

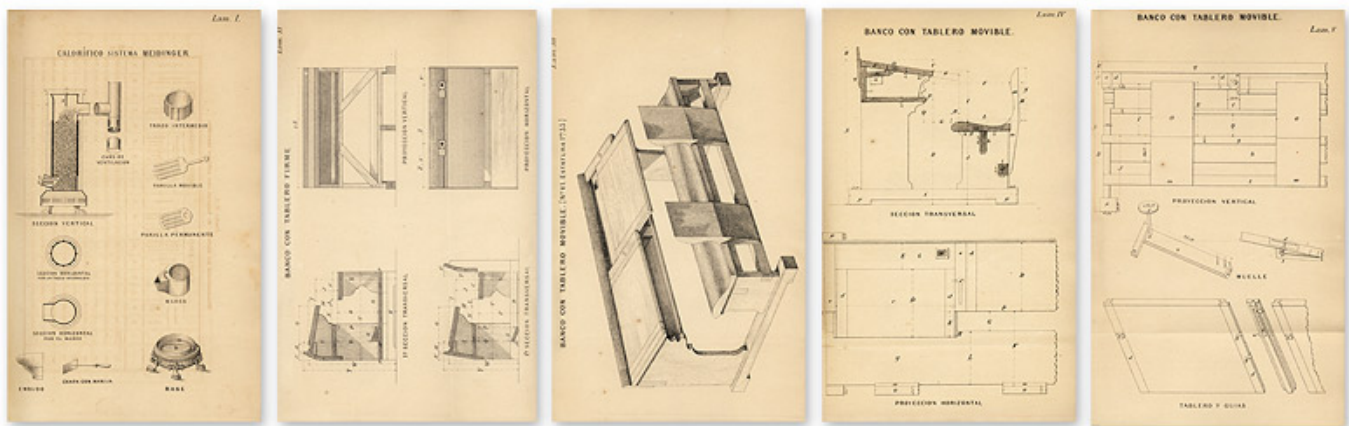
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### Three Rare Argentinean Items

#### 1. [Argentina].

*Código Penal de la Provincia de Corrientes*. Buenos Aires: Imprenta de Pablo E. Coni, 1878. 110 pp.

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Llerena, Juan.

*La Provincia de Buenos Aires y su Nueva Capital*. Buenos Aires: Establecimiento Tipografico, 1881. 54 pp.

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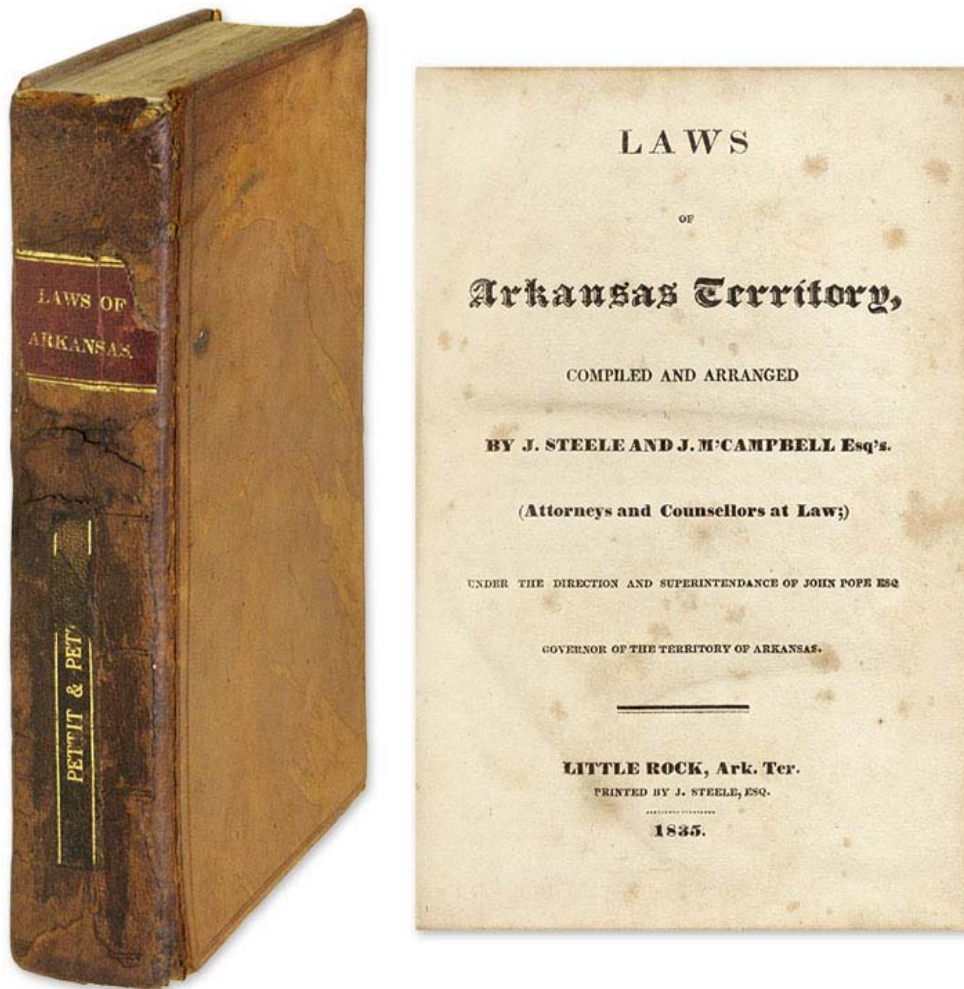
Stegmann, Carlos.

*Construccion y Disposicion Interior de las Escuelas Publicas en Relacion con la Higiene*. Buenos Aires: Imprenta de Pablo E. Coni, 1878. 24 pp. Five plates, two folding.

Octavo (9-1/4" x 6-1/4"). Later cloth, gilt titles to spine. Light shelfwear, some toning to text, final three leaves of *Construccion* detached, internally clean. \$950.

\* Only editions located. The first item is the penal code for Corrientes, one of the provinces of Argentina. The second title, which is not legal in nature, is an essay defending the establishment of Buenos Aires as the national capital in 1880. Illustrated with plates depicting classrooms and school furniture, the final title is a book of regulations governing the construction of schools and the furnishing of classrooms. All of these titles are rare. OCLC locates 1 copy each of *Corrientes* and *Provincia* (both in Germany), no copies of *Construccion*. See Borchard, *Guide to the Law and Legal Literature of Argentina, Brazil and Chile* 115-116. [Order This Item](#)

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**The Final Territorial Compilation of the Laws of Arkansas**

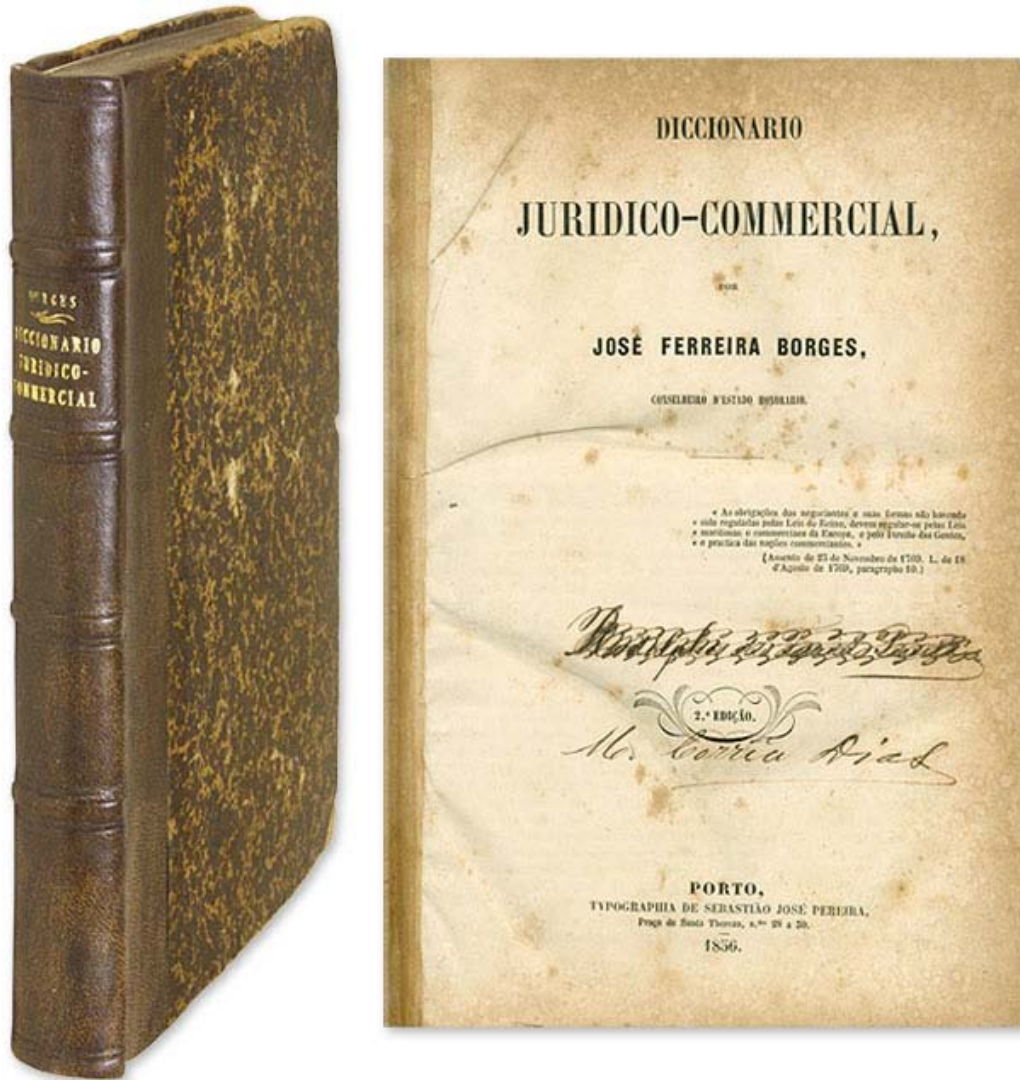
2. [Arkansas].  
Steele, J.  
M'Campbell, J.

*Laws of Arkansas Territory*. Little Rock, Ark. Ter.: Printed by J. Steele, 1835. [iv], 562, [12] pp. Octavo (7-1/2" x 5").

Contemporary calf, blind fillets to boards, lettering piece and early owner label (Pettit & Pettit) to spine. Light rubbing to extremities, light scuffing to boards, spine abraded with wear along joints and spine ends, hinges cracked. Toning and foxing text, light browning in places, internally clean. \$2,000.

\* Originally part of the Territory of Louisiana, then the Territory of Missouri, Arkansas Territory was established in 1819. It became a state in 1836. The first territorial compilation, a brief 149-page volume that included statutes of Missouri, was published in 1821. Steele and Campbell's alphabetically digested compilation was the second and last published during the territorial period. As indicated by such sections as Indians, Slaves and Vice and Immorality, it offers an interesting perspective on Arkansas when it was beginning its transition from a territory to a state. Babbitt, *Hand-List of Legislative Sessions and Session Laws* 16. [Order This Item](#)

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

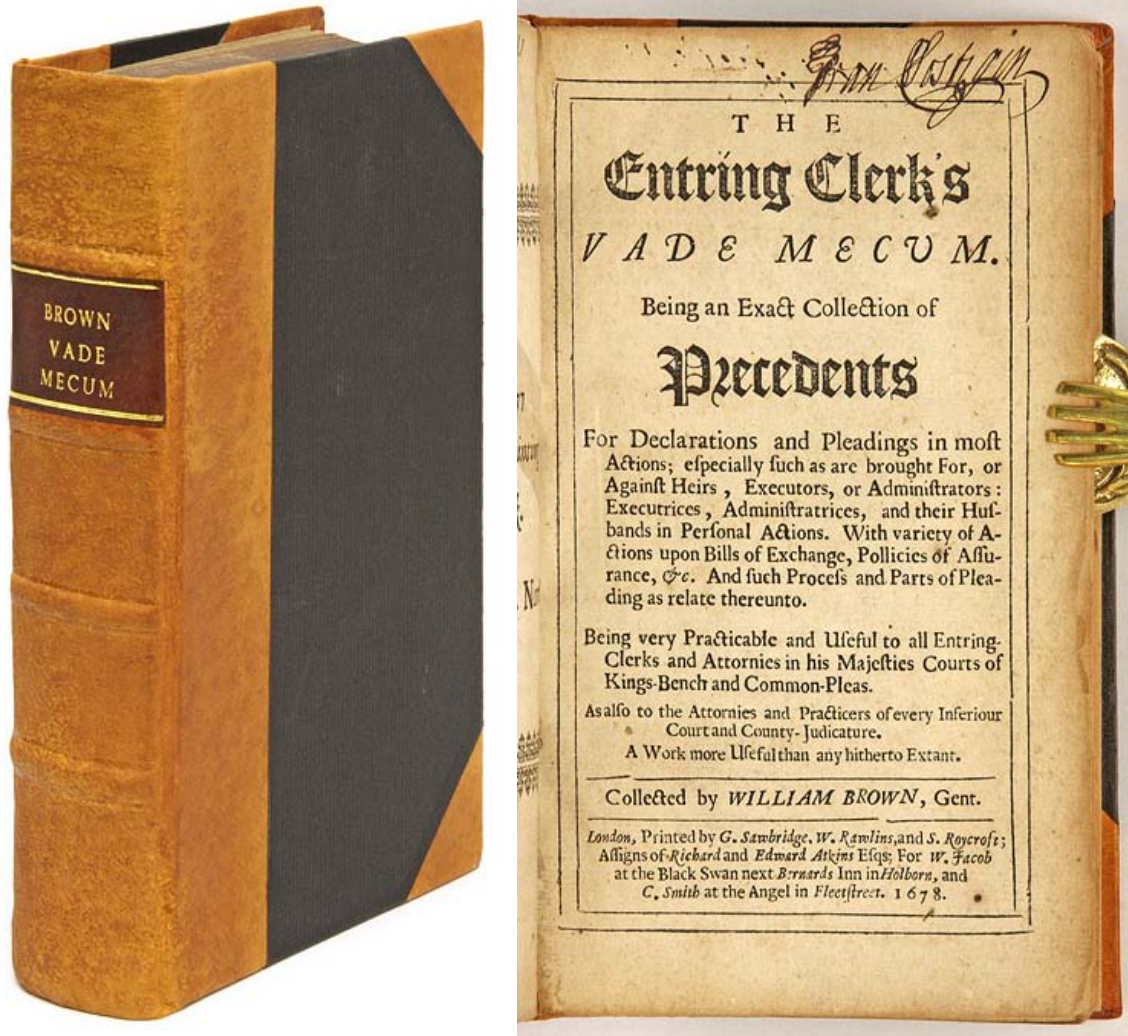
**3. Borges, Jose Ferreira [1786-1838].**

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

Recent period-style quarter calf over original marbled boards, raised bands and gilt title to spine, endpapers renewed. Slight rubbing to boards with moderate edgewear. Some toning to text, faint dampstaining to head of text block, light foxing in places. Early owner signature to title page, interior otherwise clean. \$850.

