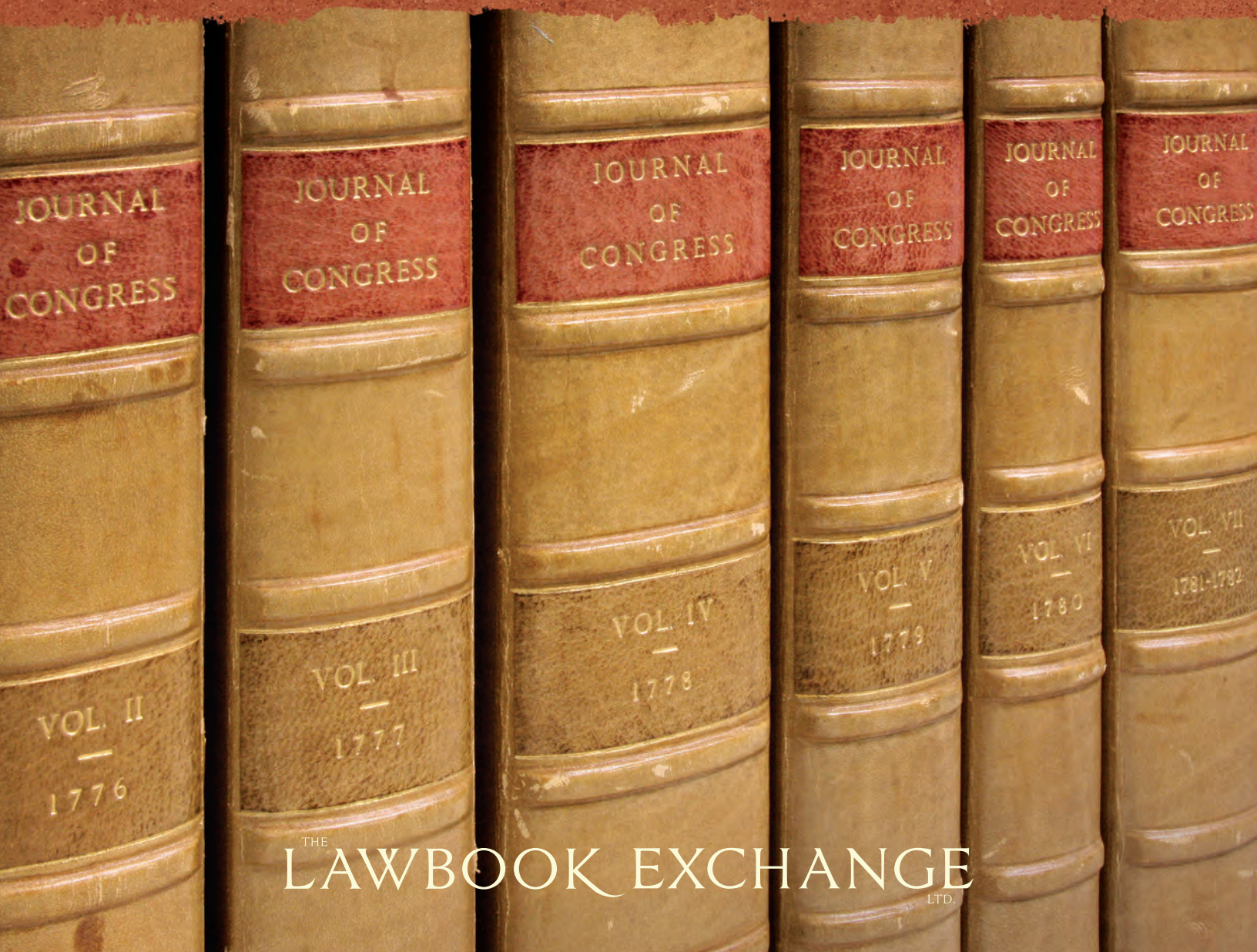


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the chair, and Mr. Harrison...
gred to a declaration which they desired him to...
The declaration being read, was agreed to, as follows;
A DECLARATION by the Representatives of the
UNITED STATES of **AMERICA** in Congress as-
sembled.
W H E N, in the course of human events, it becomes
necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands
connected them with another, and to assume
among the Earth, the separate and equal
station of nature and of nature's
gods, that they should be
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pitulum. j.



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cepta: et secundum hoc debet
exinde dispensare.

Idem noruicē. episcopo.

imo. quia illud ante baprisimū est necessi/
voto continētie secus est: cui eque bonum
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q in puerili^e etate constitu/
tus hierosolymam dispo/
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qz qui sepulchrum domini/
cum proposuerat visitare si/
dem dedit et suaz recepit ab
eo: q sibi inuicem in via so/
cuj fideles^s existerent: et in/
fra.

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a voto quod in etate tenera

facilitate^b potius qz ex arbi/
trio discretionis promisit ab

soluimus: ita tamen q idem

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et iuxta consilium nostrum

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perum christi dūmodo ad

hoc sue facultates sufficiat

debeat prouidere.

Idem magistro. **A.** de mā/
desorde.

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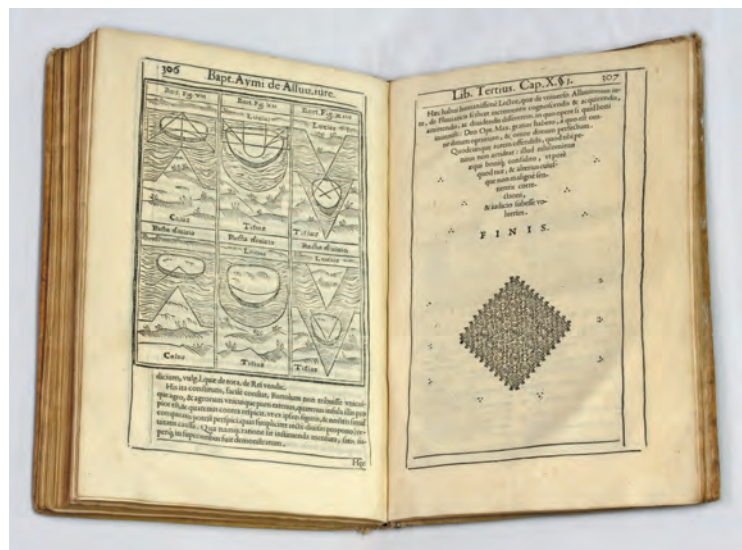
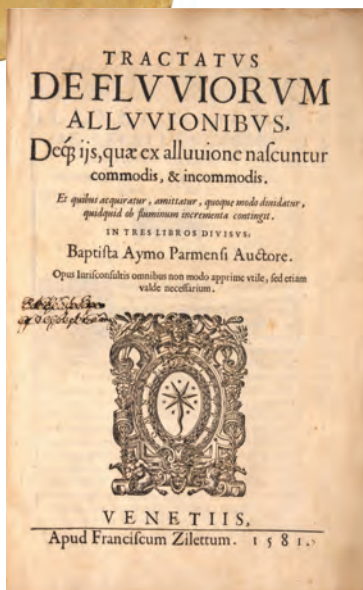
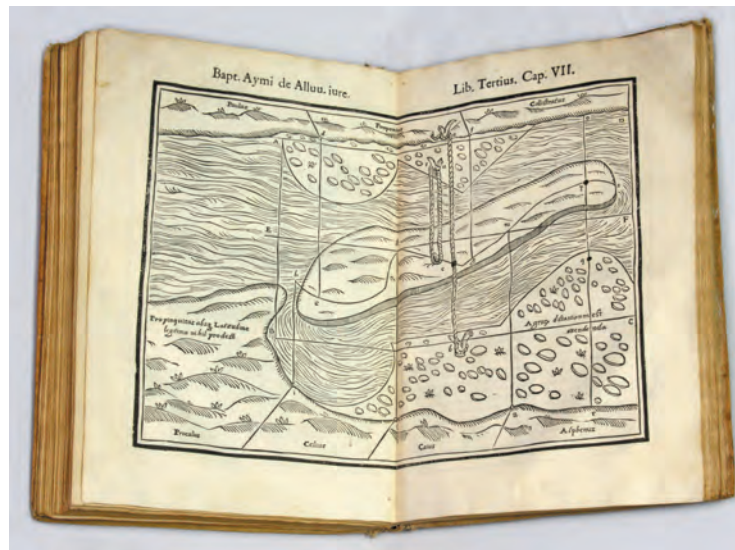
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NOTABLE TREATISE ON RIPARIAN LAW WITH ILLUSTRATIONS AND TWO FOLDING TABLES

1 AIMO, BATTISTA [1550–1589].

Tractatus de Fluviorum Alluvionibus, Dequibus iis, Quae ex Alluvione Nascuntur Commodis, & Incommodis: Et Quibus Acquiratur, Amittatur, Quoque Modo Dividatur, Quidquid ob Fluminum Incrementa Contingit. In Tres Libros Divisus.

Venice: Apud Franciscum Zilettum, 1581. [xx], 307, [25] pp. Two illustrated folding plates. Eleven woodcut text illustrations. Folio (11-1/2" x 7-3/4").

Contemporary vellum, "raised bands and early hand-lettered title to spine. A few minor scuffs and stains, boards slightly bowed, spine slightly darkened, moderate rubbing to extremities, corners

bumped and somewhat worn, hinges starting, a few partial cracks to text block, minor worming to front pastedown and free endpaper. Text printed within rules borders. Moderate toning to text, slightly heavier in places, negligible dampstaining to margins of a few leaves, early struck-through signature to title page, which is slightly soiled. An attractive copy. \$1,750.

SECOND EDITION. Aimo's influential treatise addresses a thorny aspect of riparian law: alluvium, that is, soil deposited on a shore by a river that modifies the dimensions of a parcel of land. A fine example of humanistic legal scholarship, it is notable for its application of geometry-based surveying techniques, which are illustrated in the plates and most of the woodcuts. First published in 1580, it went through several editions into the eighteenth century. EDIT16 CNCE572.

NOTABLE SIXTEENTH-CENTURY TREATISES ON PRESUMPTION, LEGAL WRITING AND THE *CORPUS JURIS CIVILIS*

- 2 ALCIATI, ANDREA[S] [1492-1550].
NICOLAS, JEAN [16TH C.], EDITOR.

Tractatus de Praesumptionibus, Cum Annotationibus, & Argumentis Ioan. Nicolai Arelatani I.V.D. Index Praeterea Copiosissimus in Fine Operis Adiectus.

Lyon: Apud Haeredes Iacobi Iuntae, 1551. 415, [57] pp.

[BOUND WITH]

RAYMUNDUS, JEAN (JOANNES).

Epistolarum Legalium, In Quibus Varii Iuris Articuli Continentur, Libri Tres. Scholijs, In Gratiam Iuuenum Singulas Epistolas Illustrantibus, Adiectis.

Lyon: Apud Gulielmum Rouillium, 1549. 174, [2] pp.

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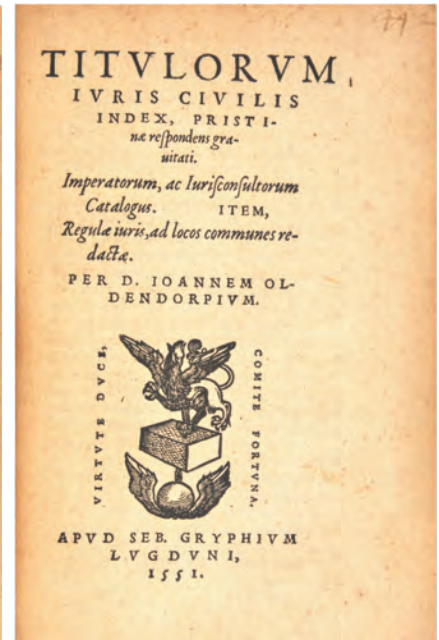
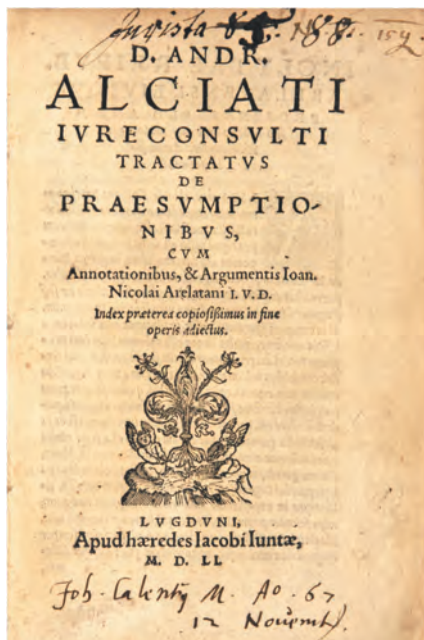
OLDENDORP, JOHANN [1488-1567].

Titulorum Iuris Civilis Index, Pristinæ Respondens Gravitati. Imperatorum, Ac Jurisconsultorum Catalogus. Item, Regulae Iuris, Ad Locos Communes Redactae.

Lyon: Apud Seb. Gryphium, 1551. 142 pp.

Octavo (6-1/2" x 4-1/4"). Contemporary limp vellum derived from a manuscript leaf. Moderate soiling and staining, wear to spine ends, chip near center of spine, lower corner of front cover mostly perished, fore-edge of rear cover worn, fore-edges of nine preceding leaves with diminishing degrees of wear and no loss to text, front hinge partially cracked. Moderate toning to text, somewhat heavier in places, early owner signature to title page of *Tractatus*, brief early annotations in a few other places. \$1,850.

TRACTATUS: LATER EDITION; *Epistolarum*, only edition; *Titulorum*: second edition. An important Italian humanist and professor of law at Avignon, Bologna, Milan, Padua, Ferrara and Bourges, Alciati was one of the most renowned jurists of his day. His work was deeply influential for generations. His commentaries and notes are based on lectures delivered during the years when he was a law professor in Avignon (1518-1522). They were edited by his students and colleagues, such as Nicolas. First published in 1542, his *Tractatus de Praesumptionibus* discusses the Roman law of presumption, that is, situations in which a particular fact can be made without proof. Raymundus's *Epistolarum Legalium* is an essay on legal writing and the proper forms of legal instruments. Little is known about its author. The final book in this volume is Oldendorp's *Titulorum Iuris Civilis*, a popular digest of the *Corpus Iuris Civilis* in the form of an index. Best known for his *Lexicon Iuris*, Oldendorp, a state official and law professor, was a notable Protestant jurist. His Protestant viewpoint enhanced the value of his work in areas of Europe that rejected Catholicism. *Tractatus*, *Titulorum*: Baudrier VI:272, VIII:256; *Epistolarum*: Adams R-220.





PARLIAMENTARY DOCUMENTS RELATING TO THE PENAL COLONY OF VAN DIEMAN'S LAND AND NEW SOUTH WALES, 1839-1855

**3 [AUSTRALIA].
[TRANSPORTATION].
VAN DIEMAN'S LAND.**

Van Dieman's Land. Copies of Despatches from the Lieutenant-Governor of Van Dieman's Land, Relative to Transportation and the Assignment of Convicts.

[London]: Ordered, By the House of Commons, To be Printed, 12 August 1839. 4 pp.

[WITH]

An Act for the Government of New South Wales and Van Dieman's Land [30th July 1842]. [Running title].

London: Printed by George E. Eyre and Andrew Spottiswoode, 1842. [833]-850 pp.

[AND]

An Act to Explain and Amend the Act for the Government of New South Wales and Van Dieman's Land [6th August 1844]. [Running title].

London: Printed by George E. Eyre and Andrew Spottiswoode, 1842. [577]-580 pp.

[AND]

**SOUTH AUSTRALIA.
CONVICTS (VAN DIEMAN'S LAND).**

Copies of All the Correspondence Between Any Person or Persons Interested in South Australia and the Colonial Office, Respecting the Effect Upon that Province of the Official Notice of the Comptroller General of Van Dieman's Land, Of the 21st Day of June 1845, Relative to Convicts in that Colony Who were Holders of Conditional Pardons.

[London]: Ordered, By the House of Commons, To be Printed, 26 August 1846. 9. [1] pp.

[AND]

**TRANSPORTATION.
(VAN DIEMAN'S LAND.)**

Copy of a Communication upon the Subject of Transportation, Addressed to Earl Grey by the Lord Bishop of Tasmania. (Viscount Mahon.)

[London]: Ordered, By the House of Commons, To be Printed, 23 July 1847. 11, [1] pp.

[AND]

VAN DIEMAN'S LAND.

Copies of Despatches, With Their Enclosures, Relating to the Cases of Mr. Justice Montagu and Chief Justice Pedder, With Other Documents.

[London]: Ordered, By the House of Commons, To be Printed, 29 July 1848. 112. [2] pp.

[AND]

An Act to Enable Her Majesty to Assent to a Bill, As Amended, Of the Legislature of New South Wales, "To Confer a Constitution on New South Wales, And to Grant a Civil List to Her Majesty [16th July 1855]. [Running title].

London: Printed by George E. Eyre and Andrew Spottiswoode, 1855. [401]-422 pp.

7 items in all ranging in size from 12" x 7-1/2" to 13" x 8." Disbound, moderate toning, occasional edgewear, 4 items have small library marking of the Netherlands Foreign Office, *Van Dieman's Land* (1848) bound into recent cloth with gilt spine title. An interesting collection. \$1,500.

THE PENAL COLONY of Van Dieman's Land (present-day Tasmania) was established in 1803 and received its last group of convicts in 1853. This was Australia's second penal colony. The first was established in New South Wales in 1788. Transportation to that colony ended in 1850. The seven items in the present collection are from a period when these two colonies were evolving into tradition colonies of the British Empire. This transition is most apparent in the latest item in our group, which concerns the establishment of a constitution for New South Wales.



Detail from N° 4

RARE 1530 PRINTING OF THE *SUMMA AZONIS* THAT FEATURES A VIGNETTE OF AZO LECTURING TO STUDENTS

4 AZO, PORTIUS [1150-1235].

Summa Azonis. Summa Perutilis Excellentissimi Iuris Monarche Nuperrime Maxima Diligetia Castigata, Additoque Novo Repertorio quo Facilius que Studiosissimus Quisque Requirit Occurrere Possint.

Lyon: Constantin Fradin, 1530. [xiv], 373 ff. Main text in parallel columns. Small woodcut vignette of Azo lecturing to students on verso of title page. Quarto 9-1/2" x 7" (24 x 17 cm).

Contemporary vellum, early hand-lettered title to spine. Light soiling, some staining and a few minor worm holes to boards, some rubbing to extremities with some wear to edges, corners and head of spine, hinges cracked, a few cracks to text block, rear free endpaper lacking. Title page printed in red and black within woodcut architectural border, woodcut decorated initials. Moderate toning, occasional faint dampstaining, dampspotting in a few places, annotations and underlining in two early hand to preliminaries, light soiling to title page, minor rodent damage to lower corners of final 18 leaves, notable damage to the following two leaves, which have minor loss to text, but not legibility. A rare imprint. \$2,500.

PORTIUS AZO, also known as Azo of Bologna, Azo Porius, Azo Porcius and Azo Soldanus, was a lawyer and professor of law at the University of Bologna whose pupils included Accursius and Johannes Teutonicus. His fame rests on his carefully organized commentaries on the *Code*, *Institutes* and sections of the *Digest* of the *Corpus Juris Civilis*. Known collectively as the *Summa Azonis*, these commentaries form a methodical exposition of Roman law. The *Summa* circulated widely in manuscript; 35 printed editions were issued from 1481 to 1610. It was a work of immense authority for generations of continental lawyers. Azo's *Summae* were synthesized by Accursius in his *Glossa Ordinaria*; his *Summa Codicis* was used (and, in many places, copied verbatim) by Bracton in his treatise on English law. Our 1530 Fradin imprint not in Adams or the *BMC*. OCLC locates 6 copies, 3 in North America (Harvard Law School, Library of Congress, University of Pennsylvania Law School). *USTC* 146212.



N° 4



SCARCE COPY OF TREATISE ON THE ROMAN LAW OF PRESCRIPTION

- 5 BALBI, GIOVANNI FRANCESCO
[FL. 1510-1540].
[HENRICUS, DE SEGUSIO, CARDINAL (HOSTIENSIS)
(C. 1200-1271)].

Tractatus de Prescriptionibus: Tractatus Secundus et Perutilis Profunde Subtilis[que] ac Quotidiane Materie o[mn]is Prescriptio[n]is ta[m] Civilis Q[uam] Canonice, Qui de Prescriptionib[us] Inscritbit[ur].

[Lyon: Impressa Lugd. per Benedict[us] Bonyn. 1532 die Vero. xxix].
[xxii], 208 ff. Main text in parallel columns with side-notes. Octavo
(7" x 5").

Contemporary limp vellum with lapped edges, spine and joints covered in later paper with a contrasting hand-lettered title label, "245" in tint hand to head of spine, faint hand-lettered title and "T.B.B." in tiny hand to head of front cover, ties lacking. Light

soiling and a few minor stains, chip to paper near foot of spine, pastedowns loose, upper section of front pastedown neatly removed. Title page with architectural border and large Bonyn device printed in red and black. Moderate toning, light foxing in a few places, faint staining to margins of 12 leaves at rear of text block, early annotations and underlining to some passages, light soiling to title page. \$5,000.

THIRD EDITION. Originally published in 1511, this treatise addresses the Roman law of prescription, the principle whereby a right or liability is created or extinguished over a certain period of time, usually in regard to a property title. It also includes an edition of a short treatise on this subject by Henricus de Segusio. It was a popular work that went through several issues and editions, the last one in 1582. OCLC locates 5 copies of all editions, 3 copies of this edition, no copies of any edition in North America. This edition not in Adams.

FROM THE LIBRARY OF JARED INGERSOLL, SR., THE FATHER OF
A SIGNER OF THE U.S. CONSTITUTION

6 [BALLOW (OR BELLEWE), HENRY
(1707-1782)].
[INGERSOLL, JARED, SR. (1722-1781)].

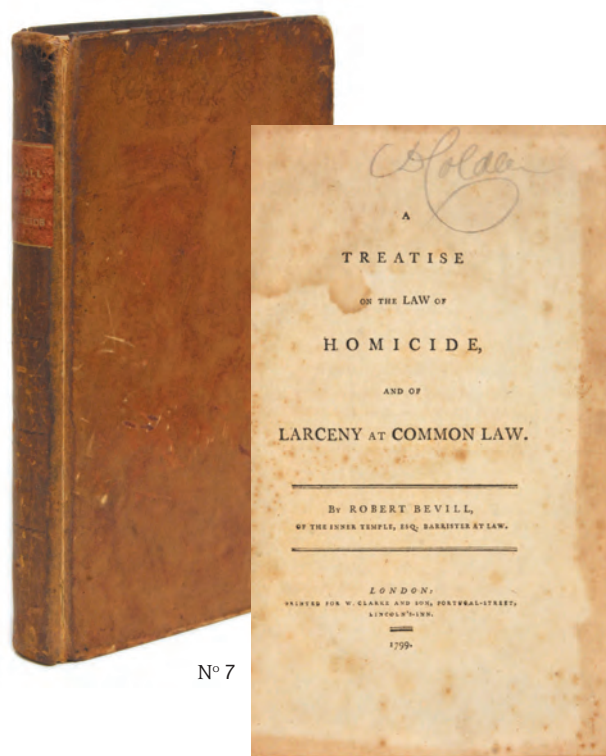
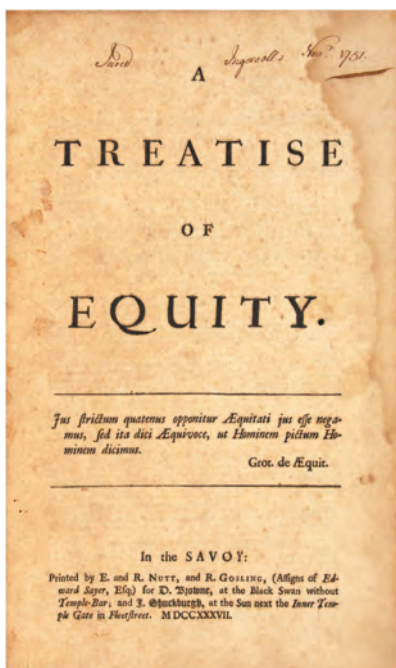
A Treatise of Equity.

[London]: In the Savoy, Printed by E. and R. Nutt, and R. Gosling, (Assigns of Edward Sayer) for D. Browne, at the Black Swan without Temple-Bar; and J. Shuckburgh, at the Sun next the Inner Temple gate in Fleetstreet, 1737. [xv], 132 pp. Includes one-page publisher list. Folio (12" x 7-1/2").



Contemporary paneled sheep, raised bands and fragments of early paper title label to spine. Light rubbing and a few minor scuffs to boards, heavier rubbing to extremities with wear to spine ends and corners, joints starting at ends, hinges cracked, armorial bookplate of Jared Ingersoll to front pastedown, "Jared Ingersoll's Nov. 1751" to head of title page. Moderate toning, faint dampstaining to margins of preliminaries and final four leaves of text, faint spotting to title page. A nice copy with an interesting association. \$1,850.

FIRST EDITION. This was the standard treatise in Great Britain and North America before Story's *Commentaries on Equity Jurisprudence* (1836). (Jefferson was a notable American owner of this title.) According to Holdsworth, it "can be taken as a good starting point for the history of the development of many of the principles and rules of modern equity." The former owner of this book, Jared Ingersoll, was a New Haven lawyer and prominent colonial official. He is remembered as Connecticut's agent for the Stamp Act and as the father of Jared Ingersoll, Jr. [1749-1822], a delegate to the Continental Congress, signer of the United States Constitution and distinguished attorney and judge. HEL VI:191. Sowerby 1719. ESTC T72192.



Nº 7

LARCENY AND HOMICIDE LAW AT THE END OF THE EIGHTEENTH CENTURY

7 BEVILL, ROBERT [D. 1824].

A Treatise on the Law of Homicide, and of Larceny in the Common Law.

London: Printed for W. Clarke and Son, 1799. [xiv], 287 pp. Octavo (5-3/4" x 9").

Contemporary calf, blind fillets to boards, lettering piece and blind fillets to spine. Light rubbing and some minor nicks and scuffs to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities with some wear to spine ends and corners, rear joint cracked, armorial bookplate of Cadwallader David Colden to front pastedown, inscription, presumably his, to front free endpaper, Colden's signature in pencil to head of title page. Moderate toning and light foxing to text, faint dampstaining in a few places. A nice copy of a scarce title with an interesting association. \$1,850.

ONLY EDITION. "I have collected everything to be found in the books which appeared to be material; and I have endeavoured to extract all the principles by which the law, as to these offenses, is governed: and although no direct authority can be cited in support of one of these principles, in the form in which I have stated them, yet when every part of the subject is examined, I feel some confidence, that they will be found correct" [iii-iv]. Bevill was a barrister of the Inner Temple. The *Dictionary of National Biography* says this book "was terribly lacerated" by the *London Monthly Review*, but does not say why (II:450). The notable vehemence of this review suggests a personal or partisan motivation. A member of a distinguished New York City family, Colden [1769-1834] was a mayor of New York City from 1818-1821, a U.S. Representative from New York from 1821-1823 and a member of the New York State Senate from 1825 to 1827. The inscription on the front free endpaper reads: "Murder is a killing of malice-/ Malice is where there is a felonious and deliberate interest/ to do bodily harm by probably means." ESTC N14026.

8 BIANCHI, MARCO ANTONIO
(MARCANTONIO) [1498-1548].

Tractatus de Indiciis Homicidii Ex Proposito Commissi & de Aliis Indiciis Homicidii & Furti: Ad Legem Finale[m] ff. De Quaestionibus.

Venice: Apud Ioannem Andream Vauassorem Dictum Guadagninum, 1546. 112, [16] ff. Octavo (6" x 4").

Contemporary limp vellum, ties lacking. Moderate soiling, spine darkened, moderate rubbing to extremities, spine ends bumped, small chip to fore-edge of front cover, hinges partially cracked. Moderate toning to text, somewhat heavier in places, faint dampspotting in places, minor worming to gutter in a few places, some edgewear to front and rear endleaves, brief early owner inscriptions to front free endpaper and foot of title page. \$500.

SECOND EDITION, one of three issues from 1546, none with priority. First published in 1545, this is a treatise on homicide and theft in Roman law. It treats the investigation of those crimes and their degrees and penalties. This book includes sections on premeditation and the use of torture. It went through several later editions and was included in the great multi-volume anthology *Tractatus Universi Iuris* (1584-1586). Bianchi was a professor of law at the University of Padua and a fairly prolific and well-regarded legal writer. All editions of this title are scarce. OCLC locates 3 copies of 1546 issues in North America (GWU Law School, Harvard Law School, UCLA), no copies of our Vauassorem imprint. *EDIT16* CNCE 5729.



N° 8



9 BILDERBECK, CHRISTOPH LORENZ
[1682-1740].

Gründliche Deduction Gegen die Vermeintliche Regalitt derer Jagden und die Daraus Hergeleitete Fehlsame Doctrinen und Folgen, Auf Geschehenes Veranlassen Ausgefertiget u. Zum Druck Befördert. Mit Verschiedenen Additionibus Vermehrte Auflage. Worinnen nebst Vielen Andern zu Obigem Themate Gehörigen Materien auch die Frage: Ob ein non Usus Jurium et Privilegiorum den Verlust Derselben nach sich Ziehe des Mehrern Erläutert Wird.

[Celle]: Zu Finden in der Deetzischen Buchhandlung, 1741. [ii], 17, [9], 458, [12] pp. Folio (13" x 8-1/2").

Contemporary vellum, gilt title to spine, edges rouged, pastedowns renewed. A few minor stains, boards slightly bowed, vellum beginning to crack tough pastedowns, recent owner bookplate to front pastedown, rear hinge cracked, moderate toning to text. \$1,500.

SECOND AND FINAL EDITION. Early game and land laws record the earliest attempts to preserve the environment. They also offer fascinating insights into social history due to their relevance to topics ranging from class structure to foodways. First published in 1723, Bilderbeck's treatise deals mostly with Saxon law, with comparative commentary on Roman law. Both editions of this title are scarce. OCLC locates no copies of either edition in North America. Not in *VD18*. *BMC* 3:429.

10 BLACKSTONE, SIR WILLIAM [1723-1780].

An Analysis of the Laws of England. To Which Is Prefixed an Introductory Discourse on the Study of the Law.

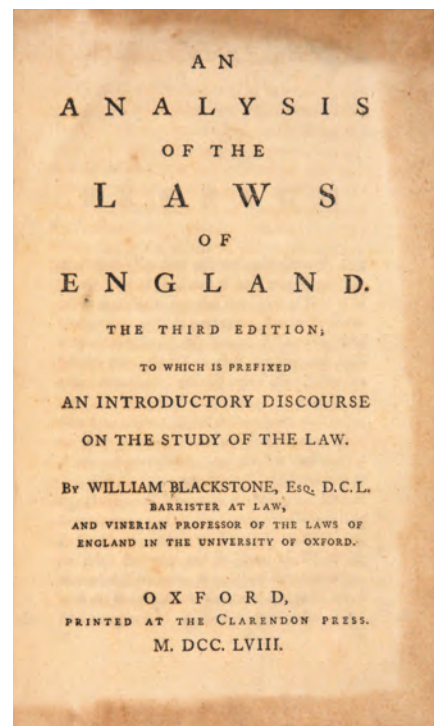
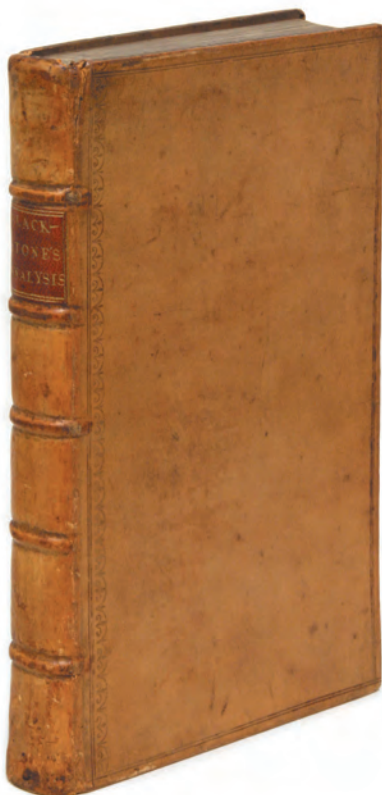
Oxford: Printed at the Clarendon Press, 1758. lxx, [6], 189, [15] pp. Copperplate Table of Descents. Folding Table of Consanguinity. (Octavo (8" x 5").

Contemporary calf, blind rules to boards, gilt tooling to board edges, blind fillets along joints, raised bands and lettering piece to spine, ribbon marker. Light rubbing to boards and extremities with negligible wear to spine ends and corners, front hinge cracked, about 1/2" neatly removed from front free endpaper, bookplate residue to rear pastedown. Light toning to text, somewhat heavier in places, light browning to outer margins of title page and following three leaves. A handsome copy. \$1,200.

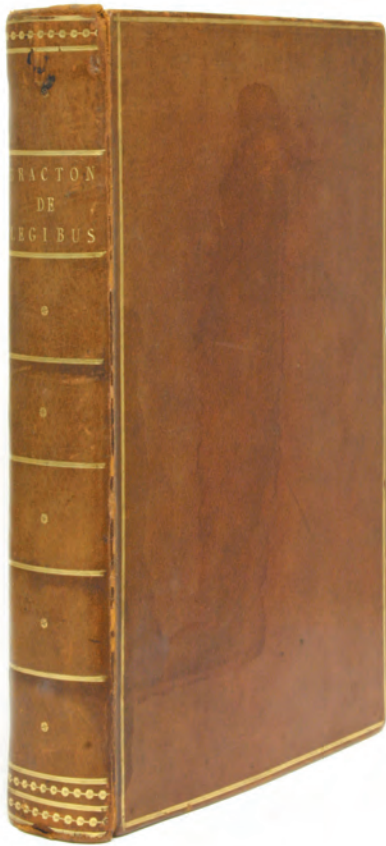
THIRD EDITION. First published in 1756, the *Analysis* became the outline for Blackstone's *Commentaries on the Laws of England* (1765-1769). The third edition was the first issued under Blackstone's name. It was also the first to include, "A Discourse on the Study of the Law," Blackstone's introductory lecture as Vinerian professor of law at Oxford, and an "Alphabetical Index of the General Titles and Particular Examples Comprised in the Analysis and the Appendix." Eller 219. Laeuchli 522.



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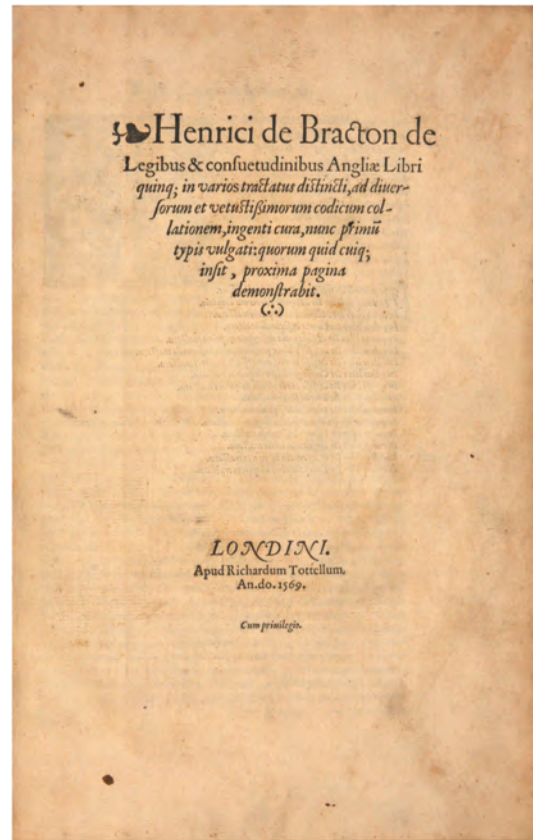
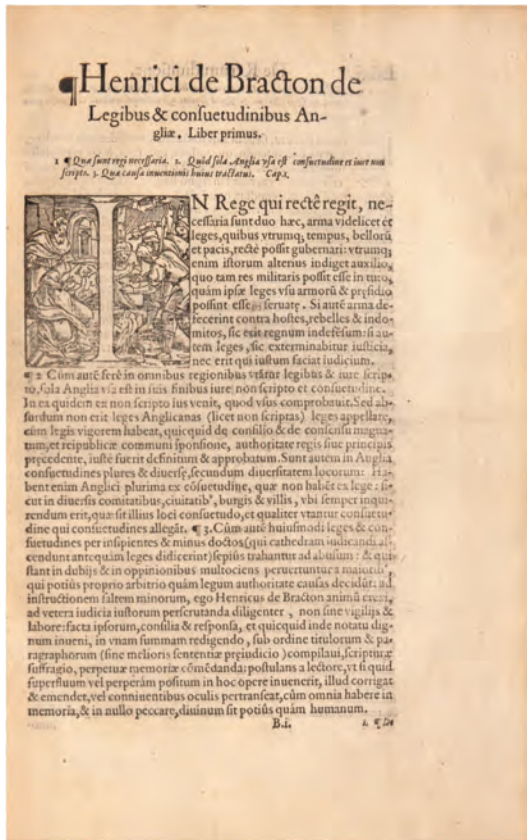
11 BRACTON, HENRY DE, [D. 1268].

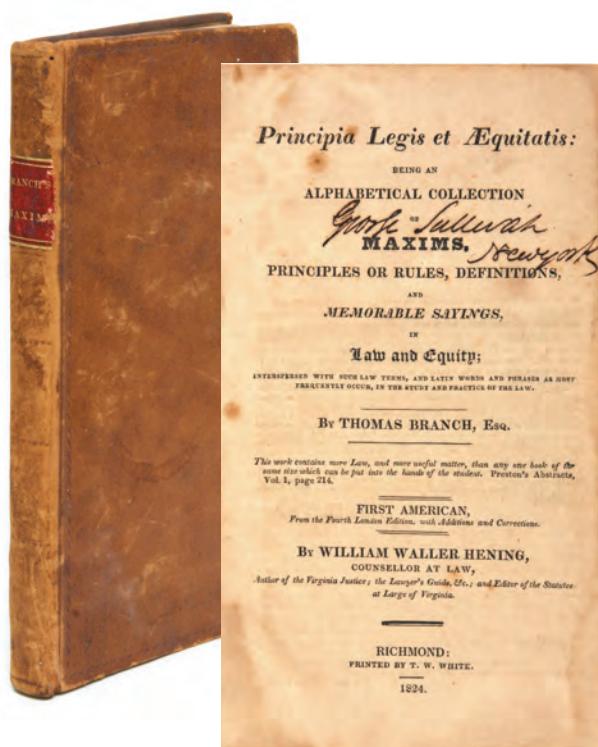
De Legibus et Consuetudinibus Angliae, Libri Quinq; In Varios Tractatus Distincti, ad Diversorum et Vetustissimorum Codicum Collationem, Ingenti Cura, Nunc Primu Typis Vulgati; Quorum Quid Cuiq; Insit, Proxima Pagina Demonstrabit.

London: Apud Richardum Tottellum, 1569. [xvi], 444 [i.e. 442] ff. Folio (11-1/4" x 7-3/4").

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 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. \$12,500.

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 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, *Collected Papers* II:43. Beale T323. PMM 89. ESTC S122159.





ONLY AMERICAN EDITION OF BRANCH'S COLLECTION OF LEGAL MAXIMS



See image page 15.

5"5" X 23" BROADSIDE CONTAINING FRENCH REVOLUTIONARY ARMY'S CRIMINAL CODE AND CODE OF CRIMINAL PROCEDURE

- 12 BRANCH, THOMAS [FL. 1738-1753].
HENING, WILLIAM WALLER [1768-1828], EDITOR.

Principia Legis et Aequitatis: Being an Alphabetical Collection of Maxims, Principles or Rules, Definitions, and Memorable Sayings in Law and Equity. First American, From the Fourth London Edition. With Additions and Corrections.

Richmond, VA: Printed by T.W. White, 1824. [viii], [9]-168 pp. Octavo (8-1/4" x 4-3/4").

Contemporary sheep, blind fillets to boards, blind fillets and lettering piece to spine. Light rubbing to boards, moderate rubbing to spine and extremities, corners and spine ends bumped. Light browning to text, slightly heavier in places, faint dampstaining to some leaves, early owner signatures to front pastedown and title page. \$750.

ONLY AMERICAN EDITION. This popular book was first published in 1753. It went through six English editions, the final appearing in 1824. Based on the fourth London edition (1822), the American edition is enhanced by Hening's additions. According to Marvin, "As a manual, this little book contains more law and more useful matter, than any one book of the same size which can be put into the hands of the student.' It is more extensive than Noy's Maxims, and 'draws so copiously from the common law reports and writers of the age of Elizabeth, and since that time, that it may be regarded as the accumulated spirit and wisdom of the great body of the English law.'" Marvin's first quote is from *Preston on Abstracts*, the second from Kent's *Commentaries on American Law*. Marvin 143.Cohen 5376.

- 13 [BROADSIDE].
CONVENTION NATIONALE.

Décrets de la Convention Nationale, Du 12 Mai Mil Sept Cent Quatre-Vingt-Seize, l'An Second de la République Française. 1. Organisation des Tribunaux Criminels Militaires. 2. Code Pénal Militaire.

Marseille: De l'Imprimerie de Jean Mossy, 1793.

65" x 23" broadside, mounted on linen, with some marginal restoration, folded into six section, tipped into good late-nineteenth century, half-cloth over marbled boards, gilt title to spine. Light rubbing, soiling and a few minor stains to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities with some wear to spine ends and corners, light soiling to spine, front hinge starting, partial crack between front free endpaper and hinge holding broadside, small owner bookplate to front pastedown, small shelf label (?) tipped-in to front free endpaper, some toning, light soiling and foxing to broadside. A remarkable item. \$1,500.

DECREE NO.865. Signed at the foot by Descene, Secrétaire-Générale, 27 Mai 1793. The creation of an army founded on the principles of the French Revolution was one the many great changes wrought by the National Convention. Popularly known as the Army of Year II, it was a fighting force under civilian control of 650,000 men consisting of volunteer soldiers, eventually supplemented by mass conscriptions (the *levée en masse*) and professional officers drawn almost exclusively from the middle classes. It became one of the greatest armies in history. Intended to be posted in a conspicuous place, and thus available to all who could read, this massive broadside contains the army's penal code and code of criminal procedure. They were by far the most liberal codes of their time. The format of our broadside also reflects the Assembly's commitment to transparency and desire to transmit legal knowledge as broadly as possible. This text was also issued as an octavo-sized book. See Saricks 5897.



Detail from N° 14

WITH A CURIOUS NOTE OF LOCAL PRIDE

14 [BROADSIDE].
[EXECUTION].
BARNET, JOHN [D. 1818].

Execution of John Barnet Who Suffered at Aberdeen on Friday the 6th November, 1818, For Various Acts of Housebreaking and Theft, And His Body, Soon After it was Cut Down, Thrown Into the Sea!!

[Aberdeen]: Printed for [John Muir?], [1818].

8-1/2" x 7-1/2" broadside pasted to contemporary 15-1/4" x 9-1/2" sheet. Text in two columns below headline. Moderate toning and negligible light soiling to broadside, somewhat heavier along right-hand margin. \$1,250.

BARNET "DIED WITH GREAT STRUGGLE." Afterwards, his body was "cut down and conveyed, under the attending escort of the 88th Regiment, to a boat ready to receive it, in which it was carried out and sunk at sea." The broadside ends with a flourish of local pride. Quoting from the *Aberdeen Chronicle*, it states: "To the credit of this populous city and the three counties with which it is connected, for 27 years previous to the present, only three capital punishments have taken place here." No copies listed on OCLC.

AN EVENT THAT ADVANCED A SUCCESSFUL MOVEMENT TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF CAPITAL CRIMES IN MASSACHUSETTS

15 [BROADSIDE].
[EXECUTION].
[SALEM, MASSACHUSETTS].

Execution of Stephen Merrill Clark, Which Took Place on Winter Island, Salem, On Thursday, May 10, 1821.

Salem (?), MA: S.n., 1821.

17-1/2" x 11-1/4" broadside. Text in four columns enclosed by black rules, small woodcut of a coffin below headline, untrimmed edges. Light browning and foxing, fold lines, three horizontal and one vertical, a few creases and tiny fold-overs along edges. A notably well-preserved copy of a scarce item. \$1,850.

IN 1820 CLARK BURNED DOWN A BARN. There was no loss of life, but he was tried for a capital crime, found guilty and sentenced to death. The jury recommended commutation to no avail. He was sixteen years of age when he committed the crime, seventeen when executed. His case helped to advance a successful movement to reduce the number of capital crimes. By 1852 only murder remained a capital offense. Cohen lists this item but notes that he didn't handle a copy; his entry is based on a dealer's catalogue. Cohen also notes another broadside, again unseen, a 16-page pamphlet at Harvard Law School, and a 63-page report of the trial, at Yale Law School. Curiously, there is nothing for Clark in McDade, which is surprising given the contemporary and long-term importance of the case. These omissions in McDade suggest the rarity of these four accounts. OCLC locates 10 copies of the broadside. Cohen 1238.



N° 15

AN UNRECORDED BROADSIDE?

- 16 [BROADSIDE].
[MANSLAUGHTER].
THOMPSON, THOMAS.

Account of the Awful Death of Patrick M' Connor, A Hewer in the St. Hilda Pit, South Shields, By Being Struck with a Pick, By Thomas Thompson, A Putter in the Same Pit, on Thursday, October 19, 1837.

Gateshead: W. Stephenson, Printer, 1837.

13-3/4" x 6-1/4" broadside, bottom 1-1/2" folded, pasted to 13-1/2" x 8" sheet. Text in single column below headline. Light toning, bottom corners cropped (with no loss to text), a few minor chips and tears to sheet. A well-preserved copy. \$1,250.

A QUARREL TOOK PLACE in St. Hilda's mine pit between Thompson and M' Connor over a cart that resulted in M' Connor's death. His body was taken above ground where it was found that "the blow had been given with considerable force, as it had entered the right breast, and penetrated to the bowels, up to the very handle of the instrument..." Thompson, an 18-year-old, was found guilty of the manslaughter. This appears to be an unrecorded broadside. No copies located on COPAC or OCLC.

"HORRID AND BARBAROUS MURDER COMMITTED
AT STAPLETON"

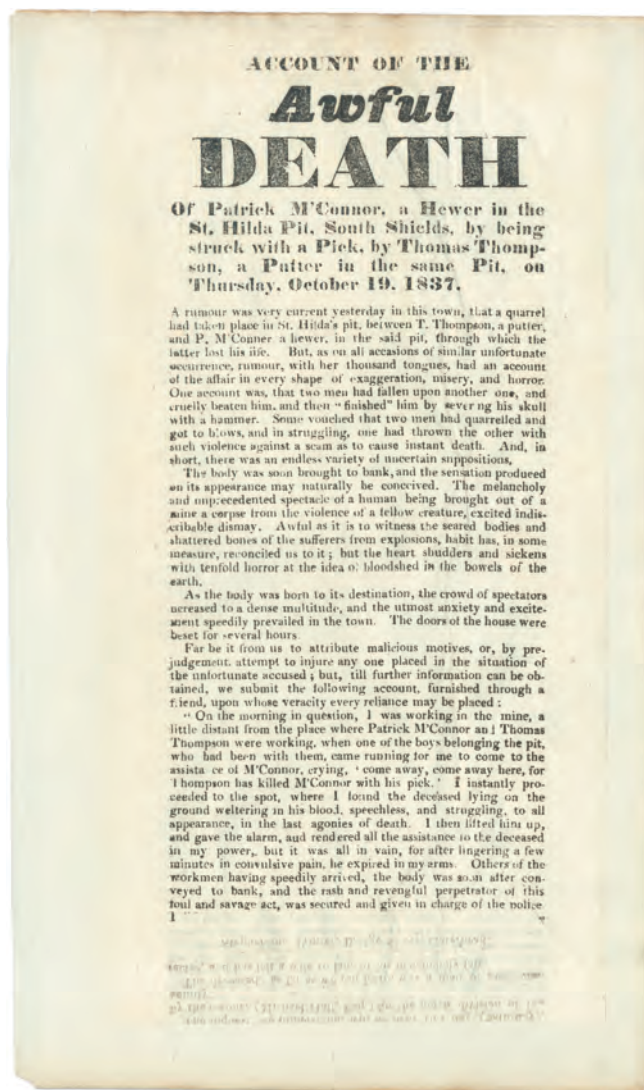
- 17 [BROADSIDE].
[MURDER].
[BARTLETT, CHARLES S. (D. 1837)].
[LEWIS, MARY (D. 1836)].

