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Handsome Copy of a Critical Edition of *Las Siete Partidas*

- 1. Alfonso X [1221-1284], King of Castile and Leon.**  
**Lopez, Gregorio, [1496-1560], Editor and Glossator.**  
**Berni y Catala, Joseph [1712-1787], Editor.**  
**Morales y Villamayor, Diego de, Editor.**  
**Castro, Jacinto Miguel de, Editor.**

*Las Siete Partidas del Sabio Rey D. Alfonso el Nono, Copiadas de la Edicion de Salamanca del Año de 1555. Que Publico el Senor Gregorio Lopez, Corregida, De Orden del Real Consejo.* Valencia: Por Joseph Thomas Lucas, 1758. Seven volumes in five books. Copperplate tables of descent and consanguinity in Part IV. [See Cover Image]

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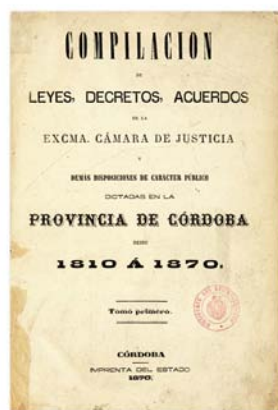
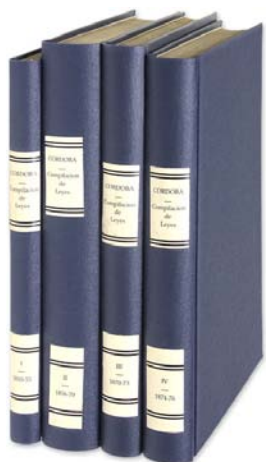
- Lopez, Gregorio.**  
**Berni y Catala, Joseph, Editor.**

*Indice de las Leyes de las Siete Partidas del Rey D. Alfonso el Sabio, Copiandose el que Publico el Lic. do. Gregorio Lopez de Tovar, Nieto del Glossador, En Salamanca, Y Oficina de Domingo de Portonariis, Año 1576. Y en Esta Edicion se Han Puntualizado Muchas Citas, Y Corregido las Materiales Erratas de Imprenta; Y Anadido Proposiciones, Que Han Resultado del Cotejo de Citas.* Valencia: Por Joseph Thomas Lucas, 1757. [iv], 550 pp.

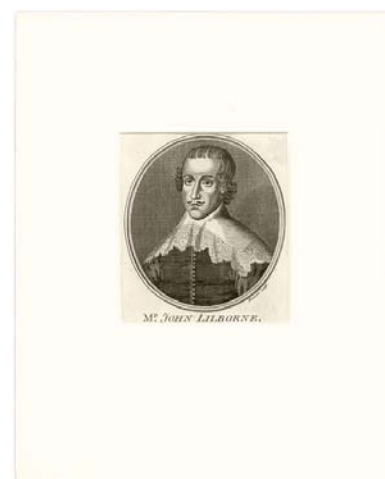
Octavo (8" x 5"). Contemporary limp vellum with thong ties, early hand-lettered titles to spine. Some rubbing to extremities with minor wear to corners, light rubbing and faint stains to some boards, a few tiny wear spots to spines exposing cords, minor stain to spine of Part II, early armorial bookplates (of Sir John Swinburne) to pastedowns, recent armorial bookplates (of Cobbold of Ipswich) and owner annotations to front free endpapers. Very light toning to text, faint dampstains to a few leaves. Early owner signatures to title pages, interiors otherwise clean. A handsome complete set. \$1,500.

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\* Later edition, the first edited by Catala. The major law code of thirteenth-century Spain, the *Libro de las Leyes*, better known as *Las Siete Partidas* or Seven Divisions, was compiled between 1256 and 1265 by King Alfonso X and first printed in 1491. The edition edited and glossed by Lopez was the standard edition. Based on the municipal charters and customs of Castile and Leon, canon law and Roman law and its commentators, its seven parts deal with religious matters, powers and duties of administrators, legal justice, marriage, contracts, wills and crime and punishment. Its influence grew over the next 200 years, especially in areas like commercial law and contracts. Brought to the New World by Spanish colonists, it went on to become a part of the law of Mexico and most of central and South America. It also influenced the legal systems of the U.S. states that were formerly Spanish possessions. The first revision since Lopez, the edition by Berni y Catala, is the first modern edition of this work. Palau says it is the best version. OCLC locates 2 copies of the 1757-1758 printing in North American law libraries (UC-Berkeley, Yale). Palau, *Manual del Librero Hispano-Americano* 7097.



Item 2



Item 3

### Laws of the Argentinean Province of Cordoba, 1810-1876

#### 2. [Argentina].

##### [Cordoba].

*Compilacion de Leyes, Decretos, Acuerdos de la Excma. Camara de Justicia y Demas Disposiciones de Caracter Publico Dictadas en la Provincia de Cordoba.* Volume I: Cordoba: Imprenta del Estado, 1870; Volumes II-IV: Cordoba: Talleres Tip. De "El Interior," 1888, 1889. First 4 volumes of an 82-volume series. Main text in parallel columns. Quarto (10-1/4" x 7-1/2").

Softbound volumes bound into recent cloth, printed paper title labels to spines. Light browning to text, light soiling to title pages, internally clean. Ex-library. Stamps and penciled annotations to title pages. \$350.

\* Volume I: first edition; other volumes, second edition. Eventually filling 82 volumes by 1939, this is an annotated compilation of laws of the Argentinean Province of Cordoba, the province in the geographical center of the country. The four volumes offered here cover the establishment of the state during the Argentinean war of Independence to the mid-1870s. OCLC locates 3 copies in North America, none complete (UT-Austin, Harvard Law School, University of Michigan Law School).

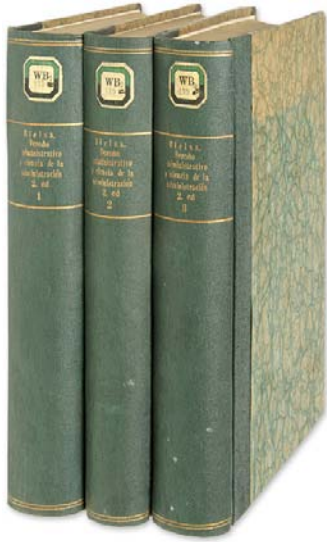
### A Fine Portrait of "Freeborn John"

#### 3. Benoist, Philippe [1725-1770].

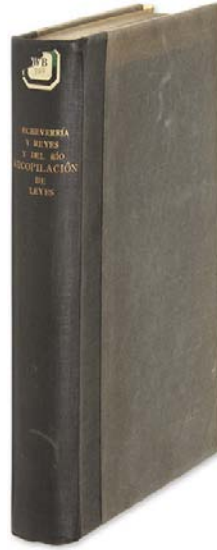
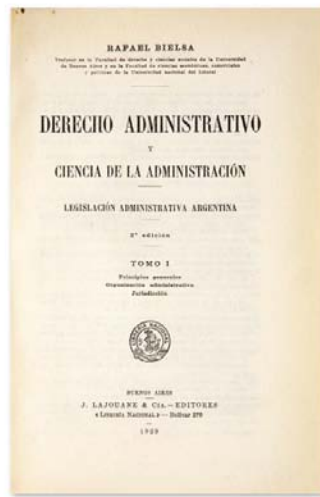
*Mr. John Lilborne.* [London?, S.n., c. 1760].

