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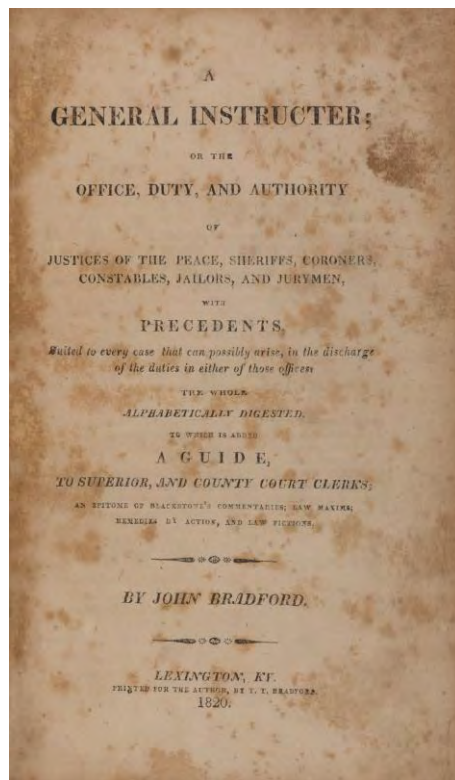
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An Interesting Blackstone-Related Title

1. Bradford, John [1747-1830].

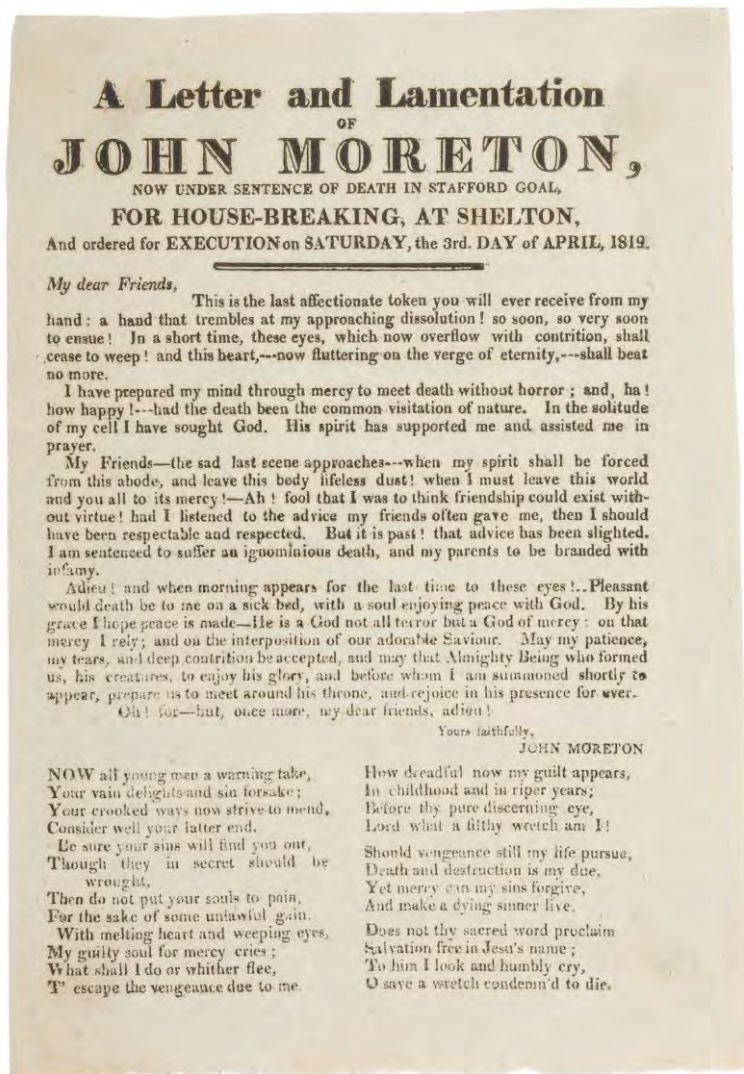
[Blackstone, Sir William (1723-1780)].

A General Instructer [sic]; *Or the Office, Duty and Authority of Justices of the Peace, Sheriffs, Coroners, Constables, Jailors, And Jurymen, With Precedents, Suited to Every Case that Can Possibly Arise, In the Discharge of the Duties in Either of Those Offices. The Whole Alphabetically Digested. To Which is Added a Guide, to Superior, And County Court Clerks; An Epitome of Blackstone's Commentaries; Law Maxims; Remedies by Action, And Law Fictions.* Lexington, KY: Printed for the Author, By T.T. Bradford, 1820. viii, 450 pp. Octavo (8" x 5").

Contemporary sheep, blind fillets to boards, lettering piece and blind fillets to spine. Moderate rubbing to boards and extremities, corners bumped, chip to head of spine, front joint just starting at foot, front hinge cracked, front free endpaper lacking early owner signatures and annotations to pastedowns and rear free endpaper, owner signature of Philip Ardery to front endleaf. Moderate toning and light foxing to text, light browning in places, lower corner lacking from leaf A1 (pp. 1-2) with minor loss to text. \$1,250.

* Second and final edition, the only one with Blackstone content. This manual includes four features that aim to give the reader a smattering of legal education and erudition, enough at least to impress the frontier judge and jury. There are the lists of legal maxims and legal fictions, examples of remedies and an "Epitome of the Commentaries of Sir William Blackstone, On the Laws of England" (pp. 405-425), which consists of the first sentences from, or summaries of, sections of selected chapters. The first edition of this work was published in 1800, does not have a Blackstone section; an Indiana issue was published the same year as the second Kentucky edition. Bradford was an early printer and newspaper publisher in Kentucky. He was also an engineer, surveyor and sheriff. Philip Ardery [1914-2013] was a distinguished bomber pilot during World War II. He was one of the founders of the Kentucky Air National Guard and its first wing commander. Laeuchli, *A Bibliographical Catalog of William Blackstone* 286. Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 7971.

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A Warning to "All Young Men"

2. [Broadside].

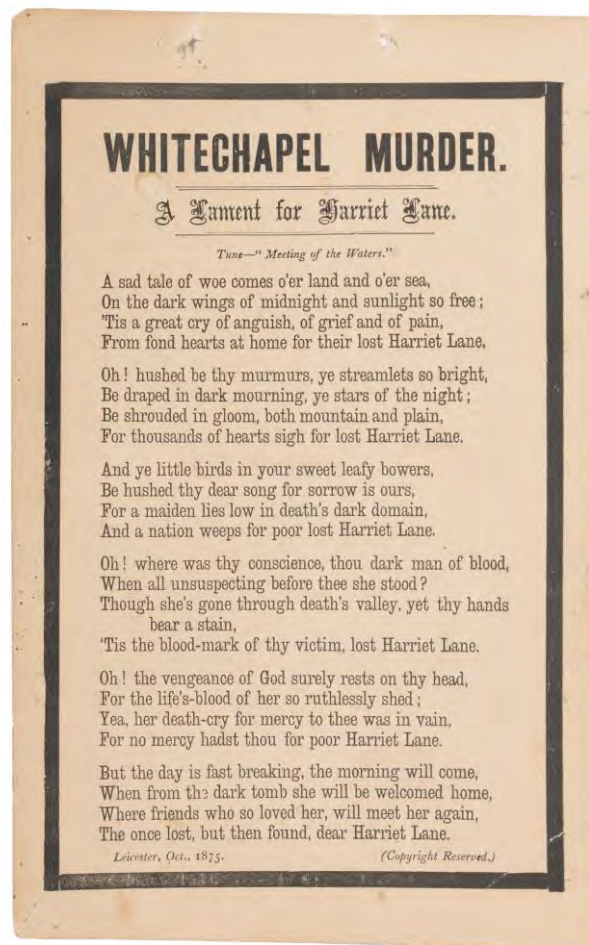
[Execution].

A Letter and Lamentation of John Moreton, Now Under Sentence of Death in Stafford Goal, For House-Breaking, At Shelton, And Ordered for Execution on Saturday, The 3rd. Day of April, 1819. [Stafford]: S.n., 1819.

9-3/4" x 6-3/4" broadside, bottom edge not trimmed, main text printed in single column between headline and six-stanza poem in two columns. Moderate toning, a few light finger smudges, traces of mounting tape to verso. A well-preserved copy of a rare and apparently unrecorded item. \$750.

* A fine example of a moralizing execution broadside. Addressed to "My dear Friends," the "letter" expresses remorse, acceptance of his well-deserved sentence and describes the peaceful state he attained in prison after he "sought God." The poem, in Moreton's voice, is a warning to "all young men" to forsake "vain delights and sin." A horrible fate awaits those who put their "souls to pain, for the sake of some unlawful gain." No copies listed on OCLC or Library Hub.

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**Unrecorded Verse Broadside Describing
the Murder of a Young Woman in Whitechapel**

**3. [Broadside].
[Murder].**

Whitechapel Murder. A Lament for Harriet Lane. Leicester: S.n., 1875.

9-3/4" x 6" broadside printed on thick paper, main text printed in single column below headline, text enclosed by thick black border. Light browning and edgewear, a few tiny spots and stains, chip to upper left corner, crease to lower right corner (reinforced with archival tape on verso), two small holes at head of broadside above border. \$950.

* A gruesome (and apparently unrecorded) seven-stanza verse account of the 1875 murder of Harriet Lane, a young milliner's apprentice and mistress of Henry Wainwright, a brushmaker. Lane had been Wainwright's mistress since 1871. He killed her in 1874, probably due to the strain of keeping her and his propensity for drink and recent financial difficulties. Afterwards, he buried her body beneath the floorboards of his home. Twelve months later, Wainwright, needing to sell his property, exhumed the decomposing body, dismembered it and put the pieces in two packages. He then enlisted the help of an unwitting employee, Alfred Stokes, to dispose of the packages. Apparently out of curiosity, Stokes looked in one of the packages. Horrified, he notified the police. Wainwright was apprehended, convicted and hanged at Newgate on December 21, 1875. The murder attracted a great deal of attention, more than the later crimes of Jack the Ripper. No copies listed on OCLC or Library Hub. [Order This Item](#)

The Islington Tragedy



Real, Printer, Monmouth Court, Seven Dials,
London.

Oh list you dear and tender mothers,
Old and young of each degree,
Of dreadful murders here's another,
The Islington Tragedy.
There lived a wretch Celestia Somner,
A monster in a human shape,
Her mind was harder far than iron,
The same would make each heart to ache.

Oh the cruel murdering mother,
How could she offspring slay,
She bore a child by her own brother,
And took the darling's life away.

Cruel, base, and wicked mother,
Her own offspring's blood did spill,
Without a cause, and without reason,
Her dear child the monster killed.
Seventeen wounds she had inflicted,
What a sight for to behold,
Poor little Celestia Christmas,
Who was scarcely ten years old.

On the Sixteenth of February,
On that fatal Saturday night,
She to her home did lead the infant,
Which did the little girl affright.
She cried, oh mother, do not kill me,
Do not take my life away,
If you do, My God won't love you,
The pretty little dear did say.

Mother, mother, 'tis dark and dreary,
But I do not feel afraid,
Mother dear, I pray don't slay me,
Don't you kill your little maid.
The servant girl awoko, did tremble
As in her bed she lay alone,
And in the cellar she was hearing
The murderer's little victim groan.

This dreadful deed is most distressing,
In a dungeon now she lies,
The murderer makes a full confession,
My blessed baby, oh she cries.
How could cursed Satan tempt me
My sweet darling child to slay,
Oh whatever could possess me
To take her precious life away.

Shed a tear you tender mothers,
When this dreadful tale you read,
Oh may we never hear another
Such atrocious horrid deed.
At the bar they will arraign her,
When she must be guilty found,
Her own darling child she murdered,
By seventeen sad and dreadful wounds.

Oh mother, mother, dearest mother,
Little dear Celestia said,
With that knife, my own dear mother,
Don't you kill your little maid
But the tigress had no pity,
She seized her with the deadly knife,
And in the dark and dismal cellar,
Took away her infant's life.

"She Bore a Child by Her Own Brother, And Took the Darling's Life Away"

4. [Broadside].

[Murder].

The Islington Tragedy. London: Real, Printer, [c.1800].

9-3/4" x 7-1/2" broadside, verse text in two columns below headline and large woodcut prison scene. Moderate toning and light soiling, horizontal and vertical fold lines, minor creases and wear along edges, a few clean tears along folds, one of them mended on verso with archival tape, along with a short tear near upper-left corner. \$650.

* Almost nothing is known about this case, which occurred in the greater London borough of Islington. Celestia Somner had a daughter through incest with her brother. Celestia stabbed the daughter to death when she was ten. The broadside condemns Celestia at length for the murder of her child, but doesn't criticize her for committing incest. The woodcut depicts two prison officials and a vicar in a cell with a lamenting female prisoner on the day of her execution. This appears to be an unrecorded imprint. No copies located on OCLC or Library Hub. [Order This Item](#)



Pre-Tridentine Editions of Three Primary Volumes of Canon Law

5. [Canon Law].

