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The Most Lavish Edition of *The Comic Blackstone*

1. A'Beckett, Gilbert Abbott [1811-1856].

A'Beckett, Arthur William [1844-1909], Editor.

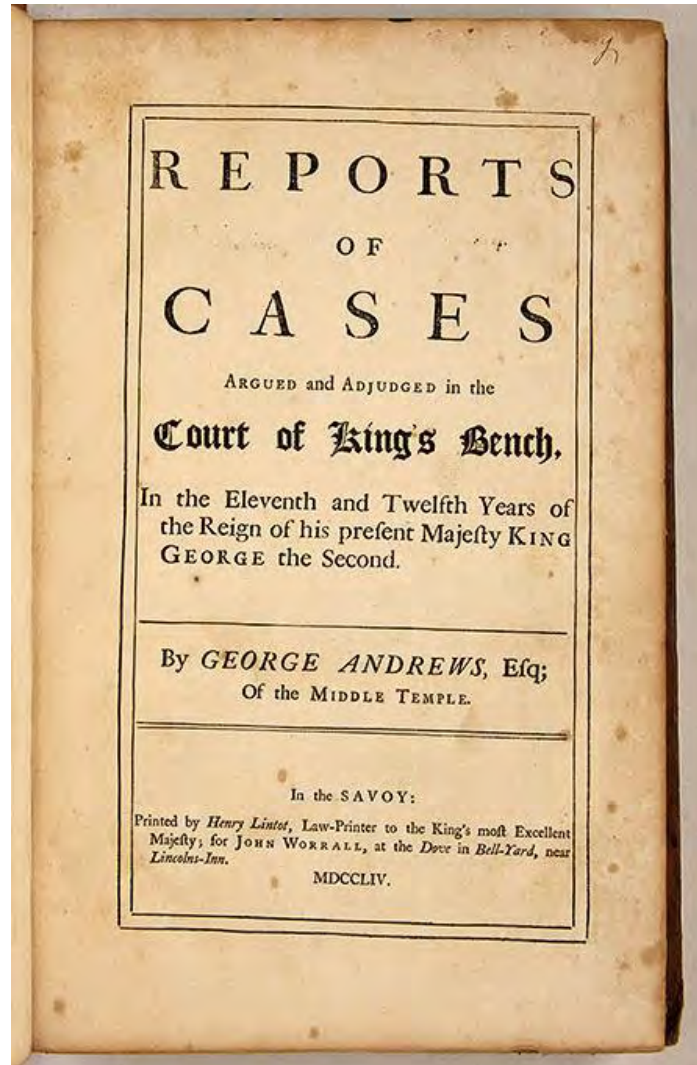
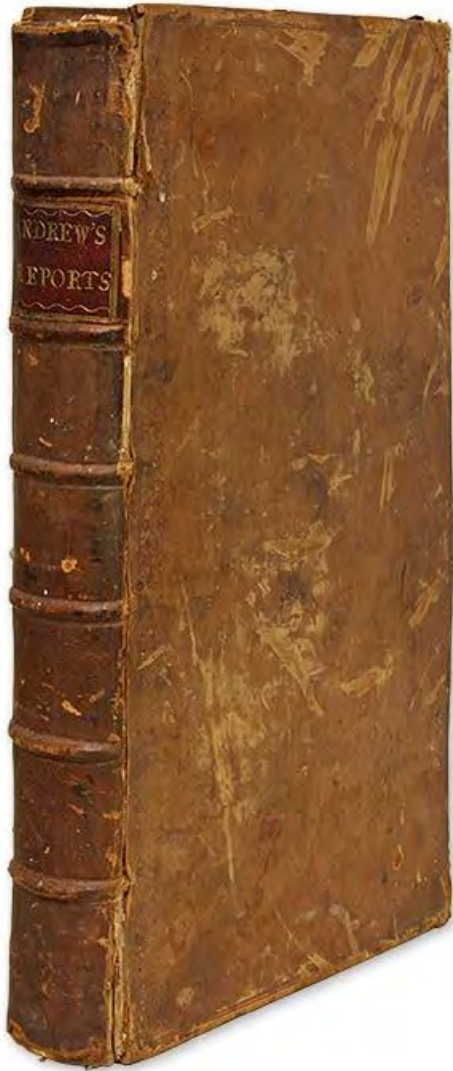
Furniss, Harry [1854-1925], Illustrator.

The Comic Blackstone. London: Bradbury, Agnew, & Co., 1887. xxviii, 324 pp. Complete set of parts, as issued. Ten color lithographed plates (one a frontispiece), numerous engravings. Octavo (8-1/2" x 5-1/2").

Contemporary gilt-edged three-quarter morocco over cloth, gilt-edged raised bands, gilt ornaments and gilt title to spine, marbled endpapers. A few minor scuffs to boards, light rubbing to extremities, armorial book (of John Charles Bigham) to front pastedown. Light toning to text, plates vivid, minor dampstaining to lower margins of preliminaries. A notable handsome copy. \$450.

* "New and revised" edition, the first with plates and text illustrations by Harry Furniss. Edited by the author's son, this is the most lavish edition of the classic satire ever published. Laeuchli, *A Bibliographical Catalogue of William Blackstone* 453.

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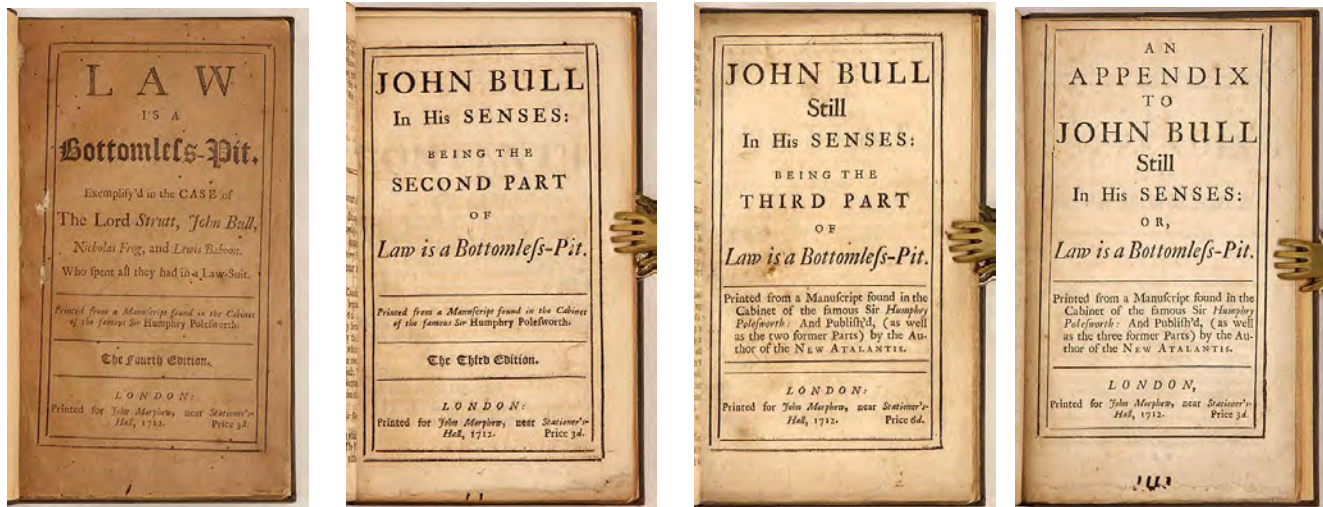
"Very Much Esteemed by the Profession"

2. Andrews, George.

Reports of Cases Argued and Adjudged in the Court of King's Bench, In the Eleventh and Twelfth Years of the Reign of King George the Second. [London]: Printed by Henry Lintot, 1754. [x], 397, [37] pp. Lacking initial advertisement leaf. Folio (12-1/4" x 7-3/4").

Contemporary calf, blind rules to boards, blind fillets along joints, raised bands and lettering piece to spine. Some rubbing and scuffing to joints and extremities, boards beginning to detach, but secured by cords, spine ends and corners worn, small library stamps to front pastedown and free endpaper, faint part-erased library name to head of title page. Moderate toning to text, occasional foxing, light soiling to margins of a few leaves. \$500.

* First edition. Covering the years 1738-1740, this set of reports was, to quote Wallace, "very much esteemed by the profession in general." Marvin notes that "Andrews has usually given a fuller and more satisfactory report of these cases than is found in reports of the same period." Later editions were published in 1791 and 1792. Wallace, *The Reporters* 440. Marvin, *Legal Bibliography* 61. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T97751. [Order This Item](#)



**A Classic Satire of
Eighteenth-Century English Lawyers and Politicians**

3. [Arbuthnot, John (1667-1735)].

[Swift, Jonathan (1667-1745)].

Law is a Bottomless-Pit. Exemplify'd in the Case of the Lord Strutt, John Bull, Nicholas Frog, And Lewis Baboon. Who Spent All They Had in a Law-Suit. Printed from a Manuscript Found in the Cabinet of the Famous Sir Humphry Polesworth. London: Printed for John Morphew, Near Stationer's-Hall, 1712. Price 3d. 24 pp. Publisher advertisement at foot of p. 24.

[Bound with]

John Bull in His Senses: Being the Second Part of Law is a Bottomless-Pit. Printed from a Manuscript Found in the Cabinet of the Famous Sir Humphry Polesworth. London: Printed for John Morphew, Near Stationer's-Hall, 1712. Price 3d. 24 pp. Publisher advertisement at foot of p. 24.

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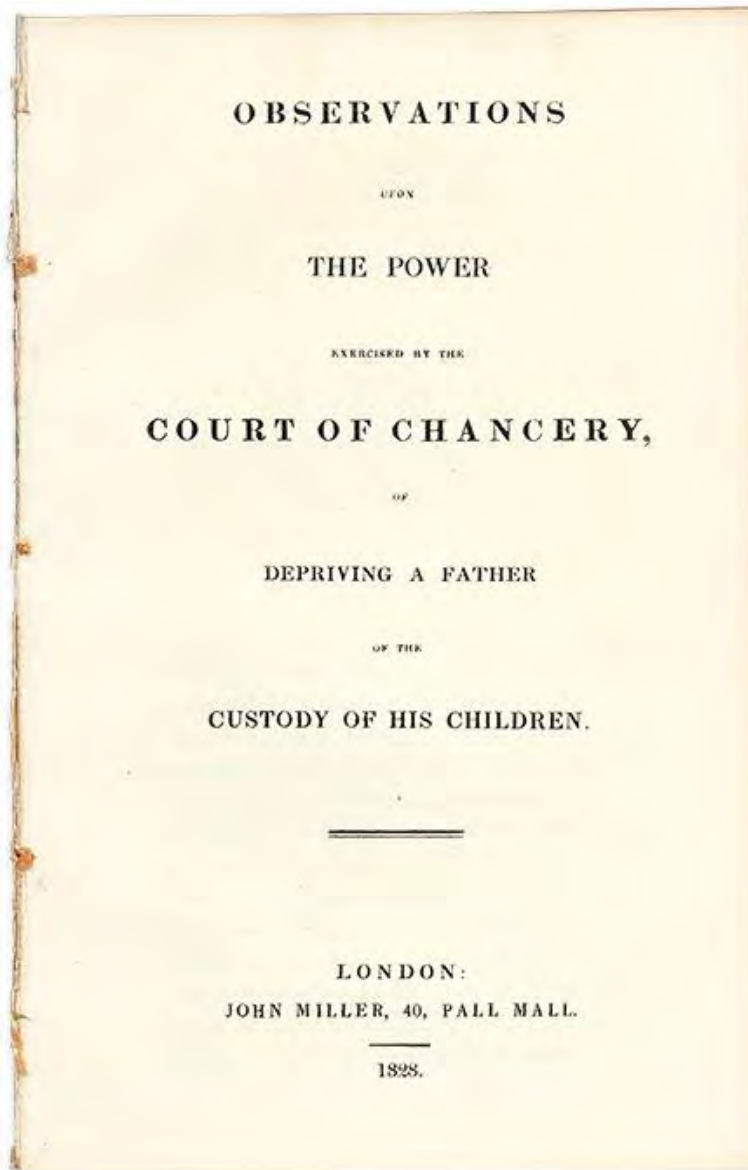
John Bull Still in His Senses: Being the Third Part of Law is a Bottomless-Pit. Printed from a Manuscript Found in the Cabinet of the Famous Sir Humphry Polesworth: And Publish'd, (As Well as the Two Former Parts) by the Author of the New Atalantis. London: Printed for John Morphew, Near Stationer's-Hall, 1712. Price 6d. 47, [1] pp. Final page is a publisher advertisement.

