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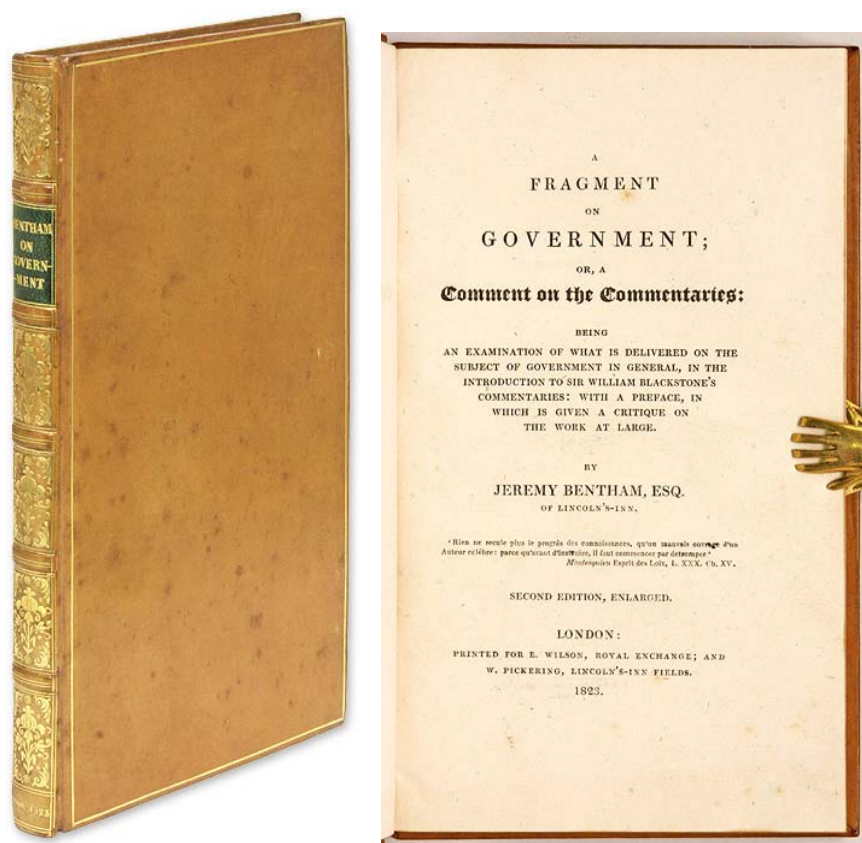
# Comprehensive Digest of the Laws of the Holy Roman Empire

## 1. Andler, Franz Friedrich von [1617-1703].

*Corpus Constitutionum Imperialium*, Das ist: Alle dess Heiligen Römischen Reichs Auffgerichte Reichs: Und Deputations Abschied/ Zusambt der Guldenen Bull/ Concordatis Germaniae, Reichs-Hoff-Raths- und Cammer-Gerichts- Auch Kayser Caroli V. Peinlicher Hals-Gerichts-Ordnung, Reichs-Matricul de Anno 1521 und Deren Enderung, Passawischen Vertrag, Wie Nicht Weniger dem Pragerischen und Munsterischen Frieden-Schluss u. Kayserl. Wahl-Capitulation; Dem Alphabet Nach, In Gute Ordnung Gebracht, Dass Jede Materi, Aus allen Solchen Constitutionen Ausgezogen, Auf Einmal Gantz Bysammen Gefunden Werden Kann. Regensburg: Gedruckt in Leonhardt Christophen Lochners Buch-Druckerey, 1675. [viii], 1457 pp. Main title page preceded by copperplate pictorial title page. Two tables, one misbound after p. 796 rather than before p. 877. Folio (12-3/4" x 8").

Contemporary speckled vellum, blind rules to boards, raised bands and lettering piece to spine. Some rubbing to extremities, minor chipping to head of spine, corners bumped, joints just starting at ends, pictorial title page mounted, early repair to lower corner of title page. Woodcut head-pieces and decorated initials. Some toning, internally clean. \$2,500.

\* Second edition. Andler was a state official in Schwarzenberg and a counselor to the Holy Roman Emperor. First published in 1673, *Corpus Constitutionum Imperialium* is a comprehensive digest of the laws governing the Holy Roman Empire. Later editions were published in 1700 and 1704. All are scarce in North America. OCLC locates no copies of the first edition, 2 of the second (at Harvard and Yale Law Schools), 2 of the third (at Harvard and UC-Berkeley Law Schools) and no copies of the fourth. The two tables in the second edition are usually bound so they fold out, but they are not bound that way in our copy. *British Museum Catalogue* (Compact Edition) 1:648. [Order This Item](#)



**Notably Handsome Copy  
of Bentham's *Fragment on Government***

**2. Bentham, Jeremy [1748-1832].**

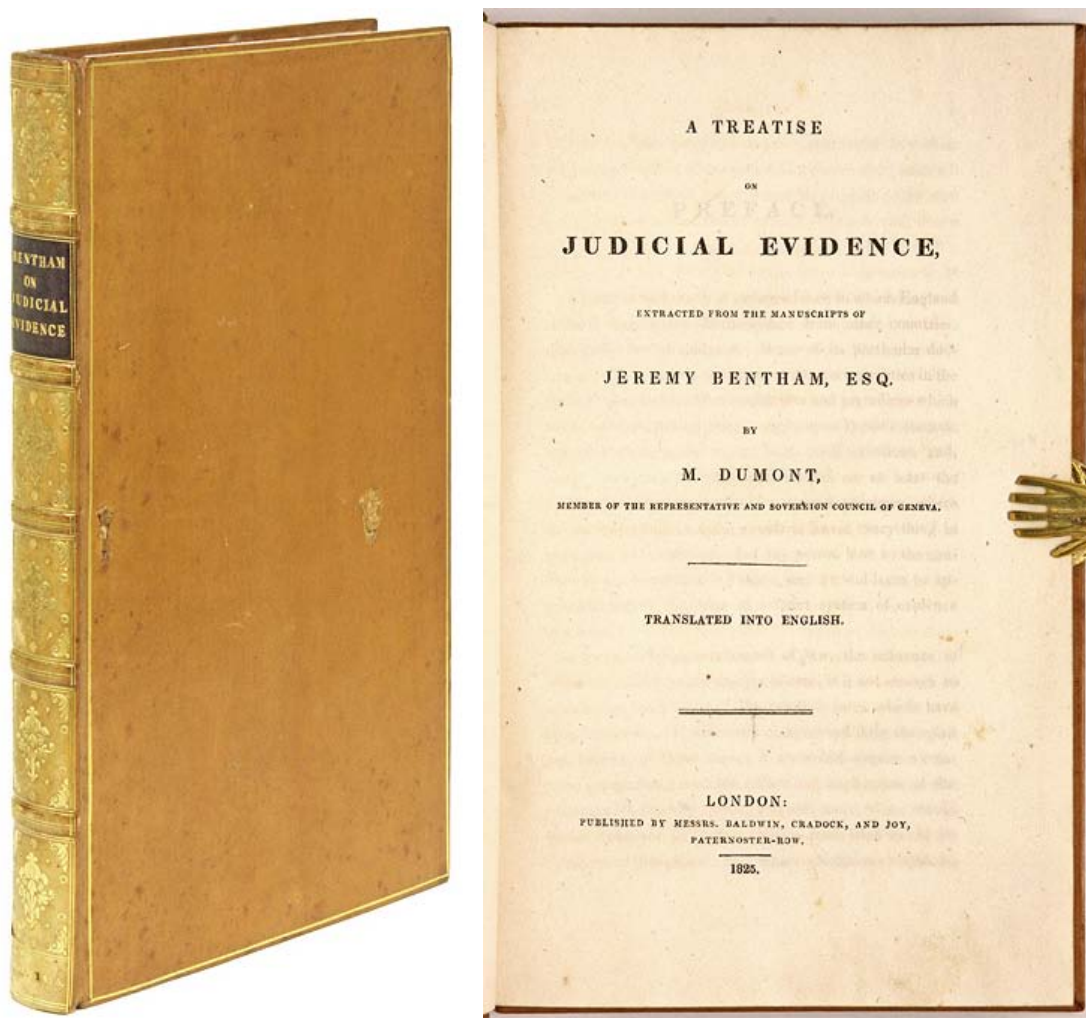
*A Fragment on Government; Or, A Comment on the Commentaries: Being an Examination of What is Delivered on the Subject of Government in General, In the Introduction to Sir William Blackstone's Commentaries: With a Preface, In Which is Given a Critique on the Work at Large.*

London: Printed for E. Wilson, Royal Exchange: And W. Pickering, Lincoln's-Inn Fields, 1823. xii, lii, 143 pp. Octavo (8-1/2" x 5").

Later calf, gilt rules to boards, gilt spine with raised bands and lettering piece, gilt tooling to board edges. Some spotting to boards, negligible light fading to spine, corners lightly bumped, armorial bookplate to front pastedown, light toning to text. A notably handsome copy. \$600.

\* Second edition, enlarged. With the preface of the first edition. First published in 1776, Bentham's trenchant analysis of contemporary legal and political ideas offered the first significant criticism of Blackstone. "If it were nothing more, it would have no interest for later generations, which do not regard Blackstone as an authority upon speculative questions of politics or history, and therefore do not need to have Blackstone's theories corrected or disproved. But in criticizing Blackstone's views, Bentham necessarily expounds his own. As Bentham is one of the few English writers of mark upon the theory of political institutions, and as his doctrine forms a link in the chain of English political philosophy, we still read the *Fragment of Government* in order to see, not how far Blackstone was wrong, but how far Bentham was right": Montague, "Introduction" in Bentham, *A Fragment of Government* (Oxford, 1891) 59. Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* II:27. Laeuchli, *A Bibliographical Catalog of William Blackstone* 578.

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**First English Edition of  
Bentham's *Treatise on Judicial Evidence***

**3. Bentham, Jeremy [1748-1832].**

**Dumont, [Etienne] [1759-1829], Editor.**

*A Treatise on Judicial Evidence. Extracted from the Manuscripts of Jeremy Bentham by Dumont. Translated into English.* London: Published by Messrs. Baldwin, Cradock, and Joy, 1825. xvi, 366 pp. Octavo (9-1/2" x 6").

Later calf, gilt rules to boards, gilt spine with raised bands and lettering piece, gilt tooling to board edges. Two small scuffs and some faint spotting to boards, negligible light fading to spine, corners lightly bumped, armorial bookplate to front pastedown. Light toning to text, somewhat heavier in places, foxing and smudges to a few leaves. \$500.

\* First English edition. "The publication in 1825 of an English translation of Dumont's French version of Bentham's *Theory of Judicial Evidence* marks an epoch both in law and the literature on the subject. Mill rightly regarded Bentham's labours in this branch of the law as the most important and the most beneficent of all his undertakings." Holdsworth, *Sources and Literature of English Law* 121. Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 2:29.

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Two Scarce Sixteenth-Century  
Italian Works on Roman and Canon Law

4. Bero, Agostino [1474-1554].

Thomasius, Joannes, Editor.

