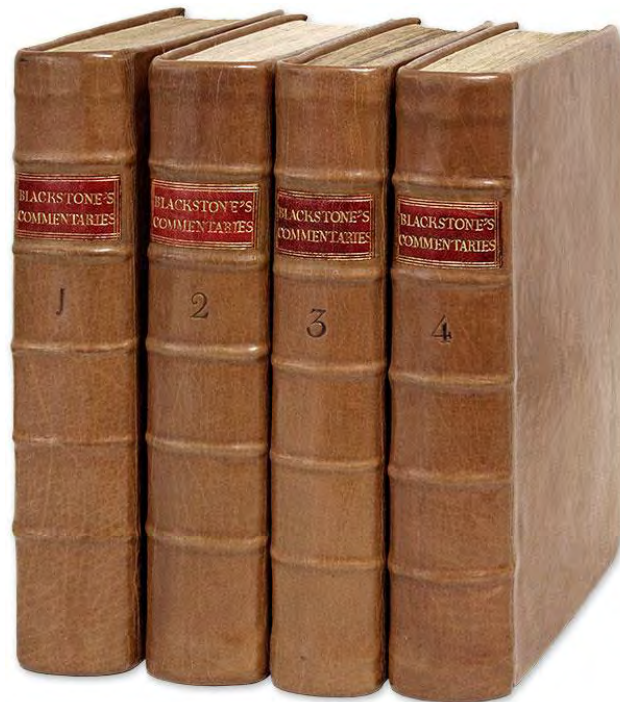

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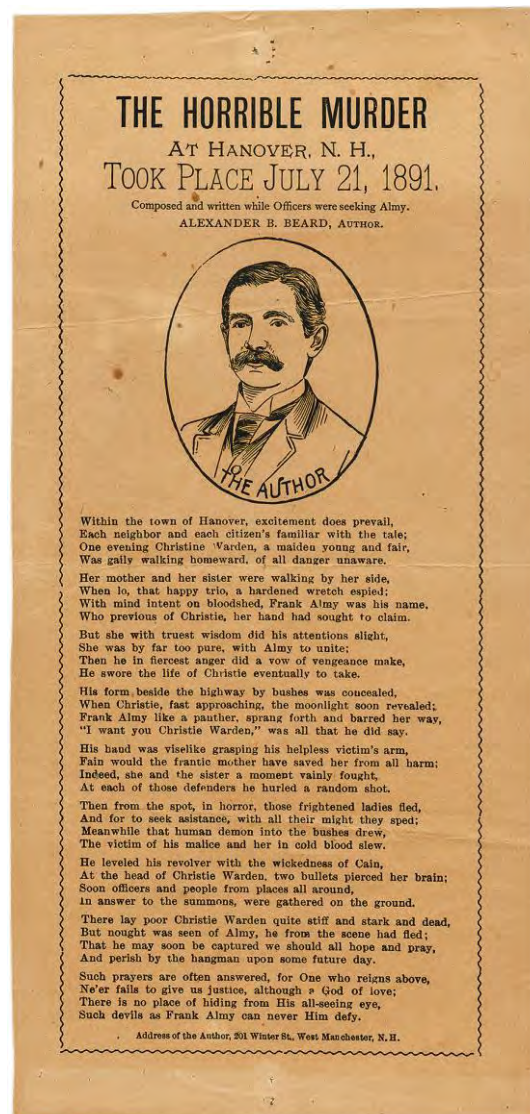
The First American Edition of Blackstone's *Commentaries* in a Superb Period-Style Binding

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

Commentaries on the Laws of England. In Four Books. Re-Printed From the British Copy, Page for Page with the Last Edition. America [Philadelphia]: Robert Bell, 1771-1772. Four volumes. [viii], ii, [vi], 485; [viii], 520, xix; [viii], 455, [1], xxvii; [xxii], [viii], 436, vii, [1], [39] pp. Copperplate Table Of Consanguinity and copperplate folding Table of Descents in Volume II. Folding table is a high-quality bound-in facsimile. 22-page subscriber list in Volume IV. Publisher advertisements in Volume I, 2 leaves before title page, and Volume III, p.456. Publisher advertisement, tipped-in to front endleaf, lacking from Volume IV. Octavo (9" x 5-3/4").

Handsome period style calf by Philip Dusel, with raised bands, lettering pieces and blind-stamped volume numbers to spines, blind tooling to board edges, endpapers renewed. Moderate toning, light foxing, faint dampspotting and inkspots in places, early owner signatures to preliminaries of Volumes I, III and IV, paper repair to title page of Volume II and chip to fore-edge of Leaf Q2 (pp. 125-126) in Volume IV with negligible loss to text. An appealing copy in a superb binding. \$12,500.

* First American edition. Blackstone's *Commentaries*, a synoptic review of the English legal system, is the most influential publication in the history of modern Anglo-American law. It was especially popular in America, where it was the standard introductory legal textbook into the late nineteenth century and was the primary, or only, book studied by hundreds of self-taught lawyers, such as Abraham Lincoln. The first multi-volume book printed in America, Bell's edition, a reprint of the fourth London edition, 1770, is a landmark in the history of American publishing. Our set contains the two tipped-in advertisement leaves, for *An Interesting Appendix* (Volume III) and Ferguson's *Essay on the History of Civil Society* (Volume IV), that are often missing in copies of this set. Volume IV also includes a 22-page subscriber list of 839 men, who ordered 1,557 sets. This impressive group included John Adams, John Jay, John Dickinson, several colonial governors and many other leaders of colonial America. Sixteen subscribers were signers of the Declaration of Independence who went on to serve as members of the Continental Congress. Eller, *The William Blackstone Collection in the Yale Law Library* 80. Laeuchli, *A Bibliographical Catalogue of William Blackstone* 131. [Order This Item](#)



"Such Devils as Frank Almy Can Never Him Defy"

2. [Broadside].

Beard, Alexander B.

[Almy, Frank C.].

The Horrible Murder at Hanover, N.H.: Took Place July 21, 1891. Composed and Written While the Officers Were Seeking Almy. West Manchester, NH: [Published by the Author], 1891.

11" x 5-1/4" broadside, nine verses enclosed by typographical border below headline and small woodcut portrait of the author. Light soiling and edgewear, three fold lines, pin-holes at head and foot. A well-preserved copy of a rare item. \$650.

* Only edition. A verse account of woman's murder committed in Hanover, New Hampshire by a rejected suitor, Frank Almy. After the murder, he hid for a month in a barn. When he was eventually captured, the captors discovered that he was George Abbott, a fugitive who had escaped the New Hampshire State Prison while serving a term for burglary. OCLC locates 2 copies (University of Michigan, Yale). This broadside not in McDade. [Order This Item](#)



"Establish Peace Throughout
the Land and Drive King Bacchus Out"

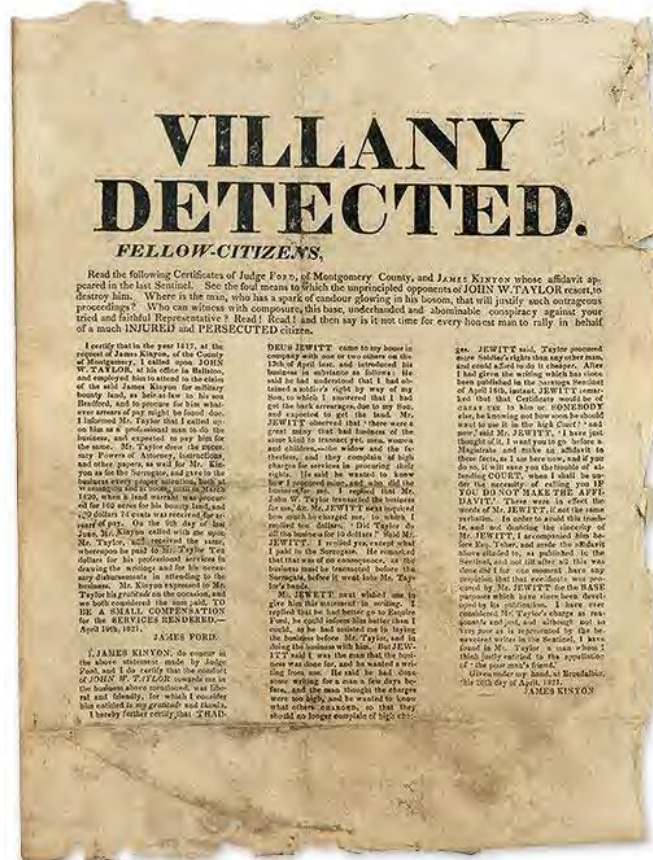
3. [Broadside].

Gork, W.H.

A Convict's Confession. [Johnstown, PA?, 1890?].

12-1/4" x 6" broadside, verse text in two columns below headline. Light browning, three horizontal fold lines, negligible light edgewear, a (tiny) bit of tape residue near top and bottom edges. \$300.

* Gork, born and raised in Johnstown, PA, failed to follow his mother's advice and turned to a life of crime. He blames his failure on alcoholism and calls for prohibition, which will "establish peace throughout our land" by driving "King Bacchus out." Our conjectured date for this piece is based on a reference in the first stanza to the Johnstown flood, which took place in 1889. [Order This Item](#)



"See the Foul Means to Which the Unprincipled Opponents of John W. Taylor Resort"

4. [Broadside].

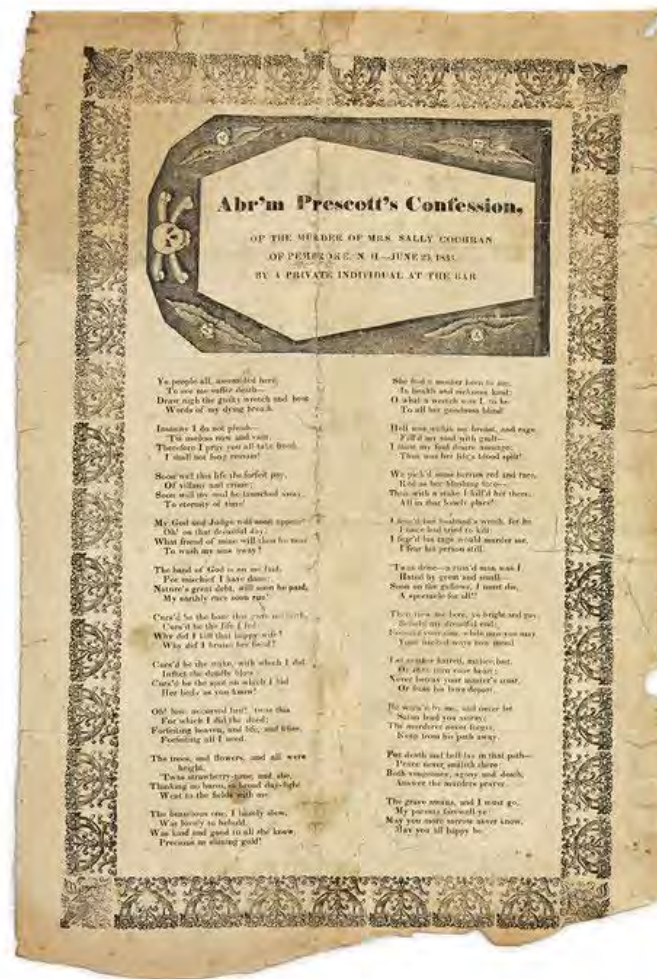
[Kinyon, James].

[Taylor, John W. (1784-1854)].

Villany Detected: Fellow-Citizens, Read the Following Certificates of Judge Ford, Of Montgomery County, And James Kinyon Whose Affidavit Appeared in the Last Sentinel. See the Foul Means to Which the Unprincipled Opponents of John W. Taylor Resort, to Destroy Him.... [New York: S.n., 1821].

13" x 9-3/4" Broadside. Text in two columns below headline and one single-column paragraph, untrimmed edges. Moderate soiling, vertical and horizontal fold lines. \$1,250.

* A campaign document, this broadside raises questions about the legal ethics of John W. Taylor, who represented Saratoga County in the U.S. House of Representatives from 1813-1833. It involves a fee Kinyon paid Taylor for legal services regarding a claim for military bounty land. Afterwards Kinyon was approached by one Thaddeus Jewitt who claimed to be investigating high fees charged for such services. Kinyon was persuaded to make an affidavit of the facts in his case claiming he was overcharged. This document was subsequently published in the *Saratoga Sentinel*. Taylor's claim is corroborated by the certificate of Judge James Ford, who rendered assistance in securing Taylor's services. Taylor was served as the speaker of House of Representatives in 1820-1821 and 1825-1827. He was defeated for re-election as Speaker both times, due in part to his outspoken opposition to slavery. While the South never forgave the part he played in the Missouri controversy, the chief opposition came from his own state: the anti-Clintonian faction in 1821 and the Van Buren Democrats in 1827. OCLC locates 1 copy (New-York Historical Society). [Order This Item](#)



"Oh! Lust, Accursed Lust! 'Twas This for Which I Did the Deed"

5. [Broadside].

[Murder].

Private Individual at the Bar.

Abr'm Prescott's Confession of the Murder of Mrs. Sally Cochran of Pembroke, N.H.--June 23, 1833. [Concord, NH.?): S.n., 1836.

17" x 11-1/2" broadside. Two-columns of verse in twenty stanzas within woodcut ornamental border, text headed by large woodcut vignette of a coffin. Light browning and a few minor stains, faint horizontal and vertical fold line, chipping to edges, section lacking from bottom margin, just touching bottom right corner of border, a few tears along fold lines with no loss to text, later repairs to verso. \$2,500.

