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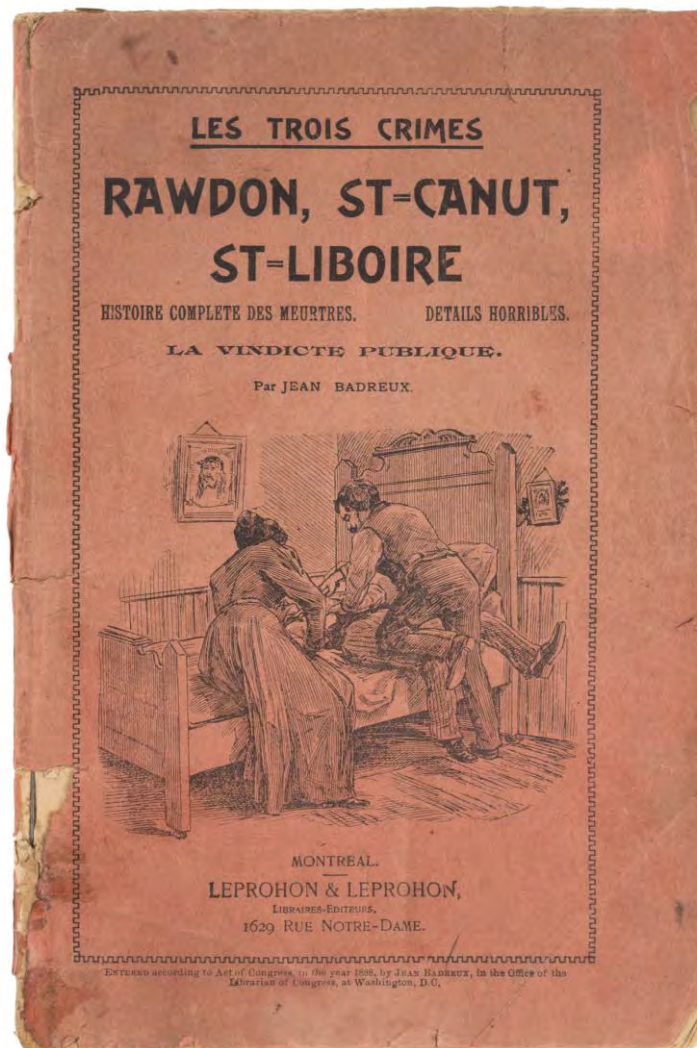
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Rare Account of Three Montreal Murders

1. Badreux, Jean.

Les Trois Crimes: Rawdon, St-Canut, St-Liboire. Histoire Complète des Meurtres, Détails Horribles. La Vindicté Publique. Montreal: Leprohon & Leprohon, 1898. 45, [3] pp. 2 text woodcuts. 3 pp. publisher catalogue, another advertisement (with woodcut) to verso of front wrapper. Octavo (8-3/4" x 6").

Stapled pamphlet in printed wrappers, rear wrapper lacking. Moderate soiling and some chipping and minor tears to wrapper, spine abraded, minor wear to top-edge and corners, light soiling to final page, light browning to interior, light foxing to a few leaves. \$950.

* Only edition. This pamphlet contains accounts of three grisly murders that took place in Montreal. It was also issued in an English-language version titled *The Three Crimes: Rawdon, St. Liboire, St. Canut. Complete History of the Murders, Horrible Details, Public vindication.* The woodcuts, both half-page, illustrate two of the murders (Rawdon and St. Canut). Both versions of this pamphlet are rare. OCLC locates 2 copies of the French version at Harvard Law School and York University Law Library and 1 copy of the English version at the Library and Archives, Canada. We also located both versions at the University of Alberta. [Order This Item](#)



The Final Edition with Blackstone's Corrections

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

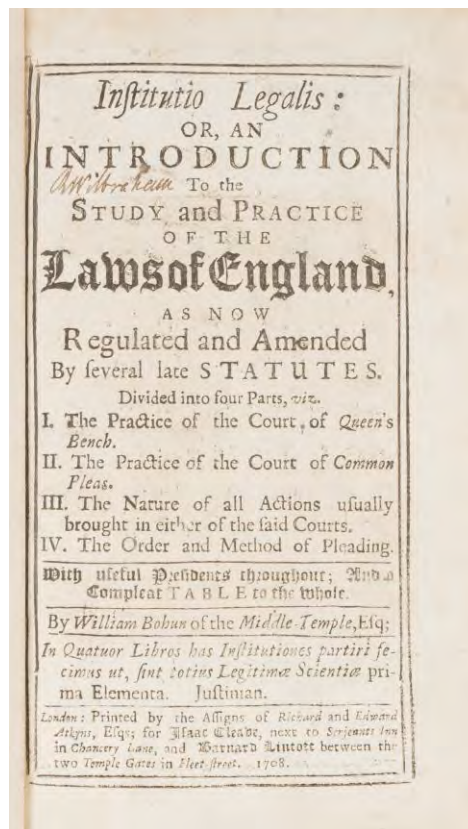
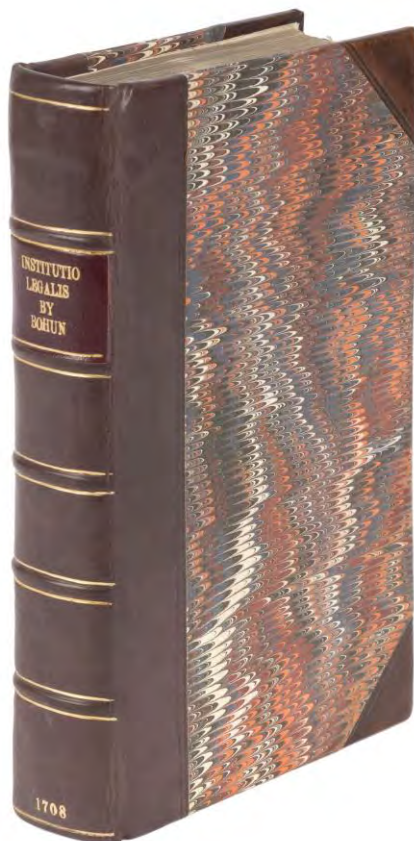
Burn, Richard [1709-1785], Editor.

Commentaries on the Laws of England, in Four Books. With the Last Corrections of the Author; And Continued to the Present Time.

London: Printed for W. Strahan; T. Cadell, In the Strand; and D. Prince, Oxford, 1783. Four volumes. Copperplate portrait frontispiece of Blackstone, "Table of Consanguinity" and folding "Table of Descents." Octavo (8" x 5-1/4").

Contemporary tree calf, gilt spines. Light rubbing and some shallow scuffing to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, light chipping to heads of spines, corners bumped and moderately worn, joints starting at ends, hinges cracked, armorial bookplate (of John Guille of Guernsey) to front pastedown of each volume. Light toning to text, somewhat heavier in places, some edgewear to folding table, light soiling to title page of Volume I. \$2,500.

* Ninth edition. The first edition published after Blackstone's death, it was the basis of several subsequent editions. Burn's advertisement in Volume I, dated July 20, 1783, states: "The alterations...since the publication of the last edition, were made by the author himself, as may appear from a corrected copy in his own handwriting...The editor...[has noted] alterations made by subsequent acts of Parliament." Burn, an attorney and notable legal writer, was the author of *The Justice of the Peace, And Parish Officer* (1st edition 1755), a work praised by Blackstone in the *Commentaries*. Eller, *The William Blackstone Collection in the Yale Law Library* 14. Laeuchli, *A Bibliographical Catalog of William Blackstone* 18. [Order This Item](#)



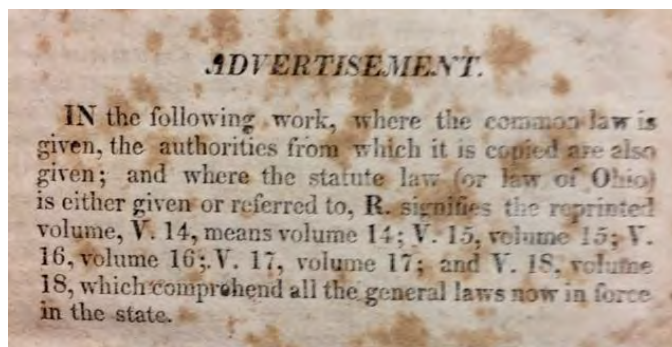
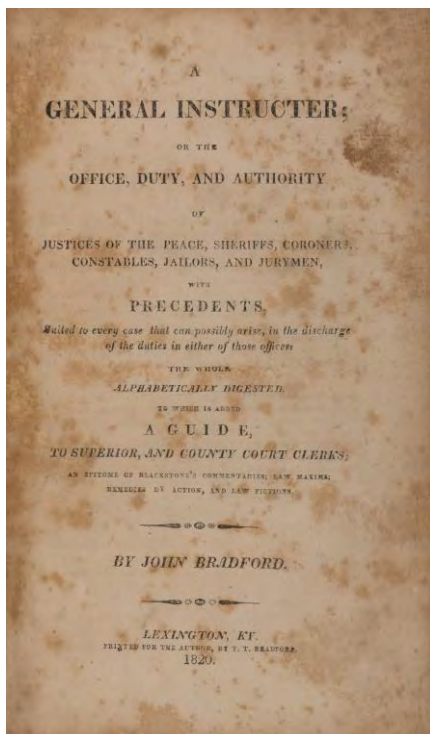
**First Edition of Bohun's
Well-Regarded Handbook on Pleading**

3. Bohun, William.

Institutio Legalis: Or, An Introduction to the Study and Practice of the Laws of England, As Now Regulated and Amended by Several Late Statutes. Divided Into Four Parts, Viz: I. The Practice of the Court of King's Bench. II. The Practice of the Court of Common Pleas. III. The Nature of All Actions Usually Brought in Either of the Said Courts. IV. The Order and Method of Pleading. With Useful Presidents Throughout; And a Compleat Table to the Whole. London: Printed by the assigns of Richard and Edward Atkyns, Esqs; for Isaac Cleave, and Barnard Lintott, 1708. [xvii], 160, viii, 161-568, [18] pp. Octavo (7-1/2" x 4-3/4").

Recent period-style three-quarter calf over marbled boards, endpapers renewed, cloth-reinforced hinges. Light toning to text, somewhat heavier in places, annotations in an early hand to a few sections of text, some affected by trimming, creases to corners of several leaves, light soiling to title page, recent repair to fore-edge of final leaf. Rare in commerce, this the first copy of any edition we have owned. \$1,500.

* First edition. This book was written to guide students and practitioners at the beginning of their careers. Useful for its insights into the practice of the period, it is a practical guide for the courts of King's Bench and common pleas that gives detailed instructions about the steps to take in an action and in making up a record. The main rules of pleading are set out as bare principles. Well-received, this work went through three more editions in 1713, 1724 and 1732. The manuscript annotations in our copy are summaries, clarifications or additional points. Our copy's collation differs slightly from that indicated by the *ESTC*, but it matches several copies listed on *OCLC*, which locates 10 copies in North America, 2 in law libraries (San Francisco Law Library, University of Wisconsin Law School); the *ESTC* adds 2 more (Harvard, UCLA). *English Short-Title Catalogue* N8376. [Order This Item](#)



**An Interesting Blackstone-Related
Title, The Unrecorded Ohio Version**

**4. Bradford, John [1747-1830].
[Blackstone, Sir William (1723-1780)].**

A General Instructor [sic]; *Or the Office, Duty and Authority of Justices of the Peace, Sheriffs, Coroners, Constables, Jailors, And Jurymen, With Precedents, Suited to Every Case that Can Possibly Arise, in the Discharge of the Duties in Either of Those Offices. The Whole Alphabetically Digested. To Which is Added a Guide, to Superior, And County Court Clerks; An Epitome of Blackstone's Commentaries; Law Maxims; Remedies by Action, And Law Fictions.* Lexington, KY: Printed for the Author, By T.T. Bradford, 1820. viii, 450 pp. Octavo (8" x 5").

Contemporary sheep, blind fillets to boards, lettering piece and blind fillets to spine. Moderate rubbing to boards and extremities, corners bumped, chip to head of spine, front joint just starting at foot, front hinge cracked, front free endpaper lacking early owner signatures and annotations to pastedowns and rear free endpaper, owner signature of Philip Ardery to front endleaf. Moderate toning and light foxing to text, light browning in places, lower corner lacking from leaf A1 (pp. 1-2) with minor loss to text. \$2,500.