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

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#### Guidance for the Novice Clerk

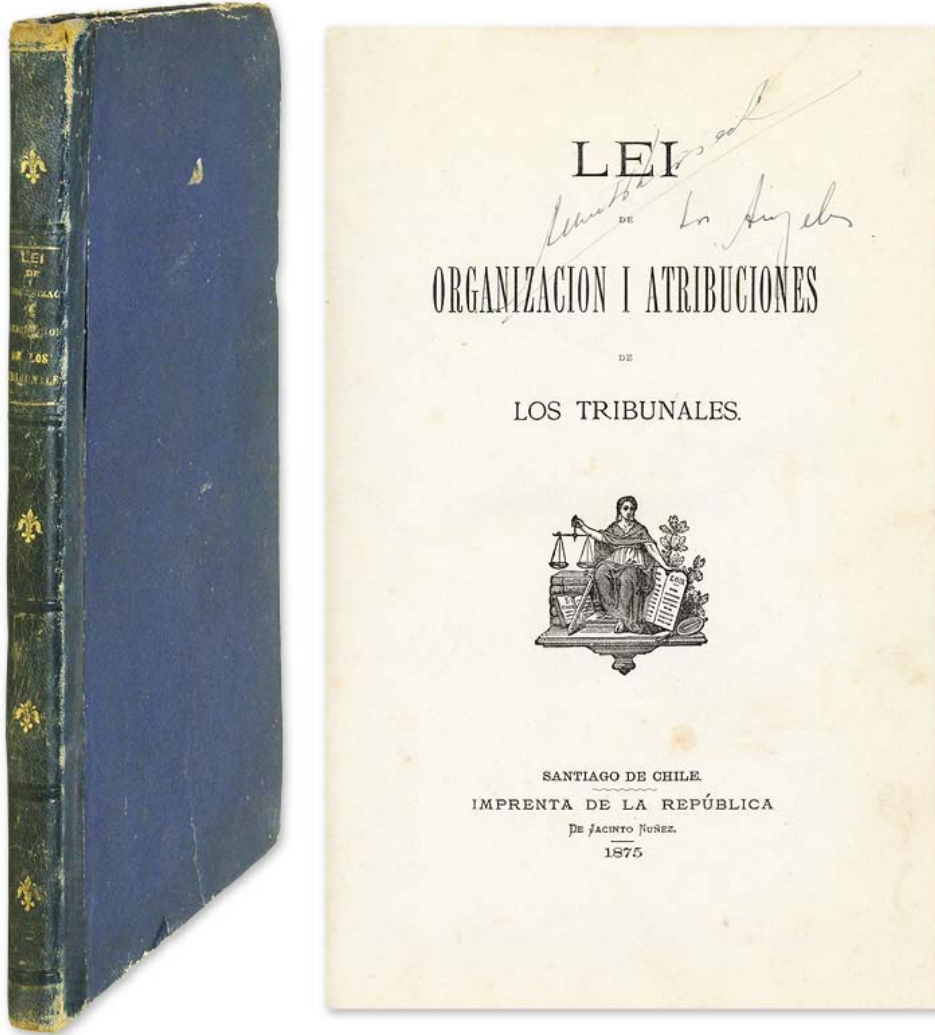
#### 4. Brown, William [fl c.1680].

*The Entering Clerk's Vade Mecum: Being an Exact Collection of Precedents for Declarations and Pleadings in Most Actions: Especially Such as Are Brought For, Or Against Heirs, Executors, or Administrators: Executrices, Administratrices, and Their Husbands in Personal Actions. With Variety of Actions Upon Bills of Exchange, Policies of Assurance, &c. And Such Process and Parts of Pleading as Relate Thereunto. Being Very Practicable and Useful to All Entering Clerks and Attornies in His Majesties Courts of Kings-Bench and Common-Pleas. As Also to the Attornies and Practicers of Every Inferiour Court and County-Judicature. A Work More Useful Than Any Hitherto Extant.* London: Printed by G. Sawbridge [et al.] for W. Jacob and C. Smith, 1678. [viii], 575, [57] pp. Octavo (7" x 4-1/2").

Recent period-style calf over paper-covered boards, endpapers renewed, early hand-lettered title to fore-edge of text block. Light browning to text, faint inkstains to a few leaves, early owner annotations and signatures to endleaves and head of title page, minor tear to imprimatur leaf repaired with cellotape. An appealing copy. \$650.

\* First edition. Brown was clerk of the Court of Common Pleas and the author of several pleading manuals. A second edition of the *Entering Clerk's Vade Mecum* was published in 1695. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R23815. [Order This Item](#)

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**"One of the Most Important" Chilean Codes**

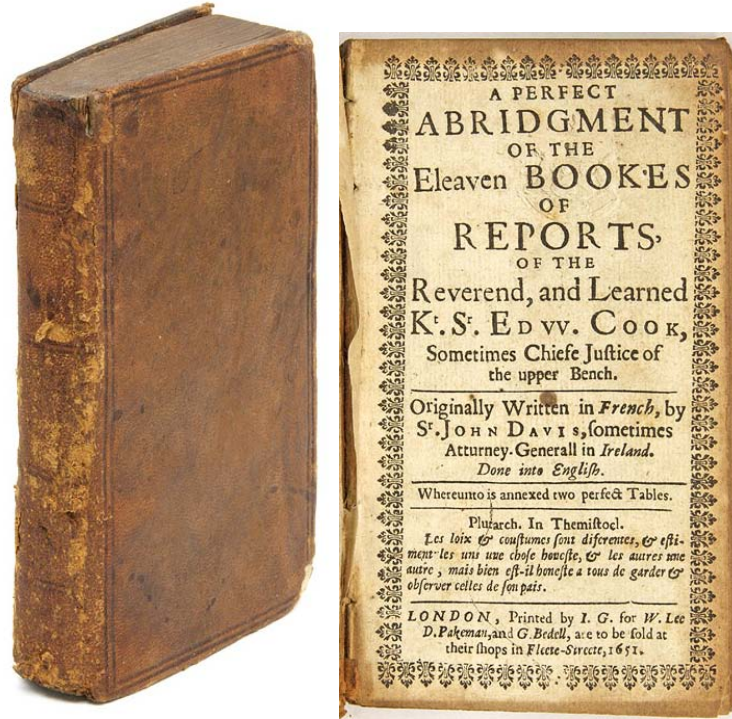
**5. [Chile].**

*Lei de Organizacion i Atribuciones de los Tribunales.* Santiago de Chile, Imprenta de la Republica, 1875. 150 pp. Octavo (10" x 7").

Contemporary quarter calf over textured paper-covered boards. Moderate rubbing to extremities, some wear to spine ends and corners, a few small scuffs to boards. Image of Lady Justice on title page. Some toning to text, light foxing in a few places. Early owner signature to half title, interior otherwise clean. A solid copy of a scarce title. \$75.

\* First edition. This code governing the organization of Chile's courts was preceded by a *Proyecto* of 1864 that was revised and published in 1872 and 1874. "One of the most important codes.... Its contents are far greater than its title would indicate, and it is in effect a code defining not merely the jurisdiction of the courts but the functions of all officers connected, even remotely, with judicial proceedings, including notaries, attorneys, Sheriffs, clerks, public defenders, and other officers" (Borchard). OCLC locates 9 copies in North America, 3 in law libraries (Columbia, Harvard, Library of Congress). Borchard, *Guide to the Law and Legal Literature of Argentina, Brazil and Chile* 403. [Order This Item](#)

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First English-Language Abridgement of Coke's *Reports*

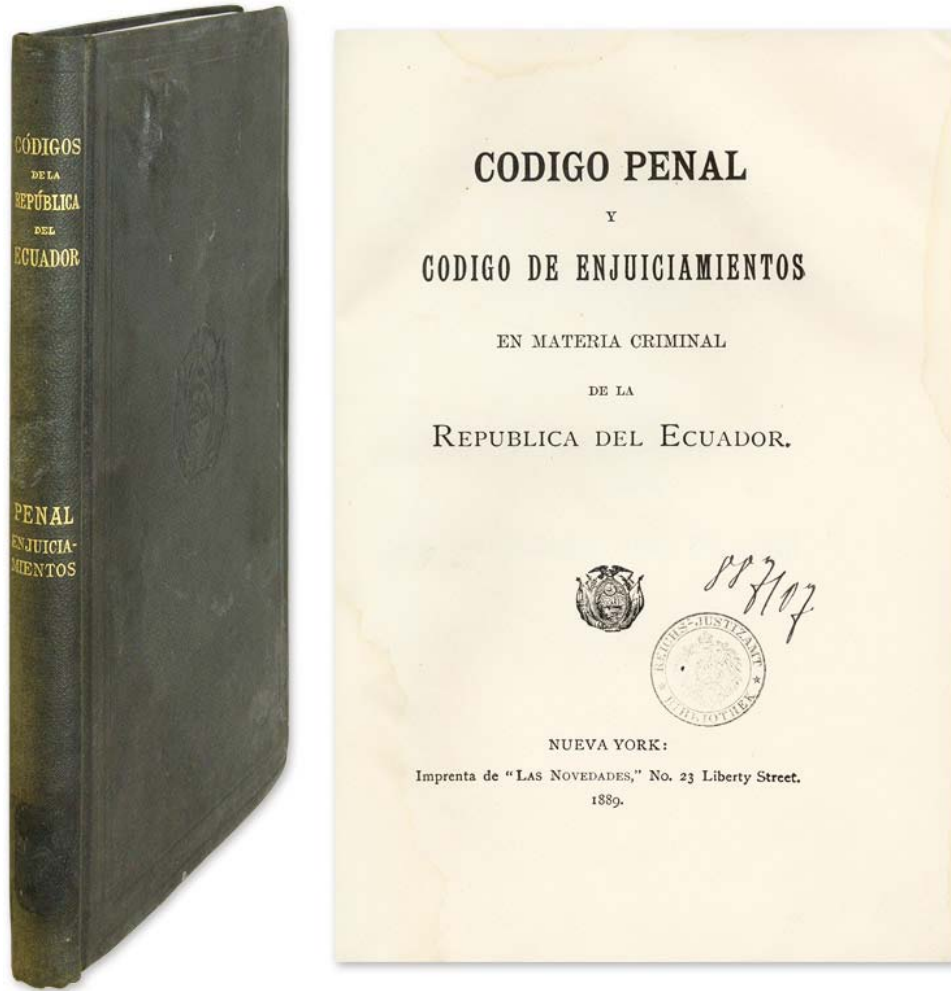
**6. [Coke, Sir Edward (1552-1634), Reporter].  
Davis, Sir John, Editor.**

*A Perfect Abridgment of the Eleaven Bookes of Reports, Of the Reverend, And Learned Kt. Sr. Edw. Cook. Originally Written in French, By Sr. John Davis. Done Into English. Whereunto is Annexed Two Perfect Tables.* London: Printed by I.G. for W. Lee D. Pakeman, and G. Bedell, Are to be Sold at Their Shops in Fleete-Streete, 1651. [xvi], 292, [11] pp. With a final errata leaf. Octavo (5-3/4" x 3").

Contemporary sheep, blind rules to boards, blind fillets to spine. Light rubbing to boards, spine abraded, moderate rubbing to extremities corners bumped and somewhat worn, joints just starting at ends, hinges cracked, armorial bookplate of the Earls of Macclesfield to front pastedown, free endpapers removed, rear pastedown loose, a few partial cracks to text block, which is secure. Title printed within typographical border, typographical and woodcut head and tail-pieces. Moderate toning to text, browning to index leaves, small embossed Macclesfield stamp to title page. A nice copy. \$750.

\* First edition, and the second Coke abridgment in English. Written between 1572 and 1616, Coke's *Reports* are not reports in the conventional sense; they are detailed anthologies of precedents organized by topic. In each instance Coke assembled a large body of cases, outlined their arguments and explained the reasons for the judgment, using it as a basis for a statement of general principles. They are, in effect, a series of treatises on the points of law. A work of immense authority, it was often cited as *The Reports*, there being no need to mention the author's name. His accounts, especially of pleadings, were esteemed for their clarity and usefulness as stylistic models for students. And his selection of cases, cited frequently in subsequent years, has served as the starting point for numerous decisions. The first English-language abridgment of the *Reports* is Sir Thomas Ireland's *An Exact Abridgment in English of the Eleven Bookes of Reports of the Learned Sir Edward Coke* (1650). As one would suspect, Davis's was a rival publication. Our copy once belonged to the library of Shirbirn Castle, the library of the Earls of Macclesfield, one of the finest private libraries in Great Britain. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R35622.

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**Early Ecuadoran Code Printed in New York City**

**7. [Ecuador].**

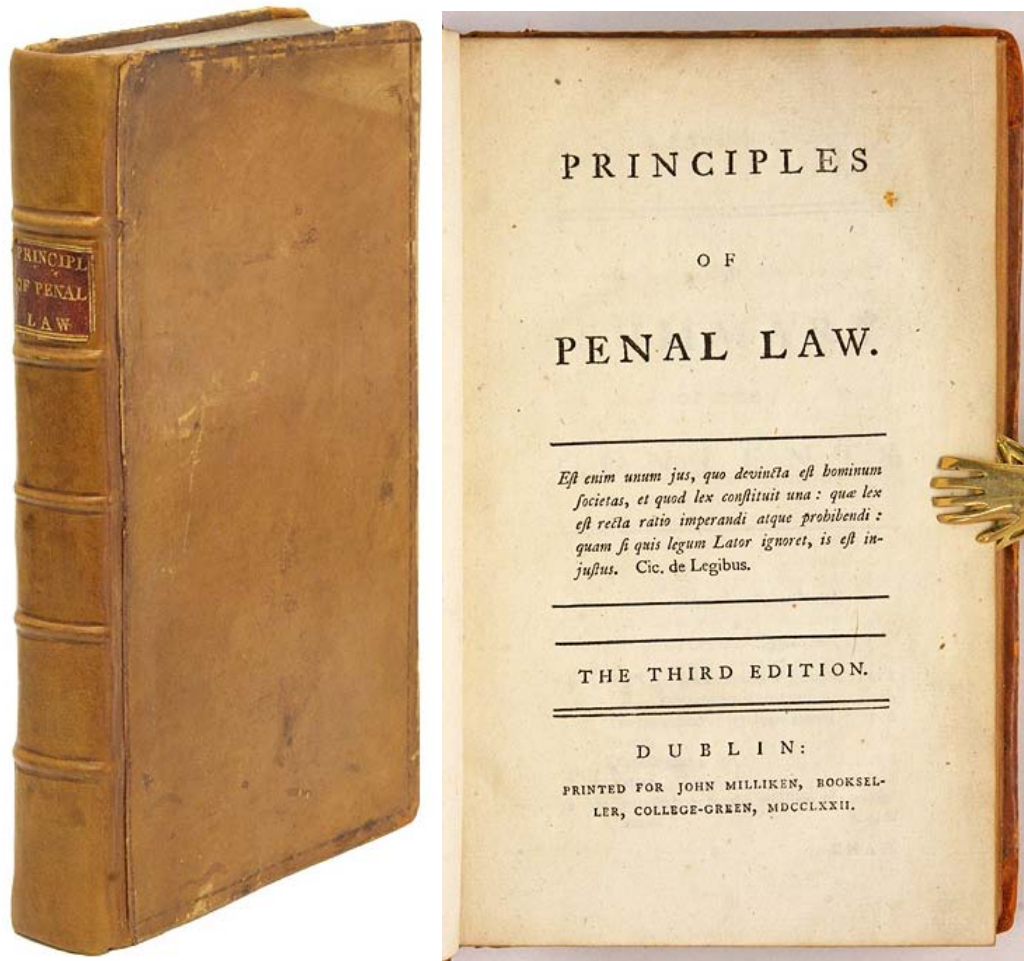
*Codigo Penal en Materia Criminal de la Republica del Ecuador.* New York: Imprenta de "Las Novedades," 1889. 148, 76 pp. Octavo (9" x 6").

