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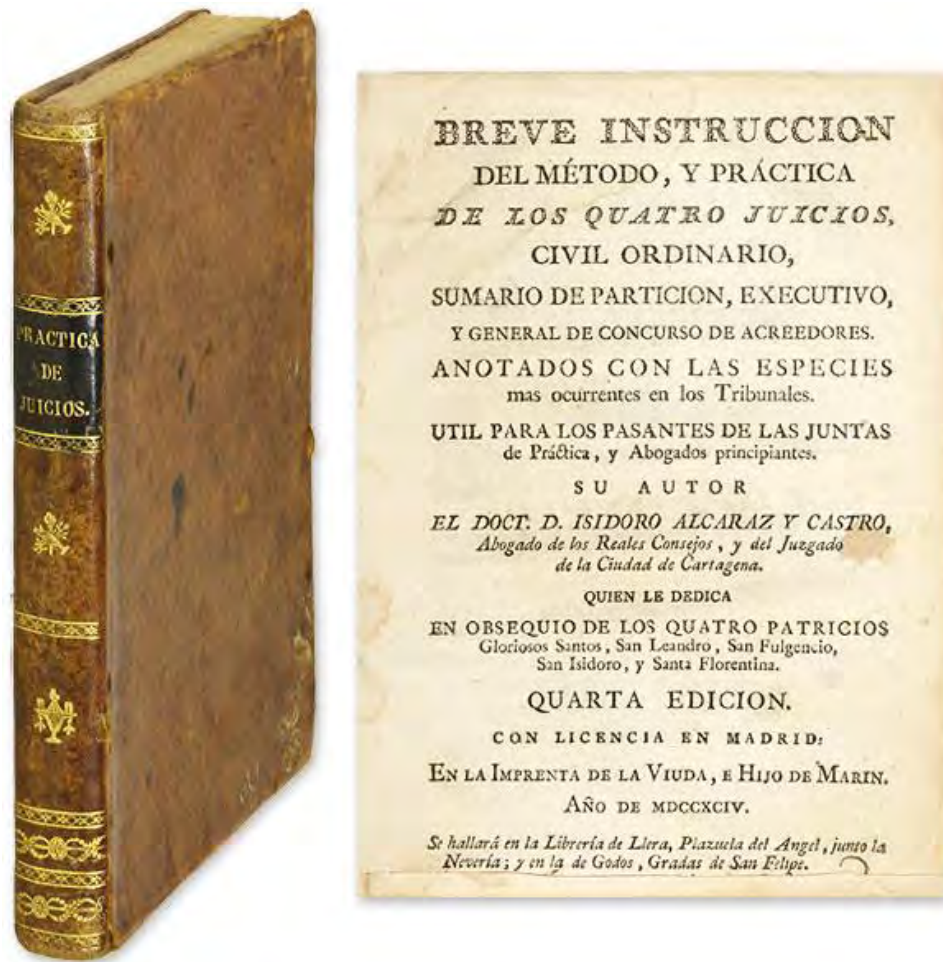
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### Scarce Eighteenth-Century "Institutes" of Spanish Law

#### 1. Alcaraz y Castro, Isidoro.

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

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

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



**Rare Portuguese Treatise on Water Law**

**2. Almeida e Sousa de Lobao, Manuel de.**

*Tratado Prático e Compendiário das Águas dos Rios Públicos, Fontes Públicas, Ribeiros e Nascentes d'Ellas: Obra Apurada, Em que se Adopta o Mais Racional da Legislação Romana, Cortado o que Hoje é Reprovado Pelo uso Moderno das Nações. Com Dois Índices, Um dos Capítulos, Outro das Conclusões mais Notáveis e com Duas Dissertações Análogas Primeira Sobre as Águas Pluviais Segunda Sobre as Águas Subterrâneas.* Lisbon: Imprensa Nacional, 1861. xxiv, 195 pp. Octavo (8" x 5-1/2").

Contemporary sheep treated to look like tree calf, lettering pieces and gilt ornaments to spine, marbled endpapers. A few shallow scuffs to boards, some rubbing to extremities with wear to spine ends and corners, front joint starting at ends, boards somewhat bowed, rear hinge cracked but secure, small worm hole to front free endpaper and title page. Some toning to text, light foxing to a few leaves. Early owner name to fore-edge of text block, internally clean. Ex-library. Fragment of shelf label to spine, fragment of bookplate to front free endpaper. A solid copy of a rare title. \$1,250.

\* Only edition. This appears to have been a respected work. It was cited by jurists in Portugal and Brazil and reprinted in 1911. It is quite rare today, however. OCLC locates one copy in North America (at Yale Law School). Other copies located at UC-Berkeley Law School and Harvard Law School, which has the 1911 edition. Not in the *British Museum Catalogue*. [Order This Item](#)



**An Influential Spanish Work Addressing  
the Relationship Between Church and State**

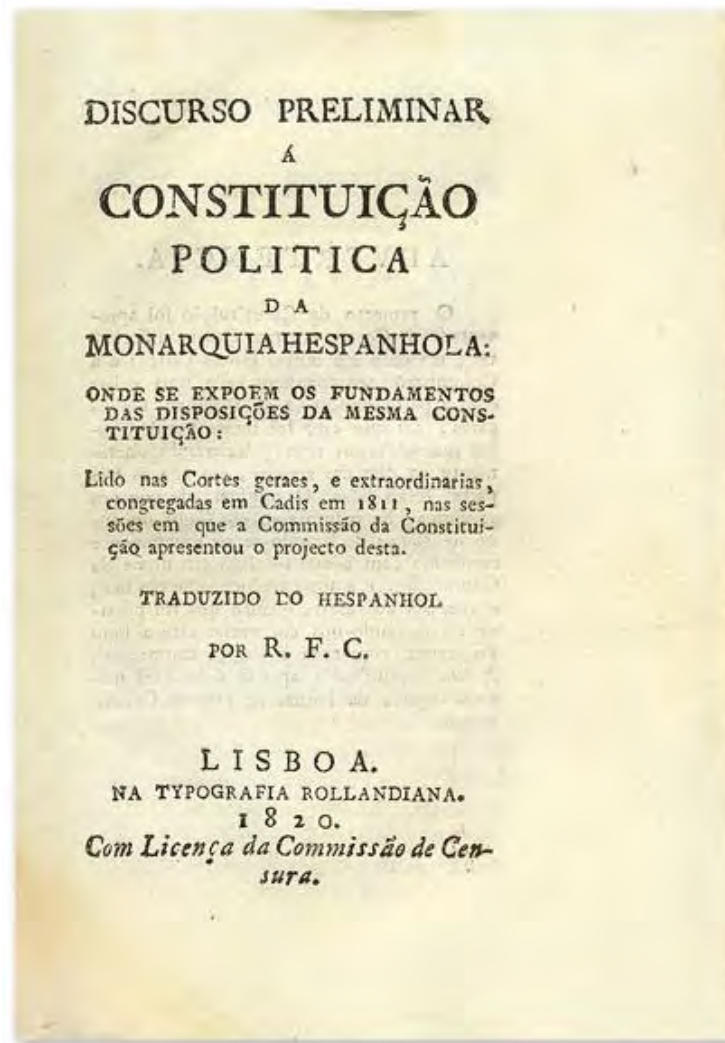
**3. Alvarez de Abreu, Antonio [1683-1756].**

*Victima Real Legal, Discurso Unico Juridico-Historico-Politico, Sobre que las Vacantes Mayores, Y Menores de las Iglesias de las Indias Occidentales, Pertenecen à la Corona de Castilla, Y Leon, Con Pleno, Y Absoluto Dominio.* Madrid: En la imprenta de Antonio Marin, 1726. [xl], XXIV, [8], 365, [27] pp. Folio (11-1/4" x 8").

