

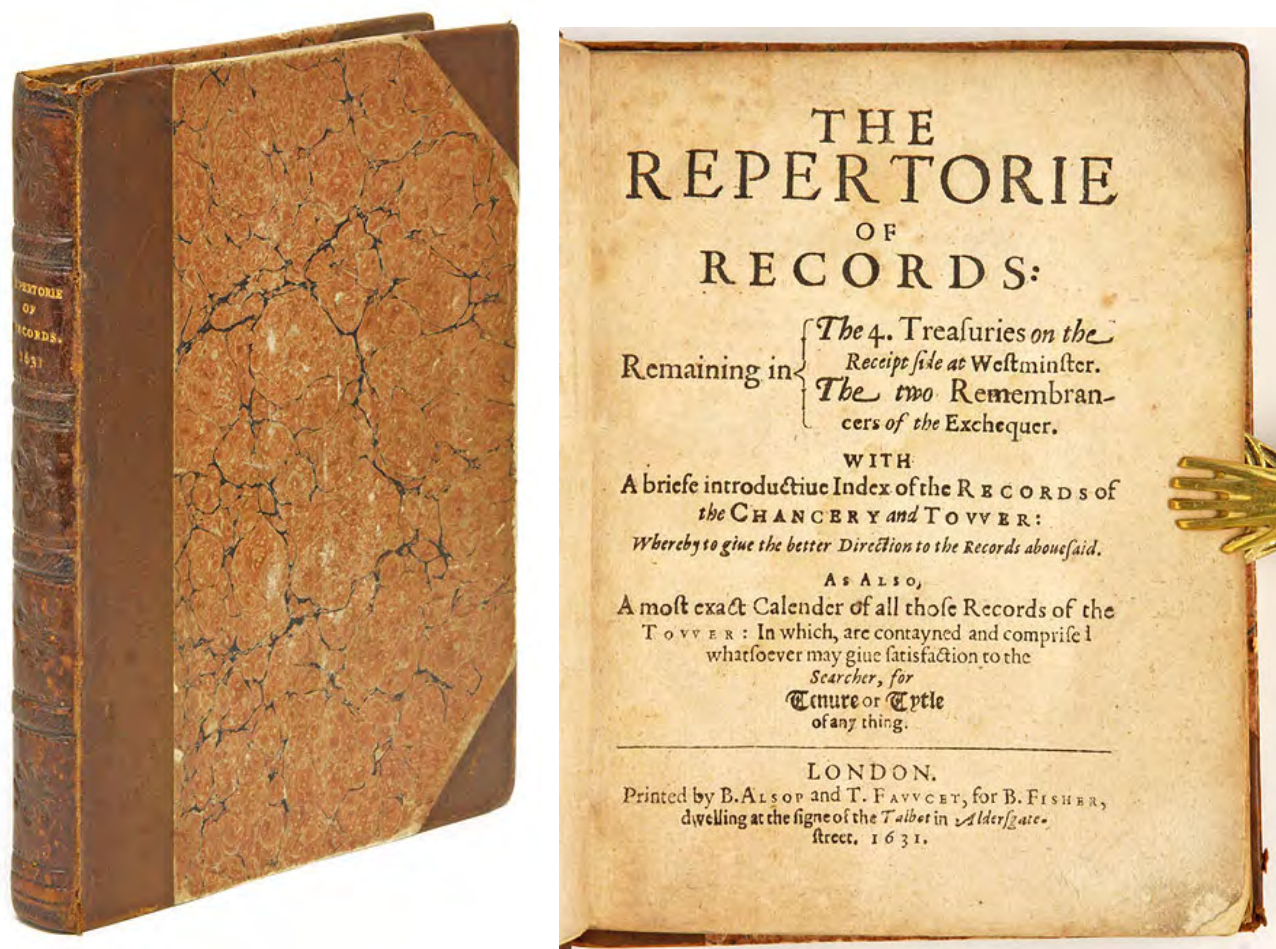
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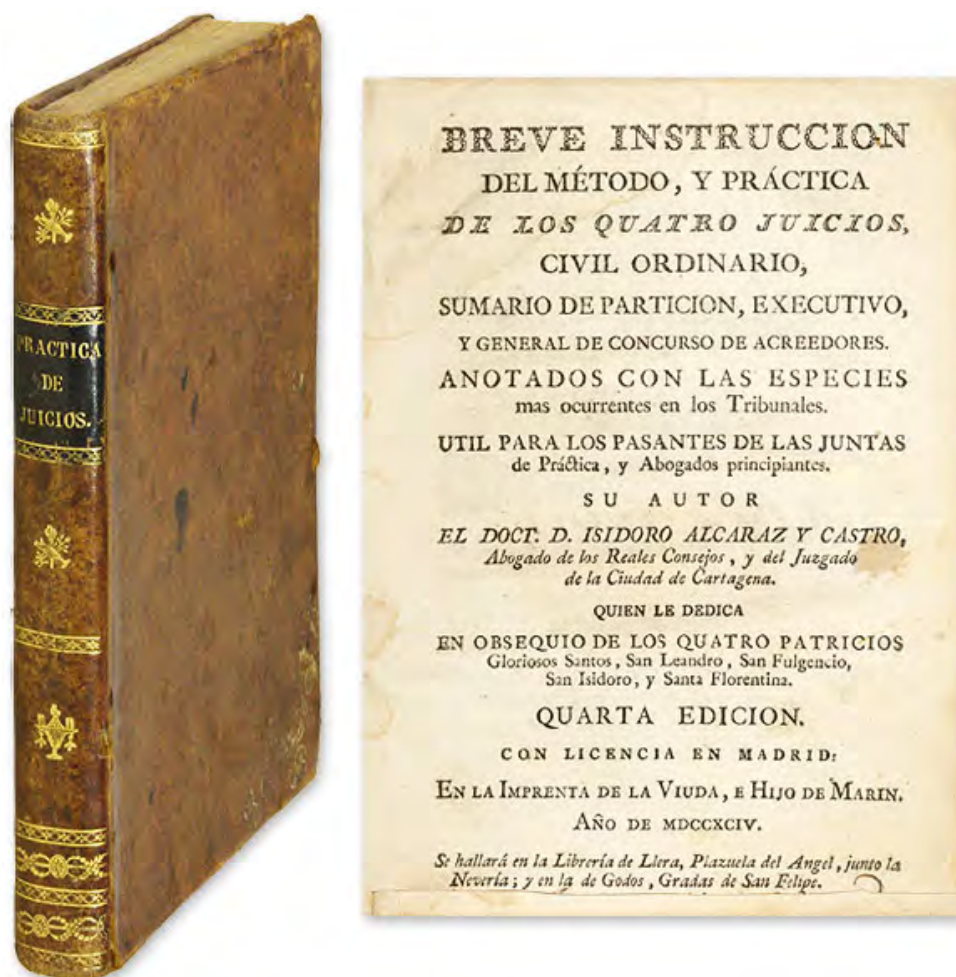
Probably the First
Census of English Public Records

1. [Agard, Arthur (1540-1615), Compiler].
Powell, Thomas [1572?-1643?], Compilers].

The Repertorie of Records: Remaining in the 4 Treasuries on the Receipt Side at Westminster: The Two Remembrancers of the Exchequer: With a Briefe Introductiue Index of the Records of the Chancery and Tower: Whereby to Give the Better Direction to the Records Abovesaid: As Also, A Most Exact Calendar of All Those Records of the Tower, In Which are Contayned and Comprised Whatsoever May Give Satisfaction to the Searcher, For Tenure or Tytle of Any Thing. London: Printed by B. Alsop and T. Fawcet, For B. Fisher, 1631. [viii], 141, 144-217, [1] pp. Pagination irregular. Text complete. Quarto (7-1/4" x 5-1/2").

Nineteenth-century three-quarter calf over marbled boards, raised bands, blind ornaments and gilt title to spine, endpapers renewed. Light rubbing to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, some wear to head of spine, joints starting at ends, corners bumped and somewhat worn. Moderate toning to text, faint dampspotting in places, faint dampstains to corners of a few leaves, small bookseller description tipped-in to front pastedown, notes in recent hand (in pencil) to endleaves. An attractive copy. \$500.

* Only edition, one of two issues from 1631. This is probably the first attempt to produce a census of the English public records. The project was begun by Agard; and completed after Agard's death by Powell. *English Short-Title Catalogue* S122217. [Order This Item](#)



Scarce Eighteenth-Century "Institutes" of Spanish Law

2. Alcaraz y Castro, Isidoro.

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

Contemporary sheep treated to look like tree calf, lettering piece, gilt fillets and gilt ornaments to spine. Some rubbing to extremities, a few minor scuffs and stains to boards, corners bumped, front endleaves lacking, about 1/4 inch trimmed from foot of title page. Toning, faint dampspotting in places, tiny dampstains to title page. Brief annotations to front pastedown and rear endleaf, interior otherwise clean. \$650.

* 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 School. [Order This Item](#)



Rare Portuguese Treatise on Water Law

3. Almeida e Sousa de Lobao, Manuel de.

Tratado Pratico e Compendiario das Aguas dos Rios Publicos, Fontes Publicas, Ribeiros e Nascentes d'Ellas: Obra Apurada, Em que se Adopta o Mais Racional da Legislaçao Romana, Cortado o que Hoje e Reprovado Pelo uso Moderno das Nacoes. Com Dois Indices, Um dos Capitulos, Outro das Conclusoes mais Notaveis e com Duas Dissertacoes Analogas Primeira Sobre as Aguas Pluviaes Segunda Sobre as Aguas Subterraneas. 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.

* 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](#)



Argentina's First, Short-Lived, Constitution of 1819

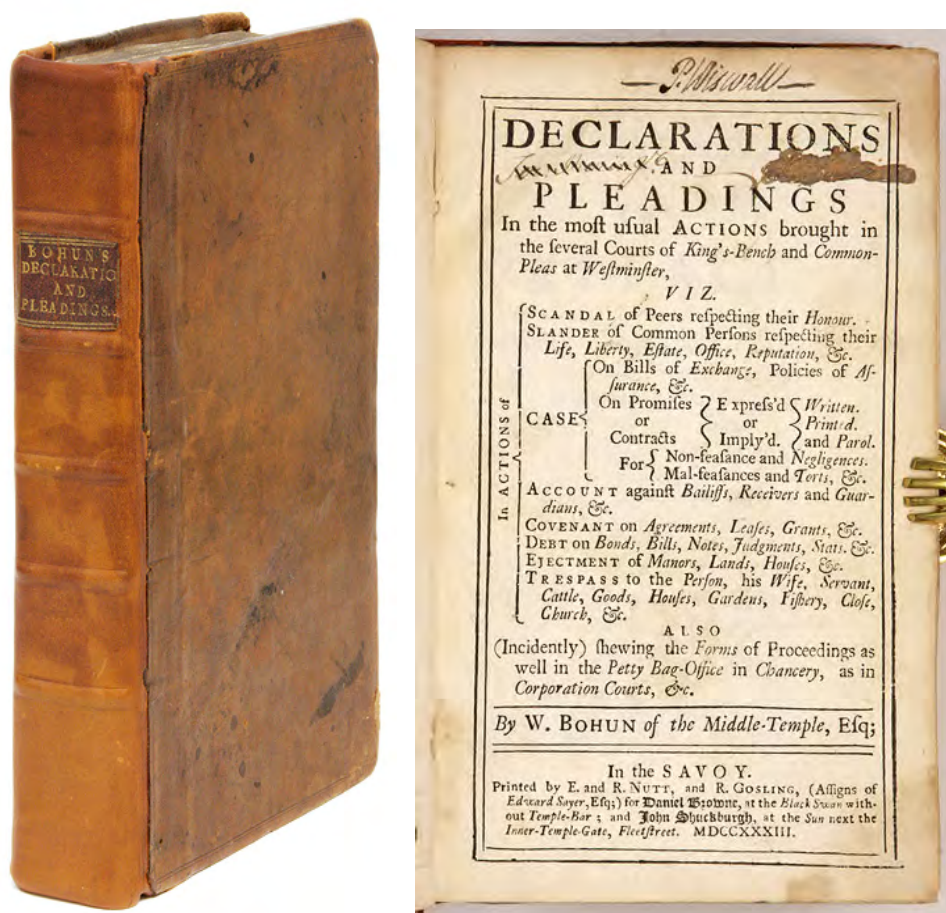
4. [Argentina].

[Funes, Gregorio (1749-1829)].

Constitucion de las Provincias Unidas en Sud-America, Sancionada y Mandada Publicar por el Soberano Congreso General Constituyente en 22 de Abril de 1819. Buenos Aires: Imprenta de la Independencia, 1819. 71 pp. Quarto (7-1/2" x 5-1/2").

Nineteenth-century limp vellum, early printed bookseller catalogue description pasted to front cover. Light soiling, a few minor inkstains, covers somewhat bowed. Woodcut arms of Argentina to title page. Negligible toning to text, light soiling and faint early owner signature to title page. A well-preserved copy. \$1,000.