Cloth, blind frames to boards, blind arms of Ecuador to front, gilt title to spine, endpapers renewed. Light rubbing, corners bumped, a few minor dampstains to boards, some fading to spine. Faint dampstaining to margins, internally clean. Ex-library. Small inkstamp and manuscript shelf number to title page. A nice copy. \$350.

\* Second issue. First issued in 1872, and replaced by a revised code in 1971, this penal code was important because it formally endorsed such principles as the assumption of innocence until proven guilty and the prohibition of arrests without warrants. Offenses covered include abortion, adultery, illegal marriages, dueling, and homicide among others. OCLC locates 6 copies in North American law libraries (GWU, Harvard, Library of Congress, Tulane, University of Michigan, Yale). Another copy located at UC-Berkeley Law School. Not in the *British Museum Catalogue*. [Order This Item](#)

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**"A Remarkable Precursor" to Bentham**

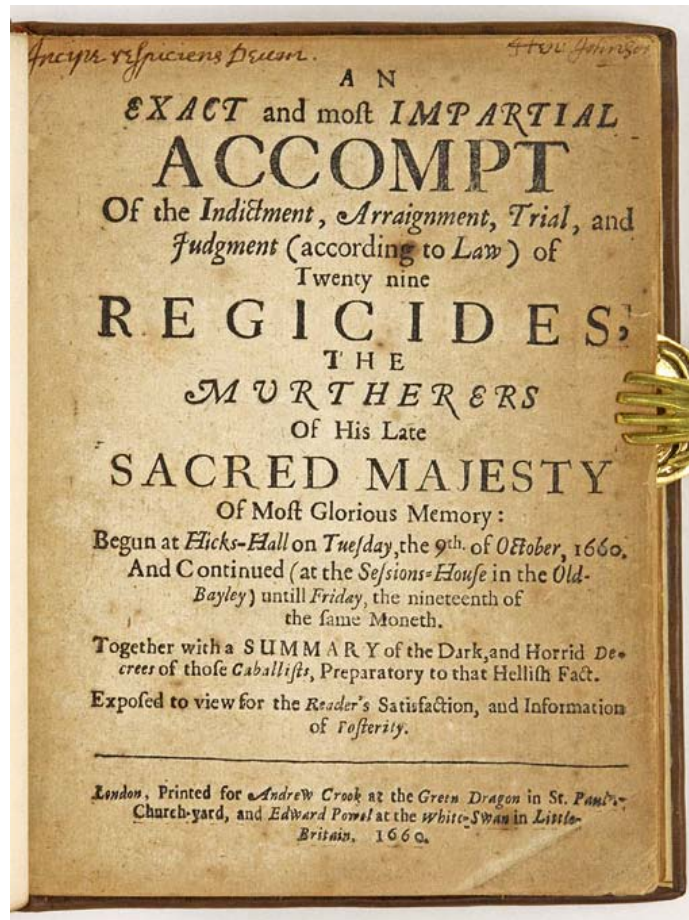
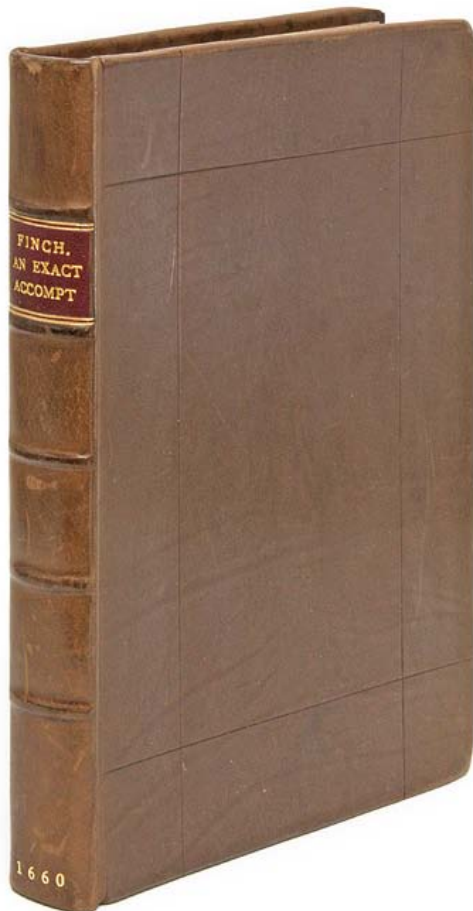
**8. [Eden, William, Baron Auckland (1744-1814)].**

*Principles of Penal Law.* Dublin: Printed for John Milliken, 1772. xxvii, [1], 331, [1] pp. Octavo (8-1/4" x 5").

Contemporary calf, rebaked in period style, blind fillets to boards, raised bands and retained contemporary lettering piece to spine. A few minor nicks and scuffs to boards, some rubbing to board edges with wear to corners, hinges partially cracked. Light toning to text, slightly heavier in places, negligible light foxing to a few leaves. A handsome copy. \$450.

\* "Third" edition, actually a reprint of the second edition. First published in 1771, this important treatise reached its third and final edition in 1775. "The first person to review English criminal law at once critically and comprehensively was William Eden.... [His] book is a pioneer treatise. It discusses topics which, under the influence of Bentham and Romilly, aroused much attention in the last years of the eighteenth and the first years of the nineteenth century; and it discussed them effectively, because, as the author says in his closing chapter he had tried to establish his principles not as abstract propositions, 'but rather as argumentative inferences, interwoven with, and to be collected from, observations on the penal systems of different governments. (...) The conclusion which he draws, that the reform of the English penal code 'is become an important and almost necessary work,' is irresistible. (...) The book is a remarkable precursor of that new era of agitation for the reform of the law, which, under Bentham's leadership, was soon to begin.": Holdsworth, *A History of English Law* XII:364-65. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T136250. [Order This Item](#)

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### The Fate of the Regicides

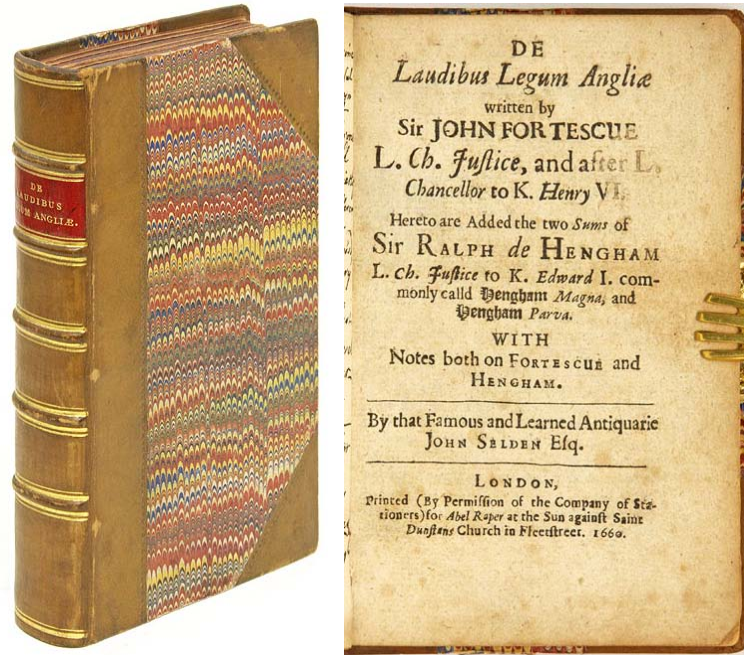
#### 9. [Finch, Heneage, Earl of Nottingham (1621-1682)].

*An Exact and Most Impartial Accompt of the Indictment, Arraignment, Trial, and Judgment (According to Law) of Twenty Nine Regicides; The Murderers of His Late Sacred Majesty of Most Glorius Memory: Begun at Hicks-Hall on Tuesday, The 9th of October, 1660. And Continued (At the Sessions-House in the Old-Bayley) Untill Friday, The Nineteenth of the Same Moneth. Together with a Summary of the Dark, And Horrid Decrees of Those Caballists, Preparatory to That Hellish Fact. Exposed to View for the Reader's Satisfaction, And Information of Posterity.* London: Printed for Andrew Crook at the Green Dragon in St. Paul's-Church-yard, And Edward Powel at the White-Swan, 1660. Quarto (7-1/4" x 5-1/2").

Recent period-style calf, blind rules to boards raised bands and lettering piece to spine, endpapers renewed. Light browning to text, light foxing to a few leaves, early owner inscription in tiny hand to head of title page, later owner inscription to front endleaf. \$450.

\* First edition, one of four issues from 1660. An extended account of the trial of those who precipitated the execution of King Charles I. Ten were condemned to death and hanged, drawn and quartered. Finch, a distinguished lawyer and Member of Parliament from an eminent family, held several high legal posts. He was Lord Chancellor of England from 1675 to 1682. At the time of this book's publication he was England's solicitor general. A second edition was published in 1679. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R202957. [Order This Item](#)

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Selden's Edition of Fortescue's *De Laudibus*

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

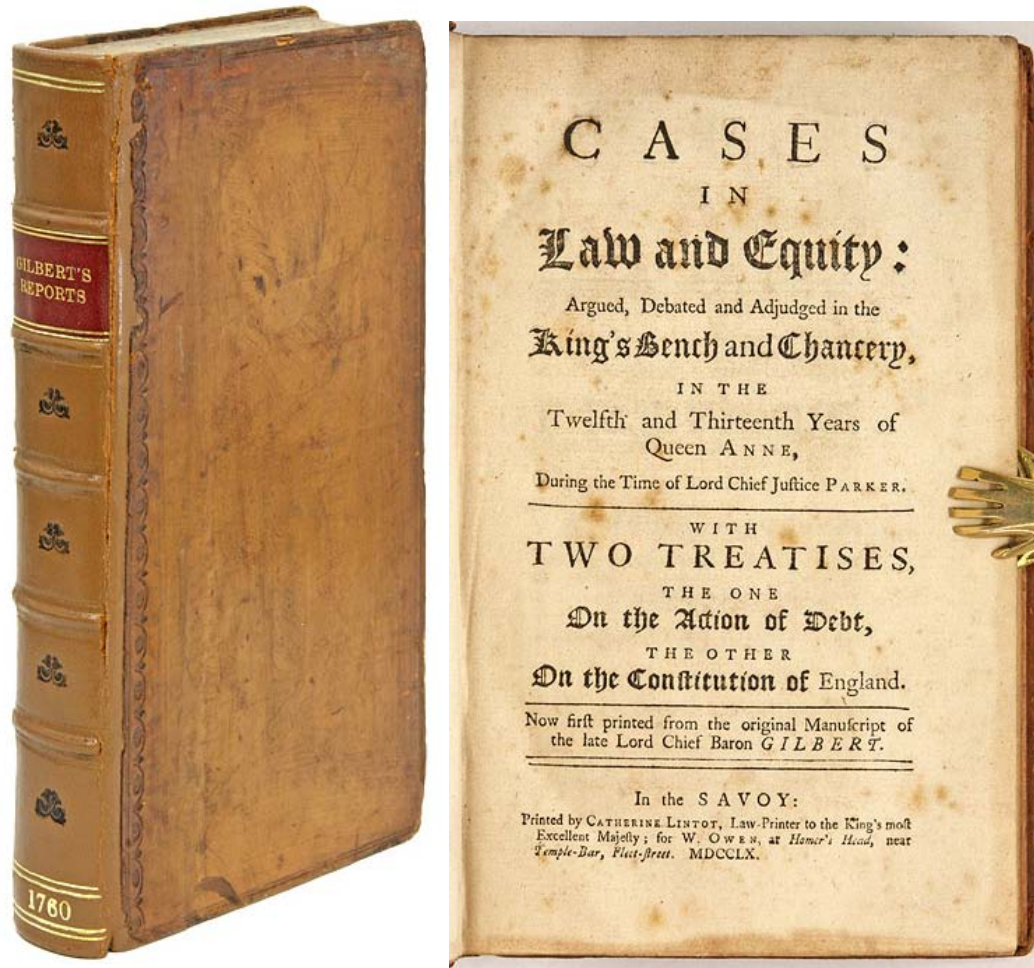
**[Selden, John (1584-1654), Editor].**

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

*De Laudibus Legum Angliae* Written by Sir John Fortescue L. Ch. Justice, And After L. Chancellor to K. Henry VI. Hereto are Added the Two Sums of Sir Ralph de Hengham L. Ch. Justice to K. Edward I. Commonly Calld Hengham Magna, And Hengham Parva. With Notes Both on Fortescue and Hengham. London: Printed (by permission of the Company of Stationers) for Abel Roper, 1660. [xiv], 2 p., 4-132, [6], 51, [13], 120, 117-140 pp. Pagination irregular, text complete. Latin and English translation in parallel columns. Octavo (5-3/4" x 3-3/4").

Nineteenth-century three-quarter calf over marbled boards, raised bands and lettering piece to spine, endpapers added. A few minor nicks, light rubbing to extremities. Moderate toning to text, faint dampspotting in places, minor edgewear to a few leaves. Eighteenth-century notes to endleaf and a few passages in text, later owner signatures, "W. Dance 1748" and "Ashland 1850" to endleaves. An attractive copy. \$1,000.

