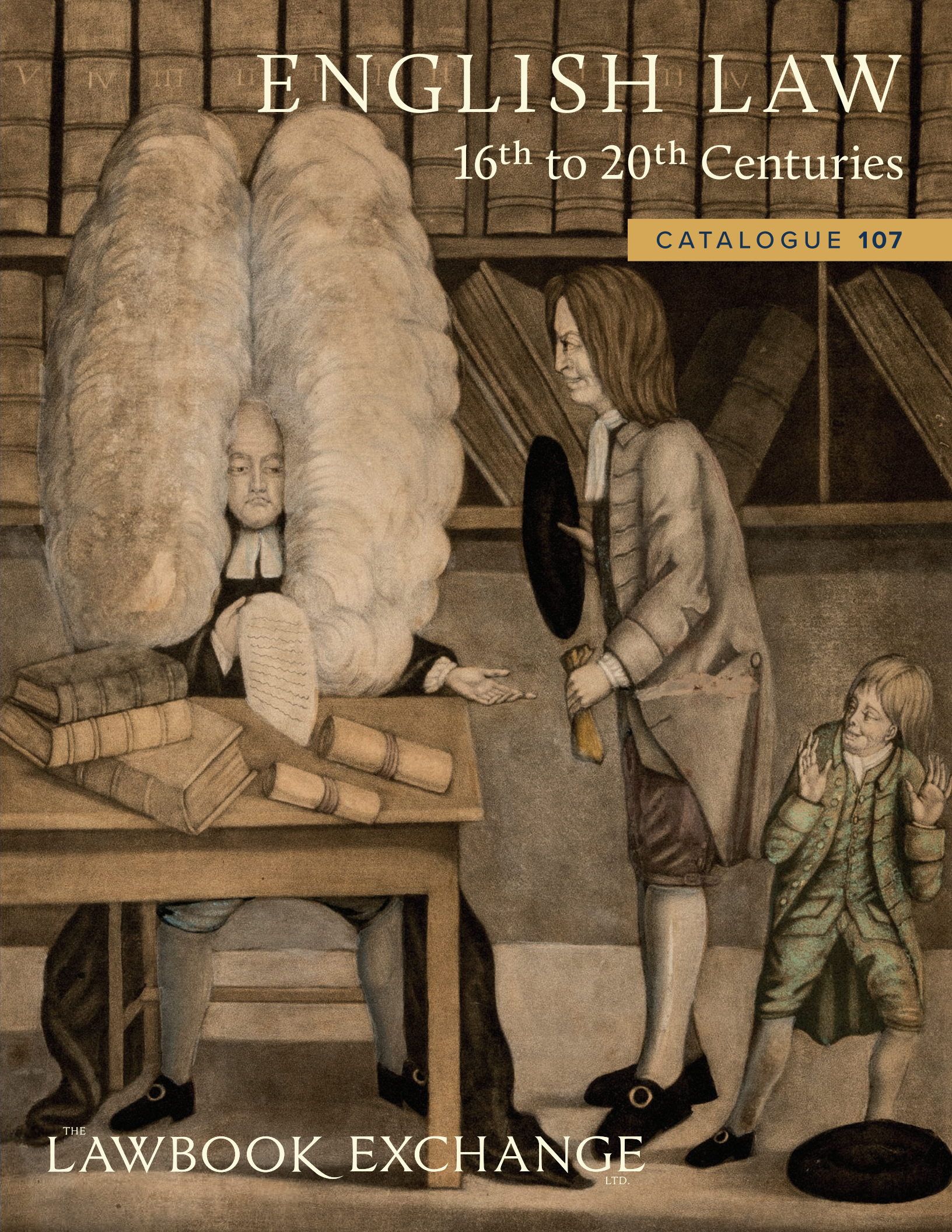


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The Comic Blackstone. Part I—Of the Rights of Persons.

London: Published at the Punch Office, 1844. viii, 92 pp. Frontispiece and woodcut title page vignette.

[AND] **The Comic Blackstone [Part II—Real Property, Part III—Private Wrongs, Part IV—Of Public Wrongs and Their Remedies].**

London: Published at the Punch Office, 1846. xii, [93]-252 pp. Woodcut vignettes to title page and p. 252. \$950.

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2. Adams, Francis [1754-1777].

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[London]: Francis Adams, September 1, 1773.

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3. Andrews, George.

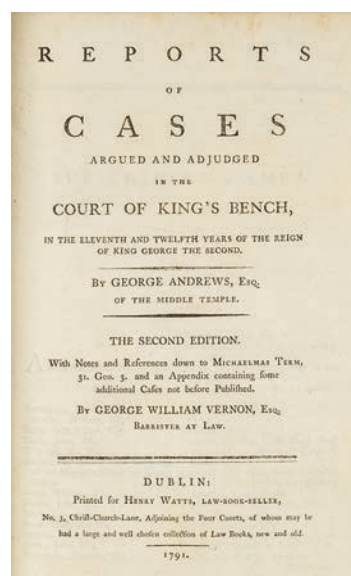
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Dublin: Printed for Henry Watts, Law-Book-Seller, 1791. xiii, [15], 397 (i.e. 487, star-paged), xiv, [42] pp. Octavo (8" x 5"). \$500.

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Wallace 440. Marvin 61. ESTC T176096.



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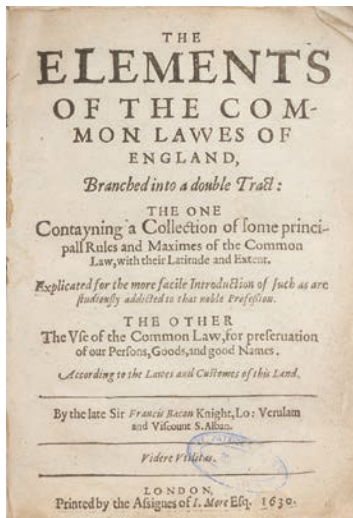
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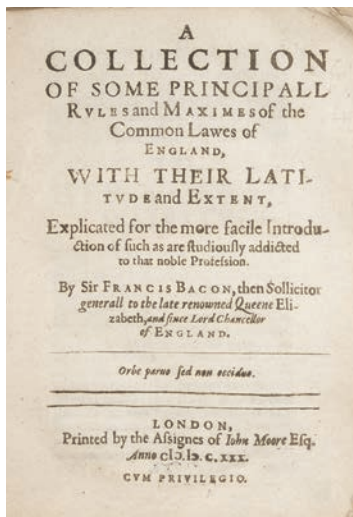


5. Bacon, Sir Francis [1561-1626].

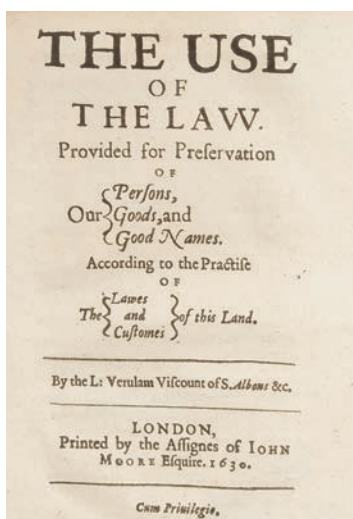
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London: Printed by [Robert Young for] the Assignes of I. More Esq., 1630. [xxiv], 104; [8], 84 pp. Two parts, each with separate title page and pagination, second part titled *The Use of the Law*. Quarto (7" x 5-1/2"). \$950.

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FIRST EDITION. Bacon, one of the great intellectuals of his era, held the posts of Solicitor General, Attorney General and Lord Chancellor during the reign of James I. *The Elements of the Common Laws of England* is the general title for a work that is comprised of two different treatises: *A Collection of Some Principall Rules and Maximes of the Common Lawes of England* and *The Use of the Law, Provided for the Preservation of Our Persons, Goods and Good Names*. The first contains a set of twenty-five maxims, or *Regulae*, one of the earliest, if not the first, collections of maxims on English law. These maxims are remarkable for their stylistic vigor, intellectual rigor, meticulousness and clarity. The *Regulae* was intended to be the first part of *De Regulis Juris*, a codification of English law that Bacon never completed. This is quite unfortunate, observes Holdsworth, because "he alone had the philosophical capacity, the historical knowledge and the literary taste needed to select the subject matter and shape the form of the books. (...) [Had he completed the book] there would be many who would question whether, as a lawyer, he was not Coke's superior." The second treatise is a review of the history and practical application of criminal law, estate law, personal property law and the law of slander.



As noted in the *ESTC*, *The Use of the Law* is probably not by Bacon; it was first printed anonymously as Part II of *The Lawyers Light* (1629) by Sir John Doddrige. Jefferson held Bacon in high esteem. In a 1789 letter to John Trumbull cited by Sowerby, he said he considered Bacon, Locke and Newton to be "the three greatest men that have ever lived, without any exception."

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6. [Barlow, Thomas (1607-1691)].

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London: Printed for John Wyat, 1723. xviii, [6], 128 pp. Octavo (7-1/4" x 4-1/2"). Third edition. ESTC T31931.

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Proposals Humbly Offered to the Parliament for Remedying the Great Charge and Delay of Suits at Law and in Equity.

London: Printed for James Roberts, 1730. [ii], iv, 42 pp. Octavo (7-1/4" x 5"). Seventh and final edition. ESTC N12389.

[AND] **The Statutes at Large Concerning Bankrupts, Containing a Compleat Collection of All Such Acts of Parliament as in Any Wise Relate to Bankrupts. To Which is Added, A Table by Way of Abstract, Of All the Aforesaid Acts, Digested Under Proper Heads.** London: Printed by J. Baskett, 1735. [iv], 143, [27], 4, [2] pp. Octavo (7-1/2" x 5"). Third edition. ESTC T225267.

[AND] [Fobton, John].

Friendly Hints to Young Gentlemen, Who Are or Intend to be Bound by Articles to Attorneys or Solicitors.

[London?: S.n.], 1754. 15 pp. Octavo (7-1/2" x 5"). Second edition? Not in the ESTC, which lists editions from 1751 and 1758.

[AND] **Observations on the Duty of an Attorney and Sollicitor. Submitted to the Publick Consideration, But Addressed More Especially to Young Practisers of the Law.** London: Printed for J. Shuckburgh, 1759. Octavo (7-1/2" x 4-3/4"). Only edition. ESTC T63402.

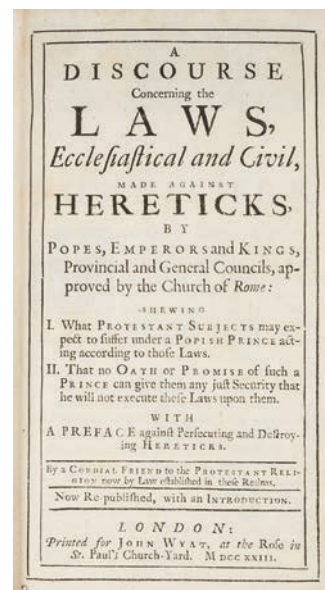
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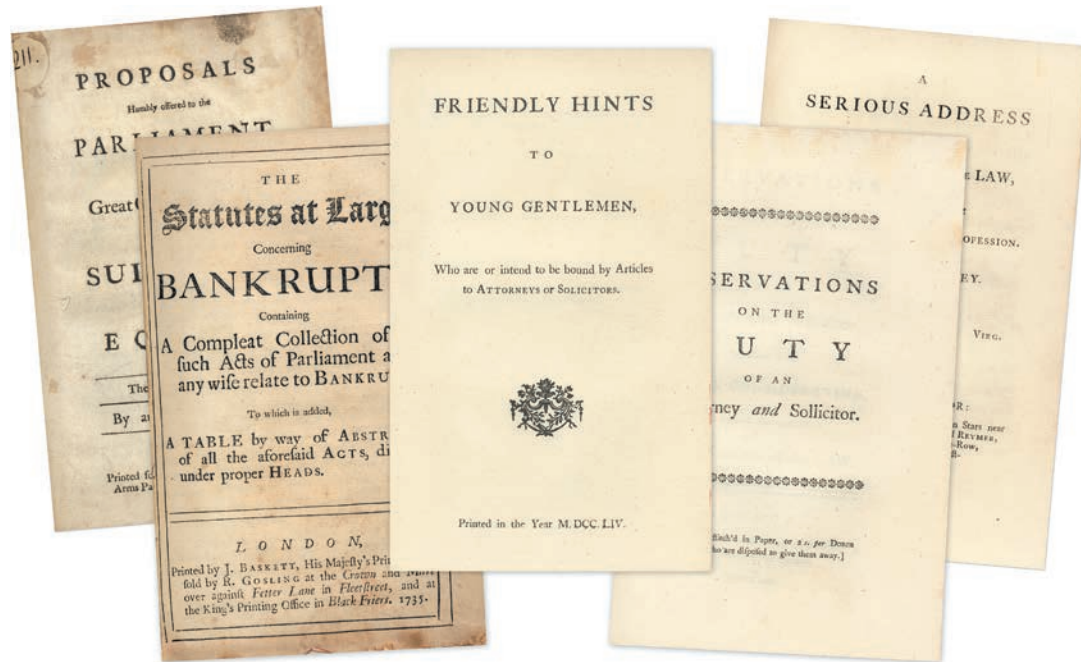
A Serious Address to All Gentlemen of the Law, Who Are Zealous for Promoting the Honour of Their Profession.

London: Printed for the Author, 1760. v, 35, [1] pp. Octavo (7-1/2" x 4-3/4"). Only edition. ESTC N38086. \$3,000.

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associated with Great Britain's transformation into a market society based on overseas trade and colonization. Later editions appeared in 1733, 1735, 1756 and 1765. *Proposals* was originally published in 1707. It offers reforms to expedite lawsuits, which could go on for decades in eighteenth-century England.

Barlow's *Discourse*, first published in 1686, the eve of the Glorious Revolution, is an anti-Jacobite tract. It was republished in 1723 and 1744, the years of two Jacobite threats: the Atterbury Plot and the ill-fated French invasion of 1744. The final three items deal with the legal profession. *Friendly Hints* and *Duty* deal with professional conduct. A *Serious Address* outlines a proposal to establish a fund for widows and children of indigent lawyers. All editions of *Bankrupts* are scarce, as are copies of *Friendly Hints*, *Observations* and a *Serious Address*.

AN UNUSUAL SCOTTISH CASE
INVOLVING CLANDESTINE MARRIAGE AND LEGITIMACY

7. Bell, Robert [c.1760-1816].

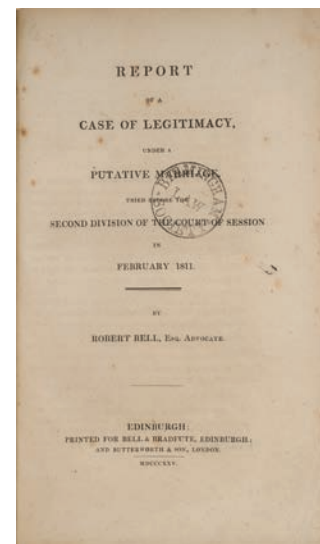
Report of a Case of Legitimacy, Under a Putative Marriage, Tried Before the Second Division of the Court of Session in February 1811.

Edinburgh: Printed for Bell & Bradfute; London: Butterworth & Son, 1825. vii, 228 pp. Octavo (8-3/4" x 5-1/2"). \$450.

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ONLY EDITION. A study of *Brymar v. Riddell*, an unusual Scottish case. While underage, an heiress entered a clandestine marriage. Years later, she married again to an unknowing second husband. After the discovery of the first marriage the sole child from the second faced charges of illegitimacy. Bell's account provides lengthy excerpts from the arguments of counsel, including that of Francis Jeffrey.

Sweet & Maxwell 5:23.



THE FIRST LONDON EDITION OF BLACKSTONE'S COMMENTARIES

8. Blackstone, Sir William [1723-1780].

Commentaries on the Laws of England. In Four Books. London: Printed for W. Strahan; T. Cadell, In the Strand; And D. Prince, At Oxford, 1774. Four volumes. Table of Consanguinity and folding Table of Descents in Volume II. Quarto (11" x 8-1/2"). \$3,000.

Nineteenth-century speckled calf, rebacked in period style, gilt fillets to boards, raised bands, gilt ornaments and lettering pieces to spines, hinges mended, ribbon markers. Light rubbing and some minor scuffs and scratches to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, corners bumped and somewhat worn, contemporary armorial bookplates (of Harrington Hulton) to front pastedown of each volume. Light toning to text, light foxing to a few leaves in each volume, later owner annotations to front pastedown and free endpaper of Volume I. A very attractive set.

SIXTH EDITION and the first edition published in London. The most influential publication in the history of modern Anglo-American law, the *Commentaries on the Laws of England* is based on a course of lectures delivered at Oxford University. Because they were not intended for aspiring practitioners, they described general principles rather than practical specifics. Sensitive to the systematizing trends of the day and the prestige of the natural sciences, it described the common law as an intricate, well-designed system akin to Newton's mechanistic universe. It was also an important account of the law's evolution. As Holdsworth notes, "the *Commentaries* are not only a statement of the law of Blackstone's day, but the best history of English law as a whole which had yet appeared...The skillful manner in which Blackstone uses his authorities new and old, and the analogy of other systems of law, to illustrate the evolution of the law of his day, had a vast influence, both in England and America, in implanting in the profession a sound tradition of the historical development of the law."

Holdsworth, *Historians* 22. Eller 9. Laeuchli 12.



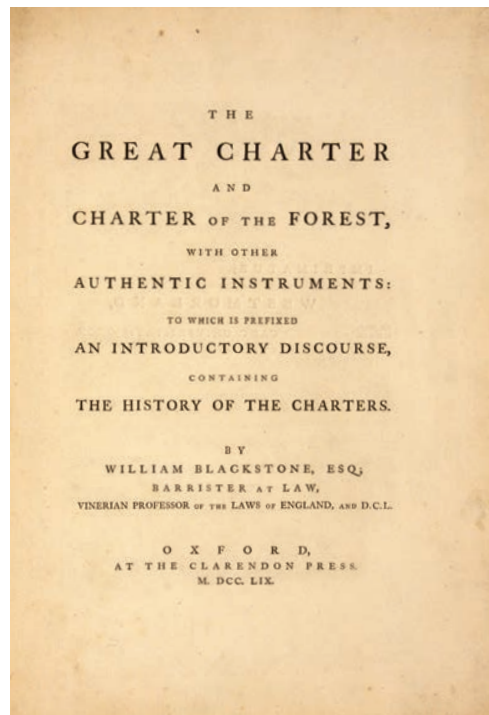
THE FIRST CRITICAL EDITION OF MAGNA CARTA

9. Blackstone, Sir William, Editor.

The Great Charter and Charter of the Forest, With Other Authentic Instruments: To Which is Prefixed an Introductory Discourse, Containing the History of the Charters. Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1759. [iv], lxxvi, [iv], 86 pp. As in many copies, half-title and table of contents (Tabula) are bound between pp. lxxvi and 1. Copperplate engraved dedication leaf, initials and tail-pieces. Quarto (13-1/2" x 10-1/4"). \$7,500.

Contemporary diced calf, gilt fillets to boards, rebacked retaining existing gilt spine with lettering piece, gilt tooling to board edges, gilt inside dentelles, marbled edges and endpapers. Negligible light rubbing and a few nicks and scuffs to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, bookplate residue to front pastedown, early bookplate ("RW" monogram) to verso of front free endpaper. Light toning, light soiling and foxing to a few leaves, occasional light offsetting from engravings. A very desirable wide-margined copy.

FIRST EDITION of the first modern critical edition of Magna Carta. Blackstone's first important work, it contains the Articles of the Barons, the issues of the Great Charter in 1215,



1216 and 1217, with several charters of confirmation, the Charter of the Forest, and the Statute of Marlebridge. The introduction is in English and the texts of the Magna Carta and Carta de Foresta in Latin. Blackstone's essay, which is based on a great deal of original research, argued that the charter was the foundation of English liberties. This idea, first proposed by Coke, was a central tenet of Whig ideology. More important, Blackstone's research into the original texts demonstrated that all earlier editions of the charter were based on the significantly different reissue of 1225, in the reign of Henry III, rather than the original one endorsed at Runnymede. His philological approach was highly influential; it established the textual focus that has governed subsequent study of the charter.

This edition is esteemed for its handsome appearance, which was recognized as early as 1829 in Richard Thompson's *An Historical Essay on the Magna Charta of King John*, which described it as a "beautiful and rare edition" and noted that the "elegance of typography is very great." The engraved dedication to the Earl of Westmoreland is surmounted with his armorial ensigns; engraved historiated initials in the text depict views of buildings at Oxford University. The tail-pieces on pages lxxvi and 73 are historical vignettes; the other ten engraved tail-pieces reproduce the royal seals attached to the original documents.

Eller 237. Laeuchli 548.

A GLIMPSE INTO THE DAILY OPERATIONS OF BRITISH CUSTOMS

10. [Board of Customs].

[Collection of Orders Relating to Commerce and Trade Issued by the Board of Customs, Treasury, Privy Council and Queen].

[Great Britain: S.n., 1846-1848]. [357] ff. Folio (13-1/4" x 8-1/4").

\$1,500.

Contemporary three-quarter vellum over plain paper-covered boards, early hand-lettered title to spine, edges of bound-in sheets untrimmed. Light soiling to exterior, vellum starting to crack through paper, corners bumped and worn, front hinge split causing front board and spine to separate from text block, rear hinge just starting. Most items printed on blue paper and docketed "On the Service of the Customs./ Collector and Comptroller/ at [blank]" in print, some dockets completed "Hull" in ink. Light toning to interior, light soiling to edges, single hole through each item near top (from prior posting?) affecting text, legibility slightly impacted in places, occasional light foxing, a few partial cracks to text block, a few items loosening but secure, early manuscript notes, signatures and/or corrections to many items, some with postmarks or manuscript dockets.

THIS IMPRESSIVE COMPILATION OF ORDERS, notices and related material provides a highly detailed look at the daily operations of Great Britain's commercial affairs at the beginning of the height of the British Empire. Likely compiled by a customs officer, perhaps working out of Hull, the collection emphasizes the breadth of the matters that fell under the purview of the Board of Customs during this period, such as fishing, smuggling, preventing the spread of plague

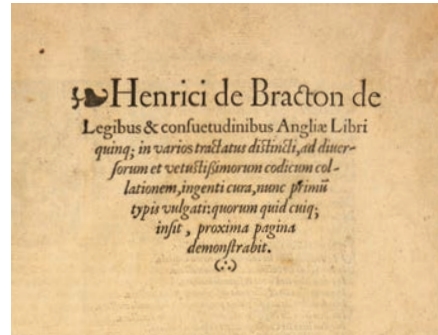
and even copyright and its relation to assessed duties. It also illustrates the vast changes the Customs department underwent as trade rapidly liberalized under Peel and his successors and its volume increased with the growth of the empire. Many of the orders in this volume are apparently unrecorded, with no copies located on OCLC or Library Hub.

PRINTING AND THE MIND OF MAN 89:
THE FIRST TREATISE ON ENGLISH LAW

II. Bracton, Henry de [d. 1268].

De Legibus et Consuetudinibus Angliae, Libri Quinq; In Varios Tractatus Distincti, ad Diversorum et Vetustissimorum Codicum Collationem, Ingenti Cura, Nunc Primu[m] Typis Vulgati; Quorum Quid Cuiq; Insit, Proxima Pagina Demonstrabit.

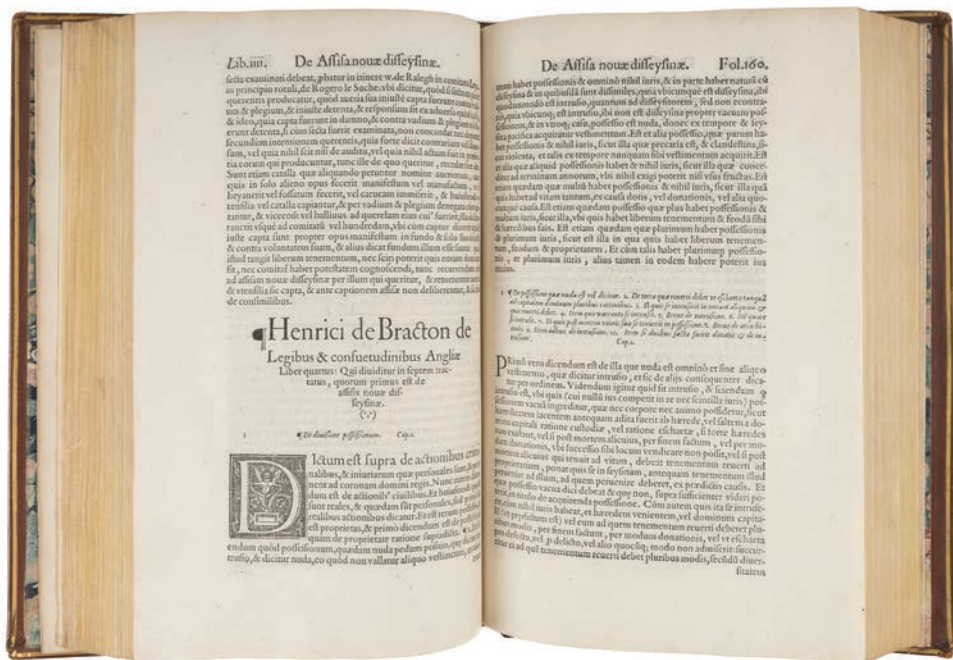
London: Apud Richardum Tottellum, An. do. 1569. With imprimatur "Cum priuilegio" at foot of title. [xvi], 172, 175-444 ff. Complete. Folio (II-I/4" x 7-3/4"). \$8,500.



Nineteenth-century diced calf, gilt rules to boards, gilt fillets, ornaments and title to spine, gilt rules to board edges, gilt inside rules, marbled endpapers, ribbon marker. Light rubbing to boards, faint dampstain to front board, moderate rubbing to extremities, front joint just starting at head, corners bumped and somewhat worn, armorial bookplate (ExLibris Munden) to front pastedown. Attractive large woodcut decorated initials. Light toning to text, somewhat heavier in places, light foxing and finger smudges to some leaves, some fading to text of ff. 1 and 2. A handsome copy of a landmark work.

FIRST EDITION. Written between 1250 and 1256, *De Legibus et Consuetudinibus Angliae* [The Laws and Customs of England] is the first treatise on English law. A systematic work, it emphasizes the separation of procedural and substantive matters and also cites cases as sources of at least intellectual, if not formal, authority. The principles formulated in this work, including *mens rea* (criminal intent), and its use of precedents determined the development of English law and established the method adopted by Littleton and Coke. In Maitland's words, it is "the crown and flower of English medieval jurisprudence" and "by far the greatest of our medieval law books."

Maitland II:43. Beale T323. PMM 89. ESTC S122159. STC (2nd ed.) 3475.





“THEIR BEHAVIOUR HAS BEEN
TRULY PENITENT”

12. [Broadside].

[Execution].

Attel, John.

Hatchman, William.

Newman, Charlotte.

James, Mary Ann.

The Trials and Execution of John Attel for Burglary, And William Hatchman, Charlotte Newman, And Mary Ann James for Forgery, Who were Executed this Morning, Before the Debtor's Door, Old Bailey.

[London?, S.n., c.1800].

\$2,000.

14" x 10" broadside, on thin paper, mounted on 16" x 12-1/2" board, text in two columns below woodcut vignette of execution and headline, untrimmed edges. Moderate toning, light soiling, several light creases, light foxing along lower margin.

AN ACCOUNT of “four unfortunate creatures” who were “ordered for execution, three for the unpardonable crime of forgery, and of them, shocking to relate, two are young women, and the fourth for burglary and cruel treatment to an old woman.” An account of their crimes is followed by an approving description of their final days: “Since the order for their execution arrived, their behaviour has been truly penitent, they attended the condemned Sermon of Sunday last, and seemed deeply impressed with their awful situation.” The final paragraph reprints the text of a deeply remorseful “Copy of a Letter” from one of the women (it isn’t signed) to her mother. It ends with a plea: “[T]ell my dear brothers and sisters that my dying request is, that they will take warning from my untimely end, and reverence the Sabbath, which I have neglected;—pray to God that he may be my support and comfort in the hour of death;—and that he may be yours in the earnest prayer of your wretched daughter.”

This broadside is rare and appears to be unrecorded. No copies located on OCLC or Library Hub.

“A VERY IMPROPER SITUATION
UPON THE BODY OF THE DECEASED”

13. [Broadside].

[Execution].

Beaumont, Joshua [d.1810].

A Narrative of the Trial, Together with the Last Dying Words, Speech, And Confession of Joshua Beaumont, Who was Executed on the Drop Behind the Castle of York, On Wednesday the 15th Day of August, 1810, For the Murder of Lucy Brooke.

Leicester: From W. Storry's, Copy York; Reprinted by Pares, 1810.

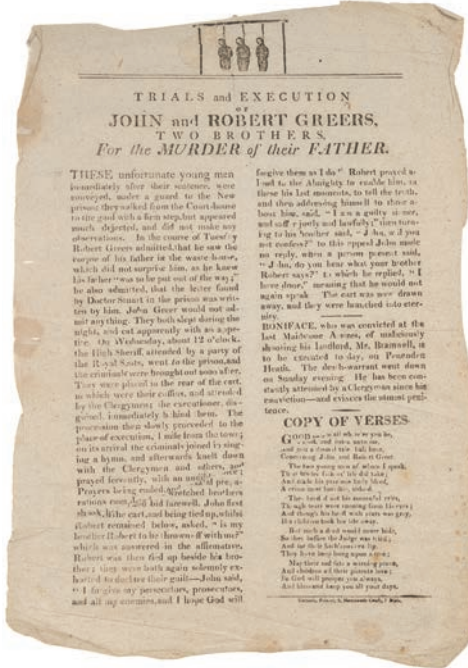
\$1,850.

12-1/4" x 8" broadside, on thin paper, text in two columns below woodcut vignette of execution and headline. Light browning and soiling, several horizontal creases, three small dampstains to bottom edge below text.



Woodcut vignette detail

"WILL YOU NOT CONFESS?"



15. [Broadside].
[Execution].
Greers, John.
Greers, Robert.

Trials and Execution of John and Robert Greers, Two Brothers, For the Murder of Their Father.
 [London]: Catnach, Printer, 2, Monmouth Court, 7 Dials, [c.1800]. \$2,000.

14" x 10" broadside, on thin paper, mounted on 16" x 12-1/2" board, text in two columns below woodcut vignette of execution and headline, five stanzas of verse at end of second column, untrimmed edges. Moderate toning, light soiling, several light creases, a few small faint stains to margins.