Boniface VIII [1235-1303], Pope.

[d'Andrea, Giovanni [c.1270-1348], Glosses].

Sextus Liber Decretalium: Cum Epitomis, Divisionibus Et Glossa Ordinaria Do. Io. Andraeae, Una cum Utilibus Additionibus Novissimè Recognitus, & Infinitis Propè Mendis Purgatus Studio & Industria Cuiusdam Clarissimi Iurecons. Parisien. VV. Docto. Celeberrimi, & In Supremo Galliae Senatu Patroni Consult. Superfluis & Inutilibus Expunctis; Quibus Praeter haec Praeclarae & Decisivae Annotationes Omnibus tam in Schola, Quàm in Foro, In Theorea & Praxi Accesserunt. Lyon: Apud Hugonem à Porta, & Antonium Vincentium, 1559. [xxxvi], 463 pp. Main text with linear gloss. Woodcut table of consanguinity.

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Clement V [c.1266-1314], Pope.

Perrino, Gilles [fl. 1508-1533], Editor.

Clementinae. Clementis V. Constitutiones. Quas Clementinas Vocant, Ab Hegidio Petrino, Officiali de Josayo, Diligenter Recognitae, Cum Summariis, Lasibus Notabilibus, Juris Patronatus Arbore ac Additionibus tum ex Joannis Imolae quam Petri Ancharani, Zarabellae, Barbariae, Panormitani, Doctoris Vankel Aliorumque Doctorum Commentariis Collectis. Quibus Additae sunt Decisivae Nonnullae Additiones, Quae Antea in His Clementinis Maxime Requirebantur. Lyon: Apud Hugonem à Porta, & Antonium Vincentium, 1559. [xvii], 191 pp. Folding table of descents. Main text in parallel columns with linear gloss.

[And]

John XXII [1244-1334], Pope.

[Cassanis, Zenzelinus de (d. 1334), Editor].

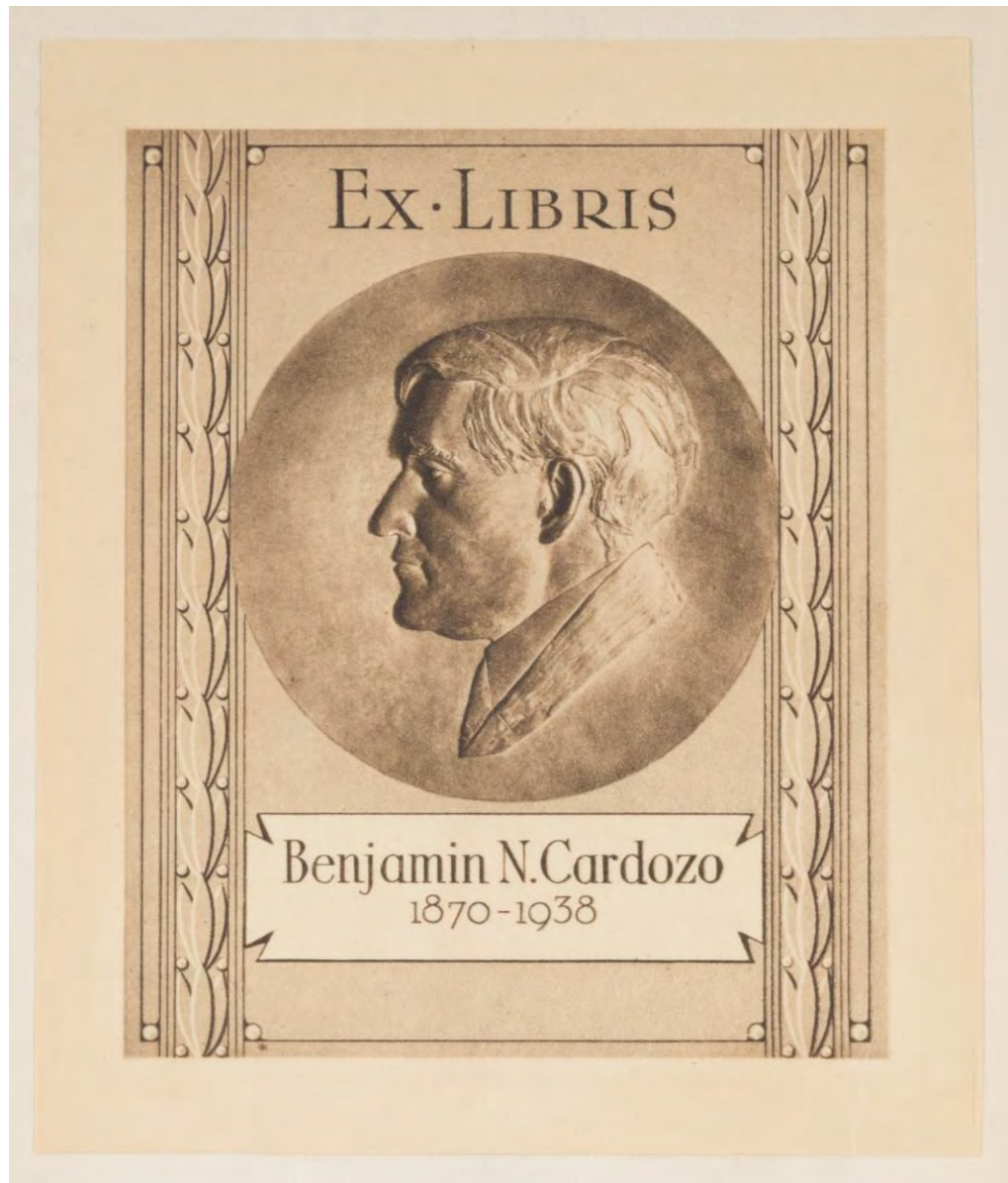
Extravagantes tum Viginti Ioannis Vicesimesecundi: Tum Communes cum Glossis et Epitomis Assuetis, & Recognitae, & Emendatae: Quibus (Praeter ea, Quae Prior Editio Continebat) Cuiusdam Iureconsulti Parisiensis Viri Sane quam Docti, & In Supremo Parisiorum [sic] Senatu Causarum Patroni Experientissimi Nonnullae Decisivae: Additiones, quae Antea Requirebantur, Accesserunt. Lyon: Apud Hugonem à Porta, & Antonium Vincentium, 1558. [xiv], 262 pp. Main text in parallel columns with linear gloss.

Small folio (9-3/4" x 6-3/4"). Contemporary paneled pigskin, elaborate blind-stamped boards featuring small allegorical figures surrounding larger central images: Lady Justice on the front, below initials 'M.I.W.H' and above date 1563, Lucretia on the rear, raised bands and early hand-lettered title and location letter to spine against light gray backgrounds, edges rouged, front hinge mended. Some rubbing, light soiling and a few worm holes to boards. Moderate rubbing to extremities, front joint cracked, corners bumped and somewhat worn, faint early owner signature and small library de-accession bookplate dated 1937 to front pastedown, partial crack in text block between front free endpaper and title page of *Sextus*. Title pages printed in red and black. Light browning, faint dampstaining to head of text block, underlining and brief later annotations in places, owner signature dated 1730, probably that of annotator, and two small later library stamps to title page of *Sextus*. \$1,850.

* This volume collects three books from the *Corpus Juris Canonici*, a collective title first used in 1441: the *Liber Sextus* of Boniface VIII (1298), the *Liber Septimus Decretalium*, better known as the *Constitutiones Clementis V*, or *Clementinae* of Clement V (1317), with commentary by Johannes de Imola, Nicolas de Tudeschis and Petro D'Ancharano, Andreas Barbatius, Franciscus de Zabarellis and Koelner de Vanckel, and the *Extravagantes* of John XXII (1325). These editions are interesting because they were issued before the *Correctores Romani* revision, which was ordered in 1582 by the Council of Trent. Though often catalogued independently, our volume is part of an edition of the *Corpus Juris Canonici* published by La Porte and Vincent in 1558-1559. Baudrier, *Bibliographie Lyonnaise* VII:338.



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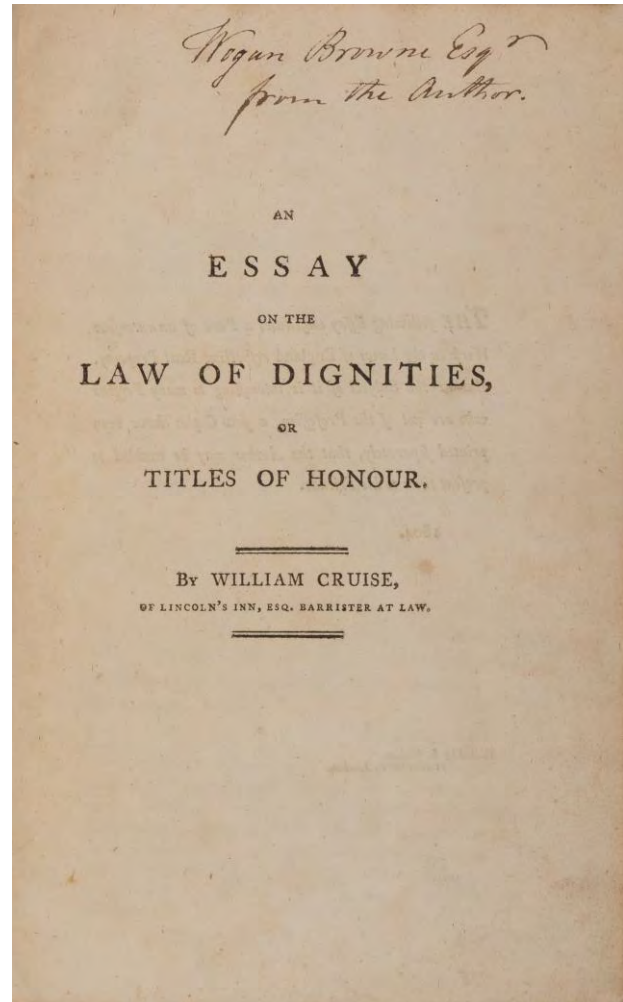
Cardozo's Copy of His Most Influential Work

6. Cardozo, Benjamin N. [1870-1938].

The Nature of the Judicial Process. New Haven: Yale University Press, [1921]. 180 pp.

Original publisher's cloth, gilt title to spine, untrimmed edges. Moderate rubbing to extremities, spine ends bumped, faint scratch to rear board, Cardozo memorial bookplate to front pastedown, two faint finger smudges to title page. \$5,000.

* First edition. One of the most important legal works of the twentieth century, *The Nature of the Judicial Process* argued that judges create law. Along with Holmes' *The Common Law*, this book is one of the seminal works that helped the American bar to move beyond the formalism (and conservatism) of nineteenth-century jurisprudence. The bookplate was commissioned by Judge Irving Lehman, Cardozo's executor and close friend, to mark books that were in Cardozo's library. See Lehman, *Benjamin Nathan Cardozo: A Memorial* 18. [Order This Item](#)



William Cruise on Dignities and Titles of Honor

7. Cruise, William [d.1824].

An Essay on the Law of Dignities, Or Titles of Honour. [London: Printed by A. Strahan, 1804]. 109 pp. Octavo (9" x 5-1/2").

Contemporary calf, rebacked retaining existing spine with lettering piece, hinges reinforced. A few minor nicks to boards, corners bumped, hinged cracked, early owner bookplate (of James Correy) to front pastedown. Moderate toning to text, author presentation inscription at head of title page (to "Wogan Brown, Esq."). \$850.

* First edition. According to a note on the verso of the title page, this "essay constitutes a part of an extensive work on the Laws of England respecting real property. But as the subject of it is interesting to many persons who are not of the profession, a few copies have been printed separately, that the author may be enabled to present them to his friends." (One assumes Wogan Brown was a friend.) The "extensive work" is Cruise's *Digest of the Laws of England Respecting Real Property* (first edition 1795), long a standard treatise on the subject. A second edition of *The Law of Dignities* was issued in 1823. The first edition is rare. OCLC locates 9 copies, 2 in North American law libraries (Georgetown, University of Victoria, BC). Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 2:87. [Order This Item](#)



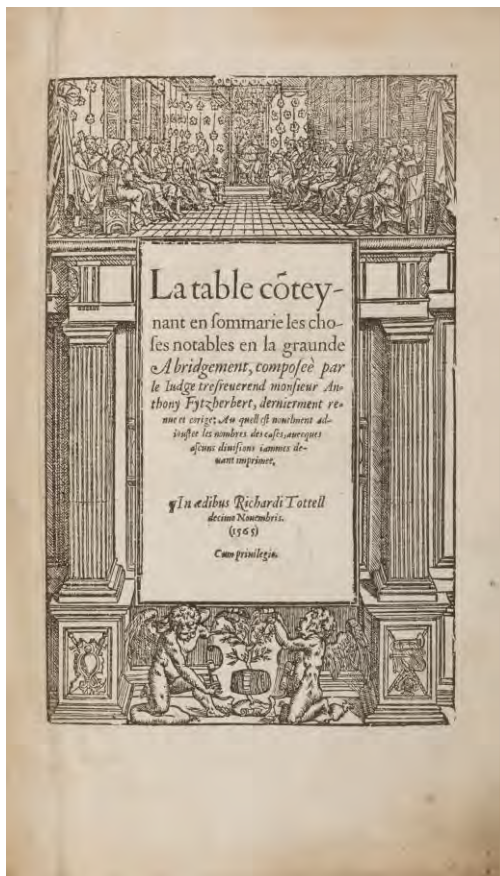
First Tottell Edition of the Book that "Made" the Common Law

8. Fitzherbert, Sir Anthony [1470-1538].

La Grande Abridgement Collecte par le Iudge Tresreverend Monsieur Anthony Fitzherbert, Dernierment Conferre Ouesque la Copy Escrip et per Ceo Correct: Aueques le Nombre del Sueil, Per Quel Facilement Poies Trover les Cases cy Abyrdges en les Livres Dans, Novelment Annote: Iamais Devaunt Imprimee. London: Richard Tottell, 1565. Three parts in two books [i], 379; [i], 128; 207 ff. First and second parts have title pages, second part has title beginning: *La Secoude Part du Graund Abridgment*. Tipped-in cancel slip to verso of leaf M2 in third part. Folio (13-1/2" x 9-1/4").

