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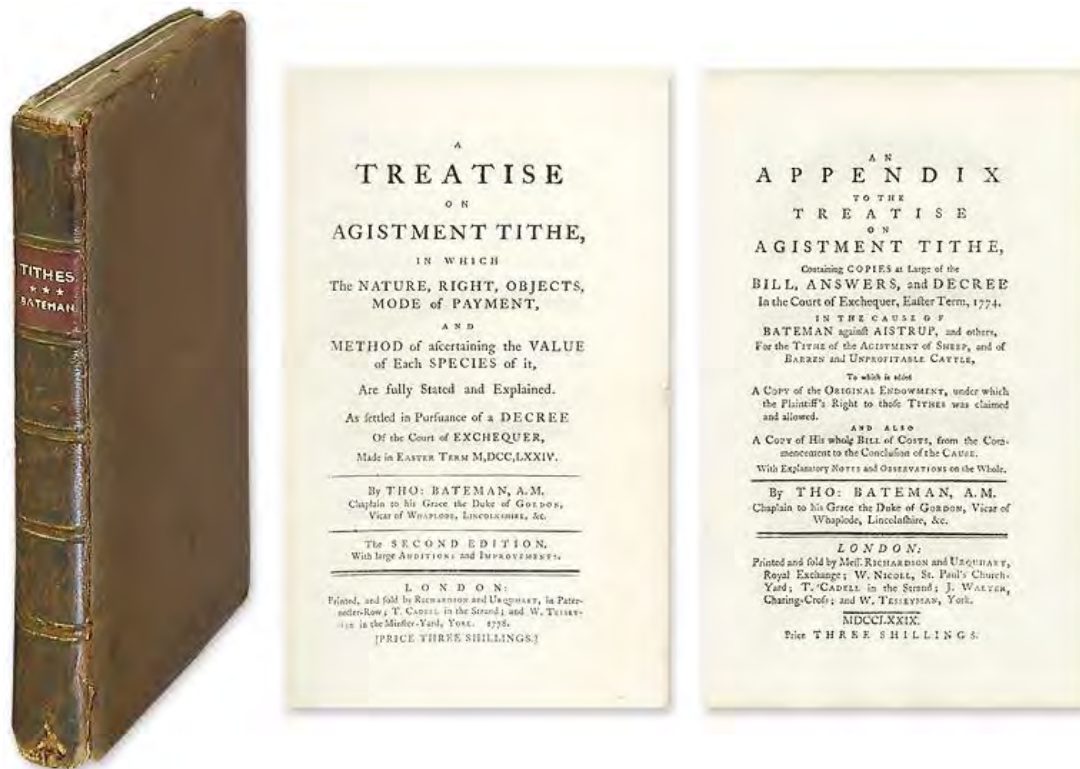
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Two English Works on Agistment Tithes

1. Bateman, Tho[mas].

A Treatise on Agistment Tithe, In Which the Nature, Right, Objects, Mode of Payment, and Method of Ascertaining the Value of Each Species of It, Are Fully Stated and Explained. As Settled in Pursuance of a Decree of the Court of Exchequer, Made in Easter Term M,DCC,LXXIV. London: Printed, and Sold, by Richardson and Urquhart, 1778. xxiii,

[1], 102, [1] pp.

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Bateman, Thomas.

An Appendix to the Treatise on Agistment Tithe, Containing Copies at Large of the Bill, Answers, and Decree In the Court of Exchequer, Easter term, 1774, In the Cause of Bateman Against Aistrup, and Others, For the Tithe of the Agistment of Sheep, and of Barren and Unprofitable Cattle. To Which is Added a Copy of the Original Endowment, Under Which the Plaintiff's Right to Those Tithes Was Claimed and Allowed. And Also a Copy of His Whole Bill of Costs, From the Commencement to the Conclusion of the Cause. With Explanatory Notes and Observations on the Whole. London: Printed and Sold by Richardson and Urquhart, 1779. xv, [1], 133, [2] pp.

Octavo (8-1/4" x 5"). Contemporary sheep, later lettering piece, gilt-edged raised bands. Wear to corners, joints cracked but secure, some chipping to spine ends, shallow diagonal slash and minor scuff to rear board. Hinges repaired, offsetting to margins of endleaves. Early annotation to front free endpaper, interior notably fresh. \$300.

* Treatise: second edition, one of two issues from 1778, "With Large Additions and Improvements"; Appendix: only edition. The Treatise deals with agistment tithe, a church-levied charge on grazing land. The Appendix is a collection of source records, including records relating to a suit involving the author. According to Black's Law Dictionary (Seventh Edition), the tithe was paid by the occupier of the land rather than the person whose cattle grazed on the land (1493). Bateman was chaplain to the Duke of Gordon and Vicar of Whaplode in Lincolnshire. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T27889, T14299. [Order This Item](#)



Essays on the Roman Law of Libel, Slander and Other Topics

2. Blarer, Bartholomaeus.

Contardi, Cesare [d. 1585].

Cagnoli, Girolamo [1491-1551].

Oldendorp, Johann [c. 1480-1567].

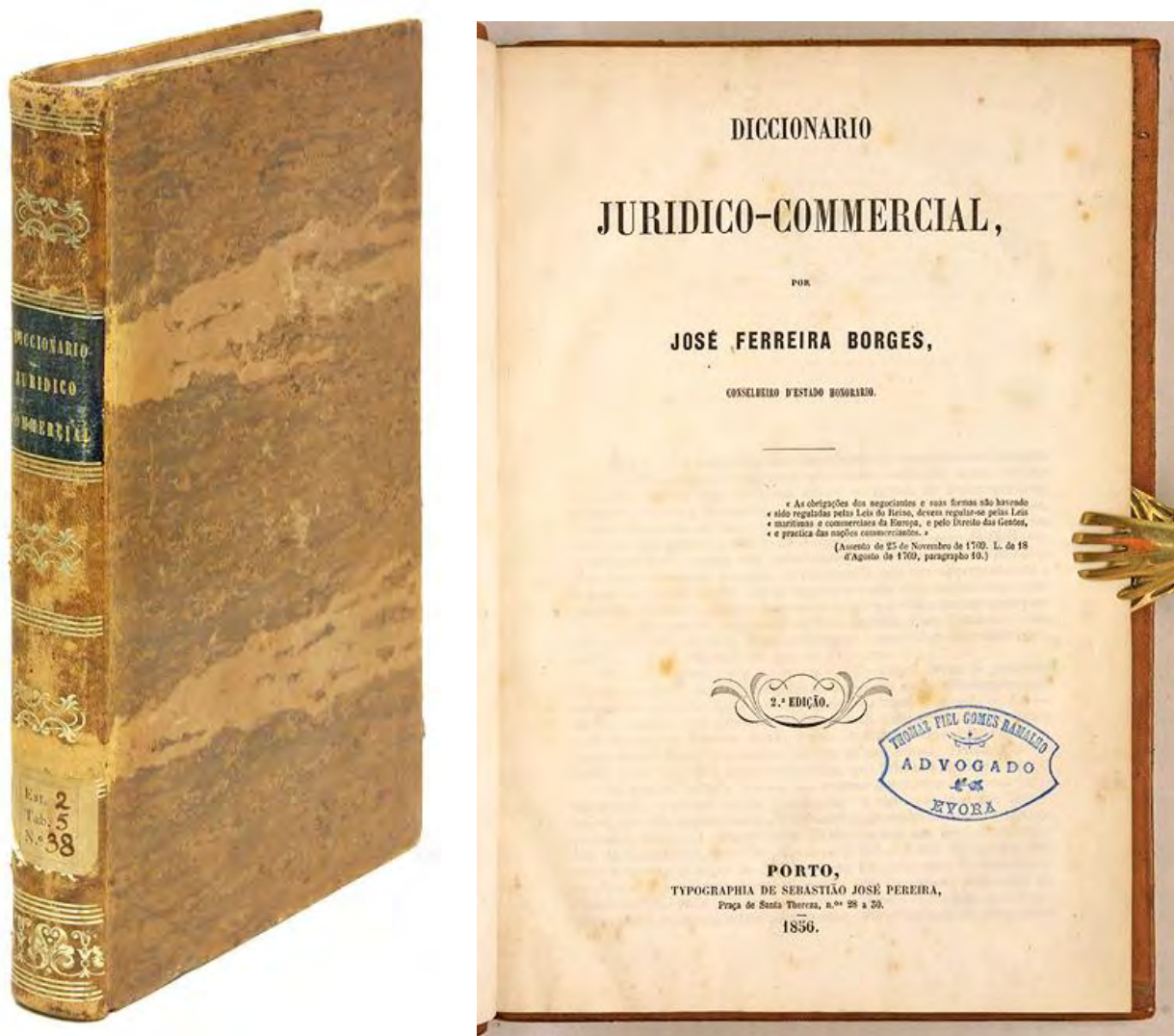
Ferrarius, Johannes [1485 or 6-1558].

Gymnich, Walter.

Tractatus Sive Repetitiones Super L. Diffamari, C. de Ingenvis Manumissis, Quatuor Clarissimorum Iurisconsultorum, I.C. Bartholomaei Blareri, Caesaris Contardi, Hieronymi Cagnoli, Ioannis Oldendorpii. Quibus Nunc Primum Accessit Io. Ferrarii Montani Brevis Expositio Processus Super L. Diffam. Omnia ex Novissima, Ac Additionibus Quibusdam Locupletata Recognitione Gualteri Gymnici, Iur. Licentiat, & in Aula Electorali Coloniensi Adessoris. Cologne: Apud Antonium Hierat, 1616. [xxiv], 475, [59] pp. Octavo (6-3/4" x 4-1/4").

Contemporary vellum, gilt title to spine, lapped edges, ties lacking. Light rubbing to extremities, a few negligible spots to boards, partial crack between front endleaf and title page. Woodcut decorated initials and tail-pieces. Light toning to text, early owner annotation to front free endpaper, internally clean. Ex-library. Early location label to spine, armorial bookplate to verso of title page. A nice copy of a scarce title. \$1,250.

* Second and final edition. This is a scarce anthology addressing the Roman law of slander, libel, torts and injuries by a distinguished group of German and Italian Jurists. OCLC locates 5 copies of this edition in North America, all in law libraries (Harvard, Northwestern, Universities of California, Berkeley, Minnesota and Pennsylvania). This edition not in the *British Museum Catalogue*. [Order This Item](#)



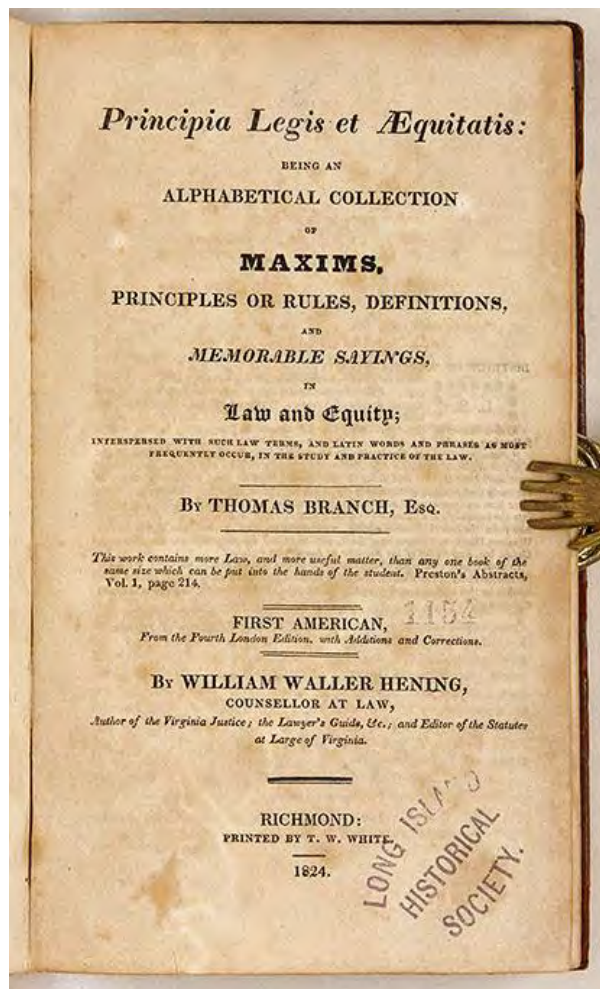
**Final Edition of a Rare
Portuguese Commercial Law Dictionary**

3. Borges, Jose Ferreira [1786-1838].

Diccionario Juridico-Commercial. Porto: Typographia de S.J. Pereira, 1856. viii, 423 pp. Main text in parallel columns. Quarto (8-1/2" x 6").

