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### Precursor to the Law School Yearbook Produced at the End of the American Civil War

#### 1. [Albany Law School]. [Hopkins, Marshall].

[*Autograph Album with Tipped-in Portrait Photographs*]. Albany, 1865-1866. 75 leaves, content on both sides, about 150 1-1/4" x 1" paper-print photographs. Octavo (8" x 5").

Calf, blind rules to boards, "Autographs" gilt-stamped to front board, blind-stamped to rear, all edges gilt. Some rubbing to extremities, hinges partially cracked, boards (and text block) slightly bowed, internally fresh. \$1,000.

\* The first three portraits are of Ira Harris, Amasa Parker and Amos Dean, the founders and faculty of Albany Law School. Each photo is accompanied by an autograph, the signer's hometown and his political and religious affiliation. Most have a motto or inspirational message, some are in Latin. The verso of the final leaf is devoted to the (self-identified) compiler of this book: Marshall Hopkins of Lewiston, NY, who also signed the front free endpaper. His entry is dated December 12, 1865.

### "A Useful and Convenient Book" on Sheriffs

#### 2. Atkinson, George [1809-1891].

*A Practical Treatise on Sheriff Law: Containing the New Writs Under The New Imprisonment for Debt Bill; Also, Interpleader Act, Reform Act, Coroner's Act, &c., With Returns, Bills of Sale, Bonds of Indemnity, &c. &c. &c.* London : William Crofts, 1839. xviii, 498 pp. Octavo (9" x 6").

Recent period-style paper-covered boards, printed paper title label, endpapers renewed. Some toning to margins. Author presentation inscription and later owner stamp to title page, interior otherwise clean. \$300.

\* First edition. According to Marvin, this "is said to be an unequal performance," but "is a useful and convenient book." It was certainly a durable title; it reached its sixth and final edition in 1878. OCLC locates 11 copies of the first edition, 6 in North American law libraries. Marvin, *Legal Bibliography* 76. Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 2:14.

### Oil Portrait of Melvin Belli

#### 3. Belli, Melvin [1807-1996].

##### "Dexter."

[*Portrait of Melvin Belli*]. [San Francisco?], 1987. Oil on Canvas, 30" x 40." Very good condition, glazing free of cracks. An interesting item. \$850.

\* The work of an amateur artist, possibly a friend or client, this portrait hung in the office of the legendary attorney Melvin Belli. Known as "The King of Torts" and "Melvin Bellicose," he was known for his colorful personality, innovative use of graphic evidence and expert witnesses, important class-action cases on behalf of consumers and famous clients, such as Jack Ruby, the Rolling Stones, Jim and Tammy Faye Bakker and Zsa Zsa Gabor. He won over \$600,000,000 in judgments during his legal career.

### Buller's Guide to the Circuits

#### 4. Buller, Francis [1746-1800].

*An Introduction to the Law Relative to Trials at Nisi Prius, Containing Additions to the Present Time. Carefully Corrected from the Last London Copy, By a Gentleman of the Bar.* New York: I. Riley, 1806. [xvi], 336, [40] pp. Includes two-page publisher list. Octavo (9" x 6").

Contemporary sheep, blind fillets to boards, lettering piece and blind fillets to spine. Moderate rubbing to spine and extremities, chipping to foot of spine ends, front joints partially cracked, hinges cracked, light toning to text. Early owner signature to front free endpaper, interior otherwise clean. \$100.

\* Second American edition. Based on the Sixth London edition, 1793. "[It] is still useful because it contains some authorities not elsewhere to be met with": Marvin, *Legal Bibliography* 158. Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 9097.

### A Classic Study of First Amendment Rights

#### 5. Chafee, Zechariah [1885-1957].

*Free Speech in the United States*. Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 1941. xiv, 634 pp.

Original cloth, light rubbing to extremities, light fading to spine. Early owner name to front free endpaper, pencil marks to margins of a few leaves, interior otherwise clean. \$25.

\* This classic statement on the necessity of free speech in the United States discusses freedom of speech in the Constitution, relevant cases in the Supreme Court under Hughes, war-time prosecutions and legislation against sedition. "One of the most valuable treatises in the field": Seckler-Hudson, *Bibliography on Public Administration, Annotated* 45.

### Murder in Cincinnati

#### 6. [De Beck, William L.]

*Murder Will Out: The First Step in Crime Leads to the Gallows. The Horrors of the Queen City. Being an Account of the Two Soldiers Who Were Executed at Old Fort Washington; And the Trials and Executions of John May; Philip Lewis (Colored); John Cowan, The Murderer of His Family; Washburn, And His Associates; Davis and Hoover, The Butchers of Over 30 Persons; Byron Cooley, Who Killed John Rambo; Henry LeCount; Patrick McHugh, The Murderer of His Own Wife; And a Careful History of the Hughes Murderers, With a Precise Account of the Murder of John Brasher, The Watchman; The Sumner Massacre; Arrison and the Infernal Machine; Mrs. Howard, Who Avenged Her Own Wrongs; Nancy Farrer, The Child Poisoner; With a Correct Detail of Over a Hundred Other Murders Which Have Taken Place in This City and County. By an Old Citizen.* Cincinnati: [s.n.], 1867. 128 pp. Octavo (8-1/4" x 5-1/2").

