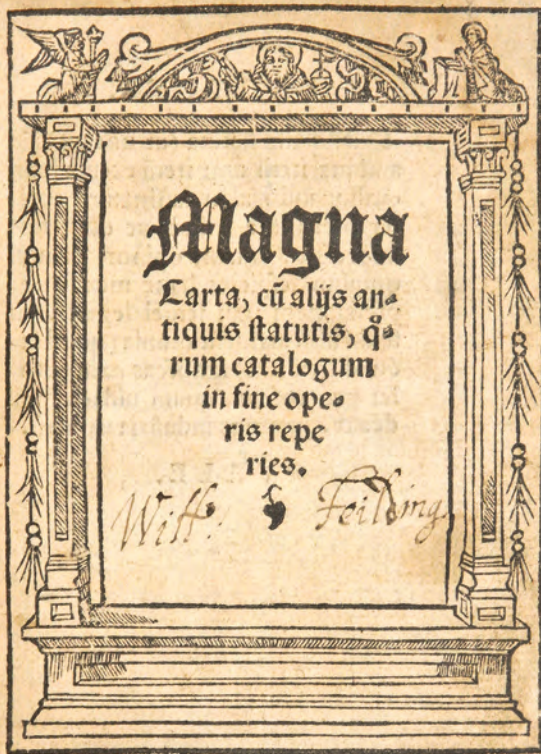
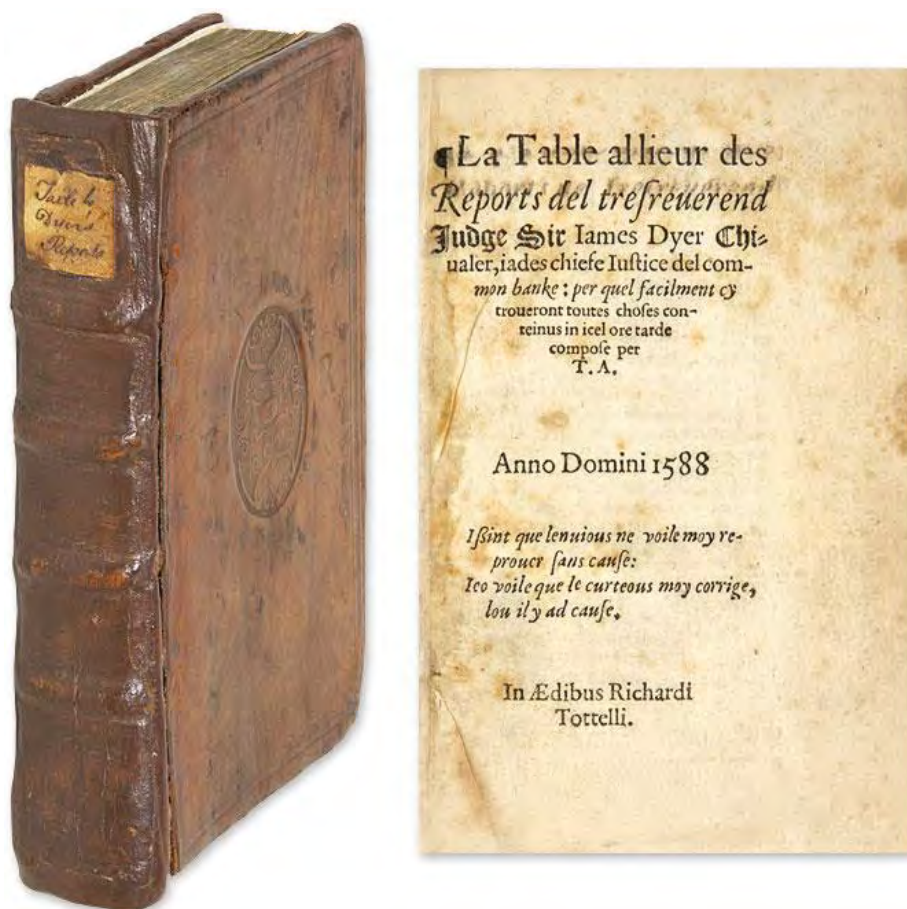


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An Early Guide to Dyer's Reports

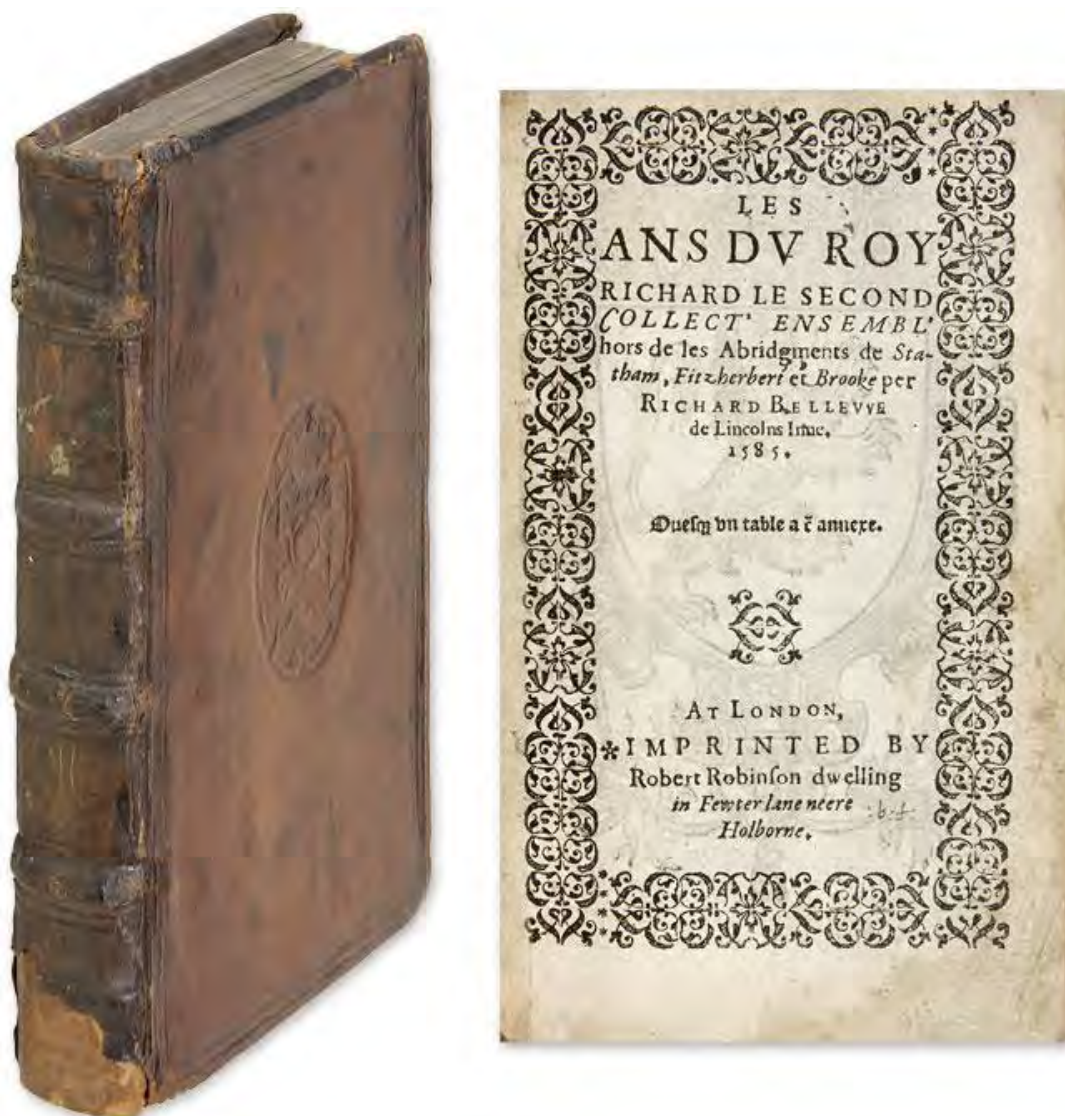
1. A[she], T[homas] [fl. 1599-1618].

[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, rebaked 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](#)



"Supplies a Chasm in the Printed Year Books"

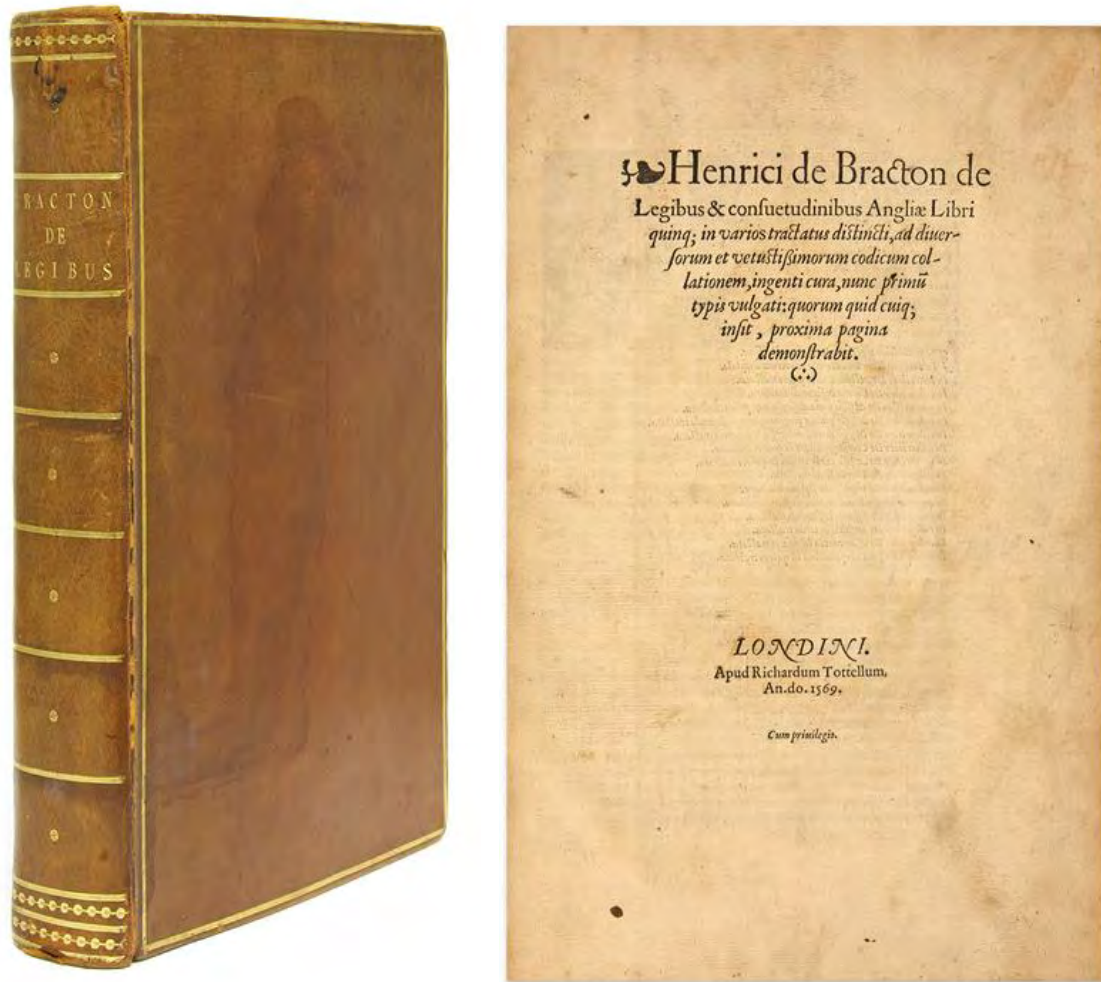
2. Bellew(e), Richard, Compiler.

