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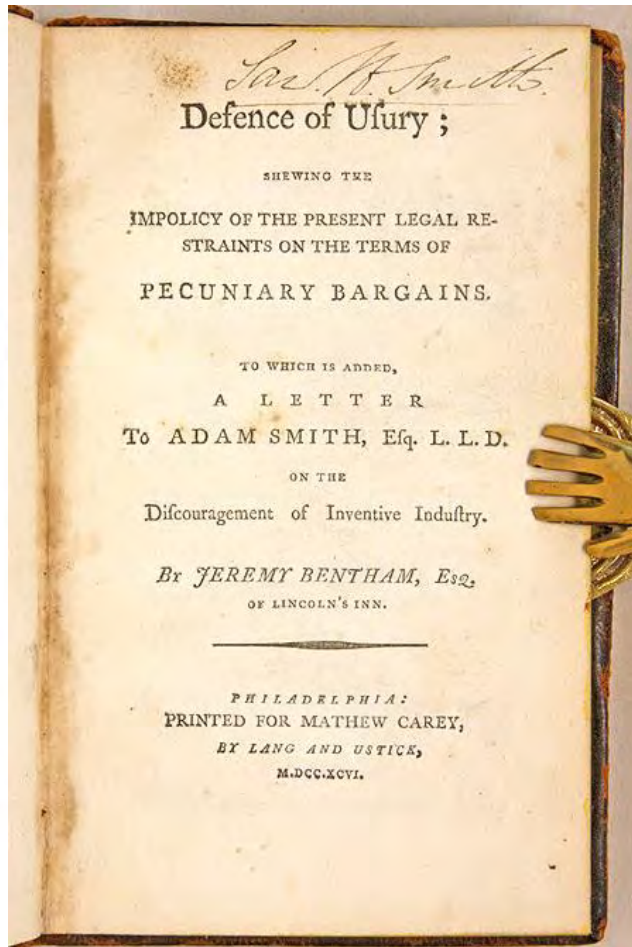
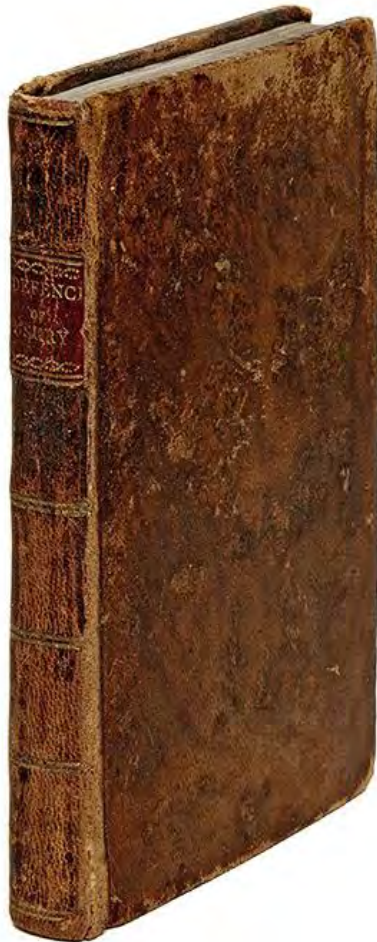
### An Early Guide to Dyer's Reports

**1. A[she], T[homas] [c.1556-1618].  
[Dyer, Sir James (1510-1582)].**

*La Table al Lieur des Reports del Tresreverend Judge Sir Iames Dyer Chivaler, Iades Chiefe Iustice del Common Banke. Per Quel Facilment cy Troveront Toutes Choses Conteinus in Icel Ore Tarde Compose per T.A.* London: In Aedibus Richardi Tottelli, 1588. [viii], 167, [1] ff. Octavo (5" x 3-1/2").

Contemporary calf, rebacked retaining spine, blind rules central blind arabesques and initials "E R" to boards, raised bands and later hand-lettered title label to spine, endpapers renewed, bookplates retained. Moderate rubbing to extremities, corners bumped, later armorial bookplate of William Hopkinson to front pastedown, presentation bookplate from Hopkinson to the County Magistrates, Lincoln, and another plate listing previous owners of the book to rear pastedown. Moderate toning to text, light foxing in a few places, internally clean. \$950.

\* First edition. Ashe was highly regarded for his treatises and indexes of reporters. Issued two years after the first edition of Dyer's *Reports*, this 1588 table was Ashe's first publication. Later editions were published in 1602 and 1609. A bookplate on the rear pastedown traces part of this book's ownership history to 1636, when it belonged to George Viscount Chaworth of Armagh, Chief Justice of Common Pleas in Ireland. OCLC locates 8 copies of the first edition in North America, 5 in law libraries (Columbia, Georgetown, Harvard, Library of Congress, Yale) and 1 copy in Great Britain (British Library) and 1 copy in Ireland (Trinity College). The *ESTC* adds 2 more copies in North America (Folger Library, University of Minnesota) and 6 more copies in the British Isles (Cambridge, Cashel Cathedral, National Library of Wales, Bodleian Library, Oxford, Peterborough Cathedral). *English Short-Title Catalogue* S100017. Beale, *Bibliography of Early English Law Books* R482a. [Order This Item](#)



**First American Edition of  
Bentham's Classic Essay on Usury**

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

*Defence of Usury; Shewing the Impolicy of the Present Legal Restraints on the Terms of Pecuniary Bargains. To Which is Added, A Letter to Adam Smith, Esq. LL.D. On the Discouragement of Inventive Industry.* Philadelphia: Printed for Matthew Carey, 1796. [iv], [5]-149, [3] pp. Includes 2 pp. publisher advertisement. 12mo. (5-3/4" x 3-1/2").

Contemporary tree sheep, lettering piece and gilt fillets to spine. Moderate rubbing to extremities, front joint just starting at ends. Light toning to text, light foxing to a few leaves, early owner signature to head of title page and left-hand margin of p. 50. An attractive copy. \$2,500.

\* First American edition. Bentham's celebrated essay on the usury laws as an attack on liberty. It began as a series of letters written between January and April 1787 during his long stay with his brother Samuel at his house at Zadobras, near Crichoff in Russia. The letters (13 in all) were written to his friend, George Wilson, in London, largely in response to reports (later to be unconfirmed) that Pitt was then contemplating a reduction of the rate of interest from 5 to 4%. Bentham took the opportunity to write about the commercially thorny interest-rate question including, of course, what he regarded as the stupidity of the government controlled interest rates. He early on took issue with Adam Smith, who seemed, in the *Wealth of Nations*, to approve the 5% limitation. In May 1787, the manuscript was sent to Wilson. It was published in 1788 through the agency of Jeremiah Bentham. Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 2641.

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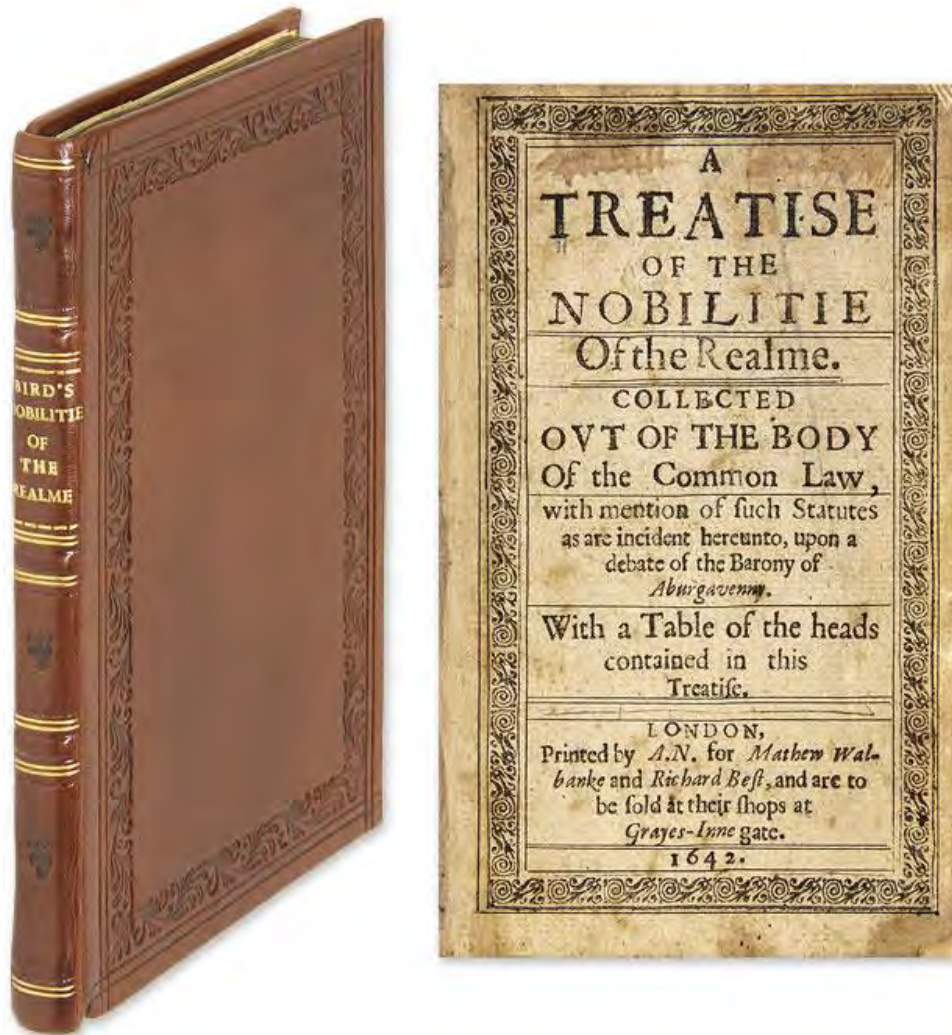
### Murder and Theft in Roman Law

#### 3. Bianchi, Marco Antonio (Marcantonio) [1498-1548].

*Tractatus de Indiciis Homicidii Ex Proposito Commissi & de Aliis Indiciis Homicidii & Furti: Ad Legem Finale[m] ff. De Quaestionibus.* Venice: Apud Ioannem Andream Vauassorem Dictum Guadagninum, 1546. 112, [16] ff. Octavo (5-3/4" x 4").

Contemporary limp vellum, ties lacking. Moderate soiling, spine darkened, moderate rubbing to extremities, spine ends bumped, small chip to fore-edge of front cover, hinges partially cracked. Moderate toning to text, somewhat heavier in places, faint dampspotting in places, minor worming to gutter in a few places, some edgewear to front and rear endleaves, brief early owner inscriptions to front free endpaper and foot of title page. \$500.

\* Second edition, one of three issues from 1546, none with priority. First published in 1545, this is a treatise on homicide and theft in Roman law. It treats the investigation of those crimes and their degrees and penalties. This book includes sections on premeditation and the use of torture. It went through several later editions and was included in the great multi-volume anthology *Tractatus Universi Iuris* (1584-1586). Bianchi was a professor of law at the University of Padua and a fairly prolific and well-regarded legal writer. All editions of this title are scarce. OCLC locates 3 copies of 1546 issues in North America (GWU Law School, Harvard Law School, UCLA), no copies of our Vauassorem imprint. *Censimento Nazionale delle Edizioni Italiane del XVI Secolo* CNCE 5729. [Order This Item](#)



"Nobilitie of the Realme"

4. [Bird, William].