THIS BROADSIDE says nothing about the circumstances of the crime. It describes the behavior of the two brothers on the day of their execution. Robert

was penitent, John defiant. When "solemnly exhorted to declare their guilt" after the nooses were placed around their necks, John said "I forgive my persecutors, prosecutors, and all my enemies, and I hope God will forgive them as I do." Robert prayed aloud to the Almighty to enable him, in these last moments, to tell the truth, and then addressing himself to those around him, said, 'I am a guilty sinner, and suffer justly and lawfully;' then turning to his brother said, 'John, will you not confess?' to this appeal John made no reply, when a person present said, 'John, do you hear what your brother Robert says?' to which he replied, 'I have done,' meaning he would not again speak. The cart was now drawn away, and they were launched into eternity."

This broadside is rare and appears to be unrecorded. No copies located on OCLC or Library Hub.

"HIS APPEARANCE WAS VERY REPULSIVE"

16. [Broadside].
[Execution].
Smith, John [d.1849].

An Account of the Trial and Execution of John Smith, Who Suffered the Severe Sentence of the Law at Fisherton Anger, Near Salisbury, Wilts, On Tuesday Last for the Wilful Murder! Of Eleanor Lawrence, At Collingbourn Ducis.
 Salisbury: Printed for the Vendors, [1849]. \$1,800.

19-3/4" x 7-1/2" broadside, text in single column below headline and woodcut of gallows flanked by two small woodcut portraits. Moderate toning, horizontal and vertical fold lines, light soiling at top and bottom edges. Rare.

SMITH, "a wretched-looking object," beat Eleanor Lawrence to death and was arrested after assaulting several others. He put up an insanity defense at trial, which was unsuccessful; the jury convicted him of murder and he was executed on March 27, 1849.

This broadside appears to be unrecorded. No copies located on OCLC or Library Hub.





ATTEMPTS TO PREVENT BANKRUPTCY FRAUD

17. [Broadsides].
[Bankruptcy].

[Eight Broadsides Dealing with Bankruptcy Reform].

4 broadsides, 2 broadsheets and 2 pamphlets averaging 12-3/4" x 7-3/4" in size, print docket to verso of each item. Disbound, light to moderate toning, faint horizontal fold lines, recent pencil notes to upper right corners of first pages, leaves of pamphlets separating, light foxing to a few items. Housed in recent 13-3/4" x 9-1/4" buckram folder with morocco lettering piece. \$3,500.

These 8 items, all rare, relate to bankruptcy reform in Great Britain. Contents (in short-titles):

1. *Reasons Humbly Offer'd for Altering and Amending the Laws Concerning Bankrupts.* [London: s.n., 1718?]. 1 pp.
2. *Observations and Proposals Most Humbly Offer'd to the Parliament by Several Creditors, Merchants, and Traders of London....* [London: s.n., 1719]. 2 pp.
3. *Reasons Humbly Offer'd for Making More Certain the Liberty of Such Bankrupts who Shall Fairly and Justly Surrender Themselves....* [London: s.n., 1719]. 2 pp.
4. *The Case of the Poor Confin'd Debtors Within the Several Prisons of this Kingdom.* [London: s.n., 1718?]. 1 pp.
5. *The Case of the Shelterers in the Mint.* [London: s.n., 1718?]. 1 pp.
6. *An Abstract of the Considerations for the Benefit of Creditors, And Relief of Honest Insolvents.* [London: s.n., 1718?]. 1 pp.
7. *A Bill to Prevent Frauds Committed by Bankrupts.* [London: s.n., 1719]. 15, [1] pp.
8. *An Abstract of an Act Proposed for Preventing Frauds Frequently Committed by Bankrupts.* [London: s.n., 1719]. 4 pp.

BY 1718, the bankruptcy statute passed under Queen Anne that imposed the death penalty on absconding bankrupts had expired, and many creditors and commentators began to object to the subsequent increase in fraud. These items call for a reinstatement of laws against bankruptcy fraud and highlight the consequences of allowing the laws to continue to lapse. One broadside goes so far as to name "several notorious instances" of absconding bankrupts, while others call for additional incentives for traders to behave honestly. Ultimately, the reforms called for would pass in the Bankrupts Act of 1718, which re-imposed capital punishment for absconding or fraudulent bankrupts and protected certain other bankrupts from imprisonment.

ESTC T17377, T17420, T17392, T17367, T17371, T17364, T17360, T17362.

PROCLAMATIONS FROM THE BRITISH MILITARY OCCUPATION OF SAMOA

18. [Broadsides].**[Samoa].****[Logan, Robert (1863-1935)].****[British Military Occupation of Samoa: Proclamations 1-40, 42-43].**

[Apia, Western Samoa: S.n., 1914-1917].

\$3,750.

43 broadsides and broadsheets (Proclamation No. 40 present in duplicate) ranging in size from 12-3/4" x 9-1/4" to 17" x 10-3/4" (folded, 17" x 22" unfolded), text in English, Samoan and German with some broadsides printed in all three languages. Light toning, horizontal fold lines to most items, light edgewear and soiling to a few items, holes and small tears along fold line to Proclamation No. 15 affecting text with minor loss to legibility, small ink stamp to upper right corner of second copy of Proclamation No. 40.

A COLLECTION of 42 proclamations issued during the British military occupation of German Samoa during World War I, most signed in type by Colonel Robert Logan in his capacity as the military administrator of the colony. New Zealand's Samoa Expeditionary Force landed in August of 1914 and the colony remained under military administration until 1919. This was New Zealand's first military action in World War I; Samoa would remain under New Zealand's governance until independence in 1962. The proclamations deal with a wide range of matters, including the announcement of the occupation, restrictions on imports and exports, the supply of liquor to Samoan natives, the administration of local legal institutions and the treatment of Chinese indentured laborers.

These broadsides are rare, with OCLC generally locating fewer than 5 copies worldwide and no copies of any in North America.

A SCARCE COLLECTION OF ENTRIES

19. B[rown(e)], W[illiam].

Formulae Benè Placitandi. A Book of Entries: Containing Variety of Choice Precedents of Counts, Declarations, Informations, Pleas in Barre and in Abatement, Continuances, Replications, Rejoynders, Issues, Verdicts, Judgments After Verdict, Utlaries, Recoveries, & Avowries: And Divers Other Pleadings in Reall, Personall and Mixt Actions; Of Generall Use to the Students, Clerks and Practicers of the Courts of Kings Bench, And Common Pleas at Westminster: Which also May be Applied to the Practice of All the Inferiour Courts of the Common Law of England. Collected from the Manuscripts Aswell of Some of the Learned Prothonotaries of the Court of Common Pleas, As of Divers Emminent Practicers in the Court of Kings Bench; Methodically Digested Under Apt Titles with an Exact Table.

London: Printed by E. Flesher, J. Streater, H. Twyford, 1671. [iv], 407, [17] pp. Folio (12-1/2" x 7-1/2").

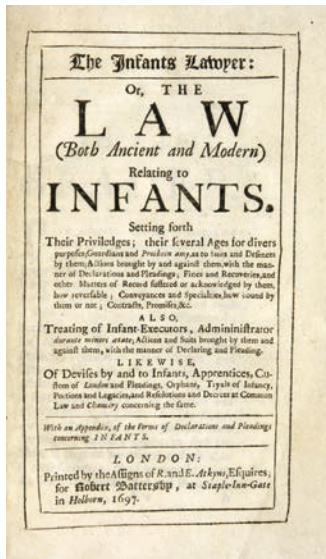
\$950.

Recent period-style three-quarter calf over plain paper boards, raised bands and lettering piece to spine, endpapers renewed. Light browning, light foxing in places, some edgewear to preliminaries and final few leaves, light soiling to title page, library stamp to foot of title page and verso of final leaf. A nice copy in an attractive binding.

FIRST EDITION. A companion volume was published in 1674 and a second edition in 1675. All are scarce. OCLC locates 9 copies of the first edition in North American law libraries (Columbia, Harvard, Jenkins Law Library, Northwestern, Touro, UC-Berkeley, University of Michigan, University of Pennsylvania, Wisconsin State Law Library).

ESTC R35404.

FIRST EDITION OF THE FIRST ENGLISH TREATISE
ON LAWS CONCERNING INFANTS



20. [Carter, Samuel].

The Infants Lawyer: Or, The Law (Both Ancient and Modern) Relating to Infants. Setting Forth Their Priviledges; Their Several Ages for Divers Purposes; Guardians and Prochein Amy, As to Suits and Defences by Them; Actions Brought by and Against Them, With the Manner of Declarations and Pleadings; Fines and Recoveries, And Other Matters of Record Suffered or Acknowledged by Them, How Reversible; Conveyances and Specialties, How Bound by Them or Not; Contracts, Promises, &c. Also, Treating of Infant-Executors, Administrator Durante Minori Aetate; Actions and Suits Brought by Them and Against Them, With the Manner of Declaring and Pleading. Likewise, Of Devises by and to Infants, Apprentices, Custom of

London and Pleadings, Orphans, Tryals of Infancy, Portions and Legacies, And Resolutions and Decrees at Common Law and Chancery Concerning the Same. London: Printed by the Assigns of R. and E. Atkyns, Esquires, 1697. [xxxii], 303, [41] pp. Octavo (7-1/2" x 4-1/2"). \$4,500.

Contemporary calf, blind rules to boards, raised bands and fragment of paper title label to spine, gilt tooling to board edges. A few minor nicks and scratches to boards, light rubbing to extremities, wear to head of spine, joints starting, corners bumped and somewhat worn, front hinge starting, interior notably fresh. A handsome copy.

FIRST EDITION. This is the first English treatise on the subject and the first copy of this edition we have seen in 40 years. Its twenty comprehensive chapters consist of a digest of the case law relating to each topic with explanatory comments. Holdsworth notes that "[i]t was a useful book to practitioners since it covers all the topics connected with its subject." A third edition was published in 1726. All editions are scarce.

Holdsworth XII:399-400. ESTC R32363.

"A WATERSHED IN MODERN SINOLOGY"

21. [China].

[Great Qing Legal Code].

Staunton, Sir George Thomas [1781-1859], Editor and Translator.

Ta Tsing Leu Lee; Being the Fundamental Laws, And a Selection from the Supplementary Statutes, Of the Penal Code of China; Originally Printed and Published in Pekin, In Various Successive Editions, Under the Sanction, And by the Authority, Of the Several Emperors of the Ta Tsing, Or Present Dynasty. Translated from the Chinese; And Accompanied with an Appendix, Consisting of Authentic Documents, And a Few Occasional Notes, Illustrative of the Subject of the Work.

London: Printed for T. Cadell and W. Davies, 1810. [iv], lxxxvi, 581, [3] pp. With a copperplate frontispiece reproducing the 1805 Chinese title page, errata and a final advertisement leaf. Quarto (11-1/2" x 9"). \$1,500.

Later buckram, "Foreign Office" stamp to boards, gilt title and paper shelf label to spine, cloth hinges, endpapers renewed, edges speckled red. Light rubbing to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities,



spine ends bumped and chipping, joints just starting at ends, corners bumped, bookplate of the Foreign Office Library with “Withdrawn from the FCO Library” ink stamp to front pastedown, ink annotation (shelfmark?) to front free endpaper. Moderate toning to interior, occasional light foxing and faint dampstaining to lower corner, minor worming to edges of first and last few leaves not affecting text or image, frontispiece and title page remounted, ink annotation (“HM’s Consulate Taiwan”) to head of title page, crease to leaf E2 (pp. 27-28) affecting text without loss, tear to lower gutter of leaf Gg1 (pp. 225-226) and upper corner and fore-edge of final leaf mended with cellotape.

ONLY EDITION. Staunton, the son of a diplomat, learned Chinese at a young age and was among the first prominent Anglo-Americans to publicly master the language. His English translation of selections from the Great Qing Legal Code spanned constitutional, civil and penal law and was the first direct English translation of a Chinese text. Viewed as “a watershed in modern Sinology,” the impact of the translation was immediate and immense, lending Westerners “the requisite authority and credibility to classify Chinese law and civilization” according to and in contrast with Western institutions and cultural practices (Chen). Our copy, formerly the property of the British consulate in Taiwan, demonstrates the work’s utility. Based on its success, Staunton went on to an extensive career as a colonial administrator, diplomat and MP, and is considered the founder of Anglo-American Sinology and one of the leading modern Orientalists. French and Italian translations of his work were published in 1812 and a Spanish translation in 1864.

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FINAL REVISIONS TO THE 39 ARTICLES

22. [Church of England].

Liber Quorundam Canonum Disciplinae Ecclesiae Anglicanae. Anno 1571.

[London: Printed by John Day, 1571]. 23, [I] pp. Cancel slip affixed to p. 21. Quarto (6-3/4" x 5"). \$1,250.

Recent three-quarter calf over marbled boards, blind fillets to boards, gilt title, gilt publication date and blind fillets to spine, endpapers renewed. Moderate toning to interior, faint dampstaining to several leaves, mostly to margins, cancel slip partially detached but secure.

FIRST LATIN PRINTING. The *Liber Quorundam* of 1571 was the final set of revisions to the 39 Articles of Religion, the doctrinal foundation of the Church of England, U.S. Episcopal Church and the Anglican Church in North America, as well as congregations in the Anglican Communion



and Anglican Continuum. Formulated as 10 articles in 1536, this body of laws attained its final form in 1571 under the direction of Queen Elizabeth. The *Liber Quorundam* concerns Articles 3 (*De Episcopis*), 5 (*De Decanis Ecclesiarum*), 8 (*De Archidiaconis*), 9 (*De Cancellariis. &c.*), 14 (*De Aedituis Ecclesiarum*), 19 (*De Concionatoribus*), 20 (*De Residentia*), 21 (*De Pluralitatibus, De Ludimagistris*) and 22 (*De Patronis, &c.*).

The *ESTC* records three variants of the 1571 issue. They are distinguished by the penultimate paragraph of leaf G3r (p. 21), which is the revised Article 21. Variant 1 is uncorrected. In Variant 2, our copy, the text is covered with a cancel slip adding additional content. Variant 3 has a corrected text. Not in Beale.

ESTC S122549.

WITH "AN ESSAY ON CHRISTIAN GOVERNMENT"

23. [Cock, Charles George].

English-Law: Or, A Summary Survey of the Household of God on Earth; And that Both Before and Under the Law; And that Both of Moses and the Lord Jesus. Historically Opening the Purity and Apostacy of Believers in the Successions of Ages, To this Present. Together with an Essay of Christian Government Under the Regiment of our Lord and King, The One Immortal, Invisible, Infinite, Eternal, Universal Prince, The Prince of Peace, Emmanuel.

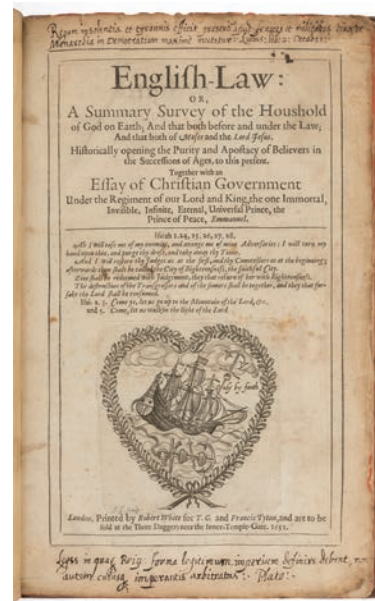
London: Printed by Robert White for T.G. And Francis Tyton, 1651. [xx], 95, [1]; [17], 101-194, [2] pp. "An Essay on Christian Government" has separate dated title page. Pagination irregular, text complete. Folio (11" x 6-1/2"). \$4,500.

Recent period-style calf, blind rules to boards, raised bands, blind fillets and lettering piece to spine, edges rouged, endpapers renewed. Moderate toning to interior, light browning to edges of text block, light foxing in places, moderate edgewear to preliminaries and final few leaves. Recent owner inscription to front free endpaper, early owner annotations to title page and a few other leaves, faint, often very faint, recent marks in pencil and colored pencil to margins of several leaves.

ONLY EDITION. Cock's treatise is a characteristic and exceptionally detailed exposition of an important strain of Puritan thought during the Commonwealth era: that English law and government should be reformed along biblical lines, a belief shared by the New England Puritans. This core of the book's argument is encapsulated by its title vignette of a ship, representing the Commonwealth, in a storm-tossed sea. It will be saved because it has cast off the anchor decorated with crowns and scepters, that is, monarchy, and fastened itself to an anchor secured by the clouds with the caption "only by faith."

This is a scarce title. It has appeared only three times at auction since 1939. The early annotations, in Latin and English, are quotations from Lucius, Plato and the Bible. (One quote, which we can't identify, appears to be a paraphrase of Proverbs 13.) Combined, the *ESTC* and OCLC locate 16 copies, 8 in North America, 4 in North American law libraries (Columbia, Georgetown, Harvard, UC-Berkeley).

ESTC R37185.



EARLY PRINTINGS OF THE FIRST FOUR PARTS OF COKE'S REPORTS

24. Coke, Sir Edward [1552-1634].

[Les Reports de Edward Coke].

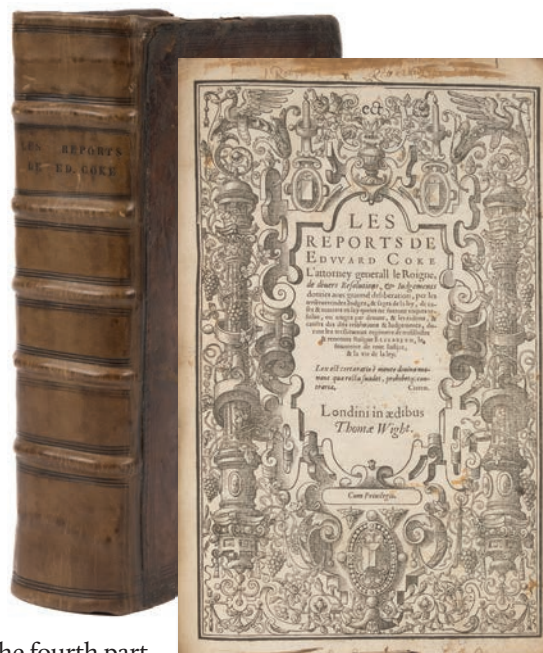
London, c.1601-1604.

\$2,500.

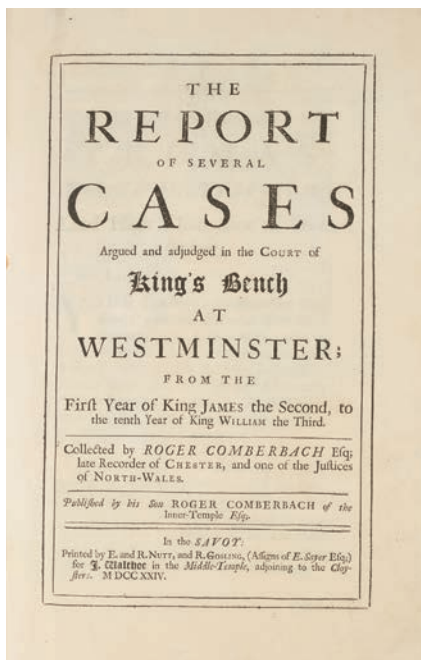
Parts I-4 (of II) in one volume:

- 1: Thomas Wight, [c.1601]. [iv], 177, [1] ff.
- 2: Thomas Wight, [c.1604]. [vi], 94 ff.
- 3: Thomas Wight, 1602. [xviii], 91, [1] ff.
- 4: Thomas Wight, 1604. [x], 128 ff.

Folio (10-3/4" x 7-1/4"). Contemporary calf with later rebacking, blind rules and fillets to boards, raised bands, black-ruled fillets and black-stamped title to spine, corners mended. Some scratches and shallow scuffing to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, corners bumped, pastedowns loose. Moderate toning to interior, faint dampstaining and dampspotting in a few places, gradually diminishing worm-track to gutter of Fols. 80-128 of the fourth part, moderate soiling, edgewear to endleaves, preliminaries of first part and final leaves of fourth part, brief early annotations to a few leaves in each part, some affected by trimming, inkstains to a few leaves, including title page of the fourth part, three early struck-through signatures to title page of first part, a small piece near its top-edge removed.



SECOND EDITIONS. A work of immense authority for generations, Coke's *Reports* are not reports in the conventional sense; they are highly detailed anthologies of precedents organized by topic. Taken together, the *Reports* form the most extensive and detailed treatment of common law pleading that had yet appeared. The first editions, all in Law-French, were first published in 1600, 1602, 1602, 1604, 1605, 1607, 1608, 1611, 1613, 1614, 1615. After Coke's death editors compiled a "General Table" to Parts I-II, which was first published in 1652, and two more parts, which were first published in 1656 and 1659. The first edition in English, which did not include pleadings, was published in 1658. The annotations in this volume are glosses of the cases and cross-references.



ESTC S124194, S116287, S107227, S107228.

THE MACCLESFIELD COPY OF
COMBERBACH'S REPORTS**25. Comberbach, Roger.****Comberbach, Roger, [Jr.], Editor.**

The Reports of Several Cases Argued and Adjudged in the Court of King's Bench at Westminster; From the First Year of King James the Second, To the Tenth Year of King William the Third. Collected by Roger Comberbach Esq; Late Recorder of Chester, And One of the Justices of North-Wales. Published by His Son Roger Comberbach of the Inner-Temple Esq;.

[London]: Printed by E. and R. Nutt, And R. Gosling, 1724. [xiv], 484, [52] pp. Folio (12-1/4" x 8"). \$450.

Contemporary calf, gilt rules to boards, raised bands, gilt rules, lettering piece and two small early shelf labels to spine, gilt tooling to board edges. Light rubbing and a few shallow scuffs to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, corners bumped and lightly worn, joints just starting at ends, hinges cracked, early manuscript shelfmark and armorial bookplate of the Earls of Macclesfield to front pastedown, early manuscript shelfmark to rear pastedown, small embossed Macclesfield crest to preliminaries. Light toning to interior, light browning, offsetting and dampstaining to endleaves, minor worming near bottom edges of final eleven leaves and rear pastedown, text not affected.

ONLY EDITION, one of two issues from 1724. A set of reports from 1685 to 1699. Wallace says this reporter is not held in high regard, but holds, citing an English critic, that a few of its cases are “better reported than in any other book.” Short notes of two Chancery cases are reported on p. 67. Wallace calls attention to “an amusing case of an action for assault, battery, and false imprisonment” involving a mother and her daughter on p. 357. Our copy of this title belonged to the Earls of Macclesfield. Housed in Shirburn Castle, near Watlington, Oxfordshire, theirs was one of the finest private libraries in Great Britain.

Wallace 396-397. ESTC T97365.

A NOTABLY HANDSOME COPY OF
THE FINAL EDITION OF COWELL'S *INTERPRETER*

26. Cowel[1], John [1554-1611].

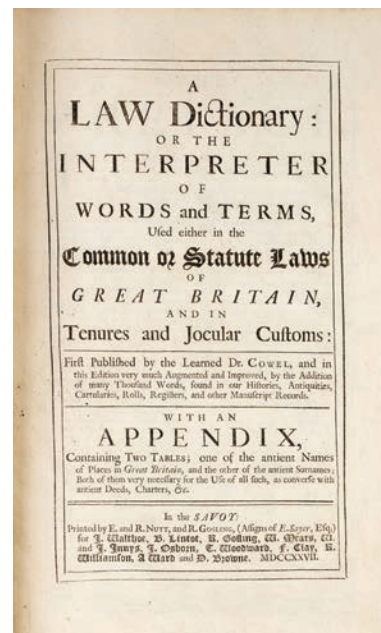
A Law Dictionary: Or the Interpreter of Words and Terms, Used Either in the Common or Statute Laws of Great Britain, And In Tenures and Jocular Customs: First Published by the Learned Dr. Cowel, And in This Edition Very Much Augmented and Improved, By the Addition of Many Thousand Words, Found in Our Histories, Antiquities, Cartularies, Rolls, Registers, And Other Manuscript Records. With An Appendix, Containing Two Tables; One of the Antient Names of Places in Great Britain, And the Other of the Antient Surnames.

[London]: Printed by E. and R. Nutt and R. Gosling, 1727. [484] pp. Main text printed in parallel columns. Verso of final leaf is a publisher catalogue. Folio (12-1/2" x 7-1/2"). \$650.

Recent period-style morocco over marbled boards, raised bands and lettering piece to spine, endpapers renewed. Negligible toning to interior, very faint dampstaining to fore-edges of a few leaves, light soiling to title page, worm hole to its lower-outside corner and those of following two leaves. A handsome copy with a notably fresh interior.

EIGHTH AND FINAL EDITION, with an excellent preface by its anonymous editor that discusses the dictionary's colorful history. The *Interpreter* was the standard law dictionary until Jacob's *A New Law-Dictionary* (1729). However, its publication in 1607 provoked intense controversy. At a time when Parliament and James I were vying for power, the House of Commons was angered by Cowell's royalist sympathies, which were evident in such definitions as “King,” “Parliament,” “Prerogative,” “Recoveries,” and “Subsidies.” When a joint committee of Lords and Councilors reviewed the work, the ensuing controversy nearly halted the affairs of government. The king intervened in fear that his own fiscal interests would not be approved by Parliament, and ordered a proclamation that imprisoned Cowell, suppressed the book and ordered all copies burned by a public hangman on March 10, 1610. It remained in use, however, and it went through several editions. Later editions, such as this one, are valuable references for scholars of early English legal texts.

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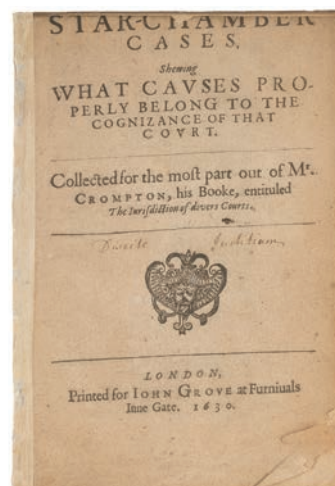
AN IMPORTANT STUDY OF THE COURT OF STAR CHAMBER

27. Crompton, [Richard] [fl. 1573-1599].

Star-Chamber Cases. Shewing What Causes Properly Belong to the Cognizance of That Court. Collected for the Most Part Out of Mr. Crompton, His Booke, Entituled The Iurisdiction of Divers Courts.

London: Printed [by Miles Flesher] for Iohn Grove at Furnivals Inne Gate, 1630. [ii], 57, [3] pp. Lacking first blank leaf. Quarto (7" x 4-3/4"). \$950.

Disbound stab-stitched pamphlet, spine reinforced. Light browning, trimming to headline with minor loss to first line of title and some page numbers with no loss to legibility, small chips and clean tears to edges of a few leaves, lower-outside corner of title page lacking, early annotations to title page and final blank leaf.



FIRST EDITION. The Court of Star Chamber was established by the Crown in 1487 to try offences dealing with the safety of the state before a council. Its scope expanded over time to include a wider array of criminal matters and a limited number of civil matters, such as suits between corporations and prize cases. In its final years the court was infamous for its cruelty, arbitrary nature and illegal extensions of power. It was abolished in 1641. Crompton's *L'Authoritie et Iurisdiction des Courts de la Maiestie de la Roygne* (1594) is perhaps the best source we have about the court system of his day. *Star-Chamber Cases* was derived from this treatise. Holdsworth points out, "it is the book of a common lawyer to whom details as to the procedure and the jurisdiction of the court are more interesting than large questions as to its position in the state, or its legal title to exercise jurisdiction." Despite its "somewhat haphazard organization, "it is a useful collection of concrete facts and instances put together...from statutes, abridgments, year books, law reports, books of entries, legal test books, chronicles, and his own experiences." A second edition was published in 1641, the year the court was abolished.

Holdsworth V:166-67. ESTC S109095.

THE ONLY WORK ON THE ENGLISH LAW OF SIMONY

28. Cunningham, T[imothy] [1718?-1789].

The Law of Simony: Containing, All the Statutes, Cases at Large, Arguments, Resolutions, And Judgments Concerning It, Under the Following Heads: Chap. I. Definition, And Oath of Simony, And by What Authority this Oath is Administered. Chap. II. Of Simony, By the Canon and Common Law; The Stat. of 31st Eliz. c. 6. Concerning It; And the Erroneous Opinions of Lord Holt, And Several Other Judges, In Saying that the Word Simony is Not in that Act. Chap. III. Commentaries and Determinations upon that Act, From Lord Coke, And Other Reporters Chap. IV. Cases Adjudged at Law and in Equity, Respecting General and Special Bonds of Resignation....

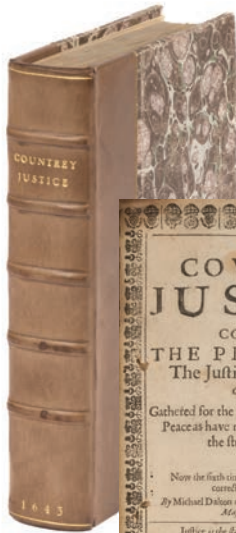
London: Printed by His Majesty's Law-Printers, 1784. [ii], xvi, 192 pp. Octavo (8-1/4" x 4-1/2"). \$500.

Recent buckram, gilt fillets, title and library name to spine, endpapers renewed. Very light soiling to boards, light rubbing to spine ends and corners, light fading to spine, library bookplate and small stickers to front pastedown. Light toning to interior, occasional light foxing, somewhat heavier to first few leaves, half-title reinforced at gutter, ink library stamps to half-title, title page and a few other pages, pencil underlining and marginal marks to a few leaves.

ONLY EDITION. This is the only work on the buying or selling of ecclesiastical privileges under English law. It provides a detailed review of its criminal nature and its association with perjury. According

to Holdsworth, it is “an intelligent summary of the case law and statutes on the subject. The interest caused by the famous case of the *Bishop of London v. Fytche*, of which the author gives a very elaborate account, was the reason why he wrote the book.”

Holdsworth XII:398. ESTC T140750.



A LANDMARK TREATISE ON JUSTICES OF THE PEACE

29. Dalton, Michael [d.ca. 1648].

The Country Justice, Containing the Practice of the Justices of the Peace Out of Their Sessions: Gathered for the Better Helpe of Such Iustices of Peace as Have Not Been Much Conversant in the Studie of the Lawes of This Realme. Now the Sixth Time Published, Revised, In Many Things Corrected, And Much Inlarged. London: Printed for Richard Best, 1643. [viii], 496, [8] pp. Quarto (7" x 5-1/2"). \$500.

Recent period-style quarter calf over marbled boards, raised bands and gilt fillets, title and publication date to spine, endpapers renewed. Light rubbing to extremities, a few tiny spots to spine. Moderate toning to interior, spark burns and faint stains to a few leaves, headlines, side-notes and catch-words affected in a few places by trimming, moderate edgewear to title page.