Contemporary tree sheep, lettering piece, gilt ornaments and small owner label to spine, marbled endpapers. A few minor nicks, some rubbing to extremities, corners lightly bumped, small owner bookplate to front pastedown, front free endpaper partially detached. Light toning to text, some leaves have light foxing, recent owner signature to front endleaf. A nice copy. \$250.

* Second and final edition. A highly regarded dictionary dealing with commercial law, commerce and political economy. According to the preface, it was intended to be a companion to the author's *Codigo Commercial Portuguez* (1836). It was originally published in 1839. Both editions of this dictionary are rare. OCLC locates 2 copies of the first in North American law libraries (Harvard, UC-Berkeley), 1 of the second (at the Library of Congress). *Catalogo da Livraria de Azevedo-Samodães* 1204. [Order This Item](#)



**Only American Edition of
Branch's Collection of Legal Maxims**

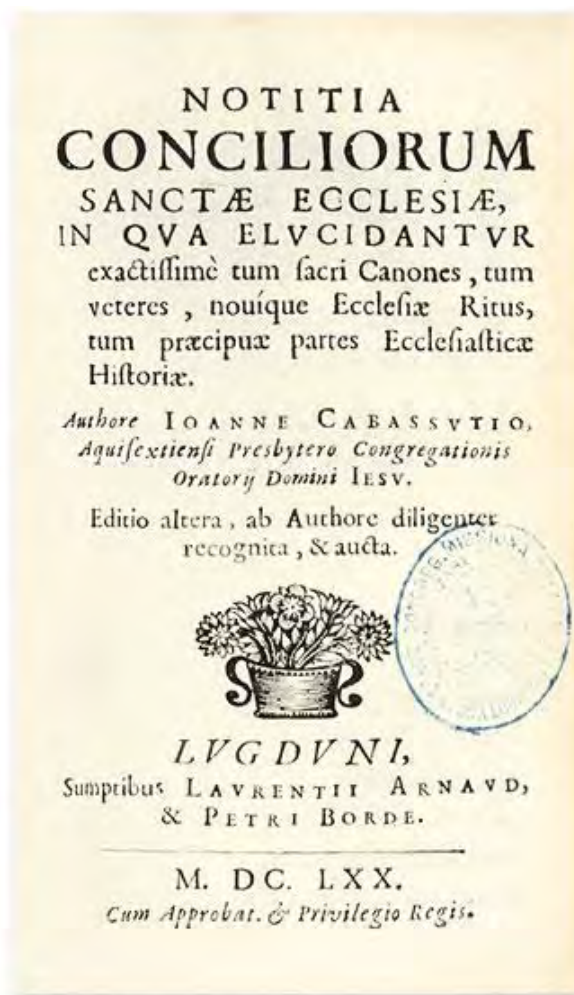
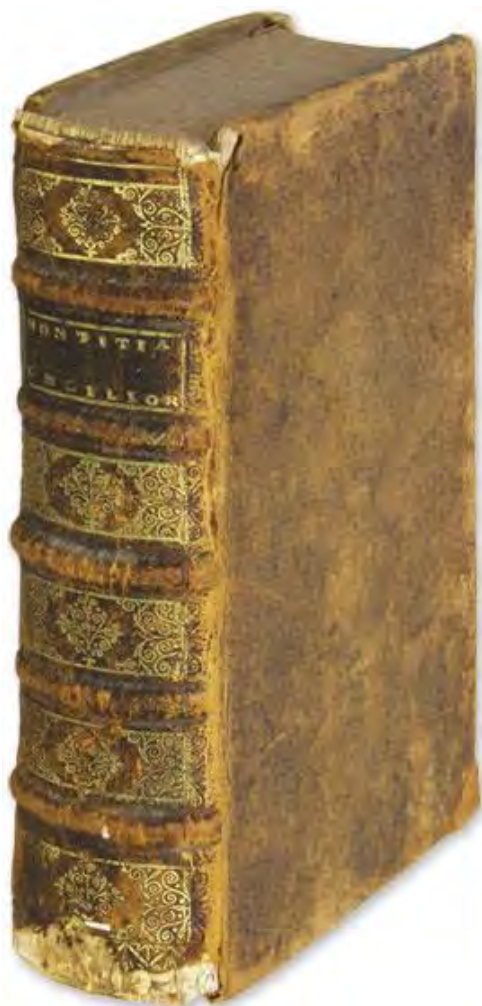
4. Branch, Thomas [fl. 1738-1753].

Hening, William Waller [1768-1828], Editor.

Principia Legis et Aequitatis: Being an Alphabetical Collection of Maxims, Principles or Rules, Definitions, and Memorable Sayings in Law and Equity. First American, From the Fourth London Edition. With Additions and Corrections. Richmond, VA: Printed by T.W. White, 1824. [viii], [9]-168 pp. Octavo (8-1/4" x 4-3/4").

Recent period-style quarter calf over cloth, lettering piece and blind fillets to spine, endpapers renewed. Moderate toning to text, somewhat heavier in places, light foxing to a few leaves, library stamps to title page. \$500.

* Only American edition. This popular book was first published in 1753. It went through six English editions, the final appearing in 1824. Based on the fourth London edition (1822), the American edition is enhanced by Hening's additions. According to Marvin, "As a manual, this little book contains more law and more useful matter, than any one book of the same size which can be put into the hands of the student.' It is more extensive than Noy's Maxims, and 'draws so copiously from the common law reports and writers of the age of Elizabeth, and since that time, that it may be regarded as the accumulated spirit and wisdom of the great body of the English law.'" Marvin's first quote is from *Preston on Abstracts*, the second from Kent's *Commentaries on American Law*. Marvin, *Legal Bibliography* 143. Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 5376. [Order This Item](#)



**A Distinguished Writer on
Ecclesiastical History, Canon Law and Theology**

5. Cabassut, Jean [1604-1685].

Notitia Conciliorum Sanctae Ecclesiae, In Qua Elucidantur Exactissime Tum Sacri Canones, Tum Veteres, Novique Ecclesiae Ritus, Tum Praecipuae Partes Ecclesiasticae Historiae. Editio Altera, Ab Authore Diligenter Recognita, & Aucta. Lyon: Sumptibus Laurentii Arnaud & Petri Borde, 1670. [xxiv], 720, [60] pp. Octavo (7" x 4").

Contemporary sheep, gilt spine with raised bands and lettering piece, speckled edges. Moderate rubbing, chipping to spine ends, corners bumped and somewhat worn, hinges cracked but secure. Attractive woodcut title-page device and head-piece. Contemporary (illegible) owner signature to front free endpaper. Toning, occasional light foxing, internally clean. \$150.

* Later edition. First published in 1668, this treatise discusses disputed points (concilia) in canon law. Cabassut, a French theologian, priest and authority on canon law, was a distinguished writer on ecclesiastical history, canon law, and theology. His writings reflect his adherence to Probabilism, a moral system applicable to cases of conscience that involve the obligation of doubtful laws. Like other Probabilists, Cabassut believed that a doubtful law is invalid. It is therefore permissible to follow an opinion contrary to that law if it is clearly probable. Not in Adams. This edition not in the *British Museum Catalogue*. Ferreira-Ibarra, *The Canon Law Collection in the Library of Congress* 317. [Order This Item](#)



Early French-Language Edition of Catherine's *Nakaz*

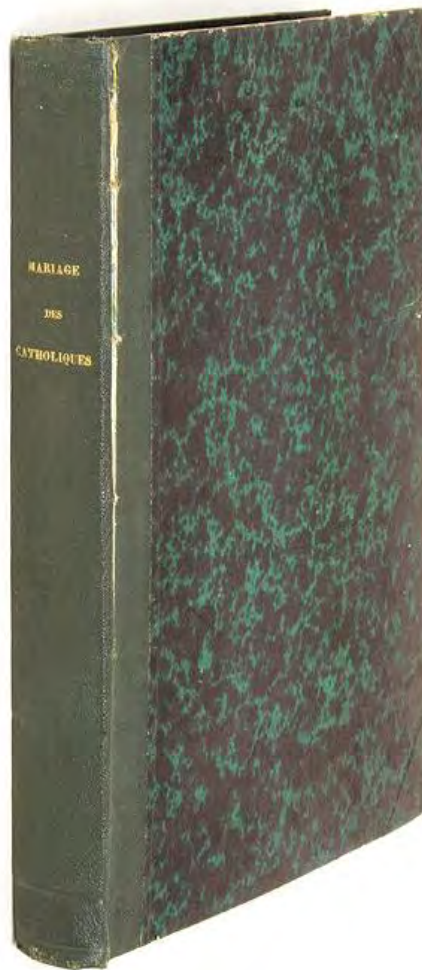
6. Catherine II [1762-1796], Empress of Russia.

[Landres, J. Rodolphe Frey de, Translator].

Instructions Adressées par Sa Majesté L'Impératrice de Toutes les Russies: A la Commission Établie Pour Travailler à L'Exécution du Projet d'un Nouveau Code de Lois. Traduit de l'Allemand. "A Petersburg" [i.e. Yverdon, Switzerland]: [s.n.], 1769. 286 pp. 12mo. (6" x 4").

Early quarter vellum over marbled boards, untrimmed edges, a few unopened signatures. Light soiling, corners lightly bumped and worn. Moderate toning, somewhat heavier in places, some leaves have light foxing, a few have light dampstaining to margins, internally clean. Ex-library. Small inkstamp to title page. A handsome copy. \$1,000.

* Reissue of the first edition in French, published for by the St. Petersburg Academy of Sciences for private distribution in 1769. This important text, also known as the *Nakaz*, or *Instruction*, is a statement of legal principles written by Catherine II from 1764 and 1766. Permeated with the ideas of the French Enlightenment, and copied mostly from the work of Voltaire, Montesquieu and Beccaria, it was compiled as a guide for the All-Russia Legislative Commission convened by the Empress in 1767 to create a new code to replace the 1649 Muscovite Code. Revised in consultation with Beccaria, Frederick the Great and Voltaire, the *Instruction* proclaimed the equality of all men before the law and disapproved of death penalty and torture. Unfortunately, her proposed code was never completed. Catherine's manuscript was written in French, and she later produced a Russian translation. Editions in German and Russian were published in Moscow in 1767. The book was initially banned in France because it was too liberal, which is why the first French-language edition was produced in Switzerland (with a false imprint). French and Latin editions were eventually published in 1770. OCLC locates 6 copies of this imprint in North American law libraries (Columbia, George Washington University, Harvard, Library of Congress, UC-Berkeley, Yale). Butler, *The Nakaz of Catherine the Great* 531 (Entry 40). [Order This Item](#)



Controversial Book on Catholic Divorce and Annulment

7. Clémens, Jacques.

Traité du Pouvoir Irréfragable et Inébranlable de l'Eglise sur le Mariage des Catholiques: Contre le Livre qui à pour Titre Examen de Deux Questions Importantes sur le Mariage Imprimé sans nom d'Autor, l'An M.D.CC.LIII. Liège: Chez Clement Plomteux, 1768. xii, [2], 368 pp. Quarto (10-1/4" x 8").

Later quarter pebbled cloth over marbled boards, gilt title to spine, endpapers renewed. Some rubbing to extremities, minor wear to head of spine, front joint partially cracked. Light toning to text, somewhat heavier in places. Foxing to title page and a few other leaves. \$1,500.

* Only edition. A study criticizing divorce and annulment under canon law. As its title indicates, it takes up the "two questions" in *Examen de Deux Questions Importantes sur le Mariage. Comment la Puissance Civile Peut-Elle Déclarer des Mariages Nuls, Sans Entreprendre sur les Droits de la Puissance Ecclésiastique? Quelle est en Conséquence, l'étendue du Pouvoir des Souverains sur les Empêchemens Dirimans le Mariage*, a work published anonymously by Pierre Le Ridant in 1753. Ridant's work defends the supremacy of canon law and Church authority, Clémens's work argues for the supremacy of local law and sovereigns. A controversial publication, it was banned by Maria Theresa, Empress of the Austrian Empire, which then included Liège (as part of the Austrian Netherlands). Possession of this book would result in a fine of 300 florins. A high-quality facsimile of this edict is laid into our copy. OCLC locates 2 copies in North America (UC-Berkeley Law School, University of Pennsylvania). De Theux, *Bibliographie Liégeoise* 611-612. [Order This Item](#)



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1483 Printing of an Important Digest of Canon Law with a Tract on Jewish Moneylenders, A Copy with Notably Fine Penwork

8. De Ausmo (Osimo), Nicolaus [d. 1453]. [Bartholomew, Of San Concordio (1262-1347)]. De Nevo (Nievo), Alexander [d. 1484]. Astesanus of Asti [d.c.1330].

