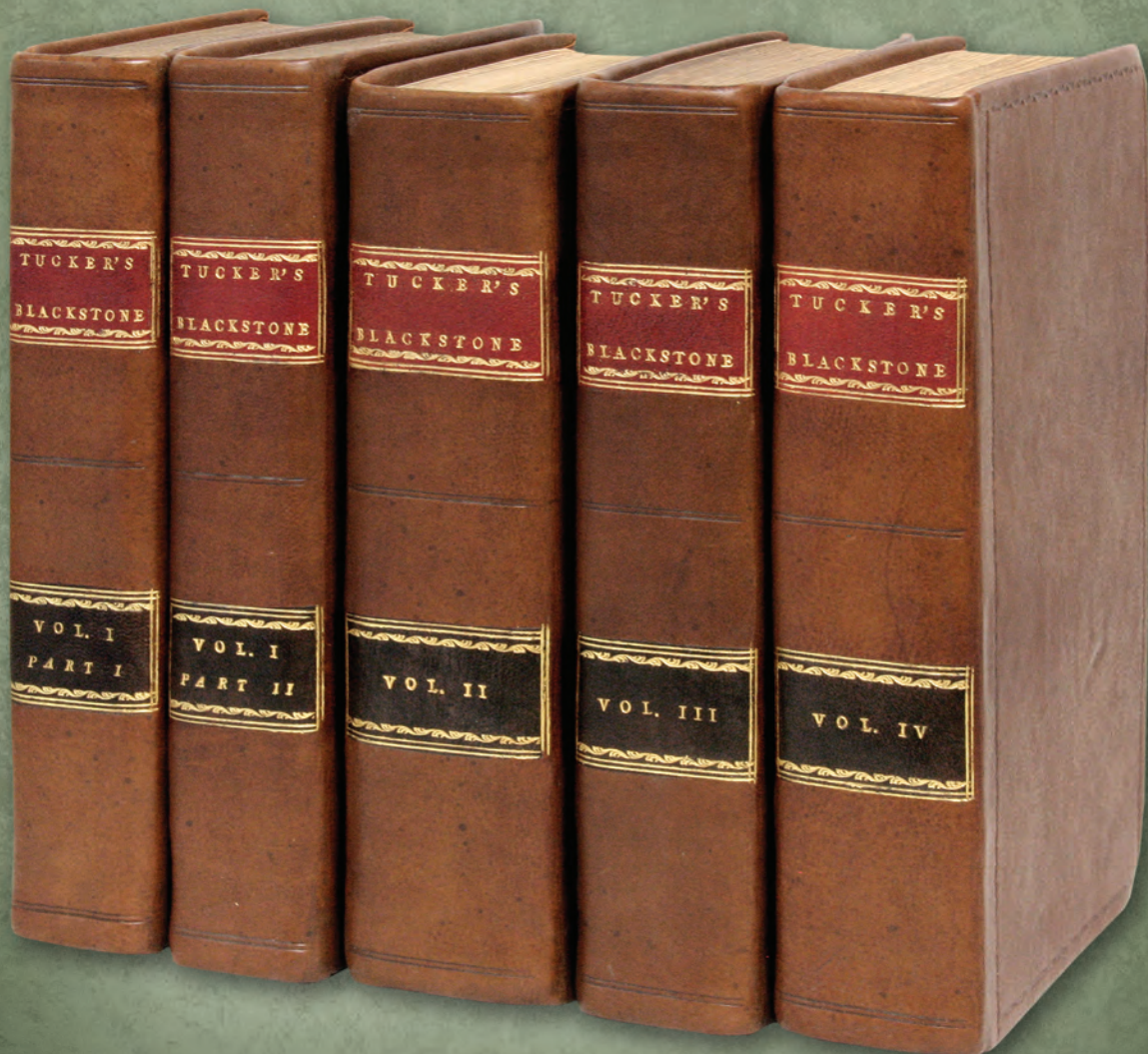


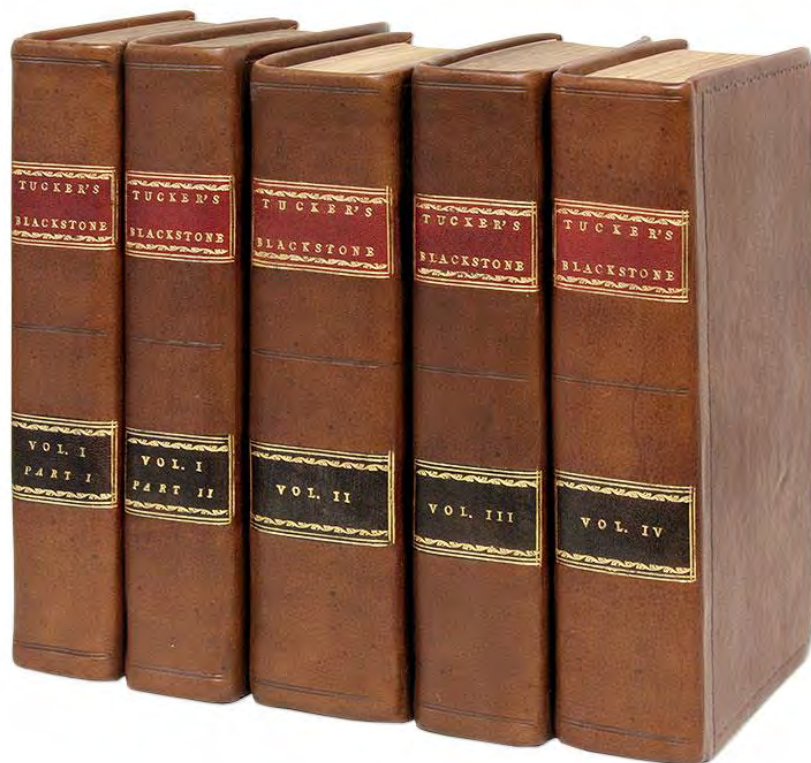
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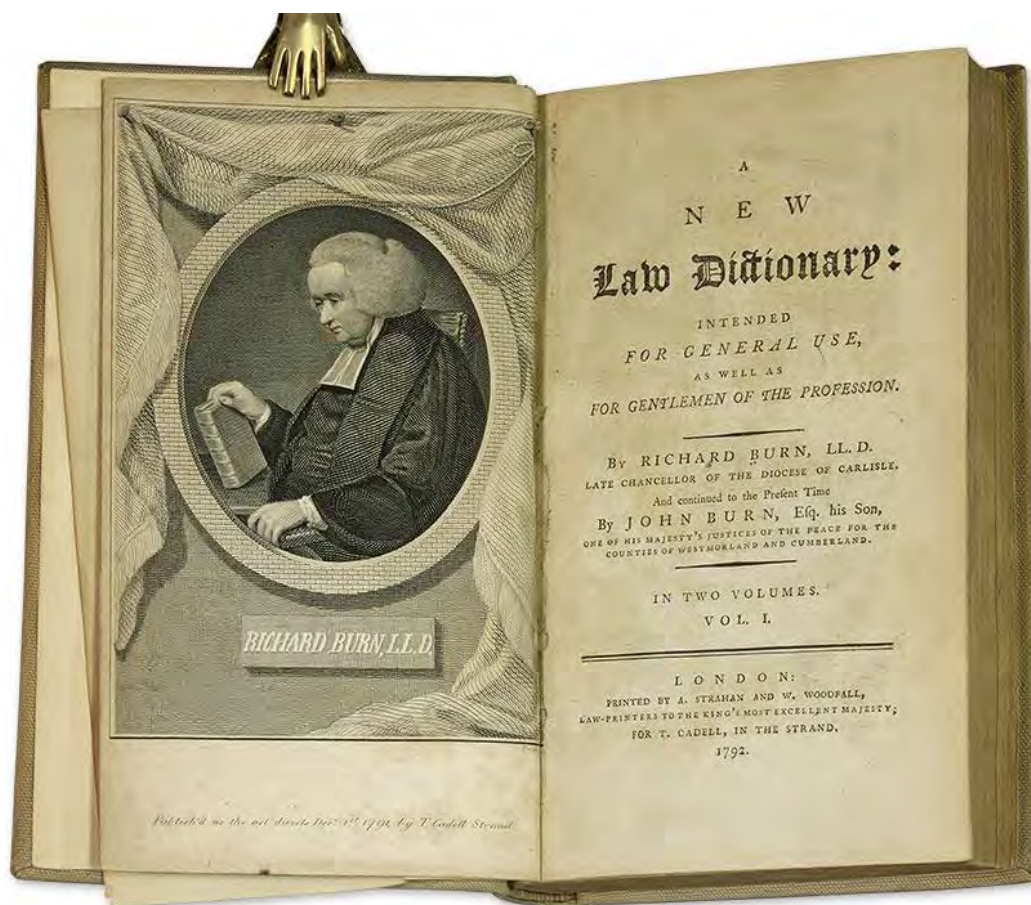
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**1. Blackstone, Sir William [1723-1780].
Tucker, St. George [1752-1827], Editor.**

Blackstone's Commentaries: With Notes of Reference to the Constitution and Laws, of the Federal Government of the United States, and of the Commonwealth of Virginia. In Five Volumes, with an Appendix to Each Volume, Containing Short Tracts upon Such Subjects As Appeared Necessary to Form a Connected View of the Laws of Virginia As a Member of the Federal Union. Philadelphia: Published by William Young Birch, and Abraham Small: Robert Carr, printer, 1803. 4 volumes in 5 books., Volume I in two parts. 4 tables (3 folded); Volume II has "Table of Consanguinity" and 3 different folding "Table[s] of Descents." Title pages in all volumes identical, with volume numbers omitted; volumes numbered on "Contents" pages and on the binding. Collates complete. Octavo (8-1/4" x 5-1/4").

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Burn's Law Dictionary

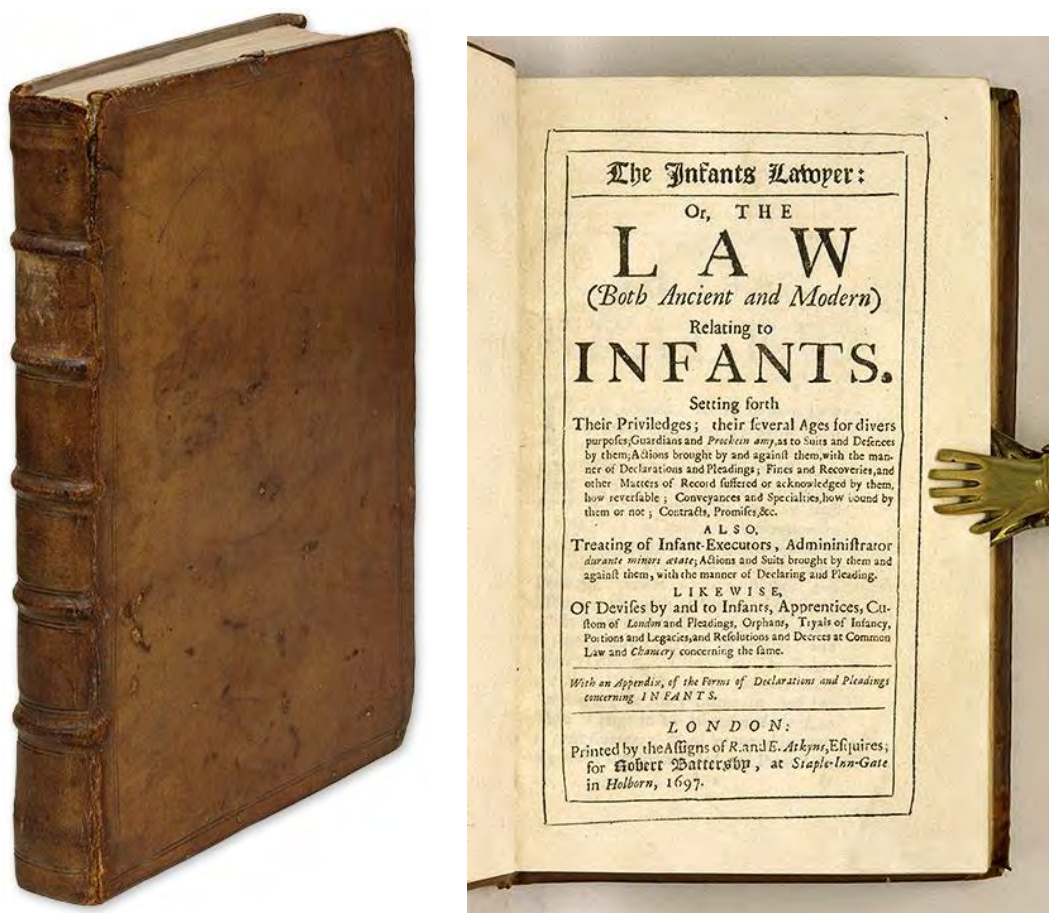
2. Burn, Richard [1709-1785].

