

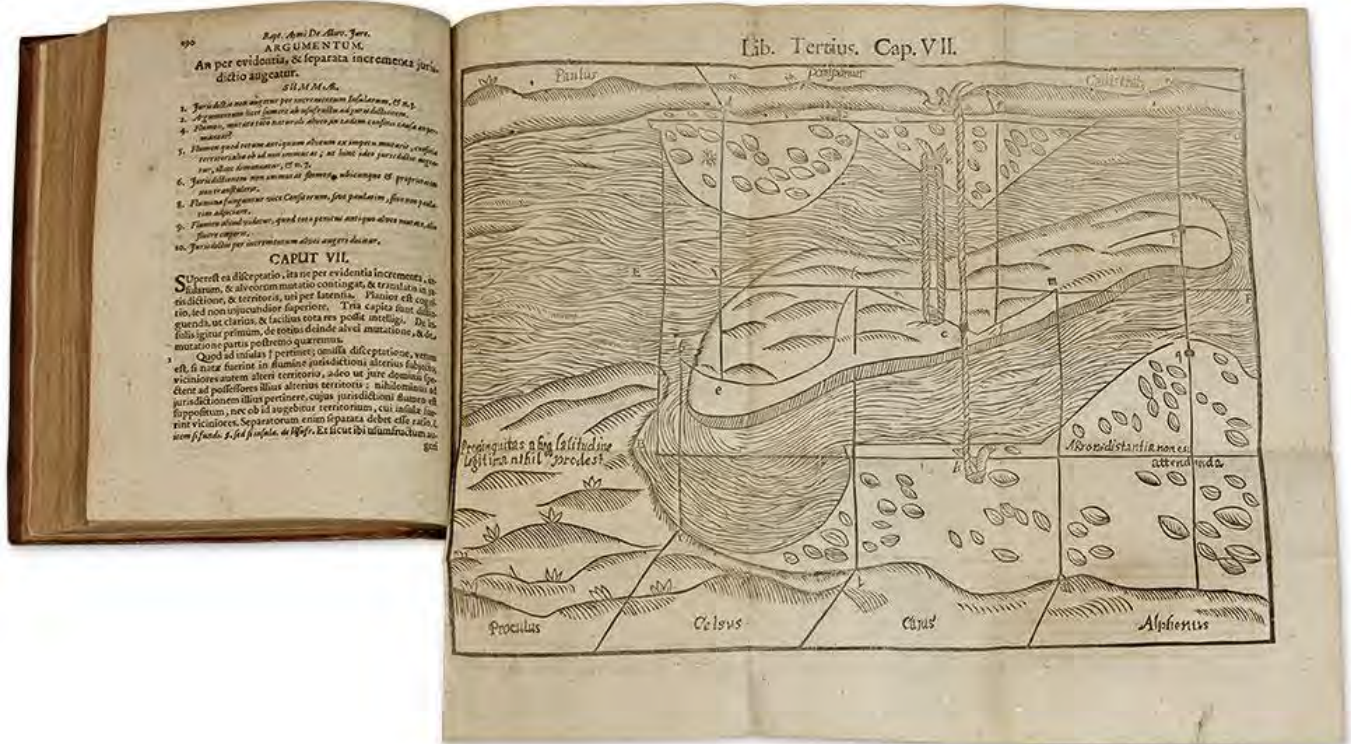
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**Notable Treatise on Riparian Law
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1. **Aimo, Battista [1550-1589].**

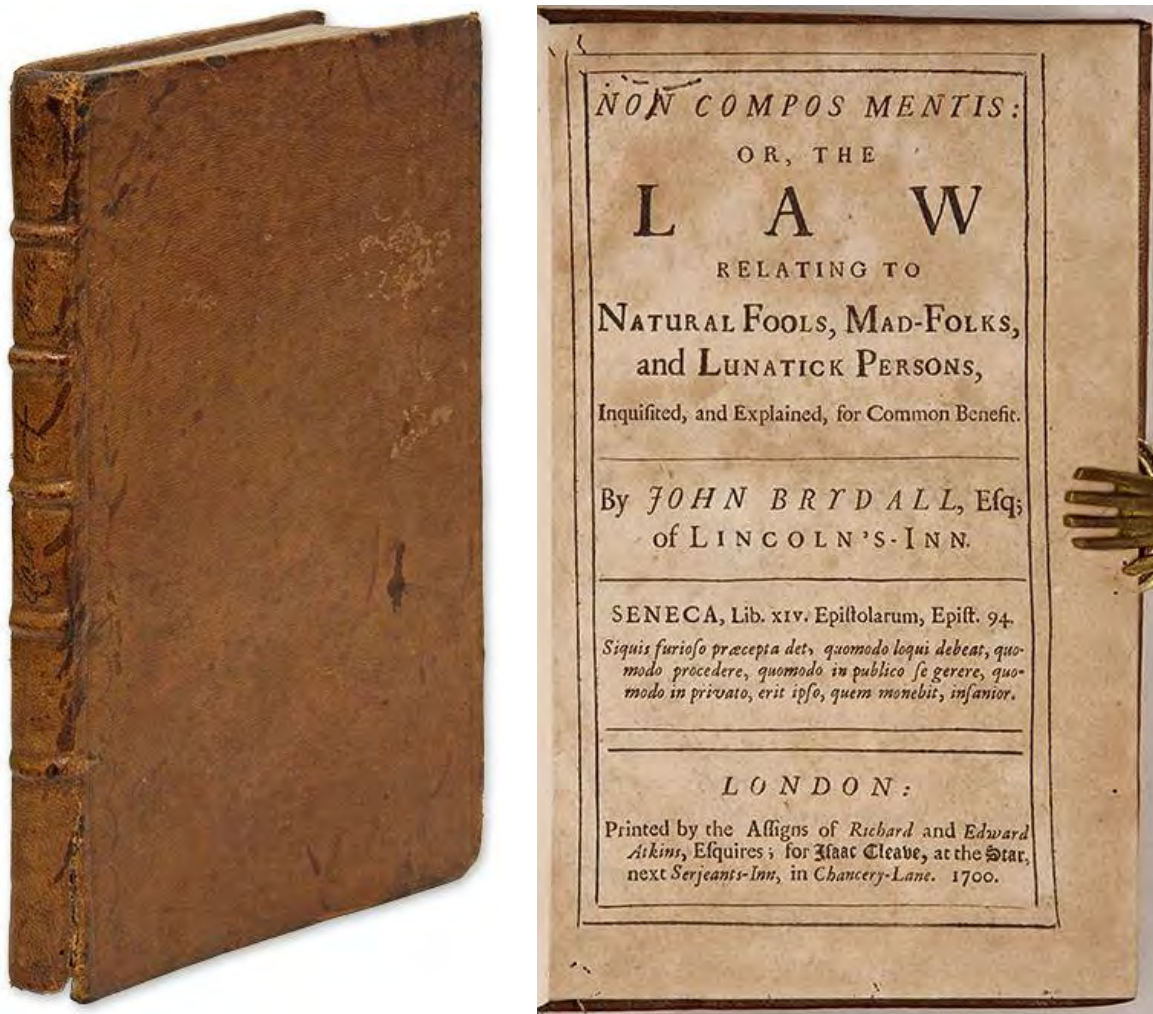
Fritsch, Ahasver [1629-1701], Editor.

Tractatus Singularis De Universo Alluvionum Jure, (Von Zuwachs- oder Anflössungs-Recht). Ante Annos Septuaginta Primum Editus, Nunc Verò Diligenter Revisus, A Plurimis Mendis Repurgatus, Novisque Notis & Animadversionibus Adauctus. Opera & Studio Ahasveri Fritschii. Jena: Sumtibus Zachariae Hertel, 1675. [xxiv], 536 (i.e. 556), 36 pp. Three folding tables. 33 woodcuts in the text. Quarto (7-3/4" x 6-1/4").

Contemporary calf, raised bands and lettering piece to spine. Light rubbing to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, some chipping to spine ends, joints just starting at head, some offsetting to margins of endleaves. Title page printed in red and black. Moderate toning to text, light foxing in a few places, light soiling to title page. \$2,250.

* Second edition by Fritsch. Aimo's influential treatise addresses a thorny aspect of riparian law: alluvium, that is, soil deposited on a shore by a river that modifies the dimensions of a parcel of land. A fine example of humanistic legal scholarship, it is notable for its application of geometry-based surveying techniques, which are illustrated in the plates woodcuts. First published in 1580, it went through several editions into the eighteenth century. The illustrations in this edition add German case studies to Aimo's Greek and Roman examples. One of the tables includes an image of the Neckar River. *Das Verzeichniß der im Deutschen Sprachraum Erschienenen Drucke des 17. Jahrhunderts* 12:150780R.

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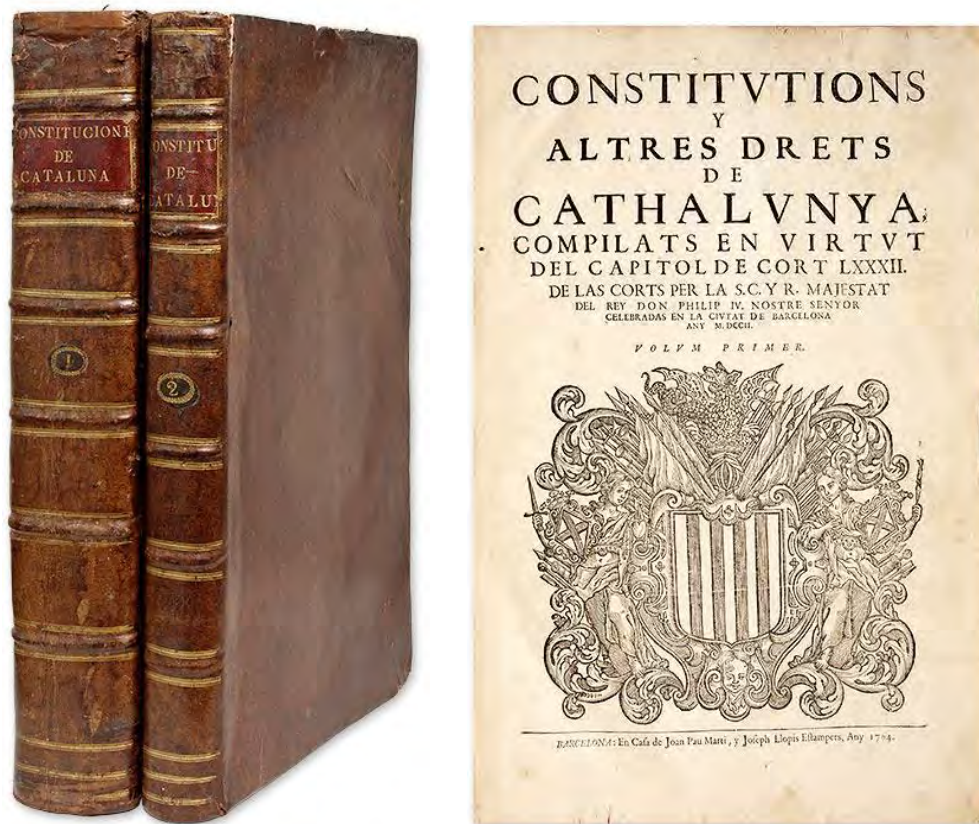
"Natural Fools, Mad-Folks, And Lunatick Persons"

2. Brydall, John [b. 1635?].

Non Compos Mentis: Or, The Law Relating to Natural Fools, Mad-Folks, And Lunatick Persons, Inquisitioned, And Explained, For Common Benefit. London: Printed by the Assigns of Richard and Edward Atkins, for Isaac Cleave, 1700. [xvi], 127, [1] pp. Final page is a publisher advertisement. Octavo (7-1/2" x 4-1/2").

