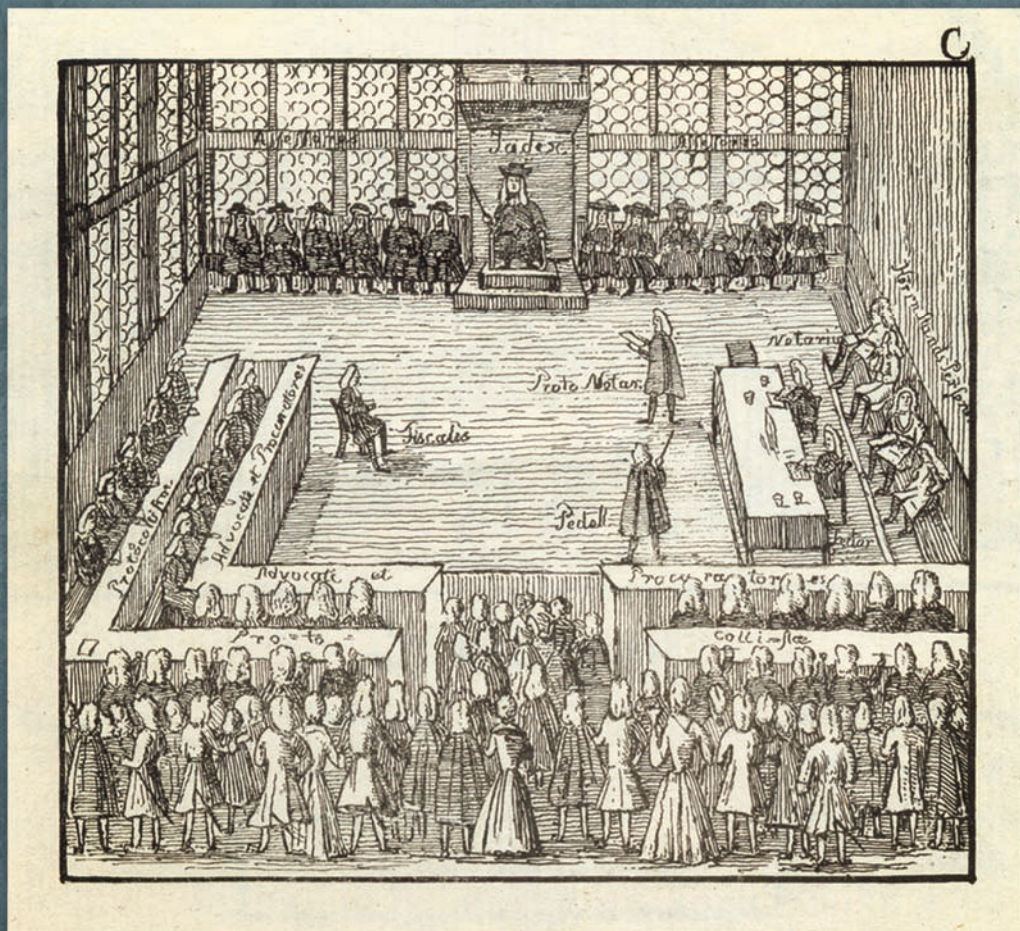


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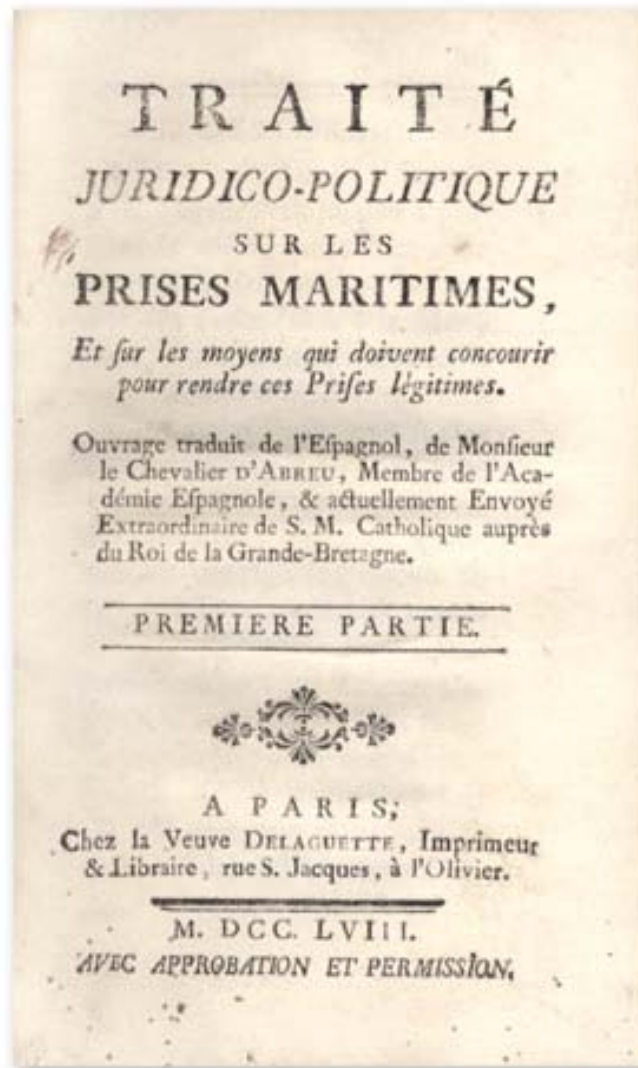
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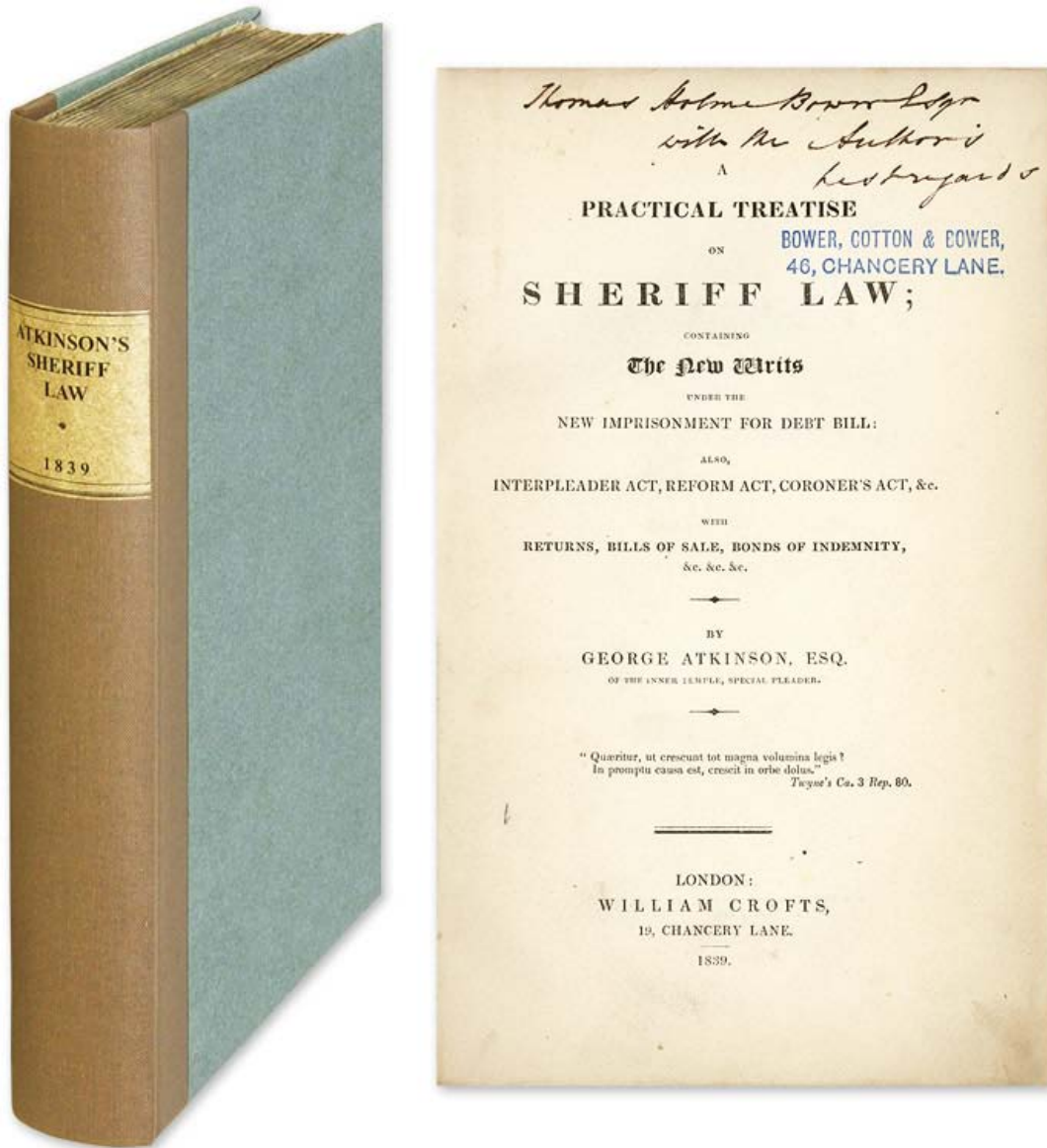
Scarce Eighteenth-Century  
Treatise on Prize Law and Privateering

**1. Abreu y Bertodano, Felix Joseph de [c.1700-1775].**

*Traité Juridico-Politique sur les Prises Maritimes, et Sur les Moyens qui Doivent Concourir pour Rendre ces Prises Légitimes.* Paris: Chez la Veuve Delaguette, 1758. Two volumes in one, each with title page and individual pagination. Octavo (6-1/2" x 4").

Contemporary speckled sheep, raised bands, lettering piece and gilt ornaments to spine, speckled edges, patterned endpapers. Some wear to corners, joints starting, some worming to lettering piece, joints and hinges. Attractive woodcut head-pieces. Toning to sections of text, light foxing to a few leaves, internally clean. An appealing copy of a scarce title. \$1,500.

\* Second French edition. First published in Madrid in 1746, this treatise on prize law and privateering went through three other editions, all in France in a translation by the author, in 1753, 1758 and 1802. Little is known about Abreu, a minor Spanish noble and diplomat. According to the title page, he was a "membre de l'Académie Espagnole, & Actuellement Envoyé Extraordinaire de S.M. Catholique auprès du Roi de la Grande-Bretagne." OCLC locates 5 copies of all editions in the Americas, 1 of this edition (at Columbia University Law Library). Not in the *British Museum Catalogue*. Camus, *Bibliothèque Choisie des Livres de Droit* 2289 (citing a later edition). [Order This Item](#)



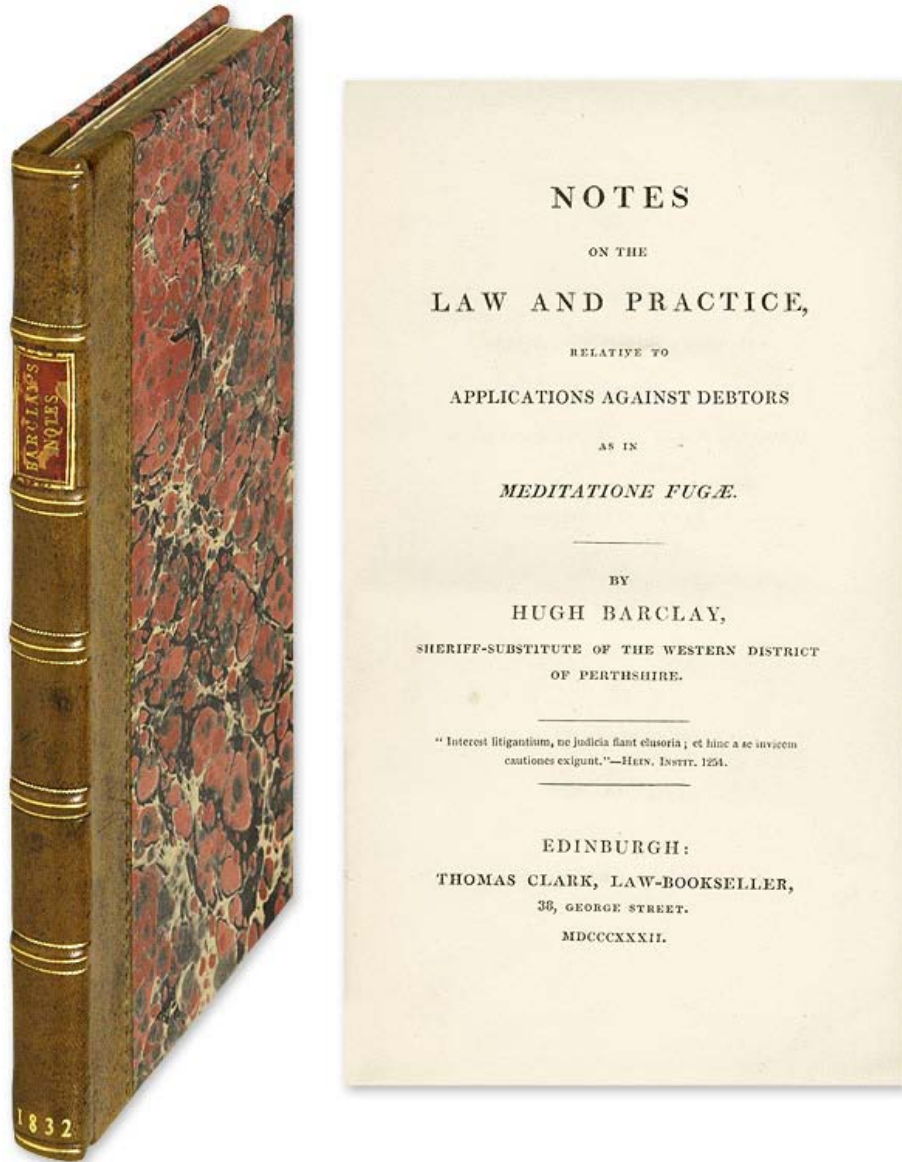
**"A Useful and  
Convenient Book" on Sheriffs**

**2. Atkinson, George [1809-1891].**

*A Practical Treatise on Sheriff Law: Containing the New Writs Under the New Imprisonment for Debt Bill; Also, Interpleader Act, Reform Act, Coroner's Act, &c., With Returns, Bills of Sale, Bonds of Indemnity, &c. &c. &c.* London: William Crofts, 1839. xviii, 498 pp. Octavo (9" x 6").

Recent period-style paper-covered boards, printed paper title label, endpapers renewed. Some toning to margins. Author presentation inscription and later owner stamp to title page, interior otherwise clean. \$300.

