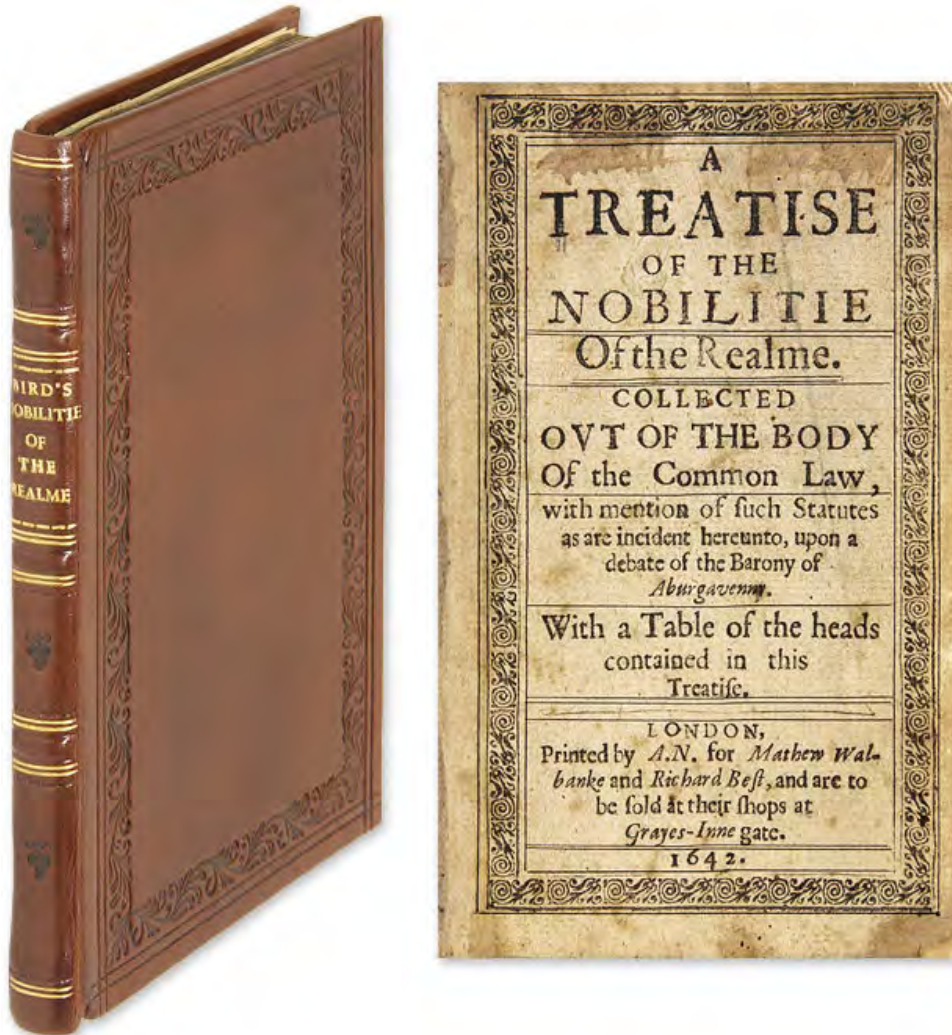

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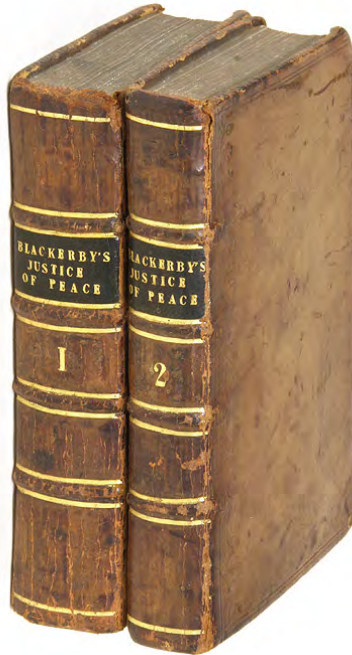
"Nobilitie of the Realme"

1. [Bird, William].

A Treatise of the Nobilitie of the Realme. Collected Out of the Body of the Common Law, With Mention of Such Statutes as are Incident Hereunto, Upon a Debate of the Barony of Aburgavenny. With a Table of the Heads Contained in this Treatise. London: Printed by A.N. for Mathew Walbanke and Richard Best, 1642. [iv], 157, [1] pp. Woodcut illustrations (genealogical tables). Octavo (5-1/2" x 3-1/2").

Recent period-style calf, blind rules and fillets to boards, gilt-edged raised bands, blind ornaments and lettering piece to spine, endpapers renewed. Title page and text printed within ruled borders. Light browning to text, somewhat heavier in places, occasional faint dampspotting, some edgewear to title page and a few other leaves, internally clean. \$250.

* Only edition. The occasion for this treatise was a contemporary controversy regarding the legitimacy of Edward Nevill's claim to the title of Lord Bergavenny. His claim is the starting point for a general review of peerage law. Another edition, with additions by Sir John Doddridge, was published later in 1642 as *The Magazine of Honour; Or, A Treatise of the Severall Degrees of the Nobility of this Kingdome*. Both editions are scarce. OCLC locates 8 copies of *Treatise* in North American law libraries (Columbia, Georgetown, Harvard, Library of Congress, Ohio State, University of Minnesota, University of Pennsylvania, York University). *English Short-Title Catalogue* R18509. [Order This Item](#)



Primary Source for Many Subsequent Manuals

2. Blackerby, Samuel [fl. 1720-1738].

Blackerby, Nathaniel.

The First Part of the Justice of Peace His Companion; Or, A Summary of All the Acts of Parliament, Whereby One, Two, Or More Justices of the Peace, Are Authorized to Act, Not Only In, But Out of the Sessions of Peace. Begun by Samuel Blackerby, Alphabetically Digested, And Continued to the End of the Last Session of Parliament, 1729. With an Exact Table, By Nathaniel Blackerby, Esq. [London]: Printed by E. and R. Nutt, and R. Gosling, 1730. [xxiv], 508 pp.

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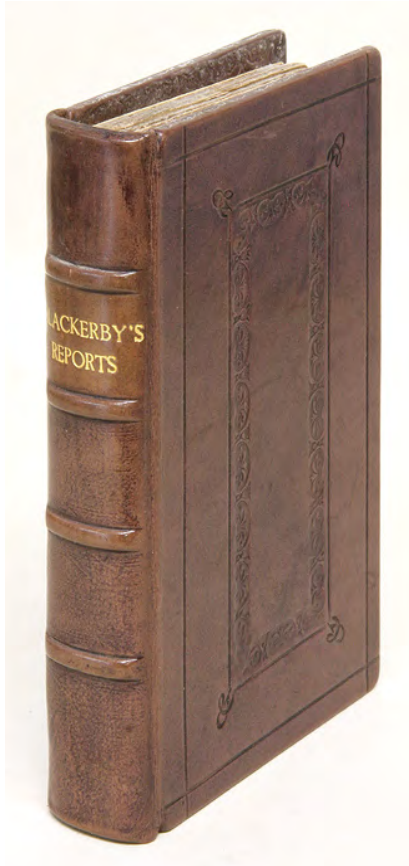
Blackerby, Samuel.

Blackerby, Nathaniel.

The Second Part of the Justice of Peace His Companion; Or, Cases in Law, (Wherein Justices of the Peace have a Jurisdiction) which Have Been Determined by the Judges From the Reign of King Edward III, Down to the Year 1734. With Some Modern Cases Never Before Published. The Whole Digested in an Alphabetical Order, and Carefully Examin'd and Revis'd. [London]: Printed by E. and R. Nutt and Richard Gosling, 1734. [iv], vii-xxiv, 360 pp. Includes one-page publisher list.

12mo. (5" x 3"). Contemporary calf, blind rules to boards, blind fillets along joints, gilt tooling along board edges, lettering pieces, gilt-edged raised bands and gilt volume numbers to spine. Light rubbing and a few nicks and scuffs to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, corners bumped and somewhat worn, joints just starting at ends, early armorial bookplates (of Joseph Pickford, Esq.) to front pastedowns. Light toning to text, a few brief early annotations and faint dampstains to endleaves. Nice copies bound as a uniform set in attractive bindings. \$500.

* Fifth editions. The first edition of Blackerby's *Justice of the Peace, His Companion* appeared in 1711. A companion volume, *Cases in Law*, which carries the subtitle "The Second Part of the Justice of Peace's Companion," followed in 1717. Both were held in high esteem, went through several editions and served as primary sources for many subsequent manuals. *Justice of the Peace* is arranged alphabetically by topic. Such entries as Apprentices, Bastardy, Gaming Houses, Overseers of the Poor, Papists and Popish Recusants and Witchcraft offer a unique perspective on rural English society during the early 1700s. *English Short-Title Catalogue* N9778, T66081. [Order This Item](#)



A Digest of Cases for Justices with a Section About Witchcraft

3. Blackerby, S[amuel].

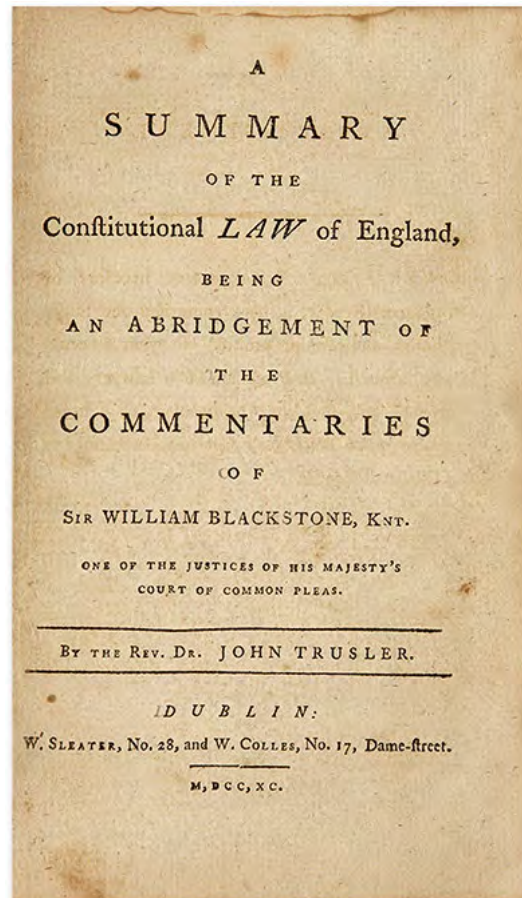
Blackerby, Nath[aniel], Editor.

The Reports of Cases Adjudg'd in the Courts at Westminster, &c. Which Particularly Concern the Office of Justices of the Peace. Alphabetically Disposed Under Their Proper Heads. Some of Which are as Follow, Viz. Alehouses, Apprentices, Assaults and Battery, Bastardy, Bail, Constables and Headboroughs, Cottages, Felony, Gaols, Highways, Jurors, Murder, Overseers of the Poor, Perjury, Poors Rates, Poors Settlements, Riots and Riotors, Surety of the Peace, Wages. By S. Blackerby.... Much Enlarg'd By Nath. Blackerby, Esq. London: Printed for J. Walthoe, 1729. [ii], xxiv, 312 pp. With an initial publisher advertisement leaf. 12mo. (5-1/4" x 3-1/4").

Recent period-style calf, blind rules and panels to boards, raised bands and lettering piece to spine, blind tooling to board edges, blind inside dentelles, endpapers renewed. Moderate toning to text, small cellotape repair to head of p. 283 with offsetting to facing page, light soiling to title page, a tiny bit of bleed-through from ink marking on verso, which is covered by Wite-Out. A nice copy in a handsome binding. \$500.

* Second and final edition. Edited by the author's son, Nathaniel, the *Reports of Cases* is an alphabetically arranged abridgment. The topics it covers, such as Apprentices, Bastardy, Gaming Houses, Overseers of the Poor, Papists and Popish Recusants and Witchcraft, offers a unique perspective on rural English society during the early 1700s. This book was re-published in 1734 as *The Second Part of the Justice of Peace, His Companion; Or Cases in Law*, a companion volume to Blackerby's *The Justice of the Peace, His Companion* (1711). OCLC locates 3 copies of the 1729 edition of the *Reports of Cases* in North American law libraries (Harvard, LA County, Library of Congress). *English Short-Title Catalogue* T118060.