SIXTH EDITION, one of three issues, the others two from 1635. This venerable justice of the peace manual went through some twenty editions between 1618 and 1746. This work is also significant because it firmly established the alphabetical topical structure adopted in later texts. Rooted in Crompton, Fitzherbert and Lambard, *The Country Justice* offers advice on such matters as buggery, customs, riots, murder, felonies, rogues, vagabonds and high treason.

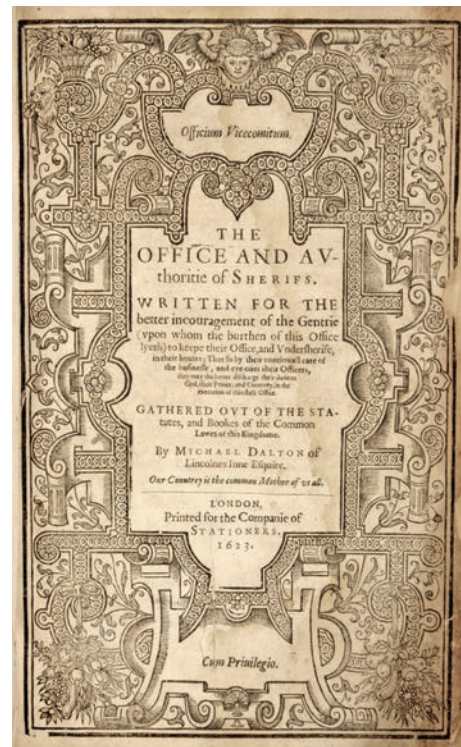
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FIRST EDITION OF THE FIRST ENGLISH
TREATISE ON SHERIFFS

30. Dalton, Michael.

Officium Vicecomitum: The Office and Authoritie of Sherifs. Written for the Better Incouragement of the Gentry (Upon Whom the Burthen of This Office Lyeth) to Keepe Their Office, And Undersherife, In Their Houses; That so by Their Continuall Care of the Businesse, And Eye Over Their Officers, They May the Better Discharge Their Dutie to God, Their Prince, And Countrey, In the Execution of This Their Office. Gathered Out of the Statutes, And Bookes of the Common Lawes of this Kingdome.

London: Printed for the Companie of Stationers, 1623. [iv], 194, [6] ff. First and last leaves blank. Folio (11" x 7-1/2"). \$1,250.



Recent period-style quarter calf over marbled boards, raised bands and lettering piece to spine, speckled edges, endpapers renewed. Title printed within woodcut architectural border. Light browning to text, occasional faint dampstaining, a few leaves dog-eared, edges of preliminaries and a few other leaves, including final leaves of index, mounted on archival tissue, minor loss to border of title page, which has two small library stamps to its verso.

FIRST EDITION. This is the first English treatise on sheriffs. As its title suggests, it is a remarkably comprehensive work. Holdsworth, who cites it several times, says that “in spite of a growing number of rivals, it continued to be a standard authority until the beginning of the eighteenth century.”

Holdsworth IV:119. *ESTC* S107284.

“A PEEP INTO THE COURT OF KINGS BENCH”

31. Dighton, Robert (Senior) [1752-1814].

Term Time or The Lawyers All Alive in Westminster Hall.

[London, 1795].

\$15,000.

Glazed and matted 13-3/8” x 9-7/8” watercolor and pen and black ink on laid paper, signed, numbered and captioned on bottom margin, in handsome 24” x 18-1/4” frame with a few minor nicks and scratches.

A SUPERB WATERCOLOR satirizing lawyers, judges and juries. “Three judges preside over lawyers who jabber among themselves. No interest is taken in clients and it is impossible to say if one is actually present, although the crestfallen man holding a hat, on the right of the picture, could be a plaintiff. Meanwhile the jury of five men sit in their box exhibiting at least one deficiency each: they appear to be individually deaf, blind, asleep, dumb and sick in the head” (Padbury). The piece is numbered 557 and captioned, after the title, with a strike-through: “A Peep into the Court of Kings Bench.” Robert Dighton was a portrait painter, printmaker and caricaturist known for his satirical views of elite Londoners. Three of his children and two of his grandchildren followed in his footsteps. This watercolor was part of the collection of David Edward Padbury, an authority on the work of the Dightons.

Padbury 39, 82.

THREE IMPORTANT WORKS BY DODDRIDGE

32. Doddridge (Dodderidge), Sir John [1555-1628].

The History of the Ancient and Moderne Estate of the Principality of Wales, Dutchy of Cornwall, And Earldome of Chester. Collected Out of the Records of the Tower of London, And Divers Ancient Authours. By Sir Iohn Doddridge Knight, Late One of His Maiesties Iudges in the Kings Bench. And by Himselfe Dedicated to King Iames of Ever Blessed Memory.

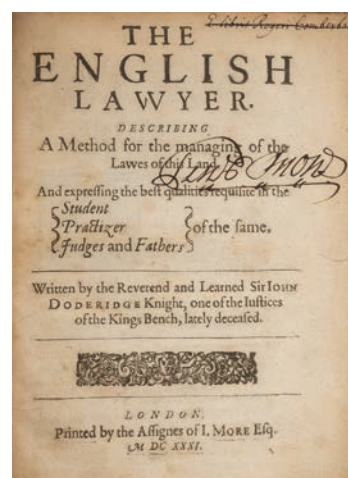
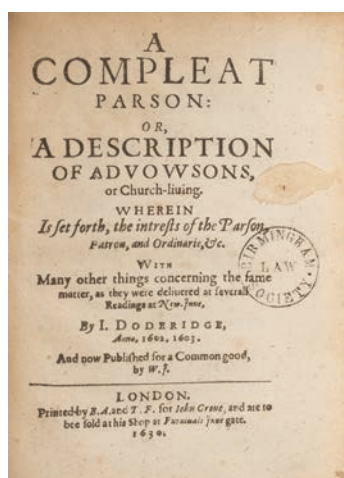
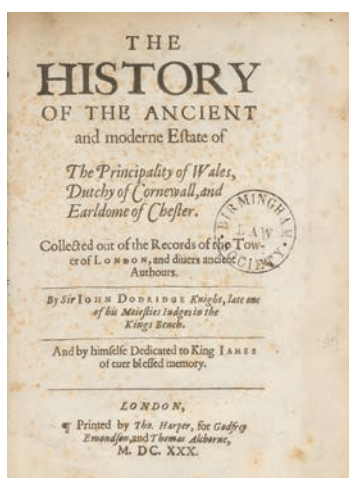
London: Printed by Tho. Harper, For Godfrey Emondson, And Thomas Alchorne, 1630. [xvi], 142, [2] pp. Final leaf blank.

[BOUND WITH] **Doddridge, Sir John.**

A Compleat Parson: Or, A Description of Advowsons, Or Church-Living. Wherein is Set Forth, The Intrests of the Parson, Patron, And Ordinarie, &c. With Many Other Things Concerning the Same Matter, As They Were Delivered at Severall Readings at New-Inne, by I. Doderidge, Anno, 1602, 1603. And Now Published for a Common Good, By W.I.

London: Printed by B[ernard] A[lsop] and T[homas] F[awcett] for Iohn Grove, 1630. [viii], 95, [1] pp. First leaf blank except for signature mark “A.”



Title page details from N^o 32[AND] **Doddridge, Sir John.**

The English Lawyer. Describing a Method for the Managing of the Lawes of This Land. And Expressing the Best Qualities Requisite in the Student Practizer Judges and Fathers of the Same.

London: Printed by the Assignes of I. More, 1631. [viii], 271, [1] pp. Quarto (7-1/4" x 5-1/4"). \$2,500.

Contemporary calf, central gilt arms to boards, gilt library name to front board, rebacked and recorned with blind fillets and gilt title, author name and date to spine, endleaves renewed. Light rubbing and some shallow scratches to boards, front board separating at ends but secure, moderate rubbing to extremities, somewhat heavier to front joint, corners bumped, rear hinge starting. Moderate toning to interior, occasional light foxing, light soiling and faint dampstaining in a few places, ink library stamps to first two title pages and a few other leaves, struck-through owner signature (Roger Comberbach) and illegible owner signature to title page of third work.

HISTORY AND COMPLEAT PARSON: first editions; *English Lawyer*: only edition. Sir John Doddridge, or Dodderidge, a judge of King's Bench, was a formidably learned jurist who was both a common lawyer and a civilian who held a D.C.L. from Cambridge. His work is held in high esteem by Holdsworth. The *History* was written during the early part of the reign of James I to urge the revival of Wales as a principality. A second edition was published in 1714. *A Compleat Parson* is based on a series of lectures on ecclesiastical law delivered at New-Inn. It is a work on advowson, which is the right to appoint or nominate a person to a vacant church benefice. A second edition was published in 1641. *The English Lawyer* is the work for which Doddridge is best known. Intended to advise law students, this notable book offers insight into the qualities of a good lawyer and the fundamental nature of law.

ESTC S109765, S109763, S109764.

AN ATTRACTIVE COLLECTION OF LEGAL TRACTS

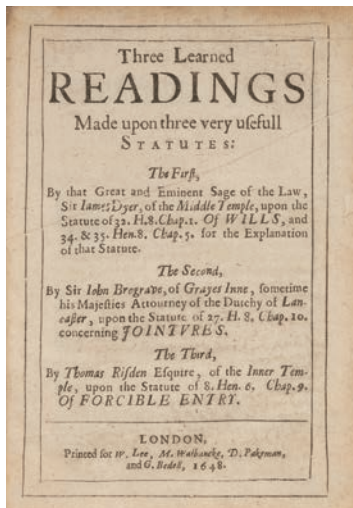
33. Dyer, Sir James [1512-1582].

Brgrave, Sir John [d.1613].

Risden, Thomas.

Three Learned Readings Made Upon Three Very Usefull Statutes: The First [...] Upon the Statute of 32.H.8.Chap.I. Of Wills, [...] **The Second, [...]** Upon the Statute of 27.H.8.Chap.10. Concerning Jointures. **The Third, [...]** Upon the Statute of 8.Hen.6. Chap.9. Of Forcible Entry.

London: Printed for W. Lee, M. Walbancke, D. Pakeman, And G. Bedell, 1648. [iv], 12 [i.e. 123], [1] pp.



[BOUND WITH] **Coke, Sir Edward [1552-1634].**

A Little Treatise of Baile and Maineprize.

London: Printed for William Cooke, 1637. [iv], 33, [1] pp.

[AND] **Bacon, Sir Francis [1561-1626].**

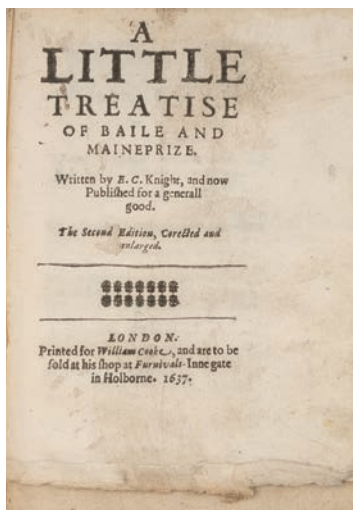
Cases of Treason.

London: Printed by the Assignes of John More, 1641. [iv], 35, [1] pp.

[AND] **[Real Property].**

A Briefe Declaration for What Manner of Speciall Nuisance Concerning Private Dwelling Houses, A Man May Have His Remedy by Assise, Or Other Action as the Case Requires. Unfolded in the Arguments, And Opinions of Foure Famous Sages of the Common Law...

London: Printed by Tho. Cotes, For William Cooke, 1639. [ii], 45, [1] pp. \$4,800.



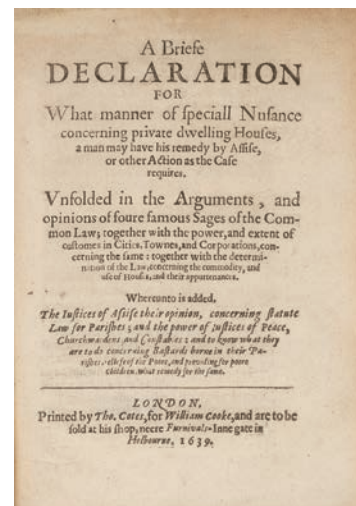
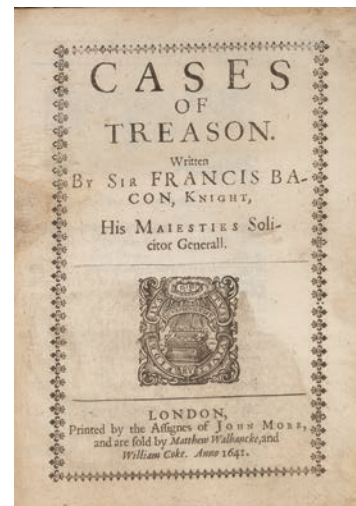
Quarto (7" x 5"). Contemporary speckled calf, blind rules to boards and board edges, blind fillets to spine. Very light rubbing to boards, which are slightly bowed, and board edges, moderate rubbing to joints, which are starting slightly at ends, minor crack across foot of spine, corners just bumped and lightly worn, hinges cracked, front pastedown loosening. Moderate toning to interior, light foxing and soiling in a few places, a few partial cracks to text block, all leaves secure, folded corners and small tears

to edges of a few leaves not affecting text, fore and bottom edges of *A Little Treatise* untrimmed, brief later pencil annotation to p. 5 of first work. Later (c.1741) ink and pencil annotations to endleaves with later pencil annotation to p. 5 of first work, circular ink stamp (Cornwell House) of Francis Penyston to front endleaf. An appealing volume with an interesting provenance.

ONLY EDITIONS. A group of important treatises on a range of topics in the common law, including Coke's overview of the law of bail and Bacon on treason, felony and the king's prerogative. The first work focuses on property law, including Dyer on land inheritance, Brograve on jointures and Rysden on landlord and tenant and forcible entry. The final work deals with public nuisance law. It also summarizes the 1633 assizes resolutions on the Elizabethan poor law.

This volume was owned by the Reverend Dr. Francis Astrey [1676-1766], an honorary canon and treasurer of St. Paul's Cathedral, and given to his cousin Francis Penyston in 1741. Astrey was active as a royal commissioner for his local community and would have found the works in this volume useful for their discussion of real property and the poor laws.

ESTC R204745, S108453, R16590, S109444.



A CONSTITUTIONAL ARGUMENT AGAINST IMPRISONMENT FOR DEBT

34. Farley, Edward.

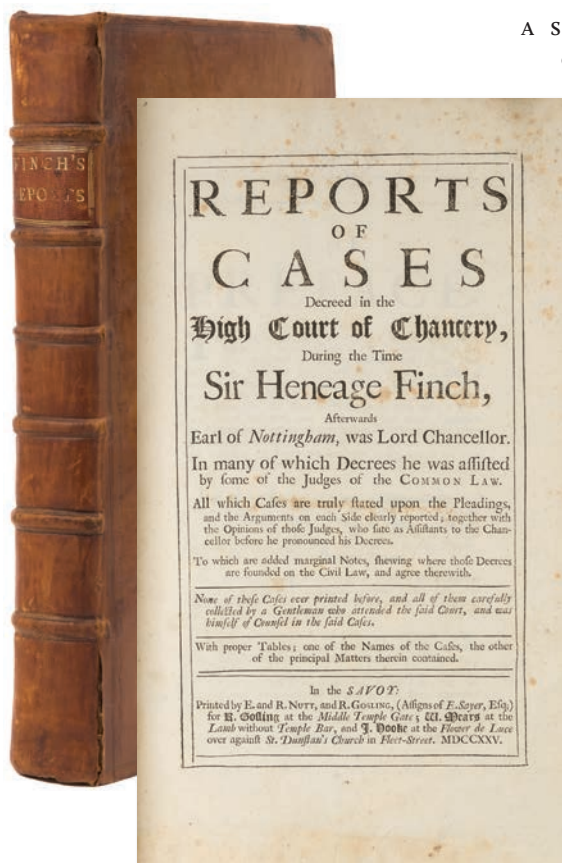
Imprisonment for Debt Unconstitutional and Oppressive, Proved from the Fundamental Principles of the British Constitution, And the Rights of Nature.

London: Printed for the Author and Sold by T. Hookham, 1788. [ii], 160 pp. Octavo (8" x 5-1/4"). \$450.

Disbound stab-stitched pamphlet. Moderate toning, light soiling to exterior, light foxing to a few leaves, small library stamp to title page and p.99.

FIRST EDITION. Written at a time when many were beginning to call for reforms to the criminal justice system in Britain, this work presents a constitutional argument against the "great national evil" of imprisonment for debt, citing Magna Carta, Coke, Britton and Glanville, among others. It also criticizes the role of lawyers in this injustice, "who have done more harm to this country than the plague, the pestilence, or the sword of tyrants." A second edition was published in 1795.

ESTC T37076.



A SCARCE CHANCERY REPORTER
OVERLOOKED BY WALLACE

35. Finch, Sir Heneage [1620-1682].

Reports of Cases Decreed in the High Court of Chancery, During the Time Sir Heneage Finch, Afterwards Earl of Nottingham, Was Lord Chancellor. In Many of Which Decrees He was Assisted by Some of the Judges of the Common Law. All which Cases are Truly Stated upon the Pleadings, And the Arguments on Each Side Clearly Reported.... [London]: Printed by E. And R. Nutt, And R. Gosling, 1725. [ii], iv, [4], 480, [22] pp. Folio (12-1/2" x 8"). \$500.

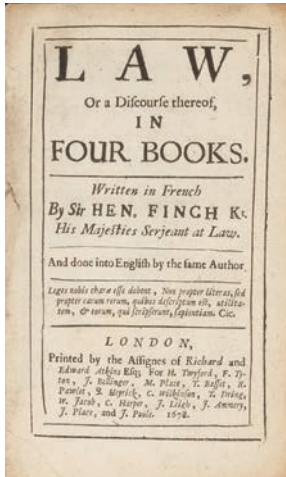
Contemporary calf, blind rules to boards, blind fillets along joints, raised bands and lettering piece to spine, blind tooling to board edges. Light rubbing and a few shallow scuffs to boards, some rubbing to extremities, small chip to foot of spine, front joint starting at foot, corners bumped and moderately worn, shelfmark and armorial bookplate of the Earls of Macclesfield to front pastedown, owner signature of Sir Thomas Clarke to front free endpaper, small

embossed Macclesfield crest to preliminaries. Moderate toning to interior, light foxing in a few places, offsetting to margins of endleaves.

THIRD EDITION. Covers the years 1673-1681. Finch, 1st Earl of Nottingham, was an expert on municipal law. The first edition of this reporter was published in 1671; the last two editions in 1815 and 1902. All are scarce. Clarke [1703-1764] was a British judge who served as Master of the Rolls. He was a close friend of Thomas Parker, Earl of Macclesfield [1666-1732]. Since Clarke's parentage was unclear, some believe Clark was Macclesfield's son. Clarke's copy once belonged to the library of Shirbirn Castle, the library of the Earls of Macclesfield and one of the finest private libraries in Great Britain. Not in Wallace.

ESTC T95700.

FROM THE LIBRARY OF SIR FREDERICK POLLOCK

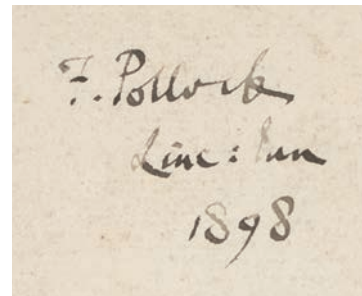
**36. Finch, Sir Henry [1558-1625].**

Law, Or a Discourse Thereof, In Four Books. Written in French by Sir Hen. Finch Kt. His Majesties Serjeant at Law. And Done Into English by the Same Author.

London: Printed by the Assignes of Richard and Edward Atkins Esq, 1678. [vii], 496, 499-506, [16] pp. Complete. First leaf blank. With an index and 2-page publisher advertisement. Octavo (6-1/4" x 3-3/4"). \$750.

Contemporary calf, blind rules to boards, raised bands and blind fillets to spine, gilt rules to board edges. Worn, boards detached along with front free endpaper and leaves A1-3, some small scuffs, nicks and scratches to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, wear to spine ends and corners, which are bumped, early annotation (and ownership signature?) to rear free endpaper,

its upper right corner lacking. Light toning to interior, light soiling in a few places, light edgewear to detached leaves, leaf A4 loosening at head but secure. Ownership signature of Sir Frederick Pollock ("F. Pollock/ Linc: Inn/ 1898") to verso of initial blank. Item housed in archival box.



FOURTH EDITION IN ENGLISH. Originally published in Law-French in 1613 as *Nomotechnia: Un Description del Common Leyes D'Angleterre*, "Finch's Law, till the publication of Blackstone's *Commentaries*, was regarded as the best elementary book to be placed in the hands of the law students. It is one of the few attempts that have been made to reduce the common law into system... [Finch's] definitions were exact, his style concise and nervous, and his illustrations clear and authentic. Most of the valuable parts of Finch are incorporated in Blackstone's *Commentaries*" (Sweet & Maxwell). The first English-language edition was published in 1627. Holdsworth says the English version was the "pioneer book on the institutes of English law" and a model for several writers.

Pollock [1845-1937] was one of the greatest British judges and legal scholars of his day. His treatises on contracts, jurisprudence, the common law and other subjects did much to clarify and systematize English law. Several of these were standard texts that went through several editions. He is also remembered for his collaboration with F.W. Maitland on *The History of English Law Before the Time of Edward I* and his correspondence with Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr., which was published posthumously as *The Holmes-Pollock Letters*.

Sweet & Maxwell 1:238 (10). Holdsworth V:399-400. ESTC R40596.

THE FIRST SYSTEMATIC TREATISE ON THIS TOPIC SINCE COKE

37. Fisher, Richard Barnard.

A Practical Treatise on Copyhold Tenure, With the Methods of Holding Courts-Leet, Court-Baron, And Other Courts; And an Appendix, Containing Forms of Entries on Court-Rolls, And Minute-Books; Surveys, Stewards Fees, And a Variety of Precedents on the Mode of Conveying Copyhold Estates.

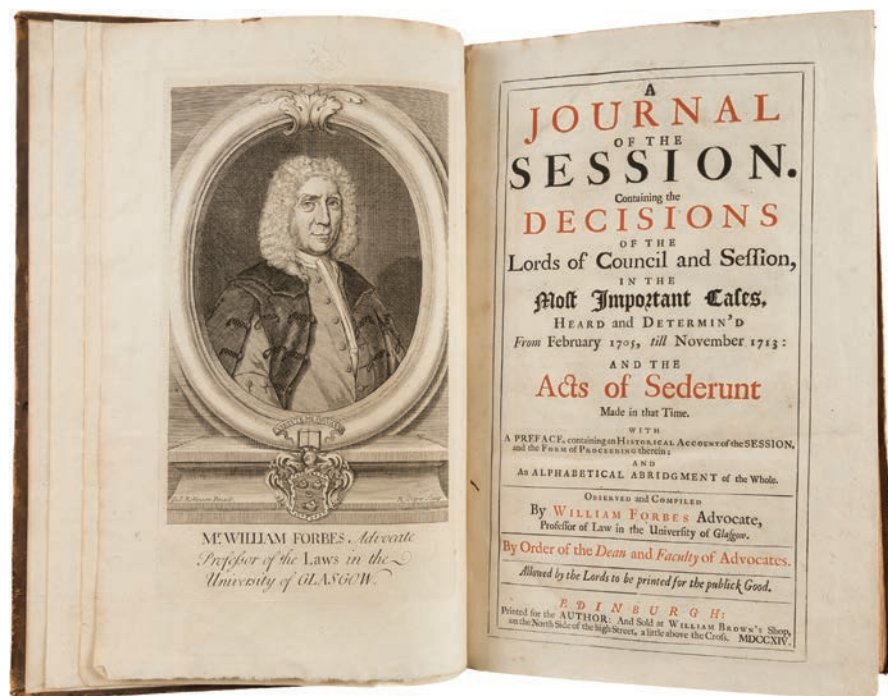
London: Printed by A. Strahan and W. Woodfall, Law Printers to the King's Most Excellent Majesty, For J. Butterworth, 1794. xiv, 356, xi, [1] pp. Two folding tables. Final page is a publisher advertisement. Octavo (8-1/4" x 5"). \$450.

Contemporary calf, blind fillets to boards, lettering piece and blind fillets to spine. Light rubbing, a few minor scuffs to boards, tiny chip to head of front joint, which is just starting, corners bumped, tiny

wormtrack and early owner signature (George Fuson/ Ilchester) to front free endpaper, notably light toning to interior. A handsome copy.

FIRST EDITION. This was the first systematic treatise on the topic since Coke, taking into account modern variations in the law, including bastard species of copyhold. A second edition was published in 1803 and reprinted the following year.

ESTC T95659.



FORBES'S JOURNAL OF THE LORDS OF COUNCIL AND SESSION, 1705-1713

38. Forbes, William [d. 1745].

A Journal of the Session. Containing the Decisions of the Lords of Council and Session, In the Most Important Cases, Heard and Determin'd from February 1705, Till November 1713: And the Acts of Sederunt Made in that Time. With A Preface, Containing an Historical Account of the Session, And the Form of Proceeding Therein....

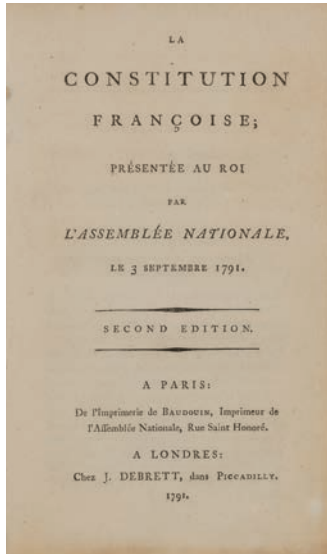
Edinburgh: Printed for the Author, 1714. [iv], lii, 735, [1], 104 pp. Copperplate portrait frontispiece. Folio (13" x 8-1/2"). \$500.

Contemporary calf, gilt rules to boards, lettering piece, gilt-edged raised bands and small early paper shelf label to spine. Rubbing to boards and extremities with wear to spine ends and corners, front joint cracked, rear joint starting, armorial bookplate of the Earls of Macclesfield to front pastedown, shelf number in early hand to front free endpaper, small embossed Macclesfield stamps to frontispiece, title page and a few other leaves. Title page printed in red and black. Light toning to interior, a few worm holes to gutter, light foxing and browning to a few leaves, light soiling to title page.

FIRST EDITION. Forbes was the first Regius Professor of Law at the University of Glasgow, also dean, from 1714 until his death, also dean of the Faculty of Law, 1732 to 1734, and the quaestor of the University Library from 1736 to 1738. He was the first to teach Scots Law at a university. A second edition of his *Journal* was published in 1763. Our copy of this title belonged to the Earls of Macclesfield. Housed in Shirbirn Castle, near Watlington, Oxfordshire, theirs was one of the finest private libraries in Great Britain. It also includes the portrait frontispiece included in a few copies of this work.

ESTC T78865.

LONDON PRINTING OF THE FRENCH CONSTITUTION OF 1791



**39. [France].
National Assembly.**

La Constitution Française; Présentée au Roi par L'Assemblée Nationale, Le 3 Septembre 1791.

Paris: De l'Imprimerie de Baudouin, Imprimeur de l'Assemblée Nationale / London: Chez J. Debrett, 1791. [ii], 78 pp. Octavo (8" x 4-3/4"). \$450.

Disbound. Light toning, more moderate to margins of first and final leaves, internally clean.

THE SECOND LONDON EDITION, in French, of one of the most important documents in French political history, the Constitution of 1791. France's first constitution, it was submitted to King Louis XVI on September 3 and enacted on September 14 by the National Assembly. OCLC locates 4 copies of the second edition in North American law libraries (Yale, George Washington University,

University of Minnesota, Harvard).

ESTC T148216.

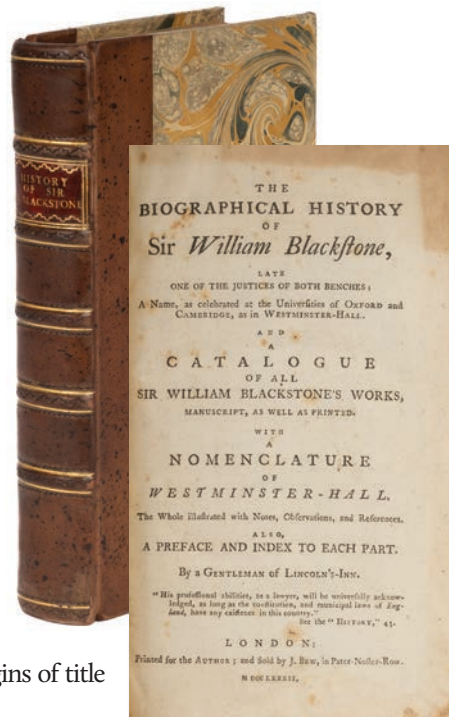
THE FIRST INDEPENDENT BIOGRAPHY OF BLACKSTONE

**40. Gentleman of Lincoln's-Inn.
[Douglas, D., Attributed].**

The Biographical History of Sir William Blackstone, And a Catalogue of All Sir William Blackstone's Works, Manuscript as Well as Printed. With a Nomenclature of Westminster-Hall. The Whole Illustrated with Notes, Observations, and References. Also, A Preface and Index to Each Part. By a Gentleman of Lincoln's-Inn.

London: Printed for the Author, 1782. Three parts. [iv], xxix, [11], 125, [1] 24; [ii], iv, [4], 148; xxxvii, [1], 44, [30] pp. Lacking half-title before title page of second part. Octavo (8-1/4" x 4-3/4"). \$1,500.

Recent period-style quarter sprinkled calf over marbled boards, raised bands, gilt and blind fillets and lettering piece to spine, endpapers renewed. Moderate toning to interior, faint dampspotting in places, offsetting and minor worming to margins of title page and following leaf.



ONLY EDITION. Based on Clitherow's biographical preface from the *Reports*, which was also included in several edition of the *Commentaries*, this is the first independent biography of Blackstone. The *ESTC* notes this work is "[s]ometimes attributed to Sylvester Douglas, Baron Glenbervie and D. or Dr. Douglas; the attribution to Sylvester Douglas (b. 1743) is incorrect as p. xviii of the preface to the Nomenclature states "The compiler of this nomenclature attended the several courts of justice himself, in and from Trinity term, 1750." It also shows some copies have the indexes of all three parts bound at the rear of the text.

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FORFEITURE IS TOO HARSH A PUNISHMENT FOR HIGH TREASON

41. [Gordon, Thomas (d.1750)].

