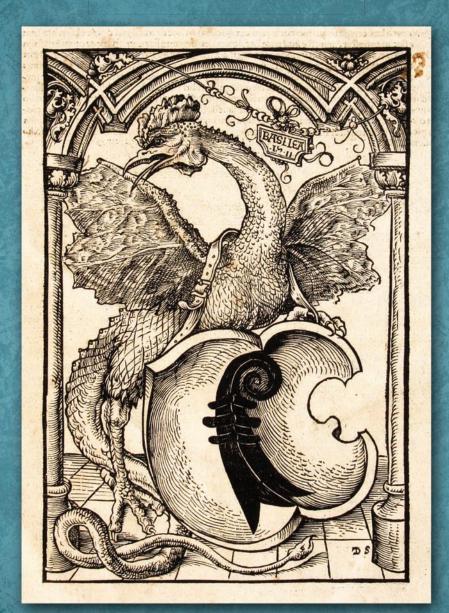
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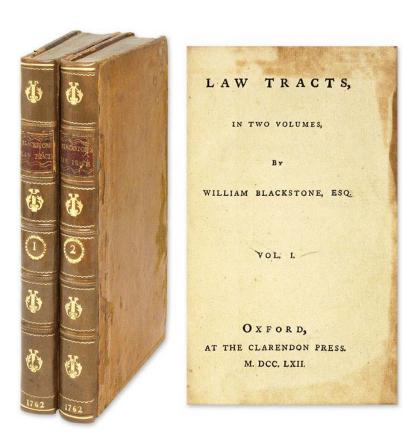
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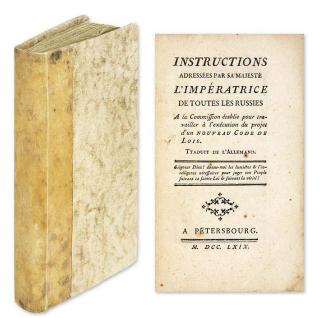
First Edition of Blackstone's Law Tracts

#### 1. Blackstone, Sir William [1723-1780].

Law Tracts, In Two Volumes. Oxford: At the Clarendon Press, 1762. Two volumes. [iv], 257, [7]; [iv], cxv, [5], 135, [9] pp. 4 parts, each with divisional title page. 8 copperplate facsimiles (of royal seals), copperplate Table of Descents and folding Table of Consanguinity. Octavo (8"  $\times$  5").

Contemporary calf, blind rules to boards, blind fillets along joints, rebacked in period style with raised bands, gilt ornaments and contemporary lettering pieces, hinges mended. Moderate rubbing to extremities, some shallow scuffing to boards, chipping to edges of lettering pieces, corners bumped and somewhat worn, several spots of old sealing wax to pastedowns. Light toning to text, offsetting to margins of preliminaries and raer endleaves, minor edgewear to preliminaries and final three leaves of Volume I, foxing to margins of a few leaves in both volumes. Early owner annotations to front pastedowns, interiors otherwise clean. An appealing copy. \$1,000.

\* First edition. The first collected edition, with revisions, of five early works, several of which are quite rare in their original editions. They are reprinted here "with a few corrections and additions"; each of the volumes contains a general index. The works are, Volume I: An Essay on Collateral Consanguinity (1750, Blackstone's first legal publication), Considerations on Copyholders (1758), Treatise on the Law of Descents in Fee-Simple (1759), Volume II: The Great Charter (1759) and Magna Carta, Carta de Forest, Etc. (1759). A "third" edition was published in 1771. (There is no evidence of a second edition, unless one counts the pirated Dublin reissue of the first, which was printed in 1767.) The contents of the two editions differ. The first does not have Analysis of the Laws of England (1756) or Observations on the Oxford Press (1757); the "third" does not have Treatise on the Law of Descents in Fee-Simple. Eller, The William Blackstone Collection in the Yale Law Library 238. Laeuchli, A Bibliographical Catalog of William Blackstone 551.