* Second and final edition, the only one with Blackstone content. This manual includes four features that aim to provide a smattering of legal education and erudition, enough at least to impress a frontier judge and jury. There are the lists of legal maxims and legal fictions, examples of remedies and an "Epitome of the Commentaries of Sir William Blackstone, On the Laws of England" (pp. 405-425), which consists of the first sentences from, or summaries of, sections of selected chapters. The first edition of this work, published in 1800, does not have a Blackstone section. When Bradford published the second edition, he also produced versions for Indiana and Ohio. Bradford was an early printer and newspaper publisher in Kentucky. He was also an engineer, surveyor and sheriff. Philip Ardery [1914-2013] was a distinguished bomber pilot during World War II. He was one of the founders of the Kentucky Air National Guard and its first wing commander. The Ohio version appears to be unrecorded. No copies listed on OCLC. Not in Eller, Laeuchli or Cohen.

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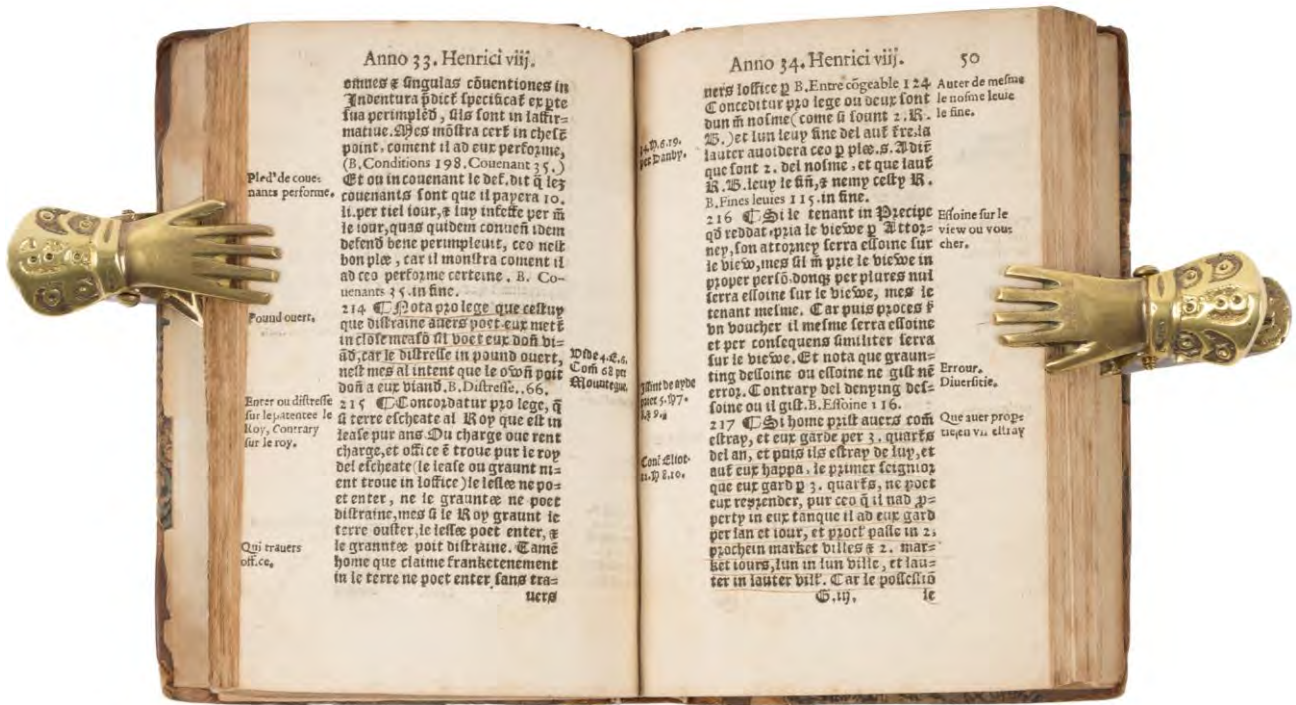
"Crimes of Love and Passion"

**5. Brame, Geoffrey.
Rénin, Paul, Editor.**

Crimes of Love and Passion, No. 2: The Crimes of Belle Guinness, Murderess, Adulteress, And Baby Farmer. A Wife as Prey: The True Story of the Notorious Arnauld de Tily Who Impersonated His Soldier Friend, Deceiving Even His Beautiful Wife [Cover Title]. [London]: Federation Press, Ltd., Gramol House, E.C. 4., c. 1928. 31 pp.

Stapled pamphlet in color printed wrappers. Light soiling, negligible rubbing to extremities, light browning to interior. A well-preserved copy of a rare title. \$950.

* This is a title in the true-crime series *Crimes of Love and Passion*. Originally issued around 1928 (the issues are not dated) and re-issued in the 1950s, this series had four volumes. Issue No. 2 has two parts: "Arnauld de Tily, Impersonator-Deceiver-Thief. An Amazing True Story" by Geoffrey Brame and "Belle Guinness, 'The Female Bluebeard'" by Henry K. Vernon. OCLC locates 2 copies, both re-issues (Kent State University, University of Arizona). [Order This Item](#)



A Selection from Brooke's Abridgement

6. [Brooke, Sir Robert (d.1558)].

Ascuns Novell Cases de les Ans et Temps le Roy, H.8. Ed.6. Et la Roygne Mary, Escrive ex la Graund Abridgement, Compose per Sir Robert Brooke Chivaler &c. La Disperse en les Titles. Mes Icy Collect Sub Ans. [London]: In Aedibus Richardi Tottelli, 1578. [i], 116, [3] ff. Collates complete. Octavo (5" x 3-1/2").

Recent quarter calf over retained 19th-century marbled boards with calf corners, lettering piece retained, endpapers renewed. Moderate rubbing to extremities with wear to corners, rear hinge cracked, rear endleaves partially detached. Title printed within woodcut architectural border. Moderate toning, somewhat heavier in places, fore-edge trimmed with minor loss to side-notes, minor tears to a few leaves, brief early annotations and underlining in a few places, later owner signatures to title page, which is lightly soiled, as is the verso of the final index leaf. \$1,500.

* First edition. Also known as *Brooke's New Cases*, *Petit Brook* or *Bellewe Temp. Henry VIII*, this book is a selection of cases from 1514-1558 taken from Brooke's great *Abridgement* (1568), a digest of more than 20,000 cases and notes from the Year Books, Fitzherbert's *Natura Brevium*, and other sources. Later editions were published in 1587, 1597, 1604, 1624, 1625, 1628 and 1651. All editions are scarce. No copies of the first edition have appeared at auction since 2014. OCLC locates 7 in North America, all in law libraries (Boston College, Columbia, Georgetown, Social Law, University of Maine, University of Washington, Yale). *English Short-Title Catalogue* S116228. Beale, *Bibliography of Early English Law Books* R480.

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Handsome First Edition of *Burn's Justice with Contemporary Annotations*

7. Burn, Richard [1709-1785].

The Justice of the Peace, And Parish Officer. [London]: Printed by Henry Lintot, 1755. Two volumes. xxvii, [1], 541, [3]; [iii], 573, [11] pp. Three-page publisher advertisement at end of Volume I, another one-page advertisement facing title page of Volume I. Octavo (8-1/4" x 5").

Contemporary calf, blind rules to boards, blind fillets along joints, blind tooling to board edges, raised bands and black-stamped volume numbers to spines, hinges mended. Light rubbing and a few minor stains to boards, moderate rubbing to board edges, corners bumped and somewhat worn, contemporary armorial bookplate (of Henry Reveley, above small contemporary signature "Ja. Coles") to each pastedown. Light toning to text, occasional annotations, underlining and other markings in early hand to both volumes. \$2,000.

* First edition. A remarkably durable work, Burn's *Justice* went through 30 editions by 1869 and was excerpted often in early American justice manuals, such as Parker's *Conductor Generalis* (1764) and Burn's *Abridgment of Burn's Justice of the Peace and Parish Officer* (1773). It covers such topics as Accessory, Alehouses, Aliens, Assault and Battery, Bail (By Writ of Habeas Corpus), Bankrupt, Banks for Savings (Rules and Regulations), Bastards, Burglary, Clergy, Dogs, Evidence, Excise and Customs, Fish and Fisheries, Forfeiture, Forgery, Game, Homicide, Indictment, Jurors, Libel, Oaths, Insolvent Debtors, Polygamy, Poor Law, Promissory Notes, Rape, Riot, Robbery, Taxes, Vagrants and much more. Holdsworth notes that "a perusal of these headings tells us something of the development of the system of local government" during the time of the book's publication. The annotations in our copy are mostly summaries and elucidations that indicate careful study by knowledgeable reader. Holdsworth, *A History of English Law* X:162. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T68627. [Order This Item](#)



Influential Commentaries *Code and Digest*

8. Cujas, Jacques [1522-1590].

[Justinian I (483-565 CE), Emperor of the East].

Paratitla in Libros Quinquaginta Digestorum Seu Pandectarum Item in Libros Novem Codicis Imperatoris Iustiniani. Ex Postrema Auctoris Recognitione. Cologne: Apud Ioannem Gymnicum, Sub Monocerote, 1588. [xxviii], 195, [1]; [xxxvi], 541 (i.e. 521) pp. Two parts, each with title page and individual pagination, second part has title beginning *Paratitla in Libros IX. Codicis Iustiniani.*

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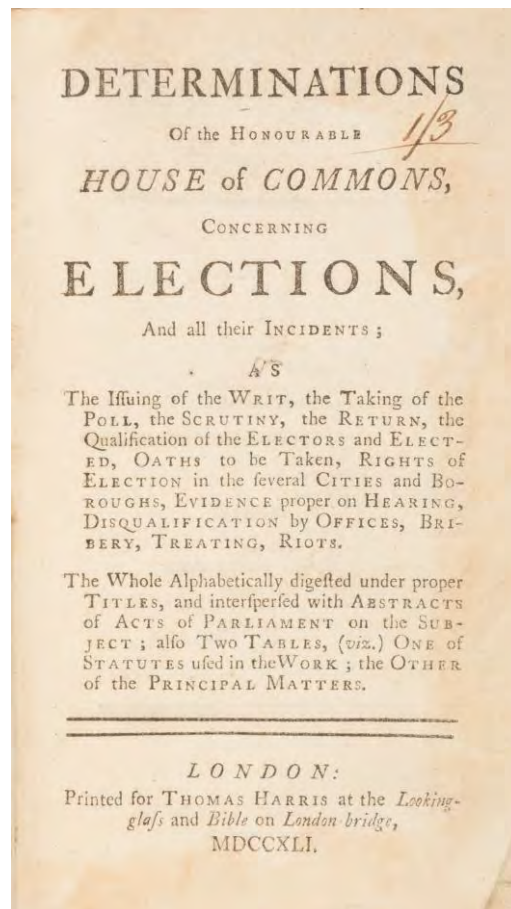
Cujas, Jacques.

Africanus, Sextus Caecilius [2nd C.].

Ad Africanum Tractatus VIII. Quibus Difficillimae Iuris Quaestiones Enodantur. Ex Postrema Auctoris Recognitione, Castigate Editi. Accesserunt Indices Duo Copiosi, Quorum Prior est Legum Africani, Alter Materialium. Cologne: Apud Ioannem Gymnicum, Sub Monocerote, 1588. [xlvi], 622 (i.e. 624) pp.

Octavo (6-1/4" x 4"). Elaborately blind-tooled half blind-stamped pigskin over vellum with horizontal, vertical and diagonal rules, binding dated 1592, raised bands and faint early hand-lettered title to spine. Moderate soiling, some rubbing to boards, heavier rubbing to extremities with wear to corners, spine ends bumped, front hinge cracked, front free endpaper lacking. Moderate toning, light browning in places, brief early annotations to a few leaves and title pages, later owner stamps and markings to front pastedown and title page of *Paratitla in Libros Quinquaginta Digestorum*. \$2,500.