Stab-stitched pamphlet in printed wrappers. Some discoloration, a few tiny nicks to wrappers rubbing to spine with some loss near ends. Toning, light foxing in a few places, internally clean. A nice copy. \$200.

\* First edition. De Beck describes the lives of over 100 people who committed murders in and around Cincinnati. Moralistic in tone, it is advertised as "A Book For the Family" on the front wrapper. This pamphlet was issued again in 1867 with the author's name and the same title beginning with *The Horrors of the Queen City. Being an Account...* OCLC locates 3 copies (New-York Historical Society, University of Michigan, American Antiquarian Society). Sabin, *A Dictionary of Books Relating to America* 19108.

### A Monumental Collection of Treaties

#### 7. Dumont, Jean, Baron de Carelsroon [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; Avec les Capitulations Imperiales et Royales; Les Sentences Arbitrales & Souveraines dans les Causes Importantes; Les Declarations de Guerre, Les Contrats de Mariage des Grands Princes, Leurs Testamens, Donations, Renonciations, & Protestations; Les Investitures des Grands Fiefs; Les Erections des Grandes Dignites, Celles des Grandes Compagnies de Commerce, & En General de Tous les Titres, Sous Quelque Nom qu'on les Designe, Qui Peuvent Servir a Fonder, Etablir, Ou Justifier. Les Droits et les Interets des Princes et Etats de l'Europe; Le tout Tire en Partie des Archives de la Tres-Auguste Maison d'Autriche, & En Partie de Celles de Quelques Autres Princes & Etats; Comme Aussi des Protocoles de Quelques Grands Ministres; Des Manuscrits de la Bibliotheque Royale de Berlin; Des Meilleures Collections, Qui ont deja Paru Tant en Allemagne, Qu'en France, en Angleterre, En Hollande, & Ailleurs; Sur Tout des Actes de Rymer; & Enfin les plus Estimes, Soit en Histoire, En Politique, Ou en Droit.* 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. \$15,000.

\* Only edition. This remarkable collection of nearly 2000 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.

**An Examination of the Labor Injunction from the Early 1920s--  
A Presentation Copy from a Group of Notable Chicago Union Leaders**

**8. Frey, John P. [1871-1957].**

*The Labor Injunction: An Exposition of Government by Judicial Conscience and Its Menace.* [Cincinnati, OH: Equity Publishing Company, 1923]. ix, [4], 197 pp.

Cloth, gilt title to spine. Light rubbing to extremities. Presentation inscription to Dr. William E. Barton from John Fitzpatrick, Victor A. Olander and other members of the Chicago Federation of Labor and Illinois State Federation of Labor on front free endpaper, owner inscription (of Meredith B. Givens, dated 1924) to front pastedown, her stamp to margin of p. 196, interior otherwise fresh. \$200.

\* Only edition, first issued in 1922. With an introduction by Samuel Gompers. This book originated as a series of articles written for the International Labor News Service. The reception given these articles, and the requests that they be published in book form, prompted the preparation of this volume. The Rev. Dr. William Eleazar Barton [1861-1930] was a distinguished clergyman, teacher and authority on Abraham Lincoln. Fitzpatrick and Olander were prominent Chicago labor activists. Fitzpatrick was President of the Chicago Federation of Labor from 1904 to 1946, Olander was secretary-treasurer of the Illinois State Federation of Labor.

**"Admired for Its  
Artistic and Scholar-Like Finish"**

**9. Jones, Sir William [1746-1794].**

*An Essay on the Law of Bailments. From the Last London Edition. With Introductory Remarks, and Notes, Comprising the Most modern Authorities.* By John Balmanno. Brattleboro, VT: William Fessenden, 1813. [xi], 144, xxi pp. 12mo. (6" x 4").

Contemporary sheep, lettering piece to spine. Moderate rubbing with some wear to extremities, hinges cracked, moderate toning and foxing to text. Early annotations to endleaves, interior otherwise clean. \$25.

\* A reissue of the 1798 London edition. "Lord Holt, in *Coggs v. Bernard*, introduced from the Roman law a substratum, upon which the English Law of Bailments chiefly reposes, and Sir William Jones further developed this interesting department of jurisprudence, in his Essay, which has ever been admired for its artistic and scholar-like finish." Marvin 428-429. Sir William Jones was a distinguished Orientalist and a brilliant jurist. A friend of Dr. Johnson, Gibbon and Burke, he was a judge of the High Court at Calcutta from 1783 until his death. 428-429. Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 2421.

**Gould's Edition of Kent's  
Commentaries, Includes Holmes's Notes**

**10. Kent, James [1763-1847].**

**Gould, John M., Editor.**

**Oliver Wendell Holmes [1841-1935], Editor.**

*Commentaries on American Law.* Boston: Little, Brown & Company, 1896. Four volumes. Octavo (9" x 6").

