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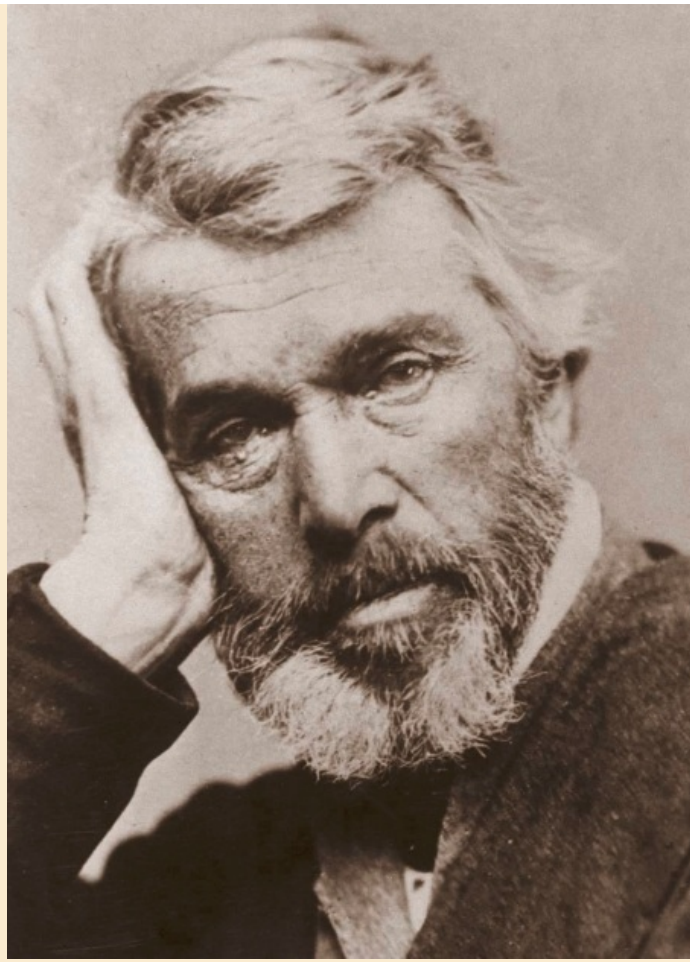
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In spite of the many months taken in correcting the 22 volumes, they are reposted with regret they are not better and with the