Contemporary sheep, blind rules to boards, blind fillets along joints, raised bands and early hand-lettered title to spine, gilt tooling to board edges. A few minor nicks, scuffs and some small inkspots to boards, light wear to spine ends, front joint starting at foot, corners bumped and lightly worn, rear hinge starting. Light browning and faint dampspotting, minor worming to margins in a few places, clean tears to leaves F (pp. 65-66) and G2 (pp. 83-84). \$3,000.

* Only edition. Brydall was a fellow of Queen's College, Oxford, and a bencher of Lincoln's Inn. A remarkably prolific writer, he published 36 legal treatises, and left 30 others in manuscript at the time of his death. All of these are brief, synthetic works. Holdsworth says they are good summaries that are "clearly arranged and based on the leading authorities." Fascinating for its insights into English ideas about mental illness during the 17th century, this treatise also considers the legal nature of "idiots", "persons furious, or distracted" and "drunkards." Holdsworth, *A History of English Law* VI:600, 605. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R19885. [Order This Item](#)



An Important Compilation of Catalonian Law

3. [Catalonia].

[Spain].

Constitutions Y Altres Drets de Cathalunya, Compilats en Virtut del Capitol de Cort LXXXII. De las Corts per las. S.C. y R. Majestat del Rey Don Philip IV. Nostre Senyor Celebradas en la Civtat de Barcelona any M.DCCII. Barcelona: En Casa de Joan Pau Marti, 1704. Three volumes bound as two books. [xliv], 513, [40]; [iv], 213, [6], [4]; 90, [4] pp. Main text in parallel columns. Two leaves of index lacking from Volume I supplied in facsimile, otherwise complete. Title varies: Volume II: *Pragmaticas y Altres Drets de Cathalunya*, Volume III: *Constitutions y Altres Drets de Cathalunya, Superfluos, Contraris, Y Corregits*. Folio (15-1/2" x 10-3/4").

Contemporary speckled calf, lettering pieces, gilt-edged raised bands and gilt volume numbers to spines, marbled endpapers. Light rubbing and some shallow scuffing to boards, head of spine and lower corner of front board of first book and large section of rear board of second book mended, moderate rubbing to extremities with wear to corners, a few chips to board edges, joints of second book just starting at head, hinges of both books starting, a few cracks to text block. Large woodcut arms of Catalonia to title pages, woodcut decorated initials. Light to moderate toning, faint dampstaining in a few places, final leaf of first book partially detached and somewhat edgeworn. An impressive set with handsome typography. \$5,000.

* Second and best edition. First printed around 1504, this edition of Catalonian laws is also the largest title ever published in Catalan. Palau says this edition is preferred because it is the most complete. It was held in such high esteem that the Bar Association of Spain published a facsimile edition in 1909. OCLC locates 4 copies in North American law libraries (Harvard, New York University, Notre Dame, University of Michigan). Palau, *Manual del Librero Hispano-Americano* 60361.

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

4. [Consolato del Mare].

Pallejá, Cayetano de, Translator.

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

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

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



Contains the First Illustration of an Auction to Appear in a Book

5. Damhouder, Josse (Joost) de [1507-1581].

Pupillorum Patrocinium, Legum et Praxeos Studiosis; Non Minus Utile Quam Necessarium, Iconibus Materiae Subiectae Convenientibus Illustratum, Iam Denuo Vigili Cura, & Non Poenitenda Accessione Locupletatum. Item De Magnificentia Politiae Amplissimae Civitatis Brugarum, Cum Eiusdem Topographia, & In Laudem Aplissimi Senatus Oratione. Subhastationum Compendiosa Exegetis, Iterum Recognita & Locupletata. Index Verborum Rerunque Locupletissimus. Antwerp: Apud Ioannem Bellerum, 1564. [xii], 180, [18] ff. Main text in parallel columns. 12 woodcut plates, 1 double-page. Quarto (7-1/2" x 6-1/4").

Contemporary limp vellum, early hand-lettered title to spine, endpapers renewed. Moderate soiling, light rubbing to extremities, corners bumped and lightly worn. Moderate toning, light foxing and faint dampstaining to a few leaves, light edgewear faint early owner signature and a few minor tears to title page, another minor tear to f. 71., paper repairs to margins of title page, fol. 1 and fol. 71. An attractive copy of a scarce edition. \$4,500.

* Third edition. First published in 1544, this is a comprehensive treatise on the law of guardians and wards. Like Damhouder's works on civil and criminal law, *Pupillorum Patrocinium* has plates that illustrate points in the text. One depicts three young orphans with their guardian, tutor, godfather, conservator and executor before a magistrate, facing preface. Other plates depict situations in later stages of life, such as a guardian introducing a child to a teacher, the guardian and child at a shoemaker's shop and the guardian making a record of his charge's assets with an accountant. This edition incorporates two other works. *De Magnificentia Politiae Amplissimae Civitatis Brugarum*, first published in 1544, is a political and sociological study of Bruges. It is illustrated with a folding plan of the city. *Subhastationum Compendiosa Exegetis*, first published in 1546, is a brief treatise on public sales. It has an illustration of an auction scene. This is believed to be the first depiction of an auction to appear in a book. OCLC locates 10 copies in North America, 5 in law libraries (Columbia, George Washington University, Harvard, Library of Congress, Yale). Dekkers, *Bibliotheca Belgica Juridica* 44.

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A Collection of Amusing Eighteenth-Century Legal Cases

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

Causes Amusantes et Commes. Berlin (i.e. Paris): S.n., 1769-1770. Two volumes. 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. \$750.

* 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," "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 Fingierten Druckorte* II:182. *British Museum Catalogue* 8:1031. [Order This Item](#)



Well-Illustrated Digest of the Military Law and Practice of the Holy Roman Empire

7. Fronsberger, Leonhardt.

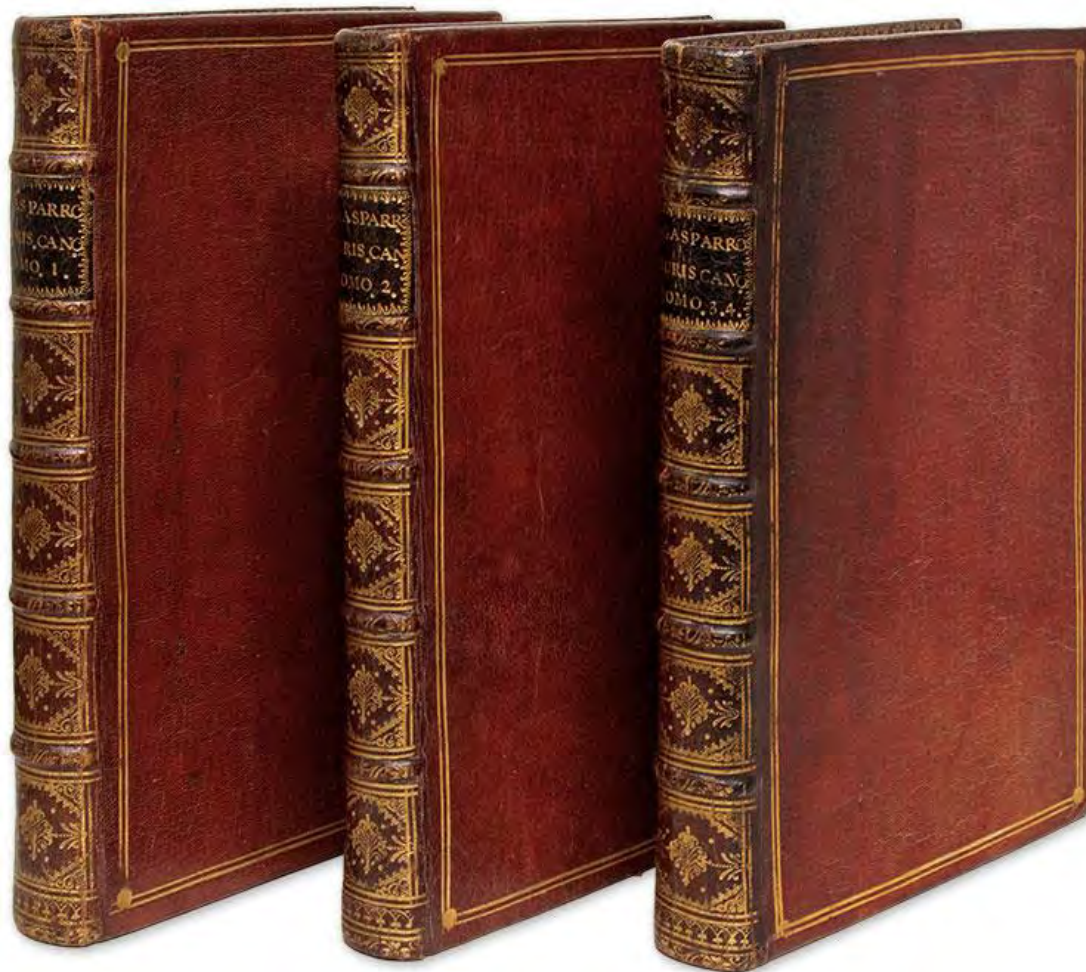
[Amman, Jost (1539-1591), Illustrations].

Von Kayserlichem Kriegsrechten, Malefiz und Schuldhändlen, Ordnung und Regiment: Samt Derselbigen unnd Andern hoch oder Niderigen Beuelch, Bestallung, Stabt und Empter, zu Rossz und Fuß, An Geschütz und Munition, In Zug und Schlachtordnung, Zu Feld, Berg, Thal, Wasser und Land, Vor oder in Besatzungen, Gegen oder von Feinden Fürzunemen, Welcher Art Sitten Herkommen und Gebrauch, Under und bey Regierung deß Allerdurchleuchtigstenm Großmächtigsten, Unüberwindlichsten, Und Kriegserfahrenen berümpftisten Römischen Keyser Caroli deß Fünfften, Hochlöblichster unseligster Gedechtniß, Geübt Ungebraucht, In Zehen Bücher Abgetheilt, Vergleichen nie is Gesehen Worden, Von Neuwen Beschrieben und antag Geben durch Leonhardt Fronsperger. Mit Schönen Neuwen Figuren und einem Ordenlichen Register. Jetzt von neuwem mit Sondernm fleiß Ubersehen, Und an vielen Örtern Gemebrt unnd Gebessert. Frankfurt: [Georg Raben, In Verlegung Sigmund Feyerabends und Simon Hüters], 1565. [iv], CCLI, XXI, [7] ff. 6 copperplate folding plates by Jost Amman. Woodcut text illustrations. Folio (12" x 7-3/4").

