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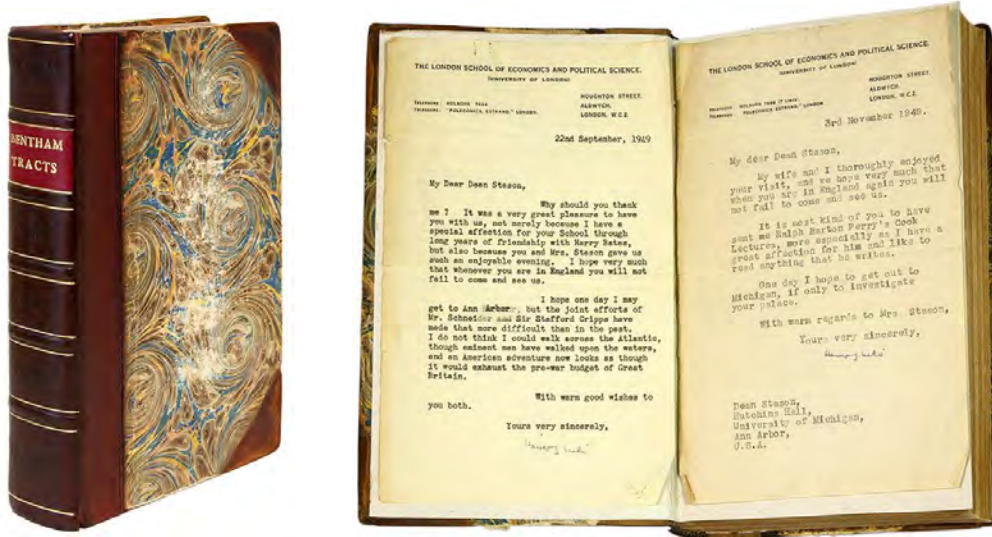
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**A Sammelband of Bentham Tracts with a  
Presentation Inscription and Letters from Harold Laski**

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

**[Laski, Harold (1893-1950)].**

**[Stason, E. Blythe (1890-1972)].**

**[Sammelband of 11 Political and Legal Tracts].** [London, 1819-1832]. Various paginations. Octavo (8-1/2" x 5-1/4").

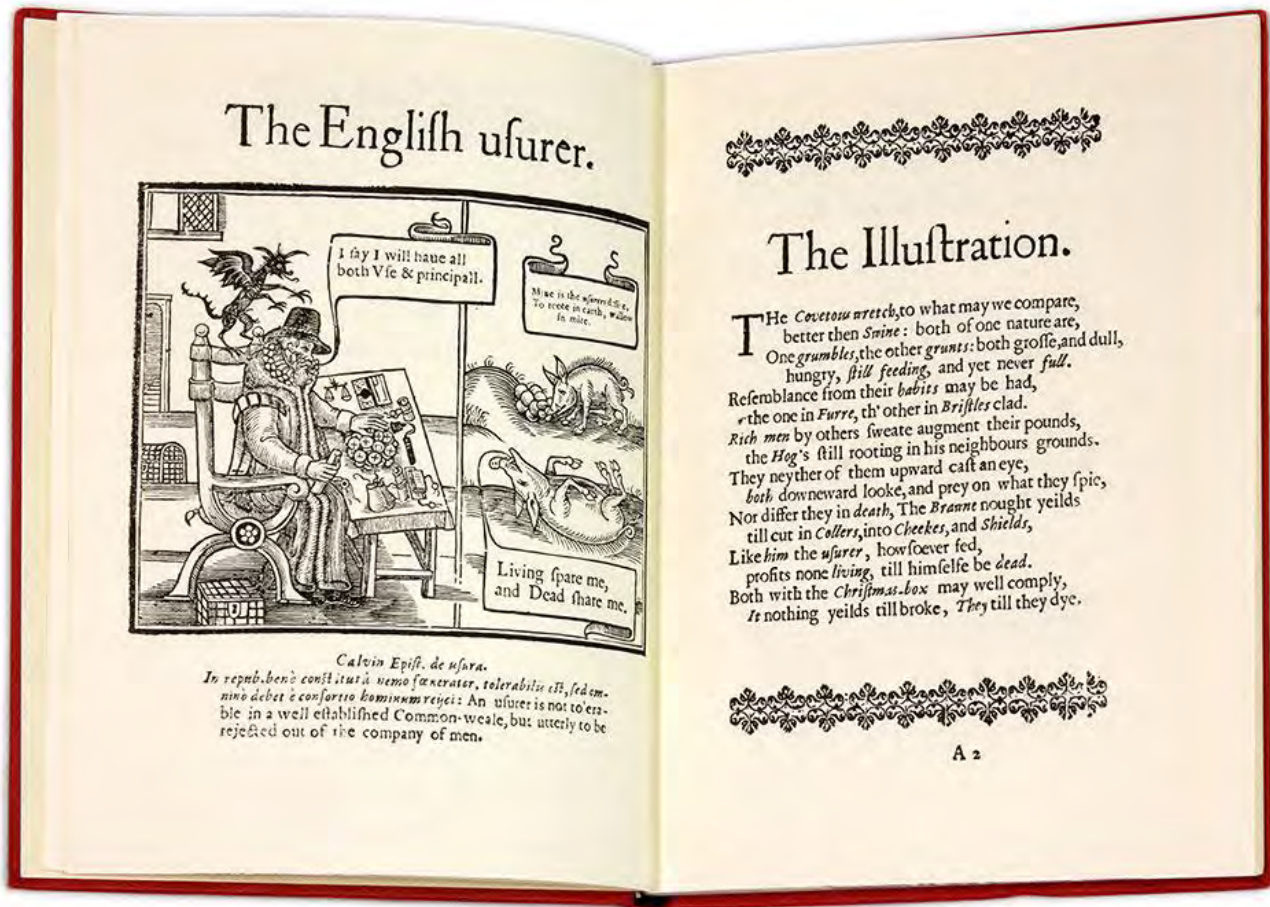
Nineteenth-century three-quarter calf over marbled boards, rebacked in period style with raised bands and lettering piece, hinges mended. Moderate toning, light foxing in places, presentation inscription from Harold Laski to E. Blythe Stason to front free endpaper.

**[With]**

**Laski, Harold.**

**[Two Related Typed Letters to Stason, Signed, on 8" x 5" London School of Economics Letterhead, London, September 22, 1949 and November 3, 1949].** Light toning, horizontal fold lines, some chipping and edgewear, both letters affixed to front free endpaper with a paperclip. Three items in all. \$5,000

\* Assembled during the nineteenth century, this collection of rare and scarce tracts by Bentham was owned by Laski, the eminent English political scientist known for his contributions to economics and jurisprudence. Stason, a distinguished jurist, was dean of the Law School of the University of Michigan from 1939 to 1960. The inscription and letters show the book was a gift to Stason after a visit to Laski in September 1949. In both letters, Laski expresses a desire to visit Stason in Ann Arbor and visit the law school. The contents of the sammelband are: *Jeremy Bentham to His Fellow-Citizens of France on Houses of Peers and Senates* (London, 1830), *Jeremy Bentham to His Fellow-Citizens of France on Death Punishment* (London, 1831), *The Book of Church Reform: Containing the Most Essential Part of Mr. Bentham's "Church of Englandism Examined," &c.* (London, 1831), *Parliamentary Candidates Proposed Declaration of Principles* (London, 1831), *Emancipate Your Colonies! Addressed to the National Convention of France, A\* 1793, Shewing the Uselessness and Mischievousness of Distant Dependencies to An European State* (London, 1830), *Observations on the Restrictive and Prohibitory Commerical System; Especially with a Reference to the Decree of the Spanish Cortes of July 1820* (London, 1821), *Bentham's Radical Reform Bill, With Extracts from the Reasons* (London, 1819), *Lord Brougham Displayed: I. Boa Constrictor, Alias Helluo Curiarum; II. Observations on the Bankruptcy Court Bill, Now Ripened into an Act; III. Extracts from Proposed Constitutional Code* (London, 1832), *Equity Dispatch Court Proposal: Containing a Plan for the Speedy and Unexpensive Termination of the Suites Depending in Equity Courts. With the Form of a Petition, And Some Accounting of a Proposed Bill for that Purpose* (London, 1830), *Truth Versus Ashburst; Or, Law as it Is, Contrasted with What it is Said to Be* (London, 1823), *Letters to Count Toreno on the Proposed Penal Code, Delivered in by the Legislation Committee of the Spanish Cortes, April 25th, 1821* (London, 1822). [Order This Item](#)



## "Usury Condemned"

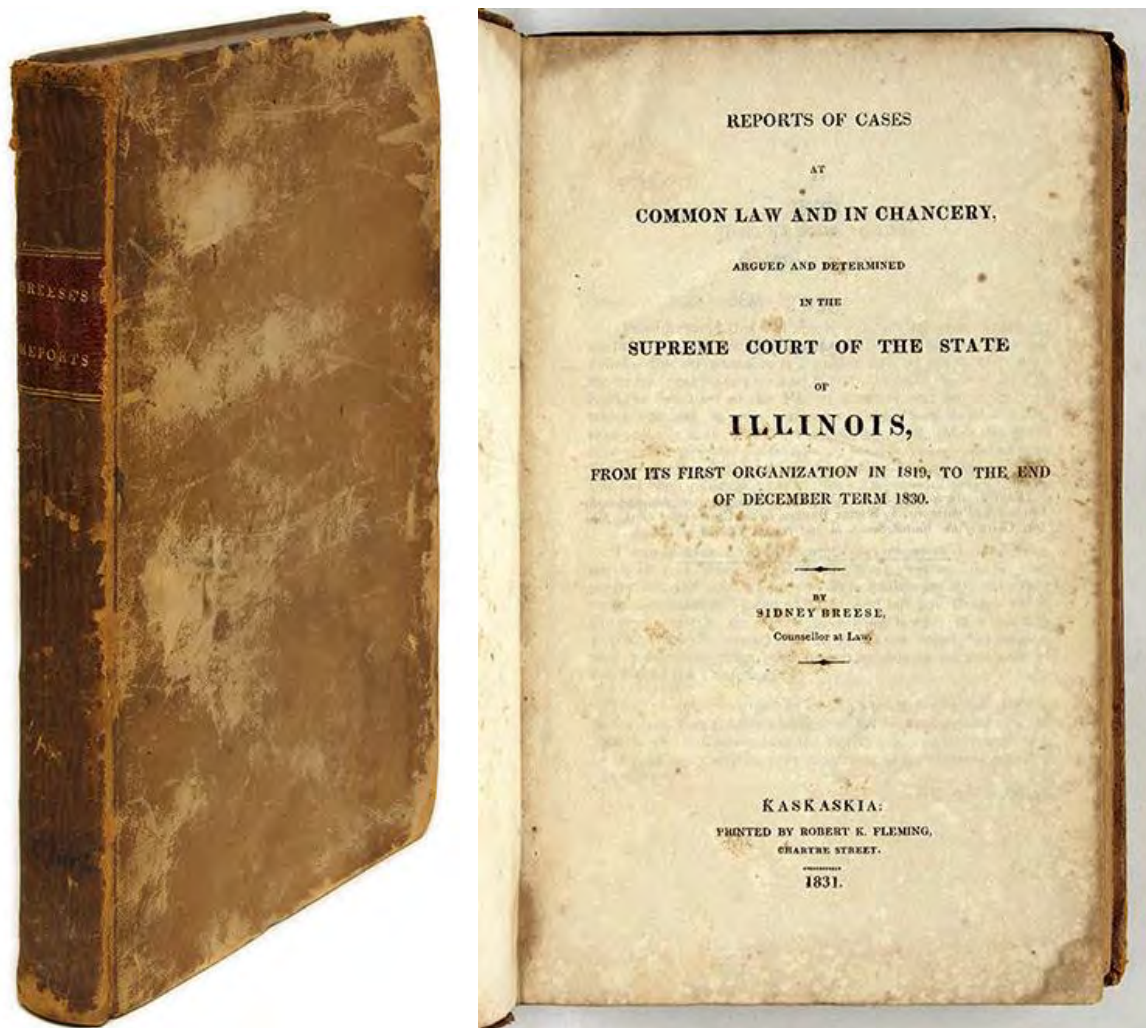
### 2. Blaxton, John.

*The English Usurer. Or, Usury Condemned, By the Most Learned, And Famous Divines of the Church of England, And Dedicated to All His Majesties Subjects, For the Stay of Further Increase of the Same.* London: Printed by John Norton, 1634. Reprint. Amsterdam and Norwood, NJ: Walter J. Johnson, 1974, 80 pp. Frontispiece.

Original cloth, light shelfwear, internally clean. Ex-library. Location labels to foot of spine and front board, stamps to title page, card pocket and date-due sheet to rear endleaves. \$65.

\* A title in the English Experience series. Blaxton was a clergyman and writer on economics. [Order This Item](#)





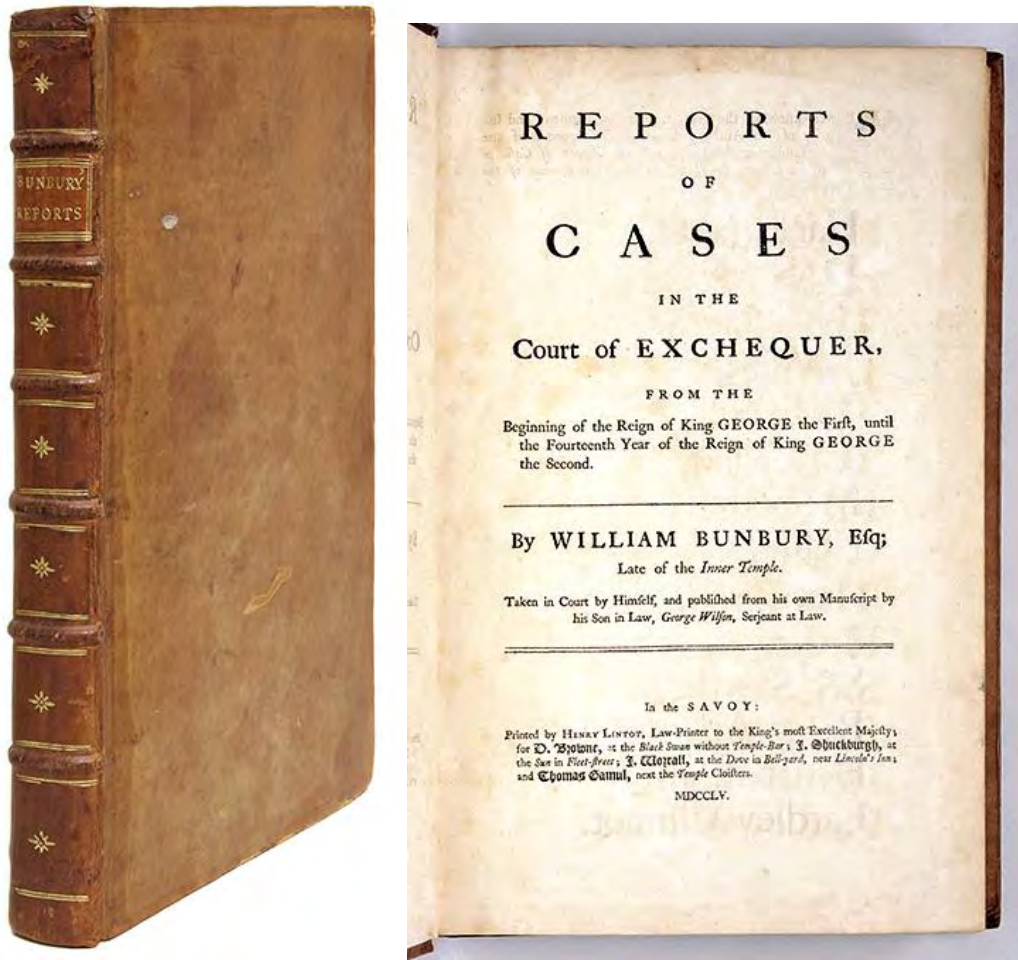
**The First Compilation  
of Illinois Supreme Court Cases**

**3. Breese, Sidney [1800-1878], Compiler.**

*Reports of Cases at Common Law and in Chancery, Argued and Determined in the Supreme Court of the State of Illinois, From its First Organization in 1819, To the End of December Term 1830.* Kaskaskia: Printed by Robert K. Fleming, 1831. xii, [4], 333, 39 pp. Octavo (9" x 5-1/2").