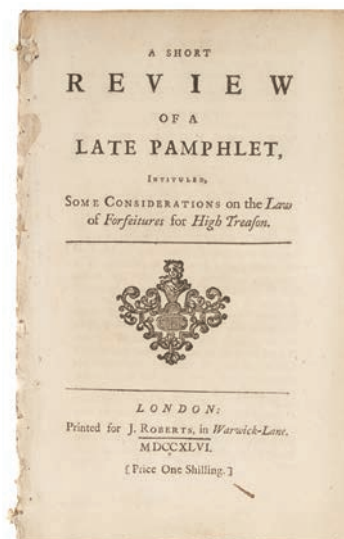
A Short Review of a Late Pamphlet, Intituled, Some Considerations on the Law of Forfeitures for High Treason.

London: Printed for J. Roberts, 1746. [ii], 76 pp. Octavo (8" x 5"). \$650.

Disbound stab-stitched pamphlet. Light toning, leaves starting to separate at head but secure, light foxing and soiling to a few leaves, clean tear to leaf D1 (pp. 17-18) mended on recto without loss to legibility, ink library stamp to p. 69.

ONLY EDITION. A response to Charles Yorke's *Some Considerations on the Law of Forfeitures for High Treason* (1st ed. 1745), which argued that corruption of blood and forfeiture are justifiable consequences of treason in light of the failed Jacobite rebellion of 1745. Gordon disagrees, using common law, Athenian and Roman sources to support his argument that forfeiture and other too-harsh punishments will only encourage further rebellion. OCLC locates 13 copies of this title worldwide, 2 in law libraries (Harvard, Georgetown).

ESTC T876.



MURDERED BY A JEALOUS (AND INSANE?) EX-LOVER

42. [Hackman, James (1752-1779)].

The Case and Memoirs of the Late Rev. Mr. James Hackman, And of His Acquaintance with the Late Miss Martha Reay....

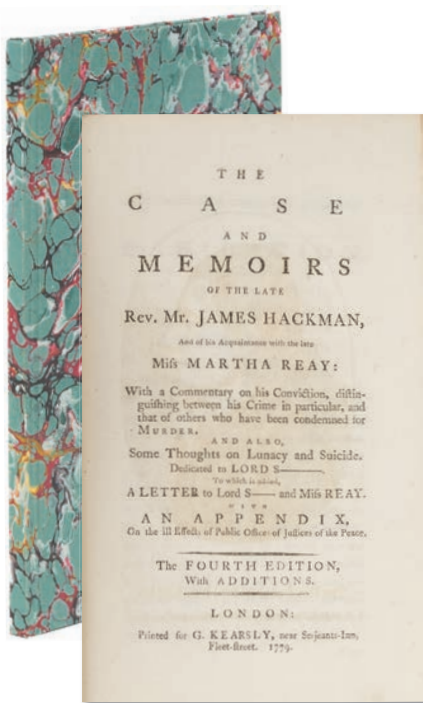
London: Printed for G. Kearsly, 1779. vii, [1], 16, [2], 17-34, [2], viii pp. With a frontispiece portrait of James Hackman, rebound before half-title. Octavo (8" x 5"). \$450.

Stab-stitched pamphlet bound in recent marbled boards, edges speckled red. Light toning to interior, faint offsetting to last three leaves, small hole to half-title not affecting text, partial early ownership signature dated 1779 to its upper right corner.

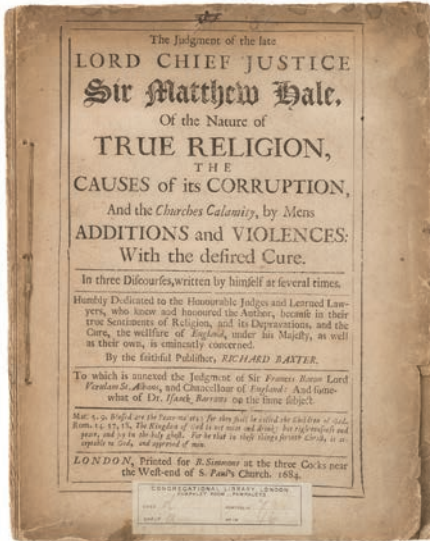
FOURTH EDITION. Ray was a singer and the mistress of the Earl of Sandwich, to whom she bore nine children. She had a short-lived affair with James Hackman, a soldier turned minister. When she broke the affair off, Hackman remained obsessively infatuated and continued to pursue her. He came to believe that she had taken another lover and murdered her and attempted to shoot himself. This failed and he was hanged

at Tyburn. Questions as to his sanity at the time of the crime inspired this sympathetic pamphlet, which includes an apology for his character and an appendix lamenting the abuses of the press and the "arrogant conduct" of justices of the peace. It went through nine editions (some re-issues with new title pages), all in 1779. OCLC locates 3 copies of the fourth edition in North America (Library of Congress, University of Georgia, Western University).

ESTC T63619.



THE NATURE OF TRUE RELIGION



43. Hale, Sir Matthew [1609-1676].
Bacon, Francis [1561-1626].
Barrow, Isaac [1630-1677].

The Judgment of the Late Lord Chief Justice Sir Matthew Hale, Of the Nature of True Religion, The Causes of Its Corruption, And the Churches Calamity, By Mens Additions and Violences: With the Desired Cure. In Three Discourses, Written by Himself at Several Times. Humbly Dedicated to the Honourable Judges and Learned Lawyers, Who Knew and Honoured the Author, Because in Their True Sentiments of Religion, And Its Depravations, and the Cure, The Welfare of England, Under His Majesty, As Well as Their Own, Is Eminently Concerned. By the Faithful

Publisher, Richard Baxter. To Which is Annexed the Judgment of Sir Francis Bacon Lord Verulam St. Albans, And Chancellour of England: And Somewhat of Dr. Isaack Barrows on the Same Subject.

London: Printed for B. Simmons at the Three Cocks near the West-End of S. Paul's Church. 1684. [xii], 64 pp. Quarto (8" x 6-1/4"). \$500.

Stab-stitched pamphlet. Light soiling to exterior, light edgewear to first few leaves, early ink mark and later library label to title page. Moderate toning to interior, light foxing and soiling in a few places.

ONLY EDITION. One of the great English jurists of the seventeenth century, Hale was chief baron of the Exchequer from 1660 to 1666, when he became chief justice of the King's Bench. He was also a deeply religious man who published several devotional works. Addressed to England's lawyers and judges, and legalistic in tone, the *Judgment* contains three discourses on "The Use of Religion," "The Principle of Religion" and "What the Christian Religion Is." All are strongly critical of dissent from the Church of England, points echoed in the appended works by Bacon and Barrow.

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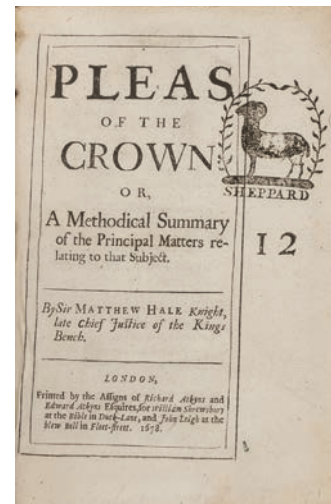
FIRST EDITION OF THE FIRST ANALYTICAL STUDY
OF ENGLISH CRIMINAL LAW

44. Hale, Sir Matthew.

Pleas of the Crown. Or, A Methodical Summary of the Principal Matters Relating to that Subject.

London: Printed by the Assigns of Richard Atkyns and Edward Atkyns Esquires, For William Shrewsbury at the Bible in Duck-Lane, And John Leigh at the Blew Bell in Fleet-Street, 1678. [xvi], 272, [8] pp. Octavo (6-3/4" x 4-1/2"). \$1,250.

Contemporary sheep, blind rules to boards, blind fillets and fragment of later hand-lettered label to spine, early hand-lettered title to fore-edge of text block. Light rubbing and faint staining to boards, which are slightly bowed, large scuff near upper outside corner of front boards, light fading to spine, chipping to spine ends, rear joint just starting at head, corners bumped and somewhat worn, hinges cracked, front free



endpaper lacking. Light toning to interior, faint dampstaining to lower outside corner of text block, later owner stamp ("Sheppard") to title page.

FIRST EDITION, SECOND ISSUE. This landmark study went through seven editions and was revised and reissued, as a much-expanded work, in 1736. "Hale was able to suggest a methodical arrangement of English law, which was at once scientific and practical. (...) Historically [*Pleas of the Crown*] is interesting as the first attempt to introduce some order into this branch of the law" (Holdsworth). The first issue of this title, also from 1678, has a different pagination and does not identify Hale as the author.

Holdsworth VI:590-91. ESTC R12164.

THE BASIS OF PEEL'S ACTS

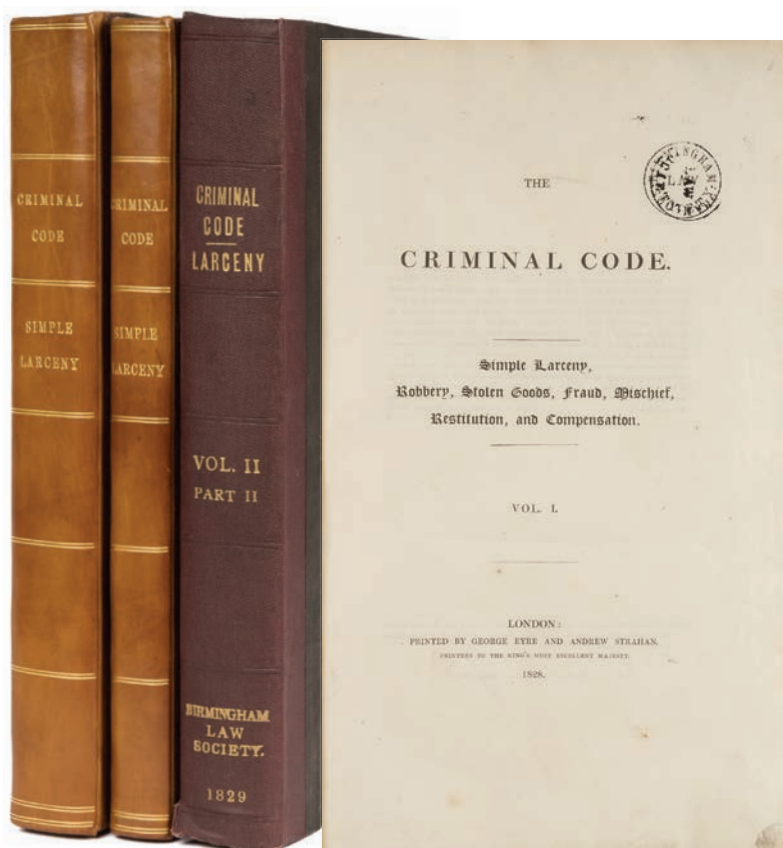
45. [Hammond, Anthony (1758-1838)].

The Criminal Code. Simple Larceny, Robbery, Stolen Goods, Fraud, Mischief, Restitution, and Compensation.

London: Printed by George Eyre and Andrew Strahan, 1828-1829. Two volumes in three books. [iv], 488; xlii, [489]-749; lxxiv, [750]-1038, ciii pp. Folio (13" x 8-1/2"). \$1,250.

Contemporary pebbled cloth, later rebackings, gilt library name to front boards, gilt library insignia to rear boards, Books 1 and 2 have gilt fillets and title to quarter-calf spine, Book 3 has a textured cloth spine with blind fillets and gilt title, volume number, library name and publication date, all hinges mended, untrimmed edges. Light rubbing and a few stains to boards, moderate rubbing to board edges, corners bumped and somewhat worn, front hinge of Book 3 starting, small shelf labels to front pastedowns. Moderate toning to interior, light foxing and soiling in a few places, library stamps to title pages and a few other leaves.

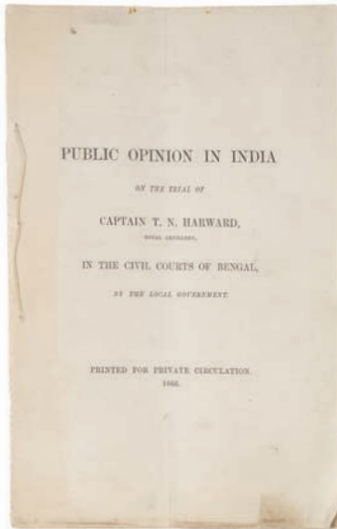
ONLY EDITION. Hammond, a barrister and legal reformer, was commissioned by Parliament, under the sponsorship of Home Secretary Sir Robert Peel [1788-1850], to propose a code of English



criminal law. Between 1823 and 1829 he produced a series of six codes under the general title *The Criminal Code*. Although they weren't adopted, they formed the basis of Peel's Acts, the first substantial reform of English criminal law. In turn, Peel's Acts paved the way for the Criminal Law Consolidation Acts 1861. Printed in limited numbers for Parliament, the courts and select members of the legal community, copies of these codes are scarce today. OCLC locates 4 copies of the volumes offered here in North American law libraries (Columbia, Harvard, Social Law, UC-Berkeley).

Sweet & Maxwell 2:153.

A BRITISH SOLDIER TRIED IN INDIAN COURTS

**46. [Harward, Thomas Netherton (1820-1908)].**

Public Opinion in India on the Trial of Captain T.N. Harward, Royal Artillery, In the Civil Courts of Bengal, By the Local Government.

[Cambridge]: Printed for Private Circulation [by Jonathan Palmer], 1866. 56 pp. Octavo (8-1/2" x 5-1/2"). \$950.

Stab-stitched pamphlet in self-wrappers. Light toning, vertical fold line, light soiling to a few leaves, light fading to title page, thread loosening slightly but secure. Rare.

ONLY EDITION. Harward, a decorated captain who served under Havelock, was accused along with an accomplice of criminal breach of trust for allegedly disposing of weapons in an improper manner. Tried in a civilian court, he fought hard to clear his name and was ultimately found not guilty. Our pamphlet collects extracts

from Indian newspapers discussing the case, all favorable to Harward. The case became a flashpoint for what the English considered abuses by local Indian courts. Several extracts complain about alleged dishonesty by native witnesses against Harward and make specific mention of the lack of a grand jury in the Anglo-Indian justice system, claiming that a grand jury is the best protection "against the prejudice and ignorance of the Civilians, and the animosity and hostility of the Natives" (14). OCLC locates 2 copies of this title (New York Public Library, University of Minnesota). Not in the *BMC*.

MURDER, RAPE AND TRIAL BY BATTLE

47. Holroyd, Edward [1794-1881].
[Thornton, Abraham (c.1793-1860)].

Observations Upon the Case of Abraham Thornton, Who was Tried at Warwick, August 8, 1817, For the Murder of Mary Ashford: Shewing the Danger of Pressing Presumptive Evidence Too Far, Together with the Only True and Authentic Account Yet Published of the Evidence Given at the Trial, The Examination of the Prisoner, &c., And a Correct Plan of the Locus in Quo.

London: Printed for J. Mawman, T. Miller, 1819. 88 pp. Folding map. Portrait frontispiece, misbound before preface. Octavo (7-3/4" x 4-3/4"). \$500.

Disbound stab-stitched pamphlet, untrimmed edges. Moderate toning, light soiling to exterior, dampspotting to map, small library stamps to title page and frontispiece.

THIRD AND FINAL EDITION, one of three printed in 1819. Abraham Thornton, a bricklayer, "was accused of rape and murder after attending a dance where he became intimate with a gardener's daughter named Mary Ashford. They left the dance together and her body was found the next morning in a deep pool of water near a local footpath. Thornton was tried at the Warwick assizes on 8 August 1817. Since the marks on Mary's body were not necessarily inconsistent with Thornton's claim that she had consented to sexual intercourse, and since the times on the morning in question when Thornton was seen walking home to Bromwich suggested he could not have been with her when she met her death, the jury found him not guilty.

The case aroused much interest and reminded people of a similar murder of a local woman a year earlier. Many were convinced of Thornton's guilt and he was assailed in local and London newspapers. A group collected around the Birmingham solicitor William Bedford invoked the old legal process of 'appeal of murder,' by which a person acquitted of murder could be tried again for the same offense. This process was generally regarded as obsolete, though there had been several instances in the eighteenth

century. More controversy arose when Thornton came before the court of King's Bench in November 1817 and demanded ordeal by battle, which was open to the subject of an appeal of murder but had not been claimed since Charles I's reign. After several hearings between November 1817 and April 1818 the court decided that the appellee did have this right. The appeal of murder was dropped. Appeals of murder were abolished in 1819 partly because of this case" (Turner). Unable to lead a normal life in England, Thornton moved to the United States and settled in Baltimore, Maryland.

Turner, Michael J., "Thornton, Abraham," *ODNB* (online edition). *BMC* 12:496.

A COMPARISON OF AMERICAN AND BRITISH COMMERCE

48. Holroyd, John [1735-1821], 1st Earl of Sheffield.

Observations on the Commerce of the American States.

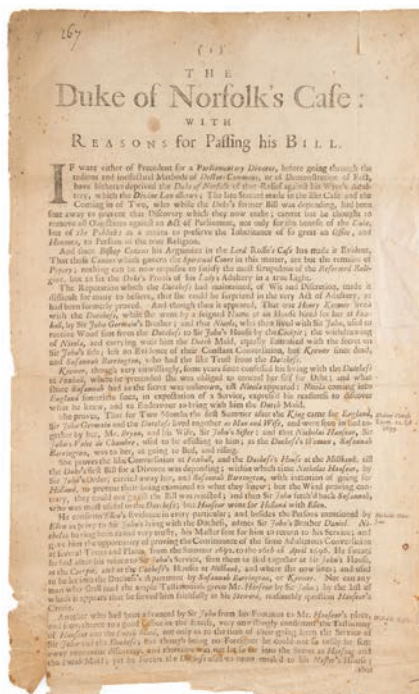
London: Printed for J. Debrett, 1784. 8, [8], 287, [1], 24, [2] pp. With 11 tables, 10 folding. Octavo (8" x 4-3/4"). \$750.

Contemporary speckled calf, blind rules to boards, gilt fillets and title to spine, gilt rules to board edges, edges of text block speckled red. Light rubbing, faint dampstaining and a few shallow scuffs to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, front joint starting at head, tiny wormhole near foot of spine, corners lightly bumped and worn, faint dampstaining to endleaves, brief early annotation (shelfmark?) to front pastedown. Light toning to interior, faint dampstain to upper outside corner of pp. 59-104 and pp. 271-280, early correction to p. 152, small faint stains to second table.

THIRD LONDON EDITION, one of two issues. Written in opposition to a proposal by William Pitt to relax some navigation laws in favor of the United States, this is a highly detailed comparison of American and British imports and exports from 1700-1783 with a focus on the years 1773 and 1783. According to Howes, it was highly influential in shaping England's trade policy in ways which proved "detrimental to American commerce and shipping interests" and hastened the formation of a federal response "to retaliate against British maritime might."

Howes H-616. *ESTC* T118174.

AN EARLY PARLIAMENTARY DIVORCE



49. [Howard, Henry (1655-1701), 7th Duke of Norfolk].

The Duke of Norfolk's Case: With Reasons for Passing His Bill.

[London: S.n., 1699]. 2 pp. \$1,500.

13-3/4" x 8-1/4" broadsheet. Disbound, moderate toning, horizontal and vertical fold lines, light foxing in places, light edgewear, clean tears to edges mended with cellotape and affecting text at bottom without loss to legibility, small spark burn to right margin, small ink "167" at head in an early hand.

THE DUKE OF NORFOLK had previously sought to divorce his wife, Mary Mordaunt, in 1692 by private bill, but had been rejected by the House of Lords. His second try was successful and was one of the earliest divorces to be granted by Parliament rather than the ecclesiastical courts. Our broadside, sympathetic to the Duke, lays out the evidence supporting his wife's adultery and urges Parliament to grant the divorce. It is rare. OCLC and the *ESTC* locate 4 copies, 1 in North America (University of Minnesota).

ESTC R225485.

A HANDSOME SET FROM THE LIBRARY OF LADY DIANA DUFF COOPER



Lady Diana Duff Cooper bookplate detail

50. Jackson, William, Principal Author.

The New and Complete Newgate Calendar, Or, Malefactor's Universal Register. Containing, New and Authentic Accounts of the Lives, Adventures, Exploits, Last-Dying-Speeches, Confessions, (As well as Letters to their Relatives, never Before Published) Of the Most Notorious Criminals, and Violators of the Laws of their Country (of Both Sexes and All Denominations), Who Have Suffered Death, And Other Exemplary Punishments, For Murder, Burglary, Felony, Horse-Stealing, Bigamy, Forgery, Highway Robbery, Footpad Robbery, Perjury, Piracy, Rapes, Riots, Mobbing, Sodomy, Starving to Death, Sheep-Stealing, Swindling, Treason, Mutiny, Sedition, And Other Misdemeanors. Interspersed with Notes, Reflections, Remarks, And Inferences, Arising from the Several Subjects, Moral, Instructive, And Entertaining. Comprehending the Most

Material Passages in the Sessions Papers for Upwards of a Century; Together with the Ordinary of Newgate's Account of the Capital Convicts; And Complete Narratives of the Most Remarkable Trials. The Whole Containing the Most Faithful Narratives ever Yet Published of the Various Executions, And Other Exemplary Punishments, Which Have Happened in England, Wales, Scotland, And Ireland, From the Year 1700 to the Present Time.

London: Printed for Alexander Hogg & Co., 1810. Six volumes in seven books. Complete set. Pagination occasionally irregular, text complete. 39 engraved copperplates, 6 of them frontispieces. Octavo (8-1/2" x 5-1/2"). \$3,500.

Near-contemporary three quarter morocco over marbled boards, gilt rules to boards, raised bands and gilt titles and ornaments to spines, top-edges gilt, deckle fore and bottom-edges, marbled endpapers. Negligible light rubbing and a few minor scuffs to boards, faint crease to front board of Volume II, some rubbing to spines, corners bumped and somewhat worn, front hinges of Volumes I and II cracked, other hinges starting, bookplate of Lady Diana Duff Cooper to front pastedowns. Moderate toning to interiors, light foxing and faint dampstaining in a few places, faint offsetting from plates, repairs to corners of a few leaves with no loss to text. A handsome set.

THIS POPULAR WORK began as a monthly record of executions issued by the keeper of London's Newgate Prison. The title was eventually adopted by several publishers of criminal biographies. The first work to collect these was published in 1760. Didactic and lurid in equal measure, it went through several editions by different compilers and publishers into the twentieth century. Hogg's version was published and complete in six volumes. Two volumes were added later and marketed as part of the set. (A projected ninth volume does not appear to have been published.) Lady Diana Duff Cooper [1892-1986], a former owner of our set, was a famous English aristocrat, actress and socialite. Her husband, Duff Cooper, a notable politician and historian, was the British ambassador to France.

Sweet & Maxwell 1:370.





TRACTS WRITTEN BY A PROMINENT ROYALIST
WHILE IMPRISONED IN THE TOWER OF LONDON

51. Jenkins, David [1582-1663].

Lex Terræ: Or, A Briefe Discourse Collected Out of the Fundamentall Lawes of the Land, wherein it is Proved that the Supream Power in this Kingdome is in the King Onely, And Not in the Two Houses of Parliament. The Ignorance of Which Hath Been the Visible Cause of the Late Unnaturall Warre, And All the Sad Calamities that Now Lye Heavy upon this Realme. Whereunto are Added Divers Other Small Tracts....

London: Printed for Iohn Gyles, 1647. [ii], 30, 8, [2], 13, [3], 14, 8, 10 pp. Six parts, each with title page or drop-head title. Copperplate portrait of Jenkins affixed to verso of front free endpaper. First edition.

[BOUND WITH] *Judge Jenkin's Plea, Delivered in to the Earle of Manchester, And the Speaker of the House of Commons Sitting in the Chancery at Westminster. Which was Read by Their Command in Open Court, The 14. of February 1647. And There Avowed (...)* Whereunto is Added, His Judgement in the Law, Concerning a Gentleman that was Condemned, For the Late Rising at Canterbury.

[London]: Printed in the Yeare, 1648. 8 pp. Second and final edition, enlarged.

[AND] *The Answer of Judge Jenkins, To the Imputation put Upon His Plea in Chancerie; Which was Read in Open Court the 14th of February, 1647....*

[London]: Printed in the Yeare, 1648. [ii], 6 pp. Only edition.

[AND] *Judge Jenkins Remonstrance to the Lords and Commons of the Two Houses of Parliament, At Westminster, The 21. of February, 1647.*

[London]: Printed in the Yeare, 1647 [i.e. 1648]. 8 pp. First edition.

[AND] *A Short, Sure, And Conscientious Expedient for Agreement & Peace. Tendred to the Two Houses of Parliament: With an Appeale to the Assembly of Divines....*

[London]: Printed for I.G., 1648. [ii], 6 pp. Only edition, one of two issues from 1648. \$1,500.

Quarto (7-1/2" x 5-1/2"). Contemporary limp vellum, some soiling, faint brief annotation to front cover, fragment of early label to spine. Considerable wear to spine and extremities, text block partially detached, final two pamphlets nearly detached, moderate soiling and considerable wear to endleaves, which are partially detached. Moderate toning to contents, somewhat heavier in places, dampspotting in places, shelfmark in small early hand to front free endpaper, another to title page of *Lex Terræ*, which has a signature excised from its upper-right corner.

JENKINS, a Welsh judge, was a prominent Royalist during the English Civil War. He was indicted for treason by Parliament and imprisoned. Tried in 1648, he was notably defiant but managed to avoid execution; he was eventually released in 1657. While imprisoned he wrote several tracts on monarchy, Parliament and the rights of subjects.

ESTC R508877, R204229, R204226, R4120, R205038.

RARE ENGLISH TREATISE ON TAXATION

52. Kyd, Stewart [d. 1811].

Arrangement, Under Distinct Titles, Of All the Provisions of the Several Acts of Parliament Relating to the Assessed Taxes.

London: Printed For, And Sold By, Butterworth, Hurst, And Pheny [et al.], 1799. [ii], 4, 9, [1], 288 pp. 4-pp. publisher advertisement following title page.

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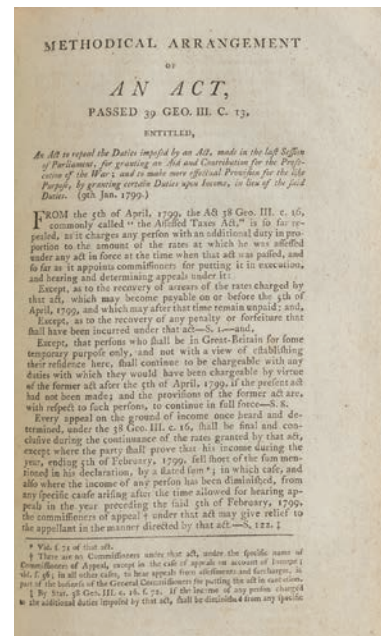
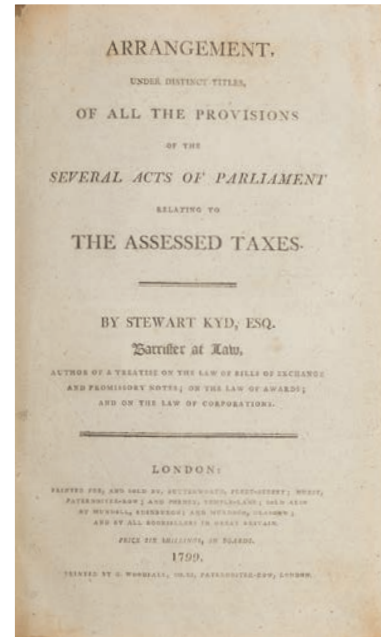
Methodical Arrangement of an Act, Passed 39 Geo. III. C. 13, Entitled, An Act to Repeal the Duties Imposed by an Act, Made in the Last Session of Parliament, For Granting an Aid and Contribution for the Prosecution of the War, And to Make More Effectual Provision for the Like Purpose, By Granting Certain Duties Upon Income, In Lieu of the Said Duties. (9th Jan. 1799.) [Caption Title].

[London?: s.n., 1799 or 1800]. [ii], [3]-101. Like many copies, as noted by the ESTC, issued without title page. \$1,500.

Octavo (9" x 5-3/4"). Recent period-style quarter calf over marbled boards, lettering piece, blind fillets and gilt title to spine, endpapers renewed. Moderate toning to interior, light foxing in a few places, later annotations in pencil to rear endleaves.

FIRST EDITION. Kyd, a Scottish lawyer and radical politician, was a well-respected writer of treatises on commercial law. *Arrangement* is a fascinating overview of the various forms of personal taxation in Great Britain at the beginning of the nineteenth century. A second, enlarged edition appeared in 1801. *Methodical Arrangement* is an explication of one of several income tax acts passed in 1799. The ESTC considers this work, possibly an expansion of Kyd's *The Substance of the Income Act* (1799), bibliographically distinct, but it appears in a similar or identical form in other copies of the first edition of *Arrangement* that we have seen. (The ESTC record for this work shows that it does not have a title page.) Both editions of *Arrangement* are rare. OCLC locates 3 copies of the first edition (British Library, Library of Congress, University of Cincinnati Law School). (The copy it locates at the San Francisco Law Library appears to be an error.)

ESTC T469910, T469913.



RARE VARIANT OF LAMBARDE'S VALUABLE GUIDE TO
GAVELKIND AND OTHER LEGAL CUSTOMS

53. Lambarde, William [1536-1601].

A Perambulation of Kent: Conteining the Description, Hystorie, And Customes of that Shyre. Collected and Written (For the Most Part) in the Yeare. 1570. By William Lambard of Lincolnes Inne Gent. And Now Increased by the Addition of Some Things Which the Authour Him Selfe Hath Observed Since That Time.

London: Imprinted for Ralphe Newberie, 1576. [xvi], 58, 58-59, 59-435, [1] pp. Complete, with an engraved map of the Heptarchy. Quarto (7-1/4" x 5"). \$3,500.

Nineteenth-century calf, gilt rules and corner fleurons to boards, gilt spine with raised bands and (renewed?) lettering piece, blind tooling to board edges, edges speckled red, endleaves renewed. Light rubbing to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, front joint just starting at head, rear joint just starting at ends, front hinge cracked, rear hinge just starting, faint offsetting and recent penciled notes to endpapers, ownership signature (of John Burns) in ink to front free endpaper. Moderate toning to interior, very light foxing and soiling in a few places, faint dampstain to bottom edge of first twenty or so leaves, slight creasing to a few leaves, brief early annotations to a few pages and longer annotation (describing gavelkind) to final blank. A handsome copy.