Early French-Language Edition of Catherine's Nakaz

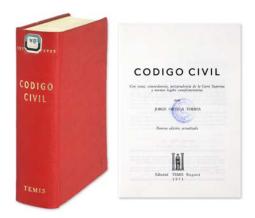
# 2. Catherine II [1762-1796], Empress of Russia. [Landres, J. Rodolphe Frey de, Translator].

Instructions Adressees par Sa Majeste L'Imperatrice de Toutes les Russies: A la Commission Etablie Pour Travailler a L'Execution du Projet d'un Nouveau Code de Lois. Traduit de l'Allemand. "A Petersbourg" [i.e. Yverdon, Switzerland]: [s.n.], 1769. 286 pp. 12mo. (6" x 4").

Early quarter vellum over marbled boards, untrimmed edges, a few unopenened signatures. Light soiling, corners lightly bumped and worn. Moderate toning, somewhat heavier in places, some leaves have light foxing, a few have light dampstining to margins, internally clean. Exlibrary. Small inkstamp to title page. A handsome copy. \$1,500.

\* Reissue of the first edition in French, published by the St. Petersburg Academy of Sciences for private distribution in 1769. This important text, also known as the *Nakaz*, or *Instruction*, is a statement of legal principles written by Catherine II from 1764 and 1766. Permeated with the ideas of the French Enlightenment, and copied mostly from the work of Voltaire, Montesquieu and Beccaria, it was compiled as a guide for the All-Russia Legislative Commission convened by the Empress in 1767 to create a new code to replace the 1649 Muscovite Code. Revised in consultation with Beccaria, Frederick the Great and Voltaire, the *Instruction* proclaimed the equality of all men before the law and disapproved of death penalty and torture. Unfortunately, her proposed code was never completed. Catherine's manuscript was written in French, and she later produced a Russian translation. Editions in German and Russian were published in Moscow in 1767. The book was initially banned in France because it was too liberal, which is why the first French-language edition was produced in Switzerland (with a false imprint). French and Latin editions were eventually published in 1770. OCLC locates 6 copies of this imprint in North American law libraries (Columbia, George Washington University, Harvard, Library of Congress, UC-Berkeley, Yale). Butler, *The Nakaz of Catherine the Great* 531 (entry 40).

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A Long-Lived Annotated Edition of Colombia's Civil Code

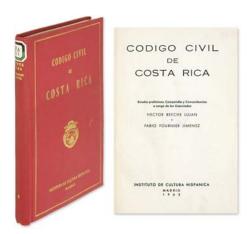
#### 3. [Colombia].

#### Ortega Torres, Jorge, Editor.

Codigo Civil: Con Notas, Concordancias, Jurisprudencia de la Corte Suprema y Normas Legales Complementarias. Bogata: Editorial Temis, 1973. 1667 pp.

Cloth, light shelfwear, internally clean. Ex-library. Location label to spine, small inkstamp to verso of title page. \$35.

\* Ninth edition. A standard annotated edition from 1948 to 2002.



Civil Code of Costa Rica

#### 4. [Costa Rica].

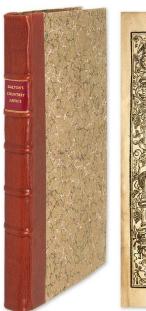
#### Beeche, Hector.

#### Fournier Jimenez, Fabio.

Codigo Civil de Costa Rica, Estudio Preliminar, Compendio y Concordancias a Cargo de las Licenciados. Madrid: Instituto de Cultura Hispanica, 1962. 284 pp.

Hardback, gilt titles to front board and spine, light shelfwear, internally clean. Ex-library. Location label to spine, small inkstamp to verso of title page. \$15.

\* Critical edition of Costa Rica's civil code.







