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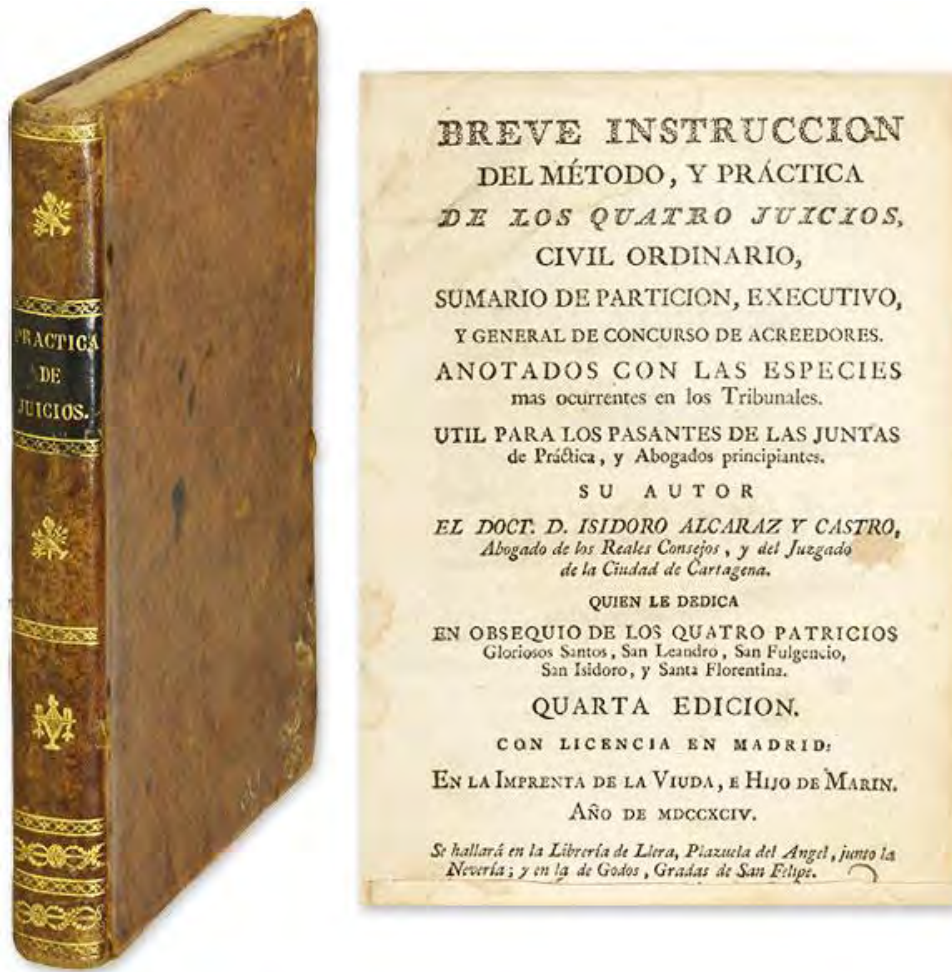
**Scarce Essay on Jury
Trials for Civil Causes in Scotland**

1. [Adam, William (1751-1839)].

Observations Respecting the Further Extension of Trial by Jury to Scotland in Civil Causes. Edinburgh: Printed by J. Hay & Co., 1819. [iv], 51, [1] pp. Quarto (7-3/4" x 5").

Recent marbled boards, printed paper title panel to spine, light toning to text. An attractive copy of a scarce title. \$350.

* Only edition. "This paper was meant to explain matters to Scotch lawyers not versed in the law of England, and to English lawyers not versed in the law of Scotland, and to persons not educated to the law of either country" (ii). OCLC locates 9 copies, 5 in North America. Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 5:3. [Order This Item](#)



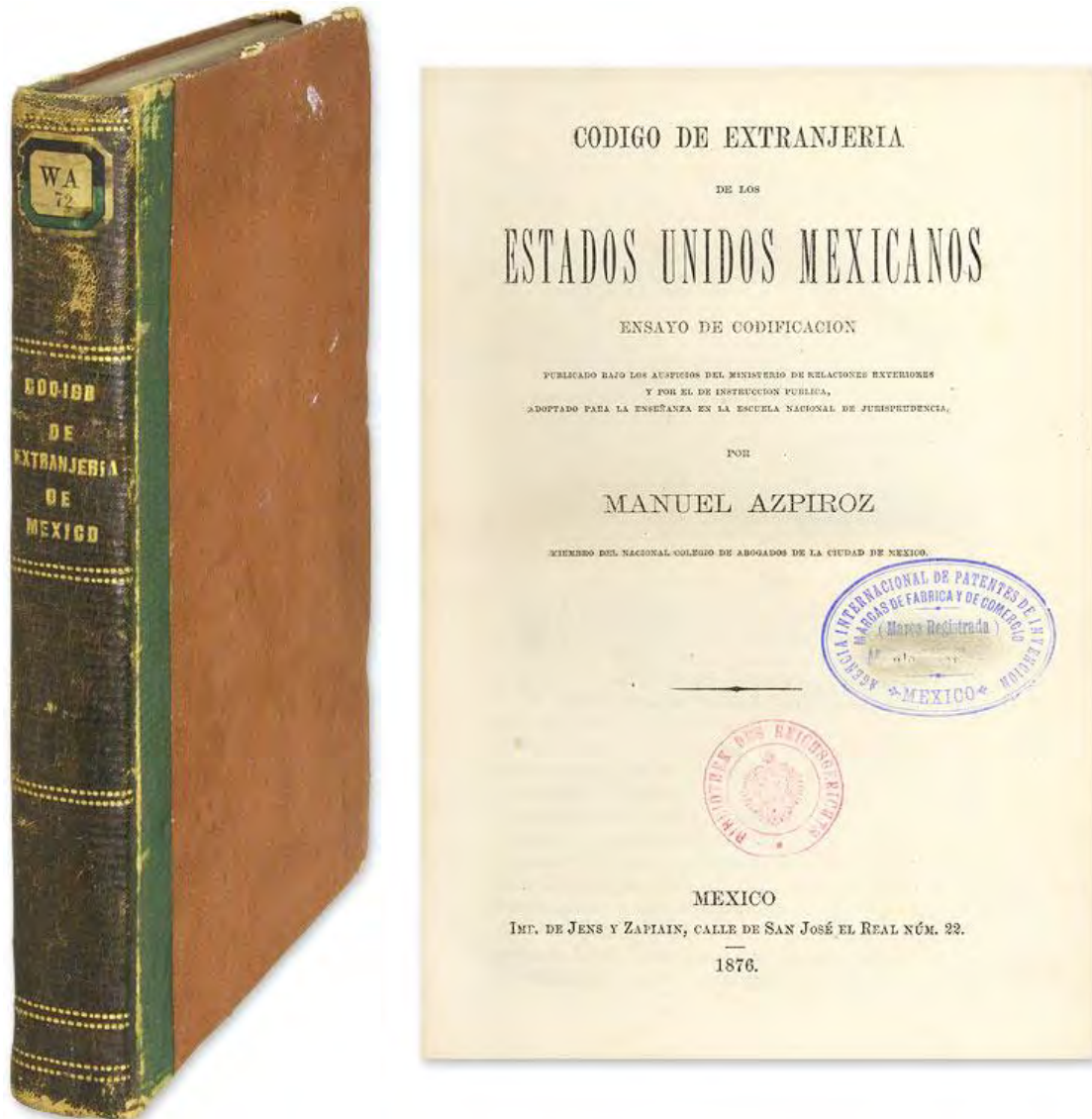
Scarce Eighteenth-Century "Institutes" of Spanish Law

2. Alcaraz y Castro, Isidoro.

Breve Instruccion del Metodo y Practica de los Quatro Juicios, Civil Ordinario, Sumario de Particion, Ejecutivo, Y General de Concurso de Acreedores: Anotados con las Especies mas Ocurrentes en los Tribunales. Util Para los Pasantes de la Juntas de Practica, Y Abogados Principiantes. Madrid: En la Imp. de la Viuda, E Hijo de Marin, 1794. [xii], 271, [1] pp. Two parts in one volume with continuous pagination; the second part is titled: *Breve Instruccion del Metodo, Y Practica de los Quatro Juicios Criminales*. Quarto (8" x 6").

Contemporary sheep treated to look like tree calf, lettering piece, gilt fillets and gilt ornaments to spine. Some rubbing to extremities, a few minor scuffs and stains to boards, corners bumped, front endleaves lacking, about 1/4 inch trimmed from foot of title page. Toning, faint dampspotting in places, tiny dampstains to title page. Brief annotations to front pastedown and rear endleaf, interior otherwise clean. \$500.

* Fourth edition. Divided into two parts, each with four sections, this is an elementary textbook on Spanish law similar (in overall conception) to the *Institutes* of Justinian. In his preface Castro says his principal sources were Vela, Molina, Gregorio Lopez, Acevedo, Barbosa, Gutierrez, Rodriguez, Acosta, Parladorio and Antonio Gomez. First published in 1762, this book went through four more editions in 1770, 1781, 1794 and 1828. All are scarce and rarely found in North America. Of all editions, OCLC locates 5 copies, all of the 1781, two in law libraries (Harvard, Library of Congress). We also located a copy of the fifth edition at UC-Berkeley law library. [Order This Item](#)



Nineteenth-Century Mexican Laws Concerning Aliens

3. Azpiroz, Manuel.

Código de Extranjería de los Estados Unidos Mexicanos: Ensayo de Codificación Publicado Bajo los Auspicios del Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores y Por el de Instrucción Pública, Adoptado para la Enseñanza en la Escuela Nacional de Jurisprudencia. Mexico [City]: Imp. de Jens y Zapiain, 1876. xv, 321 pp. Quarto (8-1/2" x 6").

Contemporary quarter sheep over pebbled cloth, gilt fillets and title to spine. Moderate rubbing to extremities, light toning to text, internally clean. Ex-library. Location label to spine, shelf number to front pastedown, small inkstamp (and bookseller stamp) to title page. A nice copy of a scarce title. \$500.

* Only edition. A codification of all laws about aliens, including diplomatic and consular representatives. It has two parts. The first reviews Mexican law, the second compares it to the laws of the United States, Germany and Italy. Clagett and Valderrama, *A Revised Legal Guide to the Law & Legal Literature of Mexico* 246. [Order This Item](#)



**Handsome Edition of Blackstone's
Commentaries with 13 Engraved Portraits**

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

Christian, Edward [d. 1823], Editor.

Commentaries on the Laws of England, In Four Books. With the Last Corrections of the Author; and With Notes and Additions by Edward Christian. London: Printed by A. Strahan and W. Woodfall, 1793-1795. Four volumes. Copperplate portrait frontispieces of Blackstone (Volume I), Littleton (Volume II), Mansfield (Volume II) and Hale (Volume IV), nine other portrait copperplates of important English jurists interspersed throughout, copperplate "Table of Consanguinity" and folding "Table of Descents" (Volume I). Complete with all 13 engraved portraits. Octavo (8-1/4" x 5-1/4").

Contemporary three-quarter calf over marbled boards, rebacked in period style with read and black lettering pieces, and blind ornaments, hinges reinforced. Moderate rubbing and some scuffing to boards, moderate rubbing to board edges, corners bumped and somewhat worn, volumes lack front free endpapers. Negligible light toning to text, all plates have tissue guards, light wear to fore-edge Table of Descents, negligible faint dampstaining to lower corners of a few leaves, clipping from an 1894 issue of the *Law Times* tipped in to fore-edge of p. 313 of Volume II. A nice set with notably fresh interiors. \$1,250.

