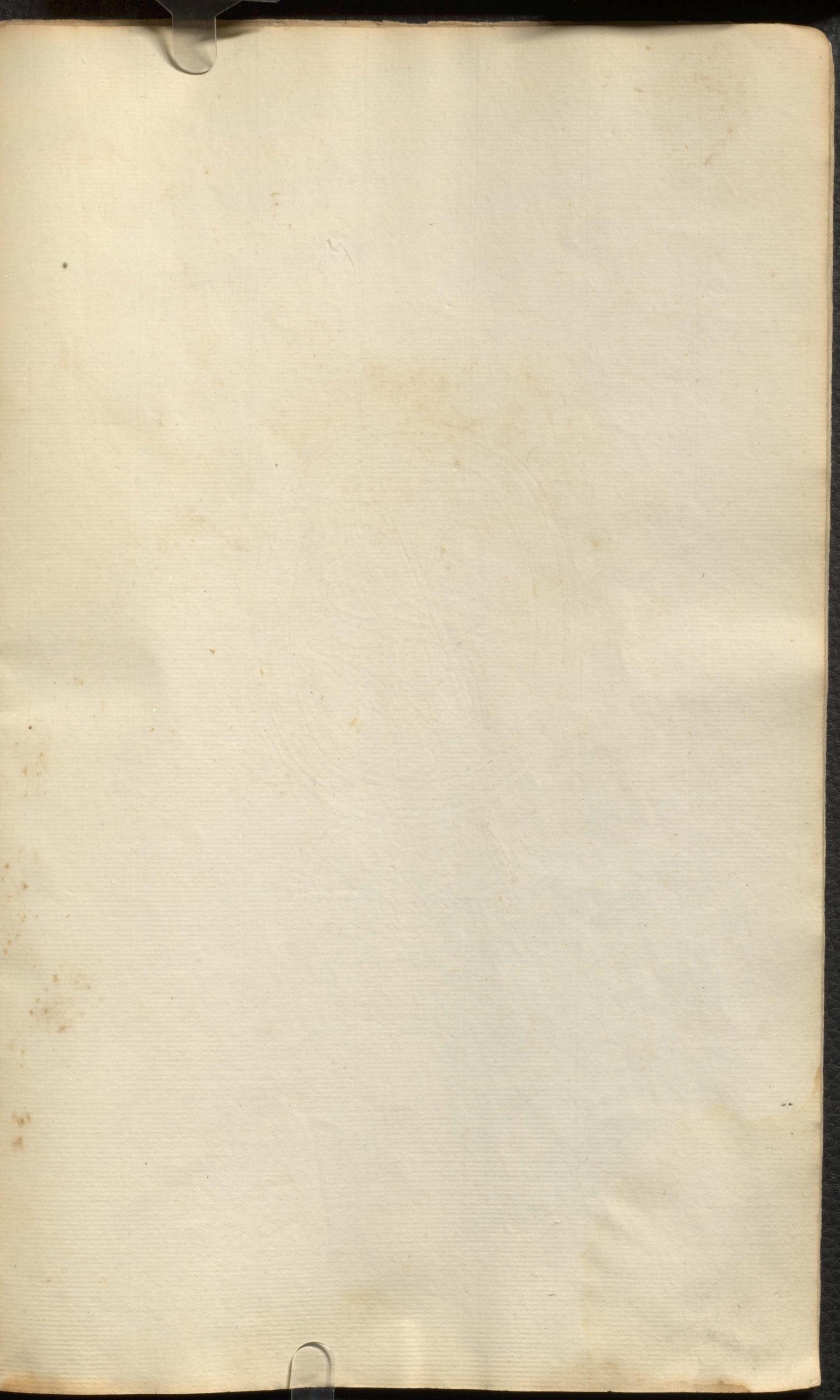


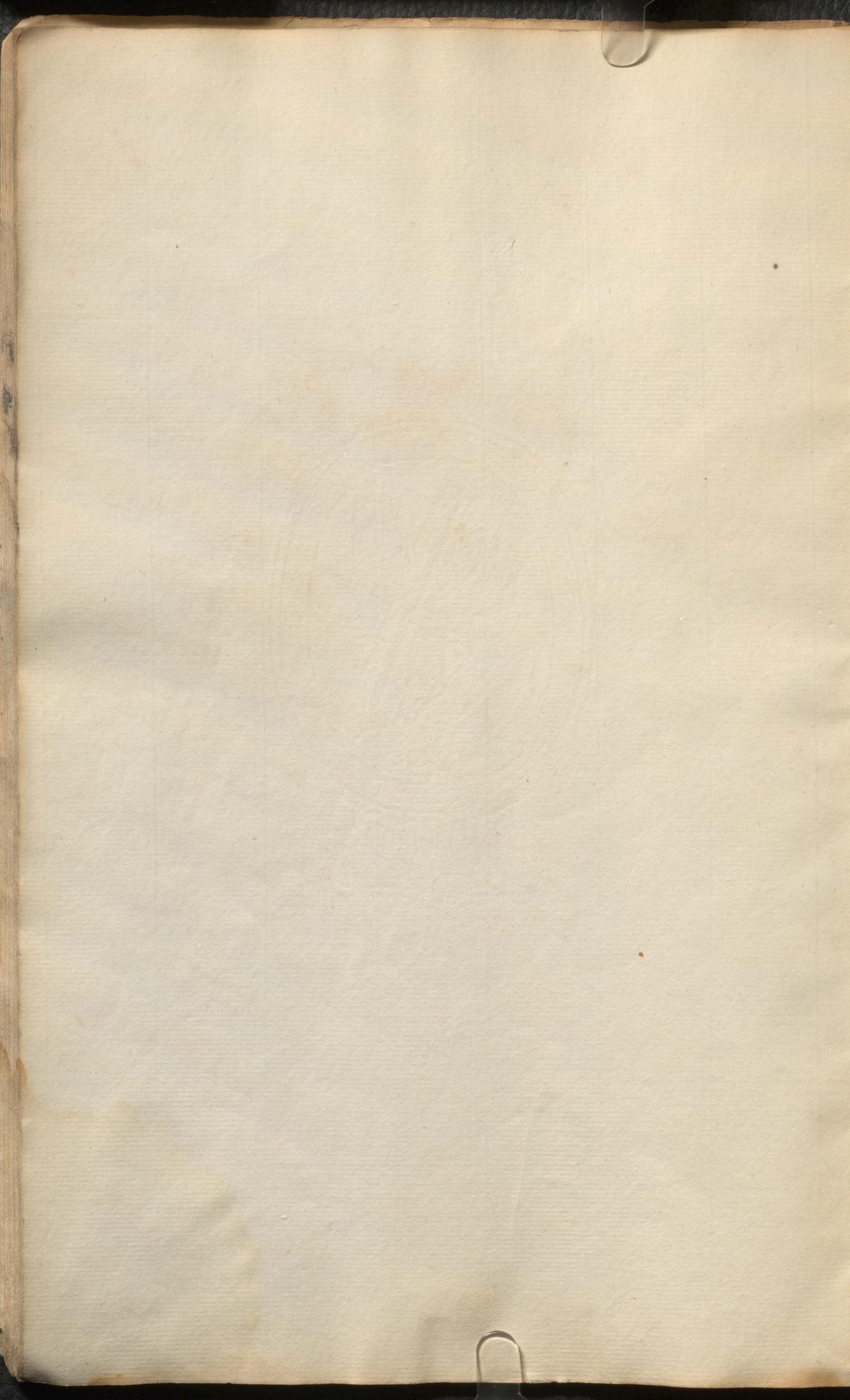


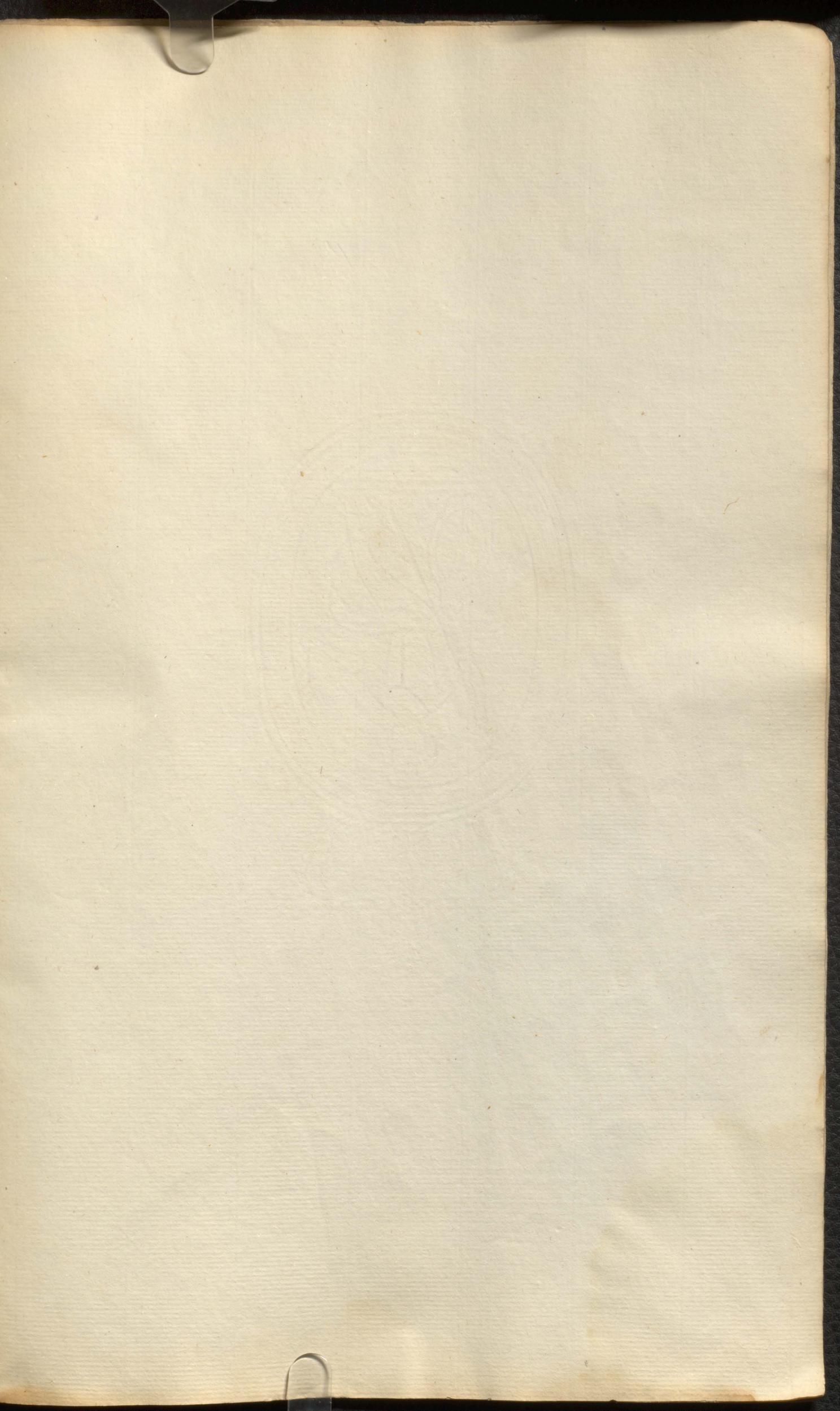


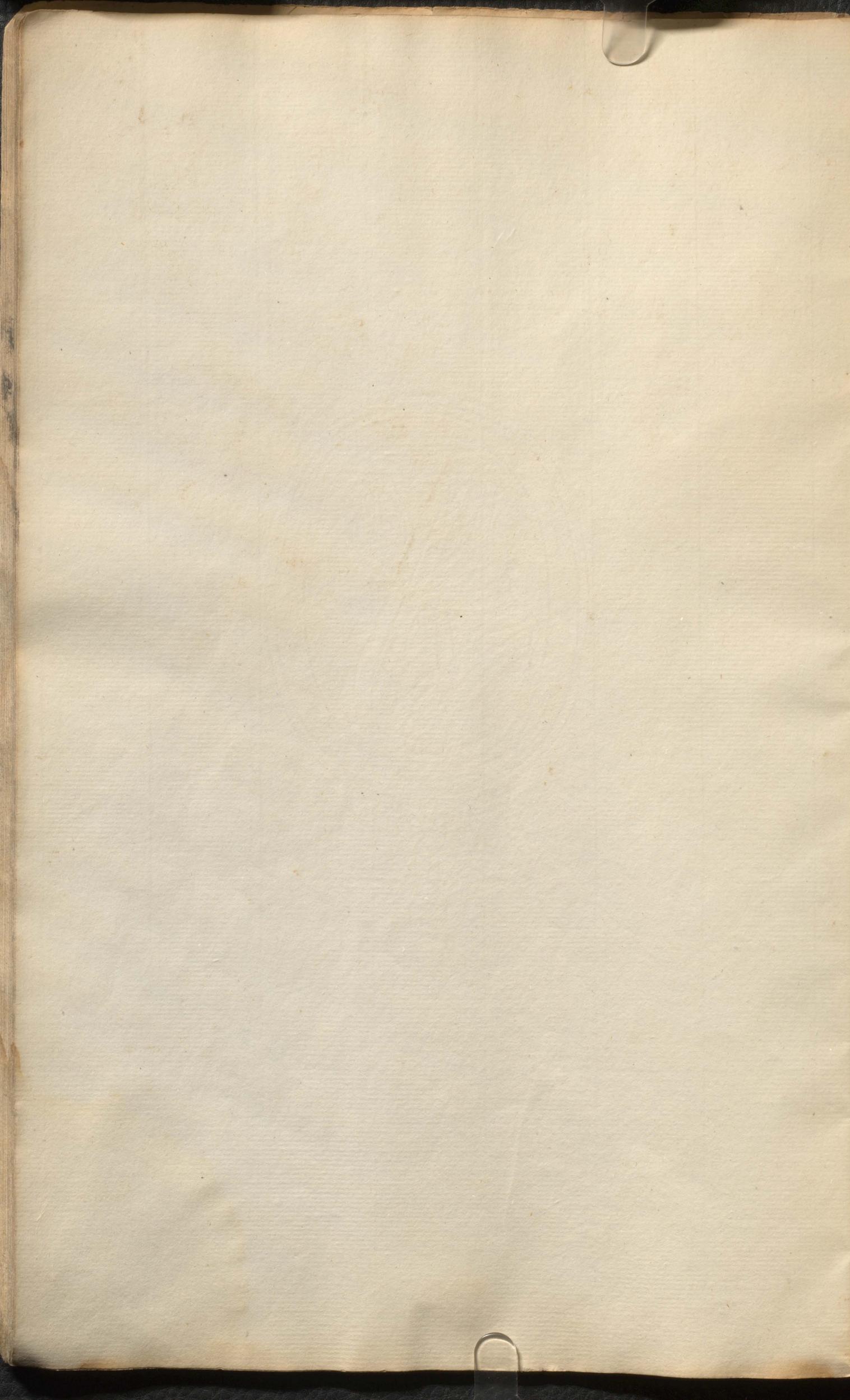


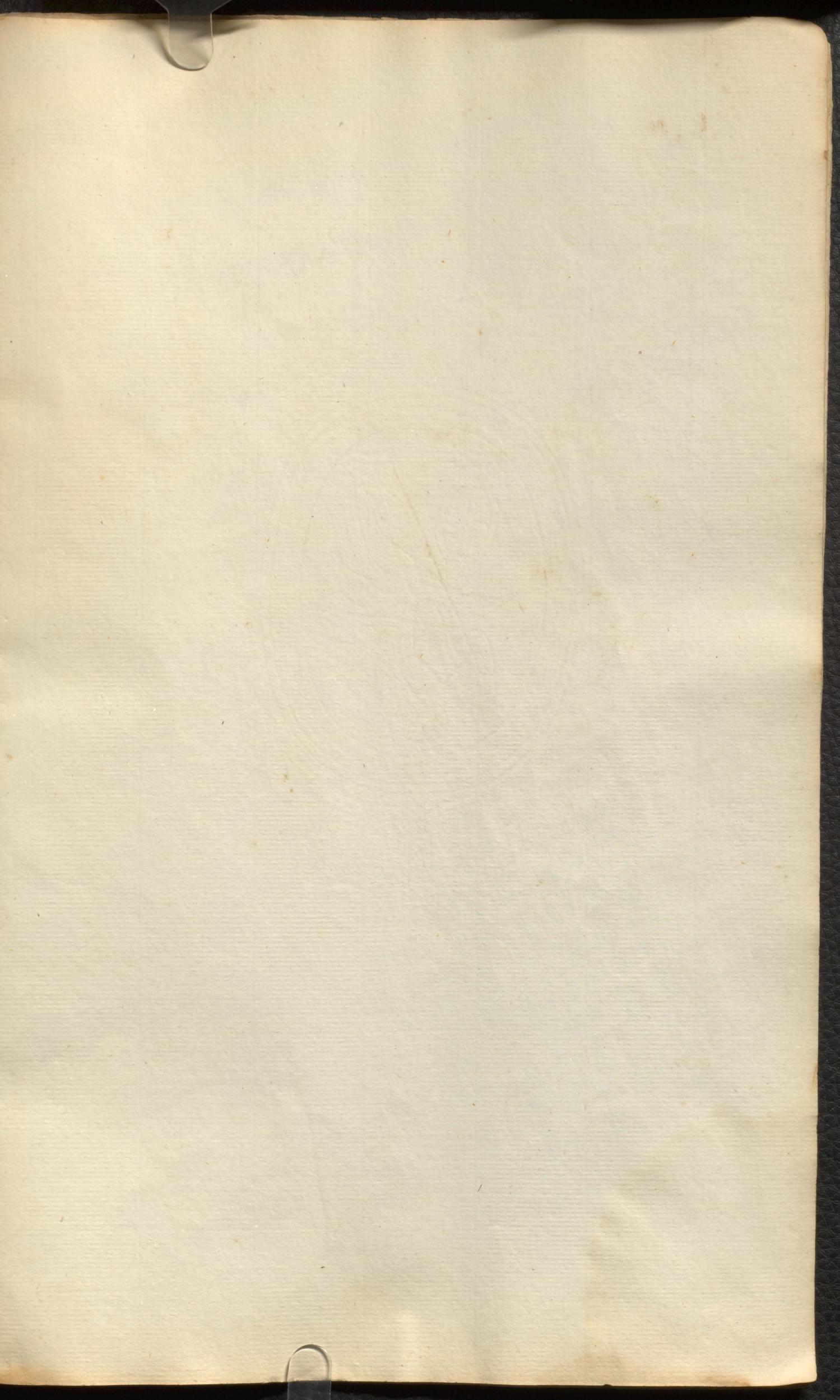