Item 5

Item 6

#### A Landmark Treatise on Justices of the Peace

#### 5. Dalton, Michael.

The Countrey Justice, Containing the Practice of the Justices of the Peace Out of their Sessions: Gathered for the Better Helpe of Such Justices of Peace as Have Not Been Much Conversant in the Studie of the Lawes of This Realme: Now the Sixth Time Published, in Many Things Corrected, And Much Inlarged. London: Printed for the Company of Stationers, 1635. [xii], 136, 133-280, 277-410, [10] pp. First leaf blank. Paging irregular. Folio (11" x 7").

Recent quarter morocco over marbled boards, raised bands and lettering piece to spine, edges rouged. Title within woodcut architectural border, woodcut head-pieces, tail-pieces and decorated initials. Moderate toning to text, somewhat darker in places, some edgewear to preliminaries and final leaf, a few chips to front endleaf. Early annotation in tiny early hands to head of title page, other contemporary annotations to front endleaf, interior otherwise clean. A nice copy. \$600.

\* Sixth edition. This venerable justice of the peace manual went through some twenty editions between 1618 and 1746. This work is also significant because it firmly established the alphabetical topical structure adopted in later texts. Rooted in Crompton, Fitzherbert and Lambard, *The Countrey Justice* offers advice on such matters as buggery, customs, highways, prisons, riots, soldiers, murder, felonies, rogues and vagabonds, wool, and high treason. *English Short-Title Catalogue* S107282.

#### Lotteries and the Law

#### 6. [Eckardt, Johann Ludwig von (1737-1800)].

Das Lotto-Recht, Oder Rechtliche Betrachtungen Uber Diejenigen Vorfalle, So sich bey dem Zahlenspiel oder Sogenannten Lotto Theils Schon Zugetragen Haben, Und Theils in der Zukunft noch Zutragen Mochten. Coburg: Druckts Rudolph August Wilh. Ahl, 1771. 121, [5] pp. Octavo (8" x 5").

Original publisher wrappers, untrimmed edges. Moderate wear to edges of wrappers, spine perished. Light toning to text, foxing to a few leaves, light soiling to title page, internally clean. A nice copy of a rare title. \$1,950

\* Only edition. This is a brief, but thorough, treatise on the laws governing lotteries, and people who play them. The study is based on European civil law, but most of its references are German. Eckardt was a law professor at the University of Jena, later its rector. OCLC locates 7 copies, none in North America. Not in the *British Museum Catalogue*.



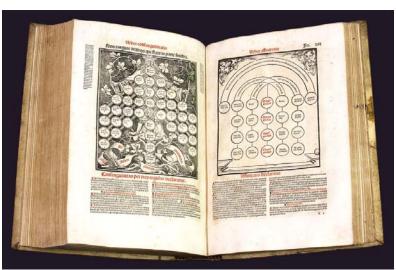
An Expert of the Argentinean Constitution

# 7. Gonzalez Calderon, Juan A. Gonzalez, Joaquin V., Prologue.

Derecho Constitucional Argentino: Historia, Teoria y Jurisprudencia de la Constitucion. Buenos Aires: J. Lajouane, 1917, 1923. Three volumes.

Softbound volumes bound into contemporary three-quarter cloth over marbled boards, spine of Volume I has lettering piece, others have hand-lettered title labels. Moderate shelfwear and soiling, light toning to text, internally clean. Ex-library. Location labels to spines, stamps to title pages. \$150.

\* Volumes I-III, first edition, Volume II, second edition. A classic study of the Argentinean Constitution. All three volumes reached their third and final edition in 1930.



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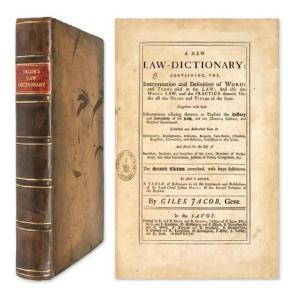
Handsome 1511 Basel Imprint of the Decretals of Gregory IX

8. Gregory IX, Pope [1147?-1241]. [Bottoni, Bernardo (d. 1266), Glosses]. [Andrea, Giovanni d' (c. 1270-1348), Notes]. [Graf, Urs (c.1485-1528), Engraver].

