

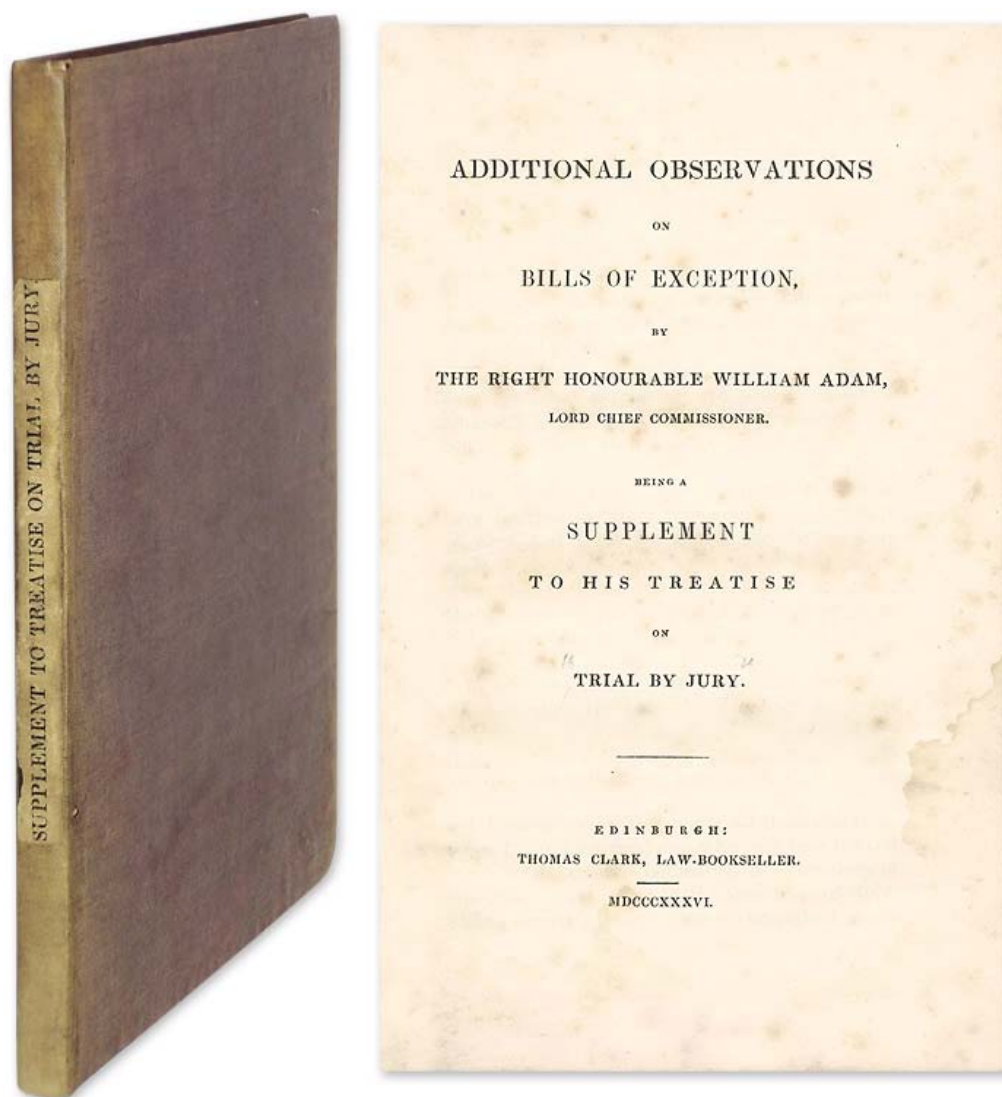
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Rare Essay on Bills of Exception from the Library of Woburn Abbey

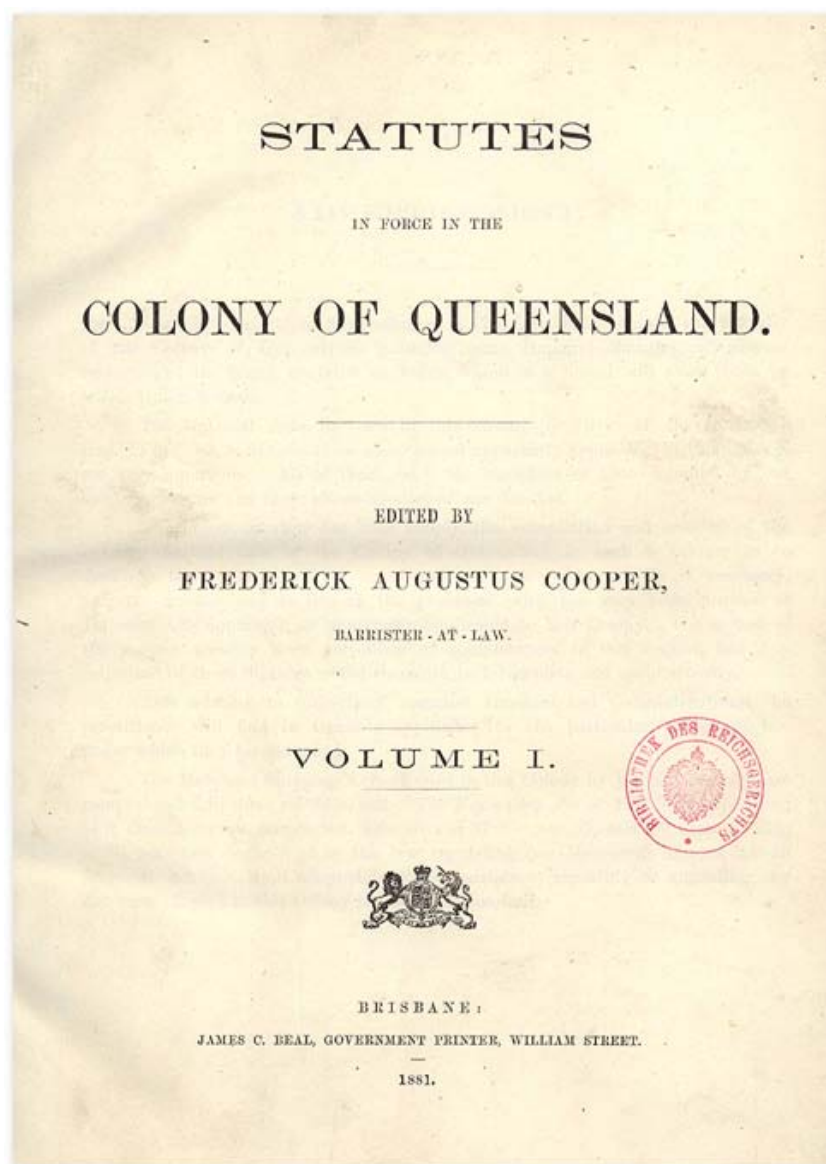
1. Adam, William [1751-1839].

Additional Observations on Bills of Exception, Being a Supplement to His Treatise on Trial by Jury. Edinburgh: Thomas Clark, Law-Bookseller, 1836. 41 pp. Octavo (8-1/2" x 5-1/2").

Contemporary cloth, printed paper title label to spine. Some rubbing to extremities, corners bumped, front joint just starting at head, light fading to spine and parts of boards. Armorial bookplate of Woburn Abbey (dated 1873) to front pastedown, "Bedford" in bold hand to front free endpaper, one leaf partially detached but secure. Faint dampstaining to foot of text block, light foxing, internally clean. \$250.

* Only edition. This is a supplement to Adam's *Practical Treatise and Observations on Trial by Jury in Civil Causes* (1836). Adam produced this "supplement" to answer the objections of the dean of faculty of the University of Edinburgh to his doctrine on bills of exception and elaborate his argument. The signature "Bedford" is probably that of William Russell [1809-1872], Eighth Duke of Bedford and the owner of Woburn Abbey, or his son, Francis Charles Hastings Russell [1819-1891], Ninth Duke. Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 5:4.

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The First Compilation of Queensland Statutes

2. [Australia].

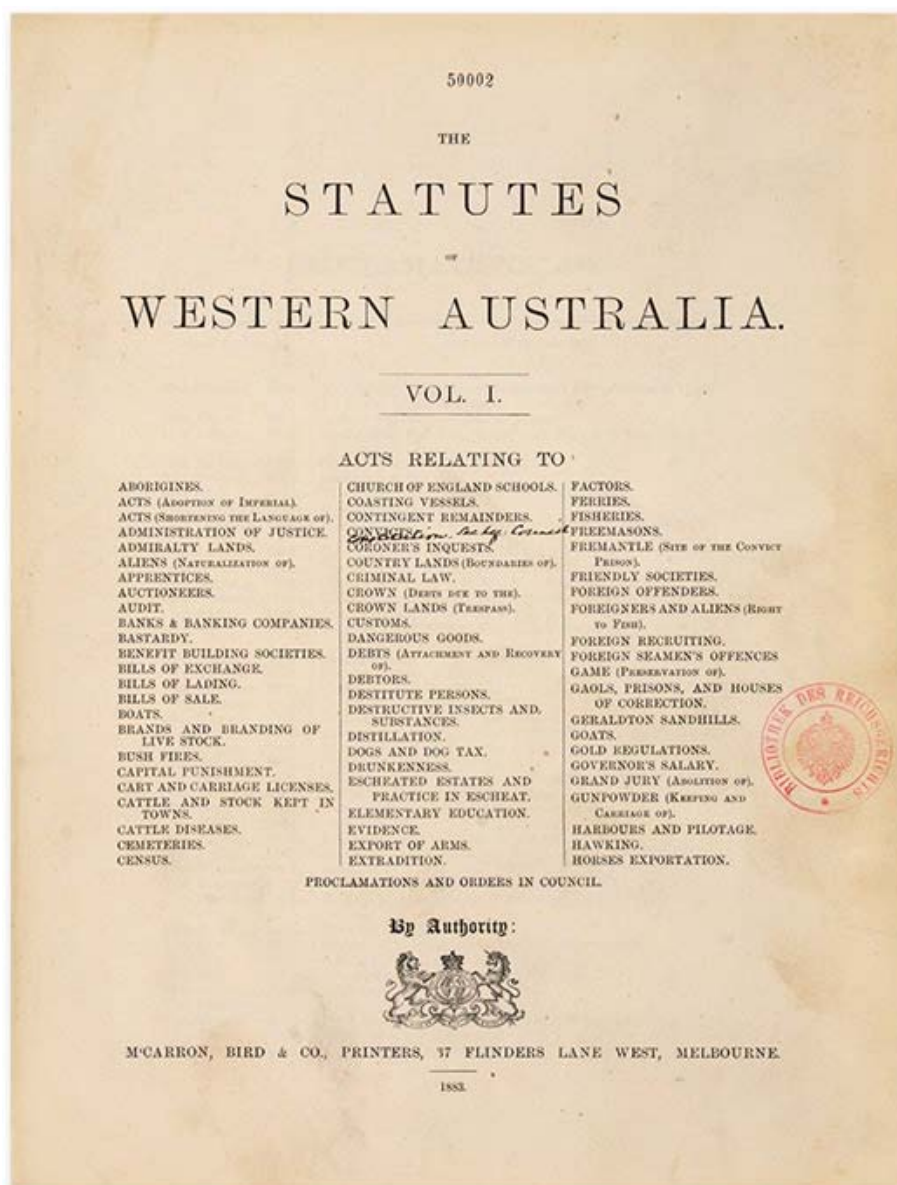
Cooper, Frederick Augustus, Editor.

Statutes in Force in the Colony of Queensland. Brisbane: James C. Beal, Government Printer, 1881. Four volumes. Quarto (10-1/2" x 11").

Recent cloth, gilt titles to spine, endpapers renewed, internally clean. Ex-library. Small stamps to title pages. \$1,250.

* Only edition. With a chronological table of acts. Volume IV is an index. "The object in view has been simply the compilation and revision of the existing Statute Law of the Colony of Queensland in such a manner as to facilitate the search of all whose avocations render reference to it necessary, and not in any way to furnish the profession with the very large number of Imperial Acts applicable or apparently applicable to this colony.": Preface. Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 6:77. [Order This Item](#)

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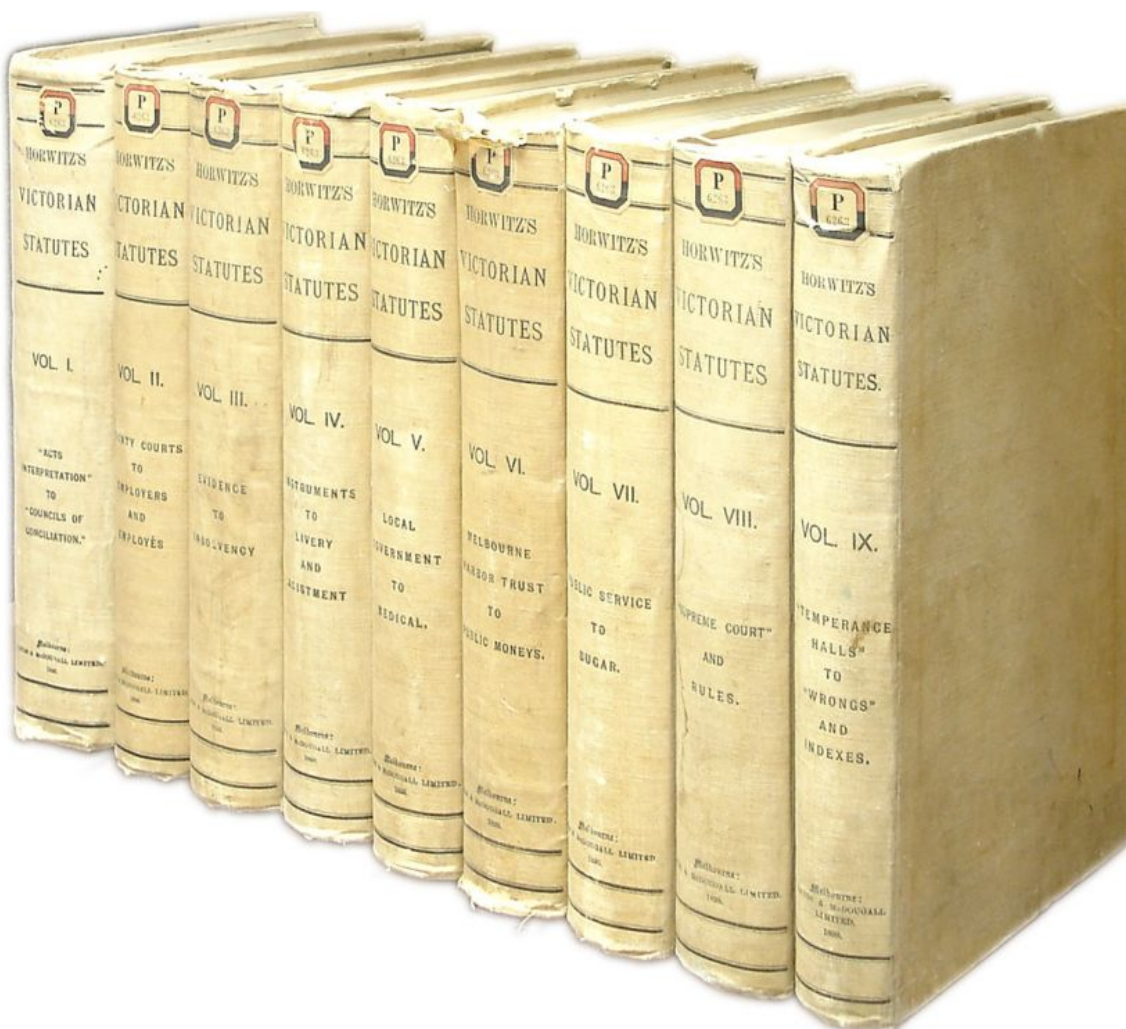
3. [Australia].