*Quaestiones Familiars: Pragmaticis Percommodaes*. Venice: Apud Io. Antonium Bertanum, 1574. [lxxii], 445, [3] pp.

[Bound with]

Marzari, Francesco.

*In Materiam Fideicomissariam Epitome Francisci Marzarii Vicentini Iurisconsulti ac in Rot. Genuens. Bononiens. Florentina Quondam Auditoris Integerrimi*. Venice: Apud Vincentium Vianum, 1574. [viii], 67, [1] pp.

Octavo (6" x 4"). Contemporary vellum, early hand-lettered title to spine. Some soiling, a few minor stains, light rubbing to extremities, vellum beginning to crack through front and rear pastedowns, hinges cracked, text block secure. Moderate toning to text, faint dampstaining to margins of a few leaves, internally clean. Nice copies of two scarce titles. \$1,500.

\* Bero, Later edition; Marzari, first edition. *Quaestiones Familiars* was first published in Bologna with title *Familiars Quaestiones*. Its 136 *quaestiones* deal mostly with Roman or canon law. Whatever the topic, most of Bero's authorities come from canon law. A durable work, it went through five editions, the last in 1629. As indicated by its title, Marzari's treatise addresses the Roman law of fideicommissum, the request by a testator to any person who benefited by his will or intestacy to give certain objects to a third party. Both titles are scarce, especially Marzari's. OCLC locates 3 copies in North America, all of the 1574 edition (UT-Austin Ransom Library, Harvard and UC-Berkeley Law Schools). *Censimento Nazionale Delle Edizioni Italiane del XVI Secolo* CNCE5561 (Bero); CNCE38579 (Marzari).

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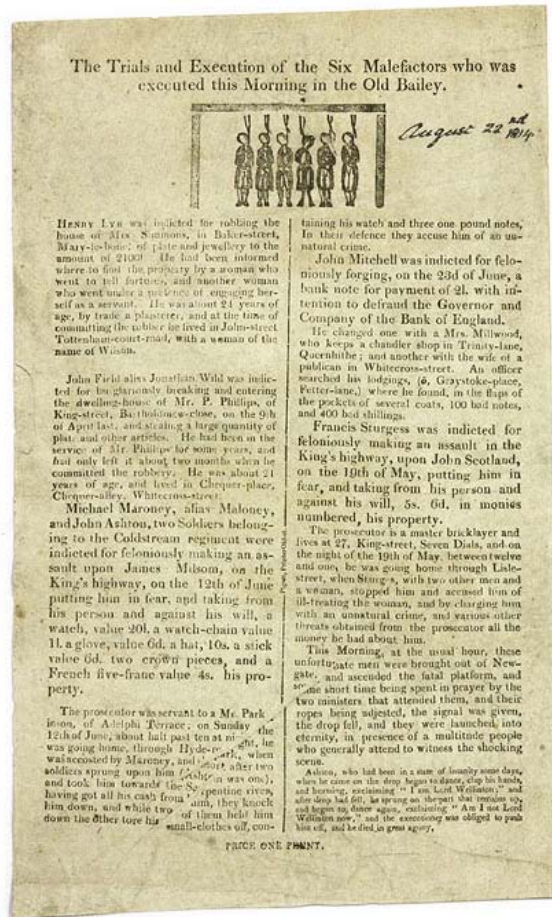
**Blackstone's  
Commentaries, Eller 26/Laeuchli 33**

**5. Blackstone, Sir William [1723-1780].  
Christian, Sir Edward [d. 1823], Editor.**

*Commentaries on the Laws of England, In Four Books. With the Last Corrections of the Author: And with Notes and Additions.* London: Printed by A. Strahan for T. Cadell and W. Davies, 1803. Four volumes. Copperplate frontispiece portrait, table of consanguinity, folding table of descents. Octavo (8-1/2" x 5-1/2").

Contemporary calf, blind fillets to boards, raised bands and lettering pieces to spines. Moderate rubbing to spines and extremities, corners bumped, joints starting (or just starting), some hinges cracked, rear board of Volume 2 beginning to separate but still quite secure, contemporary copperplate armorial bookplate (of John Monins) to front pastedown. Light toning to text, negligible foxing in a few places in each volume, interiors otherwise clean. A nice set. \$1,000.

\* Fourteenth edition. Paging irregular, following Blackstone's paging in margin. "Since the publication of the thirteenth edition, 1800, Christian had become Chief Justice of the Isle of Ely, and the Downing professor of the laws of England in the University of Cambridge. These titles appear on title pages of this fourteenth edition, in which his notes are printed as footnotes": Eller, *The William Blackstone Collection in the Yale Law Library* 26. Laeuchli, *A Bibliographical Catalog of William Blackstone* 33. [Order This Item](#)



### Unrecorded 1814 London Execution Broadside

#### 6. [Broadside]. [Executions].

*The Trials and Execution of the Six Malefactors Who was [sic] Executed This Morning in the Old Bailey.* [London]: Pigott, Printer, Old-St[reet], [c.1814].

13-3/4" x 8-1/2" broadside with recent archival-paper backing. Woodcut execution scene depicting six bodies hanging from a gallows below headline. Text in two columns. Light browning and negligible light soiling, a few minor creases with negligible loss to text (due to a printing flaw), "August 22nd 1814" in contemporary hand to right of woodcut. A well-preserved copy. \$2,500.

\* This is the only known copy of this gallows broadside recording six simultaneous executions in London on 22 August 1814, a capital display excessive even for that noose-happy age. Henry Lye and John Field, burglars, Michael Maroney, John Ashton, and Francis Sturgess, highwaymen, and John Mitchell, forger, all met their end with a single drop from the gibbet, and the broadside memorializing them is illustrated with a crude woodcut of the six malefactors after their launch into eternity. Each went relatively without incident, save Ashton, who had been in a state of insanity some days. When he came on the drop he began to dance, clap his hands, and, huzzaing, exclaimed "I am Lord Wellington." After drop had fallen, he sprang up onto the platform, began to dance again and exclaimed, "am I not Lord Wellington now?" The executioner was obliged to push him off, and he died in great agony. [Order This Item](#)





"Horrid and Barbarous  
Murder Committed at Stapleton"

7. [Broadside].

[Murder].

[Bartlett, Charles S. (d. 1837)].

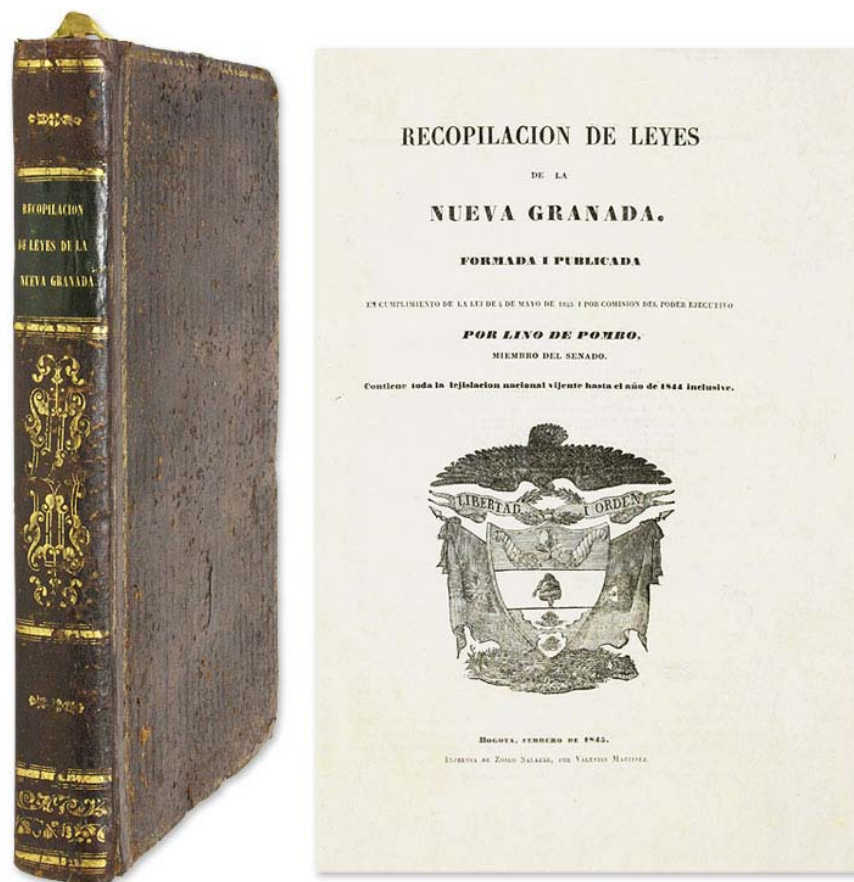
[Lewis, Mary (d. 1836)].

*Full Particulars of the Murder, That was Committed on the Body of Mary Lewis, By Charles S. Bartlett, her Son-in-Law, On Saturday, September 10, 1836. With the Copies of Two Letters, That he Wrote to his Wife and Father-in-Law; Also Giving an Account of the Funeral of the Murdered Woman.* Bristol: John Bonner, [c.1837].

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

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





**The "Celebrated"  
First Digest of the Laws of Colombia**

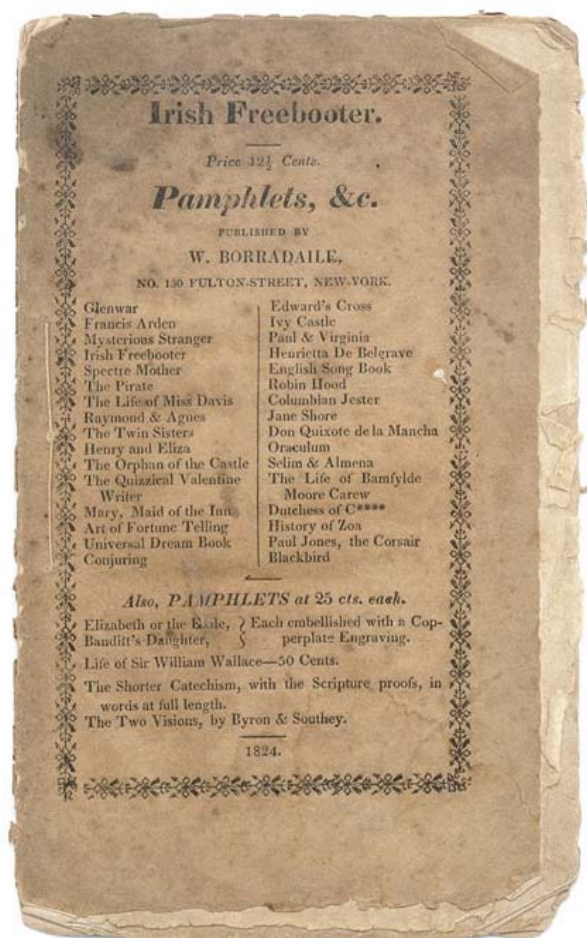
**8. [Colombia].**

**Pombo, Lino de [1797-1862], Editor.**

*Recopilacion de Leyes de la Nueva Granada, Formada I Publicada en Cumplimiento de la Lei de 4 de Mayo de 1843 I por Comision del Poder Ejecutivo por Lino de Pombo, Miembro del Senado. Contiene Toda la Lejislacion Nacional Vijente Hasta el Ano de 1844 Inclusive.* Bogota: Imprenta de Zoilo Salazar, Por Valentin Martinez, Febrero 1845. [iv], xxvi, 541 pp. Text in parallel columns. Folio (12" x 8").