Original tan buckram, blind rules to boards, red and black lettering pieces to spines. Corners lightly bumped, chipping to lettering pieces, light, but even, fading to spines and adjacent parts of boards, small bookseller ticket to front pastedown of Volume I. Light toning to text, underlining in pencil to a few passages. A well-preserved set. \$600.

\* Fourteenth edition. Kent's *Commentaries* is probably the single most important interpretation of American law. Marvin ranks it above Blackstone's *Commentaries*, writing that "England has only furnished one Blackstone, and the American rival equals him in classic purity and elegance of style, and surpasses him in extent and copiousness of learning." This edition, by Gould, is an updated version of the venerable O.W. Holmes edition that retains all of the justice's notes. Marvin, *Legal Bibliography* 438. *Catalogue of the Library of the Harvard Law School* (1909) 1:1088.

### 115 Unlocated Broadsides Relating to Legal Education in Louvain

#### 11. [Legal Education]. [University of Louvain].

[115 Broadsides Announcing Examinations and Other Academic Events in the Faculty of Law's]. Louvain, 1712-1794. 115 folio broadsides (17" x 13").

Light toning, some minor stains, flaws, tears or worming, small stab holes to top center margins (for filing), all generally in very good condition, though one broadside has flaws affecting text. 47 broadsides have brief contemporary annotations (usually a note on the examination on verso, some notes relate to legal content). An interesting collection. \$7,500.

\* Disputations were important events in the early modern university. They functioned as exams, inaugural events and teaching exercises. Our collection offers 115 unlocated broadsides from 18th-century Louvain, mostly from the 1770s, advertising disputations in law. The broadsides list the name of the candidate or speaker, the date of the event and the legal passages and questions that will form the basis of the examination or disputation and the presiding professor or respondent. 46 examples in this collection are the equivalent of present-day bar exams. Two of the broadsides are for theological disputations on law-related subjects and one is a broadside poem in Dutch from 1712 congratulating a law student (one Jan Baptist Coeck) for having passed his exam. 47 items have annotations. Most are notes relating to the event, some are jurisprudential comments. A complete list of the broadsides is available on request.

#### "Would it Not be Well for All of us to Become Lawyers, So That We May Come in for a Share of the Spoils?"

#### 12. [Legal Publishing]. Indiana Law Reporter. Richard Randall.

[*Publisher's Prospectus for the Constitution and Laws of Indiana and the Indiana Law Reporter*]. Jeffersonville, IA, [1848]. 12-1/2" x 7-1/2" broadside.

Light toning, faint horizontal fold lines, a copy of tiny spots, otherwise fine. \$650.

\* Issued to salesmen, this is a prospectus and subscription form for two books published by Randall, the *Constitution and Laws of Indiana* and the *Indiana Law Reporter*, a monthly publication. Both titles are aimed at lawmen. The prospectus displays an intense antipathy to lawyers and plays on the popular ideas of self-reliance, the shrewdness of the common man and upward mobility. The annotation for the *Constitution and Laws* states: "As the Lawyers seem to have all the honors and emoluments of office thrust upon them would it not be well for all of us to become Lawyers, so that we may come in for a share of the spoils?" "[F]or only 25 cents [this book] will give you enough law at least to teach you how to prevent the Lawyers from getting their fingers in your pocket. (...) EVERY MAN, who claims the title of FREEMAN, ought to understand the Constitution and Laws by which he is governed. (...) Many of our eminent Statesmen have risen from the humblest stations in life, to greatness and dignity. Most of them, in fact, were born in our Buckeye cabins, and were nurtured in the forests of nature." It also plays on the desire to save money. The description of the *Indiana Law Reporter* notes that "an acquaintance with the Law, and with the necessary forms of drawing up instruments of writing, may save you hundreds if not thousands of dollars." We found no information about Richard Randall or his books. It is quite possible that his venture failed. It is equally possible that he was a confidence man, a predecessor of the present-day internet scammer.

#### Day Book of Notable Pennsylvania Lawyer, Judge and State Representative

#### 13. [Manuscript]. [Frazer, Robert (1771-1821)].

[*Day Book of Robert Frazer*]. Spine reads "Day Book/ 1812." [Delaware County, PA, January 1812-December 1820]. 275 pp., following group of leaves, presumably blanks, excised, several loose notes and addenda laid in. Folio (12-3/4" x 7-1/2").

Reversed calf, black-stamped fillets to boards, lettering piece and black-stamped ornaments to spine. A few scuffs to boards, chipping to spine ends and corners, "Day Book of/ Robert Frazer/ Born 1771" in later hand to head of front board. Light toning, text in neat hand to rectos and versos of all numbered pages. \$950.

\* Educated at the College of Philadelphia (University of Pennsylvania), Robert Frazer read law with Jared Ingersoll and was admitted to practice in 1792. He served a term in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives and then became the district attorney for Chester County, Pennsylvania. According to a biography, he possessed an important law library and was "a learned land lawyer (black letter lawyer, with a melodious voice, persuasive, but with powerful invective, and was considered a leader of the Chester County Bar." This day book chronicles the later years of his career and indicates a variety of cases beyond land law, such as a libel suit, a case involving an indentured servant from Amsterdam and a lottery dispute. *Historical Catalogue of the St. Andrew's Society of Philadelphia, With Sketches of Deceased Members, 1749-1907* 170-171.

