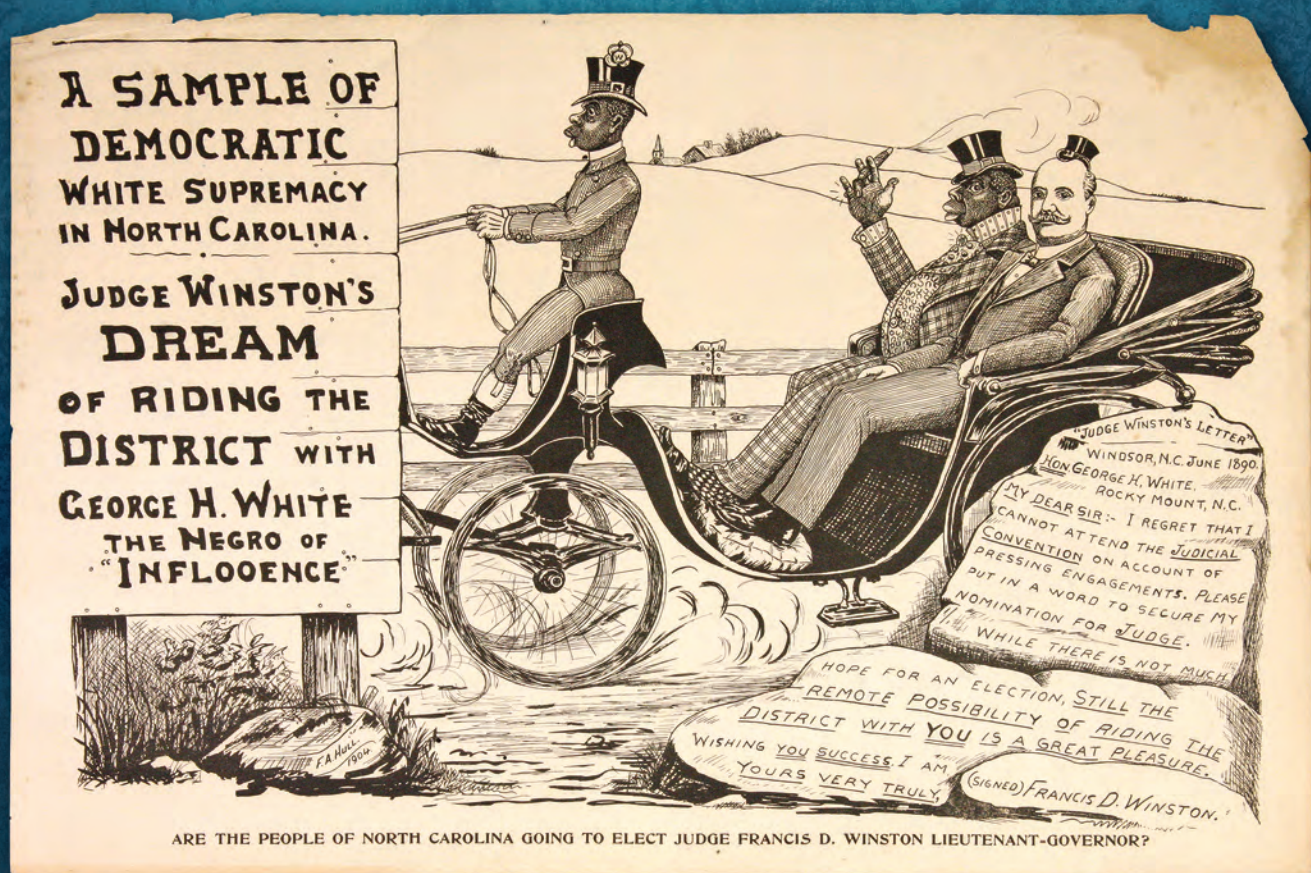


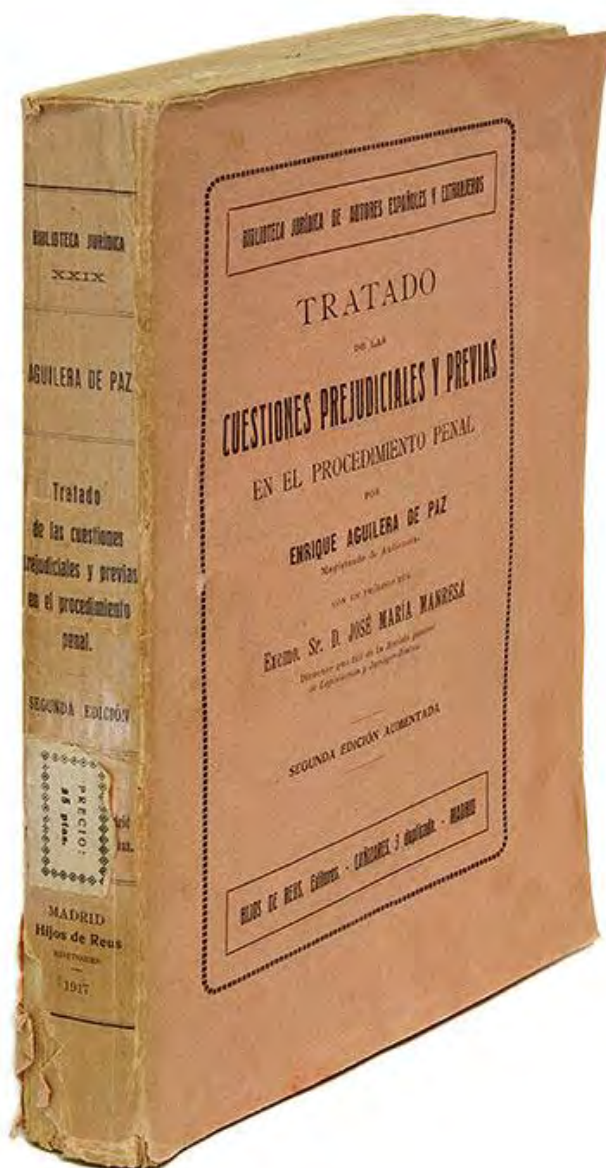
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**Scarce Spanish Treatise on
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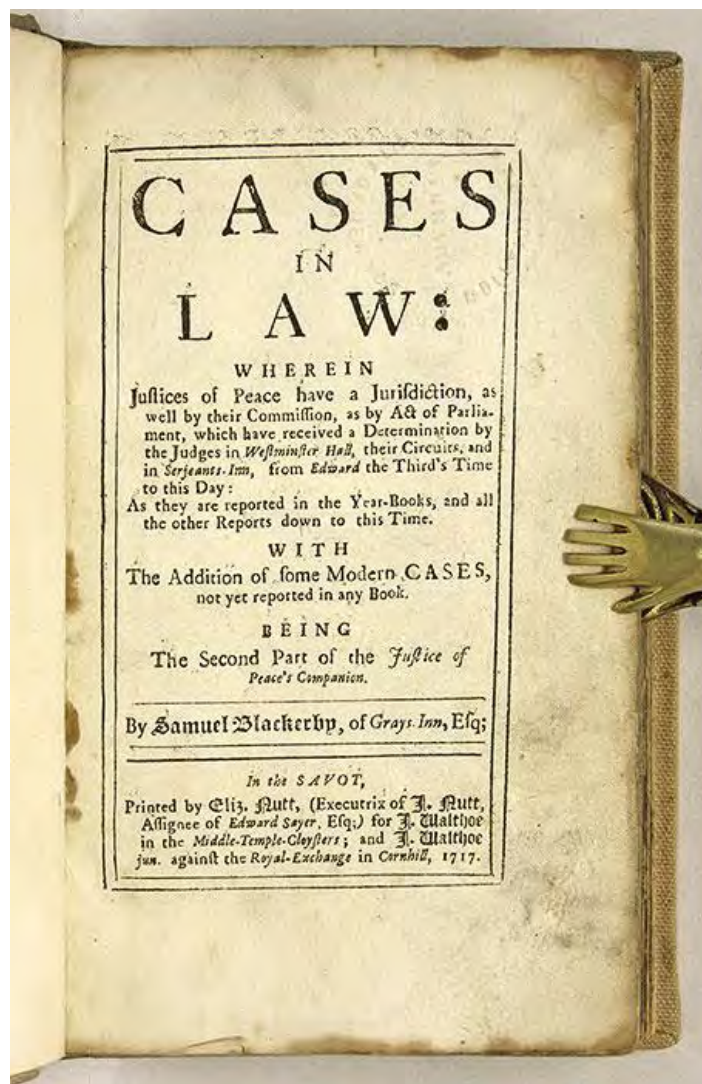
1. Aguilera de Paz, Enrique.

Manresa Navarro, José María [1818-1905], Preface.

Tratado de las Cuestiones Prejudiciales y Previas en el Procedimiento. Madrid: Hijos de Reus, 1917. xvii, 529 pp.

Original publisher wrappers, untrimmed edges, small bookseller price ticket to spine. A few minor stains, rubbing with some wear to spine ends, moderate browning to text, unopened signatures, small inkstamp to half-title. \$95.

* Second and final edition, enlarged. This treatise on prejudicial actions in Spanish criminal procedure was first published in 1904. OCLC locates no copies of the first edition in North American law libraries, 6 of the second (Columbia, Harvard, Library of Congress, Tulane, UC-Berkeley, Yale). [Order This Item](#)



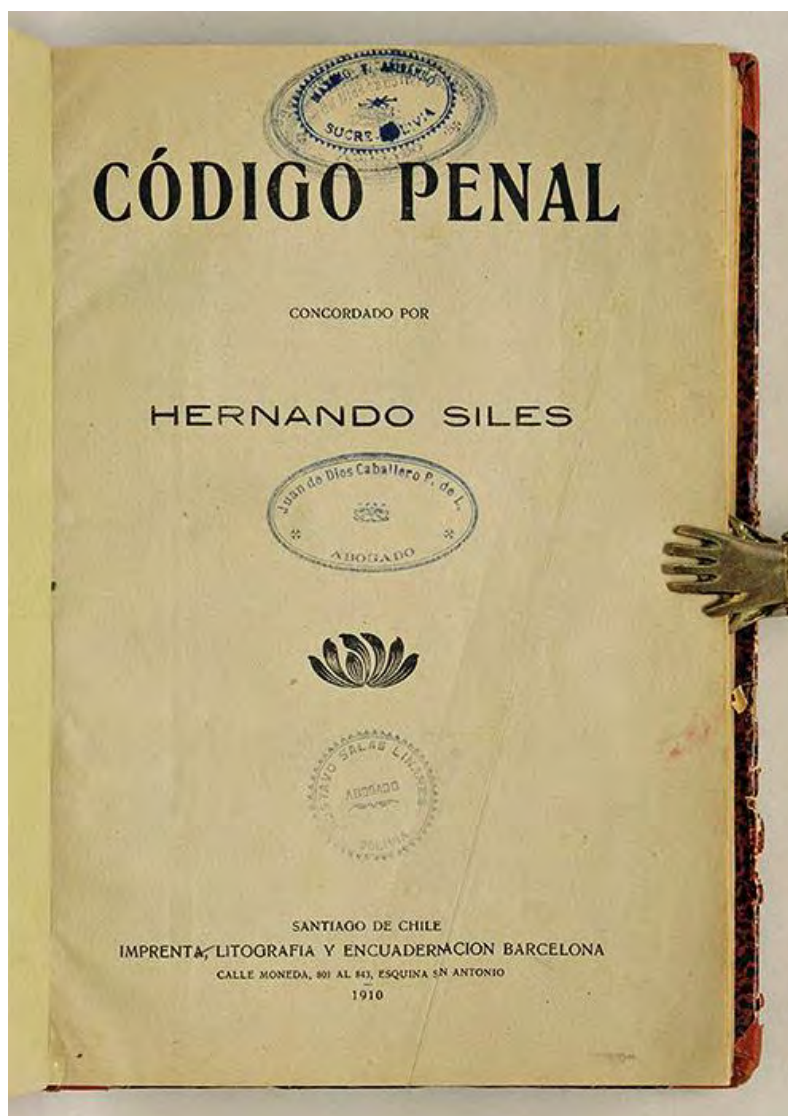
Companion Volume to an Important JP Manual

2. Blackerby, Samuel [fl. 1720-1738].

Cases in Law: Wherein Justices of Peace Have a Jurisdiction, As Well by Their Commission, As by Act of Parliament, Which Have Received a Determination by the Judges in Westminster Hall, Their Circuits, And Serjeants-Inn, From Edward the Third's Time to this Day: As They are Reported in the Year-Books, And All the Other Reports Down to this Time. With the Addition of Some Modern Cases, Not Yet Reported in Any Book. Being the Second Part of The Justice of Peace's Companion. London: Printed by Eliz. Nutt, 1717. xix, [1], 241, [79] pp. Octavo (7-1/2" x 4-3/4").

Later library cloth, calf lettering piece and black stamped "17171" to spine. Light shelfwear, moderate soiling, stain to spine, light edgewear to lettering piece. Light toning, finger smudges and light foxing to a few leaves, light soiling and faint embossed library stamp to title page, two brief library marks to verso. \$300.

