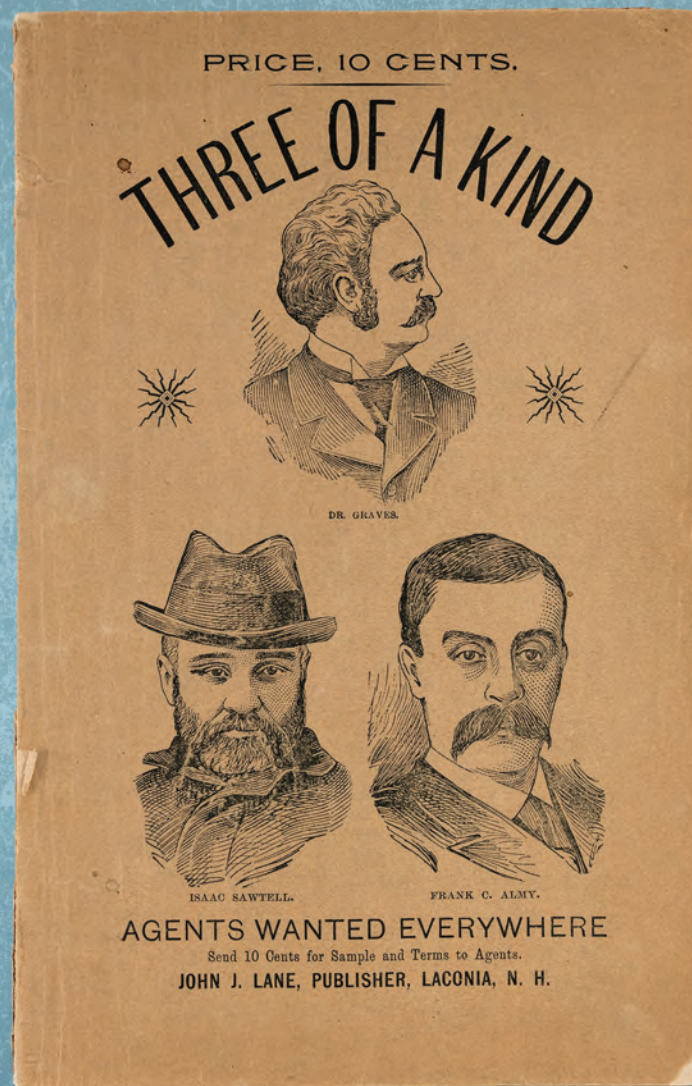


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Highway Robbery, Tompkins County, New York, 1879

1. [Broadside].