Burn, John [1744?-1802].

A New Law Dictionary: Intended for General Use, As Well as For Gentlemen of the Profession. By Richard Burn, LL. D. Late Chancellor of the Diocese of Carlisle. And Continued to the Present time by John Burn, Esq. His Son, One of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the Counties of Westmorland and Cumberland. In Two Volumes. London: Printed by A. Strahan and W. Woodfall, 1792. Two volumes. Copperplate portrait frontispiece. vii, 442; [ii], 446, [1] pp. Includes one-page publisher advertisement. Octavo (8-1/2" x 5-1/2").

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* Only 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. A reissue of this book was published in Dublin the same year as the London edition. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T112656. [Order This Item](#)



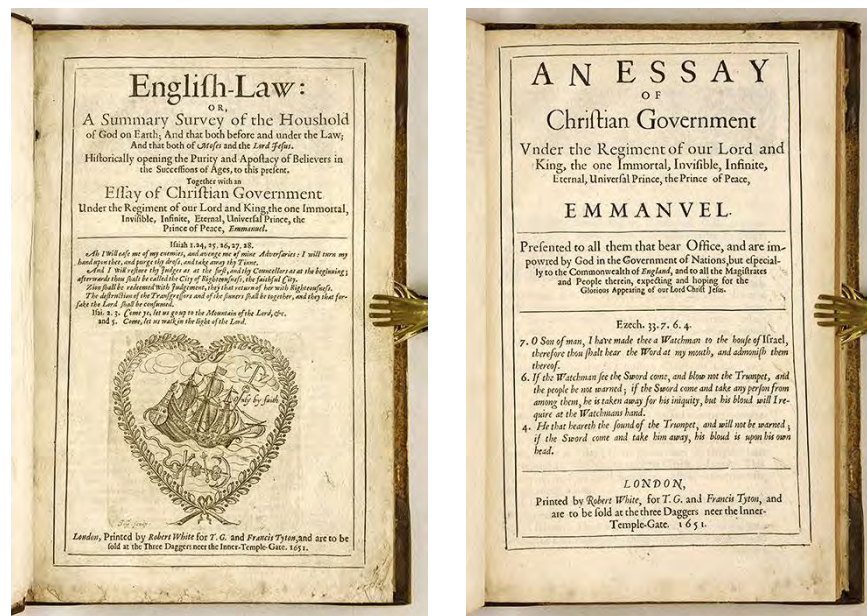
**First Edition of the First English
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3. [Carter, Samuel].

The Infants Lawyer: Or, The Law (Both Ancient and Modern) Relating to Infants. Setting Forth Their Priviledges; Their Several Ages for Divers Purposes; Guardians and Prochein Amy, As to Suits and Defences by Them; Actions Brought by and Against Them, With the Manner of Declarations and Pleadings; Fines and Recoveries, And Other Matters of Record Suffered or Acknowledged by Them, How Reversable; Conveyances and Specialties, How Bound by Them or Not; Contracts, Promises, &c. Also, Treating of Infant-Executors, Administrator Durante Minori Aetate, Actions and Suits Brought by Them and Against Them, With the Manner of Declaring and Pleading. Likewise, Of Devises by and to Infants, Apprentices, Custom of London and Pleadings, Orphans, Tryals of Infancy, Portions and Legacies, And Resolutions and Decrees at Common Law and Chancery Concerning the Same. With an Appendix, Of the Forms of Declarations and Pleadings Concerning Infants. London: Printed by the Assigns of R. and E. Atkyns, Esquires, 1697. [xxxii], 303, [41] pp. Octavo (7-1/2" x 4-1/2").

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* First edition. This is the first English treatise on the subject and the first copy of this edition we have seen in 35 years. Its twenty comprehensive chapters consist of a digest of the case law relating to each topic with explanatory comments. Holdsworth notes that "[i]t was a useful book to practitioners since it covers all the topics connected with its subject." A third edition was published in 1726. All editions are scarce. Holdsworth, *A History of English Law* XII:399-400. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R32363. [Order This Item](#)



With "An Essay on Christian Government"

4. [Cock, Charles George].

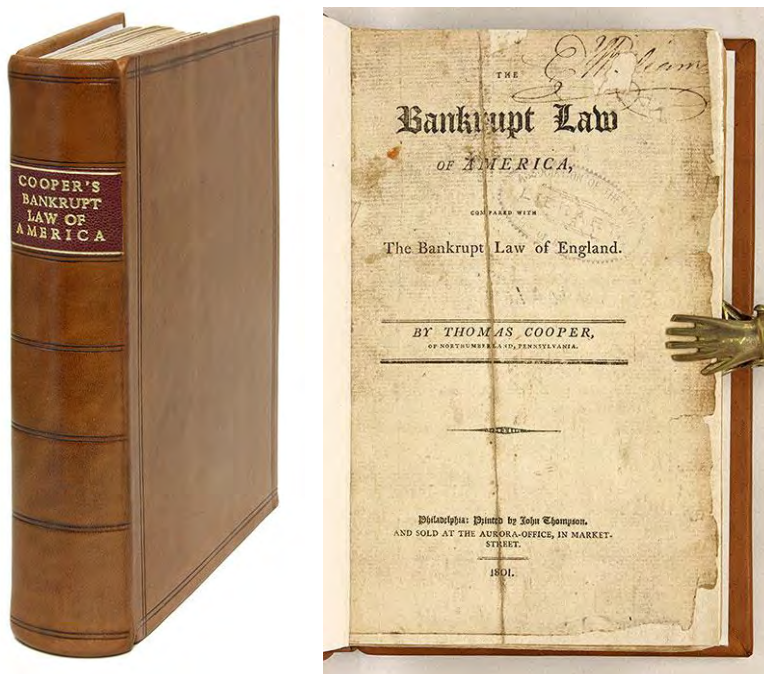
English-Law: Or, A Summary Survey of the Household of God on Earth; And that Both Before and Under the Law; And that Both of Moses and the Lord Jesus. Historically Opening the Purity and Apostacy of Believers in the Successions of Ages, To this Present. Together with an Essay of Christian Government Under the Regiment of our Lord and King, The One Immortal, Invisible, Infinite, Eternal, Universal Prince, The Prince of Peace, Emmanuel. London: Printed by Robert White for T.G. and Francis Tyton, 1651. [20], 95, [1]; [17], 101-194, [2] pp. "An Essay of Christian government" has separate dated title page. Complete. Folio (11" x 6-1/2").

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* Only edition. Cock's treatise is a characteristic and exceptionally detailed exposition of an important strain of Puritan thought during the Commonwealth era; that English law and government should be reformed along biblical lines, a belief shared by the New England Puritans. This core of the book's argument is encapsulated by its title vignette of a ship, representing the Commonwealth, in a storm-tossed sea. It will be saved because it has cast off the anchor decorated with crowns and scepters, that is, monarchy, and fastened itself to an anchor secured by the clouds with the caption "only by faith." This is a scarce title. It has appeared only three times at auction since 1939. Combined, the ESTC and OCLC locates 13 copies, 7 in North America, 2 in North American law libraries (Columbia, Harvard). *English Short-Title Catalogue* R37185.

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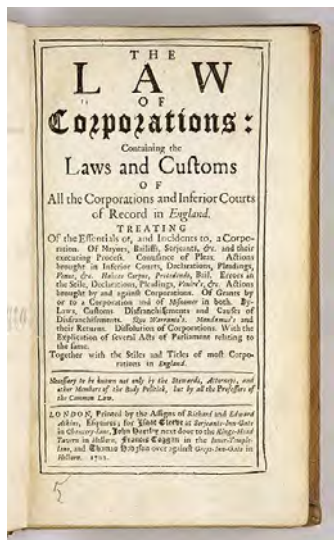
An Important Early American Treatise on Bankrupt Law

5. Cooper, Thomas [1759-1839].

The Bankrupt Law of America, Compared with the Bankrupt Law of England. Philadelphia: Printed by John Thompson, 1801. xix, [1], 399, xviv, xxxii, 10 pp. Octavo (8" x 5").

Recent period-style calf, blind rules to boards, lettering piece and blind fillets to spine, endpapers renewed, title page mounted. Light browning, faint dampstaining to margins in a few places, early owner signature and faint embossed and ink library stamps to title page, which shows traces of soiling, tears and edgewear. A handsome copy of a scarce title. \$2,950.

* First edition. This and Robert Fields's *Practical Treatise on the Bankruptcy Law* (1800) were the first book-length studies on bankruptcy law published in the United States. Like Fields' treatise, Cooper's work was intended to assist lawyers in their dealings with the first Federal bankruptcy act, which was enacted in February 1800. Intended to encourage economic risk and supersede the patchwork of debtor laws in force in the different states, it was modeled on the bankruptcy law of the world's leading commercial power, Great Britain. Its appendices draw further comparisons to the bankruptcy laws of France and Spain. Cooper, a chemist and lawyer by training, was a polymath who published books on law, political science, economics, medicine and the natural sciences. A friend of Joseph Priestley and Thomas Jefferson, he was a professor of chemistry at Dickinson College and the University of Pennsylvania. He joined the faculty of South Carolina College in 1819 and became its president in 1820. Convicted in 1800 under the Sedition Act for libeling President Adams in a 1799 handbill, Cooper wrote *The Bankrupt Law* during his imprisonment. He refers to his situation in the preface and says it was an honor to be punished for "exposing some few among the errors of a weak, a wicked and a vindictive administration" (Preface v). Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 2477. [Order This Item](#)



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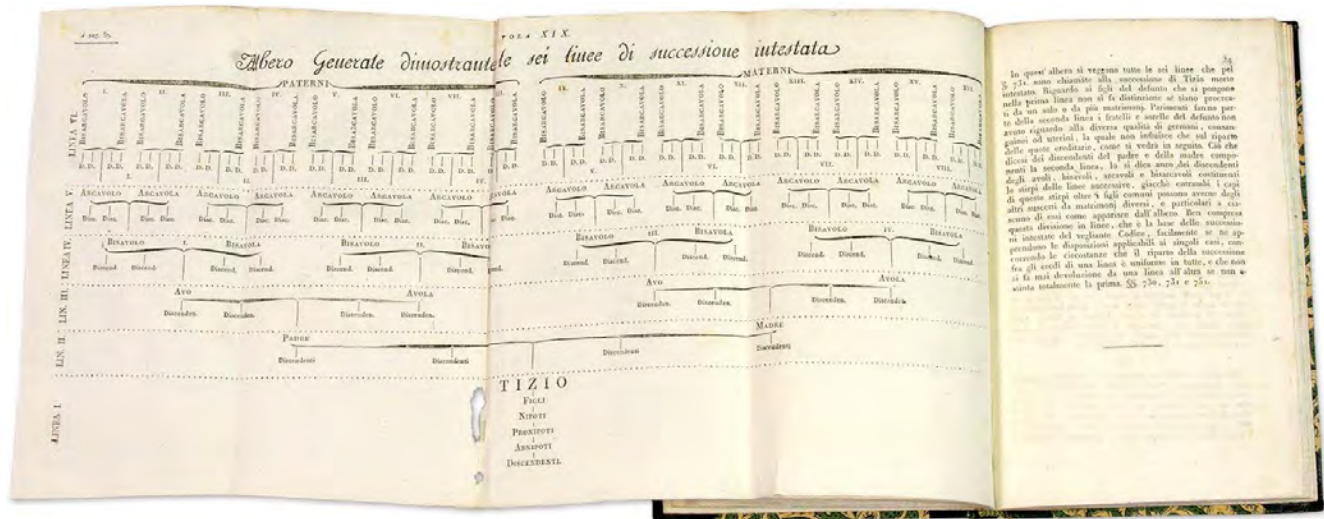
6. [Corporations]. [Great Britain].