* Abraham Prescott was found guilty of the murder of Sally Cochran in two separate trials held in Concord in September 1834 and September 1835. Despite a well-crafted insanity defense, he was sentenced to be hanged on December 23, 1835, in Hopkinton, New Hampshire. The execution was postponed to January 6, 1836. The verse account in this broadside presents the murder as a crime of passion: "Oh! lust, accursed lust! 'twas this for which I did the deed; Forfeiting heaven, and life, and bliss, Forfeiting all I need." See McDade, *The Annals of Murder* 769. OCLC locates 7 copies (American Antiquarian Society, Brown, Dartmouth, Harvard, Peabody Essex Museum, University of Michigan, Yale).

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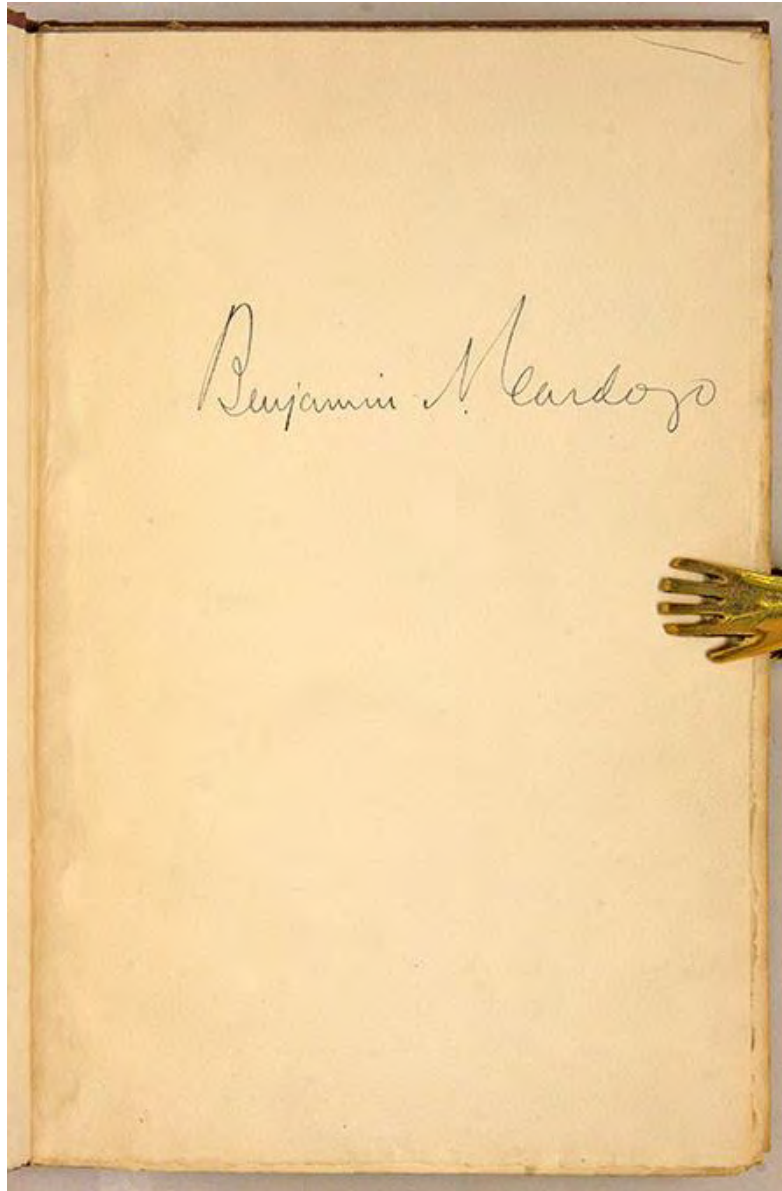
Verse Account of a Murder-Suicide in Pennsylvania

6. [Broadside].
[Murder-Suicide].
[Pennsylvania].
[Koppelberger, Johannes].

Ein Neues Lied von der Mord-Geschichte des Joseph Miller, Welcher im Januar 1822, Einer Sonntags Nacht Seine Schwangere Frau unde Zwei Kinder auf eine Grausame Art Ermordete, Und sich Selbst Erhing, Welches Alles, Wie man Glaubt, Aus Armuth Geschah...[Running Title]. [N.p.: S.n., 1822]. 12-1/2" x 10" broadside. Text in three columns printed within woodcut border and separated by black rules.

Moderate toning and light foxing, fraying and a few chips to edges, tear to bottom edge with negligible loss to text. \$750.

* This sixteen-stanza "New Song of the Murder-Story of Joseph Miller" is attributed to Johannes Koppelberger. It tells the sad story of a murder-suicide committed by Miller, a German-American. The verses say he eloped from Poland with the daughter of a nobleman in 1817. The couple made their way to Philadelphia and from there to Lebanon, Pennsylvania, where Miller found work as a schoolteacher. The job paid poorly and his wife was increasingly homesick. Depressed, Miller killed his pregnant wife, two children with an ax and himself. It was a grisly affair involving and axe and a knife. This poem was quite popular and issued in a number of different broadside formats. According to Wellenreuter, there were, in all, 16 printings. All are rare. OCLC locates 3 copies of our version (American Antiquarian Society, Library Company of Philadelphia, University of Michigan). Not in Shaw & Shoemaker. Wellenreuther, *Citizens in a Strange Land: A Study of German-American Broadside and Their Meaning for German Americans* 13. [Order This Item](#)



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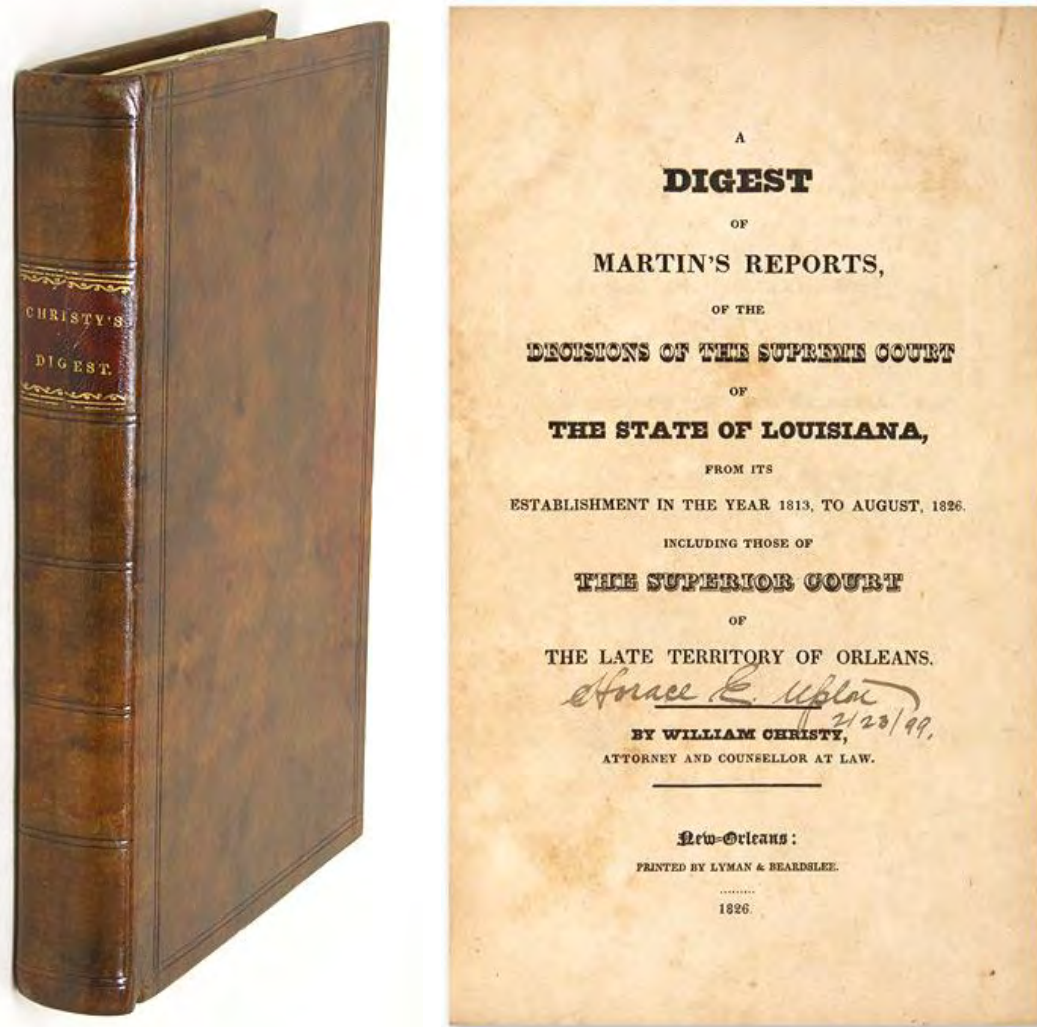
7. Cardozo, Benjamin N. [1870-1938].

What Medicine Can Do For Law. New York: Harper & Brothers, 1930.

Original three-quarter cloth over paper boards, deckle edges. Negligible light shelfwear, corners and spine ends lightly bumped, faint residue from small label to front board near foot of spine. "Benjamin N. Cardozo" in bold hand to front free endpaper, internally clean. Ex-library. Inkstamp to title page, annotations and stamp to verso, inkstamps to rear pastedown. An attractive copy. \$800.

* First edition. "This noteworthy address, with its appreciation of the scientific problems involved, its courage and social vision, will go down in history as one of the most valuable contributions in our time to medico-legal jurisprudence.": Shientag, *Moulders of Legal Thought* 39 cited in Marke, *A Catalogue of the Law Collection at New York University* (1953) 717.

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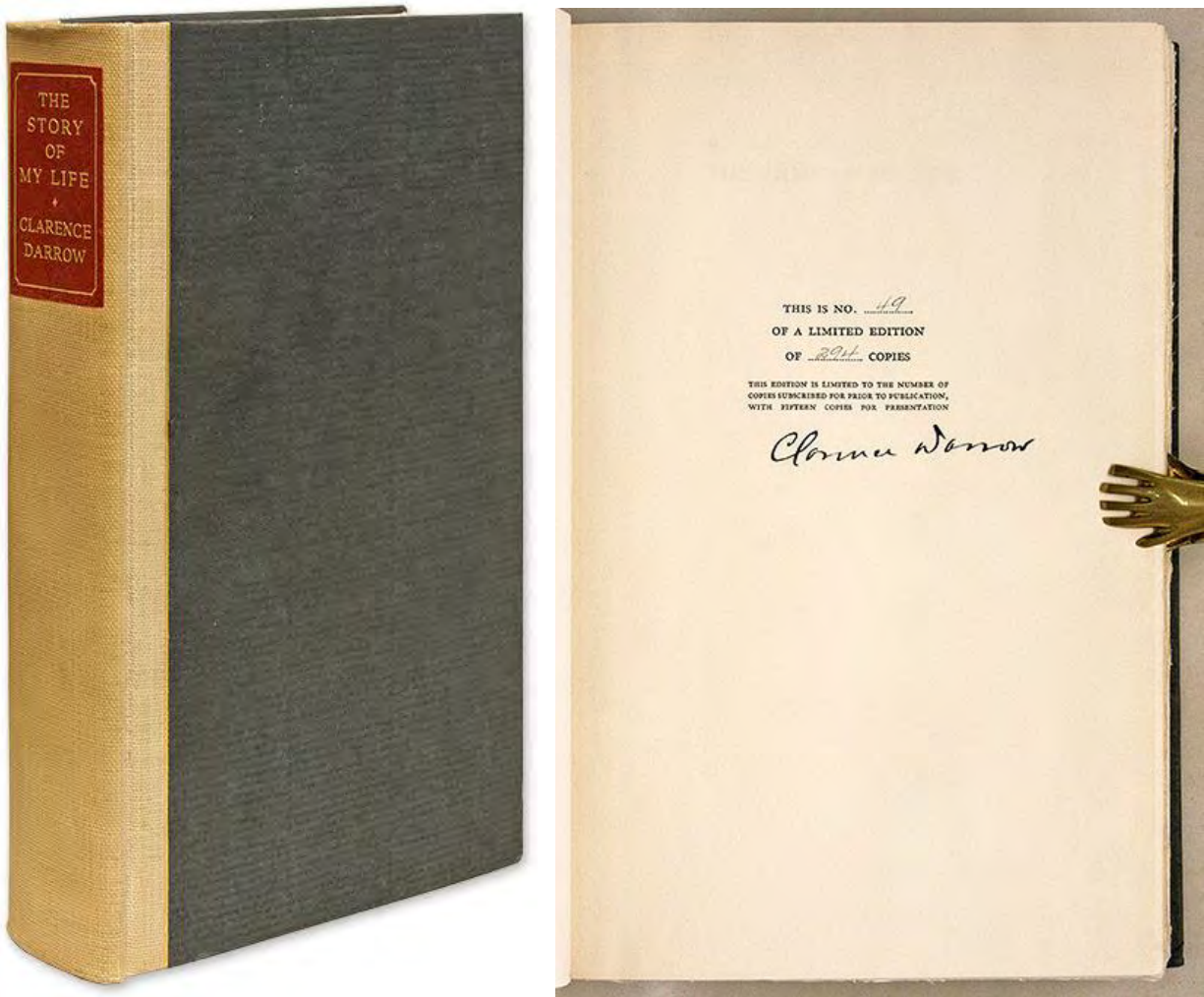
A Useful Digest of the First Louisiana Reporter

**8. Christy, William [1791-1865].
[Martin, François-Xavier (1762-1846)].**

A Digest of Martin's Reports, Of the Decisions of the Supreme Court of the State of Louisiana, From Its Establishment in the Year 1813, To August, 1826. Including Those of the Superior Court of the Late Territory of Orleans. New Orleans: Printed by Lyman & Beardslee, 1826. vii, 399 pp. Octavo (8-1/2" x 5-1/2").