* First edition. This book was intended to be a companion volume to Blackerby's *Justice of the Peace, His Companion* (1711). Both were held in high esteem, went through several editions and served as primary sources for many subsequent manuals. Such entries as "Apprentices," "Bastardy," "Overseers of the Poor," "Papists and Popish Recusants" and "Witchcraft" offer a unique perspective on rural English society during the 1700s. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T66084. [Order This Item](#)



An Important Edition of Bolivia's Penal Code

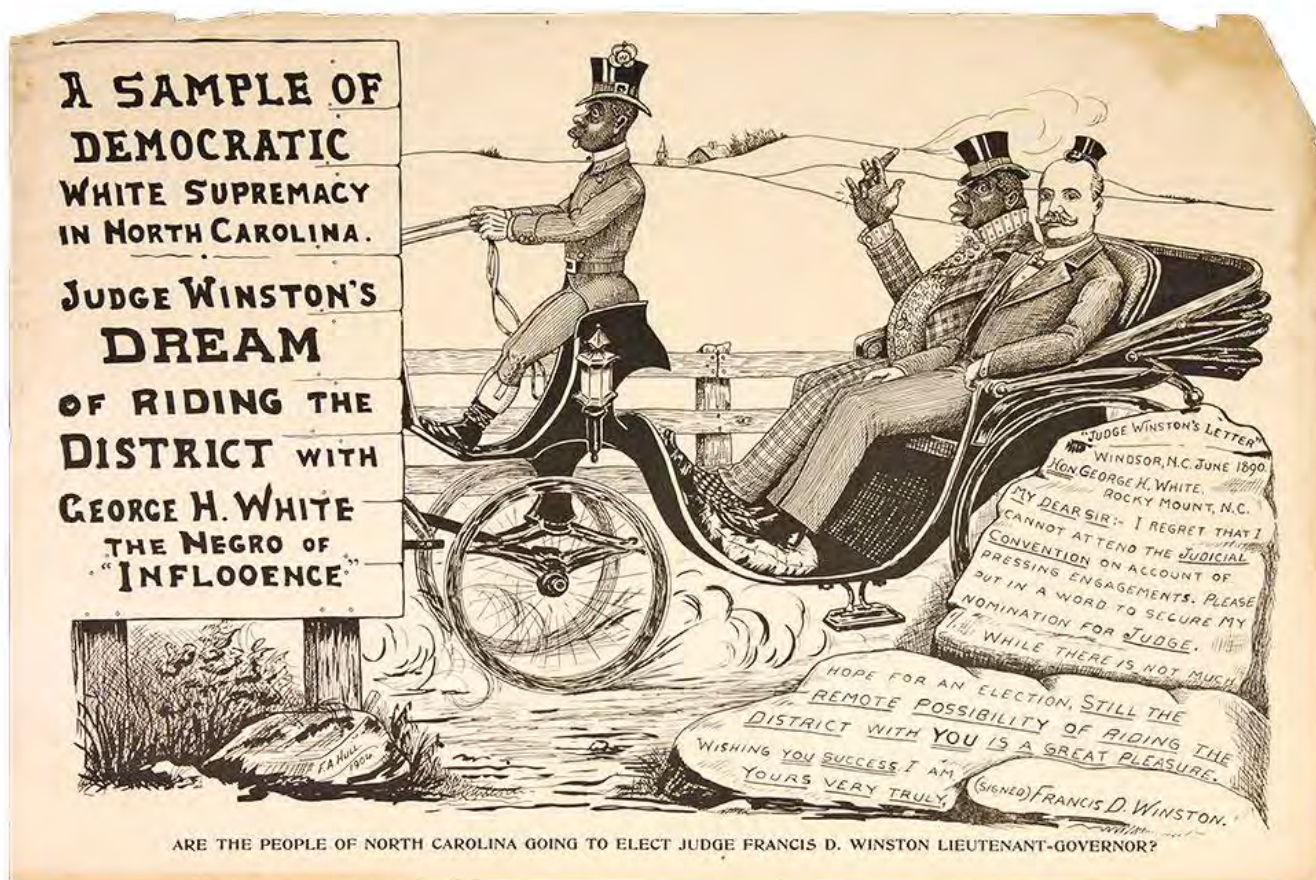
3. [Bolivia].

Siles (Reyes), Hernando [1882-1942], Editor.

Código Penal, Concordado por Hernando Siles. Santiago de Chile: Imprenta, Litografía y Encuadernación Barcelona, 1910. 665, xxii pp.

Contemporary three-quarter sheep over marbled boards, raised bands and lettering pieces to spine. Moderate rubbing to boards and extremities, a few nicks to spine, gilding worn away from lettering pieces, corners bumped and somewhat worn. Light browning to text, small contemporary owner stamps to preliminaries. \$750.

* Only edition. An important Bolivian statesman, Siles was the president of Bolivia from 1926 to 1930. In 1909 he was commissioned by the Ministerio de Justicia e Instrucción to edit Bolivia's legal codes. The first significant revision of the Penal Code since its introduction in 1834, it remained in force until 1972. OCLC locates 9 copies in North American law libraries (Columbia, Harvard, LA County, Library of Congress, Tulane, University of Michigan, University of Pennsylvania, Yale). [Order This Item](#)



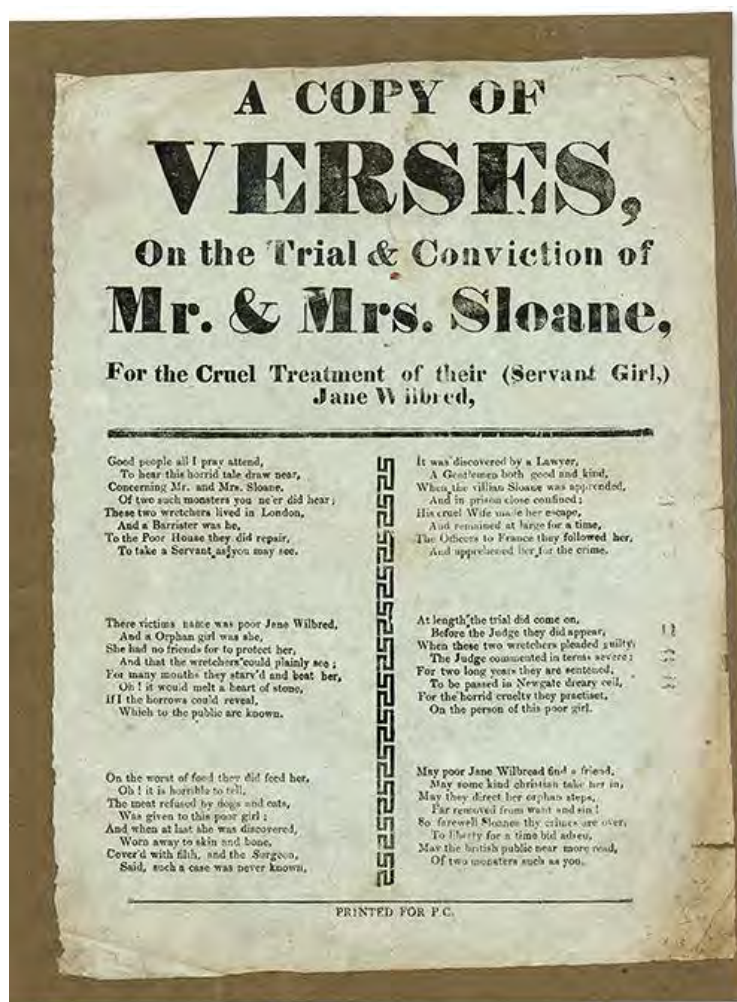
The "Negro of 'Inflootence'"

4. [Broadside].
[African-Americans].
[North Carolina].
Hull, F[red] A., Engraver.

A Sample of Democratic White Supremacy in North Carolina. Judge Winston's Dream of Riding the District with George H. White, the Negro of "Inflootence." Are the People of North Carolina Going To Elect Judge Francis D. Winston Lieutenant-Governor? [Asheville? North Carolina]: F.A. Hull, 1904. 10" x 14" lithographed pictorial broadside, text in upper left and lower right corner.

Moderate toning, negligible chipping and light staining to upper right corner, image not affected. \$1,850.

* A scathing racist attack against Judge Francis D. Winston, the Democratic candidate for Lieutenant Governor of North Carolina. He is seen riding in a coach alongside a grotesquely caricatured George Henry White, Republican congressman from North Carolina, 1897-1901, a symbol of Reconstruction and the last African-American congressman to survive the beginning of the Jim Crow era. The coachman is depicted in a similar manner. Winston is accused, in a letter supposedly written in 1890 and transcribed here, of seeking White's influence with African-American voters to win his judgeship. Winston asks White to promote his candidacy and suggests the "possibility of riding the district with you." Hull was a civic leader, politician and artist in Asheville, N.C. OCLC locates 2 copies (UNC-Chapel Hill, Yale). [Order This Item](#)



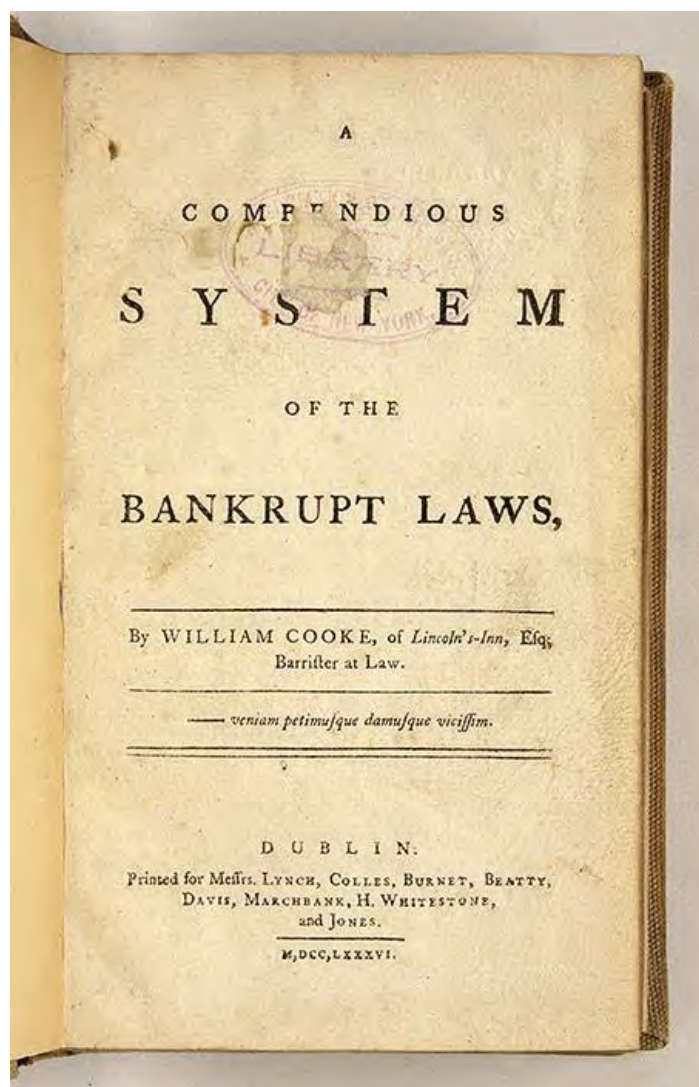
**One of the Most Appalling
Examples of the Sadistic Abuse of a Minor**

5. [Broadside].
[Great Britain].
[Child Abuse].

A Copy of Verses, on the Trial & Conviction of Mr. & Mrs. Sloane, for the Cruel Treatment of their (Servant Girl,) Jane Wilbred. [London?: Printed for P.C., 1851]. 9" x 7" verse broadside, untrimmed, mounted on paper. Main text in two columns separated by rules below boldface headline.

Light soiling and a few minor creases and tears. \$950.

* This broadside records one of the most appalling examples of child abuse in English history. Public outrage at this case was shared at all levels of society. The gratuitous, truly unspeakable cruelties that George Sloane, special pleader of the Middle Temple and officer of the Church of England Assurance Institute, and his wife, an ex-dancer at the Italian Opera, inflicted for two years on their servant girl, who was hired from the work-house at age 15, did not go unpunished. But the Sloanes received only a two-year prison sentence. Their mild punishment outraged the public. This event must have inspired several broadsides and related items, but almost none are recorded in the standard sources. COPAC lists 6 holdings of ours in Great Britain, OCLC locates none in North America. [Order This Item](#)



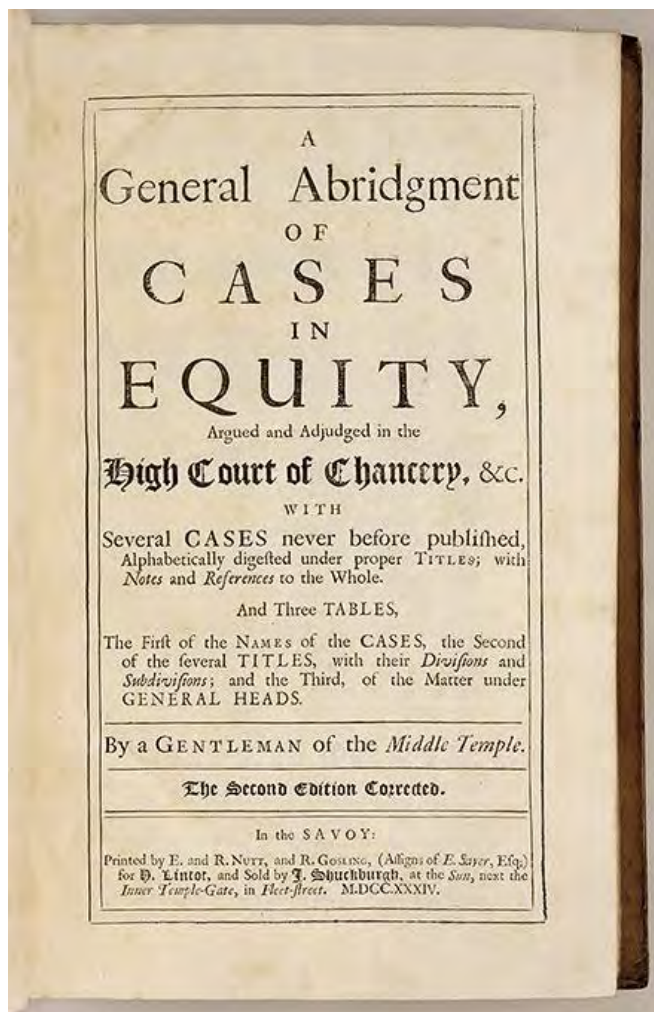
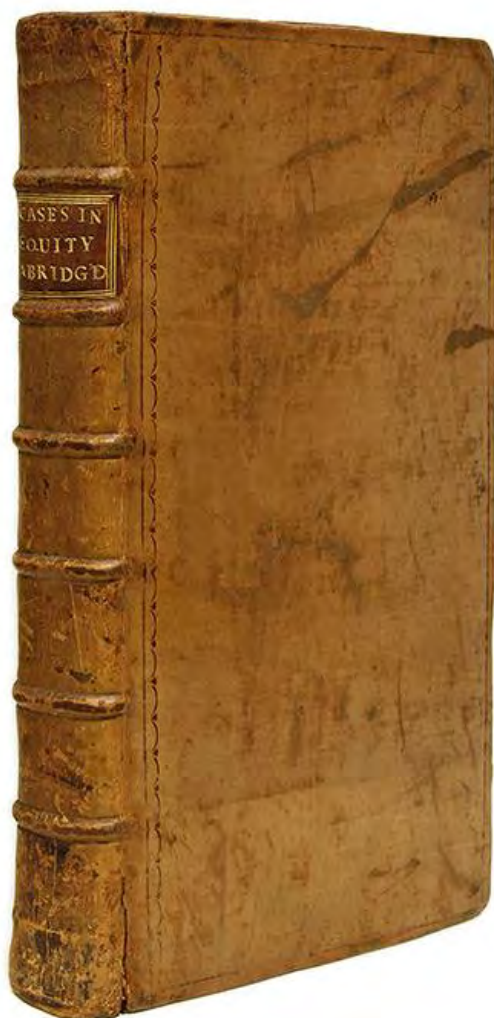
**The Most Complete Early
English Treatise on the Bankrupt Laws**

6. Cooke, William [1757-1832].

A Compendious System of the Bankrupt Laws. Dublin: Printed for Messrs. Lynch, Colles, Burnet, Beatty, Davis, Marchbank, H. Whitestone, and Jones, 1786. viii, [8], 372, [8], ccxxxiii, [17], *iv, [18-23] pp. Pages *i-*iv, which should follow p. [8] at beginning of text, misbound between pp. [17] and [18] of index. Octavo (7-1/2" x 4-3/4").