* Twelfth edition, and the first edition with Christian's notes. Blackstone's paging retained in margins. "This edition was originally published in numbers, each number containing the portrait of a judge. (...) The editor is designated on the title pages of this edition as 'Edward Christian, esq., barrister at law, and professor of the Laws of England in the University of Cambridge.' His notes are printed as footnotes, separated from those of Blackstone by a rule. A selection of Christian's notes is included in most American editions of the *Commentaries*" (Eller). The jurists depicted in the plates in the text are Somers, Fortescue, Coke, Holt, Gilbert, Comyns, Hardwick, Foster and Raymond. Eller, *The William Blackstone Collection in the Yale Law Library* 21. Laeuchli, *A Bibliographical Catalogue of William Blackstone* 26. [Order This Item](#)



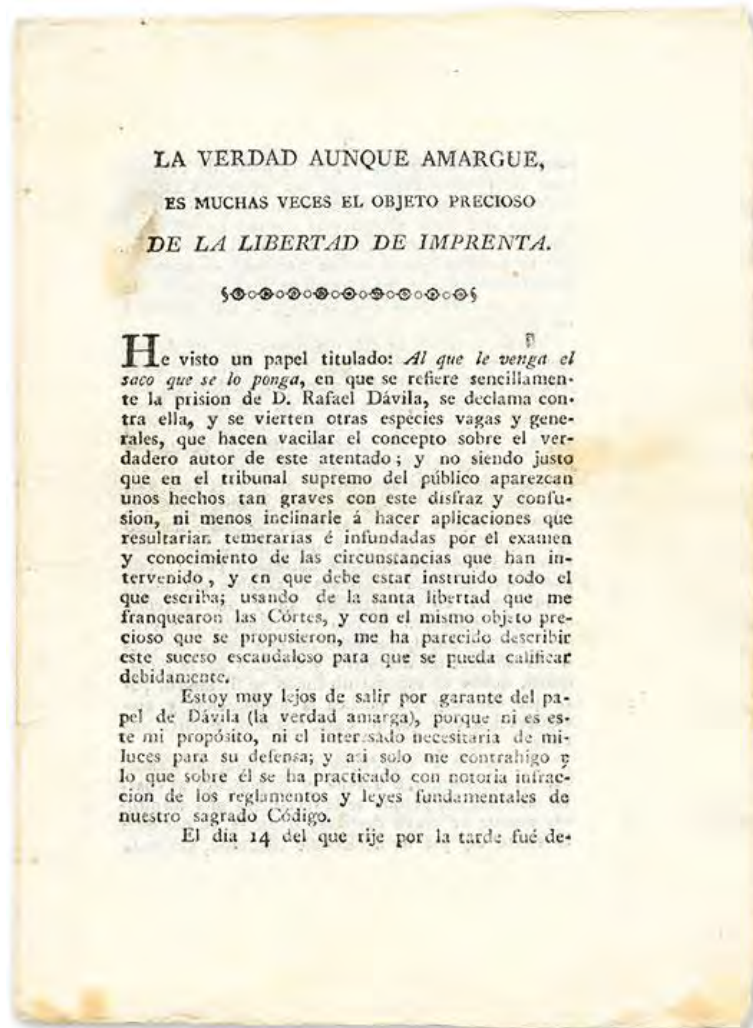
A Profound Influence in the American Colonies, One of the Two Editions Owned by Jefferson

**5. [Care, Henry (1646-1688)].
N[elson], W[illiam] [b.1653], Editor.**

English Liberties, Or the Free-Born Subject's Inheritance; Containing Magna Charta, Charta de Foresta, The Statute De Tallagio non Concedendo, The Habeas Corpus Act, And Several Other Statutes; With Comments on Each of Them. Likewise, The Proceedings in Appeals of Murder: Of Ship-Money; Of Tonnage and Poundage. Of Parliaments, And the Qualification and Choice of Members: Of the Three Estates, And of the Settlement of the Crown by Parliament. Together with a Short History of the Succession, Not by Any Hereditary Right: Also a Declaration of the Liberties of the Subject: And of the Oath of Allegiance and Supremacy. The Petition of Right; With a Short but Impartial Relation of the Difference Between Charles I. And the Long Parliament, Concerning the Prerogative of the King, The Liberties of the Subject, And the Rise of the Civil Wars. Of Trials by Juries, And of the Qualifications of Jurors: Their Punishment for Misbehaviour, And of Challenges to Them. Lastly, Of Justices of the Peace, Coroners, Constables, Church-Wardens, Overseers of the Poor, Surveyors of the Highways, &c. With Many Law Cases Throughout the Whole. Compiled First by Henry Care, And Now Continued, With Large Additions, By W.N. of the Middle Temple, Esq. [London]: Printed by Eliz. Nutt and H. Gosling, 1719. [xii], 356 pp. Octavo (7-1/2" x 4-3/4").

Recent period-style quarter calf over marbled boards, raised bands, blind ornaments and lettering piece to spine, speckled edges, endpapers renewed. Moderate toning, lower corner of L4 (pp.151-152) lacking with loss to text, leaf supplied in facsimile, light foxing in a few places, check marks and underlining to a few passages, early owner inscriptions (of John Jones) to head of p. [iii] and head of title page, which has two faint library stamps, one embossed, library inkstamp and mark to verso. \$750.

* Fourth edition. First published around 1682 (the first edition was not dated), this classic layman's guide reviews, from a Whig perspective, the principles of English law and government. It emphasizes the role of Magna Carta, Parliament and juries in the preservation of civil rights and prevention of tyranny. First published in America in 1721, it had a profound influence on several colonial readers, including the founding fathers. It was the primary source for William Penn's *Excellent Privilege of Liberty and Property* (1687), a work that inspired support for the revolution. George Mason used it when drafting Virginia's Declaration of Rights (1776). Jefferson, who owned copies of this edition and the first edition, probably referred to it when he wrote the Declaration of Independence and the Virginia Statute for Religious Freedom. Its influence is also evident in the Bill of Rights. See Sowerby, *Catalogue of the Library of Thomas Jefferson* 2702 (London 1719 edition), 2703 (London 1680 edition). *English Short-Title Catalogue* T112711. [Order This Item](#)



Rare Anonymous 1820 Mexican
Pamphlet Advocating Freedom of the Press

6. [Censorship].
[N. (Pseudonym)].

La Verdad Aunque Amargue, Es Muchas Veces el Objeto Precioso de la Libertad de Imprenta. [Running Title]. Mexico City: S.n., October 28, 1820. 8 pp. Quarto (8-1/2" x 6-1/4").

Unbound sheets, as issued. Minor smudges and some light staining, otherwise fine. \$500.

* First printing of a pamphlet defending the imprisoned liberal pamphleteer Rafael Davila. Freedom of the press was granted under the Constitution of 1812. Repudiated by Ferdinand VII in 1814, but eventually revived after the revolt of Rafael del Riego y Nunez in 1820. Richard H. Dillon notes Davila's importance and observes: "Pamphlets constitute the major source of fresh new material on nineteenth-century and earlier Mexico.... [O]ne can find no surer guide to the troublous times of eighteenth-and nineteenth-century Mexico than these booklets. Written in the heat of argument, of battle, of revolution, they bring to life a time and place removed from us by hundreds of miles and years.": *The Hispanic American Historical Review* 45, No. 2 (May 1965), 270-271. Sabin, *A Dictionary of Books Relating to America* 98934. Palau, *Manual del Librero Hispano-Americano* 359296. [Order This Item](#)



**First Edition of Coke's Landmark
Commentary on Magna Carta and "English Liberties"**

7. Coke, Sir Edward [1552-1634].

The Second Part of the Institutes of the Lawes of England. Containing the Exposition of Many Ancient, And Other Statutes; Whereof you May See the Particulars in a Table Following. London: Printed by M. Flesher, and R. Young, for E[phraim] D[awson], R[ichard] M[ighen], W[illiam] L[ee] and D[aniel] P[akeman], 1642. [xii], 745, [3] pp. Copperplate portrait frontispiece. Colophon leaf gives full names of publisher, pages 28 and 29 numbered correctly. Folio (10-3/4" x 7").

Contemporary reversed calf, rebacked in calf, blind rules to boards, raised bands and lettering piece to spine, date gilt-stamped to foot, endpapers renewed with marbled paper, early hand-lettered title to fore-edge of text block. Some minor scuffing to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities with some wear to spine ends and corners. Title printed within woodcut architectural border, typographical head-pieces, woodcut tail-pieces. Light toning to text, minor worming to margins of the first few leaves below text. An appealing copy of a title uncommon in commerce. \$5,000.

* First edition. *The Second Part of the Institutes*, an exposition of "many ancient and other statutes" including Magna Carta, was published by order of the House of Commons after the author's death. It is a landmark work because it offered a novel interpretation of Magna Carta. Reflecting contemporary struggles between the king and Parliament, Coke presented the charter as the ancient constitution of England, one that established the fundamental rights of Englishmen and placed royal power under the laws of the land. Perhaps the most famous section is Coke's commentary on the 29th chapter, in which he traced the origins of trial by jury and the right of habeas corpus. According to the *ESTC*, this edition has two states: "state 1 has pages 28-29 misnumbered 38-39; state 2 has the pages numbered correctly." Yet another issue is listed in a separate record, R231698, but it is believed to be a ghost. The last copy of the first edition seen at auction was in 2005. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R12887. [Order This Item](#)



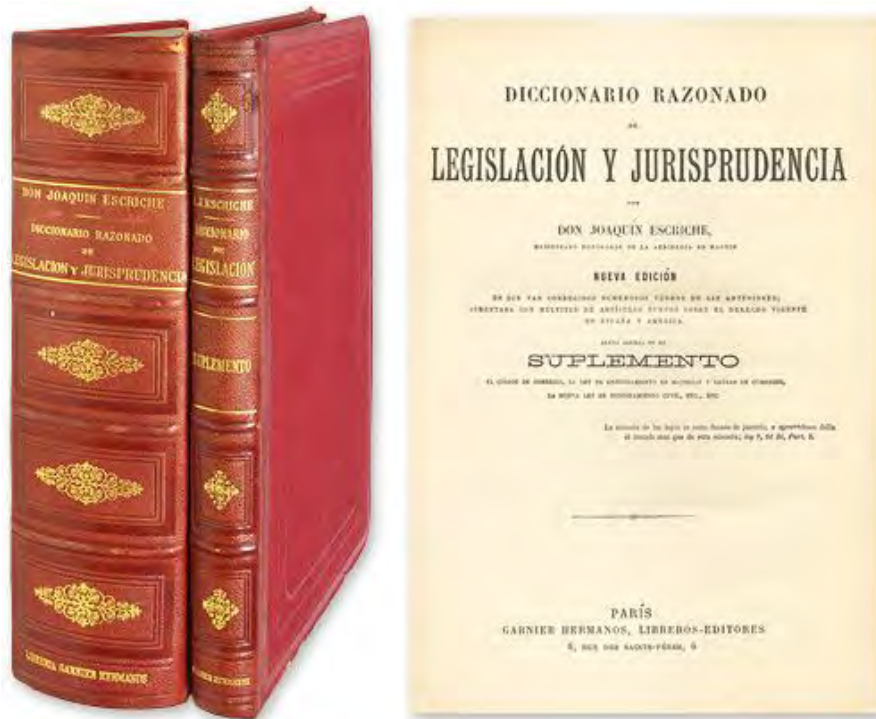
Classic Illustrated 16th-Century Treatise on Criminal Law

8. Damhouder, Josse (Joost) de [1507-1581].

Praxis Rerum Criminalium: Praetoribus, Propraetoribus, Consulibus, Proconsulibus, Magistratibus, Reliquisque id Genus Iustitiaris ac Officiis, Apprime Utilis & Necessaria. Antwerp: Ioannem Bellerum, 1570. [xxxii], 508, [64] pp. Latin text printed in double columns. 70 large woodcuts in text. 68 depict criminal acts, 2 depict types of torture. Large armorial woodcuts at beginning and end of book. Quarto (8-1/2" x 6-1/2").

Contemporary limp vellum with yapp edges, early hand-lettered title to spine, ties lacking. Light soiling, somewhat heavier to spine, a few minor stains, moderate wear to extremities, wear to bottom edge and corner of front cover with some loss, front pastedown loose and worn, rear pastedown loose, recent owner bookplate to front free endpaper, minor, gradually diminishing dog-earing to lower corners of first 16 leaves. Moderate toning to text, somewhat heavier in places, occasional, and negligible, minor dampstaining to bottom edge of text block, faint inkstains to a few leaves. An appealing copy. \$2,750.

