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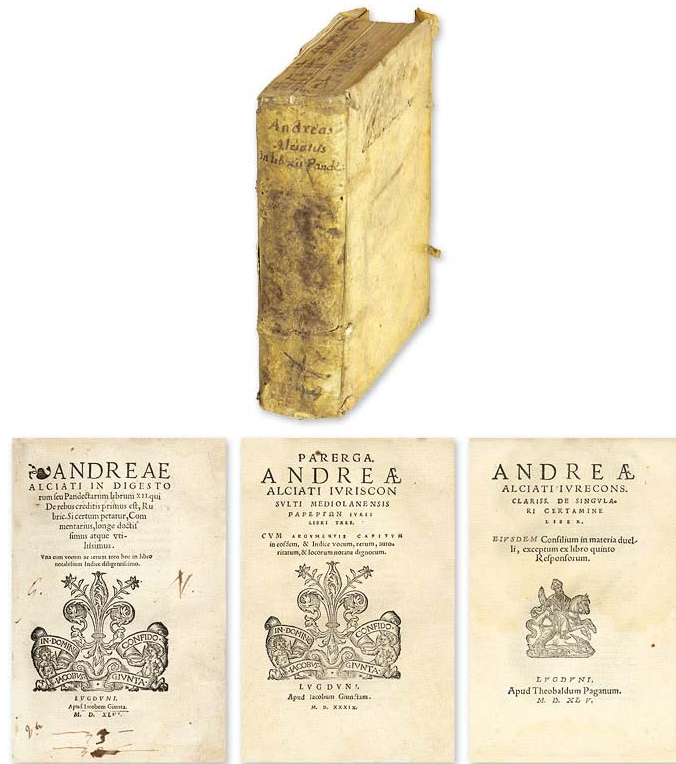
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### Three Scarce Titles by Alciati, Including a Collection of Consilia Relating to Dueling

#### 1. Alciati, Andrea [1492-1550].

*In Digestorum seu Pandectarum Librum XII qui de Rebus Creditis Primus est, Rubric. Si Certum Petatur, Commentarius: Longe Doctissimus Atque Utilissimus.* Lyons: Apud Iacobum Giunta, 1546. 387, [21] pp.

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**Alciati, Andrea.**

*Parerga: Andreae Alciati Iurisconsulti Mediolanensis PARERAGON Iuris Libri Tres, Cum Argumentis Capitum in Eosdem, & Indice Vocum, Rerum, Autoritatum, & Locorum Notatu Dignorum.* Lyons: Apud Iacobum Giuntam, 1539. [xxxii], 190 pp.

[And]

**Alciati, Andrea.**

*De Singulari Certamine Liber: Eiusdem Consilium in Materia Duelli, Exceptum ex Libro Quinto Responsorum.* Lyons: Apud Theobaldum Paganum, 1545. 111, [1] pp.

Octavo (6-1/4" x 4-1/4"). Contemporary limp vellum with lapped edges, early hand-lettered titles to spine, top edge and front cover, ties lacking. Light soiling, rubbing to extremities with minor wear around spine ends and corners, vellum just beginning to crack through pastedowns. Attractive woodcut printer devices, colophons and decorated initials. Toning and light browning in places, early owner initials to title page of first title, interior otherwise clean. \$3,000.

\* Fourth, second and third editions respectively. The first title is a commentary on the *Digest*, Book XII, Title 1: "Things Credited Giving Rise to Fixed Claims and the *Condictio*." *Parergon* is a collection of "thought pieces" on miscellaneous topics in Roman law. The final volume is a collection of *consilia* on matters relating to dueling. It is derived from his *Responsa*, a multi-part collection of *consilia* on different topics. All editions of these titles are scarce. *Digestorum*: OCLC locates 3 copies; *Parerga*: OCLC locates 6 copies. Both of these imprints not listed in Adams, Roberts or the *British Museum Catalogue*; *Singulari*: OCLC locates 3 copies of this edition. Pazzaglini & Hawks, *Consilia* A-9. [Order This Item](#)



Procedure Manual Attributed to Alciati

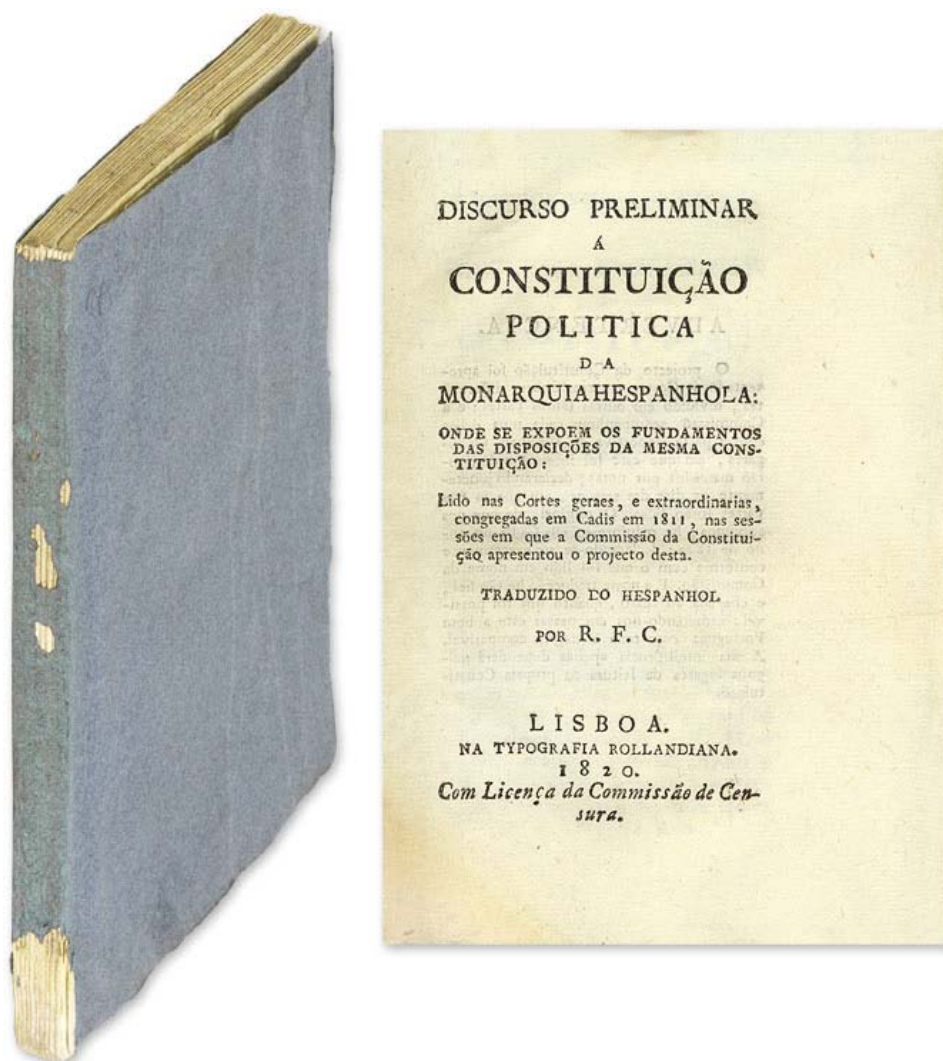
## 2. Alciati, Andrea, Attributed.

Hegendorph, Christoph [1500-1540], Editor.

*Iudicarii Processus Compendiu[m], Atque Adeo Iuris Utrius[ue]; Praxi[s]. Locis tam Multis, Tamq[uam] Insignibus Integritati Suae Restitutis, Fere ut Nov[um], Ac Pene Aliud Opus hoc Nostrum Iudicet, Qui Primo Illi Coloniensi Contulerit. Accessit huc & Iuris Discendi Methodus, & De Artibus Iurisconsulto Futuro Necessarys, Oratio Elegantissima, Authore Christophoro Hegendorphino.* Paris: Apud Ioannem Parvum [Chevallon], 1537. [viii], 271 ff. Signatures M and N (ff. 97-104) bound in reverse order. Octavo (6-1/2" x 4").

Contemporary vellum, raised bands and early hand-lettered title to spine, another title to foot of text block in early hand, ties lacking. Light soiling, rubbing to extremities with some wear to spine ends, top edge of front board and corners, a few worm holes to boards and front pastedown, partial crack between text block and rear free endpaper. Attractive crible initials. Toning, faint dampstaining to endleaves and a few text leaves. Early owner signature to foot of title page, annotation in his hand to endleaves, interior otherwise clean. \$1,500.

\* Later edition of a work first published in 1530 (one of three imprints issued in 1537, the others in Cologne and Venice). An important Italian humanist and professor of law at Avignon, Bologna, Milan, Padua, Ferrara and Bourges, Alciati was one of the first jurists to base his interpretation of civil law on the history, languages and literature of antiquity, and to conduct original research on the texts rather than merely copy earlier glosses. His work was deeply influential and his services were retained by the kings of France and Spain, as well as by several Italian princes. As one would expect, there was a large market for his works. In addition to those published by Alciati there are several unauthorized publications based on lecture notes compiled by his students. First published in Cologne in 1530, *Iudicarii Processus Compendium*, a treatise on procedure in civil and canon law, appears to fall into this latter category. Some sources say it is not based on Alciati's work and is the work of an anonymous author. It was nevertheless a popular work that went through several editions and issues over the next 30 years. OCLC locates 3 copies of this imprint, 1 in North America (at the University of Iowa). Not in Adams or the USTC. [Order This Item](#)



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

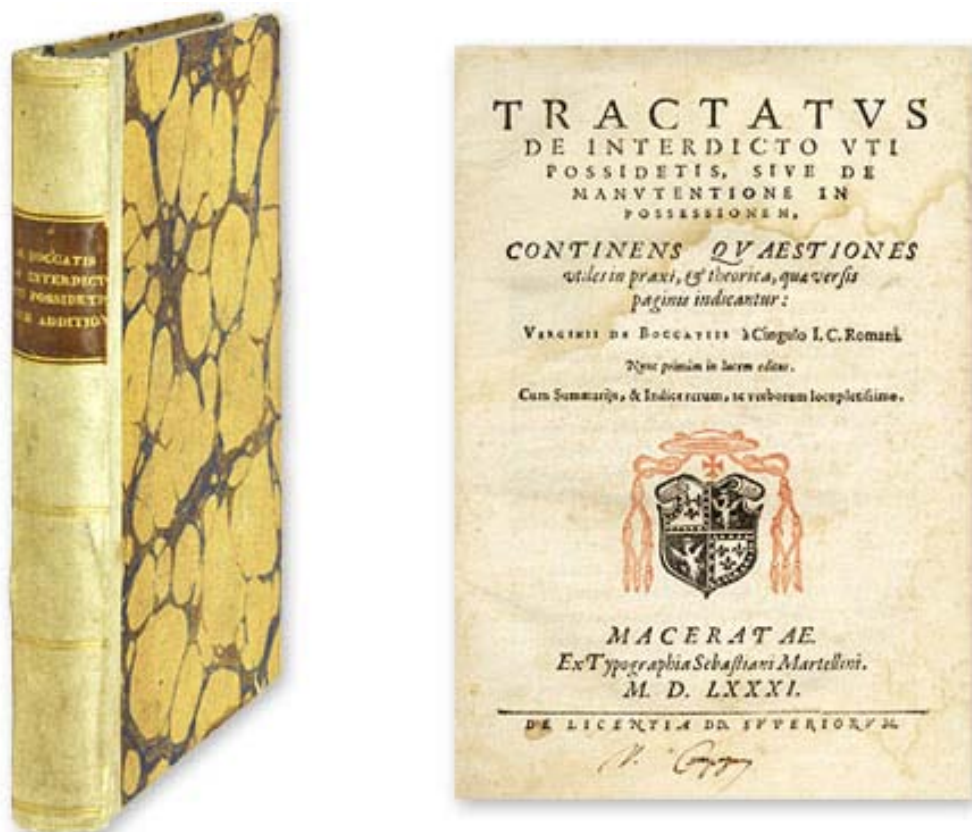
**3. [Arguelles, Augustin de (1776-1844)].**

*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. \$650.

\* 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](#)





**Treatise on Possession and Interdict in Roman Law Bound  
With a Commentary on the First Constitution of the Papal States**

**4. Boccacci, Virginio [d. 1596].**

*Tractatus de Interdicto Uti Possidetis, Sive De Manutentione in Possessionem: Continens Quaestiones Utiles in Praxi, & Theorica, Quae Versis Paginis Indicantur. Nunc Primum in Lucem Editus, Cum Summariis, & Indice Rerum, Ac Verborum Locupletissimo.* Macerata: Ex Typographia Sebastiani Martellini, 1581. [viii], 198, [34] pp.

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**Boccacci, Virginio.**

*Annotationes cum Additionibus in Constitutione Aegidiana, Seu L. Unica C. Si de Mom. Poss. Fuer. Appel. Nunc Primum in Lucem Editae, Quae Autem Contineantur in Additionibus, Post Sequentem Paginam Demonstrabitur. Adiecto Insuper Indice Rerum, Ac Verborum Locupletissimo.* Macerata: Ex Typographia Sebastiani Martellini, 1581. [viii], 88, [16] pp.

Quarto (8-1/4" x 6"). Nineteenth-century quarter vellum over marbled boards, edges colored green. Gilt fillets and calf lettering piece to spine, endpapers renewed. Light soiling to spine, some rubbing to extremities with minor wear. Title page of first title printed in red and black, woodcut decorated initials. Faint dampstaining to a few leaves, occasional light browning and foxing. Underlining and inkstains to some leaves, interior otherwise clean. \$1,500.