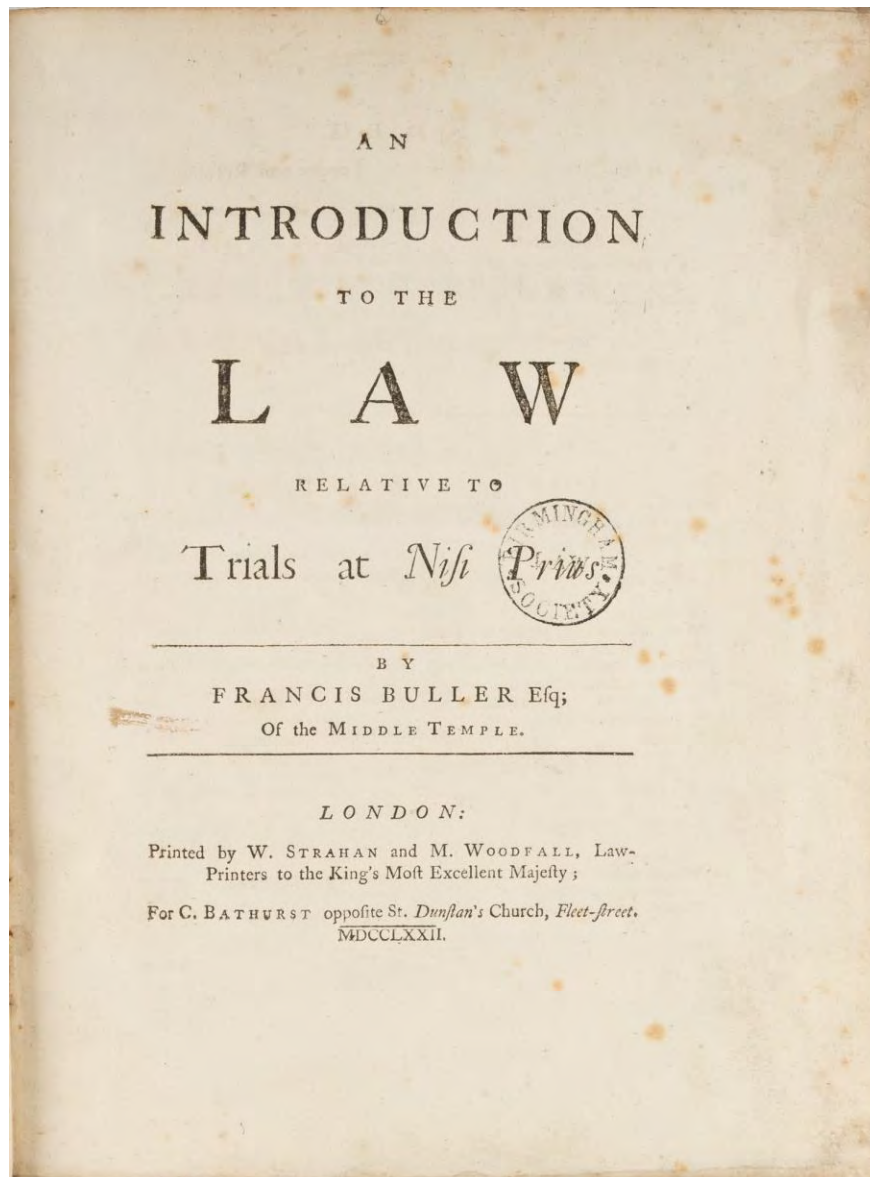
[Criminals].

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\$100.00 Reward!! Dated Oct. 8, 1879. Tompkins County, NY, October 8, 1879.

9-1/2" x 9" broadside, text in single column below headline. Light browning, horizontal fold line through center, a few chips and clean short tears to left-hand margin. \$350.

* The broadside reads (in part): "On Saturday evening, October 4th, 1879, about 9 o'clock, Emmett Rhodes was waylaid by a highwayman on the road about two miles northeast of Groton Village, Tompkins County. The robber demanded Mr. Rhodes' money, and this being refused, he fired two shots, by one of which Mr. Rhodes was seriously wounded." Signed in type by William J. Smith, Sheriff of Tompkins County. [Order This Item](#)