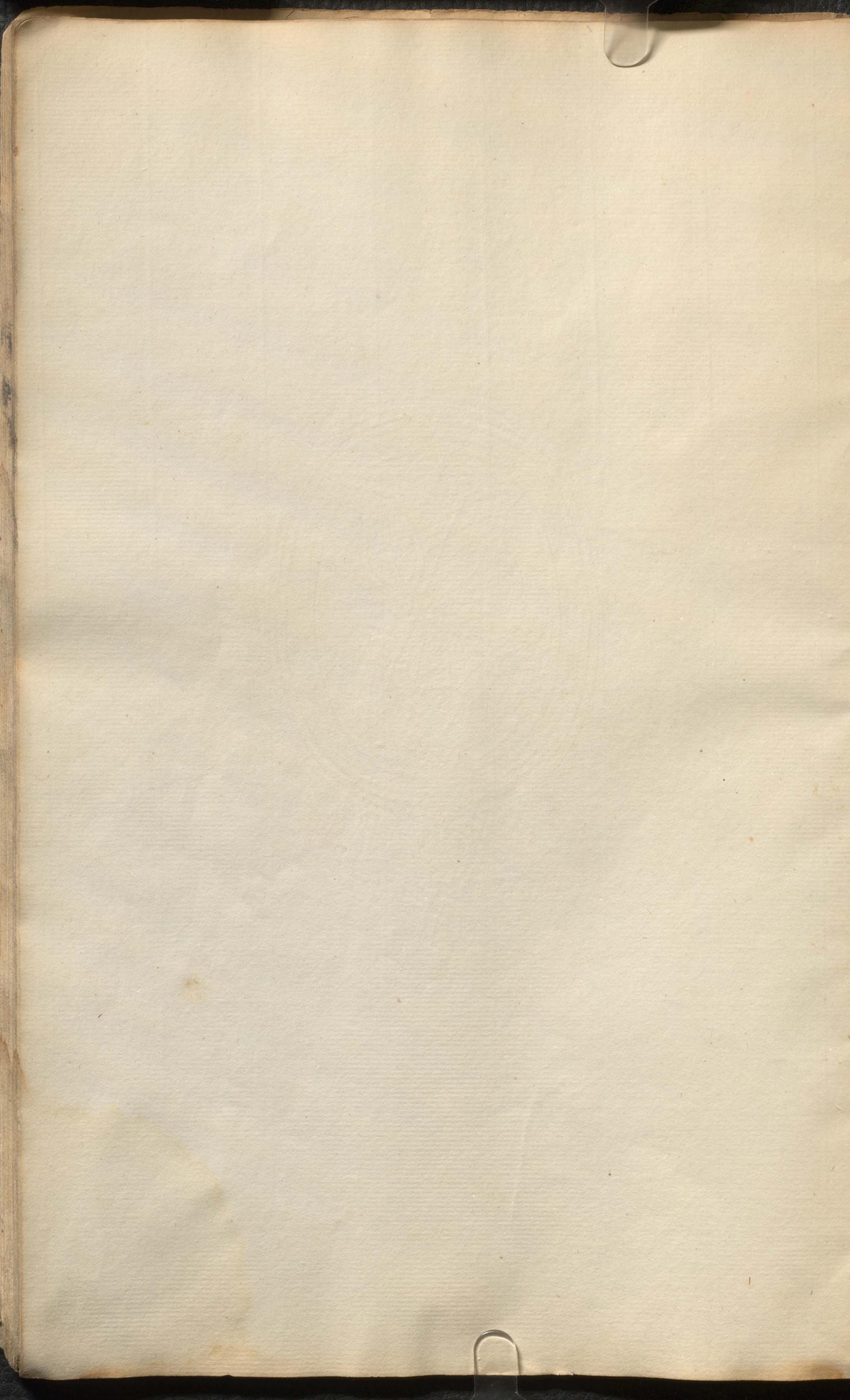


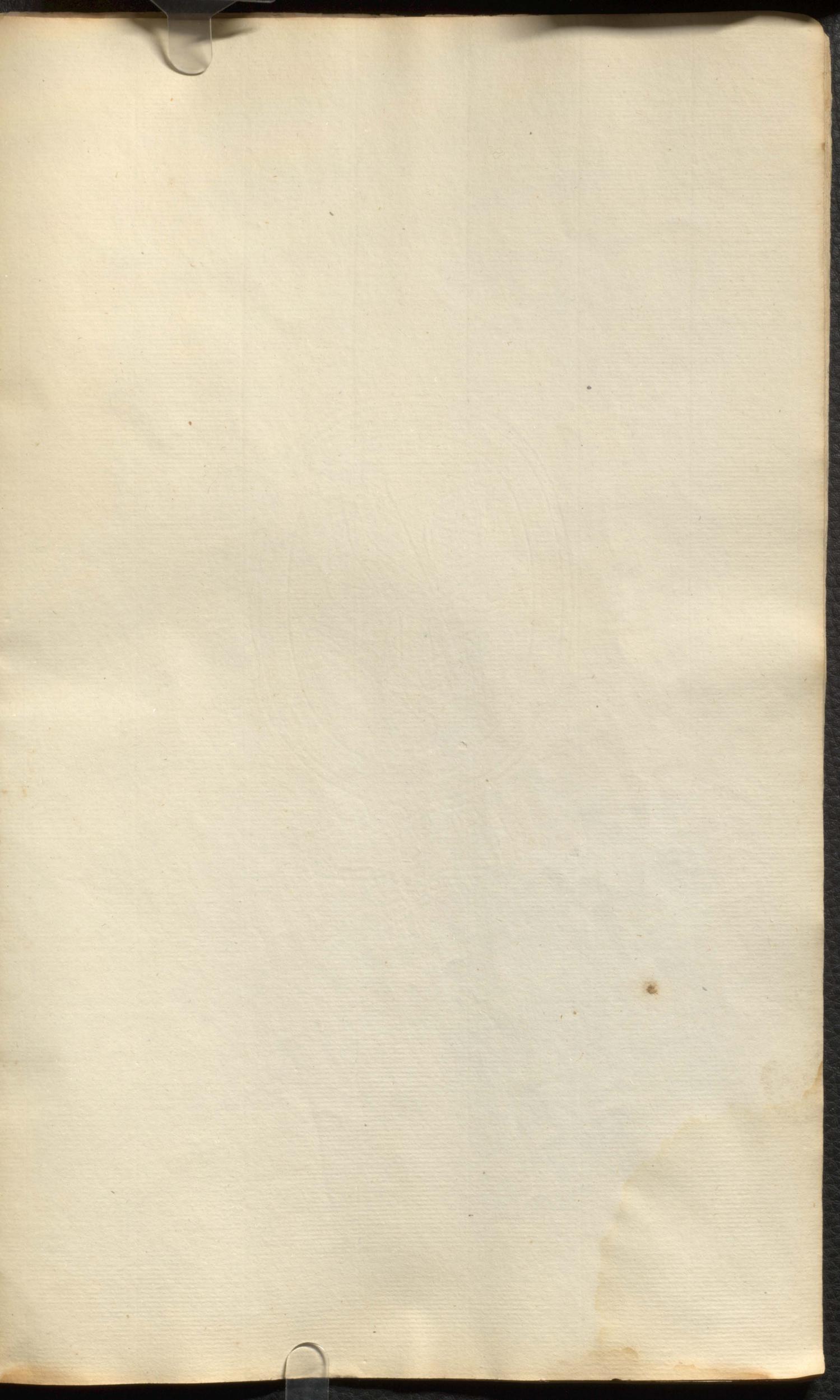


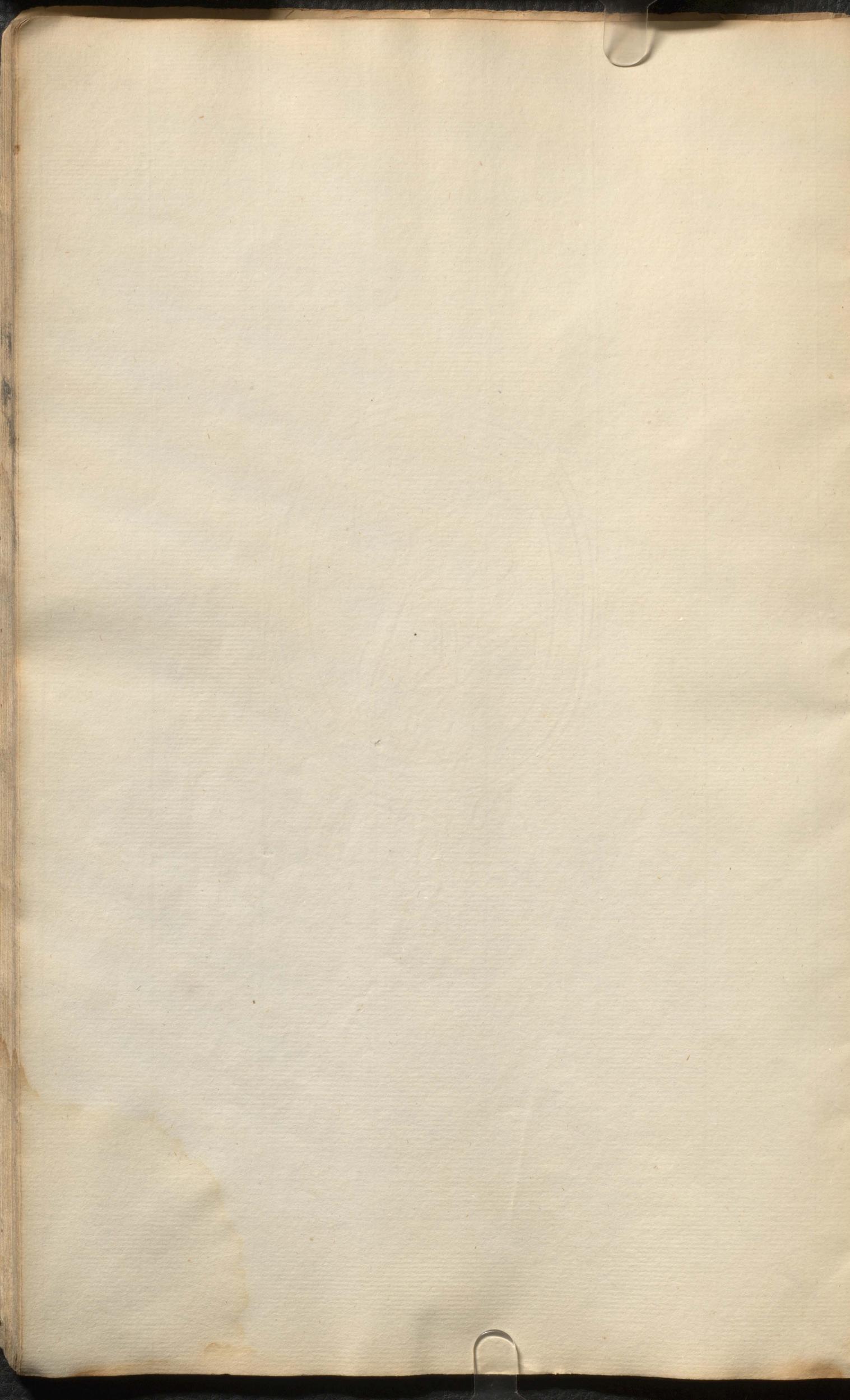


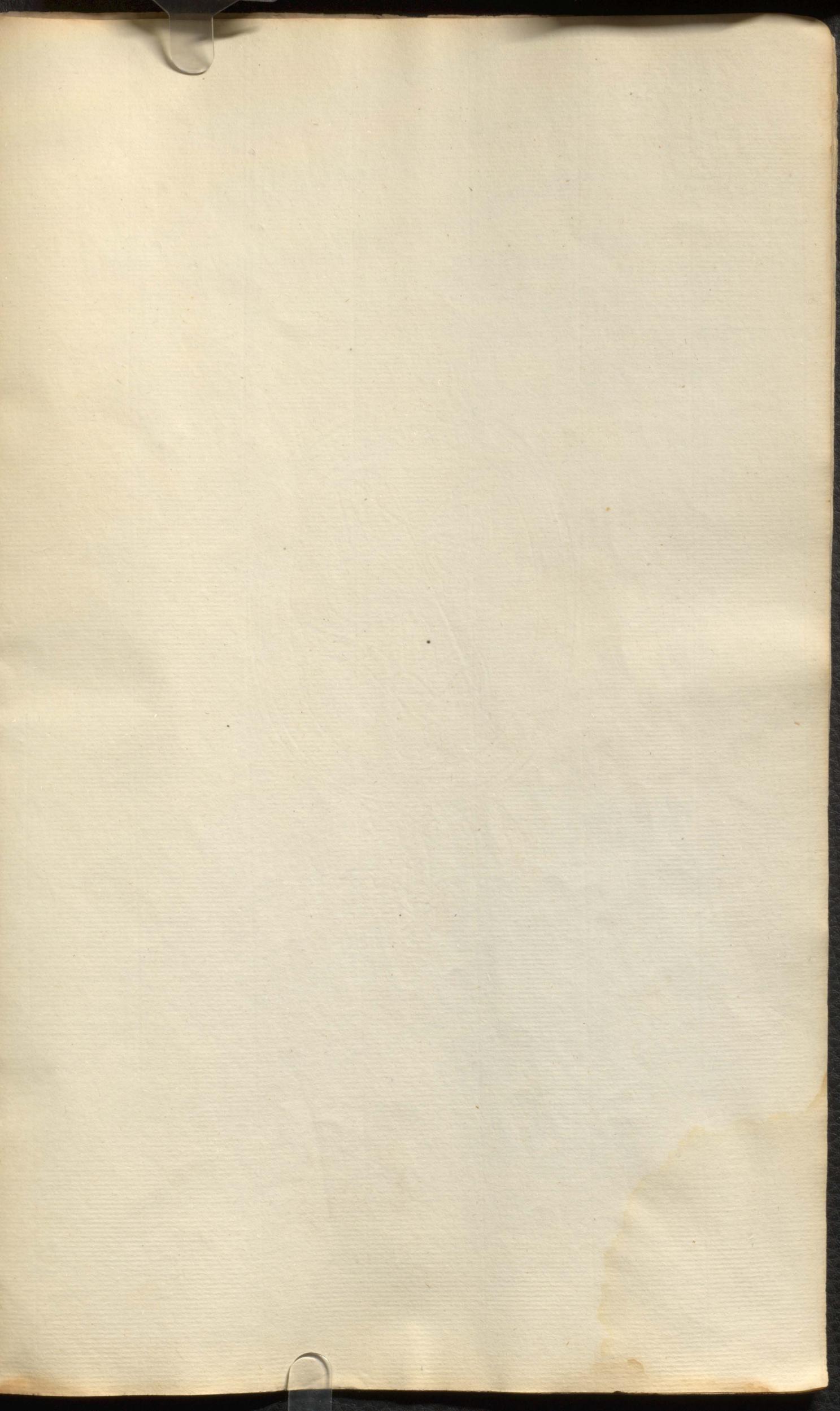


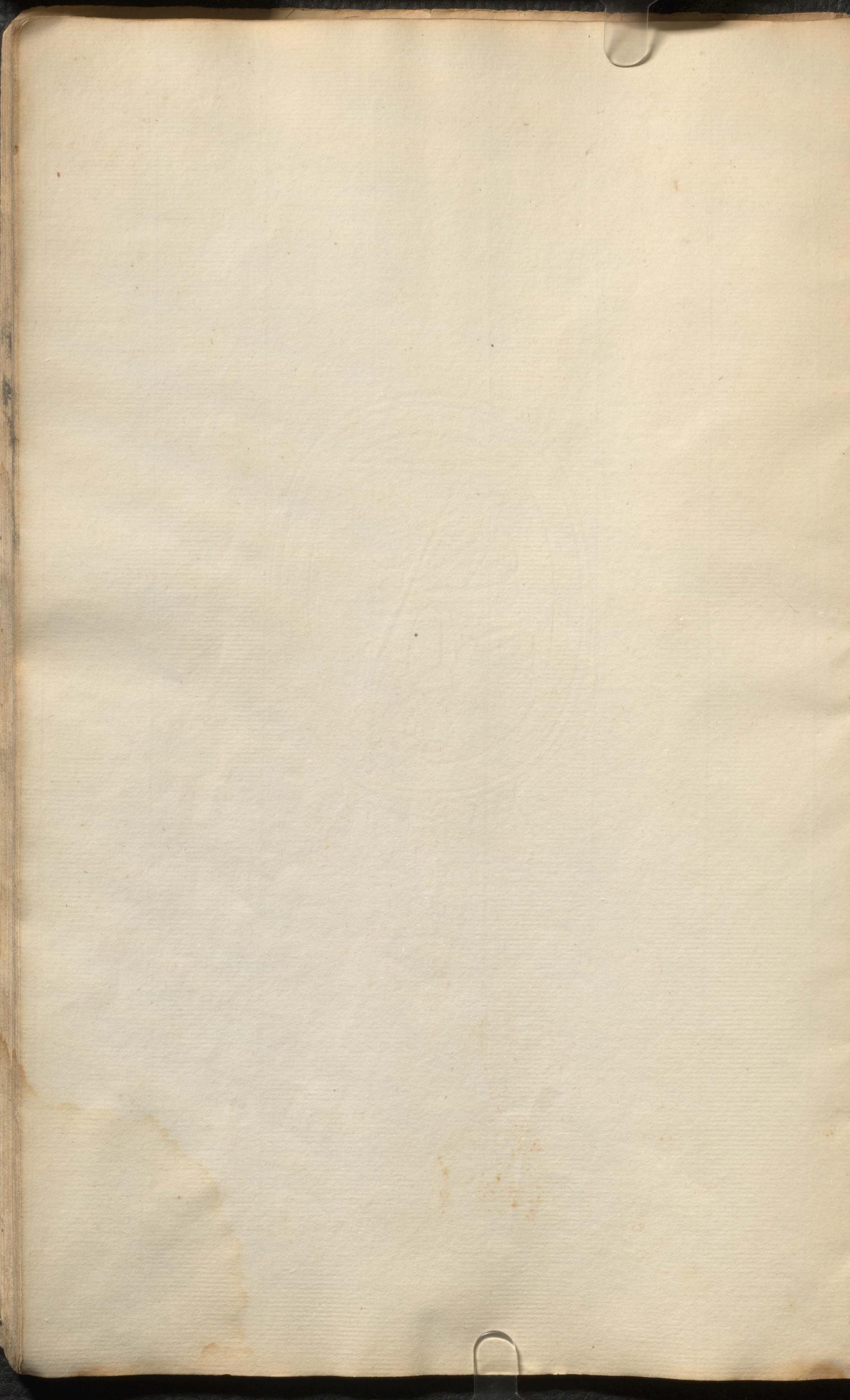