\* First edition (*Tractatus*); Only edition (*Annotationes*). The first title discusses interdictions and actions. A popular work, it was reissued several times well into the eighteenth century. The second work is a commentary on the *Constitutiones Sanctae Matris Ecclesiae*, Also known as the *Constitutiones Aegidianae*. This document, the first constitution of the Papal States, was adopted in 1357 and remained in force until 1816. Though bibliographically distinct, these titles appear to have been issued together. OCLC locates 3 copies of the 1581 *Tractatus* in North American law libraries (Duke, Library of Congress, Yale), 4 copies of *Annotationes* (Harvard, Library of Congress, UC-Berkeley, Yale). *Censimento Nazionale Delle Edizioni Italiane del XVI Secolo* CNCE 6218, 6219. [Order This Item](#)



[see also front cover]

**Early Printings (1508, c.1496) of Two Classic Fifteenth-Century Textbooks in a Volume with Original Hasp of Chained Binding**

**5. Brant, Sebastian [1458-1521].**

**[Caccialupi, Giovanni Battista (c. 1420-1496)].**

*Expositiones Sive Declaratio[n]es Omnium[m] Titulorum[m] Iuris tam Civilis Q[ua]m Canonici. De Modo Studendi in Utro[que] Jure; Cu[m] No[m]i[n]ib[us] Omnium[m] Scribentium[m] in Iure.* [Basel: Jakob von Pforzheim (for Jakob Wollf), 1 February 1508]. 168 ff. Collation: A-S8, T4, V-X6, Y8.

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**[Polonus, Martinus (d.1278)].**

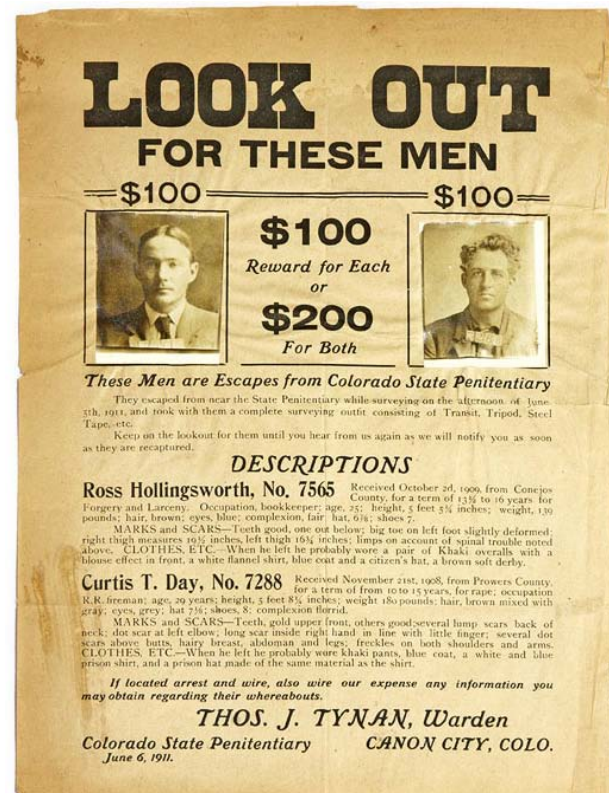
**[Brant, Sebastian, Editor].**

*Margarita Decretalium[m].* [Basel: Nicolaus Kesler, c. 1496]. [56] ff. Text in parallel columns. 46-line text. Collation: a8, b-h6, i8.

Quarto (8-1/2" x 6-1/4"). Contemporary quarter pigskin with elaborate blind tooling over wooden boards with (later?) pigskin clasp with bronze buckle, original iron hasp for chain to top-edge of rear board, raised bands and "Basilae 1508" in early hand to spine, contemporary hand-lettered vellum title panel affixed to front board large calligraphic letter L directly above it, thumb tabs to fore-edges of title pages. Light soiling to pigskin, spine ends bumped, a few minor wormholes to boards. Moderate toning to text, somewhat heavier in places, faint dampstaining to final ten leaves of *Margarita*, later calligraphic flourish and "1508" to title page of *Expositiones*. A handsome volume with a rare example of an early library security measure. \$20,000.

\* Remembered today as the author of the moral and satirical *Narrenschiff* (*The Ship of Fools*), Brant was also a noted legal scholar and humanist. He studied at Basel, where he completed a doctor of laws degree. After serving on Basel's law faculty he moved to Strasbourg, his birthplace, where he became city clerk and enjoyed a position of great prominence. Brant was later appointed imperial councilor by the Holy Roman Emperor Maximilian I, who elevated

him to the nobility. *Expositio Titulorum* is a renowned textbook devoted to complex passages in Roman and canon law. First published in 1490, while Brant was in Strasbourg, it summarizes his thoughts concerning Roman and Canon law and reflects his conservative and somewhat cynical worldview. Our c.1496 edition also includes Caccialupi's *Tractatus de Modo Studendi in Utroque Iure*, an introductory textbook for law students. An important early legal reference work, *The Margarita Decretalium*, i.e. "Pearls of the Decretals," is the index to the decretals of the Decretals of Gregory IX (or Liber Extra). First printed in 1481, the Margarita was probably assembled during the late thirteenth century, some time before the appearance of the *Liber Sextus* in 1298. *Expositio Titulorum*: OCLC locates 2 copies in North America (Harvard Law School, Library of Congress). *Das Verzeichnis der im Deutschen Sprachbereich Erschienenen Drucke des 16. Jahrhunderts* B7052. *Margarita Decretalium*: OCLC locates 4 copies in North America (Harvard Law School, Harvard Medical School, UC-Berkeley, University of Illinois). Goff, *Incunabula in American Libraries* M-264. *Gesamtkatalog der Wiegendrucke* M20971. [Order This Item](#)



1911 Wanted Poster with Original Pasted-Down Thumbnail Mug Shots

#### 6. [Broadside].

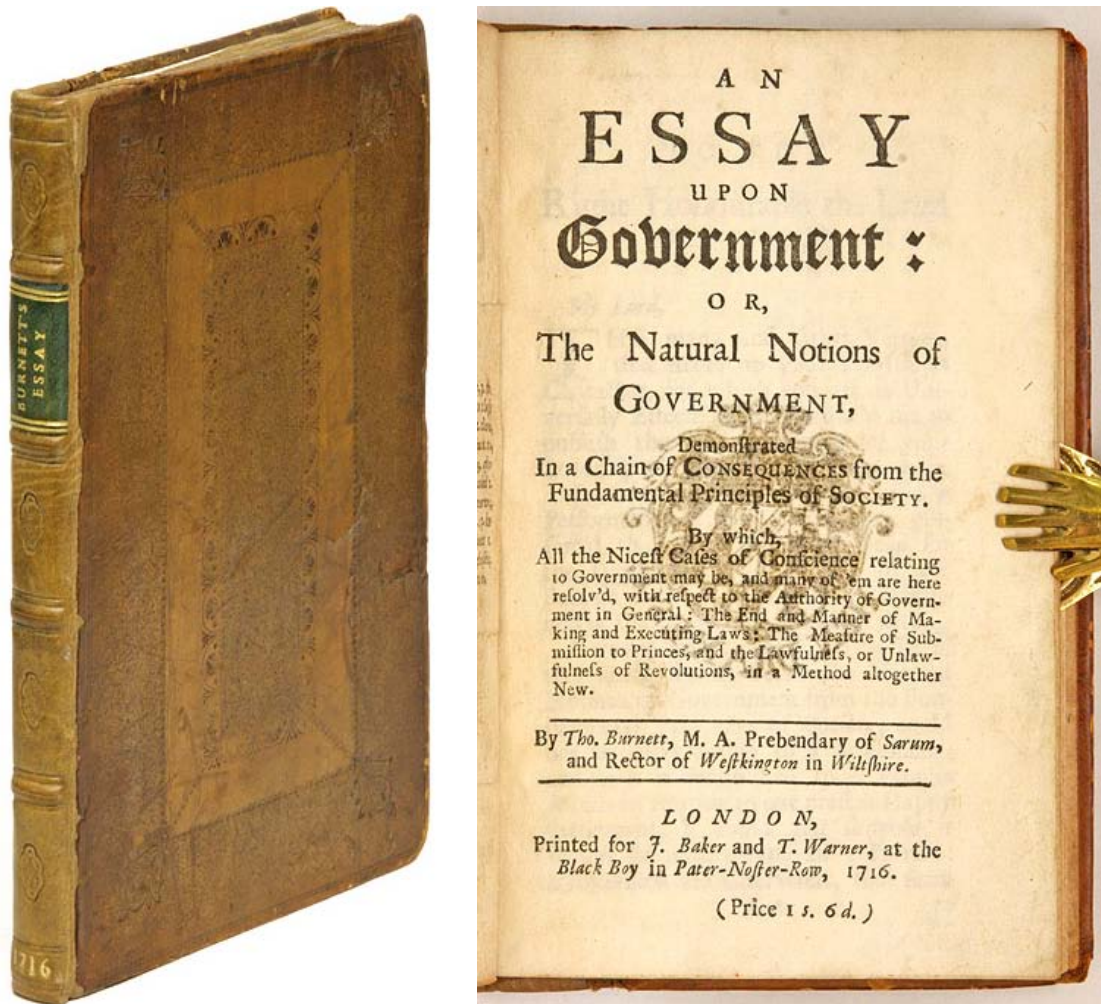
##### Colorado State Penitentiary.

*Look Out for These Men. \$100 Reward for Each or \$200 for Both.* Canon City, CO: S.n., June 6, 1911

12" x 9" broadside, original thumbnail mug shots of both men pasted below headline. Moderate browning, some crinkling and a few tiny stains, faint horizontal crease through center, light edgewear. \$450.

\* Ross Hollingsworth, 25, and Curtis T. Day, 29, escaped while working in a surveying party. Hollingsworth, a bookkeeper, was serving a 13-1/2 to 16 year term for forgery and larceny. Day was serving a 10 to 15 year term for rape. Hollingsworth must have been captured, because in 1914 his sentence was slightly reduced 'on account of his unusual and valuable service in drawing plans.': *House Journal, General Assembly of Colorado* (1915) 67. This appears to be an unrecorded broadside. No copies located on OCLC. [Order This Item](#)





**"A Right Notion of Government"**

**7. Burnett, Thomas [d. 1750].**

*An Essay Upon Government: Or, The Natural Notions of Government, Demonstrated in a Chain of Consequences from the Fundamental Principles of Society. By Which, All the Nicest Cases of Conscience Relating to Government May Be, And Many of 'Em are here Resolv'd, With Respect to the Authority of Government in General: The End and Manner of Making and Executing Laws: The Measure of Submission to Princes, and the Lawfulness, Or Unlawfulness of Revolutions, In a Method Altogether New.* London: Printed for J. Baker and T. Warner, 1716. [viii], 127, [1] pp. Errata sheet pasted to verso of front endleaf facing title page. Octavo (6-3/4" x 4-1/4").

Contemporary paneled calf, rebacked in period style with raised bands, blind ornaments and lettering piece, gilt tooling to board edges, hinges mended. A few minor surface cracks to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, corners bumped and somewhat worn, recent owner bookplate to front pastedown. Moderate toning to text, large early owner stamp to verso of title page. \$350.

\* First edition. Burnett, an Anglican priest and theologian spent most of his professional life as rector of West Kington, Wilts. He was the Boyle lecturer in 1724-1725. His *Essay on Government* "endeavour[s] to establish a right Notion of Government from natural and certain Principles" (1). A Dublin edition was published in 1716. Later editions were published in 1726 and 1751. *Dictionary of National Biography* *English Short-Title Catalogue* T113183.

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### Consilia by a Humanist Advisor to Pope Clement VII

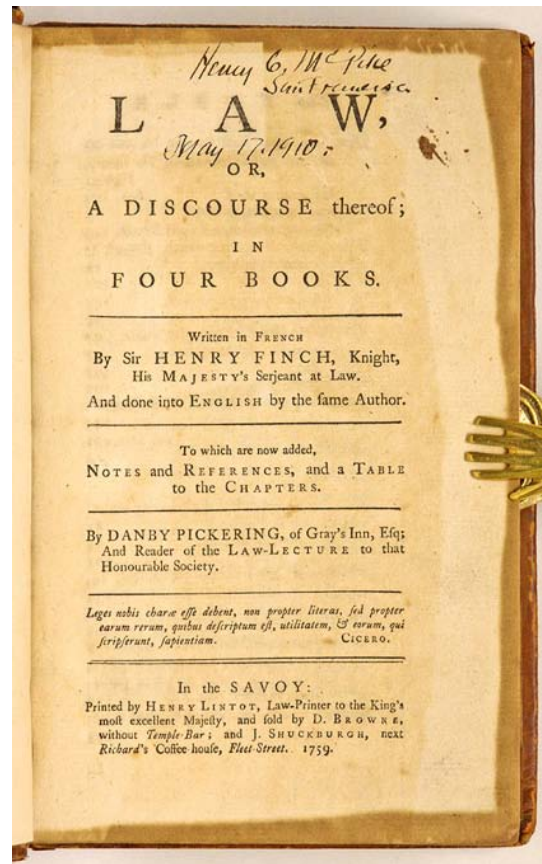
#### 8. Ferretti, Giulio [1480-1547].

*Consilia et Tractatus Quorum Tabulam Secunda Pagina Indicat. Cum Summariis, & Copiosissimo Omnium Materiarum Indice, Nunc Primum in Lucem Veniunt.* Venice: Apud Avantium, 1562. [iv], 48, 219, [1] ff. Main text in parallel columns. Quarto (8-1/2" x 6-1/2").

Contemporary limp vellum with lapped edges, hand-lettered title to spine. Some darkening to spine, minor chipping to head, a few small cracks along joints, hinges reinforced, vellum just beginning to crack through pastedowns, partial crack to text block between front endleaf and title page, a few other partial cracks elsewhere. Some toning, faint dampstaining in a few places, internally clean. \$1,750.

