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A Noted Royalist's History of the English Civil War

1. Bate, George [1608-1669].

Elenchi Motuum Nuperorum in Anglia Pars Prima; Simul ac Juris Regii & Parlamentarii Brevis Enarratio, Ab Autore Geor. Batio M.D. Regiae Majestatis Protomedico Recognita & Aucta Aerae Christianae Anno 1660. London: Typis J. Flesher & Prostant Apud R. Royston in Ivy Lane, 1661. [xiii], 257, [7] pp. Copperplate frontispiece of King Charles I.

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Bate, George.

Elenchi Motuum Nuperorum in Anglia Pars Secunda: Simul ac Regis Effugii Mirabilis à Praelio Wigorniae Enarratio. Authore Georgio Bateo, M.D. Regiae Majestatis Protomedico, & Collegii Londinensis Socio. Aerae Christianae Anno 1662. London: Typis J. Flesher. Prostat Venalis Apud R. Royston S. Regiae Majestatis Bibliopolam, 1663. [xvi], 442, [22] pp. Final leaf blank. Half-title, Copperplate frontispiece of King Charles II.

Octavo (7" x 4-1/2"). Contemporary mottled calf, rebacked in period style retaining existing lettering piece, blind rules to boards, raised bands and lettering piece to spine, hinges mended. Some rubbing to board edges, corners bumped. Title page of first part printed in red and black. Moderate toning, some leaves have light foxing, a few have minor stains. Brief annotations in small early hand to a few leaves, interior otherwise clean. \$450.

* Later editions, the second part one of three issues from 1663. First published anonymously in 1649, this work was originally intended to publicize the events of the Civil War from a Royalist perspective to a continental audience. Later editions updated the narrative through the fall of Cromwell and the reign of Charles II. The final edition was published in 1676. Bate was an eyewitness to much of the history he recorded. A doctor, he was chief physician to Charles I, Cromwell and to Charles II. (He concealed his political beliefs during the Civil War.) *English Short-Title Catalogue* R39866, R209282.

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"The Mischiefs of False News"

2. [Broadside].

[L'Estrange, Sir Roger (1616-1704)].

[Brome, Joanna (d.1684), Publisher].

The Observator. Numb. 456. *Great Pains Taken to Make the Conspiracy a Sham. Phanatical Sobriety. Their Scandalls, And the Intent of 'em. Qualifications of Witnesses. A Strange Fetch of a Gentleman to Give the King a Sum of Money. The Mischiefs of False News and Defamations.* [London]: [Printed for Joanna Brome], Saturday, December 15, 1683.

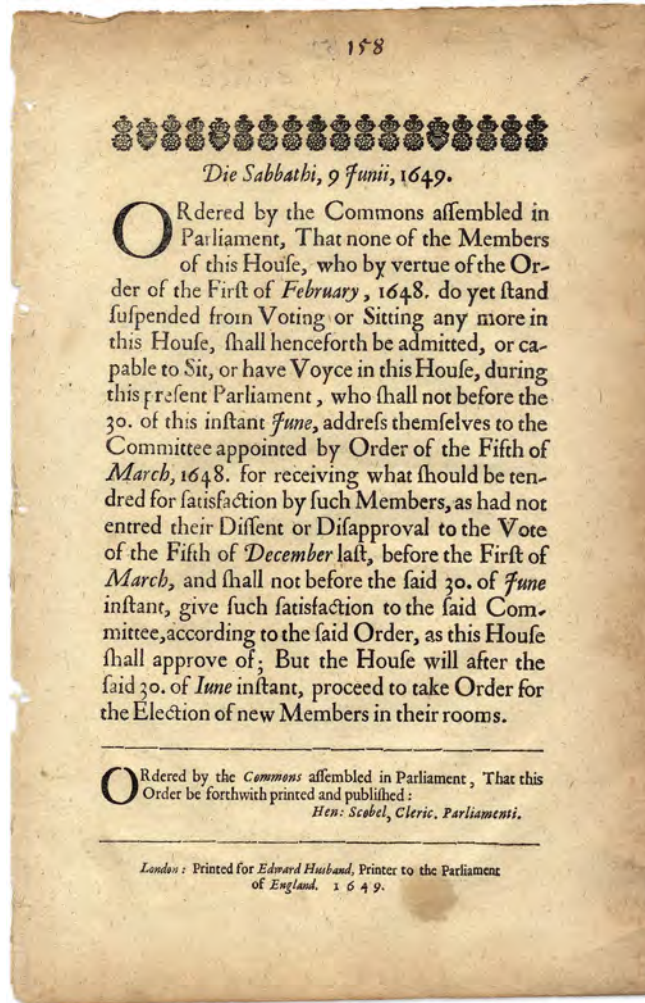
13-1/2" x 9" broadsheet, text to recto and verso in parallel columns below headline. Moderate toning, light soiling, a few holes to left margin, small tear to upper right corner, single horizontal fold line. \$350.

* Written by prominent Royalist Roger L'Estrange, *The Observator* was a newspaper written in the form of a dialogue between a Tory and a Whig, named in later issues, including our example, "Observator" and "Trimmer." Founded during the Restoration, the publication served as a vehicle for his anti-Whig agenda and represented an attempt to court a mass audience, ironic given L'Estrange's years as an enthusiastic public censor. The present issue discusses the aftermath of the Rye House Plot, likely inspired in part by the execution of the Whig Algernon Sidney as a conspirator ten days earlier. The "Observator" maintains that "so much pains has been taken, to Persuade the World, that This *Phanatical Plot* is only a *Trick of State*" like the debunked Meal-Tub Plot. The Rye House Plot was ultimately more substantive than many other "conspiracies" of this period; like the others, however, it quickly became a vehicle for the prosecution of the Stuarts' political enemies and the trials of conspirators were largely shams.

The Observator was published by notable printers Henry and Joanna Brome, with the latter taking over the business after her husband's death in 1681. Despite prosecution in 1681 and 1683 for her work with L'Estrange and rumors of an affair between the two, she continued to publish, uninterrupted, until her death. An interesting piece of ephemera from Restoration England. See *English Short-Title Catalogue* P1873.

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A Dramatic Ordinance Relating to Pride's Purge

3. [Broadside].

[Great Britain].

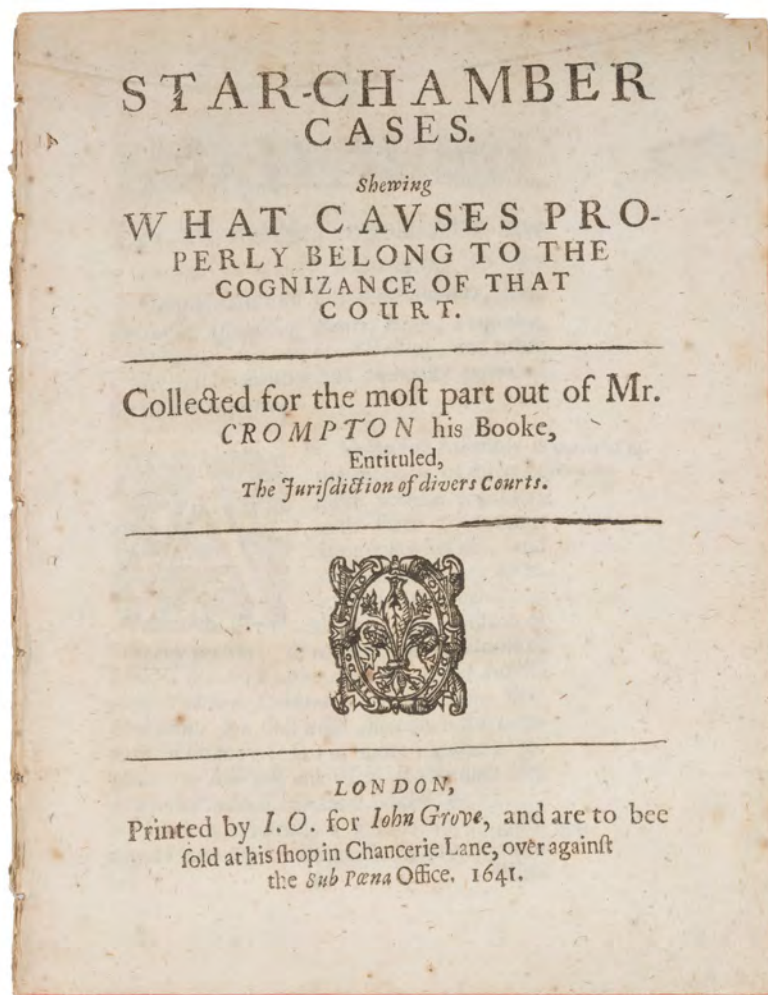
[Parliament].

Die Sabbathi, 9 Junii, 1649. Ordered By The Commons Assembled In Parliament, That None Of The Members Of This House, Who By Vertue Of The Order Of The First Of February 1648. Do Yet Stand Suspended From Voting, Or Sitting Any More In This House, Shall Henceforth Be Admitted.... London: Printed For Edward Husband, Printed To The Parliament Of England, 1649.

10-3/4" x 6-3/4" broadside, text in single column below typographical headpiece of repeated small English rose and crown ornaments & crown and harp ornaments. Moderate toning, minor tears to edges, small spot at foot of text, early hand-lettered numbers at head and to verso, stab holes along left-hand margin. \$500.

* Parliament maintained negotiations with Charles I following the end of the second English Civil War and on the 5th December 1648 voted by a large majority to continue negotiations. Incensed by the result of the vote, members of the New Model Army under Colonel Thomas Pride surrounded Parliament and prevented dissenting members from entering on December 6, 1648.

The ordinance requires members to satisfy the requirement of a Parliamentary committee appointed on March 5, 1648 to enter their vote of December 5, 1647 before June 30 or be subject to replacement by new members. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R212633. [Order This Item](#)



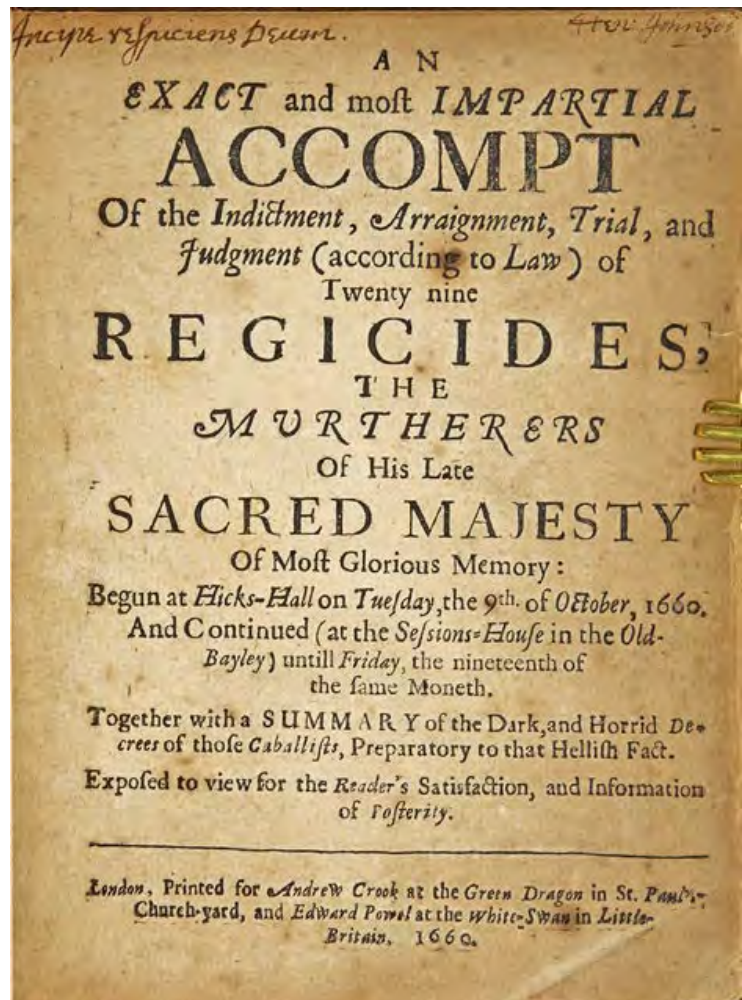
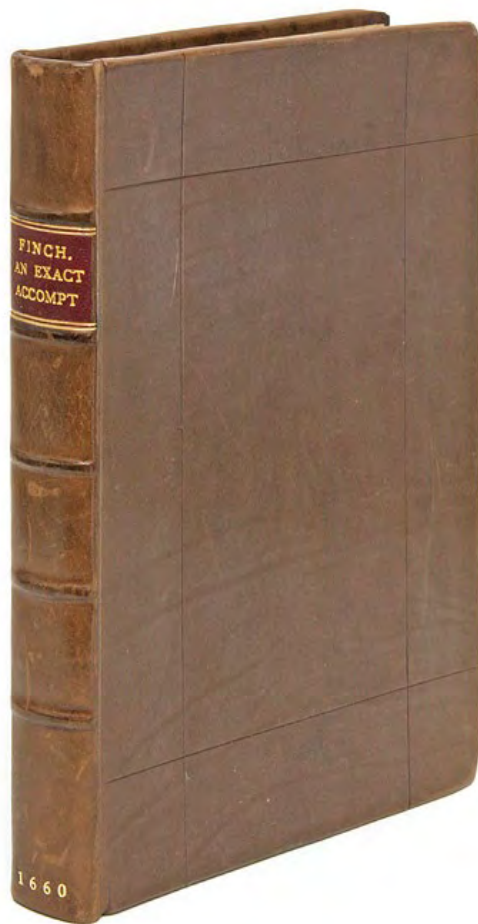
An Important Study of the Court of Star Chamber

4. Crompton, [Richard] [fl. 1573-1599].

Star-Chamber Cases. Shewing What Causes Properly Belong to the Cognizance of That Court. Collected for the Most Part Out of Mr. Crompton, His Booke, Entitled The Jurisdiction of Divers Courts. London: Printed by I.O for Iohn Grove, 1641. [ii], 55, [1] pp. Quarto (7-1/4" x 5-3/4").

Disbound, light soiling to title page, heavier soiling to verso of final leaf, which is blank. Moderate toning to text, faint dampspotting in a few places, leaves C2 and C3 (pp. 19-22) detached, faint crease to head of title page. \$950.

