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6. R. C., a citizen of Virginia, being seised of real property in that state, made his will: "In the first place, I give, devise, bequeath unto J. L." and four others, "all my estate, real and personal, of which I may die seised and possessed, in any part of America, in special trust, that the afore-mentioned persons, or such of them as may be living at my death, will sell my personal estate to the

highest bidder, on two years' credit, and my real estate on one, two and three years' credit, provided satisfactory security be given, by bond and deed of trust; in the second place, I give and bequeath to my brother, T. C.," an alien, "all the proceeds of my estate, real and personal, which I have herein directed to be sold, to be remitted to him, accordingly as the payments are made, and I hereby declared the aforesaid J. L." and the four other persons, "to be my trustees and executors for the purposes afore mentioned;" *Held*, that the legacy given to T. C., in the will of R. C., was to be considered as a bequest of personal estate, which he was capable of taking for his own benefit, though an alien. *Craig v. Leslie* *563

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13. But if the intent of the testator appears to have been, to stamp upon the proceeds of the land directed to be sold, the quality of personality, not only for the particular purposes of the will, but to all intents, the claim of the heir-at-law to a resulting trust is defeated, and the estate is considered to be personal. *Id.* *583

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1. B. a merchant in New York, wrote to L., a merchant in New Orleans, on the 9th January 1806, mentioning that a ship, belonging to T. & Son, of Portland, was ordered to New Orleans for freight, and requesting L. to procure a freight for her, and purchase and put on board of her 500 bales of cotton, on the owners' account ; " for the payment of all shipments on the owners' account, thy bills on T. & Son, of Portland, or me, sixty days sight, shall meet due honor." On the 13th February, B. again wrote to L., reiterating the former request, and inclosing a letter from T. & Son, to L., containing their instructions to L., with whom they afterwards continued to correspond, adding " thy bills on me, for their account, for cotton they order shipped by the Mac, shall meet with due honor." On the 24th July 1806, B. again wrote L. on the same subject, saying, " the owners wished her loaded on their own account, for the payment of which thy bills on me shall meet with due honor, at sixty days sight." L. proceeded to purchase and ship the cotton, and drew several bills on B., which were paid ; he afterwards drew two bills on T. & Son, payable in New York, which were protested for non-payment, they having, in the meantime, failed ; and about two years afterwards, drew bills on B., for the balance due, including the two protested bills, damages and interest: *Held*, that the letters of the 13th February, and 24th July contained no revocation of the undertaking in the letter of the 9th January, that although the bills on T. & Son were not drawn according to B.'s assumption, this could only effect the right of L., to recover the damages paid by him on the return of the bills, but that L. had still a right to recover on the original guarantee of the debt. It was also *held*, that L., by making his election to draw upon T. & Son, in the first instance, did not thereby preclude himself from resorting to B., whose undertaking was, in effect, a promise to furnish the funds necessary to carry into execution the adventure. Also, *held*, that L. had a right to recover from B., the commissions, disbursements and other charges of the transaction. *Lanusse v. Barker*...*101

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PIRACY.

1. A robbery committed on the high seas, although such robbery, if committed on land, would not, by the laws of the United States, be punishable with death, is piracy, under the 8th section of the act of 1790, ch. 36, for the punishment of certain crimes against the United States; and the circuit courts have jurisdiction thereof. *United States v. Palmer* *610

2. The crime of robbery, as mentioned in the act, is the crime of robbery as recognised and defined at common law *Id.*

3. The crime of robbery, committed by a person who is not a citizen of the United States, on the high seas, on board of a ship, belonging exclusively to subjects of a foreign state, or on persons in a foreign vessel, is not piracy, under the act, and is not punishable in the courts of the United States..... *Id.*

4. When a civil war rages in a foreign nation, one part of which separates itself from the old established government, and erects itself into a distinct government, the courts of the

Union must view such newly-constituted government as it is viewed by the legislative and executive departments of the government of the United States; if that government remains neutral, but recognises the existence of a civil war, the courts of the Union cannot consider as criminal, those acts of hostility which war authorizes, and which the new government may direct against its enemy. *Id.*

5. The same testimony which would be sufficient to prove that a vessel or person is in the service of an acknowledged state, is admissible to prove that they are in the service of such newly-created government; its seal cannot be allowed to prove itself, but may be proved by such testimony as the nature of the case admits: And the fact that a vessel or person is in the service of such government may be established otherwise, should it be impracticable to prove the seal..... *Id.*

PLEADING.

1. If an action be brought against an officer making a seizure under the laws of the United States, for a supposed trespass, while the suit for the forfeiture is depending in the United States courts, the fact of such pendency may be pleaded in abatement, or as a temporary bar of the action. If the action is brought, after a decree of condemnation, then that fact may be pleaded as a bar; if after an acquittal, with a certificate of reasonable cause of seizure, then that may be pleaded as a bar. If, after an acquittal, without such certificate, then the officer is without any justification for the seizure, and it is definitively settled to be a tortious act. If, to an action of trespass in a state court for a seizure, the seizing officer plead the fact of forfeiture in his defence, without averring a *lis pendens*, or a condemnation, or an acquittal, with a certificate of reasonable cause of seizure, the plea is bad; for it attempts to put in issue the question of forfeiture, in a state court. *Gelston v. Hoyt*..... *246