The Statutes of Western Australia. By Authority. Melbourne: M'Carron, Bird & Co., 1883. Two volumes. Quarto (10-1/2" x 8-1/2").

Contemporary calf, rebacked, lettering pieces to spine. Moderate rubbing with some wear to extremities, internally clean. Ex-library. Location labels to spines, small stamps to title pages. \$750.

* Contents digested alphabetically. Topics include Aborigines, administration of justice, admiralty lands, aliens, hawking, immigrants, industrial schools, intestates' estates, jetties and bridges, juries, joint stock companies, justices of the peace, wild horses and wrecks. Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 6:91.

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**Thorough Compilation
of Victorian Statutes, 1898-1899**

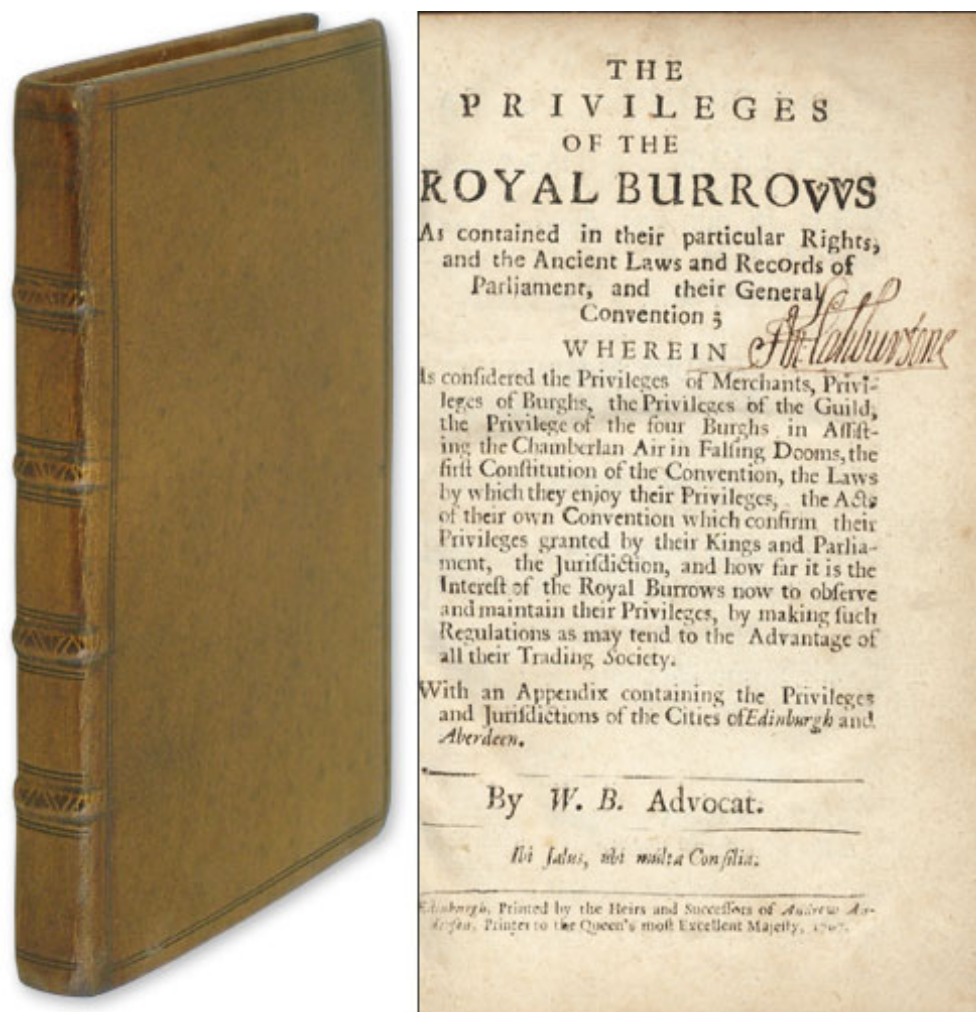
4. [Australia].

Horwitz, Louis, Compiler.

The Victorian Statutes. Arranged in Alphabetical and Chronological Order with Notes and Indexes. Melbourne: Charles F. Maxwell (G. Partridge and Co.) Law Publishers, 1898-99. Nine volumes. Quarto (10-1/2" x 7-1/2").

Original cloth, black-stamped titles to spine. Moderate shelfwear and soiling, most hinges starting or cracked, internally clean. Ex-library. Location labels to spines, annotations to front pastedowns, small stamps to title pages. A solid set. \$1,250.

* Only edition. "Since the consolidation of the Statutes in 1890, the additions to the Statute Roll have been as numerous and important as they have been complicated, irritating, and perplexing. When it is considered that nearly five hundred Statutes have been passed, a very large number of them affecting the existing laws, and that these new Acts occupy ten sessional volumes, and necessitate reference throughout, I feel that no apology is needed [for this work, which is modeled] on *Chitty's Statutes of Practical Utility*." Volume I Preface [iii]. Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 6:26. [Order This Item](#)



One of Two Early Works on the Scottish Gild Merchant

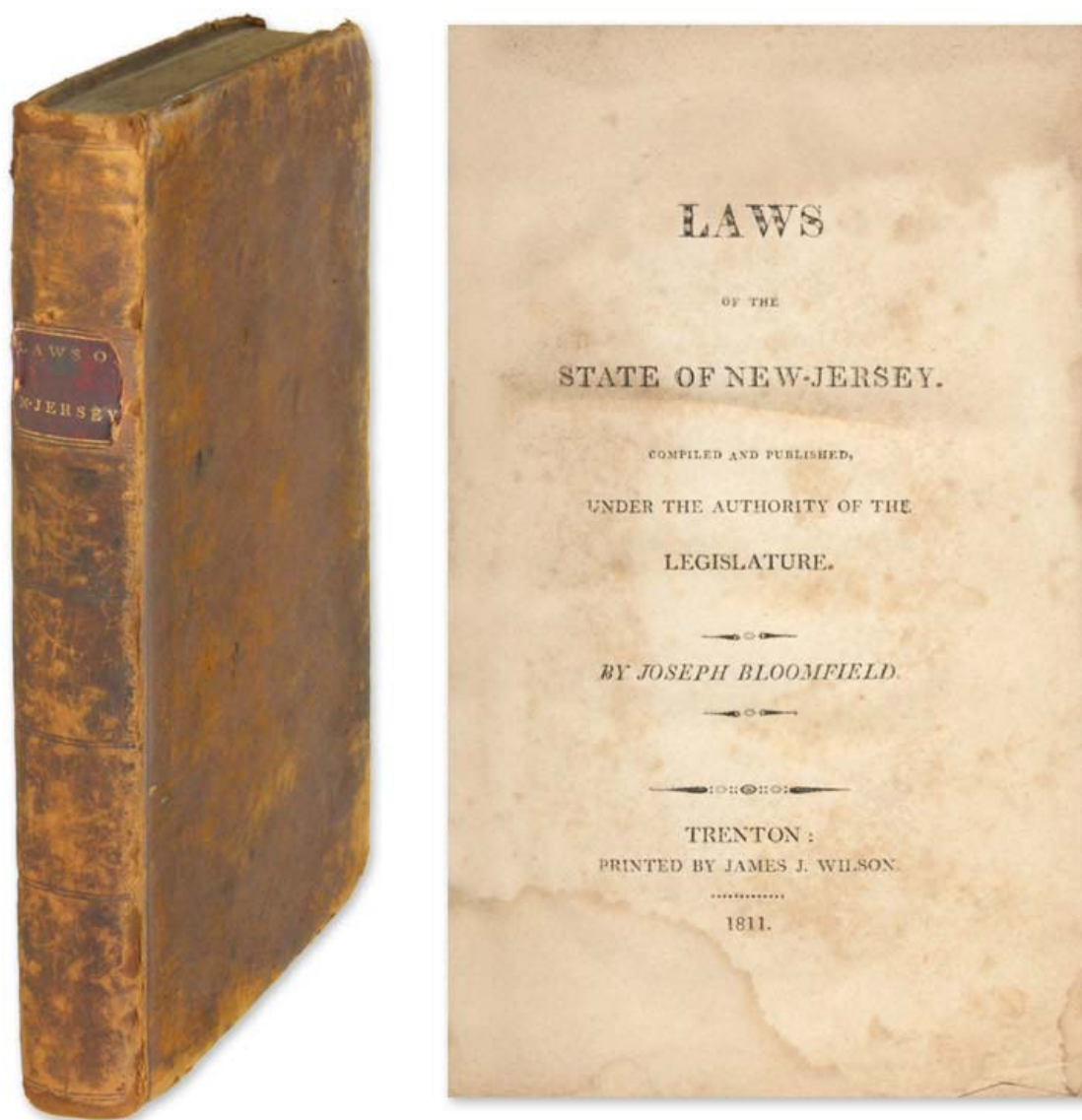
5. B[lack], W[illiam].

The Privileges of the Royal Burrows as Contained in Their Particular Rights, And the Ancient Laws and Records of Parliament, And Their General Conventions; Wherein is Considered the Privileges of Merchants, Privileges of Burghs, The Privileges of the Guld, The Privileges of the Four Burghs in Assisting the Chamberlan Air in Falsing Dooms, The First Constitution of the Convention, The Laws by Which They Enjoy Their Privileges, The Acts of Their Own Convention Which Confirm Their Privileges Granted by Their Kings and Parliament, The Jurisdiction and How Far It is the Interest of the Royal Burrows Now to Observe and Maintain Their Privileges, By Making Such Regulations as May Tend to the Advantage of Their Trading Society. With an Appendix Containing the Privileges and Jurisdictions of the Cities of Edinburgh and Aberdeen. Edinburgh: Printed by the Heirs and Successors of Andrew Anderson, 1707. [viii], 172, [43] pp. Octavo (6-1/2" x 4").

Recent period-style calf, blind double rules to boards, raised bands to spine. Toning to text, light foxing in places. Early owner annotations to front free endpaper and final text leaf, early owner signature near head of title page. A handsomely bound copy of a scarce title. \$450.

* Only edition. One of two early works on the Scottish gild merchant and its royal burghs, which was much more powerful than its English counterparts and quite influential into the twentieth century. This book has a great deal of information about gild courts and the regulation of international commerce. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T56668.

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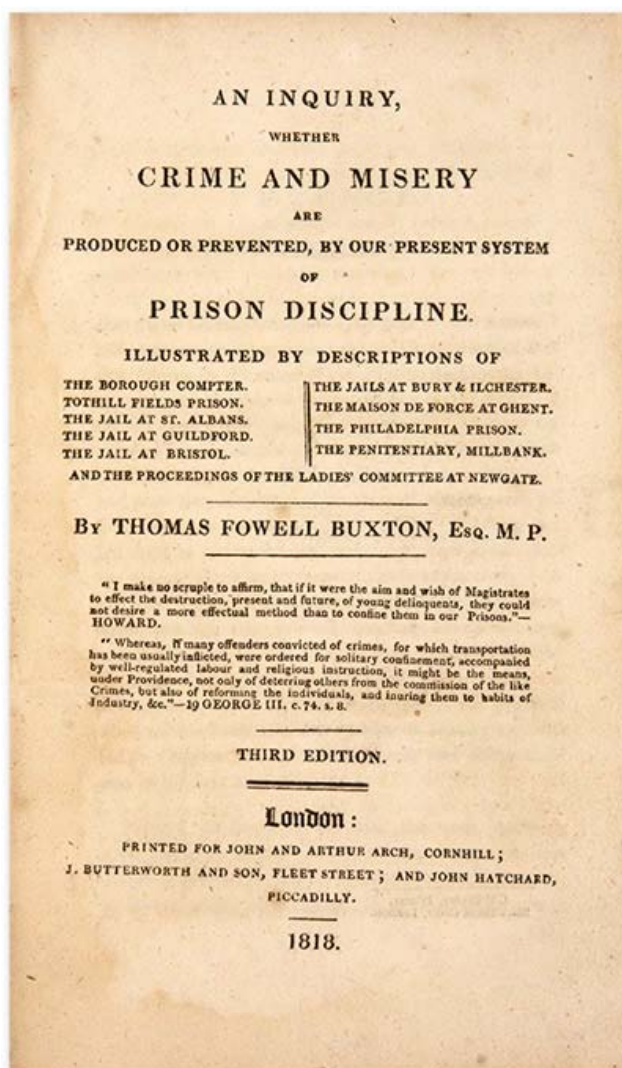
**Bloomfield's Revision of
Paterson's Compilation of New Jersey Laws**

6. Bloomfield, Joseph [1753-1823], Compiler.

Laws of the State of New-Jersey. Compiled and Published, under the Authority of the Legislature. Trenton: Printed by James J. Wilson, 1811. 350 pp. Octavo (8" x 5").

Contemporary sheep, lettering piece and blind fillets to spine. Rubbed with some wear to extremities, chipping to edges of lettering piece, corners bumped and lightly worn. Light browning, dampstaining to edges of text block, occasional light foxing. Early owner inscription (of the Assessor of Chester Township, Burlington County), to front free endpaper, interior otherwise clean. \$75.