Full Particulars of the Murder, That was Committed on the Body of Mary Lewis, By Charles S. Bartlett, her Son-in-Law, On Saturday, September 10, 1836. With the Copies of Two Letters, That he Wrote to his Wife and Father-in-Law; Also Giving an Account of the Funeral of the Murdered Woman.

Bristol: John Bonner, [c.1837].

20" x 15" broadside. Three woodcuts, the largest of these, depicting the murder, has coloring in red ink depicting blood coming from the head of the victim. Main text in three columns, verses at foot text in five columns. Moderate toning and light foxing, horizontal fold line through center, folds, repaired tears to upper left corner with loss of a few words, without loss of sense, a few small holes along fold. \$4,500.

BARTLETT WAS THE LEADING ACTOR of Inglestone's San Pareil Theatre company, who had been playing at the nearby annual fair at St. James' Barton, Bristol. He had been married to Sarah Lewis for only a couple of months before the discovery of his mother-in-law's body. It transpires that before their marriage Sarah's father had handed over a dowry of £47 to Bartlett, with the caveat that no more money would be forthcoming until the death of Mary Lewis. Bartlett had been seen alone with Mary on a number of occasions in the days leading up to her murder. With evidence stacking up against him Bartlett was arrested and committed to trial, where he pleaded "not guilty." However, he was found guilty by the jury and executed on April 15, 1837. There is a vivid account of this case in the *Newgate Calendar*: www.exclassics.com/newgate/ng885.htm. No copies located on OCLC.



N° 16



Detail from N° 17

Horrid and Barbarous Murder Committed at Stapleton.

THE FULL PARTICULARS OF THE MURDER OF MARY LEWIS, by Charles S. Bartlett,



HER SON-IN-LAW,
On Saturday, September 10, 1886.
With the Copies of Two Letters, that he wrote to his Wife and Father-in-Law; also giving an Account of the FUNERAL of the Murdered Woman.
John Bonner, Printer, Nicholas Steps, Bristol.—Travellers and Shopkeepers Supplied on the shortest notice.

One of the most atrocious and deliberate murders which we have ever read of, was committed at Stapleton, on Saturday afternoon, the 10th of September, 1886, by an alleged perpetrator of it, a young man named Charles Samuel Bartlett, who during the fair, formed one of Ingleton's troops of amateurs in the Theatre Royal, the "Temple." It appears that about a month since, Bartlett clandestinely married the daughter of Mary Lewis, his victim, at her native place, Monmouth. With his wife, Bartlett retained 481 and at the death of her mother she expected an additional 500. The possession of this sum in all probability was Bartlett's motive for committing this foul deed; for only a few days before, he observed by his wife, that "if he had the 500 which her mother was to leave her, he should be able to set up for himself," meaning he should be able to open a Theatre on his own account. On Friday evening the day before the murder was committed Bartlett sent a boy to fetch him some powder and bullets, charging him to tell his wife if she should ask him whether he was going, that it was to purchase some percussion caps; the boy however, did not see Mrs. Bartlett, and succeeded in procuring the powder only; Bartlett upon being informed by the boy that he could not get the bullets, said it was of no consequence. On Saturday the unfortunate deceased accompanied the prisoner to Stapleton in consequence of his having stated to her, that he was going to receive some money a little way in the country, but in order to obtain it, he must not only have a marriage certificate, but it was necessary that some friend of his wife should accompany him. His mother-in-law agreed to go with him, and he charged her not to inform his wife of their purpose, although she had intended to visit her mother-in-law on the Saturday morning. Bartlett also left his lodgings alone, No. 3, Barton Street, between 12 and 1 on Saturday. Where he met the deceased but was not accompanied; but shortly before two they returned the "Masons' Arms" public-house, and had a glass of gin and water each. Bartlett borrowed a knife, and went into the back-yard, where he cut a stick, which it is supposed was intended to ram the shot into the Pistol. They then left the house together, and

was seen by a woman who was in the room while they were drinking to enter the lane, named Lippitt's lane, where the Murder was committed. On the Saturday afternoon, his mother-in-law had been invited to his lodgings to tea, and her daughter expressed some surprise at her absence on Sunday the mystery not being cleared up. Bartlett proceeded to be very uneasy, and went out as if in search of her. What he was motivated by that kind infatuation which is often observed in persons similarly situated, or whether by a love-sick frenzy and impetuous temper, he thought it most probable from himself, we cannot say; but on the Sunday afternoon, he proceeded to Stapleton, and with some other persons went into the "Masons' Arms" to see the body. While the inquest was remaining the covering from the corpse, and before Bartlett could obtain a full view of the body, he exclaimed, "Good God! that man's wife's mother, Mrs. Lewis." This declaration excited the landlord's suspicion, and he got several questions to him. Bartlett put his hand to his forehead and sank back on a chair, as if in deep agitation of mind. The landlord now called up his wife, and in an under tone requested her to look round on the persons in the room, there being 20 or 30 present, to see if there was any one of them whom she recollected by any particular circumstance; she accordingly did so, and on coming to Bartlett, who was standing with his back towards her, she said a young man had then turned round and looked her in the face; she proceeded on further with the woman, and was leaving the room, when Mr. Bedford, her husband, (whose conduct throughout the trial has been proved) put his hand on her shoulder, but said nothing; his wife, anticipating the question she supposed he was about to put, immediately did so, and upon Bartlett's going towards the door, he requested him to stay as he was the only person that could identify the deceased. Bartlett seemed very anxious to go, notwithstanding Mr. D's desire that he should remain. He however at length complied with Mr. Bedford's request and the other persons having withdrawn, Mrs. Bedford, and Mrs. Light came into the room. At this moment the Rev. Mr. Mirehouse arrived, and the female witness being observed by Bartlett, he asked her to ask some questions, and to show his watch,

this having been done, they were further confirmed by his going and his watch, which they had looked at and seen the same day, in their belief, and declared Bartlett to be the same man who was in company with the deceased on Saturday. In the mean while Mr. Bedford, called up Nicholas, constable, and desired him to prevent Bartlett from leaving the room. Bartlett is about 23 years old, 5 ft 9 in high, light complexion, not very prepossessing countenance. He has also, singularly enough, a double row of front teeth, like what is represented as a characteristic of the 3rd Richard. At the inquest he was seated in a blue coat with a velvet collar and a figured waist button, green striped neckerchief, black waistcoat, and brown trousers; he evinced an ease of manner and address rather at variance with his low occupation. His words were well chosen, and his observations opportune; indeed from what we can gather, he has received a superior education. His connections we cannot ascertain, but we are told that he has a father living in London. His victim, Mary Lewis, was a native of Monmouth, and her connections are respectable; she had been rather a handsome woman, though "fallen into the mire and yellow lead," her object in coming to Bristol, was for the purpose of procuring her boy in the Gloucester Street Hospital, and it was quite by accident she met with Bartlett and her daughter. The scene at the inquest was only distressing.

A Copy of a Letter which he wrote to his Wife.

"Dear Wife,
I entreat you to set aside the past and confine yourself to my present awful situation. You are well aware I have no friend here to assist me, I therefore call upon you as my duty binds me to render me all the assistance in your power. If you can possibly remain here till next week to see my mother, do so. Were I guilty of the dreadful crime I am charged with, I know not what would be my sufferings; even now, at times, my brain seems bewildered. I much wish to see your poor distressed father, and trust he will not leave without. I call upon you by all the tender feelings of a wife, if you have any—by every tie, sacred human and divine,—not to desert your husband in this trying hour. However this is present; I therefore conclude, begging in so kindly mannered, with every sentiment of affection, to your unhappy father, and believe me ever your affectionate, truly innocent and fairly accused, unhappy husband.
SAMUEL BARTLETT.

"If you have the slightest regard for me, do not take those things to Monmouth."

On Friday morning at 12 o'clock, the remains of the unfortunate woman were interred at F. Albion's church. The corpse was followed by the husband, the brother of the deceased, several other relations, together with the children of the village school, and a large concourse of spectators; and in its progress to the place of burial the funeral procession passed both the entrance and the exit of the lane in which the murder was committed. A village funeral is always a mournful occurrence, but in this instance it was more than usually so, from the awful manner in which the deceased had come to her end. On the arrival of the corpse at the gate of the churchyard, it was met by the clergyman, who proceeded to the grave, delivering in a very impressive manner the beautiful and heart-thrilling service of the National Church; and, after its conclusion, the Rev. Gentleman, whose name we were unable to learn, briefly addressed the persons assembled. He said in effect—At such an awful moment as this, I feel impelled, not by mere courtesy, which has brought many of you here, but by my spiritual office, to say a few words on this event. It is indeed an awful occasion, and I hope the impression will not be lost on your minds, and that when you go from this place, you will fall on your knees and pray to God to forgive you your sins. Remember that many who have come to such a place as this, from mere curiosity, have returned to their closets, fallen on their knees in prayer, and have been blessed by the Almighty. I entreat you to do the same,

If it's a dead of blood was told,
On list what I report,
"Twill well I'm sure you'll unfold,
The deepest hearted heart.
The blacked Murder I'll relate,
And when you hear the crime,
You'll say there's none, but yet return'd,
Since the wretched Thurbie slain,
'Twas near to Bristol's Ancient Town,
The dead of blood was done,
'Twas where a Mother wailer'd to her grief,
Shot by her inhuman son.
He ask'd her for to take a walk
A few miles out of Town,
She went with him, but little thought
Her life so nearly run.

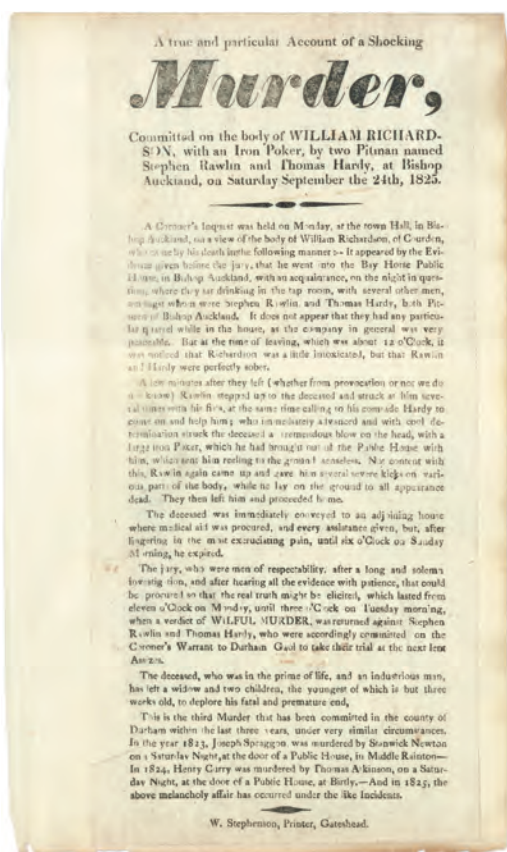
A Copy of a Letter, which he wrote to his Father-in-Law.

"Dear Father,—I take up my pen with feelings hardly to be described, to inform you of a most awful occurrence, which, before I attempt to picture, I beg you will spare yourself with all the fortitude possible. Oh! heaven! how shall I word it! To be brief; your poor wife has been discovered murdered, and I am accused—yet have I call God to witness that I am innocent, although circumstantial evidence appears to have woven its web around me. Believe me, was I guilty of so horrible a crime, which God forbid, I do think I could bring my mind to bear upon writing to you; yet aided by the Supreme, in whom I put my trust, and the sweet consciousness of innocence, I hope to have strength enough to carry me through the awful examination and trial now pending.
"I do have interest you to come as speedily as possible, and you will find that I can meet you with all the serenity of mind and countenance innocence only can." (overse.)
"And believe your affectionate, yet best broken-spirited son, e'en till death."
CHARLES SAMUEL BARTLETT.
Masons' Arms Inn, Stapleton, 2 miles from Bristol.
Directed to Mr. Lewis to be left at the Lion,
Dry Bridge Street, Monmouth.
*The words within parentheses were substituted for "alone can," which he erased.

THE FUNERAL.



And in this place a house there stands,
Known as the "Masons' Arms,"
To which this couple did repair,
To shelter from the storm.
And near this house there is a path,
That's called Lippitt's Lane,
A dark and dismal path it is,
Said for once so nearly run.
With trees this path is over hung,
And gloomy it appears,
A path, which never the midday sun
Repleasant rays doth strike,
Into this path the youth he took,
The Parent of his wife,
But little did she think it was
The last minute of her life.
Debut her down the lane he walk'd,
As onward the way she led,
A path, which never the midday sun
Repleasant rays doth strike,
Then down he fell and gave a groan,
The vital spark had fled,
But little did she think it was
From one so lately dead.



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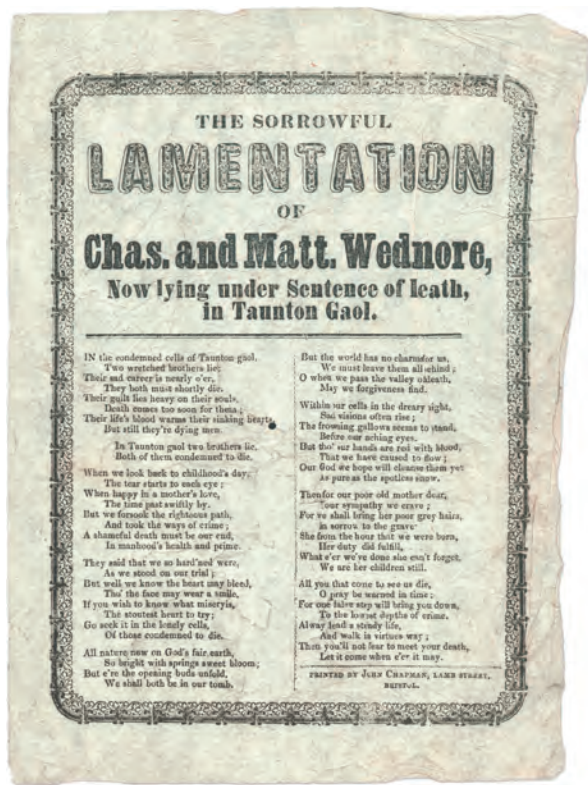
18 [BROADSIDE].
[MURDER].
RAWLIN, STEPHEN.
HARDY, THOMAS.

A True and Particular Account of a Shocking Murder, Committed on the Body of William Richardson, with an Iron Poker, by Two Pitman named Stephen Rawlin and Thomas Hardy, at Bishop Auckland, on Saturday September the 24th, 1825.

Gateshead: W. Stephenson, Printer, 1825.

13-1/8" x 6" broadside pasted to 13-1/4" x 8" sheet. Text in single column below headline. Moderate toning, minor edgewear to sheet. A well-preserved copy. \$1,250.

THE MURDER APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN the result of a brawl in a pub. A few minutes after it began, Rawlin called for help to his comrade Hardy, who smashed Richardson in the head with a large iron poker. They left Richardson for dead and proceeded home. After a long and solemn investigation, the jury returned with a verdict of Wilful Murder. The broadside indicates a pattern of similar crimes. "This is the third Murder that has been committed in the county of Durham within the last three years, under very similar circumstances, in the year 1823, Joseph Spraggon was murdered by Stanwick Newton on a Saturday night, at the door of a Public House, in Middle Rainton— In 1824, Henry Curry was murdered by Thomas Atkinson, on a Saturday night at the door of a Public House, at Birtly.— And in 1825, the above melancholy affair has occurred under the like incidents." This appears to be an unrecorded broadside. No copies listed on COPAC or OCLC.



"IN TAUNTON GOAL TWO BROTHERS LIE,
BOTH OF THEM CONDEMNED TO DIE"

19 [BROADSIDE].
[MURDER].
WEDMORE, CHARLES.
WEDMORE, MATTHEW.

The Sorrowful Lamentation of Chas and Matt Wedmore, Now Lying under Sentence of death [sic] in Taunton Goal.

Bristol: Printed by John Chapman, [1862].

10" x 7" broadside. Verse text in parallel columns below headline within woodcut border. Moderate toning and light soiling, a few minor tears and tiny holes, minor edgewear to margins. \$1,250.

SEEKING MONEY, the Wedmore brothers invaded the home of Sarah and George Waterman, their elderly great-uncle and great-aunt. When George Waterman opened the door, the brothers forced their way into his house, beat him and his wife, dragged him upstairs and forced him to tell them where the money was. Sarah died shortly afterwards. The brothers were tracked down, convicted and hanged on April 5, 1862. Without question, the brothers were sociopaths. Intended to teach a moral lesson, the broadside portrays them as remorseful. Contemporary accounts of their behavior, both during and after their trial, indicate their indifference toward their horrible crime. This appears to be an unrecorded imprint. No copies located on COPAC or OCLC.

"O WHAT A HORRID TALE TO SOUND"

20 [BROADSIDE].
[MURDER].
[WHITE, JOSEPH (1747 OR 1748-1830)].

Murder of Joseph White: The Following Lines were Written on the Death of Mr. Joseph White of Salem, Who was Found Murdered in His Bed on the Morning of the 7th April 1830, Aged 82 Years.

Boston: [L. Deming], 1830.

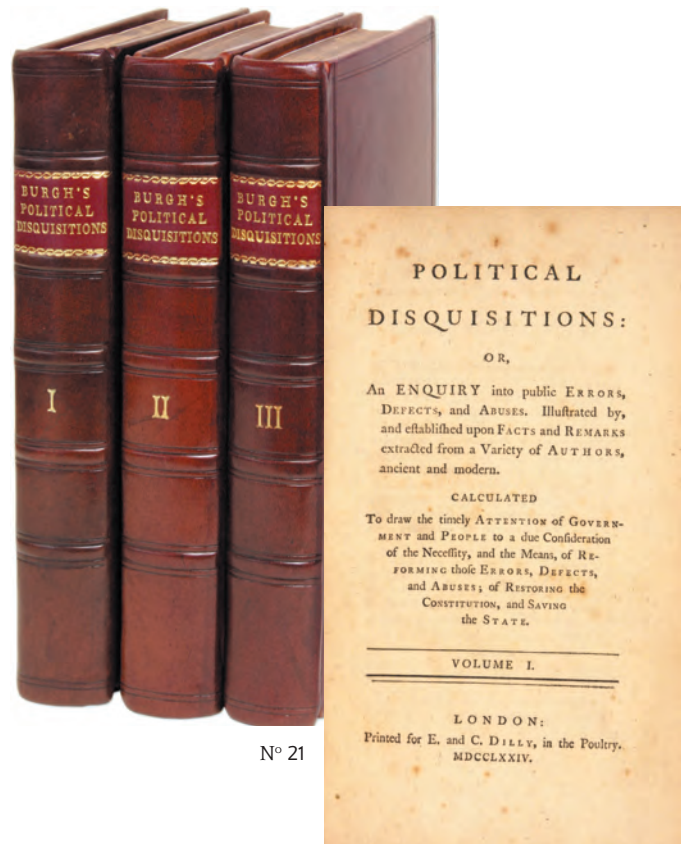
9" x 5-3/2" broadside, untrimmed edges. Woodcut image of coffin below headline, ten-stanza verse text in two columns. Light browning, light soiling and a few minor stains, three horizontal fold lines, early owner signature and early owner stamp to verso.

\$1,500.

A VERSE ACCOUNT of the murder of Joseph White, one of the most famous American crimes of the 1830s. White, a wealthy sea captain in his 80s who lived in Salem, was murdered by Joseph Knapp with the assistance of Richard and George Crowninshield. Daniel Webster helped the prosecution by presenting the closing argument. Initially, the jury could not decide whether the defendants had bludgeoned White to death. A second trial convicted Knapp and Richard Crowninshield, who were sentenced to death. OCLC locates 7 copies, 2 in law libraries (Harvard, Yale). Burt 87.



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A WORK THAT INFLUENCED JOHN ADAMS AND OTHER AMERICAN FOUNDING FATHERS

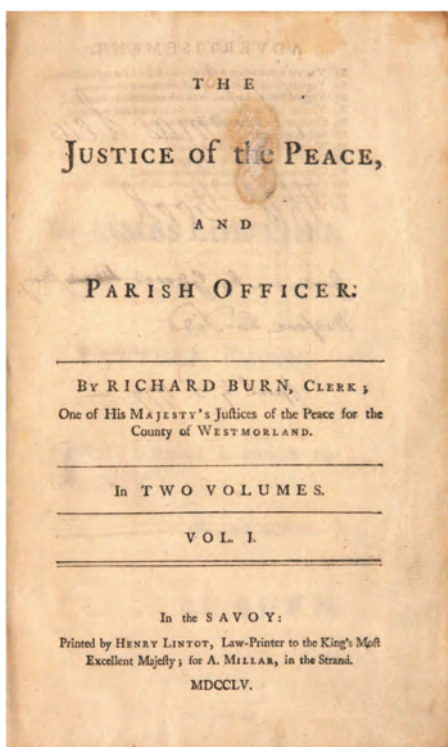
21 [BURGH, JAMES (1714-1775)].

Political Disquisitions: Or, An Enquiry into Public Errors, Defects, and Abuses. Illustrated By, And Established upon Facts and Remarks Extracted from a Variety of Authors, Ancient and Modern. Calculated To draw the Timely Attention of Government and People to a Due Consideration of the Necessity, And the Means, Of Reforming Those Errors, Defects, And Abuses; Of Restoring the Constitution, And Saving the State.

London: Printed for E. and C. Dilly, 1774-1775. Three volumes. xxiii, [9], 486; vii, [9], 477; [viii], 460, [42] pp. Complete set. Volume III includes two-page publisher catalogue. Octavo (8-1/4" x 5-3/4").

Recent period-style calf, blind rules to boards, raised bands and lettering pieces and gilt-stamped volume numbers to spines, endpapers renewed. Moderate toning, slightly heavier in places, occasional light foxing. A handsome set. \$3,500.

FIRST EDITION. Burgh was notable reformer of "public errors, defects, and abuses." Notable for its extensive use of statistics, his *Political Disquisitions* offers arguments in favor of several then-radical ideas, such as free speech and universal (male) suffrage. The first two volumes of this work were published in 1774, the third in 1775. Another edition was published in Philadelphia in 1775. It was a profound influence on the American Founding Fathers, John Adams especially, who said the book "ought to be in the hands of every American who has learned to read" (cited in Wood). Jefferson owned a copy of the American edition. Wood 165. Sowerby 2720. ESTC T69213.



HANDSOME FIRST EDITION OF BURN'S JUSTICE

22 BURN, RICHARD [1709-1785].

The Justice of the Peace, And Parish Officer.

[London]: Printed by Henry Lintot, 1755. Two volumes. xxvii, [1], 541, [3]; [iii], 573, [11] pp. Three-page publisher advertisement at end of Volume I, another one-page advertisement facing title page of Volume I. Octavo (8-1/4" x 5").

Contemporary calf, blind rules to boards, blind fillets along joints, blind tooling to board edges, raised bands and black-stamped volume numbers to spines. Light rubbing and a few minor stains to boards, heavier rubbing to extremities, some chipping to spine ends, corners bumped and somewhat worn, faint bookplate residue to pastedowns, hinges cracked. Light toning to text, somewhat heavier in places, minor stains and smudges to a few leaves, early owner annotations and signatures to endleaves and verso of Volume I title page. An appealing set. \$1,750.

FIRST EDITION. A remarkably durable work, Burn's *Justice* went through 30 editions by 1869 and was excerpted often in early American justice manuals, such as Parker's *Conductor Generalis* (1764) and Burn's *Abridgment of Burn's Justice of the Peace and Parish Officer* (1773). It covers such topics as Accessory, Alehouses, Aliens, Assault and Battery, Bail (By Writ of Habeas Corpus), Bankrupt, Banks for Savings (Rules and Regulations), Burglary, Clergy, Dogs, Evidence, Excise and Customs, Fish and Fisheries, Forfeiture, Forgery, Game, Homicide, Indictment, Jurors, Libel, Oaths, Insolvent Debtors, Polygamy, Poor Law, Promissory Notes, Rape, Riot, Robbery, Taxes, Vagrants and much more. Holdsworth notes that "a perusal of these headings tells us something of the development of the system of local government" during the time of the book's publication. Holdsworth, *HEL* X:162. ESTC T68627.

FIRST EDITION OF A CLASSIC STUDY OF INTERNATIONAL LAW AND THE LAWS OF ARMED CONFLICT

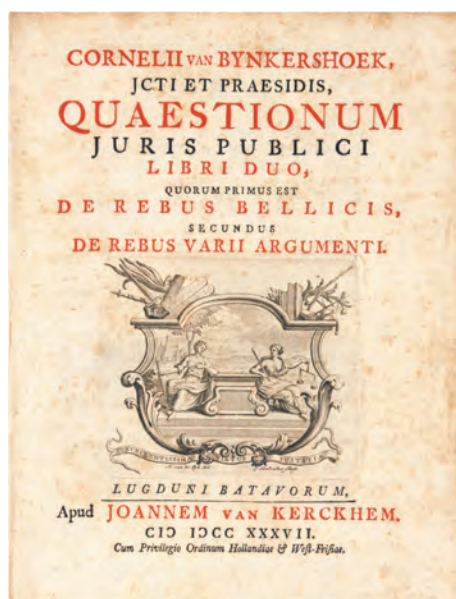
23 BYNKERSHOEK (BIJNKERSHOEK), CORNELIS VAN [1673-1743].

Quaestionum Juris Publici, Libri Duo, Quorum Primus Est de Rebus Bellicis, Secundus de Rebus Varii Argumenti.

Leiden: J.V. Kerckhem, 1737. [xxiv], 384, [31] pp. Quarto (7-3/4 x 6").

Contemporary vellum, early hand-lettered title to spine. Light soiling to spine, corners and spine ends lightly bumped, front pastedown loose. Title page with attractive copperplate allegorical vignette printed in red and black, woodcut head-pieces tail-pieces and decorated initials. Light to moderate toning, light foxing in places, early owner annotations and faint recent marks in pencil to a few leaves. A handsome copy. \$1,500.

FIRST EDITION. One of the most important jurists and international lawyers of his time, Bynkershoek was a Dutch jurist who founded the positive school of international law, which favored principles drawn from usage and practice over theorems drawn from natural law. He was also the first to propose the "three-mile limit" rule, which states that a nation may claim sovereignty over adjacent waters to a distance of three miles, the maximum distance of a cannonball fired from a shoreline. *Quaestionum Juris Publici* is one of his most important works international law. The first and most important part, "De Rebus Bellicis," is one of the first modern assessments of the laws of war. Bynkershoek accepts that war encompasses violence against civilians and non-military targets. As Neff observes, he "candidly pronounced war to be an 'attempt to subjugate the enemy and all that he has by seizing all the power that the sovereign has over the state, that is to say, by exercising complete dominion over all persons and all things contained in that state. (...) [T]he whole state is placed in the legal attitude of a belligerent toward another state, so that every member of the one nation is authorized to commit hostilities against every member of the other, in every place and under every circumstance." Having acknowledged these facts, he goes on to condemn actions against civilians and advocates the fair treatment of prisoners of war. Beginning with Lord Mansfield, scholars have considered this to be Bynkershoek's greatest work. It was reissued in 1930 as a title in the Carnegie Classics of International Law series. Neff 204-205. Walker 163. Dekkers 16.



DU PONCEAU'S TRANSLATION OF *DE REBUS BELLICUS*

- 24 BYNKERSHOEK (BIJNKERSHOEK),
CORNELIS VAN.
DU PONCEAU, PETER STEPHEN [1760-1844].
EDITOR AND TRANSLATOR.

**A Treatise on the Law of War: Being the First Book of His
Quaestiones Juris Publici.**

Translated From the Original Latin with Notes, by Peter Stephen du Ponceau.

Philadelphia: Published by Farrand & Nicholas [et al.], 1810. xxxiv, 218 pp. Octavo (8-1/2" x 5-1/2").

Recent period-style calf, blind rules with small corner fleurons to boards, lettering piece and blind fillets to spine, endpapers added. Light browning to text, light foxing to title page and a few other leaves, signature of Edward Delafield Smith dated July 27, 1861 to front endleaf. A handsome copy with an interesting association.

\$1,250.

ONLY EDITION, one of two issues (the other bound into copies of Volume III of the *American Law Journal*). This is a translation of *De Rebus Bellicus*, part one of Bynkershoek's *Quaestiones Juris Publici* (1737). Du Ponceau's able translation is prefaced by a biography of the author, a table of cases, an index of citations from the *Corpus Juris Civilis* and an annotated bibliography of civil law treatises cited or referred to by the author. This latter item, which lists editions and translations, is interesting for its insights into the American reception of the civil law in the early 1800s. Du Ponceau is an important figure in the early history of American law and letters. He founded the Law Academy of Philadelphia in 1821, was the President of the American Philosophical Society and was a much-consulted expert on international relations and linguistics. Edward Delafield Smith [1826-1878] was the U.S. District Attorney for the Southern District of New York from 1861-1866 and Corporation Counsel for New York City from 1871-1875. He was a notable legal writer, poet and book collector. Cohen 7166.

THE GROWTH OF THE LAW, INSCRIBED BY CARDOZO

- 25 CARDOZO, BENJAMIN N. [1870-1938].

The Growth of the Law.

New Haven: Yale University Press. [1924 (1927 printing)]. 145 pp.

Publisher's cloth, light shelfwear, "To the Association of the Bar of the City of New York From Benjamin N. Cardozo" in bold hand to front free endpaper, internally clean. Ex-Bar Association Library. Inkstamp to title page, annotations and inkstamp to verso, inkstamp to rear pastedown. A well-preserved copy with an appealing association.

\$1,000.

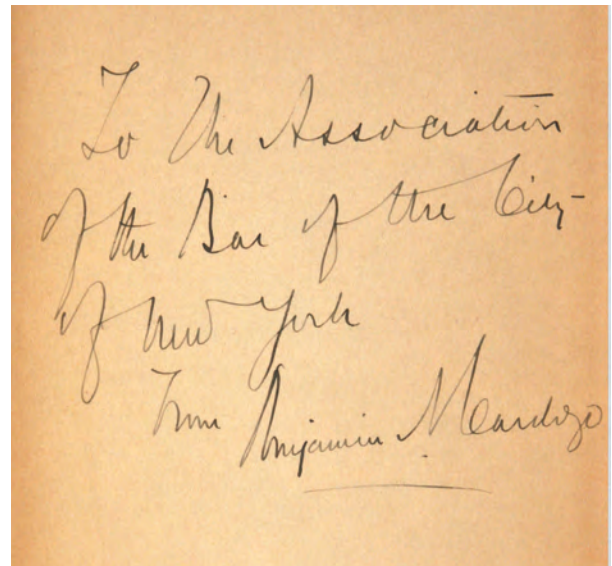
FIRST EDITION, FIFTH PRINTING. Intended as a supplement to *The Nature of the Judicial Process*, this is the published version of a series of lectures delivered at Yale Law School in 1924. The inscription reflects Cardozo's association with, and affection for, the Association of the Bar of the City of New York.

FIRST EDITION OF *THE PARADOXES OF LEGAL SCIENCE*
INSCRIBED BY CARDOZO

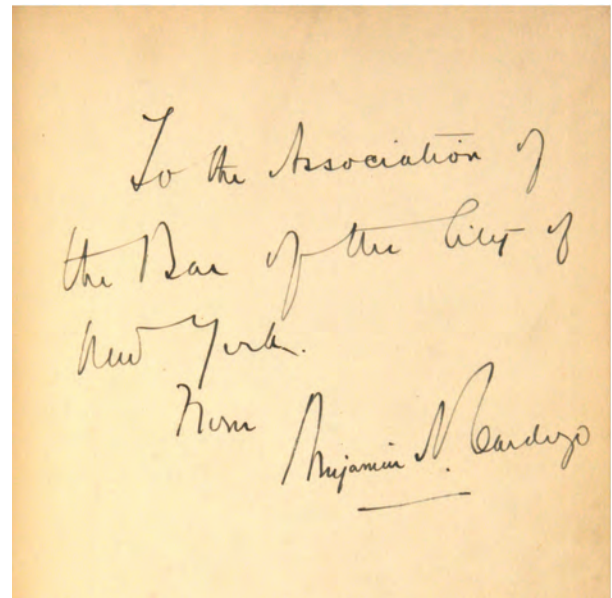
- 26 CARDOZO, BENJAMIN N.

The Paradoxes of Legal Science.

New York: Columbia University Press, 1928 (1930 printing)]. v, 142 pp. Publisher's cloth, negligible light shelfwear. "To the Association of



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the Bar of the City of New York. From Benjamin N. Cardozo" in bold hand to front free endpaper, internally clean. Ex-Bar Association Library. Inkstamp to title page, annotations to verso, another inkstamp to rear pastedown. A well-preserved copy with an interesting association.

\$1,000.

FIRST EDITION. One of Cardozo's most important books, the *Paradoxes of Legal Science* is a classic statement of juristic pragmatism. As Goodhart points out, it also reveals the non-legal sources that informed his work. "His many references in these lectures to Greek philosophy show how great a part his early classical training played in the formation of his ideas; in relating his general principles to the concrete cases which, in his words, he used as a kind of legal litmus paper, he was a true Aristotelian" (Goodhart). The inscription reflects Cardozo's association with, and affection for, the Association of the Bar of the City of New York. Goodhart 59-60.

CLARO ON ROMAN CRIMINAL LAW AND PROCEDURE

27 CLARO, GIULIO [1525-1575].

Sententiarum Receptar[um] Liber Quintus; In Quo Diversorum Criminum Materia XX. "Diligenter Explicatur. Item Practica Criminalis, Totius Criminalis Iudicii Ordinem & Delictorum Poenas Complectens, Ab Eodem Authore Prostremo Supradicti Libri Addita. Unà cum Singularum Quaestionum Summariis, & Indice Rerum Memorabilium Locupletissimo.

Venice: Apud Ionnem Gryphium, 1568. [320] ff. Folio (11-1/4" x 7-1/4").

Recent quarter vellum over marbled boards, gilt title to spine, endleaves added. Light rubbing to extremities, light soiling and faint spotting to spine. Moderate toning and faint dampstaining to text, brief early annotations to a few leaves. \$1,500.

FIRST EDITION. Claro was a Milanese jurist. This (bibliographically distinct) study of Roman criminal law and procedure, and the criminal law of Milan, was Book Five of an unfinished multi-volume work titled *Sententiae Receptae*. Six other editions were published in the sixteenth century and it was included in several collected-works editions, which began to appear during the seventeenth century. All editions of this work are scarce. OCLC locates 3 copies of the first edition in North America (Harvard Law School, UC-Berkeley Law School, University of Pennsylvania). *EDIT16* CNCE 12643.

FIRST EDITION OF COKE'S LANDMARK COMMENTARY ON MAGNA CARTA AND "ENGLISH LIBERTIES"

28 COKE, SIR EDWARD [1552-1634].

The Second Part of the Institutes of the Lawes of England. Containing the Exposition of Many Ancient, And Other Statutes; Whereof you May See the Particulars in a Table Following.

London: Printed by M. Flesher, and R. Young, for E[phraim] D[awson], R[ichard] M[eighen], W[illiam] L[ee] and D[aniel] P[lakeman], 1642. [xii], 745, [3] pp. Copperplate portrait frontispiece. Colophon leaf gives full names of publisher, pages 28 and 29 numbered correctly. Folio (10-3/4" x 7").

Contemporary reversed calf, rebacked in calf, blind rules to boards, raised bands and lettering piece to spine, date gilt-stamped to foot, endpapers renewed with marbled paper, early hand-lettered title to fore-edge of text block. Some minor scuffing to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities with some wear to spine ends and corners. Title printed within woodcut architectural border, typographical head-pieces, woodcut tail-pieces. Light toning to text, minor worming to margins of the first few leaves below text. An appealing copy of an uncommon title in commerce. \$5,000.

FIRST EDITION. *The Second Part of the Institutes*, an exposition of "many ancient and other statutes" including Magna Carta, was published by order of the House of Commons after the author's death. It is a landmark work because it offered a novel interpretation of Magna Carta. Reflecting contemporary struggles between the king and Parliament, Coke presented the charter as the ancient constitution of England, one that established the fundamental rights of Englishmen and placed royal power under

the laws of the land. Perhaps the most famous section is Coke's commentary on the 29th chapter, in which he traced the origins of trial by jury and the right of habeas corpus. According to the *ESTC*, this edition has two states: "state 1 has pages 28-29 misnumbered 38-39; state 2 has the pages numbered correctly." Yet another issue is listed in a separate record, R231698, but it is believed to be a ghost. The last copy of the first edition seen at auction in 2005. *ESTC* R12887.

THE RECEIVED EDITION OF COKE'S REPORTS

29 COKE, SIR EDWARD.
THOMAS, JOHN HENRY, EDITOR.
FRASER, JOHN FARQUHAR, EDITOR.

The Reports of Sir Edward Coke, Knt. In Thirteen Parts. A New Edition, with Additional Notes and References, and with Abstracts of the Principal Points: The First Three Parts and the Fourth to Fol. 38a. by John Henry Thomas, Esq. The Rest of the Fourth and the Remaining Nine Parts by John Farquhar Fraser, Esq.

London: Joseph Butterworth and Son, 1826. Six volumes. Octavo (9-1/2" x 6").

Recent period-style quarter calf over marbled boards, raised bands, lettering pieces and gilt volume numbers to spines, endpapers renewed. A few minor nicks and stains to calf portions of spine, retained early owner bookplates to front pastedowns of Volumes I-III, tiny embossed owner stamps to front endleaves, tiny (dime-sized) owner bookplates to title pages, owner signature of Thomas Falconer to title page of Volume I, tiny owner inkstamp to title page of Volume II. Light soiling to preliminaries, brief early annotations in pencil to a few leaves in Volume III, interiors otherwise fresh. A handsome set. \$2,000.

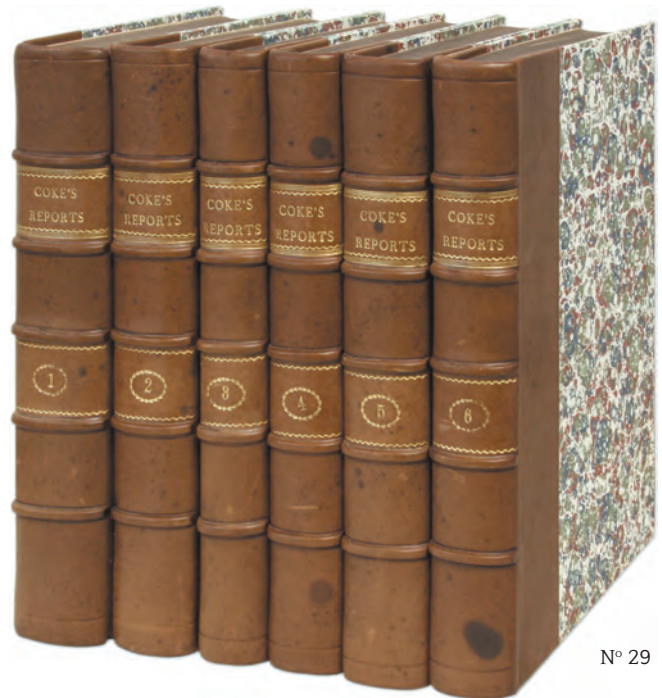
FINAL EDITION. According to Wallace, this is the "best [edition], which has superseded all older ones..." It is also noteworthy because it contains Coke's complete prefaces. Written between 1572 and 1616 by the greatest legal practitioner of the day, *The Reports* are not reports in the conventional sense but highly detailed anthologies of precedents organized according to the cases they consider. In each instance Coke assembled a large body of cases, outlined their arguments, and explained the reasons for the judgment, using it as a basis for a statement of general principles. They are, in effect, a series of treatises on the points of law adjudged, and not merely notes for citation. A work of immense authority, it was often cited as *The Reports*, there being no need to mention the author's name. Several of Coke's reports are famous, such as Shelley's Case, in issues concerning future interests in real property, and Calvin's Case, which established the common law, and conferred English citizenship, in lands conquered or acquired by the English. This latter case was especially influential in Virginia and other English colonies, and it continues to inform recent American debates concerning birthright citizenship. Falconer [1805-1882], the owner of our copy, was an English jurist and notable explorer of the American West and Mexico. A resident in the Republic of Texas from 1840 to 1842, his writings include an *Expedition to Santa Fé: An Account of Its Journey from Texas through Mexico, With Particulars of Its Capture* (1842). Wallace 165-196. Sweet & Maxwell 1:296.



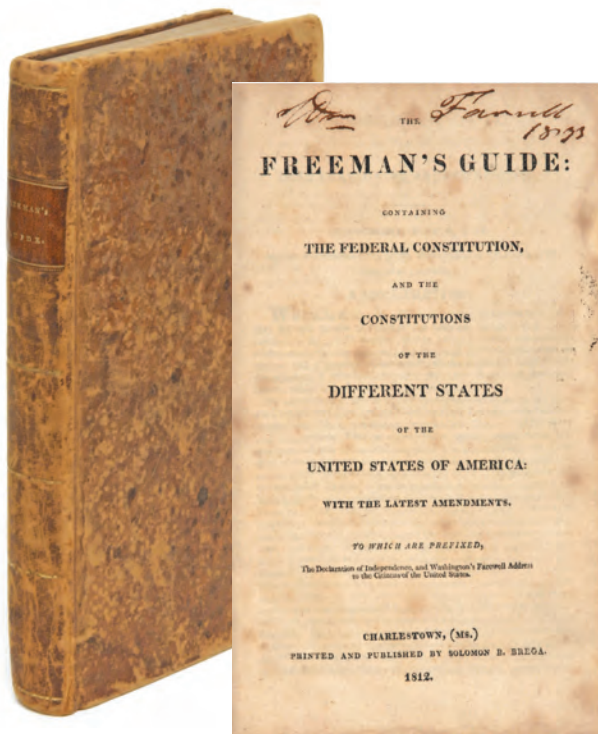
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WITH AN EARLY PRINTING OF
THE LOUISIANA STATE CONSTITUTION

30 [CONSTITUTIONS].
[UNITED STATES].

The Freeman's Guide: Containing the Federal Constitution, and the Constitutions of the Different States of the United States of America: With the Latest Amendments.

Charlestown [MA]: Printed and Published by Solomon B. Brega, 1812. 294 pp. 12mo. (7" x 4").

Contemporary sheep, blind fillets to boards, lettering piece and gilt fillets to spine. Moderate rubbing with some wear to corners, recent owner bookplate to front pastedown. Light browning to text, occasional light foxing, early owner signatures to front free endpaper and head of title page. A well-preserved copy. \$950.

ONLY EDITION. Includes the Declaration of Independence and Washington's Farewell Address. The U.S. Constitution includes the original 13th Amendment. The 18 state constitutions are printed in chronological order, Louisiana's is dated January 22, 1812. The other states are: Connecticut, Delaware, Georgia, Kentucky, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Vermont and Virginia. Cohen 3067.



HANDSOME GIUNTA EDITION OF THE *DECRETALS*
OF GREGORY IX ILLUSTRATED WITH C.180 WOODCUTS

31 *CORPUS JURIS CANONICI*.
GREGORY IX [1147?-1241], POPE.
[BOTTONI, BERNARDO (D. 1266), GLOSSES].
[GIOVANNI D'ANDREA (C.1270-C.1348),
COMMENTARY].

Decretales D[omi]ni Pape Gregorii Noni Acurata Diligentia Novissime Q[uam] Pluribus Cum Exemplaribus Emendate: Aptissimisq[ue] Imaginibus Exculte: Cum Multiplicibus Repertoriis Antiquis: [et] de Novo Factis ad Materias Quascunq[ue] Inueniendas Amplissimis. Additis Omnibus Necessariis Addi Possibilibus: Que de se Legentibus Patebunt.

[Venice: Per Lucantonium de Giunta, 1514]. [iv], 536 ff. Main text in parallel columns surrounded by linear gloss. Full-page woodcut (of Christ before Pilate) facing f. 1, woodcut tables of descent and consanguinity, c. 180 woodcuts throughout text. Quarto (8" x 6").

Recent period-style paneled calf, blind tooling to spine, endpapers added, clean tears to title page, ff. 14 and 141 carefully mended. Printed in red and black throughout, woodcut Giunta



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device to title page, woodcut decorated initials. Light toning to text, occasional (very) faint dampspotting to margins, light soiling, minor worming and two brief early annotations to title page, extensive annotations to rear endleaves and some passages in the text. A handsome copy. \$5,000.

THIS EDITION IS NOTABLE FOR ITS ELEGANT typography and numerous woodcuts that illustrate points in the text. composed it shortly before 1263. Gregory's *Decretals* is one of the four works known collectively as the *Corpus Juris Canonici*, a collection of papal decisions concerning ecclesiastical hierarchy, procedure, the functions and duties of clerks, family law, crime

and vast areas of what are now called "private law." It was revised in 1580-1582 to reflect changes ordered by the Council of Trent. In this form it remained in force until the enactment of the *Codex Iuris Canonici* (Code of Canon Law) in 1918. Our addition includes the standard gloss on this work, or *Glossa Ordinaria*, of Bernardo Bottoni and extracts from the *Novella sive Commentarius in Decretales Epistolas Gregorii IX*, by Giovanni d'Andrea. A complete work (and bibliographically distinct), our volume is part of a three-volume edition of the *Corpus Juris Canonici* issued by Giunta in 1514. OCLC locates 4 copies in North American libraries (Library of Congress, Harvard, UC-Berkeley, Yale). EDIT16 CNCE13386.

THE SPIRIT OF ROBIN HOOD

32 [CRIMINALS].
[IRELAND].
O'HANLON, REDMOND.

Irish Freebooter; Or, Surprising Adventures of Captain Redmond O'Hanlan, a Celebrated Robber, Who, For Many Years Commanded a Banditti, And Laid a Considerable Part of the Country Under Annual Contributions. Together with the Life and Adventures of Humphrey Kynaston, Who, After Spending a Splendid Fortune Commenced Robber [sic], And Supported Hundreds of the Poor, By Depredations on the Rich.

New York: Published by W. Borradaile, 1823. 22 pp. Woodcut frontispiece. Octavo (7-3/4" x 4-1/4").

Stab-stitched pamphlet in printed wrappers, untrimmed edges. Moderate soiling, wrappers split along spine, but secure, light browning and foxing to text. \$650.

FIRST AMERICAN EDITION. First published in London in 1819, this is a chapbook account of famed robbers who followed in the path of Robin Hood. Appended is a further account of "The Remarkable Case of Wm. Butterworth and F. Jennison for the murder of Mr. Groundwater." The front wrapper is dated 1824 and contains a list of "Pamphlets, &c." published by Borradaile at 130 Fulton St., NY. OCLC locates 5 copies of this imprint (American Antiquarian Society, Arizona State University, Harvard, Rollins College, University of Kentucky). *AI* 12931.

WRITTEN FOR THOSE WHO ARE "ENEMIES TO QUACKERY"

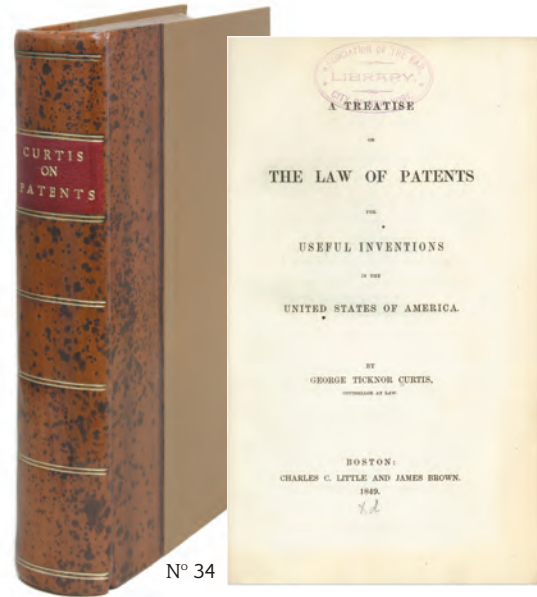
33 [CUNNINGHAM, TIMOTHY (D. 1789)].