Contemporary sheep, blind fillets, lettering piece and faint early owner name to spine, another owner name to rear board. Moderate rubbing and some shallow scuffing to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, chipping to head of spine, corners bumped and somewhat worn, front hinge cracked, front free endpaper partially detached but secure. Light browning and foxing to text, early owner names and annotations in pencil to endleaves, early owner stamp to rear pastedown, small later library stamp and other markings to verso of title page. \$850.

\* First edition. This is the first compilation of Illinois Supreme Court cases. Though not authorized, the state sanctioned the publication by subscribing to 150 copies. It was reprinted with additions in 1861 and 1877. Breese was an estimable Illinois jurist who gained national prominence for his decision in *Munn v. Illinois*, upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court, favoring the regulatory power of the state over business corporations. His fifty-year career spanned the legal and political development of Illinois. Wallace, *The Reporters* 573. [Order This Item](#)



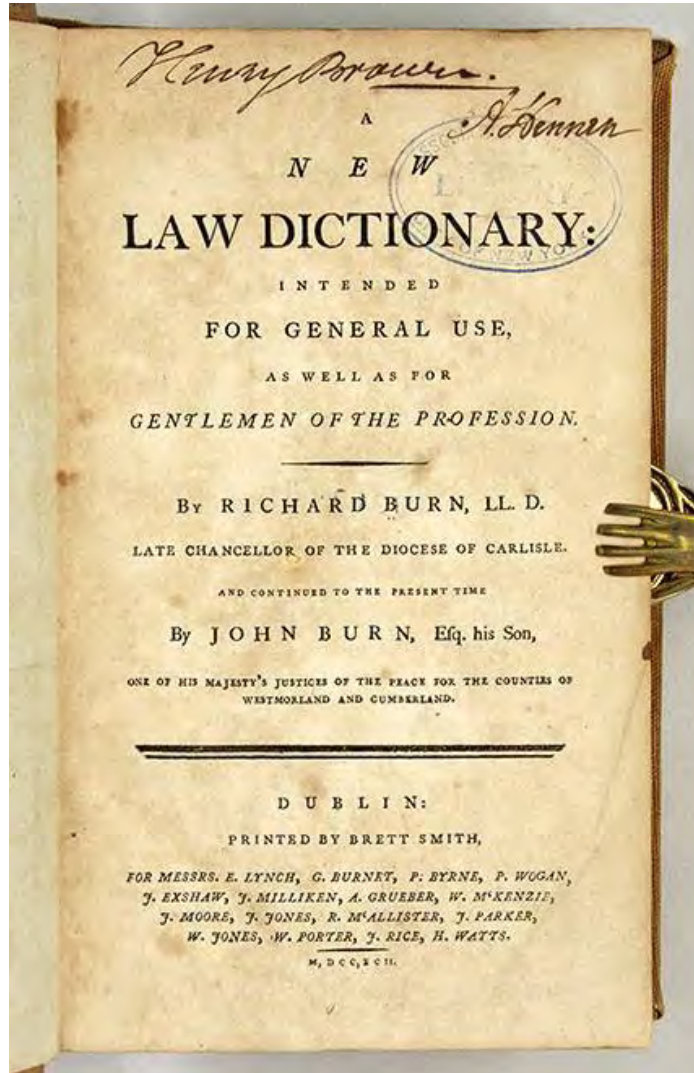
**Includes a Decision Disputed by Mansfield**

**4. Bunbury, William, Reporter.  
Wilson, George, Editor.**

*Reports of Cases in the Court of Exchequer, From the Beginning of the Reign of King George the First, Until the Fourteenth Year of the Reign of King George the Second.* By William Bunbury, Esq; Late of the Inner Temple. Taken in Court by Himself, And Published from His Own Manuscript by His Son in Law, George Wilson, Serjeant at Law. [London]: Printed by Henry Lintot, 1755. viii, 348, [48] pp. Folio (12-1/4" x 7-3/4").

Contemporary calf, blind rules to boards, gilt-edged raised bands, gilt ornaments and lettering piece to spine, recent repair to head of spine, blind tooling to board edges. Negligible light rubbing and minor nicks and scuffs to boards, spine slightly darkened, moderate rubbing to extremities, corners bumped. Light toning to text, light foxing and dampspotting in places, early owner marks to front pastedown. A handsome copy. \$650.

\* First edition. Lord Mansfield thought these reports merely loose notes. "But Mansfield, in this as in other cases, was rather too ready to decry a set of reports because they contained a decision which was contrary to his own view of the law in the particular case before the court...Against Mansfield's condemnation we can set the opinions of Platt and Parker who recognized these reports as authoritative in 1853" (Holdsworth). The first edition was reissued in 1756 in Dublin. A second and final edition was published in Dublin in 1793. Holdsworth, *History of English Law* XII:137-138. Wallace, *The Reporters* 419-420. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T97032. [Order This Item](#)



Irish Issue of Only Edition of Burn's Dictionary

**5. Burn, Richard [1709-1785].**

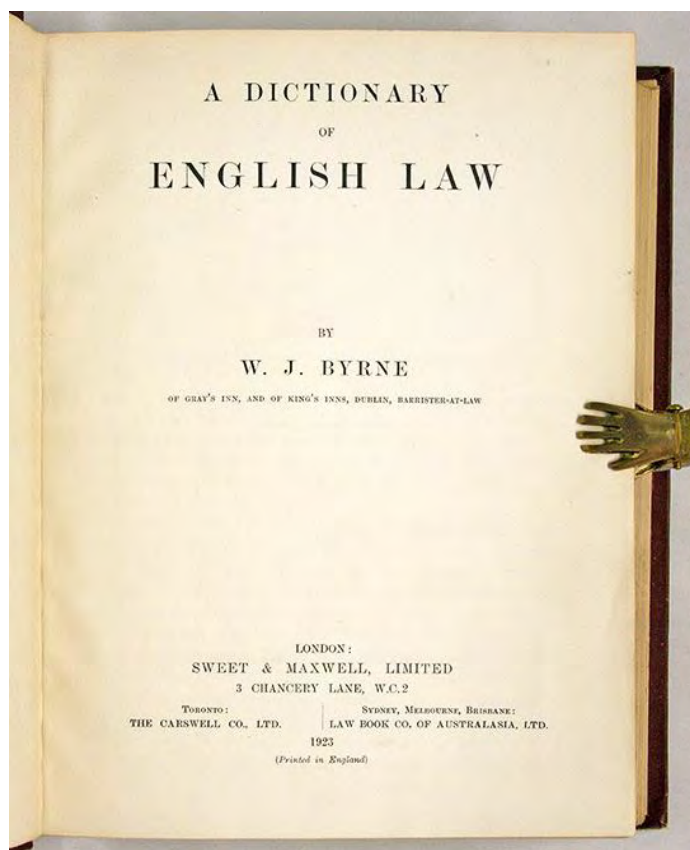
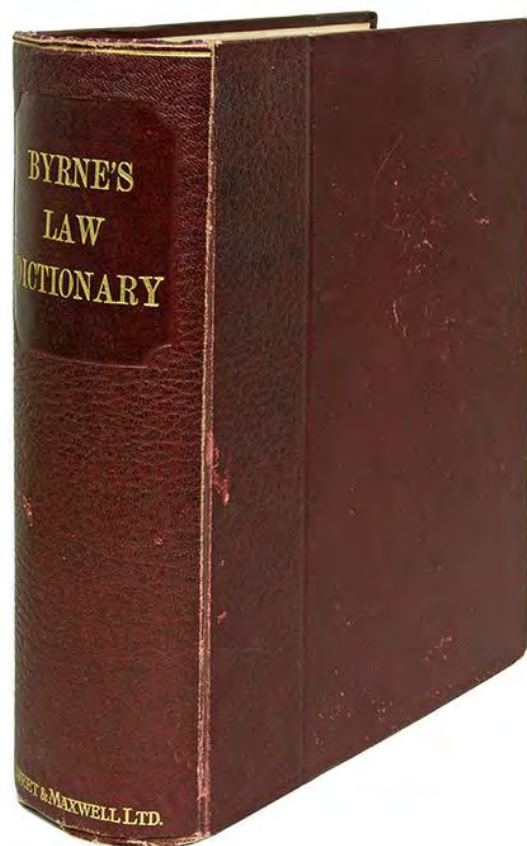
**Burn, John [1744?-1802], Editor.**

*A New Law Dictionary, Intended for General Use, as Well as For Gentlemen of the Profession, and Continued to the Present Time by John Burn.* Dublin: Printed by Brett Smith, 1792. vii, 739 pp. Complete in one volume. Octavo (8-1/2" x 5-1/2").

Later library cloth calf lettering piece and paper shelf label to spine. Light shelfwear, corners bumped, front joint just starting at head, hinges cracked, a few cracks to text block. Moderate toning, somewhat heavier in places, occasional light foxing, early owner signatures ("Henry Brown" and "A. Kenner") and later library stamp to head of title page, library marks to verso. \$850.

\* Irish issue of only edition, published the same year as the (two-volume) London edition. Intended to be a practical tool, Burn eliminated most of the definitions in Law-French found in earlier dictionaries. (They became obsolete when George II ordered the exclusive use of English in 1733.) This elimination cleared space for other material and longer entries. Indeed, Burn's articles on such subjects as judgment, jury, purchase and will are broader, more detailed and better organized than they are in earlier dictionaries of this kind. It is unclear whether Burn intended to publish this book; it was edited, expanded and published posthumously by his son, John Burn. *English Short-Title Catalogue* N20286. [Order This Item](#)





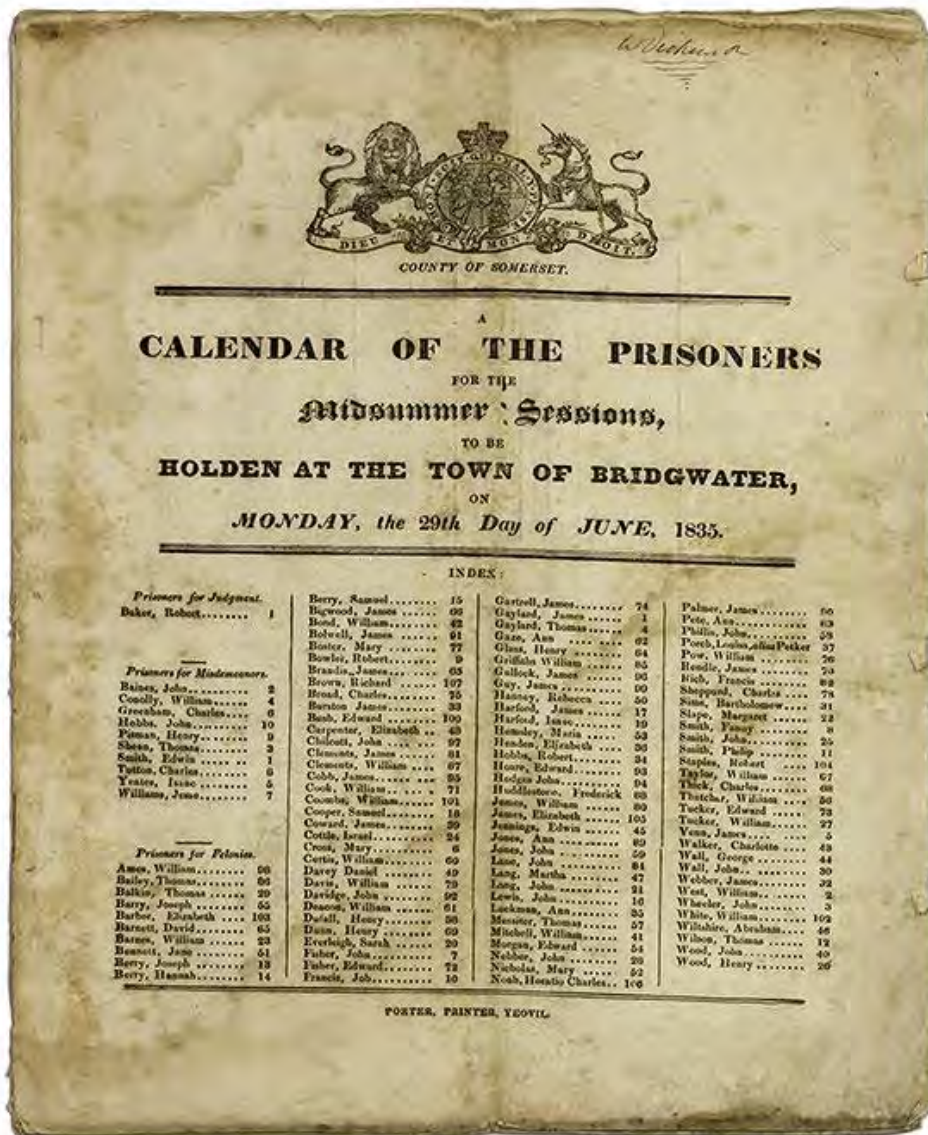
**An Original 1923 Issue  
of Byrne's *Dictionary of English Law***

**6. Byrne, William James.**

*A Dictionary of English Law*. London: Sweet & Maxwell, 1923. xlv, 942 pp. Main text in parallel columns.

Quarter morocco-stamped cloth over plain cloth, gilt title to spine. Light rubbing to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, spine ends bumped, hinges starting, residue of small bookseller ticket to front pastedown. Some toning to text, faint early owner stamps to endleaves and edges of text block. \$750.

