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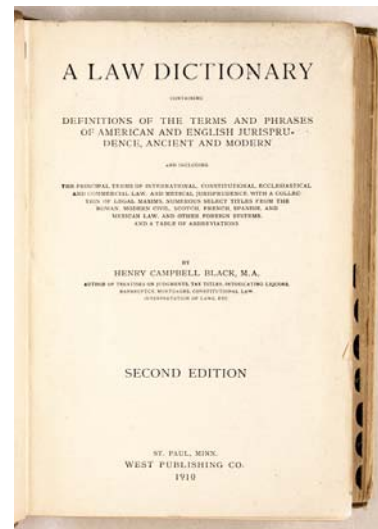
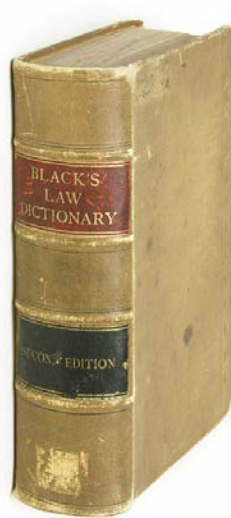
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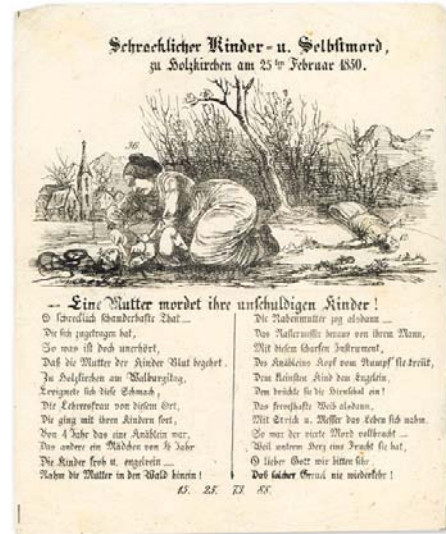
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30 Antiquarian Items (Mostly New Arrivals)



Item 1



Item 2

## Second Edition of *Black's Law Dictionary*

### 1. Black, Henry Campbell [1860-1927], Compiler.

*A Law Dictionary: Containing Definitions of the Terms and Phrases of American and English Jurisprudence, Ancient and Modern.* St. Paul: West Publishing Company, 1910. 1314 pp. Main text in parallel columns.

Original buckram, red and black lettering pieces, blind frames to boards, text block recased, endpapers renewed. Moderate shelfwear, light soiling and a few minor stains, some toning to text, internally clean. Ex-library. Faint shelf-label residue to foot of spine and head of front board, faint stamp to head of text block. A nice copy in a sturdy binding. \$200.

\* The thoroughly revised second edition of Black's classic dictionary incorporates several new definitions, additional case citations and many Latin and French terms overlooked in the first edition. Medical jurisprudence in particular is enriched, with new definitions for insanity and pathological and criminal insanity. The second edition is an essential complement to the first edition (1891) because it offers important insights into the rapid development of law at the turn of the century. It is also notable for its revamped system of arrangement, with all compound and descriptive terms subsumed under their related main entries.

### Lurid German Broadside Commemorating a Mother Who Killed Her Children, Then Committed Suicide

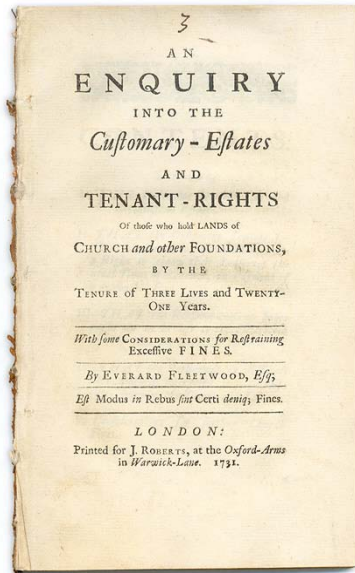
### 2. [Broadside]

[Murder/Suicide, Germany].

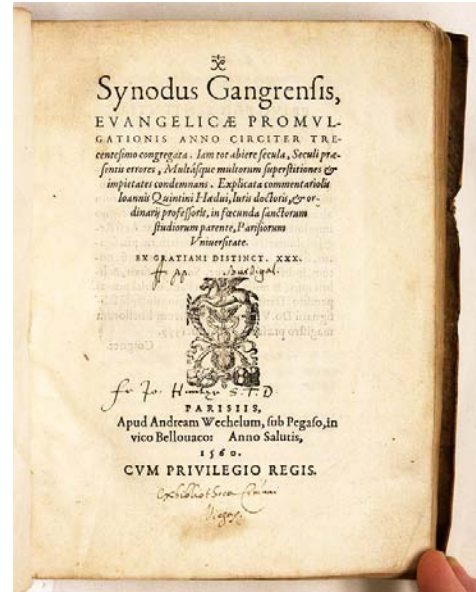
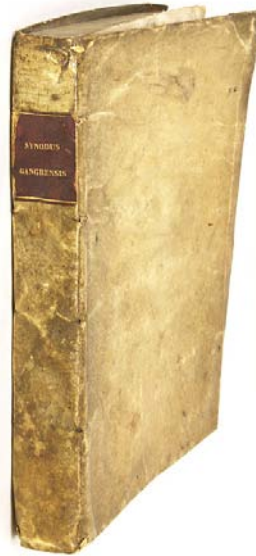
*Schrecklicher Kinder- u. Selbstmord, Zu Holzkirchen am 25ten Februar 1850.* [Holzkirchen, Germany], 1850. 10" x 8-1/4" broadside. Verse text in two columns divided by vertical black rule, large woodcut vignette of murder scene below large woodcut title.

Light toning and minor edgewear, otherwise fine. \$500.

\* Using a kitchen knife, a distraught mother killed her two children, one 6 months old, the other 4. She then stabbed herself fatally. The bodies were found in the woods near Holzkirchen, a small city in Upper Bavaria. The text recounts the event without any explanation of the mother's motive. It is simply "a terrible child-murder and suicide." Pfister, who recorded this broadside, identifies the woman, Therese Pitzer, a schoolteacher in Holzkirchen. Pfister, *Kunstsammlung Pfister München: Verzeichniss einer Collection Monacensia, Bavarica u.A II:3253*.



Item 3



Item 4

### Land Tenure on Ecclesiastical Property

#### 3. [Burroughs, Samuel (d. 1761)].

*An Enquiry into the Customary-Estates and Tenant-Rights of Those who Hold Lands of Church and Other Foundations, By the Tenure of Three Lives and Twenty-One Years. With Some Considerations for Restraining Excessive Fines. By Everard Fleetwood, Esq. London: Printed for J. Roberts, 1731. [iv], 109, [1] pp. Octavo (7-3/4" x 4-3/4").*

Recent period-style quarter calf over marbled boards, raised bands and gilt titles to spine, endpapers renewed. Light toning to text, light soiling to title page, "3" at head in small early hand. A nice copy in a handsome binding. \$650.

\* First edition. Burroughs, writing under a pseudonym, addresses conflicts between civil and ecclesiastical law in cases regarding land tenure on church owned lands. A second edition was published in 1732. It was reprinted in Dublin in 1768. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T113249.

### Three Sixteenth-Century Studies of Early Canon Law

#### 4. [Canon Law].

##### Gangra, Synod of.

##### Quintin, Jean [1500-1561], Editor.

*Synodus Gangrensis, Evangelicæ Promulgationis anno Circiter Trecentesimo Congregata. Iam tot Abiere Secula, Seculi Praesentis Errores Multasque Multorum Superstititones [et] Impietates Condemnans. Explicata Commentariolis Joannis Quintini Haedui, Iuris Doctoris, & Ordinarii Professoris, In Foecunda Sanctorum Studiorum Parente, Parisiorum Universitate. Ex Gratiani Distinct. XXX. Paris: Apud Andream Wechelum, Sub Pegaso, In Vico Bellouaco, 1560. 233, [7] pp. Text in Greek and Latin. First edition. OCLC locates 1 copy in North America (UC-Berkeley Law School).*

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**Quintin Jean.**

**[Gratian, The Canonist].**

*Apostoli Describentis Episcoporum, Presbyterorum et Diaconorum Mores Semeiosis ex Viginti Quinque Gratiani Distinctionibus Excerpta. Decretorum Parte Primâ.* Paris: Apud Andream Wechelum, Sub Pegaso, In Vico Bellouaco, 1559. 160 pp. Text in Greek and Latin. Third and final edition. OCLC locates 1 copy in North America (Huntington Library).

**[And]**

**Zonaras, Joannes [12th C.].**

**Casaubon, Isaac [1559-1614], Annotator.**

**Quintin, Jean, Preface.**

*Octoginta Quinque Regulae, Seu Canones Apostolorum: Cum Vetustis Joannis Monachi Zonarae in Eisdem Commentariis, Latinè Modò Versis.* Paris: Apud Andream Wechelum, Sub Pegaso, In Vico Bellouaco, 1558. [xvi], 86, [2] pp. Text in Greek and Latin. First edition. OCLC locates 2 copies in North America (Princeton, UC-Berkeley Law School).

Quarto (8-3/4" x 6-3/4"). Contemporary limp vellum with lapped edges, later calf lettering piece to spine, ties lacking. Some rubbing to extremities, light soiling to boards, spine darkened, some edgewear to lettering piece, front hinge partially cracked. Some toning to interior, some leaves have negligible light foxing. Three tiny owner signatures to title page of *Synodus Gangrensis*, interiors otherwise clean. \$2,500.