\* Second Selden edition. *De Laudibus Legum Angliae*, a history of English law, was written for the instruction of Edward, the young Prince of Wales. Cast in dialogue form, it demonstrates that the common law was the oldest and most reasonable legal system in Europe. It also compares the common and Roman systems and extols the superiority of a constitutionally limited monarchy. *De Laudibus* was written around 1470 and first printed in 1567. Selden's was the first critical edition of this work, perhaps the first critical editions of an early English legal work. Aside from their value to the elucidation of Fortescue's text, Selden's notes interrogate aspects of Fortescue's text and offer rich insights into jurisprudence and the nature of the English constitution. As noted by Christianson, his conclusions disputed "the concept of immemorial custom argued by [Sir John] Davies and the anachronistic historical interpretations displayed by [Sir Edward] Coke." First published in 1614, it was reissued in 1660, 1672 and 1737 with various additions. "Fortescue was a favorite among the old lawyers, and will be read with profit in modern times by those who are interested in the origin and progress of the Common Law.": Marvin, *Legal Bibliography* 321. Christianson, *Discourse on History, Law, and Governance in the Public Career of John Selden* 63. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R23745. [Order This Item](#)



**Gilbert on Equity, The Action of Debt and the Constitution of England**

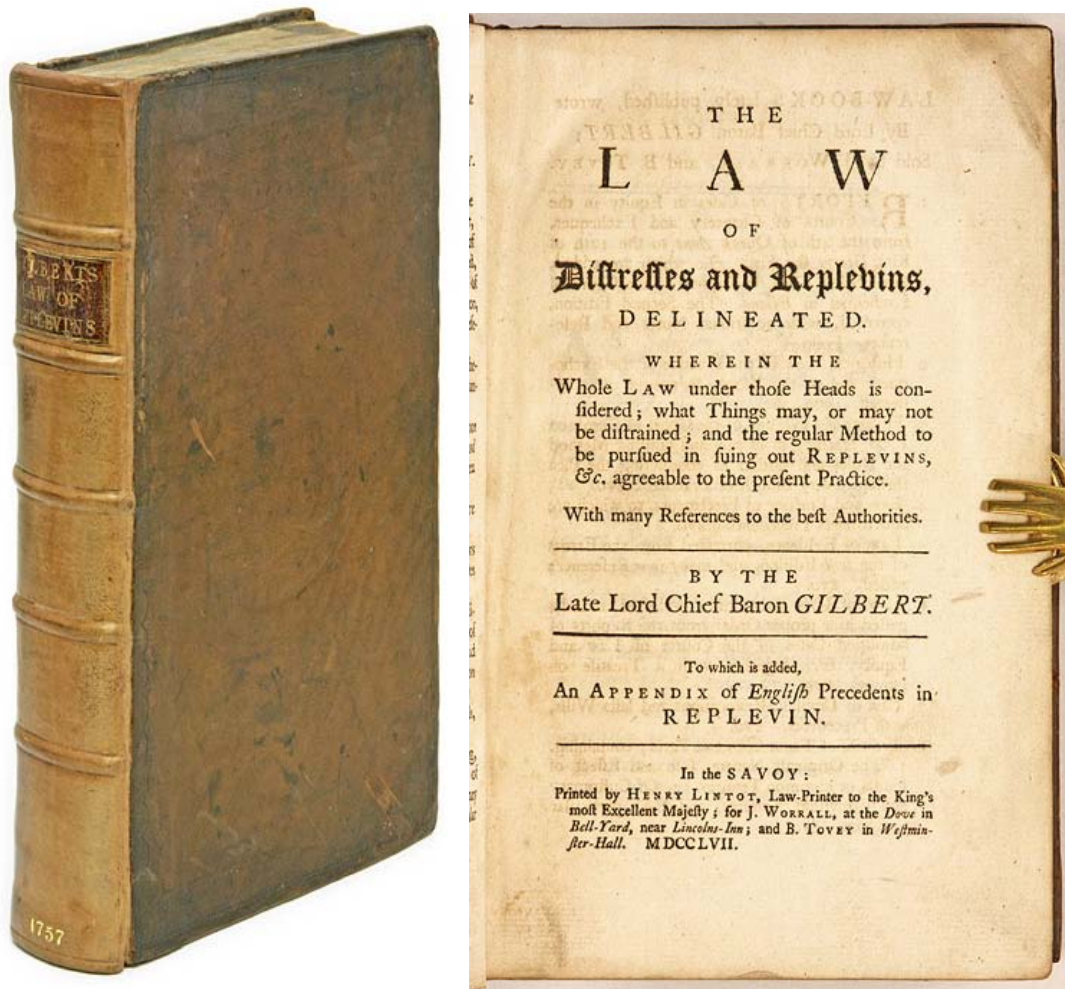
**11. Gilbert, Sir Geoffrey [1674-1726].**

*Cases in Law and Equity: Argued, Debated and Adjudged in the King's Bench and Chancery, In the Twelfth and Thirteenth Years of Queen Anne, During the Time of Lord Chief Justice Parker. With Two Treatises, The One on the Action of Debt, The Other In the Constitution of England. Now First Printed from the Original Manuscript of the Lord Chief Baron Gilbert.* [London]: Printed by Catherine Lintot, 1760. xii, 354, [6], 357-468 pp. Complete. Three titles with continuous pagination, second two titles preceded by divisional title pages. Octavo (8" x 5").

Contemporary calf, rebaked in period style, blind rules to boards, blind fillets along joints, raised bands and lettering piece to spine, endpapers renewed. A few minor nicks and scuffs to boards, moderate rubbing to board edges with wear to corners, partial crack in text block between final index leaf and rear endpaper. Moderate toning to text, light foxing or dampspotting in a few places, faint dampstains to a few leaves. \$350.

\* First Edition. Gilbert's works were held in high regard by his contemporaries and such distinguished figures as Blackstone and Mansfield. As the *Dictionary of National Biography* notes, they "are marked by precision and lucidity of style, and very considerable mastery of [the] subject, and evince a real desire to exhibit it in a logical shape" (VII:1205). *English Short Title Catalogue* T95554. [Order This Item](#)

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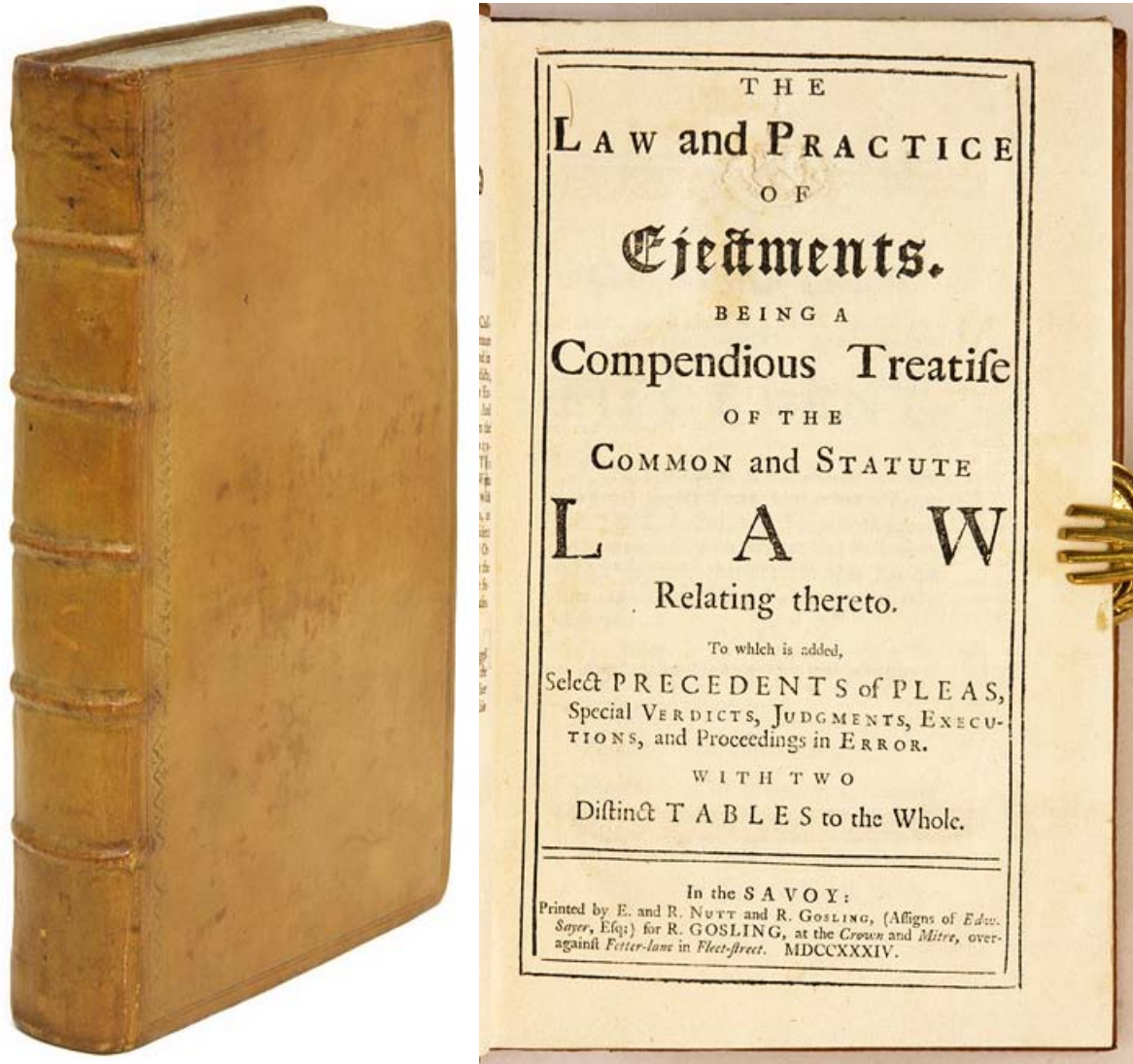
**12. Gilbert, Sir Geoffrey.**

*The Law of Distresses and Replevins, Delineated. Wherein the Whole Law Under Those Heads is Considered; What Things May, Or May Not be Distrained; And the Regular Method to be Pursued in Suing Out Replevins, &c. Agreeable to the Present Practice. With Many References to the Best Authorities. To Which is Added, An Appendix of English Precedents in Replevin.* [London]: Printed by Henry Lintot, 1757. viii, 358, [40], [2] pp. Includes two-page publisher advertisement, another one-page advertisement precedes title page. Octavo (8" x 5").

Contemporary calf, rebaked in period style, blind rules to boards, blind fillets along joints, raised bands and retained contemporary lettering piece to spine, hinges and corners mended. Light staining and a few nicks and scratches to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, some wear to upper corner of front board, early owner bookplate to front pastedown. Light toning to text, somewhat heavier in places, light foxing to a few leaves, gift inscription dated 1884 to front pastedown. An attractive copy. \$1,000.

\* First edition. This classic treatise reached its fourth and final edition in 1823. "The great professional learning which this Treatise displays, has long been acknowledged, and the judicious manner in which it is disposed has ever been admired." *Critical Review* 49:292 cited in Marvin, *Legal Bibliography* 335. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T123878. [Order This Item](#)

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Gilbert on Ejectment, A Remarkably Well-Preserved Copy

**13. [Gilbert, Sir Geoffrey].**

*The Law and Practice of Ejectments. Being a Compendious Treatise of the Common and Statute Law Relating Thereto. To Which is Added, Select Precedents of Pleas, Special Verdicts, Judgments, Executions, And Proceedings in Error. With Two Distinct Tables to the Whole.* [London]: Printed by E. and R. Nutt, And R. Gosling, 1734. [iv], 360, [40] pp. With a half-title. Octavo (7-3/4" x 4-3/4").

Contemporary calf, blind rules to boards, blind fillets along joints, raised bands to spine. Negligible light rubbing to boards and extremities, front joint and hinge just starting at head, armorial bookplate of the Earls of Macclesfield to front pastedown, small embossed Macclesfield stamp to head of half-title. Moderate toning to endleaves, chip and early owner signature (of Thomas Clarke) to front free endpaper, faint dampstain to half-title. A remarkably well-preserved copy. \$500.

\* First edition. Gilbert was a leading authority on real property and published several treatises on its different branches. His treatise on ejectments had a second edition in 1741. Our copy belonged to the library of the Earls of Macclesfield, one of the finest private libraries in Great Britain. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T94192. [Order This Item](#)

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**Rare Italian Treatise on the Evaluation of Real Estate**

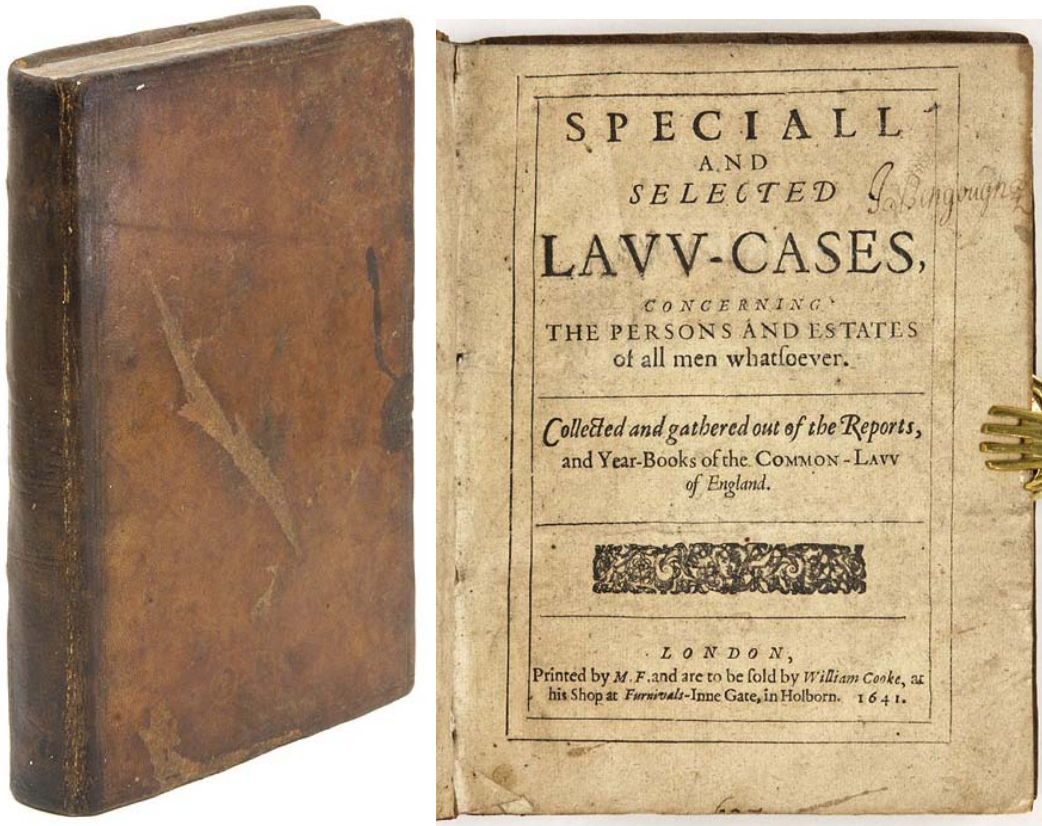
**14. Girri, Francesco Maria [1707-1771].**

*L'Agrimensore Instruito. Ristampata, Ed Accresciuta.* Ferrara: Appresso Gio. Antonio Coatti, 1767. [xvi], 180 pp. Quarto (9-1/2" x 7").