\* First edition. According to Marvin, this "is said to be an unequal performance," but "is a useful and convenient book." It was certainly a durable title; it reached its sixth and final edition in 1878. OCLC locates 11 copies of the first edition, 6 in North American law libraries. Marvin, *Legal Bibliography* 76. Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 2:14. [Order This Item](#)



**An Interesting Aspect of the  
Scottish Law of Debtor and Creditor**

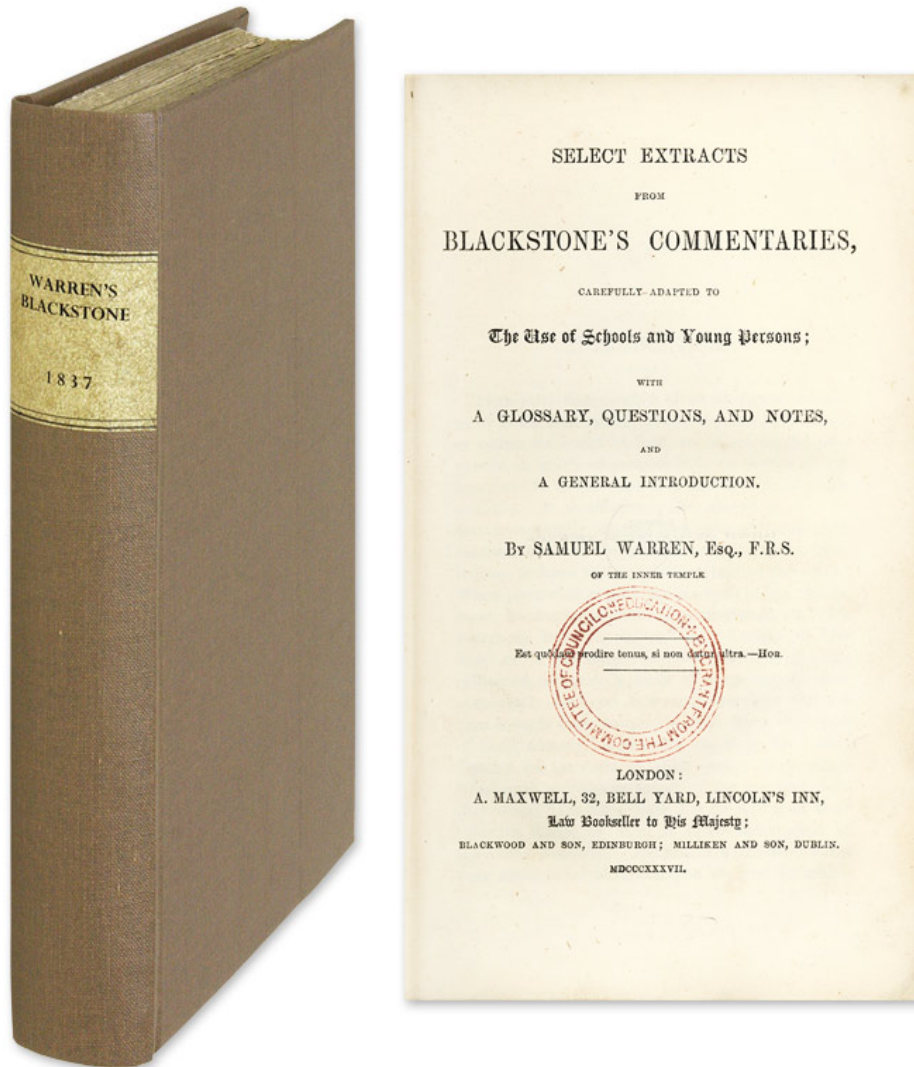
**3. Barclay, Hugh [1799-1884].**

*Notes on the Law and Practice, Relative to Applications Against Debtors as in Meditatione Fugae.* Edinburgh: Thomas Clark, 1832. xii, 117 pp. 12mo. (7" x 4").

Recent period-style quarter calf over marbled boards, raised bands and lettering piece to spine, endpapers renewed. Toning to text, light wear to edges of a few leaves, internally clean. \$350.

\* Only edition. "*Meditatio Fugae* is an old principle of Scots law that if a creditor could make an oath that his debtor was in *meditatione fugae* to avoid payment of his debt, he may apply to a magistrate who may grant warrant for apprehending the debtor for examination, and subsequently, grant warrant to imprison the debtor until he finds caution *judicio sisti*" (Walker). OCLC locates no copies in North America. Copies located at the Library of Congress and Harvard Law School. Walker, *Oxford Companion to Law* 832. Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 5:9. [Order This Item](#)





Warren's *Select Extracts from Blackstone*, Eller 77/Laeuchli 126

**4. Blackstone, Sir William [1723-1780].**

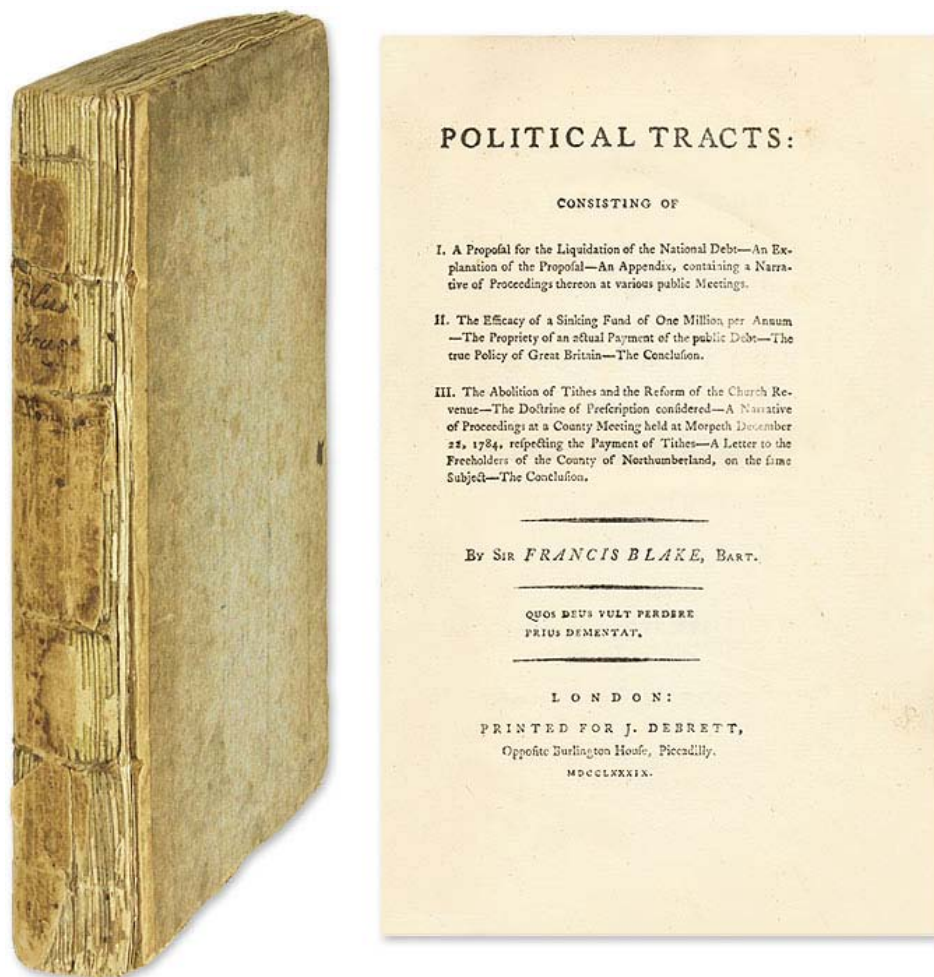
**Warren, Samuel, Editor [1807-1877].**

**[Smith, John Warren].**

*Select Extracts from Blackstone's Commentaries, Carefully Adapted to the Use of Schools and Young Persons: With a Glossary, Questions and Notes, And a General Introduction.* London: A. Maxwell, 1837. [5], xxviii, [2], 428 pp. Octavo (7-1/2" x 4-1/2").

Recent cloth, printed paper title label to spine, endpapers renewed. Early institution stamp to front free endpaper, internally clean. \$250.

\* Reissue of the first, and only, edition. "The first edition was published in London, 1836; the selections were made by John Warren Smith, whose name did not appear in the book. Smith and Warren prepared the extracts for publication. The 1837 publication is a verbatim reprint, according to Warren's preface to his 1855 abridgment" (Eller). Warren wrote several fictional and non-fictional works about the law, such as the novel *Ten Thousand a Year* (1841) and the classic primer *A Popular and Practical Introduction to Law Studies* (1836). In 1855 he published another Blackstone-based primer, *Blackstone's Commentaries Systematically Abridged*. It had a second edition in 1856. Eller, *The William Blackstone Collection in the Yale Law Library* 77. Laeuchli, *A Bibliographical Catalog of William Blackstone* 126. [Order This Item](#)



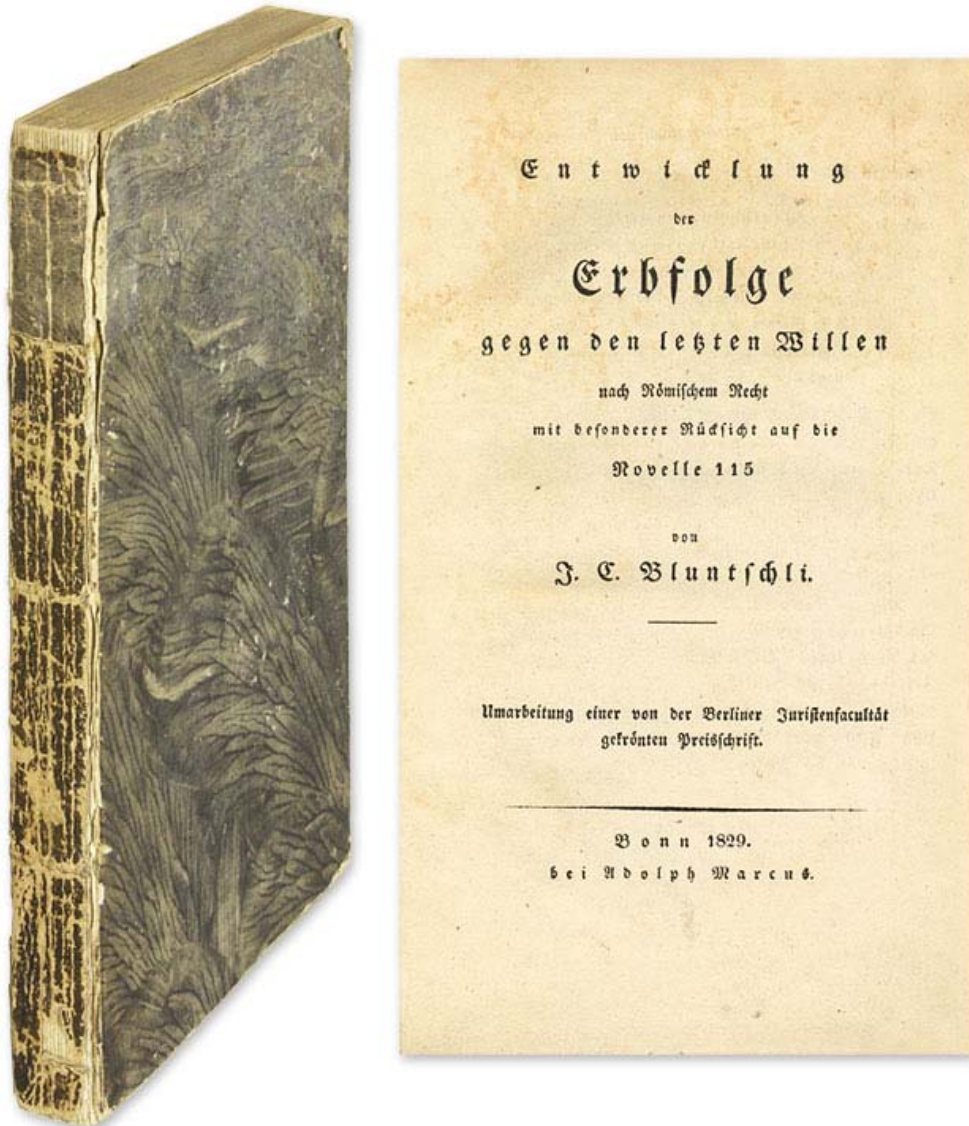
**Essays Calling for the Abolition of Tithes,  
Reduction of the Public Debt and Other Matters**

**5. Blake, Francis, Sir, [1738?-1818].**

*Political Tracts: Consisting of I. A Proposal for the Liquidation of the National Debt; An Explanation of the Proposal; An Appendix, Containing a Narrative of Proceedings Thereon at Various Public Meetings; II. The Efficacy of a Sinking Fund of One Million Per Annum; the Propriety of an Actual Payment of the Public Debt; The True Policy of Great Britain; The Conclusion; III. The Abolition of Tithes and the Reform of the Church Revenue; The Doctrine of Prescription Considered; a Narrative of Proceeding at a County Meeting Held at Morpeth December 22, 1784, Respecting the Payment of Tithes; A Letter to the Freeholders of the County of Northumberland, On the Same Subject; The Conclusion.* London: Printed for J. Debrett, 1789. [iv], [13], 14-355, [1] pp. Includes one-page publisher list. Octavo (8" x 5").

Original paper boards, hand-lettered title to spine, untrimmed edges. Light soiling, moderate edgewear, spine heavily abraded, front board detached. Toning and light foxing to text. Gift inscription from the author's son, Francis Blake Jr., dated 1876 to front free endpaper, interior otherwise clean. \$450.

\* First edition. Blake, a member of Lincoln's Inn, was a political reformer who called for the abolition of tithes and, later, repeal of the Corn Laws. *Political Tracts* collects his principal essays, which were composed between 1786 and 1787. This title was re-issued the following year with some additions and a somewhat different collation, but with the same publication date on the title page. Francis Blake, Jr. was a notable inventor and photographer. OCLC locates 5 copies, all of the later 1789 edition. *English Short-Title Catalogue* N39972. [Order This Item](#)



**An Important Study of Inheritance and Succession in Roman Law**

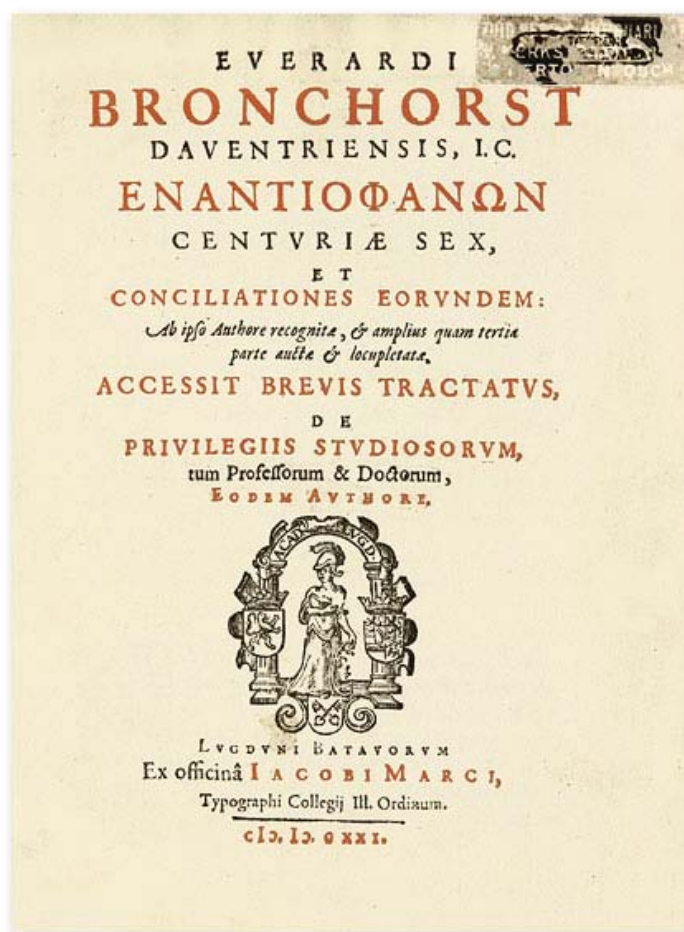
**6. Bluntschli, Johann Caspar (Kaspar) [1808-1881].**

*Entwicklung der Erbfolge Gegen den Letzten Willen nach Romischen Recht mit bes. Rücksicht auf die Novelle 115.* Bonn: Bei Adolph Marcus, 1829. x, 310 pp. Octavo (8" x 5").

Original marbled publisher boards, paper title label to spine. Moderate rubbing to extremities, heavy rubbing to spine, front joint starting, lower half of rear joint cracked through hinge, early bookseller stamp to front pastedown. Light toning to text, early annotations to rear pastedown. A nice copy. \$750.