* First edition, one of two issues from 1819. The United Provinces of South America (or United Provinces of the Rio de la Plata), which included parts of present-day Bolivia, Brazil and Uruguay as well as the Falkland Islands, was the predecessor state of Argentina during its war of independence from Spain (1810-1818). Mostly the work of Funes, its first constitution was issued in 1819. It was rejected by most of the rural provinces because it established a strong central government. This led to a civil war that was settled by rescinding this constitution. Some issues have an additional four-page manifesto indicting Spanish cruelty. OCLC locates 2 copies in North American Law Libraries (Library of Congress, Harvard). *Sabin, A Dictionary of Books Relating to America* 16059. Palau, *Manual del Librero Hispano-Americano* 59765. [Order This Item](#)



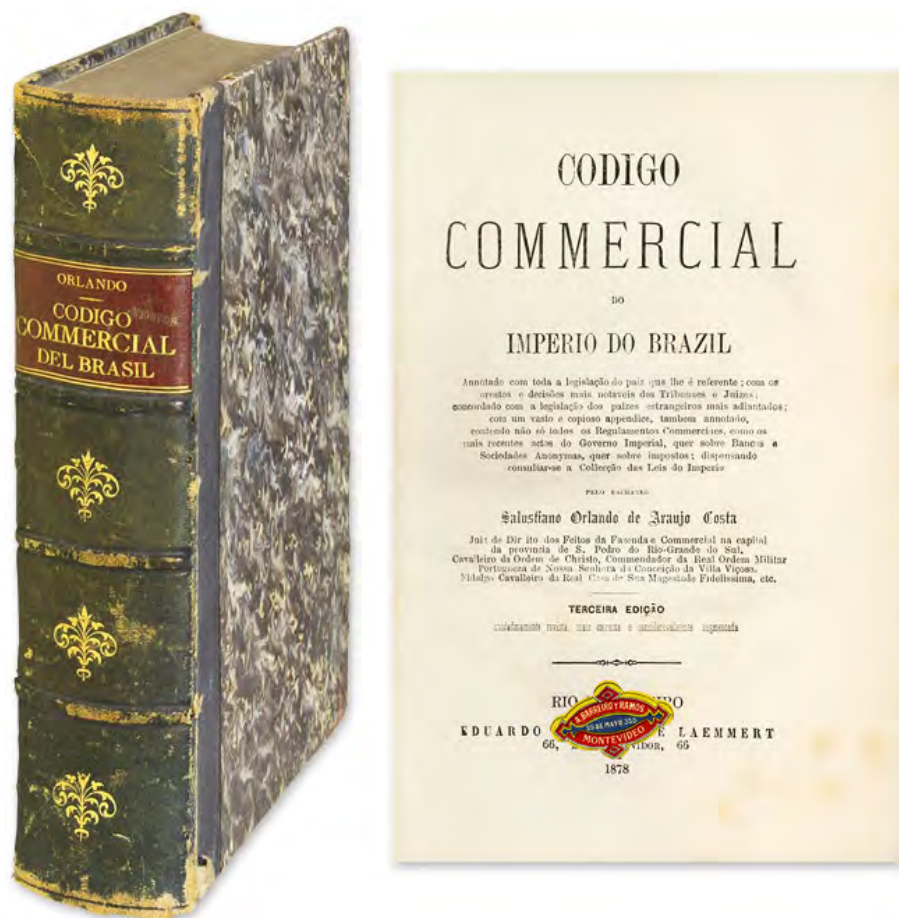
Bohun's *Declarations and Pleadings*

5. Bohun, W[illiam].

Declarations and Pleadings in the Most Usual Actions Brought in the Several Courts of King's-Bench and Common-Pleas at Westminster, Viz: In Actions of Scandal of Peers Respecting Their Honour. Slander of Common Persons Respecting Their Life, Liberty, Estate, Office, Reputations, &c. Case on Bills of Exchange, Policies of Assurance, &c. On Promises or Contracts, Express'd or ImPLY'd, Written, Printed and Parol. For Non-Feasance and Negligences, Mal-Feasances and Torts, &c. Account Against Bailiffs, Receivers and Guardians, &c. Covenant on Agreements, Leases, Grants, &c. Debt on Bonds, Bills, Notes, Judgments, Stats. &c. Trespass to the Person, His Wife, Servant, Cattle, Goods, Houses, Gardens, Fishery, Close, Church, &c. Also (Incidentally) Shewing the Forms of Proceedings as Well as in the Petty Bag-Office in Chancery, As in Corporation Courts, &c. [London]: Printed by E. and R. Nutt, and R. Gosling for Daniel Browne and John Shuckburgh, 1733. [xxiv], 448 pp. Octavo (8" x 5").

Contemporary calf, rebaked in period style, blind rules to boards, raised bands and retained contemporary lettering piece, hinges mended. A few minor nicks and spots to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, corners bumped and somewhat worn. Light toning to text, slightly heavier in places, occasional faint dampstaining to margins, small early owner signatures to head of title page. \$200.

* First edition. The precedents are taken from older books of entries and from the rolls of the court. Marginal notes explain the nature of the actions and the pleadings. In some cases the whole record is given from declaration to judgment. A second edition of this book was published in 1743. Bohun was an attorney and a prolific author who published well-received treatises on legal education, Parliament, ecclesiastical law and other subjects. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T129536. [Order This Item](#)



A Rare Brazilian Code

6. [Brazil].

Araujo Costa, Salustiano Orlando de, Editor.

Codigo Commercial do Imperio de Brazil, Annotado com Toda a Legislacao do Paiz que lhe e Referente; Com Osarestos e Decisoos Mais Notaveis dos Tribunaes e Juizes; Concordado com a Legislacao do Paizes Estrangeiros Mais Adiantados; Con um Vasto e Copioso Appendice, Tambem Annotado, Contendo Nao so Todos os Regulamentos Commerciaes, Como os Mais Recentes Actos do Governo Imperial, Quer Sobre Bancos o Sociedades Anonymas, Quer Sobre Impostos; Dispensando Consultar-Se a Collecção das Leis do Imperio. Rio de Janeiro: E. & H. Laemmert, 1878. x, 1113 pp. Octavo (8-1/4" x 5-3/4").

Contemporary quarter calf over marbled boards, raised bands, gilt ornaments and lettering piece to spine, marbled endpapers, speckled edges. Light rubbing to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, hinges cracked but secure, bookseller ticket pasted to foot of title page. Toning, light foxing in a few places, internally clean. \$450.

* Third edition. Brazil enjoyed a remarkable period of rapid material progress and international importance during under Emperors Pedro I and, especially, Pedro II, who reigned from 1831 to 1891. The government enacted a law in 1823 calling for the gradual replacement of the Portuguese *Ordenacoes* with codes informed by the Enlightenment ideas of the eighteenth century and the work of Jeremy Bentham. A *Projecto* for commercial law was published in 1836, another in 1838. The code was enacted in 1850 and its first two editions were published in 1858 and 1869. The third and later editions (1886, 1896) are the best because they contain extensive commentary. All of these early editions are rare. OCLC locates 1 copy of the 1878 edition in North America (at the New York Public Library). Another copy located at the Library of Congress. *British Museum Catalogue* (Compact Edition) 4:32. [Order This Item](#)



An Event That Advanced a Successful Movement to Reduce the Number of Capital Crimes in Massachusetts

**7. [Broadside].
[Execution].
[Salem, Massachusetts].**

Execution of Stephen Merrill Clark, Which Took Place on Winter Island, Salem, On Thursday, May 10, 1821. Salem (?), MA: S.n., 1821. 17-1/2" x 11-1/4" broadside. Text in four columns enclosed by black rules, small woodcut of a coffin below headline, untrimmed edges.

Light browning and foxing, fold lines, three horizontal and one vertical, a few creases and tiny fold-overs along edges. A notably well-preserved copy of a scarce item. \$1,850.

* In 1820 Clark burned down a barn. There was no loss of life, but he was tried for a capital crime, found guilty and sentenced to death. The jury recommended commutation to no avail. He was sixteen years of age when he committed the crime, seventeen when executed. His case helped to advance a successful movement to reduce the number of capital crimes. By 1852 only murder remained a capital offense. Cohen lists this item but notes that he didn't handle a copy; his entry is based on a dealer's catalogue. Cohen also notes another broadside, again unseen, a 16-page pamphlet at Harvard Law School, and a 63-page report of the trial, at Yale Law School. Curiously, there is nothing for Clark in McDade, which is surprising given the contemporary and long-term importance of the case. These omissions in McDade suggest the rarity of these four accounts. OCLC locates 10 copies of the broadside. Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 1238.

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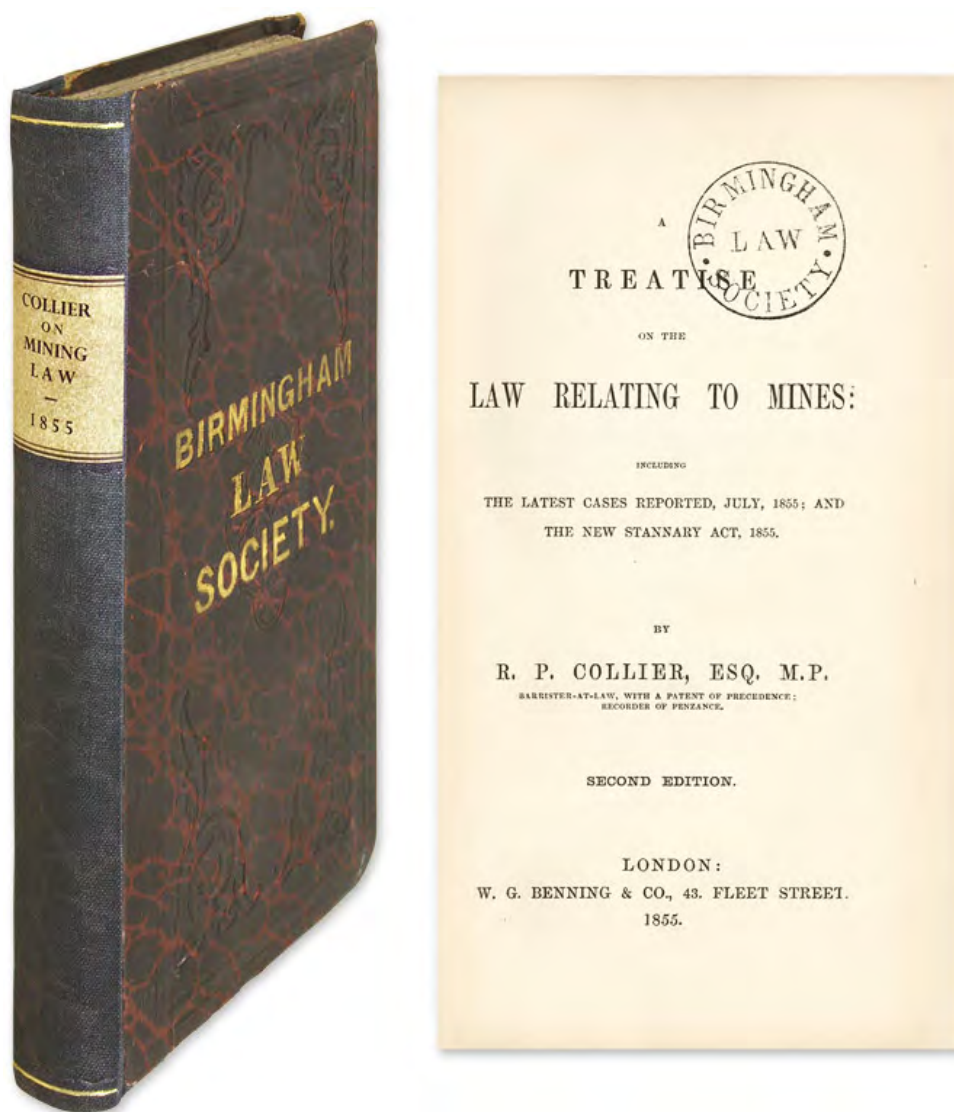
Rare Treatise Dealing With Legal Aspects of Farming and Agriculture

8. Choppin, René [1537-1606].

De Privilegiis Rusticorum: Lib. III. O Fortunatos Nimum, Sua Si Bona Norint, Agricolas, Gnauosque Senes, Extrema per Illos Iustitia Excedens Terris Vestigia Fecit. Paris: Apud Nicolaum Chesneau, 1575 [colophon: 29 November 1574]. [xvi] 248, [24] pp. Quarto (9" x 6-1/2").

Contemporary limp vellum, early calligraphic title to spine, ties lacking. Negligible light shelfwear, text block partially detached from binding. Woodcut printer device to title page, woodcut decorated initials. Some toning, light dampspotting and early annotations to a few leaves. \$2,000.

