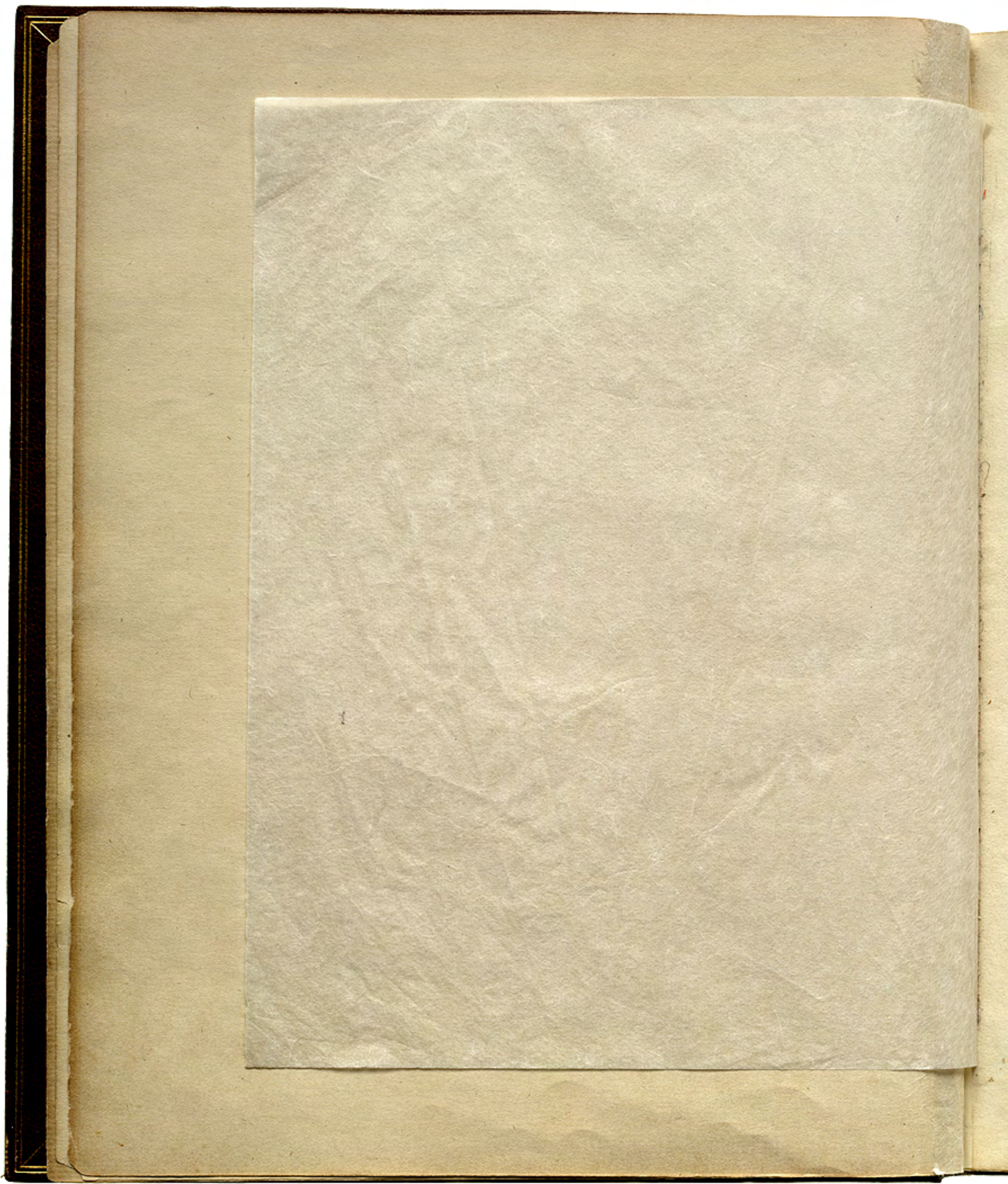
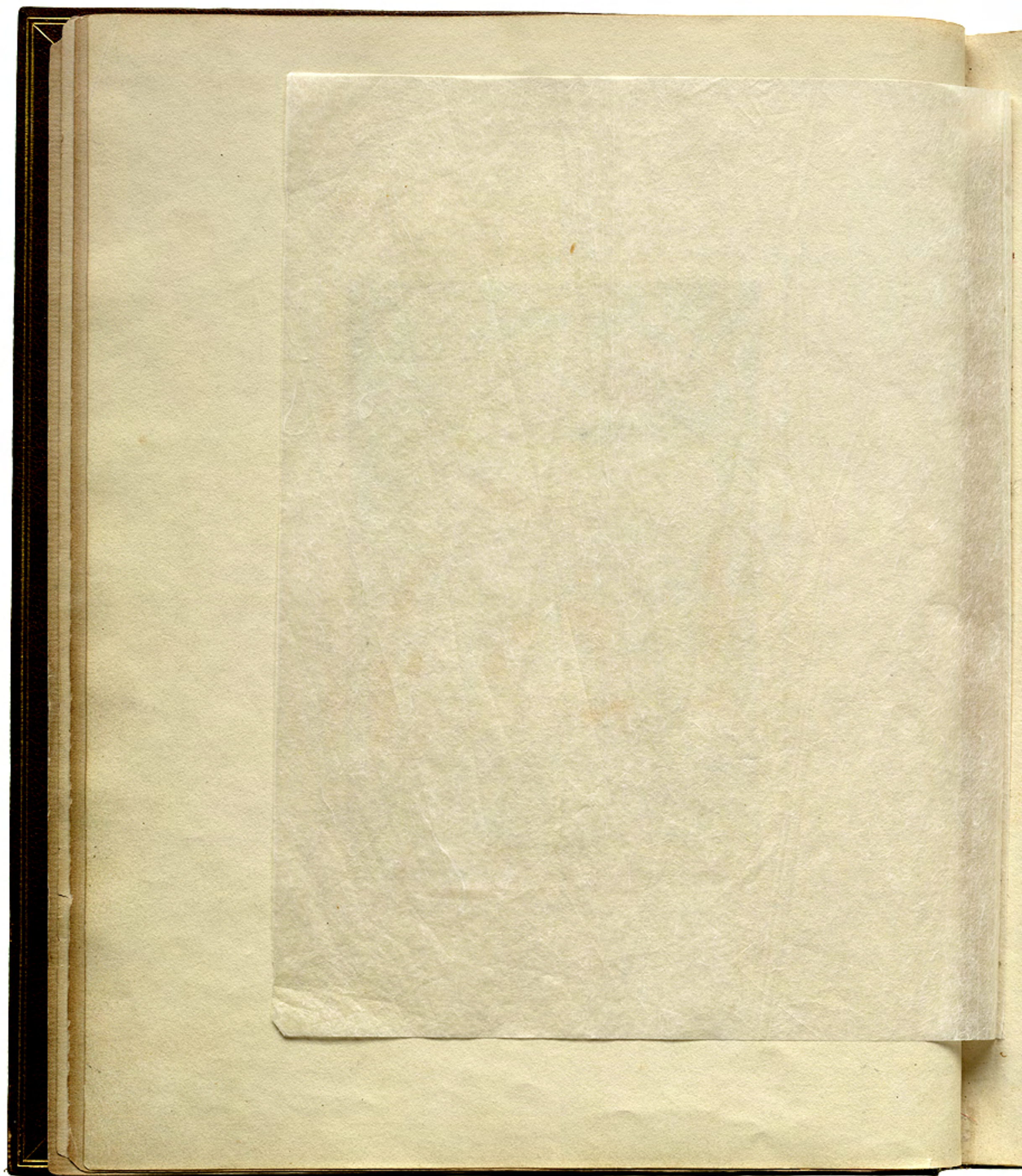


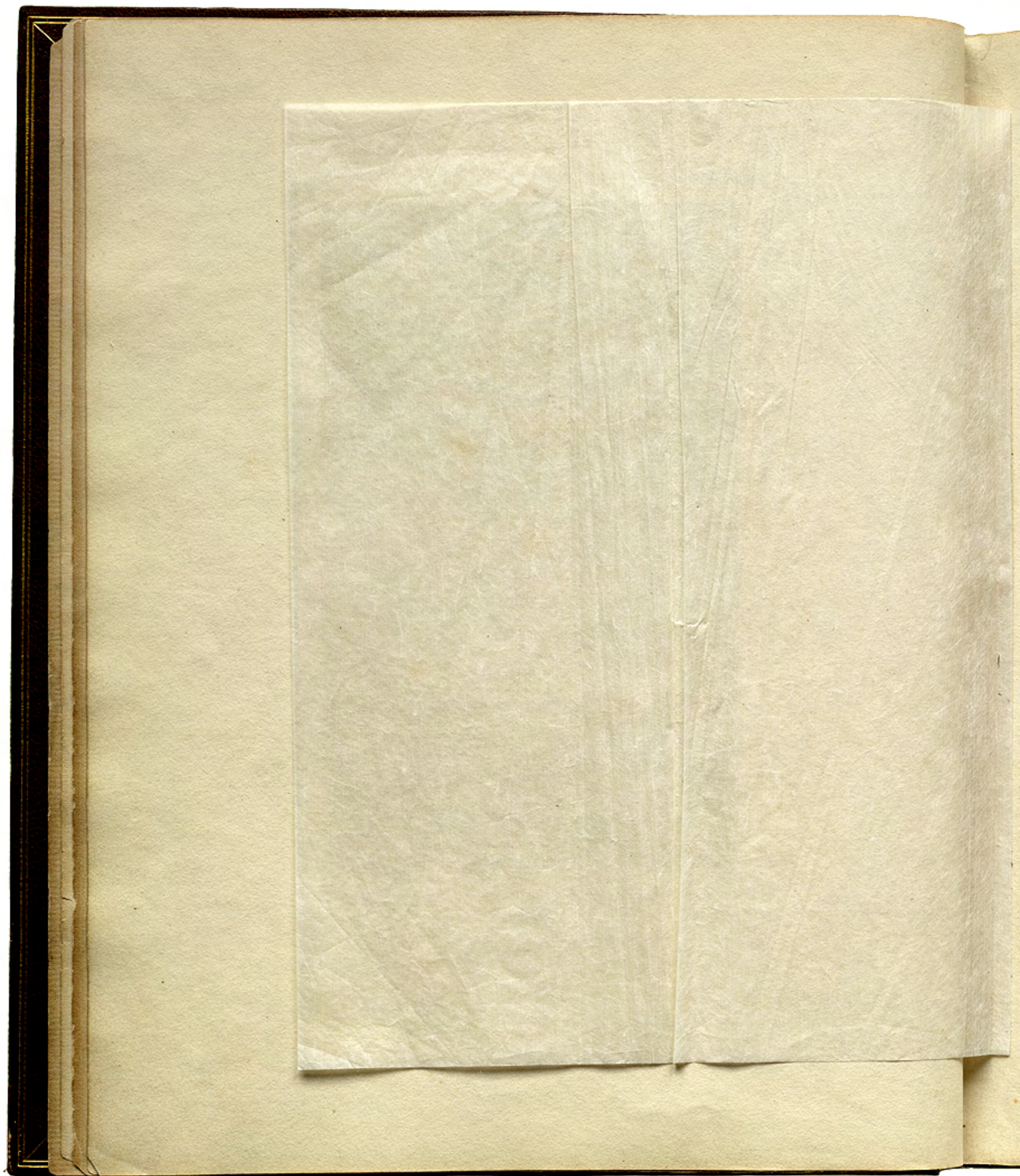
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Chap: I

1. Lo, a shadow of horror is risen
In Eternity! unknown, unprolific?
Self-closed, all-repelling: what Demon
Hath formed this abominable void?
This soul-shuddering vacuum? — Some
said, —
It is Uryen. But unknown, abstracted
Brooding secret, the dark power hid.

2. Times on times he divided, & measured
Space by space in his sinistral darkness
Unseen, unknown: changes appeared
In his desolate mountains riled furious
By the black winds of perturbation

3. For he strove in battles dire
In unseen confessions with shapes
Bred from his forsaken wilderness:
Of beast, bird, fish, serpent & element
Combustion, blast, vapour and cloud.

4. Dark revolving in silent activity:
Unseen in tormenting passions;
An activity unknown and horrible:
A self-contemplating shadow,
In enormous labours occupied

5. But Eternity beheld his vast forests
Ages on ages he lay, closed, unknown,
Brooding shut in the deep: all avowed
The petrific abominable chaos

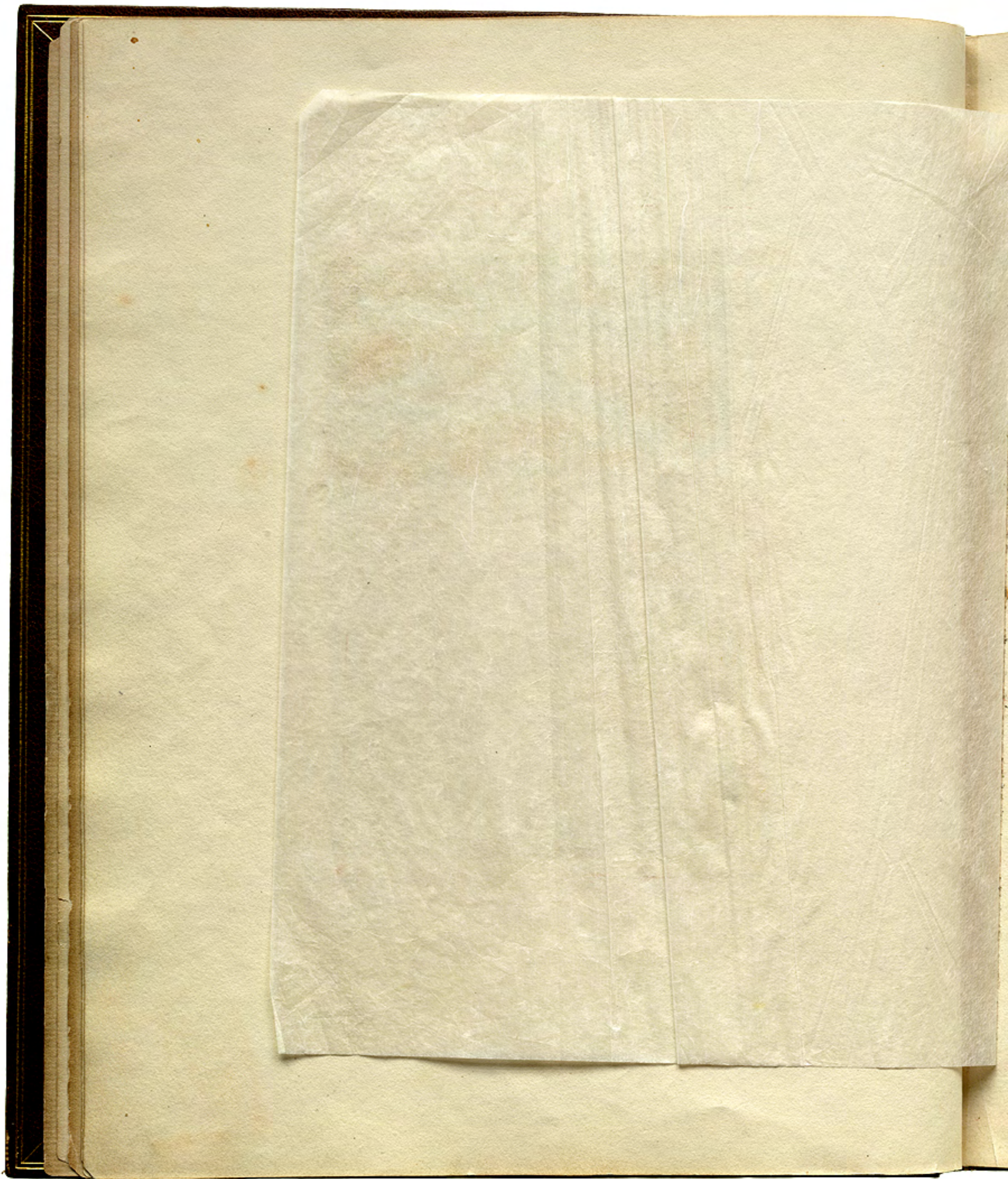
6. His cold horrors silent, dark Uryen
Prepared; his ten thousands of thunders
Ranged in gleamed array stretch out across
The dread world, & the rolling of wheels
As of smelling seas, sound in his clouds
In his hills of stard snows, in his caverns
Of hail & ice: voices of terror
Are heard, like thunders of action
When the cloud blazes over the harvest