* First edition. Bloomfield's compilation and revision includes all of the laws subsequent to Paterson's 1810 revision. There are interesting acts dealing with slavery, servitude and suffrage. The appendix contains census material for the U.S. and New Jersey the period from 1790, 1800 and 1810. Babbitt, *Hand-List of Legislative Sessions and Session Laws* 316. [Order This Item](#)



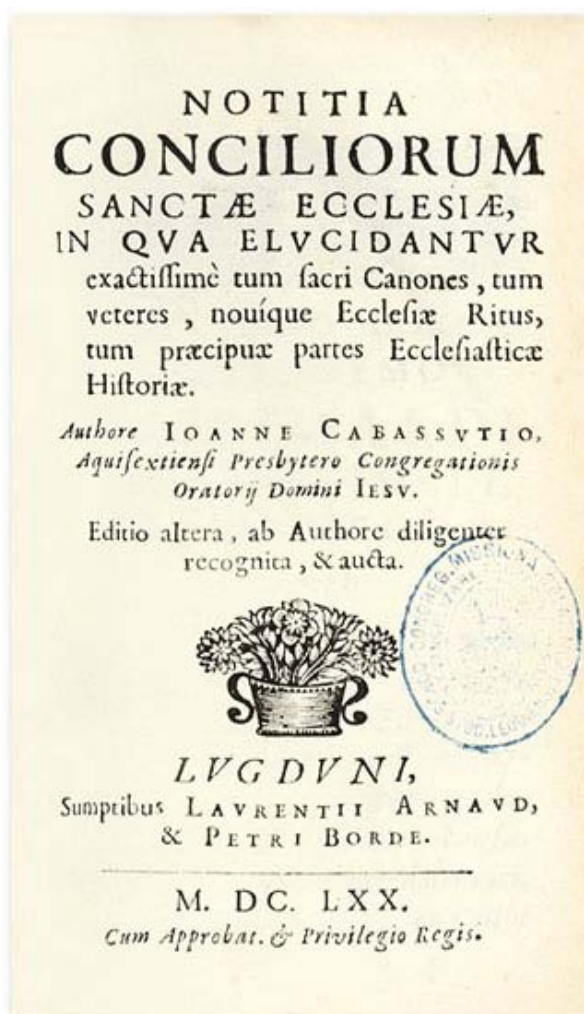
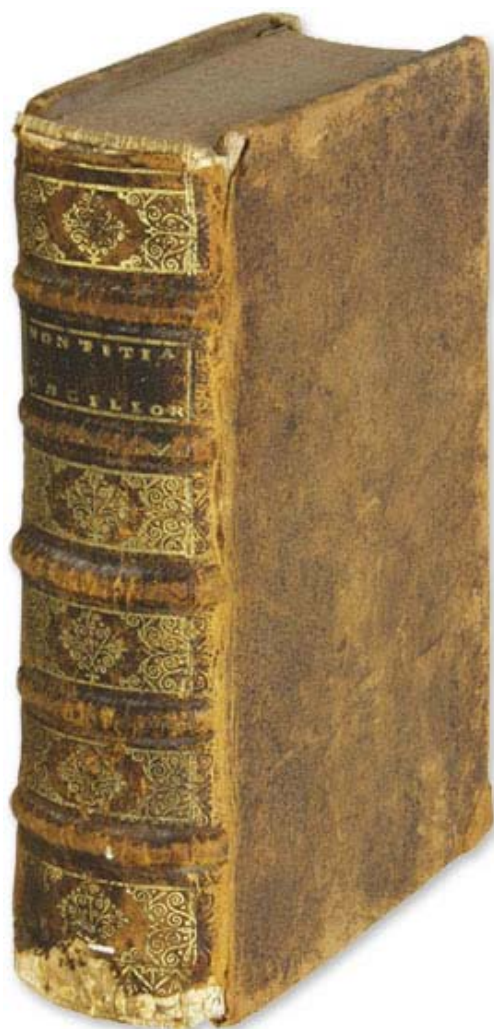
An Influential English Critique of Prisons

7. Buxton, Sir Thomas Fowell [1786-1845].

An Inquiry, Whether Crime and Misery are Produced or Prevented, By Our Present System of Prison Discipline. Illustrated by Descriptions of The Borough Compter, Tothill Fields Prison, The Jail at St. Albans, The Jail at Guildford, The Jail at Bristol, The Jails at Bury & Ilchester, The Maison de Force at Ghent, The Philadelphia Prison, The Penitentiary, Millbank, And the Proceedings of the Ladies' Committee at Newgate. London: Printed for John and Arthur Arch, 1818. viii, 146, [2] pp. Includes two-page publisher list. 12mo. (7-1/2" x 4-1/2").

Contemporary paper-covered boards with contrasting spine with title label, untrimmed edges. Scuffs to front board, moderate wear to extremities, front board just beginning to separate from spine but secure. Negligible faint dampstaining to some leaves, interior otherwise fresh. A solid copy. \$150.

* Third edition. Buxton was an important English philanthropist and Member of Parliament who lead efforts to alleviate poverty, abolish slavery and reform the prison system. Published in 1818 to immediate acclaim, his *Inquiry* went through five more editions that year and inspired the formation of the Prison Discipline Society. It was translated into French and Italian and disseminated widely throughout continental Europe. This edition not in the *British Museum Catalogue*. [Order This Item](#)



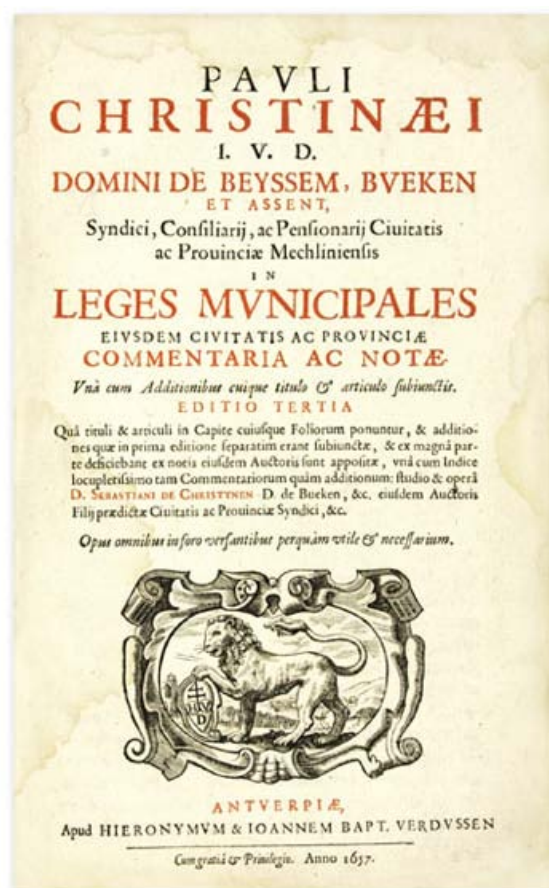
**A Distinguished Writer on
Ecclesiastical History, Canon Law and Theology**

8. Cabassut, Jean [1604-1685].

Notitia Conciliorum Sanctae Ecclesiae, In Qua Elucidantur Exactissime Tum Sacri Canones, Tum Veteres, Novique Ecclesiae Ritus, Tum Praecipuae Partes Ecclesiasticae Historiae. Editio Altera, Ab Authore Diligenter Recognita, & Aucta. Lyons: Sumptibus Laurentii Arnaud & Petri Borde, 1670. [xxiv], 720, [60] pp. Octavo (7" x 4").

Contemporary sheep, gilt spine with raised bands and lettering piece, speckled edges. Moderate rubbing, chipping to spine ends, corners bumped and somewhat worn, hinges cracked but secure. Attractive woodcut title-page device and head-piece. Contemporary (illegible) owner signature to front free endpaper. Toning, occasional light foxing, internally clean. \$150.

* Later edition. First published in 1668, this treatise discusses disputed points (concilia) in canon law. Cabassut, a French theologian, priest and authority on canon law, was a distinguished writer on ecclesiastical history, canon law, and theology. His writings reflect his adherence to Probabilism, a moral system applicable to cases of conscience that involve the obligation of doubtful laws. Like other Probabilists, Cabassut believed that a doubtful law is invalid. It is therefore permissible to follow an opinion contrary to that law if it is clearly probable. Not in Adams. This edition not in the *British Museum Catalogue*. Ferreira-Ibarra, *The Canon Law Collection in the Library of Congress* 317. [Order This Item](#)



Uncommon Seventeenth-Century Compilation of the Laws of Mechelen

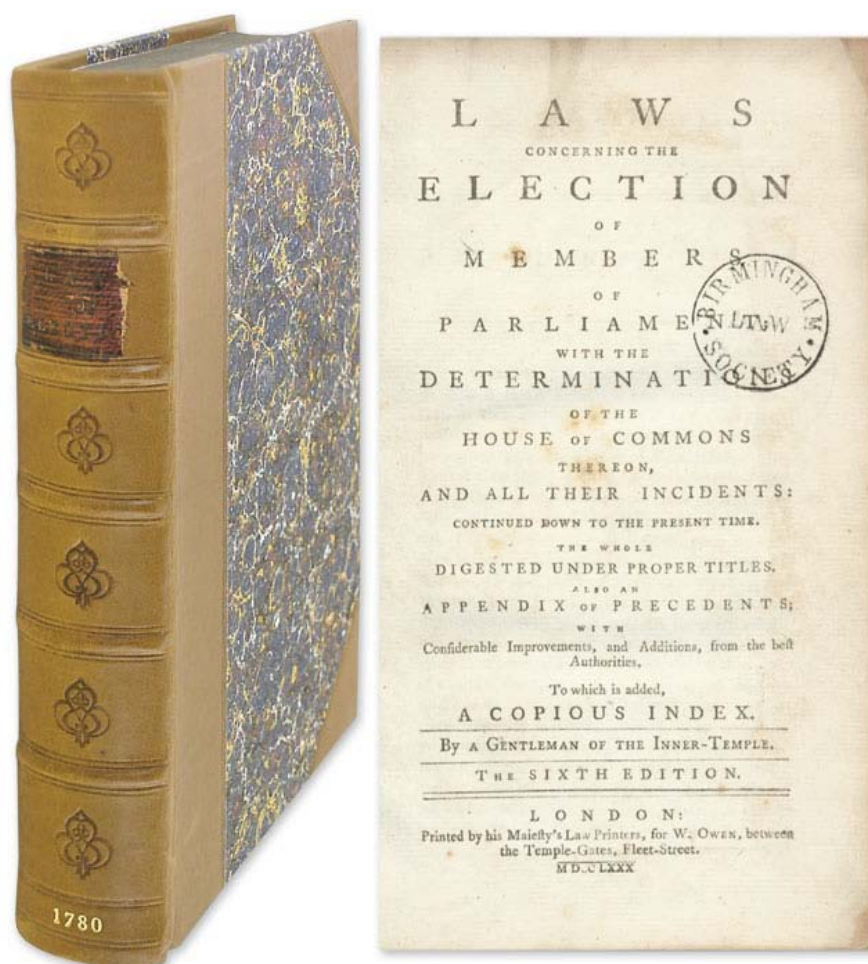
9. Christynen, Paul van [1543-1631], Editor.

[Christynen, Sebastien, Editor].

In Leges Municipales Eiusdem Civitatis ac Provinciae Commentaria ac Notae. Una cum Additionibus Cuique Titulo & Articulo Subiunctis. Qua Tituli & Articuli in Capite Cuiusque Foliorum Ponuntur, & Additiones Quae in Prima Editione Separatim Erant Subiunctae, & Ex Magna Parte Deficiebant ex Notis Eiusdem Auctoris Sunt Appositae. Una cum Indice Locupletissimo tam Commentariorum Quam Additionum: Studio & Opera D. Sebastiani de Christynen D. de Bueken, & C. Eiusdem Auctoris Filij Praedictae Civitatis ac Provinciae Syndici, &c. Opus Omnibus in Foro Versantibus Perquam Utile & Necessarium. Antwerp: Apud Hieronymum & Ioannem Bapt. Verdussen, 1657. [xvi], 656, [70] pp. Main text printed in double columns. Folio (12-1/2" x 8").

Contemporary vellum. Moderate soiling and wear to extremities, lower half of backstrip lacking, head of front joint cracked, hinges cracked but secure, front free endpaper and three signatures detached. Title page with large woodcut device printed in red and black. Faint dampstaining to margins of title page, rubbing to edges of some leaves, internally clean. A decent copy worth rebacking. \$300.

* Third edition. Located in Flanders between Brussels and Antwerp, Mechelen has been an important trading and manufacturing city since the 1300s. Its fortunes rose and declined several times. In the seventeenth century the city was a prosperous again, having survived devastation in 1572 by Spanish forces during the Eighty Years' War (Revolt of the Netherlands). It remained under Hapsburg Control as part of the Spanish Netherlands. This compilation edited by Christynen was first published in 1625. The standard compilation, it went through further editions in 1642, 1653, 1657, 1661 and 1671. Dekkers, *Bibliotheca Belgica Juridica* 36. [Order This Item](#)



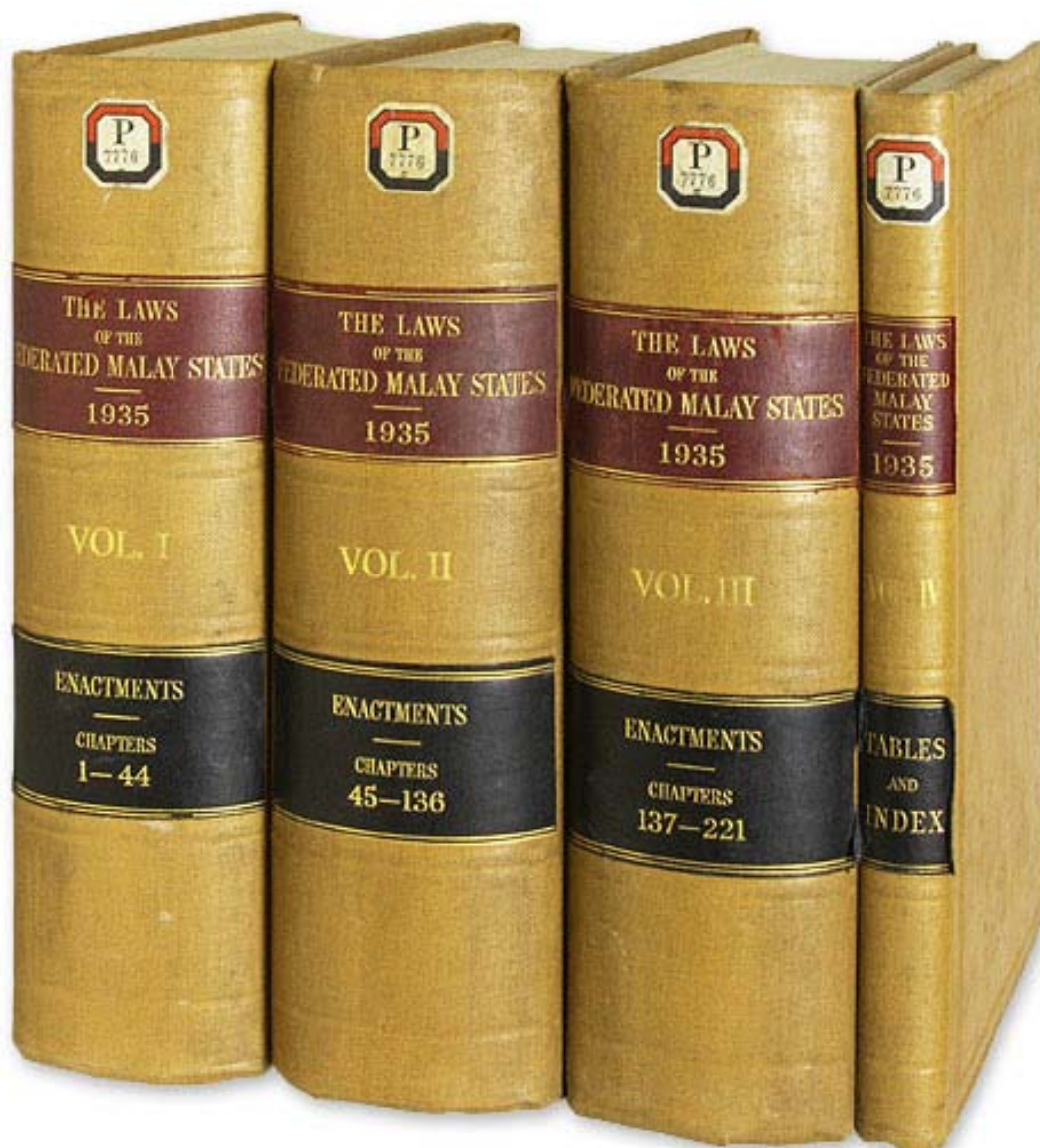
One of the First Works To Draw on Blackstone's *Commentaries*

10. A Gentleman of the Inner Temple, Editor.

Laws Concerning the Election of Members of Parliament; With the Determinations of the House of Commons Thereon, And All Their Incidents: Continued Down to the Present Time. The Whole Digested Under Proper Titles. Also an Appendix of Precedents; With Considerable Improvements, And Additions, From the Best Authorities, To Which is Added, A Copious Index. London: Printed by His Majesty's Law Printers for W. Owen, 1780. xxxviii [i.e. xxxvii], [1], 118, [2], 119-192, *191-*192, 193-383, [21], 2 pp. Includes two-page publisher list. Title page of second part misbound. Octavo (5-1/4" x 7-3/4").

Recent period-style three-quarter calf over marbled boards, raised bands, blind ornaments and original lettering piece (with chipped edges) to spine, endpapers renewed. Early annotation to front endleaf, light foxing in a few places, interior otherwise fresh. Ex-library. Small inkstamps to title page and a few text leaves. A handsomely bound copy of a scarce title. \$750.