* First edition. Choppin (or Chopin) was a French jurist and an *avocat* of the Parlement of Paris. Like Jean Bacquet and Jean Bodin, Choppin drew on Roman law and feudal principles to advocate a centralized state under royal rule. *De Privilegiis Rusticorum* addresses legal privileges enjoyed by rural people in Roman and civil law. A well-written and remarkably comprehensive work, it went through seven subsequent editions in Latin. Its final edition, translated into French, was published in 1634. This was a rarely explored topic, and Choppin's treatise is the only early example we have encountered. According to the *Biographie Universelle*, "it deserves notice for the singularity of its subject, for its profound research, and the decisions it contains" (8:499). All editions are scarce today and rare in North American law libraries. OCLC locates three copies of the 1575 edition (at Columbia, George Washington University and Harvard). Camus, *Profession d'Avocat* 1477. [Order This Item](#)



Scarce Nineteenth-Century English Treatise on Mining Law

9. Collier, R.P., Baron Monkswell [1817-1886].

A Treatise on the Law Relating to Mines: Including the Latest Cases Reported, July, 1855; And the New Stannary Act, 1855. London: W.G. Benning & Co., 1855. xv, 281 pp. Forms. Octavo (7-1/2" x 4-1/2").

Contemporary cloth, blind frames to boards, rebacked, printed paper title label to spine, hinges mended. Minor edgewear, corners bumped and lightly worn. Light toning to text, internally clean. Ex-library (Birmingham Law Society). Institution name stamped to front board, small inkstamps to title page and a few leaves. \$195.

* Second edition. "This treatise is intended to contain a summary of those principles of Law and Equity which govern the acquisition and transfer of property in mines, and the duties, rights, and liabilities of Mine-owners and adventurers, arising out of their relations among themselves and the public" (Preface). Collier's first edition was published in London in 1849, then reissued in Philadelphia in 1853. All editions are scarce. OCLC locates six of the second edition in North American Law Libraries (Columbia, Harvard, Library of Congress, UC-Berkeley and the Universities of Georgia and Pennsylvania. Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 72. [Order This Item](#)



Legal Guidelines for
Gentleman Hunters, With Plates

10. Cox, Nicholas [fl.1673-1721].
[Manwood, John (d.1610)].

The Gentleman's Recreation: In Four Parts. Viz. Hunting, Hawking, Fowling, Fishing: Wherein Those Generous Exercises are Largely Treated of; And the Terms of Art for Hunting and Hawking, More Amply Enlarged than Heretofore: Also the Method of Breeding and Managing a Hunting-Horse: Unto Which is Now Annex'd an Appendix of Choice Receipts or the Cure of Several Maladies. Whereunto is Added, A Perfect Abstract of All the Forest-Laws, And Every Particular Act Since Magna Charta to This Time, As Do Any Way Relate to the Several Kinds of Game Above-Mention'd; With Several Forms of Warrants Relating Thereto, Never Before Printed. To Which is Prefixed a Large Sculpture, Giving Easy Directions for Blowing the Horn. And Other Sculptures Proper to Each Recreation. London: Printed for N.C. and Sold by J. Wilcox, 1721. Two works in one. The second work, *An Abridgment of Manwood's Forest Laws. And of All the Acts of Parliament Made Since; Which Relate to Hunting, Hawking, Fishing, Or Fowling. With Precedents of Warrants for Gamekeepers, Licences to Hunt, Hawk, &c.*, has divisional title page reading London: Printed by H.p. for N.C., 1721. [iv], iv, 304 [i.e.288], 285-438; [2], 115, [9] pp. Copperplate frontispiece. Three of four folding plates. Octavo (7-1/2" x 4-3/4").

Contemporary paneled calf, rebaked in period style, gilt fillets to boards, raised bands and lettering piece to spine, hinges mended. A few minor scuffs to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, corners worn, endleaves lacking, frontispiece mounted to front pastedown. Moderate toning to text, faint dampspotting in places, faint dampstaining to some leaves, some edgewear to one of the plates (depicting types of fish), which is bound at the center rather than the left-side edge. \$200.

* Sixth and final edition, and the only edition that includes precedents of warrants and licenses. Intended for gentlemen, this guidebook contains one of the few treatises on falconry from the period. It was first published in 1674. Two editions designated the fourth were issued in 1697; one does not have an abridgment of Manwood. The abridgment published in the 1721 edition was also issued separately. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T133087. [Order This Item](#)



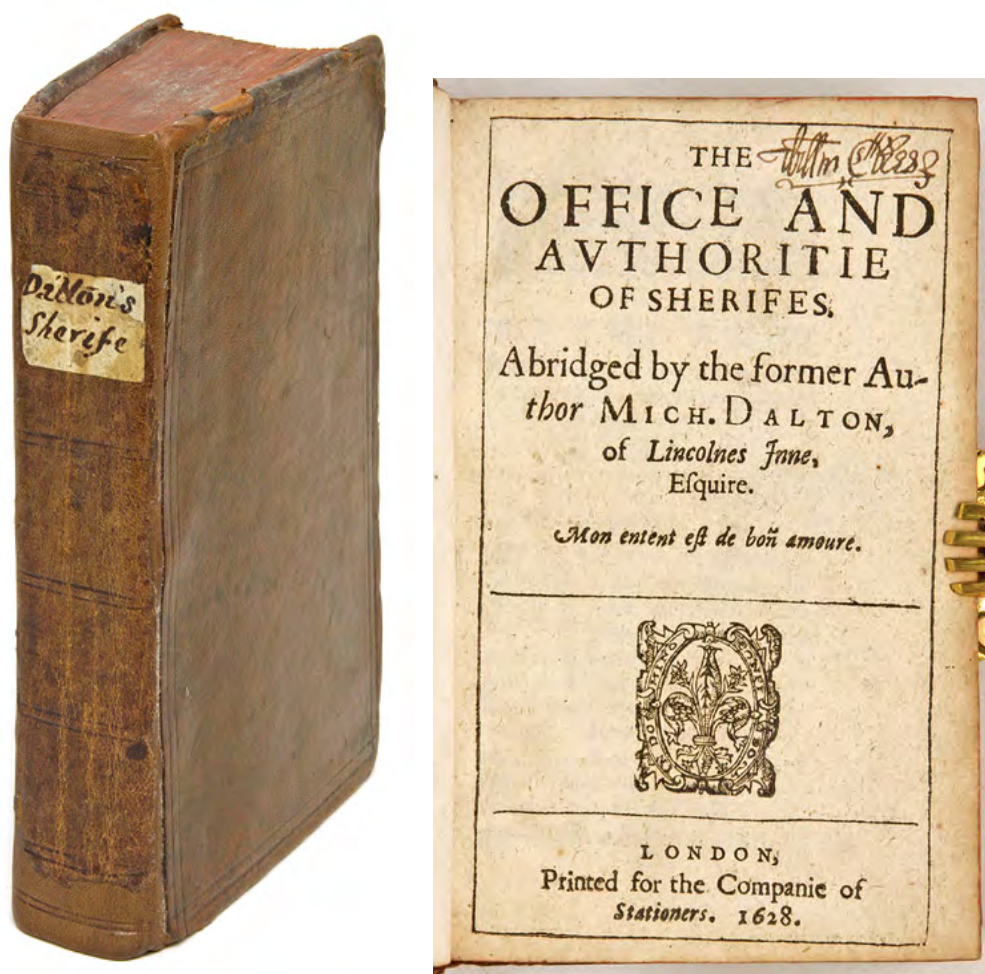
British Customs in the Early 1700s

11. Crouch, Henry [d. 1732].

A Complete View of the British Customs; Containing the Rates of Merchandize, With the Total Net Duties to be Paid Inwards, Outwards, and Coast-Wise; And the Drawbacks upon Exportation: All Carefully Calculated to the Twentieth Part of a Penny. As Also The Several Branches that Compose Those Net Duties and Drawbacks, Fully Exemplify'd and Explain'd. Likewise. Great Variety of Forms of the Computations of the Duties; Tables of Drawbacks, and Bounties on Exportation; With Examples and Instructions in the Waterside-Business. To Which is Added, The Ports, Members, And Creeks of Great-Britain; the Lawful Keys and Wharfs, And Tables of Officers Fees in the Port of London; With the City Duties of Package, Scavage, And Balliage. And An Index, Containing the Substance of All the Custom-Laws, Rules, and Injunctions. The Whole Being A Continuation and Improvement of the Late Mr. Edgar's Vectigalium Systema; Wherein, The Errors are Rectified, Deficiencies Supply'd, And Variations Added, To the End of the Session of Parliament, Anno Nove Georgii. London: Printed for J. Osborn, 1724. [ii], iv, [2], 355, [1] pp. Octavo (7-1/2" x 4-3/4").

Contemporary paneled calf, rebaked in period style with raised bands and lettering piece. A few minor stains and scratches to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, corners bumped, hinges cracked, free endpapers removed. Moderate toning to text, faint dampspotting in places, small inkspots to a few leaves. \$500.

* First edition. Published at a time when Great Britain was consolidating its status as the world's leading maritime power, Crouch's handbook is an encyclopedic account of English customs law. As one would expect, it contains a great deal of information relating to colonies. It went through nine more editions, the final in 1755. Taken together, they are a valuable source of information for students of Atlantic history, the economic history of the British Empire and the economic origins of the American Revolution. OCLC locates 9 copies of the first edition in North America, 1 in a law library (Yale). *English Short-Title Catalogue* T135020. [Order This Item](#)



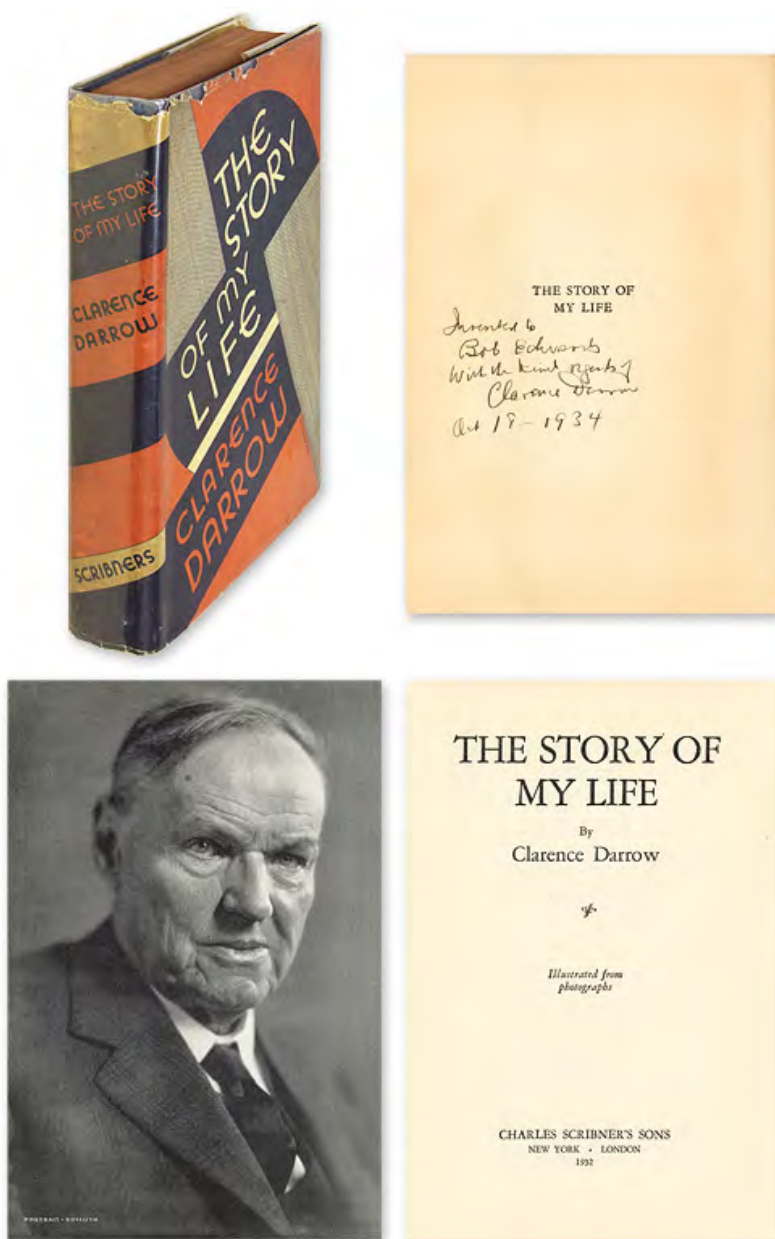
First Abridged Edition of
the First English Treatise on Sheriffs

12. Dalton, Michael [d.ca. 1648].

The Office and Authoritie of Sherifes. Abridged by the Former Author Mich. Dalton, of Lincolnes Inne, Esquire. London: Printed for the Companie of Stationers, 1628. [iv], 64, 85-108, 119-150, 150-205, 205-236, 235-260, [4] ff. Foliation irregular, text complete. Octavo (5-1/2" x 3-3/4").