realization the renovated edition is a poor representation of this great work. This reposting I consider an interim step, with the hope another volunteer will someday produce a new PG edition from new scans saved in unicode or Latin-1 with linked footnotes—a project I am unlikely to have time to accomplish.

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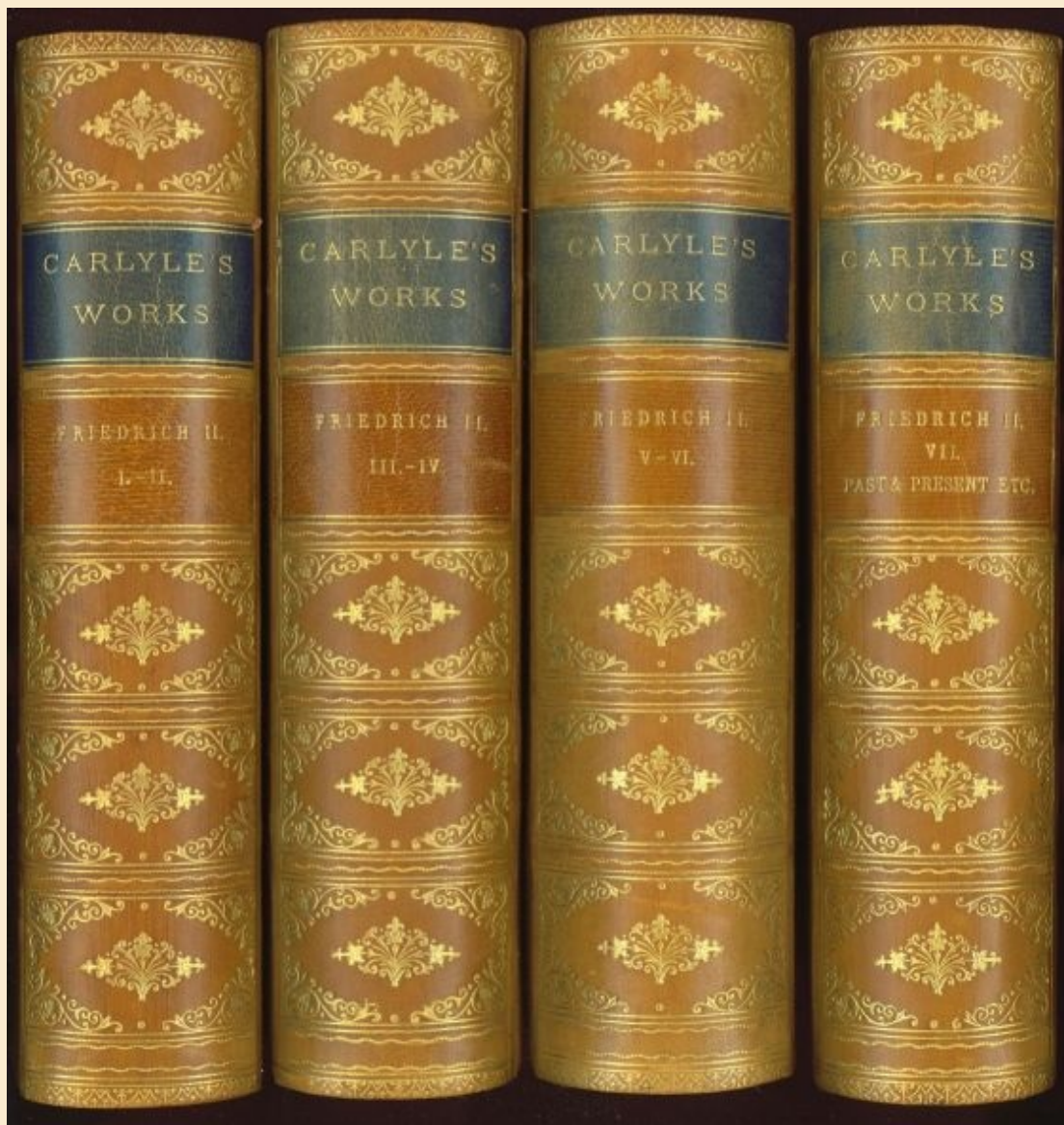
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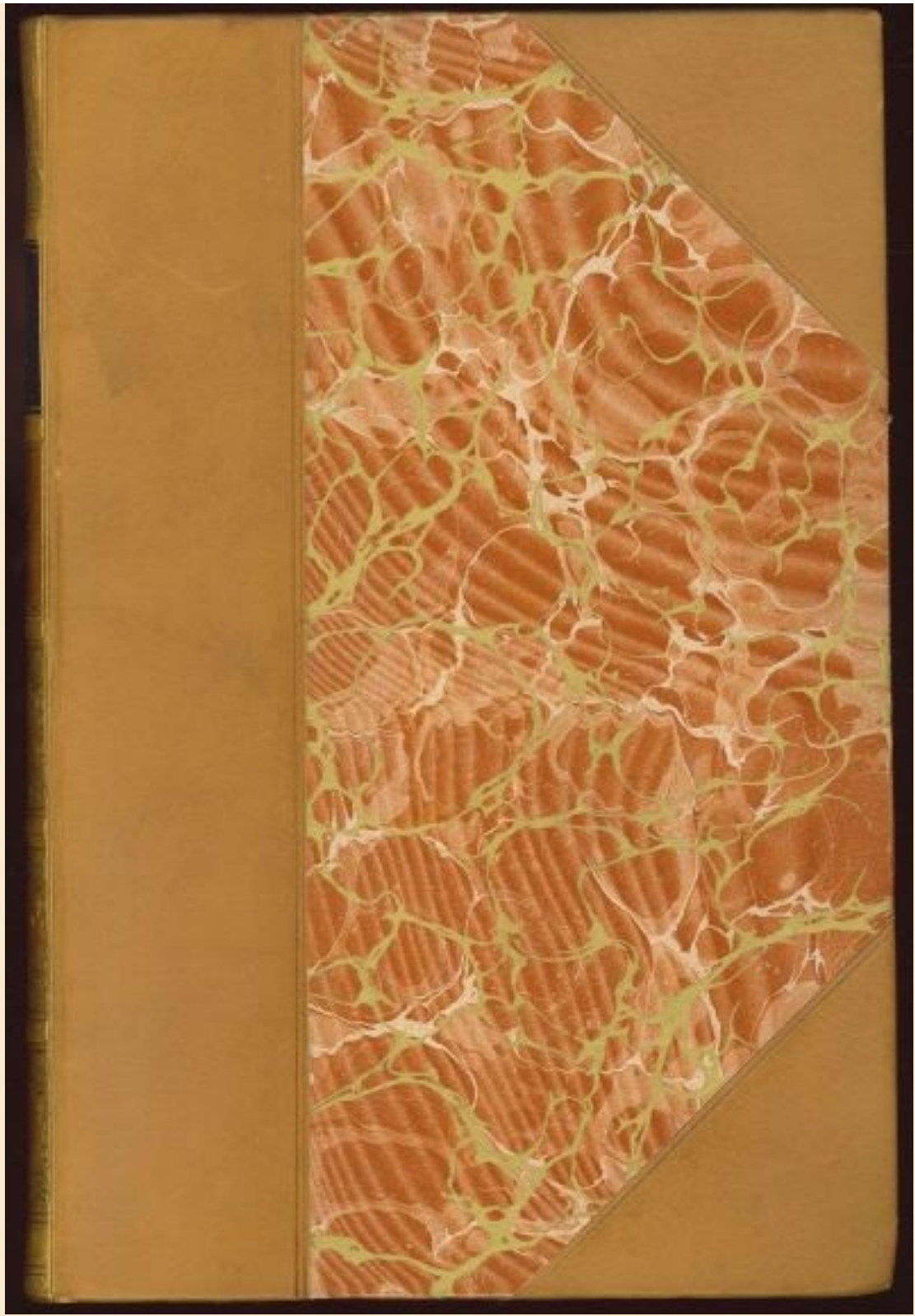
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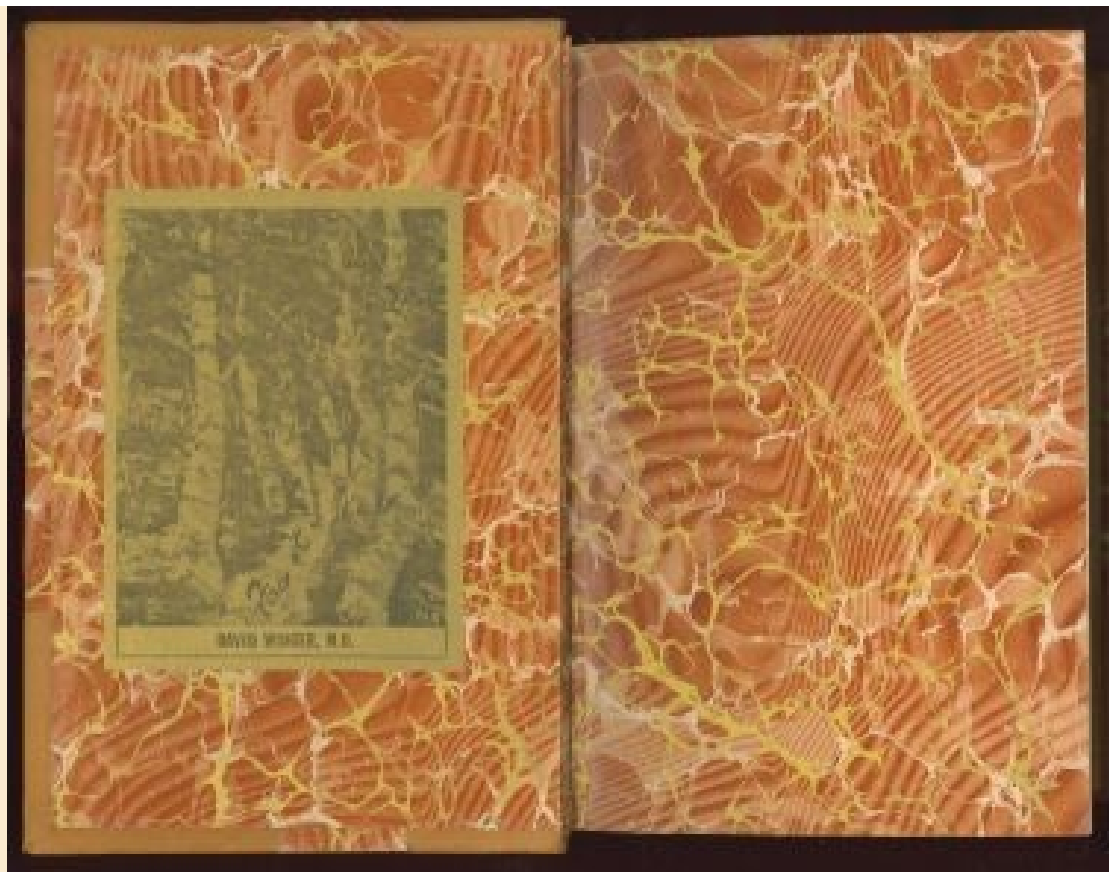