\* Only edition. A notable work of Historical School jurisprudence, this treatise addresses the Roman law of inheritance and succession and wills with comparisons to these laws in Prussia and, to a lesser extent, other German states. Bluntschli was one of the great Continental jurists of the nineteenth century. He published a code for the Canton of Zurich and works on German private law, the law of war and international law. His most important historical work is the *Geschichte des Allgemeinen Staatsrechts und der Politik* (1864). OCLC locates 1 copy (in Denmark), 2 copies of a 1970 reprint, 1 in North America (UC-Berkeley Law School). *British Museum Catalogue* (Compact Edition) 3:687. [Order This Item](#)





**A Respected Treatise  
on Roman-Dutch Law**

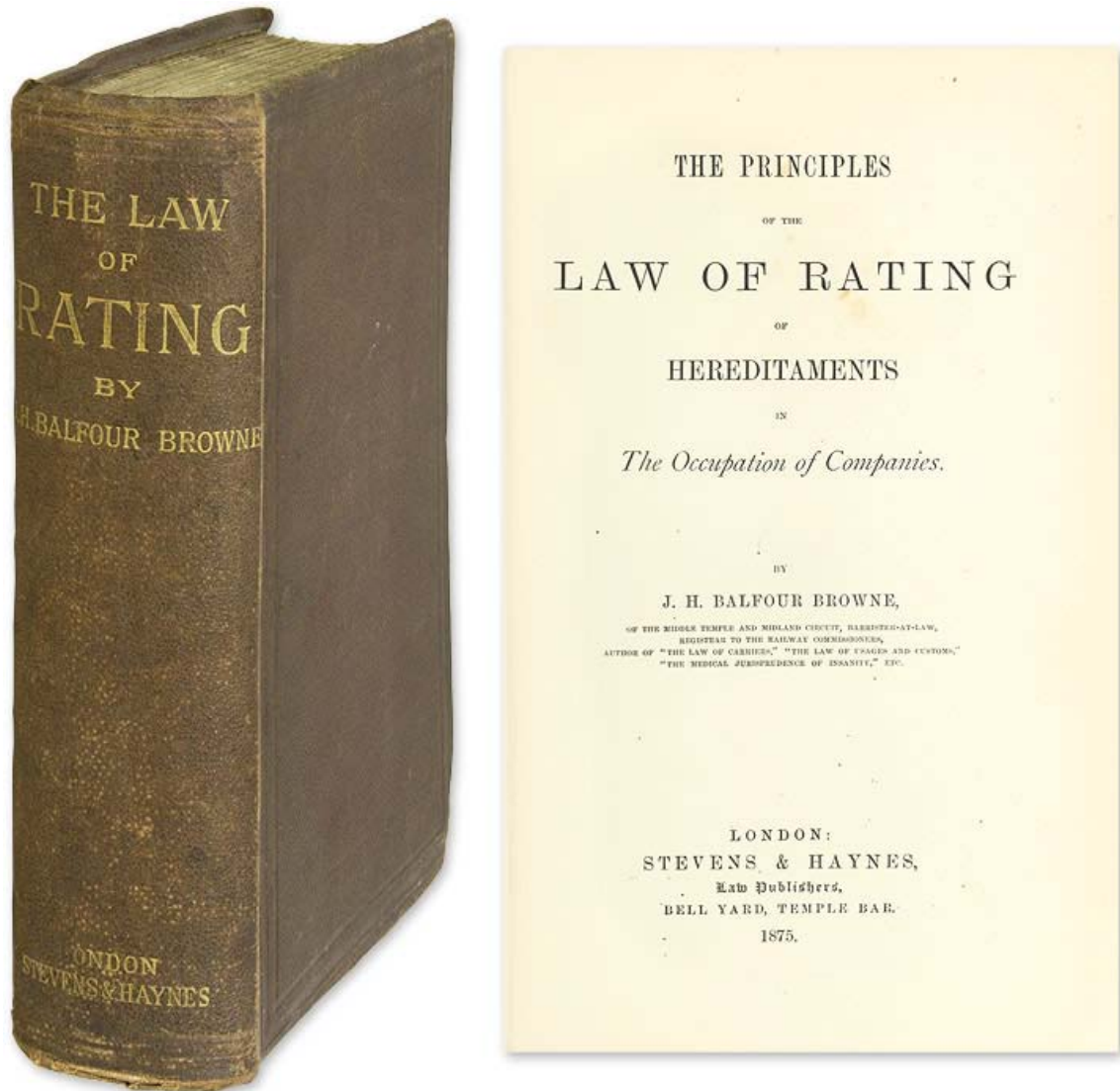
**7. Bronkhorst (Bronchorst), Everard van [1554-1627].**

*Enantiophanon Centuriae Sex, Et Conciliationes Eorundem: Ab Ipso Authore Recognitae, & Amplius Quam Tertia Parte Auctae [et] Locupletatae: Accessit Brevis Tractatus, De Privilegiis Studiosorum, Tam Professorum & Doctorum Eodem Authore.* Leiden: Ex Officina Iacobi Marci, 1621. [xl], 511, 300 pp. Two parts, each with title page. Quarto (8" x 6").

Contemporary vellum with lapped edges, early hand-lettered title to spine, edges rouged. Light soiling and some edgewear, front joint cracked but secure, text block partially detached but secure, vellum beginning to crack through pastedowns, front endleaf detached, upper portion of rear free endpaper lacking. Main title page printed in red and black, woodcut decorated initials and tail-pieces. Light toning, residue from small bookseller ticket to head of title page, a few brief annotations to endleaves. A solid copy. \$500.

\* Later edition of a work first published in 1594. Bronkhorst was a professor of law at the University of Leiden from 1587 until his death. According to Roberts, his work was cited often by the leading Roman-Dutch authorities, especially van Leeuwen. *Enantiophanon* is an extensive treatise on controversial topics in Roman-Dutch law. A sophisticated work, it went through 9 editions, the last one in 1695. Roberts, *A South-African Legal Bibliography* 63. Dekkers, *Bibliotheca Belgica Juridica* 28. [Order This Item](#)





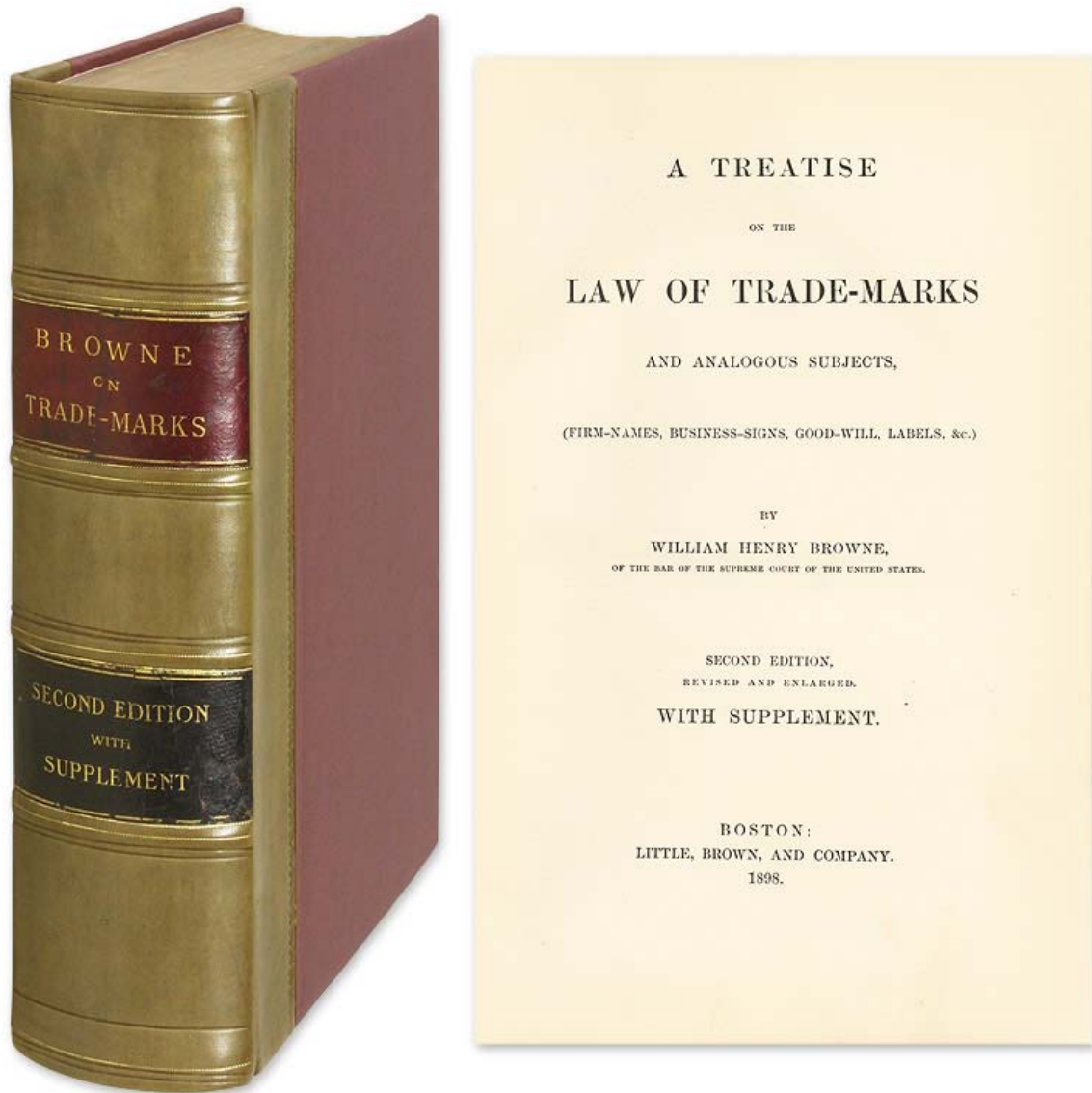
### How to Rate Hereditaments

#### 8. Browne, J.H. Balfour [1841-1921].

*The Principles of the Law of Rating of Hereditaments in the Occupation of Companies.* London: Stevens & Haynes, 1875. xiii, 658, 48 pp. Includes 48-page publisher catalogue. Octavo (8-1/2" x 5-3/4").

Contemporary pebbled cloth, blind frames to boards, gilt title to spine. Some rubbing to boards and extremities, hinges cracked but secure. Early owner signature to head of half-title, light foxing to a few leaves, interior otherwise fresh. \$150.

\* First edition. An interesting work from the middle decades of Industrial Revolution. Browne considers railroads, canals, waterworks, gas companies, docks, harbors, mines, quarries, bridges, cemetery companies, ferries, wayleves and tramways. He also includes information for "parish authorities who may be called upon to rate the property of companies to the relief of the poor." A second edition was published in 1886. Both are scarce. OCLC locates 9 copies of the first edition in North American law libraries. Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 2:47. [Order This Item](#)



**"Order Out of Chaos"**

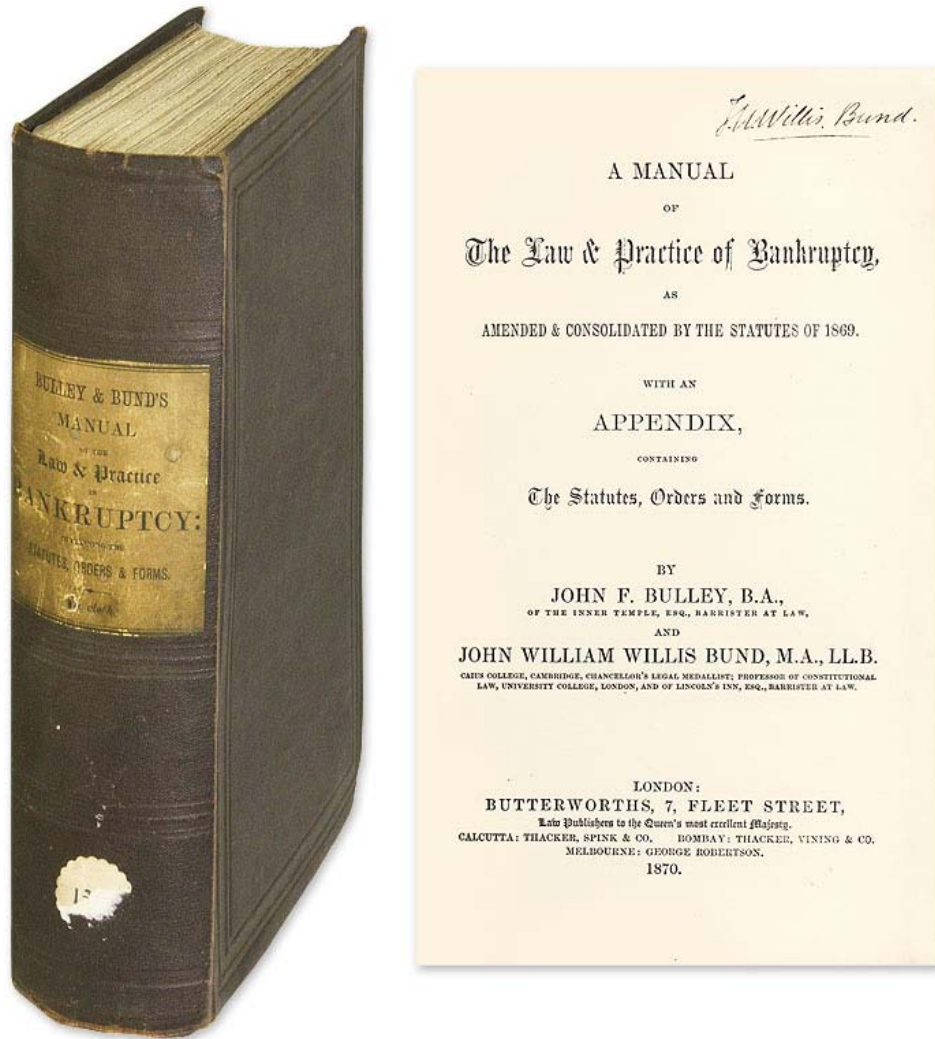
**9. Browne, William Henry.**

*A Treatise on the Law of Trade Marks and Analogous Subjects (Firm Names, Business-Signs, Good Will, Labels, Etc.).* Revised and Enlarged, With Supplement. Boston: Little, Brown, and Company, 1898. xxiv, 706, xviii, 222 pp. Octavo (9" x 6").

Recent period style quarter calf over cloth retaining original red and black lettering pieces, endpapers renewed. Offsetting and a few minor chips to margins of endleaves, toning to text, internally clean. \$450.

\* Second edition, with supplement; the best edition of this work. "The first edition of this book sprang from the author's desire to bring order out of chaos. There was a need for a collation of authorities on the Law of Trade-Marks and kindred matters; and that need was felt, not only by owners of applied symbols of manufacture and commerce, but also by bench and bar alike. (...) It is probable that no other branch of legal science has had a more rapid growth during the twelve years since the first edition appeared. (...) The latest obtainable decisions of courts of various nations have been consulted and cited in the following pages" (v-vi). *Catalogue of the Library of the Harvard Law School* (1909) 1:257. [Order This Item](#)





**Scarce 1870 English Treatise on  
Bankruptcy, With Co-Author's Signature and Annotations**

**10. Bulley, John F., and John William Willis Bund.**

*A Manual of the Law & Practice of Bankruptcy, As Amended & Consolidated by the Statutes of 1869. With an Appendix, Containing the Statutes, Orders and Forms.* London: Butterworths, 1870. xvii, 275, cclxxxvii, 46, [2] pp. Includes 48-page publisher catalogue. Octavo (7-1/2" x 4-1/2").

Original textured cloth, blind frames to boards, blind rules and printed paper title label to spine. Some rubbing to extremities, light title label darkened, corners bumped, hinges starting, partial crack near center of text block. Light toning to text. Signature of Bund to head of title page, annotation, presumably in his hand, to a few leaves. An appealing copy. \$350.