*A Treatise of the Nobilitie of the Realme. Collected Out of the Body of the Common Law, With Mention of Such Statutes as are Incident Hereunto, Upon a Debate of the Barony of Aburgavenny. With a Table of the Heads Contained in this Treatise.* London: Printed by A.N. for Mathew Walbanke and Richard Best, 1642. [iv], 157, [1] pp. Woodcut illustrations (genealogical tables). Octavo (5-1/2" x 3-1/2").

Recent period-style calf, blind rules and fillets to boards, gilt-edged raised bands, blind ornaments and lettering piece to spine, endpapers renewed. Title page and text printed within ruled borders. Light browning to text, somewhat heavier in places, occasional faint dampspotting, some edgewear to title page and a few other leaves, internally clean. \$300.

\* Only edition. The occasion for this treatise was a contemporary controversy regarding the legitimacy of Edward Nevill's claim to the title of Lord Bergavenny. His claim is the starting point for a general review of peerage law. Another edition, with additions by Sir John Doddridge, was published later in 1642 as *The Magazine of Honour; Or, A Treatise of the Severall Degrees of the Nobility of this Kingdome*. Both editions are scarce. OCLC locates 8 copies of *Treatise* in North American law libraries (Columbia, Georgetown, Harvard, Library of Congress, Ohio State, University of Minnesota, University of Pennsylvania, York University). *English Short-Title Catalogue* R18509. [Order This Item](#)





**Primary Source for Many Subsequent Manuals**

**5. Blackerby, Samuel [fl. 1720-1738].**

**Blackerby, Nathaniel.**

The First Part of the Justice of Peace His Companion; Or, A Summary of All the Acts of Parliament, Whereby One, Two, Or More Justices of the Peace, Are Authorized to Act, Not Only In, But Out of the Sessions of Peace. Begun by Samuel Blackerby, Alphabetically Digested, And Continued to the End of the Last Session of Parliament, 1729. With an Exact Table, By Nathaniel Blackerby, Esq. [London]: Printed by E. and R. Nutt, and R. Gosling, 1730. [xxiv], 508 pp.

**[And]**

**Blackerby, Samuel.**

**Blackerby, Nathaniel.**

*The Second Part of the Justice of Peace His Companion; Or, Cases in Law, (Wherein Justices of the Peace have a Jurisdiction) which Have Been Determined by the Judges From the Reign of King Edward III, Down to the Year 1734. With Some Modern Cases Never Before Published. The Whole Digested in an Alphabetical Order, and Carefully Examined and Revised.* [London]: Printed by E. and R. Nutt and Richard Gosling, 1734. [iv], vii-xxiv, 360 pp. Includes one-page publisher list.

12mo. (5" x 3"). Contemporary calf, blind rules to boards, blind fillets along joints, gilt tooling along board edges, lettering pieces, gilt-edged raised bands and gilt volume numbers to spine. Light rubbing and a few nicks and scuffs to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, corners bumped and somewhat worn, joints just starting at ends, early armorial bookplates (of Joseph Pickford, Esq.) to front pastedowns. Light toning to text, a few brief early annotations and faint dampstains to endleaves. Nice copies bound as a uniform set in attractive bindings. \$650.

\* Fifth editions. The first edition of Blackerby's Justice of the Peace, His Companion appeared in 1711. A companion volume, Cases in Law, which carries the subtitle "The Second Part of the Justice of Peace's Companion," followed in 1717. Both were held in high esteem, went through several editions and served as primary sources for many subsequent manuals. Justice of the Peace is arranged alphabetically by topic. Such entries as Apprentices, Bastardy, Gaming Houses, Overseers of the Poor, Papists and Popish Recusants and Witchcraft offer a unique perspective on rural English society during the early 1700s. *English Short-Title Catalogue* N9778, T66081. [Order This Item](#)



**The Book of Assizes Abridged, Beale R53**

**6. [Callow, William, Sir (fl. 1555), Attributed].**

*The Abridgement of the Boke of Assises, Lately P[er]used Over & Corrected, & Nowe Newlye Imprinted by Rycharde Tottle, Ye Laste Daye of Septe[m]ber. An. Do. 1555.* [London: Imprinted...in Fletestrete Within Temple Barre, At the Signe of the Hand & Starre, By Richard Tottel, (1555)]. [i], 165, [2] ff. Collates complete. Octavo (5-1/4" x 3-1/2").

Recent period-style calf, raised bands, blind ornaments, and lettering piece to spine, endpapers renewed. Title printed within woodcut architectural border. Toning to text, some soiling and edgewear to title page and following leaf, early check-marks in pen to a few leaves, interior otherwise clean. Ex-library. Small stamp to foot and verso of title page. A handsome copy. Rare. \$3,500.

\* Second edition. "The Book of Assizes (...) is of great authority in law; and so called because it principally contains proceedings upon Writs of Assize of Novel Disseisin, which in those days was *festinum et freems renaedium*. 'Tis often quoted and referred to by most of our ancient writers. (...) The questions are here discussed with more precision and clearness, and they contain more of those points of law that have survived to the present times. In regard to precision and clearness, all the reports of this reign excel those of the preceding; but the merit of these [reports] is of a peculiar kind, and has a very different appearance from what has in later times been considered as excellent in this way" (Rastell). OCLC locates 5 copies, the *English Short-Title Catalogue* locates 6 in the British Isles, 6 in North America and 1 in Australia. Rastell, John, Preface to London, 1679, *Livre des Assises et Pleas del' Corone* cited in Marvin, *Legal Bibliography* 754. *English Short-Title Catalogue* S101227. Beale, *A Bibliography of Early English Law Books* R53. [Order This Item](#)



### Legal Foundations of the War of Devolution

#### 7. Feuillade, Georges d'Aubusson de la [1612-1697].

*La Defense du Droit de Marie Therese d'Autriche, Reine de France a la Succession des Couronnes d'Espagne.* Paris: Chez Sebastien Mabre-Cramoisy, 1674. [xxiv], 164, [1] pp. 12mo. (5-1/2" x 3").

Contemporary sheep treated to resemble tree-calf, gilt spine with raised bands, speckled edges. Some rubbing to extremities with minor wear to spine ends, corners bumped. Toning to text, faint dampstaining and spotting to a few leaves, internally clean. \$1,250.

\* First edition. The author was the Archbishop of Embrun, later Prince-Archbishop of Metz. Mazarin appointed him ambassador to Venice in 1659. Louis XIV appointed him ambassador to Spain in 1667 to pursue French claims to the Spanish Netherlands in the name of Maria Theresa of Austria (1638-1683), the Spanish Infanta and Queen Consort of Louis XIV. These claims were tenuous and constructed on intricate legal foundations. French jurists argued that the Spanish Netherlands should not go to the still underage heir to the Spanish throne, Charles II of Spain (1661-1700), because he was the issue of the second marriage of Philip IV. Maria Theresa on the other hand was a result of his first marriage and the lands thereby 'devolved' to her and, of course, Louis XIV. France's claims led to the War of devolution (1667-68). Feuillade defends France's claims with an argument grounded in the "fundamental laws of Spain, the examples of past centuries and the solemn judgments of the Royal Council of Castile." A second edition was published in 1699. Both copies are scarce, especially in North America. OCLC locates no copies in North American law libraries. *British Museum Catalogue* (Compact Edition) 1:1145. [Order This Item](#)





First Selden Edition of Fortescue's *De Laudibus*

**8. Fortescue, Sir John [1394?-1476?]**

**[Selden, John (1584-1654), Editor].**

**[Mulcaster, Robert, Translator and Editor].**

*De Laudibus Legum Angliae* Written by Sir Iohn Fortescue L. Ch. Iustice, and After L. Chancellor to K. Henry VI. Hereto are ioind the Two Summes of Sir Ralph de Hengham L. Ch. Iustice to K. Edward I. Commonly Calld Hengham Magna, And Hengham Parva. Never Before Publisht. Notes Both on Fortescue and Hengham are Added. London: Printed [by Adam Islip] for the Companie of Stationers, 1616. [ix], 132, [3] ff.; 56, [12], 35, 34-159, [1] pp. Two parts, each with title page and individual pagination. First part in parallel columns; Latin with running English translation. Texts of *Summes* in Latin with notes in English. Octavo (5-1/2" x 3-1/2").

Contemporary vellum, early hand-lettered title to spine, ties lacking. Light soiling, some rubbing to extremities, pastedowns loose, some edgewear to rear pastedown, a few partial cracks to text block. Moderate toning to text, occasional minor worming to margins, mostly along gutter, small faint library stamp to head of p. iii, tiny withdrawal stamp to (blank) verso of final leaf. A nice copy. \$1,250.

\* First Selden edition. *De Laudibus Legum Angliae*, a history of English law, was written for the instruction of Edward, the young Prince of Wales. Cast in dialogue form, it demonstrates that the common law was the oldest and most reasonable legal system in Europe. It also compares the common and Roman systems and extols the superiority of a constitutionally limited monarchy. *De Laudibus* was written around 1470 and first printed in 1567. Selden's was the first critical edition of this work, perhaps the first critical editions of an early English legal work. Aside from their value to the elucidation of Fortescue's text, Selden's notes interrogate aspects of Fortescue's text and offer rich insights into jurisprudence and the nature of the English constitution. As noted by Christianson, his conclusions disputed "the concept of immemorial custom argued by [Sir John] Davies and the anachronistic historical interpretations displayed by [Sir Edward] Coke." It was reissued in 1660, 1672 and 1737 with various additions. "Fortescue was a favorite among the old lawyers, and will be read with profit in modern times by those who are interested in the origin and progress of the Common Law." Marvin, *Legal Bibliography* 321. Christianson, *Discourse on History, Law, and Governance in the Public Career of John Selden* 63. *English Short-Title Catalogue* S102544. [Order This Item](#)