Chap: II

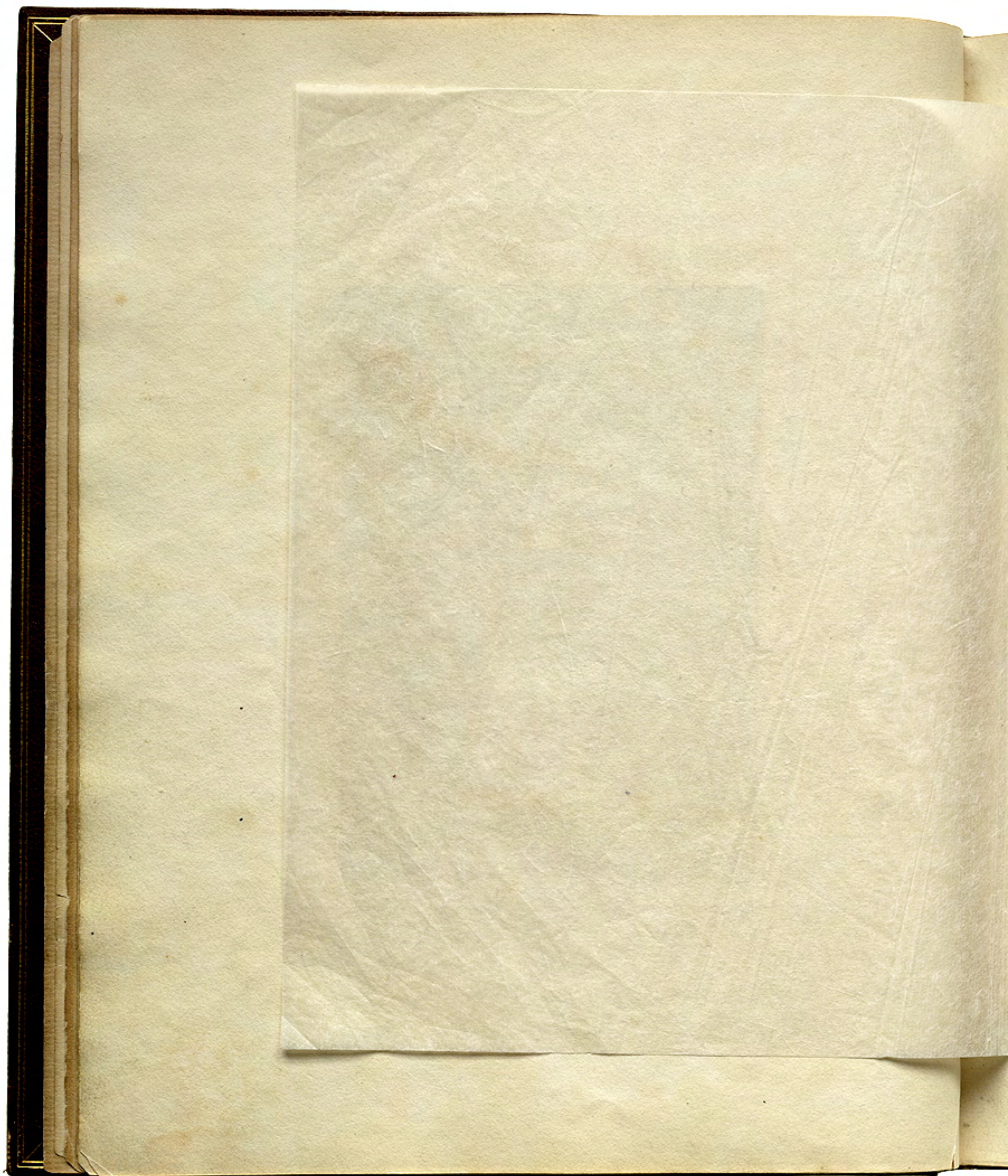
1. Earth was not: nor globes of attrition
The will of the Immortal expanded
Or contracted his all flexible senses:
Death was not, but eternal life sprung

2. The sound of a trumpet the heavens
Awoke & vast clouds of blood rolled
Round the dim rocks of Uryen, so rapid
That solitary one in Immensity

Shrill the trumpet: & myriads of fire









In living creations appeared
In the flames of eternal fury.

3. Sundering, darkening, thundering:
Rent away with a terrible crash

Eternity rolled wide apart
Wide asunder rolling

Mountainous all around
Departing; departing; departing:

Leaving ruinous fragments of life
Hanging from the cliffs & all between

An ocean of unnumbered unnumberable
4. The roaring fires ran o'er the heavens

In whirlwinds & currents of blood
Had o'er the dark deserts of Urizen

Fires pour thro' the void on all sides
On Urizen's self-begotten armies

5. But no light from the fires, all was
darkness
In the flames of Eternal fury

6. In fierce anguish & quenchless
flames

To the deserts and rocks he ran
To hide, but he could not; combining

He dug mountains & hills in vast strength
He piled them in incessant labour

In howling & pain & fierce madness
Long periods in burning fires labouring

Till hoary, and age-brake, and aged
In despair and the shadows of death

7. And a roof vast petrific around
On all sides he fringed: like a wall;

Where thousands of rivers in veins
Of blood pour down the mountains to cool

The eternal fires beating without
From Eternals: & like a black globe

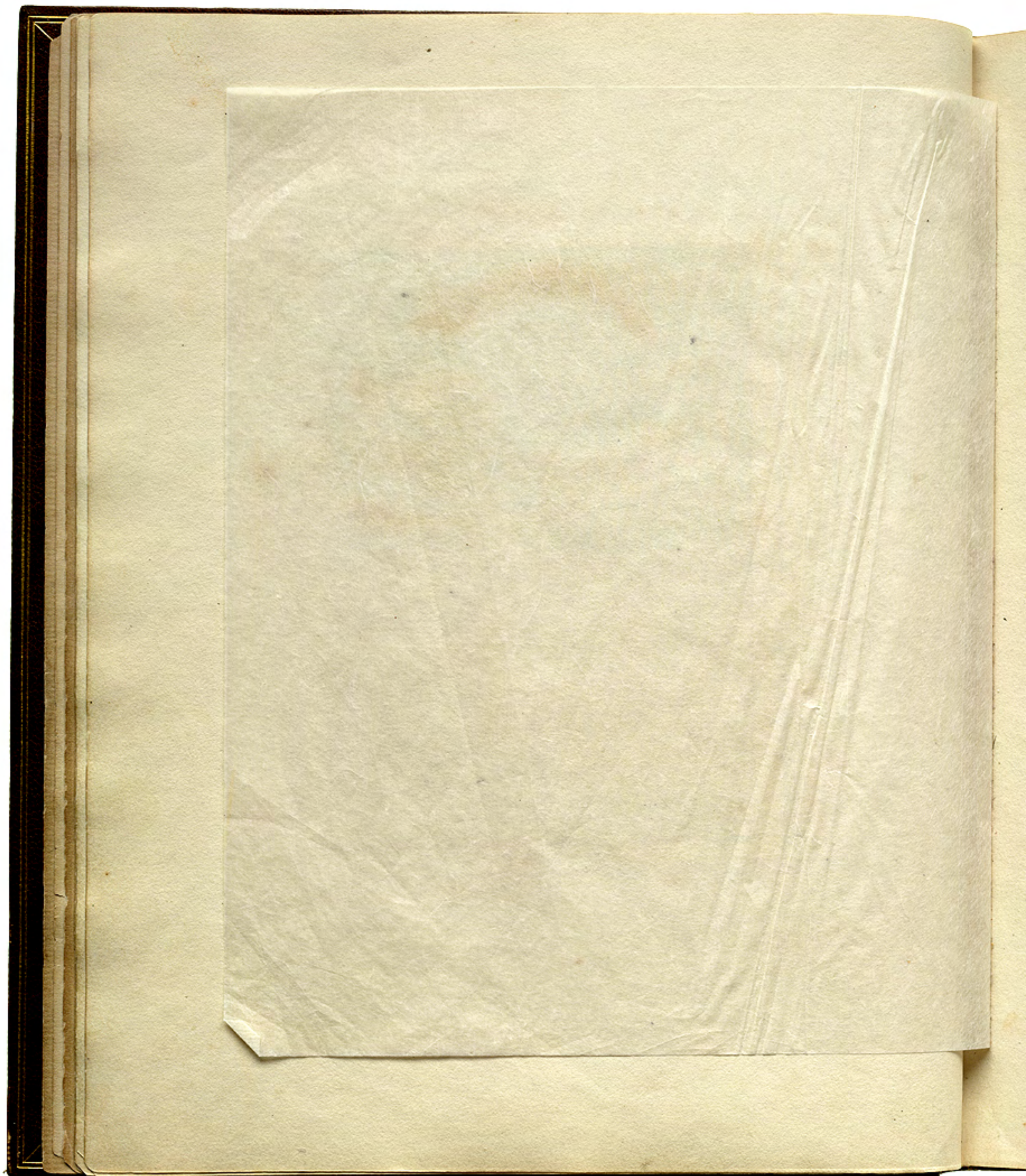
Void by sons of Eternity standing
On the shore of the infinite ocean

Like a human heart struggling & beating
The vast world of Urizen appeared.

8. And Loos round the dark globe of
Urizen

Kept watch for Eternals to confine,
The obscure separation alone;

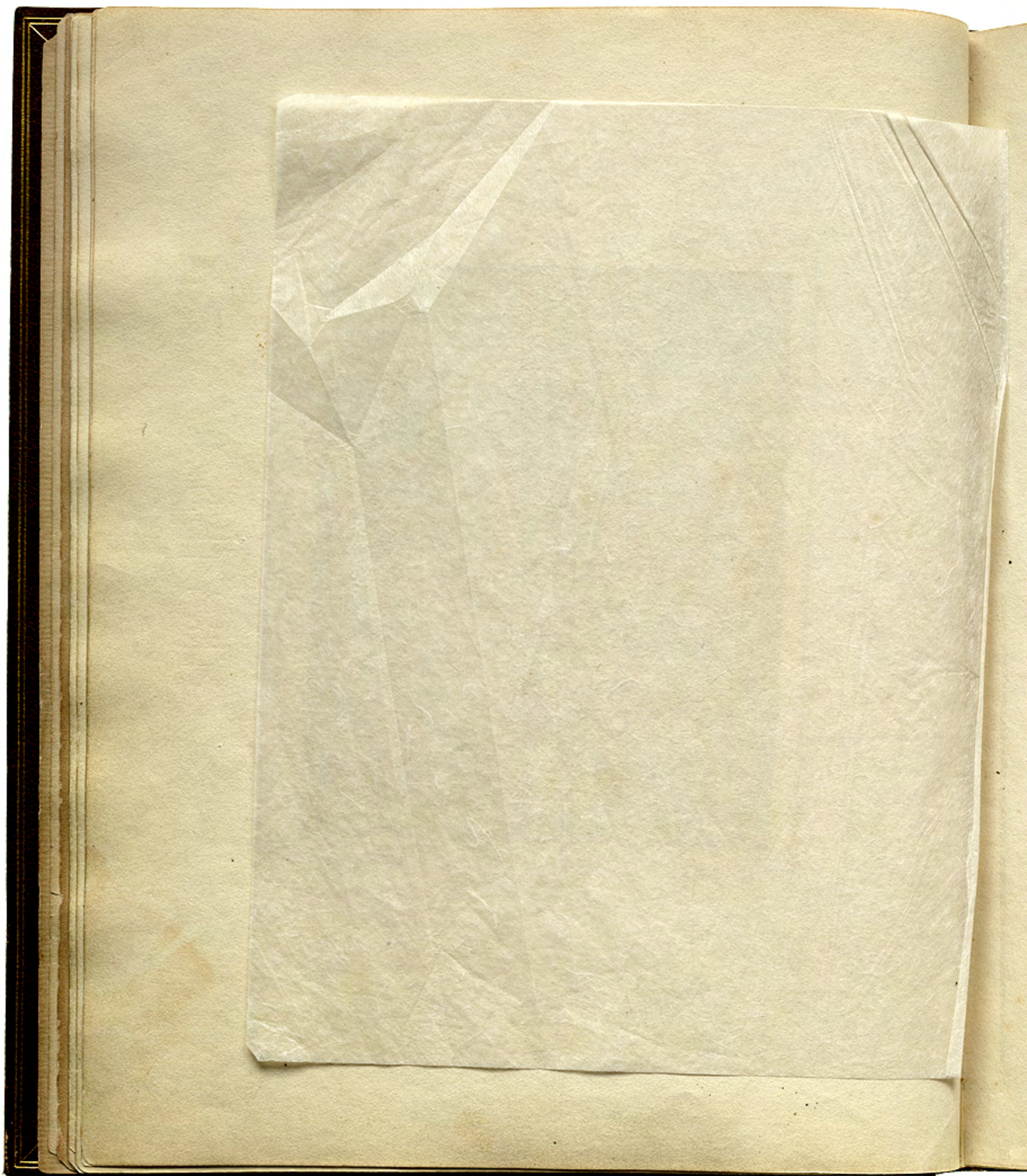
For Eternity stood wide apart.