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The First Abridgement of the *Commentaries*

4. Blackstone, Sir William [1723-1780].

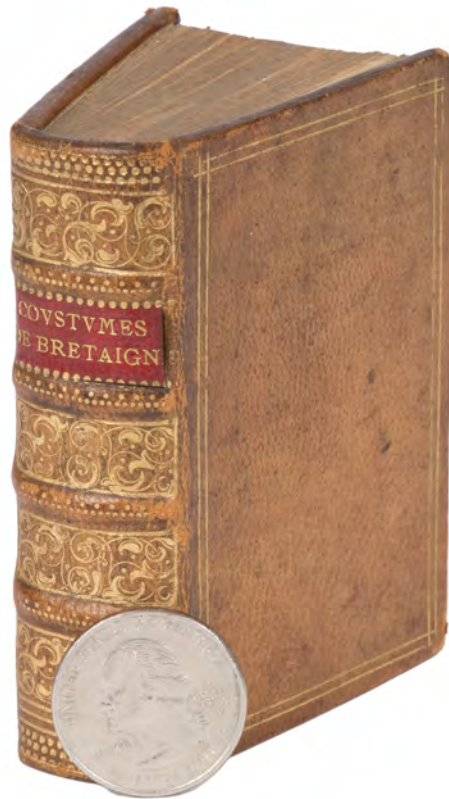
Trusler, John [1735-1810], Editor.

A Summary of the Constitutional Law of England, Being an Abridgement of Blackstone's Commentaries. Dublin: W. Sleater, No. 28, And W. Colles, No. 17, Dame-Street, 1790. [iv], 228, [8]. 12mo. (7" x 4-1/2").

Contemporary calf, lettering piece and gilt fillets to spine, joints reinforced. Light rubbing and scuffing to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities with wear to spine ends and corners, front hinge starting, crack in text block between second and third front endleaves. Light browning to text, (illegible) owner signature dated 1860 to front free endpaper, another (of Z.C. Lee, dated 1828) to following endleaf. \$750.

* Only Dublin edition, a reprint of the London edition, 1788. According to Laeuchli, "this appears to be the earliest abridgment of Blackstone's *Commentaries*." It was the work of the Rev. John Trusler, a remarkably prolific author of popular books on a variety of subjects ranging from etiquette and gardening to finance and law. His most famous works are *The Way to be Rich and Respectable* (1780) and *Hogarth Moralized* (1768). His legal writings include *Useful and Legal Information to Purchasers & Possessors of Estates*, a treatise on real property, and the present work. According to the book's Advertisement, it offers "every thing in Blackstone necessary for the general reader [with] nothing omitted but what is peculiarly adapted to the profession of a Lawyer" (iii). The book went through two more editions in 1790 and 1796. All three editions are scarce. OCLC locates 4 copies in North American law libraries (Harvard, Library of Congress, Trial Court Library of Worcester, MA, Yale). Not in Eller. Laeuchli, *A Bibliographical Catalog of William Blackstone* 123.

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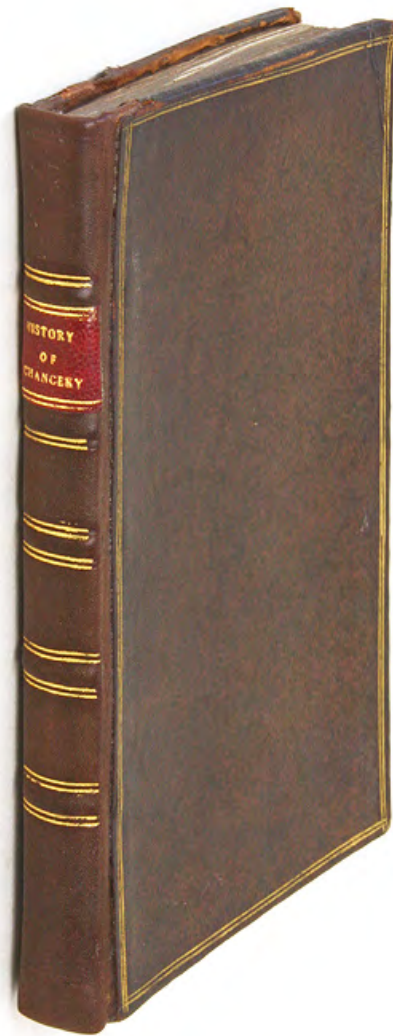
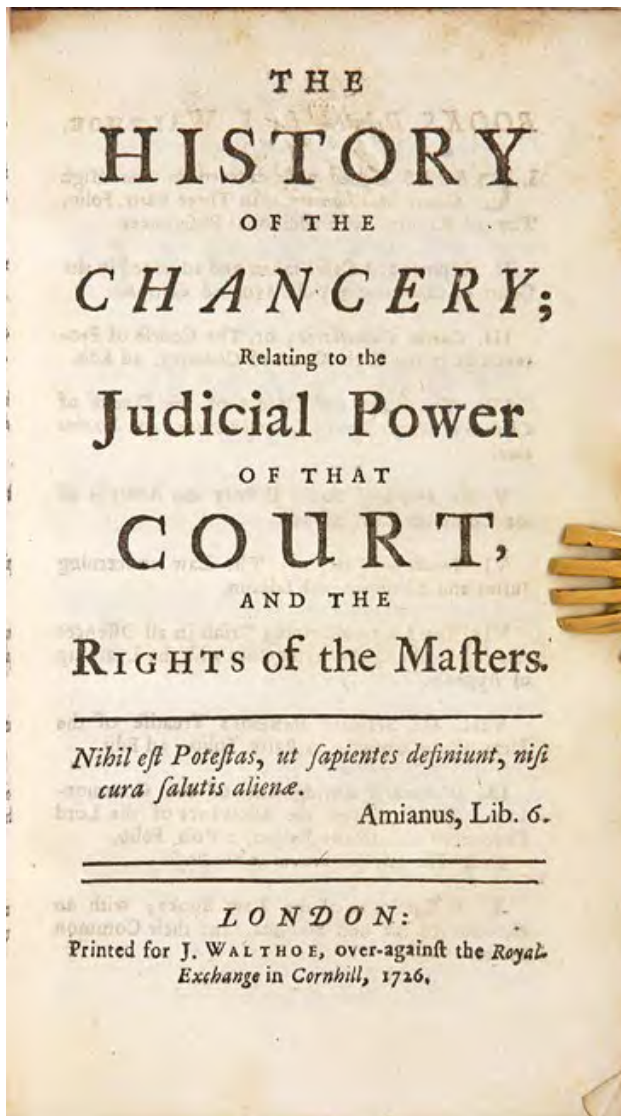
A Rare Three-Part Pocket-Sized Breton Coutumier

5. [Brittany].

Les Coutumes Générales des Pays et Duché de Bretagne: Naguères Réformées, Et Publiées aux Estats Tenus à Plöermel. Rennes: Et se Vendent, Chez Iean Vatar Marchand Libraire, 1651. 303, [2]; 111, [1]; 122, [6] pp. Three parts each with title page and individual pagination, collation register continuous. Second part titled: *Les Nobles Coutumes ou Guidon, Stille et Uzances des Marchands qui Mettent a la Mer*, third part titled *Traicté de la Nature et Usage des Marches Separantes des Provinces de Poictou, Bretagne, & Anjou* "par M. Gabriel Hullin." 16mo. (3-1/4" x 2").

Contemporary calf, gilt rules to boards, gilt spine with raised bands, speckled edges. A few minor nicks, light rubbing to extremities, (illegible) early owner signature and later owner bookplate (R. Chardey) to front pastedown. Moderate toning to interior, crack in text block between front free endpaper and title page of first part, which is soiled and has a small faint stain and an (illegible) early owner signature. A well-preserved copy in a handsome binding. \$7,500.

* Scholars are unsure when the coutume of Brittany was compiled, or the names of its authors, but it was first cited officially in 1341. Its final codification was issued in 1580. It deals primarily with civil and criminal procedure and is original in many respects. It also incorporated some aspects of English law, especially in matters concerning succession of certain fiefs, and a good deal of canon law, more so than any other coutumiers. The first part of our pocket-sized edition is the text of the coutume. The second and third parts address parts of the coutume dealing with maritime law, commercial law and territorial jurisdiction. These three parts were also issued separately. OCLC locates 1 copy in a North American law library identical to ours (George Washington University). Not in Caswell & Sipkov. Gouron & Terrin, *Bibliographie des Coutumes de France* 731. [Order This Item](#)



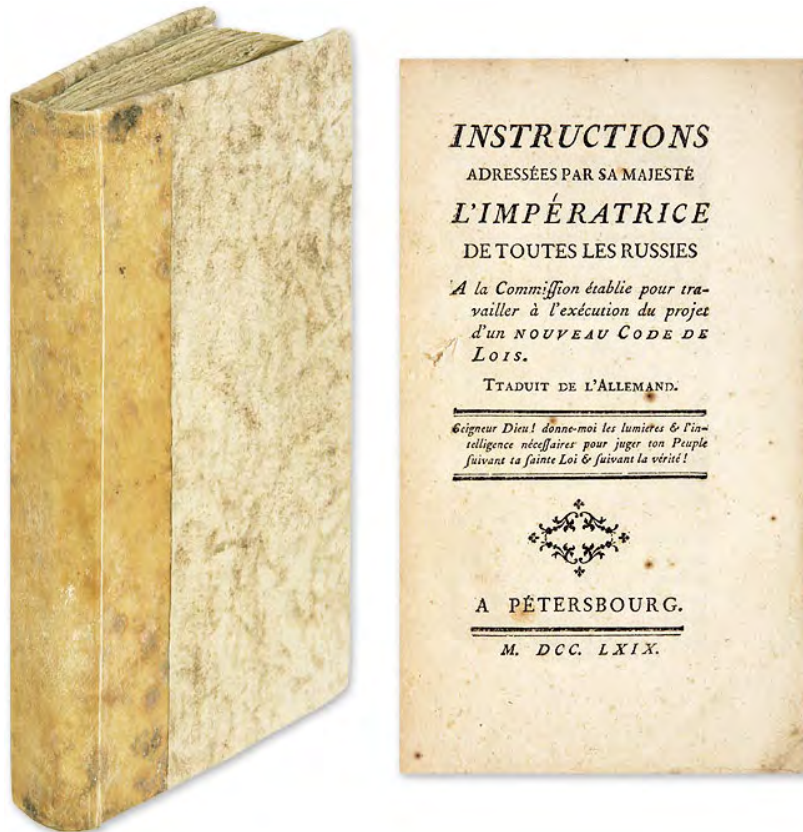
Practice and Procedure in the Eighteenth-Century Chancery Courts

6. [Burroughs, Samuel (d. 1761)].

The History of the Chancery; Relating to the Judicial Power of that Court, And the Rights of the Matters. London: J. Walthoe, 1726. [iv], 118, [2] pp. 12mo. (6-1/2" x 3-3/4").

Contemporary calf, rebaked in period style, gilt frames to boards, lettering piece and gilt-edged raised bands to spine, hinges mended. Light rubbing to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities with some wear to corners, early armorial bookplate to front pastedown, later bookplate of the Earls of Macclesfield to front free endpaper, small embossed Macclesfield stamps to title page and a few other leaves. Light toning to text, finger smudges and staining to outer margins of some leaves, light soiling to title page. A handsome copy. \$350.

* Only edition. According to Cooper, "Lord King was so much pleased with the work that he rewarded the author with a mastership in Chancery." Our copy once belonged to the library of Shirbirn Castle, the library of the Earls of Macclesfield, one of the finest private libraries in Great Britain. Cooper, *Defects of Chancery* cited in Marvin, *Legal Bibliography* 165. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T36472. [Order This Item](#)



Early French-Language Edition of Catherine's *Nakaz*

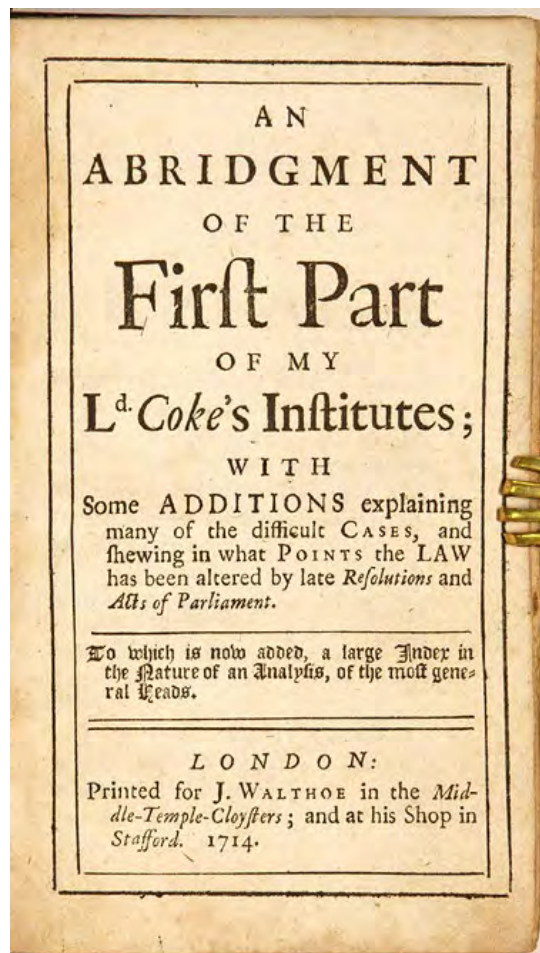
7. Catherine II [1762-1796], Empress of Russia.