\* Only edition. Ferretti was a member of the College of Jurisconsults during the papacy of Clement VII [1478-1534]. This volume collects 31 of his canon-law consilia (analyses of disputed legal points, usually submitted by a judge). This volume was reissued in 1563. OCLC locates 3 copies of this imprint, 5 of the 1563 reissue. Copies located in North America at UC-Berkeley, which has the 1562 imprint, and the Library of Congress and University of Illinois, which have the 1563 imprint, and Harvard Law School, which has both. Not in Pazzaglini and Hawks. *Censimento Nazional delle Edizioni Italiane del XVI Secolo* CNCE 18857. [Order This Item](#)

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**A Distinguished Predecessor  
to Blackstone's *Commentaries***

**9. Finch, Sir Henry [1558-1625].**

**Pickering, Danby, Notes and References.**

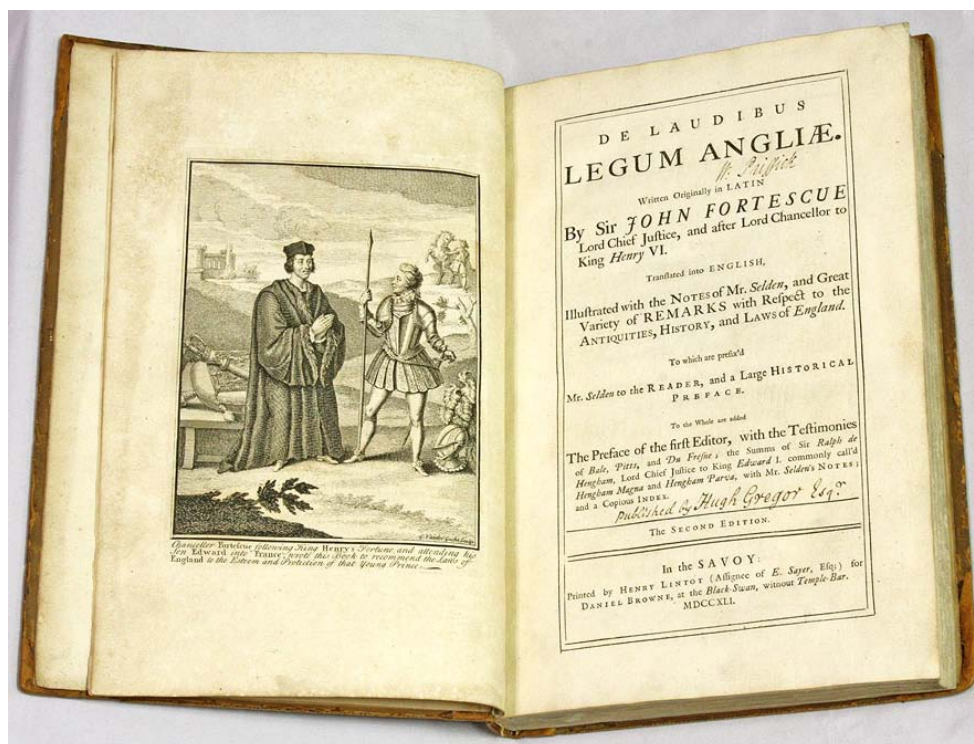
*Law, Or a Discourse Thereof, In Four Books. Written in French by Sir Henry Finch, Knight, His Majesty's Serjeant at Law. And Done Into English by the Same Author. To Which are Now Added, Notes and References, And a Table to the Chapters.* By Danby Pickering. [London]: Printed by Henry Lintot, And Sold by D. Browne; And J. Shuckburgh, 1759. [viii], 506 [i.e.504], [16] pp. Octavo (7-3/4" x 4-3/4")

Contemporary calf, blind rules to boards, blind fillets along joints, raised bands and lettering piece to spine, blind tooling to board edges, spine ends and front joint mended. A few minor nicks and scuffs to boards, light rubbing to extremities, corners bumped, front hinge starting, rear hinge cracked. Light toning to text, foxing to a few leaves, later bookseller ticket and owner signatures to front pastedown, another owner signature to head of title page. \$650.

\* Sixth and final edition. Originally published in Law-French in 1613 as *Nomotechnia: Un Description del Common Leyes D'Angleterre*, "Finch's Law, till the publication of Blackstone's *Commentaries*, was regarded as the best elementary book to be placed in the hands of the law students. It is one of the few attempts that have been made to reduce the common law into system...[Finch's] definitions were exact, his style concise and nervous, and his illustrations clear and authentic. Most of the valuable parts of Finch are incorporated in Blackstone's *Commentaries*" (Sweet & Maxwell). The first English-language edition was published in 1627. Holdsworth says the English version was the "pioneer book on the institutes of English law" and a model for several writers. Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 1:238 (10). Holdsworth, *A History of English Law* V:399-400. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T94551.

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Selden's Edition of Fortescue's *De Laudibus* - Jefferson Had a Copy

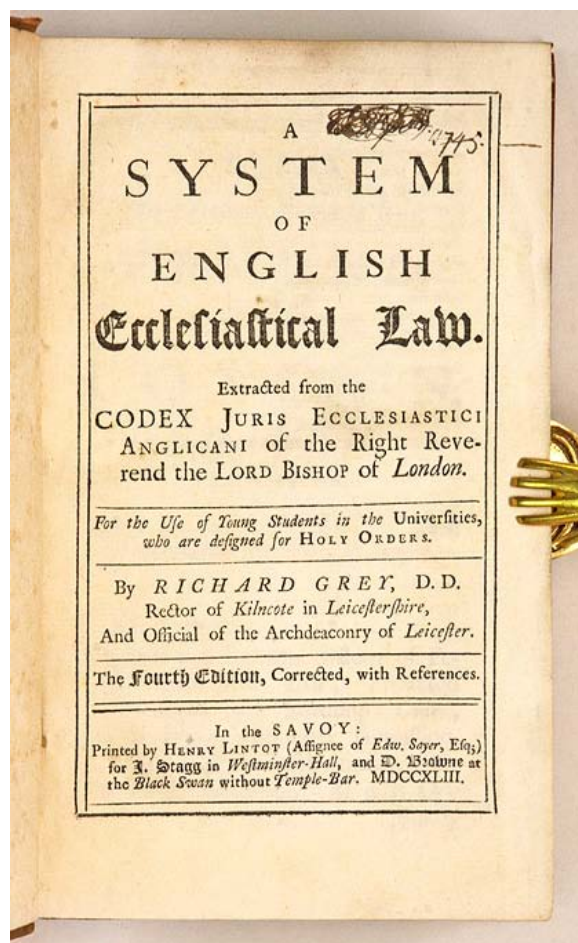
**10. Fortescue, Sir John [1394?-1476?].**

**Selden, John [1584-1654], Editor.**

*De Laudibus Legum Angliæ. Written Originally in Latin by Sir John Fortescue, Lord Chief Justice, And After Lord Chancellor to King Henry VI. Translated into English, Illustrated with the Notes of Mr. Selden, And Great Variety of Remarks with Respect to the Antiquities, History, and Laws of England. To Which are Prefix'd Mr. Selden to the Reader, And a Large Historical Preface. To the Whole are Added the Preface of the First Editor, With the Testimonies of Bale, Pitts, and du Fresne; The Summs of Sir Ralph de Hengham, Lord Chief Justice to King Edward I. Commonly Call'd Hengham Magna and Hengham Parva, With Mr. Selden's Notes and a Copious Index.* [London]: Printed by Henry Lintot for Daniel Browne, 1741. [viii], lxiv, 130, [14]; [2], ii, 36; [2], III, [1], 42, [2] pp. Complete. With a half-title and one-page publisher catalogue. Copperplate pictorial frontispiece. First work preceded by general title page, others by divisional title pages. Folio (12" x 7-1/2").

Contemporary calf, rebaked in period style with raised bands and contemporary lettering piece, blind rules to boards, blind fillets along joints, blind tooling to board edges, front board re-cornered, hinges repaired. Light rubbing and a few shallow scuffs to boards, corners of front board bumped and moderately worn, early armorial bookplates to front pastedown. Light toning to text, negligible faint dampstaining to top-edge of text block in places, early owner signature to head of title page. \$450.

\* "Second Edition." *De Laudibus Legum Angliæ* (c.1470), a history of English law, was written for the instruction of Edward, the young Prince of Wales. Cast in dialogue form, it demonstrates that the common law was the oldest and most reasonable legal system in Europe. It also compares the common and Roman systems and extols the superiority of a constitutionally limited monarch to an absolute monarch. *De Laudibus* was written around 1470 and first printed in 1567. The edition by Selden was first published in 1616 and reissued in 1660, 1672 and 1737 with various additions. The title page of the 1741 printing states that it is the "Second Edition." "Fortescue was a favorite among the old lawyers, and will be read with profit in modern times by those who are interested in the origin and progress of the Common Law." Marvin, *Legal Bibliography* 321. Sowerby, *Catalogue of the Library of Thomas Jefferson* 1775. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T149453. [Order This Item](#)



**Abridgment of Gibson's  
Exposition of Anglican Church Law**

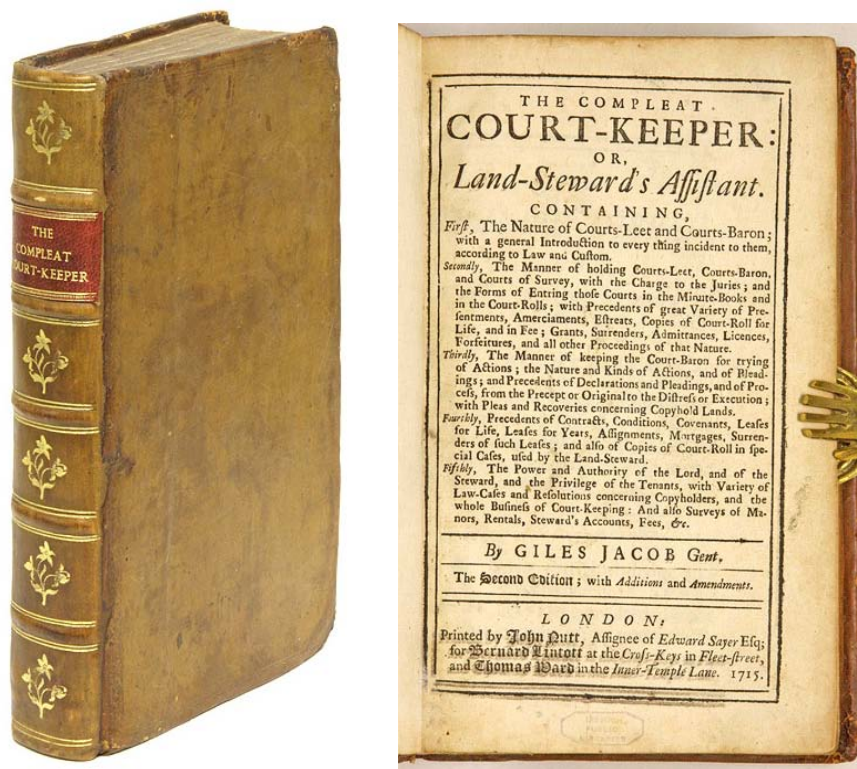
**11. Grey, Richard [1694-1771], Editor.  
[Gibson, Edmund (1669-1748)].**

*A System of English Ecclesiastical Law. Extracted from the Codex Juris Ecclesiastici Anglicani of the Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of London. For the Use of Young Students in the Universities, Who Are Designed for Holy Orders. Corrected, With References.* [London]: Printed by Henry Lintot, 1743. [xvi], 448, [86] pp. Includes 5-page publisher catalogue. Octavo (7-3/4" x 4-3/4").

Contemporary speckled calf, gilt rules to boards, lettering piece and gilt-edged raised bands to spine, blind tooling to board edges, joints discreetly reinforced. A few minor nicks, scuffs and stains to boards, light rubbing to extremities, corners bumped and lightly worn, front hinge starting, rear hinge cracked. Very light toning to text, slightly heavier in places, early owner stamp to front free endpaper, small early struck-through signature to head of title page. \$350.

\* Fourth and final edition. First published in 1730, this is an abridgment of Gibson's great *Codex Juris Ecclesiastici Anglicani* (1713) in question-and-answer form. Gibson's work is a comprehensive treatise in two folio volumes. It is therefore too detailed and expensive for most students and clergy. Grey's abridged edition brought Gibson's work to a wider audience. What is more, Grey's edition carefully emphasizes the rights and status of the Anglican Church in order to defend it from the claims of non-conformists. Gibson, an English divine and jurist, was chaplain and librarian to the archbishop of Canterbury. He went on to become the Bishop of London. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T145909. [Order This Item](#)