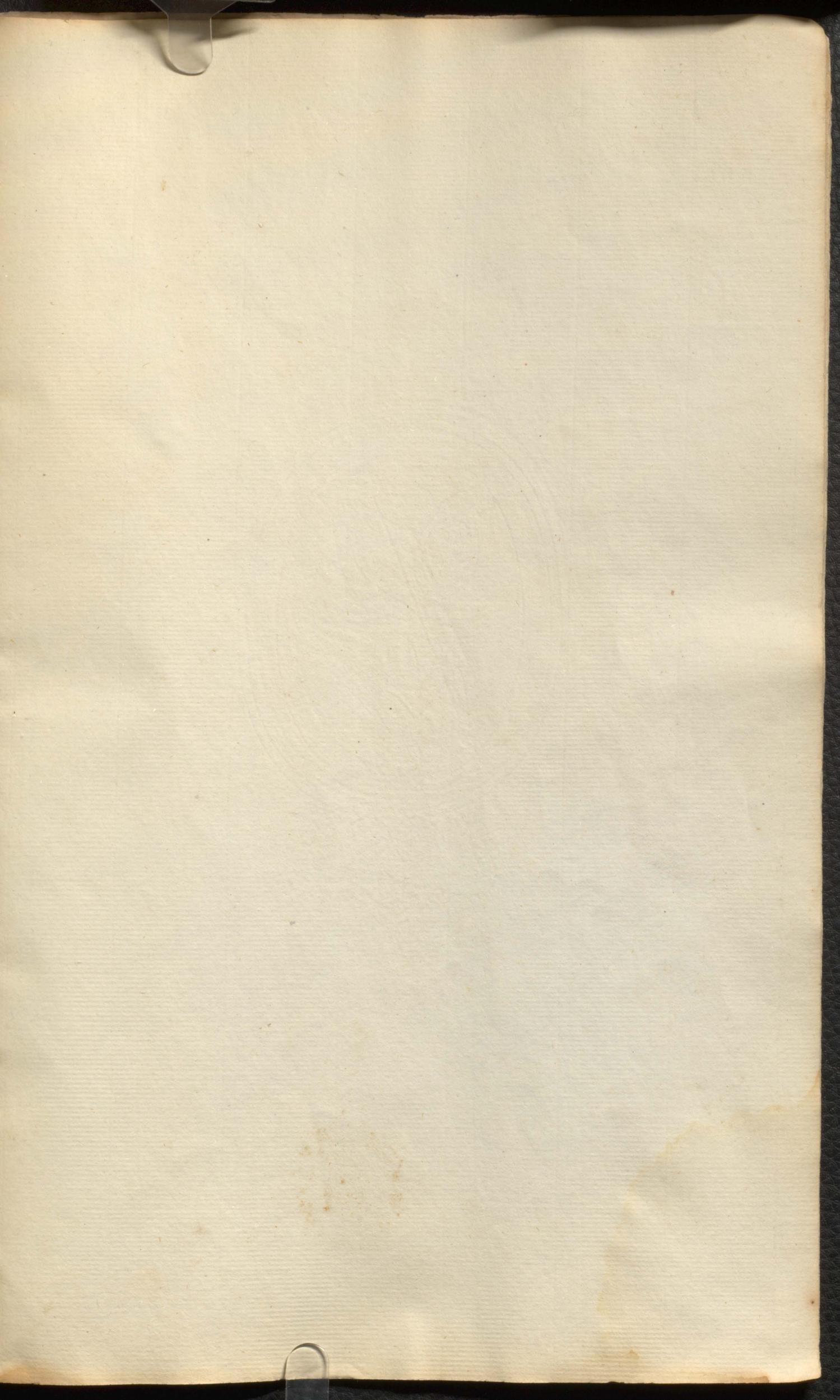


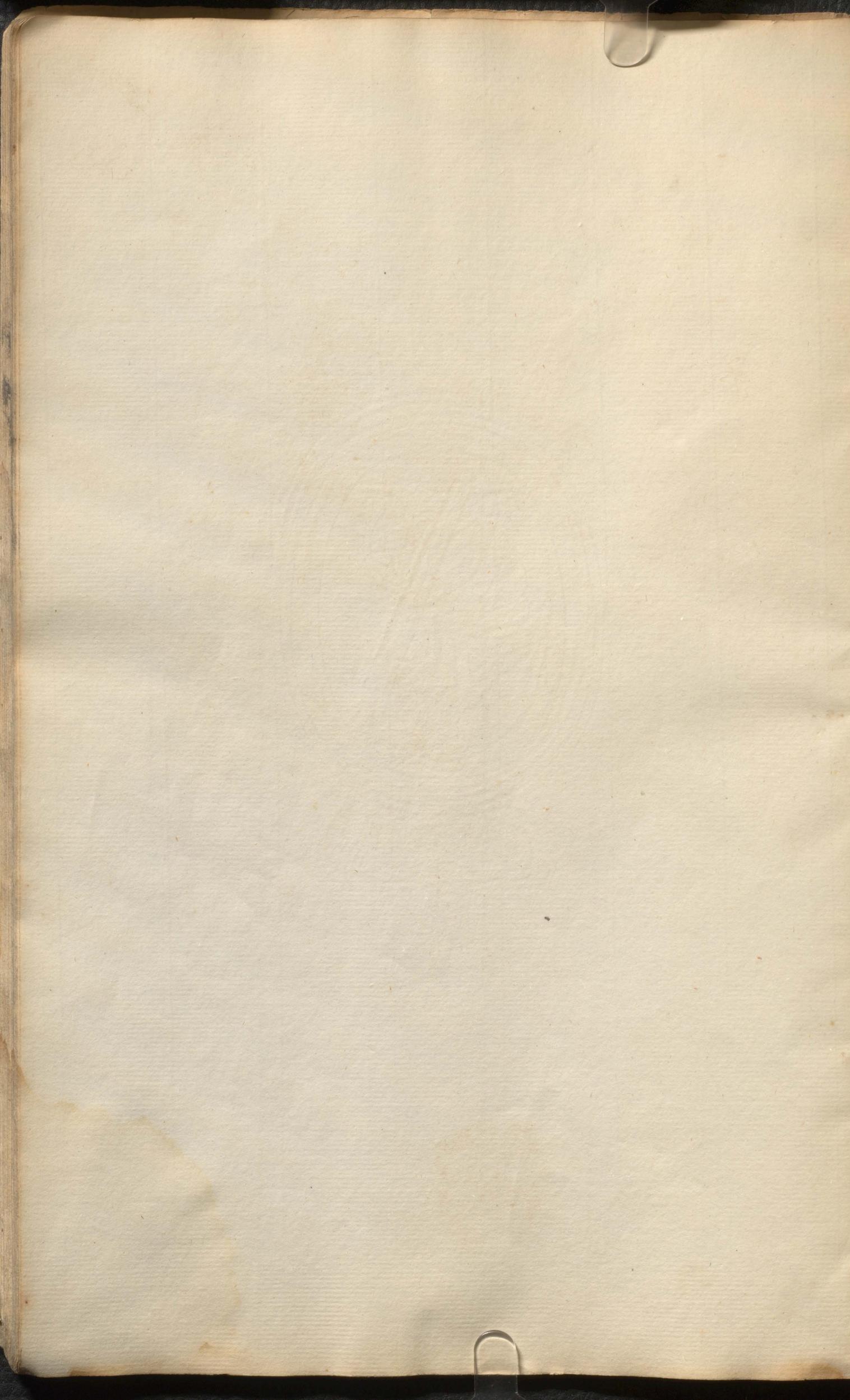


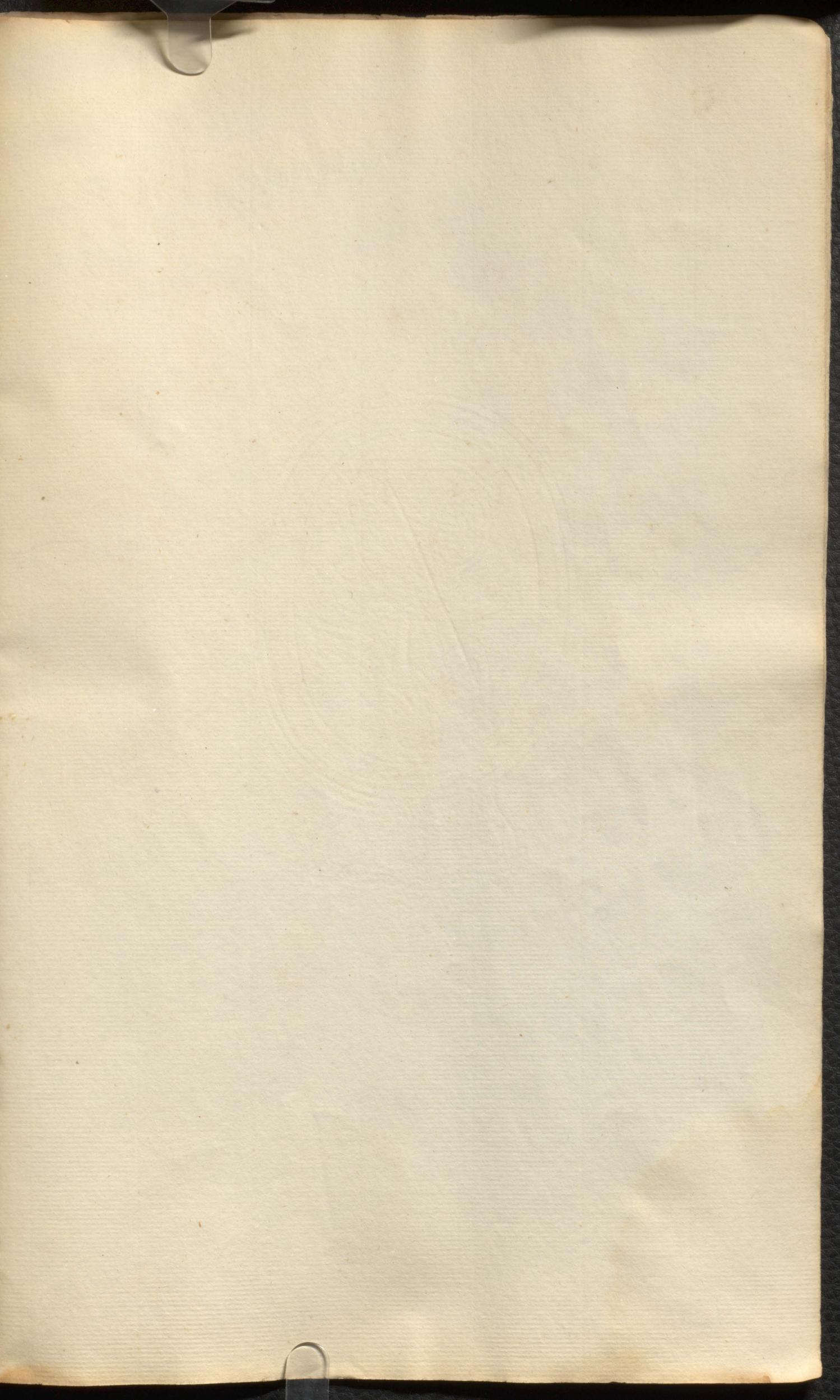


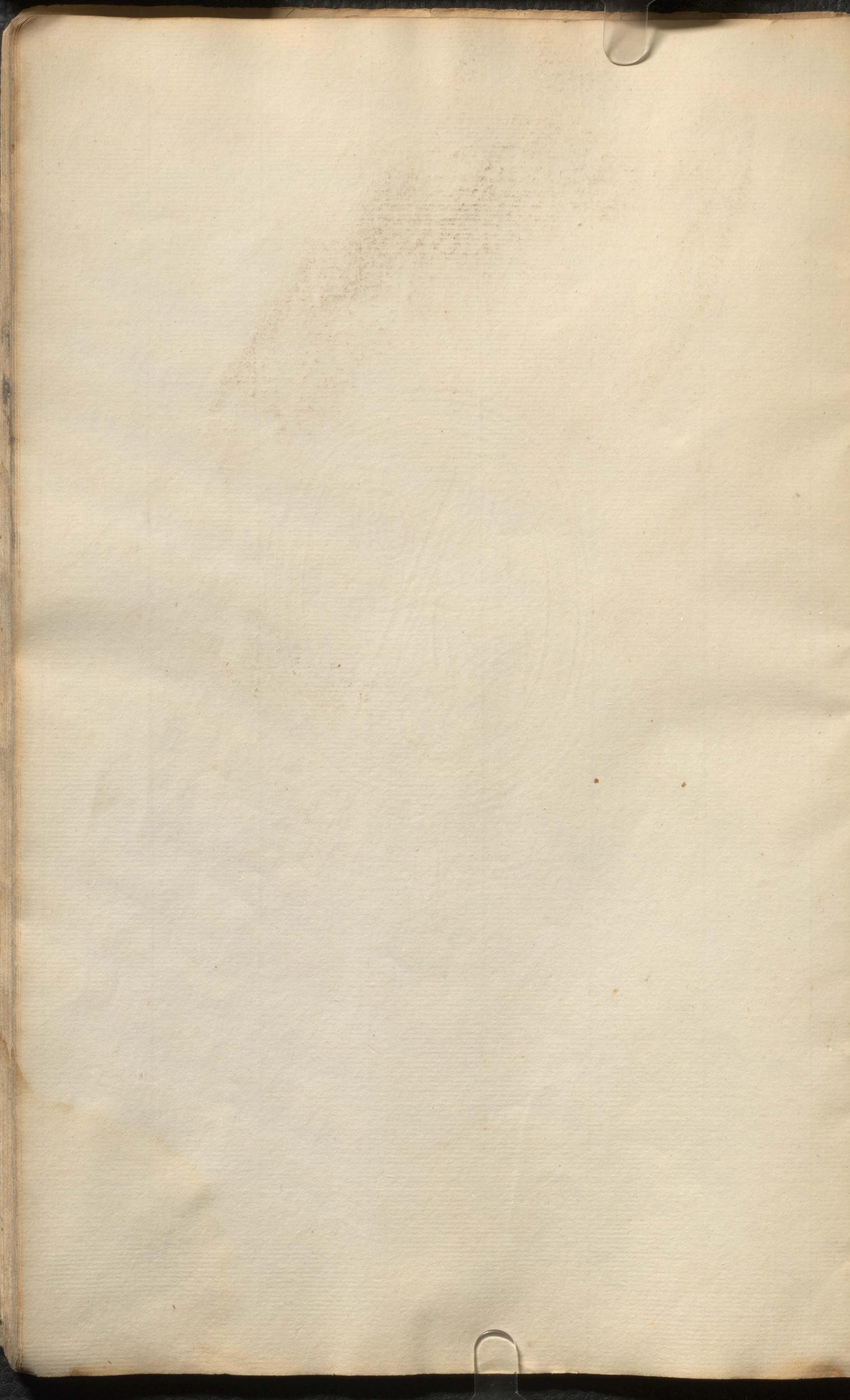