Contemporary calf, rebaked in period style, blind rules to boards, raised bands and lettering piece to spine, early hand-lettered title to fore-edge of text block, endpapers renewed with carefully matched antique paper. Moderate rubbing and light gatoring to boards, heavier rubbing to board edges with wear to corners. Title pages printed within woodcut architectural borders. Moderate toning, faint dampstaining to foot of text block, light soiling to title page of first part, "W" in small later hand to upper right-hand corner. An impressive copy. \$4,000.

* First Tottell edition. Arguably one of the most imposing volumes in the history of English law, Fitzherbert abridged 13,485 cases under 263 titles in alphabetical order. First published in 1514 (or 1516), it was the first serious attempt to arrange the common law in a systematic manner and was a model for such writers as Brooke and Rolle. According to Boersma, Fitzherbert accomplished "nothing less than to abridge all notes of significant cases at common law." A standard work in Great Britain, it was equally important in the American colonies. Thomas Jefferson, for example, owned a copy from 1577. Graham and Heckel refer to this work as the "book that 'made' the common law." Beale's record for the second part differs from our copy, which matches that in the *ESTC*. The most notable difference is that the Beale copy does not include the first 128 leaves of the second part. Boersma, "Sir Anthony Fitzherbert: A Biographical Sketch and Short Bibliography," *Law Library Journal* 71 (1978) 395. Graham and Heckel, "The Book That 'Made' the Common Law," *Law Library Journal* 51 (1957) 101. Sowerby, *Catalogue of the Library of Thomas Jefferson* 1776. Beale, *A Bibliography of Early English Law Books* R463, R464. *English Short-Title Catalogue* S122166. [Order This Item](#)



The First Index of the Common Law, Written to Accompany the First Abridgement of the Common Law

9. Fitzherbert, Sir Anthony [1470-1538].

[Rastell, John (d. 1536)].

La Table Co[n]teynant en Sommarie les Choses Notables en la Graunde Abridgement, Composee par le Iudge Tresreverend Monsieur Anthony Fytzherbert, Dernièrement Renue et Corigee: Au Quell est Novelment Adioustee les Nombres des Cases, Avecques Ascuns Divisions Iammes Devant Imprimee. London: In Aedibus Ricardi Tottell, Decimi Novembris, 1565. ii, 210, [1] ff. Folio (11-1/4" x 8").

Contemporary paneled calf, rebaked in period style, raised bands and lettering piece to spine, hinges mended. Moderate rubbing and light gatoring to boards, heavier rubbing to board edges with wear to corners, alter armorial book plate (Hopetoun) to front pastedown. Title printed within woodcut architectural border. Moderate toning, occasional light soiling to margins, heavier soiling and some creases and edgewear to preliminaries and endleaves, occasional brief annotations in early chancery hand. \$1,250.

* Only edition. Arguably one of the most imposing volumes in the history of English law, Fitzherbert's *Abridgement*, which abridged 13,485 cases under 263 titles in alphabetical order, was the first serious attempt to arrange the common law in a systematic manner. First published in 1514 (or 1516), it was standard work for decades, Graham and Heckel refer to this work as the "book that 'made' the common law." The Table was compiled by Fitzherbert and improved by Rastell. Intended to accompany the first edition, it was completed by an unidentified third individual who adjusted the text so it could be used in conjunction with Richard Tottel's 1565 edition. Graham and Heckel, "The Book That 'Made' the Common Law," *Law Library Journal* 51 (1957) 101. Beale, *A Bibliography of Early English Law Books* R465. *English Short-Title Catalogue* S121335. [Order This Item](#)



1547 Aldobrandini Edition of the *Institutes* With Extensive Early Annotations

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

Aldobrandini, Sylvestro [1499-1558], Editor.

Holoander, Gregor [1501-1531], Editor.

Perrino, Egidio [fl. 1508-1533], Editor]

Institutiones Iuris D. Iustiniani Sacratissimi Principis Primalegem Cumabula: A Clarissimo Iurison. D. Sylvestro Aldobrandino Florentino Annotationibus Illustrata: Sed Ita, Ut Omnia in Unum Contulerit. In Quibus Etiam Nihil Praetermissum, Quod a G. Haloandro & E. Perrino est Observatum. Lyon: Veronica Vincentiana [Excudebat Dionysius de Harsy], 1547. [lii], 389 [i.e. 387], [2] ff. Woodcut folding table. Main text in parallel columns surrounded by linear glosses. Octavo (7" x 4-1/2").

Contemporary blind-tooled paneled vellum-covered wooden boards with beveled edges (featuring allegorical figures of justice, charity, hope and other virtues), 1551 stamped to front board, raised bands to spine, small mark from removed label at foot, two clasps, one incomplete, colored edges. Moderate soiling and rubbing to extremities, spine ends and corners bumped, front hinge starting. Title printed in red and black. Moderate toning, slightly heavier in places, faint stains to a few leaves, faint recent library stamp to title page, extensive annotations underlining and other marks to text and endleaves in contemporary hands. \$2,850.

* 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 books: *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 was one of the most popular and influential editions. It was issued several times during the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries, often with contributions from later scholars. The striking folding woodcut is an ornate table of descents in the form of a man holding up the branches of a family tree. The underlining and annotations in our 1547 copy are mostly summaries of key points. They bear witness to the efforts of several contemporary owners to master this important text. OCLC locates 3 copies of this imprint, none in North America. Not in Adams or Baudrier. [Order This Item](#)



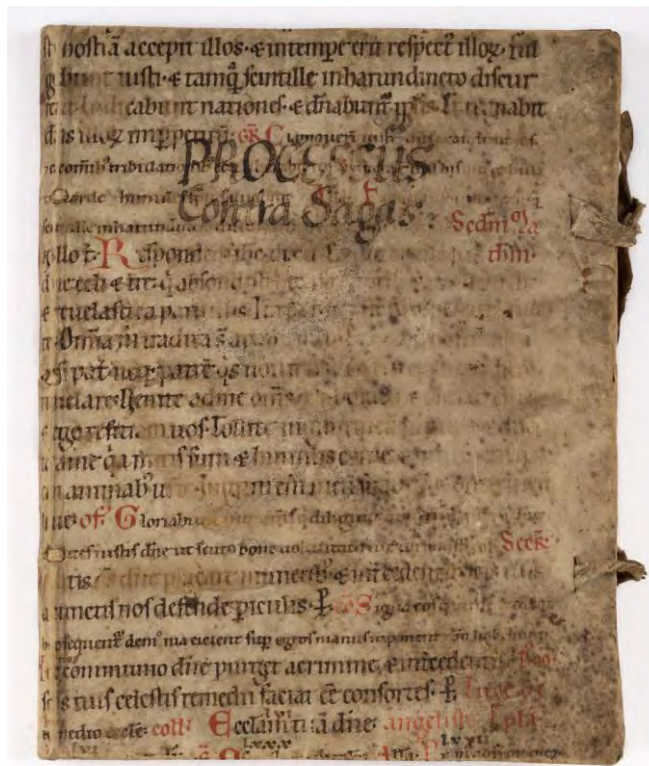
Guidance for German Rulers (And Their Advisors)

11. Lauterbeck, Georg [1505?-1578].

Regentenbüch Auffß Fleißigst und Herrlichst Jtzt von Newem Übersehen, Und Durchaus an Vielen Orten Corrigiert, Gemebret, und Gebessert. Allen Regenten und Oberkeit zu Anrichtung und Besserung Erbarer und Guter Policy, Christlich und Nötig zu wissen. Es ist Auch über die Rede des Griechischen Philosophi Masonii, Dem Gemeinen Nutz zum Besten, Hier Angedruckt die Summa der Platonischen Lere von den Gesetzen und Regierung des Gemeinen Nutzes, Wie die von Johanne Schleydano ins Latein Zusammen Gezogen, etc. Vom Ampt der Könige und Regierung des Gemeinen Nutzes in der Löblichen Kron Frankreich, Des Fürtrefflichen Mannes Claudii Sessels zwey Schöne Bücher, Wie er die in Frantzösischer Sprach Geschrieben und von Johanne Schleydano ins Latein Gebracht, Auch ein Christliche und Trewe Oration und Vermanung an die Regierung der Löblichen Kron Frankreich, Etc. [Leipzig: Durch Johann Martorff, 1572. [xxiv], 368 [i.e. 367], [80] ff. Folio (12" x 8").

Contemporary blind-tooled paneled pigskin-covered wooden boards with beveled edges (featuring images of saints and church fathers), brass corner bosses and clasps, edges rouged, early hand-lettered title to fore-edge of text block. Moderate soiling and a few stains, residue from removed labels to spine, a few minor worm holes, spine ends bumped, rear hinge cracked, a few partial cracks to text block. Title page printed in red and black. Moderate toning, light foxing in a few places, faint staining to a few leaves, minor worming to bottom edges of final 62 leaves, rear free endpaper and rear pastedown, light soiling and edgewear to title page. \$2,000.

* Later edition. First published in 1556, this a collection of essays on law, political science and Christian morality intended for the education of German rulers and the people who advise them. It is a deeply humanistic work. Among other sources, it draws on the works of Plato, the Stoic philosopher Gaius Musonis Rufus and the the humanist jurist Ulrich Zasius. All editions of this work are scarce. OCLC locates no copies of the 1572 in North America. *Das Verzeichniss der im Deutschen Sprachbereich Erschienenen Drucke des 16. Jahrhunderts* L782. [Order This Item](#)



A Handbook for Trying Witches and Sorcerers

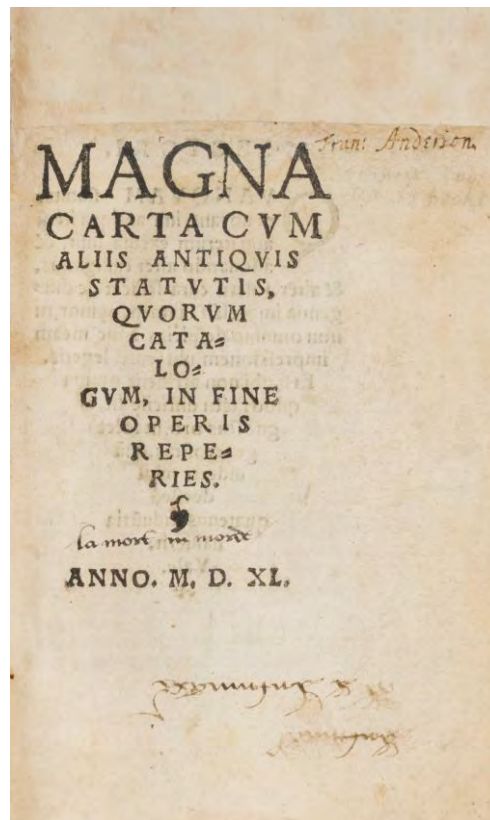
12. Laymann, Paul [1574-1635], Attributed.

[Rotter, Quirinus, Translator, Attributed].