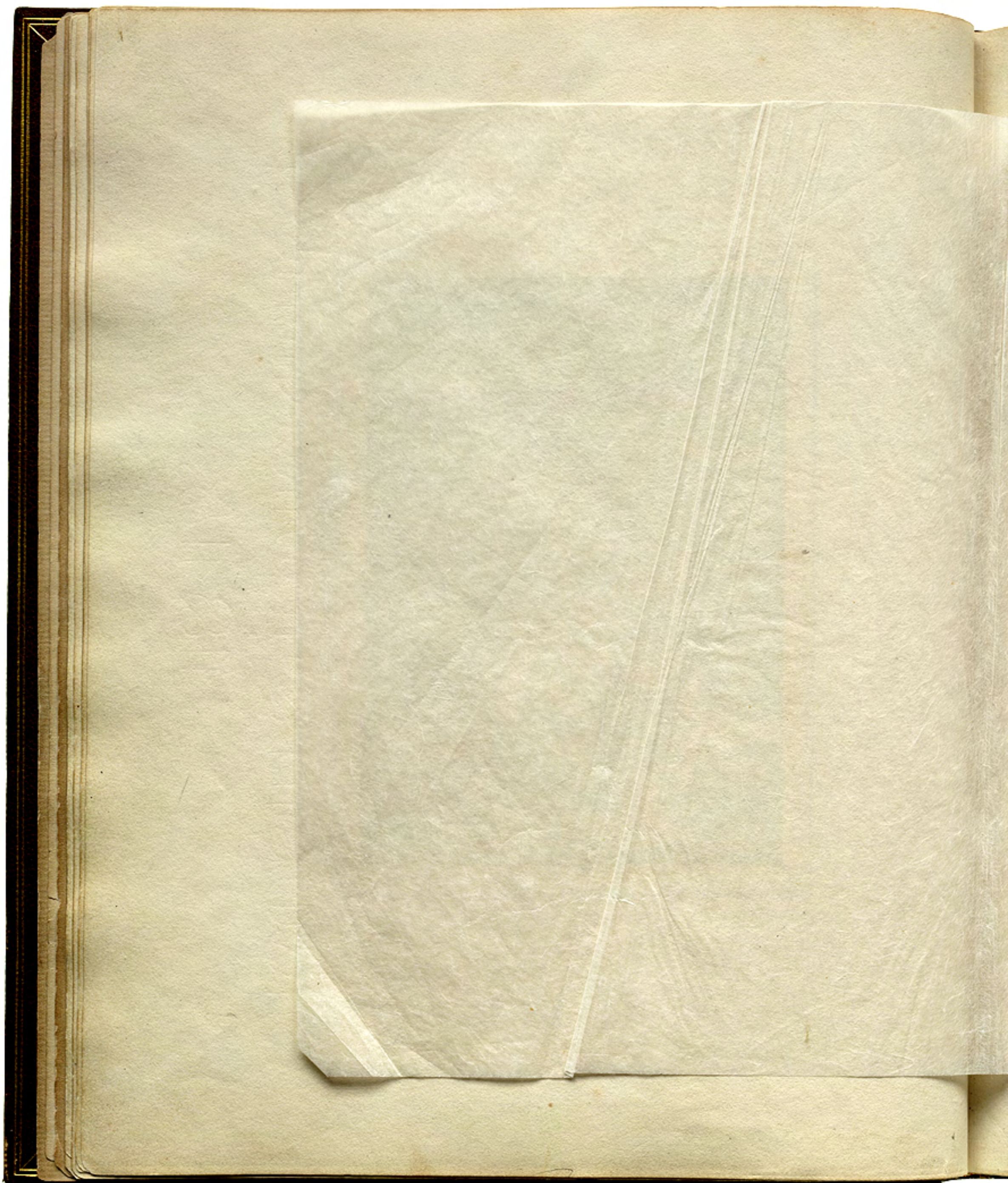






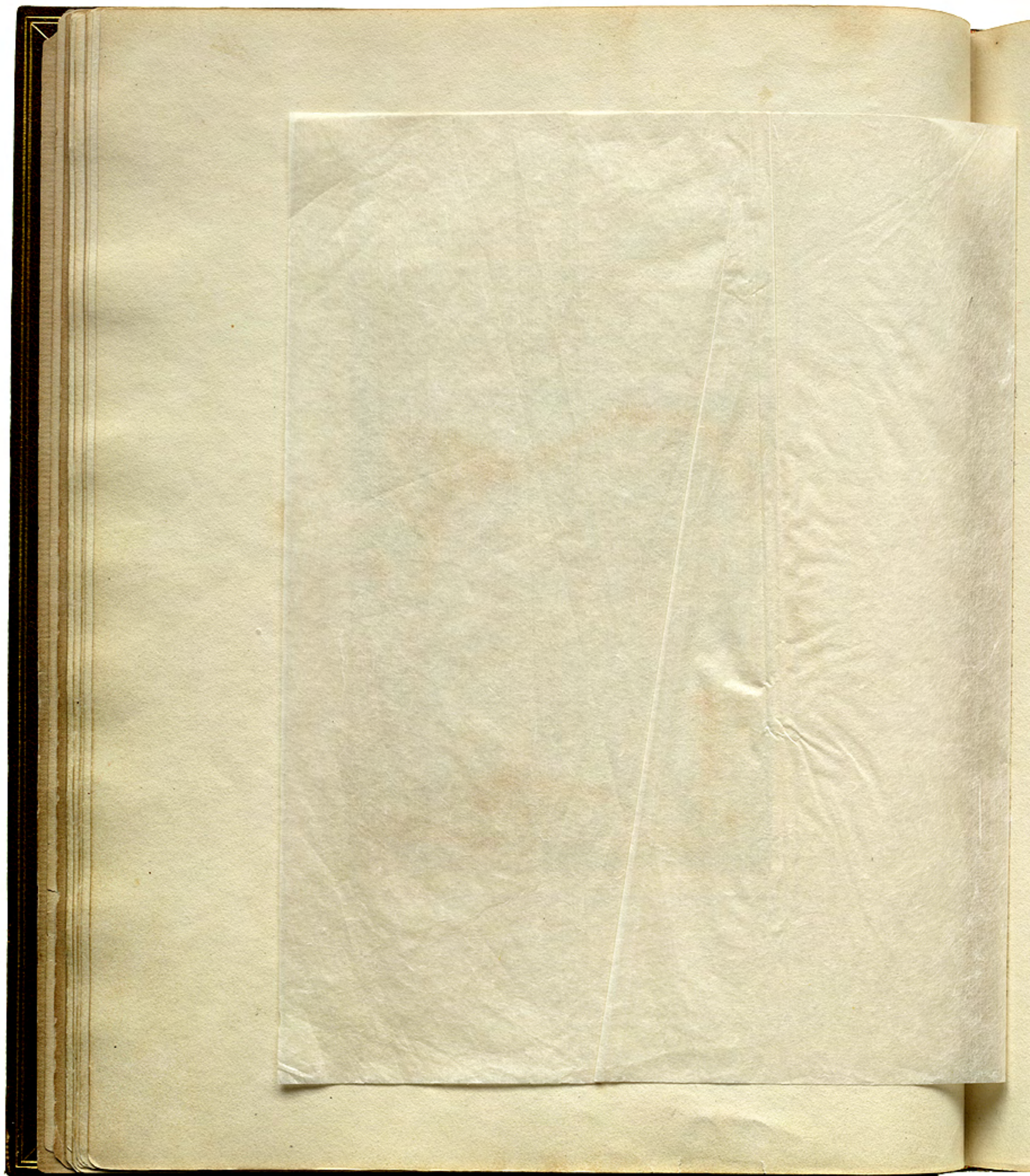






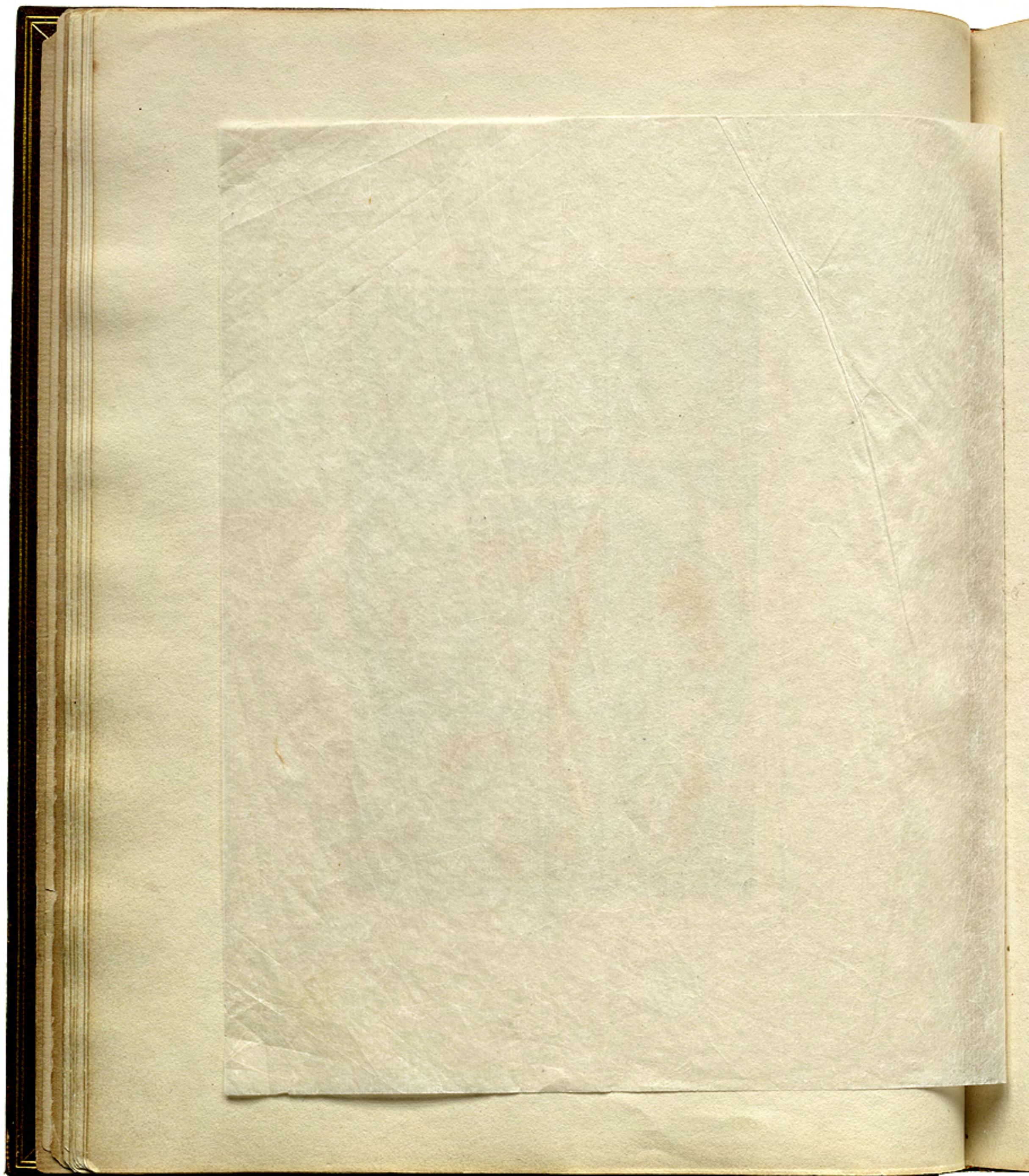
12: Las howld in a dismal stupor, Picted with direful changes
 Groaning! gnashing! groaning! He lay in a dreamle's night
 Till the wrenching apart was healed
 13: But the wrenching of Urogen heuld not
 14: Till Las roud his his liver abrighted
 At the fawnle's unmeasurable death.



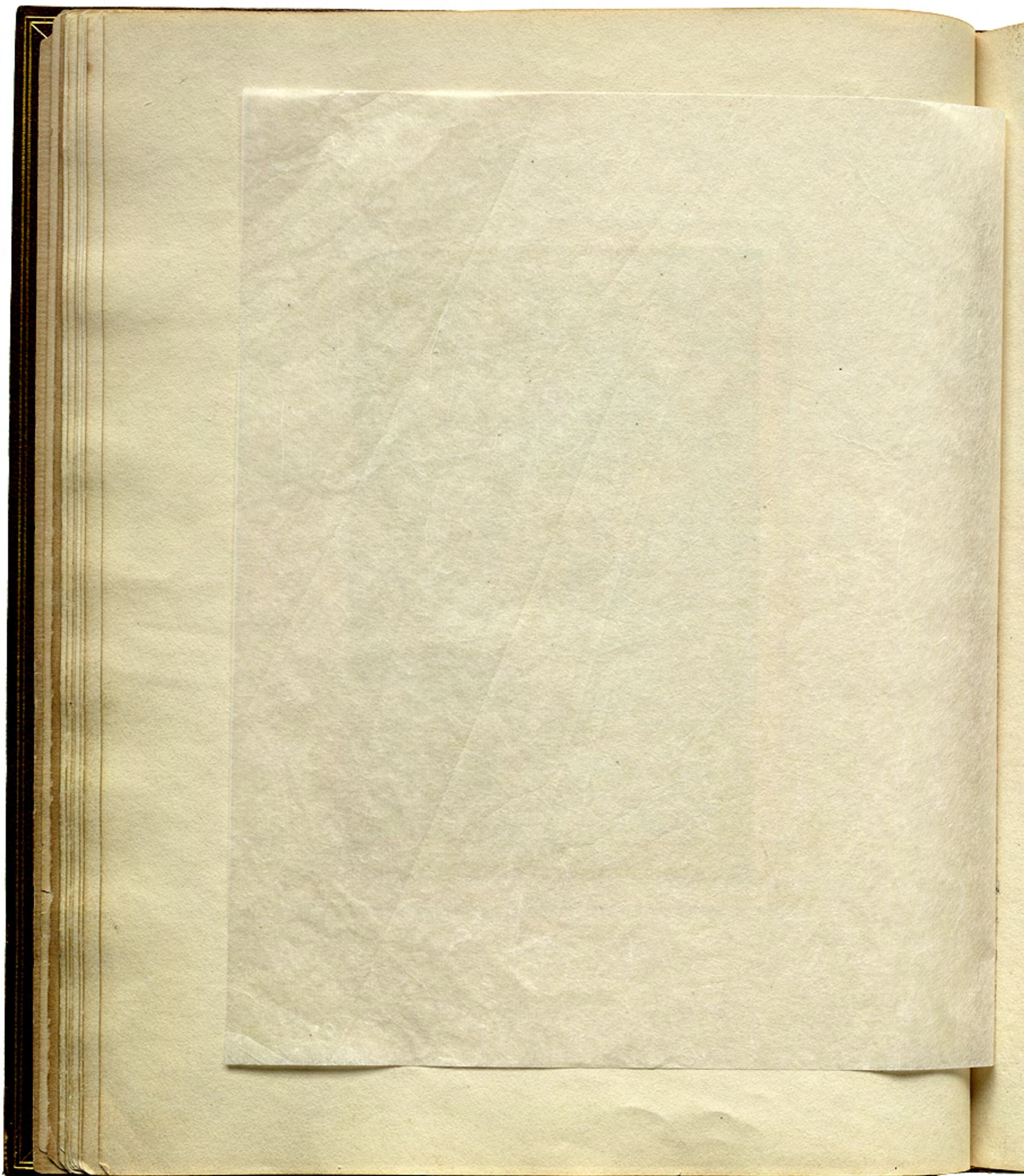


Chap: IV: -ment
 1: Los smitten with astonish-
 Frightend at the hurling bones
 2: And at the surging sulphure
 -ous
 Perturbed Immortal mad raging
 3: In whirlwinds & pitch & nitre
 Round the furious limbs of Los
 4: And Los formed nets & gins
 And throw the nets round about
 5: He watch'd in shuddring fear
 The dark changes & bound every
 change so
 With rivets of iron & brals:
 6: And these were the changes
 of Urizen.