### A Literary Hoax on a Legal Subject

#### 14. [Manuscript].

**Head, Franklin D. [sic] [1832-1914].**

**[Olmsted, Frederick Law (1822-1903)].**

*A Notable Law Suit.* Np, Privately Printed, c.1923. 54 single-sided typed sheets. Autograph letter from Arthur P. Rugg, signed, bound in before title page. 8" x 6-1/4."

Cloth, gilt title to front board, cord tie, marbled endpapers. A one page Autograph Letter Signed is bound in before title page. Cloth pocket on inside of rear board imprinted in gilt, "Sequel," containing within it an envelope, also titled "Sequel," containing a one-page, bifoliate autograph letter, signed, a four-page, typed circular letter and a two-page typed copy of a letter. Some separation along seam on cloth pocket along fore-edge, otherwise very good. \$750.

\* Franklin H. Head's after-dinner conversation about treasure buried on the coast of Maine by the notorious pirate Captain Kidd resulted in the writing of a tongue-in-cheek story intended only for intimate friends, but which soon afterwards, because of a very convincing narrative, was taken for a true tale. The work's title refers to a supposed lawsuit between Frederick Law Olmsted, the noted landscape architect, and members of the Astor family. Olmsted purportedly accused the Astors of stealing Kidd's treasure from the Olmsted family's land on Deer Isle, Maine. It was Olmsted's daughter Marion's after-dinner conversation with the author that led to the production of this, to use Frederick Law Olmsted's words, "burlesque hoax." This book is a typescript copy of privately printed book from 1898 (later reprinted in 1931 in *Forum* magazine). It also includes Frederick Law Olmsted's "sequel," a circular letter in which he explains the hoax. The two autograph letters in this book imply it was produced by Massachusetts Chief Justice Arthur P. Rugg [1815-1938]. Dated June 23, 1923, they are addressed to a colleague, Associate Justice Charles A. DeCourcy [1857-1924]. Rugg's bound-in letter presents the book to DeCourcy, hoping he will enjoy it on an upcoming trans-Atlantic voyage and vacation. The second letter, a kind of cover letter housed in the pocket with the sequel, sheds further light on Olmsted's sequel, which explains the hoax. Additional light on "the delicious hoax" is provided by a typed copy of a letter from Rugg's friend and pastor, Shepard Knapp, to James Logan, a local civic leader and former mayor of Worcester.

### Eighteenth-Century Manuscript Relating to the Constitutional Law of Hungary

#### 15. [Manuscript].

**[Kingdom of Hungary].**

*Observationes In Tripartitum Opus Juris Consuetudinarii Inchyti Regum Hungariae per Commissionem Systematicam in Arlo 24. 1715 Fundatum hoc 1717 Anno Posony Celebratum, Elaborate.* [Arlo, Hungary, 1715-1717, 1726]. [101, 9 blank, 32 pp.] Folio (12" x 8").

Contemporary paneled calf, ties lacking. Moderate rubbing to boards, heavier rubbing to extremities with wear to spine and corners, rear hinge partially cracked, two leaves at rear of text detached, occasional worming to margins with no loss to text, contemporary armorial bookplate to front pastedown. Some toning to interior, text in neat secretarial hand. The second group of notes, 32 pp., are dated 1726. \$3,000.

\* Two sets of student notes on the *Tripartitum*. Compiled in 1514 by Istvan Werboczy [c.1465-1541], a Hungarian jurist and statesman, this collection of early customary laws, though never incorporated formally, was regarded as the second pillar of the Hungarian constitution. It was a *de facto* law-book of Hungary until 1848. According to the doctrine of the Holy Crown, which appeared in the *Tripartitum*, the king and the legally equal noblemen formulated the "corpse of the Holy Crown," which symbolized the Hungarian state. This manuscript is one such effort, in the early eighteenth century, to coordinate the *Tripartitum* with Hungary's constitutional statutes.

### An Interesting Scottish Law Suit

#### 16. [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).

### 1868 Justice's Docket from Rural Wisconsin

#### 17. [Manuscript]. [Wisconsin].

*Justice Docket for the Town of Lake Mills, Jefferson County, Wisconsin, 1868* (Manuscript title on first leaf). [Lake Hills, WI, 1868-1888]. [xxvi], 318 pp., a few blanks at rear. Folio (13-1/2" x 8-1/4").

Sheep, black-stamped panels to boards, raised bands and lettering pieces to spines, cloth reinforced hinges, marbled endpapers, thumb-tapped index at front. Some rubbing to extremities with light wear to spine ends and corners. Five documents, some partially printed, laid or tipped-in. Light toning to interior, text in neat hand to rectos and versos of most leaves. A well-preserved item. \$750.