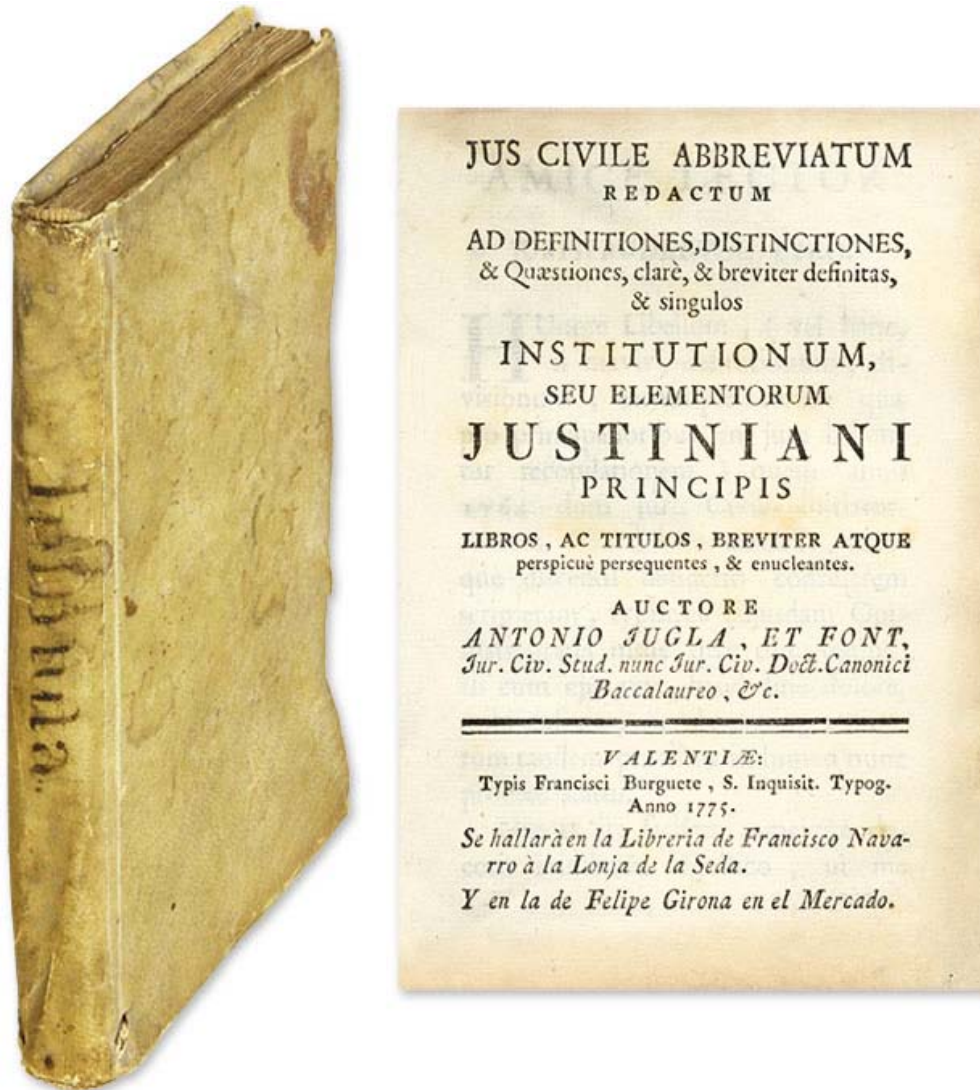
Jacob's Treatise on Real Property

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

*The Compleat Court-Keeper: Or, Land Steward's Assistant. Containing, First, The Nature of Courts-Leets and Courts-Baron; With a General Introduction to Every Thing Incident to Them, According to Law and Custom. Secondly, The Manner of Holding Courts-Leet, Courts-Baron, And Courts of Survey, With the Charge to the Juries; And the Forms of Entering Those Courts in the Minute-Books and in the Court-Rolls; With Precedents of Great Variety of Presentments, Amerciaments, Estreats, Copies of Court-Roll for Life, And in Fee; Grants, Surrenders, Admittances, Licences, Forfeitures, and all other Proceedings of that Nature. Thirdly, The Manner of Keeping the Court-Baron for Trying of Actions; The Nature and Kinds of Actions, And of Pleadings; And Precedents of Declarations and Pleadings, And of Process, From the Precept or Original to the Distress or Execution; With Pleas and Recoveries Concerning Copyhold Lands. Fourthly, Precedents of Contracts, Conditions, Covenants, Leases for Life; Leases for Years, Assignments, Mortgages, Surrenders of such Leases; And also of Copies of Court-Roll in special Cases, Used by the Land-Steward. Fifthly, The Power and Authority of the Lord, And of the Steward, And the Privilege of the Tenants....* London: Printed by John Nutt, Assignee of Edward Sayer Esq; for Bernard Lintott at the Cross-Keys in Fleet-Street, and Thomas Ward in the Inner-Temple Lane, 1715. viii, 480. [24] pp. Octavo (7-1/2" x 4-3/4").

Contemporary calf, rebacked, blind rules to boards, blind fillets along joints, raised bands, gilt ornaments and lettering piece to spine, hinges mended. Some rubbing to board edges, corners bumped and somewhat worn. Moderate toning to text, slightly heavier in places, light soiling to title page, early owner signatures to front pastedown and free endpaper. Ex-library. Tiny inkstamp to foot of title page and a few other leaves, large inkstamp to verso of title page. \$250.

\* Second edition, one of two issues from 1715. This comprehensive treatise on landlord and tenant was a standard work for many years. (Its final edition, the eighth, was issued in 1819.) A practical book designed mainly for the use of stewards, it reflects the author's experience with court keeping. Holdsworth includes this title among his list of notable works on land law and speaks well of it. See his *History of English Law* XII: 380-381. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T130156. [Order This Item](#)



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

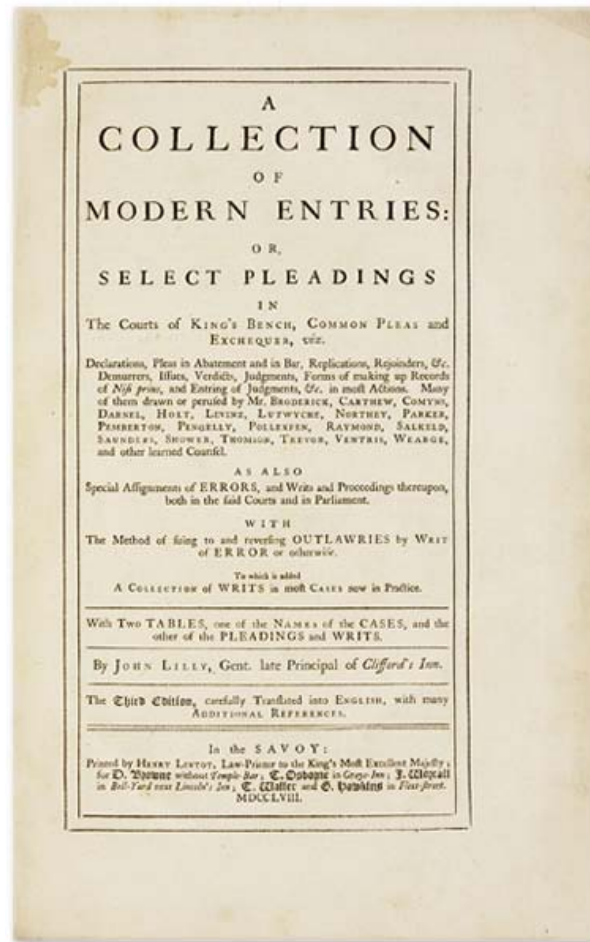
**13. Jugla y Font, Antonio.**

*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. \$750.

\* 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](#)





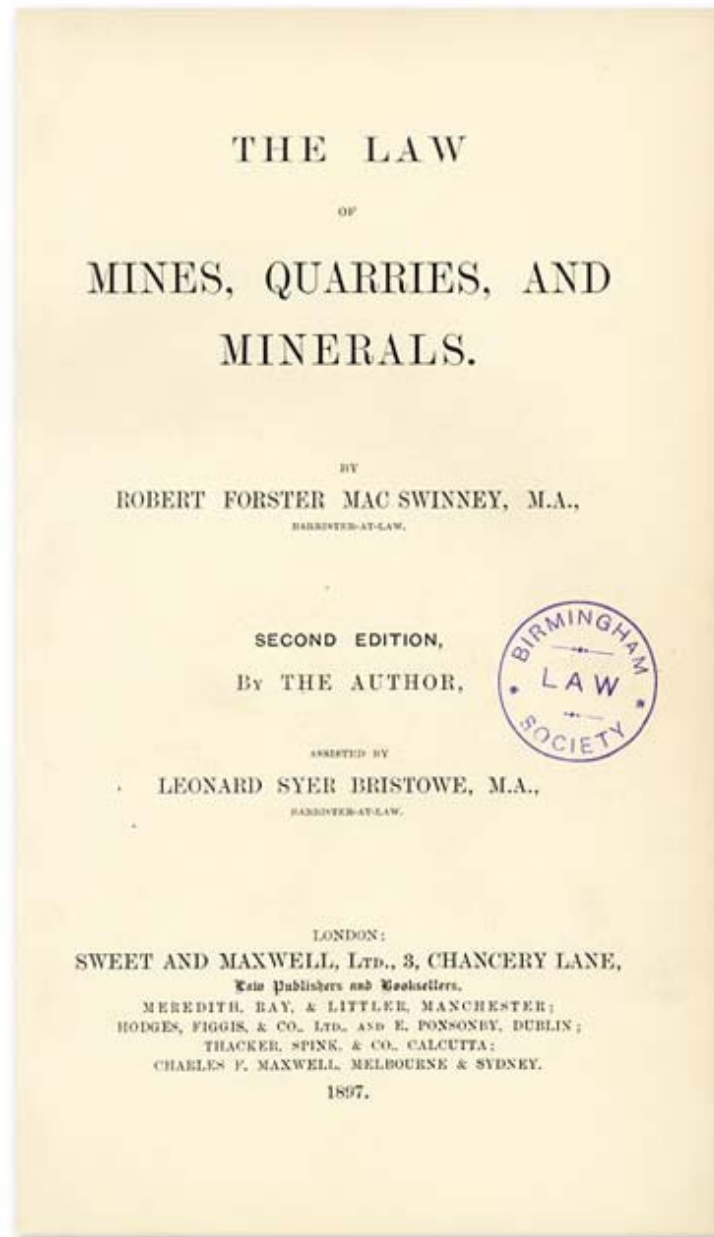
### Lilly's Modern Entries

#### 14. Lilly, John [fl. c.1740].

*A Collection of Modern Entries: Or, Select Pleadings in the Courts of King's Bench, Common Pleas, and Exchequer: Viz. Declarations, Pleas in Abatement and in Bar, Replications, Rejoinders, &c., Demurrers, Issues, Verdicts, Judgments, Forms of Making up Records of Nisi Prius, and Entering Judgments, &c., In Most Actions. Many of Them Drawn or Perused by Mr. Broderick, Carthew, Comyns, Darnel, Holt, Levinge, Lutwyche, Northey, Parker, Pemberton, Pengelly, Pollexfen, Raymond, Salkeld, Saunders, Shower, Thomson, Trevor, Ventris, Wearge, And Other Learned Counsel. As Also Special Assignments of Errors, And Writs and Proceedings Thereupon, Both in the Said Courts and in Parliament. With the Methods of Suing to and Reversing Outlawries by Writ of Error or Otherwise. To Which is Added a Collection of Writs in Most Cases Now in Practice. With Two Tables, One of the Names of the Cases, And the Other of the Pleadings and Writs.* [London]: Printed by Henry Lintot, 1758. [viii], 676, [3] pp. Folio (14" x 9").

Contemporary calf, blind frames to boards, raised bands and lettering piece to spine. Worn and scuffed, cords showing through spine, boards beginning to separate, corners bumped, pastedowns loose, a few cracks to text block. Light browning, mostly to margins, and faint dampspotting in a few places, internally clean. \$200.

\* "Third," actually second, edition. Holdsworth discusses this work at length in his chapter on eighteenth century legal literature. First published in 1732 and a standard work for decades, it contains pleadings arranged alphabetically, entries on the rolls of the court and precedents of writs original and judicial. Holdsworth, *A History of English Law* XII:358. *English Short-Title Catalogue* N5679. [Order This Item](#)



**MacSwiney on Mines, Second Edition**

**15. MacSwiney, Robert Forster [b. 1848].  
[Assisted by] Bristowe, Leonard Syer [b. 1857].**

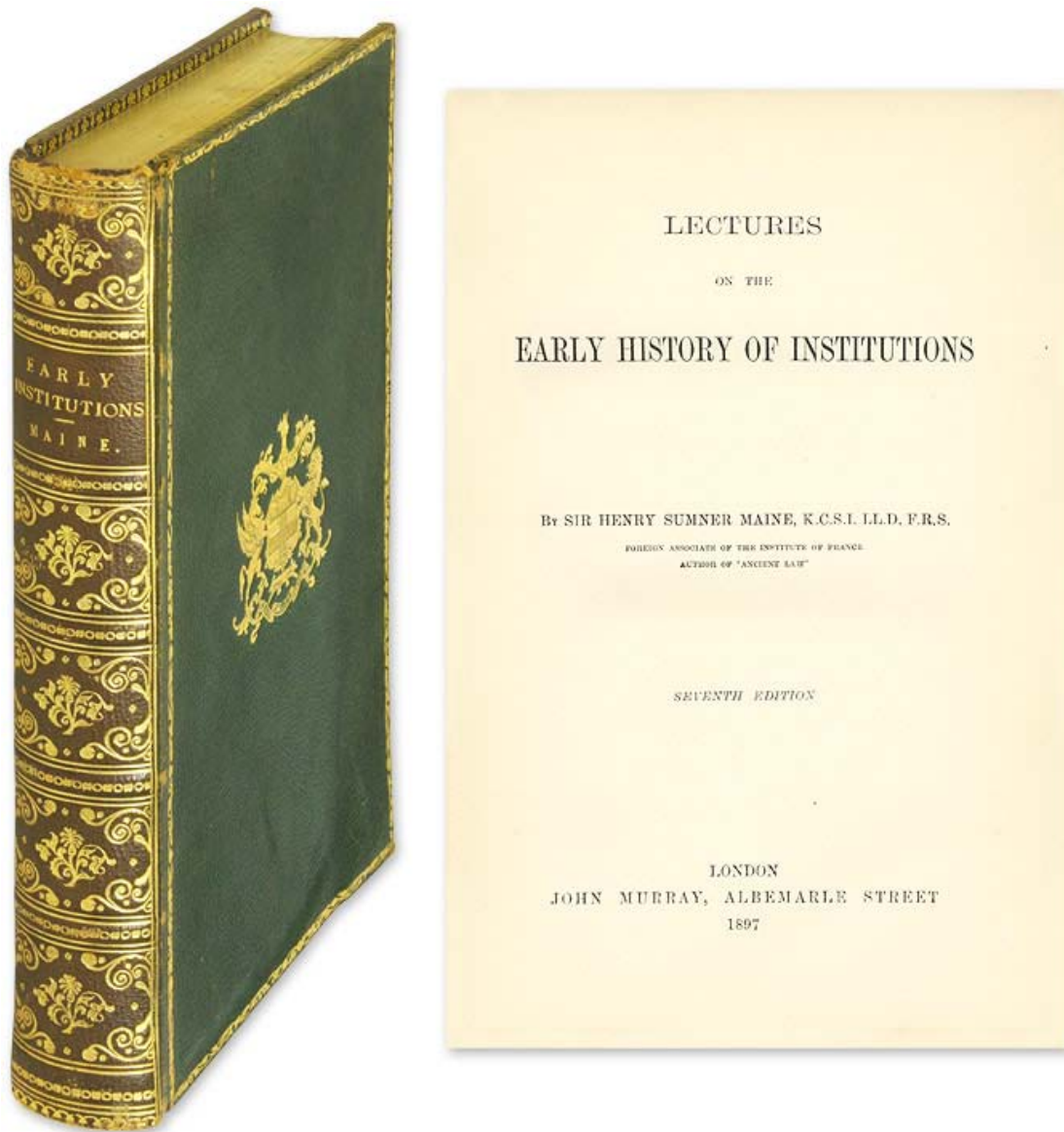
*The Law of Mines, Quarries, And Minerals.* London: Sweet and Maxwell, 1897. lxxxiii, 899 pp. Octavo (9-1/2" x 6").

Contemporary three-quarter morocco over pebbled cloth, raised bands and gilt title to spine, marbled endpapers. Some rubbing to extremities, internally clean. Ex-library (of Birmingham Law Society). Institution name and crest gilt-stamped to foot of spine and boards, bookplate to front pastedown, small stamps to a few leaves. \$250.