\* This volume collects three books relating to early canon law. *Synodus Gangrensis* reviews Gratian's analysis of the decrees of the Synod (of Council) of Gangra. These decrees were later ratified by the Council of Chalcedon, one of the seven ecumenical councils that established the canons of Christian belief and practice. *Apostoli Describentis*, also based on Gratian, is a study of canon law governing the conduct of clerics. *Octoginta Quinque Regulae* is a study of the Apostolic Canons, the early ecclesiastical decrees concerning church government and discipline. All editions of these titles are scarce. Adams, *Catalogue of Books Printed on the Continent of Europe* G211, G1064, C545.



**A Monumental Collection of Treaties**

**5. Dumont, Jean, Baron de Carelsbroon [1667-1727].**

**Rousset de Missy, Jean [1686-1762]. Barbeyrac, Jean [1674-1744].**

*Corps Universel Diplomatique du Droit des Gens; Contenant un Recueil des Traitez d'Alliance, de Paix, De Treve, de Neutralite, De Commerce, d'Echange, de Protection & de Garantie, De Toutes les Conventions, Transactions, Pactes, Concordats, & Autres Contrats, Qui ont Ete Faits en Europe, Depuis le Regne de l'Empereur Charlemagne Jusques a Present.* Amsterdam and The Hague: Chez P. Brunel, R. et G. Wetstein, Les Janssons Waesberge, et L'Honore et Chatelain [et al.], 1726-31.

[With]

*Supplement au Corps Universel Diplomatique du Droit des Gens...* Amsterdam and The Hague: Chez P. Brunel, R. et G. Wetstein, Les Janssons Waesberge, et L'Honore et Chatelain [et al.], 1739.

24 books bound in 13 volumes. Main text in parallel columns. Complete set. Folio (18" x 11"). Contemporary three-quarter vellum over cloth, raised bands and lettering pieces to spines, edges rouged. Light soiling, some rubbing to extremities with wear to corners and heads of spines, a few hinges starting, first gathering of Volume I partially detached. Title pages printed in red and black, woodcut head and tail-pieces, Volume I of *Corps* and Volume I of the *Supplement* have additional copperplate pictorial title, wide margins throughout. Some toning, light browning in places, internally clean. Ex-library. Small gilt stamps to foot of each spine. A handsome set. \$11,000.

\* Only edition. This remarkable collection of nearly 2,000 annotated treaties from 315 CE to 1730 is a notable testament to the Enlightenment belief that humanity would progress when it applied reason to large bodies of hitherto-unavailable evidence. It was begun by Carelscroon, a French publicist and continued in 1739 by Rousset de Missy and Barbeyrac. The treaties are in their original languages (Latin, German, Spanish and Dutch). The first volume of the five-volume *Supplement* is a history of diplomacy during antiquity by Barbeyrac. Other volumes contain additional treaties, both ancient and modern, essays on diplomacy and indexes. Camus, *Bibliothèque Choisie des Livres de Droit* 236-237.



**Legal Chronicle of a Crucial Year of the French Revolution**

**6. [French Revolution].**

*Suite de L'Almanach National, Contenant Toutes les Loix sur les Décrets de l'Assemblée Nationale, Dupuis la Proclamation du Roi, Pour le Service des Messageries Nationales, Coches & Voitures d'Eau, Jusques & Compris la Loi Relative au Traitement des Curés Supprimés. Vingtième Partie* [April 10-May 15, 1791]. Dijon: De l'Imprimerie de P. Causse, 1792. [ii], 188 pp.

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*Suite de L'Almanach National... Vingt-Unième Partie* [May 13-June 1, 1791]. Dijon: De l'Imprimerie de P. Causse, 1792. [ii], 188 pp. Lacking pp. 39-46.

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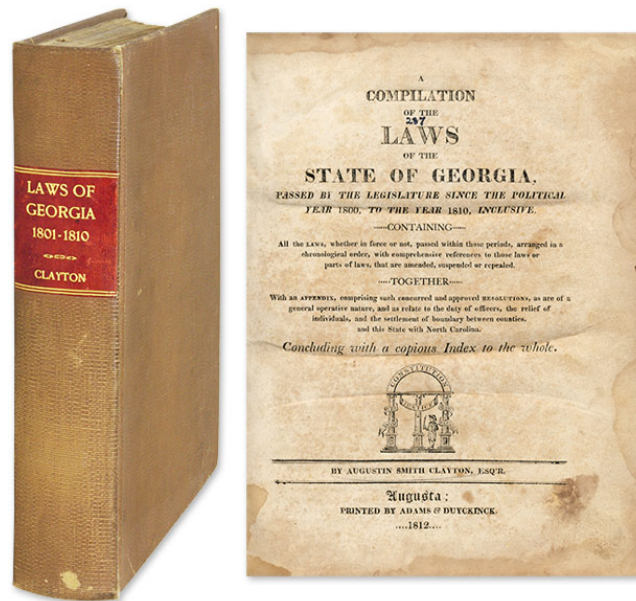
*Suite de L'Almanach National... Vingt-Deuxième Partie* [June 1-June 28, 1791]. Dijon: De l'Imprimerie de P. Causse, 1792. [ii], 188 pp.

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*Suite de L'Almanach National... Vingt-Troisième Partie* [June 28-July 20, 1791]. Dijon: De l'Imprimerie de P. Causse, 1792. [ii], 200 pp.

12mo. (5-1/2" x 3-1/4"). Contemporary speckled calf, gilt title to spine, speckled edges. Light rubbing to extremities, corners lightly bumped, minor worming to hinges and endpapers. Light toning to text, a few minor tears and chips, a few leaves loose. Brief early annotations to a few leaves, interior otherwise clean. \$350.

\* Printed in Dijon, the *Almanach National* was a revolutionary-era serial that provided provincial citizens with the latest laws and other legislation from the French government (with a bit of a time lag). Taken together, its volumes offer an almost daily chronicle of the revolution. Our volume covers the period from April 10, 1791 to July 22, 1791. This period witnessed several key events, such as the abolition of trade guilds (June 14), the suspension of King Louis XVI from his duties (July 15) and the passage of the sedition act (July 18). The *Almanach* also shows that, despite the revolution, a good deal of government's effort was devoted to toll collection, pensions and other bureaucratic matters.



### 1812 Compilation of Georgia Law

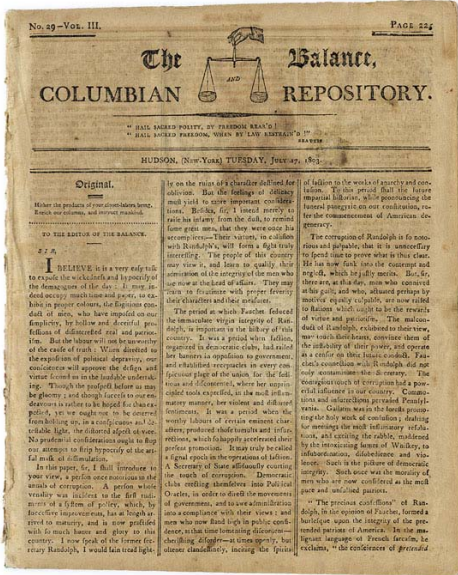
#### 7. [Georgia].

##### Clayton, Augustin Smith, Compiler.

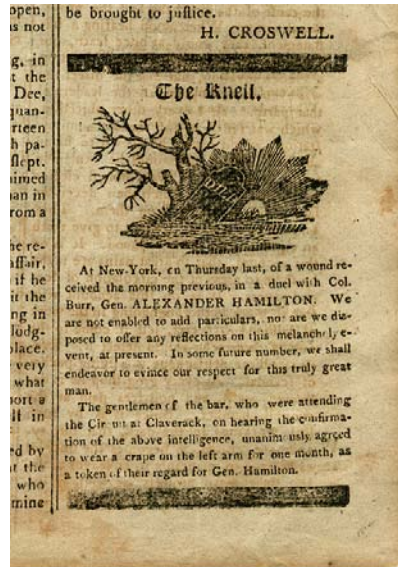
*A Compilation of the Laws of the State of Georgia, Passed by the Legislature Since the Political Year 1800, To the Year 1810, Inclusive. Containing All the Laws, Whether in Force or Not, Passed Within Those Periods, Arranged in a Chronological Order, With Comprehensive References to Those Laws or Parts of Laws, That are Amended, Suspended or Repealed: Together with an Appendix, Comprising Such Concurred and Approved Resolutions, As Are of a General Operative Nature, And as Relate to the Duty of Officers, The Relief of Individuals, And the Settlement of Boundary Between Counties, And this State with North Carolina: Concluding with a Copious Index to the Whole.* Augusta: Printed by Adams & Duyckinck, 1812. [vi], 708, [20] pp. Includes four pages of testimonials. Quarto (10" x 8").

Later buckram, calf lettering piece to spine, endpapers renewed. Some rubbing to extremities, light fading to spine, later owner bookplates to front pastedown and free endpaper, one of Ellis Merton Coulter. Light browning and foxing to text, occasional dampstaining. Early annotations to front endleaf, interior otherwise clean. A solid copy with a nice provenance. \$900.