Recent period-style calf, blind fillets to boards, blind fillets and original lettering piece to spine, endpapers renewed. Moderate toning, occasional browning and light foxing to text, owner signature dated 1899 to foot of title page. \$500.

* Only edition. Martin sat on the Louisiana Supreme Court from 1815-1846, the last ten years as its presiding judge. Prior to his tenure on the Supreme Court, he served on the Superior Court of the Territory of Orleans. His reports, which commenced in 1809, were the first produced in Louisiana. Christy's *Digest* was intended to "facilitate the researches of professional gentlemen, and to present to the public in the most simple and condensed form, the points of law which have been decided by the highest tribunals of the state of Louisiana and the late territory of Orleans" (v). OCLC locates 11 copies in North American law libraries. Jumonville, *Bibliography of New Orleans Imprints* 478. Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 5538. [Order This Item](#)



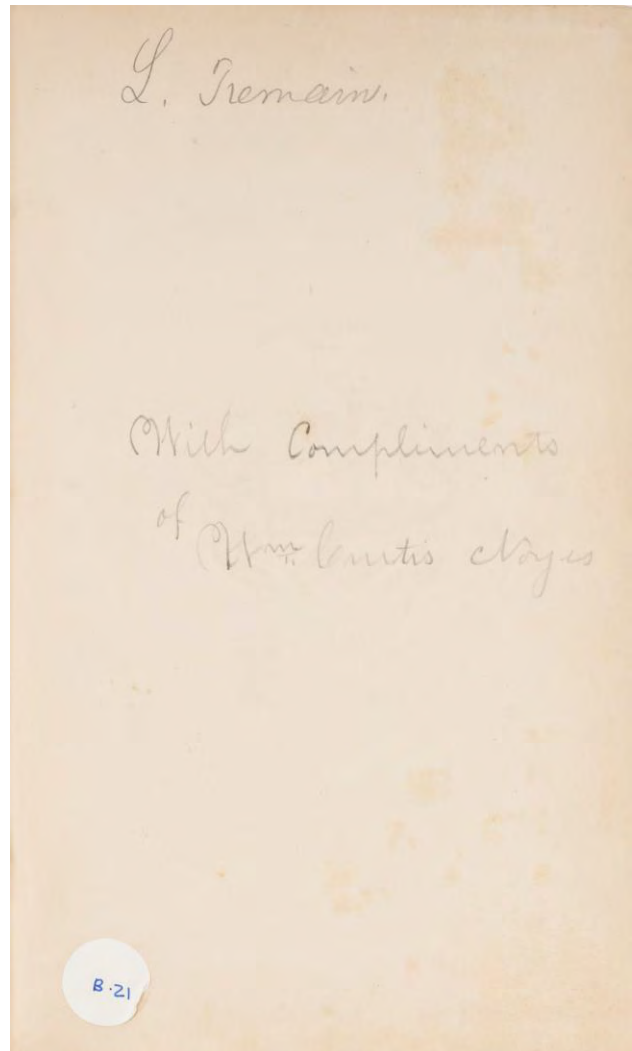
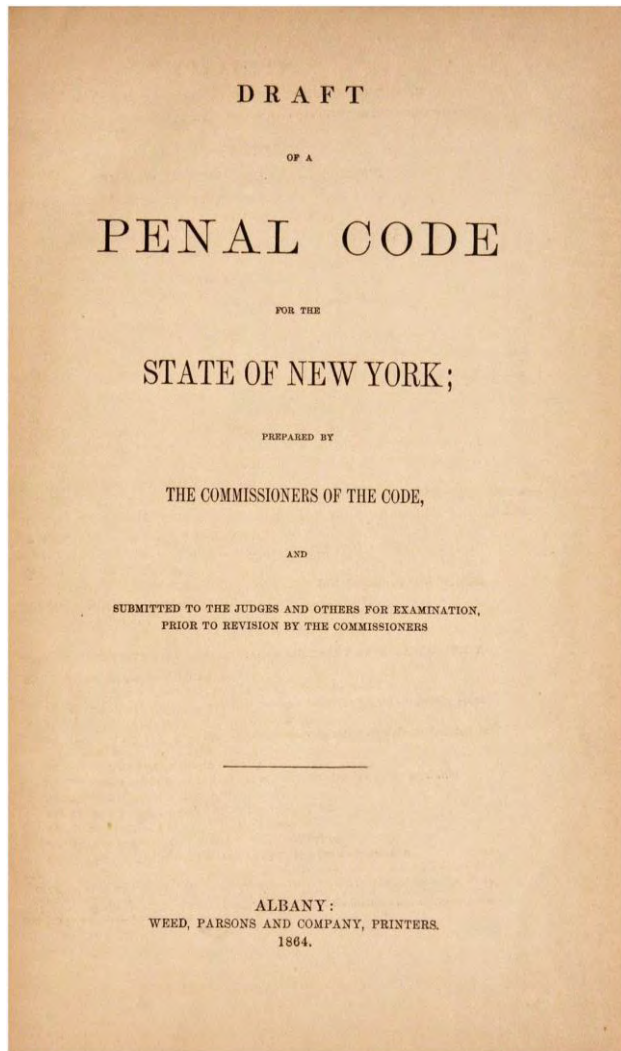
A Choice Signed Limited First Edition of Darrow's *Story of My Life*

9. Darrow, Clarence [1857-1938].

The Story of My Life. New York: Charles Scribner's Sons, 1932. viii, [iv], 465 pp. Color portrait frontispiece with tissue overlay. Seventeen plates, text illustrations to pp. 283 and 429.

Publisher's quarter cloth over laid-paper covered boards, gilt rules along joints, calf lettering piece to spine, deckle fore and bottom edges. Spine ends very lightly bumped, corners lightly bumped, small chip to lower corner of front board, contemporary owner bookplate of William T. Cressmer to front pastedown, envelope containing a newspaper clipping from the *Chicago Daily News* (May 16, 1938) about the auction of items from the Darrow estate tipped-in to front free endpaper, interior notably fresh. A choice copy. \$2,500.

* Number 49 of a set of 294 signed copies of the first edition in a fine binding (Scribner "A"). Darrow's *Story of My Life* is one of the great autobiographies of the twentieth century. When Darrow died in 1938 at the age of 81, few disputed that he was one of the great attorneys and public intellectuals of his day. There were other lawyers in his lifetime who contributed more to the development of legal science, who rose to positions of greater influence, or who won larger financial rewards, but perhaps none who could match his record as a crusader for the common man. Cressmer, a newspaper agent, was a founding partner of Williams, Lawrence & Cressmer, an early firm that represented newspapers. Hunsberger, *Clarence Darrow: A Bibliography* 271. [Order This Item](#)



A Presentation Copy From Noyes

10. [Field, David Dudley (1805-1894)].

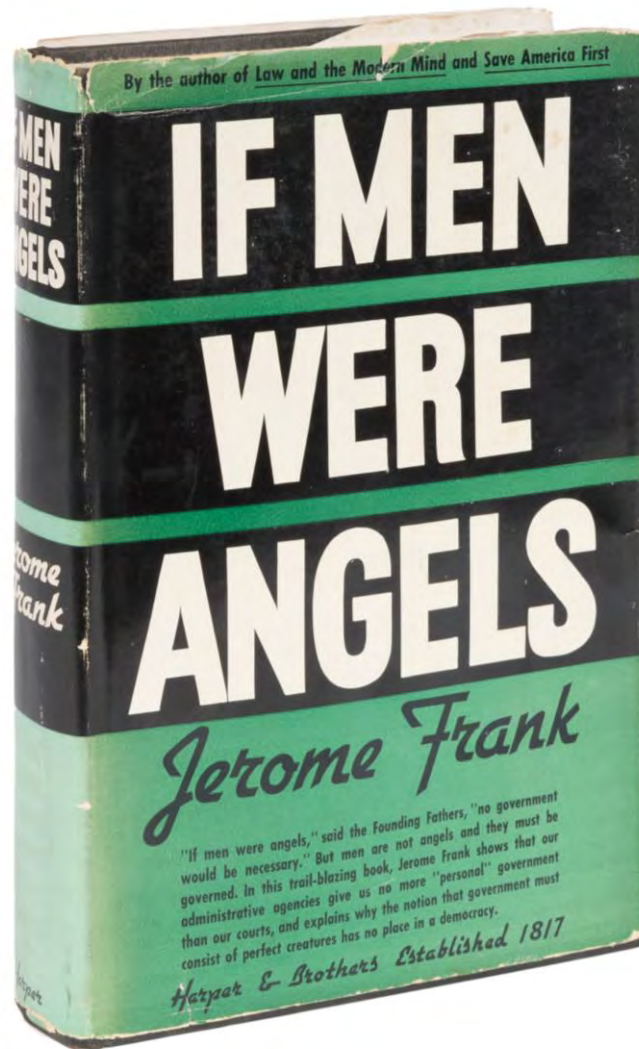
[Noyes, William Curtis (1805-1864)].

[Bradford, Alexander W. (1815-1867)].

Draft of a Penal Code for the State of New York; Prepared by the Commissioners of the Code, and Submitted to the Judges and Others for Examination, Prior to Revision by the Commissioners. Albany: Weed, Parsons and Company, 1864. lv, 285 pp. Octavo (9" x 5-3/4").

Original blind-stamped black moire cloth, gilt title to spine. A few bumps to edges of boards, light wear to corners, some chipping to spine ends, front joint starting at head, armorial book plate (of John Mack) to front pastedown, "With Compliments of Wm. Curtis Noyes," early owner signature (of L. Tremaine) and tiny later adhesive label to front free endpaper. Moderate toning to text, small chips to fore-edges of two leaves (pp. 261-266). \$500.

* This was a draft issued for public comment. It was completed on December 1864, just before Noyes' death. Noyes was a prominent New York City Lawyer. A man of extensive learning, he was an important member of the Code Commission. John Mack, a former owner of this book, may have been the notable nineteenth-century New York publisher. Babbitt, *Hand-List of Legislative Sessions and Session Laws* 364. [Order This Item](#)



First Edition of One of Frank's Principal Works

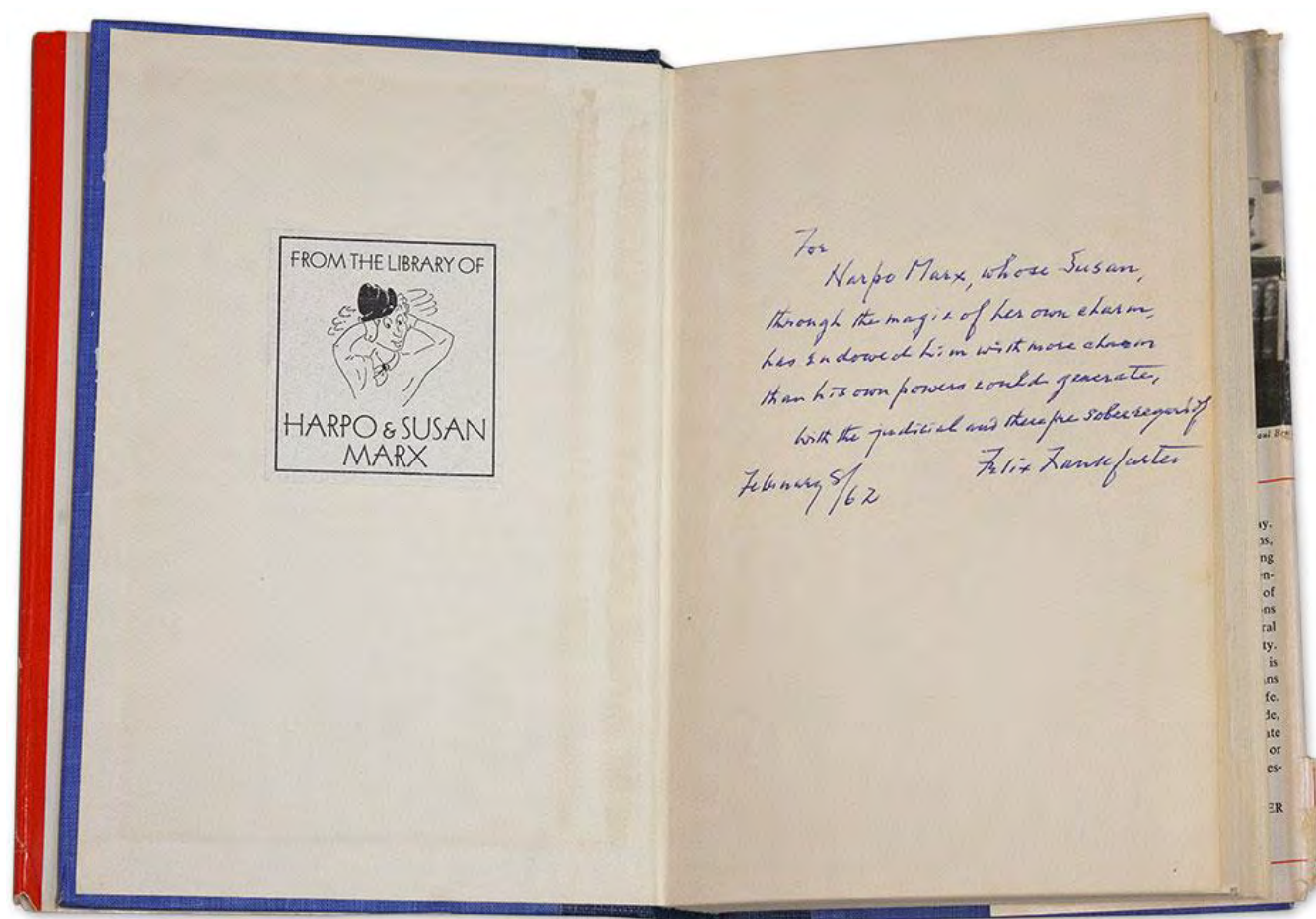
11. Frank, Jerome [1889-1957].