* Sixth edition. With an index of parliamentary acts. The anonymous editor notes in the advertisement that he has drawn extensively on Comyns' *Digest of the Laws of England*, Lyttleton's *Life of King Henry II*, Whitelocke's *Notes Upon the King's Writ for Choosing Members of Parliament* (in Morton's edition) and Blackstone's *Commentaries on the Laws of England*. One of the very first books to draw on the *Commentaries*, *Laws Concerning the Election* is a landmark in the history of its reception by the English bar. It is also a remarkably thorough work that considers causes determined by parliamentary committee and the House of Commons and the laws of England, Scotland and Wales from 1382 to 1780. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T112824. [Order This Item](#)



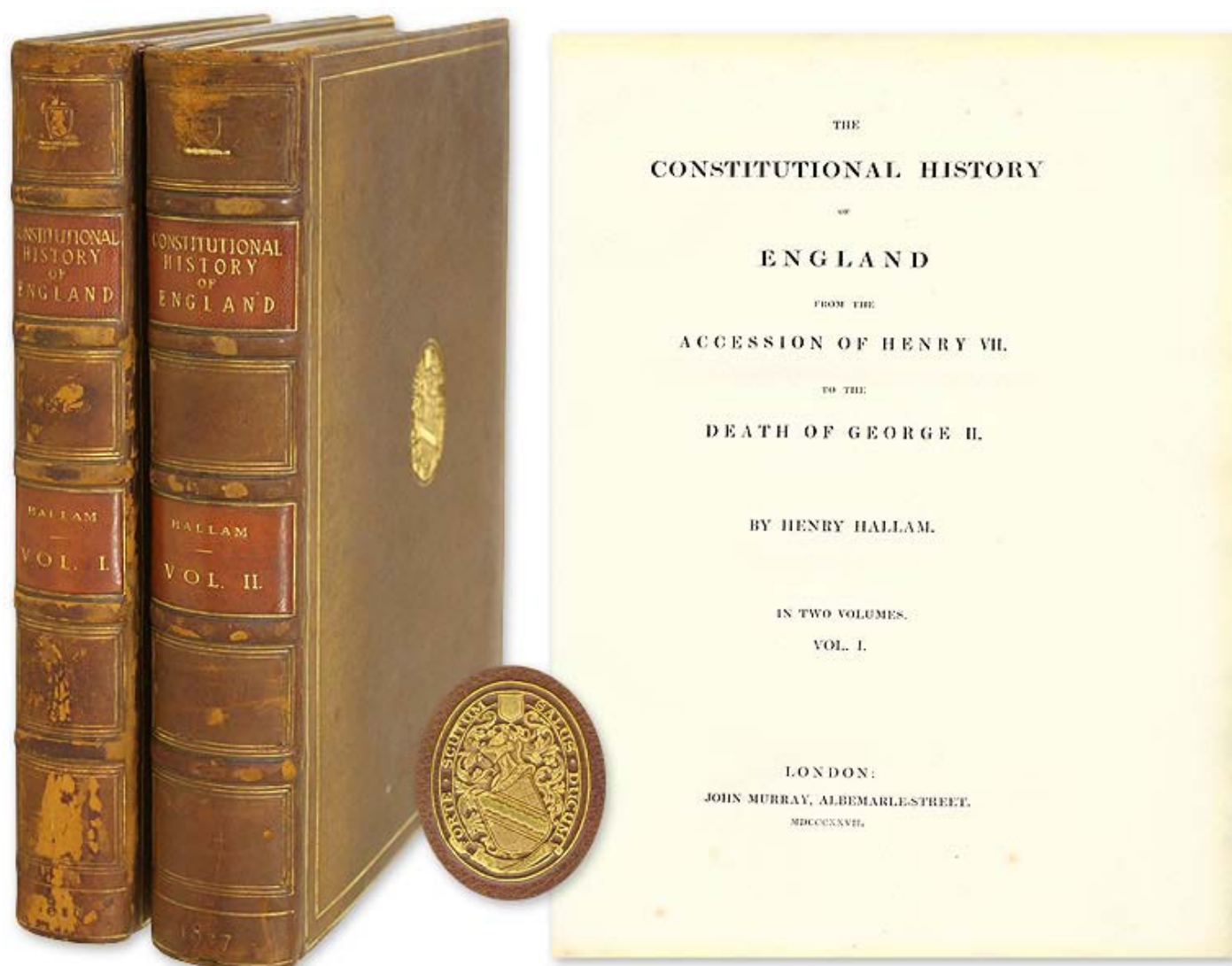
Laws of the Federated Malay States

11. Gibson, William Sumner, Compiler.

The Laws of the Federated Malay States and of Each of Them in Force on the 31st Day of December, 1934. Revised Edition. Prepared Under the Authority of the Revised Edition of the Laws Enactment, 1932. London: C.F. Roworth, 1935. Four volumes.

Original buckram, red and black lettering pieces to spine. Some shelfwear and soiling, internally clean. Ex-library. Location labels to spines, small stamps to title pages. \$750.

* Only edition. Established under British auspices in 1895, the Federated Malay States were Perak, Selangor, Negri Sembilan, Pahang and Penang. In 1946 the states became part of the Malayan Union and subsequently the Federation of Malaya. The Federation became part of the British Commonwealth in 1957. In 1963 the Federation, together with Singapore, Sarawak and British North Borneo (Sabah) became a new union, Malaysia. Singapore left this union to become an independent state in 1965. Gibson's set was continued to 1941 through supplements. Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 7:264. [Order This Item](#)



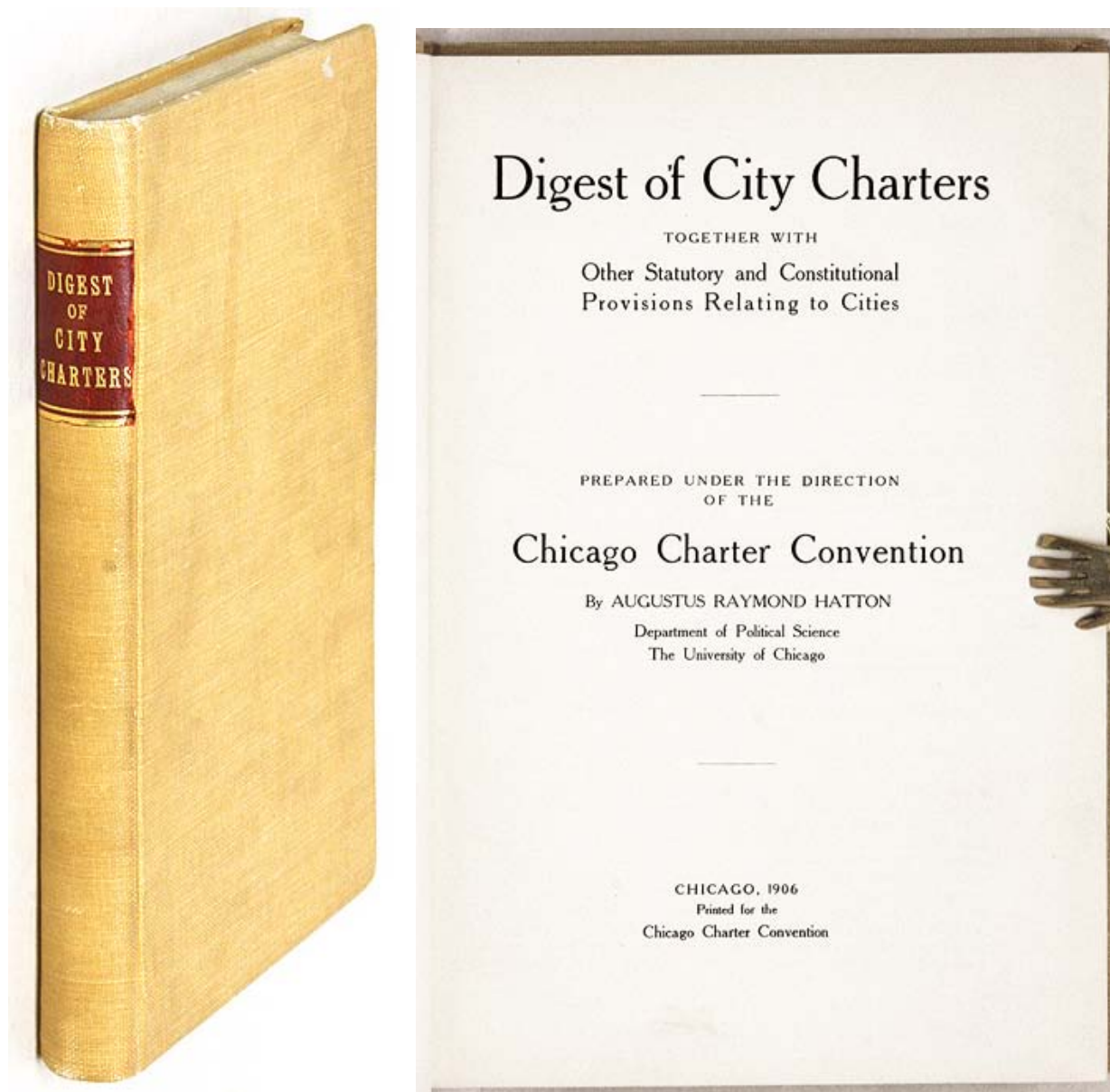
True First Edition of Hallam's *Constitutional History of England*

12. Hallam, Henry [1777-1859].

The Constitutional History of England from the Accession of Henry VII to the Death of George II. London: John Murray, 1827. Two volumes. xvi, 615; vii, 828 pp. Quarto (11" x 9").

Later signed calf binding by John Rumpus, Oxford. Gilt rules to boards, unidentified owner crest to front boards, raised bands and gilt titles to spines, top edges gilt. Light rubbing to extremities, a few minor marks to boards, light fading to edges of boards in a couple of places. Light foxing to a few leaves, interior otherwise fresh. A handsome copy of a scarce edition. \$650.

* First edition. This classic study of the constitutional history of England from 1485 to 1760 was "long the standard work on the subject, and only surpassed one hundred years after its initial publication" (Marke). It was originally issued in a small press run in quarto format. An octavo edition was published later that year. As one would suspect, the quarto editions are quite scarce today. Marke, *A Catalogue of the Law Collection at New York University* (1953) 365. *British Museum Catalogue* (Compact Edition) 11:533. [Order This Item](#)



Comparative Study of City Charters

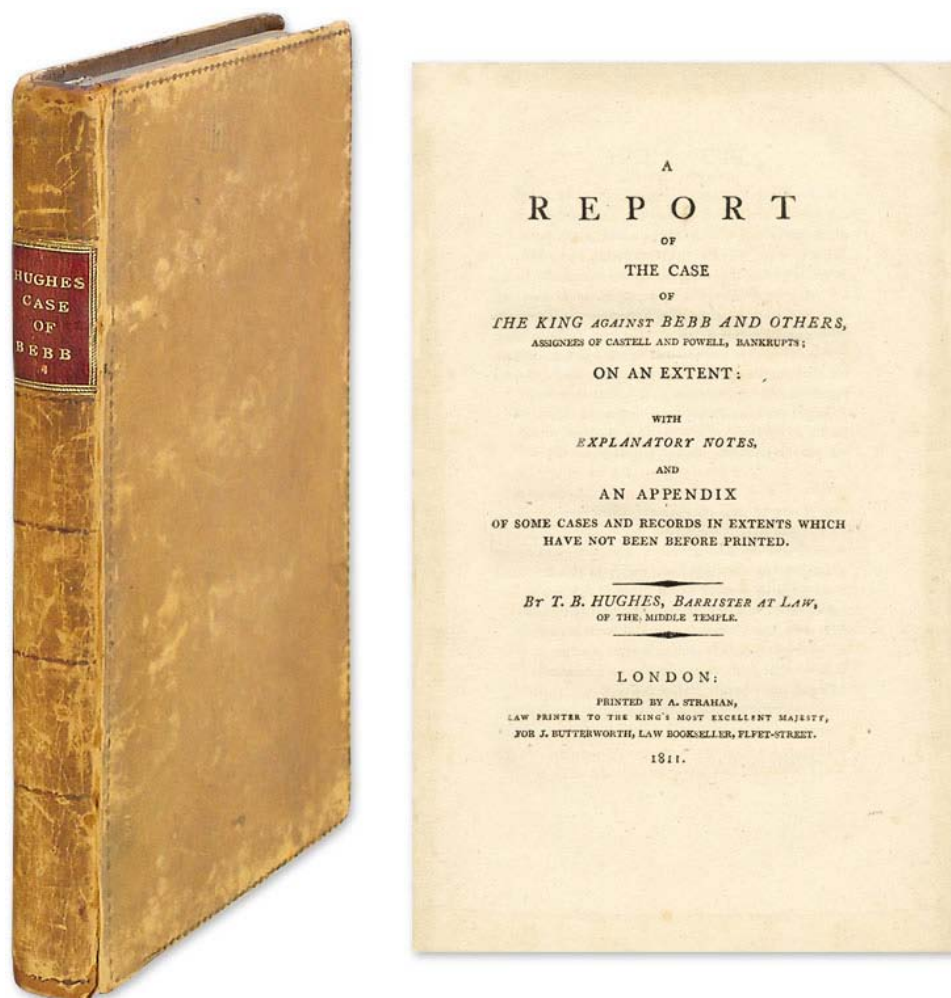
13. Hatton, Augustus Raymond, Editor.

Digest of City Charters, Together with Other Statutory and Constitutional Provisions Relating to Cities. Prepared Under the Direction of the Chicago Charter Convention. Chicago: Printed for the Chicago Charter Convention, 1906. xxi, 351 pp.

Original buckram, calf lettering piece to spine. Light shelfwear and soiling. Owner stamp to front free endpaper, notes in pencil to a few leaves, interior otherwise clean. \$150.

* Only edition. Part I: The Relation of the City to the State, Part II: The Part of the People in Municipal Government, Part III: The City council, Part IV: The City Executive. "The cities which have been given full consideration are Baltimore, Boston, Chicago, Cleveland, Denver, Detroit, New Orleans, New York, Philadelphia, St. Louis, San Francisco, Glasgow, London, Manchester, Toronto, Berlin, Paris and Vienna.": Preface vii. [Order This Item](#)

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Interesting Treatise on Tax Indebtedness

14. Hughes, T.B.

A Report of the Case of the King Against Bebb and Others. Assignees of Castell and Powell, Bankrupts; On an Extent: With Explanatory Notes and an Appendix of Some Cases and Records in Extents Which Have Not Been Before Printed. London: Printed by A. Strahan, 1811. vi, 244 pp. Octavo (8" x 5").

Contemporary calf, blind fillets to boards, lettering piece and blind fillets to spine. Light rubbing, front hinge starting. Offsetting to margins of endleaves, toning to text, internally clean. A well-preserved copy of a scarce title. \$650.