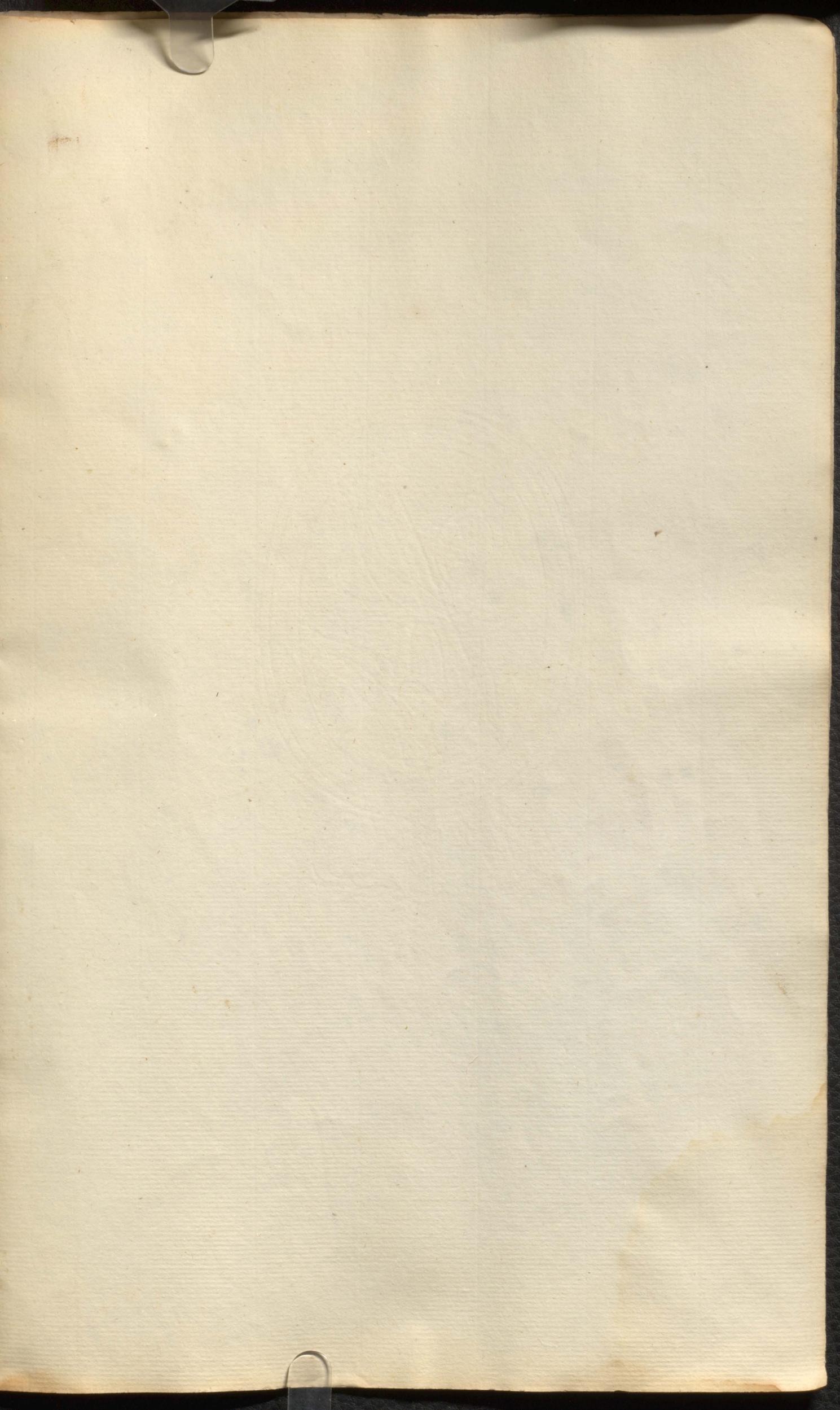


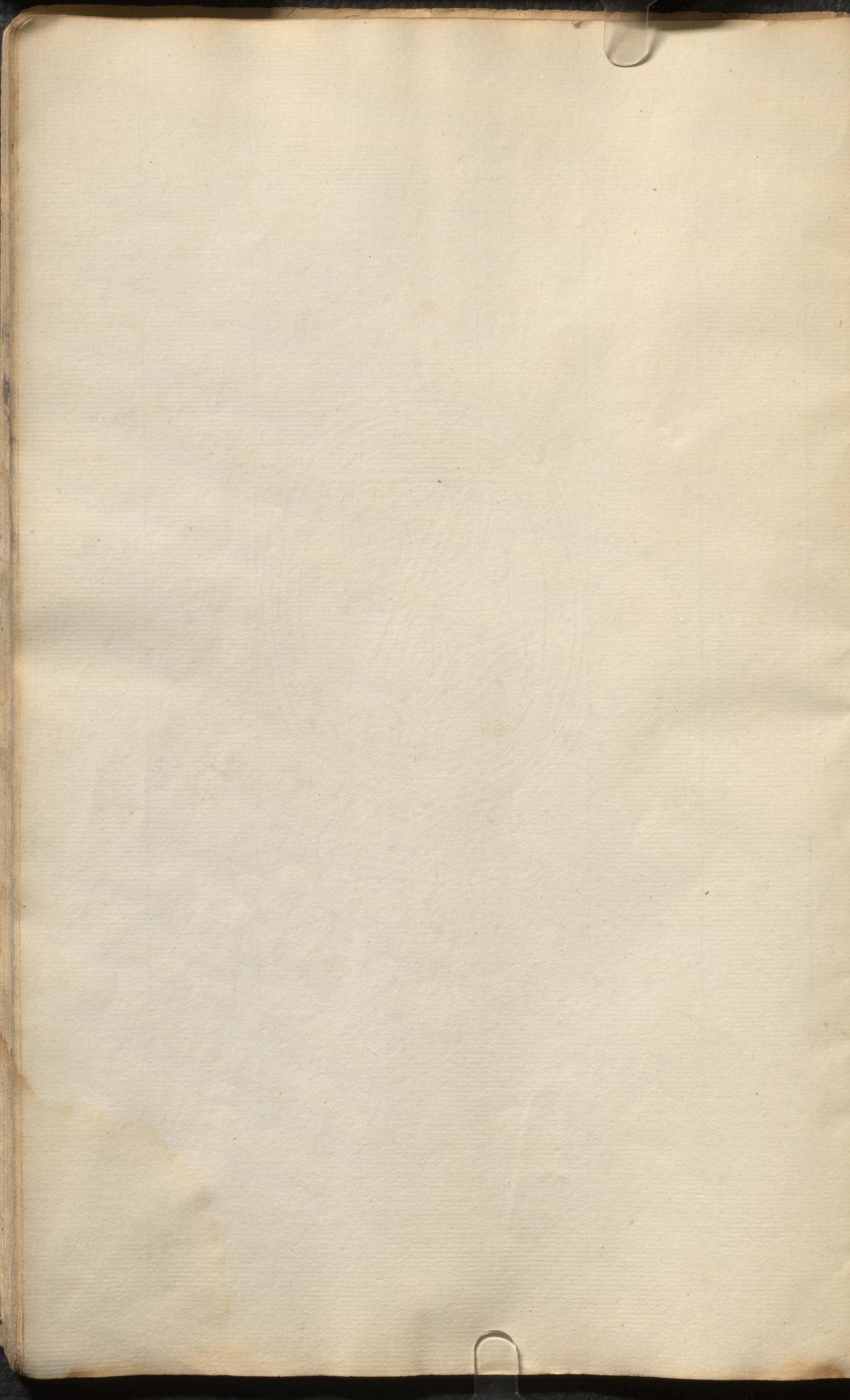


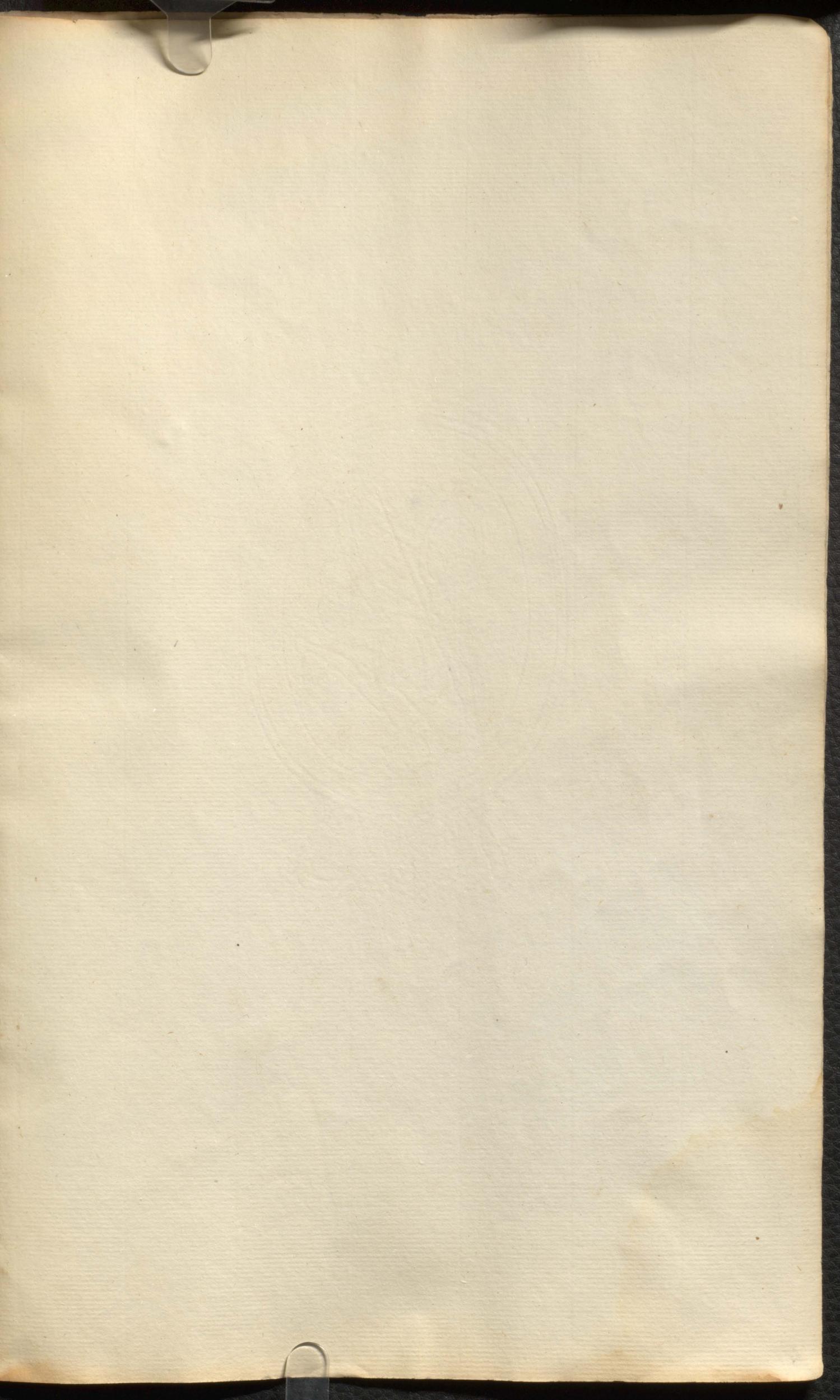


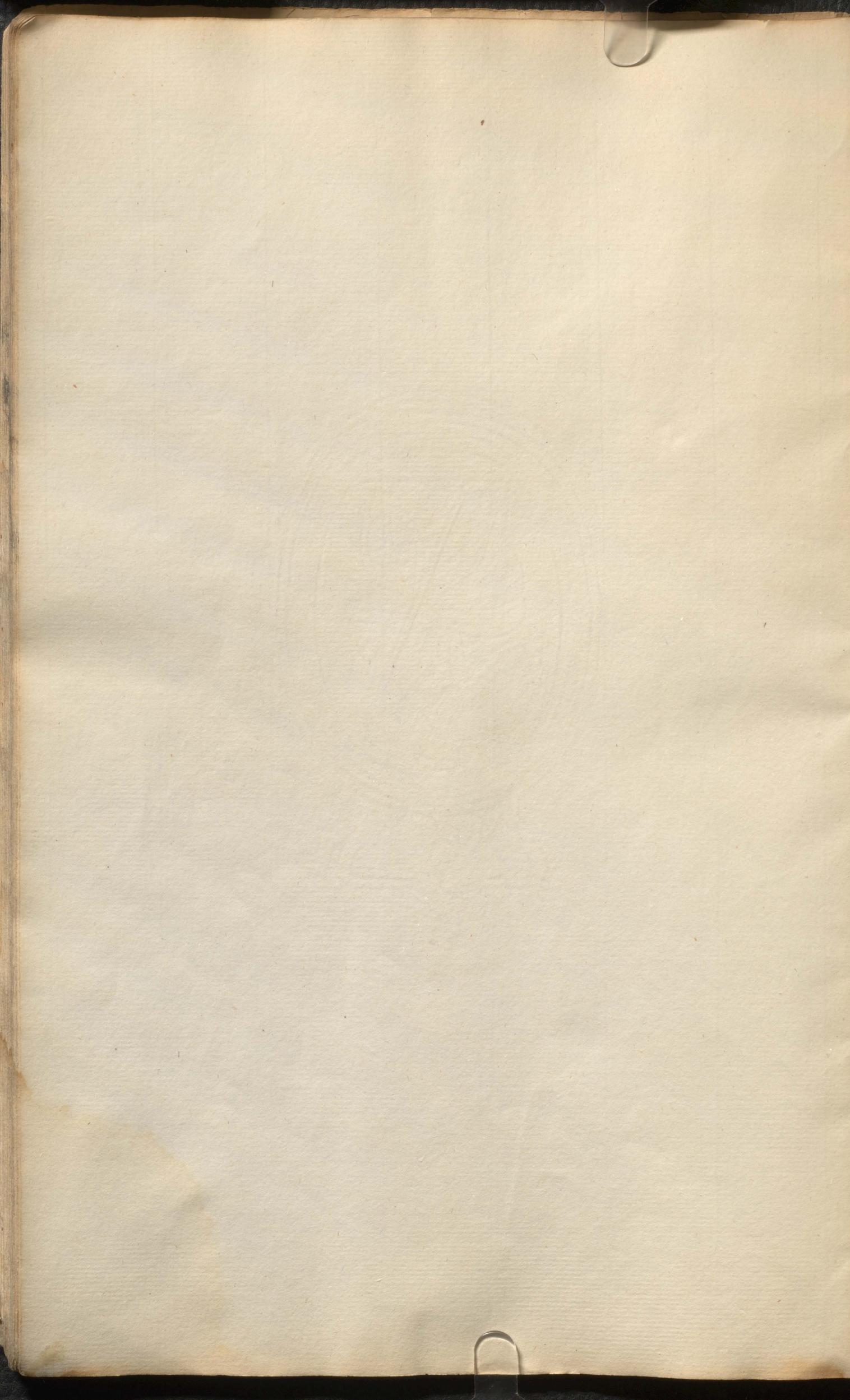


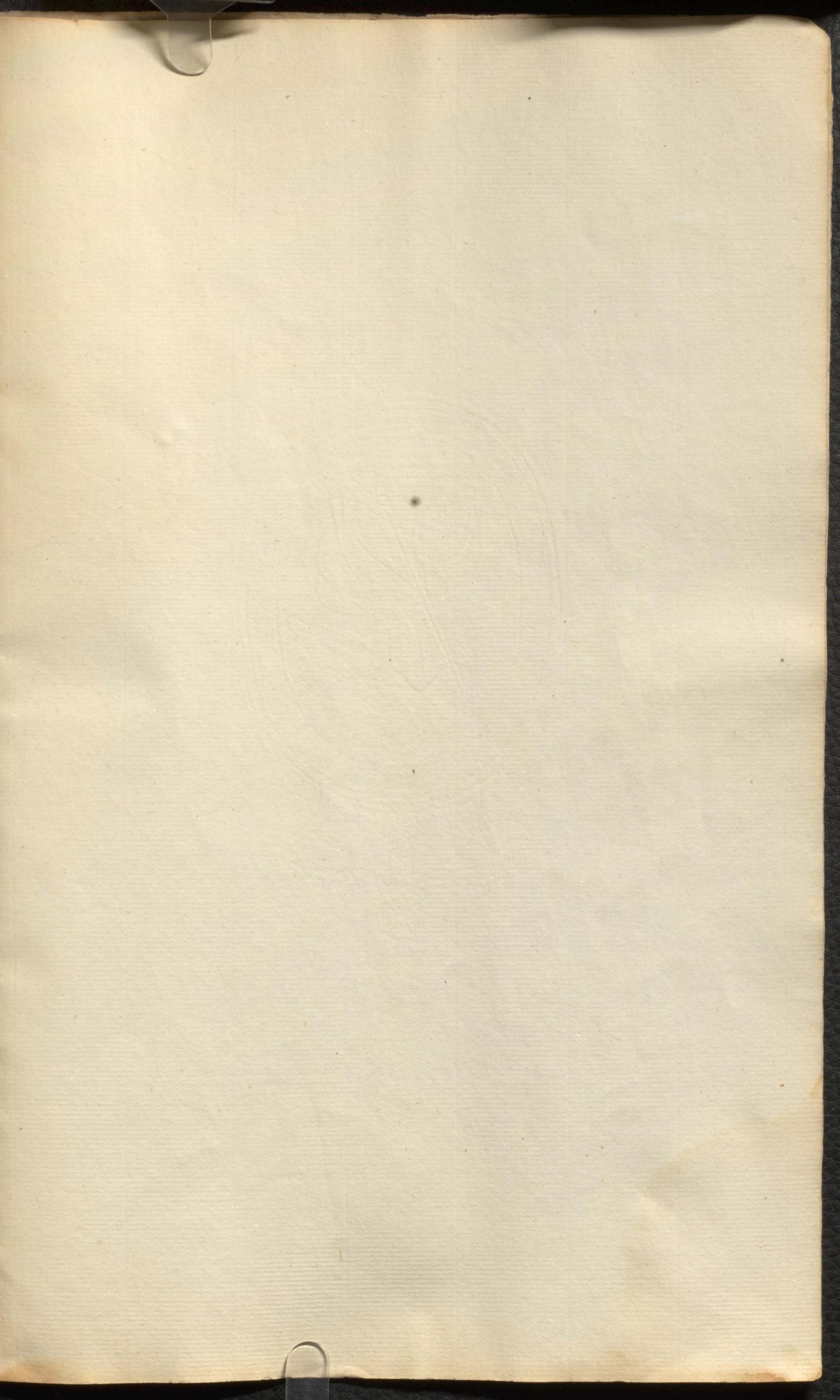