Contemporary paneled calf, rebacked in period style, raised bands to spine, clasps restored, hinges mended, preliminaries and following gathering re-hinged. Some scuffing to boards with wear to edges and corners, large early armorial bookplate of the Bavarian Ducal Library to front pastedown, front hinge starting. Title page with large woodcut vignette printed in red and black. Moderate toning to text, light foxing in places, light edgewear to a few leaves at beginning of text, upper corner of title page repaired, small later owner name neatly lettered below imprint date. An appealing copy with all of the often-lacking plates. \$9,500.

* Third edition with plates by Amman. Originally published in 1555, this comprehensive book was intended for officers and others involved in the military and naval affairs of the Holy Roman Empire. Most of the book is devoted to aspects of organization and the rules of engagement. As indicated by its title, it also provides extensive discussion of military law and the laws of war. One of the woodcuts is a trial scene; another is an execution. The plates, by the notable Swiss-German artist Amman, depict a military encampment and land and naval battle scenes. OCLC locates 11 copies of this edition, none in North America. *Verzeichnis der im Deutschen Sprachbereich Erschienenen Drucke des 16. Jahrhunderts* F3118.

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A Jesuitical Restatement of the *Corpus Juris Canonici*

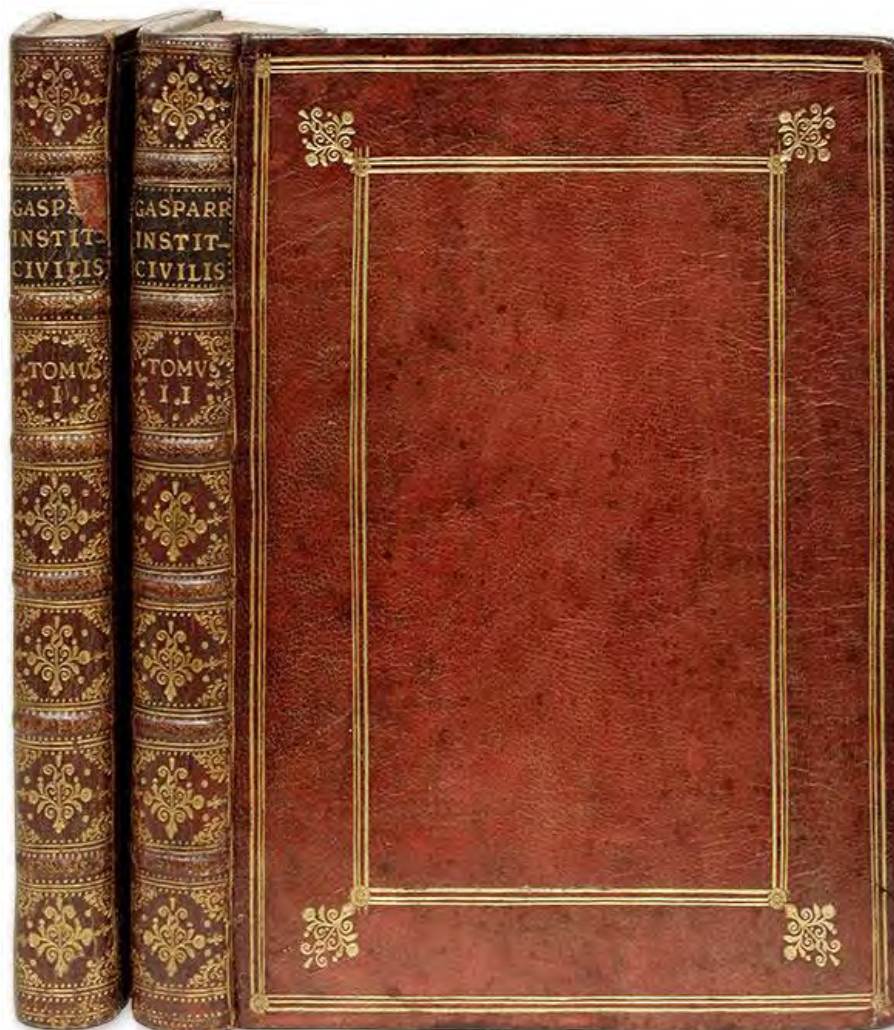
8. Gasparro, Francesco Maria [1679-1735].

Institutionum Juris Canonici. Rome: Ex Typographico Bernabo, 1702. Four parts in three books. [xii], 298, [2]; [viii], 220, [14]; [viii], 222, [10], [iv], 67, [4] pp. Quarto (8-3/4" x 6").

Contemporary morocco, gilt frames to boards, gilt spines with raised bands and lettering, gilt tooling to board edges, gauffered gilt edges to text blocks, patterned endpapers.

A few minor nicks to boards, light rubbing to boards and extremities, corners bumped and lightly worn, pastedowns just starting to come loose, a few partial cracks to text block of book containing Parts III and IV, minor worming along gutter of a few leaves of that book. Light to moderate toning, light foxing in a few places, light soiling to a few leaves. A handsome copy. \$1,950.

* First edition. Gasparro, a Jesuit canon lawyer and member of the Papal Curia, taught criminal and civil law and the University of Rome. Published with Jesuit sponsorship, and notable for its Jesuitical perspective, Gasparro's restatement of the *Corpus Juris Canonici* went through later editions in 1721-1722 and 1731. All editions of this title are scarce today, especially in North America, where OCLC locates 1 copy of the first edition (Harvard Law School). Not in Ferreira-Ibarra. [Order This Item](#)



A Jesuitical Restatement of the *Institutes*

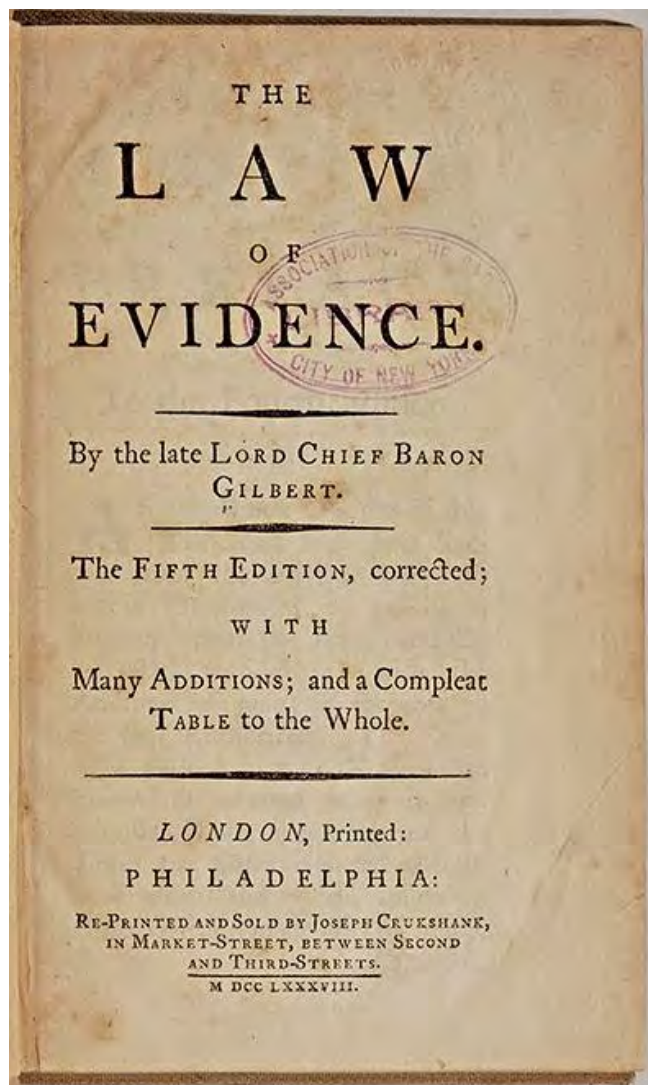
9. Gasparro, Francesco Maria [1679-1735].

Institutionum Juris Civilis. Ad Usam Seminarii Romani. Rome: Apud Cajetanum Zenobium, 1707. Four parts in two volumes. [viii], 105, [11], 160, [8]; 124, [8], 161, [7] pp. Quarto (8-3/4" x 6-1/4").

Contemporary morocco, gilt double frames to boards, inner frames with large fleurons, gilt spines with raised bands and lettering pieces, gilt tooling to board edges, edges of text blocks gilt, marbled endpapers. A few minor nicks to boards, light rubbing to extremities, corners bumped and lightly worn, small chip to lettering piece of Volume I. Light toning, light foxing in places, ink staining to center of fore-edge of first half of Volume I's text block, ink to margins of sixteen leaves touching text on two leaves, light soiling to preliminaries. A handsome copy. \$1,500.

* First edition. Gasparro, a Jesuit canon lawyer and member of the Papal Curia, taught criminal and civil law and the University of Rome. Published with Jesuit sponsorship, and notable for its Jesuitical perspective, Gasparro's restatement of Justinian's *Institutes* was a standard text throughout the eighteenth century; editions appeared as late as 1787. Despite its popularity, all editions of this title are scarce today, especially in North America. OCLC locates 3 copies of the first edition (Harvard Law School, Southern Methodist University Law School, Stanford Law School). Not in Ferreira-Ibarra.