\* Second edition. First published in 1884, this treatise was a standard work that reached its fifth and final edition in 1922. Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 2:229. [Order This Item](#)

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**Important Study by Maine in a Handsome Prize Binding**

**16. Maine, Sir Henry Sumner [1822-1888].**

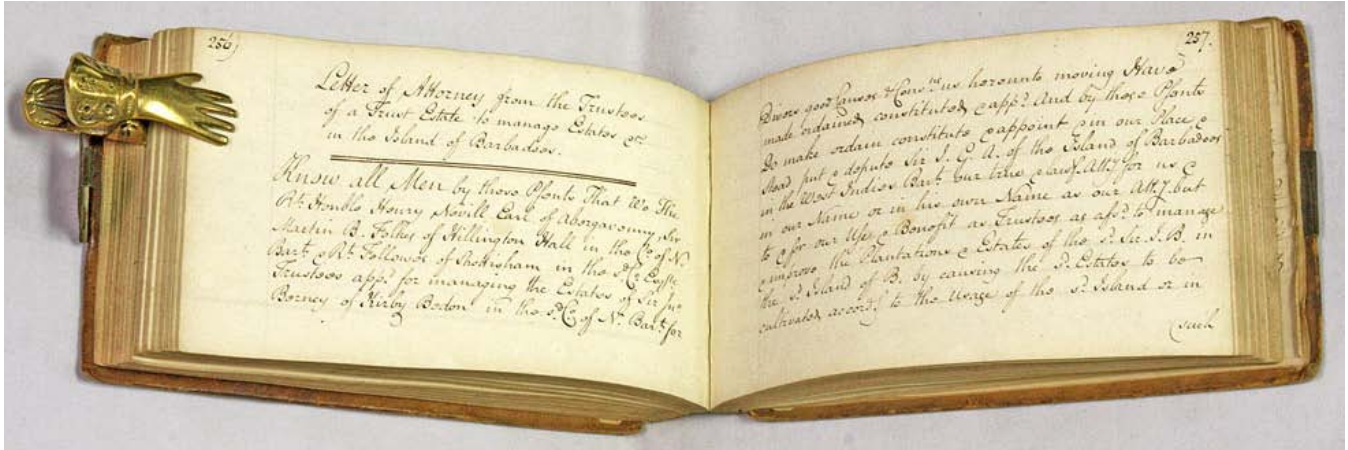
*Lectures on the Early History of Institutions*. London: John Murray, 1897. viii, 412 pp. Octavo (8-1/4" x 5-1/4").

Contemporary extra-gilt signed morocco prize binding (by J. Low, London). Gilt fillets to boards, large gilt arms of the London Law Society to front, marbled endpapers, inside dentelles. Light rubbing to extremities, light fading to spine, both boards slightly bowed. Presentation bookplate from the London Law Society (to William Henry Champness) and later owner signature (of H. Donald Sills) to front pastedown, internally clean. A lovely copy. \$250.

\* Seventh edition. This important work is a sequel to Maine's highly influential *Ancient Law* (1861). It examines kinship, tribal society, early legal remedies and sovereignty, and develops the thesis, first articulated in *Ancient Law*, that law and society developed "from status to contract." This important argument established Maine's reputation as one of the forefathers of modern legal sociology. *Catalogue of the Library of the Harvard Law School* (1909) II:33.

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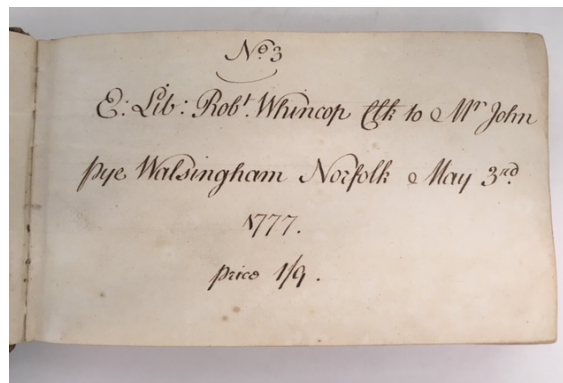
**18th-Century English Manuscript Formbook  
with an Intriguing Entry Relating to Barbados**

**17. [Manuscript].  
Whincop, Robert.**

[*Manuscript Formbook*]. [Walsingham, Norfolk, England, c.1777]. [iv], 275, [30] pp. 28 blank leaves. Includes thumb-tapped index. Oblong octavo (3-3/4" x 6-1/2").

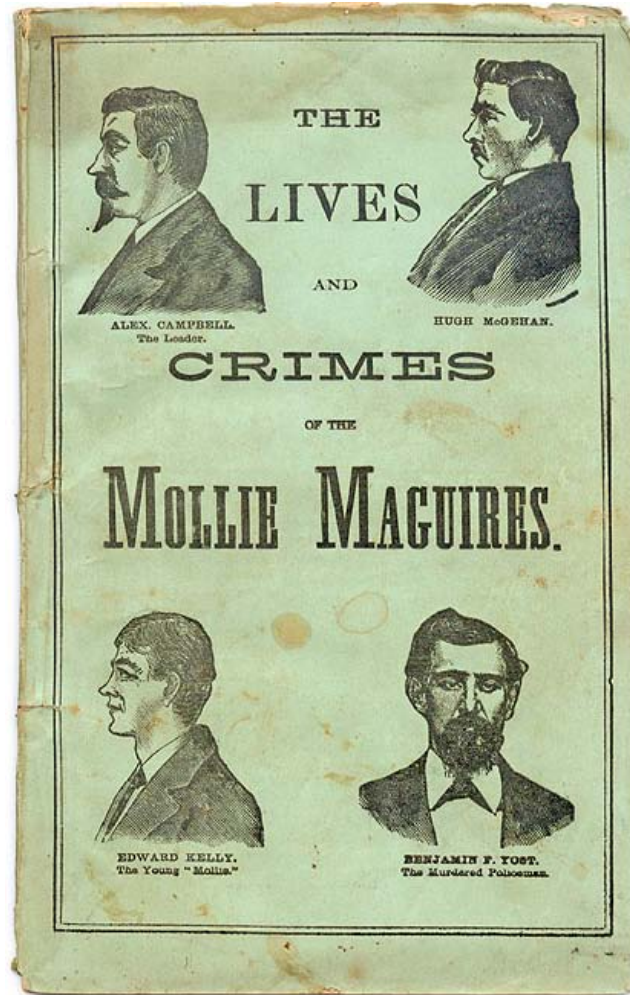
Contemporary sheep, blind fillets to board and spine, bronze clasp. Light rubbing to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities and spine, joints cracked. Light toning, fragments of wax seals to endleaves. Text in elegant, neat hand, leaves numbered on rectos and versos. \$4,500.

\* Written in a different hand, likely that of a bookseller, the title page indicates the provenance of this manuscript: "No. 3/ E. Lib. Robt. Whincop Clk to Mr John/ Pye Walsingham Norfolk May 3rd/ 1777./ Price 1/9" Pye was a leading lawyer in Walsingham, a town in East Anglia, England best known as a pilgrimage site. Whincop would go on to prominent legal career and also served in a few local bureaucratic posts in Norfolk, such as the town clerk of Lynn (1785-1802). (Pye and Whincop appear in a number of local histories and others sources that are available online.) A fair copy in a notably elegant hand, this collection of precedents has an unusual item: a "Letter of Attorney from the Trustees of a Trust Estate to manage Estates &c. in the Island of Barbadoes." Eight pages long, it is one of the longest items in this manuscript. Norfolk had little to do with the Atlantic trade, so the inclusion of this form may have reflected Whincop's ambition to practice in London or some other city with ties to Great Britain's colonies. Other entries include several affidavits and letters of attorney, a "Bail Bond," a "Dissenting Preachers Certificate," an "Opinion Respecting Hard Riding a Horse, and "Order to Receive a Debt" and "A Replevin Warrant."



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"This Terrible Secret Society"

**18. [Molly (Mollie) Maguires].**

*A Full Account. The Lives and Crimes of the "Mollie Maguires," The Confessions and Execution, With an Account of the Organization of this Terrible Secret Society.* Philadelphia: Barclay & Co., [copyright 1878]. [ii], [19]-88, [6] pp. 6 woodcut plates, including two repeated on the front and rear wrappers. 6-page publisher catalogue. Complete. Octavo (9-1/4" x 5-3/4").

Stab-stitched pamphlet in pictorial wrappers. Moderate rubbing to extremities with some wear to spine ends, light soiling and a few tiny stains to wrappers, light toning to interior, faint dampspotting to a few leaves. \$1,250.

\* "'Fraternalism gone bad' might best describe the situation in the mining regions of Pennsylvania where the local chapter of the Ancient Order of Hibernians held sway. An inner group known as the Mollie Maguires...constituted a kind of Irish mafia...Its control was finally broken by a Pinkerton detective. (...) June 21, 1877 saw the end of ten Mollies...three more were executed on March 25, 1878" (McDade). The criminals and victims are described in Barclay's account in great detail, with six plates of stark graphics to match. Barclay was a leading purveyor of hyper-sensationalized true-crime publishing. In most cases, the format is that of pulp fiction, but with informative factual content. Other Barclay titles promoted in the ads at the rear of the pamphlet include *Brooklyn's Horror: Wholesale Holocaust at the Brooklyn, New York Theatre* and *Little Cuba: A True Story of Love, War, And Startling Adventures*. McDade, *The Annals of Murder* 691. [Order This Item](#)

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Seventeenth-Century  
Canon Law in Central Italy

19. [Orte, Italy].  
Gozzadini, Angelo.

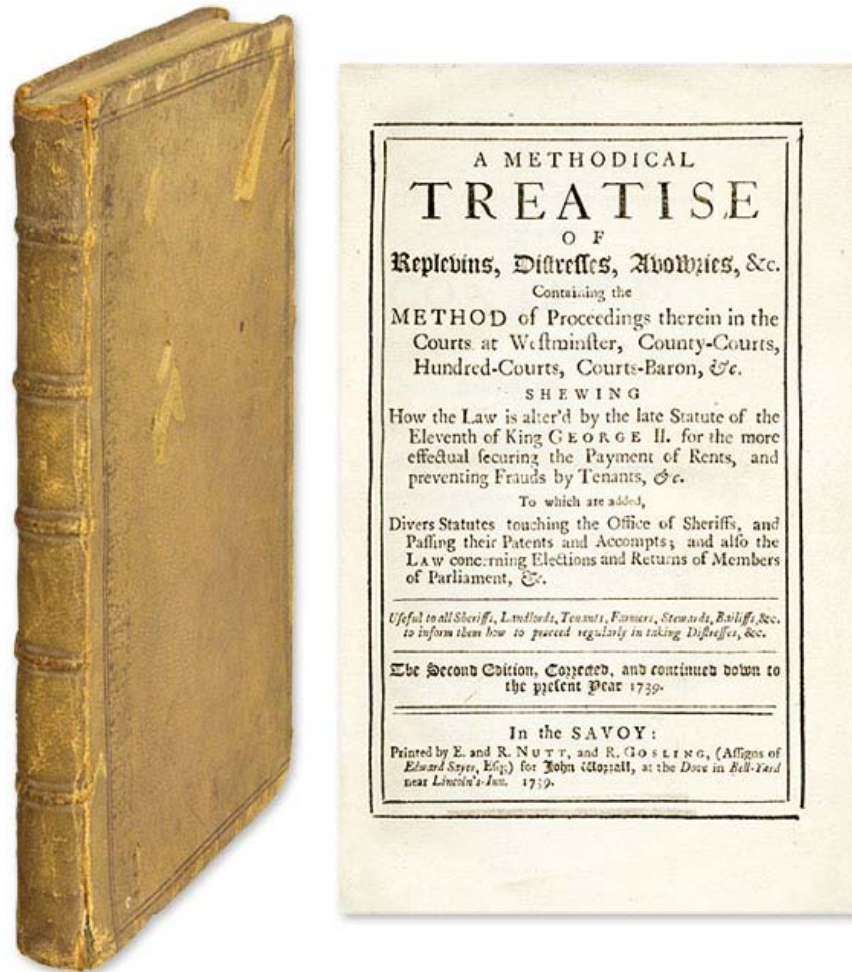
*Constitutiones, Et Decreta Editæ in Prima Dioecesana Synodo Civitatis Hortanae ab Angelo Gozzadino, Civitatis Hortanae & Castellanae ad Inuicem Canonice Perpetuo Unitarum Episcopo, Celebrata Die Ultima Maii, 1. & 2. Mensis Iunii Anno Domini, 1626. Ronciglioni: Apud Franciscum Mercurium, 1627. [xxii], 155, [3], [blank], 111, [9] pp. Two parts, each with title page and separate pagination. Signatures M and N of Second part (pp. 89-96) bound in reverse order. Quarto (8-1/4" x 6-1/4").*

Contemporary vellum, faint early hand-lettered title to front board, fragment of lettering piece early hand-lettered shelf number to foot of spine. Light soiling and a few minor stains, some wear to fore-edges, vellum just beginning to crack through pastedowns, which have negligible worming. Title page of first part has handsome woodcut architectural frame, second part has typographical border and vignette, woodcut colophon, head-pieces, tail-pieces and decorated initials. Early annotations to verso of front free endpaper and title page, interior otherwise clean. \$1,500.