Decretalium Gregorii Noni Liber Accuratissime Emendatus. um Concordantiis tum ad Ius Civile, tum ad Eius Interpretes Nuperrime Additis: [Cum] Annotationibus Plurib[us] ad Quecunq[ue] Facile Reperienda Accomodatissimis.  $[Et\,cum]$  Additione in Margine Litteraru, quo Minusculi Characteres Lineis Intercepti, Citius Appareant. Basel: [Johannes Amerbach, Johannes Petri, and Johann Froben, 31 May], 1511. <math>[x], 336, [24] pp. Main text in parallel columns surrounded by linear gloss with side-notes. Full-page woodcut by Urs Graf depicting the presentation of the Decretals to Gregory IX by a group of clerics, woodcut tables of descent and consanguinity. Folio (16" x 11").

Contemporary blind-paneled pigskin over heavy beveled wooden boards, raised bands and somewhat later hand-lettered title to spine, clasps lacking, buckles present. Moderate rubbing and a few worm-holes, light scuffing and some minor stains to boards, minor chipping to foot of spine, two tiny gouges to center of spine, some worming to pastedowns near hinges, a few worm holes to text block. Printed throughout in red and black, large printer device to title page. Light toning to text, occasional faint dampspotting, spark burns to margins of a few leaves. Later annotations to front pastedown, interior otherwise clean. A handsome post-incunable imprint. \$7,500.

\* First printing by this association of notable Basel printers. "Decretals are letters containing a papal ruling, particularly one relating to canonical discipline, and most precisely a papal prescript in response to an appeal...the *Decretals* of Gregory IX is the first authentic general collection of papal decretals and constitutions, compiled by Raymond of Penaforte at the request of Pope Gregory IX in 1230-34 and promulgated in 1234. (...) It gave rise to a vast amount of commentaries and literature" (Walker). The most important commentary, which is included in our copy, is the gloss of Bernard of Botone, also known as Bernard of Parma (Bernardus Parmensis), who composed it shortly before 1263. It is knows as the "Ordinary Gloss," of *Glossa Ordinaria*. Gregory's *Decretales* is one of the four works known collectively as the *Corpus Juris Canonici*, a collection of papal decisions concerning ecclesiastical hierarchy, procedure, the functions and duties of clerks, family law, crime and vast areas of what are now called "private law." It was revised in 1580-1582 to reflect changes ordered by the Council of Trent. In this form it remained in force until the enactment of the *Code of Canon Law (Codex Iuris Canonici)* in 1918. Graf was an important Swiss goldsmith, painter and printmaker (of woodcuts, etchings and engravings). His image of Pope Gregory and his clerics and servants was the model for woodcuts in several later editions of the *Decretals*. OCLC locates 4 copies in North America, 2 in law libraries (Library of Congress, UC-Berkeley). Stockmeyer and Reyber, *Beytrage zur Basler Buchdruckgeschichte* 48, 36.



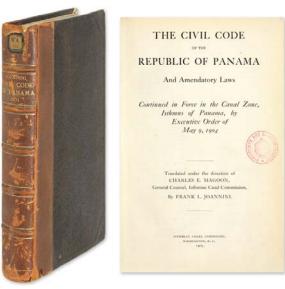
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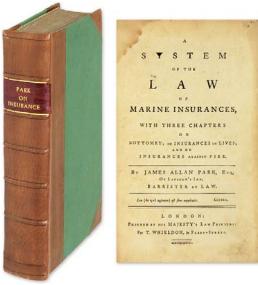
#### 9. Jacob, Giles [1686-1744].