**A Rare Guide to the Sacraments  
with Interesting Material on Marriage**

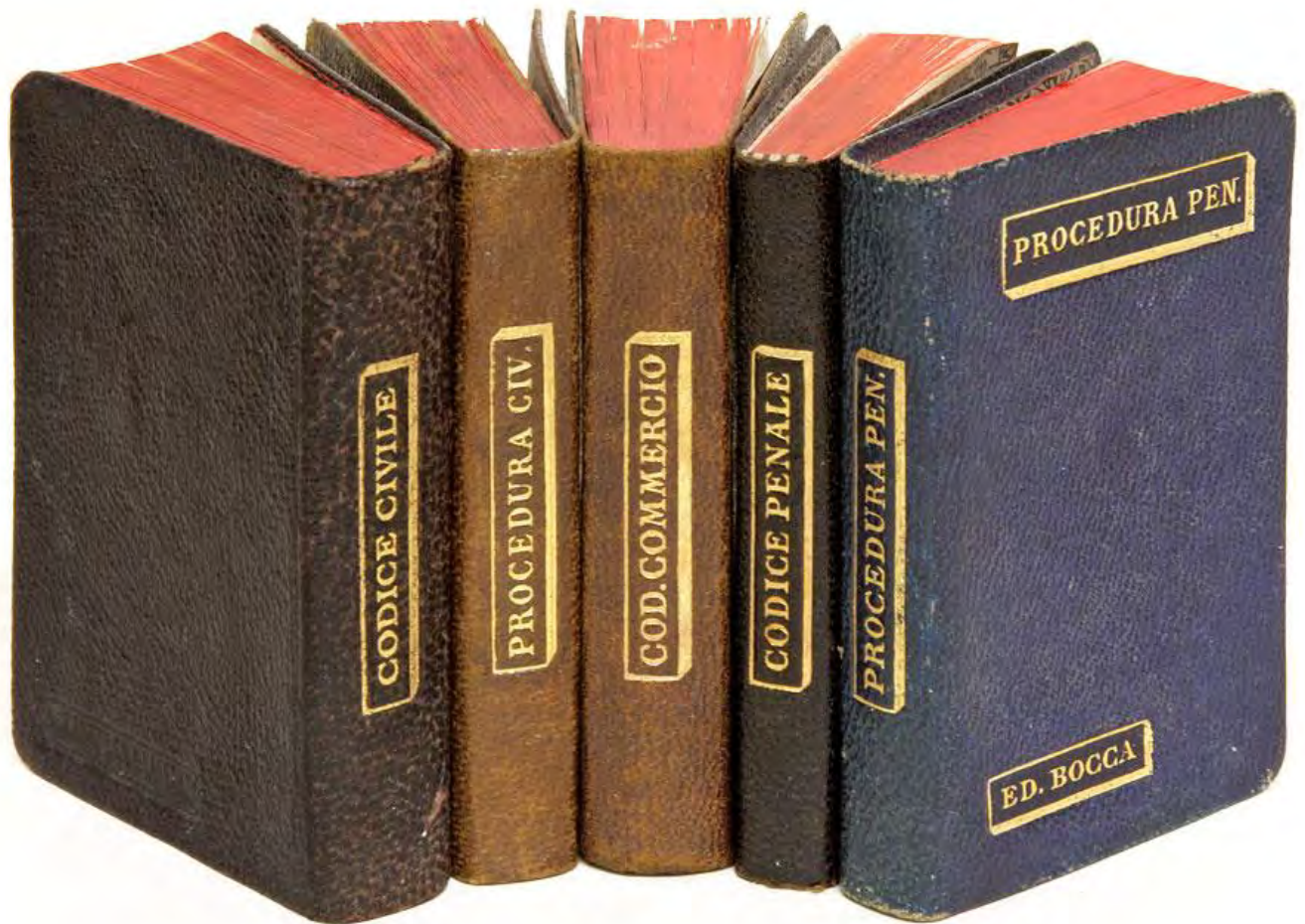
**9. Guido, de Monte Rocherii (Rochen) [14th c.].**

*Manipulus Curatorum; Qui summe Quilibet Sacerdoti est Necessarius et Nucliam Virtutis Animarum Ipsasq[ue] Redimendas a Purgatorio & Eterna da[m]pnatione quo Modo ad Beatitudine Pertingi Valeant in se Continet: Summa cum Diligentia Correctus.* [Lyon: Printer of Persius or Paris: Michel Topié], 24 March 1497. 148 ff. Collation: a-s8, t4. Octavo (5-1/2" x 3"; 14cm x 7.5cm).

Recent period-style vellum, large blind arabesques to boards, raised bands to spine, thong ties, endpapers renewed. 32-line text in single column. A few woodcut capitals, other capital spaces, some with guide letters, left blank. Moderate toning, some edgewear to text block, occasional faint dampstaining to margins, wear to corners of first two leaves, early annotations to front endleaf and title page. \$6,000.

\* Intended for novice priests, this pocket guide to the sacraments (with notes on canon law) has a chapter on marriage that discusses sexual problems, "De impedimento ompotentiae coeundi." It was a popular work in its day, but the Council of Trent (1563) and the creation of the Roman Catechism (1566) made this book obsolete. There is some debate concerning the printer of our imprint. The *Catalogue des Incunables* (CIBN) differentiates a Printer of Guido de Monte Rochen from the Printer of Persius, who is there identified with Maillet (cf. CIBN S-334 and T-36). The *Gesamtkatalog der Wiegendrucke* (GW) identifies proposes, tentatively, Michel Topié. All editions of this title are scarce or rare today. The *Incunabula Short-Title Catalogue* locates 3 copies of our 1497 imprint, 1 in North America (Brown University). Not in Goff. GW 11779. [Order This Item](#)





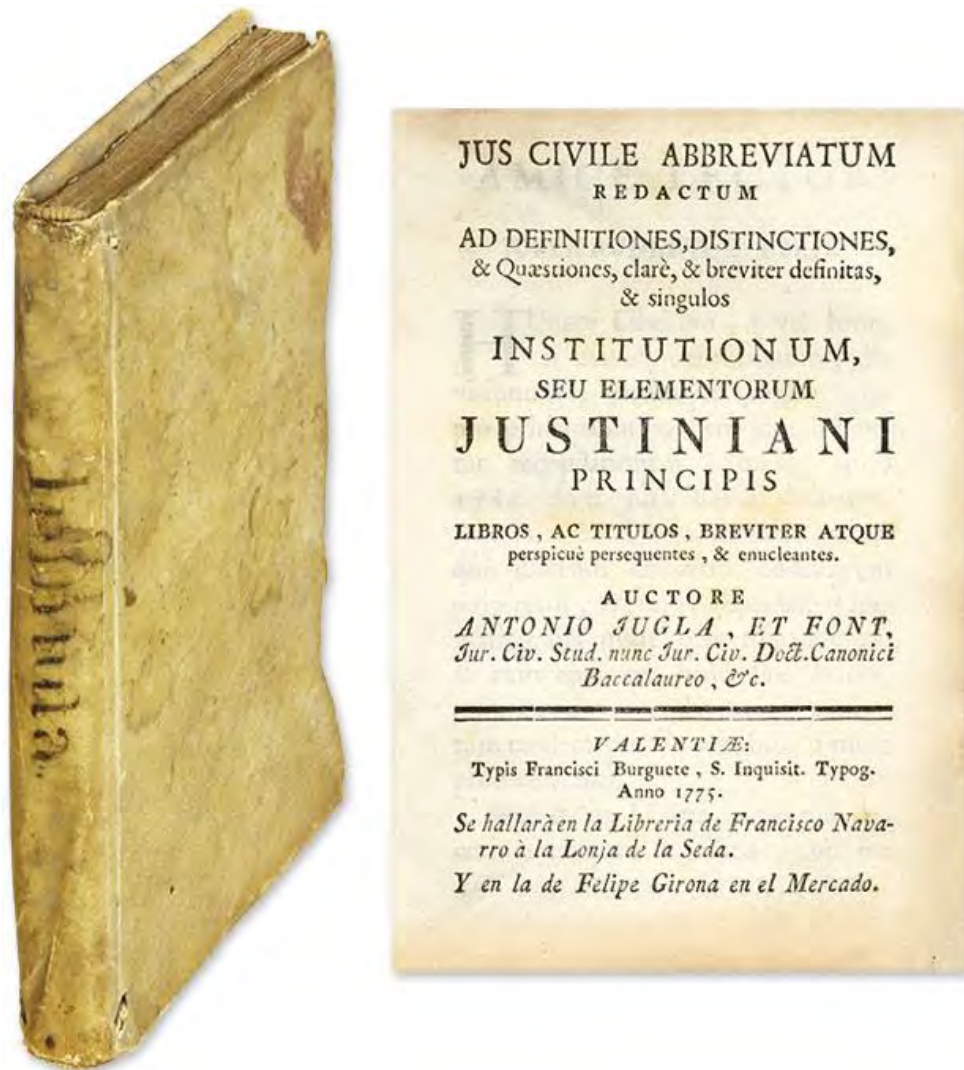
**A Miniature Set of Italian Legal  
Codes, Each Volume Measures 2-3/4" x 1-3/4"**

**10. [Italy].**

[*Italian Legal Codes*]. Turin: Fratelli Bocca, 1901-1903. Five volumes, each measures 2-3/4" x 1-3/4", 75 x 50 mm. Finely printed in a small clear type on thin paper.

Original flexible pebble-grained morocco, gilt titles to front boards and spines, patterned endpapers, edges rouged. Light rubbing, chip to front board of one volume, internally clean. A curious set. \$950.

\* This curious set contains the Italian legal codes in force in the early 1900s: *Codice Civile del Regno d'Italia* (635 pp., black binding), *Codice di Procedura Civile* (428 pp., brown binding), *Codice di Commercio* (512 pp., brown binding), *Codice Penale* (334 pp., black binding) and *Codici di Procedura Penale* (423 pp., dark blue binding). [Order This Item](#)



**Scarce Spanish Textbook on the  
*Institutes* with an Unusual Format**

**11. Jugla y Font, Antonio.**

*Jus Civile Abbreviatum Redactum: Ad Definitiones, Distinctiones & Quaestiones, Clare & Breviter Definitas, & Singulos Institutionum, Seu Elementorum Justiniani Principis Libros, Ac Titulos, Breviter Atque Perspicue Persequentes, & Enucleantes.* Valencia: Typis Francisci Burguete, 1775. [viii], 181 pp. Octavo (6" x 4").

Contemporary vellum, early hand-lettered title to spine. Some edgewear and light staining to boards, hinges just starting at ends, a few partial cracks to text block, minor worming to pastedowns. Early owner bookplate to front pastedown, light toning to text, internally clean. A nice copy of a scarce title. \$750.

\* First edition. This is a textbook on Roman law based on the *Institutes* of Justinian. Each section is condensed into a few sentences arranged as a series of questions and answers. In many cases, these are followed by references. OCLC locates 1 copy of this edition in North America (at the Library of Congress) and 2 copies worldwide of a 1796 edition (At UC-Berkeley Law Library and the Biblioteca Nacional, Madrid). Another copy dated 1785 located at Harvard Law School. Palau, *Manual del Librero Hispanoamericano* 125855. [Order This Item](#)





Handsomely Printed Pocket-Sized  
Edition with Commentaries by Sassoferrato

12. [Justinian I (485-565 CE), Emperor of the East].

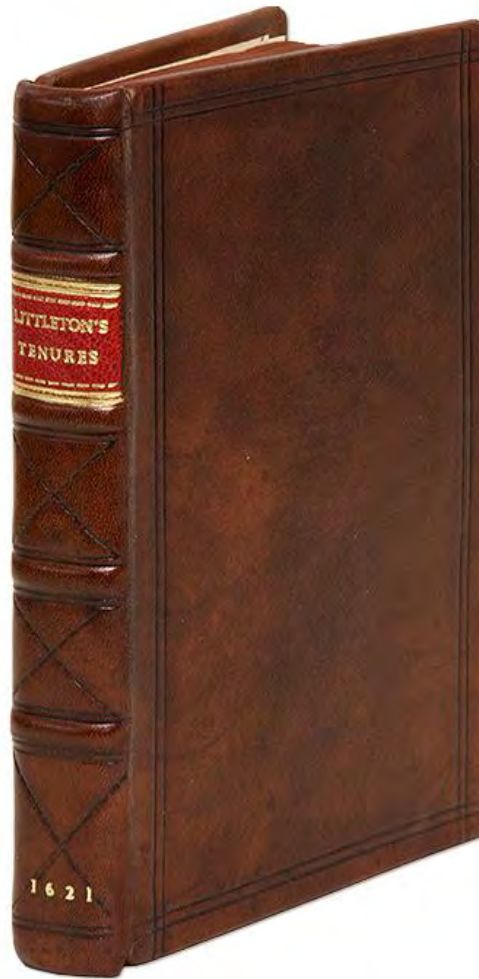
D'Aurigny, Gilles, Editor.