[Landres, J. Rodolphe Frey de, Translator].

Instructions Adressées par Sa Majesté L'Impératrice de Toutes les Russies: A la Commission Établie Pour Travailler à L'Exécution du Projet d'un Nouveau Code de Lois. Traduit de l'Allemand. "A Petersburg" [i.e. Yverdon, Switzerland]: [s.n.], 1769. 286 pp. 12mo. (6" x 4").

Early quarter vellum over marbled boards, untrimmed edges, a few unopened signatures. Light soiling, corners lightly bumped and worn. Moderate toning to interior, somewhat heavier in places, some leaves have light foxing, a few have light dampstaining to margins. Ex-library with a small inkstamp to title page. A handsome copy. \$1,000.

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



A Popular Abridgment of *Coke on Littleton*

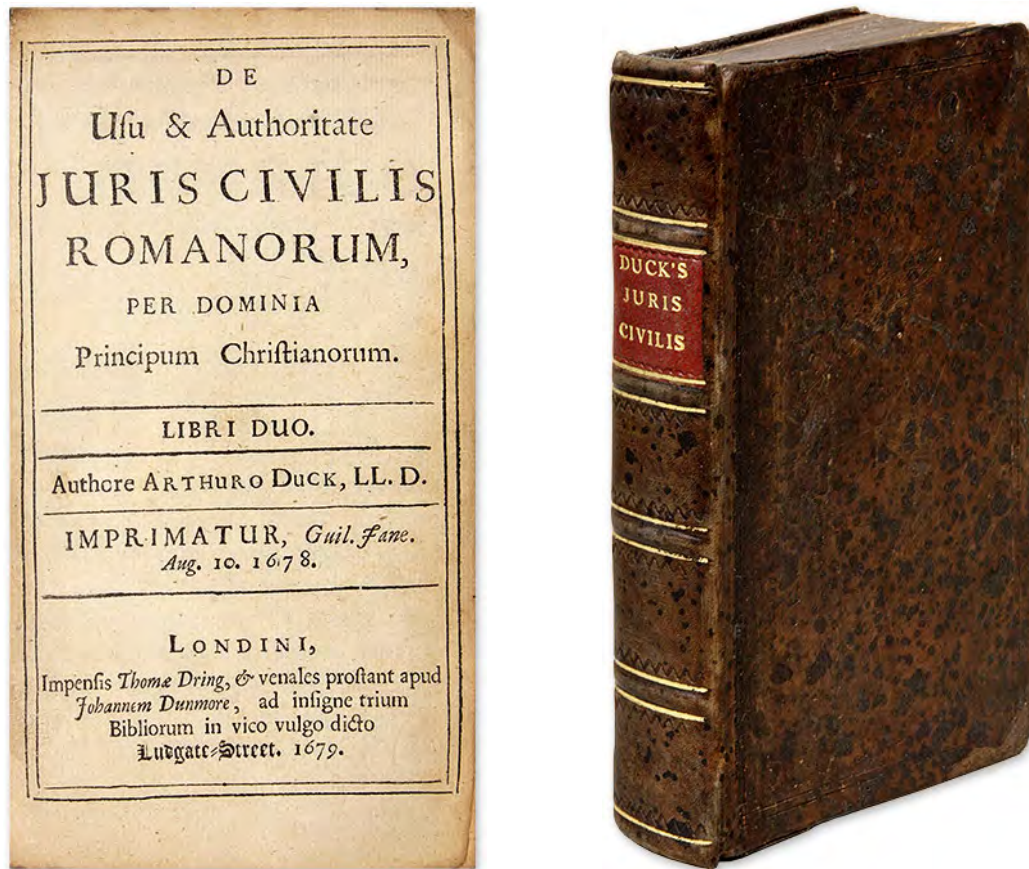
8. Coke, Sir Edward [1552-1634].

Hawkins, William [1673-1746], Editor.

An Abridgment of the First Part of My Ld. Coke's Institutes; With Some Additions Explaining Many of the Difficult Cases, And Shewing in What Points the Law has Been Altered by Late Resolutions and Acts of Parliament. To Which is Added, A Large Index in the Nature of an Analysis, Of the Most General Heads. London: Printed for J. Walthoe, 1714. [ii], vi, 495, [105] pp. Title page preceded by one-page publisher advertisement. 12mo. (6-1/4" x 3-3/4").

Contemporary calf, blind rules to boards, blind fillets along joints, raised bands and recent lettering piece to spine, repair to head of spine. A few minor nicks and scuffs, moderate rubbing to extremities, small chip to head of spine, corners bumped and somewhat worn, rear hinge cracked. Moderate toning to text, somewhat heavier in places, faint dampstaining to a few leaves, owner signature to front free endpaper dated 1757, numerous annotations in identical hand to margins. \$950.

* Second edition. One of the most popular abridgements of Coke's *First Institutes* (*Coke on Littleton*) in the eighteenth century, with some eight editions by 1751, as well as a later Dublin edition in 1792 and a London edition in 1822. Most of the annotations are references to cases in the reports of Coke, Rolle and other jurists, the others are brief glosses. Early editions of this work are rare. OCLC locates 3 copies of the second edition at Amherst College, the Huntington Library and the National Library of Scotland. The ESTC adds the Free Library of Philadelphia and the William Salt Library. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T163340. [Order This Item](#)



Study of the Civil Law Notable for Its Criticism of the Crown

9. Duck, Arthur [1580-1648].

De Usu & Autoritate Juris Civilis Romanorum, Per Dominia Principum Christianorum. Libri Duo. London: Impensis Thomae Dring, & Venales Prostant Apud Johannem Dunmore, 1679. [xxxiv], 120, 97-120, 145-405, [33] pp. First page of text preceded by publisher advertisement leaf. 12mo (6" x 3-1/2").

Contemporary mottled calf, rebacked in period style with gilt-edged raised bands, blind ornaments and lettering piece, hinges mended. Light gatoring, minor worming and a few nicks and scuffs to boards, some wear to corners. Title printed within ruled border. Light toning to text, clean tear to leaves H11-12 (pp.189-192) with no loss to text. An attractive copy. \$850.

* Second edition. On one hand, this book, first published in 1653, is an explanation of the "use and authority" of the civil law in England. On the other, it is a critical appraisal of the English Crown. As Coquillette observes, "[m]ore than half of this little book was dedicated to showing that there was a good deal of 'might makes right' in the early English monarchy, rather questionable legitimacy of succession, and some major institutional dislocations beginning with the 'harsh...yoke of the conquest itself.'" This was an unusual position for a staunch Royalist and member of the Royalist-leaning Doctor's Commons to take. Indeed, fearing punishment, Duck refused to publish this work during his lifetime. It had a lively posthumous history, however. It had two later English editions in 1679 and 1689 and several continental editions, including one by Elzevier. A partial translation was published as an appendix to a translation of Ferriere's *History of the Roman or Civil Law* (1724). Our copy's collation differs slightly from the ESTC record, but matches the collation of another copy we examined and others listed on OCLC. Coquillette, *The Civilian Writers of Doctor' Commons, London 161-163. English Short-Title Catalogue* R35018. [Order This Item](#)



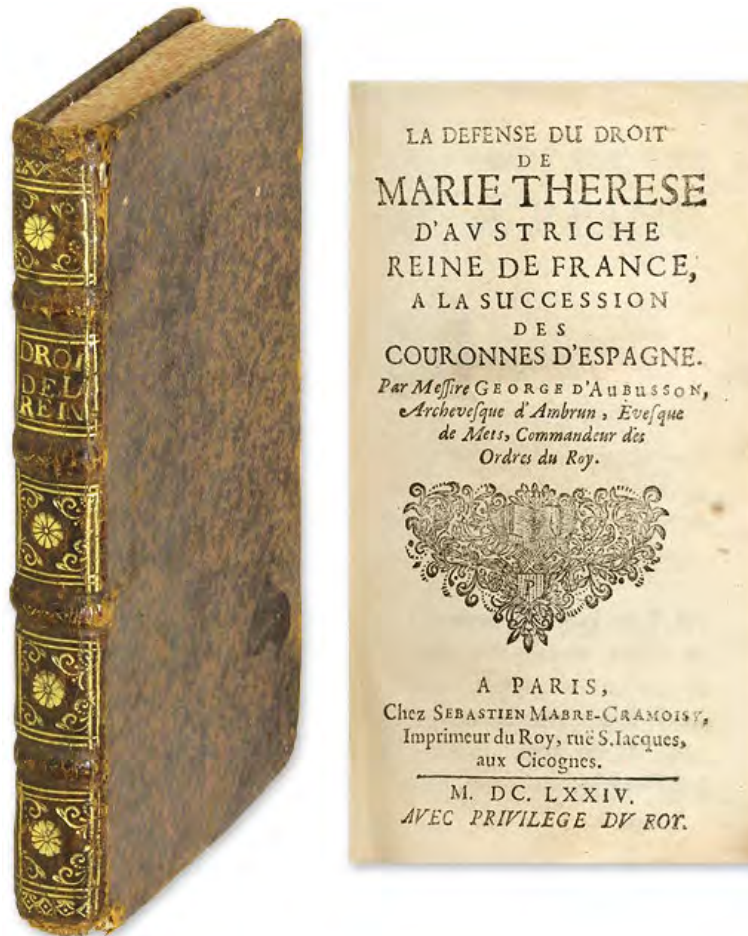
Illustrated 18th-Century Collection of Amusing Legal Cases

10. [Estienne, Robert (1723-1794), Compiler].

Causes Amusantes et Connues. Berlin (i.e. Paris): S.n., 1769-1770. Two volumes. xii, [4], 420; [ii], 451 pp. Nine copperplate leaves. Complete. 12mo. (6-1/2" x 3-3/4").

Contemporary calf with cats-paw decoration, gilt spines with raised bands, edges rouged, marbled endpapers, ribbon markers. A few minor nicks to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities with some wear to spine ends and corners, which are lightly bumped, hinges cracked, armorial bookplate of Lord Farnham to front pastedowns. Moderate toning to text, light foxing in a few places. An attractive set. \$400.

* First edition. Published anonymously under a false imprint, this is a collection of unusual or bizarre court cases, many with erotic and humorous elements, such as "Against an Accusation of Seduction" and "A Brief in Favor of Turkeys." Several re-issues and adaptations of this work appeared during the next few years. "Lord Farnham" is possibly Barry Maxwell, 3rd Baron Farnham and 1st Earl of Farnham [1723-1800], an Irish lawyer, peer and politician. OCLC locates 3 copies of the first edition in North American law libraries (Georgetown, George Washington University, Harvard). Weller, *Die Falschen und Fingirten Druckorte* II:182. *British Museum Catalogue* 8:1031. [Order This Item](#)



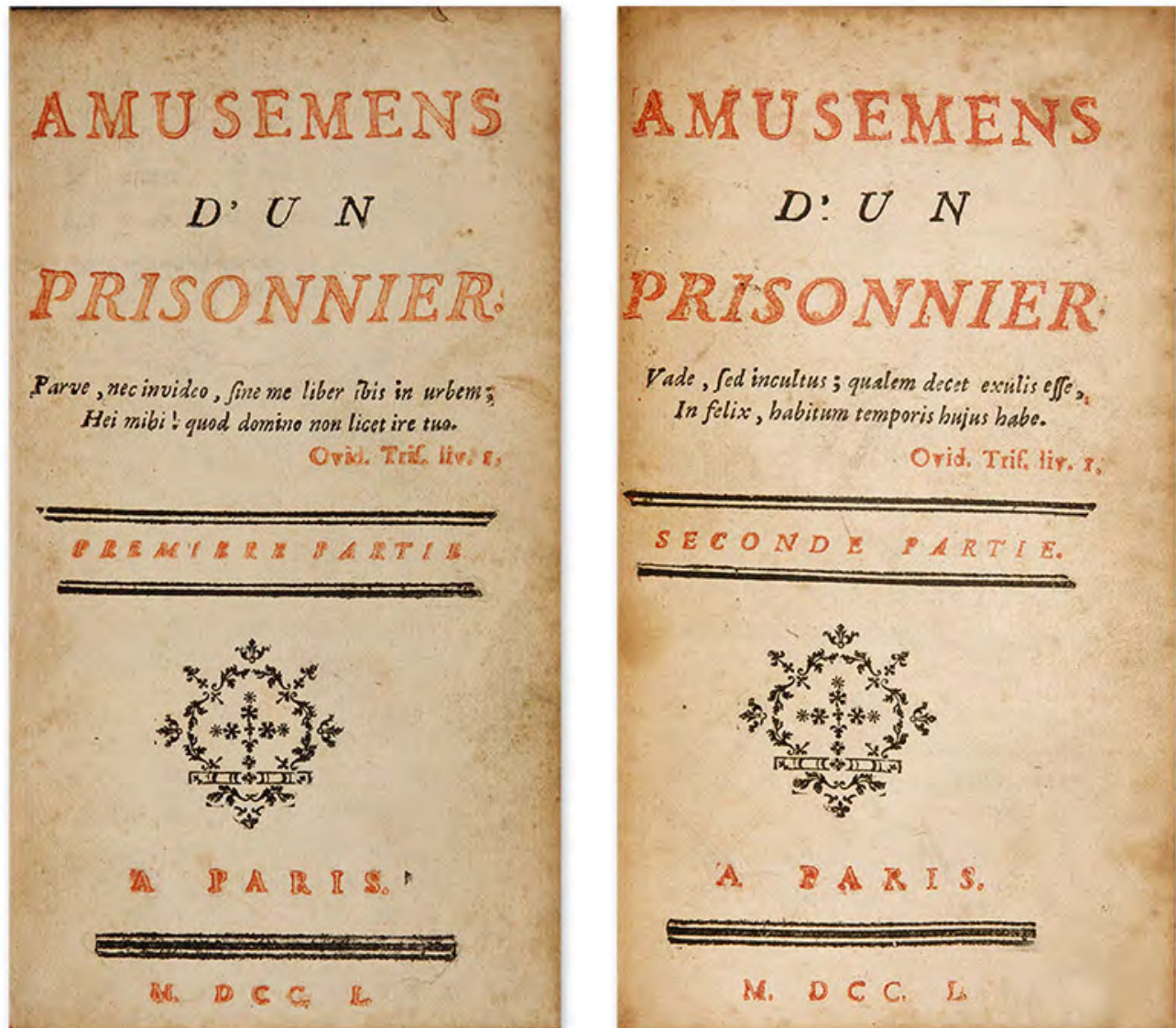
Legal Foundations of the War of Devolution