2. The statute of 1794, ch. 50, § 3, prohibiting the fitting out any ship, &c., for the service of any foreign prince, &c., to cruise against the subjects, &c., of any other foreign prince, &c., does not apply to any new government, unless it has been acknowledged by the United States, or by the government of the country to which such new government previously belonged. And a plea setting up a forfeiture under that statute, in fitting out a ship to cruise against such new state, must aver such recognition, or it is bad..... *Id.*

3. A plea justifying a seizure under the statute of 1794, ch. 50, need not state the particular prince or state, by name, against whom the ship was intended to cruise..... *Id.*

4. A plea justifying a seizure and detention by virtue of the 7th section of the statute of 1794, ch. 50, under the express instructions of the president, must aver that the naval or military force of the United States was employed for that purpose, and that the seizer belonged to the force so employed..... *Id.*

5. To trespass for taking and detaining, and converting property, it is sufficient to plead a justification of the taking and detention; and if the plaintiff relies on the conversion, he should reply it, by way of new assignment..... *Id.*

6. A plea alleging a seizure for a forfeiture as a justification, should not only state the facts relied on to establish the forfeiture, but aver that the property thereby became, and was, actually forfeited, and was seized as forfeited..... *Id.*

PRACTICE.

1. Informal and imperfect proceedings in the district court, corrected and explained in the circuit court. *The Friendschaft* ...*14

2. A bill of lading, consigning the goods to a neutral, though unaccompanied by an invoice or letter of advice, is sufficient evidence to lay a foundation for the introduction of further proof..... *Id.*

3. Spoliation of papers, by the enemy master, will not preclude a neutral claimant from further proof..... *Id.*

4. Prize practice of France, as to further proof..... *Id.* *49

5. Decree in an instance cause affirmed, with damages, at the rate of six per centum *per annum*, on the amount of the appraised value of the cargo (the same having been delivered to the claimant on bail), including interest from the date of the decree of condemnation in the district court. *The Diana* ...*58

6. A witness offered to be examined *vivâ voce*, in open court, in an instance cause, ordered to be examined out of court. *The Samuel*..... *77

7. Decree of restitution affirmed in this court, with a certificate of reasonable cause of seizure, in an instance cause, on further proof. *The San Pedro**78

8. An agreement of the parties, entered on the transcript, stating the amount of damages to be adjudged to one of the parties upon several alternatives (the verdict stating no alternative), not regarded by this court as a part of the record brought up by the writ of error; but a *venire de novo* awarded, to have the damages assessed by a jury, in the court below. *Lanusse v. Barker**147

9. A conveyance by a plaintiff's lessor, during the pendency of an action of ejectment, can only operate upon his reversionary interest, and cannot extinguish the prior lease; if the lease expire, during the pendency of a suit, the plaintiff cannot recover his term, at law, without having it enlarged by the court, and can proceed only for antecedent damages. *Robinson v. Campbell** 212

10. Note on the effect of an outstanding title in a third person, in ejectment..... *Id.* *224

11. Libel for a forfeiture of goods imported into the United States, and alleged to have been exported from Bordeaux, in France, and invoiced at a less sum than the actual cost, at the place of exportation, contrary to the 6th section of the collection law, ch. 128; it appeared, that the goods were originally shipped from Liverpool, and were landed at Bordeaux. Restitution decreed, upon the evidence as to the cost of the goods at Bordeaux—the form of the libel excluding all inquiry as to their cost at Liverpool, the place where they were originally shipped, and as to continuity of voyage. *United States v. 150 Crates**232

12. Where a neutral ship-owner lends his name to cover a fraud with regard to the cargo, this circumstance will subject the ship to condemnation. *The Fortuna**236

13. It is a relaxation of the rules of the prize court, to allow time for further proof, in a case where there has been a concealment of material papers..... *Id.*

14. This court has no jurisdiction, under the 25th section of the judiciary act of 1789, ch. 20, unless the judgment or decree of the state court, be a final judgment or decree. A judgment reversing that of an inferior court, and awarding a *venire facias de novo*, is not a final judgment. *Houston v. Moore*....*433

15. The captors are competent witnesses upon an order for further proof, where the benefit of it is extended to both parties. *The Anne*..... *435

16. The captors are always competent witnesses, as to the circumstances of the capture, whether it be joint, collusive or within neutral territory..... *Id.*

17. Irregularities on the part of the captors, originating from mere mistake or negligence, which work no irreparable mischief, and are consistent with good faith, will not forfeit their rights of prize..... *Id.*

18. Under the 6th section of the patent law of 1793, ch. 156, the defendant pleaded the general issue, and gave notice that he would prove, at the trial, that the machine for the use of which, without license, the suit was

brought, had been used previous to the alleged invention of the plaintiff, in several places which were specified in the notice, or in some of them, "and also, at sundry other places, in Pennsylvania, Maryland and elsewhere in the United States;" the defendant, having given evidence as to some of the places specified, offered evidence as to others not specified: *Held*, that this evidence was admissible: but that the powers of the court, in such a case, are sufficient to prevent, and will be exercised to prevent, the patentee from being injured by surprise. *Evans v. Eaton*.....*454

19. Testimony on the part of the plaintiff, that the persons, of whose prior use of the machine the defendant had given evidence, had paid the plaintiff for licenses to use the machine, ought not to be absolutely rejected, though entitled to very little weight.....*Id.*

20. The circuit courts have no power to set aside their decrees in equity, on motion, after the term at which they are rendered. *Cameron v. McRoberts* *591

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PRIZE.