\* This detailed docket book covering all manner of civil and criminal cases in Wisconsin was compiled by seven successive justices of the peace in the Town of Lake Mills, Jefferson County, Wisconsin from 1868 to 1888. It records legal processes, judgments, and the associated service fees for approximately 250 civil and criminal cases. Among the civil proceedings were cases of breach of contract, recovery of debt, replevin, and bastardy. Criminal cases included trespass, larceny, vagrancy, arson, burglary, the use of abusive language and the violation of blue laws. Other criminal cases involved assault and battery, attempted rape and other forms of bodily violence. The docket book is arranged chronologically and documents each step of the judicial process. The docket names the parties involved and usually includes the names of their attorneys, if any. Receipts for the payments of judgments are noted as well. Further, the justices consistently itemized the court fees and those of the constables and marshals associated with each case. [A more detailed description is available on request.]

### With Four Woodcuts, Two Full-Page

#### 18. Maurer, Georg Ludwig [1790-1872].

*Geschichte des Altgermanischen und Namentlich Albairischen Oeffentlich-Muendlichen Gerichtsverfahrens, Dessen Vortheile, Nachteile und Untergang in Deutschland Ueberhaupt und in Baiern Indesondere*. Heidelberg: Akademische Buchhandlung von J.C.B. Mohr, 1824. xviii, 362 pp. Three plates with four woodcuts, two cuts full-page. Quarto (10" x 8").

Contemporary speckled boards, lettering piece to spine, edges rouged. Light wear to spine ends and corners, a few partial cracks to text block. Toning, light foxing to a few leaves. Small early owner signature to title page, interior otherwise clean. Ex-library. Location label to foot of spine, shelf number to front pastedown in fine hand, small stamp to verso of title page. An attractive copy. \$950.

\* Only edition. This is an interesting, historically grounded study of German criminal and civil procedure. A valuable work for legal historians, a facsimile edition was issued in 1965 by O. Zeller. Three of the woodcuts depict court scenes, the fourth is an allegorical (?) woodland court with animals. In this image a fox is being led to the gallows for his murder of a hen. (A lion is the judge, the executioner is a cat.) All of the images are discussed in the text. KVK and OCLC locate 4 copies, 1 in North America (at the University of Alberta). Other copies located at the Library of Congress and Harvard and Yale Law Schools. Not in the *British Museum Catalogue* or Roberts.

## Montefiore's Synopsis of American Commercial Law

### 19. Montefiore, J[oshua] [1762-1843].

*The American Trader's Compendium; Containing the Laws, Customs, and Regulations of the United States, Relative to Commerce. Including the Most Useful Precedents Adapted to General Business.* Dedicated by Permission to the Honorable William Tilghman, Chief Justice of Pennsylvania. Philadelphia: Published by Samuel R. Fisher, 1811. xii, 304 pp. Octavo (8-1/2" x 5").

Contemporary sheep, blind rules to boards, blind fillets and lettering piece to spine. Some rubbing with wear to extremities, a few minor scuffs to boards, front joint starting at foot. Offsetting to margins, toning to text. Early owner signatures (of J. Knapp and Samuel Clark) to preliminaries and title page, interior otherwise clean. An appealing copy. \$450.

\* With forms. Topics are arranged alphabetically. A member of a distinguished family of Jewish merchants in London, Montefiore was a solicitor who moved to the United States after the War of 1812. He published several works on commercial law. This one offers a "well-digested arrangement...of the various topics of information, which are not only requisite to constitute the well-informed business man, but to protect him against those artifices and impositions, to which, from the hurry of business, and the want of ready information, he may be daily exposed" (Preface). Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 2430.

## New Jersey's Last Colonial-Era Compilation

### 20. New Jersey

#### Allinson, Samuel [1739-1791], Compiler.

*Acts of the General Assembly of the Province of New-Jersey, from the Surrender of the Government to Queen Anne, on the 17th Day of April, in the Year of Our Lord 1702, to the 14th Day of January 1776. To Which is Annexed, The Ordinance for Regulating and Establishing the Fees of the Court of Chancery of the Said Province. With Three Alphabetical Tables, And an Index. Compiled and Published Under the Appointment of the General Assembly, And Compared with the Original Acts.* Burlington: Printed by Isaac Collins, 1776. viii, 493, [1], 6, 6, 4, 4, 3, [1], 15 pp. Folio (13" x 9").

Contemporary sheep, blind rules to boards, blind fillets along fore-edges, raised bands and lettering piece to spine. Rubbing with some wear to extremities, light scuffing to boards, a few small deeper scuffs to rear, joints just starting at ends, "1702-1776" in faint hand to center of spine, hinges cracked but secure. Toning, light browning in some places, faint waterstaining to margins near center of text block, occasional light foxing. Early owner signature (of Jedidiah Swan) to head of front free endpaper, occasional manuscript corrections to text (as in all copies), interior otherwise clean. \$750.