* First published in 1554, this was the first comprehensive study of criminal procedure published in northern Europe. A synthetic work drawn mostly from Roman-Dutch sources, it was based on Philip Wielant's *Practycke Crimineele* (c.1510) and other earlier treatises. Published in Latin, Dutch and French, it was standard authority throughout the continent for many years. This Belgium edition from 1570 is illustrated throughout with woodcuts depicting adultery, murder, theft and many other crimes. Damhouder was an advisor to the Duke of Burgundy and a prolific author of legal and religious treatises. Dekkers, *Bibliotheca Belgica Juridica* 44. [Order This Item](#)



Eminent Nineteenth-Century Spanish Law Dictionary

9. Escriche, Joaquin [1784-1847].

Diccionario Razonado de Legislacion y Jurisprudencia. Nueva Edicion en que van Corregidos Numerosos Yerrores de las Anteriores; Aumentada con Multitud de Articulos Nuevos Sobre el Derecho Vigente en Espana y America. Lleva Ademas en un Suplemento elCodigo Comercio, La Ley de Enjuiciamiento en Materias y Causas de Comercio, La Nueva Ley de Enjuiciamiento Civil, Etc., Etc. Paris: Garnier Hermanos, [1901]. vii, 1787 pp. Main text in parallel columns.

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Escriche, Joaquin.

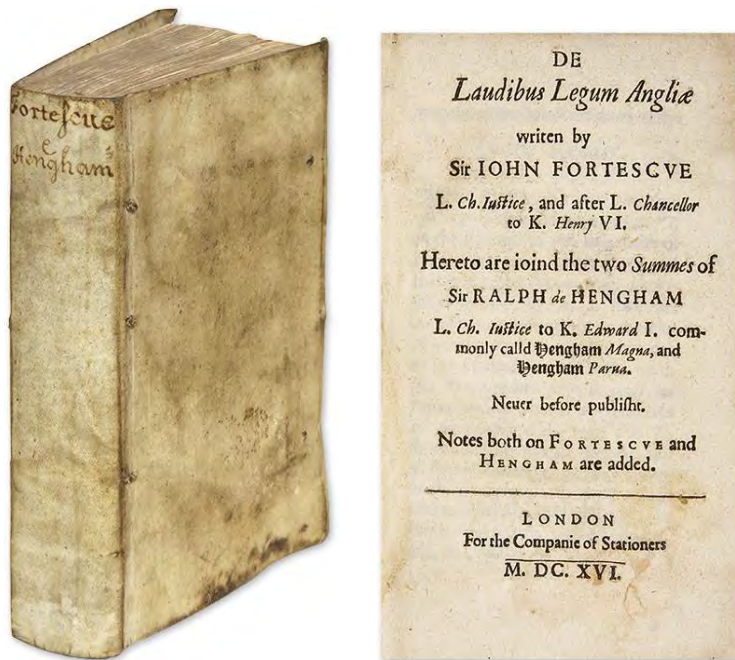
Pi y Arsuaga, Francisco, Editor.

Novisima Edicion del Diccionario Razonado de Legislacion y Jurisprudencia. Acompanada de un Extenso Suplemento que Contiene mas de 700 Articulos con Notas y Referencias a las Principales Legislaciones Latino-Americanas y el Extracto de Diez y Seis de Sus Constituciones, Compilado, Concordado y Comentado por D. Francisco Pi y Arsuaga. Paris: Garnier Hermanos, 1901. viii, 500 pp. Main text in parallel columns.

Uniform contemporary quarter calf over pebbled cloth, blind frames to boards, raised bands, gilt titles and gilt ornaments to spines, marbled endpapers. Light rubbing to extremities with minor wear, crack in text block between front free endpaper and title page. Toning and occasional light browning to text, early owner signature to front free endpaper of *Diccionario*, interior otherwise clean. \$500.

* First published in 1831, this eminent dictionary went through several editions in the nineteenth century and reached its latest edition in 1998. Along with imprints issued in Madrid and Paris were several issued by Latin American publishers in Mexico City, Caracas, Valparaiso, Santiago and Bogota. It is a comprehensive work with lengthy descriptions. The *Diccionario* has an appendix that compares the Spanish constitutions of 1869 and 1876. As their titles indicate, our volumes have supplemental material about Latin America. All editions are scarce. OCLC locates 2 copies identical to ours, one in North America (at the University of Michigan Law School). These editions not in the *British Museum Catalogue*.

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First Selden Edition of Fortescue's *De Laudibus*

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

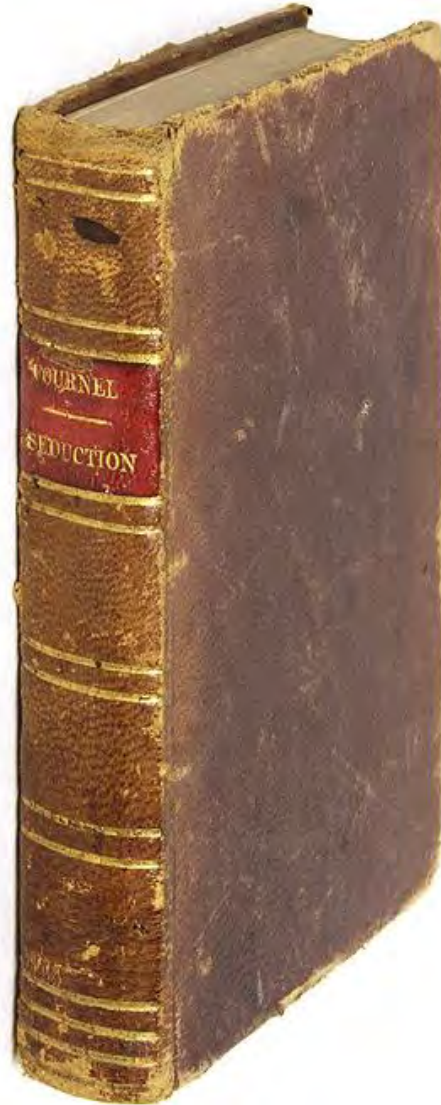
[Selden, John (1584-1654), Editor].

[Mulcaster, Robert, Translator and Editor].

De Laudibus Legum Angliae Written by Sir Iohn Fortescue L. Ch. Iustice, and After L. Chancellor to K. Henry VI. Hereto are Ioinde the Two Summes of Sir Ralph de Hengham L. Ch. Iustice to K. Edward I. Commonly Calld Hengham Magna, And Hengham Parva. Never Before Publisht. Notes Both on Fortescue and Hengham are Added. London: Printed [by Adam Islip] for the Companie of Stationers, 1616. [ix], 132, [3] ff.; 56, [12], 35, 34-159, [1] pp. Two parts, each with title page and individual pagination. First part in parallel columns; Latin with running English translation. Texts of *Summes* in Latin with notes in English. Octavo (5-1/2" x 3-1/2").

Contemporary vellum, early hand-lettered title to spine, ties lacking. Light soiling, some rubbing to extremities, pastedowns loose, some edgewear to rear pastedown, a few partial cracks to text block. Moderate toning to text, occasional minor worming to margins, mostly along gutter, small faint library stamp to head of p. iii, tiny withdrawal stamp to (blank) verso of final leaf. A nice copy. \$1,250.

* First Selden edition. *De Laudibus Legum Angliae*, a history of English law, was written for the instruction of Edward, the young Prince of Wales. Cast in dialogue form, it demonstrates that the common law was the oldest and most reasonable legal system in Europe. It also compares the common and Roman systems and extols the superiority of a constitutionally limited monarchy. *De Laudibus* was written around 1470 and first printed in 1567. Selden's was the first critical edition of this work, perhaps the first critical editions of an early English legal work. Aside from their value to the elucidation of Fortescue's text, Selden's notes interrogate aspects of Fortescue's text and offer rich insights into jurisprudence and the nature of the English constitution. As noted by Christianson, his conclusions disputed "the concept of immemorial custom argued by [Sir John] Davies and the anachronistic historical interpretations displayed by [Sir Edward] Coke." It was reissued in 1660, 1672 and 1737 with various additions. "Fortescue was a favorite among the old lawyers, and will be read with profit in modern times by those who are interested in the origin and progress of the Common Law." Marvin, *Legal Bibliography* 321. Christianson, *Discourse on History, Law, and Governance in the Public Career of John Selden* 63. *English Short-Title Catalogue* S102544. [Order This Item](#)



Legal Aspects of Seduction During the *Ancien Régime*

11. Fournel, [Jean-Francois] [1745-1820].

Traité de la Seduction, Considérée dans l'Ordre Judiciaire. Paris: Chez Demonville, 1781. xvi, 462, [2] pp. 12mo. (6-1/4" x 3-3/4").

Later sheep, lettering piece and gilt fillets to spine, marbled endpapers. Light rubbing and minor scuffs to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, front joint starting at head, hinges cracked, small nineteenth-century bookseller ticket to front pastedown. Light toning to text, underlining in pencil to a few passages, brief annotations to a few leaves. Two nineteenth-century owner signatures and three later owner stamps to title page, another owner stamp to front endleaf. \$100.

* Only edition. This curious treatise reviews examples ranging from married women to students and household servants. Other topics include prostitution, incest and bastardy. Fournel, a prolific and wide-ranging legal writer, also wrote a study of adultery. Not in Camus or the *British Museum Catalogue*. [Order This Item](#)



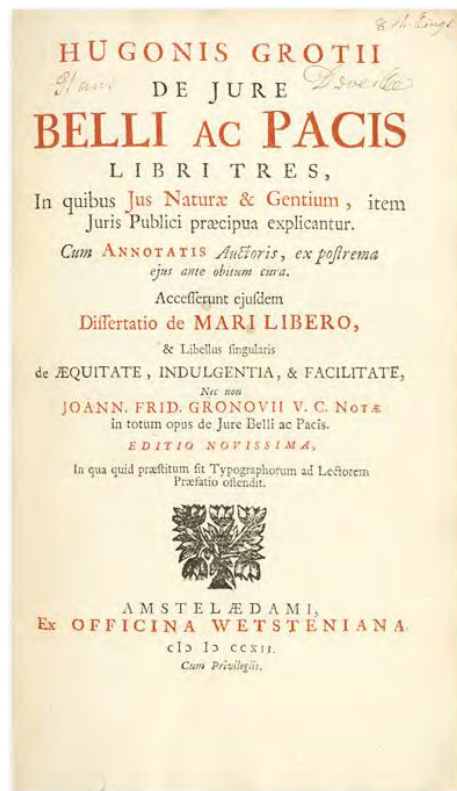
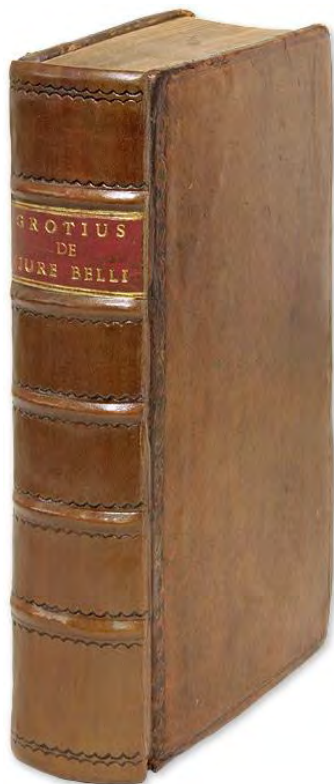
Supports the Supremacy of the Crown Over the Church in Spain's American Colonies

12. Frasso, Pedro [1630-1691].

De Regio Patronatu Indiarum. Quaestiones Aliquae Desumptae et Disputatae, In Alia Quinquaginta Capita Partitae. Madrid: Ex Typographia Blasii Roman, 1775. Two volumes. [iv], 328, XC; [iv], CXIV, 383 pp. Main text in parallel columns. Folio (Volume I: 13-1/2" x 9"; Volume II: 13-1/4" x 9").

Contemporary limp vellum, early hand-lettered titles to spine, ties lacking from Volume II, which had renewed endleaves. Moderate rubbing and light soiling, a few minor chips to spines, corners bumped, wear to corners of Volume I, vellum just beginning to crack though its rear pastedown. Light toning to text, worming to a few sections of Volume II, mostly to margins and with negligible loss to text, light foxing to a few leaves in each volume, internally clean. Ex-library. Bookplates to front pastedowns. A handsome copy. \$1,250.

* Second and final edition. Frasso, a Peruvian jurist of the Regalist school, presents an important legal analysis that supports the crown's power over the church in Spain's American colonies. The treatment of indigenous peoples was the source of tension between the Church and Crown. Both parties pursued colonial goals, but the Church was concerned about welfare of native people and attempted to ameliorate the effects of their exploitation by the Spanish government. The first edition was published in 1677-1679. Both editions are rare in the trade. OCLC locates 3 copies of the second edition in North American law libraries (Columbia, Harvard, UT-Austin). Medina, *Biblioteca Hispano-Americana* 4711. Palau, *Manual del Libro Hispano-Americano* 94685. [Order This Item](#)



Handsome Copy of Gronov's Important Edition of Grotius

13. Grotius, Hugo [1583-1645].

Gronov (Gronow), Johannes, Editor.

