

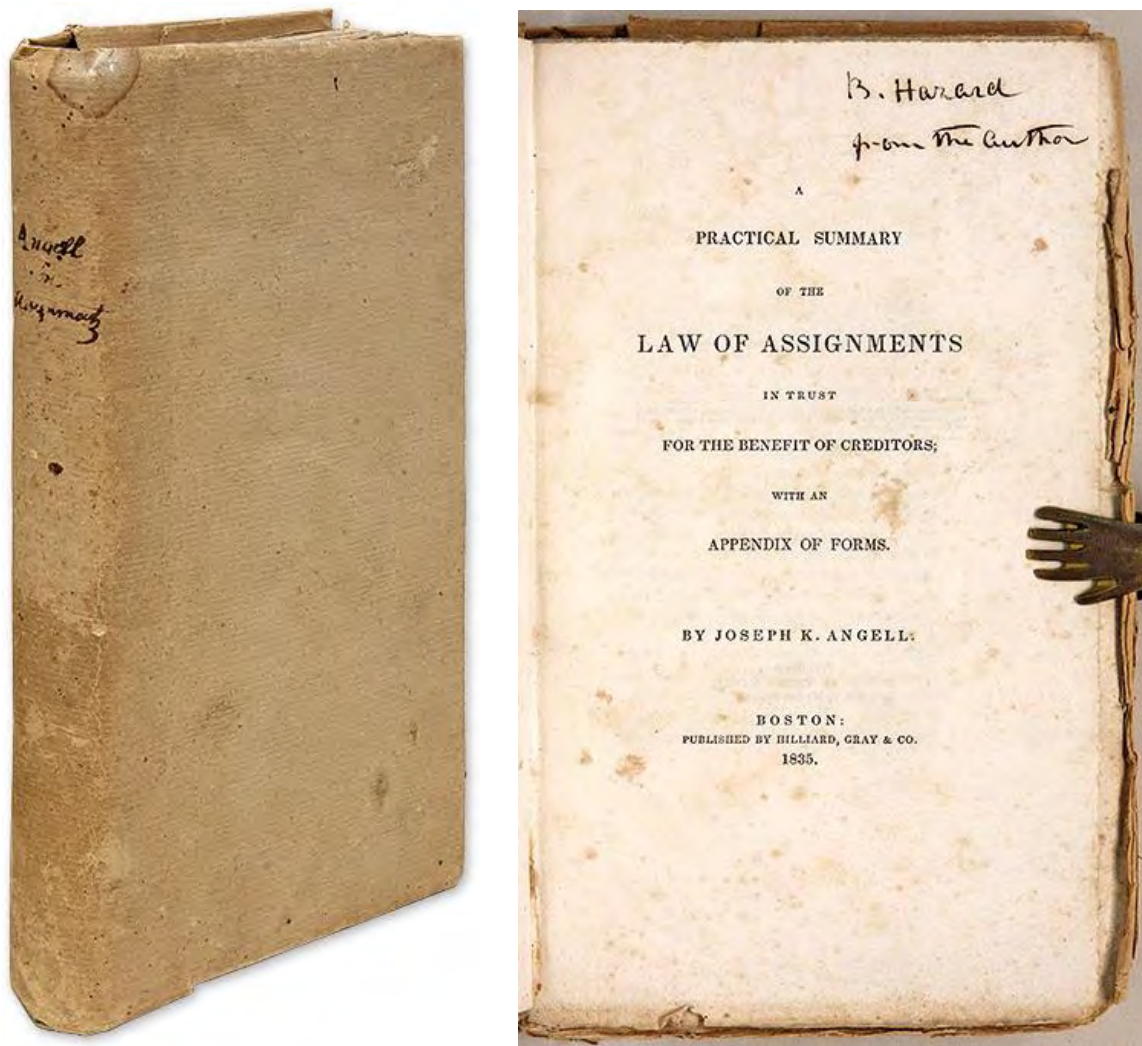
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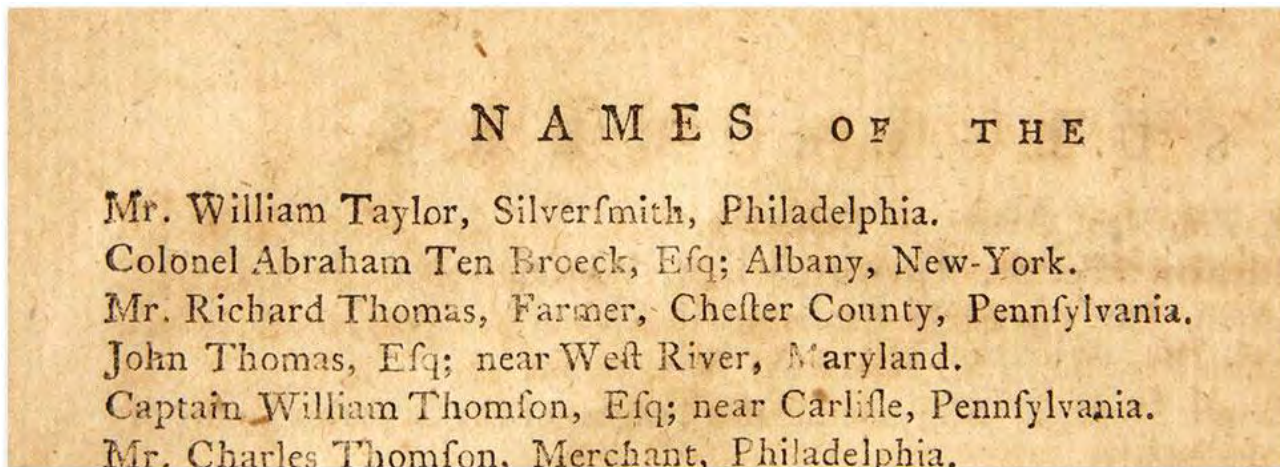
**A Remarkably Well-Preserved Copy of an Early American Treatise on Creditors in Original Publisher's Boards**

**1. Angell, Joseph K. [1794-1857].**

*A Practical Summary of the Law of Assignments in Trust for the Benefit of Creditors.* Boston: Hilliard, Gray & Co., 1835. xxii, [2], 226 pp. Octavo (8" x 4-3/4").

Original publisher paper-wrapped boards, early hand-lettered title to spine, untrimmed edges. Light soiling and rubbing, small stain near head of spine. Moderate toning and faint spotting to text, "B. Hazard/ from the Author" to head of title page. A remarkably well preserved copy. \$750.

\* Only edition. Angell, a graduate of Brown and the Litchfield Law School, was one of America's first significant legal writers. A prolific author, he published treatises on the law of corporations, watercourses and other topics, most relating to commercial law. His works were esteemed highly; several were required reading at Harvard Law School. "Ben Hazard" is probably Benjamin Hazard [1774-1841], a Rhode Island attorney, legislator and member of the Hartford Convention. This is a scarce title. OCLC locates 1 copy (at the British Library). We located additional copies at Harvard Law School, the Library of Congress, the New York Public Library and Yale Law School. Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 2568. [Order This Item](#)



**A Subscriber's Copy of the First American Edition  
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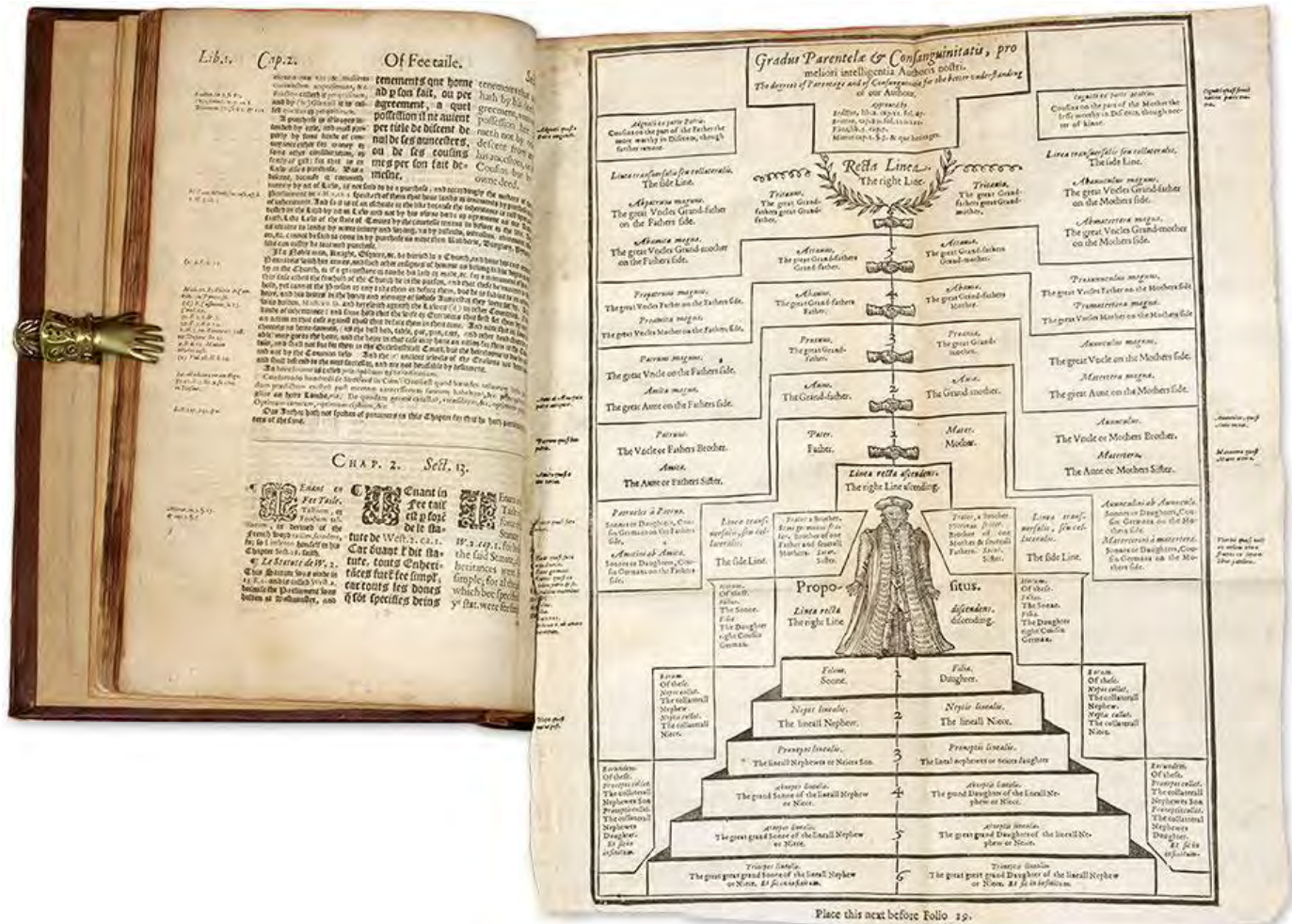
**2. Blackstone, William [1723-1780].**

*Commentaries on the Laws of England. In Four Books. Re-Printed From the British Copy, Page for Page with the Last Edition.* America [Philadelphia]: Robert Bell, 1771-1772. Four volumes. Copperplate Table Of Consanguinity and folding Table of Descents in Volume II. 22-page subscriber list in Volume IV, which lists the owner of this set, "Mr. Richard Thomas, "Farmer, Chester County, Pennsylvania," who signed the heads of the title pages. Publisher advertisements in Volume I, 2 leaves before title page and in Volume III at p. 456. Volume III includes the publisher's rare octavo broadside prospectus "To the Encouragers of Literature" tipped-in to leaf preceding title page announcing publication of *An Interesting Appendix to the Commentaries*; Volume IV lacks the advertisement leaf mounted on fly leaf preceding title page, which is often not present. Octavo (9" x 5-3/4").