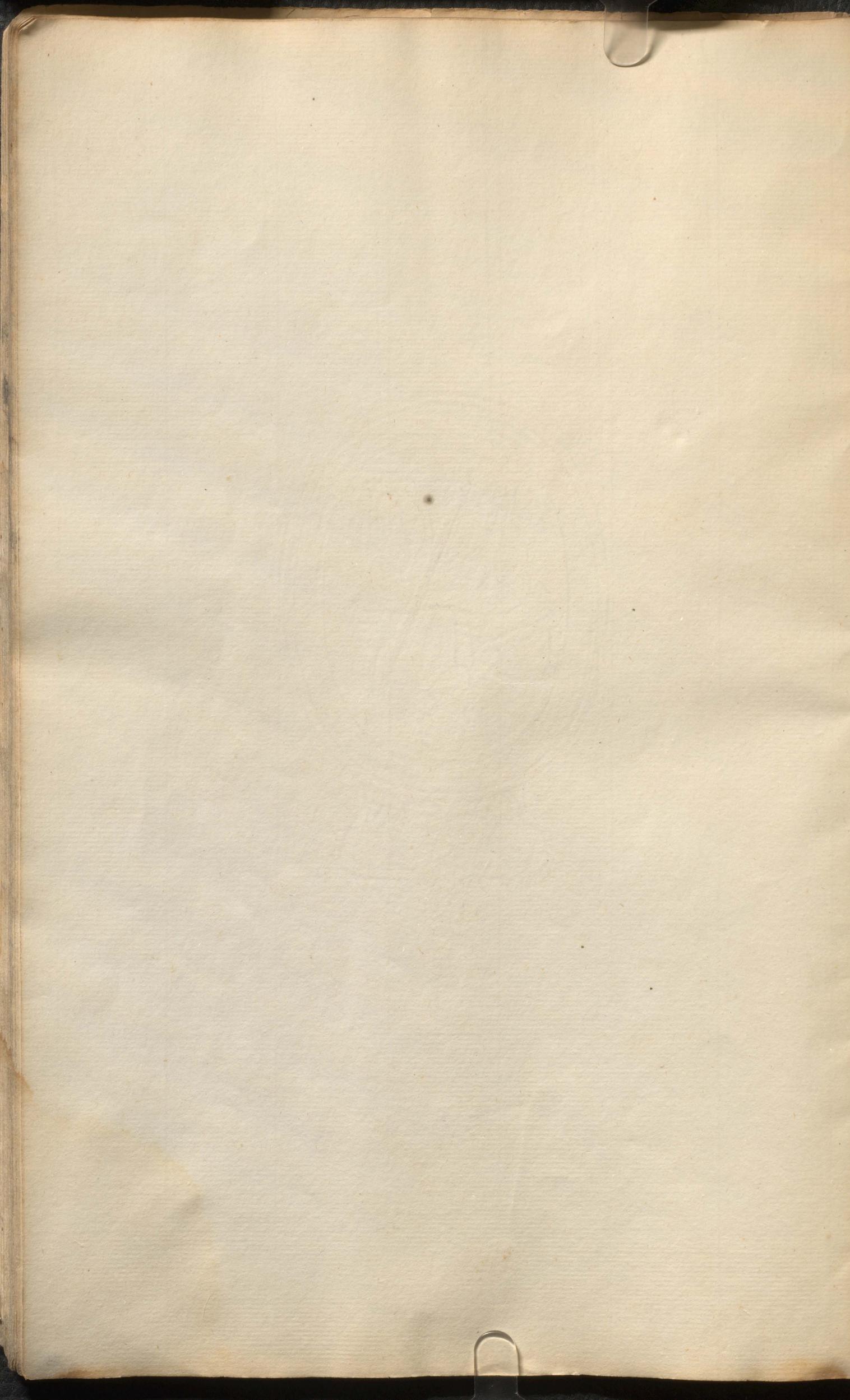


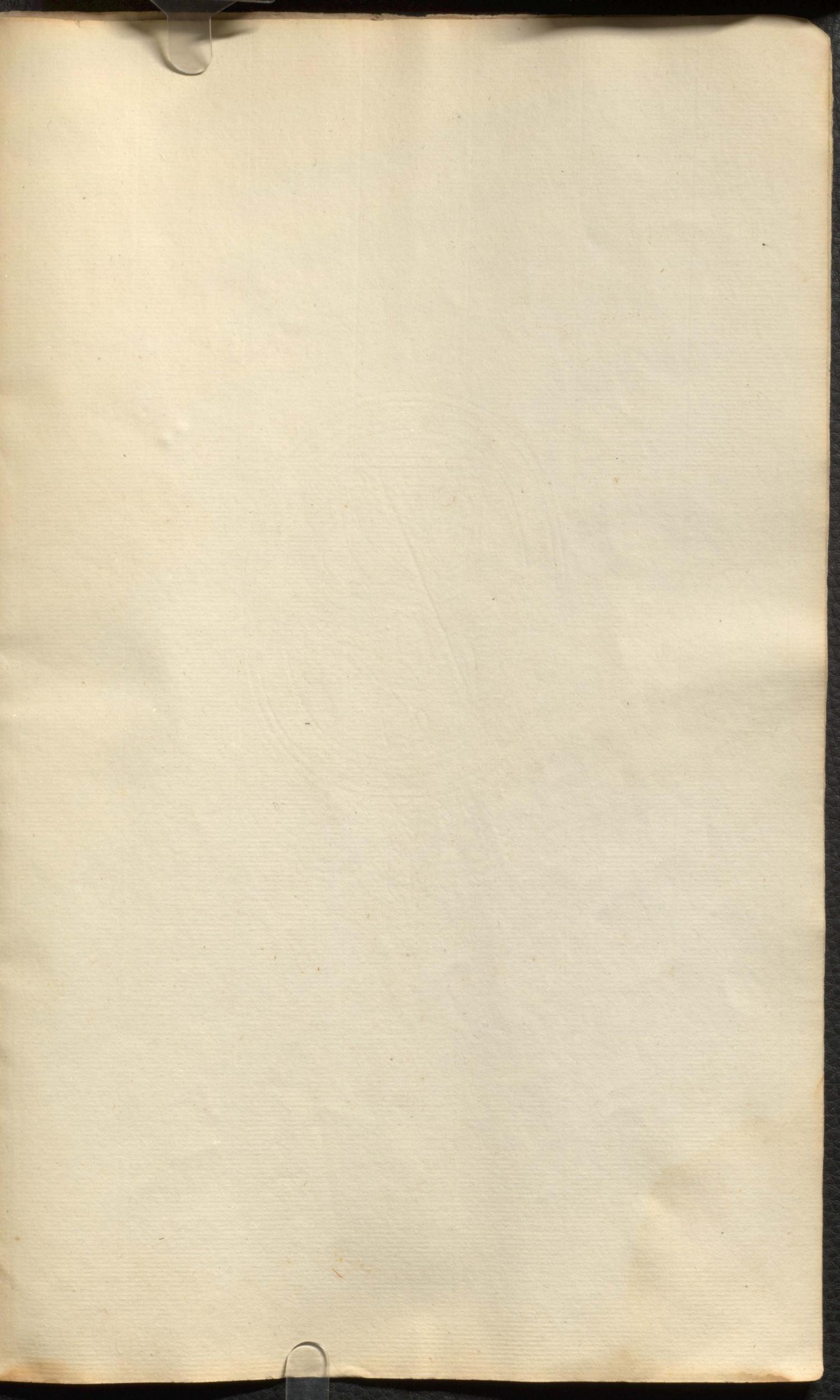


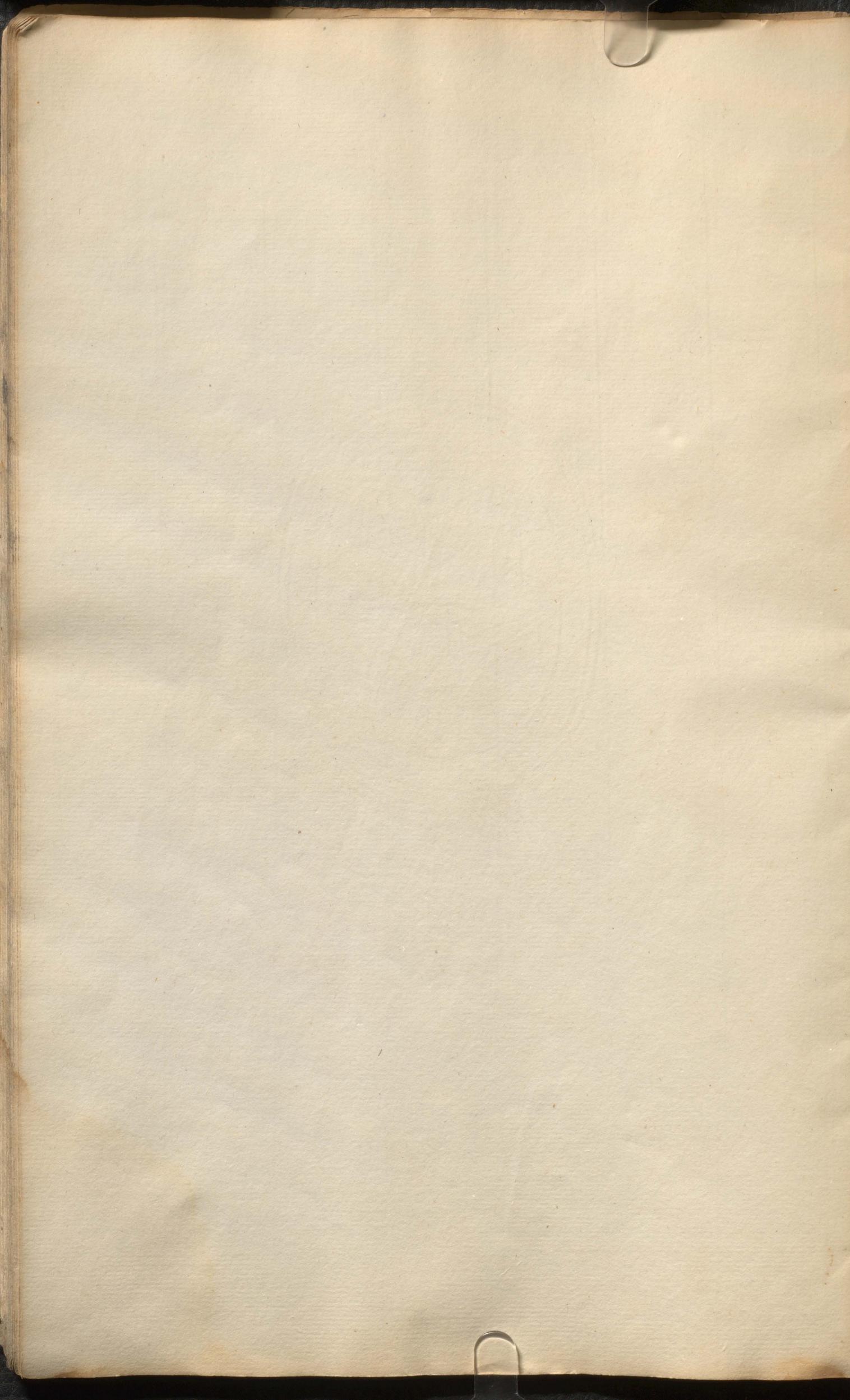


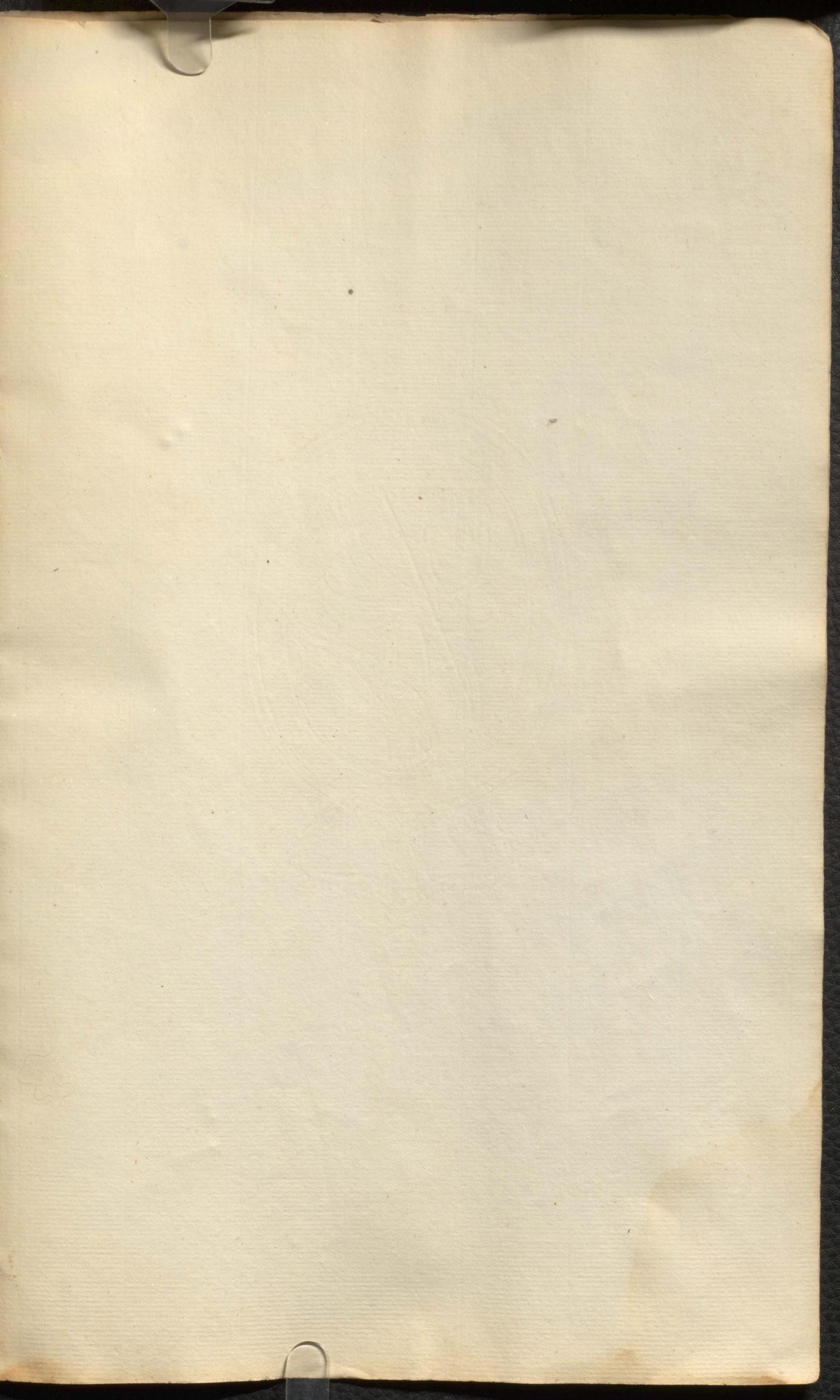


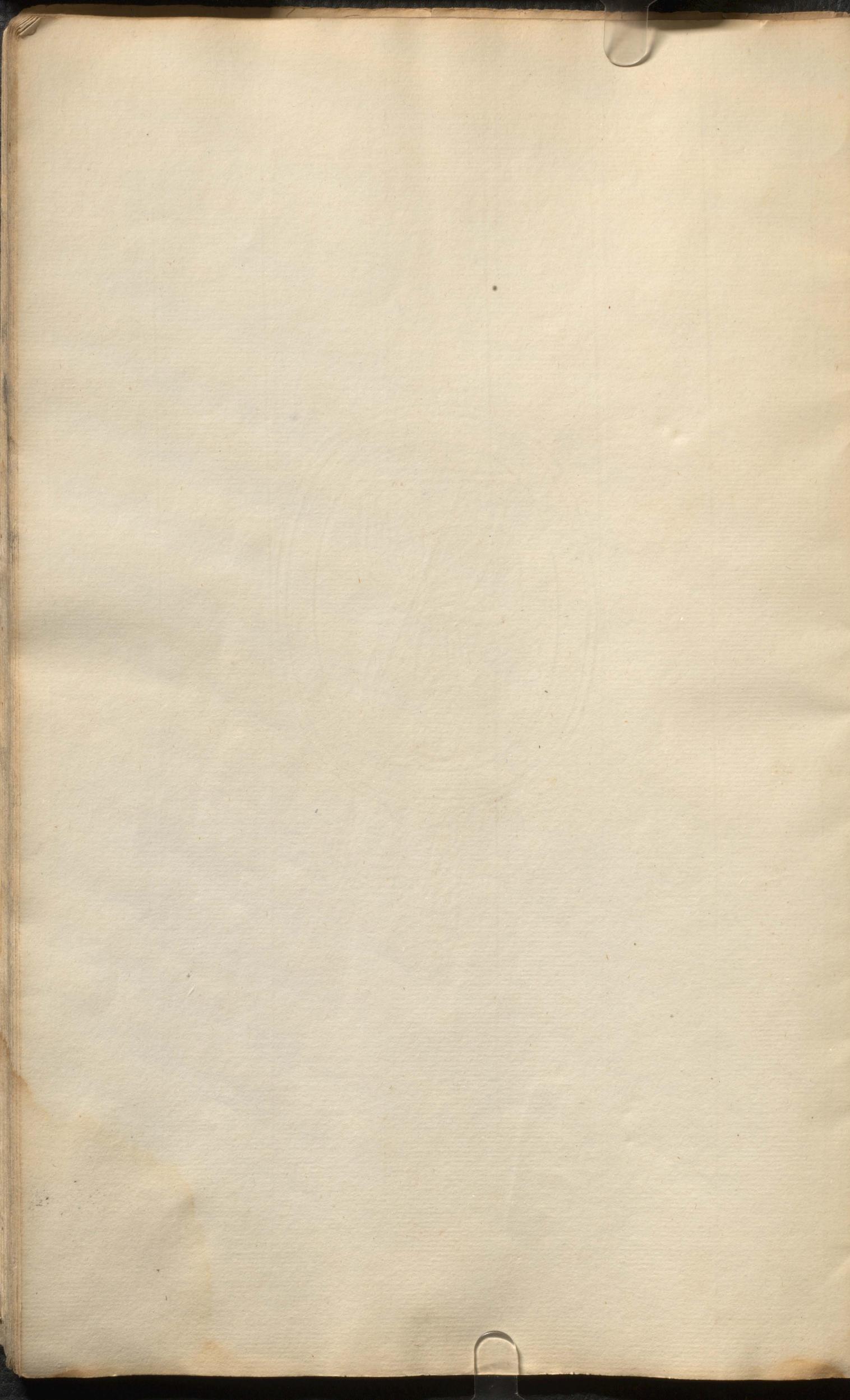