* Later editions. Cujas, a professor of law at the universities of Cahors, Bourges, Valencia and Turin, was the preeminent authority on Roman law in his day. The author of several commentaries, he was also an important philologist who recovered and published the *Codex Theodosianus* and the *Basilica*. The first work in this volume contains important commentaries on first nine books of the *Code*, the twelve-book legal code established by Justinian I, and the 50th book of the *Digest*, a 50-volume collection of judicial commentary, that were originally published separately in 1569 and 1570. Both remained standard works into the nineteenth century. *Ad Africanum Tractatus VIII.* is a commentary on the *Quaestiones* of Sextus Caecilius Africanus, a collection of legal cases included in the *Digest*. *Das Verzeichnis der im Deutschen Sprachbereich Erschienenen Drucke des 16. Jahrhunderts* C61214, ZV4155. [Order This Item](#)



A Durable Eighteenth-Century English Treatise on Elections

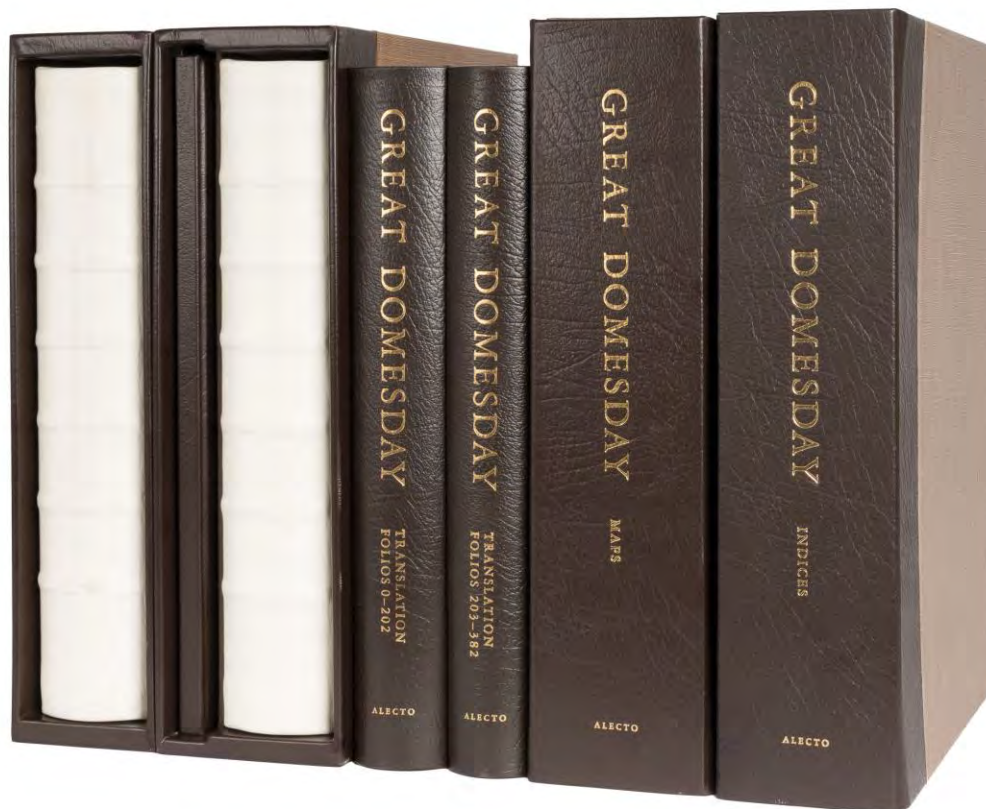
9. [Elections].

[Great Britain].

Determinations of the Honourable House of Commons, Concerning Elections, And All Their Incidents; As the Issuing of the Writ, The Taking of the Poll, The Scrutiny, The Return, The Qualification of the Electors and Elected, Oaths to be Taken, Rights of Election in the Several Cities and Boroughs, Evidence Proper on Hearing, Disqualification by Offices, Bribery, Treating, Riots. The Whole Alphabetically Digested Under Proper Titles, And Interspersed with Abstracts of Acts of Parliament on the Subject; Also Two Tables, (viz.) One of Statutes Used in the Work; The Other of the Principal Matters. London: Printed for Thomas Harris, 1741. xx, 274, 12, 11, [1] pp. Lacking Leaf Z2 (pp. 255-256), supplied in facsimile. 12mo. (6-1/2" x 4").

Contemporary calf, blind rules to boards, blind fillets along joints, raised bands to spine. Some minor scuffs and scratches to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, corners bumped and somewhat worn, joints staring, front hinge cracked, first gathering partially detached but secure. Moderate toning, occasional faint soiling to head of text block, small strips of paper removed from margins of leaves A3-A5 (pp. v-x) with no loss to text, "1/6" in small early hand to front pastedown and title page, which has some offsetting to its margins, a tiny hole near its center with minor loss to text and a piece neatly removed from its lower corner. \$150.

* First edition. This anonymous work was clearly a popular reference guide. Later editions were published in 1747, 1743, 1753, 1761, 1774. All are scarce. OCLC locates copies of the first edition in 10 North American law libraries (Columbia, Georgetown, Social Law, University of Georgia, University of Miami, University of Michigan, University of Missouri, University of Pennsylvania, University of Washington). *English Short-Title Catalogue* T164879. [Order This Item](#)



Magnificent Limited Edition of the Great Domesday

10. [Domesday Book].

Great Domesday Book. London: Alecto Historical Editions, 1986-1992. 6 parts: two facsimile volumes in slipcases, two translation volumes, two solander boxes, one containing maps, the other indexes. Folios: Facsimile Volumes, 14-1/2" x 10" in 17" x 12" slipcases; Translation Volumes, 15-1/2" x 10-3/4"; solander cases 17" x 12." Complete set.

Volumes One and Two: period-style quarter unlettered goatskin, raised bands, over 1/2-inch thick dark oak beveled boards, housed in quarter black morocco over brown cloth slipcases, that of Volume Two includes 22-pp. *Introduction and Contents of the Manuscript* bound in matching style, top edge gilt. Volumes Three and Four: binding style duplicates that of *Introduction* and boxes; Box One: twenty-eight 52" x 33" color maps of English counties, one 21" x 25" color map of England; Box Two: 60 pp. general index in thick paper and thirty booklets containing specific indexes; Box One: twenty-eight 52" x 33" color. Negligible light rubbing and a few minor nicks to extremities, otherwise fine. \$4,000.

* Penny Edition limited to 250 sets, this number 119. (A present-day (1982) penny and one from the Norman era are mounted in the front board of facsimile Volume One.) This edition was commissioned to celebrate the 900th anniversary of the *Great Domesday Book*, the comprehensive census and survey of English landowners and their property commissioned by William the Conqueror in 1085. It is a breathtaking work of painstaking scholarship and an example of the highest standards of typography and production. The facsimile volumes use specially manufactured paper that simulate the feel of vellum. Each leaf was hand-trimmed to match the contours of the original. In addition to this, the bindings were crafted from oak boards that were cut in England during the Middle Ages. The translation used in Volumes Three and Four, which follows the arrangement of the folios in the facsimile, is based on the *Victoria Histories of the Counties of England* (1900-present). The maps in Box One, one of each county and one of England, indicate both Norman and present-day boundaries. Box Two contains an index for each map. [Order This Item](#)



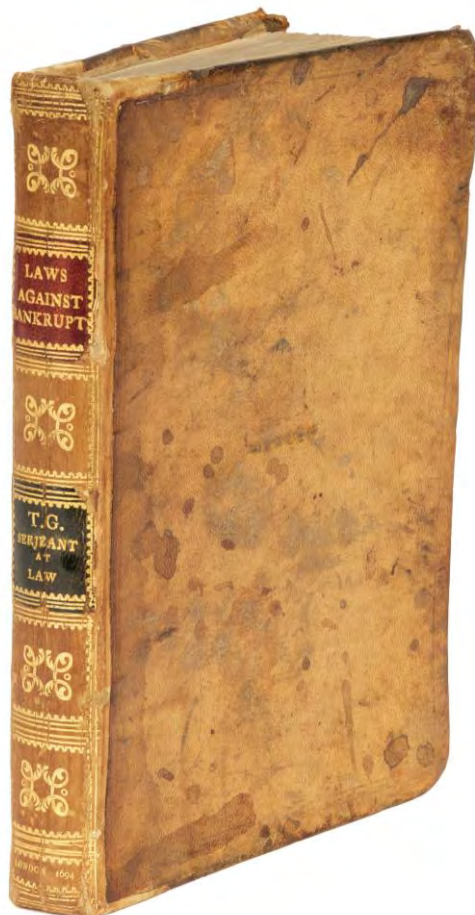
Satirical French Courtroom Image

11. [France].

L'Incidente.

N.p.: De L'Editrice P.V., c. 1900. Attractively glazed and matted 13" x 8-1/2" colored lithograph in handsome 21-1/4" x 16-3/4" wooden frame, small brass plaque to center of bottom. Light toning to margins, vivid image. \$650.

* A rather grotesque, and very funny, image of a trial in a French court. Though garbed in eighteenth-century dress, this print appear to be from the early 1900s. [Order This Item](#)



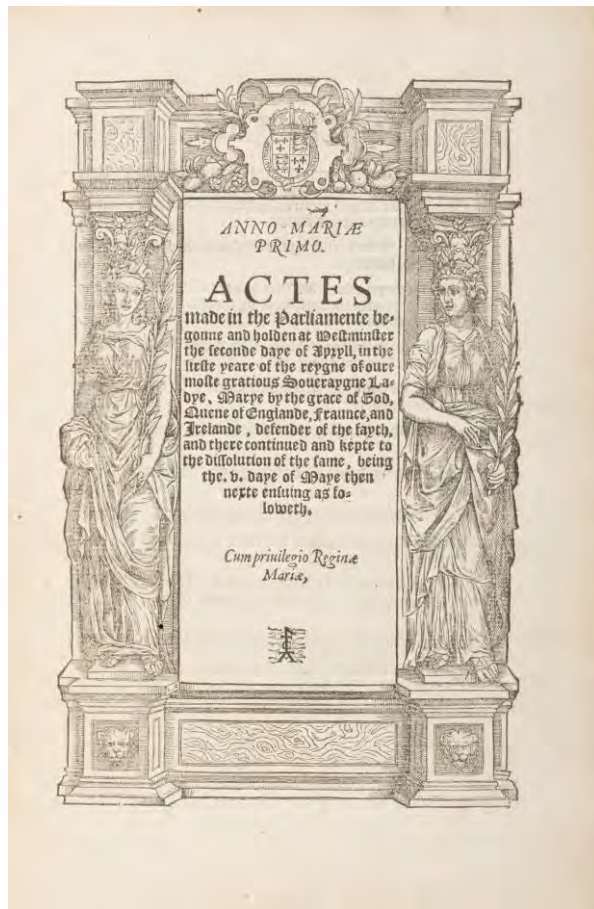
First Edition of the First English Treatise on Bankruptcy

12. G[oodinge], T[homas].

The Law Against Bankrupts: Or, A Treatise Wherein the Statutes Against Bankrupts are Explained, By Several Cases, Resolutions, Judgments and Decrees, Both at Common Law and Chancery. Together with the Learning of Declarations and Pleadings Relating Thereunto. To Which are Likewise Added Forms and Directions for Commissioners, And Presidents, Fit for the Perusal of Lawyers, Or Merchants and Tradesmen. [London]: Printed for Richard Southby, 1694. [xxxii], 275, [29] pp. Title page and preface signed "T.G." Octavo (7" x 4-1/2").

Contemporary sheep, rebacked, blind rules to boards, blind crest to center of front board, gilt ornaments and red and black lettering pieces to spines, early hand-lettered title to fore-edge of text block. Light staining to boards, which are slightly bowed, corners bumped and somewhat worn, small crack near head of rear board, front hinge cracked, rear hinge starting, upper corner lacking from rear pastedown, faint early owner annotation to front pastedown, small mark in ink to rear pastedown, some creases, faint dampstains and edgewear to endleaves, front free endpaper partially detached. Light toning to interior, faint dampstaining to head of text block in a few places, light soiling to title page. \$1,850.

* First edition. Goodinge's was the first English treatise on bankruptcy, and also the first statement on the subject by a common (rather than civil) lawyer. It was reissued in 1695. The second edition was published in 1701, with a 1704 reissue. The third edition followed in 1713, with a 1719 reissue; a fourth in 1726. All are scarce. OCLC locates 6 copies of the first edition in North America, 5 in law libraries (Duke, Library of Congress, Ohio State, University of Pennsylvania, Yale). *English Short-Title Catalogue* R177531. [Order This Item](#)



Important 16th Century Acts Concerning Queen Mary I

13. [Great Britain].