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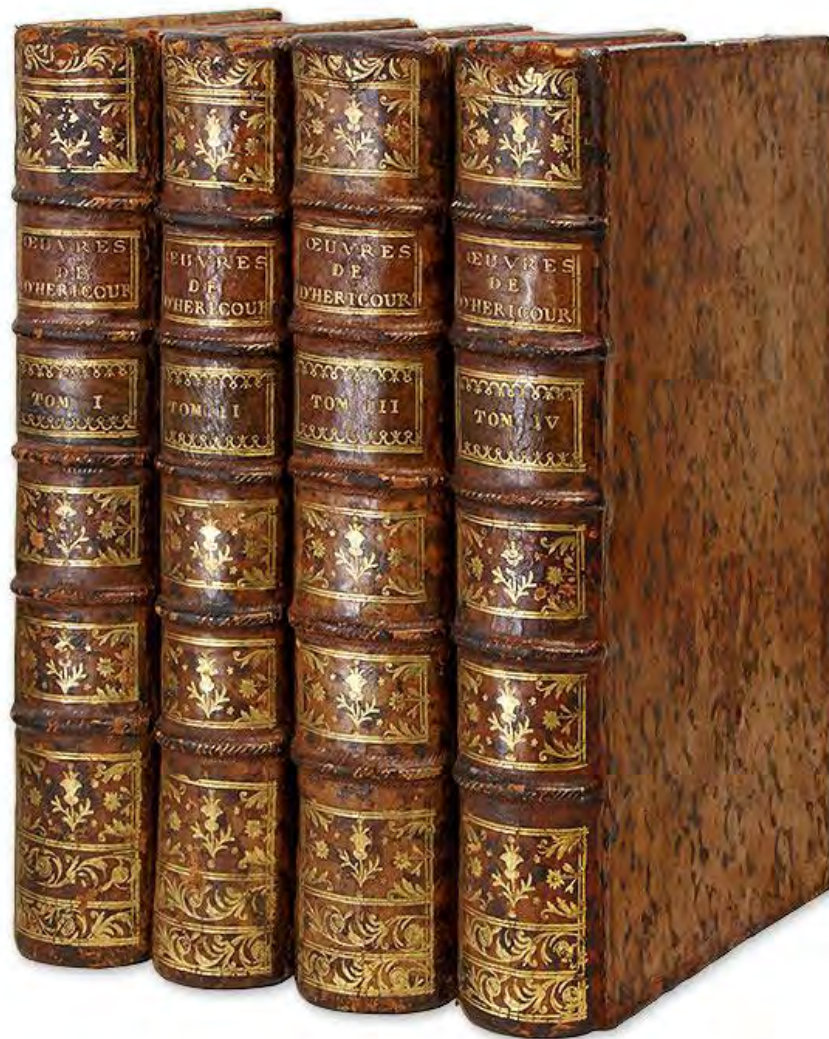
First American Edition of the First English Treatise on Evidence

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

The Law of Evidence. Corrected; With Many Additions; And a Complete Table to the Whole. London, Printed: Philadelphia: Re-Printed and Sold by Joseph Cruikshank, 1788. iv, 286, [76] pp. Octavo (7-1/2" x 4-3/4").

Later library cloth, red and black calf lettering pieces and paper location label to spine, endpapers renewed. Light soiling, moderate rubbing to extremities with some wear to corners, chip to head of spine, hinges cracked, front free endpaper partially detached. Moderate toning, light foxing in a few places, faint library stamps, one embossed, to title page, library markings to verso. \$1,000.

* The first (and only 18th century) American edition. The first book devoted to the subject of evidence, "[i]t long held its place as the chief book on this topic; and Blackstone is loud in its praises" (Holdsworth). Indeed, Blackstone thought so highly of this work that he apologized for not treating the subject of evidence at length "because of the fulness and excellence of...Gilbert's treatise, a work which it is impossible to abstract or abridge, without losing some beauty and destroying the chain of the whole.": Blackstone, *Commentaries on the Laws of England* III:367. Holdsworth, *Sources and Literature of English Law* 120. Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 5055. [Order This Item](#)



The Leading French Canonist of His Time

11. Héricourt du Vatier, Louis d' [1687-1752].

Oeuvres Posthumes de Maître Louis d'Héricourt, Avocat au Parlement. Paris: Desaint & Saillant, Durand, Cellot, 1759. Four volumes. Quarto (10" x 7-3/4").

Contemporary calf with cat's-paw decoration, gilt spines with raised bands and lettering pieces, edges of text blocks rouged, ribbon markers. A few minor nicks and scuffs to boards, light rubbing to extremities, corners bumped and lightly worn, some wear to ends of markers, front hinge of Volume I starting, tiny chip to head of spine of Volume II, a few hinges starting, later armorial bookplates (of F. De Valenzi) to front pastedowns of Volumes I-III and rear pastedown of Volume IV. A scarce set in a handsome binding. \$1,850.

* Only edition. This handsome set collects the legal opinions and other writings of a distinguished *avocat* of the Parlement of Paris. Camus notes that Héricourt de Vatier was known as the leading French canonist of his day. Contents: Volume I: *Consultations Canoniques et Civiles*; Volumes II-III: *Mémoires sur des Questions de Droit Civil*; Volume IV: *Mémoires sur des Questions de Droit Canonique*. OCLC locates 8 copies in North America, 3 in law libraries (Harvard, UC-Berkeley, University of Michigan). Camus, *Bibliothèque Choisie des Livres de Droit* 1445. [Order This Item](#)



Three Satirical Views of Legal Practice

12. Holtermann, Arnold Moriz [1627-1681].

De Nequitia Advocatorum, Von Tücken und Bubenstücken der Advocaten und deren Gebet. Cum Judicio Defensivo Francisci Clientis, Dicto Virgae! Virgae!. [Germany]: S.n., 1682. 210 pp. Added double folded copperplate title page.

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Fritsch, Ahasver [1629-1701].

In Nahmen Jesu! Der Beschämte Geschenk-Fresser: Nebst einer Treuberzigen Warnung. Jena: Bey Johann Bielcke, 1684. [11], 48 pp. Double folded title page.

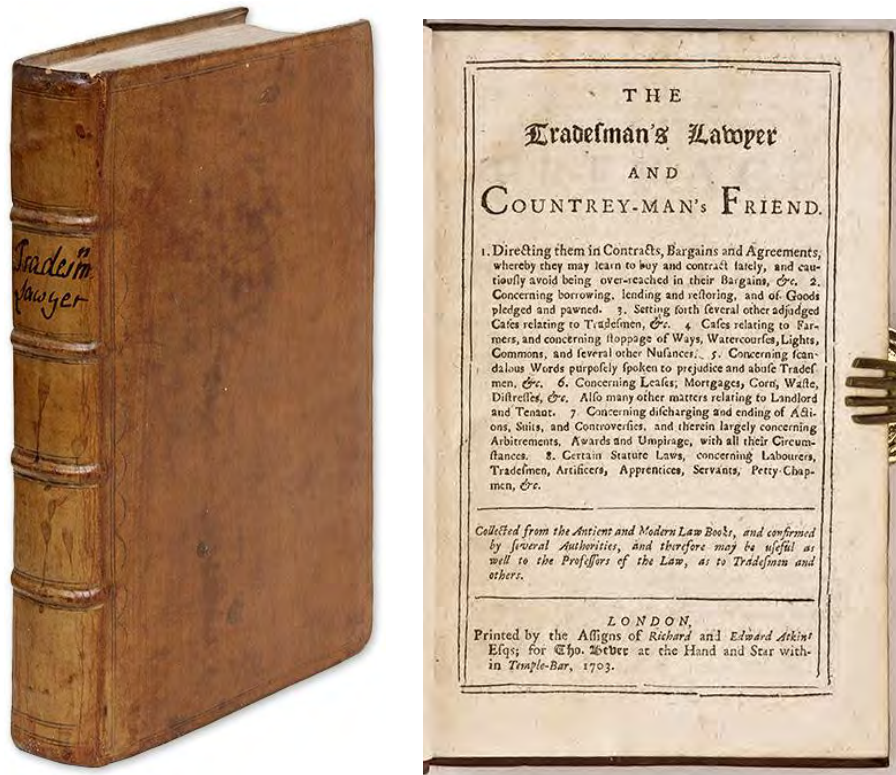
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Wiederholdt, Johann Ludwig [1679-1760].

Repraesentatio Judicis Muneribus Ac Donis Corrupti, Das Ist: Kurtze Abbildung Eines durch Gaben und Geschenke Bestochenen Richters, Darinnen Gezeigt Wird: 1. Ob und wie weit einem Richter Geschenke Zunehmen Erlaubt sey oder Nicht. 2. Wie sich ein Richter des Criminis Baratariae Verdächtig Mache. 3. Wie dieses Laster Zubestrafen, Und 4. Wie sich eine Hobe Landes-Herrschaft vor Solchen Geschenk-Fressern Hüten Können. Wetzlar: Verlegt Georg Ernst Winckler, c.1725. 123 pp. Double folded title page. Divisional title page between pp. 28 and 30 reading (in part) *Omnibus Justitiae Administrationem Profidentibus, Nec non Patronis Atque Amicis*.

Octavo (6-1/2" x 3-3/4"). Eighteenth-century three-quarter vellum over marbled boards over marbled boards, faint early hand-lettered title to spine. Moderate rubbing and a few small scuffs to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, front joint starting at ends, spine darkened, hinges cracked, recent bookseller ticket to front pastedown, vellum just beginning to crack through rear pastedown. Light browning, light foxing in a few places, faint dampstaining to a few leaves. \$2,500.

* This volume collects later editions of three German satirical titles about legal practice in the German states. The best-known of these is Holtermann's *Nequitia Advocatorum*, which features an allegorical title page depicting a young man under assault from lawyers and judges. As indicated by their titles, the other titles address the corrupt nature of lawyers and judges. *Das Verzeichnis der im Deutschen Sprachraum Erschienenen Drucke des 17. Jahrhunderts* 23:653515W, 1:052042Y. *Das Verzeichnis Deutscher Drucke des 18. Jahrhunderts* 10453814. [Order This Item](#)



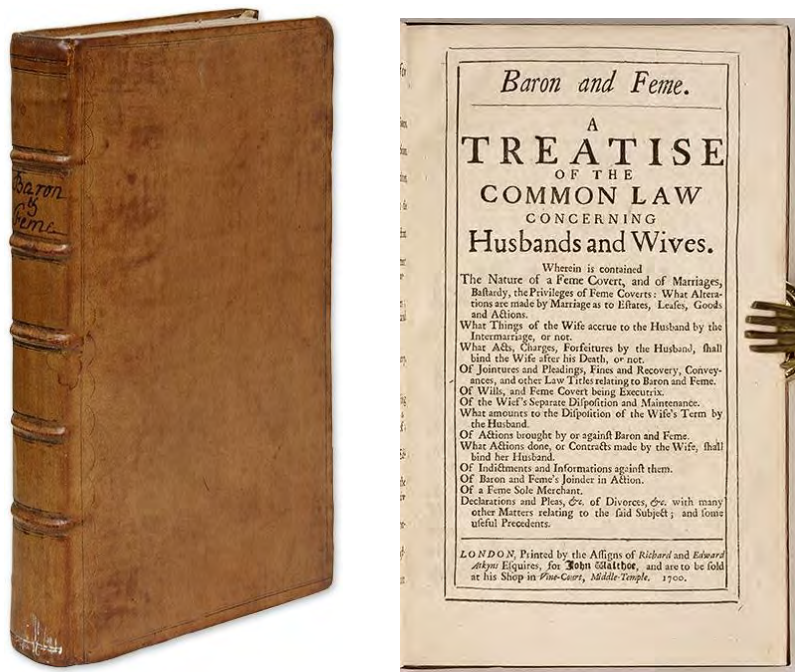
Legal Advice for Tradesmen

13. [Layman's Guide].