Later library cloth, calf lettering piece and paper location label to spine. Light soiling, some rubbing to extremities with some wear to lettering piece, joints just starting at head, front hinge cracked, rear hinge starting, front free endpaper partially detached. Moderate toning to text, somewhat heavier in places, light foxing to a few leaves, faint library stamps, one embossed, to title page, two small library marks to verso. \$750.

* First Dublin edition, a reprint of the first London editions, 1785. Bridgman's *Short View of Legal Bibliography* (1807) says this is the most complete early English treatise on the bankrupt laws. A popular title, its final edition, the eighth, was published in 1823. The second and later editions of this work are entitled *The Bankrupt Laws*. Bridgman cited in Marvin, *Legal Bibliography* 226. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T66792. [Order This Item](#)



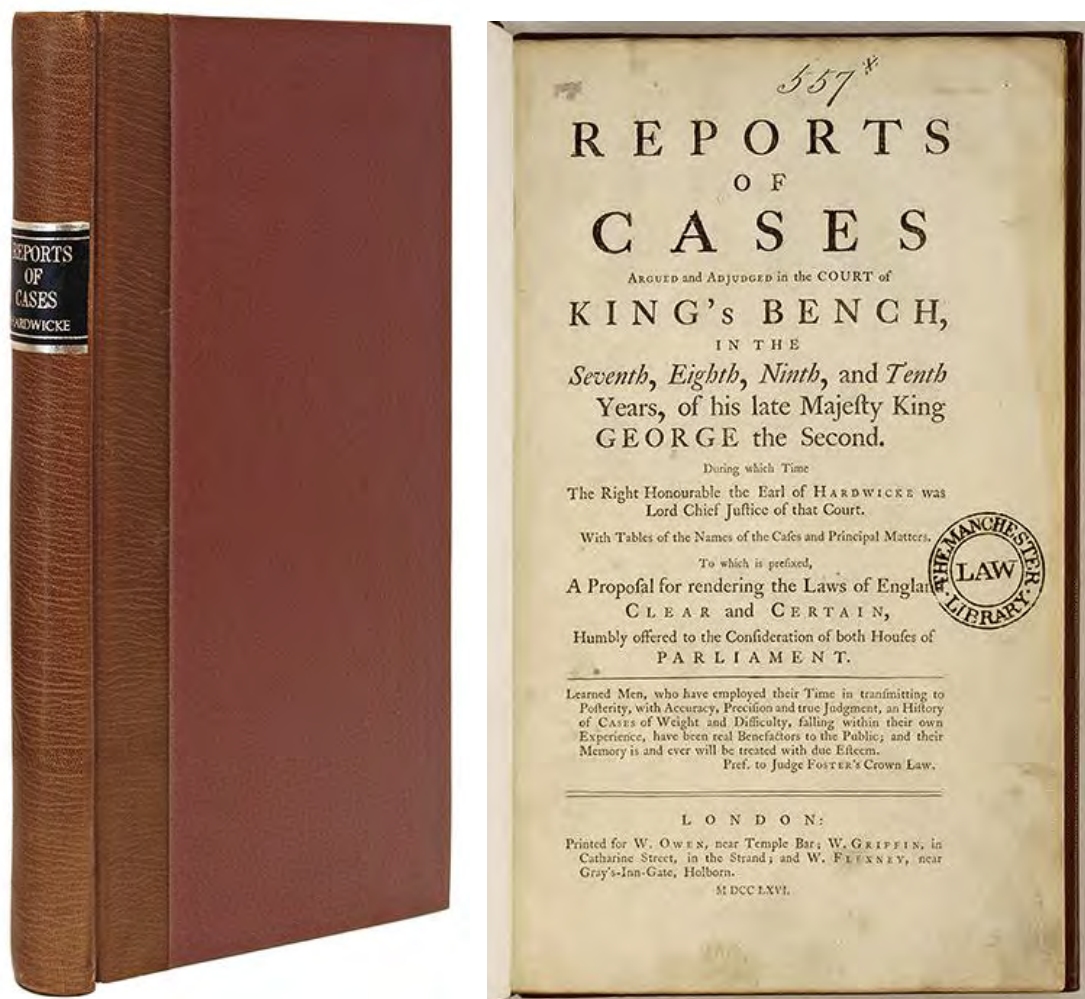
Attributed to Matthew Bacon, Robert
Foley, Sir Geoffrey Gilbert and Henry Pooley

7. A Gentleman of the Middle Temple.

A General Abridgment of Cases in Equity, Argued and Adjudged in the High Court of Chancery, &c. With Several Cases Never Before Published, Alphabetically Digested Under Proper Titles; With Notes and References to the Whole. And Three Tables, The First of the Names of the Cases, The Second of the Several Titles, With Their Divisions and Subdivisions; And the Third, Of the Matter Under General Heads. [London]: Printed by E. and R. Nutt, And R. Gosling, 1734. [xxviii], 417, [27] pp. Folio (12-1/4" x 7-3/4").

Contemporary calf, blind rules to boards, raised bands and lettering piece to spine. Light rubbing and scuffing to boards, light rubbing to spine, moderate rubbing to extremities, corners bumped and lightly worn, front joints starting at ends. Light toning to text, occasional light soiling to head of text block, faint dampstaining to foot of text block in a few places, light foxing to preliminaries and a few other leaves. An appealing copy. \$750.

* Second edition, "Corrected." First published in 1732, this set of reports has been attributed to Matthew Bacon, Robert Foley, Sir Geoffrey Gilbert, Henry Pooley or a combination of these authors. Marvin, believes about half of the reports were by Pooley, "a lawyer of great eminence in his time." Viner says Pooley was the sole reporter. Marvin, *Legal Bibliography* 48. Viner, *A General Abridgment of Law and Equity* XXI:489. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T98194. [Order This Item](#)



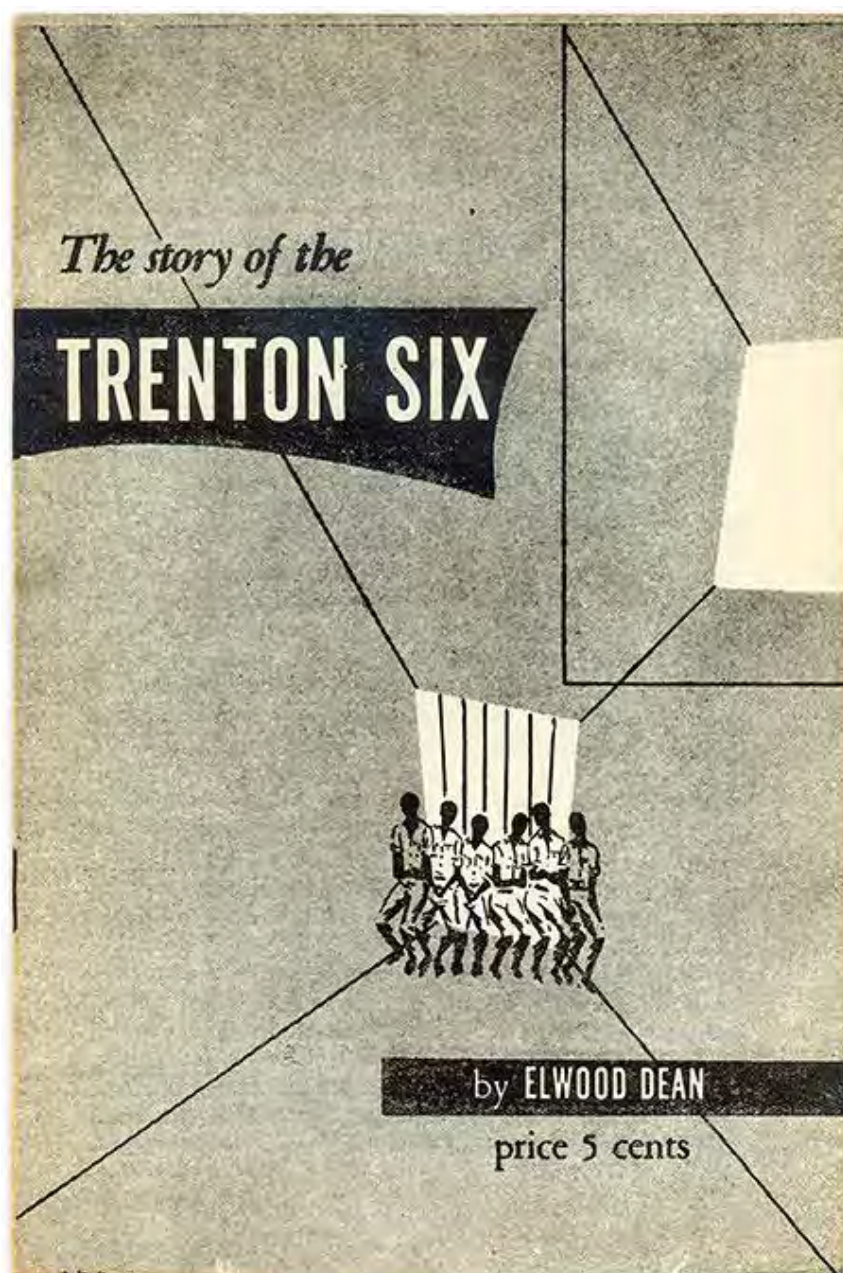
With an Interesting Tract on Law Reform

8. [Cunningham, Timothy (d. 1789), Reporter].

Reports of Cases Argued and Adjudged in the Court of King's Bench, In the Seventh, Eighth, Ninth, and Tenth Years, Of His Late Majesty King George the Second. During which Time The Right Honourable the Earl of Hardwicke was Lord Chief Justice of that Court. With Tables of the Names of the Cases and Principal Matters. To Which is Prefixed, A Proposal for Rendering the Laws of England Clear and Certain, Humbly Offered to the Consideration of Both Houses of Parliament. London: Printed for W. Owen, 1766. [iv], xxi, [1], 178 pp. Folio (12-1/2" x 8").

Recent quarter-morocco over cloth, calf lettering piece to spine, endpapers renewed. Some toning to text, occasional faint dampstaining to head of text block, light soiling, early annotation (shelf number?) and later library stamp to title page, another stamp to foot of p. 178. \$500.

* First edition. Remembered today as the author of an important law dictionary, Cunningham was one of the most prolific and versatile legal writers of the eighteenth century. Containing reports of cases decided by Lord Chief Justice Hardwicke, his *Reports* is prefaced by an interesting 17-page tract, "offered to the consideration of both houses of Parliament" titled "A Proposal for Rendering the Laws of England Clear and Certain." Later editions were published in 1770 and 1871. Contrary to its title, this book does not include cases past the eighth year of George II. A note on p. [iii] states that "The second part of these reports is in the press," but this volume was never published. *English Short-Title Catalogue* N13213. [Order This Item](#)



Thurgood Marshall Played an Important Role in This Case

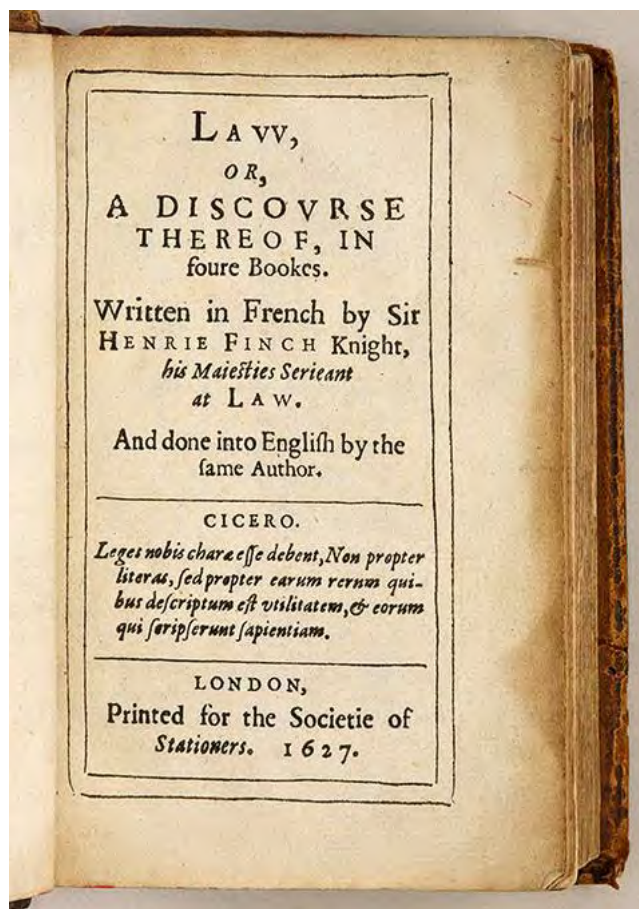
9. Dean, Elwood.

The Story of the Trenton Six. New York: New Century Publishers, December, 1949. 23, [1] pp.

Stapled pamphlet in pictorial wrappers, some discoloration to rear wrapper, otherwise fine. \$85.

* The "Trenton Six" were a group of African Americans convicted, on questionable evidence, of murdering an elderly white shopkeeper in 1948 and sentenced to death. Their case was taken up on appeal by the Communist Party and the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, which was directed by Thurgood Marshall, who played an important role in the case. Four men were acquitted; two were sentenced to life imprisonment. Dean was the educational director of the Communist Party of New Jersey. [Order This Item](#)

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**First English-Language Edition of a
Distinguished Predecessor to Blackstone's *Commentaries***

10. Finch, Sir Henry [1558-1625].

Law, Or, A Discourse Thereof, In Four Bookes. Written in French by Sir Henrie Finch Knight, His Maiesties Serieant at Law. And Done Into English by the Same Author. London: Printed for the Societie of Stationers, 1627. [viii], 496, 499-506, [14] pp. Lacking final leaf, a blank. Pagination irregular. Text complete. Octavo (5-1/2" x 3-3/4").