Contemporary calf, gilt fillets to boards, lettering piece and gilt ornaments to spine, ribbon markers, marbled endpapers. Some rubbing with wear to spine ends and corners. Large woodcut arms of Colombia to title page, internally fresh. \$1,250.

\* This is the first digest of Colombia's laws since the nation became independent in 1821. It also includes the texts of treaties with England, the United States, France, and the Netherlands (with parallel translations). "By virtue of the laws of May 4, 1843 and June 12, 1844 the Congress of New Grenada [Colombia] specified the statutes then in force and ordered their compilation, a task which was entrusted to senator Lino de Pombo. This celebrated collection, popularly known as the *Recopilacion Granadina*, contained the extant legislation from 1821 to 1844 inclusive, arranged under appropriate headings, and was a work of high merit for its time": Backus and Eder, *A Guide to the Laws of Colombia* 125. [Order This Item](#)



### The Spirit of Robin Hood

#### 22. [Criminals].

[Ireland].

O'Hanlon, Redmond.

*Irish Freebooter; Or, Surprising Adventures of Captain Redmond O'Hanlan, a Celebrated Robber, Who, For Many Years Commanded a Banditti, And Laid a Considerable Part of the Country Under Annual Contributions. Together with the Life and Adventures of Humphrey Kynaston, Who, After Spending a Splendid Fortune Commenced Robber [sic], And Supported Hundreds of the Poor, By Depredations on the Rich.* New York: Published by W. Borradaile, 1823. 22 pp. Woodcut frontispiece. Octavo (7-3/4" x 4-1/4").

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

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





**Three Treatises on  
Ecclesiastical Patronage**

**9. Curtius, Rochus [fl. 1470-1515].**

**Cittadini, Paolo [d. 1525].**

**Nilsson, Jens [1538-1600].**

*Iurispatronatus Tractatus et Flores: In Quibus Continentur Omnia ea Quae ad Illam Materiam Spectant.* Lyons: Apud Petrum Landry, 1573. [xxxvi], 879 pp. Octavo (7" x 4-1/2").

Contemporary limp vellum with lapped edges, recently re-cased, early hand-lettered title to spine. Light rubbing to extremities, light soiling and a few minor stains, spine darkened. Large woodcut printer device, woodcut decorated initials. Some toning to text, faint dampstaining to head of text block in a few places. Early owner signature to title page, early markings in pen to a few leaves, interior otherwise clean. \$1,950.

\* Only edition (in this form), one of two issues from 1573 (the other printed by Charles Pesnot). This volume collects three notable canon-law treatises dealing with ecclesiastical patronage. All three were published previously, but our copy appears to be the only one to collect all three. OCLC locates 8 copies of both issues, 1 in North America (at the Library of Congress). Adams, *Catalogue of Books Printed on the Continent of Europe* C3116. [Order This Item](#)

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**Darrow Listening to Testimony**

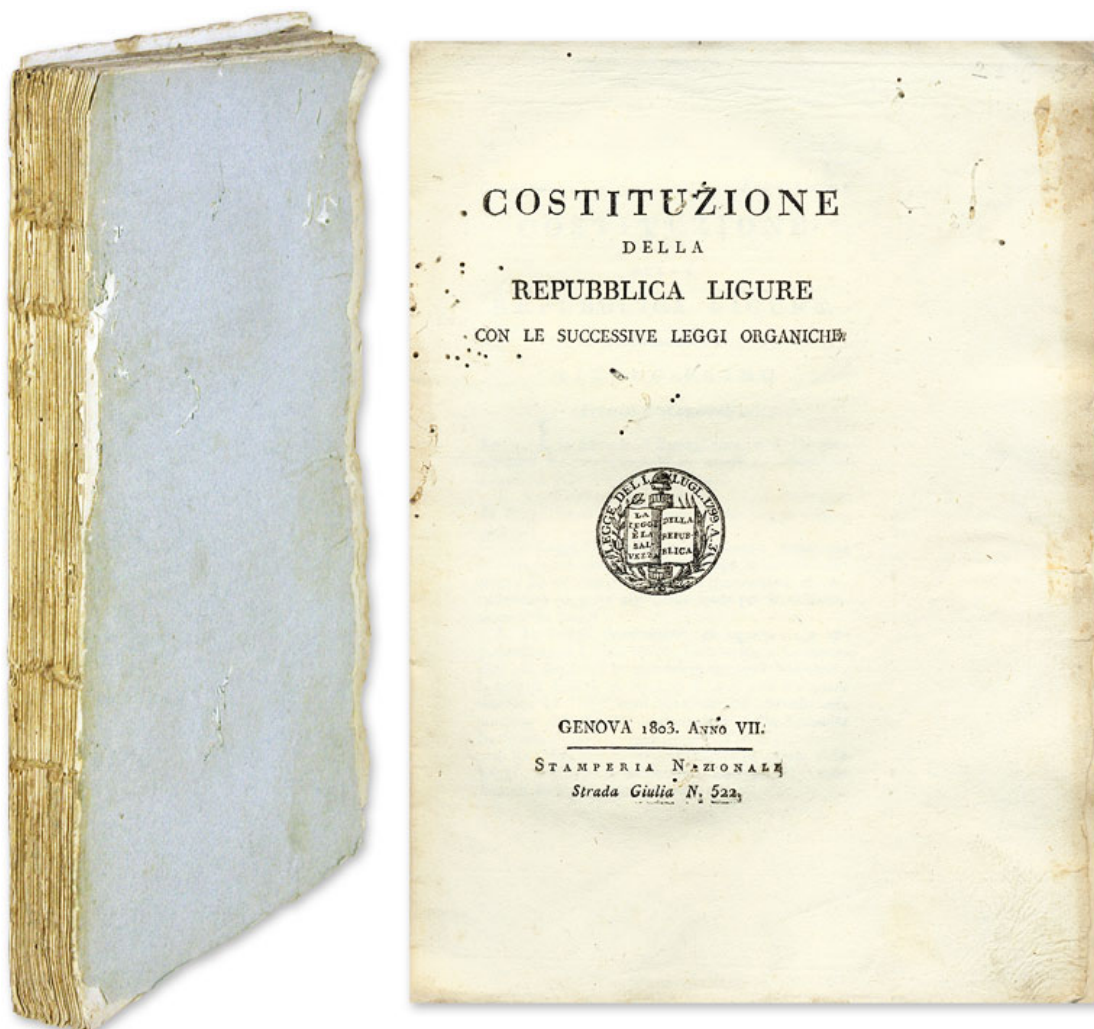
**10. Darrow, Clarence [1857-1938].**

[7" x 9" Black-and-White Portrait Press Photograph of Darrow at a Session of the NRA Review Board]. [New York: The Associated Press, May 23, 1934].

A few minor creases, annotation, stamp and pasted caption to verso. \$150.

\* The caption reads: "Clarence Darrow's review board of the NRA shown in session in Washington, May 23, as they continued with their hearings. From left to right: William O. Thompson of Chicago; Fred P. Mann of North Dakota; Charles E. Russell; And Clarence Darrow." [Order This Item](#)





**Constitution and Laws of a  
Short-Lived Italian Client State Established by Napoleon**

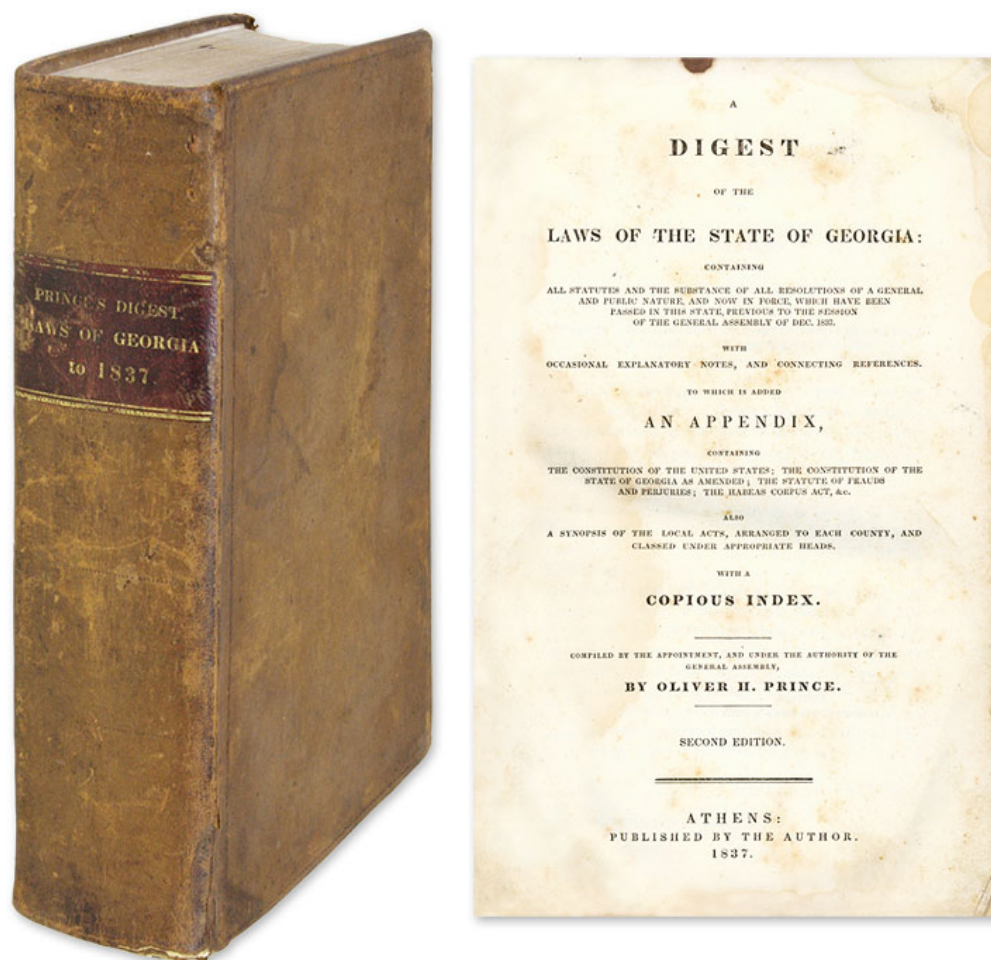
**11. [Genoa (Republic)].  
[Ligurian Republic].**

*Costituzione della Repubblica Ligure con le Successive Leggi Organiche*. Genoa: Stamperia Nazionale, 1803. 203, [1] pp. Several unopened signatures. Quarto (8-1/2" x 6").