Les Ans du Roy Richard le Second Collect' Ensemble' Hors de les Abridgments de Statham, Fitzherbert et Brooke. London: Imprinted by Robert Robertson, Dwelling in Fewter Lane Neere Holborne, 1585. [viii], 326 [i.e. 342], [6] pp. Collates complete. Octavo (6" x 4-1/2").

Contemporary calf, blind rules and large central arabesques to boards, raised bands to spine, later repair to foot of spine, endpapers renewed. Moderate rubbing to extremities, with some wear to head of spine, corners bumped and somewhat worn, joints just starting near head. Title printed within woodcut typographical border, large woodcut arms to verso of title page, woodcut head-pieces, tail-pieces and decorated initials. Moderate toning to text, very light foxing in places, faint dampstaining to a few leaves, internally clean. \$2,500.

* First edition (one of 3 imprints issued in 1585). As Wallace notes, this alphabetical abridgement of a Year Book of Richard II covering the Courts of King's Bench and Common Pleas from 1378 to 1400 "supplies a chasm in the Year Books." He says it is "very rare," and it is indeed rather scarce. OCLC locates 12 copies of this edition (all imprints). Wallace, *The Reporters* 111-112. Beale, *A Bibliography of Early English Law Books* R478. [Order This Item](#)

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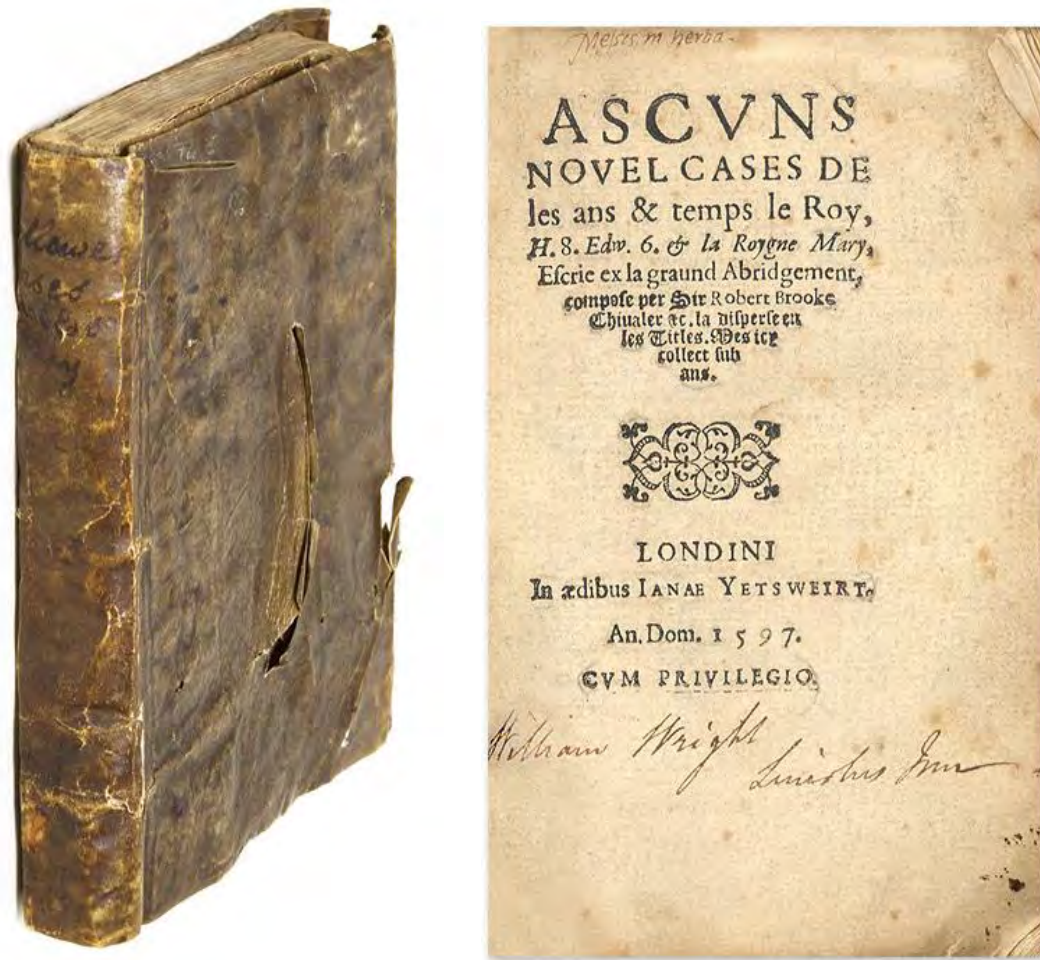
PMM 89: The "Crown and Flower of Medieval Jurisprudence"

3. Bracton, Henry de, [d. 1268].

De Legibus et Consuetudinibus Angliae, Libri Quinq; In Varios Tractatus Distincti, ad Diversorum et Vetustissimorum Codicum Collationem, Ingenti Cura, Nunc Primu Typis Vulgati; Quorum Quid Cuiq; Insit, Proxima Pagina Demonstrabit. London: Apud Richardum Tottellum, 1569. [xvi], 444 [i.e. 442] ff. Folio (11-1/4" x 7-3/4").

Nineteenth-century diced calf, gilt rules to boards, gilt fillets, ornaments and title to spine, gilt rules to board edges, gilt inside rules, marbled endpapers, ribbon marker. Light rubbing to boards, faint dampstain to front board, moderate rubbing to extremities, front joint just starting at head, corners bumped and somewhat worn, armorial bookplate to front pastedown. Attractive large woodcut decorated initials. Light toning to text, somewhat heavier in places, light foxing and finger smudges to some leaves, some fading to text of Fols. 1 and 2. A handsome copy of a landmark work. \$12,500.

* First edition. Written between 1250 and 1256, *De Legibus et Consuetudinibus Angliae* [*The Laws and Customs of England*] is the first treatise on English law. A systematic work, it emphasizes the separation of procedural and substantive matters and also cites cases as sources of at least intellectual, if not formal, authority. The principles formulated in this work and its use of precedents determined the development of English law and established the method adopted by Littleton and Coke. In Maitland's words, it is "the crown and flower of English medieval jurisprudence" and "by far the greatest of our medieval law books.": Maitland, *Collected Papers* II:43. Beale, *Bibliography of Early English Law Books* T323. *Printing and the Mind of Man* 89. *English Short-Title Catalogue* S122159. [Order This Item](#)



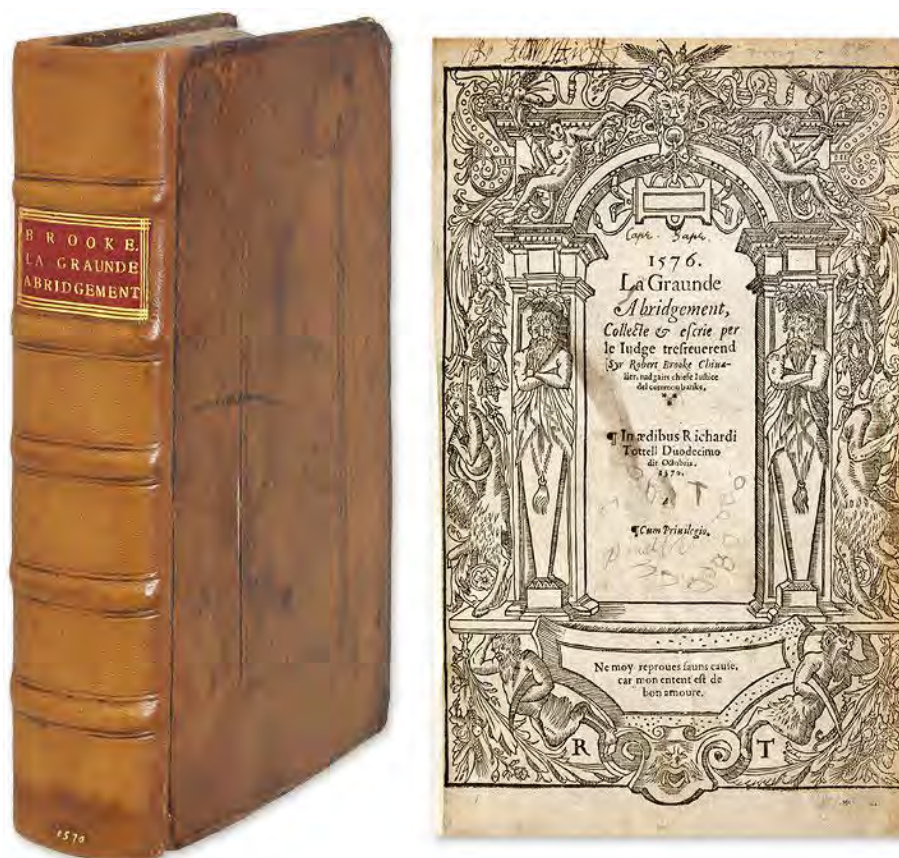
A Selection from Brooke's Abridgement

**4. [Brooke, Sir Robert (d.1558)].
[Bellew, Richard, Editor].**

Ascuns Novel Cases de les Ans & Temps le Roy, H. 8. Edw. 6. & La Roygne Mary, Escric en la Graund Abridgement, Compose per Sir Robert Brooke Chivalier &c. La Disperse en les Titles. Mes icy Collect Sub Ans. London: In Aedibus Ianae Yetsweirt, 1597. [i], 116, [3] ff. Octavo (5-1/2" x 3-3/4").

Contemporary limp vellum with lapped edges, recased, blind rules to covers, later hand-lettered title to spine, ties lacking. Spine and front cover darkened, some rubbing to extremities, a few cuts to front cover and fore-edge, a few small cracks to spine, most of front pastedown and free endpaper removed, front endleaf soiled, edgeworn and torn. Text printed with wide margins. Moderate toning to interior, light spotting in a few places, tiny inkspots and spark burns to a few leaves, light soiling to title page. Front endleaves filled with contemporary doodles, a tiny contemporary and a later signature to title page, early underlining to a few passages of text. \$1,000.