\* Only edition. This dictionary was originally intended to be a revised edition of Charles Sweet's *Dictionary of English Law* (1882), "but there is so little of Mr. Sweet's work, and that little has been so much altered, that the author has felt justified in publishing the book over his own name" (Preface). This is the first copy we have seen in 35 years. (A reprint edition was published in 1991.) Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 2:53. [Order This Item](#)



The Fates of 118 Prisoners  
in Bridgwater, Somerset on June 29, 1835

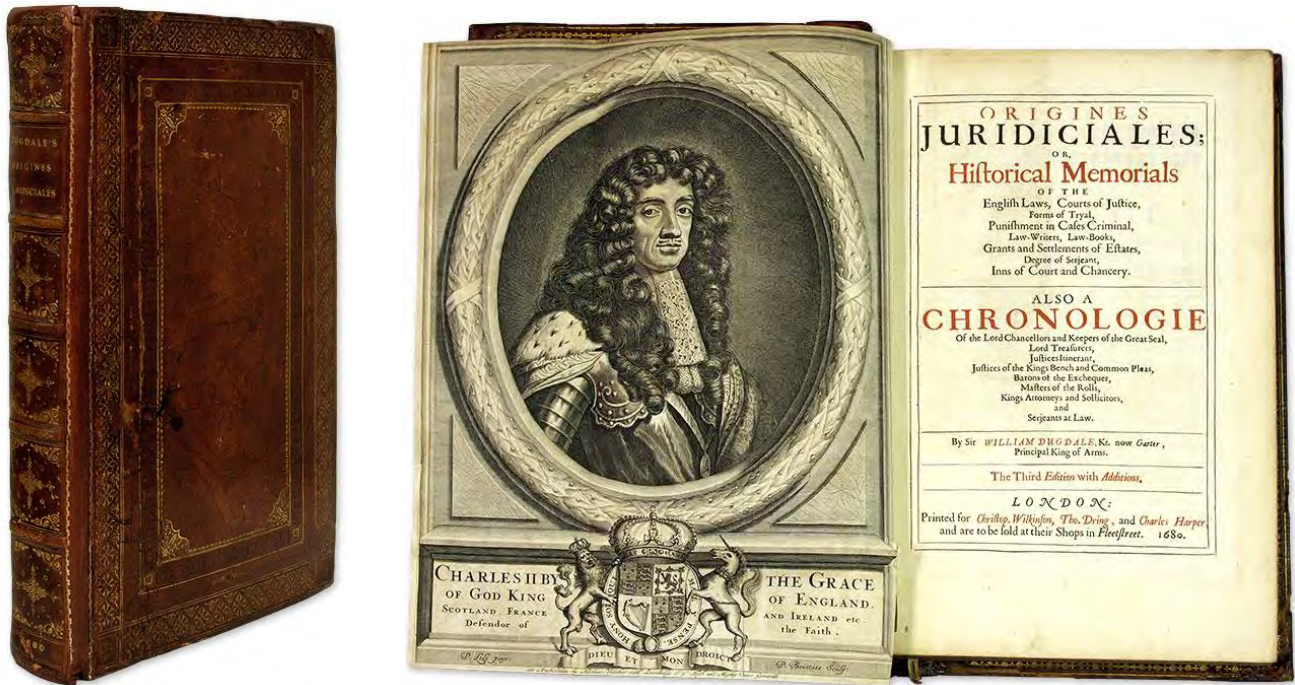
7. [Crime and Criminals].  
[Great Britain].

*A Calendar of the Prisoners for the Midsummer Sessions, To be holden at the Town of Bridgwater, On Monday, The 29th Day of June, 1835.* [drop head title]. Yeoville: Porter, Printer, [1835]. [16] pp. Quarto (12-3/4" x 10").

Stab-stitched pamphlet in self wrappers. Moderate soiling and edgewaer, some splitting at spine ends, faint dampstaining, faint vertical crease through center, moderate toning and light foxing to interior, early owner signature to head of p. [1]. \$500.

\* A list of 118 prisoners. Along with the charge, each entry includes the prisoner's age, trade, date of warrant, jurisdiction and the person "by whom committed." Not listed on OCLC or COPAC. [Order This Item](#)





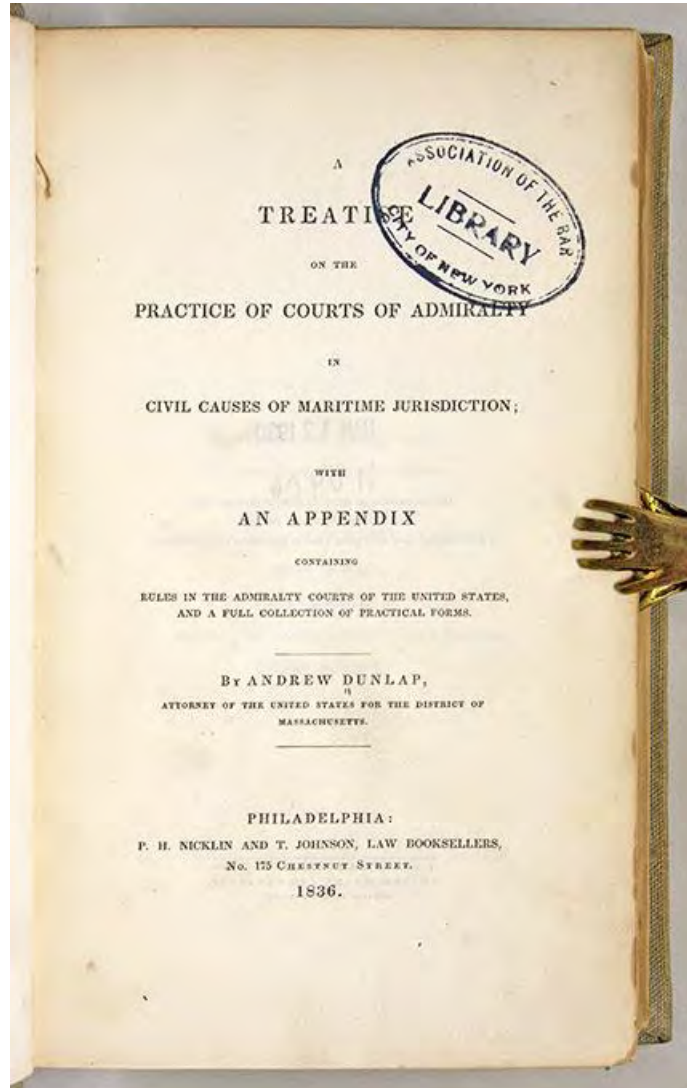
**Richly Extra-Illustrated Copy of Dugdale's  
*Origines Juridiciales* With 114 Added Leaves**

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

*Origines Juridiciales: Or Historical Memorials of the English Laws, Courts of Justice, Forms of Tryal, Punishment in Cases Criminal, Law-Writers, Law-Books, Grants and Settlements of Estates, Degree of Serjeant, Inns of Court and Chancery. Also a Chronologie of the Lord Chancellors and Keepers of the Great Seal, Lord Treasurers, Justices Itinerant, Justices of the Kings Bench and Common Pleas, Barons of the Exchequer, Masters of the Rolls, Kings Attorneys and Solicitors, and Serjeants at Law. With Additions.* London: Printed for Christoph. Wilkinson, Tho. Dring, And Charles Harper, 1680. [viii], 336, [4], [1], 122, [2] pp. Main text printed in parallel columns. 32 pages of copperplates illustrating coats of arms, 6 full-page copperplate portraits of Crew, Heath, Clenche, Coke, Hide, Bridgeman and added full-page copperplate portraits of Vaughan and Selden. [8], 336, [2], [1], 122, [1] pp. Main text in parallel columns. Richly extra-illustrated with 114 leaves of engraved plates added by a previous owner, 3 fold out beyond the dimensions of text block, 1 double-page plate, a few smaller images pasted into margins. Folio (13-3/4" x 8-3/4").

Early nineteenth-century calf, rebaked retaining existing spine, gilt panels and blind fillets to boards, raised bands, gilt ornaments and gilt title to spine, all edges gilt, inside gilt dentelles, ribbon marker, corners mended, cloth-reinforced hinges. A few minor scuffs and light gatoring to boards, negligible light gatoring to spine, small armorial crest to front pastedown. Title page printed in red and black. Light toning to text, light foxing in places, a few minor tears to folding plates. An impressive volume. \$4,500.

\* Third edition. Dugdale's *Origines* provides a wealth of information about the sources of English law and the early history of English legal institutions, including the Inns of Court, on which it is a chief authority. It is a well-documented work: sources of manuscripts are listed, and, in many instances, the sources of the information for the printed book entries are given. Our copy is enriched with more than 100 leaves filled with copperplates, lithographs and woodcuts from a variety of sources (the latest from the early nineteenth century). These depict royalty, jurists, members of the nobility, ecclesiastical and political leaders, the Inns of Court and other significant structures. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R5556. [Order This Item](#)



**A "Learned, Accurate and Well Digested" Treatise on Admiralty Law**

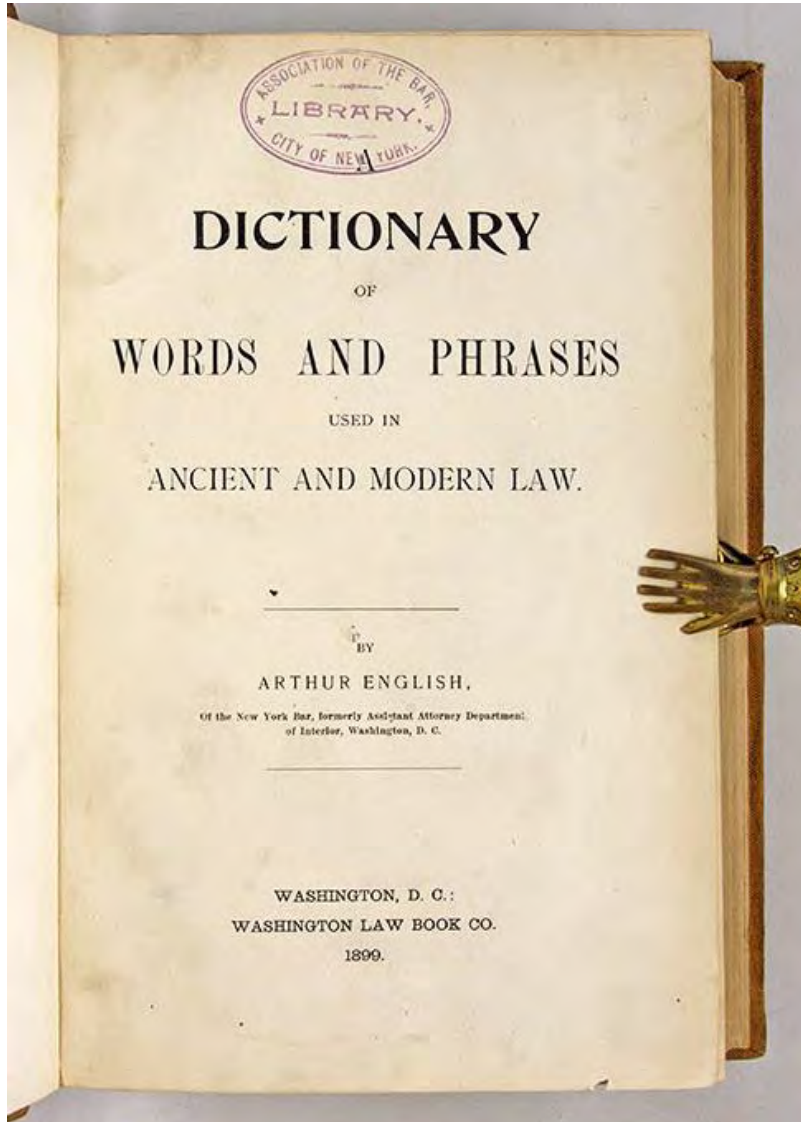
**9. Dunlap, Andrew [1794-1835].  
[Sumner, Charles (1811-1874), Editor].**

*A Treatise on the Practice of Courts of Admiralty in Civil Causes of Maritime Jurisdiction; With an Appendix Containing Rules in the Admiralty Courts of the United States, And a Full Collection of Practical Forms.* Philadelphia: P.H. Nicklin and T, Johnson, 1836. xxiii, 581 pp. Octavo (9" x 5-1/2").

Later library cloth, red and black lettering pieces to spine. Some shelfwear and soiling, a few minor chips to lettering pieces. Light toning to text, library stamp to title page, a few library marks to verso. \$250.

\* First edition. Kent said this work was, in the opinion of "the most competent judges," "learned, accurate and well digested." The preface indicates this work was edited by Sumner, who was then reporter of the decisions of the Circuit Court of the United States for the First Circuit. Dunlap was United States Attorney for Massachusetts from 1829 to his death in 1835. A second edition of this book was published in 1850. Kent, *Commentaries on American Law* cited in Marvin, *Legal Bibliography* 280. Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 1581. [Order This Item](#)





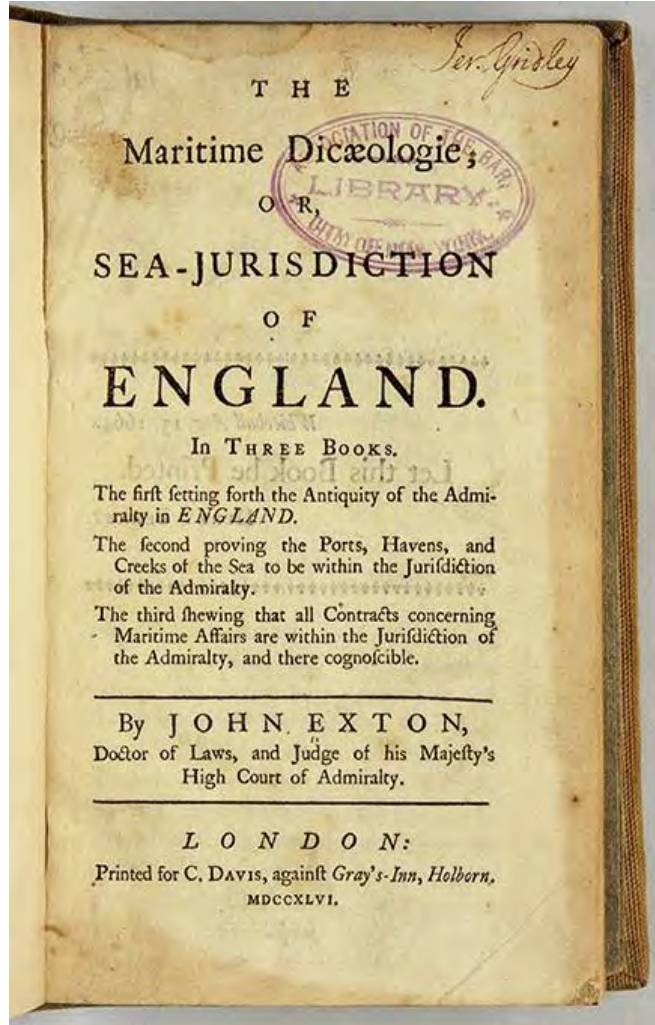
**An Uncommon Nineteenth-Century American Law Dictionary**

**10. English, Arthur.**

*A Dictionary of Words and Phrases Used in Ancient and Modern Law.* Washington, DC: Washington Law Book Co., 1899. [iv], 979 pp. Main text in parallel columns. Small folio (10" x 6-1/2").

Later library cloth, red and black lettering pieces to spine. Moderate shelfwear and soiling, joints just starting at ends, small scuff to bottom edges of rear board, corners bumped, upper corner of front board chipped, frond endleaves just starting at head. Moderate toning to text, library stamp to title page, library markings to verso. \$750.