11. Feuillade, Georges d'Aubusson de la [1612-1697].

La Defense du Droit de Marie Therese d'Autriche, Reine de France a la Succession des Couronnes d'Espagne. Paris: Chez Sebastien Mabre-Cramoisy, 1674. [xxiv], 164, [1] pp. 12mo. (5-1/2" x 3").

Contemporary sheep treated to resemble tree-calf, gilt spine with raised bands, speckled edges. Some rubbing to extremities with minor wear to spine ends, corners bumped. Toning to text, faint dampstaining and spotting to a few leaves, internally clean. \$1,250.

* First edition. The author was the Archbishop of Embrun, later Prince-Archbishop of Metz. Mazarin appointed him ambassador to Venice in 1659. Louis XIV appointed him ambassador to Spain in 1667 to pursue French claims to the Spanish Netherlands in the name of Maria Theresa of Austria (1638-1683), the Spanish Infanta and Queen Consort of Louis XIV. These claims were tenuous and constructed on intricate legal foundations. French jurists argued that the Spanish Netherlands should not go to the still underage heir to the Spanish throne, Charles II of Spain (1661-1700), because he was the issue of the second marriage of Philip IV. Maria Theresa, on the other hand, was a result of his first marriage and the lands thereby 'devolved' to her and, of course, Louis XIV. France's claims led to the War of Devolution (1667-68). Feuillade defends France's claims with an argument grounded in the "fundamental laws of Spain, the examples of past centuries and the solemn judgments of the Royal Council of Castile." A second edition was published in 1699. Both copies are scarce, especially in North America. OCLC locates no copies in North American law libraries. *British Museum Catalogue* (Compact Edition) 1:1145. [Order This Item](#)



A Prisoner Shares His Memories of an Unconventional Romance

12. [France].

Amusemens d'un Prisonnier. Paris (i.e. Liège): S.n., 1750. [ii], 135, [1]; [ii], 130 pp. Two parts, each with title page. Endleaf following p. 130 of Part II removed. 12mo. (6-1/4" x 3-3/4").

Contemporary calf, raised bands, lettering piece and gilt ornaments to spine, marbled endpapers, edges rouged. Light rubbing and a few minor nicks to boards, front board beginning to separate, some wear to spine ends and corners, rear hinge cracked. Title pages printed in red and black. Moderate toning, faint dampspotting to margins, light soiling to title pages, small burn hole (?) to rear free endpaper. \$950.

* First edition. This fictional work concerns a story shared by a young man in prison about a lovely widow who was no longer interested in living in a conventional marriage. Later editions were published in 1751 and 1755. All are scarce. OCLC locates 2 copies of the first edition in North American libraries (University of Pennsylvania, University of Toronto). Gay, *Bibliographie des Ouvrages Relatifs à l'Amour* I, col. 194. [Order This Item](#)



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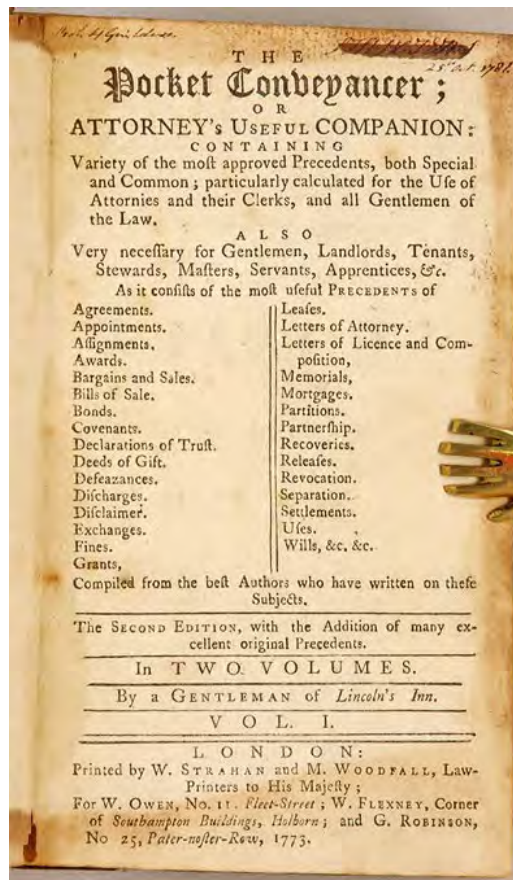
13. [France].
[Criminal Law].

Code d'Instruction Criminelle. Édition Originale et Seule Officielle. Paris: De l'Imprimerie Impériale, 1810. [iv], 323 pp. 16mo. (3-3/4" x 2-1/4").

Contemporary sprinkled calf, gilt fillets to boards, gilt spine with lettering piece, speckled edges, marbled endpapers, ribbon marker. A few tiny nicks to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities with some wear to corners, bookseller ticket to verso of half-title, moderate toning to text, light soiling to half-title, small crease to title page. An attractive copy. \$1,950.

* Only edition in this format, this is the third printing of this title, previously issued in quarto and octavo. The 1808 *Code d'Instruction Criminelle*, a code of criminal procedure, was one the four codes of civil and criminal law issued under Napoleon's direction after the Code Napoleon (*Code Civil*, 1804). Because the 16mo. version (labeled 32mo. in some references) was intended for daily use rather than the library shelf, few copies exist today. Copies as well-preserved as ours are rare. OCLC locates 10 copies, none in North America. Camus, *Bibliothèque Choisie des Livres de Droit* 2310.

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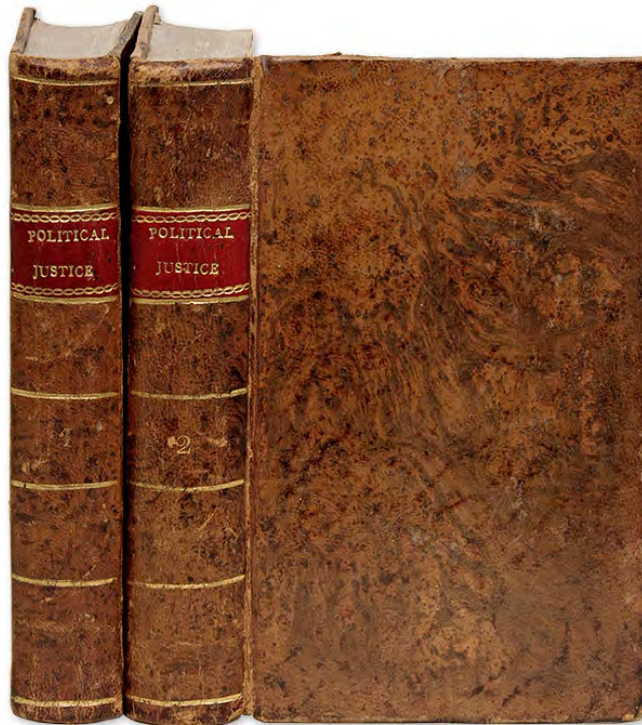
The "Attorney's Useful Companion"

14. Gentleman of Lincoln's Inn.

The Pocket Conveyancer; Or Attorney's Useful Companion: Containing Variety of the Most Approved Precedents, Both Special and Common; Particularly Calculated for the Use of Attornies and Their Clerks, And All Gentlemen of the Law. Also Very Necessary for Gentlemen, Landlords, Tenants, Stewards, Masters, Servants, Apprentices, &c. As it Consists of the Most Useful Precedents of Agreements. Appointments. Assignments. Awards. Bargains and Sales. Bills of Sale. Bonds. Covenants. Declarations of Trust. Deeds of Gift. Defeazances. Discharges. Disclaimer. Exchanges. Fines. Grants. Leases. Letters of Attorney. Letters of Licence and Composition, Memorials, Mortgages. Partitions. Partnership. Recoveries. Releases. Revocation. Separation. Settlements. Uses. Wills, &c. &c. Compiled from the Best Authors who have Written on These Subjects. The Second Edition, With the Addition of Many Excellent Original Precedents. London: Printed by W. Strahan and M. Woodfall, Law-Printers to His Majesty; for W. Owen, 1773. Two volumes. ix, [13], 362; [xiv], 323 pp. 12mo (6-1/2" x 4").

Contemporary calf, rebaked in period style, blind fillets to boards, raised bands, lettering pieces and gilt volume numbers to spines, hinges mended. Light rubbing and a few shallow scuffs to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, corners bumped and somewhat worn, some offsetting and chipping to edges of endleaves. Light toning, light foxing in places, early owner signature to front free endpaper and title page of each volume. \$450.

* Second Edition. The author arranged this manual and chose a small format so it could be used "by county attornies and their clerks, who have frequent occasions to be at market-towns, and indeed by all who are at any time absent from the office" (volume I, vi). This title's first edition was published in 1760, its third and final edition in 1783. All editions of this work are scarce. OCLC locates 4 copies in North American law libraries (Georgetown, Harvard, University of Colorado, University of Pennsylvania). *English Short-Title Catalogue* T107701. [Order This Item](#)



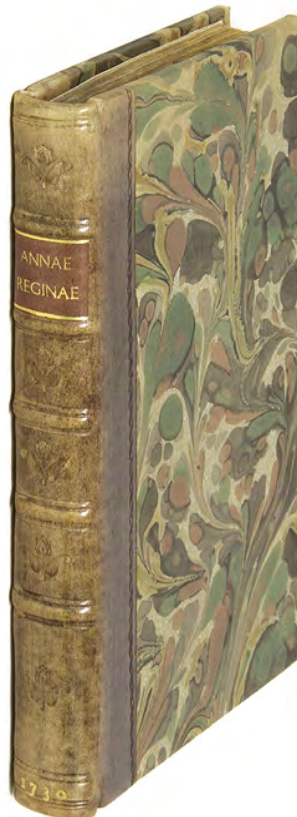
**First American Edition of a Landmark, *PMM*-Listed Work
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15. Godwin, William [1756-1836].

An Enquiry Concerning Political Justice, And its Influence on General Virtue and Happiness. First American Edition from the Second London Edition, Corrected. Philadelphia: Printed by Bioren and Madan, 1796. Two volumes. xvi, [21]-362; viii, 400 pp. Half-titles in each volume. 12mo. (6-1/4" x 4").

Contemporary tree sheep, lettering pieces and gilt fillets and volume numbers to spines, front joint and hinge of Volume I mended. Moderate rubbing to extremities with some wear to spine ends and corners, a few minor nicks to spines, front hinge of Volume I starting, residue from small labels to front free endpapers, early owner signature (W.L. Warren/ Sept. 24th 1813) to half-titles. Moderate toning, light foxing in a few places, faint dampstaining to a few leaves, tiny chips to fore-edges of a few leaves of Volume I. A choice set. \$1,750.