De Jure Belli ac Pacis Libri Tres: In Quibus Jus Naturae & Gentium, Item Juris Publici Praecipua Explicantur: Cum Annotatis Auctoris, Ex Postrema Ejus Ante Obitum Cura: Accesserunt Ejusdem Dissertatio de Mari Libero, & Libellus Singularis de Aequitate, Indulgentia, & Facilitate: Nec non Joann. Frid. Gronovii v.c. Notae in Totum Opus De Jure Belli ac Pacis. Amsterdam: Apud Janssonio-Waesbergios, 1712. [xii], xxxiv, 946, [94] pp. Copperplate allegorical frontispiece, copperplate portrait of Grotius. Octavo (7-1/2" x 4-1/2").

Contemporary calf, rebaked in period style, blind rules to boards, blind fillets along joints, raised bands and lettering piece to spine, gilt tooling to board edges, hinges mended. Light rubbing to boards, corners bumped and lightly worn, hinges mended. Light toning to text, somewhat heavier in places, light foxing to a few leaves, corner lacking from corner of leaf Bb2 (pp. 387-188) with no loss to text. An attractive copy. \$750.

* Later Gronov edition. With side-notes and index. Of all his numerous works *De Jure Belli ac Pacis* will always be considered Grotius' *magnum opus*, the work upon which his reputation most solidly rests. "The distinction between religion and law or morality is not clearly made, but Grotius' principle of an immutable law, which God can no more alter than a mathematical axiom, was the first expression of the *droit naturel*, the natural law which exercised the great political theorists of the eighteenth century, and is the foundation of modern international law" (Carter and Muir). The first Gronov edition, one of the most important editions of Grotius, was published in 1663. This copy includes *Mare Liberum*, or *Freedom of the Seas* (1609), Grotius's influential treatise on maritime law and the right of free navigation. Carter and Muir, *Printing and the Mind of Man* 125. Ter Muelen and Diermanse, *Bibliographie des Ecrits Imprimés de Hugo Grotius* 596. [Order This Item](#)



Elegant Essays on Roman Law by Noted Dutch Jurist

14. Huber, Ulrich [1636-1694].

Digressiones Justinianae: In Partes Duas, Quarum Altera Nova, Distinctae: Quibus Varia & Imprimis Humaniora Juris Continentur: Insertus Est De Jure in Re & Ad Rem Quod Dicitur Tractatus: & Adjecta De Ratione Discendi Atque Docendi Juris Diatribae, Per Modum Dialogi: Cum Indice Rerum & Verborum. Franeker: Apud Johannem Gyselaar, Henricum Amama, & Zachariam Taedama, 1688. [xxx], 632 [i.e. 528], [4], 63, [17] pp. Each section preceded by divisional title page. Quarto (7-3/4" x 6").

Contemporary vellum, early hand-lettered title to spine. Light soiling, spine somewhat darkened, corners and spine ends bumped, vellum just beginning to crack through pastedowns, text block just beginning to detach, but still quite secure, a few gatherings slightly loose. Title page printed in red and black. Large woodcut printer device to title page, woodcut head-pieces, tail-pieces and decorated initials. Ex-library. Bookplate to front pastedown, small stamps and markings to endleaves and verso of title page. A solid copy. \$500.

* Third edition, and the final authorial edition. With indexes. Huber was a well-known Dutch jurist and professor at the Universities of Franeker, Utrecht and Leyden. He was also a judge in Friesland and the author of numerous legal works on Roman and Roman-Dutch law. He was as important in his day as Grotius, and his work remains influential in South Africa. First published in 1664, *Digressiones Justinianae* went through eight editions, the final in 1721. More an essay collection than a treatise, it collects his thoughts on a variety of Roman law topics. He also discusses legal pedagogy and the work of his contemporaries and near-contemporaries, such as Grotius and Hobbes. These latter sections are especially interesting because they show what a learned contemporary thought of their work when it was new. They are similar in many regards to reviews in learned journals or publications like the *New York Review of Books*. Dekkers, *Bibliotheca Belgica Juridica* 86 (4). [Order This Item](#)



**Uncommon Large-Paper Edition of the *Code* and
Related Works with Important Notes by Denis Godefroy**

**15. Justinian I [483-565 CE], Emperor of the East.
Godefroy, Denis [1549-1622], Editor and Annotator.**

Codicis Dn. Justiniani Sacratissimi Principis PP. Aug. Repetitae Praelectionis Libri XII. Postrema Editio Prioribus Auctior et Emendatior. Frankfurt: Sumptibus Societatis. Imprimebat Hieronymus Polichius, 1663. [xvi] pp., 1024 cols., [4] pp., 456 cols., [13] pp., 78 cols., [2] pp., 282 cols. Folio (14" x 9").

Recent period-style quarter calf over marbled boards, raised bands and lettering piece to spine, endpapers renewed. Large woodcut printer device, head-pieces, tail-pieces and decorated initials. Faint dampstaining to head of text block, light foxing and browning to portions of text, internally clean. \$1,500.

* Large-paper edition. Includes the *Authenticae; Seu, Novellae Constitutiones, Feudorum Consuetudines, Constitutiones Friderici II. Imp. Extravagantes, Liber de Pace Constantiae, Epitome Feudorum* and related writings and notes by Godefroy. Commissioned by the Emperor Justinian in 530 CE, the body of writings known collectively as the *Corpus Juris Civilis* preserved and restated all existing Roman law. Compiled in three years under the direction of Tribonius, it was both a critical restatement of earlier law and jurisprudential writings and a complete collection of recent legislation. It is divided into four books, the *Institutes, Digest, Code* and *Novels*. The *Code* contains the laws in force during Justinian's reign. It is divided into 12 books. Book 1 deals with ecclesiastical law, the sources of law, and the duties of high officials. Books 2-8 deal with private law. Book 9 deals with criminal law. Books 10-12 deal with administrative law. It received a great deal of commentary during the medieval and early modern eras. That of Denis Godefroy was influential well into the twentieth century. Godefroy was a jurist, humanist, historian, scholar of Roman law and professor at the Universities of Geneva and Heidelberg. He was also the first to apply the collective name *Corpus Juris Civilis* to Justinian's works. KVK locates 5 copies of this imprint, but all seem to be trimmed to a quarto format. *Das Verzeichnis der im Deutschen Sprachraum Erschienenen Drucke des 17. Jahrhunderts* 1:012970P. (See also VD17 3:319950N, the same imprint as a quarto). [Order This Item](#)



Giunta Edition of the *Institutes* Illustrated with 23 Woodcuts

16. Justinian I [483-565 CE], Emperor of the East.

Aldobrandini, Sylvestro [1499-1558], Editor.

Institutiones Iuris Civilis. Cum Additionibus Hactenus Impressis. Quibus Adduntur Casus in Quolibet Paragrapho Breves: Sed qui Rationem Dubitandi [et] Decidendi Explicent [et] Contineant. Que in uno Quoque Paragrapho Notatu Digna Sunt Breuibus Significantur....Omnia ex Editione et Secunda Recognitione Clarissimi Iureconsulti. D. Sylvestri Aldobrandini Nobilis Florentini. Venice: [Apud Heredes Lucantonii Iunte Florentini, Mense Decembri], 1543. [lvi], 366, [2] ff. 23 woodcut text illustrations, 1 full-page. Main text in parallel columns with linear gloss. Octavo (6-1/4" x 4-1/2").

Later vellum, spine ends lightly bumped, light wear to corners, hinges cracked. Text printed in red and black, large woodcut Giunta device to title page, woodcut decorated initials. Moderate toning, text block loosening in a few places, brief early annotations to a few leaves. \$4,500.

* Commissioned by the Emperor Justinian in 530 CE, the body of writings known collectively as the *Corpus Iuris Civilis* preserved and restated all existing Roman law. It has four books: the *Code*, *Novels*, *Institutes* and *Digest*. Intended for students, the *Institutes* is a synopsis of the reformed legal system. Aldobrandini, who edited this edition and added commentary, was a Florentine juriconsult. First published by Giunta in 1534, Aldobrandini's text went through several editions during the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries. It was one of the most popular and influential early editions of the *Institutes*. The charming woodcut vignettes that appear in the earlier Giunta editions offer visual summaries of the more important titles. Among the images depicted in the woodcuts are court scenes, farmers at work, a battle and the administration of punishments. The full-page woodcut is an ornate table of descents in the form of a man holding up branches of a family tree. All illustrated Giunta editions are rare. OCLC locates no copies of the 1543 edition in North America. *Censimento Nazionale delle Edizioni Italiane del XVI Secolo* CNCE13469. [Order This Item](#)



**Presentation Copy From the
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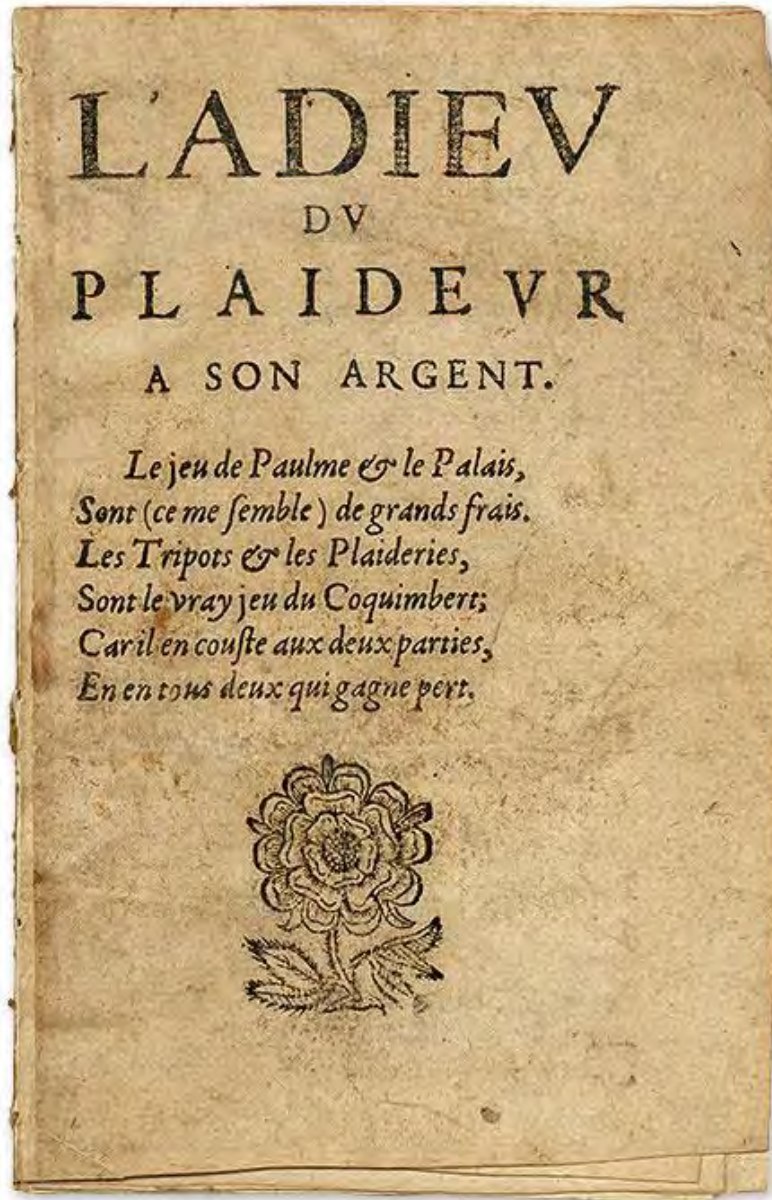
17. Latour Du Moulin, C[élestin] [1823-1888].

[Walewski, Alexander, Count (1810-1868)].

Lettres à un Membre du Parlement d'Angleterre sur la Constitution de 1852 (Les Ministres, le Conseil d'Etat, le Corps Législatif, le Sénat).
Paris: Libraire D'Amyot, 1861. 119, [1] pp. Octavo, (9-1/2" x 6-1/4").