\* Only edition. "In this work the effort has been to make the definitions as short as possible, yet so clear that a man without legal education can understand them. (...) Essays or long discussions of subjects have been avoided because few have time to read such, and fewer care to, while those who have time prefer to investigate for themselves" (Explanatory Statement). This is an uncommon book. OCLC locates 29 copies, a low number for a law dictionary published at the turn of the twentieth century. This is the first (non-reprint) copy we have seen. Not in the *Catalogue of the Library of the Harvard Law School* (1909). [Order This Item](#)



### Defense of the Admiralty Courts

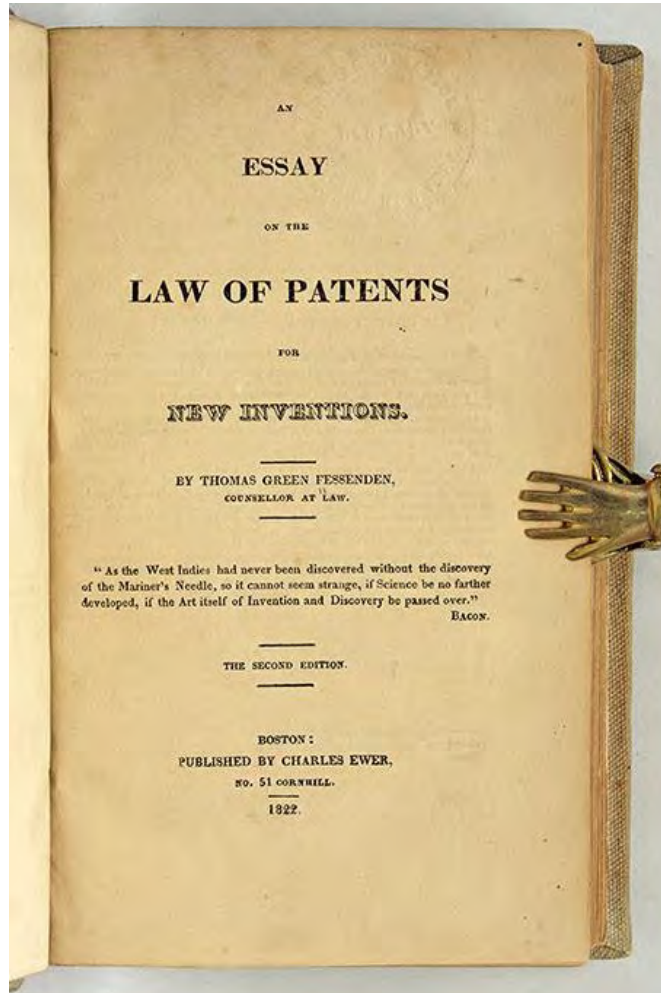
#### 11. Exton, John [1600?-1668].

*The Maritime Dicaeologie; Or, Sea-Jurisdiction of England. In Three Books. The First Setting Forth the Antiquity of the Admiralty in England. The Second Proving the Ports, Havens, and Creeks of the Sea to be Within the Jurisdiction of the Admiralty. The Third Shewing that All Contracts Concerning Maritime Affairs are Within the Jurisdiction of the Admiralty, and There Cognoscible.* London: Printed for C. Davis, 1746. xvi, 404 pp. Octavo (7-1/2" x 4-3/4").

Later library cloth, red and black calf lettering pieces and paper shelf label to spine, endleaves added. Some shelfwear and soiling, front free endpaper lacking, following endleaf starting at head. Moderate toning to text, faint dampstaining to upper edge of text block, light foxing in a few places. Small owner signature and library stamp to title page, a few library marks to verso. \$950

\* Second edition. First published in 1664, this book, though ostensibly descriptive, was written chiefly to maintain the jurisdiction of the Admiralty Court in the new government. Beyond its political interest, it offers a detailed analysis of seventeenth-century maritime law and admiralty jurisdiction at the time when Great Britain was emerging as a major maritime and colonial power. Exton was educated at Cambridge, earning the LL.D. in Civil Law in 1634. He was appointed President of the High Court of Admiralty by Parliament in 1649, and was reappointed by the Duke of York after the Restoration. Two other editions were published in 1746 and 1755. *English Short-Title Catalogue* N4403. [Order This Item](#)





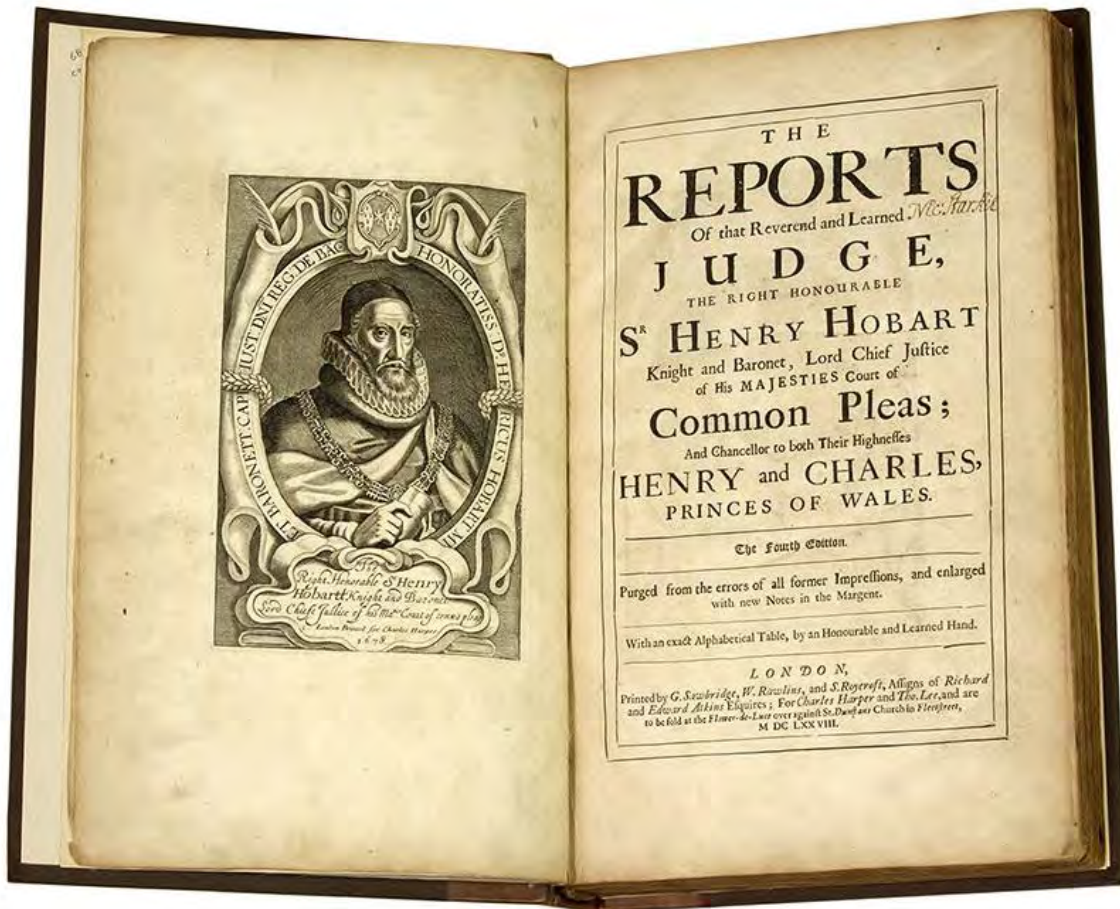
**The First American Treatise on Patents**

**12. Fessenden, Thomas G. [1771-1837].**

*An Essay on the Law of Patents for New Inventions. With an Appendix Containing the French Patent Law, Forms, &c.* Boston: Published by Charles Ewer, 1822. [iii], [iii]-xxxii, [1], [35]-427, [1]. Octavo (8-1/4" x 5-1/4").

Later library cloth, red and black calf lettering pieces and paper shelf label to spine. Light soiling and shelfwear, a few nicks to lettering pieces, front hinge starting, crack in text block between pp. 134 and 135. Light toning, somewhat heavier in places, light foxing and faint dampstaining to some leaves, library inkstamp to head of dedication leaf, embossed library stamp to head of title page, a few library marks to verso. \$500.

\* Second and final edition, a much-expanded edition of the first American book on patents. A true "Renaissance man," Fessenden was a lawyer, poet, journalist, inventor and venture capitalist who promoted various inventions. He was the holder of two patents for heating devices, and he promoted "scientific" techniques in *The New England Farmer*, a journal he founded. Also a prominent satirist, he wrote numerous pieces under the pseudonym Christopher Caustic for one of his other journals, *The Terrible Tractoration*. His treatise contains summaries of the relevant statutes, digests of leading cases (such as *Whitney v. Carter* over the invention of the cotton gin) and comparisons between the patent laws of the United States, Great Britain and France. The appendix contains the United States Patent Law of 1800, texts of later legislation, forms for U.S. patent applications and a bilingual collection of French patent laws. Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 7130. [Order This Item](#)



### Final English Edition of Hobart's *Reports*

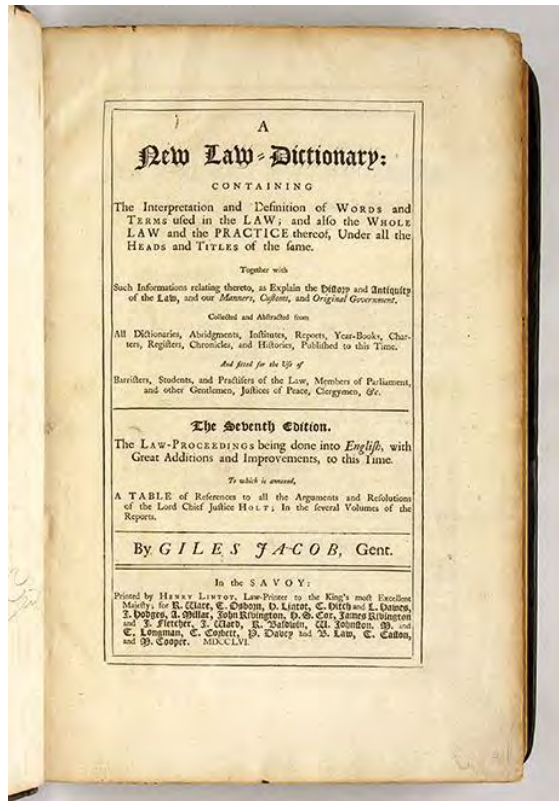
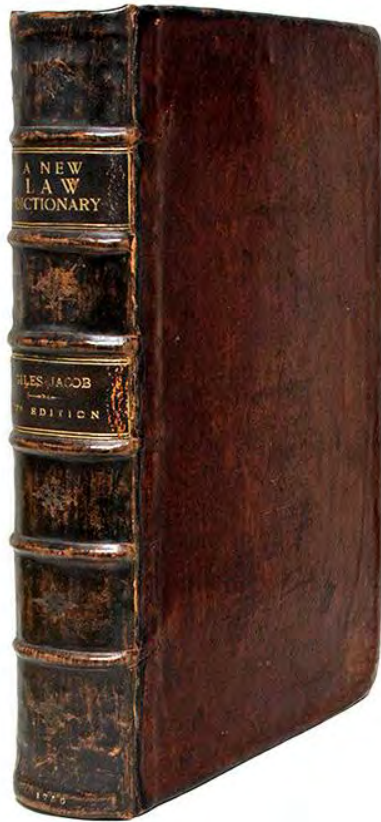
**13. Hobart, Henry [d. 1625], Reporter.  
[Nottingham, Heneage Finch, Earl of (1621-1682)].**

*The Reports of that Reverend and Learned Judge, The Right Honourable Sr Henry Hobart Knight and Baronet, Lord Chief Justice of His Majesties Court of Common Pleas; And Chancellor to Both Their Highnesses Henry and Charles, Princes of Wales. Purged from the Errors of All Former Impressions, And Enlarged with New Notes in the Margent. With an Exact Alphabetical Table, By an Honourable and Learned Hand.* London: Printed by G. Sawbridge, W. Rawlins, and S. Roycroft, 1678. [xvi], 350, [70] pp. Copperplate portrait frontispiece. Folio (12-1/2" x 7-1/2").

Recent period-style quarter calf over cloth, raised bands and lettering piece to spine, endpapers renewed. Corners lightly bumped, some fading to spine. Toning to text, brief annotations in early hand throughout, light soiling and early owner signature ("Nic. Starkie") to title page. \$350.

\* Fourth edition. Hobart was Coke's successor as chief justice. These reports (in English), which have long been accepted as the standard source for the period, cover cases in King's Bench, Common Pleas, and the Star Chamber from 1603 to 1625, with some cases from the reign of Queen Elizabeth. A durable work, it passed through seven editions, unaltered, from 1641 to 1724. The final edition was followed by an American edition in 1829. The annotations in our copy are mostly cross-references to other reports, some are comments or summaries of main points. Marvin identifies Finch as the "honourable and learned hand." Marvin, *Legal Bibliography* 388. Wallace, *The Reporters* 229. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R26061. [Order This Item](#)





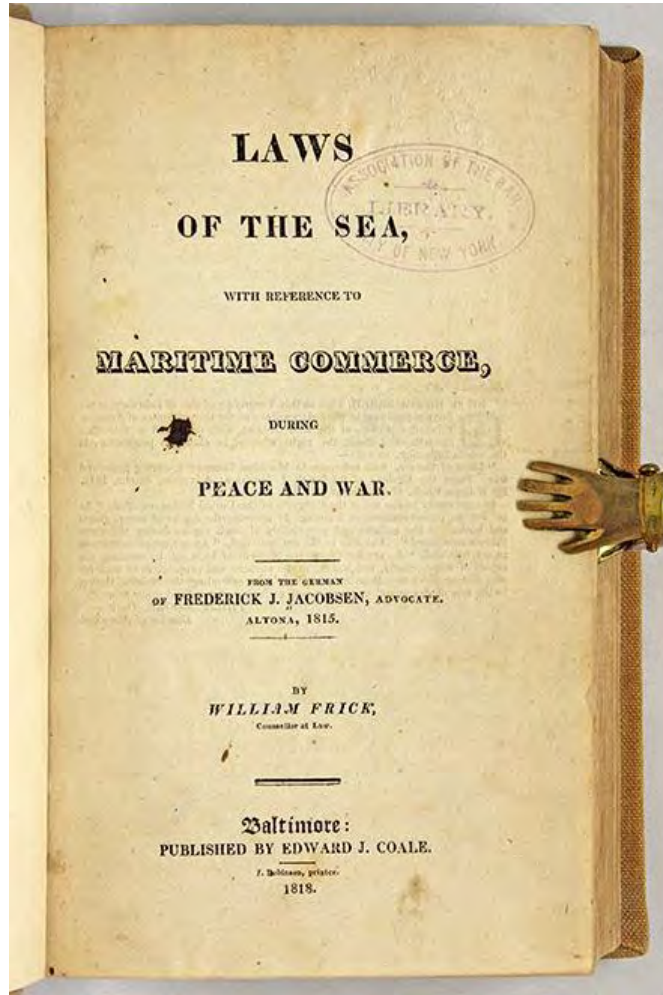
### Seventh Edition of Jacob's Great Dictionary

#### 14. Jacob, Giles [1686-1744].

*A New Law-Dictionary: Containing the Interpretation and Definition of Words and Terms Used in the Law; And also the Whole Law and the Practice Thereof, Under All the Heads and Titles of the Same. Together with Such Informations Relating Thereto, As Explain the History and Antiquity of the Law, And Our Manners, Customs, And Original Government. Collected and Abstracted from All Dictionaries, Abridgements, Institutes, Reports, Year-Books, Charters, Registers, Chronicles, And Histories, Published to this Time. And Fitted for the Use of Barristers, Students, And Practisers of the Law, Members of Parliament, And Other Gentlemen, Justices of Peace, Clergymen, &c. The Law-Proceedings Being Done into English, With Great Additions and Improvements, To this Time. To Which is Annexed, A Table of References to All the Arguments and Resolutions of the Lord Chief Justice Holt; In the Several Volumes of the Reports.* [London]: Printed by Henry Lintot, 1756. [840] pp. Main text printed in parallel columns. Folio (14" x 9").