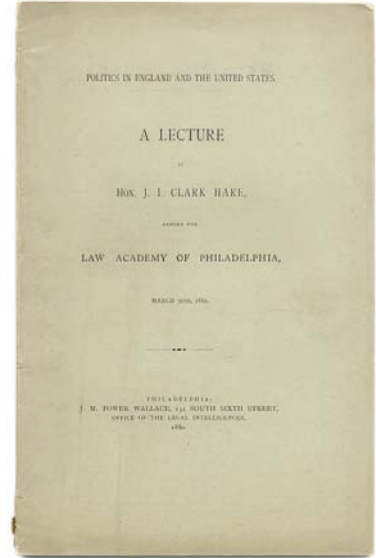
\* First edition. This was the third digest of Georgia state laws, preceded by others from 1801 and 1802. It is digested alphabetically by topic. Ellis Merton Coulter [1890-1981] was a notable American historian of the South and a founding member of the Southern Historical Association. He was known for his glorification of the Old South, belief in white supremacy and segregation. *Catalogue of the Wymberley Jones De Renne Georgia Library* I:346. Babbitt, *Hand-List of Legislative Sessions and Session Laws* 86.



Item 8



Item 9



**The Lawyers of Columbia County,  
New York, React to the Death of Alexander Hamilton**

**8. [Hamilton, Alexander (1755/57-1804)].**

"The Knell" in *The Balance and Columbian Repository*, No. 29, Vol. III, Hudson, NY, Tuesday, July 17, 1803 [i.e. 1804]. [8] pp.

10-3/4" x 8-1/2" disbound periodical, three-column text to rectos and versos, small text woodcuts. Light edgewear, light browning and foxing, few leaves loose. \$850.

\* This issue has a 4-1/2" x 3-1/2" notice titled "The Knell." It is enclosed by black borders and features a woodcut of a grave site (and an allegorical setting sun). The text reads (in part): "At New-York, on Thursday last, of a wound received the morning previous, in a duel with Col. Burr, Gen. ALEXANDER HAMILTON. We are not enabled to add particulars, nor are we disposed to offer any reflections on this melancholy event, at present. (...) The gentlemen of the bar, who were attending the Circuit at Claverack, on hearing the confirmation of the above intelligence, unanimously agreed to wear a crape [sic] on the left arm for one month, as a token of their regard for General Hamilton."

**Politics in England  
and the United States in 1880**

**9. Hare, J[ohn] I[nnes] Clark [1816-1905].**

*Politics in England and the United States: A Lecture Before the Law Academy of Philadelphia, March 30th, 1880.* Philadelphia: J.M. Power Wallace, 1880. 58 pp. Octavo (10-3/4" x 6-3/4").

Stab-stitched pamphlet in printed wrappers. Very light soiling, some wear to spine ends and corners, light toning to interior. \$50.

\* Hare, a leading member of the Philadelphia Bar, taught constitutional law at the University of Pennsylvania Law School.



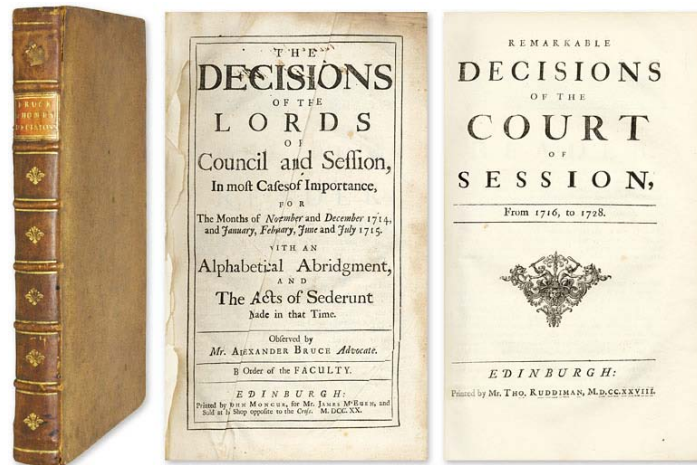
**The Life of Sir Edward Coke**

**10. Johnson, Cuthbert William [1799-1878].**

*The Life of Sir Edward Coke, Lord Chief Justice of England in the Reign of James I. With Memoirs of His Contemporaries.* London: Henry Colburn, 1837. Two volumes. xvi, 368; viii, 493, [3] pp. Includes 3-page publisher catalogue. Portrait frontispiece. Octavo (8-1/4" x 5-1/2").

Original paper-covered boards, printed paper title label to spine, deckle edges. Light soiling, moderate rubbing to extremities, a bit of chipping to spine ends, corners bumped and lightly worn, joints of Volume II just starting at ends. Very light toning to text, light foxing in some places. Early owner signature in pencil to front pastedown of each volume, interior otherwise clean. \$200.

\* Second edition. A dramatic, charmingly Victorian account first published in 1835, treating among other things Coke's rivalry with Francis Bacon and his conflicts with James I (the supremacy of the common law) and Charles I (the Petition of Right). Its third and final edition was published in 1845. Marvin, *Legal Bibliography* 425.



**First Edition of Lord Kames's First Publication**

**11. [Kames, Henry Home, Lord (1696-1782)].**

*Remarkable Decisions Of The Court Of Session, From 1716, to 1728.* Edinburgh: Printed by Mr. Tho. Ruddiman, 1728. iv, 287, [1], xx pp. [Bound After]

**Bruce, Alexander [d. 1729], Reporter.**

*The Decisions Of The Lords Of Council And Session, In Most Cases of Importance, For the Months of November and December 1714, And January, February, June and July, 1715. With an Alphabetical Abridgment, And the Acts of Sederunt Made in that Time.* Edinburgh: Printed by John Moncur for James M'Euen, 1720. vi [i.e. iv], 178, 14 pp.



Folio (11-1/2" x 7"). Contemporary speckled calf, raised bands, lettering piece and gilt ornaments to spine, free endpapers lacking. Some rubbing to extremities, joints starting at ends, light toning to text. Early owner signature to front free endpaper, interior otherwise clean. An appealing copy. \$1,250.

\* First edition. This was Kames's first publication and an auspicious beginning to a long and successful publishing career. Admitted to the Scottish Bar in 1724, Kames was initially "not very successful. In 1728, however, he published his 'Remarkable Decisions ...,' a carefully executed work, which drew attention to (his) abilities. From this time his progress was assured" (DNB). Some copies were issued with a 6-page preface; this one was not, nor were two other copies we have handled; the copy in the British Library and the entry in the NUC also omit the preface. Whether this represents the "normal issue" is undetermined, but by no means is it uncommon. *Dictionary of National Biography* IX:1126. Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 5:57 (listing Kames's continuation of these reports to 1752). Wallace, *The Reporters* 553.



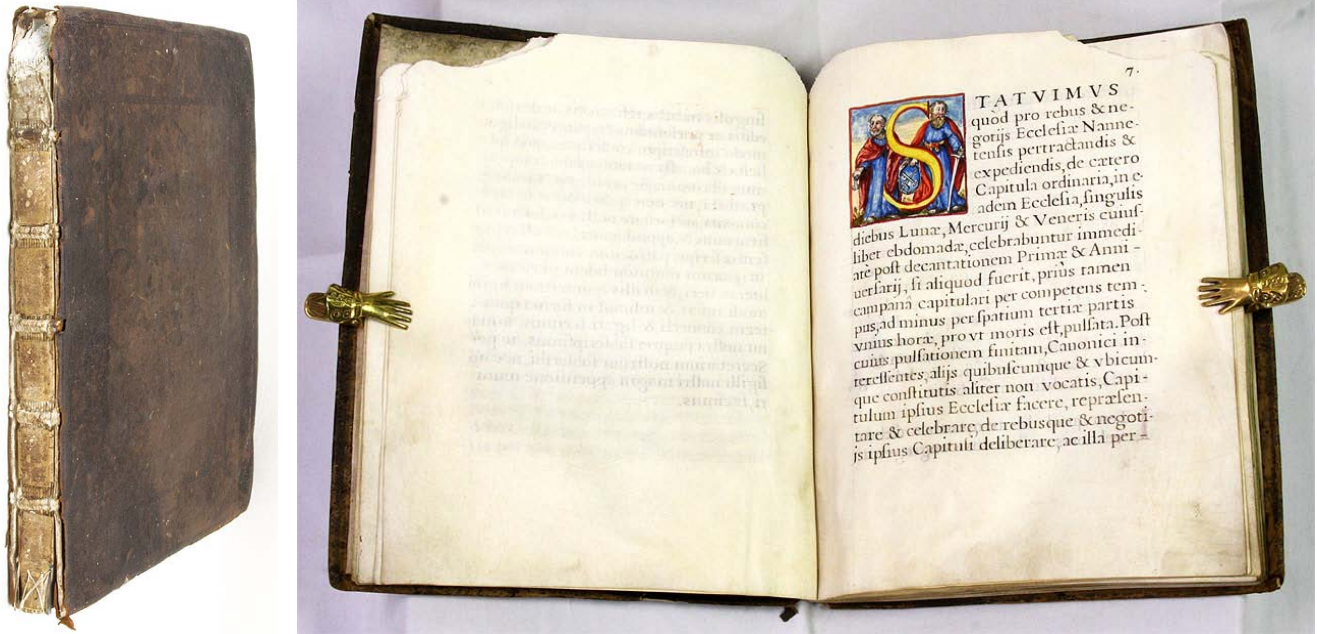
**An Important Seventeenth-Century  
Scholar on the Jewish Law of Torts and Damages**

**12. L'Empereur, Constantijn [1591-1648], Translator and Editor.**

*Baba Kamma Mi-Masekhet Nezikin/De Legibus Ebraeorum Forensibus Liber Singularis. Ex Ebraeorum Pandectis Versus & Commentariis Illustratus.* Leiden: Ex Officina Elzeviriorum, 1637. (Hebrew Title Romanized.) [xlviii], 306, [22] pp. Parallel Hebrew and Latin texts, commentary in Latin. Quarto (7-3/4" x 6").