Contemporary sheep, raised bands, lettering pieces, blind-stamped volume numbers and (at foot) hand-lettered later owner name to spines. Moderate rubbing and scuffing to boards, heavier rubbing to extremities, some cracking and flaking to spines, boards beginning to separate. Moderate toning, light foxing in a few places in each volume, sections torn from two leaves in Volume I (pp. 181-184) replaced with carefully joined facsimiles, minor careful paper repair to folding table (Volume II) near stub, which has some edgewear. Thomas's signature and later owner signature, Thomas Finletter, 1904, to head of each title page, other signatures of Thomas, Finletter and Richard Thomas, junior to preliminaries. Set housed in two lightly rubbed quarter-morocco clamshell cases, raised bands and gilt titles to spines. A desirable subscriber's copy in its original binding. \$12,500.

\* First American edition, first issue. Blackstone's *Commentaries*, a synoptic review of the English legal system, is the most influential publication in the history of modern Anglo-American law. It was especially popular in America, where it was the standard introductory legal textbook into the late nineteenth century and was the primary, or only, book studied by hundreds of self-taught lawyers, such as Abraham Lincoln. The first multi-volume book printed in America, Bell's edition, a reprint of the fourth London edition, 1770, is a landmark in the history of American publishing. Our set contains the tipped-in advertisement leaf for *An Interesting Appendix* often missing in copies of this set. Volume IV also includes a 22-page subscriber list of 839 men, who ordered 1,557 sets. This impressive group included John Adams, John Jay, John Dickinson, several colonial governors and many other leaders of colonial America. Sixteen of these were signers of the Declaration of Independence who went on to serve as members of the Continental Congress. Eller, *The William Blackstone Collection in the Yale Law Library* 80. Laeuchli, *A Bibliographical Catalogue of William Blackstone* 131.

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"Not the Name of a Lawyer Onely, But of the Law It Selfe"

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

*The First Part of the Institutes of the Lawes of England. Or, A Commentarie upon Littleton, Not the Name of a Lawyer Onely, But of the Law It Selfe.* London: Printed for the Societie of Stationers, 1628. [viii], 395, [1] ff. Folding woodcut table of consanguinity. Complete. Folio (10-3/4" x 7-3/4").

Later calf, raised bands and gilt title to spine, endpapers renewed. Some rubbing to extremities with wear to corners, joints and front hinge starting, rear hinge cracked. Title printed within woodcut architectural border. Moderate toning and faint dampstaining to text, soiling and edgewear to a few leaves at beginning and end of text, light edgewear to table. \$4,000.

\* First edition. Coke *Institutes*, which eventually comprised four volumes, is thought to be the first textbooks on the modern common law. Taken together, it is a virtual legal encyclopedia of the law as it stood in Coke's lifetime. Moreover, it "firmly established itself as the basis of the constitution of the realm" (Carter and Muir). The first *Institutes*, better known as *Coke on Littleton*, contains the text of Sir Thomas Littleton's *Tenures* with extensive commentary. It was a standard work for decades and was often used as a textbook. Carter and Muir, *Printing and the Mind of Man* 126. *English Short-Title Catalogue* S113366. [Order This Item](#)



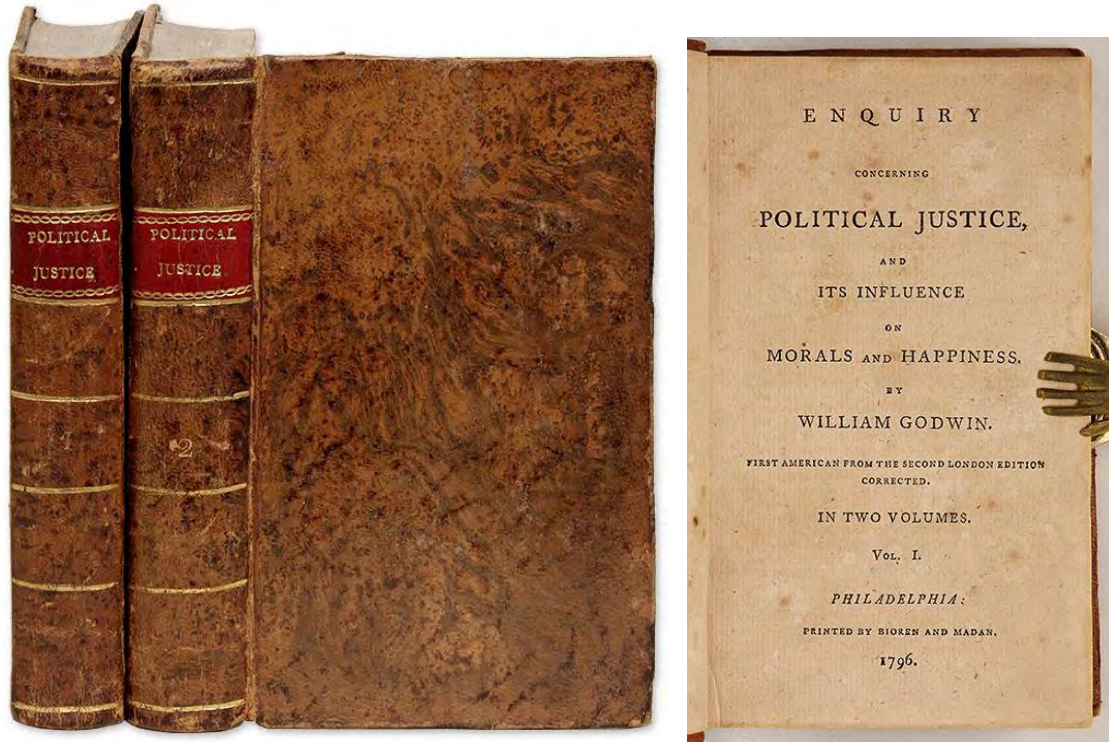
#### A Collection of Amusing Eighteenth-Century Legal Cases

##### 4. [Estienne, Robert (1723-1794), Compiler].

*Causes Amusantes et Connues*. Berlin (i.e. Paris): S.n., 1769-1770. Two volumes. Nine copperplates. Complete. 12mo. (6-1/2" x 3-3/4").

Contemporary calf with cats-paw decoration, gilt spines, marbled edges and endpapers, ribbon markers. Moderate rubbing to extremities, a few chips to spine ends, joints starting, corners bumped and moderately worn, hinges cracked. Moderate toning, somewhat heavier in places, light foxing and soiling to a few leaves in each volume. \$650.

\* First edition. Published anonymously under a false imprint, this is a collection of unusual or bizarre court cases, many with erotic and anti-clerical elements. Several re-issues and adaptations of this work appeared in the following few years. OCLC locates 3 copies of the first edition in North American law libraries (Georgetown, George Washington University, Harvard). Weller, *Die Falschen und Fingierten Druckorte* II:182. *British Museum Catalogue* 8:1031. [Order This Item](#)



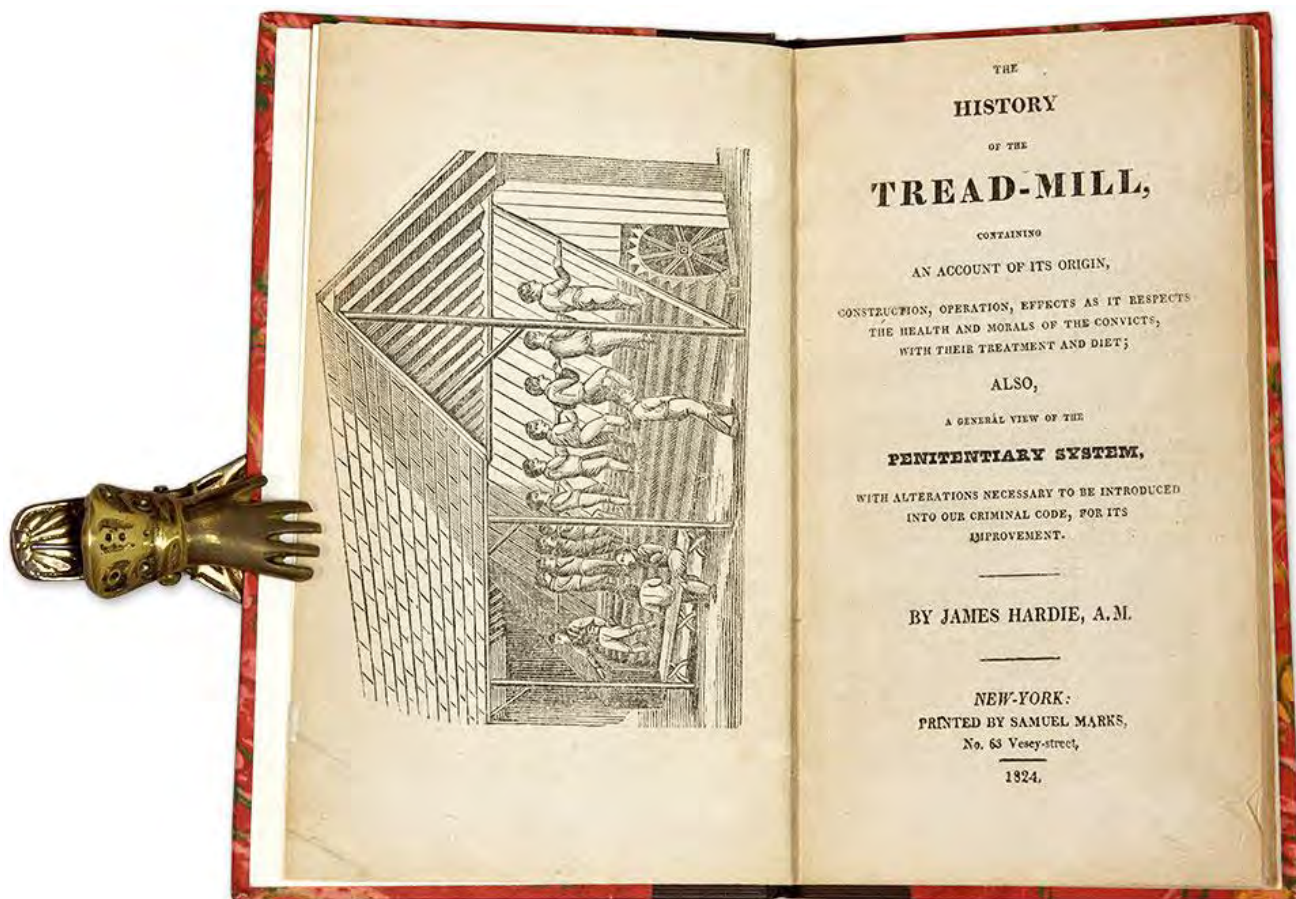
**First American Edition of a Landmark, PMM-Listed Work  
in the Development of Utilitarian, Socialist and Anarchist Doctrine**