\* First edition. The last compilation of New Jersey's colonial-era laws, commonly referred to as Allinson's Laws, provides a portrait of life in New Jersey from 1702 to the landmark year, 1776. It addresses such topics as the regulation of ammunition, jails, constables, roads, conservation, corruption, marriage, militia and taxes. Isaac Collins was known for the excellence of his work. After the death of the appointed printer "to the King's Most Excellent Majesty" James Parker in 1770, Collins acquired Parker's business. He achieved additional renown in 1777 as the printer of *The New Jersey Gazette*, the first regularly published weekly newspaper in the state. As Felcone points out, all copies have manuscript corrections that were probably executed in Collins's shop. Due to shortages, the quality of the paper varied considerably from copy to copy, and all copies "exhibit differing degrees of foxing and browning with gathering to gathering.": Felcone, *New Jersey Books* 158. The "Jedidiah Swan" who owned this book is probably the notable Essex (now Union) County justice of the peace and Revolutionary War officer who lived in Westfield, New Jersey. Another man by this name, possibly his son, who lived from 1782 to 1811, was also a justice in that county. *The Charlemagne Tower Collection of Colonial Laws* 166.

## A Reference Listed in *Black's Law Dictionary*

### 21. Rex, Benjamin F.

#### McMillan, J[ason] H[enry], Editor.

*The Notaries' Manual, Containing Full Instructions as to Their Powers, Rights, Duties, And Liabilities Under the Laws of Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma and Texas; Together with All Necessary Forms, Including Forms for Taking Depositions and Acknowledgments Under the Laws of All the States and Territories and in the Federal Courts.* Kansas City, MO: Vernon Law Book Co., 1913. [iii], v-xvi, 326 pp.

Original buckram, red and black lettering pieces, and residue from owner label, to spine. Light soiling, some rubbing to extremities, internally clean. \$95.

\* Sixth edition. This book is included in the list of references of the recent editions of *Black's Law Dictionary* edited by Bryan Garner.



**"One of the  
Last of an Ancient Race"**

**22. Robinson, Benjamin Coulson [1812-1890].**

*Bench and Bar: Reminiscences of One of the Last of an Ancient Race.* London: Hurst and Blackett, 1894. xvi, 336 pp. Portrait frontispiece. Octavo (8" x 5").

Cloth, gilt title to spine, gilt device to front board. Light shelfwear, some darkening to spine, hinges starting, internally clean. \$25.

\* Serjeant Robinson offers a wealth of anecdotal information about the legal world of nineteenth-century London.

**Ancient Scottish Legal Terms**

**23. Skene, John [1543?-1617].**

*De Verborum Significatione: The Exposition of the Termes and Difficill Wordes, Contained in the Foure Buikes of Regiam Majestatem, and Uthers, In the Acts of Parliament, Infestments; And Used in Practique of this Realme; With Divers Rules, and Common Places, Or Principalles of the Lawes. 1681.* [Edinburgh: Alexander Smellie, Printer, c.1815]. [iii], 4-146 pp. Octavo (8-1/2" x 5").

Recent quarter calf over cloth, blind fillets and lettering piece to spine, endpapers renewed. Some toning, offsetting to margins of preliminaries, negligible foxing in a few places, chips to heads of a few leaves with no loss to text. Later owner annotation to front endleaf, later stamp (of Sandeman Library Perth) to title page, interior otherwise clean. \$250.

\* With side-notes. A useful reprint of this scarce 17th Century dictionary of legal terms in the Scottish dialect. Also published as an appendix to Bell's *Dictionary of the Law of Scotland*, this edition of Skene's dictionary reprints the text of the 1681 edition issued in Edinburgh by David Lindsay. Skene, a Scottish jurist and legal historian, is best known for his magisterial compilation *The Lawes and Actes of Parliament Maid be King James the First and His Successors, Kings of Scotland* (1597). The present volume, which was first published as an appendix to the *Lawes and Actes*, is a dictionary of ancient Scottish legal terms. Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth of Nations* 5:105.

**Copy of Staunford's *Plees and Kinges Prerogative*  
From the Library of an Important Nineteenth-Century New York Lawyer**

**24. Staunford, Sir William [1509-1558].**

*Les Plees del Coron, Divisees in Plusors Titles & Comen Lieux. Per Queux Home Plus Redement & Plenairement Trovera Quelque Chose quil Quira, Touchant les Dits Plees. Dernierment Corrigeé Avecques un Table Parfaicte des Choses Notables Contenues en Ycelle, Nouvelment Revue et Corrigeé.* [London]: In Aedibus Richardi Tottelli, 1574. [xiv], 198 ff. Table of contents interleaved.

**[Bound with]**

**Staunford, Sir William.**

*An Exposition of the Kinges Prerogative Collected Out of the Great Abridgement of Iustice Fitzherbert And Other Olde Writers of the Lawes of England. Whereunto is Annexed the Proces to the Same Prerogative Appertaining.* London: Imprinted...in Fleetestreate Within Temple Barre...By Richard Tottel, 1577. [i], 85 ff.