Contemporary mottled sheep, gilt fillets to boards, gilt spine with raised bands, patterned endpapers. Light rubbing to extremities, chipping to spine ends, corners bumped and lightly worn, partial crack in text block between front free endpaper and half-title. Title page printed in red and black, woodcut head-pieces and decorated initials. Moderate toning to text, occasional light foxing. Tiny private (?) library stamp to verso of title page, early owner annotations to verso of front free endpaper, underlining and notes in later pencil to a few leaves. A handsome copy. \$1,500.

\* Second and final edition, enlarged. First published in Venice in 1758, this is a treatise on legal aspects of surveying and the evaluation of real property as practiced in the Republic of Venice. The second edition was reissued in 1777. All of these issues are rare. OCLC locates 1 copy of the second edition in North America (at the University of Illinois), 3 of the first (at Trinity College, Harvard, University of Michigan and Yale Law School) and none of the second edition reissue. Not in the *British Museum Catalogue*. [Order This Item](#)

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**Scarce Collection of Reports Concerning Persons and Estates**

**15. [Great Britain].  
[Law Reports].**

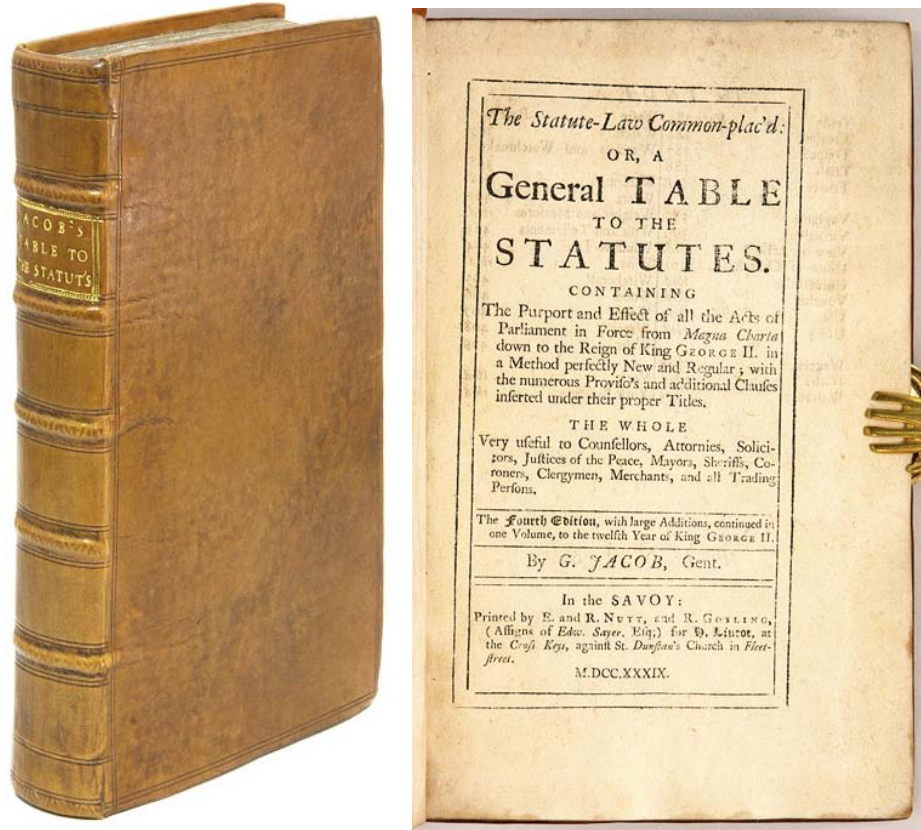
*Speciall and Selected Law-Cases, Concerning the Persons and Estates of All Men Whatsoever. Collected and Gathered out of the Reports and Year-Books of the Common-Law of England.* London: Printed by M.F. and are to be sold by William Cooke, 1641. [viii], 303, [1] pp. First leaf blank. Quarto (7-1/4" x 5-1/2").

Contemporary sheep, blind rules to boards, blind fillets to spine, faint early hand-lettered title to spine. Light rubbing and a few shallow scuffs to boards, light rubbing to extremities, binding slightly cocked, early armorial bookplate to front pastedown. Light toning to text, slightly heavier in places, light foxing to a few leaves, soiling and early owner signature to title page. \$1,000.

\* First edition. According to Wallace, "[t]he book is rare... [It] contains a good many MS. cases from the reign of Henry VIII. to the end of Elizabeth's, stated pretty much in the manner in which points are stated in Fitzherbert's *Natura Brevium*, but the authorities vouched are generally from the Year Books." The cases are digested under the following heads: "Of Rents," "Of Dower Women," "Of Bargains and Contracts," "Of Waste," "Of Emblements, Corne Sowne," "Of Property of Goods," "Of Replevin and Second Deliverance," "Of Attachment, And Distresse," "Of Lands Given to Charitable Uses Good, The Statute of 2.3.H.8.," "Actions of Detinue," "Of Executors," "Of Obligations, Debts," "Of Execution" and "Of Leases, Reservations, Reentries." A second edition was published in 1648. Both are scarce. OCLC locates 7 copies of the first edition in North American law libraries (Georgetown, Indiana University, Rhode Island State Law Library, University of Michigan, University of Minnesota, University of Washington, Yale). Wallace, *The Reporters* 282-183. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R30649. [Order This Item](#)

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**Notably Well-Preserved Digest of Statute  
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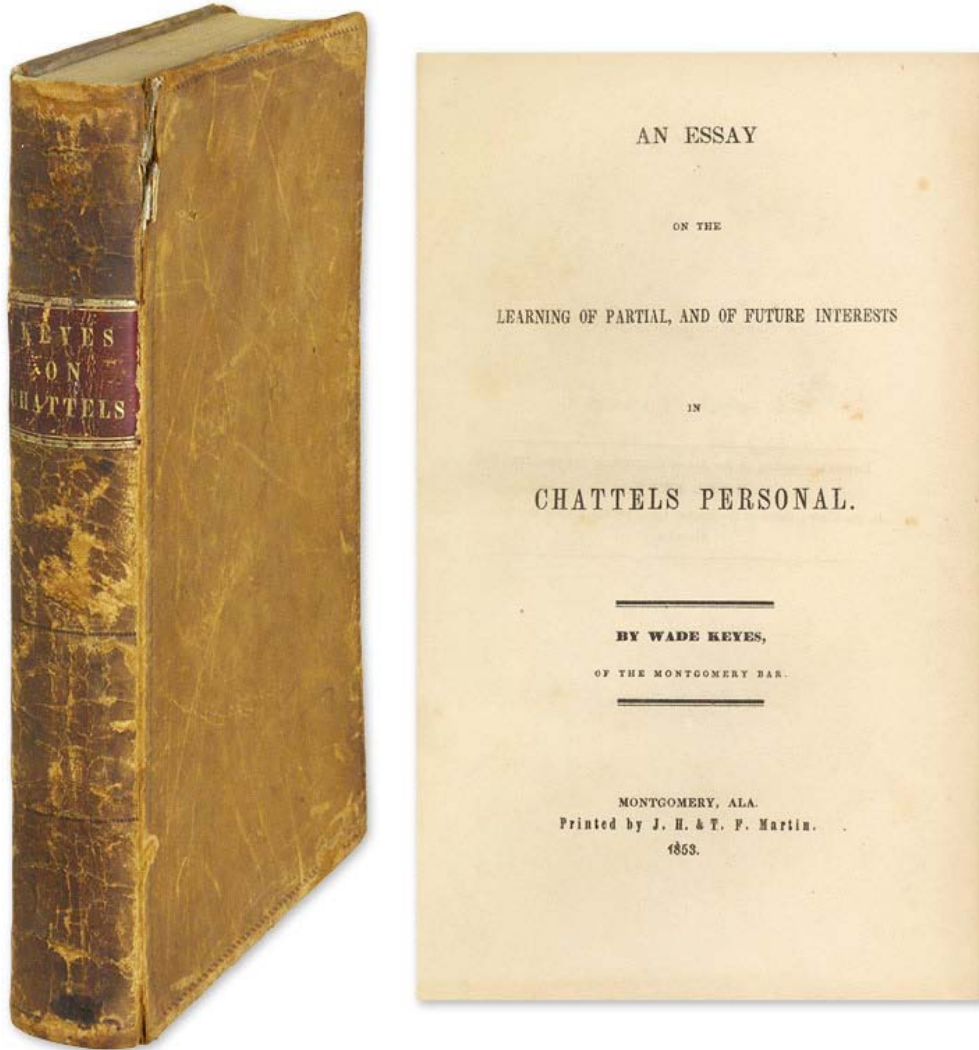
**16. Jacob, Giles [1686-1744].**

*The Statute-Law Common-Plac'd: Or, A General Tale to the Statutes. Containing the Purport and Effect of All the Acts of Parliament in Force from Magna Charta down to the Reign of King George II. In a Method Perfectly New and Regular; With the Numerous Proviso's and Additional Clauses Inserted Under Their Proper Titles. The Whole Very Useful to Counsellors, Attornies, Solicitors, Justices of the Peace, Mayors, Sheriffs, Coroners, Clergymen, Merchants, and All Trading Persons. With Large Additions, Continued in One Volume, To the Twelfth Year of King George II.* [London]: Printed by E. and R. Nutt, and R. Gosling for H. Lintot, 1739. [xi], v, 409, [7] pp. Octavo (7-3/4" x 5").

Contemporary calf, blind rules to boards, raised bands and lettering piece to spine, blind tooling to board edges. A few tiny nicks, front joint just (barely) starting at head, corners bumped, hinges cracked. Light toning to text, slightly heavier in places, brief early annotations in a few places. A notably well-preserved copy. \$500.

\* Fourth edition. A systematic alphabetically arranged digest of statutes for laymen concerning a wide array of topics, including bail, bankrupts, baron and feme, courts, dower, gaming, oaths and witchcraft. First published in 1719, the fifth and final edition of this book appeared in 1748. Probably the most prolific and versatile legal writer of his day, Jacob produced several titles for non-professional readers, such as *The Common Law Common-Placed* (1726) and *Every Man His Own Lawyer* (1736). Though he was certainly interested in boosting sales by attracting the widest audience possible, Jacob was an idealist who believed that widespread knowledge of the law would help create a more just society. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T137468. [Order This Item](#)

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**Early Alabama Legal Imprint that Addresses Slavery**

**17. Keyes, Wade [1821-1879].**

*An Essay on the Learning of Partial, And of Future Interests in Chattels Personal.* Montgomery, Ala.: J.H. & T.F. Martin, 1853. 160 pp. Octavo (8-3/4" x 5-1/2").

Contemporary sheep, blind fillets to boards, lettering piece and blind fillets to spine. Some rubbing to boards and extremities, spine moderately abraded, joints starting at head, offsetting to margins of endleaves, very light browning to text. Early owner signature (of Stephen F. Miller) to front pastedown, interior otherwise clean. \$450.

\* Only edition. As a lawyer, judge, author and the state's first law professor, Keyes was the most important figure in the early legal history of Alabama. A prominent secessionist, he was assistant attorney general for the Confederacy during the Civil War. He wrote two treatises, a treatise on real property and the present title, a review of case law as it relates to chattels personal, including "slaves, cattle, furniture, books, victuals, money and the like" (1). Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 9033. [Order This Item](#)

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**Rare 1785 Treatise on Civil Procedure in the Kingdom of Lombardy**

**18. [Lombardy (Italy)].**

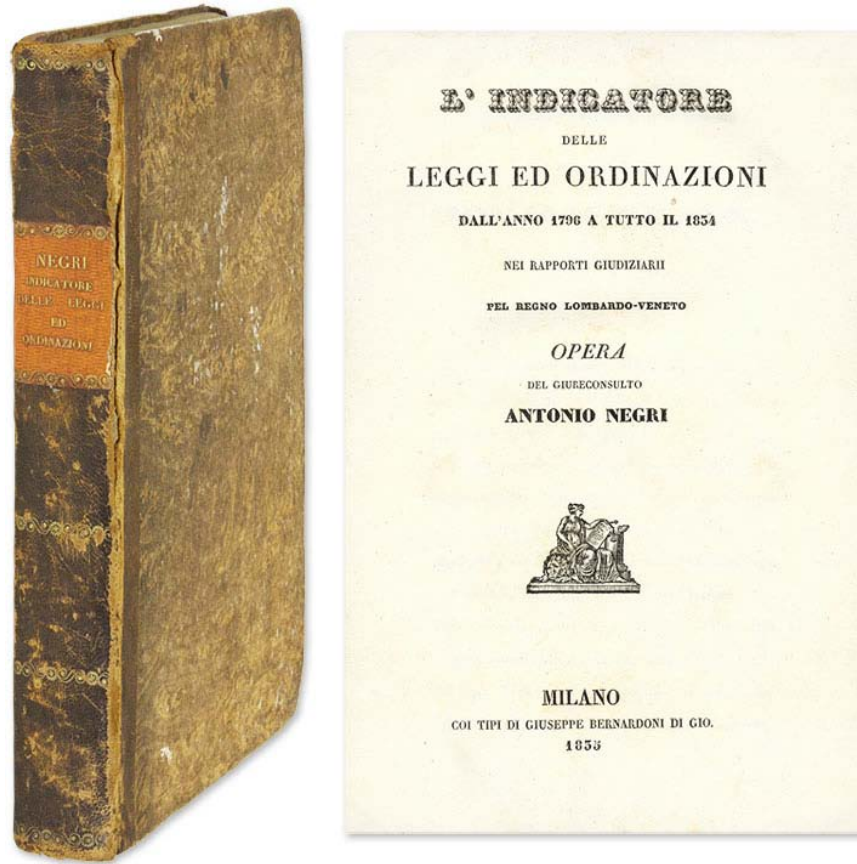
*Regolamento del Processo Civile, Per la Lombardia Austriaca.* Milan: Nella Stamperia di Gaetano Motta, 1785. [viii], 158, [2] pp. Octavo (8-1/2" x 5").

Original printed publisher wrappers, untrimmed edges. Light soiling and faint dampstaining, some rubbing to spine ends and corners. Light toning to text, faint dampstaining to a few leaves, internally clean. \$650.

\* Only edition. A treatise on civil procedure in the Kingdom of Lombardy, then a part of the Holy Roman Empire under Austrian (Habsburg) rule. Enacted in 1785, this code reflects the enlightened reforms of Emperor Joseph II. OCLC locates 3 copies, 2 in North America (at Harvard and UC-Berkeley Law Schools). Not in the *British Museum Catalogue*.

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### Reconciling the Old and New Systems of Lombardy-Venetia

#### 19. [Lombardy-Venetia].

**Negri, Antonio.**

*L'Indicatore delle Leggi ed Ordinazioni Dall'Anno 1796 a Tutto il 1834 nei Rapporti Giudiziarj pel Regno Lombardo-Veneto.* Milan: Coi Tipi di Bernardoni di Gio, 1835. [ii], 375, [7] pp.