**5. Godwin, William [1756-1836].**

*An Enquiry Concerning Political Justice, And its Influence on General Virtue and Happiness. First American edition from the second London edition corrected.* Philadelphia: Printed by Bioren and Madan, 1796. Two volumes. xvi, [21]-362; viii, 400 pp. Half-titles in each volume. 12mo. (6-1/4" x 4").

Contemporary tree sheep, lettering pieces and gilt fillets and volume numbers to spines. Moderate rubbing to extremities with some wear to spine ends and corners, a few minor nicks to spines, front hinge of Volume I starting, residue from small labels to front free endpapers, early owner signature (W.L. Warren/ Sept. 24th 1813) to half-titles. Moderate toning, light foxing in a few places, faint dampstaining to a few leaves, tiny chips to fore-edges of a few leaves of Volume I. A handsome set. \$1,750.

\* First American edition, a reprint of the second London edition, 1796. Godwin's *Enquiry* was among of the most influential English political books inspired by the French Revolution. First published in London in 1793, it was "one of the earliest, clearest, and most absolute theoretical expositions of socialist and anarchist doctrine. Godwin believed that the motives of all human doctrine were subject to reason, that reason taught benevolence, and that therefore all rational creatures could live in harmony without laws and institutions. (...) The time would come, he maintained, when every man by doing what seemed right in his own eyes, would also be doing what was best for all men, because all, through discussion, would be guided by purely rational principles."(Carter and Muir). It was an equally important landmark in the development of Utilitarian thought, and on political thinking generally. It was acquired by several corresponding societies, which increased its circulation considerably among others who could not afford to purchase the book. (Members of these societies also read it to illiterate members.) Godwin was the husband of Mary Wollstonecraft, author of *A Vindication of the Rights of Women* (1792), and father of Mary Shelley, the author of *Frankenstein* and wife of poet Percy Bysshe Shelley, a devoted follower of Godwin's political theories. Carter and Muir, *Printing and the Mind of Man* 243 (citing the London edition). Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 5765. [Order This Item](#)



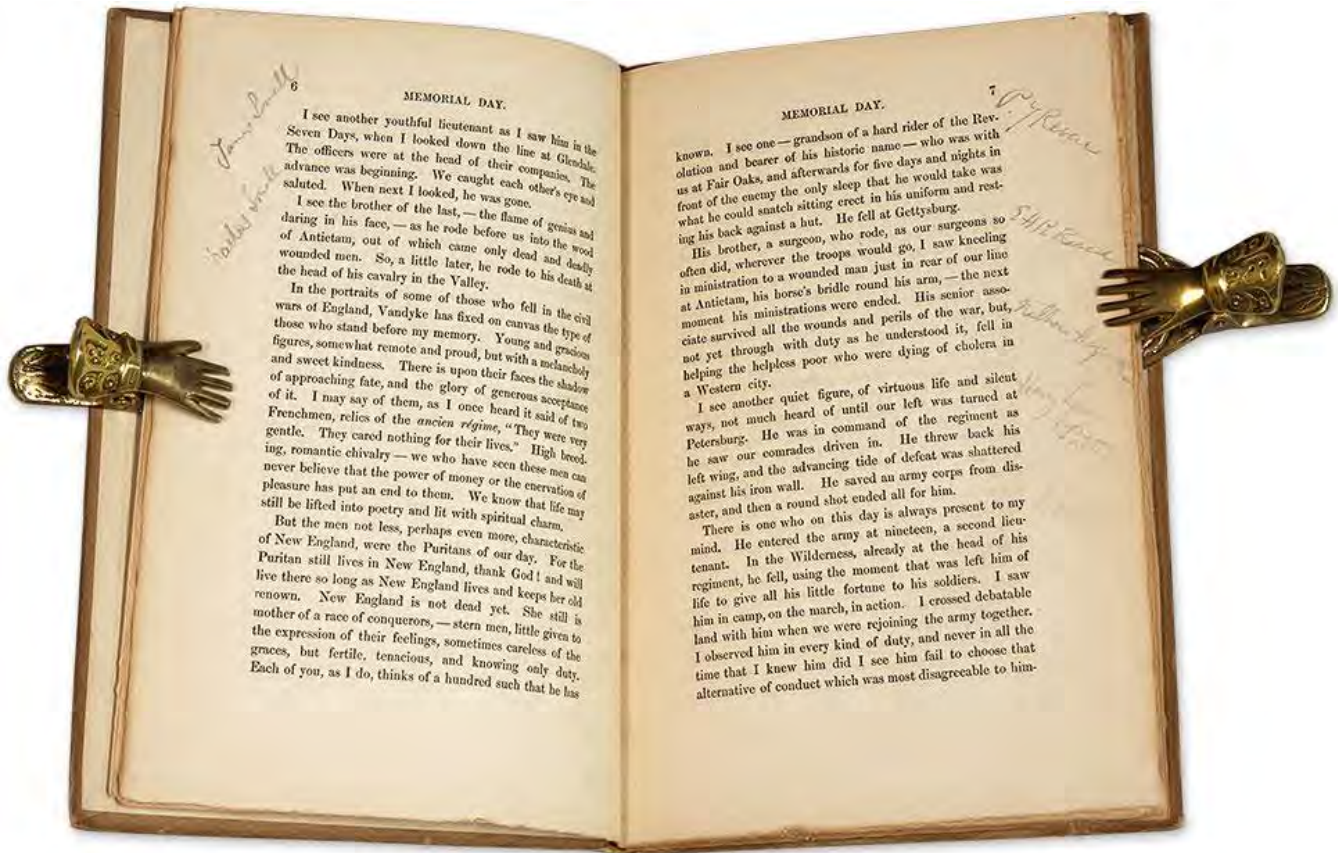
**Rare American Study of  
Prison Treadmills and Penal Reform**

**6. Hardie, James [1760?-1826?].**

*The History of the Tread-Mill, Containing an Account of Its Origin, Construction, Operation, Effects as it Respects the Health and Morals of the Convicts, With Their Treatment and Diet. Also, A General View of the Penitentiary System, With Alterations Necessary to be Introduced Into Our Criminal Code, For its Improvement.* New York: Printed by Samuel Marks, 1824. viii, [9]-70 pp. Woodcut frontispiece (of a group of convicts on a treadmill). 12mo. (7" x 4").

Recent quarter cloth over marbled boards, gilt title to spine. Light rubbing to extremities, moderate toning to text, light soiling to title page. \$1,250.

\* Only edition. A fascinating look at the origins of the treadmill and its value to American penology. Devised in England by William Cubitt in 1818, treadmills were used as a form of labor and as a more humane punishment for prison inmates. They served to prevent idleness, promote health and generate power for mills. Hardie offers valuable insights into the nature of punishment, prison overcrowding, juvenile offenders and the treatment of women (usually prostitutes) who labored on the treadmill. OCLC locates copies at the New-York Historical Society and Princeton Theological Seminary. We located additional copies at the Library of Congress, Harvard Law School and the American Antiquarian Society. Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 4309. [Order This Item](#)



**First Edition of Holmes's *Speeches* with Interesting Annotations**

**7. Holmes, Oliver Wendell [1841-1935].**

*Speeches.* Boston: Little, Brown, and Company, 1891. [v], 55 pp. Octavo (8-1/4" x 5-1/2").

Publisher's printed boards, top edge gilt, deckle fore and bottom edges. Some soiling, light rubbing to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities with light wear to corners, small nick to spine, hinges starting, moderate toning to text, contemporary notes in pencil to margins of a few leaves. \$500.

