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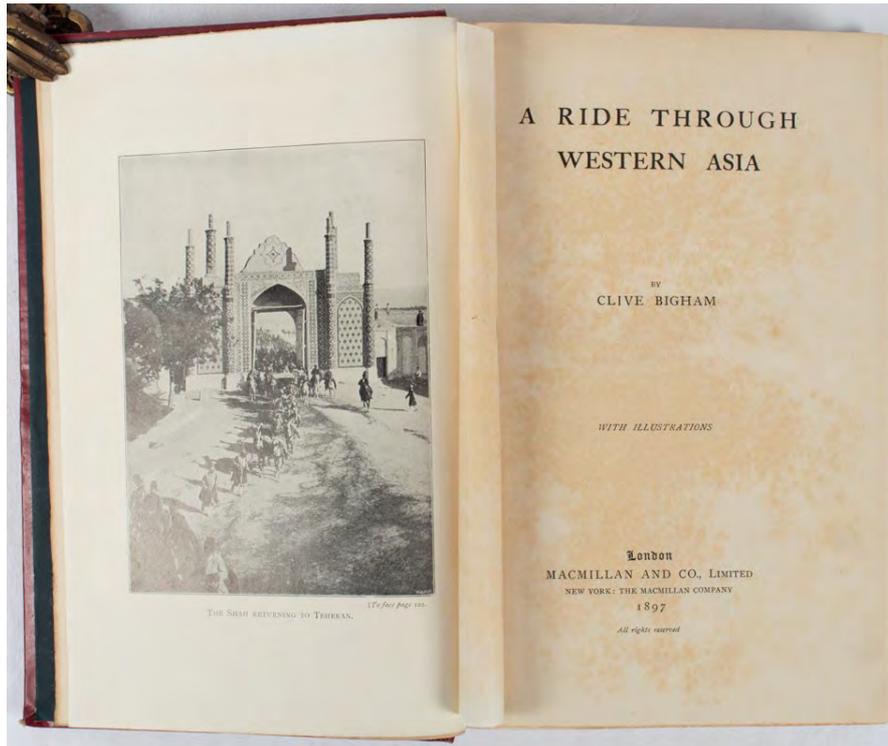
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Bigham, Clive.

A Ride through Western Asia.

Macmillan and Co. Limited. London. 1897.

Photographic frontispiece of 'The Shah returning to Teheran', and numerous full page photographic illustrations, four folding printed colour maps (marginal spotting), xii + 275 pages 23 x 15 cm, original red glazed red cloth boards, occasional spotting, the cloth a little marked and flecked, the spine sunned, but in very good condition.

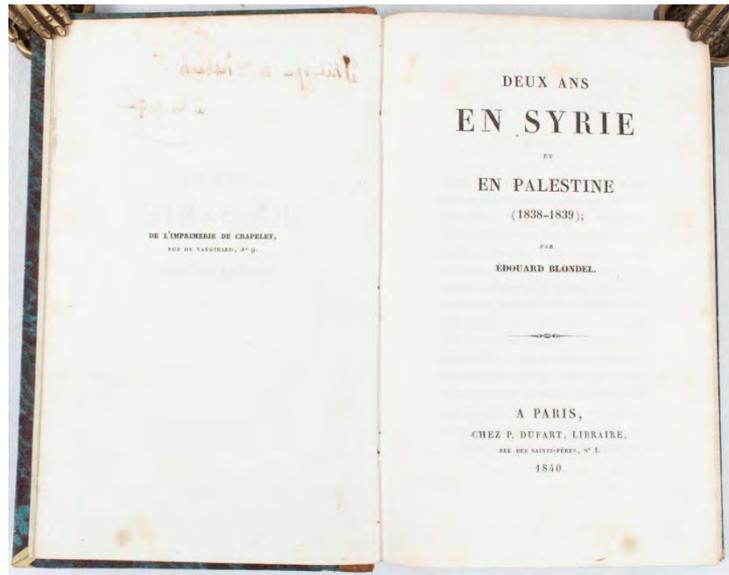
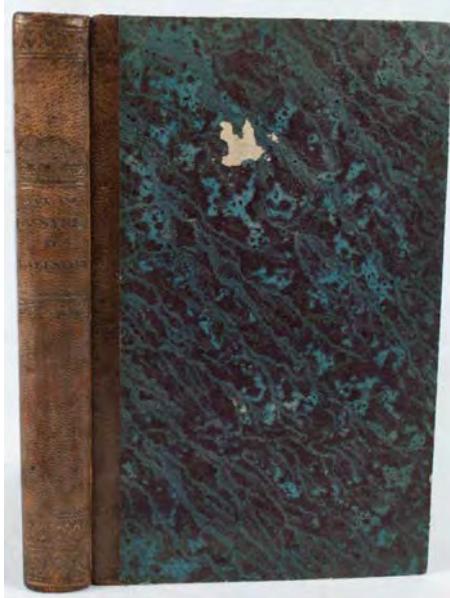
An extensive and intrepid modern Grand Tour account through Constantinople and Turkey to Persia and Central Asia with 34 striking photographic plates. Clive Bigham was an Honorary Attaché to the British Embassy at St. Petersburg and war correspondent in the Near East, travelled at the very height of the Armenian troubles when the strict orders had been issued by Turkey that Asia Minor was to be closed to Europeans.

Burrell, 94.

AU\$600.00 (Approximately US\$450)

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Blondel, Edouard.

Deux Ans en Syrie et en Palestine (1838-1839).

P. Dufart Paris. 1840.

Half title, vii + 296 pages, 21 x 13.5 cm, quarter flecked calf over marbled boards, vellum tips, spine gilt decorated (worn), two small spots of loss to the paper on the front and back board, light spotting, but in very good original condition, with the signature of Philippe de Diesbach on the half title.