Contemporary calf with later rebacking, blind rules to boards, blind fillets along joints, raised bands, lettering pieces and blind ornaments to spine, endpapers renewed, hinges reinforced, corners mended. Light rubbing and a few scuffs to boards, one large scuff with a later repair, moderate rubbing to extremities. Moderate toning to text, light foxing and faint dampstaining to a few leaves, "Giles Jacob Gent" in early hand (not the author's) to front endleaf. \$350.

\* Tenth edition, "With Great Additions and Improvements." As Cowley has pointed out, *A New Law-Dictionary* was both Jacob's masterpiece and "an entirely new departure in legal literature" that provided a model for several subsequent efforts. In contrast to earlier works, each entry summarizes all of the laws relating to the subject and offers extensive interpretive commentary. Obsolete terms are omitted. It was recognized almost immediately that Jacob created a highly useful legal encyclopedia that was more detailed and concise than any other abridgment of the period. An extremely popular work that went through twelve editions between 1729 and 1800, it offers unparalleled insights into Anglo-American law during the eighteenth century. Cowley, *A Bibliography of Abridgements, Digests, Dictionaries and Indexes to the Year 1800* 217. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T137463. [Order This Item](#)



"One of the Great Pleasures of the Legal Bibliophile"

15. Jacobsen, Frederick J. [1774-1822].

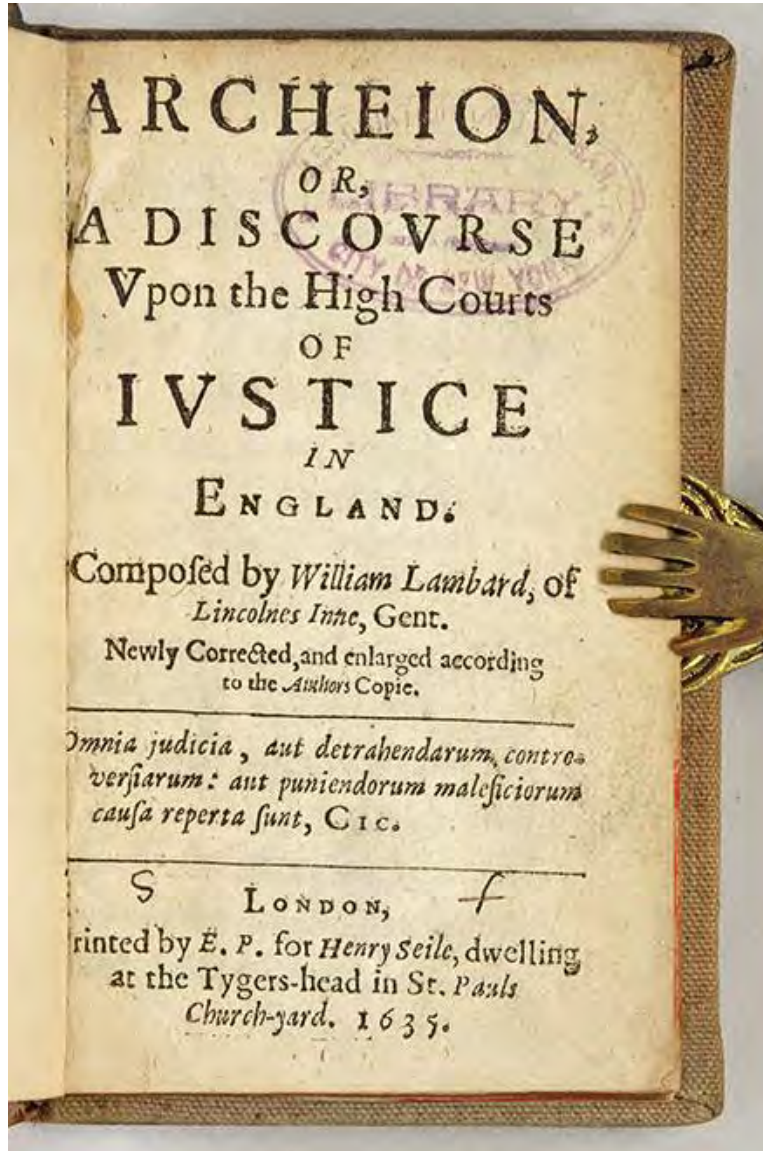
Frick, William [1790-1855], Translator.

*Laws of the Sea, With Reference to Maritime Commerce, During Peace and War.* From the German by William Frick. Baltimore: Published by Edward J. Coale, 1818. xxxv, 636 pp. Octavo (8-1/4" x 5-1/4").

Later library cloth, red and black calf lettering pieces and paper shelf label to spine. Some shelfwear and soiling, light chipping to lettering pieces, front joint just starting at head, corners bumped, newspaper clipping concerning an 1845 maritime case pasted to rear endleaf. Moderate toning to text, faint library stamps, one embossed, to title page, library marks to verso, other small library marks to rear pastedown. \$500.

\* First English-language edition and the only American edition. Originally published in 1815, Marvin spoke highly of this work in his *Legal Bibliography*, noting that few have equaled his wide range of research and depth of learning. As late as 1921, G.L. Canfield, writing in the *Michigan Law Review*, called this work "one of the pleasures of the legal bibliophile" that "remain[s] essential today to a practitioner's library (19:580-582). Jacobsen, a German jurist, was an internationally recognized authority on maritime law. *Laws of the Sea* is based on a sixteen-year study of the laws of Italy, France, Great Britain, Holland, Denmark and Germany. It remains the most thorough single-volume study of English and continental maritime law in the early nineteenth century, a turbulent era shaped by the French Revolution and Napoleon. Marvin, *Legal Bibliography* 418-419. Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 1593. [Order This Item](#)





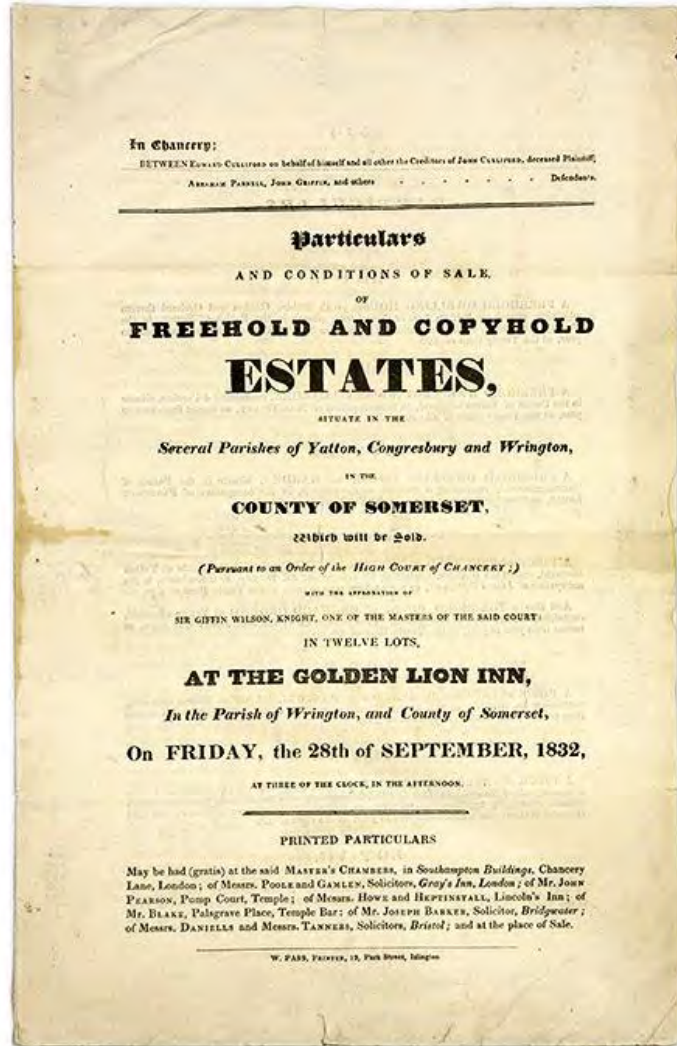
Preferred Edition of Lambard[e]'s *Archeion*

16. Lambard[e], William [1536-1601].

*Archeion, Or, A Discourse Upon the High Courts of Justice in England. Newly Corrected, and Enlarged According to the Authors Copie.* London: Printed by E.P. for Henry Seile, 1635. [xiv], 276 pp. First leaf of text, a blank, lacking. Octavo (5-3/4" x 3-1/2").

Later library cloth, red and black calf lettering pieces to spine. Moderate soiling, light shelfwear, rubbing to lower lettering piece. Moderate toning, early owner initials and library inkstamp to title page, two library marks to verso. \$500.

\* Second, final and best edition. Lambard[e], a barrister, justice of the peace and legal historian, was also the keeper of records at the Rolls Chapel and the Tower of London. He is best known for his *Eirenarcha, Or the Office of the Justices of Peace* (1581). *Archeion* is a historical commentary on the central courts of justice in England that was published posthumously by his grandson, Thomas Lambard, in 1635. The first printing, which was produced without his authorization, led him to issue the "newly corrected" and "enlarged" edition, which appeared later that year. (In his angry "Note to the Reader" Lambard complains about the "crying errors" of the earlier printing.) *English Short-Title Catalogue* S108230. [Order This Item](#)



**Annotated Circular of an 1832  
Land Auction in Somerset County, England**

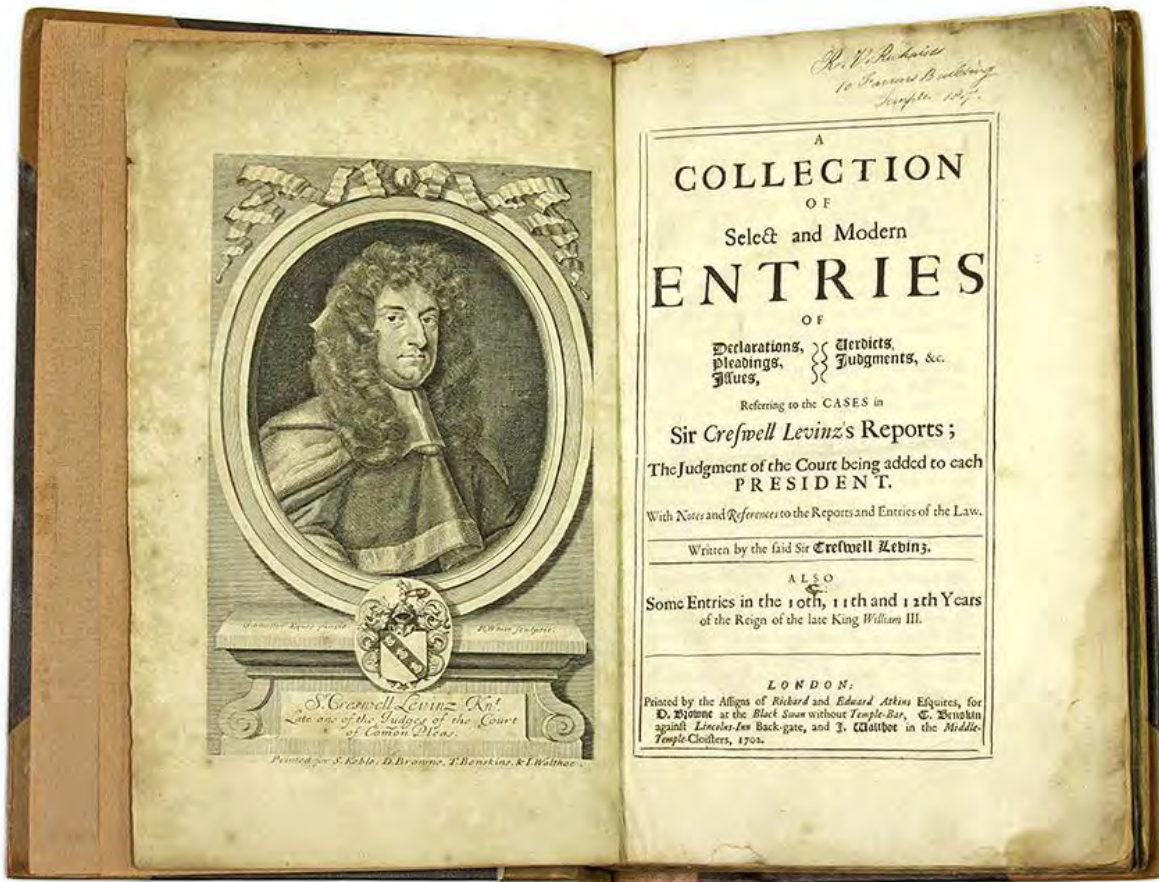
17. [Land Auction].  
[Great Britain].  
Poole and Gamlan.

*Particulars and Conditions of Sale, Of Freehold & Copyhold Estates, Situate in the Several Parishes of Yatton, Congresbury and Wrington, In the County of Somerset, Which Will be Sold, (Pursuant to an Order of the High Court of Chancery;) With the Approbation of Sir Giffin Wilson, Knight, One of the Masters of the Said Court: In Twelve Lots, At the Golden Lion Inn, In the Parish of Wrington, And County of Somerset, On Friday, The 28th of September, 1832, At Three of the Clock, In the Afternoon.* Islington: W. Pass, Printer, [1832]. [4] pp. Folio (15-1/4" x 9-1/2").

Bifolium pamphlet. Light toning and soiling. horizontal fold line through center, a few minor chips and tears to edges, annotated throughout in contemporary hand. \$500.

\* This auction featured 12 lots. The annotations are records of the bids and the names of the successful bidders. Another in a different hand on p. [4] reads: "1832. Saml. Baker's Acct. of the Bidding and sale." No copies located on COPAC or OCLC. [Order This Item](#)





### A Companion to the Reports of Sir Creswell Levinz

#### 18. Levinz, Sir Creswell.

*A Collection of Select and Modern Entries of Declarations, Pleadings, Issues, Verdicts, Judgments, &c. Referring to the Cases in Sir Creswell Levinz's Reports; The Judgment of the Court Being Added to Each President. With Notes and References to the Reports and Entries of the Law.* London: Printed by the Assigns of R. and E. Atkins, for D. Browne [etc.], 1702. [iv], 1-223 [i.e. 215], [21] pp. Copperplate portrait frontispiece. Folio (12-1/4" x 8").