Contemporary signed morocco binding by Despierres, gilt frames enclosing arms of Count Walewski to boards, raised bands, gilt title and gilt Walewski crests to spine, all edges gilt, gilt inside dentelles, moiré-stamped endpapers, later armorial bookplate to front pastedown, woodcut of Walewski from a contemporary periodical laid in. Light rubbing to extremities, corners lightly bumped. Moderate toning, some leaves have light foxing, occasional small inkstamps to bottom margins. An appealing association copy of a scarce title. \$1,750.

* First edition. This interesting comparison between the English and French political systems was through later editions in 1862, 1863 and 1864. Its author was a leading political journalist. Count Alexander Walewski, to whom this book is inscribed, was the natural son of Napoleon I and Marie Walewska. A notable diplomat, he was ambassador to Florence, Naples, Madrid and London. Minister of foreign affairs from 1855 to 1860, he opposed Napoleon III on the Italian question and resigned his position. He went on to become the minister of fine arts. Despierres, the binder of this copy, was also binder to the emperor. All editions of this title are scarce. OCLC locates no copies of any edition in North America. *British Museum Catalogue* 14:931. [Order This Item](#)



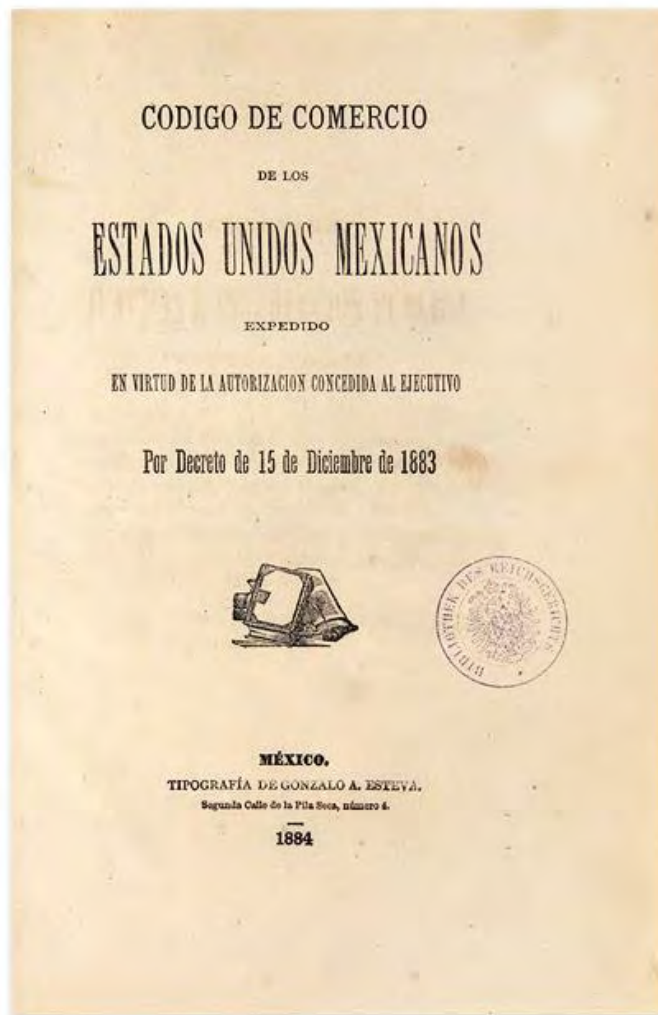
The Litigant Says "Adieu" to His Money

**18. [Legal Satire].
[France].**

L'Adieu du Plaidéur a son Argent. [Paris, S.n., 1624]. 16 pp. Octavo (6-1/4" x 4").

Disbound stab-stitched pamphlet, untrimmed edges. Light browning, light soiling to exterior, minor stains and smudges to a few leaves. \$850.

* Written in verse, this is a satirical review of the justice system and the legal profession from the viewpoint of a litigant. A second edition was published in 1626. Both editions are rare. OCLC locates 1 copy in North America, at Harvard Law School, which has a second edition. Not in the *British Museum Catalogue*. [Order This Item](#)



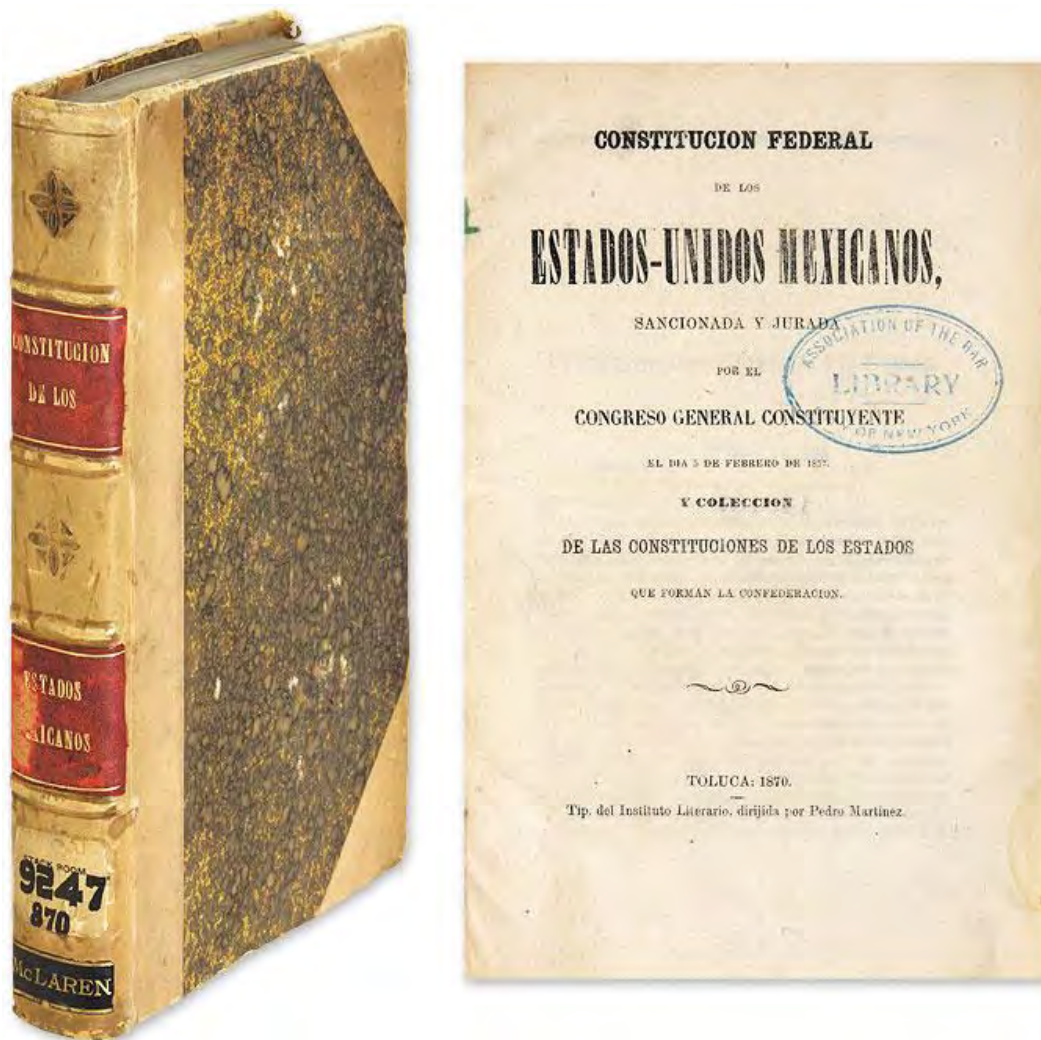
Mexico's Short-Lived Second Commercial Code

19. [Mexico].

Código de Comercio de los Estados Unidos Mexicanos, Expedido en Virtud de la Autorización Concedida al Ejecutivo por Decreto de 15 de Diciembre de 1883. Mexico City: Tipografía de Gonzalo A. Esteva, 1884. 421, 10 pp. Octavo (9" x 6").

Recent cloth, printed paper title label to spine. Moderate toning to text, internally clean. Ex-library. Small inkstamp to title page. \$350.

* Second printing. Written in 1883 and promulgated on April 20, 1884, "[this code] was divided into six books, with a total of 1,619 articles. It included maritime commerce and special commercial courts and procedure among matters covered (...) Unfortunately, this second code...had an ephemeral life, and its demise was foreshadowed very soon after its promulgation by frequent criticism through both official pronouncements and the press. President Porfirio Diaz issued a decree on July 4, 1888, authorizing either the total or partial revision of the 1884 Code, and for this purpose appointed a commission of three jurists and a secretary. The work was promptly undertaken and completed within the following year, being approved on September 15, 1889, as the third Commercial Code of Mexico. It was decreed to go into effect on January 1, 1890.": Clagett and Valderrama, *A Revised Guide to the Law and Legal Literature of Mexico* 129-130. [Order This Item](#)



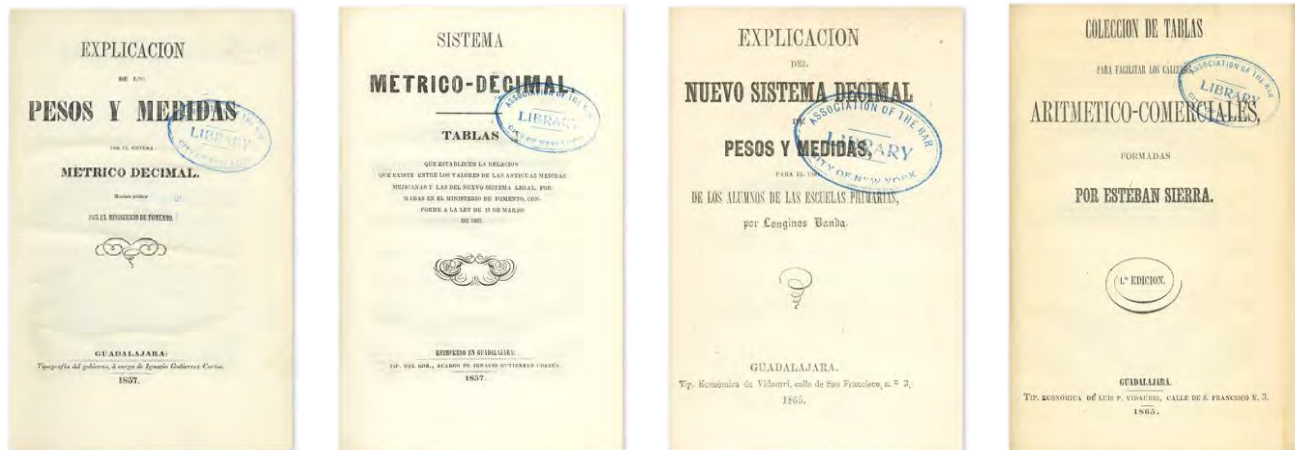
The Mexican Constitution in 1870

20. [Mexico].
[Constitution].

Constitucion Federal de los Estados Unidos Mexicanos, Sancionada y Jurada por el Congreso General Constituyente el 5 Dia de Febrero de 1857. Y Coleccion de las Constituciones de los Estados que Forman la Confederacion. Toluca: Tip. del Instituto Literario, Dirigida por Pedro Martinez, 1870. 657, [3] pp. Octavo (8-1/4" x 5-1/2").

Contemporary three-quarter calf over marbled boards, raised bands, lettering pieces, blind ornaments and early owner label to spine. Moderate rubbing to extremities with some wear to spine ends and corners, small scuff to rear board. Moderate toning to text, internally clean. Ex-library. Location label to spine, small inkstamp to title page. A nice copy. \$250.

* Only edition. Mexico's 1857 constitution remained in force until 1917. It received its first amendment in 1873 and numerous amendments and additions until its repeal, which is why annotated editions from are helpful. OCLC locates 8 copies in North American law libraries. See Clagett and Valderrama, *A Revised Guide to the Law & Legal Literature of Mexico* 9-10. [Order This Item](#)



Mexico Adopts Decimal Coinage

21. [Mexico].
[Currency].
[Weights and Measures].
Ministerio de Fomento.

Explicacion de los Pesos y Medidas por el Sistema Metrico Decimal. Guadalajara: Tipografia del Gobierno, A Cargo de Ignacio Gutierrez Cortes, 1857. 53 pp. Quarto (8-1/2" x 5-3/4").