FIRST EDITION. The *Perambulation of Kent* is among the earliest and most famous of English county histories. The section on the county's customs includes much valuable information regarding gavelkind, a form of land inheritance, and other local legal practices. Lambarde is also the author of *Archaionomia* (1568), an important early work on Anglo-Saxon law, and *Eirenarcha* (1581), one of the great English manuals for justices of the peace.

Our copy of the *Perambulation* was owned by John Burns [1858-1943], an English trade unionist, Liberal politician and enthusiastic historian of London. It is one of two 1576 variants and does not include Henry Middleton's name in the colophon. This variant is rare. OCLC locates 1 copy in North America (Huntington Library); the ESTC adds 1 North American copy (Yale). This variant not in Beale.

ESTC S124785.

A SUPERB FIRST-EDITION COPY OF *THE TRADESMAN'S LAWYER*

54. [Layman's Guide].

The Tradesman's Lawyer and Countrey-Man's Friend. 1. Directing Them in Contracts, Bargains and Agreements, Whereby They May Learn to Buy and Contract Safely, And Cautiously Avoid Being Over-Reached in Their Bargains, &c. 2. Concerning Borrowing, Lending and Restoring, And of Goods Pledged and Pawned. 3. Setting Forth Several Other Adjudged Cases Relating to Tradesmen, &c. 4. Cases Relating to Farmers, And Concerning Stoppage of Ways, Watercourses, Lights, Commons, and Several Other Nusances. 5. Concerning Scandalous Words Purposely Spoken to Prejudice and Abuse Tradesmen, &c. 6. Concerning Leases, Mortgages, Corn, Waste, Distresses, &c. Also Many Other Matters Relating to Landlord and Tenant. 7. Concerning Discharging and Ending of Actions, Suits, and Controversies, And Therein Largely Concerning Arbitrements, Awards and Umpirage, With All Their Circumstances. 8. Certain Statute Laws, Concerning Labourers, Tradesmen, Artificers, Apprentices, Servants, Petty Chapmen, &c.

London: Printed by the Assigns of Richard and Edward Atkins Esqs., 1703. [viii], 424 pp. Octavo (6-1/2" x 4-1/4"). \$5,000.

Contemporary calf, blind rules to boards, blind fillets along joints, raised bands and early hand-lettered title to spine, gilt tooling to board edges. Negligible light rubbing and a few minor nicks to boards, corners

lightly bumped, rear hinge cracked. Light toning to text, slightly heavier in places, tiny worm track near upper corners of final four text leaves, rear free endpaper and rear pastedown, early owner annotation to pp. 10 and 34 and rear free endpaper. Book housed in a cloth clamshell box, quarter morocco over cloth, gilt title and gilt-edged raised bands to spine. A notably well-preserved copy of a rare title.

FIRST EDITION. An early form of “consumer protection,” this book was written to protect members of the middle ranks of English society from the “cunning” of “persons of a higher Rank,” who always enjoyed the “Learning and Leisure to read the Law.” Two later editions were published in 1709 and 1720 with the title *Gentleman’s Assistant, Tradesman’s Lawyer and Country-Man’s Friend*. The ESTC and OCLC locate 7 copies worldwide, 1 in a law library (Library of Congress).

ESTC T111090.

A REMARKABLE COLLECTION OF NINETEENTH-CENTURY WORKS
ON LEGAL REFORM AND INTERNATIONAL LAW COMPILED
BY A NOTABLE SCOTTISH LAWYER

**55. [Law Reform].
[Murray, David (1842-1928)].**

[The David Murray Collection of Law Reform and International Law].

16 volumes. 155 titles. Various paginations. Octavo (8-1/2” x 5,” Vols. 1-15; 9-1/4” x 6,” Vol. 16).
\$15,000.

Contemporary three-quarter calf over marbled boards, gilt-stamped insignia of the Royal Faculty of Procurators, Glasgow, to front boards, blind rules to joint edges and corners, raised bands and lettering pieces to spines, marbled edges and endpapers, presentation bookplate from David Murray to the Faculty dated April 29, 1902 to front pastedown of first volume. Light rubbing to boards, light residue from leather treatment, occasional scuffs, nicks, scratches and spots to boards and extremities, which are more moderately rubbed with darkening in a few places, some lettering pieces loose but secure, cracking to spines of Volumes 14-16, rear board of Volume 1 detached, front joints of Volumes 1-2 starting at foot, joints of Volume 16 starting at ends. Volumes 1, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10 and 13 have descriptions of their contents in Murray’s hand to their half-titles. A remarkable, handsomely bound collection.

THIS COLLECTION pertains chiefly to the subjects of law reform and international law. It was formed during the nineteenth century by the notable Scottish lawyer, bibliophile and antiquary, David Murray, who presented it to the Library of the Royal Faculty of Procurators in Glasgow in 1902. As we can see in the contents, which span almost the entire nineteenth century, Murray had long possessed a sustaining interest in law reform. Many titles touch upon the numerous areas of law that were dramatically reformed during the 1800s, including bankruptcy law, conveyancing and real property law, judicial administration, chancery and equity, and, to a lesser extent, codification, criminal law and jurisprudence.





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Many of the works are presentation copies inscribed to other well-known international lawyers and reformers of the nineteenth century, among them Sir Travers Twiss, Sir John Connell, and Edwin Wilkins Field. Among the authors themselves are John Austin, Basil Montagu, Lords Brougham and Grenville, Edward Sugden and John Westlake. Most of the works appear to be quite rare. Preliminary searching indicates that among those checked about 50% are not located in OCLC, and over 80% are found in two locations or fewer.

A PRINCIPAL ENGLISH TREATISE ON CANON LAW

**56. [Lyndwood, William (c.1375-1446)].
[Badius, Josse (1462-1535), Editor].**

Provinciale Seu Co[n]stitutiones Anglie: Cu[m] Summariis/Atq[ue] Iustis Annotationibus/Politissimis Characteribus/Summaq[ue] Accuratione Rursum Revise/Atq[ue] Impresse.

[Antwerp: Christophori Endouien[si]...Impressum...Impensis vero Francisci Brickman, 1525].
cclv [i.e. 256], [28] ff. Folio (10-1/2" x 7-1/4"). \$5,000.

Later paneled calf, rebaked with gilt-edged raised bands and gilt author name and title to spine, blind decoration to compartments, blind tooling to board edges, endpapers renewed, edges speckled red. Light rubbing and some minor nicks and scratches to boards, light rubbing to extremities, spine and board edges lightly varnished, corners neatly mended, library bookplate to front pastedown and front endleaf. Text in two columns with linear gloss, printed in red and black, occasional woodcut initials. Light toning to interior, light soiling in a few places, small hole to lower right corner of first two leaves, minor loss to legibility of two words of text on f. ii, trimming to top-edge affecting headline on ff. xvii and xlii, clean tear to f. cxii, no loss to legibility, small hole to margin of final leaf, brief contemporary annotations to a few pages. A nice copy of an important title.

SECOND POST-1500 EDITION. Main text followed by 28-ff. two-part index. Compiled around 1433 and first published around 1483-1485, *Provinciale* is the main authority for early English canon law. Divided into five books, it is a digest of the synodal constitutions of the province of Canterbury, from the period of Archbishop Stephen Langton [c.1155-1228] to that of Archbishop Henry Chichele [1414-1443], with Lyndwood's gloss. It is considered the law of the Church of England by some authorities. This edition was printed in Antwerp for the English market.

ESTC S190935. Beale T408b.

AN "INTERESTING" AND "LITERARY" LECTURE ON JURISPRUDENCE

57. Mackintosh, Sir James [1765-1832].

A Discourse on the Study of the Law of Nature and Nations; Introductory to a Course of Lectures on that Science, To be Commenced in Lincoln's Inn Hall, On Wednesday Feb 13, 1799.

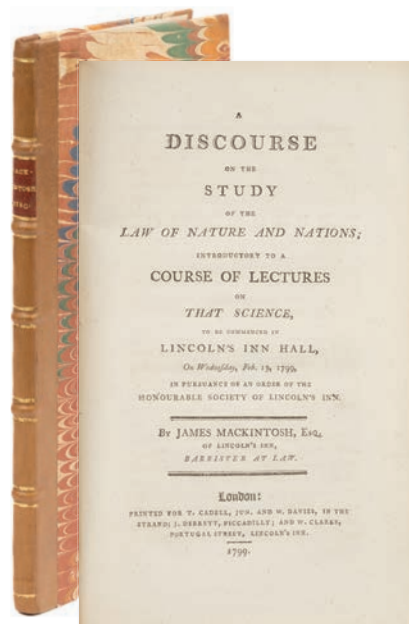
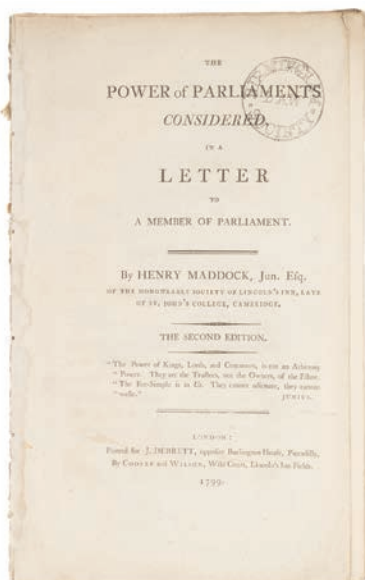
London: Printed for T. Cadell, Jun. and W. Davies, in the Strand; J. Debrett, Piccadilly; and W. Clarke, Portugal Street, Lincoln's Inn., 1799. [iv], 68 pp. Octavo (8-1/4" x 5").

\$650.

Stab-stitched pamphlet bound in recent period style quarter calf over marbled boards by Philip Dusel. Light toning, faint offsetting to half-title and final leaf, internally clean. A handsome copy.

FIRST EDITION. "In 1799 [Mackintosh] gave a course of thirty-nine lectures in Lincoln's Inn Hall on the Law of Nature and Nations which were attended by many distinguished men, including six peers and twelve members of the House of Commons. They were an interesting set of lectures on jurisprudence, which dealt with the relations between law and morals and with some of the underlying principles of public law, private law, and international law. His inaugural lecture, which he published under the title of *A Discourse of the Law of Nature and Nations*, is an able introduction possessed of literary qualities which were then not usually found in law books" (Holdsworth). It went through several editions, with the final edition appearing in 1835. An American edition was published in 1843.

Holdsworth XIII:281-282. ESTC T60478.

THE PARLIAMENT OF GREAT BRITAIN IS SUPERIOR
TO THE PARLIAMENT OF IRELAND**58. Maddock, Henry [d. 1824].**

The Power of Parliaments Considered, In a Letter to a Member of Parliament.

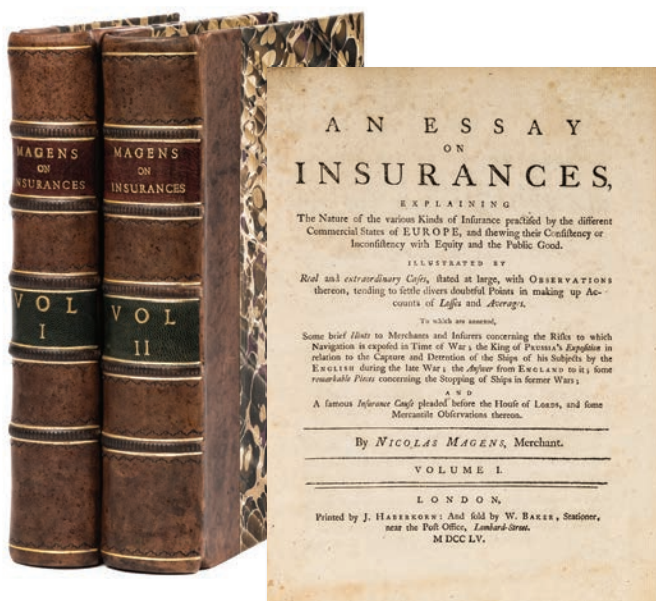
London: Printed for J. Debrett, By Cooper and Wilson, 1799. [ii], 55, [1] pp. Lacking half-title. Octavo (8-1/4" x 5-1/4"). \$450.

Disbound stab-stitched pamphlet. Moderate toning, light soiling to exterior, tiny stain and small library stamp to title page.

SECOND AND FINAL EDITION, a reissue of the first edition, also published in 1799. Jealous of its power, the Irish Parliament initially rejected the Act of Union with Great Britain. Maddock's pamphlet is a reply to this rejection. It argues that the British Parliament should ignore the Irish Parliament and go forward with the union because it is a legally superior body. Both editions are rare. OCLC locates 1 copy of the second edition (MPIFA Offentliches Recht & Volkerrecht); the ESTC adds 7 more, 1 in North America (Newberry Library).

ESTC T97076.

THE FIRST ENGLISH BOOK ON INSURANCE,
A SOURCE FOR SMITH'S *WEALTH OF NATIONS*



59. Magens, Nicolas [d. 1764].

An Essay on Insurances, Explaining the Nature of the Various Kinds of Insurance Practised by the Different Commercial States of Europe, And Shewing their Consistency or Inconsistency with Equity and the Public Good. Illustrated by Real and Extraordinary Cases, Stated at Large, With Observations Thereon, Tending to Settle Divers Doubtful Points in Making Up Accounts of Losses and Averages. To Which are Annexed, Some Brief Hints to

Merchants and Insurers Concerning the Risks to which Navigation is Exposed in Time of War; The King of Prussia's Exposition in Relation to the Capture and Detention of the Ships of his Subjects by the English During the Late War; The Answer from England to It; Some Remarkable Pieces Concerning the Stopping of Ships in Former Wars; And a Famous Insurance Cause Pleaded before the House of Lords, And Some Mercantile Observations Thereon.

London: Printed by J. Haberkorn: And Sold by W. Baker, 1755. Two volumes. [ii], vi, xviii, 562; vi, 466, 451-456, 473-714 pp. Text continuous (and complete) despite pagination; numbering of pp. 433-466 in Volume II corrected with cancel slips. Quarto (9-3/4" x 7-1/4"). \$3,500.

Recent period-style quarter calf over marbled boards, gilt-edged raised bands, lettering pieces and blind fillets to boards, endpapers renewed, retained armorial bookplates of William Curtis Noyes to front pastedowns. Light toning to interior, more moderate in a few places, occasional light foxing, check marks to margins and brief annotation to pp. 181-182 of Volume I.

ONLY EDITION IN ENGLISH. First published in German in Hamburg in 1753 and substantially revised and enlarged in translation, this was the first English book on insurance. It was highly esteemed by Adam Smith, who cites it several times in *The Wealth of Nations*. The first volume describes the nature of insurance policies in European states and includes an overview of "real and extraordinary cases" that illustrate key points. The second volume translates foreign insurance ordinances into English, lists relevant English acts of parliament and summarizes commercial treatises between England and foreign nations. Magens, a German merchant and naturalized British citizen, was also the author of the popular work *The Universal Merchant* (1753).

William Curtis Noyes [1805-1864], the former owner of our copy, was a leading New York lawyer and a member of the commission to codify the state's laws, which resulted in the Field Codes. A man of extensive learning, he owned one of the finest law libraries in the United States.

ESTC T98888. Goldsmiths' 9045.



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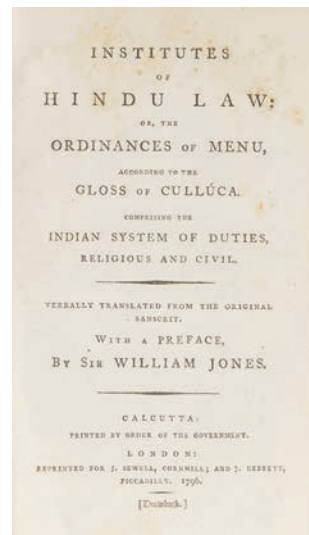
AN IMPORTANT EDITION OF HINDU LAW

60. Manu (Lawgiver).**[Mānava Dharmasāstra].****Jones, Sir William [1746-1794], Translator and Editor.**

Institutes of Hindu Law: Or, the Ordinances of Menu, According to the Gloss of Culluca. Comprising the Indian System of Duties, Religious and Civil. Verbally Translated from the Original Sanscrit. With a Preface.

[London]: Calcutta: Printed by Order of the Government. London: Reprinted for J. Sewell, Cornhill; And J. Debrett, Piccadilly, 1796. xvi, [ii], 366 pp. Contents leaf misbound after p. xvi. Octavo (8-1/4" x 5-1/4"). \$850.

Later library cloth, black-stamped title to spine, marbled edges, endpapers renewed. Some shelfwear, light fading and a few minor marks to binding. Light toning to interior, light foxing to title page and a few other leaves.



SECOND AND FINAL EDITION. The *Manusmriti*, or Laws of Manu, is an important statement of Hindu law. Attributed to Manu, the progenitor of humanity in Hindu theology, it was compiled in its final form around 200 BCE. It is a collection of laws governing individuals, communities and nations and is an important (and somewhat controversial) source of information about the caste system and the status of women. This work achieved its international prominence through Jones's translation. First published in 1794, it was the first unabridged version in English. Jones, the able judge of the High Court of Calcutta and brilliant linguist, was attracted to this work because of its structural similarities to the *Institutes* of Justinian. Intending to establish Manu as the Justinian of India, he intended to follow this translation with translations of other texts that resembled other parts of the *Corpus Juris Civilis*. Unfortunately, he did not live long enough to complete this project.

ESTC T123009.

BLACKSTONE DISCUSSES SHAKESPEARE

61. [Manuscript].**Blackstone, Sir William [1723-1780].****[Steevens, George (1736-1800)].**

[Autograph Letter (in Third Person) to George Steevens, London, Lincoln's Inn Fields, 26 April 1779].

9-1/2" x 7-1/2" bifolium, one page of text, archival guard at inner edge. Light toning, vertical and horizontal fold lines. \$6,500.

ADDRESSED TO THE EMINENT SHAKESPEAREAN GEORGE STEEVENS, the letter discusses Blackstone's critical notes on Shakespeare, which were ultimately published the following year (after his death) in Edmund Malone's supplement to the 1778 edition of Shakespeare's plays by Samuel Johnson and George Steevens. Blackstone returns a transcription of the notes "together with the new ones that have occurred on a transient Perusal of Mr Steevens's second edition. He will see that Sir W[illiam]m (Author-like) continues a little prejudiced in favour of One of his Emendations, which Mr Steevens is afraid of proposing: but, to make amends, he has given up another to Mr Steevens's more accurate Judgement." He adds that there is no need to send a transcript of the new "observations," and concludes with a note on a legal case: "Inquiry has been made at the Exchequer; - & [the] Result is, that nothing can be done there till the Fine is estreated, & then it may be discharged upon Motion supported by Affidavit."

Sir William Blackstone presents his Compliments
& returns Him his Transcript of Sir J^{ts} Observations,
as well as those that have occurred on a transient Perusal of
said Edition. He will see that Sir J^{ts} (Author)
is in favour of One of his Emendations
rather than Mr Steevens's; more accurate Judgment
Sir William would not give Mr Steevens's
Transcript of H

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Nº 63

LEADING CITIZENS OF A MIDLAND TOWN
ESTABLISH A FUND TO FIGHT CRIME

62. [Manuscript].
[Criminals].

List Of Subscribers To The Association Established in the Town And Neighbourhood Of Stourbridge For The Prosecution Of Felons. [Stourbridge, Warwickshire, England, c.1811]. \$650.

15-3/4" x 12-1/2" sheet, written on both sides, with a watermark reading 1811, faint vertical rules, content in neat calligraphic hand in three columns below headline, additional single column of content to verso. Moderate toning, vertical and horizontal fold lines, light soiling at corners, light wear, a few chips and short tears to edges, early repairs to fold lines on verso.



ASSOCIATIONS for the prosecution of felons were established throughout Great Britain before the creation of professional municipal police forces. The earliest date to the mid-eighteenth century; there were around 500 by 1840. A form of insurance, these associations covered the costs associated with investigating crimes, paying rewards and bringing criminals to justice.

Over 130 individuals and businesses joined this association in Stourbridge, a market town near Birmingham, and pledged amounts ranging from £10 to £105. The list shows their first and second installments. Among those are Lord Lyttleton, probably William Henry Lyttleton, 3rd Baron Lyttleton [1782-1837] and Reverend Joseph Taylor, who became minister of the local church in 1808. Several of the subscriber names can be found in *The Commercial Directory* (for 1818, 1819, 1820, accessed online), including Francis Rufford & Sons, manufacturer of fire bricks, Sergeant Hornblower, iron master, Thomas Wheeley, glass manufacturer, and Henry Jervis, toolmaker.

COMMONPLACE BOOK ON LAND AND ESTATE LAW



63. [Manuscript].
[Commonplace Book].

Great Britain, 17th century. 455 ff [with intermittent blanks].
Quarto (8" x 5-3/4"). \$4,500.

Contemporary reversed calf, blind rules to boards, rebacked retaining existing spine with raised bands and hand-lettered title ("IRSTVW"?), blind tooling to board edges, metal clasps to fore-edges, one lacking, edges untrimmed. Light rubbing to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, joints just starting at ends, a few slight cracks to spine, three of four corners mended (the other bumped and lightly worn), hinges cracked, pastedowns loose, later bookseller's description tipped onto inner front board. Text in Law French in one, possibly two

neat hands in two columns within red-ruled borders, headings in English and Law French. Light toning to interior, light soiling in a few places, a few (mostly partial) cracks to text block, all leaves secure.

ORGANIZED BY SUBJECT, this interesting and extensive commonplace book includes extracts on a wide range of topics in land and estate law such as annuity, suspension, remainder, tenure, legacy and legatee, chivalry, charitable uses, usury, homage and fealty. It appears to cite both authors, such as Bracton and Croke, and relevant cases and statutes.

A man marrys a woman that hath an Estate of Inheritance, and an Estate for life, and a Lease for years, or other chattells real, also debts owing to her and goods or chattells personal, the Question is what doth the Law give to the husband by the Intermarriage without any other gift to him from the wife.

The answer must be several, (viz);

1. **If the Woman** at the time of the Marriage hath an Estate in any Lands, tenements, rents, or other Hereditaments, the Husband is seized immediately of the Freehold thereof not in his own right but *Jure uxoris*, and he shall have the profits thereof during their Joynt lives, and if he hath a Child by her born alive (altho it dye) yet after the wifes death, if husband shall hold the said Land or other Hereditament during his own life as Tenant by Curtesie, but if the husband dye before the wife, she shall have her own Inheritance again immediately after his death to her and her heirs; And if the wife dye before the husband, and there hath been no Child borne alive then the heir of the wife (whether it be her brothers, sisters, Uncles, aunts or other Cousins of her blood) shall immediately after her death have the Land from her husband, and if the wife dye before the husband and there hath been a Child borne alive then after the husbands death, to wit, when his estate by Curtesie ends, the heir of the wife shall have the Land, the husband and wife at any time by a Fine may sell or give away his Land as they both please, and the husband alone, without his wife, may grant or charge the Land during the Joynt lives of him and his wife, and (if he hath a Child a Child by her) then during his own life. But the husband alone as the Law stands at this day cannot make any alienation or discontinuance that shall hinder the wife or her heirs after his decease from having her Land or hereditaments, and if he commit Treason or Felony her Estate shall not be forfeited, but only the profits during the Coverture, but for her Felony or treason it will be forfeited for ever.

2. **If the woman** at the time of the marriage hath an Estate

See Plow. 418.
Case of Braconer
& Cook & Hunt.

HANDSOME C.1350 LEAF FROM A *REGISTRUM BREVIUM***64. [Manuscript].****[Leaf from a Registrum Brevium].**

[Probably London or Westminster, c.1350]. [2] pp. Octavo (7-1/2" x 5").

\$5,000.

Parchment leaf, light soiling, mostly to margins, a few tiny spots, minor edgewear, faint fold crease to lower outer corner. 33-line single-column text in a small and compact anglicana chancery hand, paragraph marks and reference words in outer margin in red or dark blue, some capitals of these reference words touched in red, original folio no. 'lxxxii' in upper outer corner of recto.

THIS HANDSOME LEAF is from a manuscript collection of sample writs, the documents necessary to initiate legal actions. A cornerstone of the common law, these collections were an essential tool for lawyers in medieval England. Some were compiled from several sources or copied from other examples. The source of our leaf appears to be a copy of a widely circulated collection dating from the reign of Edward III [1327-1377]. Known as the *Registrum Brevium*, it was the source of the first printed collection of writs, which was published in 1494 by Richard Pynson.

“NEVER PRINTED BUT LENT ME TO COPY”

65. [Manuscript].**Lowndes, William [1652-1724].**

A Treatise of Estates & Conveyances by Wm. Lowndes Esqr. Late Secretary of the Treasury. Never Printed but Lent Me to Copy. AD 1712.....Ends pag[e] 49.

Cornwall?, 1699-1718. [4], 49, [1], 50-62, [5] pp. 11 blank leaves. Quarto (7-3/4" x 6-1/4"). \$3,500.

Contemporary calf, gilt frames to boards, raised bands and recent shelf label to spine, marbled endpapers. Minor nicks and scuffs to boards, a few paint spatters to rear board, moderate rubbing to extremities with some wear to spine ends and corners, moderate toning to interior. Leaves ruled in red ink, text in several small neat hands.

LOWNDES, a Whig politician, was Secretary to the Treasury under King William III and Queen Anne. An effective administrator, he dominated Treasury affairs for thirty years. His unpublished *Treatise on Estates & Conveyances* is divided into six chapters: “Of Several Kinds of Estates in Law,” “Concerning Possession, Seisin, Things Lyeing in Livery, & Things Lying in Grant,” “Of Reversions and Remainders,” “Of Uses,” “Of the Severall Kinds of Common Assurances” and “More Concerning Common Assurances.” This section is dated 1699. At the end is a final, related question, dated 1704, that asks what a husband gains by marriage to a wife who possesses various forms of estate.

The text of this section is in a neat scribal hand, with a title page and table of contents in a different hand. Following the Lowndes text are several related documents in different hands, including a copy of the marriage settlement of William Dennis and Dorothy Cotton in 1696 (by which he gained estates of £5000), a copy of a document of 1718 attesting to the settlement of a debt from the estate and “An Underlease of part of a B[isho]ps Lease for three Lives.”

Francis Luttrell [1683-1740], barrister and son of the book collector Narcissus Luttrell, may have written part of this manuscript. In 1712 Narcissus attempted to secure a place in the Treasury for his son, which would likely have brought them into contact with Lowndes. (Lowndes, incidentally, was not “late Secretary of the Treasury” in 1712, though a joint secretary had been appointed in 1711.) The 1718 document mentions Narcissus Luttrell’s sister, Dorothy Wynne, and cousin, Henry Manaton. The manuscript was part of the Pendarves Archive of the Luttrell and Wynne families of Cornwall, which was dispersed at auction in 2013.



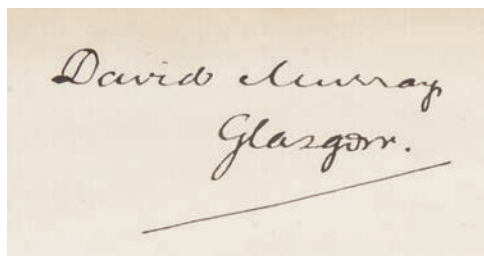
STANDING ORDERS FOR THE HOUSE OF LORDS

**66. [Manuscript].
[Parliament].**

Remembrances for Order and Decency to be Kept in the Upper House of Parliament by the Lords when His Majesty is Not There Leaving the Solemnity Belonging to His Majesty's Coming to be Marshall'd by Those Lords to Whom it More Properly Appertains.

[London]: c.1767. [III] pp., [9] blank, [7] pp. index, [3] blank pp. Octavo (6-3/4" x 4-1/2"). \$650.

Contemporary gilt-paneled morocco, gilt royal arms to boards, gilt library seal to front board, raised bands, gilt decoration and lettering piece to spine, gilt tooling to board edges, gilt dentelles to inner boards, gilt edges, marbled endpapers. Light rubbing and a few minor scuffs to boards, front board



detached along with front free endpaper, rear board separating but secured by cords, moderate rubbing to extremities, chipping to spine ends and lettering piece, corners bumped and worn, ownership signature (David Murray, Glasgow) to verso of front free endpaper. Text with side notes in a single neat hand within red-ruled borders. Light toning to interior, small spots and smudges to a few leaves, internally clean.

THESE STANDING ORDERS, listing a variety of regulations for the proceedings of the House of Lords, are dated from June 9, 1660 to May 11, 1767. Topics include appropriate conduct for members when the king is present, procedures for trials of peers and the prevention of quarrels. The orders were read aloud at the beginning of each session, and the clerk produced copies for peers for a fee. David Murray [1842-1928] was a Scottish lawyer, antiquarian and bibliophile who amassed one of Scotland's finest private libraries.

EARLY MANUSCRIPT NOTES ON ELIZABETHAN POOR LAWS



**67. [Manuscript].
[Poor Laws].**

Expositions upon the Statute of 43 Eliz. for the Poare.

N.p., c.1633. [13] pp. manuscript text on 8" x 6" sheets interleaved and bound into [27] ff. 11" x 7-1/2" blank book. \$3,000.

Title detail

Later three-quarter vellum over marbled boards, gilt title ("Statute of 43. Eliz. (For the Poor)") to spine, top-edge gilt, fore and bottom edges untrimmed, ownership signature of Walter Ashburner, Lincoln's Inn dated 1902 to front pastedown, small bookplate ("Bibliotheca Confanoneria") to front free endpaper. Light rubbing to boards, moderate rubbing to board edges, light soiling to vellum, faint offsetting, light soiling and small penciled marks to endpapers. Light toning to interior, light foxing and negligible light soiling, light edgewear to manuscript leaves, just affecting text of a few leaves but without loss to legibility. Text in neat secretarial hand.

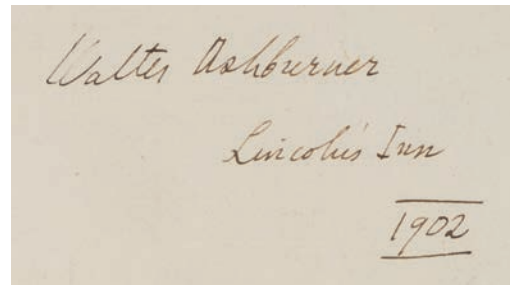
THE REIGN OF ELIZABETH I saw numerous attempts to relieve poverty through legislation. From 1552 to 1598, a series of statutes were passed which empowered justices of the peace and churchwardens to register the poor and raise funds for their relief. The so-called "Elizabethan Poor Law" of 1601 consolidated the previous legislation and provided for the creation of "overseers" of relief, who would work under justices of the peace to set a compulsory sum to be extracted from each parish, among other duties. The effects of the 1601 law and other "poor laws" resonated widely, from the penal system to the labor market to universities and the education system in general.