[Sassoferrato, Bartolo de (1313-1357), Glossator].

*Textus Infortiati: D[omi]ni Justiniani Imp[er]atoris Sacratissimi. Cu[m] Sum[m]arijs.* [Paris: Francois Regnault, c.1530]. 290, [24] ff.  
Main text in parallel columns. Octavo (5-1/2" x 3-3/4").

Recent three-quarter cloth over paper-covered boards, contemporary thumb-tabs to fore-edge of text block, early hand-lettered title to top-edge, endpapers renewed. Light soiling, light rubbing to extremities. Title page and text printed in red and black, handsome woodcut title-page vignette of Justinian and his court, repeated on verso of third leaf and recto of final leaf, large Regnault elephant device to verso of leaf preceding "Tabula Legum" and verso of final leaf, criblé initials. Light toning, light soiling and small stain to title page, library stamp to its verso and to a few other leaves. A handsomely printed edition. \$1,500.

\* This is a pocket-sized volume of the *Infortiatum* of Justinian's *Digest* surrounded by commentaries, chiefly by Bartolo de Sassoferrato, the preeminent early expositor of Roman law. (These are printed within the text columns and distinguished from the main text by pointing hands.) Summaries of the titles are included as well. The medieval glossators divided the *Digest* into three sections, or *Volumina*: the *Digestum Vetus*, the *Digestum Novum* and the *Infortiatum*. Comprising Books XXIV, Title 2 to XXXVIII, the *Infortiatum* addresses donations between husband and wife, divorce, curatorship, wills and testaments and trusts and legacies. OCLC locates 11 copies, 4 in North America, 1 in a law library (University of Georgia). Not in Adams. *Universal Short-Title Catalogue* 181299. [Order This Item](#)



Littleton's *Tenures* in English

**13. Littleton, Sir Thomas [1402-1481].**

*Littletons Tenures in English, Lately Perused and Amended.* London: Printed for the Companie of Stationers, 1621. 142, [2] ff. Octavo (5-1/2" x 3-1/2").

Recent period-style calf, blind rules to boards, raised bands, blind ornaments and lettering piece to spine, edges rouged, endpapers renewed. Moderate toning, light browning to margins, early inkstains and annotations to margins of a few leaves, soiling, some edgewear and owner signature (of John Blome/ 2 August 1644) to title page. \$1,250.

\* Later edition. Written during the reign of Edward IV [1442-1483] and first published around 1481, Littleton's *Tenures* is probably the most revered treatise in the history of the common law. Much admired for its learning and style, it is concerned with tenures and other issues relating to real property. This venerable work, which Coke called "the ornament of the Common Law, and the most perfect and absolute work that ever was written in any humane science," is considered a landmark because it renounced the principles of Roman law (and Latin) in favor of guidelines and doctrines drawn from the Year Books and, when necessary, hypothetical cases. The first dated English translation was published in 1538. OCLC locates 6 copies worldwide of the 1621 edition, and 3 in law libraries (Yale, University of Pennsylvania, University of Texas). Holdsworth, *A History of English Law* II:573. *English Short-Title Catalogue* S895. [Order This Item](#)





### Two Classic Works on the English Law of Real Property

#### 14. [Littleton, Sir Thomas (1402-1481)].

*Les Tenures de Monsieur Littleton: Ouesque Certaine Cases Addes per Auters de Puisne Temps, Queux Cases vous Trouueres Signes Ouesque Cest Signe \* Al Commencement, & Al Fine de Chescun de Eux: Au Fine Que ne Poies eux Misprendre pur les Cases de Mounseur Littleton; Pur Quel Inconuenience, Ils fueront Dernierment Tolles de Cest Lieur; Et Cy un Foits Plus Admotes al Request des Gentlehomes, Students en le Ley Dengleterre.* London: Imprinted [by A. Islip?] for the Company of Stationers, 1608. [1], 170, [25] ff.

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Perkins, John [d. 1545].

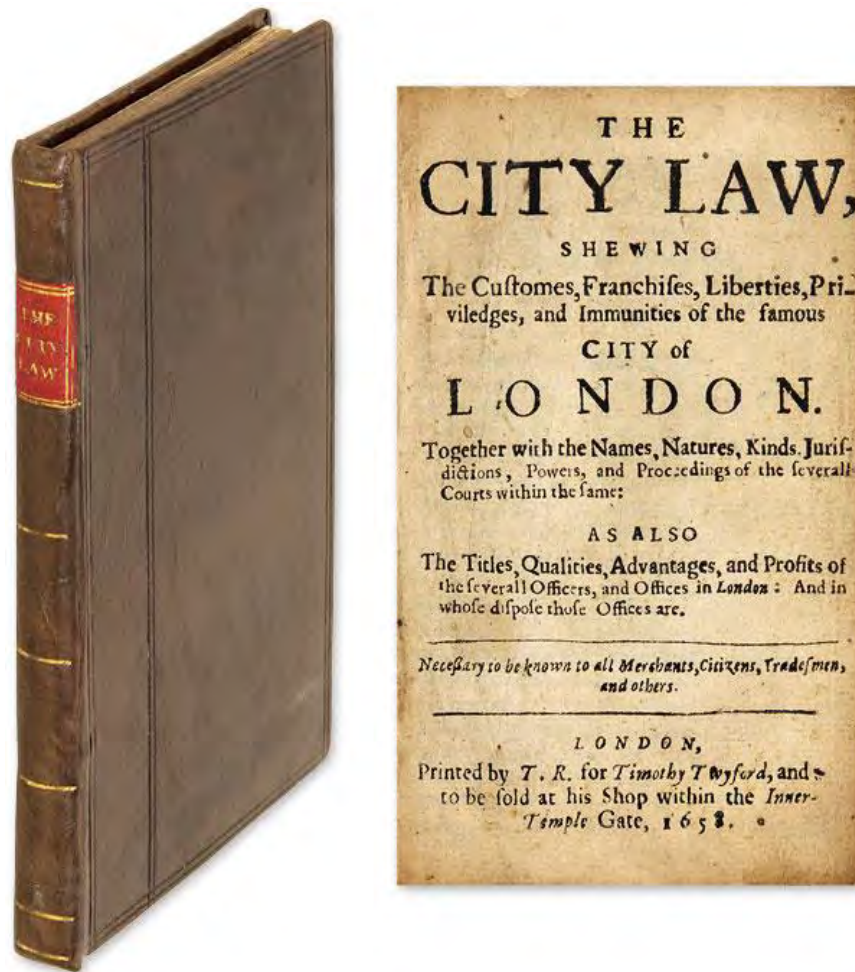
*A Profitable Booke of Master Iohn Perkins, Fellow of the Inner Temple. Treating of the Lawes of England.* London: Printed [by Adam Islip?] for the Company of Stationers, 1609. [xxiv], 168 ff.

Octavo (4-1/2" x 2-1/2"). Contemporary calf, gilt rules to boards, gilt fillets to spines, fragments of thong ties. Moderate rubbing to spine and extremities with some wear to corners, light scuffing to boards, a few tiny wormholes to spine, pastedowns loose, a few partial cracks to text block, wormhole from preliminaries through first third of text with no loss to legibility, final two signatures of *A Profitable Booke* a bit loose and slightly edgeworn, edges trimmed closely occasionally touching side-notes (with no loss to legibility). Light toning to text, somewhat heavier in places, internally clean.

\$1,500.

\* Later editions. This volume collects two classic English treatises on the law of real property. Written during the reign of Edward IV [1442-1483] and first published around 1481, Littleton's *Tenures* is probably the most revered treatise in the history of the common law. Much admired for its learning and style, it is concerned with tenures and other issues relating to real property. This venerable work, which Coke called "the ornament of the Common Law, and the most perfect and absolute work that ever was written in any humane science," is a considered a landmark because it renounced the principles of Roman law (and Latin) in favor of a set of guidelines and doctrines drawn from the Year Books, and when necessary, hypothetical cases.

A popular work during the sixteenth and early seventeenth centuries that was held in high regard by Coke, Perkins' *Profitable Booke* was first published in 1528 and went through numerous editions in both English and Law-French. Devoted mostly to the land law as developed in the Year Books, it is divided into the following topics: grants, deeds, feoffments, exchanges, dower, curtesy, wills, devises, surrenders, reservations, and conditions. Holdsworth, *A History of English Law* II:573, V:388. *English Short-Title Catalogue* S93514, S114287. [Order This Item](#)



### The Customary Law of Protectorate-Era London

#### 15. [London].

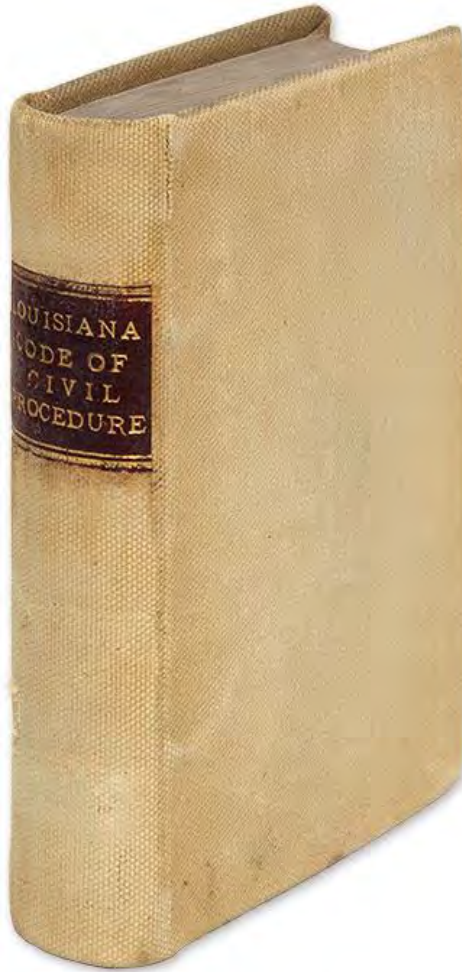
*The City Law, Shewing the Customes, Franchises, Liberties, Priviledges, And Immunities of the Famous City of London. Together With the Names, Natures, Kinds, Jurisdiccions, Powers, And Proceedings of the Severall Courts Within the Same: As Also the Titles, Qualities, Advantages, And Profits of the Severall Officers, And Offices in London: And in Whose Dispose Those Offices Are. Necessary to be Knowne to All Merchants, Citizens, Tradesmen, And Others.* London: Printed by T.R. for Timothy Twyford, 1658. [viii], 127, [1] pp. Octavo (5-1/4" x 3-1/4").

Recent period-style calf, blind rules to boards, gilt fillets and lettering piece to spine, edges rouged. Light rubbing and a few minor nicks to boards. Moderate toning to text, minor loss to side-notes of a few leaves due to trimming, spark burns and minor edgewear to a few other leaves, light soiling to title page, internally clean. A handsome copy. \$750.