7-1/2" x 5-1/2" copperplate portrait in 9-1/2" x 7-1/2" matte. Light toning and tiny stain outside of image, otherwise fine. \$95.

\* Also known as "Freeborn John," John Lilburne [1614-1657], sometimes spelled Lilborne, was a leading advocate of popular sovereignty (Leveller) at the time of the English Civil War. He coined the term "freeborn rights," which he defined as inherent human rights. His work influenced the leaders of the American Revolution.



Item 4



Item 5

### Important Treatise on the Administrative Law of Argentina

#### 4. Bielsa, Rafael [1889-1966].

*Derecho Administrativo y Ciencia de la Administración Legislación Administrativa Argentina*. Buenos Aires: J. Lajouane & Cia, 1929. Three volumes.

Softbound volumes bound into contemporary quarter cloth over marbled boards. Some shelfwear and soiling, light toning to text, internally clean. Ex-library. Location labels to spines, stamps to versos of title pages. \$100.

\* Second edition. First published in 1921, this treatise on the administrative law of Argentina was a standard work for decades. It remains a valuable reference.

### 1888 Digest of Chilean Law

#### 5. [Chile].

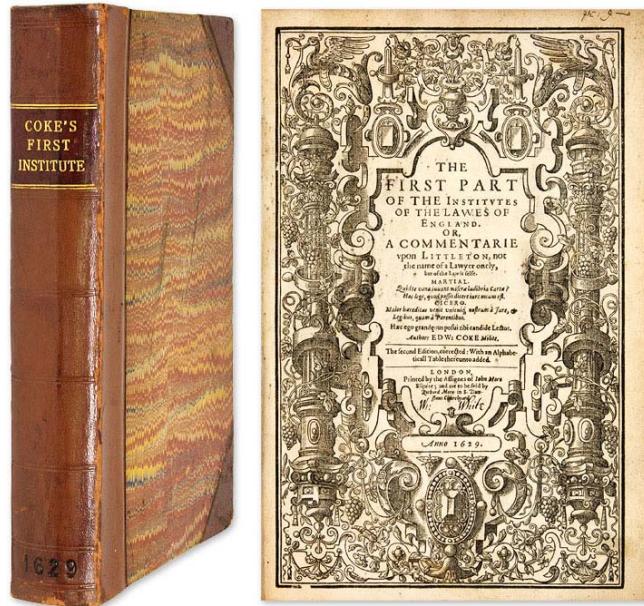
**Echeverría y Reyes, Anibel, Compiler.**

**Río Soto Aguilar, Abraham, Compiler.**

*Recopilación de Leyes y Decretos de Interés General Vigentes en 21 de Mayo de 1888*. Santiago: Imprenta Nacional, 1888. xxv, 806 pp. Octavo (9-1/2" x 6-1/2").

Later quarter cloth over paper-covered boards, gilt title to spine. Some shelfwear, light fading to front board, chip to fore-edge of front free endpaper, light toning to text, internally clean. Ex-library. Location label to spine, small inkstamps to title page. \$150.

\* Only edition. A well-organized and indexed digest of Chilean law, with an emphasis on administrative law. Contents: Acta de la Independencia, Constitución Política, Congreso Nacional, Poder Ejecutivo, Elecciones, Garantías Individuales, Municipalidades, Correos, Telégrafos y Teléfonos, Policía de Seguridad y Orden Público, Policía Sanitaria, Beneficencia Pública, Estadística y Censo, Subvenciones a Empresas de Ferrocarriles, Vapores y Telégrafos, Disposiciones Varias. OCLC locates 8 copies in North America, 6 in law libraries (Columbia, Harvard, LA County, Library of Congress, Tulane, Yale).