[Supplementum Summae Pisanellae; Consilia Contra Judaeos Foenerates; Canones Poenitentiales]. [Venice: Franciscus Renner, de Heilbroonn, 1482]. [554] ff. Lacking initial blank. Collation: a11, b-y12, 1-1812, 198, 2010. 21-2212, A-B12, C10. Quarto (7" x 5").

Recent period-style blind-tooled calf with clasps, bosses to boards, endpapers renewed. 38-line gothic type in parallel columns, decorated initials, rubricated throughout with red, blue and green penwork extending into margins. Light toning to text, occasional faint dampstaining and minor worming to head of text block above text. A handsome volume with excellent penwork. \$18,000.

* Completed in 1444, this important alphabetically digested encyclopedia of canon law is an enlargement of the Summa de Casibus Conscientiae by Bartholomew of San Concordio. Two other important texts are appended: Alexander de Nevo's (or Nievo's) analysis of the Church's view of Jewish money lenders, Consilia Contra Judaeos Fenerantes, and the Canones Poenitentiales by Astesano. These two texts appear in editions of the Supplementum published after 1476. The ISTC locates 3 complete copies of this imprint in North America, none in law libraries. OCLC locates 1 in a law library (Library of Congress). Goff, Incunabula in American Libraries N74. Gesamtkatalog der Wiegendrucke M26260. Order This Item



Early Tottel Edition of
Fitzherbert's *Abridgment*, Jefferson had a Copy

9. Fitzherbert, Anthony [1470-1538].

La Graunde Abridgement Collecte par le Juge Tresreverend Monsieur Anthony Fitzherbert, Dernierment Conferre Ouesque la Copye Escript et per ceo Correcte, Ouesque le Nombre del Sueil, Per Quel Facilement Poies Trover les Cases cy Abyrdges en les Livres Dans, Novelment Annote: Iammais Devaunt Imprimees.

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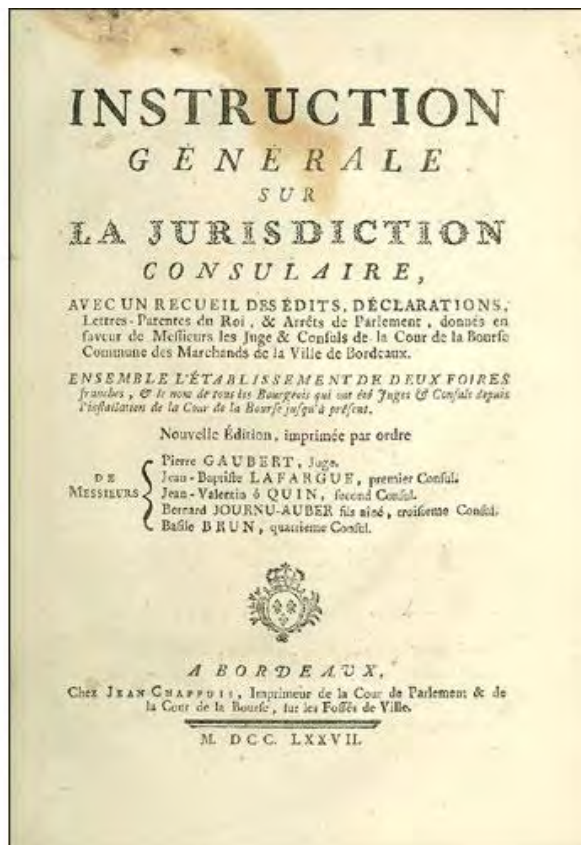
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London: Richard Tottell, 1577. [ii], 342 [i.e. 341]; [ii], 265; [ii], 66 ff. First and second parts of abridgment have title pages. Collates complete. Small folio (9-1/4" x 6-1/2").

Contemporary calf, rebaked with raised bands and gilt title, endpapers renewed, early leaf of notes tipped-in to verso of front endleaf. Boards worn, joints cracked but secure, hinges starting, first signature detached, a few partial cracks to text block. Titles printed within woodcut architectural borders, woodcut decorated initials. Toning, light browning in a few places, some soiling to title page. Occasional early underlining and annotations, interior otherwise clean. \$1,600.

* Second Tottell edition. One of the most imposing volumes in the history of English law, it has abridgements of over 14,000 cases under 260 titles in alphabetical order. First printed around 1514, it was the first serious attempt to arrange the common law systematically and it was a model to such writers as Brooke and Rolle. According to Boersma, Fitzherbert accomplished "nothing less that to abridge all notes of significant cases at common law." Graham and Heckel refer to this work as the "book that 'made' the Common Law.": *Law Library Journal* 51 [1957]: 100-101. Beale, *Bibliography of Early English Law Books* R466, R467, R468. *English Short-Title Catalogue* S102204. Sowerby, *Catalogue of the Library of Thomas Jefferson* 1776. Cowley, *Bibliography of Abridgments* 71. [Order This Item](#)



Guide to the Pre-Revolutionary Commercial Court of Bordeaux

10. [France].

[Cour de la Bourse (Bordeaux)].

[Chappuis, Jean, Compiler].

Instruction Générale sur la Jurisdiction Consulaire, Avec un Recueil des Édits, Déclarations Lettres-Patentes du Roi, & Arrêts de Parlement, Donnés en Faveur de Messieurs les Juge & Consuls de la Cour de la Bourse Commune des Marchands de la Ville de Bordeaux. Ensemble l'Établissement de deux Foires Franches, & le Nom de Tous les Bourgeois qui ont été Juges & Consuls Depuis l'Installation de la Cour de la Bourse Jusqu'à Présent. Bordeaux: Chez Jean Chappuis, 1777. [iv], 537, [11] pp. Quarto (9-1/2" x 7-1/4").

Contemporary tree calf, gilt frames to boards, raised bands, gilt ornaments and lettering piece to spine, marbled edges and endpapers. Moderate rubbing to extremities with wear to spine ends and corners, joints just starting. Several light scuffs and some worm holes to calf covering boards, occasional worming to margins with negligible loss to text, crack to text block between front free endpaper and following leaf. Attractive woodcut head-piece and tail-pieces. Occasional dampstaining to head and foot of text block, early annotations to front endleaves, interior otherwise clean. A solid copy of an uncommon title. \$250.

* Later edition. Published by order of the Commercial Court of Bordeaux, this book is a collection of laws relating to its jurisdiction compiled from the *coutume* of Bordeaux (completed 1527), legislation of the local Parlement and royal edicts. Texts of related documents are included as well. Also a procedural guide, it is an invaluable guide to the regulation of trade in one of France's most important commercial centers during the final decade of the Bourbon monarchy. This appears to be a reissue of a book published in 1710. No copies of this edition on OCLC or KVK. This edition not in Goldsmiths' or the *British Museum Catalogue*. [Order This Item](#)



Excerpts from Roman Law Selected by Grotius

11. Grotius, Hugo [1583-1645].

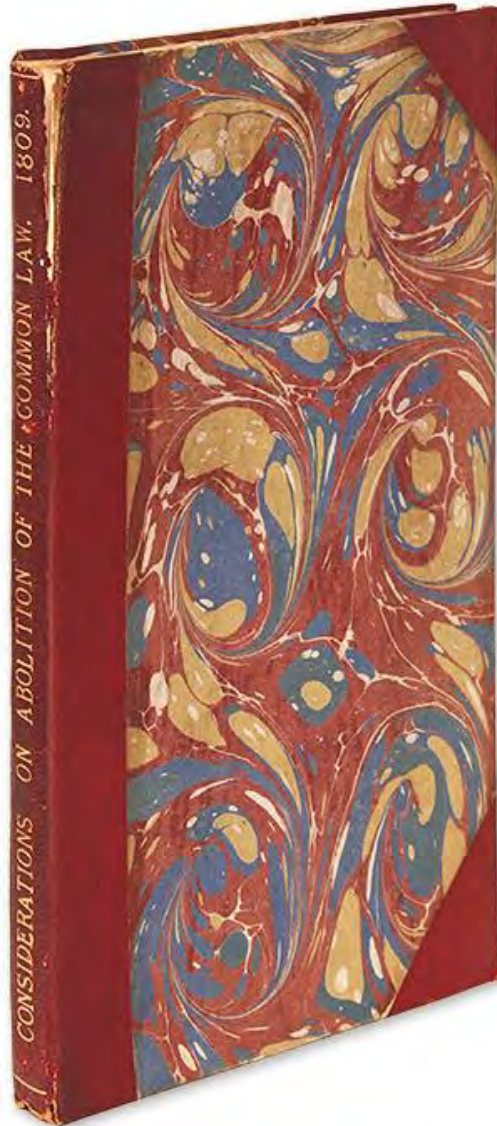
Gebauer, Georg Christian [1690-1773].

[Somma, Gabriele, Notes].

Florum Sparsio ad jus Iustinianum, Cum Praefatione D. Geor. Christiani Gebaveri. Insuper hac Prima Neapolitana Editione Notulis Passim Aucta, Et Indicibus Tribus. Naples: Ex Officina Vincentii Manfredii, 1777. [xxiii], 378, [4] pp. Octavo (8" x 5").

Original printed wrappers with untrimmed edges bound into later quarter vellum over marbled boards, gilt title to spine. Negligible rubbing to extremities. Moderate toning to text, foxing in places, dampstaining to first quarter of text block, internally clean. \$950.

* Fourth and final edition, the only edition with Somma's notes. First published in 1642, the *Florum Sparsio* is a topically digested selection of excerpts from Justinian's *Code* with commentary by Grotius. It was intended to serve as a tool for legal arguments. Somma, who wrote the additional notes in this edition, was a Neapolitan theologian. They add philological detail and information about Neapolitan and Italian law. OCLC locates 2 copies in North America (Library of Congress, UC-Berkeley Law School). Ter Meulen and Diermanse, *Bibliographie de Grotius* 795. [Order This Item](#)



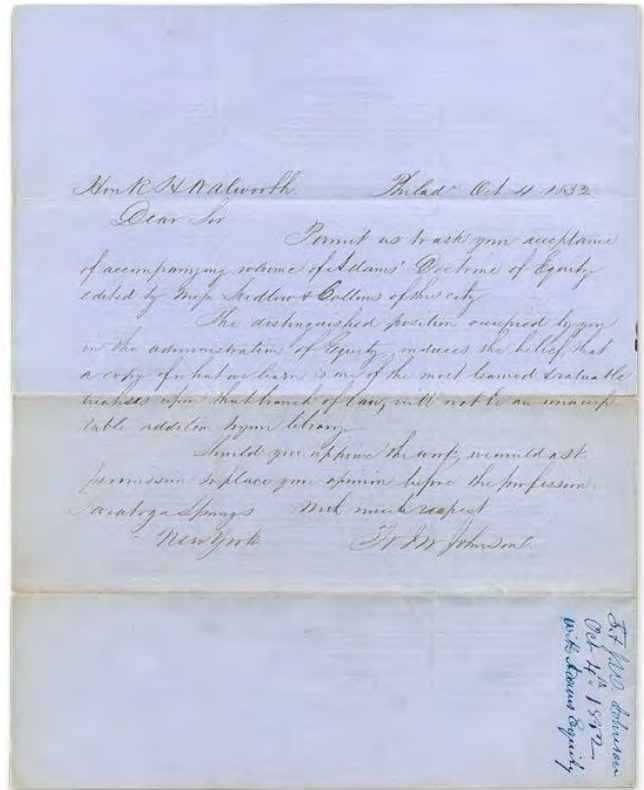
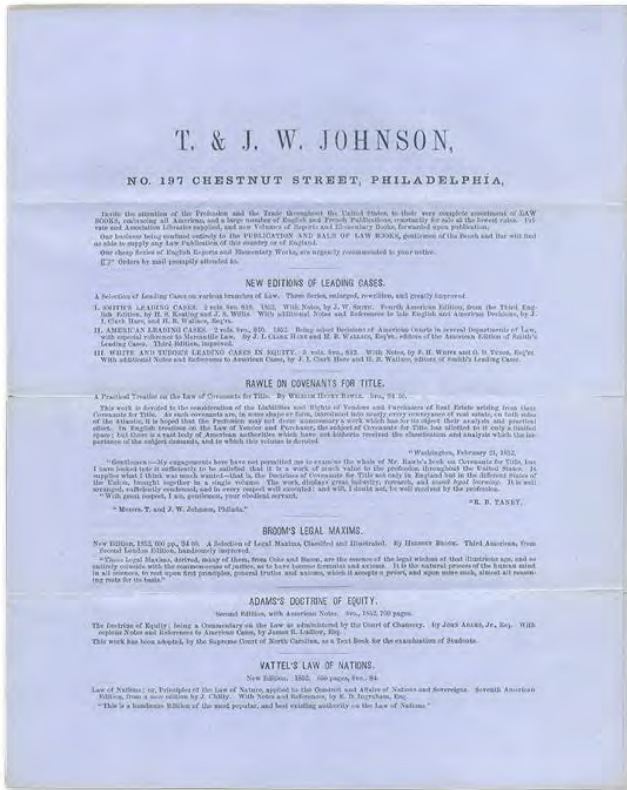
"The Clamour Raised Against the Common Law"

12. Hopkinson, Joseph [1770-1842].

Considerations on the Abolition of the Common Law in the United States. Philadelphia: Published by William P. Farrand and Co., 1809. v, [6]-71 pp. Octavo (9-1/4" x 5-3/4").