Contemporary flexible vellum, fragments of thong ties, faint early hand-lettered title to spine. Light rubbing and a few minor scuffs and stains to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities with some wear to spine ends, pastedowns beginning to detach, front hinge cracked. Title printed in red and black within typographical border. Light toning to text, slightly heavier in places, early repair to hole near foot of title page with no loss to text. \$1,950.

\* First edition. Abreu, a member of the Spanish nobility, spent much of his career as a colonial official and law professor in Caracas, Havana and Veracruz. Returning to Spain in his later years, he held a series of posts in the royal finance ministry. *Victima Real Legal* argues that rents and moneys accruing to vacant positions in the churches of the Spanish Empire belong to the king, a concept known as regalism. An influential work on church-state relations, it also addresses other topics, such as freedom of the seas, marriage, estates, war and hegemony. It had a second edition in 1769. Both editions of this work are scarce. OCLC locates 2 copies of the first edition in North American law libraries (Harvard, UC-Berkeley). Palau, *Manual del Librero Hispano-Americano* 9444. [Order This Item](#)





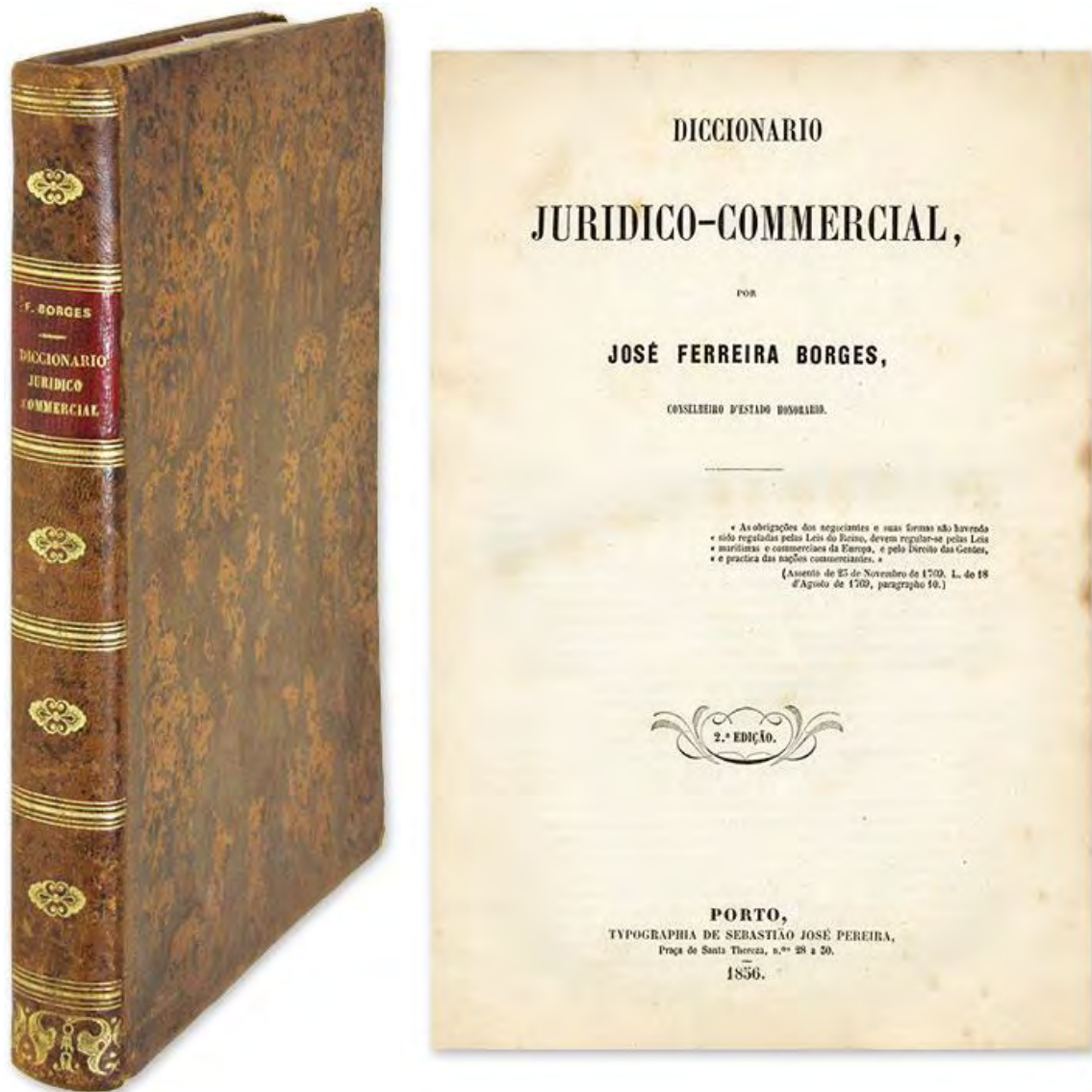
**A Profound Influence in Spain, Portugal and Latin America**

**4. [Arguelles, Augustin de (1776-1844)].**

*Discurso Preliminar a Constituicao Politica de Monarquia Hespanhola: Onde se Expoem os Fundamentos das Disposicoes da Mesma Constituicao. Lido nas Cortes Geraes, E Extraordinarias, Congregadas em Cadis em 1811, Nas Sessoes em Que a Commissao da Constituicao Apresentou o Projecto Desta. Traduzido do Hespanhol por R.F.C. Lisbon: Na Typografia Rollandiana, 1820. 157, [2] pp. Octavo (6-1/4" x 4-1/4").*

Original plain paper wrappers, untrimmed edges, signatures unopened. Some wear to spine ends, internally fresh. \$450.

\* First edition in Portuguese. Influential in Spain and Portugal, this essay on the Spanish constitution of 1812 was also a profound influence in Latin America. It was first delivered in 1811 before the Cortes that brought constitutional monarchy to Spain. This translation was prepared on the occasion of the revolution at Porto on August 24, 1820 that overthrew the regency and paved the way for the parliamentary deliberations that resulted in the Portuguese constitution of 1822. It also helped to inspire the Latin American independence movements of the 1820s. The identity of "R.F.C." is unknown. Arguelles was a Spanish statesman and diplomat. OCLC locates 2 copies (at Harvard Law School and the University of Kansas). Another copy located at the National Library of Portugal. [Order This Item](#)



**Final Edition of a Rare Portuguese Commercial Law Dictionary**

**5. Borges, Jose Ferreira [1786-1838].**

*Diccionario Juridico-Commercial.* Porto: Typographia de S.J. Pereira, 1856. viii, 423 pp. Main text in parallel columns. Quarto (8-1/2" x 6").

Contemporary sheep treated to resemble tree calf, lettering piece, gilt fillets and ornaments to spine, marbled endpapers. Light rubbing to extremities, front hinge cracked, bookseller ticket to front pastedown. Some toning to text, light foxing and negligible dampstaining in places. An attractive copy. \$350.