Chap. IV.

1. Ages on ages roll'd over him;
In stony sleep ages roll'd over him.
Like a dark waste stretching changeable
By earthquakes riv'n, belching sullen
fires
In ages roll'd ages in phastly
Sick torment; around him in whirlwinds
Of darkness the eternal Prophet howl'd
Beating still on his rivets of iron
Pouring sodor of iron; dividing
The horrible night into watches.

2. And Urizen (so his eternal name)
His prolific delight obscur'd more & more
In dark secrecy, hiding in surging
Sulphureous fluid his phantasies
The Eternal Prophet heaved the dark
bellows
And turn'd restless the tings; and the
hammer
Incessant beat; forging chains new & new
Numb'ring with links, hours days & years

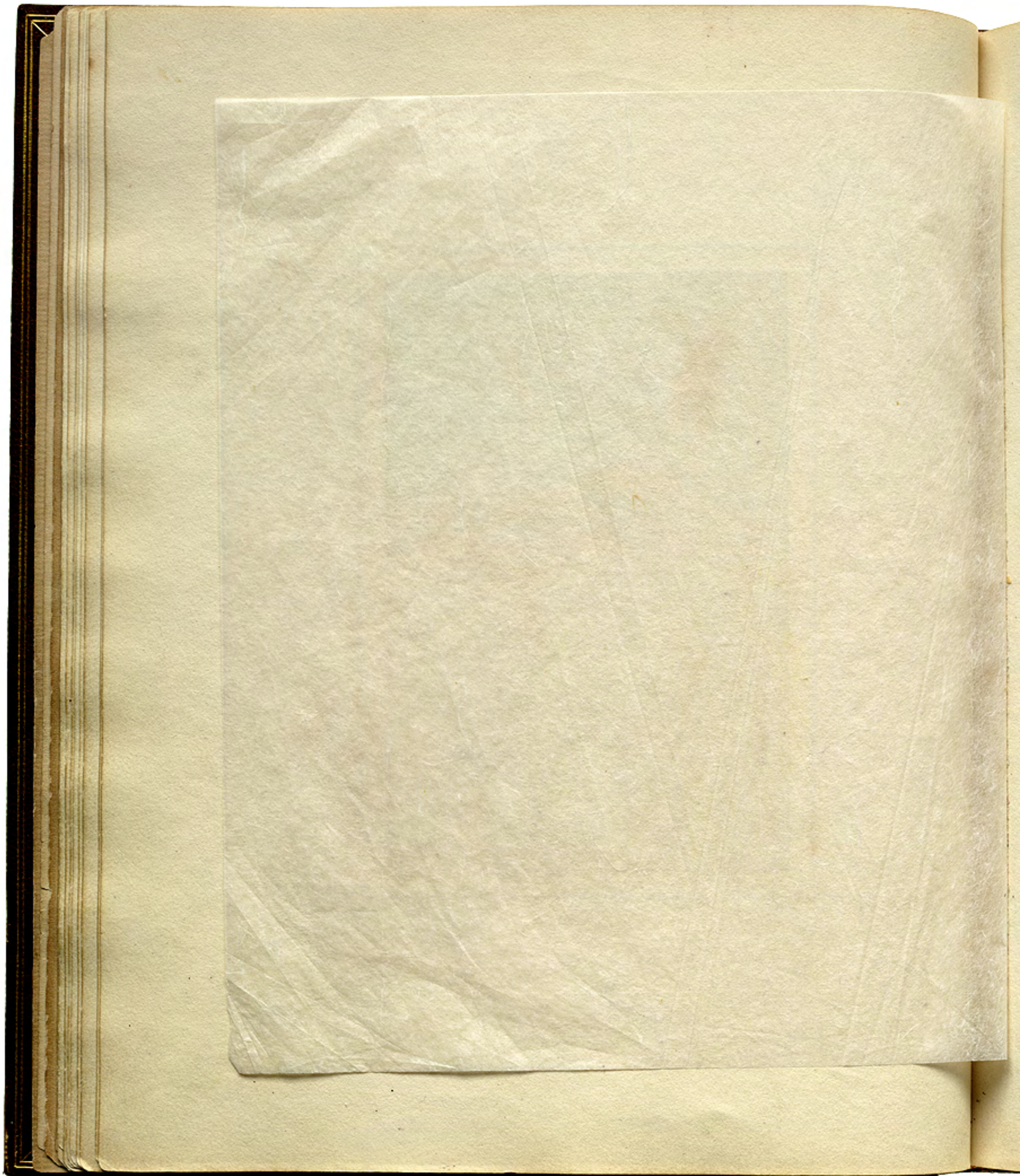
3. The eternal mind bounded began to roll
Ladders of wrath coasted round & round
And the sulphureous fumes surging thick

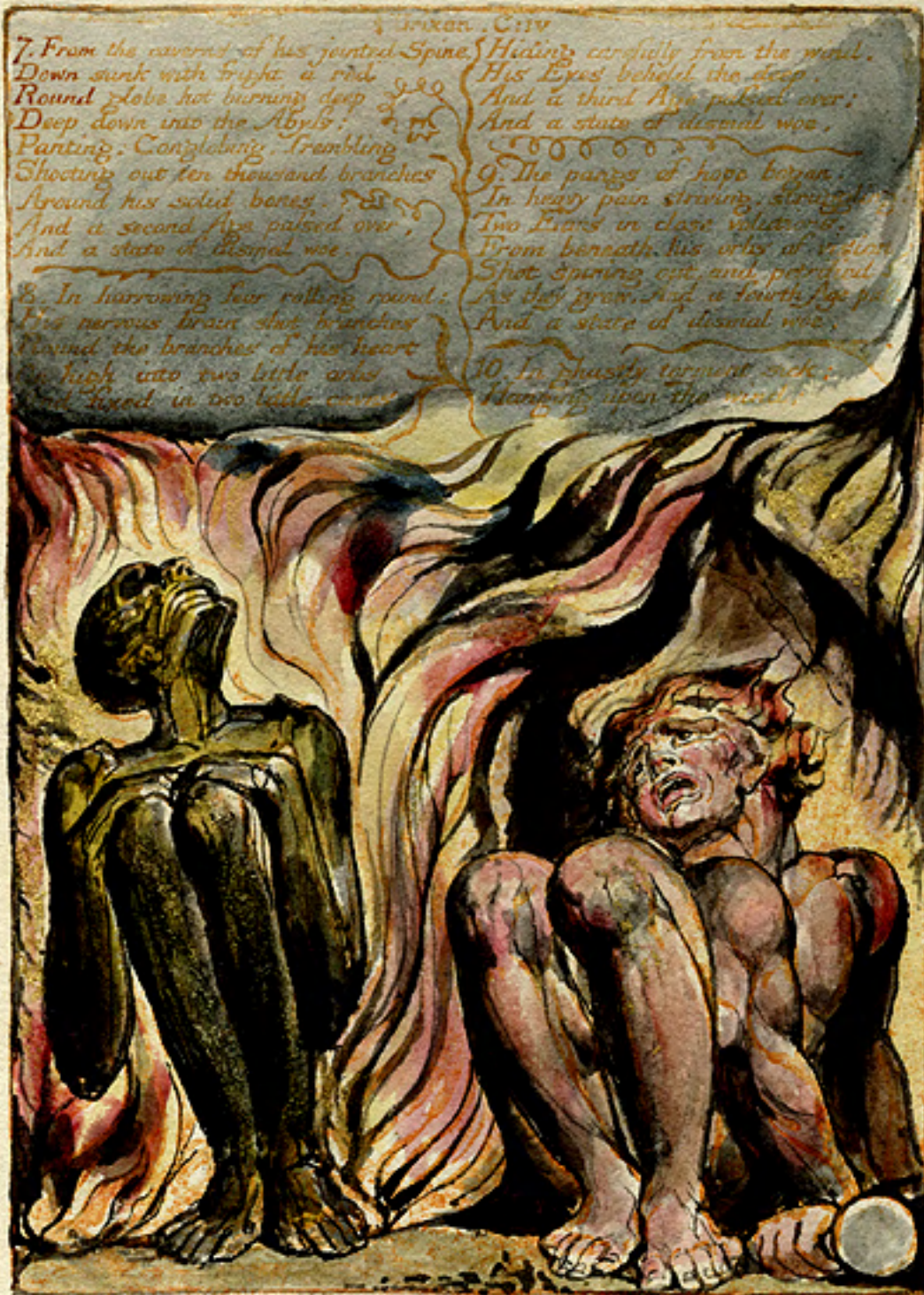
Settled, a lake, bright, & shining clear;
White as the snow on the mountains cold

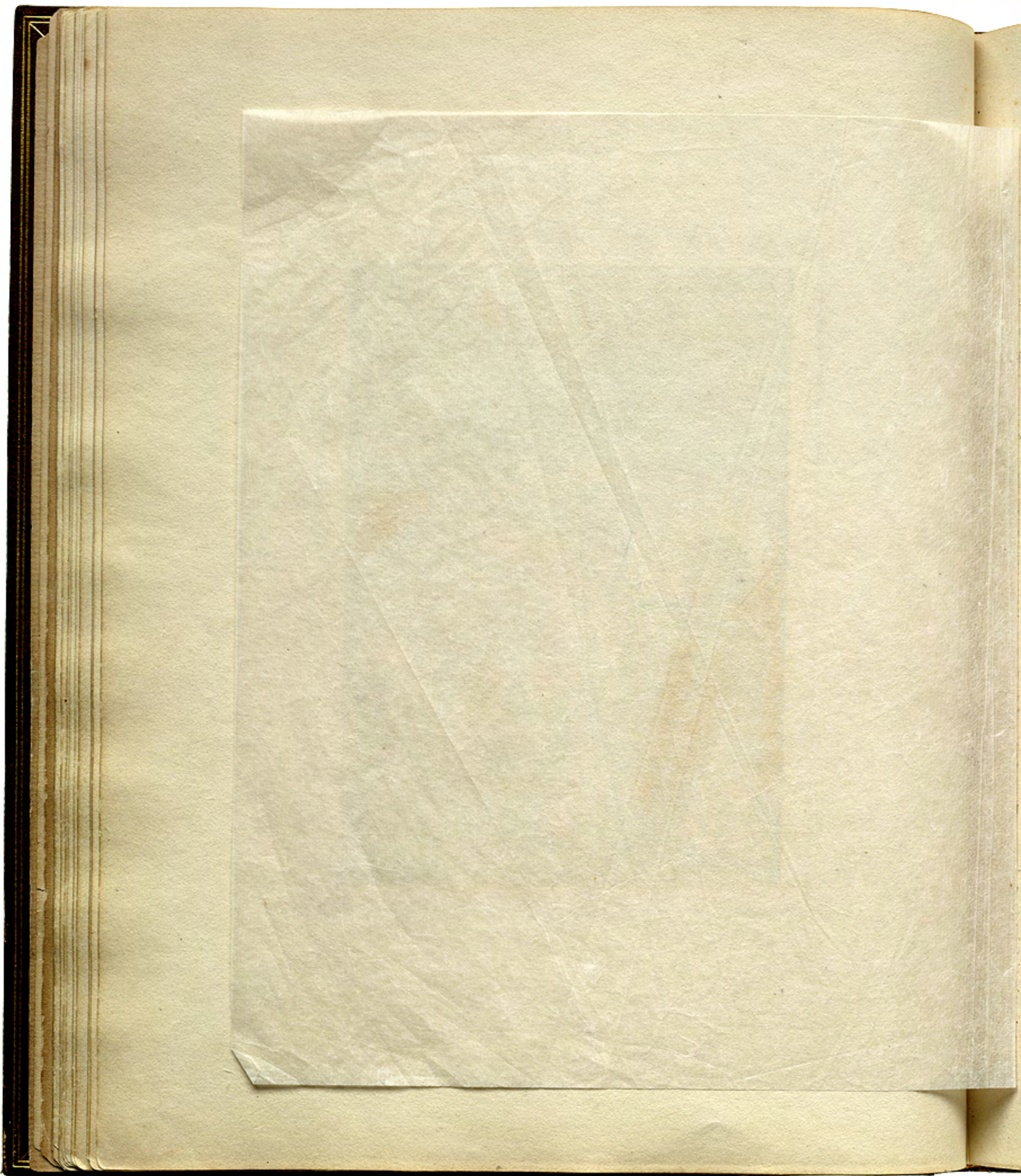
4. Forgetfulness, darkness, necessity
In chains of the mind locked up.
Like fetters of ice shrinking together
Disorganiz'd, rent from Eternity.
Los beat on his fetters of iron;
And heated his furnaces & pour'd
Iron sodor and sodor of brass

5. Restless turn'd the immortal unchain'd
Heaving, dolorous, anguished, unbearable
Till a roof shaggy wild inclosed
In an orb, his fountain of thought;

6. In a horrible dream'd slumber:
Like the linked infernal chain;
A rust, spine writh'd in torment
Upon the winds; shooting painful
Ribs, like a bending cavern
And bones of solidness, froze
Over all his nerves of joy.
And a first Age pass'd over;
And a state of dismal woe.









Urizen G.V.

Two Nostrils bent down to the deep,
And a fifth Age pass'd over;
And a state of dismal woe.

11. In phastly torment sick;
Within his ribs bloated round.
A craving Hungry Cavern:
Thence arose his channel'd Throat:
And like a red flame a Tongue
Of thirst & of hunger appear'd.
And a sixth Age pass'd over;
And a state of dismal woe.