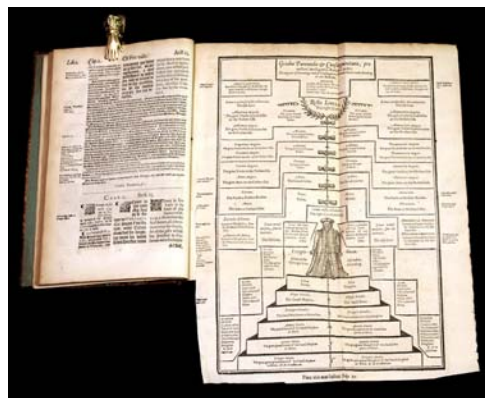
Early Edition of *Coke on Littleton*

**6. Coke, Sir Edward [1552-1643].**

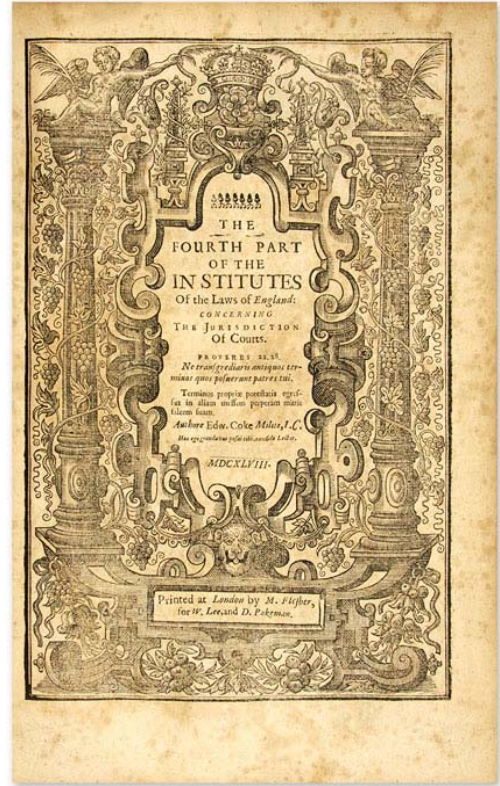
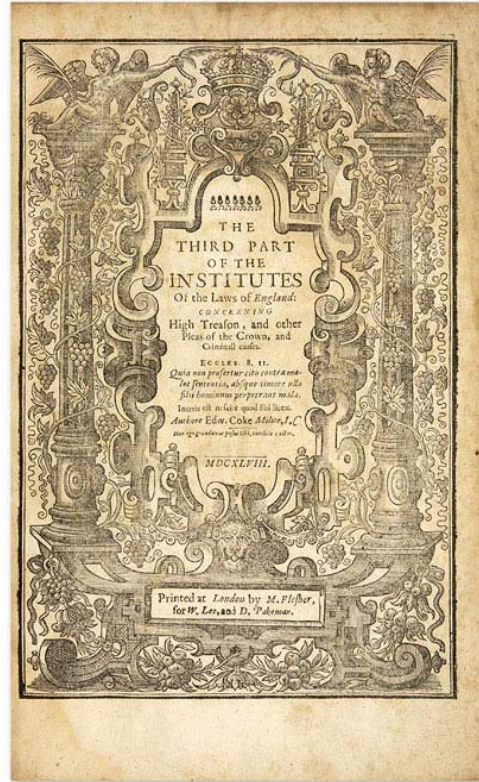
*The First Part of the Institutes of the Lawes of England. Or, A Commentarie Upon Littleton, Not the Name of a Lawyer Onely, But of the Law It Selfe. Corrected: With an Alphabetical Table Thereunto Added.* London: Printed by [Miles Flesher, John Haviland, and Robert Young,] The Assignes of Iohn More Esquire, 1629. [vi], 395, [1]; [34] ff. Woodcut folding table of descents [see below]. Copperplate portrait frontispiece of Coke. Portrait plate of Littleton lacking. Folio (10-1/2" x 7").

Later three-quarter calf over marbled boards, lettering piece and blind fillets to spine, endpapers renewed, hinges reinforced. Some rubbing to extremities with wear to corners, light rubbing and a few minor scuffs to boards, text block cracked through between rear endleaf and free endpaper, later owner bookplate (of W.B. Brook) to front pastedown. Title page printed within woodcut architectural border, woodcut head-pieces, tail-pieces and decorated initials. Moderate toning to text, light foxing to a few leaves, a few minor tears to folding table. Tiny early owner initials to head of title page, interior otherwise clean. \$950.

\* Second edition. *Coke's Institutes*, which eventually comprised four volumes, are thought to be the first textbooks on the modern common law. Taken together, they are a virtual legal encyclopedia of the law as it stood in Coke's lifetime. The first *Institutes*, better known as *Coke on Littleton*, contains the text of Sir Thomas Littleton's *Tenures* with extensive commentary. First published in 1628, it was a standard work for decades and was often used as a textbook. "If Bracton first began the codification of the common law, it was Coke who completed it.... In the *Institutes* (...) the tradition of the common law from Bracton to Littleton, whose name Coke's *Commentary* made famous, firmly established itself as the basis of the constitution of the Realm." : *Printing and the Mind of Man* 126. *English Short-Title Catalogue* S113341.







**Second Editions of  
Coke's Third and Fourth Institutes**

**7. Coke, Sir Edward.**

*The Third Part of the Institutes of the Laws of England: Concerning High Treason, And Other Pleas of the Crown, And Criminall Causes.* London: M. Flesher, for W. Lee, and D. Pakeman, 1648. [12], 243, [19] pp. Copperplate portrait frontispiece.

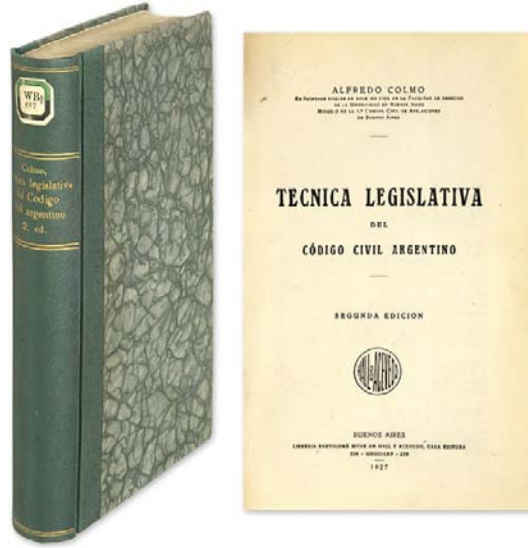
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**Coke, Edward.**

*The Fourth Part of the Institutes of the Laws of England: Concerning the Jurisdiction of Courts.* London: M. Flesher, for W. Lee and D. Pakeman, 1648. [xvi], 364, [2] pp. Copperplate portrait frontispiece.

Folio (11-1/4" x 7-1/2"). Contemporary calf, blind rules to boards, rebacked in period style with raised bands and lettering pieces, endpapers renewed. Moderate rubbing to extremities, a few minor scuffs and scratches to boards, corners bumped and somewhat worn. Title pages printed within woodcut architectural borders, woodcut head-pieces, tail-pieces and decorated initials. Moderate toning to text, occasional faint dampspotting, faint dampstaining to head of text block, some edgewear to title page of Third Institutes, internally clean. \$1,250.

\* Second editions. "Coke's *Third Institutes* gives us a Treatise of great learning, and not unworthy the hand that produced it... Having run over all criminal matters, and their legal punishments, he concludes with the nature of pardons and restitutions; showing how far, in each of these, our Kings can process alone, and where they want the assistance and joint power of the Parliaments" (Marvin). *The Fourth Part* outlines the authority and jurisdictions of the Court of Star-Chamber, Kings Court, Chancery, the Court of Common Pleas, Ecclesiastical Courts, Courts of Exchequer, Augmentations, Admiralty, the Justices Assize, Courts in Universities of Cambridge and Oxford, Court of the Commissioners Upon the Statute of Bankrupts, the Marshalsea, the Stannaries, the Eighteen Courts of the City of London, the Court of Pipowders (concerning Markets and Fairs), the Courts of the Forest Countries, various ecclesiastical courts and many more. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R221404, RS04744.



