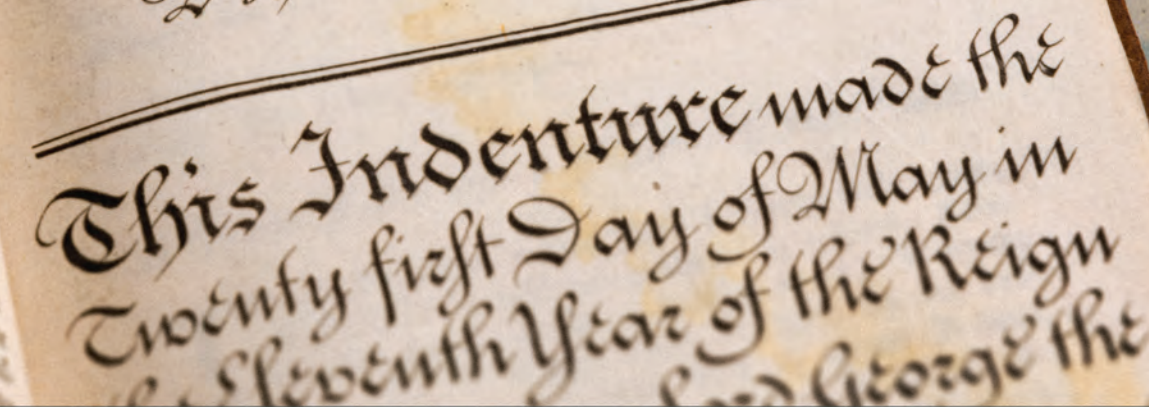
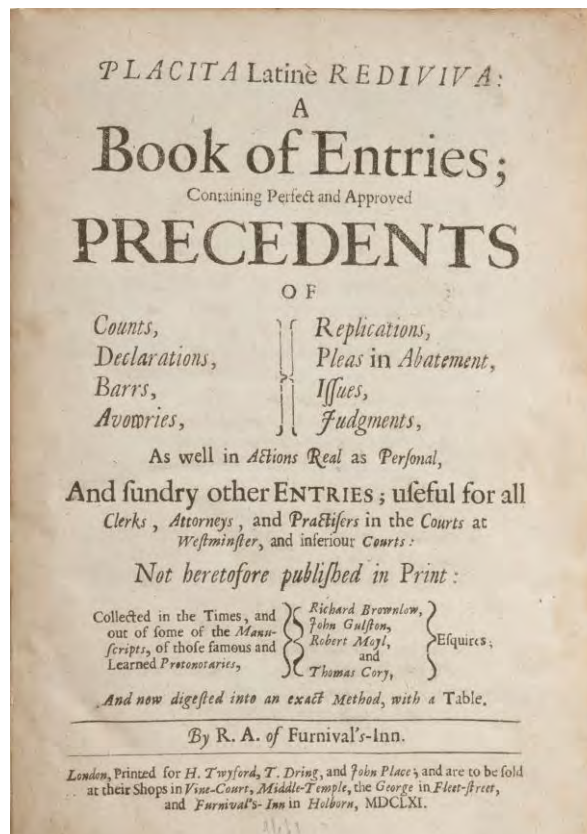
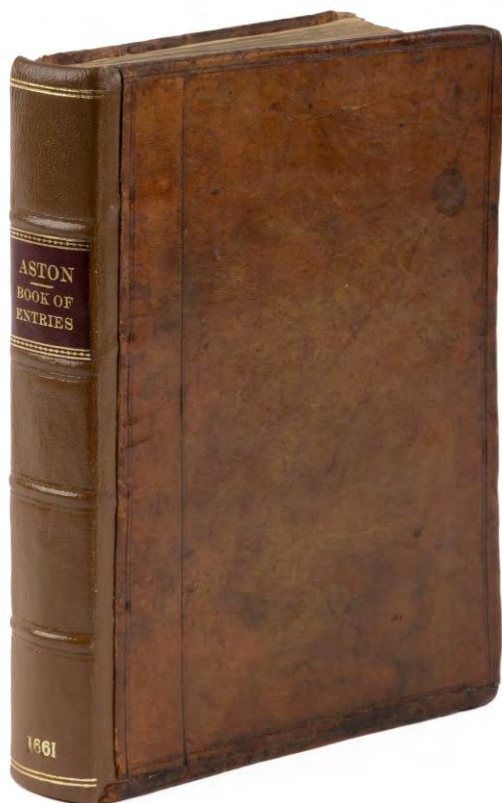


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1. A[ston], R[obert].

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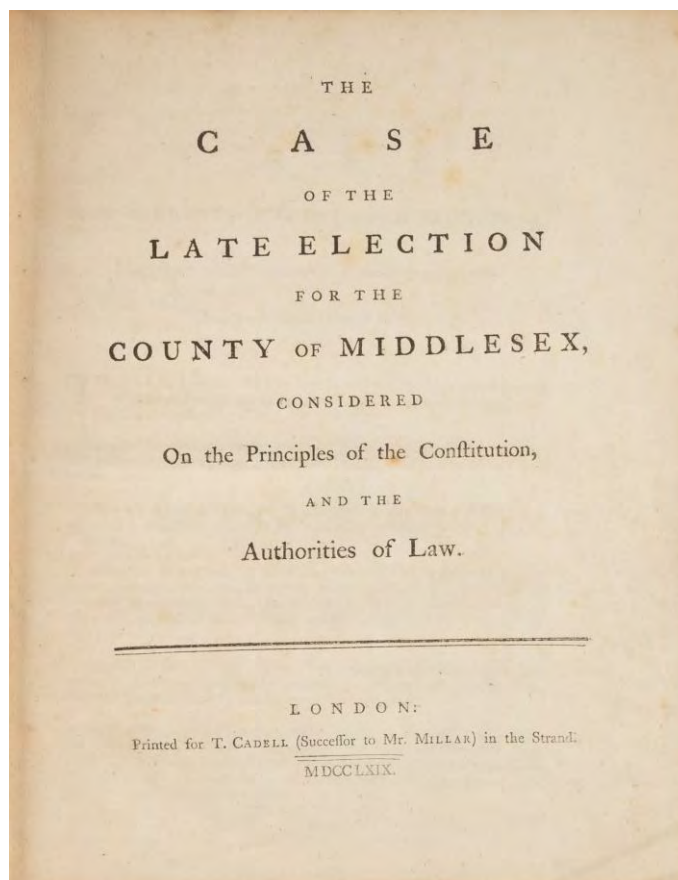
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* First edition, one of two 1661 issues. A fine example of a seventeenth-century pleading manual. As suggested by its title, Aston's work, first issued at the beginning of the Restoration in 1661, aimed to revive aspects of pleading that were discarded during the Civil War and Commonwealth.

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Blackstone's Remarks on the Wilkes Cause

2. [Blackstone, Sir William (1723-1780), Attributed].

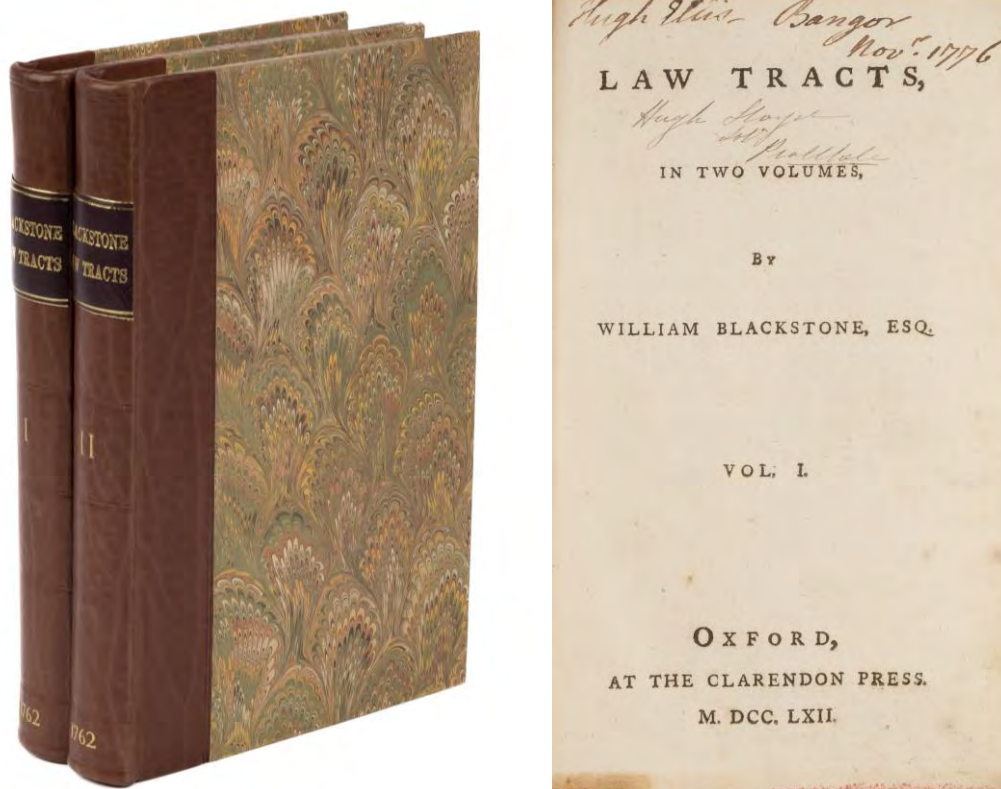
The Case of the Late Election for the County of Middlesex, Considered on the Principles of the Constitution, And the Authorities of Law. London: Printed for T. Cadell, 1769. [iv], 48 pp. With a half-title. Quarto (10-1/4" x 7-3/4").

Stab-stitched pamphlet recently re sewn into marbled wrappers. Moderate toning to interior, light foxing and soiling in a few places, faint fold lines to corners of a few leaves, small tear to half-title not affecting text, "N 24" written in ink at its head. \$2,500.

* First edition, one of two 1769 issues. In 1768 Wilkes [1727-1797], the publisher of the controversial paper the *North Briton*, was elected to Parliament by Middlesex County. However, he was imprisoned for seditious libel and expelled. While the legitimacy of his sentence was being debated, Middlesex attempted to re-elect him several times without success. Blackstone supported Parliament's position. During the expulsion debate, Blackstone was challenged by Grenville, who noted a discrepancy between his position on the floor and in the *Commentaries*. Unable to deliver a satisfactory rebuttal on the spot, he replied with the anonymously published *The Case of the Late Election*. It initiated a lively pamphlet exchange that involved Samuel Johnson, Sir William Meredith and others. This pamphlet has also been attributed to Jeremiah Dyson [1722-1776] and Owen Ruffhead [1723-1769].

Eller, *The William Blackstone Collection in the Yale Law Library* 231, which notes Ms. Eller had not seen a copy of this work. *English Short-Title Catalogue* N26881. Laeuchli, *A Bibliographical Catalog of William Blackstone* 539.

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Attractively Bound First Edition of Blackstone's *Law Tracts*

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

Law Tracts, In Two Volumes. Oxford: At the Clarendon Press, 1762. Two volumes. [iv], 257, [7]; [iv], cxv, [5], 135, [9] pp. 4 parts, each with divisional title page. 8 copperplate facsimiles (of royal seals), copperplate Table of Descents and folding Table of Consanguinity. Octavo (7-3/4" x 5").

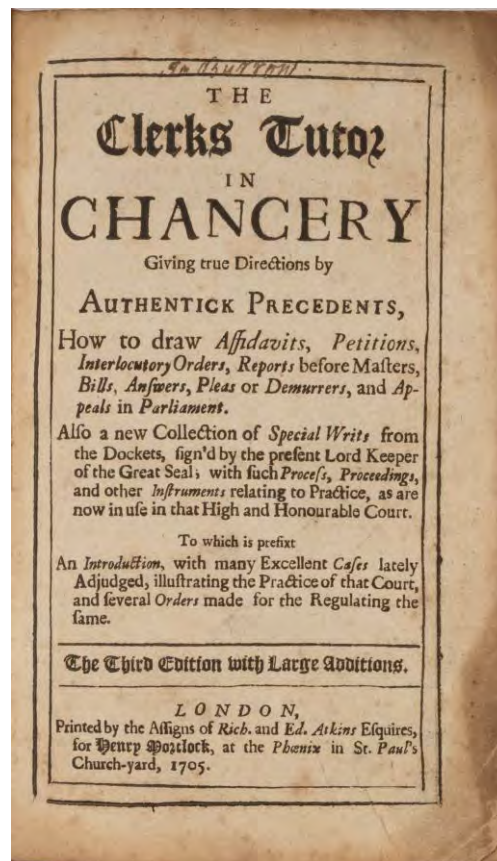
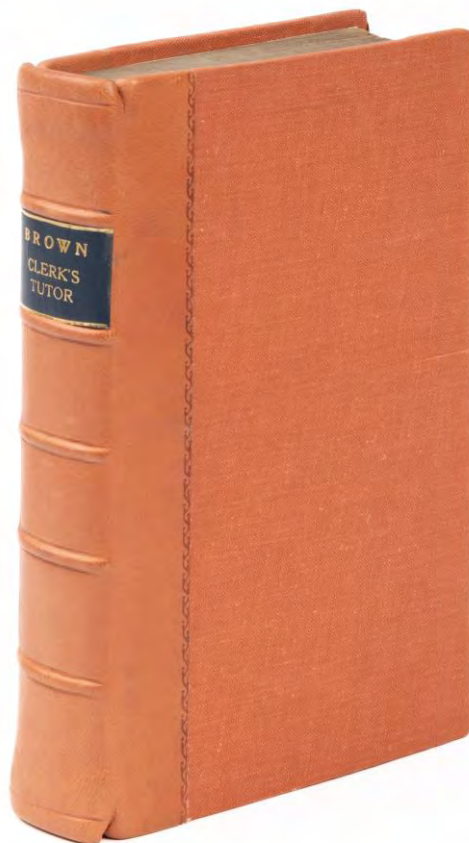
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* First edition. The first collected edition, with revisions, of five early works, several of which are quite rare in their original editions. They are reprinted here "with a few corrections and additions"; each of the volumes contains a general index. The works are, Volume I: *An Essay on Collateral Consanguinity* (1750, Blackstone's first legal publication), *Considerations on Copyholders* (1758), *Treatise on the Law of Descents in Fee-Simple* (1759), Volume II: *The Great Charter* (1759) and *Magna Carta, Carta de Forest, Etc.* (1759). A "third" edition was published in 1771. (There is no evidence of a second edition, unless one counts the pirated Dublin reissue of the first, which was printed in 1767.) The contents of the two editions differ. The first does not have *Analysis of the Laws of England* (1756) or *Observations on the Oxford Press* (1757); the "third" does not have *Treatise on the Law of Descents in Fee-Simple*.