Stab-stitched pamphlet with untrimmed edges bound into contemporary three-quarter calf over marbled boards, gilt title and fillets to spine. Some wear to spine ends and corners, front board partially detached, rear hinge cracked. Moderate toning to text, light foxing, crinkling and minor tears to a few leaves. \$1,250.

* Only edition. This pamphlet defends the common law system used in the United States. Hopkinson was a member of the U.S. House of representatives and later a judge of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. He is best known as the author of *Hail Columbia*, the first American national anthem. OCLC locates 4 copies, 1 in a law library (University of Pennsylvania). Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 7821. [Order This Item](#)



A Legal Publisher Solicits an Endorsement

13. [Legal Publishing].

T. & J.W. Johnson.

T. & J.W. Johnson, No 197 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, Invite the Attention of the Profession and the Trade Throughout the United States, to Their Very Complete Assortment of LAW BOOKS. [RunningTitle]. [Philadelphia, 1852]. Single sheet folded once to form two 9-1/2" x 7-1/2" leaves. Text on three pages, fourth page has autograph note from J.W. Johnson to Reuben H. Walworth dated October 4, 1832. It is franked, presumably by Walworth or one of his clerks.

Light edgewear, some fading along edges, horizontal and vertical fold lines, some with minor tears. \$450.

* This circular was mailed to Walworth with a copy of the second edition of *The Doctrine of Equity* by John Adams [c.1813-1848], a work recently published. Noting the "distinguished position occupied by you in the administration of equity," Johnson asks him to read the treatise and for permission "to place [his] opinion" of the book "before the profession." This letter indicates how publishers sought endorsements for their books. Walworth, an authority on equity law, was Chancellor of New York, in office from 1828 to 1847. He was the last man to hold that office, which was abolished by the state constitution of 1846. [Order This Item](#)



Two Rare Seventeenth-Century Lille *Coutumiers*

14. [Lille].

Coutumes et Usages de la Ville, Taille, Banlieue et Eschevinage de Lille, Confirmez et Approuvez par l'Imperialle Majesté, Et par luy Commandé, Qu'ils Soient Tenus à l'Advenir, Comme Loix, Coustumes & Usages par Escrit en Ladite Ville & Eschevinage de Lille. Lille: De l'Imprimerie de Nicolas de Rache, 1665. 48 pp.

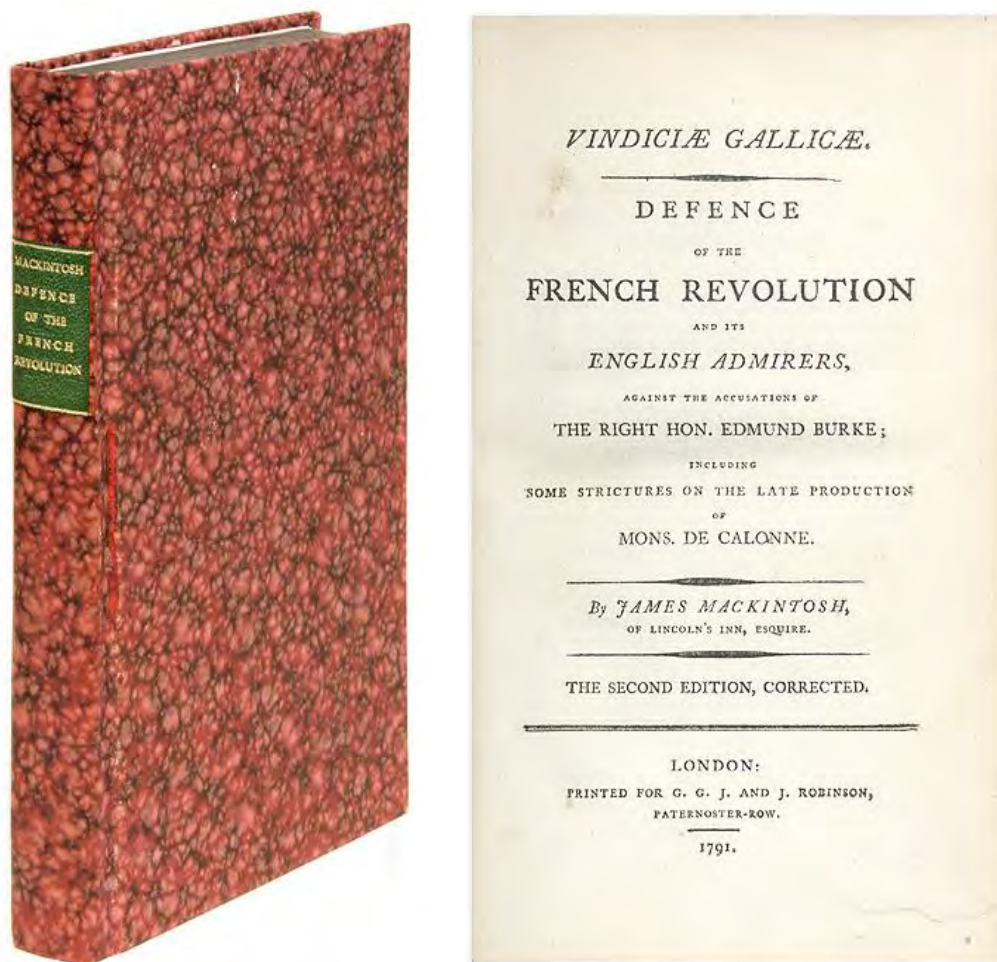
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[Lille].

Coutumes et Usages Generaux de la Salle, Balliage, Et Chastellenie de Lille: Confirmees et Decretees par Sa Majesté Catholique. Avec les Coustumes Locales & Particulieres de Lieux Gisans en Ladite Chastellenie, Ressortissans à la Gouvernance de Lille. Augmentees des Coustumes Locales de la Viscomté de Haubourdin, & Ammerin. Ensemble, la Declaration, Ratification, Confirmation, & Renouvellement du privilege d'Exemption de Confiscation es Villes & Chastellenies de Lille, Douay, & Orchies, Par Leurs Altezes Serenissimes. Et Plusieurs Ordonnances & Mendemens Concernans le Faict de la Justice, Practique, & Police de la Chastellenie de Lille, Extraicts Tant des Registres de la Chambre des Comptes, Que Gouvernance, & Bailliage Dudict Lille. Avec l'Edict Perpetuel de Leurs Altezes Serenissimes pour le Reglement de la Justice. Et le Salaire des Advocats & Procureurs. Lille: De l'Imprimerie d'Ignace & Nicolas de Rache, 1652. [8], 139, [1] pp.

Quarto (7-1/2" x 6"). Contemporary limp vellum with early cloth tie. Moderate rubbing and soiling, minor chipping to spine ends, corners bumped, a few ink spots to boards, which are slightly bowed, front endleaves lacking. Large woodcut arms of Lille to versos of title pages. Moderate toning to text, occasional faint dampstaining to margins, edgwear to first and final leaves in text block, soiling to title page of 1665 *coutumier*. Appealing copies of two rare imprints. \$750.

* The coutumes of Lille were first compiled in the fourteenth century. The first printed collection was published in 1534. The coutumes of Lille are "remarkable in that the municipal regime was highly organized, and Germanic traditions remained strong. The *coutume* of Lille was officially codified in response to orders issued by Emperor Charles V in 1531" (Caswell and Sipkov). OCLC locates 2 copies of the 1665 edition in North America (Harvard Law School, Northwestern Law School), 2 of the 1652 (GWU Law School, Harvard Law School). Caswell and Sipkov, *The Coutumes of France in the Library of Congress* 45. Gouron et Terrin, *Bibliographie des Coutumes de France* 1063, 1084. [Order This Item](#)



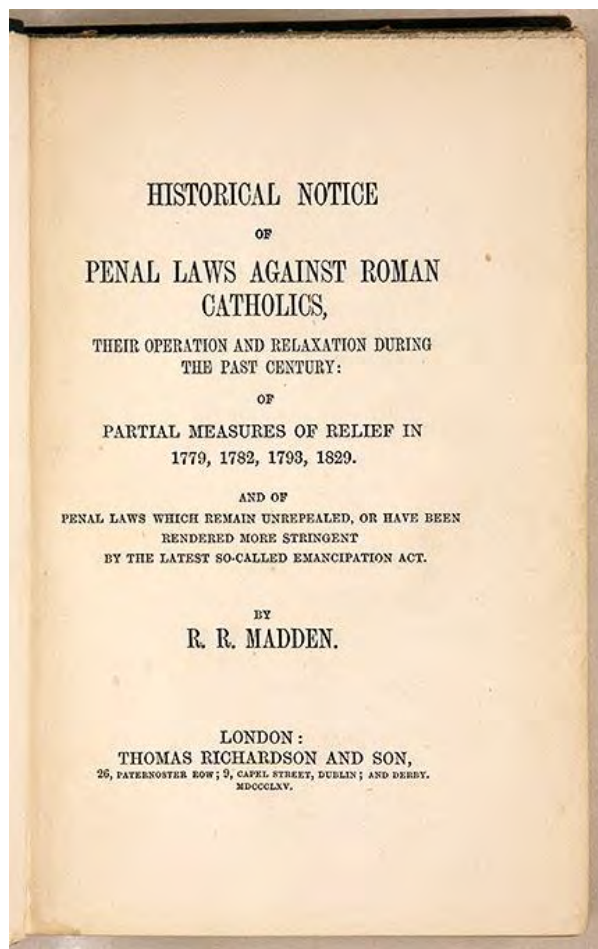
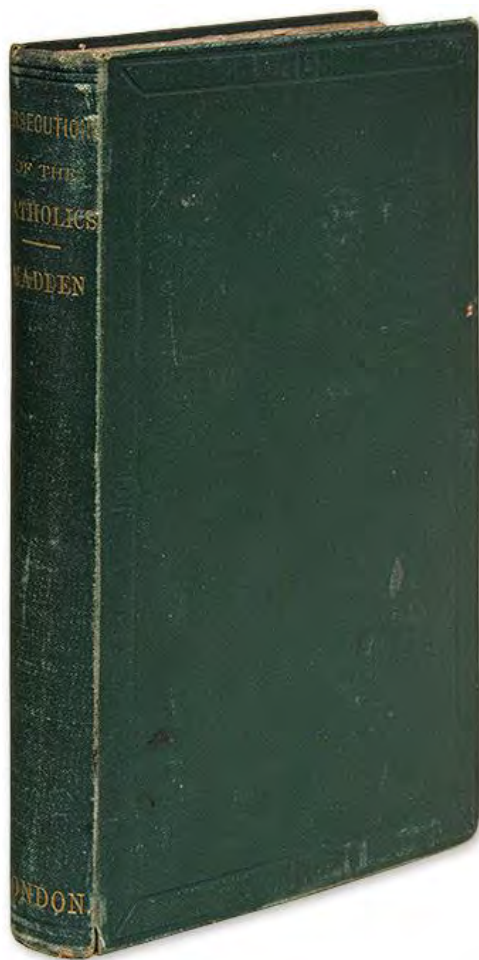
**An Important Defense of
English Supporters of the French Revolution**

15. Mackintosh, Sir James [1765-1832].

Vindiciae Gallicae: Defence of the French Revolution and Its English Admirers, Against the Accusations of the Right Hon. Edmund Burke; Including Some Strictures on the Late Productions of Mons. de Calonne. London: Printed for G.G.J. And J. Robinson, 1791. [iv], 351, [1] pp Octavo (8" x 5").