* Third edition. Also known as *Brooke's New Cases*, *Petit Brook* or *Bellewe Temp. Henry VIII*, this book is a selection of cases from 1514-1558 taken from Brooke's great *Abridgement* (1568), a digest of more than 20,000 cases and notes from the Year Books, Fitzherbert's *Natura Brevium*, and other sources. First published in 1578, it went through later editions in 1587, 1597, 1604, 1624, 1625, 1628 and 1651. All of these are scarce. Concerning the third edition, OCLC locates 2 copies, 1 in North America, both in law libraries (Huntington Library). *English Short-Title Catalogue* S106975. Beale, *Bibliography of Early English Law Books* R480a. [Order This Item](#)



"A Worthy and Painful Work"

5. Brooke, Sir Robert.

La Graunde Abridgement, Collete & Escrie per le Iudge Tresreverend Syr Robert Brooke Chivalier, Nadgairs Chiefe Iustice del Common Banke.

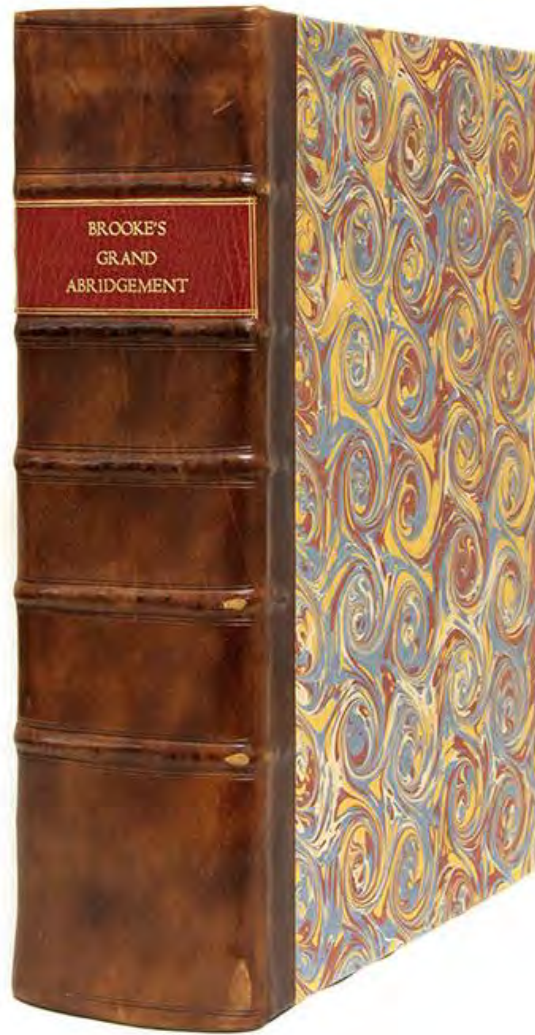
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La Secounde Part du Graunde Abridgment....

London: In Aedibus Richardi Tottell, 1576. Two parts in one. [ii], 351; [i], 328 ff. Collates complete. Small folio (9-1/4" x 6").

Contemporary calf with recent rebacking, blind panels with large corner fleurons to boards, raised bands and lettering piece to spine. Moderate rubbing to board edges, a few minor scratches and scuffs, corners bumped and somewhat worn, hinges starting. Titles printed within woodcut architectural borders, woodcut decorated initials. Moderate toning to text, faint dampstaining to foot of text block, minor loss to fore-edges of title pages due to trimming. Tiny early owner signatures to title page of first part, interiors otherwise clean. An attractive copy. \$1,000.

* Second edition. Sir Robert Brooke was renowned for his great learning as a scholar and his probity as a judge. Holdsworth notes that Brooke's *Abridgement* "is based on Fitzherbert's *Abridgement*, but it contains much new material. In particular it abridges fully the Year Books of Henry VII's and Henry VIII's reigns." Brooke abridged nearly 21,000 cases under 404 alphabetical headings. He proceeded with great care and accuracy, and is understood to have had access to the original records of the Year Books. Coke calls the *Abridgement* "a worthy and painful work and an excellent repertory or table for the Year Books of the Law." It was first issued in 1573. Coke cited in Marvin, *Legal Bibliography* 151. Holdsworth, *History of English Law* II:545. *English Short-Title Catalogue* S106717. Beale, *A Bibliography of Early English Law Books* R471, R472. [Order This Item](#)



Preferred Edition of "An Excellent Repertory or Table for the Year Books"

6. Brooke, Sir Robert [?-1558].

La Graunde Abridgement, Collecte & Escrie per le Iudge Tresreverend Syr Robert Brooke Chivaler, Nadgairs Chiefe Iustice del Common Banke.

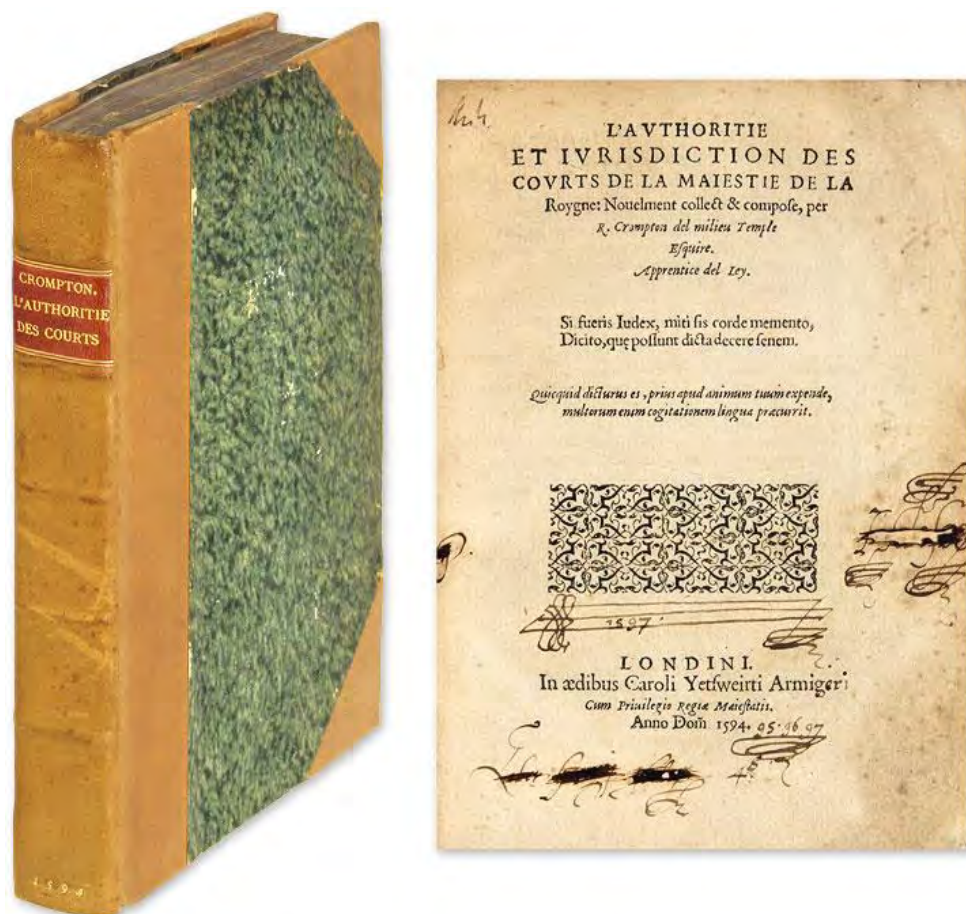
[London]: In Aedibus Richardi Tottelli, 1586.

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La Secounde Part du Graunde Abridgement.... [London]: In Aedibus Richardi Tottelli, 1586. [iv], 351; [i], 2-328 ff. Collates complete.

Two parts in one. Small folio (11" x 7-1/2"). Recent period-style quarter calf over marbled boards, raised bands and lettering piece to spine, endpapers renewed. A few nicks to spine, light rubbing to corners. Titles printed within handsome woodcut architectural borders. Moderate toning to text, faint dampstaining and dampspotting in a few places, some edgewear and crinkling to preliminaries and endleaves, crude repair to lower corner of F. 141 of Part I with no loss to text, small early owner signatures to title page of first part, another to F. 351 of Part I and F. 328 of Part II, early markings to a few passages in text, a few early annotations to rear endleaves. A handsome copy. \$1,750.

* Third edition. Thomas Jefferson had a copy of the present edition. Sowerby, *Catalogue of the Library of Thomas Jefferson* 1777. Beale, *Bibliography of Early English Law Books* R473, R476. [Order This Item](#)



First Edition of Crompton's Survey of the Courts

7. [Crompton, Richard (d. 1599)].

L'Autorité et Jurisdiction des Cours de la Maestie de la Roygne: Noulement Collect & Compose, Per R. Crompton del Milieu Temple Esquire, Apprentice del Ley. Si Seuris Index, Mitisis Corde Memento, Dicito, quae Possunt Dicta Decere Senem. London: In Aedibus Caroli Yettsweirti, 1594. [iv], 232 ff. Quarto (7-1/4" x 5-1/4").

Later three-quarter calf over marbled boards, raised bands and lettering piece to spine. Light rubbing to extremities, a few minor nicks to boards, hinges cracked. Woodcut head-pieces and decorated initials. Moderate toning to text, somewhat heavier in places, some leaves have faint dampspotting or edgewear. Small early owner initials and struck-through signatures to title page, one with burn-through, early annotations and underlining to a few leaves, interior otherwise clean. An appealing copy. \$1,000.

* First edition. Crompton was a bencher of the Middle Temple during the reign of Henry VIII and the author of several notable juristic works. *L'Autorité et Jurisdiction* is considered to be his principal work. It is essentially a digest of the Year Books and other cases applicable to the subject. Turning to William Fulbecke's *A Direction or Preparative to the Study of the Lawe* (1600), we see that its value was recognized almost immediately: "Master Crompton has taken great paynes in this study, and his books are in every man's hands, which prooveth their generall allowance, his cases are very profitable, and apt for the title to which they are applyed, and so compendiously collected, that a man may by them in a few howers gaine great knowledge" (cited in Holdsworth). On a broader scale, Crompton offers legal justification for the creation of a rigidly hierarchical "natural" society governed by a powerful monarch. This attitude, articulated by Bodin among others, was shared by several conservatives in England and Europe during the Late Renaissance. Holdsworth, *History of English Law* IV: 212. *English Short-Title Catalogue* S109077. Beale, *A Bibliography of Early English Law Books* T328. [Order This Item](#)



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

8. Fitzherbert, Anthony [1470-1538].

La Graunde Abridgement Collecte par le Iudge 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 Abrydges en les Livres Dans, Novelment Annote: Iamais Devaunt Imprimés.

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La Secoude Part du Grand Abridgment...