Contemporary sheep, blind rules to boards, rebaced retaining existing spine with blind fillets and early hand-lettered title label, spine ends and corners repaired, early hand-lettered title to fore-edge of text block. Faint stain and small worm track to rear board, moderate rubbing to board edges, pastedowns loose, lower section lacking from rear pastedown. Light toning to text, slightly heavier in places, worm holes and faint dampstaining to margins of final 30 leaves, small early owner signature to title page and following leaf. \$1,000.

* First edition. Published in 1623, Dalton's *Officium Vicecomitum: The Office and Authoritie of Sherifs* was the first English treatise on sheriffs. It went through several editions and remained an authority into the eighteenth century. The *Office and Authoritie* is an abridged version of that work. A second edition was published in 1651. Both are rare. OCLC locates 6 copies of the first edition, 3 in North America (Huntington Library, Library of Congress, Yale Law School). The ESTC adds 4 more copies in England and 5 more copies in North America (Columbia, Columbia Law School, Harvard Law School, University of Minnesota, University of Vermont). *English Short-Title Catalogue* S116874. [Order This Item](#)

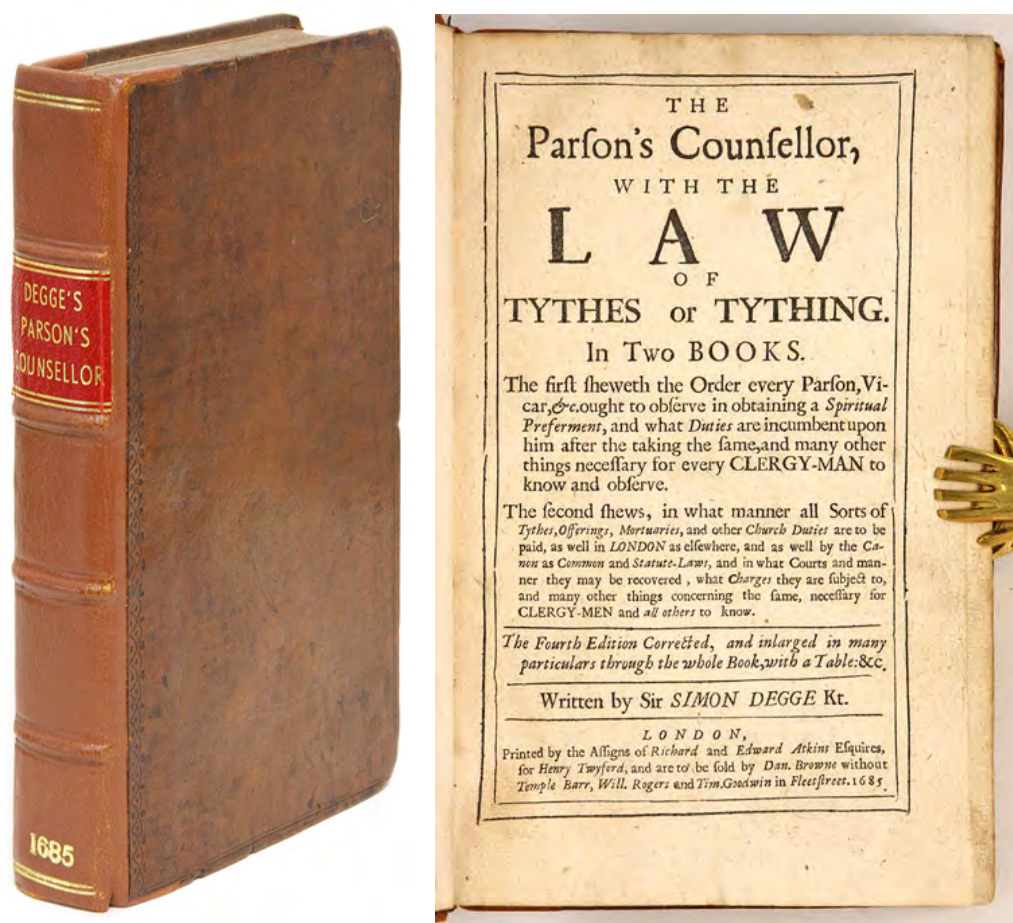


Inscribed by Darrow

13. Darrow, Clarence [1857-1938].

The Story of My Life. New York: Charles Scribner's Sons, 1932. xiv, 495 pp. Fourteen plates (with 16 illustrations). Cloth very good in dustjacket with some edgewear and chipping. Author inscription in bold hand to half-title. \$1,250.

* First edition, second issue. With the account of the Massie Trial. The inscription reads: "Inscribed to/ Bob Edwards / With the kind regards of/ Clarence Darrow/ October 18 - 1934." Darrow's *Story of My Life* is one of the great autobiographies of the twentieth century. When Darrow died in 1938 at the age of 81, few disputed that he was one of the great attorneys and public intellectuals of his day. There were other lawyers in his lifetime who contributed more to the development of legal science, who rose to positions of greater influence, or who won larger financial rewards, but perhaps none who could match his record as a crusader for the common man. [Order This Item](#)



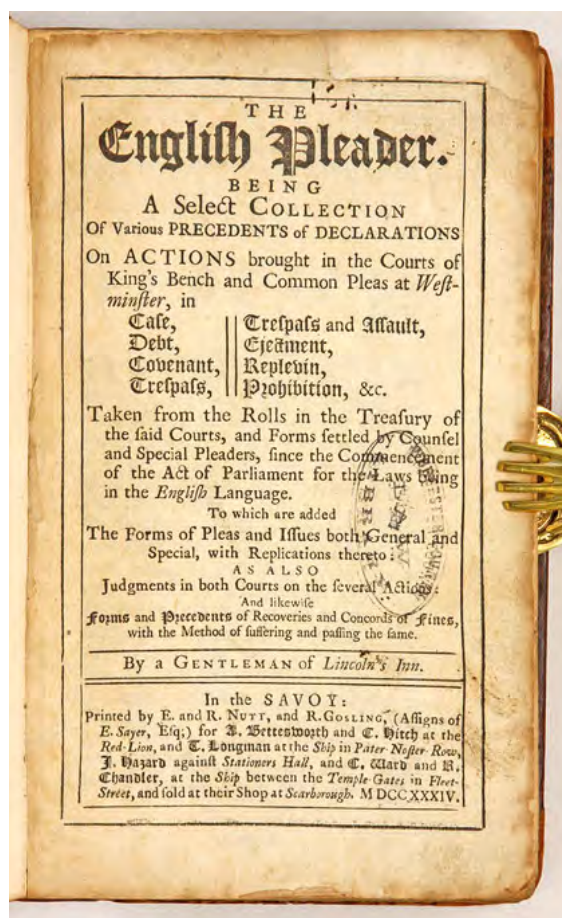
Influential English Treatise on Tithes and Tithing

14. Degge, Sir Simon [1612-1704].

The Parson's Counsellor, With the Law of Tythes or Tything. In Two books. The First Sheweth the Order Every Parson, Vicar, &c. Ought to Observe in Obtaining a Spiritual Preferment, And What Duties are Incumbent upon Him After the Taking the Same, And Many Other Things Necessary for Every Clergy-Man to Know and Observe. The Second Shews, in What Manner all Sorts of Tythes, Offerings, Mortuaries, And Other Church Duties are to be Paid, As Well in London as Elsewhere, And as Well by the Canon as Common and Statute-Laws, And in What Courts and Manner they May be Recovered, What Charges They are Subject to, And Many Other Things Concerning the Same, Necessary for Clergy-Men and All Others to Know. Corrected, And Enlarged in Many Particulars Through the Whole Book, With a Table: &c. London: Printed by the Assigns of Richard and Edward Atkins Esquires, 1685. [xxxii], 341, [27] pp. Two parts, each with title page. Pagination continuous. Octavo (7" x 4-1/2").

Contemporary calf, rebaked, blind rules to boards, blind fillets along joints, raised bands and lettering piece to spine, endpapers renewed. A few minor nicks, scuffs and stains to boards, light rubbing to board edges, corners bumped. Moderate toning to text, light soiling to title page, annotations in early hand to rear endleaf. \$250.

* Fourth edition, one of two issues from 1685. This influential and oft-cited treatise was first published in 1676. Its final edition, the seventh, was published in 1820. It is divided into two books. The first addresses the procedures parson and vicars must follow to obtain a preferment, the duties imposed by a preferment and various regulations clergymen must observe. The second outlines various tithes, offerings, mortuaries and other church duties, relevant canon, common and statute laws and courts and suits involving tithes. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R1607. [Order This Item](#)



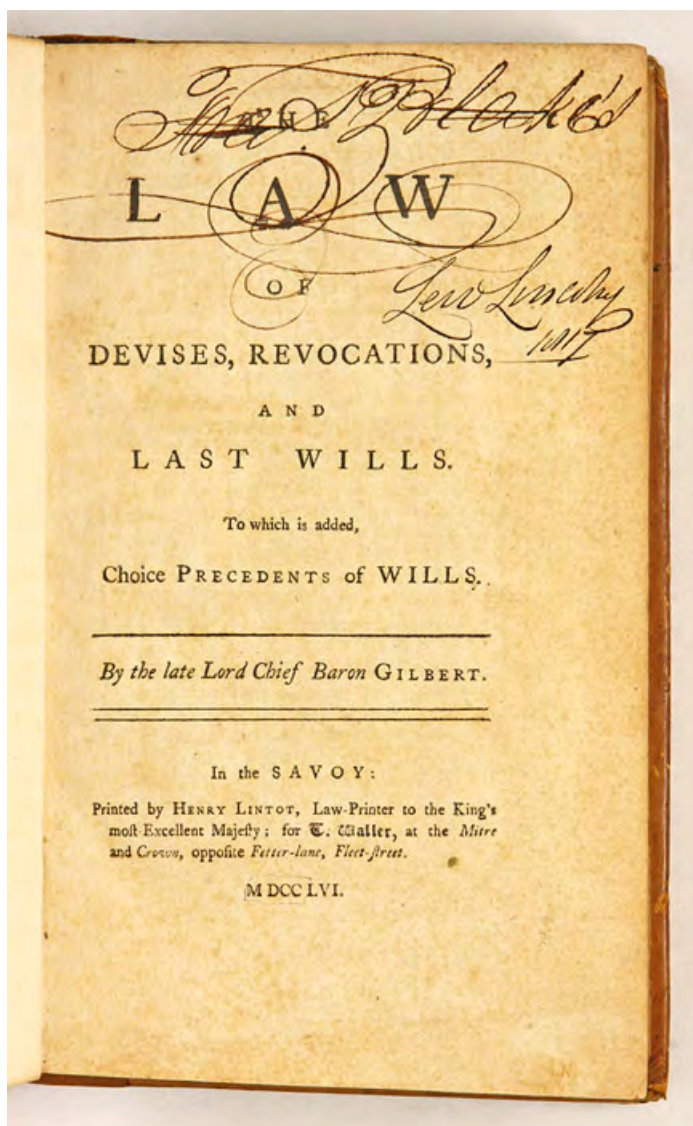
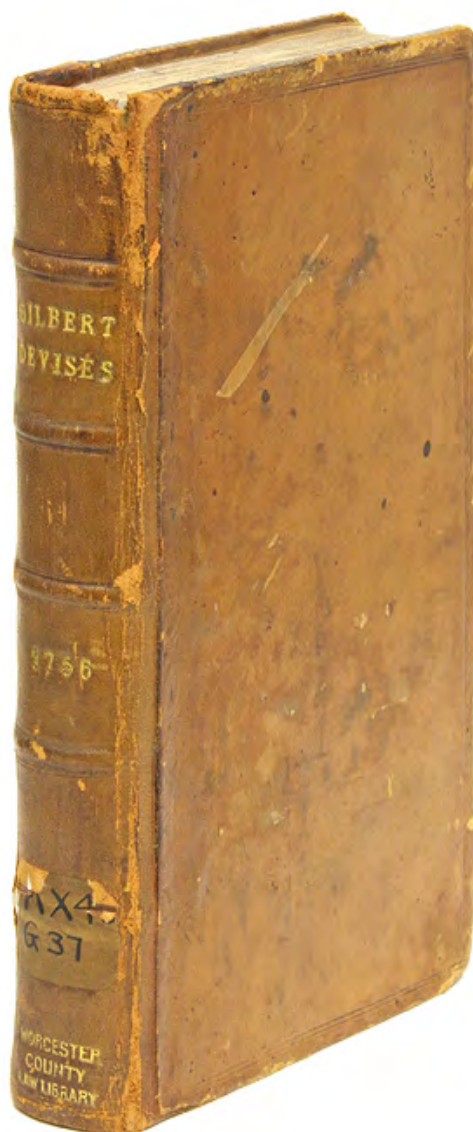
Scarce Eighteenth-Century Guide to Pleading

15. Gentleman of Lincoln's Inn.

The English Pleader: Being a Select Collection of Various Precedents of Declarations on Actions Brought in the Courts of King's Bench and Common Pleas at Westminster, in Case, Debt, Covenant, Trespass, Trespass and Assault, Ejectment, Replevin, Prohibition, &c. Taken from the Rolls in the Treasury of the Said Courts, And Forms Settled by Counsel and Special Pleaders, Since the Commencement of the Act of Parliament for the Laws Being in the English Language. To Which are Also Added the Forms of Pleas and Issues both General and Special, With Replications Thereto: As Also Judgments in Both Courts on the Several Actions: And Likewise Forms and Precedents of Recoveries and Concords of Fines, With the Method of Suffering and Passing the Same. [London]: Printed by E. and R. Nutt, and R. Gosling, 1734. [iv], 400, [16] pp. Octavo (7-1/2" x 4-3/4").