Philippe de Diesbach
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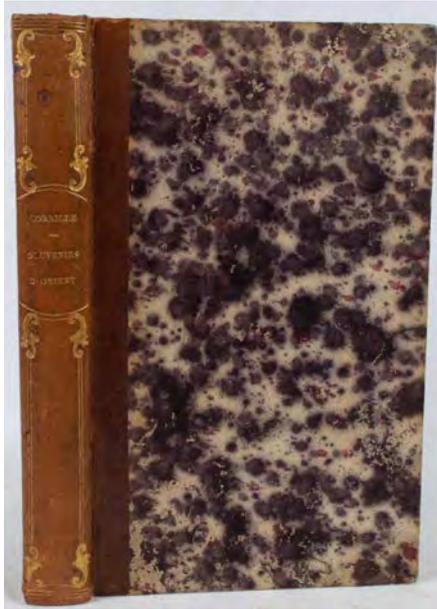
Interesting association copy, with the inscription of Philippe de Diesbach, officier de la Garde Royale for the ill-fated Charles X, last of the Bourbon rulers of France.

Rare on the market, and a notable 19th century account of Blondel's travels to Syria and the Holy Land. Contemporary scholars applauded Blondel for his contribution to the knowledge of the ancient region. He was one of the most important French travellers of his day, who visited the region at a strategic time for France's relations. Lebanon is covered in detail, as well as Damascus, Balbeck, Jerusalem and Aleppo

AU\$2000 (Approximately US\$1500)

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Cornille, Henri.

Souvenirs d'Orient: Constantinople, Grèce, Egypte, 1831-1832-1833.

Abel Ledoux Paris. 1833.

First edition, half-title, engraved frontispiece (spotted at margins), 481 pages and 'table des chapitres' on final leaf, 21.6 x 13.1 cm, occasional spotting and browning of text, two leaves with small marginal loss at the lower outer corner, contemporary calf-backed marbled boards, calf rubbed at the foot of the spine, but in very good, unmarked condition. Text in French.

First edition, with the fine frontispiece engraving of Constantinople by Friedrich Schroeder, one of the renowned engravers who participated in the team producing the illustrations for Antoine Ignace Melling's 'Voyage pittoresque de Constantinople et des rives du Bosphore'.

A lengthy critique in 'The Foreign Quarterly Review' in 1835, dismissed the well-placed Cornille's efforts (he had met Ibrahim Pacha on several occasions): 'His political bias makes him necessarily see every thing through a distorted medium', perhaps more mercifully the eminent scholar and bibliographer Angus O'Neill noted 'a routine travelogue by one who later describes himself as a Philhellene and predicts the fall of Islam.' (Koç 86a)

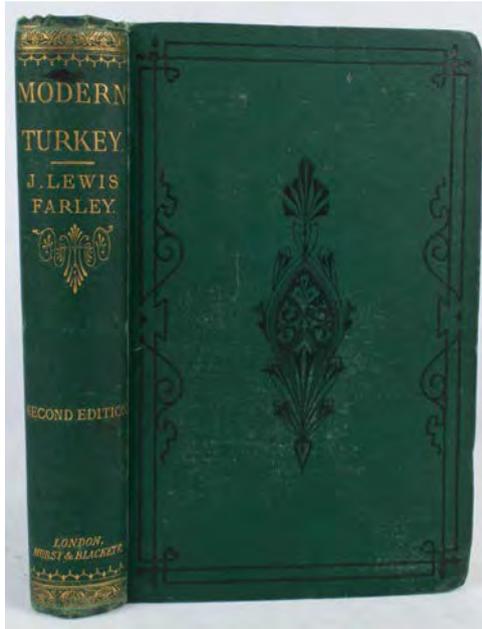
Remarkably scarce first edition, OCLC records only three library holdings worldwide, the last copy recorded for sale was at Christie's in 2011.

Atabey 284; Blackmer 406.

AU\$5500 (Approximately US\$4125)

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Farley, J. Lewis

Modern Turkey.

Hurst and Blackett London. 1872.

xii + 346 + [18] pages publisher's catalogue, original green cloth boards, gilt spine, cloth rubbed, half title, pastedowns and fore-edges foxed, lacks free endpapers, in good condition.

Second edition. Detailed analysis of the varied resources of Turkey, its mines, fisheries, and agricultural products with a chapter devoted to Turkish finances.

'The latest volume of diagnosis and prognosis on the case of the proverbially sick man of Europe is more sanguine, than the usual bulletins given by his amateur physicians. Mr. Farley writes like a sensible and clear-headed observer, avowedly partial to the Turkish Empire.' (The

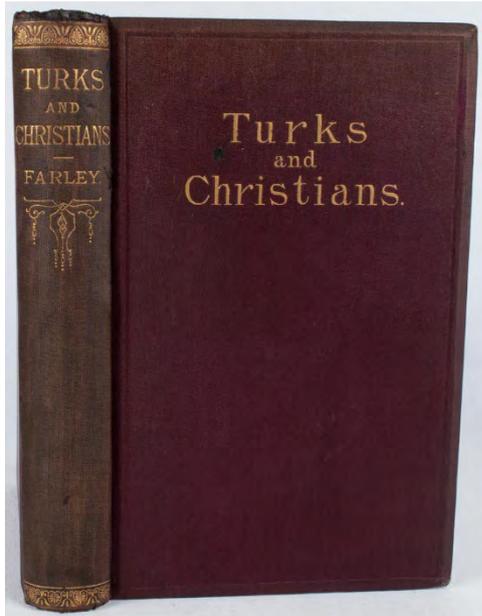
Saturday Review, Apr 21, 1866)

With the contemporary inscription of A. Wellesley Farley on the half title. Scarce.

AU\$550 (Approximately US\$415)

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Farley, J. Lewis.

Turks and Christians. A Solution of the Eastern Question.