\* First edition. "These chance utterances of faith and doubt are printed for a few friends who will care to keep them." Dedication page. Includes the following speeches: "Memorial Day (May 30, 1884)," "Harvard College in the War," "The Law," "The Puritan," "The Profession of the Law," "On Receiving the Degree of Doctor of Laws," "The Use of Law Schools," "Sidney Bartlett," "Daniel S. Richardson," "The Use of Colleges" and "William Allen." The annotations appear to be in the hand of one of Holmes's army comrades. They were added to "Memorial Day," which relates some of Holmes's memories of the Civil War. The speech mentions several people, all indirectly. The annotations identify who they are. [Order This Item](#)





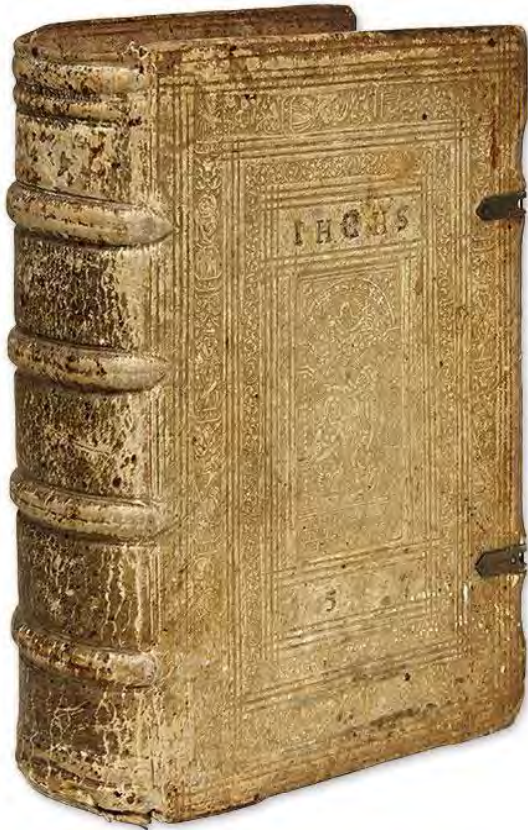
1505 Paris Edition of the *Institutes* in a Contemporary Binding

8. [Justinian I (485-565 CE), Emperor of the East].  
[Accursius (Accorso, Franciscus) (c.1182-c.1260), Glossator].  
[Chappuis, Jean, Editor].

*Institutiones Imperiales: Ordinate Glosis Textuales Divisiones Habentur. Patescit Grecum Utile cum Expositione Succincta. Universi Tituli Alphabeticis Ordine Ponuntur. Summaria Rubra Multis Adiectis Sunt Textibus Immixta. Orbibus Variis Vallata Civilis Arbor hic excarat[ur], fo. cxvij. Plurima et Textuum et Glosarum Turpis Menda Expurgatur. Tituli Continuatione Patenti Redduntur Clari. Involute Materie Nectuntur Tabula Singulari. Medulle Glosarum Omnibus in Marginibus Sunt Extracte. Versibus Rubricae Iuris Caesaris Leguntur Aperte. Multiplices bone Glose plerisque Locis Sunt Apposite.* [Paris: Per Udalicum Gering [et] Magistrum] Bertholdum Rembolt, December 5, 1505]. [xii], 117 ff. Text in parallel columns with linear gloss. First letters of the verses that follow *Institutiones Imperiales* on title page from an anagram, "opus optimum." Two-page table of descents. Folio (10" x 7").

Contemporary blind-stamped calf, raised bands to spine, clasps lacking, hasps present. Moderate rubbing and a few minor scuffs to boards, heavier rubbing to extremities, corners and spine ends worn, calf worn away from two spine bands, a few cracks to text block, signature n (ff. 97-104) detached and moderately edgeworn. Printed throughout in red and black, large criblé printer device and decorative borders to title page, criblé initials and table of descents. Moderate toning and occasional light soiling and foxing, early annotations to endleaves and title page, additional early annotations and underlining to some leaves in the text. \$5,000.

\* Commissioned by the Emperor Justinian in 530 CE, the body of writings known collectively as the *Corpus Juris Civilis* restated all existing Roman law. It has four components: the *Code*, *Novels*, *Institutes* and *Digest*. Intended for students, the *Institutes* is a synopsis of the reformed legal system. Rediscovered during the late middle ages, it became the standard textbook of Roman law. The main text of our 1501 imprint is accompanied by Accorso's great *Glossa Ordinaria* (or *Magistralis*). A Professor of Law at Bologna and a leading figure in the revival of classical jurisprudence, Accorso examined every extant note and commentary when he prepared his epochal edition of Justinian's *Institutes*, *Digest* and *Code*. This massive effort eliminated much of the obscurity and contradiction introduced by earlier writers. His editions, which superseded all previous attempts, remained definitive until the 1583 revision by Denis Godefroy. OCLC locates 14 copies, 6 in North America, 1 in a law library (Library of Congress). Adams, *A Catalogue of Books Printed on the Continent of Europe* J618. [Order This Item](#)



"The Leader of Saxon Practice"

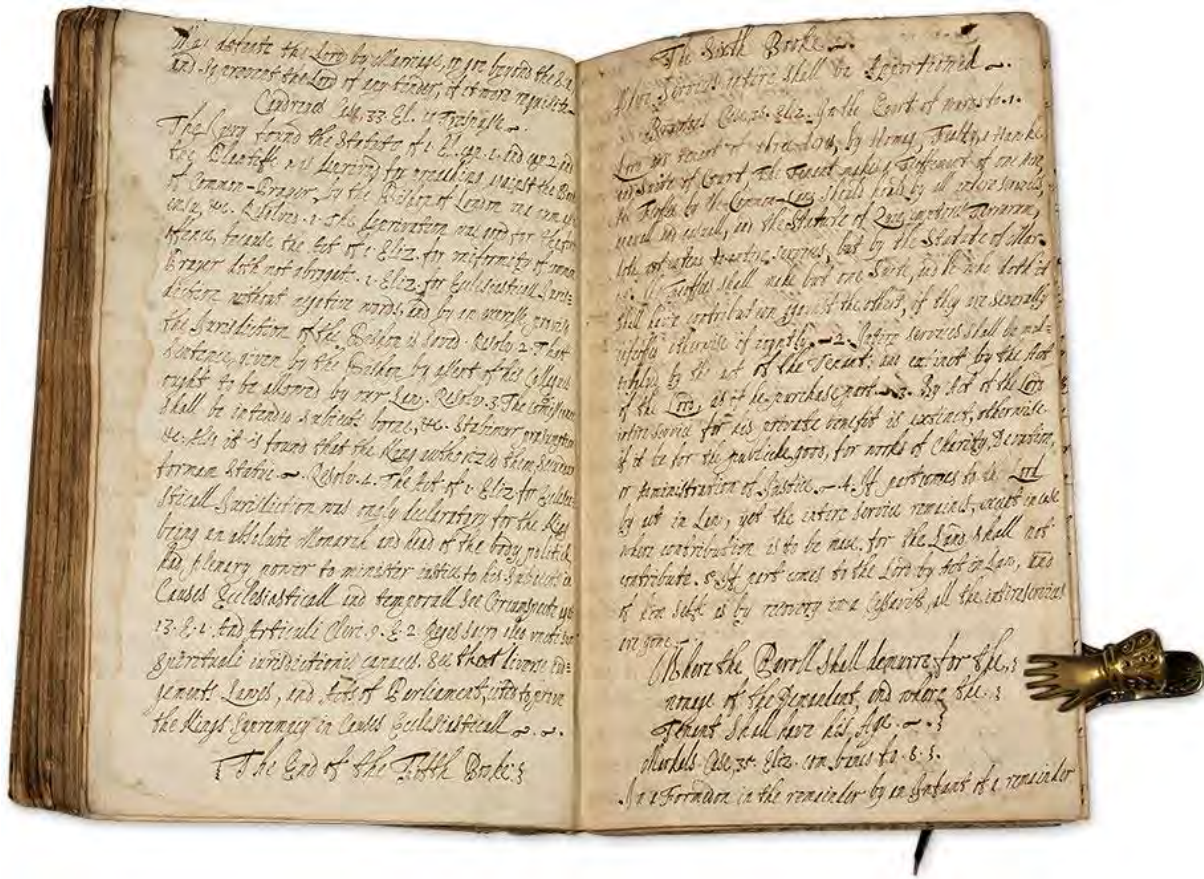
9. König, Kilian [c.1470-c.1526].

[Bocksdorf, Tammo von, Table of Consanguinity].

*Practica und Process der Gerichtsleuffte: Nach dem Brauch Sächsischer Landart, Aus den Gemeinen Bepflichten, Keyserlichen und Sechsischen Rechten. Zusammen Gezogen, Jetz und auff's New mit Viel Schönen Additionen Erkleret. Die Peenen und Straffen aller Maleficien, So im Brauch Gehalten, Darzu Gebracht. Wie man nach Sachsenrecht Erbe Zunemen Pfleget. Nothbalsgericht Zubegen, Und in Acht Zuwircken. Endlich ein Unterricht von den Verbotenen Personen und Graden, Wie man Sich in Ehesachen Halten Sol.* Leipzig: [Hans Steinman], 1588. [378] ff. Folding woodcut table of consanguinity followed by folding explanatory text leaf. Quarto (7-3/4" x 6").

Contemporary paneled pigskin (dated 1597) over beveled boards, raised bands to spine, clasps lacking (hasps present), edges rouged. Some soiling and a few minor stains, spine darkened, minor tear to head of spine, some chipping to foot, light wear to corners, hinges cracked, front free endpaper lacking, rear free endpaper partially detached, minor worming to pastedowns and upper margins of title page and following three leaves. Title page printed in red and black. Light browning, occasional faint dampspotting, some edgewear and a few minor tears to folding table and leaf, early annotations to front pastedown, rear free endpaper and margins of a few text leaves. \$2,750.