\* Reissue of the second and final edition (1840). A highly regarded dictionary dealing with commercial law, commerce and political economy. According to the preface, it was intended to be a companion to the author's *Codigo Commercial Portuguez* (1836). It was originally published in 1839. Both editions of this dictionary are rare. OCLC locates 2 copies of the first in North American law libraries (Harvard, UC-Berkeley), 1 of the second (at the Library of Congress). Catalogo da Livraria de Azevedo-Samodães 1204. [Order This Item](#)



### Scarce Eighteenth-Century Peruvian Court Decisions

#### 6. Bravo de Lagunas y Castilla, Pedro Jose [1704?-1765], Editor.

*Coleccion Legal de Cartas, Dictamenes y Otros Papeles en Derecho*. Lima: En la Oficina de los Huerfanos, 1761. [lxiv], 300 [i.e. 352], [16], 161, [4] pp. Quarto (7-3/4" x 6").

Contemporary limp vellum with lapped edges, early hand-lettered title to spine, ties lacking. Negligible rubbing to extremities, faint stain to front board, vellum beginning to crack through pastedowns, text block partially detached, clean tear to front free endpaper. Title page printed with woodcut typographical border, woodcut text ornaments. Light toning to text, internally clean. Ex-library. Bookplate to front pastedown, small inkstamps to title page, annotations to verso. A nice copy of a scarce eighteenth-century Peruvian imprint. \$3,000.

\* Only edition. The editor of this collection of exemplary judicial decisions given in Peruvian ecclesiastical and secular courts was a minister of the Supreme Council of the Indies, Judge of the Royal Court of Lima and a professor of law at the Royal University of San Marcos (in Mexico). These decisions deal with a variety of topics, such as slavery, Indians and the nullification of marriage. OCLC locates 14 copies in North America, 5 in law libraries (Columbia, Harvard, UC-Berkeley, University of Michigan, Yale). Another copy located at the Library of Congress. Not in Sabin. Medina, *La Imprenta en Lima: Epitome, 1584-1810* 1170. [Order This Item](#)





### An Important City in the Spanish Netherlands

#### 7. Christynen, Paul van [1543-1631], Editor.

[Christynen, Sebastien, Editor].

*In Leges Municipales Eiusdem Civitatis ac Provinciae Commentaria ac Notae. Una cum Additionibus Cuique Titulo & Articulo Subiunctis. Qua Tituli & Articuli in Capite Cuiusque Foliorum Ponuntur, & Additiones Quae in Prima Editione Separatim Erant Subiunctae, & Ex Magna Parte Deficiebant ex Notis Eiusdem Auctoris Sunt Appositae. Una cum Indice Locupletissimo tam Commentariorum Quam Additionum: Studio & Opera D. Sebastiani de Christynen D. de Bueken, & C. Eiusdem Auctoris Filii Praedictae Civitatis ac Provinciae Syndici, &c. Opus Omnibus in Foro Versantibus Perquam Utile & Necessarium.* Antwerp: Apud Hieronymum & Ioannem Bapt. Verdussen, 1657. [xvi], 656, [70] pp. Main text printed in double columns. Folio (12-1/2" x 8").

Contemporary vellum. Moderate soiling and wear to extremities, lower half of backstrip lacking, head of front joint cracked, hinges cracked but secure, front free endpaper and three signatures detached. Title page with large woodcut device printed in red and black. Faint dampstaining to margins of title page, rubbing to edges of some leaves, internally clean. \$300.

\* Third edition. Located in Flanders between Brussels and Antwerp, Mechelen has been an important trading and manufacturing city since the 1300s. Its fortunes rose and declined several times. In the seventeenth century the city was a prosperous again, having survived devastation in 1572 by Spanish forces during the Eighty Years' War (Revolt of the Netherlands). It remained under Hapsburg Control as part of the Spanish Netherlands. This compilation edited by Christynen was first published in 1625. The standard compilation, it went through further editions in 1642, 1653, 1657, 1661 and 1671. Dekkers, *Bibliotheca Belgica Juridica* 36. [Order This Item](#)





### Important Spanish-Language Edition of the *Consolato del Mare*

#### 8. [Consolato del Mare].

Pallejá, Cayetano de, Translator.

*Consulado Del Mar de Barcelona, Nuevamente Traducido de Cathalan en Castellano por don Cayetano de Pallejá. Y Addicionado de los Autores que Tratan Cada uno de los Capítulos, En el qual se Contienen las Leyes, Y Ordinaciones de los Contratos de Mar, Muy Util, Y Provechoso para Todos los Mercaderes, Negociantes, Patronos, Y Marineros.* Barcelona: En la Imprenta de J. Piferrer, 1732. [xvi], 199, [25] pp. Main text in parallel columns. Folio (11-3/4" x 8").

Contemporary vellum, faint early hand-lettered title and later blank paper shelf label to spine, fragments of thong ties. Light soiling and faint dampstaining to sections of boards and spine, front hinge partially cracked, vellum just beginning to crack through pastedowns. Moderate toning, somewhat heavier in places, occasional faint dampstaining to margins, light foxing and faint inkstains to edges of leaves in a few places, later owner stamp to title page and a few other pieces. \$1,500.

\* First edition by Pallejá. A landmark in the development of maritime law, the *Consolato del Mare* is a digest of the law and practice commonly followed by the commercial judges in the chief ports around the Mediterranean, it became a maritime common law of the Mediterranean and a foundation for subsequent European maritime laws and customs. Its circulation was widest in Italy, especially among the Venetians, but it was also influential in Western Europe. In addition to maritime law, it contains a great deal of information about the day-to-day operations of a ship and practical advice on seafaring. This work was first published in Barcelona in 1484 in Catalan. The first edition in Castilian (standard Spanish) was published in 1539. It was superseded by Pallejá's superior translation, which was the basis of later editions in Spanish. Palau, *Manual del Librero Hispano-Americano* 59534. [Order This Item](#)