[Bound with]

Sistema Metrico-Decimal: Tablas que Establecen la Relacion que Existe Entre los Valores de las Antiguas Medidas Mejicanas y las del Nuevo Sistema Legal, Formadas en el Ministerio de Fomento, Conforme a la ley de 15 Marzo de 1857. Guadalajara: Tip. del Gob., A Cargo de Ignacio Gutierrez Cortes, 1857. xx, 40, [1] pp. Quarto (8-1/2" x 5-3/4").

[And]

Banda, Longinos.

Explicacion del Nueva Sistema Decimal de Pesos y Medidas. Guadalajara: Tip. Economica de Vidaurri, 1865. 14 pp. 12mo. (6" x 3-1/2").

[And]

Sierra, Esteban.

Coleccion de Tablas para Facilitar los Calculos Aritmetico-Comerciales. Guadalajara: Tip. Economica de Luis P. Vidaurri, 1865. 43 ff. Folding table. Quarto (8-1/2" x 5-3/4").

Pamphlets bound into later quarter reversed calf over paper-covered boards. Typewritten title label and owner label to spine. Light rubbing to extremities, some soiling to boards, corners bumped. Light browning, early notes in pencil to a few leaves, early owner stamp to front free endpaper. Ex-library. Location label to spine, stamps to title pages, annotations to their versos. Attractive copies of four rare titles. \$500.

* Only edition. Mexico devised a system of decimal coinage in 1857 and began to introduce decimal-denominated currency during the 1860s. This was a gradual process that was not completed until 1897. The four pamphlets in this volume relate to legal, commercial and practical aspects of that transition. No copies of any title in this volume listed on OCLC. [Order This Item](#)



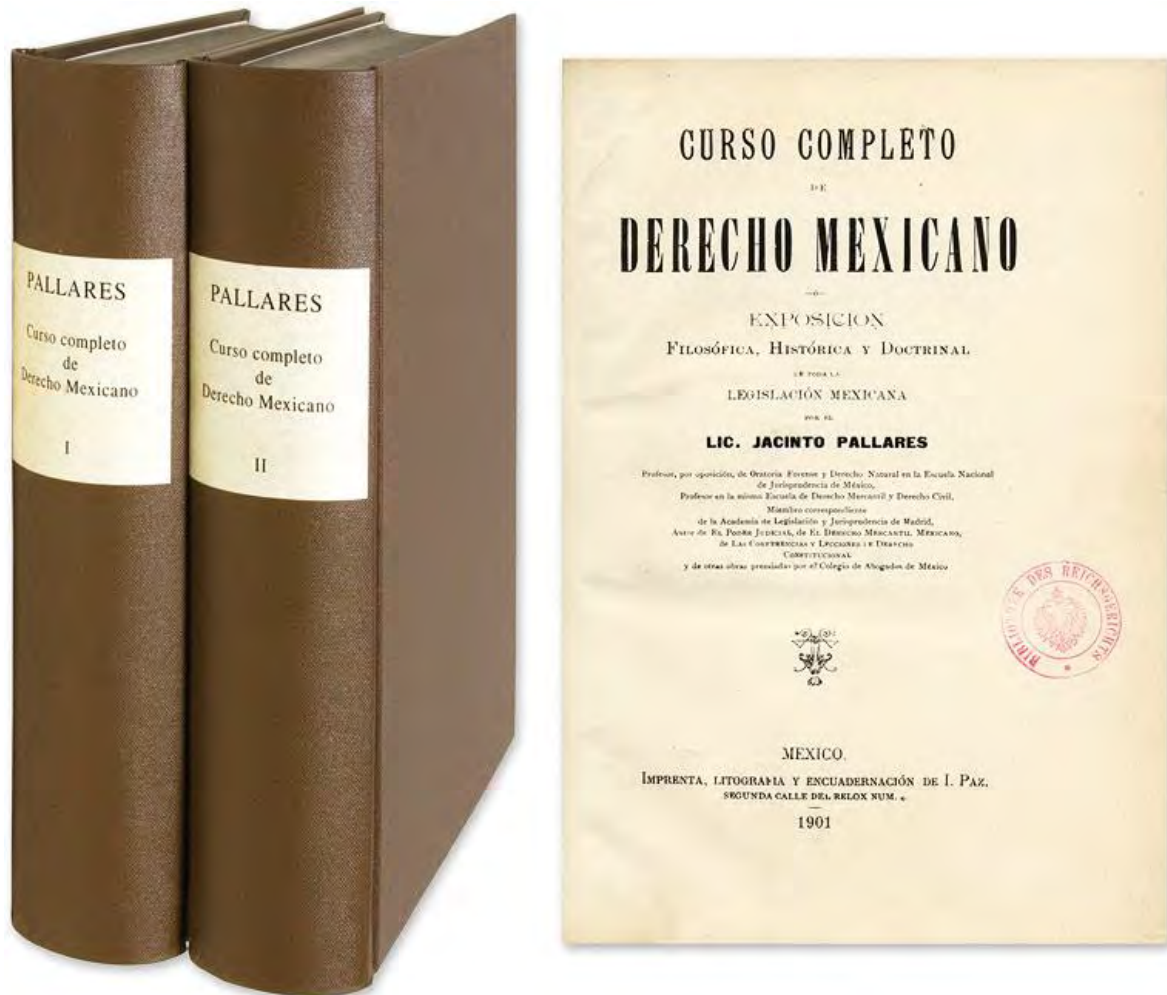
**A Notable Civil-War General
Attempts to Build a Railroad in Mexico**

**22. [Mexico].
[Railroads].**

Decreto Original y Alteraciones al Mismo de la Concesion del Ferrocarril y Telegrafo de Tuxpan. Mexico: Tip. de la v. e Hijos de Marguia, 1872. 33, [1] pp. Octavo (10-1/2" x 7").

Stab-stitched pamphlet in original printed wrappers. Covers darkened, light soiling and minor edgewear, small ink spot on front wrapper. Light browning, some chipping and foxing, creasing to corners of most leaves. Contemporary annotations to several leaves and two sheets of laid-in notes in Spanish and English. Rare. \$500.

* Text of the original concession, issued to Antonio D. Richards, Santiago Smith, and Jose Brennan, facing the altered concession issued to General W. S. Rosecrans. "In 1868 President Johnson appointed Rosecrans to be Minister to Mexico. Five months later, President Grant terminated the appointment. His brief diplomatic career convinced him that a prosperous Mexico would need peace, immigration, and railways, and he applied for a concession to build a narrow-gauge railway and telegraph line from Tampico to the Coast. The record of toil and travel, scheming, waiting on rich men and politicians, and of the final collapse of his Mexican dreams, forms a wearying chapter of the frustrating years from 1869 through 1873. Yet he was almost the first, and perhaps the most important, in a long line of Yankee railroad promoters in Mexico.": Lamers, *The Edge of Glory: A Biography of General William S. Rosecrans, U.S.A.* No copies located on OCLC. One copy located in the Biblioteca Nacional de Mexico. [Order This Item](#)



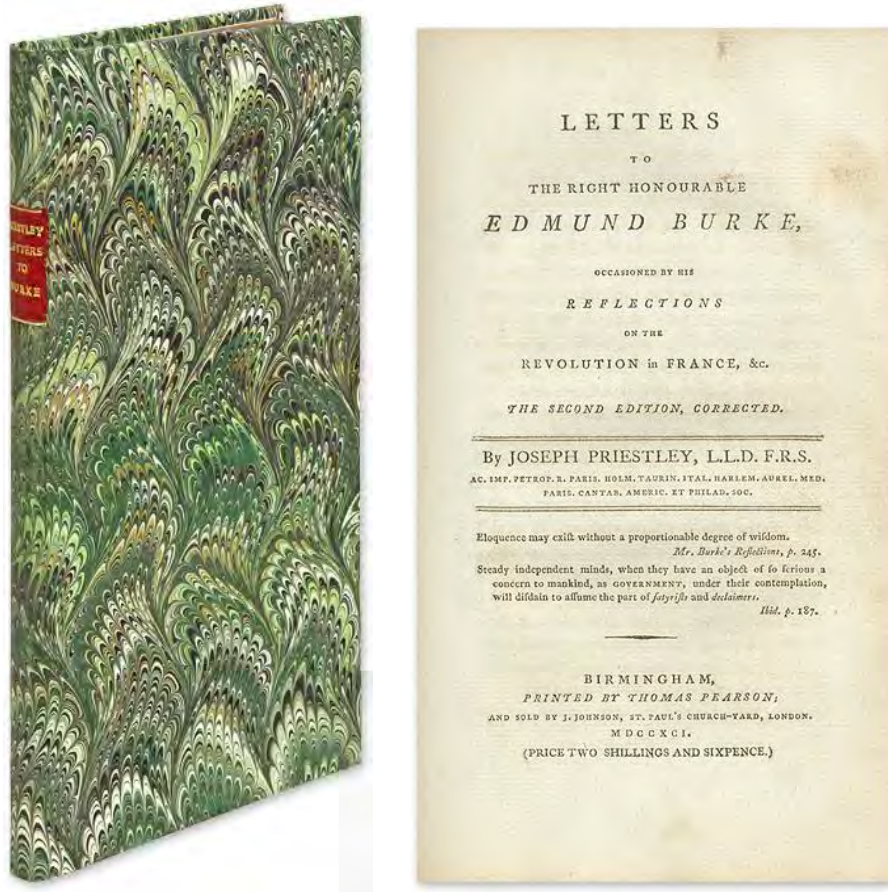
A Valuable Reference on Mexican Law

23. Pallares, Jacinto [1845-1904].

Curso Completo de Derecho Mexicano o Exposicion Filosofica, Historica y Doctrinal de Toda la Legislacion Mexicana. Mexico [City]: Imprenta, Litografia y Encuadernacion de I. Paz, 1901. Two volumes. Octavo (9" x 6-1/2").

Recent cloth, printed paper spine labels. Light toning to text, internally clean. Ex-library. Small inkstamps to title pages. \$850.

* First edition. Clagett and Valderrama say this is the best book on the subject. "[The] author has given a comprehensive, thorough, and extremely scholarly treatment to the entire field of Mexican law. Approaching his coverage first with a historical survey, Pallares discusses the heritage of Mexican legal thought from the mother country, the evolution of national institutions and law from the commencement of independent life, and then follows up in great detail on the codified and statutory fields in separate chapters. Doctrinal discussion of subjects of legal philosophy and jurisprudence has enhanced the academic nature of this work as a reference source." A second edition was published in 1904. OCLC locates 9 copies of the first edition and 6 of the second in North American law Libraries. Clagett and Valderrama, *A Revised Legal Guide to the Law & Legal Literature of Mexico* 372. [Order This Item](#)



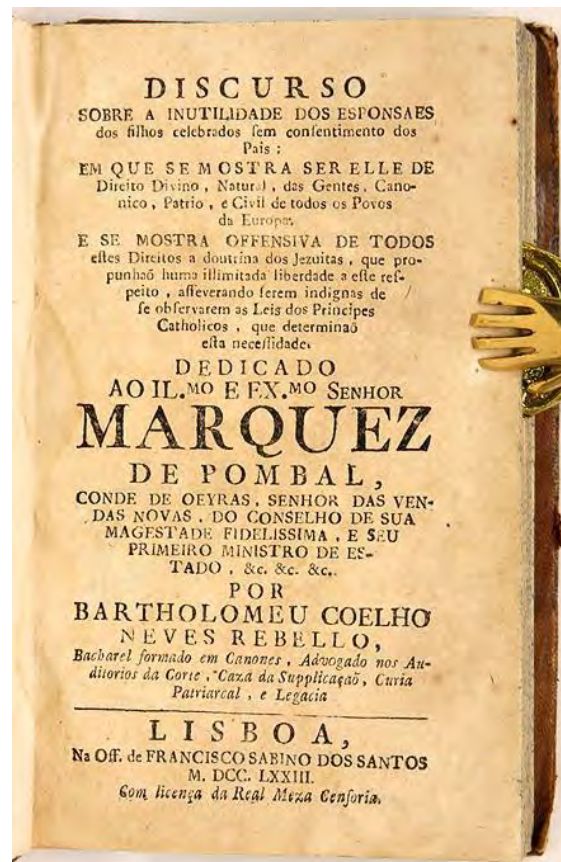
Priestley Welcomes the French Revolution

24. Priestley, Joseph [1733-1804].

Letters to the Right Honourable Edmund Burke, Occasioned by His Reflections on the Revolution in France, &c. Birmingham: Printed by Thomas Pearson; And Sold by J. Johnson, St. Paul's Church-Yard, London, 1791. xiii, [3], 155, [1] pp. With a one-page catalogue of Priestley's writings. Octavo (8-1/4" x 5").