Later three-quarter calf over cloth, raised bands and lettering piece to spine, endpapers renewed, frontispiece re-hinged. Light rubbing to extremities with minor wear to spine ends and corners. Moderate toning to text, occasional faint dampstaining to margins, some soiling to margins in places, light soiling, some edgewear and later owner signature (R.V. Richards) to head of title page. \$250.

\* Only edition. The reports of Sir Creswell Levinz cover the years 1660 to 1697 (12 Car. II-9 Wm. III). Contemporary opinions of their quality vary, but they were widely cited and considered authorities by the early 1700s, both in Great Britain and the American colonies. *A Collection* is an abridged and digested version with citations to the three-volume *Les Reports de Sr. Creswell Levinz* (London, 1702). *English Short-Title Catalogue* T96774. [Order This Item](#)



**The First Compilation of the  
Laws of Maine, With the Uncommon Third Volume**

**19. [Maine].**

*Laws Of The State Of Maine; To Which are Prefixed the Constitution of the U. States and of Said State, With an Appendix. Published According to a Resolve of the State, Passed March 9, 1821.* Brunswick: Printed and Published by J. Griffin, For the State, 1821. Two volumes. [ii], lxx, 456, xciii, [3]; [ii], xlii, [457]-872, xciii, [3] pp.

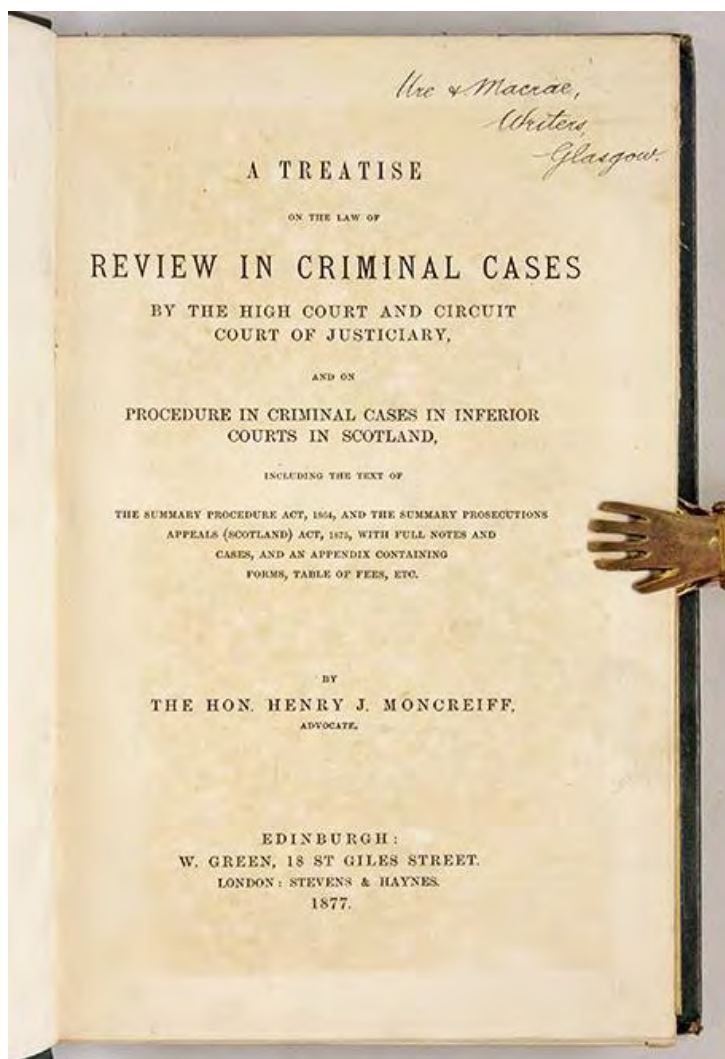
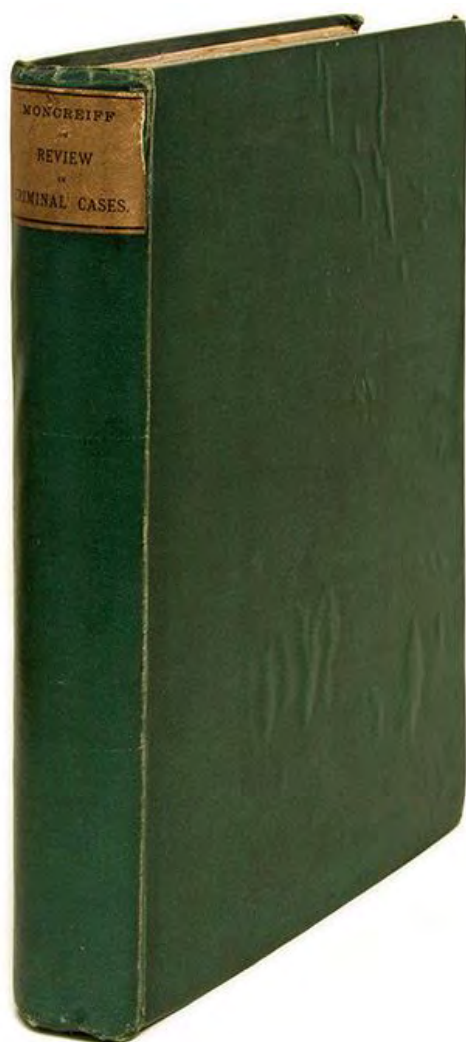
**[With]**

*Laws of the State of Maine. Vol III. Published According to a Resolve of the State, Passed March 30th, 1831.* Portland: Printed by Thomas Todd, For the State, 1831. xlviii, 413, [1], xxxvii, [1] pp.

Octavo (9-1/4" x 5-3/4"). Contemporary sheep, blind fillets to boards, lettering piece and blind fillets to spine. Light rubbing and some shallow scuffing and small stains to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, corners bumped, a few hinges cracked, front free endpapers removed from Volumes I and III. Light to moderate toning, light foxing in a places in each volume. An attractive set in uniform bindings. \$650.

\* First editions. Maine separated from Massachusetts in 1819 and entered the Union in 1820. "Published According to a Resolve of the State," the two-volume 1821 compilation was the first collection of Maine state laws. Complete three-volume sets are uncommon. Babbitt, *Hand-List of Legislative Sessions and Session Laws* 159. [Order This Item](#)





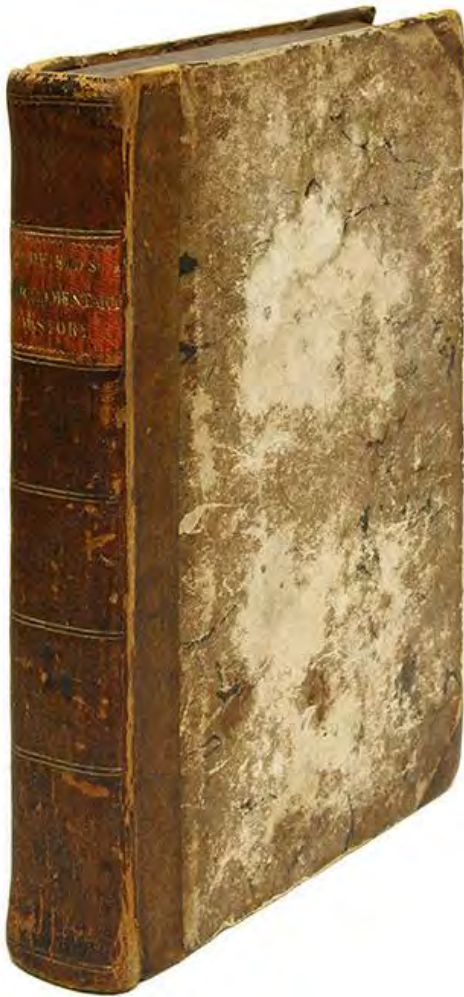
**Scarce Nineteenth-Century Treatise on the Review of Criminal Cases in the Scottish Courts**

**20. Moncreiff, Henry J., Baron Moncreiff [1840-1909].**

*A Treatise on the Law of Review in Criminal Cases by the High Court and Circuit Court of Justiciary, And on Procedure in Criminal Cases in Inferior Courts in Scotland, Including the Text of the Summary Procedure Act, 1864, And the Summary Prosecutions Appeals (Scotland) Act, 1875, With Full Notes and Cases, And an Appendix Containing Forms, Table of Fees, Etc.* Edinburgh: W. Green, 1877. xvi, 393, [1] pp. Octavo (8-3/4" x 5-1/2").

Original cloth, printed title label to spine. Light rubbing to extremities, some bubbling to cloth, spine ends bumped, corners bumped and lightly worn, upper corner clipped from front free endpaper. Light toning to text, early owner inscription to upper corner of title page. \$150.

\* Only edition. Moncreiff, 2nd Baron Moncreiff, was a Scottish judge who succeeded to the title Baron Moncreiff. OCLC locates 23 copies worldwide, 9 in North American law libraries (Harvard, Library of Congress, Social Law, Stanford, Tulane, University of Cincinnati, University of Connecticut, University of Pennsylvania, U.S. Supreme Court). Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 5:80. [Order This Item](#)



**An Interesting 1797 Study of Political Representation by a Notable English Reformer and Historian**

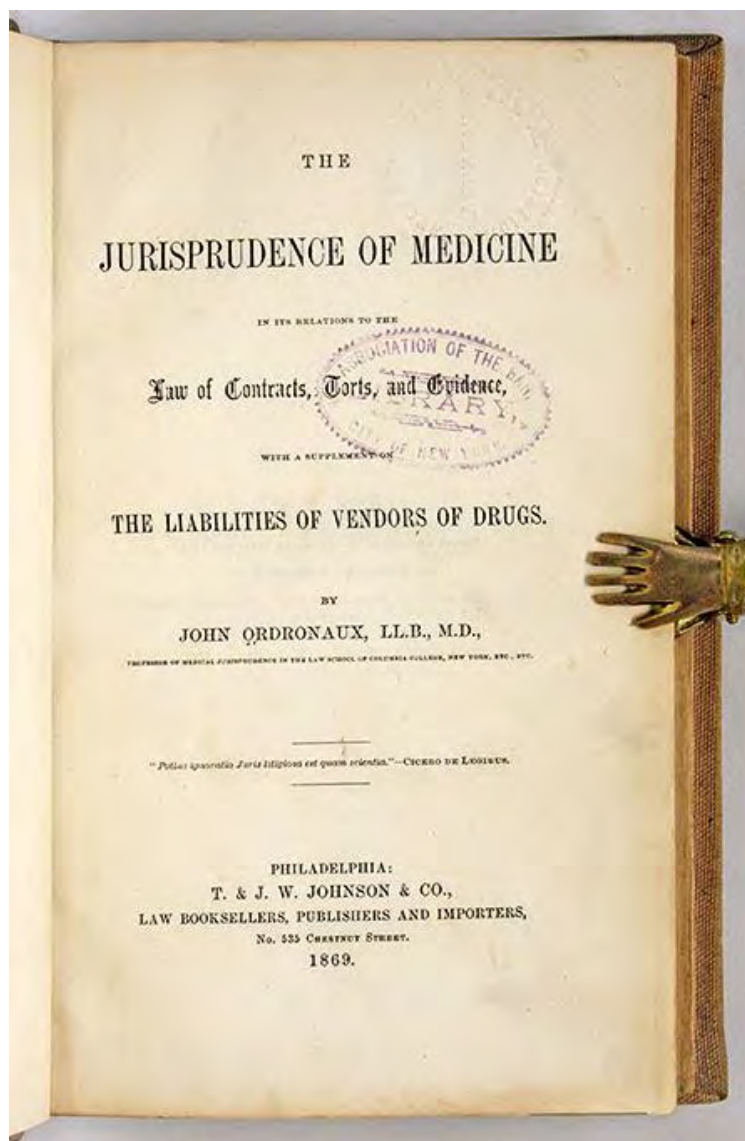
**21. Oldfield, T[homas] H[inton] B[urley] [1755-1822].**

*History of the Original Constitution of Parliaments, From the Time of the Britons to the Present Day; Shewing Their Duration and Mode of Election, The Various Innovations and Alterations Which have Taken Place in the State of the Representation of the People in the Reigns of the Several Kings and Queens of England, The Periods at Which Cities and Boroughs Respectively First Sent Members, The Times of Their Discontinuing to exercise that Privilege, their Restoration, &c. To Which is Added, The Present State of the Representation; Containing an Impartial Account of the Several Contests Which Took Place at the Last Election; Names of Proprietors and Patrons of Boroughs; Contradictory Rights of Election; Charters and Local Privileges; Number of Voters; State of Factions in Cities and Boroughs, &c.* London: Printed for G.G. and J. Robinson, 1797. viii, 548 pp. Octavo (8-1/4" x 5-1/4").

Nineteenth-century three-quarter calf over marbled boards. Rubbing to boards with wear to marbling, lighter rubbing to extremities, corners bumped, front hinge starting, front free endpaper partially detached. Moderate toning to text, light foxing in places, owner signature ("Henry Bruce/ London 1812") to front pastedown and head of title page. \$125.

\* Only edition. A useful study of political representation by a notable political reformer and historian. It demonstrates the inequities of a system that allows a Duke to determine the vote of an entire area and gives as much weight to a ghost village ("rotten borough") as it does to a town of 20,000 people. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T115307. [Order This Item](#)





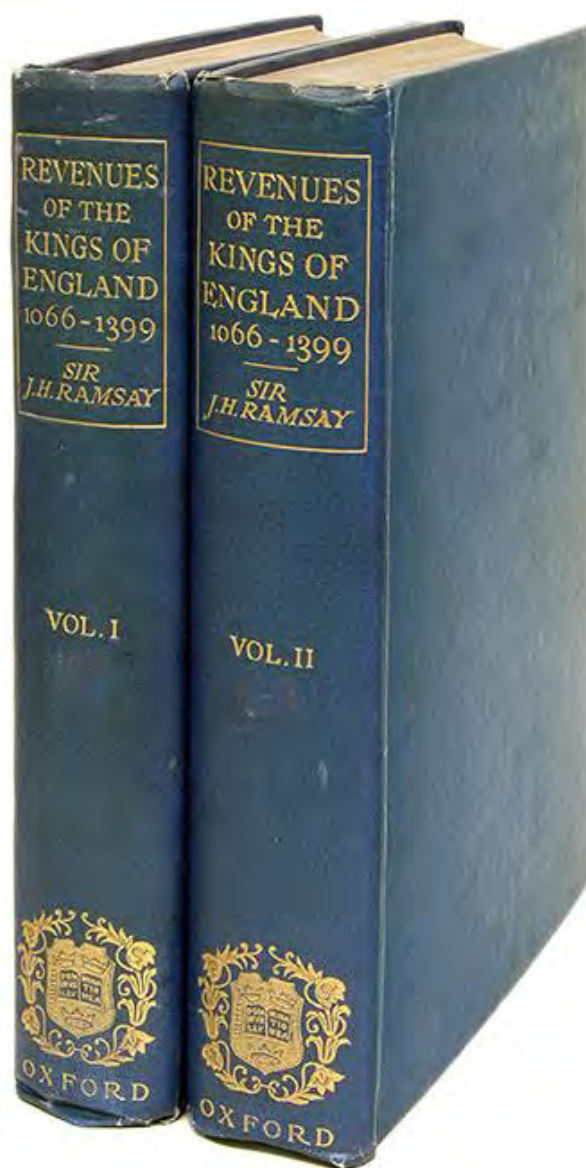
**"The First Genuine Work on Medical Jurisprudence"**

**22. Ordronaux, John [1830-1908].**

*The Jurisprudence of Medicine in its Relation to the Law of Contracts, Torts, and Evidence: with a Supplement on the Liabilities of Vendors of Drugs.* Philadelphia: T. & J.W. Johnson, 1869. xvi, 310 pp. Octavo (9" x 5-3/4").