Processus Iuridicus Contra Sagas Et Veneficos. Das ist ein Rechtlicher Process Gegen die Unholden vnd Zauberysche Personen: In Welchem Ordentlich Docirt und auss Fürnehmen beyder Rechten Doctoren und Berühmbten Scribenten Vorgetragen Wird: Was Gestalt Geistliche und Weltliche Inquisitores, Richter, Schöffnen und Mit Beampten, So Wol vor als nach der Captur der Maleficanten, Dann auch vor und Nach dem Capital-Sententz, Und Letzem Rechts Bertheil, Mit den Reis, Und Beklagten Wegen dess Zaubery Lasters (Damit sie Ohn Sorg und Gefabr in Tribunalibus, Und Gerichtsstätten Procedieren und Verfahren Mögen) sich Zuverhalten Haben. Ist mit Gutem Fleiss unnd Gründlicher Probation und Beveiss durch Paulum Laymann der Societet Iesu Theologum und Iuris Canonici Doctorn in Lateinischer Sprach Beschrieben; Jetzt den Gerichtshältern und Guter Justici Befreunden zum Besten Vertentscht, Auch mit Bewärten Historien, Und Andern Umständen Vermehret und in Unterschiedliche Titeln Ordentlich Abgetheilt. Cologne: Bey Peter Metternich, 1629. 91 ff. Quarto (7-1/2" x 6").

Contemporary limp vellum derived from a medieval manuscript leaf, thong ties, one a fragment, early (?) hand-lettered title to front cover. Light soiling, front free endpaper and most of pastedown lacking, minor worming to rear pastedown. Moderate toning, somewhat heavier in places, faint dampstaining to a few leaves, light soiling, faint dampstain, later owner mark in ink, light edgewear and a few tiny wear holes to title page. An appealing copy. \$3,500.

* First edition, one of two issues by Metternich, both in 1629. This handbook for the interrogation, trial and sentencing of witches and other practitioners of black magic is attributed to Laymann, an important Austrian Jesuit moralist and canon lawyer. Some sources doubt this attribution because the book's harsh prescriptions contradict Laymann's much milder statements in the volume on law in the second and third editions of his multi-volume *Theologia Moralis in Quinque Libros Partita* (1626, 1629). Two other editions of *Processus Iuridicus* were published in 1629, another in 1630. All are scarce. OCLC locates 3 copies of the first edition in North America, 2 in law libraries (Harvard, UC-Berkeley). *Das Verzeichnis der im Deutschen Sprachraum Erschienenen Drucke des 17. Jahrhunderts* 12:629297P. [Order This Item](#)



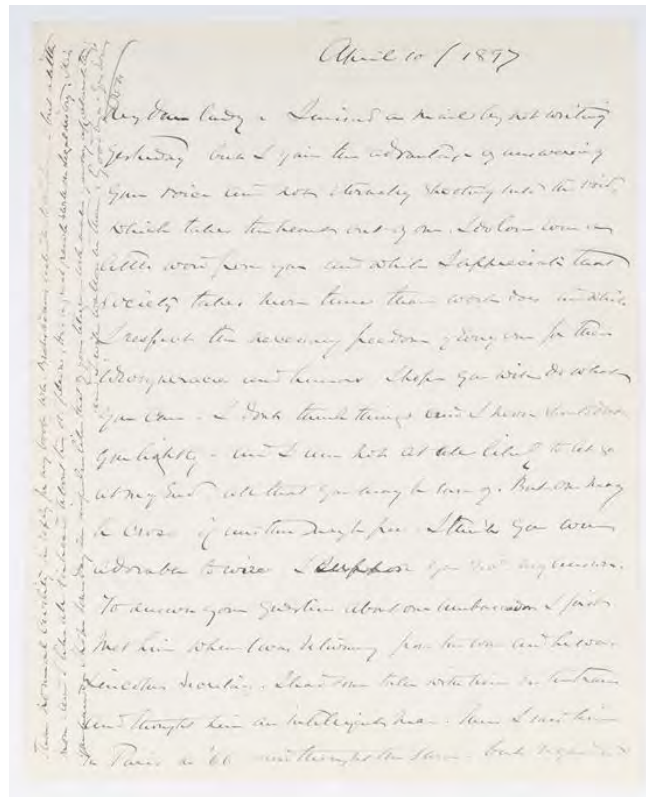
Rare Early Printing of Magna Carta and the *Secunda Pars*

13. [Magna Carta].

Magna Carta Cum Aliis Antiquis Statutis, Quorum Catalogum, In Fine Operis Reperies. [London: Thomas Berthelet], 1540 (dated 1541 on colophon). [i], 2-148, [4]; [iv], 80 ff. Two parts, each with title page, table and individual pagination. Second part, dated 1540 (on title page and colophon), titled *Secunda Pars Veterum Statutorum*. Octavo 5-1/4" x 3-1/2").

Contemporary speckled calf, carefully rebacked in period style, blind rules to boards, raised bands and blind fillets to spine, endpapers renewed with carefully matched antique paper. A few minor nicks and scratches to boards, corners bumped, upper margin of title page replaced with no loss to text. Light toning to interior, occasional faint dampstaining to foot of text block, occasional annotations in early chancery hand to margins (some affected slightly by trimming), later owner signature (Francis Anderson) to title pages, two other brief annotations in chancery hand to title page of *Magna Carta*. A handsome copy. \$8,500.

* The text of Magna Carta is a close reprinting of the 1527 edition by Richard Pynson with additional material. (Pynson printed the first edition around 1508.) It also includes the Charta de Foresta and statutes passed before the reign of Edward III. Among the most notorious statutes are those of Edward I concerning Jews, which condemned them for irreverence and prevented them from practicing usury or acquiring land from Christians through pledges. Other "Antique Statutes" relate to women, wills, forcible entry, "Fraudulent Deedes" and other topics. Annotations are found throughout both parts. Most of them are case references or one of two-word glosses, but some are interpretive notes ranging from one to a few sentences. OCLC locates 3 copies of this imprint in North American libraries (Columbia, Harvard, Library of Congress). Beale, *A Bibliography of Early English Law Books* S12, S22. *English Short-Title Catalogue* S102195. [Order This Item](#)



**"Don't you Feel a Sort of Settled Intimacy as
the Result of Time and our Writing and Every Thing?"**

14. [Manuscript].

Holmes, Oliver Wendell, Jr [1841-1935].

[Castletown, Lady Clare (1853-1927)].

[Autograph Letter Signed "OWH" to Lady Clare Castletown, Boston (?), April 10, 1897].

10" x 8" bifolium, content filling rectos and versos of both leaves. Light toning, vertical and horizontal fold lines, minor tears to folds in two places. \$3,000.

* This letter dates from the early years of Holmes's lengthy correspondence with Lady Clare Castletown, an aristocratic woman with whom Holmes had an intense flirtation. Holmes, then an associate justice of the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court, offers interesting remarks about the statesman John Hay, the historian Henry Adams and the recently-published book *Farthest North* (1897) by the Norwegian Polar explorer Fridtjof Nansen. The letter reads, in part: "To answer your question about our Ambassador [Hay], I first met him when I was returning from the war and he was Lincoln's Secretary. I had some talk with him on the train and thought him an intelligent man. Then I saw him in Paris in '66 and thought the same, but regard him as having a rather a thin varnish on an imperfect Civilization. He has had much experience since then I know and no doubt has learnt much. (...) He is a friend of Henry Adams, a son of our Minister to England, which is a mark in his favor as the Adamses are a clever lot-that's that. (...) My most interesting experience in the way of general reading is Nansen's book (*Farthest North*). It is beautiful as a Greek statue. (...) [N]othing could be more enchanting than to see a man nearly killing himself for an End which derives its worth simply from his having affirmed it. You see the pure ideal in concrete-nonsensical and sublime. (How much we could tell each other if we met again. Don't you feel a sort of settled intimacy as the result of time and our writing and every thing? For oh oh oh, I wish."

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Huntstown January 23 1762.
To Lieut Obdiah Dickson proprietors Treasure of
Huntstown so called we the subscribers Being the Committee
of accounts of the sd proprietors Desire you wood pay to
Nathan Chapin of Huntstown so called the sum of two
pound thurteen shillings Lawfull money Being his
Bill for procuring Law Books for sd proprietors
and passed by us
Ebenezer Belding
Reuben Belding
the committee
of accounts

Concerns Payment for a Purchase of Law Books

15. [Manuscript].

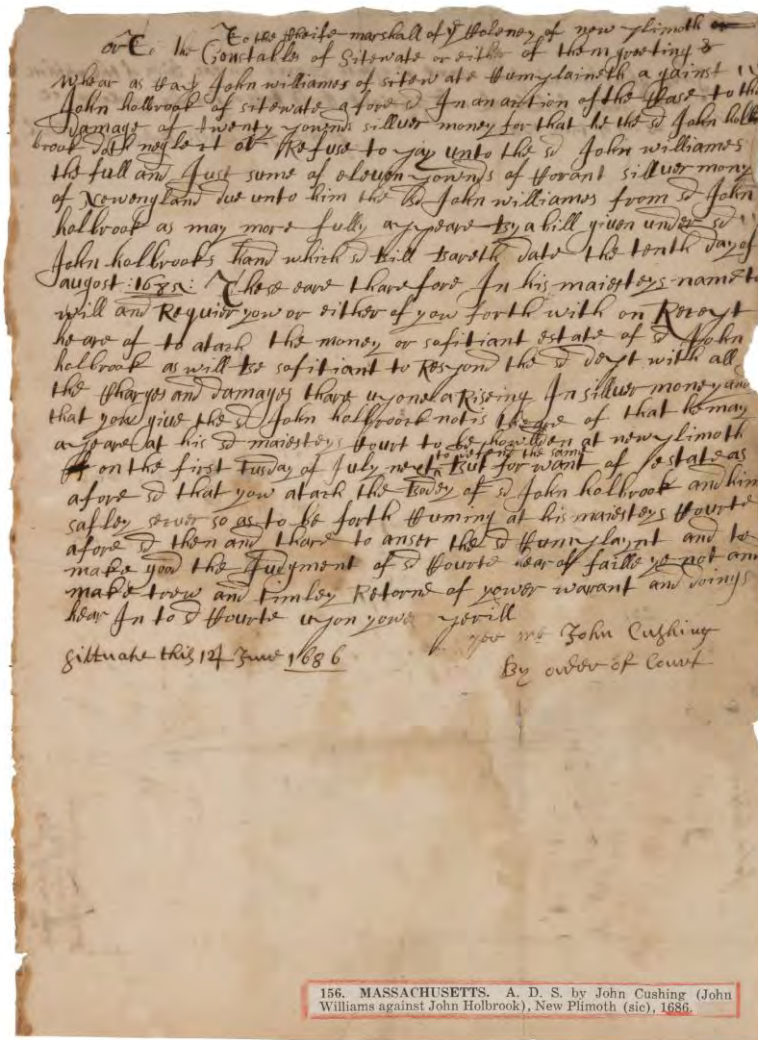
[Law Books].

[Massachusetts].

[Document Concerning Payment for the Purchase of Law Books, Huntstown (Ashfield), MA, January 23, 1762].

3-1/2" x 6-3/4" sheet, moderate toning, light toning and soiling, vertical and horizontal folds with cellotape reinforcements to verso. Content in neat hand, franked in different hand on verso. \$500.

* This document is signed by two early settlers, Ebenezer Belding and Reuben Belding. It reads, in part: "To Lieut. Obdiah Dickeson proprietors Treasure of Huntstown so called we the subscribers Being of the Committee of accounts of the sd proprietors Desire you wood [sic] pay to Nathan Chapin of Huntstown so called the sum of two pound thirteen shillings Lawfull money Being his Bill for procuring Law Books for sd proprietors and passed by us." The notes on the verso track the gradual repayment of the debt. [Order This Item](#)



Seventeenth-Century Scituate's Most Litigious Citizen

16. [Manuscript].

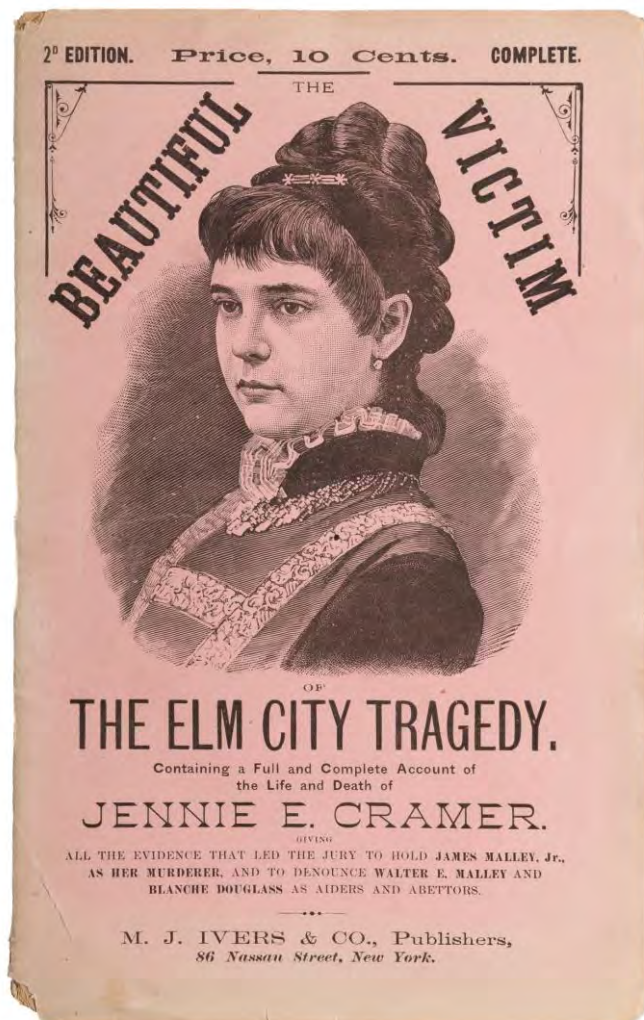
[Trial].