A New Law-Dictionary: Containing, The Interpretation and Definition of Words and Terms Used in the Law; and Also the Whole Law, and the Practice Thereof, Under All the Heads and Titles of the Same. Together With Such Informations Relating Thereto, as Explain the History and Antiquity of the Law, and Our Manners, Customs, and Original Government. Collected and Abstracted From All Dictionaries, Abridgments, Institutes, Reports, Year-Books, Charters, Registers, Chronicles, and Histories, Published to This Time. And Fitted for the Use of Barristers, Students, and Practisers of the Law, Members of Parliament, and Other Gentlemen, Justices of Peace, Clergymen, &c. With Large Additions. To Which is Annexed, a Table of References to All the Arguments and Resolutions of the Lord Chief Justice Holt; In the Several Volumes of the Reports. London: Printed by E. and R. Nutt, and Richard Gosling, 1732. [796] pp. Main text printed in double columns within ruled borders. Folio (13-1/2" x 8-1/4").

Contemporary calf, blind fillets along joints, rebacked in period style, lettering piece and gilt-edged raised bands to spine, endpapers renewed, corners mended. Scratches and some shallow scuffing to boards, a few chips to edges, upper corners bumped and somewhat worn. Moderate toning, occasional faint dampstaining and dampspotting, hole in inner margin of leaf Eeee4 just touching text with no loss to legibility, internally clean. Ex-library. Small inkstamp to title page. A nice copy. \$650.

\* Second edition. As Cowley has pointed out, A New Law-Dictionary was both Jacob's masterpiece and "an entirely new departure in legal literature" that provided a model for several subsequent efforts. In contrast to earlier works, each entry summarizes all of the laws relating to the subject and offers extensive interpretive commentary. Obsolete terms are omitted. It was recognized almost immediately that Jacob created a highly useful legal encyclopedia that was more detailed and concise than any other abridgment of the period. An extremely popular work that went through twelve editions between 1729 and 1800, it offers unparalleled insights into Anglo-American law during the eighteenth century. Cowley, A Bibliography of Abridgements, Digests, Dictionaries and Indexes to the Year 1800 xc-xci, 223. English Short-Title Catalogue N10098.





Item 10 Item 11

#### Panama's First Civil Code

#### 10. [Panama].

#### Joannini, Frank L, Translator.

The Civil Code of the Republic of Panama and Amendatory Laws Continued in Force in the Canal Zone, Isthmus of Panama, by Executive Order of May 9, 1904. Translated Under the Direction of Charles E. Magoon. Washington, DC: Isthmian Canal Commission, 1905. xvi, 683 pp.

Softbound volume bound into contemporary quarter morocco over cloth, raised bands and gilt title to spine. Moderate rubbing to extremities with some wear to spine ends and corners, front hinge partially cracked. Light toning to text, internally clean. Ex-library. Location label to spine, small inkstamp to title page. \$50.

#### First Edition of the First English Treatise on Insurance

#### 11. Park, James Allan [1763-1838].

A System of the Law of Marine Insurances, With Three Chapters on Bottomry; On Insurances on Lives; And on Insurances Against Fire. London: Printed by His Majesty's Law Printers. For T. Whieldon, 1787. xvi, [8], xliv, 530, [50] pp. Octavo (9" x 5-1/2").

Recent period-style three-quarter calf over cloth, raised bands and lettering piece to spine. Moderate toning to text, occasional faint dampstaining to margins, top edge excised from upper margin of dedication leaf. A few early annotations to text, interior otherwise clean. \$1,000.

\* First edition. Park's *System of Marine Insurances* was the first legal work on insurance written by an English lawyer and the first book on the subject to appear in America. Holdsworth has called it "the best text-book upon the law of insurance." A work of great authority, *System of Marine Insurances* went through numerous English and American editions and remained the standard text until the middle of the nineteenth century. Holdsworth, *History of English Law XII*: 390. English Short-Title Catalogue T112941.

<sup>\*</sup> This was the first civil code of the Republic of Panama.