[And]

An Appendix to John Bull Still in His Senses: Or, Law is a Bottomless-Pit. Printed from a Manuscript Found in the Cabinet of the Famous Sir Humphry Polesworth: And Publish'd, (As Well as the Three Former Parts) by the Author of the New Atalantis. London: Printed for John Morphew, Near Stationer's-Hall. 1712. Price 3d. 22, [2] pp. Final two pages are a publisher advertisement.

Stab-stitched pamphlets bound into recent plain paper boards. Light rubbing to extremities with minor wear to spine ends, corners bumped, front hinge cracked, rear hinge starting. Moderate toning to text, light foxing in places, headlines affected in a few places by trimming with minor loss to text, light soiling to title pages. \$1,750.

* Complete work. Part I fourth edition; Part II, third edition; Parts III, IV, Appendix, First editions. (All editions are among several issues.) One of the most successful political satires of the period, this work is attributed to Arbuthnot in some sources, Swift in others. It is an attack on the Whig Party and its foreign policy grounded in a lengthy "law suit" (war with France) involving "Lord Strutt," "John Bull," "Nicholas Frog" and "Lewis Babboon." It is notable as one of the first uses of "John Bull" and for its sardonic view of contemporary legal practice. The *Appendix* is followed by an incomplete copy of *A Compleat Key to Law is a Bottomless Pit*, a separate publication by a different publisher. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T37608, N10231, T29119, T38599, T22316. [Order This Item](#)



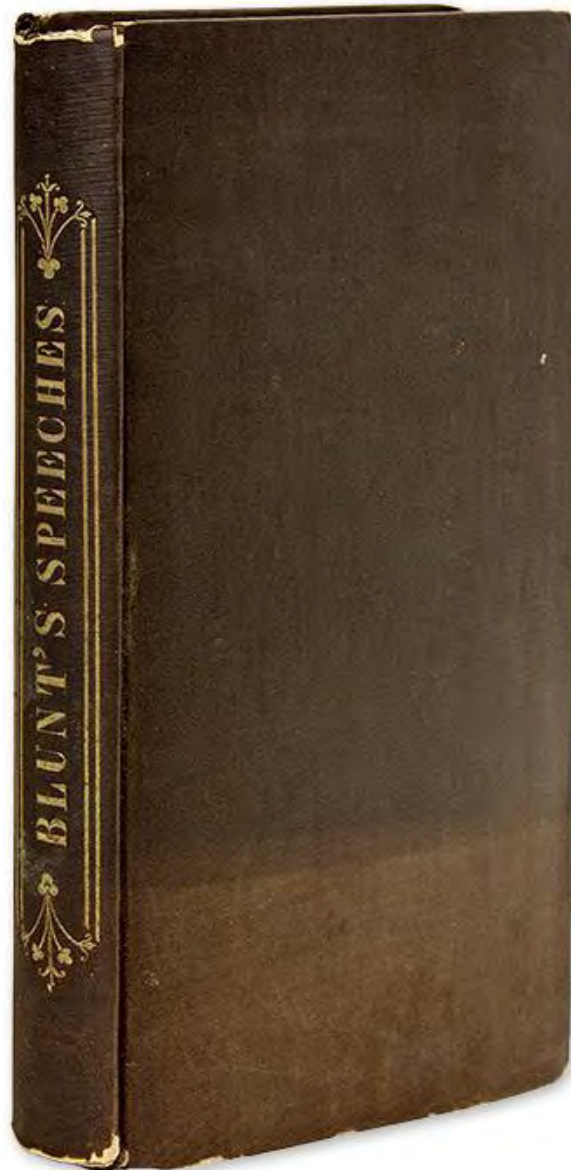
**The Power of Chancery Courts
in Matters of Paternal Custody**

4. [Beames, John (1781?-1853)].

Observations Upon the Power Exercised by the Court of Chancery, of Depriving a Father of the Custody of His Children. London: John Miller, 1828. 48 pp. Octavo (8" x 5").

Disbound stab-stitched pamphlet. Light toning, negligible light soiling to exterior. \$150.

* Only edition, one of two issues from 1828. Beames, a barrister and legal author, was an expert on equity. This pamphlet was reissued under the author's name in the *Pamphleteer*, Volume 29 (1828). Counting both issues, OCLC locates 10 copies in North America, 4 in law libraries (Columbia, University of Minnesota, Yale and the Library of Congress, which has the reissue). *British Museum Catalogue* (Compact Edition) 2:657. [Order This Item](#)



**Collected Pieces of a Distinguished
Nineteenth-Century New York City Lawyer**

5. Blunt, Joseph [1792-1860].

Speeches, Reviews, Reports, &c. New York: James Van Norden, 1843. [iv], 274 pp. Octavo (8-3/4" x 5-3/4").

Original cloth, gilt title to spine. Light rubbing to boards, heavier rubbing to extremities with some wear to spine ends and corners, fading to lower section of front board. Light toning to text, light foxing in a few places. \$200.

* First edition. Blunt, a distinguished New York City Lawyer, argued the important libel case *Erastus Root v. Charles King*. This volume reprints his argument in that case, along with other pieces on legal, political, social and historical topics. Sabin, *A Dictionary of Books Relating to America* 6044. [Order This Item](#)



Rare Verse Account of One of the
Most Famous American Crimes of the 1830s

6. [Broadside].

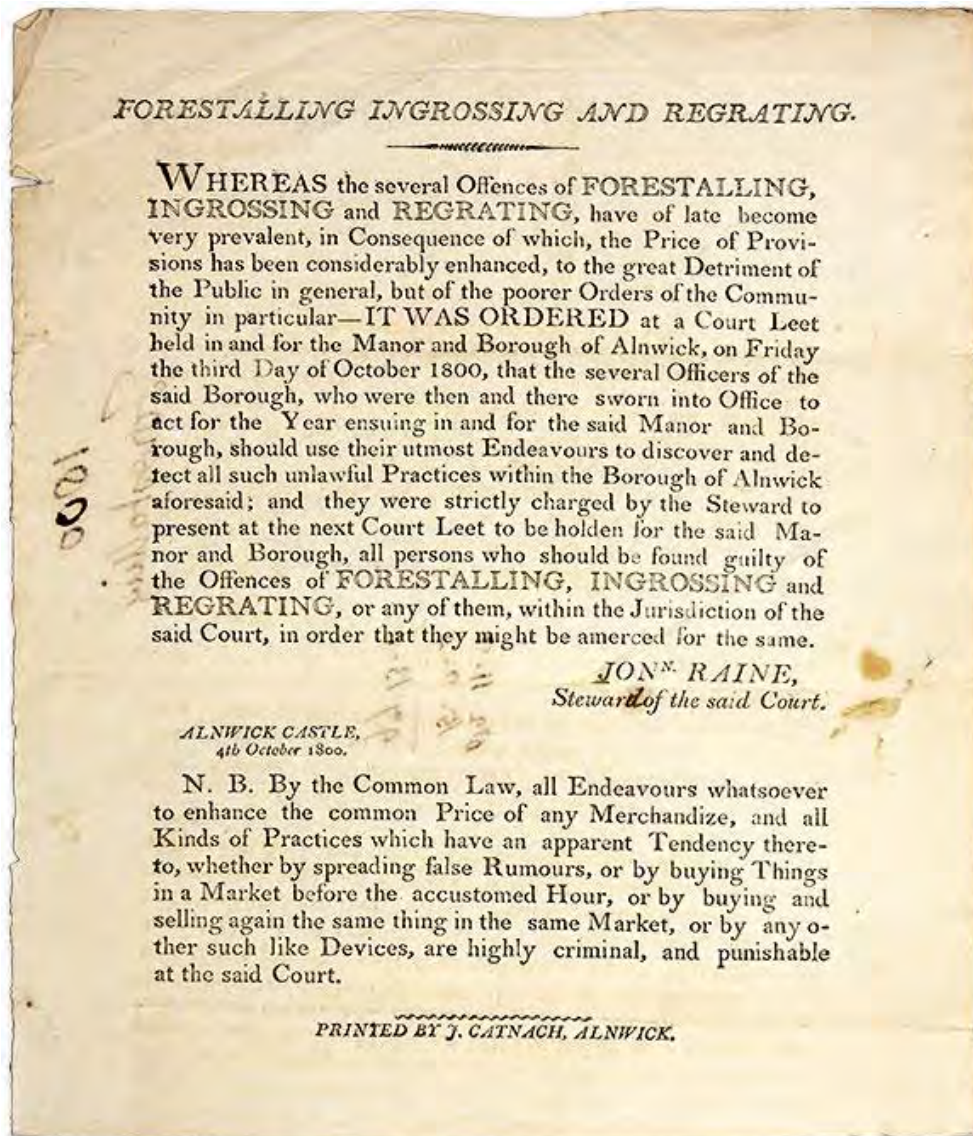
[Murder].

[White, Joseph (1747 or 1748-1830)].

Murder of Joseph White. The Following Lines Were Written on the Death of Mr. Joseph White, Of Salem, Who was Found Murdered in his Bed, April 7, 1830. [Boston?: S.n., 1830].

10" x 6-1/2" broadside. Ten-stanza verse text in two-columns below headline divided by spiral barber-pole ornamental rule. Final verse followed by horizontal rule and addition text. Light browning, light soiling and foxing, four horizontal fold lines, a few minor tears to edges. A rare item. \$1,250.

* Apparently unrecorded, this is one of several different verse broadsides about the murder of Joseph White, one of the most famous American crimes of the 1830s. White, a wealthy sea captain in his 80s who lived in Salem, was murdered by Joseph Knapp with the assistance of Richard and George Crowninshield. Daniel Webster helped the prosecution by presenting the closing argument. Initially, the jury could not decide whether the defendants had bludgeoned White to death. A second trial convicted Knapp and Richard Crowninshield, who were sentenced to death. In this printing, 13 lines of the "Sayings of Dr. Franklin" are added at the end. The American Antiquarian Society, the Harris Collection at Brown and OCLC record several different accounts, but not this one. [Order This Item](#)



Offenses Against Public Trade

7. [Broadside].

Raine, J[ohn].

Forestalling Ingrossing and Regrating. Alnwick: Printed by J. Catnach, 1800.

10-3/4" x 8-3/4" broadside, text in single column below headline. Signed in type by Raine. Light toning, light soiling, two horizontal fold lines, a few minor stains, contemporary annotations to verso. A very good copy. \$850.