Eller, *The William Blackstone Collection in the Yale Law Library* 238. Laeuchli, *A Bibliographical Catalog of William Blackstone* 551.

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"True Directions"

4. [Brown, William (fl c.1680)].

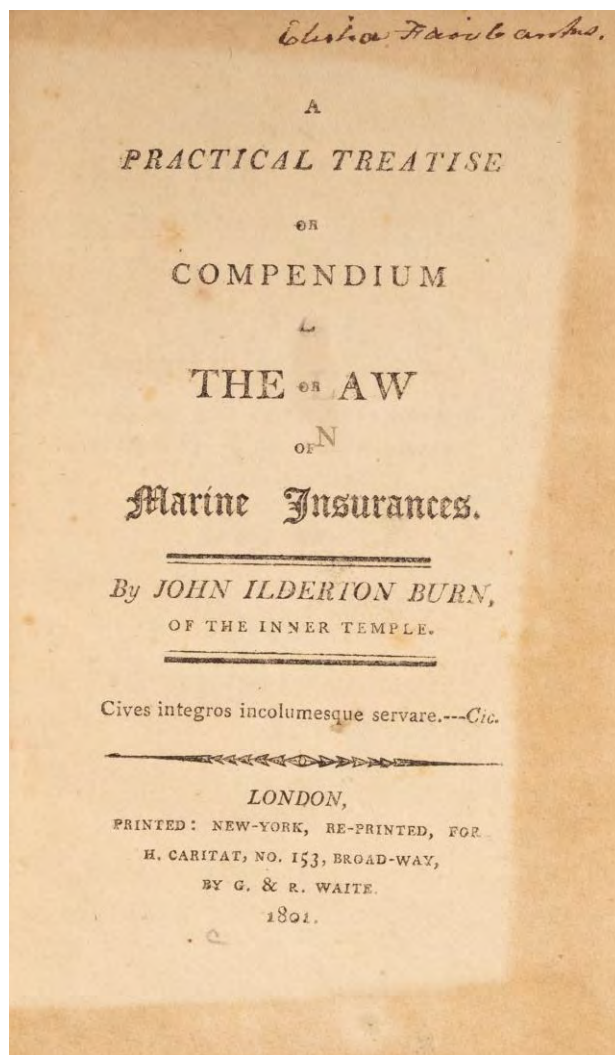
The Clerk's Tutor in Chancery Giving True Directions by Authentick Precedents, How to Draw Affidavits, Petitions, Interlocutory Orders, Reports Before Masters, Bills, Answers, Pleas or Demurrers, And Appeals in Parliament. Also a New Collection of Special Writs from the Dockets, Sign'd by the Present Lord Keeper of the Great Seal; With Such Process, Proceedings, And Other Instruments Relating to Practice, as are Now in Use in that High and Honourable Court. To Which is Prefixt an Introduction, With Many Excellent Cases Lately Adjudged, Illustrating the Practice of that Court, And Several Orders Made for the Regulating the Same. London: Printed by the Assigns of Rich. and Ed. Atkins Esquires, For Henry Mortlock, 1705. [viii], lxxxiv, 397, [15] pp. Octavo (7-1/2" x 4-3/4").

Recent period-style quarter calf over cloth, blind fillets along joints, raised bands and lettering piece to spine, endpapers renewed. Moderate toning to interior, faint spotting to a few leaves at beginning and end of text block, offsetting, light soiling, moderate edgewear and early owner signature (Wm. Burrow) to title page. \$650.

* Third and final edition. Brown was clerk of the Court of Common Pleas and the author of several pleading manuals. First published in 1688, *The Clerk's Tutor* complements his *Praxis Almae Curiae Cancellariae* (first ed. 1694-1695), a treatise held in high regard by Holdsworth. All editions are scarce. OCLC locates 7 copies of the 1705 edition in North American law libraries (Columbia, Creighton University, Library of Congress, LA County, San Francisco, University of Pennsylvania, University of Washington); the ESTC adds 1 more (Harvard).

Holdsworth, *A History of English Law* XII:179-180. *English Short-Title Catalogue* (ESTC) T112732.

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Only American Edition of Burn's *Marine Insurances*

5. Burn, John Ilderton [1774?-1848].

A Practical Treatise or Compendium of the Law of Marine Insurances. London, Printed: New-York, Re-Printed, for H. Caritat by G. & R. Waite, 1801. xiv, [2], 235 pp. 12mo. (6-1/4" x 4").

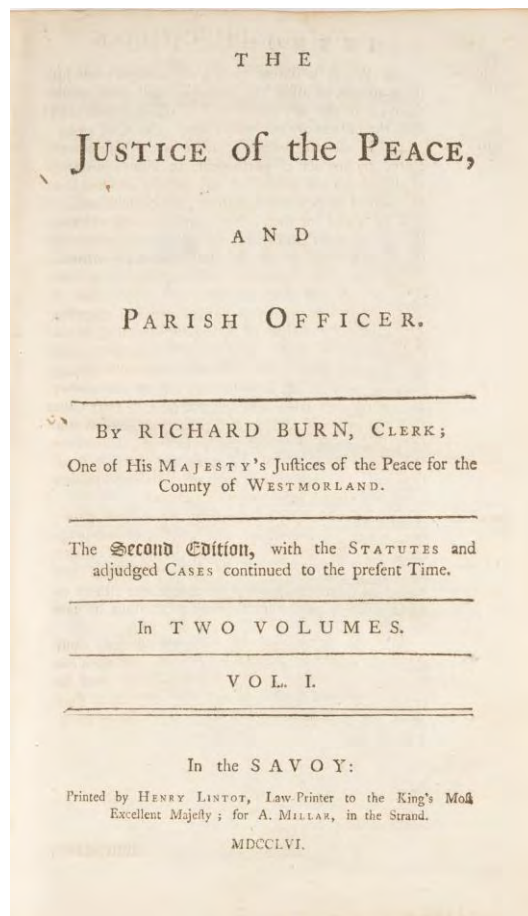
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* Only edition, published the same year in London and New York. Burn was a barrister of the Inner Temple who published several law treatises. The appendix contains summaries of two recent English decisions, and the form of an insurance policy for a ship or goods.

Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 7055.

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Early Edition of *Burn's Justice*

6. Burn, Richard [1709-1785].

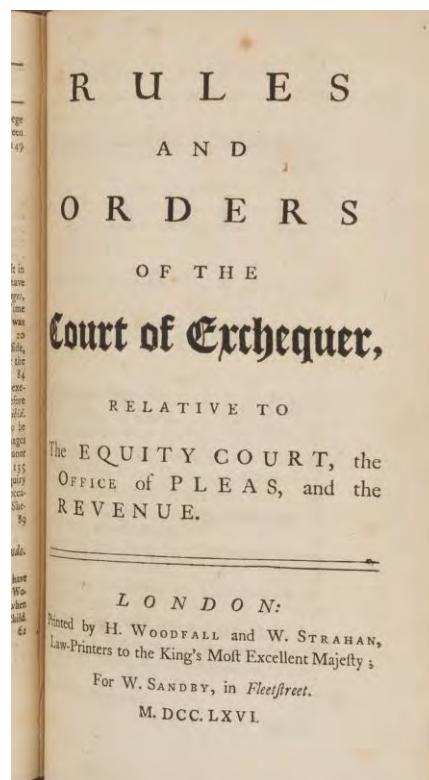
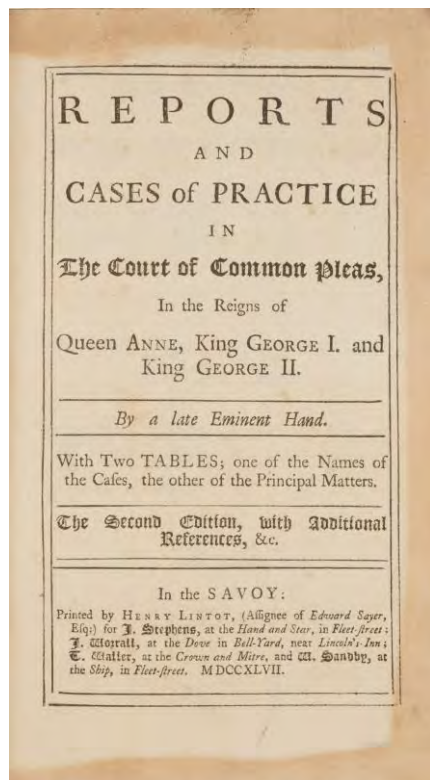
The Justice of the Peace, And Parish Officer With the Statutes and Adjudged Cases Continued to the Present Time. [London]: Printed by Henry Lintot, 1756. Two volumes. xxiv, 576; 615, [1] pp. Octavo (8-1/4" x 5 1/4").

Contemporary calf, blind rules to boards, raised bands, lettering pieces and blind volume numbers to spine, blind tooling to board edges. Light rubbing and a few minor nicks, scuffs and spots to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, front joint of Volume II cracked, corners bumped and somewhat worn. Light toning to interiors, early manuscript index to front endleaves of each volume. \$850.

* Second edition, the first with revisions. A durable work, Burn's *Justice* went through 30 editions by 1869 and was excerpted often in early American justice manuals, such as Parker's *Conductor Generalis* (1764) and Burn's *Abridgment of Burn's Justice of the Peace and Parish Officer* (1773). It covers such topics as Accessory, Alehouses, Aliens, Assault and Battery, Bail (By Writ of Habeas Corpus), Bankrupt, Bastards, Burglary, Clergy, Dogs, Evidence, Excise and Customs, Forgery, Game, Homicide, Jurors, Libel, Oaths, Insolvent Debtors, Polygamy, Promissory Notes, Rape, Riot, Robbery, Taxes and Vagrants. Holdsworth notes that "a perusal of these headings tells us something of the development of the system of local government" at the time when the book was written."

Holdsworth, *A History of English Law* X:162. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T68628.

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Two Titles on the Courts of Common Pleas and Exchequer

7. [Cooke, Sir George].

Reports and Cases of Practice in the Court of Common Pleas, in the Reigns of Queen Anne, King George I and King George II. By a late Eminent Hand. With Two Tables; One of the Names of the Cases, The Other of the Principal Matters. [London]: Printed by Henry Lintot for J. Stephens, J. Worrall [et al.], 1747. [330] pp. Star-paged to the first edition. Lacking final advertising leaf.

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[Court of Exchequer].

Rules and Orders of the Court of Exchequer, Relative to the Equity Court, The Office of Pleas, And the Revenue. London: Printed by H. Woodfall and W. Strahan for W. Sandby, 1766. [viii], 98 pp.

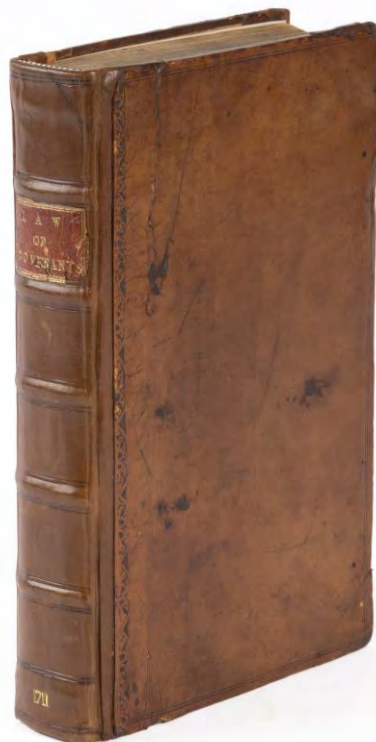
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* *Reports and Cases*: second edition; *Rules and Orders*: only edition. The second edition of *Reports and Cases* adds additional cases through 1747, whereas the first edition (1742) ends at 1741. "These decisions, which are upon points of practice, and are cited not infrequently in the *Reports* of Sir William Blackstone and in Wilson, enjoy a good reputation" (Wallace). *Rules and Orders* is a guide to pleading in the exchequer. It is a scarce title. OCLC locates 1 copy in North America (Harvard Law School).