Recent marbled boards, calf lettering piece to spine, endpapers renewed. Some toning to text, light foxing to a few leaves, light soiling to tile page, tick marks in early hand in a few places. \$250.

* Second edition, published the same year as the first. Priestley's *Letters* criticized Burke's condemnation of the French Revolution. His enthusiasm for the Revolution "convinced many people that he was a revolutionary, bent on destruction of church and crown. Untrue though these suspicions were they encouraged members of the Birmingham establishment to acquiesce, at least, in those acts of mob violence variously known as the Birmingham, church and king, or Priestley riots of 1791. The immediate excuse for the riots was a dinner in celebration of Bastille day, held by the Constitutional Society of Birmingham, a dinner which Priestley did not attend though he had assisted in the organization of the society. (...) Damage was extensive: Old and New Meeting houses and seven residences were destroyed, other houses were wrecked. Priestley's house, his library, laboratory, and papers were ruined and his life was saved only because he had fled. English authorities generally approved of the riots, but they were denounced by many persons and organizations in England, Europe, and the United States and remain a blot on the history of British toleration" (*DNC*). Three editions of this pamphlet were published in Birmingham, all in 1791. There were two other issues, again in 1791, one published in Dublin, the other in New York. *Dictionary of National Biography* XVI:363. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T38568. [Order This Item](#)



**Betrothals Are Illicit Without
Parental Consent, Whatever the Jesuits Say**

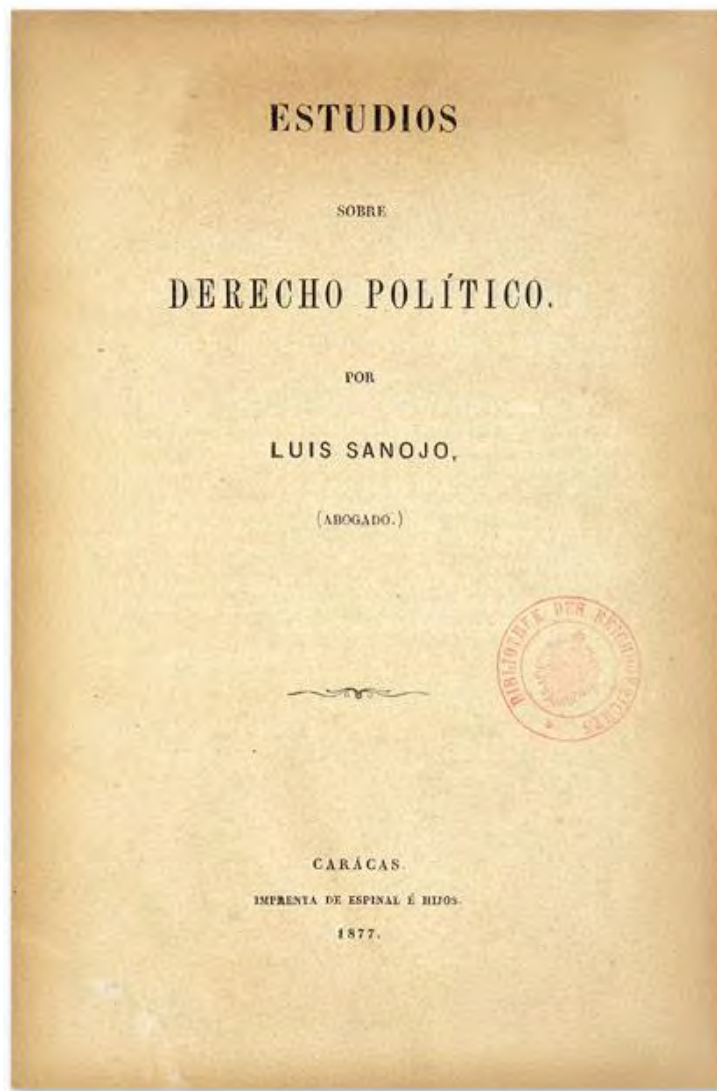
25. Rebello, Bartholomeu Coelho Neves.

Discurso Sobre a Inutilidade dos Esponsaes dos Filhos Celebrados sem consentimento dos Pais; Em que se Mostra ser elle de Direito Divino, Natural, das Gentes, Canonico, Patrio, E Civil de Todos os Povos da Europa. E se Mostra Offensiva de Todos Estes Direitos a Doutrina dos Jezuitas, que Propunhao Huma Illimitada Liberdade a Este Respeito, Asseverando Serem Indignas de se Observarem as Leis dos Principes Catholicos, Que Determinao Esta Necessidade. Dedicado ao Ilmo. E Exmo. Senhor Marquez de Pombal, Conde de Oeyras, Senhor das Vendas Novas, do Conselho de Sua Magestade Fidelissima, E Seu Primeiro Ministro de Estado, &c. &c. &c. Lisbon: Off. do Francisco Sabino dos Santos, 1773. [x], xvii, [1], 231, [1] pp. Half-title lacking. Octavo (6-1/4" x 3-3/4").

Contemporary mottled sheep, blind fillets and gilt-stamped title to spine, speckled edges. Moderate rubbing to extremities, a few light scuffs to boards, spine abraded with wear to ends, front joint partially cracked. Moderate toning to text, somewhat heavier in places, faint dampstaining to a few leaves. \$1,250.

* Only edition. Rebello argues that betrothals are not legal without parental consent. In the dedication to the Marquês de Pombal and the Proemio, the author refers to the "relaxada Moral Jezuitica" and notes that allowing disobedience to parents in matters such as betrothals (which Jesuits such as Sanches and Molina advised) might well also encourage disobedience to the king. As a magistrate, Rebello had been involved in several cases of such illicit betrothals. He reviews the writings of Church Fathers, papal bulls, and Councils on this matter, and on pp. 170-218, reviews the laws in Spain, France, Germany, Prussia, Holland and Italy. Porbase contains a record with an incorrect publication date of 1755. OCLC locates 3 copies, 2 in North America (Newberry Library, UC-Berkeley Law School). Not in Ferreira-Ibarra.

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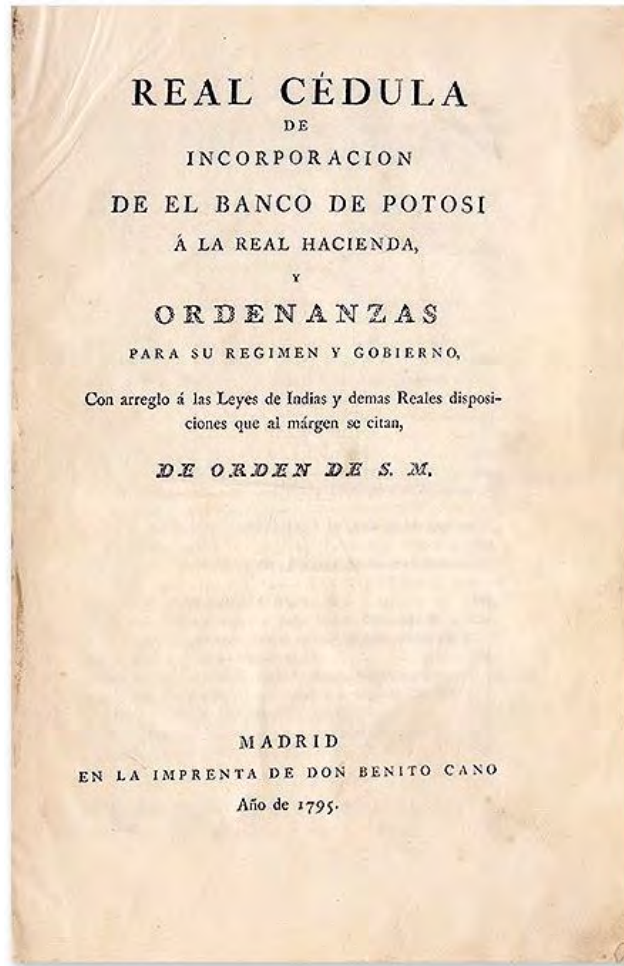
Rare Work by an Important Venezuelan Jurist

26. Sanojo, Luis [1819-1878].

Estudios Sobre Derecho Político. Caracas: Imprenta de Espinal e Hijos, 1877. xii, 314 pp. Quarto (8-1/2" x 6").

Contemporary pebbled cloth, blind frames to boards, gilt title and ornaments to spine. Some rubbing to extremities with minor wear to spine ends, corners bumped and somewhat worn, small tear to front free endpaper, early repair to bottom edge of half-title. Browning to text, internally clean. Ex-library, Location label to spine, small inkstamp to title page. A nice copy of a rare title. \$500.

* Only edition. Sanojo was the leading Venezuelan jurist and legal writer of his day and an important statesman. He played a leading role in the creation of Venezuela's Civil, Commercial and Civil Procedure Codes. *Estudios Sobre Derecho Político* is an essay on political science. OCLC locates 7 copies worldwide, 3 in North American law libraries (Library of Congress, UC-Berkeley, University of Michigan). [Order This Item](#)



King Carlos IV Organizes Spain's Lucrative Silver Mines of Potosí

27. [Spain].

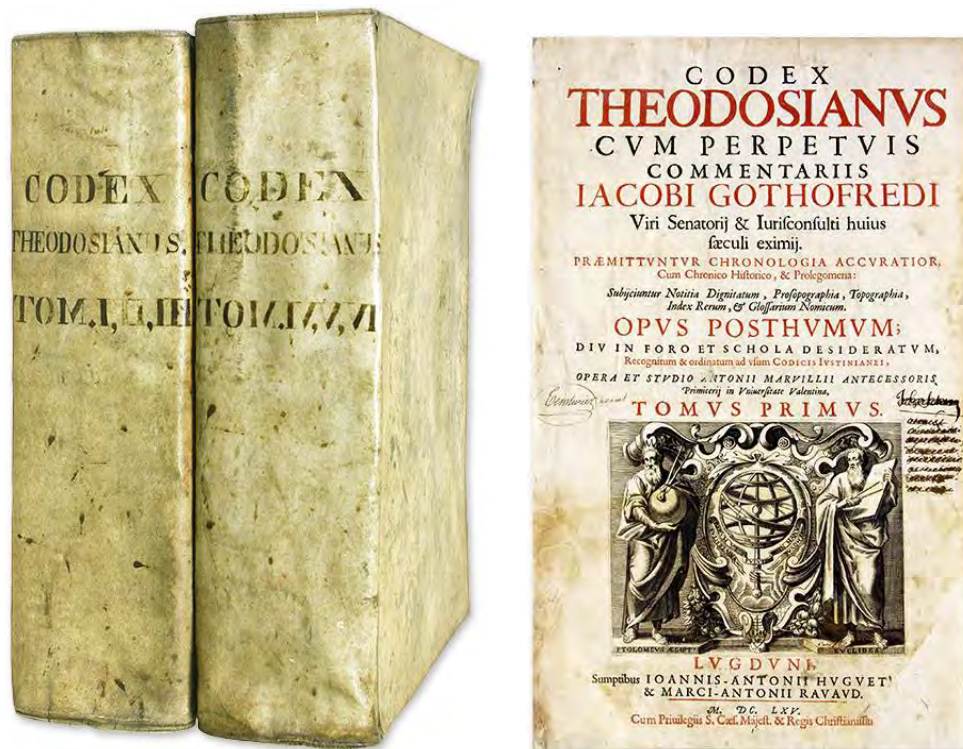
[Bolivia].

Real Banco de San Cárlos de Potosí.

Real Cédula de Incorporacion de el Banco de Potosí á la Real Hacienda y Ordenanzas Para su Regimen y Gobierno: Con Arreglo á las Leyes de Indias y Demas Reales Disposiciones que al Márgen se Citan: De Orden de S.M. Madrid: En la Imprenta de Don Benito Cano, 1795. [xii], 67, [107] pp. Final 107 un-numbered pages are charts and tables, 4 folding. Folio (11-3/4" x 8").

Contemporary tree sheep, gilt fillets to boards, gilt fillets to spine, recased, endpapers renewed. Moderate rubbing to extremities with some loss to gilding, spine abraded, corners bumped and lightly worn. Light toning to text, somewhat heavier in places, faint dampstaining to preliminaries and a few other leaves, light edgewear to one of the folding tables. A handsome copy \$2,500.