Original plain publisher wrappers, untrimmed edges. Light soiling to exterior, backstrip perished, a few signatures partially detached, remainder of text secure, minor worming to wrappers and parts of text with no damage to legibility. Light toning to text, internally clean. A solid copy. \$500.

\* Only edition. The Ligurian Republic was a short-lived French client state formed by Napoleon on 14 June 1797. It consisted of the old Republic of Genoa and the small Imperial fiefs owned by the House of Savoy inside its territory. Its first Constitution was promulgated on 22 December 1797, establishing a directorial republic dedicated to "Liberta," "Eguaglianza" and "Rappresentanza Nazione." It was annexed by France in June 1805. No copies listed on OCLC. Not in the *British Museum Catalogue*. [Order This Item](#)

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### Prince's Digest

#### 12. [Georgia].

Prince, Oliver H., Compiler.

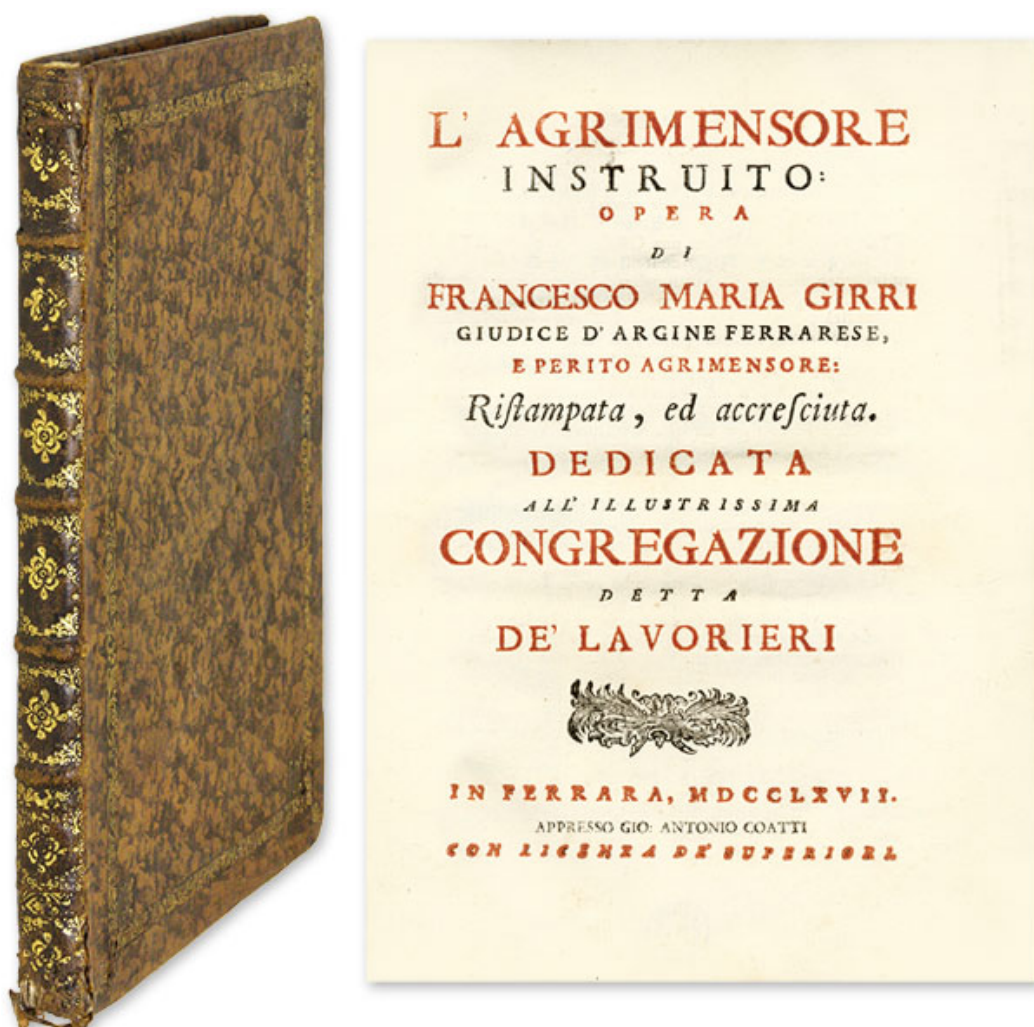
*A Digest of the Laws of the State of Georgia: Containing all Statutes and the Substance of all Resolutions of a General and Public Nature, and Now in Force, Which have Been Passed in This State, Previous to the Session of the General Assembly of Dec. 1837. With Occasional Explanatory Notes, And Connecting References. To Which is Added an Appendix, Containing the Constitution of the United States, The Constitution of the State of Georgia as Amended, The Statute of Frauds and Perjuries, The Habeas Corpus act, &c. Also a Synopsis of the local Acts, Arranged to Each County, And Classed Under Appropriate Heads. With a Copious Index.* Athens: Published by the Author, 1837. 1046 pp. Octavo (9" x 5-1/2").

Contemporary sheep, blind fillets to boards, lettering piece and blind fillets to spine. Some rubbing to boards and extremities, shallow scuffing to rear board, recent owner bookplate to front pastedown. Some toning, foxing to portions of text, faint dampstaining to preliminaries and rear endleaves, internally clean. \$450.

\* Second edition. Known as "Prince's Digest," this important early digest of public and general laws, with a small digest of local laws was originally published in 1822. Its very useful source with a thorough index. *Catalogue of the Wymberley Jones De Renne Georgia Library* II:455-56. Babbitt, *Hand-List of Legislative Sessions and Session Laws* 87.

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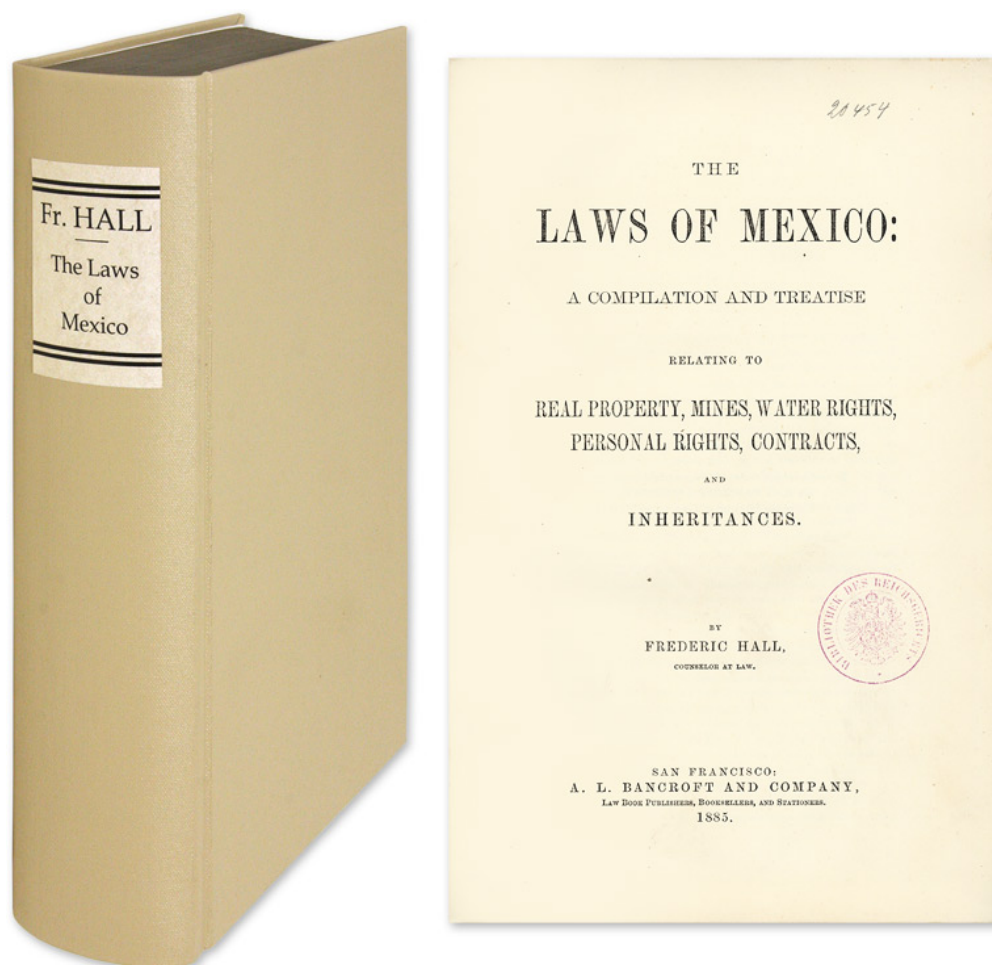
**Rare Italian Treatise  
on the Evaluation of Real Estate**

**13. Girri, Francesco Maria [1707-1771].**

*L'Agrimensore Instruito. Ristampata, Ed Accresciuta.* Ferrara: Appresso Gio. Antonio Coatti, 1767. [xvi], 180 pp. Quarto (9-1/2" x 7").

Contemporary mottled sheep, gilt fillets to boards, gilt spine with raised bands, patterned endpapers. Light rubbing to extremities, chipping to spine ends, corners bumped and lightly worn, partial crack in text block between front free endpaper and half-title. Title page printed in red and black, woodcut head-pieces and decorated initials. Moderate toning to text, occasional light foxing. Tiny private (?) library stamp to verso of title page, early owner annotations to verso of front free endpaper, underlining and notes in later pencil to a few leaves. A handsome copy. \$1,500.

\* Second and final edition, enlarged. First published in Venice in 1758, this is a treatise on legal aspects of surveying and the evaluation of real property as practiced in the Republic of Venice. The second edition was reissued in 1777. All of these issues are rare. OCLC locates 1 copy of the second edition in North America (at the University of Illinois), 3 of the first (at Trinity College, Hartford, University of Michigan and Yale Law School) and none of the second edition reissue. Not in the *British Museum Catalogue*. [Order This Item](#)



**Nineteenth-Century Guide  
to Mexican Law for American Businessmen**

**15. Hall, Frederic.**

*The Laws of Mexico: A Compilation and Treatise Relating to Real Property, Mines, Water Rights, Personal Rights, Contracts, and Inheritances.* cxxiv, 840 pp. San Francisco: A.L. Bancroft and Company, 1885. Octavo (9" x 6").