Contemporary sheep, rebaked retaining contemporary spine, blind rules to boards, blind fillets and fragment of later paper title label to spine early hand-lettered title to fore-edge of text block. Light rubbing and a few minor nicks and worm holes to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, corners bumped and somewhat worn, front pastedown loose and considerably edgeworn, some edgewear and tears to following endleaf, rear pastedown lacking. Moderate toning to text, light offsetting and tiny worm hole to title page, tiny worm hole to following leaf. \$2,500.

* First edition in English. Originally published in Law-French in 1613 as *Nomotechnia: Un Description del Common Leyes D'Angleterre*, "Finch's Law, till the publication of Blackstone's *Commentaries*, was regarded as the best elementary book to be placed in the hands of the law students. It is one of the few attempts that have been made to reduce the common law into system...[Finch's] definitions were exact, his style concise and nervous, and his illustrations clear and authentic. Most of the valuable parts of Finch are incorporated in Blackstone's *Commentaries*" (Sweet & Maxwell). The first English-language edition was published in 1627. Holdsworth says the English version was the "pioneer book on the institutes of English law" and a model for several writers. Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 1:238 (10). Holdsworth, *A History of English Law* V:399-400. *English Short-Title Catalogue* S122048. [Order This Item](#)



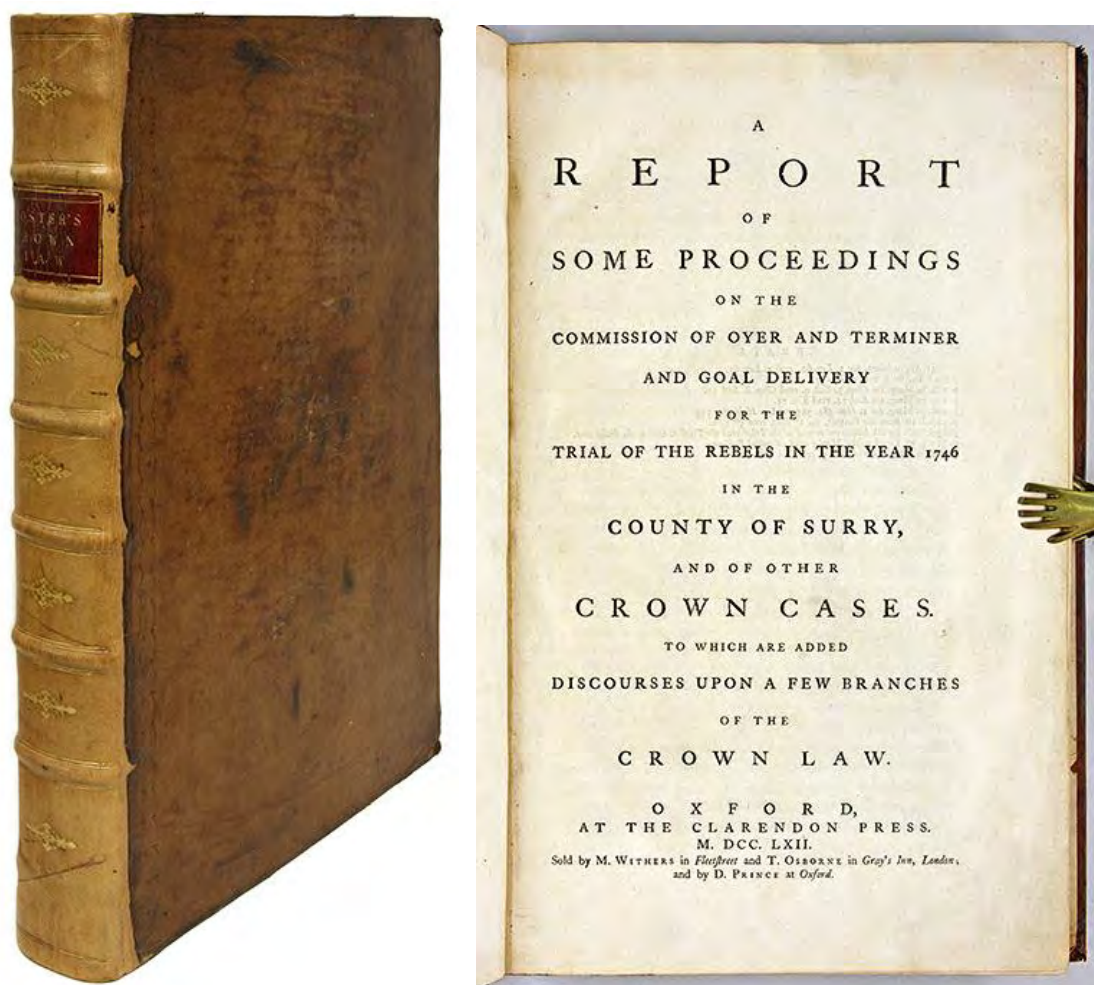
Well-Annotated Copy of a Work
Highly Esteemed by Coke and Blackstone

10. Fitzherbert, Anthony [1470-1538].
Rastell, William [1508?-1565].

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

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

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



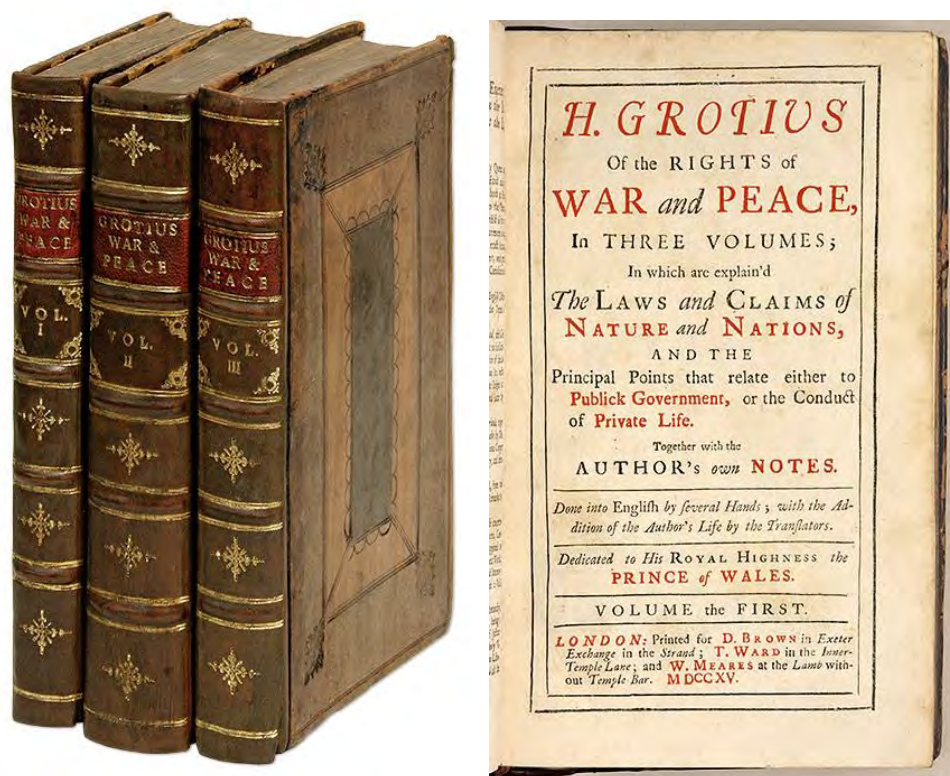
"The Most Remarkable and Most Scholarly of All the Reports"

11. [Foster, Sir Michael (1689-1763)].

A Report of Some Proceedings on the Commission of Oyer and Terminer and Goal [sic] Delivery for the Trial of the Rebels in the Year 1746 in the County of Surry, And of Other Crown Cases. To Which are Added Discourses upon a Few Branches of the Crown Law. Oxford: At the Clarendon Press. Sold by M. Withers in Fleetstreet and T. Osborne in Gray's Inn, London; and by D. Prince at Oxford, 1762. [ii], viii, [4], 412, [20] pp. Errata slip lacking. Preface signed "M. Foster." Folio (12-1/2" x 7-3/4").

Contemporary calf, blind rules to boards, blind fillets along joints, raised bands and retained contemporary lettering piece to spine, hinges mended. Light rubbing and a few minor scuffs to boards, corners bumped and somewhat worn, partial crack in text block between final two leaves of index (5Q1, 5Q2). Light toning to text, faint dampspotting to a few leaves. A handsome copy. \$350.

* First edition, one of two issues from 1762. According to Holdsworth this is the "most remarkable and most scholarly of all the reports" of the eighteenth century. It remains an authoritative work. The rebels mentioned in Foster's title were prominent participants in the Jacobite Rebellion of 1745. The discourses are "High Treason," "Of Homicide," "Of Accomplices In High Treason and Other Capital Offenses" and "Observations on Some Passages in The Writings of Lord Chief Justice Hale" (i.e. his *History of the Pleas of the Crown*. Holdsworth, *History of English Law* 12:135. *English Short Title Catalogue* T145811. [Order This Item](#)



Handsome Early English Translation of *De Jure Belli ac Pacis*

13. Grotius, Hugo [1535-1645].

[Morrice, John, Translator and Editor].

Of the Rights of War and Peace, In Three Volumes; In Which are Explain'd the Laws and Claims of Nature and Nations, And the Principal Points that Relate Either to Publick Government, Or the Conduct of Private Life. Together with the Author's Own Notes. Done into English by Several Hands; With the Addition of the Author's Life by the Translators. Dedicated to His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales. London: Printed for D. Brown, T. Ward and W. Meares, 1715. Three volumes. [xv], civ, 212; [iii], 648; [iii], 356, [48] pp. Publisher advertisement facing title page in each volume. Octavo (7-1/2" x 4-3/4").

Contemporary paneled calf, rebaked in period style, raised bands, lettering piece and gilt ornaments to spines, hinges mended. A few minor nicks to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, copperplate armorial bookplates of George Baillie to front pastedown of each volume. Title pages printed in red and black. Light to moderate toning, light foxing to a few leaves in each volume, two brief annotations to front endleaves of Volume I. A handsome set. \$3,500.

* First published in Paris in 1625, *The Rights of War and Peace* established the system of modern public international law. Grotius describes the situations in which war is a valid tool of law enforcement and outlines the principles of armed combat. Though based on Christian natural law, Grotius advanced the novel argument that his system would still be valid if it lacked a divine basis. In this regard he pointed to the future by moving international law in a secular direction. Recognized immediately as an important work, it was translated into the principal languages of Europe. The first English translation, by Clement Barksdale, was published in 1654 and reissued the following year. The second, by William Evats, was published in 1682. According to sources cited in the *ESTC*, the 1715 edition was translated and edited by Morrice with the assistance of Edward Littlehales and John Spavan. The English editions differ considerably and are very interesting to compare. Baillie [1664-1738] was a Scottish politician who served in the Parliament of Scotland and the Parliament of Great Britain. He held several important posts; he was Commissioner for Trade and Plantations (1711-1714), a Lord of Admiralty (1714-1717) and a junior Lord Commissioner of the Treasury (1717-1725). *English Short-Title Catalogue* T117018. Ter Meulen and Diermanse, *Bibliographie de Grotius* 634. [Order This Item](#)



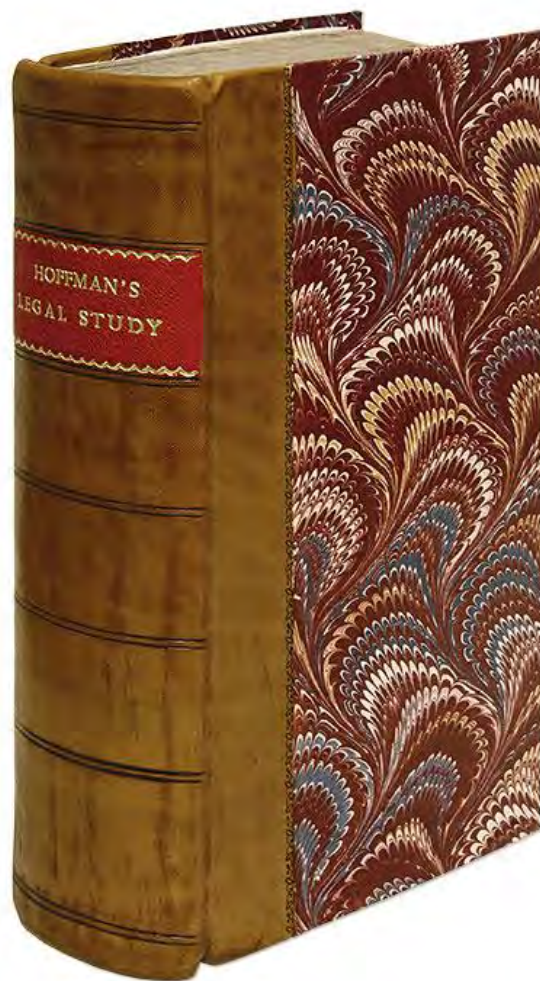
**Classic Spanish Treatise With
Sections on Commercial and Maritime Law**

**14. Hevia Bolaños, Juan de.
Villanueva, Juan Martin de, Editor.**

Curia Philipica, Primero, Y Segundo Tomo. El Primario, Dividido en Cinco Partes, Donde se Trata Breve, Y Comprendiosamente de los Juicios Civiles, y Criminales Ecclesiasticos y Seculares, Con lo Que Sobre Ello Está Dispuesto por Derecho, Y Resoluciones de Doctores; Util Para los Professores de Ambos Derechos y Fueros, Jueces, Abogados, Escribanos, Procuradores, Y Otras Personas. El Segundo Tomo Distribuido en Tres Libros, Donde se Trata de la Mercancia y Contratacion de Tierra y Mar; Util, y Provechoso Para Mercaderes, Negociadores, Navegantes, Y Sus Consulados, Ministros de los Juicios, Y Professores de Jurisprudencia. Nueva Impresion. Nueva Impresion. En que de Orden del Supremo consejo de Castilla, Y á Costa de la Real Compañía de Impresores, Y Libreros del Reyno, Se han Enmendado las Erratas, Y se han Puntualizado las Citas Equivocadas que Contengan las Impresiones Anteriores, Por el Licenciado don Juan Martin de Villanueva. Madrid: Por Ramon Ruiz, 1790. [iv], 520, [74] pp. Folio (11-3/4" x 8").