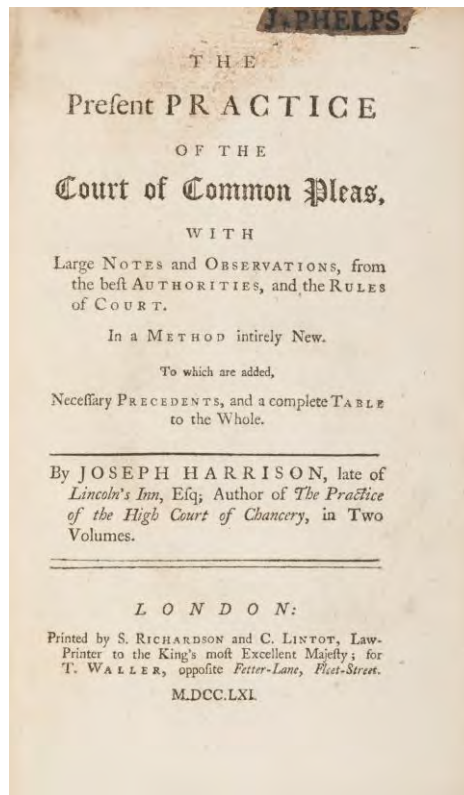
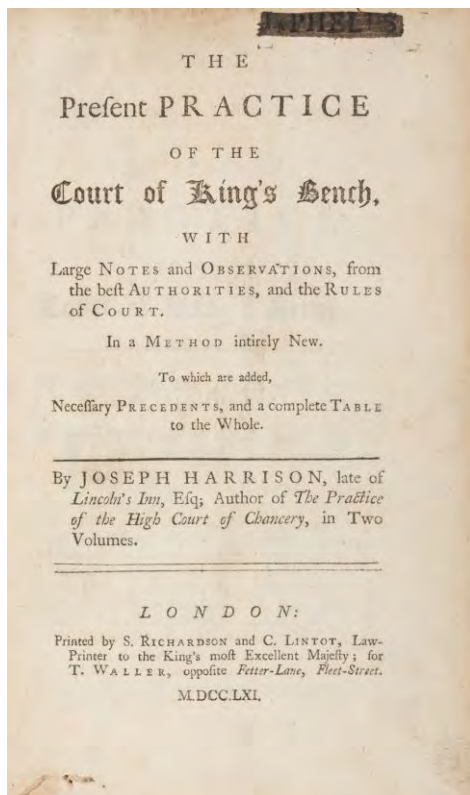
[Statutes].

[Mary I, Queen (1516-1558)].

Anno Mariae Primo Actes Made in the Parliamente Begonne and Holden at Westminster, The Seconde Daye of Apryll, In the Firste Yeare of the Reygne of Oure Moste Gracious Soveraygne Ladye, Marye by the Grace of God, Quene of Englande, Fraunce, And Irelande, Defender of the Fayth, and There Continued and Kepte to the Dissolution of the Same, Being the V. Daye of Maye then Nexte Ensuing as Foloweth. [London: In Aedibus Iohannis Cawodi Typographi Regiae Mariae, 1554]. 20 ff. Folio (11" x 7-1/2").

Recent three-quarter calf over marbled boards. Light rubbing to boards, slightly heavier rubbing to extremities, small bookseller description affixed to front pastedown, front hinge cracked, rear hinge starting at ends, some discoloration to endleaves. Title printed within woodcut architectural border. Moderate toning, faint dampstaining to fore-edges of leaves at end of text. \$1,850.

* First edition, one of four issues. This volume records 12 acts of the Second Parliament of the first regnal year of Mary I. Two of these concern the queen's status: "An Acte Touching the Articles of the Queenes Highnes Moste Noble Marriage" contains the text of the Mary's marriage contract with King Philip II of Spain and endorses the union. The "Acte Declaring that the Regall Power of the Realme is in the Queenes Maiestie as Fullie and Absolutelic, As Ever it Was in Anye of Her Mooste Noble Progenitours Kynges of this Realme" settled the controversy in Parliament over the legitimacy of her succession. (Lady Jane Grey, the rival claimant, was executed on Mary's orders on February 12, 1554.) Beale, *A Bibliography of Early English Law Books* S245. *English Short-Title Catalogue* S1978. [Order This Item](#)



**Excellent Guides to Practice in the Courts of
King's Bench and Common Pleas During the 1700s.**

14. Harrison, Joseph.

The Present Practice of the Court of King's Bench, With Large Notes and Observations, From the Best Authorities, And the Rules of Court. In a Method Intirely New. To Which are Added, Necessary Precedents, and a Complete Table to the Whole. In Two Volumes. London: Printed by S. Richardson and C. Lintot, 1761. [ii], 554 pp.

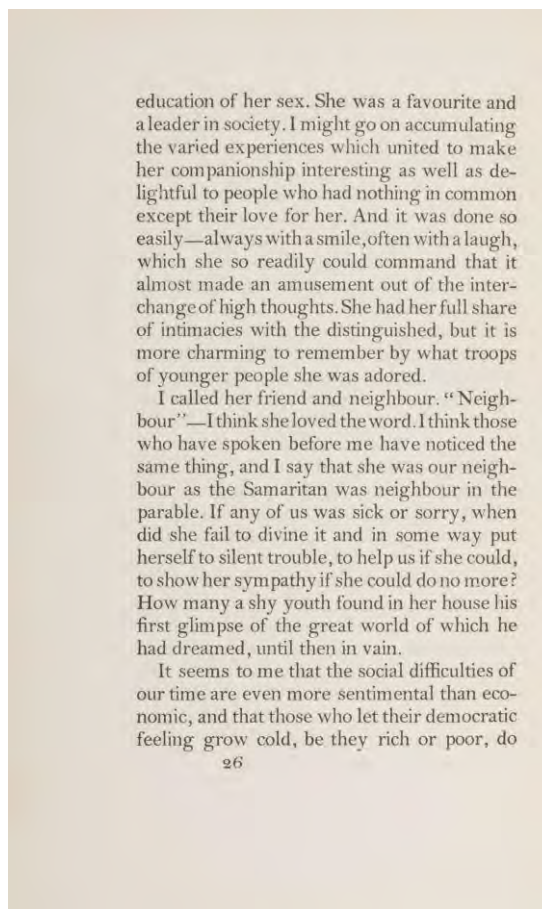
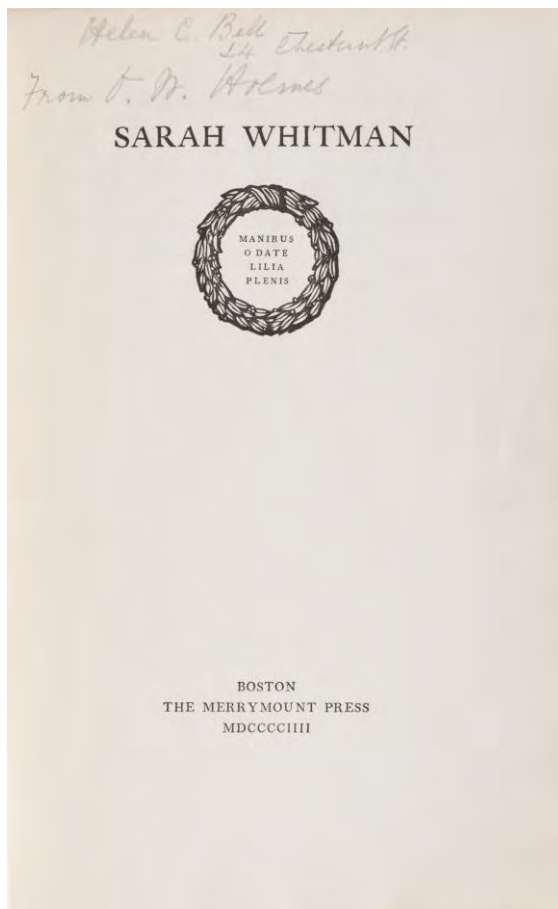
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The Present Practice of the Court of Common Pleas, With Large Notes and Observations, From the Best Authorities, And the Rules of Court. In a Method Intirely New. To Which are Added, Necessary Precedents, and a Complete Table to the Whole. London: Printed by S. Richardson and C. Lintot, 1761. [iii], 580 pp. Title page preceded by 1 pp. publisher advertisement.

Octavo (8" x 5"). Contemporary calf, blind rules to boards, raised bands and blind-stamped volume numbers to spines, lettering pieces lacking. Light rubbing and some minor nicks, scratches and inkstains to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, corners bumped, front board of *Common Pleas* partially detached but secure, front hinge of *King's Bench* partially cracked, pastedowns of both volumes loose, minor worming to lower margins of preliminaries of *King's Bench* (a single worm hole continues to p. 198). Moderate toning to text, occasional light soiling to margins, annotations in early hand to a few leaves, later struck-through owner stamps to title pages, early owner signature to front endleaf of *King's Bench*. \$350.

* Only edition. Harrison, who also published a guide to the Court of Chancery, was an expert on practice and procedure. His works on the Courts of King's Bench and Common Pleas, though bibliographically distinct, are often found as two-volume sets. Both titles are scarce. OCLC locates 3 copies of *King's Bench* in North American law libraries (Jenkins, University of Georgia, University of Virginia), 4 of *Common Pleas* (LA County Law Library, Southern Methodist University, University of Georgia, University of Virginia). *English Short-Title Catalogue* T127632, N20952. [Order This Item](#)



Inscribed, Signed and Marked by Holmes

15. [Holmes Jr., Oliver Wendell (1841-1935)].

[Whitman, Sarah Wyman (1842-1904)].

Sarah Whitman. Boston: The Merrymount Press, 1904. [vi], 27, [2] pp.

Specked paper boards with contrasting spine, title and image of wreath to front board, gilt title to spine, deckle edges. Light wear to spine ends and corners, light toning to text, light foxing to a few leaves. "Helen C. Bell/ 14 Chestnut St./ From O.W. Holmes" in pencil to head of title page, check marks in pencil, most likely by Holmes, in margins next to two passages. \$2,500.

* A prominent artist and intellectual who ran an important literary salon with her husband, Whitman was one of Holmes's neighbors in Boston and Beverly Farms. *Sarah Whitman* is a record of a memorial service in her honor at the Baptist Church in Beverly Farms. It reprints poems, prayers and addresses delivered at this service, among them one by Holmes. The recipient of this copy, Helen Olcott Choate Bell [1830-1918] was a prominent literary intellectual and mainstay of Whitman's salon. She was also the daughter of Rufus Choate, the great Boston lawyer and orator. One of the check marks is next to a passage in Richard C. Cabot's address reading: "The true attitude towards any person or groups of persons is not that of a critic, nor a judge, nor even a spectator, but that of a friend." The other is next to a paragraph in Holmes's address reading (in part): "I might go on accumulating the varied experiences which united to make her companionship interesting as well as delightful to people who had nothing in common except their love for her. And it was done so easily—always with a smile, often with a laugh, which she so readily could command that it almost made an amusement out of the interchange of high thoughts." [Order This Item](#)



Three Reference Works for
Sixteenth-Century Notaries with Woodcut Title Pages

16. Hug(e), Alexander.

Rhetorica und Formulare Teütsch Dergleichen nie Gesehen Ist, Durch Alexander Hugen, Vil]J[ae]rigen Stattschreiber zu Mindern Base. [e]A.c. Beinach alle Schreiberei Betreffend, Von Vilerlei Episteln, Under und Überschriften, Allen Geistlichen und Weltlichen, Und Vilerlei Supplicationes, Ein Gantz Gerichtlichlicher Prozess.... Tübingen: Durch Ulrich Morhart, 1548. [xiv], 225 ff. Title page with woodcut pictorial border.

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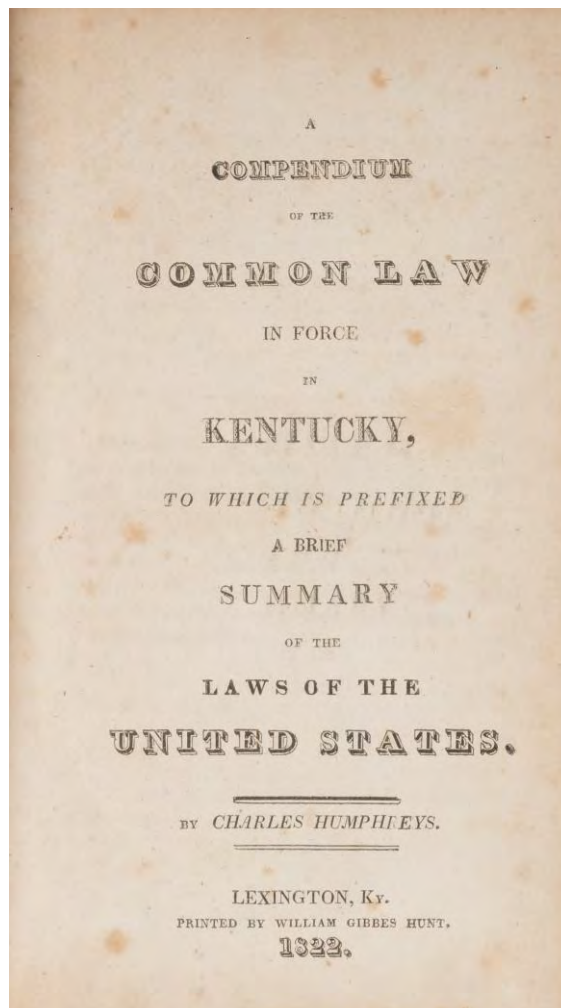
New Formular Teutsch, Allerlei Schreibenn Als Instrument, Sendbrieff, Anlass, Compass, Testament [e]A.c. Un[d] Dergleichen Andere Schrifften.... Frankfurt: Bei Christian Egenolff, 1545. [iv], 65 ff. Title page with woodcut pictorial border.