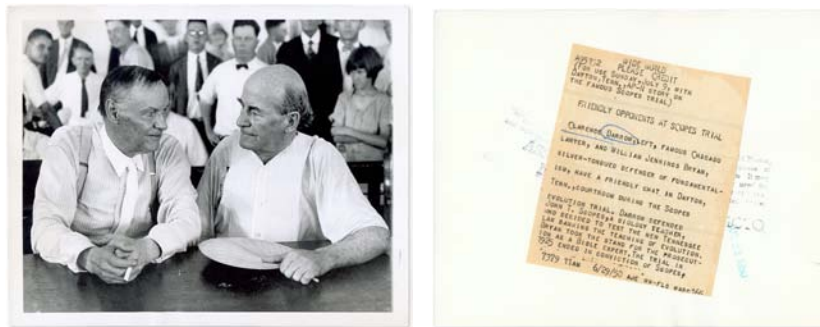
**Notable Commentary on Argentina's Civil Code of 1871**

**8. Colmo, Alfredo [1876-1934].**

*Tecnica Legislativa del Código Civil Argentino*. Buenos Aires: Librería Bartolome Mitre de Hall y Acevedo, 1927. 281 pp.

Softbound volume bound into contemporary quarter cloth over marbled boards, gilt title to spine. Light shelfwear, light toning to text, internally clean. Ex-library. Location label to spine, small inkstamp to verso of title page. A nice copy of a scarce title. \$350.

\* Second, final and best edition. First published in 1917, this is an important commentary on Argentina's civil code of 1871, which was replaced in 2015. The second edition was reprinted in 1961. Both editions and the reprint are scarce. OCLC locates 8 copies of the second in North America, 4 in law libraries (Columbia, Library of Congress, UNC-Chapel Hill, Yale).



**Iconic Image of Darrow and Bryan at the Scopes Trial**

**9. Darrow, Clarence [1857-1938].**

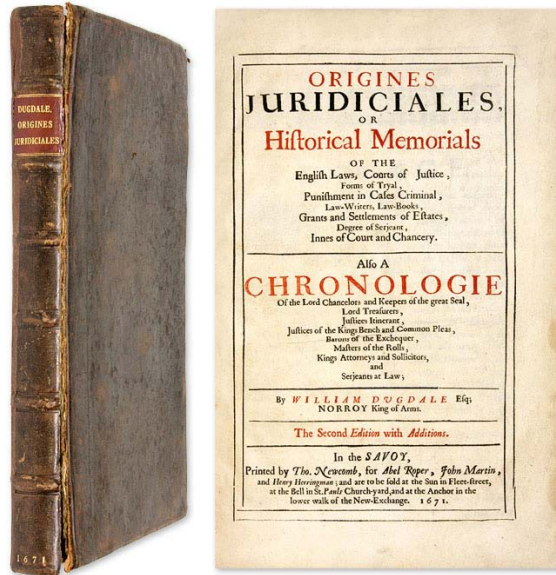
**[Bryan, William Jennings (1860-1925)].**

[7-1/4" x 9" Black-and-White Photograph of Darrow and Bryan Side by Side at a Table in Shirtsleeves During a Break in the Scopes Trial]. [New York: Associated Press, 1925. Image printed June 29, 1950].

Light rubbing to margins, stamps, annotations and tipped-in caption to verso. \$100.

\* The caption reads (in part): "(For use Sunday, July 9, with Dayton, Tenn., AP-N story on the famous Scopes Trial). FRIENDLY OPPONENTS AT SCOPES TRIAL. Clarence Darrow, left, famous Chicago Lawyer, and William Jennings Bryan, silver-tongued defender of fundamentalism, have a friendly chat in Dayton, Tenn., courtroom during the Scopes evolution trial. (...) The trial in 1925 ended in the conviction of Scopes."





1671 Edition of Dugdale's *Origines Juridiciales*, All Plates Present

**10. Dugdale, Sir William [1605-1686].**

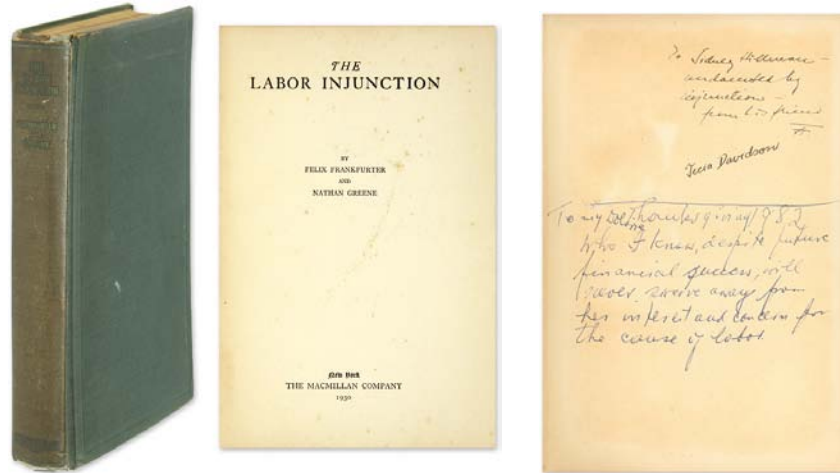
*Origines Juridiciales, Or Historical Memorials of the English Laws, Courts of Justice, Forms of Tryal, Punishments in Cases Criminal, Law-Writers, Law-Books, Grants and Settlements of Estates, Degree of Serjeant, Innes of Court and Chancery. Also a Chronologie of the Lord Chancellors and Keepers of the Great Seal, Lord Treasurers, Justices Itinerant, Justices of the Kings Bench and Common Pleas, Barons of the Exchequer, Masters of the Rolls, Kings Attorneys and Sollicitors, and Serjeants at Law. With Additions.* [London]: Printed by Tho. Newcomb, for Abel Roper, John Martin, and Henry Herringman, 1671. [viii], 336, [4], 117, [3] pp., P. 117 supplied in facsimile. Copperplate coats-of-arms and heraldic devices [See below], six portrait copperplates (of Heath, Clenche, Hide, Bridgeman, Crew and Coke). Collates complete. Main text in parallel columns. Folio (13-3/4" x 8-3/4").

Contemporary calf, rebacked, blind rules to boards, raised bands and lettering piece to spine. Moderate rubbing to boards and extremities, corners bumped, front board detached. Title page printed in red and black, woodcut head-pieces, tail-pieces and decorated initials. Moderate toning to text, soiling and inkspots to a few leaves, minor edgewear to preliminaries and final few leaves, internally clean. \$500.

\* Second edition. Dugdale's *Origines* provides a wealth of information about the sources of English law and the early history of English legal institutions, including the Inns of Court, on which it is a chief authority. It is a well-documented work: sources of manuscripts are listed, and, in many instances, the sources of the information for the printed book entries are given. The first edition was published in 1666, the third and final edition in 1680. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R225633.