\* Only edition. With forms. "The following pages are an attempt to place before the profession and the public an outline of the new Law of Bankruptcy, and to provide rather a practical than a theoretical treatise upon so difficult a subject. An historical sketch of the legislation, prior to 1869, has been consequently compressed within the limits of a single chapter; and for the same reasons the cases cited are comparatively few" (Preface). OCLC locates 6 copies. Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 2:48. [Order This Item](#)



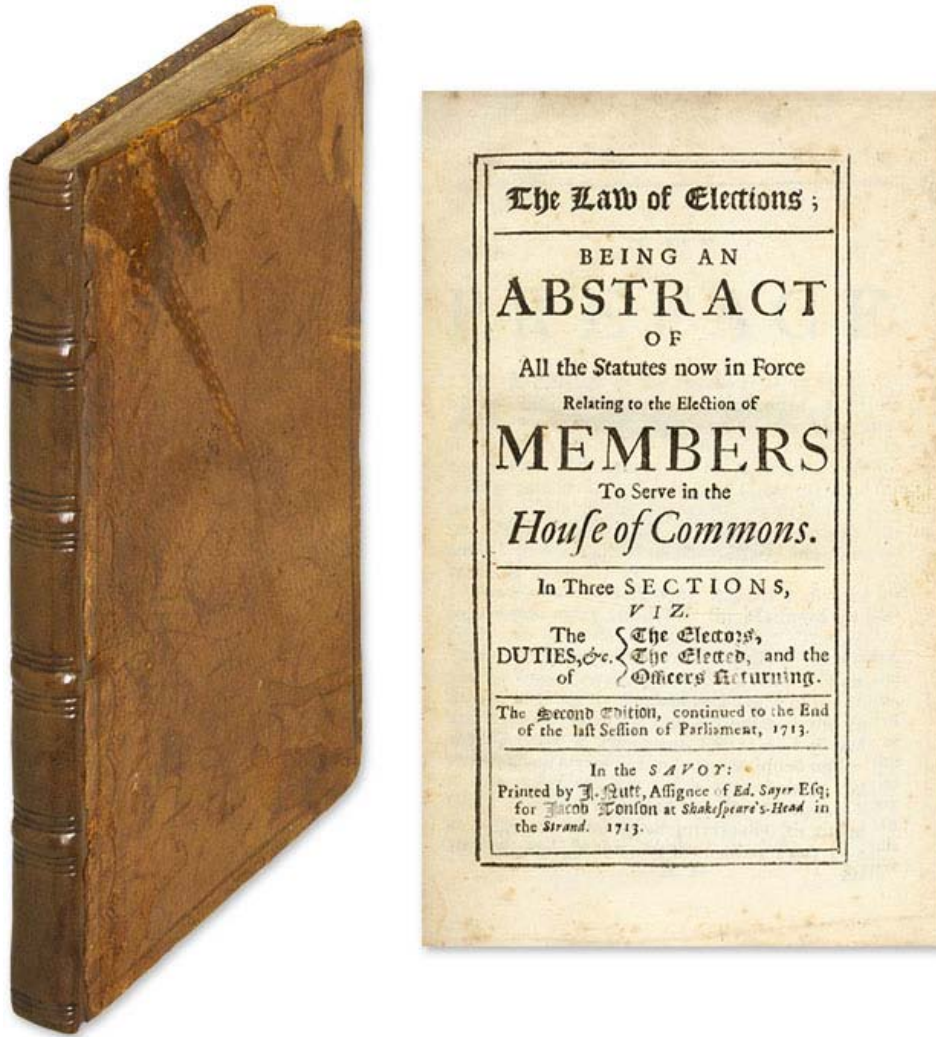
**Final Destination  
of Executed Convicts**

**11. Cole, Benjamin [fl. 1700-1767], Engraver.**

*The Surgeon's Theatre in the Old Bailey*, c. 1760. 8" x 13" copperplate engraving, handsomely matted and glazed, margins trimmed closely, image mounted on board. Negligible light toning to margins, negligible faint crease to right side of image. A nice copy in a handsome frame. \$250.

\* This engraving depicts the front elevation of the original home of the Royal College of Surgeons. From 1752 to 1832 death sentences for murder in Great Britain stipulated that the condemned person's corpse be "dissected and anatomised" for the benefit of medical students shortly after the execution. This is why the Old Bailey had a surgeon's theatre. Hogarth's "The Reward of Cruelty," *The Four Stages of Cruelty*, Plate 4, is a satirical depiction of a dissection in this building. [Order This Item](#)





**Scarce Eighteenth-Century English Treatise on Election Law**

**12. [Election Law].**

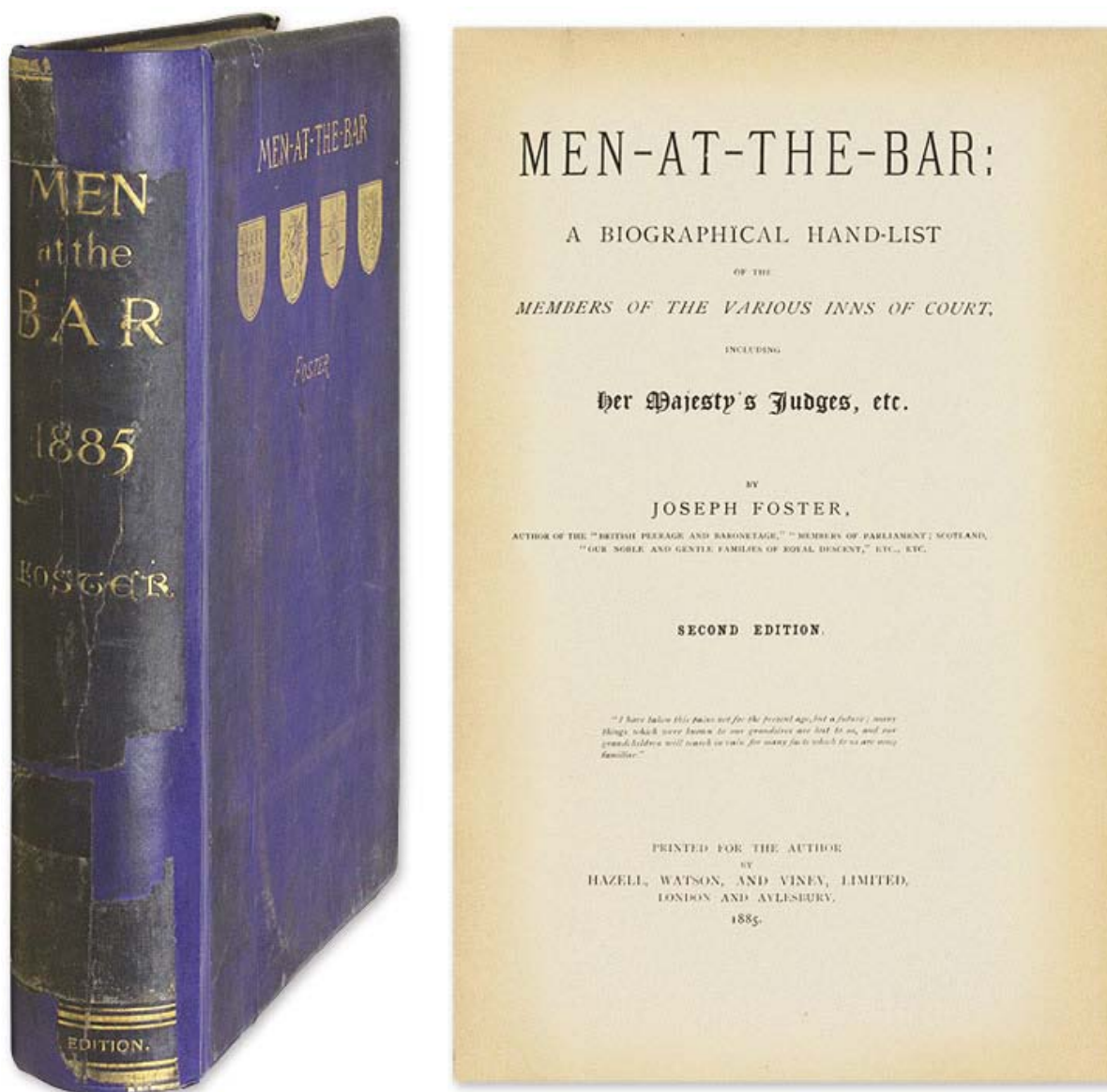
**[Great Britain].**

*The Law of Elections: Being an Abstract of All the Statutes Now in Force Relating to the Election of Members to Serve in the House of Commons: In Three Sections, Viz. The Duties &c. of the Electors, The Elected, And the Officers Returning.* [London]: Printed for J. Nutt, Assignee of Ed. Sayer Esq., for Jacob Tonson, 1713. [vi], 126, [6], 21, [3] pp. Half-title lacking. Octavo (6-1/2" x 4").

Contemporary sheep, blind frames and fillets to boards, raised bands to spine, rebacked retaining original backstrip, hinges mended. Some rubbing with wear to corners, a few large scuffs to boards. Toning to portions of text, light foxing to a few leaves, internally clean. \$650.

\* Second edition, "continued to the end of the last session of Parliament, 1713," which adds an addenda to the first edition of 1708. It was one of the earliest books on the subject. According to Sweet & Maxwell, the first studies were *Freedom of Elections to Parliament* (1680) and *Observations Concerning the Regulation of Elections for Parliament* (1689), a work attributed to the Earl of Shaftsbury). OCLC locates 6 copies, 3 in North America (at the Library of Congress, Harvard Law School and Stanford University). The ESTC locates 9 copies, 8 in Great Britain, 1 in North America (at the University of Indiana). Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 1:151 (20). *English Short-Title Catalogue* T108633.

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**Interesting 1885 Biographical  
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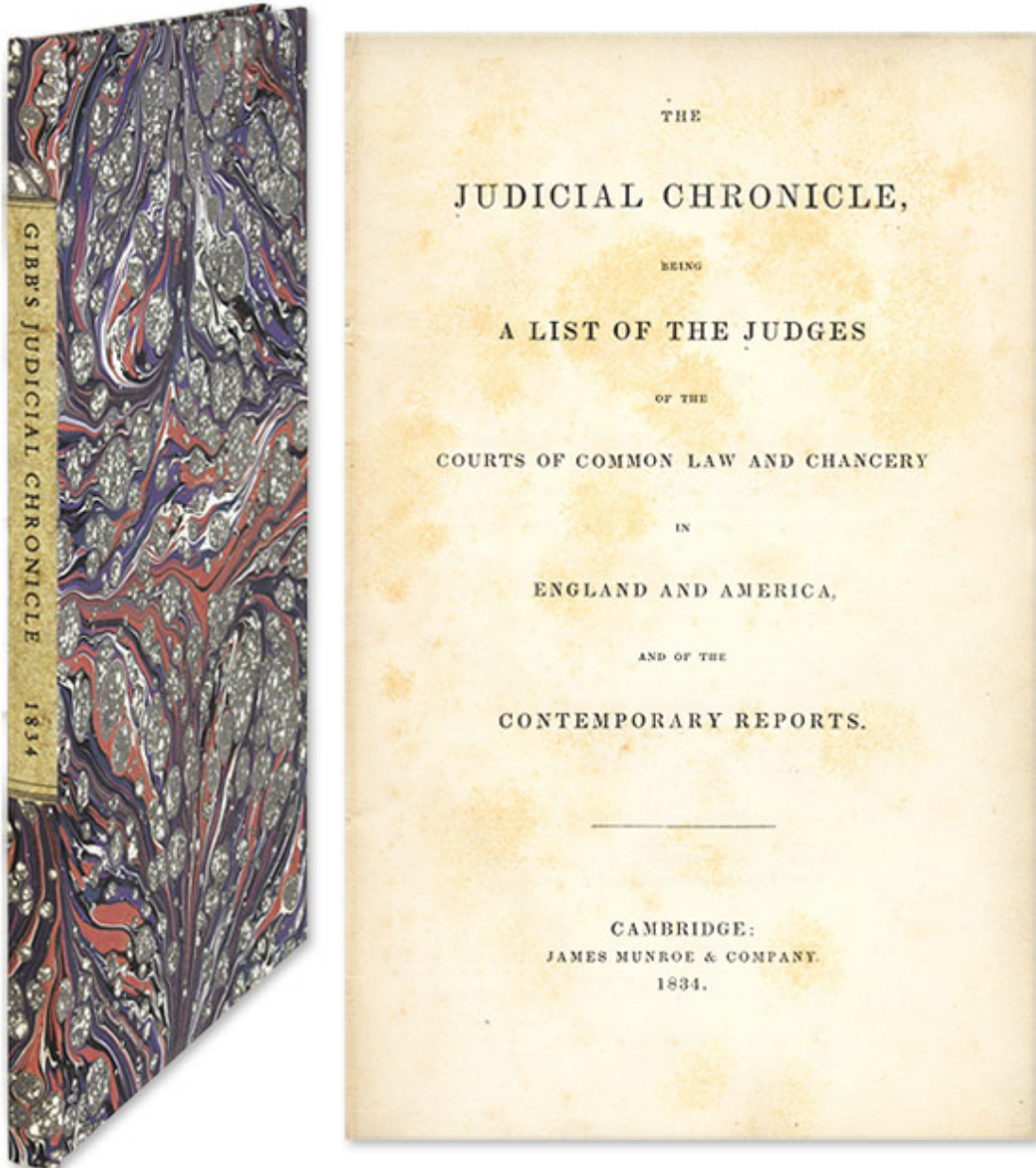
**13. Foster, Joseph [1844-1905].**

*Men-At-The-Bar: A Biographical Hand-List of the Members of the Various Inns of Court, Including Her Majesty's Judges, Etc.* London: Reeves and Turner, 1885. xvi, 528, [8] pp. Includes 8-pages of advertisements. Quarto (10" x 7-1/2").

Original cloth, gilt title and arms of Inns of Court to front board, rebacked retaining original spine with gilt title, hinges reinforced. Some rubbing and staining to boards, light wear to corners, chipping to edges of endpapers, which have advertisements for paint, champagne and other goods. Later bookplate to front free endpaper, early owner signature to front free endpaper, occasional early annotations to margins. An interesting directory. \$150.

\* Second edition. This directory is similar to a Martindale-Hubbell directory, but with additional personal information. Many notables are listed here, such as Sir Frederic Pollock (48, Great Cumberland Place, W.; 13, Old Square, Lincoln's Inn, W.C.) and Frederic William Maitland (6, New Square, Lincoln's Inn, W.C.). [Order This Item](#)





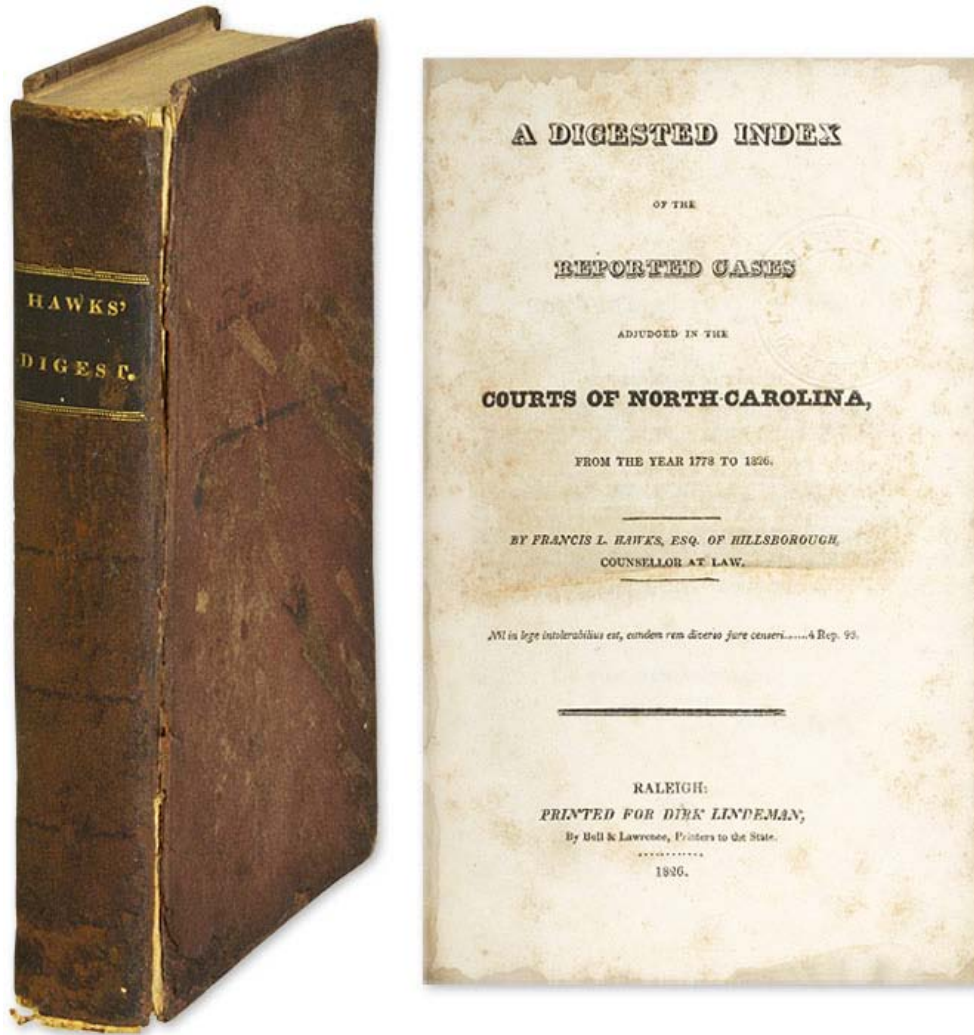
### The Judicial Chronicle

**14. [Gibbs, George (1815-1873)].**

*The Judicial Chronicle, Being a List of Judges of the Courts of Common Law and Chancery in England and America, And of the Contemporary Reports.* Cambridge, Mass.: J. Munroe & Company, 1834. iv, [4], 55 pp. Octavo (8-3/4" x 5-1/2").