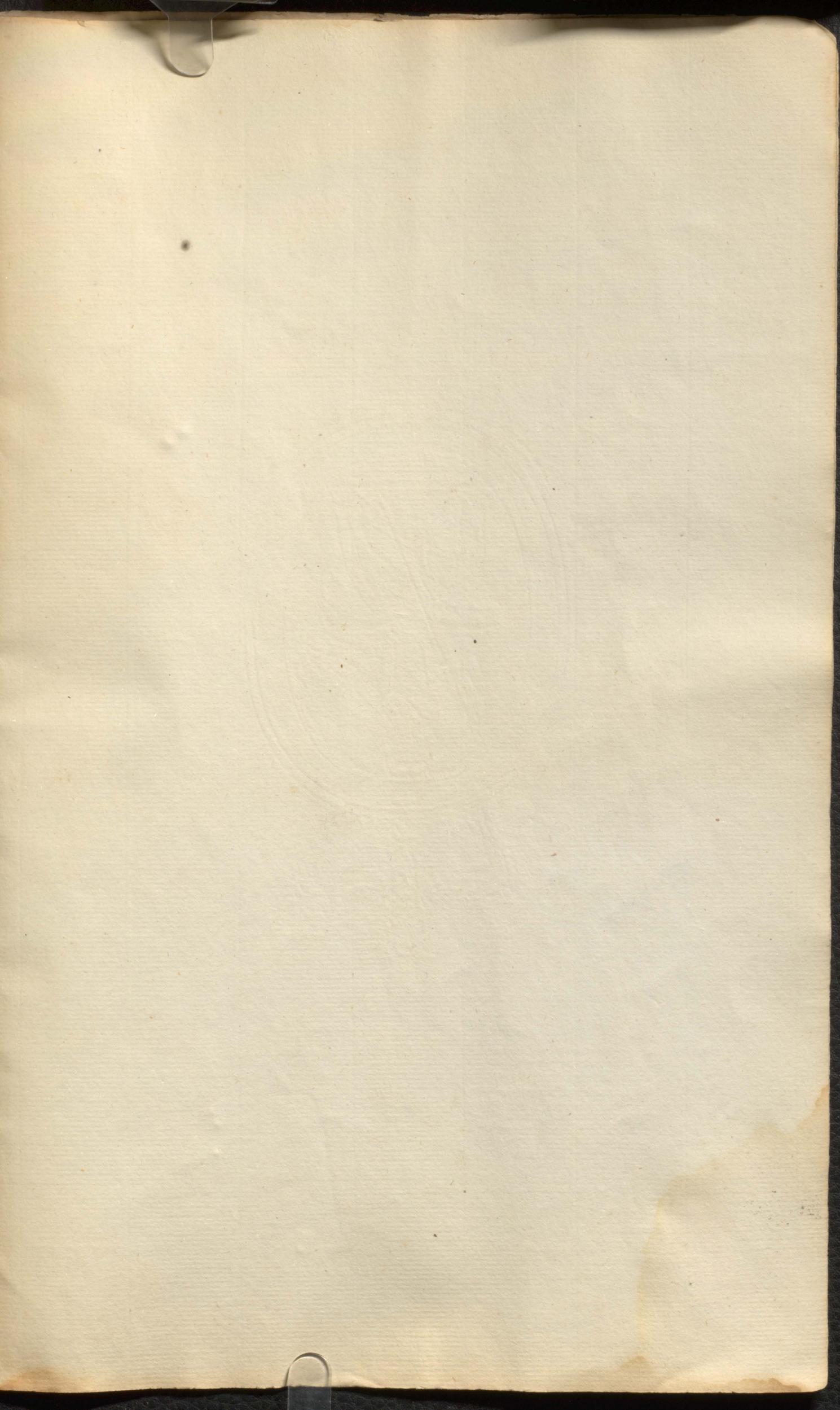


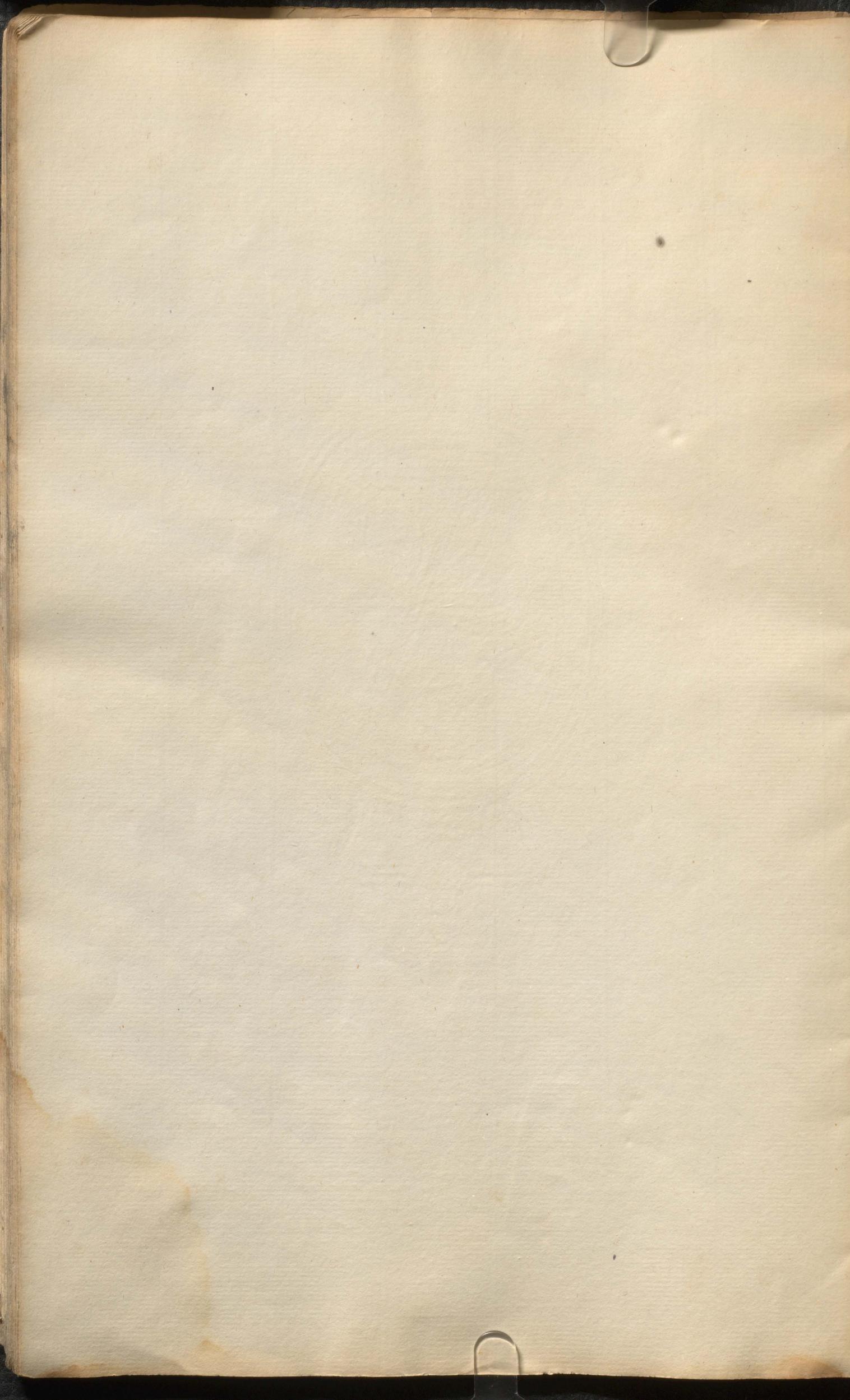


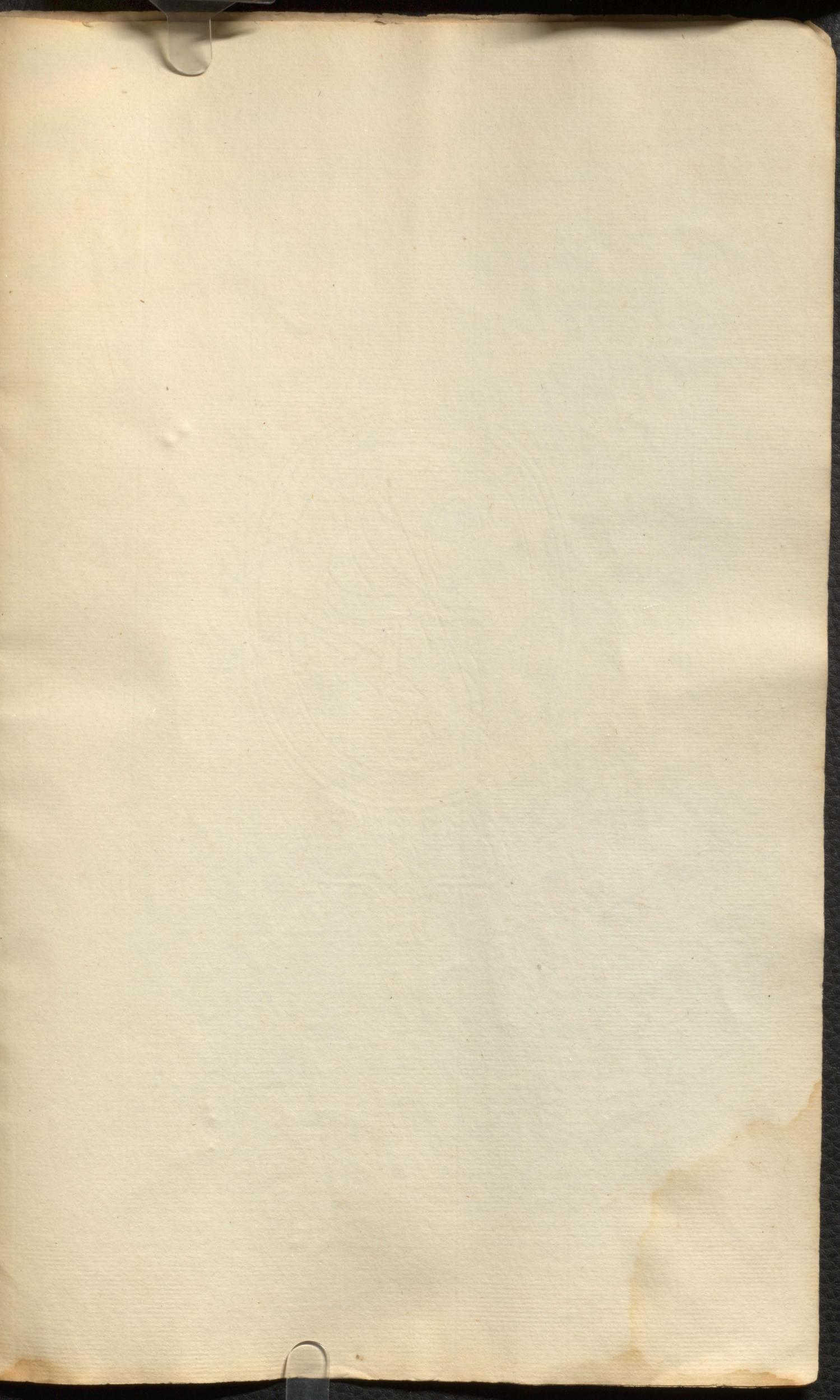


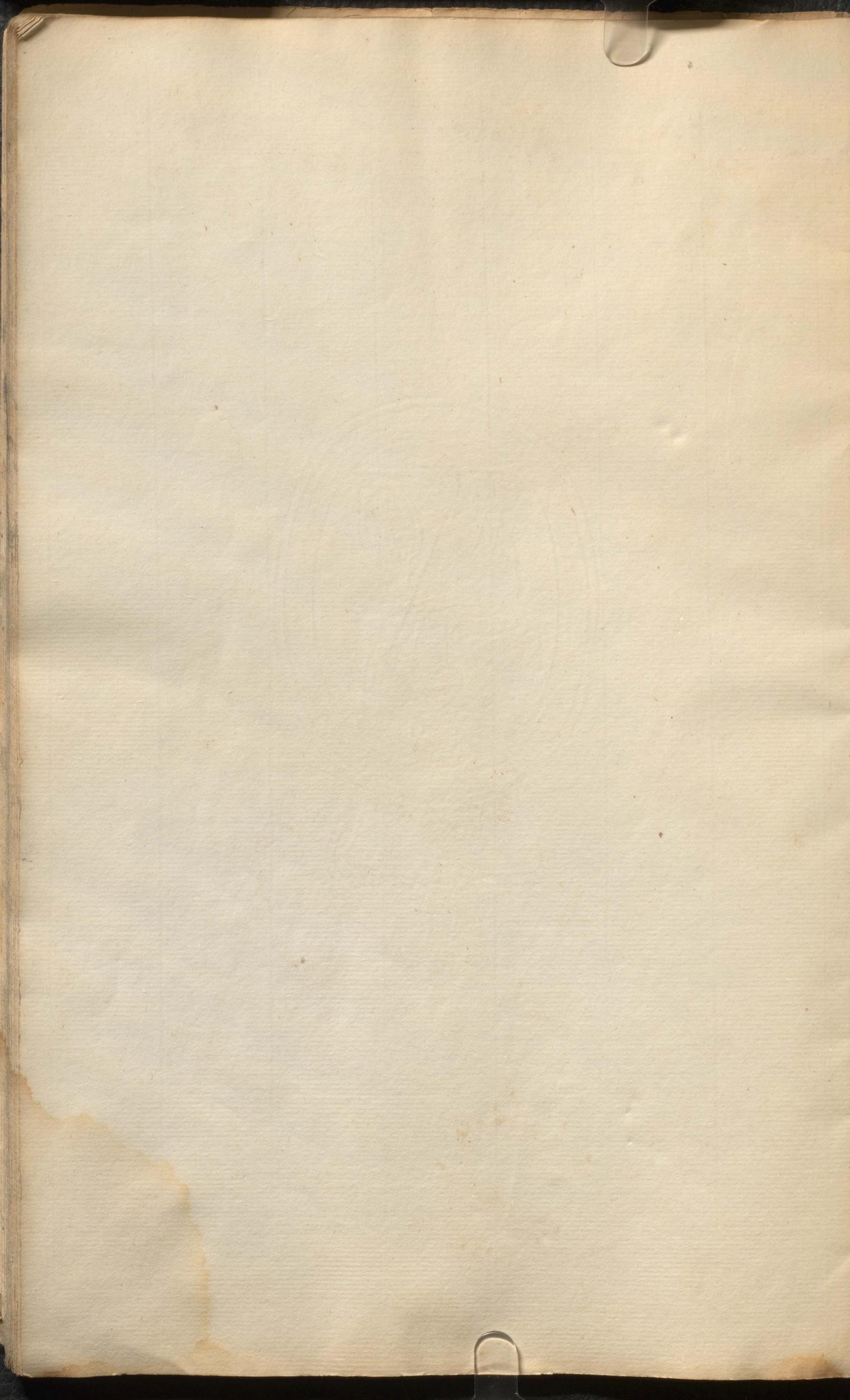


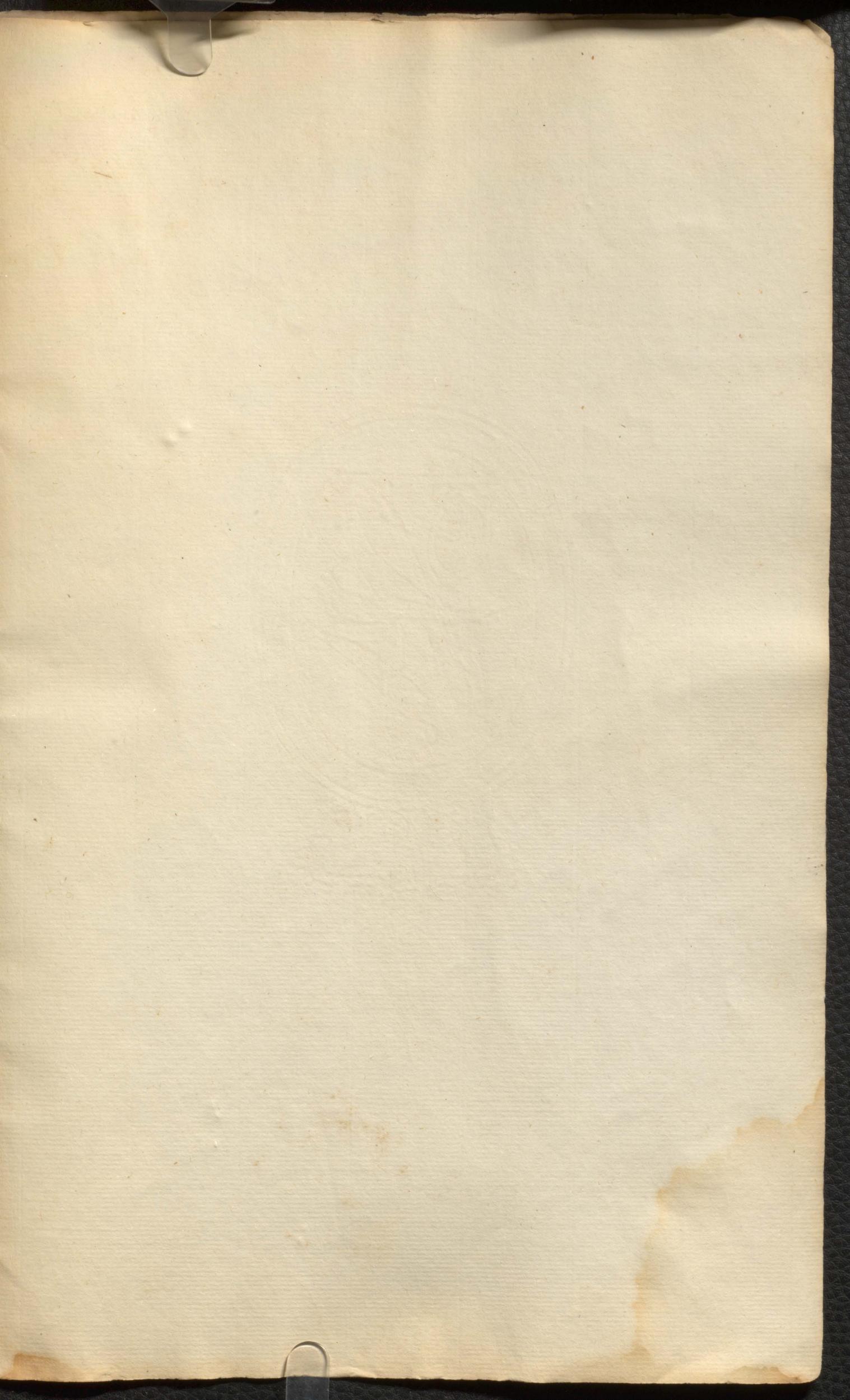