Simpkin, Marshall, & Co. London. 1876.

xi + 253 pages and publisher's advertisement, original cloth, gilt title and spine, sunned and a trifle worn, corners bumped, the text with occasional spotting, mainly affecting prelims and fore-edges, in good condition. With the signature of A. Wellesley Farley.

James Lewis Farley (1823-1885), banker and writer on the Middle East, was a keen student of Turkish affairs and from his vantage point "gained a wide knowledge of [Turkey's] people and rulers, as well as of its trade and financial condition in the newly-formed Imperial Ottoman Bank" (ODNB). Written in response to the Bulgarian

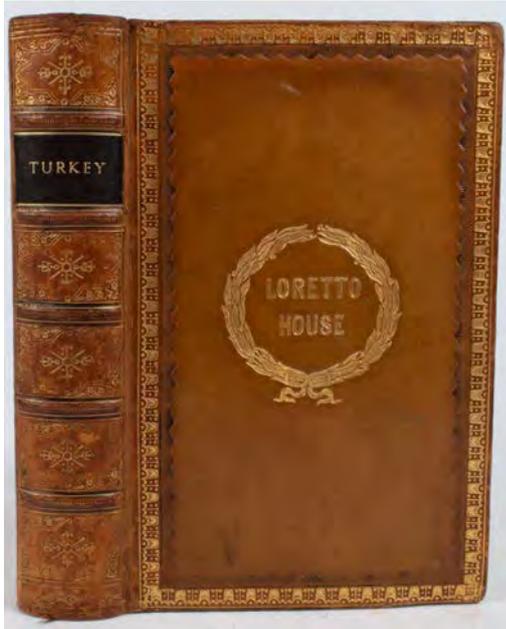
massacres of 1876, his ambitiously titled work attracted both the ire and admiration of reviewers: the "London Examiner" claimed that while Farley's enthusiasm could not be considered unwarranted, it was the author's imagination that had been 'taken captive' by the country's natural resources. Farley had 'only succeeded in proving what had been very forcibly and frequently illustrated... that it was much more easy to describe the existing disorders of Turkey, than to suggest any practical means for their immediate mitigation...' However, they also noted that "nor had reviewers seen any description of life in Turkey, which gave so vivid and realisable a picture of the local government of Turkish provinces. (London Examiner, Jan 29, 1876).

A book providing valuable insights and now surprisingly uncommon, with the early signature of A. Wellesley Farley.

AU\$850 (Approximately US\$640)

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Fraser, Rev. Robert William (1810-1878)

Turkey Ancient and Modern. A History of the Ottoman Empire from the Period of its Establishment to the Present Time.

Adam and Charles Black. Edinburgh. 1854.

Fine engraved frontispiece of Constantinople by Thomas Allom, xv + 540 pages, two folding maps, Turkey in Europe and Turkey in Asia with insets, 19 x 12 cm, signed prize binding in full gilt decorated calf by Seton and Mackenzie, marbled edges, presented to a young student, Charles Erskine by Loretto House, Edinburgh in 1859, with the label on the front pastedown, occasional foxing, but a handsome edition in very good condition.

Little is known of the life of Robert William Fraser. He was licensed to preach by the Edinburgh Presbyterian Free Church in 1840, making a name for himself as an eloquent preacher. He apparently spent several years in the Ottoman Empire and the release of this work was met with critical approbation, the 'Spectator' noting that it would 'leave upon the reader's mind a clear idea of the leading features of Turkish history.'

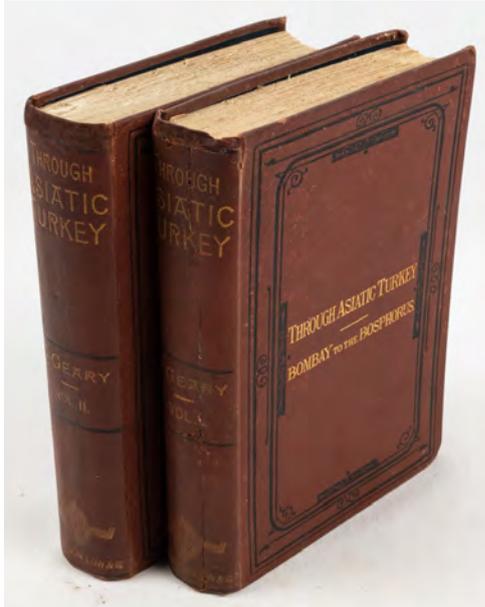
Fraser went on to publish works of popular natural history (side-stepping any mention of the contemporary ground-breaking work of Charles Darwin).

Scarce on the market and not in Blackmer, Atabey or Koç

AU\$850 (Approximately US\$640)

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Geary, Grattan.

Through Asiatic Turkey. Narrative of a journey from Bombay to the Bosphorus.

Sampson Low, Marston, Searle, & Rivington. London. 1878.

Two volumes, 19.5 x 13 cm, xv + 339 pages ; x + 356 pages + 32 pages of publisher's advertisements, engraved frontispiece in each volume and thirteen full page illustrations and text vignettes, folding map with the route picked out in red, original decorated cloth in gilt and black, the cloth rubbed at the corners and a trifle flecked, the first volume lacking the front free endpaper, two neat stamps of a previous owner to the blanks in each volume, the spines worn at the head (volume two neatly strengthened), the spine of volume one with a neatly sealed split to the cloth, text with occasional spotting, a few leaves unopened, in good condition.