The text of our manuscript relates to the so-called "Resolutions of the Judges of Assize" of 1633. These "resolutions," intended to address ambiguities in the 1601 Poor Law, take the form of a series of questions submitted to Chief Justice Heath and his answers. "Although apparently repudiated after the Restoration as invalid, Heath's interpretations were nonetheless employed consistently by both magistrates and judges as the standard guide to the rigorous enforcement of the poor laws which characterized the 1630s" (Cockburn). The text subsequently appeared in print in various justice of the peace manuals, with the earliest of these appearances around 1655 in Dalton's *Countray Justice*. Our manuscript likely pre-dates printed versions of the text; similar manuscripts are held by the British Library.

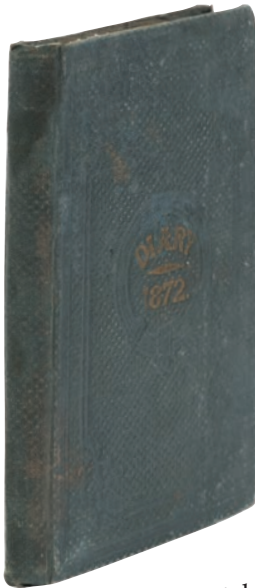
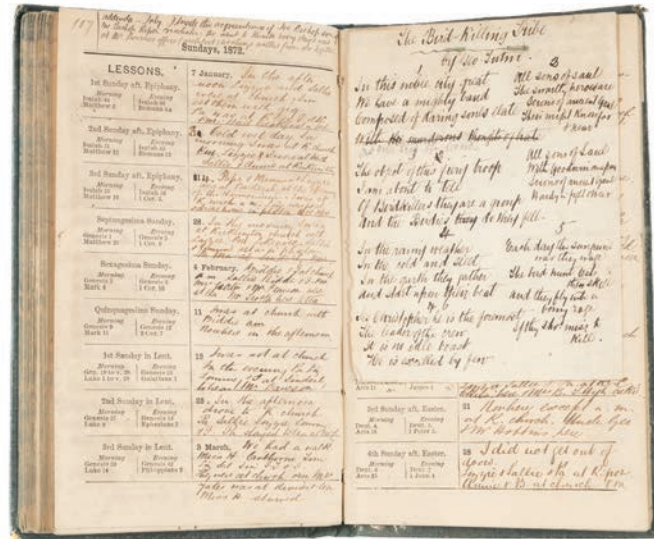


This volume was owned by Walter Ashburner [1864-1936], a British legal scholar and an important collector of early printed books and manuscripts. The “Bibliotheca Confanoneria” bookplate likely originates from Italy, where Ashburner traveled extensively. It is unclear whether it pre or post-dates Ashburner’s ownership.

Cockburn 169-170.



INDEXED MANUSCRIPT 1872 DIARY OF AN ENGLISH LAW STUDENT



68. [Manuscript].
Tutin, George [d. 1888].

Diary 1872.

[Howgrave Hall, Kirklington, Yorkshire, England, 1872]. 35 pp. of printed front matter, 112, [15] pp. of manuscript. Indexed. Octavo (6-1/4" x 3-3/4"). \$750.

Original pebbled cloth, blind frames to boards, gilt title to center of front board, marbled edges. Binding cocked, moderate rubbing, faint dampstaining and affixed fragment from a document (?) to rear board, hinges cracked, text block secure. Moderate toning to interior, faint dampstaining in a few places, content in fine neat hand, additional annotations to endleaves, head of rear free endpaper stuck to rear pastedown with minor loss to content, slip with additional content affixed to a leaf (pp. 108-109) with a pin.

TUTIN, of Kirklington, near Ripon, was seventeen when he commenced this diary. From a farming family, he was admitted as a solicitor in 1875 and established a successful practice in Ripon. The diary, of some fifteen thousand words, records his work as a law student and his other activities, such as bucolic walks and picnics. He also describes current affairs and such events as a colliery explosion at Dewsbury and Disraeli’s trip to Manchester. The affixed leaf has an apparently original poem titled “The Bird-Killing Tribe.”

CHINESE PUNISHMENT IN THE BRITISH IMAGINATION



69. [Mason, George H. (1770-1851)].

The Punishments of China, Illustrated by Twenty-Two Engravings: With Explanations in English and French.

London: Printed for William Miller by W. Bulmer and Co., 1801. [94] pp. With 22 hand-colored stipple engravings, first plate bound as frontispiece. Folio (14-1/2" x 10-1/4").

Contemporary paneled morocco, elaborate blind and gilt fillets to boards, gilt spine with raised bands and gilt title ("Costum China") to spine, gilt tooling to outer and inner board edges, edges of text block gilt. Light rubbing and a few small scuffs to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, spine very lightly varnished, light wear to head of front joint and corners, which are bumped, front hinge just starting at head, armorial bookplate (of J.M. Sagar-Musgrave) to front pastedown.

Light toning to interior, faint offsetting from plates, light foxing in a few places, faint stain to upper gutter of Plate V and following page not affecting image or text, Plates IV and XX affected by trimming at fore-edge with minor loss to images.

[WITH] [Album of 12 Chinese Export Watercolors Depicting Punishments].

N.d., circa mid-nineteenth century. \$3,000.

Twelve 6" x 9-3/4" watercolor (or gouache) drawings on pith paper with blue silk ribbon borders, mounted on contemporary untrimmed 8-1/4" x 12-1/2" sheet tipped onto 11" x 14" card. Light toning, occasional faint dampstaining and spotting to images and larger sheet, tears to pith paper affecting six of the images with minor loss, most very small with a larger tear to final image. Drawings housed in modern red morocco binder with gilt frames to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, light fading to spine, light wear to spine ends and corners.



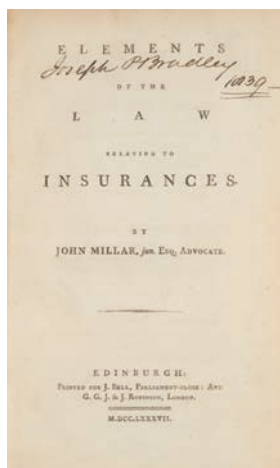
Together two items.

PUNISHMENTS: first edition, six plates watermarked 1818. As trade with China increased, Chinese culture began to take hold of the British imagination. This was particularly true in cases where Chinese people and practices could be stereotyped or depicted as barbaric. Written by an East India Company soldier who traveled to Canton in 1789, *Punishments of China* depicts lurid scenes of torture and contrasts Chinese and Western customs.



Export albums like ours were produced in the port cities of China for tourists in the late eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries. Early watercolors were done on European paper, which later shifted to the thin pith paper of the present example. They were typically sold in sets of 12 or 24 and depicted a variety of subjects, including tea culture, manufacturing and local flora and fauna. The first workshop to produce these albums was Pu-Quà's in Canton, where Mason may have purchased a similar group of drawings of punishments; the images in our album depict scenes similar to the stipple engravings in *Punishments of China* but with different compositions.

SCARCE TREATISE ON INSURANCE PRAISED FOR ITS
“UNCOMMON JUDGMENT AND FREEDOM OF INQUIRY”



70. Millar, John [1760-1796].

Elements of the Law Relating to Insurances.

Edinburgh: Printed for J. Bell, 1787. xi, 560, [6] pp. With errata leaf. Octavo (8-1/4" x 5"). \$1,500.

Contemporary speckled calf with recent cloth rebacking, retained lettering piece to spine. Light rubbing to boards, two tiny cracks in joints, moderate rubbing to board edges, corners bumped and worn, hinges, which are reinforced with cloth, starting, faint ink property stamps to pastedowns, faint offsetting to endleaves. Moderate toning to interior, negligible light soiling to a few leaves, ownership signature of Joseph P. Bradley, dated 1839, to title page, contemporary newspaper clipping (dated August 12, 1797) tipped onto p. 501.

ONLY EDITION. “This work furnished, when it first appeared, a good exposition of the then existing Law of Insurance. The author collected what was to be found in Scotch Decisions, relevant to his subject, and examined and commented upon the English authorities with considerable acuteness. ‘He appears to have been equally familiar with the Continental Civilians, and to have discussed the principles of Insurance with uncommon judgment and freedom of inquiry.’ The volume, however, never obtained a great share of public favor, and is now rarely consulted” (Marvin).

Millar was the son of the jurist John Millar [1735-1801]. Joseph P. Bradley [1813-1892], the former owner of our copy, was an associate justice of the U.S. Supreme Court from 1870 to 1892. Admitted to the bar in 1839, Bradley also worked as an actuary for the Mutual Benefit Life Insurance Company and took an interest in patent, commercial and corporate cases during his career. OCLC locates 8 copies of this title in law libraries.

Marvin 513 (citing 20 *North American Review* 71). ESTC T112830.

THE RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES OF QUEEN CONSORTS

71. [Monarchy].

The Prerogatives of a Queen Consort of England.

London: Published by G. Smeeton, 1820. 41, [1] pp. Publisher’s advertisements to final page. Octavo (8" x 5"). \$450.

Disbound stab-stitched pamphlet. Light toning, light foxing in a few places, ink library stamps to title page and a few other pages, creasing to foot of final leaf.

SECOND EDITION, one of two imprints published in 1820. First published in 1762 as *A Treatise on the Prerogatives of a Queen Consort of England*, this treatise reviews the historical rights and privileges of a queen consort. The first edition was dedicated to Queen Charlotte and the second edition was published to mark the accession of Queen Caroline to the throne (despite the best efforts of King George to secure a divorce). All editions are scarce; the Smeeton edition is rare. OCLC and Library Hub locate 1 copy (National Library of Scotland).

A RARE STUDY BY A NOTABLE ANTIQUARIAN

72. Nicolas, Sir (Nicholas) Harris [1799-1848].**Observations on the Offices of Secretary of State, Lord Privy Seal, And Lord Chamberlain of the King's Household; With Remarks on the Great Seal of England.**

[London: Eyre and Spottiswoode], 1837. 140 pp. Octavo (10" x 6-1/4"). \$450.

Later cloth, gilt fillets, title, library name and publication date to spine, endpapers renewed. Light soiling, faint stain to head of rear board, bookplate and shelf label to front pastedown. Light toning to interior, several signatures unopened, finger smudges and library stamp to a few leaves, light soiling and library stamp to title page.

ONLY EDITION, 1 of 50 (unnumbered) copies "for private distribution." Nicolas was a distinguished and prolific antiquarian. *Observations* is one of his few books on a legal subject. OCLC locates 5 copies in North America, 1 in a law library (University of Pennsylvania).

Sweet & Maxwell 2:257.

FIRST EDITION OF A STANDARD
NINETEENTH-CENTURY EVIDENCE TREATISE**73. Peake, Thomas [1771-1838].****A Compendium of the Law of Evidence.**

London: Printed for E. & R. Brooke & J. Rider, 1801. xiv, 190, [2] pp. Includes 2 pp. publisher advertisement. Octavo (8-1/4" x 5-1/4"). \$450.

Recent quarter calf over marbled boards, endpapers renewed with old paper. Corners lightly rubbed and bumped, rear hinge starting. Light browning to interior, offsetting to margins of preliminaries and final leaves, early owner inscriptions and (illegible) signatures to front endleaf and head of title page, brief inscription (A.B Story's 1804) to head of p. 1. An attractive copy.

FIRST EDITION. Peake's was the standard treatise in the first decades of the nineteenth century, both in England and America. Its final English edition was published in 1822 and the final two American editions in 1824 and 1899. The first edition is scarce. OCLC locates 7 copies of the first edition in North American law libraries (Dalhousie, Loyola, Notre Dame, Temple, University of Florida, University of Pennsylvania, Yale).

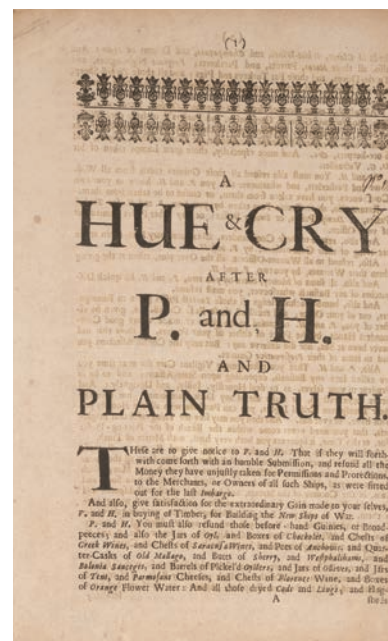
Sweet & Maxwell 2:275 (mis-stating publication date as 1802). *BMC* 19:661.

"I DO NOT LOVE TO BE IDLE, IF THERE BE ANY
PROBABILITY, OF GETTING MONEY"

74. [Pepys, Samuel (1633-1703)].**[Hewer, William].****A Hue & Cry After P. And H. And Plain Truth**
[Caption Title].

[London: S.n., 1679]. 8 pp. Folio (11-1/4" x 7-1/4"). \$1,500.

Disbound pamphlet in later plain wrappers, pamphlet detached from wrappers, leaves separated. Moderate toning, light edgewear, light foxing, faint marginal staining, a few small wormholes to last two leaves just touching text without loss to legibility, early ink annotation ("No. 133") to title page. Item housed in recent 13-3/4" x 9-3/4" buckram folder.



N° 74

ONLY EDITION. Pepys, a civil servant and administrator, was accused of corruption and conspiracy to leak naval intelligence to the French along with his secretary, William Hewer. This satirical pamphlet details the extent of the two's alleged crimes in the style of a hue and cry and imagines a dialogue between them in which they plot the best way to enrich themselves. Though Pepys, like many other civil servants, certainly took bribes, the charges of corruption and treason were eventually dropped and he returned to his post as Secretary of the Admiralty in 1684. OCLC locates 6 copies of this title in North America (Huntington Library, Yale, University of Illinois, Indiana University, Harvard, UC-Berkeley).

ESTC R4247.

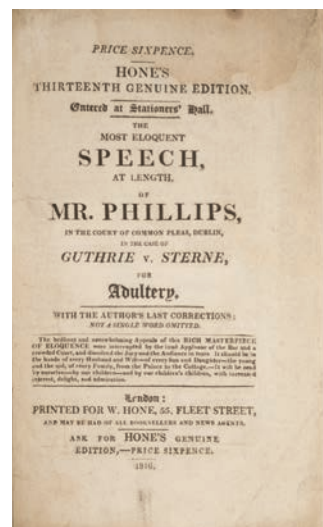
“A RICH MASTERPIECE OF ELOQUENCE”

75. Phillips, Charles.

The Most Eloquent Speech, At Length, Of Mr. Phillips, In the Court of Common Pleas, Dublin, In the Case of Guthrie v. Sterne, For Adultery. With the Author's Last Corrections: Not a Single Word Omitted.

London: Printed for W. Hone, 1816. 16 pp. Octavo (8-1/2" x 5"). \$450.

Stab-stitched pamphlet bound in recent cloth, lettering piece and gilt date to spine. Boards bowed, light rubbing to extremities, bookplate (of Geoffrey C. Briggs) and small bookseller's ticket to front pastedown. Light toning to interior, crack in text block after title page, light soiling in a few places, faint dampstain to top of first five leaves.



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THIRTEENTH STATED EDITION, one of several from the same year. A leading Anglo-Irish barrister, Phillips was renowned for his oratory and experience with adultery cases. In *Guthrie v. Sterne*, a typical adultery case, he managed to secure £5,000 for the plaintiff, John Guthrie. OCLC locates 6 copies of all editions in North American law libraries (University of Pennsylvania, Yale, U.S. Supreme Court, University of Minnesota, LA County, University of Missouri). Not in the *BMC*.

FIRST EDITION OF A NOTABLE LAW DICTIONARY FOR LAYMEN

76. Potts, Thomas [1778-1842].

A Compendious Law Dictionary, Containing Both an Explanation of the Terms and the Law Itself. Intended for the Use of the Country Gentleman, The Merchant, And the Professional Man.

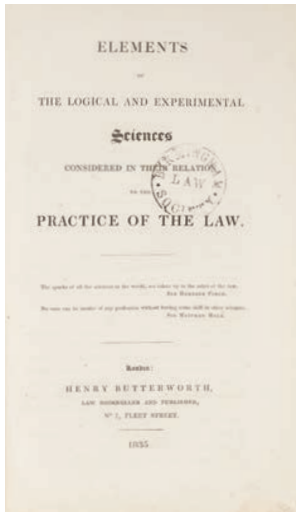
London: Printed for T. Ostell, Ave-Maria-Lane, 1803. [ii], iv, 620 pp. 12mo. (6-3/4" x 3-3/4"). \$500.

Contemporary calf, blind fillets to boards, lettering piece and blind fillets to spine. Moderate rubbing and scuffing to boards, which are separated but secured by cords, faint stain to rear board, rubbing to extremities, chips to lettering piece, chipping to spine ends, corners bumped and worn, faint offsetting to endleaves, cello tape residue to front pastedown and free endpaper, brief annotation to front pastedown, early owner signatures (of Abel Holden) to front free endpaper. Light toning to interior, occasional light foxing, light soiling and folded corners to a few leaves.

FIRST EDITION. This useful dictionary went through three editions, the second in 1813 and the third and final appearing in 1815. As the subtitle indicates, Potts's dictionary was intended for the prominent laymen engaged in business and agriculture. He pays special attention to commercial legislation regarding bankruptcy, insurance and bills of exchange, as well as to the nature of tenures and tithes. In addition to definitions, Potts discusses a variety of issues ranging from current regulations for dog muzzles to the legal rights and responsibilities of children.

Sweet & Maxwell 2:286.

THE APPLICATION OF SCIENTIFIC
AND LOGICAL METHODS TO LEGAL PRACTICE



77. [Practice].

Elements of the Logical and Experimental Sciences Considered in Their Relation to the Practice of the Law.

London: Henry Butterworth, Law Bookseller and Publisher, 1835. viii, [2], 500; 39, [1] pp. Main text followed by 40 pp. Butterworth catalogue, additional Butterworth advertisements to endleaves. Octavo (8-3/4" x 5-1/2"). \$650.

Contemporary pebbled cloth, blind frames and gilt library name and insignia to boards, gilt title and library name to spine. Light rubbing, chipping to head of spine, title dulled, light wear to foot of spine, joints starting, moderate wear to corners, hinges cracked, bookplate and small location mark and label to front pastedown. Light toning to interior, faint spotting to margins in a few places, library stamps and minor finger smudges to title page and a few other leaves.

ONLY EDITION. Written by an unidentified author, this curious book describes ways to apply principles from logic and the natural sciences, such as hydrodynamics and optics, to legal practice. This is a scarce title. OCLC locates 3 copies in North American law libraries (LA County, University of Chicago, University of Pennsylvania). Not in Sweet & Maxwell.

BMC 8:i8.

A COLLECTION OF SATIRICAL PAMPHLETS, MANY RARE,
IN A CONTEMPORARY BINDING

78. [Satire].

[Collection of Satirical Pamphlets on Legal and Political Topics].

London, 1684-1712. 20 pamphlets (and 3 defective pamphlets). Octavo (6" x 3-3/4"). \$9,500.

Contemporary paneled calf, raised bands and early hand-lettered title label (reading "Tracts") to spine. Light rubbing to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, minor chip to head of spine, some chipping to edges of title label, corners bumped and somewhat worn. Moderate toning and light foxing to contents, margins of some pamphlets trimmed closely, just touching text in places, some leaves have light edgewear and dampspotting.



BASED ON THEIR VIEWPOINT, this rare collection of satirical pamphlets was probably compiled and later bound by a High Tory. They deal with political, legal and social matters. Several concern the War of the Spanish Succession [1701-1714]. Contents (excluding the three defective pamphlets):

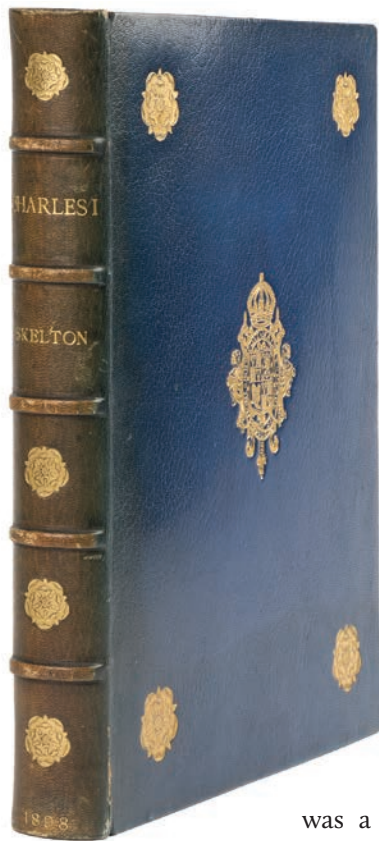
1. [Arbuthnot, John]. *A Complete Key to the Three Parts of Law Is a Bottomless-Pit* (London, 1712). 8 pp. This edition with 4 lines of motto on title. ESTC locates 6 copies. Not in British Library (BL).
2. [Arbuthnot, John]. *Law is a Bottomless-Pit. Exemplified in the Case of The Lord Strutt, John Bull, Nicholas Frog, And Lewis Baboon. Who Spent All they Had in a Law-Suit* (London, 1712). 16 pp. This edition not in BL.
3. [Arbuthnot, John]. *John Bull In His Senses: Being the Second Part of Law is a Bottomless-Pit* (London, 1712). 16 pp. This edition not in BL.
4. [Arbuthnot, John]. *John Bull Still in His Senses: Being the Third Part of Law is a Bottomless-Pit* (London, 1712). 32 pp. This edition not in BL.



5. **[Speed, Robert].** *The Counter-Scuffle... Whereunto is Added The Irish Entertainment.* Written by W. & G. (Dublin, 1684). 30 pp. Woodcut royal coat of arms on title, small ink marks on title. ESTC locates 2 copies.
6. **[Leslie, Charles].** *A Short and Easie Method with the Deists. Wherein the Truth of the Christian Religion is Demonstrated...* (Dublin, 1699). 40 pp. ESTC locates 3 copies.
7. *An Account of a Conference Between His Grace George, Late Duke of Buckingham, And Father Fitz-Gerald an Irish Priest: Whom King James II. Sent to His Grace in His Sickness, To endeavour to Pervert Him to the Popish Perswasion* (Dublin, 1705). 24 pp. This edition not in ESTC, which lists editions for 1714 and 1726 only.
8. **Hoadly, Benjamin.** *The Happiness of the Present Establishment, And the Unhappiness of Absolute Monarchy. A Sermon Preach'd at the Assizes at Hartford, March 22d. 1708* (Dublin, 1708). 16 pp. Small piece of corner torn away from leaf B3 with no loss to text. This Dublin edition not in ESTC.
9. **Axford, John.** *Hidden Things Brought to Light, For the Increase of Knowledge in Reading the Bible, The Second Edition* (Dublin, 1709). Small piece of corner torn away from Leaf A2 with no loss to text. ESTC locates 2 copies.
10. **Beveridge, [W]illiam.** *A Sermon Concerning the Excellency and Usefulness of the Common Prayer, The Thirteenth Edition* (Dublin, 1700). 56 pp. ESTC locates 4 copies.
11. *Letter to the French Refugees Concerning their Behaviour to the Government* (Dublin, 1711). 24 pp. ESTC locates 6 copies.
12. **[Hare, Francis].** *The History of the Negotiations for a Treaty of Peace, In 1709. In a Third Letter to a Tory Member* (Dublin, 1711). 32 pp.
13. **[Oldmixon, John].** *Remarks on A False, Scandalous, and Seditious Libel Intituled, The Conduct of the Allies. And of the Late Ministry, &c.* (London, 1711). 32 pp. ESTC locates 5 copies.
14. **D'Assigny, Samuel.** *Religion in a Trance: Or, the Groans of the Church* (Dublin, 1711). 34 pp. ESTC locates 3 copies.
15. *The Report of the Commissioners for... The Publick Accounts of the Kingdom of Great Britain* (Dublin, 1711). 16 pp. ESTC locates 4 copies.

16. [Defoe, Daniel, Attributed]. *No Queen: Or, No General. An Argument, Proving The Necessity Her Majesty was in, As Well for the Safety of Her Person, As of Her Authority, To Displace the D... of M...* (Dublin, 1712). [ii], 30 pp.
17. [Trapp, Joseph]. *Her Majesty's Prerogative in Ireland; The Authority of the Government and Privy-Council There; And the Rights, Laws, And Liberties of the City of Dublin, Asserted and Maintain'd. In Answer to a Paper Falsly Intituled, The Case of the City of Dublin, In Relation to the Election of a Lord-Mayor and Sheriffs of the Said City: A True State of this Matter Being Absolutely Necessary, For the Information of All Her Majesty's Subjects in Great Britain, As Well as in Ireland* (London, 1712). 36 pp.
18. *A Station List for the City of Dublin* [drop-head title]. (Dublin, 1711). 4 pp. ESTC locates 5 copies.
19. [Defoe, Daniel, Attributed]. *Peace or Poverty. Being a Serious Vindication of Her Majesty and Her Ministers Consenting to a Treaty for a Peace* (London, 1712). 16 pp. ESTC locates 4 copies. Not in BL.
20. *The Case of the City of Dublin In Relation to the Election of the Lord-Mayor and Sheriffs of the Said City* [drop-head title]. (n.p., n.d. [not before 1711]). 16 pp. ESTC locates 5 copies.

A LAVISH LIMITED-EDITION BIOGRAPHY OF
CHARLES I IN A RIVIERE BINDING



79. Skelton, Sir John. [1831-1897].

Charles I.

London, Paris and Edinburgh: Goupil & Co., 1898. v, 185 pp. Color frontispiece. 18 text illustrations. 23 plates with captioned tissue guards, each with a duplicate. Quarto (12-1/2" x 10"). \$1,250.

Contemporary blue morocco signed binding by Riviere & Son, gilt ornaments to boards, arms of Charles I at center of boards, gilt roses to corners, raised bands and gilt title, publication date and gilt roses to spine, all edges gilt, gilt rules to board edges, gilt inside dentelles, marbled endpapers. A few minor nicks and scratches to boards, light rubbing to extremities, light fading to spine and foot of front board, hinges starting, early armorial bookplates (Strathallan, Fairfax Rhodes) and later bookplate (Fairfax Rhodes Library) to front pastedown. Light toning to sections of text, offsetting from dentelles to free endpapers.

ONLY EDITION, from a limited set of 500 copies on Japan paper, this number 289. This lavishly illustrated biography was dedicated to Queen Victoria ("with her permission"). A lawyer

by training, Sir John Skelton

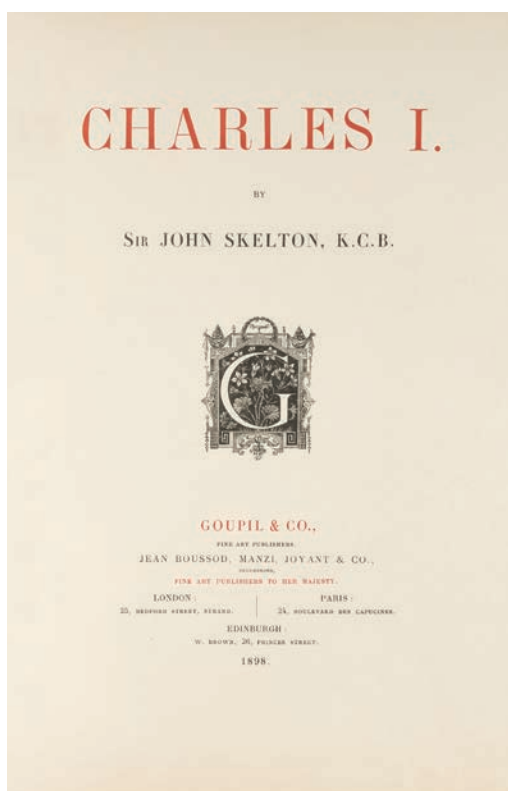
was a prolific author of legal and biographical works. The best-known of these

were a series of biographical studies of Mary, Queen of Scots. The *DNB* notes that his biographical approach "displayed something of the spirit of the advocate." Highly regarded as a man of letters, he also wrote several essays and reviews under the pseudonym "Shirley."

DNB XVIII:333. *BMC* 23:667.

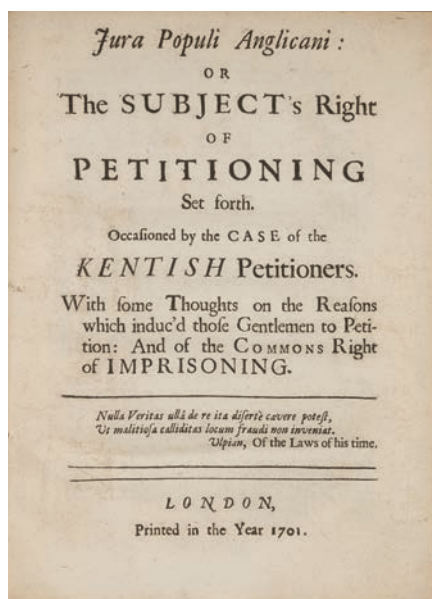


Frontispiece detail



Details from N° 79

THE SUBJECT'S RIGHT TO PETITION THE CROWN

**80. [Somers, John, Baron (1651-1716), Attributed].**

Jura Populi Anglicani: Or the Subject's Right of Petitioning Set Forth. Occasioned by the Case of the Kentish Petitioners. With Some Thoughts on the Reasons Which Induc'd Those Gentlemen to Petition: And of the Commons Right of Imprisoning.

London: S.n., 1701. xiv, 15-64 pp. Quarto (8-1/4" x 6").
\$950.

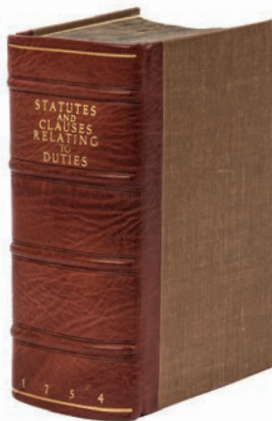
Stab-stitched pamphlet bound into later paper-covered boards, printed paper label to spine. Light soiling to boards, some fading around edges and spine, corners and spine ends bumped, light edgewear to spine label. Light toning to interior, light soiling to title page and p. 64, cracks in text block between pp. x-xi and 18-19, a few leaves loosening, leaves C2-3 (pp. 19-22) detached, negligible faint

dampstaining to foot of text block, upper corners of a few leaves lacking without loss to text, early corrections and annotations to pp. ix and 34.