* Only edition. Abolished in 1947, a writ of extent was a remedy employed by the crown to recover unpaid taxes from a debtor or bankrupt. This book, a combination of treatise and report, examines the nature of these writs through a scholarly account, with notes and a historical appendix, of the important Exchequer case of John Bebb and others, assignees of the bankrupt London banking house of Castell and Powell. Bebb and others, assignees of Castell and Powell, were countersued by the government for the right to assets that would cover payment of bills of exchange drawn by a Newcastle bank against tax-collection funds they were holding on deposit. The drafts had been accepted by the now bankrupt Castell and Powell, who had turned them over to the commissioners of excise as collateral for the Newcastle tax deposits, payable in thirty days. At issue was the right of the Crown to sue a debtor (Castell and Powell) of a tax-owing debtor (the Newcastle bank). Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 2:175. [Order This Item](#)



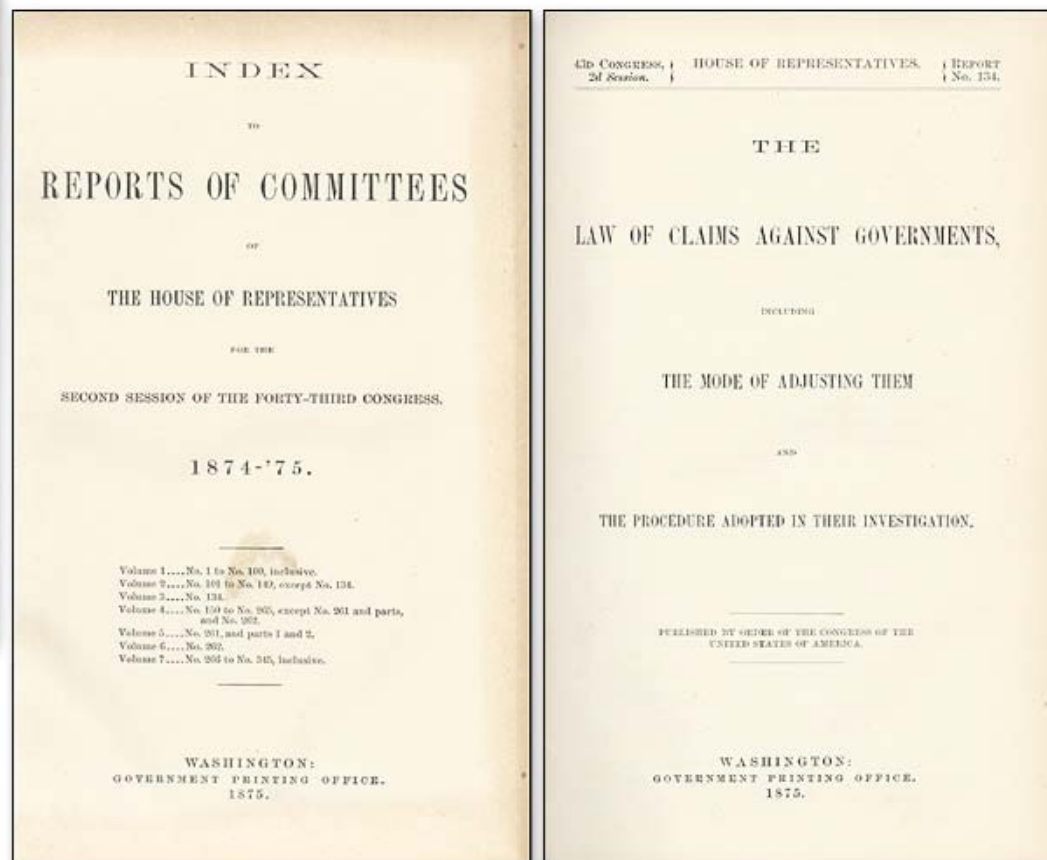
With a Set of Rules for Legal Disputation

**15. Johnson, Thomas [1702 or 3-1737].
[Heereboord, Adrianus (1614-1661)].**

Quaestiones Philosophicae in Justi Systematis Ordinem Dispositae; Auctoribus Adductis, Et Singulis in Proprias Hypothesis Dispartitis. Prioibus Auctor, & ad Usus Philosophicos Accomodatio Ad Calcem Subjicitur Appendix de Legibus Disputandi. Cambridge: Impensis Gul. Thurlbourn, 1741. [ii], 246 [ii] pp. Includes one-page publishers advertisement. Octavo (8" x 5").

Later three-quarter morocco over textured cloth, raised bands and gilt title to spine. Some rubbing to extremities, hinges cracked but secure, some dampstaining to foot of boards and text block. Early owner signature and annotation to title page. Browning to a few leaves, internally clean. Ex-institution library. Gilt insignia (of the Honourable Society of the Inner Temple) to front board, bookplate to front pastedown, stamps to title page and a few leaves. A solid copy. \$150.

* Third edition. Intended for university students, this is a collection of questions about the principles of physics, natural history, chemistry, meteorology, mechanics, hydrostatics, optics, astronomy, logic, metaphysics, and moral philosophy. Each question is accompanied by a bibliography of passages that the student should study. Authors in these lists include Leibniz, Descartes and Newton. The appendix is a set of rules on legal disputation derived from Heereboord's *Hermeneia Logica*, a treatise on logic. First published in 1651, it went through several editions into the eighteenth century. *British Museum Catalogue* (Compact Edition) 13:652. [Order This Item](#)



Claims Against Governments

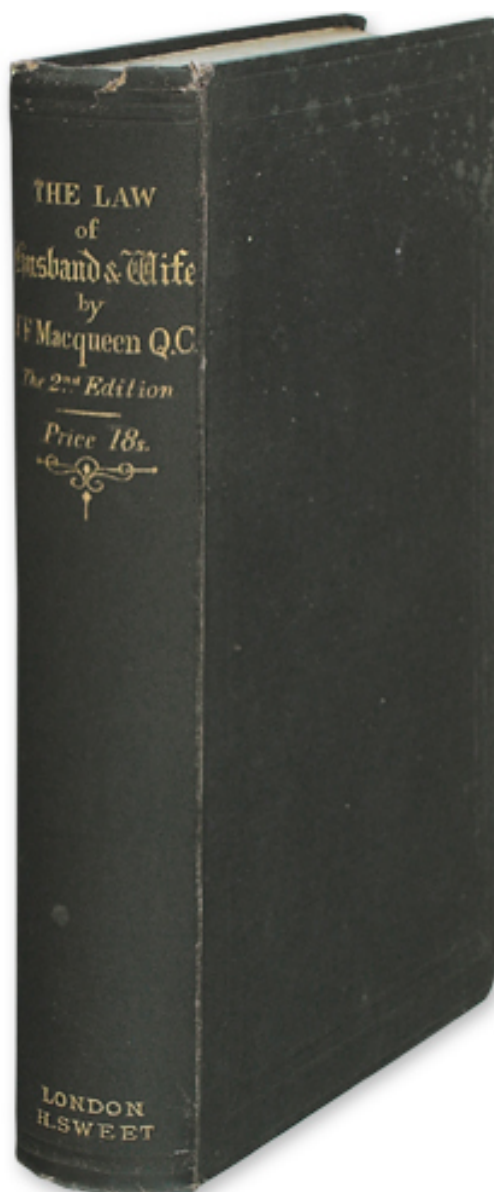
16. Lawrence, William [1819-1899].

The Law of Claims Against Governments, Including the Mode of Adjusting Them and the Procedure Adopted in Their Investigation. United States 43d Congress, 2d Session, House. Report, No. 134. Washington: Government Printing Office, 1875. xxiv, vi, [2], 432 pp. Octavo (9" x 6").

Contemporary sheep, blind fillets to boards, raised bands and red and black lettering pieces to spine. Rubbing to spine and extremities, corners lightly bumped, "658" in ink to head of spine, hinges cracked but secure. Offsetting to margins of endleaves, interior otherwise fresh. \$150.

* This is the report of the Committee on war-claims of the U.S. House of Representative on a bill to provide for the adjudication of the claims of aliens. Includes such sections as "Reasons Why a Law Should be Enacted for Disposing of Alien War Claims," "The Law of Claims on Foreign Governments," "A Law Providing that Contributions, requisitions, and material damages of all kinds, caused by the Invasion, Shall be Paid by the French Nation at Large," "Clause in the Constitution of Venezuela Giving Jurisdiction of Claims to the High Federal Court" and "Property Which May be Useful to the Enemy Seized and Destroyed or Damaged to Prevent it from Falling into Their Hands."

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Victorian Treatise on the Law of Husband and Wife

17. MacQueen, John Frasier, Editor.

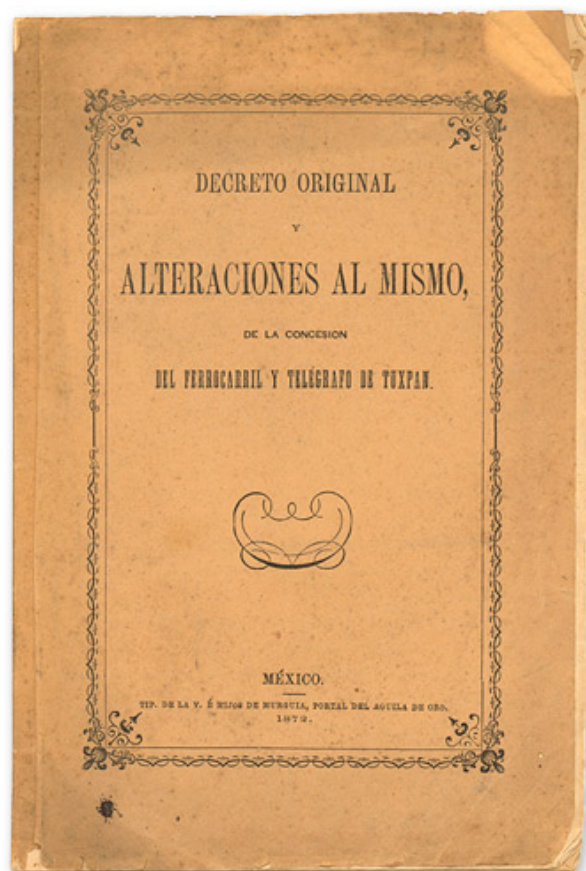
Hastings, Sydney, Editor.

Davenport, John Davies, Editor.

The Rights and Liabilities of Husband and Wife. London: H. Sweet, 1872. xlvii, [1], 451 pp. Octavo (8-1/2" x 5-1/2").

Original cloth. Faint stains to boards, some rubbing to extremities, small chip to head of spine. Early manuscript leaf of notes tipped-in to front endleaf, owner signature to head of title page, internally clean. An attractive copy. \$250.

* Second edition. First published in 1847-49, this was the standard English treatise during the nineteenth century. Its final edition, the fourth, was published in 1905. Its success can be attributed in part to its prose style, which is equally witty and learned. No print copies of the 1872 edition on OCLC. Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 2:228. [Order This Item](#)



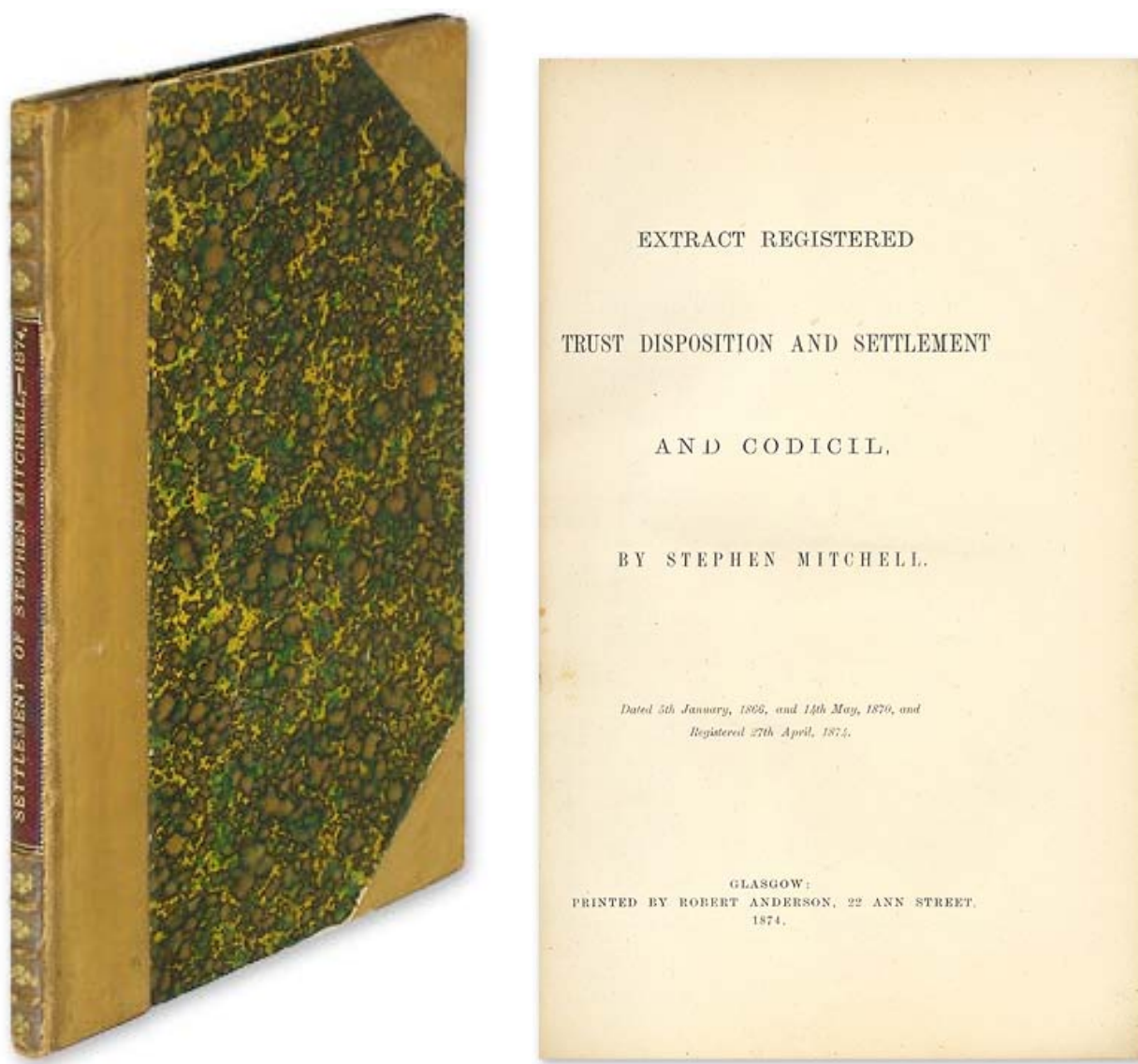
**A Notable Civil-War General
Attempts to Build a Railroad in Mexico**

**18. [Mexico].
[Railroads].**

Decreto Original y Alteraciones al Mismo de la Concesion del Ferrocarril y Telegrafo de Tuxpan. Mexico: Tip. de la v. e Hijos de Marguia, 1872. 33, [1] pp. Octavo (10-1/2" x 7").

Stab-stitched pamphlet in original printed wrappers. Covers darkened, light soiling and minor edgewear, small ink spot on front wrapper. Light browning, some chipping and foxing, creasing to corners of most leaves. Contemporary annotations to several leaves and two sheets of laid-in notes in Spanish and English. Rare. \$500.