Quarto (7-1/4" x 5-1/4"). Contemporary calf with early rebacking, lettering piece to spine, early owner initials "S S" to center of boards, corners and hinges mended, title page of *Plees* mounted and re-hinged. Moderate rubbing with some wear to extremities, some worming to front board, front hinge partially cracked, armorial bookplate of William Curtis Noyes and residue from another bookplate to front pastedown. Title page of *Plees* printed within large woodcut architectural border, woodcut decorated initials to both works. Toning to text, occasional faint dampstaining to margins, some wear to edges of preliminaries, light soiling to title pages. Brief annotations in early chancery hand to preliminaries and interleaves of *Plees*, underlining in a few other places. A nice copy with an appealing association. \$1,750.

\* Later editions. First published in 1557, Staunford's *Plees* is considered a "principal book" by Pollock and Maitland, one that enables us "to trace our modern laws of crimes, from the later middle ages onwards." Based on Bracton and the Year Books, Staunford's treatise is divided into three parts. The first treats offences, the second treats jurisdiction, appeals, indictments, and defenses. The third addresses trials and convictions. *Plees* was written after Staunford was appointed judge of the common pleas in 1554. *Exposition of the Kinges Prerogative* was first published in 1567. It addresses discretionary rights enjoyed by the monarchy in foreign policy, domestic affairs, legal and governmental administration, religion and economic matters. Noyes [1805-1864] was a leading New York lawyer and a member of the commission formed to codify the state's laws, which resulted in the Field Codes. A man of extensive learning, he owned one of the finest law libraries in the United States. Pollock and Maitland, *The History of English Law* II:448. *English Short-Title Catalogue* S117813, S117817. Beale, *A Bibliography of Early English Law Books* T489, T492.

**Scarce English  
Embezzlement Trial**

**25. [Trial].**

**Hewlitt, John Churcher, Defendant.**

*The Trial of John Churcher Hewlitt, Acting Deputy Prothonotary of the Place-Court, At the Old Bailey, On Wednesday, April 14, 1813, on Charges Preferred by William Cruchley, Of John-Street, Bedford-Row, Attorney-at-Law, For Alleged Embezzlements of Moneys Arising from Fees of Office; On Seven Indictments, Upon All of Which he was Most Honourably Acquitted. Taken in Short-Hand.* London: Printed by Marchant and Galabin, 1813. [ii], 16 pp. Octavo (9" x 5-1/2").

Stab-stitched pamphlet. Light browning, several leaves unopened, internally clean. \$450.

\* Only edition. Hewlitt was accused of embezzlement by his employer, Cruchley. This appears to be a vindication of Hewlitt's honor and innocence. It may have been published at his expense or urging. OCLC locates 4 copies in North America, 2 in law libraries (Harvard and Social Law).

**Deluxe Folio  
Edition with 39 Color Portraits**

**26. [Vanity Fair].**

**Spy (Sir Leslie Ward [1851-1922]), and Others.**

*The Book of the Bench: With Thirty-Nine Reproductions in Color by "Spy" and Other Cartoonists.* London: James Mackenzie Limited, [1909]. Unpaginated. 39 tipped-in color portrait plates. Folio (13" x 10 1/2").

Original vellum, gilt title and figure of Lady Justice to front board and spine, top-edge gilt, deckle fore and bottom edges, silk tie detached. Some shelfwear and light soiling, corners and spine ends bumped, board slightly bowed, light toning to interior. Text printed on high-quality heavy stock. Early owner signature to front free endpaper, interior otherwise clean. \$600.

\* Deluxe folio edition. A marvelous collection of color portrait plates by Sir Leslie Ward, Carlo Pellegrini and others, each accompanied by a brief biography, were originally published in *Vanity Fair*. This is a deluxe folio edition produced by Henry Stone and Sons, Ltd.; the trade edition is a 9-1/2" x 11" quarto.

**Vanity Fair Portrays the Leading Figures of the Bench and Bar**

**27. [Vanity Fair].**

**Stuff (Assumed to be Pseudonym of  
Henry Charles Seppings-Wright [1850-1937]).**

*Bench and Bar: Supplement to Vanity Fair*, December 5, 1891.

Glazed and matted double sized 21" x 15" color lithograph in attractive 31" x 26" wooden frame, small brass plaque to center of bottom. A few minor nicks to frames, light toning to margins, colors vivid. \$650.

\* A superb portrayal of the British bench and bar when it included such men as Baron Pollock, Lord Chancellor Halsbury and Lord Justice Lindley. *Vanity Fair* was published weekly from 1869 to 1914. It is best-known today for its caricatures of notable people and satirical depictions of current events. With few exceptions these were produced by a series of artists under pseudonyms, most notably "Spy" and "Ape." Approximately 2,400 caricatures were published in all, mostly as single pages. *Vanity Fair* also published 21 special numbers with double-page prints. "Bench and Bar" was originally issued in one of these. The prints were also issued individually. The absence of a central vertical crease indicates that our copy is one of these. The identity of "Stuff" has never been determined, but he is generally believed to be Henry Charles Seppings-Wright.