Wallace, *The Reporters* 416. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T97041, T95683.

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"The Several Sorts of Covenants"

**8. [Covenants].
[Great Britain].**

The Law of Covenants. A Treatise, Explaining the Nature and Rules of the Several Sorts of Covenants: As, Express. In Law. Disjunctive. Copulative. Joint. Several. Inherent. Collateral. Affirmative. Negative. Mutual, Or Reciprocal. Personal. Real. Distinct. Tantamount. And also, The Construction of Several Special Covenants; As, To Save Harmless, Building Covenants, Marriage Covenants, &c. The Manner of Declaring and Assigning the Breaches; and Pleadings Under Each Proper Title. With Several Other Matters Relating to Covenants and Bonds of Performance. By the Author of The Law of Ejectments. [London]: Printed by John Nutt, Assignee of Edw. Sayer Esq; For Samuel Butler, 1711. [xxvi], 351, 368-512, [26] pp. Pagination irregular. Text complete. Octavo (7-1/2" x 4-1/2").

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* First edition. A useful guide to the broad range of formal agreements, contracts and deeds that arose in response to expansion of English trade during the final decades of the seventeenth century. The author of this book has not been identified; "The Law of Ejectments" mentioned in the title was also published anonymously. A "second" edition, really a reissue of the first, was published in 1712. Both are scarce. OCLC locates 7 copies of the first edition in North American law libraries (Columbia, Library of Congress, LA County, Stanford, University of Iowa, University of Pennsylvania, Yale).

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"The Most Learned Civilian of His Time"

9. Cowell, John [1554-1611].

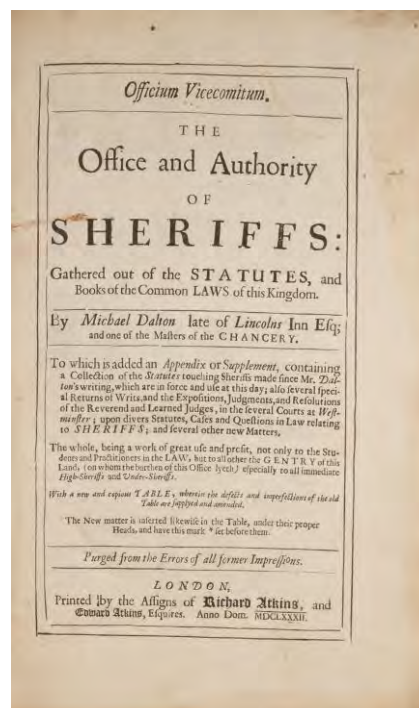
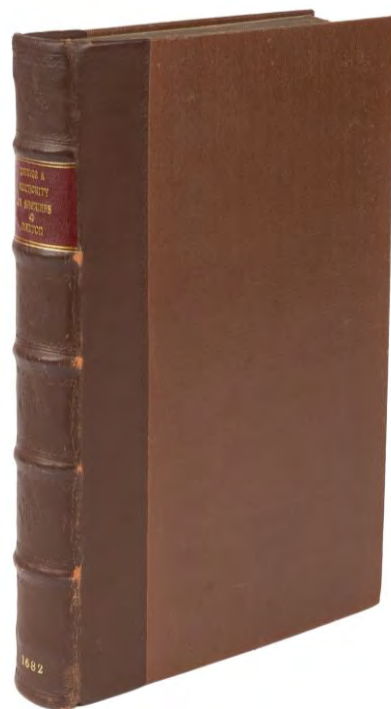
Institutiones Iuris Anglicani, Ad Methodum Et Serium Institutionum Imperialium Compositae & Digestae. Opus non Solum Iuris Anglicani Romanique in hoc Regno Studiosis, Sed Omnibus qui Politeian & Consuetudines Inchyti Nostri Imperii Penitus Scire Cupiunt, Utile & Accommodatum. Cum Duplici Indice, Quorum Alter Titulos Ordine Alphabetico, Alter Obscuras Iuris Angl. Dictiones Earumque Explicationem Continet. [S.l. (Frankfurt?)]: Cura & Impensis Guilielmi Fitzeri, 1630. 347, [21] pp. Last nine leaves (second index) interleaved. Octavo (6-1/2" x 3-1/2").

Contemporary lapped vellum, remnants of thong ties to board edges. Light soiling, somewhat heavier to extremities, a few small scratches and some small wormholes to front board, joints starting at ends, chips to head of front joint and top-edge of rear board, spine ends bumped, pastedowns loose, front endleaves lightly edgeworn, early annotations to front pastedown (which has a small hole with loss to annotation) and front free endpaper. Moderate toning to interior, occasional light foxing, light soiling in a few places, ownership signature (of Thomas Harrison) to title page, underlining and ink annotations to pp. 22-23. \$1,250.

* Second edition. As Walker notes, Cowell was "the most learned civilian of his time." Regius Professor of Civil Law at Cambridge from 1594 to 1611, he is remembered today as the author of an important (and controversial) dictionary, *The Interpreter* (1607), which went through several subsequent editions. As indicated by its title, the *Institutiones* is an elementary textbook on English law organized in the manner of Justinian's *Institutes*. As Holdsworth notes, "The objects of [this book] were to promote the union of England and Scotland by pointing out the resemblances between the common law and the civil law; to give the student of the common law some knowledge of the general principles of law; and to show the students of the civil law that if they would study the common law, they would improve their knowledge of both laws, and cease to be regarded as mere children in legal knowledge. That these ideas were sound is fairly obvious [today]... but they were in advance of their time." A translation of this book was ordered by Parliament in 1651, which indicates its stature during the Commonwealth period (despite Cowell's support of the crown). There were five editions in all; the first edition was published in 1605 and the final edition, in Latin, was published in 1676.

Walker, *The Oxford Companion to Law* 311. Holdsworth, *A History of English Law* V:21. Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 1:21.

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Expanded Edition of the First English Treatise on Sheriffs

10. Dalton, Michael [d.ca. 1648].

*Officium Vicecomitum. The Office and Authority of Sheriffs: Gathered Out of the Statutes, And Books of the Common Laws of this Kingdom. To which is Added an Appendix or Supplement, Containing a Collection of the Statutes Touching Sheriffs made Since Mr. Dalton's Writing, Which are in Force and Use at this day; Also Several Special Returns of Writs, And the expositions, Judgments, And Resolutions of the Reverend and Learned Judges, In the Several Courts at Westminster; Upon Divers Statutes, Cases and Questions in Law Relating to Sheriffs; And Several Other New Matters. The Whole, Being a Work of Great Use and Profit, Not Only to the Students and Practitioners in the Law, But to All Other the Gentry of this Land, (On Whom the Burthen of this Office lyeth) Especially to All Immediate High-Sheriffs and Under-Sheriffs. With a New and Copious Table, Wherein the Defects and Imperfections of the Old Table are Supplied and Amended. The New Matter is Inserted Likewise in the Table, Under Their proper Heads, And Have this Mark * Set Before Them. Purged from the Errors of All Former Impressions.* London: Printed for the Assigns of Richard Atkins, And Edward Atkins, 1682. [iv], 500; [4], 501-564, [28] pp. Two parts with continuous pagination. The second part, *Vicecomitis Officio Supplementum...* has separate title page, dated 1681. Folio (12-1/4" x 7-1/2").

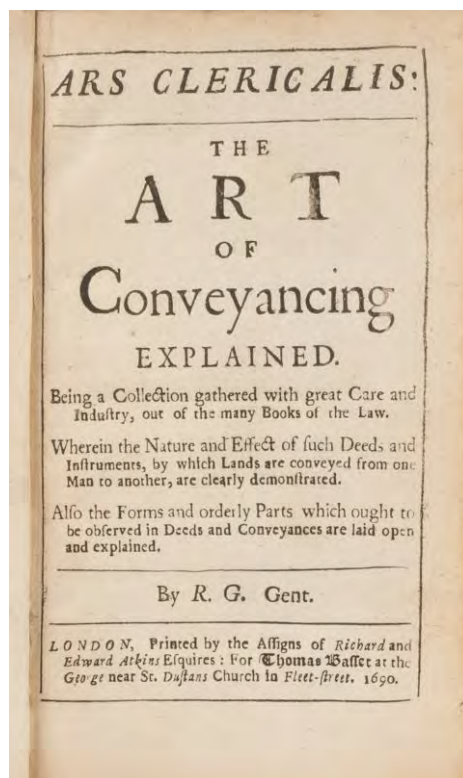
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* Fourth edition. First issued in 1623, Dalton's was the first English treatise on sheriffs. As its title suggests, it is a remarkably comprehensive work. Holdsworth, who cites it several times, says "in spite of a growing number of rivals, it continued to be a standard authority until the beginning of the eighteenth century."

Holdsworth, *A History of English Law* IV:119. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R27852.

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"Intended for a Help to Young Clerks"

11. G[ardiner], R[obert].

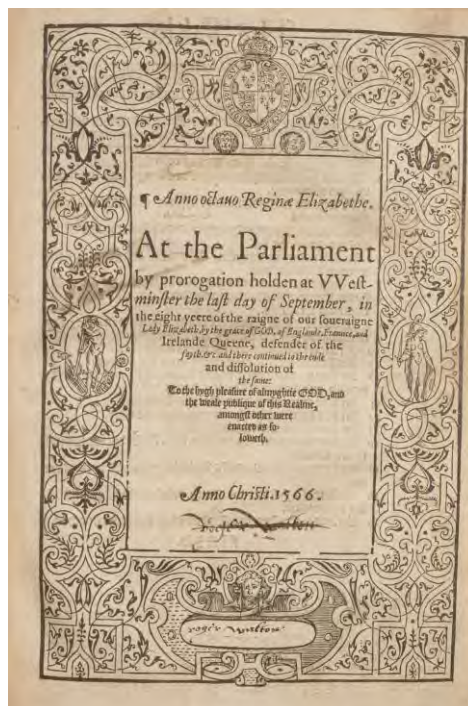
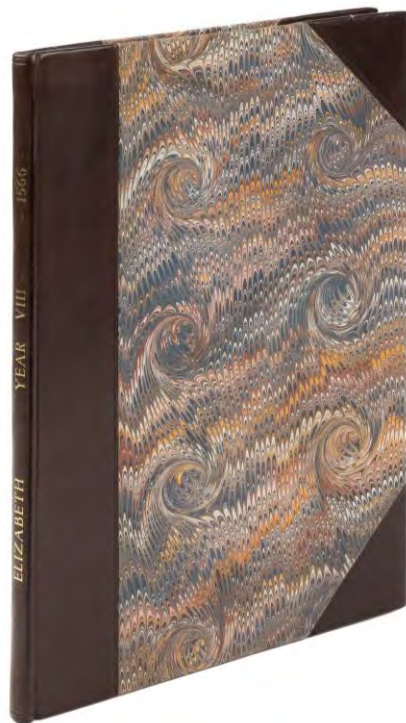
Ars Clericalis: The Art of Conveyancing Explained. Being a Collection Gathered with Great Care and Industry, Out of the Many Books of the Law. Wherein the Nature and Effect of Such Deeds and Instruments, By Which Lands are Conveyed from One Man to Another, Are Clearly Demonstrated. Also the Forms and Orderly Parts Which Ought to be Observed in Deeds and Conveyances are Laid Open and Explained. London: Printed by the Assigns of Richard and Edward Atkins Esquires: for Thomas Basset, 1690. [xii], 174 pp. With a half-title; lacking final 3 advertisement leaves. 12mo. (6-1/4" x 3-1/2").

Contemporary sheep, blind rules to boards, blind and (later?) gilt fillets and publication date to spine, blind tooling to board edges, hand-lettered title to fore-edge of text block. Light rubbing and a few scratches, shallow scuffs and faint stains to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, somewhat heavier to spine and joints, chipping to spine ends, rear joint starting at foot, corners bumped and somewhat worn, hinges cracked, front hinge mended with paper, later bookplate (T. Bunn) to front pastedown. Light toning to interior, light foxing in a few places, corners of several leaves lacking, loss to text, headline and page numbers on leaves F5-F6 (pp. 105-108), loss to text, side-notes and catchwords on leaves H3-4 (pp. 149-150), minor loss to legibility of main text on pp. 105, 107 and 149 only, clean tears to corners of leaves H5-6 (pp. 153-156) affecting text without loss. \$450.

* First edition. "Chiefly intended for a help to Young Clerks," this primer on conveyancing covers a wide range of topics including bargain and sale, feoffments, fines, gifts, grants, leases, surrenders and wills, among others (Preface). Gardiner was the author of a number of popular legal manuals for clerks. A second edition appeared in 1692 and was reissued in 1698.

English Short-Title Catalogue R181338.

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Statutes from the Eighth Year of Elizabeth I

12. [Great Britain].

Elizabeth I [1533-1603], Queen of England.