The Law of Physicians, Surgeons, And Apothecaries: Containing All the Statutes, Cases at Large, Arguments, Resolutions, And Judgments Concerning Them. Compiled, By Desire of a Great Personage, For the Use of Such Gentlemen of the Faculty as Are Enemies to Quackery, in Order to Point Out the Defects in the Law, As it Now Stands, Relative to those Professions, And To Propose such Expedients for Remedying them as They Shall Think Necessary, Before the Next Session of Parliament, When it is Intended to Apply for an Act for Regulating the Practice of Physick, And Suppressing Empirical Nostrums.

London: Printed by W. Griffin, 1767. 8, 109, iii pp. Includes 3 pp. publisher catalogue. Octavo (8" x 5").

Stab-stitched pamphlet bound into recent quarter-calf over marbled boards, calf title panel to front board. Light toning, faint dampspotting to a few leaves. \$1,250.

ONLY EDITION. Timothy Cunningham (died 1789) was a London barrister, legal writer and antiquarian. The author of more than twenty books, Cunningham was also one of the most prolific legal writers of the eighteenth century. As indicated by its title, the *Law of Physicians* is both a summary of the law and an argument for stricter laws to suppress "quackery" and the use of "empirical nostrums." OCLC locates 7 copies, 3 in North America, none in law libraries. *ESTC* T75418.



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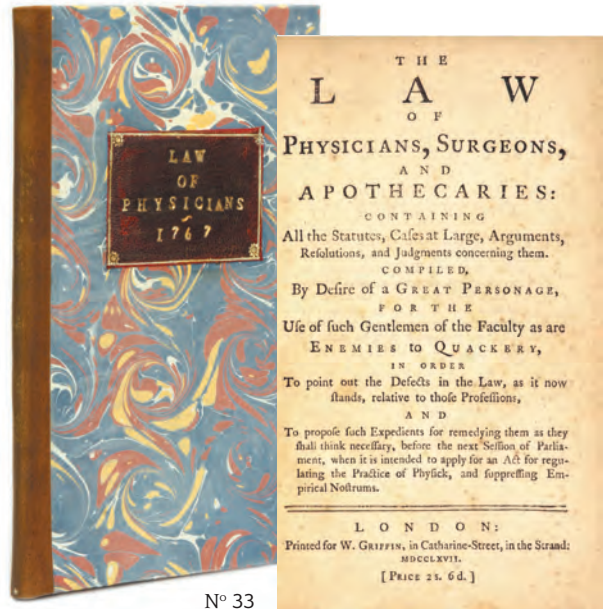
FIRST EDITION OF CURTIS'S IMPORTANT TREATISE ON PATENTS

34 CURTIS, GEORGE TICKNOR [1812-1894].

A Treatise on the Law of Patents for Useful Inventions, in the United States of America.

Boston: Little, Brown and Co., 1849. xl, 604 pp. Octavo (9" x 6"). Recent period-style speckled quarter calf over cloth, gilt fillets and lettering piece to spine, endpapers renewed. Moderate toning to text, faint law-library stamp to head of title page, a few brief annotations to verso. A nice copy in a handsome binding. \$1,500.

FIRST EDITION. Curtis's was one of the earliest American treatises on the subject. The granting of patents in Anglo-American law has often been marked by confusion over their scope and intent. There has been much debate, for example, about whether patents create monopolies. Curtis argued that they do not according to the common law. Instead, a patent is a "grant by the government to the author of a new and useful invention, of the exclusive right, for a term of years, of practising that invention" (xxi). The fourth and final edition of this work was published in 1873. *Cohen* 7117.



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FIRST EDITION OF A CLASSIC STUDY OF CHURCH PATRONAGE

35 CURTIUS, ROCHUS (CORTE, ROCCO) [FL. 1470-1515].

Tractatus Perutilis Et Quotidianus De Jure Patronatus...

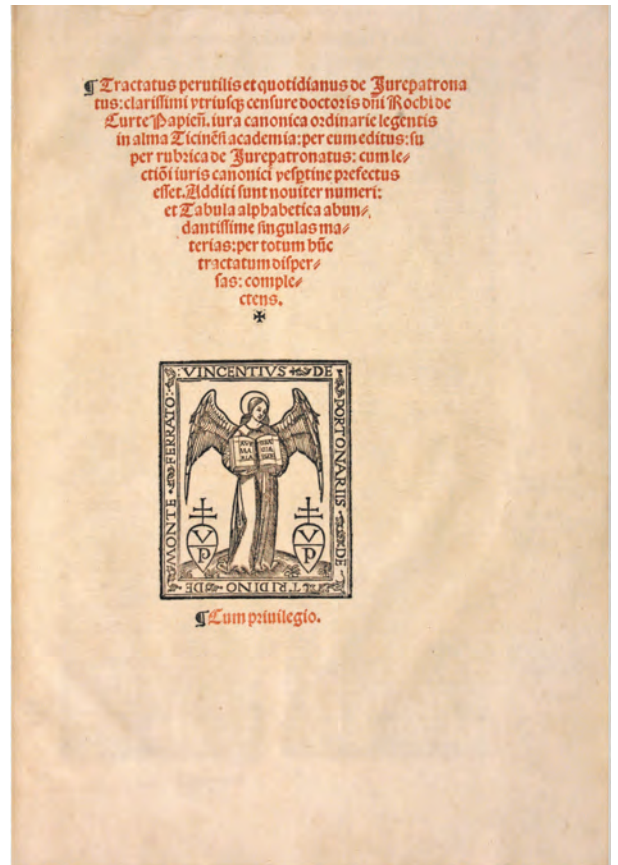
[Lyon]: Vincentius de Portonariis, De Tridino Monte Ferrato [1520]. 37 ff. Text in parallel columns. Folio (15-3/4" x 11").

Recent three-quarter vellum over marbled boards, endpapers renewed. Negligible light shelfwear and soiling. Title page with large woodcut printer device, printed in red and black, large woodcut initial with (possibly) later coloring at head of text, woodcut decorated initials, text printed on wide-margined paper. Light toning, somewhat heavier in places, underlining and brief annotations in early hand to a few leaves. An appealing copy of a rare, handsomely printed edition. \$5,000.

THE IUS PATRONATUS is the body of laws concerning patronage by members of the church, including the granting of privileges, lands and goods. First published in 1506, the commentary of Rochus Curtius was a standard work on this subject into the seventeenth century. Our edition is remarkable for its magnificent typography and notably wide margins. (title as inverted pyramid in red); remarkably broad-margined, printed



on strong paper. The printer Vincent de Portonariis, de Tridino de Monte Ferrato is not stated in the colophon; he is only identified by the printer device on the title page. As a result, this imprint is often misattributed. OCLC locates 2 copies of our 1520 imprint, both in Germany. Not in Adams or the USTC.



36 DAMHOUDER, JOSSE (JOOST) DE
[1507–1581].

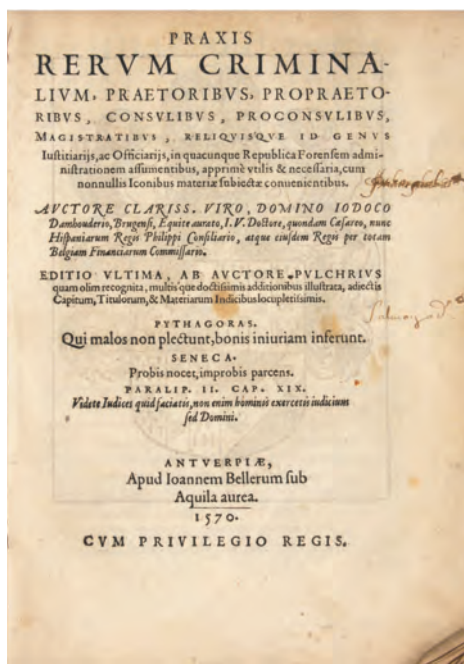
Praxis Rerum Criminalium: Praetoribus, Propraetoribus, Consulibus, Proconsulibus, Magistratibus, Reliquisque id Genus Iustitiaris ac Officialis, Apprime Utilis & Necessaria.

Antwerp: Ioannem Bellerum, 1570. [xxxii], 508, [64] pp. Latin text printed in double columns. 70 large woodcuts in text. 68 depict criminal acts, 2 depict types of torture. Large armorial woodcuts at beginning and end of book. Quarto (8-1/2" x 6-1/2").

Contemporary limp vellum with lapped edges, early hand-lettered title to spine, ties lacking. Light soiling, somewhat heavier to spine, a few minor stains, moderate wear to extremities, wear to bottom edge and corner of front cover with some loss, front pastedown

loose and worn, rear pastedown loose, recent owner bookplate to front free endpaper, minor, gradually diminishing dog-earing to lower corners of first 16 leaves. Moderate toning to text, somewhat heavier in places, occasional, and negligible, minor dampstaining to bottom edge of text block, faint inkstains to a few leaves. An appealing copy. \$4,500.

FIRST PUBLISHED IN 1551, this was the first comprehensive study of criminal procedure published in northern Europe. A synthetic work drawn mostly from Roman-Dutch sources, it was based on Philip Wielant's *Practycke Crimineele* (1439–1519) and other earlier treatises. Published in Latin, Dutch and French, it was standard authority throughout the continent for many years. This Belgium edition from 1570 is illustrated throughout with woodcuts depicting adultery, murder, theft and many other crimes. Damhouder was an advisor to the Duke of Burgundy and a prolific author of legal and religious treatises. Dekkers 44.



ONE OF BOSTON'S WEALTHIEST MEN ACQUIRES LAND

37 [DEED OF SALE].
[MASSACHUSETTS].
[HANCOCK, THOMAS (1703-1764)].
[BLANCHARD, JOSEPH (1704-1758)].

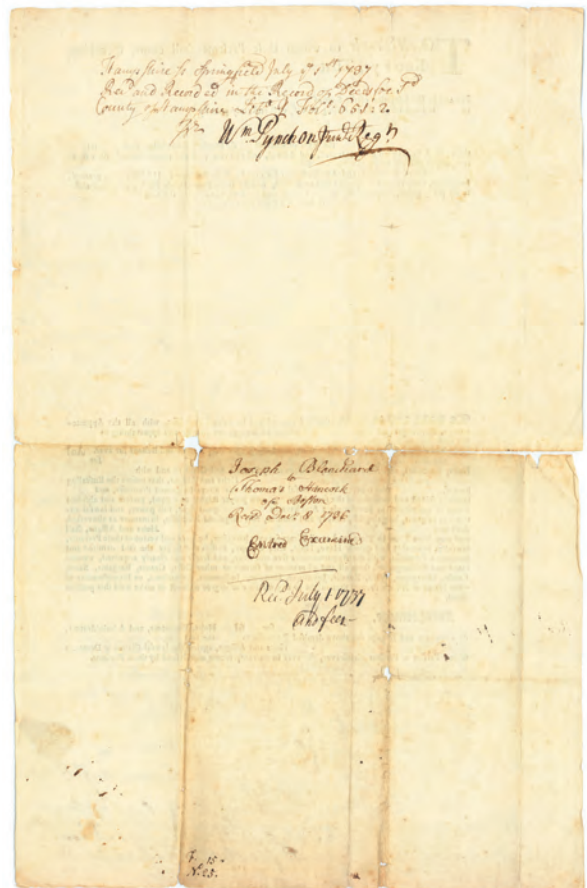
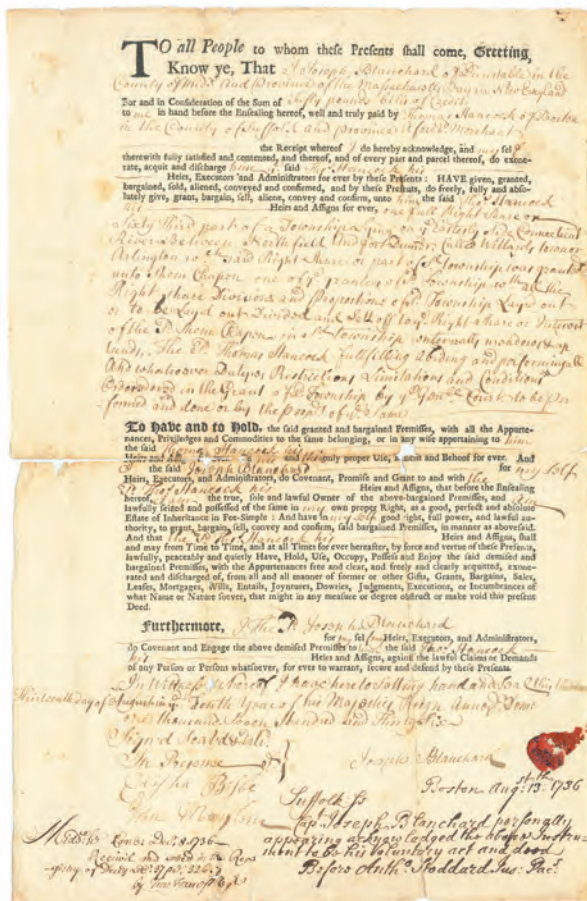
To All the People to Whom These Presents Shall Come,
Greeting, Know Ye....

May 4, 1789.

15" x 9-3/4" part-printed document, inscribed in neat hand, docketed on verso. Moderate browning and some edgewear, vertical and horizontal fold lines, partial split with a few tiny chips along central horizontal fold. An interesting item. \$850.

A PARTIALLY PRINTED DEED for the purchase of a sixty-third part of a new township, in middle Massachusetts, on the "Easterly side of the Connecticut River between Northfield and

Fort Dummer called Willard town or Arlington." The buyer was a savvy 33 year old rising star among Boston merchants, Thomas Hancock, who started in the book trade, expanded into importing and exporting, and later who became one of Boston's wealthiest men. When his health failed he passed his business and fortune to his nephew and ward, future Founding Father John Hancock. The date was only one year after the announcement of the cessation of hostilities in the Wabanaki-New England War by Massachusetts Lieutenant Governor Dummer, after whom the Fort was named (the area included the Western area of fighting). It was sold to him by Joseph Blanchard, Dunstable, [now New Hampshire] who a year earlier was a lieutenant in the New Hampshire Militia in the war. It is also signed and recorded by the great-grandson of Springfield's founder William Pynchon also named William Pynchon. Also signed by Anthony Stoddard recently appointed judge, and a Harvard graduate. An early bill of sale related to many important founding families in Massachusetts.



38 [DEMME, WILHELM LUDWIG].

Römisch-Juristisches Gesangbuch durch den Poetischen (?) Knüttel des Rothen Apostrophen aus dem Corpus Juris zur Respectiven Freude und Aergerniß der Leute Glücklich Herausgeprügelt. Eine Canibalistische Witzsünde von diesen Jahre durch die Gütige Geburtshülfe des Herrn Sühning zu Leipzig den Augen der Welt Bloßgestellt. Mit Einem Allegorischen Kupfer.

Leipzig: [J. Sühning], 1824. 354, xii, [iv] pp. Copperplate allegorical frontispiece. Includes 2 pp. publisher catalogue. Octavo (6-3/4" x 4").

Pictorial paper-covered boards, title label to foot of front board. Light soiling, moderate rubbing to extremities, some darkening to spine, small scuff near head of spine, corners and spine ends bumped, moderate toning to text, light foxing in a few places. A handsome copy of a scarce title. \$1,500.

ONLY EDITION. Reminiscent of Gilbert Abbott A Beckett's *Comic Blackstone* (1846), Demme's *Römisch-Juristisches Gesangbuch* is a humorous paraphrase of sections of the *Corpus Juris Civilis* in doggerel verse. The text is preceded by an allegorical frontispiece that features cherubs armed with switches flying out of a copy of (we assume) the *Corpus Juris Civilis* to assail a trio of legal scholars. OCLC locates 3 copies in North America (Stanford, University of Michigan, Yale Law School).



A LANDMARK IN THE RECOVERY OF EARLY MEDIEVAL LAW

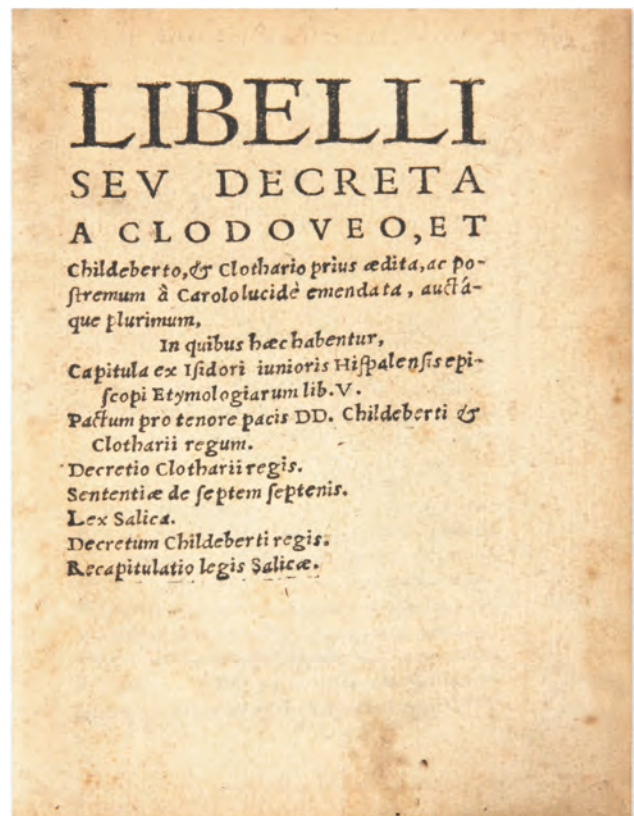
39 DU TILLET, JEAN [D. 1570], EDITOR.

Libelli Seu Decreta a Clodoveo, Et Childeberto, & Clothario, Prius Aedita, Ac, Postremum a Carolo Lucide Emendata, Auctaque Plurimum, In Quibus Haec Habentur. Capitula ex Isidori Junioris Hispalensis Episcopi Etymologiarum Lib. V. Pactum Pro Tenore Pacis DD. Childeberti & Clotharii Regum Decretio Clotharii Regis. Sententiae de Septem Septenis. Lex Salica. Decretum Childeberti Regis. Recapitulatio Legis Salicae.

[Paris: Charlotte Guillard, 1550]. [ii], [3]-127; [1], 70; [1], 95; [1], 56; 15; [2], 119, [1] pp. Six parts one, each preceded by divisional title page. Octavo 4-1/4" x 3-1/4" (10.8 x 8.2 cm).

Contemporary limp vellum, title panel and blind ornaments to spine. Light soiling, spine darkened, corners bumped, small recent owner bookplate to front pastedown, front hinge cracked. Light toning to text, light soiling to title page of first part, later owner annotations in pencil to front pastedown. An appealing copy of a rare title. \$3,000.

FIRST EDITION. An important landmark in the recovery of early medieval law, this volume contains critical editions of the principal texts of Frankish, Burgundian, Germanic, Saxon, Salic and Ripuarian law (*Lex Alemannorum*, *Antiquae Burgundionum Leges*, *Ripuariorum Leges a Theodorico Rege Francorum Latae*, *Antiqua Baivuariorum Lex* and *Vetus Lex Saxonum*.) The list of topics treated in these codes includes commerce, land ownership, inheritance, criminal procedure and civil procedure. A French humanist jurist and associate of Cujas, Du Tillet was also the Bishop of Briouac. He edited Ulpian's *Regulae* and assisted Cujas with his edition of the *Theodosian Code*. This volume was reissued in 1573 with an original title page by Jacques de Puy. Both editions are otherwise identical. Charlotte Guillard was France's first important female printer. She was renowned for the quality of her typography. Later editions were published in 1580 and c. 1600. All are rare. OCLC locates 4 copies of the first edition in North America, 2 in law libraries (Library of Congress, UC-Berkeley), Adams L644.



Actual size

- 40 EIMERIC, NICOLAU [1320-1399].
PEÑA, FRANCISCO [1540-1612], EDITOR,
COMMENTARY.

**Directorium Inquisitorum, Ordinis Praedicatorum, Cum
Commentariis Francisci Pegne Sacr[a]e Theologiae ac
Iuris Utriusque Doctoris. In hac Postrema Editione Iterum
Emendatum & Auctum, & Multis Litteris Apostolicis
Locupletatum. Accessit Haeresum, Rerum et Verborum
Multiplex, & Copiosissimus Index.**

Venice: Apud Marcum Antonium Zalterium, 1607. [xxxii], 687, [57],
153, [7] pp. Main text in parallel columns. Folio (12-1/2" x 8-1/2").
Contemporary limp vellum, early hand-lettered title to spine, ties
lacking. Light rubbing, soiling and a few minor stains, corners and
spine ends bumped and somewhat worn, vellum beginning to

crack through pastedowns, front hinge partially cracked, minor
worming to rear pastedown, first two gatherings slightly loose and
with light edgewear. Moderate toning to text, early private library
marks to front free endpaper and foot of title page. \$3,000.

LATER EDITION. The primary manual used by members of
the Spanish Inquisition [1478-1834], the *Directorium Inquisitorum*
circulated widely in manuscript and was first printed in Seville in
1500. Editions and translations of this durable work were issued
into the eighteenth century. It outlines crimes of heresy, the errors
of other faiths and such crimes as witchcraft, blasphemy, bigamy
and sodomy. Also a procedure manual, it outlines denunciations,
the investigation of crimes, including the use of torture, trials and
punishments, including forms of excommunication. The book's
second part consists of Papal documents regulating the Inquisition.
USTC 4035319.





A VIVID CONTEMPORARY DEPICTION OF THE EXECUTION OF GUY FAWKES AND HIS CO-CONSPIRATORS

41 [FAWKES, GUY (1570-1606)].
KELLER, GEORG [1576-1640].

Rechtfertigung der Vornehmsten Verräther In Engellandt.

[Frankfurt], 1606.

10" x 8" copperplate engraving, "G. Keller 1606" at foot of image, trimmed to edges, attractively mounted and matted. Moderate even toning, a few negligible dust spots, three faint vertical fold lines. An attractive, well-inked impression. \$1,500.

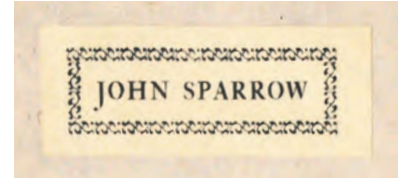
LED BY GUY FAWKES, the Gunpowder Plot was a failed attempt by a group of Catholics to assassinate King James I by blowing up the House of Lords during the State Opening of Parliament in 1605. The plot was foiled when Fawkes was discovered with a cache of explosives beneath the House of Lords. Fawkes and his co-conspirators were executed in 1606. This vivid image by Keller, the notable Frankfurt artist and engraver, depicts the execution of Fawkes and his fellow conspirators. It appears to have been modeled on an image by the Dutch engraver Claes Jansz Visscher [1587-1652].

42 FINCH, SIR HENRY [1558-1625].

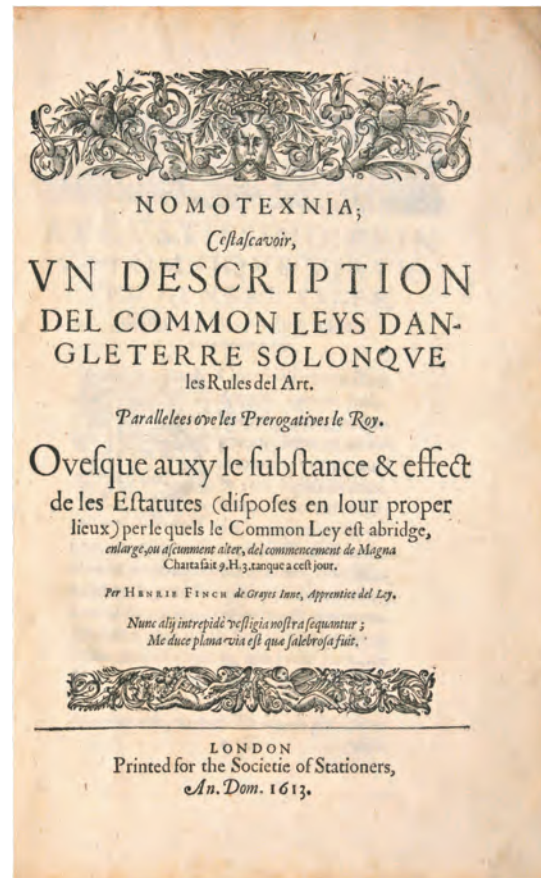
NOMOTEXNIA, Cestascavoir, Un Description del Common Leys Dangleterre Solonque les Rules del Art. Paralleles Oue les prerogatives le Roy. Ouesque Auxy le Substance & Effect de les Estatutes (Disposes en Lour Proper Lieux) Per le Quels le Common Ley est Abridge, Enlarge, Ou Ascunment Alter, Del Commencement de Magna Charta Fait 9.H.3 Tanque a Cest Jour.

London: Printed for the Societie of Stationers, 1613. [viii], 149 ff. Folio (11-1/4" x 7-1/2").

Contemporary limp vellum with yapp edges, gilt panels with central arabesques to covers, gilt fillets, ornaments and faint early hand-lettered title to spine, silk ties. Light rubbing to extremities, spine ends bumped, hinges cracked, text block loose, later armorial morocco bookplate of James P.R. Lyell and more-recent bookplate of John Sparrow to front pastedown. Light toning to text, slightly heavier in places. An attractive copy with an appealing provenance. \$4,500.



FIRST EDITION. Like Bacon, Finch recognized the need for a book of Institutes in the manner of Justinian. Well-arranged and clearly written, the *NOMOTEXNIA* was both a landmark in the history of English legal publishing and the standard elementary textbook before Blackstone's *Commentaries*. As Holdsworth observes, it also influenced "the form and arrangement of Blackstone's *Commentaries*; and, through Blackstone's *Commentaries*, the form and arrangement of the chief institutional book of English law at the present day." Our copy had two notable owners. John Sparrow [1905-1992], was a distinguished bibliophile, barrister, essayist and Warden of All Souls College, Oxford. As Nicolas Barker wrote in *The Warden's Meeting: A Tribute to John Sparrow*, he was "first and last, a great, even a very great, collector of books." By profession a solicitor, James Patrick Ronaldson Lyell [1871-1948] was a significant bibliographer and collector of printed books and manuscripts. Holdsworth, *HEL* V:400. *ESTC* S121340.



FIRST SELDEN EDITION OF FORTESCUE'S *DE LAUDIBUS*

- 43 FORTESCUE, SIR JOHN [1394?-1476?]
[SELDEN, JOHN (1584-1654), EDITOR].
[MULCASTER, ROBERT, TRANSLATOR AND EDITOR].

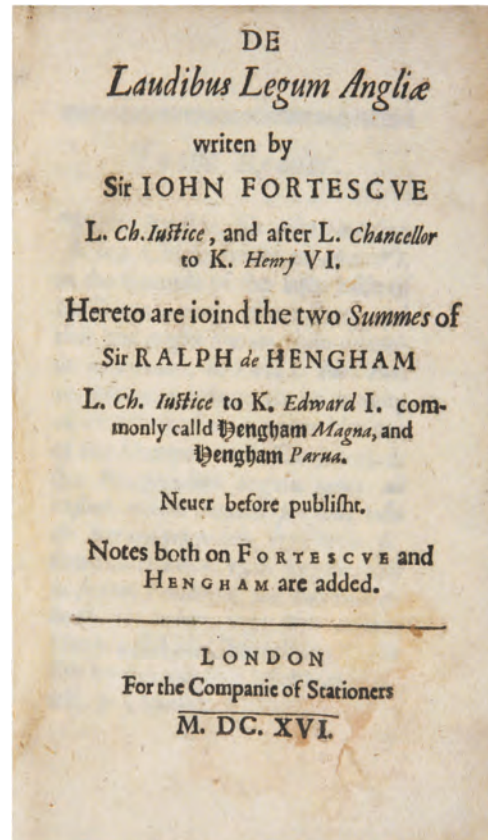
De Laudibus Legum Angliae Written by Sir Iohn Fortescue
L. Ch. Iustice, and After L. Chancellor to K. Henry VI.
Hereto are ioind the Two Summes of Sir Ralph de Hengham
L. Ch. Iustice to K. Edward I. Commonly Calld Hengham
Magna, And Hengham Parua. Never Before Publisht. Notes
Both on Fortescue and Hengham are Added.

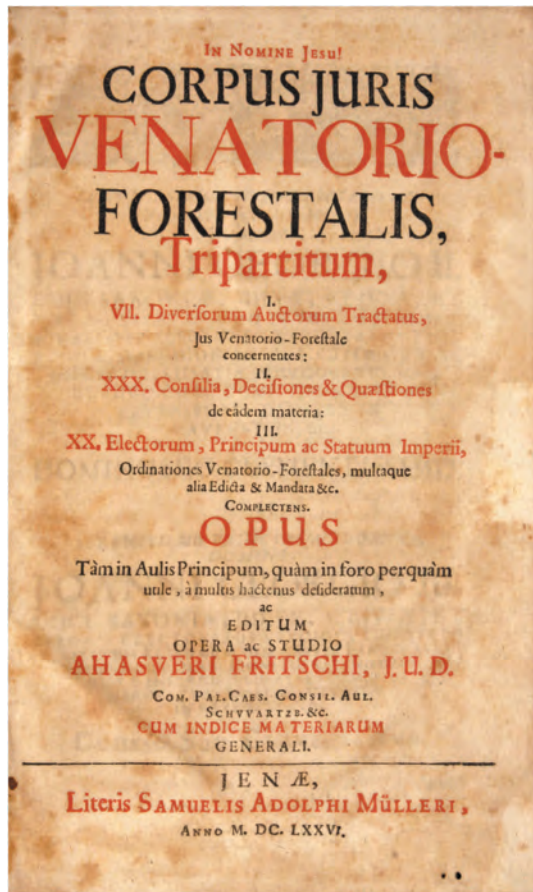
London: Printed [by Adam Islip] for the Companie of Stationers, 1616. [ix], 132, [3] ff.; 56, [12], 35, 34-159, [1] pp. Two parts, each with title page and individual pagination. First part in parallel columns; Latin with running English translation. Texts of *Summes* in Latin with notes in English. Octavo (5-1/2" x 3-1/2").

Contemporary vellum, early hand-lettered title to spine, ties lacking. Light soiling, some rubbing to extremities, pastedowns loose, some edgewear to rear pastedown, a few partial cracks to text block. Moderate toning to text, occasional minor worming to margins, mostly along gutter, small faint library stamp to head of

p. iii, tiny withdrawal stamp to (blank) verso of final leaf. A nice copy. \$1,250.

FIRST SELDEN EDITION. *De Laudibus Legum Angliae*, a history of English law, was written for the instruction of Edward, the young Prince of Wales. Cast in dialogue form, it demonstrates that the common law was the oldest and most reasonable legal system in Europe. It also compares the common and Roman systems and extols the superiority of a constitutionally limited monarchy. *De Laudibus* was written around 1470 and first printed in 1567. Selden's was the first critical edition of this work, perhaps the first critical editions of an early English legal work. Aside from their value to the elucidation of Fortescue's text, Selden's notes interrogate aspects of Fortescue's text and offer rich insights into jurisprudence and the nature of the English constitution. As noted by Christianson, his conclusions disputed "the concept of immemorial custom argued by [Sir John] Davies and the anachronistic historical interpretations displayed by [Sir Edward] Coke." It was reissued in 1660, 1672 and 1737 with various additions. "Fortescue was a favorite among the old lawyers, and will be read with profit in modern times by those who are interested in the origin and progress of the Common Law.": Marvin 321. Christianson 63. ESTC S102544.





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A SEVENTEENTH-CENTURY COLLECTION OF WRITINGS AND
CONSILIA ABOUT FOREST AND GAME LAWS

44 FRITSCH, AHASVER [1629-1701].

Corpus Juris Venatorio-Forestalis, Tripartitum, I. VII. Diversorum Auctorum Tractatus, Jus Venatorio-Forestale Concernentes. II. XXX. Consilia, Decisiones & Quaestiones de Eadem Materia. III. XX. Electorum, Principum ac Statuum Imperii, Ordinationes Venatorio-Forestales, Multaque Alia Edicta & Mandata &c. Complectens. Opus tam in Aulis Principum, Quam in foro Perquam Utile a Multis Hactenus Desideratum.

Jena: Literis Samuelis Adolphi Mülleri (Impensis Johan. Theodoriet Davidis Fleischeri), 1676. [xiv], 114, 47, 68, 219, 284, 52 pp. Main text in parallel columns. Copperplate pictorial title page. Folio (12-1/2" x 7-1/2").

Contemporary sheep, blind rules to boards, "cx" gilt-stamped to head of front board, raised bands to spine, tiny later shelf label to head of spine. Light rubbing and some minor scuffing to boards, moderate rubbing to spine and extremities, small chip to head of front board, recent owner bookplate to front pastedown. Title page following pictorial title page printed in red and black. Moderate toning to text, somewhat heavier in places, occasional light foxing, "no: 550" in tiny hand to lower margin of pictorial title page. An attractive copy. \$1,500.

SECOND EDITION. First published in 1675, this book collects Fritsch's writings and *consilia* dealing with the forest and game law of the Holy Roman Empire and the local laws of German states. Early game and land laws record the earliest attempts to preserve the environment. They also offer fascinating insights into social history due to their relevance to topics ranging from class structure to foodways. Other editions were published in 1677 and 1702. All are scarce. OCLC locates 9 copies of the second edition, 3 in North American law libraries (Harvard, UC-Berkeley, Yale). VD17 1:015426N.

CONSIDERS THE STATUS OF WOMEN UNDER THE ROMAN LAW
OF INHERITANCE AND SUCCESSION

45 GAUDENZI, PAGANINO [1595-1649].

Liber De Iustinianaei Seculi Moribus Nonnullis cum Eiusdem Dissertatione de Successione Foeminarum. Iuxta Editionem Floernetinam.

Strasbourg: Typis & Sumptibus Friderici Spoor, 1654. [viii], 134, [16] pp. Octavo (6-3/4" x 4").

Later thick-paper (cartonage) boards, untrimmed edges. Light soiling and edgewear, front hinge cracked, light browning to text. \$1,500.

SECOND AND FINAL edition, the only complete version of this work. It is an interesting historical study of inheritance and succession in Roman law with a section on how these laws affect women. Gaudenzi also includes observations on this subject drawn from church history and the Roman social history. The first edition of this book was published in 1637. A "Pars Altera" in 1638. The two parts were combined in the edition of 1654. OCLC locates 13 copies of the second edition, 1 in North America (UC-Berkeley Law School). VD17 23:271510X.



TWO SCARCE TITLES ON ROMAN LAW BOUND TOGETHER

46 GENTILI, SCIPIONE [1563-1616].

De Jurisdictione Libri III. Ad Sereniss. Principem Fridericum IV. Electorem; Cum Indice Gemino.

Frankfurt: Apud Haeredes Claudii Marnii, 1613. [xvi], 475, [28] pp.

[BOUND WITH]
 DONEAU, HUGUES [1527-1591].
 [GENTILI, SCIPIONE, EDITOR].

Opuscula Postuma. Et Aliorum Quaedam. Ex Bibliotheca Scip. Gentilis. Iurisc.

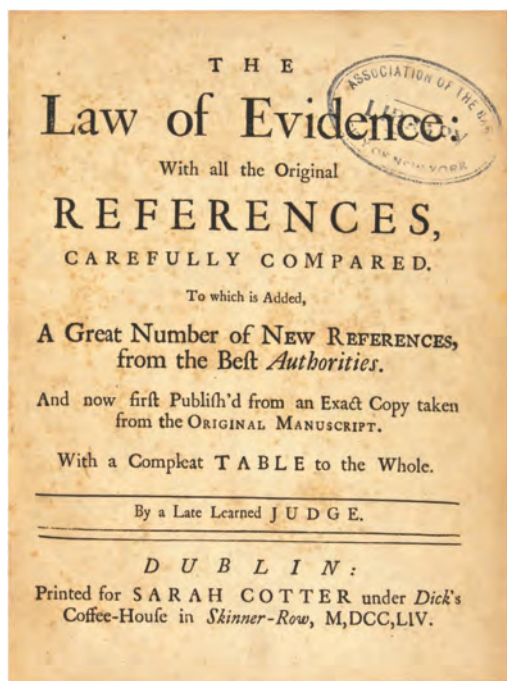
Hanover: Typis Wechelianis apud Claudium Marnium & Heredes Ioannis Aubrii, 1604. [xx], 484, [4] pp.

Octavo (6-1/2" x 3-3/4"). Contemporary vellum with lapped edges, early hand-lettered titles to spine. Light soiling, spine ends bumped, light wear to corners, vellum beginning to crack through pastedowns, residue from bookplate to front pastedown, crack in text block between front endleaf and title page of *De Jurisdictione*. Moderate toning to text, contemporary annotations in a few places, later annotations dated 1811 to endleaves, recent owner signature to front endleaf. \$1,650.

JURISDICTIONE, SECOND AND FINAL EDITION; *Opuscula*, first edition. This volume collects two scarce titles on Roman law. Gentili, a brother of Alberico Gentili, was an eminent law professor and legal scholar. Held in high esteem all over Europe, his fame probably surpassed that of his brother during his lifetime. As indicated by its title, *De Jurisdictione* is a study of jurisdiction, more specifically, legal authority and power. Its first edition was published in 1601. Doneau, or Donellus, was a French humanist jurist and scholar. An antagonist of Cujas, his only real peer, he applied the latest philological methods to Roman law and attempted to organize its texts in a systematic fashion. Derived by a manuscript owned by Gentili, Doneau's *Opuscula* is a collection of writings. Most of these deal with the *Codex Justinianus*. Later editions were published in 1609, 1766 and 1768. OCLC locates 2 copies of the 1613 edition of *Jurisdictione* in North America (Harvard Law School, Yale Law School), 2 copies of the 1613 edition of *Opuscula* (Boston College Law School, Stanford University). VD17 1:059186R, 23:315652U.



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FIRST EDITION OF THE FIRST ENGLISH BOOK ON EVIDENCE

A SCARCE TREATISE ON THE CUSTOMARY LAW OF A REGION OF THE NETHERLANDS

48 GORIS, LAMBERT [D. 1651].

Commentatio ad Tres & Viginti Priores Titulos Reformatae Consuetudinis Velaviae Ejusque Orae ad Ripam Isulae Fluminis, Partium Ducatus Gelriae & Comitatus Zutphaniae, Cum Translatione Latina Textus Vernaculi: In Qua, A Caeteris Ejusdem Provinciae ad Finitimorum Aliorumque Populorum Legibus ac Moribus, Tum Jurecommuni & Hujus Interpretibus Aliisq; Bonis Autoribus Praedicta Consuetudo, & In Universum Totius Gelriae Mores Illustrantur & Explicantur, Cum Enodatione Difficilium Aliquot Quaestionum Juris. Summaria Passim Sunt Inserta cum Duplici Indice tum Caputum tum Rerum & Verborum Memorabilium.

Nijmegen: Ex Typographia Nicolai ab Hervelt, 1645. [xxiv], 428, [4], 20, [22] pp. Quarto (8" x 6-1/4").

Contemporary vellum with lapped edges, early hand-lettered title and publication date to spine. Negligible light soiling, light rubbing to extremities, spine ends bumped, rear hinge cracked, final signature of text block beginning to detach (but still secure), vellum just beginning to crack through pastedowns. Light toning to text, slightly heavier in places. \$750.

FIRST EDITION. This is a commentary on the customary law of Veluwe, a region in the province of Gelderland in the Netherlands. In the seventeenth century it was prized for its game, forests and other natural resources. Goris was an practicing attorney, state official and law professor. He was, says the *Geldersche Consultatien*, "a great and jurist." Two other editions his commentary were published in 1664 in Arnheim and Nijmegen. All editions of the book are scarce. OCLC locates 1 copy of the first edition in North America (Harvard Law School). *Geldersche Consultatien* cited in Roberts 135. Dekkers 64.

47 [GILBERT, SIR GEOFFREY (1674-1726)].

The Law of Evidence: With All the Original References, Carefully Compared. To Which is Added, A Great Number of New References, From the Best Authorities. And Now First Published from an Exact Copy Taken from the Original Manuscript. With a Compleat Table to the Whole.

Dublin: Printed for Sarah Cotter, 1754. [viii], 199, [1], [44] pp. Quarto (7-1/2" x 6").

Recent period-style calf, blind frames with corner fleurons to boards, raised bands and lettering piece to spine, endpapers renewed. Moderate toning and light foxing, early owner signature to right-hand margin of p. 49, chip to fore-edge of final leaf with no loss to text, library stamp to title page, a few brief library annotations to verso. A handsome copy of a scarce title. \$3,500.

FIRST EDITION. (It was reissued in London in 1756.) Derived from a manuscript and originally published anonymously, this was the first treatise devoted exclusively to evidence. "[I]t long held its place as the chief book on this topic; and Blackstone is loud in its praises" Indeed, he recommends it in the section on evidence in the *Commentaries* for a fuller treatment of the subject (Holdsworth). OCLC locates 5 copies of the first edition in North American law schools (Harvard, San Francisco Law Library, University of Iowa, University of Pennsylvania, Washington University, Yale). Holdsworth, *Sources* 120. ESTC N19879.



N° 48

FIRST FRENCH-LANGUAGE EDITION OF *DE JURE BELLI AC PACIS*

49 GROTIUS, HUGO [1583-1645].
COURTIN, [ANTOINE DE], TRANSLATOR.

Le Droit de la Guerre et de la Paix, Divise en Trois Livres, Ou il Explique Le Droit De Nature, Le Droit des Gens, & Les Principaux Points du Droit Public, Ou qui Concerne le Gouvernement Public d'un Etat. Traduit Du Latin En François, Par Monsieur de Courtin.

Paris: Chez Arnould Seneuze, 1687. Two volumes. [xlviii], 621, [2]; [iii], 304, 197, [2] pp. Signatures T and V in Volume II (pp. 153-168) bound in reverse order. Title preceded by copperplate allegorical title page, main text preceded by copperplate portrait of Courtin. Quarto (10" x 7-1/2").

Contemporary mottled calf, gilt spines with raised bands and lettering pieces, speckled edges. Moderate rubbing to extremities, chipping to spine ends, corners bumped and somewhat worn, a few small scuffs to boards, a few partial cracks to text block. Moderate toning to text, somewhat darker in places, foxing and

dampstaining in a few places, worming to rear pastedown and margins of final 40 leaves of Volume II, a few chips to edges of preliminaries. Early owner annotations and signatures to front pastedowns and title pages, interiors otherwise clean. An appealing copy of a title scarce in the trade. \$3,000.

FIRST EDITION IN FRENCH. With side-notes and index. Of all his numerous works *De Jure Belli ac Pacis* will always be considered Grotius' *magnum opus*, the work upon which his reputation most solidly rests. "The distinction between religion and law or morality is not clearly made, but Grotius' principle of an immutable law, which God can no more alter than a mathematical axiom, was the first expression of the *droit naturel*, the natural law which exercised the great political theorists of the eighteenth century, and is the foundation of modern international law" (Carter and Muir). The first edition, in Latin, was published in Paris 1625. The first French-language edition is scarce. The last copy to appear at auction was in 2006, where it sold for \$6,000. Carter and Muir, *PMM* 125 (citing first edition, in Latin). Ter Muelen and Diermanse 650.



50 GUAZZINI SEBASTIANO.

Tractatus ad Defensam Inquisitorum, Carceratorum Reorum & Condemnatorum Super Quocunque Crimine. Opus Novum, Alacri Studio Digestum, Omnibus Magistratibus, & Iudicibus tam Secularibus, Quam Ecclesiasticis ad Cuitandas Nullitates, & Iniustitias, Advocatis, Procuratoribus, Causorum Criminalium Defensoribus, Atque Excusatoribus ad Reos Tuendos, Etiam in Unaquaque Processus Parte Maxime Utile, & Necessarium. In quo Plura, Statuta, Decreta, Bannimenta, Bullae Summorum Pontificum, & Praesertim Gregorii XIV. Super Immunitate Ecclesiastica, Constitutiones, Pragmaticae, Ritus, & Consuetudines Diversorum Locorum, & Provinciarum Declarantur, Ac Referuntur Quamplurimi Casus in Contingentia Facti, In Gravissimis Criminibus, Etiam per Supremos Magistratus Decisi. Cum Index Reum, & Verborum.

Venice: Apud Bertanos, 1639. Two volumes in one, each with title page and individual pagination. [xii], 388; 324, [48] pp. Main text in parallel columns. Folio (13" x 9").

Contemporary limp vellum, faint early hand-lettered title to spine, later repairs to corners, endpapers renewed. Light soiling and some minor stains to boards, spine slightly darkened, some edgewear, front joint just starting at head. Title page printed in red and black. Light toning to text, occasional minor worming, mostly to margins, faint dampstaining to margins in some places, rodent damage to upper corners of final 25 leaves with no loss to text, light soiling, edgewear and early library owner inscription to title page. A nice copy of a scarce title. \$950.

THIRD EDITION. Guazzini was an advocate and expert of criminal law associated with the Roman Curia. First published in 1614, *Tractatus ad Defensam Inquisitorum* was a well-regarded treatise on criminal procedure under canon law. It is a detailed work that draws comparisons between canon law, Roman law and Italian customary law. A durable work, it went through several editions and issues into the eighteenth century. All editions are scarce. OCLC locates 2 copies of the 1639 edition in North America (Columbia, University of Pennsylvania). This edition not in the *BMC*.

1823 FRENCH GUIDE ON THE LAWS RELATING TO WOMEN
FEATURING A CHARMING PICTORIAL TITLE PAGE

51 [GUICHARD, AUGUSTIN CHARLES].

Le Code des Femmes, Ou, Récits et Entretiens, Sur Leurs Droits, Privilèges, Devoirs et Obligations des Femmes: Sur les Précautions à Prendre par Elles pour Conserver Leurs Biens: Se Garantir des Surprises: Faire Maintenir, En Toutes Circonstances, Les Avantages qui Leur Appartiennent, Comme Filles, Épouses, Veuves, Mères, Tutrices, Héritières, Donataires Créancières, Etc., Etc. Par un Avocat.

Paris: Chez l'Auteur, 1823. [vi], 472 pp. Octavo (8-1/2" x 5").

Period-style quarter calf over cloth, lettering piece, blind fillets and gilt ornaments to spine, endpapers renewed. Main title page followed by lithograph pictorial title page. Moderate toning to text, occasional light foxing, (very) faint dampstaining in a few places. \$750.

FIRST EDITION. An interesting guide to the laws relating to women after the Bourbon Restoration in the form of a novel. (This may have been a ploy to attract a female audience; French women were assumed to be fond of novels.) A second edition was published in 1828. Guichard was a prolific author of legal treatises and popular guides to the law. Not in *Camus*. This edition not in the *BMC*.

"THE TRUE ENGLISH CONSTITUTION VINDICATED"

52 [HARBIN, GEORGE].

The Hereditary Right of the Crown of England Asserted; the History of the Succession Since the Conquest Clear'd; And the True English Constitution Vindicated from the Misrepresentations of Dr. Higden's View and Defence. Wherein Some Mistakes also of Our Common Historians are Rectify'd; And Several Particulars Relating to the Succession, And to the Title of the House of Suffolk, Are now First Publish'd from Ancient Records and Original MSS; Together with an Authentick Copy of King Henry VIII.'s Will. By a Gentleman.