Contemporary calf, gilt rules to boards, gilt spine with raised bands. Light rubbing to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, some wear to spine ends, joints starting, corners bumped and somewhat worn, crack in text block between front free endpaper and title page, later armorial owner bookplate to front pastedown. Large Elzevier Solitary-Man device to title page. Some toning to text, annotation dated 1693 in miniscule hand near foot of title page. \$1,250.

\* Only edition. The holder of doctoral degrees in theology and law, L'Empereur was a prominent Dutch Hebraist and Orientalist. Also active as a lawyer, he was professor of theology and Hebrew at the University Harderwijk, later professor of Hebrew at the University of Leiden. His multi-faceted background is reflected in his heavily annotated translation of the *Bava Kamma*, a section of the Talmud dealing with torts and damages. Divided into ten chapters, it discusses damages caused without criminality, damages caused by a criminal act and compensation for damages. Thomas Jefferson owned a copy of this book. It is now part of the Jefferson collection at the Library of Congress. OCLC locates 20 copies in North America, 1 in a law library (UC-Berkeley). Sowerby, *Catalogue of the Library of Thomas Jefferson* 2462. Willems, *Les Elzevier: Histoire et Annales Typographiques* 459.



**Early Sixteenth-Century Manuscript Collection of  
Statutes and Ordinances on Vellum with Two Large Illuminated Initials**

**13. [Manuscript].**

[France].

[Diocese of Nantes].

[*Statutes and Ordinances of the Diocese of Nantes*]. [Nantes, c. 1515]. 51, [2] vellum leaves. Folio (12-1/2" x 10-1/2").

Contemporary calf, rebacked, blind frames to boards, small Maltese crosses in center of each board, raised bands to spine, ties lacking, front hinge mended, rear pastedown renewed. Moderate rubbing, a few minor chips and scuffs, corners bumped and somewhat worn. Content to rectos and versos of all leaves except Folio 3, which is ruled but otherwise blank. Text lettered neatly by a scribe in brown ink with wide margins, headings in red, 2 and 3-line initials throughout, introduction and main section begin with 7-line multi-color illuminated initials, one of St. John, the other of St. Peter. Final 2 leaves, with the running title *Index in Statuta Ecclesiae Nannetensis*, in fine later, non-scribal hand, later annotations to front pastedown. Discoloration and minor stains to some leaves, rodent damage (?) to upper corners of text block with no loss to text, overall condition very good. \$8,500.

\* A rare and interesting manuscript of statutes for the diocese of Nantes, established in the 4th century, promulgated by François Hamon, Bishop of Nantes from 1511-1532. These statutes, which cover a broad range of topics, including clerical duties, rules of residence, rules for students and punishment for nonobservance, offer a glimpse of Church law in Nantes shortly after the death of Anne of Brittany and before the French Wars of Religion that culminated in the Edict of Nantes (1598). The work of a talented scribe, this handsomely produced volume is a reminder that the manuscript transmission of texts continued long after the advent of printing. In some cases a manuscript was produced for a special occasion. More often, they were a less-expensive alternative to printing when only a few copies of a text were required. The high quality of the present manuscript suggests it was produced for a high-ranking cleric, such as a Bishop.



**The Administration of a Small New Hampshire Town, 1783-1815**

**14. [Manuscript Archive].  
[New Hampshire].**

[Documents Relating to the Town of New Ipswich, 1783-1813]. New Ipswich, NH, 1783-1813.

7 stab-stitched manuscript volumes, 1 is 6-1/4" x 4" (18 pp.), 1 is 12-1/2" x 8" (12 pp.), 1 is 14" x 12-1/2" (16 pp.) and 4 are 7-1/4" x 6-1/2" (6 pp., 8 pp., 14 pp., 18 pp.). Manuscript in ink to most rectos and versos. Moderate browning, somewhat lighter in places, foxing, some leaves have dampstaining, tears or chips, with loss of text in a few cases. An interesting archive. \$850.

\* New Ipswich is a small New Hampshire town on the Massachusetts border, about 40 miles north of Worcester. The volumes in this archive record the daily operations of the town government, such as lists of taxes collected from residents and payments for selectmen, constables and building expenses. It is, on the whole, an interesting collection of source material concerning the inner workings of small New England town government in the post-Revolutionary period.



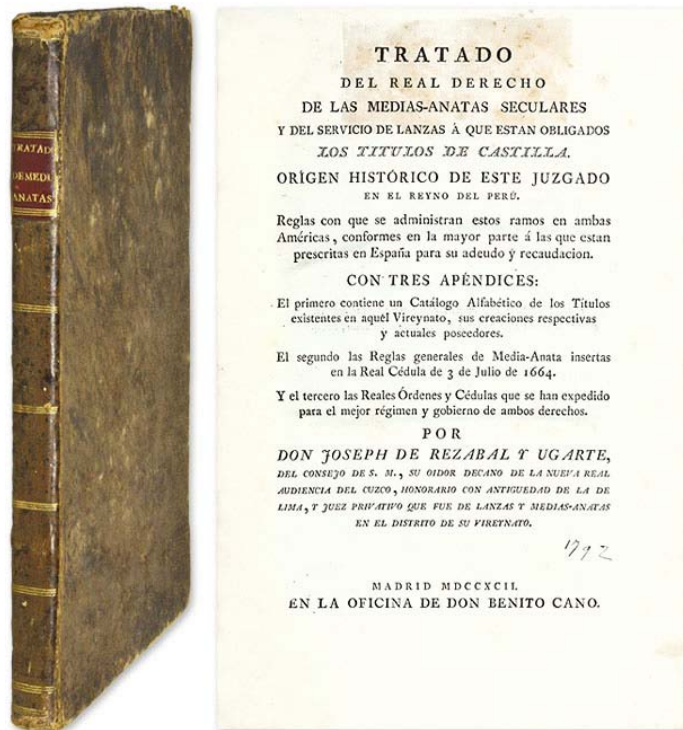
**The Leading Expositor of German Public Law of the Holy Roman Empire**

**15. Pütter, Johann Stephan [1725-1807].**

*Auserlesene Rechts-Fälle aus Allen Theilen der Teutschland Ublichen Rechtsgelehrsamkeit in Deductionen, Rechlichen Bedenken, Relationen und Urtheilen.* Göttingen: In Verlag Vandenhoecks Wittwe, 1768. Four parts (of fifteen) in one volume with continuous pagination, each part has title page with original imprint date (1760, 1767, 1767, 1768). [xii], 276; [x], [277]-554; [viii], [555]-828; [xvi], [829]-1096, [52] pp. Main text in parallel columns. Copperplate portrait frontispiece. Five folding charts. Folio (13" x 9").

Contemporary speckled paper boards, spine label lacking. Scuffs to boards, moderate wear to board edges, spine ends, joints and corners. Light foxing to preliminaries, light toning to text, internally clean. \$200.

\* Only edition. Putter was the leading important expositor of German public law of the Holy Roman Empire. He disentangled the early German law from its many linguistic and structural difficulties, putting it in a form which "by virtue of its grace, rationality and elegance rises above ponderous structure of the old Reich" (Seligman and Johnson). *Auserlesene Rechts-Falle* is a well-indexed compilation of consilia and other legal opinions. Complete in itself with two general indexes, our volume contains the first four parts of a fifteen-part work published in four volumes in 1768, 1774, 1778 and 1809. Each part is dated, which gives the work the character of a serial publication. Seligman and Johnson, *Encyclopedia of the Social Sciences* XIV:7.



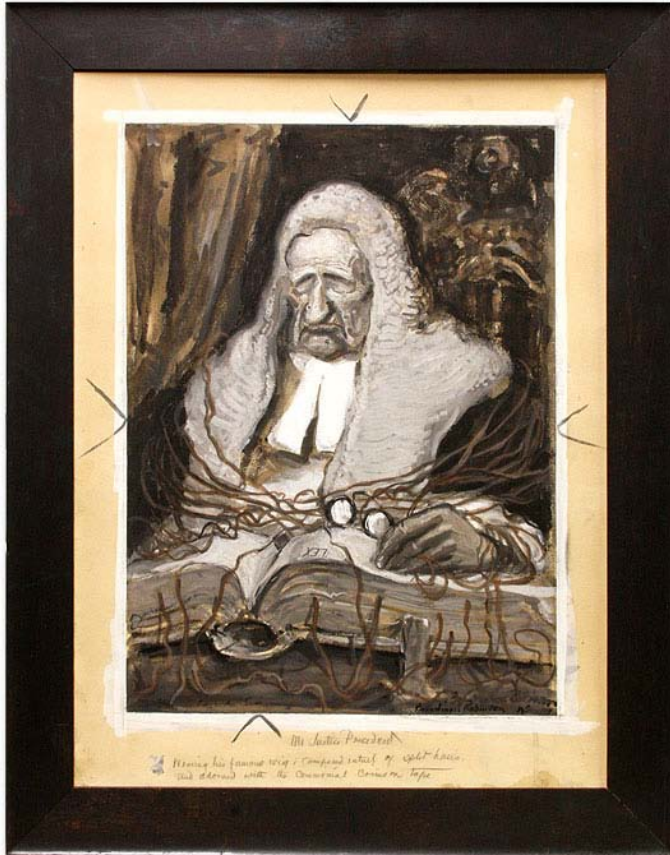
**Scarce 1792 Treatise on Taxation  
And Inheritance Laws in the Viceroyalty of Peru**

**16. 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.* Madrid: En la Oficina de B. Cano, 1792. [xvi], 252 pp. Fold-out table. Folio (11-1/2" x 8").