* Raine, steward of the Court Leet of Alnwick, orders officers to proceed against anyone guilty of "forestalling, ingrossing" or "regrating" that is, manipulating market prices. The broadside states these practices "have of late become very prevalent, in Consequence of which, the Price of Provisions has been considerably enhanced, to the great Detriment of the Public in general, but of the poorer Orders of the Community in Particular." Its final paragraph states, perhaps as a warning, that these actions are, "by common law...highly criminal and punishable." Not in the *English Short-Title Catalogue* or COPAC. [Order This Item](#)



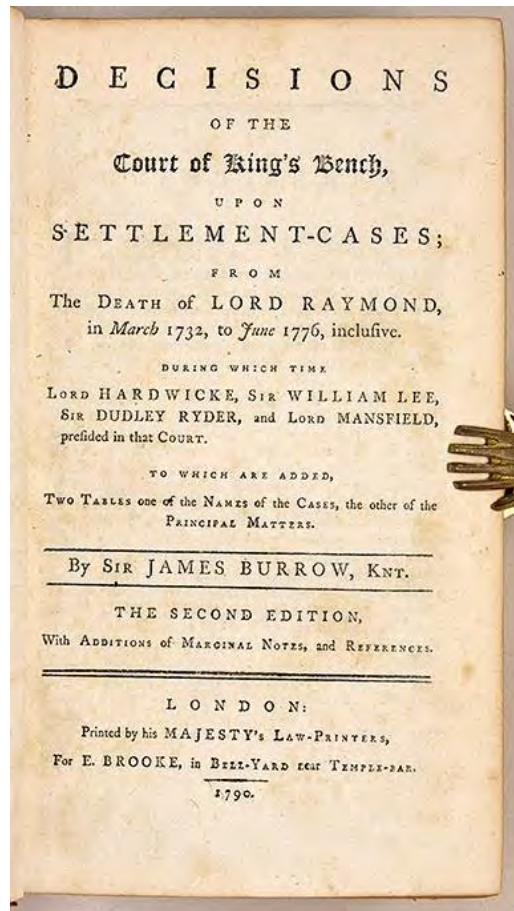
Colorfully Illustrated Broadside Concerning a Notable 19th-Century Libel Case in Salem, Massachusetts

8. [Broadside].
[Temperance].
[Cheever, George Barrell (1807-1890)].

Deacon Giles's Distillery. New York: National Temperance Society and Publication House, [c. 1865-1867]. 2 pp.

14" x 10-1/4" broadsheet, 2 pp. text in three columns, 6-1/4" x 8-3/4" woodcut below headline. Moderate toning, horizontal and vertical fold lines, minor staining to margins along horizontal center fold, tears along fold lines near center and foot of sheet with negligible minor loss to image, two of them mended with archival tape. \$1,500.

* Cast in the form of a dream, Reverend Cheever's Temperance tract is a thinly disguised portrayal of John Stone, a well-liked Unitarian deacon in Salem who owned a distillery. It was first published in 1835 as a newspaper article and as an illustrated broadside. Cheever's neighbors were outraged by this slanderous text and he was soon convicted for libel, imprisoned and publicly whipped. A case that attracted a good deal of attention, it brought Cheever fame among the nation's temperance reformers, abolitionists and reformers and it sparked interest in his tract, which led to several later editions, primarily in pamphlet format. Our example was published by The National Temperance Society and Publication House, founded in 1865, and possibly issued after Cheever's 1867 retirement from the ministry. Its large, half-page wood engraving shows barrels of Deacon Giles's brew in the foreground, labeled "Dea. Giles Distiller," "N[e]w E[ngland] Rum," "Sinfulness," "Poverty," "Death," and "Hell." and "Dea. Giles Distiller." Behind this is an infernal scene of a fiery and steaming distillery tended by nine horned and cloven-hoofed devils; at the right is seen a business office provocatively labeled "Deacon Giles's Counting Room. Bibles for Sale." OCLC locates 2 copies (Harvard Divinity School, and Peabody Essex Museum). McCoy, *Freedom of the Press* 1C:133. [Order This Item](#)



"Best Suited to Impart Instruction to the Student"

9. Burrow, Sir James [1701-1782].

Decisions of the Court of King's Bench, Upon Settlement-Cases; From the Death of Lord Raymond, In March 1732, To June 1776, Inclusive. During which time Lord Hardwicke, Sir William Lee, Sir Dudley Ryder, and Lord Mansfield, Presided in that Court. To Which are Added, Two Tables, One of the Names of the Cases, The Other of the Principal Matters. With Additions of Marginal Notes, And References. London: Printed by His Majesty's Law-Printers, For E. Brooke, 1790. [xvi], 328, 365-596, 627-708, 719-846, [18] pp. Pagination irregular, text complete. Octavo (8-1/4" x 4-3/4").

Contemporary calf, raised bands and red and black lettering pieces to spine. Light rubbing and a few minor scuffs to boards, heavier rubbing to extremities with wear to spine ends, corners and joints, corners bumped and somewhat worn, light gatoring to spine, rear hinge cracked, front board beginning to separate but secure. Moderate toning to text, light foxing to title page and a few other leaves, lower corner lacking from p. 845-846 with no loss to text, small owner stamps to front endleaves. \$250.

* Second edition. The first collection of settlement cases was published anonymously from 1750 and 1754. Burrow's collection, the second of its kind, was published in response to the request of justices of the peace and counsel attending quarter sessions. As he points out in the preface of this work, his position as Master of the Crown Office gave him unique opportunities for reporting the orders made by the court on these cases. This work went through three editions, the last one in 1786. Marvin notes that "of all other reporters [his style is] the most elementary and methodical, and, therefore, best suited to impart instruction to the student.": *Legal Bibliography* 165. *English Short-Title Catalogue* N6859.

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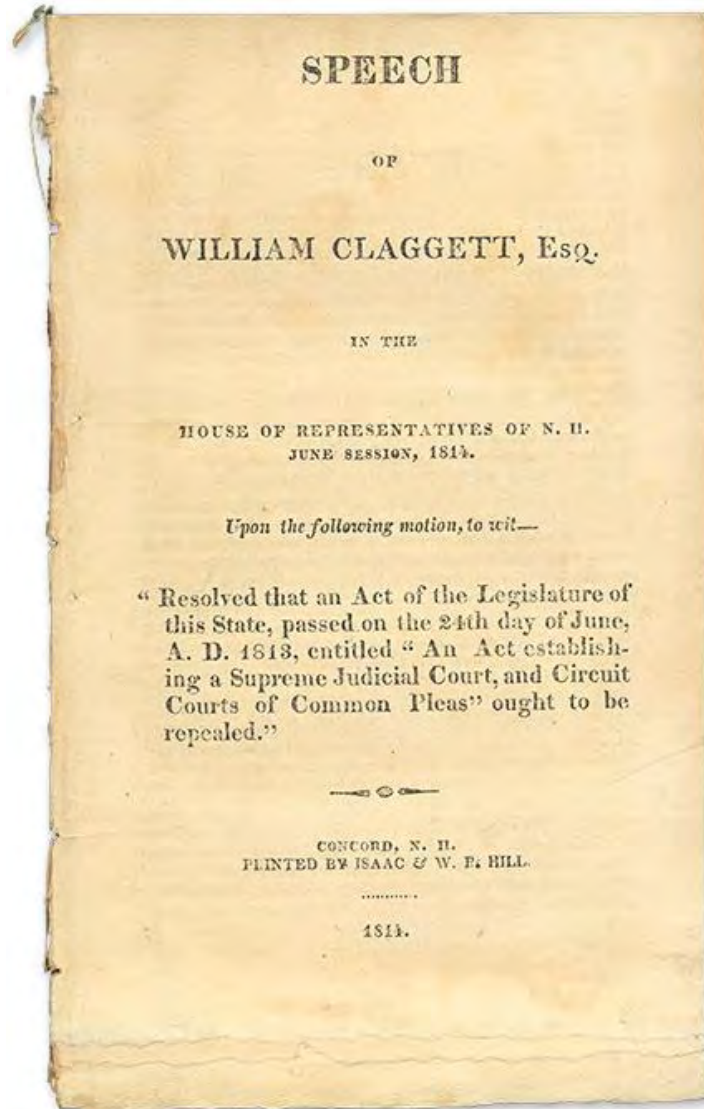
First Edition of a
Fifteenth-Century Guide to Legal Study

10. Canis, Johannes Jacobus [d.1490 or 1494].

[*De Modo Studendi in Utroque Iure*]. [Padua: Bartholomaeus de Valdezoccho, 1 October 1476]. [22] ff. Last leaf blank. Collation: [a10, b12]. Single-column text. Quarto (7-3/4" x 5-1/4"; 198 x 129 mm).

Contemporary quarter deerskin over wooden boards, rebacked, fragments of vellum strips nailed to outer edge of deerskin, raised bands to spine, catch and clasp lacking, shallow circular incision to front board. Text in 23-line italic type, red Lombards throughout. Moderate toning, light to moderate foxing to margins. \$16,500.

* First edition. Canis was a professor of law at the University of Padua. A work inspired by his experience as a teacher, his *De Modo Studendi* is a handbook for law university law students. It went through three more editions in 1484, 1485 and 1488). All are scarce today with very few copies held in North American libraries. Of the first edition, the ISTC locates 4 (Harvard Law School, Huntington Library, UC-Berkeley Law School, Yale Law School). Goff, *Incunabula in American Libraries* C97. *Gesamtkatalog der Wiegendrucke* 5973. [Order This Item](#)



"No Government, Without an Independent Judiciary as a Co-Equal and Co-Ordinate Branch, Can Long Retain its Freedom"

11. Claggett, William [1790-1870].

Speech of William Claggett, Esq. in the House of Representatives of N.H., June Session, 1814. Upon the Following Motion, To Wit- "Resolved that an Act of the Legislature of this State, Passed on the 24th Day of June, A.D. 1813, Entitled "An Act Establishing a Supreme Judicial Court, And Circuit Courts of Common Pleas" Ought to be repealed." Concord, NH: Printed by Isaac & W.R. Hill, 1814 24 pp. Octavo (7-3/4" x 4-1/2").

Disbound stab-stitched pamphlet. Moderate toning, light foxing to a few leaves, early corrections to a few passages. \$450.

* Only edition. This bill would have established a Supreme Court with greater judicial independence than the existing Superior Court of Judicature. A well-reasoned and impassioned argument for an independent judiciary, Claggett's speech supported this bill, which was defeated. Claggett establishes his thesis at the beginning of his speech: "No government, without an independent Judiciary as a co-equal and co-ordinate branch, can long retain its freedom." (3). OCLC locates 2 copies (American Antiquarian Society, New Hampshire Historical Society). Not in Cohen. [Order This Item](#)



[See Also Front Cover]