The Law of Corporations: Containing the Laws and Customs of All the Corporations and Inferior Courts of Record in England. Treating of the Essentials of, And Incidents to, A Corporation. Of Mayors, Bailiffs, Serjeants, &c. And Their Executing Process. Consuance of Pleas. Actions Brought in Inferior Courts, Declarations Pleadings, Venue, &c. Habeas Corpus, Procedendo, Bail, Errors in the Stile, Declarations, Pleadings, Venire's &c. Actions Brought by and Against Corporations. Of Grants by Or to a Corporation and of Misnomer in Both. By-Laws Customs, Disfranchisements and Causes of Disfranchisements. Quo Warranto's, Mandamus's and Their Returns. Dissolution of Corporations. With the Explication of Several Acts of Parliament Relating to the Same. Together With the Stiles and Titles of Most Corporations in England. Necessary to be Known Not Only by the Stewards, Attorneys, And Other Members of the Body Politick, But by All the Professors of the Common Law. London: Printed by the Assigns of Richard and Edward Atkins, 1702. [xxxii], 365, [3] pp. With a half-title and a three-page publisher catalogue. Octavo (7-1/4" x 4-3/4").

Later library cloth, calf lettering piece and paper shelf label to spine, "1702" black-stamped to foot. Moderate soiling and rubbing with some wear to edges of lettering piece, front board partially detached, rear hinge cracked. Some toning to text, slightly heavier in places, early owner signature ("Henry Winthrop") and faint library stamp to half-title, a few library marks to verso of title page. \$750.

* Only edition. Preceded only by William Sheppard's *Of Corporations, Fraternities and Guilds* (1659), a brief duodecimo volume, this 1702 work was the only treatise in English published before Stewart Kyd's *Treatise on Law of Corporations* (1793-1794), which is often cited as the first work on the subject. (Kyd does not seem to have been aware of these earlier books.) The anonymous author mentions Sheppard's book but dismisses it, claiming that it "extends not to the fortieth part of the matters relating to Corporations (v). He is correct; his book is much more extensive than Sheppard's and is more an analytical treatise than a handbook. This was clearly the author's ambition: "I have not only shewed the nature of Corporations, and by what words erected, but the several sorts thereof. And the power of executing Process within the Jurisdiction, and the Duties of Officers, is matter of Great Consideration, which I have not omitted" (v). *English Short-Title Catalogue* T116022. [Order This Item](#)

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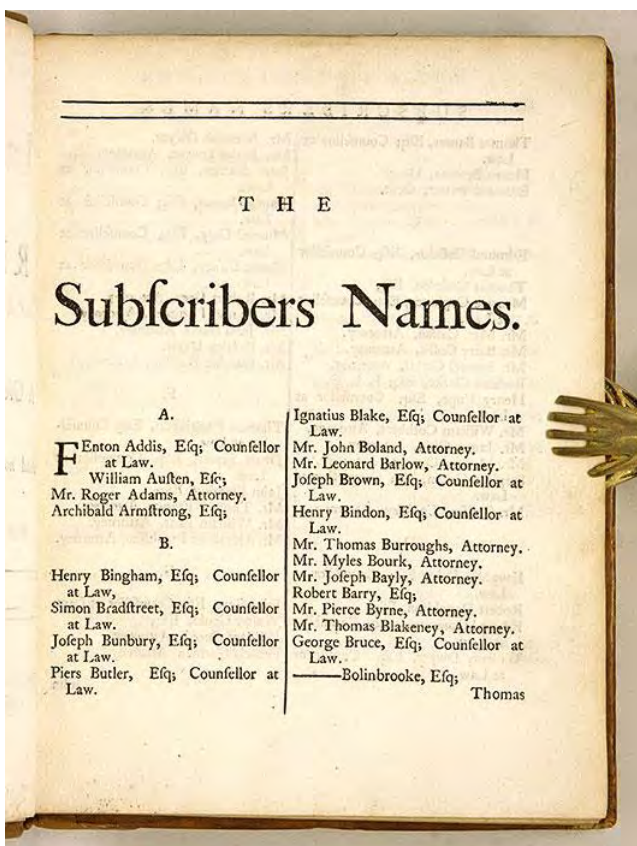
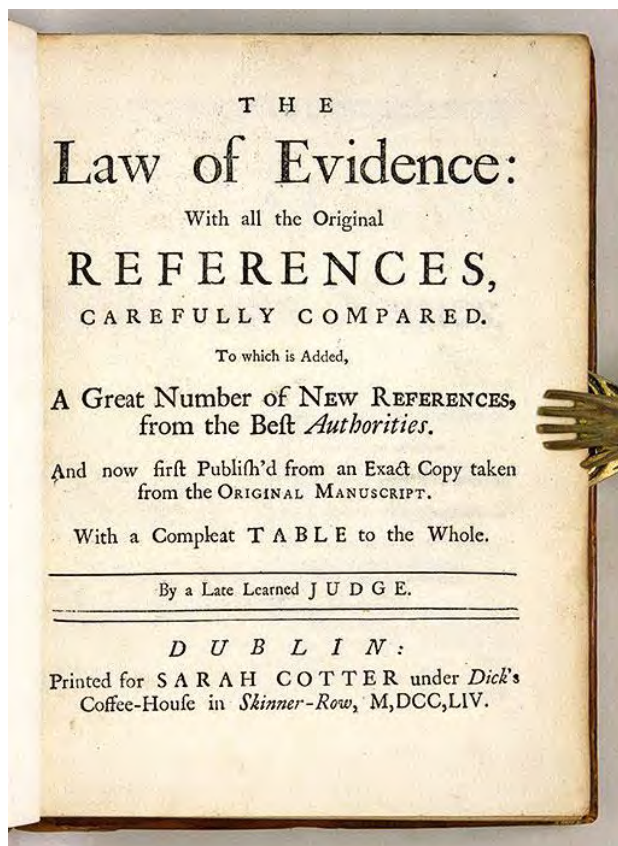
[Italy].

[Kingdom of Lombardy-Venetia].

Tavole Pratiche per la Consanguinità ed Affinità e per l'Impedimento che Producono nel Matrimonio, Per le Sostituzioni e Fedecomessi per le Successioni Legittime o Intestate e per la Porzione Legittima Secondo le Disposizioni del Codice Civile Universale della Monarchia Austriaca. Bergamo: Nella Stamperia Sonzogno, 1817. 104, [4] pp. 61 text illustrations depicting aspects of affinity and consanguinity, 4 of them folding tables. Octavo (8-1/2" x 5-1/2").

Later three-quarter calf over patterned boards, gilt title to spine, endpapers renewed. Light wear to corners, some chipping to spine ends. Light toning to text, slightly heavier in places, light foxing and finger smudges to a few leaves, some creases and light egewear to folding tables. \$950.

* Only edition located. Illustrated throughout with diagrams of affinity and consanguinity, this exhaustive handbook lists every case where a marriage is deemed incestuous or where there are issues concerning inheritance or succession. These tables follow the Austrian Civil Code; the Kingdom of Lombardy-Venetia was a part of the Austrian Empire from 1815 to 1866. OCLC locates 1 copy (Università Commerciale Luigi Bocconi). Not in the *British Museum Catalogue*. [Order This Item](#)



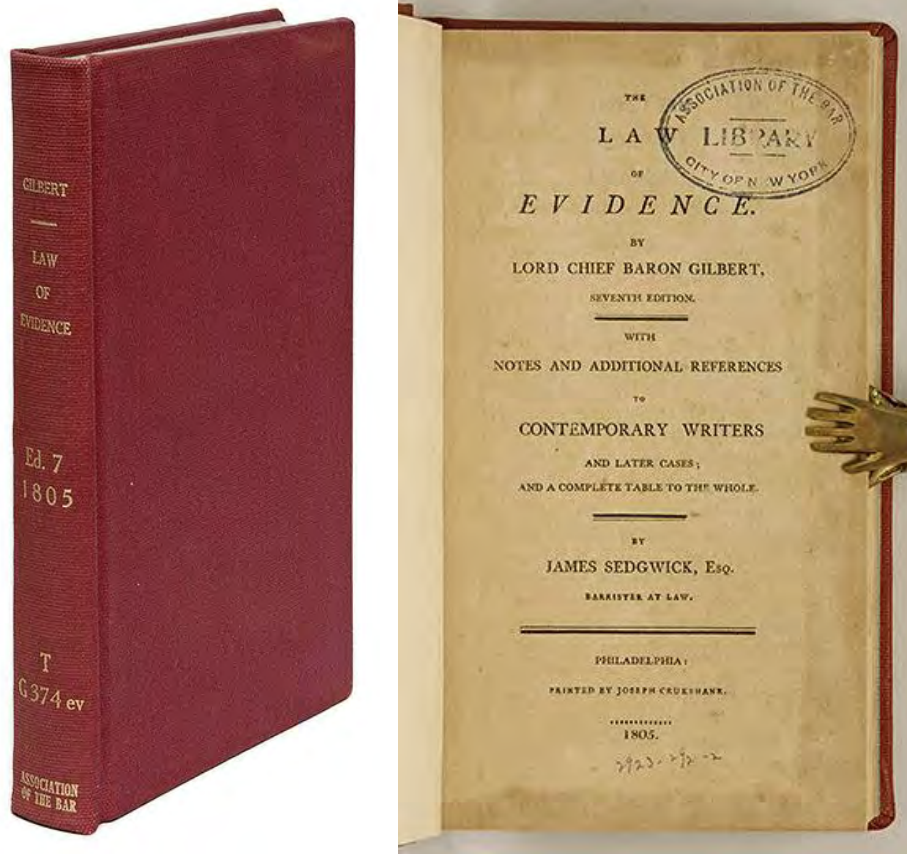
First Edition of the First English Book
on Evidence, Issued by a Female Bookseller

8. [Gilbert, Sir Geoffrey (1674-1726)].

The Law of Evidence: With All the Original References, Carefully Compared. To Which is Added, A Great Number of New References, From the Best Authorities. And Now First Published from an Exact Copy Taken from the Original Manuscript. With a Compleat Table to the Whole. Dublin: Printed for Sarah Cotter, 1754. [viii], 199, [1], [44] pp. With a 5 pp. subscriber list. Quarto (7-1/2" x 6").

Contemporary calf, rebaked in period style with gilt-edged raised bands and contemporary lettering piece, upper corners and hinges mended. Some minor nicks and scuffs to boards, light rubbing to extremities, corners bumped. Light toning to a few leaves, interior notably fresh. A handsome copy of a scarce title. \$4,500.