If Men Were Angels: Some Aspects of Government in a Democracy. New York: Harper & Brothers, [1942]. xii, 380 pp.

Publisher's cloth in moderately edgeworn dust jacket (in Brodart cover), internally clean. A very good copy. \$450.

* First edition. "The title of this book drawn from *The Federalist*, No. 51, (Hamilton or Madison), 'If men were angels, no government would be necessary. If angels were to govern men, external nor internal controls on government would be necessary...' But men are not angels, and so says the author 'the belief that government can ever consist of perfect creatures is alien to a democracy. That false belief is the core of the philosophy of dictatorship.' In this book there is a shift in emphasis from the position taken in...*Law and the Modern Mind* (1930). While in both books he argues against the possibility of 'legal soothsaying,' in the earlier he stressed the uncertainty or vagueness in legal rules, but in this volume his emphasis is on the uncertainty as to the facts.... One leaves the book with an all-pervasive impression that Frank has undergone a deep-sea change through his experiences as Chairman of the SEC and as judge." Milton R. Konvitz, *Harvard Law Review* 56:1020-1022 cited in Marke, *A Catalogue of the Law Collection at New York University* (1953) 258.

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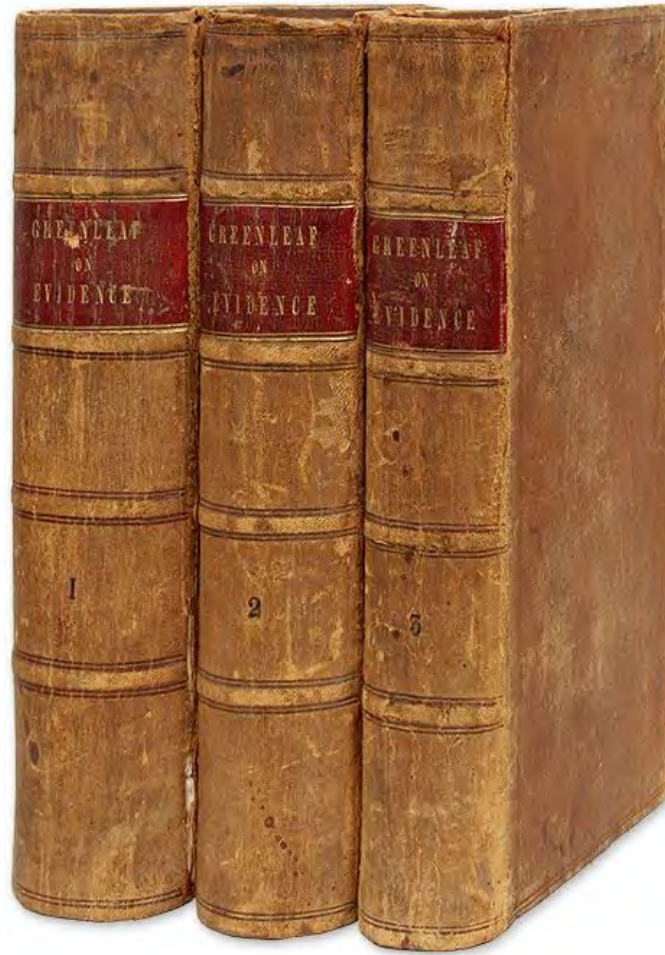


Signed and Inscribed to Harpo Marx and His Wife

12. Frankfurter, Felix [1882-1965].

Felix Frankfurter Reminiscences: An Intimate Portrait as Recorded in Talks with Dr. Harlan B. Phillips. New York: Reynal & Company. [1960]. Sixth printing. [ix], 310 pp. Cloth in price-clipped dust jacket with some edgewear and minor chips and tears, bookplate of Harpo and Susan Marx to front pastedown, signed presentation inscription from Frankfurter to front free endpaper. A wonderful association copy. \$2,000.

* First edition, sixth printing. The inscription reads "For/Harpo Marx, whose Susan,/through the magic of her own charm,/has endowed him with more charm,/than his own powers could generate,/with the judicial and therefore sober regard of/ Felix Frankfurter/February 8 '62". This incisive and fascinating collection of memoirs was transcribed from a series of interviews with Phillips conducted for the Columbia University Oral History Research Department. The interviews trace his life and career and examine his thoughts on such topics as religion and the function of judges. Arthur Marx [1888-1964], famous as "Harpo," the non-speaking Marx brother, enjoyed books and the company of intelligent people. He was a member of the famous Algonquin Round Table. He married the American actress Susan Fleming [1908-2002] on September 28, 1936. They established a home in Rancho Mirage, a community near Palm Springs, and remained married until Harpo's death. Fleming left Hollywood after she married and devoted the rest of her life to community affairs, political work and philanthropy. [Order This Item](#)



The Standard American Evidence Treatise Before Wigmore

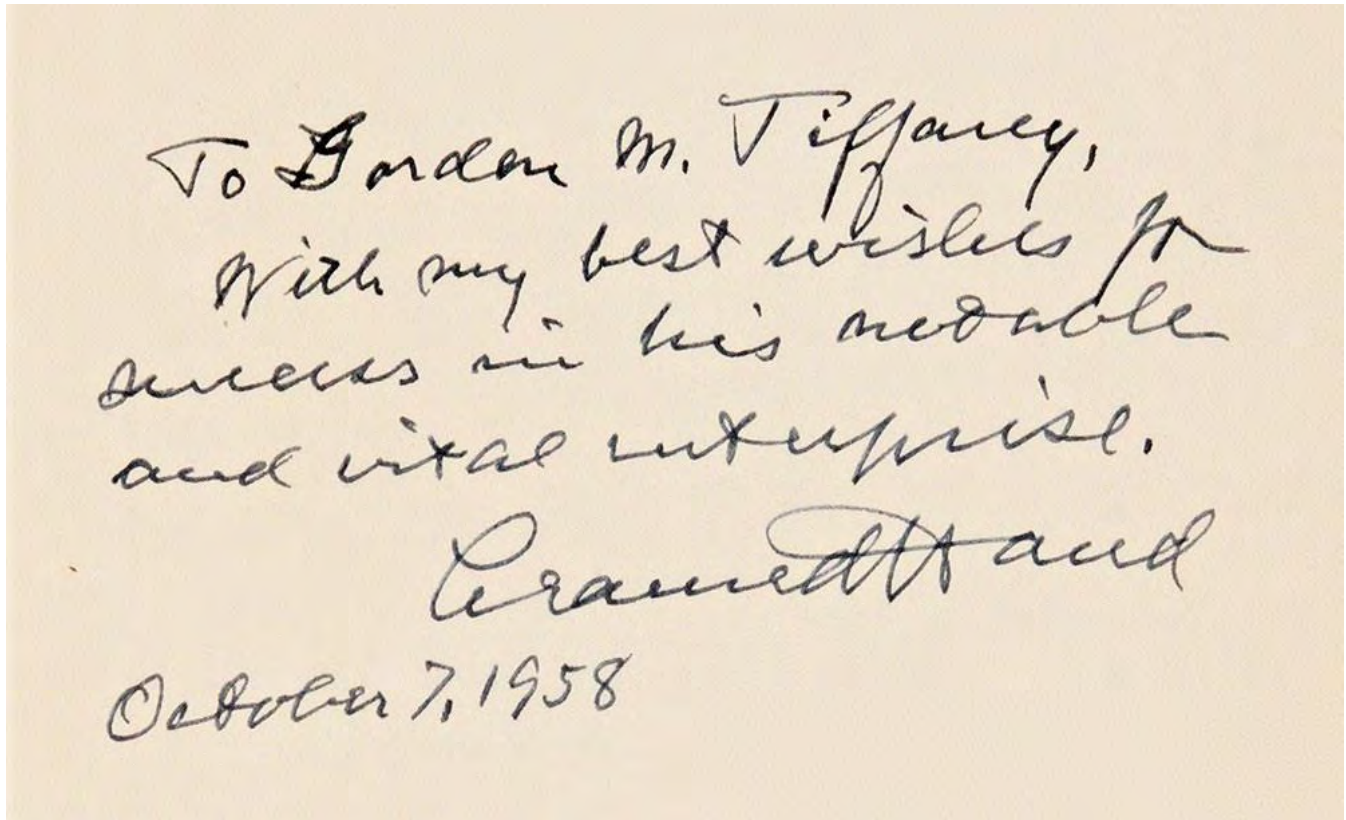
13. Greenleaf, Simon. [1783-1853].

A Treatise on the Law of Evidence. Boston: Charles C. Little & James Brown, 1853-1854. Three volumes. 8, lxvi, [2] 780; lx, 708; 8, xxix, [2], 585 pp. Volumes I and III have 8-page publisher catalogues. Octavo (9-1/4" x 5-3/4").

Uniform contemporary sheep, blind frames to boards, lettering pieces, raised bands and blind-stamped volume numbers to spines. Light rubbing and some scuffing to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, front boards of Volumes I and III beginning to separate, but still secure, chip to head of spine of Volume II, its front hinge starting at foot. Moderate toning, light foxing in places, signatures removed from front pastedowns of Volumes II and III. \$500.

* Volume I: seventh edition; Volume II: fifth edition; Volume III: second edition, the form of this set current in 1854-1855. Greenleaf's seminal treatise on evidence was the first important American work on the topic. It was originally issued as a one-volume work devoted to general principles of evidence. Greenleaf published a second volume in 1846 on particular cases of evidence. These two books were reissued with a revised Volume I in 1853 as the second edition. That same year Greenleaf published a third volume on criminal evidence and pleading. From that point onward, *Greenleaf on Evidence* remained a three-volume work. Each volume went through several editions at different times until the 13th edition (1876). It remained the standard American work until it was superseded by *Wigmore on Evidence* (1904-1915). See Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* note to 5059. *Catalogue of the Library of the Harvard Law School* (1909) I:827.

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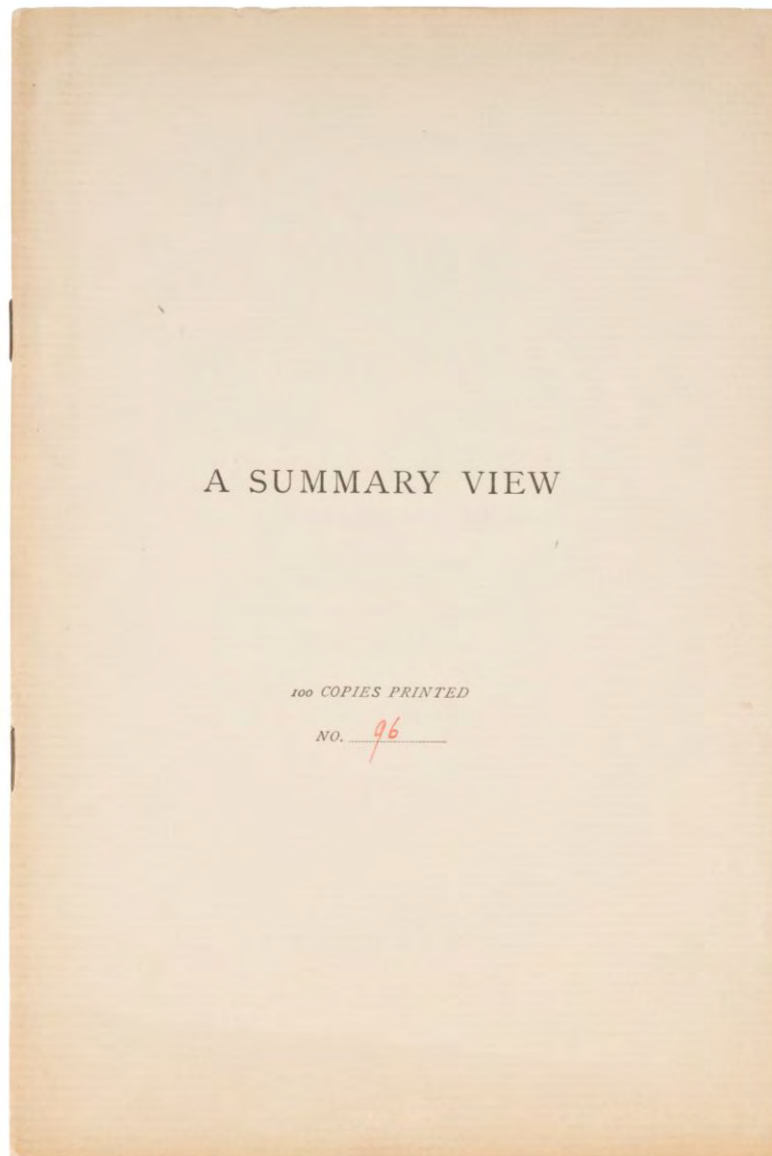
Inscribed by Learned Hand to the First
Director of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights

14. Hand, Learned [1872-1961].

The Bill of Rights. Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 1958. v, 82 pp.