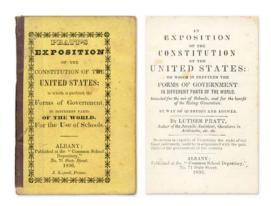
Scarce Treatise on Brazilian Forestry Law

#### 12. Pereira, Osny Duarte.

Direito Florestal Brasileiro (Ensaio): Direito Comparado, Autonomia, Propriedade, Desapropriacao, Imunidade Fiscal, Exploração Infrações, Responsabilidade Civil e Penal, Processo, Policia, Administração das Florestas. Rio de Janeiro: Editor Borsoi, [1950]. 573 pp.

Cloth, blind frames to boards, gilt title to spine. Some shelfwear, corners bumped. Author inscription to front endleaf, interior otherwise clean. Ex-library. Location label to spine, small inkstamp to verso of title page. \$150.

\* Only edition. A comprehensive treatise on Brazilian forestry law written when Brazil was beginning to turn its attention to the logging industry. OCLC locates 5 copies in North America, 2 in law libraries (LA County, Library of Congress).



**Textbook on the Constitution for Children** 

#### 13. Pratt, Luther.

An Exposition of the Constitution of the United States: To Which is Prefixed, The Forms of Government in Different Parts of the World, Intended for the Use of Schools, And for the Benefit of the Rising Generation, By Way of Question and Answer. Albany, [NY]: Published at the "Common School Depository," 1836. 60 pp. Includes six-page publisher catalogue. 16mo. (4-1/4" x 3").

Stiff printed wrappers, cloth-reinforced spine. Light soiling and edgewear, light toning to text, foxing to a few leaves, internally clean. \$250.

\* Only edition, one of three issues, the others by two New York City publishers, Sylvester and Owens and W.W. Pratt. Notably Jacksonian, this charming, and surprisingly rigorous, textbook on Constitutional law was intended for elementary-age school children. OCLC locates 4 copies of the New York issue, 1 of the Albany, 1 in a law library (Yale, which has a New York imprint). Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 2770.



Two Classic Statements on Parliamentary Supremacy

#### 14. Prynne, William [1600-1669].

The Soveraigne Power of Parliaments and Kingdomes: Divided Into Foure Parts. Together with an Appendix: Wherein the Superiority of Our Owne, And Most Other Foraine Parliaments, States, Kingdomes, Magistrates, (Collectively Considered,) Over and Above Their Lawfull Emperours, Kings, Princes, is Abundantly Evidenced, Confirmed by Pregnant Reasons, Resolutions, Precedents, Histories, Authorities of All Sorts... London: Printed for Michael Sparke Senior, 1643. Four parts in one volume, each with title page. [viii], [4], 56, 75-112; [iv], 38 pp., 39-40 ff., 41-87, [1]; [viii], 150 [i.e. 147]; [iv], 36, 112, 121-218, [2] pp.

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#### Prynne, William.

Romes Master-Peece: Or, The Grand Conspiracy of the Pope and His Iesuited Instruments, To Extirpate the Protestant Religion, Re-Establish Popery, Subvert Lawes, Liberties, Peace, Parliaments, By Kindling a Civil War in Scotland, And All His Majesties Realmes, And to Poyson the King Himselfe in Case He Comply Not With Them in These Their Execrable Designes... London: Printed for Michael Sparke, Senior, 1643. [ii], 12 [i.e. 36], [1] pp.

Quarto  $(8-1/2" \times 6-1/2")$ . Contemporary calf, blind rules to boards, blind fillets to spine, edges rouged. Moderate rubbing to extremities, a few tiny chips to spine ends, a few small scratches and scuffs to boards, corners bumped and somewhat worn, endleaves removed, along with hinges, rear pastedown loose. Titles printed within typographical borders. Light toning to text, light soiling to title pages, minor edgewear to a few leaves at beginning and end of text block. Brief early owner annotation to rear pastedown, interior otherwise clean. \$500.