Contemporary limp vellum, hand-lettered title to spine, thong ties, one clasp lacking. Light rubbing and a few light stains to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, corners and spine ends bumped, vellum just beginning to crack through pastedowns, hinges partially cracked, some edgewear and a few minor chips to front free endpaper. Light toning to text, somewhat heavier in places, fold lines to corners of a few leaves, a light smudges to title page. \$300.

* Later edition. First published in two parts in 1605 and 1623, this popular treatise went through numerous editions into the nineteenth century. Dealing also with ecclesiastical law, civil procedure and criminal procedure, *Curia Philipica* is particularly interesting for its sections on the commercial and maritime law of the Spanish Empire. This edition dates from the late Bourbon Era (1713-1806), a period when the empire included Mexico, Central America, much of South America, Cuba and the Philippines. Palau 114548. [Order This Item](#)



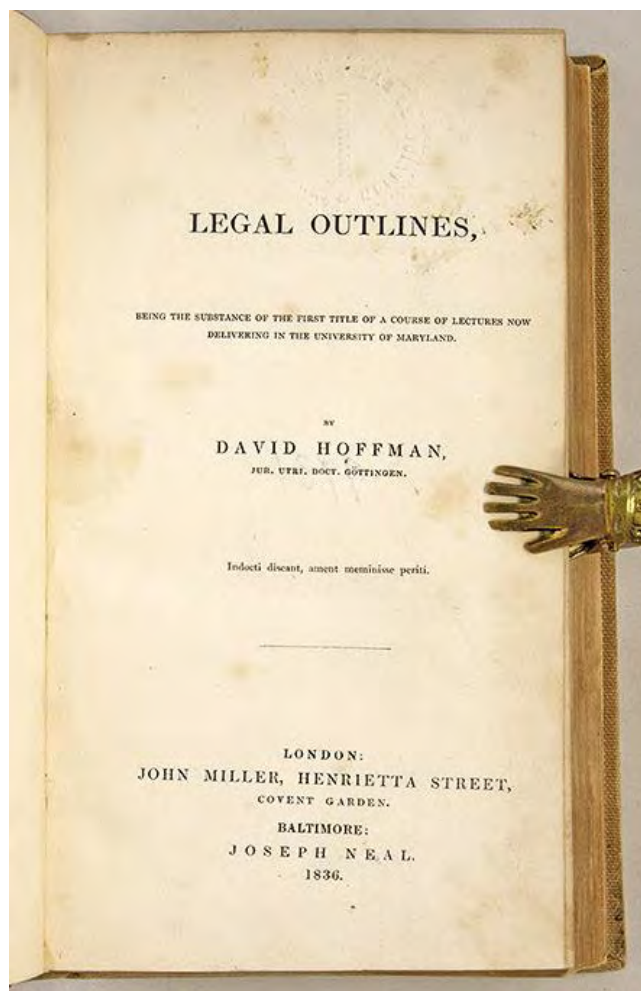
**Hoffman's Landmark *Course of Legal Study*,
A London Issue Overlooked by Cohen and Sweet & Maxwell**

15. Hoffman, David [1784-1854].

A Course of Legal Study, Addressed to Students and the Profession Generally. Re-Written and Much Enlarged. Baltimore: Published by Joseph Neal/London: John Miller, 1836. Two volumes in one. xviii, [19]-447; [2], [447]-876 pp. Octavo (9-1/4" x 5-3/4").

Recent period-style quarter calf over marbled boards, lettering piece and blind fillets to spine, endpapers renewed. Light toning to text, light foxing to a few leaves, library inkstamp and embossed stamp to title page of Volume I, brief annotations to verso. A scarce title in a handsome binding. \$1,850.

* Reissue of the second edition, published the same year as the second edition (Baltimore, 1836). Hoffman was a prominent pioneer in the establishment of university-based legal education. He helped to found the University of Maryland Law School in 1816 and was its first professor. His *Course of Legal Study* played a critical role in the development of law school curricula and provided guidance to hundreds of antebellum law students and attorneys. Story endorsed this book, saying it embodied a set of qualities "calculated to elevate the moral as well as intellectual character of the profession" More than a handbook, it provided a systematic course that encompassed jurisprudence, philosophy, economics, literature and personal behavior. Story cited in Marvin, *Legal Bibliography* 391. Not in Cohen, who says the London issue may not have been published. See *Bibliography of Early American Law* 8628. [Order This Item](#)



**Scarce London Issue of Hoffman's
Legal Outlines, Not in Cohen or Sweet & Maxwell**

16. Hoffman, David.

Legal Outlines: Being the Substance of a Course of Lectures Now Delivering in the University of Maryland. London: John Miller; Baltimore: Joseph Neal, 1836. [iv], x, [9]-626 pp. Complete. Octavo (9-1/2" x 5-1/2").

Later library cloth red and black lettering pieces and paper shelf label to spine. Light soiling, moderate rubbing to extremities with wear to lettering pieces, cracks in text block between front free endpaper and following endleaf and between pp. 624 and 625. Moderate toning to text, light foxing to a few leaves, faint embossed library stamp to title page, a few library markings to verso. \$500.

* Reprint of the first edition, Baltimore, 1829. Hoffman was a prominent pioneer in the establishment of university-based legal education. He helped to found the University of Maryland Law School in 1816 and was its first professor. Along with his *Course of Legal Study*, *Legal Outlines* played a critical role in the development of law school curricula and provided guidance to hundreds of antebellum law students and attorneys. Apparently a reissue of the 1836 Baltimore edition, our London edition is not listed in Cohen or Sweet & Maxwell. It has a unique feature: a preface addressed "To British Students of Law." OCLC locates 13 copies, 4 in North American law libraries (Harvard, LA County, University of Iowa, University of Minnesota). [Order This Item](#)



Hogarth's Famous Satirical Portrait of John Wilkes

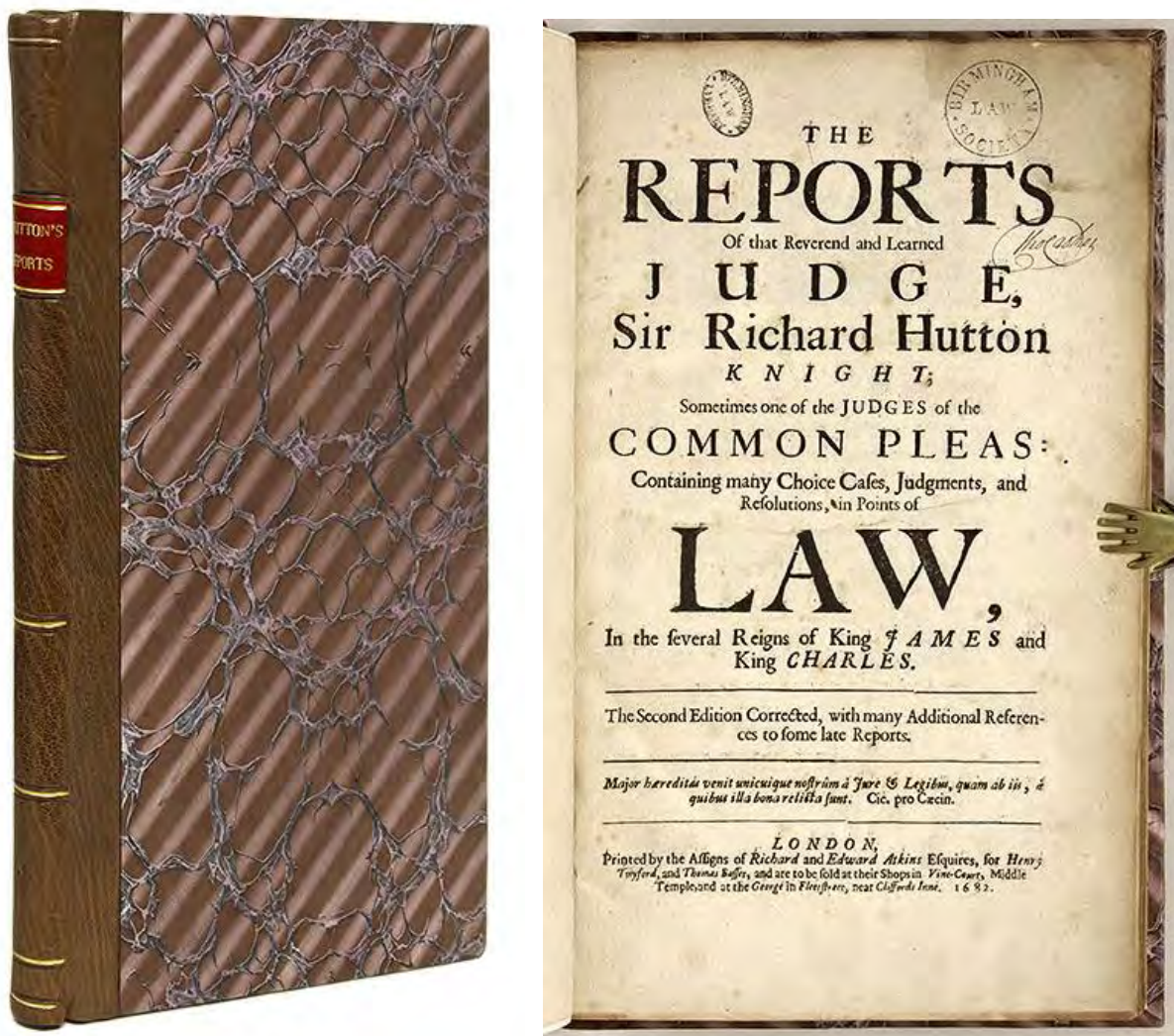
17. Hogarth, William [1697-1764].

[Wilkes, John (1725-1797)].

John Wilkes Esq. Drawn from the Life and Etch'd in Aquafortis by Will. m Hogarth. [London]: Published According to an Act of Parliament May 16, 1763.

Attractively glazed and matted 13-1/2" x 8-1/2" copperplate (measured to plate marks) in handsome 23" x 17-1/2" wooden frame. A few minor nicks to frame, very light uniform toning to image. \$950.

* Hogarth's famous satirical portrait of the important English radical, publisher, politician who supported the American cause during the American Revolution. He is depicted holding a pole on which the liberty cap sits with his eyes crossed and a peculiar grin. On the table is an inkwell representing his work as the publisher of the *North Briton* and two issues of that paper, Numbers 17 and 45. Number 17 ridiculed Hogarth for issuing a print defending the unpopular Prime Minister Lord Bute. Number 45 attacked Bute's influence on King George III. This issue infuriated the king, which led to a charge of seditious libel and imprisonment. (Then a Member of Parliament, Wilkes was ultimately released; the Lord Chief Justice ruled that parliamentary privilege protected Wilkes from a libel charge.) [Order This Item](#)



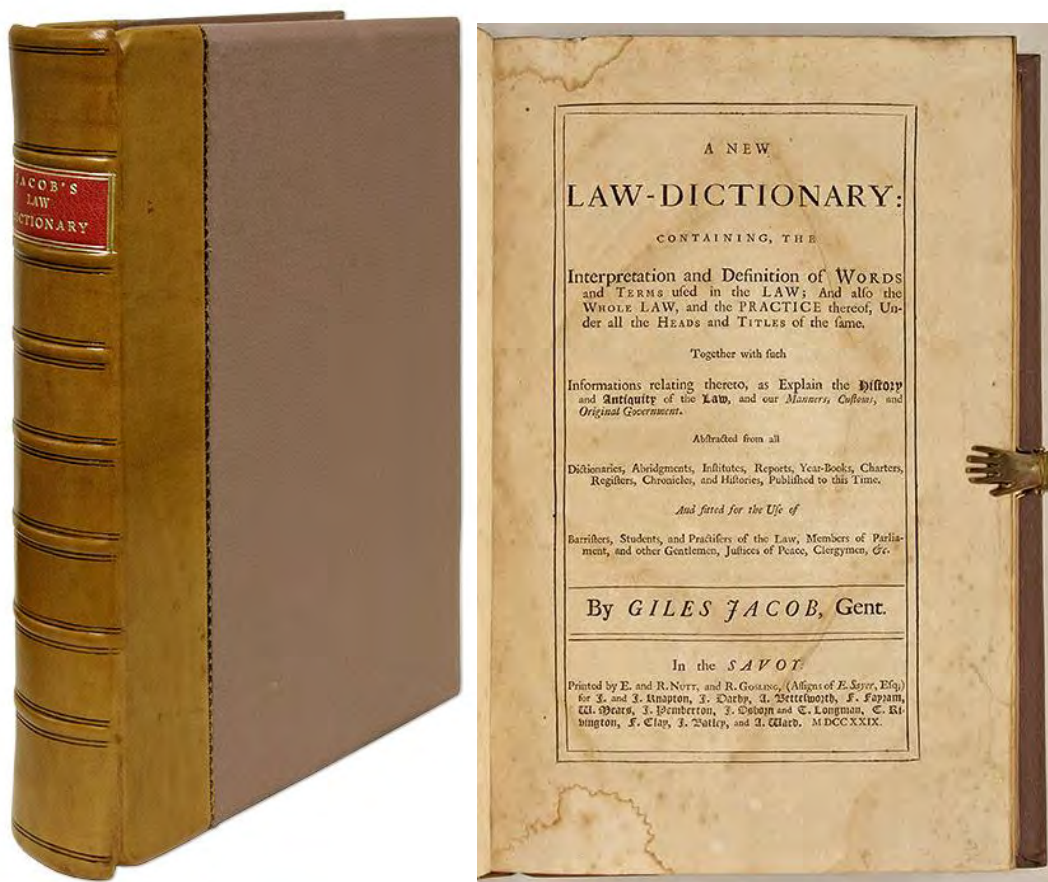
A Notable Commonwealth-Era Reporter

18. Hutton, Sir Richard [1561?-1639], Reporter.

The Reports of that Reverend and Learned Judge, Sir Richard Hutton Knight; Sometimes One of the Judges of the Common Pleas: Containing Many Choice Cases, Judgments, And Resolutions, In Points of Law, In the Several Reignes of King James and King Charles. Corrected, With Many Additional References to Some Late Reports. London: Printed by the Assigns of Richard and Edwain Atkins, 1682. [xii], 136, [8] pp.

