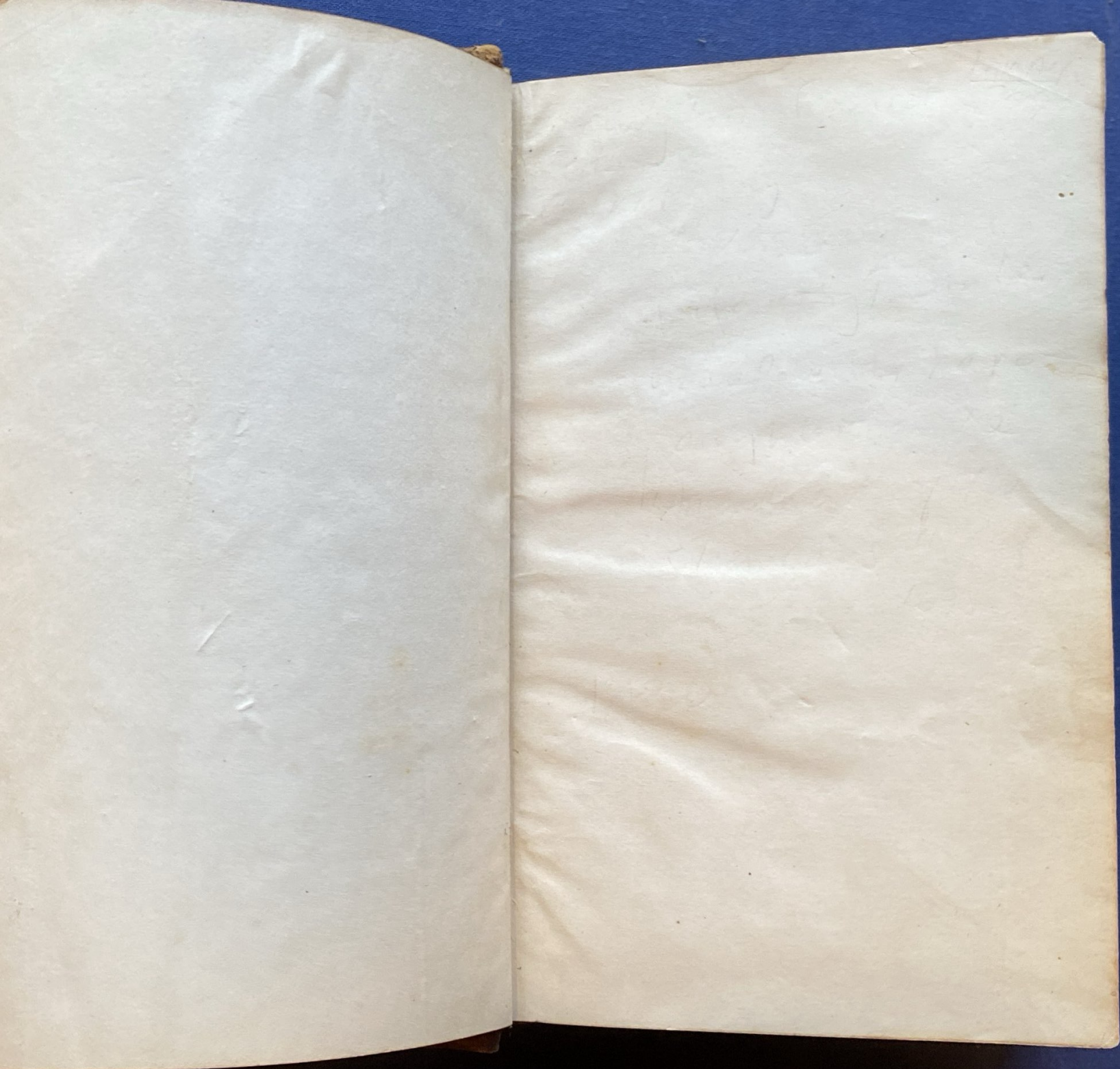