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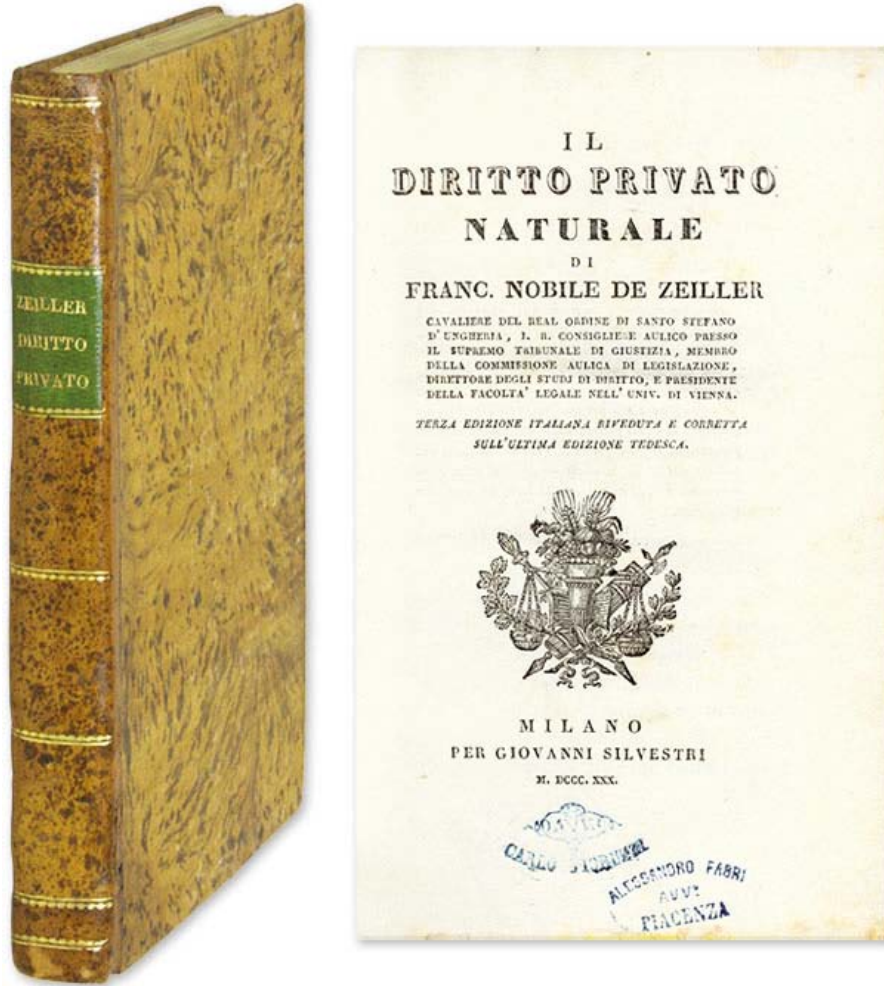
**Negri, Antonio.**

*Appendice All'Indicatore delle Leggi ed Ordinazioni dal 1796 Avanti Ne'Rapporti Giudiziarj del Regno Lombardo-Veneto.* Milan: Coi Tipi di Santo Bravetta, 1836. 45, [2] pp.

Octavo (9" x 6"). Contemporary quarter sheep over marbled boards, lettering piece and gilt fillets to spine. Light rubbing to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, joints and front hinge partially cracked but secure, corners bumped and somewhat worn. Light toning to text, negligible foxing to a few leaves, internally clean. \$850.

\* First edition. Established by the Congress of Vienna in 1815, this Northern Italian kingdom of Lombardy-Venetia was part of the Austrian Empire. Lombardy was annexed to Sardinia in 1859 and the kingdom ceased to exist when the rest of its territory was annexed to the Kingdom of Italy in 1866. Interesting for its insights into the development of the Kingdom's legal system, Negri's digest reconciles pre-1815 laws with the post-1815 system. A few supplemental update volumes were published through 1858. OCLC locates 1 copy of the 1835 edition in North America (at Harvard Law School, which lacks the 1836 *Appendice*). Not in the *British Museum Catalogue*. [Order This Item](#)

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**Italian-Language Edition of a Standard Treatise  
Produced for Use in the Kingdom of Lombardy-Venetia**

**20. [Lombardy-Venetia].**

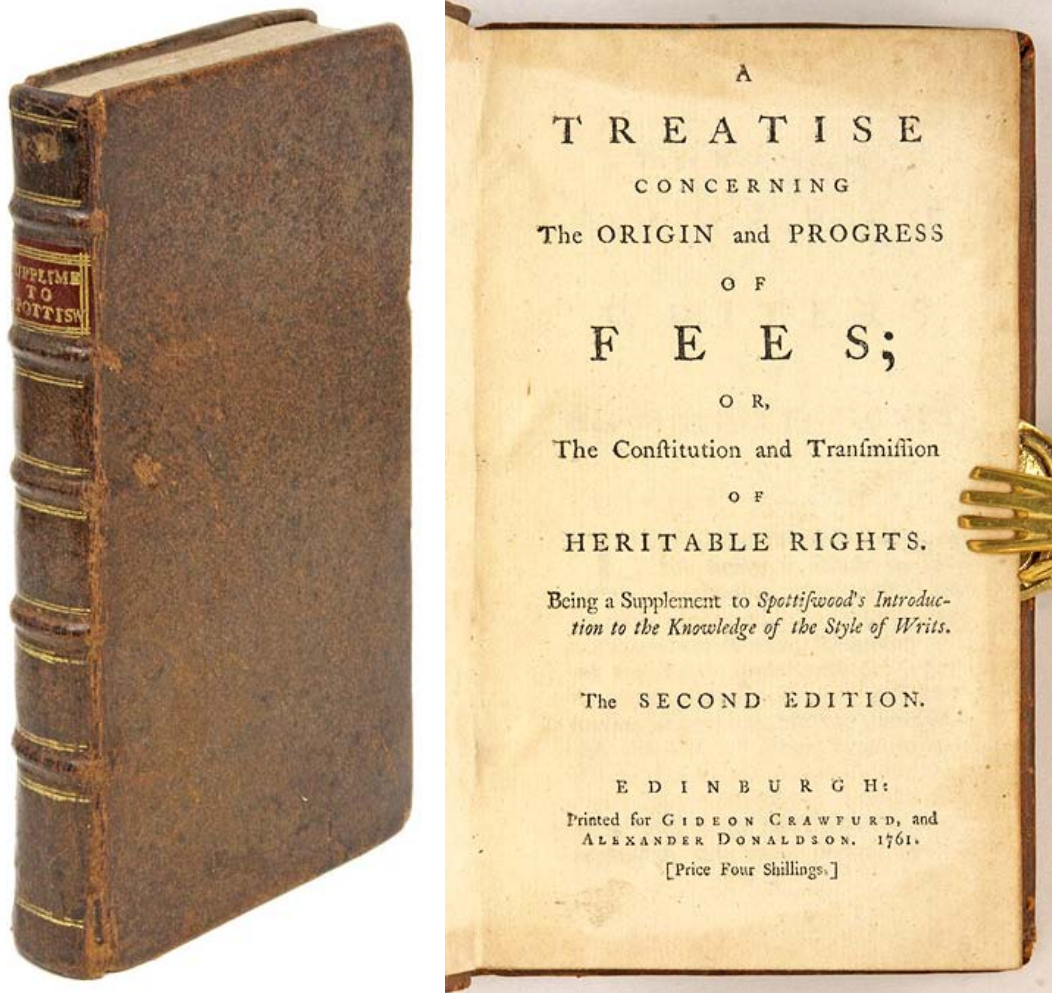
**Zeiller, Franz von [1751-1828].**

*Il Diritto Privato Naturale*. Milan: A Spese di Gio. Battista Orcesi e Co., 1818. 135, [i.e. 235], [5] pp. Octavo (8-1/4" x 5-1/4").

Contemporary quarter calf over marbled boards, lettering piece and gilt fillets to spine, speckled edges. Negligible light rubbing to boards and extremities, hinges partially cracked but secure, light toning to text. Small owner stamps to title page, interior otherwise fresh. \$450.

\* First Italian edition. A translation of the second edition of *Das Natürliche Privatrecht* (Vienna, 1808), a treatise on Austrian civil law, which governed the Kingdom of Lombardy-Venetia [1815-1866]. Zeiller's was a standard work in Austria and Austrian-governed Italy, where it went through three editions by 1830. The Italian editions have notes by an unnamed editor. OCLC locates 1 copy of an Italian edition in North America (at the University of Alberta, which has the third). Not in the *British Museum Catalogue*. [Order This Item](#)

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### Notable Scottish Treatise on Inheritance and Succession

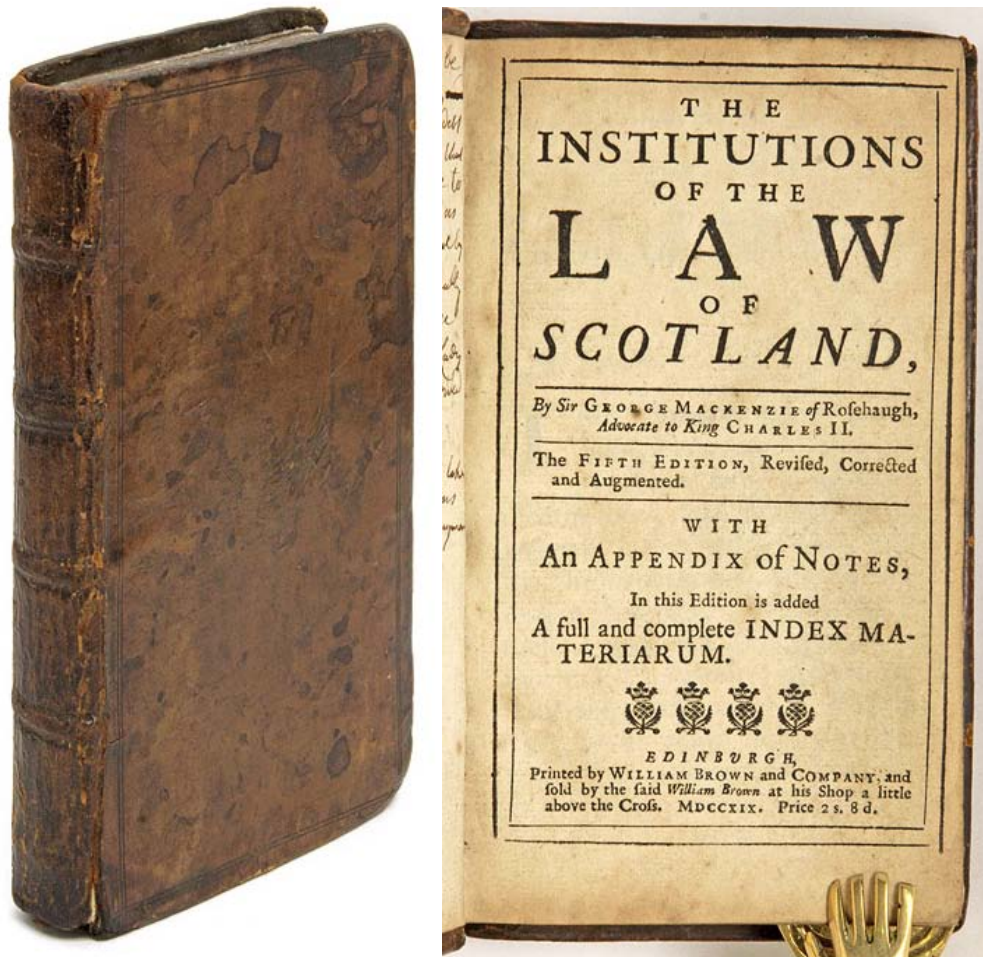
#### 21. [Mackenzie, James (fl. 1734)].

*A Treatise Concerning the Origin and Progress of Fees: Or, The Constitution and Transmission of Heritable Rights. Being a Supplement to Spottiswood's Introduction to the Knowledge of the Style of Writs.* Edinburgh: Printed for Gideon Crawford, And Alexander Donaldson, 1761. viii, 280 pp. Octavo (6-1/2" x 3-3/4").

Contemporary calf, gilt-edged raised bands, lettering piece (reading Supplement to Spottiswood) and tiny fragment of early shelf label (?) to spine. Light rubbing and some minor nicks and scuffs to spine, moderate rubbing to extremities, corners bumped, early armorial bookplate to front pastedown. Light toning to text, somewhat heavier in places, light foxing to a few leaves. A nice copy. \$450.

\* Second edition. First published in 1734, this treatise, to cite the preface, aimed to "illustrate, in a methodical way, the rise and progress of Heritable rights" (iii). A well-esteemed work, it went through other issues and editions in 1739, 1761 and 1782. (Spottiswoode's *Introduction to the Knowledge of the Style of Writs*, the basis for Mackenzie's book, was first published in 1708.) *English Short-Title Catalogue* T75142. [Order This Item](#)

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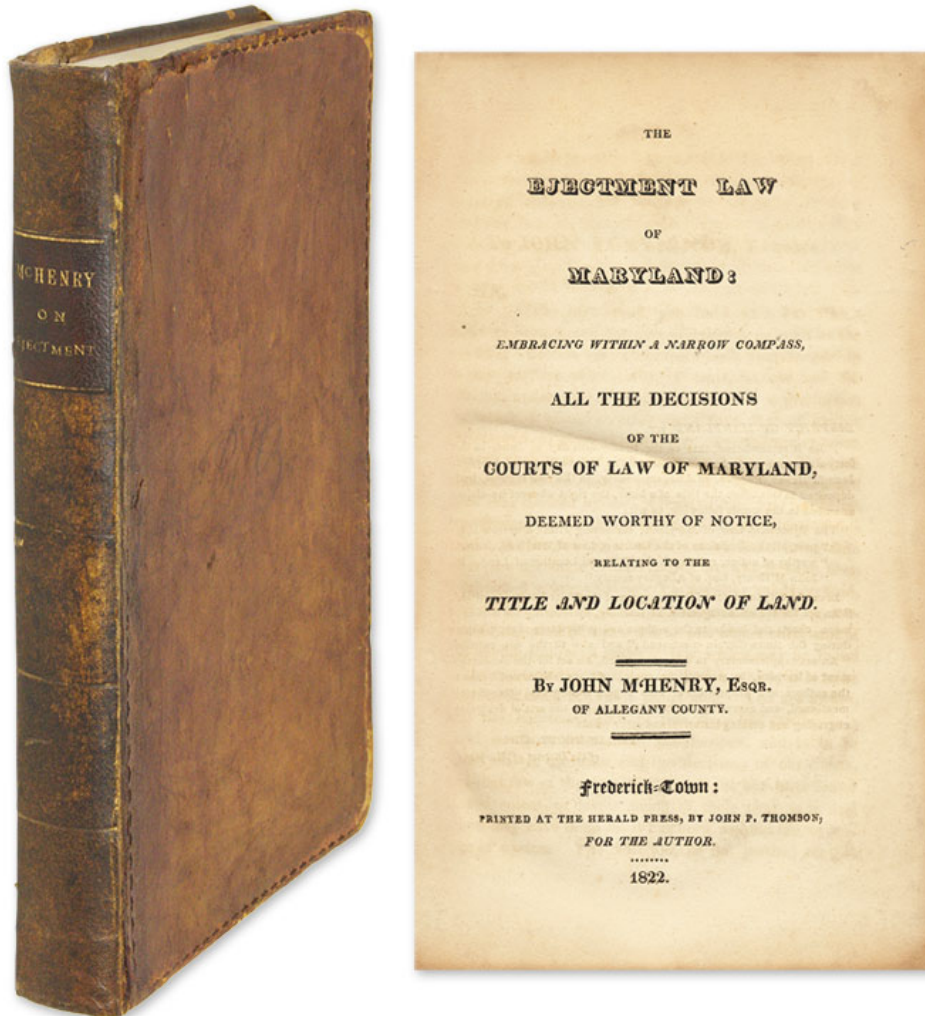
**22. Mackenzie, Sir George [1636-1691].**

*The Institutions of the Law of Scotland. Revised, Corrected and Augmented. With an Appendix of Notes, In this Edition is Added a Full and Complete Index Materialiarum.* Edinburgh: Printed by William Brown and Company, 1719. [viii], 253, [21] pp. Octavo (6-1/4" x 3-1/2").