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

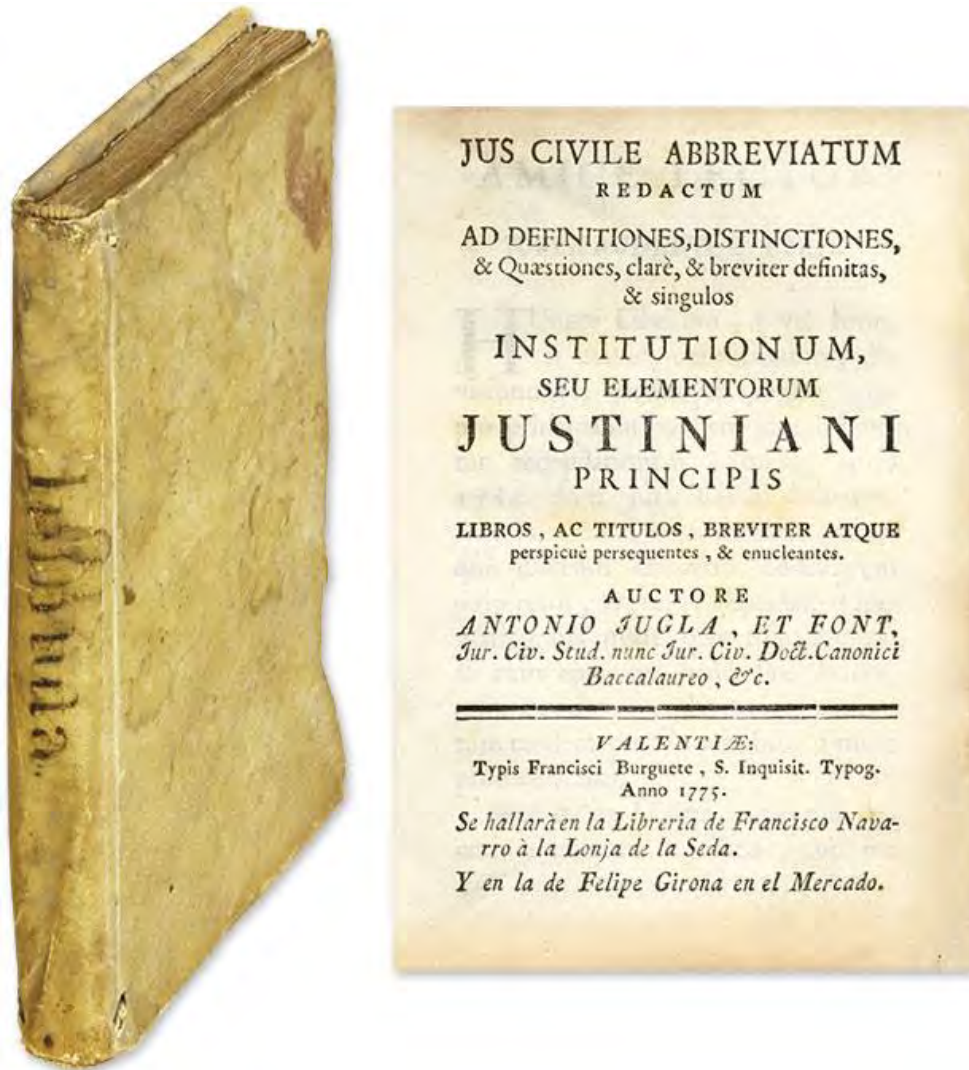
**9. Frasso, Pedro [1630-1691].**

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

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

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





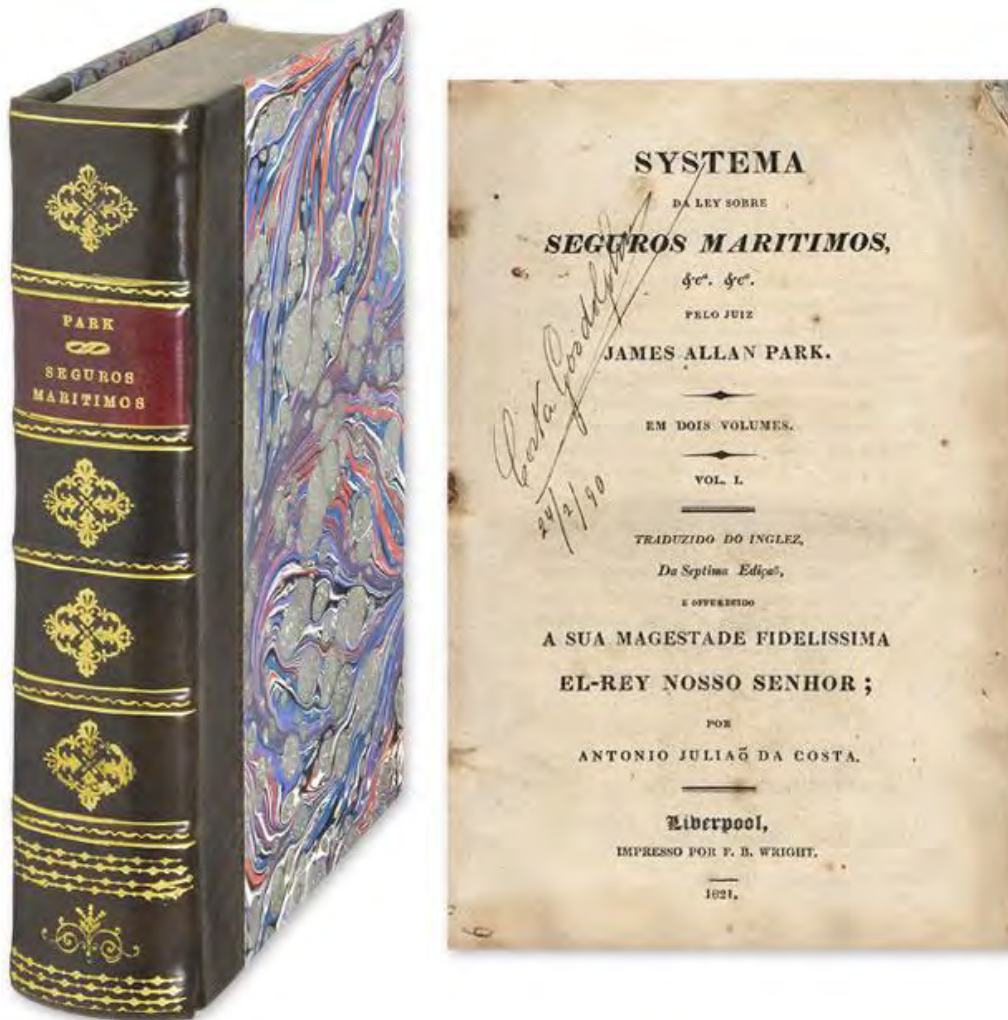
**Scarce Spanish Textbook on the *Institutes* with an Unusual Format**

**10. Jugla y Font, Antonio.**

*Jus Civile Abbreviatum Redactum: Ad Definitiones, Distinctiones & Quaestiones, Clare & Breviter Definitas, & Singulos Institutionum, Seu Elementorum Justiniani Principis Libros, Ac Titulos, Breviter Atque Perspicue Persequentes, & Enucleantes.* Valencia: Typis Francisci Burguete, 1775. [viii], 181 pp. Octavo (6" x 4").

Contemporary vellum, early hand-lettered title to spine. Some edgewear and light staining to boards, hinges just starting at ends, a few partial cracks to text block, minor worming to pastedowns. Early owner bookplate to front pastedown, light toning to text, internally clean. A nice copy of a scarce title. \$250.

\* First edition. This is a textbook on Roman law based on the *Institutes* of Justinian. Each section is condensed into a few sentences arranged as a series of questions and answers. In many cases, these are followed by references. OCLC locates 1 copy of this edition in North America (at the Library of Congress) and 2 copies worldwide of a 1796 edition (At UC-Berkeley Law Library and the Biblioteca Nacional, Madrid). Another copy dated 1785 located at Harvard Law School. Palau, *Manual del Librero Hispanoamericano* 125855. [Order This Item](#)



**Rare Portuguese Edition of Park's Treatise on Marine Insurances**

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

**Costa, Antonio Juliao da, Translator.**

*Systema da Ley Sobre Seguros Maritimos, &c. &c.* Liverpool: Impresso por F.B. Wright, 1821. Two volumes bound as one. Volume II has a folding table. Octavo (8" x 5").

Recent period-style quarter calf over marbled boards, gilt fillets, ornaments and lettering piece to spine, endpapers renewed. Moderate toning to text, faint dampstaining to head of text block. Later owner signature to title page, underlining in a few places, interior otherwise clean. \$850.