12. Enraged & stifled with torment
He threw his right Arm to the north
His left Arm to the south
Shooting out in anguish deep.
And his Feet stamp'd the nether Abyss

In trembling & howling & dismay.
And a seventh Age pass'd over:
And a state of dismal woe.

Chap: V.

1. In terrors Los shrunk from his
tast:
His great hammer fell from his hand:
His fires beheld, and sickening,
Hid their strong limbs in smokes.
For with noises ruinous loud;
With hurtlings & clashings & groans
The Immortal endur'd his chains.
Tho' bound in a deadly sleep.

2. All the myriads of Eternity:
All the wisdom & joy of life:
Roll like a sea around him.



Except what his little orbs
Of sight by degrees unfold.

Then he look'd back with anxious desire
But the space undivided by existence
Struck horror into his soul.

3. And now his eternal life
Like a dream was obliterated

6. Los wept obscurely with mourning;
His bosom earthquak'd with sighs:
He saw Urizen deadly black,
In his chains bound, & Pity began.

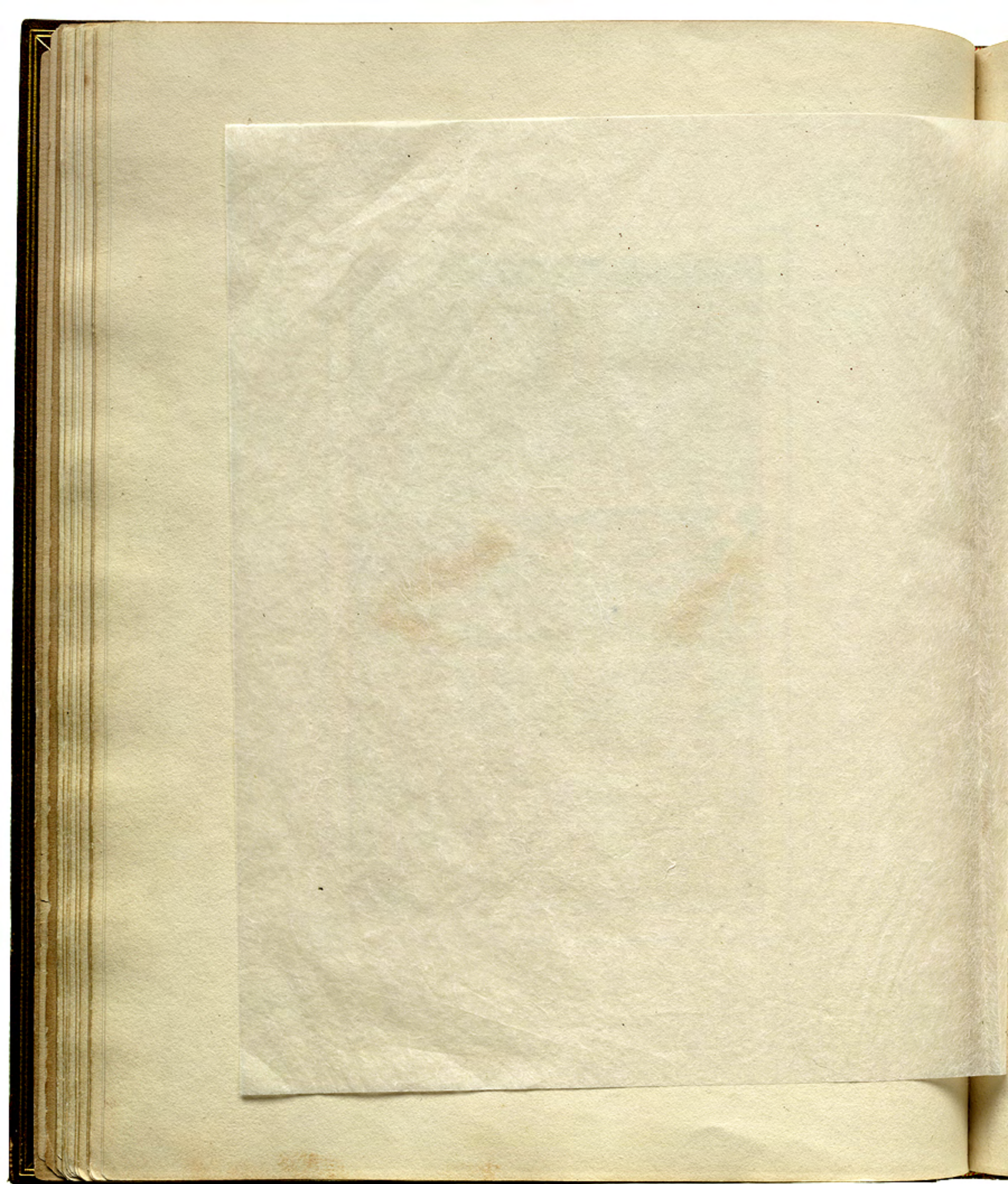
4. Shudd'ring, the Eternal Prophet smote
With a stroke, from his north to south
region.

The bellows & hammer are silent now
A nerveless silence, his prophetic voice
Siz'd: a cold solitude & dark void
The Eternal Prophet & Urizen clos'd

7. In anguish dividing & dividing
For pity divides the soul
In pangs eternity on eternity
Life in cataracts pour'd down his
cliffs

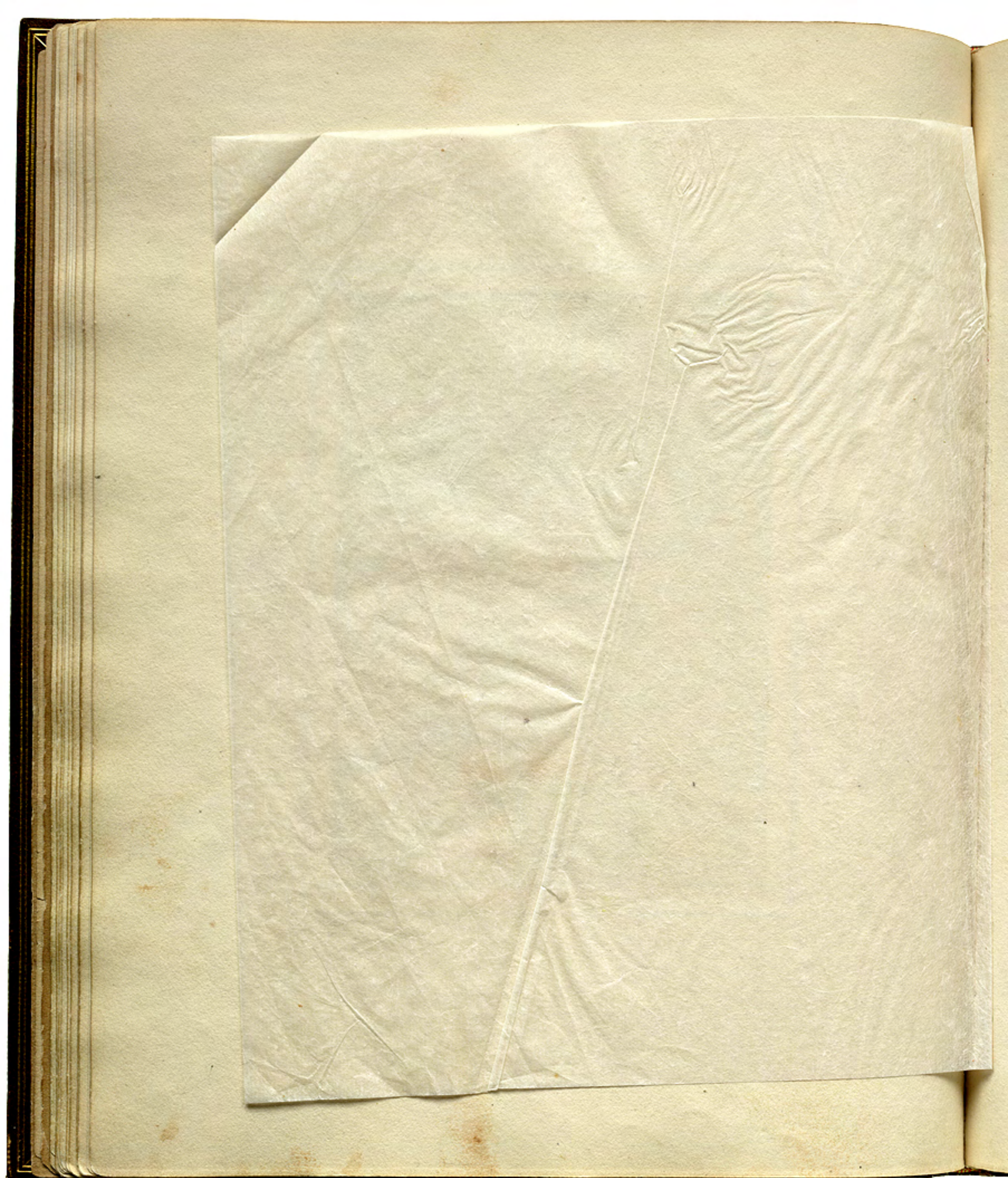
5. Ages on ages roll'd over them
Cut off from life & light frozen
Into horrible forms of deformity
Los suffer'd his fires to decay

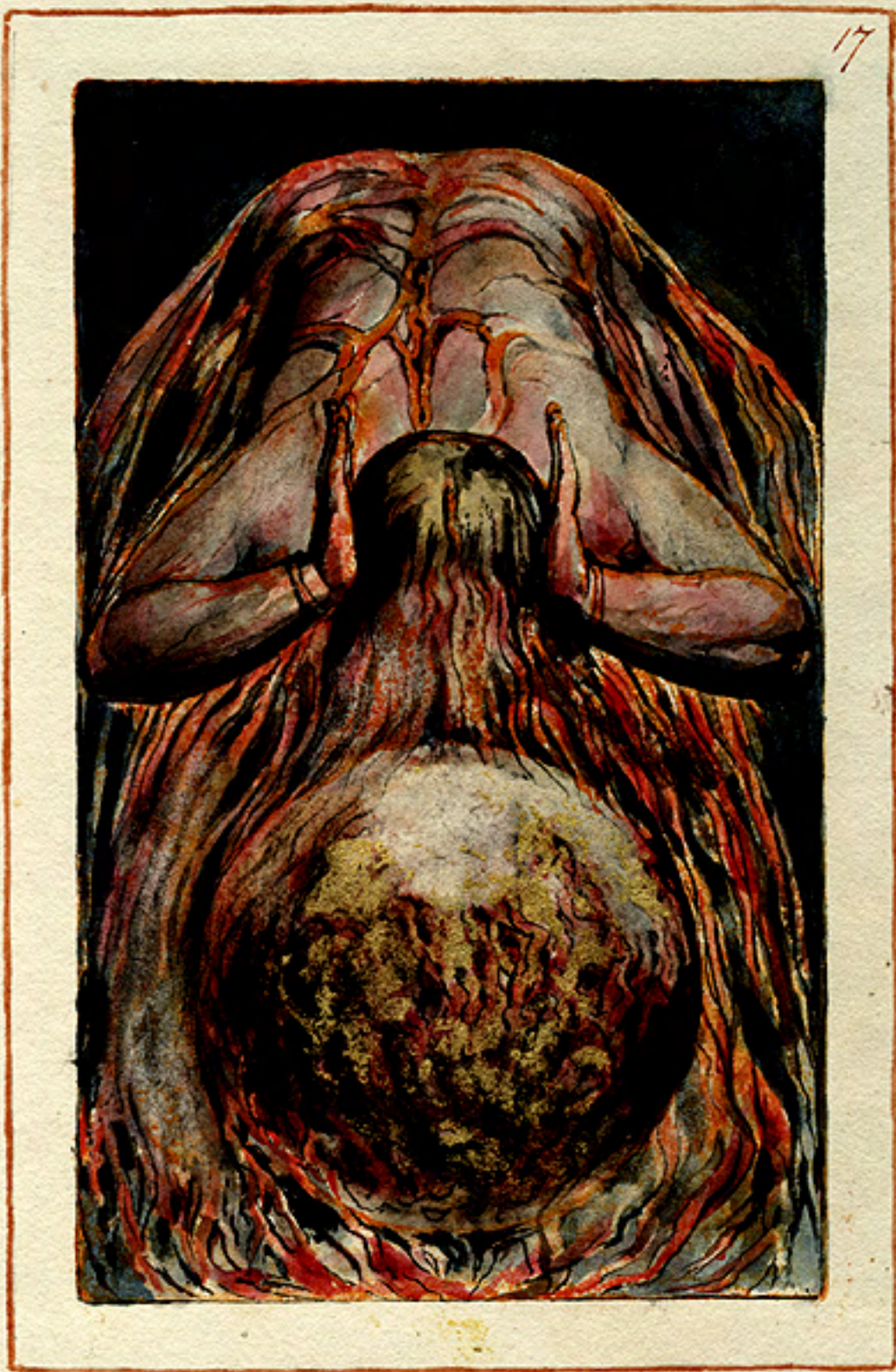
The void shrink the lymph into nerves
Wandering wide on the bosom of night
And left a round globe of blood
Trembling upon the Void



Thus the Eternal Prophet was divided,
 Before the death image of Urizen
 For in changeable clouds and darkness
 In a winterly night beneath Yav
 The Abyss of Los stretch'd immense:
 And now seen, now obscured to the eyes
 Of Eternals, the visions remote
 Of the dark separation appeared,
 As glaciers discover Worlds
 In the endless Abyss of space
 So the expanding eyes of Immortals
 Beheld the dark visions of Los,
 And the globe of life blood trembling