\* Only edition. Rich in legal and historical interest, this handbook of London's customary law during the Protectorate (1653-1659) incorporates material from a brief book published at the end of the Civil War, *The City-Law: Or, The Course and Practice in All Manner of Juridicall Proceedings in the Hustings in Guildhall, London* (1647). It offers an interesting perspective on the relationship between London's old customary laws with the reforms introduced by Cromwell's government. Both editions are scarce. OCLC locates 5 copies of the 1658 edition in North American law libraries (Columbia, Harvard, SMU, University of Pennsylvania, Yale). *English Short-Title Catalogue* R24831.

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**Livingston's Influential  
Louisiana Civil Practice Code**

**16. [Louisiana].**

**[Livingston, Edward (1764-1836)].**

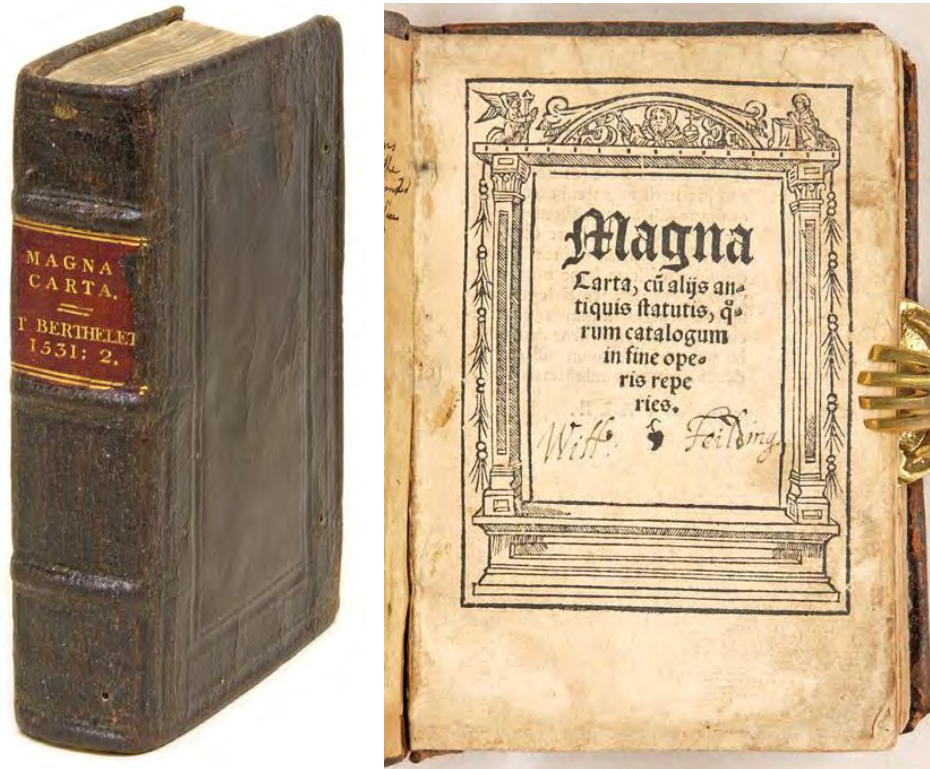
**[Lislet-Moreau, Louis (1766-1832)].**

**[Derbigny, Pierre (1769-1829)].**

*Code of Practice in Civil Cases, for the State of Louisiana.* New Orleans: Printed by B. Buisson, 1830. 407, [8], 96 pp. English text with French translation on facing pages. 12mo. (5-1/4" x 3-1/2").

Later library cloth, calf lettering piece to spine. Light shelfwear and soiling, minor scuff to spine, front joint starting at head, crack in text block between title page and following leaf. Some toning to text, light foxing in a few places, library stamp and a few tiny inkspots, "8062" in small hand to verso. \$1,000.

\* Second edition. This important code was one of a series of codes produced for the Louisiana legislature. Principally the work of Livingston, work on the civil practice code began in 1823. Submitted to the legislature and first published in 1824, it went into effect the following year. Like the other codes it was a decisive influence in the codification movement. It was, for example, the main inspiration and source for the 1848 Field Code of Procedure, which incorporated many of its provisions. Not in Cohen. Babbitt, *Hand-List of Legislative Sessions and Session Laws* 148. Jumonville, *Bibliography of New Orleans Imprints* 713. [Order This Item](#)



**Rare Landmark Early Printing of Magna Carta:  
The First with a Title Page and the *Secunda Pars***

**17. [Magna Carta].**

*Magna Carta Cū Alijs Antiquis Statutis, Quorum Catalogum in Fine Operis Reperies.* [London: Thomas Berthelet, November 1531]. 150 [i.e. 149], [3]; [iv], 76 ff. Two parts, each with title page, table and individual pagination. Second part, dated 1532 (on colophon), titled *Secunda Pars Veterum Statutorum*. Octavo (5" x 3-1/4").

Contemporary calf blind panels to boards, raised bands and later lettering piece to spine, early hand-lettered title to fore-edge of text block, ties lacking. A few minor nicks and scuffs to boards, light gatering to spine, moderate rubbing to extremities, corners worn, hinges partially cracked, endpapers lacking. Titles printed within architectural borders, woodcut decorated initials. Light toning to text, light soiling and finger smudges to a few leaves, later owner annotations to front pastedown, later signature to foot of title page (of *Magna Carta*). A handsome copy of an important, and rare, edition. \$20,000.

\* First edition issued with a title page and the *Secunda Pars Veterum Statutorum*, which was published for the first time with this edition. The text of Magna Carta is a close reprinting of the 1527 edition by Richard Pynson with additional material. (Pynson printed the first edition around 1508.) It also includes the Charta de Foresta and statutes passed before the reign of Edward III. Among the most notorious statutes are those of Edward I concerning Jews, which condemned them for irreverence and prevented them from practicing usury or acquiring land from Christians through pledges. Other "Antique Statutes" relate to women, wills, forcible entry, "Fraudulent Deedes" and other topics. Some sources say incorrectly that the 1539 edition was the first issued with a title page. The source of the confusion is the title page's false imprint date: 1529. (The colophon has the correct date: 1539.) To confuse matters further, Beale, who arranges imprints chronologically, lists that edition according to the date on the title page rather than its colophon (S8). OCLC locates 13 copies of this imprint in North America. Beale, *A Bibliography of Early English Law Books* S9 and S21. *English Short-Title Catalogue* S101049. [Order This Item](#)





# 1584 Tottel Edition of the Old Natura Brevium

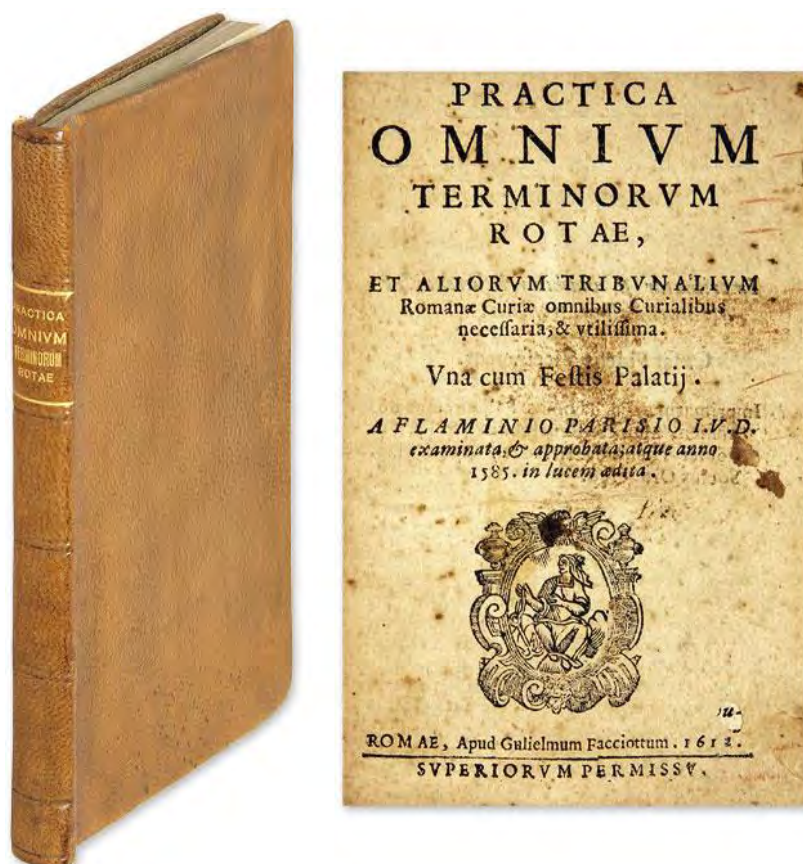
## 18. [Natura Brevium].

*La Vieux Natura Brevium, Dernierment Corrige'e et Amend', &c. Nouvelment Imprimee.* London: In Aedibus Richardi Tottelli, 1584. 180, [4] ff. 12mo. (5-3/4" x 4").

Contemporary calf, blind-stamped insignia and monogram "WC," and later blind stamp "SC" to upper corner, raised bands. Moderate rubbing to extremities with wear to spine ends and corners, front hinge starting. Occasional light dampstaining. Despite these minor impediments, a well-preserved, highly desirable copy in its original state. \$1,250.

\* A cornerstone of the common law, the *Natura Brevium* is a selection of writs, with commentary, based on the Registrum Brevium dating from the reign of Edward III. The first printed edition of this work was published in 1494 by Richard Pynson. English Short-Title Catalogue S113106. Beale, *A Bibliography of Early English Law Books* T97.

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### 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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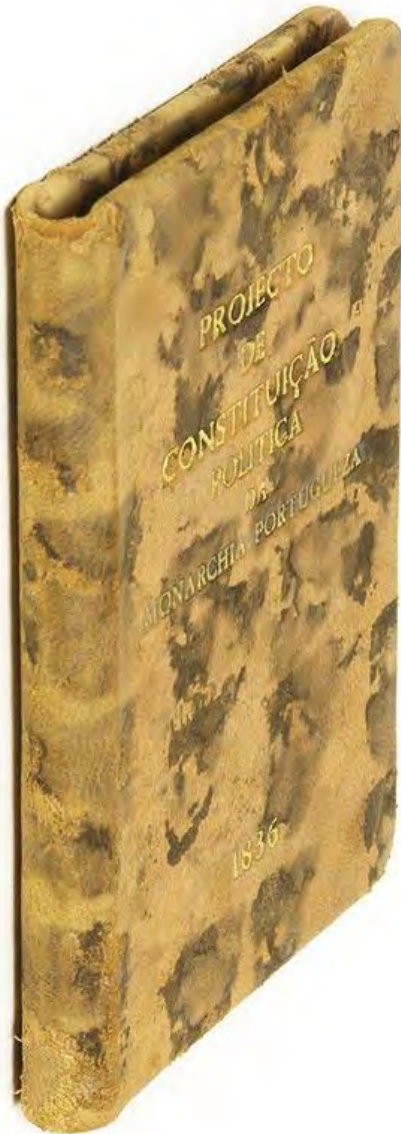
#### Amico, Pietro [1566-1645].

*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](#)





**Restoration of the Portuguese Constitution of 1822**

**20. [Portugal].**

*Projecto de Constituicao Politica da Monarchia Portugueza*. Lisbon: Na Typografia da Viuva Silva, 1836. 62 pp. Octavo (4-1/2" x 3").

Recent mottled sheep, gilt title to front board, endpapers renewed. Light rubbing to spine and corners, moderate toning to text, internally clean. \$350.