\* Only Portuguese edition, from the seventh London edition. With an introduction and notes by the translator. First published in 1787, Park's Marine Insurances was the first legal work on insurance written by an English lawyer. 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. This rare Portuguese edition was produced for lawyers and merchants in Portugal and Brazil. Holdsworth, *History of English Law* XII:390. OCLC locates 2 copies of this edition, 1 in North America (at UVA Law School). [Order This Item](#)





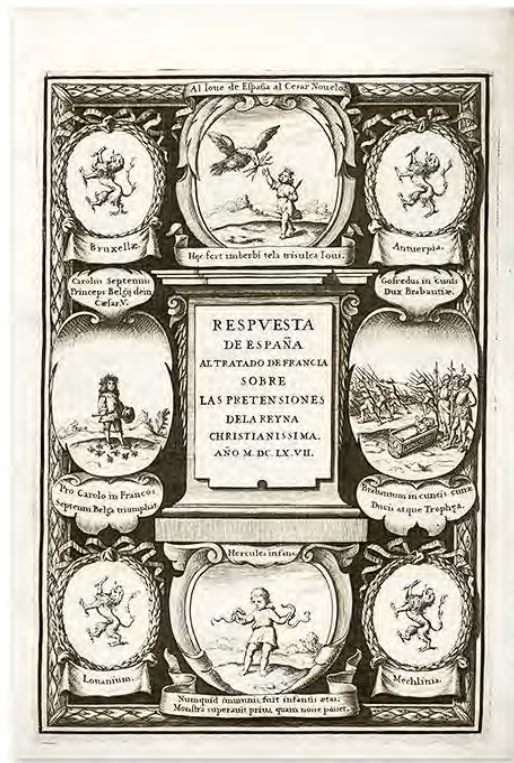
### Important Pre-Code Reforms to Portuguese Civil Law

#### 12. [Portugal].

*Leis de 18 de Agosta de 1769 e de 3 de Agosto de 1770-E de Tabella dos Sellos de 1845* [manuscript cover title]. 15, 14, pp., two folded manuscript leaves. Quarto (8-1/2" x 6); leaves (12" x 8-1/2").

Stab-stitched pamphlets and manuscript leaves sewn together and laid into paper folder, manuscript title to front. Light browning, manuscript in neat hand to both sides of leaves. \$850.

\* Assembled, we assume in 1845, this item has three parts. The first two are offprints of two important legislative pieces, one on the sources of law, the other on primogeniture rights. Important reforms, these laws were standard points of reference until the adoption of the Civil Code of 1867. The final item is a manuscript compilation of legislation concerning fiscal matters. OCLC locates no copies of the two offprints in North America. [Order This Item](#)



### The Legal Arguments that Led to the War of Devolution

#### 13. [Ramos Del Manzano, Francisco (1604-1683)].

*Respuesta de Espana al Tratado de Francia Sobre las Pretensiones de la Reyna Christianissima Ano M.DC.LX.VII.* [Antwerp or Madrid]: N.p., 1667. [x], 285 fols. Copperplate pictorial title page. Folio (12" x 8").

Contemporary vellum, gilt frames to boards, lettering piece and gilt ornaments to spine. Some rubbing and soiling, chipping to spine along front joint, chipping to edges of lettering piece, boards slightly bowed. Minor worming to front hinge, interior otherwise fresh. Ex-library. Small embossed stamp to title page and seven additional leaves at rear. A handsome copy. \$1,800.

\* This appears to be the only edition of a set of legal arguments refuting France's attempts to lay claim to portions of the Spanish Netherlands. "Louis's claims to the Spanish Netherlands [in 1667] were tenuous. His wife, Maria Theresa, the daughter of Philip IV, had renounced her rights of a Spanish inheritance in return for a large dowry at the time of her marriage. The dowry had yet to be paid, however. When Philip died in 1665, Louis' lawyers justified Louis's possible claims by arguing that, while Spanish laws of succession meant the throne of Philip IV would pass to his son Charles II, ancient laws of Duchy of Brabant ruled that the Spanish Netherlands could 'devolve' to Philip's daughter from his first marriage, Louis's wife." (Wikipedia). Spain's refusal to acquiesce to Louis's demands led to the War of Devolution (1667-68). Francisco Ramos del Manzano was a lawyer, an eminent professor of law at the University of Salamanca and archdeacon of Malaga. He was a lawyer in the Council of Castile during reign of Felipe IV and was an instructor to Carlos II. The *New Catholic Encyclopedia* says he was "among the illustrious writers of treatises in the 16th and 17th century" and that he enjoyed "high prestige in the most distinguished circles of Europe." Peeters-Fontainas suggests this book was printed in Brussels while Palau says Antwerp. The copies listed on OCLC suggest Madrid. 4 copies located in the United States: UC Berkeley, UC Bancroft Library, Ransom Library and the Newberry Library. *New Catholic Encyclopedia* VIII 551. Palau, *Manual del Librero Hispanoamericano* 247905. Peeters-Fontainas, *Bibliographie des Impressions Espagnoles des Pays-Bas Meridionaux* 1098. [Order This Item](#)





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

**14. Rebello, Bartholomeu Coelho Neves.**

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

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

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

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**Scarce 1792 Treatise on Taxation  
And Inheritance Laws in the Viceroyalty of Peru**

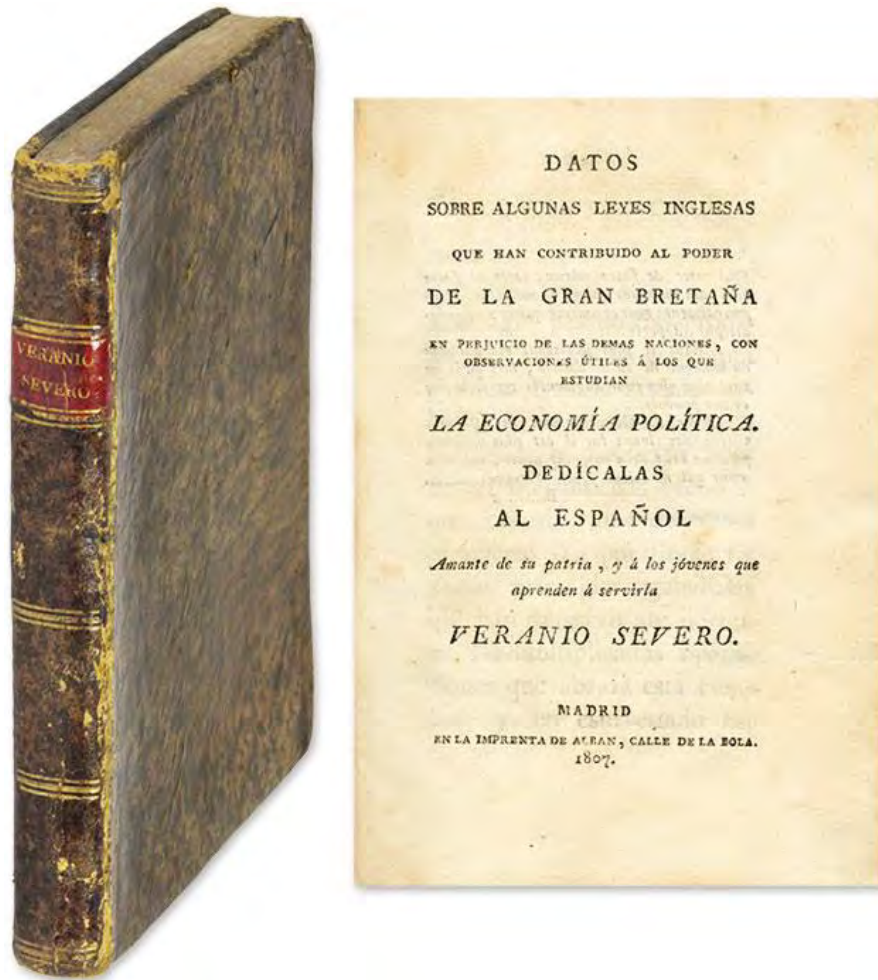
**15. Rezabal (Rezabel) y Ugarte, Jose de [d. 1800].**