\* Later edition. First published in 1541, this manual of Saxon trial procedure was a standard work for decades. "König wrote this detailed book for Saxon practitioners and one may surmise that is circulated in manuscript long before it was printed because the first edition was published about 15 years after the author's death. This work was such a decisive influence that König was known as the 'leader of Saxon practice.'" The table of consanguinity and its explanatory notes are by Bocksdorf. All editions are scarce. OCLC locates 1 copy of this edition in North America (Harvard Law School). Stüntzing-Landsberg, *Geschichte der Deutschen Rechtswissenschaft* I:560. *Das Verzeichnis der im Deutschen Sprachbereich Erschienenen Drucke des 16. Jahrhunderts* K1853. [Order This Item](#)



### Manuscript Summaries of Cases from Coke's Reports

#### 10. [Manuscript].

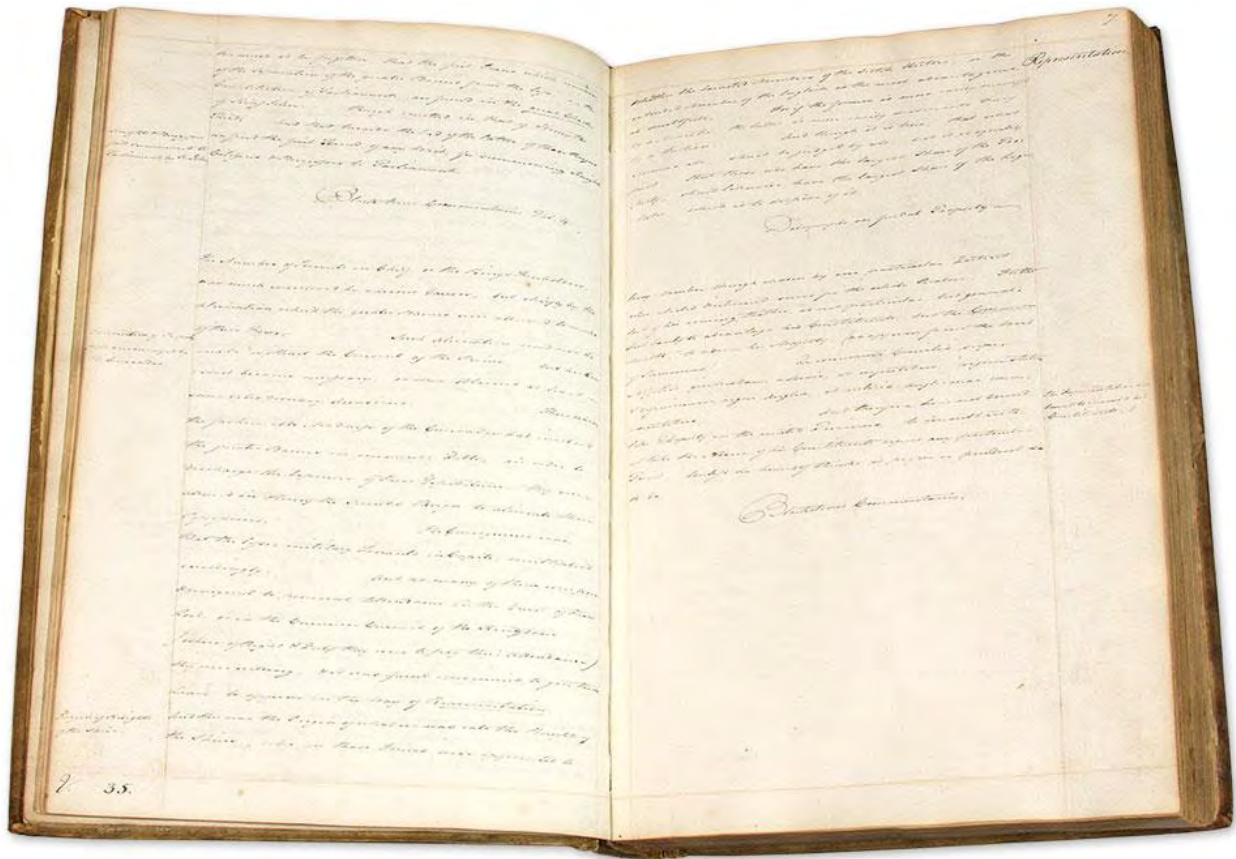
[Coke, Sir Edward (1552-1643)].

[Summaries of Cases from the Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Parts of Coke's Reports]. Great Britain, c.1600-1700. 200 pp. Folio (11-1/4" x 7-3/4").

Contemporary limp vellum, ties lacking. Binding cocked, moderate soiling and edgewear with some wear to spine ends and corners, "No: 21" in small later hand to front cover, "Begone ye 25t of Aprill/ terme recesses allowed me/ for ye doing it," final signature of text block detached. Light toning to text, some wear and fold lines, to corners, gradually diminishing faint dampstaining to about half of the leaves, spark burns to a few leaves. Text in neat hand to rectos and versos of all but the first leaf. \$2,500.

\* The inscription suggests this manuscript was compiled by a student at the Inns of Court. It is collection of summaries (in English) of selected cases from the Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Parts of Coke's Reports, which were first published in 1604, 1605 and 1607. (The compiler followed Coke's order, but referred to the parts as "books.") This manuscript is interesting as the record of a near-contemporary reader's response to this great authority; it shows which cases mattered to him and how he interpreted them. A fair copy free of corrections, it was clearly intended to serve as a reference work.

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**Fascinating Commonplace Book with Excerpts  
from Locke, Blackstone, Montesquieu and Smith**

**11. [Manuscript].**

**[Great Britain].**

[*Commonplace Book by a Student of History, Law and Government*]. [Great Britain or Ireland, c.1770]. Printed title page dated 1770, reading *Bell's Common Place Book, Form'd Generally Upon the Principles Recommended and Practised by Mr. Locke*, followed by 8 pp. printed introduction, 12 pp. part-printed index, partially filled in manuscript, 144 numbered leaves and 84 blank leaves. Folio (15" x 9-3/4").

Contemporary vellum, gilt fillets to board edges, morocco lettering piece to spine (reading *Common Place Book*), marbled endpapers. Moderate soiling, light rubbing to extremities, boards slightly bowed, corners bumped and lightly worn, front joint starting at foot, partial crack in text block between title page and following leaf, dampstaining and some edgewear to rear endleaves. Moderate toning, text in fine small hand. \$2,000.

\* A detailed record of the authorities that guided a late eighteenth-century English (or Irish) student of history, law and government, this commonplace book cites, among others, Robertson's *History of America*, Blackstone's *Commentaries*, Montesquieu's *Spirit of Laws*, Junius's *Letters*, Locke's *Two Treatises on Government*, Bolingbroke's *Dissertation on Parties* and Smith's *Wealth of Nations*. These are commonplacéd under topic headings, among them "Climate," "Population," "Commerce," "Representation," "Ireland," "Constitution," "Money," "Society," "Despotism," "Liberty of the Press," "Habeas Corpus Act," "Parliament of Great Britain," "Monopolies," "Trade," "Taxation," "Crusades," "India," and "Law." Fols. 100-110 contain an extended report of a legal case involving John Leland, debtor, of the County of the City of Dublin and the Barons of the Exchequer. [Order This Item](#)

The Information of Margaret Janson of London in  
the County of Carlow given before Gilbert Fitzgerald  
Magistrate his Majesty's Justice of the Peace for the County  
the 25 day of June 1807

Informant saith that on the Evening of the 26<sup>th</sup> Inst,  
a Person named Myles Barin of the Mountain of Carlow  
She was with Myles Barin of Trenchill Upper, who had  
a hole of her and threw her down then opened his small  
cloths, and asked her what she was going to do to her  
and she answered he would ride her then extending her legs and  
endeavouring to force something into her body and struggled  
with her near an hour. Informant saith she was  
that she would answer his treatment to her Master than that  
he was Myles Barin: she being for a while in both hands  
of her and then being released by the Magistrate and  
being then examined and found innocent of the crime  
from the pain she suffered at that time and for a long time after  
she believed that he had forced something into her body and she  
was a long time unable to walk it was the night of the  
26<sup>th</sup> Inst when the day and year last above written

I did not swear Informant to this Information, as she  
appeared to be entirely ignorant of the nature of an Oath, but  
the facts are strongly corroborated by other evidence and I am  
inclined to give credit to her assertions - Gilbert Fitzgerald

**"I Am Inclined to Give Credit to Her Assertions"**

12. [Manuscript].

[Trial].

[Ireland].

[Account of a Rape]. [County Carlow, Ireland, June 25, 1807]. 11" x 7" leaf, docketed on verso.

Horizontal fold lines, light browning and edgewear. Annotations by presiding magistrate to foot of recto and sections of verso. \$1,500.

\* Made before magistrate Gilbert Fitzgerald, this appears to be testimony by Margaret Janson against Myles Barin in an apparently It reads, in part: "[Myles Barin] opened his small cloths, informant asked him what he was going to do to her he answered he would ride her then extending her legs and endeavouring to force something into her body and struggled with her near an hour." Fitzgerald notes: "I did not swear Informant to this Information, as she appeared to be entirely ignorant of the nature of an Oath, but the facts are strongly corroborated by other evidence and I am inclined to give credit to her assertions." [Order This Item](#)



**A Fine-Press Version of a Law Review Article on Justice**

**13. Maurice, John Morey.**

**Farrell, Mary, Illustrator.**

*On Justice*. [Spokane, WA: Morey-Maurice Press, 2006]. 46 pp. 13 plates. Octavo (10" x 7").

Textured cloth in slipcase, paper title panel to front board and front of case. Fine. \$250.

\* From an edition limited to 250 copies, this number 8, signed (and fingerprinted) by the author and illustrator. This essay by a professor at the Gonzaga University School of Law was originally published in the *Gonzaga Law Review*. The illustrator is a professor in the Gonzaga University Art Department. [Order This Item](#)