* Second and final edition. The Court of Star Chamber was established by the Crown in 1487 to try offences dealing with the safety of the state before a council. Its scope expanded over time to include a wider array of criminal matters and a limited number of civil matters, such as suits between corporations and prize cases. In its final years the court was infamous for its cruel, arbitrary nature and illegal extensions of power. First published in 1630, *Star-Chamber Cases* is derived from Crompton's *L'Authoritie et Iurisdiction des Courts de la Maiestie de la Roygne* (1594), perhaps the best source we have about the court system of his day. The 1641 edition coincided with the abolition of this court by an act of the Long Parliament, which was indignant at the court's treatment of such critics of the government as Bastwick, Burton, Lilburn and Prynne. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R31335. [Order This Item](#)



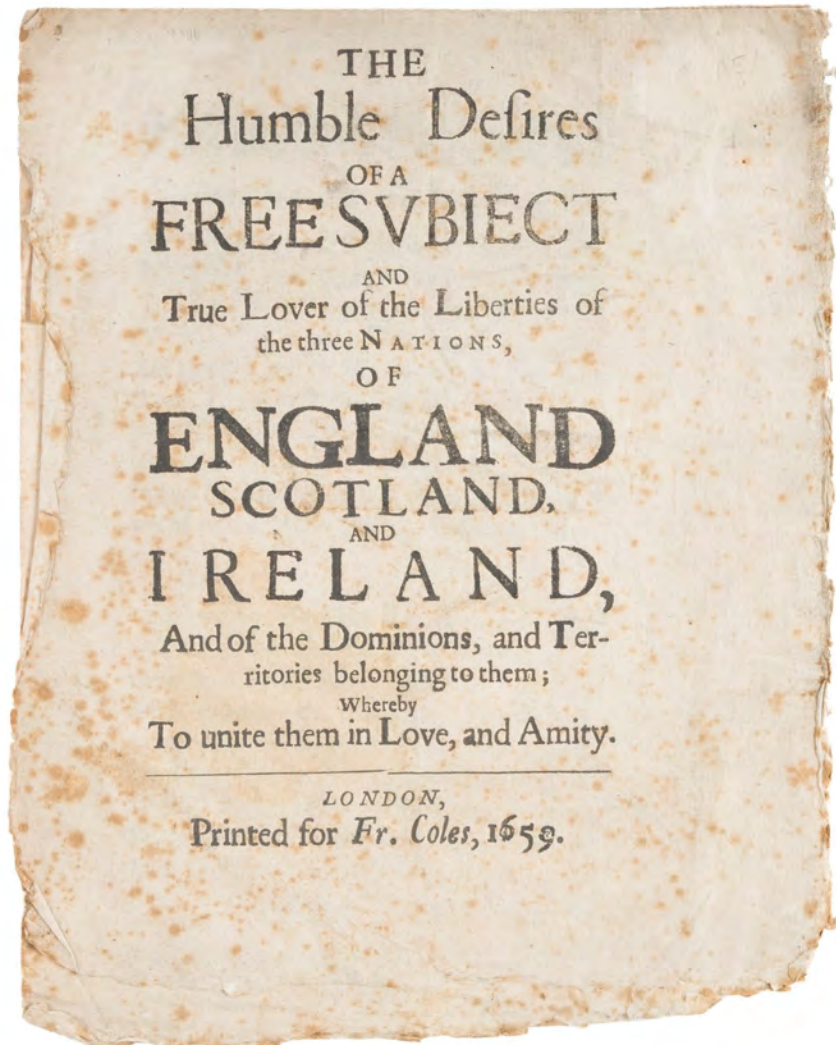
The Fate of the Regicides

5. [Finch, Heneage, Earl of Nottingham (1621-1682)].

An Exact and Most Impartial Accompt of the Indictment, Arraignment, Trial, and Judgment (According to Law) of Twenty Nine Regicides; The Murderers of His Late Sacred Majesty of Most Glorious Memory: Begun at Hicks-Hall on Tuesday, The 9th of October, 1660. And Continued (At the Sessions-House in the Old-Bayley) Untill Friday, The Nineteenth of the Same Month. Together with a Summary of the Dark, And Horrid Decrees of Those Caballists, Preparatory to That Hellish Fact. Exposed to View for the Reader's Satisfaction, And Information of Posterity. London: Printed for Andrew Crook at the Green Dragon in St. Paul's-Church-Yard, And Edward Powel at the White-Swan, 1660. Quarto (7-1/4" x 5-1/2").

Recent period-style calf, blind rules to boards raised bands and lettering piece to spine, endpapers renewed. Light browning to text, light foxing to a few leaves, early owner inscription in tiny hand to head of title page, later owner inscription to front endleaf. \$450.

* First edition, one of four issues from 1660. An extended account of the trial of those who precipitated the execution of King Charles I. Ten were condemned to death and hanged, drawn and quartered. Finch, a distinguished lawyer and Member of Parliament from an eminent family, held several high legal posts. He was Lord Chancellor of England from 1675 to 1682. At the time of this book's publication he was England's solicitor general. A second edition was published in 1679. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R202957. [Order This Item](#)



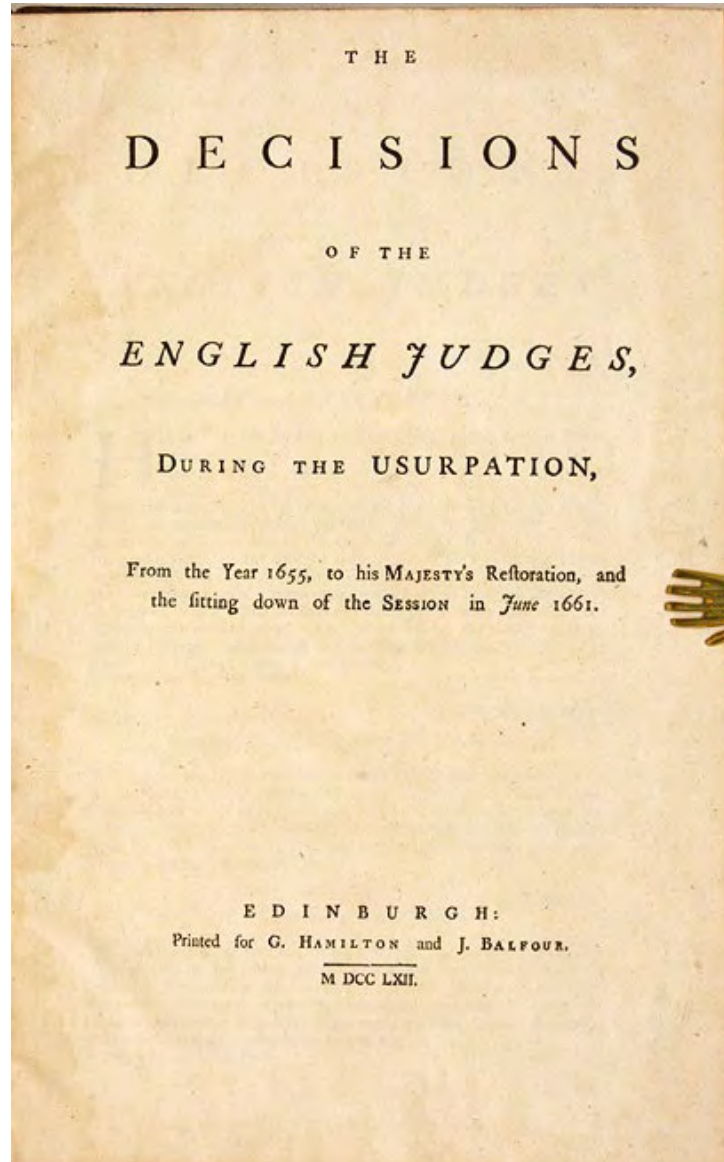
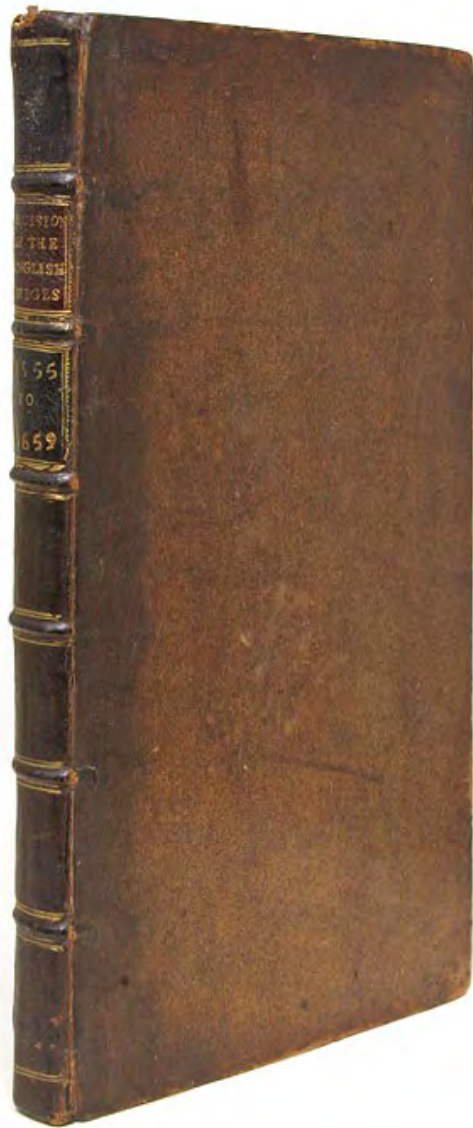
Powers That Belong to the "Free Subject"

6. Free Subject.

The Humble Desires of a Free Subject and True Lover of the Liberties of the Three Nations, Of England Scotland, And Ireland, And of the Dominions, And Territories Belonging to Them; Whereby to Unite Them in love, And Amity. London: Printed for Fr. Coles, 1659. [8] pp. Quarto (7-1/2" x 6").

Single folded sheet, uncut and unsewn, untrimmed edges. Foxing and moderate toning, tears and mild edgewear along folds. \$1,250.

* Only edition. Written by a Leveller, a member of the Civil War-era populist movement committed to natural rights, popular sovereignty, religious tolerance, expanded suffrage and equality before the law, this pamphlet asserts the Leveller belief that "free subjects" should deny certain powers to their political superiors. It also demands higher taxes on the wealthy. This work may have been written by Sir John Wildman (c.1621-1693), a lawyer, politician and soldier associated with the Levellers. OCLC locates 6 copies in North America (Columbia, Harvard, Huntington, NY Public Library, UCLA, Yale). The *ESTC* adds 3 (California State Library, Folger, Union Theological Seminary). Woolrych, "Last Quests for a Settlement, 1657-1660" in Aylmer, Ed., *Interregnum: The Quest for Settlement, 1646-60* 193. *English Short-Title Catalogue (ESTC)* R202526. [Order This Item](#)



Collection of Civil-War Era English Decisions

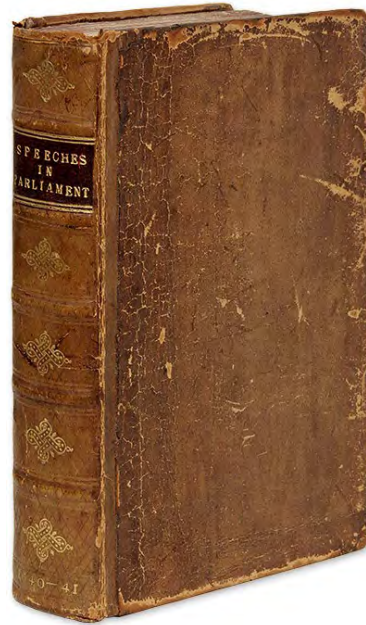
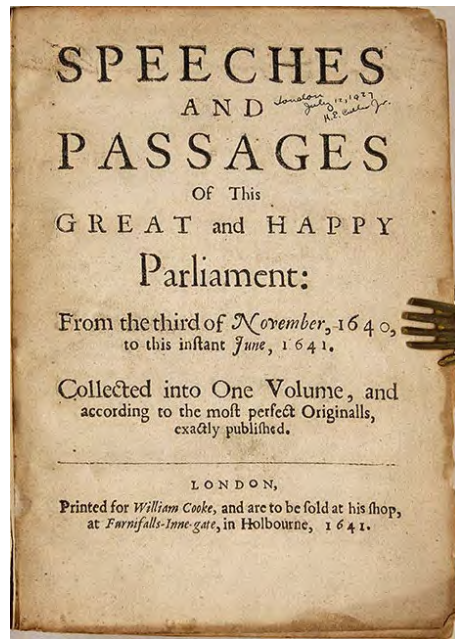
7. [Great Britain].

[Court of Session, Scotland].

The Decisions of the English Judges, During the Usurpation, From the Year 1655, To His Majesty's Restoration, And the Sitting Down of the Session in June 1661. Edinburgh: Printed for G. Hamilton and J. Balfour, 1661. [iv], 243, [1] pp. Title page precd by advertisement leaf. Folio (12-1/2" x 7-3/4").

Contemporary calf, gilt-edged raised bands and lettering piece to spine, blind tooling to board edges. Negligible light rubbing to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, small chip to head of spine, corners bumped and lightly worn. Light toning to text, slightly heavier in places. An attractive copy. \$450.

* Only edition. Preceded in coverage only by those of Sir Alexander Gibson [d. 1644], these are the earliest reports of the Court of Session, Scotland's supreme civil court. According to the Advertisement (p.ii), these reports were based on an anonymous manuscript in the library of the Faculty of Advocates. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T32180. [Order This Item](#)



The Long Parliament Establishes Fundamental English Liberties

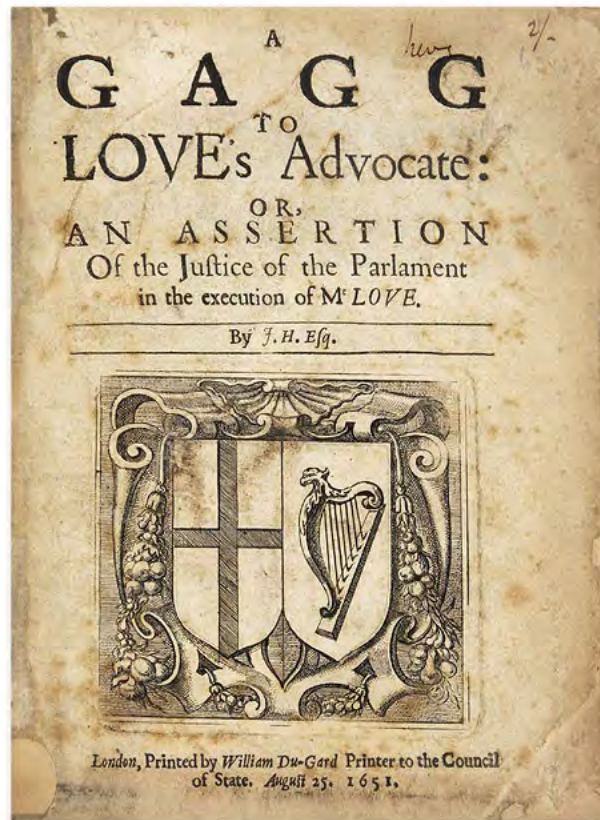
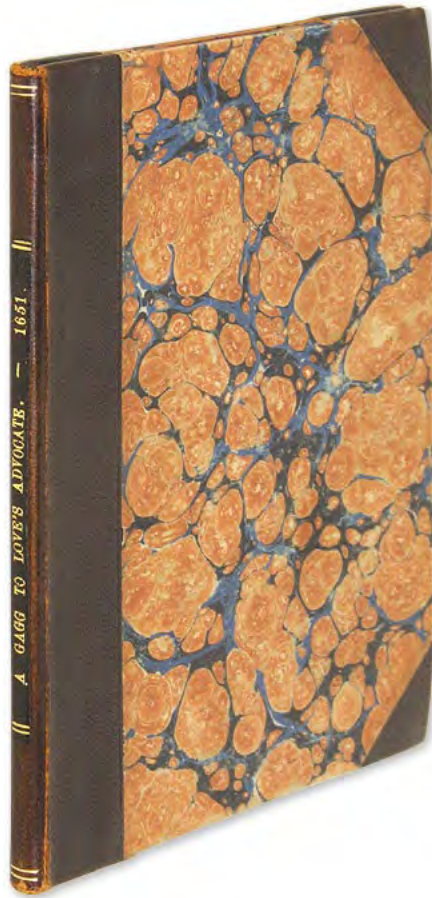
8. [Great Britain]. [Parliament].