\* Only edition. The Liberal Revolution overthrew the regency and initiated a series of parliamentary deliberations that resulted in the Portuguese constitution of 1822. It remained in force until May 1823, when D. Joao VI renounced it. The reign of Maria II marked the beginning of the "liberal regime," which brought a return to projects for constitutional reform, such as our anonymous example. In the end the 1822 constitution was reinstituted with modifications. This is a rare title. No copies located on OCLC. [Order This Item](#)



### Early Collection of Political and Personal Writings of Sir Walter Raleigh

#### 21. Raleigh, Sir Walter [1552?-1618].

*Remains of Sir Walter Raleigh; Viz. Maxims of State. Advice to His Son: His Sons Advice to His Father. His Sceptick. Observations Concerning the Causes of the Magnificency and Opulency of Cities. Sir Walter Raleigh's Observations Touching Trade and Commerce With the Hollander and Other Nations; Proving that Our Sea & Land Commodities Inrich and Strengthen Other Countreys Against Our Own. The Prerogative of Parliaments in England, Proved in a Dialogue Between a Councillour of State and a Justice of Peace. His Letters to Divers Persons of Quality.* London: Printed by Iohn Redmayne for Margaret Sheares, 1664. [xii], 264; [10], 122 pp. Copperplate portrait frontispiece. Two parts. The second, *The Prerogative of Parliaments in England Proved*, has individual title page and pagination. With a 4 pp. publisher catalogue. 12mo. (4-3/4" x 2-3/4").

Contemporary calf with recent rebacking, blind rules to boards, lettering piece and gilt fillets to spine, endpapers renewed. Moderate rubbing with some wear to extremities, some worming to bottom edge of front board, hinges starting. Moderate toning and occasional faint dampstaining to text, repair to head of frontispiece with minor loss to headline. \$450.

\* Third edition. This collection of Sir Walter Raleigh's writings was first published in 1657. It contains his principal political writings as well as essays, of fatherhood, the conduct of life and cities. The final edition of this collection, the eighth, was published in 1726. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R26912. [Order This Item](#)





### Legal Maxims from the *Corpus Juris Civilis*

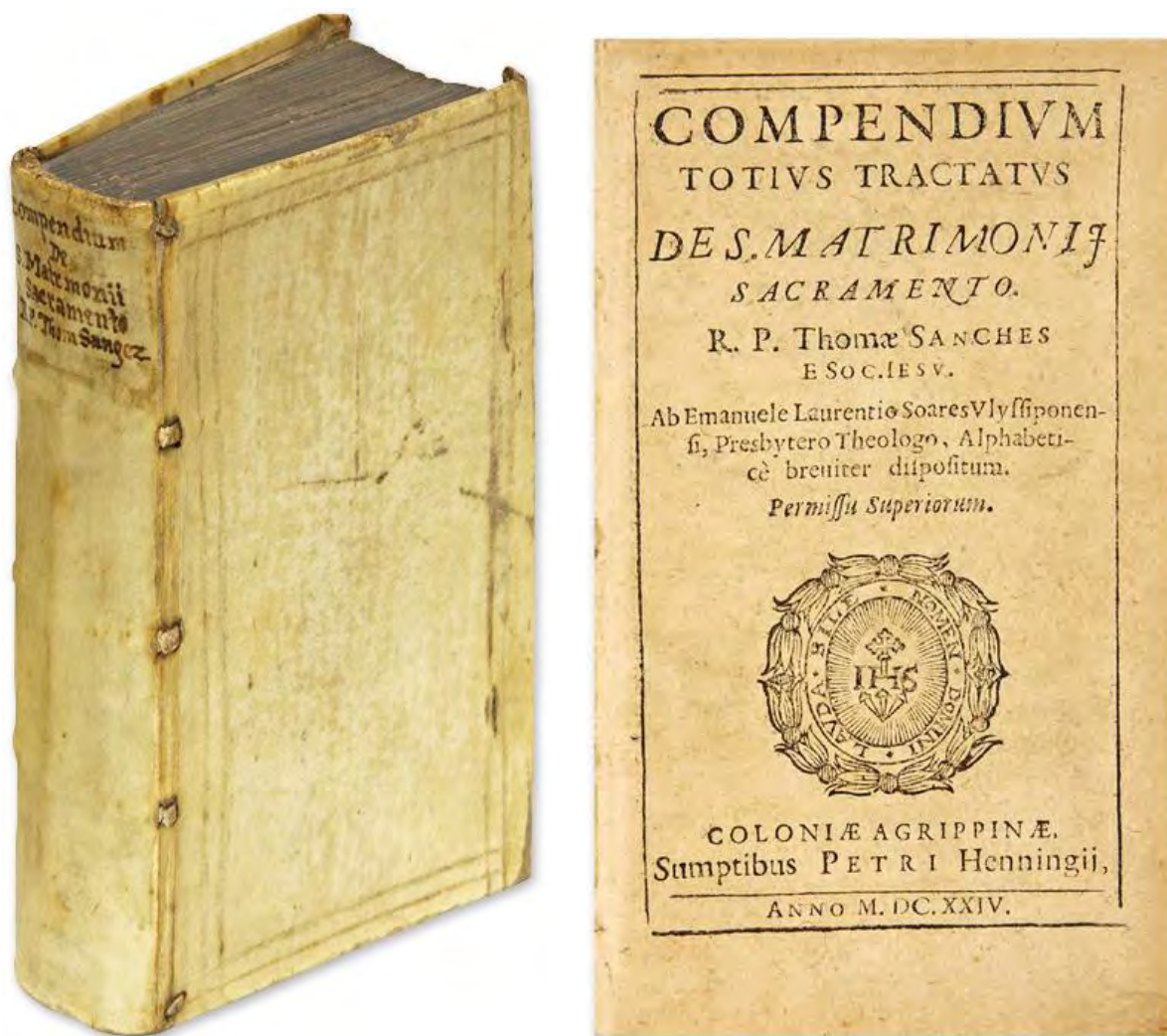
#### 22. [Roman Law].

#### [*Corpus Juris Civilis*].

*De Diversis Regulis Iuris Antiqui, Pandectarum Libri Quinquagesimi Titulus Septimus Decimus, Cum Tusco, Aut ex eo Ducto, Accurate Collatus & Emendatus: Capitibus Omnibus, Cum suis Inscriptionibus, Suo Etiam Ordini Restitutis. In Eundem Titulum Vetus, Sed Incerto Autore, Brevis & Elegans Commentarius: Nisi to Placentinum esse Dixeris, Eo Argumento, Quod Sequenti Pagina Proponitur.* Paris: Apud Carolum Stephanum, Typographum Regium, 1557. 128, [8] pp. Octavo (5-3/4" x 4").

Contemporary vellum with later vellum rebacking, endpapers renewed. Light soiling, minor rubbing to spine ends and corners, boards slightly bowed. Moderate toning, light foxing in places, minor wear to corners of text block, brief early annotations to a few leaves. An appealing wide-margined copy of a rare imprint. \$2,500.

\* "De Regulis Iuris Antiqui," Book 50, Title 17 of the *Digest* of the *Corpus Juris Civilis* is an anthology of significant pre-Justinianic legal maxims with commentary by prominent jurists. It inspired numerous later commentaries during the later middle ages and Renaissance. This attractively printed pocket edition with anonymous commentary is a reissue of an Etienne imprint from 1552. OCLC locates 2 copies, none in North America. Not in Adams or the STC French. *Universal Short-Title Catalogue* 152236. [Order This Item](#)



Notable Seventeenth-Century  
Jesuit Treatise on Marriage and Marriage Law

23. Sanchez, Tomas [1550-1610].

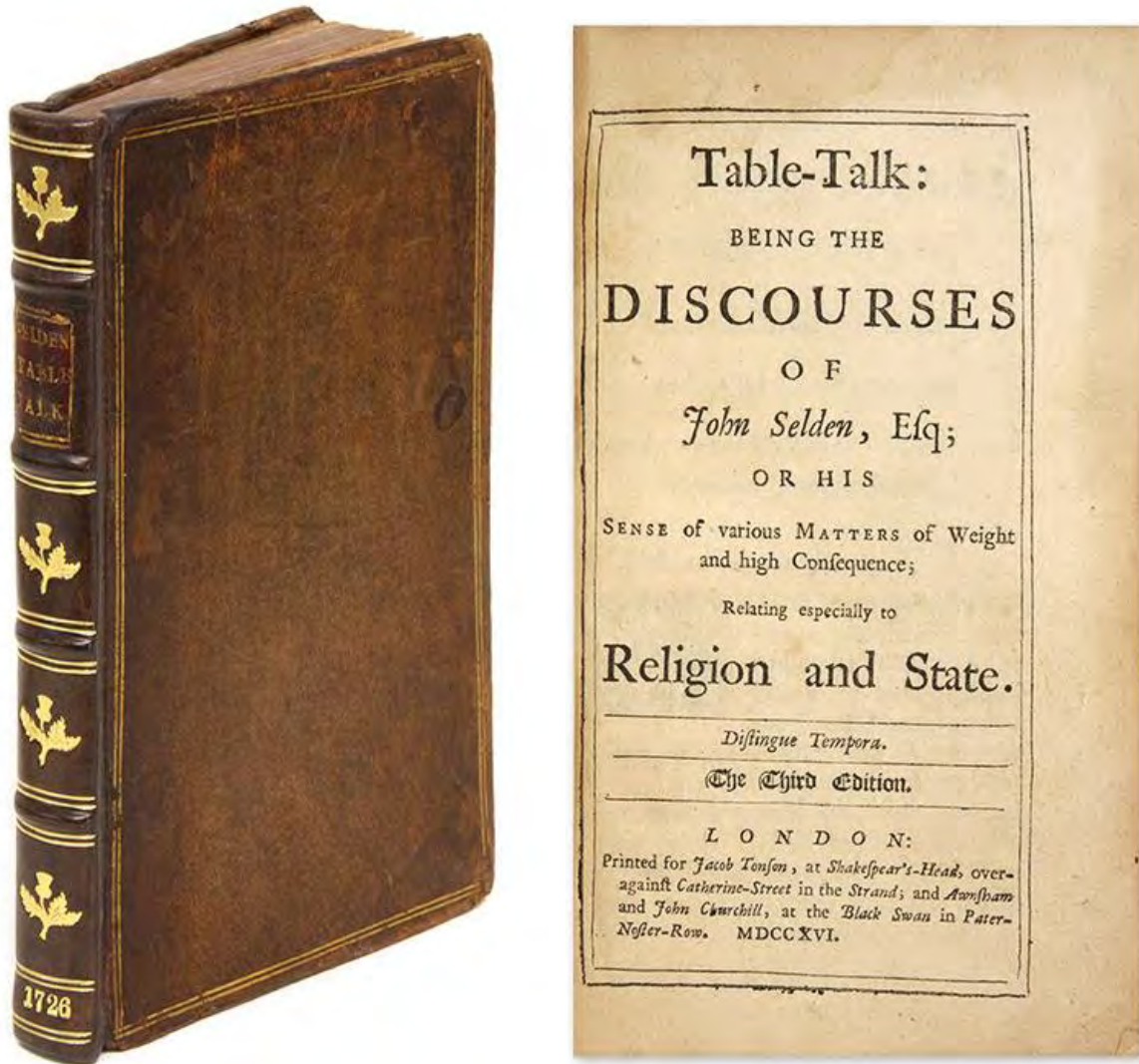
Soarez, Emanuel Laurentius, Editor.