\* Only edition. Orte is a city in central Italy near Rome. This is a compilation of its local diocesan law. Also included are forms and information about costs. The second part is entitled *Sequuntur Edicta in Synodo Dioecesana Prima Civitatis Hortanae Anno 1626 Editæ: Nec no Formularium Super Expeditionibus Collationum Ordinum, Beneficiorum, Causar[um] Matrimonial[ium], Criminal[ium], & Diversorum Negotiorum pro Faciliori Notariorum, Cancellariorum, & Aliorum Intelligentia: Cum Taxa civili, & Criminali.* OCLC locates no copies in North America (but we located one at UC-Berkeley Law School). Not in the *British Museum Catalogue*. [Order This Item](#)

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### The Law of Replevin in the Early Eighteenth Century

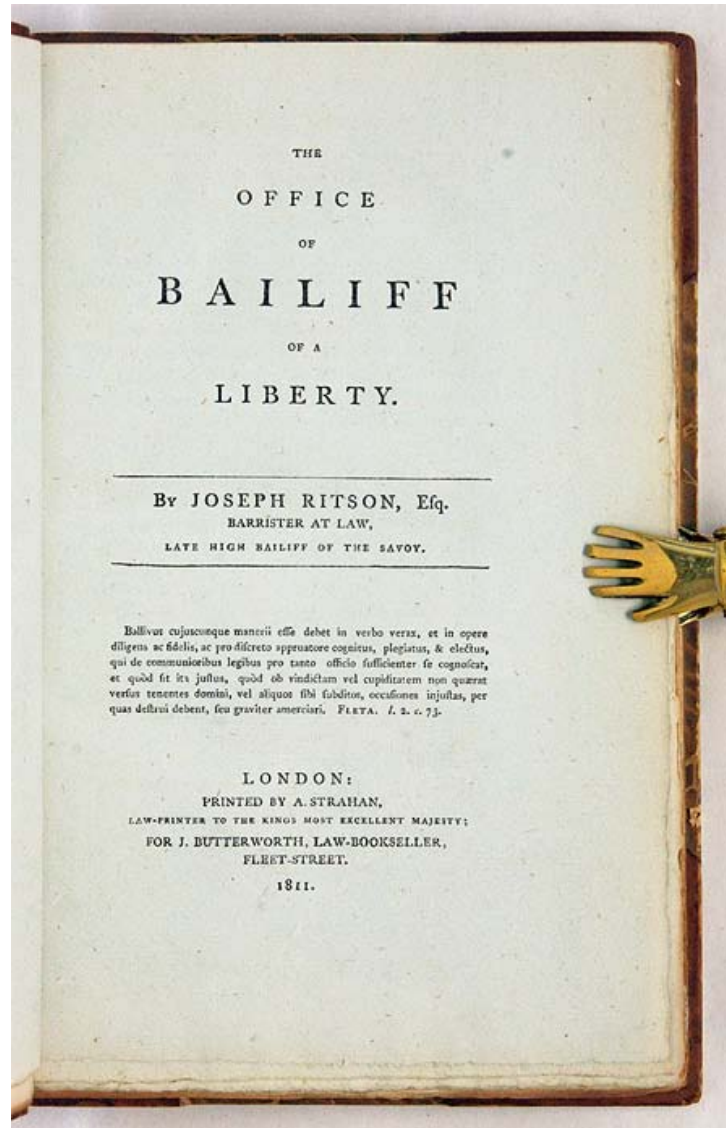
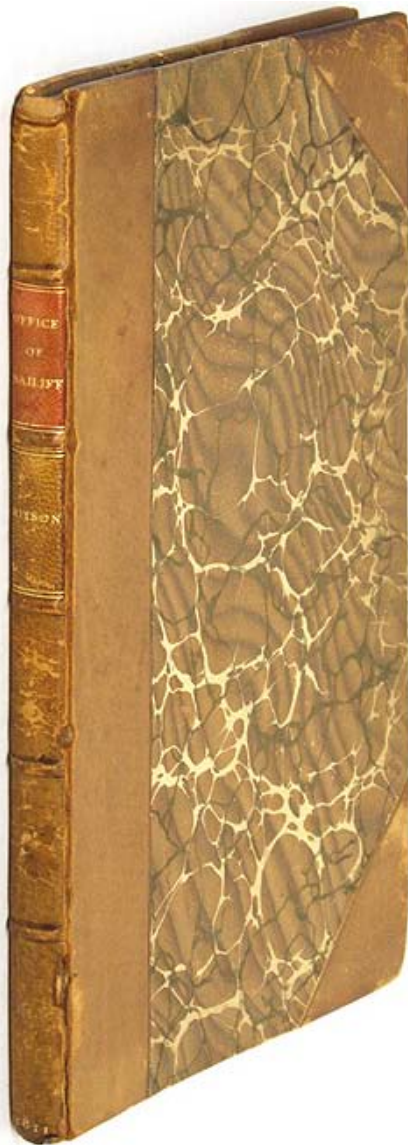
#### 20. [Replevin].

*A Methodical Treatise of Replevins, Distresses, Avowries, &c., Containing the Method of Proceedings Therein in the Courts at Westminster, County-Courts, Hundred-Courts, Courts-Baron, &c., Shewing How the Law is Alter'd by the Late Statute of the Eleventh of King George II. For the More Effectual Securing the Payment of Rents, And Preventing Frauds by Tenants, &c. To Which are Added, Divers Statutes Touching the Office of Sheriffs, And Passing Their Patents and Accompts; And Also the Law Concerning Elections and Returns of Members of Parliament, &c. Useful to All Sheriffs, Landlords, Tenants, Farmers, Stewards, Bailiffs, &c. To Inform Them How to Proceed Regularly in Taking Distresses, &c. Corrected, And Continued Down to the Present Year.* [London] Printed by E. and R. Nutt, And R. Gosling, (Assigns of E. Sayer, Esq.) for J. Worrall, 1739. viii, 164 [7] pp. Octavo (8" x 5").

Contemporary sheep, blind rules to boards, blind filets to joints, raised bands and lettering piece to spine. Some rubbing to extremities, a few shallow scuffs to boards, joints just starting at ends, corners bumped and somewhat worn, hinges cracked but secure, front endleaves and upper portion of rear free endpaper lacking, rear pastedown loose, text notably fresh. \$500.

\* Second and final edition. The author claims to have treated "Replevins in a more particular and methodical Manner than hitherto has been done" (1). A well-arranged treatise, it offers an excellent overview of this legal area as it existed in the first half of the eighteenth century. OCLC locates 9 copies in North American Law Libraries. This edition not in Sweet & Maxwell. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T123428. [Order This Item](#)

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Scarce English Treatise on Bailiffs

21. Ritson, J[oseph] [1752-1803].  
[Frank, Joseph, Editor].

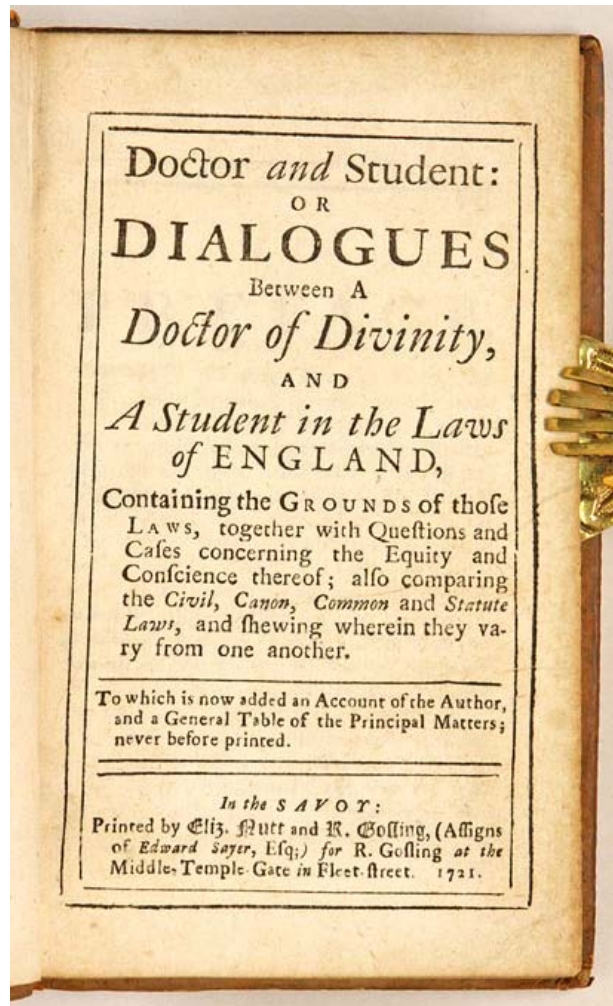
*The Office of Bailiff of a Liberty*. London: Printed by A. Strahan, 1811. [xv], 80 pp. Octavo (9" x 5-1/2").

Contemporary three-quarter calf over marbled boards, raised bands and lettering piece to spine, deckle edges. Moderate rubbing to extremities, joints starting at ends, hinges cracked. Some toning to text, light foxing to a few leaves. A nice copy of a scarce title. \$450.

\* Only edition. Ritson, a former bailiff, was a member of Gray's Inn and the author of several practical and historical works on legal subjects. Holdsworth says his study of bailiffs of a liberty, that is a court officer who executes process, is a "learned antiquarian tract based mainly on the Year Books and mediaeval statutes, with notes of such later statutes as referred to these bailiffs." OCLC locates 12 copies in North American law libraries. Holdsworth, *History of English Law* XII:337. Not in Sweet & Maxwell. *Catalogue of the Library of the Harvard Law School* (1909) II:474. [Order This Item](#)

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### Influenced Blackstone and Others

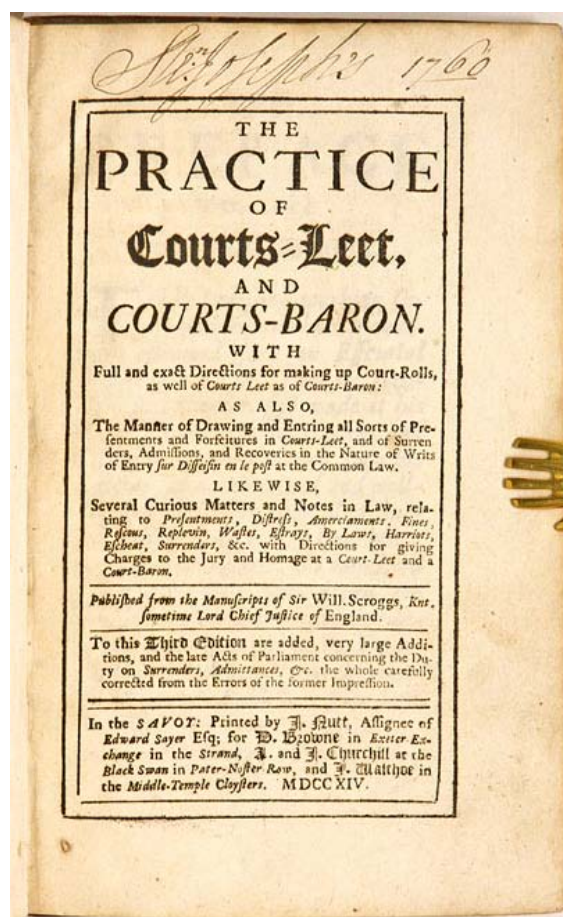
#### 22. [St. German, Christopher (1460?-1540)].

*Doctor and Student: Or, Dialogues Between a Doctor of Divinity and a Student in the Laws of England: Containing the Grounds of Those Laws, Together with Questions and Cases Concerning the Equity Thereof; Also Comparing the Civil, Canon, Common and Statute Laws, And Shewing Wherein They Vary from One Another. To Which is Now Added on Account of the Author, And a General Table of the Principal Matters; Never Before Printed.* [London]: Printed by Eliz. Nutt and R. Gosling, 1721. [iv], 1, [7], [40] pp. Pagination irregular, text complete. Includes one-page publisher advertisement. Octavo (6-1/2" x 4").

Contemporary calf, blind rules to boards, blind fillets along joints, raised bands to spine, early repairs to spine ends. A few minor nicks and scuffs to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, joints starting, corners bumped and lightly worn, hinges cracked. Moderate toning to text, occasional faint dampspotting to margins, early owner signature to front free endpaper \$250.

\* Written originally in Latin in 1523, this work contains two dialogues between a doctor of divinity and a student of English law. It popularized canonist learning on the nature and object of law, the religious and moral standards of law, the foundations of the common law and other issues regarding the jurisdiction of Parliament. A very important work in the development of equity, *Doctor and Student* appeared in numerous editions. An authority well into the eighteenth century, it influenced several writers, including Blackstone. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T108916. [Order This Item](#)

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### A Handbook for Gentlemen Presiding Over Their Manorial Courts