Recent period-style marbled boards, printed paper title label to spine, endpapers renewed. Occasional light foxing, internally clean. \$250.

\* Only edition. A work of painstaking research and a useful reference, this book has two parts: English Judges and Reports and American Judges and Reports. Gibbs practiced law in New York with a special interest in historical conveyancing. He compiled several collections of titles and abstracts. Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 8571. [Order This Item](#)



**The First Digest of North Carolina Reports**

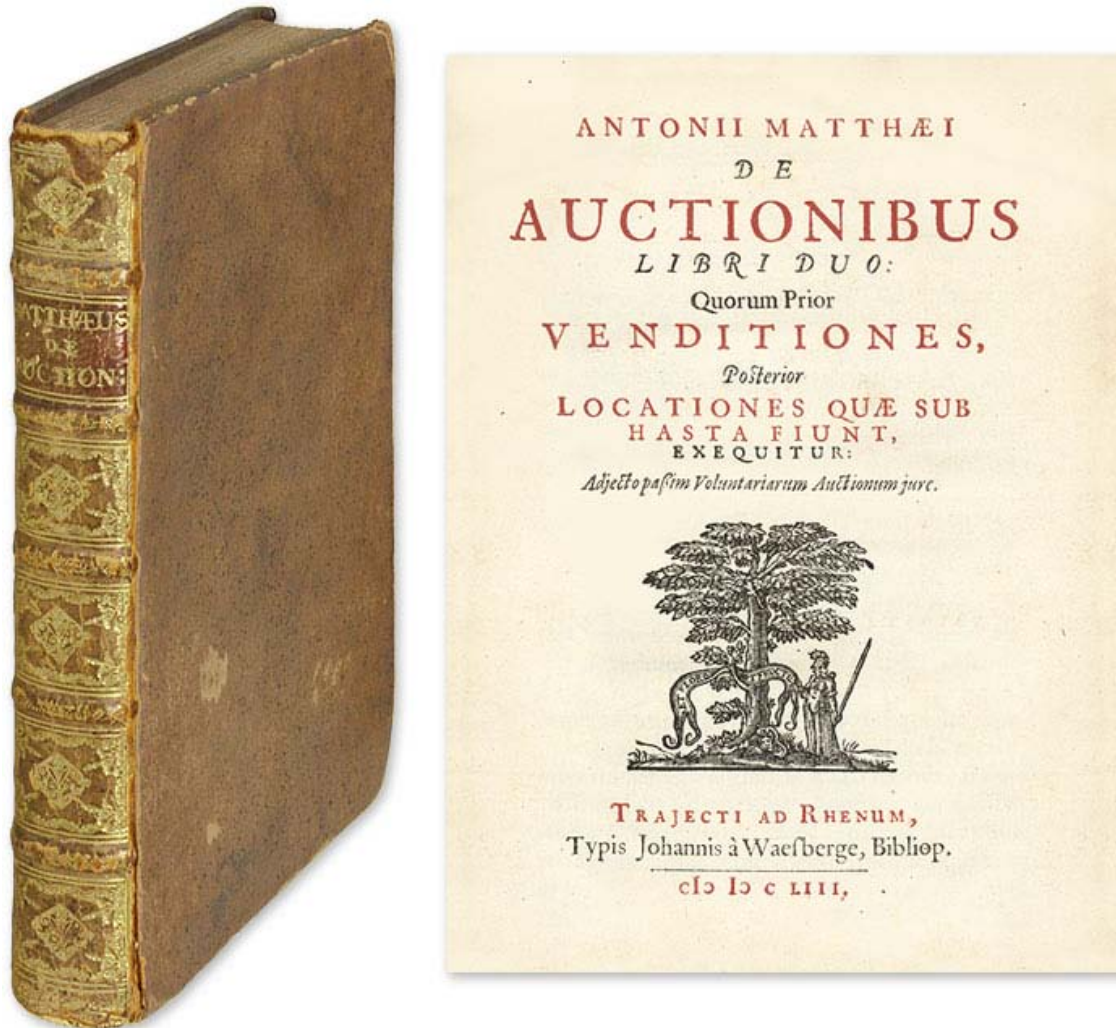
**15. Hawks, Francis L. [1798-1866], Digester.  
[Lilly, Lambert].**

*A Digested Index of the Reported Cases Adjudged in the Courts of North-Carolina, From the Year 1778 to 1826.* Raleigh: Printed for Dirk Lindeman, 1826. vii, 502 pp. Octavo (8" x 5").

Contemporary sheep, blind fillets to boards, lettering piece to spine. Moderate scuffing to boards, wear to spine ends and corners, boards beginning to separate but still quite secure. Faint early owner stamp (of David Bell) to front board, early owner signatures (of "W.H. Washington, Esq./ Solicitor/ Newbern"/ Nov. 12th 1839) to front free endpaper, embossed notarial seal (of [illegible] Lehman/ Newbern) to title page. Toning, light foxing to most of text. A solid copy of an important and scarce title. \$300.

\* Only edition. The first book of its kind produced in North Carolina, Hawks's *Index* digests the reports of Martin through Hawks, a period spanning 1796 to 1826. Hawks, a lawyer and historian, was the state reporter from 1820 to 1826. After that time he abandoned the law, entered the ministry and had a distinguished ecclesiastical career. Some records attribute this title incorrectly to Lambert Lilly. OCLC locates 5 copies in North American law libraries (Library of Congress, Duke University, the Universities of North Carolina and Virginia and Wake Forest). Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 5583. [Order This Item](#)





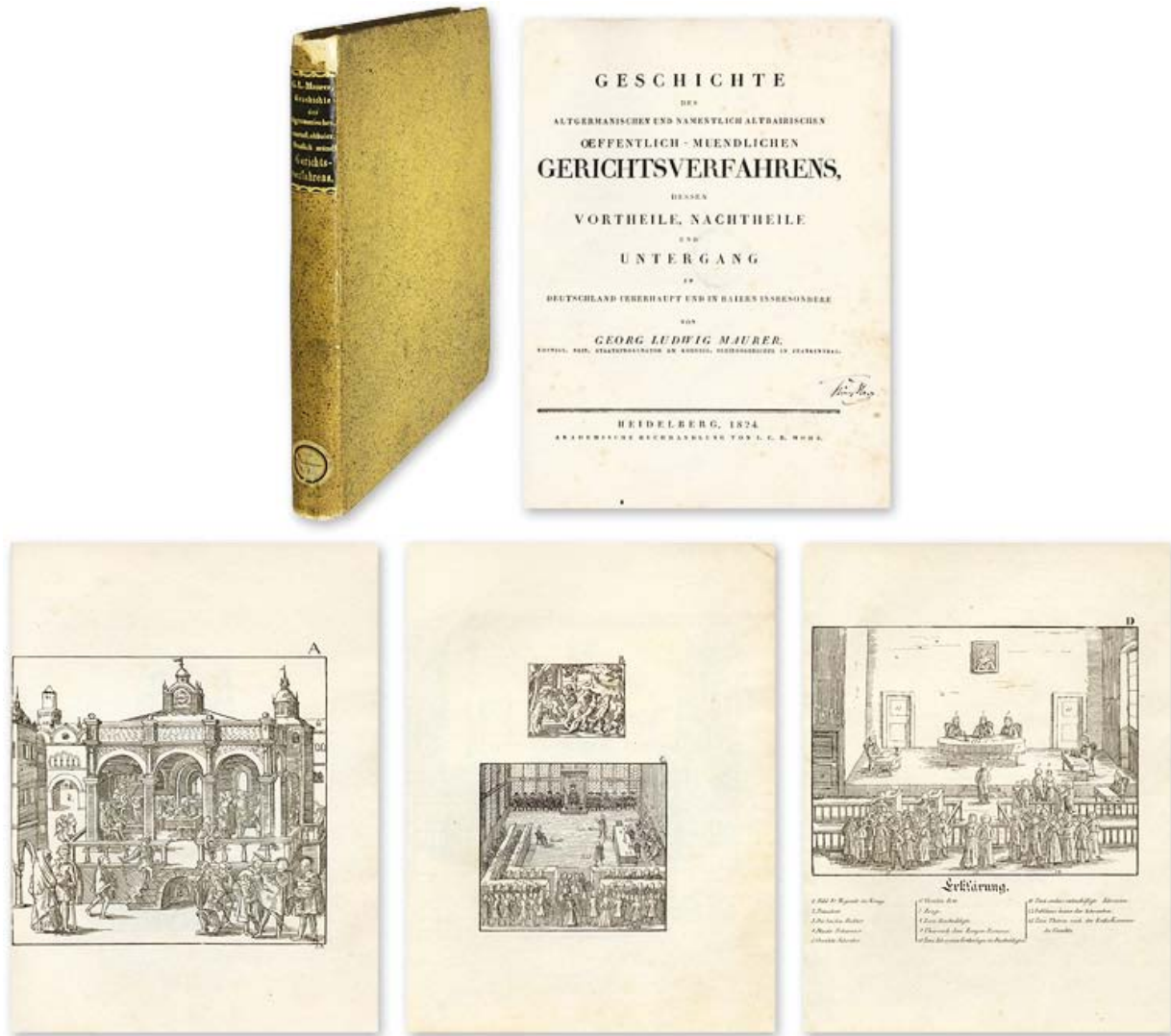
Seventeenth-Century Treatise on Laws Concerning Auctions

16. Matthaëus, Antonius [1601-1654].

*De Auctionibus Libri Duo: Quorum Prior Venditiones, Posterior Locationes Quae sub Hasta Fiunt Exequitur: Adjecto Passim Voluntariarum Auctionum Jure.* Utrecht: Typus Johannis a Waesberge, 1653. [viii], 465, [32] pp. Quarto (7-1/2" x 6").

Contemporary calf, gilt spine with raised bands, edges rouged. A few minor scuffs to boards, some rubbing to extremities with minor chipping to spine ends, corners bumped and somewhat worn, boards slightly bowed. Title page with large woodcut device printed in red and black, woodcut decorated initials. Some toning to text, internally clean. A nice copy. \$500.

\* First edition. This is one of the earliest and most extensive legal works on auctions under Roman and Roman-Dutch law. Among other topics, it addresses the rules governing auctions, judicial sales, public contracts and the sale of confiscated merchandise. Matthaëus was a jurist, professor of law at the University of Utrecht and the author of the influential treatise *De Criminibus* (1644). A leader of the Dutch Elegant School of jurists and, to quote Wessels, "a consummate Roman lawyer and a great student of antiquity," his work was renowned for its erudition, literary quality and philological sophistication. He remains an important authority on Roman-Dutch law. OCLC locates 5 of this edition in North American law libraries (Harvard, UC-Berkeley, University of Michigan, Yale). Wessels, *History of Roman-Dutch Law* 296. Dekkers, *Bibliotheca Belgica Juridica* 111. [Order This Item](#)



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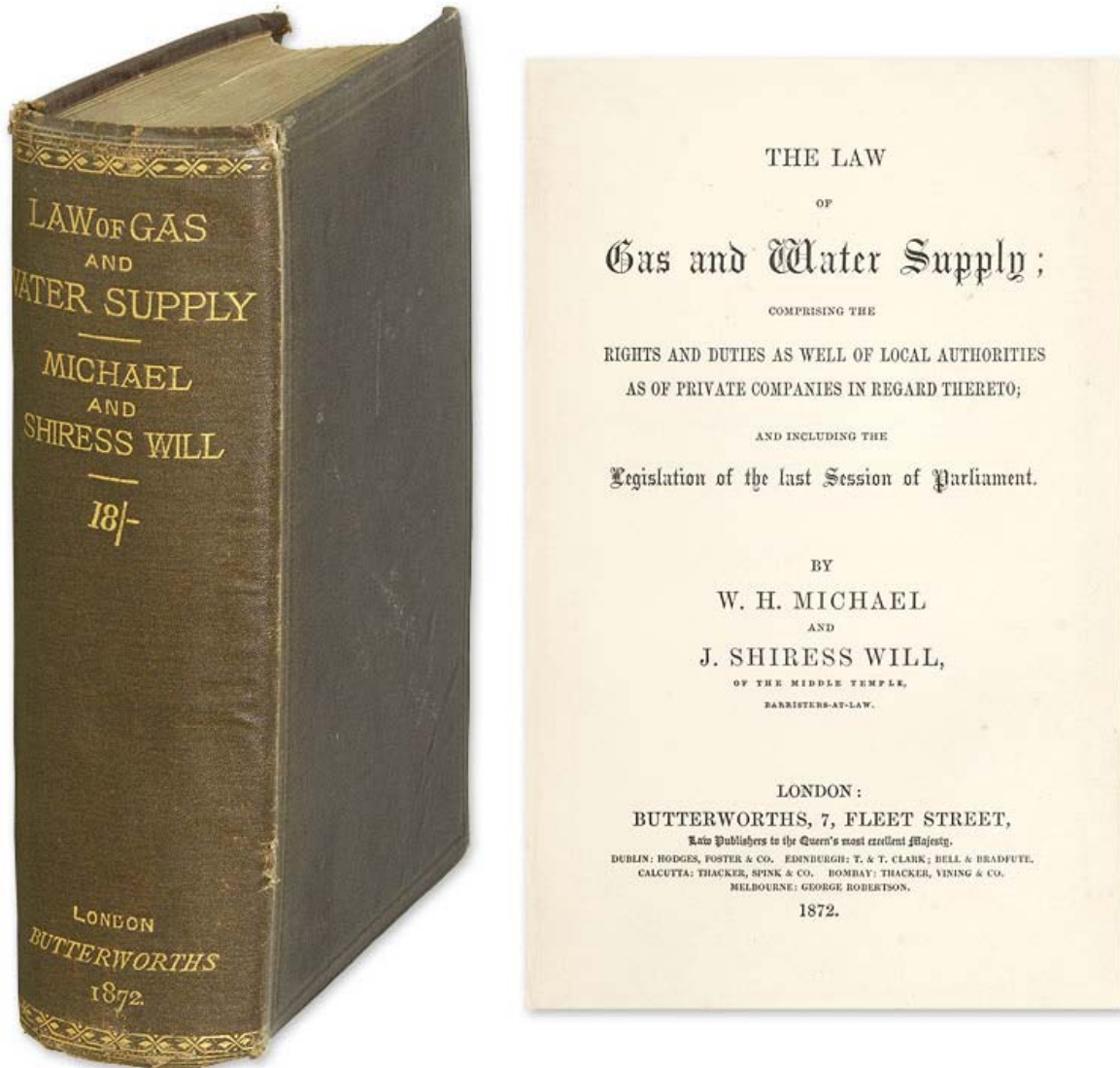
**17. Maurer, Georg Ludwig [1790-1872].**

*Geschichte des Altgermanischen und Namentlich Altbairischen Oeffentlich-Muendlichen Gerichtsverfahrens, Dessen Vortheile, Nachteile und Untergang in Deutschland Ueberhaupt und in Baiern Indesondere.* Heidelberg: Akademische Buchhandlung von J.C.B. Mohr, 1824. xviii, 362 pp. Three plates with four woodcuts, two cuts full-page. Quarto (10" x 8").

Contemporary speckled boards, lettering piece to spine, edges rouged. Light wear to spine ends and corners, a few partial cracks to text block. Toning, light foxing to a few leaves. Small early owner signature to title page, interior otherwise clean. Ex-library. Location label to foot of spine, shelf number to front pastedown in fine hand, small stamp to verso of title page. An attractive copy. \$650.