Contemporary calf, rebacked, blind rules to boards, blind fillets along joints, raised bands and gilt title to spine, repair to head of spine, endpapers renewed. Light rubbing and a few minor nicks and stains to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities with wear to corners, front hinge cracked, a few partial cracks to text block. Moderate toning to text, somewhat heavier in places, light browning to outer edges of margins. Ex-library. Library name gilt-stamped to foot of spine, small inkstamp to head of title page. A scarce title. \$500.

* Only edition. This book responded to a demand for authoritative English versions of Latin forms after the act of 1731 that replaced Latin with English as the language of the records. Holdsworth mentions this title in his discussion of eighteenth-century works on pleading. It was reissued in Dublin in 1738 and 1783. All three are scarce. OCLC locates 9 copies of the 1734 London edition in North American law libraries. Holdsworth, *A History of English Law* XII:356-57. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T130800. [Order This Item](#)



Gilbert on Wills (and Related Topics)

16. Gilbert, Sir Geoffrey [1674-1726].

The Law of Devises, Revocations, and Last Wills To Which is Added, Choice Precedents of Wills. [London]: Printed by Henry Lintot, 1756. viii, [12], 254, [38] pp. Octavo (8" x 5").

Contemporary calf, rebacked in period style, blind rules to boards, blind fillets along joints, raised bands and lettering piece to spine, endpapers renewed, hinges reinforced with cloth tape. Light rubbing, a few minor scuffs and inkspots to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, tiny chip to head of spine, corners bumped and somewhat worn. Moderate toning to text, light foxing in a few places, early owner inscription and signature to head of title page. Ex-library. Location label and gilt-stamped library name to foot of spine. \$300.

* First edition. Gilbert was a prolific author, but this is his only work on wills. A well-written work, its scope includes equity rules. The final edition of this work, the fourth, was published in 1792. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T95576.

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**Scots Edition of Acts of the Tenth Parliament
of George II, First and Second Sessions, 1747-1748**

**17. [Great Britain].
[Parliament].**

Anno Regni Georgii II. Regis Magnae Britanniae, Franciae & Hiberniae, Vicesimo Primo. At the Parliament Begun and Holden at Westminster, The Tenth Day of November, Anno Dom. 1747, In the Twenty First Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George II. By the Grace of God, Of Great Britain, France, And Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, &c. Being the First Session of this Present Parliament. Edinburgh: Printed by Adrian Watkins, 1754. 496, [12] pp.

[With]

Anno Regni Georgii II. Regis Magnae Britanniae, Franciae & Hiberniae, Vicesimo Secundo. At the Parliament Begun and Holden at Westminster, The Tenth Day of November, Anno Dom. 1747, In the Twenty First Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George II...And from Thence Continued by Several Prorogations to the Twenty Ninth Day of November 1748, Being the Second Session of the Present Parliament. Edinburgh: Printed by Adrian Watkins, 1754. [ii], 511-1406, [14] pp.

12mo. (5-3/4" x 3-1/4"). Contemporary calf, raised bands, lettering piece, reading "British Acts," and gilt ornaments to spines, which are blind-stamped "19 P.1," and "19 P.2," blind tooling to board edges. Negligible light rubbing to boards and extremities, slight wear to spine ends, small chip to foot of spine of Part II, small stain and worn track to a its rear board, corners bumped, hinges starting, front pastedown of Part II partially detached, light toning to text. \$100.

* Acts of the tenth parliament, first and second sessions (George II). These volumes are from the official 30-volume Scots edition of the session acts, which cover the period from 6 Anne to 11-12 George III. Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth of Nations* 1:563. [Order This Item](#)



Confiscation in Civil and Canon Law

18. Guazzini Sebastiano.

Massini, Seraphino.

Tractatus de Confiscatione Bonorum, Cui Accessit in hac Postrema Editione Semicenturia Practicarum Quaestionum Eandem Materiam Tractantium Seraphini Massini. Opus Nunquam Antea Impressum, Omnibus Iurisprudendiae Professoribus, Tam in Scholis, Quam in Utroque Foro Versantibus, Valde Utile, Ac Necessarium. Nec Tantum Magis Communibus DD. Placitis. Sed Etiam Plurium Supremorum Tribunalium Auctoritate, & Signanter Quamplurimis S.R. Rom. Decisionib. Exornatum. Cum Summariis, & Duplici Indice Rerum, Ac Sententiarum Locupletissimo. Macerata: Typis Heredum Augustini Grisei, & Iosephi Piccini, 1658. 160, [36], 307, [79] pp. The second part, by Massini, has the title: *Practicarum Quaestionum de Confiscatione Semicenturia*. Main text in parallel columns. Folio (12" x 8").

Contemporary vellum, contrasting vellum spine with raised bands and calligraphic title. Some rubbing to board edges, corners bumped, about half of backstrip lacking due to worming, cords secure, front hinge broken, front free endpaper and half-title detached, rear hinge partially cracked, minor worming to final few leaves and rear endleaves, a few signatures loose. Early armorial bookplate to front pastedown, title page printed in red and black, woodcut head-piece and decorated initials. Toning to text, occasional faint dampspotting, internally clean. A solid copy of a scarce title. \$700.

* Third edition. First published in 1611, this was a well-regarded treatise on the appropriation, under legal authority, of private property to the state in Roman, canon and Italian law. Little is known about Guazzini. The title page of our copy says he was an advocate and expert on criminal law associated with the Roman Curia. This edition is enhanced by an extensive second treatise by Massini. According to the title page, he was jurisconsult associated with the Rota in Macerata. OCLC locates 4 copies in North American law, 1 of this edition (at UC-Berkeley). *British Museum Catalogue* 11:193.

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An Important Early Law Dictionary in a Notable Binding

19. [Jodocus of Erfurt, Attributed].

Caccialupi, Giovanni Battista [c. 1420-1496].

Alberico, Da Rosate [c.1290-1360].

[Norvis, Jean, Binder].

*Vocabularius Utriusque Iuris Difficillimas Quasque Voces Iuxta Receptos Juris Interpretes Edisserens: Iterum Exactissima Cura Recognitus, Conjectis in Suum Ordinem Dictionibus et non Paucis Vocabulis Elegantissimis hoc Signo * Prenotatis Locupletatus.* Paris: apud Claudium Chevallonium sub Sole Aureo in Via ad Divum Jacobum. Anno 1532. [iv], CCXL ff. Main text in parallel columns. Octavo (6-1/2" x 4-1/4").

Contemporary paneled calf by Jean Norvis, large central panels featuring a pattern of acorns, thistles and dragons to boards, raised bands and early hand-lettered title to spine, to spine, ends restored, ties lacking, endleaves derived from a vellum manuscript leaf. Light rubbing and some crackling, moderate rubbing to extremities, corners lightly bumped and worn. Woodcut Chavallon devices to title page and ends of text, woodcut decorated initials. Light toning to text, somewhat heavier in places, light soiling and spotting to a few leaves, early owner inscription to front free endpaper, recent private-library stamp to foot of title page. A choice copy. \$5,000.

* A work of great authority, the *Vocabularius*, as it is popularly known, is usually attributed to Jodocus, a jurist associated with the University of Erfurt. First published by Wenssler in Basel around 1475, it went through more than seventy editions over the following 150 years. (It had a second life as the first section of the 1559 edition of Antonio de Nebrija's *Lexicon Juris Civilis*, a work that was reissued into the seventeenth century.) A useful and highly respected reference work, the *Vocabularius* is a collection of terms dealing with the *Ius Commune* taken from such late-scholastic texts as the *Vocabularius Stuttgardiensis* (1432), the *Collectio Terminorum Legalium* (c. 1400), and the *Introductorium pro Studio Sacrorum Canonum* of Hermann von Schildesch (c. 1330). This edition also includes Caccialupi's *Tractatus de Modo Studendi in Utroque Iure*, an introductory textbook for law students, and Rosate's *Breve Compendiolum de Orthographia*, a guide to legal writing. Jean Norvis was a leading sixteenth-century Parisian binder. (The panels on our binding include the name "Jehan Noruis.") OCLC locates 3 copies, 1 in North America (UT-Austin Law School). Not in Adams. *Universal Short-Title Catalogue* 185240. [Order This Item](#)



Giunta Edition of the *Institutes* Illustrated with 23 Woodcuts

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

Aldobrandini, Sylvestro [1499-1558], Editor.

Institutiones Iuris Civilis. Habes Lector in Novissima hac Institutionum Imperialium Editione Textum ac Glosas quam Emendatissimas una cum Additionibus Hucusquam Impressis... Venice: Apud Heredes Luceantonii Iunte, 1539 (colophon date: November 1538). [lv], 366 ff. Final blank leaf lacking. 23 woodcut text illustrations, 1 full-page. Octavo (6-3/4" x 5-3/4").

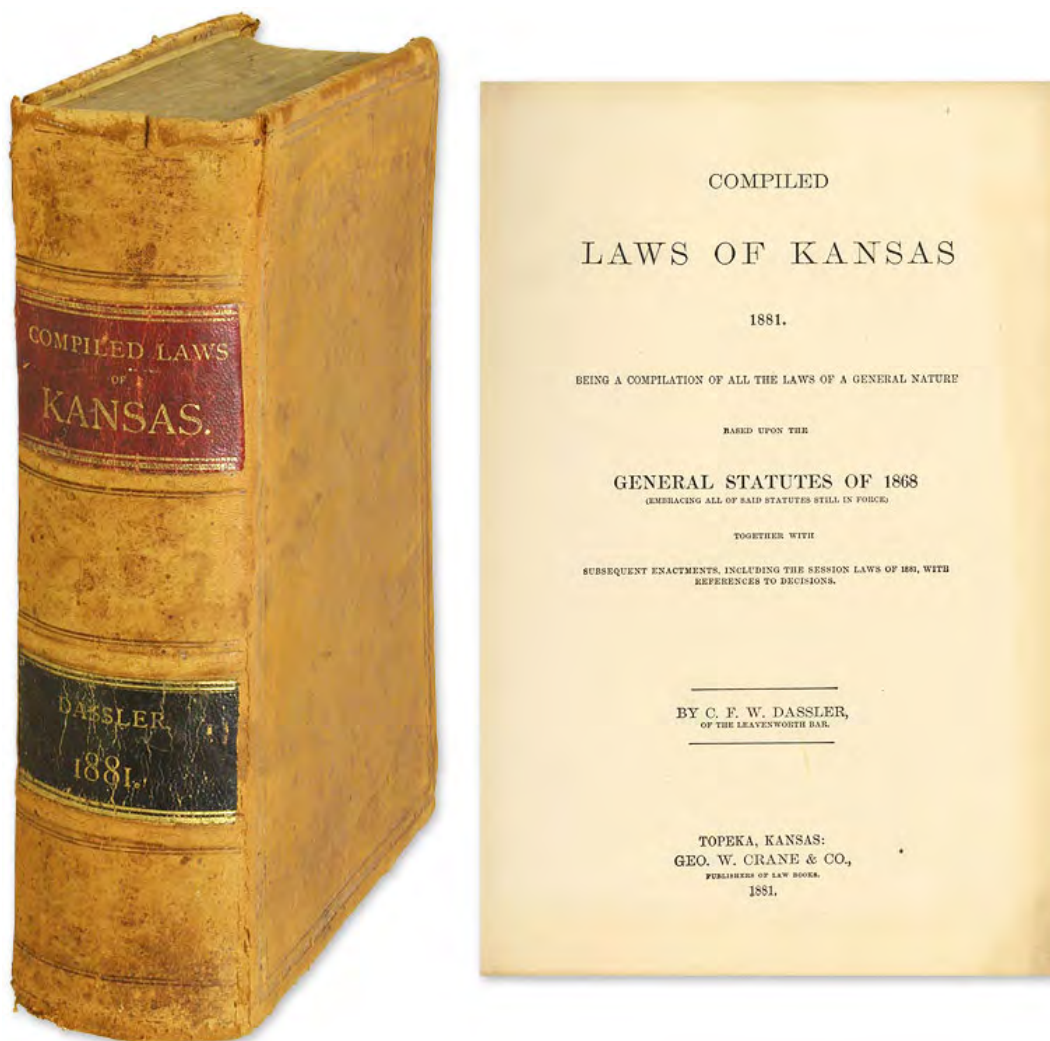
Recent vellum, calf lettering piece to spine, small bookseller description pasted to rear free endpaper. Two-column text with linear gloss by Aldobrandini printed in red and black throughout, large woodcut Giunta device to title page, woodcut decorated initials. Light toning, occasional faint staining to lower margins of text block, minor worming in a few places, some with repairs, with loss to a few letters, lower corner of leaf a4 (fol. 4) repaired with minor loss to text, legibility not affected, faint early struck-though signatures to title page, early underlining and brief annotations in a few places. \$4,500.