Recent marbled boards, calf lettering piece to spine, endpapers renewed. Moderate toning to text, light foxing to a few leaves, light soiling to tile page, small chip to its lower corner. \$250.

* Second edition, published the same year as the first edition. A reply to Burke's *Reflections on the Revolution in France* (1791) by the great Scottish jurist, Whig politician and historian. Three editions were speedily sold, and the publisher liberally gave Mackintosh 'several times' the sum of £30, originally stipulated. Burke had been answered with much power by Thomas Paine. Mackintosh's reply, however, taking a less radical ground, and showing much literary and philosophical culture, was the most effective defense of the position of the Whig sympathizers with the revolution. It was partly translated into French by the Duke of Orleans" (*DNB*). A fourth edition was published in 1792. Dublin and Philadelphia issues, both without edition statements, were published in 1791 and 1792, respectively. *Dictionary of National Biography* XII:618. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T50908. [Order This Item](#)



"So-Called Emancipation"

16. Madden, R[ichard] R[obert] [1798-1886].

Historical Notice of Penal Laws Against Roman Catholics: Their Operation and Relaxation During the Past Century, Of Partial Measures of Relief in 1779, 1782, 1793, 1829, And of Penal Laws Which Remain Unrepealed, Or Have been Rendered more Stringent by the Latest So-Called Emancipation Act. London: Thomas Richardson and Son, 1865. [viii], 241 pp. Tipped-in errata sheet. Octavo (7-1/2" x 4-1/2").

Original cloth, blind frames to boards, gilt title to spine. Light rubbing and a few minor nicks to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, front joint just starting at foot, corners bumped and lightly worn, owner stamp to front pastedown, front hinge cracked. Moderate toning to text, tears to upper margins of a few leaves (due to clumsy opening of signatures), browning to endleaves. \$150.

* Only edition. The book is dedicated to the great English statesman William Ewart Gladstone [1809-1898] in the hope that he will lead Parliament in eliminating "the last remnants of penal laws that are yet to be repealed." OCLC locates no copies in law libraries. *British Museum Catalogue* (Compact Edition) 16:499. [Order This Item](#)



Inventory of the Estate of a Prominent Frederick County, Maryland, Landowner and Judge

17. [Manuscript].

[Beall, William Murdock (1742-1823)].

[Inventory and Appraisal of the Estate of Judge William Beall]. Frederick County, MD, 1823-1825. 66 pp. Main text preceded by 2 pp. index. Folio (13-1/2" x 8-1/4").

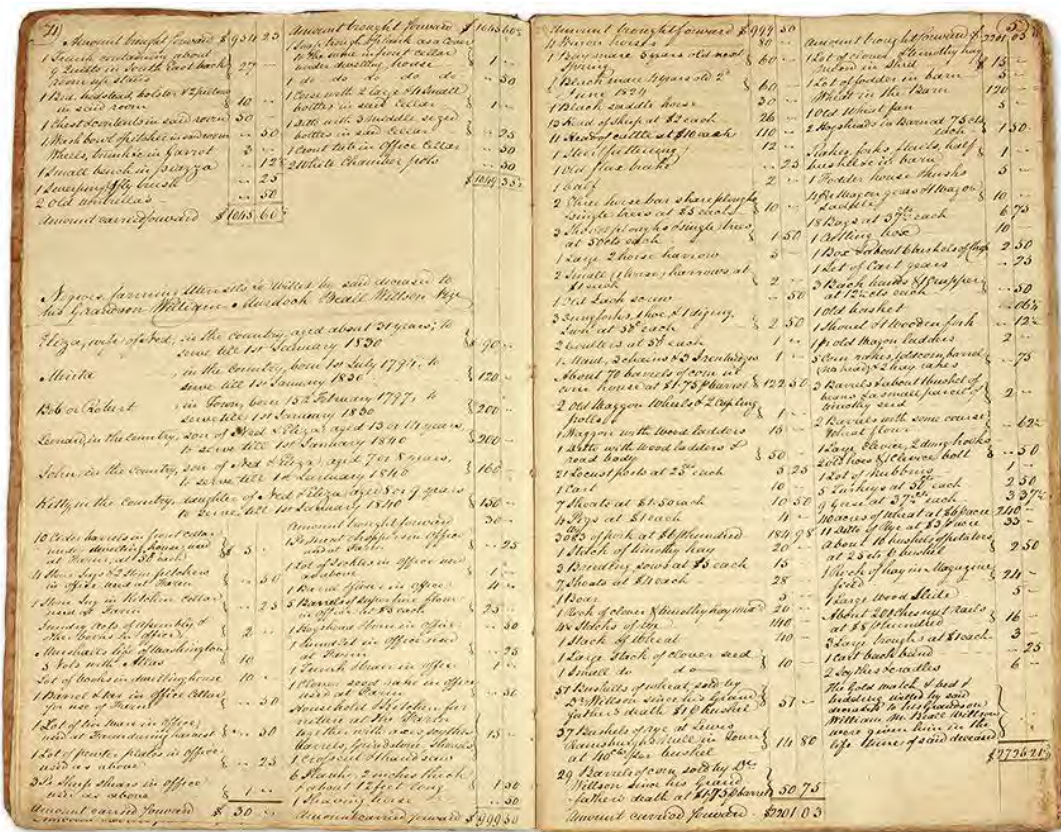
Thick pressed-paper side-sewn ledger, untrimmed edges. Light soiling and a few stains to covers, rubbing to extremities with some wear to spine ends and corners, spine beginning to split at ends, "William M Beall Senr./ Died the 5th Nov: 1823" to inside front cover. Moderate toning, content in neat hand to rectos and versos of 37 pages. \$1,850.

* William Murdock Beall, a prominent landowner (and owner of many slaves), sat as a judge in Frederick Co. Maryland in several capacities, fought in the French and Indian War, was a member of the Frederick County Committee of Safety. Rich in legal, social and genealogical content, this inventory is probably one of a few fair copies, executed for the files of heirs and executors. (We have not been able to locate any others.) The first section is titled, "Inventory of the Personal Estate of William M. Beall, late of Frederick County, deceased, appraised in Dollars and cents, by the subscribers (being thereto lawfully authorized and sworn) this 11th day of December 1823."

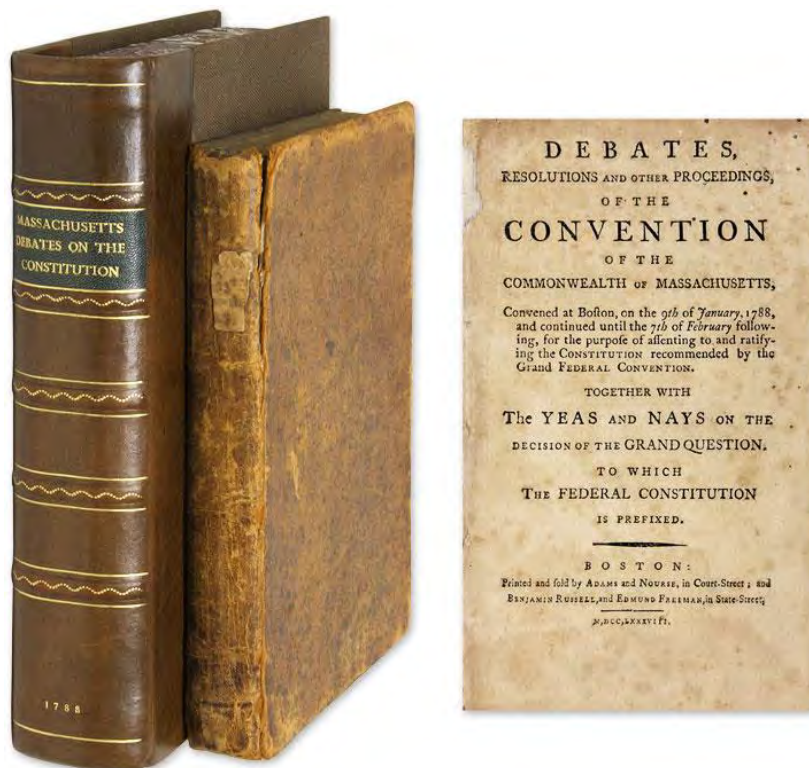
The contents are set out ledger-style on blank sheets, with appropriate lines and columns drawn in ink. It begins with a list of "Negroes over the age of 45 years willed by said deceased free at his death Viz." followed by the names of 7 male and female slaves, their place of residence on his various properties and their approximate or actual ages. A few additional younger slaves are also listed as free. The remaining slaves are willed to various named heirs. Their values in dollars and the lengths of time of their servitude are noted. Occasionally, the names of the parents of the bequeathed slaves are also listed.

This section is followed by a double-columned listing of Beall's other goods with short descriptions and assigned values, which are carried forward as totals in each column. These items include silver, carriages, horses, bedding, farm equipment, cooking utensils, dishes, a varied group of furniture, crockery, china, mirrors, carpets, various fabric items and an-eight day clock. A separate section of slaves and farming equipment is bequeathed to his grandson William M.B. Willson and are listed in the same manner: another 6 slaves and over 100 items, mostly relating to farming, along with poultry, pigs, sheep, cattle and meats, stored barreled crops, fodder, office equipment and crops valued in planted acreage. Noted also are a copy of "Marshall's Life of Washington 5 vols with Atlas" and a "Lot or books in dwelling house." A long list of materials are willed to his executors, similarly listed: various boxes & barrels, barrels of foodstuffs, glassware, various scales & weights, "sundries in pigeon holes opposite office front door," contents of the office drawers, "2 maps and old wrapping paper in office," furniture, saddlery and garden crops. Listed separately is a female slave Mary "in the country, daughter of Ned & Eliza born 10th September 1823, to serve till 25 years of age (and) "2 pews in the Episcopal church designated by numbers 4 & 5."

The document at this point is noted as witnessed by John L. Harding and John Bruegel and followed by a Recapitulation of sums and totals of inventory. Below this is noted: "Proved by Wm. Beall Jr. & Wm. B. Willson, two of the Executors on the 2d February 1824." At page 8 is listed a separate section, with the same witnesses, titled "Inventory of money left by William Murdock Beall." This includes an "Inventory of Stocks left including Government or United States 6 percent stocks; par value, per certificates" with significant investment amounts in the Baltimore and Frederick Town Turnpike Road, the Union Bank of Maryland, the Farmers Bank, the Bank of Columbia and other companies. Listed below this are the debts due the Estate, some dating back to 1816. Later columns of listings are of sales of materials and properties from the estate, all tallied in detail. This section ends with a final "Balance due the Estate," which lists with the five named heirs splitting the significant amount of \$59,843.14. The final pages list the general accounting lists, carrying forward to 1825 of the dissolution of the assets by date, persons involved and amounts paid.