1482 Koberger Imprint of the Clementinae with a Handsome Watercolor Vignette of the Pope with Prelates and Jurists

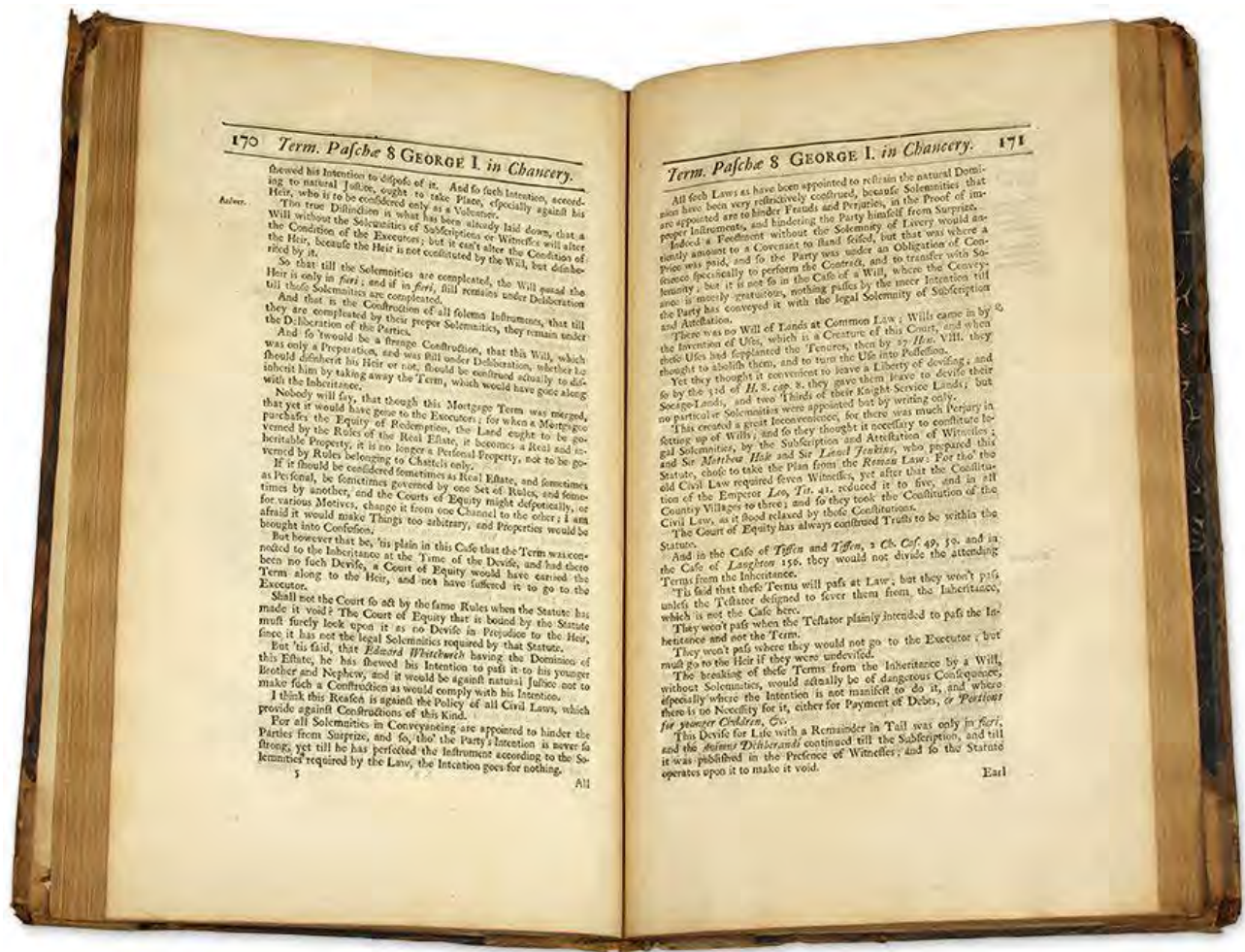
12. Clement V [1305-1314], Pope. d'Andrea, Giovanni, [c.1270-1348], Glosses.

[*Constitutiones (Cum Apparatu Joannis Andreae)*]. [Nuremberg: Anton Koberger, 15 January 1482]. [59] of [60] ff. Text in parallel columns with linear gloss. Lacking initial blank leaf. Collation: (aA)9, B-G8, H2. Folio (13-1/4" x 9-1/4"; 337 x 230 mm).

Nineteenth-century paper-covered boards, recent calf spine with lettering piece, endpapers renewed. Moderate rubbing to boards, heavier rubbing with wear to their edges and corners. Printed in 78-80 lines, text in gothic type, rubricated, large Lombard initials in red and blue, 9-line decorated initial I and early watercolor of the pope surrounded by prelates and jurists in space above incipit on aA2r. Moderate toning, light soiling to margins through most of volume, dampstaining in upper margins gradually darkening towards the end of text block, annotations to margins in early hand throughout, light edgewear to first leaf, a small chip to its fore-edges, small piece torn from blank outer margin of D3-4 and restored, F2 foxed, blank upper outer corner of last few leaves restored, annotation in later (18th-century?) hand below colophon. \$12,500.

* Attempts to codify the body of canon law began in earnest during the Carolingian Empire. These efforts reached fruition in 1151 with the completion of Gratian's *Concordia Discordantium Canonum*, or *Decretum Gratiani*, a watershed compilation that superseded earlier collections. The *Liber Quinque Decretalium* of Gregory IX followed in 1234. Published in 1298, the *Liber Sextus Decretalium* of Boniface VIII was the last great collection of the pre-Reformation era. John XXII added the final official collection, the *Liber Septimus Decretalium*, better known as the *Constitutiones Clementis V*, or *Clementinae* (1317). Three more texts were added later: the *Extravagantes* of John XXII (1325), the *Extravagantes Communes* of other popes to 1484 and the *Appendix Pauli Lancellotti* (1563). These texts, popularly known as the *Corpus Juris Canonici*, were revised in 1580-1582 to reflect changes ordered by the Council of Trent. In this form it remained in force until the enactment of the *Codex Iuris Canonici* in 1918, which remains the law of the Church. The ISTC locates 14 copies in North America, 1 in a law library (Yale). *Gesamtkatalog der Wiegendrucke* 7095. Goff, *Incunabula in American Libraries* C725.

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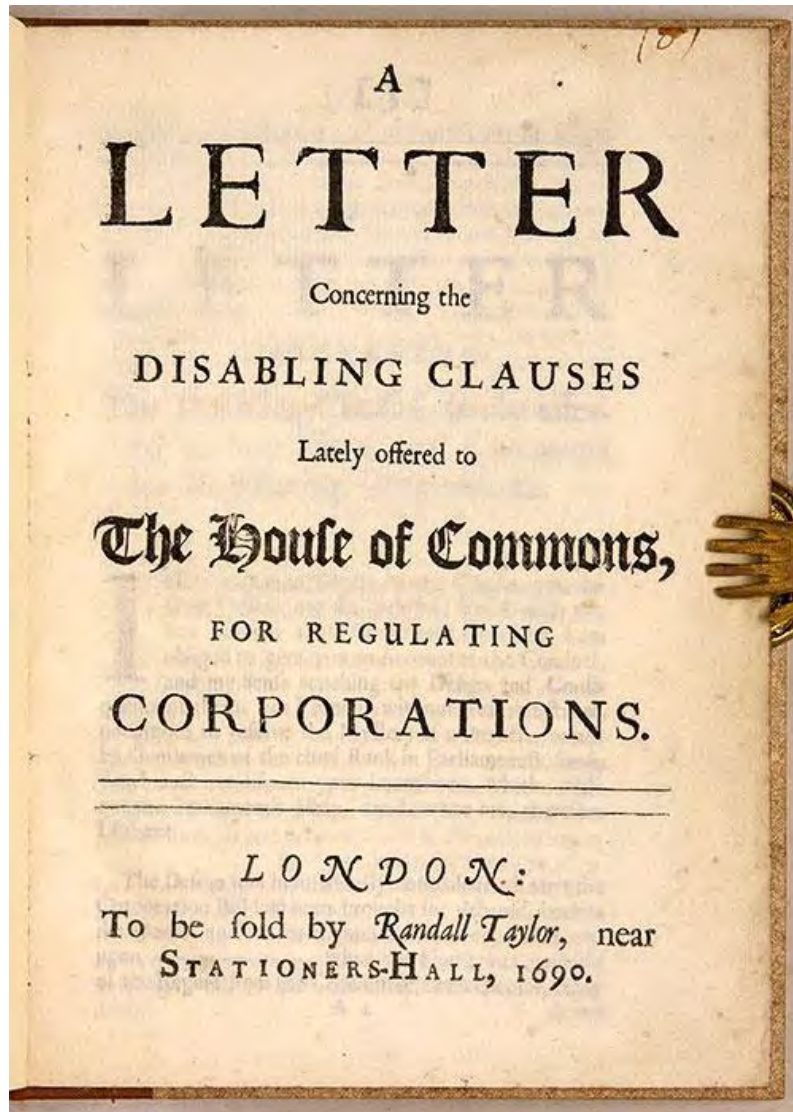
Gilbert's Cases in Equity

13. [Gilbert, Sir Geoffrey (1674-1726)].

Reports of Cases in Equity, Argued and Decreed in the Courts of Chancery and Exchequer, Chiefly in the Reign of King George I. By a Late Learned Judge. To Which are Added Some Select Cases in Equity, Heard and Determined in the Court of Exchequer in Ireland. By the Same Hand. With Two Alphabetical Tables; The One of the Names of the Cases, The Other of the Principal Matters Contained in These Reports. Carefully Corrected; With Many Additional Notes and References to the Reports Published Since the Former Edition. [London]: Printed by Henry Lintot, 1742. [viii], 275, [21] pp. Folio (13-1/4" x 8-1/2").

Nineteenth-century three-quarter sheep over marbled boards, raised bands to spine. Rubbing and scuffing to boards, heavier rubbing to extremities with wear to spine ends and corners, front joint starting, hinges cracked, front free endpaper lacking, title page tipped-in to front pastedown, lightly edgeworn and partially detached at foot. Light browning to text, minor worming to lower margins of a few leaves below text, "Baron Gilbert" in early hand and two early owner signatures to title page, a few minor chips to its edges. \$200.

* Second 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). The first edition of this work was published in 1734. *English Short Title Catalogue* T95287. [Order This Item](#)



An Important Statement About the Rights of Corporations

**14. [Great Britain].
[Corporations].**

A Letter Concerning the Disabling Clauses Lately Offered to the House of Commons, For Regulating Corporations. London: To be Sold by Randall Taylor, Near Stationer-Hall, 1690. 22 [2] pp. Quarto (7-1/2" x 6").

Stab-stitched pamphlet bound into recent quarter calf over marbled boards. Light rubbing to extremities, moderate rubbing to spine, very light toning to text, "(8)" in early hand to head of title page. \$650.

* Only edition, one of two issues from 1690. This pamphlet discusses an act of Parliament passed during the glorious Revolution that restored a group of privileges granted under the Charter of the City of London to officers, companies, and corporations that had been seized under a writ of quo warranto by Charles II and James II to augment the royal revenue. An important assertion of Parliamentary power in its day, this act went on to become an important statement about the rights of corporations. Including both issues, OCLC locates 9 copies, 2 in law libraries, (UC-Davis, York University). *English Short-Title Catalogue* R230830. [Order This Item](#)



Illustrated Throughout with Witty Color Images

15. Hémard, Joseph [1880-1961].

Code Pénal: Commentaires Images de Joseph Hémard. Paris: Editions Littéraires de France, [c. 1940?]. 169 pp. Numerous pochoir color text illustrations throughout. Quarto (8-3/4" x 7").

Original publisher stiff printed wrappers, untrimmed edges. Light soiling, minor dampstaining and a few small holes to wrapper, moderate rubbing to extremities with wear to spine ends, moderate toning to interior, illustrations vivid. \$850.

* From an edition limited to 900 copies, this number 293. Hémard presents the official text of the French Code Pénal with witty, and often mildly erotic, color pochoir illustrations. It is a sequel to his *Code Civil: Livre Premier, Des Personnes*. In 1944 Hemard issued another legal work: *Code Général des Impôts Directs et Taxes Assimilées*. Hemard, a prolific artist, illustrator, designer and author, is best-known for his humorously illustrated editions of serious non-fiction books.

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Annotated Throughout in a Contemporary Hand

16. Lane, Richard [1584-1650].

Reports in the Court of Exchequer, Beginning in the Third, And Ending in the Ninth Year of the Raign of the Late King James. Being the First Collection in that Court Hitherto Extant. Containing Severall Cases of Informations Upon Intrusions, Touching the King's Prerogative, Revenue and Government, With Divers Incident Resolutions of Publique Concernment in Points of Law. With Two Alphabetical Tables, The One of the Names of the Cases, the Other of the Principall Matters Contained in This Book. London: Printed for W. Lee, D. Pakeman, and G. Bedell, 1657. [iv], 119, [5] pp.