#### 23. Scroggs, Sir William [1623?-1683].

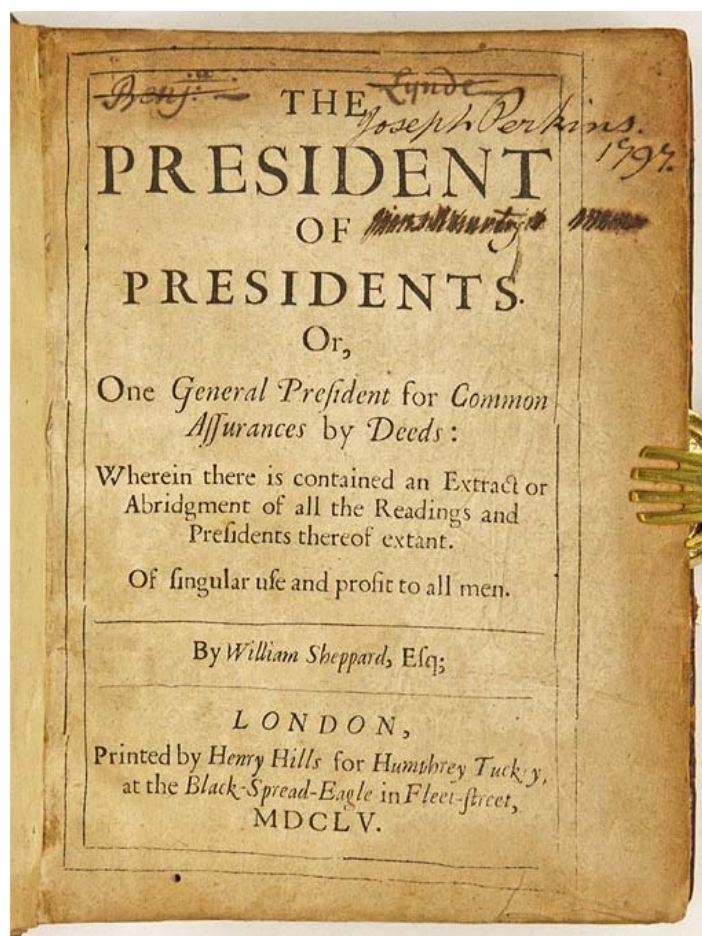
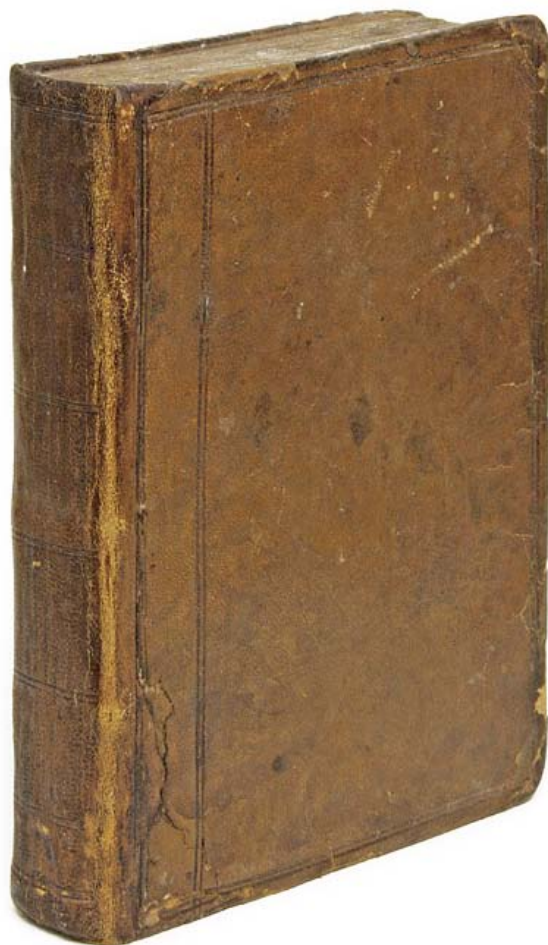
*The Practice of Courts-Leet, And Courts-Baron. With Full and Exact Directions for Making up Court-Rolls, As Well of Courts Leet as of Courts-Baron: As Also, The Manner of Drawing and Entering all Sorts of Presentments of Forfeitures in Courts-Leet, And of Surrenders, Admissions, and Recoveries in the Nature of Writs of Entry sur Disseisin en le Post at the Common Law. Likewise, Several Curious Matters and Notes in Law, Relating to Presentments; Distress, Amerciaments, Fines, Rescous, Replevin, Wastes, Estrays, By Laws, Harriots, Escheat, Surrenders, &c. With Directions for Giving Charges to the Jury and Homage at a Court-Leet and a Court-Baron. Published from the Manuscripts of Sir Will. Scroggs, Knt. Sometime Lord Chief Justice of England..* [London]: Printed by J. Nutt, Assignee of Edward Sayer Esq; For D. Browne, In Exeter Exchange in the Strand, A. And J. Churchill at the Black Swan in Pater-Noster Row, And J. Walthoe in the Middle-Temple Cloysters, 1714. [iv], 498, [14] pp. Includes one-page publisher advertisement. Octavo (7-1/2" x 4-1/2").

Contemporary calf, blind rules to boards, blind fillets along joints, raised bands and fragment of early hand-lettered title label to spine. A few minor nicks, scuffs and stains to boards, a few scuffs to spine, joints just starting at head, corners bumped, hinges partially cracked. Light toning to text, slightly heavier in places, light foxing to a few leaves, early owner signatures to preliminaries, another signature to head of p. 1., gift inscription to front free endpaper. \$450.

\* Third edition, one of two issues from 1714. This handbook for gentlemen presiding over their manorial courts was first published in 1701, with later editions in 1702, 1714 and 1728. The inscription is interesting because it records a gift from a mother to a daughter, which is unusual for a legal book more likely to be passed from a gentleman to a son. It reads "Margaret Joseph Her/ Book given Her by her/ Mother 1781." *English Short-Title Catalogue* N39789.

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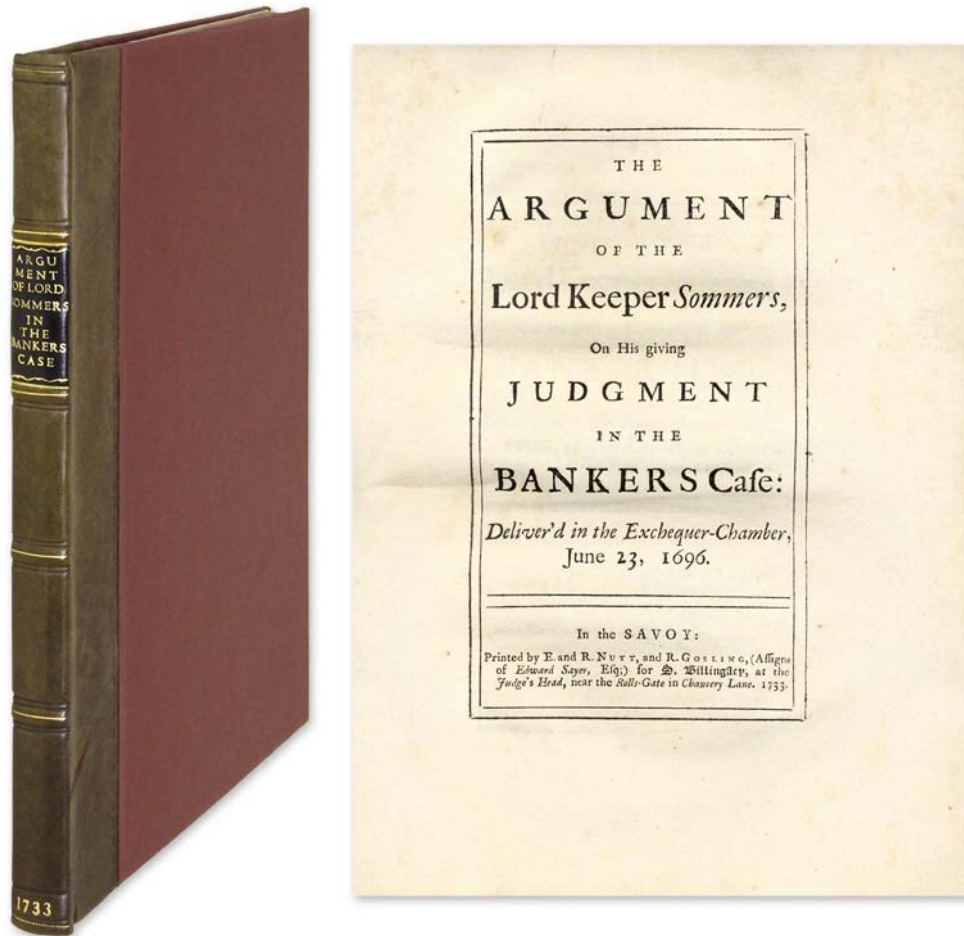
### Sheppard's Plan to Reform Conveyancing

#### 24. Sheppard, William [fl. 1660].

*The President of Presidents. Or, One General President for Common Assurances by Deeds: Wherein There is Contained an Extract or Abridgment of All the Readings and Presidents Thereof Extant. Of Singular Use and Profit to All Men.* London: Printed by Henry Hills for Humphrey Tuckey, 1655. [vi], 242, 247-361, [13] pp. Pagination irregular, text complete. (7" x 5-1/4").

Contemporary sheep, rebaked, blind rules to boards, raised bands to spine, hinges mended, early hand-lettered title to fore-edge of text block. A few minor nicks and stains and some shallow scuffs to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities with some wear to corners, hinges starting. Light browning to text, occasional faint dampstaining to foot of text block, two struck-through early owner signatures and later signature dated 1797 to head of title page, brief manuscript index in hand of 1797 signer to rear free endpaper. \$950.

\* First edition. Active in the Protectorate, where he was Cromwell's legal advisor, Sheppard aimed to reform English common law. Ahead of his time in many ways, many of his proposals anticipate changes that were adopted in the nineteenth century, especially in the Juridicature acts of 1875-78. The *Presidents of Presidents* is a novel guide that proposed a system of conveyances based on a uniform model. Sheppard promotes this standardized plan as a way to better secure property rights by eliminating the ambiguity introduced by local practices. According to his biographer, Nancy Matthews, this work remains "an important contribution to English legal literature.": Matthews, *William Sheppard, Cromwell's Law Reformer* 118. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R203548. [Order This Item](#)



### A Low Point in Somers's Career

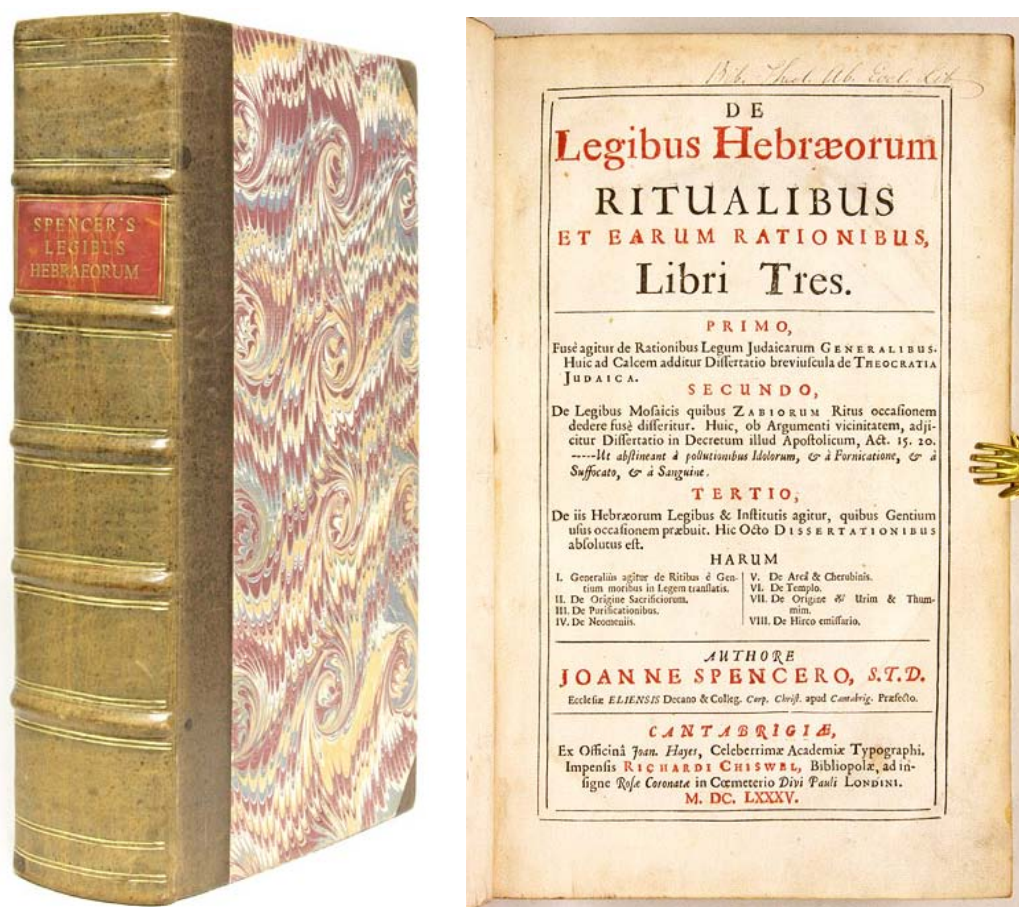
#### 25. Somers, John, Baron [1651-1716].

*The Argument of the Lord Keeper Sommers, On His Giving Judgment in the Bankers Case: Deliver'd in the Exchequer-Chamber, June 23, 1696.* [London]: Printed by E. and R. Nutt, and R. Gosling, 1733. [ii], 128 pp. Quarto (8" x 7").

Stab-stitched pamphlet bound into recent quarter calf over cloth, raised bands, blind fillets and lettering piece to spine. Some toning to text, light foxing to a few leaves. A handsome copy. \$600.

\* Only edition and the only complete account. This case was an unfortunate moment in Somers's otherwise brilliant career. (He was an important Whig jurist, Lord Chancellor during the reigns of William & Mary and Queen Anne and framer of the English Bill of Rights). "In the most important case which came before him in the exchequer chamber, that of the bankers who had recovered judgment in the court of exchequer for arrears of interest due to them as assignees of certain perpetual annuities charged by Charles II upon the hereditary excise as security for advances, he expended some hundreds of pounds and an immense amount of thought and research, with no better result than to defeat an intrinsically just claim, on the technical ground that it was not cognisable in the court of exchequer, but only by petition of right. No judgment so elaborate had ever been delivered in Westminster Hall as that by which, in November 1696, he reversed the decision of the court of exchequer." (DNB). This decision was reversed by the House of Lords three years later. Despite Somers's importance, few accounts of his legal work exist today; it is known mostly through summaries. OCLC locates 7 copies in North American law libraries. *Dictionary of National Biography* XVIII:632. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T79392. Sowerby, *Catalogue of the Library of Thomas Jefferson*, 2015. [Order This Item](#)





First Edition of Spencer's Pioneering  
Work of Comparative Religion and Law

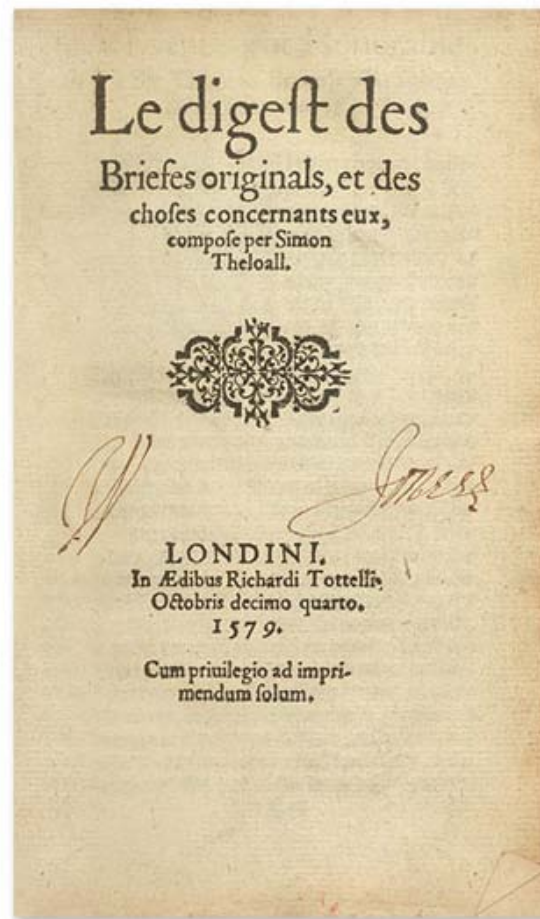
**26. Spencer, John [1630-1693].**

*De Legibus Hebraeorum Ritualibus Et Earum Rationibus, Libri Tres. Primo, Fuse Agitur de Rationibus Legum Judaicarum Generalibus. Huic Ad Calcem Additur Dissertatio Breviuscula de Theocratia Judaica. Secundo, De Legibus Mosaicis Quibus Zabiorum Ritus Occasionem Dedere Fuse Disseritur. Huic, Ob Argumenti Vicinitatem, Adjicitur Dissertatio In Decretum Illud Apostolicum, Act. 15. 20. Ut Abstineant A Pollutionibus Idolorum, & A Fornicatione, & A Suffocato, & A Sanguine, Tertio, De Iis Hebraeorum Legibus & Institutis Agitur, Quibus Gentium Usus Occasionem Praeuit. Hic Octo Dissertationibus Absolutus Est. Harum I. Generalius Agitur De Ritibus E Gentium Moribus In Legem Translatis. II. De Origine Sacrificiorum. III. De purificationibus. IV. De Neomeniis. V. De Arcâ & Cherubinis. VI. De Templo. VII. De Origine [ton] Urim & Thummim. VIII. De Hirco Emissario.* Cambridge: Ex Officinâ Joan. Hayes, 1685. [xvi], 1051, [1] pp. With a half-title. Three parts, second and third parts preceded by divisional title pages. Folio (12-1/2" x 8").