*Tratado del Real Derecho de las Medias-Anatas Seculares: y del Servicio de Lanzas a que Estan Obligados los Titulos de Castilla. Origen Historico de Este Juzgado en el Reyno del Peru. Reglas con Que se Administran Estos Ramos en Ambas Americas, Conformes en la Mayor Parte a las que Estan Prescritas en Espana Para su Adeudo y Recaudacion. Con Tres Apendices: El Primero Contiene un Catalogo Alfabetico de los Titulos Existentes en Aquel Vireynato, Sus Creaciones Respectivas y Actuales Poseedores. El Segundo las Reglas Generales de Media-Anata Insertas en la Real Cedula de 3 Julio de 1664. Y el Tercero las Reales Ordenes y Cedula que se Han Expedido Para el Mejor Regimen y Gobierno de Ambos Derechos.* Madrid: En la Oficina de B. Cano, 1792. [xvi], 252 pp. Folding table. Folio (12" x 8").

Contemporary speckled sheep, lettering piece and gilt fillets to spine, rouged edges, ribbon marker, marbled endpapers. Light rubbing and a few scuffs to boards, heavier rubbing to extremities, some chipping spine ends, insect damage near center of spine, corners bumped and somewhat worn, joints just starting at ends, front hinge partially cracked, early owner bookplate to front pastedown, light toning to interior. An attractive copy. \$1,500.

\* Only edition. Written by a distinguished senior judge and legal scholar in Cusco, this is a treatise on inheritance law in the Viceroyalty of Peru. It includes a history and overview of Peru's court system with comparisons to the Spanish courts and a detailed catalogue of all Spanish titles of nobility in Peru. It also provides a good deal of information relating to native South Americans and people of mixed Spanish-native blood. Indeed, it is an important source for its information on the legal status of these people and is included in the CD-ROM collection *Textos Clasicos de Literatura Juridica Indiana* (Madrid, 1999). OCLC locates 14 copies, 12 in North America, 2 in a law library (Library of Congress, UC-Berkeley). Palau, *Manual del Librero Hispanoamericano* 265986. [Order This Item](#)





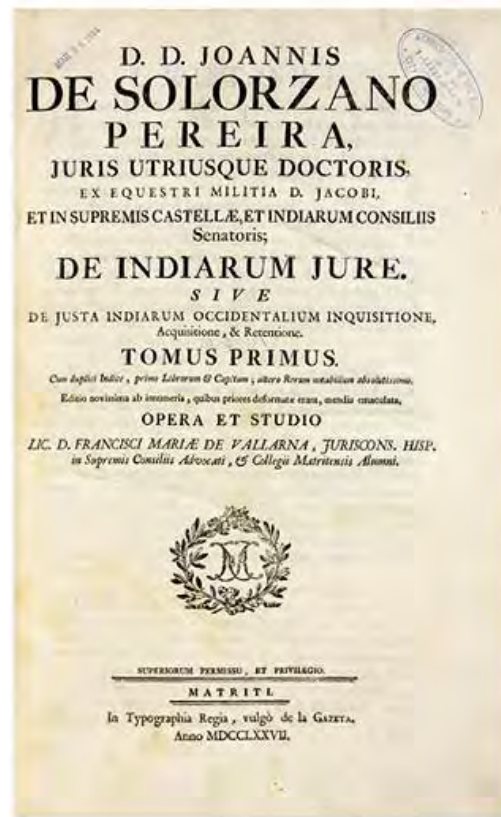
### British Manipulation of International Trade Laws

#### 16. Severo, Veranio.

*Datos Sobre Algunas Leyes Inglesas que han Contribuido al Poder de la Gran Bretana en Perjuicio de las Demas Naciones, Con Observaciones Utiles a los que Estudian la Economia Politica. Dedicadas al Espanol Amante de su Patria, Y a los Jovenes que Aprenden a Servirla.* Madrid: En la Imprenta de Alban, 1807. x, [2], 257 pp. Octavo (5-3/4" x 3-3/4").

Contemporary tree-sheep, lettering piece and gilt fillets to spine, marbled endpapers. Some rubbing to extremities, corners bumped. Some toning to text, light dampstaining to upper corner of rear quarter of text block, interior otherwise clean. \$1,650.

\* First edition. This enthusiastically anti-British work details the ways Britain has manipulated international trade laws in its favor, and against the interests of Spain. It sketches the history of British politics as it affected the country's foreign entanglements, and lists some of the tricks used by Britain to win over international opinion. Inspired by Adam Smith, Severo discusses a wide variety of trades and industries, including whaling, herring, fishing, the trade in coal and tobacco, and shipbuilding, describing the shipping routes used by British merchant vessels and British trade with India, the Americas (including South America) and the Baltic. Severo analyses the effect of British trade laws, and the enthusiasm with which the British sing (and mean) Rule Britannia. OCLC locates 2 copies in North America (at Harvard and Yale). Palau, *Manual del Librero Hispano-Americano* 311227. [Order This Item](#)



### An Important Analysis of Spanish Colonial Law

#### 17. Solorzano Pereira, Juan de [1575-1655].

*De Indiarum Jure. Sive de Justa Indiarum Occidentalium Inquisitione, Acquisitione, & Retentione. Cum Duplici Indice, Primo Librorum & Capitum; Altero Rerum Notabilium Absolutissimo. Editio Novissima ab Innumeris, Quibus Priores Deformatae Erant, Mendis Emaculata, opera et Studio.* Madrid: In Typographia Regia, Vulgo de la Gazeta, 1777. Two volumes. [xviii], 431, [73]; [xii], 272, 275-896, 128 pp. Main text in parallel columns. Folio (11" x 8").

Contemporary mottled sheep, gilt spine with raised bands and lettering piece, marbled endpapers, edges rouged. Moderate rubbing to extremities with wear to board edges and corners, some shallow scuffs to boards, chipping to spine ends of Volume II, hinges starting. Light toning to text, cellotape repair to upper corner of pp. 255-56 of Volume II. Early owner signature to half-title of Volume I and title page of Volume II, interiors otherwise clean. Ex-library. Location labels to spine, small inkstamps to title pages, a few other markings in faint pencil. An attractive copy. \$1,950.

\* Final edition. First published in 1629, with a second volume in 1639, this important analysis of Spanish colonial law was written by a Spanish jurist who served as a judge of the high court at Lima. Married to the Creole daughter of the governor of Cuzco and resident in Peru for eighteen years, he acquired an unparalleled knowledge of the law and history of the Indies. According to Gongora, his treatise is the "most systematic juridical formulation of the problems of legitimisation of dominion in the seventeenth century [and] enjoyed an unrivalled prestige in the official and legal circles of the Indies for a century and a half." It went through several editions in Latin and Spanish. OCLC locates 9 copies of our 1777 Latin edition in North America, 3 in law libraries (Columbia, Harvard, UT-Austin). Gongora, *Studies in the Colonial History of Spanish America* 62. Medina, *Bibliotheca Hispano-Americana* 4830. Sabin, *A Dictionary of Books Relating to America* 86529.