\* First editions. One of the most notable and colorful figures of the period, Prynne was a contentious, erudite Puritan attorney, legal antiquarian and prolific author. As this volume suggests, many of his writings championed parliament and denounced the Papacy. The four-part *Power of Parliaments* was one of his most important works. It was quite influential, both in Great Britain and the American colonies. As the *DNB* notes, it "was held to be the most conclusive vindication of the constitutional position of the Parliament." *Romes Master-Peece* argued that King Charles and his ministers were designing to "introduce Popery" to England. *Dictionary of National Biography* XVI:437. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R203193, R212542.



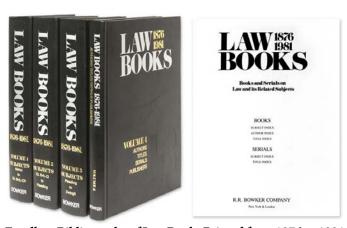
Railroad Law in Argentina

#### 15. Ramos Mexia, Ezequiel [1853-1935].

La Jurisdiccion Federal y el Ferrocarril Provincial de Buenos Aires. Buenos Aires: Talleres Graficos Argentinos, L.J. Rosso, 1929. 300 pp.

Softbound volume bound into contemporary three-quarter cloth over marbled boards, printed paper title label to spine (taken from original binding). Light shelfwear, moderate toning to text, internally clean. Ex-library. Location label to spine, small inkstamp to verso of title page. \$75

\* Second, final and best edition. First published as shorter work in 1928, this is a study of railroad law in Argentina and in the province of Buenos Aires. OCLC locates 15 copies in North America, no copies of the first edition.



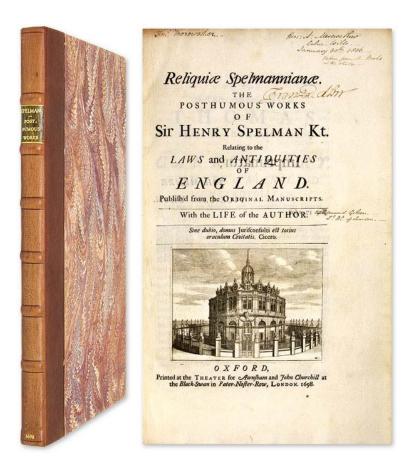
Excellent Bibliography of Law Books Printed from 1876 to 1981

#### 16. R.R. Bowker Company.

Law Books, 1876-1981 Books and Serials on Law and its Related Subjects. New York: R.R. Bowker Co., 1981. 4 volumes (xviii, 5039 pages). Folio. (11" x 8 1/2).

Hardcover. Vols. 1 to 3 Subjects; Vol. 4 Authors/Titles/Serials/Publishers. Publishers black gilt and silver stamped cloth. As new, excellent condition. \$600.

\* A milestone in the bibliography of law and its related subjects. Contains 39,000 Library of Congress subject headings, approximately 130,000 titles and about 4,000 serials titles.



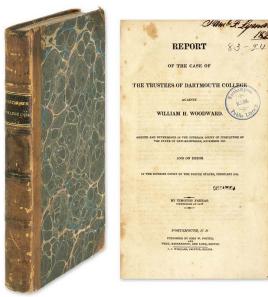
Compilation of Spelman's Writings With Annotations From a Previous Owner

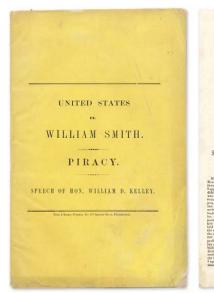
# 17. Spelman, Sir Henry [?1564-1641]. [Gibson, Edmund, Editor].

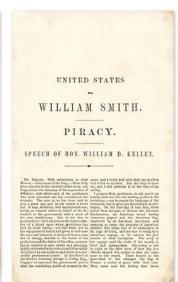
Reliquiae Spelmannianae: The Posthumous Works of Sir Henry Spelman Relating to the Laws and Antiquities of England Published from the Original Manuscripts. With the Life of the Author. Oxford: Printed at the Theater for Awnsham and John Churchill, 1698. [xxxii], 214, [12] pp. Copperplate portrait frontispiece, copperplate of Oxford's Sheldonian Theatre to title page. Two folding tables. Folio (12-1/2" x 8").