The Tradesman's Lawyer and Country-Man's Friend: 1. Directing Them in Contracts, Bargains and Agreements, Whereby They May Learn to Buy and Contract Safely, And Cautiously Avoid Being Over-Reached in Their Bargains, &c. 2. Concerning Borrowing, Lending and Restoring, And of Goods Pledged and Panned. 3. Setting Forth Several Other Adjudged Cases Relating to Tradesmen, &c. 4. Cases Relating to Farmers, And Concerning Stoppage of Ways, Watercourses, Lights, Commons, and Several Other Nuisances. 5. Concerning Scandalous Words Purposely Spoken to Prejudice and Abuse Tradesmen, &c. 6. Concerning Leases, Mortgages, Corn, Waste, Distresses, &c. Also Many Other Matters Relating to Landlord and Tenant. 7. Concerning Discharging and Ending of Actions, Suits, and Controversies, And Therein Largely Concerning Arbitrements, Awards and Umpirage, With All Their Circumstances. 8. Certain Statute Laws, Concerning Labourers, Tradesmen, Artificers, Apprentices, Servants, Petty Chapmen, &c. Collected from the Antient and Modern Law Books, And Confirmed by Several Authorities, And Therefore May be Useful as Well to the Professors of the Law, As to Tradesmen and Others. London: Printed by the Assigns of Richard and Edward Atkins Esqs., 1703. [viii], 424 pp. Octavo (6-1/2" x 4-1/4").

Contemporary calf, blind rules to boards, blind fillets along joints, raised bands and early hand-lettered title to spine, gilt tooling to board edges. Negligible light rubbing and a few minor nicks to boards, corners lightly bumped, rear hinge cracked. Light toning to text, slightly heavier in places, tiny worm track near upper corners of final four text leaves, rear free endpaper and rear pastedown, early owner annotation to pp. 10 and 34 and rear free endpaper. A notably well-preserved copy of a rare title. \$4,500.

* First edition. An early form of "consumer protection," this book was written to protect members of the middle ranks of English society from the "cunning" of "persons of a higher Rank," who always enjoyed the "Learning and Leisure to read the Law." Two later editions were published in 1709 and 1720 with the title *Gentleman's Assistant, Tradesman's Lawyer and Country-Man's Friend*. The ESTC and OCLC locate 7 copies worldwide, 1 in a law library (Library of Congress). *English Short-Title Catalogue* T111090. [Order This Item](#)



First Edition of the First English Treatise on Family Law

14. [Marriage Law].

[Great Britain].

Baron and Feme: A Treatise of the Common Law Concerning Husbands and Wives. Wherein is Contained the Nature of a Feme Covert, And of Marriages, Bastardy, The Privileges of Feme Coverts; What Alterations are Made by Marriage as to Estates, Leases, Goods, and Actions. What Things of the Wife Accrue to the Husband by the Intermarriage, Or Not. What Acts, Charges, Forfeitures by the Husband, Shall Bind the Wife After His Death, Or Not; Of Jointures and Pleadings, Fines and Recovery, Conveyances and Other Law Titles Relating to Baron and Feme. Of Wills, And Feme Covert Being Executrix. Of the Wife's Separate Disposition and Maintenance. What Amounts to the Disposition of the Wife's Term by the Husband. Of Actions Brought by or Against Baron and Feme. What Actions Done, Or Contracts Made by the Wife, Shall Bind Her Husband. Of Indictments and Informations Against Them. Of Baron and Feme's Joinder in Action. Of a Feme Sole Merchant. Declaration and Pleas &c. of Divorces &c. With Many Other Matters Relating to the Said Subject; And Some Useful Precedents. London: Printed by the Assigns of Richard and Edward Atkyns Esquires, for John Walthoe, 1700. [xxxii], 380, [36] pp. Publisher advertisement facing title page. Four numbered advertisement leaves following index not present in our copy. Octavo (7-1/2" x 4-1/2")

Contemporary calf, blind rules to boards, blind fillets along joints, raised bands and early hand-lettered title to spine, gilt tooling to board edges. Negligible light rubbing to boards, tiny inkspot to rear boards, corners bumped and lightly worn, rear hinge starting. Light toning, slightly heavier in places, occasional early annotations in contemporary hand to margins, additional annotations to rear free endpaper, faint (often very faint) dampstaining to foot of text block in a few places. A notably well-preserved copy. \$6,500.

* First edition. Passing through subsequent editions in 1719 and 1738, this was the first English treatise devoted exclusively to family law. It is a broadly conceived work. "I have herein considered Baron and Feme in all the circumstances of life, from the solemnization of marriage to the divorce, and have not omitted 'those collateral by-blows, (the title of bastardy making a considerable figure in our books;) and the variety of the matter made me some attonement for the labour" (To The Reader). According to the introduction, the anonymous author seems to have also been the author of the *Infants Lawyer: Or the Law (Ancient and Modern) Relating to Infants* (1697). *English Short-Title Catalogue* R6177.

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One of the Great Legal Works of the Medieval Era

15. Placentinus, Petrus [d.1192].

Rhodium, Nikolaus [fl. 1530-1535], Editor.

In Codicis Dn. Iustiniani Sacratissimi Principis ex Repetita Praelectione Libros IX. Summa a Placentino Legum Interprete Excellentissimo Ante 400. Ferme Annos Conscripta et nunc Primum in Lucem Aedita. Accessit Praeterea Index Geminus, In quo Omnes Huius Summae Tituli, Non tam Secundum Librorum, Quam Secundum Alphabeti Ordinem, Pulcherrime Demonstrantur. Mainz: [In Officina Iuonis Schoeffer], 1536. [xxviii], 454, [2] pp.

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Zasius, Ulrich [1461-1535].

Freige, Nicolaus (and Others), Editor.

In Usus Feudorum Epitome, Ordine Et Utilitate Commendabilis. Eiusdem Orationes Aliquot Disertae, Tum in Laudem Legum, Tum Funebres. Basel: Apud Io. Bebelium, 1535. [xxiv], 174, [2] pp.

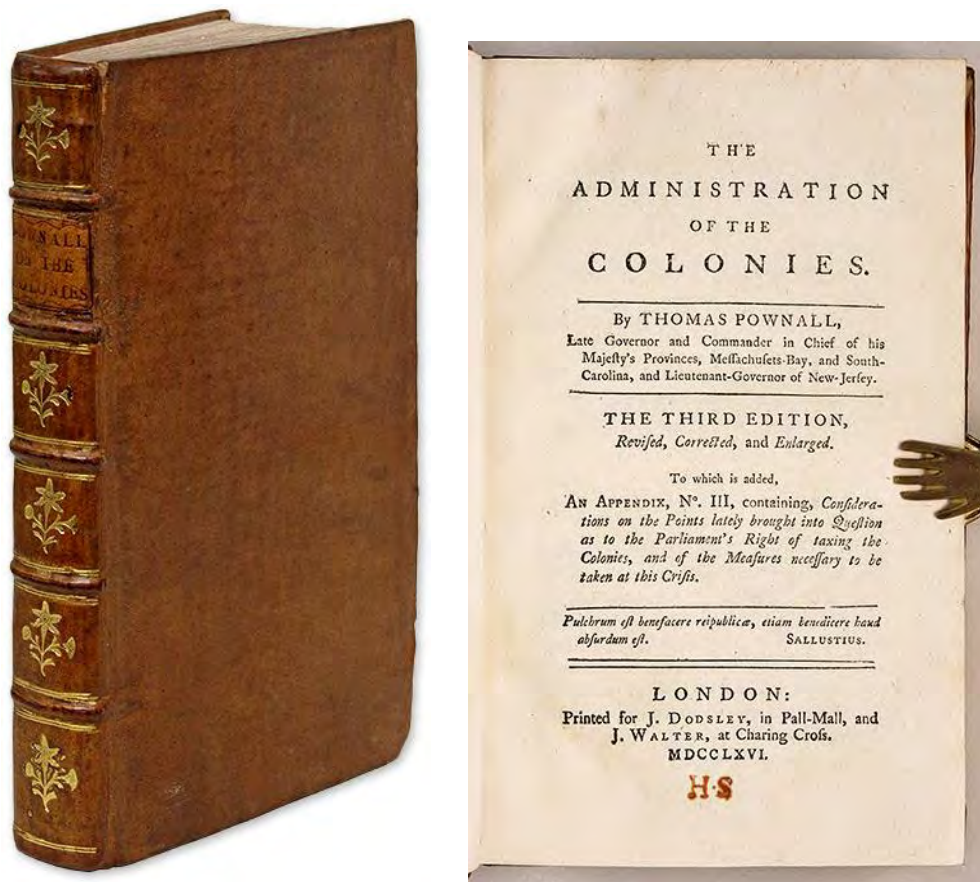
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Aytta, Wigle van [1507-1577].

Commentaria Viglii Zuichemi Phrysii in Decem Titulos Institutionum Iuris Civilis, Quibus Omnia Penè Testamentorum Iura Eleganter ac Dilucide Explicantur. Titulorum Catalogum Sequens pagina Indicabit. Basel: In Officina Frobeniana, 1534. [viii], 192, [12] pp.

Folio (12" x 8"). Contemporary paneled pigskin, eighteenth-century speckled paper, gilt ornaments and lettering piece to spine, ties lacking (possibly removed when the spine was "modernized"). Light soiling, a few minor worm holes, moderate rubbing to extremities with light wear to paper covering spine, corners bumped, front endleaves lacking, front hinge cracked, minor worming to rear pastedown and free endpaper, which has some edgewear and a chip to its top-edge near the gutter. Notably elegant woodcut initials in all three titles. Light toning, somewhat heavier in places, occasional light foxing, light soiling to title pages, lower margin trimmed from title page of *Codicis* with no loss to text. \$4,500.

* Only edition: *Codicis*; first edition: *Usus Feudorum*, *Commentaria*. Written around 1180, Placentinus's exposition of Justinian's *Code* (then believed to contain 9 books) was one of the great legal works of the medieval era. Rhodium's edition was the first printed version of this work. Zasius's *Usus Feudorum*, his last work, is a study of feudal land law, Aytta's *Commentaria* is a study of the Title X of the Justinian's *Institutes*, "Concerning the Execution of Wills." *Usus Feudorum* and *Commentaria* went through several editions and issues through the end of the sixteenth century. *Verzeichnis der im Deutschen Sprachbereich Erschienenen Drucke des 16. Jahrhunderts* P1887, Z158, A4525. [Order This Item](#)



A Supporter of American Liberty

16. Pownall, Thomas [1722-1805].

The Administration of the Colonies. The Third Edition, Revised, Corrected, and Enlarged. To Which is Added, An Appendix, No. III, Containing, Considerations on the Points Lately Brought into Question as to the Parliament's Right of Taxing the Colonies, And of the Measures Necessary to be Taken at this Crisis. London: Printed for J. Dodsley and J. Walter, 1766. [xxviii], 202, 60, 52 pp. With a half-title. Seven woodcuts text at pp. 172-1744 reproducing the marks of Native American sachems (chiefs). Octavo (8" x 5").

Contemporary sprinkled calf, gilt-edged raised bands and gilt ornaments to spine, gilding rubbed away from title, gilt tooling to board edges. Negligible light rubbing and a few minor nicks and scuffs to boards, corners bumped. Light toning to text, light soiling to a few leaves, small hole to head of front endleaves and half-title, early owner initials to foot of title page. \$2,750.