* First edition. (It was reissued in London in 1756.) Derived from a manuscript and originally published anonymously, this was the first treatise devoted exclusively to evidence. As Holdsworth notes, "[i]t long held its place as the chief book on this topic; and Blackstone is loud in its praises." Indeed, Blackstone recommends it in the section on evidence in the *Commentaries* for a fuller treatment of the subject. OCLC locates 5 copies of the first edition in North American law schools (Harvard, San Francisco Law Library, University of Iowa, University of Pennsylvania, Washington University, Yale). Holdsworth, *Sources and Literature of English Law* 120. *English Short-Title Catalogue* N19879. [Order This Item](#)



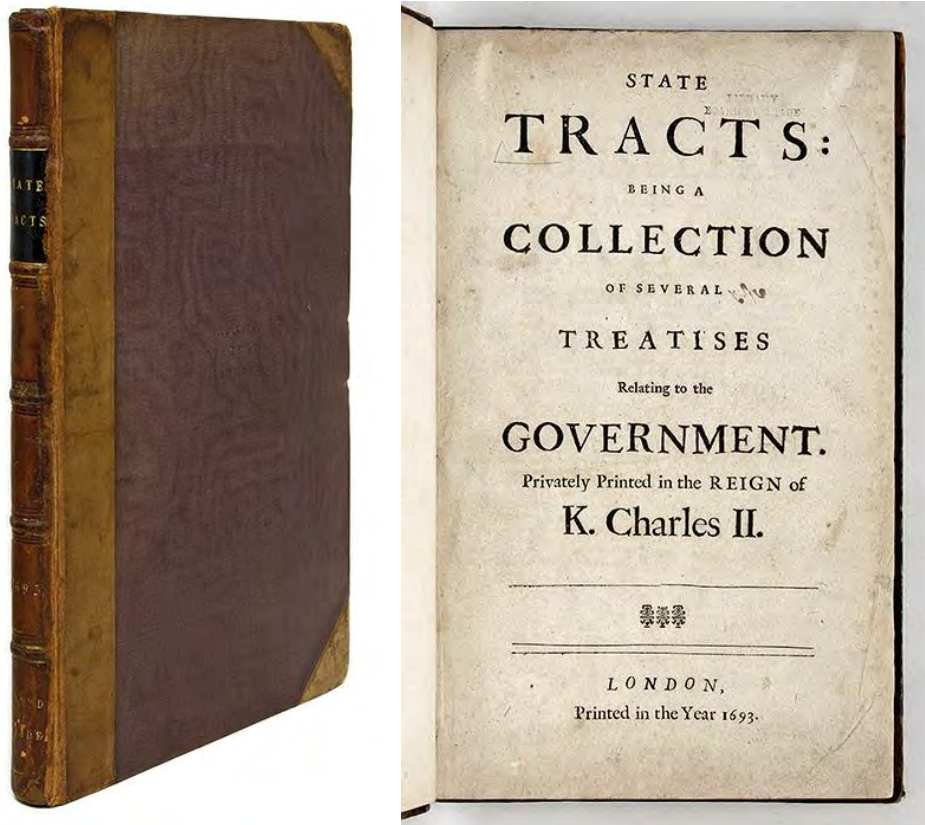
**Final American Edition
of a Landmark Treatise on Evidence**

**9. Gilbert, Sir Geoffrey.
Sedgwick, James [1775-1851], Editor.**

The Law of Evidence. With Notes and Additional References to Contemporary Writers and Later Cases, And a Complete Table to the Whole, By James Sedgwick. Philadelphia: Printed by Joseph Cruikshank, 1805. [viii], 246, [56] pp. Octavo (8" x 4-3/4").

Later library buckram, gilt title, location number and library name to spine. Light browning, light foxing in places, library stamp to head of title page, a few library markings to verso. \$350.

* Seventh (stated) edition, the second and final American edition, star-paged to Volume I of the sixth London edition, 1801. The first American edition was published in 1788. The 1805 Philadelphia edition is drawn from a three-volume work. The two omitted volumes contain additional material by Capel Lofft. Holdsworth, *Sources and Literature of English Law* 120. Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 5056. [Order This Item](#)



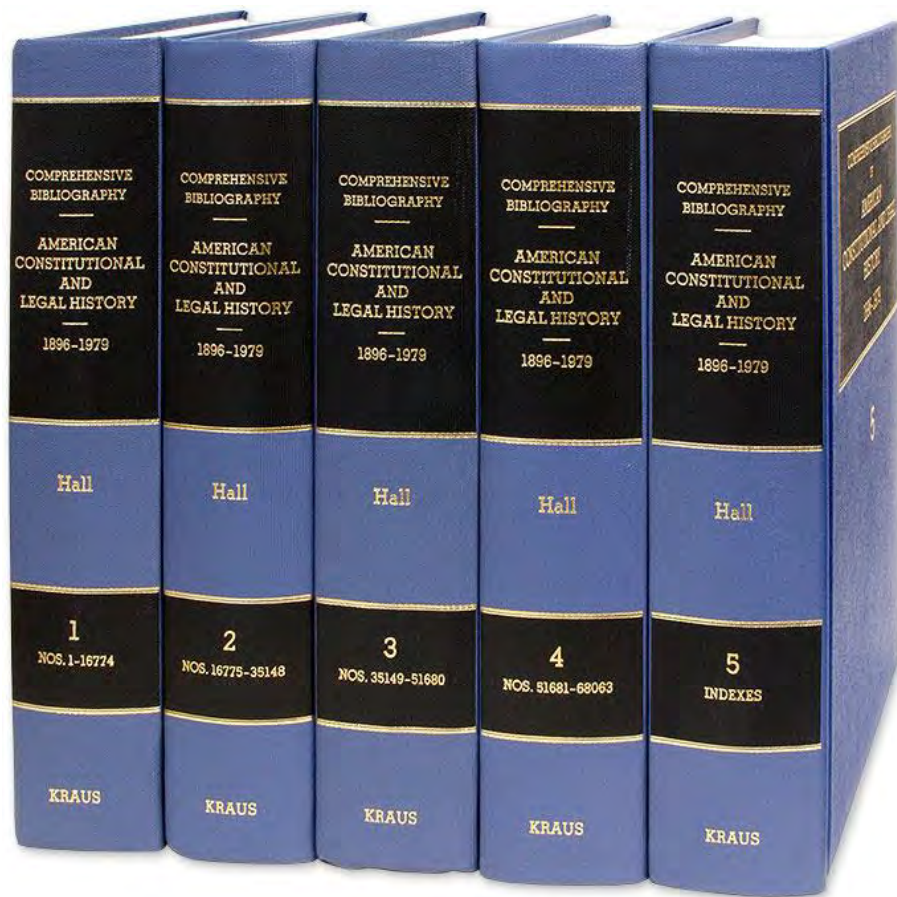
Charles II is a Dangerous Monarch

**10. [Great Britain].
[Restoration Era].**

State Tracts: Being A Collection Of Several Treatises Relating To The Government. Privately Printed in the Reign of K. Charles II. London: S.n., 1693. [iv], 36, 41-71, [1], 69-240, p. 376, 368-379, [1], 383-391, 396-428, 425-468 pp. Text continuous (and complete) despite pagination. Folio (12-1/2" x 7-3/4").

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* Reissue of the only edition, one of two issues from 1693. A collection of 28 tracts, mostly anonymous, written against Charles II. Designed to expose the danger of his government to English liberties, they emphasize insidious French influence and inclinations towards Popery. This work was reissued a final time in 1689. A sequel sub-titled *A Farther Collection* appeared in 1692. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R31008. [Order This Item](#)



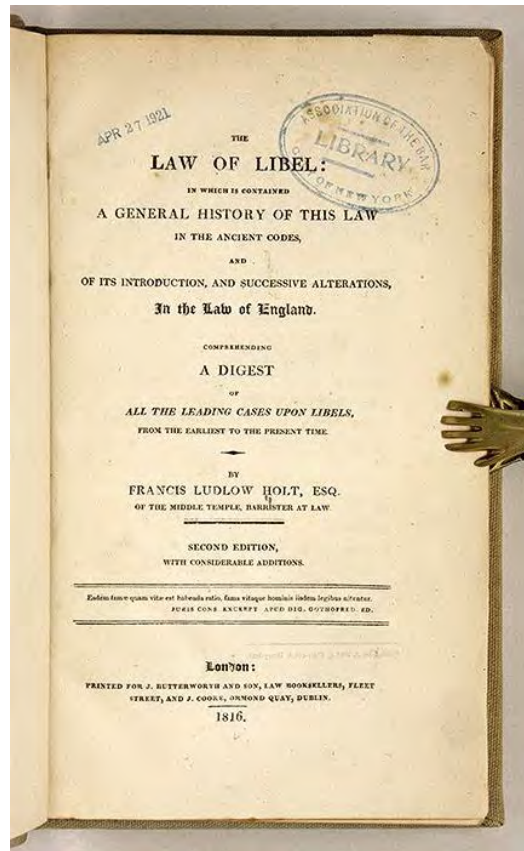
A Comprehensive Bibliography of Writings on the History of American Legal Culture

11. Hall, Kermit L.

A Comprehensive Bibliography of American Constitutional and Legal History, 1896-1979. Millwood, New York: Kraus International Publications, [1984]. Five volumes. Complete set.

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* A useful reference listing books, journal articles and doctoral dissertations published in English in the United States. The dates provided in the title refer to publication dates of articles and books cited by the author, in fact the bibliography encompasses United States constitutional and legal history from Colonial times onward. Selected from over 750 journals and other sources, 18,000 items are classified in seven topical chapters arranged chronologically and geographically under 150 subject sections to create 71,000 entries. Main entries are cross-referenced and author and subject indexes enhance the use of the bibliography. The two supplemental volumes provide another 4,000 citations. [Order This Item](#)



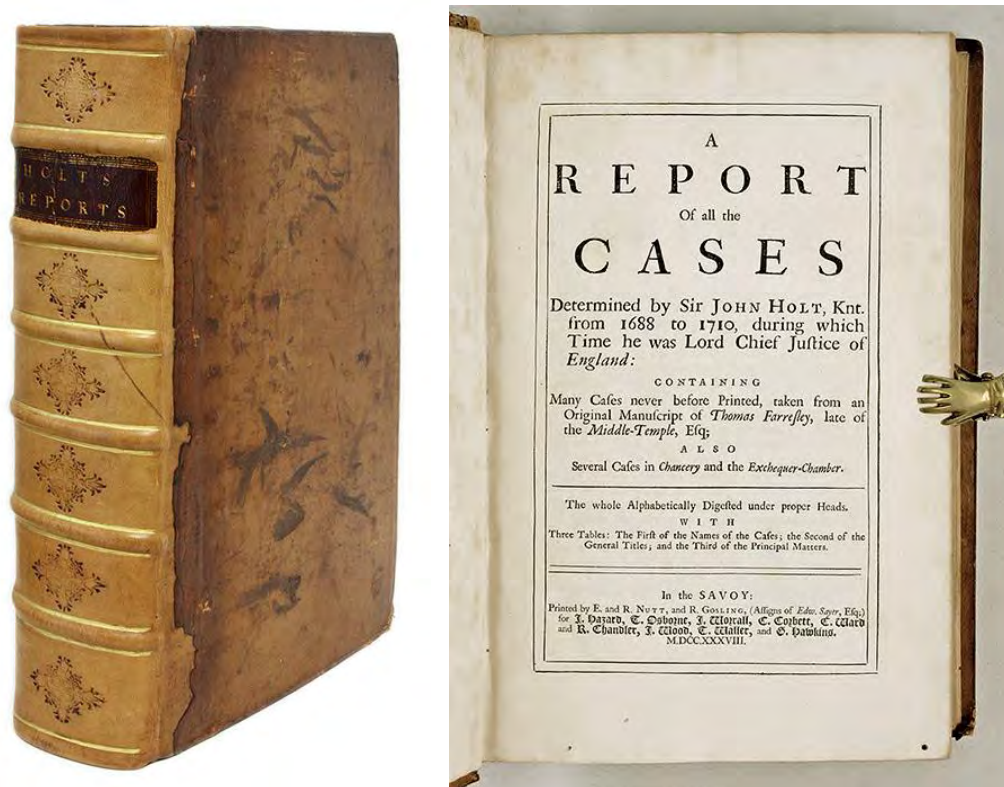
An Important English Treatise on Slander and Libel

12. Holt, Francis Ludlow [1780-1844].

The Law of Libel: In Which is Contained a General History of This Law in the Ancient Codes, And of Its Introduction, And Successive Alterations, In the Law of England. Comprehending a Digest of All the Leading Cases Upon Libels, From the Earliest to the Present Time. With Considerable Additions. London: Printed for J. Butterworth and Son, 1816. xii, 302, [14] pp. Octavo (9-1/2" x 5-1/2").