* Text of the original concession, issued to Antonio D. Richards, Santiago Smith, and Jose Brennan, facing the altered concession issued to General W. S. Rosecrans. "In 1868 President Johnson appointed Rosecrans to be Minister to Mexico. Five months later, President Grant terminated the appointment. His brief diplomatic career convinced him that a prosperous Mexico would need peace, immigration, and railways, and he applied for a concession to build a narrow-gauge railway and telegraph line from Tampico to the Coast. The record of toil and travel, scheming, waiting on rich men and politicians, and of the final collapse of his Mexican dreams, forms a wearying chapter of the frustrating years from 1869 through 1873. Yet he was almost the first, and perhaps the most important, in a long line of Yankee railroad promoters in Mexico.": Lamers, *The Edge of Glory: A Biography of General William S. Rosecrans, U.S.A.* No copies located on OCLC. One copy located in the Biblioteca Nacional de Mexico. [Order This Item](#)



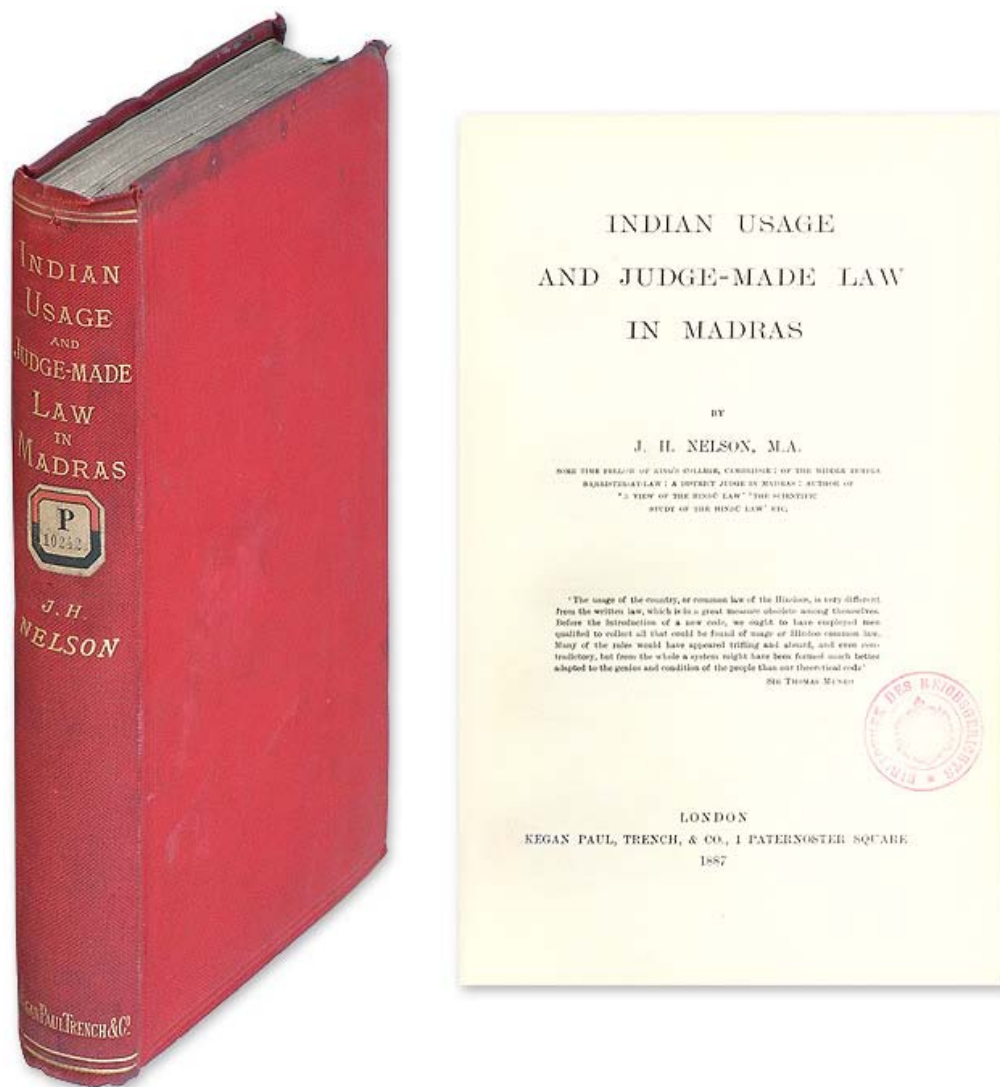
**Rare Item Relating to the Gift that
Established an Important Scottish Library**

19. Mitchell, Stephen [1789-1874].

Extract Registered Trust Disposition and Codicil, Dated 5th January, 1866, And 14th May, 1870, And Registered 27th April, 1874. Glasgow: Printed by Robert Anderson, 1874. 16 pp. Octavo (8-1/2" x 5-1/2").

Stab-stitched pamphlet in printer wrappers bound into contemporary three-quarter calf over marbled boards, raised bands, gilt title and gilt ornaments to spine. Rubbing to extremities with light wear to corners, hinges cracked but secure. Offsetting to margins to endleaves, light soiling to wrappers, internally clean. \$250.

* Only edition. This item contains the text of the trust disposition that bequeathed funds for the establishment of the Mitchell Library. Located in Glasgow, it is one of the most important public reference libraries in Europe. OCLC locates 1 copy (University of Glasgow). [Order This Item](#)



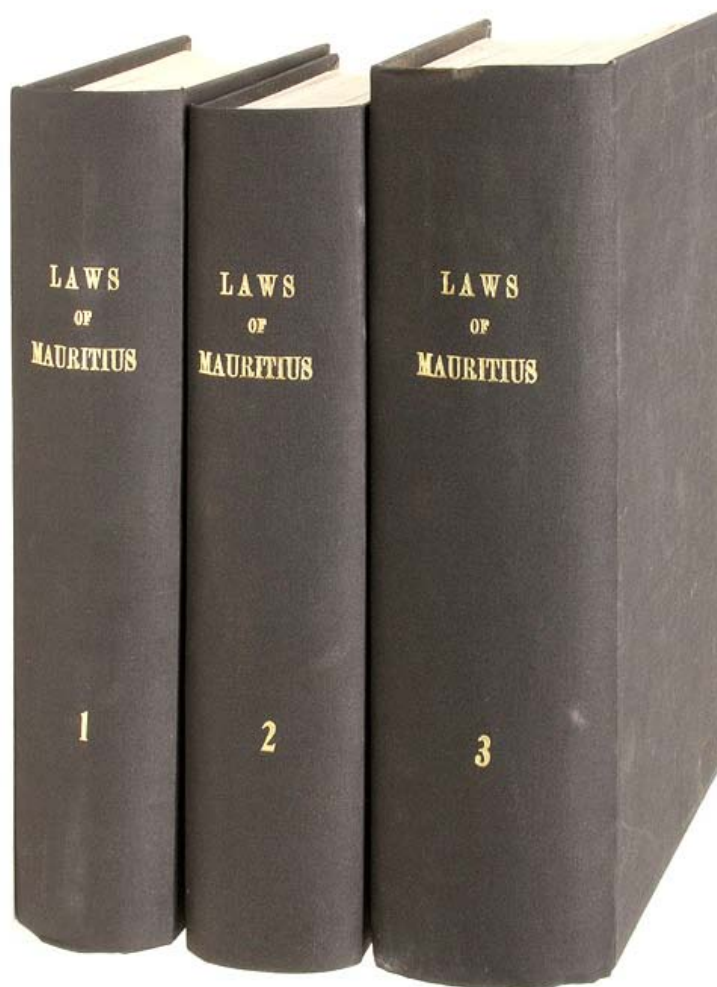
Interesting Study Dealing with the Application of Hindu Law

20. Nelson, James Henry [d. 1898].

Indian Usage and Judge-Made Law in Madras. London: Kegan Paul, Trench and Co., 1887. vi, 386 pp. Octavo (8-1/2" x 5-1/2").

Original textured cloth, blind frames to boards, gilt title to spine. Binding slightly cocked, rubbing to extremities with some wear, light soiling and a few tiny stains, internally clean. Ex-library. Location label to spine, annotations in pencil to preliminaries, small inkstamp to title page. \$125.

* Only edition. "Nelson has for some years past strenuously maintained that our Courts in Madras administer something which they suppose to be Hindu law, but is not, to people who are not really under Hindu law at all. It looks at first sight as if his grounds of complaint partly neutralized one another. To administer erroneous Hindu law to Brahmans would be a serious matter, but it seems less grave when the parties are, as Mr. Nelson tells us, as little versed in Hindu law as a judge fresh from England can be. Again, he tells us that the suitors themselves often do not much care what law they get." *Law Quarterly Review* 3 (1887) 353. *Catalogue of the Library of the Harvard Law School* (1909) II:179. [Order This Item](#)



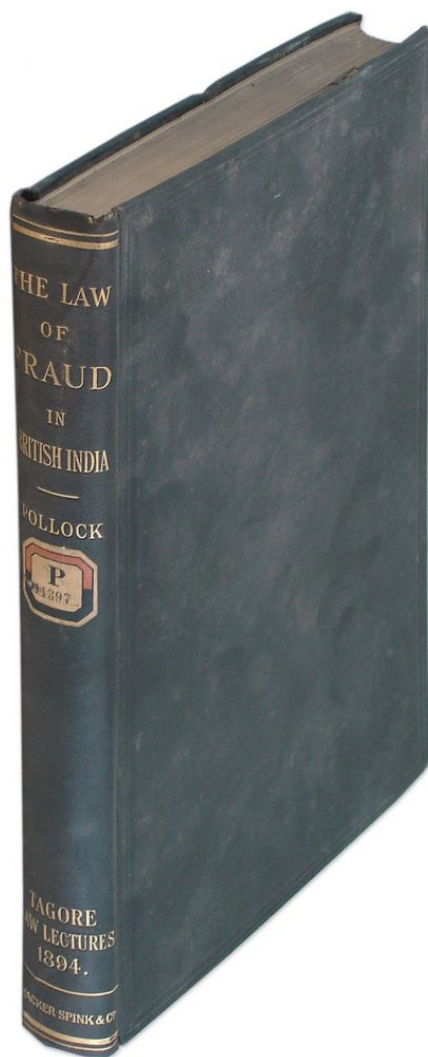
1896-1897 Compilation of the Laws of Mauritius

**21. Piggott, Francis Taylor,
Louis Arthur Thibaud,
Furcy Alfred Herchenroder.
With the Assistance of
George Guibert and William Newton.**

The Laws of Mauritius Revised. Port Louis: Printed by Gabriel Bouic, 1896-1897. Three volumes. Octavo (9" x 6").

Recent cloth, gilt titles to spine, endpapers renewed. Wear to edges of preliminaries and endleaves, interiors otherwise fresh. \$2,250.

* Only edition. With thorough indexes. Volume 2 includes the Penal Code and the Criminal Law. The Dutch were the first Europeans to establish a settlement in Mauritius, an island in the Indian Ocean east of Madagascar. The Dutch were displaced by the French in 1715, who established a thriving colony with an economy based on sugar plantations worked with slave labor. The British captured the island in 1810 and it was ceded to Great Britain along with its dependencies in 1814 by the Treaty of Paris. Independent in 1968, Mauritius became a republic within the Commonwealth in 1992. OCLC locates 10 copies. Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 7:96. [Order This Item](#)



Pollock's Uncommon 1894 Tagore Lectures

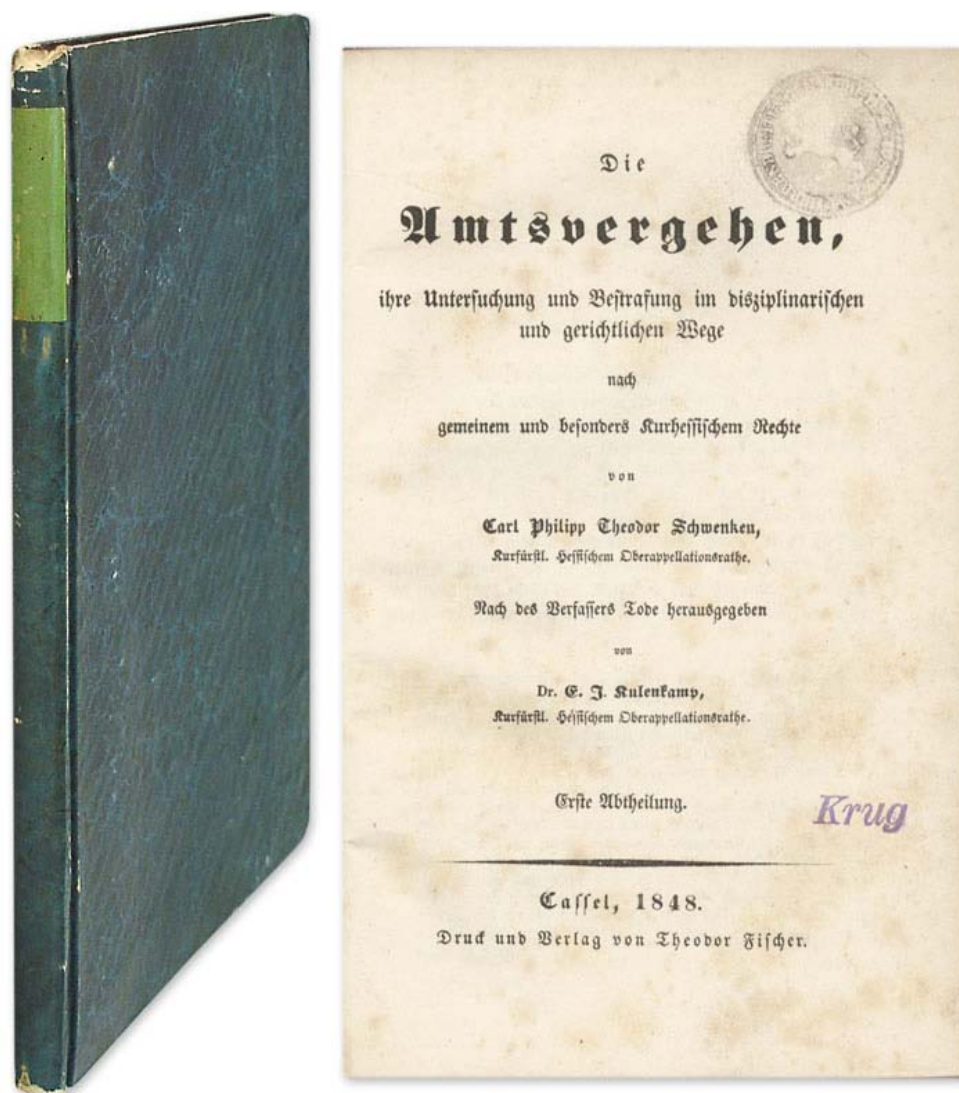
22. Pollock, Sir Frederick [1845-1937].

The Law of Fraud, Misrepresentation and Mistake in British India. Calcutta: Thacker, Spink and Co. 1894. xii, 160 pp. Octavo (8-1/2" x 5-1/2").

Original cloth, blind frames to boards, gilt title to spine. Light soiling, faint spotting to boards, corners and spine ends bumped and lightly worn, internally clean. Ex-library. Location label to spine, small inkstamp to title page. \$450.

* The 1894 Tagore Lectures. "How can a man do better than his best? What can the distinguished author have to say on the law of fraud that has not already been said compendiously and exactly in his admirable works on Torts and Contracts? How can lectures at Calcutta differ from lectures at Oxford? One who, in this skeptical spirit, takes up the Tagore Lectures will meet with an agreeable surprise. Much, very much, in the shape of valuable suggestion and criticism will be found here that is not stated with equal fulness and distinctness in the writer's earlier books. The explanation is not that the law has grown during the last year or two. It is rather that, in preparing these lectures, Sir Frederick Pollock has had the great advantage of contemplating the law from a comparatively new point of view.": J.S., *Harvard Law Review* 8 (1894-95) 434. *Catalogue of the Library of the Harvard Law School* (1909) II:367.