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* Second and final edition. First published in 1656, this was one of the reporters published to address the Commonwealth-era demand for reports in English by respected, politically acceptable judges who practiced before the Civil War. Hutton was famous as the judge who ruled against the king in the ship money case, which held that the king cannot impose a tax without the consent of Parliament. Both editions have the same format and pagination, but the second edition is enhanced with side-notes with case references. The annotations in our copy includes additional references to other reporters. Wallace, *The Reporters* 246. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R20755. [Order This Item](#)



First Edition of Jacob's Great Dictionary

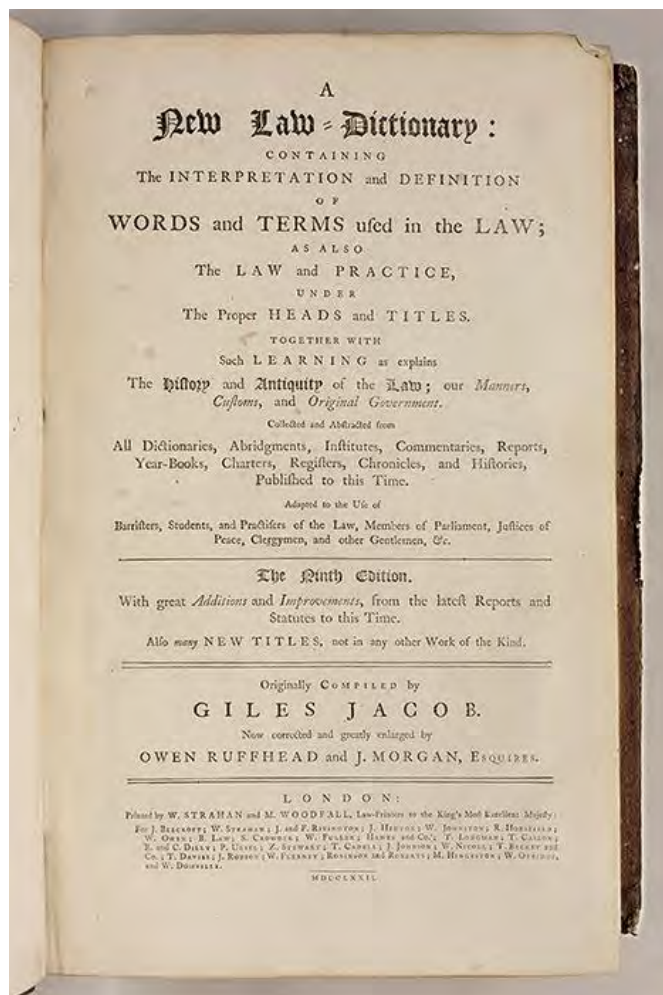
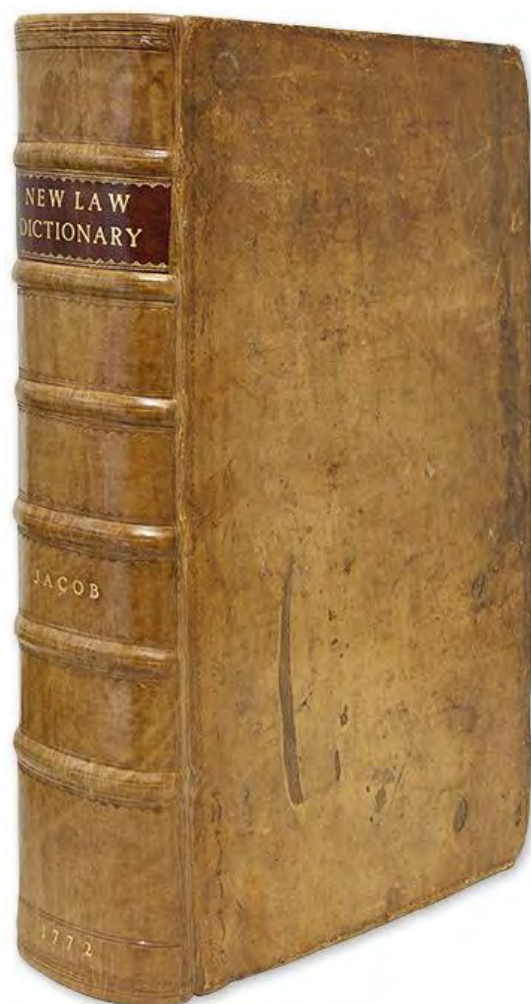
19. Jacob, Giles [1686-1744].

A New Law-Dictionary: Containing, The Interpretation and Definition of Words and Terms Used in the Law; and Also the Whole Law, and the Practice Thereof, Under All the Heads and Titles of the Same. Together With Such Informations Relating Thereto, as Explain the History and Antiquity of the Law, and Our Manners, Customs, and Original Government. Collected and Abstracted From All Dictionaries, Abridgments, Institutes, Reports, Year-Books, Charters, Registers, Chronicles, and Histories, Published to This Time. And Fitted for the Use of Barristers, Students, and Practisers of the Law, Members of Parliament, and Other Gentlemen, Justices of Peace, Clergymen, &c. With Large Additions. To Which is Annexed, a Table of References to All the Arguments and Resolutions of the Lord Chief Justice Holt; In the Several Volumes of the Reports. London: Printed by E. and R. Nutt, and R. Gosling, 1729. [772] pp. Main text printed in double columns. Folio (13" x 8-1/4").

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* First edition. As Cowley has pointed out, *A New Law-Dictionary* was both Jacob's masterpiece and "an entirely new departure in legal literature" that provided a model for several subsequent efforts. In contrast to earlier works, each entry summarizes all of the laws relating to the subject and offers extensive interpretive commentary. Obsolete terms are omitted. It was recognized almost immediately that Jacob created a highly useful legal encyclopedia that was more detailed and concise than any other abridgment of the period. An extremely popular work that went through twelve editions between 1729 and 1800, it offers unparalleled insights into Anglo-American law during the eighteenth century. Cowley, *A Bibliography of Abridgements, Digests, Dictionaries and Indexes to the Year 1800* 217. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T137460.

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Ninth Edition of Jacob's Great Dictionary

20. Jacob, Giles.

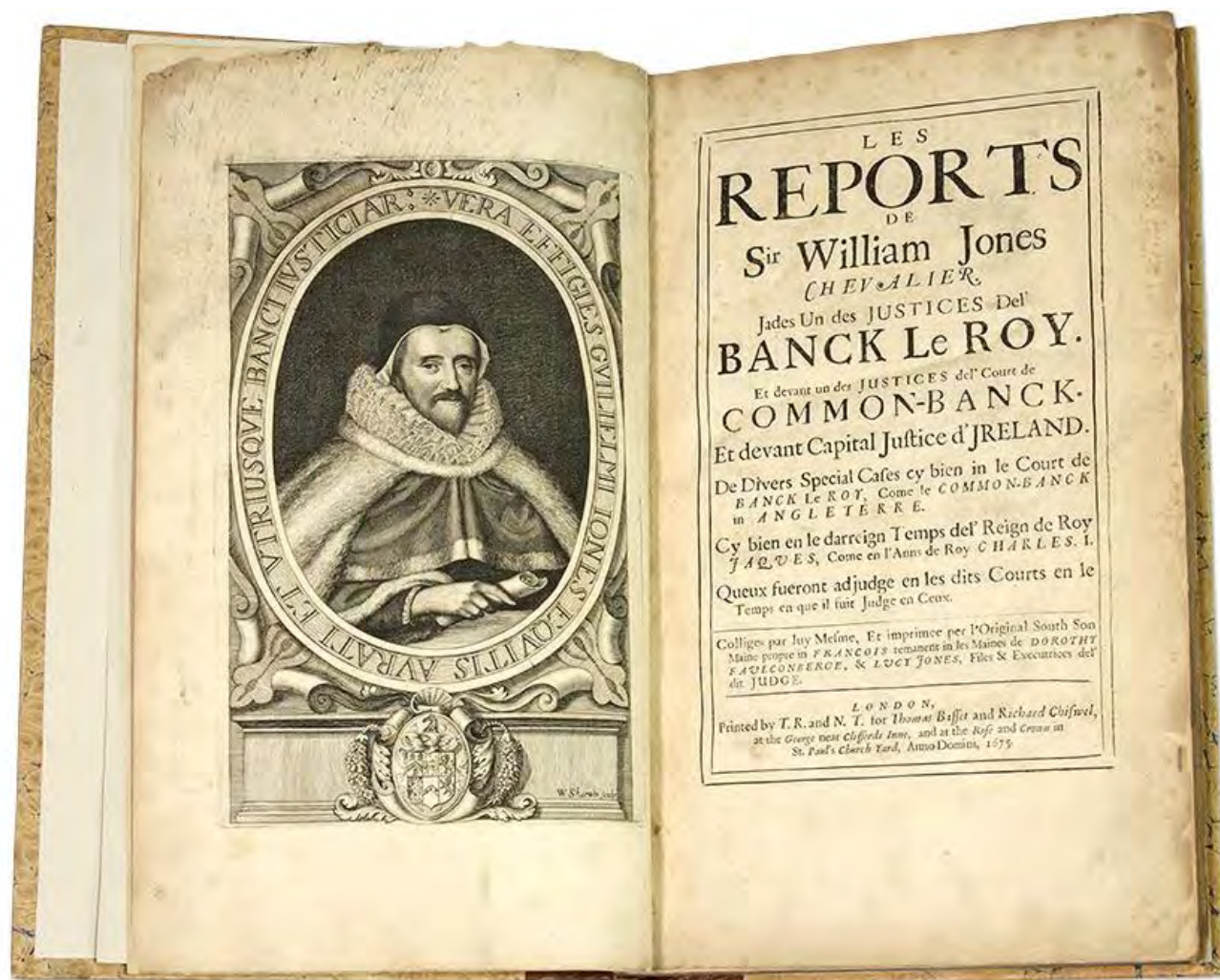
Ruffhead, Owen [1723-1769], Editor.

Morgan, John, Editor.

A New Law-Dictionary: Containing the Interpretation and Definition of Words and Terms Used in the Law; As Also the Law and Practice, Under the Proper Heads and Titles. Together With Such Learning as Explains the History and Antiquity of the Law: Our Manners, Customs, And Original Government. Collected and Abstracted From All Dictionaries, Abridgments, Institutes, Commentaries, Reports, Year-Books, Charters, Registers, Chronicles, And Histories, Published to This Time. Adapted for the Use of Barristers, Students, and Practisers of the Law, Members of Parliament, Justices of Peace, Clergymen, And Other Gentlemen &c. London: Printed by W. Strahan and M. Woodfall, 1772. [ii], iv, [972] pp. Main text printed in parallel columns. Folio (13-1/2" x 8-3/4").

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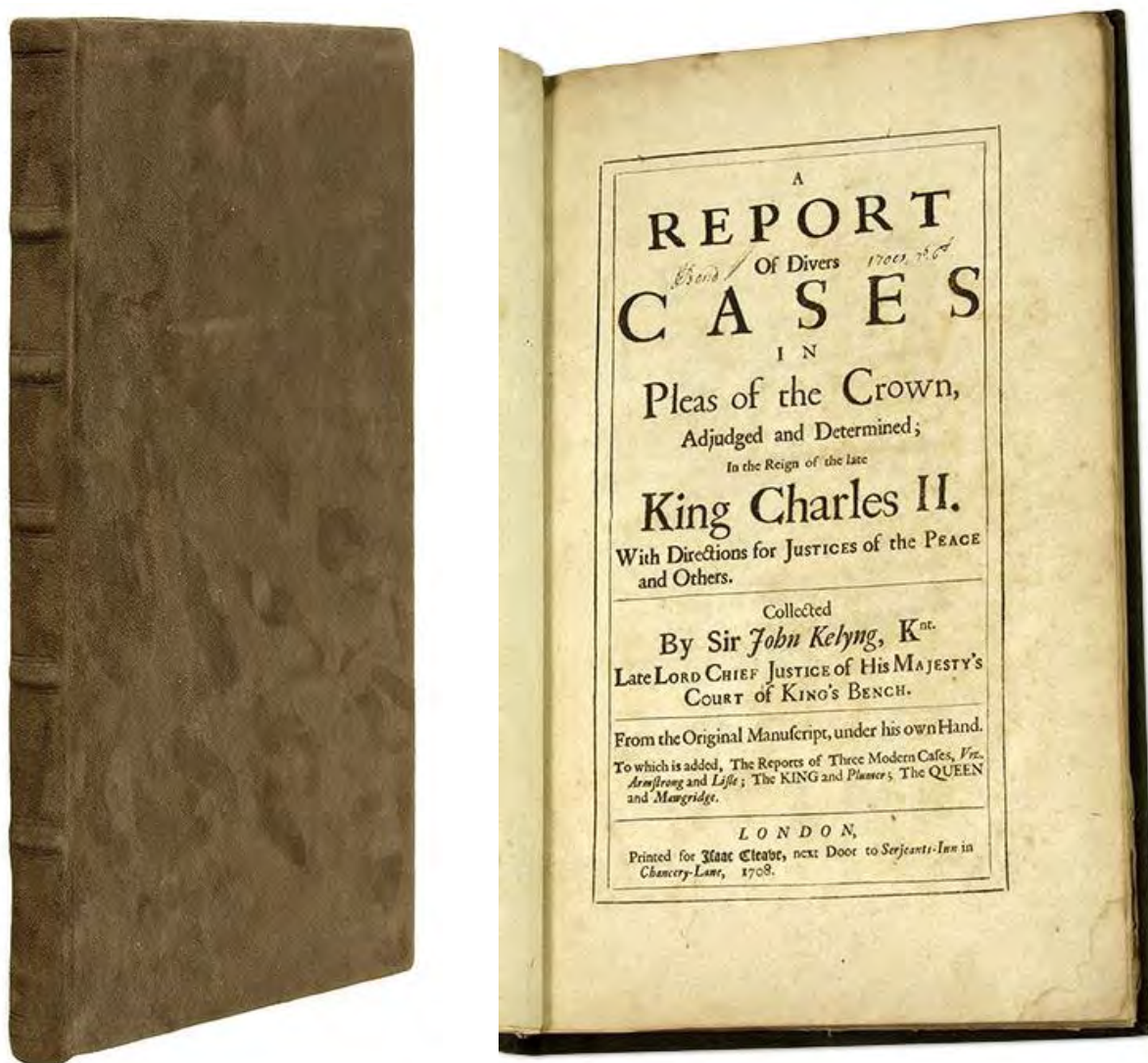
21. Jones, Sir William [1566-1640], Reporter.