*Minor*  
*Analytical Table* *full p.*

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of  
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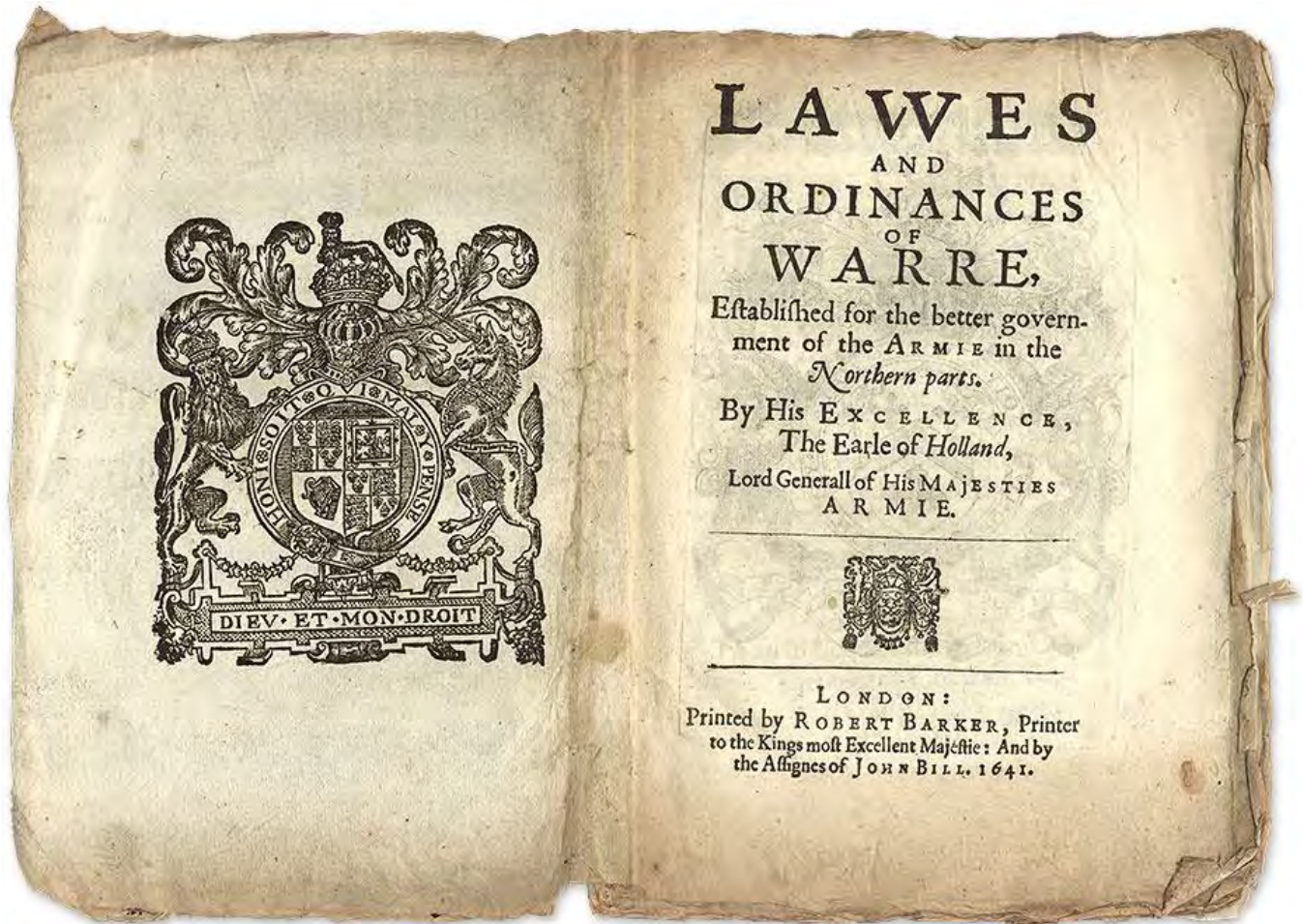
**Pre-Publication Mimeographed  
Copy of Minor's Treatise on Criminal Law**

**14. [Minor, John B. (1813-1895)].**

[*The Law of Crimes and Punishments*]. [Charlottesville, VA, c. 1890]. xlvi, 31-90, 103-251, 265-324 pp. Lacking title page and pp. 1-30, 90-102, 252-264, 325-end, all replaced with blank leaves. Quarto (9" x 7-3/4").

Original sheep, blind frames to boards, raised bands and red and black lettering pieces (reading "Criminal Law" and "J.B. Minor") to spine. Boards worn, stained and detached, sections lacking from spine, owner signature (Charles W.D. Ligou/ 31 St. Paul St.) to front pastedown, some edgewear and dampstaining to blank leaves at beginning and end of text block, light toning to text, which is mimeographed. \$500.

\* Minor was a highly regarded jurist and legal author. He was an important figure in the history of the University of Virginia School of Law, where he taught for fifty years. Like his *Synopsis of the Law of Crimes and Punishments in Virginia*, which was also distributed for many years as a mimeographed work, *The Law of Crimes and Punishments* was originally produced for classroom use. Minor later published this book in 1894 as *Exposition of the Law of Crimes and Punishments*. The gaps in our copy are difficult to explain. No leaves appear to have been removed. Instead they are replaced by bound-in blank leaves. It is possible that these blanks were meant to contain revised material recited in the lecture hall by Minor for transcription by the student. [Order This Item](#)



**Maintaining Military Discipline  
at the End of the Second Bishops' War**

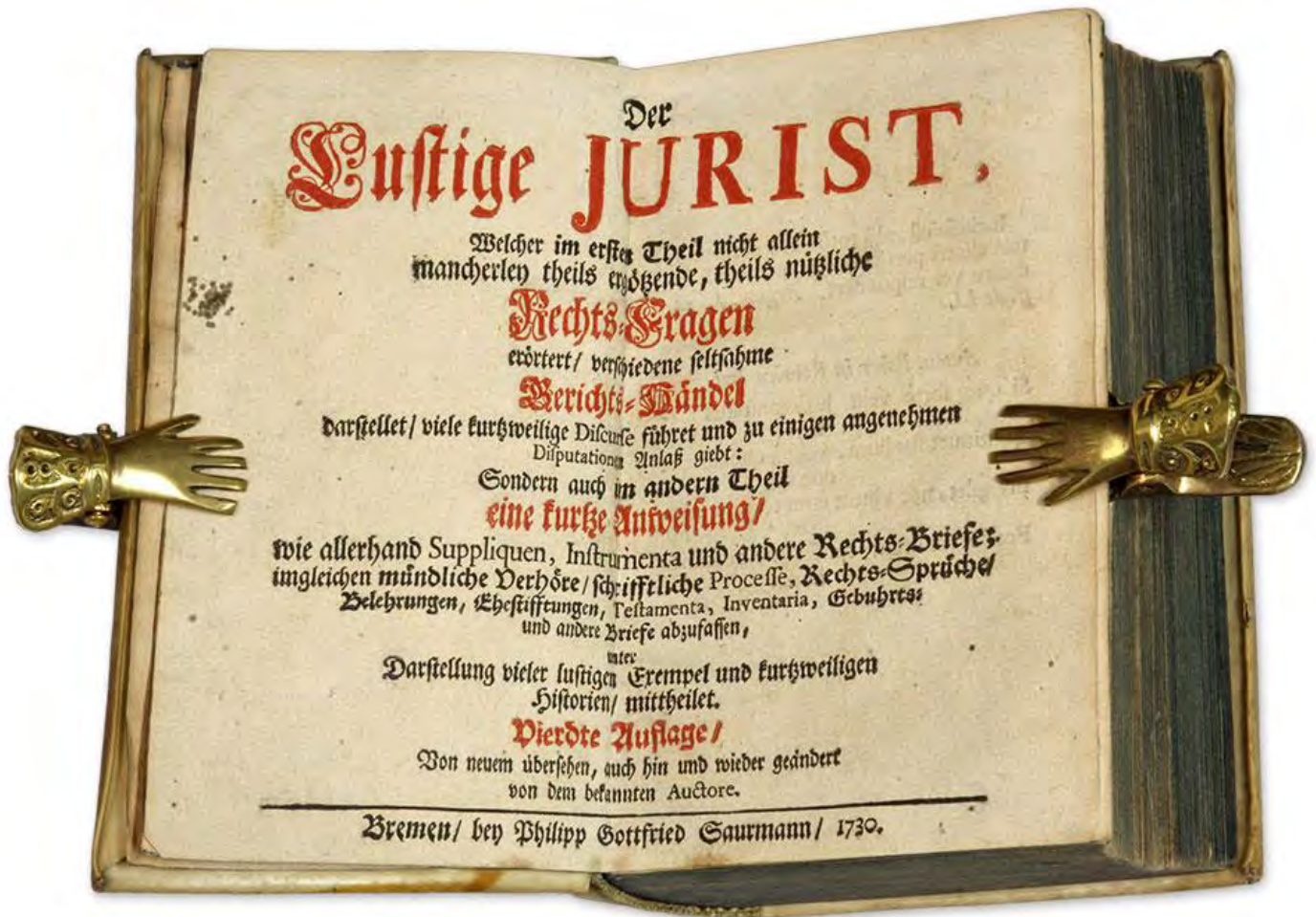
**15. Rich, Henry, 1st Earl of Holland [1590-1649].**

*Lawes and Ordianances or Warre, Established for the Better Government of the Armie in the Northern Parts.* London: Printed by Robert Barker, 1641. [24] pp. Frontispiece woodcut arms of Great Britain. Copperplate arms of Holland to verso of title page. Quarto (8" x 6").

Stab-stitched pamphlet, untrimmed edges. Light soiling to outer leaves, moderate toning to interior, light foxing to final leaf, which has a small chip to upper margin of final leaf just touching headlines. \$1,500.

\* Only edition. Holland, captain-general of the English forces North of Trent, was assigned the task of winding down the Second Bishops' War (1640-1641), a conflict between Scotland and England that was one of the preliminary clashes of the English Civil War. (The area of conflict was in parts of Northern England that had been occupied by Scottish forces.) Holland issued the *Lawes and Ordianances* to insure military discipline at a moment when a great deal of tact was required by the commanders of King Charles's soldiers. OCLC locates 3 copies, ESTC locate 5, both locate 2 copies in North America (Folger Shakespeare Library, Huntington Library). *English Short-Title Catalogue* R18178. [Order This Item](#)





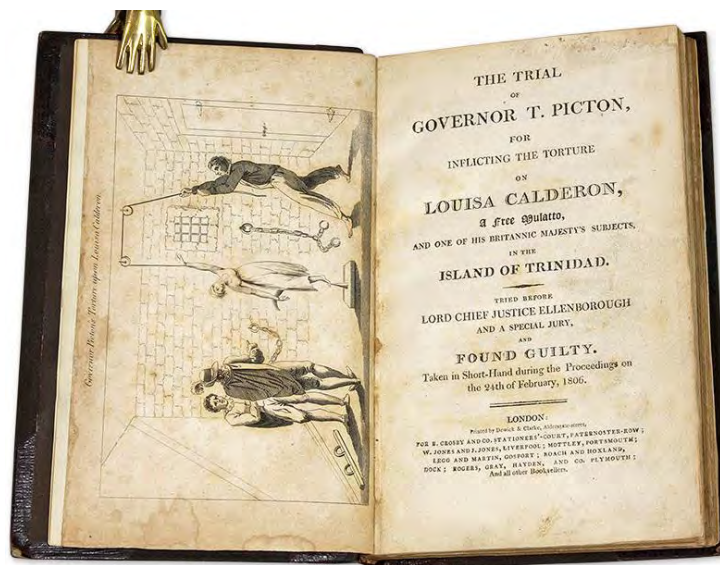
### The Merry Lawyer

#### 16. [Rottmann, Friedrich J.].

*Der Lustige Jurist, Welcher im Ersten Theil Nicht Allein Mancherley Theils Ergetzende Theils Nützliche Rechts-Fragen Erörtert, Verschiedene Seltsame Gerichts-Händel Darstellet, Viele kurzweilige Discurse Führet und zu einigen Curiosen Disputationen Anlaß giebt; Sondern auch im Andern Theil eine Kurtze Anweisung, Wie Allerhand Suppliquen, Instrumenta, Formulen und Rechts-Briefe; Imgleichen Mündliche Verböre, Schriftliche Prozesse und Rechts-Sprüche, Ehestiftungen, Testamenta U.D.G. Abzufassen: Unter Darstellung Vieler Lustigen Exempel und Kurtzweiligen Historien, Mittheilet.* Bremen: Bey Philipp Gottfried Saurmann, 1730. [xxii], 1108, [22] pp. Two parts in one with continuous pagination. Octavo (6-1/4" x 4").