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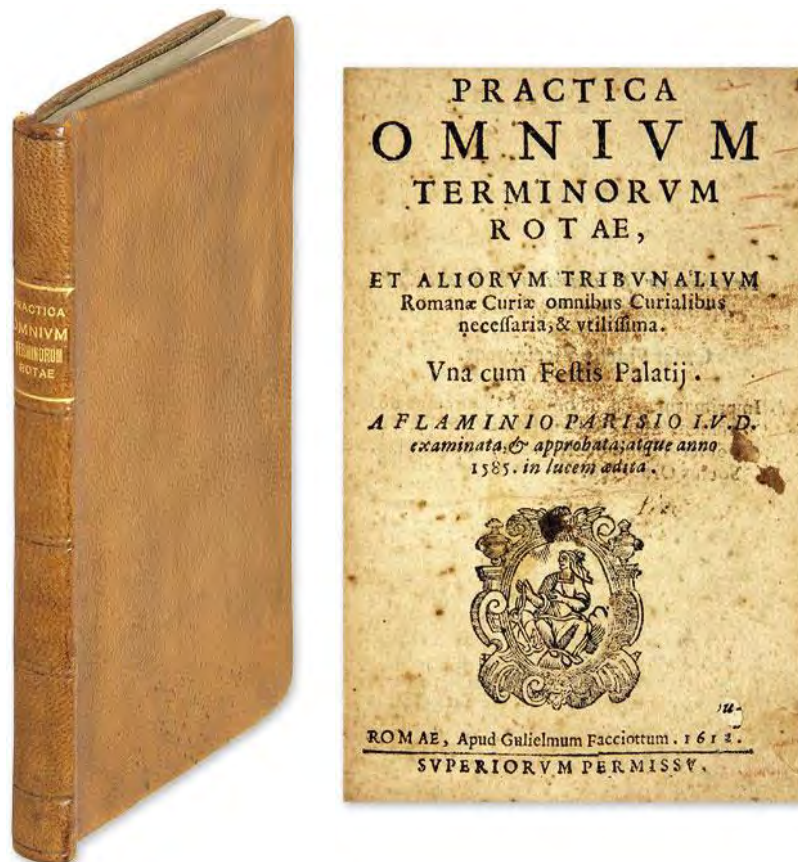
187 to 168 in Favor of Ratification

18. [Massachusetts].
[Federal Constitution].

Debates, Resolutions and Other Proceedings, Of the Convention of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Convened at Boston, On the 9th of January, 1788, And Continued Until the 7th of February Following, For the Purpose of Assenting to and Ratifying the Constitution Recommended by the Grand Federal Convention. Together with The Yeas and Nays on the Decision of the Grand Question. To Which The Federal Constitution is Prefixed. Boston: Printed and Sold by Adams and Nourse, and Benjamin Russell, and Edmund Freeman, 1788. 219 pp. Octavo (7" x 4-1/2").

Contemporary speckled sheep, blind fillets and fragment of later hand-lettered paper title label to spine. Moderate rubbing to extremities with wear to head of spine, front joint starting, hinges cracked, later owner bookplate to front pastedown, front free endpaper lacking. Moderate toning to interior, occasional light foxing, internally clean. Item housed in a period-style clamshell box, lettering piece and blind fillets to spine. A desirable copy. \$3,250.

* First edition. "The ratification process in Massachusetts was viewed with anxiety by supporters of the Constitution throughout the nation. Massachusetts was a key state, and it was thought that actions there might determine the ultimate fate of the Constitution. The struggle was hard, bitter, and characterized by wild rumor and allegations of corrupt behavior. The Federalist strategy was to ratify the Constitution first and then consider amendments to it. On February 6 the Constitution was endorsed by the narrow vote of 187 to 168. Massachusetts became the sixth state to ratify. Massachusetts was the first state to propose amendments along with ratification, setting a pattern for the states that followed. All except Maryland and Rhode Island were to ratify and simultaneously propose amendments" (Peckham). A second edition was published in 1808; another, edited by Bradford K. Peirce and Charles Hale, in 1856. Peckham, *Liberty's Legacy: Our Celebration of the Northwest Ordinance and the United States Constitution* USC-25. Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 2859. Sabin, *A Dictionary of Books Relating to America* 45702. [Order This Item](#)



Criminal Procedure in the Seventeenth-Century Papal States

19. Parisio, Flaminio [d. 1603].

Practica Omnium Terminorum Rota, Et Aliorum Tribunalium Romanae Curiae Omnibus Curialibus Necessaria & Utilissima. Una cum Feltis Palatii. Examinata, & Approbata; Atque Anno 1585, In Lucem Edita. Rome: Apud Gulielmum Facciottum, 1612. [ii], [3]-56 pp.

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Amico, Pietro [1566-1645].

Brevis Modus Examinandi in Causis Criminalibus, Per Quosvis Iudices Observandus, Summa Curiositate in Publicam Utilitatem Noviter Redactus. Rome: Apud Gulielmum Facciottum, 1612 24 pp.

Octavo (5-1/2" x 3-3/4"). Recent flexible sheep, gilt title and blind rules to boards, patterned endpapers. Spine ends and corners lightly bumped, moderate toning and occasional light foxing to text, annotations and inkspots to a few leaves. A handsome volume containing two rare titles. \$1,750.

* *Terminorum*, fourth edition; *Examinandi*, second edition. Often bound together, the two handbooks in this volume describe the practice of the mixed secular (civil and criminal) and ecclesiastical courts in the Papal States. First published in 1585, it went through six editions, the last one in 1647. Parisio's *Terminorum* describes the nature and jurisdictions of the different courts, including the Rota Romana. Amico's *Examinandi* discusses criminal procedure, with sections on evidence, trial procedure and the use of torture. It was first published in 1604 and went through four editions, the last one in 1647. All editions of both titles are very scarce, rare if you omit holdings in European libraries. *Terminorum*: OCLC locates 3 copies in North America, none of this edition; *Examinandi*: OCLC locates 2 copies in North America, 1 of this edition (at the Library of Congress). Neither title in the *British Museum Catalogue*. [Order This Item](#)



Incunable Imprints of Two Important Commentaries on Canon Law

20. Parmensis, Bernardus (Bottoni, Bernardo di) [d. 1223 or 1266].

[*Casus Longi Super Quinque Libros Decretalium*]. [Strasbourg: (Printer of the 1483 Jordanus de Quedlinburg), i.e. Georg Husner, 29 Oct. 1498]. [204] ff. Collation: 204 ff. a-b8, c-d6, e-k8/6,l-z6, A-H6, I8. 52-line text in parallel columns.

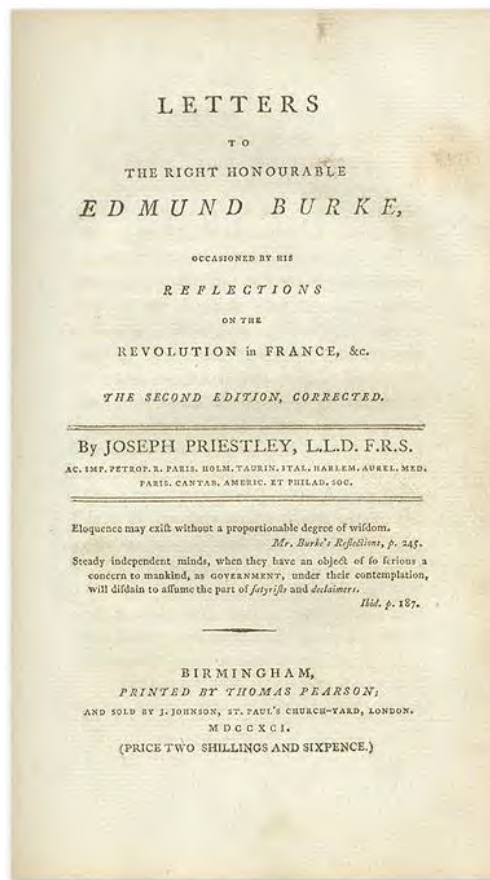
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Regnierus, Helias (Regnier, Élie) [fl. 1483-1494].

[*Casus Longi Super Sextum Librum Decretalium; Casus Longi Clementinarum*]. [Strasbourg: (Printer of the 1483 Jordanus de Quedlinburg), i.e. Georg Husner), 18 Aug. 1496]. [152] ff. Collation: a8, b-z6, ?6,)6. Final blank present.

Folio (10-3/4" x 7-3/4"). Contemporary blind-tooled pigskin over wood, covers, blind fillets and small armorial emblems (double-headed eagles of the Holy Roman Empire, greyhounds and roses) to boards, raised bands to spine, two clasps, upper clasp restored, early hand-lettered title to fore-edge of text block. Some soiling and a few minor inkstains, light rubbing to extremities, traces on spine of removed shelf labels, crack between front free endpaper and title page, rear hinge cracked, Both titles printed in 52-line gothic type in parallel columns, initial spaces blank. Moderate toning, light soiling to margins in a few places, minor dampstaining to corners of a few leaves, a few worm holes to margins, clean tear to leaf p6 of Parmensis's *Casus*, later annotation and two small library stamps to its title page, brief later annotations to two other leaves. An impressive volume. \$15,000.

* This volume collects three important commentaries on books of the *Corpus Juris Canonici*: the *Liber Quinque Decretalium* of Gregory IX (1234) *Liber Sextus Decretalium* of Boniface VIII (1298) and the *Liber Septimus Decretalium*, better known as the "Constitutiones Clementis V" or "Clementinae" of John XII (1317). Better known as Bernardus Parmensis, from his birthplace, Parma, Botono a notable canonist. He studied at the University of Bologna, joined its faculty and later became the university's chancellor. Regnier, a French Jurist, was a professor of law at the University of Poitiers. Parmensis: OCLC locates 12 copies, 4 in North America, 3 in law libraries (Harvard, Library of Congress, UC-Berkeley); Regnierus: OCLC locates 8 copies, none in North America. Goff, *Incunabula in American Libraries* B462, R118. *Gesamtkatalog der Wiegendrucke* 4104, 37590. [Order This Item](#)



Priestley Welcomes the French Revolution

21. Priestley, Joseph [1733-1804].

Letters to the Right Honourable Edmund Burke, Occasioned by His Reflections on the Revolution in France, &c. Birmingham: Printed by Thomas Pearson; And Sold by J. Johnson, St. Paul's Church-Yard, London, 1791. xiii, [3], 155, [1] pp. With a one-page catalogue of Priestley's writings. Octavo (8-1/4" x 5").

Recent marbled boards, calf lettering piece to spine, endpapers renewed. Some toning to text, light foxing to a few leaves, light soiling to tile page, tick marks in early hand in a few places. \$250.

* Second edition, published the same year as the first. Priestley's *Letters* criticized Burke's condemnation of the French Revolution. His enthusiasm for the Revolution "convinced many people that he was a revolutionary, bent on destruction of church and crown. Untrue though these suspicions were they encouraged members of the Birmingham establishment to acquiesce, at least, in those acts of mob violence variously known as the Birmingham, church and king, or Priestley riots of 1791. The immediate excuse for the riots was a dinner in celebration of Bastille day, held by the Constitutional Society of Birmingham, a dinner which Priestley did not attend though he had assisted in the organization of the society. (...) Damage was extensive: Old and New Meeting houses and seven residences were destroyed, other houses were wrecked. Priestley's house, his library, laboratory, and papers were ruined and his life was saved only because he had fled. English authorities generally approved of the riots, but they were denounced by many persons and organizations in England, Europe, and the United States and remain a blot on the history of British toleration" (*DNC*). Three editions of this pamphlet were published in Birmingham, all in 1791. There were two other issues, again in 1791, one published in Dublin, the other in New York. *Dictionary of National Biography* XVI:363. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T38568.

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1670 Thesis on Blasphemy

22. Romanus, Paul Franz [d.1675].

Starck, Christoph Heinrich [fl. 1662-70], Respondent.

De Blasphemia, Indultu Illustris Jctorum Ordinis Praeside Viro Excellentissimo Dn. Paulo Francesco Romano...Patrono ac Fautore Suo Honoratissimo ad d. XXVII. Octobris MDCLXX. D. Autor Christophorus Heinrich Starck. Leipzig: Typis Johann-Erici Hahni, [1670]. 31, 3 pp. Quarto (7-1/2" x 6").

Sewn pamphlet with contemporary reinforced spine, woodcut head-piece. Light rubbing to extremities, some soiling and minor stains to title page and verso of final leaf, spotting to a few text leaves. Early owner signature to title page, internally clean. A well-preserved copy of a scarce item. \$500.

* Only edition. This is the text of a thesis on blasphemy in canon law and the law of Saxony and the Holy Roman Empire defended on October 30, 1670 at the University of Leipzig. OCLC locates no copies in North America. We located 1 copy at Harvard Law School. *Verzeichnis der im Deutschen Sprachraum Erschienenen Drucke des 17. Jahrhunderts* 12:161905V.

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**Humanistic Biographies
of the Great Jurists of Ancient Rome**

23. Rutilio, Bernardino [1504-1538].

Iuris Consultorum Vitae, Novissime Elimatae, & Mendis non Paucis, Quibus Scatebant, Repurgatae. Lyon: Germanum Rose, 1538. [xvi], 254, [1] pp. Octavo (6-1/4" x 4-1/4").