Les Reports de Sir William Jones Chevalier. Jades un des Justices del' Banck le Roy. Et Devant un des Justices del' Court de Common-Banck. Et Devant Capital Justice d'Ireland. De Divers Special Cases cy Bien in le Court de Banck le Roy, Come le Common-Banck in Angleterre cy Bien en le Darreign Temps del' Reign de Roy Jaques, Come en l'Anns de Roy Charles. I. Queux Fueront Adjudge en les Dits Courts en le Temps en que il Fuit Judge en Ceux. Colliges par Luy Mesme, Et Imprimee per l'Original South son Maine Propre in Prancois Remanent in les Maines de Dorothy Faulconberge, & Lucy Jones, Files & Executrices del' dit Judge. London: Printed by T[homas] R[atcliffe] and N[athaniel] T[hompson], 1675. [xii], 463, [25] pp. Copperplate portrait frontispiece. Folio (13-1/2" x 8-1/2").

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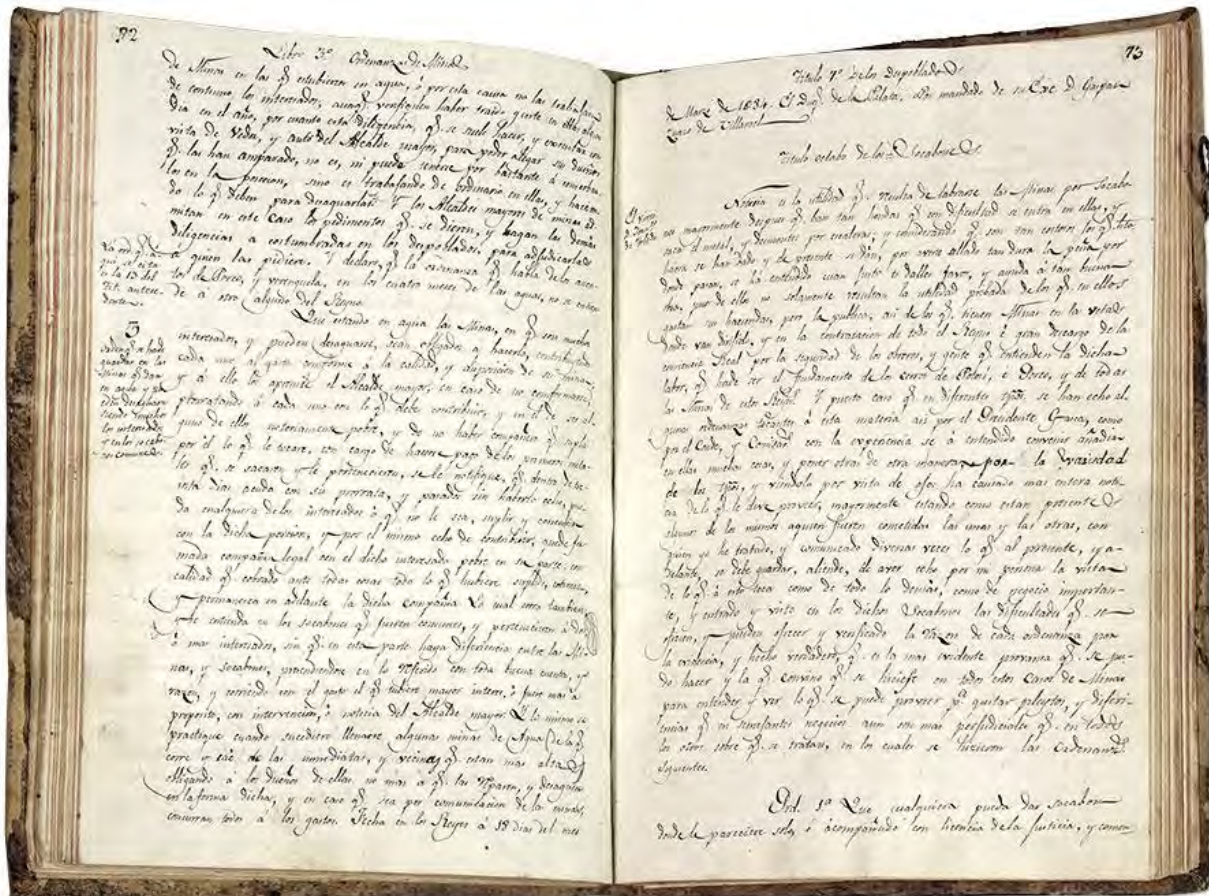
The First Set of Reports Devoted to Criminal Law

22. Kelyng, Sir John [d. 1671], Reporter.

A Report of Divers Cases in Pleas of the Crown, Adjudged and Determined; In the Reign of the Late King Charles II. With Directions for Justices of the Peace and Others. Collected by Sir John Kelyng, Knt. Late Lord Chief Justice of His Majesty's Court of King's Bench. From the Original Manuscript, Under His Own Hand. To Which is Added the Reports of Three Modern Cases, Viz. Armstrong and Lisle; The King and Plumer; The Queen and Mawgridge. London: Printed for Isaac Cleave, 1708. [vi], 138, [14] pp. Folio (11-1/4" x 7-1/2").

Contemporary period-style reversed calf, raised bands to spine, endpapers renewed. Moderate toning, faint dampspotting in places, light to moderate dampstaining to text block after p. 73, brief annotations in early hand to a few leaves, illegibly early owner signature and brief annotations in tiny hand to title page. \$200.

* Only edition. The first set of reports devoted entirely to criminal law, these reports were collected after Kelyng's death and published by Justice Holt in 1708. Kelyng, a lawyer who specialized in criminal cases, became a judge of the King's Bench in 1663 was made Chief Justice of that court in 1665. The cases cover the years 1662 to 1669. Wallace says he was considered "a learned, faithful and resolute judge." This work was reissued in 1739. A second reissue was published in Dublin in 1789. Wallace, *The Reporters* 328. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T121547. [Order This Item](#)



**Manuscript Copy of an Important
Edition of Colonial-Era Peruvian Mining Laws**

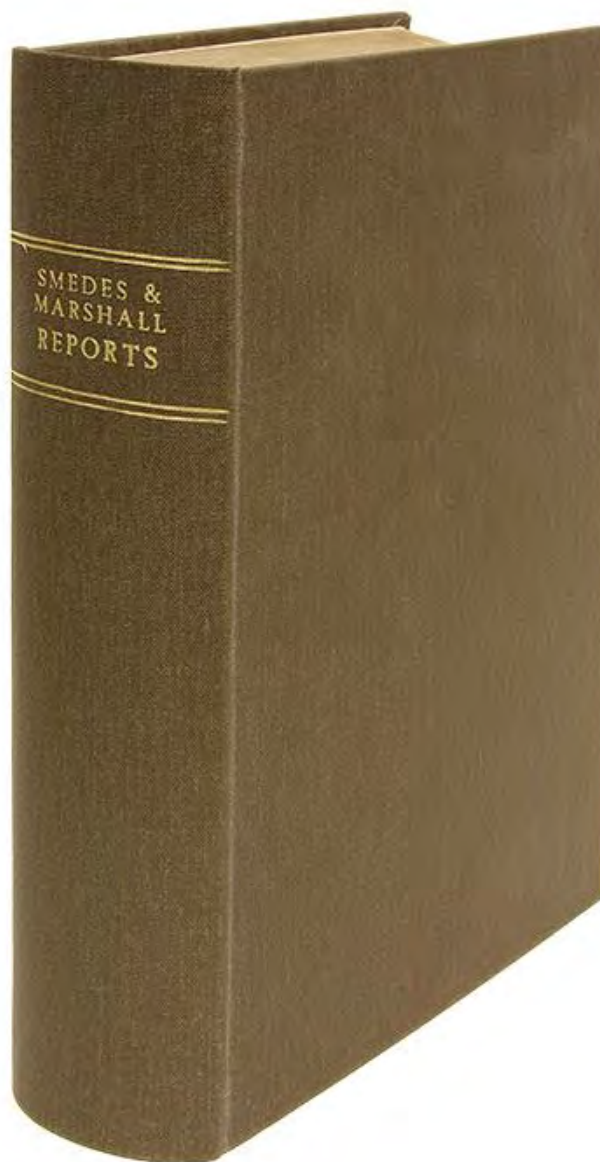
23. [Manuscript].

[Toledo, Francisco de (1515-1582)].

Ordenanzas de Minas del Peru, Tomo Primero y Unico. Peru?, c. 1678. 183, [10] pp. Folio (12" x 8").

Contemporary tree sheep, "Ordenanza del Perú" in bold early hand to front board, thong ties, catches lacking. Moderate rubbing and light scuffing to boards and extremities, spine ends and corners bumped, hinges cracked. Moderate toning to interior, faint stains to a few leaves. A fair copy, with a title page and index, in an elegant secretarial hand, text to rectos and versos of all but a few leaves. \$3,500.

* The Spanish conquest of Peru opened a new era in mining. At first, the intense exploitation of its vast mineral wealth was regulated by a patchwork of pertinent laws from *Las Siete Partidas* and other sources. It was soon discovered that these laws were not flexible enough to address local conditions, most notably the use of indigenous labor. Over time Spanish laws were supplanted by viceregal decrees and orders. In 1574, Viceroy Francisco de Toledo organized these provisions into a body of *Ordenanzas* that was approved by King Phillip II. Known as the *Ordenanzas de Toledo*, these circulated as manuscript copies. Later copies carry additions of later viceroys; the latest entry in our copy is dated 1678. An official updated edition was issued in 1683. This was followed by first printed edition of mining laws in 1783 (which applied to all of New Spain). Intended for a small circle of users, few of Peruvian manuscript editions were produced. (It was not cost-effective to print these works.) Few copies exist today. We did not locate any copies in the auction databases or on OCLC. For a background history see Clagett, *A Guide to the Law and Legal Literature of Peru* 127. [Order This Item](#)



Early Mississippi Chancery Reports

24. Smedes, W[illiam] C., Reporter.

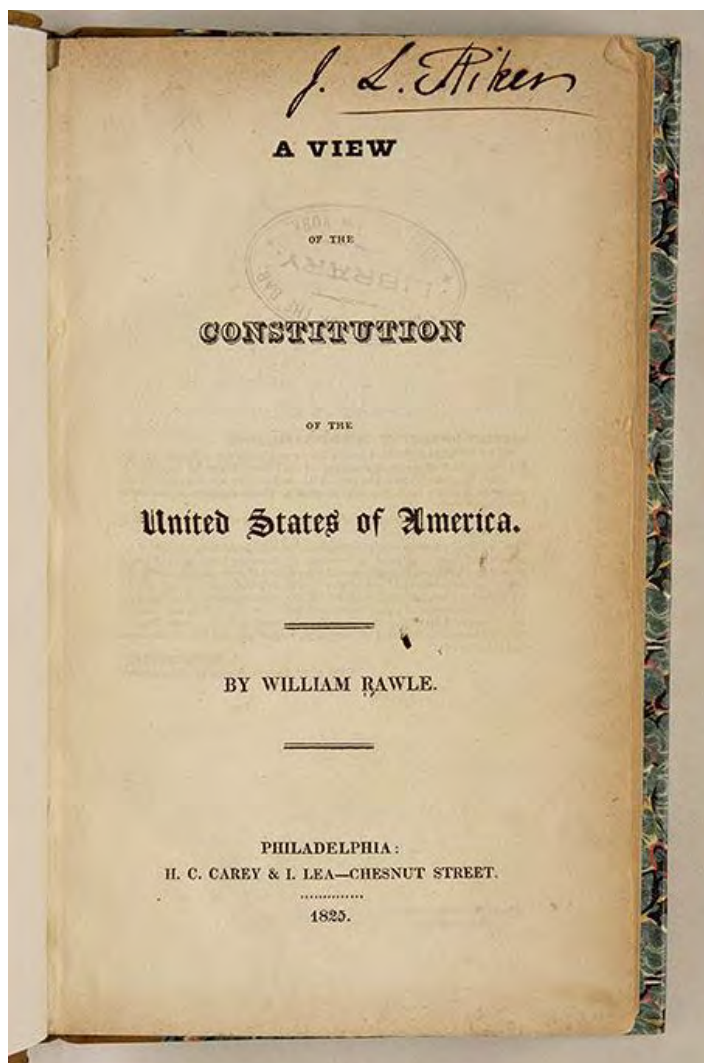
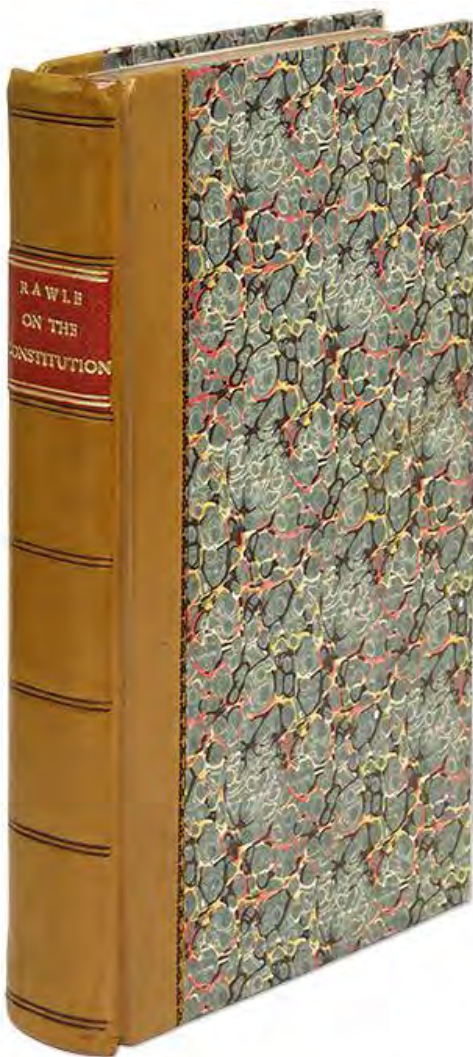
Marshall, T[homas] A., Reporter.

Reports of Cases Argued and Determined in the Superior Court of Chancery of the State of Mississippi. Volume I [all published]. Boston: Charles C. Little and James Brown, 1844. [viii], [17]-731, [1], [8] pp. Complete. With an eight-page publisher catalogue. Octavo (9-1/4" x 5-3/4").

Recent cloth, gilt title to spine. Some toning to text, crack in text block between title page and following leaf. \$250.

* Only edition. The last set of pre-Civil War Mississippi chancery reports, Smedes and Marshall covers cases from 1840 to 1843. It was the successor to Freeman's *Reports*, which covers cases from 1839 to 1843. Wallace, *The Reporters* 577.