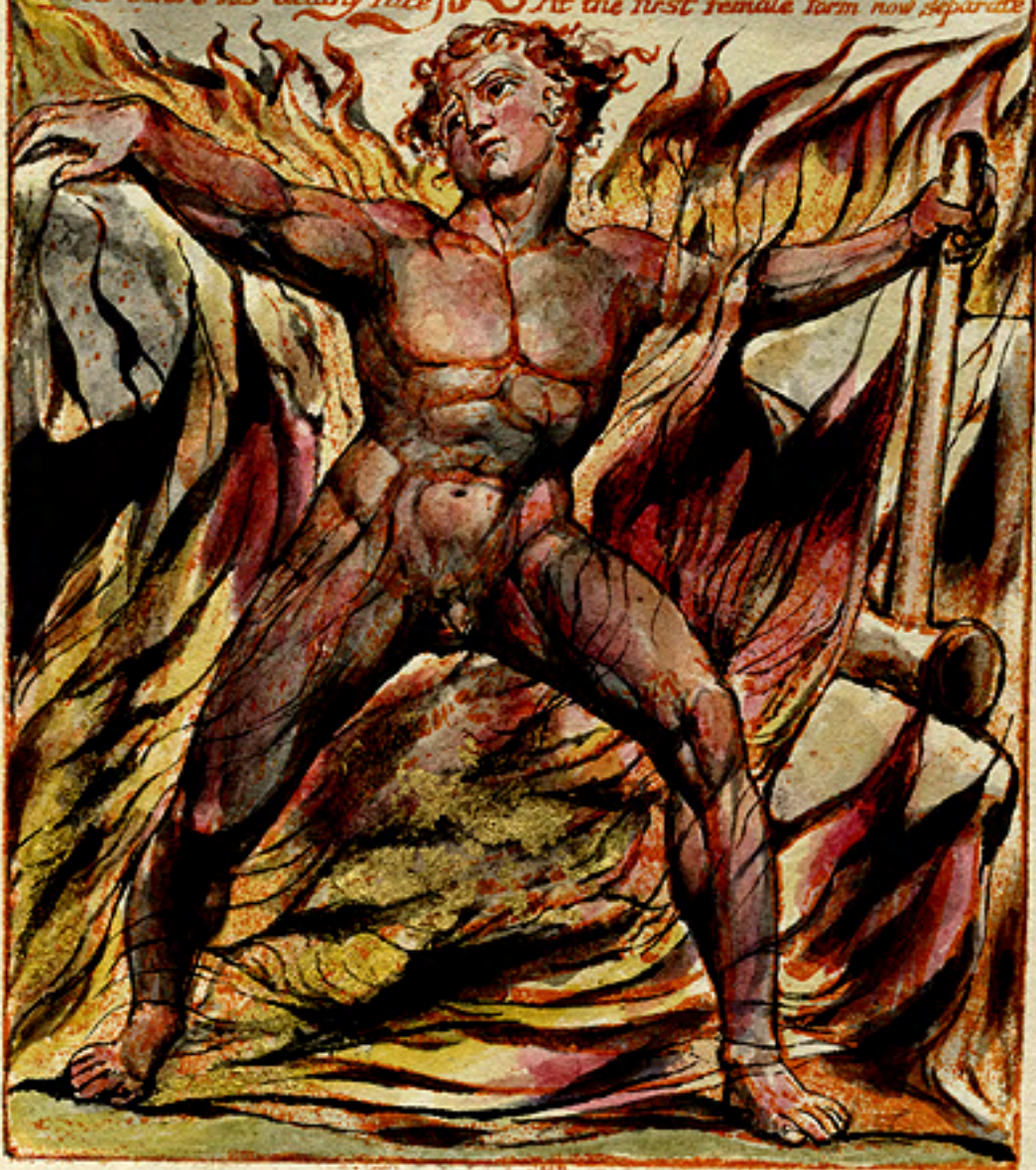


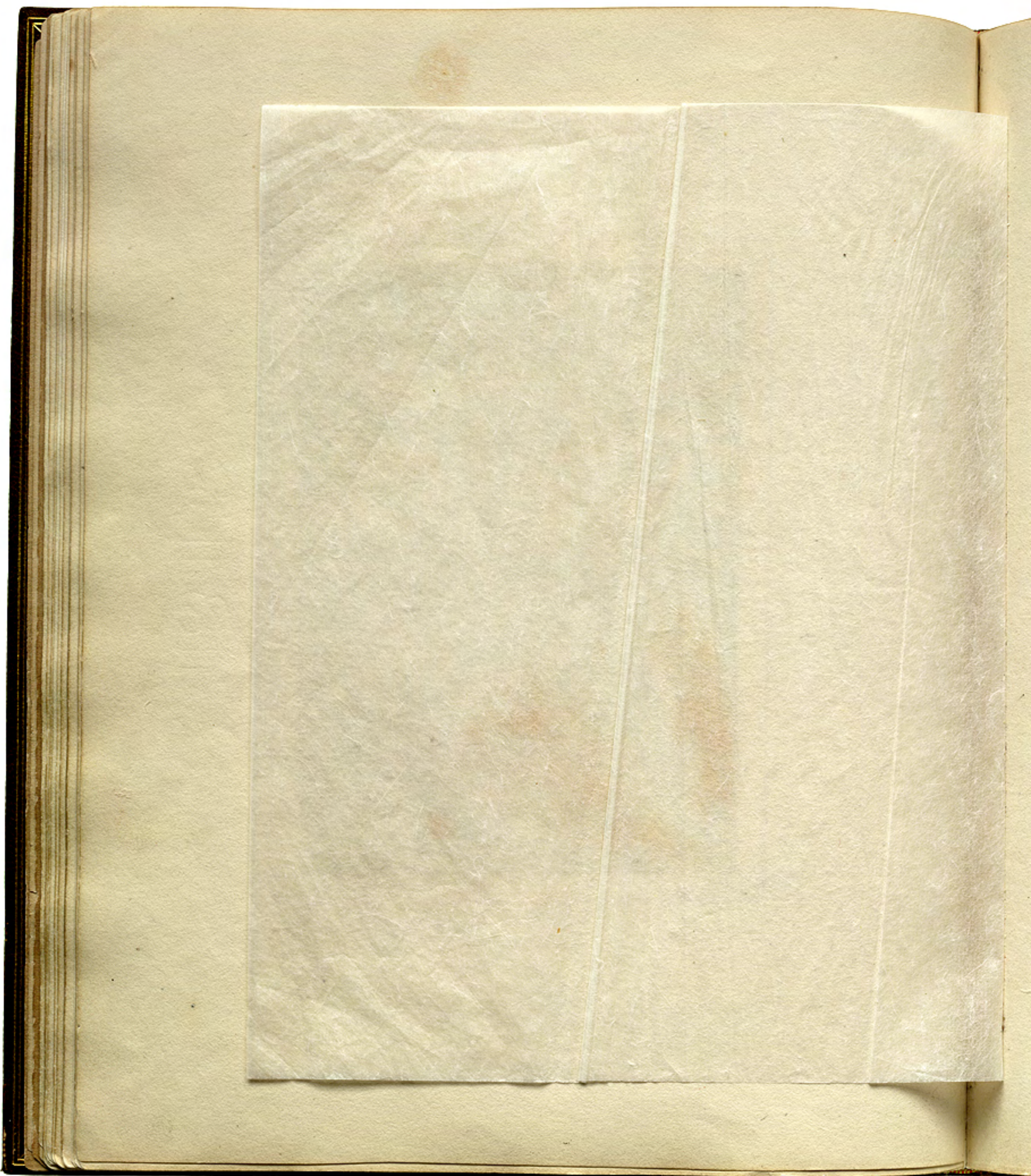
Drizen C.V.

8. The globe of life blood trembled
Branching out into roots:
Fibrous, writhing upon the winds:
Fibres of blood, milk and tears:
In pangs, eternity on eternity
At length in tears & cries embodied
A female form, trembling and pale
Waves before his deathly face

9. All Eternity shuddered at sight
Of the first female now separate
Pale as a cloud of snow
Waving before the face of Los

10. Wonder, awe, fear, astonishment
Petrify the eternal myriads:
At the first female form now separate







They call'd her Pity, and Red.

11. Spread a Tent, with strong curtains around them.

Let cords & stakes bind in the Void
That Eternals may no more behold them.

12. They began to weave curtains of darkness.

They erected large pillars round the Void
With golden hooks fasten'd in the pillars
With infinite labour the Eternals
A web wove, and call'd it Science.

Chap. VI.

1. But Los saw the Female & pitied
He embrac'd her, she wept, she refus'd
In perverse and cruel delight
She Red from his arms, yet he follow'd.

2. Eternity shudder'd when they staid,
Man begetting his likeness
On his own devalued image.

3. A time pass'd over, the Eternals
Began to erect the tent:
When Enitharmon, sick,
Felt a Worm within her womb.

4. Yet helpless it lay like a Worm
In the trembling womb
To be moulded into existence.

5. All day the worm lay on her bosom,
All night within her womb
The worm lay till it grew to a serpent.

With dolorous hissings & poisons
Round Enitharmon's loins folding.

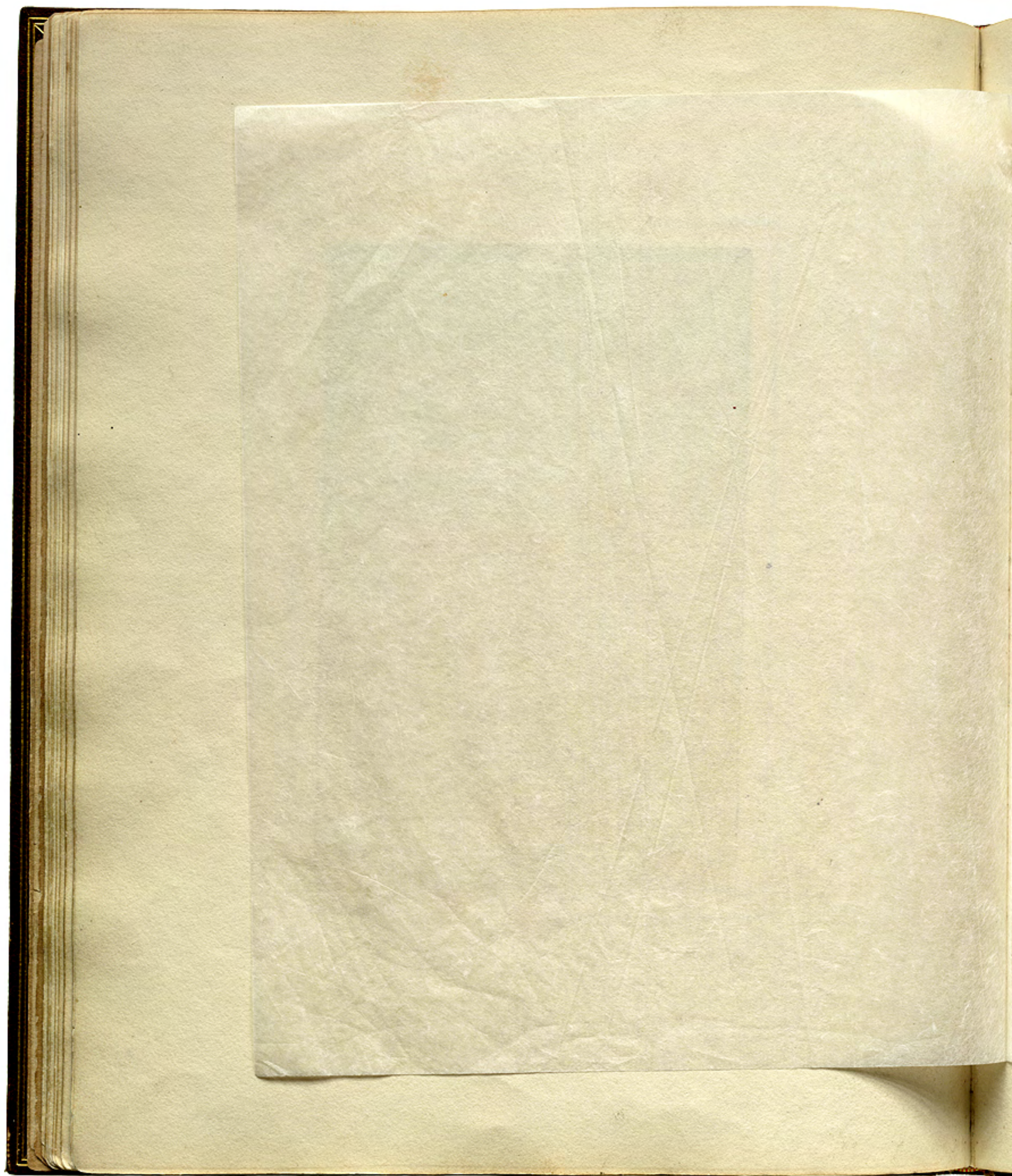
6. Coiled within Enitharmon's womb
The serpent grew casting its scales
With sharp pang's the hissings began
To change to a grating cry
Many sorrows and dismal throes
Many forges of fish, bird, & beast
Brought forth an infant form
Where was a worm before.

7. The Eternals their tent finished
Alarm'd with these gloomy visions
When Enitharmon, groaning
Produced a man Child to the light.

8. A shriek ran thro' Eternity:
And a paralytic stroke:
At the birth of the Human Shadow.

9. Delving earth in his resistless
way,
Howling, the Child with fierce flames
Issued from Enitharmon.

10. The Eternals, closed the tent
They beat down the stakes the cords



Urizen C. VII

Stretch'd for a work of eternity:
No more Los beheld Eternity.

11. In his hands he seiz'd the infant
He bathed him in springs of sorrow
He gave him to Enitharmon.

Chap. VII.

1. They nam'd the Child Orc, he grew
Fed with milk of Enitharmon.

2. Los awakes her: O sorrow & pain!
A lightning girdle grew.
Around his bosom. In sobbings
He burst the girdle in twain.
But still another girdle grew
Oppress'd his bosom. In sobbings
Again he burst it. Again
Another girdle succeeds
The girdle was form'd by day:
By night was burst in twain.

3. These falling down on the rock
Into an iron Chain rose
In each other link by link lock'd

4. They took Orc to the top of a
mountain.
O how Enitharmon wept!
They chain'd his young limbs to the
rock
With the Chain of Jealousy
Beneath Urizens deathful shadow

5. The deaf heav'd the voice of the
child
And began to awake from sleep
All things. heard the voice of the child
And began to awake to life.