* Third edition. Pownall was governor of Massachusetts from 1757 to 1759, after which "he remained an acknowledged expert on Britain's colonial affairs in general, especially the American colonies that declared independence in 1776. Pownall's most influential statement in this respect was his *Administration of the Colonies*, first published in 1764.... Pownall consciously sought in this work to identify himself as a supporter of American liberty. Although he feared that Britain was losing control of its colonies, he wrote that the Americans were entitled to the same rights of representative government as their fellow subjects in England, Scotland, and Wales" (ODNB). The first edition was published in 1764, its final edition in 1777. Appendix No. III. is an assessment of Parliament's right to tax its colonies drawn from the then-recent history of the Stamp Act (1765-1766). *Oxford Dictionary of National Biography* (online edition). Sabin, *A Dictionary of Books Relating to America* 64816. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T90025. [Order This Item](#)



First Edition of Pufendorf's Landmark Treatise on International Law

17. Pufendorf, Samuel [1632-1694].

De Jure Naturae et Gentium Libro Octo. Lund: Sumptibus Adami Junghans, 1672. [xx], 1227, [9] pp. Quarto (8-1/4" x 6-1/2").

Contemporary to spine, gilt tooling to board edges. A few shallow scuffs, nicks and inkspots to boards, light rubbing to extremities, a few small scuffs to spine, corners bumped and lightly worn. Title page printed in red and black. Moderate toning, minor worming to margins in a few places, gradually diminishing faint dampstaining to foot of text block to p. 92., spark burn to leaf ZZ2 (pp. 363-364) and small to leaf VVV2 (pp. 523-524) with loss to a few letters, brief annotations in contemporary hand to index leaves. \$9,500.

* First edition. In 1662 Pufendorf was appointed to the first modern professorship in natural law (at the University of Heidelberg). In 1670 he became professor of natural law at the University of Lund in Sweden. An instant classic, *De Jure Naturae et Gentium* is his principal work and a landmark in the history of natural and international law. It proposed a thorough system of private, public, and international law based on natural law. Beginning with a consideration of fundamental legal ideas and their various divisions, Pufendorf proceeded to a discussion of the validity of customs, the doctrines of necessity and innate human reason. The work is significant in part because it developed principles introduced by Grotius and Hobbes. Unlike Hobbes, Pufendorf argued that peace, not war, was the state of nature, and he proposed that international law was not restricted to Christendom. *British Museum Catalogue* (Compact Edition) 20:1074.

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Useful to the German Lawyer or Law Student

18. Salander (Schade, Franz Henning) [1699-1732].

Der Auf Neue Manier Abgefaste und Expedite Notarius, Worinnen Der I. Theil der Notarien Geschäfte, Amts-Verrichtungen, Darauff sich das Examen Gründet, Wie auch Käysers Maximiliani I. Constitution von Notarien de Anno 1512. Und andere Edicta &c. Der II. Theil alle Cautelen und Formulen, So bey Obligationen, Bürgschaften, Kauff- Mieth- Oder Pacht-Gesellschafts-Contract, Bey Vollmachten, Tutelen, Erbschafften, Schenckungen, Wechseln, Vergleichen, Zahlungen, Quittungen, Enden, Attestaten, Recessien, Vidimir- und Infimuirungen, Suppliquen, Registraturen, Protocollen u.d.g. zu Observiren, Der III. Theil aber den Notarium Immatriculatum, Nebst einen Wörter-Lexicon, neuen Anhang und Vollständigen Register Vorstellet. Allen Notarien, Actuarien, Studiosis und Andern Schreibern zu Nutz und Gebrauch nach dem Gewöhnlichen und Heutigen Curial-Stylo Eingerichtet, Revidiret und zum Drittenmahl Heraus Gegeben von Salandern. Frankfurt and Leipzig: Zum Finden bey Hierontmo Philippo Ritscheln, 1720. [xiv], 832, [16] pp. Copperplate pictorial frontispiece.

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Ludovici, Jacob Friedrich [1671-1723].

Usus Practicus Distinctionum Juridicarum, Juxta Ordinem Digestorum Adornatus. Rivisa & Aucta Duplici Indice. Halle: Sumptibus Orphanotropei, 1717. [lxxvix], 171; 175; 199 pp. Three parts, each with title page and individual pagination. Copperplate portrait frontispiece (of Justinian I).

[And]

Rivinus, Quintus Septimius Florens [1651-1713].

Specimen Exceptionum Forensium, Exhibens Dilatorias ad Usum Fori Saxonici Accomodatas in Gratiam Auditorum Suorum. Leipzig: Apud Dav. Fleischeri Viduam, 1719. [iii], 279, [2] pp.

Octavo (6" x 3-3/4"). Contemporary vellum, edges rouged. Light spotting, moderate rubbing, vellum just beginning to crack through pastedowns. Title pages printed in red and black. Moderate toning, light foxing and faint dampstaining in a few places, headlines and lower margins affected in places by trimming with no loss to legibility, light edgewear to frontispieces. \$4,500.

* This volume collects later editions of three works that would have been useful to a German lawyer or law student. Enhanced by a law dictionary, Salander's *Neue Manier Abgefaste und Expedite Notarius* is a thorough guide to legal drafting and procedure concerning legal documents. Ludovici's *Usus Practicus Distinctionum* is treatise on jurisprudence based on Justinian's *Digest*. Rivinus's *Specimen Exceptionum* is a guide to pleading and procedure. All of these titles are scarce with few holdings in North American libraries. *Das Verzeichnis Deutscher Drucke des 18. Jahrhunderts* 11274026 (Salander), 10909036 (Rivinus). The 1717 edition of Ludovici not in *VD18* or the *British Museum Catalogue*. [Order This Item](#)



A Fifteenth-Century Legal Reference Library

19. Schussenried, Werner von [et al.]

Modus Legendi Abbreviaturas in Utroq[ue] Iure, Sive Processus Iuris. [Strasbourg: Printer of the 1483 Jordanus de Quedlinburg (Georg Husner), 9 August 1490]. [126] ff. Text in parallel columns. Collation: a8 b6 c8 d6 e8 f-v6. Complete.

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Guido de Cumis.

Casus Longi Super Institutis. [Strasbourg: Johann Prüss, about 1488-1493]. [84] ff. Text in parallel columns. Collation: A8 B-K6 L8 M6 N8. Lacking final blank leaf.

Folio (11-1/4" x 8-1/4"; 29 x 21 cm). Contemporary paneled pigskin, raised bands to spine, pigskin clasps with pigskin straps and brass hardware, lower strap and clasp renewed, faint hand-lettered early title to head of front board. Moderate soiling, several worm holes to boards and spine, moderate rubbing to extremities, corners bumped and somewhat worn, section of rear pastedown renewed. Light toning, several worm holes and a few worm tracks to text block with no loss to legibility, faint dampstaining to margins in a few places, some edgewear to corners of the first four leaves of *Modus Legendi* and final 23 leaves of *Casus Longi*, light soiling to title pages, later owner inscription to front free endpaper, "33" in later hand to title page of *Modus Legendi*, later doodles to rear endleaf. \$12,000.

* This volume collects a group of classic medieval and early-modern texts. The *Modus Legendi Abbreviaturas* is a dictionary of abbreviations compiled by Wernherus von Schussenried. It is accompanied by the *Processus Juciaris* of Johannes Auerbach, a handbook on procedure, the *Tractatus de Praesumptionibus* of Bartolo of Sassoferrato (attributed to Auerbach in this edition), a treatise on legal reasoning and conjecture, the *Summa Qualiter Notorii* and *Tractatus Notariatus* of Dominicus of Vicentina, handbooks on notaries and legal process, the *Defensorium Juris* of Gerardus of Rheinau, a handbook on defense procedure, the *Tractatus Exceptionum* of Pope Innocent IV, a treatise on jurisdictional authority between higher and lower-ranking members of clergy, the *Tractatus Praescriptionum* of Dinus of Mugello, a study of land tenure in Roman law, the *Arbitris et Arbitratoribus* of Petrus Jacobus of Montepessulano, a handbook on arbitration, the *Differentiae Legum et Canonium* of Galvanus Salvianis of Bononia, a comparative study of Roman and Canon law, and the *Tractatus de Tabellionibus* of Baldus de Ubaldis (attributed to Bartolus in this edition). The *Casus Longi Super Institutis* is a summary of the *Institutes* of Justinian. Goff, *Incunabula in American Libraries* M757, G555. *Gesamtkatalog der Wiegendrucke* M47350, 11711. [Order This Item](#)



With an Oversized Copperplate Folding Leaf Depicting a Courtroom Scene

20. Sprenger, Joh[ann] Theodor [1630-1681].

Lucerna Moderni Status S. Rom. Imperii; Ad Vivum Repraesentans Omnia, Quae Ad Notitiam Novissimi Juris Publici Practici Magis Quam Speculativi, Necessaria Sunt. Frankfurt: Impensis Aegidii Vogelii, 1665. [xviii], 663, [5] pp. Added copperplate pictorial title page, engraved oversized folding leaf depicting a courtroom scene, 8 folding tables numbered at pp. 27-30 and 433-448. 12mo. (5" x 3").

Contemporary vellum, blind frames to boards, later hand-lettered paper title panel and location label to spine, brass clasps on vellum straps. Light rubbing to extremities, corners bumped. Moderate toning, light foxing in places, light rubbing to a edges of a few tables, faint dampstaining to verso of courtroom leaf, image not affected, tiny early owner signature to title page. A remarkably well-preserved copy. \$2,950.