* Commissioned by the Emperor Justinian in 530 CE, the body of writings known collectively as the *Corpus Juris Civilis* preserved and restated all existing Roman law. It has four books: the *Code*, *Novels*, *Institutes* and *Digest*. Intended for students, the *Institutes* is a synopsis of the reformed legal system. Aldobrandini, who edited this edition and added commentary, was a Florentine jurisconsult. First published by Giunta in 1534, Aldobrandini's text went through several editions during the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries. It was one of the most popular and influential early editions of the *Institutes*. The charming woodcut vignettes offer visual summaries of the more important titles. The full-page woodcut is an ornate table of descents in the form of a man holding up branches of a family tree. All illustrated Giunta editions are rare. OCLC locates 4 copies of the 1539 (1538) edition, 3 in North America (Baylor Law School, Cornell, Yale Law School). *Censimento Nazionale delle Edizioni Italiane del XVI Secolo* 13468.



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1881 Compilation of the Laws of Kansas

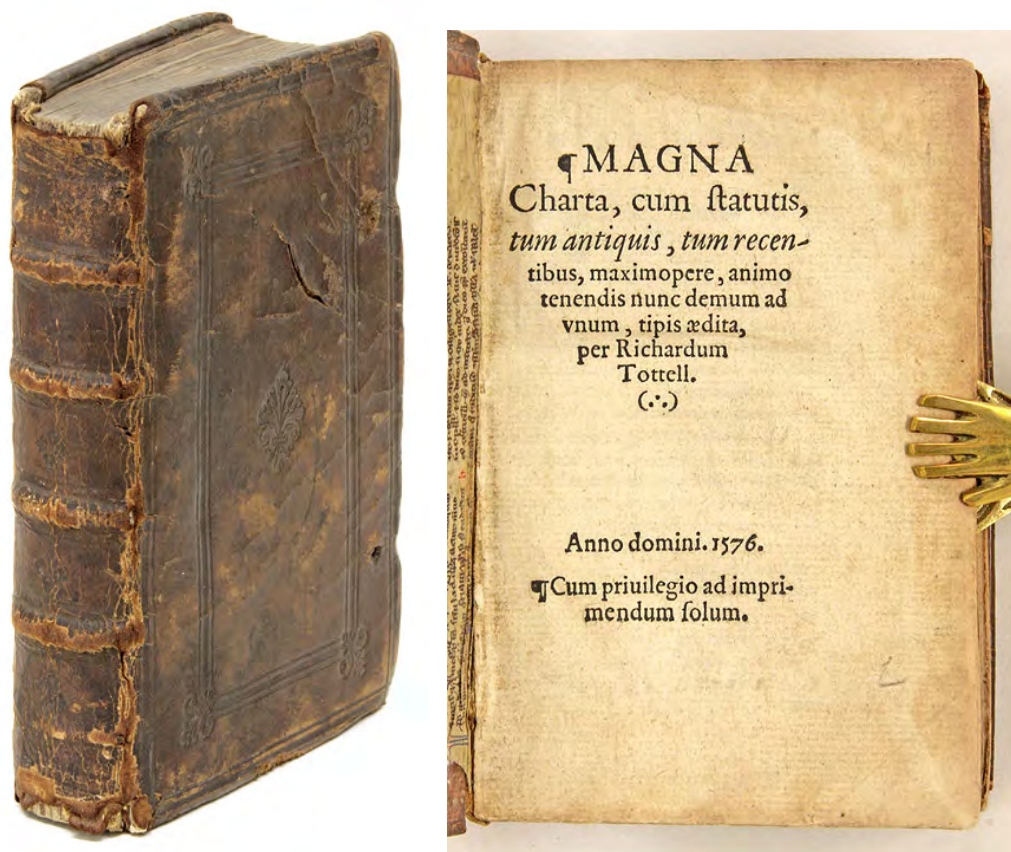
21. [Kansas].

Dassler, C.F.W. [b. 1852], Compiler.

Compiled Laws of Kansas, 1881: Being a Compilation of All the Laws of a General Nature Based Upon the General Statutes of 1868 (embracing all of Said Statutes Still in Force) Together with Subsequent Enactments, Including the Session Laws of 1881, With References to Decisions. Topeka: G.W. Crane and Co., 1881. [ii], [5]-1156 (i.e. 1192) pp. Octavo (9-3/4" x 6-1/2").

Contemporary sheep, blind frames to boards, raised bands and red and black lettering pieces to spine. Moderate rubbing with some wear to spine ends and corners, a few minor scuffs to boards, joints starting at head, front hinge starting, rear hinge cracked but secure. Some toning to text. Contemporary and later annotations to front pastedown, interior otherwise clean. \$350.

* Only edition. With the texts of the Declaration of Independence, the Articles of Confederation and the U.S. Constitution. Kansas was admitted to the Union in 1861 and issued its first compilation of state laws in 1862. The 1881 compilation was the fourth issued by the state. It is valuable in part because it corrects errors in the previous compilation, from 1879. Babbitt, *Hand-List of Legislative Sessions and Session Laws* 129. [Order This Item](#)



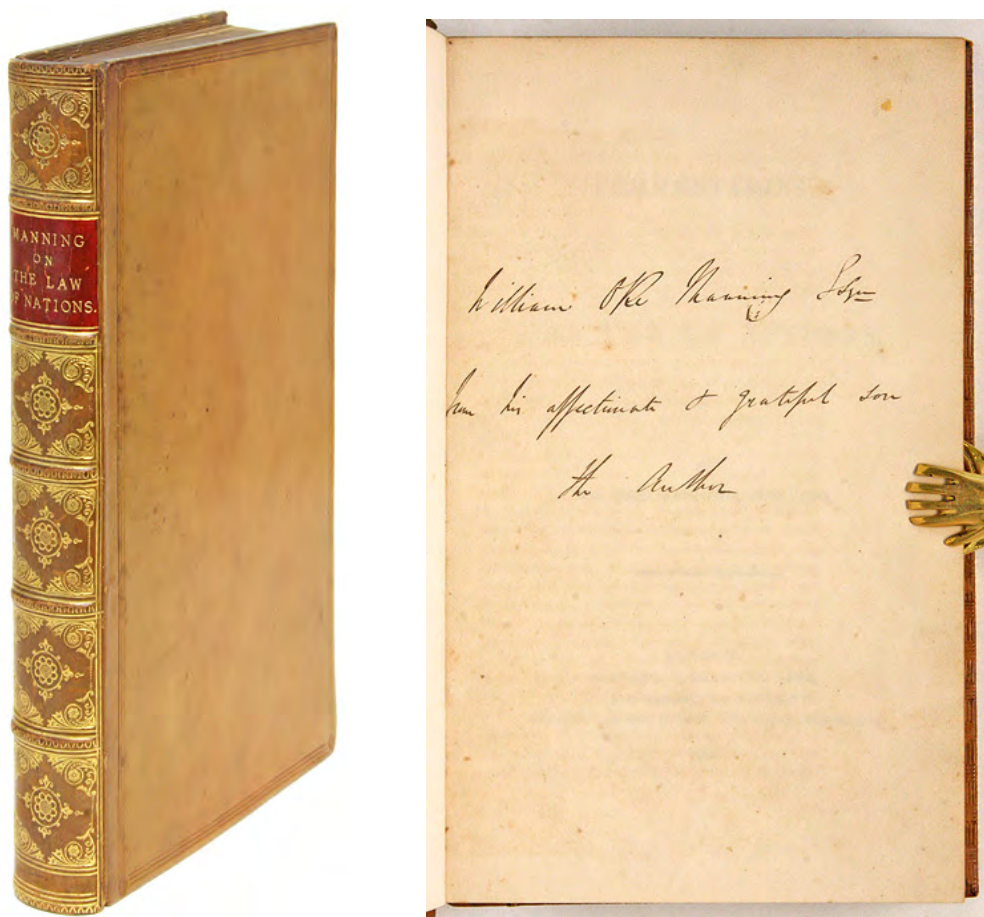
1576 Printing of Magna Carta
and Later Statutes With Contemporary Annotations

22. [Magna Carta].

Magna Charta, Cum Statutis, Tum Antiquis, Tum Recentibus, Maximopere, Animo Tenendis nunc Demum ad Unum, Tipis Aedita, Per Richardum Tottell. Anno Domini. 1576. Cum Privilegio ad Imprimendum Solum. [Imprinted at London: In Fleetestrete Within Temple Barre at the Signe of the Hand and Starre, By Richard Tottel, The 8. Day of March. 1576]. [vii], 247 ff. Blank endleaf preceding Fol. 1 lacking. Octavo (5-1/2" x 3-3/4").

Contemporary paneled calf, raised bands to spine, early hand-lettered title to fore-edge, ties lacking. Light rubbing and a few minor gouges, cracks and nicks to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, spine ends worn, corners bumped and somewhat worn, pastedowns and free endpapers lacking, later armorial bookplate to verso of front board, fragments of an illuminated manuscript Bible used as printer's waste at hinges, attractive woodcut decorated initials. Moderate toning to text, faint staining to a few leaves, annotations and underlining in early hand to margins of approximately 25 pages, light soiling and minor edgewear to title page. \$7,500.

* An early printing of the Magna Carta, which was first printed around 1508 by Richard Pynson. It also includes the Charta de Foresta of Henry III, the Statutes of Merton and Marlebridge, the Statutes of Edward I and other statutes through the fourteenth regnal year of Elizabeth I, which are digested by topic. Among the most notorious statutes are those of Edward concerning Jews, including the Edict of Expulsion (1290), which banished them from England. Other statutes relate to women, wills, forcible entry, "Fraudulent Deedes" and other topics. The text is mostly in Latin or Law-French, then in English after Fol. 119. The annotations range from a few words to a sentence or two. About half of these are interpretive in nature, the others are references to statutes and cases. Beale, *Bibliography of Early English Law Books* S18. *English Short-Title Catalogue* S101094. [Order This Item](#)



**The First Systematic Treatise on International
Law by an English Author, Inscribed by the Author**

23. Manning, W[illiam] Oke [1809-1878].

Commentaries on the Law of Nations. London, S. Sweet; Milliken and Son, Dublin; and Clark, Edinburgh, 1839. xxviii, 390 pp. Octavo (8-1/2" x 5-1/2").

Contemporary calf, blind rules to boards, gilt spine with raised bands and lettering piece, gilt tooling to board edges, blind inside dentelles, speckled edges, ribbon marker. Negligible light rubbing to extremities with minor wear to corners, armorial bookplate of the author's father, to front pastedown. Very light toning to text, slightly heavier in a few places, presentation inscription from the author to his father on front endleaf. \$1,750.