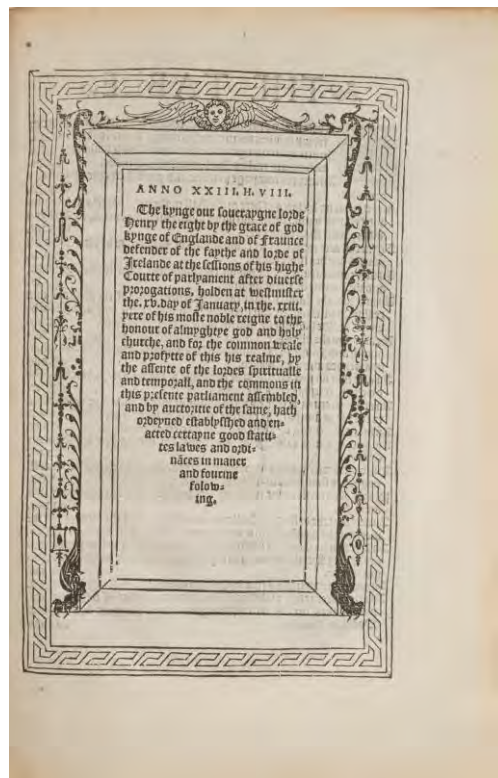
Anno Octavo Reginae Elizabethae. At the Parliament by Prorogation Holden at Westminster the Last Day of September, In the Eight Yeere of the Raigne of Our Soueraigne Lady Elizabeth, By the Grace of God, Of Englands, Fraunce, And Irelande Queene, Defender of the Fayth. &c. And There Continued to the Ende and Dissolution of the Same: To the Hygh Pleasure of Almyghtie God, And the Weale Publique of This Realme, Amongst Other Were Enacted as foloweth. [London: Imprinted...by Richarde Iugge], 1566 [i.e. 1574?]. [98] pp. Lacking leaf 2C6, a blank. Folio (10" x 7").

Recent three-quarter calf over marbled boards, blind fillets and gilt title and date to spine, endpapers renewed. Title page printed within woodcut border, large woodcut initials. Light toning to interior, light soiling in a few places, most of leaf 2C6, a blank, torn away, margin of leaf F2 excised with loss to chapter number on recto but no loss to text or catchword, lower corner of final leaf lacking without loss to text, small tear to title page, which has two early ownership signatures (of Roger Noulton, one struck through), brief (illegible) early annotation to recto of leaf B3. \$1,500.

* Nineteen acts from the eighth year of Elizabeth I. Some of the more interesting acts include several dealing with manufacturing, "An act declaryng the maner of making and consecratyng of the Archbishops and Byshops of this Realme, to be good, lawful, and perfect," and "An acte whereby the defendaunt may recover his costes, beyng wrongfully vexed." The latter act ended the practice of fictitious actions in King's Bench, a less-than-ethical "jurisdictional dodge" that allowed false trespass complaints to be brought in order to give King's Bench authority "over common pleas such as debt" (Baker).

Baker, *Introduction to English Legal History* (5th ed.) 49. Beale, *A Bibliography of Early English Law Books* S287a. *English Short-Title Catalogue* S121671.

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Acts Passed in the Twenty-Third Year of Henry VIII

13. [Great Britain].

Henry VIII [1491-1547], King of England.

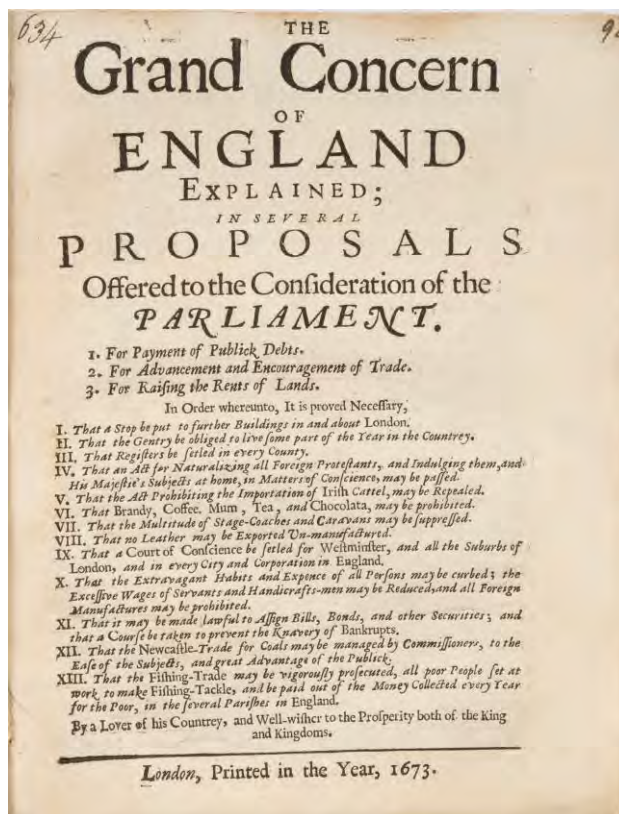
Anno XXIII. H. VIII. The Kynge Our Soveraygne Lorde Henry the Eight by the Grace of God Kynge of Englande and of Fraunce Defender of the Faythe and Lorde of Irelande at the Sessions of His Highe Courte of Parlyament after Diverse Prorogations, Holden at Westminster the .XV. Day of January, In the .XXIII. Yere of His Moste Noble Reigne to the Honour of Almyghtye God and Holy Church, And for the Common Weale and Proffyte of This His Realme, By the Assente of the Lordes Spirituall and Temporall, And the Commons in This Presente Parliament Assembled, And by Auctoritie of the Same, Hath Ordeyned Establyssed and Enacted Certayne Good Statutes Lawes and Ordina[n]ces in Maner and Fourme Folowing. [London: Imprynted...in Fletestrete by Thomas Berthelet Prynter to the Kynges Moste Noble Grace, [1538?]]. XXVIII ff. Folio (11-1/4" x 7-1/2").

Recent three-quarter mottled calf over marbled boards, blind fillets to calf edges, gilt fillets and title to spine, endpapers renewed. Boards slightly bowed, negligible light rubbing to extremities. Light toning to interior, two small wormholes to upper gutter not affecting text, faint dampstaining to margins of ff. V-XXIII, light foxing and soiling to a few leaves. \$2,000.

* Nineteen acts passed by the Reformation Parliament during the 23rd year of the reign of Henry VIII. The collection includes several acts dealing with trade, acts reforming courts and prisons, and "An acte that no person commyttinge pety treason, murder, or felony, shall be admytted to his clergie." (As called for by the *ESTC*, it does not include the text of the Act of Annates.)

English Short-Title Catalogue (ESTC) S92172. Beale, *A Bibliography of Early English Law Books* S143.

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Thirteen Proposals for the Reform of English Law

14. [Great Britain].

A Lover of His Country....

The Grand Concern of England Explained; In Several Proposals Offered to the Consideration of the Parliament. 1. For Payment of Publick Debts. 2. For Advancement and Encouragement of Trade. 3. For Raising the Rents of Land. In Order Whereunto, It is Proved Necessary, I. That a Stop be Put to Further Buildings in and about London [...] XIII. That the Fishing-Trade May be Vigorously Prosecuted, All Poor People Set at Work to Make Fishing-Tackle, And be Paid Out of the Money Collected Every Year for the Poor, In the Several Parishes in England. By a Lover of His Country, And Well-Wisher to the Prosperity Both of the King and Kingdoms. London: [s.n.], Printed in the Year, 1673. [iv], 92 [i.e. 62], [2] pp. Page 62 misnumbered 92. Quarto (7-1/4" x 5-3/4").

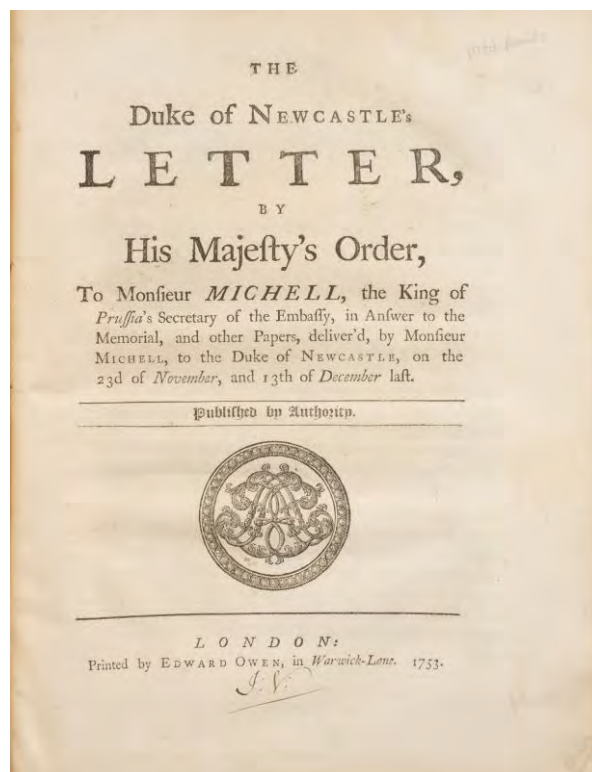
Stab-stitched pamphlet in marbled wrappers. Light rubbing to wrappers, moderate rubbing to extremities, spine partially abraded, corners bumped, first and final leaves, both blanks, glued to wrappers and partially loosening. Light toning to interior, very light fox-spots to a few pages, small ink "92" to upper right corner of title page, internally clean. \$1,100.

* Only edition. Thirteen proposals for the reform of English law, touching on a variety of legal, religious, economic and political topics. The proposals include the establishment of a general land register, the naturalization of foreign Protestants, the establishment of a court of requests in jurisdictions outside London, and reform to the poor laws, among others. Many of these would be carried out in some form over time. One which did not come to pass was the "Prohibition of Brandy, Mum, Coffee, Chocoletta and Tea, and the suppressing Coffe-Houses," proposed on both economic and moral grounds.

Goldsmiths'-Kress Library of Economic Literature 2026. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R23421.

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A Significant Report in the History of Prize Law

15. [Great Britain].

[Prize Law].

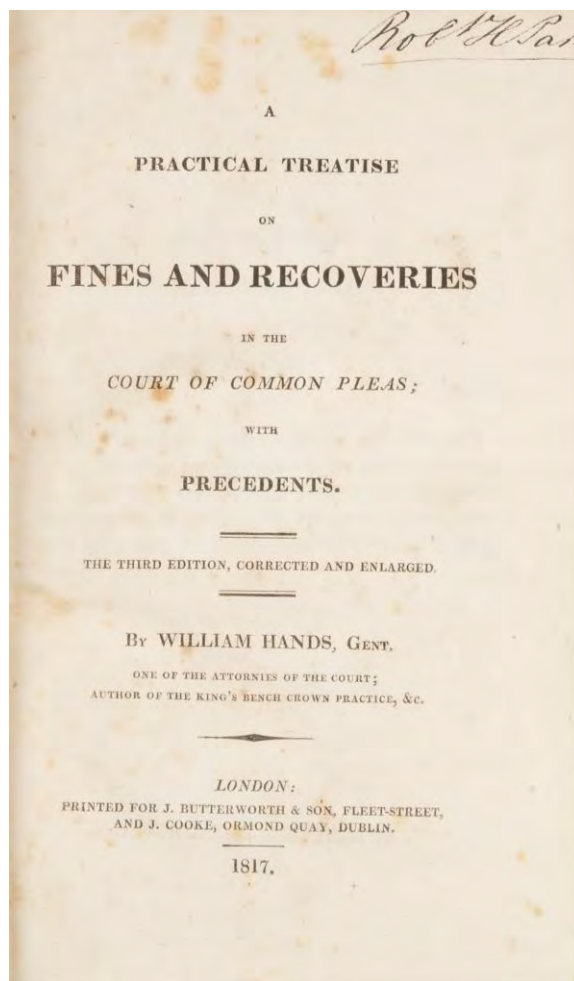
The Duke of Newcastle's Letter, By His Majesty's Order, to Monsieur Michell, The King of Prussia's Secretary of the Embassy, In Answer to the Memorial, And Other Papers, Deliver'd, By Monsieur Michell, To the Duke of Newcastle, On the 23d of November, and 13th of December Last. Published by Authority. London: Printed by Edward Owen, 1753. 46 pp. With two folding tables, one a list of Prussian ships taken by the British, the other a list of neutral ships taken by the British. Quarto (10" x 7-3/4").

Recent marbled boards, lettering piece to spine, edges rouged, endpapers added. Light rubbing to spine ends and joints, negligible light rubbing to board edges. Light toning to interior, light foxing to a few leaves, leaf M1 (pp. 43-44) reinforced at gutter, slight creasing to first folding table, very small tear to its left edge. An attractive copy. \$450.

* One of three 1753 London editions for which priority has not been established. In the course of the War of the Austrian Succession, Britain seized several Prussian merchant ships on the grounds that they were carrying enemy property. English admiralty courts partially restored the ships and goods but declared the rest legitimate prize. The King of Prussia, dissatisfied with this outcome, had the British admiralty cases rejudged by a Prussian commission; when the commission found the British ruling illegitimate, Prussia prepared to economically retaliate. This report was commissioned in response to the situation. Described as "one of the ablest, clearest, and most conclusive state papers that has ever been published" and "characterised by Montesquieu as a *réponse sans réplique*," it "completely annihilates every statement and pretence by which the Prussian Government attempted to justify their proceedings" (McCulloch). A significant work in the history of prize law, it established the principle that enemy goods can be seized on neutral vessels.

McCulloch, *The Literature of Political Economy* 117. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T4125 (State 2).