Later library cloth, red and black calf lettering pieces and paper location label to spine. Light soiling and shelfwear, library bookplate to front pastedown, front free endpaper lacking. Moderate toning to text, light foxing to some leaves, library stamps to head of title page, a few library markings to verso. \$250.

* Second and final London edition. First published in 1812, this was the standard English treatise on slander and libel in the opening decades of the nineteenth century. Though it was eventually superseded, it remained an authoritative history of the subject. With its intelligent discussion of sources and cases it is just as valuable today. Holt was a member of the Inner Temple. Also the author of treatises on nisi prius, bankruptcy, admiralty law and Parliament, his work was held in high esteem by Kent. A single American edition, an annotated reissue of the second London edition, was published in 1818. Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 2:171. [Order This Item](#)



Possibly Edited by Giles Jacob

13. Holt, Sir John [1642-1710].

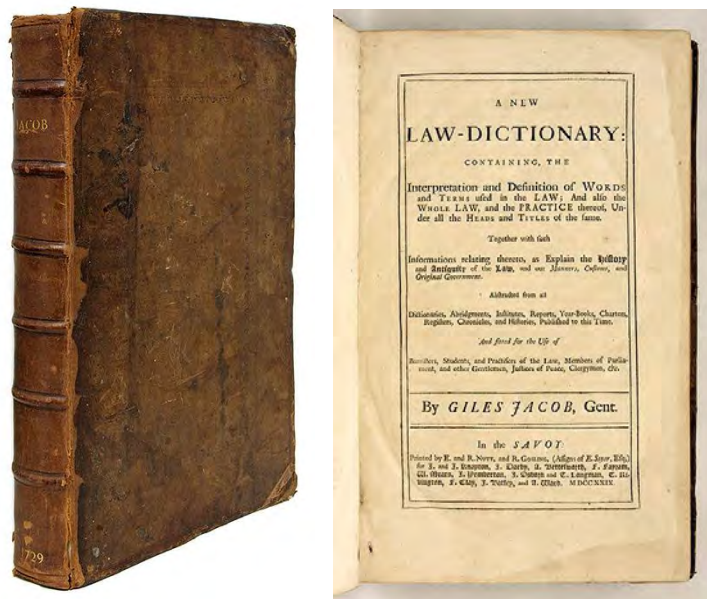
Farresley, Thomas, Reporter.

[Jacob, Giles (1686-1744), Editor (Attributed)].

A Report of All the Cases Determined by Sir John Holt, Knt. From 1688 to 1710, During which Time He was Lord Chief Justice of England: Containing Many Cases Never Before Printed, Taken from an Original Manuscript of Thomas Farresley, Late of the Middle-Temple, Esq; Also Several Cases in Chancery and the Exchequer-Chamber. The Whole Alphabetically Digested Under Proper Heads. With Three Tables: The First of the Names in the Cases; The Second of the General Titles; And the Third of the Principal Matters. [London]: Printed by E. and R. Nutt, and R. Gosling, 1738. [ii], iii, [17], 762, [90] pp. Folio (11-3/4" x 7-3/4").

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* Only edition. According to Sweet & Maxwell, this book is said to have been edited by Giles Jacob. It covers cases from 1688-1710. Holt played a leading role in the Glorious Revolution and in 1689 became Chief Justice of the King's Bench. He was a learned common lawyer. Not in Wallace. Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 1:301. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T97370. [Order This Item](#)



First Edition of Jacob's Great Dictionary

14. Jacob, Giles.

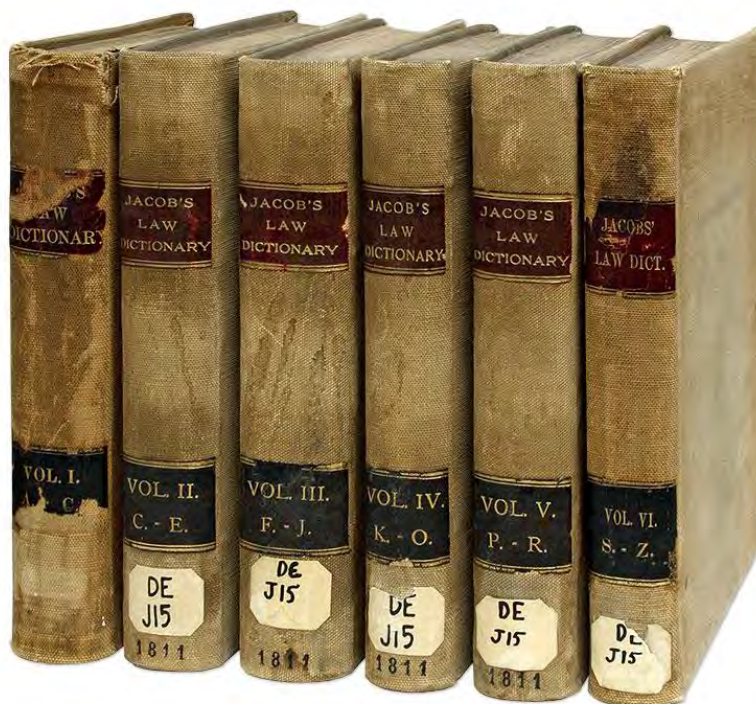
A New Law-Dictionary: Containing, The Interpretation and Definition of Words and Terms Used in the Law; and Also the Whole Law, and the Practice Thereof, Under All the Heads and Titles of the Same. Together With Such Informations Relating Thereto, as Explain the History and Antiquity of the Law, and 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. With Large Additions. 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 E. and R. Nutt, and R. Gosling, 1729. [772] pp. Main text printed in double columns. Folio (13-1/4" x 8-1/2").

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* First edition. 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* T137460.

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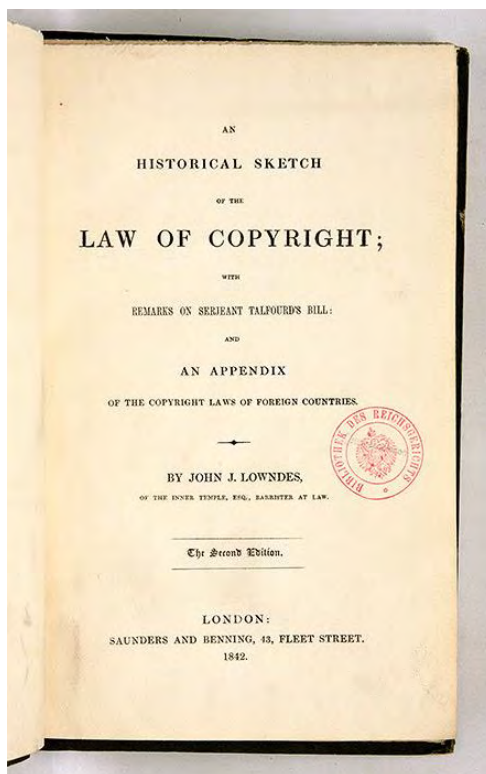
15. Jacob, Giles.

[Tomlins, Thomas Edlyne (1762-1841)].

The Law-Dictionary: Explaining the Rise, Progress, and Present State of the English Law; Defining and Interpreting the Terms or Words of Art; And Comprising Copious Information on the Subjects of Law, Trade, and Government. Corrected and Greatly Enlarged. New York: Printed for, And Published by I. Riley, 1811. Six volumes. Complete set. Octavo (9" x 5-1/2").

Later library cloth, red and black calf lettering pieces and paper shelf labels to spines. Moderate shelfwear and soiling, some chipping and edgewear to lettering pieces, some staining to spines, chipping to spine head of Volume I, some hinges cracked or starting. Moderate toning, light foxing in places, library stamps to title pages, library marks to versos of title pages, occasional faint dampspotting in Volume VI. An uncommon set. \$2,000.

* First American edition, from the second Tomlins edition, 1809. The leading Anglo-American law dictionary of the eighteenth century, Jacob's *New Law-Dictionary* was first published in 1729. It went through several editions. Tomlins edited and substantially enlarged editions in 1797, 1809 and 1810. He also used Jacob's work as the basis of his own dictionary, which was published in 1811. In addition to definitions, Tomlins added citations to the vast number of statutes at large, term reports in the several courts, parliamentary reports and recent treatises and other sources that had been published since Jacob's death. The editions of Jacob by Tomlins and, for a brief time, Tomlins's own dictionary were standard works in the early 1800s. They were eventually supplanted in England by Wharton's *Law Lexicon* (1848) in Great Britain and Bouvier's *Law Dictionary* (1839) in the United States. Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 5446. [Order This Item](#)



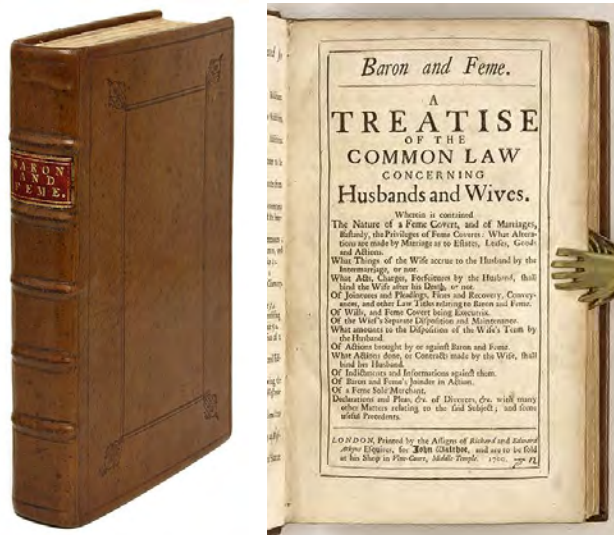
**One of the First Landmark Works in
the Field of Modern English Copyright Law**

16. Lowndes, John J.

An Historical Sketch of the Law of Copyright; with Remarks on Sergeant Talfourd's Bill, And an Appendix of the Copyright Laws of Foreign Countries. London: Saunders and Benning, 1842. [vii]-xiii, [i], [vii]-viii, 131 pp. Prefaces to the first and second editions bound in reverse order. Octavo (8-3/4" x 5-1/2").

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* Second and final edition. This treatise appeared during the formative years of modern English copyright law. Its value was noticed almost immediately after publication. In 1847 Marvin's *Legal Bibliography* said it "contains many interesting facts relative to the small beginnings and early struggles of the press. He has collected a valuable mass of historical information pertaining to the subject, that will be read with interest and profit by all concerned in this branch of learning" It stands today as one of the early landmarks in the field. The preface to this edition, pp. [vii]-xiii, discusses developments in the field since the publication of the first edition (1840). Marvin, *Legal Bibliography* 477. Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 2:220. [Order This Item](#)



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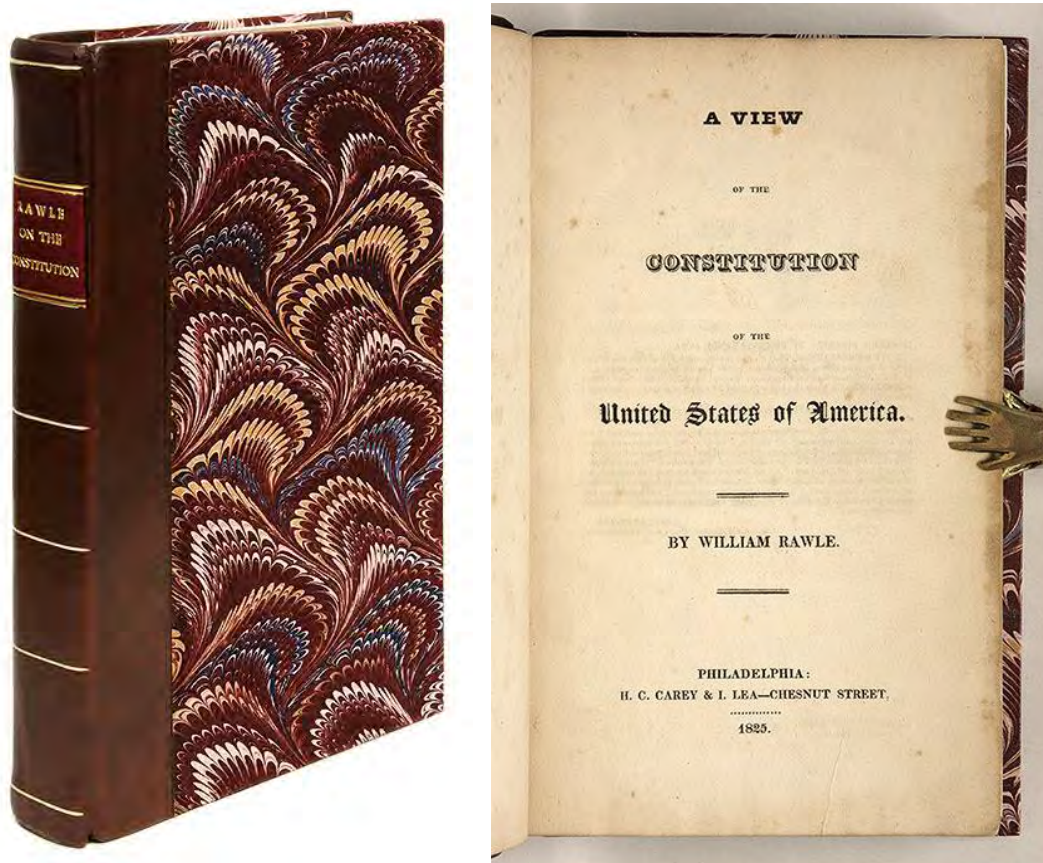
17. [Marriage Law].
[Great Britain].

