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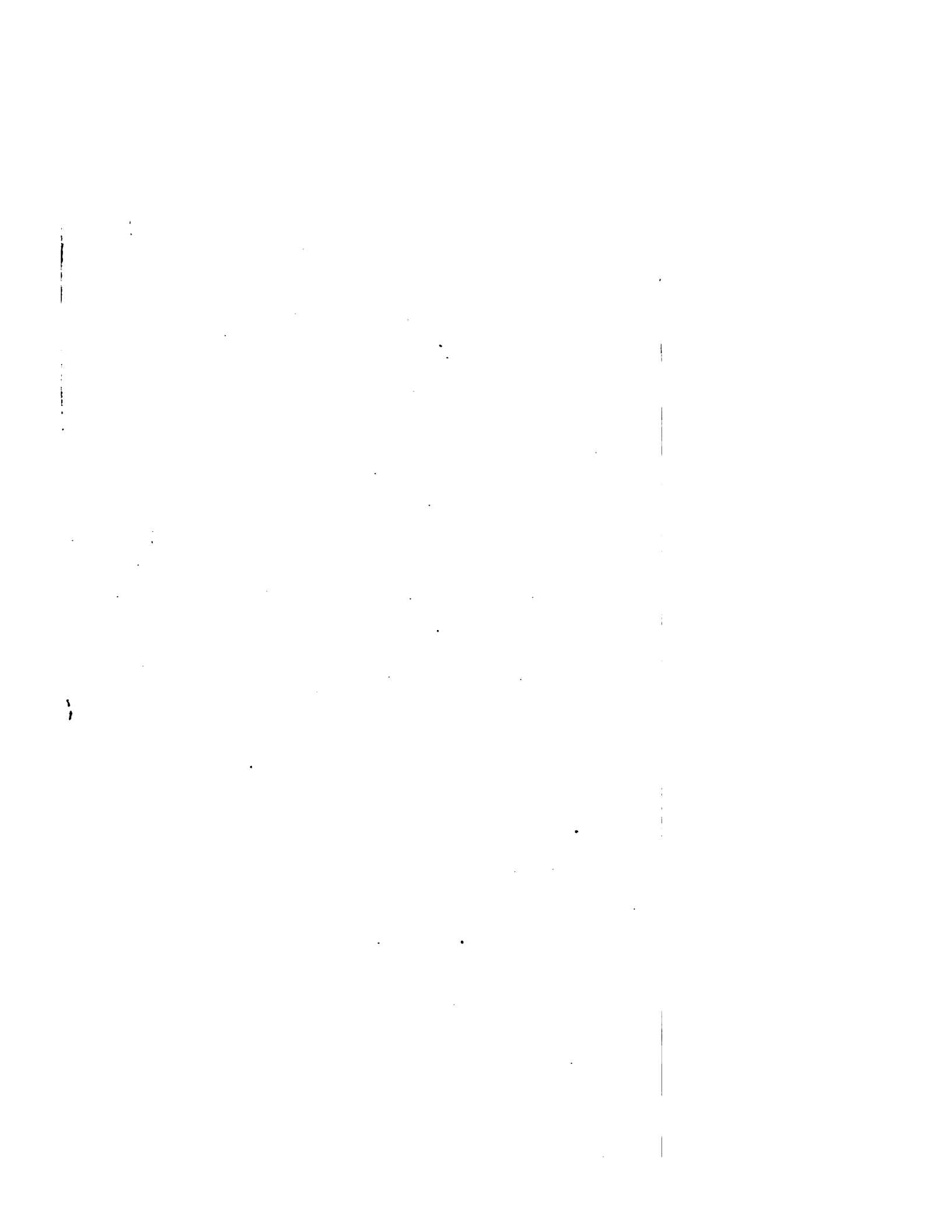
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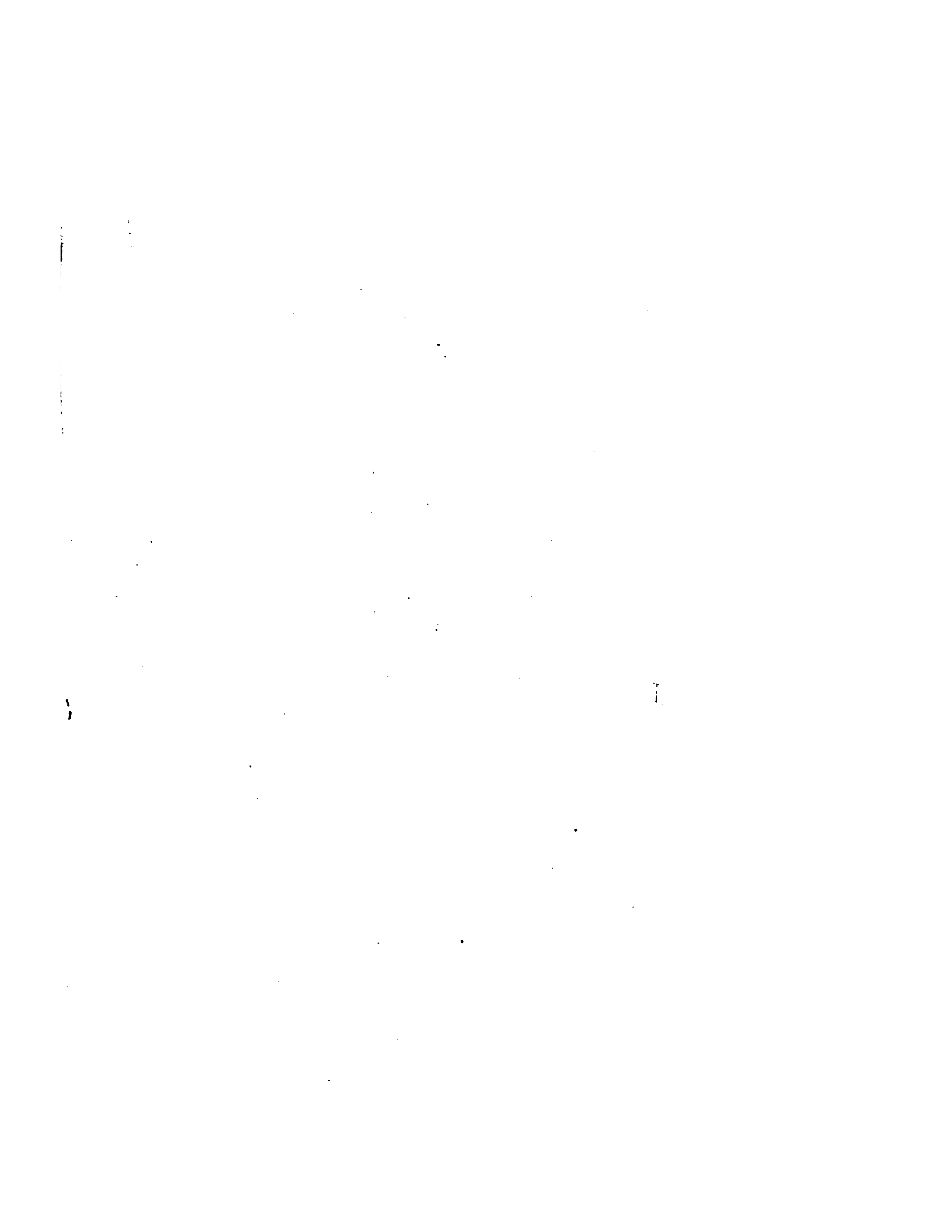
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IN the Appendix to this Volume will be found some valuable despatches from the Dutch Ambassadors in London to the States-General, in reference to the trial and execution of Charles I. His Majesty the King of the Netherlands had the goodness to direct that the Archives of his kingdom and family, at the Hague, should be thrown open to me, and that I might take copies of any documents I might need. I envy the friends of truth and learning the pleasure of paying due homage to this act of royal liberality: for my own part, I must rest content with merely expressing my gratitude—anything more would be considered flattery. Though I have not yet reached that epoch of the English Revolution—the reign of James II.—of which the true history is assuredly contained in the Archives of the Hague, I hastened to consult them, and have already obtained from them much valuable information, and many documents of

the highest interest. His Excellency M. Van Gobelscroy, Minister of the Interior, and M. de Jouge, Keeper of the Archives, kindly gave me every facility and assistance in pursuing these researches. Let me here offer them my most sincere and hearty thanks : but my gratitude is not disinterested ; for in the further portions of my Work, I shall frequently have recourse to their kindness, which will need to be as inexhaustible as the rich treasure confided to their care.

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On being informed of these arrangements, the King, relieved in his turn from all uncertainty, displayed a greater amount of vigour. A small supply of stores had been sent him from Holland, and the Queen promised further remittances.¹ The Commissioners whom

¹ Clarendon's *History of the Rebellion*, vol. iii. p. 102.