Speeches and Passages of the Great and Happy Parliament, From the Third of November, 1640, To this Instant June, 1641. Collected into One Volume, And According to the Most Perfect Originals, Exactly Published. London: Printed for William Cooke, 1641. [8], 24, 152, 159-174, 169-184, 177-240, 205-220, [8], 233-351, [1], 351-358, 321-335, [1], 385-440, 455-459, 500-534, 24, [2], 6, 14; [ii], 46 pp. Pagination irregular, text complete. Final two sections have their own dated title pages reading *Mr. Speakers Speech, With His Majesties Speech to Both Houses of Parliament, At the Passage of the Bill for Tonnage and Poundage...* and *An Argument of Law Concerning the Bill of Attainder of High-Treason of Thomas Earle of Strafford...* Quarto (7-1/4" x 5-3/4").

Contemporary calf with later rebacking, diced spine with raised bands, lettering piece and gilt ornaments, endpapers renewed, hinges reinforced. Some rubbing and light gatoring to boards, heavier rubbing to extremities with some wear to spine ends and corners, hinges cracked, front free endpaper and title page partially detached but secure. Moderate toning, occasional faint dampspotting, faint dampstaining to fore-edges of final 38 leaves, chips to edges of a few leaves, edgewear to endleaves, small holes to leaf H2 (pp. 53-54) due to paper flaw with minor loss to text, legibility not affected, light soiling and some edgewear and owner signature in tiny hand (H.E. Cullen, Jr. 1928) to title page. \$500.

* Only edition. Opposed to King Charles I, the Long Parliament sat from 1640 to 1660. Its duration lasted until the end Civil War and the close of the Interregnum. *Speeches and Passages* is a record of that Parliament's momentous first months. During that time it abolished the Star Chamber and High Commission and passed the Habeas Corpus and Triennial Acts, which were intended to prevent kings from ruling without Parliament, something Charles I did from 1629 and 1640. The final section, *An Argument of Law*, concerns a controversial decision. The Earl of Strafford was a leading supporter and advisor of King Charles I. Scapegoated by Parliament for his "treasonous" role in the Second Bishops' War, one of the preliminary stages of the Civil War, he was condemned to death on shaky legal grounds via a bill of attainder in 1641. Feeling it necessary to yield to Parliament, Charles signed the death warrant. *An Argument of Law* is a summary and defense of Parliament's case. *Mr. Speakers Speech* relates to an episode in Parliament's action to prevent Charles I's levying of tonnage and poundage (a set of customs duties) without parliamentary consent. When the King moved to adjourn Parliament, the members held the speaker, John Finch, in his seat until three resolutions were read, one of which declared that the payment of tonnage and poundage to the king was treason. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R212697.

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Cromwell Refused to Grant a Pardon

9. H[all], J[ohn] [1627-1656]. [Hinde, John, Attributed].

A Gagg to Love's Advocate: Or, An Assertion of the Justice of the Parliament in the Execution of Mr Love. London: Printed by William Du-Gard, Printer to the Council of State, 1651. [iv], 22 pp. Quarto (7" x 5-1/2").

Stab-stitched pamphlet bound into later three-quarter calf over marbled boards. Light rubbing to extremities with negligible wear to spine ends and corners. Large copperplate arms of the Commonwealth to title page, woodcut head-pieces and decorated initials. Moderate toning to text, dampstaining to head of text block, title page soiled and edgeworn, worming to lower margin of text block, edgewear to a few leaves at beginning and end of text, small chips to heads of final three leaves with minor loss to text. Two miniscule annotations in later hand to head of title page, small recent owner stamp to rear pastedown, interior otherwise clean. A solid copy of a scarce title. \$950.

* Only edition. Hall was a poet employed as a pamphleteer by Cromwell. He was, in other words, a propagandist for the Commonwealth. *A Gagg to Love's Advocate* defends the recent execution of Christopher Love [1618-1651], a controversial Welsh Protestant preacher and advocate of Presbyterianism. He was convicted of treason when the Commonwealth learned that he was communicating with the exiled Stuart court with the goal of restoring the Stuart monarchy. He went to his death as a martyr of the Presbyterians, who petitioned in vain to secure his pardon. Cromwell denied these petitions because he wished to suppress dissent among the Presbyterians. OCLC locates 6 copies in North America, none in law libraries. A few sources, most notably Wing's *Short-Title Catalogue*, suggest an attribution to John Hinde. The *ESTC* does not offer an attribution, though most scholarship indicates that Hall was the author. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R206702.

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Contemporary Depiction of Strafford's Execution by a Notable Engraver

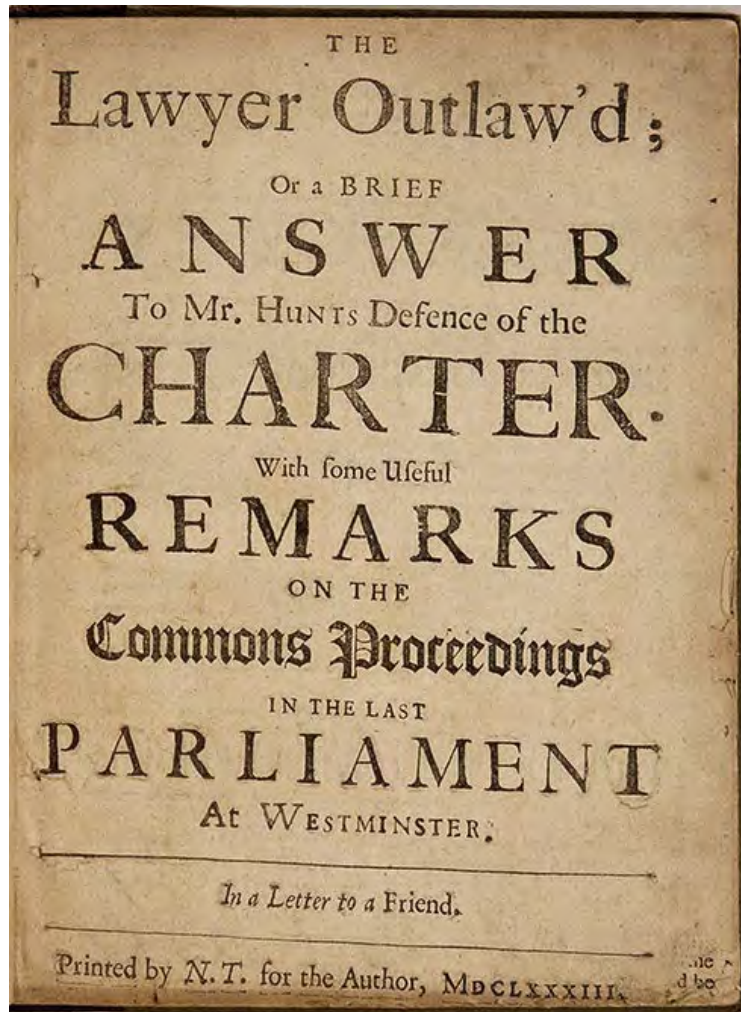
10. Hollar, Wenceslaus [1607-1677].

[Strafford, Thomas Wentworth, Earl of (1593-1641)].

The True Maner of the Execution of Thomas Earle of Strafford. [London, 1641].

7-1/4" x 10-1/2" etching on 8-1/4" x 14-1/2" laid-paper sheet with lettered margin and untrimmed edges, Pennington's final state (of 3). Light even toning, negligible light soiling in a few places, a few creases, two faint vertical fold lines, minor spotting, minor tear to left-hand margin. A well-preserved copy. \$350.

* Wentworth, 1st Earl of Strafford, Lord Deputy of Ireland and a leading advisor to King Charles I, was an important figure in the period leading up to the English Civil War. He was tried for treason when he planned to use the Irish army to subdue the king's Scottish opponents during the First Bishops' War (1639). Failing to convict him for treason, Parliament passed a bill of attainder (a death warrant by special act of Parliament). The king was compelled to sign it and Wentworth was executed. Stafford's execution drew an enormous crowd. As noted in the engraving by Hollar, one of the viewing stands—all were overcrowded—collapsed before the execution. Hollar was a prolific and accomplished Bohemian graphic artist who spent most of his life in England. His engravings and etchings were well-known and highly recorded. Pennington, *A Descriptive Catalogue of the Etched Work of Wenceslaus Hollar* 552 iii/iii. [Order This Item](#)



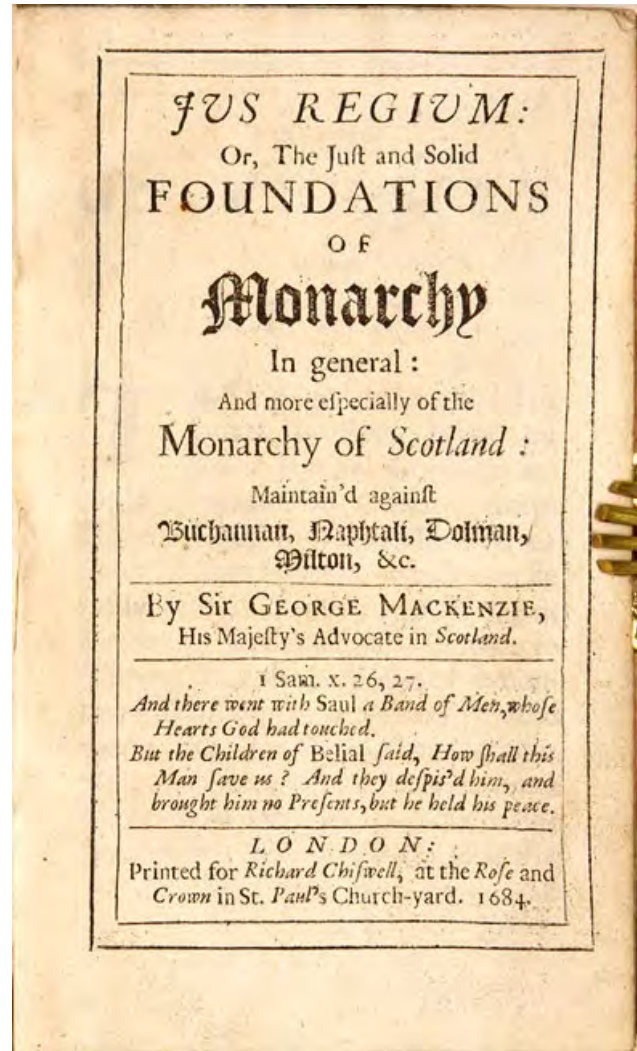
Can English Liberties Survive a Papist Monarchy?

11. [L'Estrange, Sir Roger (1616-1714)].

The Lawyer Outlaw'd; Or a Brief Answer to Mr. Hunts Defence of the Charter. With Some Useful Remarks on the Commons Proceedings in the Last Parliament at Westminster. In a Letter to a Friend. [London]: Printed by N[ataniel] T[hompson] for the Author, 1683. [ii], 38 pp. Quarto (7-3/4" x 5-1/2").

Stab-stitched pamphlet in recent quarter pebbled cloth over paper-covered boards. Light soiling, moderate wear to spine ends and corners, rear joint starting at head, hinges partially cracked. Moderate toning, light soiling to title page and verso of final leaf, margins trimmed close in places with minor loss to text, but not legibility, of a few leaves, small hole in lower corner of title with no loss to text. \$500.

* First edition, one of three issues from 1683. L'Estrange's essay was a response to Thomas Hunt's *Defence of the Charter, And Municipal Rights of the City of London* (1683), which claimed that when the Duke of York became king "the governments of all the once corporate towns, whose charters were lost, would be put in the hands of the papists whose ultimate aim was the extirpation of the Protestant religion" (Zook). Our pamphlet is one of two issues by Nathaniel Thompson. The other 1683 edition does not indicate a printer. A second and final edition of this pamphlet was published in 1683. OCLC locates 2 copies in North American law libraries, both of the first edition that does not indicate a printer (Harvard, University of Minnesota). Zook, *Radical Whigs and Conspiratorial Politics in Late Stuart England* 44. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R25476. [Order This Item](#)



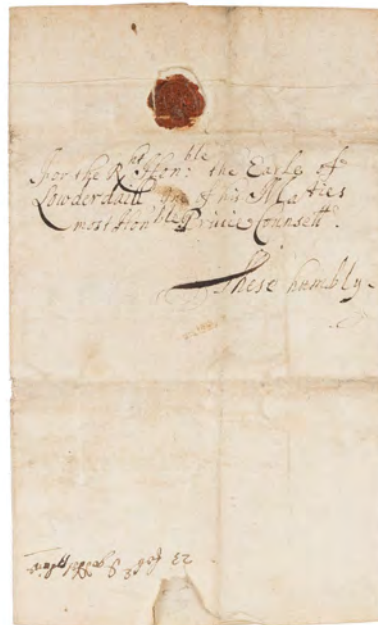
**A Restoration-Era Defense of Monarchy
by a Leading Scottish Jurist and Man of Letters**

12. Mackenzie, Sir George [1636-1691].

Jus Regium: Or, The Just and Solid Foundations of Monarchy in General: and More Especially of the Monarchy of Scotland: Maintain'd Against Buchanan, Naphtali, Dolman, Milton, &c. London: Printed for Richard Chiswell, At the Rose and Crown, In St. Paul's Church-Yard, 1684. [viii], 138; [2], 139-209, [5] pp. Includes four-page publisher advertisement. Copperplate portrait frontispiece. Two parts, each with title page and individual pagination. Title page of second part reads: *That the Lawful Successor Cannot be Debar'd from Succeeding to the Crown: Maintain'd Against Dolman, Buchanan, And Others.* Octavo (6-3/4" x 4").

Contemporary sheep, blind rules to boards, blind fillets to spine, speckled edges. A few minor stains, nicks and shallow scuffs to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, corners bumped and somewhat worn, hinges cracked, front free endpaper lacking. Moderate toning to text, slightly heavier in places, light soiling to title page. \$300.

* First London edition, one of two issues from 1684. This book was first published in Edinburgh the same year. Later editions were published in London in 1688 and 1701. One of the leading Scotsmen of the seventeenth century, Mackenzie was a Scottish lawyer, Lord Advocate, legal writer and man of letters, as well as the founder the Advocates Library, which is now the national law library for Scotland. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R945. [Order This Item](#)



**An Eminent Admiralty Lawyer Offers
Legal Advice in Hope of Regaining Royal Favor**

13. [Manuscript].

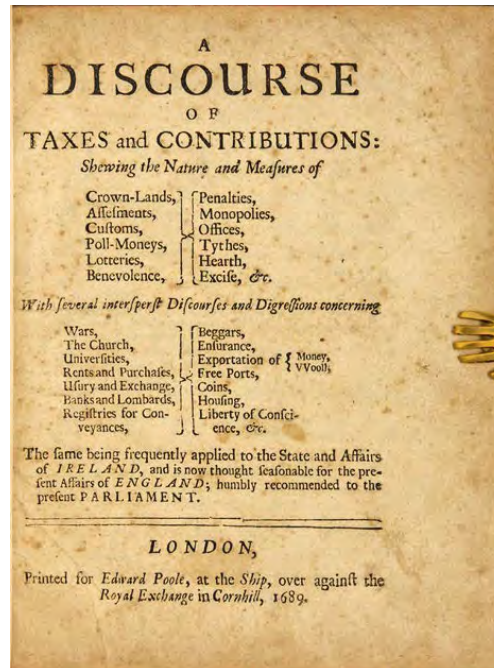
Godolphin, John [1617-1678].

[Autograph Letter, Signed, To the Earl of Lauderdale, London, Doctors Commons, February 23, 1664]. Single leaf folded to form bifolium (12" x 8") with integral address leaf and red wax seal.

Light toning, very slight foxing, some soiling to address panel, small tears along creases and under seal. Typed transcript included. \$1,250.