Baron and Feme: A Treatise of the Common Law Concerning Husbands and Wives. Wherein is Contained the Nature of a Feme Covert, And of Marriages, Bastardy, The Privileges of Feme Coverts: What Alterations are Made by Marriage as to Estates, Leases, Goods, and Actions. What Things of the Wife Accrue to the Husband by the Inter-marriage, Or Not. What Acts, Charges, Forfeitures by the Husband, Shall Bind the Wife After His Death, Or Not; Of Jointures and Pleadings, Fines and Recovery, Conveyances and Other Law Titles Relating to Baron and Feme. Of Wills, And Feme Covert Being Executrix. Of the Wife's Separate Disposition and Maintenance. What Amounts to the Disposition of the Wife's Term by the Husband. Of Actions Brought by or Against Baron and Feme. What Actions Done, Or Contracts Made by the Wife, Shall Bind Her Husband. Of Indictments and Informations Against Them. Of Baron and Feme's Joinder in Action. Of a Feme Sole Merchant. Declaration and Pleas &c. of Divorces &c. With Many Other Matters Relating to the Said Subject; And Some Useful Precedents. London: Printed by the Assigns of Richard and Edward Atkyns Esquires, for John Walthoe, 1700. [xxxii], 380, [36] pp. Main text preceded by publisher advertisement; this copy does not have the additional advertisement leaves that follow the text in some copies. Octavo (7-1/2" x 4-1/2").

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* First edition. Passing through subsequent editions in 1719 and 1738, this was the first English treatise devoted exclusively to family law. It is a broadly conceived work. "I have herein considered Baron and Feme in all the circumstances of life, from the solemnization of marriage to the divorce, and have not omitted 'those collateral by-blows, (the title of bastardy making a considerable figure in our books;) and the variety of the matter made me some attonement for the labour" (To The Reader). According to the introduction, the anonymous author seems to have also been the author of the earlier *Infants Lawyer: Or the Law (Ancient and Modern) Relating to Infants* (1697). Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 1:498 (2). *English Short-Title Catalogue* R6177. [Order This Item](#)

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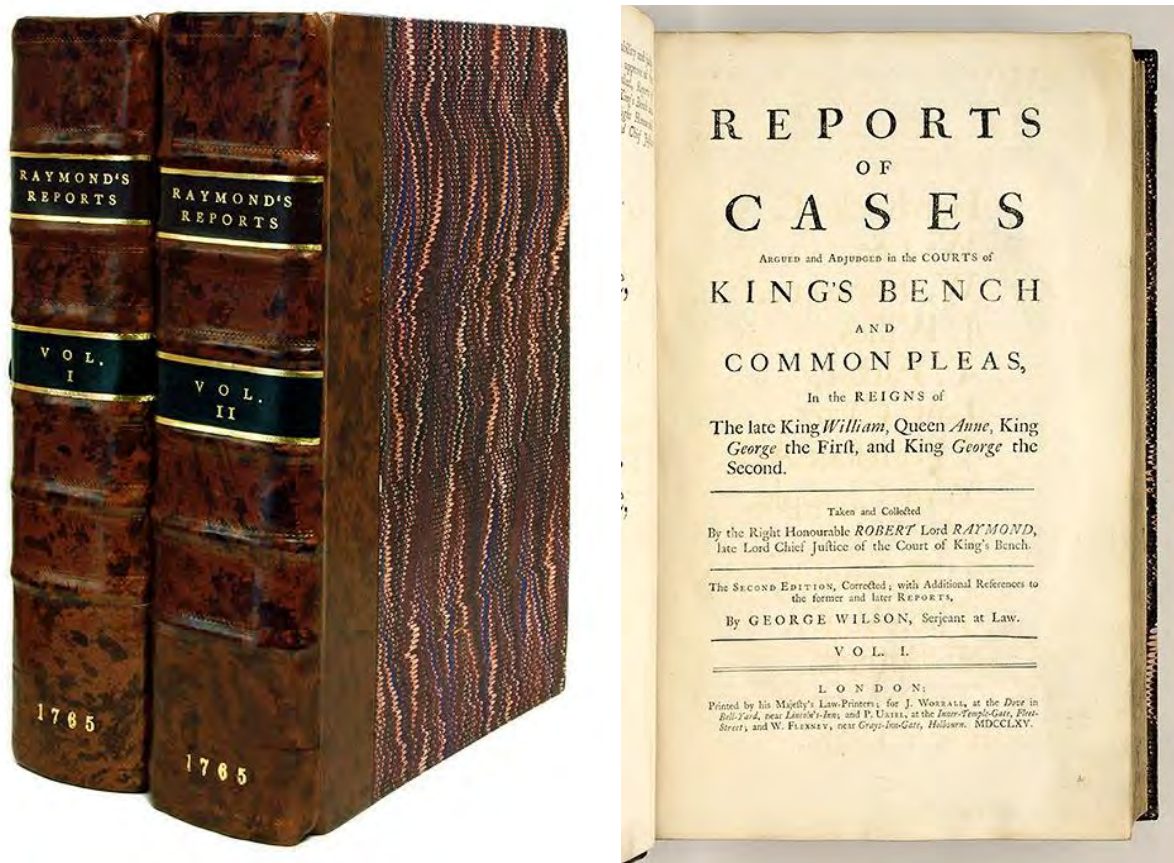
**First Edition of a Treatise on the
U.S. Constitution Used to Justify Secession**

18. Rawle, William [1759-1836].

A View of the Constitution of the United States of America. Philadelphia: Philip H. Nicklin, 1825. vii, [5]-347 pp. Octavo (8-3/4" x 5-1/2").

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* First edition. Rawle's treatise is one of the earliest works on the United States Constitution, and one of the most important. This text is significant also because it suggests that states have a right to secede from the Union. As Cohen observes, the popularity of this text, which was assigned at West Point and other schools throughout the country, "is generally considered to have influenced the leaders and supporters of the Confederacy, although in fact Rawle opposed secession: (Cohen). The annotation to our copy refers to secession. Reading "Vide Story on the Constitution p. 327," it is footnoted to the sentence reading: "The secession of a state from the Union depends of the will of the people of such state." Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 2893. [Order This Item](#)



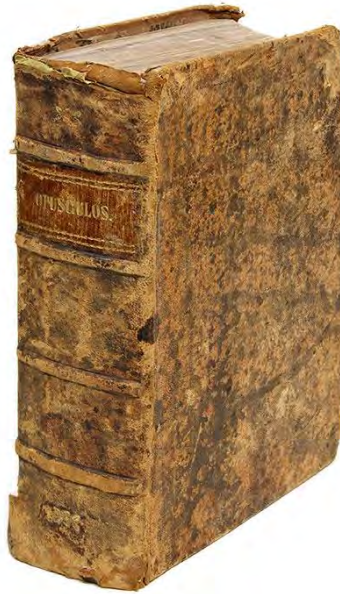
A Reporter Held in High Regard by Holdsworth

**19. Raymond, Sir Thomas [1627-1683], Compiler.
Wilson, George, Editor.**

Reports of Cases Argued and Adjudged in the Courts of King's Bench and Common Pleas, In the Reigns of the Late King William, Queen Anne, King George the First, And King George the Second. Taken and Collected by the Right Honourable Robert Lord Raymond, Late Chief Justice of the Court of King's Bench. Corrected; With Additional References to the Former and Later Reports, By George Wilson. London: Printed for His Majesty's Law Printers, 1765. Two volumes. [xvi], 746, [48]; [xii], 747-1591, [41] pp. Folio (12-1/2" x 8").

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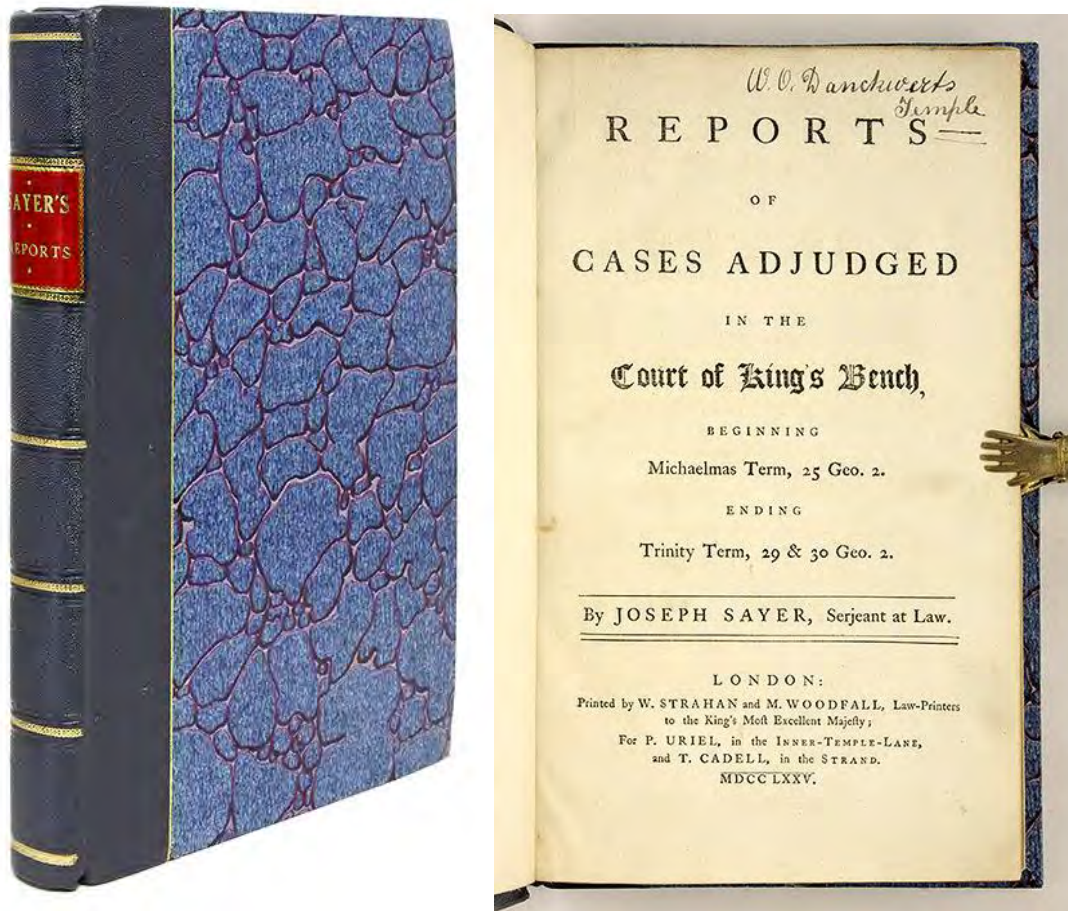
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21. Sayer, Joseph, Reporter.

