

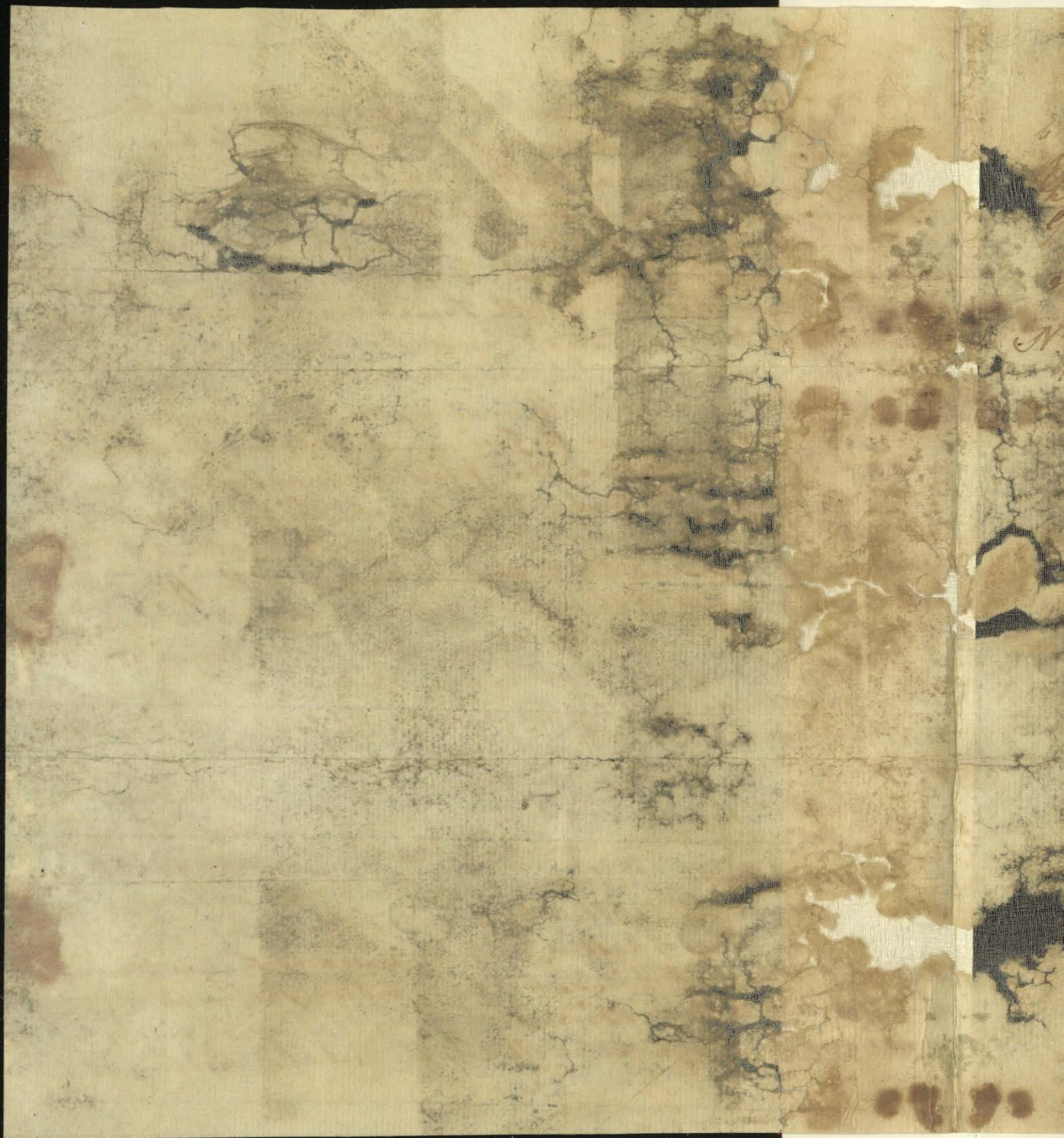
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One of the most remarkable Books that is now in circulation all
 over Europe, and Venice, hath been traced to have
 been written in the Town of Boulon. an American named More
 was informed of this in some months past, and he had several
 private interviews with the Quaker and French Agents, and he
 discovered the true situation. This Town is in Germany, & altho
 it is a part of the French Kings Dominions, yet it
 is not subject to the Police of France. It hath a very strong Fort
 and is a free Town, and is under the Government of the Duke
 of Saxe-Coburg. The Town itself in all matters of civil and criminal
 jurisdiction is entirely under the Government of its own Magistrates,
 who are all Protestants. So that if this enormous Forgery should be
 traced to the Town of Boulon, and the Forgers (as
 they are called) should be taken up by that Court, the French
 Government would be unable to seize the persons of the offenders, under
 the pretext of that Town's not being subject to the Police
 of France. But happily, for the glory of your Majesty, this Town is the
 glory and enthusiastic mad ness (as it were) is that he is lineally
 descended from that most Heroic King of Boulon, the very Town
 which is now become a Nest of Thieves,
 and a place of refuge. — The Secularization of this same Town &
 the Duchy, which was part of the Patrimony of, and gave name
 to the Emperor Joseph, hath more at heart, than all
 the other States put together. Aristarchus knows this political
 situation of the House of Austria, and is fully convinced, that on tracing the
 authors of the counterfeit Books to taking shelter in the Town
 of Boulon, and the Court of France not giving them up, it might be
 made a very inquisitable matter by the Diet at Ratisbon, and thus
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... of detaching the Emperor from the Mass
... especially as ^{the} stands solemnly bound by
his Coronation Oath "to recover and re-annex to the
Imperial Empire all and every of its territorial members
... part and parcel of that Empire of the
... of Austria which he shall be able to do."

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