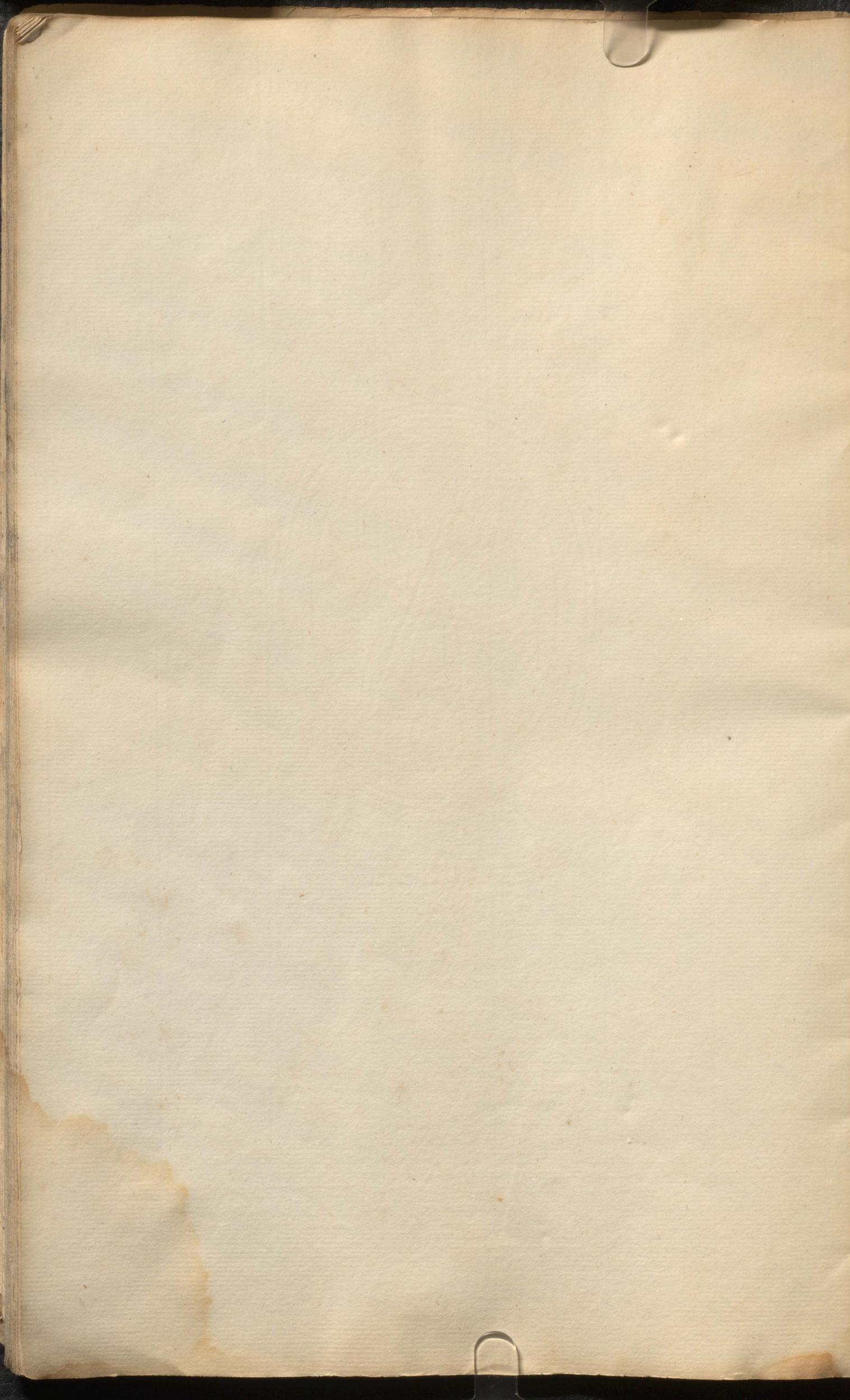


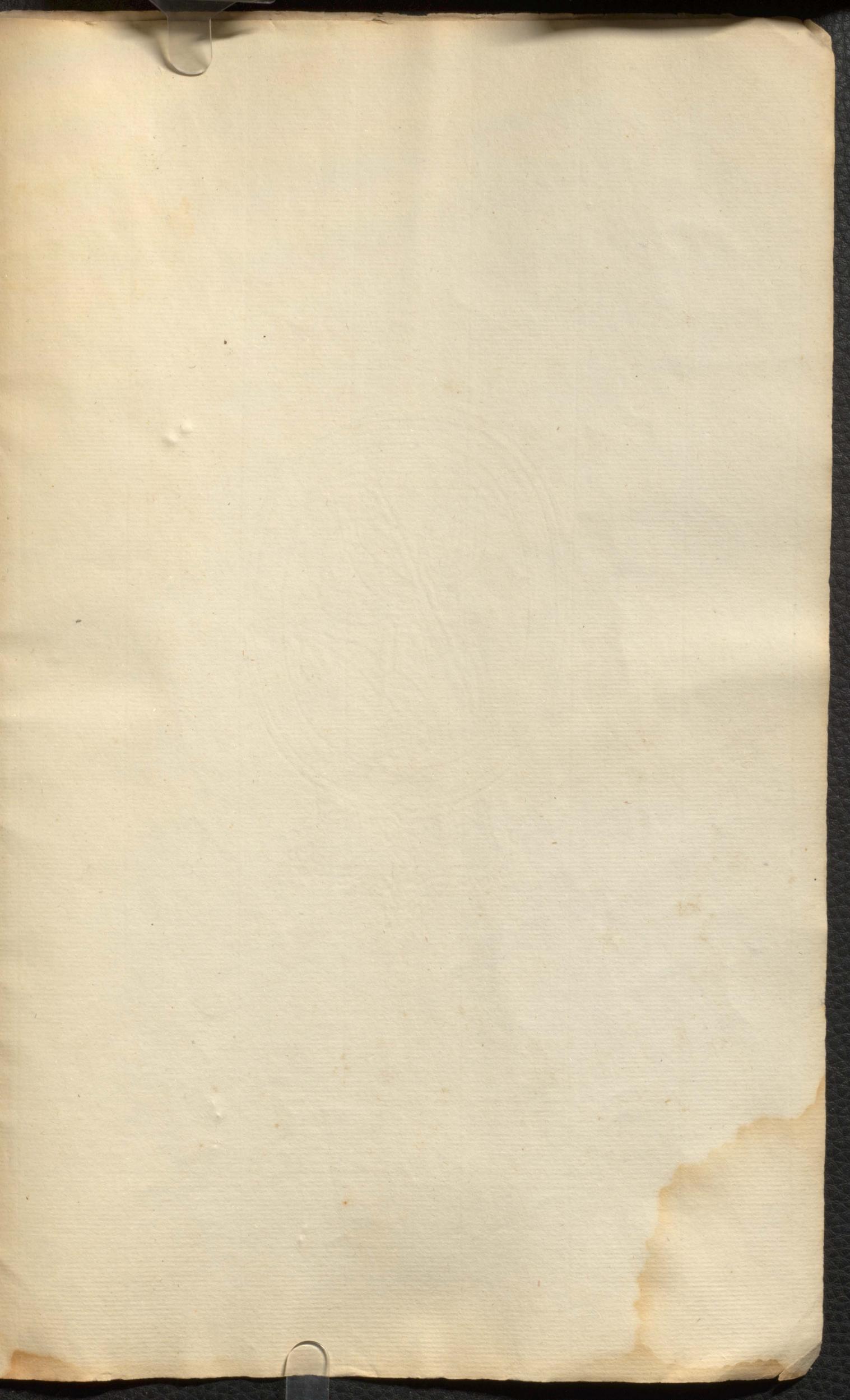


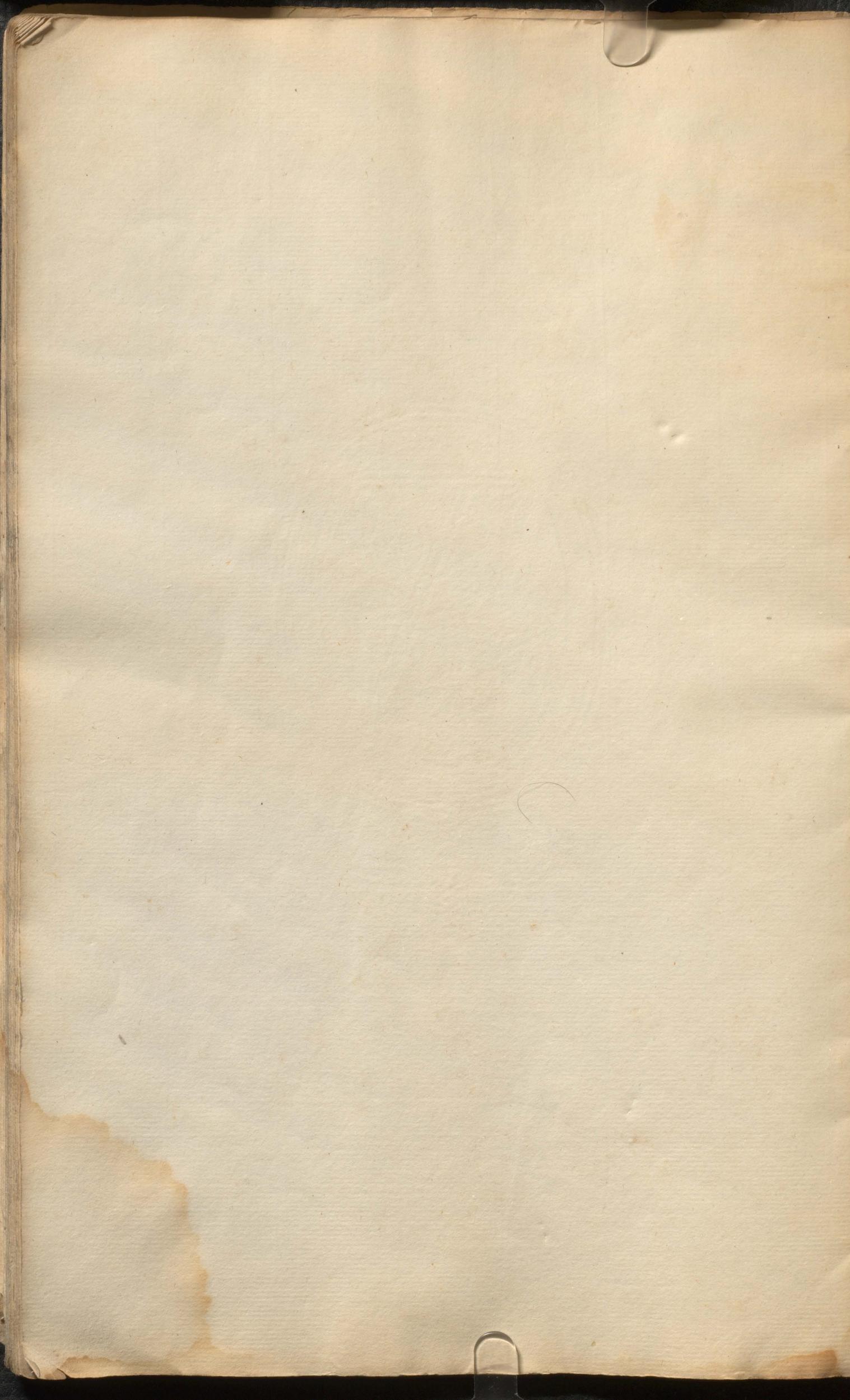


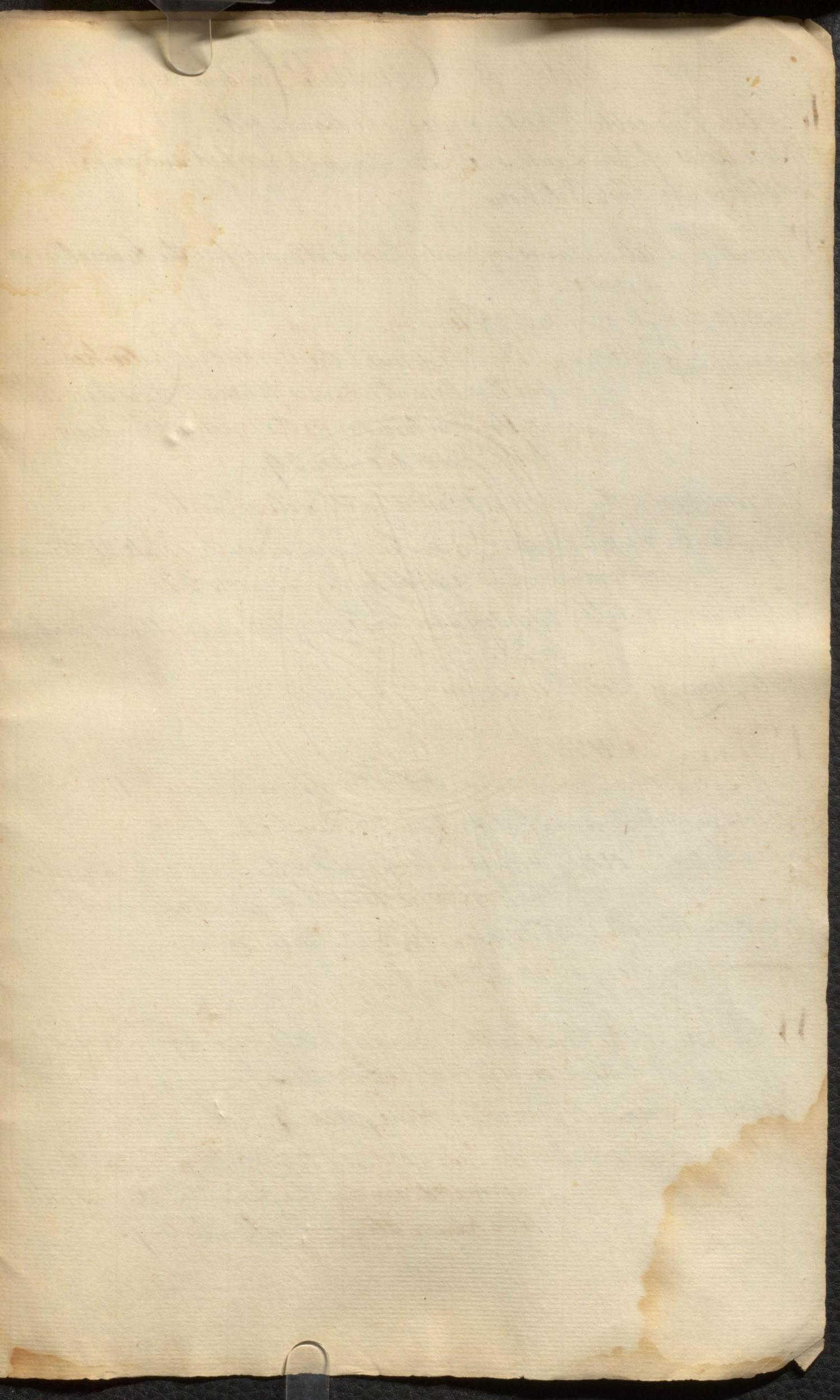


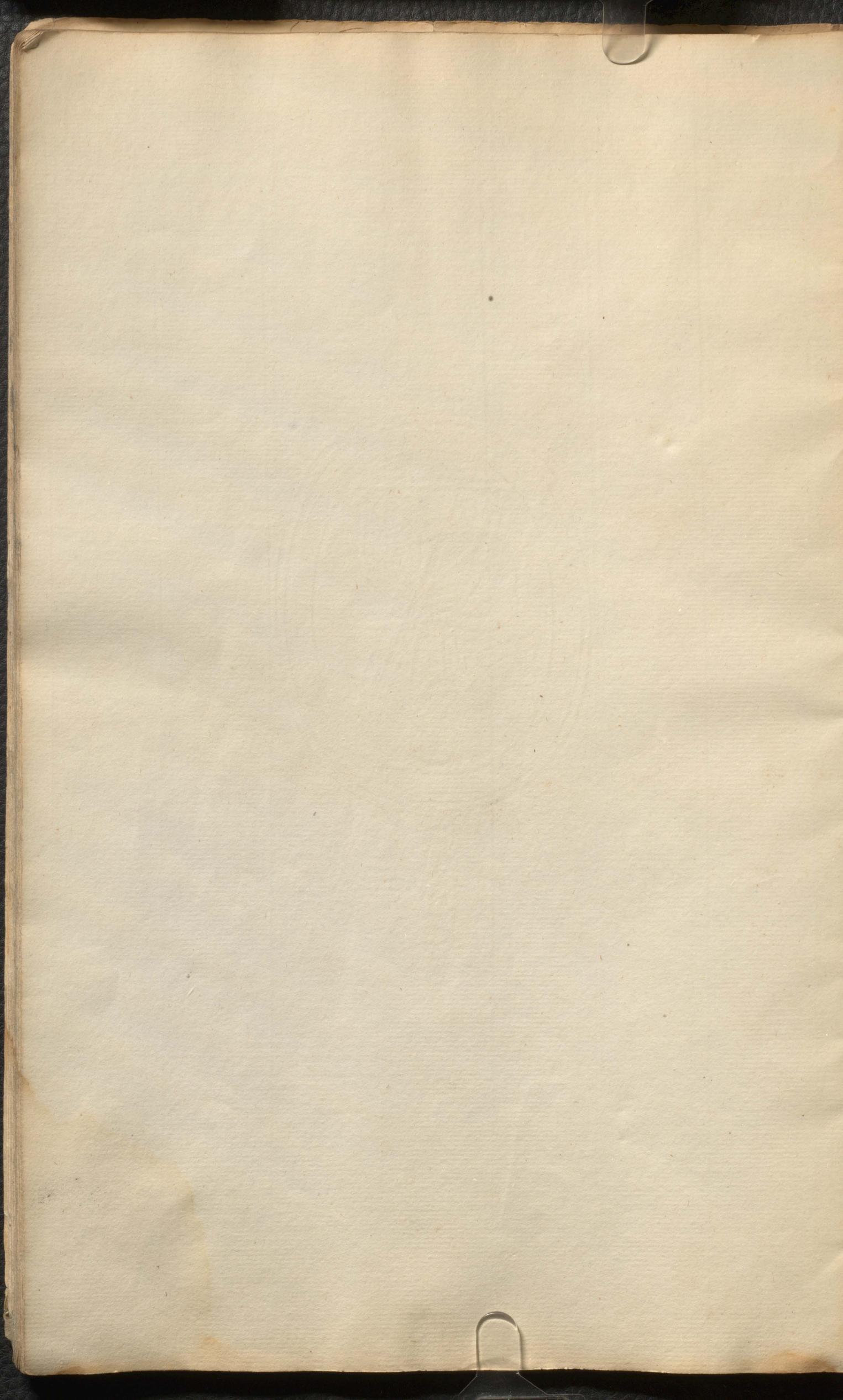