* John Godolphin had been a Parliamentarian from the early stages of his career, and the Barebones Parliament appointed him a judge of the admiralty court in 1653 where he remained until the Restoration of Charles II in 1660 cost him the job. John Maitland, Earl, later First Duke, of Lauderdale to whom Godolphin addresses this letter, became a favorite of Charles II after helping the king gain support in Scotland and by the time of the Restoration was "never from the king's ear nor council."

Godolphin is perhaps best known for his treatise *A View of the Admiral Jurisdiction*, which appeared in 1661 and may have brought him to Maitland's attention. This letter reflects Godolphin's deep knowledge of admiralty law and precarious political position after the English Civil Wars. Here, he uses the former to restore the latter, begging the influential Maitland to leverage the advice Godolphin has given into a formal "pardon of course," perhaps to allow him to regain his position on the admiralty court. It is unclear from available records whether Godolphin ever received such a pardon, but his legal career continued and there is some speculation that he was even made a King's advocate. A fascinating letter from both a legal and a historical perspective. See Collins, "Godolphin, John," *Oxford Dictionary of National Biography* (accessed online). Yorke, "Lauderdale, John Maitland, Duke of," *Encyclopaedia Britannica* 16, vol. 11. [Order This Item](#)



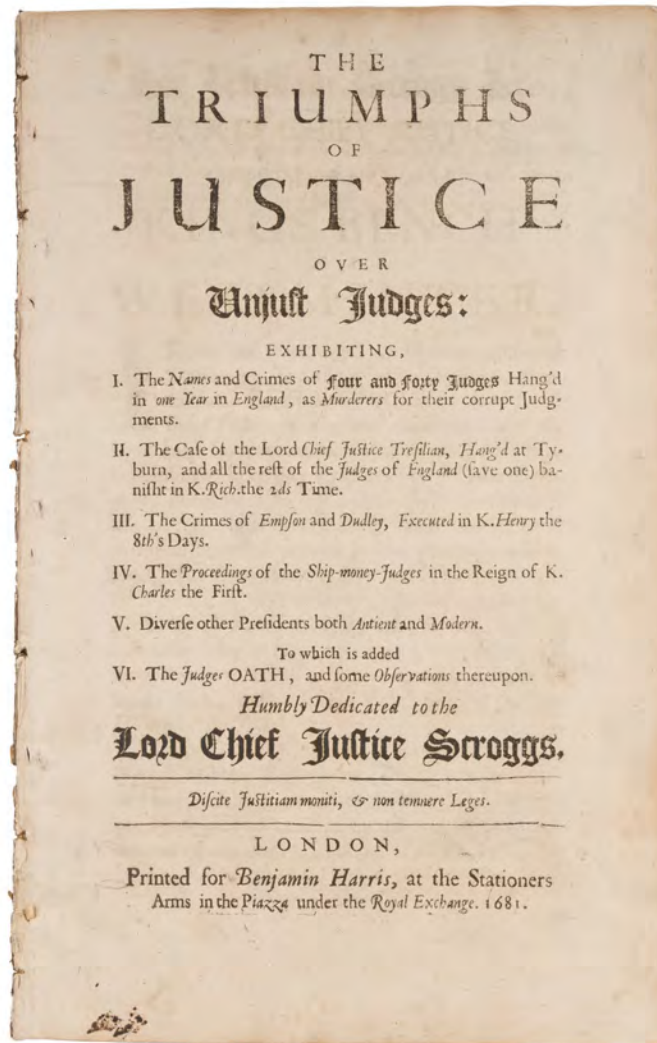
"One of the Handful of First-Rate Economic Treatises and a Classic on Its Subject"

14. [Petty, Sir William (1623-1687)].

A Discourse of Taxes and Contributions: Shewing the Nature and Measures of Crown-Lands, Assessments, Customs, Poll-Moneys, Lotteries, Benevolence, Penalties, Monopolies, Offices, Tythes, Hearth, Excise, &c. With Several Intersperst Discourses and Digressions Concerning Wars, The Church, Universities, Rents and Purchases, Usury and Exchange, Banks and Lombards, Registries for Conveyances, Beggars, Ensurance, Exportation of Money, Wooll, Free Ports, Coins, Housing, Liberty of Conscience, &c. The Same Being Frequently Applied to the State and Affairs of Ireland, And is Now Thought Seasonable for the Present Affairs of England; Humbly Recommended to the Present Parliament. London: Printed for Edward Poole, 1689. [x], 72 pp. Lacking half-title and two initial blank leaves. Quarto (7-3/4" x 6").

Stab-stitched pamphlet bound into later cloth, gilt title to spine, endleaves renewed. Light rubbing, a few minor stains, spine ends and corners bumped. Very light browning and light foxing to text, early repairs to margins of a few leaves. \$2,750.

* Sixth and final edition. Petty, an economist, scientist and philosopher, is considered the father of laissez-faire economic policy and an important theorist of the division of labor. Originally published in 1662, *A Discourse of Taxes and Contributions*, addresses the theoretical foundations of value and wages, profit or surplus, interest, the value of land, and foreign exchange. "Written in the midst of urgent practical tasks, the *Treatise* was plainly occasioned by another question of great immediate importance - the reorganisation of the Revenue by the Restoration Parliament. However, in contrast to the many economic treatises written in defence of concrete interests, while professing to be unbiased theoretical pronouncements, Petty's work is even more remarkable for its theoretical digressions than for its acute and important analysis of its immediate subject. So far from making any claim to scientific detachment, it contains a devastating attack on his bêtes noires, the parasites on the body politic, primarily the clergy and the lawyers, but its greatest achievement is his searching treatment of the main problems of scientific economics. The book is brimful of brilliant ideas, although it inevitably suffers from the defects of its qualities - lack of system, prejudice and sometimes inconsistency. These blemishes cannot shake its position as one of the handful of first-rate economic treatises and a classic on its subject" (Strauss). All editions of this work are scarce. OCLC locates 16 copies of the sixth edition, 9 in North America, none in law libraries. Strauss, *Sir William Petty: Portrait of a Genius* 176. *Goldsmiths'-Kress Library of Economic Literature* 2749. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R20953. [Order This Item](#)



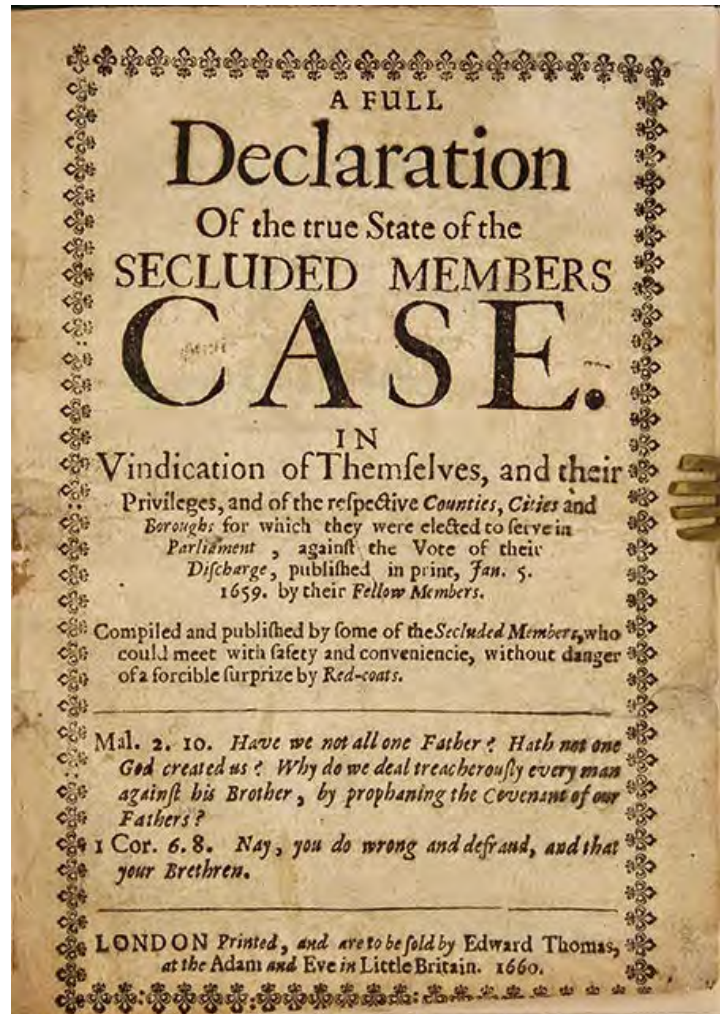
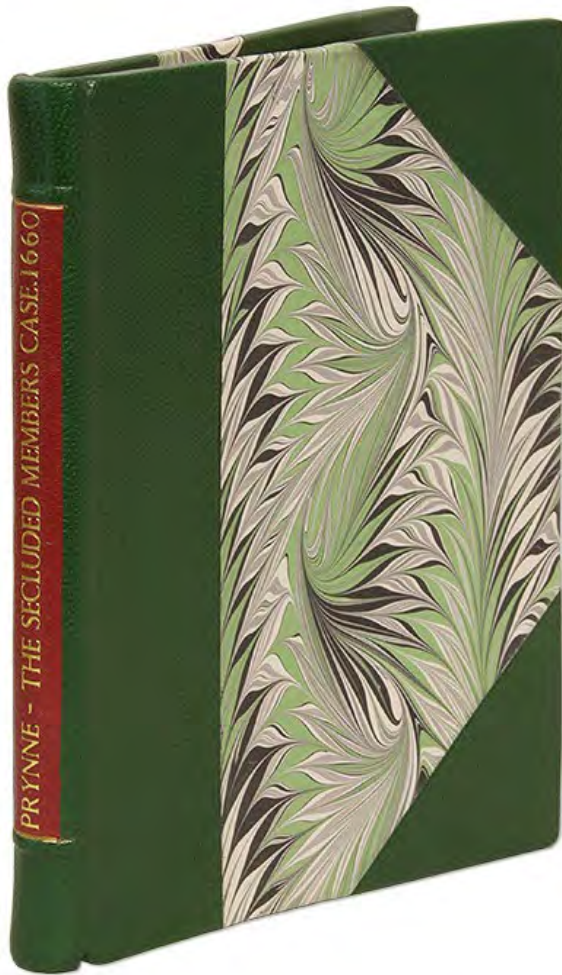
"Unjust Judges"

15. [Philo-Dicaiois].

The Triumphs of Justice Over Unjust Judges: Exhibiting, I. The Names and Crimes of Four and Forty Judges, Hang'd in One Year in England, As Murderers for Their Corrupt Judgments. II. The Case of Lord Chief Justice Tresilian, Hang'd at Tyburn, And All the Rest of the Judges of England (Save One) Banished in K. Rich. The 2ds Time. III. The Crimes of Empson and Dudley, Executed in K. Henry the 8th's Days. IV. The Proceedings of the Ship-Money-Judges, In the Reign of K. Charles the First. V. Diverse Other Presidents, Both Ancient and Modern. To Which is Added, VI. The Judges Oath, And Some Observations Thereupon. Humbly Dedicated to the Lord Chief Justice Scroggs. London: Printed for Benjamin Harris, 1681. [iv], 36 pp. Octavo (8" x 5").

Disbound stab-stitched pamphlet. Light soiling to exterior, light wear to spine ends and corners, moderate toning to interior, light foxing and light browning to a few leaves. \$950.

* First edition. This essay on judicial error and judicial corruption reflects the tensions between King Charles II and his subjects near the end of his reign. It details the fates of Royalist judges during the reign of Charles I and earlier times. Later editions were published in 1732 and 1735. OCLC locates 7 copies of the first edition in North American law libraries (Duke, Georgetown, Harvard, Library of Congress, University of Cincinnati, UT-Austin, York). *English Short-Title Catalogue* R3571. [Order This Item](#)



Prynne's Remarks on the 1648 Purge of the Long Parliament

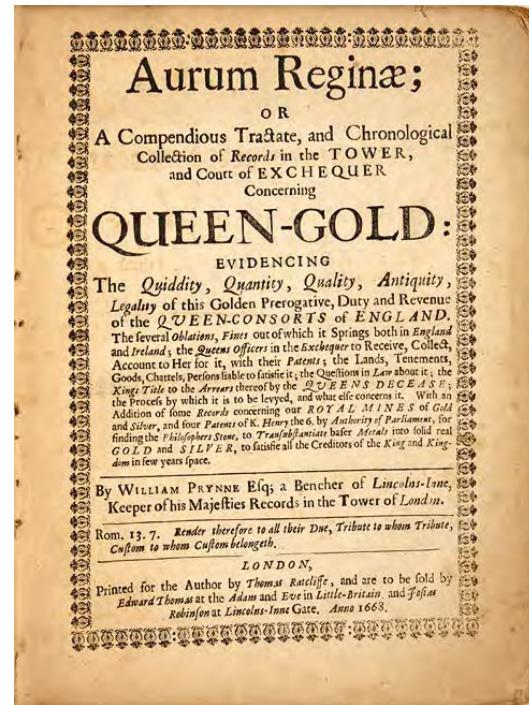
16. [Prynne, William (1600-1669)].

A Full Declaration of the True State of the Secluded Members Case. In Vindication of Themselves, And Their Privileges, And of the Respective Counties, Cities and Boroughs for Which they were Elected to Serve in Parliament, Against the Vote of Their Discharge, Published in Print Jan. 5, 1659, by Their Fellow Members. Complied and Published by Some of the Secluded Members, Who Could Meet with Safety and Conveniencie, Without Danger of a Forcible Suprize by Red-Coats. London: Printed, And are to be Sold by Edward Thomas, 1660. [ii], 54, [4] pp. Quarto (7-1/4" x 5-1/2").

Stab-stitched pamphlet bound into recent period-style three-quarter morocco over marbled boards, raised bands and lettering piece to spine, endpapers added, recent bookplate (of D.G. Mackenzie) to front pastedown. Title page printed with typographical border. Moderate toning, final leaf a little cropped at foot with loss of most of one word and all of the catchword, final page rather soiled, repairs to upper corner of and fore-edge title page with loss to border of text. \$750.

* Only Edition. Pride's Purge of December 1648 was eventually reversed on 21 February 1660 when all the surviving barred Members were restored to the Long Parliament. Prynne includes a list of the secluded Members and here writes up his observations on the subject in a rather more concise way than was his usual practice. The term "Redcoats" to describe soldiers in the English army dates back to February 1645 when Parliament established the New Model Army and it adopted red uniforms. OCLC locates no copies in North American law libraries. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R22149.