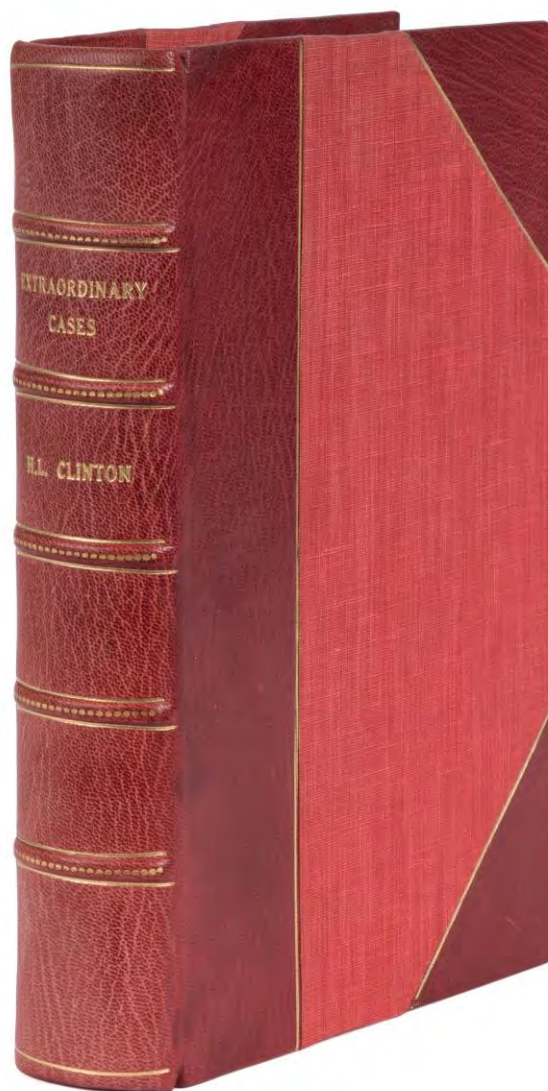
Buller's Guide to the Circuits

2. [Buller, Sir Francis [1746-1800].

An Introduction to the Law Relative to Trials at Nisi Prius. London: Printed by W. Strahan and M. Woodfall, 1772. vii, [1], 330, [42] pp. Quarto (10-1/2" x 9").

Later library cloth, gilt title, publication date, library name and fillets to spine, untrimmed edges, endpapers renewed. Light rubbing to extremities, front hinge starting, library bookplate and small shelf label to front pastedown. Moderate toning to interior, light foxing to a few leaves, small library stamps to title page and a few other leaves. \$350.

* Second edition. First published in 1767, Buller's treatise is derived from a collection of trials by his uncle, Bathurst, who is sometimes listed as the author. The second edition is considerably enlarged with original material. A standard work for decades, it went through several reissues and seven editions, the last in 1817. Writing in the late 1840s, Marvin notes that it was "still useful because it contains some authorities not elsewhere to be met with." Marvin, *Legal Bibliography* (1847) 158. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T101058. [Order This Item](#)



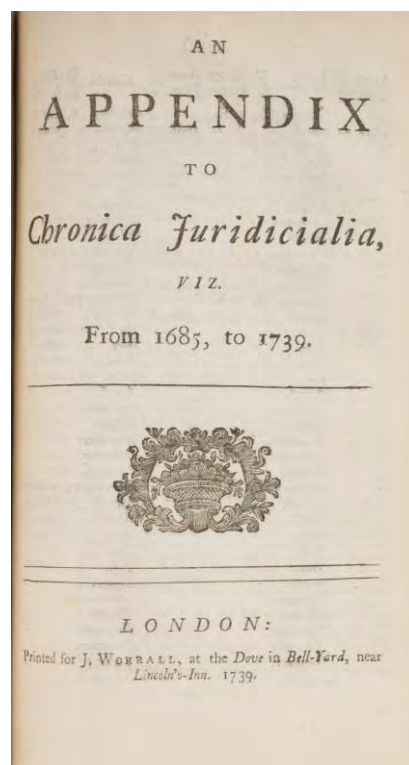
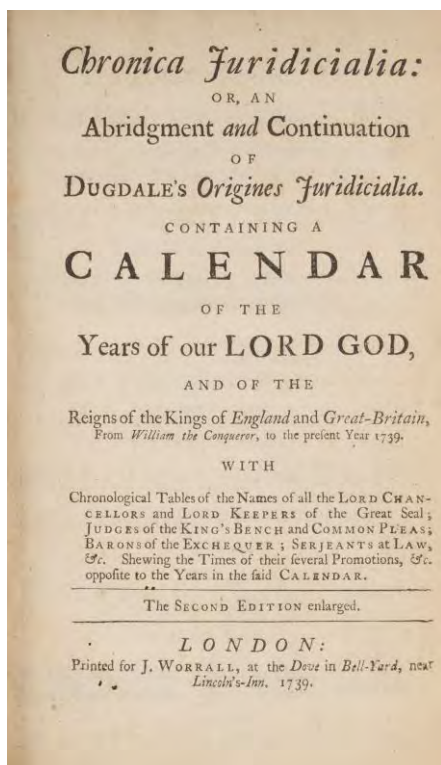
**"Extraordinary Cases" of a
Notable Nineteenth-Century Lawyer**