6. And Urizen craving with hunger
Stung with the odours of Nature
Explor'd his dens around

7. He form'd a line & a plummet
To divide the Abyss beneath.
He form'd a dividing rule:

8. He form'd scales to weigh:
He form'd many weights:
He form'd a brazen quadrant:
He form'd golden compasses
And began to explore the Abyss
And he plant'd a garden of fruits

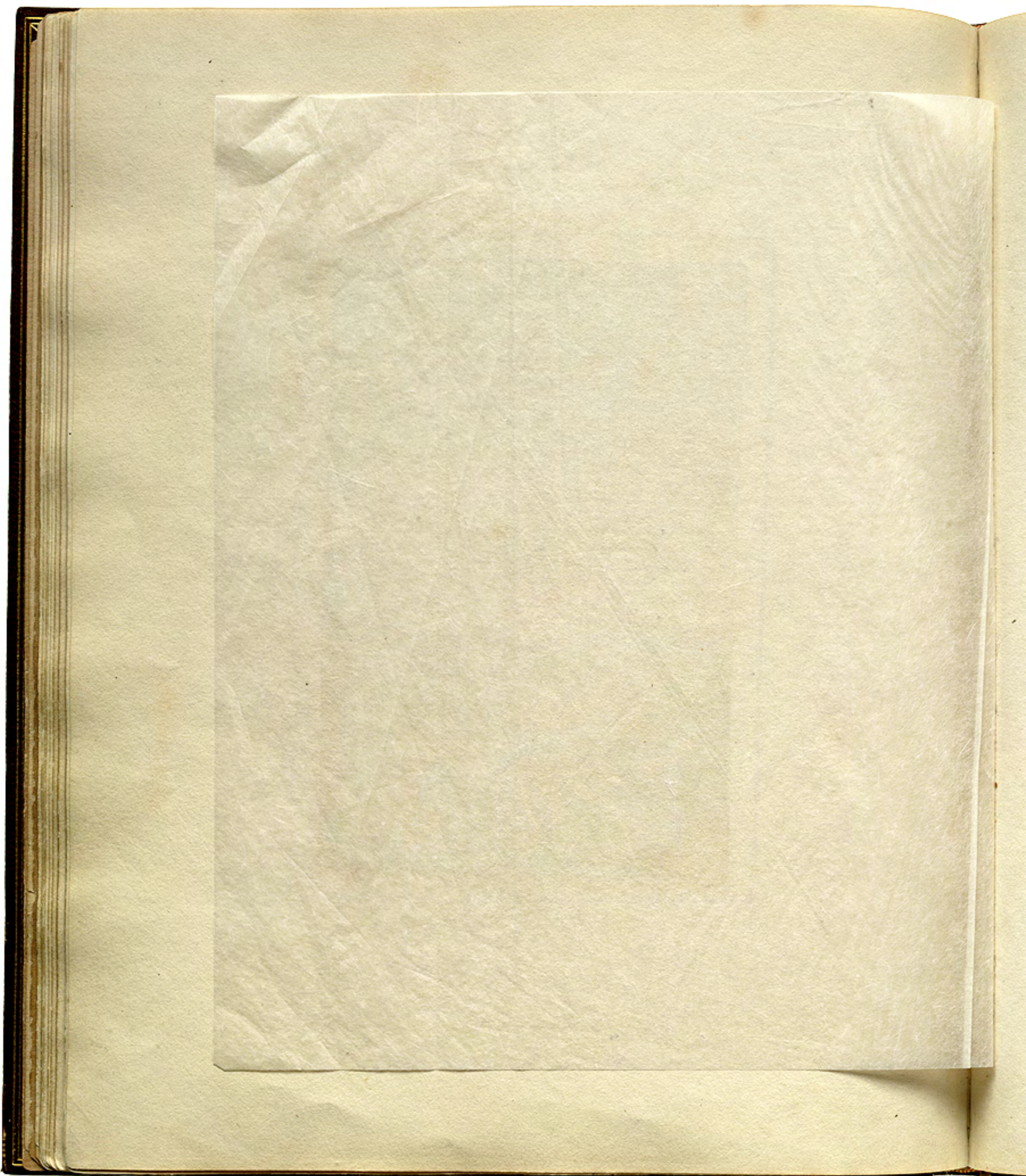
9. But Los encircled Enitharmon
With fires of Prophecy
From the sight of Urizen & Orc.

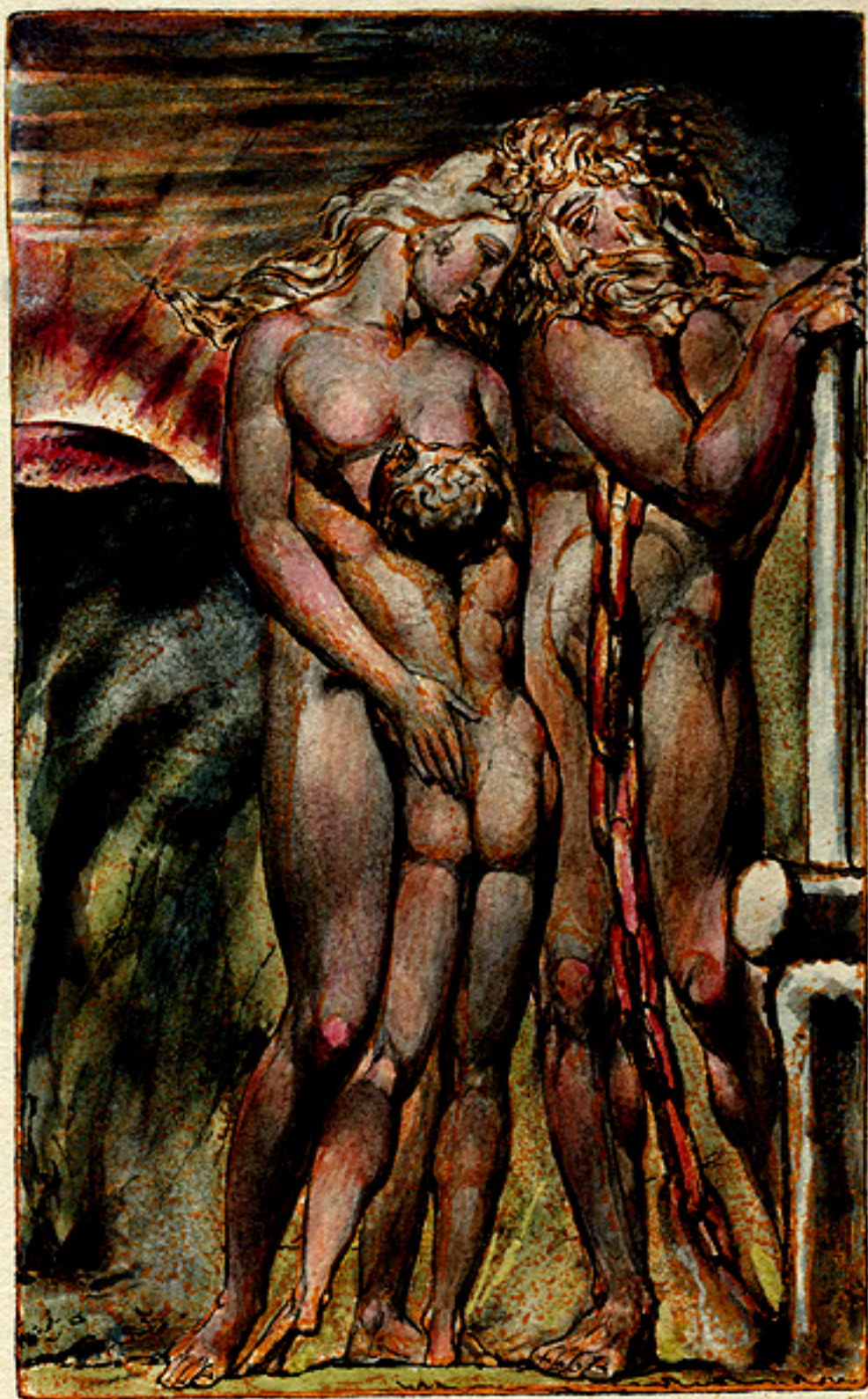
10. And she bore an enormous race

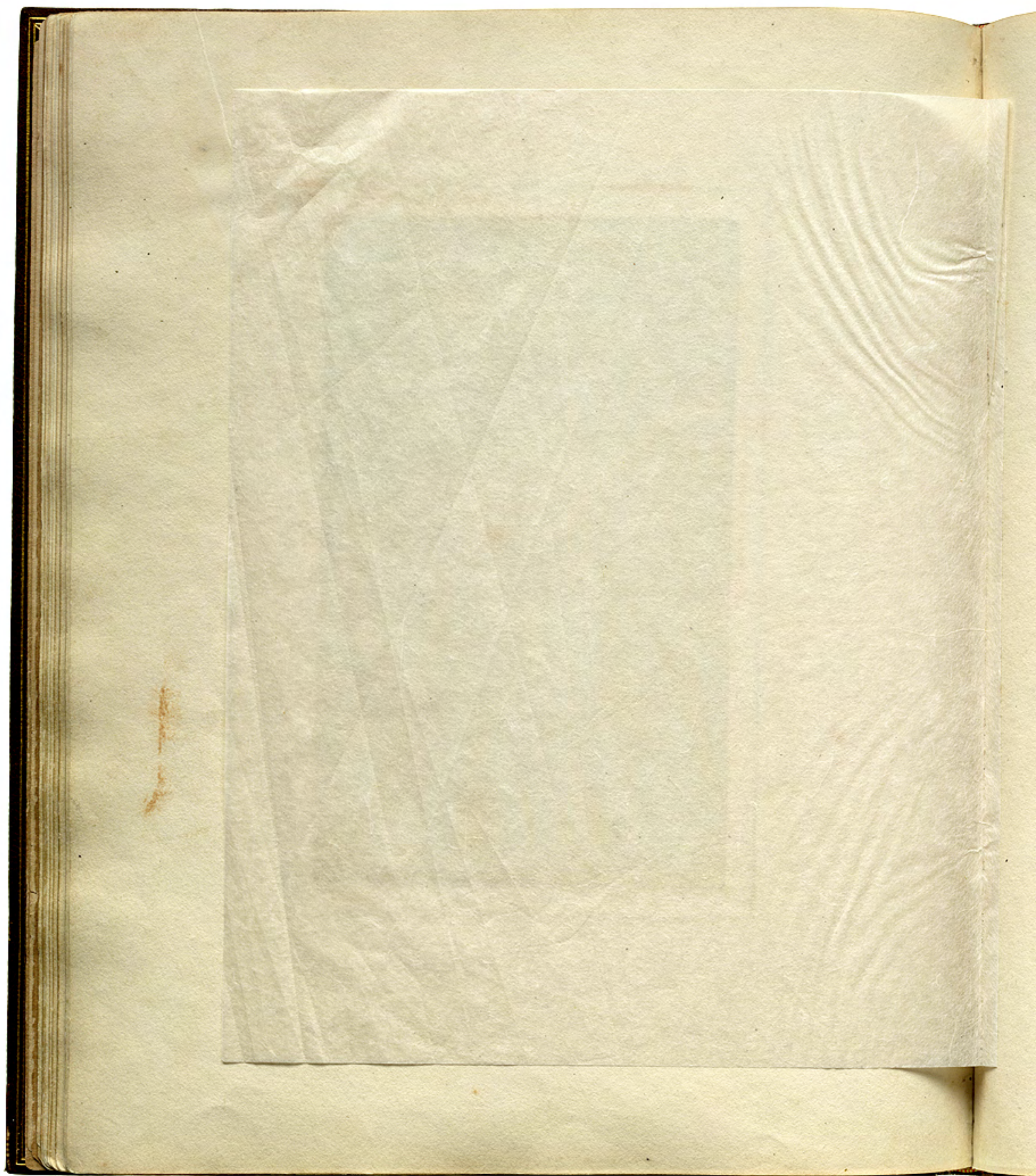
Chap. VIII.

1. Urizen explor'd his dens
Mountain, moor, & wilderness.
With a globe of fire lighting his
journey
A fearful journey, annoy'd
By cruel enormities: farms



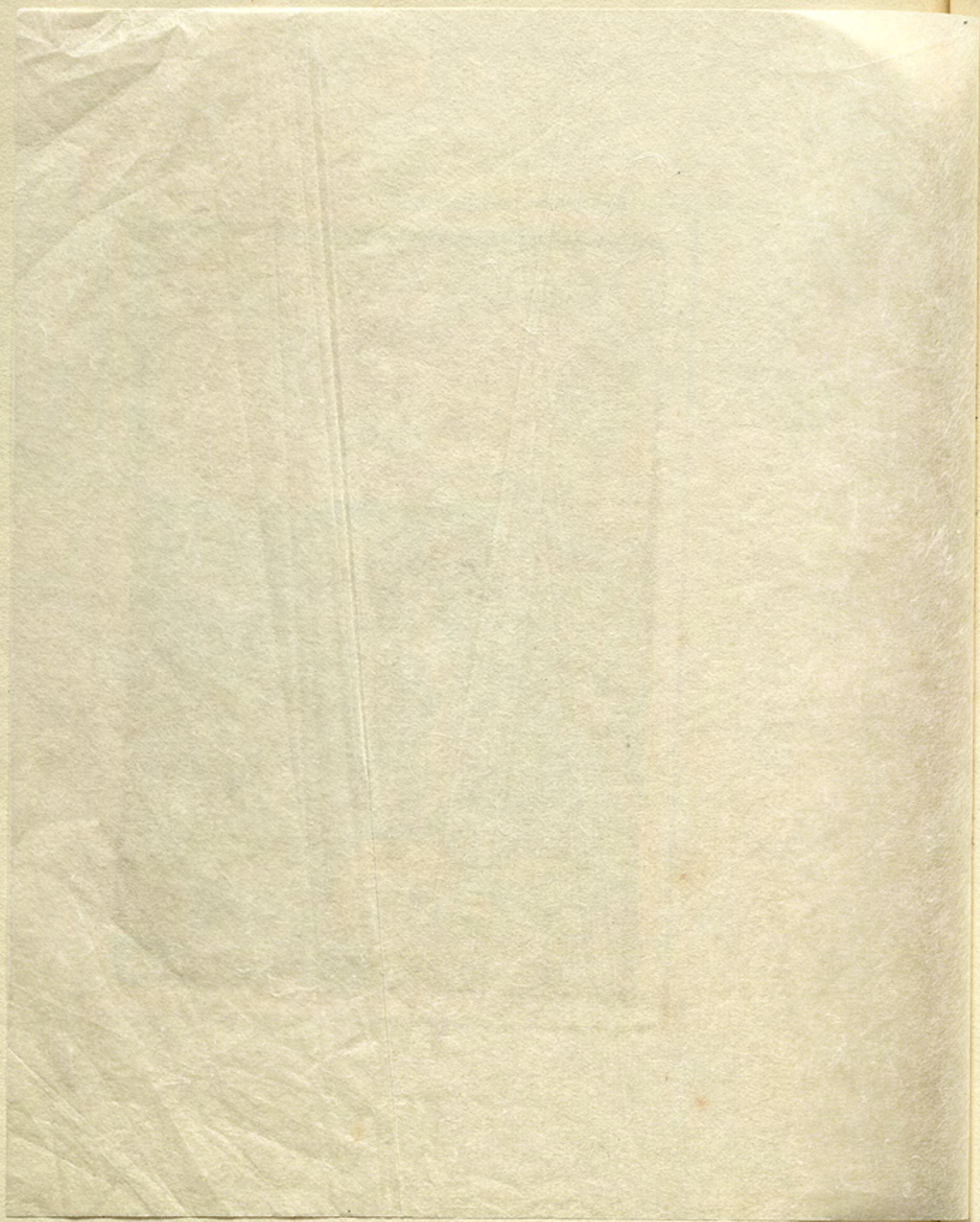






Of life on his forsaken mountains
 And his world round, vast enormities
 Frightning; faithless; fawning
 Portents of life; novelties
 Of a foot, or a hand, or a head
 Or a heart, or an eye, they shone mis-
 chevous
 Dread terrors; delighting in blood
 Most Urizen sickened to see
 His eternal creations appear
 Sons & daughters of sorrow on mountains
 Weeping; wailing; flesh Thral appeared
 Astonished at his own existence
 Like a man from a cloud born, & Uthas
 From the waters emerging, lamenting.
 Grodna rent the deep earth howling
 Amazed! his heavens immense cracks
 Like the ground parched with heat; then
 Fuzon
 Flamed out; first begotten, last born.
 All his eternal sons in like manner
 His daughters from green herbs & cattle
 From monsters, & worms of the pit.
 He in darkness closed, viewed all his
 race
 And his soul sickened; he cursed
 Both sons & daughters; for he saw
 That no flesh nor spirit could keep
 His iron laws one moment.
 For he saw that life lived upon
 death