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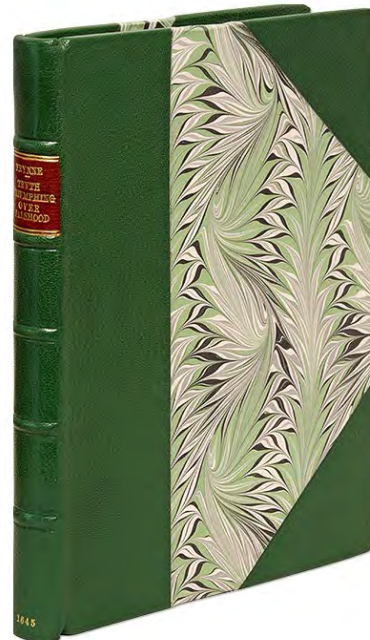
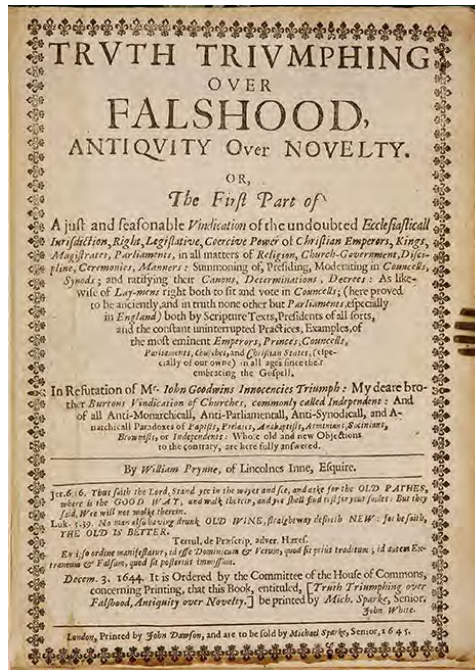
A Historical Review and Defense of the King's Right to Tax His Subjects in Order to Support the Queen

17. Prynne, William [1600-1669].

Aurum Reginae; Or a Compendious Treatise, And Chronological Collection of Records in the Tower, And Court of Exchequer Concerning Queen-Gold: Evidencing the Quiddity, Quantity, Quality, Antiquity, Legality of this Golden Prerogative, Duty and Revenue of the Queen-Consorts of England. The Several Oblations, Fines Out of Which it Springs both in England and Ireland; The Queens Officers in the Exchequer to Receive, Collect, Account to Her for It, with their Patents; The Lands, Tenements, Goods, Chattels, Persons Liable to Satisfie it; The Questions of Law About It; The Kings Title to the Arrears Thereof by the Queens Decease; The Process by Which it is to be Leyed, And What Else Concerns It. With an Addition of Some Records Concerning Our Royal Mines of Gold and Silver, And Four Patents of K. Henry the 6. by Authority of Parliament, For Finding the Philosophers Stone, To Transubstantiate Baser Metals into Solid Real Gold and Silver, To Satisfie All the Creditors of the King and Kingdom in New Years Space. London: Printed for the Author by Thomas Ratcliffe, 1668. [viii], 138, [1] pp. With preliminary Imprimatur leaf and final errata leaf. Quarto (9-1/2" x 7-1/4").

Recent marbled boards, calf lettering piece to spine, endpapers added, original endpapers retained. Title printed within typographical border. Moderate toning to text, some edgewear to preliminaries and final leaves of text, wormhole to fore-edges of final 18 leaves, early owner signature of Thomas Manby, dated April 9, 1668 to front endleaf, note in Manby's hand indicting this copy was a gift from the author ("ex dono Authoris") to foot of imprimatur leaf, a few brief annotations in his hand to text, later owner signatures to head of imprimatur leaf and foot of errata leaf. \$750.

* Only edition. Broadly a defense of the King's right to impose taxation on his subjects, these essays are a historical review and defense of the *aurum reginae*, or queen-gold, a revenue raised by the king to support the queen and her retainers. Prynne was a contentious and erudite Puritan attorney and legal antiquarian who wrote several books and pamphlets about legal history, religion and politics. He had an unrivalled ability to antagonize others. His personality and choice of targets eventually led to his disbarment, imprisonment, and mutilation (loss of ears) by the Court of Star Chamber. After the Restoration Prynne was appointed Royal Archivist in the Tower of London. The owner who received this copy from Prynne was probably the Thomas Manby who was the lawyer and legal author who edited later editions of Pulton's *Collection of all the Statutes now in Use*. Prynne and Manby were fellow barristers of Lincoln's Inn. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R4976. [Order This Item](#)



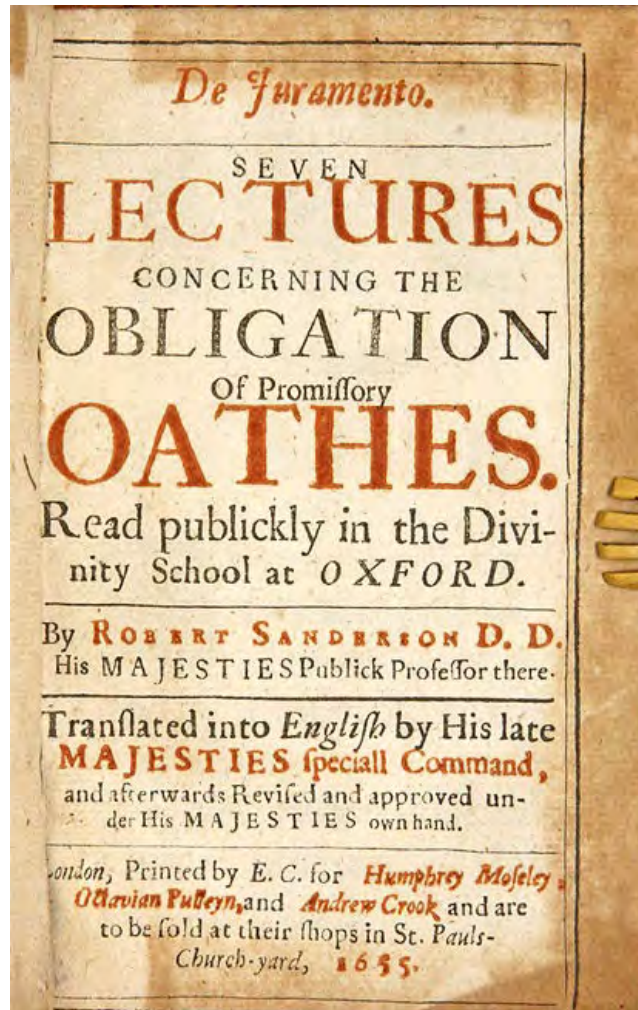
A Contentious Essay on the Relationship Between Church and State

18. Prynne, William [1600-1669].

Truth Triumphant over Falshood, Antiquity Over Novelty. Or, The First Part of a Just and Seasonable Vindication of the Undoubted Ecclesiasticall Jurisdiction, Right, Legislative, Coercive Power of Christian Emperors, Kings, Magistrates, Parliaments, In All Matters of Religion, Church-Government, Discipline, Ceremonies, Manners: Summoning Of, Presiding, Moderating in Councells, Synods; And Ratifying Their Canons, Determinations, Decrees: As Likewise of Lay-Mens Right Both to Sit and Vote in Councells; (Here Proved to be Anciently, And in Truth None Other but Parliaments, Especially in England) Both by Scripture Texts, Presidents of All Sorts, And the Constant Uninterrupted Practices, Examples, Of the Most Eminent Emperors, Princes, Councells, Parliaments, Churches, And Christian States, (Especially of Our Owne) in All Ages Since Their Embracing the Gospell. In Refutation of Mr. Iohn Goodwins Innocencies Triumph: My Deare Brother Burtons Vindication of Churches, Commonly Called Independent: And of All Anti-Monarchicall, Anti-Parliamentall, Anti-Synodicall, And Anarchicall Paradoxes of Papists, Prelates, Anabaptists, Arminians, Socinians, Brownists, Or Independents: Whose Old and New Objections to the Contrary, Are Here Fully Answered. London: Printed by John Dawson, And are to be Sold by Michael Sparke, Senior, 1645. [xii], [2], 156 pp. Final leaf, which should follow p. 156, misbound after p. [xii]. Quarto (8-1/2" x 6-1/2").

Stab-stitched pamphlet with untrimmed edges bound into recent period-style three-quarter morocco over marbled boards, raised bands and lettering piece to spine, endpapers added, recent bookplate (of D.G. Mackenzie) to front pastedown. Title printed within woodcut typographical border, woodcut headpieces. Moderate toning, occasional minor loss to headlines due to printing errors, fore-edges of final two leaves shaved just touching marginal notes with loss of a few letters or figures on p. 156, some edgewear to title page. A nice copy. \$500.

* Only edition, variant issue with the additional leaf signed (*) and headed "To Master Henry Burton." One of the most notable and colorful figures of the seventeenth century, Prynne was a contentious and erudite Puritan attorney and legal antiquarian who wrote around 200 books and pamphlets about legal history, religion and politics. He was a veteran of numerous pamphlet wars. *Truth Triumphant Over Falshood* is a reply to *Innocencies Triumph. Or An Answer to the Back-Part of a Discourse Lately published by William Prynne, Esquire* (1644) by John Goodwin and *A Vindication of Churches, Commonly Called Independent* (1644) by Henry Burton, two pamphlets that attacked two other pamphlets by Prynne that criticized the government of the Church of England. Here, Prynne asserts the political supremacy of Parliament over the Church of England. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R212479. [Order This Item](#)



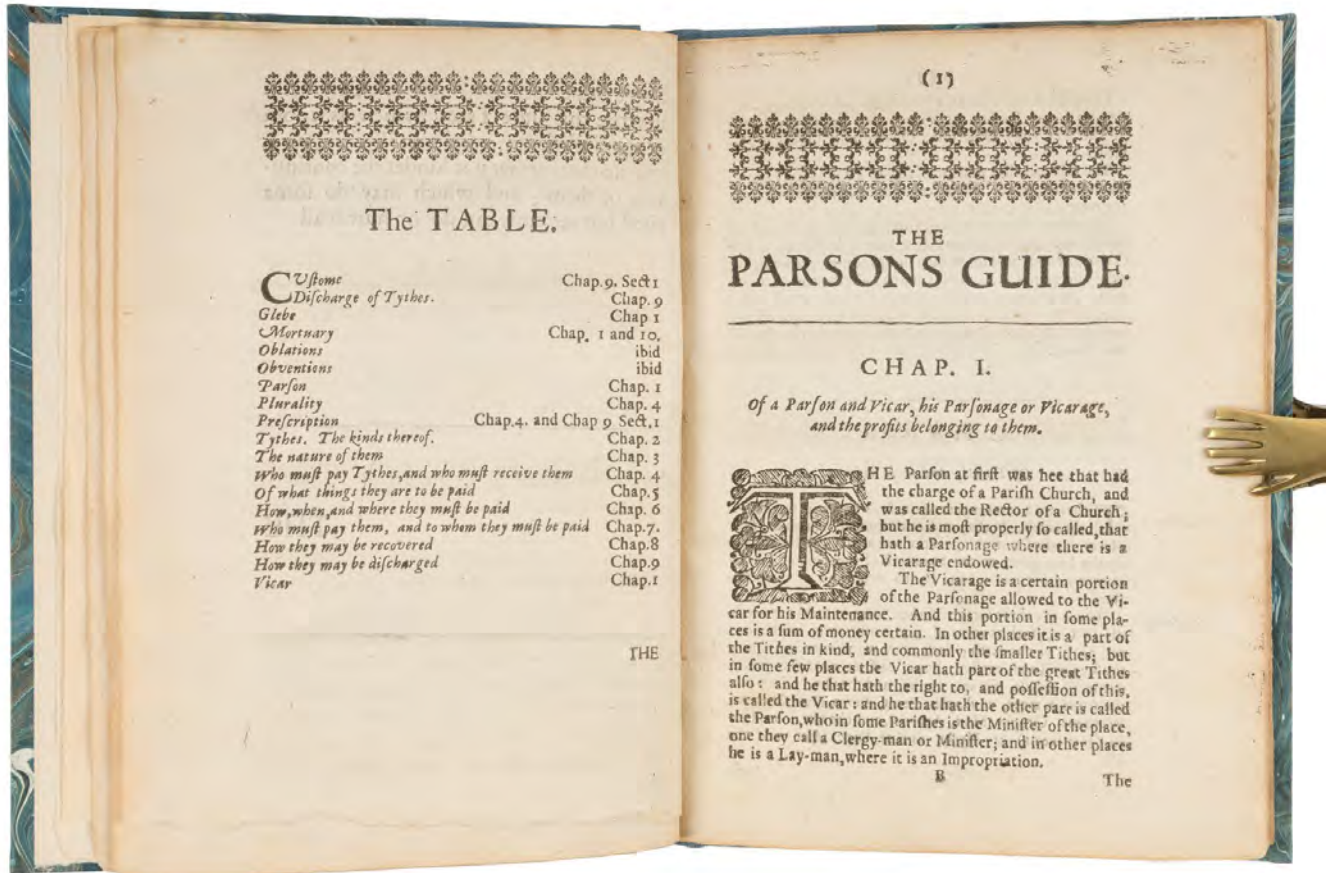
A Notable Essay on Oaths

19. Sanderson, Robert [1587-1663].

De Juramento. Seven Lectures Concerning the Obligation of Promissory Oathes. Read Publickly in the Divinity School at Oxford. By Robert Sanderson D.D. His Majesties Publick Professor There. Translated into English by His Late Majesties Speciall Command, And Afterwards Revised and Approved Under His Majesties Own Hand. London: Printed by E.C. for Humphrey Moseley, Octavian Pulleyn, And Andrew Crook, 1655. [viii], 64, 63-272, [14] pp. Octavo (5-1/2" x 3-1/2").

Contemporary sheep, blind rules to boards, blind fillets and later lettering piece to spine. Rubbing to extremities with wear corners, chipping to head of spine, boards beginning to separate, but secure, front pastedown and most of free endpaper neatly removed, a few tears to following endleaf. Title page printed in red and black within ruled border. Early owner inscription to verso of front board (Tittenhange Library), light toning to text, offsetting to margins of title page. \$650.

* First edition in English. Bishop of Lincoln, Chaplain to Charles I, Regius Professor of Divinity at Oxford University and subject of a biography by Izaak Walton, Sanderson was one of the most eminent Englishmen of the seventeenth century. His opinions are also discussed in Walton's *The Compleat Angler*. *De Juramento* is a conservative review of the "nature and teaching" of oaths to royal and government officials according to Scripture. It was first published in 1647 as *De Juramenti Promissorii*. King Charles I held this work in high regard and he may have been the author of the English translation. This work was suppressed during the Commonwealth and returned to print during the Restoration. Its final edition was published in 1722. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R30543. [Order This Item](#)



Paying Tithes to Cromwell

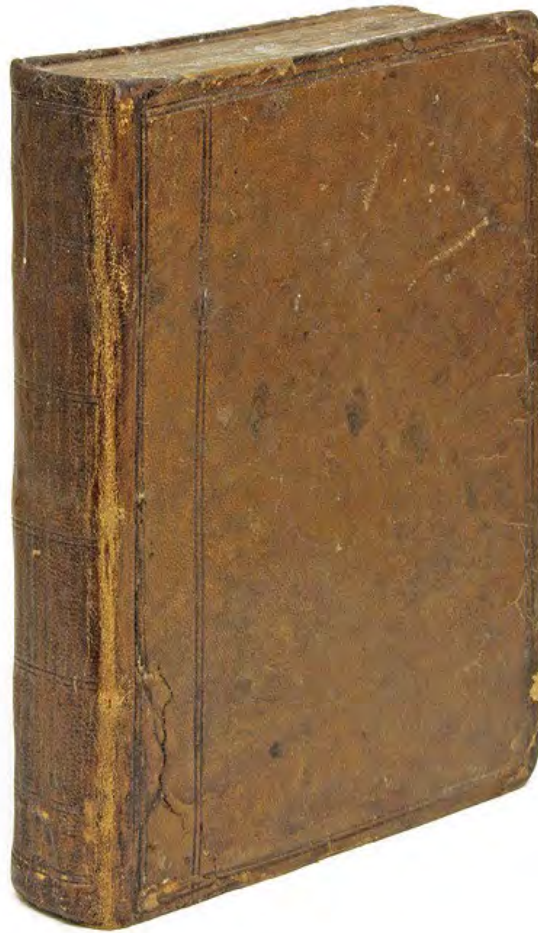
20. [Sheppard, William (d.1675?)].