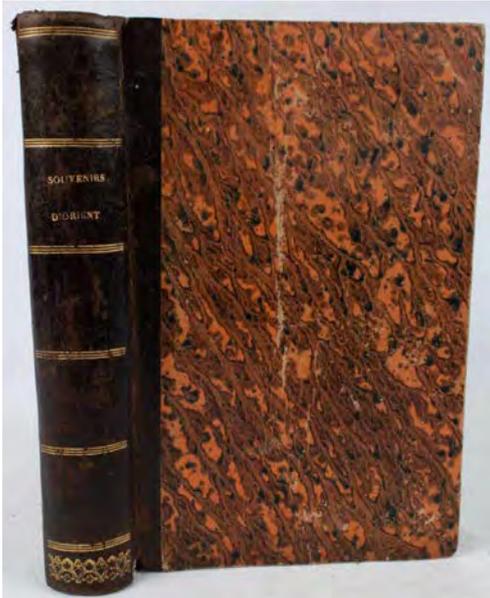
Scarce travel account by Grattan Geary, then editor of the 'Times of India', with fine engravings.

'This is unquestionably one of the most interesting and valuable books of travel that have been issued during a time when literature of the kind may be said to be the rage. It is written with all the vivacity of a first-rate special correspondent... a book which will tempt its readers into imaginary rambles... it is also an extremely useful and timely contribution to the literature of Anglo-Oriental politics.' (London Examiner, Dec 14, 1878).

AU\$1150 (Approximately US\$865)

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Gentil, Emile.

Souvenirs d'Orient. Anecdotes de voyage - Moeurs, coutumes - Légendes etc. Détails nouveaux sur Malte, le Liban, la Syrie & l'Egypte, avec un grand nombre de dessins inédits, et les plans des principaux sanctuaires de Terre-Sainte.

Périsset Frères, Paris & Lyon, Jules Veronnais Metz 1856 (but 1855).

Two parts in one volume, title page, 580 pages, 24 x 15.5 cm, numerous full-page and text illustrations after drawings by Gentil, three floor-plans bound in at the end: one double-page, one folding; contemporary quarter calf over marbled boards, foot of the spine rubbed with small loss, boards a little scuffed, occasional text spotting, a few leaves stained, but in very good sound condition.

Published at the height of great interest in the Middle East and the Holy Land with fine illustrations after original drawings by Gentil including a series on the Way of the Cross and floorplans of three sites sacred for Christians (the publisher no doubt with a keen eye for a Catholic audience): the underground church in the valley of Jehoshaphat, containing the tomb of the Virgin; the Church of Bethlehem with its underground chapels; and the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. Gentil a 'Chevalier de Saint-Sepulchre' recounts his pilgrimage in two parts, the first: from Lyon to Jerusalem via Malta, Lebanon and the Syrian coast; the second from Egypt and subsequent return to France.

Now rare on the market, this is the first edition with a re-issued title page and the publisher's pastedown with updated details and date.

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AU\$1950 (Approximately US\$1465)

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Jackson, John.

Journey from India towards England in the year 1797 by a route commonly called over-land, through countries not much frequented, and many of them hitherto unknown to Europeans, particularly between the rivers Euphrates and Tigris, through Curdistan, Diarbek, Armenia, and Natolia, in Asia; and through Romalia, Bulgaria, Wallachia, Transylvania, &c

T. Cadell, Jun. & W. Davies. London. 1799.

Folding frontispiece map, xvi +277 pages, ii pages of publisher's advertisements, five full page illustrations engraved by William Cooke, original half calf with marbled boards, corners rubbed and bumped, the map foxed, a couple of text leaves spotted, the front pastedown marked, but in very good condition.

Scarce and sought-after account of John Jackson's intrepid journey. A merchant, he departed Bombay by ship on 4 May 1797 for Basrah. He proceeded via the Euphrates and Tigris to Baghdad, and travelled through Kurdistan, Armoria, Anatolia, Bulgaria, Wallachia, and Transylvania, reaching Hamburg on 28 October the same year. Daunting in its scope, it was a route for the most part untested by European travellers and his disarmingly straightforward entries "always on the spot, from day to day" (preface) suggested that the route whilst dangerous, was navigable all year round.

The fine engraved plates by William Cooke (uncaptioned but described in the text) depict a "boat generally called a Donek used by the Arabs on the Tigris and Euphrates"; "Boats bound for Bagdad"; "Tatar on horseback"; "Description of a Spinning Machine"; and "The Mountains of Amasia".

AU\$1250 (Approximately US\$940)

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Johnston, W. & A. K.

War Map of Greece with Turkish Frontier. Crete. Etc. Third Edition.

Edinburgh and London. 1897.

Six lithographed maps with two inset maps, outline hand colour, on one sheet 58 x 88.85 cm; main half page map of Greece with the Turkish Frontier, an inset of Turkey in Europe and Greece; Island of Crete or Candia; Turkey in Europe & Bulgaria; three smaller maps of Europe, Athens and Corfu with an inset map of Corinth Canal, explanatory text in four panels on the verso, slightly soiled and foxed, professionally sealed fold splits and edge tears, this copy the "one shilling" paper coloured map edition, approx. 69 miles to English mile, in good condition.