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Tabula. Cy Ensuit la Table pur Trover les Titles.

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 than 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](#)



Annotated Copy of a Work
Highly Esteemed by Coke and Blackstone

9. Fitzherbert, Anthony [1470-1538].

Rastell, William [1508?-1565].

La Novel Natura Brevium du Iudge Tresreuerend Monsieur Anthony Fitzherbert Dernièrement Reuié & Corrigée per Lauteur, Avecques un Table Perfect, Des Choses Notables Contenus en Ycel, Nouelment Compose per Guillaulme Rastall. London: In Edibus Thomae Wight, & Bonhami Norton, 1598. [xxxii], 271, [1] ff. Final leaf, a blank, lacking. Octavo (6-1/2" x 4").

Recent period-style paneled calf, raised bands and blind ornaments to spine, endpapers renewed. Negligible light fading to spine. Title printed within woodcut architectural border. Moderate toning to text, early owner annotations to title page in neat small hand, early annotations to margins in several places, some slightly affected by trimming, but legible. A handsome copy. \$2,000.

* First published in 1534, the *Nouvelle Natura Brevium* is a manual of procedure written by a Judge of the Common Pleas during the reign of Henry VIII. Winfield notes that "Coke put it among the books which he considered most necessary and of greatest authority and excellency"; Blackstone considered it an authority as well. Compiled from the earlier *Natura Brevia* and the *Registrum Brevium*, it includes several original observations on the form and function of writs. Rastell's revisions include the addition of a table. A popular work, it went through numerous editions in Law French and English, the final appearing in 1794. It remains significant to this day for its descriptions of writs that were becoming obsolete in the early sixteenth century. The annotations range from few words to single sentences. They are mostly summaries of legal points. Most of the others are bibliographical references and case citations. Winfield, *Chief Sources of English Legal History* 303. *English Short-Title Catalogue* S102179. Beale, *A Bibliography of Early English Law Books* T351. [Order This Item](#)



An Attractive Copy of *La Nouvelle Natura Brevium*

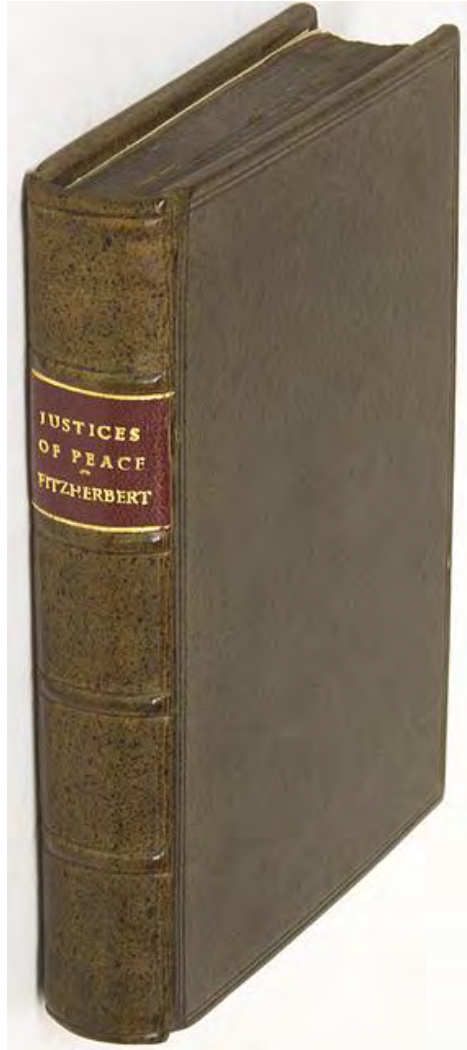
10. [Fitzherbert, Sir Anthony (1470-1538)].

[Rastell, William (?1508-1565)].

La Nouvelle Natura Breviu[m] du Iudge Tresreverende Monsieur Anthony Fitzherbert, Denierement Renue & Corrigé per Lauteur, Avecques un Table Perfecte des Choses Notables Contenus en Ycell, Novelment Compose per Guilianlme Rastell, & Iammais per Cydenaunt Imprimee. London: In Aedibus Richardi Tottelli, 1567 [i.e. 1576, date on colophon]. [xxxii], 271 ff. Octavo (6-1/2" x 4-1/2").

Contemporary paneled calf, blind fleurons and central arabesques to boards, raised bands and blind rules to spine, ties lacking. Some rubbing to extremities, minor nicks to boards, a few small worm holes, corners bumped and somewhat worn, spine ends bumped and lightly chipped, front joint just starting at head, front pastedown loose, a few cracks to text block. Title printed within woodcut architectural border. Moderate toning to text, occasional discoloration to outer margins in a few places, soiling to some leaves. Early owner signature to front free endpaper, brief annotations in early hand to head of title page and some text leaves, along with some underlining, rear endleaf filled with notes. An attractive copy. \$2,400.

* Beale, *Bibliography of Early English Law Books* T348. *English Short-Title Catalogue* S4100. [Order This Item](#)



1554 Edition of Fitzherbert's Important JP Manual

11. Fitzherbert, Sir Anthony [1470-1538].

The Newe Booke of Iustices of Peace Made by Antonie Fitzherbard Iudge, Lately Translated Out of Fre[n]ch Into Englishe and Newlye Corrected, the Yere of Our Lorde 1554. [(London): Imprinted at London in Fletestrete Within Temple Barre, at the Signe of the Hande and Starre, by Richarde Tottyll, 1560]. 173, [3] ff. Title page supplied as a laid-in facsimile. Pages 97 and 103 mis-numbered as 82 and 88. Octavo (5-1/4" x 3-1/2").

Recent period-style calf, raised bands and lettering piece to spine. Moderate toning to text, occasional faint dampstaining to fore-edges, light soiling to a few leaves. Early underlining and brief annotations to most leaves, some notes affected by trimming. A unique copy in a handsome binding. \$1,500.

* First printed in 1538, Fitzherbert's manual was issued eight more times; its final edition was printed in 1617. Editions beginning in 1583 were edited by Richard Crompton. Despite his efforts, this work was eventually superseded by William Lambard's *Eirenarcha* (1581). The annotations are mostly glosses and other signs of careful study. ESTC locates 6 copies in the UK, 5 in North America (Georgetown Law School, Harvard Law School, The Newberry Library, University of Michigan Law School, University of Minnesota Law School). OCLC adds the Library of Congress and University of Pennsylvania Law School. *English Short-Title Catalogue* S4295. Beale, *A Bibliography of Early English Law Books* T342.

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The Last Regnal Year Before the Spanish-Armada

12. [Great Britain].

[Statutes].

[Elizabeth I (1558-1603), Queen].

Anno XXIX. Reginae Elizabethae. At This Present Session of Parliament by Prorogation Holden at Westminster, The XV. Day of Februarie, In the XXIX. Yeere of the Reigne of Our Most Gracious Sovereigne Lady, Elizabeth by the Grace of God of England Fraunce and Ireland Queene, Defender of the Fayth, &c. And There Continued to the Dissolution of the Same, To the High Pleasure of Almightye God, And the Weale Publique of this Realme, Were Enacted as Followeth. [London: Christopher Barker, Printer to the Queenes Most Excellent Maiestie, 1587]. [84] pp. Collates complete. Folio (10-1/2" x 7").

Nineteenth-century three-quarter calf over marbled boards, gilt title to spine. Light wear to extremities, front hinge cracked. Title printed within woodcut architectural border (Beale Border No. 50), large woodcut decorated initials. Faint dampstaining to heads of a few leaves, internally clean. \$1,950.

* This volume records 10 acts for the 29th year of Elizabeth's reign. These include "An Acte for the Continuance and Perfecting of Divers Statutes" and "An Acte to Avoyde Fraudulent Assurances Made in Certaine Cases by Traitours." The ESTC records a variant printing of this title (S121564). *English Short-Title Catalogue* S4259. Beale, *Bibliography of Early English Law Books* S301. [Order This Item](#)



King Henry VIII Makes Some of His First Moves Against the Catholic Church

13. [Great Britain].

[Statutes].

[Henry VIII (1491-1547), King].

Anno. XXI. Henrici VIII. Statuta ad Remp. Spectantia, Editā in Prima Sessione Parliamenti, Primo Inchoati in Civitate Londin. Tertio die Novembris, Anno Regni Inuictissimi Principis Henrici Octavi, Anglię & Francię Regis, Fidei Defensoris, & Domini Hibernię. XXI & Ex ea Civitate tam Adiurnati Q[uam] Prorogati ad Palatium Westmonast. & Ibidem Continuati per XLIII. dies, Videlicet Usque ad XVII Diem Decembris, & Ab Eisdem Loco & Die Prorogati [sic] Usq[ue] ad. XXVI. diem Aprilis tunc Proxime Instantis. [London: In Aedibus Thomę Bertholeti (i.e. Bertheleti) Regii Impressoris, 1551?]. XXVII, [1] ff. Folio (11-1/4" x 7-3/4").

Later quarter morocco over marbled boards. Light rubbing to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, armorial bookplate of Edwin Freshfield to front pastedown. Title printed within woodcut architectural border, woodcut decorated initials. Some toning to text, faint dampstaining to foot of text block. A handsome copy. \$1,950.

* This volume records 21 acts for the 21st regnal year of Henry VIII (April 22, 1529-April 21, 1531). This was the second regnal year of the Reformation Parliament, so called because it was the first Parliament to enact legislation against the Catholic Church. The 21st year included acts secularizing inheritance matters (Chapters 4 and 5) and eliminating the rights of clergy to hold multiple benefices (Chapter 13). OCLC locates 3 copies of this imprint in North America (Harvard Law School, Huntington Library, Yale Law School). Edwin Freshfield [1832-1918] was a solicitor in his great family law firm. Founded in London in 1743, it is now the multi-national Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer. *English Short-Title Catalogue* S121435. Beale, *A Bibliography of Early English Law Books* S130. [Order This Item](#)



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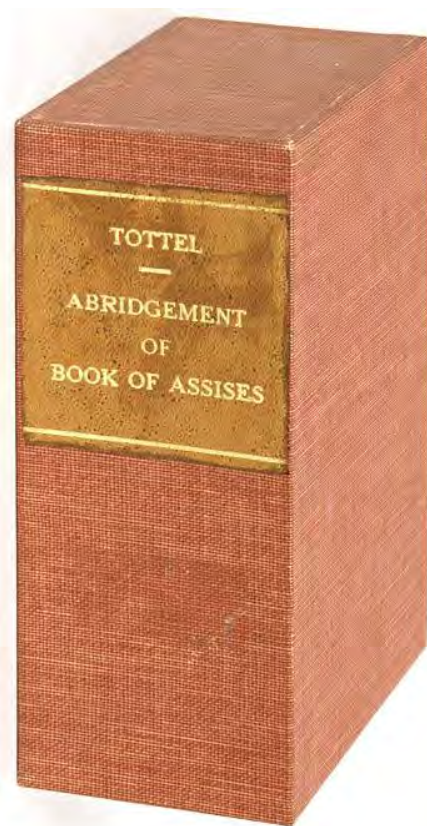
14. Lambard(e), William [1536-1601].