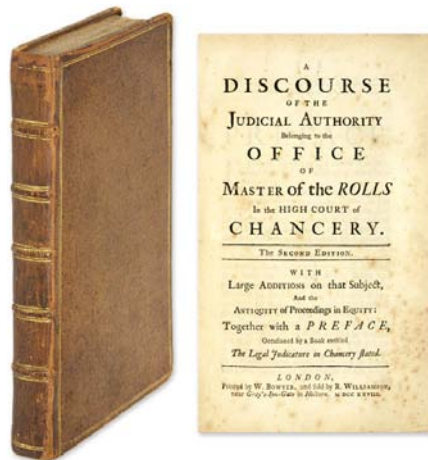
**Inscribed by Frankfurter to Important Union Leader Sidney Hillman**

**11. Frankfurter, Felix [1882-1965].  
Green, Nathan.**

*The Labor Injunction*. New York: The Macmillan Company, 1930. Folding charts. [12], 343 pp.

Cloth, moderate shelfwear, fading to spine, moderate chipping to spine ends. Inscription by Frankfurter, later inscription by an unknown individual and later owner signature to front free endpaper. Unique. \$500.

\* First edition. This copy was inscribed to Sidney Hillman [1887- 1946], an important labor leader who was one of the founders of the Congress of Industrial Organizations (CIO) and a member of Franklin Roosevelt's Labor Advisory Board. The inscription reads: "To Sidney Hillman-/undaunted by/injunctions-/From his friend/F.F." The front free endpaper has another unsigned inscription dated Thanksgiving 1982: "To my Dolorie/Who I know, despite future/financial success,/will never swerve away from/her interest and concern for/the cause of labor."



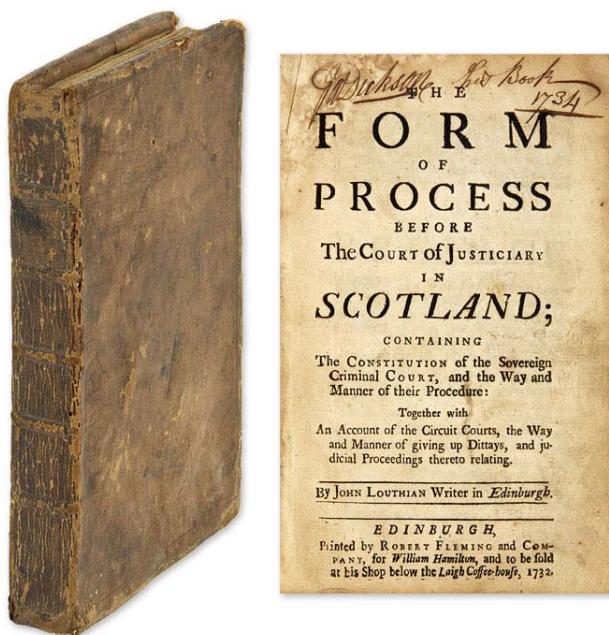
**Copy with Several Laid-In  
Manuscript Notes Owned by a Master of the Roles**

**12. [Hardwicke, Philip Yorke, Earl of (1690-1764)].**

*A Discourse of the Judicial Authority Belonging to the Office of Master of the Rolls in the High Court of Chancery. With Large Additions on that Subject, And the Antiquity of Proceedings in Equity: Together with a Preface, Occasioned by a book Entitled The Legal judicature in Chancery Stated*. London: printed by W. Bowyer, And Sold by R. Williamson, 1728. [ii], cxxvii, [1], 200, [2] pp. Octavo (8" x 5-1/2").

Contemporary speckled calf, gilt rules to boards, gilt-edged raised bands to spine. Some rubbing to extremities, corners bumped, armorial bookplate of the Earls of Macclesfield to front pastedown, small embossed Macclesfield stamp to title page. Moderate toning and occasional light foxing to text. Two-page case summary in an unknown hand to recto and verso of front free endpaper, signature of Thomas Clarke and a 12-line case note to recto of front endleaf, note to verso attributing authorship to "Sr Joseph Jekyll, Master of the Rolls," six pages of manuscript notes in Clarke's hand and an eight-page index in another hand laid-in, a few brief annotations to text. A handsome copy of a scarce work with an interesting provenance. \$750.

\* Second and final edition. The third most senior judge in England and Wales after the President of the Supreme Court of the United Kingdom and the Lord Chief Justice, the Master of the Rolls is the presiding officer of the Civil Division of the Court of Appeal and head of Civil Justice. The copy belonged to Sir Thomas Clarke [1703-1764], who held this position from 1754 to 1764. Clarke was a protege of Thomas Parker [1695?-1784], 1st Earl of Macclesfield. In his will, Clarke left his books to Parker. This book was first published in 1727. Both editions are scarce. According to the *ESTC*, only 550 copies of the second edition were issued; OCLC locates 15 copies of that edition in North America. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T97350.



### Civil Procedure in Eighteenth-Century Scotland

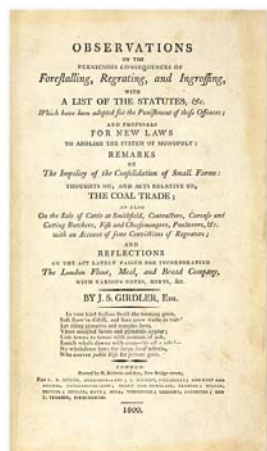
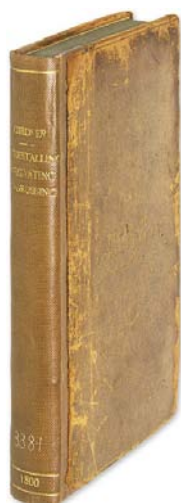
#### 13. Louthian, John.

*The Form of Process Before the Court of Justiciary in Scotland; Containing the Constitution of the Sovereign Criminal Court, And the Way and Manner of Their Procedure: Together with An Account of the Circuit Courts, The Way and Manner of Giving up Dittays, And Judicial Proceedings Thereto Relating.* Edinburgh: Printed by Robert Fleming and Company, For William Hamilton, 1732. vi, 301, [3] pp. With a final leaf of errata. Octavo (7" x 4-1/2").

Contemporary calf, blind rules to boards, raised bands and stamped title to spine (gilding rubbed away). Light rubbing to boards, moderate rubbing to backstrip and extremities, small chip to foot of spine, corners bumped and somewhat worn, pastedowns loose, text block partially detached, a few cracks to text block. Moderate toning to text, occasional foxing and dampspotting, minor inkstains to a few leaves, creases, chipping and edgewear to endleaves, light soiling to title page. Early owner signatures to endleaves and head of title page, interior otherwise clean. \$350.