**Remarks by the Recently  
Appointed President of the Supreme Court of Grenada**

**28. Vasco del Campo, Don Rafael.**

*Discurso Pronunciado en la Real Chancilleria de Granada el Dia 2 de Enero de 1802, por El Excmo. Sr. Don Rafael Vasco, Caballero del Orden de Santiago, y de las Reales Maestranzas de Ronda y Granada; Regidor Perpetuo del Aquel Ilustre Ayuntamiento; Teniente General de los Reales Exercitos; Gobernador y Capitan General del Exército, Costa y Reino de Granada, y Presidios Menores de Africa; Presidente de Esta Real Chancilleria, De la Junta de Reales Obras de la Plaza de Malaga, De la Mayor de Caminos de Este Reyno, Los de Cordoba y Jaen; Superintendente de los del Obispado de Malaga, Y de las de Sanidad Establecidas en el y su Costa; Inspector de las Companias de Invalidos, Las de Infanteria Fixa y Torreros del Distrito, Etc. Etc.* Granada: En la Imprenta de Moreno, [1803]. [iv], xix pp. Quarto (8" x 5-1/2").

Contemporary mottled sheep, gilt frames to boards. Light rubbing to extremities with minor wear to spine ends and corners, a few minor scuffs to boards, tiny manuscript label to rear cover, marbled endpapers, crack between front free endpaper and following endleaf, which is detached, text notably fresh. An attractive copy. \$250.

\* First edition. This book reproduces the text of a speech given by military leader Don Rafael Vasco del Campo shortly upon his elevation by the King of Spain to the Presidency of Granada's Supreme Court of Justice. Don Vasco, who distinguished himself in the service of the Spanish Crown in Mexico, proclaims his humility before the office of his charge, never before entrusted to a military man, and invokes education as an antidote to envy, hate, revenge and thoughts of theft, lies and deception. He also challenges the need for capital punishment and other legal injustices. During his short-lived presidency over Granada's highest court, the region enjoyed peace and a flowering of the arts, which ended with Napoleon's invasion of Spain and the subsequent popular uprisings against the Spanish Crown. No copies located on OCLC. Palau, *Manual del Librero Hispano-Americano* 353024.

### Early American Edition of Vattel's Classic Treatise

#### 29. 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. First American Edition, Corrected and Revised From the Latest London Edition. Translated from the French.* New York: Printed and Sold by Samuel Campbell, 1796. xlviii, [49]-563 pp. Octavo (7-1/2" x 4-1/2").

Contemporary sheep treated to look like tree calf, rebaked in period style with gilt fillets and original lettering piece, hinges mended. Light rubbing to extremities. Toning to text, occasional light foxing. Later small inkstamp to head of preface (a library shelf number?), interior otherwise clean. \$1,500.

\* "First" American edition, actually the second, based on the 1760 London edition. First published in 1758, this is one of the great treatises on international law. It was especially influential in America and was among the earliest law books reprinted there; the first American edition was published in New York in 1787. Jefferson ranked it with the works of Grotius, Pufendorf and Wolff. It was also cited more frequently than any other writer on international law in early U.S. courts. "*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, *The Great Jurists of the World* 479, 504. Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 7187.

### "One Hardly Knows in What Character to Approach It"

#### 30. Ware, Henry [1794-1843].

*The Law of Honor: A Discourse, Occasioned by the Recent Duel in Washington. Delivered March 4, 1838, In the Chapel of Harvard University, and in the West Church, Boston.* Cambridge: Folsom, Wells, and Thurston, 1838. 24 pp. Octavo (8-3/4" x 5-1/2").

Stab-stitched pamphlet, wrappers lacking. Faint vertical crease through center, one leaf at rear detached. Early owner initials to foot of title page, internally clean. \$50.

\* Ware, the Unitarian theologian and professor at Harvard Divinity School, was prompted to address dueling by the recent confrontation between congressmen William J. Graves and Jonathan Cilley, who took the fatal shot. "The criminality of that code of morals, whose court of justice is the field of single combat, is so mingled with folly, that one hardly knows in what character to approach it" (17). Sabin, *A Dictionary of Books Relating to America* 101387.

**Published Just  
Before the 1910-1911 Mexican Revolution and 1917 Civil War**

**31. Wheless, Joseph [1868-1950].**

*Compendium of the Laws of Mexico Officially Authorized by the Mexican Government: Containing the Federal Constitution, With All Amendments, and a Thorough Abridgment of All the Codes and Special Laws of Importance to Foreigners Concerned with Business in the Republic, All Accurately Translated into English, An Extensive Collective of Forms Both in Spanish and English, A Minute Index of all Matter Contained in the Text.* St. Louis: F.H. Thomas, 1910. Two volumes. lxxxv, [i], 521; [ii], 523-1048 pp.

Recent buckram, printed paper title labels to spine, endpapers renewed, internally clean. Ex-library. Small inkstamps to title pages. \$450.

\* First edition. This volume was published just before the revolution of 1910-11, which led to civil war and, in 1917, a revision of the Mexican Constitution of 1857. "The Work here presented to the public is the first venture into a highly interesting and important field--the business laws, as we may say, of the Republic of Mexico--the translation into English, in a thorough and accurate manner, of the *Corpus Juris Civilis* of the Nation *facile princeps* among Latin-American, Civil Law nations of the New World" (vii).



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