Cloth very good in moderately worn dust jacket, a few tears and scuffs to lower edge of front panel, lightly soiled rear panel. Author inscription to front free endpaper in bold hand, internally fresh. \$1,500.

* First edition. The inscription reads: "To Gordon M. Tiffany,/ With my best wishes for/ success on his valuable/ and vital enterprise/ Learned Hand/ October 7, 1958." *The Bill of Rights* is the published version of the Oliver Wendell Holmes Lectures delivered at Harvard University in 1958, this influential book discusses the propriety of judicial efforts to expand the scope of the first ten amendments. It has three chapters, "When a Court Should Intervene," "The Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments" and "The Guardians." One of the most significant American jurists of the twentieth century, Hand was a judge of the U.S. Southern District of New York from 1904-1924 and a judge of the Court of Appeals, Second Circuit, from 1924 to 1956. His judgments were renowned for their lucidity and elegance. Gordon M. Tiffany was the first director of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, which was established in 1957. This is the "valuable and vital enterprise" that Hand is referring to in his inscription. [Order This Item](#)



Limited-Edition Printing of an Important Essay by Jefferson

15. Jefferson, Thomas [1743-1826].

Ford, Paul Leicester [1865-1902], Editor.

A Summary View of the Rights of British America, Reprinted from the Original Edition, With Additions and Corrections by the Author.
Brooklyn, NY: Historical Printing Club, 1892. 31 pp. One full-page illustration. Octavo (8-1/2" x 5-3/4").

Stapled pamphlet, light edgewear, moderate toning. A well-preserved copy. \$250.

* From an edition limited to 100 copies, this number 96. Jefferson's first important piece of political writing, the *Summary View* was intended for the delegates to the First Continental Congress (1774). It was debated by the First Continental Congress and later printed as a pamphlet by some of Jefferson's friends. Widely circulated, it established Jefferson as an important figure in the struggle against Great Britain. The full-page illustration in Ford's edition is a reproduction of the title page of the original pamphlet, which was printed by Clementina Rind in Williamsburg in 1774. [Order This Item](#)

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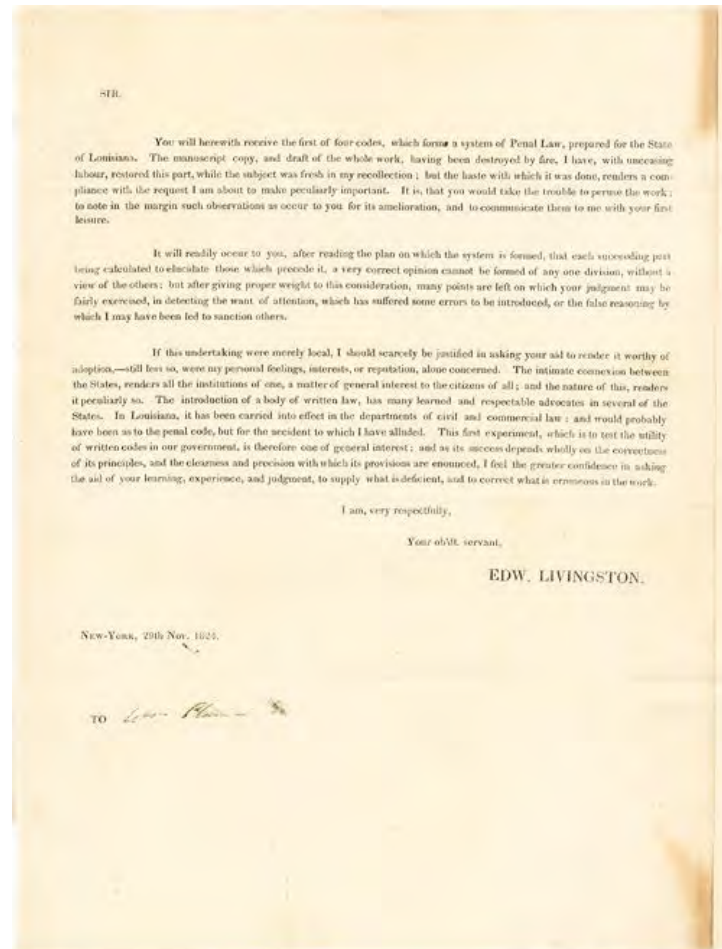
Nineteenth-Century Sign from a Lawyer's Office

16. [Lawyers].
[United States].

[*Black-Painted and Gilt-Lettered Tinned Sheet Iron Sign, With Gilt Pointing Hand, Reading: John George's Law Office*]. United States, Mid- to late-nineteenth century.

6-1/4" x 17," light rubbing and a few minor scratches, tiny nail-holes at corners and centers of top and bottom edges. \$500.

* The pointing hand indicates this sign was posted near the entrance of a Mr. George's office. [Order This Item](#)



Livingston Solicits Criticism of His *System of Penal Law*

17. Livingston, Edward [1764-1836].

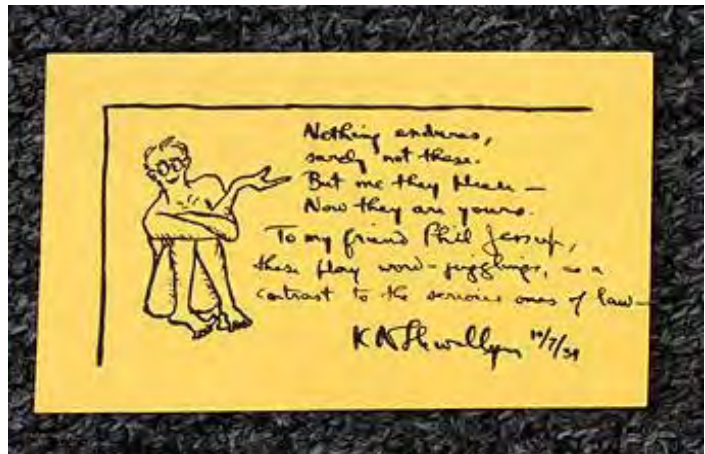
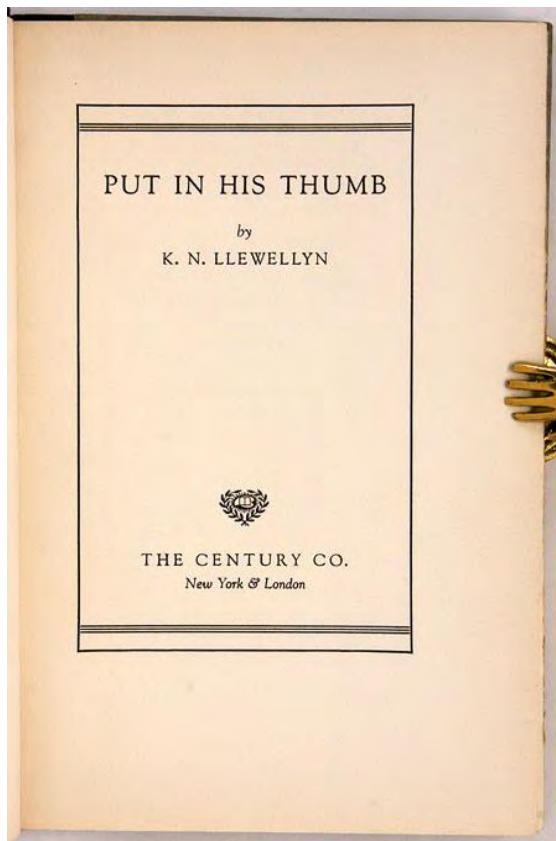
[Plumer, William (1759-1850)].

Sir, You Will Herewith Receive the First of Four Codes, Which Forms a System of Penal Law, Prepared for the State of Louisiana. [Running Title]. New York, November 29, 1824.

Single sheet folded once to form two 9-3/4" x 7-1/4" leaves. Printed text on recto of first leaf, signed in type, verso of second leaf addressed. Light toning, a bit of discoloration to corners, fold lines, fold between the two sheets torn, but mended on verso with archival tape, small stain from sealing wax, light rubbing to edges. A rare item. \$750.

* Livingston mailed this circular letter to distinguished jurists and political figures to solicit feedback on the final draft of the first part of his *System of Penal Law*. It was, in effect, a cover sheet. He explains the nature of the code and asks his readers "to note in the margin such observations as occur to you for its amelioration, and to communicate them to me with your first leisure. He ends his letter with a request for "the aid of your learning, experience, and judgment, to supply what is deficient, and to correct what is erroneous in the work." Plumer, the recipient of this copy was an important New Hampshire lawyer, politician and Baptist lay preacher. He is best known for his efforts to convert Dartmouth College into a public institution while governor of New Hampshire, a post he held in 1812-1813 and 1816-1819. His efforts resulted in the great U.S. Supreme Court case *Trustees of Dartmouth College v. Woodward*. Livingston's circular is a rare item. However, a few copies are found today bound into copies of the *System*. Shaw and Shoemaker, *American Imprints* 16927.

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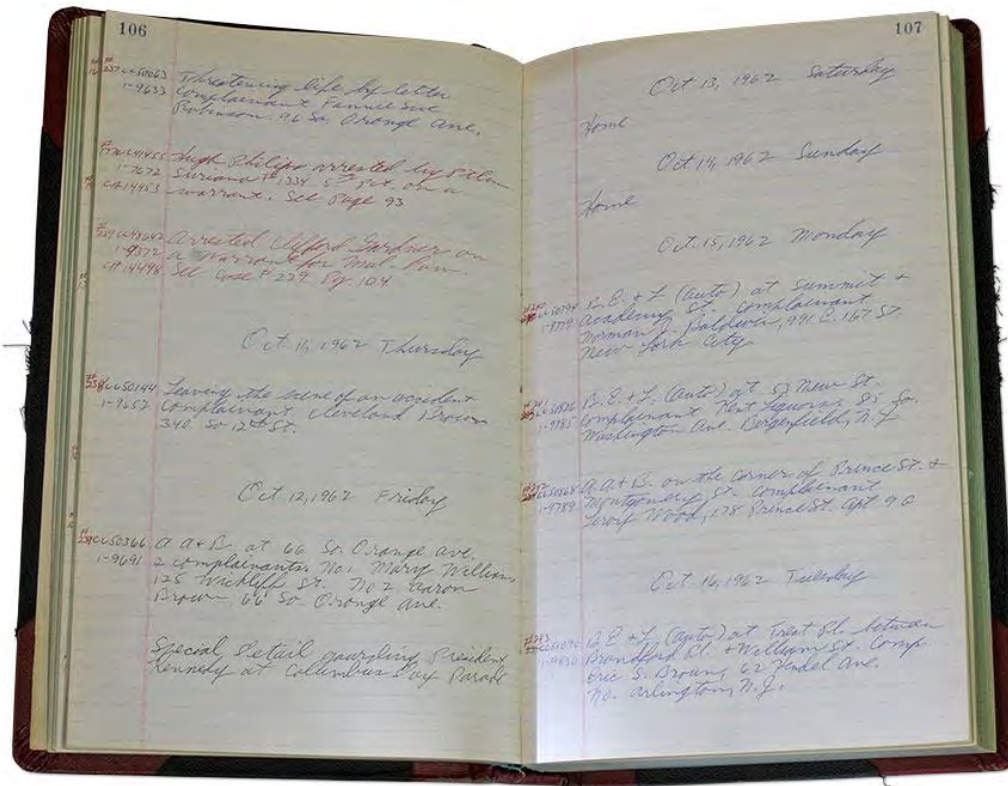
With an Inscribed Presentation Card to Philip Jessup

18. Llewellyn, K[arl] N[ickerson].
[1893-1962]. Jessup, Philip [1897-1986].

Put in His Thumb. New York: The Century Company, [1931]. [x], 119 pp.

Quarter cloth over speckled boards, black lettered title to front cover, deckle edges, most signatures unopened. Light shelfwear and soiling. Near-fine 5" x 3" presentation card inscribed to Philip Jessup and 8-1/2" x 11" mimeographed typescript presentation letter laid in. \$650.

* First edition, first printing. Collected poems of one of the leading American legal thinkers of the twentieth century. One of these is a tribute to Oliver Wendell Holmes. The presentation letter is in the manner of a press release. It says, in part: "I hope you like them. But if you don't, send them back and get a check. (...) One thing will interest you: the number of law-men whose letters showed, or shyly confessed, or brazenly announced interest in verse is such as to threaten the existing order. Some unsuspected and insidious propaganda has been poisoning the purer factuality of the profession. Unless something is done about it, and at once, verse-in-lawyers may become respectable." The part-printed laid-in card features a caricature of a naked Llewellyn (?) sitting cross-legged and gesturing to a motto: "Nothing endures, surely not these. But me they please - Now they are yours." Below this motto is an autograph inscription to Philip Jessup dated October 7, 1931: "To my friend Phil Jessup, these play-word jingglings, as a contrast to the serious ones of law." Jessup, a judge on the International Court of Justice, important legal scholar and U.S. diplomat, was credited with playing a major role in ending the Soviet blockade of West Berlin. He was a representative to the United Nations General Assembly, as well as a U.S. ambassador at large from 1949 until his resignation in 1953. Like Llewellyn, he was a professor of law at Columbia University. [Order This Item](#)



Daily Record of a Police Officer in Newark, New Jersey in the Early 1960s

19. [Manuscript].