Contemporary sheep treated to look like tree calf, lettering piece and gilt fillets to spine, rouged edges, ribbon marker, marbled endpapers. Some rubbing to extremities with minor chipping to head of spine, corners bumped and somewhat worn, hinges cracked. Early owner bookplate and signature to verso of title page with some bleed-through and offsetting, interior otherwise fresh. \$850.

\* Only edition. This is a treatise on inheritance law and taxation in the Viceroyalty of Peru. The author was the senior judge in Cusco. It includes a detailed catalogue of all Spanish titles of nobility in Peru and contains 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, 11 in North America, 1 in a law library (Library of Congress). Palau, *Manual del Librero Hispanoamericano* 265986.



Item 17



As it Appeared Originally

**"His Famous Wig Composed Entirely of Split  
Hairs and Adorned with the Ceremonial Crimson Tape"**

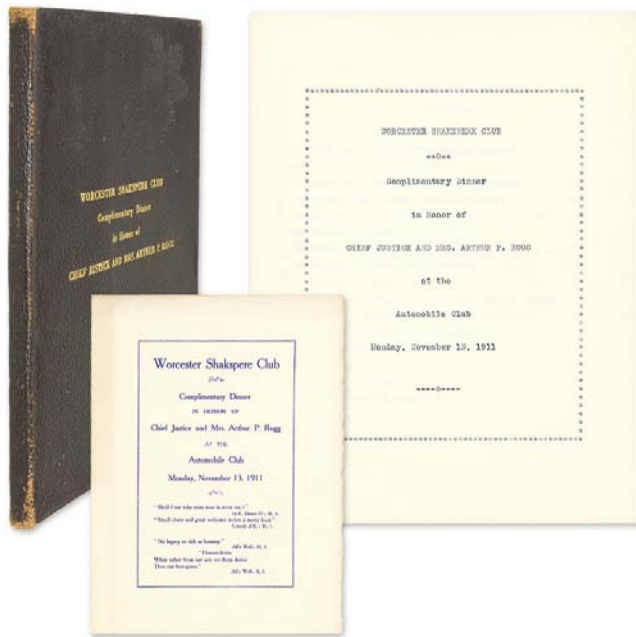
**17. Robinson, Boardman [1876-1952].**

**[Becker-Rosenthal Murder Trial].**

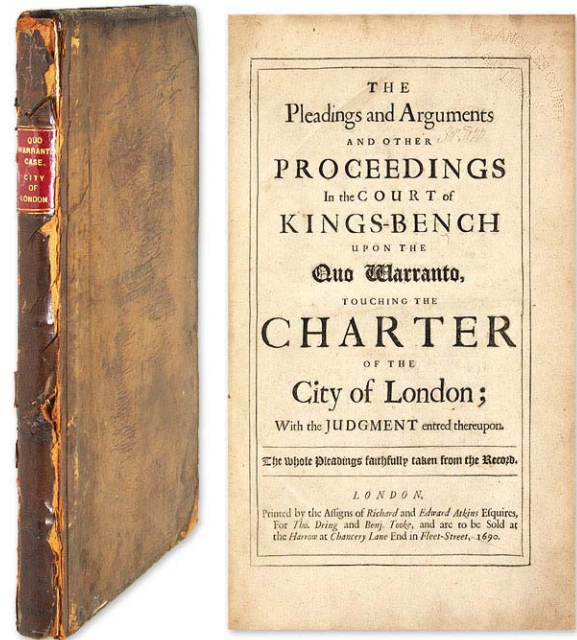
*Mr. Justice Precedent*. [New York, 1914]. 21" x 15-1/2" gouache image on 26" x 19-1/2" sheet, image signed twice and inscribed by Robinson, caption in pencil below image, most likely in another hand, laid down on illustration board. Image in 30-1/2" x 24" wooden frame, glazed.

Light soiling, a few minor stains and four crop-marks to margins outside of image, which could be covered with a matte, image fine. Several minor scuffs and nicks to frame. A unique item relating to a notable trial. \$4,500.

\* This piece was created to illustrate "Leaden Footed Justice in New York State," an article that appeared in the Special Feature Section of the *New York Tribune* on Sunday, March 1, 1914. (See image above, right.) The caption reads: "Mr. Justice Precedent wearing his famous wig composed entirely of split hairs and adorned with the ceremonial crimson tape." The caption refers to the protracted nature of the Becker-Rosenthal Murder case, which began on October 7, 1912, restarted on May 2, 1914 and finally concluded after a series of procedural events in 1915. The case involved a group of corrupt police offices led by Charles Becker who ran a protection racket on illegal casinos. Becker hired gangsters to kill a casino owner, and rival gangster, who was threatening to expose the racket. A breathtaking example of police corruption, the investigation and trial was front-page news in New York for months. In the end Becker was sent to the electric chair at Sing Sing. (This was the first time a police officer received the death penalty). The case lived on for several years in the popular imagination; it is mentioned, for example, by Meyer Wolfsheim in *The Great Gatsby* (1925). Robinson, the creator of this illustration, was a distinguished artist, illustrator and cartoonist. A native of Nova Scotia, he studied art in Boston and completed his training in Paris at the Académie Colarossi and the École des Beaux-Arts, both in Paris. "Mr. Justice Precedent" shows his affinity, acquired in Paris, for the work of Daumier, Forain and Steinlen. Robinson produced work for several newspapers and periodicals. He created "Mr. Justice Precedent" when he was an editorial cartoonist for the *Tribune*, a position he held from 1910 to 1914. The piece is signed twice, the second signature is part of a mostly illegible (and undated) inscription to an attorney.



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Item 19

**A Dinner in Honor of Chief Justice Rugg**

18. [Rugg, Arthur P. (1862-1938)].

**Worcester Shakspere [sic] Club.**

*Complimentary Dinner in Honor of Chief Justice and Mrs. Arthur P. Rugg at the Automobile Club, Monday, November 13, 1911.* [Worcester, MA: Worcester Shakespeare Club, 1911]. [iv], 61 pp. Invitations to the dinner, newspaper clippings, programs and menus laid in.

Flexible morocco-stamped calf, gilt title to front board, marbled endpapers. Light rubbing to extremities, internally fresh. \$95.

\* Probably a presentation copy, this is a typescript text of the proceedings of a dinner in honor of Rugg when he became chief justice of the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts in 1911. He held this office until his death in 1938.

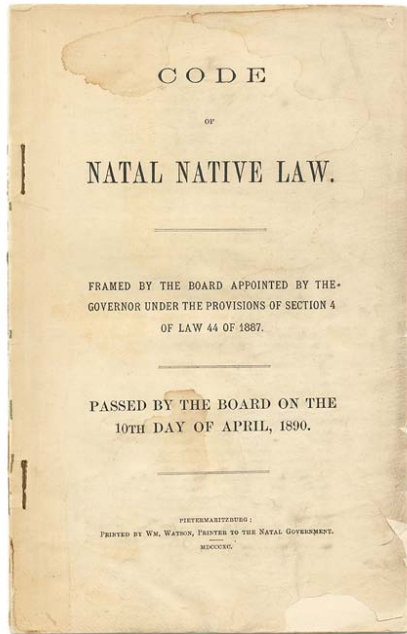
**An Interesting Source for  
the History of the Law of Corporations**

19. [Sawyer, Sir Robert (1633-1692)].

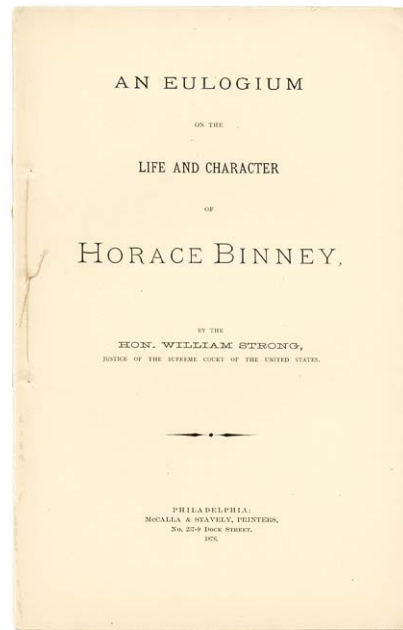
*The Pleadings and Arguments and Other Proceedings in the Court Of Kings-Bench Upon The Quo Warranto, Touching The Charter Of The City Of London; With the Judgement Entred Thereupon. The Whole Pleadings Faithfully Taken from the Record.* London: Printed by the Assigns of Richard and Edward Atkins, 1690. [ii], 35, [1], 22, 55 (i.e.47), [1], 126 (i.e. 118) pp. Folio (13" x 8").