* First American edition, a reprint of the second London edition, 1796. Godwin's *Enquiry* was among of the most influential English political books inspired by the French Revolution. First published in London in 1793, it was "one of the earliest, clearest, and most absolute theoretical expositions of socialist and anarchist doctrine. Godwin believed that the motives of all human doctrine were subject to reason, that reason taught benevolence, and that therefore all rational creatures could live in harmony without laws and institutions. (...) The time would come, he maintained, when every man by doing what seemed right in his own eyes, would also be doing what was best for all men, because all, through discussion, would be guided by purely rational principles." (*Printing and the Mind of Man*). It was an equally important landmark in the development of Utilitarian thought, and on political thinking generally. It was acquired by several corresponding societies, which increased its circulation considerably among others who could not afford to purchase the book. (Members of these societies also read it to illiterate members.) Godwin was the husband of Mary Wollstonecraft, author of *A Vindication of the Rights of Women* (1792), and father of Mary Shelley, the author of *Frankenstein* and wife of poet Percy Bysshe Shelley, a devoted follower of Godwin's political theories. Carter and Muir, *Printing and the Mind of Man* 243 (citing the London edition). Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 5765. [Order This Item](#)



Acts Regulating Alcoholic Beverages and Lotteries in Great Britain

16. [Great Britain].

[Alcoholic Beverages].

[Lotteries].

Anne [1665-1714], Queen of Great Britain.

[*An Act for Granting to Her Majesty Duties upon Malt, Mum, Cyder, And Perry, for the Service of the Year One Thousand Seven Hundred and Thirteen; And for Making Forth Duplicates of Lottery Tickets, Lost, Burnt, Or Destroyed; And for Enlarging the Time for Adjusting Claims in Several Lottery-Acts; And to Punish the Counterfeiting or Forging of Lottery Orders; And for Explaining a Late Act in Relation to Stamp-Duties on Customary Estates, Which Pass by Deed and Copy*]. London: Printed by the Assigns of His Majesty's Printer, And of Henry Hills Deceas'd, 1730. [ii], 96, [48] pp.

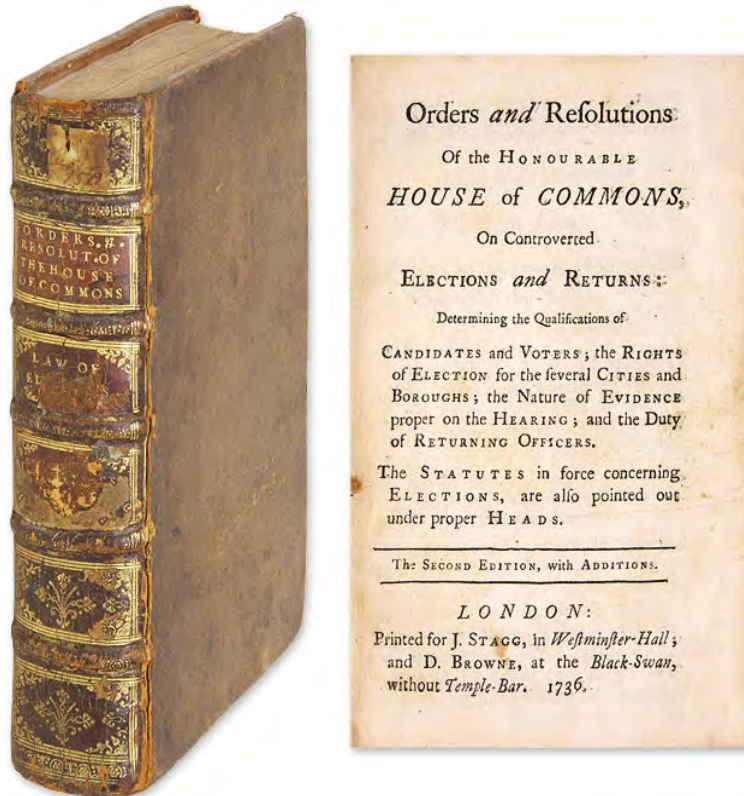
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George I [1660-1627], King of Great Britain.

[*An Act for Continuing the Duties upon Malt, Mum, Cyder, And Perry...*]. London: Printed by John Baskett, 1726. [ii], 5-35, [11] pp.

12mo. (6" x 3-1/2"). Recent period-style quarter calf over marbled boards, raised bands, lettering piece and blind ornaments to spine, endpapers renewed. Light fading to spine, upper margin trimmed away from title page of Queen Anne Acts, which has two stains and light soiling, a bit of staining to head of following leaf, moderate toning to text. \$450.

* This volume collects session acts relating to lotteries and alcoholic beverages. The book of Queen Anne acts includes an index, a table of excise laws and "A table of Allowances for malsters, On the cistern and couch gauges." The book of King George acts includes "A Table to the Malt Act." *English Short-Title Catalogue* N51412, T132502. [Order This Item](#)



Three Eighteenth-Century Works on English Election Law With an Interesting Maryland Association

17. [Great Britain].

[Election Law].

[Maryland, Colonial Period].

Orders and Resolutions of the Honourable House of Commons, On Controverted Elections and Returns: Determining the Qualifications of Candidates and Voters; The Rights of Election for the Several Cities and Boroughs; The Nature of Evidence Proper on the Hearing; And the Duty of Returning Officers. The Statutes in Force Concerning Elections, Are Also Pointed Out Under Proper Heads. With Additions. London: Printed for J. Stagg, 1736. ix, [i], [3]-48-48*, 49-209, [8] pp.

[Bound With]

The Statutes at Large Concerning Elections of Members to Serve in the House of Commons; Containing A Compleat Collection of All the Acts of Parliament Now in Force, Which Relate Thereto, Continued to the End of the Last Session of Parliament, 1734. London: Printed by John Baskett, Printer to the King's Most Excellent Majesty, And Sold by Him, Robert Gosling in Fleetstreet [sic], and John Stagg in Westminster-Hall, 1734. [vi], 73, 64-109, [17], 10 pp. The text is continuous despite pagination.

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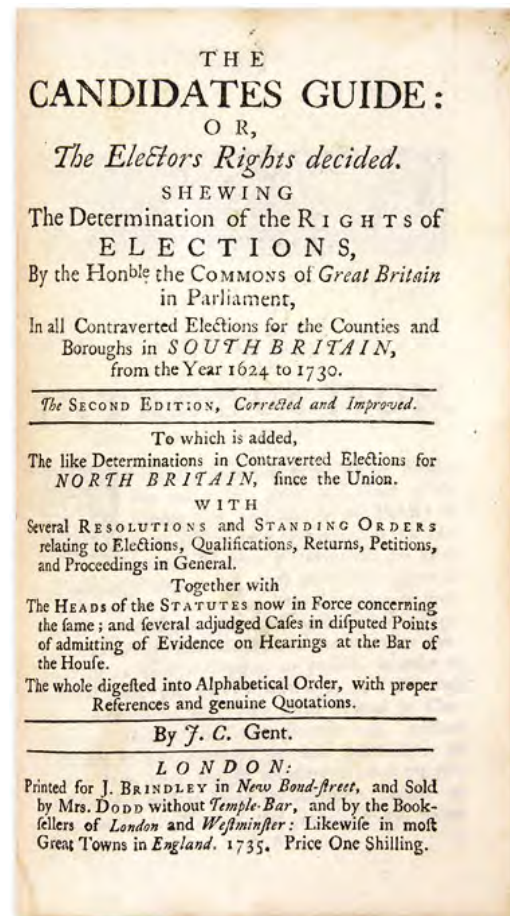
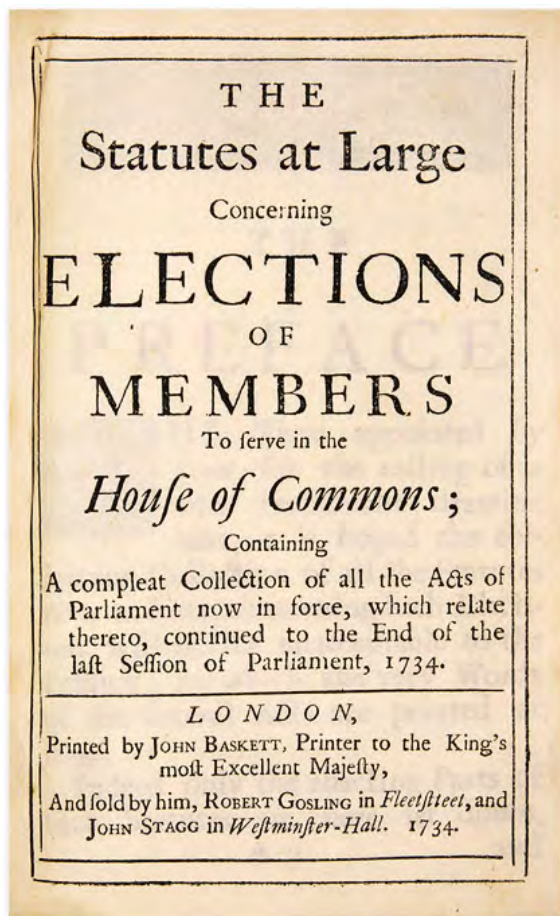
The Candidates Guide: Or, The Electors Rights Decided. Shewing the Determination of the Rights of Elections, By the Hon'ble the Commons of Great Britain in Parliament, In All Contraverted Elections for the Counties and Boroughs in South Britain, From the Year 1624 to 1730. Corrected and Improved. To Which is Added, The Like Determinations in Contraverted Elections for North Britain, Since the Union. With Several Resolutions and Standing Orders Relating to Elections, Qualifications, Returns, Petitions, and Proceedings in General. Together with the Head of the Statutes Now in Force Concerning the Same; And Several Adjusted Cases in Disputed Points of Admitting of Evidence on Hearings at the Bar of the House. The Whole Digested into Alphabetical Order, With Proper References and Genuine Quotations. London: Printed for J. Brindley in New Bond-Street, And Sold by Mrs. Dodd Without Temple-Bar, And by the Booksellers of London and Westminster: Likewise in Most Great Towns in England, 1735. 64 pp.

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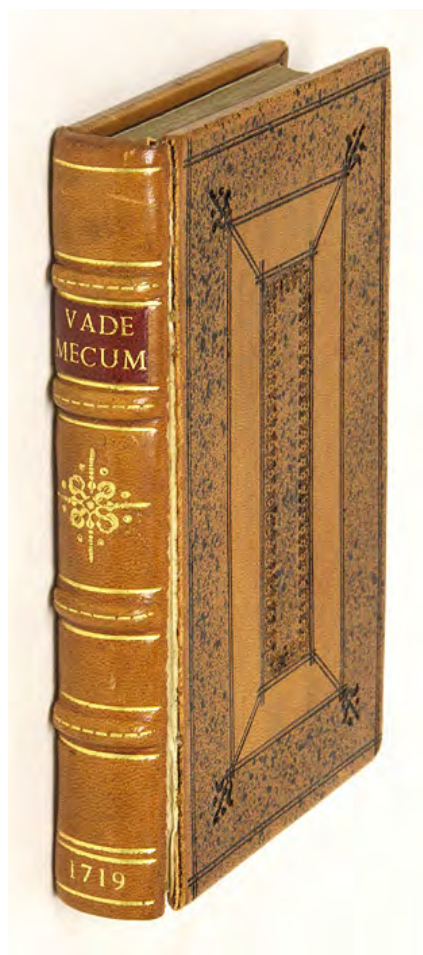
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12mo. (6" x 4"). Contemporary calf, gilt spine with raised bands and lettering pieces. Moderate rubbing to extremities with some wear to spine ends, joints starting, some chipping to lettering pieces, one mostly defaced, corners bumped and somewhat worn, eighteenth-century copperplate armorial bookplate of Legh Master of Newhall. Light toning to text, a bit heavier in places. "No 2" and "John Hanson Thomas March 1815" in small early hand to front free endpaper, interior otherwise clean. An appealing volume with an interesting association. \$750.

* Second editions. An appealing volume with a choice dual Anglo-American provenance. John Hanson Thomas [1779-1815], eminent Maryland lawyer, acquired this volume two months before his death in 1815, the year in which he was selected by his party for a seat in the United States Senate. The volume originally belonged to the British aristocrat, Legh Master of Newhall [1717-1796], who came to Maryland in 1773 (other sources say ca. 1765) and established a plantation and pig-iron blast furnace on his estate in Frederick County. The estate was confiscated in 1775 when he was suspected of being a Loyalist. It was later restored to him. He committed a gruesome double murder after the war. "[He] was said to have sexually harassed a Negro slave girl. He became angry when another slave called Sam attempted to help her. He threw Sam into the furnace alive, then killed the girl and disposed of the body by bricking it up in an oven. During renovations of Avandale house in the 1930s, the oven was opened and a human skeleton was found inside.": *Codner & District Local History and Heritage Website, The Master Family* (available online). *English Short-Title Catalogue* T73467, T78250, T73466.