\* Only edition. This is an interesting, historically grounded study of German criminal and civil procedure. A valuable work for legal historians, a facsimile edition was issued in 1965 by O. Zeller. Three of the woodcuts depict court scenes, the fourth is an allegorical (?) woodland court with animals. In this image a fox is being led to the gallows for his murder of a hen. (A lion is the judge, the executioner is a cat.) All of the images are discussed in the text. KVK and OCLC locate 4 copies, 1 in North America (at the University of Alberta). Other copies located at the Library of Congress and Harvard and Yale Law Schools. Not in the *British Museum Catalogue* or Roberts. [Order This Item](#)





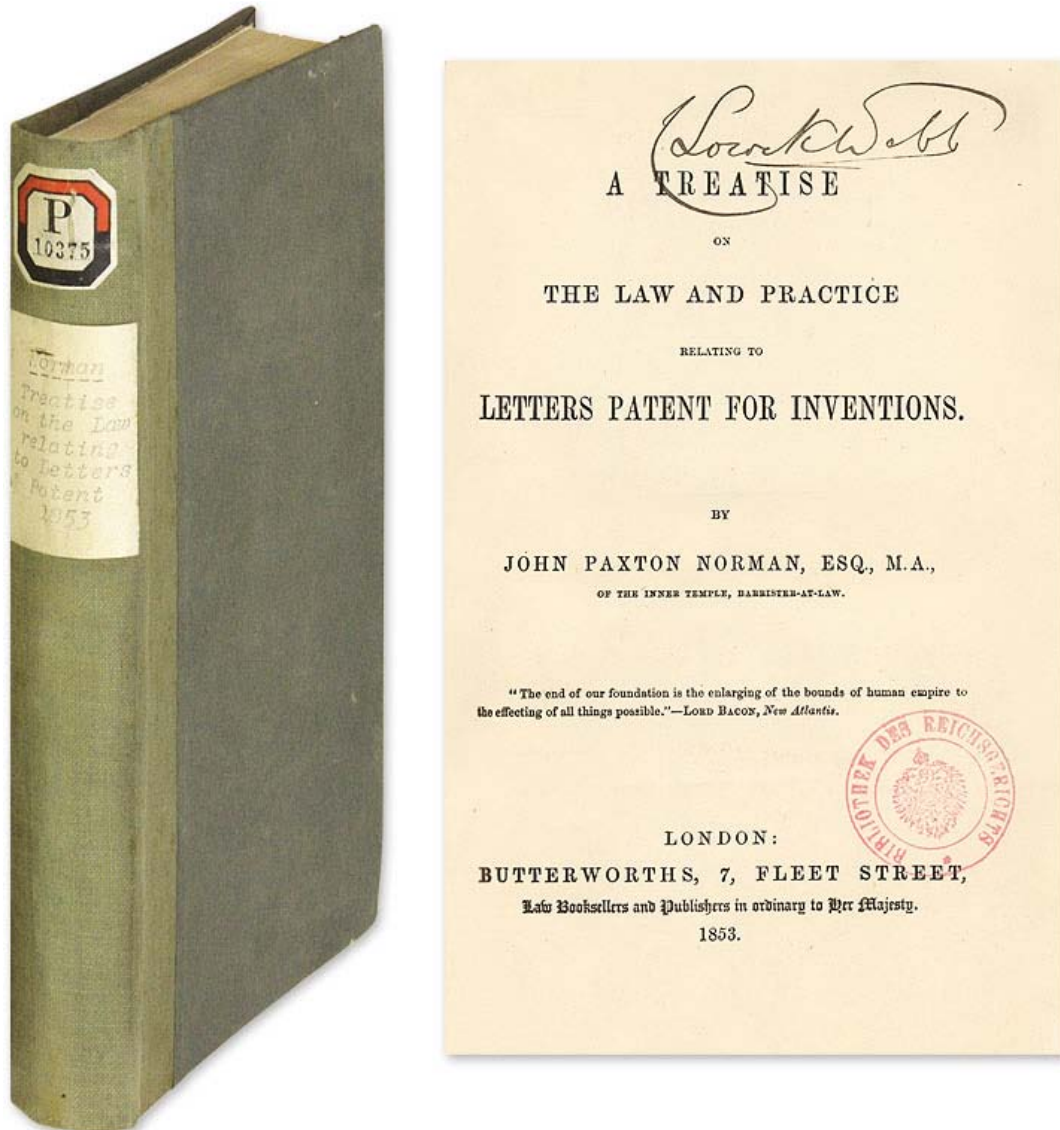
**Scarce 1872 Treatise on Utilities Law**

**18. Michael, W[illiam] H[enry] [1821-1892].  
Will, John Shires [1840-1910].**

*The Law of Gas and Water Supply: Comprising the Rights and Duties as Well of Local Authorities as of Private Companies in Regard Thereto: And Including the Legislation of the Last Session of Parliament.* London: Butterworths, 1872. lxxviii, 644, 46, [2] pp. Fold-out "Specimen Plan of Gas Works." 48-page publisher catalogue. Octavo (7" x 5").

Original cloth, blind frames to boards, gilt title to spine. Moderate rubbing to extremities, corners bumped and somewhat worn, light fading to spine, front free endpaper and fold-out table detached, rear hinge just starting at ends, a few partial cracks to text block. Finger smudges and light soiling to some leaves, interior otherwise fresh. \$125.

\* First edition. This was a standard text that reached its eight and final edition in 1935. This edition is particularly interesting because it was published at a time when British cities were expanding rapidly, which created unprecedented demand--and several new legal issues--for suppliers of water and gas. OCLC locates 10 copies of this edition. Of the 6 copies in North America, 3 are in law libraries (University of Connecticut, US Supreme Court, Notre Dame). Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 2:241. [Order This Item](#)



**Scarce 1853 English Treatise on Patents**

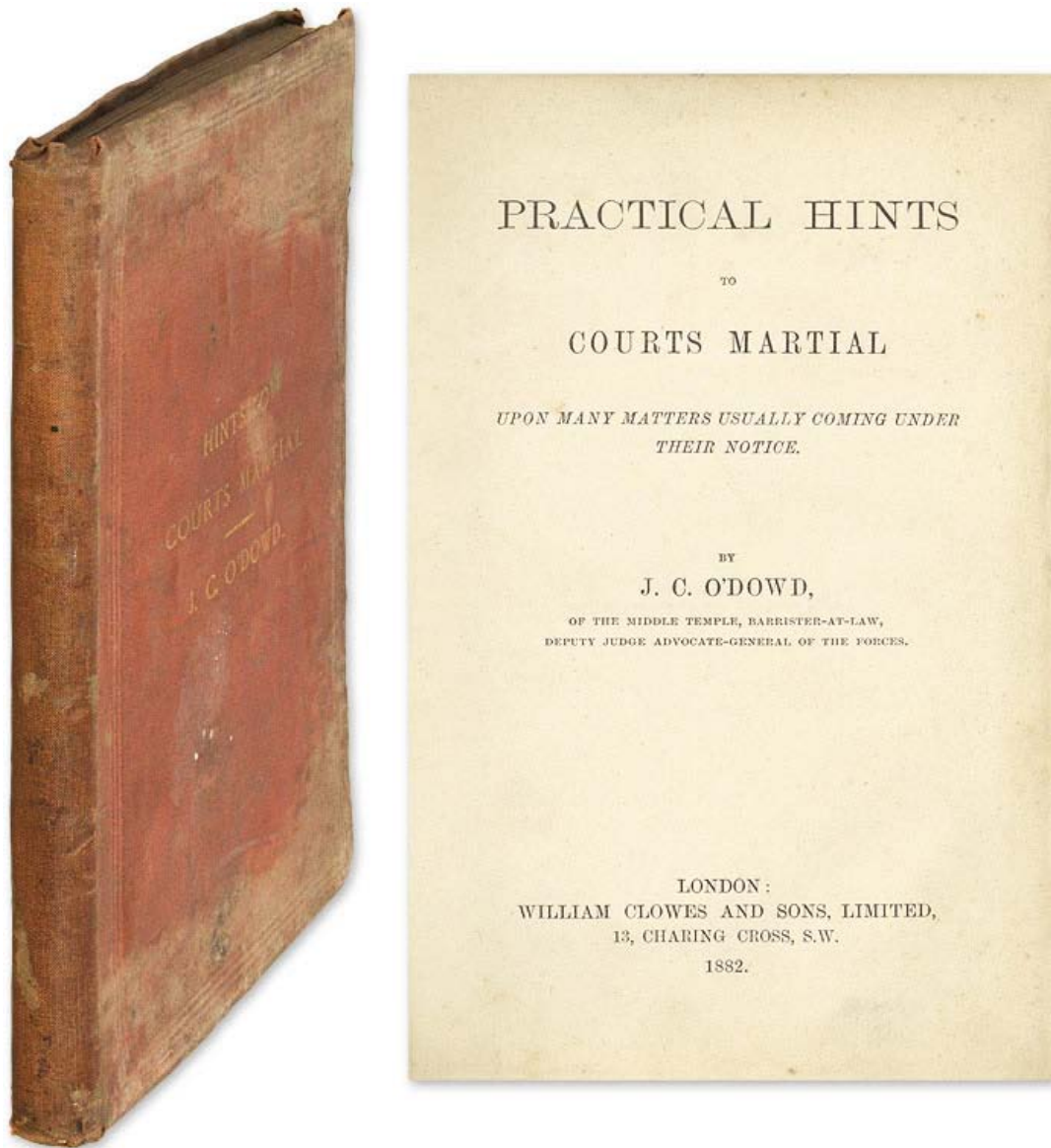
**19. Norman, John Paxton [1819-1871].**

*A Treatise on the Law and Practice Relating to Letters Patent for Inventions.* London: Butterworths, 1853. xv, 276, [24] pp. Includes 24-page publisher catalogue. Octavo (7" x 4-1/2").

Later quarter cloth over paper boards, typewritten title label to spine, endpapers renewed. Light rubbing, some fading to spine, partial crack to text block near rear of spine. Early owner signature to head of title page, annotations in pencil to rear endleaf, interior otherwise clean. Ex-library. Location label to spine, small inkstamp to title page. A sold copy of a scarce title. \$150.

\* Only edition. "In a long course of years many abuses had grown up, which recent legislation has removed. The prizes held out have been brought more within the reach of the poorer class of inventors. One cannot be but sanguine in hoping that the community is likely to derive great benefit from the new objects and motives presented to the minds of our artisans" (Preface). In addition to this work, Norman wrote a treatise in 1851 on the copyright of designs and sculpture. Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 2:258. [Order This Item](#)





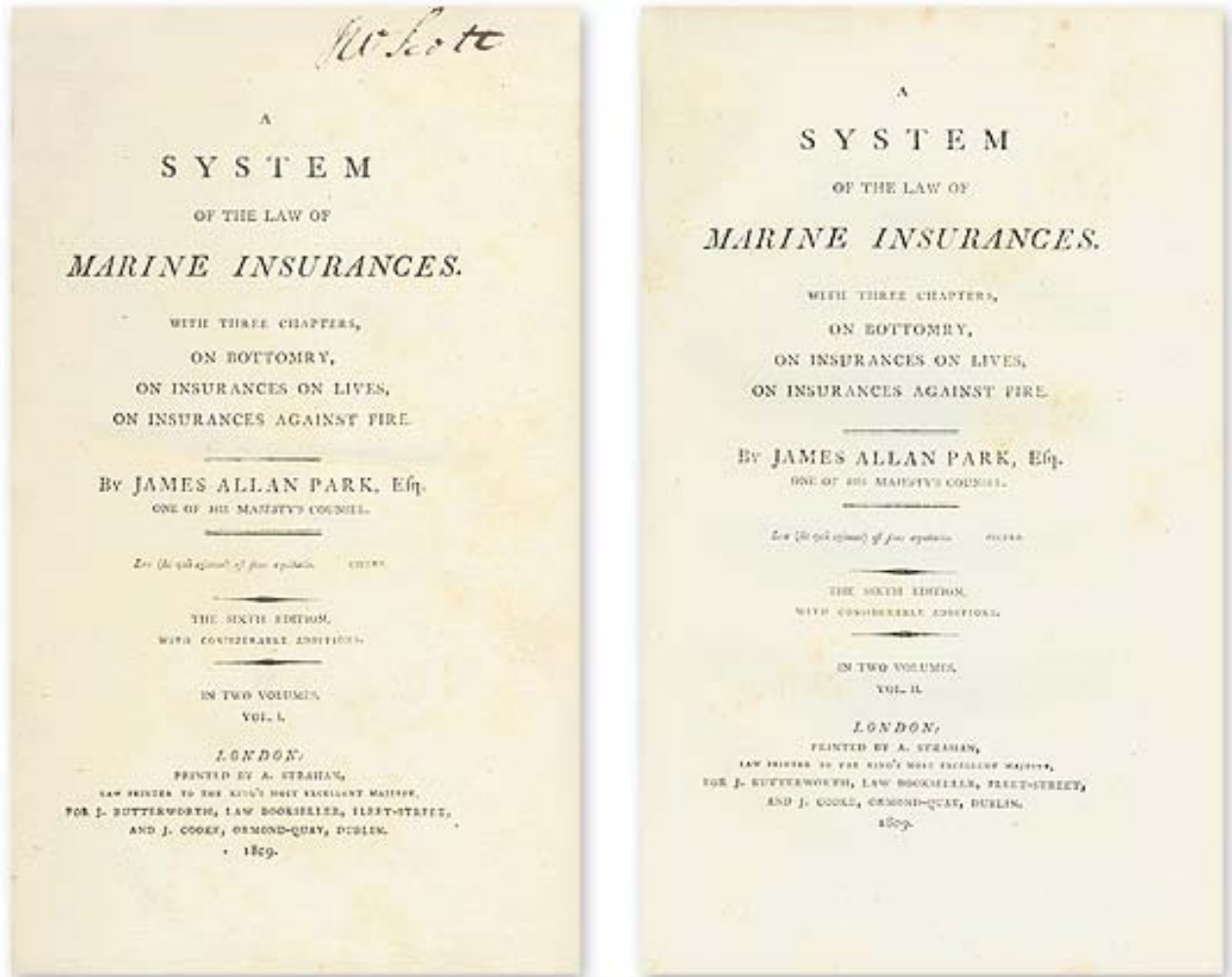
### Scarce British Treatise on Courts Martial

#### 20. O'Dowd, J.C.

*Practical Hints to Courts Martial Upon Many Matters Usually Coming Under Their Notice.* London: William Clowes and Sons, 1882. viii, 160 pp. Octavo (7" x 5").

Original cloth, blind frames to boards, gilt title to front. Moderate dampstaining, corners and spine ends bumped, hinges cracked but secure, rear free endpaper lacking, crack near center of text block. Toning to text, light foxing in a few places. Early owner signatures (of Corporal Scott and Charles C. David) to front pastedown and free endpaper, interior otherwise clean. A solid copy. \$125.

\* Only edition. British military law was substantially revised with the passage of the Army Act in 1881. O'Dowd's handbook summarizes the law as it stood after these reforms. Intended for busy practitioners, it is a "handy" book rather than "an exact or exhaustive treatise." OCLC locates 8 copies worldwide, 4 copies in North America, 1 copy in a law library (Columbia). Not in Sweet & Maxwell. [Order This Item](#)



"The Best Text-Book  
Upon the Law of Insurance.": Holdsworth

**21. Park, James Allan [1763-1838].**

*A System of the Law of Marine Insurances: With Three Chapters On Bottomry; On Insurances on Lives; And On Insurances Against Fire.* London: Printed by A. Strahan, 1809. xlvii, 341; [342]-680 pp. Two volumes in one with continuous pagination, second volume preceded divisional title page. Octavo (9" x 5-1/2").

Contemporary calf, blind fillets to boards, lettering piece and blind fillets to spine. Some rubbing to extremities, gatering to spine with some chipping to head, joints starting at ends, front hinge starting, crack near center of text block (visible on spine). Early owner signature (of J.W. Scott) to head of title page. Light foxing to preliminaries, interior otherwise fresh. Ex-library. Bookplate to front pastedown. A solid copy. \$200.