Contemporary with later rebacking and recorning, blind rules to boards, raised bands and lettering piece to spine, endpapers renewed. Moderate rubbing to extremities, joints cracked, spine abraded, corners bumped and somewhat worn. Light toning to text, small early owner signature to title page, which is lightly soiled. Ex-library. Stamps to boards, bottom edge and endleaves, bookplate to front pastedown, small perforated stamp to title page. \$300.

\* Only edition. An interesting source for the history of the law of corporations. As the subtitle of the 1696 second (and final) edition reads: "wherein is comprized all the learning of corporations ... which points do not only concern the City of London but all other corporations in England." This *Quo Warranto* filed by the Attorney General against the City of London, challenging its assumption of certain jurisdictional rights, took place during the years 1681-83. It constitutes one of the most famous examples of this special form of royal writ developed in the sixteenth century and used well into the 1900s. Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 1:435 (11).



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Item 21

### A Code to Govern the Zulu Population of Natal

#### 20. [South Africa]. [Natal Colony].

*Code of Natal Native Law. Framed by the Board Appointed by the Governor Under the Provisions of Section 4 of Law 44 of 1887. Passed by the Board on the 10th Day of April, 1890. Pietermaritzburg: Printed by Wm. Watson, Printer to the Natal Government, 1890. 44 pp. Octavo (9-1/2" x 6").*

Stapled pamphlet, wrappers lacking. Light soiling, a few minor stains and some chipping to title page and final leaf. Light toning, brief early annotations in pencil to a few leaves. \$750.

\* Natal, controlled by Great Britain since 1843 and a colony since 1856, had a large Zulu population. The Natal Code of Native Law was devised for this population on the principal that the Zulus were not able to live under English, that is civilized, law. One of the features of the code was the establishment of the governor as the supreme chief of Natal. Topics covered by the code include: inheritance, divorce and annulment, dowry, guardianship, medicine men and herbalists, civil damages, civil procedure, criminal procedure, resistance to authority, witch doctors and diviners, faction fights, riots, offenses against decency and morals. Natal became a British colony in the 1840s. No copies located on OCLC. Not Roberts or Sweet & Maxwell.

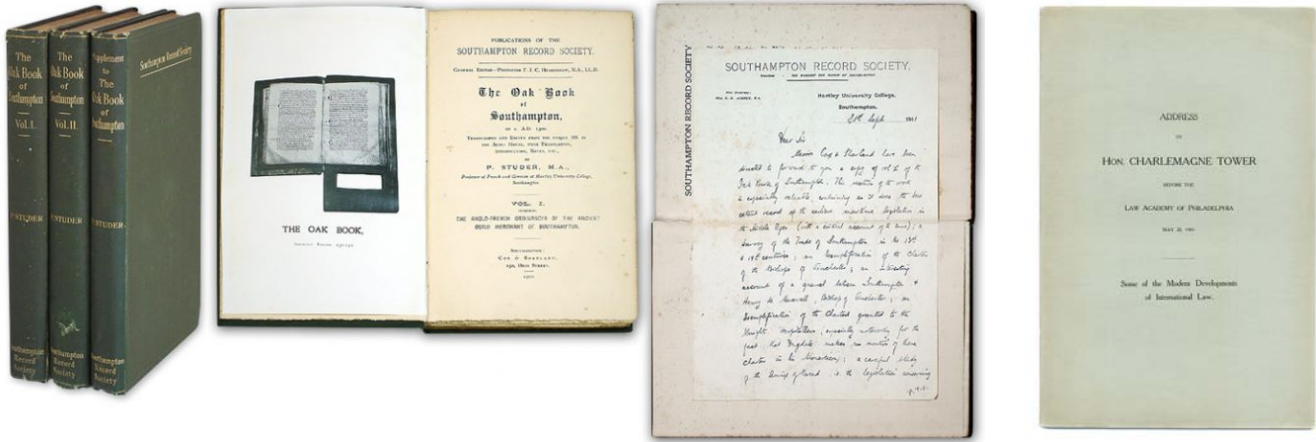
### A Great Philadelphia Lawyer-Statesman

#### 21. Strong, William [1808-1895].

*An Eulogium on the Life and Character of Horace Binney. Philadelphia: McCalla & Stavely, Printers, 1876. 51 pp. Octavo (9" x 5-3/4").*

Stab-stitched pamphlet, wrappers lacking. Minor edgewear, light toning to interior. \$75.

\* Only edition. Binney [1780-1875] was a leading Philadelphia lawyer who served as an Anti-Jacksonian in the United States House of Representatives. Among his most famous cases are *Lyle v. Richards* (1823) and *Vidal et al v. Philadelphia et al* (1844), also known as the Girard Will Case. Nationally famous, he was also well-regarded orator and pamphleteer. Among his publications are three important essays (from 1861, 1862 and 1865) that defended President Lincoln's suspension of the writ of habeas corpus.



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Item 23

**The Oak Book of Southampton**

**22. Studer, P[aul] [1879-1927].**

*The Oak Book of Southampton of c. A.D. 1300.* Southampton: Cox & Sharland, 1910-1911. Three volumes. xliii, [i], 160; lxxi, [i], 175; vii, [i], 155, [1] pp. Illustrations. Facsimiles.

Cloth, gilt title to spine, floral endpapers. Light rubbing to extremities, corners bumped, light toning to interior. From the library of W.H. Jacobs, the editor of the *Hampshire Chronicle*, and sent to him by the author for review. They contain copies of his reviews and two letters from the author thanking him for the favorable reviews tipped into Volume II and the Supplement [Volume III]. \$300.

\* English text translated from Latin, Anglo-Norman, and Middle English into English; critical matter in English. Volume I. Including the Anglo-French ordinances of the ancient guild merchant of Southampton; Volume II. Including a fourteenth century version of the medieval sea-laws known as the Rolls of Oleron; [Volume III]. Supplement to *The Oak book of Southampton of c. A.D. 1300.* A publication of the Southampton Record Society. Transcribed and edited from the unique MS. in the Audit House, with translation, introduction, notes, etc., by Studer.

**Thoughts on International Law  
by a Distinguished Diplomat-Scholar**

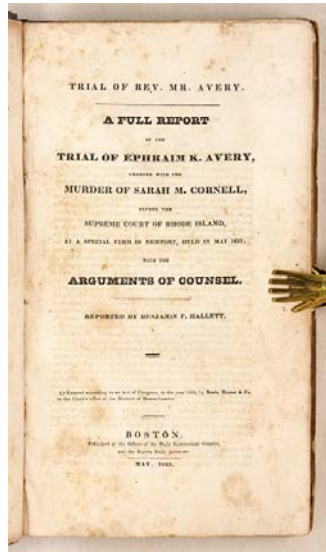
**23. Tower, Charlemagne [1848-1923].**

*Address by Hon. Charlemagne Tower Before the Law Academy, May 28, 1909: Some of the Modern Developments of International Law.* [Philadelphia: Law Academy of Philadelphia, 1909]. 32 pp.

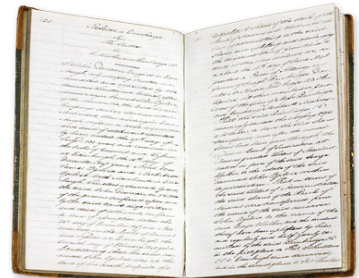
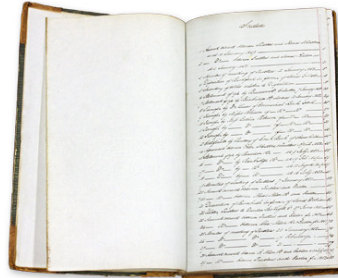
Stapled pamphlet in stiff wrappers. Portrait frontispiece with tissue guard. Light soiling and a few minor creases to wrappers, internally clean. \$125.

\* Only edition. A lawyer by training, Tower was an American businessman, scholar, educator, diplomat and bibliophile. He was minister to Austria-Hungary (1897-1899), ambassador to Russia (1899-1902) and ambassador to Germany (1902-1908). OCLC locates 11 copies, 5 in law libraries (Columbia, Jenkins, University of Iowa, University of Pennsylvania, University of Washington)





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Item 25

**One of the Most Famous American  
Murder Trials of the Nineteenth Century**

**24. [Trial].**

**Avery, Ephraim [1799-1869], Defendant.**

**[Hallett, Benjamin] F[ranklin] (1797-1862), Reporter].**

*Trial of Rev. Mr. Avery: A Full Report of the Trial of Ephraim K. Avery, Charged with the Murder of Sarah Maria Cornell Before the Supreme Court of Rhode Island at a Special Term in Newport, Held in May 1833: With All the Incidental Questions Raised in the Trial Carefully Preserved, The Testimony of the Witnesses Nearly Verbatim, and the Arguments of Counsel, And a Correct Map and References of All the Localities Described in the Testimony, Prepared Expressly for this Report Alone.* Boston: Published at the Offices of the Daily Commercial Gazette, And the Boston Daily Advocate, May, 1833. 207, 40 pp. Two parts, each with individual pagination, second part has running title *Avery's Trial*. [Supplementary Edition]. Folding map. Octavo (9-3/4" x 5-1/2").

Original publisher boards, quarter-cloth spine, some signatures unopened. Light rubbing to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities with minor wear to joints and spine ends, corners bumped and worn, rear hinge starting, a few cracks to text block. Moderate toning and light foxing to text, clean partial tear to map along fold line, early owner signature to front free endpaper. \$250.