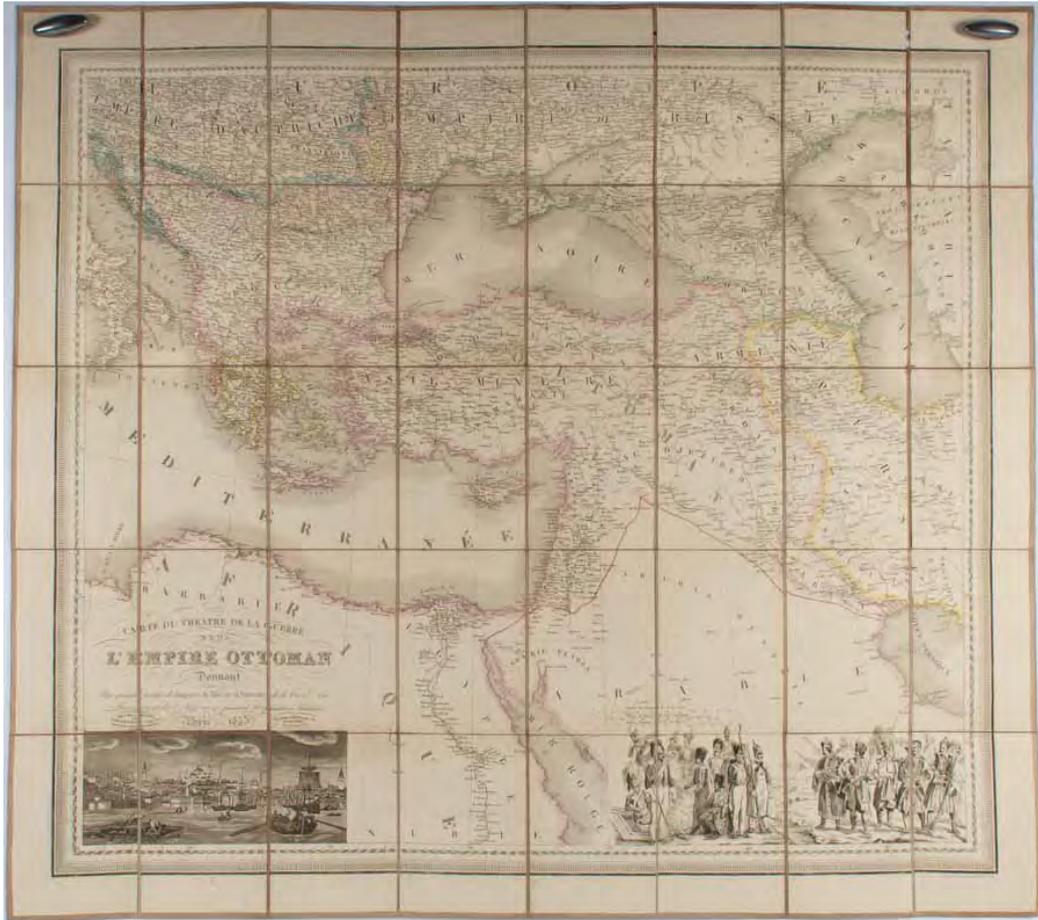
Scarce in any edition, this map was issued in the midst of a fractious war, with no imminent resolution. The Greco-Turkish War or the Forty Days War, was relayed under a plethora of titles, but is widely considered to be the Second Greek War of Independence. The final two paragraphs of the cover text to the map read as war reportage: 'On the Turkish Frontier, in consequence of war being now declared by Turkey, military operations have rapidly developed. The Greek incursions into Macedonia have been repelled, and Edhem Pasha, assuming the offensive, has, after a vigorous resistance on the part of the Greeks, carried Miluna Pass and other points, and now threatens an advance on Larissa, in Thessaly. On the Western Frontier, chiefly at Prevesa and Arta, constant fighting is still going on with varying success for both sides.'

We can only trace holdings at the Bodleian, British Library and National Library of Scotland.

AU\$850 (Approximately US\$640)

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Lallemand, Adrien Toussaint.

Carte du Théâtre de La Guerre dans L'Empire Ottoman donnant une grande partie des Empires de Russie d' Autriche et de Perse; des Provinces et des Mers où passent les opérations Militaires.

Ministère d'Etampes et de Géographies Paris. 1853.

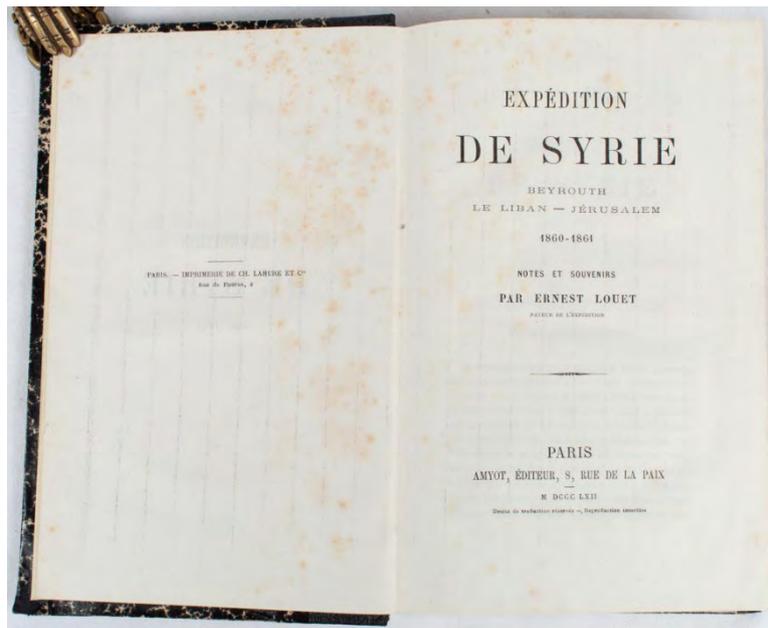
Engraved map with outline hand colour, 67.2 x 75.1 cm, sectioned and linen-backed, two large vignettes: a view of Constantinople; and costumed Turks and European soldiers facing off across a stream, the linen browned with some loss (but not affecting the map), with the fine nineteenth century label of Charles Delarue & Hivert on the verso.

Fine map with beautiful vignettes by Adrien Toussaint Lallemand (1793 - c.1856), geographer and engraver at the Dépôt de la Guerre. Lallemand was appointed at a precociously young age and later set up in business on his own, the quality of his work assuring him of the continued business of the Dépôt. Highly attractive map of the Ottoman Empire published at the outset time of the Crimean War (1853-1856).

AU\$950 (Approximately US\$715)

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Louet, Ernest.

**Expédition de Syrie 1860-1861. Beyrouth, Le Liban-Jerusalem 1860-1861.
Notes et souvenirs.**

Amyot, Paris. 1862.