FIRST EDITION, one of three issues, all printed in 1701. Somers, the great Whig jurist, was Lord Chancellor during the reigns of William and Mary and Queen Anne and the framer of the English Bill of Rights. A classic statement of Whig ideology, *Jura Populi* defends the commoner's right to address grievances to the crown and the crown's obligation to consider these grievances. It was reprinted in 1772.

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CONSUMER TAXATION
IN EIGHTEENTH-CENTURY GREAT BRITAIN



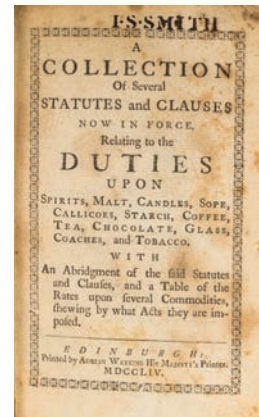
81. [Statutes].

A Collection of Several Statutes and Clauses Now in Force, Relating to the Duties upon Spirits, Malt, Candles, Sope, Callicoës, Starch, Coffee, Tea, Chocolate, Glass, Coaches, And Tobacco. With an Abridgment of the Said Statutes and Clauses, And a Table of the Rate upon Several Commodities, Shewing by what Acts They are Imposed.

Edinburgh: Printed by Adrian Watkins, His Majesty's Printer, 1754. 832; 155, [13] pp. Two parts, the second with the drop-head title *An Abridgment of the Foregoing Acts*. Octavo (6" x 4"). \$750.

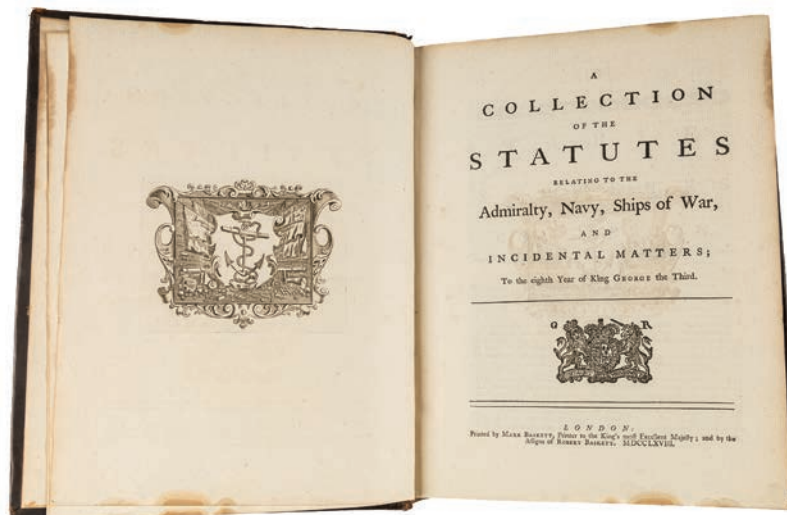
Recent period-style quarter morocco over cloth, raised bands, gilt title and blind and gilt fillets to spine, gilt publication date to foot of spine, endpapers renewed, recent owner bookplate (King Lawrence Parker) to front pastedown. Moderate toning and light foxing to interior, later owner stamp (I.S. Smith) to head of title page.

ONLY EDITION. Enhanced by an abridgment and an index, this digest collects the wide array of laws used to raise revenue through the taxation of popular consumer goods. The introduction of similar laws in the North American colonies, such as a tax on tea, helped to initiate the American Revolution. The collation of the *Abridgment* section of our copy differs from the *ESTC* record. Ours has 155 pages instead of 115. This is a rare title; *OCLC* and the *ESTC* locate 1 copy (National Library of Scotland). Its collation is identical to ours.



ESTC T184226.

A FASCINATING 1768 COMPILATION OF STATUTES
RELATING TO NAVAL AND MARITIME ISSUES



82. [Statutes].

A Collection of the Statutes Relating to the Admiralty, Navy, Ships of War, And Incidental Matters; To the Eighth Year of King George the Third.

London: Printed by Mark Baskett, Printer to the King's Most Excellent Majesty; And by the Assigns of Robert Baskett, 1768. 8, 1017, [1] pp. Copperplate frontispiece vignette (of an anchor and maritime hardware). Quarto (9-3/4" x 7-1/2"). \$1,500.

Contemporary mottled calf, blind rules to boards, blind tooling to board edges, blind fillets along joints, raised bands, lettering pieces and gilt fillets to spine. Moderate rubbing to extremities, chipping to spine ends, joints starting at head, corners bumped and somewhat worn, recent owner bookplate (King Lawrence Parker) to front pastedown. Moderate toning to interior, light foxing in a few places, gradually diminishing minor stains to bottom edges of preliminaries and following few leaves of text. A handsome copy.

ONLY EDITION, one of two issues from 1768. Digested by topic and carefully indexed, this volume provides an astonishing amount of granular information about the mid-eighteenth century British Navy, merchant marine, Royal customs and related fields, such as marine insurance. One of the statutes is the epochal act (5 Geo III. C. 20) that recognized and rewarded John Harrison for his invention of the marine chronometer, the timepiece that enabled mariners to determine longitude.

ESTC T161050.

INCLUDES THE ACT THAT SYSTEMATIZED
PENAL TRANSPORTATION TO NORTH AMERICA



83. [Statutes].

George I [1660-1727], King of Great Britain.

Anno Regni Georgii Regis Magnae Britanniae, Franciae, & Hiberniae, Quarto. At the Parliament Begun and Holden at Westminster, The Seventeenth Day of March, Anno Dom. 1714. In the First Year of the Reign of Our Sovereign Lord George, By the Grace of God, of Great Britain, France, And Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, &c. And From Thence Continued by Several Prorogations to the Twenty First Day of December, 1717.

London: Printed by John Baskett, And by the Assigns of Thomas Newcomb, and Henry Hills, deceas'd, 1718. 196, [4] pp. Folio (12-1/2" x 7-3/4"). \$1,500.

Contemporary paneled calf, corner fleurons to boards, raised bands and gilt decoration to spine, lettering piece lacking, blind tooling to board edges, edges of text block speckled red. Light rubbing and a few small scratches and shallow scuffs to boards, chip to upper corner of front board, moderate rubbing to extremities, large chip to front joint, which is starting at

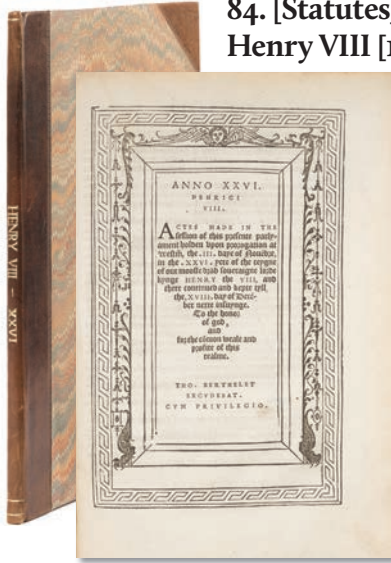
ends along with rear joint, spine gilt mostly rubbed away, corners bumped and lightly worn, hinges cracked, faint offsetting to endleaves. Moderate toning to interior, occasional light foxing, light soiling in a few places.

A COLLECTION of fourteen acts passed in the third session of the fifth Parliament of Great Britain, with a table indexing the public acts and listing summaries of 25 private acts. Some of the more interesting acts include several dealing with taxation, trade and the military and "An Act for the further preventing Robbery, Burglary, and other Felonies, and for the more effectual Transportation of Felons, and Unlawful Exporters of Wooll; and for Declaring the Law upon some Points relating to Pirates." The latter act, referred to as the Piracy Act or Transportation Act of 1717, was the first to successfully systematize penal transportation to North America for indentured service. It established terms of seven years for lesser felonies and fourteen for more serious crimes and allowed merchants and others to transport convicts under contract. Despite some complaints from local colonial governments, this system of transportation was deemed a success and thousands of men, women and children would be transported to the American colonies under the statute.

ESTC N53224.

THE BEGINNING OF THE ENGLISH REFORMATION

84. [Statutes]. Henry VIII [1491-1547], King of England.



Anno XXVI. Henrici VIII. Actes Made in the Session of this Presente Parlyament Holden Upon Prorogation at Westm[inster], The .III. Daye of Nove[m]bre, In the XXVI. Yere of the Reygne of Our Mooste Drad Sovereigne Lorde Kynge Henry the VIII, And There Continued and Kepte Tyll the, XVIII, Day of Dece[m]ber Nexte Insuyng.
[London]: Tho. Berthelet Excudebat, [1538?]. XXVI ff. Folio (11-1/4" x 7-1/2"). \$2,500.

Recent mottled calf over marbled boards, blind fillets to calf edges, gilt fillets and title to spine, endpapers added. Boards very slightly bowed, a few negligible scuffs to spine. Light toning to interior, faint dampstaining to bottom margin not affecting text, light foxing and soiling in a few places.

THIS EARLY COLLECTION of twenty-eight acts from the twenty-sixth regnal year of Henry VIII includes the Act of Supremacy 1534, which declared King Henry and subsequent monarchs “the onely supreme heed in erthe of the church of Englande.” It represented a complete break with Rome, asserting the independence of the Church of England and marking the beginning of the English Reformation. Also included is the Treasons Act of 1534, which made any disavowal of the Act of Supremacy a capital crime and would ultimately result in the execution of Sir Thomas More. OCLC and the ESTC locate 6 copies of this imprint, 2 in law libraries (Harvard, Library of Congress).

Beale S163. ESTC S3084.

IMPORTANT EARLY WORK ON WRITS
THOROUGHLY ANNOTATED BY AN EARLY OWNER

85. Theloall, Simon.

Le Digest des Briefes Originals, Et des Choses Concernants Eux.

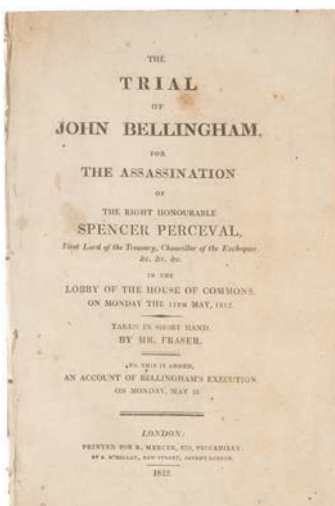
London: In Aedibus Richardi Tottelli, 1579. [viii], 424 ff. Octavo (5-3/4" x 3-3/4"). \$6,500.

Seventeenth-century calf, blind rules to boards, raised bands to spine, boards reattached. Moderate rubbing to boards, heavier rubbing to extremities with wear to spine ends and corners, small section lacking from center of spine, a few partial cracks to text block, Signature G (ff. 49-56) trimmed a little shorter than other signatures. Thoroughly annotated by a contemporary owner in Law French in a small, neat chancery hand, notes affected in places by trimming. Contemporary owner inscription to title page (Robbart), along with a few brief contemporary annotations, purchase date to verso of final leaf: “25 May 1580.” Preserved in a custom cloth clamshell box with printed paper title label.

FIRST EDITION. Theloall’s *Digest* was the accepted register of correctly drafted writs. It owes its origin to the suggestion of Staunford that it would be a good idea if lawyers would write treatises on the other titles of the abridgments similar to his study of the Title “Prerogative.” Staunford illustrated his meaning by showing how the Title “Brief” might be treated. Theloall chose this title, and wrote a treatise on it for his own use. The manuscript, having been lent, eventually found its way to a printer. “It deserved to be printed, as it is the most orderly treatise on procedure, founded on the Year Books, that had yet appeared... Historically, it comes between the older commentaries upon writs and the modern books on procedure” (Holdsworth). A second edition was published in 1678. The work of a seasoned practitioner, the annotations in our copy are a collection of case references, cross references and glosses.

Holdsworth V:381. Beale T499. ESTC S118369.

THE ONLY SUCCESSFUL ATTEMPT ON THE
LIFE OF A BRITISH PRIME MINISTER



86. [Trial].

Bellingham, John [1769-1812], Defendant.

The Trial of John Bellingham, For the Assassination of the Right Honourable Spencer Perceval, First Lord of the Treasury, Chancellor of the Exchequer, &c. &c. &c. In the Lobby of the House of Commons, On Monday the 11th May, 1812. Taken in Short Hand, By Mr. Fraser. To Which is Added, An Account of Bellingham's Execution, On Monday, May 18.

London: Printed for R. Mercer, 1812. [ii], 108 pp. Octavo (8" x 5-1/2"). \$500.

Disbound stab-stitched pamphlet. Moderate toning, light soiling to exterior, light foxing to title page and a few other leaves, small chip to bottom-edge of final leaf.

ONLY EDITION. Bellingham was motivated by a baseless claim that the Crown owed him money as compensation for time he served in a Russian prison. He believed he was owed compensation because the government did not try to assist him. His murder of Perceval was the only successful attempt on the life of a British Prime Minister. OCLC locates 5 copies in North American law libraries (Harvard, LA County, Social Law, University of Pennsylvania, York). Not in the *BMC*.

PROBABLY THE MOST DETAILED ACCOUNT OF A
NINETEENTH-CENTURY FINANCIAL SWINDLE

87. [Trial].

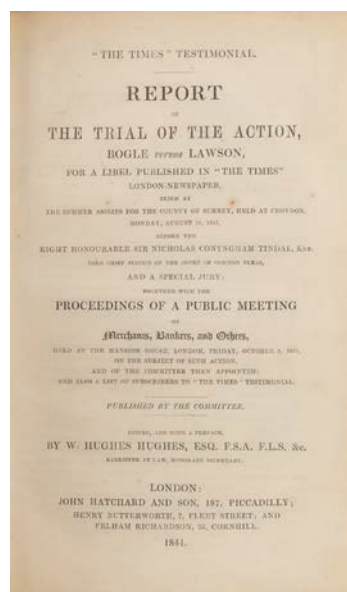
Hughes, W. Hughes, Editor.

"The Times" Testimonial: Report of the Trial of the Action, Bogle Versus Lawson, For a Libel Published in "The Times" London-Newspaper, Tried at the Summer Assizes for the County of Surrey, Held at Croydon, Monday, August 16, 1841, Before the Right Honourable Sir Nicholas Conyngham Tindal, Knt. Lord Chief Justice of the Court of Common Pleas, And a Special Jury; Together with the Proceedings of a Public Meeting of Merchants, Bankers and Others, Held at the Mansion House, London, Friday, October 1, 1841, On the Subject of Such Action, And of the Committee then Appointed; And Also a List of Subscribers to "The Times" Testimonial. Published by the Committee.

London: John Hatchard and Son, Henry Butterworth and Pelham Richardson, 1841. 179, [1] pp. Half-title lacking. Octavo (8-1/5" x 5-1/2"). \$1,250.

Contemporary three-quarter calf over marbled boards, later lettering piece to spine, endpapers renewed. Light rubbing to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, owner bookplate (Geoffrey G. Briggs) to front pastedown. Light browning to text, light foxing to a few leaves.

FIRST EDITION. A sensational case of a million-pound plot to defraud Continental bankers by forged letters of credit, or *lettres circulaires*, purporting to have been issued by the bankers Glyn, Hallifax,



Mills, & Co. The plot was exposed by a *Times of London* correspondent in a letter published on 26th May 1840. This case was important because it exposed the largely unregulated banking practices associated with letters of credit, which were easy to forge and difficult to police.

The naming of Allan George Bogle—who was almost certainly involved—triggered this libel action against John Joseph Lawson, the printer and publisher of the *Times*, and resulted in the award of one farthing damages for Bogle, but enormous expense and the considerable gratitude of bankers and investors for the *Times*. The present report is probably the most detailed account of a major financial swindle of this period, particularly one involving letters of credit.

A second edition was published the same year as the first, the third and final edition in 1842. All three are rare. OCLC locates 6 copies worldwide of the first edition, 2 in North America (Newberry Library, Temple University). Library Hub adds a copy at the Society of Antiquaries. This edition not in Kress, which lists the 3rd edition (C.5743).

MCDADÉ'S COPY

88. [Trial].

**Manning, Frederick George [1820-1849], Defendant.
Manning, Maria [1821-1849], Defendant.**

The Bermondsey Murder. A Full Report of the Trial of Frederick George Manning and Maria Manning, For the Murder of Patrick O'Connor, At Minver-Place, Bermondsey, On the 9th of August, 1849. Including Memoirs of Patrick O'Connor, Frederick George Manning, And Maria Manning. With their Portraits, And Several Other Engravings. At head of title: Clark's Edition.

London: Printed and Published by W.M. Clark, 1849. 64 pp. Illustrated.

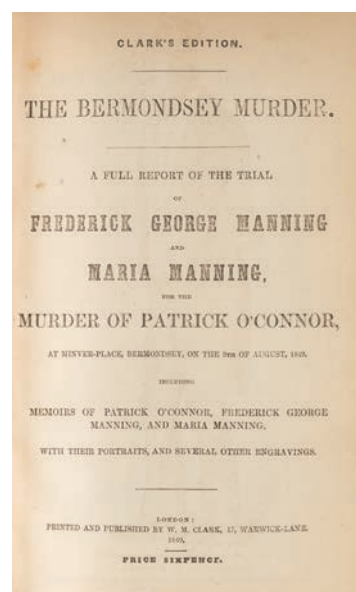
[BOUND WITH] *The Only Correct Account of the Confession and Execution of Frederick George Manning and Maria Manning, For the Murder of Patrick O'Connor. At head of title: Appendix to Clark's Edition.*

[London: Printed and Published by William Mark Clark, (1849)]. 16 pp.

\$1,750.



Engraving detail



Octavo (8" x 5"). Stab-stitched pamphlets bound in later three-quarter sheep over marbled boards, gilt fillets and lettering piece to spine, edges rouged, marbled endpapers, later bookplate of Thomas M. McDade to front pastedown. Light rubbing to extremities, front joint and hinges starting, brief annotation to verso of front free endpaper. Blank leaves added before and after text block, 48 pp. of contemporary newspaper clippings about the trial, one with brief annotations, pasted onto blank leaves at rear.



Engraving detail

Light toning to interior, occasional light foxing, soiling and faint staining to top-edge of rear blank leaves, small tears to bottom-edge of leaf D5 (pp. 57-58) of *Trial*.

ONLY (STATED) EDITIONS, each one of two 1849 issues. O'Connor, a domestic servant, was the former lover of Marie DeRoux Manning. He was murdered by Marie and her husband, Frederick George Manning. The motivation was greed; O'Connor was a successful moneylender and investor. The case attracted a good deal of public attention and became known as the "Bermondsey Horror." Eventually apprehended, the husband and wife were hanged on November 13, 1849. This execution was the first time a husband and wife had been executed together in England since 1700. Dickens witnessed the execution and wrote an account of it that was published in *The Times*. He based a character on Marie Manning, Mademoiselle Hortense, Lady Dedlock's maid in *Bleak House*.

This volume was owned by Thomas M. McDade [1907-1996], an FBI agent and author of the seminal bibliography of American homicides *The Annals of Murder* (1961). The account of the trial had two 1849 issues with different page counts (64 and 80 pp.). It was sometimes bound with the account of the pair's confession and execution from the same publisher, marketed as the appendix in this issue. The latter title is scarce. OCLC locates 3 copies in North American law libraries (Library of Congress, Harvard, Yale).

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INCEST AND MURDER IN EDINBURGH

89. [Trial].

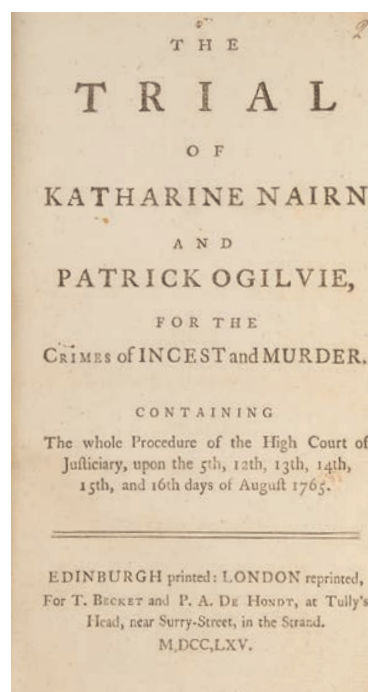
Nairn, Katharine, Defendant.

Ogilvie, Patrick [d.1765], Defendant.

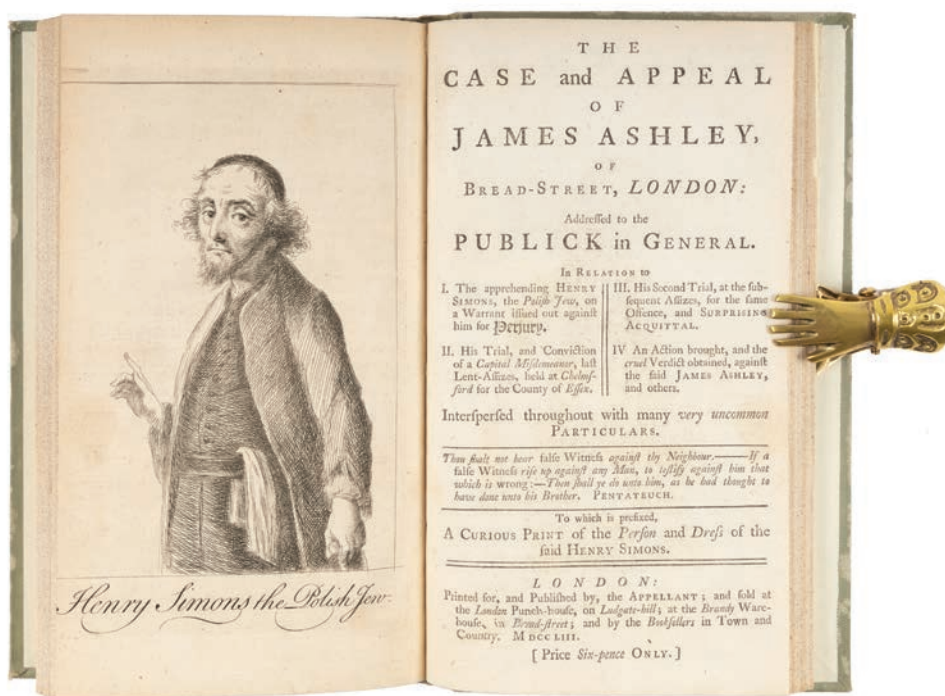
The Trial of Katharine Nairn and Patrick Ogilvie, For the Crimes of Incest and Murder. Containing the Whole Procedure of the High Court of Judiciary, Upon the 5th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, And 16th Days of August 1765. Edinburgh Printed: London: Reprinted, For T. Becket and P.A. de Hondt, 1765. [vii], 134 pp. Octavo (7-1/2" x 4-1/2"). \$650.

Later library cloth, gilt title and publication date to spine, endpapers renewed. Light shelfwear, later owner bookplate (Stoughton R. Vogel) to front pastedown. Moderate toning to interior, page numbers affected in a few places by trimming, faint stain to pp. 40-41, soiling to half-title, "2" in early hand to heads of half-title and title pages, manuscript table of contents in early hand to foot of p. 134.

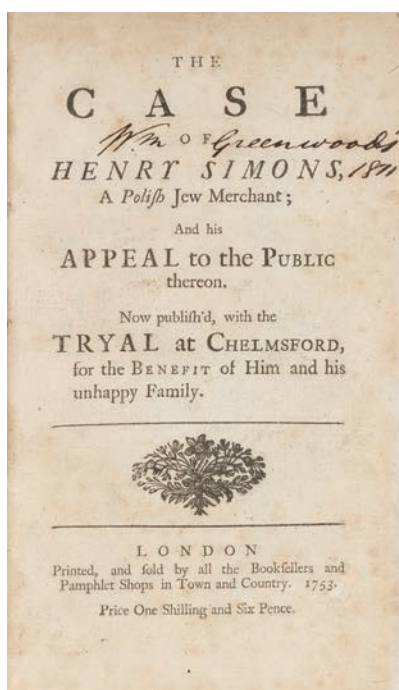
ONLY LONDON EDITION, published the same year as the only Edinburgh edition. In January 1765, 19-year-old Katharine Nairn married 40-year-old Thomas Ogilvie. She soon fell in love with his younger brother, Patrick. In June the same year, Thomas Ogilvie died after a sudden illness. Katharine and Patrick were arrested and convicted of murder by poisoning. Patrick Ogilvie was hanged, but Katharine's execution was delayed when she was found to be pregnant. Placed in a lower-security section of the prison, she took an opportunity to escape and fled to France. She was never apprehended. This case was the subject of a volume in the *Notable British Trials* series edited by William Routhead.



ESTC T51693.



THE FIRST INSTANCE OF A NEW TRIAL
BEING GRANTED IN A CRIMINAL CASE IN ENGLAND



90. [Trial].
Simons, Henry, Defendant.

The Case of Henry Simons, A Polish Jew Merchant; And His Appeal to the Public Thereon. Now Publish'd, With the Tryal at Chelmsford, For the Benefit of Him and His Unhappy Family.

London: Printed, And Sold by All the Booksellers and Pamphlet Shops in Town and Country, 1753. 115 pp.

[BOUND WITH] [Ashley, James, Defendant].
[Simons, Henry, Plaintiff].

The Case and Appeal of James Ashley of Bread-Street, London: Addressed to the Publick in General. In Relation to I. The Apprehending Henry Simons, The Polish Jew, On a Warrant Issued Out Against Him for Perjury. II. His Trial, And Conviction of a Capital Misdemeanor, Last Lent-Assizes, Held at Chelmsford for the County of Essex. III. His Second Trial, At the Subsequent Assizes, For the Same Offence, And Surprising Acquittal. IV. An Action Brought, And the Cruel Verdict Obtained, Against the Said James Ashley, And Others. Interspersed Throughout with Many Very Uncommon Particulars. To Which is Prefixed, A Curious Print of the Person and Dress of the Said Henry Simons.

London: Printed for, And Published by, The Appellant, 1753. [viii], 47 pp. Text printed in double columns. Etched portrait frontispiece of Simons. \$3,000.

Octavo (7-3/4" x 4-1/2"). Stab-stitched pamphlets bound into recent cloth, calf lettering piece to spine. Light stains to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, small scuff to lettering piece, later owner

bookplate (of Geoffrey G. Briggs) to front free endpaper. Moderate toning to both pamphlets, left-hand edge of plate, but not image, affected by trimming, light foxing and owner inscription ("Wm. Greenwood's 1811") to title page of *The Case*, tiny worm hole to lower-right corner of its text block through p. 91.

ONLY EDITIONS, *Case and Appeal* one of three issues. This was the first instance of a new trial being granted in a criminal case in England. The affair concerned the robbery of gold coins entrusted to Simons by a group of nobles from his home town. The case resulted in six trials, three pamphlets and a great deal of debate in the daily newspapers, much of it antisemitic. The thief appeared to have been Simons's innkeeper, but it later turned out to be James Ashley, who was first convicted, then acquitted, then convicted again.

ESTC T95662, T76809.

PLOTS AGAINST THE CROWN

91. [Trials].

The Arraignment, Tryal and Condemnation of Robert Earl of Essex, And Henry Earl of Southampton, At Westminster the 19th of February, 1600. And in the 43 Year of the Reign of Queen Elizabeth: For Rebelliously Conspiring and Endeavouring the Subversion of the Government, By Confederacy with Tyr-Owen, That Popish Traytor and His Complices; Of Whom, These Following, Viz: Sir Christopher Blunt, Sir Charles Danvers, Sir Gillie Merrick and Henry Cusse Were the 5th of March Following, By a Special Commission of Oyer and Terminer, Arraigned, Condemned, And Executed. The Peers Had for Their Assistance the Learned Judges. Counsel for the Queen. Sir Henry Yelverton, The Queen's Serjeant. Sir Edward Cook, The Queens Attorney-General; Afterwards Lord Chief Justice of England. Mr. Bacon, Afterwards Lord Chancellor.

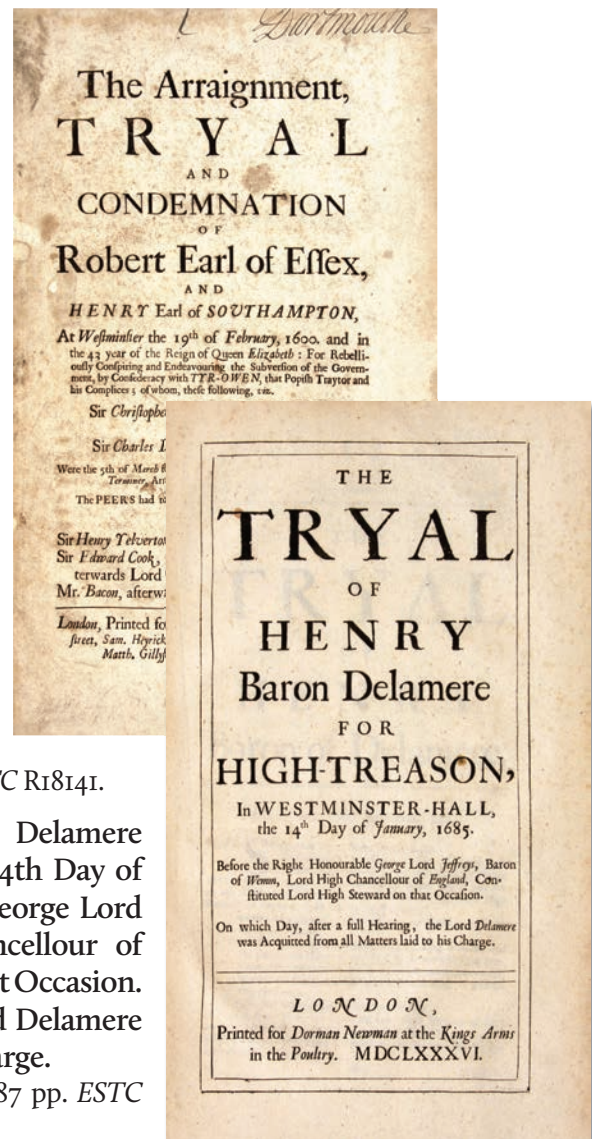
London: Printed for Tho. Bassett, 1679. [ii], 30 pp. ESTC R18141.

[BOUND WITH] The Tryal of Henry Baron Delamere for High-Treason, In Westminster-Hall, The 14th Day of January, 1685. Before the Right Honourable George Lord Jeffreys, Baron of Wemm, Lord High Chancellour of England, Constituted Lord High Steward on that Occasion. On Which Day, After a Full Hearing, The Lord Delamere was Acquitted from All Matters Laid to His Charge.

London: Printed for Dorman Newman, 1686. [ii], 87 pp. ESTC R23568.