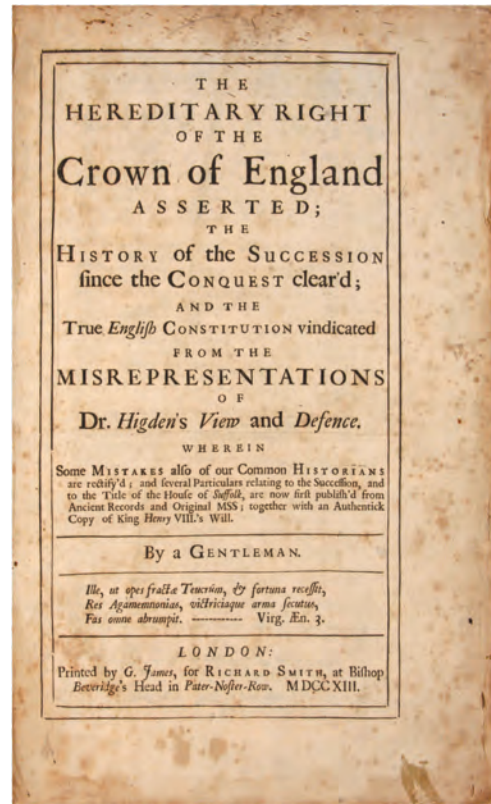
London: Printed for Richard Smith, At Bishop Beveridge's Head in Pater-Noster-Row, 1713. [viii], 274; lxiii, [5] pp. Includes five-page publisher catalogue. Folio (12-1/2" x 7-1/2").

Contemporary paneled calf, rebacked retaining existing spine, corners mended, endpapers renewed. Light rubbing and some minor scratches and tiny scuffs to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, corners bumped. Moderate toning, somewhat heavier in places, faint dampstaining to margins, some chipping to margins of final five leaves. A handsome copy. \$850.

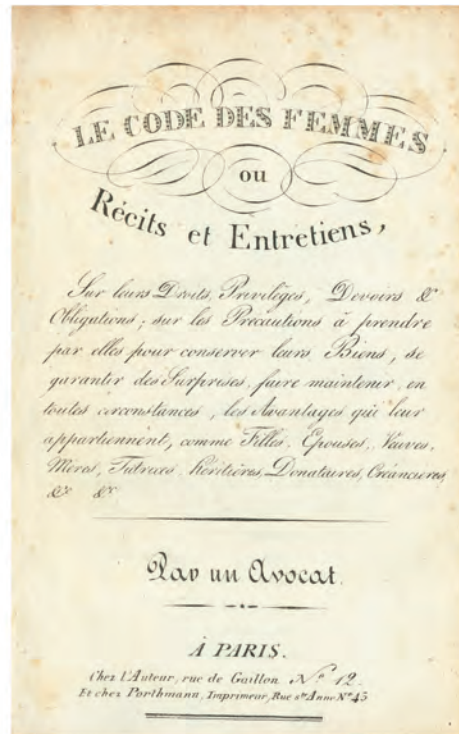
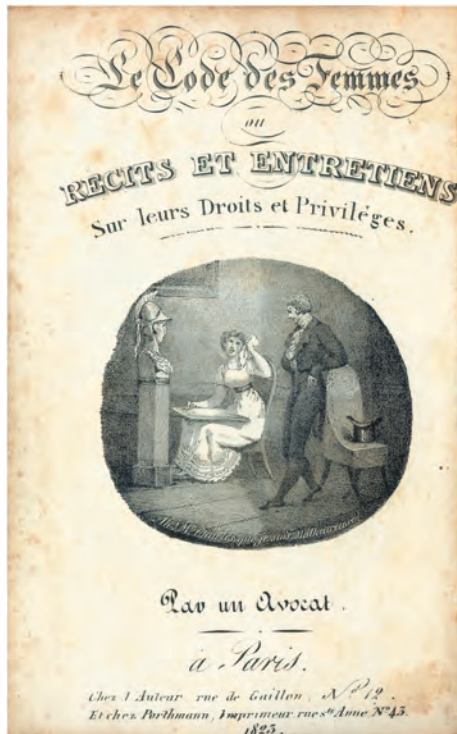
ONLY EDITION, ONE OF TWO ISSUES from 1713. This vigorous argument in support of the restoration of the Stuart succession is a reply to the pro-Hanoverian argument advanced in William Higden's *A Defence of The View of the English Constitution with Respect to the Sovereign Authority of the Prince, And the Allegiance of the Subject* (1710). George Ridpath replied to Harbin with a defense of Higden titled *Parliamentary Right Maintain'd or the Hanover Succession Justify'd* (1714). Some sources attribute Harbin's book to Hilkiah Bedford, who probably edited it and saw it through the press, and, erroneously, to Charles Leslie. *ESTC* N17449.



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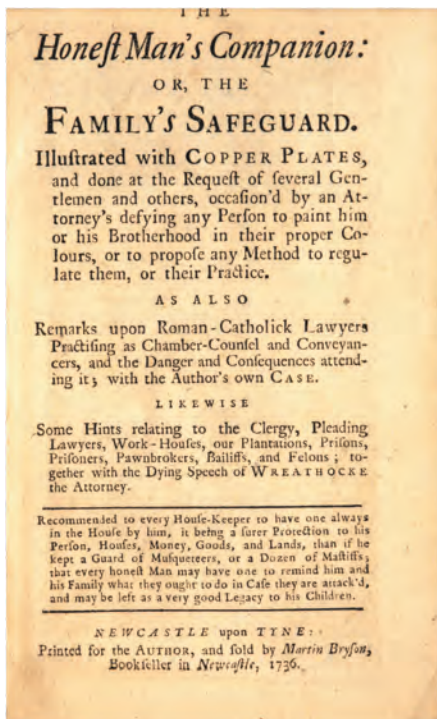
"A SURER PROTECTION TO HIS PERSON, HOUSES, MONEY, GOODS, AND LANDS, THAN IF HE KEPT A GUARD OF MUSQUETEERS, OR A DOZEN OF MASTIFFS"

53 [HODSHON, READ].

The Honest Man's Companion: Or, The Family's Safeguard. Illustrated with Copper Plates, And Done at the Request of Several Gentleman and Others, Occasion'd by an Attorney's Defying any Person to Paint Him or His Brotherhood in their Proper Colours, Or to Propose any Method to Regulate them, Or Their Practice. As also Remarks Upon Roman-Catholick Lawyers Practising as Chamber-Counsel and Conveyancers, And the Danger and Consequences Attending It; With the Author's Own Case. Likewise Some Hints Relating to the Clergy, Pleading Lawyers, Work-Houses, Our Plantations, Prisons, Prisoners, Pawnbrokers, Bailiffs, and Felons; Together with the Dying Speech of Wreathocke the Attorney. Recommended to Evry House-keeper to Have One Always in the House by Him, It Being a Surer Protection to His Person, Houses, Money, Goods, And Lands, Than if He Kept a Guard of Musqueteers, Or a Dozen of Mastiffs; That Every Honest Man May have One to Remind Him and His Family what they Ought to do in Case They are Attack'd, And May be Left as a Very Good Legacy to His Children.

Newcastle upon Tyne: Printed for the Author, 1736. [xii], 72 pp. Two copperplates, one a frontispiece. Octavo (7-1/4" x 4-1/2").

Stab-stitched pamphlet bound into later three-quarter calf over marbled boards, gilt title to spine. Moderate rubbing to extremities with some wear to spine ends and corners, owner bookplate to front pastedown. Woodcut head-pieces, tail-pieces and decorated initials. Moderate toning to text, light foxing in a few places, heads of frontispiece, title page and dedication leaf just touched by trimming. A nice copy of a title rare in the trade. \$1,850.



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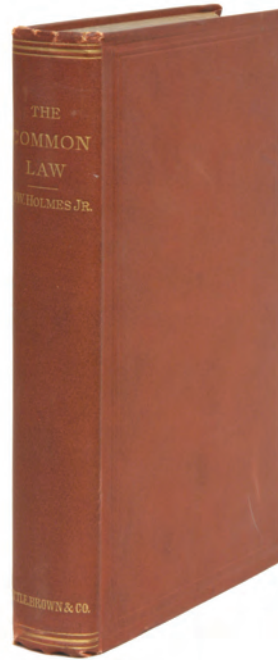
ONLY EDITION. Hodshon, a malster and merchant, felt impelled to compile this work after he was declared bankrupt in October, 1735. Having been victimized by "the vile practices of our Law-Men", Hodshon sets out to expose their "Tricks, and I hope it will (as it is the Intent of it) open the Eyes of the People, and let them see what daily and growing Plagues they labour under. As for the honest ones, as I hope there are some that wish well to their Neighbours and Country, they never will endeavour to stifle the Design of it; but endeavour to reform the Abuses complained of." The work is dedicated to Sir Robert Walpole. OCLC locates 2 copies in North American law schools (Harvard, Yale). ESTC T112534. (See page 4 for additional image.)

FIRST EDITION OF THE COMMON LAW

54 HOLMES, OLIVER WENDELL, JR. [1841-1935].

The Common Law.

Boston: Little, Brown, And Company, 1881. [i]-xvi, 422 pp. Octavo (8-1/4" x 5-1/4").



Original maroon pebbled cloth, blind double frames to boards, gilt title to spine, triple gilt rules at spine ends. A few minor nicks and scratches to boards, a few minor bumps and tears to spine ends, corners lightly bumped and worn, early owner bookplate to front pastedown, offsetting between title page and facing endleaf from laid-in leaf, light toning to text.

\$1,250.

FIRST EDITION, first issue (two-line printer statement at foot of the title page, verso, reading "University Press:/ John Wilson and Son, Cambridge and a one-line statement to foot of p. 422 reading "University Press: John Wilson & Son, Cambridge"). As Friedman points out, "*The Common Law* was easily the most distinguished book on law by an American published

between 1850 and 1900." In contrast to earlier Anglo-American jurists, and the reigning positivist ethos of the nineteenth century, Holmes proposed that the law was not a science founded on abstract principles but a body of practices that responded to particular situations. This functionalist interpretation led to his radical conclusion that law was not discovered, but invented. This radical theme is announced at the beginning of Lecture I: "The life of the law has not been logic: it has been experience" (1). Winfield observes that Holmes's "brilliant exposition, as effective on English scholarship and legal thinking as on American, of the true nature of law both as a development from the past and an organism of the present, blew fresh air into lawyer's minds encrusted with Blackstone and Kent." It went on to become a decisive influence on sociological jurisprudence, legal realism and the general development of Anglo-American law in the twentieth century. Luttrell, "Oliver Wendell Holmes and The Common Law" 2. Friedman 544. Winfield 38. *One Hundred Influential American Books* 84.



SCARCE ANTHOLOGY OF SEVENTEENTH-CENTURY MILITARY LAWS

55 HOYER, EBERHARD.
SCHULZE, JOHANN FRIEDRICH.
[BÖCKLIN, JOHANN CHRISTOPH, ENGRAVER].

Corpus Juris Militaris, Das ist, Ein Vollkommenes Krieges-Recht und Artickels-Brieffe Verschiedener Hohen Potentaten, Als, Käyser-und königlichen Majest. Churfürstl. Fürstl. Durchl. des Heil. Röm. Reichs Republ. Und Andern Herrschafften, Welche mit Kriegs-Satzungen und Observat: Aufs Neue Vermehret und Publiciret. Insonderheit Das Churfürstl. Brandenburgische Mit des Churfürstl. Brandenb. Raths und General-Auditeur Eberhard Hoyers, Weyland/ Vormahls mit Einigen Notis Versehen: Nunmehr aber mit Nützlichen Additionen/ Erklärungen und Quaestionen/Und Insonderheit mit einer Kurtzen Anleitung von den Kriegs-Gerichten und Derselben Unterscheid; Wie auch auf was Art Heutig Gowohnheit nach/ Bey denen General und Unter Gerischten zu Procediren/ und was Dabey Quoad Formalia, Und Sonsten in Acht zu Nehmen. Von dem Churfürstl. Raht und General Auditeur Johann

Friderich Schulzen Vermehret und Illustriret/ Samt einem Anhang von Verschiedener Churfürstl. Publicirten Edicten/ Placaten und Verordnungen; Auch über Anderer Potentaten Etlicher Kriegs-Rechte Noten und Anmerckungen Hierbey Annectiret und Beygefüget.

Berlin: In Verlegung Rupert Völcker, 1693. Seven parts. [lx], 472; 238; [2], 30; 60; 368; 64; 44 pp. Copperplate allegorical frontispiece. Copperplate portrait leaf of King Frederick III facing dedication. Woodcut folding table. Complete. Quarto (8-1/4" x 6-1/2").

Contemporary vellum with lapped edges, early hand-lettered title to spine, edges rouged. Light soiling and shelfwear, a few minor stains to boards, front hinge starting. Light browning to text, brief early annotations to Part IV, pp. 4-7, a few leaves, clean tear to fore-edge of Part V, p. 363. A very good copy. \$1,850.

LATER EDITION. This book is a concordance of the military laws of Brandenburg, the other Holy Roman Empire and the other principal states of Europe: Spain, France, Sweden, Denmark, Poland, the Netherlands and Sweden. Two general chapters discuss naval laws. This book went through seven editions, the last in 1700. All are scarce, especially in North America. Concerning the 1693 edition, OCLC locates 5 copies, 2 in North, America (Society of Cincinnati, Newberry Library). VD17:1:040942L.

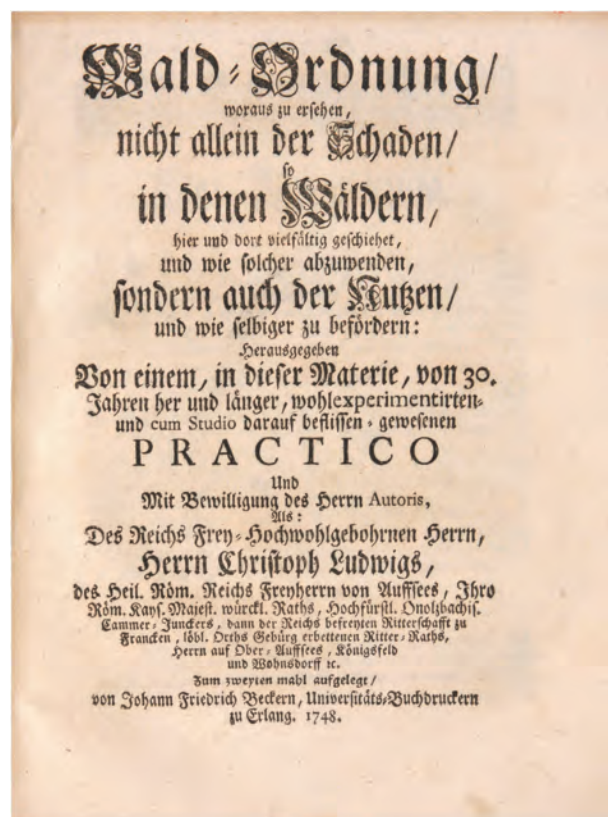
- 56 ICKSTATT, JOHANN ADAM VON [1701-1776].
KLETT, JOHANN FRIEDRICH, EDITOR
AND TRANSLATOR.

Gründliche Abhandlungen von den Jagdrechten: Wie sich Solche aus den Allgemeinen, Natürlichen, Und Besondern Staatsrechten Erweisen Lassen. Mit einer Vorrede von dem Verschiedenen Zustande der Jagden bey den Römern und Deutschen und einem Anhang von den Neuesten Mehrentheils Ungedruckten Churmaynzischen, Churbayerischen, Erzherzoglich-Oesterreichischen, Und Andern Jagdordnungen. Nebst einem Entwurf von einer Vortheilhaft Eingerichteten Waldordnung. Herausgegeben und mit einem Register versehen von Johann Friedrich Klett.

Nuremberg: Auf Kosten Johann Georg Lochners, 1749. [xlvii], 428, [16]. 172 pp. Two parts, each with title page. Title page of second part, with title beginning *Wald-Ordnung*, dated 1748. Quarto (7-3/4" x 6-1/4").

Contemporary speckled calf, blind rules to boards, raised bands and lettering piece to spine, marbled pastedowns. Light rubbing and a few minor worm holes to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, light chipping to spine ends, corners bumped and somewhat worn, later library bookplate to front pastedown, later owner bookplate to front free endpaper. Title page of first part printed in red and black, attractive woodcut head and tail-pieces. Light toning to text, light foxing in places, early owner signatures to verso of front free endpaper and head of title page, later library stamp to title page's verso. A handsome copy. \$850.

ONLY EDITION, Part II a reissue of a work first published in 1748. The first part is overview of Bavarian forestry, hunting and fishing laws from 1664-1742 followed by similar sets of laws promulgated in Austria in 1743 and in Mainz in 1744. The second part is a translation of the Bavarian laws with editorial commentary by Klett, who also translated Part I. Early game and land laws record the earliest attempts to preserve the environment. They also offer fascinating insights into social history due to their relevance to topics ranging from class structure to foodways. VD18 14598590-006.





"I CAN DETERMINE GUILT, BUT I CANNOT RETURN LIFE"

57 [IVANOV, D., ARTIST].
DISTRICT SAFETY COMMISSION.

[Traffic-Safety Poster Depicting Lady Justice].

[N.p. (Bulgaria?), n.d]. 40" x 27."

Light edgewear with a few nicks and minor tears to margins, colors vivid. A well-preserved item. \$750.

THIS BRIGHT BLUE POSTER is dominated by a large image of Lady Justice above a caption reading: "I Can Determine Guilt, But I Cannot Return Life." The white illustration and text jumps off the page. The right side of the scale depicts a crushed car with a license plate reading 5931, the left a prisoner's uniform stamped with the same number. The illustration says you will exchange your license plate number for a prisoner's i.d. number if you are responsible for a traffic fatality.

58 [JODOCUS OF ERFURT, ATTRIBUTED].
[CACCIALUPE, GIOVANNI BATTISTA (D. 1496)].

**Vocabularius Perutilis Utriusq[ue] Iuris tam Civilis
Q[uam] Canonici.**

[Lyon: Jean Barbier and Jean Petit, September 7, 1507]. [212] ff. Main text in parallel columns. Octavo (6-3/4" x 4-1/4").

Contemporary blind-tooled half-pigskin over wooden boards, pigskin clasp with brass buckle present and intact, faint later location numbers and faint fragment of later paper shelf label, to spine, early vellum thumb-tabs. A few minor spots and wormholes, light soiling, spine ends bumped, some wear to clasp, later armorial bookplate to front pastedown. Large woodcut Petit device to title page, crible initials throughout. Light toning to text, a few minor worm holes, annotations in early hand to a few passages, small clear tear to fore-edge of title page. A handsome copy of a scarce imprint. \$7,500.

A WORK OF GREAT AUTHORITY, the *Vocabularius*, as it is popularly known, is usually attributed to Jodocus, a jurist associated with the University of Erfurt. First published around 1474 and attributed to Jodocus of Erfurt, this popular legal dictionary went through more than 70 editions over the next 150 years. (It had a second life as the first section of the 1559 edition of Antonio de Nebrija's *Lexicon Juris Civilis*, a work that was reissued into the seventeenth century.) The definitions are mostly derived from the *Vocabularius Stuttgardiensis* (1432), the *Collectio Terminorum Legalium* (c. 1400), and the *Introductorium pro Studio Sacrorum Canonum* of Hermann von Schildesch (c. 1330). Appended to this edition of the *Vocabularius* is Caccialupe's *Tractatus de Modo Studendi*, an essay on legal study. OCLC locates 1 copy of this imprint (Bibliothèque Nationale de France). This imprint not in Adams. Seckel 306-322.



AN IMPORTANT EARLY LAW DICTIONARY IN A NOTABLE BINDING

- 59 [JODOCUS OF ERFURT, ATTRIBUTED].
CACCIALUPI, GIOVANNI BATTISTA.
ALBERICO DA ROSATE [c.1290-1360].
[NORVIS, JEAN, BINDER].

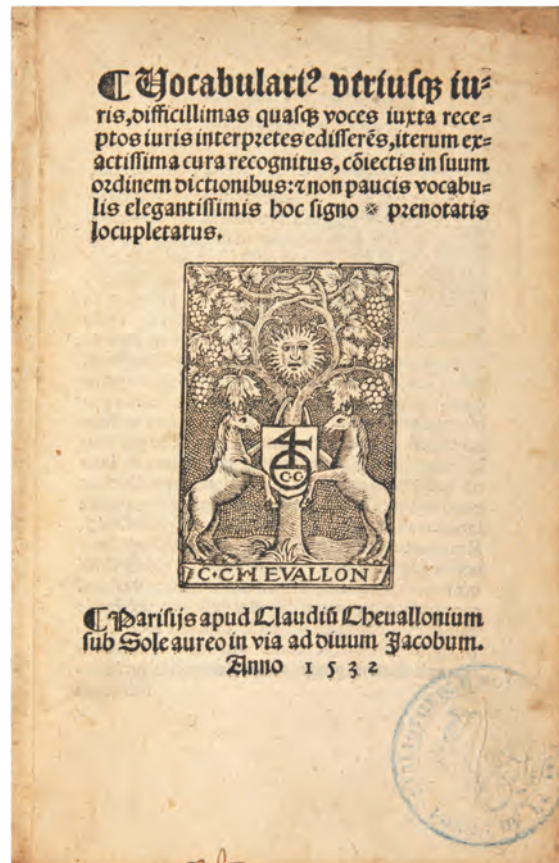
Vocabularius Utriusque Iuris Difficillimas Quasque Voces Iuxta Receptos Iuris Interpretes Edisserens: Iterum Exactissima Cura Recognitus, Coniectis in Suum Ordinem Dictionibus et non Paucis Vocabulis Elegantissimis hoc Signo * Prenotatis Locupletatus.

Paris: Apud Claudium Chevallonium sub Sole Aureo in Via ad Divum Jacobum. Anno 1532. [iv], CCXL ff. Main text in parallel columns. Octavo 6-1/2" x 4-1/4" (16.5 x 10.8 cm).

Contemporary paneled calf by Jean Norvis, large central panels featuring a pattern of acorns, thistles and dragons to boards,

raised bands and early hand-lettered title to spine, to spine, ends restored, ties lacking, endleaves derived from a vellum manuscript leaf. Light rubbing and some crackling, moderate rubbing to extremities, corners lightly bumped and worn. Woodcut Chavallon devices to title page and ends of text, woodcut decorated initials. Light toning to text, somewhat heavier in places, light soiling and spotting to a few leaves, early owner inscription to front free endpaper, recent private-library stamp to foot of title page. A choice copy. \$5,000.

THIS EDITION ALSO INCLUDES Caccialupi's *Tractatus de Modo Studendi in Utroque Iure*, an introductory textbook for law students, and Rosate's *Breve Compendium de Orthographia*, a guide to legal writing. Jean Norvis was a leading sixteenth-century Parisian binder. (The panels on our binding include the name "Jehan Noruis.") OCLC locates 3 copies, 1 in North America (UT-Austin Law School). Not in Adams. *USTC* 185240.



60 [UNITED STATES].
[CONTINENTAL CONGRESS].**[The Journals of the Continental Congress, 1774-1783].**

Philadelphia: Robert Aitken [and others] 1777-1784. Nine volumes. Octavo (7-3/4" x 4-3/4").

Later signed bindings by Sangorski & Sutcliffe, three-quarter calf over cloth, raised bands and lettering pieces to spines, top-edges gilt, endpapers renewed. Occasional light rubbing and minor nicks and scuffs to boards and spines, moderate rubbing to extremities. Some toning to interiors, slightly heavier in places, occasional light foxing and dampspotting, faint offsetting to corners of preliminaries and final leaves of each volume. A handsome set. \$25,000.

COVERING THE YEARS 1774 TO 1783, the entire period of the American Revolution, this set comprises the first nine volumes of the official journals issued by the Continental Congress. (Thirteen volumes in all were printed through 1789, when the U.S. Constitution was enacted.) Our set includes the rarest imprint of the series: the Robert Aitken printing of Volume II, which records the opening events of the American Revolution. (The complete text of the Declaration of Independence is printed on pp. 241-246.) According to Aitken's account, 532 copies were completed. In the fall of 1777 the British forced Congress to evacuate Philadelphia. Unable to transport many copies of the Journal, many were left behind and later destroyed by the British, which accounts for its scarcity today. Take together, these volumes provide a vivid real-time account of the American Revolution as it was experienced by the Founding Fathers. (See *front and rear covers of this catalogue for bindings and title pages.*)

NOTES ON EACH VOLUME

♥ **Journals of Congress. Containing the Proceedings from Sept. 5, 1744. To Jan. 1, 1776.**

Published by Order of Congress. Volume I. Philadelphia: Printed and Sold by R. Aitken, 1777. [ii], 310, [12 Index] pp. Evans 15683. Hildeburn 3576.

♥ **Journals of Congress. Containing the Proceedings in the Year 1776. Published by Order of Congress. Volume II.**

Philadelphia: Printed and Sold by R. Aitken, 1777. [ii], 513, [23] Evans 15685. Hildeburn 3577. Early struck-through initials near head of title page.

♥ **Journals of Congress, Containing the Proceedings from January 1st, 1777, To January 1st, 1778. Published by Order of Congress. Volume III.**

Philadelphia: Printed by John Dunlap, [1778]. 603, [1], xxiii pp. Evans 16138. Hildeburn 3728.

♥ **Journals of Congress, Containing the Proceedings from January 1st, 1778, To January 1st, 1779. Published by Order of Congress. Volume IV.**

Philadelphia: Printed by David C. Claypoole, [1779]. [2], 748, [2], lxxxix, [5] pp. Lacking final blank leaf. Evans 16584. Hildeburn 3900.

♥ **Journals of Congress. Containing the Proceedings [from] January 1st, 1779, To January 1st, 1780. Published by Order of Congress. Volume V.**

Philadelphia: Printed by David C. Claypoole, 1782. 464, [16], lxxiv pp. Lacking final blank. Evans 17766. Hildeburn 4206. This is the printing with the corrected errors. Early signature to head of title page, small carefully repaired chip along gutter with minor loss to text ("fro").

♥ **Journals of Congress, From January 1st, 1780, To January 1st, 1781. Published by Order of Congress. [Volume VI].**

Philadelphia: David C. Claypoole, [1781]. 403, [3], xxxviii, [3] pp. Lacking final blank. Evans 17767. Hildeburn 4116. "6 Volume" in small early hand near foot of title page.

♥ **Journals of Congress, And of the United States in Congress Assembled For the Year 1781.**

Published by Order of Congress. Volume VII. Philadelphia: Printed by David C. Claypoole, 1781. 522, [vi], lxxix pp. Lacking final blank. Evans 17767. Hildeburn 4117. Early signature to head of title page.

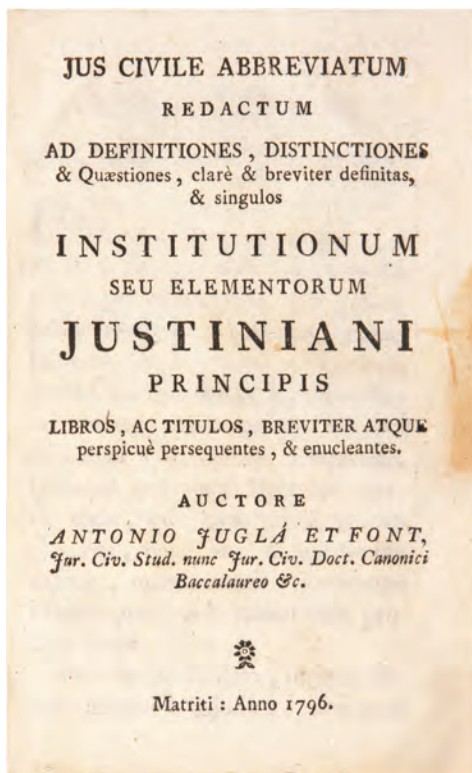
♥ **Journal of the United States in Congress Assembled: Containing the Proceedings from the First Monday in November 1782, To the First Monday in November, 1783.**

Published by Order of Congress. Philadelphia: Printed by David C. Claypoole, 1783. Volume VIII. 483 pp. Though our collation matches several copies, such as one held by the Massachusetts Historical Society, Evans calls for 489 pp. and an index of 36 pp. It appears some copies were issued without the index. Evans 18266. Hildeburn 4311.

♥ **Journal of the United States in Congress Assembled: Containing the Proceedings from the Third Day of November, 1783, To the Third Day of June, 1784.**

Published by order of Congress. Volume IX. Philadelphia: Printed by John Dunlap, [1784]. 317 pp. As is the case with Volume VIII, this copy does not have the index present in most copies. Evans 18840. Hildeburn 4500.





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SCARCE SPANISH TEXTBOOK ON THE *INSTITUTES*
WITH AN UNUSUAL FORMAT

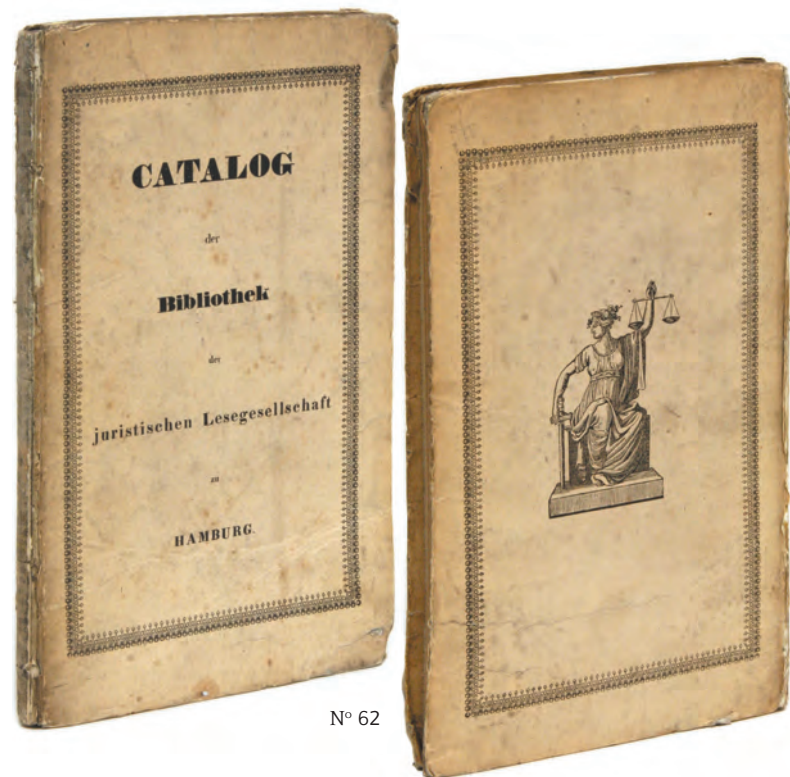
61 JUGLA Y FONT, ANTONIO.

Jus Civile Abbreuiatum Redactum: Ad Definitiones, Distinctiones & Quaestiones, Clarè & Breviter Definitas, & Singulos Institutionum, Seu Elementorum Justiniani Principis Libros, Ac Titulos, Breviter Atque Perspicuè Persequentes, & Enucleantes.

Madrid: [S.n.], 1796. [viii], [vi], 178 pp. Octavo (5-3/4" x 3-3/4").

Contemporary tree calf, gilt fillets and lettering piece to spine. Light wear to corners, chipping to spine ends, front hinge starting, early owner bookplate, signatures and doodles to front free endpaper (with a bit of offsetting to pastedown). Light foxing, light toning to text, discoloration to text in a few places, faint dampstaining to a few leaves. An attractive copy. \$750.

THIRD AND FINAL EDITION. First published in 1775, this is a textbook on Roman law based on the *Institutes* of Justinian. Each section is condensed into a few sentences arranged as a series of questions and answers. In many cases, these are followed by references. OCLC locates 1 copy of the first edition in North America (at the Library of Congress), 4 copies of the 1796 edition (UC-Berkeley Law School, University of Colorado Law School, Vanderbilt University, Yale Law School). Another copy dated 1785 located at Harvard Law School. Palau 125857.



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1842 LIBRARY CATALOGUE OF A LAW-SOCIETY LIBRARY
IN HAMBURG

62 JURISTISCHE LESEGESELLSCHAFT ZU HAMBURG.

Catalog der Bibliothek der Juristischen Lesegesellschaft zu Hamburg.

[Hamburg: Gedruckt bei F.H. Nestler & Melle], 1842. viii, 120, [2] pp. Octavo (8-1/4" x 5").

Printed paper boards. Light soiling, moderate rubbing to extremities, a few creases to boards, backstrip lacking, corners bumped and somewhat worn, a few cracks to text block. Moderate toning, light foxing in a few places. \$850.

THE JURISTISCHE LESEGESELLSCHAFT zu Hamburg (Hamburg Legal Reading Society) was established in 1828. It served lawyers, judges and merchants involved in international trade. The library holdings are listed here, divided into seventeen sections, including general law, legal philosophy, public law, canon law, criminal law and trials, forensics, Roman private law, civil process, foreign law, trade law and maritime law. All of these sections have topical subdivisions. The preface mentions an earlier catalogue from 1836. Another edition was published in 1862. All are rare. OCLC locates 1 copy of the 1836 catalogue (Hamburg State Archive), 1 copy of the 1842 catalogue (Hamburg State Archive) and 2 of the 1861 catalogue (Harvard Law School, Hamburg State Archive, Hamburg City and University Library). Another copy located at Yale Law School.

IMPRESSIVE GODEFROY EDITION OF THE *CORPUS JURIS CIVILIS*

63 JUSTINIAN I [483-565 CE],
EMPEROR OF THE EAST.
[GODEFROY, DENIS] [1549-1622], EDITOR,
COMMENTATOR.

Corpus Iuris Civilis, In Quinque Partes Distinctum: Quarum Prima Continentur Indices Omnium Iuris Titulorum, Institutionum Libri IIII, Digestorum Seu Pandectarum Libri L, Quae Reliquis Partibus Includantur, Quinta Docebit Pagina: His Accesserunt Notae Repetitae, Tertiae, Quartaque Praelectionis, Dionysio Gothofredo I.C. Authore, Quibus, Inter Caetera, Varias Lectiones, Leges Similes, Contrariae, Abrogatae, Verborum, Legumque Difficilium Interpretationes, Selectae Repetitiones, Argumenta, Compendia, Atque Epitomata, Anni Singulis Codicibus Additi, Continentur; His Additae Sunt Institutionum, Novellarum Iustiniani, Leonis & Feudorum Epitomae ad Ordinem Edicti Perpetui Compositae, Eodem Auctore.

[Geneva]: Apud Iohannem Vignon, 1615. Five volumes in one book, each with title page. Main text in numbered parallel columns with linear gloss. [xx] pp., 1974 cols., [i] pp.; [xx] pp., 880 cols.; [xii] pp., 436 cols., [4] pp.; [v] pp., 455-546 cols., [i] pp.; [iv] pp., 557-702 cols., [53] pp. Folio (14-1/2" x 9-1/2").

Contemporary paneled pigskin with elaborate tooling, raised bands and early hand-lettered title to spine, recent calf ties, early thumb-tabs to fore-edge of text block, endpapers renewed. Moderate soiling and a few stains and worm holes, moderate rubbing to extremities, a few minor tears to head of spine, corners bumped and somewhat worn. Title pages of Volumes I and II printed in red and black. Moderate toning to text, worming to foot of text block in places with no loss to text, brief annotations and underlining to a few passages, tiny ink spots in a few places, early repair to fore-edge of Volume I title page, chips to fore-edges of following two leaves, one just touching text. An impressive volume. \$1,750.

LATER PRINTING OF THIS LANDMARK annotated critical edition, first published in 1583. Godefroy was a jurist, humanist, historian, scholar of Roman law and professor at the Universities of Geneva and Heidelberg. He was also the first to apply the collective name *Corpus Iuris Civilis* to the body of Roman law codified under Justinian's direction, which consists of the four books of the *Institutes*, the fifty books of the *Digest*, the twelve books of the *Code* and the *Novels*. Commissioned by the Emperor Justinian in 530 CE, these writings reformed, restated and preserved Roman law. The *Code* is the reformed legal system. The *Institutes* is an elementary textbook about it. The *Digest* is a collection of commentary by leading jurists. The *Novels* is a compilation of additional laws and amendments to the *Code*. The influence of these works on European and international jurisprudence is difficult to overestimate. This edition not in Roberts or the *BMC*.



- 64 JUSTINIAN I, EMPEROR OF THE EAST.
[ACCORSO, FRANCISCO (ACCURSIUS)
(C.1182-C.1260), GLOSSATOR].

[*Institutiones*].

[Venice: Ottaviano Scoto, 18 January 1483]. Collation: a-p8. [119] ff. Lacking initial blank. Text in parallel columns. Main text surrounded by linear gloss. Folio (16-1/2" x 11").

Contemporary half vellum over wooden boards, brass clasps and catches, "Instituta" in early hand to front board, raised bands to spine. Light rubbing to boards, heavier rubbing to extremities with some wear to spine ends and corners, partial vertical crack through center of front board, hinges cracked, a few partial cracks to text block, a few signatures loose. Printed throughout in red and black in 62-line Gothic type, large red and black printer device to verso of final leaf. Light toning, occasional faint stains, light foxing and later annotations to a few leaves, upper corner of each leaf numbered in another later hand, small wear hole (paper flaw?)

to lower corner of leaf l1 (Fol. 78) with negligible loss to text. An appealing copy. \$18,500.

AN UNCOMMON QUARTO EDITION. With the *Glossa Ordinaria* of Accursius. Intended for students, the *Institutes* is an elementary treatise on Roman private law. Like its companion volumes, its subsequent influence on European jurisprudence is difficult to underestimate. It received a great deal of commentary during the medieval and early modern eras. The first significant commentator was Accorso (Accursius), a professor of law at the University of Bologna and a leading figure in the revival of classical jurisprudence. He examined every extant note and commentary when he prepared his epochal edition of the *Institutes*, *Digest* and *Code*. This massive effort eliminated much of the obscurity and contradiction introduced by earlier writers. His gloss on this edition, which superseded all previous attempts, was often cited as the *Glossa Ordinaria* or *Magistralis*. It remained definitive until its 1583 revision by Denis Godefroy. OCLC locates 4 copies of this imprint, 1 in North America (Library of Congress). Goff J-524. C W 7608.



ILLUSTRATED GIUNTA EDITION OF THE *INSTITUTES*

65 JUSTINIAN I, EMPEROR OF THE EAST.
ALDOBRANDINI, SYLVESTRO [1499-1558], EDITOR.

Institutiones Iuris Civilis. Habes Lector in Novissima hac Institutionum Imperialium Editione Textum ac Glosas quam Emendatissimas una cum Additionibus Hucusquam Impressis...

Venice: Apud Heredes Luceantonii lunte [Giunta], 1539 (colophon date: November 1538). [lv]. 366 ff. Final blank leaf lacking. 23 woodcut text illustrations, 1 full-page. Octavo (6-3/4" x 5-3/4").

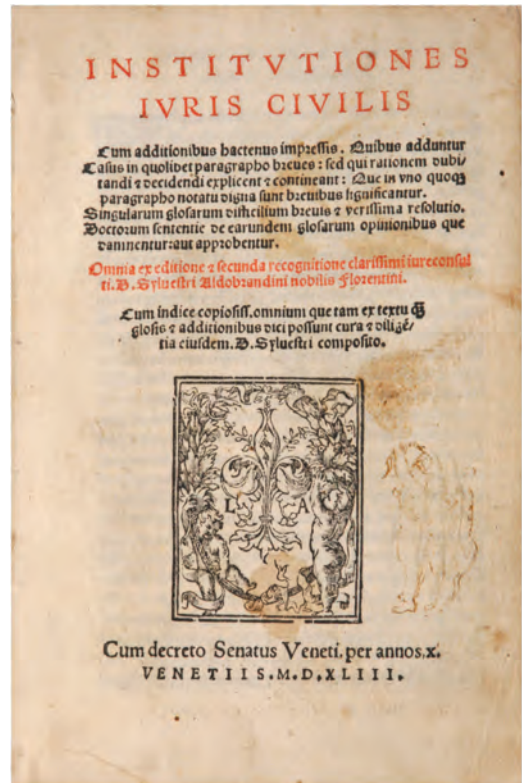
Modern vellum, calf lettering piece to spine, small bookseller description pasted to rear free endpaper. Two-column text with linear gloss by Aldobrandini printed in red and black throughout, large woodcut Giunta device to title page, woodcut decorated initials. Light toning, occasional faint staining to lower margins of text block, minor worming in a few places, some with repairs, with loss to a few letters, lower corner of leaf a4 (fol. 4) repaired with minor loss to text, legibility not affected, faint early struck-through signatures to title page, early underlining and brief annotations in a few places. \$4,500.

ALDOBRANDINI, WHO EDITED this edition and added commentary, was a Florentine jurisconsult. First published by Giunta in 1534, Aldobrandini's text went through several editions during the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries. It was one of the most popular and influential early editions of the *Institutes*. The charming woodcut vignettes offer visual summaries of the more important titles. Among the images depicted in the woodcuts are court scenes, farmers at work, a battle and the administration of punishments. The full-page woodcut is an ornate table of descents in the form of a man holding up branches of a family tree. All illustrated Giunta editions are rare. OCLC locates 4 copies of the 1539 (1538) edition, 3 in North America (Baylor Law School, Cornell, Yale Law School). *EDIT* 16 13468.



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Printer's Device





N° 66



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ALDOBRANDINI'S CLASSIC ILLUSTRATED EDITION OF THE *INSTITUTES*

66 JUSTINIAN I, EMPEROR OF THE EAST. ALDOBRANDINI, SYLVESTRO, EDITOR.

Institutiones Iuris Civilis. Cum Additionibus Hactenus Impressis. Quibus Adduntur Casus in Quolibet Paragrapho Breves: Sed qui Rationem Dubitandi [et] Decidendi Explicent [et] Contineant. Que in uno Quoque Paragrapho Notatu Digna Sunt Brevibus Significantur.... Omnia ex Editione et Secunda Recognitione Clarissimi Iureconsulti. D. Sylvestri Aldobrandini Nobilis Florentini.

Venice: [Apud Heredes Lucantonii Iunte Florentini, Mense Decembri], 1543. [lvi], 366, [2] ff. 23 woodcut text illustrations, 1 full-page. Main text in parallel columns with linear gloss. Octavo (6-1/4" x 4-1/2").

Later vellum. Spine ends lightly bumped, light wear to corners, hinges cracked. Text printed in red and black, large woodcut Giunta device to title page, woodcut decorated initials. Moderate toning, text block loosening in a few places, brief early annotations to a few leaves. \$4,500.

OCLC LOCATES NO COPIES of the 1543 edition in North America. EDIT16 CNCE13469.



N° 67

IN A HANDSOME CONTEMPORARY BINDING

67 JUSTINIAN I, EMPEROR OF THE EAST].
[ACCORSO, FRANCISCO (ACCURSIUS), GLOSSES].
ALDOBRANDINI, SYLVESTRO, EDITOR.

Institutiones Iuris Civilis a Sylvestro Aldobrandino Nunc Tertio Recognite Emendateq[ue], Ac Utilissimis Annotationibus non Antehac Editis Illustrate; Casus Etiam Cuiq[ue] Paragrapho Adhibiti Sunt Aptissimis Dubitandi & Decidendi Rationibus Exornati, Una cum Breui Narratione Eorum, Que ex Singulis Paragraphis sunt Annotanda; Glossis Obscurioribus Clara Subiecta est Interpretatio, [Et] Ubicunque Accursius a Doctoribus Improbatur, Ibi Lectorem, Ne Falsa Imbuatur Doctrina, Fideliter Admoneri cur Animus; Index Preterea Rerum et Verbor[um] Accuratius Accuratus...; Que Autem hac Tertia Editione Adiecta sunt vel in Melius Reformata Asterisco Prenotata Invenientur.

Venice: Apud luntas, 1552. [lvi], 366, [2] ff. Main text in parallel columns surrounded by linear gloss in parallel columns. Octavo (6-3/4" x 4-1/2").

Contemporary paneled vellum richly blind-tooled on wooden boards, with brass clasps. "1 SW" and "1554" stamped to front board. Moderate soiling, some rubbing to extremities. Text printed in red and black, large Giunta fleur-de-lis device to title page, woodcut decorated initials. Light toning, early annotations to rear endleaf, later owner signature to front free endpaper, occasional tiny marks to text, light soiling to title page. A notably handsome copy. \$1,950.

EDIT16 CNCE 13471.



THREE CLASSIC LEGAL REFERENCE WORKS PRINTED CIRCA 1500

68 [LEGAL REFERENCE].

Flores Legum.

[Paris: Etienne Jehannot for Jean Petit, c.1500]. [60] ff. Collation: [a8], b-g8 h4. 30-31-line text.

[BOUND WITH]

Brocardica Iuris.

[Paris: Andre Bocard, for E., J. And G. de Marnef, [c. 1503]. [40] ff. Collation: a-e8. 32-line text.

[AND]

TUDESCHIS, NICCOLO DE,
ARCHBISHOP
(ABBAS PANORAMITANUS)
[1386-1445].

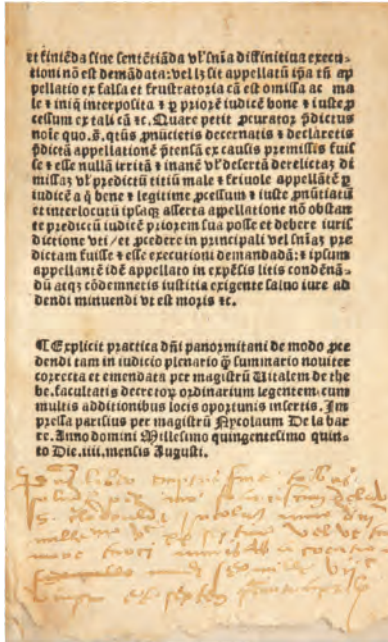
[AUERBACH, JOHANNES DE
(D. 1469) EDITOR].

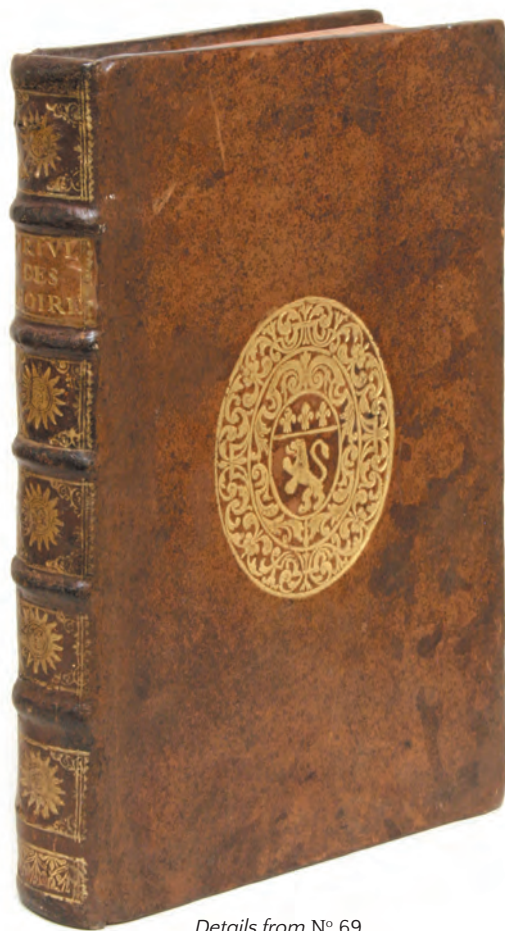
**Processus Iudiciarius Panormitani
Noviter Correctus et Emendatus cum
Multis Additionibus in Locis Oportunis
Insertis.**

[Paris: Impressa per Magistrum Nicolaum de la Barre for Jean Petit, August 4, 1505]. [122] ff. Collation: a-o8. 32-line text.

Octavo (5-1/4" x 3-1/4"). Contemporary flexible vellum with lapped edges, early hand-lettered title to fore-edge. Large woodcut printer devices to title pages. Light soiling and a few minor stains to boards, spine darkened, light rubbing to extremities. Moderate toning to text, faint dampstaining in a few places, some edgewear to first four leaves of *Flores Legum* and final eight leaves of *Processus Iudiciarius*, early annotations to front endleaf, additional brief annotations in same hand to approximately 20 other leaves. A handsome volume comprising three rare imprints. \$10,000.