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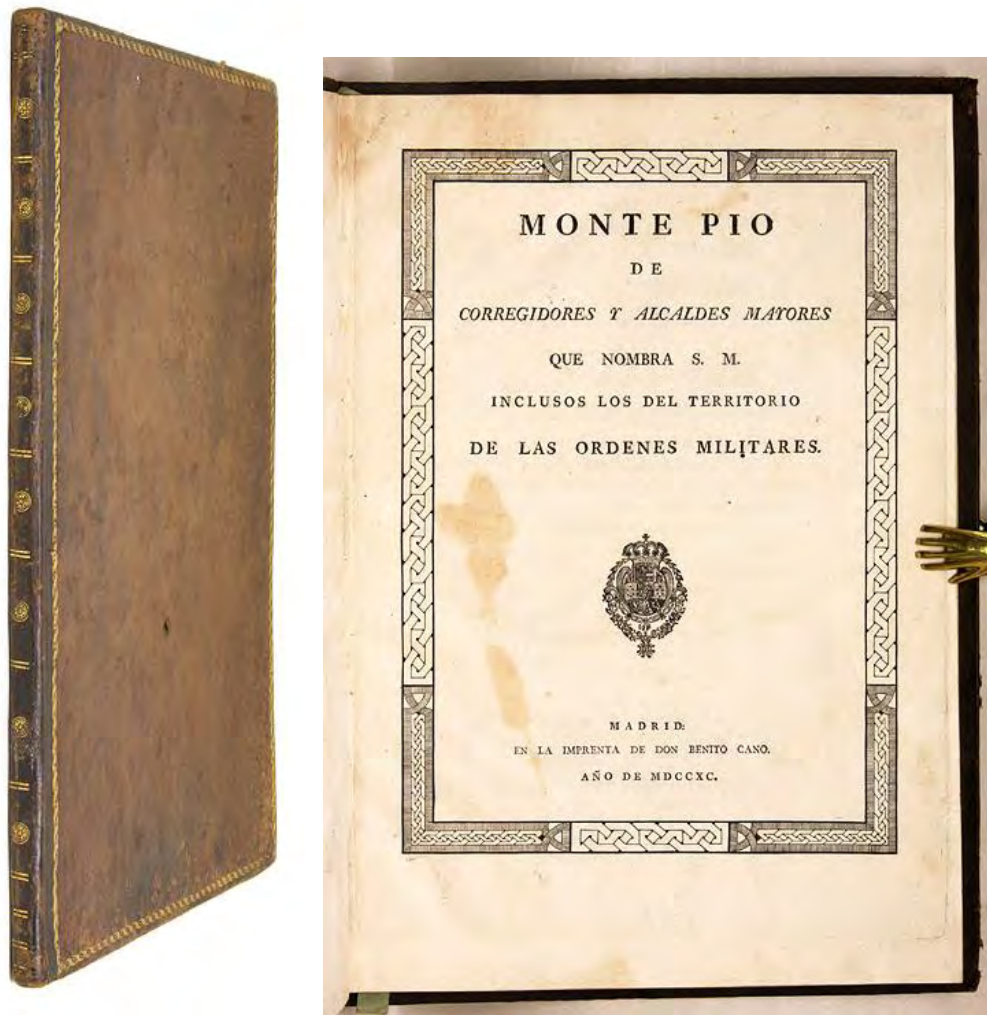
**Rare Sixteenth-Century Spanish Treatise Concerning Monasteries**

**18. Sosa, Francisco de [fl. 1556].**

*Advertencias de Fray Francisco de Sosa, Lector de Theologia en el Convento de Sant Francisco de Salamanca: Cerca de la Nueva Constitucion de Nuestro Sanctissimo Padre Clemente Papa VIII. De Largitione Munerum Utriusque Sexus Regularibus Interdicta. Declaranse Algunas Resoluciones de Derecho en Puntos Difficultos.* Salamanca: En Casa Iuan Fernandez, 1596. [x], 131, [2] pp. Quarto (8" x 6").

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\* First edition. This book details a series of legal reforms regarding monasteries and holy orders implemented by Pope Clement VI, formerly a canon lawyer (Ippolito Aldobrandini, 1536-1605, the son of notable jurist Sylvestro Aldobrandini). For the most part, these reforms led to an increase of Papal control and supervision. Two other editions were published in 1597 and 1696. OCLC locates no copies of this title in North America. No copies located at the Library of Congress, Harvard Law School or UC-Berkeley Law School. Palau, *Manual del Librero Hispano-Americano* 319804. [Order This Item](#)



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19. [Spain].

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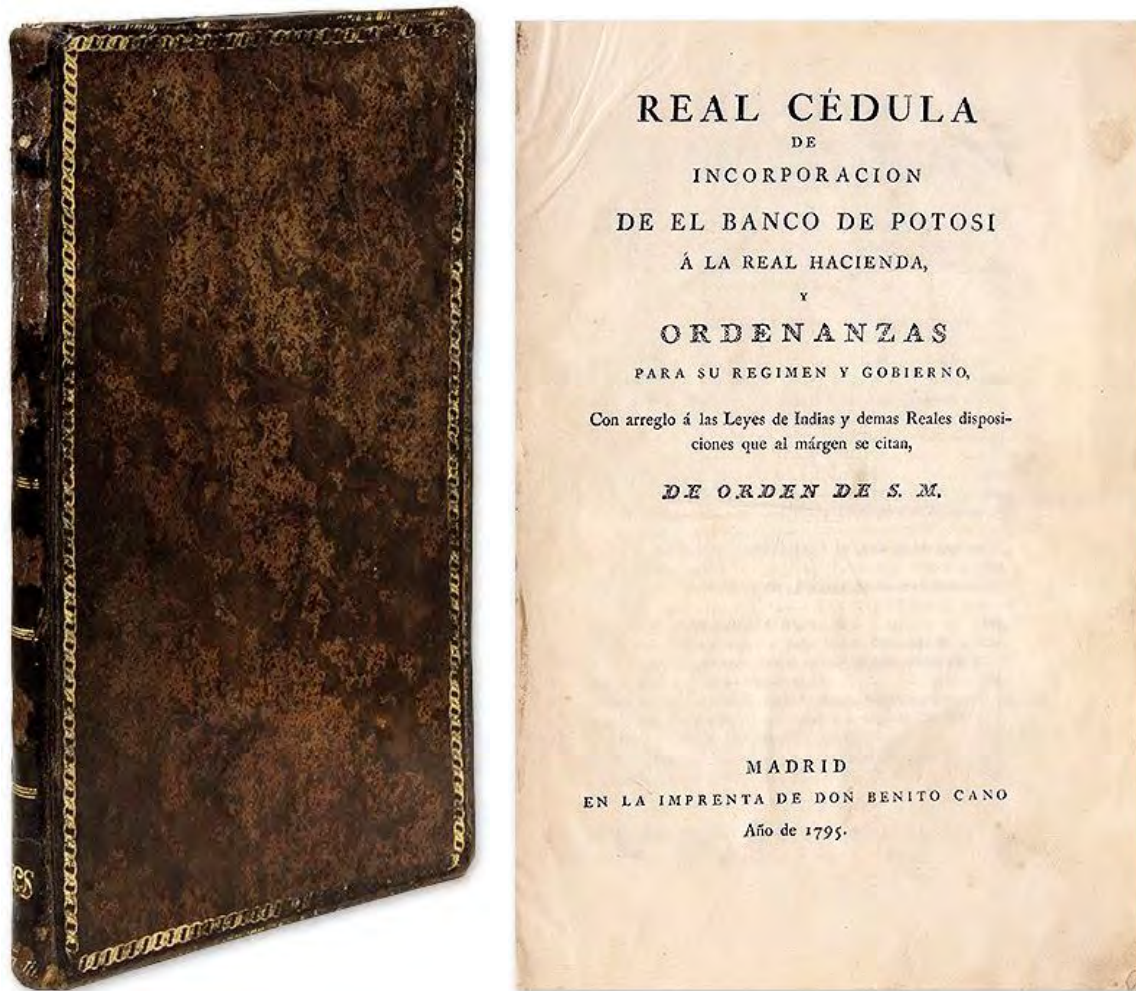
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*Monte Pio de Corregidores y Alcaldes Mayores que nombra S.M. Inklusos los del Territorio de las Ordenes Militares.* Madrid: En la Imprenta de Don Benio Cano, 1790. 467 pp. Folio (11-3/4" x 8-1/4").