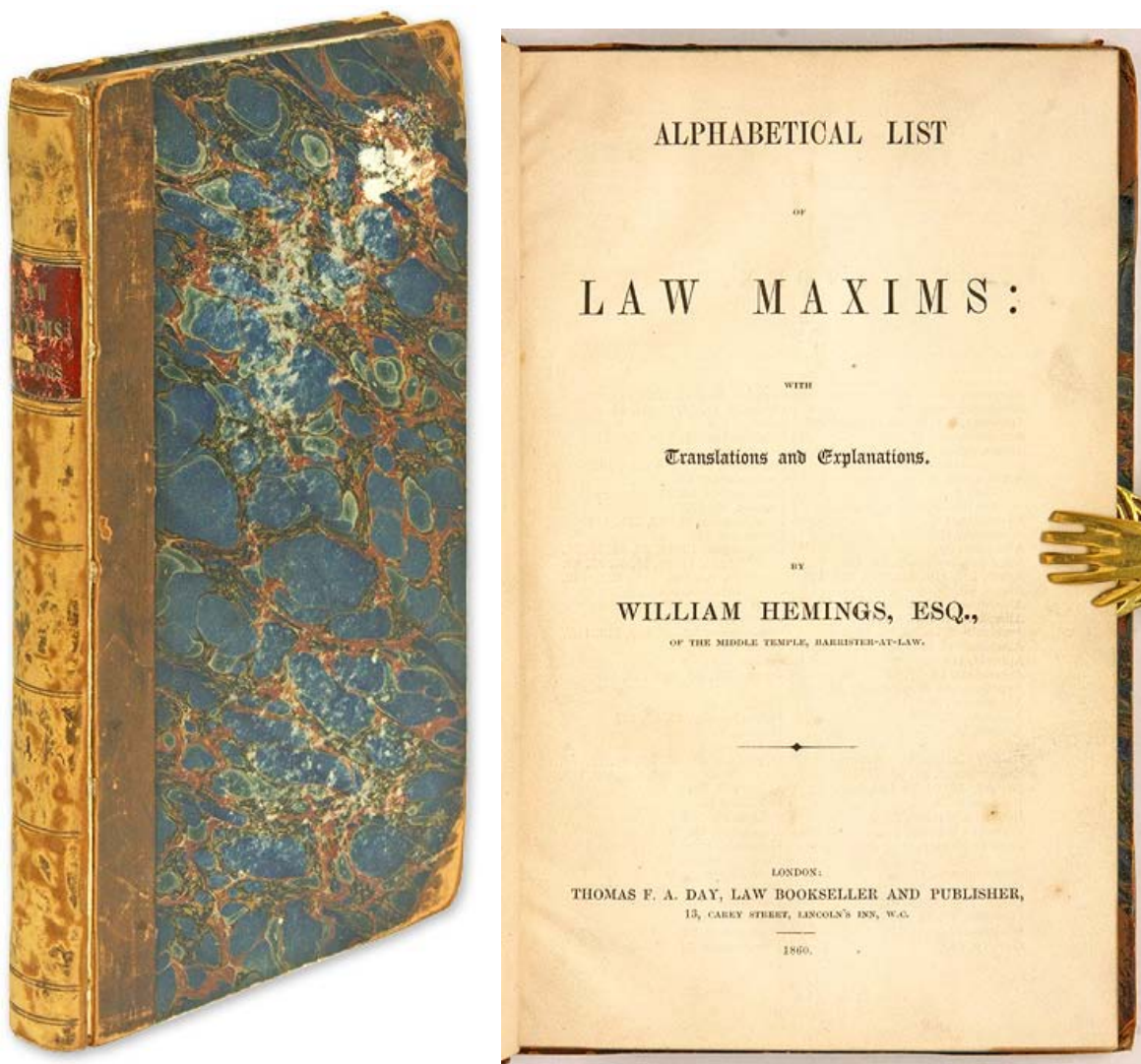
Recent tan buckram, printed paper title to spine, endpapers renewed. Light toning to text, minor wear to fore-edges of preliminaries, internally clean. Ex-library, Small inkstamp to title page. A solid copy. \$350.

\* Only edition, first issue. "The author and compiler undertook this work for the purpose of furnishing the profession in the United States what seemed to him a deficiency or a necessity. The difficulties which have presented themselves in the territories ceded to the United States by Mexico relative to the rights pertaining to real estate have been exceedingly great. There are many questions arising under Mexican laws in said territories yet unsettled and innumerable ones must necessarily arise by virtue of the increase of trade, of progress, and of the transfer of property within the present domain of the Republic of Mexico" (Preface). The second issue contains a translation of the 1885 Mining Code of the Mexican United States. It is not included in the first issue. Not in the *Harvard Law Catalogue*.

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**A Rare Nineteenth-Century  
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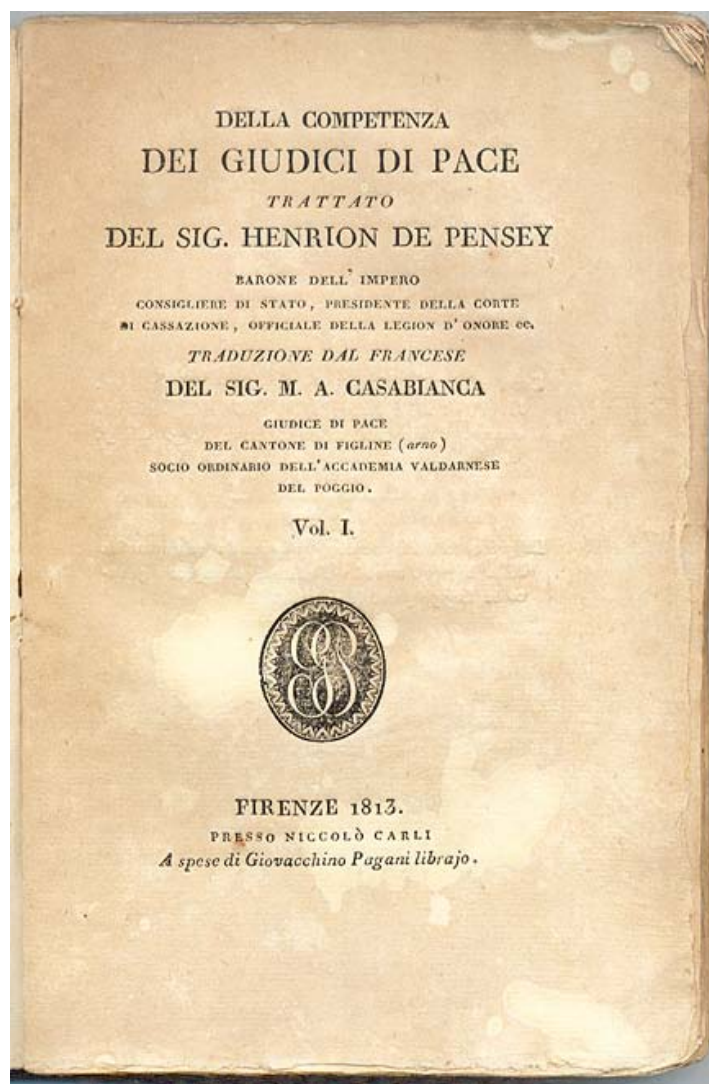
**16. Hemings, William.**

*Alphabetical List of Law Maxims: With Translations and Explanations.* London: Thomas F.A. Day, Law Bookseller and Publisher, 1860. iv, 140 pp. Blank interleaves. Octavo (8-1/4" x 5-1/4").

Contemporary three-quarter calf over marbled boards, lettering piece and blind fillets to spine. Moderate rubbing to boards, heavier rubbing to extremities and spine with wear to spine ends and corners, joints cracked, hinges starting. Moderate toning to text, early owner signature to front free endpaper. \$750.

\* Only edition. Hemings was a barrister of the Middle Temple. His detailed entries include translations (as appropriate), glosses and historical authorities. The book is prefaced by an interesting essay that discusses "definitions of maxims-whence maxims derived," "civil law maxims," "maxims in French," "maxims in equity," "exceptions to maxims," "books treating of maxims" and "the maxims with illustrations and their applications, and the maxims merely." The book includes a useful index of topics. OCLC locates 5 copies, 1 in a law library (UT-Austin). Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 2:163. [Order This Item](#)

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**Early Italian Edition of a Notable French JP Manual**

**17. Henrion De Pansey [Pensey],  
Pierre Paul Nicolas, Baron [1742-1829].  
Casabianca, M.A., Translator.**

*Della Competenza dei Giudici di Pace.* Florence: Presso Niccolò Carli, 1813. Two volumes. Octavo (7-1/2" x 5").

Original plain publisher wrappers, untrimmed edges. Moderate rubbing and faint stains to wrappers, backstrips perished, binding secure. Light browning to interior, faint dampspotting in places, internally clean. \$450.

\* Second Italian edition, a translation of the second French edition, 1812. *De la Competence des Juges de Paix* (Paris, 1805) was the first manual based on the Code Napoleon and a standard work for many years. The transfer of French law to Italy during the Napoleonic era created a need for this translation with occasional notes to reflect local practice. Casabianca was justice of the peace in Figline Valdarno, a province in Tuscany near Florence. OCLC locates 1 copy of this edition (at the *Bibliothèque Nationale de France*). Not in the *British Museum Catalogue* or *Servizio Bibliotecario Nazionale (SBN)*. [Order This Item](#)

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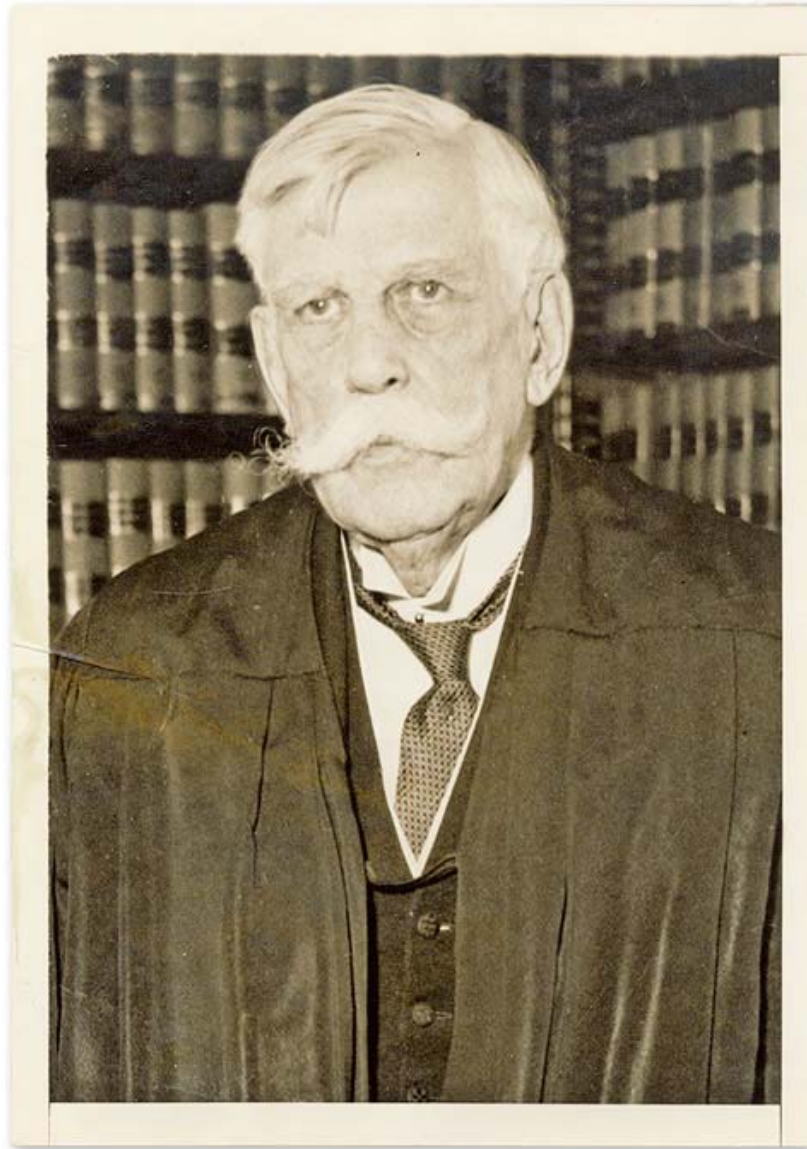
**Holmes Near the End of His Life**

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

[5" x 7" *Black-and-White Press Photograph of Holmes*]. [New York]: Associated Press, [n.d.].