Contemporary boards covered in vellum derived from medieval manuscript, later paper title label to head of spine. Light soiling, moderate rubbing with some wear to spine ends and corners, small chip to front joint, rear pastedown partially detached. Light toning to text, somewhat heavier in places, faint dampstaining to head of text block from front pastedown to p. 17, minor worming to front pastedown and upper margins of preliminaries, light foxing to a few leaves. An attractive copy. \$1,500.

* Third edition. Rutilio was Italian jurist and humanist scholars. He was also one of the first authors to compile biographies of lawyers. *Iurisconsultorum Vitae* describes the lives and achievements of 77 Roman jurists, from Papirius to Tribonian. Distinguished by its discerning criticism and careful use of sources, the work was well-received. First published in Rome in 1536, it went through later editions in 1537, 1538, 1539, 1545, 1584 and 1718. All editions are scarce. OCLC locates 9 copies of the third edition in North America, 5 in law libraries (Harvard, Library of Congress, Ohio State, UC-Berkeley, University of Georgia). Baudrier, *Bibliographie Lyonnaise* 5:12. [Order This Item](#)



A Rare Handbook for Neapolitan Notaries

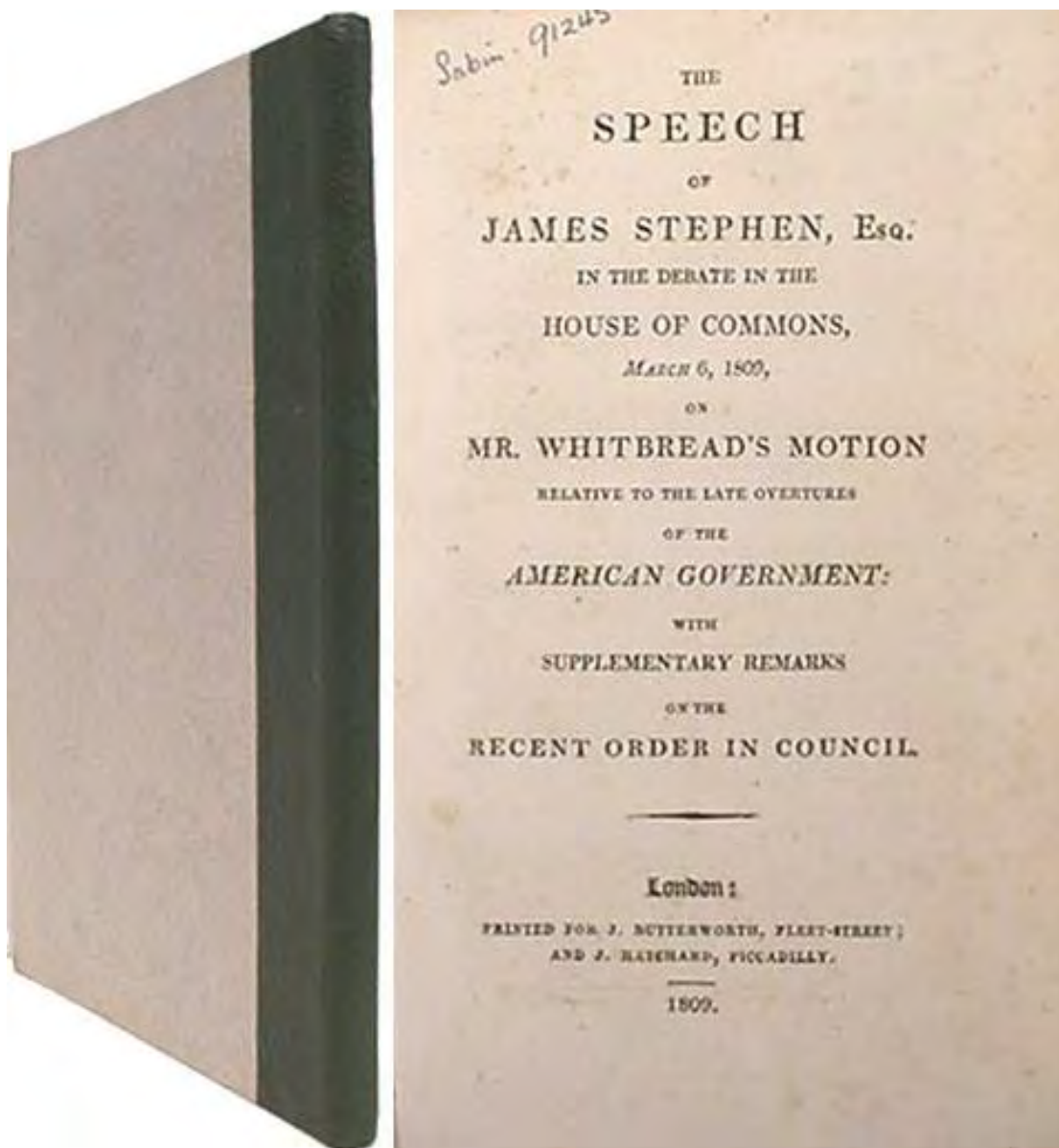
24. Spezzacatena, Antonio.

Formulario Pratico-Legale per Uso Dei Notaj: Si Tratta in Ezzo di Varie Cose Appartenenti ai Notaj; Del Giudice a Contratti; Dei Testimoni; Dei Protocolli; Degli Strumenti Generalmente Presi colle Loro Solennita; Di Varie Specie di Compere, E Vendite; E di Altri Diversi Atti tra Vivi, E di Ultime Volonta; Il Tutto Avvalorato Coll' Autorita Legale; E Colle Rispettive Formole. Naples: A Spese di Giuseppe de Dominicis, 1782. Two volumes bound as one. Quarto (9" x 7").

Contemporary vellum, early hand-lettered title to spine. Some soiling and minor stains, rubbing to extremities with minor chipping along joints and edges, corners bumped, boards slightly bowed, front hinge cracked. Moderate toning, occasional foxing, dampstaining in some places, minor edgewear to endleaves, small worm holes to fore-edges through p. 46 with no loss to text. A solid copy of a scarce edition. \$750.

* First edition. From the establishment of the legal profession onward, a notary was an important legal officer in Continental law with a role analogous to a present-day English solicitor. This treatise was written for notaries in the Kingdom of Naples. A second edition followed in 1789-90. The third edition, its last was issued in 1798, a year before the establishment of French rule under Napoleon. In 1816 it became one of the two parts of the Kingdom of the Two Sicilies, which became the largest and wealthiest of the Italian states before unification. All editions are scarce. OCLC locates 1 copy in North America (at UC-Berkeley Law School, which has a third edition). Not in the *British Museum Catalogue*.

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Relates to Measures Leading to the War of 1812

25. Stephen, James [1758-1832].

The Speech of James Stephen, Esq. in the Debate in the House of Commons, March 6, 1809, on Mr. Whitebread's Motion Relative to the Late Overtures of the American Government: with Supplementary Remarks on the Recent Order in Council. London: J. Butterworth and J. Hatchard, 1809. iv, 126 pp. 8vo (8-1/2" x 5-1/2").

Side-stitched pamphlet bound into recent quarter-morocco over paper boards, endpapers renewed. Toning, faint dampstaining in a few places, internally clean. \$150.

* Best known for his pamphlet, "War in Disguise (1805)," Stephen here stands in opposition to Whitebread's proposed measures concerning America, concluding: "[W]e ought to sacrifice much.--No punctilious pride, no pertinacity of opinion, no unnecessary regard even to our own commercial rights, ought to stand in the way of reconciliation...." Sabin, *A Dictionary of Books Relating to America* 91245. [Order This Item](#)



A Standard Canon-Law Treatise on Punishment

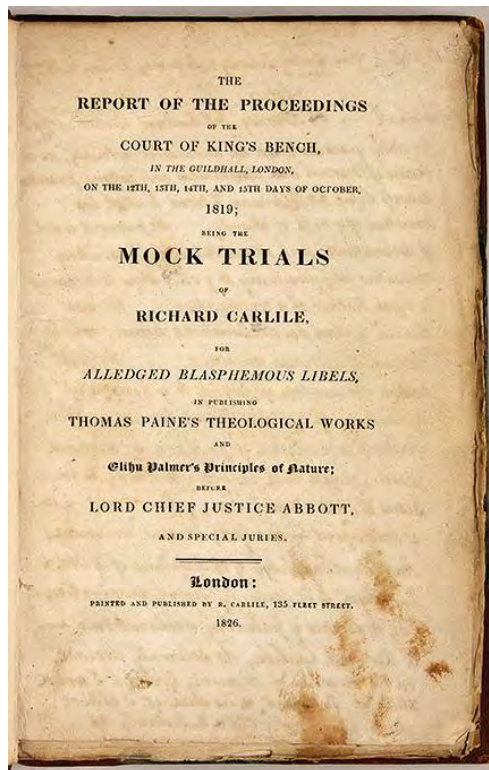
26. Tesauro, Carlo Antonio [1587-1655].

Giraldi, Ubaldo [1692-1775], Editor.

De Poenis Ecclesiasticis Praxis Absoluta, Et Universalis. Iam Primum in Duas Partes Distributa Nunc Notis, & Accessionibus Earumdem Poenarum ab Anno MDCLIII. Ad Currentem MDCCLX. Inflictarum Locupletata ab Adm. R.P. Ubaldo Giraldi a S. Cajetano. Opus Diligenter Revisum, Emendatumque, Ac Propositionibus ab Apostolica Sede Proscriptis Auctum Publicae Commoditati Deferunt. Rome: Haeredes Jo. Laurentii Barbiellini, 1760. [iv], 524 pp. Main text in parallel columns. Folio (13" x 8-1/2").

Contemporary vellum, raised bands and early hand-lettered title and small early shelf label (reading "63") to spine, speckled edges. Light rubbing, light soiling and a few tiny worm holes to spine, boards slightly bowed, corners bumped and somewhat worn, crack in text block between front free endpaper and title page, which is printed in red and black. Moderate toning to text, somewhat heavier in places, some leaves have light foxing or dampspotting. A handsome copy. \$750.

* Later edition. First published in 1640, this treatise on punishments by a Jesuit canonist went through at least six editions. It was a standard work into the final decades of the nineteenth century. Not in the Canon Law Collection of the Library of Congress. [Order This Item](#)



**A Notable Freethinker and Publisher
Of Thomas Paine Reports One of His Blasphemy Trials**

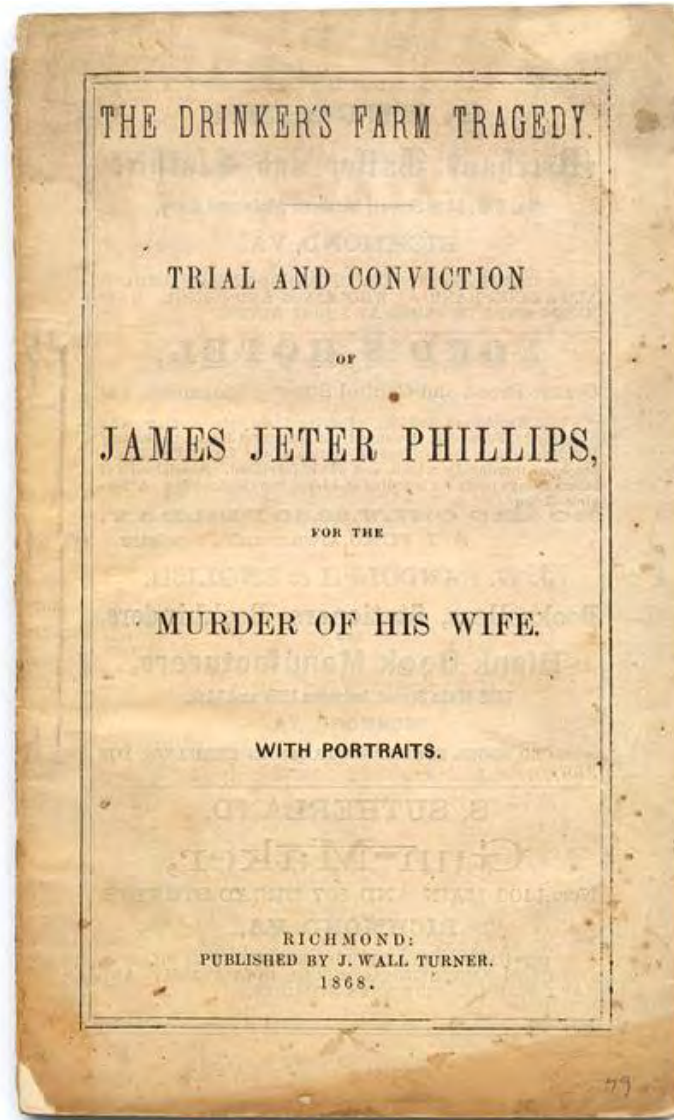
27. [Trial].