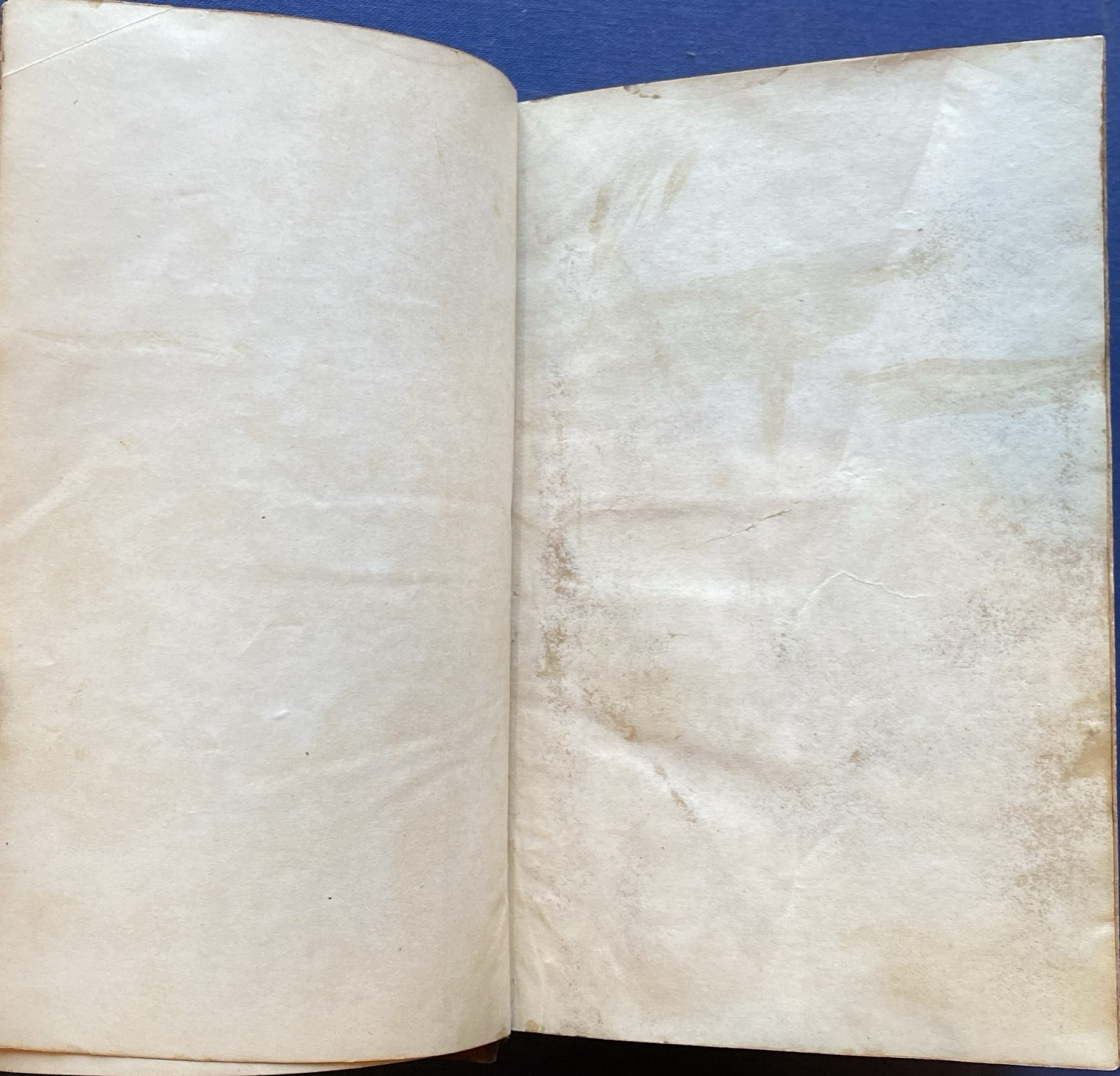