\* First edition. This work is interesting because it includes a great deal of historical detail on the workings of the Scottish courts, such as information about use of royal trumpeters in judicial process. A second edition was published in 1752. Both editions are scarce. OCLC locates 5 copies of the first edition in North American law libraries (Georgetown, Harvard, UC-Berkeley, University of Pennsylvania, UVA). *English Short-Title Catalogue* T113222.

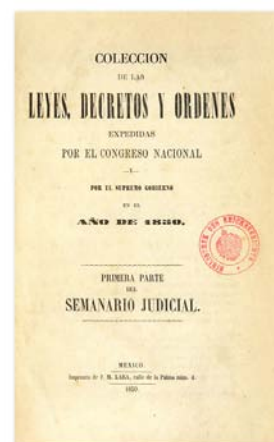




Item 14



Item 15



### "New Laws to Abolish the System of Monopoly"

#### 14. Girdler, J.S.

*Observations on the Pernicious Consequences of Forestalling, And Ingrossing, With a List of the Statutes, &c. Which have been Adopted for the Punishment of Those Offences; And Proposals for New Laws to Abolish the System of Monopoly: Remarks on the Impolicy of the Consolidation of Small Farms: Thoughts on, And Acts Relative to, The Coal Trade; As Also On the Sale of Cattle at Smithfield, Contractors, Carcase and Cutting Butchers, Fish and Cheesemongers, Poulterers, &c. with an Account of Some Convictions of Regrators; And Reflections on the Act Lately Passed for Incorporating The London Flour, Meal, and Bread Company, With Various Notes, Hints, &c.* London: printed by H. Baldwin and son, New Bridge-Street; for L. B. Seeley, [et al.], 1800. xvi, 366, [2] pp. With an errata leaf, half-title lacking. Two blank leaves misbound behind title page. Octavo (8" x 5").

Contemporary calf with later buckram rebacking, gilt title to spine, endpapers renewed. Rubbing to boards, heavier rubbing to board edges, corners lightly bumped, crack in text block between title page and following leaf. Moderate toning to text, light foxing to a few leaves, internally clean. Ex-library. Institution name (Board of Agriculture) gilt-stamped to front board, shelf number to foot of spine, small inkstamps to verso of title page and foot of final text leaf. A nice copy of a scarce title. \$250.

\* Only edition. A valuable account of the effects of food and fuel monopolies on the condition of the poor and the national economy. Girdler's economic views were controversial and often opposed to those of Adam Smith. OCLC locates 14 copies in North America. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T55183.

### Scarce Compilation of Nineteenth-Century Mexican Law

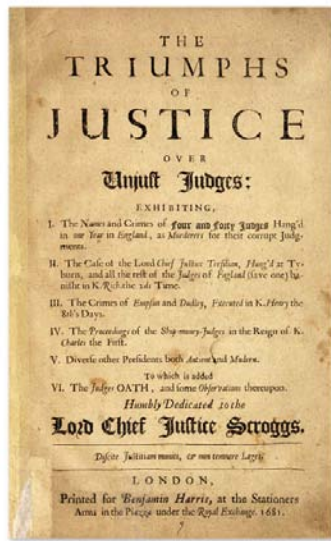
#### 15. [Mexico].

##### [*Semanario Judicial*].

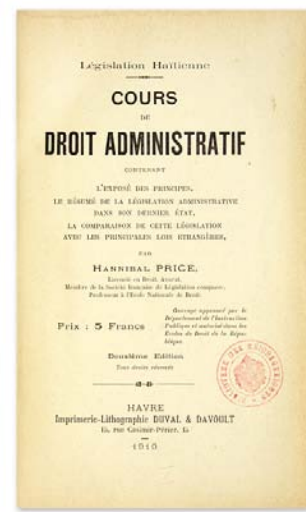
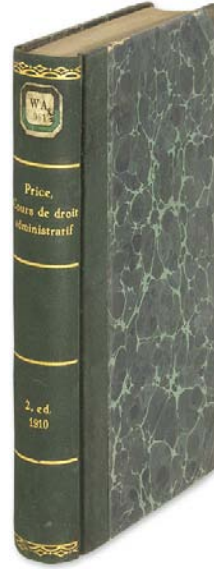
*Coleccion de las Leyes, Decretos y Ordenes, Espedidas por el Congreso Nacional y por el Supremo Gobierno.* (Volumes 1-4); *Coleccion de las Leyes, Decretos y Ordenes, Espedidas por el Exmo. Sr. Presidente de la Republica, D. Antonio Lopez de Santa-Anna* (Volumes 5-8). Mexico City: Imprenta de J. M. Lara, 1850-1855. Eight volumes. Complete set. Octavo (8-1/2" x 5-1/2").

Quarter calf over textured-paper boards (Volumes 6-8 have marbled boards), gilt titles and ornaments to spines. Moderate rubbing with some wear to extremities, spine ends bumped, chipping to head of spine of Volume 5, most hinges cracked. Moderate toning, occasional light foxing, internally clean. Ex-library. Location labels to spines, annotations in pencil to front endleaves, small inkstamps to title pages. A scarce complete set. \$1,250.

\* Only edition. With indexes. A collection of legislation from an interesting period in Mexican history: from the aftermath of the Mexican-American War to the overthrow of Santa Anna. Volume 6 includes the text of Mexico's first commercial code (the Lares Code). OCLC locates 12 copies in North America.



Item 16



Item 17

**First Edition of a Scathing Attack on English Judges**

**16. [Philo-Dicaiois].**

*The Triumphs of Justice Over Unjust Judges: Exhibiting, I. The Names and Crimes of Four and Forty Judges, Hang'd in One Year in England, As Murderers for Their Corrupt Judgments. II. The Case of Lord Chief Justice Tresilian, Hang'd at Tyburn, And All the Rest of the Judges of England (Save One) Banished in K. Rich. the 2ds Time. III. The Crimes of Empson and Dudley, Executed in K. Henry the 8th's Days. IV. The Proceedings of the Ship-Money-Judges, In the Reign of K. Charles the First. V. Diverse Other Presidents, Both Ancient and Modern. To Which is Added, VI. The Judges Oath, And Some Observations Thereupon. Humbly Dedicated to the Lord Chief Justice Scroggs.* London: Printed for Benjamin Harris, 1681. [iv], 36 pp. Octavo (8" x 5").

Stab-stitched pamphlet bound into recent marbled boards, printed paper title panel to spine, title page re-hinged. Moderate toning, occasional foxing, minor chips to title page and a few leaves. "9" in tiny hand to foot of title page, interior otherwise clean. A nice copy in a handsome binding. \$950.