[Massachusetts].

[Document from a Trial Brought by Scituate's Most Litigious Citizen, New Plimouth, MA, June 14, 1686].

10-3/4" x 8" sheet, light browning and soiling, vertical and horizontal folds, moderate rubbing to extremities. Content in neat hand, franked in different hand on verso, brief early bookseller (or auction) description to foot of recto. \$750.

* This document is an attachment (seizure of property to satisfy a judgement) in the case of John Williams, Jr. v. John Holbrook, two citizens of Scituate. Williams [1624-1694], the plaintiff, was probably one of the least likable characters in early Plymouth Colony, and certainly the most litigious; he was either the plaintiff or defendant in over 100 cases. "Plymouth was not an especially litigious community for its times, and so John Williams, Jr. was not a small exception, but an exception on a grand scale. Through his legal adventures can be seen some of the uses and abuses of the law available in Plymouth, and no one in the colony ever engaged in such activities to an extent even remotely approaching that of Williams.": Stratton, *Plymouth Colony, Its History & People, 1620-1691* 164-167. [Order This Item](#)



**"The Terrible Fate of the Trusting
and Unfortunate Jennie E. Cramer": McDade 666**

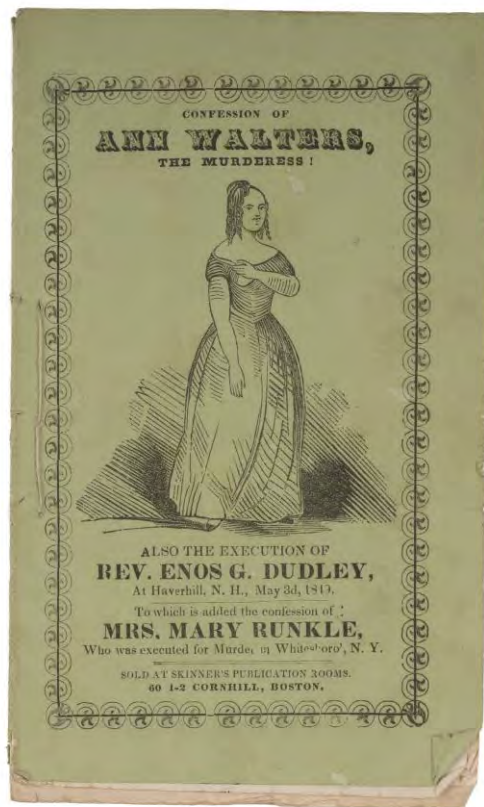
17. [Murder].

[Malley, James, Defendant].

The Beautiful Victim of the Elm City. Being a Full, Fair, And Impartial Narrative of All that is Known of the Terrible Fate of the Trusting and Unfortunate Jennie E. Cramer: Giving All the Particulars that can be Ascertained about Miss Annie Blanche Douglass, Walter Malley, And James Malley, Jr., As Alleged Participants in this Terrible Social Tragedy. New York: M.J. Ivers & Co., 1881. 64 pp. 3 full-page woodcuts, woodcut text illustrations. Octavo (9-3/4" x 6-1/4").

Stapled pamphlet in pictorial wrappers, untrimmed edges. A few chips and some wear to spine ends and corners of wrappers, light browning to text. \$650.

* Second and final edition. "This is a New Haven, Connecticut, case in which Jennie Cramer was found dead, face down in water. [This account goes] only as far as the corner's charge against Malley. He was cleared and the death may have been accidental. Edmund Pearson credits this case with starting the famous series of dime novels in which was introduced one of the most celebrated detectives of paperback fiction: Old Cap Collier (Pearson, *Dime Novels*, Boston, 1929, p. 139)" (McDade). McDade, *The Annals of Murder* 666. [Order This Item](#)



"The Female Murderess!": Driven by the Culture of Slavery (With Two Full-Page Woodcut Illustrations)

18. [Murder].

[Walters, Ann Smith (1812-1844)].

[Dudley, Enos G. (d.1849)].

[Runkle, Mary].

Life and Confession of Ann Walters, The Female Murderess! Also the Execution of Enos G. Dudley, At Haverhill, N.H., May 23d, 1849. To Which is Added the Confession of Mary Runkle, Who Was Executed for Murder. [Boston]: Printed for the Proprietor, 1850. 32 pp. Two full-page woodcut illustrations. Octavo (8-1/2" x 5-1/2").

Stab-stitched pamphlet in green printed wrappers, large woodcut image of Walters to front, untrimmed edges. Light soiling to exterior, moderate edgewear. Light toning to text, somewhat heavier in a few places. \$950.

* Although OCLC records an "Ann Walters (1812-1844)," McDade believes her story is a work of fiction that incorporates details of a dozen different murders. He also doubts the veracity of the Runkle case. Walters ran a tavern on the Delaware-Maryland border, where she liked to murder traveling slave traders and steal their slaves, money and other valuables. (Her murder of a slave-trader is depicted in one of the woodcuts.) Her depravity is blamed in part on the morally corrosive effects of slavery: "Although born in a free country where slavery is abhorred [Canada], she soon imbibed a taste for the traffic in slaves, as our readers may easily perceive that her location was in a slave state where morality is not very exalted, as such a course could not have been carried on in a free state so long, without meeting the eye of detection." Walters began her career by killing her child and husband, she then became the leader of a criminal gang. OCLC locates 4 copies in law libraries. (Harvard, Social Law, University of Missouri, Yale). McDade, *The Annals of Murder* 1036. [Order This Item](#)



**Prynne Reviews the History of Parliamentary
Writs and Practice, A Copy in an English Royal Binding**

19. Prynne, William [1600-1669].

Brevia Parliamentaria Rediviva. In XIII Sections Conteyning Several Catalogues of the Numbers, Dates of All Bundles of Original Writs of Summons and Elections Newly Found, Or Formerly Extant in the Tower of London During the Reigns of King Edw. 1, 2, 3. R. 2. H. 4, 5, 6. And E. 4 Being 117 Bundles: Of All the Knights Names of Each County Retorned on These Writs; And all Cities, Boroughs, Ports Therin Summoned to Elect, Send, Or Actually Returning Citizens, Burgesses, Barons, And How Oft They Did it During These Kings Reigns: With 3. Catalogues of All the Citizens, Burgesses Retorned on These Writs for Bathe, Bristol, London: The Ancient Forms of Elections, Retorns Cedules, Indentures Relating to Each County, City, Borough, Port; Besides Sundry Rare Writs, Records, Memorials, And Observations from them Touching Elections, Retorns: The True Original Creation, Continuance, Discontinuance, Exemption of Antient Boroughs: The Late Erections of New, and Revival of Some Old Petty Boroughs; Most of Which Writs, Bundles, Records, Rarities (Long Buryed in Dust and Darknesse in Caesars Chappel) Hiterto Unknown, Were Lately Discovered, And Here Published for the Benefit of Posterity. London: Printed for the Author, 1662. [xxiv], 232 pp., 233-248 ff., [4], 249-384, 369-376, 393-398, [2] pp. Pagination irregular, text complete. Quarto (7-1/2" x 5-1/2").

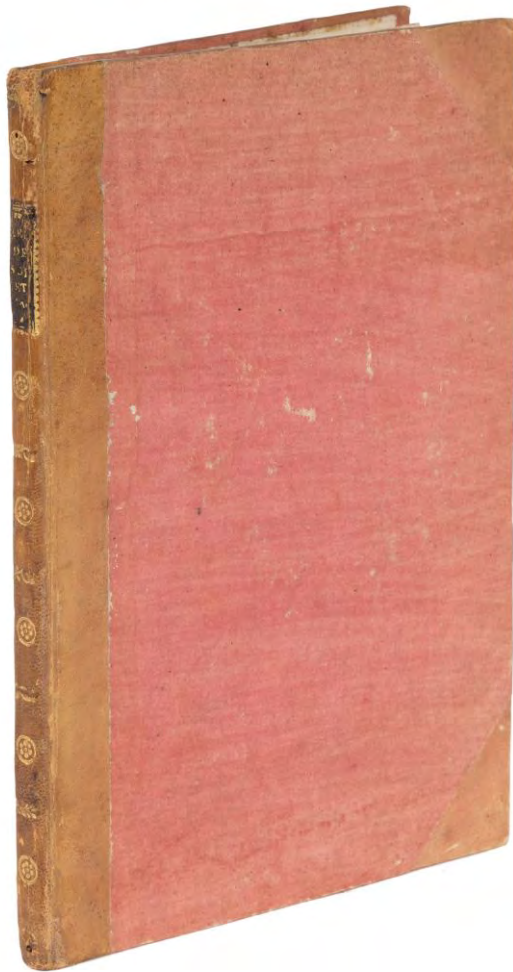
Contemporary calf, gilt royal arms (dated 160II, i.e. 1662) and gilt frames with corner fleurs de lis to boards, raised bands lettering piece and gilt ornaments to spine. Moderate rubbing to boards and extremities, some scratches to rear board, corners bumped and somewhat worn, boards beginning to separate, but still secure, early shelf mark, shelf label and armorial bookplate of John Pratt, 1st Earl Camden, to front pastedown, front free endpaper partially detached. Moderate toning to text, light soiling and a few finger smudges to title page, early owner signature, and one blotted-out signature (John Cottam) to front free endpaper, extensive early annotations, most likely by Camden to rear endleaves. \$2,500.

* Only edition. Complete in itself, this is the third part of a four-volume collection issued from 1659 to 1664 known collectively as the *Brief Register*. Our 1662 volume contains material from the reigns of King Edward I through King Edward IV. Other volumes collect material from different periods. Prynne was a contentious and erudite Puritan attorney and legal antiquarian who wrote several books and pamphlets about legal history, religion and politics. He had an unrivalled ability to antagonize others. His personality and choice of targets eventually led to his disbarment, imprisonment, and mutilation (loss of ears) by Star Chamber. After the Restoration Prynne was appointed Royal Archivist in the Tower of London. It was during this period that he compiled the latter volumes of the *Brief Register*.

Camden [1714-1794], an important lawyer, judge and Whig politician, was a leading proponent of civil liberties, jury rights and the limitation of state power. The annotations discuss passages in the book concerning writs and returns for knights (i.e. substantial landowners) and writs concerning the election of knights of shires (Members of Parliament representing a county). We were not able to determine the identity of John Cottam. The presence of the English royal arms on the binding suggest this book belonged to one of the royal libraries. The date 1662 above the royal arms, with a zero stamped in error instead of a second six, shows this book was added during the reign of Charles II in its year of publication. Prynne dedicated the book to him. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R14426.



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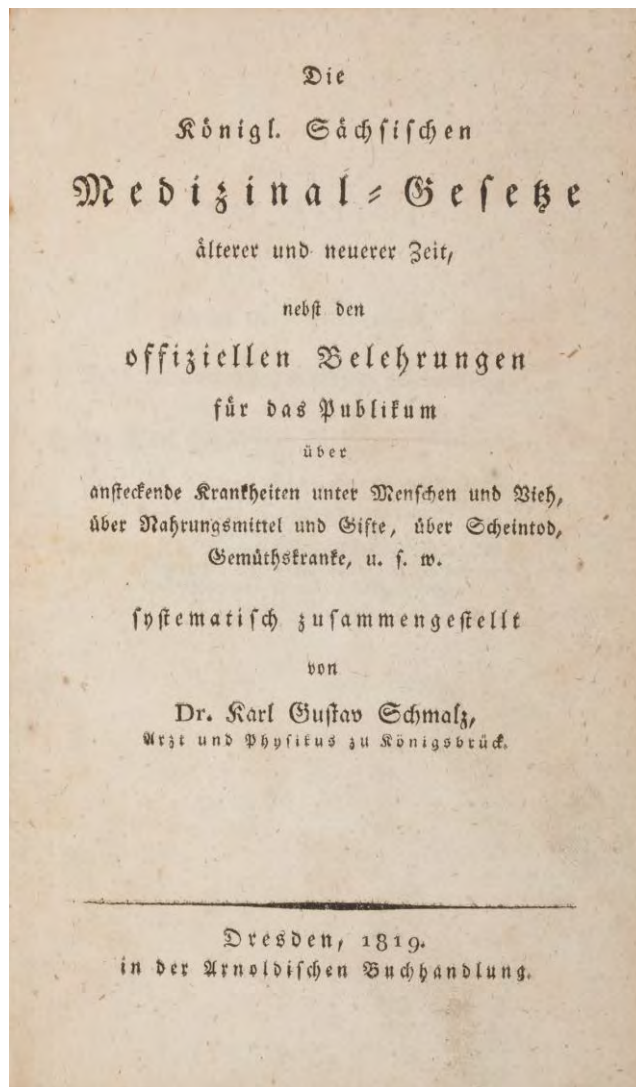
Decriminalizing Witchcraft and Magic in Italy

20. Renazzi, Filippo Maria [1745-1808].

De Sortilegio et Magia. Liber Singularis. Venice: Excudebant Fratres Coletii, 1792. [ii], 44 pp. Quarto (9" x 6-1/4").