\* Stated Sixth Edition with considerable additions, the first edition in two volumes. First published in 1787, Park's *Marine Insurances* was the first legal work on insurance written by an English lawyer and the first to appear in America. Holdsworth said it was "the best text-book upon the law of insurance." It went through numerous editions, both England and America, and it remained the standard text until the mid-nineteenth century. Holdsworth, *A History of English Law* XII:390. Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 2:265. [Order This Item](#)





**Humanistic Treatise on  
Jurisprudence Bound with Two Other Volumes**

**22. [Prasch, Johann Ludwig (1637-1690)].**

*Jurisconsultus Verus et Personatus: Ad Illustrissimum Baronem Boineburgium. In Qua Dissertatione Quaedam, Maxime Circa Ipsa Jurisprudentiae Fundamenta, Vulgo Velignota, Vel Neglecta, Vel Errata, Proponuntur & Expenduntur.* Nuremberg: Apud Joh. And. Endterum & Wolfg. Jun. Haered, 1664. 188, [4] pp.

**[Bound with]**

**Thou, Jacques Auguste de [1553-1617].**

*Rerum Memorabilium Excerpta. Historia, In Privatum Primo Usus Collecta, Lemmatibusq Suis Interstincta. Nunc Vero in Historiae Studiosorum Gratiam Publici Juris Facta. Cum Indice.* Ulm: Impensis Georgii Wildeisen, 1664. [xxiv], 417, [5] pp.

**[And]**

**Lassenius, Johann [1636-1692].**

*Turcken-Krieg der Christen-Sieg: Oder Bedencken Über den Itzt vor Augen Schwebenden Turckischen Krieg, Darinn von Nutzlichen Mitteln/Denselben Wol Anzufangen und Zu Enden/Wie Auch von Andern Hic zu Dienlichen Sachen Geredet Wird. Bestehend in XX Send-Schreiben.* Nuremberg: Bey Michael und Johann Friderich Endter, 1663. [xxiv], 284 pp. Title page preceded by copperplate pictorial title page.

12mo. (5" x 3"). Contemporary vellum with lapped edges, early hand-lettered title to spine. Some soiling, light wear to extremities, faint vertical crease, vellum beginning to crack through front pastedown, repair to small hole in title page of *Jurisconsultus Verus*, which is printed in red and black. Toning to text. Later annotation to front pastedown, interior otherwise clean. \$1,500.

\* Prasch: Only edition; Thou: Only edition (in this form); Lassenius, later edition. Prasch was a notable poet, bookseller and state official. Published under the cipher "I.L.P.," *Jurisconsultus Verus et Personatus* is a humanistic treatise on jurisprudence. The second title is an excerpt from the *Historiarum Sui Temporis* (1664), an important history of the sixteenth century by the eminent French statesman and scholar De Thou, who studied law under Cujas. The final title is by Lassenius, a Lutheran theologian. It is a religious tract predicting the victory of the Holy Roman Empire over the Ottoman Empire in the Turkish-Austrian War (1663-1664). No copies of these titles located in North America on OCLC. *Das Verzeichnis der im Deutschen Sprachraum Erschienenen Drucke des 17. Jahrhunderts* 1:008058L, 3:003112X, 23:666520F.

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"Opinions of Great Weight and Authority"

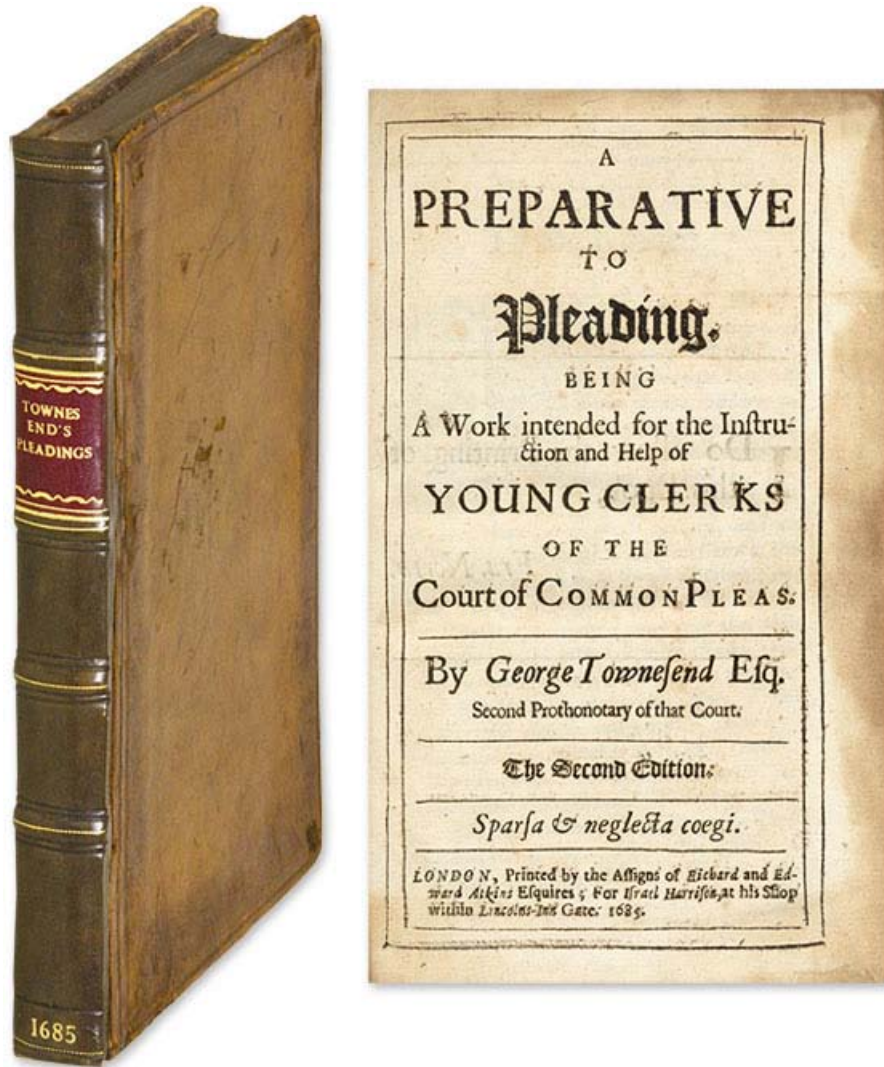
23. Schrassert, Johan [1687-1756].

*Consultatien, Advysen Ende Advertissemerten: Waer in Verscheyde Gevallen, Quaestien ende Poincten van Regten uyt de Vaderlandsche, Mitsgaeders Meest Overeenkoomende ende Nabuyrige Statuten Ende Gewoonten Werden Verhandelt, Gededuceert ende Opgelocht, Ende Uyt Beyde de Beschreevene Keyserlycke Ende Pauslycke Regten Gesterckt Ende Opgeheldert, Dienende Tot Verklaeringe van de Hedendaegsche Regtsgeleertheyt.* Harderwyck: Willem Brinkink, 1740-1754. Five volumes bound as three books. Quarto, Books 1-2 (8" x 6-1/2"), Book 3 (9-1/2 x 7-1/2").

Books 1-2: Original marbled printer boards, untrimmed edges. Some rubbing, paper worn from spine, rear board of Book 2 detached, contents somewhat loose; Book 3: Contemporary vellum, frames with corner fleurons and large arabesques to boards, raised bands and early hand-lettered title to spine. Some soiling and edgewear, corners bumped, hinges cracked but secure, later signature to front free endpaper. Books 1-3: title pages with large devices printed in red and black, woodcut initials and tail-pieces. Toning, light foxing in a few places, internally clean. \$450.

\* Only edition. Schrassert was an advocate and court officer who worked in Arnheim and later in Harderwijk. A number of his opinions appear in collections by contemporary authors, such as Joost Schomaker and Martin van Lamzweerde. The five volumes that comprise the *Consultatien* contain 222 opinions. Some of these were collaborations with J.F.W. Pagenstecher, Schomaker and his father, Hendrik Schrassert. According to Wessels, this work is "accepted as containing opinions of great weight and authority." Roberts, *A South African Legal Bibliography* 281-82. Wessels, *History of Roman-Dutch Law* 246. Dekkers, *Bibliotheca Belgica Juridica* 157. [Order This Item](#)





**Restoring the Art of Pleading In the Wake of the Civil War and Protectorate**

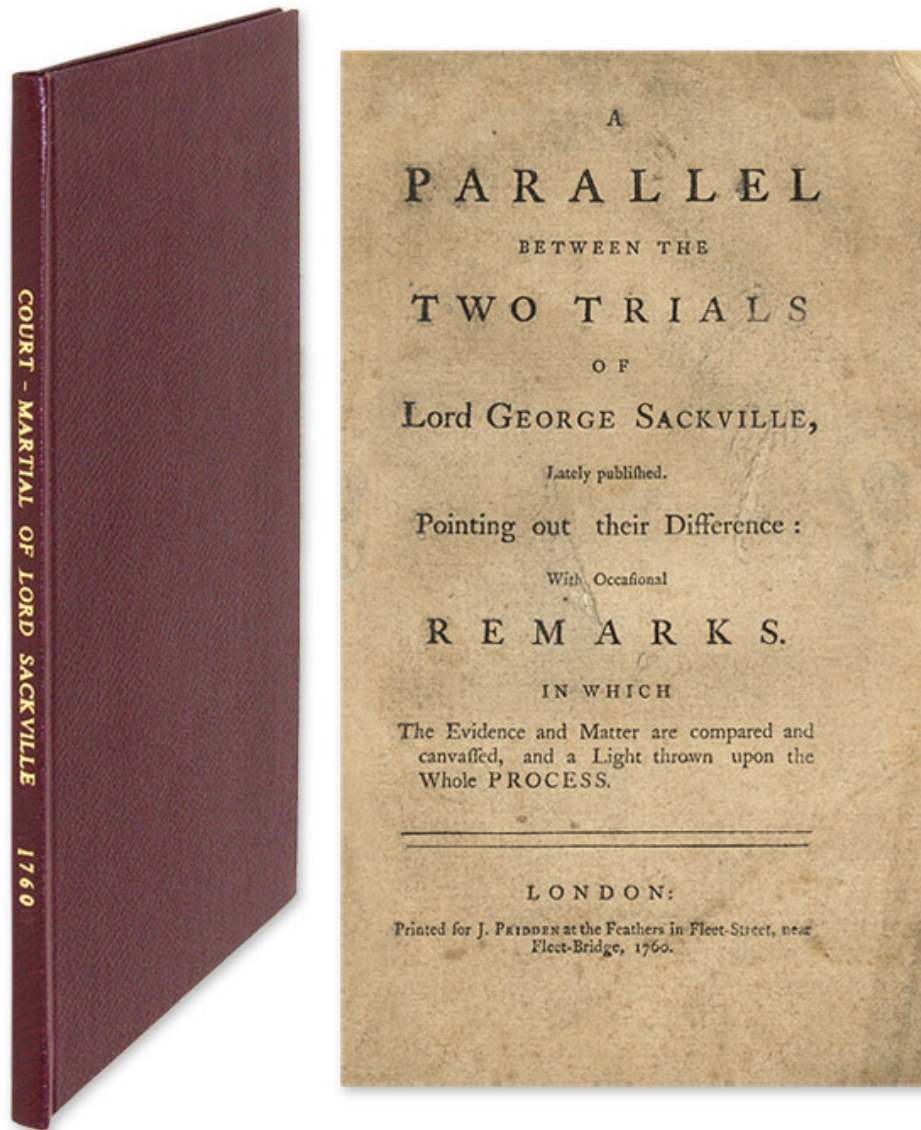
**24. Townesend, George.**

*A Preparative to Pleading: Being a Work Intended for the Instruction of Young Clerks of the Court of Common Pleas.* London: Printed by the Assigns of Richard and Edward Atkins, 1685. [viii], 236 pp. Octavo (7" x 4").

Contemporary calf, blind frames and corner fleurons to boards, rebaked in period style with raised bands, hinges mended. Some rubbing to extremities, a few faint stains to boards, small clean tear to front free endpaper. Browning to margins of endleaves and title page, toning to text. Later owner signatures to front free endpaper, small owner stamp to verso of title page, interior otherwise clean. \$750.

\* Second edition. Townesend was a clerk of the Court of Common Pleas. First published in 1675, he wrote his manual to improve the quality of pleadings, which had "much decayed" during the Civil War and Protectorate. A Latin-English dictionary for the most part, it aimed to "direct Attornies and Young Clerks, in the formalities of their Words and Writings" so "their Businesses may be more Clerklike drawn, and fairly entred on record" (Preface). The work was well-received. Its fourth and final edition was published in 1721. All are scarce today. OCLC locates 3 copies of this (1685) edition in North American law libraries (Columbia, Library of Congress, Yale). *English Short-Title Catalogue* R7084.

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### The Court-Martial of Lord Sackville

#### 25. [Trial].

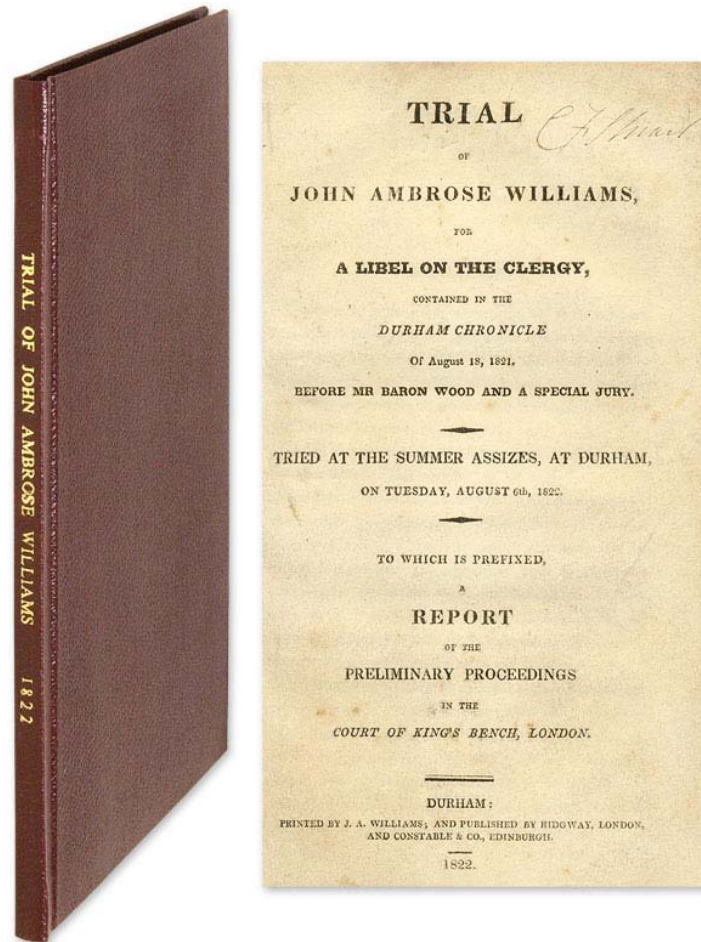
**Sackville, George Germain, Viscount [1716-1785], Defendant.**

*A Parallel Between the Two Trials of Lord George Sackville, Lately Published Pointing out Their Difference: With Occasional Remarks in Which the Evidence and Matter are Compared and Canvassed, And a Light Thrown Upon the Whole Process.* London: Printed for J. Pridden, 1760. 27, [1] pp. Octavo (8" x 5").

Stab-stitched pamphlet bound into recent cloth, gilt title to spine, endpapers renewed. Light browning, faint dampstaining and foxing to a few leaves. A nice copy of a scarce title. \$450.