THIS VOLUME CONTAINING three classic reference works was probably compiled by a law student or layman. The *Flores Legum* is an anonymous collection of legal terms, maxims and other definitions in a condensed format arranged for easy reference. Copies were often bound with the *Brocardica Iuris*. Originally attributed to Portius Azo, it is a legal handbook for students and laymen. The *Processus Iudiciarius* is a handbook on procedure in the canon and civil courts. Tudeschis, a cleric and one of the most prolific and formidable legal scholars of his generation, earned the nickname 'lucerna juris' (lamp of the law). All three works were first printed in the fourteenth century. Notably popular and durable works, all went through several later editions. *Flores Legum*, *Brocardica Iuris*: GW 10066, V Sp.558a; *Processus Iudiciarius*: USTC 182665.





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1649 RESTATEMENT OF LAWS GOVERNING THE FAIR OF LYON

69 [LYON].

Privileges des Foires de Lyon, Octroyez par les Roys Tres-Chrestiens par les Roys Tres-Chrestiens, Aux Marchands François & Estrangers y Negocians sous Lesdits Privileges, Ou Residens en Ladite Ville.

Lyon: Par Guillaume Barbier, 1649. xvi, [8], 398, [8] pp. Quarto (9-1/4" x 6-1/2").

Contemporary sheep, large gilt-stamped arms of Lyon to centers of boards, gilt spine with raised bands and lettering piece. Light rubbing, corners bumped. Woodcut arms of Lyons to title page. Moderate toning, somewhat heavier in places, some leaves have faint dampspotting, a few passages have early marks or underlining. A handsome copy. \$1,500.

ONLY EDITION. Lyon's location in central France at the confluence of two major rivers (the Rhône and Saône) helped to establish the city as a trading center and an ideal location for trade fairs. By the late fifteenth century, fairs produced by Italian merchants made Lyon the banking center of France. Given its economic importance, and the jealousy of other cities and, on occasion, kings of France, the city was careful to record and assert its rights. As much a political statement as it a legal handbook, the *Privileges* is a compilation of laws, orders, privileges and other legislation granted to the fair of Lyon from 1349 to 1563. OCLC locates 3 copies in North American law libraries (George Washington University, UC-Berkeley, Yale). *Goldsmiths* '1012.

1576 PRINTING OF MAGNA CARTA AND LATER STATUTES
WITH CONTEMPORARY ANNOTATIONS

70 [MAGNA CARTA].

Magna Charta, Cum Statutis, Tum Antiquis, Tum Recentibus, Maximopere, Animo Tenendis nunc Demum ad Unum, Tipis Aedita, Per Richardum Tottell. Anno Domini. 1576. Cum Privilegio ad Imprimendum Solum.

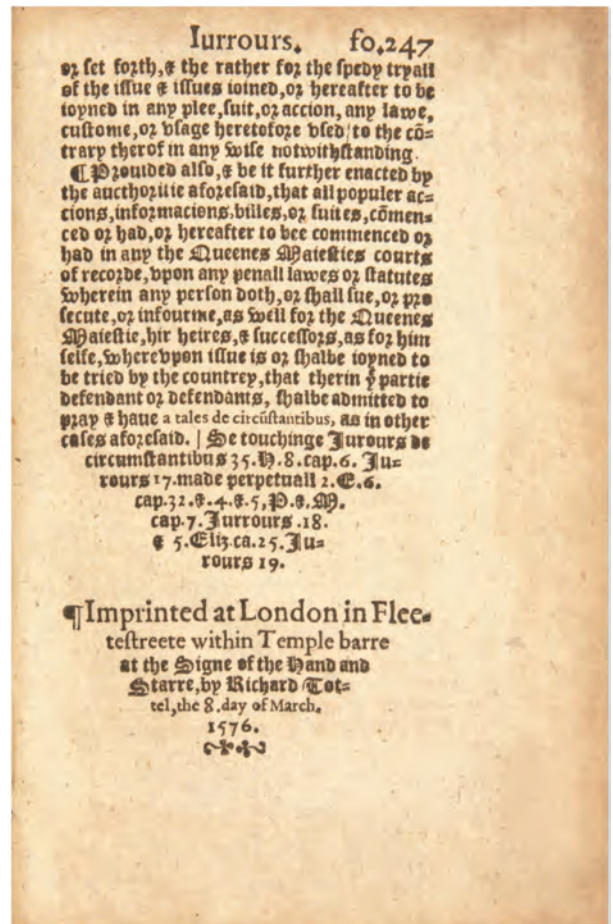
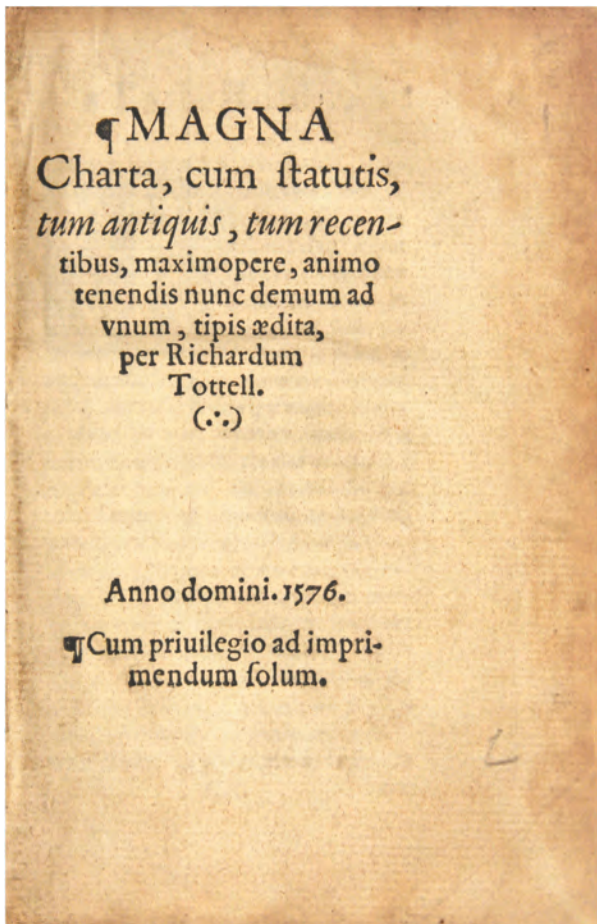
[Imprinted at London: In Fleetestrete Within Temple Barre at the Signe of the Hand and Starre, By Richard Tottel, The 8. Day of March. 1576]. [vii], 247 ff. Blank endleaf preceding Fol. 1 lacking. Octavo (5-1/2" x 3-3/4").

Contemporary paneled calf, raised bands to spine, early hand-lettered title to fore-edge, ties lacking. Light rubbing and a few minor gouges, cracks and nicks to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, spine ends worn, corners bumped and somewhat worn, pastedowns and free endpapers lacking, later armorial bookplate to verso of front board, fragments of an illuminated manuscript Bible used as printer's waste at hinges, attractive woodcut decorated initials. Moderate toning to text, faint staining to a few leaves, annotations and underlining in early hand to margins of approximately 25 pages, light soiling and minor edgewear to title page. \$7,500.

AN EARLY PRINTING OF THE MAGNA CARTA, which was first printed around 1508 by Richard Pynson. It also includes the Charta de Foresta of Henry III, the Statutes of Merton and Marlebridge, the Statutes of Edward I and other statutes through the fourteenth regnal year of Elizabeth I, which are digested by topic. Among the most notorious statutes are those of Edward concerning Jews, including the Edict of Expulsion (1290), which banished them from England. Other statutes relate to women, wills, forcible entry, "Fraudulent Deedes" and other topics. The text is mostly in Latin or Law-French, then in English after Fol. 119. The annotations range from a few words to a sentence or two. About half of these are interpretive in nature, the others are references to statutes and cases. Beale S18. ESTC S101094.



Details from N° 70



THE FIRST SYSTEMATIC TREATISE ON INTERNATIONAL LAW
BY AN ENGLISH AUTHOR, INSCRIBED BY THE AUTHOR

71 MANNING, WILLIAM OKE [1809-1878].

Commentaries on the Law of Nations.

London, S. Sweet; Milliken and Son, Dublin; and Clark, Edinburgh, 1839. xxviii, 390 pp. Octavo (8-1/2" x 5-1/2").

Contemporary calf, blind rules to boards, gilt spine with raised bands and lettering piece, gilt tooling to board edges, blind inside dentelles, speckled edges, ribbon marker. Negligible light rubbing to extremities with minor wear to corners, armorial bookplate of the author's father, to front pastedown. Very light toning to text, slightly heavier in a few places, presentation inscription from the author to his father on front endleaf. \$1,750.

FIRST EDITION. The inscription reads: "William Oke Manning Sr/ from his affectionate and grateful son/ the author." Manning's was the first systematic treatise on international law by a native British author. "Manning's book was noticeable for its historical method, its appreciation of (...) the ethical and customary elements in international law (...) [and] for the exactness of its reasoning and artistic completeness" (*DNB*). A popular textbook, it was cited as an authority in the courts. A second edition edited by Sheldon Amos was published in 1875. It is cited in recent scholarship for its relevance to Victorian England and the legal framework of the British Empire in such works as Bell, ed., *Victorian Visions of Global Order: Empire and Relations in Nineteenth-Century Political Thought* (2007) and Fitzmaurice, *Sovereignty, Property and Empire, 1500-2000* (2014). *DNB* XII:959. Sweet & Maxwell 1:232.

THIRTEENTH-CENTURY MANUSCRIPT COPY
OF A PAPAL DECRETAL CONCERNING INHERITANCE

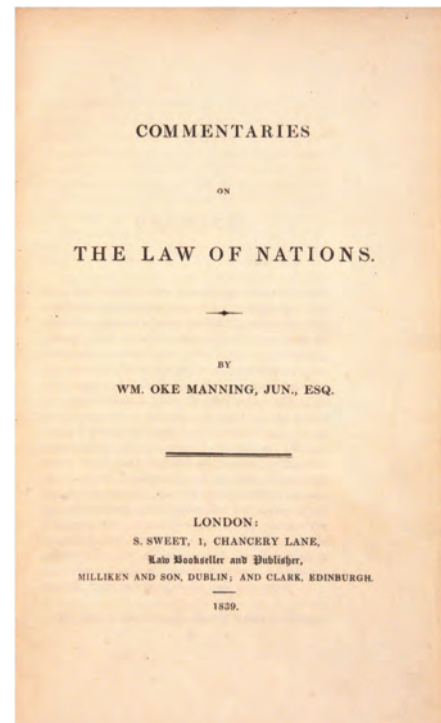
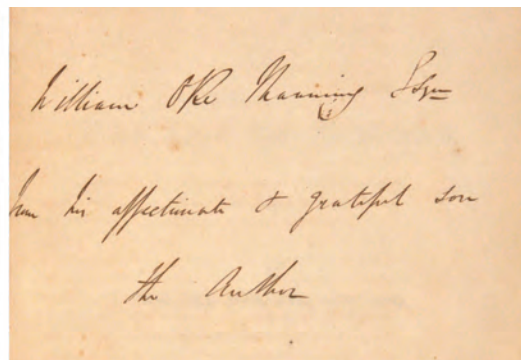
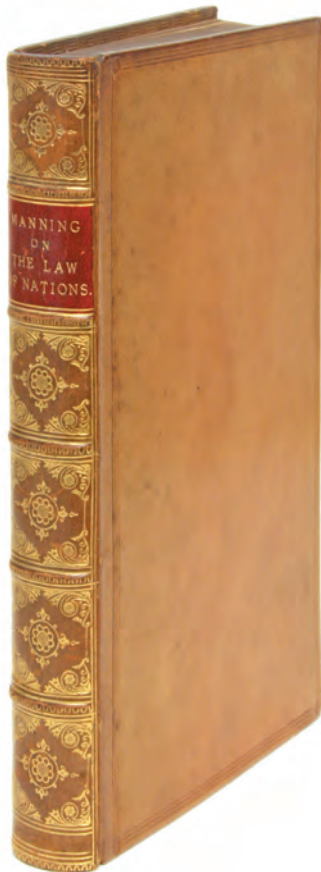
72 [MANUSCRIPT].
[CANON LAW].
[CLEMENT, III (1130-1191), POPE].

[Leaf from a Papal Decretal Concerning Inheritance].

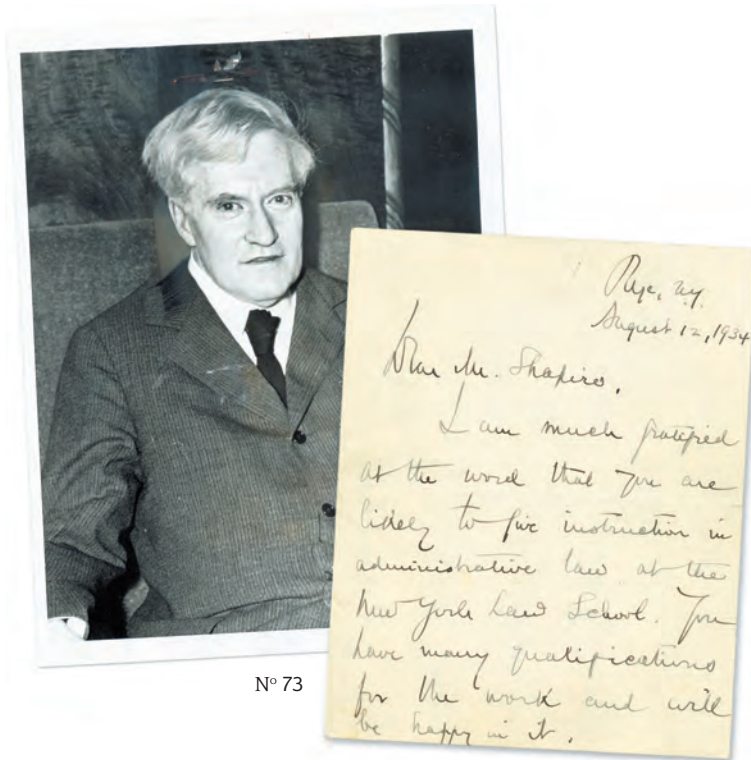
France, c. 1270. [2] pp. Folio (12-3/4" x 9-1/2").

Parchment leaf, light soiling and a few faint stains, fold lines and tiny holes, pieces removed from corners with minor loss to text. 50-line rubricated text in gothic hand in 2 columns surrounded by glosses, 8 vividly colored Lombard initials with flourishes in red and blue, 4-line ornamented incipit beginning with 14-line initial "P" in red and blue, with elaborate flourishes. A few faint later annotations. A fine example of a high-medieval legal manuscript. \$3,500.

AN EXTENSIVE TEXT FRAGMENT from a thirteenth-century copy of a papal decretal concerning inheritance with later commentary. More specifically, this decretal states that inherited goods owned for 30 years or more can not be taken by the Church. ("De constitutionibus - Preterea de lege illa vel errore quam cives tuos asseris statuissse, videlicet, ut si quis teneret by xxx annos possessiones alicujus ecclesie, nec reddidisset canonem constitutum non ideo cadret pensionente possessionis illius, nihil certi tibi pessumus respondere, donec constitutionem illam ab ipsis factam nobis verbo ad verbum expositam studeas destinare.") The text begins with the incipit "De constitutionibus - Preterea de lege illa vel errore quam cives tuos asseris statuissse." The large initial "P" and the word "Preterea," are highlighted by alternating red and blue Versallutes. The commentary provides a detailed exegesis of this passage.



Details from N° 71



N° 73

CARDOZO ALS CONCERNING THE ETHICS OF WRITING
A REFERENCE LETTER WITH A PHOTO

73 [MANUSCRIPT].
CARDZO, BENJAMIN N.
[SHAPIRO, HAROLD].

[Autograph Letter, Signed, To Harold Shapiro on U.S.
Supreme Court Letterhead].

Rye, NY, August 12, 1934. Single sheet folded to form four 6-1/2" x 5" leaves. Faint mark to top edge from paper clip, horizontal fold lines, otherwise fine.

[WITH]
CARDZO, BENJAMIN N.

[6-1/2" x 8-1/2" Black-and-White
Photograph of Cardozo].

[New York: Acme News Agency, January 10, 1938]. Light wear to edges, faint crop marks and minor retouching to image, stamps, annotation and caption to verso.
\$1,500.

THIS LETTER CONCERNS a request for a recommendation. Shapiro was a lawyer and legal writer involved with trade and anti-trust regulation during the New Deal. He was the co-author of *Trade Associations in Law and Business* (1938). In 1934 he applied for a teaching position at New York Law School and asked Cardozo to support his candidacy with a recommendation letter. Although he believed Shapiro was qualified for the position, he wrote: "As for writing to the Dean, I have a fixed rule never to recommend anyone for appointment to a

position of any kind unless my opinion has been solicited by the appointing power. You will agree with me, when you reflect about the matter, that this is the only appropriate attitude for a judge to take." Cardozo thus appealed to Shapiro as a fellow lawyer to explain the necessity of impartiality. It is indicative of Cardozo's personality that he doesn't flaunt his status as a Supreme Court justice; he simply calls himself a "judge." The caption of the photo reads (in part): "Justice Cardozo, Ill, Ordered to rest-- Although slight improvement has been noted in the condition of Supreme court Justice Benjamin Cardozo (above), who has been ill from heart attacks and shingles, he has been ordered to remain absolutely quiet for some time."



N° 74

CARDOZO ALS ON U.S. SUPREME COURT LETTERHEAD
WITH PHOTO

74 [MANUSCRIPT].
CARDOZO, BENJAMIN N.
[SHAPIRO, HAROLD].

[Autograph Letter, Signed, To Harold Shapiro on U.S. Supreme Court Letterhead, October 8, 1934].

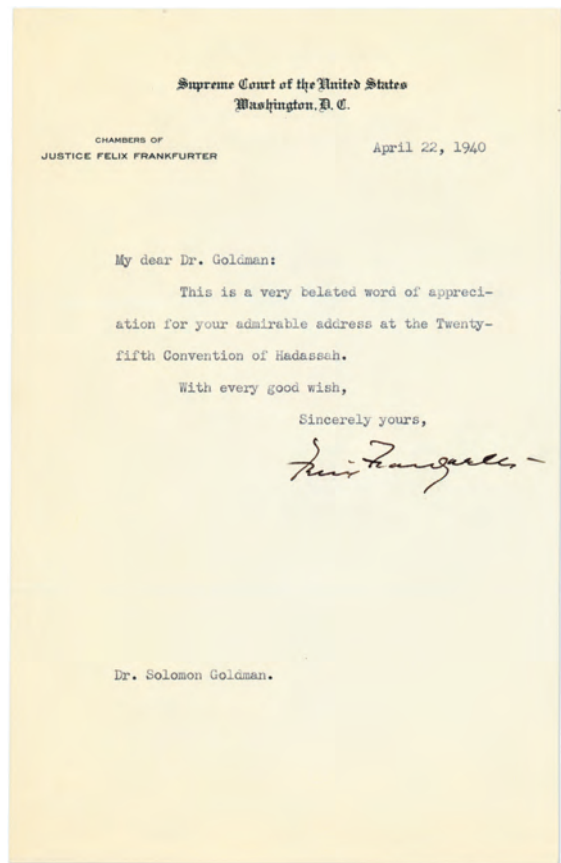
Two 5" x 7-3/4" leaves. Light soiling, horizontal fold lines, otherwise fine.

[WITH]
CARDOZO, BENJAMIN N.

[7" x 9" Black-and-White Photograph of Cardozo].

[New York: Acme Newspictures, October 13, 1933]. \$750.

THE LETTER READS: "Dear Harold Shapiro, I am more than pleased to hear of your appointment [to the faculty of the New York Law School]. You will carry with you into your new task my earnest wishes for your happiness; of your success I feel assured. Let me hear of your progress. Faithfully yours, Benjamin N. Cardozo." The photo caption reads (in part): "Justice Benjamin N. Cardozo of the U.S. Supreme Court shown as he arrived to attend a session of the fall term which opened recently. (...) Justice Cardozo is shown in an informal action pose as he arrives at the court in Washington, D.C. Oct. 12th."



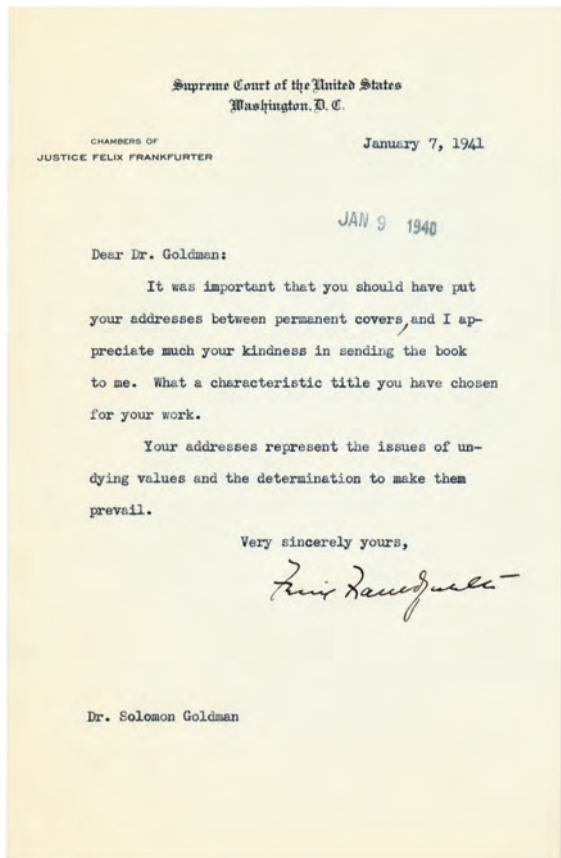
FRANKFURTER EXPRESSES ADMIRATION AND THANKS TO
THE PRESIDENT OF THE ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

75 [MANUSCRIPT].
FRANKFURTER, FELIX [1882-1965].
[GOLDMAN, SOLOMON (1893-1953)].

[Two Typed Letters, Signed, To Dr. Solomon Goldman, On U.S. Supreme Court Letterhead, April 22, 1940 and January 7, 1941].

Single-sided letters on 6-1/2" x 9" sheets, signed "Felix Frankfurter." Faint fold lines, date stamp to head of letter from 1941. \$950.

GOLDMAN WAS THE PRESIDENT of the Zionist Organization of America. The first letter, from 1940, expresses appreciation for Goldman's address at the 25th Annual Convention of Hadassah. (It was a rousing speech in which Goldman asked: "Will American Jewry...rise to its full stature, or will this giant among the Jewries of the world fetter its own hands and feet? A timid Jewry in America is no asset to world Jewry. (...) We are becoming habituated to defeat, whispering, begging. It is not ours to beg for tolerance. We must demand justice.") The second letter, from 1941, thanks Goldman for sending him a copy of his published addresses and expresses the opinion that his "addresses represent the issues of undying values and the determination to make them prevail."



76 [MANUSCRIPT].
[GREAT BRITAIN].

[Commonplace Book of Legal Forms].

[Great Britain, c. 1723-1727]. 341, [1] pp. Quarto (9-1/2" x 7-3/4").

Disbound, text in English and Latin in neat hand to rectos and versos of most leaves. Moderate toning, occasional edgewear and minor tears, some leaves have faint dampstaining, light soiling to outer leaves. Item housed in recent cloth clamshell box, calf lettering piece (reading 18th Century/ Legal MS.) to front. \$2,500.

POSSIBLY THE WORK of a student or barrister of the Ecclesiastical Courts, this is a collection of forms relating to family law, estates and ecclesiastical law. Some of the more curious items are "A Penance for Fornication," a "Nomination to a Perpetual Curacy" and a "Licentia Pedagoge." Most of the content is written carefully with few corrections. The final 16 pages contain information relevant to an estate: expense tables, a list of sums paid and an apparently unfinished tenant list.



JUDGE HARLAN REFLECTS ON HIS ROLE IN ARBITRATING THE ALABAMA CLAIMS AND ON THE DRAFTING OF THE TREATY OF WASHINGTON

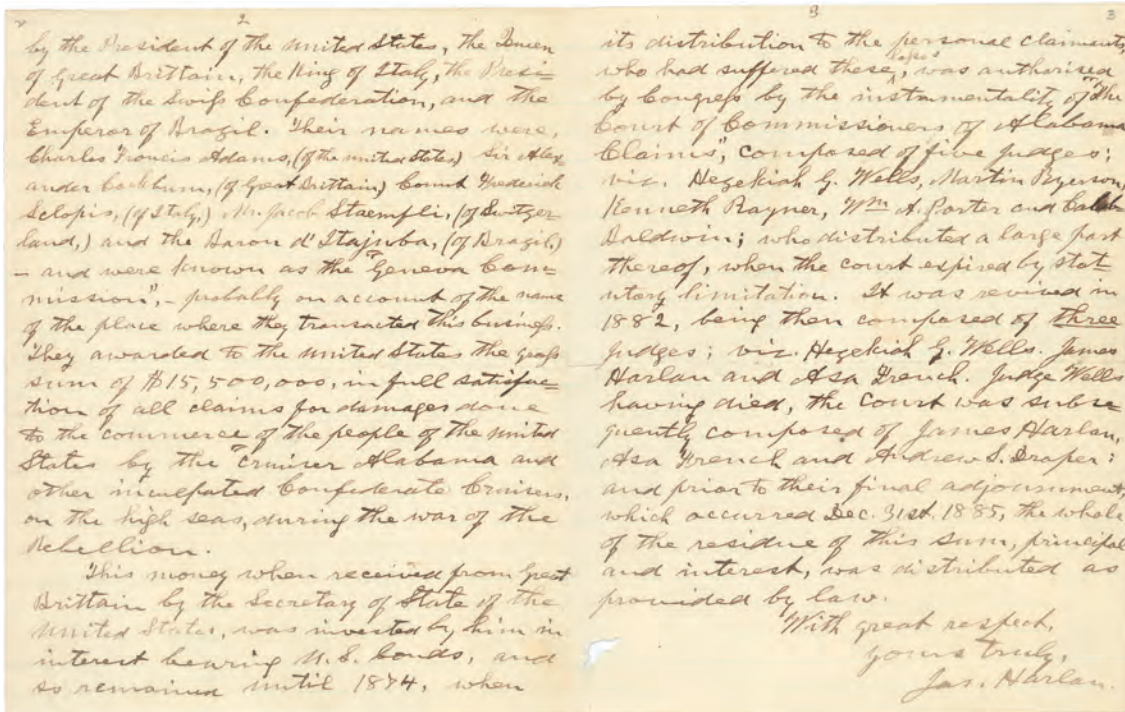
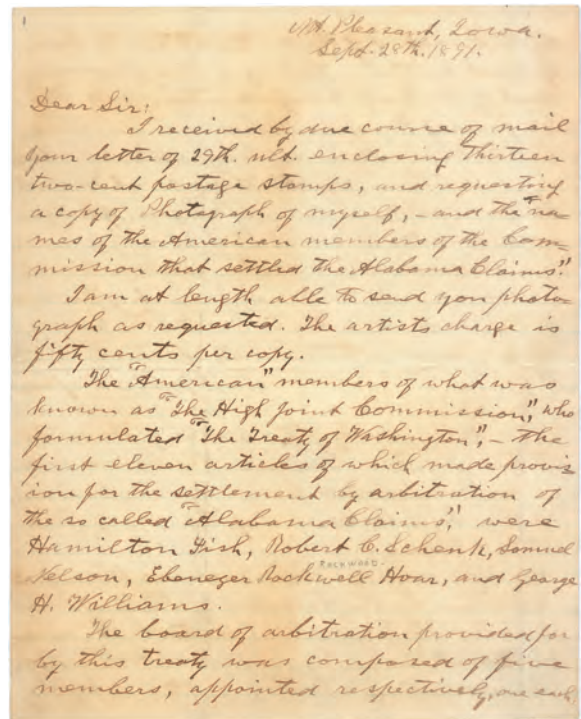
77 [MANUSCRIPT].
HARLAN, JAMES [1820-1899].

[Autograph Letter, Signed, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, September 28, 1891].

Single leaf folded to from 9-3/4" x 7-3/4" bifolium, no transmittal envelope. Two fold lines, one vertical and one horizontal, light brownning. Content in neat hand to rectos and versos of three pages. \$650.

HARLAN WAS THE PRESIDING JUDGE for the Court of Commissioners, which heard cases related to the Alabama Claims. After the Civil War, the United States made claims against Great Britain for damages inflicted upon U.S. vessels by the Confederate "commerce raiders" *Alabama*, *Florida*, *Shenandoah* and other cruisers fitted out by British shipbuilders. This matter was settled by an international body of commissioners that met in Geneva in 1871-1872. The work of this group, which concluded with the Treaty of Washington, marked a watershed in international law by establishing a template for the peaceful settlement of conflicts through arbitration. The letter is addressed to an unknown recipient who seems to have been researching the history of the commission. Harlan writes, "The American members of what was known as The High Joint Commission who formulated The Treaty of Washington - the first eleven articles of which made provision for the settlement by arbitration of the so called 'Alabama Claims' - were Hamilton Fish, Robert C. Schenk, Samuel Nelson, Ebenezer Rockwell Hoar, and George H. Williams. The board of arbitration provided for by this treaty was composed of five members, appointed respectively, one each, by the President of the United States, the Queen of Great Britain, the King of Italy, the President of the Swiss Confederation, and the Emperor of Brazil.. He lists the names of the participants, who were known as The Geneva Commission. "They awarded the United States the gross sum of \$15,500,000, in full satisfaction of all claims for damages done to the commerce of the people of the United States by the cruiser *Alabama* and other inculpated Confederate Cruisers on the high seas, during the war of the rebellion. This money.. was invested..

in interest bearing U.S. bonds, and so remained until 1874, when its distribution to the personal claimants who had suffered these losses was authorized by Congress by the instrumentality of The Court of Commissioners of Alabama Claims, composed of five judges.. He lists them. When the Court expired "by statutory limitation, it was revived in 1882, being then composed of three judges' viz. Hezekiah G. Wells, James Harlan and Asa French..". By Dec. 31, 1885 these judges completed the distribution and the Court was finally adjourned. A fine summary of an important Civil War reparations matter by one of the participants.



A COURT DOCUMENT IN KENT'S HAND, SIGNED BY KENT

78 [MANUSCRIPT].
KENT, JAMES [1763-1847].

[Court Document in Kent's Hand, Signed by Kent].

[New York]: February 5, 1806. 4 pp.

12-3/4" x 8-1/4" bifolium, docketed on verso of second leaf.

Horizontal fold lines, a few with minor tears, light browning and minor edgewear. Content in small hand filling one page. \$950.

A RECOGNIZANCE COMPOSED and signed by Kent when he was chief justice of the New York Supreme Court. It concerned a sum of \$1,600.00 owed to David Richardson by Rufus Backus. This debt was related to land owned in Washington County, NY. Kent, the great judge and legal scholar, is known for his path-breaking his *Commentaries on American Law* (1826-1830) and precedent-setting career as chief justice of the New York Supreme Court (1804-1814) and chancellor of New York (1814-1823).

DETAILS THE MANAGEMENT OF AN EMINENT WESTCHESTER,
NEW YORK LAWYER-BUSINESSMAN'S ESTATE79 [MANUSCRIPT].
[LEE, ELIJAH (1824-1902)].

Account Book as Executor of the Estate of Thomas Rathbone Lee [Cover Title].

[Somers, New York, 1860-1889; 1917-1920]. [150] pp. 5 leaves tipped or pinned in. Octavo (7-1/2" x 4-3/4").

Calf, blind fillets to boards. Moderate rubbing to boards, spine backstrip perished, a few cracks to text block, final gathering detached, some edgewear to tipped-in and laid-in leaves. Small owner stamp of Elijah Lee to front pastedown and verso of front free endpaper, note in later hand identifying the nature of this manuscript to its recto. Light toning, content in neat hand. \$500.

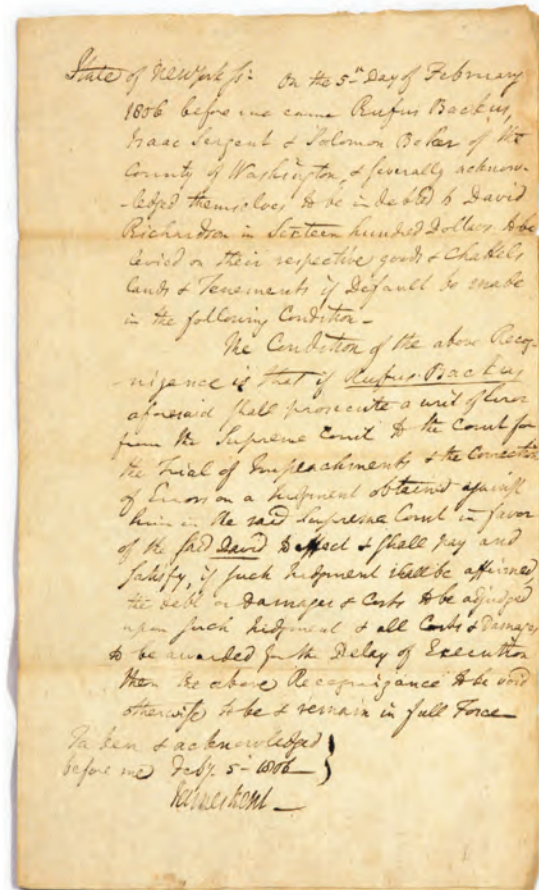
THIS MANUSCRIPT DETAILS the administration of properties owned by the estate of the eminent Westchester County lawyer Thomas Rathbone Lee [1800-1860] of Somers, New York. The entries span a period of 60 years. The entries to 1889 were written Lee's half-brother Elijah Lee. The other entries, in unknown hands, deal with the estates of other members of this prominent family. Thomas Lee was a lawyer with a businessman with many interests. His clients included members of several prominent Westchester families, such as Purdys and Wrights. In addition to his extensive property holding, he had several business interests, such as the ownership of the Croton House hotel in Croton Falls. *History of Westchester County, New York* (1886) II: 534.

CRIMINAL ACTIVITY IN BROCKTON, MASSACHUSETTS, 1898-1899

80 [MANUSCRIPT].
[MASSACHUSETTS].

Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Police Court of the City of Brockton, Criminal Docket [Running Title].

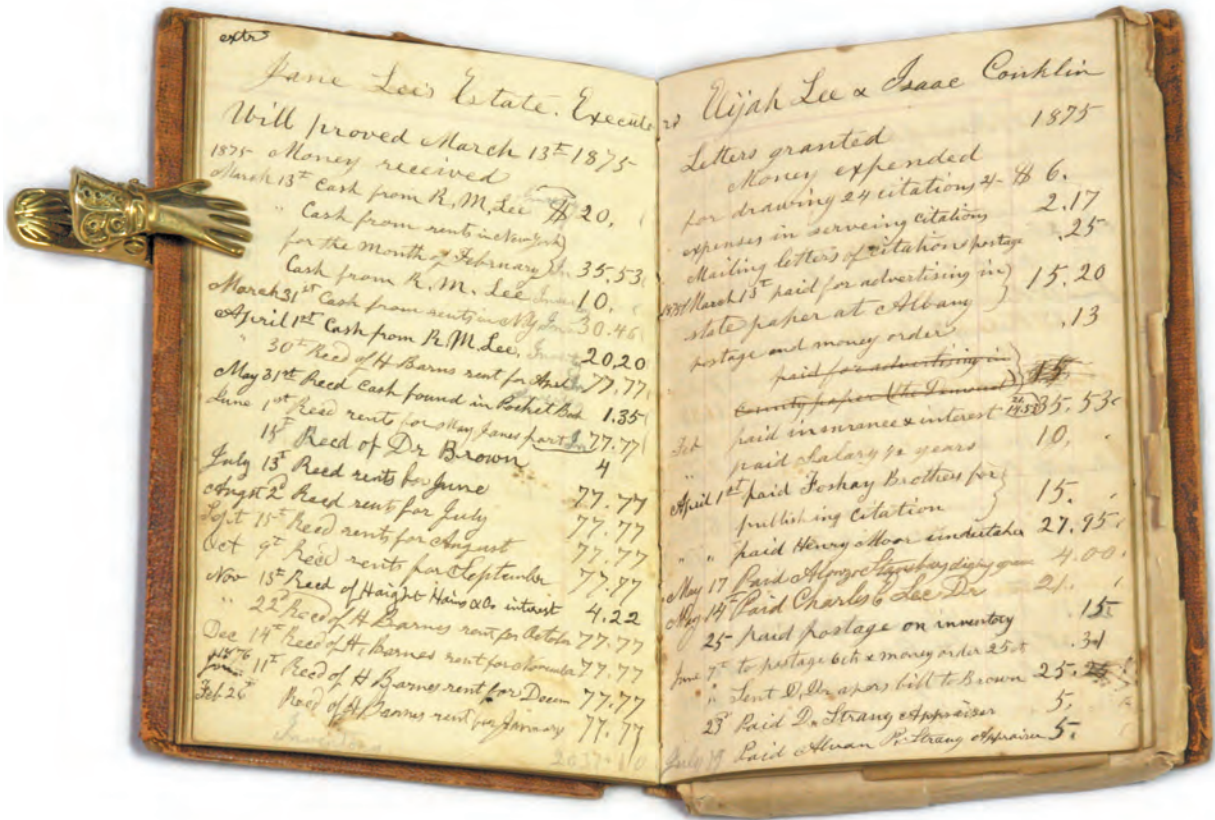
[Brockton, MA, 1898-1899]. [330] pp. Quarto (14-1/4" x 11-1/2").



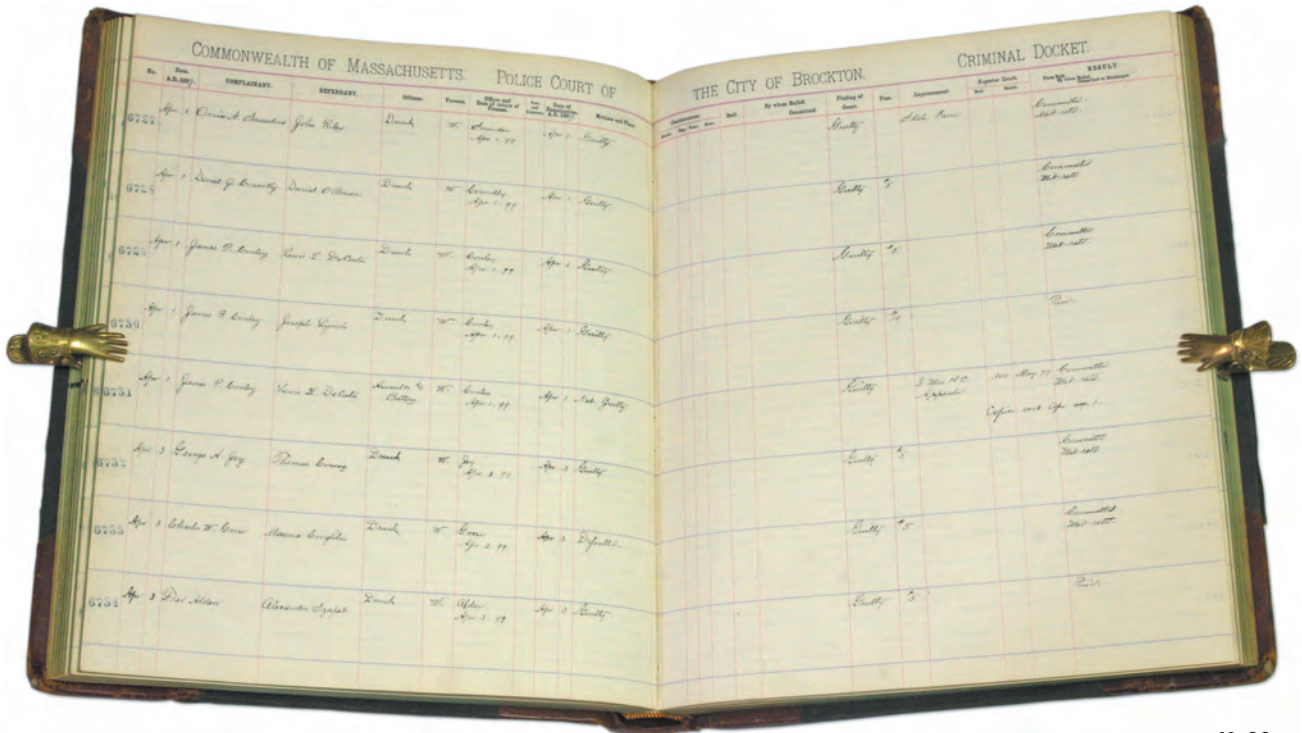
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Three-quarter calf over pebbled cloth, gilt rules to boards, gilt-edged raised bands and gilt title to spine, marbled endpapers. Light rubbing and a few minor scuffs and stains to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities. Part-printed ruled ledger. Light toning to interior, text in neat hand to rectos and versos of most leaves. A well-preserved item. \$950.

THIS DOCKET PROVIDES a fascinating chronicle of criminal activity in a large New England industrial town at the end of the nineteenth century. Each entry is organized under the following headings: Date, Complainant, Defendant, Offence, Process, Offer and Date of Return of Process, Date of Examination, Motions and Pleas, Continuances, Bail, By Whom Bailed; Committed, Finding of Court, Fine, Imprisonment, Superior Court and Result. The numerous offenses found here include possession of a dangerous weapon, assault on a police officer, an attempt to rescue a prisoner, breaking and entering, breaking glass in a building, burning a barn, burning a fence, contempt of court, cruelty to animals (horses, cows), defacing a school house, defrauding an inn keeper, disorderly conduct, diverting electric current, using electricity unlawfully, evading payment, embezzlement, fornication, gaming, theft, gaming on the Lord's Day, selling adulterated butter, reselling lottery tickets, illegal transportation of intoxicating liquors, keeping a child from school, lewd and lascivious cohabitation, lewdness, maliciously injuring a tree, failure to support a child, failure to support a wife, fraud, rape, riding a bicycle over 10 miles an hour, selling cigarettes to a minor under 16, sodomy, vagrancy, trespassing and selling drugs without a pharmacy license. A large percentage of these cases involve alcohol and alcoholism. Some defendants were fined, others were jailed, sent to the state farm, placed on probation, issued warrants, dismissed for want of prosecution, released from the police station, bailed out or sentenced to the reformatory.



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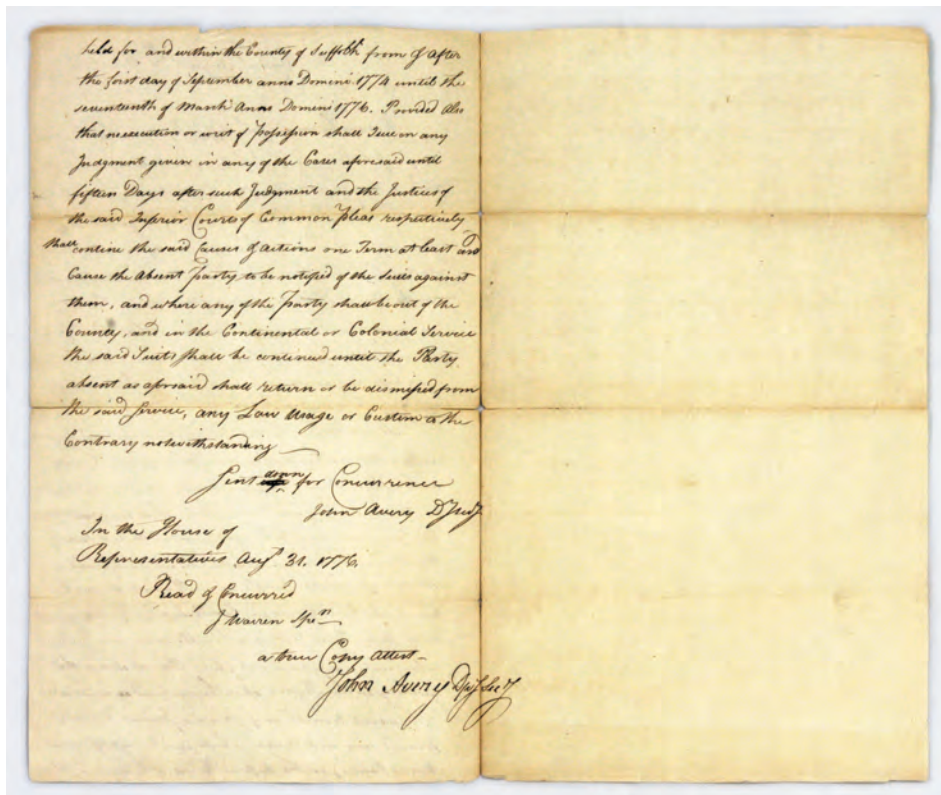
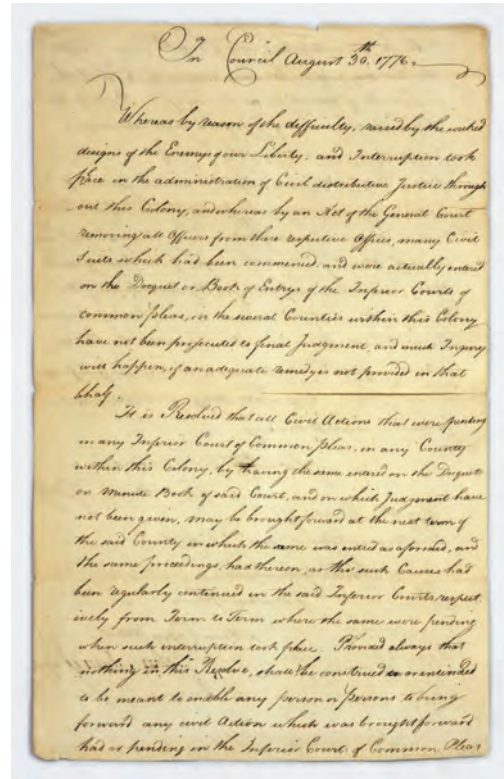
81 [MANUSCRIPT].
[MASSACHUSETTS].
[GENERAL COURT].
[AMERICAN REVOLUTION].

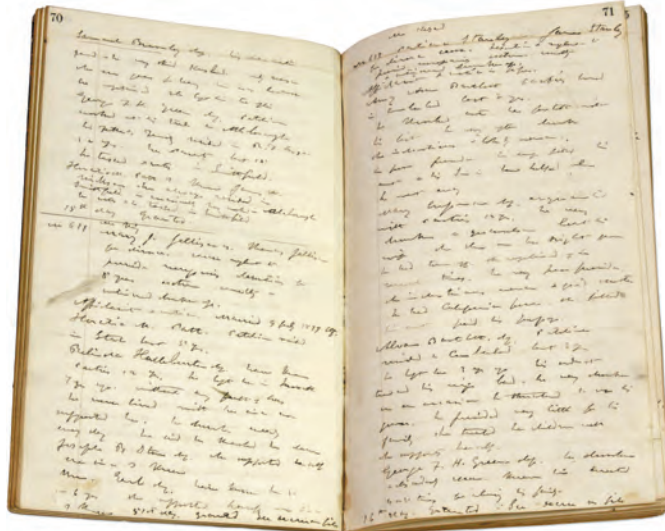
In Council. August 30th, 1776. Whereas by Reason of the Difficulty, Raised by the Wicked Designs of the Enemies of Our Liberty, An Interruption Took Place in the Administration of Civil Distributive Justice Throughout the Colony...

Single leaf folded to from 11-1/2" x 7-1/4" bifolium. Light browning and edgewear, split neatly into two leaves, three horizontal fold lines, most with partial splits. Content in neat hand to recto and verso of first leaf, manuscript docketed on verso of second.

\$2,500.