Eirenarcha: Or of the Office of the Iustices of Peace, In Two Bookes: Gathered 1579. And Now Revised, And First Published, In the 24. Yeere of the Peaceable Reigne of Our Gracious Queene Elizabeth. London: Imprinted by Ra. Newbery, And H. Bynnean, 1582. [vii], 511, [15] pp. Octavo (6-1/4" x 4-1/2").

Recent period-style paneled calf, blind fleurons to inside panels, raised bands and blind ornaments to spine, early hand-lettered title to fore-edge of text block. Title printed within woodcut architectural border, woodcut head-pieces, tail-pieces and decorated initials, woodcut arms of dedicatee, Sir Robert Bromley, facing dedication leaf, large woodcut device to verso of final leaf. Light toning to text, some edgewear to endleaves and title page. Brief early annotation to front endleaf, interior otherwise clean. An appealing copy. \$2,500.

* Second edition, one of two issues from 1582. Lambard, or Lambarde, a barrister and legal historian, was the keeper of records at the Rolls Chapel and the Tower of London. First published in 1581, *Eirenarcha* is esteemed for its comprehensive and systematic account of the organization of local government under the justices of the peace at the end of the sixteenth century. It was the standard authority for many years and often reprinted. Like many books of its kind, *Eirenarcha* offers fascinating insights into the society that produced it. This is evident in the detailed indictments for such offenses as murder via witchcraft, raping a child or maid (the age of distinction was ten), hearing a Catholic Mass, practicing usury and operating a bowling alley. Beale, *Bibliography of Early English Law Books* T388. *English Short-Title Catalogue* S108154.

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Interleaved Copy of the Booke of Assises Abridged, Beale R53

15. [Liber Assisarum].

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

The Abridgement of the Booke of Assises, Lately P[er]used Over & Corrected, & Nowe Newhye Imprinted by Rycharde Tottel, 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], 8-165, [2] ff. Interleaved. Lacking ff. 2-7. Title page present. Octavo (5-1/4" x 3-1/2").

Disbound, contemporary front and rear boards present but worn, front board split in half. Title printed within woodcut architectural border. Moderate toning to text, considerable chipping to margins of title page and final few leaves with no loss to text. About 10% the interleaves have brief contemporary annotations in a miniscule court hand. Ex-library, with stamp to head of text block, a few annotations in pencil to verso of title page. Housed in recent cloth clamshell box with calf spine label. \$1,000.

* Second edition. Text in Law-French. The *Liber Assisarum* is a selection of reports from the Year Books covering regnal years 1-50 of Edward III (1327-77). The contents are arranged alphabetically by topic. "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. Most of the annotations appear to be citations to cases in the Year Books. *English Short-Title Catalogue* S101227. Beale, *A Bibliography of Early English Law Books* R53. [Order This Item](#)



The *Booke of Assises* Abridged, Beale R53

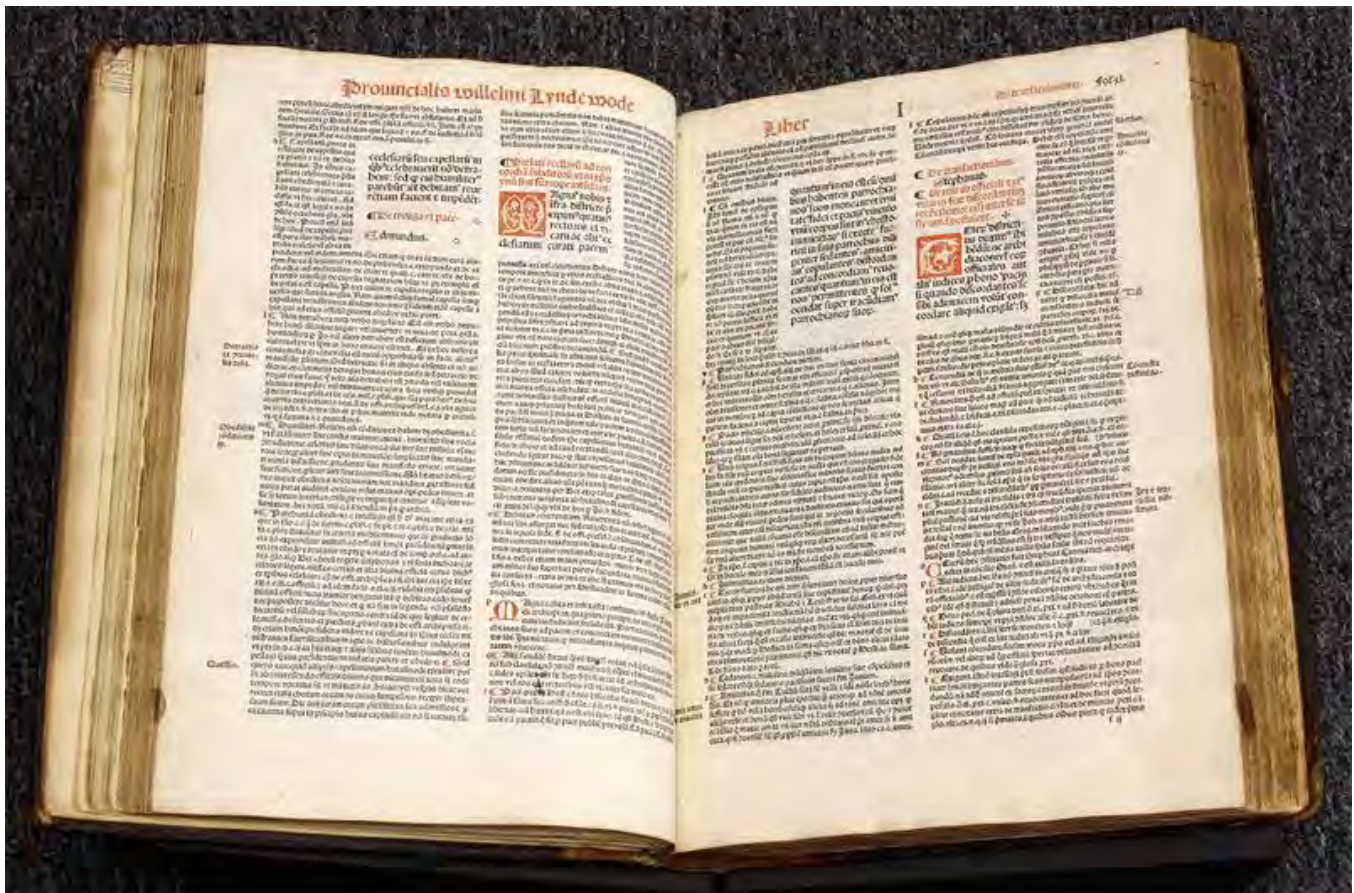
16. [Liber Assisarum].

[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 checkmarks 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. *English Short-Title Catalogue* S101227. Beale, *A Bibliography of Early English Law Books* R53. [Order This Item](#)



A Principal English Treatise on Canon Law

17. [Lyndwood, William (c.1375-1446)].

[Badius, Josse (1462-1535), Editor].

Provinciale seu Constitutiones Anglie cum Summaris Atque Iustis Annotationibus: Honestis Characteribus: Summaque Accurate Rursus Impresse. [Paris: Printed by Andreas Bocard at the University of Paris, May 28, 1501]. Collation: a8 b6, c-g8 h6 i-q8 r6 s-z8 [et]8 [con]6 A-B6 C8(-C8). cxcii, [19] ff. Complete. Main text surrounded by two-column linear gloss. Folio 13-1/2" x 9-1/2" (34 x 24 cm).

Contemporary paneled calf, corner fleurons and large arabesques to boards, recently rebacked, raised bands and lettering piece to spine, endpapers added, early hand-lettered title to fore-edge. A few shallow scuffs to boards, moderate rubbing to their extremities, corners bumped and somewhat worn, hinges cracked, later bookseller ticket, owner bookplate (of Walter Wigglesworth, dated 1934) and two 1930s-era auction or bookseller descriptions affixed to front pastedown. Text printed in red and black gothic type, woodcut decorated initials. Light toning to text, faint dampstaining in places, minor edgewear to leaves at beginning and end of text, some with repairs, inkstains and spark burns to a few leaves. Contemporary annotations to endleaves and portions of text, some with minor loss due to trimming. A nice post-incunable copy of an important title. \$5,000.

* First post-1500 edition. Main text followed by nineteen-page, two-part index (*Tabula*). Compiled around 1433 and first published around 1483-1485, *Provinciale* is the main authority for early English canon law. Divided into five books, it is a digest of the synodal constitutions of the province of Canterbury, from the period of Archbishop Stephen Langton [c.1155-1228] to that of Archbishop Henry Chichele [1414-1443], with Lyndwood's gloss. It is considered the law of the Church of England by some authorities. This copy was printed in Paris for the English market. Beale, *A Bibliography of Early English Law Books* T403. *English Short-Title Catalogue* S103845. [Order This Item](#)



1576 Printing of Magna Carta and Later Statutes With Contemporary Annotations

18. [Magna Carta].

Magna Charta, Cum Statutis, Tum Antiquis, Tum Recentibus, Maximopere, Animo Tenendis nunc Demum ad Unum, Tipis Aedita, Per Richardum Tottell. Anno Domini. 1576. Cum Privilegio ad Imprimendum Solum. [Imprinted at London: In Fleetestrete Within Temple Barre at the Signe of the Hand and Starre, By Richard Tottel, The 8. Day of March. 1576]. [vii], 247 ff. Blank endleaf preceding Fol. 1 lacking. Octavo (5-1/2" x 3-3/4").

Contemporary paneled calf, raised bands to spine, early hand-lettered title to fore-edge, ties lacking. Light rubbing and a few minor gouges, cracks and nicks to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, spine ends worn, corners bumped and somewhat worn, pastedowns and free endpapers lacking, later armorial bookplate to verso of front board, fragments of an illuminated manuscript Bible used as printer's waste at hinges, attractive woodcut decorated initials. Moderate toning to text, faint staining to a few leaves, annotations and underlining in early hand to margins of approximately 25 pages, light soiling and minor edgewear to title page. \$7,500.