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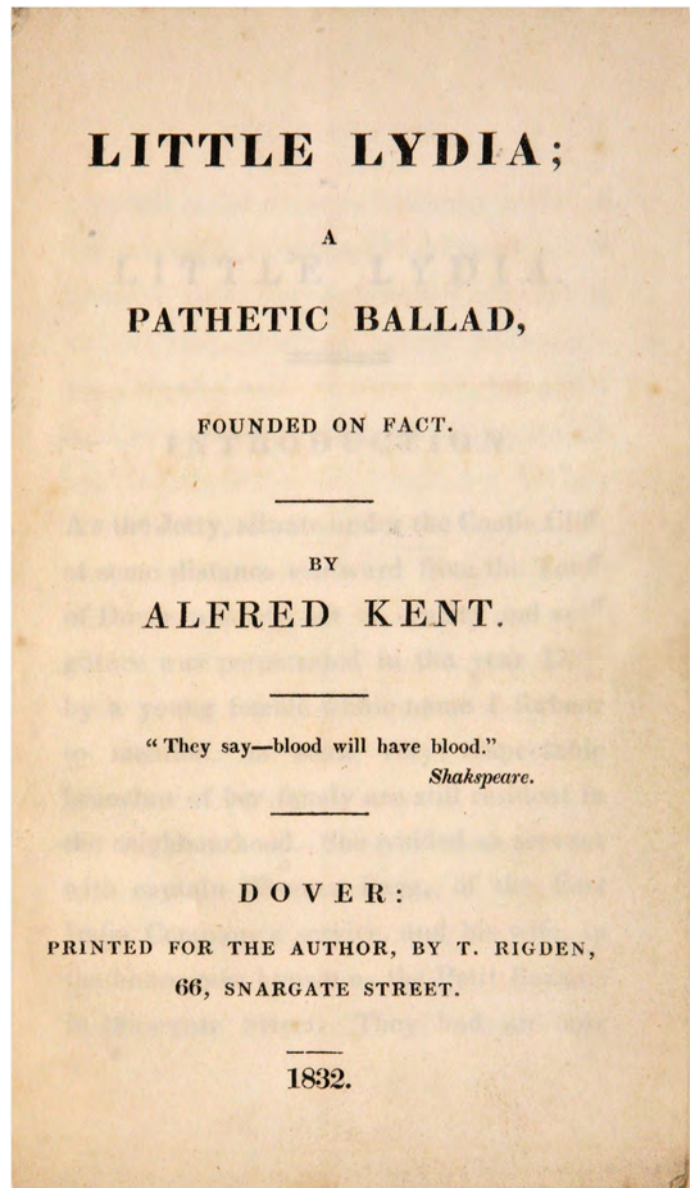
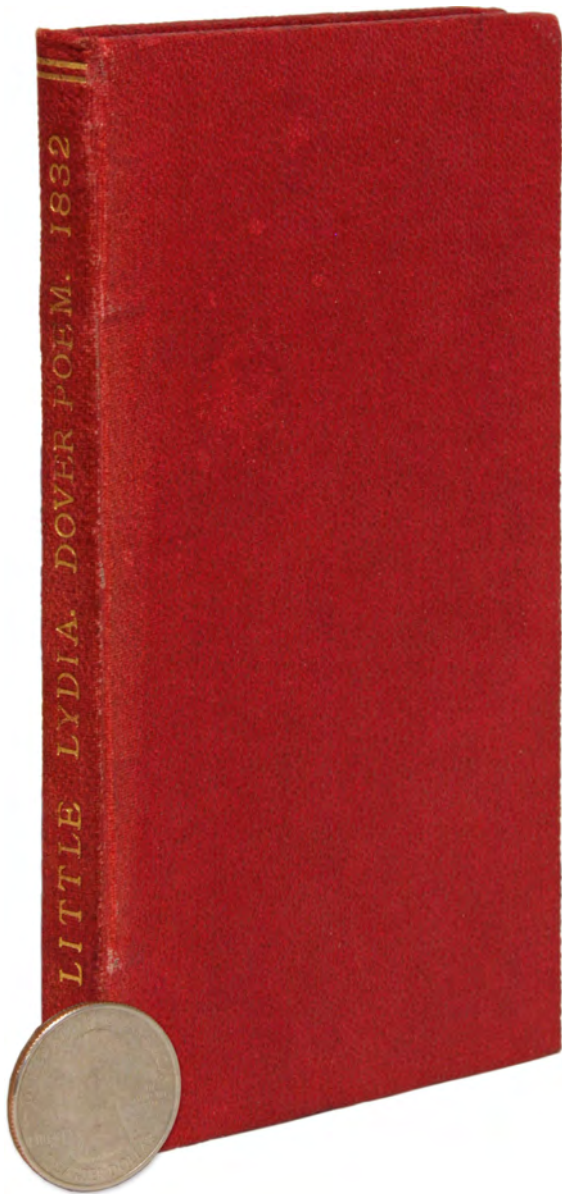
A Rare English JP Manual Based on Young and Blackerby

**18. [Great Britain].
[Justices of the Peaces].**

The Justice of Peace's Vade Mecum: Being a Compleat Summary of All the Acts of Parliament Relating to Justices of Peace; Shewing the Various Offenses by Statute, And the Particular Power of One, Two, Three, Or More Justices, In Their Proceedings and Determinations, As Well In as Out of the Sessions, Under Several Distinct Heads. To Which are Added, Some Adjudged Cases Concerning Justices of Peace, And the Several Branches of Their Business; Instructions for Drawing All Manner of Warrants, Commitments, &c. In All Common Matters. The Whole Done in an Alphabetical Method, With an Exact Table. [London]: Printed by Eliz. Nutt and R. Gosling, 1719. [xiv], 250 pp. 12mo. (5-1/4" x 3-1/4").

Handsome period-style paneled calf (by J. May, London), outer sections speckled, raised bands, lettering piece and gilt ornaments to spine, black rules along pastedowns. Light rubbing to extremities, front board beginning to detach but secured by hinge, which is just starting at head. Title printed within ruled border. Light toning to text, somewhat heavier in a few places, rule at lower corner of title page touched by trimming due to printer error. Early owner annotation to front endleaf, early owner signature to head of title page. \$750.

* Only edition. According to the preface, this anonymous work is drawn from the most useful parts of Blackerby's *Justice of Peace* (1711) and Young's *Justices, Their Vade Mecum and Cornucopia* (1620) with additional material by the author. OCLC and the ESTC locate 5 copies worldwide, 3 in North America, 2 in law libraries (Harvard, University of Minnesota). *English Short-Title Catalogue* N6821. [Order This Item](#)



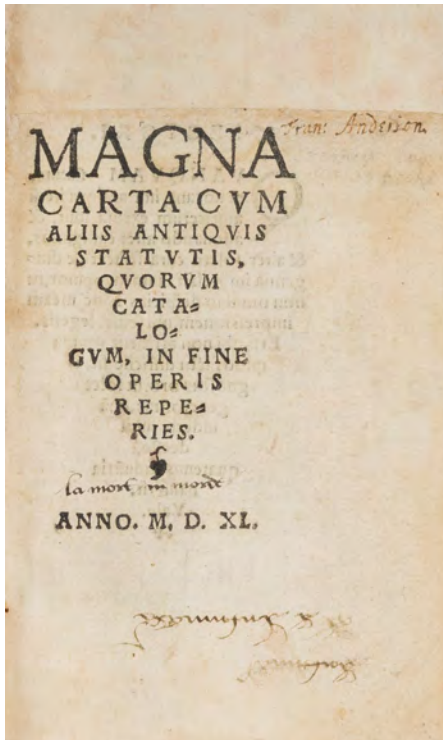
"Where Are the Hands with Murder Stain'd Whose Guilt is Unreveal'd?"

19. Kent, Alfred.

Little Lydia; A Pathetic Ballad, Founded on Fact. Dover: Printed for the Author, By T. Rigden, 1832. 36 pp. 12mo. (5-3/4" x 3-1/2").

Stab-stitched pamphlet bound into slightly later crimson pebbled cloth, gilt title to spine. Light rubbing to extremities, later owner bookplate (F. William Cock) to front pastedown. Moderate toning to text, early owner annotation to verso of half-title. A well-preserved copy of a rare title. \$500.

* Only edition located. A poetic account of the murder of a three-year-old girl named Lydia by a deranged servant. The poem has a preface that outlines the history of the case. This appears to be an unrecorded title. No copies located on OCLC or Library Hub. [Order This Item](#)



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

20. [Magna Carta].

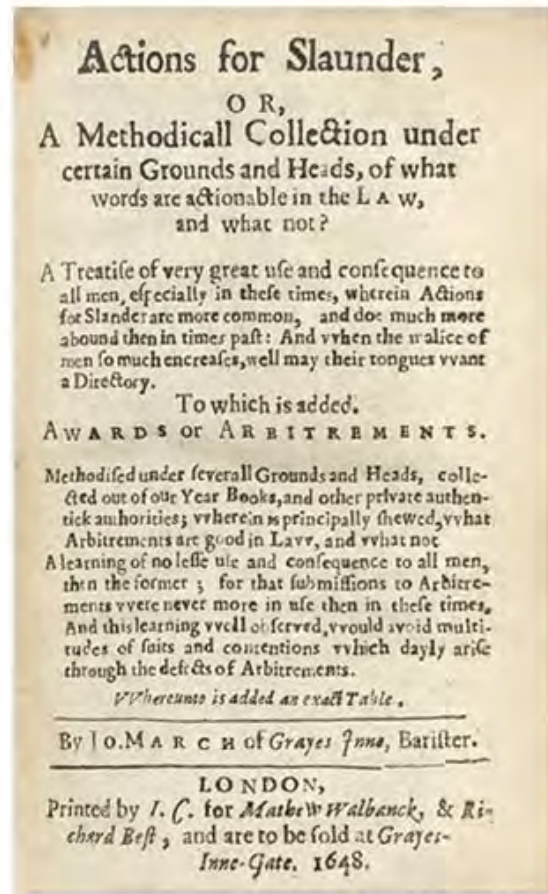
Magna Carta Cum Aliis Antiquis Statutis, Quorum Catalogum, In Fine Operis Reperies. [London: Thomas Berthelet], 1540 (dated 1541 on colophon). [i], 2-148, [4]; [iv], 80 ff. Two parts, each with title page, table and individual pagination. Second part, dated 1540 (on title page and colophon), titled *Secunda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

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

* The text of Magna Carta is a close reprinting of the 1527 edition by Richard Pynson with additional material. (Pynson printed the first edition around 1508.) It also includes the Charta de Foresta and statutes passed before the reign of Edward III. Among the most notorious statutes are those of Edward I concerning Jews, which condemned them for irreverence and prevented them from practicing usury or acquiring land from Christians through pledges. Other "Antique Statutes" relate to women, wills, forcible entry, "Fraudulent Deedes" and other topics. Annotations are found throughout both parts. Most of them are case references or one of two-word glosses, but some are interpretive notes ranging from one to a few sentences.

"Thomas Jefferson (who must have had Magna Carta in mind as he drafted the Declaration of Independence) and Alexander Hamilton both cited Magna Carta in support of the United States Constitution. Indeed, under the communal pen-name 'Publius,' Hamilton specifically referred to Magna Carta in number 84 of The Federalist Papers" (Sotheby's New York, The Magna Carta, 18 December 2007, p. 85).

OCLC locates 3 copies of this imprint in North American libraries (Columbia, Harvard, Library of Congress). Beale, *A Bibliography of Early English Law Books* S12, S22. *English Short-Title Catalogue* S102195. [Order This Item](#)



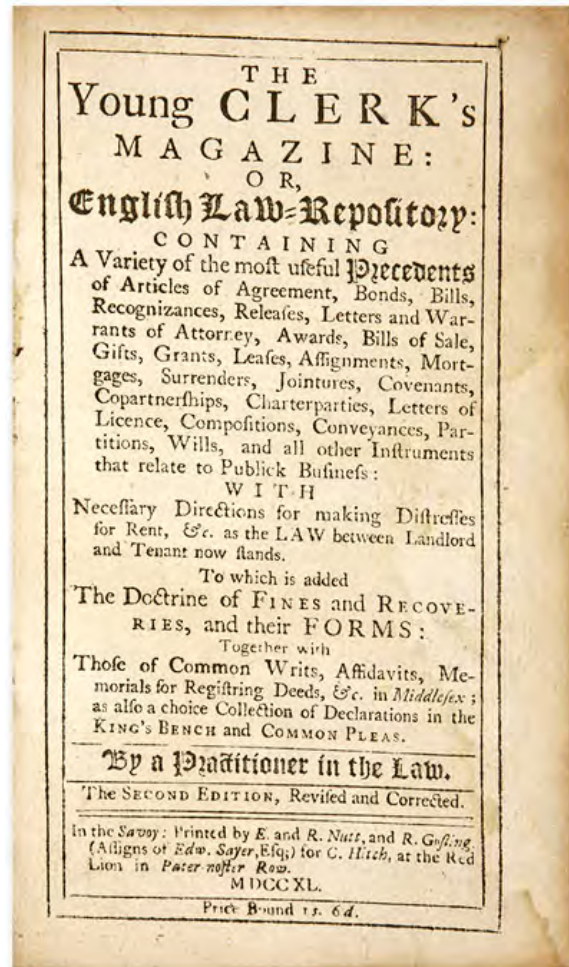
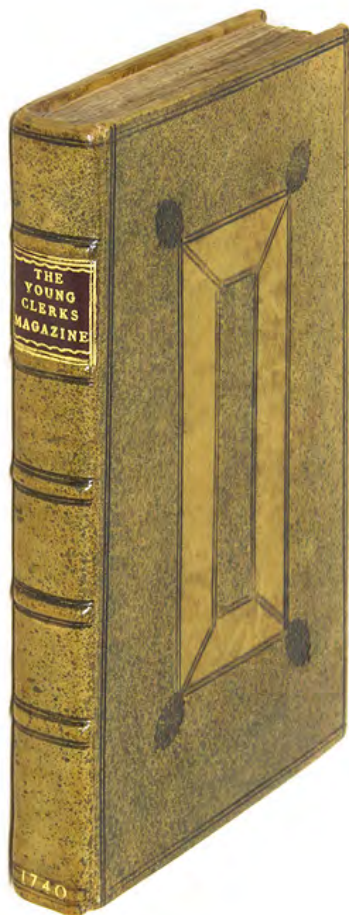
"In These Times, Wherein Actions for Slander are More Common"