\* First edition. This essay on judicial error and judicial corruption reflects the tensions between King Charles II and his subjects near the end of his reign. It details the fates of Royalist judges during the reign of Charles I and earlier times. OCLC locates 7 copies in North American law libraries (Duke, Georgetown, Harvard, Library of Congress, University of Cincinnati, UT-Austin, York). *English Short-Title Catalogue* R3571.

**Rare Haitian Treatise on Administrative Law**

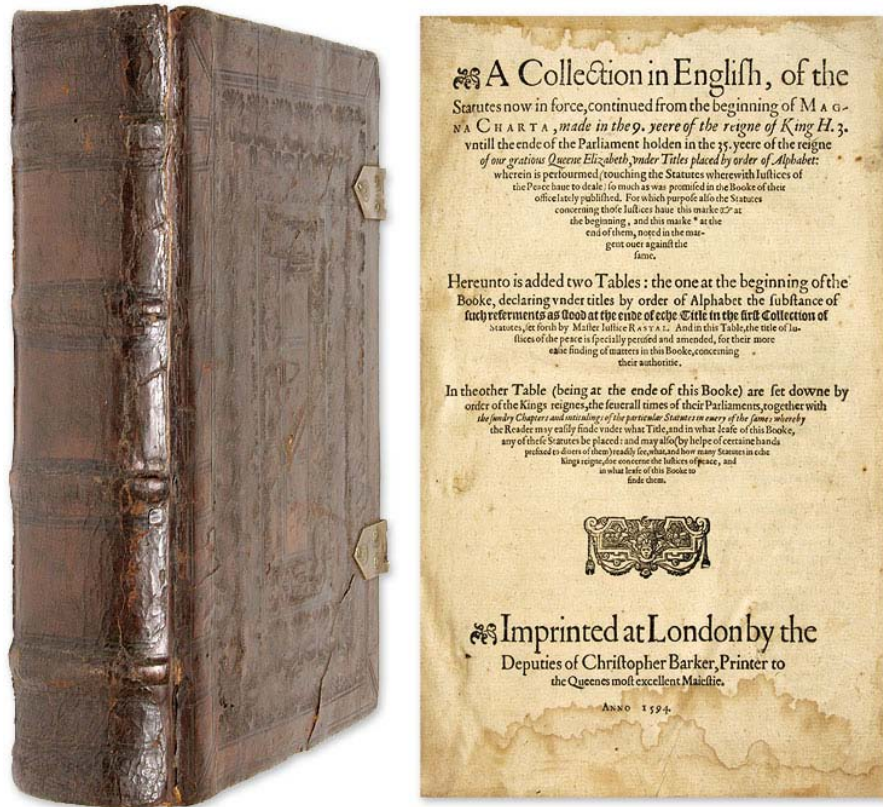
**17. Price, Hannibal.**

*Cours de Droit Administratif: Contenant l'Expose des Principes, le Resume de la Legislation Administrative Dans son Dernier Etat, La Comparaison de Cette Legislation avec les Principales Lois Etrangeres.* Havre: Imprimerie-Lithographie Duval & Davoult, 1910. xxxix, 516 pp. Octavo (8-1/2" x 5-1/2").

Contemporary three-quarter cloth over marbled boards, gilt title and ornaments to spine. Light rubbing to extremities, light toning to text, internally clean. Ex-library. Location label to spine, small inkstamp to title page. A nice copy of a scarce title. \$350.

\* Second and final edition. First published in 1906, This treatise gives a thorough overview of Haitian administrative law as practiced in the early decades of the twentieth century. The second edition is considerable longer than the first. Both are rare. OCLC locates 1 copy of the first edition in North America (at Harvard Law School), 4 copies of the second (LA County Law Library, New York Public Library, University of Michigan Law School, University of Missouri Law School).