*Compendium Totius Tractatus de S. Matrimonii Sacramento. Ab Emanuele Laurentio Soares Ulyssiponesi, Presbytero Theologo, Alphabetice Breviter Dispositum.* Cologne: Sumptibus Petri Henningii, 1624. [xxiv], 455 pp. 12mo. (5-1/4" x 3-1/4").

Contemporary vellum with lapped edges, ties lacking, blind rules to boards, early hand-lettered title to spine. A few minor scratches, light soiling to spine, boards slightly bowed, vellum just beginning to crack through pastedowns, early owner signature to front free endpaper, partial crack in text block between front endleaf and title page, moderate toning to text. Ex-library. Small bookplates to front pastedown and free endpaper. An attractive copy. \$500.

\* Third edition. First published in 1621, this is a comprehensive reference work on the Jesuit view of marriage both as a Christian sacrament and an institution controlled in detail by canon law. Among other topics it addresses adultery, bigamy, cohabitation, impediments to marriage, excommunication, hermaphrodites, impotence, incest, sexual relations and infidelity. A popular work, it went through several editions into the eighteenth century. *Das Verzeichnis der im Deutschen Sprachraum Erschienenen Drucke des 17. Jahrhunderts* 1:010985Z. [Order This Item](#)





**"His Sense of Various Matters  
of Weight and High Consequences"**

**24. Selden, John [1584-1654].**

*Table-Talk: Being the Discourses of John Selden, Esq. Or, His Sense of Various Matters of Weight and High Consequence. Relating Especially to Religion and State.* London: Printed for Jacob Tonson, 1716. [viii], 136 pp. 12mo. (6-3/4" x 3-1/2").

Contemporary speckled calf, rebacked in period style, blind rules to boards, raised bands, gilt ornaments and retained contemporary lettering piece to spine, hinges mended. A few faint spots to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, corners worn. Moderate toning to text, faint dampstaining in a few places, faint early owner signature to front free endpaper. \$250.

\* Third edition. Perhaps the most personal of Selden's works, *Table Talk* was compiled by Selden's secretary, Richard Milward. It was first printed in 1689, when the Civil War had given freedom to the press. "The work may safely be accepted as the most vivid picture extant of the habits of thought and the modes of expression of the great Erastian lawyer. The conversations cover a great range of subjects relative to human life and history...": *Dictionary of National Biography* XVII:1159. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T115346. [Order This Item](#)



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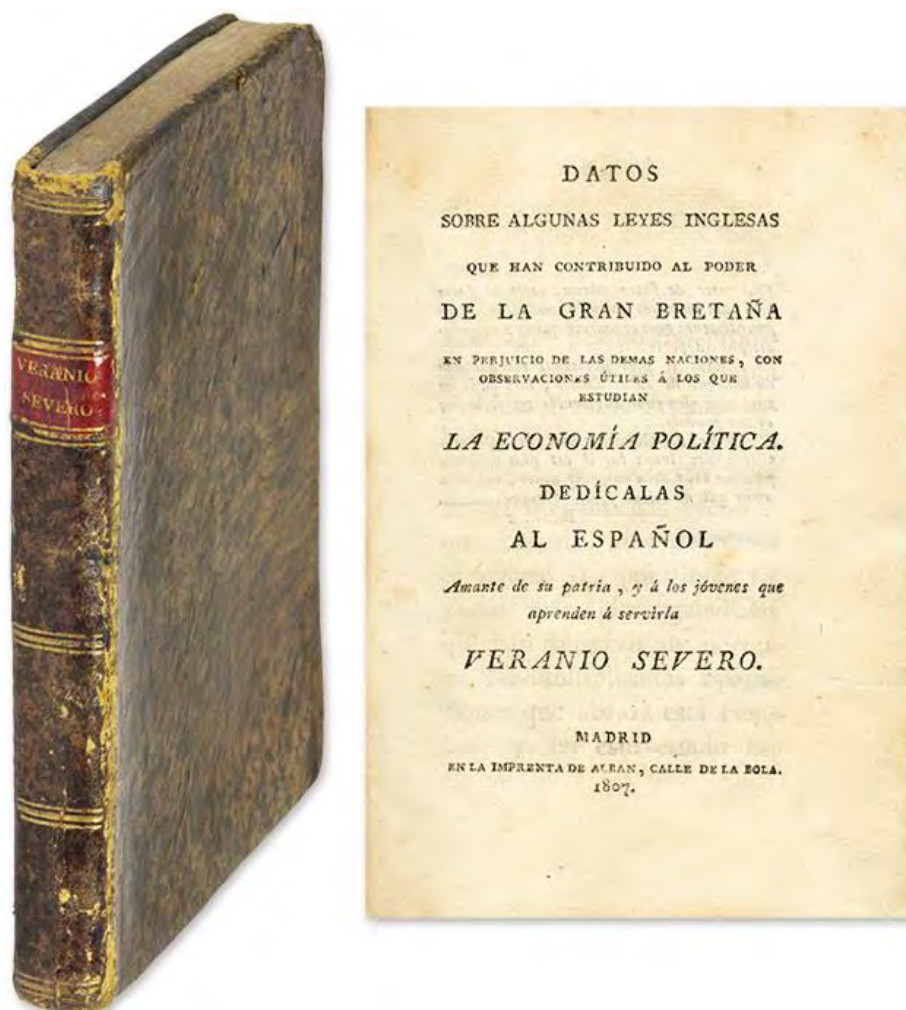
**25. Selden, John.**

*Table Talk: Being the Discourses of John Selden, Esq. Or, His Sense of Various Matters of Weight and High Consequence, Relating Especially to Religion and State. A New Edition. With a Life of the Author, And Notes.* London: Printed for, And Under the Direction Of, G. Cawthorn, British Library, Strand, 1797. xii, 166, [2] pp. Includes 2-page publisher catalogue. Octavo (6-3/4" x 3-1/2").

Recent period-style calf, blind fillets to boards, gilt title to spine, blind tooling to board edges, blind inside dentelles. A few minor scratches, small faint stain to rear board. Moderate toning to text, light soiling to title page, neat repair to its upper corner. An attractively bound copy. \$250.

\* Later edition. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T83879. [Order This Item](#)





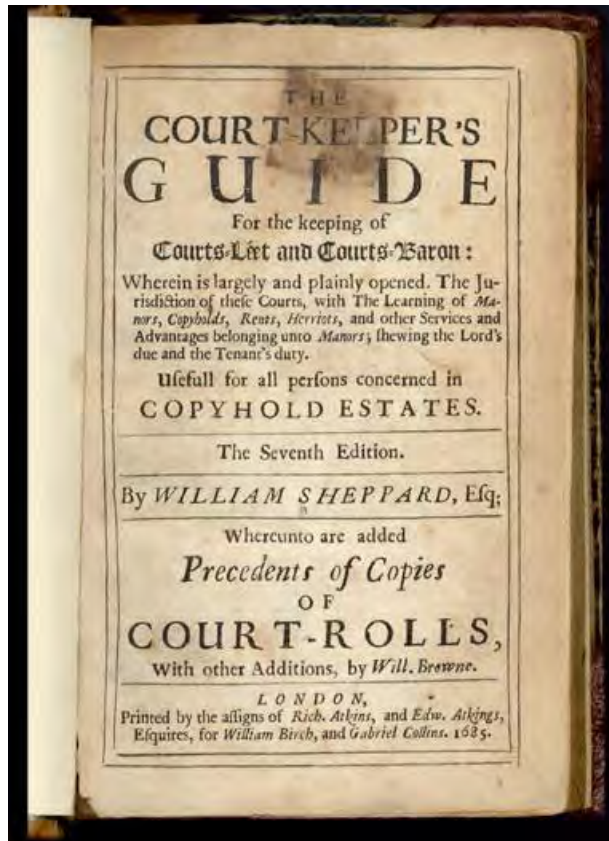
### British Manipulation of International Trade Laws

#### 26. Severo, Veranio.

*Datos Sobre Algunas Leyes Inglesas que han Contribuido al Poder de la Gran Bretana en Perjuicio de las Demas Naciones, Con Observaciones Utiles a los que Estudian la Economia Política. Dedicadas al Espanol Amante de su Patria, Y a los Jovenes que Aprenden a Servirla.* Madrid: En la Imprenta de Alban, 1807. x, [2], 257 pp. Octavo (5-3/4" x 3-3/4").

Contemporary tree-sheep, lettering piece and gilt fillets to spine, marbled endpapers. Some rubbing to extremities, corners bumped. Some toning to text, light dampstaining to upper corner of rear quarter of text block, interior otherwise clean. \$1,650.

\* First edition. This enthusiastically anti-British work details the ways Britain has manipulated international trade laws in its favor, and against the interests of Spain. It sketches the history of British politics as it affected the country's foreign entanglements, and lists some of the tricks used by Britain to win over international opinion. Inspired by Adam Smith, Severo discusses a wide variety of trades and industries, including whaling, herring, fishing, the trade in coal and tobacco, and shipbuilding, describing the shipping routes used by British merchant vessels and British trade with India, the Americas (including South America) and the Baltic. Severo analyses the effect of British trade laws, and the enthusiasm with which the British sing (and mean) Rule Britannia. OCLC locates 2 copies in North America (at Harvard and Yale). Palau, *Manual del Librero Hispano-Americano* 311227. [Order This Item](#)