21. March, John [1612-1657].

Actions for Slander, Or, A Methodicall Collection Under Certain Grounds and Heads, Of What Words are Actionable in the Law, And What Not? A Treatise of Very Great Use and Consequence to All Men, Especially in These Times, Wherein Actions for Slander are More Common, And doe Much More Abound Then in Times Past: And When the Malice of Men so Much Encreases, Well May Their Tongue Want a Directory. To Which is Added: Awards or Arbitrements, Methodised Under Severall Grounds and Heads, Collected Out of Our Year Books, And Other Private Authentick Authorities; Wherein is Principally Shewed, What Arbitrements are Good in Law, And What Not. A Learning of no Lesse Use and Consequence to All Men, Then the Former; For that Submissions to Arbitrements Were Never More in Use Then in These Times. And this Learning Well Observed, Would Avoid Multitudes of Suits and Contentions Which Dayly Arise Through the Defects of Arbitrements. Whereunto is Added an Exact Table. London: Printed by I.C. for Mathew Walbanck, 1648. [2], 31, 34-114, 117-132, 135-241, [11] pp. Part I of a two-part work (see below). Octavo (5-1/2" x 3-1/2").

Contemporary sheep, blind rules to boards and spine. Some rubbing to extremities with some wear to foot of spine and upper corners, shallow scuff to rear board. Light toning to text, internally clean. \$400.

* Second edition. "There is one book written during this period which is exclusively devoted to the law of tort. That is John March's little book on actions for slander, published in 1647. Actions for slander had long figured prominently in the reports; and this book is an able attempt to extract some general principles from the cases" (Holdsworth). The second edition is a reissue of the first edition (1647). The second part of the second edition, which is dated 1649 and has its own title page and pagination, is an outline of actions with a collection of forms. Holdsworth, *A History of English Law* V:393. Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of The British Commonwealth* 1:247 (24). [Order This Item](#)



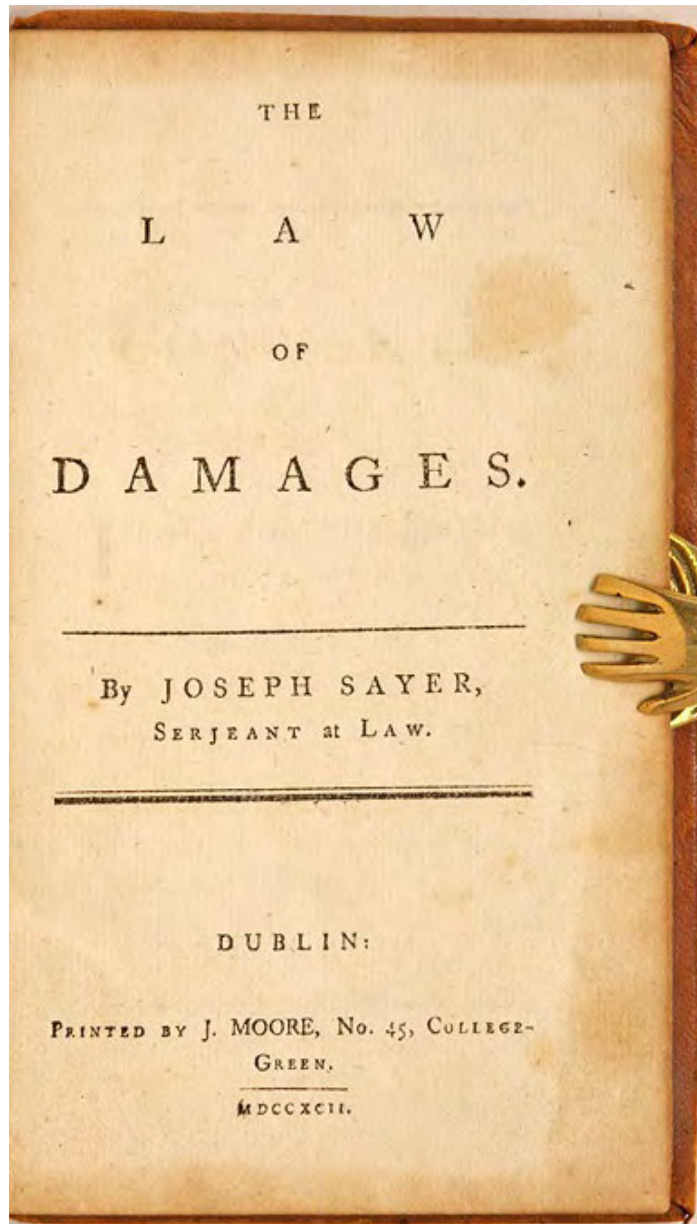
Guidance for Young Clerks

22. [Practitioner in the Law].

The Young Clerk's Magazine: Or, English Law-Repository: Containing a Variety of the Most Useful Precedents of Articles of Agreement, Bonds, Bills, Recognizances, Releases, Letters and Warrants of Attorney, Awards, Bills of Sale, Gifts, Grants, Leases, Assignments, Mortgages, Surrenders, Jointures, Covenants, Copartnerships, Charterparties, Letters of Licence, Compositions, Conveyances, Partitions, Wills, And All Other Instruments that Relate to Publick Business: With Necessary Directions for Making Distresses for Rent, &c. As the Law Between Landlord and Tenant Now Stands. To Which is Added The Doctrine of Fines and Recoveries, And Their Forms: Together with Those of Common Writs, Affidavits, Memorials for Registering Deeds, &c. In Middlesex; as Also a Choice Collection of Declarations in the King's Bench and Common Pleas. By the Author of The Student's Law-Dictionary, in 8vo, Revised and Corrected. [London]: Printed by E. and R. Nutt, and R. Gosling, 1740. [iv], 192, [8] pp. Lacking 2 plates (illustrating Court hands), 12mo. (6-1/4" x 3-3/4").

Recent period-style paneled calf, raised bands and lettering piece to spine, endpapers renewed. Moderate toning to text, faint dampstaining to preliminaries and a few other leaves, rear hinge starting, faint early owner signature to front endleaf. A handsomely bound copy of a scarce title. \$150.

* Second edition. First published in 1739, with "Practitioner in the Law" listed as the author, this is a formbook with a section containing instructions for conveyancing. It was intended for law clerks, lawyers and laymen. It went through six editions in London, the last one in 1772, and four editions in Philadelphia published in 1774, 1788, 1792 and 1795. *English Short-Title Catalogue* N14348. [Order This Item](#)



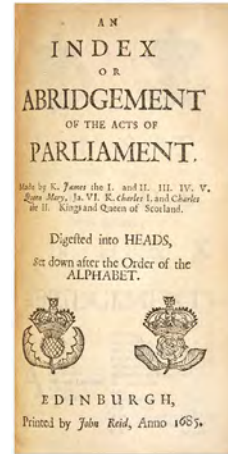
An Early English Treatise on the Law of Damages

23. Sayer, Joseph.

The Law of Damages. Dublin: Printed by J. Moore, 1792. xiv, 248 pp. 12mo. (6-3/4" x 4").

Contemporary sheep, blind fillets and early hand-lettered title to spine. Rubbed with wear to spine ends, corners bumped, joints and hinges starting. Moderate toning to text, light foxing in places, later annotation and owner signature to front free endpaper. \$350.

* Only Dublin edition, a reissue of the only London edition (1770). Arranged in 36 concise chapters, this pioneering treatise outlines the law of damages as it stood in the late eighteenth century. Holdsworth notes that principles are "clearly stated." He also notes that the information is "rather meagre" due to the undeveloped state of the subject in Sayer's day. Holdsworth, *A History of English Law* XII:394. *English Short-Title Catalogue* N10252. [Order This Item](#)



An Appealing Collection of Scottish Acts from 1424 to the Act of Union

24. [Scotland].

Murray, Thomas [1630-1684], Compiler.

The Laws and Acts of Parliament Made by King James the First, And His Royal Successors, Kings and Queen of Scotland in Two Parts. Part I. Collected, And Extracted, From the Publick Records of the Said Kingdom. Edinburgh: Printed by Iosua van Solingen, And Iohn Colmar, for David Lindsay, And His Co-Partners, 1682 [i.e. 1683]. [xii], 1018, [2] pp.

[With]

Murray, Thomas, Compiler.

[Part II] *The Acts Made in the First Parliament of Our Most High and Dread Sovereign, Charles the First.... Holden by Himselfe, Present in Person, With the Three Estates at Edinburgh, Upon the Twenty Eight Day of June, Anno Domini, 1633.* Edinburgh: Printed by David Lindsay, 1683. 130, [4], 133-371, [13], 373-640, [2] pp.

[Bound with]

An Index or Abridgement of the Acts of Parliament, Made by K. James the I. And II. III. IV. V. Queen Mary, Ja. VI. K. Charles I. And Charles the II. Kings and Queen of Scotland. Digested into Heads, Set Down After the Order of the Alphabet. Edinburgh: Printed by John Reid, 1685. 292 pp.

[And]

The Laws and Acts Made in the First Parliament of Our Most High and Dread Sovereign James VII.... Holden at Edinburgh, April 23. 1685. By His Grace William Duke of Queensbury.... Lord High Treasurer of Scotland. His Majesty's High Commissioner for Holding this Parliament, By Virtue of a Commission Under His Majesty's Great Seal of this Kingdom. With Special Advice and Consent of the Estates of Parliament. Edinburgh: Printed by Robert Freebairn and Company, 1685. 875, [1] pp. Each session preceded by divisional title page.

Four books bound as a three-volume set. 12mo. (5-3/4" x 3-1/4"). Contemporary calf, rebacked retaining portions of original gilt spines with raised bands and lettering pieces, spines of Volumes I and II reversed, blind rules to boards, blind tooling to board edges, hinges mended, endleaves retained. Some minor scuffs and tiny stains to boards, light rubbing to extremities, corners bumped, rear hinge of Volume I cracked, early owner bookplate to front pastedown of each volume. Light toning to text, light foxing, somewhat heavier in places, minor worming, faint dampstaining and foxing in a few places, a few passages have brief annotations and markings in a recent hand. A handsome set. \$850.

* Assembled during the eighteenth-century, this set contains Scottish acts from 1424 to the Act of Union (1707). The second volume in this collection was issued in two forms: as an independent work and as Part II of Murray's collection beginning with the acts of King James I. Both are identical except for the title page. Our set has the version published as an independent work. Also included are the *Index* to these two volumes and the 1685 *Laws* an additional work, which has an index. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R3054, R22587, T134395. [Order This Item](#)



"His Sense of Various Matters of Weight and High Consequences"

25. Selden, John [1584-1654].

Table Talk: Being the Discourses of John Selden, Esq. Or, His Sense of Various Matters of Weight and High Consequence, Relating Especially to Religion and State. A New Edition. With a Life of the Author, And Notes. London: Printed for, And Under the Direction Of, G. Cawthorn, British Library, Strand, 1797. xii, 166, [2] pp. Includes 2-page publisher catalogue. Octavo (6-3/4" x 3-1/2").

Recent period-style calf, blind fillets to boards, gilt title to spine, blind tooling to board edges, blind inside dentelles. A few minor scratches, small faint stain to rear board. Moderate toning to text, light soiling to title page, neat repair to its upper corner. An attractively bound copy. \$250.

* Later edition. Perhaps the most personal of Selden's works, *Table Talk* was compiled by Selden's secretary, Richard Milward. It was first printed in 1689, when the Civil War had given freedom to the press. "The work may safely be accepted as the most vivid picture extant of the habits of thought and the modes of expression of the great Erastian lawyer. The conversations cover a great range of subjects relative to human life and history...": *Dictionary of National Biography* XVII:1159. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T83879. [Order This Item](#)



"The Most Important Description of the Constitution and Government Of England Written During the Tudor Age"

26. Smith, Sir Thomas [1513-1577].

Laet, Joannes de [1593-1649], Editor.