* An early printing of the Magna Carta, which was first printed around 1508 by Richard Pynson. It also includes the Charta de Foresta of Henry III, the Statutes of Merton and Marlebridge, the Statutes of Edward I and other statutes through the fourteenth regnal year of Elizabeth I, which are digested by topic. Among the most notorious statutes are those of Edward concerning Jews, including the Edict of Expulsion (1290), which banished them from England. Other statutes relate to women, wills, forcible entry, "Fraudulent Deedes" and other topics. The text is mostly in Latin or Law-French, then in English after Fol. 119. The annotations range from a few words to a sentence or two. About half of these are interpretive in nature, the others are references to statutes and cases. Beale, *Bibliography of Early English Law Books* S18. *English Short-Title Catalogue* S101094. [Order This Item](#)



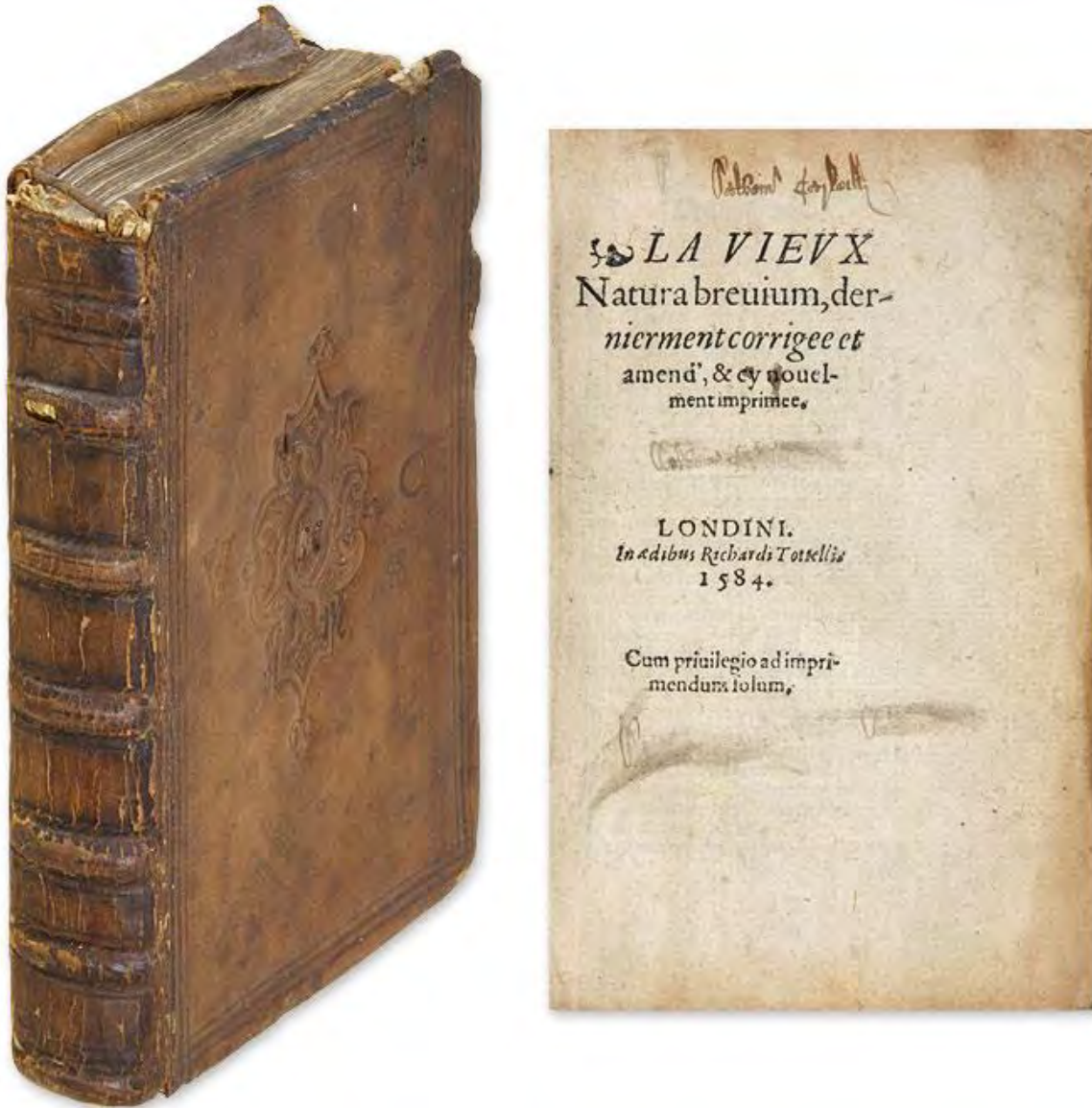
**Rare Landmark Early Printing of Magna Carta:
The First with a Title Page and the *Secunda Pars***

19. [Magna Carta].

Magna Carta Cu[m] Alijs Antiquis Statutis, Q[ua]rum 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" (12 x 8 cm).

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. 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

20. [Natura Brevium].

La Vieux Natura Brevium, Dernierment Corrige'e et Amend', &c. Nouelment Imprimee. London: In Aedibus Richardi Tottelli, 1584. 180, [4] ff. Collates complete. 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. \$1,500.

* 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 the *Natura Brevium* was published in 1494 by Richard Pynson. After Sir Anthony Fitzherbert published his *New Natura Brevium* in 1534 it was referred to as the *Old Natura Brevium*. The actual date for this imprint is stated in the colophon: "Imprinted...1567 Ianuarii vicesimo primo." Beale, *A Bibliography of Early English Law Books* T97. [Order This Item](#)



A Scarce Natura Brevium, Beale T94

21. [Natura Brevium].

Natura Brevium in French.[London]: In Aedibus Richardi Tottell, 1566 [i.e. 21 January 1567]. 180, [4] ff. Octavo (5" x 3-1/4").

Contemporary paneled calf, blind central ornaments and gilt corner fleurons to inside panels, carefully rebacked, raised bands and later gilt title to spine, ties lacking. Light rubbing to boards, somewhat heavier rubbing to extremities, corners bumped, later armorial bookplate (of Hopetoun) to front pastedown, a few cracks to text block. Moderate toning to text, faint dampstaining in places, occasional underlining and brief annotations to title page and elsewhere, more extensive annotations to front endleaves, all annotations in early hand. An appealing copy. \$2,000.

* Most of the annotations are citations to the Year Books. The notes on the front endleaves form a brief index of selected topics. OCLC locates 4 copies. The *ESTC* locates five copies in the British Isles and five copies in North America. *English Short-Title Catalogue* S113105. Beale, *A Bibliography of Early English Law Books* T94. [Order This Item](#)



Rare Imprint of *A Profitable Booke* That is Not Listed in Beale

22. Perkins, John [d. 1545].

A Profitable Booke of Maister Iohn Perkins, Felowe of the Inner Temple Treating of the Lawes of Englande. [London]: Apud Richardum Totell, [c.1560-1565]. 19, 168 ff., [1] pp. Leaf F7 (Fol. 39) and fore-edge of Leaf N3 (Fol. 91) supplied in facsimile Octavo (5-1/4" x 3-3/4").

Contemporary calf, recently rebaked in period style, blind rules to boards, gilt-edged raised bands and gilt title to spine. A few scratches and creases to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, corners and a few sections of board edges worn, pastedowns removed. Moderate toning, somewhat heavier in places, light edgwear to some leaves. Early owner initials to title page in miniscule hand, annotations in similar hand to margins of a few leaves. An appealing copy of a rare imprint. \$750.

* Early edition of a work first published in 1528. Main text in Law-French, preface in Latin. A popular work during the sixteenth and early seventeenth centuries that was held in high regard by Coke, Perkins' *Profitable Booke* 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. This copy does not have a publication date, but its colophon, pagination and printing errors suggest either 1560 or 1565. The colophon reads: "Imprinted at Lon-/ don in fletestrete with-/ in temple barre, at the signe of/ the hande and starre, by/ Richarde Tottle"; leaf 154 is numbered 167. All of the imprints listed in Beale have printed dates. However, Pollard and Redgrave list two undated imprints with the provisional dates of 1560 and 1565. Records on OCLC with an identical colophon, pagination and printing errors of our copy state 1560, except for Harvard, which gives a provisional date of 1559. Our copy thus falls between the 1555 and 1567 Tottel editions. OCLC locates 7 copies. Holdsworth, *History of English Law* V:388. Pollard & Redgrave, *Short-Title Catalogue of Books Printed in England, Scotland and Ireland* 19634/19634.5. *English Short-Title Catalogue* S4042. [Order This Item](#)



With Contemporary Annotations

23. Staunford, Sir William [1509-1558].

An Exposition of the Kinges Prerogative Collected Out of the Great Abridgement of Iustice Fitzherbert and Other Olde Writers of the Lawes of England. Whereunto is Annexed the Proces to the Same Prerogative Appertaining. [London: Imprinted...in Fleete-Strete Within Temple Barre...By Rychard Tottel, 1567]. [i], 85 leaves. Quarto (7-1/2" x 5-1/2").

Contemporary calf, small central blind-stamped arms to boards, recently rebacked, raised bands and gilt title to spine. Rubbing to boards with notable wear to corners, rear hinge partially cracked, later armorial bookplate (of J.M. Kemble) to front pastedown. Moderate toning to text, occasional faint dampstaining, mostly to margins. Several leaves have annotations in a contemporary hand, several are quite extensive. An appealing copy. \$2,750.

* First edition. Staunford's *Exposition* addresses discretionary rights enjoyed by the monarchy in foreign policy, domestic affairs, legal and governmental administration, religion and economic matters. A well-received book that went through six editions by 1590, it was often bound with copies of Staunford's *Plees del Coron*. The annotations in our copy range from references to the Year Books to long analytical notes. *English Short-Title Catalogue* S117783. Beale, *A Bibliography of Early English Law Books* T491. [Order This Item](#)



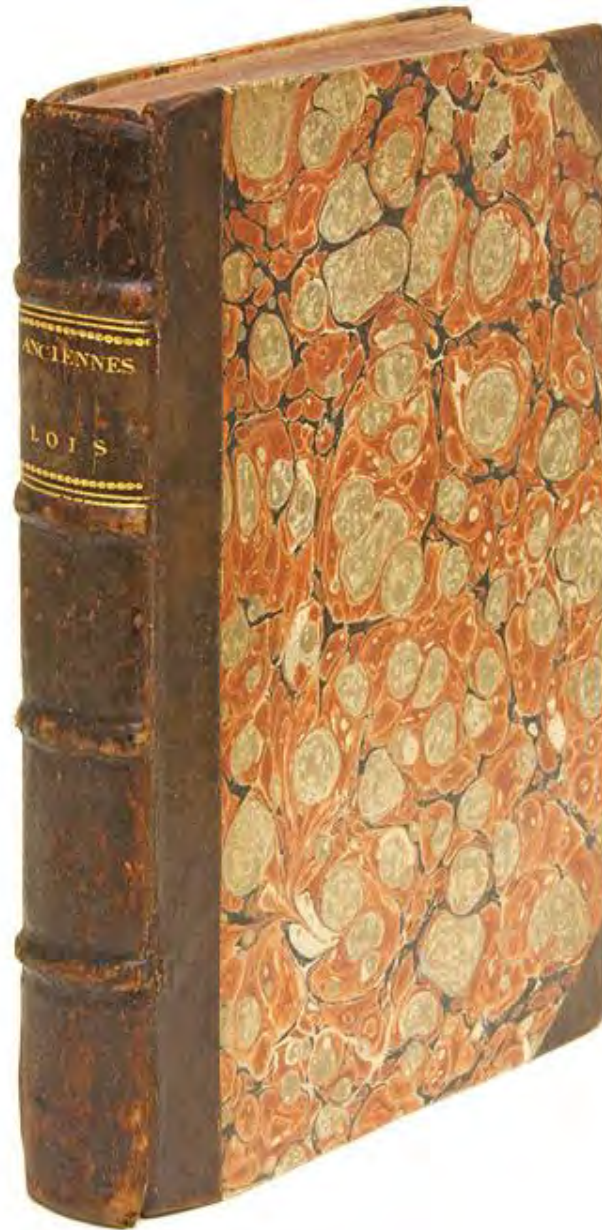
Appealing Early Edition of Staunford's *Pleez*

24. Staunford, Sir William.

Les Pleez del Coron: Diuisees in Plusieurs Titles & Common Lieux. Per Queux Home Plus Redement & Plenaiement Trouera, Quelque Chose que il Quira, Touchant les Distz Pleez. [London]: In Aedibus Richardi Tottelli, 1560. [xiv], 198 ff. Quarto (7-1/4" x 5-1/4").