Later library cloth, red and black calf lettering pieces and paper location label to spine. Some soiling and light shelfwear, a few tiny chips to lettering pieces. Light toning to text, minor tears to margins of a few leaves, two library stamps, one embossed, to title page, a few library marks to verso. \$250.

\* According to Kronick, this is the "first genuine work on medical jurisprudence as distinguished from legal medicine." It contains four sections: Rights, Remedies, and Liabilities of Physicians, with a subchapter on superintendents of asylums for the insane; medical evidence, with a full chapter on evidence in cases of alleged insanity; the ethics of medicine; and, the jurisprudence of pharmacy. A lawyer and physician who held chairs at Columbia Law School and Dartmouth Medical School, Ordronaux also served as the first New York State commissioner for the mentally ill. Kronick, *Landmark Books in Legal Medicine* 1981. [Order This Item](#)



### A Notable History of Royal Revenues

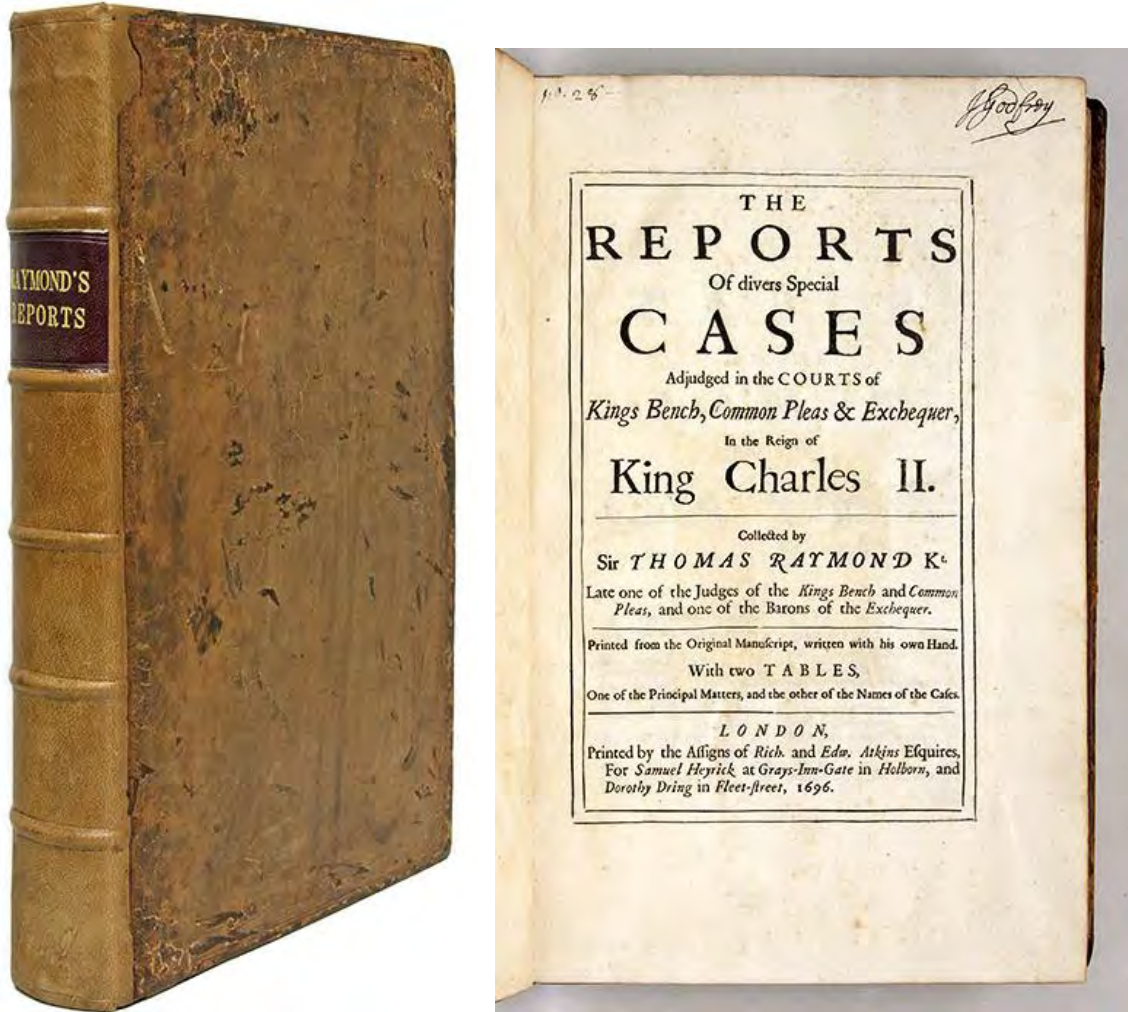
**23. Ramsay, Sir James H. [1832-1925].**

*A History of the Revenues of the Kings of England, 1066-1399.* Oxford: At the Clarendon Press, 1925. Two volumes. [ix], 365; 440 pp. Plate in Volume I between pp. 261-262. Text illustrations. Tables.

Cloth, gilt titles to spines. Light rubbing to boards, slightly heavier rubbing to extremities, corners and spine ends bumped. Marks and brief notes in pencil in a few places, interior otherwise clean. A nice copy of a scarce title. \$125.

\* Only edition. Ramsay was a notable historian and archivist of early English history. Based on a careful study of archival sources, his study of royal revenues and English medieval finance is still consulted today. "[His book] was an important pioneering attempt to break into a new area of study. He achieved his aim of opening up the subject for further research by other scholars. This proved to be his most lasting historical achievement.": *Oxford Dictionary of National Biography* (online edition). [Order This Item](#)





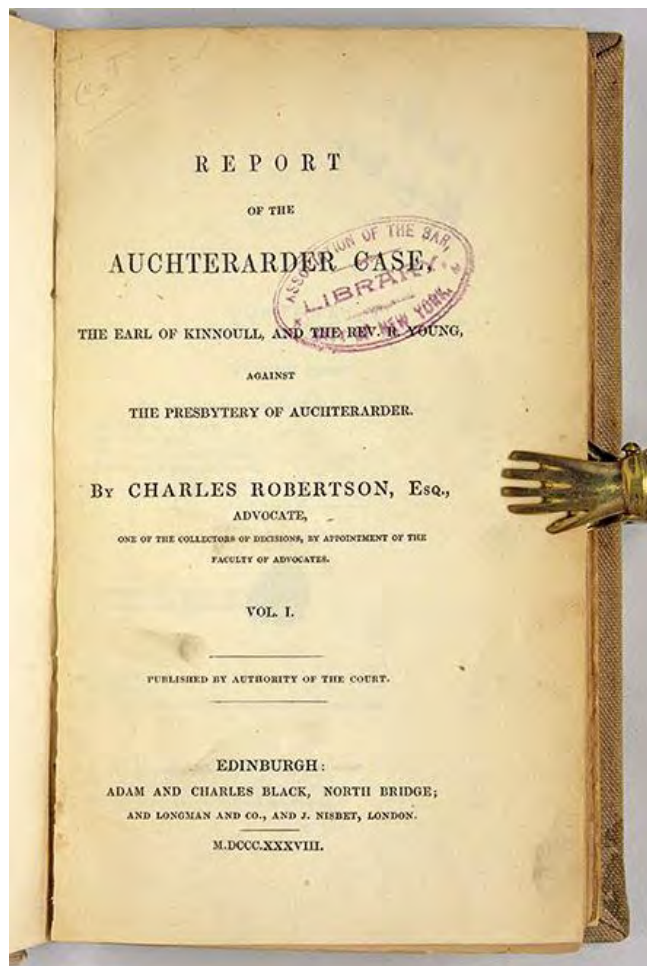
### A Highly Respected Reporter

#### 24. Raymond, Sir Thomas [1627-1683], Reporter.

*The Reports Of Divers Special Cases Adjudged In The Courts Of Kings Bench, Common Pleas, & Exchequer, In the Reign of King Charles II. Printed from the Original Manuscript, Written in His Own Hand. With Two Tables, One of the Principal Matters, And the Other of the Names of the Cases.* London: Rich. & Edw. Atkins, 1696. [i], 506, [54] pp. Folio (12" x 8").

Contemporary calf, rebaked in period style, blind rules to boards, blind fillets along joints, raised bands and lettering piece to spine, early hand-lettered title to fore-edge of text block, hinges mended. Moderate scuffing to boards, moderate rubbing to board edges, corners bumped and somewhat worn. Light toning to text, light browning to a few sections, some leaves have light foxing or dampspotting, early owner signature (J. Godfrey) to head of title page, brief annotations in early hand to a few passages. An attractive copy. \$750.

\* First edition. A highly respected set of reports, these cover the years 1660 to 1684 and extend back with some interruption to 1653. Sir Thomas Raymond sat as judge of the Courts of Common Pleas and King's Bench only briefly, at the end of his career. But he left superior manuscript accounts of cases heard in these courts in earlier times when he was a barrister of Gray's Inn. His reports were held in high regard by Holdsworth and Wallace. Holdsworth, *History of English Law* VI:560. Wallace, *The Reporters* 304. [Order This Item](#)



**The First in a Series of Events that  
Led to a Schism in the Church of Scotland**

**25. [Trial].**

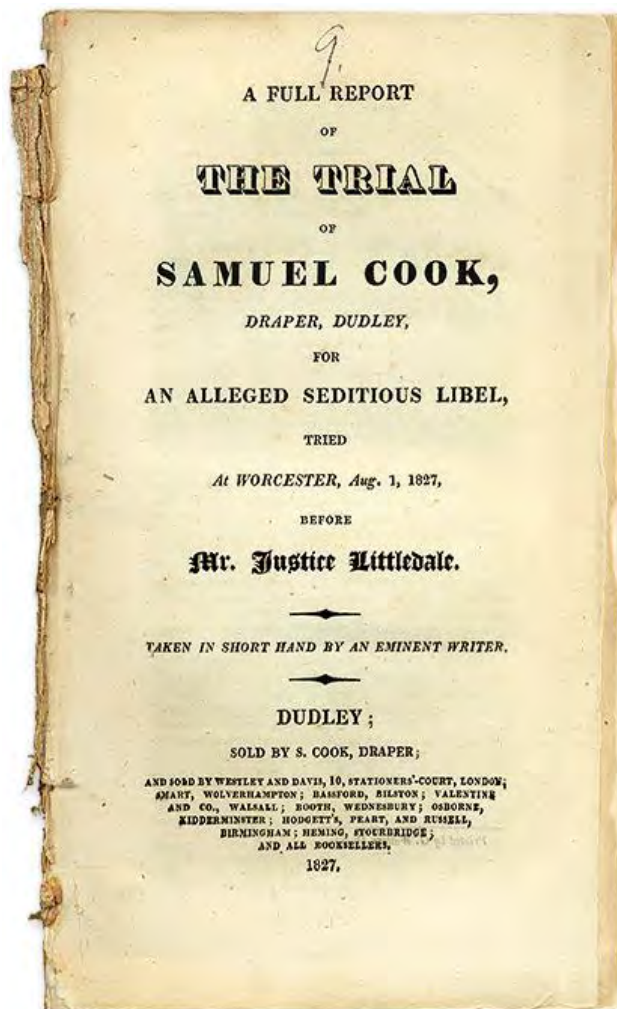
**Auchterarder, Presbytery of.  
Robertson, Charles, Reporter.**

*Report of the Auchterarder Case. The Earl of Kinnoull, And the Rev. R. Young, Against the Presbytery of Auchterarder.* Edinburgh: Adam and Charles Black, 1838. Two Volumes. 408, 36; 451, [1], 16, [vi], 66 pp. Final section of Volume II, [vi], 66, preceded by title page reading *Supplement to the Report of the Auchterarder Case. Containing the Speeches of The Lord Chancellor and Lord Brougham.* Octavo (9-1/4" x 6").

Later library cloth, red and black calf lettering pieces and paper location labels to spines. Moderate soiling and light shelfwear, a few minor nicks to lettering pieces. Light browning to text, inkstains and minor tears to a few leaves, library stamps to title pages, library marks to versos, title page and following leaf of Volume I partially detached but secure. \$450.

\* Only edition. The parish of Auchterarder unanimously rejected Robert Young, the minister nominated by his patron, the Earl of Kinnoull. The case that followed concerned the right of a wealthy patron to install a minister of his choice into a parish, an issue that became a point of contention between those who held that this infringed on the spiritual independence of the church, and those who regarded it as a matter of property under the state's jurisdiction. The case was the first in a series of events that led to the Disruption of 1843, a schism within the Church of Scotland that resulted in the establishment of the Free Church of Scotland. *British Museum Catalogue* (Compact Edition) 21:783. [Order This Item](#)





**A Draper is Charged with Seditious Libel for Displaying a Strike Notice in His Shop Window**

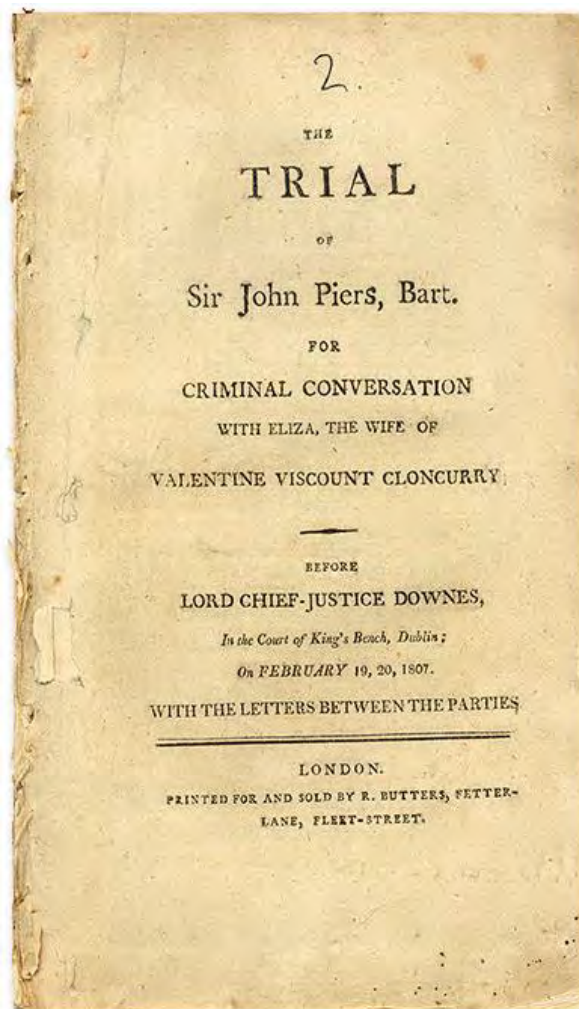
**26. [Trial].**

**Cook, Samuel [1786-1861], Defendant.**

*A Full Report of the Trial of Samuel Cook, Draper, Dudley, For an Alleged Seditious Libel, Tried at Worcester, Aug. 1, 1827, Before Mr. Justice Littledale. Taken in Short Hand by an Eminent Writer.* Dudley [Worcester]: Sold by S. Cook, Draper, 1827. [ii], 72 pp. Octavo (8-1/4" x 5-1/4").