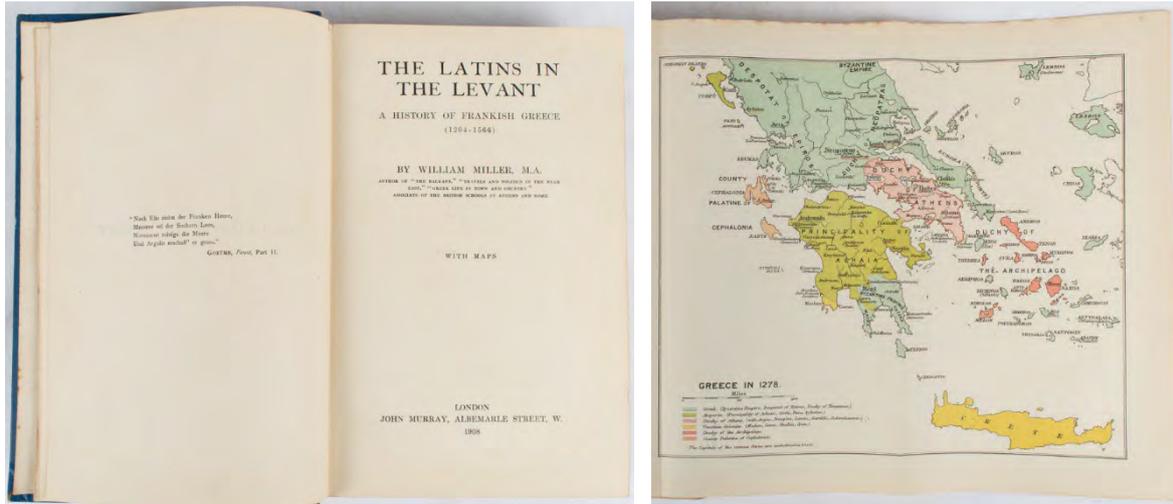
Half title, 403 pages, postscript and table of contents, 22.7 x 14 cm, spine renewed, early marbled boards, new endpapers, title and half title spotted and a few of the final leaves, in good condition.

Scarce account of the French Expedition to Syria, after the events in Damascus, led by General Beaufort d'Hautpoul. An authoritative survey of French interests and activities in Syria at this time.

AU\$600 (Approximately US\$450)

When referring to this item, please use stock number **176103**.

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Miller, William

The Latins in the Levant. A History of Frankish Greece.

John Murray. London. 1908.

xx + 675 pages, four printed colour maps of Greece in the years 1214, 1278, 1388 and 1462 (three folding), original blue cloth boards, 22.8 x 14.5 cm, black embossed title and triple rule on the front board, and gilt title on the spine, the cloth a little scuffed and rubbed, endpapers browned, but otherwise in very good, clean condition.

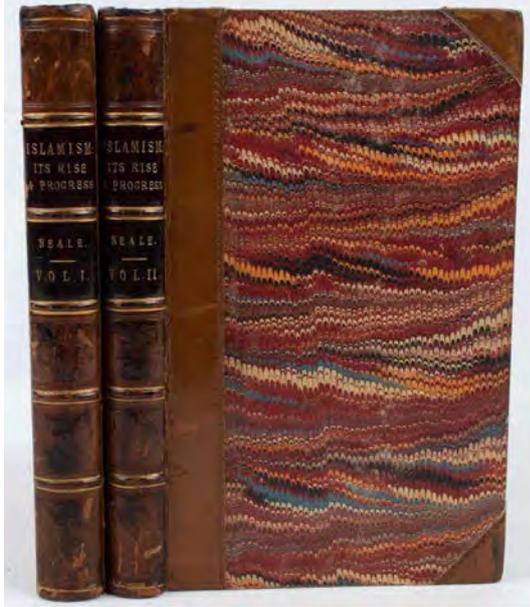
With the armorial bookplate of John Wynford, Baron St. Davids on the front pastedown.

Uncommon and sought-after account of the Latin states established in Greece and the Greek islands as a consequence of the fourth crusade (lacking Crete which was till under Turkish suzerainty). William Miller earned the praise of eminent classical historians W.H.D. Rouse and J. B. Bury the latter noting that "No living student had more thoroughly mastered the details of the period, with a resulting work being as trustworthy and solid as it was clear and pleasant to read."

AU\$600 (Approximately US\$450)

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Neale, Frederick Arthur.

Islamism: its rise and its progress, or, the Present and Past Condition of the Turks.

James Madden. London. 1854.

Two volumes: xvi +365 pages; x + 315 pages, 20 x 12 cm, original half calf over marbled boards, marbled fore-edges, black spine title labels lettered in gilt between gilt-ruled raised bands, spines a little scuffed minor loss to the marbled back board of the second volume, scattered foxing more noticeable on the prelims and endpapers, library stamp of the NSW Parliamentary Library to the title page of each volume and to the first chapter of each volume, but a handsome set in good condition. Scarce.

Issued as the Crimean War was raging, the author Frederick Neale was a former diplomat, serving in Turkey, the Far East, as well as South Africa and Palestine. Perhaps better known for his earlier 'Eight Years in Syria' this two-volume work surveys the Islamic world from "the Saracen Caliphs in the East, in North Africa and Spain and, down to the foundations of the Ottoman Empire, and following its growth upwards into the reign of Abdul-Mehjid" (Preface).

A handsome set, scarce.

Atabey 862, not in Blackmer.

AU\$1450 (Approximately US\$1090)

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Oliphant, Laurence.

The Trans-Caucasian campaign of the Turkish Army under Omer Pasha.

William Blackwood and Sons. Edinburgh and London. 1856.

Chromolithographed frontispiece of *The Battle on the Ingour* and three other full page illustrations, folding plan and map, title vignette and text vignettes, 19.3 x 12.3 cm, original calf, gilt-ruled boards, spine gilt decorated in compartments with raised bands, crimson title label, marbled fore-edges, contemporary school-prize presentation inscription, the frontispiece spotted, affecting the margins and verso, title browned, the folding map a little spotted with a professionally sealed marginal fold tear, in good condition.