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Hetley, Sir Thomas.

Reports and Cases Taken in the Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, and Seventh Years of the Late King Charles. As They were Argued by Most of the Kings Sergeants at the Common-pleas Barre. Collected and Reported, by that Eminent Lawyer, Sir Thomas Hetley Knight, Sergeant at Law, Sometimes of the Honourable Society of Grayes-Inne, And Appointed by the King and Judges for One of the Reporters of the Law. Now Englished, With an Exact Table of the Principal Matter Therein Contained, And Likewise of the Cases, Both Alphabetical. London: Printed by F.L. for Matthew Walbancke...and Thomas Firby, 1657. 177, [1], [xii] pp. Table of cases, pp. [i-xii], which includes a one-page publisher catalogue, misbound at end of text.

[And]

Winch, Sir Humphrey [1555?-1625].

Reports of that Reverend and Learned Judge, Sir Humphry Winch Knight; Sometimes One of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas. Containing Many Choice Cases, And Excellent Matters Touching Declarations, Pleadings, Demurrers, Judgements, And Resolutions in Points of Law, In the Foure Last Years of the Raign of King James, Faithfully Translated Out of an Exact French Copie, With Two Alphabetical, And Necessary Tables, The One of the Names of the Cases, The Other of the Principall Matters Contained in this Book. London: Printed for W. Lee, D. Pakeman, And G. Bedell, 1657. [viii], 125, [9] pp. Lacking final blank leaf.

Folio (11" x 7"). Recent period-style quarter calf over marbled boards, raised bands and lettering piece to spine, endpapers renewed. Light browning and damp-creaking to interior, light foxing in places, light soiling to title page. All three titles annotated throughout in a single contemporary hand, several passages underlined. \$1,500.

* Lane, Hetley: first edition; Winch: Only edition. These reporters addressed the Commonwealth-era demand for reports in English by respected, politically acceptable judges who practiced before the Civil War. Lane's, the first reporter devoted exclusively to Exchequer cases, Lane's reports shows a special interest in questions of Royal prerogative. The annotations, all brief, are mostly glosses; some are references to authorities and cases. Wallace, *The Reporters* 237-241, 270-171, 262. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R6274, R10743, R8405. [Order This Item](#)



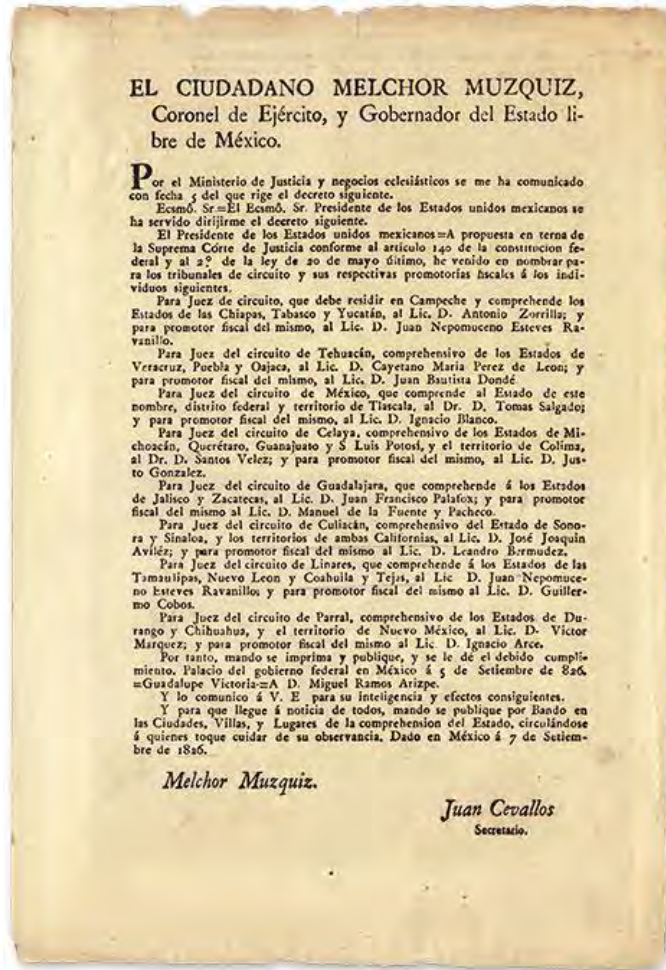
With Interesting Commentary About Law and Society

**17. [Manuscript].
[Savoy, France].**

Memoire Concernant la Taxe Imposée en 1727 par le Senat de Savoye sur le Clergè du Pais pour la Garde de les Frontieres Contre la Peste.
[France: 18th Century]. 28 pp. Folio (8-3/4" x 5-3/4").

Contemporary quarter vellum over marbled boards, small later (?) paper title panel reading "Memoire par le Senat de Savoye" to front board. Light rubbing to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities with minor wear to spine ends and corners, crack near center of text block, all leaves secure. Manuscript *memento mori* vignette of a skeleton holding a scythe and skull to title page. Text in small neat hand, light toning to text. \$3,000.

* This erudite, detailed fair-copy manuscript of some 10,000 words presents an interesting discussion, often critical, of the relationship between secular and ecclesiastical law and the nature of power in relation to the clergy of 18th century Savoy. This is explored in the context of a recent tax to protect the frontiers against plague. Broadly conceived, the author of this study also provides considerable general commentary on the function of law in society. [Order This Item](#)



1826 Mexican Broadside Announcing the Assignments
of the Earliest Circuit Judges for Texas, California and New Mexico

18. [Mexico].
[Judges].

Muzquiz, Melchor [1790-1844].

El Ciudadano Melchor Muzquiz, Coronel de Ejército, Y Gobernador del Estado Libre de México. [Mexico City]: September 6, 1826.

12" x 8-1/2" broadside, text in single column below headline, signed in type by Muzquiz and Juan Cavallos, embossed seal near upper-left corner. Light browning and soiling a few minor chips and tears to edges. \$1,500.

* This rare broadside announces the assignments of eight of the earliest circuit judges of the First Mexican Republic [1824-1835] in jurisdictions within the region comprising parts of present-day California, Texas, Arizona, New Mexico and Utah. Included in the circuit of Jose Joaquin Avilez were the territories in California. Coahuila and Texas was in the circuit of Juan S.N. Ravnnilo. New Mexico, was in the circuit of Victor Marques. These judges were under the jurisdiction of Muzquiz, governor of the State of Mexico, the most populous part of the First Mexican Republic and the seat of the nation's legislative and judicial branches. This broadside appears to be unrecorded; it is not mentioned in any of the standard references and no copies are listed on OCLC. A similar broadside decree issued one day after the present, and also concerning Jose Joaquin Avilez, was sold in 1923 by Anderson Gallery. We found no auction records for the present example. [Order This Item](#)



**An Important Collection of Scottish Laws
and Acts with Eleven Copperplate Leaves and a Dictionary**

**19. Murray, Sir Thomas, Lord Glendoick [1630?-1684].
[Skene, John (1543?-1617)].**

*The Laws and Acts of Parliament Made by King James the First, Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Queen Mary, King James the Sixth, King Charles the First, King Charles the Second who Now Presently reigns, Kings and Queen of Scotland. Collected, and Extracted, From the Publick Records of the Said Kingdom, by Sir Thomas Murray of Glendoock, Knight, And Baronet, Clerk to His Majestie's Council, Register, and Rols, By His Majestie's Special Warrant. Edinburgh: Printed by David Lindsay, Anno Dom., 1681. [x], 521, [1], 19; [3], 108, [4], 109-198, 6, 9, [1], 11, [1], 45, [45] pp. 11 copperplate leaves, including added pictorial title page. Genealogical table of Scotland's monarchs. Blank leaves following pp. 198 and [45] lacking. Text complete. *The Laws and Acts of the First Parliament of...Charles the Second* and Skene's *De Verborum Significatione: The Exposition of the Termes and Difficill Wordes Contained in the Foure Buikes of Regiam Majestatem* have separate title pages. Folio (14-1/4" x 9-1/2").*

Contemporary calf, gilt spine with raised bands and lettering piece. Moderate rubbing to boards, somewhat heavier rubbing to extremities, minor chipping to head of spine, corners bumped and worn, hinges cracked, blank endleaves lacking, advertisement leaf wrinkled and torn along gutter near foot, early owner name to head of pictorial title page, upper cornering lacking from final leaf with no loss to text. Light toning to text, somewhat heavier in places. \$1,500.

* First edition of the Murray compilation, one of three issues from 1681. Its final section is Skene's dictionary of legal terms. The infamous statute prohibiting the game of golf, first printed in 1597, is on p. 89. Aldis, *A List of Books Printed in Scotland Before 1700* 2243. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R15415. [Order This Item](#)



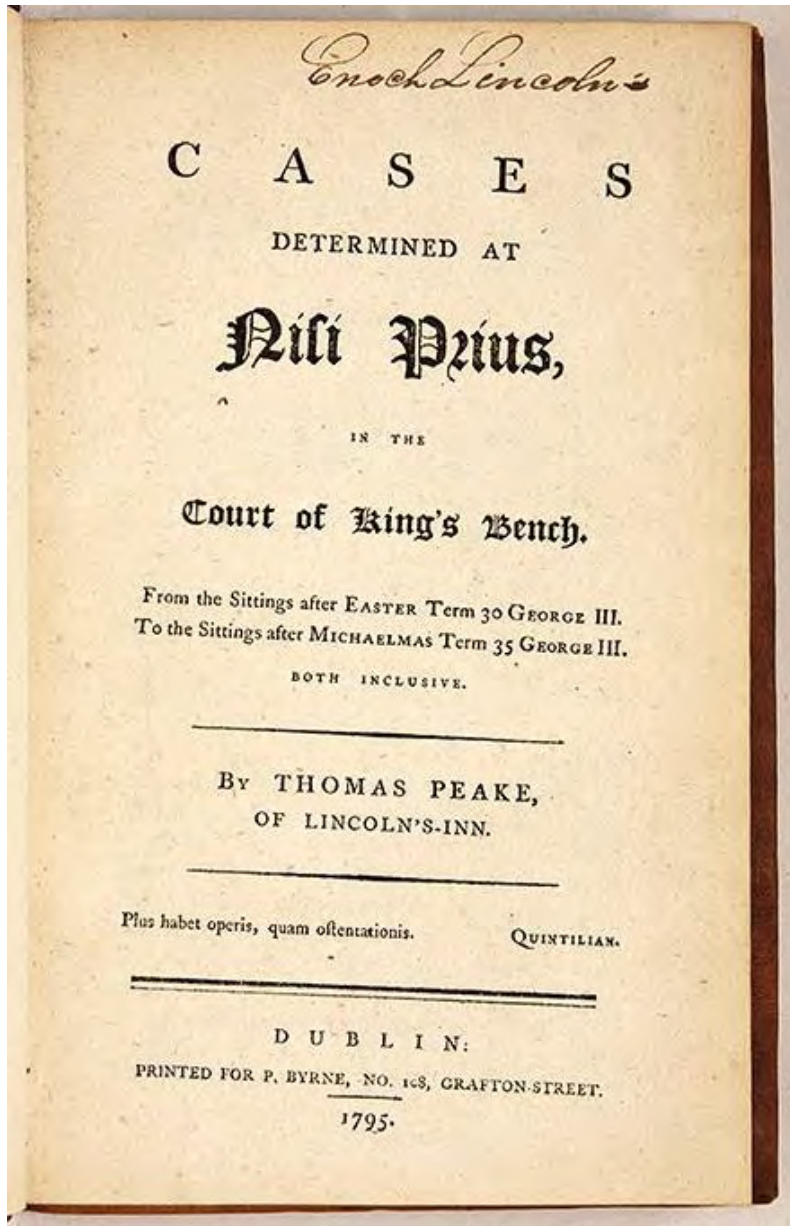
**Commentaries on the Decretals of Gregory IX Concerning
Marriage and Criminal Procedure by the "Lamp of the Law"**

20. Tudeschis, Niccolo de, Archbishop (Abbas Panoramitanus) [1386-1445].

[*Lectura Super V Libris Decretalium*]. [Basel: Johann Besicken, 1480-1481]. Part VI (of V). [236] ff. Text in parallel columns. Collation: a-c10, d12, e10, f8, g-k10, l8, m-o10, p8, q-r10, [symbol]10, [symbol]8, s6, t-v10, u10, w10, x6. Folio (14" x 10-1 1/4"; 357 x 256 mm.).