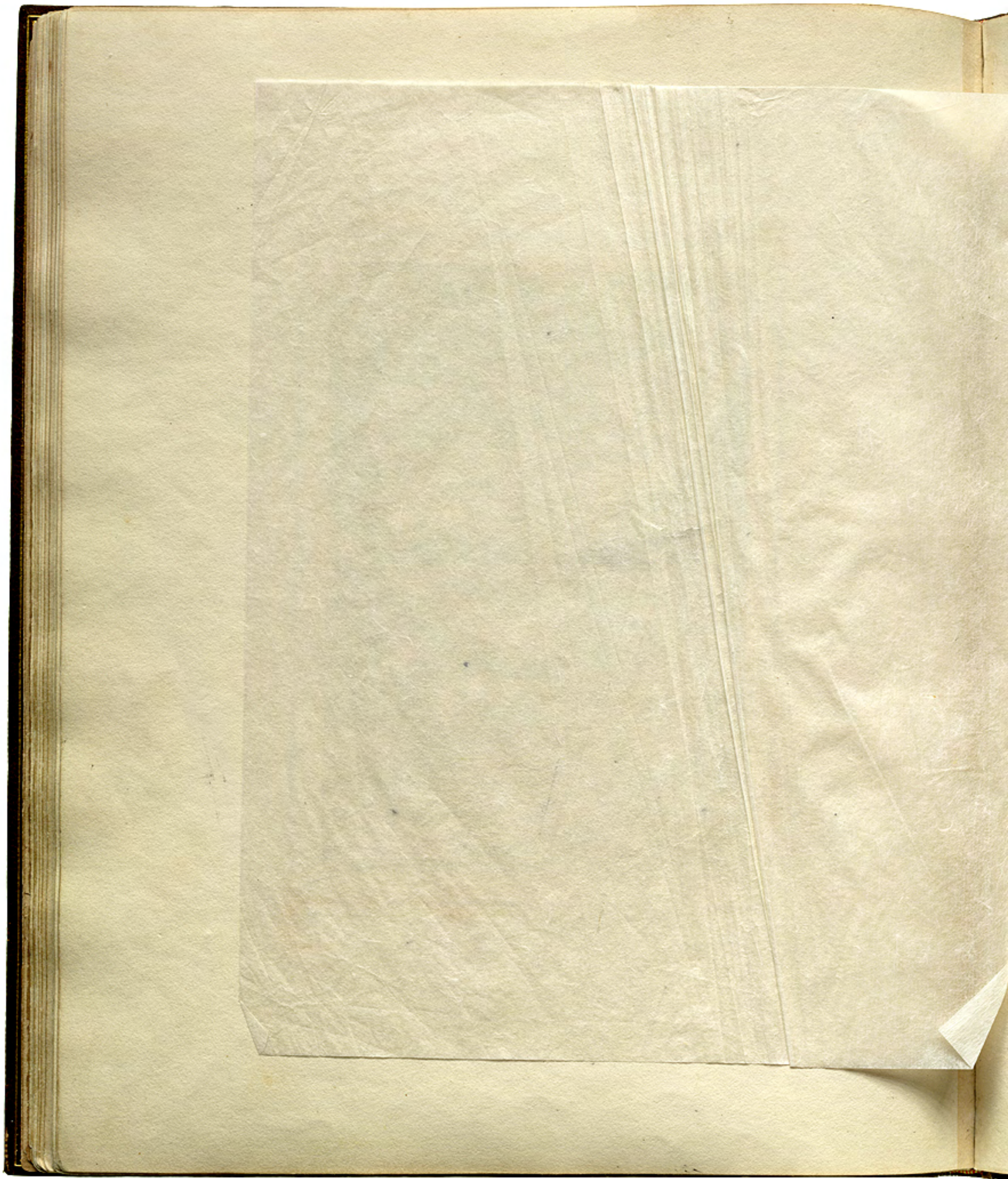














The Ox in the slaughter house means

The Dog at the misty door

And he wept, & for called it Pay

And his tears flowed down on the mud

6. Cold he wanderd on hiph, over

their cities

In weeping & pain & wee!

And where ever he wanders in sorrows

Upon the aged heavens

A cold shadow followd behind him

Like a spiders web, most cold, & dun

Drawing out from his sorrowing soul

The dungeon-like heaven dividing

Where ever the footsteps of Urizen

Walk'd over the cities in sorrow.

7. Till a Web dark & cold, throughout all

The tormented element stretch'd

From the sorrows of Urizens soul

And the Web is a Female in embryo

None could break the Web, no wings

of fire.

8. So twisted the cords, & so knotted

The meshes: twisted like to the

human brain

9. And all call'd it, The Net of Reli-

Chap: IX

1. Then the Inhabitants of these Cities

Felt their Nerves change into Marrow

And hardening Bores began

In swift discases and torments

In throbings & shootings & grindings

Thro all the coasts; till weaken'd

The Senses inward rush'd, shrinking

Beneath the dark net of infection.

2. Till the shrunken eyes clouded over

Discein'd not the woven hypocrisy

But the streaky slurs in their heavens

Brought together by narrowing perceptions

Appear'd transparent air; for their eyes

Grew small, like the eyes of a man

And in reptile forms shrinking together

Of seven feet stature they remain'd

3. Six days they shrunk up from existence

And on the seventh day they rested

And they blas'd the seventh day, in sick

hope;

And forgot their eternal life

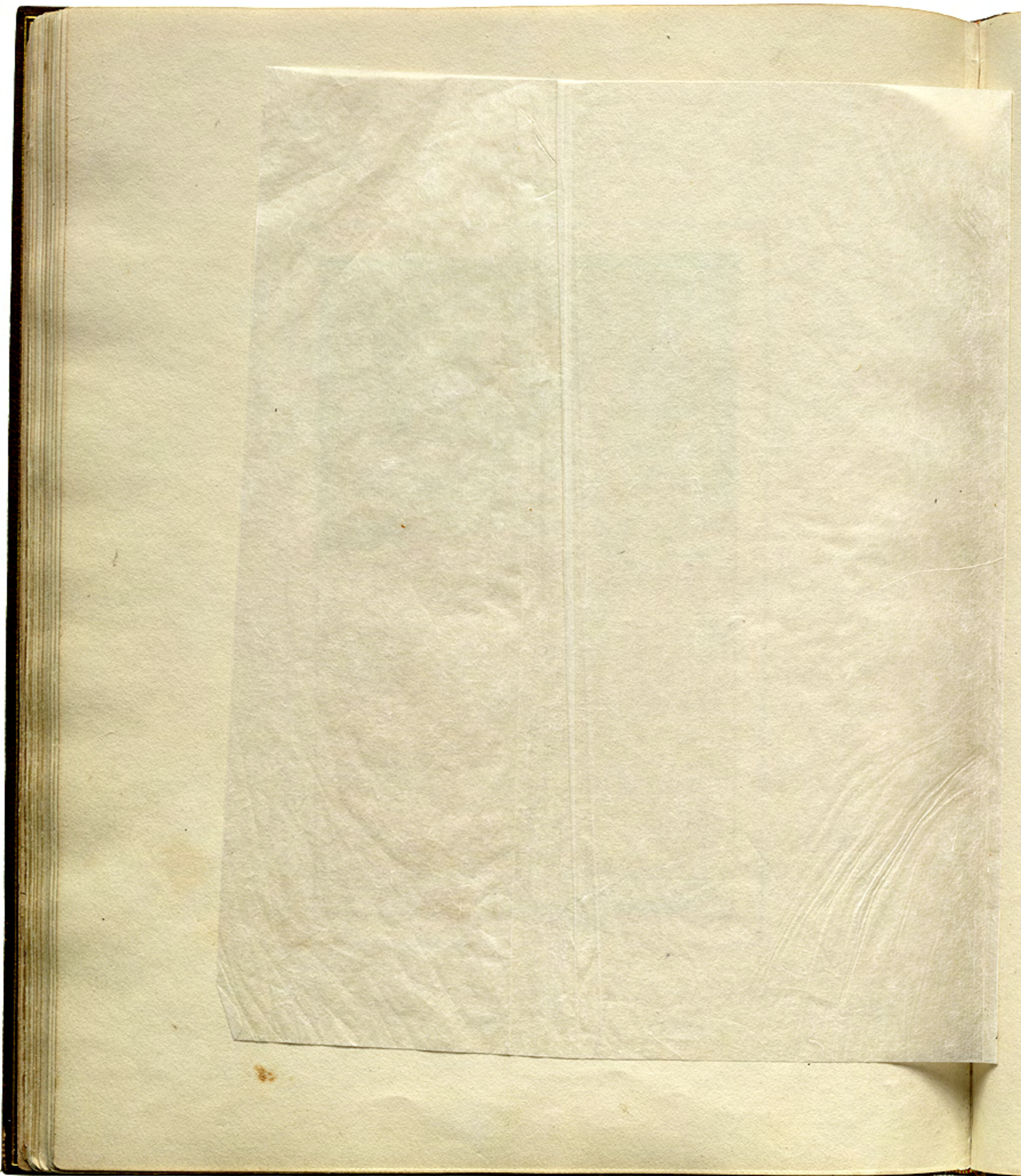
4. And their thirty cities divided

In form of a human heart

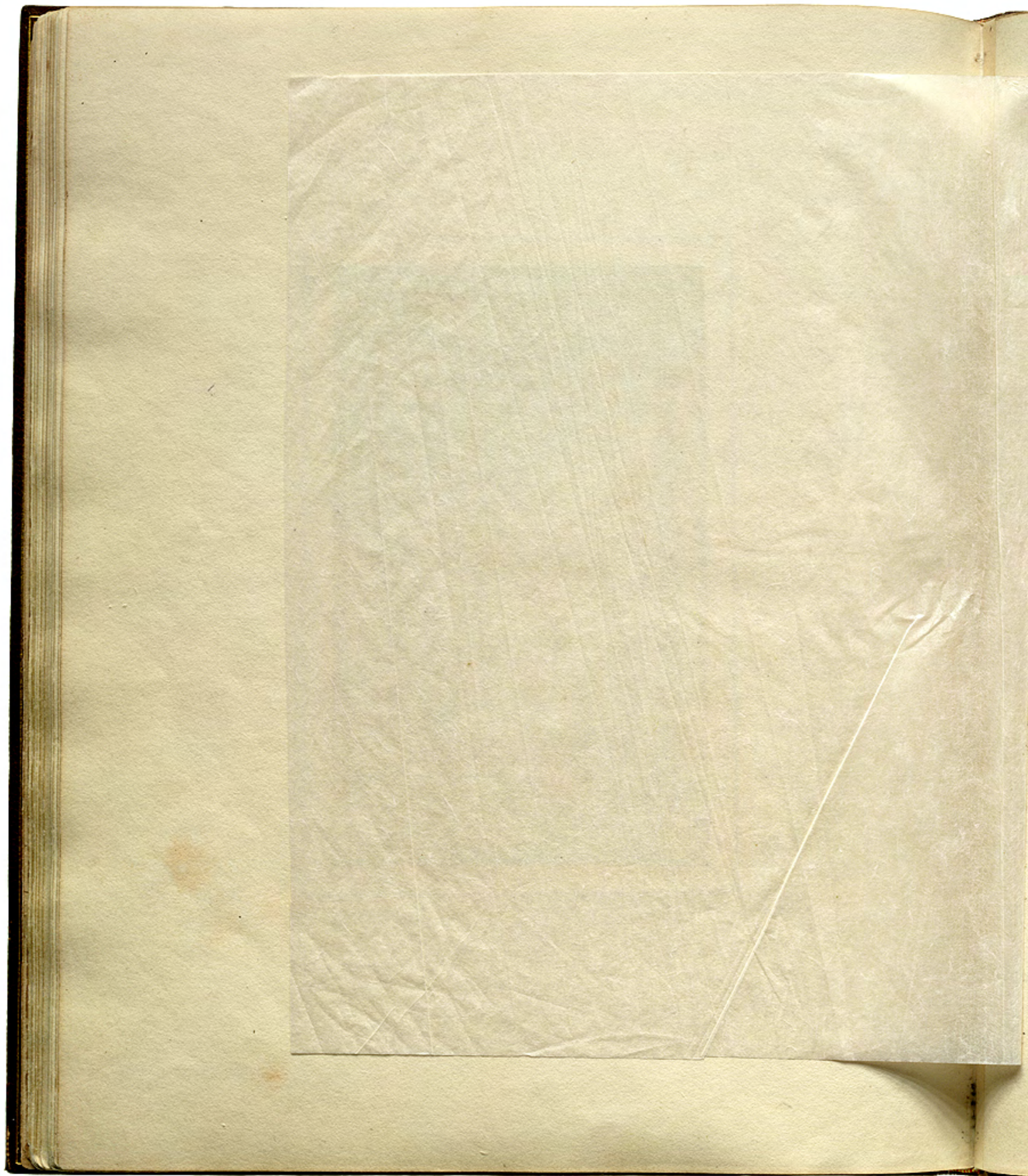
No more could they rise at will

In the infinite void, but bound down

to earth by their narrowing perceptions







Urizen C:IX.

They lived a period of years
Then left a noxious body
To the jaws of devouring darkness

5. And their children wept, & built
Tombs in the desolate places.
And form'd laws of prudence, and
call'd them

The eternal laws of God

6. And the thirty cities remain'd
Surrounded by salt floods, now call'd
Africa: its name was then Egypt.

7. The remaining sons of Urizen
Beheld their brethren shrink together
Beneath the Net of Urizen:
Persuasion was in vain.

For the ears of the inhabitants
Were wither'd, & deafen'd, & cold:
And their eyes could not discern
Their brethren of other cities.

8. So Fuizen call'd all together
The remaining children of Urizen:
And they left the pendulous earth:
They call'd it Egypt, & left it.

9. And the salt ocean rolled engulf'd

The End of the
book of Urizen