Reports of Cases Adjudged in the Court of King's Bench, Beginning Michaelmas Term, 25 Geo. 2. Ending Trinity Term, 29 & 30 Geo. 2. London: Printed by W. Strahan and M. Woodfall, 1775. [iv], 317, [33] pp. Folio (12" x 7-1/2").

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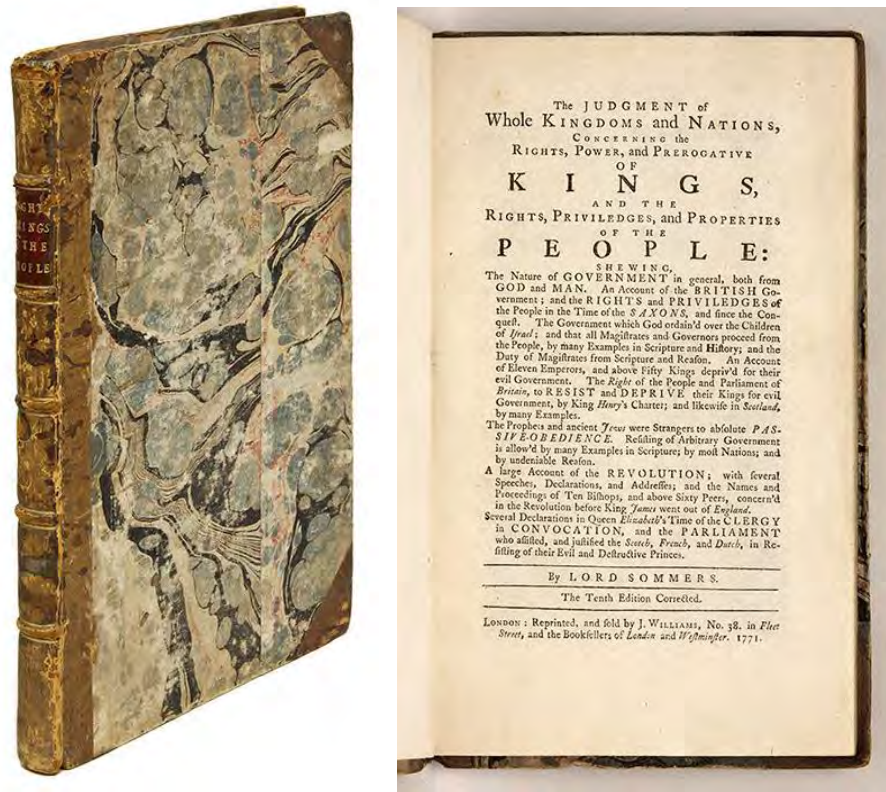
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* Twelfth (stated) edition, "corrected," the probable second American edition of this work. This highly popular tract was first published in 1709 with the title *Vox Dei, Being True Maxims of Government*. Somers, a barrister of the Middle Temple, was Lord Chancellor of England and the author of *The Security of Englishmen's Lives* (1681), a tract on juries and one's right to a jury trial. The present work outlines the development of English freedoms, and calls for religious freedom, resistance to tyranny and a limited monarchy. It found a ready audience in the colonies on the eve of the American Revolution and was issued by presses in Philadelphia, Boston and Newport. It was read by several Founding Fathers, including Thomas Jefferson, who, owned the 1773 Philadelphia imprint. This work is attributed sometimes to John Dunton or Daniel Defoe. Some sources, such as Evans and Cohen, date this imprint to 1774. Isaiah Thomas's copy, now owned by the American Antiquarian Society, bears his handwritten date of 1773. See Sowerby, *Catalogue of the Library of Thomas Jefferson* 2712. *English Short-Title Catalogue* W27538. Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 6372. [Order This Item](#)



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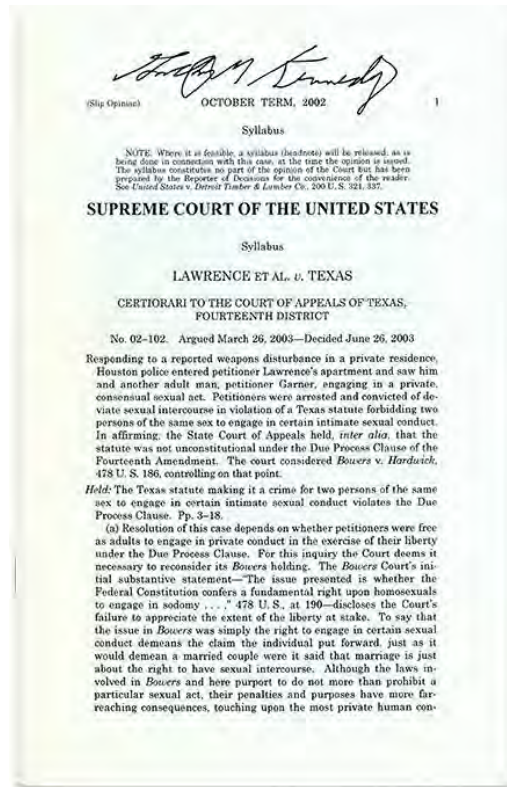
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24. Supreme Court of the United States.

[Kennedy, Anthony].

(Slip Opinion) Lawrence et al v. Texas. [Washington, DC: Government Printing Office, 2003]. 18, 8, 21, [1], 1 pp. Complete. Signature of Justice Kennedy to head of first page.

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* Based on the Fourteenth Amendment's concept of substantive due process, *Lawrence v. Texas* is a landmark civil rights case that struck down the sodomy law in Texas and, by extension, similar laws in 13 other states, making same-sex sexual activity legal throughout the United States. Kennedy wrote the majority opinion for this case, which was joined by Justices Stevens, Souter, Ginsburg and Breyer. This decision set the stage for further reconsiderations of laws concerning homosexual rights, including the landmark case of *Obergefell v. Hodges*, which recognized same-sex marriage as a fundamental right under the U.S. Constitution. Bench opinions are issued by the U.S. Supreme Court immediately after the announcement of a decision. Slip opinions are issued afterwards. Often incorporating corrections, they are the first printings of a decision intended for wide dissemination and review. After that stage the revised slip opinions are added to the latest paperback volume of *U.S. Reports*. A year later, that volume is printed in its final, authoritative, hardcover form.

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(Slip Opinion) *Planned Parenthood of Southeastern Pennsylvania et al versus Casey, Governor of Pennsylvania et al.* [Washington, DC: Government Printing Office, 1992]. x, 71, [1], 12, 23, [1], 37, [1], 25 pp. Complete. Signature of Justice Souter to head of first page.

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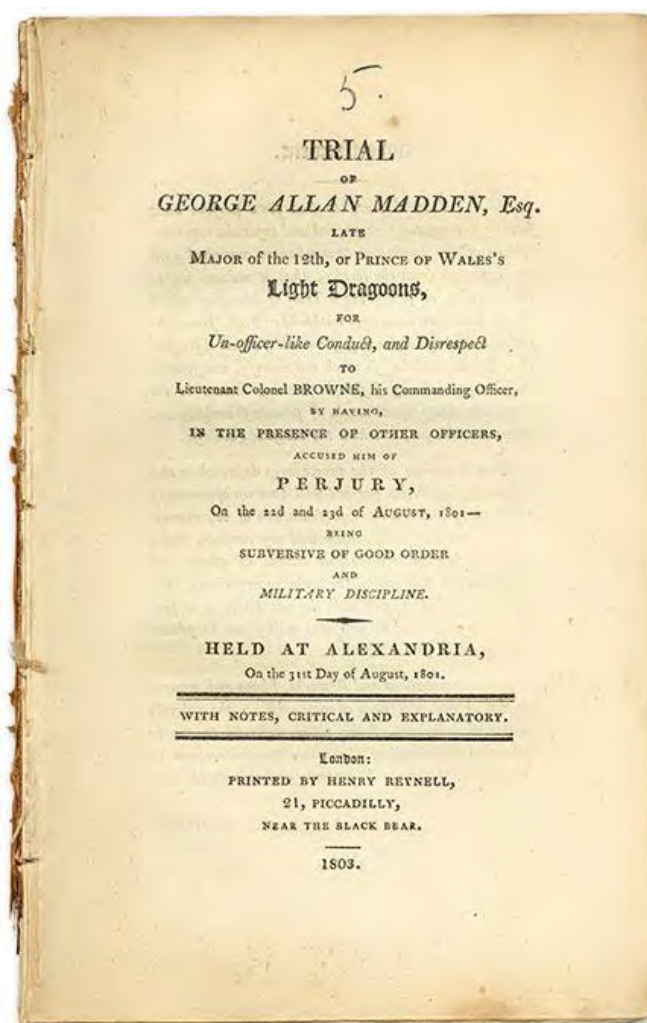
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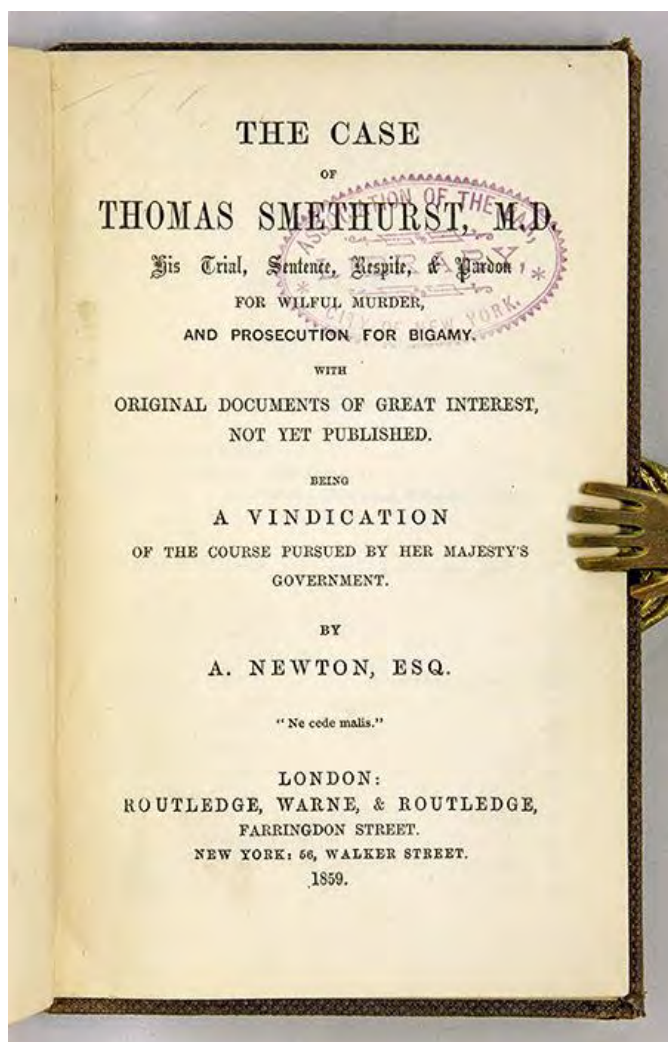
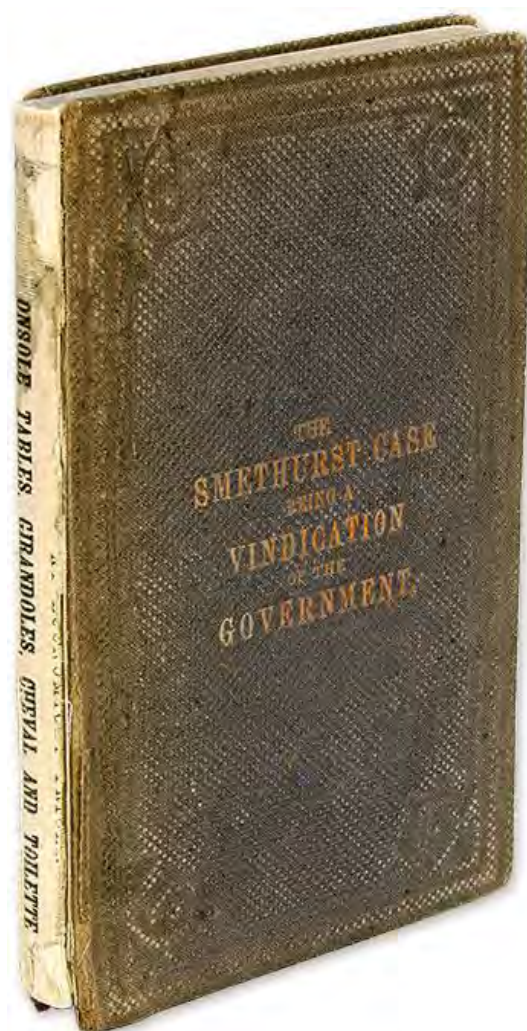
26. [Trial].