Contemporary blind-tooled pigskin over wooden boards, manuscript vellum lettering piece to front cover, spine with raised bands sanded white, eighteenth-century leather lettering pieces and later paper shelf labels, boards lacking catches and clasps. Moderate soiling to boards, corners bumped and lightly worn, numerous small wormholes through covers into text block with minor text loss to few leaves but not impairing legibility, pastedowns loose, eighteenth-century Salzburg Benedictine Monastery bookplate to verso of front board, brief early annotations to front free endpaper (author name) and head of leaf a2 (ownership inscription). Printed in 55 lines, text in gothic type, rubricated, large Lombard initials in red and blue, seven-line decorated initial and three-quarter illuminated border in colors and gold on a2r incorporating 3 linked roundels in lower margin containing depictions of 2 men with shields and lances and woman with bow and arrow, similar decoration on g1r with floral and ornamental motifs instead of figures in the roundels. Light toning, dampstaining to lower margin of c1-3 and light browning to margin of m7, blank lower outer corner off q3, paper flaw in blank lower outer corner of t1. \$25,000.

* Tudeschi, a Benedictine canonist from Sicily, taught at the Universities of Siena, Parma and Bologna. His commentaries on the *Liber Quinque Decretalium* of Gregory IX, the *Liber Sextus Decretalium* of Boniface VIII and the *Liber Septimus Decretalium (Clementinae)*, three components of the *Corpus Juris Canonici*, established his immense authority and the title of "lucerna juris" (lamp of the law). First printed in 1475-1477 in Venice, his commentary of the Gregory's Decretals is a multi-volume work. The 1480-1481 Basel edition was issued in six parts, each complete in itself. Our part contains the portions concerning marriage and criminal procedure. The ISTC locates 3 single parts in North America (Houghton Library, Harvard, V, Columbia University, I, Huntington Library, V), 1 complete set (George Washington University Law School) and two incomplete sets (Library of Congress, V-VI, Union Theological Seminary (I, III-V). Goff, *Incunabula in American Libraries* P48. *Gesamtkatalog der Wiegendrucke* M47800. [Order This Item](#)



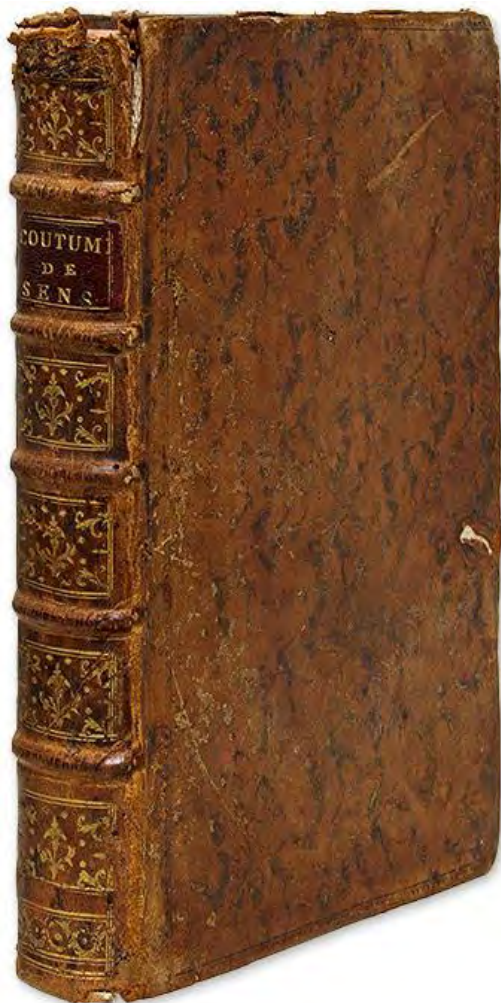
Civil Cases Tried Before a Jury

21. Peake, Thomas [1771-1838].

Cases Determined at Nisi Prius, In the Court of King's Bench. From the Sittings After Easter Term 30 George III. To the Sittings After Michaelmas Term 35 George III. Both Inclusive. Dublin: Printed for P. Byrne, 1795. xii, 243, [5] pp. Octavo (8" x 5").

Contemporary sheep, blind fillets to boards, blind fillets and lettering piece to spine, blind tooling to board edges. A few minor nicks and scuffs to boards, front board beginning to separate, but secure, two-inch piece of backstrip, with part of lettering piece, lacking, small chip to head of spine, rear hinge cracked. Moderate toning to text, early owner signature (F.H. Dewey dated 1846) to front pastedown. \$100.

* Reissue of the first edition, published in London in 1795. This was the first collection of reports of civil cases tried before a jury. *English Short-Title Catalogue* N26936. [Order This Item](#)



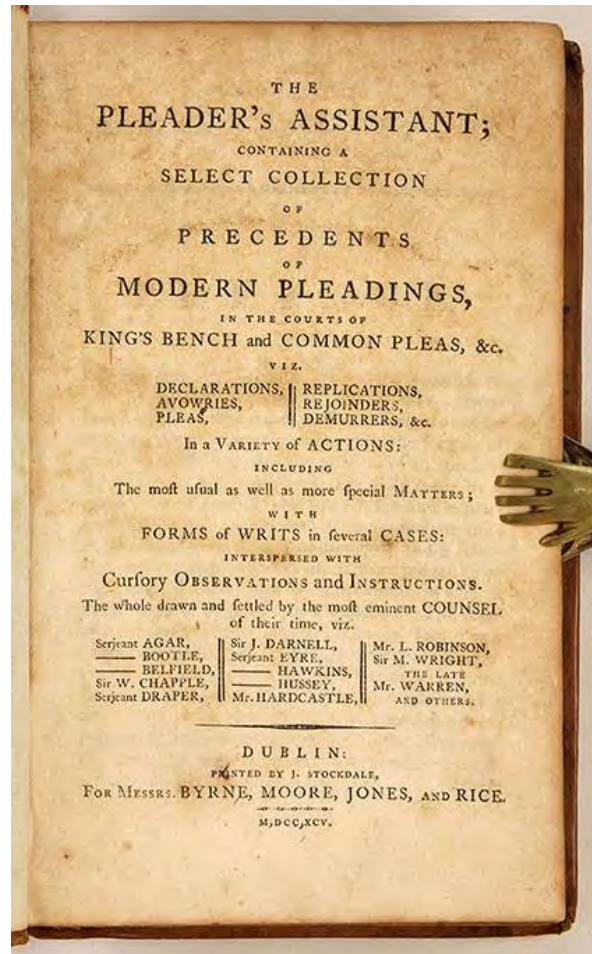
A Comparative Study of the *Coutumes* of Sens

22. Pelée de Chenouteau, [Blaise-Louis].

Conférence de la Coutume de Sens, Avec le Droit Romain, Les Ordonnances du Royaume, Et les Autres Coutumes. Ouvrage, Dans Lequel on a Rassemblé, Sur Chaque Texte, Les Questions qui Peuvent y Avoir Rapport, Le Sentiment des plus Célèbres Jurisconsultes, Et les Sentences et Arrêts Rendus dans le Ressort de la Coutume, Qui en ont été Confirmé ou Interprété les Dispositions, Par M. Pelée de Chenouteau. Suivi de Détails Historiques sur le Baillage de Sens, Rédigés par M. T.D.S. Sens: Chez Veuve Tarbé, Et Paris, Née de La Rochelle, 1787. [viii], 621, [3] pp. Main text in parallel columns. Quarto (10-1/4" x 7-3/4").

Contemporary sprinkled calf, blind rules to boards, gilt spine with raised bands and lettering pieces, marbled endpapers. Moderate rubbing and a few scuffs and minor worming to boards, heavier rubbing to extremities with wear to board edges, chipping to spine ends, corners bumped and worn, front free endpaper loose. Light toning to text, somewhat heavier in places, tiny puncture through rear board and final quarter of text block. \$500.

* Only edition. Located near Paris, Sens is a historically rich city. Its archbishop was primate of Gaul and Germany during the middle ages and it remained a powerful archbishopric until Paris was elevated to archdiocese in 1622. At that point the city began to decline in importance. This erudite study compares the *coutumes* of Sens with Roman law and the *coutumes* of other parts of France. Gouron & Terrin, *Bibliographie des Coutumes de France* 2005. [Order This Item](#)



**1795 Pleader by "A Gentleman
Of Considerable Knowledge and Experience**

**23. [Pleading].
[Great Britain].**

The Pleader's Assistant; Containing a Select Collection of Precedents of Modern Pleadings, in the Courts of King's Bench and Common Pleas, &c. Viz: Declarations, Avowries, Pleas, Replications, Rejoinders, Demurrers, &c. In a Variety of Actions: Including the Most Usual as Well as Special Matters; With Forms of Writs in Several Cases: Interspersed with Cursory Observations and Instructions. The Whole Drawn and Settled by the Most Eminent Counsel of Their Time, viz. Serjeant Agar, - Bootle, - Belfield, Sir W. Chapple, Serjeant Draper, Sir J. Darnell, Serjeant Eyre, - Hawkins, - Hussey, Mr. Hardcastle, Mr. L. Robinson, Sir M. Wright, The Late Mr. Warren, and Others. Dublin: Printed by J. Stockdale, 1795. iv, [4], 520, [20] pp. Octavo (8" x 5").

Contemporary calf, raised bands to spine, blind fillets and lettering piece to spine. Light rubbing to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, front board beginning to separate, rear joint cracked, corners bumped and somewhat worn, early owner signature (Jacob Kinney) and early Philadelphia bookseller ticket to front pastedown, front free endpaper partially detached. Light browning, somewhat lighter in places, and light foxing to text. \$250.

* Second and final issue of work first published in London in 1786. With an index and table of cases. According to the Preface, this book was originally compiled by "a gentleman of considerable knowledge and experience at the bar, for his own more immediate use" (iii). *English Short-Title Catalogue* N12155. [Order This Item](#)



The "Good, Old, Fundamentall, Liberties, Franchises, Rights, Laws of All English Freemen"

24. Prynne, William [1600-1669].

A Seasonable, Legall, And Historicall Vindication and Chronologicall Collection of the Good, Old, Fundamentall, Liberties, Franchises, Rights, Laws of All English Freemen (Their Best Inheritance, Birthright, Security, Against Arbitrary, Tyrannicall, And Egyptian Burdens). And of Their Strenuous Defence in All Former Ages; Of Late Years Most Dangerously Undermined, And Almost Totally Subverted, Under the Specious Disguise of Their Defence and Future Establishment, Upon a Sure Basis, Their Pretended, Greatest Propugnars. (...) Collected, Recommended to the Whole English Nation, As the Best Legacy, He can Leave Them. London: Printed for the Authour, And are to be Sold by Edward Thomas in Green Arbour, 1654. [ii], 26, 25-60 pp. Complete.