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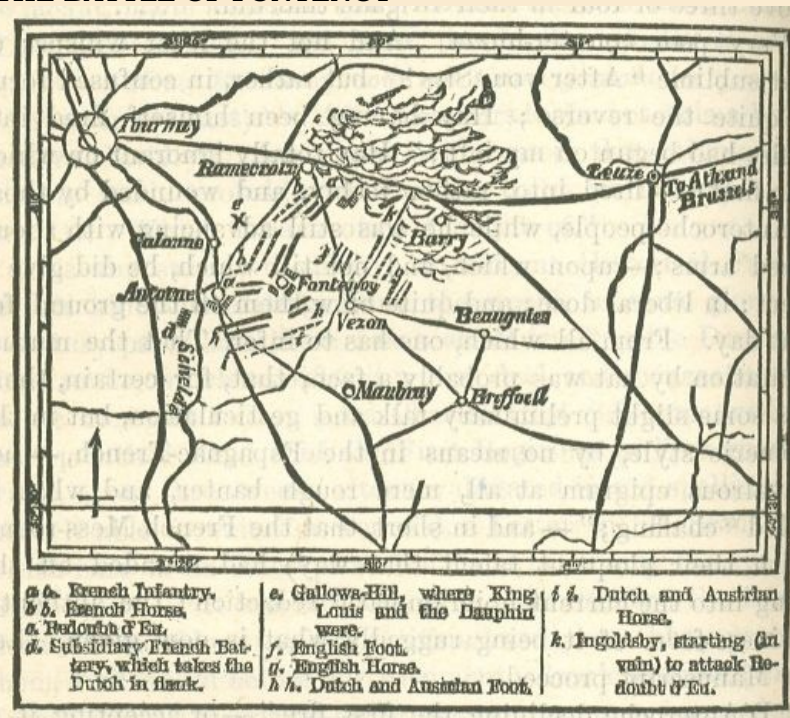
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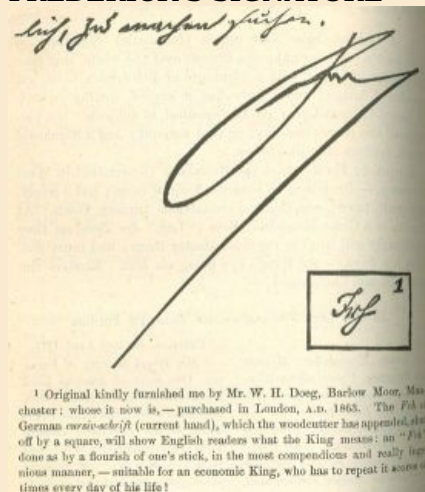
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