3. Clinton, Henry Lauren [1820-1899].

Extraordinary Cases. New York: Harper & Brothers, 1896. ix, 403 pp. With a tissue-guarded portrait frontispiece of Clinton. Octavo (8-1/4" x 5-1/4").

Contemporary three-quarter morocco over cloth boards, gilt rules to morocco edges, gilt-edge raised bands, gilt fillets and author name and title to spine, marbled endpapers, top-edge gilt, fore and bottom-edges untrimmed. Light fading to spine. Light toning to interior, lower corner of pp. 141-142 lacking without loss to text. A handsome copy. \$650.

* First edition. Clinton was a notable nineteenth-century lawyer. He was one of the prosecutors of William "Boss" Tweed and one of the defense attorneys in the murder trial of Richard Croker, and was later counsel in a number of important contested will cases. Here, he chronicles twenty-nine cases which he felt were curious or exceptional. *Catalogue of the Library of the Harvard Law School* (1909) I:403. [Order This Item](#)



Cooke's 1739 Updated Edition of Dugdale's *Origines Juridicalia*

4. Cooke, Edward.

[Dugdale, Sir William (1605-1686)].

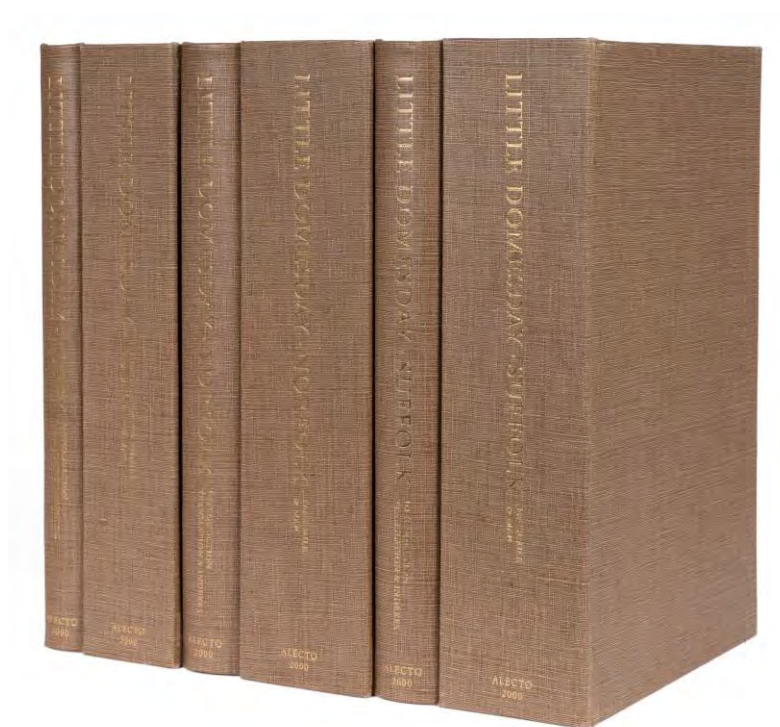
Chronica Juridicalia: or, An Abridgment and Continuation of Dugdale's Origines Juridicalia. Containing a Calendar of the Years of Our Lord God, and of the Reigns of the Kings of England and Great-Britain, From William the Conqueror, to the Present Year 1739. London: Printed for J. Worrall, 1739. [xvi], 209 pp.

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An Appendix to the Chronica Juridicalia, viz. From 1685, to 1739. London: Printed for J. Worrall, 1739. 19, [88], 8 pp. With 8 pp. publisher catalogue.