A few minor wrinkles, caption at foot of image, stamp and annotation to verso. \$50.

\* This is a later reprinting of an image from 1934 (date taken from annotation). [Order This Item](#)



**"Former Supreme Court Justice Seriously Ill"**

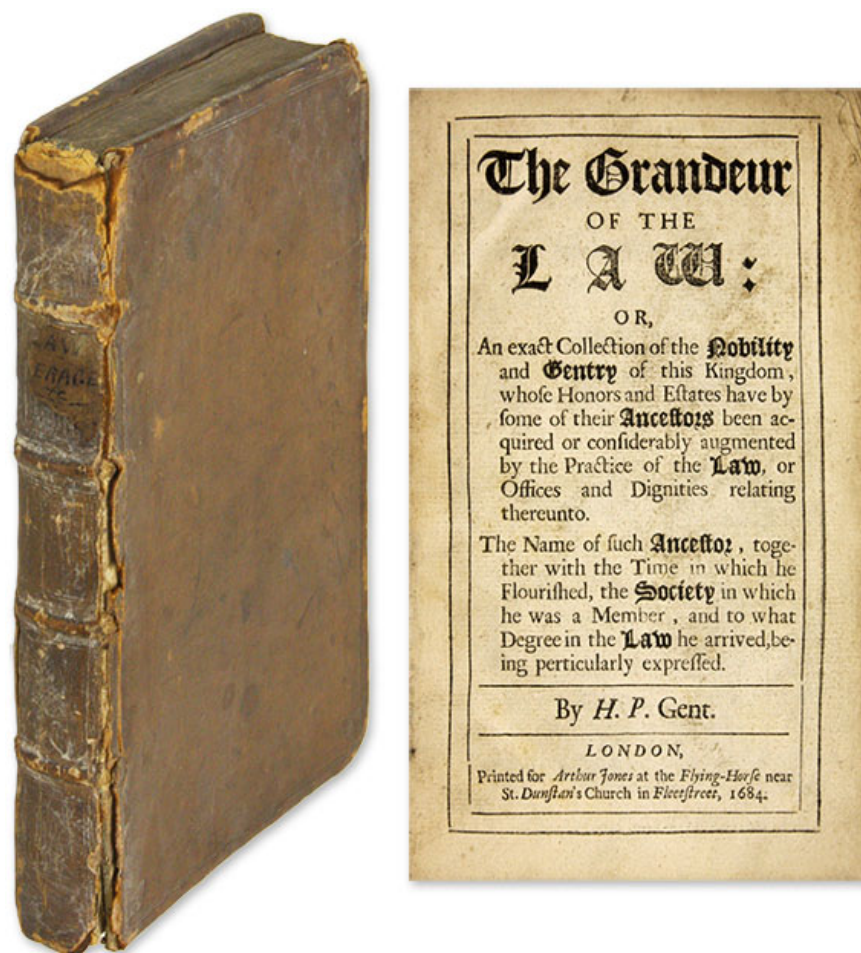
**19. Holmes, Oliver Wendell.**

[5" x 7" *Black-and-White Press Photograph of Holmes*]. [(New York): International News Photos, March 1, 1935].

Light crinkling to edges, stamps, annotations and tipped-in caption to verso. \$150.

\* The caption reads: "Former Supreme Court Justice Seriously Ill. Washington D.C.....The venerable Oliver Wendell Holmes, for twenty-nine years a liberal member of the United States Supreme Court, who is gravely ill at his home here. Mr. Holmes was suddenly stricken with bronchial pneumonia. Mr. Holmes will be ninety-four years old on March 8th." [Order This Item](#)





A Blend of Martindale-Hubbell and *Burke's Peerage*

14. H.P., Gent. [Henry Philipps].

*The Grandeur of the Law: Or, An Exact Collection of the Nobility and Gentry of this Kingdom, Whose Honors and Estates Have by Some of Their Ancestors Been Acquired or Considerably Augmented by the Practice of the Law or Offices and Dignities Relating Thereunto. The Name of Such Ancestor, Together with the Time in Which he Flourished, The Society in Which He was a Member, And to What Degree in the Law He Arrived, Being Particularly Expressed.* London: Printed for Arthur Jones, 1684. [viii], 276, [12] pp. (last leaf blank). Lacking copperplate portrait frontispiece (of Francis, Lord Guilford, Lord Keeper of the Great Seal, to whom the work is dedicated. Octavo (6-1/4" x 3-1/2").

Contemporary calf, blind rules to boards, raised bands and fragment of early hand-lettered title label to spine. Some rubbing to extremities with wear to spine ends and corners, corners worn, front joint cracked, rear joint starting, front pastedown loose, rear pastedown detached. Light soiling to title page, light toning to text. Early owner signature to front free endpaper, interior otherwise clean. \$200.

\* First edition. A work that combines elements of the Martindale-Hubbell directory and *Burke's Peerage*, this is a biographical dictionary of eminent lawyers who became members of the nobility, or achieved higher ranks as nobles, due to their legal careers. A second edition was published in 1685. There is no evidence that the frontispiece was removed. It is possible that some copies were issued without one. Sowerby, *Catalogue of the Library of Thomas Jefferson* 413. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R30532. [Order This Item](#)



A Set of Statutes from 1808 Restricting  
the Rights of Frankfurt's Jewish Community

20. [Jews].  
[Germany].  
[Frankfurt].

*Neue Stättigkeits- Und Schutz-Ordnung der Judenschaft zu Frankfurt am Main, Deren Verfassung, Verwaltung, Rechte und Verbindlichkeiten Betreffend, Wie Solche von Seiner Jetzt Glorreich Regierenden Hoheit des Souverainen Fürsten Primas der Rheinischen Conföderation Festgesetzt und Sanktionirt Worden ist.* Frankfurt: Varrentrapp und Wenner, 1808. 40 pp. Quarto (7-1/2" x 6-1/2").

Stab-stitched pamphlet bound into twentieth-century quarter cloth over marbled boards. Light rubbing to extremities with negligible wear to spine ends and corners. Light browning to text, light soiling to title page and p. 40. Ex-library. Small shelf label to foot of front board, small inkstamps of *Das Institut zur Erforschung der Judenfrage* to verso of title page. \$750.

\* Frankfurt's Jewish ghetto was home to one of Germany's largest Jewish communities. Jewish emancipation in Frankfurt was instituted during the Napoleonic period through the efforts of Grand Duke Karl von Dalberg. His reforms included freedom to live outside the ghetto, provoked a backlash. A backlash from city, the *Neue Stättigkeits- Und Schutz-Ordnung der Judenschaft* attempted to reverse Dahlberg's reforms and reestablish the ghetto. Our copy belonged to *Das Institut zur Erforschung der Judenfrage* (Institute for Study of the Jewish Question), a Nazi political institution in Frankfurt that supported anti-Semitic scholarly and propagandistic programs. It was also the depository for books, Torah scrolls and other materials looted from Jewish libraries and institutions in Germany and the territories it occupied. OCLC locates 6 copies in North America, 2 in law libraries (Harvard, Library of Congress).

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**A Prominent Rhode Islander and His Son Record  
Their Impressions of Paris, France and Switzerland**

**21. [Manuscript].**

**Hoppin, William Warner [1807-1890].**

**Hoppin, Frederick Street [1834-1907].**

[*Diaries Recording Sixteen Months Spent in Paris and Switzerland, October 1845-January, 1846, One Kept by William Warner Hoppin, The Other by His Son, Frederick Street Hoppin*]. Two books. [92]; [92] pp. Quarto (8-1/2" x 6-3/4").

Stiff patterned-paper boards. Some creases and moderate edgewear to boards, which are detached, spines perished. Light toning to leaves of both diaries, text in neat hand to rectos and versos of all leaves of the diary kept by Frederick Street Hoppin, a few leaves detached and edgeworn, text in neat hand to 11 leaves of diary kept by William Warner Hoppin. \$1,000.

\* These diaries were kept by two members of a prominent Providence, Rhode Island family. William Warner Hoppin, a lawyer, was the Governor of Rhode Island from 1854 to 1857. Also a lawyer, his son Frederick Street Hoppin was never engaged in active practice and lived the life of a leisured gentleman. William Hoppin's diary commences with the arrival of his arrival in France with his family. It goes on in great detail where the Hoppinses took their apartments in Paris, their experiences with French tutors, their tours around France and their visits with several prominent figures, such as the pope and the king and queen of France (The King said he had visited Newport and Providence and would like to visit them again.) A classic New Englander, Hoppin considered Paris a vulgar, sinful city. The period covered by this diary is October 9, 1845 through January 1846. Overall, his copious details are amazing. Frederick Street Hoppin, then 11 years old, went to the same places with his family. Given his age, his diary offers an interesting perspective on his father's impressions. His diary commences in February in France and goes through to the end of July, when the family paid a visit to Switzerland. Written by two observant individuals, both are wonderful examples of the diaries kept by well-connected wealthy Americans who traveled to Europe in the first half of the nineteenth century. [Order This Item](#)



### A Pair of Rare Portuguese Treatises

#### 23. Pinto, Antonio Joaquim de Gouvea [1777-1833].

*Manual de Appellacoes, E Aggravos, Ou, Deducao Systematica dos Principios Mais Solidos, E Necessarios, Relativos a Sua Materia, Fundamentada nas Leis Deste Reino, Para Uso, E Utilidade da Magistratura, E Advocacia.* Lisbon: Simao Thaddeo Ferreira, 1813. xii, 149, [1], 25, [1]. pp. Signatures I and K bound in reverse order.

#### [Bound With]

#### Pinto, Antonio Joaquim de Gouvea.

*Tratado Regular, E Pratico de Testamentos, E Sussessesoes, Ou Comendio Methodico das Principaes Regras, E Principios que se Podem Deduzir das Leis Testamentarias, Tanto Patrias, Como Subsidiarias, Illustrados, e Aclarados com as Competentes Notas.* Lisbon: Na of. de S.T. Ferreira, 1813. xi, 193, [1] pp., errata leaf.

Quarto (8" x 6"). Contemporary quarter calf over marbled boards, lettering piece and gilt ornaments to spine, speckled edges. Light rubbing to extremities, corners bumped and somewhat worn, law-office bookplate to front pastedown. Some toning, light foxing to a few leaves. Early owner signatures to preliminaries, annotations to some leaves. An attractive volume. \$850.