De Republica Anglorum Libri Tres: Quibus Accesserunt Chorographica Illius Descriptio Aliq[ue] Politici Tractatus. Editio Ultima Prioribus Multo Auctor. Leiden: Ex Officina Elzeviriana, 1641. [xvi], 428, [12] pp. Octavo (2-1/2" x 4-1/2").

Contemporary vellum with lapped edges, later hand-lettered title to spine, edges rouged. Light soiling, mostly to spine, light rubbing to extremities, recent owner bookplate (of Leura Dorothy Bevis) to front free endpaper. Copperplate pictorial title page. Moderate toning to interior, light foxing to a few leaves, a few partial cracks to text block, all leaves secure. An attractive copy. \$200.

* Fifth edition, and the final Latin edition; one of two imprints issued in 1641 by Elzevier. *De Republica Anglorum; the Manner of Government or Policie of the Realme of England* was written between 1562 and 1565 and first published in 1583. "It is the most important description of the constitution and government of England written in the Tudor age" (*Dictionary of National Biography*). It went through eleven editions in English between 1584 to 1691. Four Latin editions edited by Laet appeared between 1610 and 1641. Abridged editions in Dutch and German were published in 1673 and 1688. Smith, an English scholar and diplomat, was Regius Professor of Civil Law at Cambridge University. F.V. Raspail was an important nineteenth-century book collector and bibliographer. *Dictionary of National Biography* XVIII:535. Willems, *Les Elzevier: Histoire et Annales Typographiques* 529. [Order This Item](#)



"A False Accusation of Witchcraft"

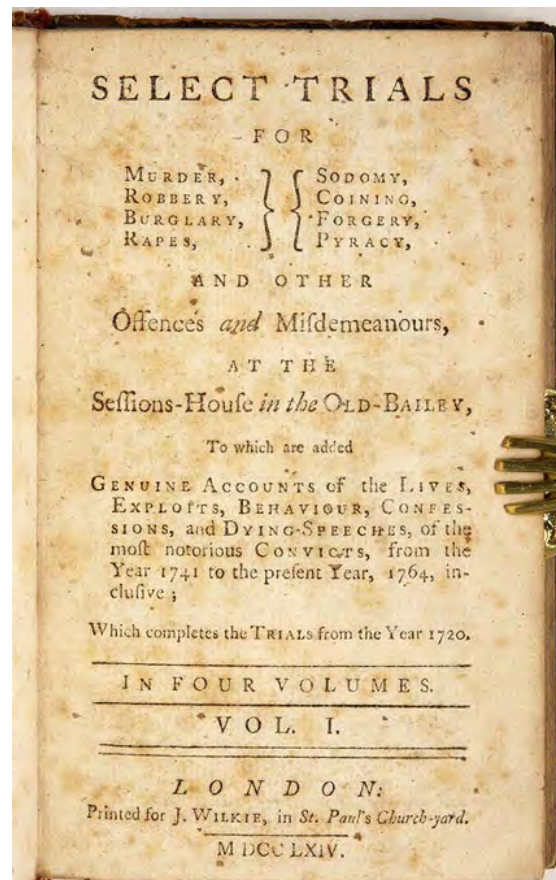
27. [Trial].

Hathaway, Richard, Defendant.

The Trial of Richard Hathaway, At Surrey Assizes, (Begun and Held in the Borough of Southwark, March the 24th, 1702) Upon an Information for Being a Cheat and Imposter, And Endeavouring to Take Away the Life of Sara Morduck, On a False Accusation of Witchcraft; In Which is Discovered the Malicious Designs of the Said Imposter, With an Account of his Pretended Inchantment and Witchcraft. Before the Right Honourable the Lord Chief Justice Holt and Mr Baron Hatfell. To Which is Added, A Short Account of the Trial of Richard Hathaway, Thomas Wellyn and Elizabeth his Wife, And Elizabeth Willoughby, Wife of Walter Willoughby, Upon an Information for a Riot and Assault upon Sara Morduck, The Pretended Witch, At the Said Assizes. London: Printed for R. Griffiths, 1754. [ii], 92 pp. 12mo. (6-1/2" x 4").

Stab-stitched pamphlet bound into recent period-style quarter calf over marbled boards, gilt title to spine. Light toning to text, light soiling and three minor tears to half-title, light soiling to p. 92., light wear to fore-edges of title page and first couple of leaves of preface, inner margin of final leaf bound close to gutter. \$1,500.

* Reissue of the only edition. "Hathaway's importance, or at least notoriety, continues today: his case is cited frequently in scholarship on English witchcraft as evidence of both judicial skepticism towards the crime of witchcraft and the continued popular belief in it" (Apps). This pamphlet was originally published in 1702 as *The Trial of Richard Hathaway*. This is a scarce title. The 1754 reissue is rare. OCLC locates 5 copies, 3 in North America (Boston Public Library, Cornell, Harvard). Apps, "Motive Hunting in the Case of Richard Hatchaway," *Preternature: Critical and Historical Studies on the Preternatural* Vol. 1, No. 1 (2012) 72. [English Short-Title Catalogue N13804](#). [Order This Item](#)



Trials at Old Bailey, Indexed by Crime

28. [Trials].

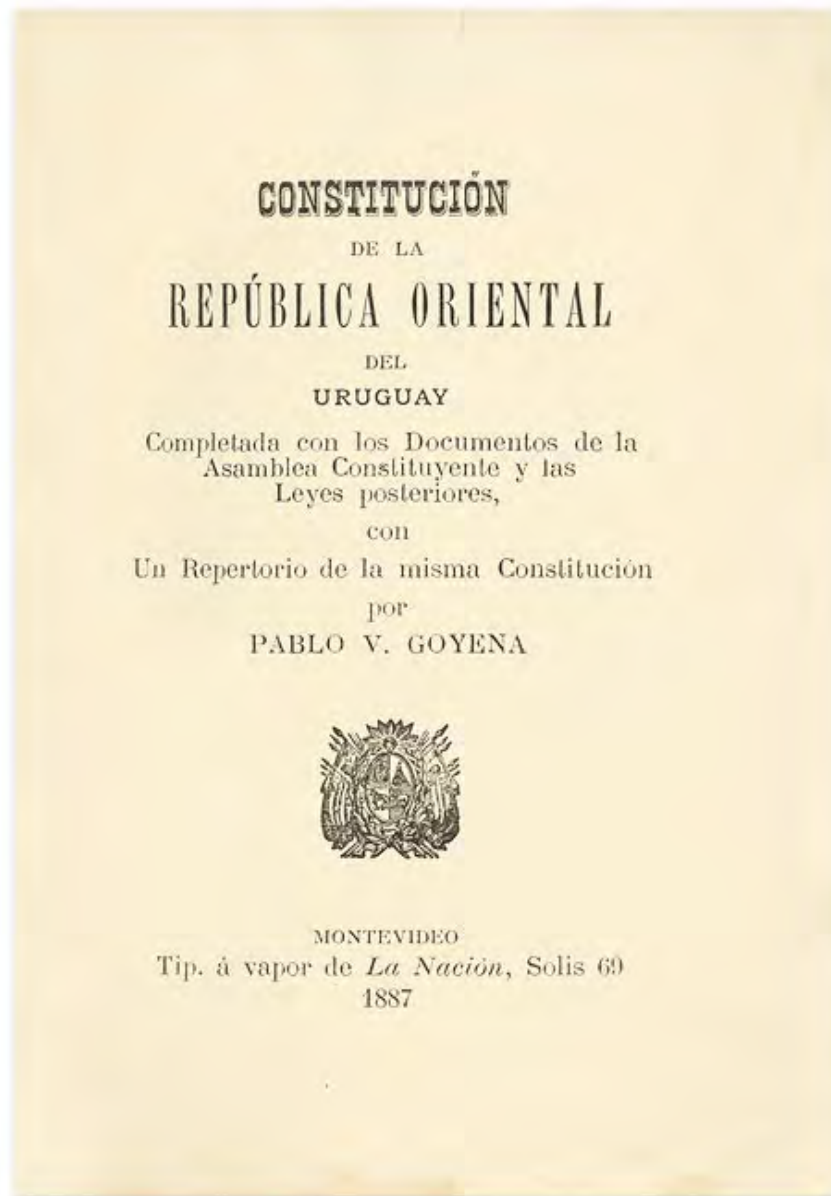
[Great Britain].

Select Trials for Murder, Robbery, Burglary, Rapes, Sodomy, Coining, Forgery, Piracy, And Other Offences and Misdemeanours, At the Sessions-House in the Old-Bailey. To Which are Added, Genuine Accounts of the Lives, Exploits, Behaviour, Confessions, And Dying Speeches. Of the Most Notorious Convicts, From the Year 1741 to the Present Year, 1764, Inclusive; Which Completes the Trials from the Year 1720. London: Printed for J. Wilkie, 1764. Four volumes. 12mo. (6" x 4").

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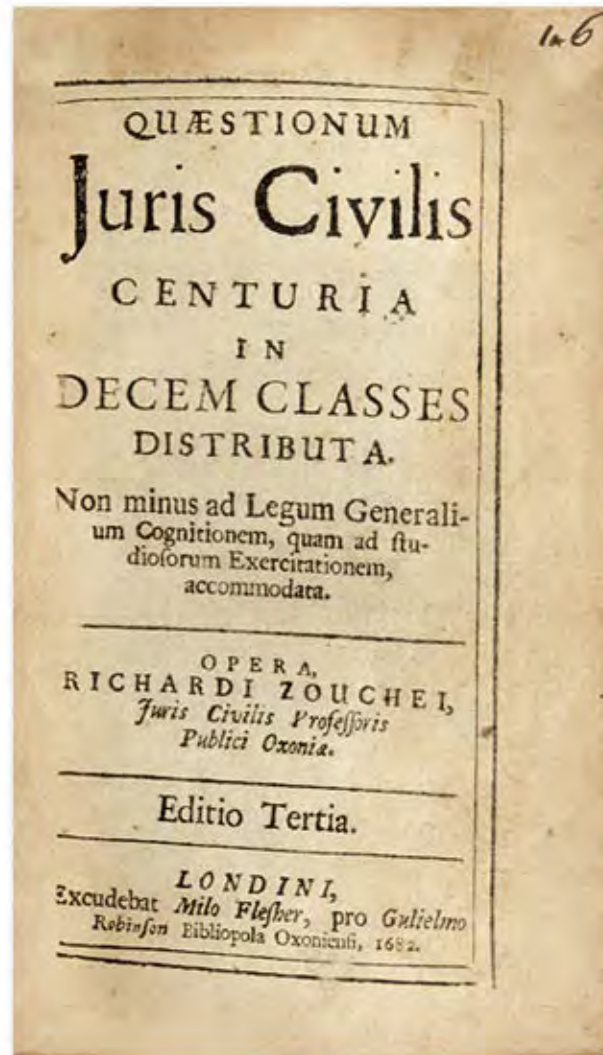
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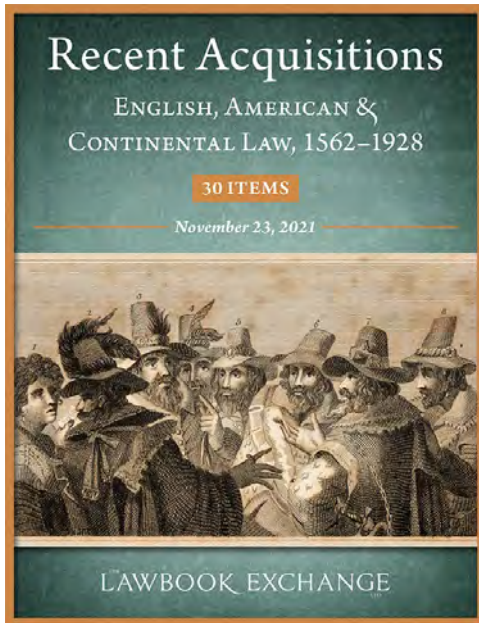
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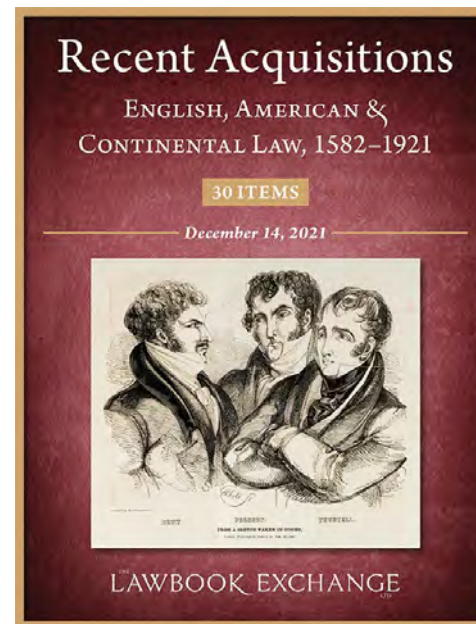
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