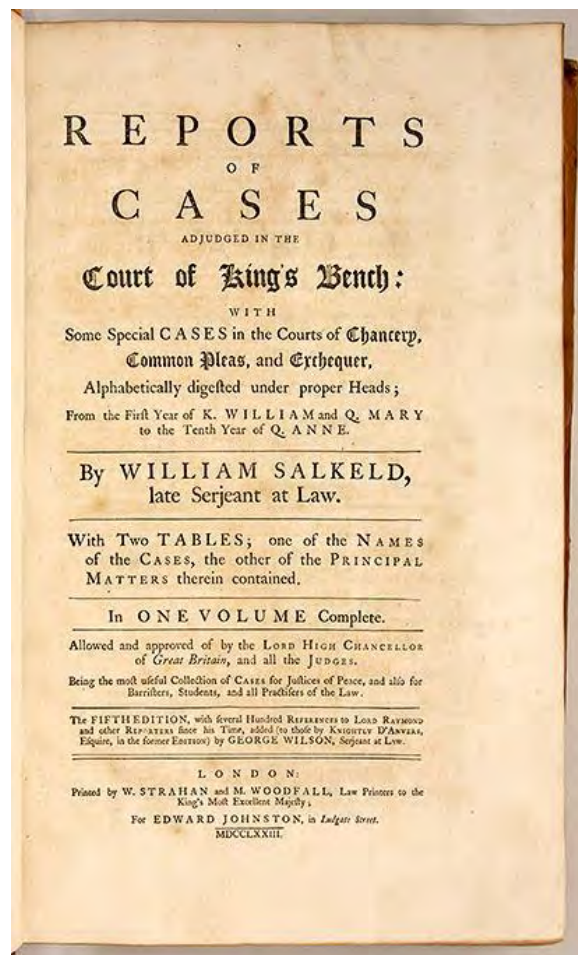
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Prynne, William.

The Second Part (...) Wherein the Extraordinary Zeal, Courage, Care, Vigilancy, Civill, Military and Parliamentary Consultations, Contests, To Preserve, Establish, Perpetuate them to Posterity, Against all Tyrants, Usurpers, Enemies, Invaders, Both Under the Ancient Pagan and Christian Britons, Romans, Saxons. The Laws and Parliamentall Great Councils of the Britons, Saxons. With Some Generall Presidents, Concerning the Limited Powers and Prerogatives of Our British and First Saxon Kings; The Fundamental Rights, Liberties, Franchises, Laws of Their Subjects, The Severe Punishments of Their Tyrannicall Princes on the One Side, And of Unrighteous Usurpers, Traytors, Regicides, Treason, Perfidiousnesse and Disloyalty on the Other (Recorded in Our Historians) are Chronologically Epitomized, And Presented to Publick View, For the Benefit of the Whole English Nation. London: Printed for the Authour, And are to be Sold by Edward Thomas Dwelling in Green Arbour, 1655. [76], 76 pp. First leaf blank.

Quarto (7-1/2" x 5-1/2"). Recent plain wrappers, "W. Prynne" to upper-left corner of front, wear and a few tears to wrappers at spine ends. Moderate toning to text, "18" and "19" in early hand to upper-right corners of title pages, light soiling to title page of *First Part*, clean tear to its Leaf D2 (pp. 19-20), headline of its Leaf I (pp. 57-58) affected by trimming with minor loss. \$1,250.

* First editions. Prynne was a contentious and erudite Puritan attorney and legal antiquarian who wrote several books and pamphlets about legal history, religion and politics. Prynne supported Parliament and Cromwell, but welcomed the Restoration. As a reward, he was appointed Royal Archivist in the Tower of London. Written during his pro-Parliamentary years, the present work argues that free men have certain fundamental rights that limit the powers and prerogatives of the monarchy. Like most of his writings, it mixes polemic with the texts of several important records that were never published before. Both parts were issued three times, all in the same year. Both of our parts appear to be second issues. They are complete, bibliographically distinct works. A Third Part (issued by a different printer) was published in 1657. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R203290, R203292. [Order This Item](#)



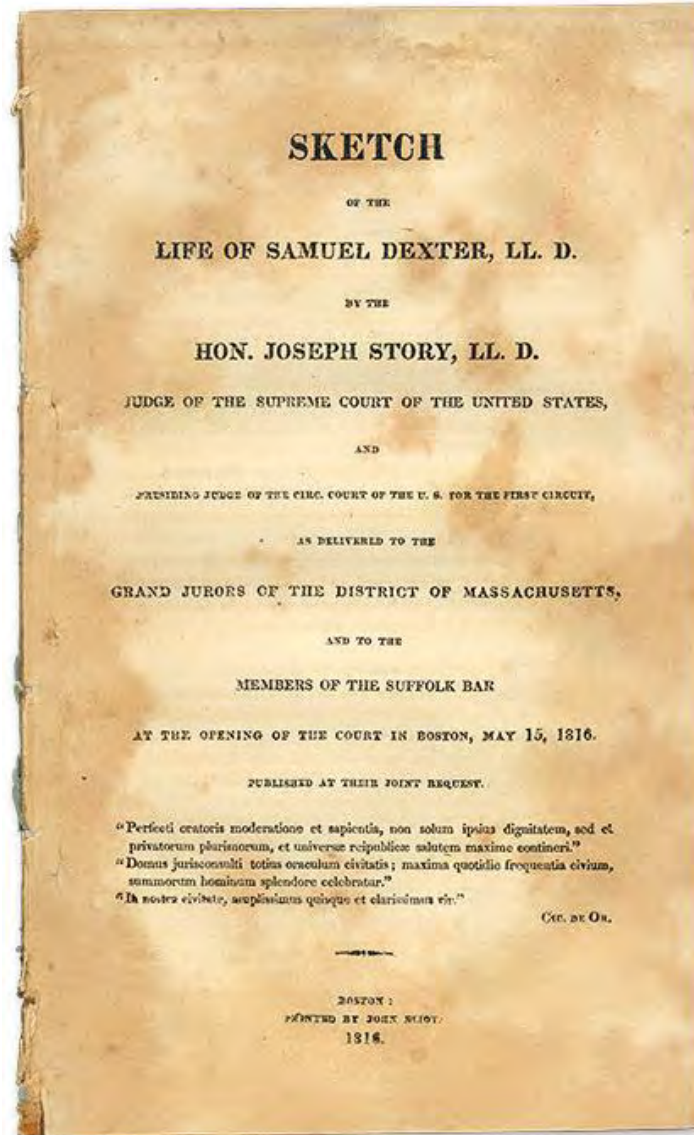
**"Their General Accuracy,
I Believe, Has not Been Questioned"**

25. Salkeld, William [1671-1715], Reporter.

Reports of Cases Adjudg'd in the Court of King's Bench: With Some Special Cases in the Courts of Chancery, Common Pleas, And Exchequer, Alphabetically Arranged and Digested Under Proper Heads; From the First Year of K. William and Q. Mary to the Tenth Year of Queen Anne. With Two Tables; One of the Names of the Cases, The Other of the Principal Matters Therein Contained. Allow'd and Approv'd of by the Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain, And All the Judges. Being the Most Useful Collection of Cases for Justices of Peace, And also for Barristers, Students, And all Practisers of the Law. With Several Hundred References to Lord Raymond and Other Reporters Since his Time, Added (to Those by Knightly D'Amvers, Esquire, In the Former Edition) by George Wilson, Serjeant at Law. [London]: Printed by W. Strahan and M. Woodfall, 1773. Not paginated. Three volumes in one book, each with a title page. Folio (14-1/4" x 9-1/2").

Contemporary calf, blind fillets to boards, raised bands and lettering piece to spine. Moderate rubbing and some shallow scuffing to boards, heavier rubbing to extremities with wear to spine ends and corners, boards beginning to separate, but secure. Light toning to text, light foxing in a few places, occasional light crinkling to head of text block with light soiling in a few places. \$200.

* Fifth edition. Covers the period from 1689-1712. "The first two volumes of Salkfeld were published under the supervision of Lord Hardwicke, and their general accuracy, I believe, has not been questioned": Wallace, *The Reporters* 399-340. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T108112. [Order This Item](#)



Story Eulogizes An Exemplary Lawyer-Statesman

26. Story, Joseph [1779-1845].

Sketch of the Life of Samuel Dexter, LL.D. By the Hon. Joseph Story, LL.D. Judge of the Supreme Court of the United States, And Presiding Judge of the Circ. Court of the U.S. for the First Circuit, As Delivered to the Grand Jurors of the District of Massachusetts, And to the Members of the Suffolk Bar at the Opening of the Court in Boston, May 15, 1816. Published at Their Joint Request. Boston: Printed by John Eliot, 1816. 20 pp. Octavo (8-1/4" x 5").

Disbound stab-stitched pamphlet. Light rubbing to extremities, light browning and foxing, small chip to head of title page, clean tears and faint dampstains to final two leaves, which are partially detached but secure. A scarce title. \$250.

* Only edition, one of 2 issues, both in 1816. Considered a model lawyer-statesman by Story, Dexter [1761-1816] served in the Massachusetts legislature and both house of the U.S. Congress. He also served briefly as secretary of war and secretary of the treasury under John Adams. OCLC locates 11 copies, 4 in law libraries (Harvard, University of Michigan, University of Pennsylvania, Yale). Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 1975. [Order This Item](#)



A Notable Study of German Feudal and Customary Law

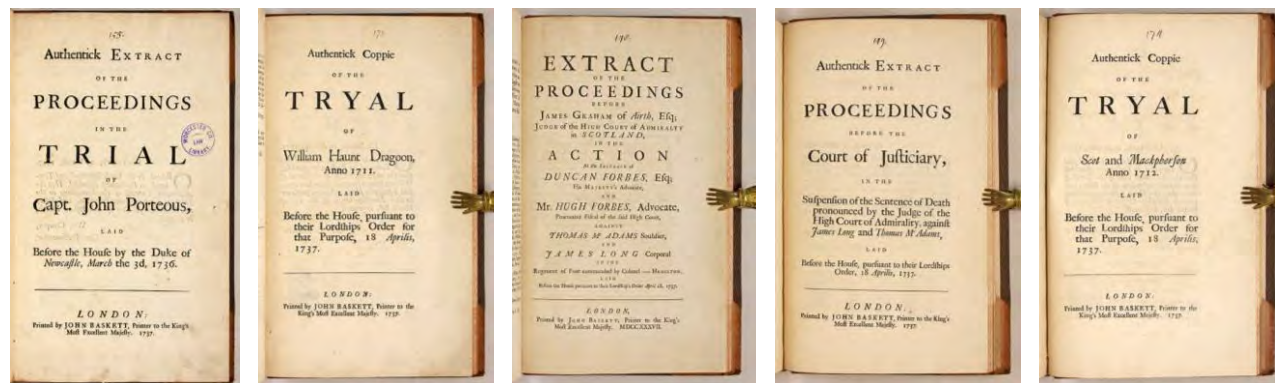
27. Stryk, Samuel [1640-1710].

Examen Juris Feudalis, Ex Novissimis Ejus Interpretibus in Gratiam Auditorum Collectum, Ac Methodo Institutionum Dispositum. Accessit Appendix Solemnium, Quibus Hodie Apud Imp. Principes Investuntur, Subjuncta Taxa Dignitatum in Imperio & Vasallagiis. Editio IX. Multo Auctior. Cum Privilegiis Special. Sereniss. Regum Poloniae et Borussiae. Frankfurt: Impensis Jeremiae Schrey, & Joh. Christoph. Hartmanni, 1710. [xxi], 530, [46] pp. Title page preceded by copperplate pictorial title page. 12mo. (5-1/4" x 3").

Contemporary calf, gilt spine with raised bands, patterned endpapers. Some rubbing to boards and extremities with wear to corners. Title page printed in red and black facing added pictorial title page featuring a seated monarch, possibly Frederick William I of Prussia, as a figure of justice. Moderate toning, slightly heavier in places, light foxing to a few leaves, "Vi94" in early hand to front pastedown. \$650.