Contemporary three-quarter calf over paper-covered boards, gilt ornaments and lettering piece to spine, speckled edges. Light rubbing to boards, some rubbing to spine ends and corners. Light toning to text, slightly heavier at rear of text, light foxing to a few leaves. A well-preserved copy of a scarce title. \$2,500.

* First edition as an independent work. Renazzi was a Roman Jurist who, like Beccaria, tried to apply the principles of Enlightenment thinking to criminal law. Drawn from Renazzi's four-volume *Elementa Juris Criminalis* (first edition 1773-1786), *De Sortilegio et Magico* calls for the decriminalization of witchcraft and magic. Later editions were published in 1793, 1803 and 1821. All are scarce. OCLC locates 8 copies of the 1792 edition in North America, none in law libraries. Not in the *British Museum Catalogue*. [Order This Item](#)



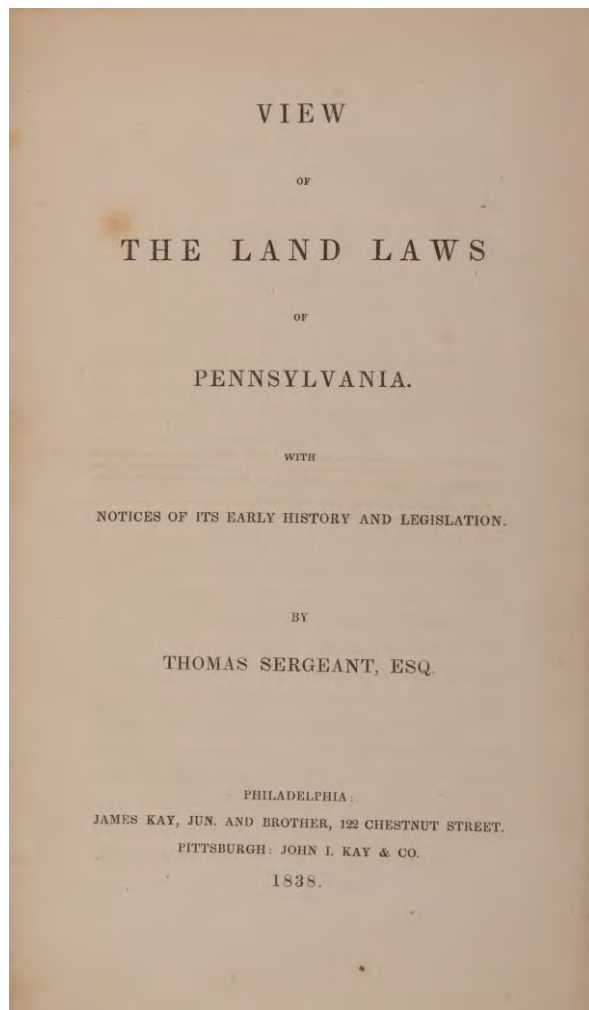
Scarce 1819 Saxon Compilation of Laws Concerning Public Health

21. Schmalz, Karl Gustav.

Die Königl. Sächsischen Medizinal-Gesetze Älterer und neuerer Zeit; Nebst den Offiziellen Belehrungen für das Publicum Über Ansteckende Krankheiten unter Menschen und Vieh, Über Nahrungsmittel und Gifte. Dresden: In der Arnoldischen Buchhandlung, 1819. xx, 561 pp. Folding table. Octavo (6-1/2" x 4").

Contemporary marbled paper-covered boards, hand-lettered paper title label to spine. Moderate rubbing to extremities with some wear to spine ends and corners, moderate toning to text, light foxing in a few places, light soiling to final page. A scarce title. \$950.

* Only edition. A valuable source for research into the history of medicine and public health in Germany, this book is a compilation of laws in force in 1819 relating to epidemics, the purity of food and drugs, treatment of the dead and care of the insane, along regulations regarding the dead, children, veterinarians, pharmacists and surgeons. Each section is divided into many sub-sections, all with introductions and citations to the relevant legislation. OCLC locates 10 copies, none in North America. Hirsch, *Biographisches Lexikon der Hervorragenden Ärzte aller Zeiten und Völker* V:89. [Order This Item](#)



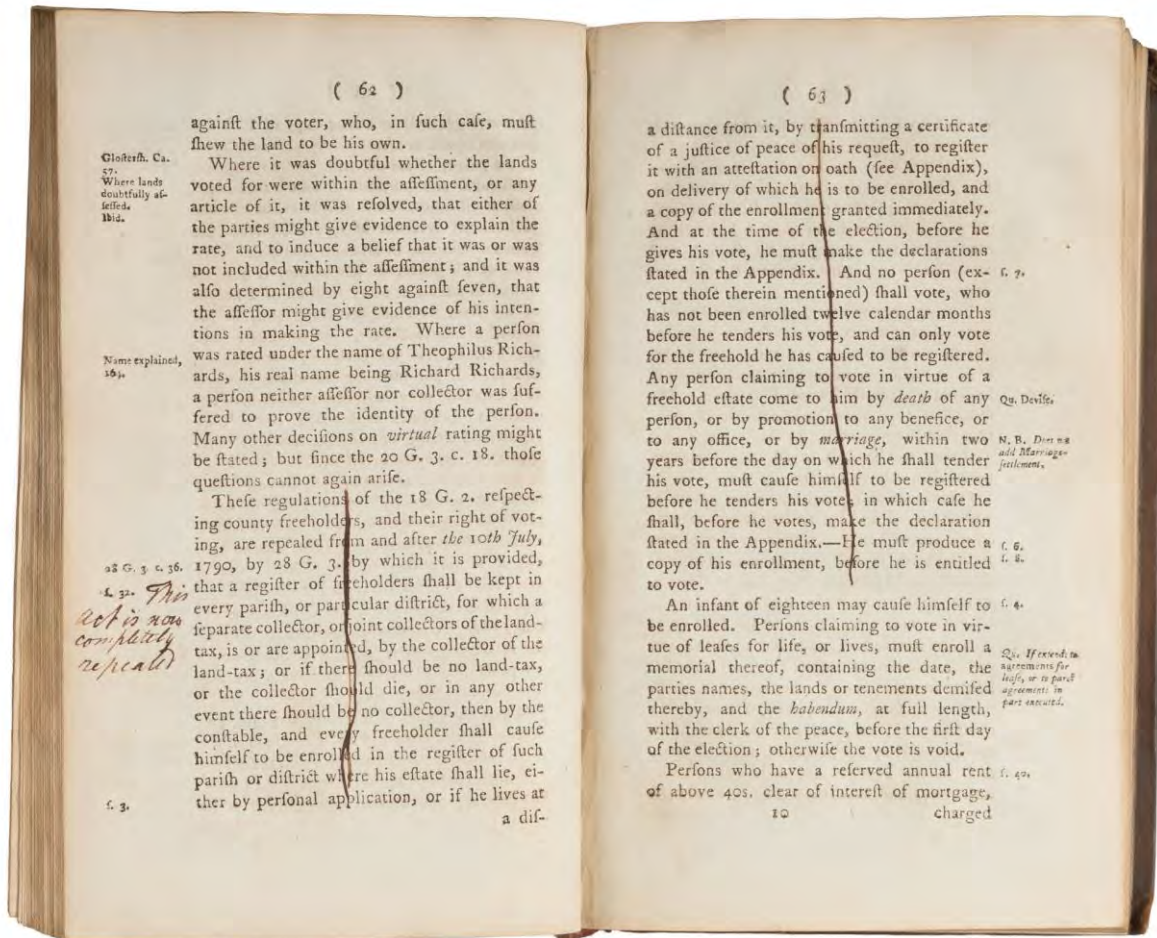
By a Distinguished Pennsylvania Jurist and Politician

22. Sergeant, Thomas [1782-1860].

View of The Land Laws of Pennsylvania. With Notices of Its Early History and Legislation. Philadelphia: James Kay, 1838. xvi, [17]-203, [1] pp. Page 303 incorrectly numbered 203. Octavo (9" x 5-1/2").

Contemporary sheep, blind frames to boards, lettering piece and blind fillets to spine. A few minor nicks and stains to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities with some wear to spine ends and corners, hinges cracked, early owner bookplate to front pastedown, early owner signature to front pastedown, brief early annotation to rear pastedown, both in pencil. Moderate toning to text, light foxing in a few places, early marks and brief annotations in pencil to a few leaves. A handsome copy. \$850.

* First and only edition. "For although all of the laws that were passed prior to the year 1700 were then repealed, and most of those afterwards passed have been superseded, (...) they formed the origin of many existing principles and usages in our jurisprudence, and are often essential to a proper understanding of our legal history, and even to the satisfactory interpretation of some parts of our present law" (xi). A notable Pennsylvania jurist and politician, Sergeant was the state's attorney-general from 1819 to 1820 and an associate justice of the state supreme court from 1834 to 1846. Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 9641. [Order This Item](#)



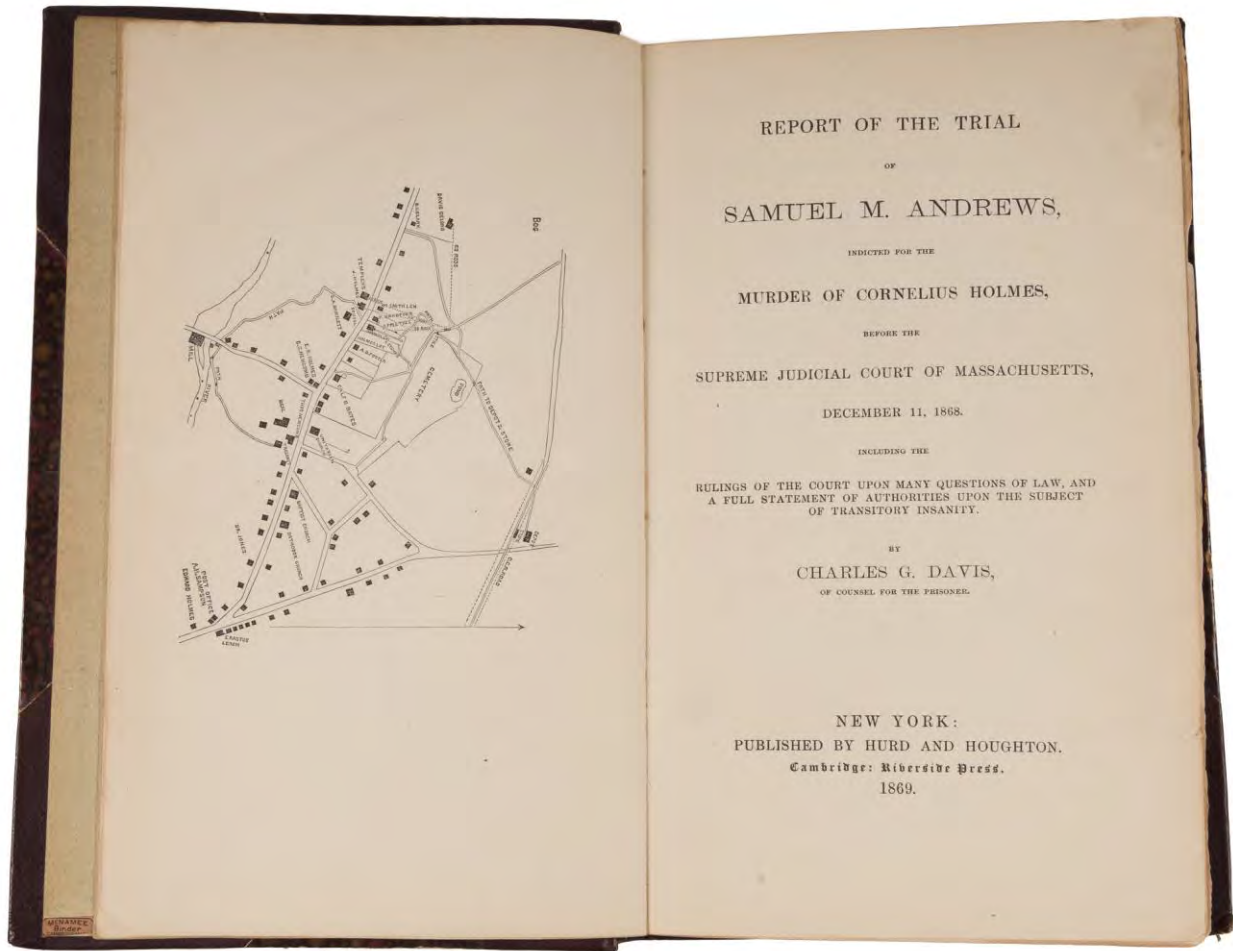
**Pioneering English Treatise on Election Law,
A Copy with Manuscript Corrections by the Author**

23. Simeon, John [1756-1824].

A Treatise on the Law of Elections, In All Its Branches. London: Printed for T. Payne and Son, 1789. ix, [7], 176, cxxx, [12] pp. Octavo (8-1/4" x 5").