1. A bill of lading, consigning the goods to a neutral, but unaccompanied by an invoice or letter of advice, is not sufficient evidence to entitle the claimant to restitution; but is sufficient to lay a foundation for the introduction of further proof. *The Freundschaft*.....*14

2. The fact of invoices and letters of advice not being found on board, may induce a suspicion that papers have been spoliated; but even if it were proved, that an enemy master, carrying a cargo chiefly hostile, had thrown papers overboard, a neutral claimant, to whom no fraud is imputable, is not thereby precluded from further proof.....*Id.*

3. A blockade does not, according to modern usage, extend to a neutral vessel, found in port, nor prevent her coming out, with the cargo, which was on board, when the blockade was instituted. *Olivera v. Union Ins. Co.*.....*194

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5. A question of proprietary interest and concealment of papers: further proof ordered, open to both parties: on the production of further proof by the claimant, condemnation pronounced. *The Fortuna*.....*237

6. Where a neutral ship-owner lends his name

to cover a fraud with regard to the cargo, this circumstance will subject the ship to condemnation.....*Id.*

7. Relaxation of the rules of the court, in allowing further proof, in a case of concealment of papers*Id.*

8. A neutral cargo, found on board an armed enemy's vessel, is not liable to condemnation as prize of war. *The Atlanta*.....*409

9. A question of proprietary interest: further proof ordered.....*Id.*

10. It is not competent for a neutral consul, without the special authority of his government, to interpose a claim on account of the violation of the territorial jurisdiction of his country. *The Anne* *435

11. *Quere?* Whether such a claim can be interposed even by a public minister, without the sanction of the government, in whose tribunals the cause is pending?.....*Id.*

12. A capture made within neutral territory, is, as between the belligerants, rightful; and its validity can only be questioned by the neutral state.....*Id.*

13. If the captured ship commence hostilities, upon the capture, within neutral territory, she forfeits the neutral protection, and the capture is not an injury for which redress can be sought from the neutral sovereign.....*Id.*

14. The district courts of the United States have jurisdiction of questions of prize, and its incidents, independent of the special provisions of the prize act of the 26th June 1812. *The Amiable Nancy*.....*546

15. On an illegal seizure, the original wrongdoers may be made responsible, beyond the loss actually sustained, in a case of gross and wanton outrage; but the owners of a privateer, who are only constructively liable, are not bound to the extent of vindictive damages.*Id.*

16. An item for loss by deterioration of the cargo, not occasioned by the improper conduct of the captors, rejected.....*Id.*

17. The probable or possible profits of an unfinished voyage, afford no rule to estimate the damages, in a case of marine trespass.....*Id.*

18. The prime cost or value of the property lost, and in case of injury, the diminution in value, by reason of the injury, with interest thereon, affords the true measure for estimating damages in such a case.....*Id.*

19. An item for the ransom of the vessel and cargo, which had been subsequently seized by another belligerent (as alleged, for want of papers), of which the vessel had been deprived by the first captors, rejected, under the particular circumstances of the case...*Id.*

See DOMICIL: LICENSE: PIRACY: PRACTICE,
1-4, 15-17: SALVAGE.

SALE.

1. In an action by the vendee, for a breach of the contract of sale by the vendor, in not delivering the article, the measure of damages is the price of the article, at the time of the breach of the contract, and not at any subsequent period. *Shepherd v. Hampton*.....*200
2. *Quare?* How far this rule applies to a case, where advances of money have been made by the purchaser, under the contract?.....*Id.*
3. One citizen of the United States has no right to purchase of, or sell to, another, a license or pass from the public enemy, to be used on board an American vessel. *Patton v. Nicholson*.....*204

SALVAGE.

1. An American vessel was captured by the enemy, and after condemnation and sale to a subject of the enemy, was re-captured by an American privateer: *Held*, that the original owner was not entitled to restitution, on payment of salvage, unde the salvage act of the 3d March 1800, and the prize act of 26th June 1812. *The Star*.....*78
2. By the general maritime law, a sentence of condemnation completely extinguishes the title of the original proprietor.....*Id.*
3. The British salvage acts reserve the *jus postliminii*, as to vessels of British subjects, even after condemnation, unless they have been, after capture, set forth as ships of war.....*Id.*
4. The statute of the 43 Geo. III, ch. 160, § 39, has no further altered the previous British law, than to fix the salvage at uniform stipulated rates, instead of leaving it to depend upon the length of time the re-captured ship was in the hands of the enemy. *Id.*
5. Neither of the British statutes extend to neutral property.....*Id.*
6. The 5th section of the prize act of 1812, does not repeal any of the provisions of the salvage act of the 3d of March 1800, but is merely affirmative of the pre-existing law. *Id.*
7. By our law, the rule of reciprocity prevails, upon the re-capture of the property of friends.....*Id.*
8. Note on the laws of the different maritime countries of Europe as to recaptures and salvage
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STATUTES OF GEORGIA.

1. The terms "beyond seas," in the proviso or saving clause of the statute of limitations of Georgia, of 1767, are equivalent to, without the limits of the state; and a party who is without those limits, is entitled to the benefit of the exception. *Murray v. Baker*..*541

STATUTES OF NORTH CAROLINA.