\* First edition, one of two issues from 1833. The Avery Case was one of the most famous American murder trials of the nineteenth century. Although questions about this case remain, it appears that Avery murdered Cornell when he learned she was pregnant with his child. After strangling her he put a noose around her neck and hung her from a barn rafter to make it appear that she had committed suicide. A second edition of Hallett's account was published in 1833. Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 12310. McDade, *The Annals of Murder* 52.

**An Interesting Scottish Law Suit**

**25. [Trial].**

**[Manuscript].**

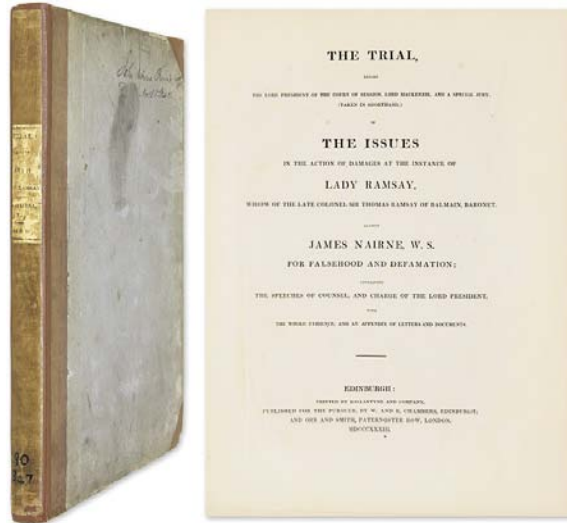
**[Ogilvie, John (1783-1847)].**

*Major Genl. J. Ogilvie Sed. Book Vol. 2.* (Spine title, item complete, see below). [Likely Edinburgh, 1860s-1871]. [iv], 270 pp. Folio (13" x 8-1/2").

Three-quarter calf over marbled boards. Some rubbing to extremities with chipping to spine ends, corners somewhat worn, text in various neat hands. \$750.

\* From the Oriental Bank Company of Bombay, India to Edinburgh. Here is the story of Major General John Ogilvie and the trustees who settled his complicated estate over a protracted period among feuding family members. In this scenario, it would be a half-sister who would be fighting for a share in the disputed estate versus her sister-in-law. The rights of a woman legatee, in this case the General's widow, were at stake as were the widow's desire to fulfill her husband's wishes. General Ogilvie served in the Honorable East India Company Madras Army. He died without issue and was survived by his widow, Helen Ogilvie [1785-1867]. Helen Ogilvie decided to bequeath the estate to her husband's half-brother, James Ogilvie, but to omit another half-brother, Archibald Ogilvie from the estate. Her decision to exclude Archibald Ogilvie-the widow pointedly stated-was the wish of her deceased husband. But Helen's decision now opened the door to a legal challenge by General Ogilvie's half-sister, Isobel Ogilvie Miller, and Isobel's husband. They too now made a claim on the estate. This challenge came to a head on January 25th, 1870 in the court decision John Duncan and Others (Trustees of General Ogilvie) represented by the Solicitor-General's office via Clark-Munro vs. Mrs. Isobel Ogilvie or Miller and Husband, represented by Fraser and Watson. The case was heard and decided by the entire four-judge bench of the First Division of the Court of Session at Edinburgh, the supreme civil court of Scotland.

Despite the designation "Volume 2," this volume forms a complete record created by legal solicitors on behalf of the trustees of General Ogilvie's estate. Volume 1 and any other volumes covered, we assume, other aspects of the suit. The records are in chronological order from 1849 to 1871, but appear to have been gathered as a final record book of the estate's settlement in 1871, following an 1870 Court of Session decision. The volume contains 98 discrete sections. It forms a record of the legal solicitors' retained and received legal correspondence, an inventory of deeds, various financial accountings, meeting minutes, and other memoranda. Together they comprise the detailed background documents of a complicated civil case whose public record only hints at the many years of legal maneuvering. The volume also serves as an interesting, and full, financial record of a Scottish military officer serving in British India and of his accumulation of wealth while in India, shrewdly investing in shares in banks in Bombay and elsewhere. (A more detailed account of this interesting case is available on request.) See *Cases Decided in the Court of Session Teind Court, &c. and House of Lords*. Third Series. Vol. VIII. (searchable online).



**A Scarce Scottish Defamation Case**

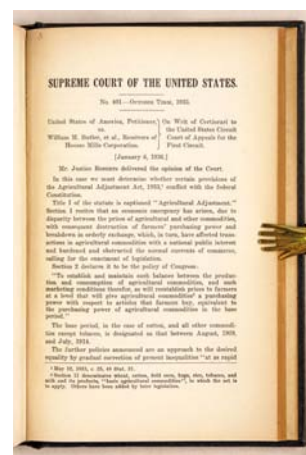
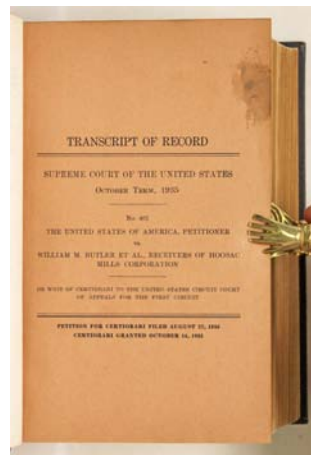
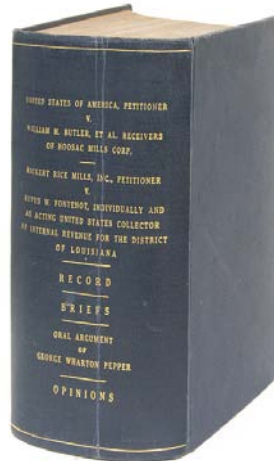
**26. [Trial].**

**Nairne, James [1782-1847], Defendant.**

*The Trial Before the Lord President of the Court of Session, Lord Mackenzie, And a Special Jury, (Taken in Shorthand,) Of the Issues in the Action of Damages at the Instance of Lady Ramsay, Widow of the Late Colonel Sir Thomas Ramsay of Balmain, Baronet, Against James Nairne, W.S., For Falsehood and Defamation.* Edinburgh: Published for the pursuer by W. and R. Chambers; London: Orr and Smith, 1833. [iv], 234, 80 pp. Quarto (11-1/4" x 9").

Original three-quarter cloth over paper-covered boards, rebacked retaining original spine and printed paper title label, hinges mended, untrimmed edges. Some rubbing, a few stains to boards, early owner signature (of John Osbourne Browne, Esq.) to front. Annotations in contemporary hand to foot of table of contents, interior otherwise clean. Ex-library. Shelf number to foot of spine, bookplate to front pastedown, date-due sheet and label to front free endpaper. A nice copy of a scarce title. \$250.

\* Only edition. A highly detailed record of a case involving accusations of marital infidelity by a colleague of Lady Ramsay's late husband. Lady Ramsay prevailed; the jury determined that her "character" was "perfectly pure and unsullied" and awarded her damages of 200 pounds sterling. (234). OCLC locates 10 copies in North American law libraries. *Catalogue of the Library of Harvard Law School* (1909) II:1171.



**Documentary Record of Owens v. Butler, A Supreme Court Case that Invalidated an Important New Deal Program**

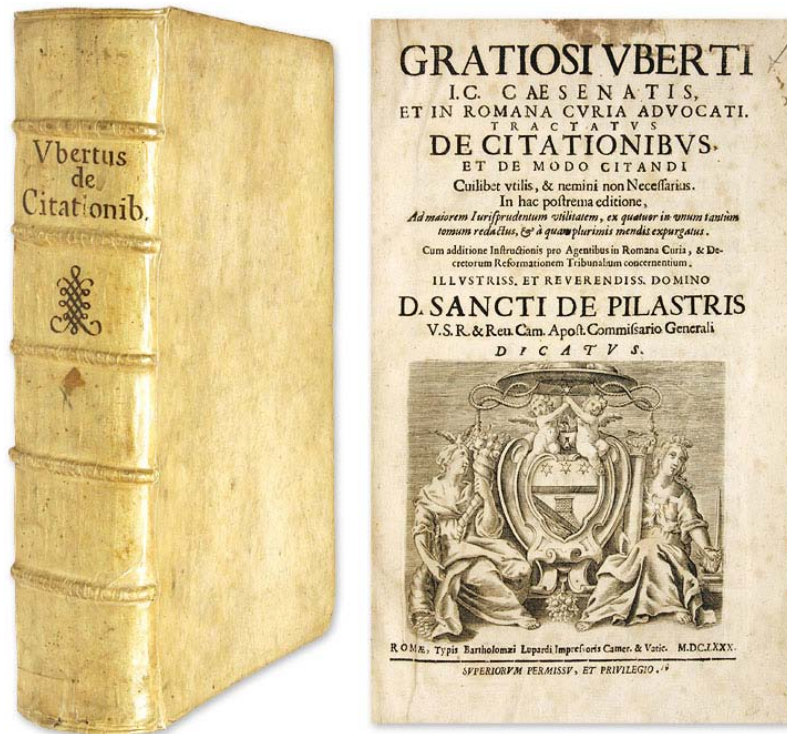
**27. [Trial].**

**[Supreme Court, United States].**

*United States of America, Petitioner V. William M Butler, Et Al. Receivers of Hoosac Mills Corp., Rickert Rice Mills, Inc., Petitioner V. Rufus W. Fontenot, Individually and as Acting United States Collector of Internal Revenue for the District of Louisiana. Record. Briefs. Oral Argument of George Wharton Pepper. Opinions [1935-1936] [spine title].* Washington, DC, 1935-1936. 19 items, various paginations. Folding tables.