Contemporary calf, blind fillets to boards, raised bands to spine, lettering piece lacking. Light gatoring to boards and spine, light rubbing and a few minor scuffs to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, some chipping to spine ends, corners bumped and somewhat worn, front board detached, rear board beginning to separate. Moderate toning to text, occasional faint dampstaining, light soiling to a few leaves. "John Williams Atty. from author" to head of title page, annotations by Simeon, one of them signed, to a few leaves. \$1,000.

* First edition. With extensive index containing extracts from election cases. "We have seen that Douglas, the reporter in the court of King's Bench, had also made reports of election cases, which he published in 1775-177, and that other reports of election cases began to appear about the same time. The publication of these reports gave an opportunity for a more logical treatment of the subject, which was provided by Simeon's [book]...": Holdsworth, *History of English Law* XII:346. A second edition was published in 1795. The annotations in our copy by Simeon indicate laws that were modified or repealed. *English Short-Title Catalogue* N14027. [Order This Item](#)



Sodomy, "Transitory Insanity" and Murder: McDade 13

24. [Trial].

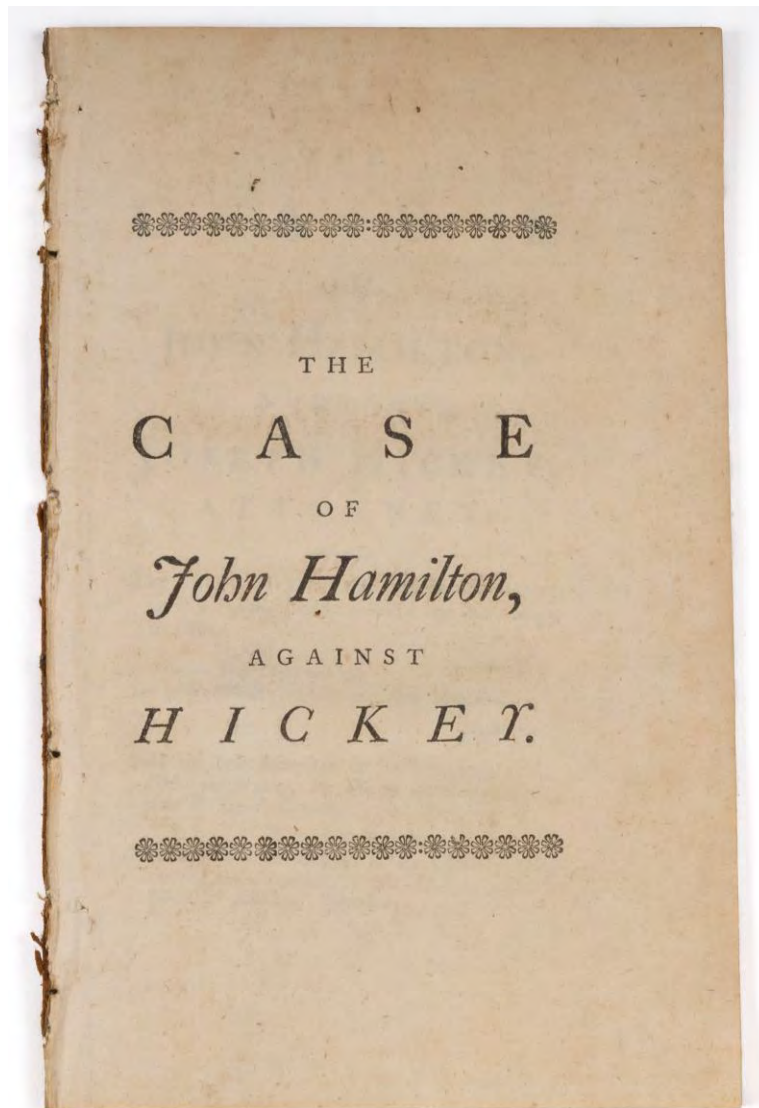
Andrews, Samuel M. [b.1830], Defendant.

Davis, Charles G. [1820-1903], Reporter.

Report of the Trial of Samuel M. Andrews, Indicted for the Murder of Cornelius Holmes, Before the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts, December 11, 1868. Including the Rulings of the Court upon Many Questions of Law, And a Full Statement of Authorities upon the Subject of Transitory Insanity. New York: Published by Hurd and Houghton; Cambridge: Riverside Press, 1869. [iv], 287, [1] pp. Double sided frontispiece (maps). Octavo (9-1/4" x 5-3/4").

Contemporary three-quarter morocco over marbled boards, raised bands and gilt title to spine. Light rubbing and a few minor scuffs to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities. Moderate toning to text, light edgewear to a few leaves. An attractive copy. \$450.

* Only edition. "Holmes was beaten to death with stones by Andrews, whom he had named as his heir in his will. The defendant pleaded insanity and self-defense, for he had to fight off Holmes' attempted act of sodomy" (McDade). Davis was the defense attorney in this case. McDade, *The Annals of Murder* 13. [Order This Item](#)



Legal Malpractice?

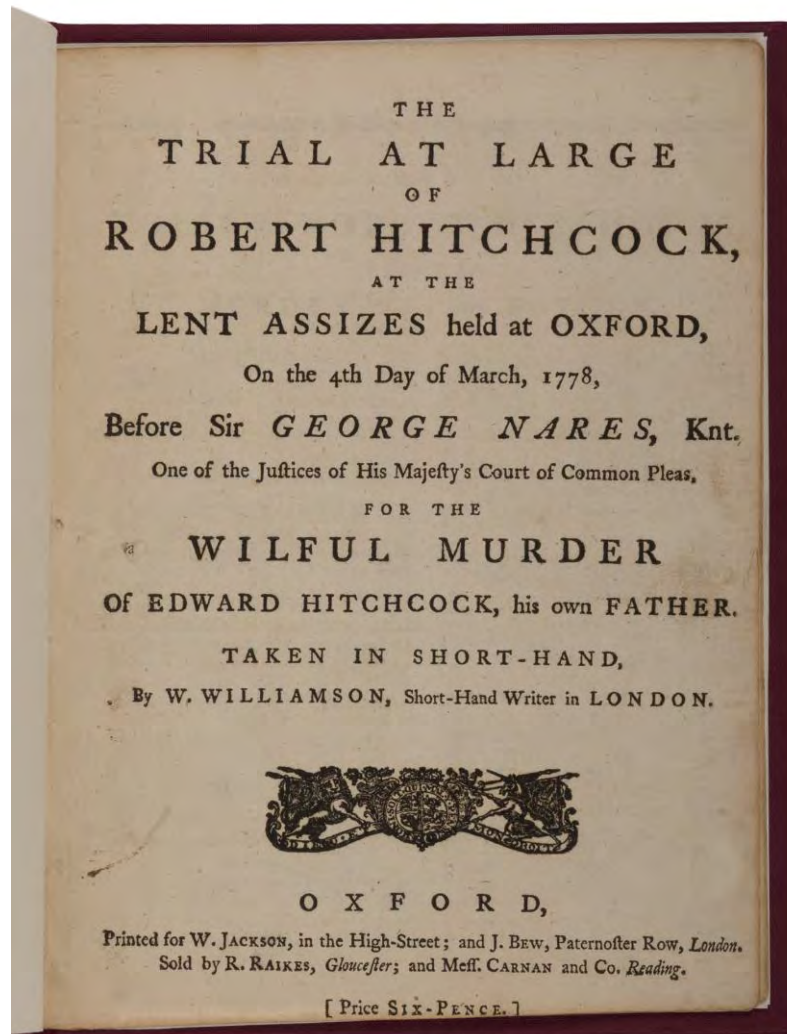
25. [Trial].

Hamilton, John, Plaintiff.

The Case of John Hamilton, Against Joseph Hickey, Attorney: Wherein the Abuses of the Law, Occasionally Hinted at in a Pamphlet Lately Publish'd, Are More Amply Set Forth. [London]: Sold by John Hamilton, at His Lodgings at the Glove and Breeches, The Middle of Swallow-Street, Near St. James's Church, 1751. [ii], 45, [1] pp. With a half-title. Octavo (7-3/4" x 5").

Disbound stab-stitched pamphlet. Moderate toning, light soiling to exterior. An attractive copy of a scarce title. \$450.

* Only edition. In this angry, possibly libelous pamphlet, Hamilton claims Hickey, his former attorney, committed legal malpractice in a commercial dispute. Apparently the second part of a two-part pamphlet war, it is a response to *Hickey Against Hamilton and Hervey: Or, A Proper Reply to the Case of John Hamilton, As Set Forth by His Honourable Solicitor, In Relation to the Acquittal of Joseph Hickey, Attorney* (1751). Taken together, OCLC and the ESTC locate 15 copies, 9 in North America, 1 in a law library (Harvard). *English Short-Title Catalogue* T20053. [Order This Item](#)



"For the Wilful Murder...Of His Own Father"

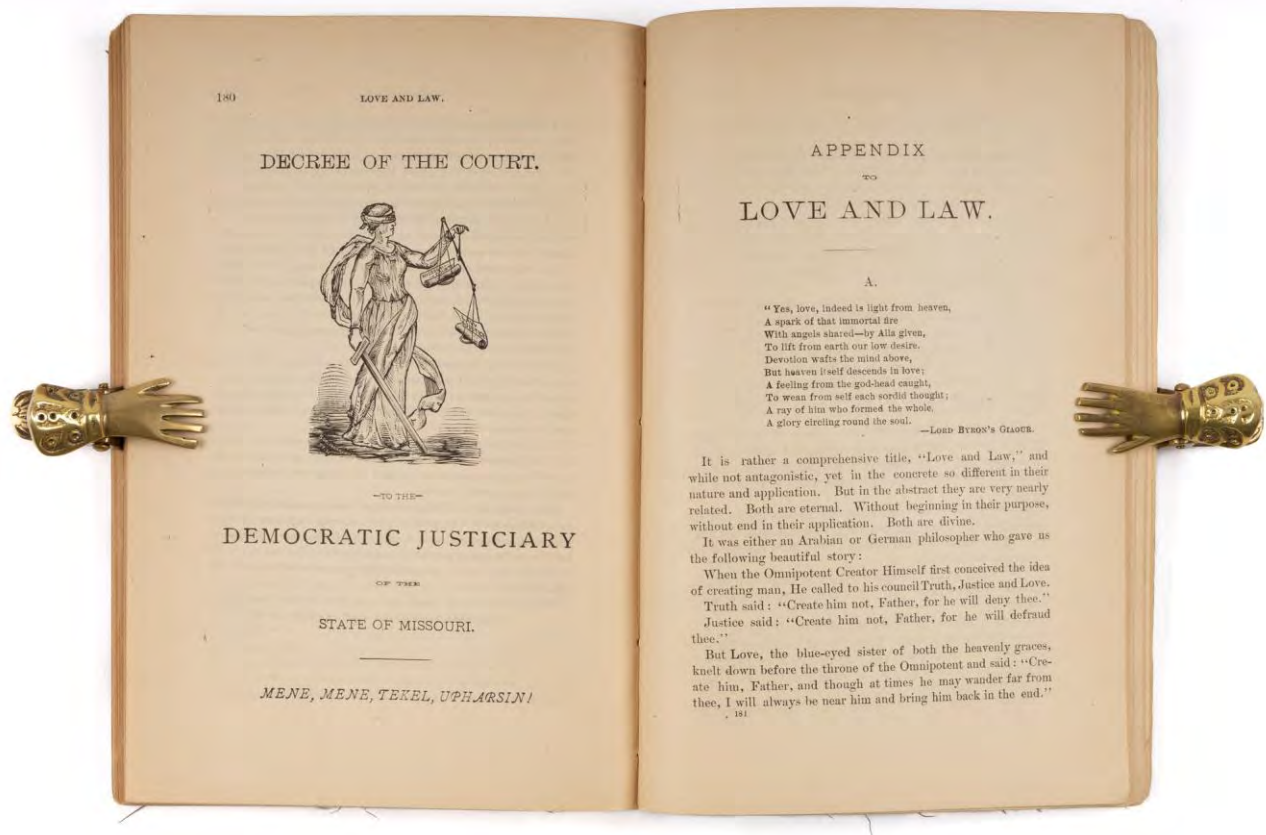
26. [Trial].

Hitchcock, Robert, Defendant.