[Newark, New Jersey].

[Personal Logbook of a Newark, New Jersey Police Officer]. [Newark, NJ?], February 5, 1962-September 21, 1965. 500 pp. Thumb-tabbed index. Folio (13-3/4" x 8-1/2").

Three-quarter cloth over contrasting pebbled cloth, raised bands and faded gilt ornaments and title (Record) to spine. Some rubbing to extremities with light wear to spine ends and corners, heavier wear to fore-edges of boards. Text in neat hand to rectos and versos of all 500 pages. \$650.

* This privately compiled record allows us to trace the daily work life of a police officer in Newark, New Jersey in the years immediately preceding the riots of 1967. At this time Newark was coping with deindustrialization, migration of the white middle class to the suburbs and an influx of poor African Americans, who were confronted with housing and job discrimination. At the same time the composition of the city's government and police force was predominantly white. Compiled with great care, it is both a log book and diary. Here is a list of typical entries: "Responded to Police Headquarters on a call from Lt. O'Leary of the night bureau. From there with Det. Thran to N.Y.C. to pick up prisoner," "Assigned to the New York Police Academy for school," "On duty with Det. Roller Lt. Pichel working desk [in author's absence]," "Assigned in uniform at 5:30am for detail at Newark Airport," "Attending seminar at Rutgers New Brunswick," "Returned to duty in the 1st squad from prosecutor's office" and "Home for working Saturday." He had a few interesting assignments. He was part of a "Special Detail guarding President Kennedy at Columbus Day Parade" and was part of a detail to "guard Sen. Humphrey" when he visited the city. However, most of the entries chronicle crimes, apprehensions, arrests and responses to complaints. Many of these are cases of vandalism, petty theft, low-level violence and other "quality of life" issues that afflict cities in decline. [Order This Item](#)



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20. [New Jersey].

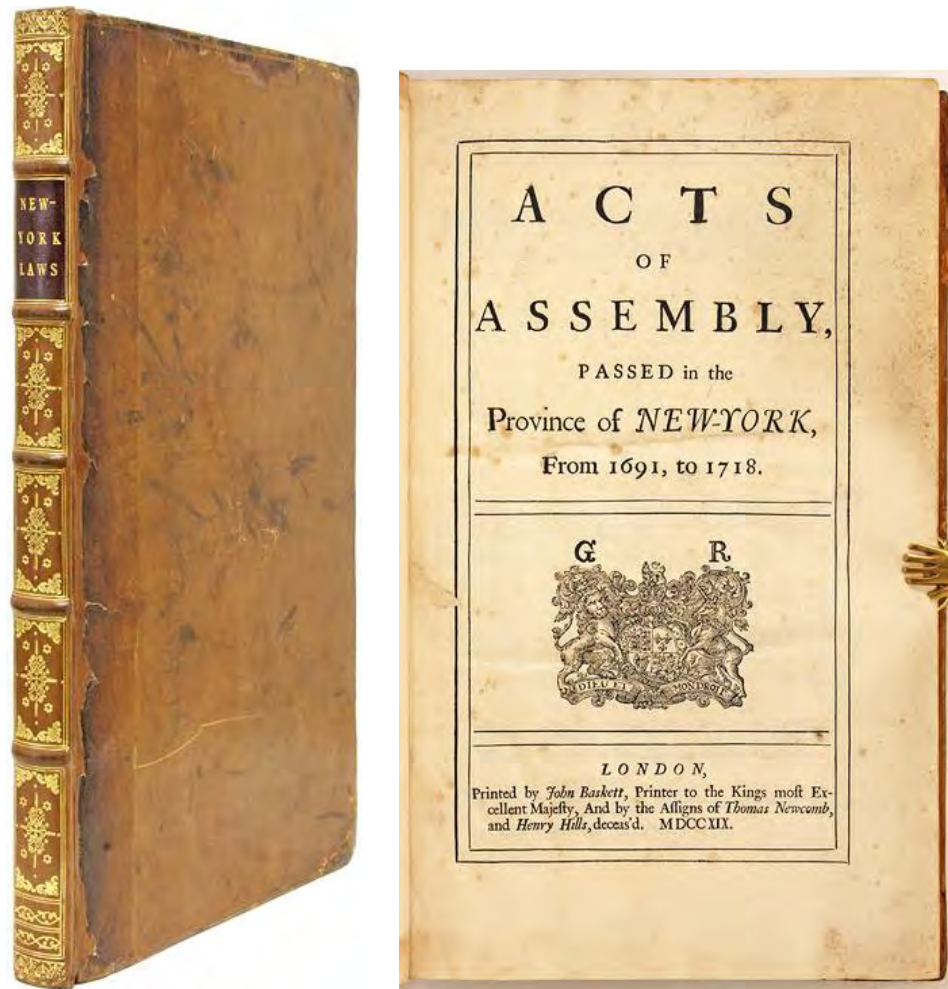
Leaming, Aaron, Compiler.

Spicer, Jacob Compiler.

The Grants, Concessions, And Original Constitutions of the Province of New-Jersey: The Acts Passed During the Proprietary Governments, And Other Material Transactions Before the Surrender Thereof to Queen Anne, The Instrument of Surrender, And Her Formal Acceptance Thereof, Lord Cornbury's Commission and Instructions Consequent Thereon. Collected by Some Gentlemen Employed By the General Assembly, And Afterwards Published by Virtue of an Act of the Legislature of the said Province With Proper Tables Alphabetically Digested, Containing the Principal Matters in the Book. Philadelphia: Printed by W. Bradford, [1758]. [iv], 763 pp. Folio (11-1/4" x 7").

Contemporary calf, blind rules to boards, blind fillets along joints, raised bands to spine. Moderate rubbing, boards partially detached, crack through center of backstrip, wear to spine ends, corners bumped and worn, later owner bookplate of Robert Leaming Montgomery to front pastedown, front free endpaper detached and somewhat edgeworn. Moderate toning to text, faint dampspotting in places, dampstaining to margins of title page and a few other leaves, "J. Fisher Leaming Esq/ from Henry Pennington/ May 13, 1850" to front free endpaper, tipped-in annotation in early hand (concerning the Monmouth Patent) to following endleaf, later owner inscription (of John Lawrence, dated 1812) to head of title page. Book housed in lightly rubbed recent cloth slipcase, morocco lettering piece to spine. An interesting association copy. \$2,000.

* First edition. With indexes for East Jersey and West Jersey. The third official compilation of New Jersey law, and the scarcest according to Felcone, it is the first to print fundamental laws, constitutions and documents from 1663 to 1702 and session laws from 1668 to 1702. "This handsome volume, generally known as Leaming and Spicer's Laws, was prepared under the authority of an act of Assembly passed in 1752, and is the largest work issued from the press of Wm. Bradford. Subscribers' names were first solicited in February, 1755, the compilers having spent nearly two years in its preparation. Three more years were consumed in printing, and it was not until May, 1758, that it was ready for delivery. Up to that time 170 copies had been subscribed for, and the editors say, in the *Pennsylvania Journal*, May 11. 1758, 'a number of copies yet remain not subscribed for,' and 'any person may be supplied' until 'the 17th of July next, after which we will not further extend the sale'" (Tower). Robert Leaming Montgomery and J. Fisher Leaming, both attorneys, were descendents of Aaron Leaming. *The Charlemagne Tower Collection of American Colonial Laws* 165. Felcone, *New Jersey Books* 156. [Order This Item](#)



1719 Compilation of New York Laws Printed in London by John Baskett

21. [New York (Colony)].

Acts of Assembly Passed in the Province of New-York, From 1691, To 1718. London: Printed for John Baskett, Printer to the King's Most Excellent Majesty, 1719. xv, 292 pp. Folio (13-1/2" x 8-1/2").

Contemporary calf, rebaked, gilt rules to boards, gilt spine with raised bands and lettering piece, endleaves retained, hinges mended. Shallow scuffing to boards, some rubbing to extremities, corners bumped, hinges starting, early armorial bookplate of the Oswalds of Dunnikier, Fife to front pastedown. Light toning to text, somewhat heavier in places, light foxing to a few leaves, light soiling and faint spotting to title page, a tear near the gutter carefully repaired. A handsome copy. \$3,500.

* Published the same year as William Bradford's compilation, this was the fourth codification of New York laws, preceded by three collections printed by William Bradford in 1694, 1710 and 1713. It comprises all the acts of the New York Assembly from 1691 through 1718, including many concerning trade and slaves, such as the 1709 "Act for Preventing the Conspiracy of Slaves." According to Rich, Baskett's edition was likely copied from Bradford's and "according to Trott, printed by order of the Lords Commissioners of Trade and Plantation." Titles of expired or repealed laws are included. The Oswalds of Dunnikier, Fife were a politically connected family of Scottish merchants active in the Atlantic trade. Rich, *Bibliotheca Americana Nova* 26. Tower, *The Charlemagne Tower Collection of Colonial Laws* 609. Benedict, *Acts and Laws of the Thirteen Original Colonies and States* 332. [Order This Item](#)



Salesman's Sample Book for a Popular Account of a Sensational Trial

22. [Salesman's Sample Book].

Breckinridge, William C.P. [1837-1904], Defendant.

The Celebrated Trial, Madeline Pollard vs. Breckinridge, The Most Noted Breach of Promise Suit in the History of Court Records. Containing a Graphic Story of the Sensational Incidents in the Joint Lives of the Now Famous Litigants, as Given in Their Own Words. The Two Stories Differ Widely as to the Material Facts in the Case, Testimony of the Kentucky School Girl Directly Contradicts the Story of the Silver-Tongued Orator and Statesman, Testimony of Prominent Witness From Various States Uncovering Startling Incidents in the Lives of Plaintiff and Defendant. The Surprising Disclosure and Dramatic Scenes that Filled the Court Room With a Throng of Excited Spectators Fully Described, the Most Sensational Testimony Ever Produced in Court. One of the Most Dramatic and Hotly Contested Legal Battles of Modern Times, An Array of Legal Talent Rarely Equaled in Court Annals in Point of Ability and Eloquence. Judge Bradley's Charge to the Jury. Speeches of Counsel and Decision of the Jury. To Which is Added a Complete Biography of Colonel Breckinridge and Miss Pollard, His College Days, War Record, Prominence in Congress. With Many Portraits and Illustrations. [N.p.]: [The American Printing and Binding Company, 1894]. Irregular pagination; pages appear to have been assembled to highlight salacious headlines and passages. 7 plates. Title page preceded by added pictorial title page (also the front cover for softbound copies). Octavo (8" x 5").

Original cloth, black-stamped title and decoration to front board. Moderate rubbing and dampspotting, spine ends and corners bumped. Light browning to text, preliminaries and a few other leaves detached and lightly edgeworn, three leaves lacking. An interesting piece of law book publishing and marketing history. \$450.

* This sample book was used to sell copies of a popular account of one of the most sensational trials of the day. Breckinridge was a notable Kentucky lawyer, statesman, editor and Civil War hero from a prominent political family. This suit, which coincided with his campaign for a sixth term in the U.S. Congress, was front-page news nationally for six weeks. Many were aroused to indignation. Suffragists opposed him with rallies and petitions; the National Christian League for the Promotion of Social Purity denounced him. The court decided in Pollard's favor and awarded her \$15,000 in damages. Tainted by scandal, Breckinridge lost the election. He never held office again. The complete book is a fairly hefty, a 320-page octavo. The considerably lighter sample book was carried door-to-door by salesmen. It contains the title page, the front wrapper of a softbound version, selected pages and plates, a leaf with selling points and price information and two ruled leaves in which to list subscribers. [Order This Item](#)



A Woman Chronicles Her Life as a Law Student, Editor and Attorney from 1944 to 1950

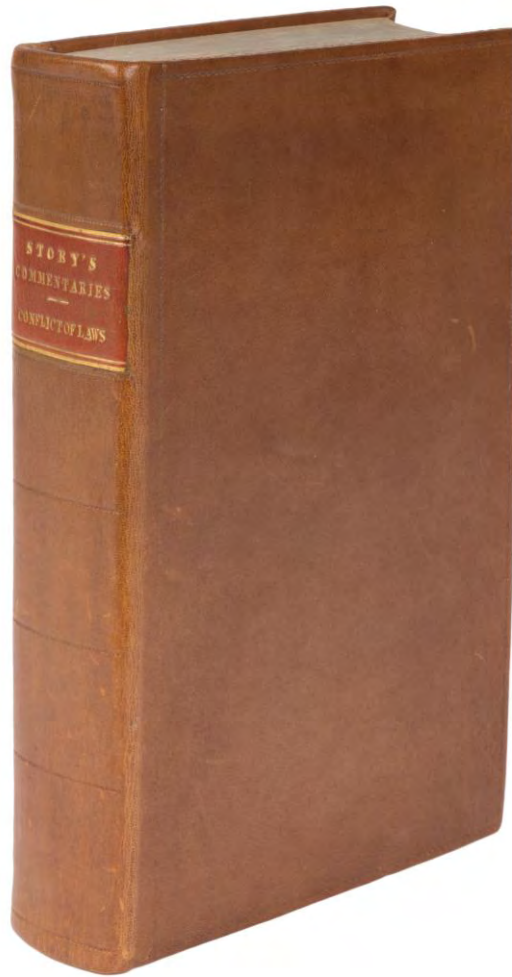
23. [Scrapbook].

[Glenn, Beverly M].