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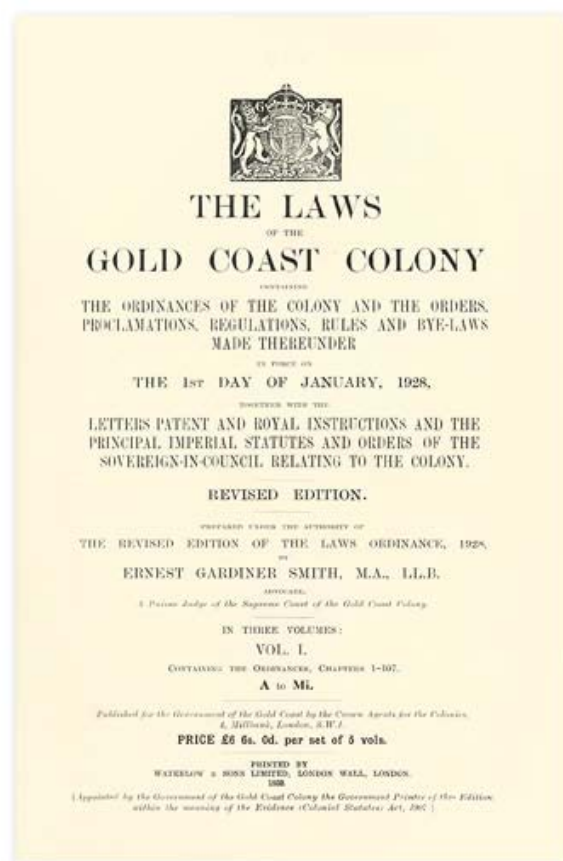
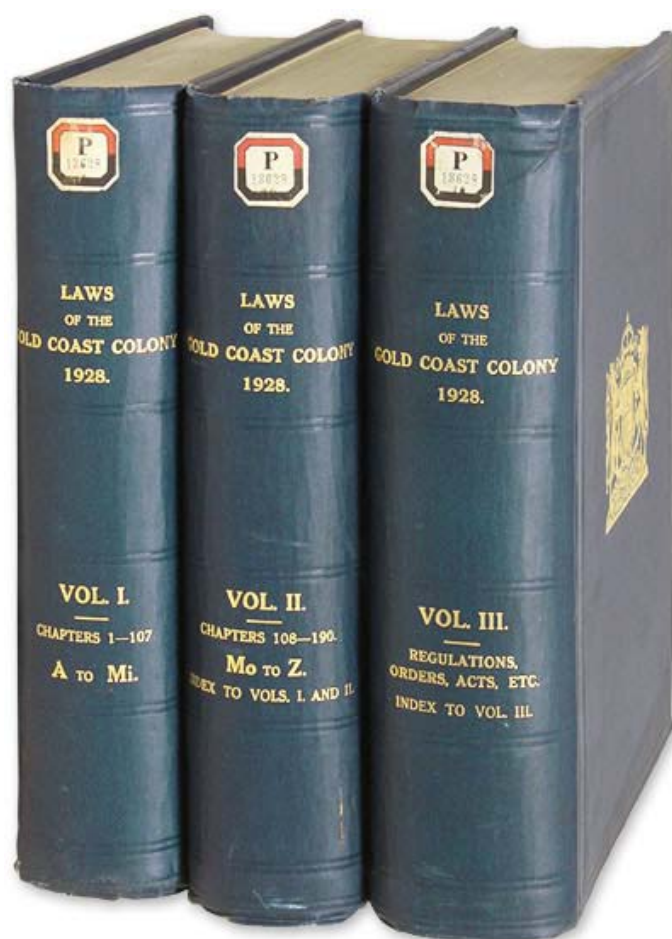
1848 German Treatise on the Conduct of Public Officials

23. Schwenken, Carl Philipp Theodor [1785-1847].

Die Amtsvergehen, Ihre Untersuchung und Bestrafung in Disziplinarischen und Gerichtlichen Wege noch Gemeinen und Besonders Kurhessischem Rechte. Nach des Verfassers Tode Herausgegeben. Kassel: Druck und Verlag von Theodor Fischer, 1848. xiv, 102 pp. Octavo (8" x 5").

Contemporary marbled boards, blank paper title label to spine. Moderate rubbing to boards and extremities. Small early owner stamp to front pastedown, two more to title page. Light foxing in a few places, interior otherwise fresh. \$950.

* Only edition. This guidebook for minor public officials was published at the time of the Revolutions of 1848. This book was later expanded into a second volume. The table of contents lists the subjects intended for this continuation. Notably reactionary, Schwenken is best-known for the classic anti-Semitic 1820 treatise *Über die Beruchtigsten Judischen, Gauner und Spitzhuben* [About Notorious Jews, Swindlers and Rascals]. OCLC locates 6 copies, none in North America. *Bibliothek Kammergericht Berlin* 1087. [Order This Item](#)



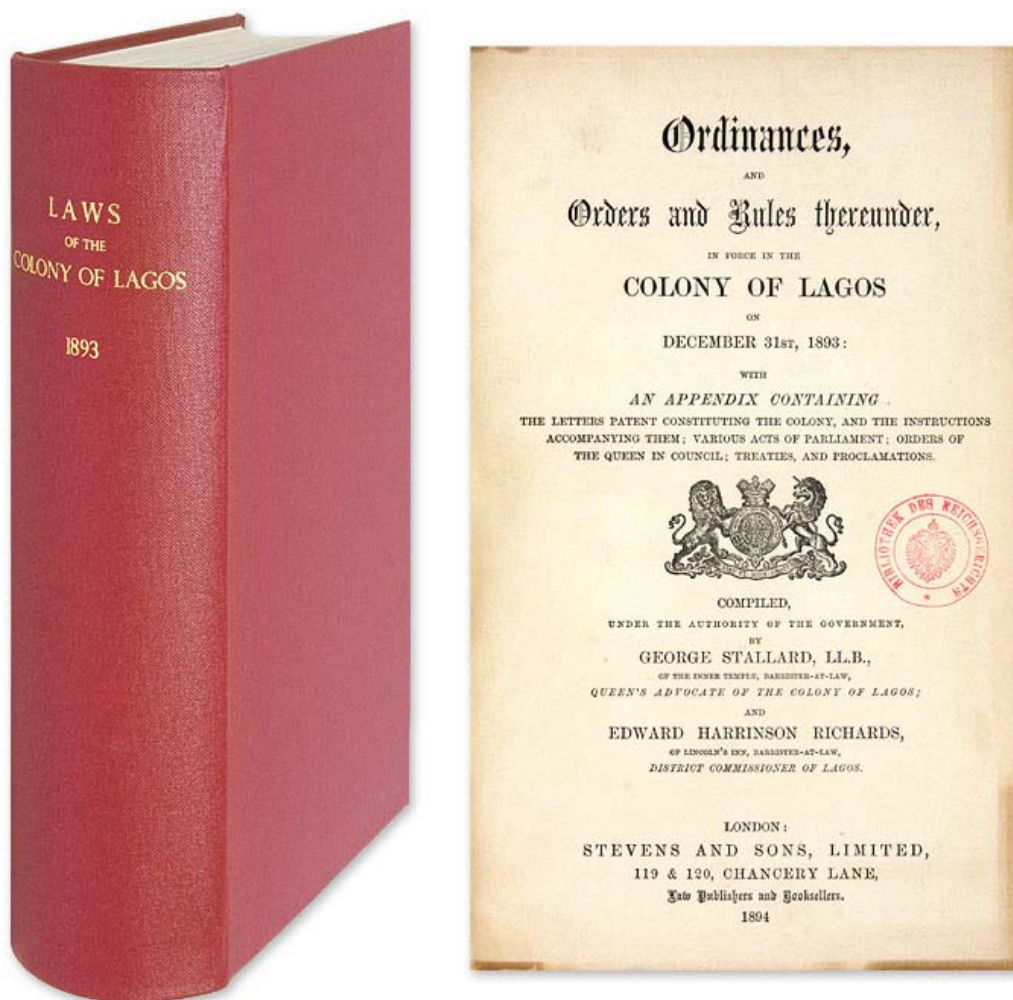
**Digested 1928
Edition of Gold Coast Laws**

24. Smith, Ernest Gardiner, Compiler.

The Laws of the Gold Coast Colony Containing the Ordinances of the Colony and the Orders, Proclamations, Regulations, Rules and By-Laws Made Thereunder in Force on the 1st Day of January, 1928, Together with the Letters Patent and Royal Instructions and the Principal Imperial Statutes and Orders of the Sovereign-in-Council Relating to the Colony. Revised Edition. Prepared Under the Authority of the Revised Edition of the Laws Ordinance, 1928. London: Printed by Waterlow & Sons, 1928. Three volumes.

Original cloth, large gilt royal arms to front boards, gilt titles to spines. Some shelfwear and soiling, faint stain to front board of Volume I, internally clean. Ex-library. Location labels to spines, small inkstamps to title pages. A nice copy of an uncommon set. \$250.

* In 1821 Great Britain assumed control of the European settlements on the Gold Coast. Through a series of wars with local tribes with extensive land holdings, most notably the Akan and Asanti (Ashanti), the colony enlarged its borders during the 1860s and 70s. The Gold Coast Colony became Ghana when it became independent in 1957. A supplement to Gardiner's compilation was published in 1929. Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 7:164. [Order This Item](#)



Scarce 1894
Compilation of Lagos Ordinances

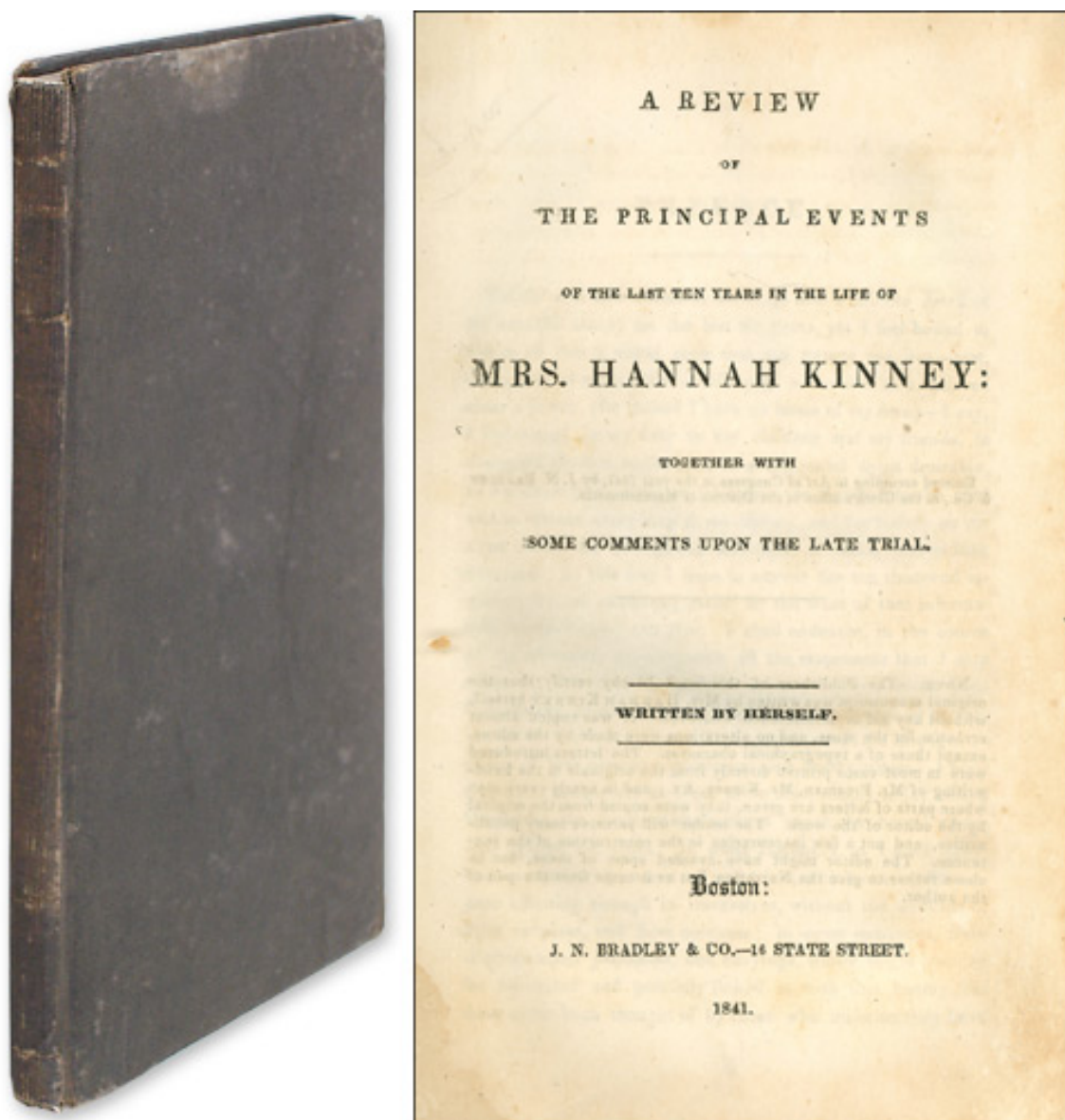
25. Stallard, George, Compiler.

Richards Edward Harrinson, Compiler.

Ordinances, And Orders and Rules Thereunder, In Force in the Colony of Lagos on December 31st, 1893: With an Appendix Containing the Letters Patent Constituting the Colony, And the Instructions Accompanying Them; Various Acts of Parliament; Orders of the Queen in Council; Treaties, and Proclamations. Compiled Under the Authority of the Government. London: Stevens and Sons, 1894. xvi, 1011 pp. Octavo (6" x 9-1/2" x 6").

Recent cloth, gilt title to spine, endpapers renewed, internally clean. Ex-library. Small stamp to title page. A nice copy of a scarce title. \$850.

* Only edition. Lagos, a region of present-day Nigeria, was one of the principal centers of the slave trade. Great Britain took control of Lagos in 1861 and established it as a colony in the following year. In 1866 it became a portion of the West African Settlements subject to the Governor-in-Chief of Sierra Leone. In 1874 it was added to the Gold Coast Colony, but became a separate colony in 1886. In 1906 it was amalgamated with the Protectorate of Southern Nigeria. This was the second compilation of Lagos ordinances. The other two were published in 1874 and 1902. OCLC locates 7 copies. Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 7:182. [Order This Item](#)



Mrs. Kinney Defends Herself

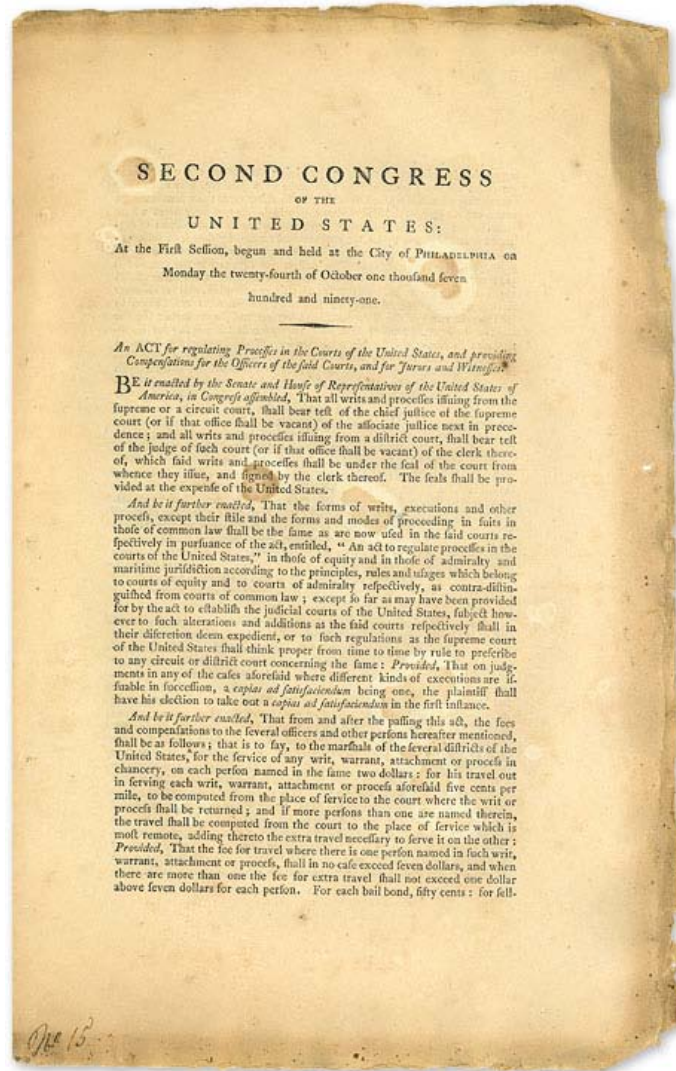
26. [Trial].