* Only edition. The Bank of Potosí was organized to manage the network of mines in Potosí, a mountain in present-day Bolivia. Worked by a brutally exploited force of indigenous workers, later supplemented by African slaves, these mines were one of the greatest sources of Spain's wealth for nearly 200 years. The *Real Cédula de Incorporacion* prints the certificate of incorporation granted by King Carlos IV and the charter outlining the bank's purpose, organization and regulation. OCLC locates 12 copies in North America, 1 in a law library (Library of Congress). Sabin, *A Dictionary of Books Relating to America* 68224. [Order This Item](#)



The Important Godefroy Edition of the Theodosian Code

28. Theodosius II [408-450 CE], Emperor of the East.

Godefroy, Jacques [1587-1652], Editor.

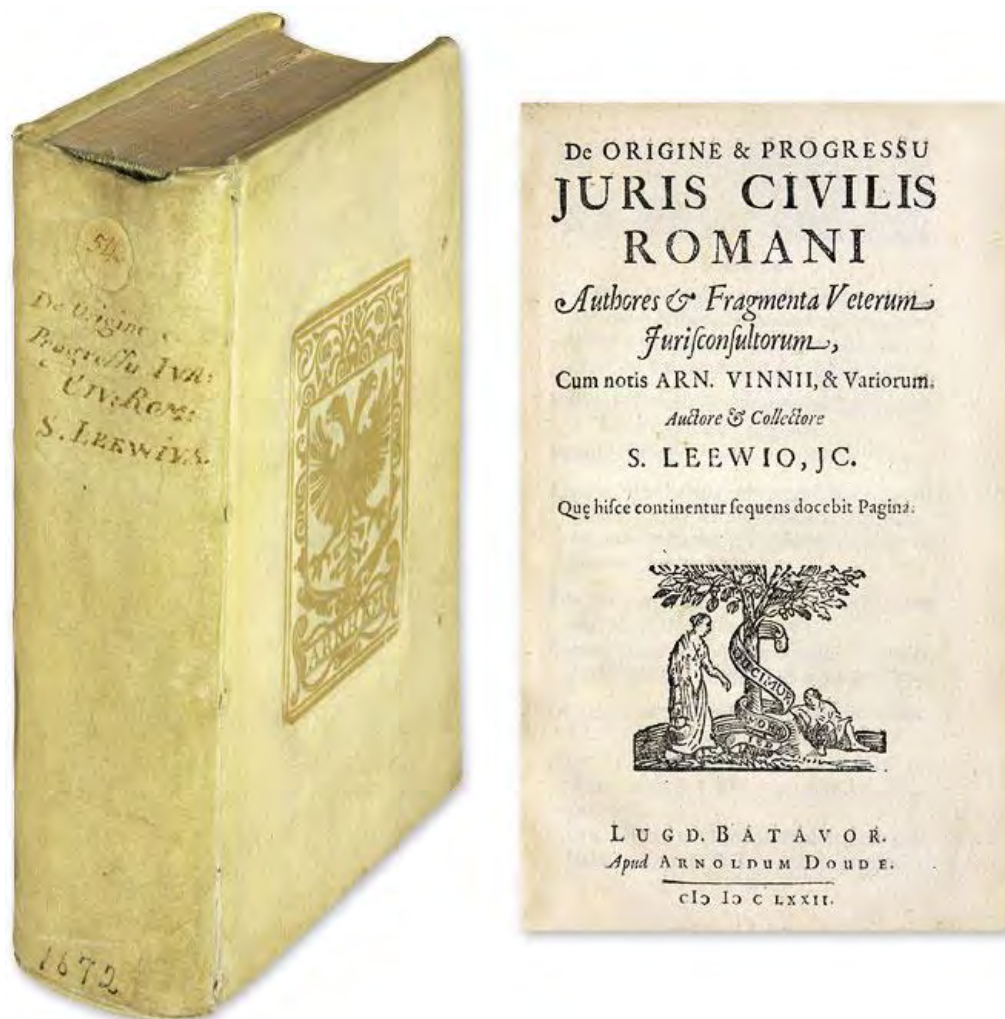
Marville, Antoine [1609-1663], Editor.

Codex Theodosianus: Cum Perpetuis Commentariis Iacobi Gothofredi. Praemittuntur Chronologia Accuratio, Cum Chronico Historico, & Prolegomena: Subjiiciuntur Notitia Dignitatum, Prosopographia, Topographia, Index Rerum, & Glossarium Nomicum. Opus Posthumum; Div in Foro et Schola Desideratum, Recognitum & Ordinatum ad Usum Codicis Iustinianei, opera et Studio Antonii Marvillii Antecessoris.
Lyon: Sumptibus Ioannis-Antonii Huguetau, & Marci-Antonii Rauaud, 1665. Six volumes bound in two books. Main text in parallel columns. Folio (14-1/4" x 9").

Contemporary vellum, early hand-lettered titles to spines, edges colored green. Moderate rubbing and soiling, spine ends bumped, corners bumped and somewhat worn, vellum just beginning to crack through pastedowns, some edgewear to endleaves, lower portion of Volume I half-title and lower corner of title page restored (text not affected). Title pages printed red and black, woodcut head-pieces and decorated initials. Light to moderate toning, occasional foxing, faint dampstaining in places. A few early annotations and signatures to title pages of Volume I and IV, interiors otherwise clean. A desirable set. \$3,000.

* First edition. The Theodosian Code is an official compilation of all laws enacted since the reign of Constantine that was commissioned by Emperor Theodosius II in 429 CE. Completed in 438 CE, and ratified that year by the senate, it was the standard legal text of the empire, one that superseded all earlier codes. It would later exert enormous influence on the barbarians who assumed control of the Western Empire. The Visigoths, Ostrogoths, Franks, Lombards and Burgundians used it as the basis for their legal codes. Godefroy's edition, which includes extensive commentary, was the first modern edition of the *Codex*. It remains a masterpiece of scholarship and erudition. This edition also contains additional notes by Antoine Marville. Graesse, *Tresor de Livres Rares et Precieux* 209. *British Museum Catalogue* (Compact Edition) 21:980.

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Two Great Jurists Analyze Excerpts from the *Corpus Juris Civilis*

29. Van Leeuwen, Simon [1626-1682].

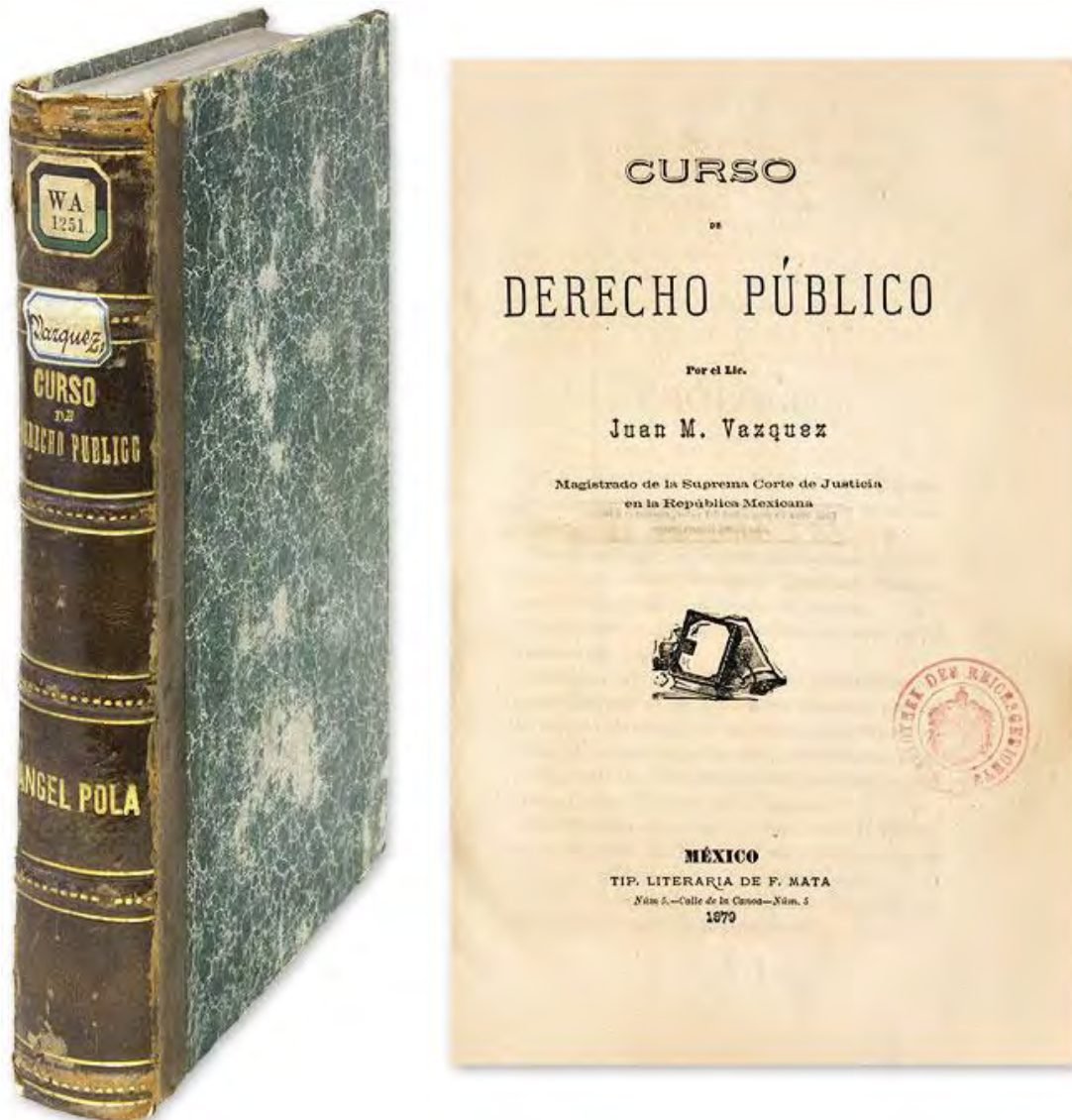
Vinnius, Arnoldus [1588-1657].

De Origine & Progressu Juris Civilis Romani, Auctores & Fragmenta Veterum Jurisconsultorum, Cum Notis Arn. Vinnii, & Variorum. Que Hisce Continentur Sequens Docebit Pagina. Leiden: Apud Arnoldum Doude, 1672. [xvii], 850, [10] pp. Main title page preceded by copperplate pictorial title page. Octavo (6-1/2" x 4-1/4").

Contemporary vellum, early hand-lettered title to spine, large gilt arms of Arnhem to boards. Light soiling, chip to head of spine, upper corners bumped and somewhat worn, front endleaves lacking. Light toning to text, internally clean. Ex-library. Bookplate to front pastedown, stamps to top edge, bottom edge and rear endleaves. A nice copy. \$500.

* Second edition. Two of the greatest Dutch jurists of their day, Van Leeuwen and Vinnius were perhaps the most widely read Dutch jurists during the late-seventeenth and eighteenth century. *De Origine* is a collection of annotated excerpts from the *Corpus Juris Civilis* and essays. The first essay, "De Origine Juris" is by Vinnius. Van Leeuwen compiled the excerpts and wrote two of the essay. Both authors provide annotations and cite additional annotations from other authors. It was first published in 1671, its third and final edition in 1762. Dekkers, *Bibliotheca Belgica Juridica* 99 (12).

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Scarce 1879 Textbook on Mexican Public Law

30. Vazquez, Juan M.

Curso de Derecho Publico. Mexico City: Tip. Literaria De F. Mata, 1879. 596 pp. Octavo (8-1/2" x 5-1/2").

Contemporary quarter calf over marbled boards, raised bands and gilt title to spine. Moderate rubbing to boards and extremities with some wear to spine ends and corners, hinges cracked. Light toning to text, internally clean. Ex-library. Shelf labels to spine, small inkstamp to title page. \$250.

* Only edition. An excellent summary of the law as it stood in 1879, this is textbook on public, administrative and constitutional law. Mata was a judge of the Mexican Supreme Court. OCLC locates 7 copies in North American law libraries (Harvard, Library of Congress, Los Angeles County, Louisiana State, Stanford, Tulane, University of Minnesota).

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