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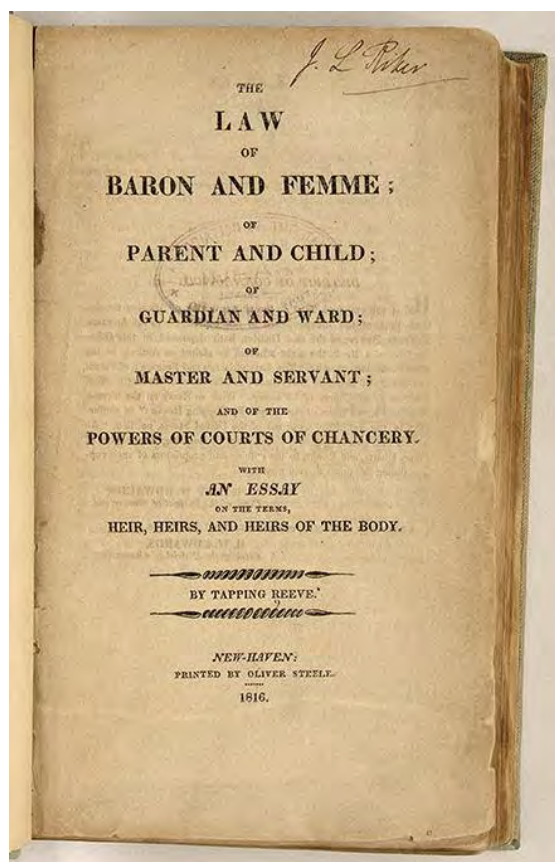
**First Edition of a Popular Treatise on the
U.S. Constitution that was Used to Justify Secession**

25. Rawle, William [1759-1836].

A View of the Constitution of the United States of America. Philadelphia: Philip H. Nicklin, Law Bookseller, 1825. vii, [5]-347 pp. Octavo (8-3/4" x 5-1/2").

Recent period-style quarter calf over marbled boards, lettering piece and blind fillets to spine, endpapers renewed. Moderate toning, early owner signature (J.L. Aitken) and small faint later library inkstamp to head of title page, library marks to its verso, early owner annotation to p. 295. An appealing copy in a handsome binding. \$1,500.

* First edition. Rawle's treatise is one of the earliest works on the United States Constitution, and one of the most important. This text is significant also because it suggests that states have a right to secede from the Union. As Cohen observes, the popularity of this text, which was used at West Point and other schools throughout the country, "is generally considered to have influenced the leaders and supporters of the Confederacy, although in fact Rawle opposed secession: (Cohen). The annotation to our copy refers to secession. Reading "Vide Story on the Constitution p. 327," it is footnoted to the sentence reading: "The secession of a state from the Union depends of the will of the people of such state." Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 2893. [Order This Item](#)



First Edition of Reeve's *Baron and Femme*,
The First American Treatise on Family Law

26. Reeve, Tapping [1744-1823].

The Law of Baron and Femme; Of Parent and Child; Of Guardian and Ward; Of Master and Servant; And of the Powers of Courts of Chancery. With an Essay on the Terms, Heir, Heirs, and Heirs of the Body. New Haven: Printed by Oliver Steele, 1816. [iv], 494, [11] pp. Octavo (9-1/4" x 5-1/2").

Later library cloth, red and black calf lettering pieces and fragment of paper shelf label to spine. Light shelfwear, some rubbing and edgewear to lettering pieces. Light browning to text, brief notes in early hand to a few leaves, light chipping and edgewear to preliminaries, which are partially detached, early owner signature ("J.L. Riker") and faint library stamp to title page, brief library markings to verso, partially legible fragment of leaf of contemporary notes bound between preface and following leaf. \$350.

* First edition. In 1782 Reeve founded the first American law school in Litchfield, Connecticut. The first American treatise on family law, Reeve's *Law of Baron and Femme* is a restatement of Blackstone's Commentaries, Book I, Chapters XIV-XVII. It rejects some of the fundamental doctrines of the common law, most notably coverture. As Blackstone puts it, "the husband and wife are one person in law; that is, the very being or legal existence of the woman is suspended during marriage." Reeve says the opposite. Also a prescriptive work, *Baron and Femme* aimed to liberalize the American law of domestic relations, arguing, for example, that married women were permitted to make wills, a point contradicted by the contemporary statute and case law of Connecticut and several other states. Terry and Sibley were lawyers who practiced in Ontario County, New York. The most prominent was Sibley [1796-1852], a Canandaigua lawyer and judge who served in the state assembly, state senate and U.S. House of Representatives. Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 4745.

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**The First Collection of
Pennsylvania's Laws in German**

27. [Ritter, Johann, Compiler and Translator].

[Kessler, Carl, Compiler and Translator].

Gesetze der Republik Pennsylvanien, Enthaltend die Brauchbaren öffentlichen Gesetze bis zu dem Jahr 1805, Einschliesslich; So wie auch die Regierungs-Verfassungen der Vereinigten Staaten und von Pennsylvanien. Reading, PA: Gedruckt und Herausgegeben von Johann Ritter und Carl Kessler, 1807. [viii], xlv, [3], 766, [14] pp. Octavo (8-1/4" x 5").

Contemporary sheep, blind fillets and calf lettering piece to spine, blind tooling to board edges. Moderate rubbing, some shallow scuffs and small inkspots to boards, heavier rubbing to extremities with some chipping to spine ends, front joint starting, rear joint cracked, corners bumped and somewhat worn, hinges starting. Moderate toning to text, somewhat heavier in places, occasional light foxing, fold-lines to corners of a few leaves. \$1,250.

* Only edition. Intended for Pennsylvania's large German-speaking population, this was the first edition of Pennsylvania's laws in German translation. Based on Dallas's 1801 compilation, it contains the laws in force to 1805 and the texts of U.S. Constitution and Pennsylvania State Constitution. OCLC locates 9 copies in North American law libraries (Allegheny County Law Library, Columbia, Duke, Harvard, UC-Berkeley, University of Iowa, University of Michigan, University of Virginia, Yale). Not in Sabin or Cohen. Shaw and Shoemaker, *Early American Imprints* (Second Series) 13335. Benedict, *Acts and Laws of the Thirteen Original Colonies and States* 445. [Order This Item](#)



**"A Reporter of Much Authority" with Cases
from the Commonwealth and Restoration Periods**

28. Siderfin, Thomas [1657-1670].

Les Reports des Divers Special Cases Argue & Adjudge en le Court del Bank le Roy, Et Auxy en le Co, Ba. & l'Excbequer, En les Premier Dix ans Apres le Restauration Del son Tres-Excellent Majesty Le Roy Charles le II. Colligees par Tho. Siderfin Esq; Jades del Melieu-Temple Londres. Imprimée par L'Original South son Maine Propre en Francois, Et ore Publie en Mesme le Language Ovesq; Deux Tables Persaicts es par Luy Mesme des Touts les Matiers Notables, Et Nosmes del Cases Contenus en Yceaux. London: Printed by John Nutt, 1714. [iv], 254, 257-467, [83] pp. With a one-page subscriber list.

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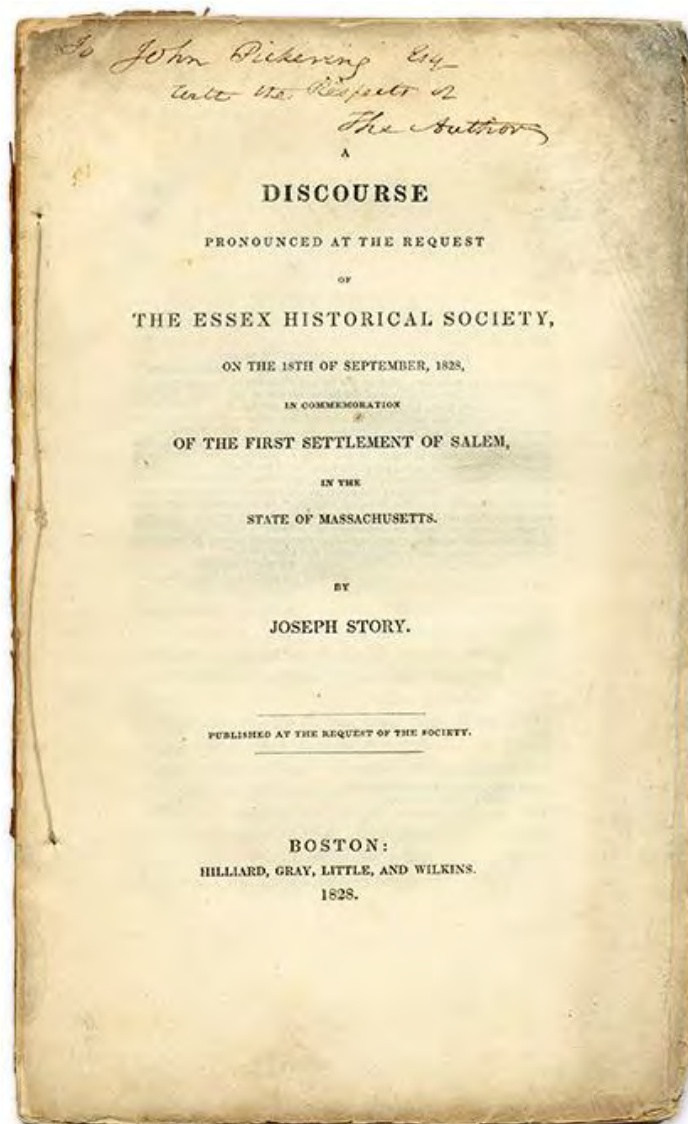
Siderfin, Thomas.

Le Second Part de les Reports du Thomas Siderfin... London: Printed by John Nutt, 1714. [viii], 179, [9] pp.

Folio (12" x 7-1/2"). Recent quarter morocco over cloth, gilt title to spine, endpapers renewed. Moderate toning to text, light foxing in places, faint dampstaining to margins of a few leaves, library stamp and tiny fragment of label to title page of Volume I. An appealing set. \$500.

* Second and final editions. Reporting cases from 1657 to 1670, this reporter is unusual because it includes cases from both the Commonwealth and the Restoration eras. According to Wallace, this is a "reporter of much authority": Wallace, *The Reporters* 295-297. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T97369. [Order This Item](#)

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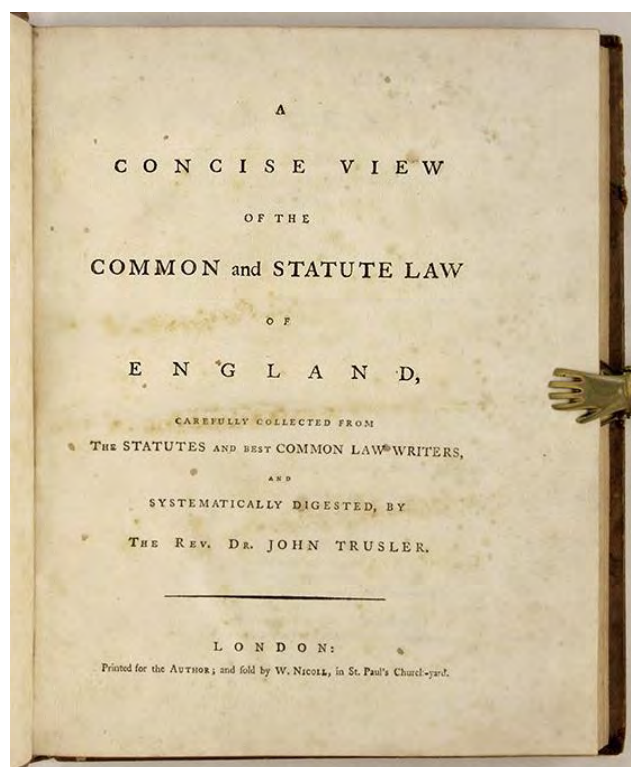
Presentation Copy Inscribed by Story

29. Story, Joseph [1779-1845].

A Discourse Pronounced at the Request of the Essex Historical Society, on the 18th of September, 1828, in Commemoration of the First Settlement of Salem, in the State of Massachusetts. Boston: Hilliard, Gray, Little and Wilkins, 1828. 90 pp. Octavo (9" x 6").

Stab-stitched pamphlet, untrimmed edges, lightly soiled, wrappers detached and edgeworn. Presentation inscription by Story to head of title page, light toning to text. \$500.

* Only edition. The inscription reads: "To John Pickering Esq/ with respects of/ The Author." John Pickering [1777-1846] was a lawyer and pioneering American philologist considered "the leading authority of his time on the languages of the North American Indians" (*DAB*). Joseph Story, born in nearby Marblehead in 1799, was admitted to the bar at Salem in 1801, marking the beginning of a career as one of the great American jurists of the early 19th century. *Dictionary of American Biography* VII:564-565. Sabin, *A Dictionary of Books Relating to America* 92299. [Order This Item](#)



A Rare Layman's Guide Based on Blackstone

30. Trusler, John [1735-1820].

A Concise View of the Common Law and Statute Law of England, Carefully Collected from the Statutes and Best Common Law Writers, And Systematically Digested. London: Printed for the Author, [c.1780-1781]. [iv], 388, [16] pp. With a two-page catalogue of Trusler's works. Quarto (10-1/2" x 8-1/4").

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* Only edition. The Rev. John Trusler, an English divine, was a remarkably prolific author of popular books on a variety of subjects ranging from etiquette, personal health and gardening to finance and law. His most famous works are *The Way to be Rich and Respectable* (1780) and *Hogarth Moralized* (1768). His legal writings include *Useful and Legal Information to Purchasers & Possessors of Estates* (c. 1810) and *A Summary of the Constitutional Laws of England, Being an Abridgement of Blackstone's Commentaries* (1788). His *Concise View of the Common Law and Statute Law* is an original synthetic work derived from the statutes and the "best common law writers." There are only a handful of references to authorities cited in this book. Blackstone isn't among them. However, the book is clearly modeled on the *Commentaries*. (The *Dictionary of National Biography*, confusing this book with the *Summary*, states erroneously that the *Concise View* is "an abridgment" of the *Commentaries*.) We based the publication date from the advertisement leaf. It lists a work by Trusler published in 1780 and an announcement for his "forthcoming" *Family Tables*, which was issued in 1781. We have never handled a copy of this book and we did not find any auction records for it on American Book Prices Current or Rare Book Hub. OCLC locates 5 copies (British Library, Library of Congress, University of Minnesota, National Library of Scotland, Yale Law School, which owns the copy that belonged to Alexander Hamilton). The *ESTC* adds two more (Bayerische Staatsbibliothek, Supreme Court Library, Australia). *English Short-Title Catalogue* T93492. [Order This Item](#)