Recent period-style quarter morocco over marbled boards, raised bands and lettering piece to spine. Light rubbing to extremities with minor wear to corners, a few tiny nicks to boards, some fading to spine. Very light toning to text. Early owner signatures to title page, later signature of "A. Merriwether" dated 1806. Brief annotations in Merriwether's neat hand in several places, extensive annotations to a few leaves. An appealing copy. \$500.

\* Only edition. Contents mostly in English, a few essays in Latin. Spelman was an eminent antiquarian, legal historian and member of Parliament. This volume consists largely of an essay on feuds and a reprint of his 1641 treatise *The Original Growth, Propagation and Condition of Tenures by Knight Service* (1641). Another important item is the "Apologie for Arch-Bishop Abbot," which addresses Abbot's manslaughter conviction by chance medley in a test case for a clergyman's rights under such circumstances. Other essays discuss wills, land tenures, the rank of knights, early English law, military law and historical subjects. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R22617.







Item 18 Item 19

First Report of the Landmark Dartmouth College Case

18. [Trial].
[Dartmouth College Case].
Farrar, Timothy [1788-1874], Reporter.

Report of the Case of the Trustees of Dartmouth College Against William H. Woodward. Argued and Determined in the Superior Court of Judicature of the State of New-Hampshire, November 1817. And on Error in the Supreme Court of the United States, February 1819. Portsmouth: Published by John W. Forster, And West, Richardson, And Lord, Boston, [1819]. [iv], 406 pp. Octavo (9" x 5").

Later nineteenth-century three-quarter calf over marbled boards. Moderate rubbing to extremities with wear to corners, hinges cracked. Moderate toning and light foxing to text. Early owner signature and annotation to head of title page, interior otherwise clean. Ex-library. Bookplate to front pastedown, two small inkstamps to title page, residue from card pocket to rear pastedown. A solid copy. \$750.

\* First published report. This is probably the most important American case concerning the contract right of corporations. The New Hampshire legislature passed a bill in 1816 that revoked Dartmouth College's original charter and converted the college from a private to a state institution. The college challenged the constitutionality of this act in the state Supreme Court without success, but the U.S. Supreme Court reversed the state's decision in a landmark opinion based on the contract clause of the Constitution. "By construing the contract clause as a means of protecting corporate charters from state interventions, Marshall derived a significant limitation on state authority. As a result, various forms of private economic and social activity would enjoy security from state regulatory policy. Marshall thus encouraged, through constitutional sanction, the emergence of the relatively unregulated private, autonomous economic actor as the major participant in a liberal political economy that served the commonwealth by promoting enlightened self interest" (Konefsky). Farrar's comprehensive report contains all material related to the case, including the arguments of Webster and Wirt and the opinions of Chief Justice Marshall and Justices Story and Washington and texts of related documents. Alfred F. Konefsky, "Dartmouth College v. Woodward" in *The Oxford Companion to the Supreme Court* 218-219. Sabin, A Dictionary of Books Relating to America 23887. Cohen, Bibliography of Early American Law 11614.

#### **Privateer or Pirate?**

19. [Trial].

Smith, William, Defendant.

Kelley, William D. [1814-1890].

*United States vs. William Smith. Piracy. Speech of Hon. William D. Kelley.* [N.p.: S.n., c. 1862]. 13 pp. Main text printed in parallel columns. Octavo (9" x 5-1/2").

Stab-stitched pamphlet in printed wrappers. Light soiling, some edgewear and a few small chips, lower corner lacking from rear wrapper with some loss to text (publisher advertisement), a few light vertical creases. Moderate toning to text, light foxing to some leaves, internally clean. \$195.

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#### 20. Wilson, Jennie L. [b. 1847], Compiler.

Legal Status of Women in Iowa. Des Moines: Iowa Printing Company, 1894. 83, [2] pp. Octavo (9" x 6").

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