Recent period-style three-quarter calf over marbled boards, gilt edged raised bands and lettering piece to spine, endpapers renewed. Negligible light rubbing to extremities. Title page printed in red and black. Moderate toning to text, somewhat heavier in places, light spotting to a few leaves, brief later annotation to p. 402, later owner annotation to head of title page. \$1,750.

\* First edition. Spencer was the master of Corpus Christi College, Cambridge. His pioneering study outlines the rituals and laws of the Jews and other Semitic peoples and proposes that Judaism was not the earliest of religions. A landmark work, it laid the "foundations of the science of comparative religion." *Encyclopedia Judaica* XV:261. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R13440. [Order This Item](#)





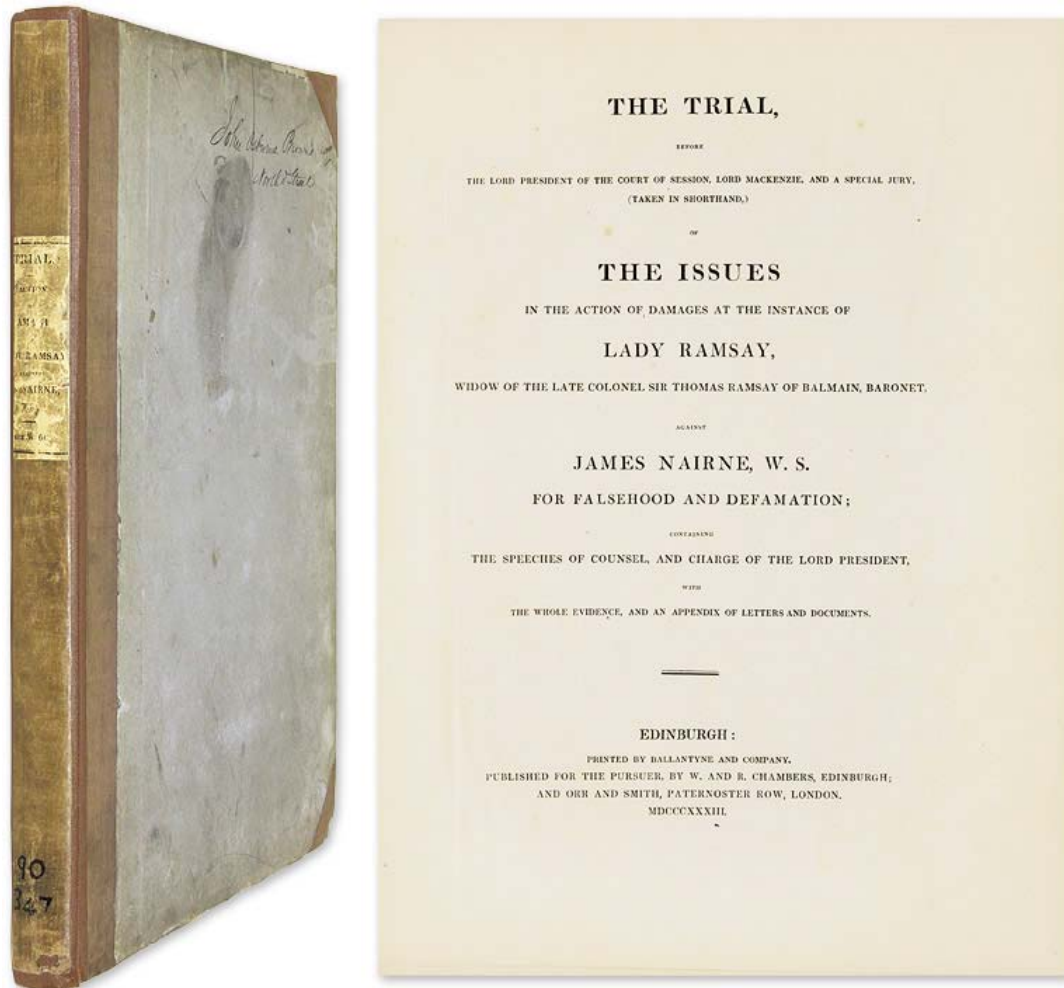
### An Important Early Work on Writs

#### 27. Theloall, Simon.

*Le Digest des Briefes Originals, Et des Choses Concernants Eux.* London: In Aedibus Richardi Tottelli, 1579. [viii], 424 ff. With dedication and table. Collates complete. Octavo (6" x 4").

Seventeenth-century calf, blind rules to boards, raised bands and later lettering piece to spine, early hand-lettered title to fore-edge of text block. A few shallow scuffs to boards, some rubbing to extremities, front board beginning to separate, rear joint starting, some chipping to spine ends, corners bumped, pastedowns lacking, partial crack to text block between ff. 192 and 193. Light soiling to title page, toning to text. Annotations in neat early chancery hand to several leaves, later owner signature of William Jones to title page. An appealing copy. \$1,500.

\* First edition. An important early work on writs, Theloall's *Digest* owes its origin to the suggestion of Staunford that it would be a good idea if lawyers would write treatises on the other titles of the abridgments similar to his study of the Title "Prerogative." Staunford illustrated his meaning by showing how the Title "Brief" might be treated. Theloall chose this title, and wrote a treatise on it for his own use. The manuscript, having been lent, eventually found its way to a printer. "It deserved to be printed, as it is the most orderly treatise on procedure, founded on the Year Books, that had yet appeared... Historically, it comes between the older commentaries upon writs and the modern books on procedure.": Holdsworth, *A History of English Law* V:381. A second edition was published in 1678. The owner of this book may have been Sir William Jones [1746-1794], the important jurist, legal writer and Orientalist. Beale, *A Bibliography of Early English Law Books* T499. *English Short-Title Catalogue* S118369. [Order This Item](#)



### A Scarce Scottish Defamation Case

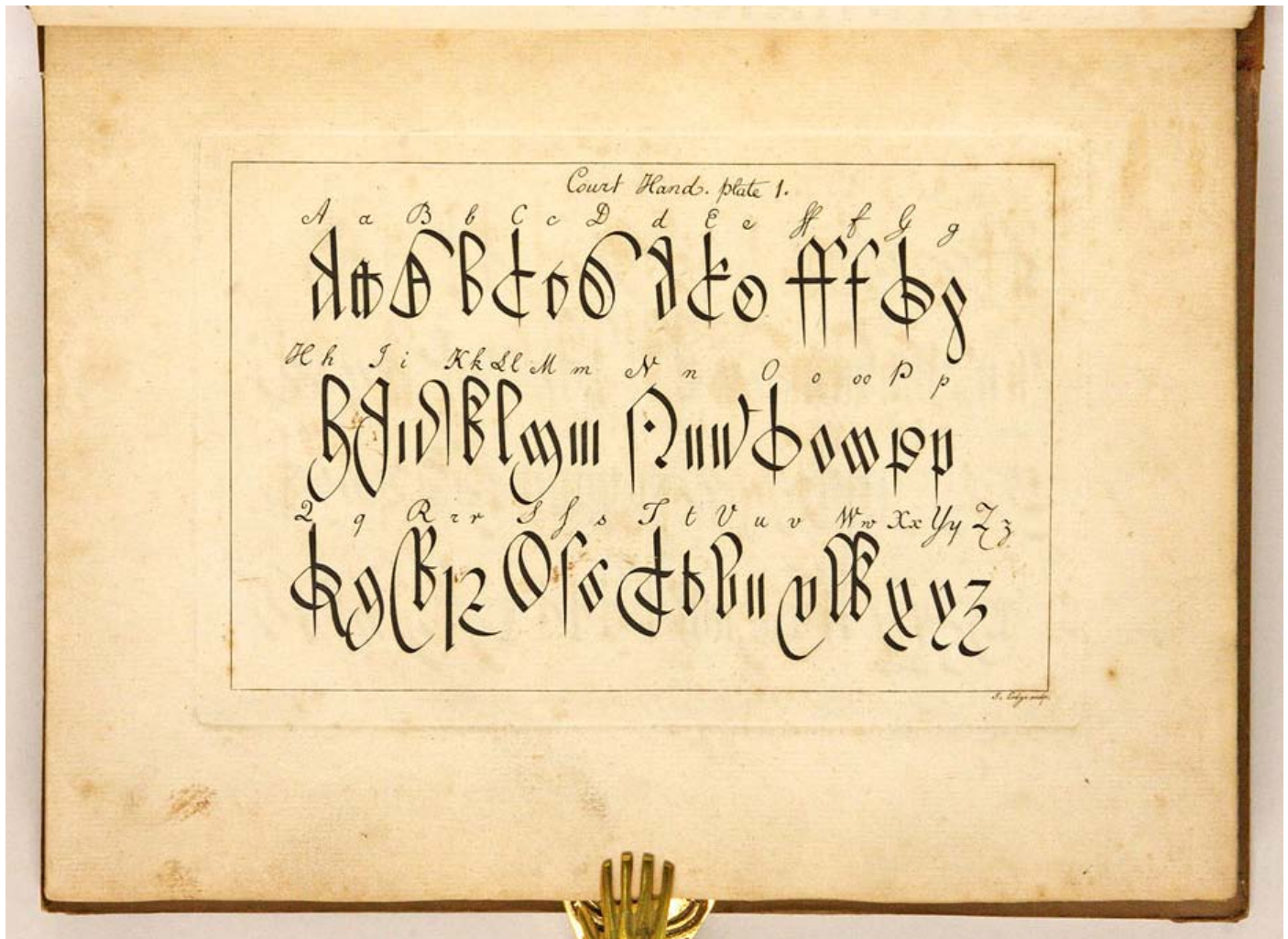
#### 28. [Trial].

#### Nairne, James [1782-1847], Defendant.

*The Trial Before the Lord President of the Court of Session, Lord Mackenzie, And a Special Jury, (Taken in Shorthand,) Of the Issues in the Action of Damages at the Instance of Lady Ramsay, Widow of the Late Colonel Sir Thomas Ramsay of Balmain, Baronet, Against James Nairne, W.S., For Falsehood and Defamation; Containing the Speeches of Counsel and Charge of the Lord President, With the Whole Evidence, And an Appendix of Letters and Documents.* Edinburgh: Published for the pursuer by W. and R. Chambers; London: Orr and Smith, 1833. [iv], 234, 80 pp. Quarto (11-1/4" x 9").

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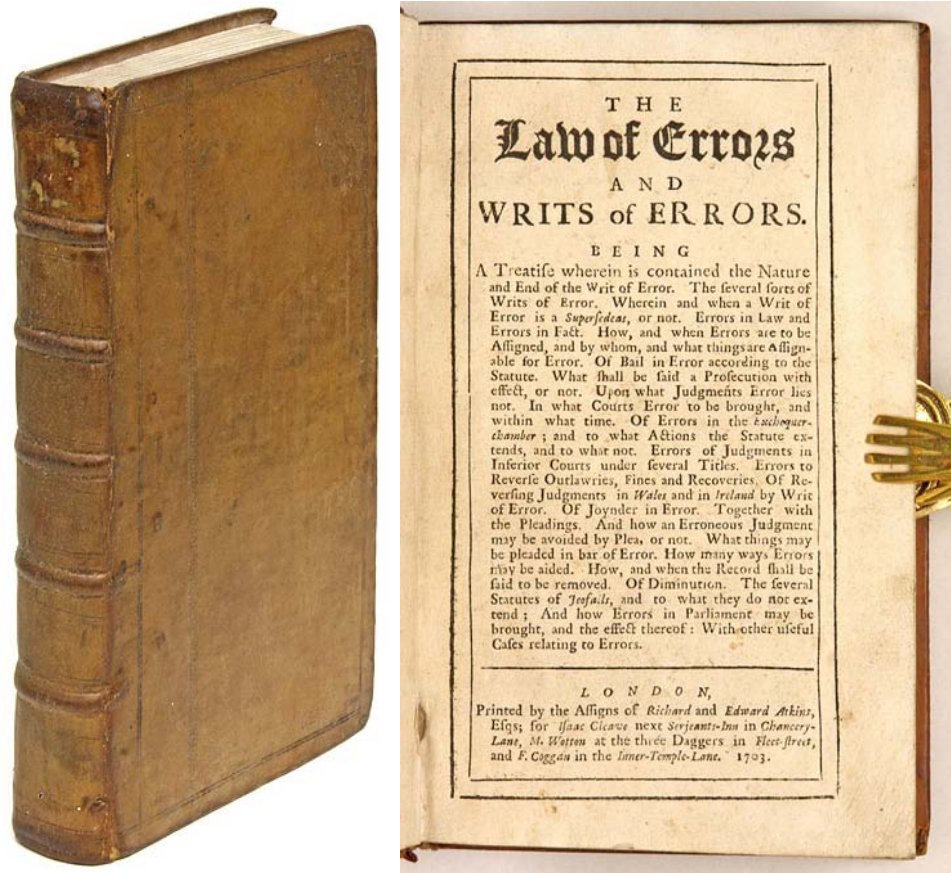
**29. Wright, Andrew.**

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30. [Writs].  
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