Contemporary calf, blind rules to boards, raised bands to spine, blind tooling to board edges. Light gatoring to spine, minor nicks, scuffs and stains to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, corners bumped and somewhat worn, chipping to foot of spine, front joint starting at foot. Moderate toning to text, somewhat heavier in places, and light foxing. Early owner signatures to endleaves, annotations, some quite extensive, to endleaves and several pages of text. \$500.

\* Fifth edition. First published 1685, this durable work had its final edition in 1758. As Marke points out, Mackenzie's *Institutions* "contains much that is valuable and [it] is still consulted and referred to upon certain points." Best known for his zealous prosecution of Covenanters, Mackenzie was also an important man of letters and as the founder the Advocates Library, now Scotland's national law library. Marke, *Catalogue of the Law Collection at New York University* 251. *English Short Title Catalogue* T188701. [Order This Item](#)

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**Uncommon 1822 Maryland Treatise on Ejectment**

**23. McHenry, John [d. 1860].**

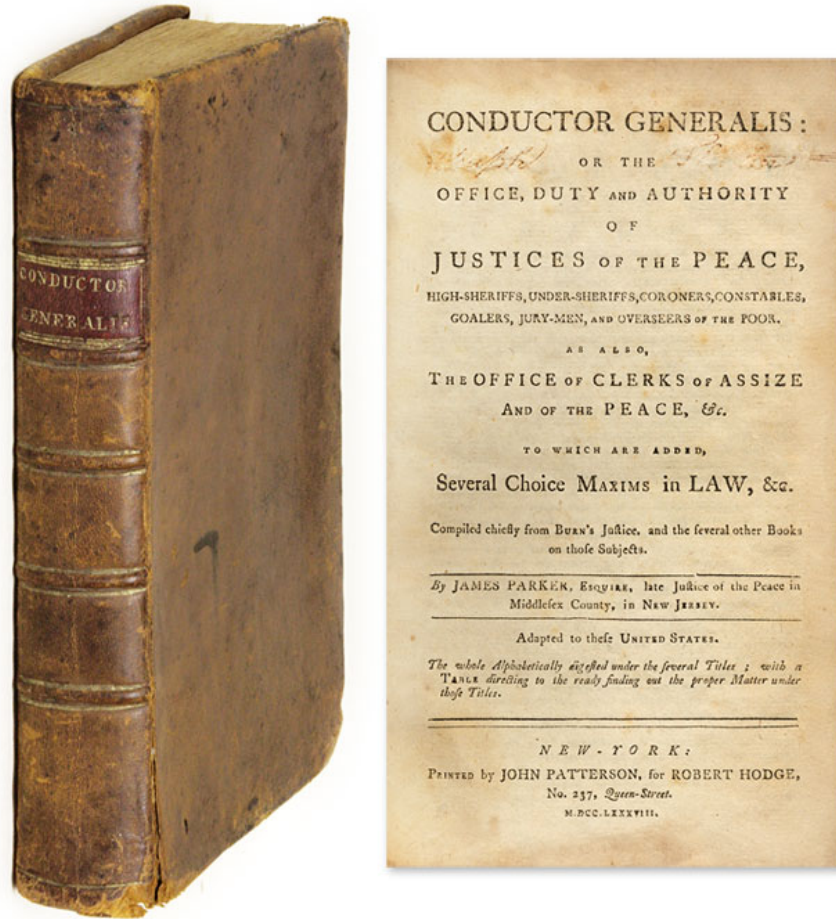
*The Ejectment Law of Maryland: Embracing Within a Narrow Compass, All the Decisions of the Courts of Law of Maryland, Deemed Worthy of Notice, Relating to the Title and Location of Land.* Frederick-Town: Printed, At the Herald Press, by John P. Thomson, For the Author, 1822. 264 pp. Octavo (8" x 5").

Contemporary calf, blind fillets to boards, carefully rebacked, lettering piece and gilt fillets to spine, hinges mended. Some rubbing to extremities with wear to corners, faint owner initials to front board, offsetting to margins of endleaves, moderate toning to text. Early owner signature (of Frank Gosnell) to front pastedown, interior otherwise clean. \$450.

\* Only edition. "In this work are comprehended in one view and compressed within a narrow compass, all the decisions of our superior courts of law, which have any relation to land titles, and which were thought of importance enough to be published, the author carefully avoiding to crowd into the work decisions which may be found in the common law reports, but taking notice only of those which have a bearing upon local circumstances, and relate to our acts of assembly altering the common law with respect to land titles" (5). Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 9491. [Order This Item](#)

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### 1788 Printing of Parker's *Conductor Generalis*

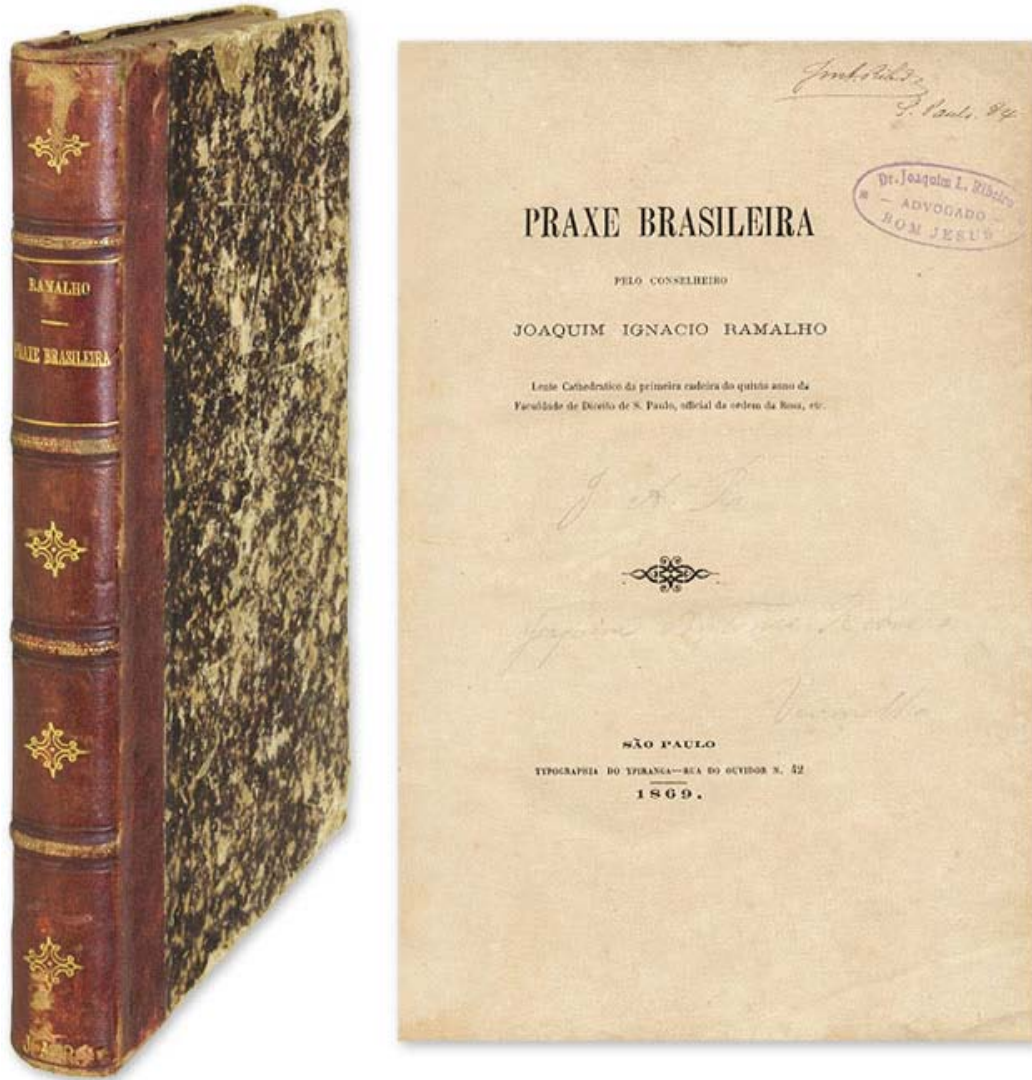
#### 24. Parker, James [1714-1770], Compiler.

*Conductor Generalis: Or, the Office, Duty and Authority of Justices of the Peace, High-Sheriffs, Under-Sheriffs, Coroners, Constables, Gaolers, Jury-Men, And Overseers of the Poor. As Also the Office of Clerks of Assize, and of the Peace, &c. To Which Are Added, Several Choice Maxims in Law, &c. Compiled Chiefly from Burn's Justice, and the Several Other Books on Those Subjects. The Whole Alphabetically Digested Under the Several Titles; With a Table Directing to the Ready Finding Out the Proper Matter Under Those Titles.* New York: Printed by John Patterson, for Robert Hodge, 1788. xvi, 539 pp. Octavo (7-1/2" x 4-1/2").

Contemporary sheep, lettering piece and raised bands to spine. Rubbing to extremities, light wear to spine ends, corners bumped and moderately worn, front joint starting at foot, front hinge starting, front free endpaper lacking, about an inch lacking from head of following endleaf, light toning to text. Early owner signature (of Luther Adams) to front endleaf, partially-erased signature to head of title page, interior otherwise clean. \$400.

\* A popular American legal manual issued by different printers and publishers based largely on Burn and other English sources. Part II contains (with caption titles only): The Office and Duty of Sheriffs; The Office of a Gaoler, and Concerning Escapes; The Office and Duty of the Clerk of Assize and Clerk of the Peace; A Guide to Juries; Of Maxims and General Rules, from Jacob's *Law Grammar*; Of Actions and Remedies; Of Fictions, Intendments, and Presumptions. Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 7959. [Order This Item](#)

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**Rare 1869 Brazilian Layman's Guide**

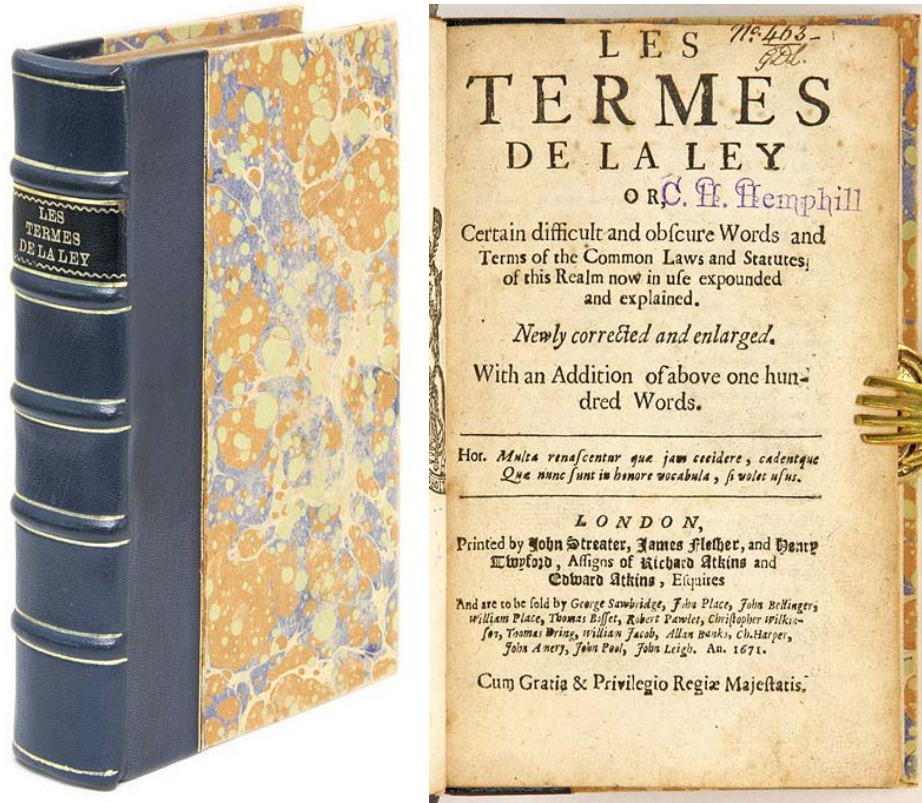
**25. Ramalho, Joaquim Ignacio [1809-1902].**

*Praxe Brasileira*. Sao Paulo: Typographia do Ypiranga, 1869. 708 pp. Octavo (9-1/2" x 6-1/2").

Contemporary quarter calf over marbled boards, raised bands and gilt ornaments and title to spine, marbled endpapers. Moderate rubbing to extremities, heavier rubbing to boards with some wear to corners, hinges cracked. Some browning to text, light foxing in a few places, chipping to edges of a few leaves. Early owner signatures and small lawyer's ownership stamp, interior otherwise clean. \$650.

\* First edition. This is a treatise on Brazilian civil procedure for layman. It is unusually comprehensive for a book of this kind and seems to have been written for elite members of society. A second edition was published in 1904. The Italian Library Union Catalogue lists an undated edition with identical pagination as the 1869 edition; it is dated 1867. OCLC locates 1 copy (at the Library of Congress, which also has a 1904 edition not listed on OCLC). [Order This Item](#)

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With the Addition of "Above One-Hundred" Words by Thomas Blount

26. [Rastell, John (d.1536)].

Rastell, William (1508?-1565).