* Later edition. Stryk was an important German jurist who helped to develop German law from native sources rather than from received Roman law. First published in 1675, the *Examen Juris Feudalis*, a study of Germanic feudal and customary law, is one of his principal works. *Das Verzeichnis Deutscher Drucke des 18. Jahrhunderts* 10209239.

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Four Interesting English Cases Tried in 1737, Three Concerning Soldiers, One a Cattle Thief

28. [Trials].
[Great Britain].

[Three Cases Concerning Soldiers, One Concerning a Cattle Thief]. London: Printed by John Baskett, 1737. Folio (12-1/2" x 7-3/4").

Five pamphlets, two relating to the same trial, bound into nineteenth-century three-quarter calf over pebbled cloth, tiny blank label to foot of front board, raised bands and lettering pieces to spine. Light rubbing to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, corners bumped, sections of backstrip lacking from spine ends, front board detached, rear board partially detached. Light toning to text, light foxing in places, light soiling to title pages, each with a number in an early hand, the first with a small later library stamp. \$950.

* Only editions. The cases of Porteous, Haunt and McAdams and Long involve murders committed by members of the army. Laidly's case involved cattle theft and assault. Contents:

1. Porteous, John, Defendant.

Authentick Extract of the Proceedings in the Trial of Capt. John Porteous, Laid Before the House by the Duke of Newcastle, March the 3d, 1736. [ii], 68 pp. *English Short-Title Catalogue (ESTC)* T22797.

2. Haunt William, Defendant.

Authentick Coppie of the Tryal of William Haunt, Dragoon, Anno 1711. Laid Before the House, Pursuant to Their Lordships Order for that Purpose, 18 Aprilis, 1737. 28 pp. *ESTC* T22794.

3. McAdams, Thomas, Defendant.

Long, James, Defendant.

Extract of the Proceedings Before James Graham of Airth, Esq; Judge of the High Court of Admiralty in Scotland, In the Action at the Instance of Duncan Forbes, Esq; His Majesty's Advocate, And Mr. Hugh Forbes, Advocate, Procurator Fiscal of the Said High Court, Against Thomas Mc Adams Souldier, And James Long Corporal in the Regiment of Foot Commanded by Colonel _____ Hamilton. Laid Before the House Pursuant to Their Lordship's Order April 18, 1737. 47, [1] pp. *ESTC* T33912.

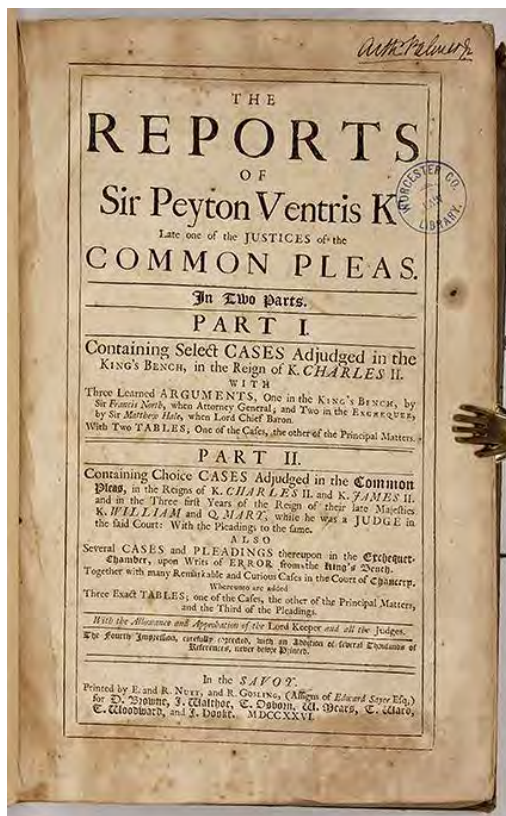
4. Long, James, Defendant.

McAdams, Thomas, Defendant.

Authentick Extract of the Proceedings Before the Court of Justiciary, In the Suspension of the Sentence of Death Pronounced by the Judge of the High Court of Admiralty [sic], Against James Long and Thomas McAdams, Laid Before the House, Pursuant to Their Lordships Order, 18 Aprilis, 1737. London: Printed by John Baskett, 1737. 12 pp. *ESTC* T22796.

5. Laidly, William, Alias Scot, of Mossphennan, Defendant.

Authentick Coppie of the Tryal of Scot and Mackpherson Anno 1712. Laid Before the House Pursuant to Their Lordships' Order for that Purpose, 18 Aprilis, 1737. London: Printed by John Baskett, 1737. 33, [1] pp. *ESTC* T22795. [Order This Item](#)



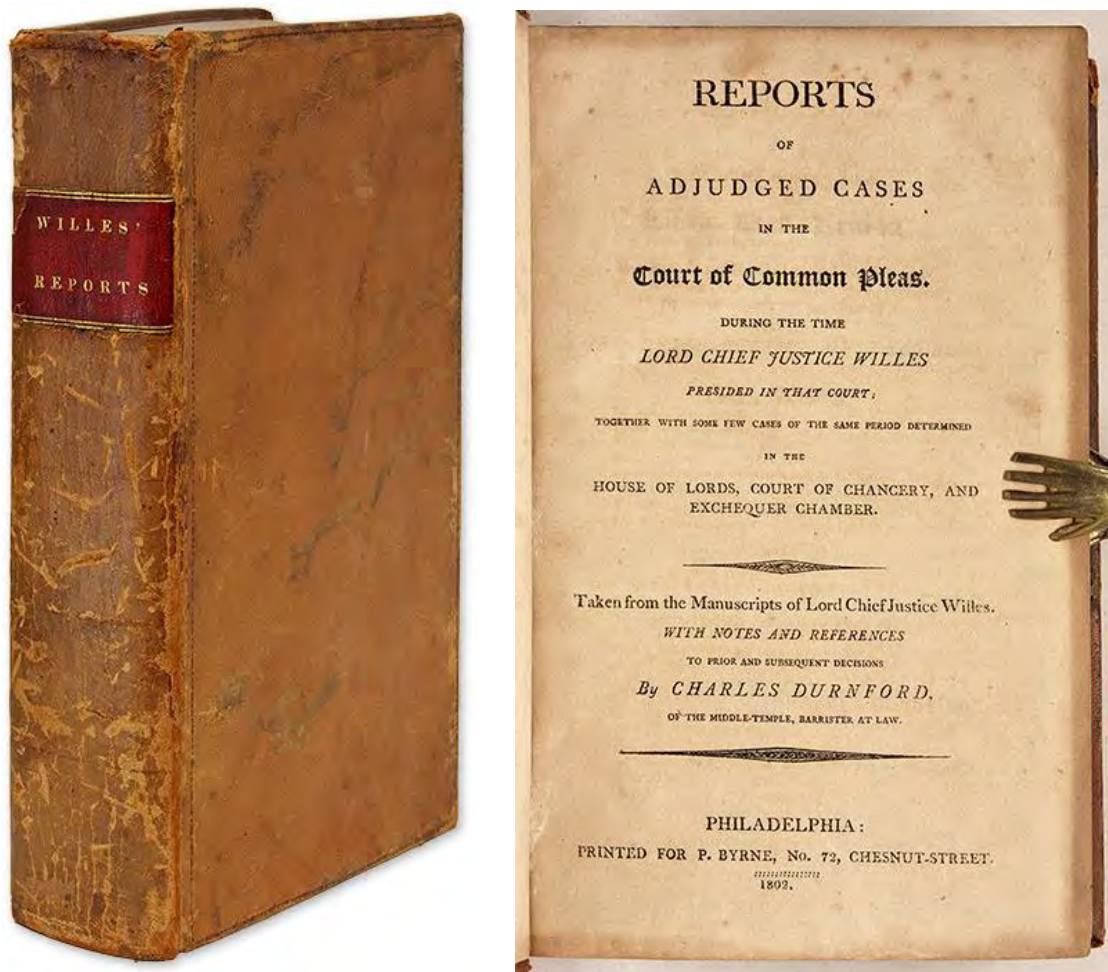
Final Edition of Ventris's Reports

29. Ventris, Sir Peyton [1645-1691].

The Reports of Sir Peyton Ventris Kt. Late One of the Justices of the Common-Pleas. In Two Parts. The First Part Containing Select Cases Adjudged in the King's Bench, In the Reign of K. Charles II. With Three Learned Arguments, One in the King's Bench, By Sir Francis North, When Attorney General; And Two in the Exchequer; by Sir Matthew Hale, When Lord Chief Baron. With Two Tables; One of the Cases, The Other of the Principal Matters. Part II. Containing Choice Cases Adjudged in the Common Pleas, In the Reigns of K. Charles II. And K. James II. And in the Three First Years of the Reign of Their Late Majesties K. William and Q. Mary; While He was a Judge in the Said Court: With the Pleadings to the Same. Also Several Cases and Pleadings Thereupon in the Exchequer-Chamber upon Writs of Error from the Kings-Bench. Together with Many Remarkable and Curious Cases in the Court of Chancery. Whereto are Added Three Exact Tables; One of the Cases, The Other of the Principal Matters, And the Third of the Pleadings. With the Allowance and Approbation of the Lord Keeper and All the Judges. Carefully corrected, With the Addition of Several Thousands of References, Never Before Printed. [London]: Printed by E. and R. Nutt, and R. Gosling, (Assigns of Edward Sayer Esq;), 1726. Two volumes bound as one. [xii], 429, [25]; [xviii], 368, [20]. Lacking frontispiece, a copperplate author portrait, as is often the case with this title. Final page is a publisher advertisement. Folio (12-1/4" x 8").

Nineteenth-century calf, raised bands, lettering piece and fragment of library shelf label to spine, endpapers renewed. Light rubbing some minor nicks to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, chip to head of spine by front joint, rear joint starting, hinges cracked. Moderate toning to text, light foxing in a few places, brief annotations in later hand to several leaves, (illegible) later owner signature and small library stamp to title page of Volume I. \$350.

* Fourth and final edition. An important collection of reports covering cases in King's Bench, 1668-1684, and Common Pleas and Chancery 1669-1691. The annotations, many with secondary references, are mostly glosses or interpretive statements of underlying principles. Others link statements with cross-references. Wallace, *The Reporters* 345. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T97363. [Order This Item](#)



**Perhaps the Most Authoritative
Reports from the Reign of George III**

30. Willes, Sir John [1685-1761].

Durnford, Charles, Editor.

Reports of Adjudged Cases in the Court of Common Pleas. During the Time Lord Chief Justice Willes Presided in that Court; Together with Some Few Cases of the Same Period Determined in the House of Lords, Court of Chancery, And Exchequer Chamber. Taken from the Manuscripts of Lord Chief Justice Willes. With Notes and References to Prior and Subsequent Decisions, By Charles Durnford, of the Middle-Temple, Barrister at Law. Philadelphia: Printed for P. Byrne, 1802. 8, [12], 691, [44] pp. Octavo (8-1/2" x 5-1/2").

Contemporary sheep, blind fillets to boards, lettering piece and blind fillets to spine. Light scuffing to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, small chips to head of spine and lettering piece, some rubbing and scuffing to spine, two early owner signatures to front pastedown, one struck though, the other illegible, light browning to text, somewhat heavier in places. \$100.

* First American edition. Covering the years 1737-1760, these are probably among the most authoritative Reports from the Reign of George III. As Wallace notes, they offer fine examples of judicial integrity and candor. Kent says Durnford's editorial work shows "unequivocal testimony of his diligence of inquiry, and accuracy of information." Kent cited in Marvin, *Legal Bibliography* 736. Wallace, *The Reporters* 438-439. [Order This Item](#)