* First edition, one of two issues from 1665. This study is concerned with the legal status of nobles and bishops under the public law of the Holy Roman Empire and Roman law. Later editions were published in 1666 and 1667. All are scarce. OCLC locates 1 copy of the first edition in North America (Harvard Law School), 3 of the second (Library of Congress, UC-Berkeley Law School, Yale Law School) and 2 of the third (Harvard Law School, Library of Congress). *Das Verzeichnis der im Deutschen Sprachraum Erschienenen Drucke des 17. Jahrhunderts* 23:323607U. [Order This Item](#)



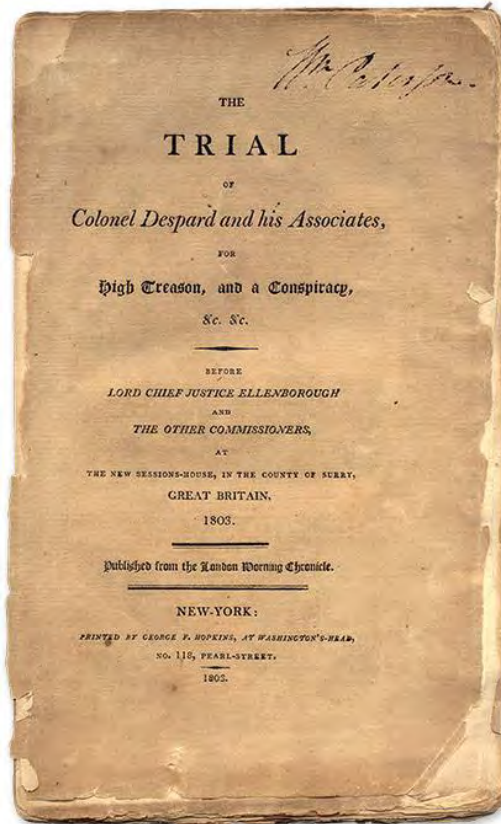
First Edition of the First Standard Treatise on Wills

21. Swinburne, Henry [1560?-1623].

A Briefe Treatise of Testaments and Last Willes, Very Profitable to be Understoode of All the Subjects of This Realme of England, (Desirous to Know, Whether, Whereof, And How, They May Make Their Testaments: And by What Means the Same May be Effected or Hindered,) And no Lesse Delightfull, Aswell for the Rareness of the Worke, As for the Easines of the Stile, And Method: Compiled of such Lawes Ecclesiasticall and Civill, As be Not Repugnant to the Lawes, Customes, Or Statutes of this Realme, Nor Derogatorie to the Prerogative Royall. In which Treatise Also are Inserted Divers Statutes of this Land, Together with Mention of Sundrie Customes, As Well General as Particular, Not Impertinent Thereunto: Besides Divers Marginall Notes, And Quotations Not to be Neglected, Especially of Iustinianists, Or Young Students of the Civil Law: With Two Tables, The One Analytical, Describing the Generall Order of the Whole Treatise: The Other Alphabetically, Disclosing the Particular Contents Thereof: That in the Beginning; This in the End of the Booke. London: Printed by John Windet, 1590 [colophon date 1591]. [xii], 293, [14] ff. Errata leaf present. As in many copies, our copy lacks the pasted one-word slip-cancel on Leaf K5r (Fol. 65) (changing "whether" to "where"). Quarto (7-1/2" x 5-1/2").

Later library cloth, calf lettering piece and residue from paper location label to spine, endpapers added. Light soiling, joints starting, text block neatly detached. Moderate toning to text, light soiling in places, early owner signature and initials and later library stamp to title page, small library mark to verso. \$750.

* First edition. The testamentary jurisdiction of ecclesiastical law was a separate branch that produced its own literature. From the sixteenth until well into the seventeenth century Swinburne's was the standard treatise on this subject. Holdsworth, who cites it often and considers it "the most practically useful book of [its] period" notes that "it is a very useful summary of the law as to wills and executors as administered in the ecclesiastical courts." *A History of English Law* V:14. *English Short-Title Catalogue* S118058. Beale, *A Bibliography of Early English Law Books* T498. [Order This Item](#)



**Lord Admiral Nelson
Testified as a Character Witness**

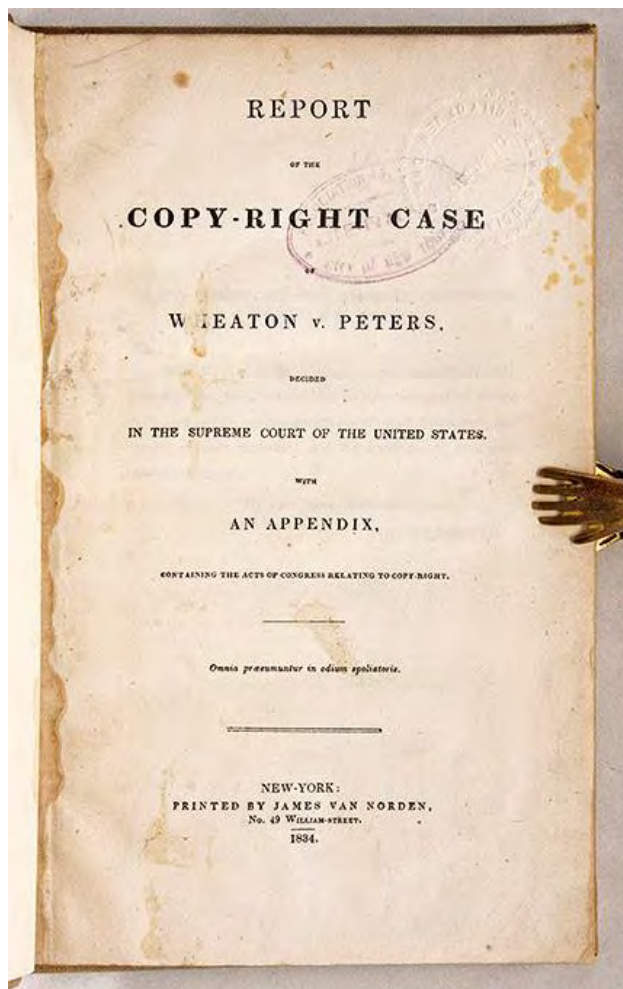
22. [Trial].

Despard, Edward Marcus [1751-1803], Primary Defendant.

The Trial of Colonel Despard and His Associates, For High Treason, And a Conspiracy, &c. &c. Before Lord Chief Justice Ellenborough and the Other Commissioners, At the New Sessions-House, In the County of Surry [sic], Great Britain, 1803. Published from the London Morning Chronicle. New York: Printed by George F. Hopkins, at Washington's-Head, no. 118, Pearl-Street, 1803. 56 pp. Octavo (9-1/4" x 5-1/2").

Stab-stitched pamphlet in self-wrappers, untrimmed edges. Light browning, title page detached, lightly soiled and moderately edgeworn with loss to corners, early owner signature to head, moderate edgewear and light soiling to final leaf, light foxing to a few leaves. \$500.

* Only American edition. After a brilliant military career in the West Indies, where his achievements impressed Lieutenant, later Lord Admiral, Nelson, Colonel Despard was recalled from his command and dismissed on frivolous charges. He tried to clear his name and seek compensation, but his complaints led to imprisonment without trial for two years. Financially ruined and bitter, he came to resent the establishment. He joined the radical London Corresponding Society and revolutionary United Irishman and took part in a plot to organize uprisings in London and Ireland, the latter with support from French revolutionaries. After the plot was foiled Despard and six others were convicted of treason. A highlight during the trial was Lord Admiral Nelson's testimony as a character witness on Despard's behalf. Despard and his co-conspirators share the dubious distinction of being the last men in Great Britain sentenced to be hanged, drawn, and quartered. However, the king commuted their sentences to death by hanging followed by decapitation. Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 14127. [Order This Item](#)



The First U.S. Supreme Court Ruling on Copyright

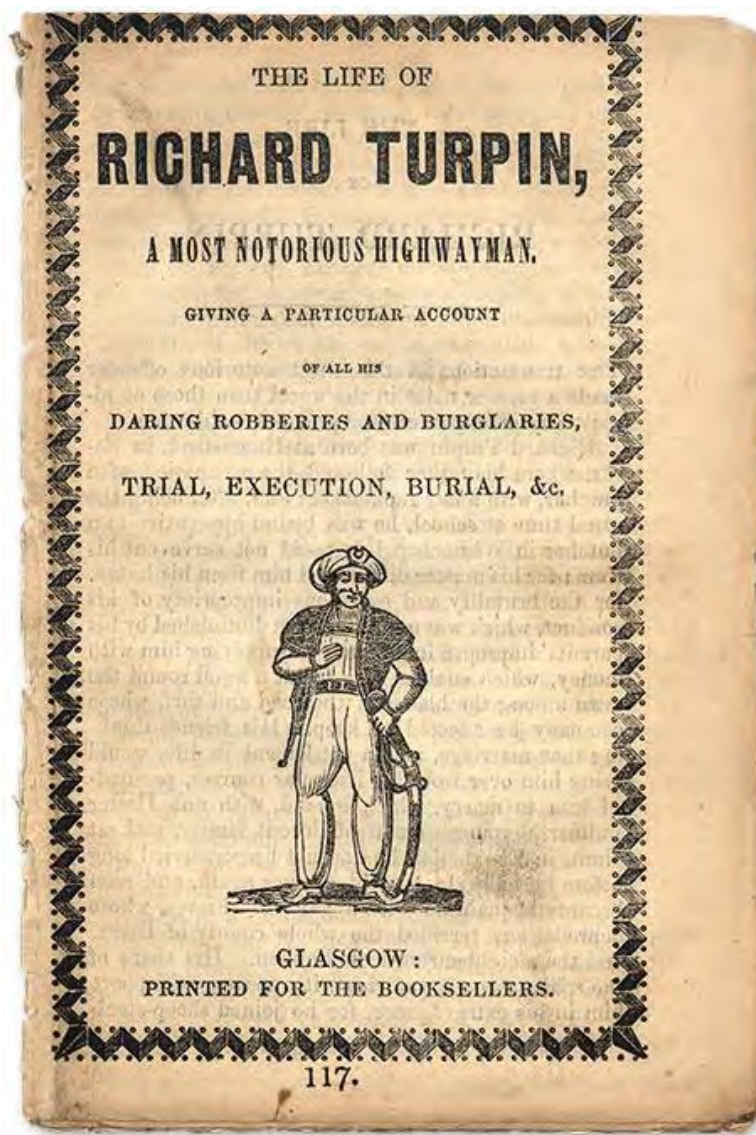
23. [Trial].

[Wheaton et al v. Peters et al].

Report of the Copy-Right Case of Wheaton v. Peters. Decided in the Supreme Court of the United States. With an Appendix, Containing the Acts of Congress Relating to Copy-Right. New York: Printed by James Van Norden, 1834. 176 pp. Errata sheet tipped-in between pp. 136 and 137. Octavo (9-3/4" x 6-1/4").

Later library cloth, red and black calf lettering pieces and paper location label to spine, endpapers renewed, hinges reinforced with cloth. Light soiling, a few chips to lettering pieces, crack in text block between front endleaf and title page. Moderate toning, light foxing to a few leaves, faint library stamps, one embossed, to title page, library markings to verso. \$750.