**The "Longest Lived" Treatise on Courts Leet and Baron**

**27. Sheppard, William [d.1675?].**

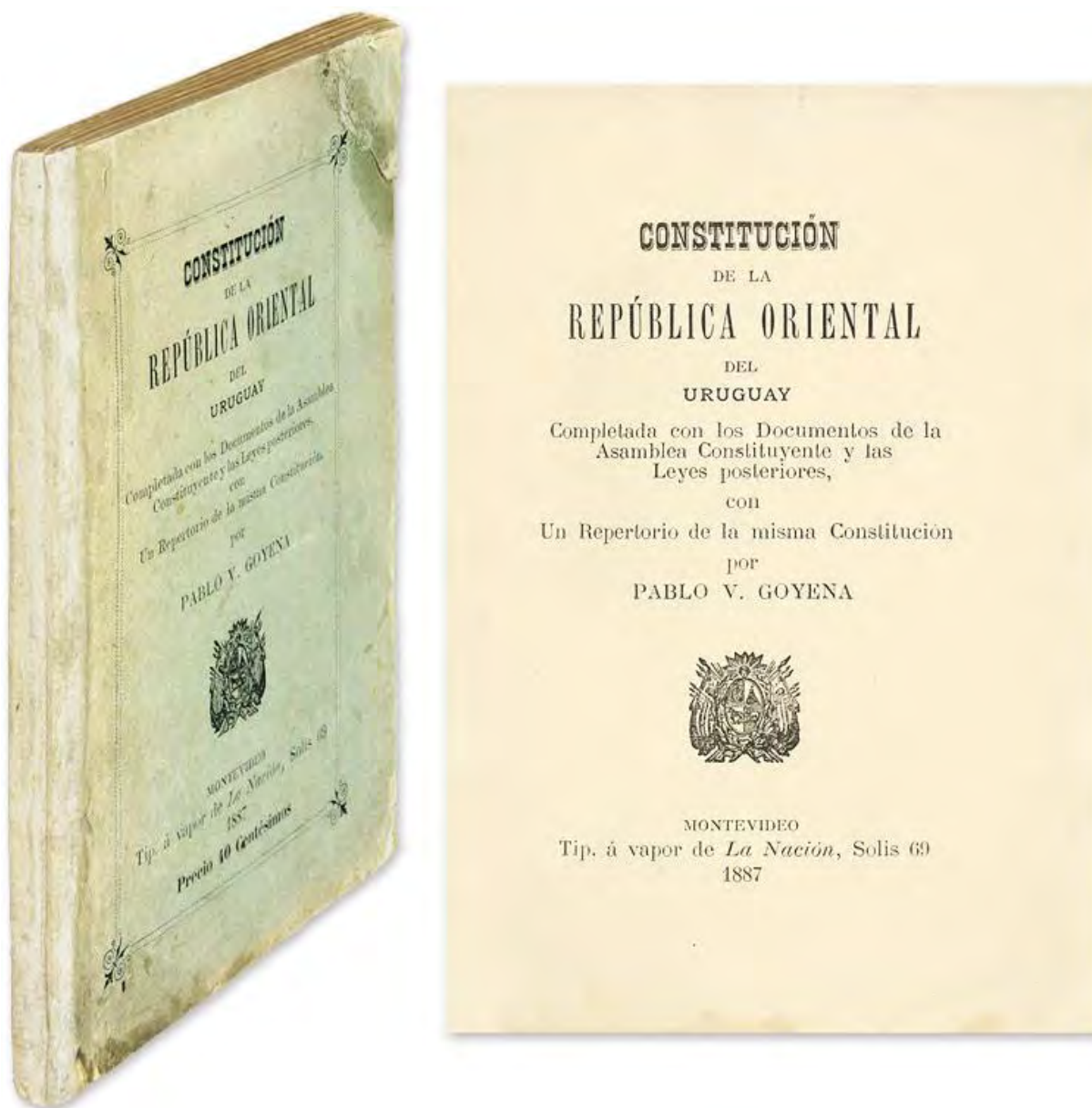
**Browne, William, Editor.**

*The Court-Keepers Guide for the Keeping of Courts-Leet and Courts-Baron: Wherein Is Largely and Plainly Opened. The Jurisdiction of These Courts, with the Learning of Manors, Copyholds, Rents, Harriots, and Other Services and Advantages Belonging unto Manors; Shewing the Lord's Due and the Tenant's Duty. Usefull for All Persons Concerned in Copyhold Estates. Whereunto are Added Precedents of Copies of Court-Rolls, With Other Additions.* London: Printed by the Assigns of Rich. Atkins, and Edw. Atkins, 1685. [xii], 284 pp. *Precedents of Copies* preceded by divisional title page. Octavo (5-3/4" x 3-3/4").

Later three-quarter calf over marbled boards, lettering piece and blind fillets to spine, which is varnished, endpapers renewed. Moderate rubbing to extremities, corners bumped and lightly warned. Moderate toning, (very) faint dampspotting to most of text, small stain near head of following leaf, edgewear and small tears to preliminaries and final few leaves, small chip to title page mended on verso with archival tape, internally clean. Ex-library. Bookplate to front pastedown. \$350.

\* Seventh edition. In his discussion of the common law in the sixteenth century Holdsworth observes "[t]here was still a considerable amount of works to be done by [the courts leet and baron]. The common field system of agriculture needed regulation; the rights and duties of copy-holders were matters for the manorial court to determine, subject to the control of the courts of common law; and statutes of this period had assigned new duties to the leet. Thus a want was felt for something more than the single stereotyped tract which various publishers went on issuing from the press during the first half of this century. (...) [T]he longest lived...was the Court Keeper's Guide of William Sheppard, first published in 1641 and re-issued as late as 1791." Holdsworth, *A History of English Law* IV:120-121. This edition not in the *ESTC*. Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 1:405(62). [Order This Item](#)





### Uruguay's First Constitution

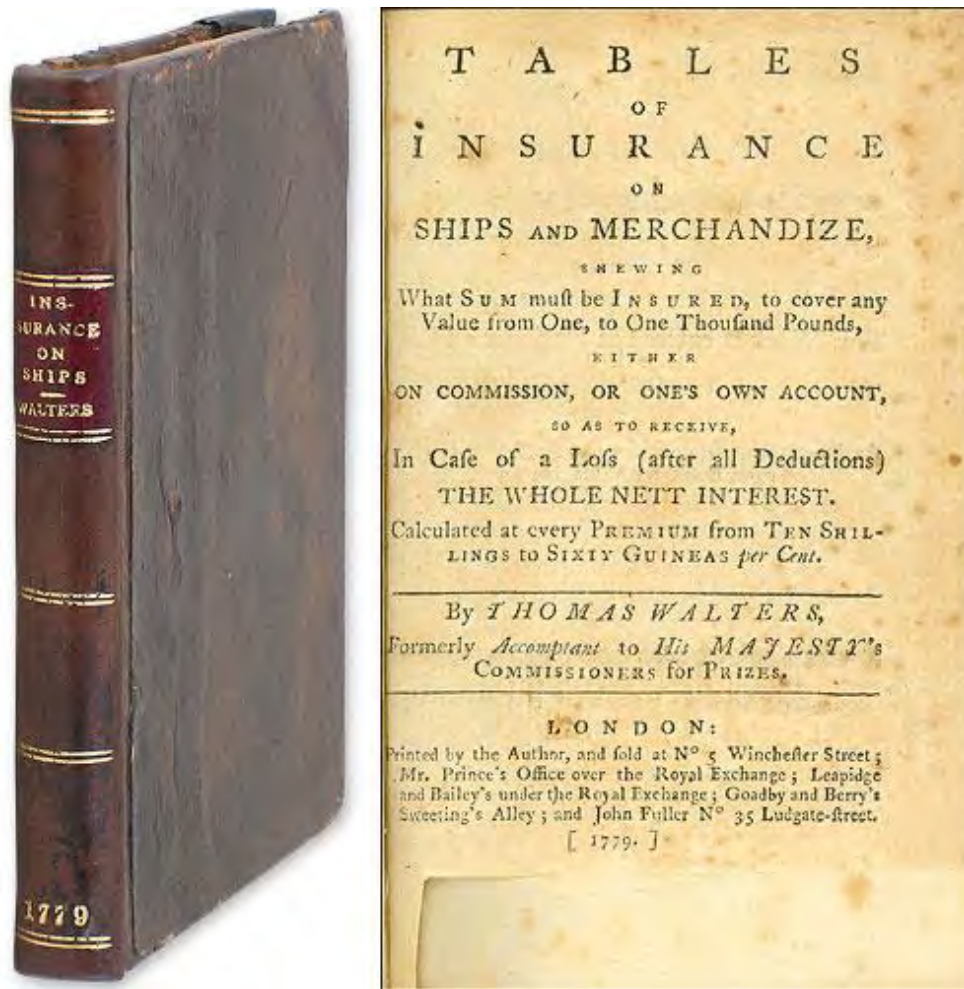
#### 28. [Uruguay].

Goyena, Pablo V., Notes.

*Constitucion de la Republica Oriental del Uruguay Completada con los Documentos de la Asamblea Constituyente y las Leyes Posteriores, con Un Repertorio de la Misma Constitucion.* Montevideo: Tip. a Vapor de La Nacion, 1887. [vi], 149 pp. 12mo. (5-3/4" x 4").

Original printed wrappers, spine professionally mended. Some edgewear, light soiling. Some toning to text, internally clean. \$250.

\* Only edition. With a glossary of terms and index. Uruguay's first constitution was adopted in 1830 and replaced in 1918. Goyena's edition provides useful notes and a glossary of terms. OCLC locates 9 copies, 1 in a North American law library (University of Minnesota). [Order This Item](#)



### Risks and Losses

#### 29. Walters, Thomas.

*Tables of Insurance on Ships and Merchandize, Shewing What Sum Must be Insured, To Cover Any Value from One, To One Thousand Pounds, Either on Commission, Or One's Own Account, So as to Receive, In Case of a Loss (After All Deductions) the Whole Nett Interest. Calculated at Every Premium from Ten Shillings to Sixty Guineas per Cent.* London: Printed by the Author, 1779. viii, 104 pp. 55 pp. of additional manuscript tables. Octavo (5-1/2" x 3-1/2").

Contemporary tree calf, rebaked in period style with lettering piece and gilt fillets, corners and repaired. Light wear to extremities. Residue from small bookplate to front pastedown, bottom of title page excised with no loss to text. Early owner signature to verso of title page, early annotations to foot of each leaf. Light foxing in a few places, interior otherwise fresh. A handsome copy of a scarce item. \$1,500.

\* Only edition. "Insurance on Ships and Merchandize, is an Expedient devised for securing to the Proprietors their Interest in case of a Loss; but Persons Insuring the Cost only, without including the Praemium, &c. paid for Insuring, will be Sufferers; and that in a greater proportion as Praemiums increase. To such therefore who wish to be fully covered when they Insure, this Book will be particularly useful; the Tables therein being constructed with Accuracy will facilitate the dispatch of Business, as they obviate the Errors and Loss of time in making troublesome calculations on every occasion and alteration of Praemiums..." (Preface). OCLC locates 7 copies, 2 in North America (University of Minnesota, University of Oklahoma). *English Short-Title Catalogue* T107598. [Order This Item](#)





**Four Works on Jurisprudence, Military Law,  
Naval Law and Civil Law by an Important English Civilian**

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

*Elementa Jurisprudentiae, Definitionibus, Regulis & Sententiis Selectioribus Juris Civilis, Illustrata; Acceserunt, Descriptiones Juris & Judicii, Sacri, Militaris, et Maritimi.* Leiden: Apud Johannem & Danielem Elsevrios, 1652. [xii], 439 pp. Four works in one with continuous pagination. First work preceded by general title page, others preceded by half-titles. 12mo. (5" x 3").

Contemporary vellum, early hand-lettered title to spine. A few minor stains, corners and spine ends bumped, rear board slightly bowed, front free endpaper lacking, front hinge cracked, some edgewear to rear free endpaper. Light toning to text, negligible light soiling to title page. A handsome copy. \$750.

\* One of England's greatest civilians, Zouch was an advocate of Doctors' Commons, Judge of the High Court of Admiralty and Regius Professor of Civil Law at Oxford. He published treatises on a broad range of legal topics, and he is best known for his contributions to international law. The present volume contains four important treatises. *Elementa Jurisprudentiae* (1629) is an ambitious general study that lays out a general theory of legal science. It includes sections on the philosophy of law, civil law, military law and maritime law. The other titles develop topics outlined in *Elementa Jurisprudentiae*. *Descriptio Juris et Judicii Sacri* (1636) concerns English ecclesiastical law, *Descriptio Juris & Judicii Militaris* (1640) addresses military law and *Descriptio Juris et Judicii Maritimi* (1640) deals with the law of ships and sea-borne cargo. According to Willems, some copies of this book were printed by van der Marse, de Croy and Hackius with counterfeit title pages. It is difficult to distinguish these from copies produced by the Elzeviers. Willems, *Les Elzevier: Histoire et Annales Typographiques* 717. [Order This Item](#)