[AND] [Sixteen Trials and Essays Relating to Conspiracies Against the Crown]. \$5,000.

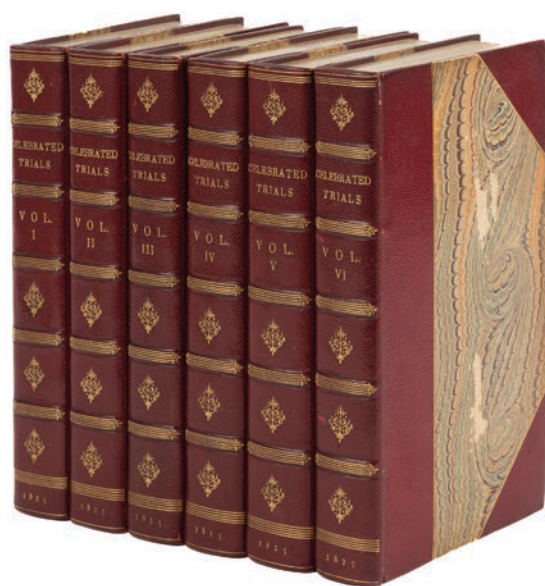
Folio (12" x 7-1/2"). Eighteen pamphlets bound into contemporary paneled calf, rebaked in period style with raised bands and lettering piece. A few light scuffs to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, corners bumped and lightly worn, hinges mended. Moderate toning to text, somewhat heavier in places, light soiling to a few leaves. Large early owner signatures of the Earl of Dartmouth



to front pastedown and title pages (or preceding blank) of each pamphlet, which are also numbered in his hand, some signatures and numbers affected by trimming, manuscript table of contents in his hand to front free endpaper, doodles to a few other leaves, later bookseller note laid in. A unique collection with an interesting provenance.

THIS VOLUME collects eighteen pamphlets relating to seventeenth-century plots against the English Crown, such as the Popish Plot, Rye House Plot and Tyrone's Rebellion. Seven are trial accounts, four discuss trials, the others address background issues. Two titles are identified above; the others are (in short-titles): *The Arraignment, Trials, Conviction of Sir Rich. Grahme, And John Ashton* (1691, two parts, [iv], 76; 77-138 pp., ESTC R22452), *The Arraignment, Tryal and Condemnation of Sir William Parkins* (1696, [iii], 48 pp., ESTC R11595), *The Arraignment, Tryal & Condemnation of Algernon Sidney* (1684, [iv], 67 pp., ESTC R23343), *The Late Lord Russel's Case, With Observations Upon It* (1686, [ii], 104 pp., ESTC R27291), *The Tryals of Henry Cornish... And John Fernley, William Ring, And Elizabeth Gaunt* (1685, [iii], 42 pp., ESTC R25662), *The Character of an Ill-Court-Favourite: Representing the Mischiefs that Flow from Ministers of State* (1681, 19, [1] pp., ESTC R35809), *Grimalkin, Or, The Rebel-Cat: A Novell* (1681, [iii], 13, [1] pp., ESTC R30323), *A Speech Without Doors. Made by A Plebeian to His Noble Friends* (1681, 4 pp., ESTC R37582), *The French Intrigues Discovered* (1681, [ii], 31, [1] pp., ESTC R9404), *Remarques Upon a New Project of Association* (1682, 8 pp., ESTC R3820), *The Oath and Covenant Signed by Several Members of the House of Commons* (1681, 8 pp., Not in the ESTC or Wing, may be lacking a title page), *The Proceedings Held at the Sessions of the Peace Held at Hicks-Hall* (1682, [ii], 8 pp., ESTC R6287), *The Great and Weighty Considerations, Relating to the Duke of York, Or Successor of the Crown...Considered* (1680, [ii], 37, [1] pp., ESTC R20436), *The Act of Parliament of the 27th. Of Queen Elizabeth, To Preserve the Queen's Person, And Protestant Religion, And Government* (1679, [ii], 6 pp., ESTC R34890) and *A Letter from a Gentleman of Quality in the Country to His Friend* (1679, [ii], 18 pp., ESTC R19698). The binding style and manuscript hand date to the eighteenth century. However, the identity of "Dartmouth" is unclear. According to the laid-in note, the bookseller, H.W. Edwards, says he purchased this volume from "the Earl of Dartmouth's library." He may be referring to William Legge, 1st Earl of Dartmouth [1672-1750] or William Legge, 2nd Earl of Dartmouth. [1731-1810]. The 2nd Earl is remembered as a colonial administrator in the decades leading to the American Revolution. He was First Lord of Trade from 1765 to 1766 and Secretary of State for the Colonies and First Lord of Trade from 1772 to 1775.

A FASCINATING COMPENDIUM OF
"CELEBRATED" TRIALS IN A HANDSOME BINDING



92. [Trials].

[Borrow, George H., Editor].

Celebrated Trials and Remarkable Cases of Criminal Jurisprudence from the Earliest Records to the Years 1825.

London: Printed for Knight & Lacey, 1825. Six volumes. 35 engraved plates, 4 folding, 6 frontispieces. Complete. Octavo (7-3/4" x 5"). \$2,500.

Later three-quarter morocco over marbled boards, gilt rules to boards, raised bands and gilt titles, ornaments, volume numbers and publication dates to spines, top-edges gilt, deckle fore and bottom-edges, marbled endpapers. Negligible light rubbing, minor wear to corners, front joint and hinge of Volume 1 just starting at ends. Light toning to interior, faint offsetting from plates, light foxing in a few places. A notably handsome set.

FIRST EDITION. The first collection devoted exclusively to important state and criminal trials, this set contains over four hundred cases from the fifteenth to nineteenth centuries. Regarding other



Engraved plate details from N° 92

collections, Borrow criticized the *Newgate Calendar* for being too sympathetic to its subjects; he found the *State Trials* to be intolerably dull. Borrow also includes famous trials from France, Sweden, Denmark and the United States. For France, he adapted trials from *Causes Celebres* to the tastes of “English reading” by stripping them “of all their verbosity.” In addition to its more animated language, *Celebrated Trials* is enlivened by its numerous engravings depicting courtroom scenes and executions (by various means).

Sweet & Maxwell 2:36.

WITH SIXTEEN HAND-COLORED PLATES, THREE BY GEORGE CRUIKSHANK

93. [Trials].

Moore, A.

[Cruikshank, George, Illustrator].

[Jenkins, J., Illustrator].

The Annals of Gallantry; Or, The Conjugal Monitor: Being a Collection of Curious and Important Trials for Divorces, And Actions of Crim. Con. During the Present Reign; Accompanied with Biographical Memoirs and Anecdotes, And Illustrated with Notes. London: Printed for the proprietors, And Sold by M. Jones, 1814-1815. Three volumes. 16 (of 18) hand-colored plates (2 bound as frontispieces), 2 uncolored plates (1 bound as a frontispiece). The three plates by Cruikshank, all in color, are present. Octavo (8" x 5"). \$3,500.

Later signed Riviere morocco bindings, two volumes carefully rebacked retaining spines, gilt rules to boards, gilt spines with raised bands, gilt tooling to board edges, top edges gilt, gilt inside dentelles, colored endpapers, deckle fore and bottom edges, some signatures unopened, hinges of Volume I repaired. Some rubbing to extremities, corners of Volumes II and III bumped and somewhat worn, joints and hinges of Volume II starting, owner bookplate (of Marie L. Herrman) to front pastedown of each volume. Light toning to text, slightly heavier in places, a few leaves have faint offsetting from plates. A handsome set.

ONLY EDITION (in this form). The *Annals of Gallantry* was originally issued in 18 monthly parts from March 1, 1814 to August 1, 1815. It aimed to amuse and titillate. The accounts in these volumes are valuable nevertheless for their accurate reports and vivid background histories. What is more, this collection is a fascinating document of English social and legal attitudes toward adultery and divorce during the age of George IV and Jane Austen. The plates by Cruikshank, all in Volume I, are “Lady Grosvenor and the Duke of Cumberland Surprised by the Servant,” “The Unwelcome Intruders” and “The Elopement of Lady W---- with Lord Paget.”

Cohn 573.



LADY GROSVENOR & DUKE of CUMBERLAND,
 SURPRISED by the SERVANT.

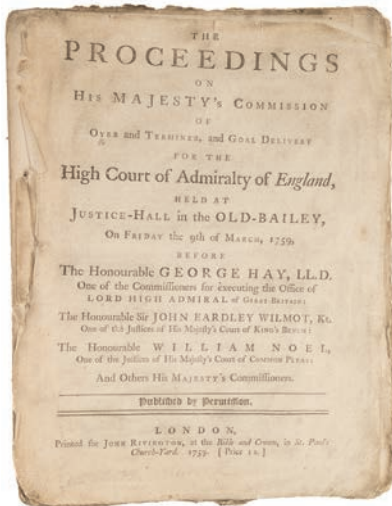
J. Goussier del.
Ed. March 1764 by M. Jones Newgate St.

Henriette

to Lord Grosvenor, aged
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 ship's footman, and from that
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 footman, to the twenty-second of
 he constantly attended upon her Ladyship
 both public and private: and, some time
 beginning of the year 1763, Lady Grosvenor
 frequently to go to Lady Harrington's rout
 day evening, at her Ladyship's house, in St.
 St. James: and the witness very frequently
 his Royal Highness the Duke of Cumberland, whom
 he very well knew, attend upon Lady Grosvenor
 and hand her to her coach or chair; which, indeed,
 he did so frequently, that he began to suspect there
 were greater than they should be: and, from that
 time to the time her Ladyship left my Lord, she and
 the Duke of Cumberland very frequently met, almost
 every evening, at some public or private place, such
 as Ranelagh, Vauxhall, Almack's, &c. except the
 time when his Highness was at Carlisle House. His
 Royal Highness's servants, and the witness and her
 Ladyship's other servants, used generally to be together,
 as they expected to go, and very frequently
 did go away at the same time from such public places,
 his Highness generally handing her Ladyship to her
 carriage; and if the servants of the one were called,
 the others always prepared, expecting to be also called,
 which they very frequently were. Lady Grosvenor
 about the latter end of the year 1768, went from the
 Opera Office with Lady Harrington in her coach to
 Carlisle House in Soho Square, for the purpose, as they
 said, of seeing the rooms previous to some entertain-
 ment to be given on account of the King of Denmark;

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PIRACY, MURDER, ROBBERY AND INFANTICIDE AT SEA

**94. [Trials].**

The Proceedings on His Majesty's Commission of Oyer and Terminer, And Goal Delivery for the High Court of Admiralty of England, Held at Justice-Hall in the Old-Bailey, On Friday the 9th of March, 1759, Before the Honourable George Hay, LL.D. One of the Commissioners for Executing the Office of Lord High Admiral of Great-Britain: The Honourable Sir John Eardley Wilmot, Kt. One of the Justices of His Majesty's Court of King's Bench: The Honourable William Noel, One of the Justices of His Majesty's Court of Common Pleas: And Others His Majesty's Commissioners.

London: Printed for John Rivington, 1759. 44 pp. Quarto (10" x 7-1/2"). \$1,250.

Stab-stitched pamphlet, edges untrimmed. Light toning, occasional light soiling, somewhat heavier to exterior, tears and chipping to edges of several leaves with loss to text on pp. 33-34, light foxing and faint stains to a few leaves, first leaf separated but secured by thread.

ONLY EDITION. Accounts of four trials for offenses committed at sea. Thomas Lewis and John Hyre were tried for piracy against a Dutch vessel and assault of the ship's owner and acquitted. Nicholas Wingfield, Thomas Wingfield, Thomas Kent and Adam Hide were accused of stealing twenty casks of butter from a docked ship; two were acquitted and two convicted. Joseph Halsey was convicted of the murder of a fellow sailor and was hanged and anatomized, and William Lugen, accused of "the murder of a female negro child, about six months" aboard a ship carrying enslaved people, was found not guilty. OCLC and the ESTC locate 8 copies of this title, 4 in North America (Columbia Law School, Harvard Law School, University of Iowa Law School, Williams College).

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RELIGIOUS CONTROVERSY AND THE GLORIOUS REVOLUTION

95. [Trials].**Sancroft, William [1617-1693], Principal Defendant.**

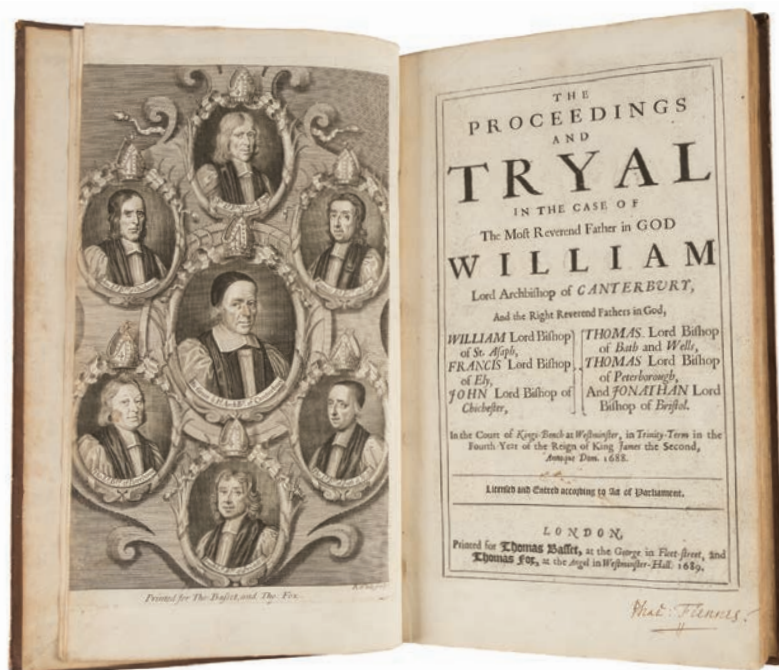
The Proceedings and Tryal in the Case of The Most Reverend Father in God William Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, And the Right Reverend Fathers in God, William Lord Bishop of St. Asaph, Francis Lord Bishop of Ely, John Lord Bishop of Chichester, Thomas Lord Bishop of Bath and Wells, Thomas Lord Bishop of Peterborough, And Jonathan Lord Bishop of Bristol. In the Court of Kings-Bench at Westminster, In Trinity-Term in the Fourth Year of the Reign of King James the Second, Annoque Dom. 1688.

London: Printed for Thomas Basset....and Thomas Fox, 1689. [viii], 140 pp. Copperplate portrait frontispiece of the seven bishops.

[BOUND WITH] **Atkyns, Sir Robert [1621-1710].**

An Enquiry into the Power of Dispensing with Penal Statutes. Together with Some Animadversions upon A Book Writ by Sir Edw. Herbert, Lord Chief Justice of the Court of Common Pleas, Entitled, A Short Account of the Authorities in Law Upon Which Judgment Was Given in Sir Edward Hales's Case.

London: Printed for Timothy Goodwin, 1689. [iv], 58, [2] pp. Final leaf blank.



[AND] **Atkyns, Sir Robert.**

The Power, Jurisdiction and Priviledge of Parliament; And the Antiquity of the House of Commons Asserted. Occasion'd by an Information in the Kings Bench, By the Attorney General, Against the Speaker of the House of Commons. As Also a Discourse Concerning the Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction in the Realm of England, Occasion'd by the Late Commission in Ecclesiastical Causes.

London: Printed for Timothy Goodwin, 1689. [iv], 74, [2] pp.

[AND] **Langhorne, Richard [1624?-1679].**

Considerations Touching the Great Question of the King's Right in Dispensing with the Penal Laws. Written on the Occasion of His Late Blessed Majesties Granting Free Toleration and Indulgence.

London: Printed by H.H. For the Assigns of R. Langhorne, 1687. [ii], ii, 31, [1] pp. \$2,500.

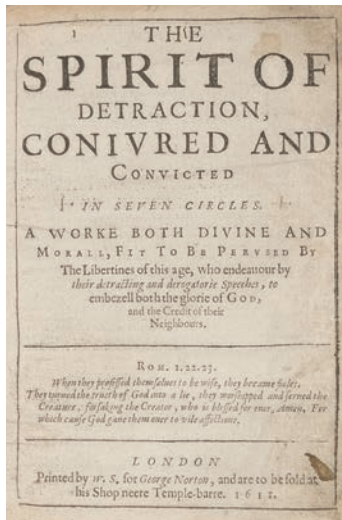
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PROCEEDINGS AND TRIAL and *Enquiry*, first editions; *Power* and *Considerations*, only editions. The four titles in this volume address some of the primary political and religious controversies that resulted in the Glorious Revolution. The first of these is an account of the so-called "Trial of the Seven Bishops." One of the events that triggered the revolution, this case originated in the refusal of the archbishop of Canterbury and six bishops in 1688 to endorse James II's reissue of Charles II's Declaration of Indulgence, which suspended the penal laws against Catholics and dissenters. The seven were indicted for seditious libel, but acquitted to great public acclaim. The trial confirmed the subject's right to petition the crown. It also reflected the antipathy of English Protestants towards Catholicism. A Catholic perspective is given by Langhorne's *Considerations*, the final title in this volume, which defends the Declaration of Indulgence. The two works by Atkyns, most notably *Power*, are important arguments supporting Parliament's authority. *Enquiry* claims the power to dispense laws is shared by monarchs and Parliament.

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“FIT TO BE PERUSED BY THE LIBERTINES OF THIS AGE”



96. [Vaughan, Sir William (1577-1641)].

The Spirit of Detraction Coniured and Convicted in Seven Circles. A Worke Both Divine and Morall, Fit to be Perused by the Libertines of this Age, Who Endeavour by Their Detracting and Derogatorie Speeches, To Embezell Both the Glorie of God, And the Credit of Their Neighbours.

London: Printed by W.S. for George Norton, 1611. [xxxii], 248, 245-351, [21] pp. Title page and text enclosed in ruled borders. Quarto (7" x 5-1/2"). \$3,500.

Handsome period-style calf, blind rules and small central gilt ornaments to boards, raised bands, blind fillets and lettering piece to spine, gilt rules to board edges, endpapers renewed (using old paper). Light browning to text, light soiling and a few small early pen marks to title page, repairs to lower corners of front free endpaper and title page. An appealing copy in an notably attractive binding.

ONLY EDITION, one of two issues, both from 1611. This is a treatise on slander and libel. As indicated by its title, its argument has a strongly theological cast. Vaughan, who held an LL.D. from Oxford, is known today for his moralistic writings and efforts to establish an English colony in Newfoundland. Both issues are rare. OCLC locates 6 copies of our issue, none in North America. The ESTC locates 7 more, 4 in North America (Boston Public Library, Folger Shakespeare Library, Harvard, New York Public Library).

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EARLY CATALOGUE OF A NOTABLE
EIGHTEENTH-CENTURY ENGLISH LAW BOOKSELLER

97. Walthoe, John [1657?-1744], Bookseller.

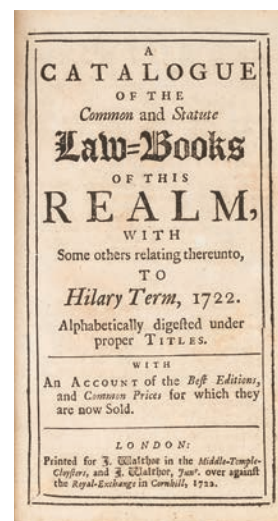
A Catalogue of the Common and Statute Law-Books of This Realm, And Some Others Relating Thereunto, To Hilary Term, 1722. Alphabetically Digested Under Proper Titles. With an Account of the Best Editions, And Common Prices for Which They are Now Sold.

London: Printed for J. Walthoe...and J. Walthoe, Junr., 1722. [vi], 94, [2]; [12] pp. With an advertising leaf facing the title page and another after the main text that is followed by a 12-pp. Walthoe catalogue with a title page reading *A Catalogue of Modern English Books, In Divinity, History, Law, Physick, Mathematicks, Poetry, &c.* at rear of main text. Octavo (6-1/4" x 3-3/4"). \$1,500.

Contemporary sheep, blind rules to boards, blind fillets to spine, blind tooling to board edges. A few minor stains to boards, which are slightly bowed, moderate rubbing to extremities, front joint just starting at head, corners bumped and lightly worn. Moderate toning to interior, light foxing in places.

WALTHOE was a leading law bookseller in late-seventeenth and early eighteenth-century London. Arranged alphabetically by topic and based largely on the pioneering seventeenth-century catalogues of fellow bookseller Thomas Bassett, this catalogue lists books printed for Walthoe and titles he carries in stock or can acquire for clients. In all, Walthoe published six catalogues between 1714 and 1731. All are quite scarce. OCLC locates 6 copies of the 1722 edition, 1 in a law library (UT-Austin).

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HONESTY SCORNE BY LAWYERS

98. [Ward, Edward (1667-1731)].

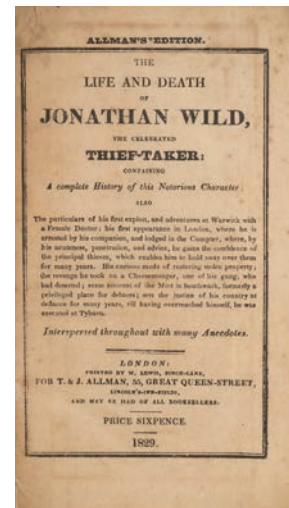
Honesty in Distress; But Relieved by No Party. Giving an Account How She Went to Court, But was Scorned and Slighted; She Went Next to Westminster-Hall, Which Set the Lawyers in an Uproar; Then She Went to the City, Making Her Complaint to the Linen-Draper and Apothecary, Grocer and Hosier, Baker and Butcher, Vintner and Victualler, Pawnbroker, Usurer and Miller, And Found No Relief. Afterwards She Went to the Exchange Amongst the Merchants; But They Sent Her to the Priests, Who Said it was Enough for Them to Teach; Therefore They had No Relief for Her:- So Poor Honesty, Being Slighted by All, At Last Died a Miserable Death, For Want of Relief!!

Belper: Printed and sold (Wholesale and Retail) by S. Mason, 1810. 8 pp. Octavo (7" x 4-1/2"). \$450.

Disbound stab-stitched pamphlet. Moderate toning, occasional light soiling and very small stains. Rare.

LATER EDITION. Edward (Ned) Ward was a prolific satirist. "Though vulgar and often grossly coarse, his writings throw considerable light on the social life of the time of Queen Anne," particularly the slang and vernacular of the time (DNB). *Honesty in Distress*, a dramatic work first published in 1705, portrays Honesty as a young woman seeking relief but spurned by all parties as a "mumping, ragged, idle Varlet" (among other epithets). Even by the eminent lawyers of Westminster Hall, she is dismissed as a "saucy slut" with "no business here." Our 1810 edition from a Derbyshire press is unrecorded. No copies located on OCLC or Library Hub.

DNB 59:312.



WITH A HAND-COLORED FOLDING FRONTISPIECE



99. [Wild, Jonathan (1683-1725)].

The Life and Death of Jonathan Wild, The Celebrated Thief-Taker: Containing a Complete History of this Notorious Character: Also the Particulars of his First Exploit, And Adventures at Warwick with a Female Doctor; His First Appearance in London, Where he is Arrested by his Companion, And Lodged in the Compter, Where, By his Acuteness, Penetration, And Advice, He Gains the Confidence of the Principal Thieves, Which Enables him to Hold Sway Over them for Many Years. His Curious Mode of Restoring Stolen Property; The Revenge he Took on a Cheesemonger, One of his Gang, Who had Deserted; Some Accounts of the Mint in Southwark, Formerly a Privileged Place for Debtors; Sets the Justice of his Country at Defiance for Many Years, Till Having Overreached Himself, He was Executed at Tyburn. Interspersed Throughout with Many Anecdotes. At head of title: Allman's Edition.

London: Printed by W. Lewis, Finch-Lane, for T. and J. Allman, 1829. 28 pp. Folding hand-colored frontispiece. Octavo (7-1/4" x 4-1/4"). \$750.

Stab-stitched pamphlet in printed wrappers bound into three-quarter morocco over marbled boards, raised bands and gilt title and tooling to spine, marbled endpapers. Binding signed by "Tout" for Estes & Lauriat of Boston, either the Victorian bookbinder Samuel Tout or the subsequent firm of Tout & Sons. Light rubbing to extremities, corners bumped and lightly worn, monogram bookplate ("WHT") to front pastedown. Light toning to interior, light foxing to wrappers, faint offsetting from frontispiece, which has two small clean tears along fold line. A very good copy.

A SCARCE EDITION of this popular account of the (low-) life of Jonathan Wild, the celebrated 18th-century underworld figure and criminal mastermind. He was notable for "recovering" stolen property and pocketing the rewards to fund his vast criminal empire, earning him the name "Thief-Taker General." Wild's career was both audacious and extraordinary, but eventually he hanged at Tyburn.

Wild's exploits are extensively detailed in *ODNB*, who note that "his name had long been the property of satirists and pamphleteers. As Peachum in John Gay's *Beggar's Opera* (1728), or Henry Fielding's *Jonathan Wild the Great* (1743), Wild... had become a byword for hypocrisy and corruption in high places, an illustration of the old dictum that great rogues prosper while little rogues hang." This copy has a monogrammed bookplate reading "WHT," possibly William Henry Tuthill, a bibliophile whose library was sold by Bangs & Co. in 1881. OCLC locates 3 copies (Princeton, Oxford, UNC-Chapel Hill).

A COMPLETE SET OF INDIVIDUALLY PRINTED YEAR BOOKS OF EDWARD IV

100. [Year Books].

Edward IV [1442-1483], King of England.

De Termino Michaelis Anno Primo Eduardi Quarti.

[London: Imprinted...In Fleetstrete within Temple Barre, At the Signe of the Hand and Starre, By Rycharde Tottel, Anno. 1582. x ff.

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[London: Richard Tottell, 1566-1584].

[AND] [Le Table al Edward le Quart] removed from Les Ans ou Reports del Raigne du Roye Edward le Quart, Novelment Revieu et Corrigeé en Divers Lieux.

[London: In Aedibus Thomae Wight & Bonhami Norton, 1599]. 40 ff.

\$10,000.

Contemporary calf, blind rules to boards, raised bands and blind fillets to spine, early repair near head of spine, "E:4" in early hand to fore-edge of text block. A few minor nicks, scuffs and stains to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, corners bumped and lightly worn, pastedowns loose, armorial bookplate of Edmund Pollexfen Bastard to verso of front board, his signature to recto of front pastedown. Moderate toning to interior, faint dampstaining to upper-outside corner of text block, minor worming to head of text block of a few volumes, edgewear and light soiling to endleaves, brief annotations in early hand to several leaves, some slightly affected by trimming. An impressive complete collection.

IT IS DIFFICULT TO OVERESTIMATE the importance of the Year Books. As a series of notes on debates and points of pleadings in Norman England they are crucial primary sources for our knowledge of medieval common law. They also provide a richly detailed portrait of contemporary English life, customs and manners. The origin of the Year Books is unknown. Some scholars believe the earliest volumes were notes transcribed by law students for study. Others maintain they were made by lawyers to use in practice. Though it is not known when the first manuscript volumes were compiled, the cases date from the 1270s to 1535.

William de Machlinia issued the first printed editions between 1481 and 1482. The issues in our volume belong to the so-called "Quarto Edition." Not a set or edition in the conventional sense, these volumes were issued separately with various dates and impressions between 1522 and 1619. The annotations to our volume, brief glosses, case citations and references to other Year Books, indicate detailed review by an early reader and demonstrate the utility of the Year Books to scholars and practitioners. Bastard [1784-1838] was a Tory politician who sat in the House of Commons from 1812 to 1830.

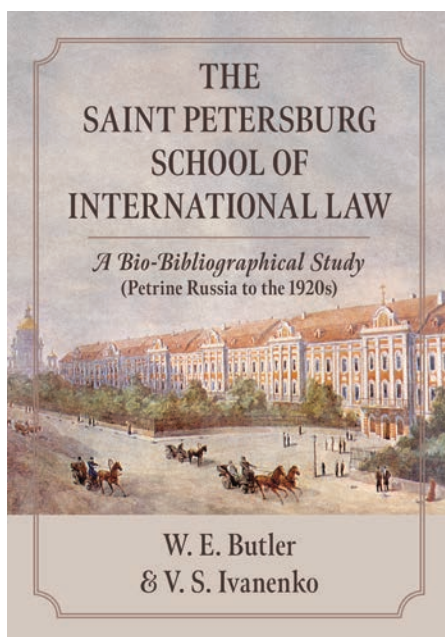
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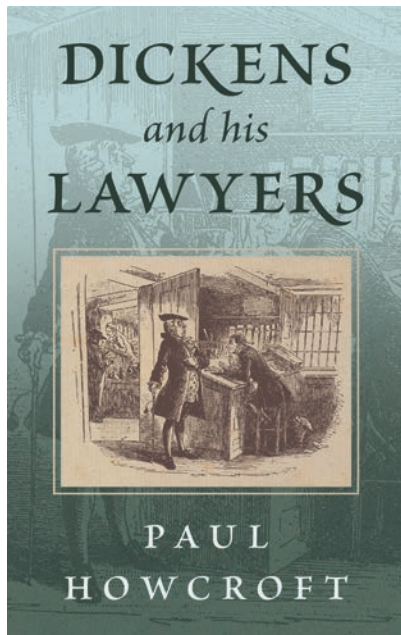
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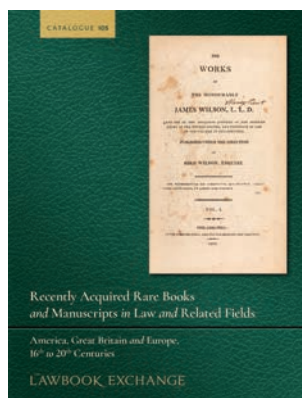
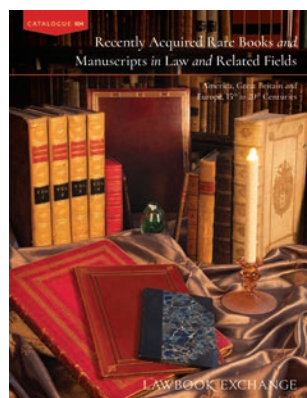
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THE LIFE AND WORKS of Charles Dickens were permeated by lawyers and the legal system. As a boy, he endured his father's imprisonment for debt. At 17, he became a solicitors' clerk. At 19, he became a court reporter and later a parliamentary reporter. As a successful author, he engaged in litigation to protect his copyright and campaigned for law reform. He had numerous friends and acquaintances in the legal world and, near the end of his life, his son Henry chose to follow a career at the bar. Most of Dickens' novels have legal themes and lawyers that are usually portrayed with his dark and ironic humour.

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