Contemporary vellum, lettering piece neatly removed from spine, colored edges. Light soiling and a few minor stains. Double folded title page printed in red and black. Moderate toning to text, slightly heavier in places. \$2,950.

\* Fourth edition. *De Lustige Jurist (Merry Lawyer)* is a collection of thorny questions and answers, many of a sexual nature, couched in legalese, and some in crude verse, for the amusement of lawyers and judges. Its topics include love potions, virginity, marriage and smoking in the presence of women. First published in 1716, it went through five editions, the last in 1738. All are scarce or rare. OCLC locates 2 copies of the 1730 edition, neither in North America. It is not listed on VD18. It is mentioned in Murray, *Lawyers' Merriments* 5. [Order This Item](#)



### Torture of a Female Prisoner in Trinidad

#### 17. [Trial].

**Picton, Sir Thomas [1758-1815], Defendant.**

*The Trial of Governor T. Picton, For Inflicting the Torture on Louisa Calderon, A Free Mulatto, And One of His Britannic Majesty's Subjects in the Island of Trinidad...* London: Printed by Dewick and Clerk, For B. Crosby and Co., [1806]. 126 pp. Etched frontispiece.

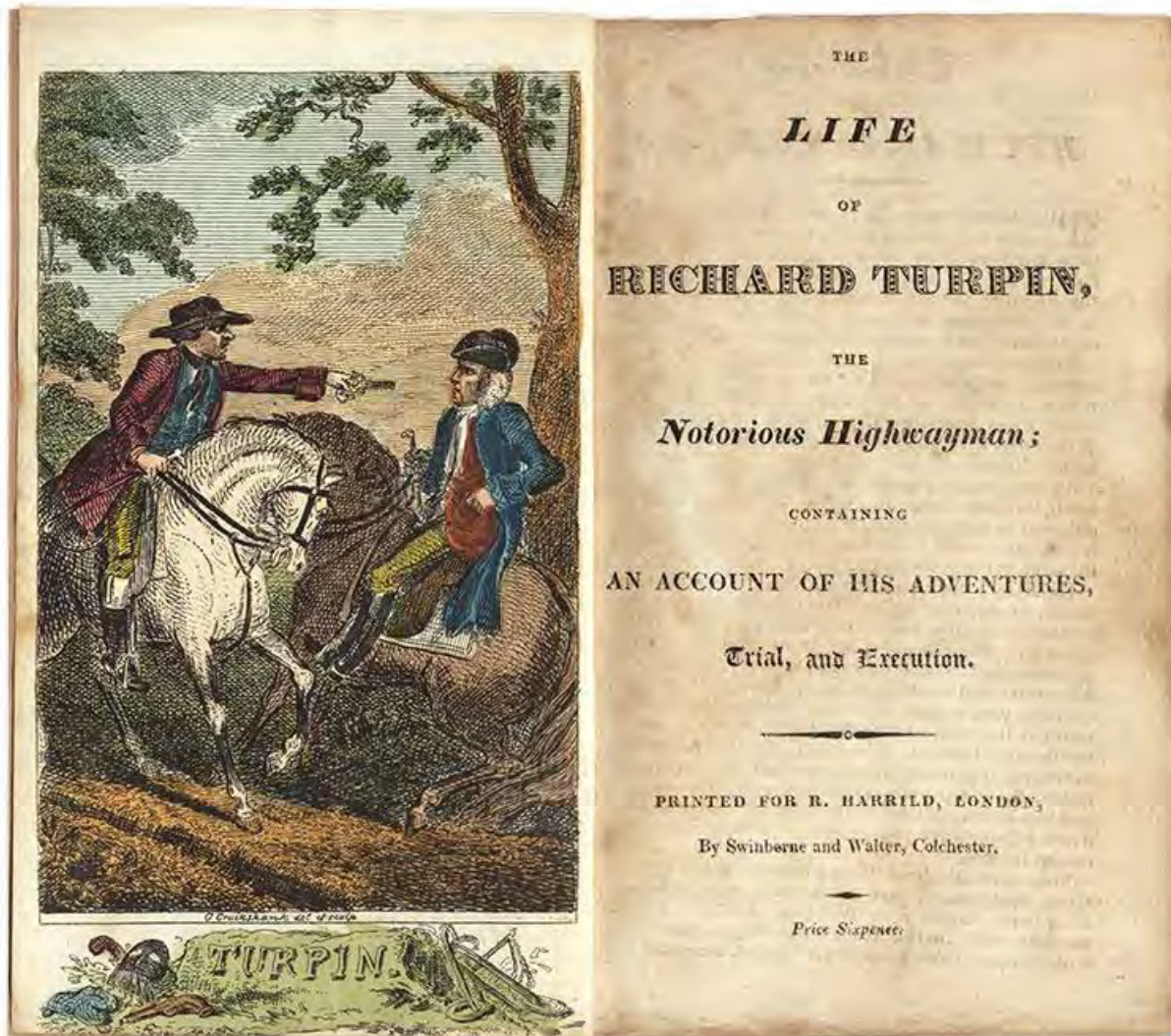
#### [Bound with]

**Picton, Sir Thomas.**

*Evidence Taken at Port of Spain, Island of Trinidad, In the Case of Luisa Calderon, Under a Mandamus Issued by the Court of King's Bench, and Directed to the Lieutenant Governor...* London: Printed by Cox, Son, And Baylis, For the Author, 1806. xxiv, 160 pp.

Octavo (8" x 5-1/4"). Contemporary three-quarter morocco over cloth, gilt rules to boards, raised bands and lettering piece to spine, top edge gilt. Light rubbing to boards and extremities, hinges cracked. Moderate toning to *Trial*, light browning to *Evidence*, light foxing in places, light soiling to title pages, erased signature to head of *Trial* title page, a few faint dampstains to margins of its frontispiece. \$2,500.

\* *Trial*: Only edition; *Evidence*: Second and final edition. This case arose from the torture of a female prisoner in Trinidad, At question was the relative status of local Spanish law, where torture was legal, and British law, where it wasn't. Picton, an army officer, had been appointed civil and military governor of Trinidad in 1797 with instructions to administer Spanish law. Picton took an extremely harsh line on crime and civil disorder, allowed a number of executions and published a new slave code that made slave discipline the backbone of his new order. The island was pacified within a few months. In 1803, London sent two more commissioners to administer the law with superior authority and Picton resigned. When he returned to London he was arrested and charged for ordering the use of torture to extort a confession of a robbery from a free biracial 13 year-old named Luisa Calderon. Picton's first trial took place in February 1806. It resulted in a technical guilty verdict and a call for a new trial, which followed in June and exonerated Picton. The verdict said, in effect, that Picton had the right to prescribe torture under Spanish law as a military officer, but not as a colonial governor. The frontispiece shows Calderon being subjected to "picketing," which forces the victim to stand on the point of a metal spike with one foot while supported only by the wrist of the opposite arm suspended from the ceiling. This was a fairly common punishment in the British Army during the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries. *British Museum Catalogue* (Compact Edition) 20:298. [Order This Item](#)



With a Striking Color Frontispiece by George Cruikshank

18. [Turpin, Richard (1706-1739)].  
[Cruikshank, George (1792-1878)].

*The Life of Richard Turpin, The Notorious Highwayman; Containing an Account of His Adventures, Trial and Execution.* London: Printed for R. Harrild, [c. 1830]. 36 pp. Hand-Colored frontispiece by George Cruikshank. 12mo. (7" x 4-1/2").

Stab-stitched pamphlet in recent plain wrappers. Negligible light soiling to exterior and title page, light edgewear, moderate toning to text, early over signature (Henry North) to verso of frontispiece. \$850.

\* Turpin, a charismatic highwayman, was one of the "media sensations" of his day, especially after his execution for horse theft in 1739. He assumed legendary status after his death. Popular interest in his exploits continued into the nineteenth century, as we can see in this account published around 1830. The frontispiece has the following caption: "Turpin on Black Bess stopping a mounted Traveller." No copies located on COPAC. OCLC locates 3 copies (Harvard, Princeton, University of Pretoria). Cohn, *George Cruikshank: A Catalogue Raisonné* 810. [Order This Item](#)



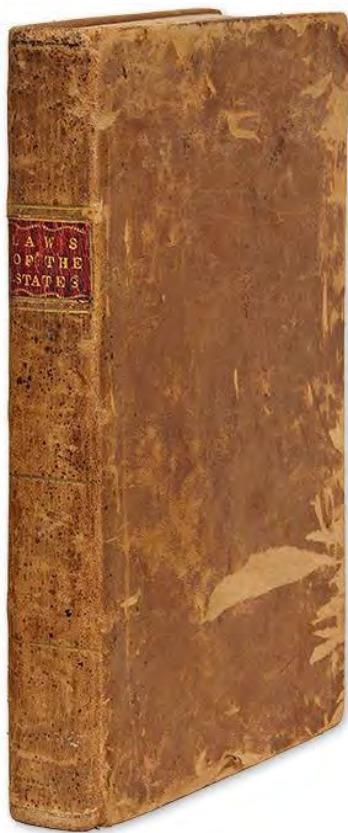
**With a Striking Folded Frontispiece**

**19. [Turpin, Richard (1706-1739)].**

*The Life of Richard Turpin, A Most Notorious Highwayman; Giving an Account of His Daring Robberies and Burglaries; With His Execution, Burial, &c.* Derby: Published by Thomas Richardson, [c. 1830]. 24 pp. Folding etched frontispiece. 12mo. (7" x 4").

Disbound stab-stitched pamphlet. Negligible light soiling to exterior, light edgewear, moderate toning to text. \$850.