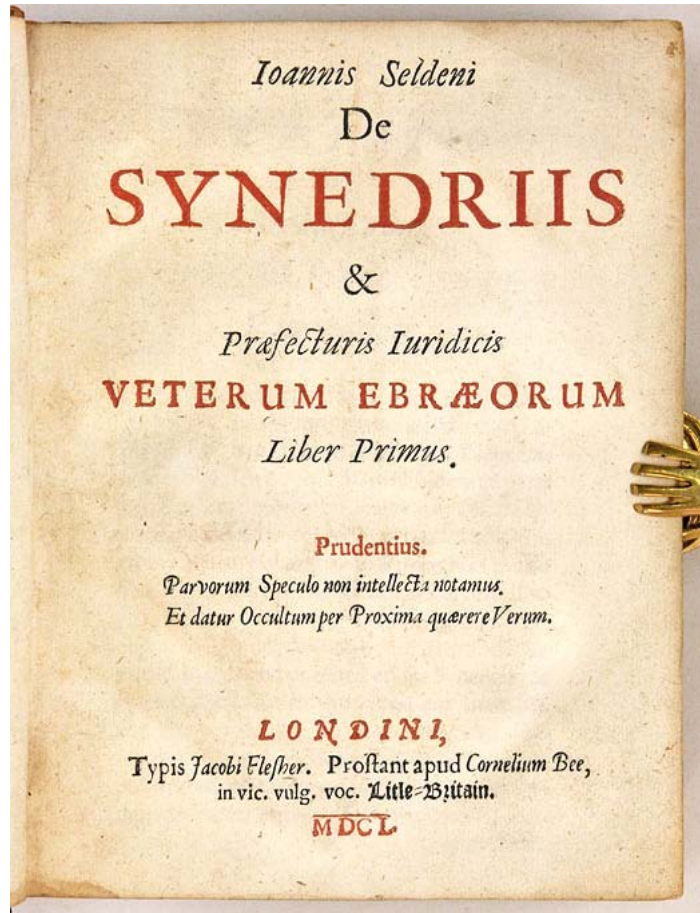
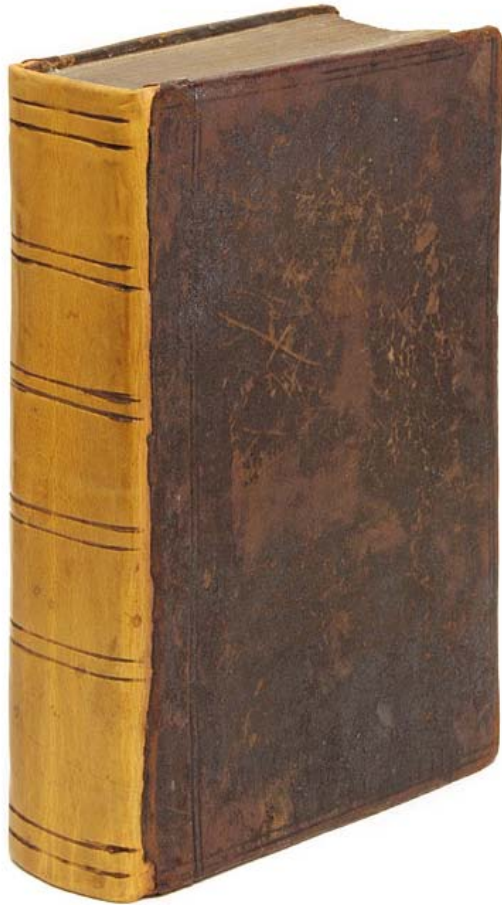
[Blount, Thomas (1618-1679), Editor].

*Les Termes de la Ley, Or, Certain Difficult and Obscure Words and Terms of the Common Laws and Statutes of this Realm Now in Use Expounded and Explained. Newly Corrected and Enlarged. With an Addition of Above One Hundred Words.* London: Printed by John Streater, James Fleisher, and Henry Twyford, Assigns of Richard Atkins and Edward Atkins, 1671. [xvi], 613, [1] pp. Lacking final leaf, a blank. Woodcut frontispiece (royal arms of England). Main text in parallel columns. Octavo (6-3/4" x 4-1/2").

Recent period-style quarter morocco over marbled boards, endpapers renewed. Negligible light rubbing to boards and extremities, crack in text block between front free endpaper and following leaf. Moderate toning to text, headlines of some leaves affected by trimming, a few minor tears and chips to fore-edges with no loss to text, early owner signatures and annotations to endleaves, early owner initials and small later owner stamp to head of title page. \$500.

\* Later edition. With additions by the notable legal lexicographer Thomas Blount, author of the *Nomo-Lexikon* (1670). English and Law French in parallel columns. First published in 1527 by John Rastell, this was both the first English dictionary and first English law dictionary. It was originally written in Law French with the Latin title *Expositiones Terminorum Legum Anglorumae*. Later editions were produced by his son, William, who is believed to be the editor or translator. (Some sources claim, erroneously, that William is the author.) Quite popular with students and lawyers due to its clarity and concision, it went through at least twenty-five editions by 1721. A final reissue appeared in 1819. As Marvin observes, it is a useful dictionary because it "reflects the common law at the close of the year-book period with much fidelity.": *Legal Bibliography* 599. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R203324. [Order This Item](#)

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**First Edition of One of Selden's Path-Breaking Studies of Rabbinical Law**

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

*De Synedriis & Praefecturis Iuridicis Veterum Ebraeorum Liber Primus.* London: Typis Jacobi Flesher. Prostant apud Cornelium Bee, In Vic. Vulg. Voc. Little-Britain, 1650. [ii], XII, [8], 656, [2] pp. Complete as issued; later volumes published in 1653 and 1655. Quarto (7-1/4" x 5-1/2").

Contemporary calf, rebacked, blind rules to board, blind fillets to spine. Moderate rubbing to boards and board edges, corners bumped, a few partial cracks to text block. Title page printed in red and black. Moderate toning, rear endleaf filled with annotations in early hand. \$750.

\* First edition. Path-breaking and influential works that went through several editions, Selden's studies of rabbinical law are among the first significant examples of comparative law. *De Synedriis* is a treatise on the Sanhedrin, an assembly of judges appointed in every city in the land of Israel who were given full authority over the Jewish population. It was begun around 1638 but never completed. Planned as a three-part work, the second part was published in 1653. The incomplete third part followed in 1655. Each work is bibliographically distinct. "[Selden's] familiarity with rabbinical literature was such as has been acquired by few non-Israelite scholars; and many details of oriental civilization were certainly brought to the knowledge of Europeans for the first time in them. (...) Their extraordinary erudition won them much praise...": *Dictionary of National Biography* XVII:1157. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R4091. [Order This Item](#)

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**Manual of Parliamentary  
Procedure Attributed to John Selden**

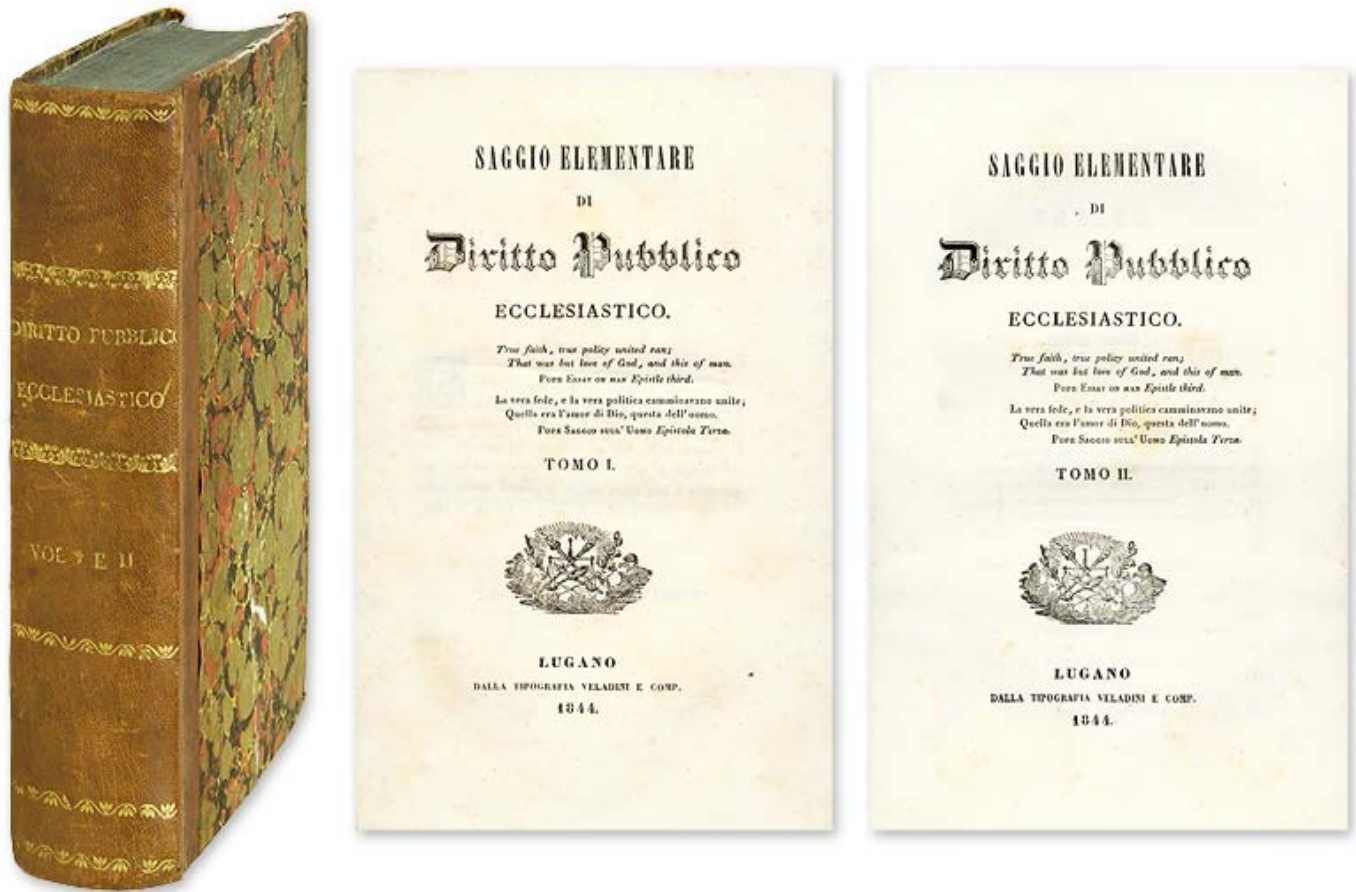
**28. Selden, John [1584-1654], Attributed.  
[Elsynge, Henry (1577-1635)].**

*Of the Judicature in Parliaments, A Posthumous Treatise: Wherein, The Controversies and Precedents Belonging to That Title, Are Methodically Handled.* London: Printed for Joseph Lawson Bookseller in the Bail of Lincoln, [1681]. [viii], 188 pp. Octavo (7" x 4-1/2").

Recent period-style quarter calf over marbled boards, raised bands, gilt ornaments and lettering piece to spine, endpapers renewed. Moderate toning, faint minor stains to margins of some leaves. A handsome copy. \$600.

\* Only edition, one of three issues from 1681. Attributed to Selden in the *ESTC* and other sources, this manual on parliamentary procedure is likely to work of John Elsynge, a Parliamentary official who played an important role in the codification of the procedure of the House of Lords. He also served as the clerk of the House of Commons. *Dictionary of National Biography* VI:755. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R10657. [Order This Item](#)

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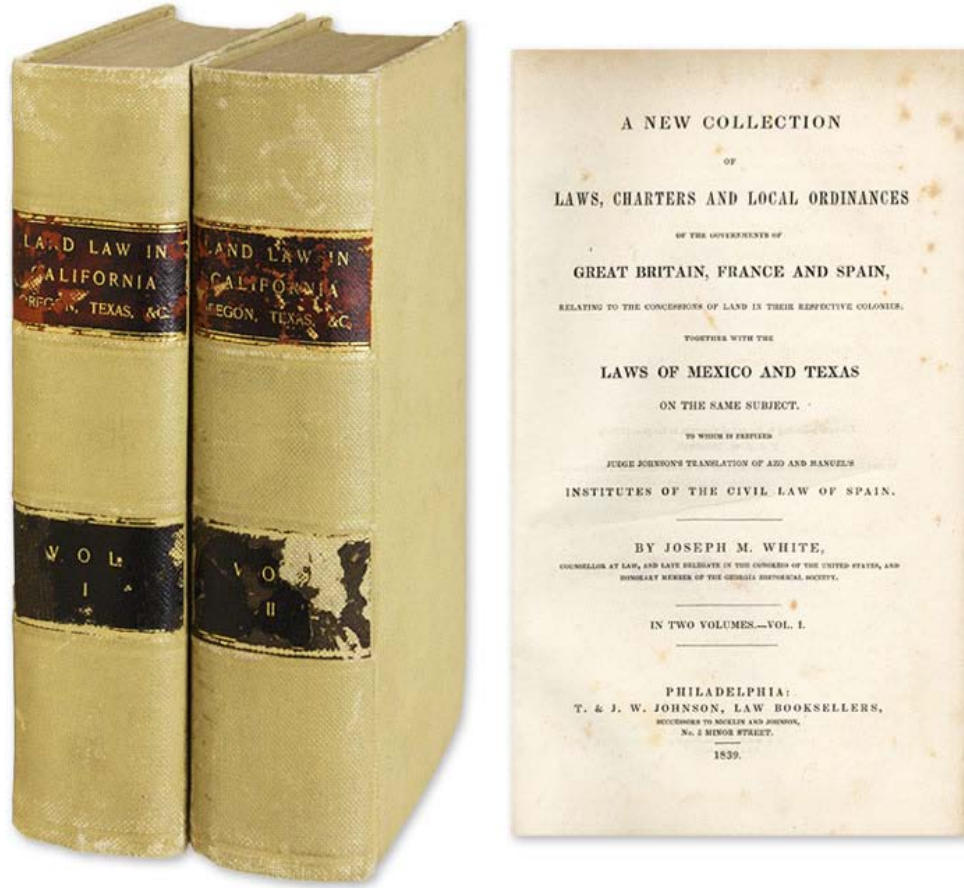
### A Scarce Italian Handbook on Canon Law

**29. [Vittadini, Antonio].**

*Saggio Elementare di Diritto Pubblico Ecclesiastico.* Lugano: Dalla Tipografia Veladini E Comp, 1844. Two volumes bound as one, each with title page and individual pagination. xv, 381; [iv], 376 pp. Octavo (8" x 5").

Contemporary quarter calf over marbled boards, gilt title and fillets to spine, speckled edges. Light rubbing to extremities and boards, rear hinge cracked but secure, corners bumped. Light to moderate toning to text, light foxing in a few places. Early signature to rear pastedown, interior otherwise clean. Ex-monastery library. Stamps to half-title. An attractive copy of a scarce title. \$350.

\* First edition. This *vade mecum* offers a good overview of the state of canon law in mid nineteenth-century Italy. The first volume addresses the law in scripture and the law regarding churches and clergy. The second volume discusses the law regarding the clergy (from the lowest official to the pope) in greater detail. OCLC locates 15 copies worldwide, 3 in North America, 1 in a law library (UC-Berkeley). Not in *The Canon Law Collection of the Library of Congress*. [Order This Item](#)



### Pre-Statehood Laws of Texas and Florida

30. White, Joseph M. [1781-1839].  
[Jordan de Asso y del Rio, Ignacio (1742-1804)].  
[Manuel y Rodriguez, Miguel de (fl. 1780)].

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