Eighteenth century calf with later rebacking, panels with corner fleurons to boards, raised bands and gilt title to spine, corners repaired. Light rubbing to extremities, a few minor scratches to boards, corners bumped and lightly worn, hinges starting at ends, later armorial bookplate (a letter C beneath a coronet) to front pastedown. Title printed within woodcut architectural border, woodcut decorated initials. Some toning to text. Underlining and brief annotations to some leaves in a fine early hand, interior otherwise clean. An appealing copy. \$2,000.

* Second edition. First published in 1557, Staunford's *Pleez* is considered a "principal book" by Pollock and Maitland, one that enables us "to trace our modern laws of crimes, from the later middle ages onwards." Based on Bracton and the Year Books, Staunford's treatise is divided into three parts. The first treats offences, the second treats jurisdiction, appeals, indictments, and defenses. The third addresses trials and convictions. *Pleez* was written after Staunford was appointed judge of the common pleas in 1554. Pollock and Maitland, *The History of English Law* II:448. *English Short-Title Catalogue* S117819. Beale, *A Bibliography of Early English Law Books* T48. [Order This Item](#)



An Early Edition of Staunford's *Plees*

25. Staunford, Sir William.

Les Plees del Coron: Divisees in Plusiours Titles & Common Lieux. Per Queux Home Plus Redement & Plenairemet Trovera, Quelq; Chose que il Quira, Touchant les Dits Plees. [London]: In Aedibus Richardi Tottelli, 1567. [xiv], 198 ff. Quarto (5-1/4" x 7-1/4").

Nineteenth-century three-quarter calf over marbled boards, raised bands and lettering piece to spine, endpapers renewed. Moderate rubbing to extremities with wear to head of spine, corners bumped and lightly worn. Moderate toning to text, water damage to title page and following 13 leaves, 4 with some loss to text, title page and final leaf of table (fol. 4) mounted to backing sheet, faint dampstaining to remainder of text block. \$500.

* Third edition. Beale, *A Bibliography of Early English Law Books* T488. *English Short-Title Catalogue* S117816.

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**Copy of Staunford's Plees and Kinges Prerogative
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26. Staunford, Sir William.

Les Plees del Coron, Divisees in Plusors Titles & Comen Lieux. Per Queux Home Plus Redement & Plenaiement Trovera Quelque Chose quil Quira, Touchant les Dits Plees. Dernierment Corrigees Avecques un Table Parfaicte des Choses Notables Conteneues en Ycelle, Nouvelment Revue et Corrigees. [London]: In Aedibus Richardi Tottelli, 1574. [xiv], 198 ff. Table of contents interleaved.

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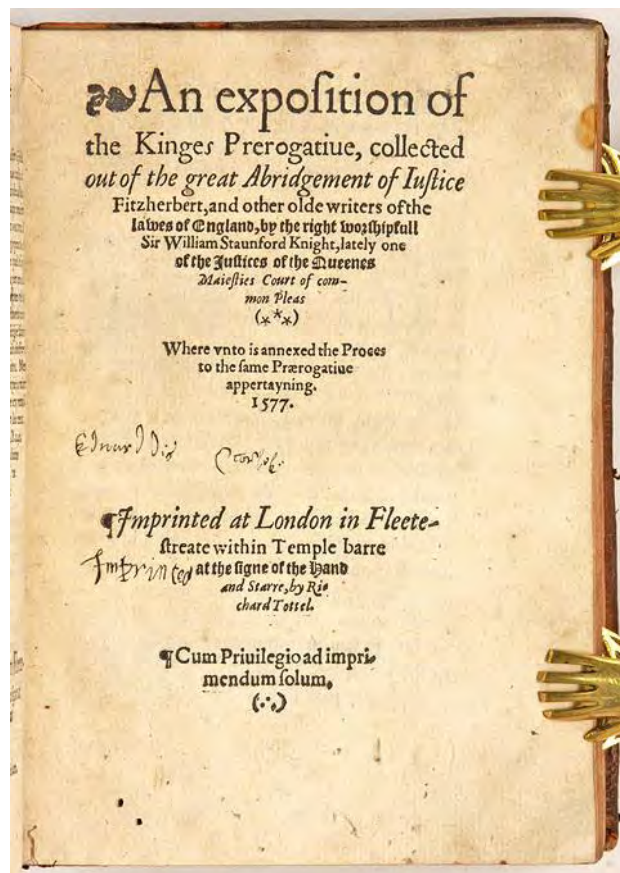
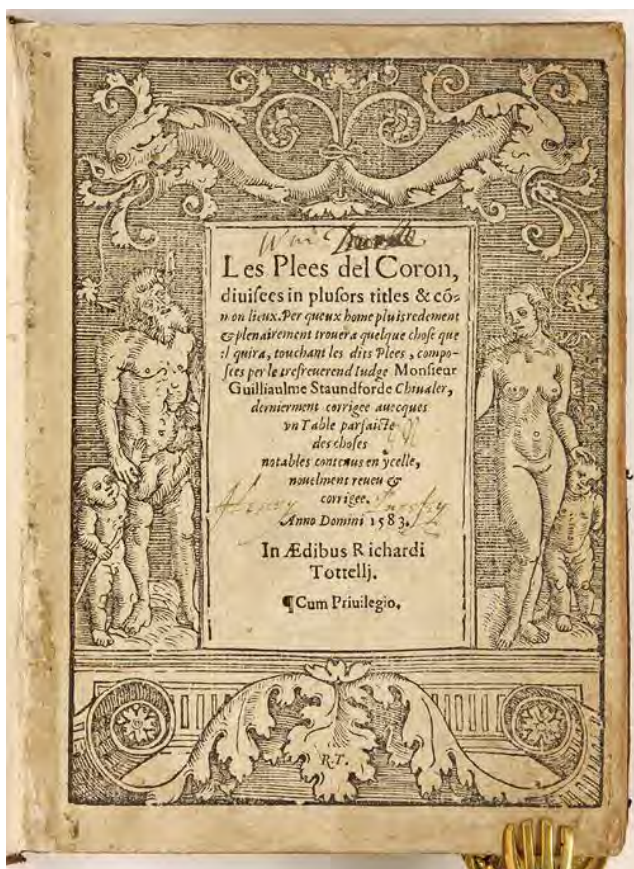
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Quarto (7-1/4" x 5-1/4"). Contemporary calf with early rebacking, lettering piece to spine, early owner initials "S S" to center of boards, corners and hinges mended, title page of *Plees* mounted and re-hinged. Moderate rubbing with some wear to extremities, some worming to front board, front hinge partially cracked, armorial bookplate of William Curtis Noyes and residue from another bookplate to front pastedown. Title page of *Plees* printed within large woodcut architectural border, woodcut decorated initials to both works. Toning to text, occasional faint dampstaining to margins, some wear to edges of preliminaries, light soiling to title pages. Brief annotations in early chancery hand to preliminaries and interleaves of *Plees*, underlining in a few other places. A nice copy with an appealing association. \$1,250.

* Noyes [1805-1864] was a leading New York lawyer and a member of the commission formed to codify the state's laws, which resulted in the Field Codes. A man of extensive learning, he owned one of the finest law libraries in the United States. *English Short-Title Catalogue* S117813, S117817. Beale, *A Bibliography of Early English Law Books* T489, T492.

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The First Printed Work Devoted Solely to Criminal Law

27. Staunford, Sir William.

Les Pleez del Coron, Divisees in Plusors Titles & Comon Lieux. Per Queux Home Plus Redement & Plenairement Trouver a Quelque Chose que Il Quira, Touchant les Dits Pleez, Composees per le Tres Reuerend Iudge Monsieur Guillaulme Staundforde Chinaler, Dernierment Correee Auecques un Table Parfaite des Choses Notables Contenus en Ycelle, Nouelment Reven & Correee. [London]: In Aedibus Richardi Tottelli, 1583. [xii], 196 [i.e. 198] ff.