\* First editions. Pinto held a variety of judicial posts and wrote several treatises on a variety of legal topics. *Manual de Appellacoes*

addresses the law of appeals in general, special forms of appeal, the originals of appeal and appellate courts and their jurisdictions. The final 25-page section is a chronological list of laws referred to in the text, ranging in date from 1302 to 1812. Later editions were published in 1816, 1820 and 1846. The second title addresses wills, inheritance and succession. It is organized along the same lines as the *Manual de Appellacoes*. Later editions were published in 1820, 1851, 1877 and 1881. All are rare, especially in North America. OCLC locates 1 copy of each of our 1813 imprints (both in the Berlin Staatsbibliothek). These editions not listed in the *British Museum Catalogue*. [Order This Item](#)





### A Scarce Sixteenth-Century Anthology

#### 24. Pontano (Romanus), Ludovico [1409-1439], Primary Author.

*Singularia Praeclarissima ac Imprimis Omnibus Jurisperitis Perneccessaria, Ac Utilissima. Plurimorum Insigniorum Doctorum Nunc ab Omnibus Mendis, Quibus Scatebant Expurgata. Omnia, Praesertimque Do. Ludovici Romani, Multis Singularibus ex Manuscriptis Exemplaribus nunc Primum Locupletata.* Venice: [Apud Cominum de Tridino Montisferrati], 1557. [xcix], 382, [1] ff. Main text in parallel columns. Octavo (7" x 5").

Contemporary limp vellum with lapped edges, faint early hand-lettered title to spine. Light rubbing to extremities, negligible soiling. Attractive woodcut head piece and printer device to title page, woodcut decorated initials, with eight portraits of authors at the head of each essay. Light toning to text, a bit of soiling to title page, internally clean. \$1,850.

\* First edition. This is an anthology of essays on Roman, canon and local Italian law. Its centerpiece is Pontano's essay, a classic study of Roman law that was often reprinted. The other authors are Antonio Corsetti, Matteo Mattesillani, Francesco Cremense, Pietro Gerardo de Petrasancta, Gulielmo de Ludo, Amanellus de Claris Aquis, Paulus de Castro and Joannes de Arnono. This book had a second edition in 1558. A similar title was published in 1556 edited by Gabriel Sarayna. All three are scarce; OCLC locates no copies in North America. We located 2 copies of the 1558 edition at the Library of Congress and UC-Berkeley Law School. *Censimento Nazionale Delle Edizioni Italiane del XVI Secolo* CNCE24744. [Order This Item](#)



**A Notable Sixteenth-Century  
Treatise on Inheritance and Succession**

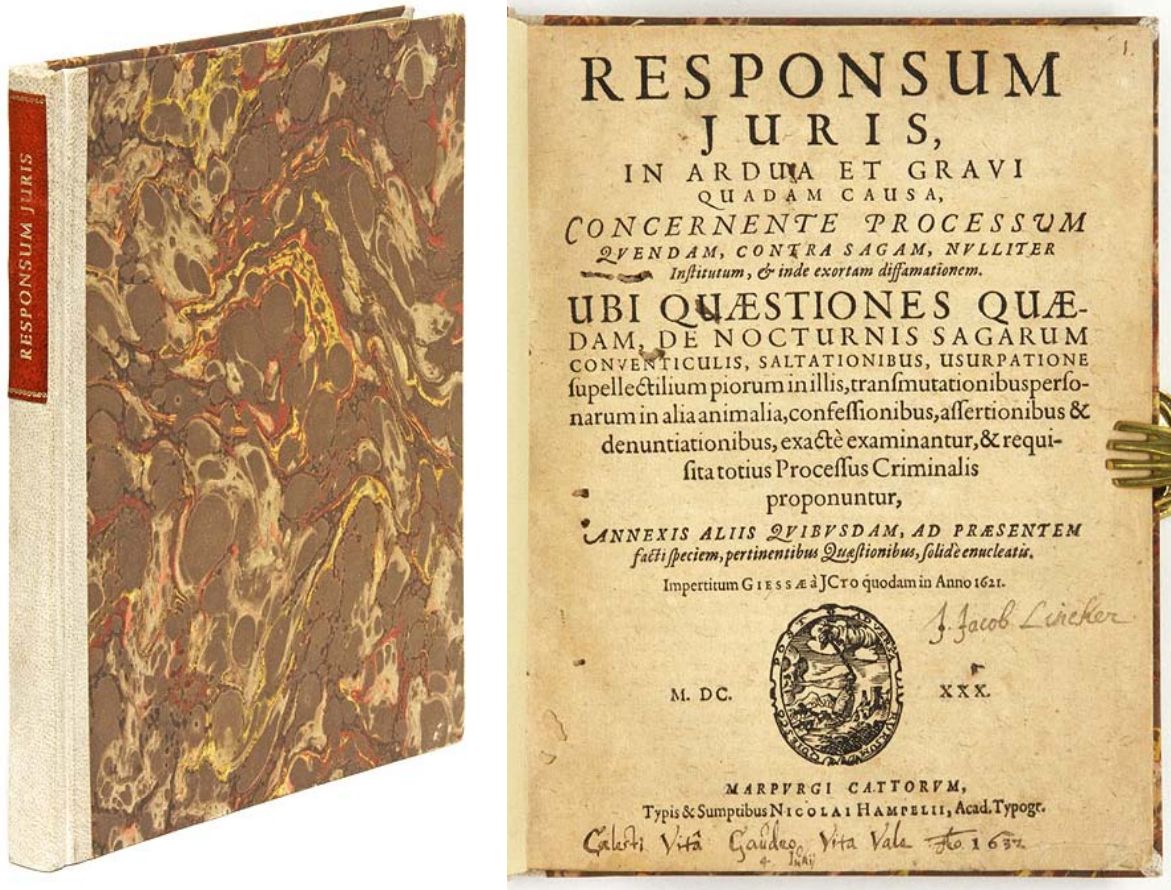
**25. Porcellini, Francesco [d. 1453].**

*Tractatus Apprime Utilis de Duobus Fratribus, In Quo Omnes Fere Quaestiones, Quae Inter Fratres, De Rerum Haereditariarum Divisione Oriri Possunt, Continentur, & Planissime Explicantur.* Basel: [Ex Officina Eusebii Episcopii], 1566. [xvi], 268 pp. Octavo (6-1/2" x 4").

Contemporary flexible glazed paper, later hand-lettered title label to spine, other hand-lettered titles to front cover and fore-edge of text block. Light soiling and a few minor stains, some rubbing to extremities, small worm hole to front cover, front pastedown loose. Woodcut printer device to title page, woodcut decorated initials. Toning to text, faint dampstaining to margins, internally clean. A nice copy of a rare title. \$1,950.

\* Second edition. This treatise on inheritance and succession in Roman law was first published in 1564. A well-regarded study, it was reprinted in the great 29-volume *Tractatus Universi Iuris* (1584-1586). OCLC locates 1 copy of each edition in North America (both at the Library of Congress). Not in Adams. *Das Verzeichnis der im Deutschen Sprachbereich Erschienenen Drucke des 16. Jahrhunderts* P4265. [Order This Item](#)





**Contemporary Legal Commentary  
on a Witchcraft Trial in Marburg**

**26. [Reinkingk, Theodor von].**

*Responsum Juris, In Ardua Et Gravi Quadam Causa, Concernente Processum Quendam, Contra Sagam, Nulliter Institutum, & Inde Exortam Diffamationem. Ubi Quaestiones Quaedam, De Nocturnis Sagarum Conventiculis, Saltationibus, Usurpatione Supellectilium Piorum in Illis, Transmutationibus Personarum in Alia Animalia, Confessionibus, Assertionibus & Denuntiationibus, Exacte Examinantur, & Requisita Totius Processus Criminalis Proponuntur, Annexis Aliis Quibusdam, Ad Praesentem Facti Speciem, Pertinentibus Quaestionibus, Solide Enucleatis. Impertitum Giessae à Jcto Quodam in Anno 1621. Marburg: Typis & Sumptibus Nicolai Hampelii, 1630. [xx], 138 pp. Quarto (7-1/2" x 5-3/4").*

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

\* Third edition. First published in 1621, this work is an anonymous legal commentary on a lawsuit brought by a noble family in Marburg against a local cathedral chapter for accusing two upper-class women of practicing witchcraft and associating with witches. Reinkingk, though he believed in witchcraft, argued that the two women in question were innocent. This commentary went through at least 8 editions, the last in 1712. All are scarce. OCLC locates 7 copies of the 1630 edition, 4 in North America, 1 in a law library (Northwestern). *Das Verzeichnis der im Deutschen Sprachraum Erschienenen Drucke des 17. Jahrhunderts* 1:015734V. [Order This Item](#)

Peterborough April 14, 1853

Dear Batcheller

Sir, Yours of the 11<sup>th</sup> was received last evening. You may well suppose that solicited as I then was Comings's case gave me much uneasiness, for aside from the fact I was & am opposed to capital punishment, the evidence in his case, as published (I believe by Westlake) led me to doubt the correctness of the verdict, & I believe that I did say "that if I had been on the Jury I would have acquitted until I went to my seat before I would have agreed to a verdict of guilty." Other facts afterwards came to my knowledge & justice to my self if not a duty I owe to the public compels me to say that, in my opinion, the trial as published does not contain "The truth, the whole truth & nothing but the truth," or in other words is not a full & clear statement of all the facts in the case. Several years have passed since my attention has been particularly called to this matter & I have not now that distinct recollection of the facts which would enable me to state with certainty the differences between the published evidence & that furnished by the prosecuting attorneys, all that I now distinctly remember is, that after the perusal of the evidence as taken by them & a free & full converse with those Gentlemen, I was led not only to doubt the correctness of my first opinion but to be strongly inclined to believe that the verdict of the Jury was correct, & now it is not for the fact that Mrs Comings was found dressed I would have no hesitation in expressing my decided belief that Comings was her murderer. But how it was possible for him to have first strangled & then dress her without alarming the other inmates of the house is more than I can well conjecture, setting that aside

**Governor Steele Discusses a  
Controversial Murder Case Recorded in McDade**

27. Steele, John Hardy [1789-1865].

[Batcheller, Dr. James (d. 1866)].