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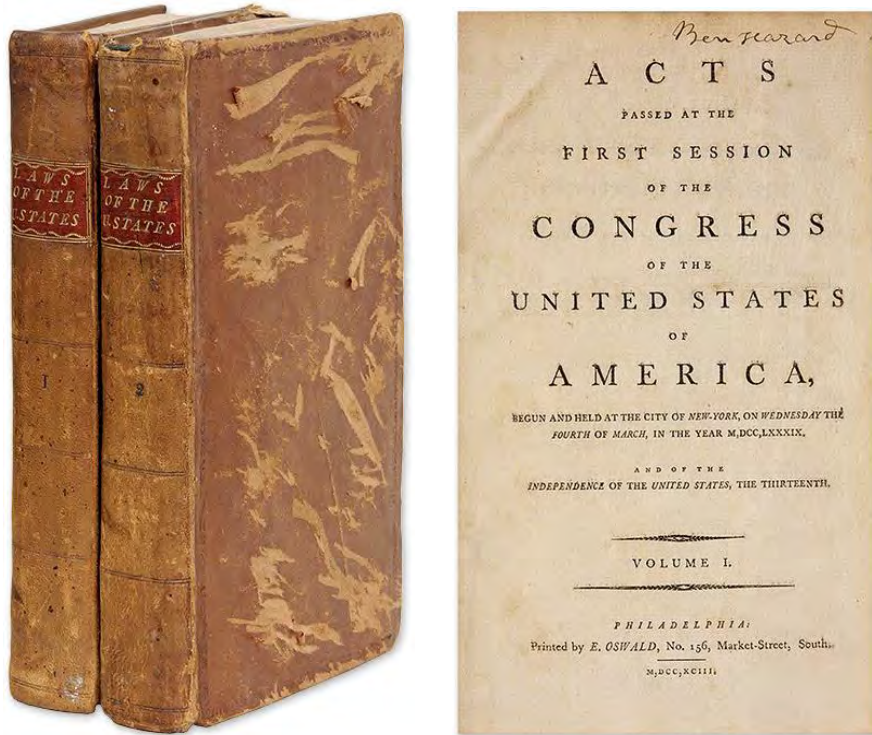
**Scarce Hartford Imprint of the  
Acts Passed at the First U.S. Congress**

**20. [United States].  
[Congress].**

*Acts Passed at a Congress of the United States of America, Begun and Held at the City of New-York, On Wednesday the Fourth of March, In the Year M,DCC,LXXXIX, And of the Independence of the United States the Thirteenth. Being the Acts Passed at the First Session of the First Congress of the United States, To wit, New-Hampshire, Massachusetts, Connecticut, New-York, New-Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, South-Carolina and Georgia, Which Eleven States Respectively Ratified the Constitution of Government for the United States, Proposed by the Federal Convention, Held in Philadelphia, On the Seventeenth of September, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty Seven.* Hartford: Re-Printed and Sold by Hudson and Goodwin, 1791. [x], [3]-327 pp. Octavo (9-1/4" x 5-1/2").

Contemporary sheep, gilt fillets and lettering piece to spine. Moderate rubbing and scuffing, some wear to corners, faint inkspatters to spine, hinges cracked, front free endpaper lacking. Moderate toning, some what heavier in places, light foxing and minor inkstains to a few leaves, section removed from top-edge of title page with some loss to letters "A" and "C" of Acts, other sections removed from top-edges of leaves A2-A3 (pp. 3-6) with loss to page numbers, text not affected. \$1,250.

\* Very scarce Hartford edition. Includes the acts and resolutions of all three sessions of the First Congress (March 1789 to March 1791), treaties (including Indian treaties) and the texts of the Declaration of Independence, the Articles of Confederation, and the U.S. Constitution. The Bill of Rights had yet to be ratified and those amendments are included within the general legislative text. This edition not in Sabin or Evans, which do describe later Hartford edition dated 1791, containing 486 pages, which was actually printed after March, 1792. Howes, *USiana* A35. [Order This Item](#)



**Unofficial Predecessor to Folwell's Laws**

**21. [United States].  
[Congress].**

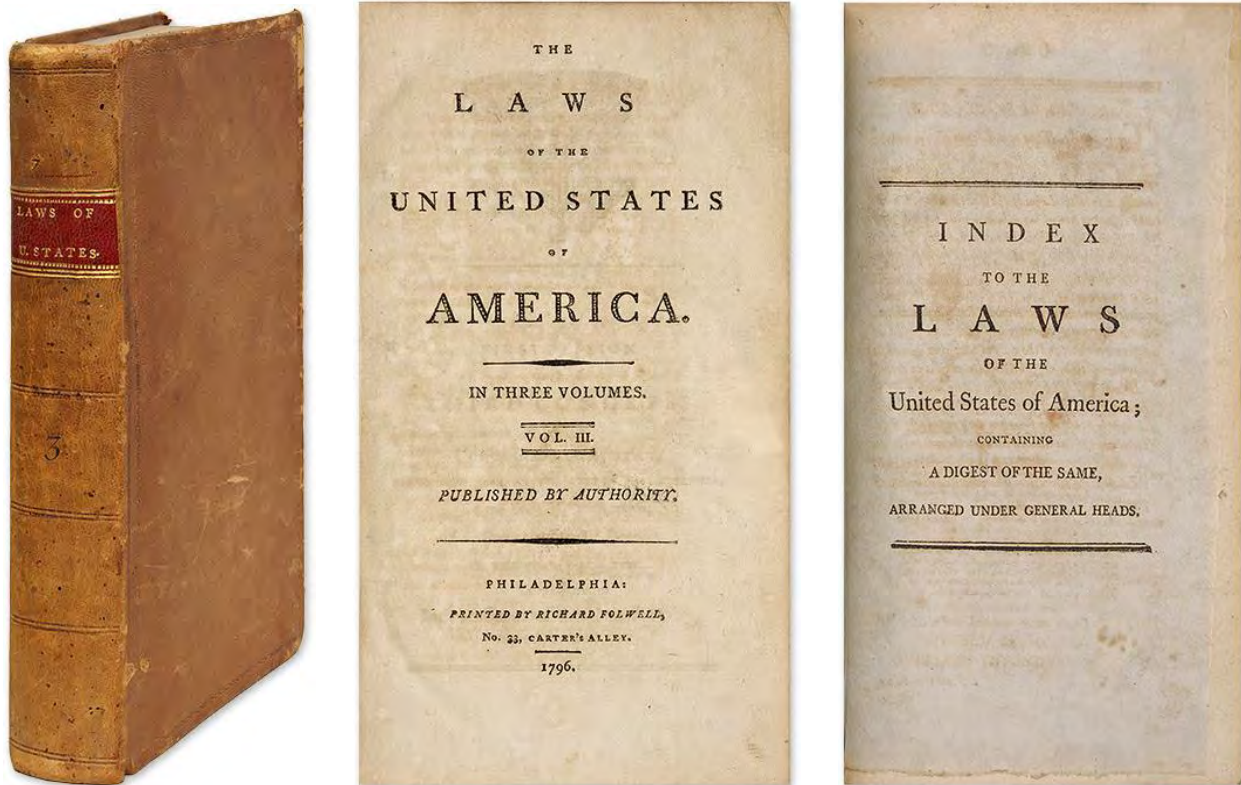
*Acts Passed at the First Session of the Congress of the United States of America, Begun and Held at the City of New-York, On Wednesday the Fourth of March, in the Year M,DCC, LXXXIX. And of the Independence of the United States, the Thirteenth. Volume I.* Philadelphia: Printed by E. Oswald, 1793. 375, [1], 45 pp. Includes acts of the second and third sessions, each preceded by divisional title pages.

**[And]**

*Acts Passed at the First Session of the Second Congress of the United States of America: Begun and Held in the City of Philadelphia, On Monday the Twenty-Fourth of October, In the Year M, DCC, XCI. And of the Independence of the United States, The Sixteenth. Volume II.* Philadelphia: Printed by E. Oswald, 1793. 380, [28] pp. Includes acts of second session, preceded by divisional title page, and a section of treaties, the first with a drop-head title.

Octavo (7-3/4" x 4-3/4"). Contemporary sheep, blind fillets to boards, lettering pieces, blind fillets and black-stamped volume numbers to spines. Moderate rubbing and scuffing to boards, lighter rubbing to spines and extremities, corners bumped and somewhat worn, small chip to spine head of Volume II, front hinge of Volume I starting. Moderate toning to text, somewhat heavier in places, light foxing to some leaves in Volume II, early owner signature of "Ben Hazard" to head of title pages. A very attractive and well preserved set. \$2,000.

\* Only edition. Complete set. With indexes and the text of the U.S. Constitution and Bill of Rights. This is one of the unofficial compilations that preceded by government-authorized Folwell edition of 1796-1796. Among other achievements, the first two congresses passed the acts that established the war, postal and treasury departments, the judicial circuits, authorized the census, passed the copyright law and created the states of Kentucky, Tennessee and Vermont. Other interesting legislation concerns the Whiskey Rebellion, Indian affairs and federal and local legal jurisdictions. "Ben Hazard" may be Benjamin Hazard [1774-1841], a Rhode Island attorney, legislator and member of the Hartford Convention. Not in Babbitt. Evans, *American Bibliography* 27825-6. [Order This Item](#)



**Well-Preserved Copy of Folwell's Laws, Volume III**

22. [United States].

[Congress].

[Folwell, Richard (1768?-1814), Printer].

[Swift, Zephaniah (1759-1823), Compiler of Index].

*The Laws of the United States of America. Published by Authority. Volume III.* Philadelphia: Printed by Richard Folwell, 1796. [iv], [5]-477, [131] pp. Octavo (8-1/4" x 4-3/4").

Contemporary sheep, blind fillets to boards, lettering pieces, blind fillets and blind volume number to spines. Light rubbing to boards, somewhat heavier rubbing to extremities, a few minor nicks to spine, corners bumped and lightly worn. Moderate toning, somewhat heavier in places, light foxing to parts of Index and a few other leaves. A well-preserved copy. \$500.

\* Third volume of a three-volume set. Includes the original text of the Bill of Rights. Though dated 1796, it contains the acts of the 2nd session of the 4th Congress, in session until March of 1797. This volume also contains a collection of treaties with Indian tribes and the cumulative 130-page index in Volume III compiled by Zephaniah Swift. As Evans notes, this "copious, luminous index [comprises] in itself a complete digest of all the Laws of the United States." Evans, *American Bibliography* 31356, 32973. Reese, *Federal Hundred* 63. [Order This Item](#)