The Trial at Large of Robert Hitchcock, At the Lent Assizes Held at Oxford, On the 4th Day of March, 1778, Before Sir George Nares, Knt. One of the Justices of His Majesty's Court of Common Pleas, For the Wilful Murder of Edward Hitchcock, His Own Father. Taken in Short-Hand, by W. Williamson, Short-Hand Writer in London. Oxford: Printed for W. Jackson; and J. Bew, London. Sold by R. Raikes, Gloucester; and Mess. Carnan and Co. Reading, [1778]. 15, [1] pp. Text in parallel columns. Quarto (8-1/2" x 6-1/2").

Stab-stitched pamphlet bound into recent cloth, gilt title to spine. Margins trimmed (just touching text at foot of title page), light toning, faint stains to a few leaves, light soiling to title page. \$750.

* Only edition. Robert Hitchcock was found guilty and hanged on March 9, 1778. "After hanging upwards of half an hour, he was cut down, and carried, in the same cart that attended his execution, to the Anatomy School at Christ Church, and there delivered, for the use of anatomical lectures" (15). OCLC locates 6 copies, 2 in North America (Yale Law School, York University Law School). *English Short-Title Catalogue* N66619. [Order This Item](#)



"One of Those Legal Marathons
Peculiar to the United States": McDade 576

27. [Trial].

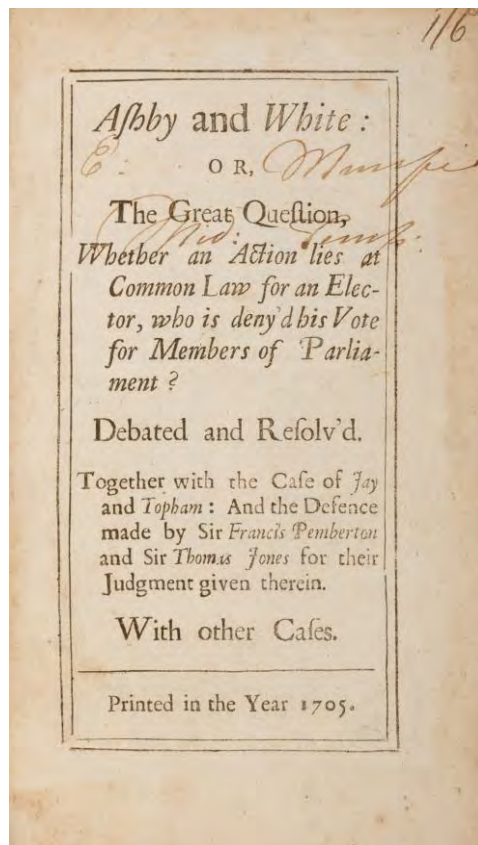
Kring, Charles F., Defendant.

[Kring, Eugene].

Love and Law, In Two Parts. Part I. The Only True History of the Killing of Mrs. Dora C.J. Broemser, by Chas. F. Kring: Together with the Autobiography of the Latter: Part II. Missouri's Fraud, Or, The Full and Complete Legal History of the Case of the State of Missouri vs. Chas. F. Kring: Embracing a Description of the Many Trials and Appeals, Together with Law Points Involved and Appellate Court's Decisions Thereon. St. Louis: Published by the Author, 1882. 200 pp. 2 woodcut frontispieces. 14 woodcut plates. Octavo (9" x 6").

Original flexible cloth, blind frame and gilt title to front board. A well-preserved copy of a scarce title. A few minor spots to covers, some fading to spine, light wear to spine ends and corners, light toning to interior. \$1,500.

* Only edition. "Kring's case is one of those legal marathons peculiar to the United States. Infatuated with but rejected by Mrs. Broemser, he shot her on January 4, 1875. The death sentence in trial number 1 was reversed. Trials number 2 and 3 were mistrials. At trial number 4 Kring pled guilty to second-degree murder, but, after receiving a twenty-five-year sentence, he got that reversed. At trial number 5 he received his second death sentence, which the United States Supreme Court reversed in October, 1882, by a five-to-four vote" (McDade). OCLC locates 3 copies in law libraries (Columbia, Harvard, St. John's University). McDade, *The Annals of Murder* 576. [Order This Item](#)



Contemporary Report of a Fundamental Case in English Constitutional and Tort Law Regarding the Right to Vote

28. [Trial].

[Needham, Culverwell (b.1656), Reporter].

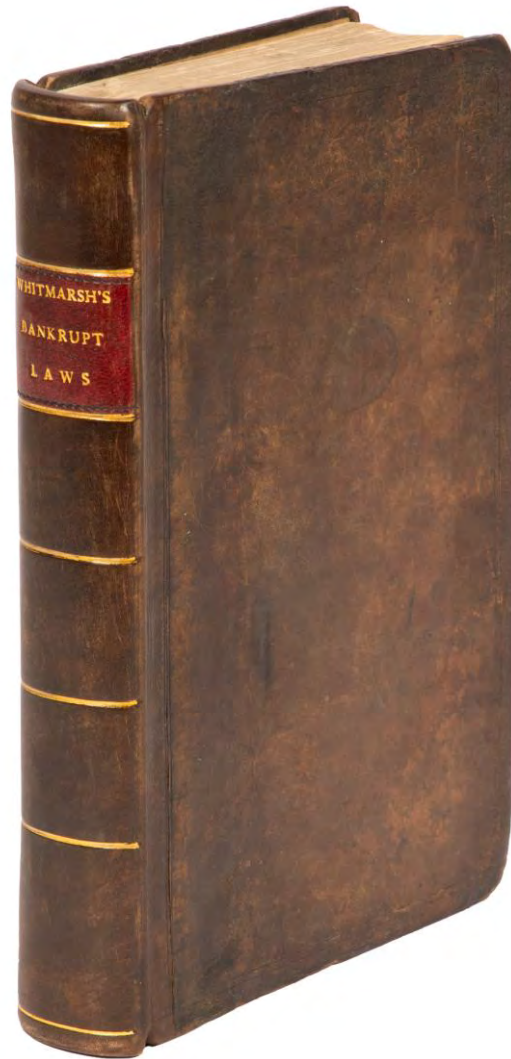
[Ashby, Matthew, Plaintiff].

[White, William, Defendant].

Ashby and White: Or, The Great Question, Whether an Action Lies at Common Law for an Elector, Who Is Deny'd His Vote for Members of Parliament? Debated and Resolv'd. Together with the Case of Jay and Topham: And the Defence Made by Sir Francis Pemberton and Sir Thomas Jones for Their Judgment Given Therein: With Other Cases. [London]: S.n., 1705. [ii], 257, [3] pp. Final page blank. Octavo (7-3/4" x 4-1/2").

Contemporary paneled calf, large corner fleurons to panels, raised bands and stamped title to spine, gilding rubbed away. Light rubbing and a few scratches and minor scuffs to boards, negligible light gatoring to front board and spine, moderate rubbing to extremities, corners bumped and somewhat worn, chipping to head of spine, front board partially detached, rear board beginning to separate, rear free endpaper lacking, crease to lower corner of rear board. Light toning to text, faint spotting in places, light soiling in a few places. Early owner signature and annotation to title page, brief annotations to margins of a few leaves. \$650.

* Only edition. Also known as the Aylesbury Election Case, *Ashby v. White* is a fundamental case in English constitutional and tort law. Ashby was prevented from casting a vote in an Aylesbury election by White, a constable who claimed Ashby was not an established resident of that town. The case was decided in Parliament in Ashby's favor and it established the following rule: the actions of one party may not hinder the rights of another. Most of the annotations are cross-references. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T84969. [Order This Item](#)



The State of English Bankruptcy Law in 1811

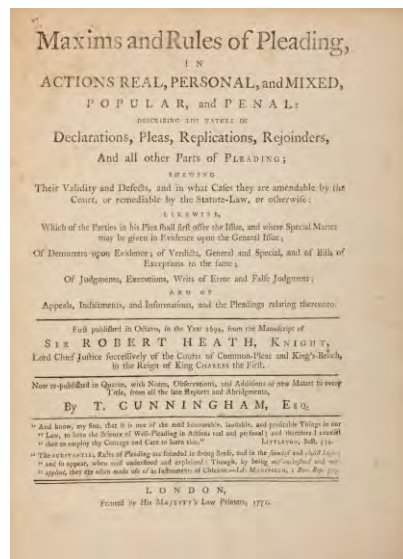
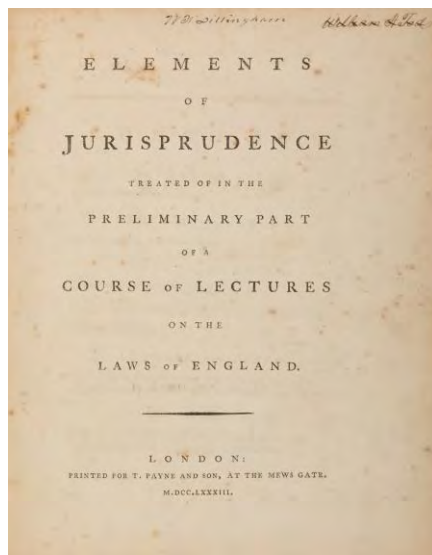
29. Whitmarsh, Francis [1777-1857].

A Treatise on the Bankrupt Laws. London: Printed by A. Strahan, 1811. xi, 83, 330 pp. Octavo (9" x 5-1/2").

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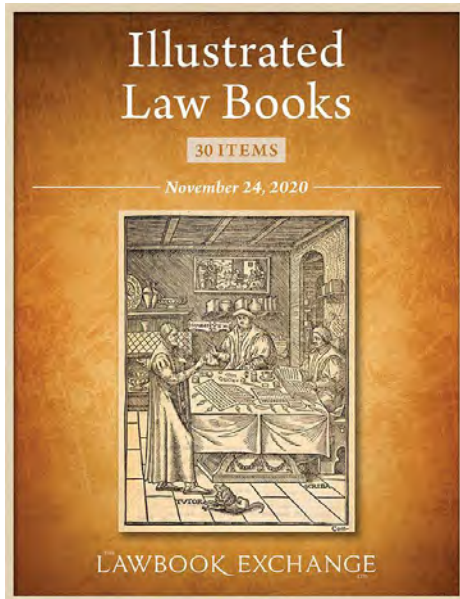
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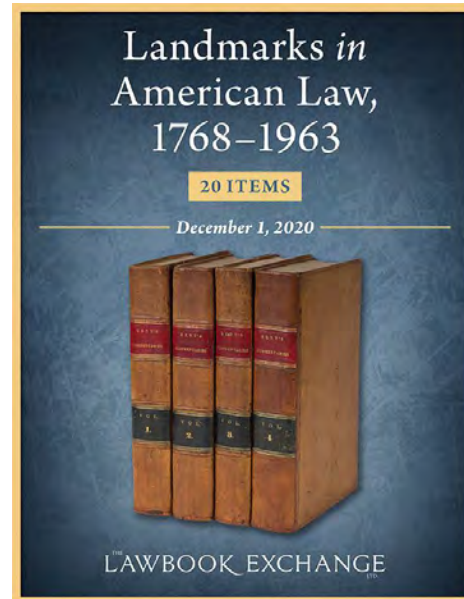
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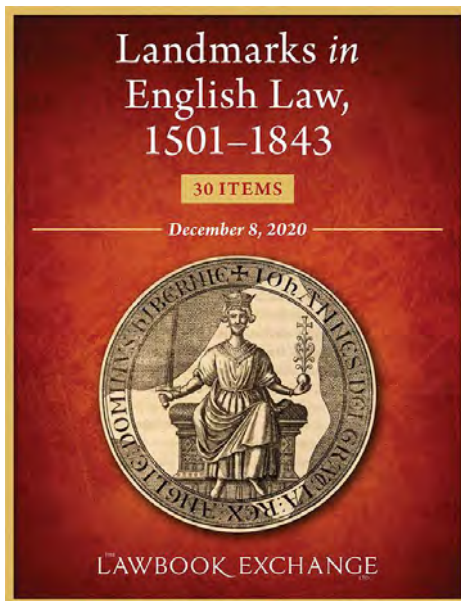
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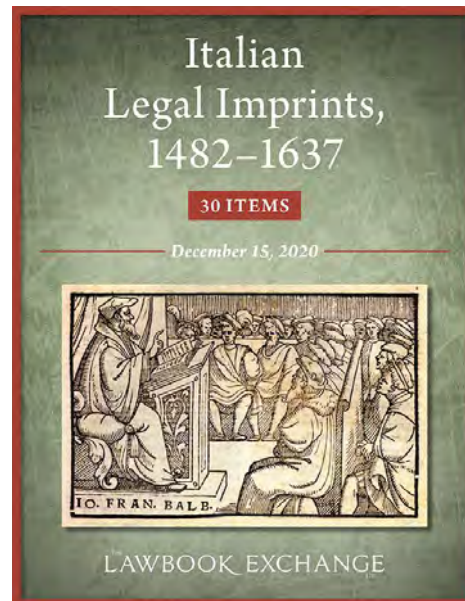
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