SIGNED AND ATTESTED by John Avery, Secretary. Written six weeks after the Declaration of Independence, this resolve of the Massachusetts House of Representatives concerns the disposition of civil suits now that the Revolution was officially underway. It explains in detail the means for handling civil suits interrupted by the removal of court officers. The text continues (from above): "...and whereas by an Act of the General Court removing all Officers from their respective offices, many Civil Suits which had been commenced and were actually entered on the Docquet or Books of Entry of the Inferior Courts of common pleas, in several Counties within this Colony have not been prosecuted to final judgment, and much Injury will happen if an adequate remedy is not provided in that behalf; It is Resolved that all Civil Actions that were pending in any Inferior Court of Common Pleas, in any County within this Colony, by having the same entered on the Docquet or Minute Book of said Court, and on which judgment have not been given, may be brought forward at the next term of the said County in which the same was entered as aforesaid, and the same proceedings had thereon, as the said Causes had been regularly continued in the said Inferior Courts, except such as were pending when such interruption took place. Provided always that nothing in this Resolve, shall be construed or intended to be meant to enable any person or persons to bring forward any civil Action which was brought forward and is pending in the Inferior Court of Common Pleas





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MANUSCRIPT NOTES ON RHODE ISLAND SUPREME COURT CASES

82 [MANUSCRIPT].
RHODE ISLAND.
SUPREME COURT.

[Notes of Cases Heard Before the Rhode Island Supreme Court].

[Providence, RI, 1854]. [iv], 170 pp. Folio (14" x 8").

Quarter calf over marbled boards. Binding cocked, some rubbing and a few stains to boards, spine abraded with some loss, corners worn. Light toning to leaves, text in neat hand to rectos and versos of all leaves, main text preceded by index. \$750.

THIS FASCINATING mid-19th century collection of 170 cases heard in the Rhode Island Supreme Court was probably compiled by a law student or attorney. Enhanced by an index, they are, in effect, manuscript case reports. All appear to have been compiled in the courtroom and enhanced afterwards with notes and references. Some of these contain references to cases dating as far back as the 1820s.

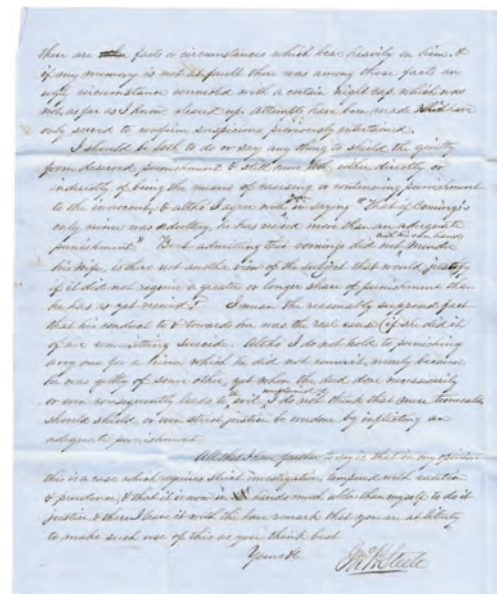
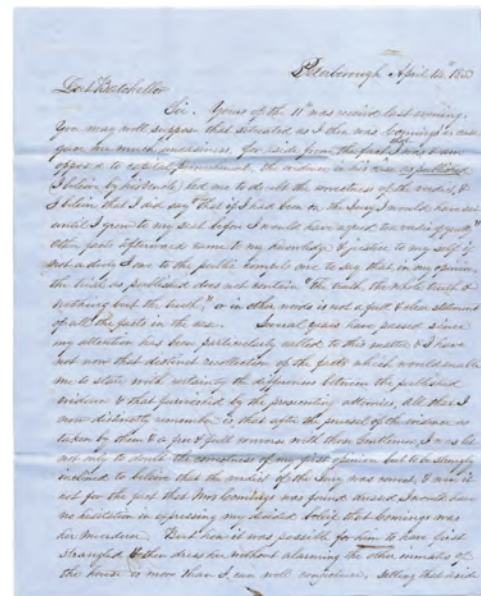
GOVERNOR STEELE DISCUSSES A CONTROVERSIAL MURDER CASE
RECORDED IN MCDADE

83 [MANUSCRIPT].
STEELE, JOHN HARDY [1789-1865].
[BATCHELLER, DR. JAMES (D. 1866)].
[COMINGS, WILLIAM].

[Autograph Letter, Signed, To Dr. James Batcheller, Peterborough, NH, April 14, 1853].

Single leaf folded to form bifolium, all 10" x 7-3/4," franked on verso, with postage stamp. Content in neat hand to recto and versos of first leaf. Vertical and horizontal fold lines, a few tiny stains. \$750.

STEELE WAS THE GOVERNOR of New Hampshire. His letter discusses facts pointing to the innocence or guilt of William Comings, who was convicted of strangling his wife with a handkerchief, then suspending her body from a bedpost to make her death look like a suicide. Comings was convicted and appealed his case unsuccessfully. He was then pardoned by Governor Steele, who felt the case had been mismanaged and the jury biased. This case was the subject of a pamphlet that is recorded in McDade. See McDade 208.



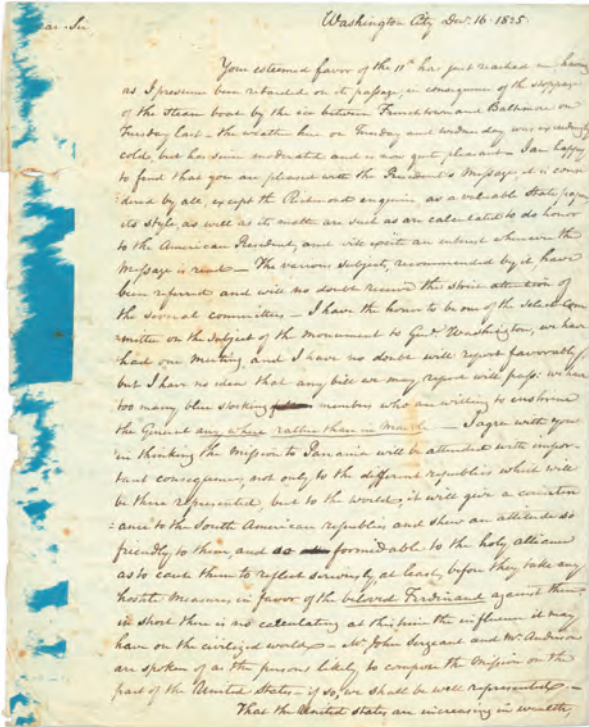
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84 [MANUSCRIPT].
WOLF, GEORGE [1777-1840].

[Autograph Letter, Signed, Washington, DC, December 16, 1825].

Single 9-3/4" x 8" leaf. Four fold lines, two vertical and two horizontal, light browning. Content in small neat hand to recto and verso, fragments of paper (from an album) along left-hand margin. \$750.

A LAWYER AND JEFFERSONIAN, later Jacksonian politician, Wolf was a member of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives in 1814, a member of the U.S. House of Representatives from 1824 to 1829 and the governor of Pennsylvania from 1829 to 1835. Appointed by President Jackson, served as the first comptroller of the Treasury, a post he held until 1838. He is best known as the governor who oversaw the establishment of Pennsylvania's public school system. Addressed to a John Cooper, an associate judge in Pennsylvania, this letter was written when Wolf was a U.S. Representative. Rich with "inside" information, it touches on several interesting topics: his work as a member of the "select committee on the subject of the monument to Geo. Washington," the annual message of President Adams, a mission to Panama, the prosperity of the United States and the impeachment of Robert Porter, a judge in Northampton, Pennsylvania. Letters by Wolf in the market are rare. We could locate only two auction records, the last at Henkels in 1907 (Lot 354, 3 Letters).



TWO HANDSOME GERMAN TREATISES ON FOREST AND WATER
LAW, ONE ILLUSTRATED WITH 20 CHARMING WOODCUTS

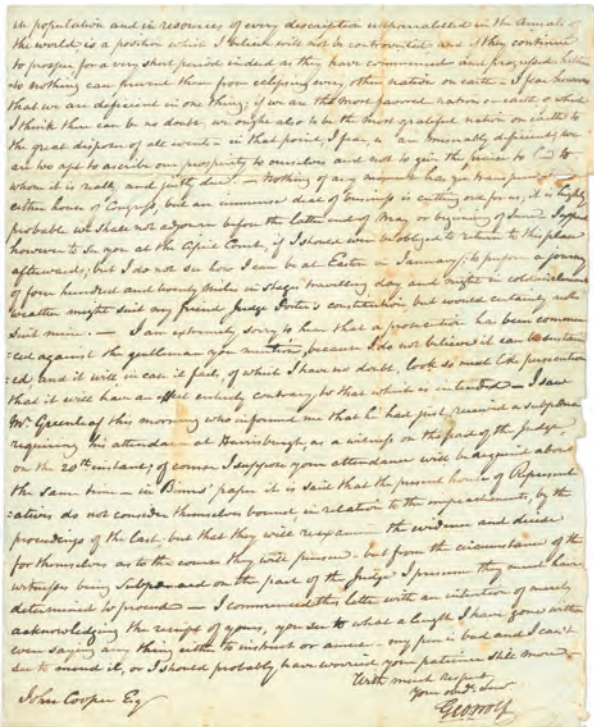
85 MEURER, NOE [1525-1583].

Jag und Forstrecht, Das Ist, Unterricht, Chur, und Fürstlicher Landt auch Graff und Herrschafften und Anderen Obrigkeiten Gebiet von Verhauung un Widerhauung der Waeld vnd Gehoeltz...Weiter sind Herzu Kommen Etliche Gute Consilia wie sie in Etlichen an dem Hochloelichen Keyserlichen Cammergericht Rechthengigen Sachen dieser Materien Referiert und mit Urtheil Seind Entscheiden Worden. Sampt Etlichen Guten Colectanien Dergleichen Hievor nie Gedruckt Sind. Erstlichen Ausgangen durch den Ernuesten und Hochgelarten Noe Meurer der Rechten Doctor vnd Churfuerstlicher Pfaltzgraeuischer Raht Jetzundt von im Auffz Neue Wederumb...Corrigiert und mit Dreyen Theilen Gemehrt vnd Gebessert...

Frankfurt: Durch Paulum Reffeler, in Verlegung Sigmund Feyerabendts, 1576. [iv], 205 ff.

[BOUND WITH]
MEURER, NOE.

Wasser Recht Unnd Gerechtigkeit Fürnemlich des Weitberümbten und Boltreichen Rheinstrams wie Derselbig Gleich als ein Richter am Gestaden Jetzt dem einen Gebe dem andern Nemme: Item von Inseln, Awen, Wäiten auch Berh oder Bauch des Rheins, Sampt Andern Desselben Mehr Anhangenden vnd zu Gehörigen Gerechtigkeiten als der Oberkeit, Gestaden,



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Ufern, Leinpäd, Schiffung, Vogelweid, Salmen und Goltgründen, Eyssbrüchen, Altwassern, Was Derwegen in Rechten Fürsehen und sonst nach Gemeinem Gebrauch Gehalten Werde. Der Ander Tractat vom Rhein auch Andern Schiffreichen und mit Schiffreichen Gemeinen und Eygenen Fliessenden und Stilstehenden Stramen Flussen und Wassern, In was Unterschied Dieselben sein, Wie solche Wassergerechtigkeiten Zubekomen und Herwiderumb Verloren Werden.

Frankfurt: [Nikolaus Basse], 1570. [viii], 66 ff. Lacking final four leaves, an index.

Folio (12-1/2" x 8"). Contemporary limp vellum, early hand-lettered titles to spine, endleaves renewed. A few minor stains, spine somewhat darkened, front hinge partially cracked. Title pages printed in red and black, large woodcut head and tail-pieces and initials, *Jag und Forstrecht* illustrated with 20 large woodcut illustration, German sections printed in handsome Fraktur type. Light toning to text, somewhat heavier in places. Volume housed in light shelfworn and lightly dampspotted paper-covered slipcase with hand-lettered title to spine. Handsome copies of two scarce volumes. \$5,000.

FIRST EDITIONS. Text in German and Latin. Based on an earlier work, *Von Forstlicher Oberherrlichkeit* (1560). *Jag und Forstrecht* is a comprehensive treatise on forest, game and water laws under the Holy Roman, Roman legal systems, with some comparative commentary on German customary law. Grounded in Holy Roman and Roman law, *Wasser Recht* deals specifically with riparian and water-rights, principally fishing and navigation on the Rhine River. Editions of both titles are scarce. OCLC locates 2 copies of the of 1576 edition of *Jag und Forstrecht* in North America (Harvard, Yale), 3 copies of the 1570 edition of *Wasser Recht* (Harvard Law School, Library of Congress, University of Michigan Law School). VD16 M4997, ZV22483. (See title page for additional image.)

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86 MEURER, NOE.
SPANGENBERG, CYRIACUS [1528-1604].

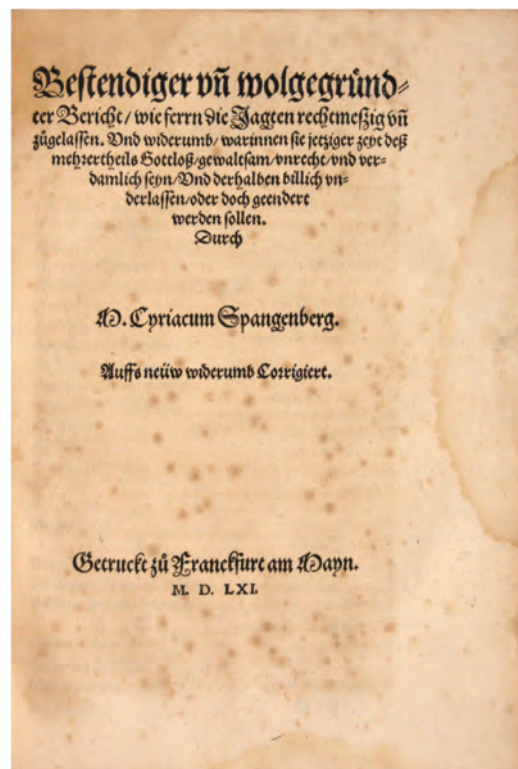
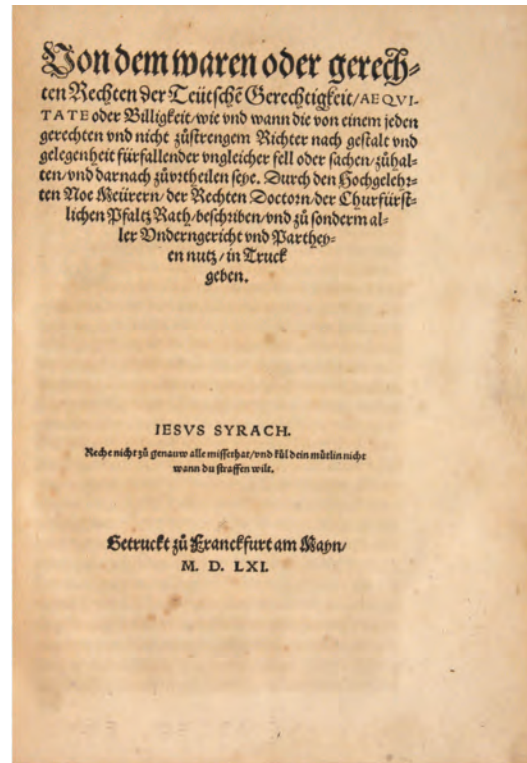
Von Forstlicher Oberherrlichkeit und Gerechtigkeit, Was die Recht, Der Gebrauch, Und die Billigkeit Desselben Vermog. Item: Von dem Waren Oder Gerechten Rechten, Der Teutschen Gerechtigkeit, Aequitate Oder Billigkeit, Wie und Wenn die von Einem Jeden Gerechten und Nit zu Strengen Richter, Nach Gestalt und Gelegenheit Furfallender Ungleicher Fall und Sachen Zuhalten, Und Darnach zu Urteilen Sey. Alles Beschriben durch den Hochgelehrten Noe Meurer. Auch vom Rechtmessigen Jagen und vom Missbrauch Desselbigen, Bestendiger Bericht durch M. Cyriacum Spangenberg.

[Frankfurt am Main: Weigand Han and Georg Raben, 1561]. c. xxxvii, [1], lxxx, [4] ff. Three parts in one volume. Folio (11" x 7").

Recent paper-covered boards retaining earlier paper spine, endpapers renewed, edges rouged. Light soiling, front joint just starting at head, recent owner bookplate to front pastedown. Title page printed in red and black, large woodcut coat of arms to verso. Light browning to text, faint dampstaining to fore-edge of text block, two small library stamps to foot of title page. A nice copy of a handsomely printed volume. \$2,500.

SECOND AND FINAL EDITION. Early game and land laws record the earliest attempts to preserve the environment. They also offer fascinating insights into social history due to their

relevance to topics ranging from class structure to foodways. First published in 1560, Meurer and Spangenberg's compilation offers a thorough overview of land-use, fishing and hunting laws as they stood in the states of the Holy Roman Empire during the mid-sixteenth century. The first edition is considerably shorter than the second, containing 100 leaves. Both editions are scarce in North America. OCLC locates 2 copies of the first edition (at Columbia Law School and Yale University) and 1 copy of the second (at Harvard University). Not in Adams. VD16 M5017.



87 MIDDLETON (MYDDELTON), SIR THOMAS
[1586-1666].

A Declaration Published by Sir Thomas Middleton Knight, Serjeant-Major-Generall, And Vice-Admirall for the Sixe Counties of North-Wales. Setting Forth the Illegality and Incongruity of a Pernicious Oath and Protestation, Imposed upon Many Peaceable Subjects Within the Said Counties (Who to Avoid Plundering or Imprisonment) Were Inforced to Take the Same, Whereby the Imposers of the Said Oath Endeavour Under the Paine of Perjury, To Make the People to Renounce Their Owne Just Liberties, And the Benefit and Protection of the Knowne Lawes, and to Submit to a Tyranicall, Arbitrary, And Slavish Government, Excerised by the Commissioners of Array. And Likewise, Setting Forth the Use and Intentions of the Forces Raised for the Service of the King and Parliament, Under the Command of the Said Sir Thomas Middleton, The Benefit that the Country Shall Receive by Their Protection: And What They are to Expect that Contemme Their Power.

London: Printed for Io: Thomas, 1644. [ii], 6 pp. Woodcut portrait of Middleton on horseback to verso of title page, later lithograph portrait of Middleton inserted before title page. Quarto (7-1/2" x 5-3/4").

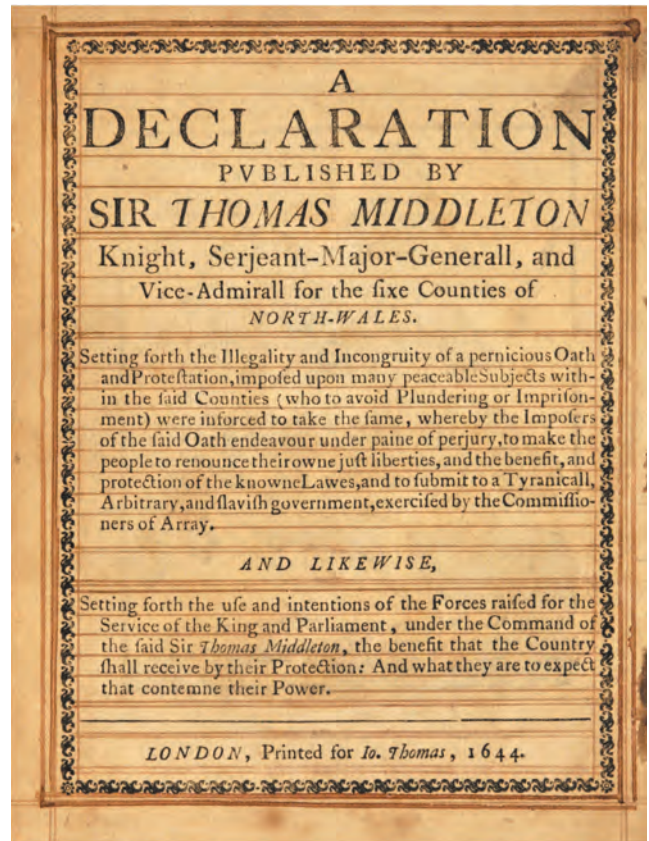
Stab-stitched pamphlet bound into nineteenth-century pebbled cloth, gilt title to center of front board. A few tiny stains to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities with some wear to spine ends and corners. Title printed within typographical border, title and text ruled in red ink. Moderate toning and light foxing, faint inkstains to margins. A rare title. \$1,750.

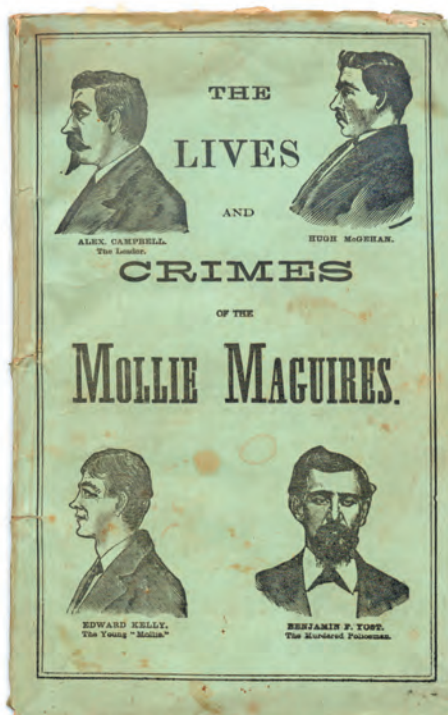
ONLY EDITION. Middleton was a politician and general in the Parliamentary army during the Civil War. He was given command of troops in North Wales, where he encountered fierce opposition from Royalist forces for several years. Distributed among local civilians in the region, Middleton's *Declaration* was intended to win loyalty to the Parliamentary cause. It contrasts Parliament's defense of "just liberties and the benefit and protection of the knowne lawes" with the "Tyranicall, Arbitrary, And Slavish Government" of Charles I. OCLC locates 3 copies, 2 in North America (Harvard University, McGill). The ESTC locates 12 copies, adding 4 more locations in North America (Folger Library, Huntington Library, Newberry Library, Yale). ESTC R15187.

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Detail from N° 86





"THIS TERRIBLE SECRET SOCIETY"

88 [MOLLY (MOLLIE) MAGUIRES].

A Full Account. The Lives and Crimes of the "Mollie Maguires," The Confessions and Execution, With an Account of the Organization of this Terrible Secret Society.

Philadelphia: Barclay & Co., [copyright 1878]. [ii], [19]-88, [6] pp. 6 woodcut plates, including two repeated on the front and rear wrappers. 6-page publisher catalogue. Complete. Octavo (9-1/4" x 5-3/4").

Stab-stitched pamphlet in pictorial wrappers. Moderate rubbing to extremities with some wear to spine ends, light soiling and a few tiny stains to wrappers, light toning to interior, faint damp-spotting to a few leaves.

\$1.250.



"'FRATERNALISM gone bad' might best describe the situation in the mining regions of Pennsylvania where the local chapter of the Ancient Order of Hibernians held sway. An inner group known as the Mollie Maguires...constituted a kind of Irish mafia... Its control was finally broken by a Pinkerton detective. (...) June 21, 1877 saw the end of ten Mollies...three more were executed on March 25, 1878" (McDade). The criminals and victims are described in Barclay's account in great detail, with six plates of stark graphics to match. Barclay was a leading purveyor of hyper-sensationalized true-crime publishing. In most cases, the format is that of pulp fiction, but with informative factual content. Other Barclay titles promoted in the ads at the rear of the pamphlet include *Brooklyn's Horror: Wholesale Holocaust at the Brooklyn, New York Theatre* and *Little Cuba: A True Story of Love, War, And Startling Adventures*. McDade 691.

INTERESTING SEVENTEENTH-CENTURY TREATISE
ON LAWS CONCERNING CLOTHING

89 MONACO (MONACHUS), ANTONIO.

Tractatus de Executione in Vestibus. Cui Iterata hac Editione Varia de re Vestiaria Accessit Disquisitio, Omni Hominum Generi Profutura. Cum Tribus Indicibus Summorum Caputum: Versarum Italice Dictionum: & Materiarum, Locupletissimis.

Bologna: Apud Victorium Benatium, 1621. [xvii], 362, [42] pp. Quarto (8-1/2" x 6-1/4").

Contemporary flexible vellum, early hand-lettered title to spine, skillful vellum repairs to joints, fore-edge of front cover, foot of spine and bottom edges of rear cover, front free endpapers renewed. A few minor stains and spots to boards, vellum just beginning to crack through front pastedown. Title page printed in red and black. Moderate toning, faint dampstaining in a few places, light edgewear, dampstaining and early owner inscription to title page. \$1,850.

THIRD EDITION. First published in 1619, Monaco's treatise on sumptuary law discusses, in detail, items of clothing and those who are entitled to wear them. Its fourth and final edition was published in 1626. All editions of this work are scarce. OCLC locates 8 copies of the third edition, 1 in North America (Harvard Law School). *BMC* 17:797.

LAW DICTIONARY BY AN IMPORTANT NINETEENTH-CENTURY
MEXICAN STATESMAN

90 MONTIEL Y DUARTE, ISIDRO ANTONIO [1821-1891].

Vocabulario de Jurisprudencia.

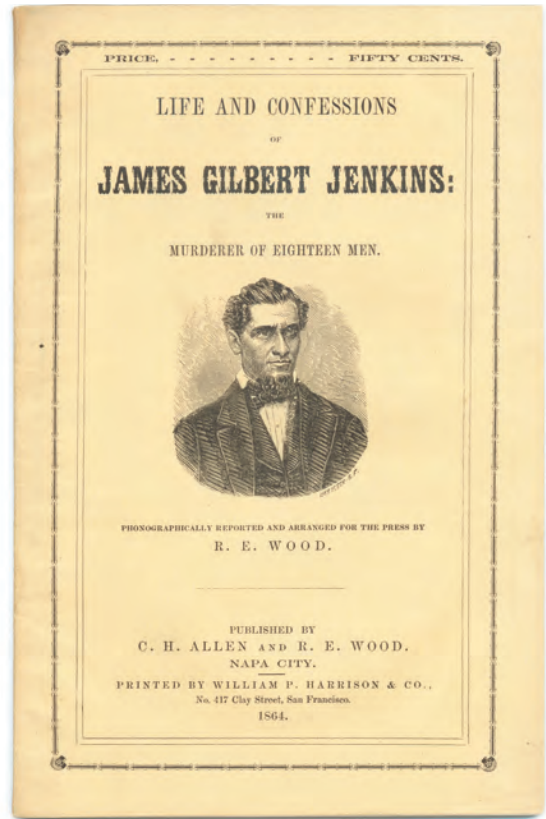
Mexico City: Imprenta de la v. é. Hijos de Murguía, 1878. 242, [5] pp. Main text in parallel columns. Folio (10-3/4" x 7-1/2").

Later quarter calf over cloth, raised bands and gilt title to spine. Light toning to text, light foxing to a few leaves. A remarkably well-preserved copy of a scarce title. \$950.

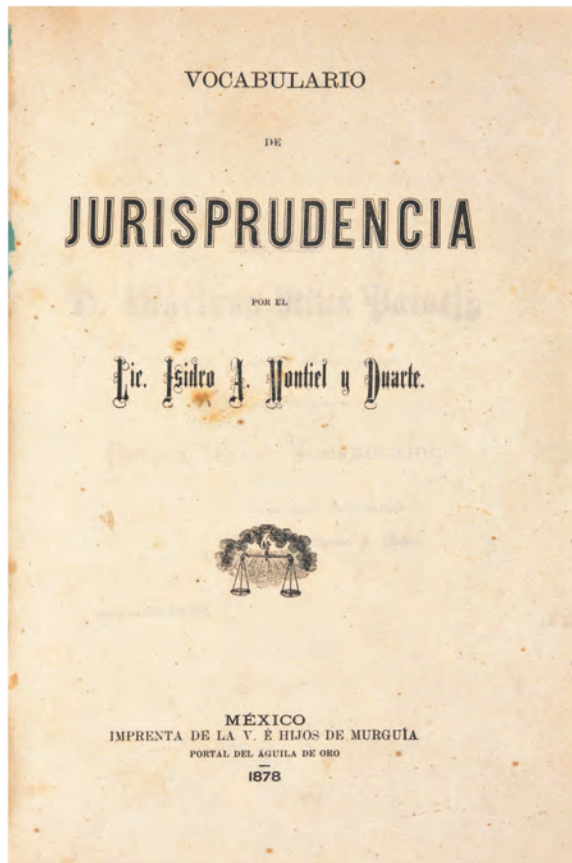
ONLY EDITION. Montiel y Duarte was an important statesman and legal author. A practical work, his *Vocabulario* features concise definitions. The main text is followed by a brief bibliography of works consulted (*Catálogo de los Códigos y Autores que se Consultaron para Formar este Vocabulario*). OCLC locates 13 copies, 8 in North American law libraries (Columbia, Harvard, Library of Congress, LA-County, Tulane, UC-Berkeley, University of Michigan, UT-Austin). Claggett and Valderrama 431.



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"IT WAS ONLY HIS SLIPSHOD PERFORMANCE THAT BOTHERED HIM": MCDADE 514

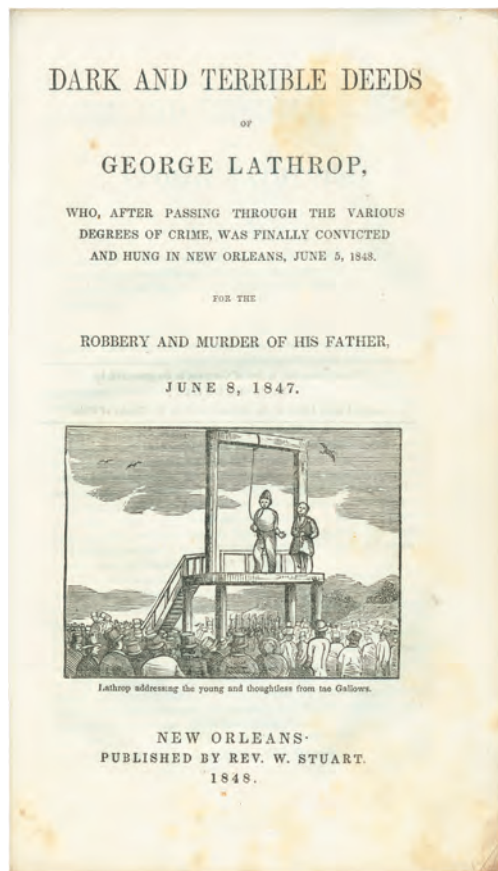
91 [MURDER].
JENKINS, JAMES GILBERT [1834-1864].
WOOD, R.E. REPORTER AND EDITOR.

Life and Confessions of James Gilbert Jenkins: The Murderer of Eighteen Men. Containing an Account of the Murder of Eight White Men and Ten Indians; Together with the Particulars of Highway Robberies, the Stealing of Several Horses, And Numerous Other Crimes as Narrated by Himself to Col. C.H. Allen, Sheriff of Napa County, While in Jail Under Sentence of Death for the Murder of Patrick O'Brien.

Napa City, CA: C.H. Allen and R.E. Wood, 1864. 56 pp. Two woodcut illustrations, 1 full-page. Octavo (9" x 6").

Stab-stitched pamphlet in pictorial wrappers. Negligible rubbing to extremities, minor wear to head of spine, light toning to text. A well-preserved copy. \$500.

ONLY EDITION. "O'Brien's wife wanted him out of the way, and Jenkins obliged, burying O'Brien in the woods. Like many before him, when discovered, he charged his plight to liquor. 'That whiskey that I drank,' he said, 'the morning before I shot O'Brien was what caused me to do it when I did, and in so careless a manner.' The deed caused him no regrets; it was only his slipshod performance that bothered him.": McDade 514.



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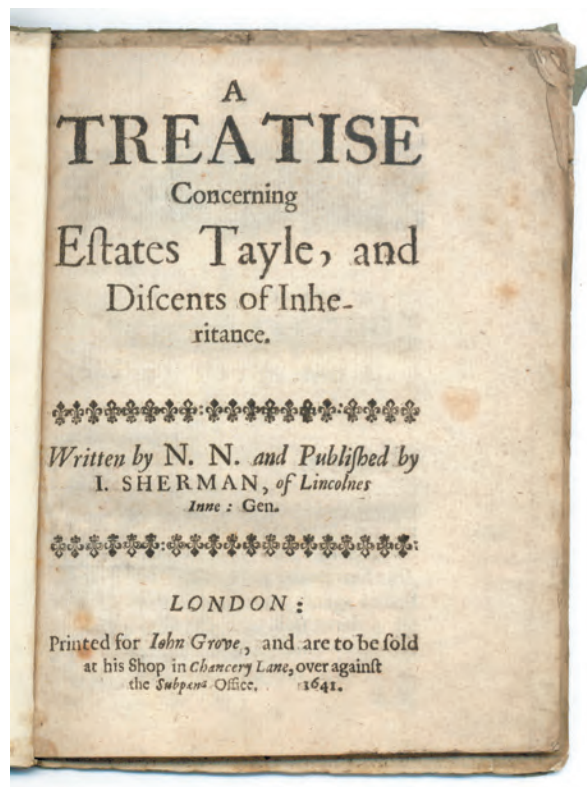
92 [MURDER].
LATHROP, GEORGE.

Dark and Terrible Deeds of George Lathrop: Who, After Passing Through the Various Degrees of Crime, Was Finally Convicted and Hung in New Orleans, June 5, 1848, For the Robbery and Murder of His Father, March 8, 1847.

New Orleans: Published by Rev. W. Stuart, 1848. 31, [1] pp. 4 woodcut plates, 3 preceding title page, 1 on the verso of p. 31. Title page has woodcut vignette of gallows scene. Octavo (8-1/2" x 5-1/2").

Stab-stitched pamphlet bound into later stiff wrappers, hand-lettered title to front cover. Light soiling, moderate toning and occasional light foxing to text, chip to fore-edge of leaf containing pp. 9-10 with minor loss to text, but not legibility. \$1,500.

ONLY EDITION. "This is an account, possibly fictitious, of money troubles and despair leading to several murders, the last of which was Lathrop's father: The style is moralistic, suggesting that it may have been written by its publisher, the Rev. W. Stuart" (Cohen). Not in McDade. Jumonville 1644. Cohen 3995, 12792.



SCARCE 1641 TRACT CALLING FOR THE REFORM OF LAWS CONCERNING INHERITANCE AND SUCCESSION

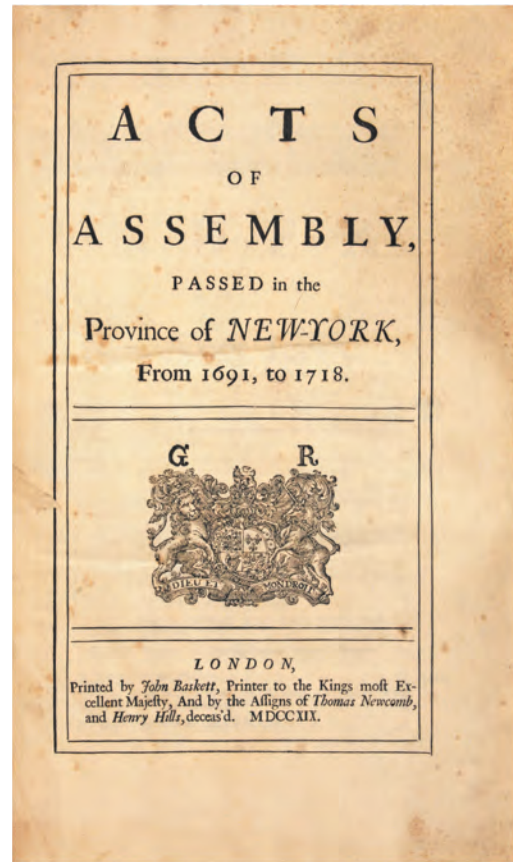
93 N. N.

A Treatise Concerning Estates Tayle, And Discents of Inheritance. Written by N.N. And Published by I. Sherman, of Lincolnes Inne: Gen.

London: Printed for John Grove, 1641. [ii], 42, [i.e. 43], [1] pp. Lacking first leaf, a blank. Quarto (6-1/2" x 5-1/2").

Stab-stitched pamphlet with untrimmed edges bound into plain later plain wrappers. Light soiling, a few minor stains, moderate edgewear, tiny spark burn to rear wrapper, small tear to front wrapper near foot of spine. Moderate toning to text, light foxing to a few leaves, light soiling to title page. \$1,500.

ONLY EDITION. The Civil-War inspired several proposals to liberalize and modernize areas of the common law. A fine example of this literature, N.N.'s tract disputes the validity of primogeniture and other "ancient" aspects of inheritance and succession. A contentious piece, it offers a clever argument grounded in classic common-law sources and scripture. OCLC locates 18 copies, 7 in North American law libraries (Harvard, Library of Congress, UC-Berkeley, University of Michigan, University of Virginia, University of Washington, York University-Osgoode Hall). ESTC R32142.



1719 COMPILATION OF NEW YORK LAWS PRINTED IN LONDON BY JOHN BASKETT

94 [NEW YORK (COLONY)].

Acts of Assembly Passed in the Province of New-York, From 1691, To 1718.

London: Printed for John Baskett, Printer to the King's Most Excellent Majesty, 1719. xv, 292 pp. Folio (13-1/2" x 8-1/2").

Contemporary calf, rebaked, gilt rules to boards, gilt spine with raised bands and lettering piece, endleaves retained, hinges mended. Shallow scuffing to boards, some rubbing to extremities, corners bumped, hinges starting, early armorial bookplate of the Oswalds of Dunnikier, Fife to front pastedown. Light toning to text, somewhat heavier in places, light foxing to a few laves, light soiling and faint spotting to title page, a tear near the gutter carefully repaired. A handsome copy. \$3,500.

PUBLISHED THE SAME YEAR as William Bradford's compilation, this was the fourth codification of New York laws, preceded by three collections printed by William Bradford in 1694, 1710 and 1713. It comprises all the acts of the New York Assembly from 1691 through 1718, including many concerning trade and slaves, such as the 1709 "Act for Preventing the Conspiracy of Slaves." According to Rich, Baskett's edition was likely copied from Bradford's and "according to Trott, printed by order of the Lords Commissioners of Trade and Plantation." Titles of expired or repealed laws are included. The Oswalds of Dunnikier, Fife were a politically connected family of Scottish merchants active in the Atlantic trade. Rich 26. Tower 609. Benedict 332.



95 NOVARIO, GIOVANNI ANTONIO.

Tractatus de Miserabilium Personarum Privilegiis, In Quo Complures Singulares Materiae ad Earum Favorem in Usu Forensi Quotidianae, & Frequentes, Tum Iuxta Iuris Communis, Quam Municipalis Regni Dispositionem, Supremorum Totius Orbis Tribunalium, Placita Accuratè, Exactèq; Dilucidantur: Opus Sane Practicabile, Curiosum, Necessarium, & Utile.

Naples: Ex Typographia Dominici Maccarani, 1637. [xxvii], 228, [36], 97, [11] pp. Main text in parallel columns.

[BOUND WITH]
BARBATO, ORAZIO.

De Restitutorio Interdicto ac de Revocanda Possessione Liber Singularis: Ad Intellectum Reg. Pragm. Regni Neap. Incipientis, Assistentiam, Sub Titulo De Assistentia Praestanda. In quo Praeter Huberem Tractatum, Obligationis Bonoru[m], Pacti de Capiendo Constituti, Excussionis, Ac Hypothecariae, Nihilum Penè Desiderari Potest in Materia, Quin Luculenter, Copiosèq[ue] Tractetur.

Naples: Per Iacobum Gaffarum, 1537 [i.e. 1637]. [ii], 212, [36] pp. Main text in parallel columns.

Folio (12-1/2" x 8"). Contemporary reversed calf, blind rules to boards, raised bands and calf lettering piece to spine, early repair to head. A few scuffs and some worming to boards, corners worn, spine heavily abraded, boards just beginning to separate, but secure. Title page of *Miserabilium* printed in red and black. Moderate toning, faint dampspotting in a few places, a few minor worm holes at gutter of text block. \$1,000.

TRACTATUS DE MISERABILIVM: third edition; *De Restitutorio Interdicto*: second and final edition. This volume collects two works. The first of these, *Tractatus de Miserabilium* is a treatise on canon and Neapolitan laws concerning the poor. It was first published in 1623 and went through several editions into the eighteenth century. The second work, *De Restitutorio Interdicto* is a study of possessory actions and restitution in Roman and Neapolitan law. Its first edition was published in 1624. In all editions, copies of both titles are rare. OCLC locates 10 copies of the 1637 edition of *Tractatus de Miserabilium*, none in North America, and 6 copies of the 1637 edition of *De Restitutorio Interdicto*, 3 in North America (GWU Law School, Harvard Law School, UC-Berkeley Law School). Neither title in the BMC.

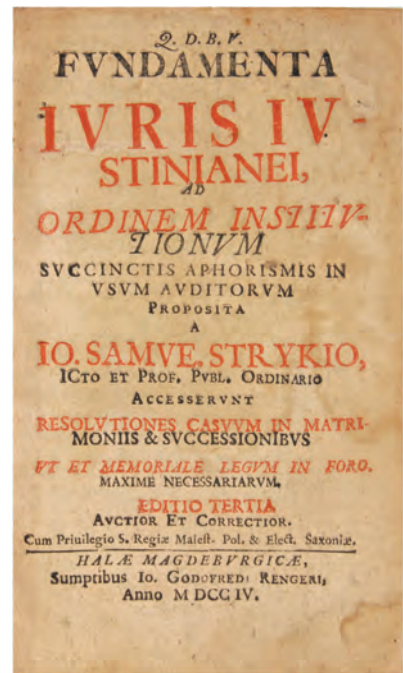
THREE NOTABLE TREATISES USEFUL
TO A PRACTICING LAWYER OR WEALTHY LANDOWNER

96 OETTINGER, JOHANN [1577-1633].

Tractatus de Jure et Controversiis Limitum, Ac Finibus Regundis, Oder Gründlicher Bericht Von den Gränzten und Marcksteinen, Wie durch Dieselbe der Königreiche, Landschaften, Fürstenthume, Bissthümer ... Gebiete, Weydreichin, Marckungen, Zwing und Bänn, Nach Ausweisung der Gemeinen Rechten, Und eines Jeden Lands Gewohnheit, Unterschieden, Eingesteint, Und die Daraus Enstehende Nachbarliche Streitigkeiten und Missverstände Erörtert und Beygelegt Werden Sollen.



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Hanover: Zu Finden bey Nicolaus Förstern, 1711. [xxxii], 443 pp. Double folded title page. 20 woodcuts illustrating geometrical calculations. Lacking folding map.

[BOUND WITH]
STRYK, SAMUEL [1640-1710].

Fundamenta Iuris Iustiniani, Ad Ordinem Institutionum Succinctis Aphorismis in Usu Auditorum Proposita. Accesserunt Resolutiones Casuum in Matrimonii & Successionibus ut et Memoriale Legum in Foro, Maxime Necessarium.

Halle: Sumptibus Io. Godofredi Rengeri, 1704. [xviii], 266, [6] pp. Lacking blank leaf before p. 1.

[AND]
RIVINUS, QUINTUS SEPTIMIUS FLORENS [1651-1713].

Specimen Exceptionum Forensium: Exhibens Dilatorias ad Usu Fori Saxonici Accomodatas. In Gratiam Auditorum Suorum Editum.

Leipzig: Sumptibus Davidis Fleischeri, 1701. [ii], 279, [3] pp.

Octavo (6-1/2" x 4"). Contemporary vellum with lapped edges, early hand-lettered titles to spine, edges rouged. Moderate soiling, minor tear to foot of spine, vellum just beginning to crack through pastedowns, hinges cracked, some worming to boards, endleaves and parts of text block with minor loss to text and no loss to legibility. Title pages printed in red and black. Moderate toning, somewhat heavier in places, occasional faint dampstaining to margins. \$1,500.

LATER EDITIONS. This volume collects three works that would have been useful to a practicing lawyer or wealthy landowner in Saxony. Oettinger was a distinguished geographer,

cartographer and surveyor. First published in 1607, his *Tractatus de Jure et Controversiis Limitum*, deals with legal aspects of surveying and boundaries according to Roman law. A useful study, it went through nine editions by 1729. One of the great German jurists of his time, Stryk was a professor at the University of Halle who was instrumental in the development of German civil law. First published in 1695, *Fundamenta Iuris Iustiniani* is an introductory textbook on Roman law. As indicated by its subtitle, this book has additional sections on marriage and inheritance and succession. It went through six editions by 1714. Rivinus's *Specimen Exceptionum Forensium* is a handbook on pleading and procedure in the courts of Saxony. It was first published in 1686 and reached its tenth edition in 1755. This edition not VD18 or the BMC. VD18 10450106-003 (Oettinger), 10406069 (Ravinus).



FIRST EDITION IN ENGLISH
OF THE FIRST NOMINATIVE REPORTER

97 PLOWDEN, EDMUND [1518-1585].

The Commentaries, Or Reports of Edmund Plowden, Of the Middle-Temple, Esq; An Apprentice of the Common Law, Containing Divers Cases upon Matters of Law, Argued and Adjudged in the Several Reigns of King Edward VI. Queen Mary, King and Queen Philip and Mary, And Queen Elizabeth. Originally Written in French, And now Faithfully Translated into English, And Considerably Improved by Many Marginal Notes and References to All the Books of the Common Law, Both Ancient and Modern. To Which are Added, The Quaeries of Mr. Plowden, Now First Rendered into English at Large, With References, And Many Useful Observations. In Two Parts. With Two New Tables, More Compleat than any Yet Published, The One, Of the Names of the Cases, The Other of the Principal Matters.

[London]: Printed by Catharine Lintot, and Samuel Richardson, 1761. vi, [2], 401, [3], 403-567, [1]; 15, [1]; [2], 68; [48] pp. Two parts. Part II has a separate title page beginning: *The Second Part of the Commentaries...* with the imprint: "London: Printed for the Translator..., 1761." Copperplate portrait frontispiece. Pagination and register continuous. Text complete. Folio (14" x 9").

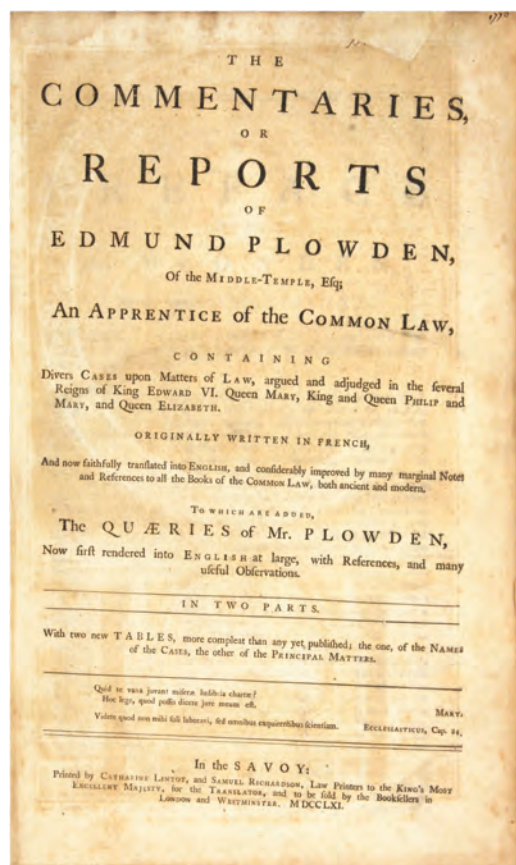
Contemporary calf, rebacked in period style, blind rules to boards, blind fillets along joints, raised bands and lettering piece to spine, blind tooling to board edges, hinges mended. Light rubbing, scratches and some shallow scuffs to boards, moderate rubbing to board edges, corners bumped and somewhat worn. Moderate toning, light foxing in a few places, faint dampstaining to heads of preliminaries near gutter, light soiling and faint offsetting from frontispiece to title page, which has a small early repair and "1776" in tiny hand near its upper corner. A handsome copy. \$1,000.

FIRST EDITION IN ENGLISH. Covering the years 1550-1580, Plowden's *Reports* was the first nominative reporter and the first to go beyond arguments to deduce points of law. "In every sort of professional excellence [it ranks] among the best reports of any age" (Wallace). The translation has a great number of additional notes and references. Two works are appended to Part II: the case of "Basset and Morgan versus Manxel at Serjeant's Inn" and Plowden's "Quaeries." These works have individual title pages and paginations. Wallace 143-153. ESTC T144729.