Account of Omer Pasha and his military exploits in the Trans-Caucasian region by Laurence Oliphant, Secretary to Lord Elgin between 1853 and 1861 and companion to the Duke of Newcastle on a visit to the Circassian coast during the Crimean War. An intriguing figure, Oliphant was an accomplished diplomat and widely travelled, writing a satirical novel

'Piccadilly', as well as works on esoteric spiritualism. A contemporary reviewer noted that it was a '...great rarity for a literary man to follow an army across such a richly tinted panorama, easily and pleasantly sketching the people as they come out to see the soldiers and the guns, the landscape as it widens and varies, the battle as it explodes.' (*The Athenaeum*, April, 1856).

The superb illustrations were a last-minute addition arising from a contribution from fellow traveller Herr Zuther, the artist who accompanied Omer Pasha on his campaign.

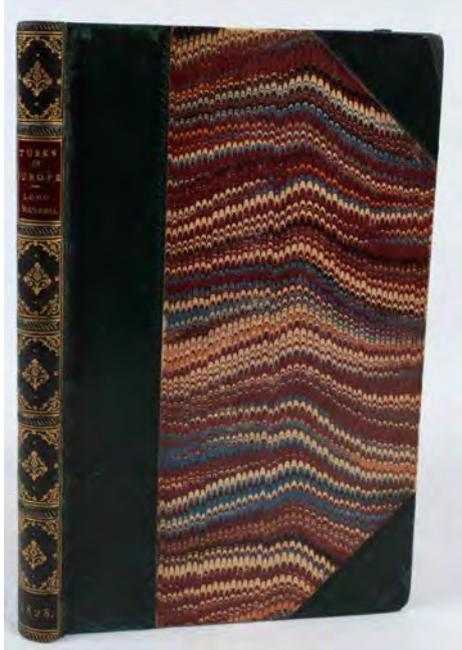
Not in Blackmer or Atabey.

AU\$1125 (Approximately US\$845)



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[Russell, John, Earl Russell].

The Establishment of the Turks in Europe. An historical discourse.

John Murray. London. 1828.

Half title, vi, 128 pages, 19.3 x 12 cm, original green half calf over marbled boards, gilt decorated spine, maroon title label between raised bands, with the armorial bookplate of Chichester Samuel Fortescue Parkinson, 1st Earl Carlingford, and an early inscription, likely in his hand, on the half-title "By Lord John Russell", the calf rubbed and foxing affecting the blank fly leaves only, in very good condition.

First edition. Scarce, and a significant association copy.

In November 1865, Lord Russell, British Prime Minister, formed his administration following Lord Palmerston's death, and he appointed Parkinson-Fortescue (first Baron

Carlingford) Chief Secretary for Ireland. He held this post until July 1866, and again from December 1868 until January 1871 in Gladstone's first government. Russell notably published "A letter to the Right Hon. Chichester Fortescue, M.P. on the State of Ireland..." in 1868.



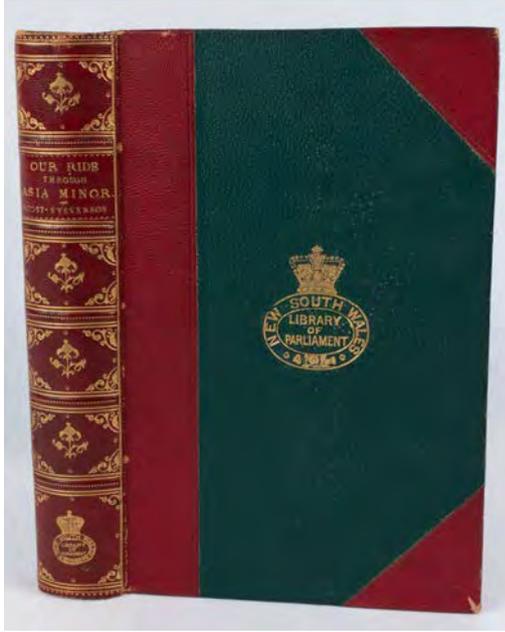
A contemporary critique in the 'Quarterly Review' noted of this work 'This outline which is clearly and elegantly written, and which is commonly ascribed to the pen of Lord John Russell, may be recommended to the attention of readers who want leisure or opportunity for referring to the bulky works from which the author has drawn his statements. The subject is one, we need not say, of special interest at the present moment.'

Atabey 1065; Blackmer 1459; Droulia 1487; not in Koç,

AU\$2150 (Approximately US\$1615)

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Scott-Stevenson, Mrs.

Our Ride Through Asia Minor.

Chapman and Hall, Limited London. 1881.

Half title, linen-backed frontispiece map of Asia Minor showing the route of the Scott-Stevensons, viii + 400 pages, 22 x 14 cm, fine half red morocco 19th Century parliamentary binding, with the gilt arms of the New South Wales Library of Parliament on the front board, spine elaborately gilt, raised bands, marbled fore-edges, the map foxed, and the first four leaves of text, the final leaf and endpaper, otherwise clean and unmarked, the corners a trifle rubbed, but a handsome binding in very good condition

Esme Scott-Stevenson's husband, Andrew Scott-Stevenson, one of the heroes of the war in the Sudan, and Civil Commissioner of Kyrenia. She joined him in