[*Scrapbook Compiled by Columbia University Law Student and Lawyer Beverly M. Glenn*]. New York City and Providence, RI, 1944-1950. [84] pp. Quarto (12-1/2" x 10-1/2").

Three-quarter calf over patterned boards, leaves fastened with leather tie, which is broken. Light rubbing to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, some chipping to spine ends, joints starting, leaves browned. Approximately 250 photographs, newspaper clippings, letters and documents affixed (with glue or corner fasteners) to rectos and versos of all pages, most with brief annotations. \$1,250.

* This fascinating and often touching scrapbook records the personal and professional life of a young female lawyer from her days as a law student to the time of her marriage. Glenn, an alumna of the University of Chicago, entered Columbia Law School in 1944, earned her degree in 1947 and became an editor at the New York legal publisher Baker-Voorhis. She passed the bar exam in 1948 and was admitted to practice in 1949. At that time she left her editorial job, established a practice at 30 Broad Street in Manhattan with Edwin M. Bohm and Jacklyn V. Kemper and got engaged to a law-school classmate, J. Emery Long, who was a vice president of the Union Trust Company of Providence, Rhode Island. She married Long in 1950 and the newlyweds established a home in Providence. Items in this scrapbook include an invitation to a moot court, tickets to Columbia football games, the letter certifying Glenn's admission to the NY Bar, letterhead from her law firm on 30 Broad and holiday cards, wedding announcements and photographs of family and friends. The final few items record the early days of her marriage. [Order This Item](#)



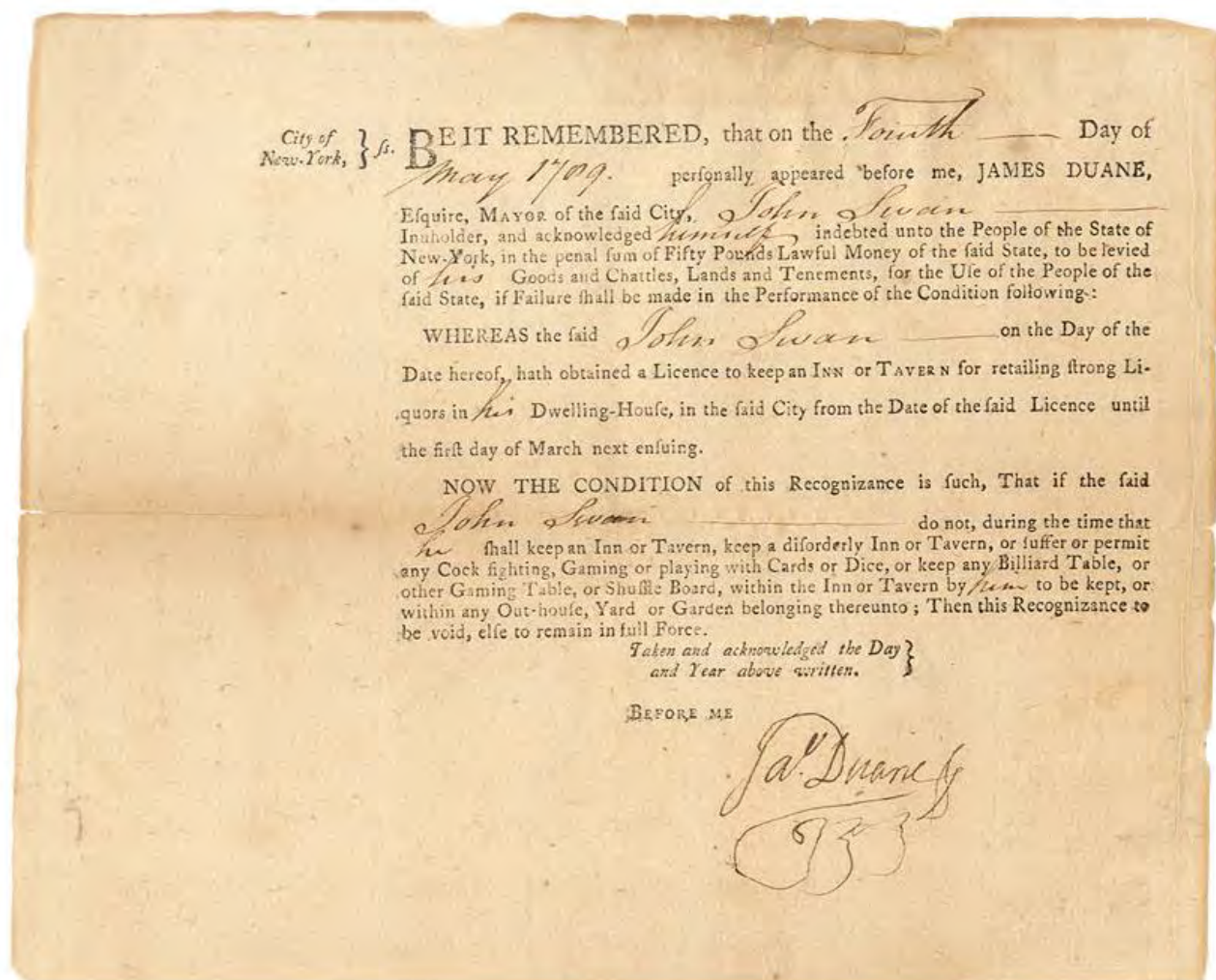
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24. Story, Joseph [1779-1845].

Commentaries on the Conflict of Laws, Foreign and Domestic, in Regard to Contracts, Rights, and Remedies, and Especially in Regard to Marriages, Divorces, Wills, Successions, and Judgments. Boston: Hilliard, Gray and Company, 1834. xxv, [1], 557 pp. Octavo (8-1/2" x 5-1/2").

Recent period-style calf, blind rules to boards, lettering piece and blind fillets to spine, original endpapers retained. Moderate toning to text, somewhat darker or browned in places, light foxing, faint, gradually diminishing dampstaining to margins of several leaves at beginning and end of text. \$1,750.

* First edition. Story's *Conflict of Laws*, the first systematic treatise on the subject, is one of his greatest and most influential works. Warren says: "It is not too much to say that its publication constituted an epoch in the law; for it became at once the standard and almost the sole authority...[it] received the honor of being practically the first American law book to be cited as authority in English courts." Expanding on this latter point Marvin quotes "a late English writer" who says that "no work on international jurisprudence merited, nor received, greater praise from the jurists of Europe. It impressed English lawyers with the highest respect for [Story's] extensive learning." Marvin, *Legal Bibliography* 471. Warren, *A History of the American Bar* 545. Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 2723. [Order This Item](#)



Eighteenth-Century New York City Tavern License

25. [Taverns].

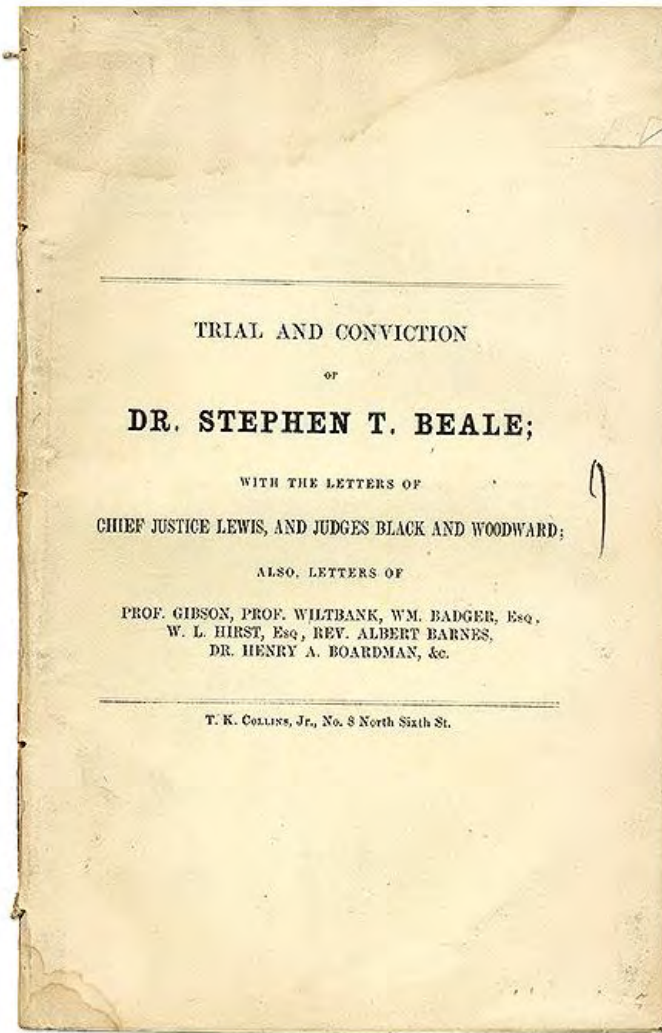
[New York City].

[Duane, James (1733-1797)].

[Tavern Licence Granted to John Swan Signed by Mayor James Duane]. New York, May 4, 1789.

6-1/4" x 7-1/2" part-printed document, inscribed in neat hand, docketed on verso. Moderate browning, faint horizontal fold line, another fold line to upper right corner, minor wear and a few small chips to edges, a few cello tape repairs to verso. An interesting item. \$950.

* Swan's license permits him to sell "strong liquors in his dwelling house," provided he does not "keep a disorderly Inn or Tavern, or suffer or permit any Cock fighting, Gaming or playing with Cards or Dice, or keep any Billiard Table, or other Gaming table or Shuffle Board, within the Inn or Tavern." James Duane was the first mayor of New York after the British evacuation in 1784. A Revolutionary leader, he was a delegate to the Continental Congress and a signer of the Articles of Confederation. After he completed his term as mayor in 1789, he became one of the first federal judges on the U.S. Circuit Court in New York. [Order This Item](#)



Raped Under Anesthesia by Her Dentist

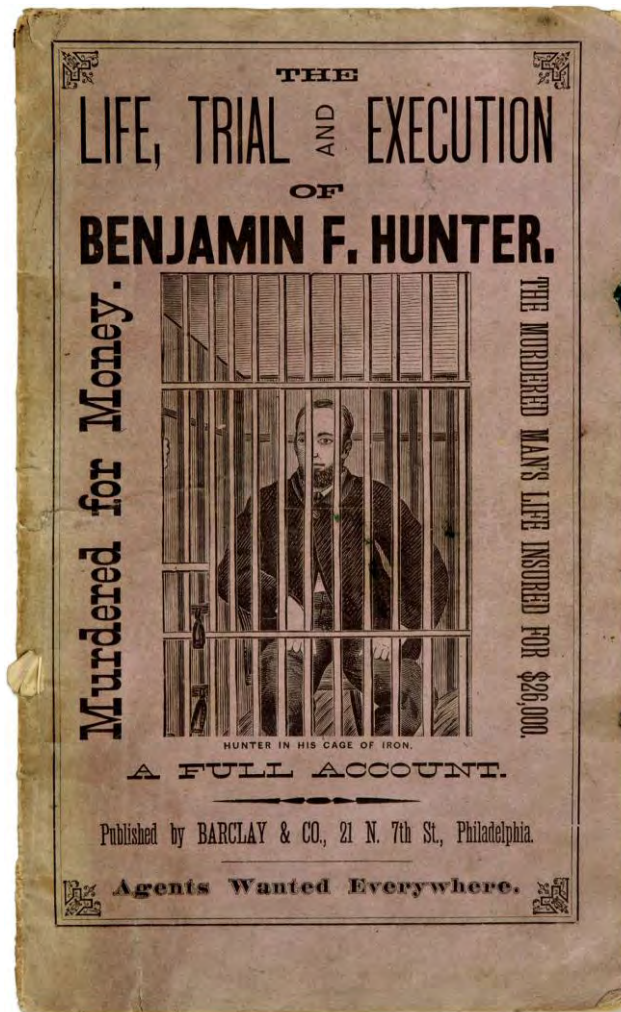
26. [Trial].

Beale, Stephen T., Defendant.

Trial and Conviction of Dr. Stephen T. Beale; With the Letters of Chief Justice Lewis, And Judges Black and Woodward, On His Case. Interesting Ether Cases, And the Letters of Prof. Gibson, Prof. Wiltbank, Wm. Badger, Esq., W.L. Hirst, Esq. Rev. Albert Barnes, Dr. Henry Boardman, &c. Philadelphia: T.K. Collins, Jr., 1855. 30 pp. Octavo (9" x 5-3/4").

Stab-stitched pamphlet in printed wrappers removed from a volume, rear wrapper lacking. Faint dampstaining to head and lower corner at foot of spine through first half of text block, light soiling to exterior, minor tear and "9" in early hand to front wrapper, light toning to text. \$600.