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Securing Certainty in Land Titles

16. Hands, William.

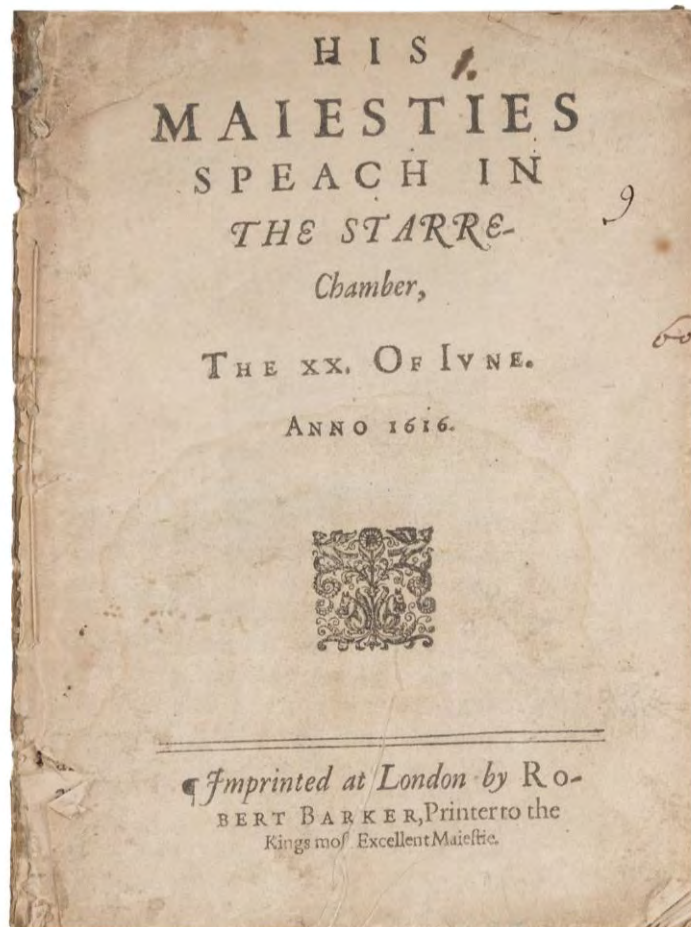
A Practical Treatise on Fines and Recoveries in the Court of Common Pleas; With Precedents. London: J. Butterworth & Son, 1817. xiii, 432 pp. Octavo (8-1/2" x 5-1/4").

Contemporary three-quarter calf over marbled boards, rebacked retaining existing spine with blind fillets and lettering piece, existing endpapers retained. negligible light rubbing to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities with some wear to spine ends and corners, early owner stamp (Robert Davy) to front pastedown. Light toning to interior, light foxing in a few places. \$350.

* Third edition. Originally published in 1800, with a second edition in 1807, Hands's carefully glossed work upon the arcane method of securing certainty in land titles is cited by Holdsworth, who appreciates its "clear account of the many [legal] formalities." Its final edition was published in 1825. All are scarce. OCLC locates 9 copies of the third in North American law libraries (Florida State University, LA County, Notre Dame, University of Georgia, University of Iowa, University of Minnesota, University of Pennsylvania, Wisconsin State Law Library, Yale).

Holdsworth, *A History of English Law* 13:470. Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 2:154.

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"As Kings Borrow Their Power From God, So Judges from Kings"

17. James I [1566-1625], King of England.

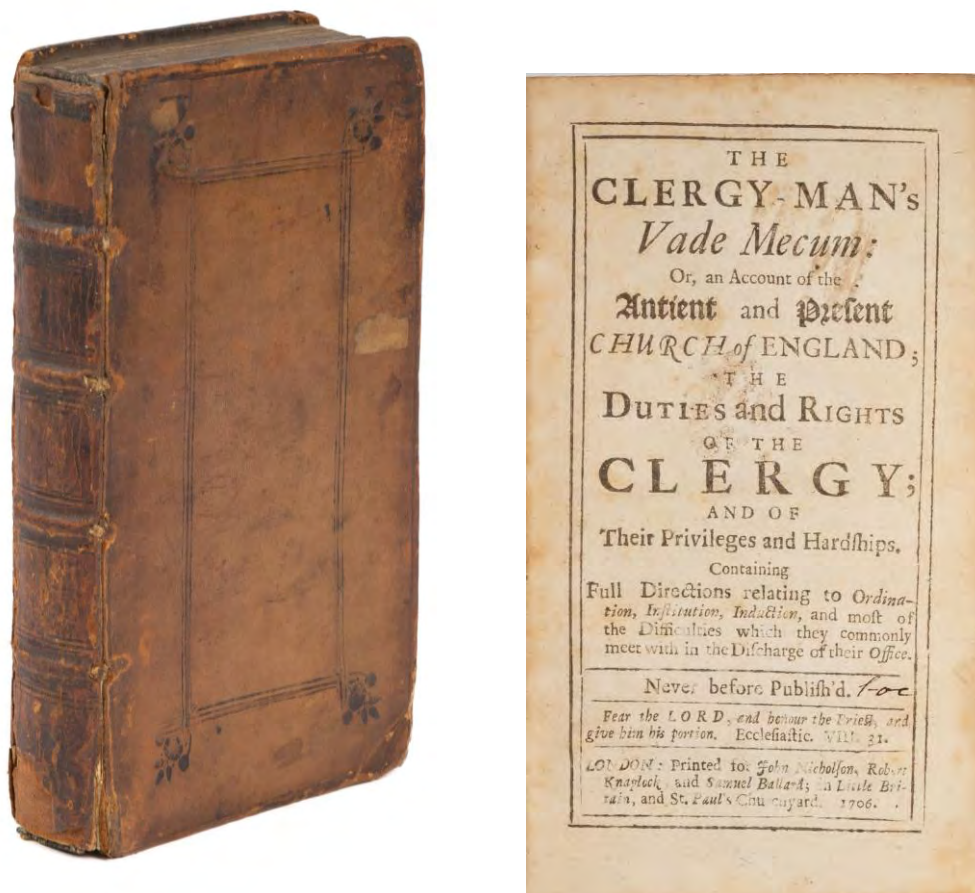
His Majesties Speech in the Starre-Chamber, The XX. of June. Anno 1616. London: Imprinted...By Robert Barker, [1616]. [62] pp. Quarto (7" x 5").

Stab-stitched pamphlet, disbound and recently re sewn, marbled edges. Light toning, light soiling in a few places, somewhat heavier to title page, which has a faint dampstain, a small ink number and annotation to its recto and a small tear to its verso, and final leaf, first and final few leaves separating at ends but secure, marginal pencil marks, small spark burns and fox spots to a few leaves. \$1,250.

* Only edition, one of three 1616 issues for which priority has not been established. In this speech delivered in the Star Chamber, James I urges restraint from judges, who are "no makers of Lawe, but Interpretours," and asserts his authority over the Court of Chancery. This authority had been questioned by others, most significantly by Coke, who had clashed with James before regarding the king's jurisdiction over the common law. Coke would be dismissed from office in November 1616, partially on the basis of these views.

English Short-Title Catalogue S2149.

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**First Edition of a Long-Lived Legal
Handbook for Eighteenth-Century English Clergymen**

18. [Johnson, John (1662-1725)].

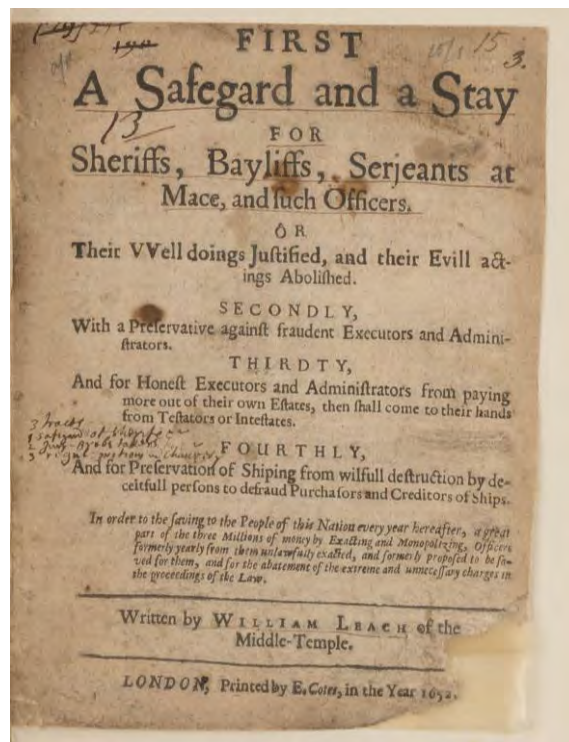
The Clergy-Man's Vade-Mecum: Or, An Account of the Antient and Present Church of England; The Duties and Rights of the Clergy; And of Their Privileges and Hardships. Containing Full Directions Relating to Ordination, Institution, Induction, And Most of the Difficulties Which They Commonly Meet With in the Discharge of Their Office. London: Printed for John Nicholson, Robert Knaplock, And Samuel Ballard, 1706. [xxiv], 295, [41] pp. 12mo. (6" x 3-3/4").

Contemporary calf, blind panels with corner fleurons to boards, raised bands and blind fillets to spine. Light rubbing and a few minor scuffs to boards, which are slightly bowed, moderate rubbing to extremities, chipping to spine ends, joints starting at ends, hinges cracked. Moderate toning to interior, offsetting to margins of endleaves, early owner signature (W. Clarke) and gift inscription ("from Adam to Eve") dated 1952 to front free endpaper, faint stain and tiny early owner initials (?) to title page. \$250.

* First edition. A useful overview of legal matters encountered by officials and clergymen of the Church of England, this work reached its final edition, the sixth, in 1731. A bibliographically distinct companion title, *The Clergy-Man's Vade-Mecum. Part II. Containing the Canonical Codes of the Primitive, Universal, Eastern, And Western Church*, was first published in 1707.

English Short-Title Catalogue T118660.

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"Their Well Doings Justified, and Their Evill Actings Abolished"

19. Leach, William [fl.1631-1365].

First a Safeguard and a Stay for Sheriffs, Bayliffs, Serjeants at Mace, And Such Officers. Or Their Well Doings Justified, And Their Evill Actings Abolished. Secondly, With a Preservative Against Fraudent Executors and Administrators. Thirdly, And for Honest Executors and Administrators from Paying More out of Their Own Estates, Than Shall Come to Their Hands from Testators or Intestates. Fourthly, And for Preservation of Shipping from Wilful Destruction by Deceitfull Persons to Defraud Purchasors and Creditors or Ships.... London: Printed by E. Cotes, 1652. 23, [1] pp. Interleaved. Quarto (6-3/4" x 5").

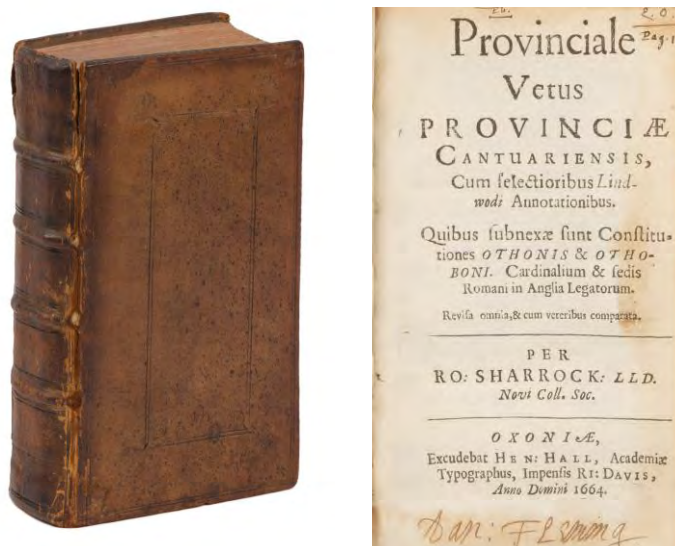
Stab-stitched pamphlet bound in later paper-covered boards with contrasting spine, author, title and date to spine. Boards bowed, light soiling to rear board, light rubbing to extremities, faint offsetting to endpapers, later armorial bookplate (Fairfax of Cameron) to front pastedown. Moderate toning to interior, chips to corners and bottom-edges neatly mended with cellotape, loss to catch-word on p. 17, catching text in a few places without loss to legibility, trimming just catching headline on a few pages, light foxing to a few leaves, light soiling and brief early annotations, some struck-through, and underlining to title page. Rare. \$1,500.

* Only edition, one of two 1652 issues. Leach, an attorney, pamphleteer and passionate reformer, published sixteen pamphlets with proposals "which together outlined a programme for the reform of the entire English legal system" (ODNB). His primary concerns were corruption embedded in the justice system and costly nuisance cases. *A Safeguard and a Stay for Sheriffs* deals with these concerns from the perspective of local officials, executors and administrators. It also includes a brief section on maritime law.

Counting both issues, OCLC and the ESTC locate 4 copies worldwide, 2 in North America (Yale Law School, California State Library).

Oxford Dictionary of National Biography (accessed online). *English Short-Title Catalogue* (ESTC) R218602.

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Seventeenth-Century Edition of Lyndwood's *Provinciale*

20. Lyndwood, William [1375?-1446], Glosses.

[Acton, John (d.1350), Commentaries].

Sharrock, Robert [1630-1684], Editor.