Carlile, Richard [1790-1843], Defendant and Reporter.

The Report of the Proceedings of the Court of King's Bench, In the Guildhall, London, On the 12th, 13th, 14th, And 15th Days of October, 1819, Being the Mock Trials of Richard Carlile, For Alleged [sic] Blasphemous Libels, In Publishing Thomas Paine's Theological Works and Elibu Palmer's Principles of Nature; Before Lord Chief Justice Abbott, And Special Juries. London: Printed and Published by R. Carlile, 1826. xx, 203 pp. Octavo (8-1/4" x 5-1/4").

Stab-stitched pamphlet with untrimmed edges bound into later three-quarter morocco over marbled boards, raised bands, gilt title and gilt institution arms (of Constitutional Club) to spine. Light rubbing to boards, moderate rubbing and a few scuffs to extremities, front joint cracked, rear joint starting, hinges reinforced with cloth tape, bookplate (of Constitutional Club) to front pastedown. Moderate toning to text, negligible light foxing to a few leaves, light soiling and a few finger smudges to title page, extensive notes in contemporary hand to its verso and margins of following page. \$750.

* Reissue of the only edition, which was published in 1822. Carlile was one of the most prolific freethinking journalist-publisher-political activists of his day. As one would suspect, he was often at odds with the government. In 1819 he was fined 1,500 pounds and imprisoned for three years for six counts of "blasphemous libel." He published this account of the first day of his 1819 trial after his release. It deals with the information against him for publishing Thomas Paine's *Age of Reason* and *Examination of the Passages in the New Testament Quoted from the Old and Called Prophecies Concerning Jesus Christ*, which Carlile issued as *The Age of Reason, Part the Third*. Portions of these were read in court by Carlile with commentary. The manuscript notes were copied from an eyewitness account of the trial published in the London *Evening Mail* (there is a citation at the head of the notes). The annotator added the following statement: "N.B. No one sh.d read this book without reading afterwards as an antidote to ye blasphemy contained in it, Bishop Watson's Apology for the Bible.". OCLC locates 2 copies of this issue (Harvard Law School, Cal. State-Northridge). [Order This Item](#)



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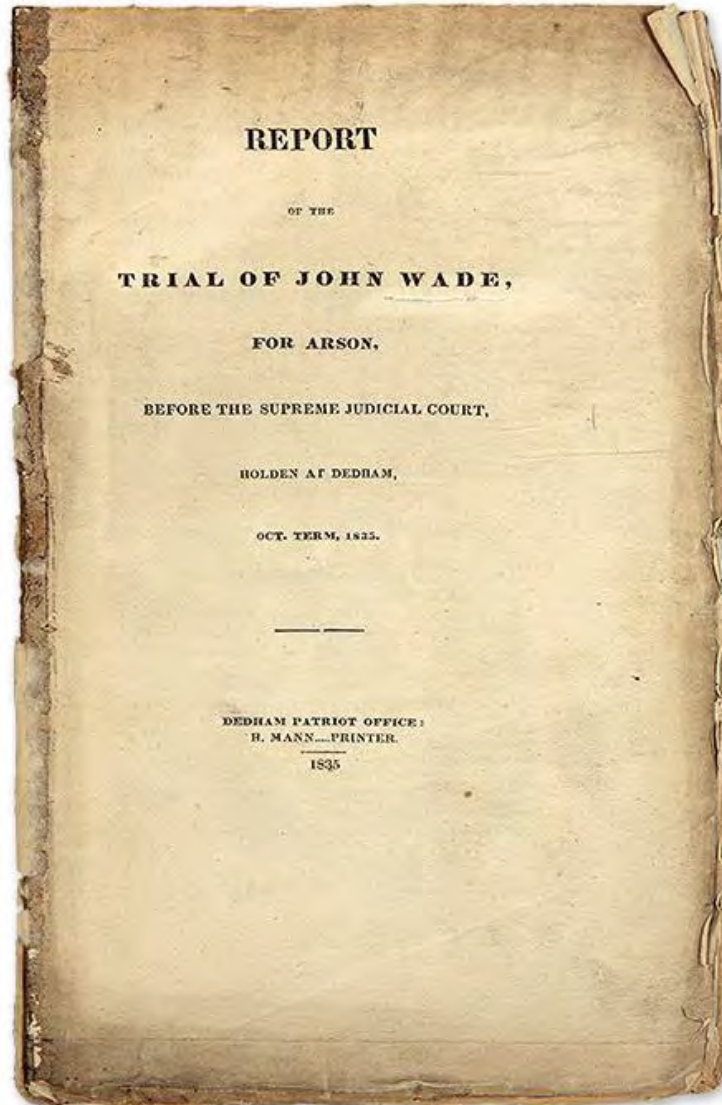
28. [Trial].

Phillips, James Jeter, Defendant.

The Drinker's Farm Tragedy. Trial and Conviction of James Jeter Phillips, For the Murder of His Wife. With Portraits. Richmond: Published by J. Wall Turner, V.L. Fore, Printer), 1868. 96 pp. 2 full-page woodcut portraits (of Phillips and his wife, Mrs. Mary Emma Phillips). Octavo (7-1/2" x 4-1/2").

Original printed wrappers, with advertisements for various Richmond businesses rear and inside front covers. Some soiling, spotting and rubbing with wear to spine ends. Light toning to interior, somewhat heavier in places, light foxing to a few leaves. \$750.

* Only edition. "Phillips, a scion of a 'good' Virginia family, twenty-four years old, murdered his wife Emily, who was ten years older, on a Henrico County, Virginia, roadside near Drinker's farm. He shot her with a small pistol, and her body was unidentified for three months" (McDade). OCLC locates 4 copies in North American law libraries (Duke, Harvard, University of Virginia, Yale). McDade, *The Annals of Murder* 747. [Order This Item](#)



The Fate of a Massachusetts Arsonist

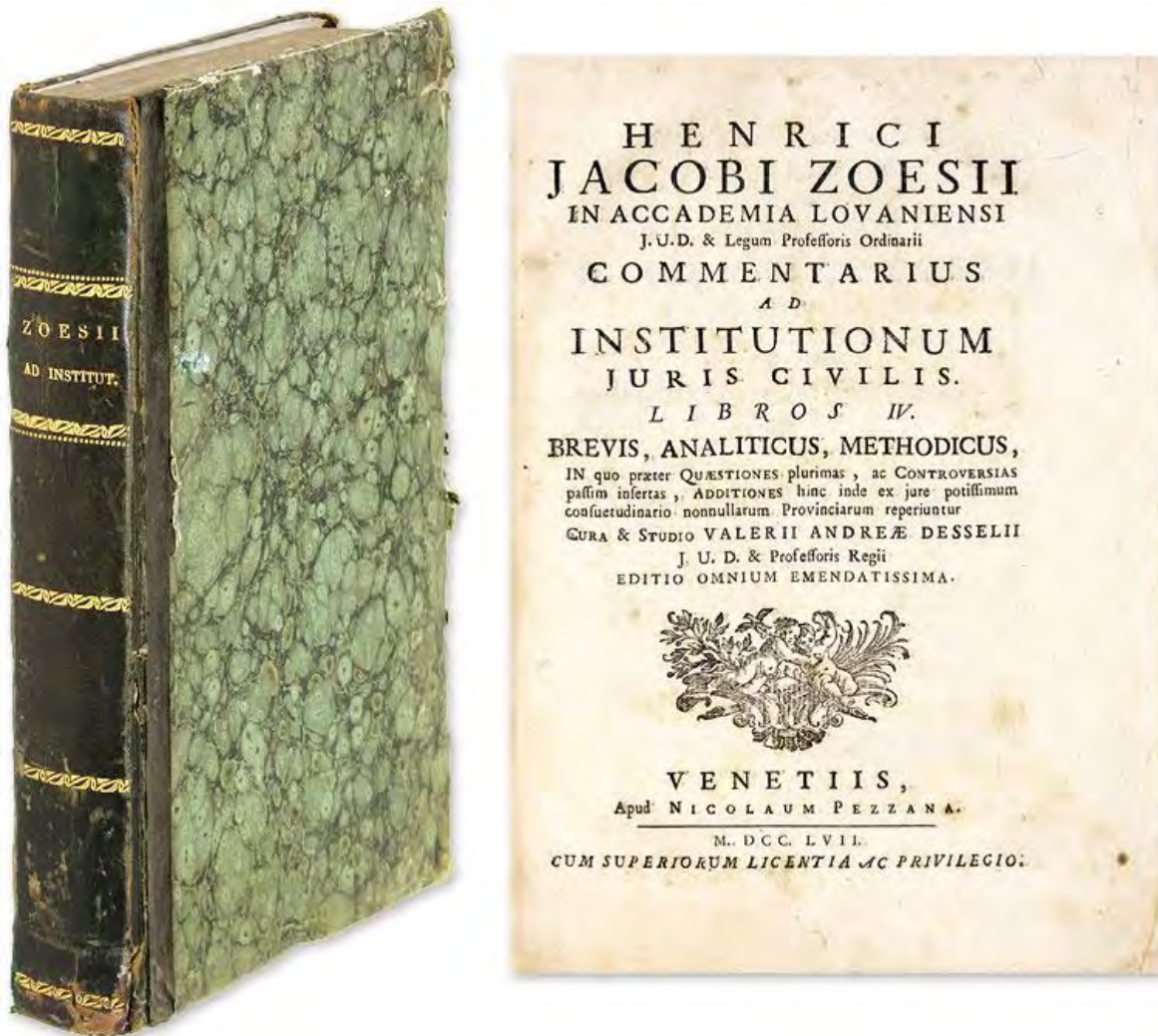
29. [Trial].

Wade, John, Defendant.

Report of the Trial of John Wade, For Arson, Before the Supreme Judicial Court, Holden at Dedham, Oct. Term, 1835. [Dedham, MA]: Dedham Patriot Office, H. Mann, Printer, 1835. 40 pp. Octavo (9-3/4" x 6").

Disbound stab-stitched pamphlet, untrimmed edges. Moderate toning, light soiling to exterior, some rubbing to extremities with mild wear to spine ends. \$500.

* Only edition. Wade was indicted, convicted and hanged in 1832 for setting fire to a barn. His case is interesting because it was tried before Chief Justice Lemuel Shaw [1781-1861] and arguably involved a case of double jeopardy overlooked by the court. (He had been indicted earlier for the same crime but acquitted due to a technicality.) The anonymously compiled *Report* includes Shaw's eight-page charge to the jury and three-page address to the prisoner, along with the arguments of counsel and the testimony of witnesses on direct and cross-examination. Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 12152. [Order This Item](#)



Commentary on the Institutes by a Notable Dutch Humanist

30. Zoes, Hendrik [1571-1627].

Andreas, Valerius [1588-1655], Editor.

Commentarius ad Institutionum Juris Civilis. Libros IV. Brevis, Analiticus, Methodicus, In quo Praeter Quaestiones Plurimas, Ac Controversias Passim Insertas, Additiones hinc Inde ex Jure Potissimum Consuetudinario Nonnullarum Provinciaarum Reperiuntur. Venice: Apud Nicolaum Pezzana, 1757. [viii], 554, [2] pp. Main text in parallel columns. Quarto (10" x 7-1/4").

Contemporary quarter calf over marbled boards, gilt fillets and title to spine, speckled edges. Moderate rubbing to extremities with wear to fore-edges of boards, corners bumped, a few minor scuffs to boards, front joint starting at ends, rear joint cracked, minor worming to hinges, leaf Mm2 (pp. 545-546) detached and mildly edgeworn. Light toning to text, foxing in a few places, internally clean. \$500.

* Later edition. Zoes was a notable Dutch humanist jurist, later the rector of the University of Louvain. His commentaries on the Code, Digest and Institutes of Justinian and the Decretals of Gregory IX were highly regarded works that went through several editions. His commentary on the Institutes was first published in 1653. All editions of this work are scarce. OCLC locates 2 copies of our 1757 edition, neither in North America. This edition not in Dekkers. Saponi, *Antichi Testi Giuridici* 1:668. [Order This Item](#)