1. The state of North Carolina, by her act of cession of the western lands, of 1789, recited in the act of congress of 1790, accepting that cession, and by her act of 1803, ceding to Tennessee the right to issue grants, parted with her right to issue grants for lands within the state of Tennessee, upon entries made before the cession. *Burton v. Williams*.....*529
2. But, it seems, that the holder of such a grant may resort to the equity jurisdiction of the United States courts for relief.....*Id.*
3. Under the cession act of North Carolina, of 1789, ratified by the act of congress of 1790, the United States held the domain of the vacant lands in Tennessee, subject to the right which North Carolina retained of perfecting the inchoate titles created under her laws
4. The act of North Carolina of 1803, granted to Tennessee, irrevocably, the power of perfecting titles to land reserved to North Carolina, by the cession act, and was assented to by congress, in their act of 1806.....*Id.*
5. The act of congress of 1806 does not violate the cession act.....*Id.*

STATUTES OF TENNESSEE.

1. By the compact of 1802, settling the boundary line between Virginia and Tennessee, and the laws made in pursuance thereof, it is declared, that all claims and titles to lands derived from Virginia, or North Carolina or Tennessee, which have fallen into the respective states, shall remain as secure to the owners thereof, as if derived from the government within whose boundary they have fallen, and shall not be prejudiced or affected by the establishment of the line. Where the titles both of the plaintiff and defendant in ejectment were derived under grant from Virginia, to lands which fell within the limits of Tennessee, it was held, that a prior settlement right thereto, which would, in equity, gave the party a title, could not be asserted as a sufficient title, in an action of ejectment, brought in the circuit court of Tennessee. *Robinson v. Campbell*.....*212

2. Although the state courts of Tennessee have decided that under their statutes (declaring an elder grant founded on a junior entry to be void), a junior patent founded on a prior entry will prevail at law against a senior patent, founded on a junior entry; this doctrine has never been extended beyond cases within the express purview of the statute of Tennessee, and cannot apply to titles deriving all their validity from the laws of Virginia, and confirmed by the compact between the two states..... *Id.*

3. The general rule is, that remedies in respect to real property are to be pursued according to the *lex loci rei sitae*. The statutes of the two states are to be construed as giving the same validity and effect to the titles in the disputed territory, as they had, or would have, in the state by which they were granted, leaving the remedies to enforce such titles to be regulated by the *lex fori*..... *Id.*

4. In this case, it was held, that the statute of limitations of Tennessee was not a good bar to the action, there being no proof that the lands in controversy were always within the original limits of Tennessee, and the statute could not begin to run, until it was ascertained by the compact of 1802, that the land fell within the jurisdictional limits of Tennessee..... *Id.*

STATUTES OF VIRGINIA.