Kinney, Hannah, Defendant.

A Review of the Principal Events of the Last Ten Years in the Life of Hannah Kinney: Together with Some Comments Upon the Late Trial. Written by Herself. Boston: J.N. Bradley & Co., 1841. 87 pp. Octavo (7" x 4-1/2").

Contemporary cloth, rubbing with some wear to extremities, front hinge starting, front free endpaper lacking. Faint dampstaining to foot of text block near gutter, occasional light foxing, internally clean. \$200.

* Only edition. When Mr. Kinney died of arsenic poisoning, Mrs. Kinney's suspicious behavior brought her to trial. She was acquitted. According to McDade, there is a related work entitled *A Brief Notice of the Life of Mrs. Hannah Kinney for Twenty Years* by Ward Witham, her first husband, who reports that she never tried to poison him. McDade, *The Annals of Murder* 561. [Order This Item](#)



**First Printing of the Process and Compensation Act:
A Landmark in the Development of the Federal Court System**

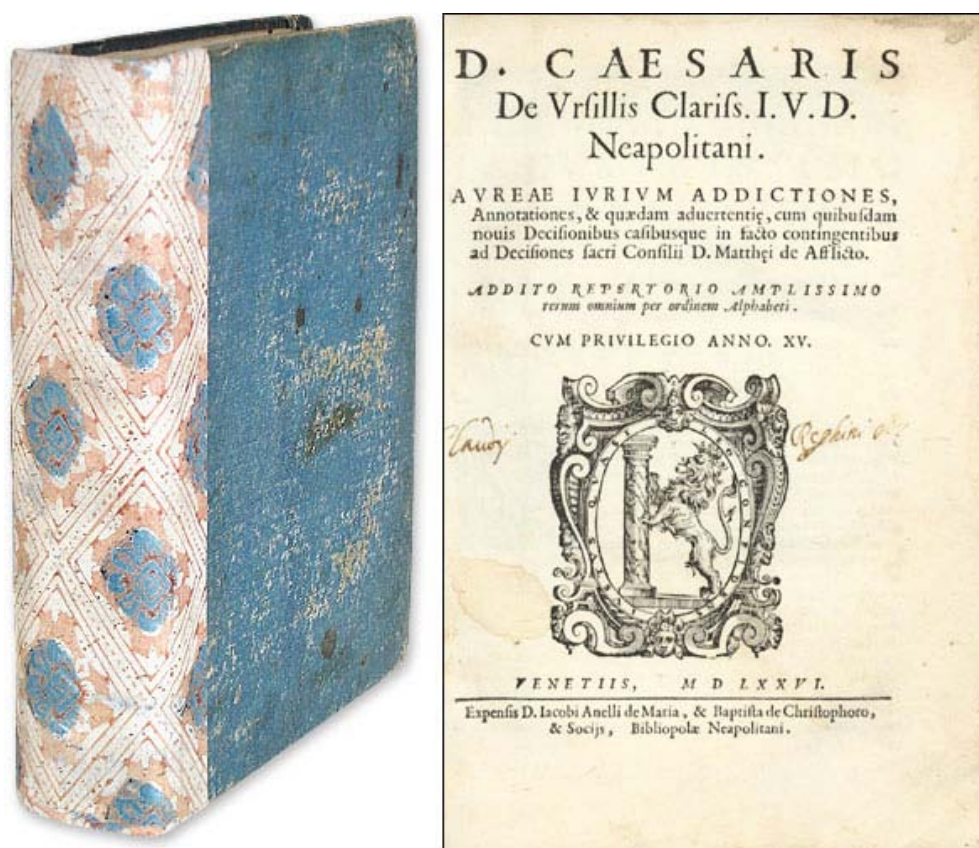
27. [United States].

An Act for Regulating Processes in the Courts of the United States, and Providing Compensations for the Officers of the Said Courts, and for Jurors and Witnesses. [Philadelphia: Printed by Childs and Swaine, 1792]. [4] pp. Folio (13-1/2" x 8-1/2").

Removed, untrimmed edges. Toned, some browning to outer edges of margins, a few small damp spots, "No 15" in fine early hand to foot of p. 1., otherwise very good. \$1,500.

* "Perhaps the most pressing judicial issue facing the Second Congress was the need for some more detailed regulation of federal process and procedure. The Process Act of 1789, which had been intended as a stopgap measure, left most of these questions to be settled by reference to the practice of the various states. This temporary solution resulted in inequities. Some of these inequities, such as the inadequacy of state fees for service of process, had been addressed by the Compensation and Circuit Court Act of 1791. But because the 1791 act had not established uniform federal fees for judicial personnel, such as clerks, their compensation still varied widely from state to state. Faced with the expiration of the 1791 act in May 1792, the Senate appointed a committee to draft a bill providing compensation for judicial officers, jurors, and witnesses on November 1, 1791. The committee consisted of John Henry of

Maryland, Caleb Strong of Massachusetts, and James Monroe of Virginia. Despite the committee's limited mandate, on January 26, 1792, Henry reported a bill that also touched on judicial process. Its first two sections essentially reenacted the Process Act of 1789, with two changes. Section 1 directed that court seals were to be provided at the expense of the United States (a point not specified in the 1789 act), and Section 2 omitted the direction that fees in the federal courts were to be determined by the fees allowed in the highest courts of the respective states. The remaining section specified, among other things, some of the fees that were to prevail in the federal system" (Marcus and Perry). Two states noted. One, unrecorded, has the statement of deposition on p. [4]: "Deposited Among the Rolls in the Office of the Secretary of State: Secretary of State." Ours is a copy of the other issue, which lacks this statement. Marcus and Perry, *The Documentary History of the Supreme Court of the United States* 177. Evans, *American Bibliography* 24896. [Order This Item](#)



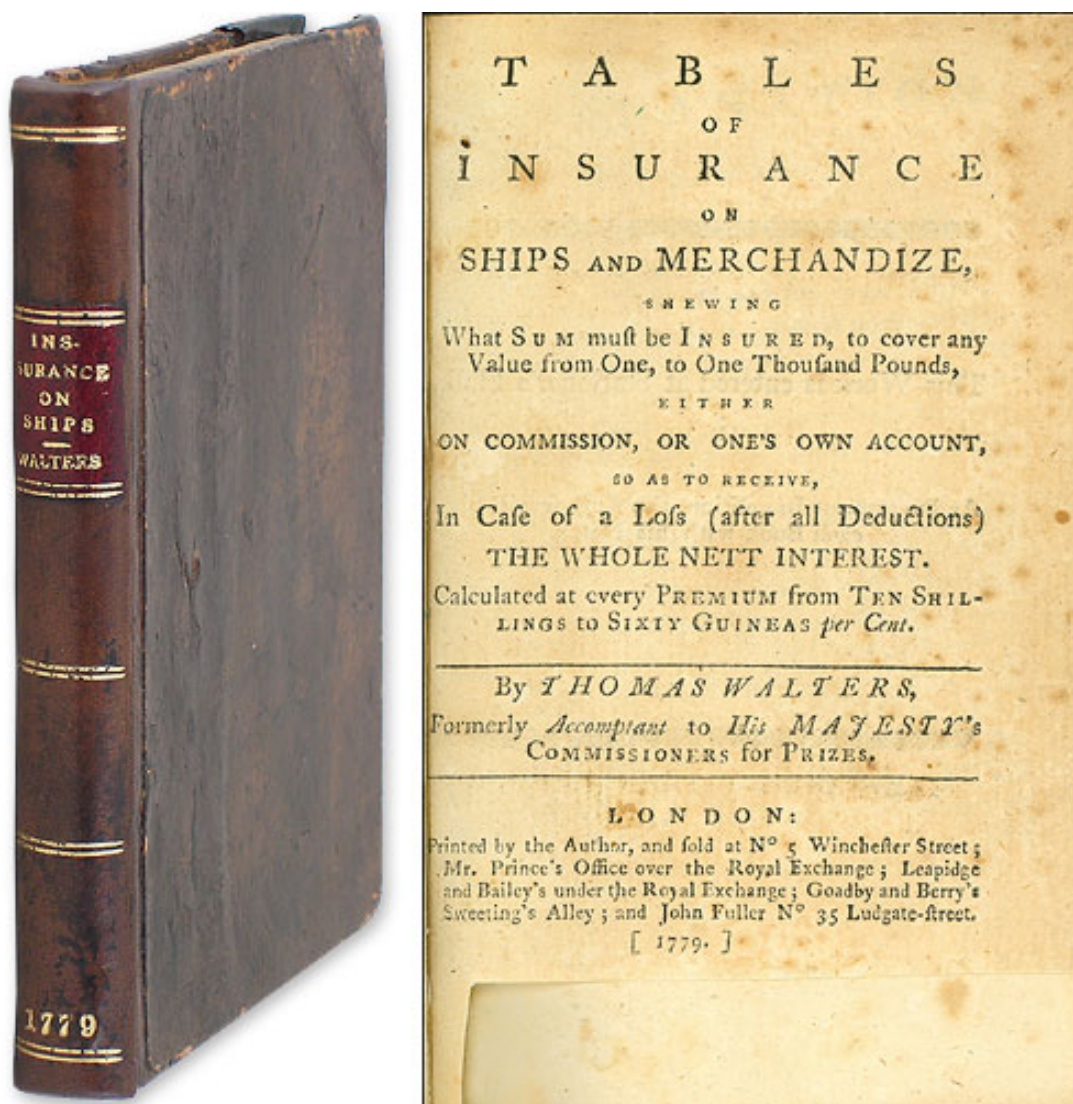
Digest of Rulings by Matteo D'Afflito

28. Ursilli, Cesare [16th. Cent.].
[D'Afflito, Matteo (c.1450-c.1529)].

Aureae Iurium Additiones, Annotationes, & Quaedam Advertentiae, Cum Quibusdam Novis Decisionibus Casibusque in Facto Contingentibus ad Decisiones Sacri Consilii D. Matthæi de Afflito. Assito Repertorio Amplissimo Rerum Omnium per Ordinem Alphabeti. Cum Privilegio Anno XV. Venice: Expensis D. Iacobi Anelli de Maria, 1576. [viii], 612, [96] pp. Main text printed in parallel columns. Quarto (8" x 6").

Contemporary quarter patterned paper over contrasting paper boards, early hand-lettered title to bottom edge. Some rubbing with light wear to extremities, front hinge starting. Large woodcut printer device to title page, woodcut initials. Early owner annotation to front pastedown, early signature to title page, a few brief underlinings and check marks to text. Inkspots to edges, faint finger smudges and stains to a few leaves, interior otherwise fresh. \$2,000.

* Second edition. With index. First published in 1568, this is a digest of Neapolitan cases decided by Matteo D'Afflito, an important jurist, royal official and author of notable *Tractatus de Jure Protomiseos* (1544). OCLC locates 1 copy of this edition in North America (at Harvard Law School). Not in Adams or the *British Museum Catalogue*. [Order This Item](#)



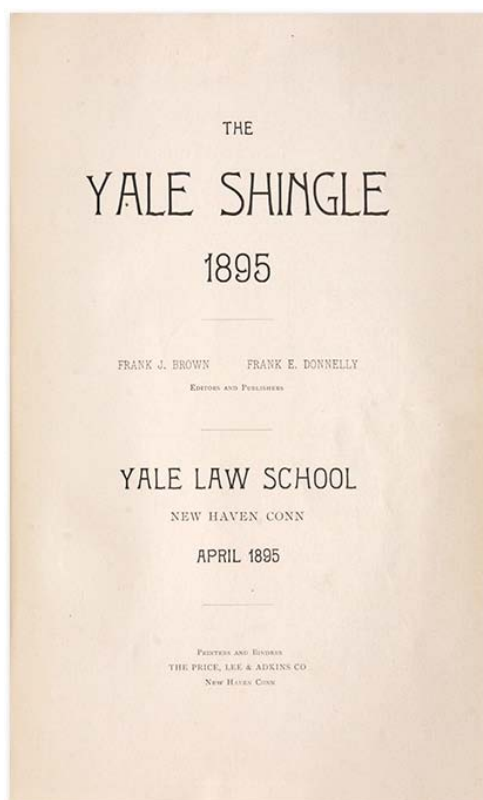
Risks and Losses

29. Walters, Thomas.

Tables of Insurance on Ships and Merchandize, Shewing What Sum Must be Insured, To Cover Any Value from One, To One Thousand Pounds. London: Printed by the Author, 1779. viii, 104 pp. 55 pp. of additional manuscript tables. Octavo (5-1/2" x 3-1/2").

Contemporary tree calf, rebacked in period style with lettering piece and gilt fillets, corners and repaired. Light wear to extremities. Residue from small bookplate to front pastedown, bottom of title page excised with no loss to text. Early owner signature to verso of title page, early annotations to foot of each leaf. Light foxing in a few places, interior otherwise fresh. A handsome copy of a scarce item. \$1,500.

* Only edition. "Insurance on Ships and Merchandize, is an Expedient devised for securing to the Proprietors their Interest in case of a Loss; but Persons Insuring the Cost only, without including the Praemium, &c. paid for Insuring, will be Sufferers; and that in a greater proportion as Praemiums increase. To such therefore who wish to be fully covered when they Insure, this Book will be particularly useful; the Tables therein being constructed with Accuracy will facilitate the dispatch of Business, as they obviate the Errors and Loss of time in making troublesome calculations on every occasion and alteration of Praemiums..." (Preface). OCLC locates 7 copies, 2 in North America (University of Minnesota, University of Oklahoma). *English Short-Title Catalogue* T107598. [Order This Item](#)



1895 Yale Law School Yearbook

30. [Yale Law School].

Brown, Frank J., Editor.

Donnelly, Frank E., Editor.

The Yale Shingle 1895. New Haven: Yale Law School, April 1895. 120, [62] pp. Portrait frontispiece of law school faculty with tissue overlay. 62 pages of advertisements. Octavo (9" x 6").

Morocco-stamped paper boards, gilt title to spine. Moderate edgewear, most of backstrip lacking, spine crudely repaired with clear tape, hinges cracked. Owner inscription (of William Perry Hopkins) to front endleaf, internally clean. \$65.

* The *Yale Shingle*, a yearbook published from 1893 to 1912, offers a great deal of fascinating information about the students at Yale Law School. The biographical essays that accompany the portrait photographs photo record the family, ethnic and education backgrounds of the students. Descriptive chapters derived from surveys record their attitudes toward aspects of student life, Yale and personal, social and political issues.

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