Contemporary tree sheep, gilt fillets to boards, gilt fillets and ornaments to spine, gilt tooling to board edges, marbled endpaper, detached ribbon marker laid in. Some minor nicks to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, corners bumped. Very light toning to text, faint dampstaining to a few leaves, a few minor worn holes. A handsome copy. \$750.

\* Only edition. A collection of legislation establishing a system of low-interest loans for aldermen, mayors and the governors of military districts in Spain (and New Spain). This legislation has its roots in the "Mounts of Piety," a system of pawnbrokers run as a charity by the Catholic Church in Europe in the Late Middle Ages to offer low-interest loans to the needy. The regulations in the present volume offered low-interest loans from the state treasury secured against amounts intended to fund the borrower's pension. OCLC locates 1 copy in North America (Duke University). Palau, *Manual del Librero Hispano-Americano* 177.666. [Order This Item](#)





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**20. [Spain].**

**Real Banco de San Carlos de Potosí.**

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

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**21. Vasco del Campo, Don Rafael.**

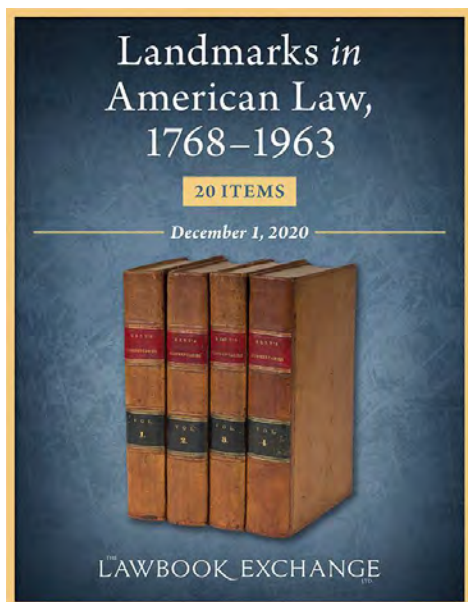
*Discurso Pronunciado en la Real Chancilleria de Granada el Dia 2 de Enero de 1802, por El Exmo. Sr. Don Rafael Vasco, Caballero del Orden de Santiago, y de las Reales Maestranzas de Ronda y Granada; Regidor Perpetuo del Aquel Ilustre Ayuntamiento; Teniente General de los Reales Exercitos; Gobernador y Capitan General del Exército, Costa y Reino de Granada, y Presidios Menores de Africa; Presidente de Esta Real Chancilleria, De la Junta de Reales Obras de la Plaza de Malaga, De la Mayor de Caminos de Este Reyno, Los de Cordoba y Jaen; Superintendente de los del Obispado de Malaga, Y de las de Sanidad Establecidas en el y su Costa; Inspector de las Companias de Invalidos, Las de Infanteria Fixa y Torreros del Distrito, Etc. Etc.* Granada: En la Imprenta de Moreno, [1803]. [iv], xix pp. Quarto (8" x 5-1/2").

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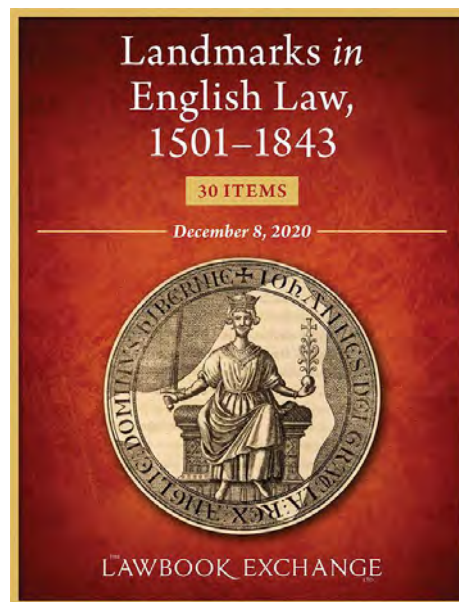
\* First edition. This book reproduces the text of a speech given by military leader Don Rafael Vasco del Campo shortly upon his elevation by the King of Spain to the Presidency of Granada's Supreme Court of Justice. Don Vasco, who distinguished himself in the service of the Spanish Crown in Mexico, proclaims his humility before the office of his charge, never before entrusted to a military man, and invokes education as an antidote to envy, hate, revenge and thoughts of theft, lies and deception. He also challenges the need for capital punishment and other legal injustices. During his short-lived presidency over Granada's highest court, the region enjoyed peace and a flowering of the arts, which ended with Napoleon's invasion of Spain and the subsequent popular uprisings against the Spanish Crown. No copies located on OCLC. Palau, *Manual del Librero Hispano-Americano* 353024. [Order This Item](#)



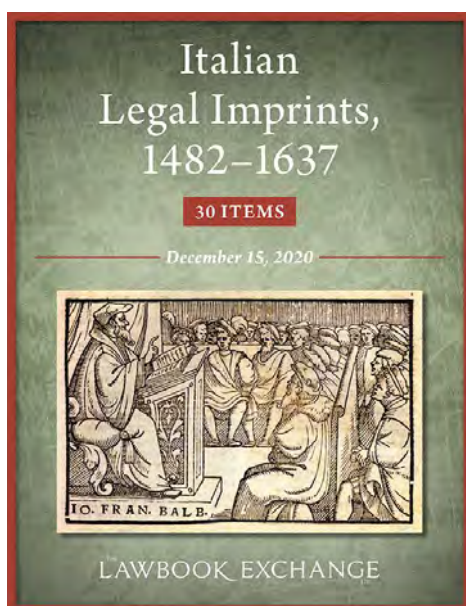
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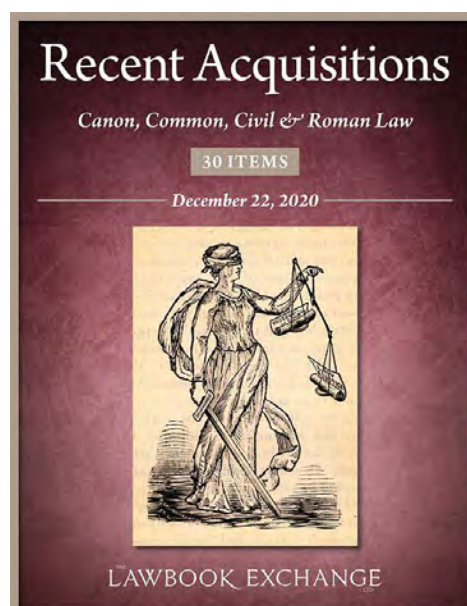
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