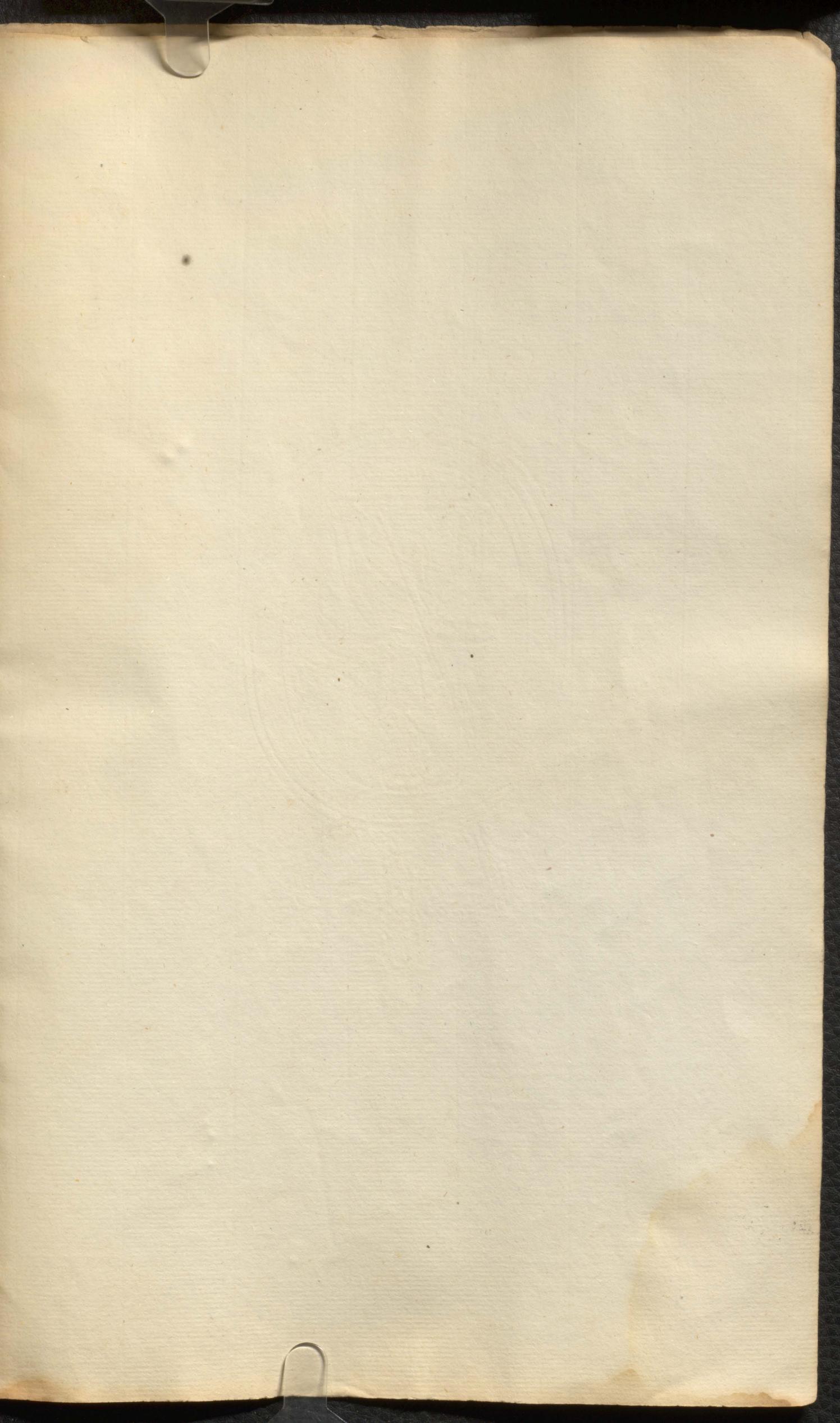


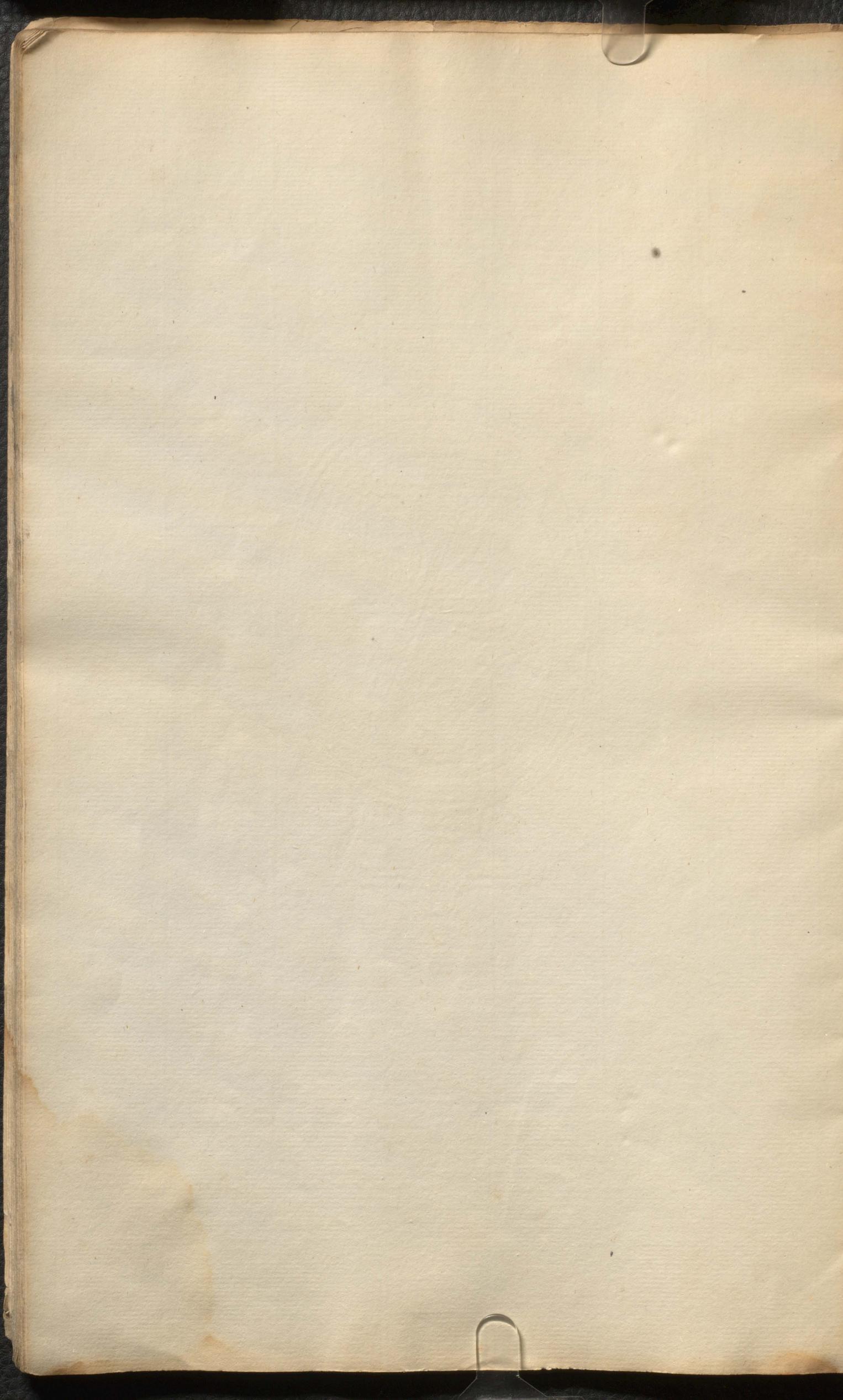


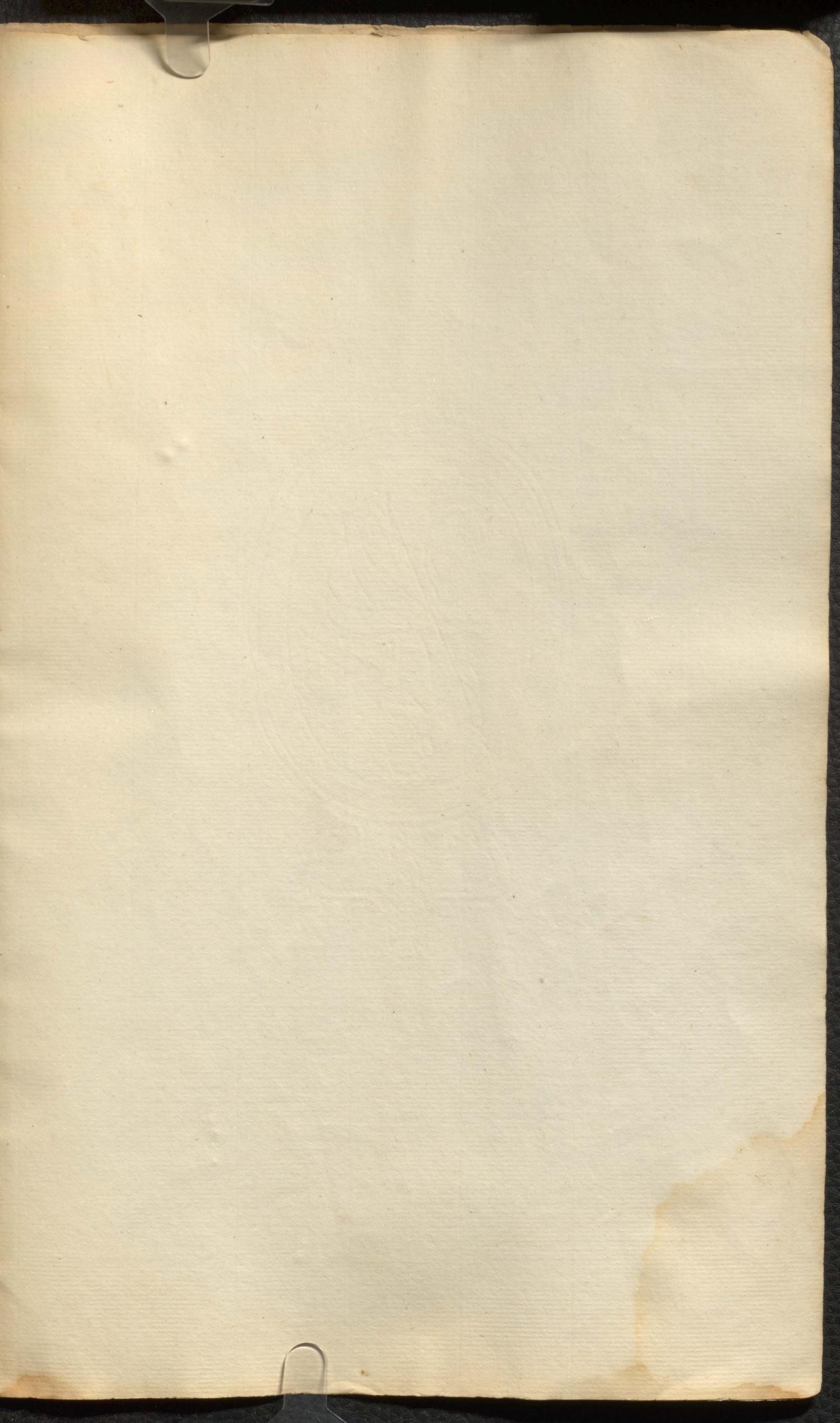












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