* First edition. The inscription reads: "William Oke Manning Sr/ from his affectionate and grateful son/ the author." Manning's was the first systematic treatise on international law by a native British author. "Manning's book was noticeable for its historical method, its appreciation of (...) the ethical and customary elements in international law (...) [and] for the exactness of its reasoning and artistic completeness" (*DNB*). A popular textbook, it was cited as an authority in the courts. A second edition edited by Sheldon Amos was published in 1875. It is cited in recent scholarship for its relevance to Victorian England and the legal framework of the British Empire in such works as Bell, ed., *Victorian Visions of Global Order: Empire and Relations in Nineteenth-Century Political Thought* (2007) and Fitzmaurice, *Sovereignty, Property and Empire, 1500-2000* (2014). *Dictionary of National Biography* XII:959. Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 1:232. [Order This Item](#)



A Well-Regarded
Commentary on the *Institutes*

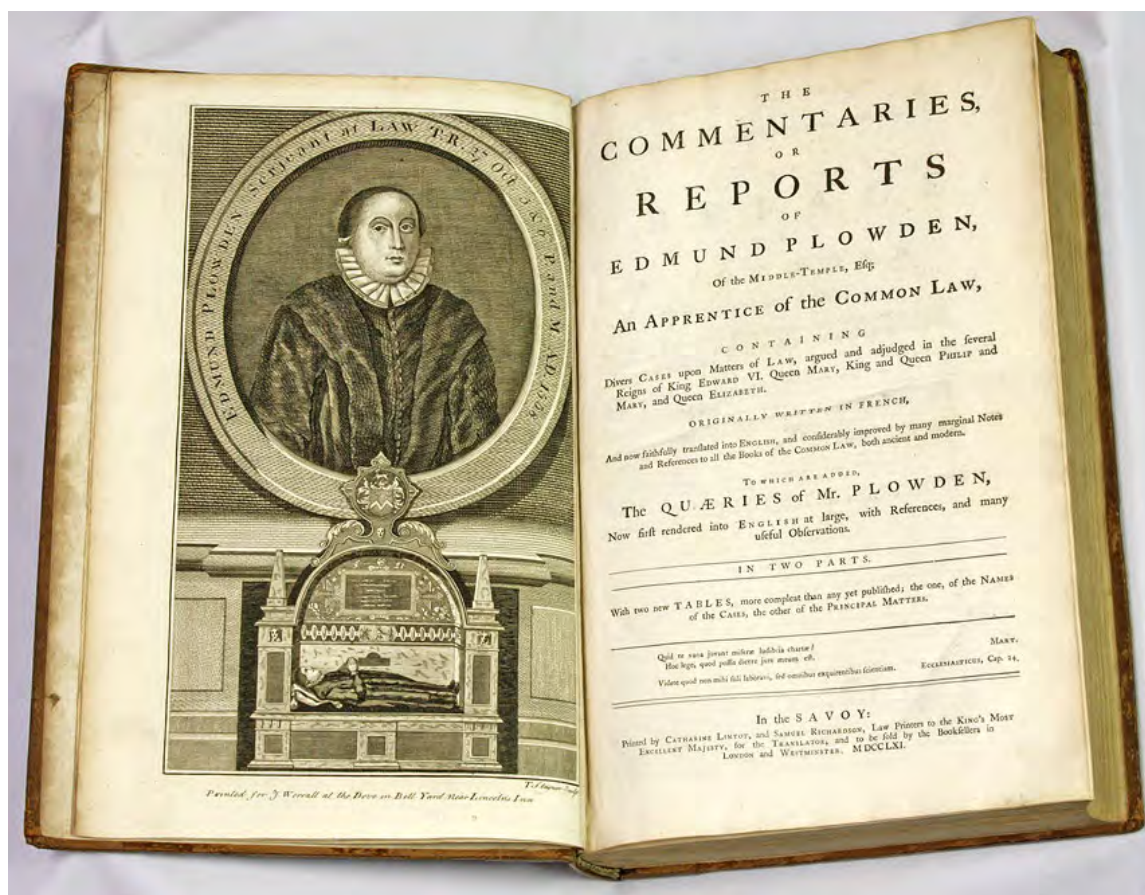
24. Matthaeus, Antonius [1564-1637].

Mommerius (Mommer), Aegidius [c.1510-1570].

Notae & Animadversiones in Libros IV. Institutionum Juris Imper. Justiniani: Praefixa est Epistola Aegidii Mommerii, De Ratione Legendi Discendique Iura, Antehac Nunquam Excusa; Subjuncta Synopsis Institutionum Iuris, Qua Illae ad huc Hodie Sunt in Usus. Amsterdam: Impensis Ioannis Ianssonii Iunioris, 1657. [xiv], 407, [9] pp. Main title page preceded by copperplate pictorial title page, copperplate coat of arms of page facing dedication. 12mo. (5" x 3").

Contemporary sheep, gilt spine with raised bands and lettering piece. Some rubbing, joints just starting at ends, minor chipping to spine ends. Brief annotations to endleaves, which have offsetting to margins, light toning to text, internally clean. \$600.

* Later edition. Matthaeus was a jurist, professor of law at the University of Marburg and the father of the distinguished Roman-Dutch jurist, Antonius Matthaeus (II). Originally published in 1600, *Notae et Animadversiones* is a commentary on the *Institutes* of Justinian. A well-regarded work, it went through seven subsequent editions, the last in 1784. OCLC locates 2 copies of this edition in North America, one in a law library (UC-Berkeley). Dekkers, *Bibliotheca Belgica Juridica* 110 (3). [Order This Item](#)



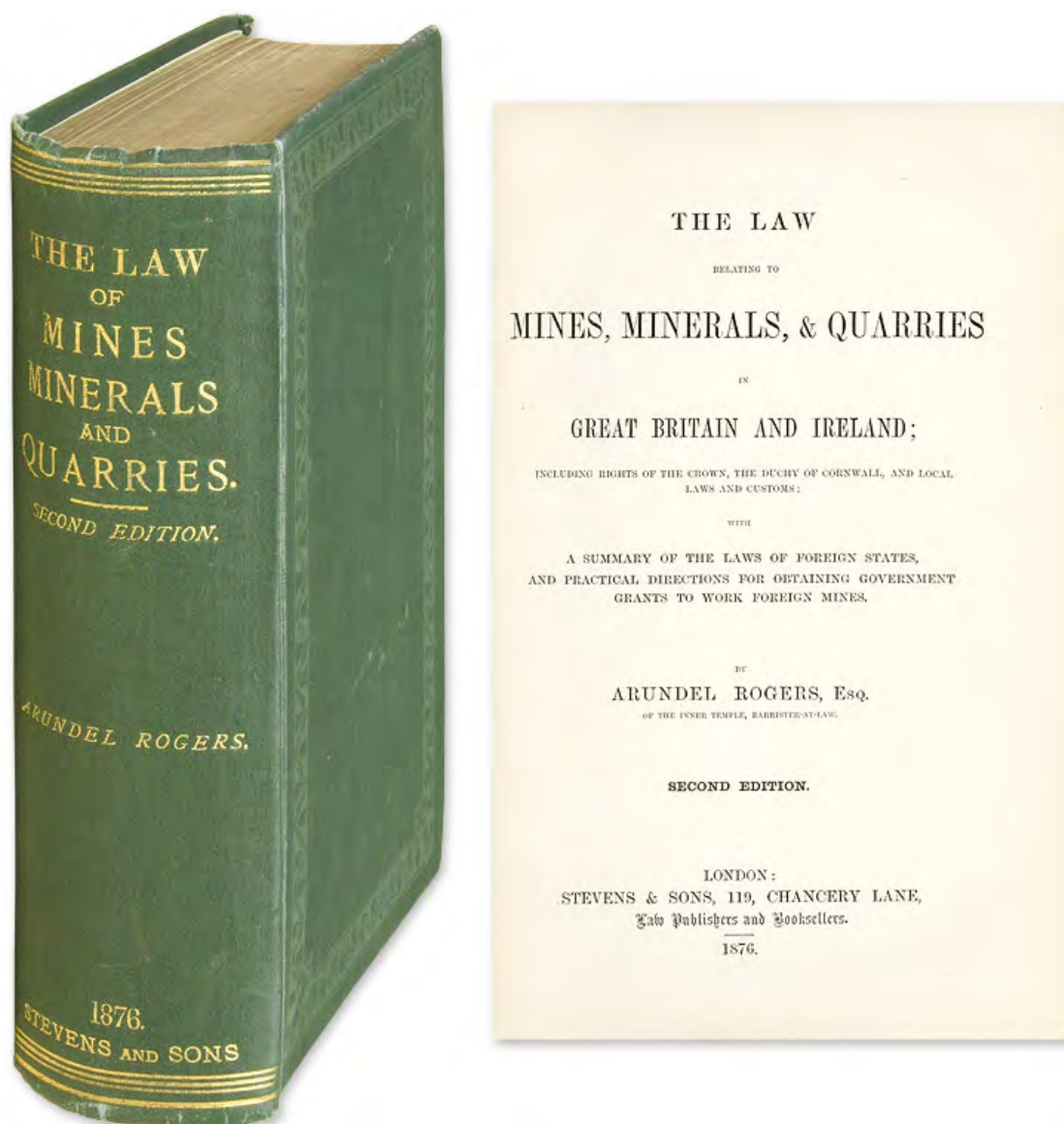
First Edition of Plowden's *Reports* in English

25. Plowden, Edmund [1518-1585].

The Commentaries, Or Reports of Edmund Plowden, Of the Middle-Temple, Esq; An Apprentice of the Common Law, Containing Divers Cases upon Matters of Law, Argued and Adjudged in the Several Reigns of King Edward VI. Queen Mary, King and Queen Philip and Mary, And Queen Elizabeth. Originally Written in French, And now Faithfully Translated into English, And Considerably Improved by Many Marginal Notes and References to All the Books of the Common Law, Both Ancient and Modern. To Which are Added, The Quaeries of Mr. Plowden, Now First Rendered into English at Large, With References, And Many Useful Observations. In Two Parts. With Two New Tables, More Compleat than any Yet Published, The One, Of the Names of the Cases, The Other of the Principal Matters. [London]: Printed by Catharine Lintot, and Samuel Richardson, 1761. vi, [2], 401, [3], 403-567, [1]; 15, [1]; [2], 68; [48] pp. Two parts. Part II has a separate title page beginning: *The Second Part of the Commentaries...* with the imprint: "London: Printed for the Translator..., 1761." Copperplate portrait frontispiece. Pagination and register continuous. Text complete. Folio (14" x 9").

Contemporary calf, rebaked in period style, blind rules to boards, blind fillets along joints, raised bands, blind ornaments and retained contemporary lettering piece to spine, blind tooling to board edges, hinges mended. Negligible shallow scuffing to spine, moderate rubbing to edges of boards, corners bumped and somewhat worn. Light toning to text, faint spotting to a few leaves. A handsome copy. \$1,000.

* First edition in English. Covering the years 1550-1580, Plowden's *Reports* "In every sort of professional excellence...rank among the best reports of any age" (Wallace). The translation has a great number of additional notes and references. Two works are appended to Part II: the case of "Basset and Morgan versus Manxel. at Serjeant's Inn" and Plowden's "Quaeries." These works have individual title pages and paginations. Wallace, *The Reporters* 143-153. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T144729. [Order This Item](#)



Rogers on Mines and Minerals

26. Rogers, Arundel [1826-1889].

The Law Relating to Mines, Minerals, & Quarries in Great Britain and Ireland; Including Rights of the Crown, The Duchy of Cornwall, And Local Laws and Customs; With a Summary of the Laws of Foreign States, and Practical Directions for Obtaining Government Grants to Work Foreign Mines. London: Stevens & Sons, 1876. lxii, 935 pp. Octavo (8-1/2" x 5-1/2").

Original cloth, blind-stamped fillets to boards, gilt title to spine. Some rubbing to extremities, spine ends bumped, minor wear to corners, hinges cracked but secure, internally clean. \$175.

* Second and final edition. First published in 1864. Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 2:304. [Order This Item](#)



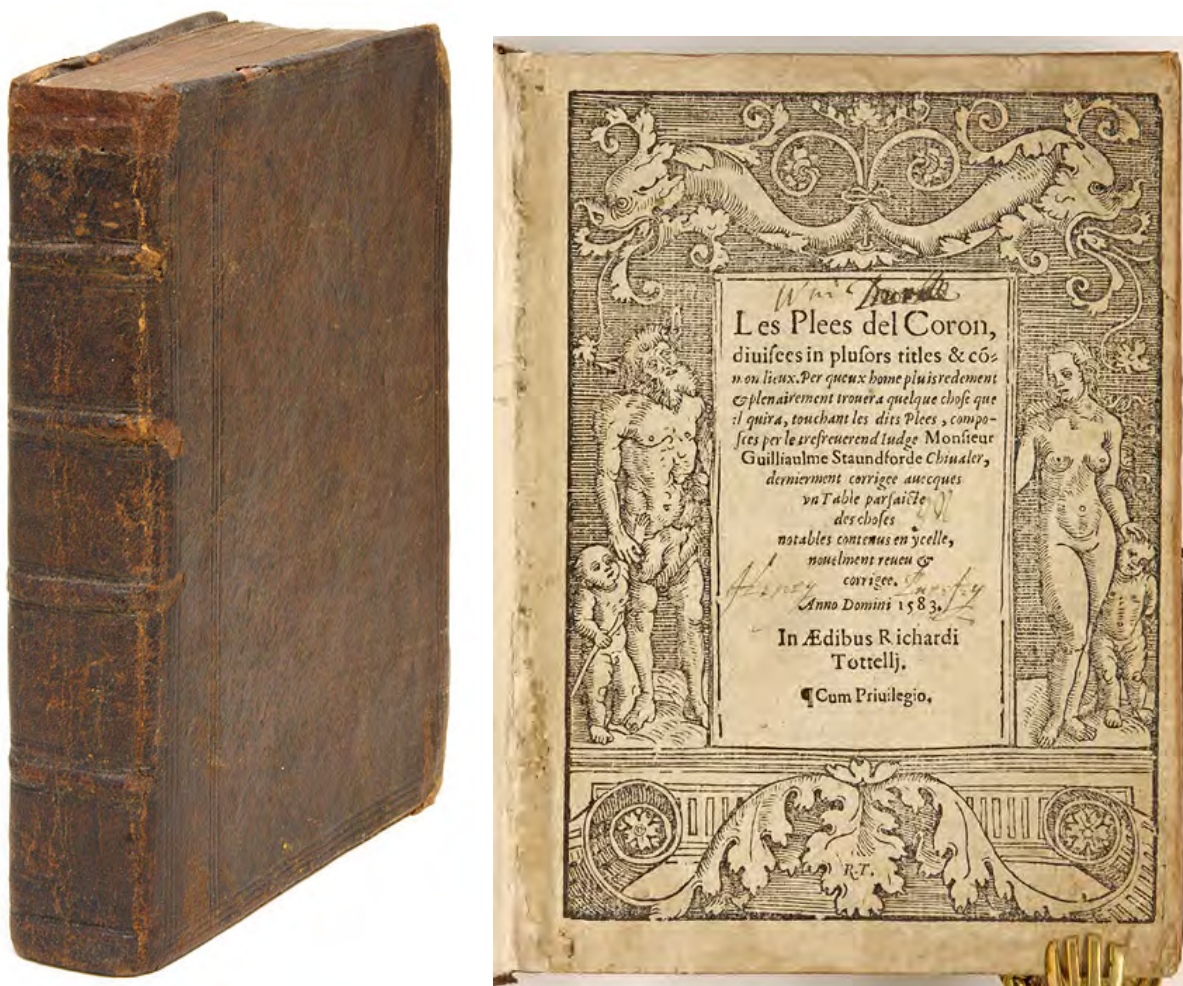
A Rare Eighteenth-Century
Treatise on Criminal Law in the Papal States