[And]

Notariat und Rhetoric Teutsch: Wes einem Notarien, Redner oder Schreiber, Aller Practic, Handlung unnd Commission inn Allen Sachen, Contracten, Und Verbrüffungen Zuwissen, Zubetrachten, Zuversehen, Und Fürzunemen Sei.... Frankfurt: Bei Christian Egenolffen, [1546]. [iv], 146 ff. Title page with woodcut vignette.

Folio (11-3/4" x 7-3/4"). Contemporary elaborately-tooled paneled calf (featuring images of saints and Church Fathers), beveled edges and brass corner bosses to boards, raised bands, blind fillets, early location number (?) and residue from later title label to spine, fragments of clasps, catches present. Some rubbing, scuff to front board, two scuffs on rear board with early repairs, a few cracks and minor scuffs to spine, chipping to spine ends, joints starting at ends. Moderate toning to interior, faint dampstaining to rear third of *Notariat und Rhetoric*, thumb-tabs to title pages, which are lightly soiled, partial crack between front free endpaper and title page of *Rhetorica und Formulare*, minor loss to its woodcut border along fore-edge due to a printer error. \$7,500.

* *Rhetorica und Formulare*: later edition of a work first published in 1528; *New Formular*, *Notariat und Rhetoric*: only editions. This volume collects three works on legal drafting and procedure used by notaries in the Holy Roman Empire. The title vignette of *Notariat und Rhetoric* depicts notaries at work. All three titles are scarce. OCLC locates no copies of the 1548 *Rhetorica und Formulare* in North America, 1 copy of *New Formular* (at Harvard Law School) and 2 copies of *Rhetorica und Formulare* (at the University of Illinois and the University of Kansas). *Verzeichnis der im Deutschen Sprachbereich Erschienenen Drucke des 16. Jahrhunderts* H5817, F1879, N1871. [Order This Item](#)



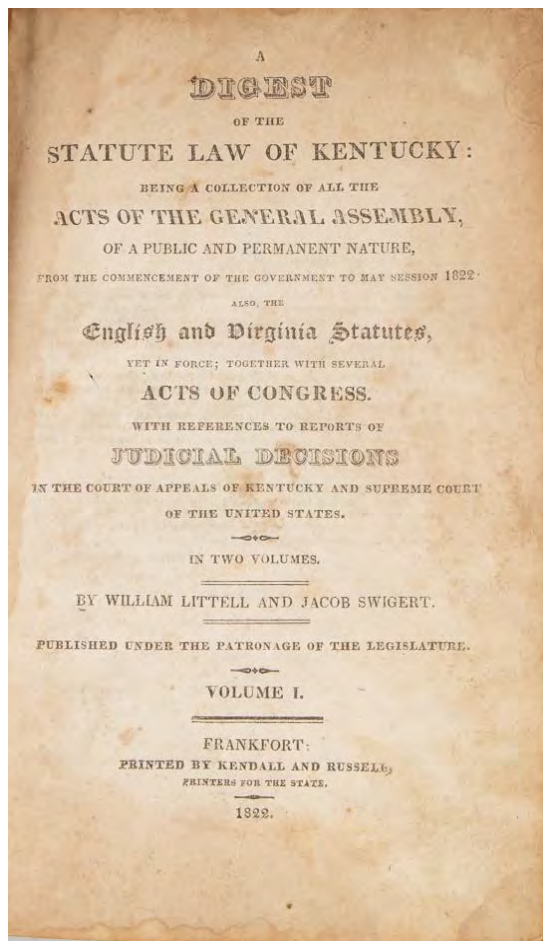
A Kentucky Digest Based on Blackstone

**17. Humphreys, Charles [1775-1830].
[Blackstone, Sir William (1723-1780)].**

A Compendium of the Common Law in Force in Kentucky, To Which is Prefixed a Brief Summary of the Laws of the United States. Lexington, KY: Printed by William Gibbes Hunt, 1822. xi, [1], 548, [1], 542-594, [2] pp. Pagination irregular, text complete. Octavo (7-3/4" x 4-3/4")

Contemporary calf, blind fillets to boards, lettering piece lacking. A few minor scuffs to boards, corners bumped, gatoring to spine, chipping to head of spine, some rubbing along joints, front hinged cracked, front free endpaper partially detached. Light to moderate browning and light foxing to text, early owner signature (Bullock) and brief annotation (price paid) to front pastedown. \$1,500.

* Only edition. "In his introduction (p. [vii]) the author writes: 'I propose to go through the volumes of Blackstone and some other leading works that treat more copiously on subjects slightly touched by him; and to select what appears to be in force in this country....' He further notes: 'Where practicable, his [Blackstone's] words will be preferred, from a conviction that he has, generally, selected the expressions that best convey the ideas intended.' Citations are made to Blackstone's *Commentaries*, volume and page" (Laeuchli). Humphreys was a law professor at Transylvania University and later a Federal circuit judge. Not in Eller. Laeuchli, *A Bibliographical Catalog of William Blackstone* 472. [Order This Item](#)



The First Digest of Kentucky Statutes

**18. Littell, William [1768-1824], Compiler.
Swigert, Jacob [1793-1869], Compiler.**

A Digest of the Statute Law of Kentucky, Being a Collection of All the Acts of the General Assembly, Of a Public and Permanent Nature, From the Commencement of the Government to May Session, 1822, Also, The English and Virginia Statutes, Yet in Force; Together with Several Acts of Congress, With References to Reports of Judicial Decisions in the Court of Appeals of Kentucky and Supreme Court of the United States. Published Under the Patronage of the Legislature. Frankfort, KY: Printed by Kendall and Russell, Printers for the State, 1822. Two volumes. iv, [iv], 661, [1]; [iv], [663]-1302 pp. Octavo (8" x 5").

Contemporary sheep, blind fillets to boards, lettering pieces and blind fillets to spines. Moderate rubbing to boards and extremities, corners bumped, some creasing to spines, small chip to head of spine of Volume I, partial crack in text block between rear endleaves of Volume II. Moderate toning and light foxing to text, occasional faint dampstaining, early owner annotations and doodles to text block, including a note on each front free endpaper stating "The Property of the Lawrence Circuit Court," early marks in pencil to a few leaves in each volume. \$1,500.

* First edition. The first digest of Kentucky statute law, it is based on Littell's five-volume *Statute Law of Kentucky* (1809-1819). Digested alphabetically, the contents offer an interesting legal overview of the state in its early years. Topics include land, slavery and tobacco. Volume I includes the text of the U.S. Constitution with the unratified Thirteenth Amendment, also known as the "Titles of Nobility Amendment." Swigert Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 5658. Babbitt, *Hand-List of Legislative Sessions and Session Laws* 135. [Order This Item](#)



**Copy of the First Edition of Littleton with Parallel
Texts in English and Law-French with Interesting Associations**

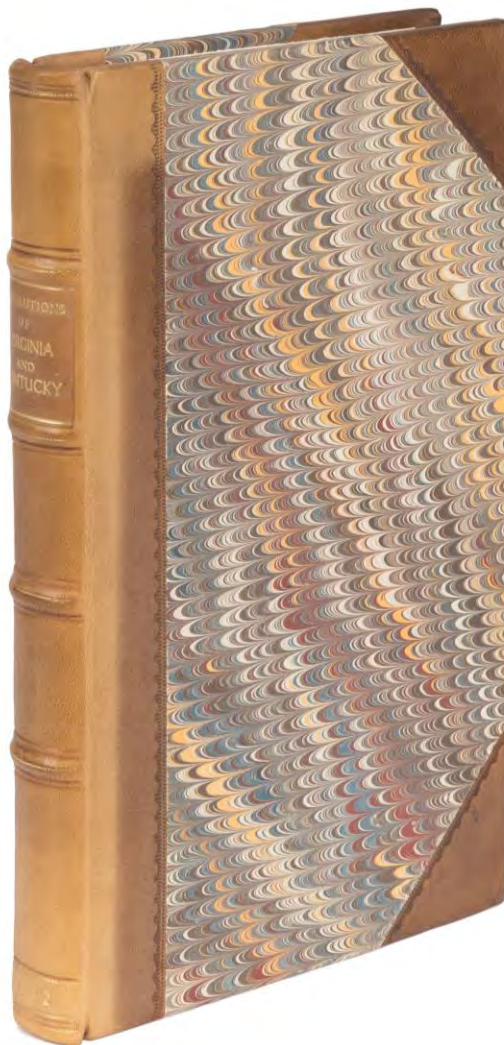
19. Littleton, Sir Thomas [d. 1481].

Littleton's Tenures, In French and English. With an Alphabetical Table of the Principal Matters Therein Contained. London: Printed by John Streater, James Flesher and Henry Twyford, Assigns of Richard Atkins, And Edward Atkins, 1671. [xxii], 360, 371-436 (i.e. 426), [2] pp. Pagination irregular, text complete. Main text in parallel columns. 12mo. (5" x 3").

Nineteenth-century morocco, gilt frames to boards, gilt fillets, ornaments and title to spine, gilt edges, gilt tooling to board edges, gilt inside dentelles, marbled endpapers. Light rubbing to extremities, small scuff to head of spine, corners bumped and lightly worn, armorial bookplate of William Everett to front pastedown, armorial bookplate of Edward Everett to front free endpaper, small owner label (of Charles Sidney Ensign) to verso of front free endpaper, other owner signatures, among them Edmund T. Dana, to front endleaves, signature of Edmund Trowbridge to head of title page. Light toning to text, slightly heavier in places. A handsome copy. \$1,500.

* First edition with parallel texts in English and Law French. Written during the reign of Edward IV [1442-1483] and first published around 1481, Littleton's *Tenures* is probably the most revered treatise in the history of the common law. Much admired for its learning and style, it is concerned with tenures and other issues relating to real property. This venerable work, which Coke called "the ornament of the Common Law, and the most perfect and absolute work that ever was written in any humane science," is considered a landmark because it renounced the principles of Roman law (and Latin) in favor of guidelines and doctrines drawn from the Year Books and, when necessary, hypothetical cases.

This copy belonged to several distinguished Bostonians. Edmund Trowbridge [1709-1793] was an associate justice for the Massachusetts Superior Court of Judicature. His nephew, Edmund T. Dana [1779-1859] was a distinguished lawyer, man of letters, and brother of Richard Henry Dana, Jr. [1815-1882], the author and jurist. Edward Everett [1794-1865] was a US Representative, US Senator, Governor of Massachusetts, Minister to Great Britain and US Secretary of State. He also taught at Harvard University and served as its president. Considered one of the greatest orators of his day, he had the dubious distinction of presenting the keynote oration at the dedication of the Soldiers' National Cemetery in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania that was followed by Lincoln's Gettysburg Address. His son William Everett [1839-1910] was a lawyer, professor of Latin at Harvard and a member of the US House of Representatives. Holdsworth, *A History of English Law* II:573. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R216066. [Order This Item](#)



Early Printing of Two Classic Essays on States' Rights

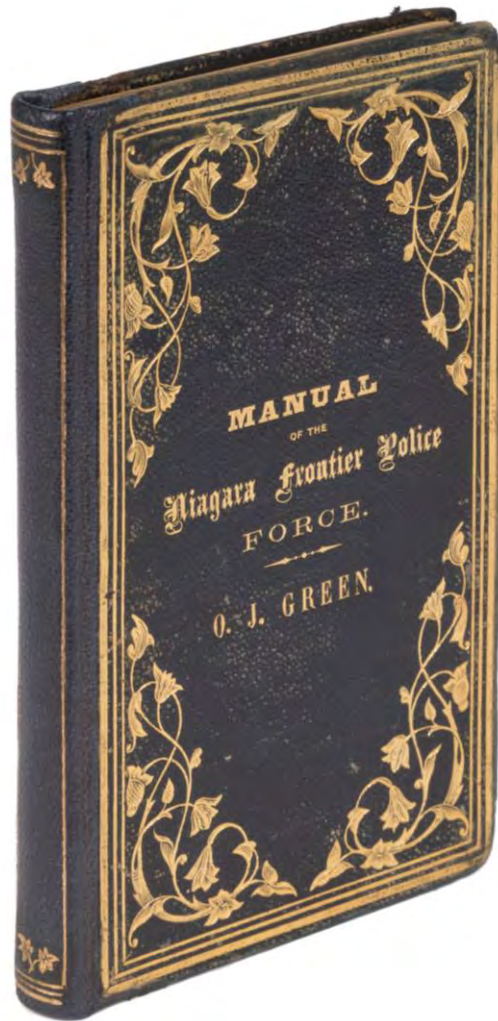
20. [Madison, James (1751-1836)].