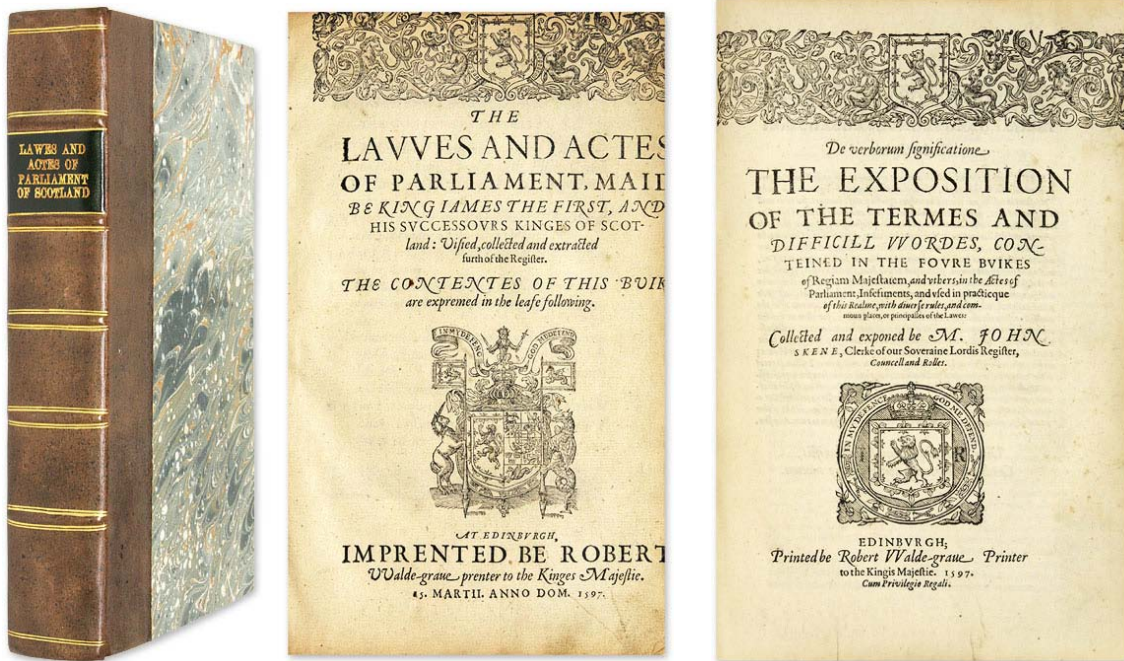
1594 Edition of Rastell's Statutes

**18. Rastell, William [1508-1565], Compiler.**

*A Collection in English, Of the Statutes Now in Force, Continued from the Beginning of Magna Charta, Made in the 9. Yeere of the Reigne of King H.3. Untill the Ende of the Session of Parliament Holden in the 35. Yeere of the Reigne of Our Gracious Queene Elizabeth, Under Titles Placed by Order of Alphabet: Wherein is Performed (Touching the Statutes Wherewith Iustices of the Peace Have to Deale) so Much as was Promised in the Booke of Their Office Lately Published.... Hereunto is Added Two Tables: The One...Declaring Under Titles by Order of Alphabet the Substance of Such Referments as Stood at the Ende of Eche Title in the First Collection of Statutes, Set Forth by Master Iustice Rastal. And in this Table, The Title of Iustices of the Peace is Speciallie Perused and Amended, For Their More Easie Finding of Matters in this Booke, Concerning Their Authoritie. In the Other Table...are Set Downe by Order of the Kings Raignes, The Severall Times of Their Parliaments, Together with the Sundry Chapters and Intitulings of the Particular Statutes in Every of the Same: Whereby the Reader May Easilie Finde Under what Title, And in What Leafe of this Booke, Any of These Statutes be Placed: And May Also...Redilie See, What, And How Manie Statutes in Eche Kings Raigne, Do Concerne the Iustices of Peace, And in What Leafe of this Book to Finde Them.* London: Imprinted by the Deputies of Christopher Barker, 1594. [xxx], 552, [14] ff. Main text in parallel columns. Folio (11" x 7-1/2").

Contemporary paneled calf over wooden boards, elaborate blind tooling to boards, clasps lacking, buckles present, front board carefully re-attached, endleaves renewed. Moderate rubbing to extremities, some scuffs and scratches to boards. Woodcut head-pieces, tail-pieces and decorated initials. Light toning, somewhat heavier in places, faint dampstaining and edgewear to outer margins of preliminaries and a few other few leaves, light soiling to title page. \$1,250.

\* Rastell first published his great collection of statutes from Magna Carta to the present in 1557. It was updated periodically, the final edition appearing in 1625. As the title indicates, it had finding aids to facilitate its use by justices of the peace. "It is partly of the nature of an edition of the Statutes at large, as the enacting parts of the public statutes in force are printed nearly word for word, and in their original language. But it is more of the nature of an abridgment.... The book was frequently republished and brought up to date in successive editions and in 1579 the Latin and French statutes were translated". Holdsworth, *A History of English Law* IV: 311-312. *English Short-Title Catalogue* S121424. Beale, *Bibliography of Early English Law Books* S70.



**Contains the First Mention of  
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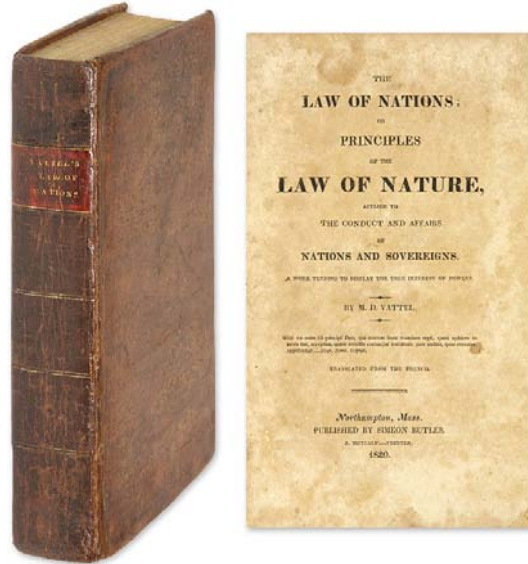
**19. [Skene, John c.1543-1617), Compiler].**

*The Lawes and Actes of Parliament Maid be King James the First, And His Successours Kings of Scotland: Visied, Collected and Extracted Surth of the Register. The Contentes of This Buik, Are Expremed in the Leafe Following.* Edinburgh: Imprented be Robert Waldegrave, 1597. [v], 162; 178; [30]; [70] ff. Folding table. Four parts. First and fourth parts have title pages, the fourth titled *De Verborum Significacione: The Exposition of the Termes and Difficill Wordes, Contained in the Foure Buikes of Regiam Majestatem*. Lacks additional engraved title page found in some copies. Folio (10" x 7").

Recent period-style quarter-calf over marbled boards. Toning to text, somewhat heavier in places, negligible foxing to a few leaves, a few leaves recornered. Woodcut initials and head and tail-pieces. Fore-edges trimmed with some loss to title page and head-piece of Fol. 1 of the second part. \$1,500.

\* Second edition. Expanded. This volume contains what is thought to be the earliest mention of golf in print, tracing its history to the manuscript Acts of 1457, when King James II decreed "that the fute-bal and golfe be utterly cryed downe, and not to be used. And as tuitching the futeball and the golfe, to be punished by the Baronnis un-law, and gif he takis not the un-law, that it be taken be the Kingis officiares." This volume also contains the 1491 reconfirmation by James IV: "Item, It is stature and ordained that in place of the Realme there be used fute-ball, golfe, or uther sik unprofitable sportes, for the commoun gud of the realme & defense thereof." In their bibliography, *The Game of Golf and The Printed Word 1566-1985, A Bibliography of Golf Literature in the English Language*, Donovan and Murdoch say "[t]he Acts is a prize that many golf collectors would like to win" (1). The last section, 70 ff., was the first appearance of Skene's *De Verborum Significacione*, the first published dictionary of Scots law. *English Short-Title Catalogue* S116931.





**Northampton Edition of Vattel's *Law of Nations***

**20. Vattel, [Emmerich de] [1714-1767].**

*The Law of Nations; Or, Principles of the Law of Nature, Applied to the Conduct and Affairs of Nations and Sovereigns. A Work Tending to Display the True Interest of Powers.* Translated from the French. Northampton, MA: Published by Simeon Butler, 1820. 560 pp. Octavo (8-1/4" x 5-1/4").

Contemporary tree sheep, lettering piece and gilt fillets to spine, joints mended. Light rubbing to extremities, a few minor scuffs and (very) light stains to boards, corners bumped and lightly worn, front hinge starting. Moderate toning to text, occasional light foxing. Early owner signature (Walter Nichols) to front free endpaper, interior otherwise clean. A nice copy. \$300.

\* Later issue of the first American edition (1787). The decisive influence of this classic study may be attributed to its eclecticism. Vattel rejected the extreme claims of the natural law of nations which went back to Aquinas. Instead, he recognized that the universal law of nature might have subsidiary force when customary or consensual international law was silent. "Le Droit de Gens is certainly a work of the first magnitude. It modernized the whole theory and business of International Law, brought it out of the study into the field, the mart, the council chamber, and the palace. (...) He did indeed, much for nations, for he imposed upon them theories of moral rational development up to which it became, in a sense, necessary for them to live" (MacDonnell). Rensealaer [1808-1860], a member of the distinguished New York family, was admitted to the New York bar in 1830. MacDonnell, *The Great Jurists of the World* 479, 504. Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 1820.



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