The Parsons Guide: Or the Law of Tithes: Wherein is Shewed, Who Must Pay Tithes, And to Whom, And of What Things, When, And How They Must be Paid, And How they May be Recovered at this Day, And How a Man May be Discharged of Payment Thereof. By W.S. Esq; London: Printed by T.M. for W. Lee, D. Pakeman, And G. Bedell, At Their Shops in Fleet-street, 1654. [vi], 31, [1] pp. Lacking first leaf, a blank. Quarto (7-1/4" x 5-1/2").

Stab-stitched pamphlet bound into recent half cloth over marbled boards, untrimmed edges. Moderate toning to interior, light soiling and a few tiny spots to title page. \$500.

* First edition, one of four issues from 1654. A pamphlet supporting Cromwell's financial demands for the clergy. Active in the Protectorate, where he was Cromwell's legal advisor, Sheppard aimed to reform English law. Ahead of his time in many ways, many of his proposals anticipate changes that were adopted in the nineteenth century. *The Parsons Guide* supported Cromwell's reforms of tithing laws, which were drafted by Sheppard.

Two other editions were published in 1670 and 1671. All editions and issues are scarce. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R203561. [Order This Item](#)



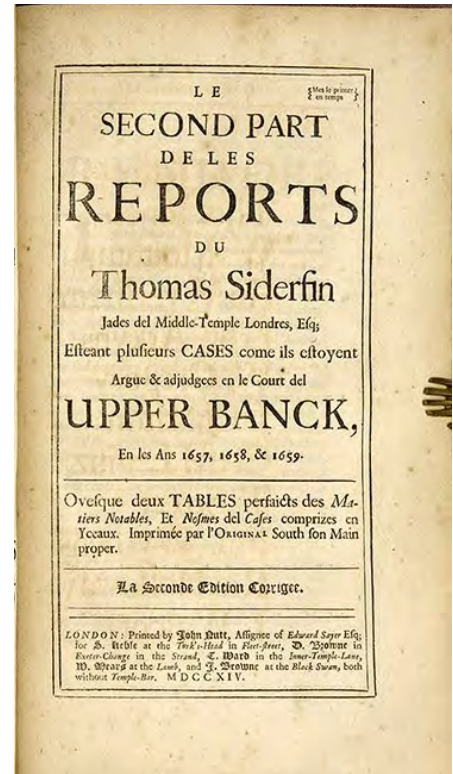
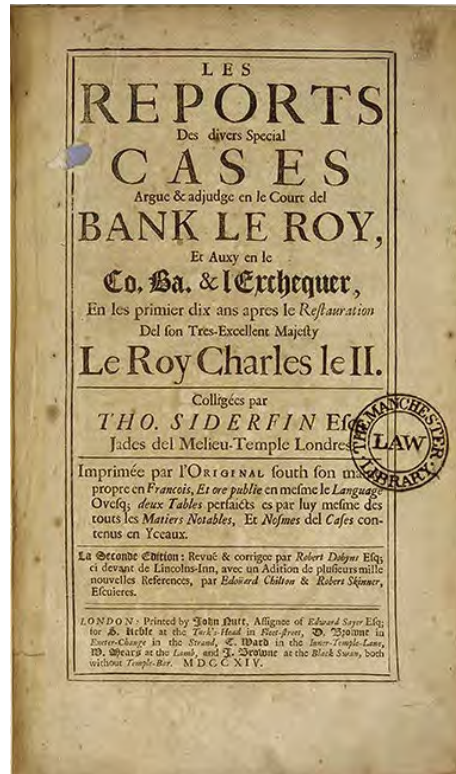
Sheppard's Plan to Reform Conveyancing

21. Sheppard, William [fl. 1660].

The President of Presidents. Or, One General President for Common Assurances by Deeds: Wherein There is Contained an Extract or Abridgment of All the Readings and Presidents Thereof Extant. Of Singular Use and Profit to All Men. London: Printed by Henry Hills for Humphrey Tuckey, 1655. [vi], 242, 247-361, [13] pp. Pagination irregular, text complete. (7" x 5-1/4").

Contemporary sheep, rebaked, blind rules to boards, raised bands to spine, hinges mended, early hand-lettered title to fore-edge of text block. A few minor nicks and stains and some shallow scuffs to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities with some wear to corners, hinges starting. Light browning to text, occasional faint dampstaining to foot of text block, two struck-through early owner signatures and later signature dated 1797 to head of title page, brief manuscript index in hand of 1797 signer to rear free endpaper. \$950.

* First edition. Active in the Protectorate, where he was Cromwell's legal advisor, Sheppard aimed to reform English common law. Ahead of his time in many ways, many of his proposals anticipate changes that were adopted in the nineteenth century, especially in the Juridicature acts of 1875-78. The *Presidents of Presidents* is a novel guide that proposed a system of conveyances based on a uniform model. Sheppard promotes this standardized plan as a way to better secure property rights by eliminating the ambiguity introduced by local practices. According to his biographer, Nancy Matthews, this work remains "an important contribution to English legal literature.": Matthews, *William Sheppard, Cromwell's Law Reformer* 118. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R203548. [Order This Item](#)



**"A Reporter of Much Authority" with Cases
from the Commonwealth and Restoration Periods**

22. Siderfin, Thomas [1657-1670].

Les Reports des Divers Special Cases Argue & Adjudge en le Court del Bank le Roy, Et Auxy en le Co. Ba. & l'Exchequer, En les Premier Dix ans Apres le Restauration Del son Tres-Excellent Majesty Le Roy Charles le II. Colligees par Tho. Siderfin Esq; Jades del Melieu-Temple Londres. Imprimée par L'Original South son Maine Propre en Francois, Et ore Publie en Mesme le Language Ovesq; Deux Tables Persaicts es par Luy Mesme des Touts les Matiers Notables, Et Nosmes del Cases contenus en Yceaux. London: Printed by John Nutt, 1714. [iv], 254, 257-467, [83] pp. With a one-page subscriber list.

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Siderfin, Thomas.

Le Second Part de les Reports du Thomas Siderfin... London: Printed by John Nutt, 1714. [viii], 179, [9] pp.

Folio (12" x 7-1/2"). Recent quarter morocco over cloth, gilt title to spine, endpapers renewed. Moderate toning to text, light foxing in places, faint dampstaining to margins of a few leaves, library stamp and tiny fragment of label to title page of Volume I. \$450.

* Second and final editions. Reporting cases from 1657 to 1670, this reporter is unusual because it includes cases from both the Commonwealth and the Restoration eras. According to Wallace, this is a "reporter of much authority": Wallace, *The Reporters* 295-297. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T97369. [Order This Item](#)



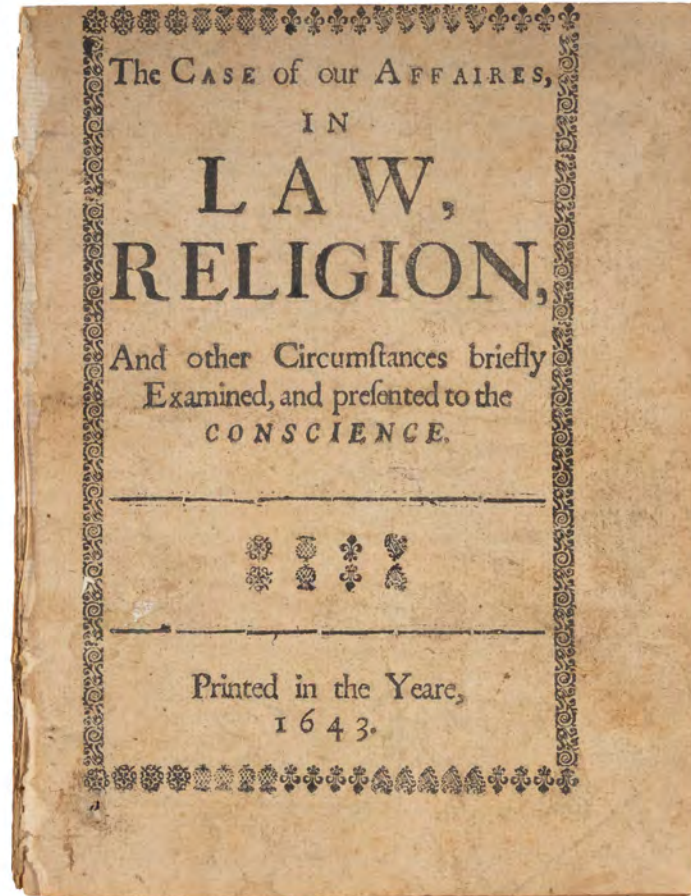
Questions Concerning the Irish Act of Settlement

23. Mervyn, Sir Audley [d.1675].

The Speech of Sir Audley Mervyn Knight; His Majesties Prime Serjeant at Law, And Speaker of the House of Commons in Ireland. Delivered to His Grace James Duke of Ormond, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, The 13 Day of February, 1662. In the Presence-Chamber in the Castle of Dublin. Containing the Sum of Affairs in Ireland; But More Especially, The Interest of Adventurers and Souldiers. [London]: Printed at Dublin; And Re-Printed at London by J. Streater, By Speciall Order, 1662. [ii], 40 pp. Lacking final leaf, which contains an order to print. Quarto (7-1/2" x 5-1/2").

Disbound stab-stitched pamphlet. Soiling and a few tears to title page, chipping to top-edges of title page and following three leaves with minor loss to text, moderate toning to interior, light soiling and brief annotations in early hand to pp. 1 and 40, another early annotation to verso of title page. \$500.

* First edition, one of three issues and the only issue printed in England. Passed by the Irish Parliament in 1662, the Act of Settlement was a partial reversal of 1652 Act for the Settlement of Ireland, which punished Irish Catholics and Royalists for fighting against the English Parliament in Civil War with the wholesale confiscation of their lands and property, which was then passed into Protestant hands. The Court of Claims was established to implement the 1662 act and it was immediately embroiled in political conflict. Alarmed that the Court was absolving too many Catholics and restoring their lands, the Protestant-dominated Irish House of Commons attempted to change the Court's rules. Mervyn's speech defended the Court with detailed legal reasoning and an appeal to English liberties. It offered 20 proposals to make it a fairer and more effective court. Unfortunately, Charles II rebuffed Mervyn and the Court was allowed to expire before it could hear most of the claims by Catholic petitioners. All three issues of the *Speech* are scarce. OCLC locates 7 copies of the London issue in North America, none in law libraries. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R904. [Order This Item](#)



**Two Scarce Pamphlets About the Stuart
Monarchy, One by A Supporter, One By a Detractor**

24. [Spelman, Sir John (1594-1643)].

The Case of Our Affaires in Law, Religion, And Other Circumstances Briefly Examined, And Presented to the Conscience. [Oxford?: Henry Hall?], 1643 [i.e. 1644]. [ii], 38 pp.

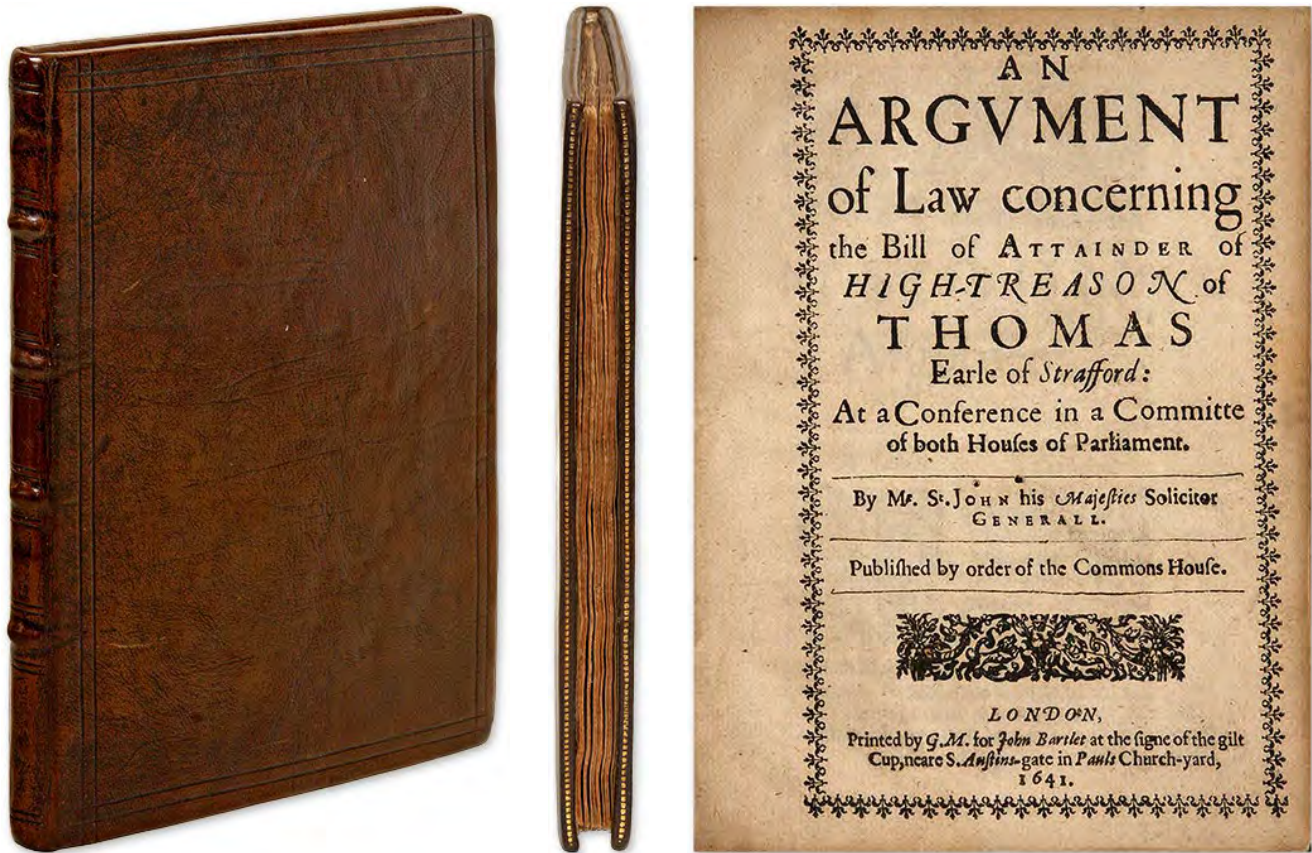
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[Johnson, Samuel (1649-1703)].

A Letter from a Freeholder, To the Rest of the Freeholders of England, and All Others, Who Have Votes in the Choice of Parliament-Men [drop-head title]. [London: S.n., 1689]. 8 pp.

Quarto (7-1/4" x 5-1/2"). Disbound stab-stitched pamphlets, soiling to title page of *The Case* and final page of *A Letter*; light rubbing to extremities, light browning to interior, faint dampstaining to final three leaves, occasional loss to headlines, cathwords, side-notes and head of typographical border of *The Case* due to trimming. \$350.