Provinciale Vetus Provinciae Cantuariensis, Cum Selectionibus Lindwodi Annotationibus. Quibus Subnexæ sunt Constitutiones Othonis & Othoboni. Cardinalium & Sedis Romani in Anglia Legatorum. Revisa Omnia, & Cum Veteribus Comparata. Oxford: Excudebat Hen: Hall, Academiae Typographus, Impensis R: Davis, 1664. [lxxxiv], 514, [2]; [2], 135, [7] pp. Two parts, the second has individual title page and pagination. As in many copies, copperplate frontispiece not present. 12mo (5-3/4" x 3-1/4").

Contemporary paneled speckled calf, corner fleurons to boards, raised bands and blind fillets to spine, blind tooling to board edges, edges of text block rouged. Light rubbing and a few minor nicks and scratches to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, boards separating but secured by cords, chipping to head of rear joint, a few faint creases to spine, small nick to bottom edge of front board, corners bumped and worn, faint offsetting to preliminaries, ink annotations (shelfmarks?) to front pastedown and front free endpaper. Light toning to interior, negligible light foxing and pencil underlining to a few leaves, handwritten page numbers to first 84 pp., owner signature of Daniel Fleming to foot of title page, brief ink annotation to last page. \$650.

* Only edition by Sharrock, one of two issues, both from 1664. Compiled around 1433 and first published around 1483-1485, *Provinciale* is the main authority for early English canon law. Divided into five books, it is a digest of the synodal constitutions of the province of Canterbury, from the period of Archbishop Stephen Langton [c.1155-1228] to that of Archbishop Henry Chichele [1414-1443], with Lyndwood's gloss and Acton's commentaries. It is considered the law of the Church of England by many authorities. The notes in this 1664 edition are abridged by Sharrock. A notable English churchman, he is best known for his contributions to botany, association with Robert Boyle and philosophical disputes with Thomas Hobbes.

Our copy was owned by Sir Daniel Fleming [1633-1701], an English politician and antiquary with a private library of approximately 1,500 volumes. It does not include the copperplate frontispiece mentioned by the *ESTC*, which was inserted into a small number of copies.

English Short-Title Catalogue (ESTC) R216655.

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Guidance for Young Clerks

21. [Practitioner in the Law].

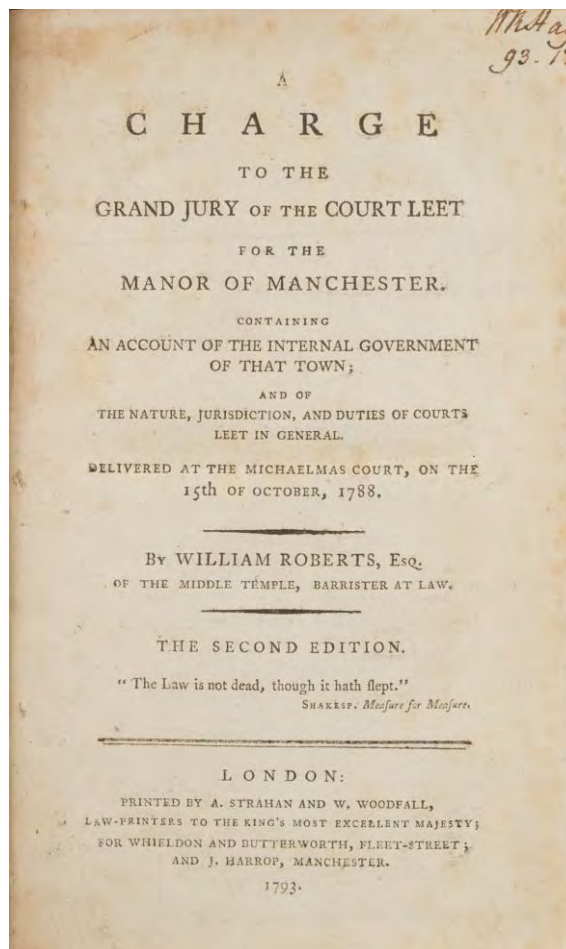
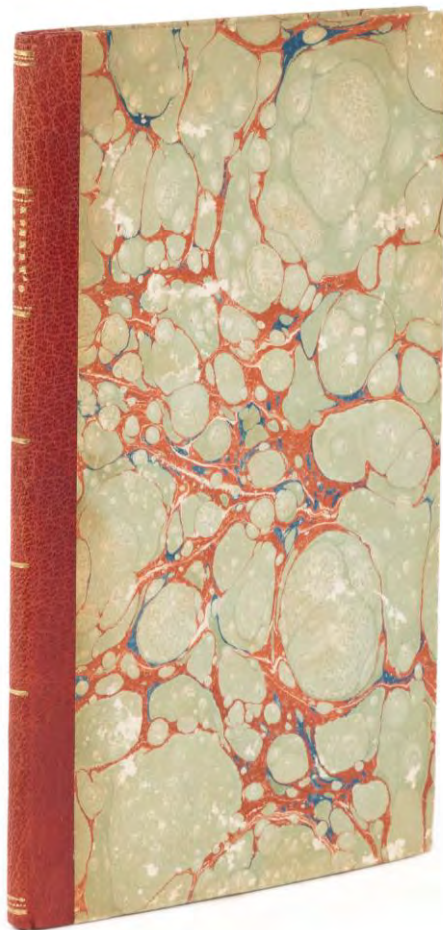
The Young Clerk's Magazine: Or, English Law-Repository: Containing a Variety of the Most Useful Precedents of Articles of Agreement, Bonds, Bills, Recognizances, Releases, Letters and Warrants of Attorney, Awards, Bills of Sale, Gifts, Grants, Leases, Assignments, Mortgages, Surrenders, Jointures, Covenants, Copartnerships, Charterparties, Letters of Licence, Compositions, Conveyances, Partitions, Wills, And All Other Instruments that Relate to Publick Business: With Necessary Directions for Making Distresses for Rent, &c. As the Law Between Landlord and Tenant Now Stands. To Which is Added The Doctrine of Fines and Recoveries, And Their Forms: Together with Those of Common Writs, Affidavits, Memorials for Registering Deeds, &c. In Middlesex; as Also a Choice Collection of Declarations in the King's Bench and Common Pleas. By the Author of The Student's Law-Dictionary, in 8vo, Revised and Corrected. [London]: Printed by E. and R. Nutt, and R. Gosling, 1740. [iv], 192, [8] pp. 2 plates illustrating court hands. 12mo. (6-1/2" x 3-3/4").

Contemporary sheep, blind fillets to boards, raised bands and fragment of lettering piece to spine. Light rubbing and a few nicks and scuffs to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities with wear to spine ends and corners, joints starting at ends, hinges cracked, front free endpaper lacking. Moderate toning to interior, owner stamp ("Hugh Ellis; Bangor' 1771") to verso of title page, owner signature ("Hugh Ellis, Knutsford 1768") to head of following leaf. \$550.

* Second edition. First published in 1739, with "Practitioner in the Law" listed as the author, this is a formbook with a section containing instructions for conveyancing. It was intended for law clerks, lawyers and laymen. It went through six editions in London, the last one in 1772, and four editions in Philadelphia published in 1774, 1788, 1792 and 1795.

English Short-Title Catalogue N14348.

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A Scarce History of Courts Leet Delivered to a Manchester Grand Jury

22. Roberts, William [1767-1849].

A Charge to the Grand Jury of the Court Leet for the Manor of Manchester. Containing an Account of the Internal Government of that Town; And of the Nature, Jurisdiction, And Duties of Courts Leet in General. Delivered at the Michaelmas Court, On the 15th of October, 1788. London: Printed by A. Strahan and W. Woodfall, 1793. 34 pp. Octavo (8" x 4-3/4").

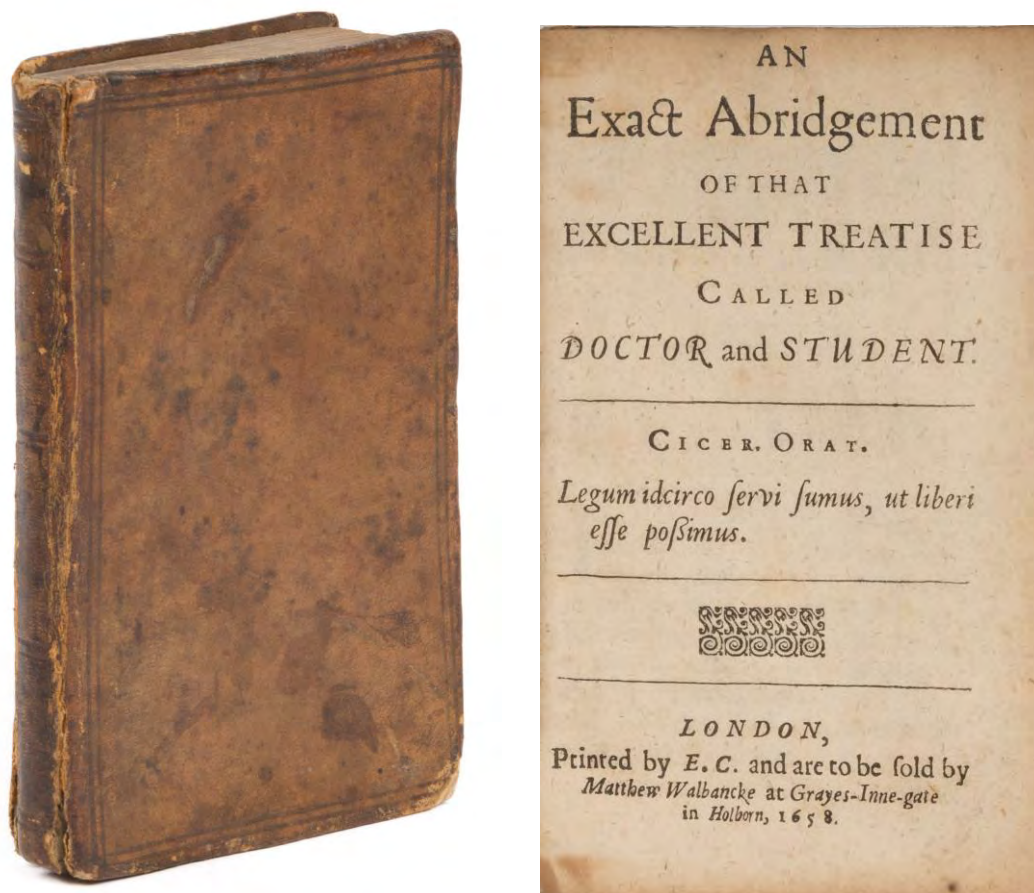
Stab-stitched pamphlet bound in recent quarter morocco over marbled boards, gilt fillets and title to spine. Boards slightly bowed, light rubbing to extremities. Light toning to interior, light foxing to first and final few leaves. An attractive copy. \$450.

* Second edition. Grand jury charges of this period were often a vehicle for a speaker's social, moral or political vision for society. The present charge, delivered by Roberts in his capacity as steward of the Manchester court leet, has a more historical inclination. It gives an overview of the structure and role of the court leet and discusses the importance of juries to the court. The first edition appeared in 1788. The second edition is scarce. OCLC and the ESTC locate 4 copies, none in North America.

English Short-Title Catalogue (ESTC) T92948.

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The Only Abridgment of *Doctor and Student*

23. Saint German, Christopher [1460?-1540].

An Exact Abridgement of That Excellent Treatise Called Doctor and Student. London: Printed by [John Haviland for] the Assignes of Iohn More Esquire, And are Sold by Mathew Walbancke, At Grayes Inne Gate, 1630. [192] pp. Octavo (5-1/4" x 3-1/2").

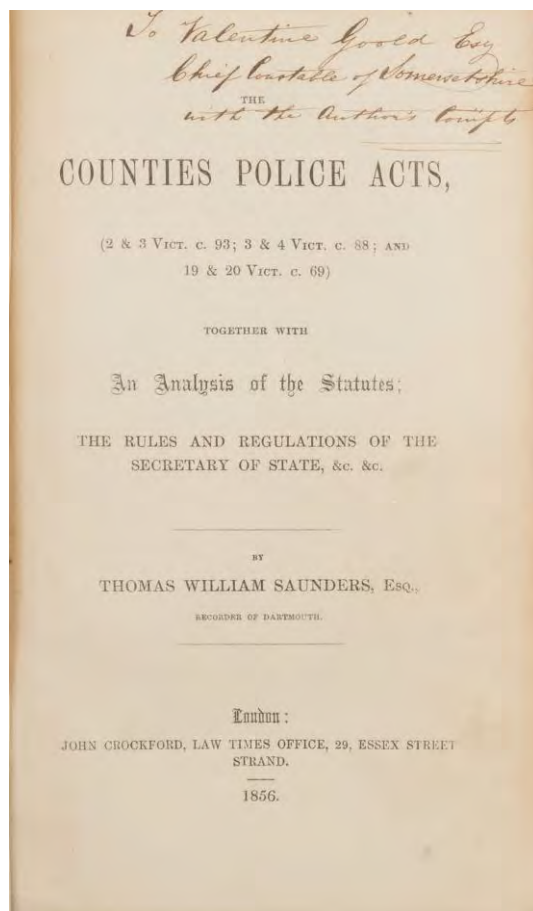
Contemporary sheep, blind rules to boards, blind fillets to spine, blind tooling to board edges. Light rubbing and a few minor nicks and stains to boards, which are slightly bowed, moderate rubbing to extremities with wear to spine ends and corners, joints starting at ends, front hinge cracked, rear pastedown loose and chipped along fore-edge. Moderate toning to interior, offsetting and brief early annotations to endleaves, early owner signature (P. Warburton) to front free endpaper. \$300.