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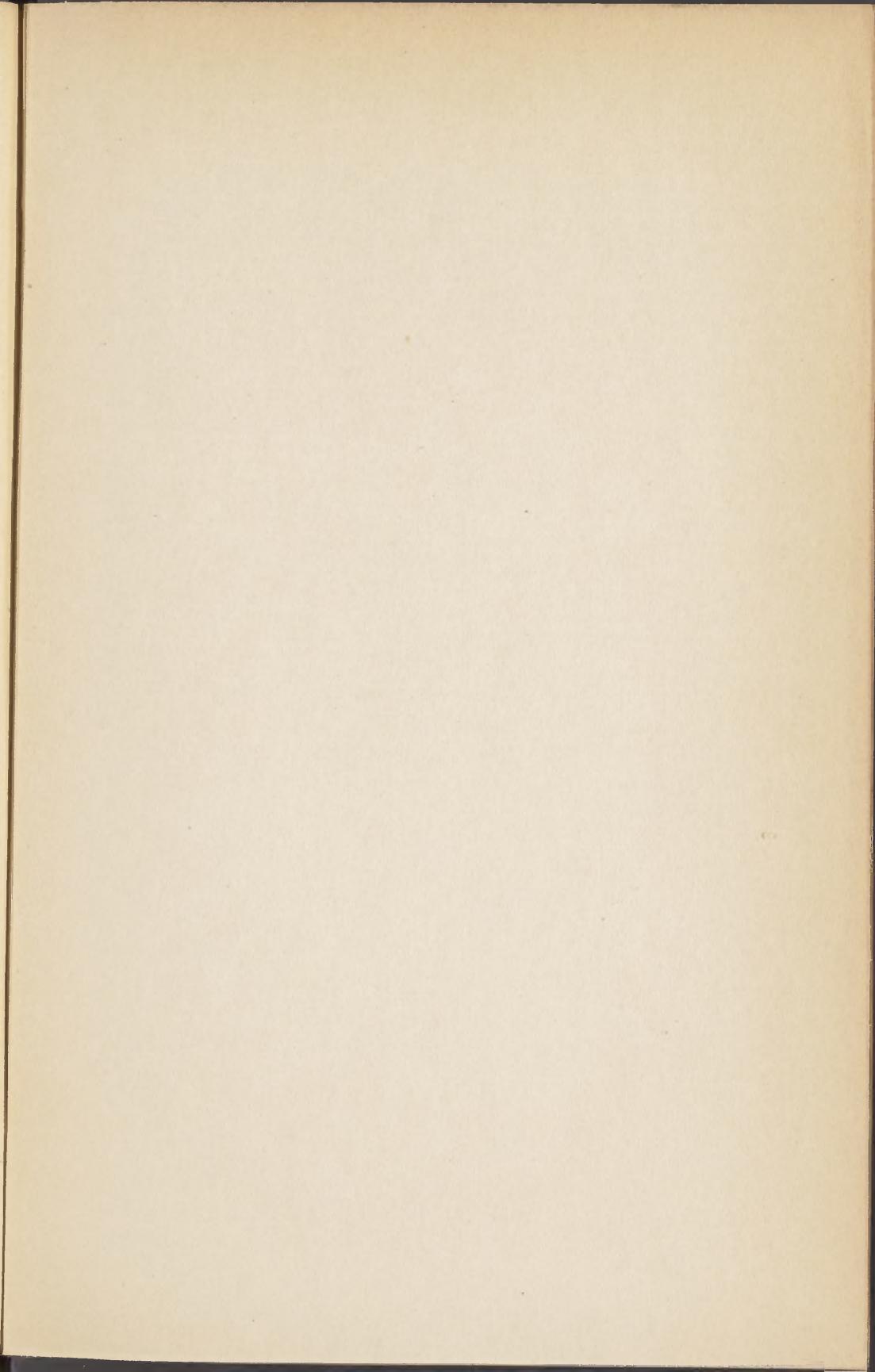
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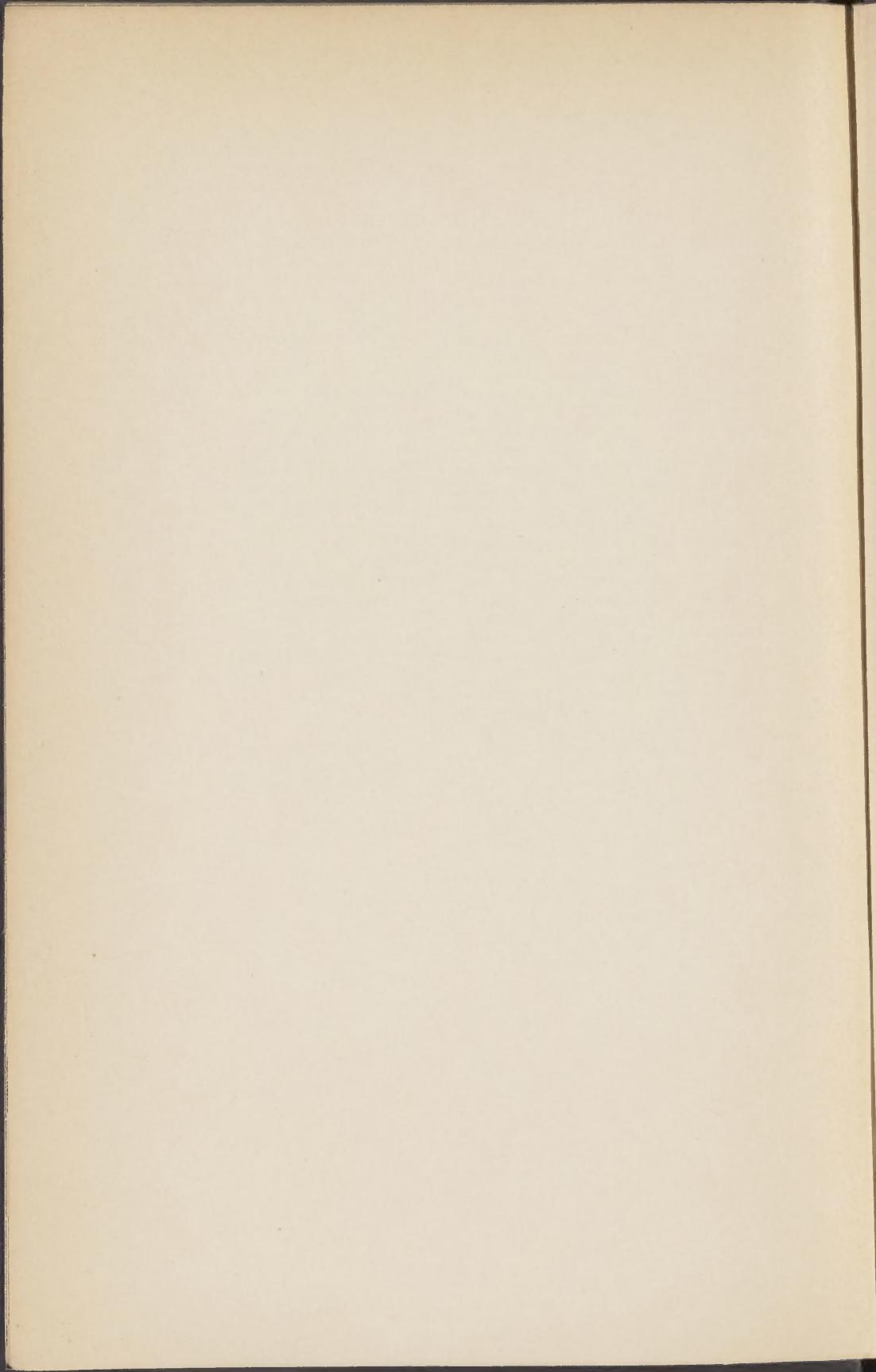
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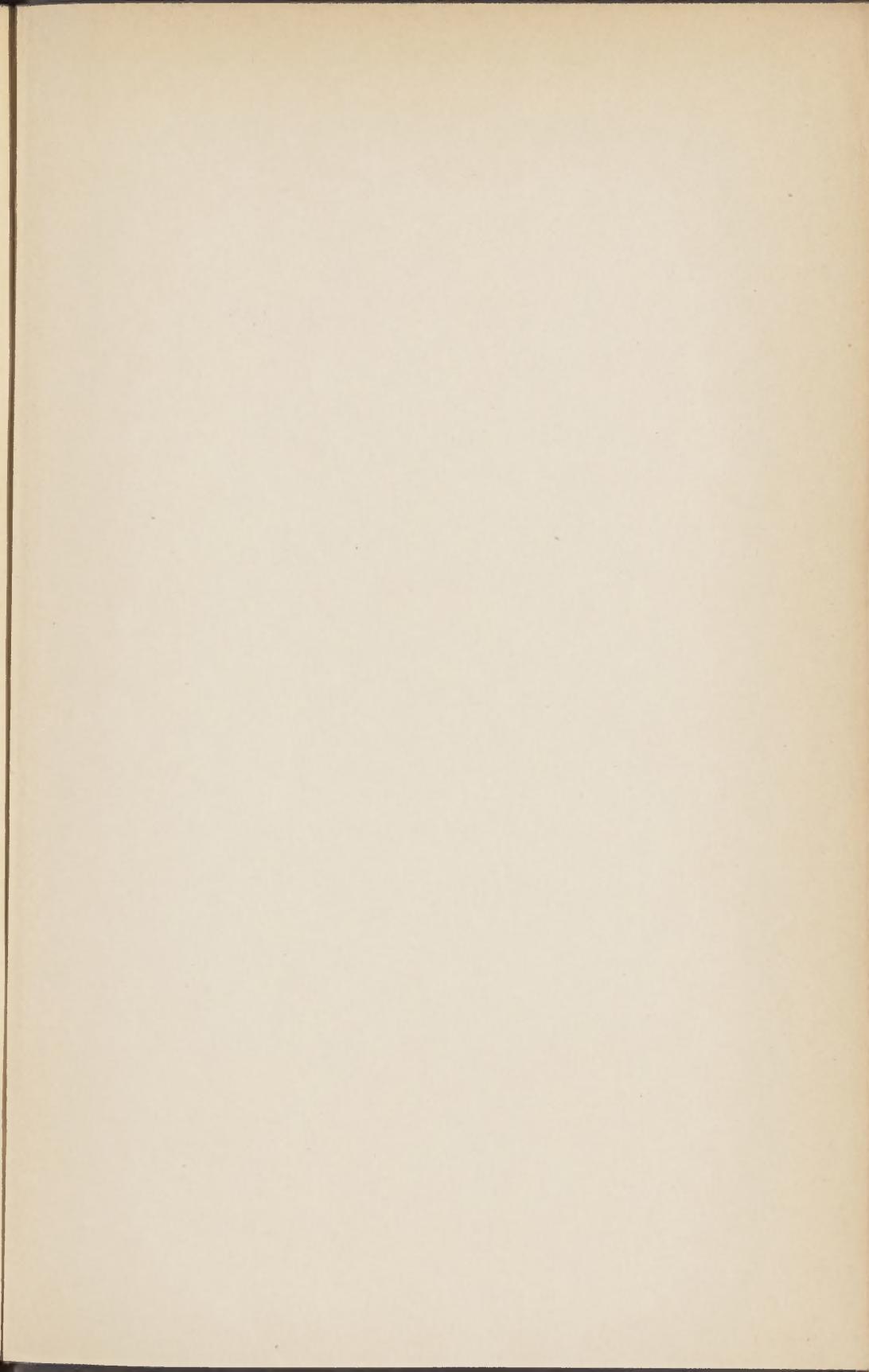
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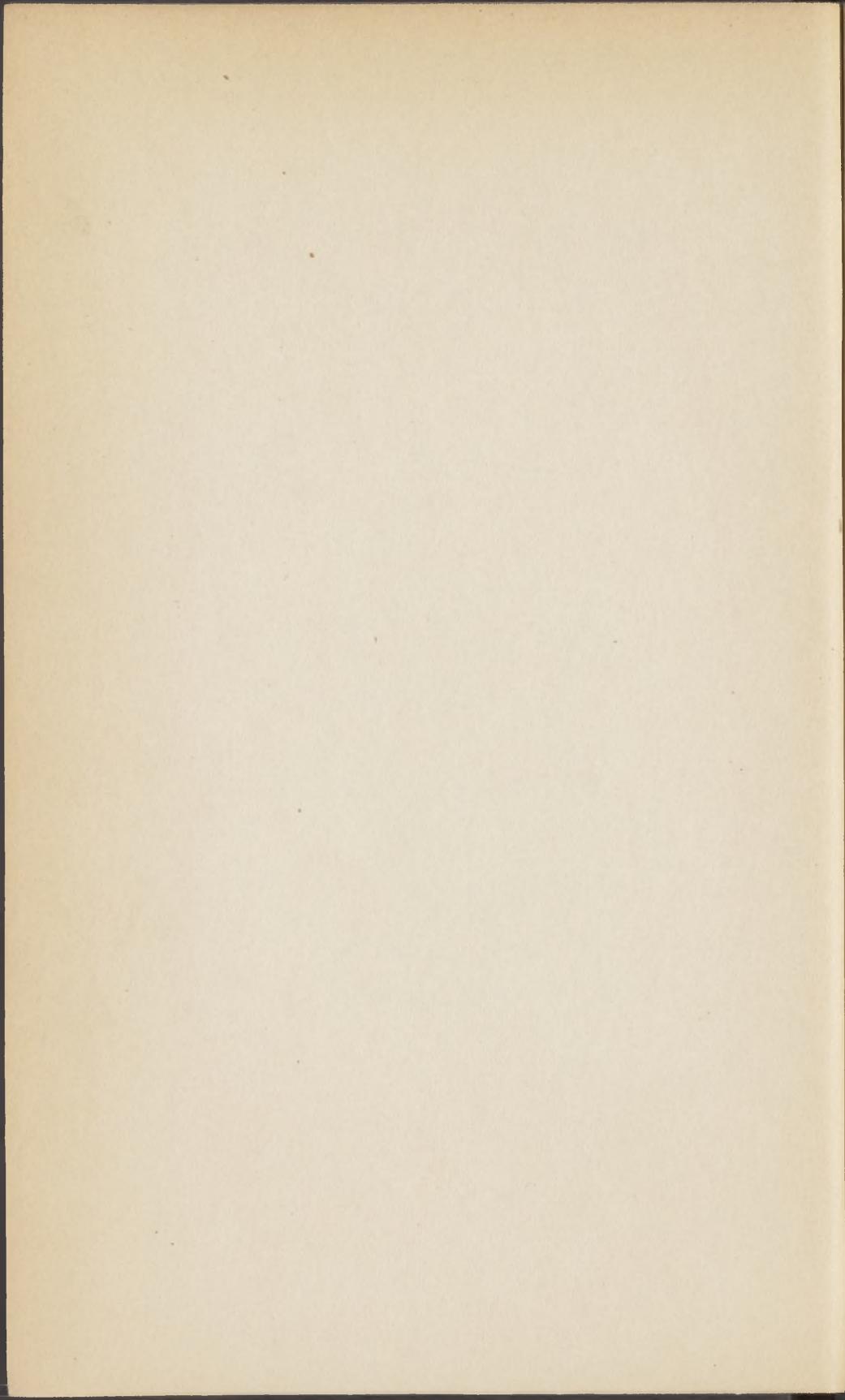
1. G. C., born in the colony of New York, went to England in 1738, where he resided until his decease: and being seized of lands in New York, he, on the 30th November, 1776, in England, devised the same to the defendant, and E. C., as tenants in common, and died so seized, on the 10th December 1776; the defendant and E. C., having entered, and becoming possessed, E. C., on the 3d December 1791, bargained and sold to the defendant all his interest; the defendant and E. C. were both born in England, long before the revolution; on the 22d March 1791, the legislature of New York, passed an act, to enable the defendant to purchase lands, and to hold all other lands which he might then be entitled to, within the state, by purchase or descent, in fee-simple, and to sell and dispose of the same, in the same manner as any natural-born citizen might do; the defendant, at the time of the action brought, still continued to be a British subject: *Held*, that he was entitled, under the 9th section of the treaty of 1794, between the United States and Great Britain, to hold the lands so devised to him by G. C., and transferred to him and transferred to him by E. C. *Jackson ex dem. The People of New York v. Clarke* ..*1