[Jefferson, Thomas (1743-1826)].

Resolutions of Virginia and Kentucky, Penned by Madison and Jefferson, in Relation to the Alien and Sedition Laws; And the Debates and Proceedings in the House of Delegates of Virginia, On the Same, in December 1798. Richmond: Robert L. Smith, 1835. 228 pp. Octavo (8" x 5").

Recent period-style three-quarter calf over marbled boards, gilt-tooled raised bands and lettering piece to spine, endpapers renewed. Light fading to spine, moderate toning to text, somewhat heavier in places, light foxing. \$500.

* Third edition. "The Kentucky Resolutions were written by Thomas Jefferson and adopted by the Kentucky Legislature on Nov. 10, 1798. The Virginia Resolutions were drafted by James Madison and were adopted by the Virginia Legislature on December 21, 1798. They both opposed the passage of the Alien and Sedition Acts, and focused on the debate on the respective powers of the federal government and the states. The resolutions laid the foundation for later controversies over such issues as state sovereignty, nullification, slavery, and secession, etc" (Cohen). Sabin, *A Dictionary of Books Relating to America* 43720. Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 6306. [Order This Item](#)



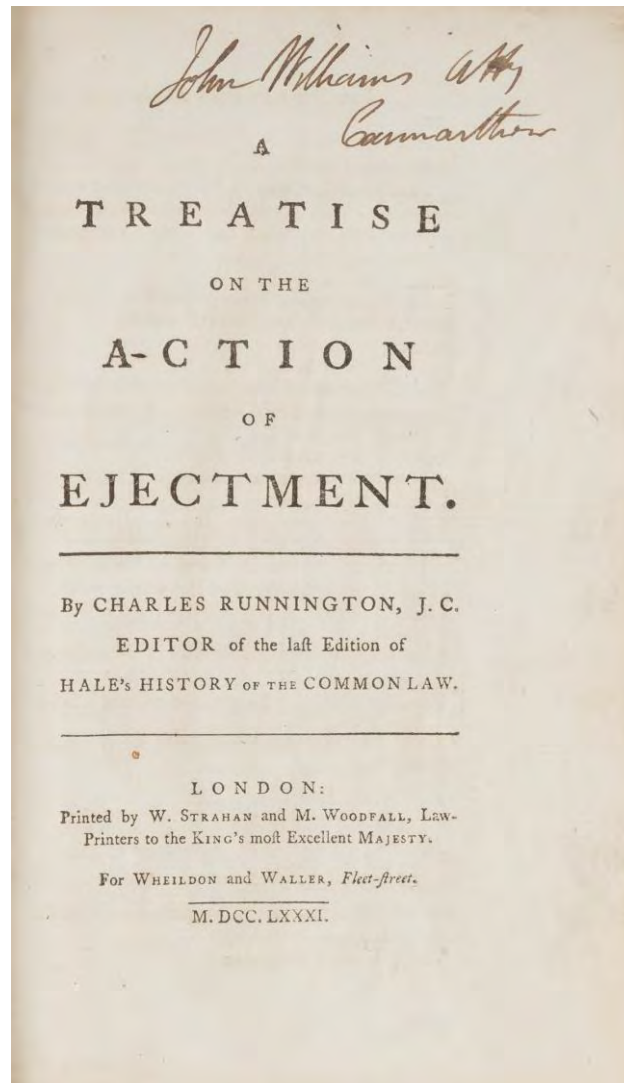
**The First Formal Police Force of
Buffalo, Tonawanda and Wheatfield**

21. Niagara Frontier Police District.

Manual of the Niagara Frontier Police Force of the State of New York. Buffalo: Thomas, Howard & Johnson, 1867. 181 pp. 12mo. (6-1/4" x 3-3/4").

Contemporary morocco, expertly rebaced, gilt frames to boards, gilt title to front board, gilt edges, hinges mended. Moderate rubbing to extremities with some wear to corners, presentation inscription to front pastedown. Light toning to text, slightly heavier in places, light toning to a few leaves. A handsome copy of a rare work. \$1,500.

* Established by the N.Y. State Legislature in 1866, the Niagara Frontier Police Department was the first formal police force in the region. Its jurisdiction encompassed the entire Niagara Frontier, which at the time consisted of Buffalo, Tonawanda and Wheatfield. This manual of rules and regulations was issued to policemen and other officers. It offers an excellent overview of the force and its mission, along with a good deal of information about Buffalo and its neighboring areas in the 1860s. Our copy is inscribed to Obadiah J. Green, a member of the Board of Police Commissioners. OCLC locates 3 copies (Buffalo and Erie County Public Library, Buffalo History Museum, Cornell University). [Order This Item](#)



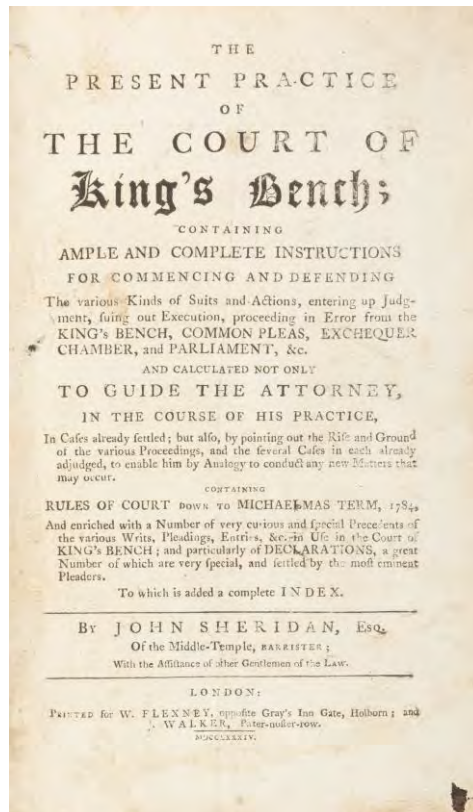
Runnington on the Action of Ejectment

22. Runnington, Charles.

A Treatise on the Action of Ejectment. London: Printed by W. Strahan and M. Woodfall, 1781. [xviii], 348, [56] pp. Title page preceded by publisher advertisement. Octavo (8-1/4" x 5").

Contemporary calf, blind fillets to boards, raised bands to spine, lettering piece lacking. Light rubbing to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, some chipping to spine ends, boards beginning to separate, corners bumped and somewhat worn. Moderate toning to text, light soiling to margins of a few leaves, early owner signature to head of title page. \$350.

* Second edition, a reissue of the first edition (1781). Runnington's treatise concerns a curious area of English land law with feudal origins. Actions for ejectment concern title to land, wrongful dispossession of land, damages to land and the related concept of mesne profits, sums earned from wrongfully occupied land. It is a rewritten edition of Sir Geoffrey Gilbert's *Law and Practice of Ejectments* (1741). Wentworth says "[It] is an excellent book, and contains correct and valuable precedents." A reissue was published in Dublin in 1792. Wentworth, *A Complete System of Pleading* (1797-1799) cited in Marvin, *Legal Bibliography* 623. *English Short-Title Catalogue* N13979. [Order This Item](#)



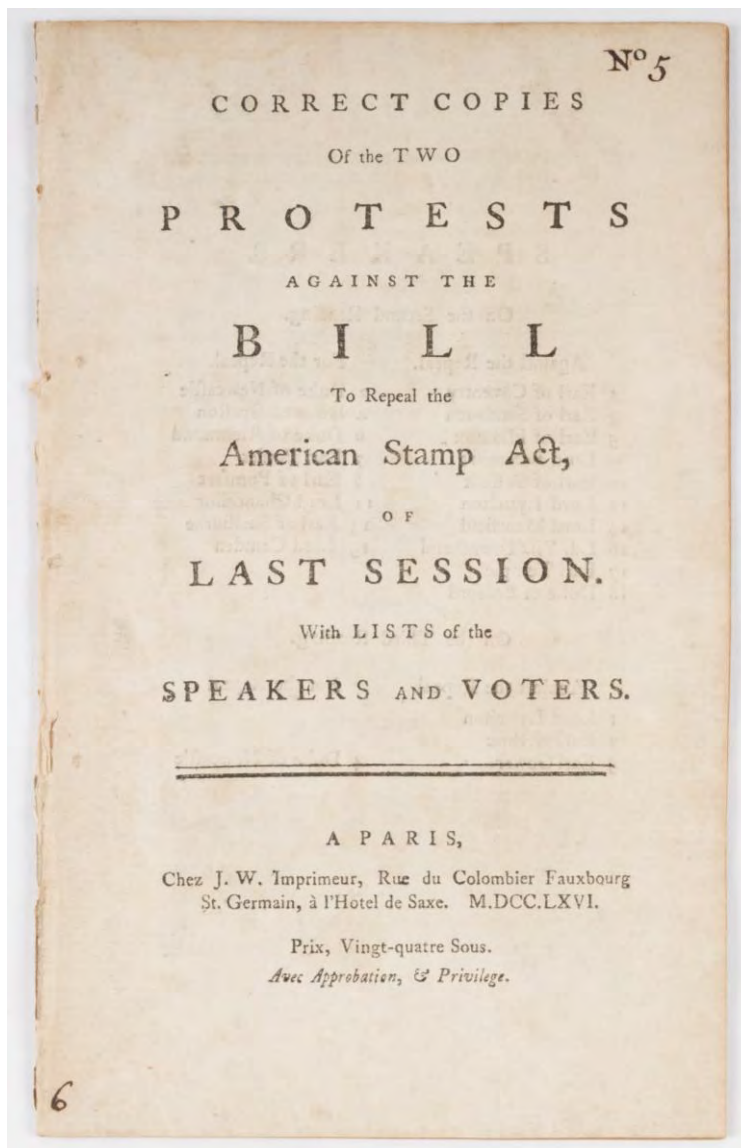
**"Enriched with a Number of
Very Curious and Special Precedents"**

23. Sheridan, John.

The Present Practice of the Court of King's Bench; Containing Ample and Complete Instructions for Commencing And Defending the Various Kinds of Suits and Actions, Entering up Judgment, Suing out Execution, Proceeding in Error from the King's Bench, Common Pleas, Exchequer Chamber, And Parliament, &c. And Calculated Not Only To Guide the Attorney, In The Course Of His Practice, In Cases Already Settled; But also, By Pointing Out the Rise and Ground of the Various Proceedings, and the Several Cases in Each Already Adjudged, To Enable Him by Analogy to Conduct Any New Matters that May Occur. Containing Rules of Court Down to Michaelmas Term, 1784, And Enriched with a Number of Very Curious and Special Precedents of the Various Writs, Pleadings, Entries, &c. In Use in the Court of King's Bench; And Particularly of Declarations, A Great Number of Which are Very Special, And Settled by the Most Eminent Pleaders. To Which is Added a Complete Index. London: Printed for W. Flexney, Opposite Gray's Inn Gate, Holborn; And J. Walker, Pater-Noster-Row, 1784. [iii], 16-614, [18] pp. Text complete. Octavo (8-1/5" x 5-1/4").

Contemporary calf, blind rules to boards, raised bands and lettering piece to spine. Light rubbing and tiny inkspots to boards, which are beginning to separate but secure, small burn mark to front board, crease and small chip to its lower corner, moderate rubbing to extremities, a few creases and chips, heavier chipping to spine ends, corners bumped and somewhat worn, upper corner lacking from front free endpaper, early owner signature and markings to front pastedown and verso of front free endpaper. Moderate toning, somewhat heavier in places, occasional light soiling to margins, moderate soiling to title page and final leaf of index, which is lacking its lower corner with no loss to text. \$500.