\* Only edition. Lord Sackville was dismissed from the British army for insubordination at the Battle of Minden (1759) during the Seven Years' War. Secretary for the colonies from 1775 to 1782, he received much of the blame for Great Britain's defeat in the American Revolution. ESTC locates 9 copies in North America. OCLC locates 1 copy in a North American law school (Harvard). *English Short-Title Catalogue* T043631. [Order This Item](#)





**Notable Libel Trial With a Defence by Lord Brougham**

**26. [Trial].**

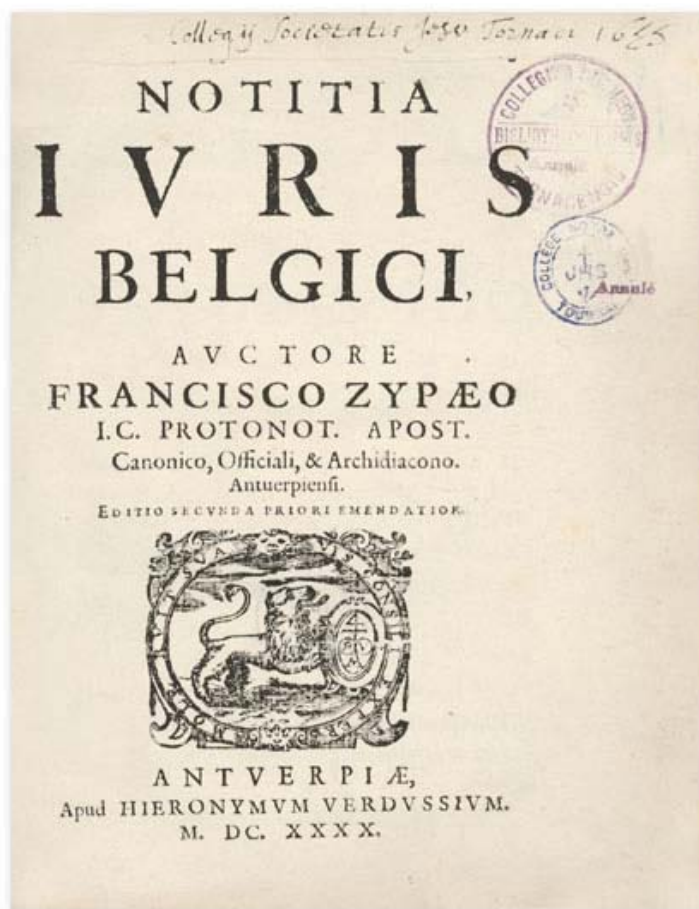
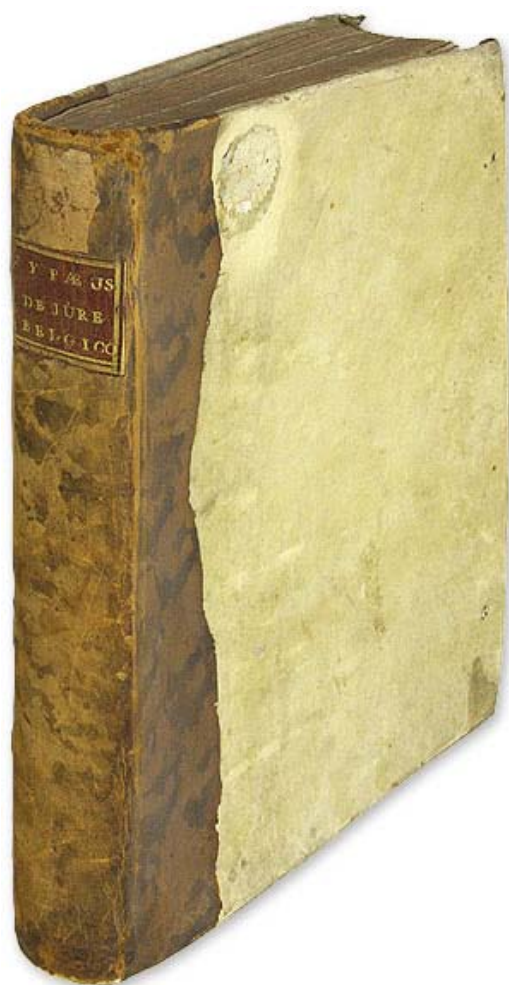
**Williams, John Ambrose [1793-1854], Defendant.**

*The Trial of John Ambrose Williams, For a Libel on the Clergy, Contained in the Durham Chronicle of August 18, 1821. Before Mr. Baron Wood and a Special Jury. Tried at the Summer Assizes, At Durham, On Tuesday, August 6th, 1822. To Which is Prefixed, A Report of the Preliminary Proceedings in the Court of King's Bench, London.* Durham: Printed by J.A. Williams, 1822. iv, 57 pp. Octavo (8" x 5").

Stab-stitched pamphlet bound into recent cloth, gilt title to spine. Light soiling to title page and verso of final leaf, light browning. Early owner signature to head of title page, interior otherwise clean. \$250.

\* First edition. "When [Queen Caroline] died in 1821, the clergy of Durham refused to allow the bells to be tolled. Mr. John Ambrose Williams, who owned the *Durham Chronicle*, published an article in it attacking the conduct of the clergy, who set the law in motion against Mr. Williams in the shape of a criminal information for libel. [The] case came for trial before a special jury at Durham. Mr. Scarlett (afterwards Lord Abinger), a most consummate advocate, conducted the prosecution, and Brougham the defense. Brougham made a magnificent speech, but it was rather a political manifesto than a wise appeal to a jury at Durham, who were not likely to be pleased with torrents of irony addressed to such topics as the revenues and management of their palatinate. The result was that his client was found guilty..." (Archer). This pamphlet was also issued the same year in London and Edinburgh. OCLC locates 2 copies of the Durham issue (at Cambridge and Glasgow Universities). Archer, *William Ewart Gladstone and his Contemporaries* 40. McCoy, *Freedom of the Press* W297.

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**Useful Digest of the  
Law of the Spanish Netherlands**

**27. van den Zype, François (Franciscus) [c.1578-1650].**

*Notitia Iuris Belgici. Editio Secunda Priori Emendatio.* Antwerp: Apud Hieronymum Verdussium, 1640. [xx], 284, [xxiv] pp. Quarto (8" x 6-1/2").

Contemporary vellum with lapped edges, sprinkled calf-backed spine with morocco lettering piece, ties lacking. Some rubbing to extremities, boards lightly soiled and somewhat bowed, hinges cracked but secure. Toning to text, internally clean. Ex-library. Early shelf labels to spine and front board, hand-written owner inscription and two small later stamps to title page. An appealing copy of an uncommon title. \$850.

\* Second edition. Zype was a canon lawyer and church official attached to the Bishop of Antwerp. First published in 1635, this useful and important book on the civil and canon law of the Spanish Netherlands went through at least four more editions and issues into the eighteenth century. Topics include procedure and the law concerning commerce, marriage, the military and other topics. OCLC locates 5 copies of this title in North America, three in law libraries (Harvard, Boston College, Library of Congress), none of this edition. Dekkers, *Bibliotheca Belgica Juridica* 198. [Order This Item](#)



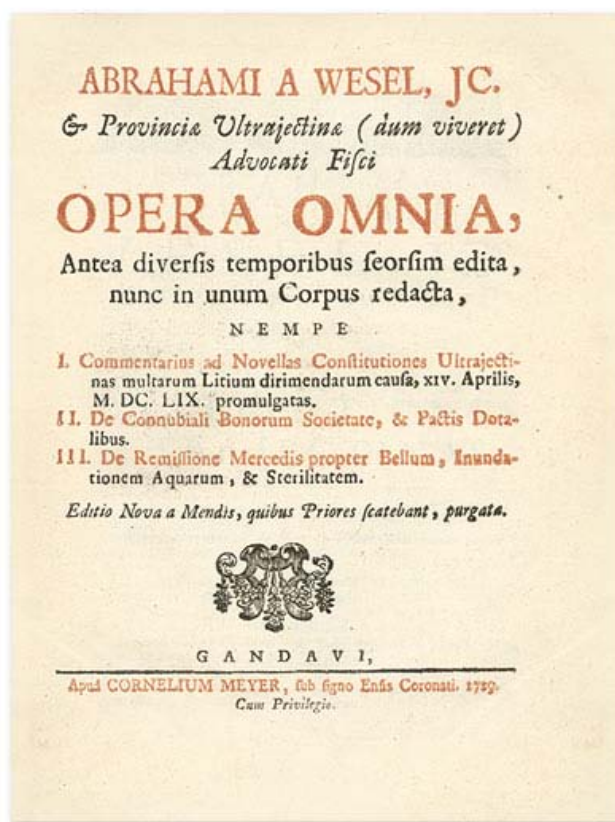
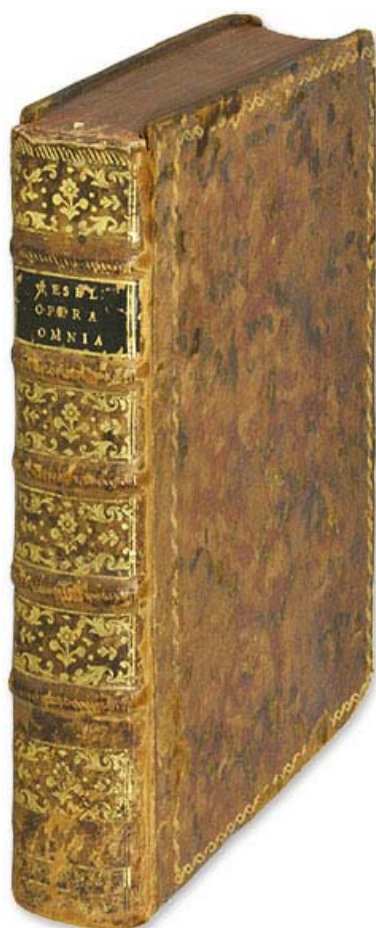
**Eighteenth-Century Engraving  
of the Chapel of Lincoln's Inn**

**28. Vertue, George [1684-1756].**

*Lincoln's-Inn Chappel, Being Erected at the Expence of the Hon.ble Gentlemen of this Inn by a Plan of Mr. Inigo Jones, 1751.* 9-1/2" x 15-1/2" copperplate engraving, handsomely matted and glazed, margins trimmed closely, image mounted on board. Light toning to margins, negligible horizontal fold line, tiny fold line to lower right-hand corner, image fresh. \$250.

\* This engraving depicts the ambulatory and stairs of the chapel. The left side has a large cartouche describing the chapel and its history. Vertue was an English engraver and antiquarian. His notebooks are a valuable source for students of English art of the first half of the eighteenth century. They were the basis of Horace Walpole's *Anecdotes of Painting in England* (1761-1771). *Sir John Soane's Museum Concise Catalogue of Drawings* (online version), Drawer 59, Set 1. [Order This Item](#)





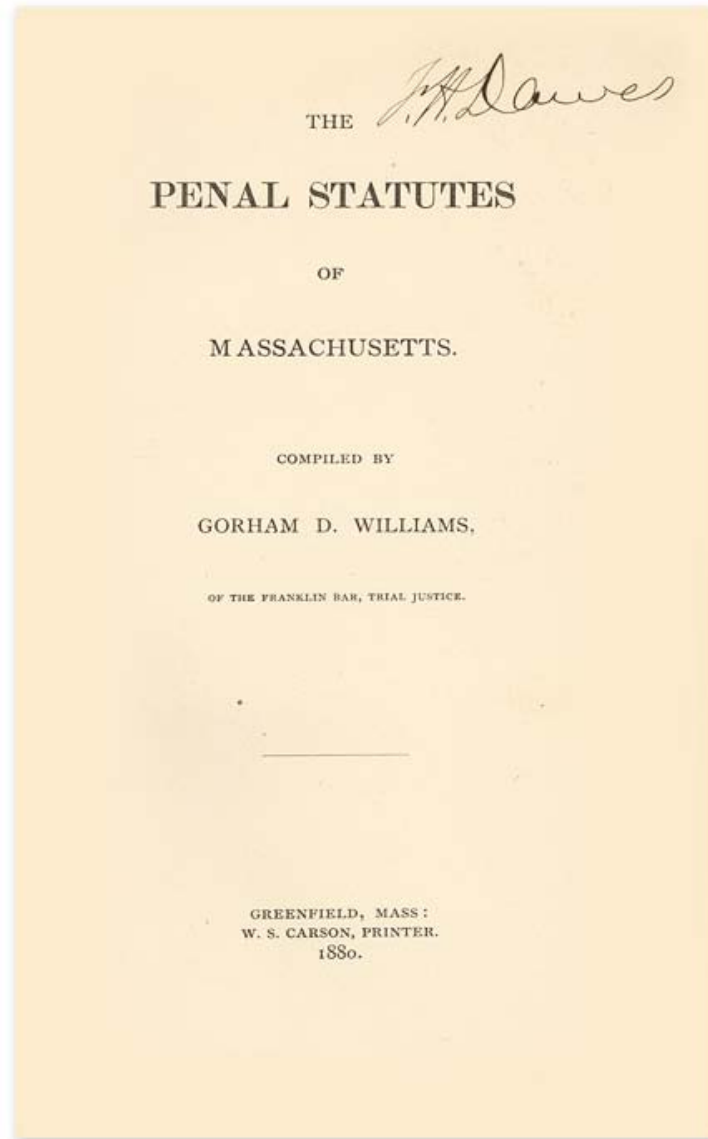
### Collected Works of Notable Roman-Dutch Jurist

#### 29. Wesel, Abraham van [1633-1680].

*Opera Omnia, Antea Diversis Temporibus Seorsim Edita, Nunc in Unum Corpus Redacta, Nempe I. Commentarius ad Novellas Constitutiones Ultrajectinas Multarum Litium Dirimendarum Causa, XIV. Aprilis, M. DC. LIX. Promulgatas. II. De Connubiali Bonorum Societate, & Pactis Dotalibus. III. De Remissione Mercedis Propter Bellum, Inundationem Aquarum, & Sterilitatem. Editio Nova a Mendis, Quibus Priores Scatebant, Purgata.* Ghent: Apud Cornelium Meyer, 1729-1730. Three parts, each with title page and individual pagination. Main text in parallel columns. Quarto (7-1/2" x 6-1/2").

Contemporary mottled calf, gilt frames to boards, gilt spine with raised bands and lettering piece, edges rouged, speckled endpapers. Some rubbing to extremities, chipping to head of spine, corners bumped and somewhat worn, residue from bookplate to front pastedown. First title page printed in red and black, attractive woodcut head-pieces, tail-pieces and decorated initials. Some toning to text. Brief later annotation to front pastedown, interior otherwise fresh. \$650.

\* Third and final edition, with corrections. Educated at the University of Utrecht, Wesel was Counsellor to the Court of Vianen, where he was a colleague of Paul Voet, and fiscal lawyer to the Court of Utrecht. A solid Romanist, he was also, says Wessels, "a great authority not only on the law of Utrecht, but also on the law of Holland." *Opera Omnia* was first published in 1692 and it collects his principal works. The first part is a detailed article-by-article commentary on the Novellae Constitutiones of the Province of Utrecht in Dutch and Latin. The other parts address the Roman and Roman-Dutch law of husband and wife, dowry, community property and compensation. OCLC locates 1 copy in North America, at UC-Berkeley Law School; another copy located at Harvard Law School. Wessels, *History of Roman-Dutch Law* 316. Dekkers, *Bibliotheca Belgica Juridica* 188. [Order This Item](#)



**Scarce Digest of Massachusetts  
Criminal Laws, Alphabetically Digested**

**30. Williams, Gorham D., Compiler.**

*The Penal Statutes of Massachusetts.* Greenfield, MA: W.S. Carson, 1880. [i], 304 pp. Octavo (7-1/2" x 5").

Contemporary law sheep, lettering piece to spine. Moderate rubbing to extremities, front board beginning to separate but still quite secure. Early owner signature (of J.H. Dawes) to head of title page. Toning to text, internally clean. \$250.

\* Only edition. Digested alphabetically by topic, this handbook provides a window into the criminal laws and their punishments. Some examples: abortion was punishable with a seven year jail sentence and a \$1,000. fine. The sentence for abuse of a female child (child rape) was life in prison. Removing the collar from a licensed dog would earn one a \$500. fine, gambling threatened a \$50.00 fine and traveling on the Lord's Day could cost you \$10. Running a house of prostitution or beating a horse or dog carried the same penalty: a year in jail. OCLC locates 11 copies. Not in the *Harvard Law Catalogue*.

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