A HISTORICAL REVIEW AND DEFENSE OF THE KING'S RIGHT
TO TAX HIS SUBJECTS IN ORDER TO SUPPORT THE QUEEN

98 PRYNNE, WILLIAM [1600-1669].

Aurum Reginae; Or a Compendious Tractate, And Chronological Chronological Collection of Records in the Tower, And Court of Exchequer Concerning Queen-Gold: Evidencing the Quiddity, Quantity, Quality, Antiquity, Legality of this Golden Prerogative, Duty and Revenue of the Queen-Consorts of England. The Several Oblations, Fines Out of Which it Springs both in England and Ireland; The Queens Officers in the Exchequer to Receive, Collect, Account to Her for It, with their Patents; The Lands, Tenements, Goods, Chattels, Persons Liable to Satisfie it; The Questions of Law About it; The Kings Title to the Arrears Thereof by the Queens Decease; The Process



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by Which it is to be Levyd, And What Else Concerns It. With an Addition of Some Records Concerning Our Royal Mines of Gold and Silver, And Four Patents of K. Henry the 6. by Authority of Parliament, For Finding the Philosophers Stone, To Transubstantiate Baser Metals into Solid Real Gold and Silver, To Satisfie All the Creditors of the King and Kingdom in New Years Space.

London: Printed for the Author by Thomas Ratcliffe, 1668. [viii], 138, [1] pp. With preliminary Imprimatur leaf and final errata leaf. Quarto (9-1/2" x 7-1/4").

Recent marbled boards, calf lettering piece to spine, endpapers added, original endpapers retained. Title printed within typographical border. Moderate toning to text, some edgewear to preliminaries and final leaves of text, wormhole to fore-edges of final 18 leaves, early owner signature of Thomas Manby, dated April 9, 1668 to front endleaf, note in Manby's hand indicting this copy was a gift from the author ("ex dono Authoris") to foot of imprimatur leaf, a few brief annotations in his hand to text, later owner signatures to head of imprimatur leaf and foot of errata leaf. \$1,250.

ONLY EDITION. Broadly a defense of the King's right to impose taxation on his subjects, these essays are a historical review and defense of the *aurum reginae*, or queen-gold, a revenue raised by the king to support the queen and her retainers. Prynne was a contentious and erudite Puritan attorney and legal antiquarian who wrote several books and pamphlets about legal history, religion and politics. He had an unrivalled ability to antagonize others. His personality and choice of targets eventually led to his disbarment, imprisonment, and mutilation (loss of ears) by the Court of Star Chamber. After the Restoration Prynne was appointed Royal Archivist in the Tower of London. The owner who received this copy from Prynne was probably the Thomas Manby who was the lawyer and legal author who edited later editions of Pulton's *Collection of all the Statutes now in Use*. Prynne and Manby were fellow barristers of Lincoln's Inn. ESTC R4976.



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NOTABLE TRACTS ON CANON, FEUDAL AND ROMAN LAW

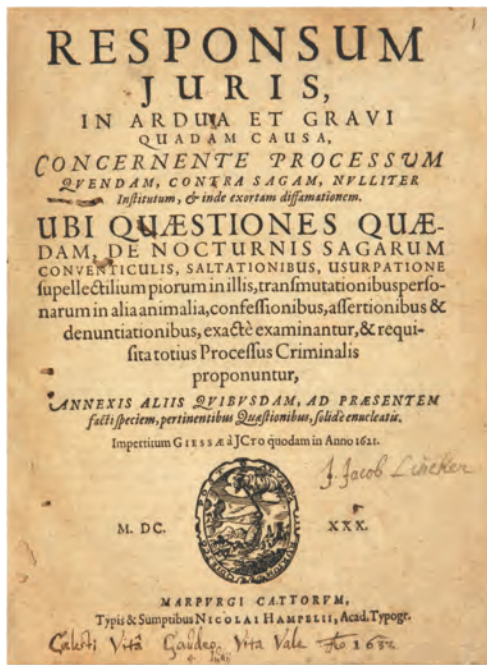
99 REBUFFI, PIERRE [1487-1557].

Tractatus Varii. Extrema Authoris Manu Recogniti, Selectissimis Opusculis, Notis, & Summariis hac Postrema Editione Aucti, & Locupletati. Quorum Elenchum Pagina Quinta Indicabit.

Lyon: Apud Haeredes Gulielmi Rouillii, Sub Scuto Veneto, 1600. [viii], 661, [27], 51, [1], 70, [10] pp. Main text in parallel columns. Folio (15" x 9-1/2").

Contemporary reversed calf, raised bands and early hand-lettered title to spine. Moderate rubbing and some stains and scuffing to boards, heavier rubbing to extremities with some wear to spine ends, sections of board edges and corners, joints and hinges cracked, boards secure, two early owner inscriptions to front pastedown. Title page printed in red and black. Moderate toning, somewhat heavier in places, faint dampstaining and minor worming to margins in a few places. A scarce title. \$1,500.

LATER EDITION. Rebuffi was the leading French canonist of the period, an auditor of the Rota Romana and the author of several important works, such as *Praxis Beneficiorum* (1584) and a commentary on *De Verborum et Rerum Significatione* (1576). First published in 1549, *Tractatus Varii* is a collection of tracts on canon, feudal and Roman law. It went through several later issues and editions into the mid-seventeenth century. Baudrier IX:466. USTC 146813.



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REED'S PENNSYLVANIA BLACKSTONE. THIS COPY INCLUDES AN UNRECORDED APPENDIX

100 REED, JOHN [1786-1850].
BLACKSTONE, SIR WILLIAM [1723-1780].

Pennsylvania Blackstone; Being a Modification of the Commentaries of Sir William Blackstone, With Numerous Alterations and Additions, Designed to Present an Elementary Exposition of the Entire Laws of Pennsylvania.

Carlisle: Printed by George Fleming, 1831. Three volumes. xvi, 508; xiv, 544; viii, 533, viii, 533, [1], [535]-572 pp.
Volume III includes an 8-page appendix dated October 1834. Octavo (8-1/2" x 5-1/2").

Recent period-style calf, blind rules to boards, red and black lettering pieces and gilt fillets to spines, endpapers renewed. Moderate toning and light foxing, occasional inkstains to margins, some leaves have brief contemporary annotations, later owner signatures to preliminaries. Ex-library. Small inkstamps to title pages, stamp and annotations to versos. A handsomely bound rare variant of a title scarce in the trade. SOLD

ONLY EDITION. In 1834 Reed, President Judge of the Courts of Common Pleas of the Ninth Judicial District of Pennsylvania, founded the Dickinson School of Law, the oldest law school in Pennsylvania. This work grew out of his lectures there. It is a fascinating document of the American reception of Blackstone. Like Tucker's *Commentaries on the Laws of Virginia* (1831-1832), Reed's work follows the arrangement of Books I-III of Blackstone's *Commentaries*. Portions of Blackstone's text, enclosed in quotation marks and stripped of their footnotes, alternate with original material on Pennsylvanian and, to some extent, federal law. (References, including case and statutory citations, are included in the text.) Our copy includes an "Appendix" dated October 1834. It is headed with a statement reading: "The following 'appendix' is added with the view of referring to some important acts of Assembly passed, and some judicial decisions made, since the publication of 'Pennsylvania Blackstone;' and some inaccuracies in the work are also adverted to." This appendix is not recorded in Cohen, Eller or Laeuchli. See Cohen 5365, Eller 95, Laeuchli 148.

CONTEMPORARY LEGAL COMMENTARY
ON A WITCHCRAFT TRIAL IN MARBURG

101 [REINKINGK, THEODOR VON].

Responsum Juris, In Ardua Et Gravi Quadam Causa, Concernente Processum Quendam, Contra Sagam, Nulliter Institutum, & Inde Exortam Diffamationem. Ubi Quaestiones Quaedam, De Nocturnis Sagarum Conventiculis, Saltationibus, Usurpatione Supellectilium Piorum in Illis, Transmutationibus Personarum in Alia Animalia, Confessionibus, Assertionibus & Denuntiationibus, Exacte Examinantur, & Requisita Totius Processus Criminalis Proponuntur, Annexis Aliis Quibusdam, Ad Praesentem Facti Speciem, Pertinentibus, Solide Enucleatis. Impertitum Giessae à JCTo Quodam in Anno 1621.

Marpurg: Typis & Sumptibus Nicolai Hampelii, 1630. [xx], 138 pp. Quarto (7-1/2" x 5-3/4").

Stab-stitched pamphlet bound into recent quarter vellum over marbled boards, calf lettering piece to spine. Light rubbing to extremities, binding slightly cocked. Light browning to text, faint dampstaining to fore-edge of text block, minor worming and early owner signatures to title page, tiny piece neatly removed from bottom corner. \$1,500.

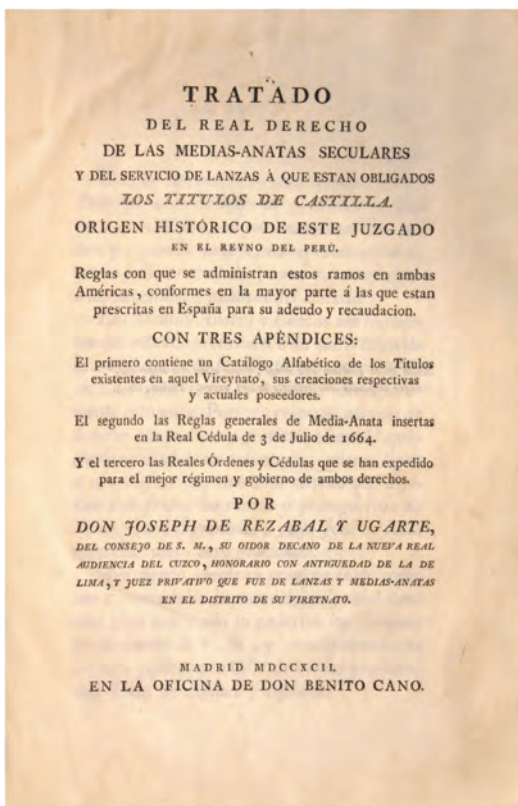
THIRD EDITION. First published in 1621, this work is an anonymous legal commentary on a lawsuit brought by a noble family in Marburg against a local cathedral chapter for accusing two upper-class women of practicing witchcraft and associating with witches. Reinkingk, though he believed in witchcraft, argued that the two women in question were innocent. This commentary went through at least 8 editions, the last in 1712. All are scarce. OCLC locates 7 copies of the 1630 edition, 4 in North America, 1 in a law library (Northwestern). VD17 1:015734V.

SCARCE 1792 TREATISE ON TAXATION AND INHERITANCE LAWS
IN THE VICEROYALTY OF PERU

102 REZABAL (REZABEL) Y UGARTE, JOSE DE
[D. 1800].

Tratado del Real Derecho de las Medias-Anatas Seculares: y del Servicio de Lanzas a que Estan Obligados los Titulos de Castilla. Origen Historico de Este Juzgado en el Reyno del Peru. Reglas con Que se Administran Estos Ramos en Ambas Americas, Conformes en la Mayor Parte a las que Estan Prescritas en Espana Para su Adeudo y Recaudacion. Con Tres Apendices: El Primero Contiene un Catalogo Alfabetico de los Titulos Existentes en Aquel Vireynato, Sus Creaciones Respectivas y Actuales Poseedores. El Segundo las Reglas Generales de Media-Anata Insertas en la Real Cedula de 3 Julio de 1664. Y el Tercero las Reales Ordenes y Cedula que se Han Expedido Para el Mejor Regimen y Gobierno de Ambos Derechos.

Madrid: En la Oficina de B. Cano, 1792. [xvii], 252 pp. Folding table. Folio (12" x 8").



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Contemporary speckled sheep, lettering piece and gilt fillets to spine, rouged edges, ribbon marker, marbled endpapers. Light rubbing and a few scuffs to boards, heavier rubbing to extremities, some chipping spine ends, insect damage near center of spine, corners bumped and somewhat worn, joints just starting at ends, front hinge partially cracked, early owner bookplate to front pastedown, light toning to interior. An attractive copy. \$1,500.

ONLY EDITION. Written by a distinguished senior judge and legal scholar in Cusco, this is a treatise on inheritance law in the Viceroyalty of Peru. It includes a history and overview of Peru's court system with comparisons to the Spanish courts and a detailed catalogue of all Spanish titles of nobility in Peru. It also provides a good deal of information relating to native South Americans and people of mixed Spanish-native blood. Indeed, it is an important source for its information on the legal status of these people and is included in the CD-ROM collection *Textos Clasicos de Literatura Juridica Indiana* (Madrid, 1999). OCLC locates 14 copies, 12 in North America, 2 in a law library (Library of Congress, UC-Berkeley). Palau 265986.

THE CONSTITUTIONAL DANGER POSED
BY A "NEW LURKING PRETENDER"

103 [RIDPATH, GEORGE (D.1726)].

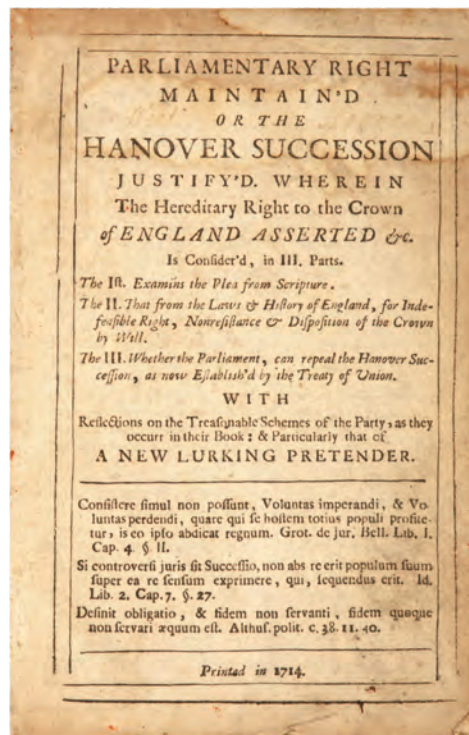
Parliamentary Right Maintain'd or the Hanover Succession Justify'd. Wherein The Hereditary Right to the Crown of England Asserted &c. Is Consider'd, in III. Parts. The Ist. Examines the Plea from Scripture. The II. That from the Laws & History of England, for Indefeasible Right, Nonresistance & Disposition of the Crown by Will. The III. Whether the

Parliament, Can Repeal the Hanover Succession, As Now Establish'd by the Treaty of Union. With Reflections on the Treasonable Schemes of the Party, As They Occurr in Their Book: & Particularly that of a New Lurking Pretender.

[London?]: Printed in 1714. [x], 262 [i.e. 260] pp. Octavo (7-1/4" x 4-3/4").

Contemporary paneled calf, raised bands to spine, small contemporary paper shelf label to foot, front joint and hinges carefully mended, front free endpaper renewed. a few minor nicks and scuffs to boards, a few small faint stains to rear board, light rubbing to extremities, corners bumped and somewhat worn. Moderate toning to text, faint dampstaining to heads of preliminaries. An appealing copy. \$950.

ONLY EDITION, ONE OF TWO ISSUES from 1714. This vigorous defence of parliamentary democracy and the legality of the Hanover succession is based on an attack on George Harbin's *Hereditary Right of the Crown of England Asserted* (1713). It reflects the popular sentiment that George I, though a German king who knew little of England and spoke little English, was a Protestant and thus preferable to the hereditary Catholic alternative, James Edward Stuart, the "new lurking pretender." Ridpath, a Whig polemicist, libellist (and bigamist) published this book anonymously while living in exile in Scotland and Holland. In letters to the English minister at the Hague Ridpath described the difficulties of distributing this work from his place in exile: "Copies were sent by various ships to different ports in England; but many were lost or thrown overboard by the captains, who dared not land them, or were returned because no one dared receive them" (DNB). This casts an interesting light on the assumption (expressed in the ESTC) that the work was printed in London. ESTC T43664.



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NOTABLE SEVENTEENTH-CENTURY JESUIT TREATISE
ON MARRIAGE AND MARRIAGE LAW

104 SANCHEZ, TOMAS [1550-1610].
SOAREZ, EMANUEL LAURENTIUS, EDITOR.

Compendium Totius Tractatus de S. Matrimonii Sacramento. Ab Emanuele Laurentio Soares Ulyssiponesi, Presbytero Theologo, Alphabetice Breviter Dispositum.

Cologne: Sumptibus Petri Henningii, 1624. [xxiv], 455 pp. 12mo. (5-1/4" x 3-1/4").

Contemporary vellum with lapped edges, ties lacking, blind rules to boards, early hand-lettered title to spine. A few minor scratches, light soiling to spine, boards slightly bowed, vellum just beginning to crack through pastedowns, early owner signature to front free endpaper, partial crack in text block between front endleaf and title page, moderate toning to text. Ex-library. Small bookplates to front pastedown and free endpaper. An attractive copy. \$500.

THIRD EDITION. First published in 1621, this is a comprehensive reference work on the Jesuit view of marriage both as a Christian sacrament and an institution controlled in detail by canon law. Among other topics it addresses adultery, bigamy, cohabitation, impediments to marriage, excommunication, hermaphrodites, impotence, incest, sexual relations and infidelity. A popular work, it went through several editions into the eighteenth century. VDI7 1:010985Z.

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

105 [SATIRE].
[GREAT BRITAIN].

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

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

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.

\$9,500.

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):

- [Arbuthnot, John]. *A Complete Key to the Three Parts of Law Is a Bottomless-Pit* (London, 1712). 8pp. This edition with 4 lines of motto on title. ESTC (ESTC) locates 6 copies. Not in British Library (BL).
- [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.
- [Arbuthnot, John]. *John Bull In His Senses: Being the Second Part of Law is a Bottomless-Pit* (London, 1712). 16pp. This edition not in BL.
- [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.
- [Speed], R[obert]. *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.
- [Leslie, (Charles)]. *A Short and Easie Method with the Deists. Wherein the Truth of the Christian Religion is Demonstrated...* (Dublin, 1699) 40pp. ESTC locates 3 copies.
- 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). 24pp. This edition not in ESTC, which lists editions for 1714 and 1726 only.
- 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.
- 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.



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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*

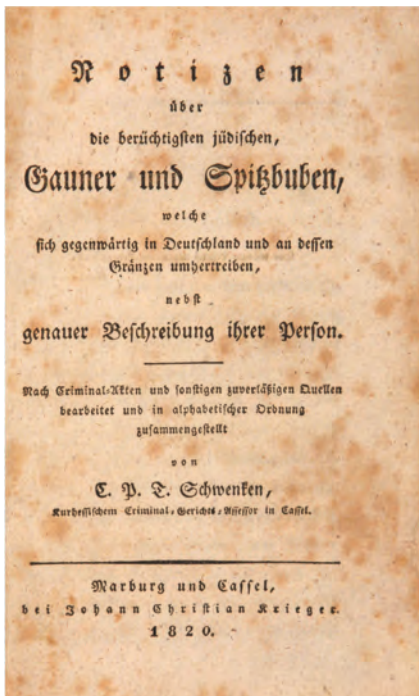
the Safety of Her Person, as of Her Authority, to Displace the D... of M... (Dublin, 1712). [ii], 30 pp.

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* (drophead 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* (drophead title). n.p., n.d. [not before 1711]. 16pp. ESTC lists 5 copies.



N° 106

AN ANTI-SEMITIC REVIEW OF "NOTORIOUS JEWISH THIEVES, SWINDLERS AND RASCALS"

106 SCHWENKEN, CARL PHILIPP THEODOR
[1785-1847].

Notizen über die Berüchtigsten Jüdischen, Gauner und Spitzbuben, welche sich Gegenwärtig in Deutschland und an Dessen Gränzen Umhertreiben nebst Genauer Beschreibung Ihrer Person; Nach Criminal-Akten und Sonstigen Zuverlässigen Quellen Bearbeitet und in Alphabetischer Ordnung Zusammengestellt.

Marburg and Cassel: Bei Johann Christian Krieger, 1820. xvi, 416, [4] pp. Octavo (6-3/4" x 4").

Contemporary plain paper-covered boards. Moderate rubbing and staining to boards and spine, heavier rubbing to extremities with wear to edges, spine ends and corners, tiny early owner stamp and small blank label to front free endpaper, moderate toning and foxing to text. A rare title. \$2,950.

FIRST EDITION. A classic example of nineteenth-century German Anti-Semitism, this book by a notable criminologist reviews the careers of 650 "notorious Jewish thieves, swindlers and rascals." These biographies serve to demonstrate the patent criminality of "Jewish race." A second edition was published in 1825. Both are rare. OCLC locates no copies of the second edition in North America, 3 of the first (Hebrew Union College, Michigan State University, New York Public Library). Leo Baeck, *Katalog I:A768*.

FIRST EDITION OF SPENCER'S PIONEERING WORK
OF COMPARATIVE RELIGION AND LAW

107 SPENCER, JOHN [1630-1693].

De Legibus Hebraeorum Ritualibus Et Earum Rationibus, Libri Tres. Primo, FUSE AGITUR DE RATIONIBUS LEGUM JUDAICARUM GENERALIBUS. HUIUS AD CALCEM ADDITUR

Dissertatio Breviuscula de Theocratia Judaica. Secundo, De Legibus Mosaicis Quibus Zabiorum Ritus Occasionem Dedere FUSE DISSEKITUR. HUIUS, OB ARGUMENTI VICINITATEM, ADJICITUR DISSERTATIO IN DECRETUM ILLUD APOSTOLICUM, ACT. 15. 20. UT ABSTINEANT A POLLUTIONIBUS IDOLORUM, & A FORNICATIONE, & A SUFFOCATO, & A SANGUINE, TERTIO, DE IIS HEBRAEORUM LEGIBUS & INSTITUTIS AGITUR, QUIBUS GENTIUM USUS OCCASIONEM PRAEUIT. HIC OCTO DISSERTATIONIBUS ABSOLUTUS EST. HARUM I. GENERALIUS AGITUR DE RITIBUS E GENTIUM MORIBUS IN LEGEM TRANSLATIS. II. DE ORIGINE SACRIFICIORUM. III. DE PURIFICATIONIBUS. IV. DE NEOMENIIS. V. DE ARCA & CHERUBINIS. VI. DE TEMPO. VII. DE ORIGINE [TON] URIM & THUMMIM. VIII. DE HIRCO EMISSARIO.

Cambridge: Ex Officinâ Joan. Hayes, 1685. [xvi], 1051, [1] pp. With a half-title. Three parts, second and third parts preceded by divisional title pages. Folio (12-1/2" x 8").

Recent period-style three-quarter calf over marbled boards, gilt edged raised bands and lettering piece to spine, endpapers renewed. Negligible light rubbing to extremities. Title page printed in red and black. Moderate toning to text, somewhat heavier in places, light spotting to a few leaves, brief later annotation to p. 402, later owner annotation to head of title page. \$1,750.

FIRST EDITION. Spencer was the master of Corpus Christi College, Cambridge. His pioneering study outlines the rituals and laws of the Jews and other Semitic peoples and proposes that Judaism was not the earliest of religions. A landmark work, it laid the "foundations of the science of comparative religion." *Encyclopedia Judaica* XV:261. *ESTC* R13440.

UNCOMMON COOLEY EDITION OF STORY'S
COMMENTARIES ON THE CONSTITUTION

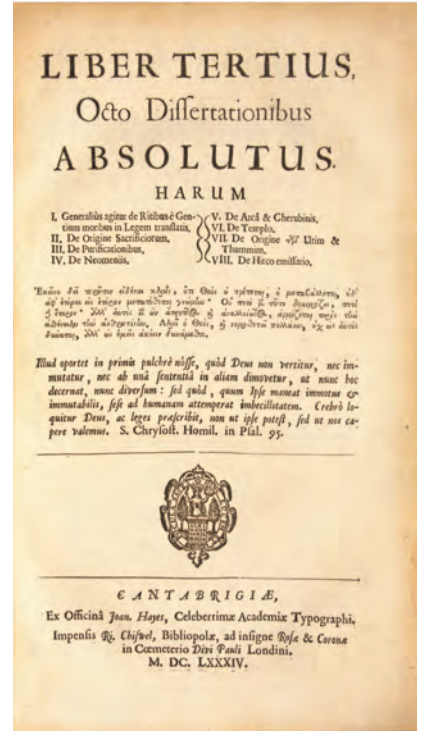
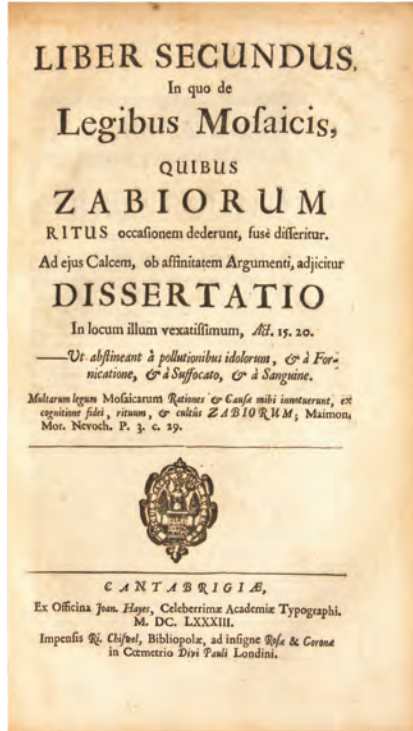
108 STORY, JOSEPH [1779-1845].
THOMAS M. COOLEY, (1824-1898)], EDITOR.

Commentaries on the Constitution of the United States: With a Preliminary Review of the Constitutional History of the Colonies and States Before the Adoption of the Constitution.

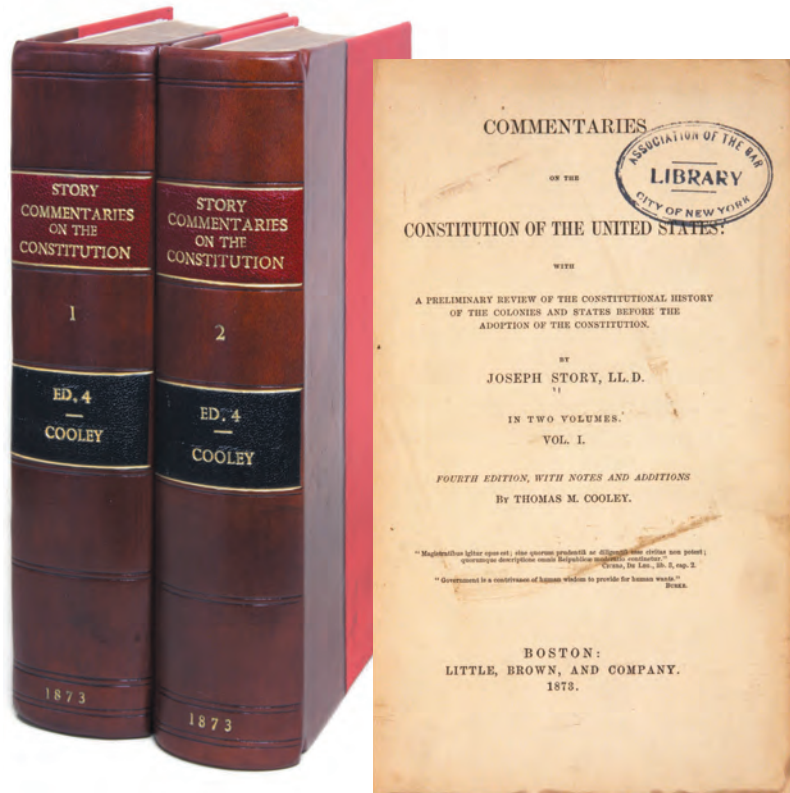
Boston: Little, Brown, and Company, 1873. Two volumes. xxxii, 752; 737 pp. Octavo (9" x 6").

Recent period-style calf, blind fillets and lettering pieces to spine, endpapers renewed. Light toning to text, moderate edgewear, light soiling and small library inkstamps to title pages. Quite uncommon in the trade. \$1,750.

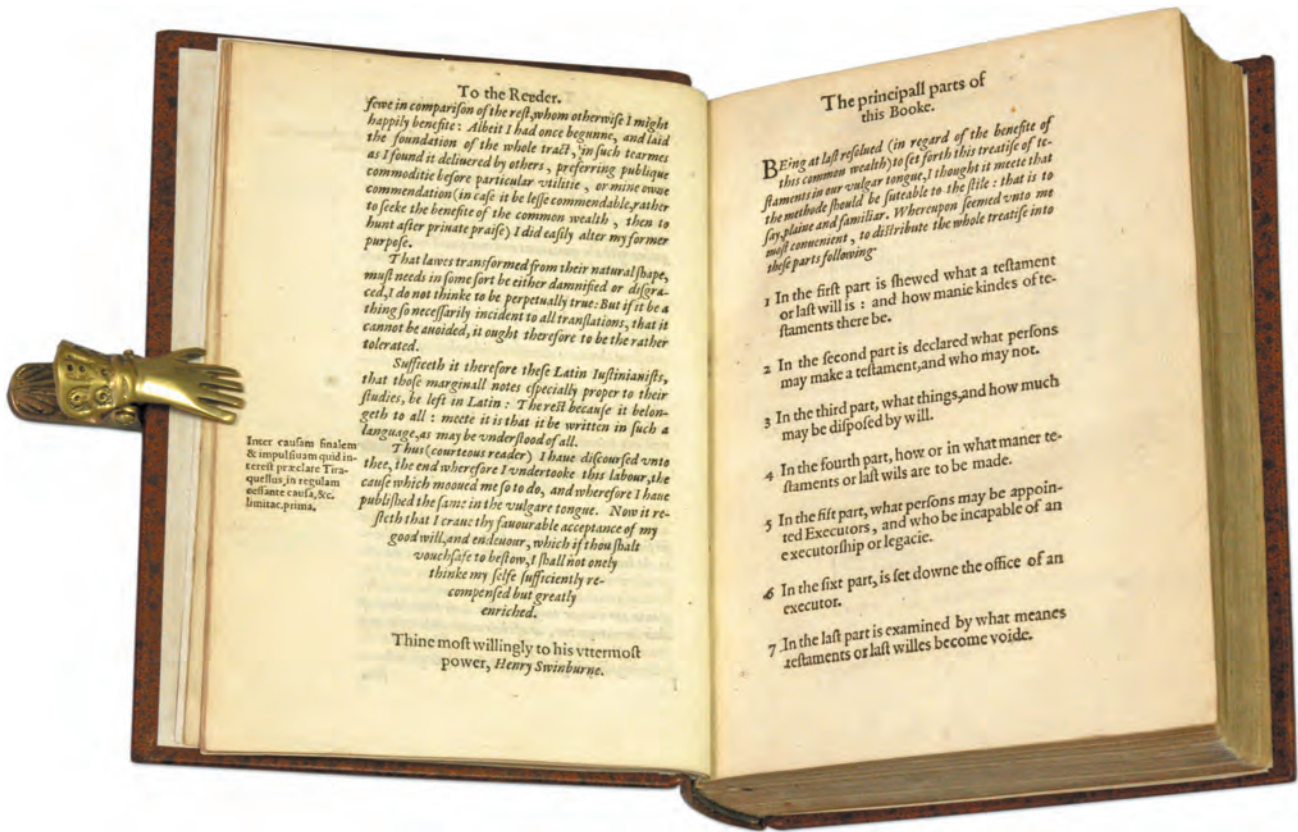
FOURTH EDITION. *Commentaries on the Constitution* was the most extensive and widely discussed study of the Constitution written during the antebellum period. It was originally published in 1833 and the next two editions appeared in 1851 and 1858. Divided into three books, it offers a strongly nationalist interpretation of the Federal constitution. Book I contains a history of the colonies and a discussion of their charters. Book II discusses the Continental Congress and analyzes the flaws that crippled the Articles of Confederation. Book III begins with a history of the Constitution and its ratification. This is followed by a brilliant line-by-line exposition of each of its articles and amendments. Published in 1873, Cooley's edition updated Story's text to include discussion of the 13th, 14th and 15th Amendments, as well as other changes introduced during the Civil War and Reconstruction. Cooley's additions are enclosed in square brackets, some notes by Edmund Bennett, the editor of the third edition, are retained and attributed. *HLC* II:669.



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To the Reader.
fewe in comparison of the rest whom otherwise I might happily benefite: Albeit I had once begonne, and laid the foundation of the whole tract, in such tearmes as I found it deliuered by others, preferring publike commoditie before particular, vtilitie, or mine owne commendation (in case it be lesse commendable, rather to seeke the benefite of the common wealth, then to haue after private praise) I did easily alter my former purpose.

That lawes transformed from their natural shape, must needs in some sort be either dammified or disordered, I do not thinke to be perpetually true: But if it be a thing so necessarily incident to all translations, that it cannot be auoided, it ought therefore to be the rather tolerated.

Sufficeth it therefore these Latin Iustinianists, that those marginall notes especially proper to their studies, be left in Latin: Therest because it belongeth to all: mette it is that it be written in such a language, as may be vnderstood of all.

Thus (courteous reader) I haue discoursed vnto thee, the end wherefore I vndertooke this labour, the cause which moued me so to do, and wherefore I haue published the same in the vulgare tongue. Now it resteth that I craue thy fauourable acceptance of my good will, and endeavour, which if thou shalt vouchsafe to bestow, I shall not onely thinke my selfe sufficiently recompensed but greatly enriched.

Thine most willingly to his vttermost power, Henry Swinburne.

Enter causam finalem & impulsiuam quod interest per se iure Titra- quellas in regulam testame causa, &c. limitac. prima.

The principall parts of this Booke.

Being at last resolved (in regard of the benefite of this common wealth) to set forth this treatise of testaments in our vulgare tongue, I thought it meete that the methode should be suitable to the stile: that is to say, plaine and familiar. Whereupon seemed vnto me most convenient, to distribute the whole treatise into these parts following:

- 1 In the first part is shewed what a testament or last will is: and how manie kindes of testaments there be.
- 2 In the second part is declared what persons may make a testament, and who may not.
- 3 In the third part, what things, and how much may be disposed by will.
- 4 In the fourth part, how or in what maner testaments or last wils are to be made.
- 5 In the fifth part, what persons may be appointed Executors, and who be incapable of an executorship or legacie.
- 6 In the sixth part, is set downe the office of an executor.
- 7 In the last part is examined by what meanes testaments or last wils become void.

**A BRIEFVE TREATISE
 OF TESTAMENTS AND
 LAST WILLES,**

Very profitable to be vnderstood of all the Subiects of this Realme of England, (desirous to know, *Whether, Whereof, and How,* they may make their Testaments: and by what meanes the same may be effected or hindered,) and no lesse delightfull, as well for the rarenes of the worke, as for the easines of the stile, and method:

Compiled of such Lawes Ecclesiasticall and Ciuill, as be not repugnant to the Lawes, customes, or statutes of this Realme, nor derogatorie to the Prerogatiue Royall.

In which Treatise also are inserted diuers Statutes of this land, together with mention of sundrie customes, as well General as Particular, not impertinent thereunto:

Besides diuers Marginall notes, and Quotations not to be neglected, especially of Iulianianists, or young Students of the Ciuill Law:

Wish see Tables, the one Analyticall, describing the generall order of the whole Treatise: The other Alphabetically, describing the particular contents thereof: That in the beginning, this in the end of the booke.

By the Industrie of Henric Swinburn, Bachelor of the Ciuill Lawe.

2. Kings. c. 20.
Put thine booke in order, for thou shalt die and not live.

LONDON
 Printed by John Windet. 1590.

The Table.

A Writing being found in manner of a Yeares after fourteen a boy. and a vva-
 will, whether it be presumed the very man after twelue, may make their
 will, or but a draught thereof. 25 testaments of goods. 35

Years 21. requisite for the deuife of lands. 35

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Printed at London by I. Windet, 1591.



Nº 109

SCARCE EIGHTEENTH-CENTURY TREATISE ON MARITIME LAW

109 SURLAND, JOHANN JULIUS [1687-1748].

Grund-Sätze des Europäischen See-Rechts.

Hannover: Im Verlag Seel. Nicolaus Försters und Sohns Erben Hofbuchhandlung, 1750. [xvi], 142 pp. Octavo (7-1/2" x 4-1/2").

Contemporary three-quarter vellum over marbled boards, gilt title to spine. Moderate rubbing, two minor tears to paper covering front board, light browning to text, tiny early owner initials to foot of title page. **SOLD**

FIRST EDITION. This manual of maritime law also appeared in 1751 as a Dutch translation titled *Grondt-Stellingen van t'Europaeische Zee-Recht*. It describes laws covering ships, cargo, supercargoes, contracts and the rights and responsibilities of those involved in the ownership or operation of vessels. The work has a large final chapter devoted to sea fishing. Surland was a diplomat, later a lecturer at the University of Göttingen and a professor of law at the Universities of Marburg and Frankfurt an der Oder. Both editions of this are scarce. OCLC locates 6 copies of the first edition in North America, 5 in law libraries (Columbia, Harvard, Library of Congress, UC-Berkeley, University of Virginia). *VD18* 14734486.

FIRST EDITION OF THE FIRST STANDARD TREATISE ON WILLS

110 SWINBURNE, HENRY [1560?-1623].

A Briefe Treatise of Testaments and Last Willes, Very Profitable to be Understood of All the Subjects of This Realme of England, (Desirous to Know, Whether, Whereof, And How, They May Make Their Testaments: And by What Meanes the Same May be Effectod or Hindered,) And no Lesse Delightfull, Aswell for the Rareness of the Worke, As for the Easines of the Stile, And Method: Compiled of such Lawes Ecclesiasticall and Civill, As be Not Repugnant to the Lawes, Customes, Or Statutes of this Realme, Nor Derogatorie to the Prerogative Royall. In which Treatise Also are Inserted Divers Statutes of this Land, Together

with Mention of Sundrie Customes, As Well General as Particular, Not Impertinent Thereunto: Besides Divers Marginall Notes, And Quotations Not to be Neglected, Especially of Iustinianists, Or Young Students of the Civil Law: With Two Tables, The One Analytical, Describing the Generall Order of the Whole Treatise: The Other Alphabetically, Disclosing the Particular Contents Thereof: That in the Beginning; This in the End of the Booke.

London: Printed by Iohn Windet, 1590 [colophon date 1591]. [xii], 293, [13] ff. As in many copies, our copy lacks the errata leaf and pasted one-word slip-cancel on Leaf K5r (Fol. 65) (changing "whether" to "where"). Quarto (7-1/2" x 6-1/2").

Recent period-style speckled calf, blind rules to boards, raised bands and lettering piece to spine, endpapers renewed. Light toning to text, tiny inkspots to a few leaves, small burn hole to Leaf Kk3 (Fol. 247), mended with archival tape, with no loss to legibility, faint small library stamp to title page, brief annotations to verso. An appealing copy in a handsome binding. **\$2,000.**

FIRST EDITION. The testamentary jurisdiction of ecclesiastical law was a separate branch that produced its own literature. From the sixteenth until well into the seventeenth century Swinburne's was the standard treatise on this subject. Holdsworth, who cites it often and considers it "the most practically useful book of [its] period" notes that "it is a very useful summary of the law as to wills and executors as administered in the ecclesiastical courts.": *HEL* V:14. *ESTC* S118058. Beale T498.

ACCUSED OF HELPING A NOTORIOUS FORGER

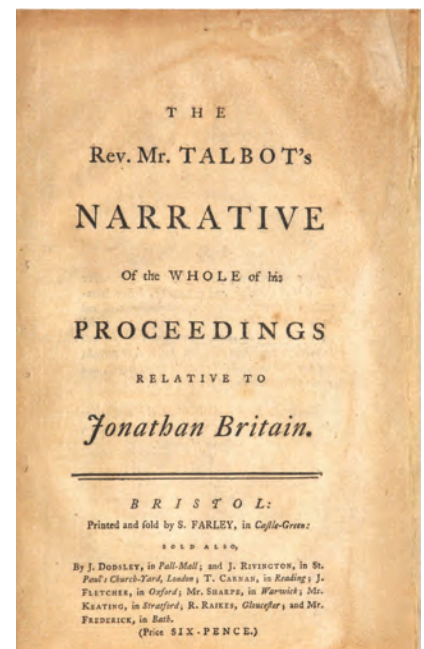
111 TALBOT, WILLIAM [1718 OR 1719-1774].

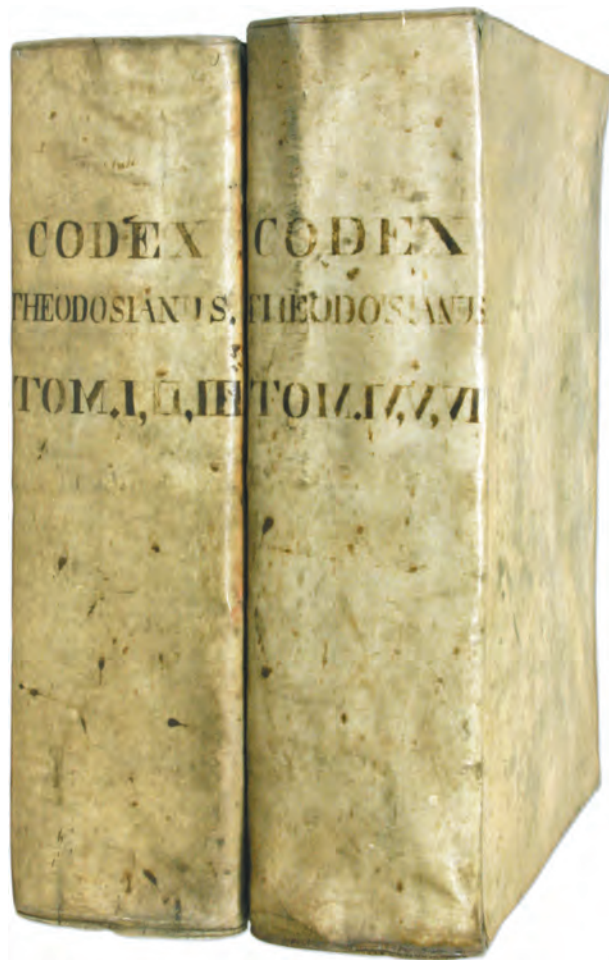
The Rev. Mr. Talbot's Narrative of the Whole of His Proceedings Relative to Jonathan Britain.

Bristol: Printed and Sold by S. Farley, [1772]. 93, [1] pp. Octavo (8" x 5-1/2").

Stab-stitched pamphlet in recent plain stiff wrappers, untrimmed edges. Moderate toning, occasional faint dampstaining, light dampspotting to a few leaves, light soiling to title page. **\$950.**

ONLY EDITION. As a prison visitor, Rev. Talbot became involved in the case of the forger Jonathan Britain, executed in 1772. Sympathetic to Britain, and apparently conned by him, he attempted to save him from the gallows and get him a new trial. His efforts on Britain's behalf brought him a great deal of criticism. *The Rev. Mr. Talbot's Narrative* is his reply to the critics. OCLC locates 1 copy in a North American law library (Harvard). *ESTC* T44853.





THE GODEFROY EDITION OF THE THEODOSIAN CODE

- 112 THEODOSIUS II [408-450 CE], EMPEROR OF THE EAST.
GODEFROY, JACQUES [1587-1652], EDITOR.
ANTOINE MARVILLE [1609-1663], EDITOR.

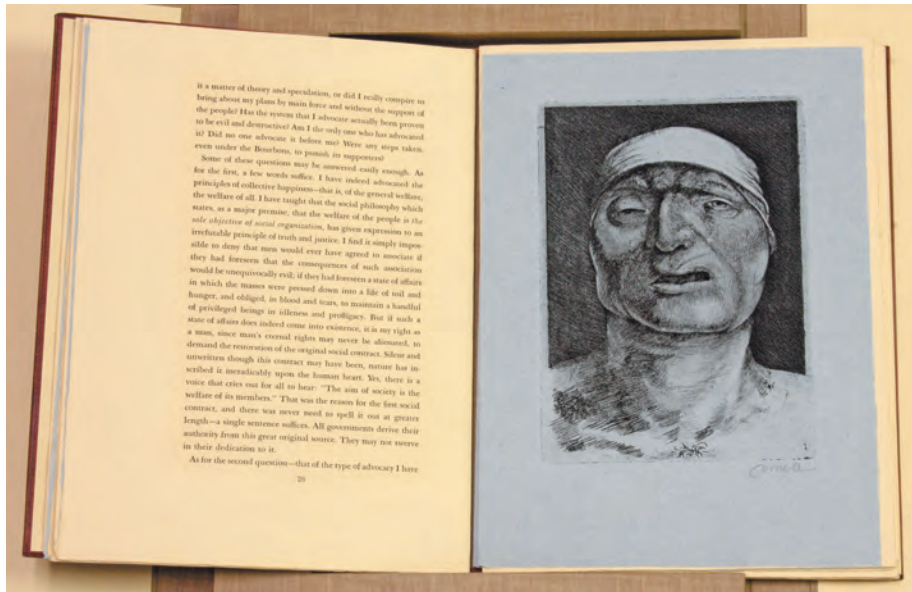
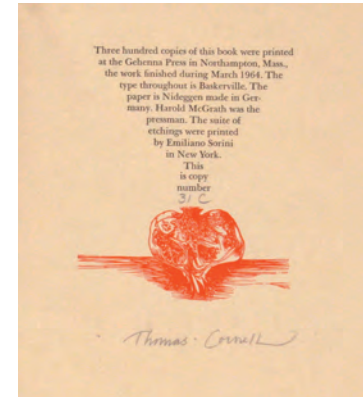
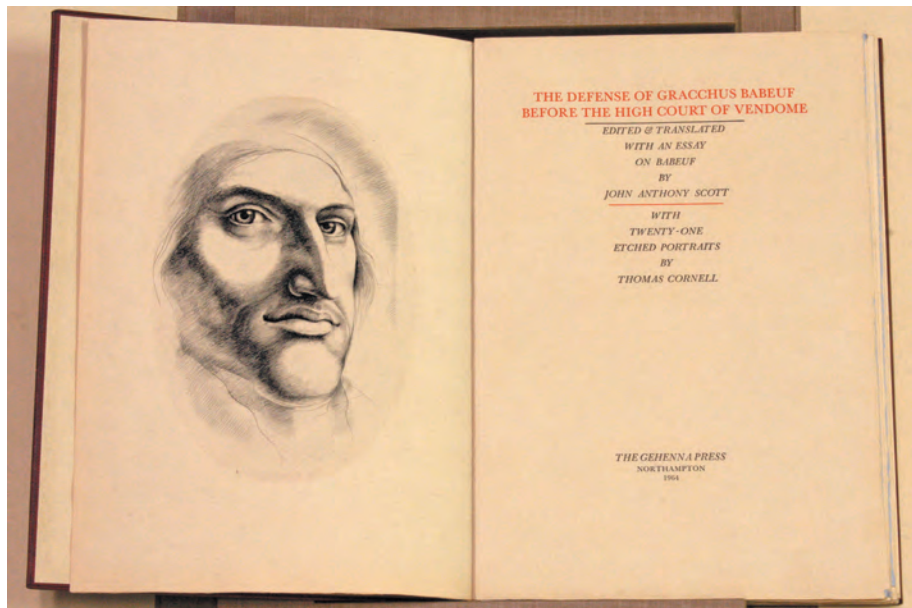
Codex Theodosianus: Cum Perpetuis Commentariis Iacobi Gothofredi. Praemittuntur Chronologia Accuratio, Cum Chronico Historico, & Prolegomena: Subijciuntur Notitia Dignitatum, Prosopographia, Topographia, Index Rerum, & Glossarium Nomicum. Opus Posthumum; Div in Foro et Schola Desideratum, Recognitum & Ordinatam ad Usum Codicis Iustinianei, opera et Studio Antonii Marvillii Antecessoris.

Lyon: Sumpibus Ioannis-Antonii Huguetan, & Marci-Antonii Rauaud, 1665. Six volumes bound in two books. Main text in parallel columns. Folio (14-1/4" x 9").