* First edition. Unlike other practice and pleading manuals, Sheridan's book includes brief histories and descriptions of the court and its officers. It was reissued in 1785 and 1792. The reissues are scarce; the first edition is rare. OCLC does not locate a single printed copy. The ESTC locates 2, 1 in North America (at Harvard Law School). *English Short-Title Catalogue* N20997. [Order This Item](#)



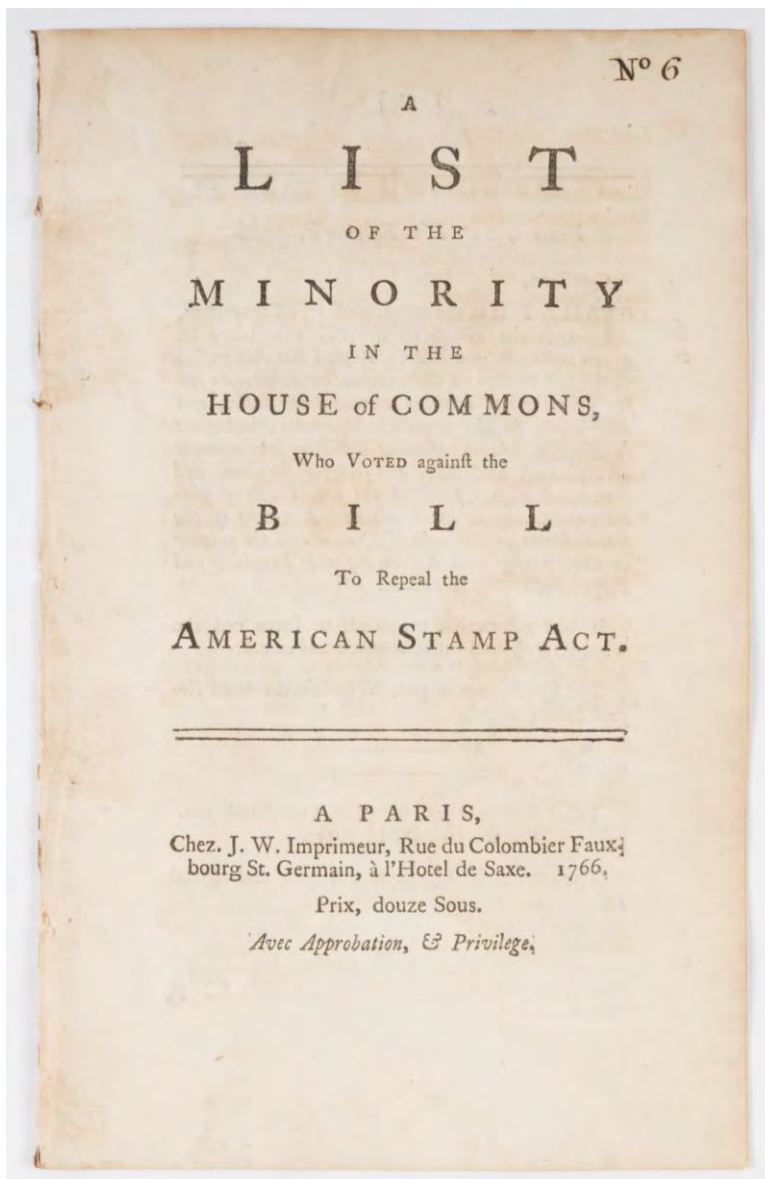
Reasons to Uphold the Stamp Act

24. [Stamp Act].

Correct Copies of the Two Protests Against the Bill to Repeal the American Stamp Act, Of Last Session. With Lists of the Speakers and Voters. Paris [i.e. London]: Chez J.W. Imprimeur [i.e. J. Almon], 1766. 24 pp. Octavo (8-1/4" x 5").

Disbound stab-stitched pamphlet, "No. 5" in early hand to head of title page, "6" in tiny hand to foot. Negligible light soiling to exterior, light toning to text, somewhat heavier in places, final leaf partially detached. \$350.

* First edition, first issue, the first to combine the previously issued *Protest* and *Second Protest*. This pamphlet reports the principal arguments in Parliament against the repeal of the Stamp Act. (Most of these centered around a fear of appearing weak or irresolute.) Some copies were issued with an 8 pp. *List of the Minority in the House of Commons, Who Voted Against the Bill to Repeal the American Stamp Act* (Paris [i.e. London], 1766). Also issued separately, it is not present in our copy. This pamphlet was also reissued later in 1766 in an anthology of essays about colonial trade and taxation. Adams, *The American Controversy* 66-27. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T34189. [Order This Item](#)



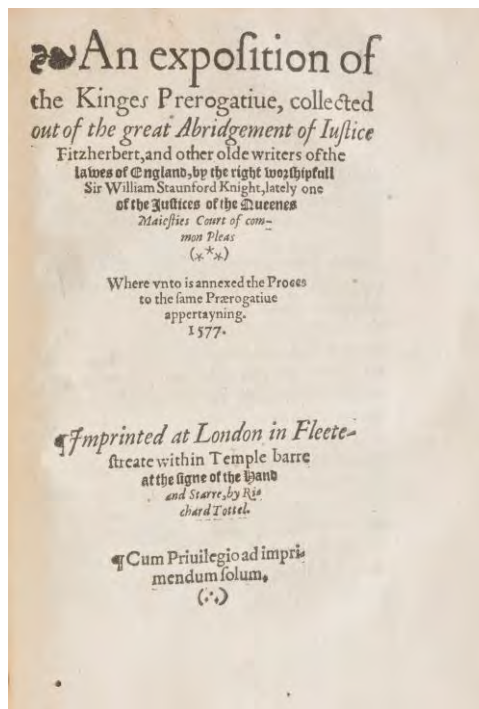
MPs Who Voted to Retain the Stamp Act

25. [Stamp Act].

A List of the Minority in the House of Commons, Who Voted Against the Bill to Repeal the American Stamp Act. Paris [i.e. London]: Chez J.W. Imprimeur [i.e. J. Almon], 1766. 8 pp. Octavo (8-1/4" x 5").

Disbound stab-stitched pamphlet, "No. 6" in early hand to head of title page. Negligible light soiling to exterior, light toning to text. \$350.

* Only edition. Bibliographically distinct, some copies were issued with a pamphlet titled *Correct Copies of the Two Protests Against the Bill to Repeal the American Stamp Act, Of Last Session. With Lists of the Speakers and Voters.* (Paris [i.e. London]: Chez J.W. Imprimeur [i.e. J. Almon], 1766), which reports the principal arguments in Parliament against the repeal of the Stamp Act. (Most of these centered around a fear of appearing weak or irresolute.) Adams, *The American Controversy* 66-26. *English Short-Title Catalogue* N11577. [Order This Item](#)



Sixteenth-Century Editions of Staunford's *Plees* and *Kinges Prerogative*

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

Les Plees del Coron, Divisees in Plusors Titles & Comen Lieux. Per Queux Home Plus Redement & Pleinement Trovera Quelque Chose queil Quira, Touchant les Dits Plees. Dernierment Corrigees Avecques un Table Parfaicte des Choses Notables Contennes en Ycelle, Nouvelment Revue et Corrigees. [London]: In Aedibus Richardi Tottelli, 1574. [xiv], 193 [i.e. 198] ff.

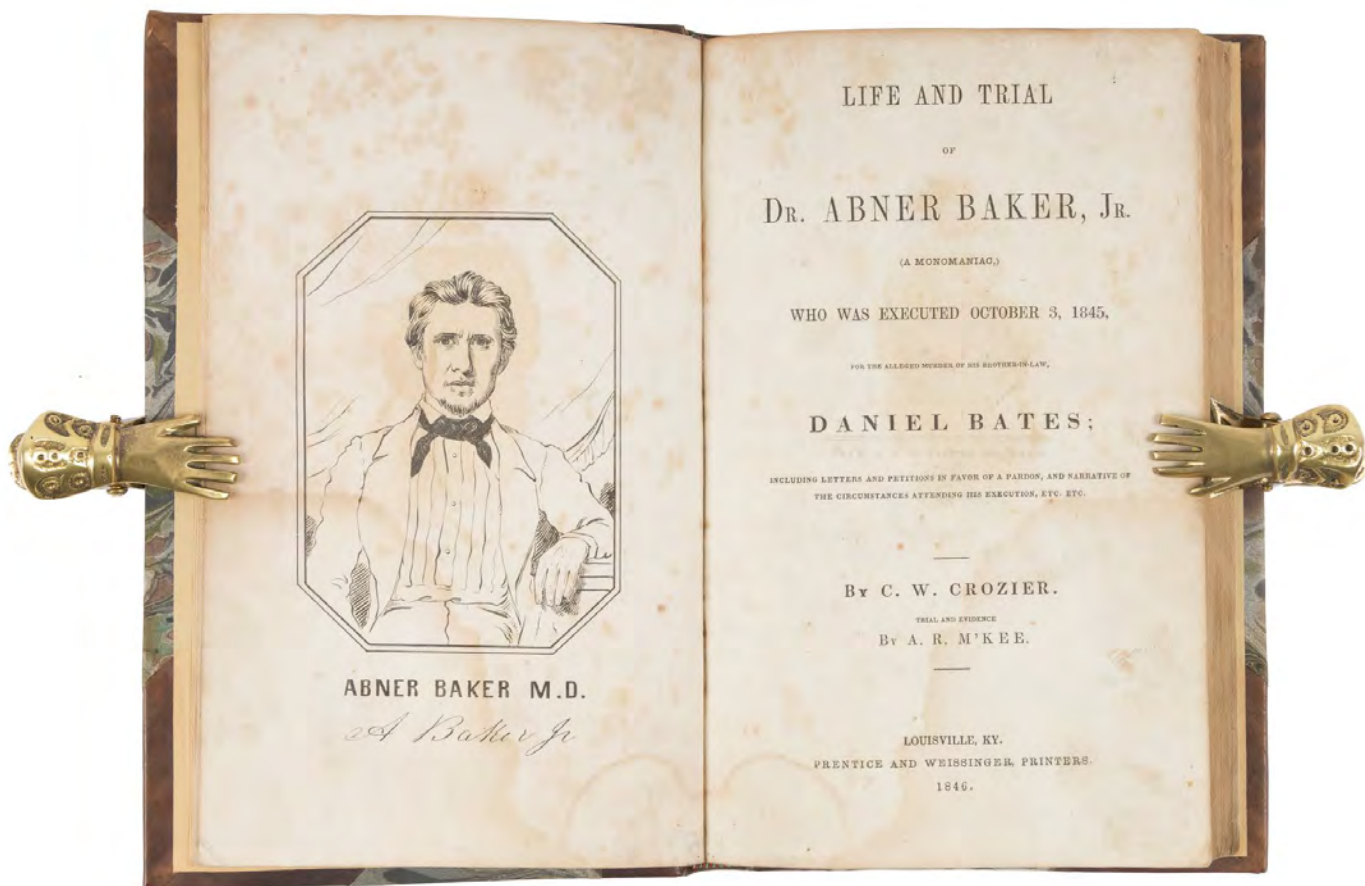
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Staunford, Sir William.

An Exposition of the Kinges Prerogative Collected Out of the Great Abridgement of Justice Fitzherbert, And Other Olde Writers of the Lawes of England, By the Right Worshipfull Sir William Staunford Knight, Lately One of the Iustices of the Queenes Maiesties Court of Common Pleas. Where Unto is Annexed the Proses to the Same Praerogative Appertaynyng. London: Imprinted...by Richard Tottel, 1577. [i], 85 ff.

Quarto (7-1/2" x 5-1/2"). Later sheep, blind rules to boards, gilt-stamped library seal to front board, lettering piece and blind fillets to spine. Light rubbing and scuffing to boards, heavier rubbing to extremities with wear to spine ends and corners, boards beginning to separate but secure, final leaf of *Kinges Prerogative* partially detached and lightly edgeworn. Title page of *Plees* printed within woodcut architectural border. Moderate toning, somewhat heavier in places, occasional faint dampstaining to head of text block of *Plees*, wormhole through foot of text block, which becomes a small wormtrack at end of text. Underlining to some passages in *Plees*, signature in miniscule later small clear hand to head of its title page, occasional brief annotations in contemporary hand to margins of *Kinges Prerogative*, some affected by trimming. \$1,500.

* Later editions. First published in 1557, Staunford's *Plees* is divided into three parts. The first treats offences, the second treats jurisdiction, appeals, indictments, and defenses. The third addresses trials and convictions. *Exposition of the Kinges Prerogative* was first published in 1567. It addresses discretionary rights enjoyed by the monarchy in foreign policy, domestic affairs, legal and governmental administration, religion and economic matters. The annotations are mostly brief glosses on the text; some are references to cases or other authorities. Beale, *A Bibliography of Early English Law Books* T489 (*Plees*), T495 (*Kinges Prerogative*). *English Short-Title Catalogue* S117813, S117814. [Order This Item](#)



"More a Struggle Between Two Families Than an Affair of the State"

27. [Trial].

Baker, Abner, Defendant.

Crozier, C.W.

Life and Trial of Dr. Abner Baker, Jr., (A Monomaniac) Who Was Executed October 3, 1845, For the Alleged Murder of His Brother-In-Law, Daniel Bates; Including Letters and Petitions in Favor of a Pardon, And Narrative of the Circumstances Attending His Execution, Etc. Etc. Trial And Evidence by A.R. M'Kee. Louisville, KY: Prentice and Weissinger, 1846. [iv], xiii, [1] 152 pp. Frontispiece (Diagram of murder scene) and additional portrait frontispiece (of Baker). Octavo (8-1/2" x 5").