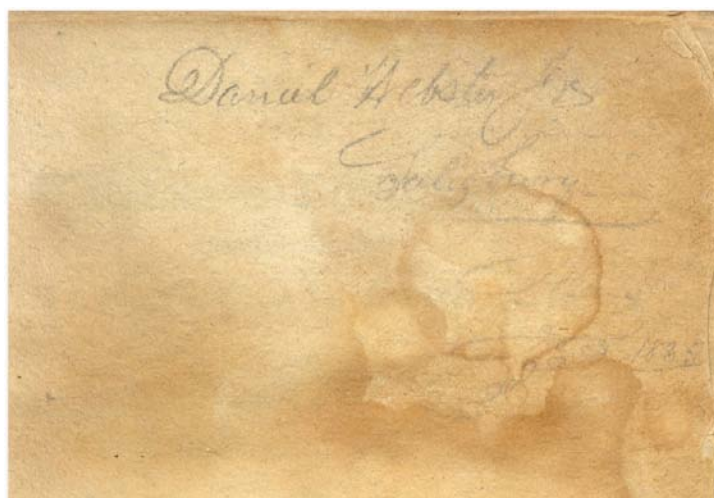
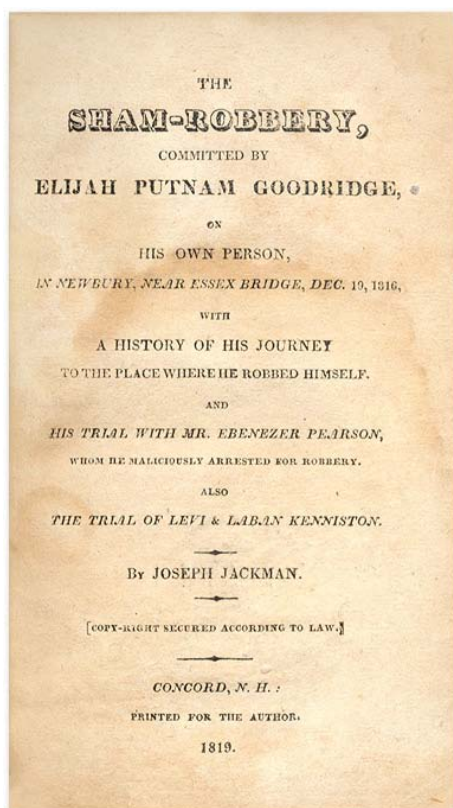
[Comings, William].

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

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

\* Steele was the governor of New Hampshire. His letter discusses facts pointing to the innocence or guilt of William Comings, who was convicted of strangling his wife with a handkerchief, then suspending her body from a bedpost to make her death look like a suicide. Comings was convicted and appealed his case unsuccessfully. He was then pardoned by Governor Steele, who felt the case had been mismanaged and the jury biased. This case was the subject of a pamphlet that is recorded in McDade. See McDade, *The Annals of Murder* 208. [Order This Item](#)





**Fletcher Webster's Copy of an  
Account of One of His Father's Famous Cases**

**28. [Trial].**

**Jackman, Joseph.**

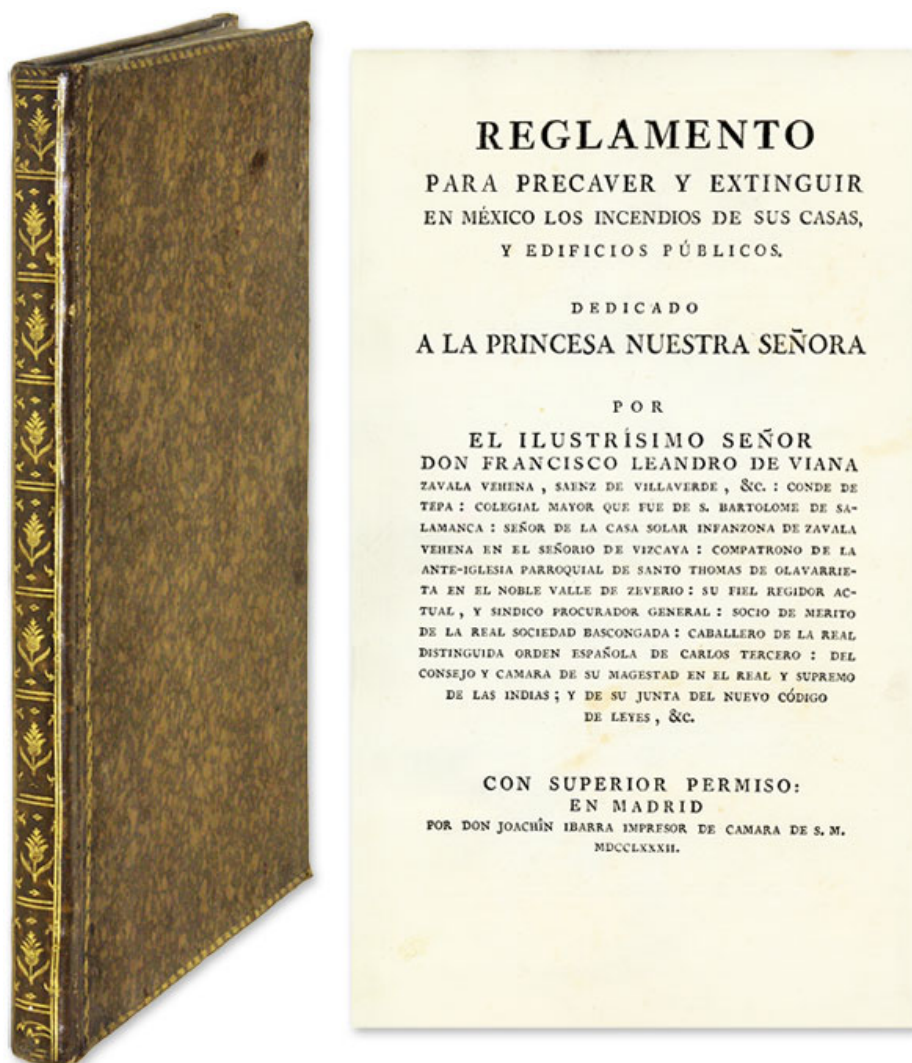
**Goodridge, Elijah Putnam [1787-1851], Defendant.**

*The Sham-Robbery, Committed by Elijah Putnam Goodridge on His Own Person, In Newbury Near Essex Bridge, Dec. 19, 1816: With a History of His Journey to the Place Where he Robbed Himself: and His Trial with Mr. Ebenezer Pearson, Whom he Maliciously Arrested for Robbery: Also the Trial of Levi & Laban Kenniston.* Concord, NH: Printed for the Author, 1819. 151, [1] pp. 12mo (6-3/4" x 4-1/4").

Stab-stitched pamphlet in plain wrappers, untrimmed edges. Light soiling and a few minor stains, wrappers worn, but secure. Light browning to text, light foxing in a few places, faint dampstaining to a few leaves, "Daniel Webster, Jr" in pencil to front endleaf and recto of rear wrapper, "Polly Webster" to rear free endpaper. \$500.

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

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Rare Colonial-Era  
Collection of Mexican Fire Laws

**29. Viana, Francisco Leandro de [1730-1804].**

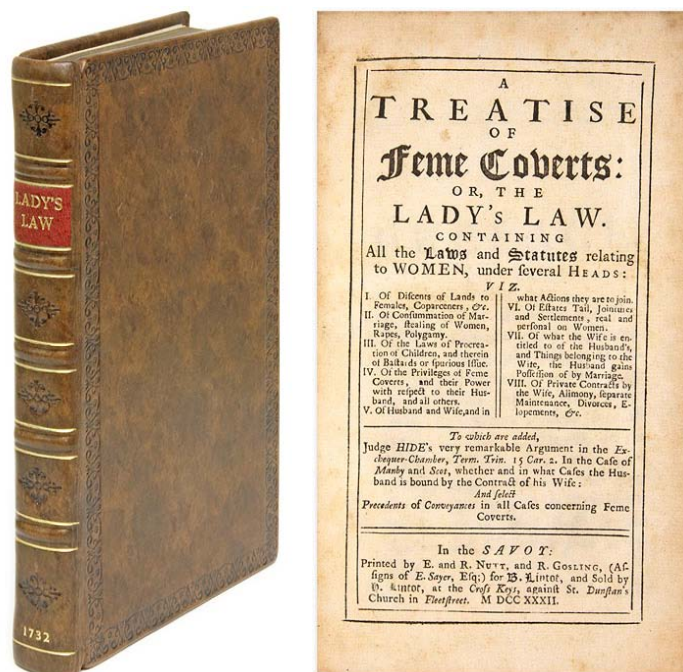
*Reglamento Para Precaver y Extinguir en Mexico los Incendios de sus Casas, y Edificios Publicos.* Madrid: Por Don Joachin Ibarra, 1782. [iv], xviii, 90, xiv pp. Copperplate portrait frontispiece (of Princess Maria Luisa de Borbon). Quarto (9-1/2" x 6").

Contemporary speckled sheep, gilt fillets to boards, gilt spine, marbled endpapers. Negligible light rubbing to extremities, small scuff near center of rear board, light toning to text, internally clean. A very well-preserved copy. \$3,000.

\* Only edition. Issued for Spanish Mexico, this is a code of laws relating to fire prevention, fire fighting and property damaged by fire. OCLC locates a handful of copies in North America, but only 1 in a law library (Harvard). Sabin, *A Dictionary of Books Relating to America* 99408. [Order This Item](#)

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**"The Lady's Law": One of the Very  
First Treatises on Laws Concerning Women**

**30. [Women].  
[Great Britain].**

*A Treatise of Feme Coverts: Or, The Lady's Law. Containing All the Laws and Statutes Relating to Women, and Several Heads: I. Of Dissents of Lands to Females, Coparceners, Etc. II. Of Consummation of Marriage, Stealing of Women, Rapes, Polygamy. III. Of the Laws of Procreation of Children, and Therein of Bastards or Spurious Issue. IV. Of the Privileges of Feme Coverts, and Their Power with Respect to Their Husband, and All Others. V. Of Husband and Wife, and in What Actions They Are to Join. VI. Of Estates Tail, Jointures and Settlements, Real and Personal on Women. VII. Of What the Wife is Entitled to of the Husband's, and Things Belonging to the Wife, the Husband Gains Possession of by Marriage. VIII. Of Private Contracts by the Wife, Alimony, Separate Maintenance, Divorces, Elopements, Etc. [London]: E. and R. Nutt, and R. Gosling, 1732. [viii], 264, [16] pp. Octavo (8-1/4" x 5").*

Recent period-style calf, blind rules to boards, blind ornaments, lettering piece and gilt-edged raised bands to spine, endpapers renewed. Moderate toning to text, faint dampspotting in places. \$6,500.

\* First edition. One of the first of four books of the subject, *A Treatise of Feme Coverts* examines the doctrines of English Common Law relating to a "feme covert," that is a woman under the legal guardianship of the man who heads the household she belongs to. (Stated simply, this group included all females except divorced women and widows.) Written from a perspective sympathetic to women, it deals with precedents of conveyances not covered in *The Law of Baron and Feme* (1700), and as such can be seen as a companion volume. The treatise concludes with an account of Robert Hyde's argument in the case of *Manby v. Scott* (1663), in which he argued that a husband who is separated from his wife is not liable to a vendor for goods the wife purchased from the vendor. Commenting on the case in his diary, Samuel Pepys referred to Hyde's judgment as "most amusing." *Diary of Samuel Pepys*, January 28, 1663. Robert Hyde was a Chief Justice of the King's Bench from 1663-1665, having gained appointment through the influence of his cousin, Edward Hyde, first Earl of Clarendon. A second edition of *The Lady's Law* was published in 1737. Both editions of this work are scarce. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T72208.

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