* Only editions, *Letter* one of two issues, both from 1689. Spelman was A historian and politician known for his important biography of Alfred the Great. Knighted by Charles I, Spelman was a Royalist. *The Case* advances theoretical support for Royalist doctrines concerning law, politics and religion. The final section of this pamphlet, with the drop-head title "A Discoverie of Londons Obstinacie, and Miserie" (pp. 33-38), was probably written by another author. Johnson was an Anglican clergyman and political writer who opposed the Stuarts and welcomed the Glorious Revolution of 1688-1689. Written in a celebratory mood, his *Letter* praises the power of the vote to protect liberty of conscience. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R26250, R2105. [Order This Item](#)



Parliament Defends Its Case Against the Earl of Strafford

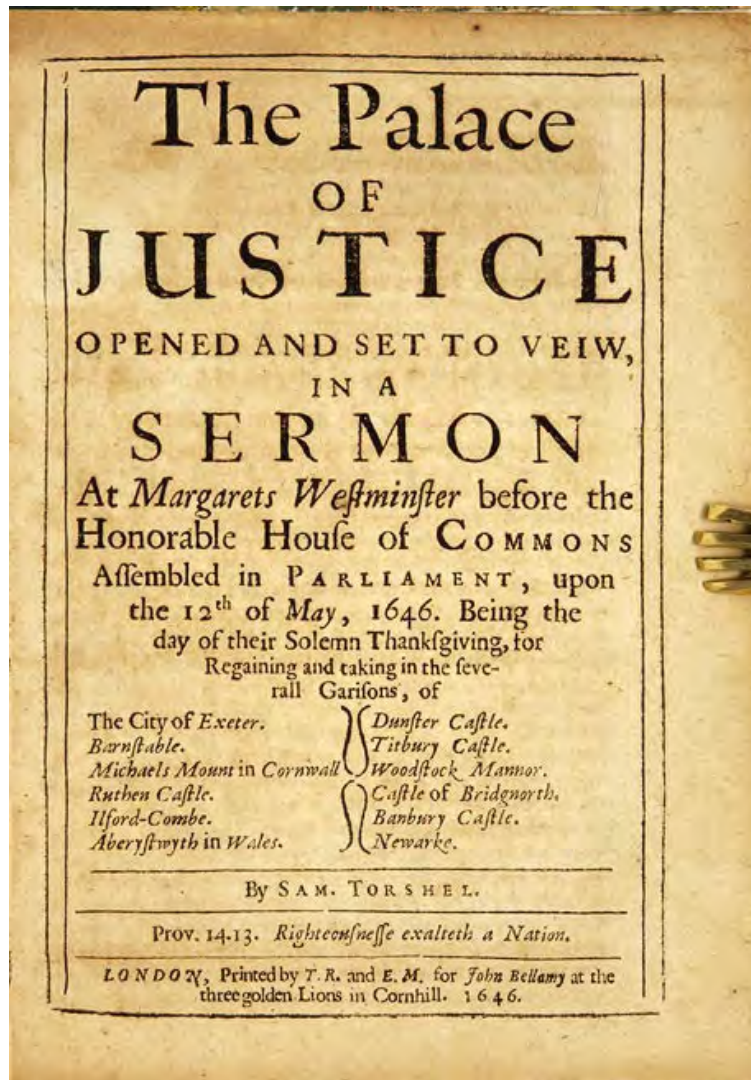
25. St. John, Oliver [1598?-1673].

[Wentworth, Thomas, First Earl of Strafford (1593-1641)].

An Argument of Law Concerning the Bill of Attainder of High-Treason of Thomas Earle of Strafford: At a Conference in a Committee of Both Houses of Parliament. By Mr. St. John His Majesties Solicitor General. Published by Order of the Commons House. London: Printed by G.M. For John Bartlet at the Signe of the Gilt Cup, Neare S. Austins-Gate in Pauls Church-yard, 1641. [ii], 78 pp. Quarto (7" x 5").

Recent period-style calf (by Philip Dusel), blind rules to boards, raised bands to spine, gilt tooling to board edges, printer waste visible under front pastedown. Title printed woodcut typographical border, woodcut initials and headpieces. Light toning to text, a few tiny worm holes through center of text block with no loss to legibility. A handsome copy. \$1,250.

* First edition, one of four printings from 1641 (priority unknown). Wentworth was a leading supporter of King Charles I and a major figure in the period leading up to the English Civil War. Scapegoated by Parliament for his "treasonous" role in the Second Bishops' War, one of the preliminary stages of the Civil War, he was condemned to death on shaky legal grounds via a bill of attainder in 1641. Feeling it necessary to yield to Parliament, Charles signed the death warrant. *An Argument* is an enlarged transcription of Parliament's case. A lawyer and politician, St. John served in both the Short and Long Parliaments. Along with the Earl of Bedford, John Pym and John Hamden, he formed a reformist, yet moderate coalition known as the "middle group." Since St. John occupied this middle ground in Parliament, Bedford eventually convinced Charles I to appoint him Solicitor General. It was in this capacity that he led the case against Strafford. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R17730. [Order This Item](#)



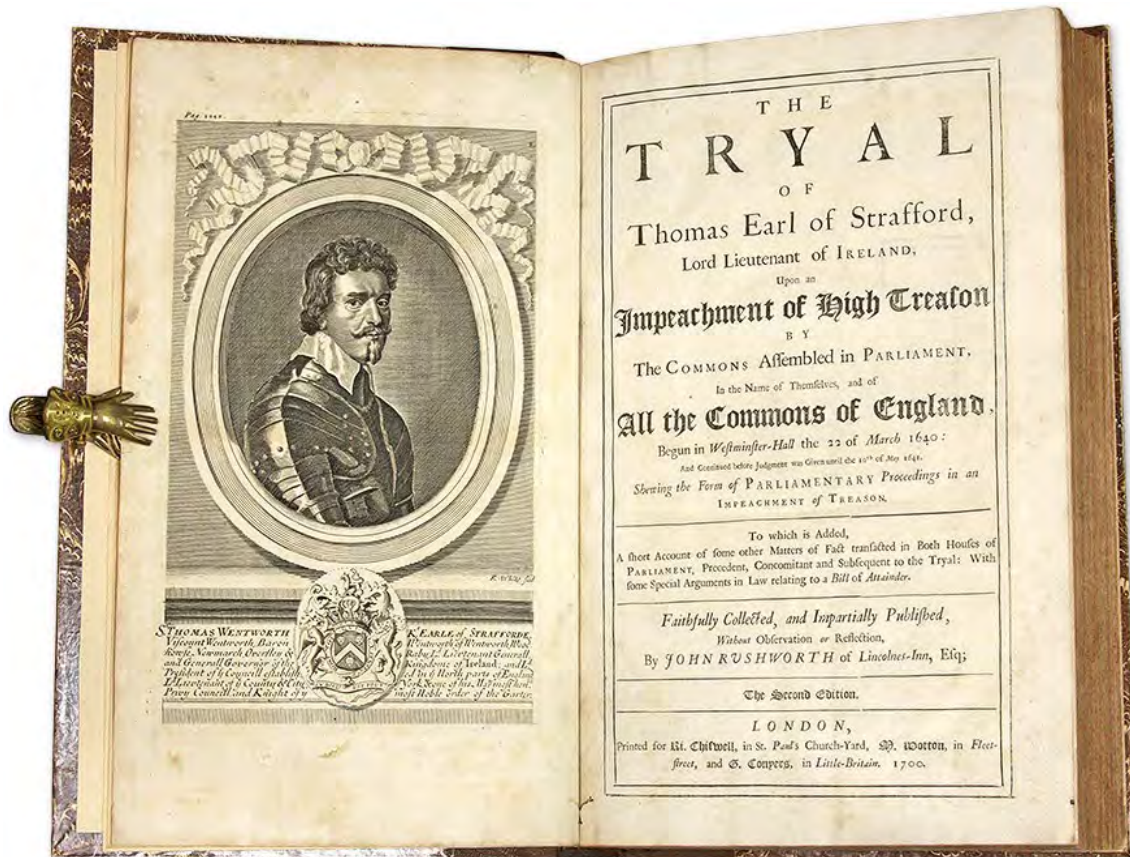
**A Sermon Celebrating Parliament's Victories
in the Fifth Year of The First English Civil War**

26. Torshell, Samuel [1604-1650].

The Palace of Justice Opened and Set to Veiv [sic], *In a Sermon at Margarets Westminster Before the Honorable House of Commons Assembled in Parliament, Upon the 12th of May, 1646. Being the Day of Their Solemn Thanksgiving, For Regaining and Taking in the Severall Garisons, Of the city of Exeter. Barnstable. Michaels Mouni in Cornwall Ruthen Castle. Ilford-Combe. Aberystwyth in Wales. Dunster Castle. Titbury Castle. Woodstock Mannor. Castle of Bridgnorth. Banbury Castle. Newarke.* London: Printed by T.R. and E.M. for John Bellamy at the Three Golden Lions in Cornhill, 1646. [viii], 23, [1] pp. Quarto (7-1/4" x 5-1/2").

Stab-stitched pamphlet bound into recent quarter cloth over marbled boards, gilt title to spine. Title printed within double-line border, woodcut head-pieces and decorated initials. Moderate browning to text, faint dampspotting to some leaves. "Torshell" in early hand to front endleaf, interior otherwise clean. \$250.

* Only edition. The text of a sermon delivered before the opening of Parliament offering thanks for a series of recent victories against Charles I. It ends with an exhortation to Parliament: "Honoured Fathers, Renowned Patrots, I have done, when I have onely summed my Discourse in a few words: Be just" (22). OCLC locates 11 copies in North America. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R200826. [Order This Item](#)



Condemned to Death by Parliament

27. [Trial].

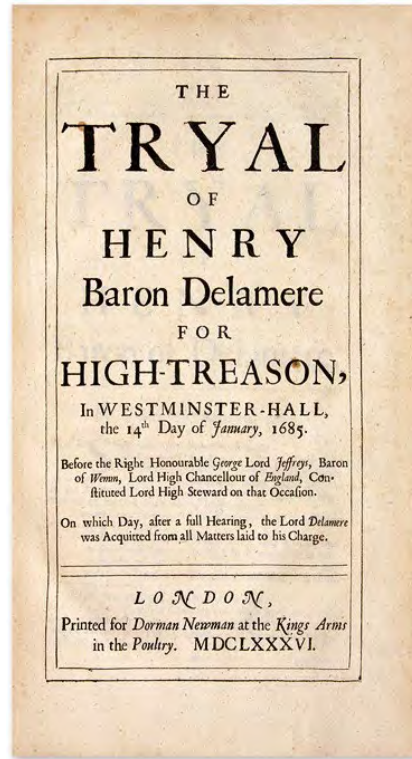
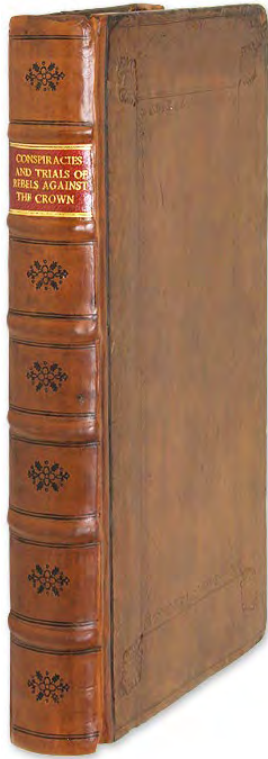
Rushworth, John [1612?-1690], Compiler.

Strafford, Thomas Wentworth, Earl of [1593-1641], Defendant.

The Tryal of Thomas Earl of Strafford, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, upon an Impeachment of High Treason by the Commons Assembled in Parliament, In the Name of Themselves, And of All the Commons of England, Begun in Westminster-Hall the 22 of March 1640: And Continued before Judgment was Given Until the 10th of May 1641. Shewing the Form of Parliamentary Proceedings in an Impeachment of Treason. To Which is Added, A Short Account of Some Other Matters of Fact Transacted in Both Houses of Parliament, Precedent, Concomitant and Subsequent to the Tryal: With Some Special Arguments in Law Relating to a Bill of Attainder. Faithfully Collected, And Impartially Published, Without Observation or Reflection, By John Rushworth of Lincolnes-Inn, Esq. London: Printed for R. Chiswell, 1700. [x], 252, 401-786, [2], [1] pp. Text continuous despite pagination. Copperplate portrait frontispiece. Folio (12-1/2" x 8").

Later quarter morocco over marbled boards, gilt-edged raised bands and gilt title to spine, endpapers renewed. Light rubbing to extremities with minor wear to corners, front hinge starting. Light toning to text, somewhat heavier in places, light soiling to head of text block, tiny library stamps to verso of frontispiece and a few other leaves. \$450.

* Second and final edition. Wentworth, 1st Earl of Strafford, Lord Deputy of Ireland and a leading advisor to King Charles I, was an important figure in the period leading up to the English Civil War. He was tried for treason when he planned to use the Irish army to subdue the king's Scottish opponents during the First Bishops' War (1639). Failing to convict him for treason, Parliament passed a bill of attainder (a death warrant by special act of Parliament). The king was compelled to sign it and Wentworth was executed. The first edition of Rushworth's compilation was published in 1680 and reissued in 1686. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R211948. [Order This Item](#)



Plots Against the English Crown

28. [Trials].

[Great Britain].

[Plots Against the Crown].

The Arraignement, Tryal and Condemnation of Robert Earl of Essex, And Henry Earl of Southampton, At Westminster the 19th of February, 1600. And in the 34th Reign of Queen Elizabeth: For Rebelliously Conspiring and Endeavouring the Subversion of the Government, By Confederacy with Tyr-Owen, That Popish Traytor and His Accomplices; Of Whom, These Following, Viz: Sir Christopher Blunt, Sir Charles Danvers, Sir Gillie Merrick and Henry Cusse Were the 5th of March Following, By a Special Commission of Oyer and Terminer, Arraigned, Condemned, And Executed. The Peers Had for Their Assistance the Learned Judges. Counsel for the Queen. Sir Henry Yelverton, The Queen's Serjeant. Sir Edward Cook, The Queens Attorney-General; Afterwards Lord Chief Justice of England. Mr. Bacon, Afterwards Lord Chancellor. London: Printed for Tho. Bassett, 1679. [ii], 30 pp. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R18141.

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The Tryal of Henry Baron Delamere for High Treason, In Westminster-Hall, The 14th Day of January, 1685. Before the Right Honourable George Lord Jeffreys, Baron of Wemm, Lord High Chancellour of England, Constituted Lord High Steward on that Occasion. On Which Day, After a Full Hearing, The Lord Delamere was Acquitted from All Matters Laid to His Charge. London: Printed for Dorman Newman, 1686. [ii], 87 pp. *ESTC* R23568.