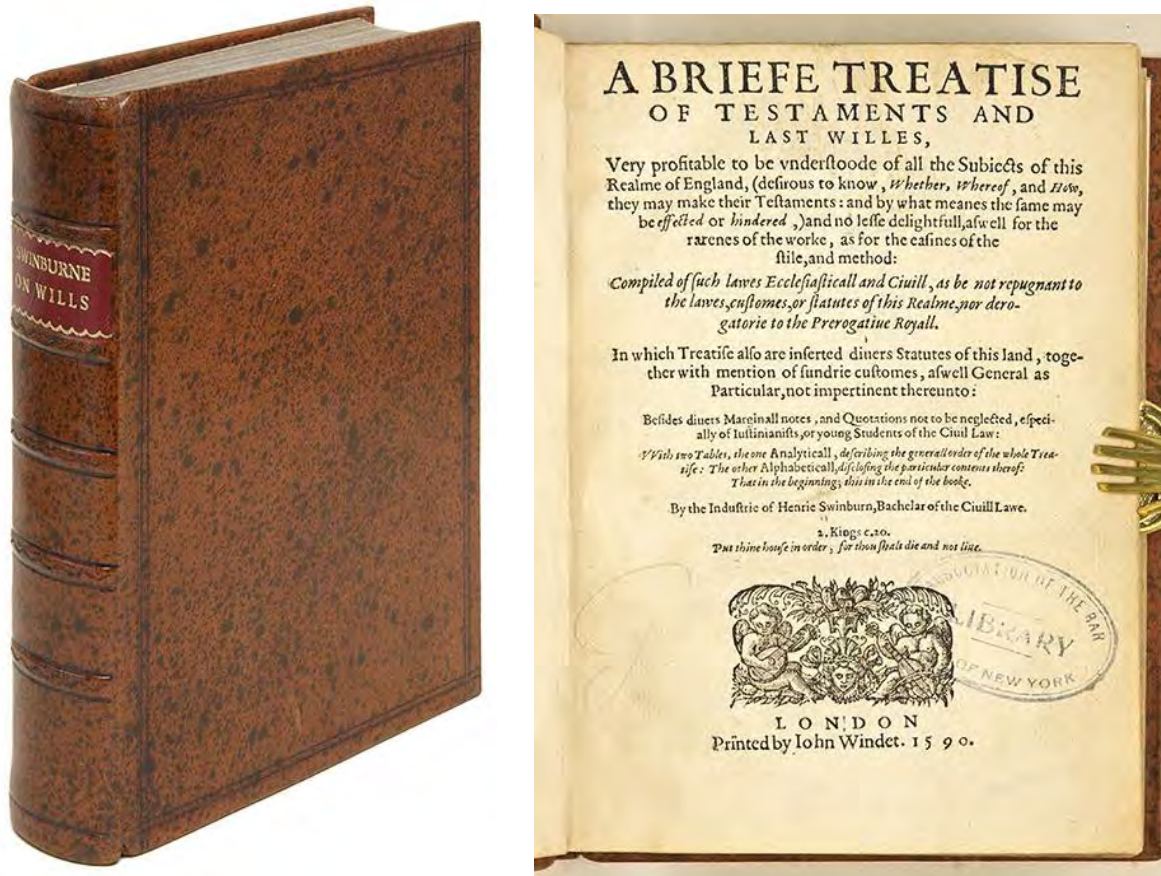
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Staunford, Sir William.

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Quarto (7-1/2" x 5-1/2"). Contemporary sheep, blind rules to boards, raised bands to spine, recent repair to head of spine and scorners, early hand-lettered title to fore-edge of text block. Light rubbing to boards, a few shallow scuffs to rear board, moderate rubbing to extremities, corners bumped. Title of *Pleez* printed within woodcut architectural border, woodcut initials. Moderate toning to text, occasional minor worming and faint dampstaining to margins. Early owner signatures to title pages, annotations to a few leaves in each book. Nice copies in a well-preserved contemporary binding. \$2,500.

* Later editions. *English Short-Title Catalogue* S117812, S117820. Beale, *A Bibliography of Early English Law Books* T490, T494. [Order This Item](#)



First Edition of the First Standard Treatise on Wills

28. Swinburne, Henry [1560?-1623].

A Brieve Treatise of Testaments and Last Willes, Very Profitable to be Understoode of All the Subjects of This Realme of England, (Desirous to Know, Whether, Whereof, And How, They May Make Their Testaments: And by What Meanes the Same May be Effectted or Hindered,) And no Lesse Delightfull, Aswell for the Rareness of the Worke, As for the Easines of the Stile, And Method: Compiled of such Lawes Ecclesiasticall and Civill, As be Not Repugnant to the Lawes, Customes, Or Statutes of this Realme, Nor Derogatorie to the Prerogative Royall. In which Treatise Also are Inserted Divers Statutes of this Land, Together with Mention of Sundrie Customes, As Well General as Particular, Not Impertinent Thereunto: Besides Divers Marginall Notes, And Quotations Not to be Neglected, Especially of Iustinianists, Or Young Students of the Civil Law: With Two Tables, The One Analytical, Describing the Generall Order of the Whole Treatise: The Other Alphabetically, Disclosing the Particular Contents Thereof: That in the Beginning; This in the End of the Booke. London: Printed by Iohn Windet, 1590 [colophon date 1591]. [xii], 293, [13] ff. As in many copies, our copy lacks the errata leaf and pasted one-word slip-cancel on Leaf K5r (Fol. 65) (changing "whether" to "where"). Quarto (7-1/2" x 6-1/2").

Recent period-style speckled calf, blind rules to boards, raised bands and lettering piece to spine, endpapers renewed. Light toning to text, tiny inkspots to a few leaves, small burn hole to Leaf Kk3 (Fol. 247), mended with archival tape, with no loss to legibility, faint small library stamp to title page, brief annotations to verso. An appealing copy in a handsome binding. \$2,000.

* First edition. The testamentary jurisdiction of ecclesiastical law was a separate branch that produced its own literature. From the sixteenth until well into the seventeenth century Swinburne's was the standard treatise on this subject. Holdsworth, who cites it often and considers it "the most practically useful book of [its] period" notes that "it is a very useful summary of the law as to wills and executors as administered in the ecclesiastical courts." *A History of English Law* V:14. *English Short-Title Catalogue* S118058. Beale, *A Bibliography of Early English Law Books* T498. [Order This Item](#)



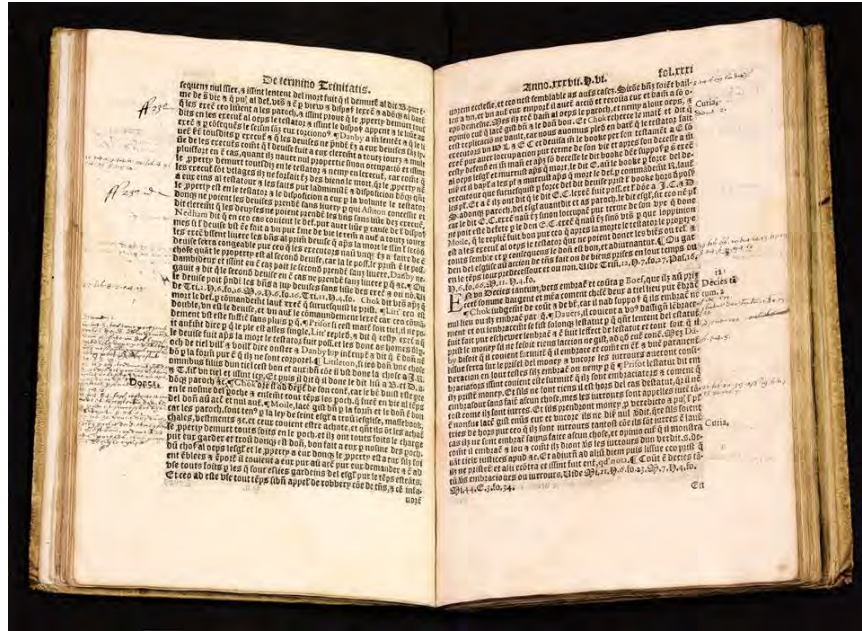
An Important Early Work on Writs

29. Theloall, Simon.

Le Digest des Briefes Originals, Et des Choses Concernants Eux. London: In Aedibus Richardi Tottelli, 1579. [viii], 424 ff. With dedication and table. Collates complete. Octavo (6" x 4").

Seventeenth-century calf, blind rules to boards, raised bands and later lettering piece to spine, early hand-lettered title to fore-edge of text block. A few shallow scuffs to boards, some rubbing to extremities, front board beginning to separate, rear joint starting, some chipping to spine ends, corners bumped, pastedowns lacking, partial crack to text block between ff. 192 and 193. Light soiling to title page, toning to text. Annotations in neat early chancery hand to several leaves, later owner signature of William Jones to title page. An appealing copy. \$1,500.

* First edition. An important early work on writs, Theloall's *Digest* owes its origin to the suggestion of Staunford that it would be a good idea if lawyers would write treatises on the other titles of the abridgments similar to his study of the Title "Prerogative." Staunford illustrated his meaning by showing how the Title "Brief" might be treated. Theloall chose this title, and wrote a treatise on it for his own use. The manuscript, having been lent, eventually found its way to a printer. "It deserved to be printed, as it is the most orderly treatise on procedure, founded on the Year Books, that had yet appeared... Historically, it comes between the older commentaries upon writs and the modern books on procedure." Holdsworth, *A History of English Law* V:381. A second edition was published in 1678. The owner of this book may have been Sir William Jones [1746-1794], the important jurist, legal writer and Orientalist. *English Short-Title Catalogue* S118369. Beale, *A Bibliography of Early English Law Books* T499. [Order This Item](#)



Heavily Annotated Copies of Four Year Books from the Reign of Henry VI

30. [Year Books].

[Henry VI, King (1421-1471)].

De Termino Michaelis Anno XXXVII. Henrici Sexti. [London: Imprinted...by Rychard Tottel the I. Daye of June in the Yere of Our Lord. 1575]. 38 ff.

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De Termino Michaelis Anno XXXVIII. Regni Regis Henrici Sexti. [London: Imprinted...by Rychard Tottel the V. Daye of Maye in the Yere of Our Lord. 1575]. 40 ff.

[And]

De Termino Michaelis Anno XXXIX. Henrici Sexti. [London: Imprinted...by Rychard Tottel the 21. Daye of June in the Yere of Our= Lord. 1575]. [63] ff. Lacking ff. 9-28, 47, 48, 55, 61 (and final blank leaf), but bound with 9 ff from Tottel's Year Books from the 35th and 38th Regnal years. Signatures F and G, ff. 21-28, and leaves M1 and Q1, ff. 55 and 61, bound out of order.

[And]

Anno XXXVI.H.VI. [London: Imprinted...by Rychard Tottel, 1575]. 34 ff.

Folio (11" x 7-1/2"). Later vellum, blind rules to boards, hand-lettered title label to spine. Some soiling and a few minor stains, moderate rubbing to extremities, chipping to head of spine, another chip near foot, Boards slightly bowed, a few shallow cut marks to rear board, hinges starting, armorial bookplate and later presentation and private library bookplates to front pastedown. Moderate toning to text, somewhat heavier in places, occasional faint dampstaining, edgewear to margins in some places, a few tears and chips, lower corner lacking from a leaf in Anno XXXIX with minor loss to text (but not legibility). Margins annotated throughout in fine early hand. \$2,000.

* The margins of this volume are filled with annotations. All but a few are in a neat early hand; the others are in a somewhat later style. Most of these appear to be cross-reference to other cases in the Year Books. A few are interpretive comments. According to the presentation bookplates, this copy belonged to George Chaworth, First Viscount Chaworth of Armagh [c. 1568-1639], a lawyer, Irish Chief Justice and Member of the House of Commons between 1621 and 1624, and, in 1636, William Cartwright "an eminent lawyer." It is possible that they were the annotators. The rear endleaf in this volume was taken from a 1577 Tottel edition of Fitzherbert's Abridgement. *English Short-Title Catalogue* S101469, S101470, S101474, S101466. Beale, *A Bibliography of Early English Law Books* R213, R217, R222, R207. [Order This Item](#)