Madden, George Allan [1771-1828], Defendant.

Trial of George Allan Madden, Esq., Late Major of the 12th, Or Prince of Wales's Light Dragoons: For Un-Officer-Like Conduct, And Disrespect to Lieutenant Colonel Browne, His Commanding Officer, By Having in the Presence of Other Officers, Accused Him of Perjury on the 22nd of August, 1801--Being Subversive of Good Order and Military Discipline. Held at Alexandria on the 31st Day of August, 1801. With Notes, Critical and Explanatory. London: Printed by Henry Reynell, 1803. 78 pp. Octavo (8-1/4" x 5-1/4").

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* Only edition. Madden was distinguished career officer who achieved the rank of major general in the British and, later, Portuguese armies. He was a popular officer. Although he was convicted in his 1801 court-martial, his superiors refused to confirm the proceedings and sent Madden home as a retired officer with full privileges. He was reinstated in 1805 as a lieutenant-colonel and renewed his military career. There was one other account of this trial published in 1803 by A. Macpherson. Both his and Reynell's accounts are rare. OCLC locates 4 copies of Reynell's, 2 in North America (Temple University, U.S. Navy Department Library). *British Museum Catalogue* 16:498. [Order This Item](#)



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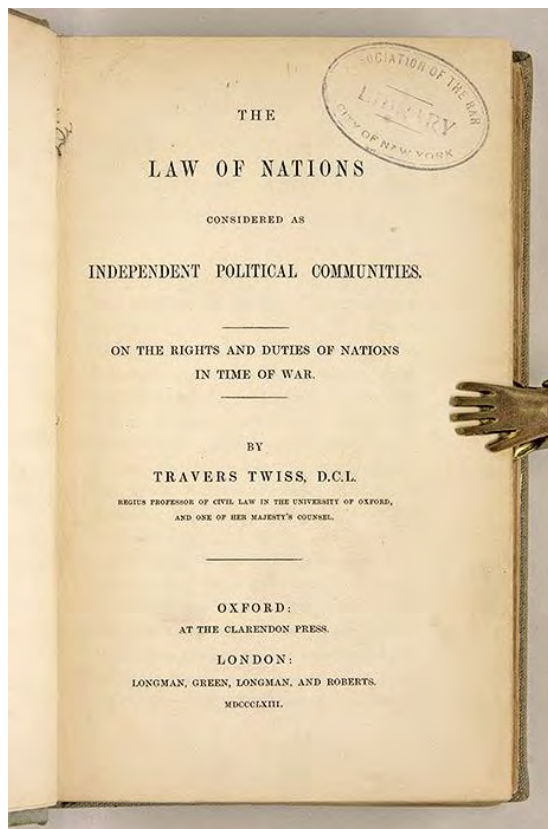
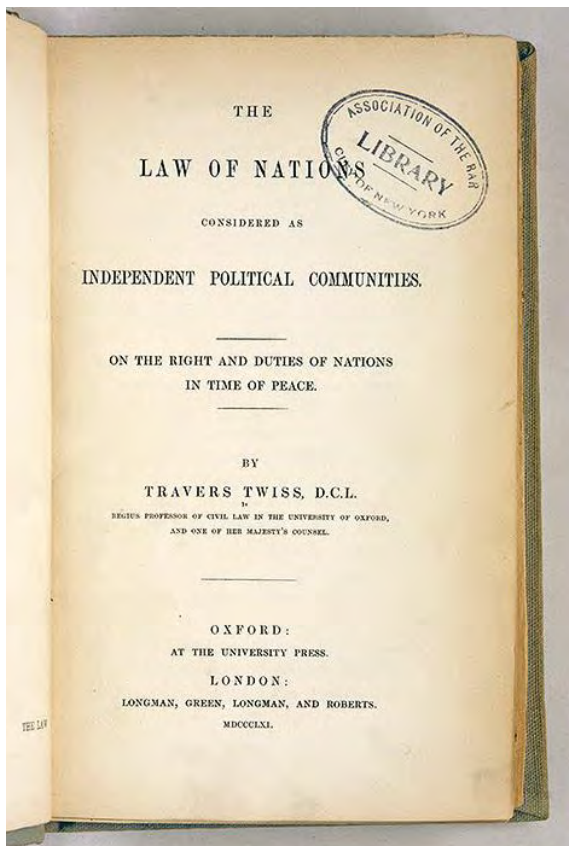
27. [Trial].

Smethurst, Thomas, Defendant.

The Case of Thomas Smethurst, M.D.: His Trial, Sentence, Respite, & Pardon for Wilful Murder, And Prosecution for Bigamy, With Original Documents of Great Interest, Not yet Published, Being a Vindication of the Course Pursued by Her Majesty's Government. London: Routledge, Warne, & Routledge, 1859. viii, 135 pp. Octavo (6-3/4" x 4-1/4").

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International Law In Times of War and Peace

28. Twiss, Sir Travers [1809-1897].

The Law of Nations Considered as Independent Political Communities: On the Right and Duties of Nations in Time of Peace. Oxford: At the Clarendon Press, 1861. xxiii, [1], 378, 8 pp.

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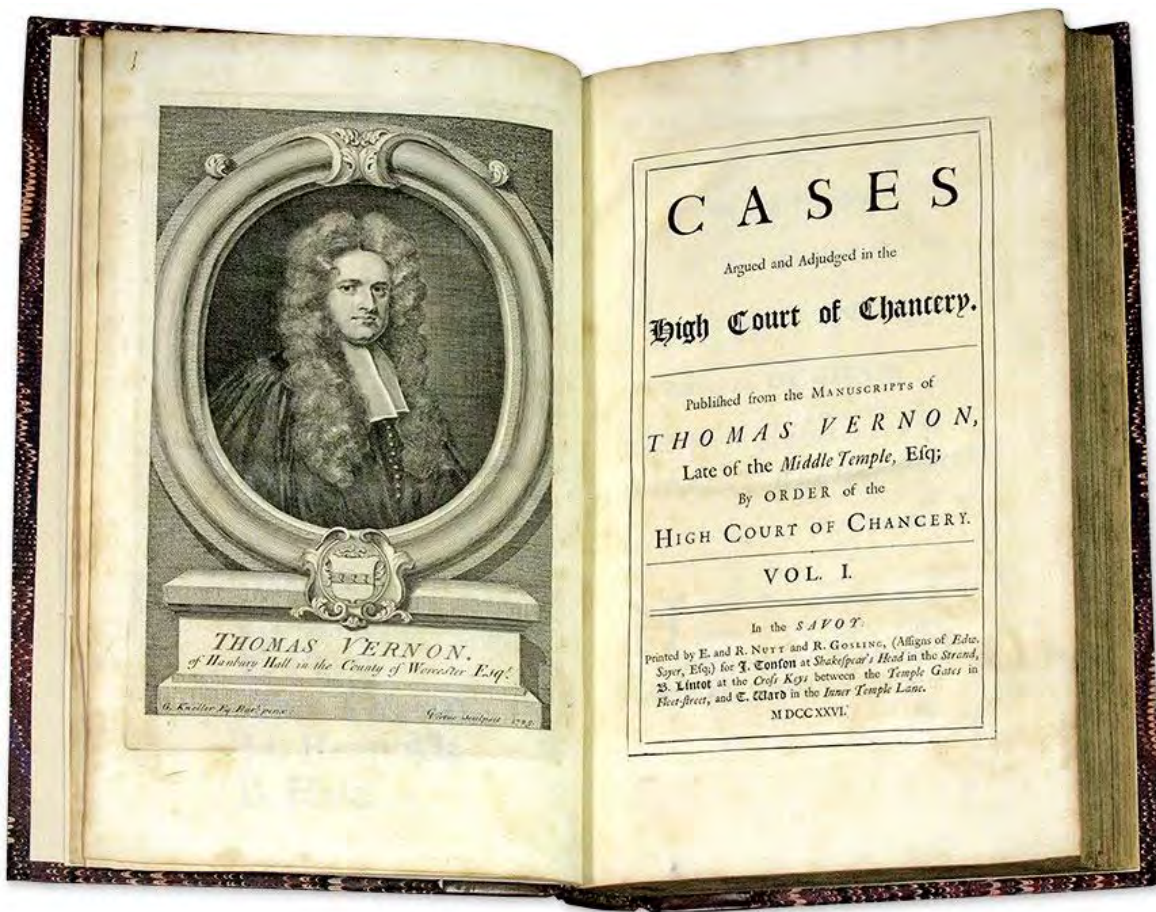
The Law of Nations Considered as Independent Political Communities: On the Right and Duties of Nations in Time of War. Oxford: At the Clarendon Press, 1863. xl, 506, 12, 8 pp.

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* First edition. Twiss, one of the leading jurist-scholars of the nineteenth century, wrote this important study during the American Civil War, a conflict that strained Anglo-American relations and raised several new issues about international law during wartime. Bibliographically distinct, the *Time of War* volume is often catalogued as a second volume. Second editions of *Peace* and *War* were published in 1884 and 1875. Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 2:363.

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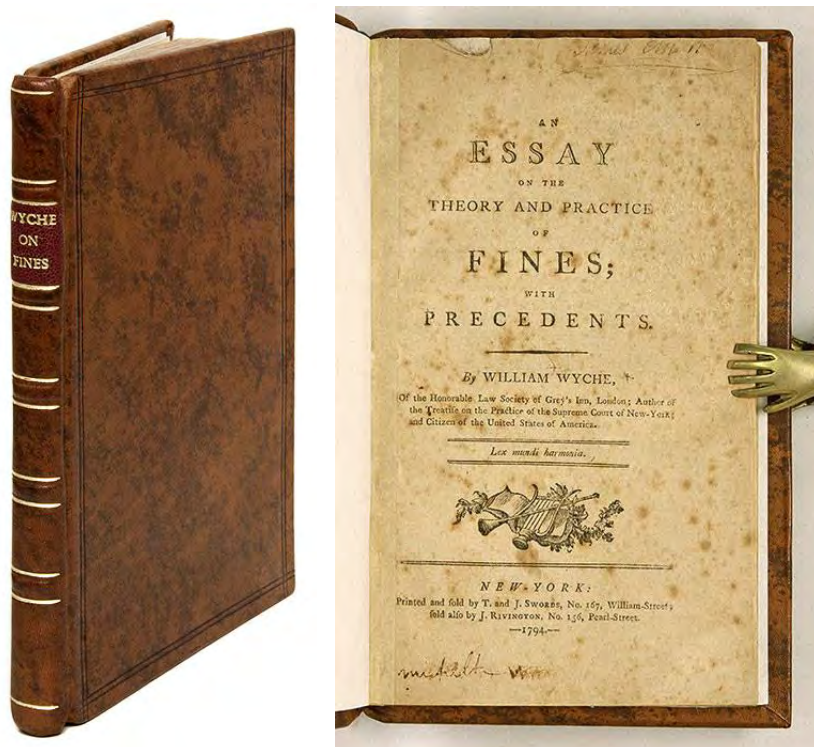
29. Vernon, Thomas [1654-1721], Reporter.

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