* Only edition. This trial account reflects contemporary anxiety about ether, which was used for the first time in 1846. Narcissa Mudge claimed she was raped by her dentist, Dr. Beale while unconscious from ether during a procedure. Beale was convicted. This account of the trial is written by someone who characterizes the dentist as an innocent victim. He argues that Mudge's accusation was based on false memory, a side-effect induced by ether. His case is supported by the testimony concerning the effects of ether by a group of dentists and other authorities. *Bibliography of Early American Law* 13774. [Order This Item](#)



An Axe-Murder in Camden, NJ: McDade 494

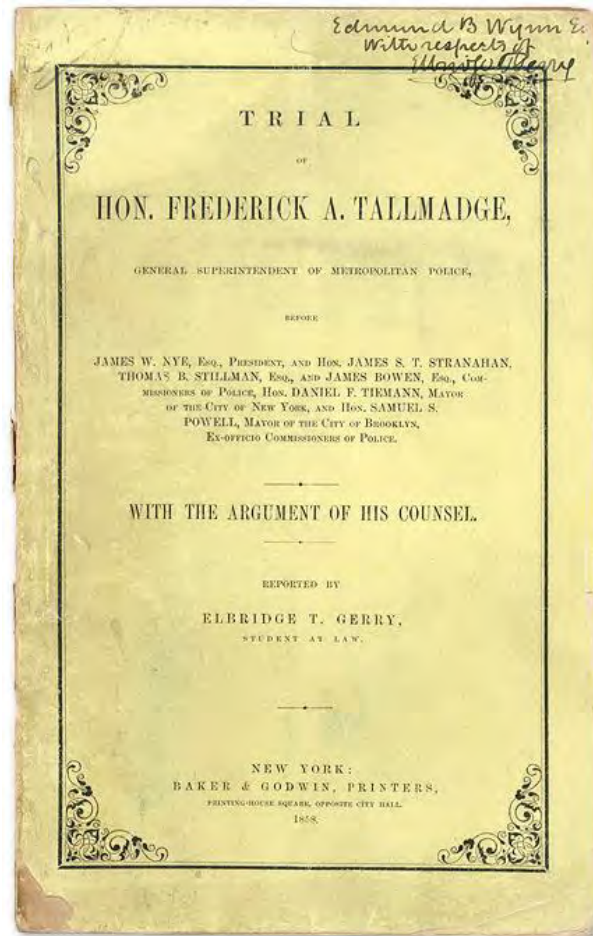
27. [Trial].

Hunter, Benjamin F. [d. 1879], Defendant.

Hunter-Armstrong Tragedy. The Great Trial. Conviction of Benj. F. Hunter for the Murder of John M. Armstrong. Philadelphia: Barclay & Company, 1878. [iii], 19-86 pp. Main text in parallel columns. 7 full-page woodcuts. Octavo (9-1/2" x 5-3/4").

Stab-stitched pamphlet in pictorial wrappers, cover title reads, in part: *The Life, Trial and Execution of Benjamin F. Hunter.* Light soiling, moderate edgewear and a few chips and tears to edges of wrappers, which are beginning to detach at foot of spine. Moderate toning to text, faint dampstaining to a few leaves. \$850.

* First edition, one of five issues. "Hunter had lost \$7,000 when he invested in Armstrong's music-publishing company. Thinking to turn his loss into a profit, he insured Armstrong's life \$25,000. With a hired assistant, Tom Graham, he enticed Armstrong to Camden, New Jersey, and there bashed his head in with an axe which he had carefully marked with the initials of another man to throw suspicion on him. Though he remained unconscious, Armstrong survived, and Hunter, calling at his home, hastened his death by tearing the bandages from his head. Graham confessed and hunter was convicted and hanged, and he was actually hanged by hand" (McDade). Other issues of this pamphlet have different cover titles and paginations. All are scarce. OCLC locates 7 copies of our 86-page issue, 1 in a law library (University of Missouri). McDade, *The Annals of Murder* 494. [Order This Item](#)



**1858 Trial of the Head of New York
City's Police Department for Neglect of Duty**

28. [Trial].

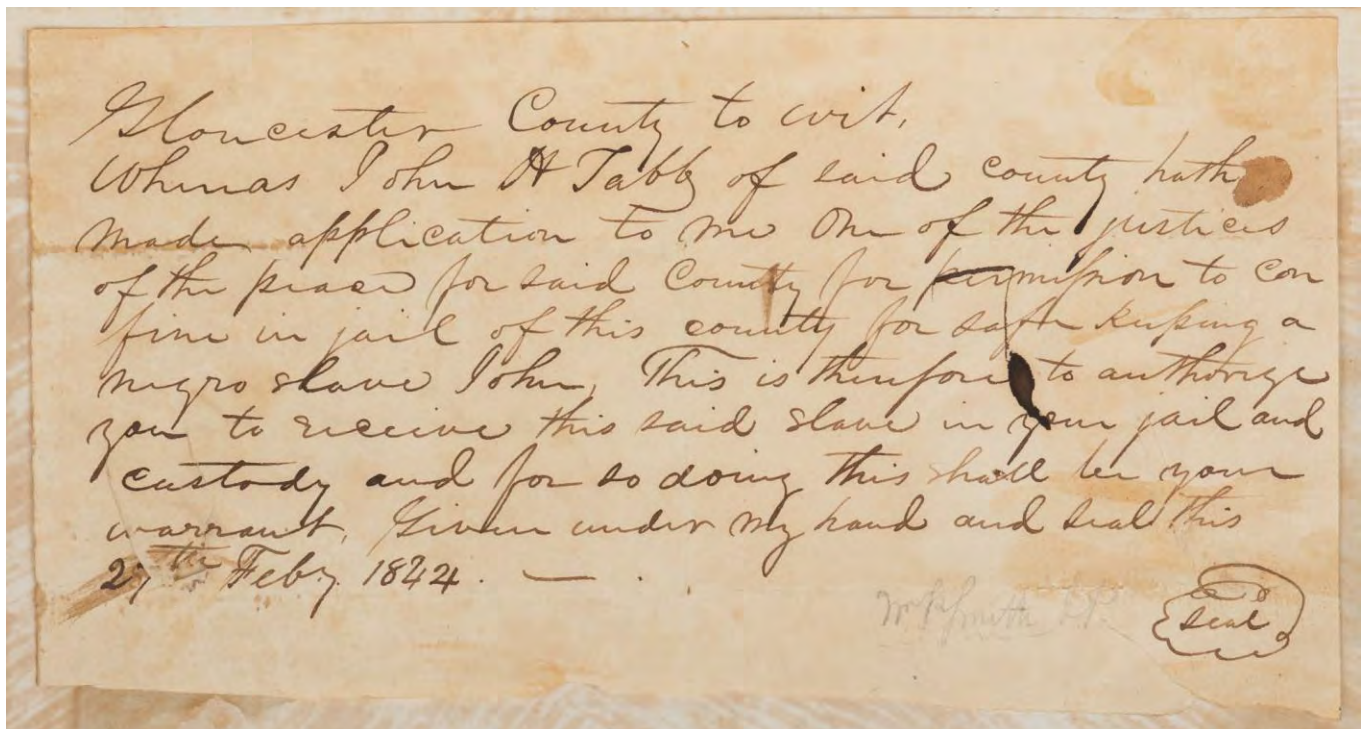
Tallmadge, Frederick A. [1792-1869], Defendant.

Gerry, Elbridge T. [1837-1927], Reporter.

Trial of Hon. Frederick A. Tallmadge, General Superintendent of Metropolitan Police, Before James W. Nye, Esq., President and Hon. James S. T. Stranahan, Thomas B. Stillman, Esq., And James Bowen, Esq., Commissioners of Police, Hon. Daniel F. Tiemann, Mayor of the City of New York, And Hon. Samuel S. Powell, Mayor of the City of Brooklyn, Ex-Officio Commissioners of police: With the Argument of His Counsel. New York: Baker & Goldwin, Printers, 1858. 88 pp. Octavo (9" x 5-3/4").

Stab-stitched pamphlet in printed wrappers. Spine abraded, covers detached, lightly soiled and moderately edgeworn. Light toning to text, small chips to fore-edges of a few leaves, presentation inscription from Gerry to upper corner of front wrapper. \$500.

* Only edition. "Frederick Tallmadge, general superintendent of the Metropolitan (New York City) Police, was charged with neglect of duty in a hearing before the Board of Police Commissioners. He allegedly did not respond to a call from the Quarantine Station on Staten Island where several hospitals had been set on fire by a mob. He was cleared of one charge, censured on another, and restored to duty" (Cohen). OCLC locates 8 copies in North American law libraries (Columbia, Library of Congress, New York University, Northwestern, Social Law, University of Minnesota, US Supreme Court, Yale). Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 14665. [Order This Item](#)



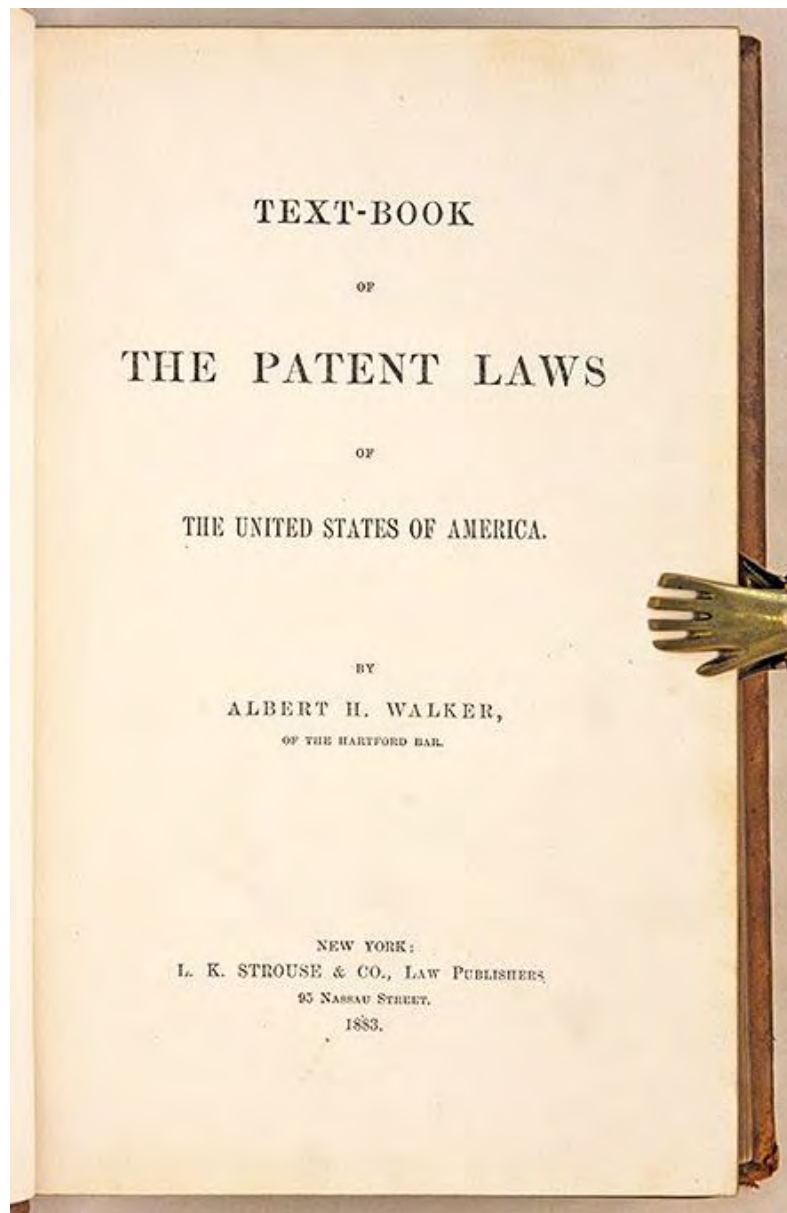
Copy of the Final Antebellum Edition of Virginia
Statutes With a Document Concerning the Custody of a Slave

29. [Virginia].

The Code of Virginia: With the Declaration of Independence and Constitution of the United States; and the Declaration of Rights and Constitution of Virginia. Published Pursuant to an Act of the General Assembly of Virginia, Passed on the Fifteenth Day of August 1849. Richmond: Printed by William F. Ritchie, Public Printer, 1849. xxxi, 898 pp. Octavo (9-1/2" x 5-3/4").

Contemporary calf, blind fillets to boards, blind fillets and red and black lettering pieces to spine, faint early owner signature at head. Light rubbing and a few minor stains and nicks, somewhat heavier rubbing to extremities, corners bumped, manuscript court document dated February 27, 1844 tipped-in to front pastedown, moderate toning and light foxing to text, light edgewear and a few minor tears to document. \$750.

* This was last edition of Virginia's statutes published before the Civil War. The document affixed to the front pastedown of our copy is a warrant by John H. Tabb of Gloucester County charging a County Justice of the Peace to "confine in jail for safekeeping a negro slave John." It is signed in pencil by JB Wm K. Smith; an address on its verso reads "Jailer of Gloucester County." This document may have been added to our copy to serve as a model form for this procedure. Babbitt, *Hand-List of Legislative Sessions and Session Laws* 593. [Order This Item](#)



**First Edition of a
Landmark American Treatise on Patents**

30. Walker, Albert H. [1844-1915].

Text-Book of the Patent Laws of the United States of America. New York: L.K. Strouse & Co., 1883. lvii, 724 pp. Octavo (9" x 5-3/4").

Contemporary calf, blind rules to boards, raised bands, lettering piece and two early calf owner labels to spine. A few minor nicks to boards, some rubbing to extremities, a few light scuffs to spine, corners bumped and moderately worn, hinges cracked, light toning to text. \$500.

* First edition. Much modified over the decades, this landmark treatise remains in print today as *Moy's Walker on Patents* (2010 and later supplements). Catalogue of the Library of the Harvard Law School (1909) II:857. [Order This Item](#)

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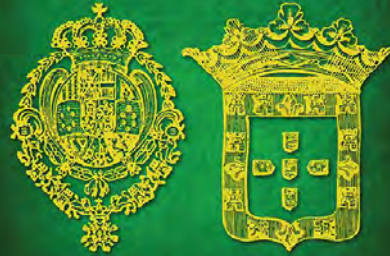
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