* First edition. *Doctor and Student* was first published in 1523, and is cast in the form of two dialogues between a doctor of divinity and a law student. It discusses the nature and object of law, the religious and ethical standards of law, the foundations of the common law, equity and the jurisdiction of Parliament. It was an influential work into the eighteenth century. Its only abridgment, *An Exact Abridgement* was produced by an anonymous editor with the initials, seen at then end of the preface, "I.L." A second edition was published in 1658.

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24. Saunders, Thomas William [1841-1890].

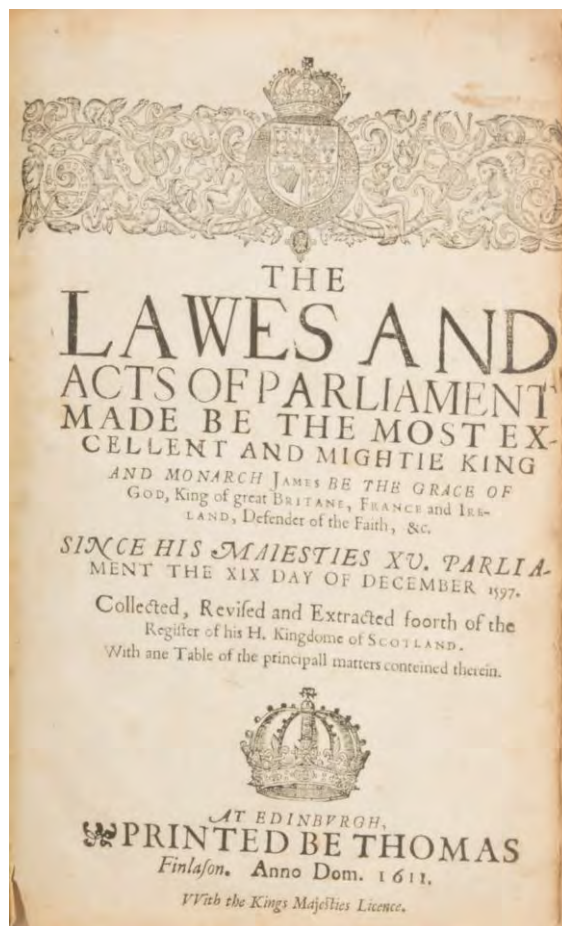
The Counties Police Acts, (2 & 3 Vict. c. 93; 3 & 4 Vict. c. 88; And 19 & 20 Vict. c. 69) Together with An Analysis of the Statutes; The Rules and Regulations of the Secretary of State, &c. &c. London: John Crockford, Law Times Office, 1856. vii, [1], 112, [12] pp. Octavo (7-1/4" x 4").

Publisher's patterned cloth, gilt title and author name to front board. Binding slightly cocked, light rubbing and soiling to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, light wear to joints at ends, spine ends and corners bumped and lightly worn, hinges starting. Moderate toning to interior, light foxing in a few places, fold lines to corners of several leaves, pencil and ink underlining and marginal marks in a few places, presentation inscription "To Valentine Gould Esq Chief Constable of Somersetshire with the Author's Compts" to head of title page. \$450.

* First edition. Saunders, a police magistrate and barrister, wrote many treatises on policing and local law enforcement. *The Counties Police Acts* discusses the County Police Acts of 1839 and 1840 and the County and Borough Police Act of 1856, which allowed (and eventually, required) justices of the peace to establish constabulary police forces in their local communities. A second edition was published in 1859. Both are scarce. OCLC locates 2 copies of the first edition (National Library of Scotland, University of Oxford).

Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 2:315.

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Scottish Acts from 1600-1609

25. [Scotland].

Skene, John [1543?-1617], Compiler.

The Lawes and Acts of Parliament Made be the Most Excellent and Mightie King and Monarch James be the Grace of God, King of Great Britane, France and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, &c. Since His Majesties XV. Parliament the XIX Day of December 1597. Collected, Revised and Extracted Foorth of the Register of his H. Kingdome of Scotland. With a Table of the Principall Matters Contained Therein. Edinburgh: Printed be Thomas Finlason, 1611. [i], 40, [2] ff. Folio (10-1/2" x 6-1/2").

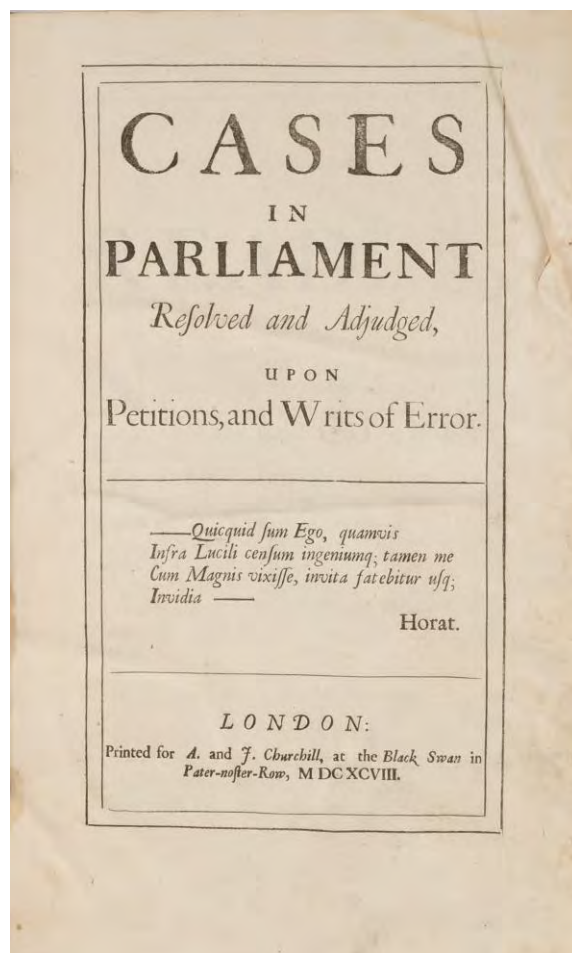
Recent quarter calf over marbled boards, blind fillets to calf edges, gilt fillets and title to spine, endpapers renewed. Light rubbing and slight fading to spine. Light toning to interior, light soiling and very light foxing in a few places, very light edgewear to first few leaves, tear to bottom-edge of f. 16 not affecting text, early annotations to ff. 17-19. \$750.

* Only edition. This compilation of Scottish acts covers the sixteenth through twentieth parliaments of James VI from 1600-1609. He became James I of Great Britain and Ireland and removed to England in 1603. Highlights include acts regulating bishops and other religious leaders and an "Act Against Skandalous Speeches and Lybels." The annotations to our copy are brief glosses.

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The First Reports of Cases Heard in the House of Lords

26. [Shower, Bartholomew (1658-1701)].

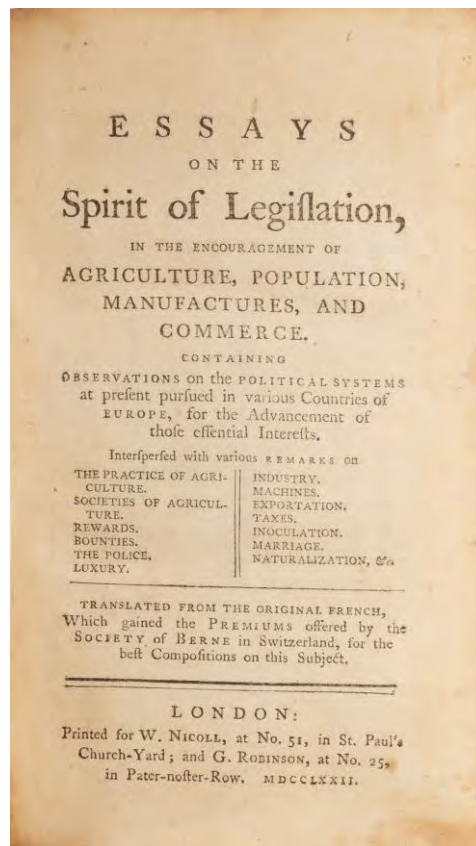
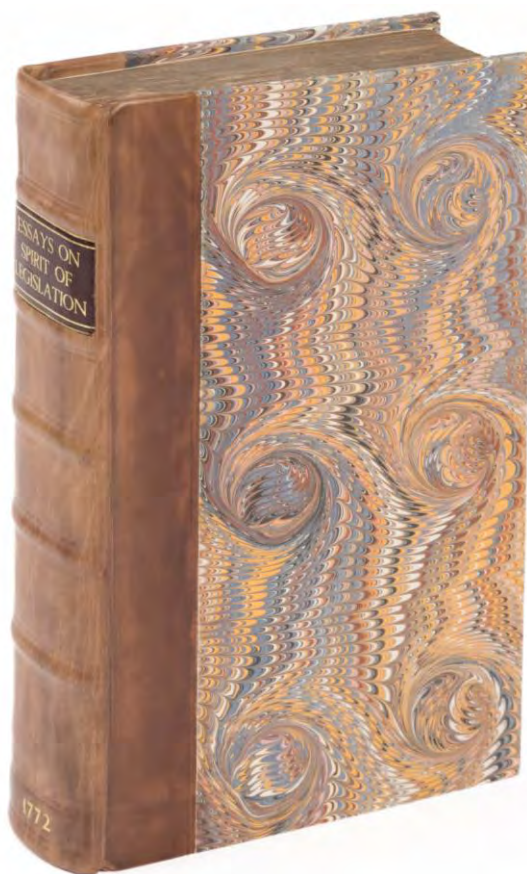
Cases in Parliament Resolved and Adjudged, Upon Petitions, And Writs of Error. London: Printed for A. and J. Churchill, 1698. [xii], 224, [2] pp. Folio (12" x 7-1/2").

Contemporary speckled calf, blind panels to boards, raised bands to spine. Boards slightly bowed, a few scuffs to front board, moderate rubbing to extremities, corners bumped, hinges starting, crack in text block between front free endpaper, which has shelf markings in a small early hand, and title page. Moderate toning to interior, offsetting and faint dampstaining to endleaves, light soiling and a few creases and minor tears to title page, a minor dampstain to its inner margin along gutter. \$250.

* First edition. This is the first collection of cases heard in the House of Lords, at this time Britain's final court of appeal. In the introduction, Shower writes in the introduction that he hopes "these Reports may probably convince the young nobles of this Realm that some knowledge of the laws of England...cannot be unworthy of the ambition of every Nobleman's son." The reports were found to be a breach of privilege, which put an end to other reports for almost a century. A second edition, mis-labeled the third, was issued in 1740 and re-issued in 1876.

Wallace, *The Reporters* 400. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R562.

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Social and Economic Reforms Informed by the Ideals of the Enlightenment

27. Société Oeconomique de Berne.

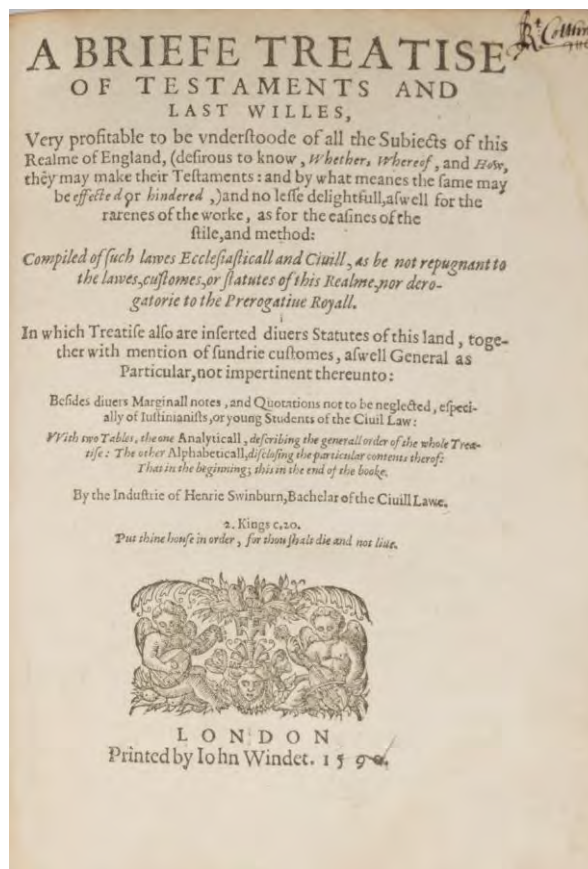
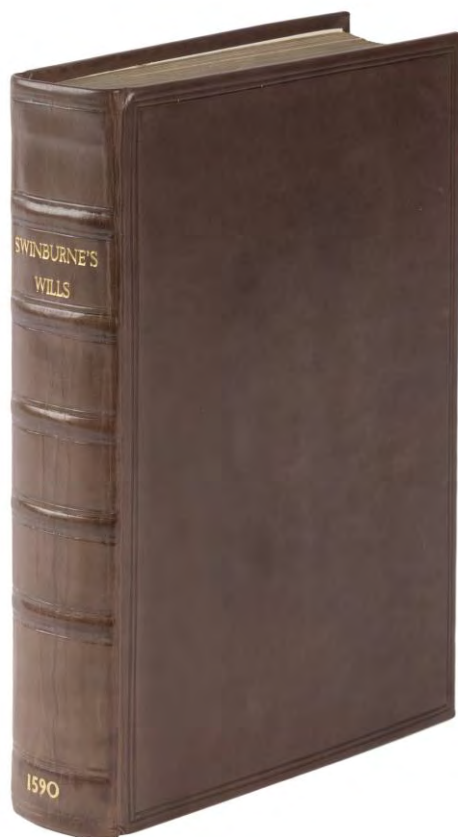
Essays on the Spirit of Legislation, In the Encouragement of Agriculture, Population, Manufactures, And Commerce. Containing Observations on the Political Systems at Present Pursued in Various Countries of Europe, For the Advancement of Those Essential Interests. Interspersed with Various Remarks on the Practice of Agriculture. Societies of Agriculture. Rewards. Bounties. The Police. Luxury. Industry. Machines. Exportation. Taxes. Inoculation. Marriage. Naturalization, &c. Translated from the Original French, Which Gained the Premiums Offered by the Society of Berne in Switzerland, For the Best Compositions on this Subject. London: Printed for W. Nicoll, At No. 51, in St. Paul's Church-Yard; And G. Robinson, At No. 25, In Pater-Noster-Row, 1772. xi, [1], 479, [1] pp. Octavo (7-3/4" x 4-3/4").