Contemporary vellum, early hand-lettered titles to spines, edges colored green. Moderate rubbing and soiling, spine ends

bumped, corners bumped and somewhat worn, vellum just beginning to crack through pastedowns, some edgewear to endleaves, lower portion of Volume I half-title and lower corner of title page restored (text not affected). Title pages printed red and black, woodcut head-pieces and decorated initials. Light to moderate toning, occasional foxing. A few early annotations and signatures to title pages of Volume I and IV, interiors otherwise clean. A desirable set. \$5,000.

FIRST EDITION. The Theodosian Code is an official compilation of all laws enacted since the reign of Constantine that was commissioned by Emperor Theodosius II in 429 CE. Completed in 438 CE, and ratified that year by the senate, it was the standard legal text of the empire, one that superseded all earlier codes. It would later exert enormous influence on the barbarians who assumed control of the Western Empire. The Visigoths, Ostrogoths, Franks, Lombards and Burgundians used it as the basis for their legal codes. Godefroy's edition, which includes extensive commentary, was the first modern edition of the *Codex*. It remains a masterpiece of scholarship and erudition. This edition also contains additional notes by Antoine Marville. Graesse 209. BMC 21:980.



DELUXE FINE-PRESS ACCOUNT OF THE TRIAL OF AN IMPORTANT FRENCH REVOLUTIONARY AND SOCIALIST MARTYR. INCLUDES AN ADDITIONAL SUITE OF 21 PLATES

113 [TRIAL].
BABEUF, GRACCHUS [1760-1797], DEFENDANT.
CORNELL, THOMAS [1937-2012], ILLUSTRATOR.
SCOTT, JOHN ANTHONY [1916-2010],
EDITOR, TRANSLATOR, AUTHOR.

The Defense of Gracchus Babeuf Before the High Court of Vendôme.

Northampton, MA: Gehenna Press, 1964. [ii], 83, [5] pp. Etched frontispiece, 20 etched plates. 21 plates in all.

[WITH]
[Suite of 21 Plates, 15" x 11"].

Six quires of uncut and unopened quartos in twos, one of each pair inserted into the fold of the other, laid into 12-1/2" x 8-3/4" calf chemise, pages interleaved with 20 signed loose etchings

by Cornell on blue Fabriano laid paper. Letterpress in Baskerville type on linen Nideggen laid paper moldmade in Germany. Orange press mark signed by Cornell. Plates on Rives paper, signed and numbered by Cornell, housed in 15-1/2" x 11-1/4" cloth chemise. All items housed in 16" x 12" solander (tray) case. Fine. \$1,250.

FROM AN EDITION LIMITED to 300 copies, this number 31, a deluxe edition with an additional suite of plates. Babeuf, publisher of the *Tribun du Peuple*, was executed in 1797 for his role in the Conspiracy of Equals to overthrow the *Directoire*. This conspiracy is significant as the first attempt to install a socialist government. Gehenna's fine-press volume about Babeuf's trial contains English translations of selections from Babeuf's defense, Maréchal's Manifesto of Equals and Babeuf's peroration, his last words to the court, which were addressed to his children. An American artist and illustrator, Cornell was drawn to subjects concerning global, social, and environmental justice. The book was printed by Harold McGrath, the suite of etchings by Emiliano Sorini. Baskin, Franklin and Baskin 36. Widener and Wiener 10.8.

- 114 [TRIAL].
BEECHER, HENRY WARD [1813-1887], DEFENDANT.
MARSHALL, CHARLES F.

The True History of the Brooklyn Scandal: Being a Complete Account of the Trial of the Rev. Henry Ward Beecher, Or Plymouth Church, Brooklyn, Upon Charges Preferred by Theodore Tilton, Including All the Original Letters, Documents and Private Correspondence, With Biographies of the Leading Actors in the Great Drama. Containing Also the Full Statements of Moulton, Beecher, And Tilton, And Many Additional Facts, Private Letters, Etc., Never Before Published. Illustrated with Numerous Fine Engravings and Portraits.

Philadelphia: National Publishing Company, [1878]. 609, [8] pp. 7 woodcut plates, woodcut text illustrations. Includes 8-page publisher catalogue. Octavo (8-1/4" x 5-1/2").

Original pebbled cloth, blind frames to boards, gilt caption (Is He Guilty? Mystery Explained) to front board, gilt title to spine. Moderate rubbing to boards, heavier rubbing to extremities with some fraying to spine ends, corners bumped, hinges cracked, rear endleaf lacking. Moderate toning to text, occasional marks to margins in faint pencil, finger smudges and tiny clean tears to a few leaves, tiny early owner mark to front pastedown. \$500.

ONLY EDITION. The pastor of Brooklyn's Plymouth Congregational Church and a spokesman for abolition and other progressive causes, Beecher was one of the most prominent clergymen and public intellectuals in nineteenth-century America. In the famous scandal known as the Beecher-Tilton Affair he was tried on charges that he had committed adultery with a friend's wife, Elizabeth Tilton. Tilton sued Beecher in 1875. Though probably guilty, Beecher was not convicted and his reputation survived intact.

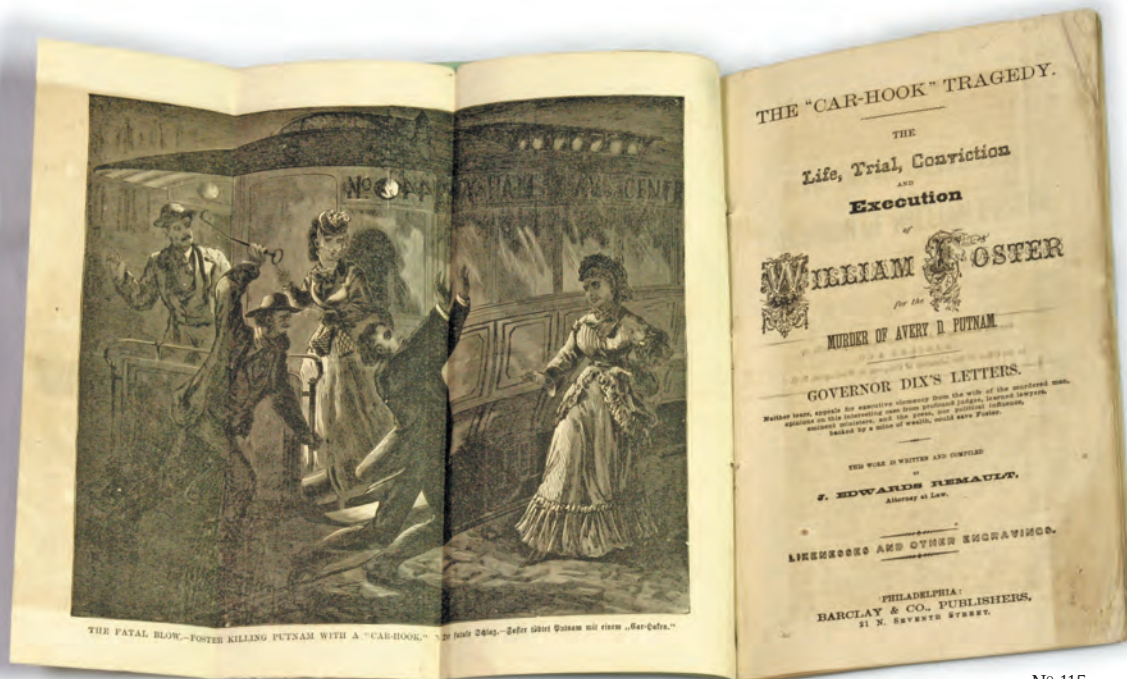
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FOSTER, WILLIAM, DEFENDANT.
REMAULT, J. EDWARDS.

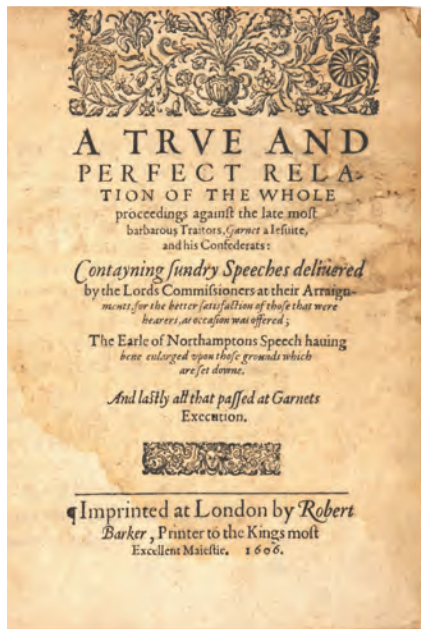
The "Car-Hook" Tragedy, The Life, Trial, Conviction and Execution of William Foster for the Murder of Avery D. Putnam. Governor Dix's Letters. Neither Tears, Appeals for Executive Clemency from the Wife of the Murdered Man, Opinions on this Interesting Case from Profound Judges, Learned Lawyers, Eminent Ministers, And the Press, Nor Judicial Influence, Backed by a Mine of Wealth, Could Save Foster.

Philadelphia: Barclay & Co., [1873]. [ii], 19-96 pp. 3 folding plates, 9 full-page illustrations. Text complete. Octavo (9-1/2" x 5-3/4").

Stab-stitched pamphlet in pictorial wrappers. Moderate edgewear, spine abraded with wear at ends, faint dampstain to upper corner of front wrapper, moderate toning to interior, some leaves have minor edgewear. \$1,500.

ONLY EDITION LOCATED. As McDade notes, "Foster, while drunk, smashed the skull of Putnam on a New York City trolley." Remault, the author of this account, argues that despite his "sincere pity for the family of Foster," Foster's execution was necessary: "Ruffianism has been and is still rampant in or large cities, and the palsied arm of Justice has hitherto been powerless to check its infamous career." Remault provides dramatic and detailed descriptions of the murder, trial, backgrounds of Foster and Putnam, the public's reaction, efforts to commute the death sentence and sermons, including one by Henry Ward Beecher. The trial judge was Albert Jacob Cardozo, father of the U.S. Supreme Court Justice Benjamin N. Cardozo. Albert Cardozo was a Tammany Hall appointee who, soon after the end of this trial, was forced to resign due to corruption charges connected to the Erie Railroad takeover. OCLC locates 14 copies, 3 in law libraries (Harvard, Social Law, Yale). The text captions are in English and German, which indicates the existence of a German edition of this account. We have not been able to locate any copies, however, which suggests one was never issued. *McDade* 316.





A LEADER OF THE GUNPOWDER PLOT



"HIS EXECUTION, IN THE SIGHT OF HUNDREDS OF VESSELS, WAS IN THE BEST MARITIME TRADITION"

- 116 [TRIAL].
GARNETT, HENRY [1555-1606], DEFENDANT.

A True and Perfect Relation of the Whole Proceedings Against the Late Most Barbarous Traitors, Garnet a Jesuite, and his Confederats: Contayning Sundry Speeches Delivered by the Lords Commissioners at their Arraignments, For the Better Satisfaction of Those that Were Hearers, As Occasion was Offered; The Earle of Northampton's Speech Having Bene Enlarged Upon Those Grounds Which are Set Downe. And Lastly all that Passed at Garnets Execution.

London: Imprinted by Robert Barker, 1606. [416] pp. Quarto (7" x 5-1/2").

Contemporary speckled calf, blind-stamped crest to center of front board, raised bands, gilt ornaments and lettering piece to spine, endpapers renewed. Light rubbing to boards, heavier rubbing to extremities with wear to spine ends and corners, joints starting at ends, crack in text block between front free endpaper and following leaf, rear hinge starting, ear armorial bookplate to front pastedown, later owner bookplate to rear pastedown. Moderate toning to text, gradually diminishing dampstaining to first quarter of text block, faint dampstaining to upper corners of final few leaves. \$1,650.

REISSUE OF THE FIRST EDITION, 1606, one of three reissues from 1606. This anonymous work is a account of Garnet's trial on March 28, 1606 before a special commission at the Guild Hall of London for his participation in the Gunpowder Plot, an assassination attempt by a group of provincial English Catholics against King James I. The plot intended to kill the king, his family, and much of the Protestant aristocracy by blowing up the Houses of Parliament during the State Opening on November 5, 1605. The conspirators also planned to abduct the royal children, who were not present in Parliament, and incite a popular revolt in the Midlands. A spectacular failure, it led to harsh measures against English Catholics. ESTC S2009.

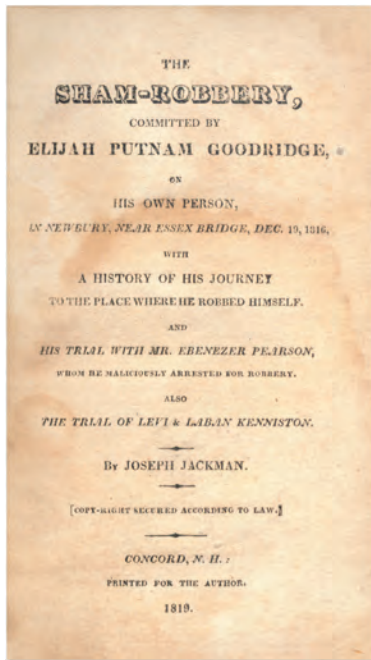
- 117 [TRIAL].
HICKS, ALBERT W. [C.1820-1860], DEFENDANT.
FOWLER, L[ORENZO] N[ILES] [1811-1896].

The Life, Trial, Confession and Execution of Albert W. Hicks, The Pirate and Murderer, Executed on Bedloe's Island, New York Bay, On the 13th of July, 1860, For the Murder of Capt. Burr, Smith and Oliver Watts, On Board the Oyster Sloop E.A. Johnson. Containing the History of His Life (Written by Himself) From Childhood up to the Time of His Arrest. With a Full Account of His Piracies, Murders, Mutinies, High-Way Robberies, Etc. Comprising the Particulars of Nearly One Hundred Murders! To Which is Added the Account of His Arrest, Imprisonment, Trial and Execution: Also, His Phrenological Character, As Described by L.N. Fowler.

New York: Robert M. De Witt, [1860]. [vi], [7]-84 pp. 8 plates of woodcuts. Verso of front wrapper and rear wrapper have publisher advertisements. Octavo (9-1/2" x 6").

Stab-stitched pamphlet in pictorial wrappers, untrimmed edges. Light soiling, some edgewear and minor chipping and tears to wrappers, spine worn away at ends, clean tear to front wrapper with careful repair. Moderate toning to text, light foxing to a few leaves. \$1,250.

ONLY EDITION, ONE OF TWO ISSUES, the other with 68 pp. "Hicks was a triple murderer, but only technically a pirate. He was a member of the crew of an oyster sloop, and he chopped up the captain and two crew members in lower New York Bay, but being in the ebb and flow of the tide, it was technically a crime on the high seas and a federal offense. The little money he took got him to Providence, where he was caught. His execution in New York Harbor, in the sight of hundreds of vessels, was in the best maritime tradition (McDade). A notable feature of this account is the "psychological" profile by Fowler, the notable phrenologist, based on a post-mortem study of Hicks's skull and digestive organs. OCLC locates 10 copies in North American law libraries. McDade 473.



FLETCHER WEBSTER'S COPY OF AN ACCOUNT OF ONE OF HIS FATHER'S FAMOUS CASES

A CONTEMPORARY COLLECTION OF TWELVE POPISSH PLOT TRIALS AND A RELATED BROADSIDE

- 119 [TRIALS].
[POPISSH PLOT].
STAYLEY, WILLIAM [D. 1678], DEFENDANT.

The Tryal of William Stayley, Goldsmith; For Speaking Treasonable Words Against His Most Sacred Majesty: And Upon Full Evidence Found Guilty of High Treason, And Received Sentence Accordingly, On Thursday November the 21th 1678.

London: Printed for Robert Pawlet, 1678. 8, 7-10 pp. ESTC (ESTC) R228446.

[BOUND WITH]
[STAYLEY, WILLIAM].

An Account of the Digging Up of the Quarters of William Stayley, Lately Executed for High Treason, for that his Relations Abused the Kings Mercy. Nov. 30 1678. Imprimatur, William Scroggs.

London: Printed for Robert Pawlet at the Bible in Chancery-Lane, 1678. 15-1/2" x 11-1/2" broadside. ESTC R17181

[AND]
[11 Trials of Men (and a Woman) Implicated in the Popish Plot].

[London: Various printers, 1678-1680].

Folio (12-1/2" x 8"). Stab-stitched pamphlets bound into contemporary mottled calf, gilt spine with raised bands and lettering piece (reading Trials), early manuscript index to front free endpaper. Some minor scuffs and scratches to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities with wear to head of spine, small piece of calf lacking below lettering piece, rear joint just starting at head, corners bumped and lightly worn, hinges cracked. Light toning to interior, somewhat heavier in places, faint dampstaining and worming to margins in a few places, inkstains to margins of a few leaves. A unique collection by a contemporary compiler. \$2,500.

THE POPISSH PLOT was a fictitious conspiracy to assassinate Charles II. It provoked a spasm of anti-Catholic hysteria in England and Scotland that led to the executions of at least 22 men and women between 1678 and 1681 and harsh laws against Catholics. The work of a contemporary compiler, our volume collects 12 trials and a related broadside relating to this horrible event. The other trials are:

- [Edward Coleman] 1678. ESTC R4486.
- [William Ireland, Thomas Pickering and John Grove]. 1678. ESTC 2719.
- [Robert Green, Henry Berry, & Lawrence Hill]. 1679. ESTC R24642.
- [Nathaniel Reading]. 1679. ESTC 7193.
- [Thomas White, William Harcourt, John Fenwick, John Gavan, And Anthony Turner]. ESTC 232961.
- [The Tryall of Richard Langhorn]. 1679. ESTC R1705.
- [Sir George Wakeman, William Marshall, William Rumley, And James Corker]. 1679. ESTC R13879.
- [Andrew Brommich and William Atkins]. 1679. ESTC 18341.
- [Thomas Knox and John Lane]. 1680. ESTC R21831.
- [Lionel Anderson, William Russel, Charles Parris, Henry Starkey, Thomas Corker and William Marshall]. 1680. ESTC R1255.
- [John Tasborough and Ann Price]. 1680. ESTC R23482.

- 118 [TRIAL].
JACKMAN, JOSEPH.
GOODRIDGE, ELIJAH PUTNAM [1787-1851],
DEFENDANT.

The Sham-Robbery, Committed by Elijah Putnam Goodridge on His Own Person, In Newbury Near Essex Bridge, Dec. 19, 1816: With a History of His Journey to the Place Where he Robbed Himself: and His Trial with Mr. Ebenezer Pearson, Whom he Maliciously Arrested for Robbery: Also the Trial of Levi & Laban Kenniston.

Concord, NH: Printed for the Author, 1819. 151, [1] pp. 12mo (6-3/4" x 4-1/4").

Stab-stitched pamphlet in plain wrappers, untrimmed edges. Light soiling and a few minor stains, wrappers worn, but secure. Light browning to text, light foxing in a few places, faint dampstaining to a few leaves, "Daniel Webster, Jr" in pencil to front endleaf and recto of rear wrapper, "Polly Webster" to rear free endpaper.

\$500.

ONLY EDITION. Full account of the several trials connected with this famous Massachusetts case, by one of the accused. Daniel Webster served as one of the defense attorneys shortly after his return to private practice following his two terms in Congress. The respected and well-connected Major Goodridge's accusation of robbery against the witless, low-life Kenniston brothers was supported by popular sentiment, until Webster began his defence, which meticulously unraveled the Major's story and succeeded in gaining the Kenniston's acquittal. The trial was an early landmark in Webster's legal career, and his final address to the jury, first printed here, is considered a classic of Webster's oratory. It was later anthologized. Daniel Fletcher Webster [1818-1862], known as Fletcher Webster, was Daniel Webster's eldest son. Chief Clerk of the U.S. State Department when his father was Secretary of State, he commanded the 12th Massachusetts Infantry during the Civil War. He was killed at the Second Battle of Bull Run. We are unsure of the identity of Polly Webster. Cohen 14017.

A VIRGINIAN PEER TO KENT AND STORY

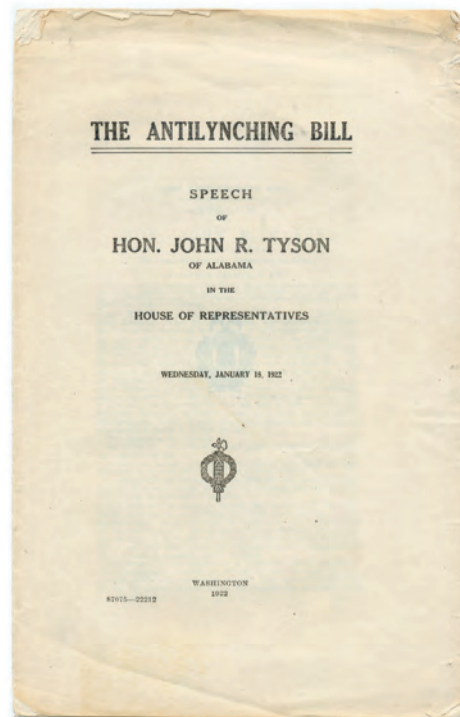
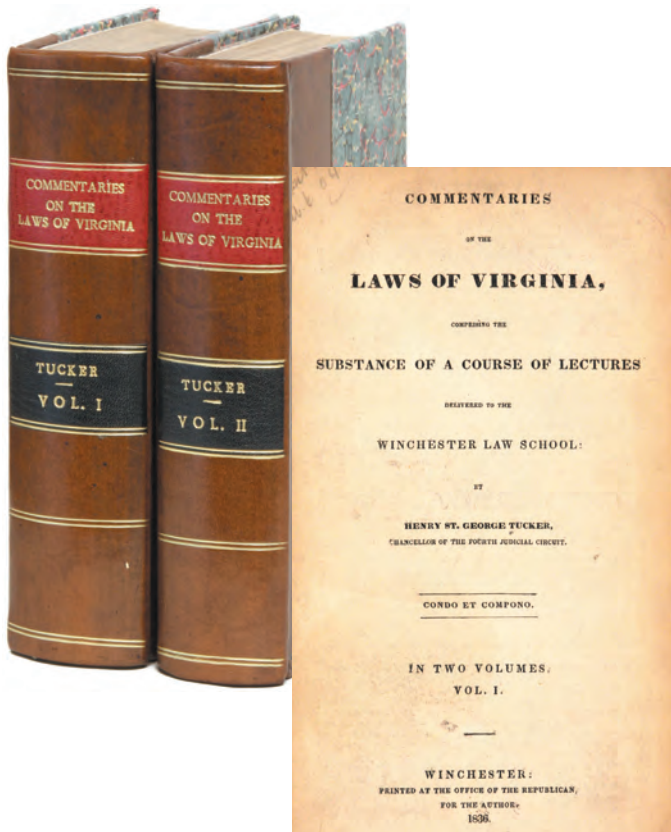
120 TUCKER, HENRY ST. GEORGE [1780-1848].

Commentaries on the Laws of Virginia, Comprising the Substance of a Course of Lectures Delivered to the Winchester Law School.

Winchester: Printed at the Office of the Republican for the Author, 1836-1837. Two volumes. xx, 9, 165, 458, 35; xxviii, 506, 34, 17 pp. Tipped-in errata slips noted in Bryson, but not in Cohen or Laeuchli, not present. Octavo (8-1/4" x 5-1/4").

Recent period style quarter calf over marbled boards, gilt fillets and lettering pieces to spines, endpapers renewed. Moderate toning to text, early annotations in pencil in places, chip to lower corner of pp. 335-226 of Volume II just touching text, faint later library stamps to title pages, library markings to versos. A handsome copy. \$1,500.

SECOND EDITION. Along with James Kent's *Commentaries on American Law* and Joseph Story's *Commentaries on the Constitution*, Tucker's two volume work established the standard for American treatise writing and helped to organize American law. The *Commentaries* served as the primary reference source for the bar of Virginia as well as for many in the rest of the country, and was considered the most valuable text for students and lawyers in much of the South until the Civil War. While modeled on Blackstone's *Commentaries*, Tucker's treatise is entirely original. In that way it is a much more impressive accomplishment than his father's edition of Blackstone. Tucker's *Commentaries on the Laws of Virginia* is based on his lectures at Winchester Law School, which he established in 1824. The first edition appeared in 1831, the third and final edition in 1846. It is possible that some copies of the second edition were not issued with errata sheets, presumably earlier copies. Bryson 1167. Cohen 5427. Laeuchli 518.



AN ALABAMA CONGRESSMAN ATTACKS
THE DYER ANTI-LYNCHING BILL

121 TYSON, JOHN RUSSELL [1856-1923].

The Antilynching Bill, Speech of Hon. John R. Tyson, of Alabama, In the House of Representatives, Wednesday, January 18, 1922.

Washington: [Government Printing Office], 1922. 15 pp.

Stapled pamphlet in self-wrappers, light toning, some wear to edges. \$500.

DIRECTED AT PUNISHING LYNCHING and mob violence, the Dyer Anti-Lynching Bill was introduced in 1918 by Representative Leonidas C. Dyer, a Republican from St. Louis, Missouri. It was re-introduced in subsequent sessions through 1922. Tyson, a former chief justice of the Alabama Supreme Court, denounces the bill as an attempt by the federal government to intrude on states' rights. The bill passed the House on January 26, 1922, but its passage was halted by a filibuster by Southern Democrats in the Senate.



A SIXTEENTH-CENTURY "NUTSHELL" OF ROMAN, FEUDAL AND CANON LAW

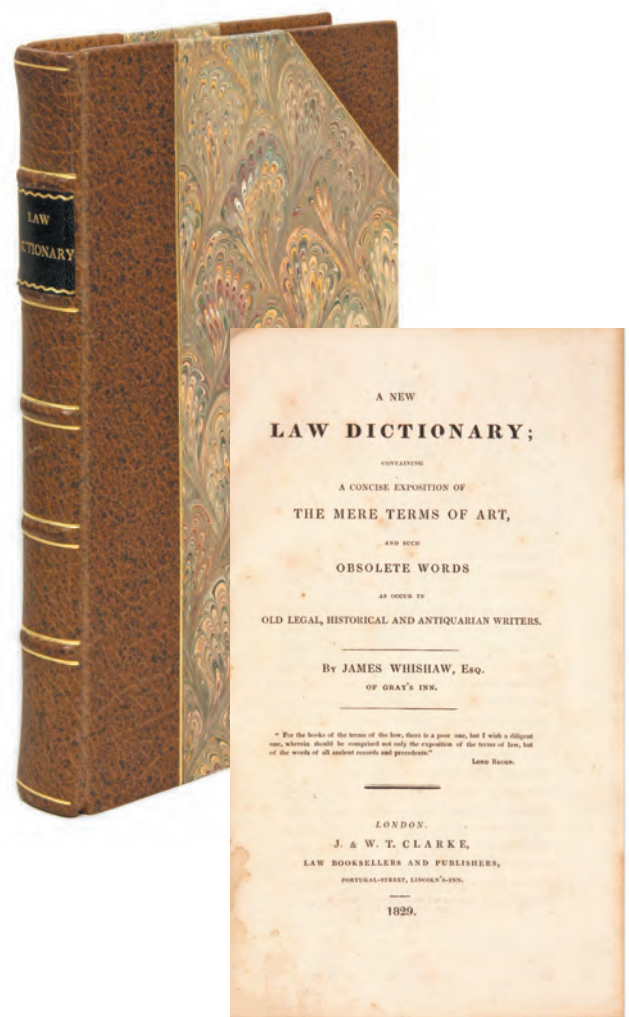
122 WESENBECK (WESEMBEKE), MATTHAEUS [1531-1586].

Oeconomia Iuris.

Leipzig: Curante Ernesto Voegelino [Imprimebatur per Andream Schneider, Typis Vogelianis, 1571]. [iii], 383, [21] pp. Quarto (7-1/2" x 5-1/2").

Contemporary paneled vellum, gilt-stamped early owner name (Cancell: Mari: Burg/ 1681) and faint tiny early signature to front board, raised bands, later calf lettering and small paper shelf label to spine, ties lacking. Light soiling, moderate rubbing to extremities, a few minor worm holes to rear board, corners bumped, front free endpaper lacking, front hinge cracked, a few cracks to text block. Moderate toning to text, light soiling and a small inkspot title page, early ink (library?) annotation to front pastedown. \$1,850.

FIRST EDITION. Wesenbeck, a leading Belgian humanist jurist who taught at the Universities of Jena and Wittenberg, was a distinguished and prolific scholar of Roman law with a pan-European reputation. A posthumous eight-volume collection of his consilia was published from 1611 to 1624. First published in 1571, *Oeconomia Iuris* is summary of the *Corpus Juris Civilis*, the *Libri Feudorum* and the *Corpus Juris Canonici* with notes and correspondences. Its final edition was published in 1625. VD16 W2131.



A NOTABLY HANDSOME COPY OF WHISHAW'S DICTIONARY

123 WHISHAW, JAMES [1808-1879].

A New Law Dictionary: Containing a Concise Exposition of the Mere Terms of Art, and Such Obsolete Words as Occur in Old Legal, Historical and Antiquarian Writers.

London: J. & W.T. Clarke, 1829. [iii]-viii, 342 pp. Half-title lacking. Main text in parallel columns. Octavo (8" x 5-1/4").

Recent period-style three-quarter calf over marbled boards, gilt rules to boards, raised bands, gilt fillets and lettering piece to spine, all edges gilt. Negligible light toning to text. A notably handsome copy. \$950.

ONLY EDITION. Whishaw, a member of Gray's Inn, set out to produce a concise law dictionary in the tradition of Rastell, which would offer rather than a voluminous encyclopedic dictionary in the manner of Jacob's. Though intended for the young lawyer, it is not a dictionary for novices only. Whishaw included French, Latin and English words and phrases as well as "obsolete words" from such early authorities as Cowell, Blount and Hale. Sweet & Maxwell 2:377.

124 WILLIAMS, THOMAS WALTER.

A Compendious and Comprehensive Law Dictionary; Elucidating the Terms, and General Principles of Law and Equity.

London: Gale and Fenner, 1816. Unpaginated [1022] pp. Main text in parallel columns. Octavo (8-1/4" x 5-1/4").

Contemporary paper-covered publisher boards, expertly rebaked in marbled paper retaining contemporary lettering piece, untrimmed edges. Some rubbing to boards. Light toning, and faint staining to preliminaries and a few other leaves. An attractive copy. \$1,250.

ONLY EDITION OF AN UNCOMMON dictionary. One of several English dictionaries published in the early nineteenth century, Williams' dictionary is notable for its physical size and broad scope. Williams noted that his aim was to include more words and shorter definitions by omitting the extraneous detail that distinguished the work of his predecessors (and, presumably, his competitors). Williams [1763-1833] was a barrister of the Inner Temple and was called to the bar, but he didn't have success as a pleader. He was known instead for his writings. In addition to his dictionary, he wrote manuals justices of the peace, compiled abridgments and digests and edited an edition of William Sheppard's *The Precedent of Precedents*. Sweet & Maxwell 2:384.

WOMEN AND THE LAW IN EIGHTEENTH-CENTURY ENGLAND

125 [WOMEN].
[GREAT BRITAIN].**The Laws Respecting Women, As They Regard Their Natural Rights, Or Their Connections and Conduct; In Which Their Interests and Duties as Daughters, Wards, Heiresses, Spinsters, Sisters, Wives, Widows, Mothers, Legatees, Executrixes, &c. Are Ascertained and Enumerated: also, the Obligations of Parent and Child, And the Condition of Minors. The Whole Laid Down According to the Principles of the Common and Statute Law, Explained by the Practice of the Courts of Law and Equity, And Describing the Nature and Extent of the Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction. In Which are Inserted a Great Variety of Curious and Important Decisions in the Different Law Courts, And the Substance of the Trial of Elizabeth Duchess Dowager of Kingston, On an Indictment for Bigamy, Before the House of Peers, April 1776. In Four Books.**

London: Printed for J. Johnson, 1777. [xxiii], [1], 449, [15] pp. Octavo (7-1/2" x 5").

Recent period-style calf, blind rules to boards, raised bands and lettering piece to spine, endpapers renewed. Light browning, faint dampstaining to upper margins of preliminaries and first 20 leaves of text, negligible minor loss to text of index leaf, legibility not affected. Ex-library. Faint inkstamp and faint embossed stamp to title page. A nice copy in a handsome binding. \$3,000.

ONLY EDITION. This is one of the earliest books on the English law concerning women. (The first was published in 1632.) Holdsworth holds it in high regard and considers it the best of the early books on the subject. It is in four books. The first book deals with the personal status of women, marriage law and the settlement of married women who are paupers. The second book deals with the proprietary status of spinsters, wives and widows. The third book deals with crimes, the fourth with parents and children and the position of minors. It also contains a critical account of the sensational Kingston bigamy trial, which inspired two plays by Thackeray. Holdsworth, *HEL* XII:399-400. *ESTC* T149863.

"THE COMPLEMENT OF SIR W. BLACKSTONE'S COMMENTARIES"

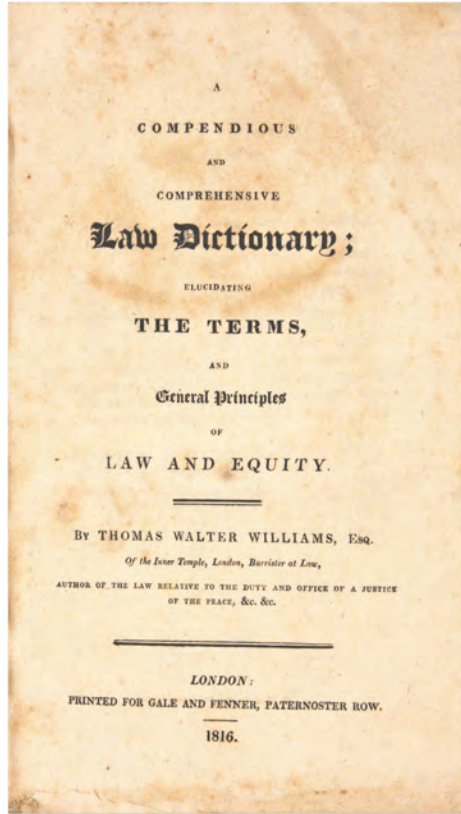
126 WOODDESON, RICHARD [1745-1822].

Elements of Jurisprudence, Treated of in the Preliminary Part of a Course of Lectures on the Laws of England.

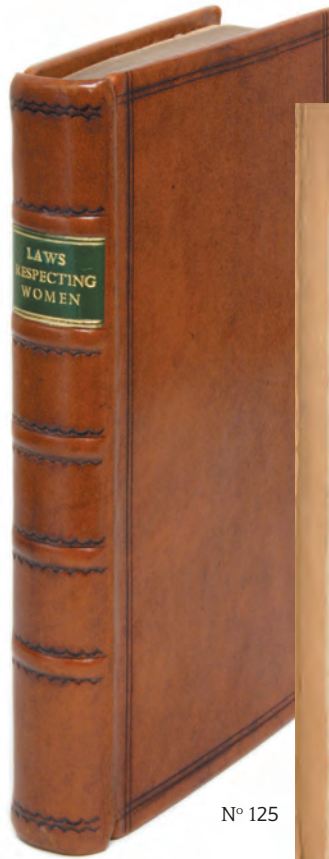
London: Printed for T. Payne and Son, at the Mews Gate, 1783. [iv], 118 pp. Quarto (10-1/2" x 8-1/2").

Contemporary calf, blind fillets to boards, lettering piece and blind fillets to spine. Some rubbing to extremities, corners bumped and somewhat worn, front board just beginning to separate but secure, rear joint starting. Two early armorial bookplates (of Henry C. Compton Esq. Manor House, Lyndhurst, and Scrope Berdmore, S.T.P. Coll. Mert. Custos, 1790) to front pastedown. Offsetting to endleaves, interior otherwise fresh. A nice copy. \$850.

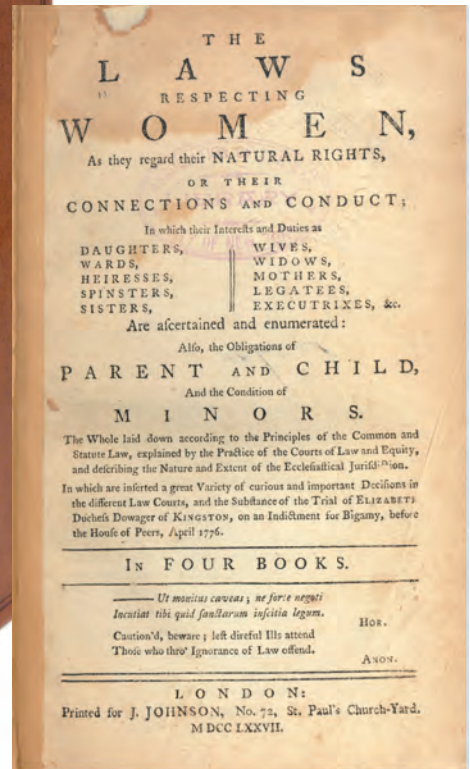
FIRST AND ONLY LONDON EDITION. Wooddeson was elected a Vinerian Scholar in 1766, became a Vinerian Fellow in 1776 and was Vinerian Professor from 1777 to 1793. He was steeped in Blackstone's work, and he strove to supplement it. "Dr. Wooddeson's Lectures form, in a measure, the complement of Sir W. Blackstone's *Commentaries*, for he supplies some deficiencies in the production of his predecessor, and treats more in detail, some topics, but slightly noticed by him. Though of acknowledged merit, as to learning, method of arrangement, and accuracy of rules, they do not seem to have attained so great a reputation as their real worth entitles them to. In point of style, and beauty of narration, they follow the *Commentaries*, *haud non passibus auquis*" (Marvin). Holdsworth describes each chapter in detail and calls this work a very useful book on legal theory. This book had a second edition published in Dublin in 1792. Marvin 745. Holdsworth, *HEL* XII:428f. *ESTC* T32600.



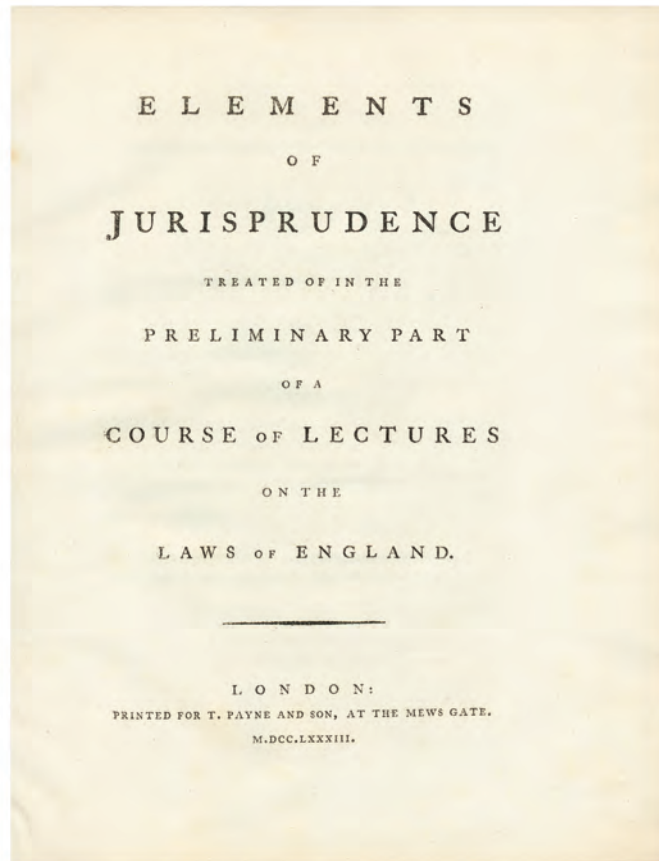
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"THE BOOK JEFFERSON DIDN'T WRITE, BUT SHOULD HAVE"

127 WORTMAN, TUNIS [D.1822].

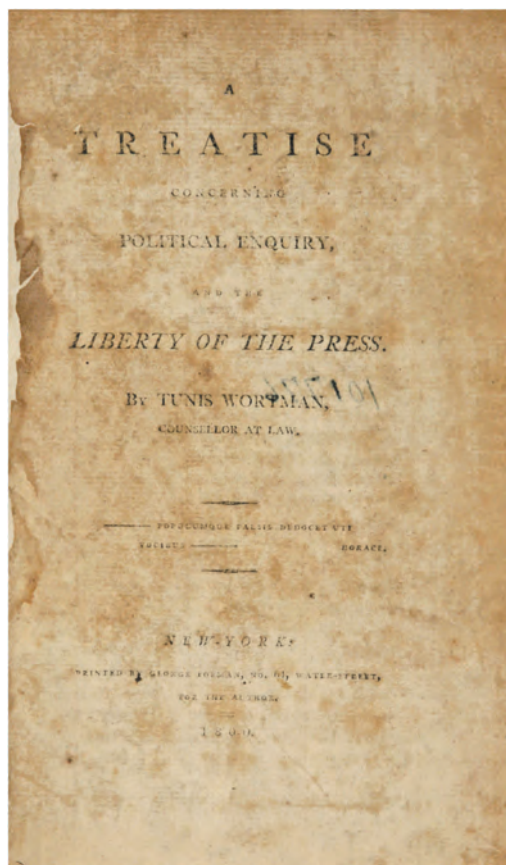
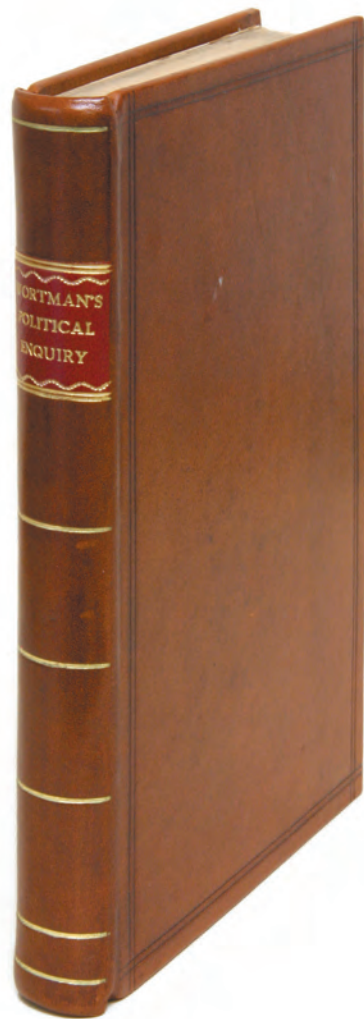
A Treatise Concerning Political Enquiry, and the Liberty of the Press.

New York: Printed by George Forman for the Author, 1800. xii, 296 pp. Octavo (8-1/4" x 5").

Recent period-style calf, blind rules to boards, gilt fillets and lettering piece to spine, endpapers renewed, title page mounted and re-hinged. Moderate toning and occasional light foxing to text, light soiling, faint embossed library stamp and faint staining to title page, faint stain to following leaf along gutter with discreet repair. A handsome copy of a title rare in the trade. \$8,500.

ONLY EDITION. This book is acclaimed as the finest libertarian exposition of free speech. A response to then-recent First Amendment (adopted 1791) and Alien and Sedition Acts

(1798), it can be seen as an early response to their implications. As Leonard Levy notes, Wortman "contributed pre-eminently to the emergence of American libertarianism in his book...It is, in a sense, the book that Jefferson did not write, but should have. Devoid of party polemics and of the characteristically American preoccupation with legal and constitutional problems, it is a work of political philosophy that systematically presents the case for freedom of expression...the outstanding characteristics of the book are its philosophic approach and its absolutist theses. (...) Wortman's treatise is surely the pre-eminent American classic, because of its scope, fullness, philosophical approach, masterful marshalling of the facts, and uncompromisingly radical view." Wortman was a New York lawyer, author, newspaper publisher and politician. He is also known for his political tracts, one of which, *A Solemn Address to Christians and Patriots*, defended Jefferson against charges of atheism prior to the election of 1800. Levy 283-289. McCoy W398. Cohen 3603. Lapidus 26.



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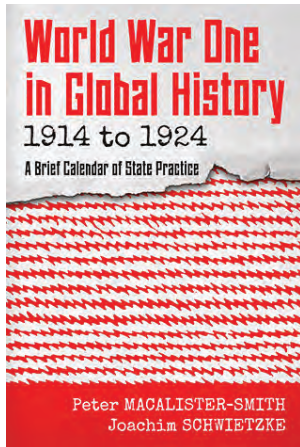
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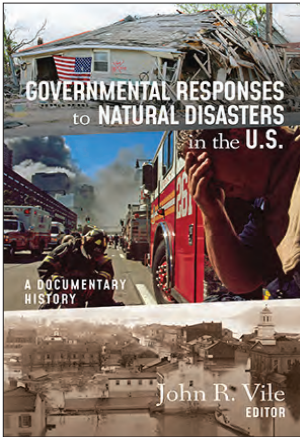
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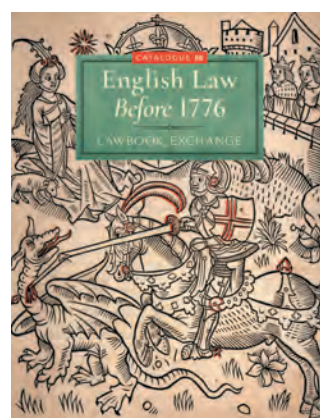
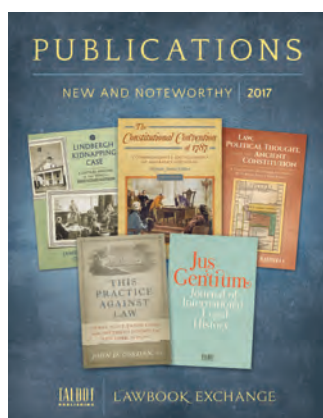
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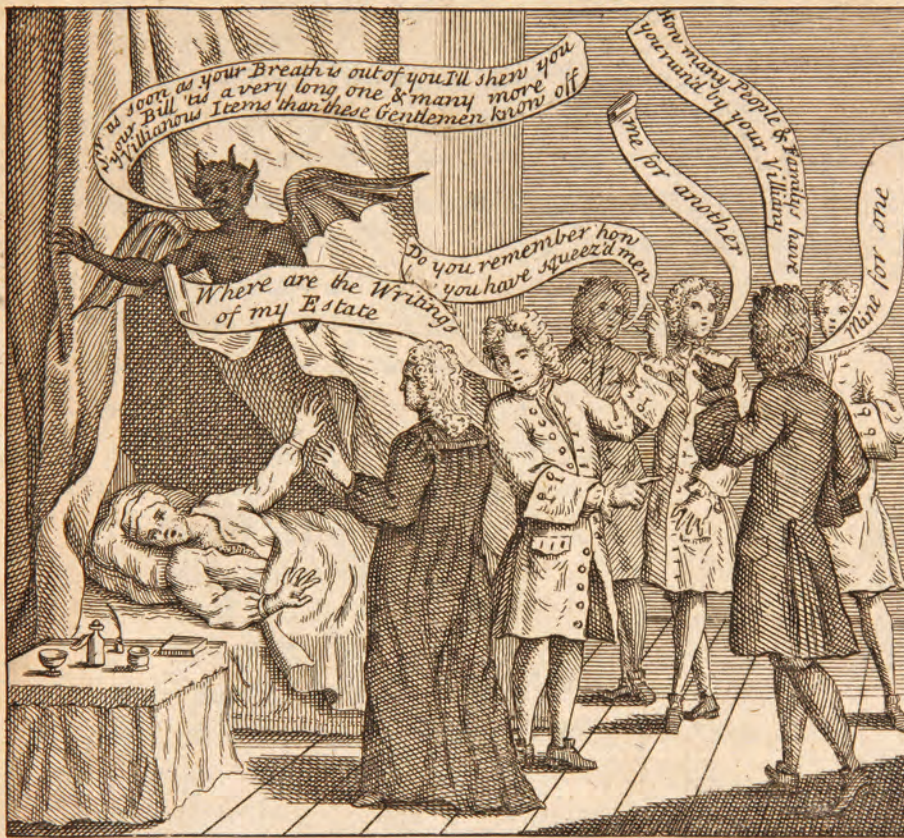
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