* First and only edition, one of two issues from 1834, the other published in Washington, DC. In this case, the first U.S. Supreme court ruling on copyright, Henry Wheaton, former reporter of the Supreme Court, sued Richard Peters, then the current reporter, for copyright infringement based on Peters's inclusion in his publication, *Condensed Reports*, of decisions originally reported by Wheaton. The decision of the court stated: "It may be proper to remark that the Court is unanimously of opinion that no reporter has or can have any copyright in the written opinions delivered by this Court, and that the judges thereof cannot confer on any reporter any such right." Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 11538. [Order This Item](#)



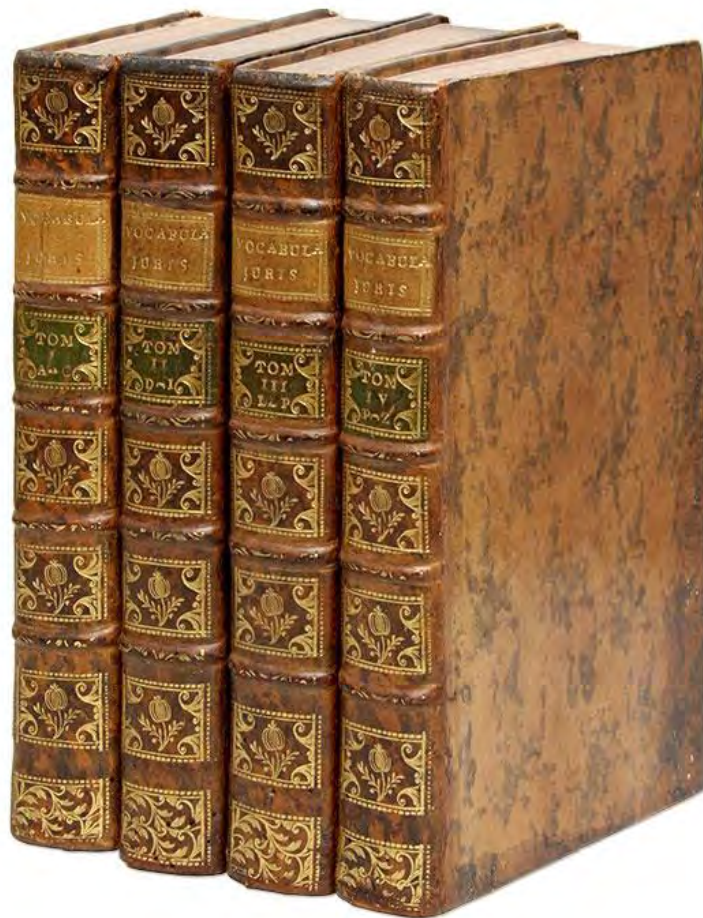
"A Most Notorious Highwayman"

24. [Turpin, Richard (1706-1739)].

The Life of Richard Turpin, A Most Notorious Highwayman. Giving a Particular Account of All His Daring Robberies and Burglaries, Trial, Execution, Burial, &c. Glasgow: Printed for the Booksellers, [c. 1825]. 24 pp. 12mo. (5-3/4" x 4").

Disbound stab-stitched pamphlet (chap-book) in self-wrappers, title page, featuring an image of a Turk, printed with woodcut border. Negligible light soiling, light edgewear, border at head of title page affected by trimming. \$250.

* Turpin, a charismatic highwayman, was one of the "media sensations" of his day, especially after his execution for horse theft in 1739. He assumed legendary status after his death. Popular interest in his exploits continued into the nineteenth century, as we can see in this account published around 1825. OCLC locates 13 copies in North America, 1 in a law library (Yale). [Order This Item](#)



Handsome Copy of a Notable Eighteenth-Century Dictionary

**25. Vicat, B[eat]-Phil[ippe] [1715-1770], Compiler.
[Ferrigno, Pasquale (fl. 1760), Editor].**

Vocabularium Juris Utriusque ex Variis Ante Editis, Praesertim ex Alexand. Scoti, Jo. Kabl, Barn. Brissonii, et Jo. Gottl. Heineccii Accessionibus. Auctior Atque Emendatior. Naples: Sumptibus Joannis Gravier, 1760. Four volumes. Main text in parallel columns. Copperplate pictorial frontispiece in Volume I. Octavo (7-1/2" x 4-3/4").

Contemporary calf, cat's paw decoration to boards, gilt spines with raised bands and lettering pieces, gilt tooling to board edges, marbled endpapers, speckled edges. Moderate rubbing to extremities, corners bumped and lightly worn, a few minor worm holes, a few boards slightly bowed, small chip to head of spine of Volume I. Light toning to text, light foxing in a few places. A well-preserved handsome set. \$850.

* Second edition. As Vicat explains in his preface, he compiled this dictionary from those of Francois Hotoman, Barnabe Brisson, Johannes Calvinus (Kahl) and, especially, Alexander Scotus to bring their "excellent" work to a wider audience. More important, by combining these works and filling the gaps with original entries he was able to create a dictionary that covered the whole language of the law. Vicat's definitions are brief, but they contain comprehensive references to authorities and texts as well as conjugations, common phrases using the words, metaphors, alternate definitions and antonyms. The first edition was published in 1759. Vicat was a jurist and the director of the University of Lausanne from 1749 to 1762. A pioneer in library science, he was the first to issue a printed library catalogue. *British Museum Catalogue* (Compact Edition) 26:118. [Order This Item](#)



**Comprehensive (and Scarce)
Eighteenth-Century Treatise on Insurance**

26. Weskett, John.

A Complete Digest of the Theory, Laws, And Practice of Insurance; Compiled from the Best Authorities in Different Languages, Which are Quoted and Referred to Throughout the Work; And Arranged in Alphabetical Order, Under Many Select Heads, With Ample References, And a General Index; Affording Immediate and Full Information, on Every Distinct Matter, Question, Or Point... With a Preliminary Discourse; Wherein are Delineated the Very Great Disorders which Preval in Affairs on Insurance; Their Principal Causes Explained; And Methods Proposed for Better Regulation and Prevention. Dublin: Printed for Elizabeth Lynch, 1783. [vi], lxxxiv, 612, [4] pp. Octavo (8-1/2" x 5-1/4").

Later library cloth, calf lettering piece and paper location label to spine, endpapers added. Light soiling, corners lightly bumped and worn, front board detached, rear joints and hinge starting, a few partial cracks to text block. Light browning and occasional light foxing, faint dampstaining to margins in a few places, early owner signature and later library stamp to title page, library markings to verso. \$500.

* Dublin issue of the second edition. The book begins with a critical 80-page essay on insurance law that proposes several reforms. The main body is a remarkably comprehensive legal and historical digest concentrating on marine insurance, but also discussing life and fire insurance. There are frequent references to America, and considerable discussion of international law, the laws of war and the work of such important economists and theorists as Cantillon, Child, Cary, Postlethwayt, De Moivre and Price. A second, and final, London edition was published in 1783. Dublin reprints were issued in 1783 and 1794, a German translation in 1782-87. The critical 80-page essay was also published separately in 1789. All of these are scarce. Concerning the 1783 Dublin edition, OCLC locates 10 copies in North American law libraries. This edition not in *Goldsmiths.' Sweet & Maxwell, A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 1:528 (105).

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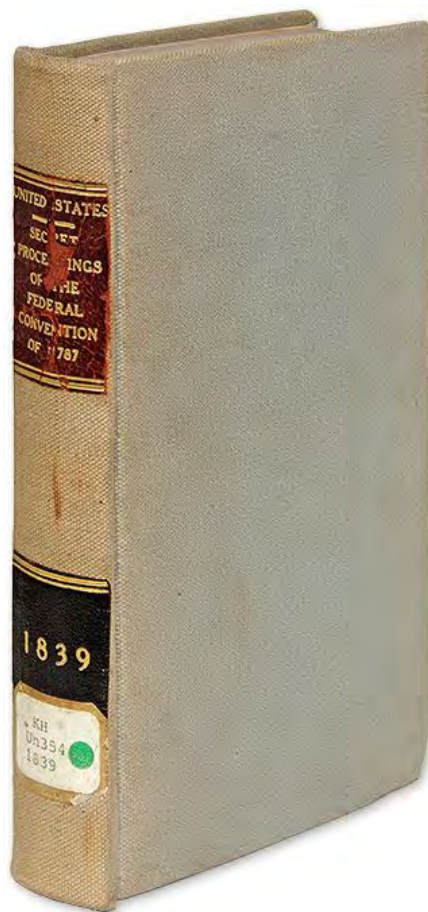
Sixteenth-Century Statutes of an
Important Imperial City of the Holy Roman Empire

27. [Worms].

Statuten Buch. Darinnen Unterschiedlich zu Finden wie es in Wol Reformierten Stätten und Regimenten soll Gehalten und Regiert Werden, in allen Fürfallenden Sachen. Als Gerichtlichen Processen, Beyder Ersten un[d] Zweyter Instantz, Appellationen, Anforderung oder Actionen, Exceptionen, Probationen.... Mit einem Underschiedlichen Register. Frankfurt: Georg Raben and Weygand Hanen Erben, 1564. [ii], clxv, [10] ff. Folio (11-3/4" x 7-1/2").

Quarter blind-tooled pigskin over vellum (derived from earlier manuscript leaves), faint early hand-lettered title label and later shelf label to spine, fragments of thong ties. Light soiling, a few minor worm holes and moderate rubbing to boards and extremities, a few nicks to boards, some wear to corners and foot of spine, hinges cracked, endleaves lacking, title page and following leaf partially detached. Light browning to text, minor worming to fore-edge of text block to fol. 23 with no loss to text, faint dampstaining to fore-edges of preliminaries, early owner inscription and light edgewear to title page. \$2,500.

* A Roman Catholic bishopric since the early medieval era, Worms was a prosperous and powerful imperial free city. The city is best known as the site of the 1521 Edict of Worms, which declared Luther a heretic. The Worms *Statuten Buch* was first issued in 1505. Like other books of its kind, it offers a wealth of information about administrative bodies, courts and procedure, as well as the daily lives of the population. The Worms compilation differs, however, by its greater emphasis on criminal law. OCLC locates 1 copy of the 1564 printing in North America (Harvard Law School). *Verzeichnis der im Deutschen Sprachbereich Erschienenen Drucke des 16. Jahrhunderts* D710. [Order This Item](#)



The First Record of the Constitutional Convention

28. Yates, Robert [1738-1801].

Martin, Luther [1748-1826].

Secret Proceedings and Debates of the Convention Assembled at Philadelphia, In the Year 1787, For the Purpose of Forming the Constitution of the United States of America. From Notes Taken by the Late Robert Yates, Esquire, Chief Justice of New York, And Copied by John Lansing, Jun. Esquire, Late Chancellor of That State, Members of That Convention. Including "The Genuine Information," Laid Before the Legislature of Maryland, By Luther Martin, Esquire, Then Attorney-General of that State, And Member of the Same Convention. Also, Other Historical Documents, Relative to the Federal Compact of the North American Union. Richmond, VA: Published by Wilbur Curtiss, 1839. xi, 335 pp. Octavo (7-1/2" x 4-3/4").

Later library cloth, red and black calf lettering pieces and later location label to spine, endpapers added. Light shelfwear and soiling, chip to upper lettering piece, moderate toning and occasional light foxing, library markings to preliminaries. \$100.

* Later edition of a work first published in 1821. James Madison thought that Yates and Martin "reported in angry terms what they observed with jaundiced eyes." It must be added that in many particulars Yates's notes were fuller than Madison's. Martin's "Genuine Information" summarized the course of the debates, criticizing the various provisions of the Constitution. This edition was printed Cambridge, MA, by Folsom, Wells and Thurston with an 1838 copyright date. Quotations from Warren's *Making of the Constitution* and Larned's *Literature of American History* cited in Marke, *A Catalogue of the Law Collection at New York University* (1953) 382. Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 2940. [Order This Item](#)