27. Seta, Joannes Baptista Ascanius.

De Officio Locumtenentis in Guberniis Sac. Consultae Tractatus: In quo Habentur Observationes & Regulae non Minus Utiles Quam Necessarie pro Iisdem Guberniis Recte Administrandis in Re Criminali & Politica; & Pro Rite Interpretandis, Extendendis, & Successive Exequendis Cunctis Rescriptis a Sac. Consulta Fieri Solitis in Causarum Criminalium Expeditionibus, Atque Provisionibus, Cum Permultis Decretis, Tam Eiusdem Sac. Conf., Quam Aliarum Sac. Cong. Suis in Locis Ordine Dispositis Et Obiter de Jurisdictione Episcoporum Contra Inquisitores, & Eorum Familiares, & E Contra; Necnon Epitome Criminalis Judicii. Et Tandem, In hac Secunda Editone Praedictis Adnectuntur Quamplura Vota Criminalia ad Sacram Consultam Transmissa, Eiusdemque Bannimenta Generalia. Lucca: Typis Marescandoli, 1717. [viii], 307 pp. Main text in parallel columns. Folio (12" x 8").

Contemporary vellum, raised bands and early hand-lettered title to spine. Light soiling, staining and shelfwear, boards somewhat bowed, partial crack in text block between front free endpaper and title page. Woodcut head and tail-pieces. Some toning, light browning in a few places, internally clean. \$950.

* Second and final edition. Text in Latin and Italian. First published in 1700, this rare treatise provides a comprehensive overview of criminal law, procedure and courts in the Papal States on the cusp of the Enlightenment. It describes the system that Beccaria hoped to reform. OCLC locates 5 copies worldwide, 3 in North America, all of the 1717 edition (at Princeton University and Harvard and UC-Berkeley Law Schools). Not in the *British Museum Catalogue*. [Order This Item](#)



The First Printed Work Devoted Solely to Criminal Law

28. Staunford, Sir William [1509-1558].

Les Plees del Coron, Diuisees in Plusors Titles & Comon Lieux. Per Queux Home Plus Redement & Plenaiement Trouver a Quelque Chose que Il Quira, Touchant les Dits Plees, Composees per le Tres Reuerend Iudge Monsieur Guillaulme Staundforde Chinaler, Dernierment Corrige Auecques un Table Parfaicte des Choses Notables Contenus en Ycelle, Nouelment Reuen & Corrige. [London]: In Aedibus Richardi Tottelli, 1583. [xii], 196 [i.e. 198] ff.

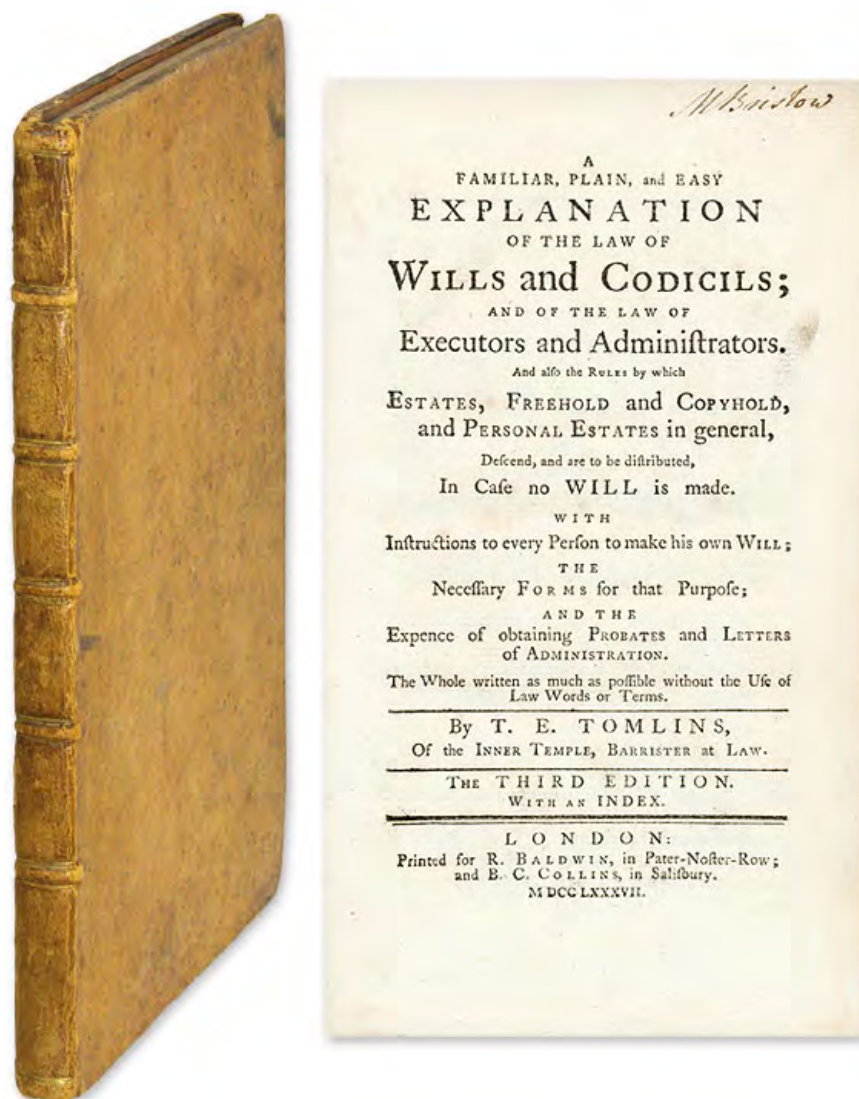
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Staunford, Sir William.

An Exposition of the Kinges Prerogative, Collected Out of the Great Abridgement of Iustice Fitzherbert, And Other Olde Writers of the Lawes of England, By the Right Worshipfull Sir William Staunford Knight, Lately One of the Iustices of the Queenes Maiesties Court of Common Pleas Where Unto is Annexed the Proces to the Same Praerogative Appertayning. London: In Fleet-Streate Within Temple Barre at the Signe of the Hand and Starre, by Richard Tottel, 1577. [i], 85 ff.

Quarto (7-1/2" x 5-1/2"). Contemporary sheep, blind rules to boards, raised bands to spine, recent repair to head of spine and scorners, early hand-lettered title to fore-edge of text block. Light rubbing to boards, a few shallow scuffs to rear board, moderate rubbing to extremities, corners bumped. Title of *Plees* printed within woodcut architectural border, woodcut initials. Moderate toning to text, occasional minor worming and faint dampstaining to margins. Early owner signatures to title pages, annotations to a few leaves in each book. Nice copies in a well-preserved contemporary binding. \$2,500.

* Later editions. Based on Bracton and the Year Books, Staunford's treatise is divided into three parts. The first treats offences, the second jurisdiction, appeals, indictments, and defenses. The third deals with trials and convictions. First published posthumously in 1557, *Plees* was written after Staunford was appointed judge of the common pleas in 1554. *Exposition* was first published in 1567. It addresses discretionary rights enjoyed by the monarchy in foreign policy, domestic affairs, legal and governmental administration, religion and economic matters. Holdsworth, *History of English Law* V:394. *English Short-Title Catalogue* S117812, S117820. Beale, *A Bibliography of Early English Law Books* T490, T494. [Order This Item](#)



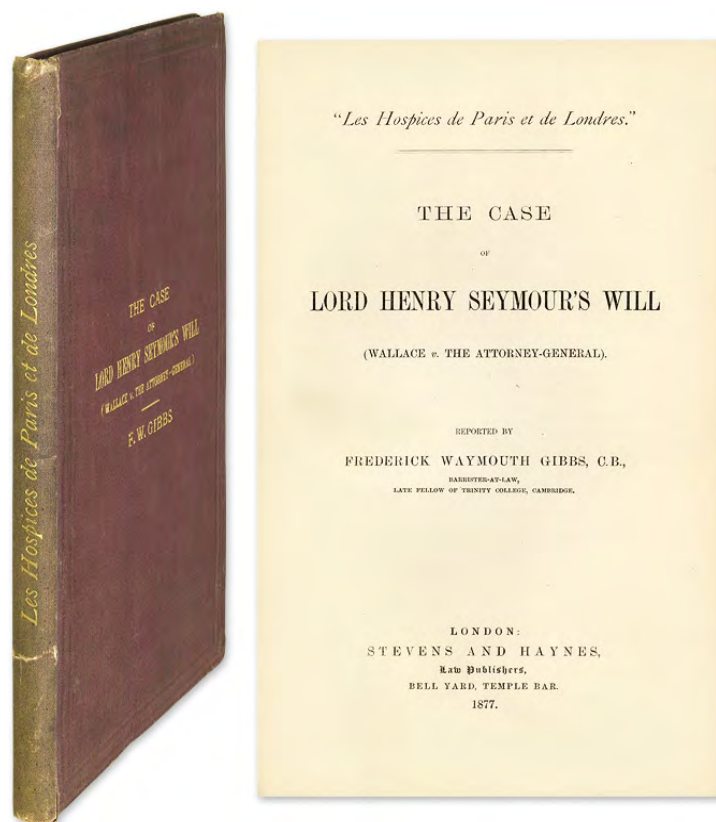
Tomlins on Wills

29. Tomlins, Thomas Edlyne [1761-1841].

A Familiar, Plain, And Easy Explanation of the Law of Wills and Codicils, And of the Law of Executors and Administrators. And Also the Rules by Which Estates, Freehold and Copyhold, and Personal Estates in General, Descend, And Are to be Distributed, In Case No Will is Made. London: Printed for R. Baldwin, 1787. xii, 137, [3] pp. Octavo (9" x 5-1/2").

Contemporary calf, raised bands to spine. Light rubbing to extremities. Minor toning, light foxing to endleaves, internally clean. A notably well-preserved copy. \$500.

* Third edition. First published in 1785, this layman's guide went through seven more editions, the last in 1819. According to the preface, it was inspired by the author's "daily experience...of the mischiefs attending the neglect of that duty which every man owes his family, friends, or dependents, in the disposal and settlement of his property by will." A leading legal writer of his day, Tomlins published an important dictionary, edited important editions of Littleton's *Tenures* and Jacob's *A New Law-Dictionary* and contributed entries to the *Statutes of the Realm*. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T115462. [Order This Item](#)



**A Complicated Case of Inheritance and Succession
Involving a Charity and the Laws of France and Great Britain**

30. [Trial].

Wallace, Sir Richard [1818-1890].

Gibbs, Frederick Waymouth [1821-1898], Reporter.

The Case of Lord Henry Seymour's Will (Wallace v. the Attorney-General). London: Stevens and Haynes, 1877. vii, 98, 48 pp. Includes forty-eight page publisher catalogue. Octavo (9-1/2" x 6-1/2").

Original cloth, blind rules to boards, gilt titles to front board and spine. Some rubbing to extremities, light fading to spine, joints and front hinge just starting at ends. Early owner annotation to half-title, interior otherwise fresh. \$450.

* Only edition. Text in English and French. At head of title: "Les Hospices de Paris et de Londres." This was an unusually complicated case of inheritance and succession. "France ... was the country to whose courts belonged the principal administration of his estate, and his will was brought before the Court of Chancery here by Mr. Wallace ... in aid of the French administration. The universal legacy gave rise to two questions ... 1st, what was the extent, topographically, of the word 'London' as used by the testator; and 2ndly, what institutions were included within the description, 'Les Hospices de Londres'" (1-2). *Catalogue of the Library of the Harvard Law School* (1909) II:1218. [Order This Item](#)