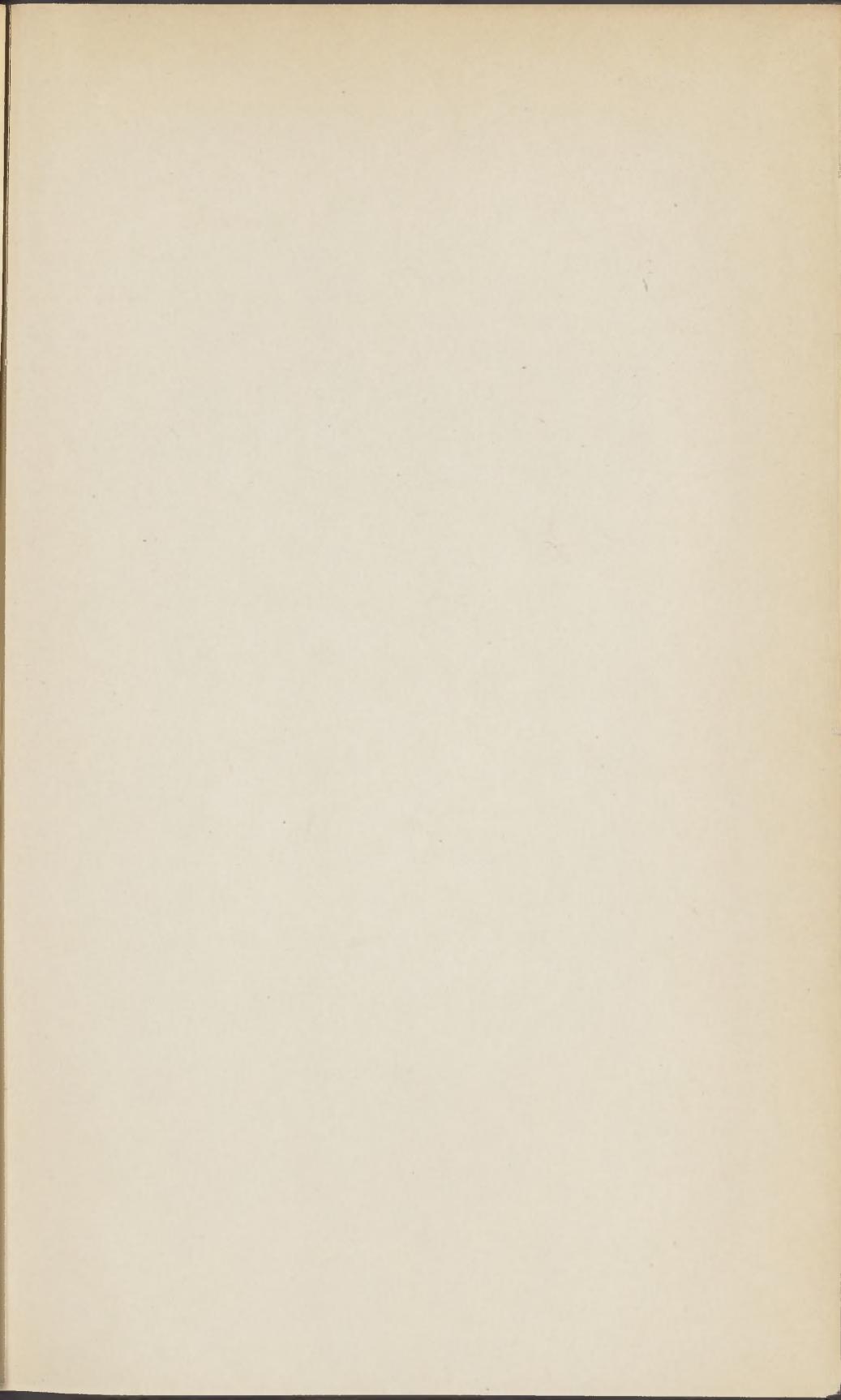
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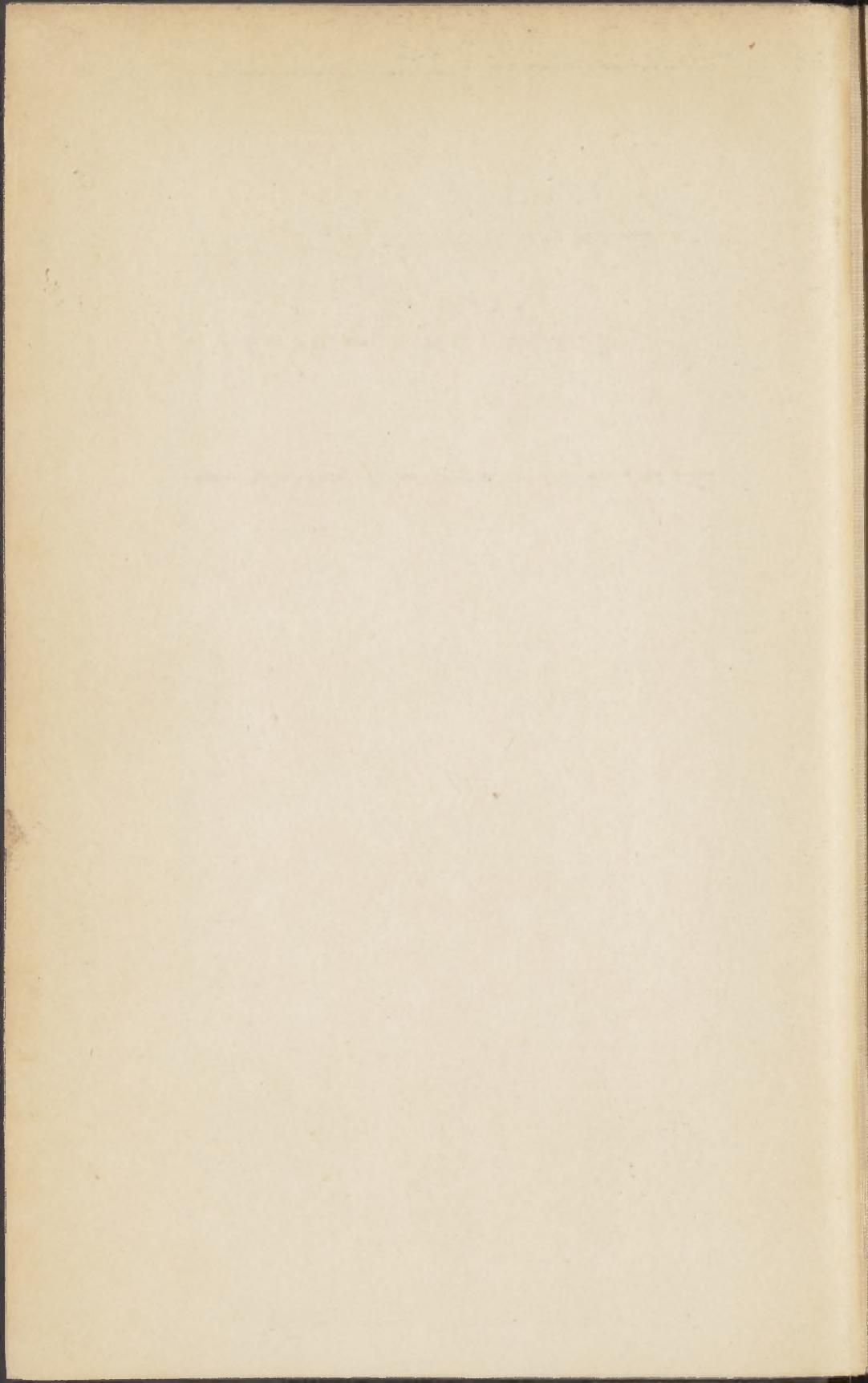












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