Pamphlets in wrappers bound in cloth, gilt title to spine, bound-in typewritten table of contents. Some rubbing to extremities with minor wear to corners, faint vertical crease through spine. Minor edgwear and a few tears to folding tables, internally clean. \$1,500.

\* Assembled by an unknown attorney or law clerk, the 19 items in this volume, a 2-part transcript, 15 briefs, an oral argument and the opinion of U.S. Supreme Court Justice Owen J. Roberts form a documentary record of *Owens v. Butler* [297 U.S. 1 (1936)] the case that brought about the demise of the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1933. Part of Roosevelt's New Deal, this was a Federal law that aimed to raise the value of crops by paying farmers and ranchers to reduce production. The money for these subsidies was generated through an exclusive tax on companies that processed farm products. This led to a series seven suits by processors, who believed they were being taxed unfairly. The most important of these was *Owens v. Butler*. As framed by the plaintiffs' lawyers, it asserted the right of a taxpayer to question the validity of a Federal tax. The Court decided in favor of Owens, ruling that the taxes instituted under the 1933 Agricultural Adjustment Act were unconstitutional under the Tenth Amendment. As argued by Justice Roberts, the tax was not valid because it was established in conjunction with coercive contracts with proceeds earmarked for the benefit of farmers complying with the prescribed conditions. The court also held that the basic premise of the act, paying a farmer to produce less to manipulate prices, went beyond the powers of the national government. The issues raised by *Owens v. Butler* were addressed by the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938, which continued the farm subsidy program.



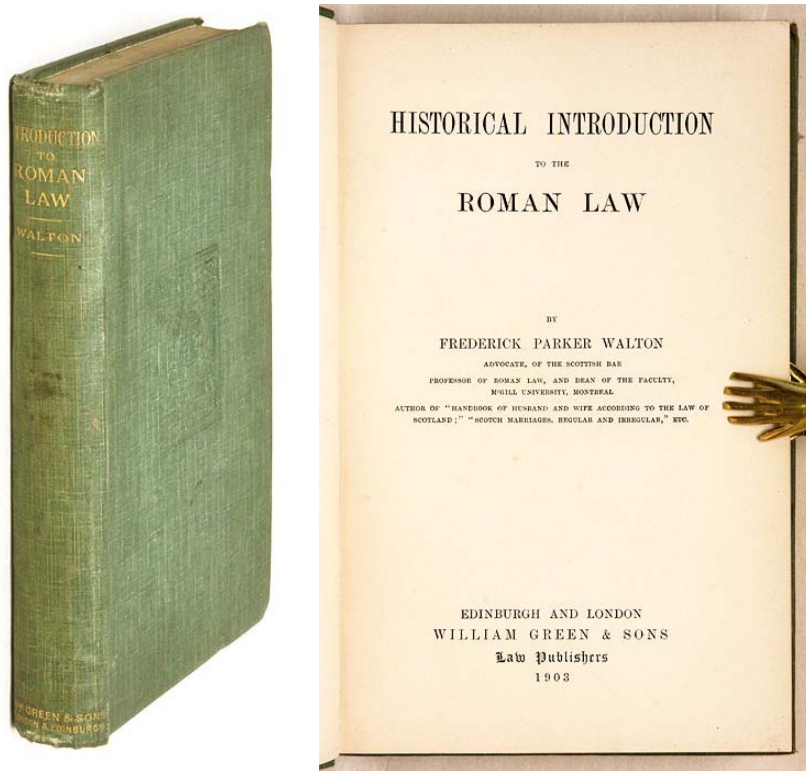
### How to Issue a Summons According to Canon Law

#### 28. Uberti, Grazioso [c.1574-1650].

*Tractatus de Citationibus et de Modo Citandi: Cuilibet Utilis, & Nemini non Necessarius. In hac Postrema Editione, Ad Maiorem Iurisprudentum Utilitatem, Ex Quatuor in Unum Tantum Tomum Redactus, & a Quamplurimis Mendis Expurgatus. Cum Additione Instructionis pro Agentibus in Romana Curia, & Decretorum Reformationem Tribunalium Concernentium.* Rome: Typis Bartholomaei Lupardi, 1680. [clxii], 672; [iv], 170, [14] pp. Two parts in one, each with title page and individual pagination. Second part titled *De Modo et Ratione Citandi et Procedendi in Romana Curia*. Main text in parallel columns. Folio (12-3/4" x 8-1/4").

Contemporary vellum, raised bands and early hand-lettered title to spine. Light rubbing, spine ends and corners bumped and lightly worn, small scuff to rear board, minor worming to joints and title page. Large copperplate vignette to title page, woodcut head-pieces, tail pieces and decorated initials. Light toning to text, faint dampspotting in a few places. Early owner signature to front free endpaper, interior otherwise clean. Ex-library. Bookplate to front pastedown. A nice copy. \$950.

\* Second edition. This interesting treatise details the correct ways to issue summonses according to canon law. Published in 1637, it went through four more editions, the last one in 1735. All are scarce. OCLC locates 2 copies in North American law libraries, both of the 1680 edition (Harvard, UC-Berkeley). Not in the British Museum Catalogue or *The Canon Law Collection of the Library of Congress*.



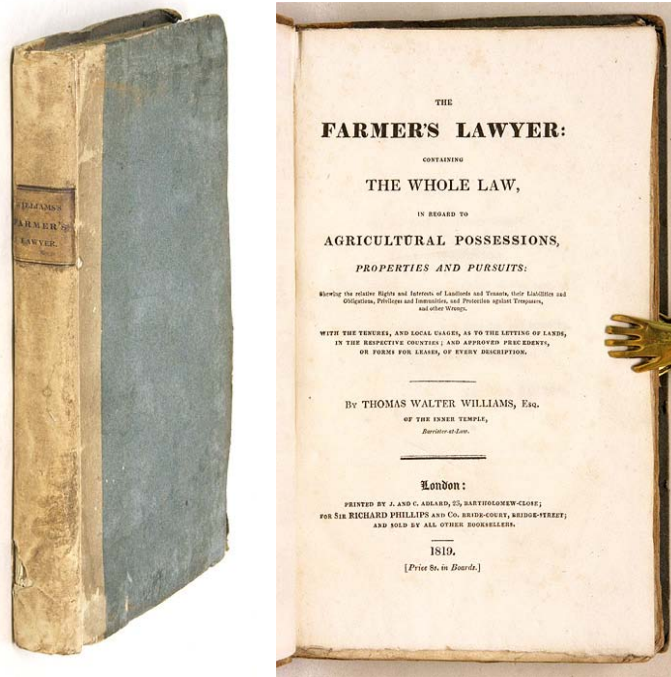
**"Dean Walton Has  
Deserved the Thanks of the Profession"**

**29. Walton, Frederick Parker.**

*Historical Introduction to the Roman Law.* Edinburgh: W. Green & Sons, Limited, 1903. xi, 256 pp.

Publisher's green cloth, gilt title to spine. Light shelfwear and soiling, spine ends and corners bumped. Author presentation inscription to front free endpaper, interior otherwise clean. \$150.

\* First edition. "With the exception of the Bible there is no book which has so profoundly affected western civilization as the *Corpus Juris*.' With these suggestive words Dean Walton begins his clear and interesting summary of the history of the Roman Law before Justinian. Intended as an introduction to the study in Montreal of the Roman law in its modern form, and especially as it appears today in the law of the Province of Quebec, it is equally valuable for one who is to learn the modern Civil law and for one to whom Roman law is of interest only as a wonderful and effective example of the human intellect applied to the complex affairs of an imperial civilization. (...) In publishing in so handy a form just the facts about the history of Roman law that we most need to know, Dean Walton has deserved the thanks of the profession." -- J[oseph] H[enry] B[eale], Jr., 17 *Harvard Law Review* (1903-1904) 294.



Rare 1819 English Legal Manual for Farmers

**30. Williams, Thomas Walter [1763-1833].**

*The Farmer's Lawyer: Containing the Whole Law, In Regard to Agricultural Possessions, Properties and Pursuits: Shewing the Relative Rights and Interests of Landlords and Tenants, Their Liabilities and Obligations, Privileges and Immunities, And Protection Against Trespasses, And Other Wrongs. With the Tenures, And Local Usages, As to the Letting of Lands, In the Respective Counties: And Approved Precedents, Or Forms for Leases, Of Every Description.* London: Printed by J. and C. Adlard for Sir Richard Phillips, 1819. [iv], viii, 304, [4] pp. Four-page publisher catalogues at beginning and end of text. Octavo (8-3/4" x 5-3/4").

Original boards, contrasting backstrip with printed paper title label, deckle edges. Moderate rubbing and light soiling, spine ends and corners bumped and somewhat worn, a few minor stains to boards, joints just starting at ends. Light toning to text, somewhat heavier in places, light foxing to some leaves. Early owner signature to front pastedown, brief annotations in pencil to a few leaves. A very good copy of a rare title. \$950.

\* Only edition. Williams 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 a law dictionary, he wrote manuals for laymen and justices of the peace, compiled abridgments and digests and edited an edition of William Sheppard's *Precedent of Precedents*. His *Farmer's Lawyer* is a rare title; OCLC locates 5 copies, 2 in North America (University of Minnesota, University of Pennsylvania). Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 2:384.

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