ESSAY
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June 17.



THE COMPLEAT BEAU



AN *Rowley Gull call* ESSAY *done June 17.* In Defence of the FEMALE SEX. In which are inserted the CHARACTERS OF

A Pedant, } A Virtuoso,
A Squire, } A Postaster,
A Beau, } A City-Critick, &c.

In a Letter to a Lady.

Written by a Lady.

Since each is fond of his own ugly Face;
Why shou'd you when we hold it break the Glass?

Prosl. to Sir F. Flutter.

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*This wain gay thing sets up for man. But seem's to attend
Barber first began, The Barber Surgeon*

*To Her Royal Highness the
Princess Anne of Denmark.*

M A D A M,

IF in adventuring to lay this little Piece at your Highnesses Feet, and humbly beg your Royal Protection of it, I have presum'd too far, be pleas'd to impute it to your own, most gracious Goodness, the knowledge of which encourag'd me. Our Sex are by Nature tender of their own Off-spring, and may be allow'd to have more fondness for those of the Brain, than any other ; because they are so few, and meet with so many Enemies at their first appearance in the World. I hope therefore to find pardon, if like an indulgent Parent, I have endeavour'd to advance my first Born, by entering it very early into your Highnesses Service.

*Character
of a Coun-
try Squire.*

But as these Men, will hardly be reckon'd much superiour to us upon the account of their Learning or Improvements, so neither will I suppose another sort diametrically opposite to these in their Humors and Opinions: I mean those whose Ancestors been have wise and provident, and rais'd Estates by their Ingenuity and Industry, and given all their Posterity after 'em Means, and Leisure to be Fools. These are generally sent to School in their Minority, and were they kept there till they came to Years of Discretion, might most of 'em stay, till they cou'd tuck their Beards into their Girdles before they left carrying a Satchel. In conformity to Custom, and the Fashion, they are sent early to serve an Apprenticeship to Letters, and for eight or nine years are whipt up and down through two or three Counties from School to School; when being arriv'd a Sixteen, or Seventeen Years of Age, and having made the usual Tour of Latin, and Greek Authors, they are call'd Home to be made Gentle-

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the Fields of Fancy to find something new, something pretty to offer to us, and by this means refines at the same time their Wit, and enlarges, and extends their Invention; For by forcing 'em out of the common Road, they are necessitated to invent new Arguments, and seek new ways to divert and please us, and by restraining the large Liberty they take one with another, they are compell'd to polish their Wit, and File off the Roughness of it. To this they owe, the Neatness of Raillery, to which abundance of Gentlemen are now arriv'd; For Contrariety, of Opinions, being that which gives Life, and Spirit to Conversation, as well Women as Men do frequently hold Arguments contrary to their real Opinions, only to heighten the Diversion, and improve the pleasure of Society. In these the utmost Care is taken to avoid all things that may sound harsh, offensive, or indecent, their Wit is employ'd only to raise mirth, and promote good Humour, Conditions that can't well be observ'd, when
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hard to stop 'em, as our Tongues,
and as difficult not to write, as not
to talk too much. I have done
wondring at those Men, that can
write huge Volumes upon slender
Subjects, and shall hereafter admire
their Judgment only, who can con-
fine their Imaginations, and curb
their wandring Fancies. I pretend
no Obligation upon our Sex for this
Attempt in their Defence; because
it was undertaken at your Com-
mand, and for your Diversion only,
which if I have in any measure
satisfied, I have my Ambition, and
shall beg nothing farther, than that
my ready Obedience may excuse
the mean Performance of

Madam,

Your real Friend, and

Most humble Servant.

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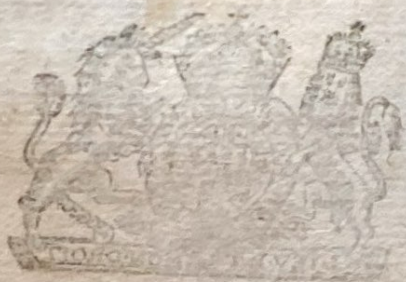
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To the Right Honourable the Lords
Commissioners of His Majesties
Treasury.

May it please your Lordships,



IN Obedience to your Lord-
ships Command, I have en-
deavoured to inform my self
of divers Matters which con-
cern the Gold and Silver
Moneys, and of the most Practicable Me-
thods for New Coining the Latter, and
Supplying, in the mean time, sufficient
Coins to pay the Kings Taxes and Reve-
nues, and to carry on the Publick Com-
merce; and I do humbly represent to your
Lordships,

That I have made diligent Search into
several Records, Books and Writings, to
see what Acts or Things have been former-
ly done or practised, which might serve for
Precedents or give any Light for the Re-
formation of the Coins that should