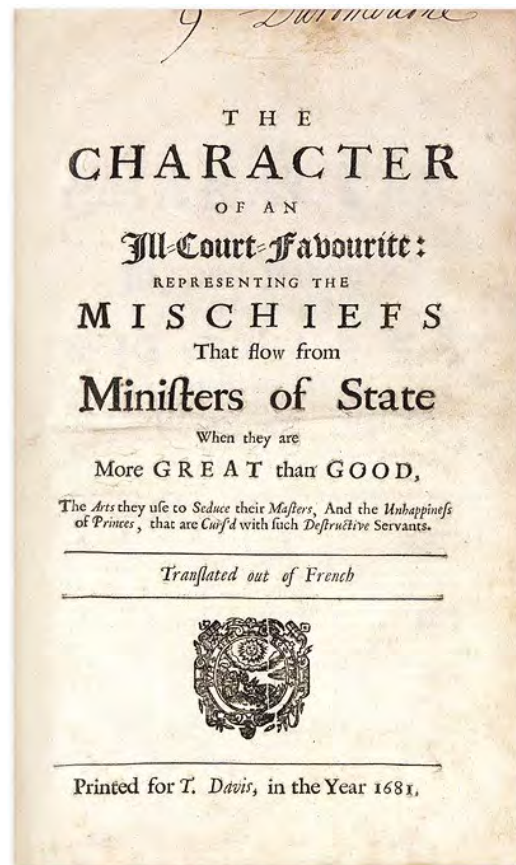
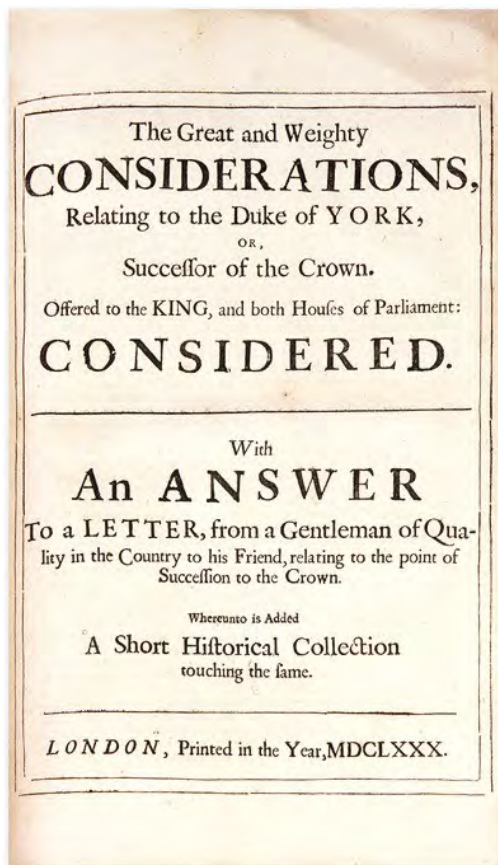
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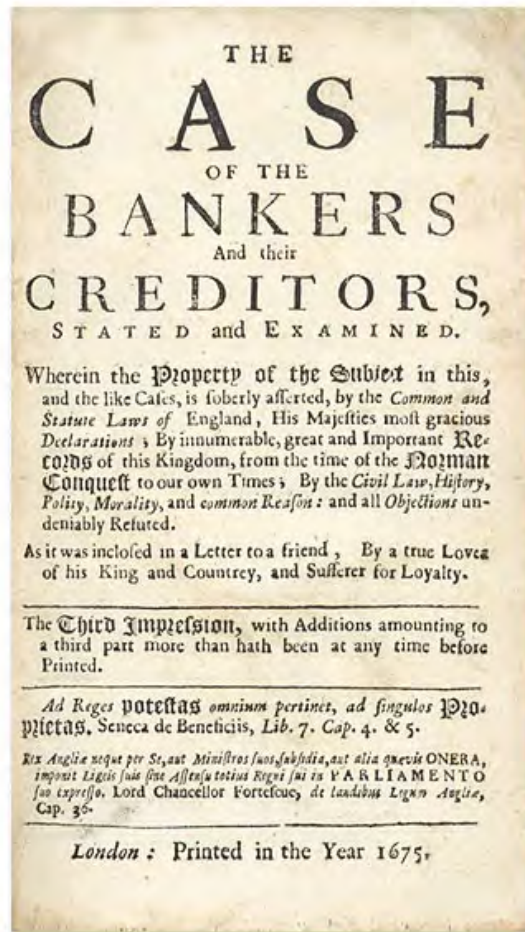
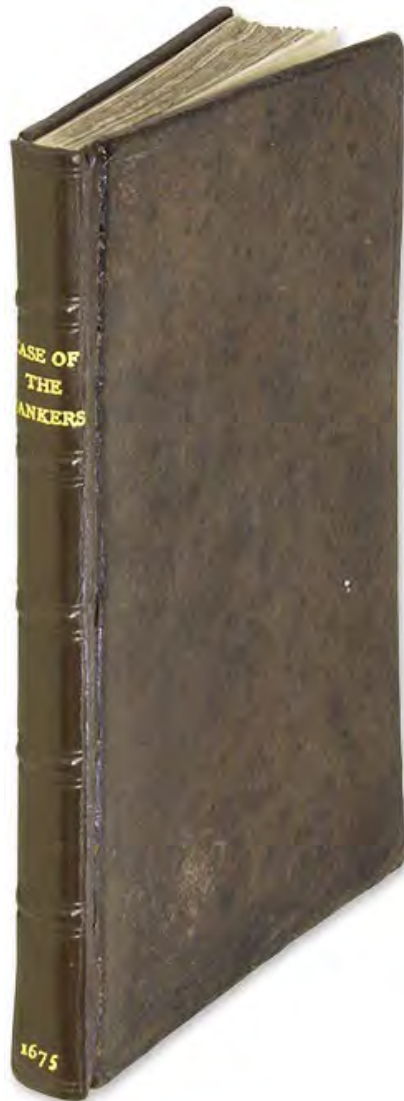
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* This volume collects seventeen pamphlets relating to seventeenth-century plots against the English Crown, such as the Popish Plot, Rye House Plot and Tyrone's Rebellion. Seven are trial accounts, four discuss trials, the others address background issues. Two titles are identified above; the others are (in short-titles): *The Arraignment, Trials, Conviction of Sir Rich. Grabme, And John Ashton* (1691, two parts, [iv], 76; 77-138 pp., ESTC R22452), *The Arraignment, Tryal and Condemnation of Sir William Parkins* (1696, [ii], 48 pp., ESTC R11595), *The Arraignment, Tryal & Condemnation of Algernon Sidney* (1684, [iv], 67 pp., ESTC R23343), *The Late Lord Russel's Case, With Observations Upon It* (1686, [ii], 104 pp., ESTC R27291), *The Tryals of Henry Cornish... And John Fernley, William Ring, And Elizabeth Gaunt* (1685, [ii], 42 pp., ESTC R25662), *The Character of an Ill-Court-Favourite: Representing the Mischiefs that Flow from Ministers of State* (1681, 19, [1] pp., ESTC R35809), *Grimalkin, Or, The Rebel-Cat: A Novell* (1681, [ii], 13, [1] pp., ESTC R30323), *A Speech Without Doors. Made by A Plebeian to His Noble Friends* (1681, 4 pp., ESTC R37582), *The French Intrigues Discovered* (1681, [ii], 31, [1] pp., ESTC R9404), *Remarques Upon a New Project of Association* (1682, 8 pp., ESTC R3820), *The Oath and Covenant Signed by Several Members of the House of Commons* (1681, 8 pp., Not in the ESTC or Wing, may be lacking a title page), *The Proceedings Held at the Sessions of the Peace Held at Hicks-Hall* (1682, [ii], 8 pp., ESTC R6287), *The Great and Weighty Considerations, Relating to the Duke of York, Or Successor of the Crown... Considered* (1680, [ii], 37, [1] pp., ESTC R20436), *The Act of Parliament of the 27th. Of Queen Elizabeth, To Preserve the Queen's Person, And Protestant Religion, And Government* (1679, [ii], 6 pp., ESTC R34890) and *A Letter from a Gentleman of Quality in the Country to His Friend* (1679, [ii], 18 pp., ESTC R19698).

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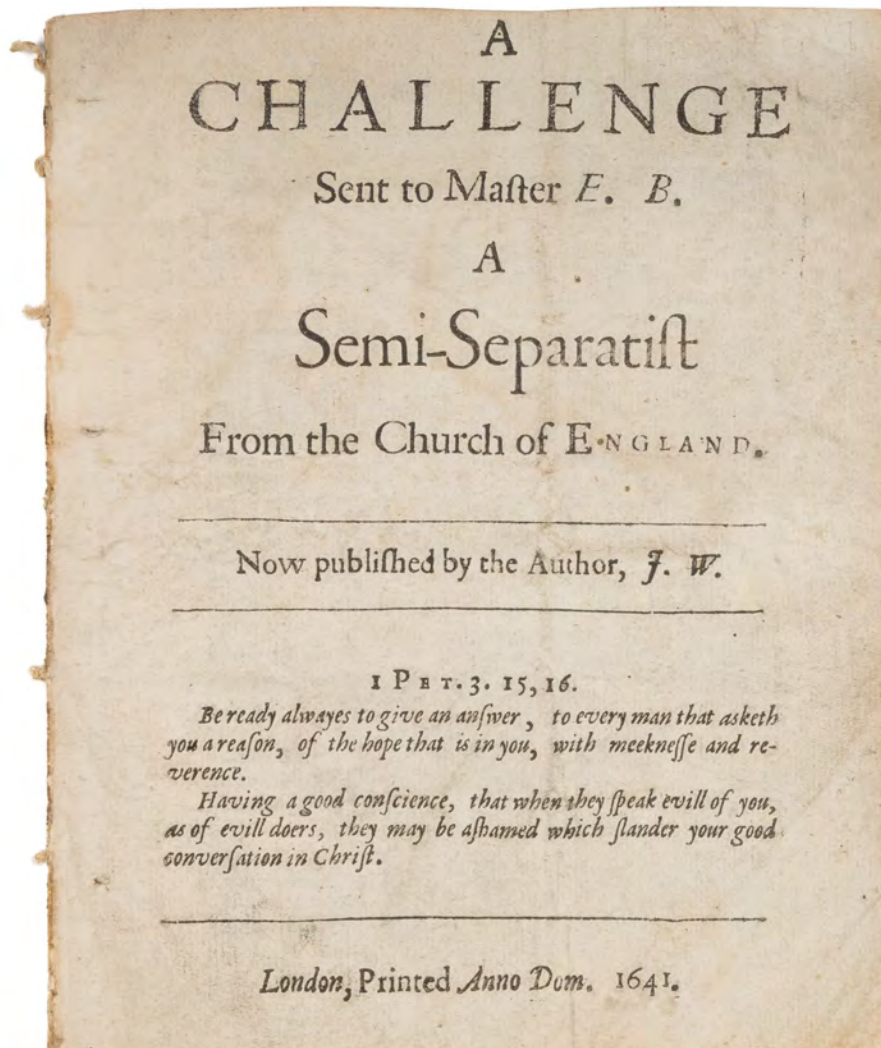
The King and His Creditors

29. [Turner, Thomas (d. 1679)].

The Case of the Bankers and Their Creditors, Stated and Examined. Wherein the Property of the Subject in This, And the Like Cases, Is Soberly Asserted, By the Common and Statute Laws of England, His Majesties Most Gracious Declarations; By Innumerable, Great and Important Records of This Kingdom, From the Time of the Norman Conquest to Our Own Times; By the Civil Law, History, Policy, Morality, And Common Reason: And All Objections Undeniably Refuted. As it Was Inclosed in a Letter To a Friend, By a True Lover of His King and Country, And Sufferer for Loyalty. London: S.n., 1675. [x], 147, [1] pp. Octavo (7" x 4 1/2").

Contemporary speckled calf rebaked in period style. Blind rules to boards, gilt title and raised bands to spine, endpapers renewed. A few minor nicks to boards, corners bumped. Light toning to text, heavier toning to title page and a few leaves. Contemporary annotations to rear endleaves, interior otherwise clean. \$750.

* Second and final issue, a much-enlarged version of the previous printing, a 44-page pamphlet printed in 1674. The Bankers' Case concerned the liability of the King to repay loans. The decision gave creditors of the crown the right to petition to the Barons of the Exchequer for breach of contract. This definition of a legal obligation marked a significant turning point in the relationship between king and subject. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R217081. [Order This Item](#)



"There is a Master B. in Their Hive, Whom They Follow Like Swarms"

30. Wilcock, James [d.1662].

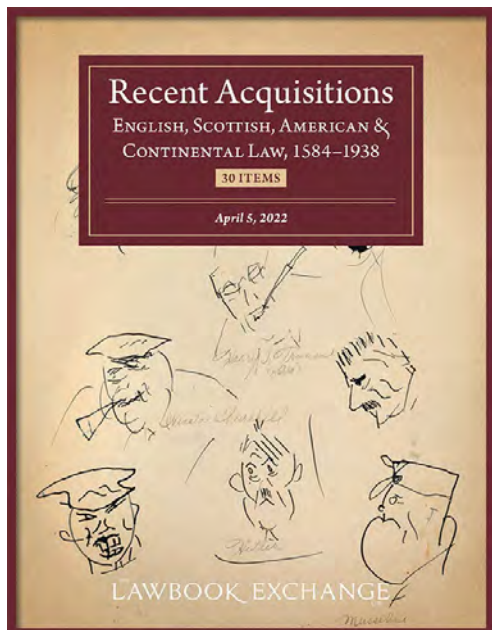
A Challenge Sent to Master E.B. A Semi-Separatist from the Church of England. Now Published by the Author, J.W. London: [s.n.], 1641. 16 pp. Quarto (6-3/4" x 5-1/2").

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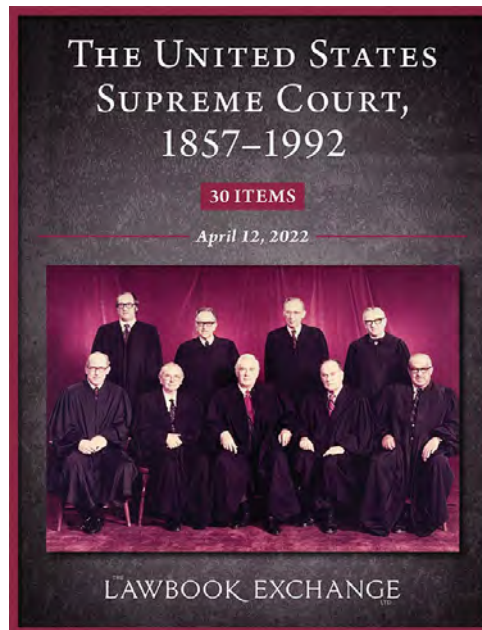
* Only edition. The summer of 1641 saw many clashes between conformists and reformers in the Church of England. Wilcock, a conformist vicar, was bitterly opposed to the teachings of Edward Bright, the reforming lecturer appointed by Parliament. Though many in the congregation supported Bright, Wilcock insists in this tract that "they are but seduced, and deserved to be pitied, that I may not say despised" (4). He goes on to interrogate Bright's religious views as heretical.

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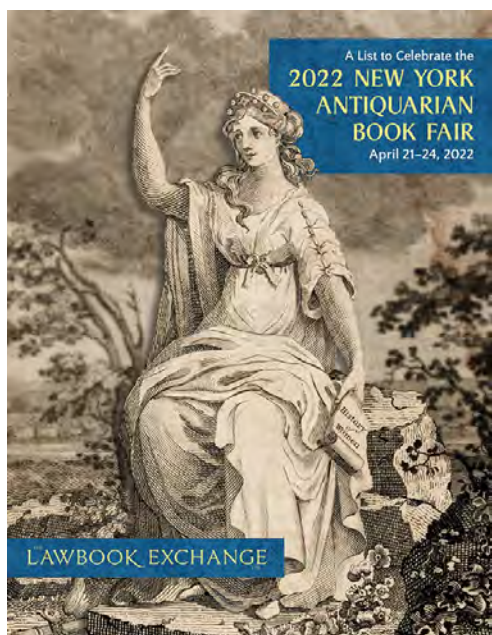
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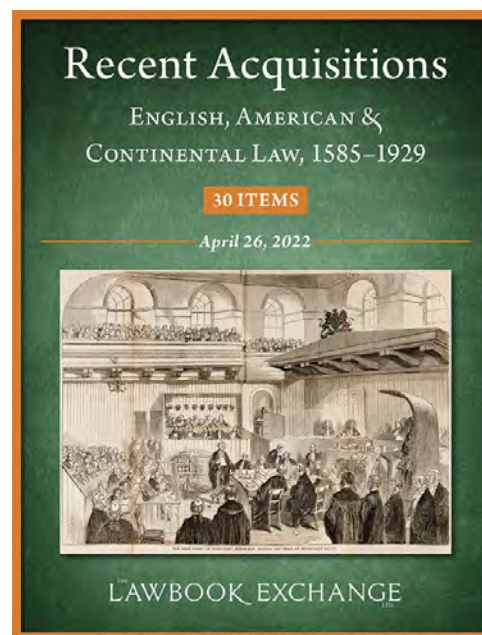
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