Recent period-style quarter calf over marbled boards, raised bands, lettering piece and gilt publication date to spine, pastedowns and free endpapers renewed, later owner bookplate (Ernest Ridley Debenham) to front endleaf, which has a chip near its lower outside corner. Moderate toning to interior, light foxing to final leaf and title page, a small chip to its fore-edge. An attractive copy. \$350.

* First edition in English. This book collects three essays, by Jean Bertrand, Benjamin Samuel Georges Carrard and Gabriel Seigneux de Correvon, honored by the Société Oeconomique de Berne, a pioneering reforming institution devoted to the ideals of the Enlightenment. This edition was reissued three times (1798, 1799 and 1800) in Newark, NJ.

English Short-Title Catalogue T183391.

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First Edition of the First Standard Treatise on Wills

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

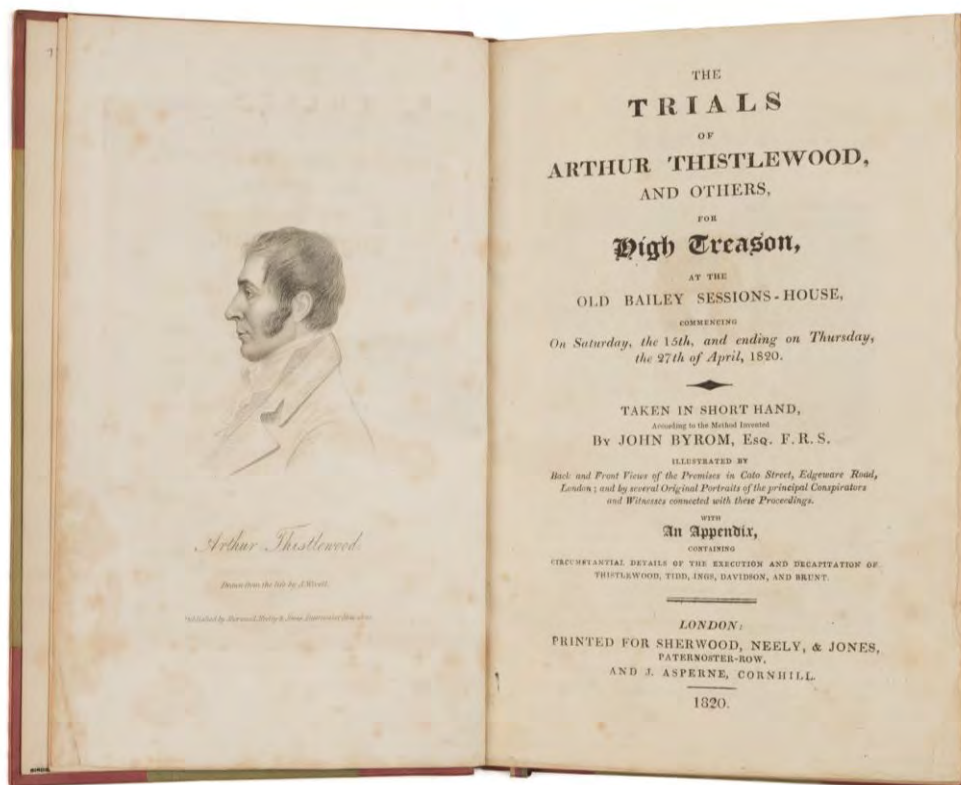
A Brieve Treatise of Testaments and Last Willes, Very Profitable to be Understoode of All the Subjects of This Realme of England, (Desirous to Know, Whether, Whereof, And How, They May Make Their Testaments: And by What Meanes the Same May be Effecte or Hindered,) And no Lesse Delightfull, Aswell for the Rareness of the Worke, As for the Easines of the Stile, And Method.... London: Printed by Iohn Windet, 1590 [colophon date 1591]. [xii], 293, [13] ff. As in many copies, ours lacks the errata leaf and pasted one-word slip-cancel on Leaf K5r (Fol. 65) (changing "whether" to "where"). Quarto (7-1/2" x 6-1/2").

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* First edition. The testamentary jurisdiction of ecclesiastical law was a separate branch that produced its own literature. From the sixteenth until well into the seventeenth century Swinburne's was the standard treatise on this subject. Holdsworth, who cites it often and considers it "the most practically useful book of [its] period" notes that "it is a very useful summary of the law as to wills and executors as administered in the ecclesiastical courts."

Holdsworth, *A History of English Law* V:14. *English Short-Title Catalogue* S118058. Beale, *A Bibliography of Early English Law Books* T498.

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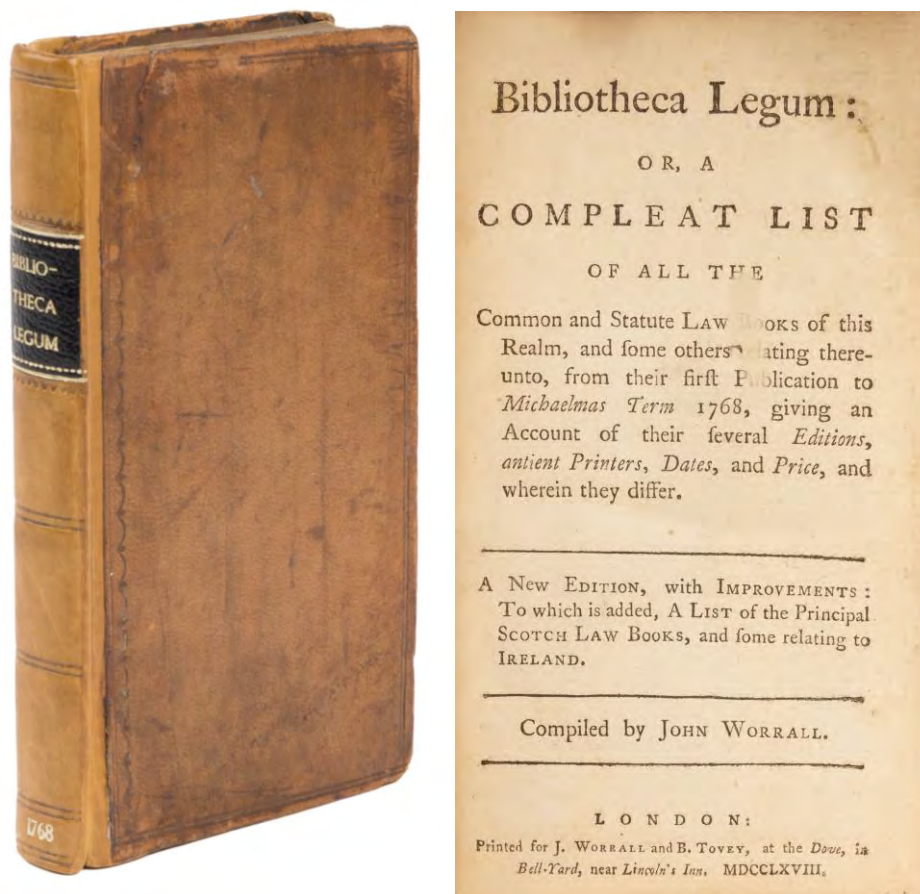
Thistlewood, Arthur [1774-1820], Primary Defendant.

The Trials of Arthur Thistlewood, And Others, For High Treason, At the Old Bailey Sessions-House, Commencing on Saturday, The 15th, And Ending on Thursday, the 27th of April, 1820. Taken in Short Hand, According to the Method Invented by John Byrom, Esq. F.R.S. Illustrated by Back and Front Views of the Premises in Cato Street, Edgeware Road, London; And by Several Original Portraits of the Principal Conspirators and Witnesses Connected with the Proceedings. With an Appendix Containing Circumstantial Details of the Execution and Decapitation of Thistlewood, Tidd, Ings, Davidson, And Brunt. London: Printed for Sherwood, Neeley, & Johns, Paternoster-Row, And J. Asperne, Cornhill, 1820. iv, 200 pp. 9 plates. Complete. Octavo (8-3/4" x 5-1/2").

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30. Worrall, John [d. 1771], Compiler.

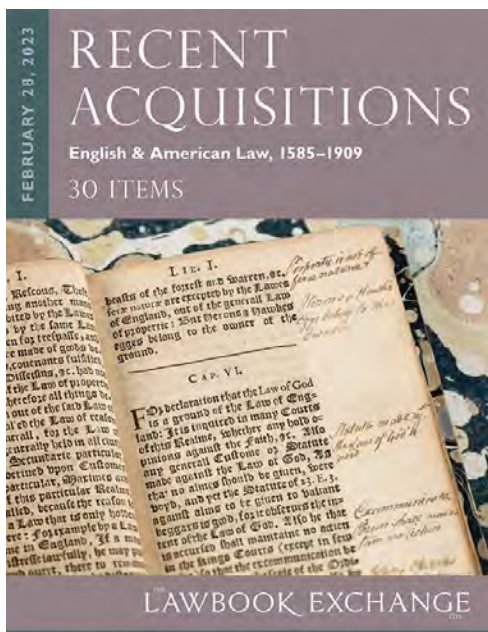
Bibliotheca Legum: Or, A Compleat List of All the Common and Statute Law Books of this Realm, And Some Others Relating Thereunto, From Their First Publication to Michaelmas Term 1768, Giving an Account of Their Several Editions, Antient Printers, Dates, And Price, And Wherein They Differ. A New Edition, With Improvements: To Which is Added, A List of the Principal Scotch Law Books, And Some Relating to Ireland. London: Printed for J. Worrall and B. Tovey, 1768. [ii], [12], 144 pp. Title page preceded by advertisement leaf, usually bound at rear of text. Octavo (6" x 3-3/4").

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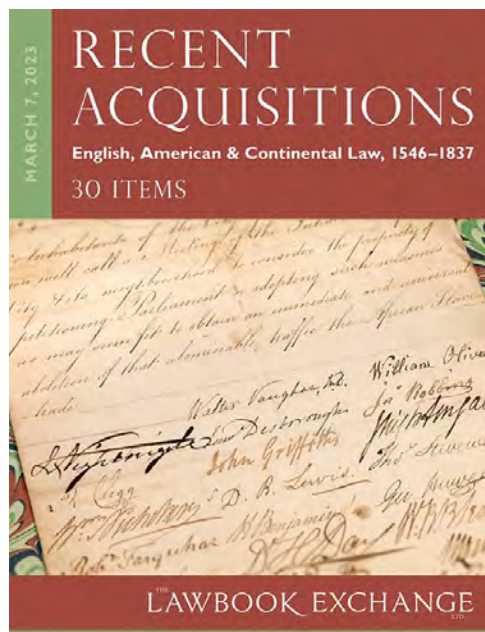
* Later edition. The first annotated English legal bibliography, it remains an important reference due to its excellent annotations, many gathered from leading authorities of the time, and comparative bibliographical information. John Worrall, believed to be the first law bookseller, issued the first edition in 1732, and published numerous editions during his lifetime.

Friend, *Anglo-American Legal Bibliographies* 138. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T145171.

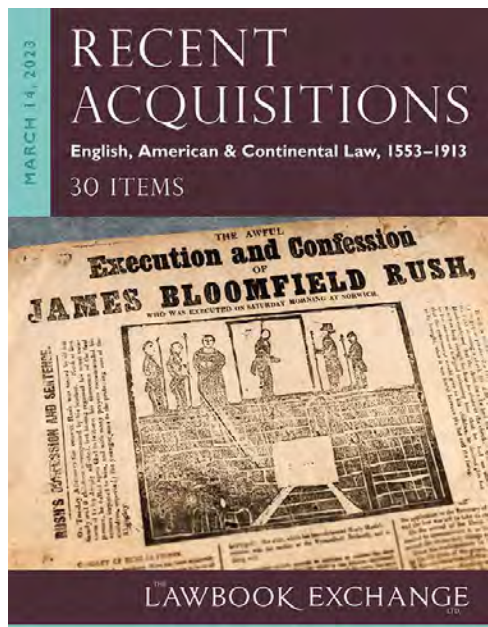
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