Modern period-style three-quarter calf over marbled boards, gilt title and fillets to spine, endpapers renewed. Light fading to spine, moderate toning and foxing, faint dampstaining to most of text. \$1,500.

* Only edition. "Dr. Baker thought Bates was having an affair with his wife. On a street in Cumberland, Kentucky, he shot Bates in the back, but was released as insane. The Bates family published and award for his capture, and Baker family pride, stung by the publication, produced the doctor, who was convicted and hanged. Like many Clay County cases, this was more a struggle between two families than an affair of the state" (McDade). OCLC locates 2 copies (at Yale Law School and Los Angeles County Law Library). McDade, *The Annals of Murder* 60. [Order This Item](#)



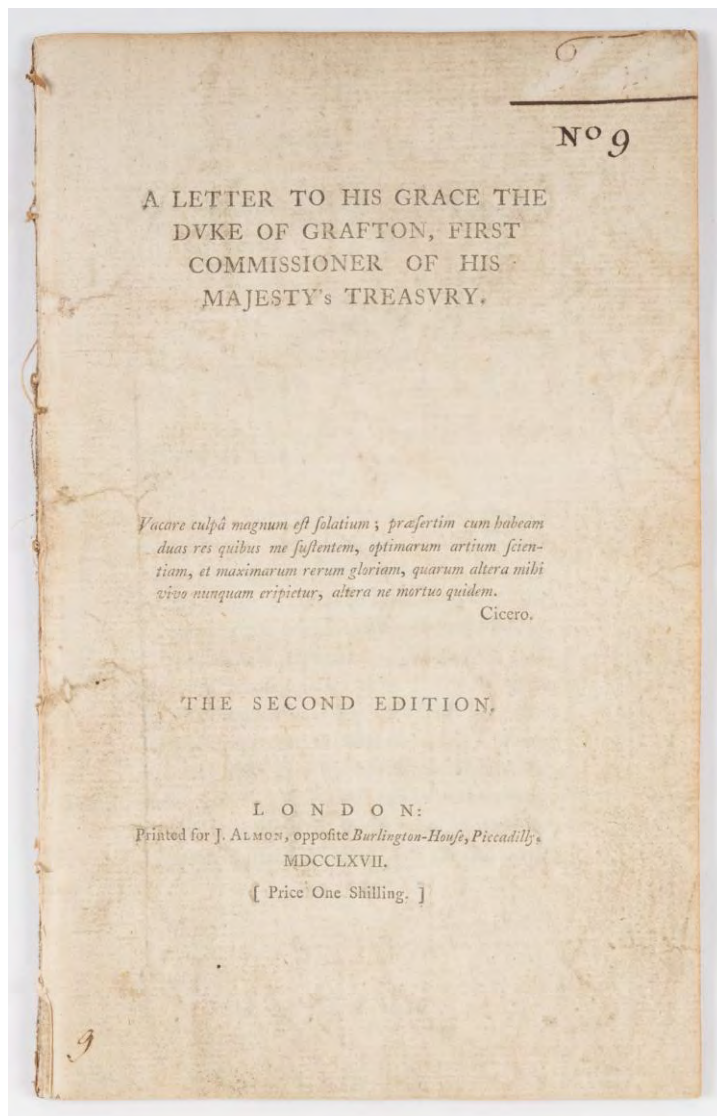
Illustrated Accounts of "The Most Notorious Malefactors" of Eighteenth-Century Britain

28. Villette, John, Primary Author.

The Annals of Newgate; Or, Malefactors Register. Containing a Particular and Circumstantial Account of the Lives, Transactions, And Trials of the Most Notorious Malefactors, Who Have Suffered an Ignominious Death for Their Offences, viz. for Parricide, Murder, Treason, Robbery, Burglary, Piracy, Coining, Forgery, And Rapes: From the Commitment of the Celebrated John Sheppard, To the Acquittal of the Equally Celebrated Margaret Caroline Rudd. Including a Period of Fifty Years and Upwards, Both in Town and Country. Calculated To Expose the Desormity of Vice, The Infamy and Punishments Naturally Attending Those who Deviate from the Paths of Virtue; And Intended as a Beacon to Warn the Rising Generation Against the Temptations, The Allurements, And the Dangers of Bad Company. The Former Part Extracted from Records; And the Histories and Transactions of the Modern Convicts, Communicated by the Unhappy Sufferers Themselves, Since the Author has Been Appointed to His Present Office. By the Rev. Mr. Villette, Ordinary of Newgate, And Others. London: Printed for J. Wenman, 1776. Four volumes. 37 copperplates, 3 are frontispieces in Volumes I-III. One plate in Volume I misbound (it faces p.396, not p.395). All plates present, text complete. Octavo (8-1/4" x 5-1/4").

Contemporary tree-calf, raised bands, lettering pieces and gilt ornaments to spines, gilt tooling to board edges, marbled endpapers. Light rubbing and a few minor nicks and scratches to boards, somewhat heavier rubbing to extremities, hinges cracked or starting. Moderate toning, light foxing in a few places, some offsetting from plates, leaves B1-B2 (pp.1-4) in Volume III just beginning to detached, but secure. A handsome set. \$3,000.

* First and only edition. Presented as a "beacon to warn the rising generation," Villette's chronicle provides accounts of some of the most infamous criminals of eighteenth-century England, such as Sarah Malcolm, Eugene Aram, Elizabeth Brownrigg and Richard Turpin. The plates, some of them quite lurid, depict criminals, crimes and execution. OCLC locates 6 copies in North American law libraries (Case Western Reserve University, Harvard, Library of congress, University of Cincinnati, University of Michigan, Yale). *English Short-Title Catalogue* T117296. [Order This Item](#)



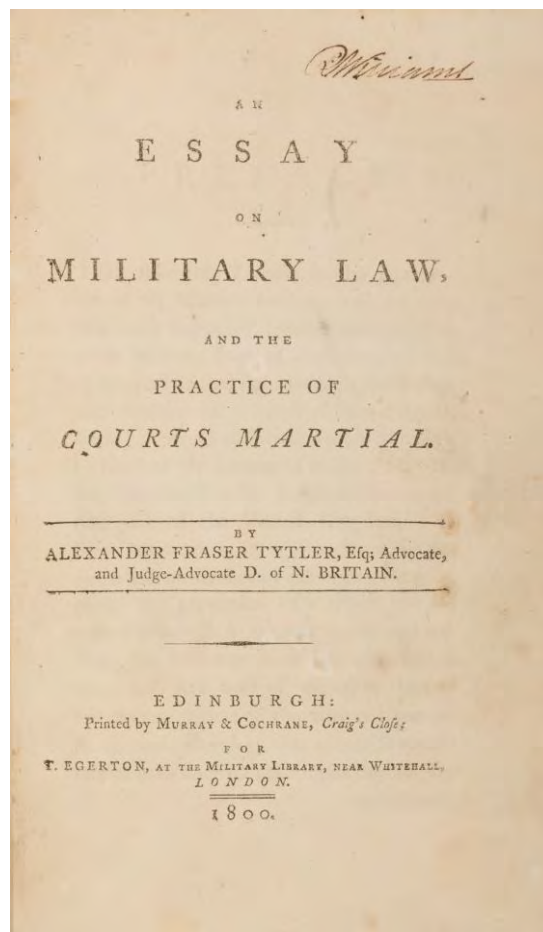
Wilkes Seeks a Protector

29. [Wilkes, John (1727-1797)].

A Letter to His Grace the Duke of Grafton, First Commissioner of His Majesty's Treasury. London: Printed for J. Almon, 1767. 35, [3] pp. Main text followed by 2 pp. Octavo (8-1/4" x 5").

Disbound stab-stitched pamphlet, "No. 9" at head of title page in early hand below short rule and blotted-out early owner initials (?). Moderate toning to text, light soiling and a few minor stains to margins of a few leaves, heavier soiling to title page. \$150.

* Second edition, published the same year as the first (and several subsequent editions). In 1764 John Wilkes, the great radical journalist and politician, fled to France when he was charged with politically motivated charges of libel, sedition and blasphemy and expelled from Parliament. He made several attempts during his period of exile to secure conditions for a return to England and a fair trial. His Letter to enlist the support of the Duke of Grafton was one of them. The publisher advertisement is a prospectus for *The Political Register*, a periodical published by Almon. *English Short-Title Catalogue* N20274. [Order This Item](#)



**First Edition of an
Important Treatise on Military Law**

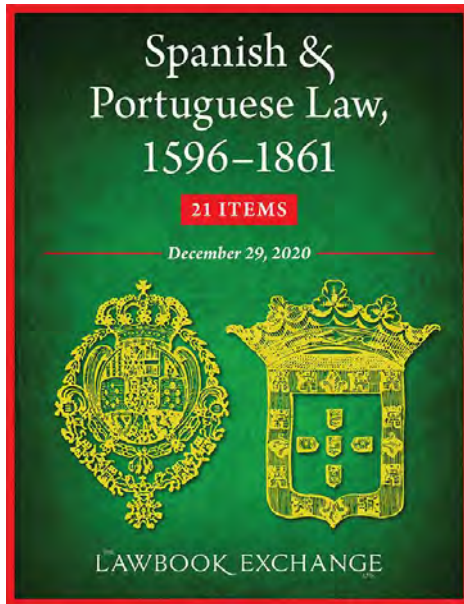
30. Woodhouselee, Alexander Fraser Tytler, Lord [1747-1813].

An Essay on Military Law, And the Practice of Courts Martial. Edinburgh: Printed by Murray & Cochrane, Craig's Close; For T. Egerton, at the Military Library, Near Whitehall, London, 1800. [iii], vi-xi, [3], 428 pp. Octavo (8-1/4" x 5-1/4").

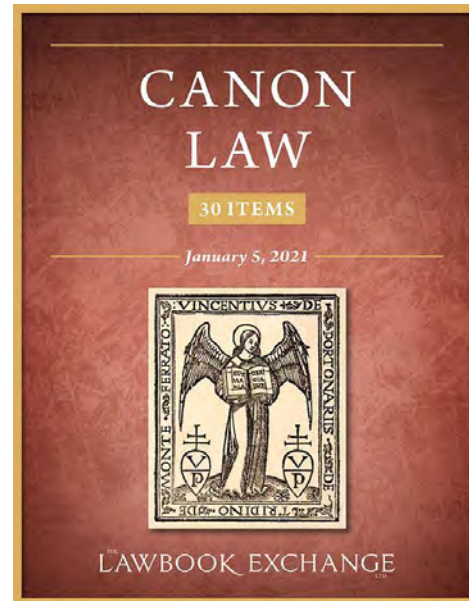
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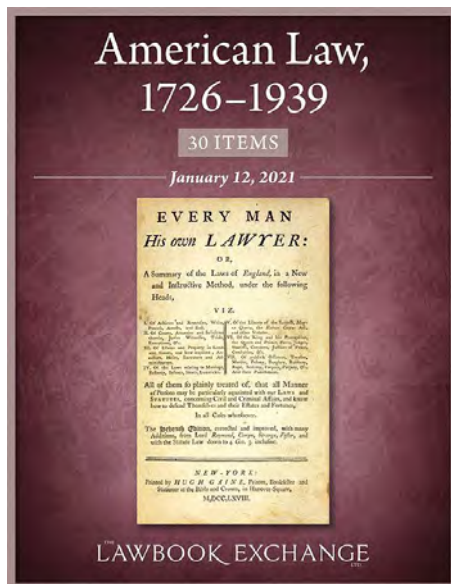
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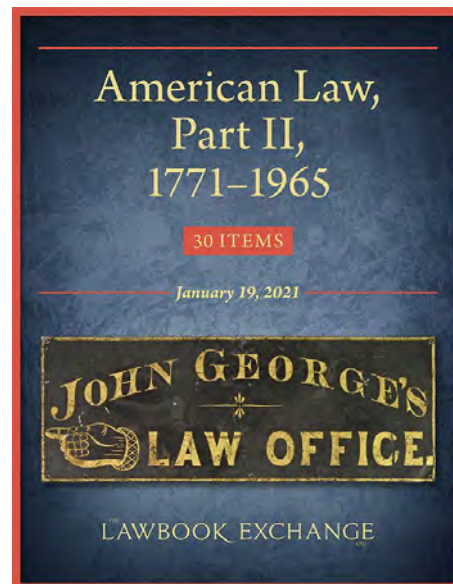
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