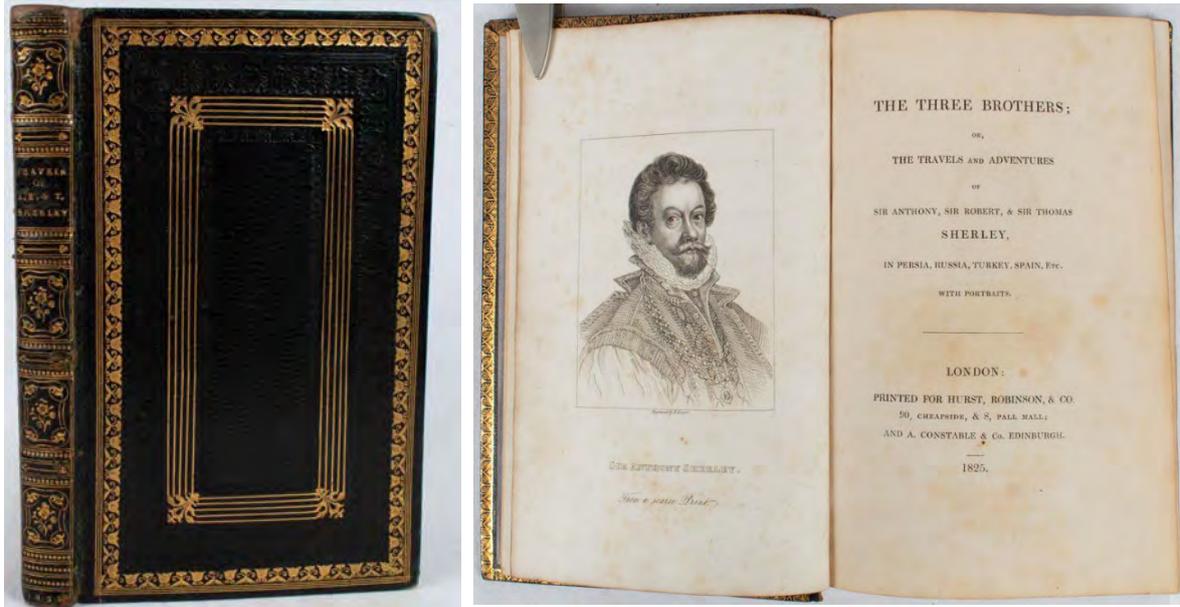
Cyprus in 1878 and remained there until about 1882. She was ideally placed to travel to some of the more exotic reaches of the Near and Middle East.

An interesting and observant account of their journey from Kyrenia to Beirut, Aleppo, Koniah, Karamania little known to her intended audience, which could not help but appeal to all those who might cast a longing look eastward 'in spite of the ruin past rulers had inflicted upon them, yet in which so rare a beauty still lingered.' (Saturday Review, November, 1881).

AU\$1025 (Approximately US\$770)

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[Sherley, Anthony, Robert and Thomas]

The Three Brothers; or, The Travels and Adventures of Sir Anthony, Sir Robert, & Sir Thomas Sherley

Hurst, Robinson & Co. London. 1825.

Engraved frontispiece portrait of Sir Anthony Sherley and two other engraved portraits of Lady Sherley and Sir Robert Sherley in Persian costume by Robert Cooper, 204 pp 19 x 12 cm; fine contemporary English binding in full straight-grained bottle-green morocco, the boards with elaborately gilt and blind stamped foliated borders, gilt quadruple-rule central panel, gilt decorated spine with raised bands, edges fully gilt, gilt dentelles, violet endpapers (slightly faded), the head and tail of the spine a trifle rubbed, scattered foxing affecting the portraits, in very good condition.

Finely bound example of a scarce work. First collected edition of the travels of the three-17th century Sherley brothers. "All three Sherley brothers led a life of adventure in the Levant" (Atabey). It includes extracts from the accounts of Nixon and Parry, as well as Sir Thomas Sherley's unpublished manuscript of his travel in Turkey and a complete reprint of the very rare work by Manwaring (edited from the edition of 1607).

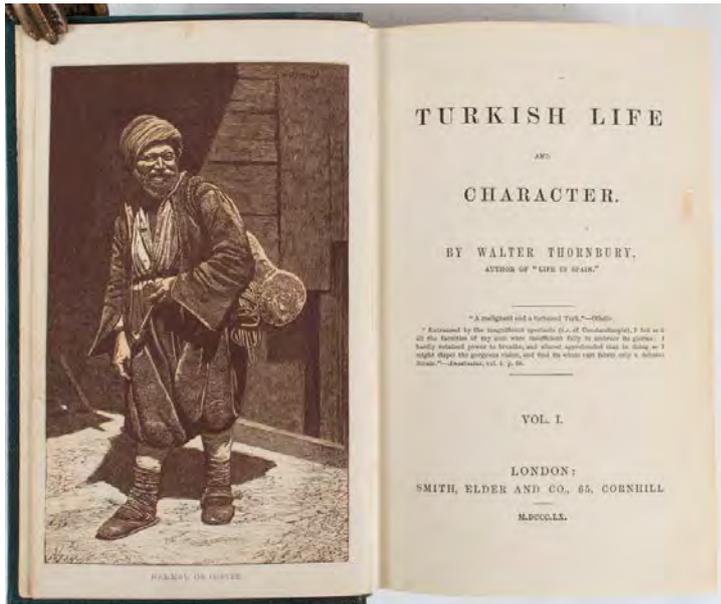
"The Gentleman's Magazine" in their review of the work noted the Sherley brothers to be "choice spirits of the age ... adorned by Raleigh and Sidney, and Essex, and by a crowd of warriors and of poets, who met on the confines which separated chivalry and modern manners, and who united the ancient spirit of enterprise with intellectual accomplishment."

Among his many achievements, Sir Anthony was at one stage appointed Admiral of the Levant Seas by Philip II and led an expedition to the Greek islands of Corfu, Kefalonia, Zakynthos, Skiathos and Mytilene.

AU\$1250 (Approximately US\$940)

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Thornbury, Walter.

Turkish Life and Character.

Smith Elder and Co. London. 1860.

Two volumes in one, 19 x 12cm, extra pictorial title, half title and frontispiece in the first volume only, 6 tinted plates on card, xii + 283 pages, and 293 pages, final leaf of notes, with the blind stamp of the South Australian Institute on the plates; modern green quarter calf over green cloth boards, black title labels between gilt rules, in sound, clean condition.

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