Disbound stab-stitched pamphlet. Light soiling to exterior, light rubbing to extremities. Light toning to text, somewhat heavier in places, "4" in early hand to head of title page. \$750.

\* Only edition. Cook, a linen draper and political radical, was found guilty of displaying in his shop window a handbill promoting a nailers' strike that accused government ministers of contributing to the starvation of the people. However, his punishment was light, being bound over for the sum £200 to receive sentence "when called upon." This pamphlet was published by Cook to raise money for his legal expenses. A note at the foot of p. 72 is an appeal for additional financial assistance: "S. Cook will be happy to receive and Subscriptions towards his late expenses, and towards such subsequent proceedings as may be deemed requisite." OCLC locates 4 copies, 2 in North America (Duke, Southern Illinois University). McCoy, *Freedom of the Press* (Supplement) IC318. [Order This Item](#)



### He Seduced Her to Win a Bet

#### 27. [Trial].

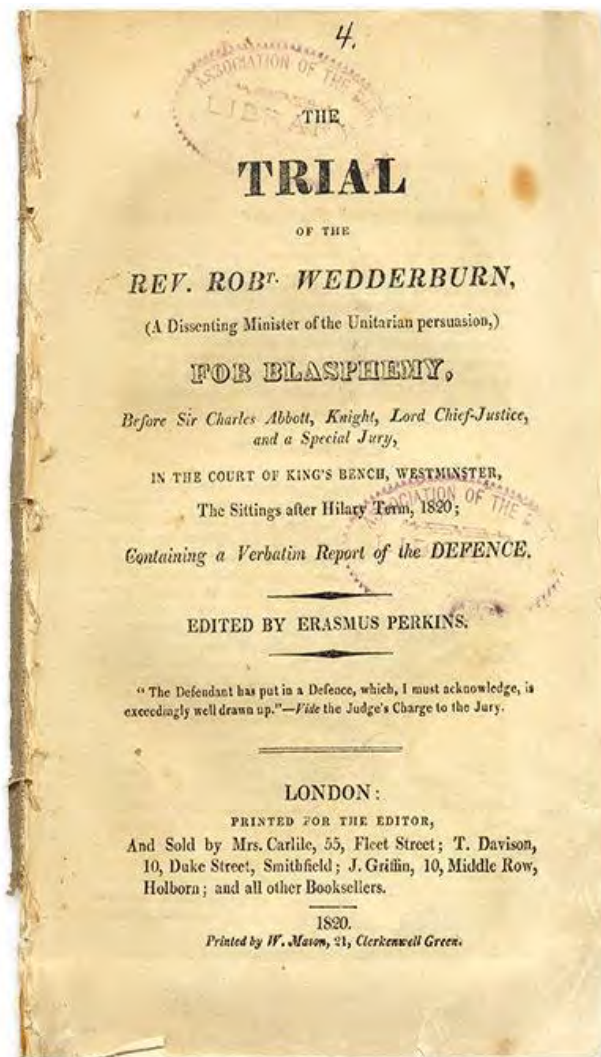
#### Piers, Sir John [1772-1845], Defendant.

*The Trial of Sir John Piers, Bart. For Criminal Conversation with Eliza, the Wife of Valentine Viscount Cloncurry Before Lord Chief-Justice Downes, In the Court of King's Bench, Dublin; On February 19, 20, 1807. With the Letters Between the Parties.* London: Printed for and Sold by R. Butters, [1807]. 44 pp. Lacking portrait frontispiece. Octavo (8-1/4" x 5-1/4").

Disbound stab-stitched pamphlet. Light soiling to exterior, some edgewear and a few minor holes to title page, "2" in early hand to upper margin, moderate toning to interior, light foxing to a few leaves. \$500.

\* Only edition. Piers, 6th Baronet of Tristernagh Abbey, was an Anglo-Irish baronet and a notable rake. His notoriety dates from his 1807 adultery trial involving Elizabeth Georgiana, Lady Cloncurry, the wife of an old school friend (and creditor), Lord Cloncurry. The trial established that Piers had seduced Lady Cloncurry as part of a bet. Lord Cloncurry was awarded the enormous sum of £20,000 in damages, the largest award granted in a criminal conversation case. The scandal attracted a great deal of attention and secured Piers a footnote in history. This case was the subject of John Betjeman's poem *Sir John Piers* and a 1978 BBC documentary *The Bold Bad Baronet*. COPAC locates 1 copy (National Library of Scotland). OCLC locates 5 copies, 3 in North America (Temple University, University of Missouri-Columbia, Yale Law School). Not in the *British Museum Catalogue*. [Order This Item](#)





**An English Radical is Charged with  
Blasphemy in Defense of a Fellow Radical**

28. [Trial].

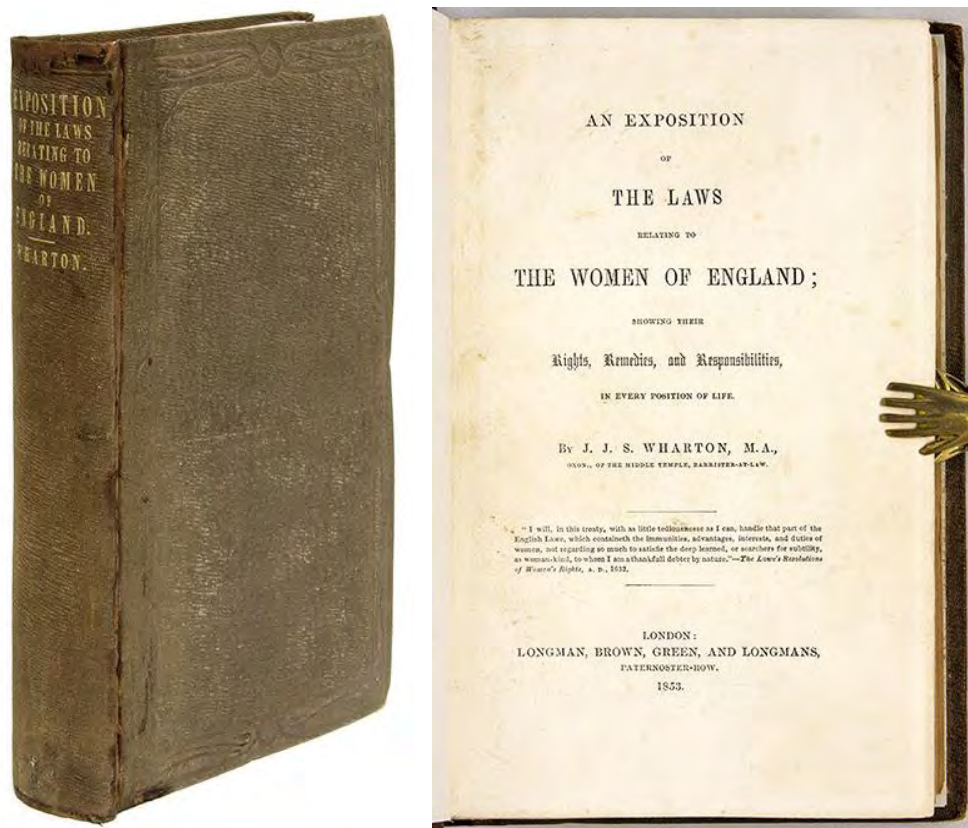
**Wedderburn, Rob[er]t [1762-1835/36?], Defendant.**

**Perkins, Erasmus, Editor.**

*The Trial of the Rev. Robt. Wedderburn, (A Dissenting Minister of the Unitarian Persuasion,) For Blasphemy, Before Sir Charles Abbott, Knight, Lord Chief-Justice, And a Special Jury, In the Court of King's Bench, Westminster, The Sittings After Hilary Term, 1820; Containing a Verbatim Report of the Defence.* London: Printed for the Editor, 1820. 23. [1] pp. Includes 1 pp. publisher advertisement. Octavo (8-1/4" x 5-1/4").

Disbound stab-stitched pamphlet. Light soiling to exterior, a few minor chips and tears to title page, light browning to interior. Two faint library inkstamps to title page, "4" in early hand to upper margin, internally clean. \$500.

\* Only edition, one of two accounts of this trial. Wedderburn was a mixed-raced Jamaican-born Unitarian minister, radical leader and anti-slavery advocate. He was convicted for blasphemous comments made about the Bible in connection with the trial of Richard Carlile, a fellow-radical. Wedderburn was found guilty and served a brief term in prison. OCLC locates 12 copies, 2 in North American law libraries (Harvard, Social Law). McCoy, *Freedom of the Press* 107. [Order This Item](#)



**The First Nineteenth-Century English Treatise About  
"The Several Laws Which Peculiarly Affect the Gentler Sex"**

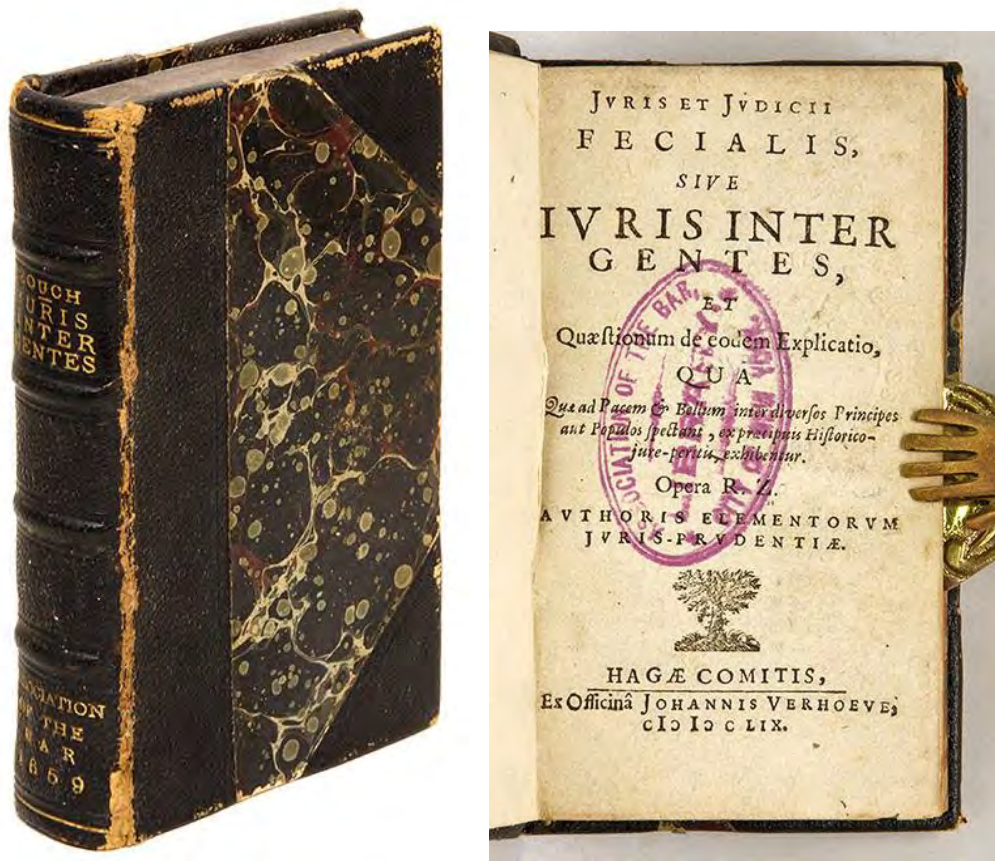
**29. Wharton, [J]ohn [J]ane [S]mith [1816 or 1817-1867].**

*An Exposition of the Laws Relating to the Women of England: Showing Their Rights, Remedies, And Responsibilities in Every Position of Life.* London: Longman, Brown, Green, And Longmans, 1853. [xi], 557, [32] pp. Includes 32-page published catalogue. Octavo (8-3/4" x 5-3/4").

Contemporary textured cloth, rebaced retaining existing spine, spine ends mended, ornate blind frames to boards, gilt title and fragment of shelf label to spine, endpapers renewed. Moderate rubbing to extremities, corners bumped and somewhat worn, light toning to text. A handsome copy of a scarce title. \$1,500.

\* Only edition. This was the first general English treatise on the subject published in the nineteenth century. "My purposed aim in commenting on the several laws which peculiarly affect the gentler sex, is to exhibit...the principles and doctrine which have been laid down and expounded, concerning this most interesting portion of the community. (...) The book is arranged according to the revolving phases of human existence through which a woman may possibly pass in her journey through life; her successes and failures, her sufferings and her joys, her wrongs and her griefs, so far as they are influenced or recognised, affected or redressed by the laws, are the matters discussed and explained. It is obvious that these expositions involve subjects of great delicacy, yes, and sometimes of painful depravity; yet, while a strain of phraseology is adopted, in describing the details necessary to their discussion, which accords as much as possible with the polished and decorous language of educated amenity, it is not attempted to debate them with a mysterious obscureness or an affected modesty, which is far worse than even a blunt and rude speech, at least in scientific investigations" (preface ix-x). OCLC locates 6 copies in North American law libraries (Columbia, Harvard, Library of Congress, Ohio State University, University of Cincinnati, University of Pennsylvania). Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 376. [Order This Item](#)





### Deeply Influential International Law Treatise

#### 30. Zouch, Richard [1590-1661].

*Juris et Judicii Feccialis, Sive Juris Intergentes, et Quaestionum de Eodem Explicatio, Qua Quoad Pacem & Bellum Interdiversos Principes aut Populos Spectant, Expraecipuis Historico-Jure-Peritis, Exhibentur.* The Hague: Johannis Verhoeve, 1659. xxiv, 384 pp. 12mo. (5" x 3").

Later three-quarter morocco over marbled boards, raised bands, gilt title and gilt institution name to spine, edges marbled, endpapers renewed. Moderate rubbing to extremities with some wear to top-edges of boards and corners. Light toning to text, somewhat heavier in places, embossed and ink library stamps to title page, a few library markings to verso. \$500.

\* Later printing of the second edition (Oxford, 1658). Zouche was an advocate of Doctors' Commons, Judge of the High Court of Admiralty and Regius Professor of Civil Law at Oxford. He published treatises on several legal topics, but his lasting fame rests on the present work, which was first published in 1650. Drawing on the work of Gentili and Grotius, it was the first work to treat the law of nations as an ordered system, one in which the law of warfare played a subordinate role. It also helped to popularize the work of Grotius and Gentili and to make international law a part of English law. According to Holdsworth, this book succeeded for three reasons: "In the first place, (...) international law appeared for the first time in a compact and orderly form. In the second place, he so clearly defined it that no one in the future could be under any misapprehension as to its scope. In the third place, he originated the modern division of the subject into Peace and War." He notes, moreover, that "in his book the tradition, inherited from the medieval books, of grouping the whole subject round the rules of war, was finally abandoned." The influence of this study beyond the seventeenth century is evident in its inclusion in the series *Classics of International Law* by the Carnegie Foundation (Washington, 1911). Holdsworth, *Sources and Literature of English Law* 227. Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 1:603.

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