Octavo (7-1/4" x 4-1/2"). Contemporary calf, blind rules to boards and blind fillets to joints, rebaked in period style with raised bands and retained lettering piece, blind tooling to board edges. Light rubbing to boards, which are scuffed and scratched, moderate rubbing and light wear to board edges, corners bumped and worn, hinges cracked, faint offsetting to preliminaries, light edgewear and chipping to free endpapers, early bookseller description adhered to front pastedown. Light toning to interior, light foxing and soiling in a few places. A sound copy. \$450.

* Third edition, enlarged, and the second edition by Cooke. Dugdale's work is a rich mine of information concerning the sources of English law and the history of the early English legal profession, and provides a wealth of interesting information about the procedures, customs, ceremonies and administration of the Inns of Court and Chancery. This copy is enhanced significantly through the inclusion of the Appendix, which adds a wealth of useful supplemental detail. According to Marvin, "Our first inquiries after the History of the Laws of this Kingdom ought to begin with a careful reading of Sir William Dugdale's *Origines Juridicales*, which we shall find so accurately penned, and with so good a mixture of learning and judgment, that 't will almost do the work alone. I cannot give a better view of this more elaborate treatise than by telling the reader that it full answers its title page." Holdsworth concurs, adding: "his book was the chief authority for the history of the Inns; and it is by no means superseded even at the present day." Holdsworth, *The Historians of Anglo-American Law* 41. Marvin, *Legal Bibliography* 279. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T128160. [Order This Item](#)



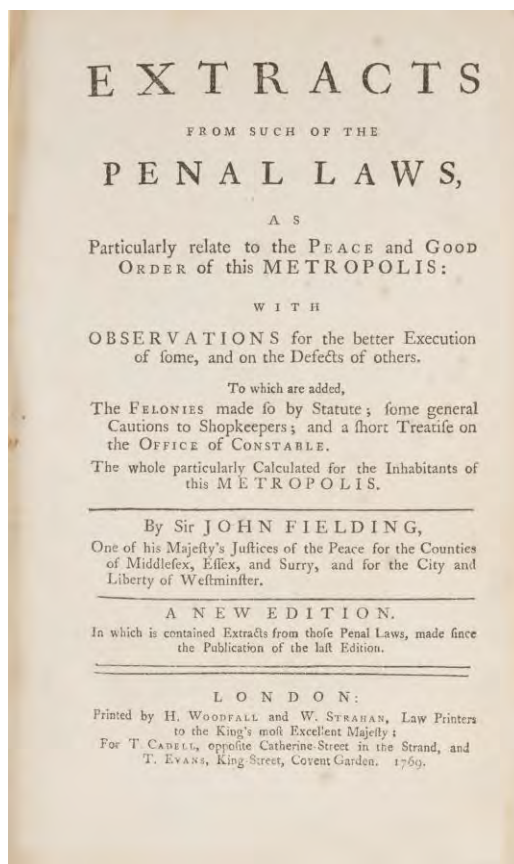
Alecto's Little Domesday Book

5. [Domesday Book].

Little Domesday Book. London: Alecto Historical Editions, 2000. Three 13" x 8" books, three 13" 8-1/2" solander cases housing pamphlets, color maps and sets of facsimiles. Complete set.

Cloth, gilt titles to spines. Negligible light rubbing to extremities, otherwise fine. \$1,500.

* The Little Domesday was the first survey of the East Anglian counties of Essex, Norfolk and Suffolk. Since its information was never entered into Great Domesday, the Little Domesday became the final record for those counties. The books in the Alecto set provide introductions, translations of the Domesday leaves and indexes. The cases contain pamphlets describing the contents of the cases, full-size reproductions of the Domesday leaves, bound in quires, and maps of Essex, Norfolk, Suffolk and England at the time of Domesday. [Order This Item](#)



"The Blind Beak of Bow Street"

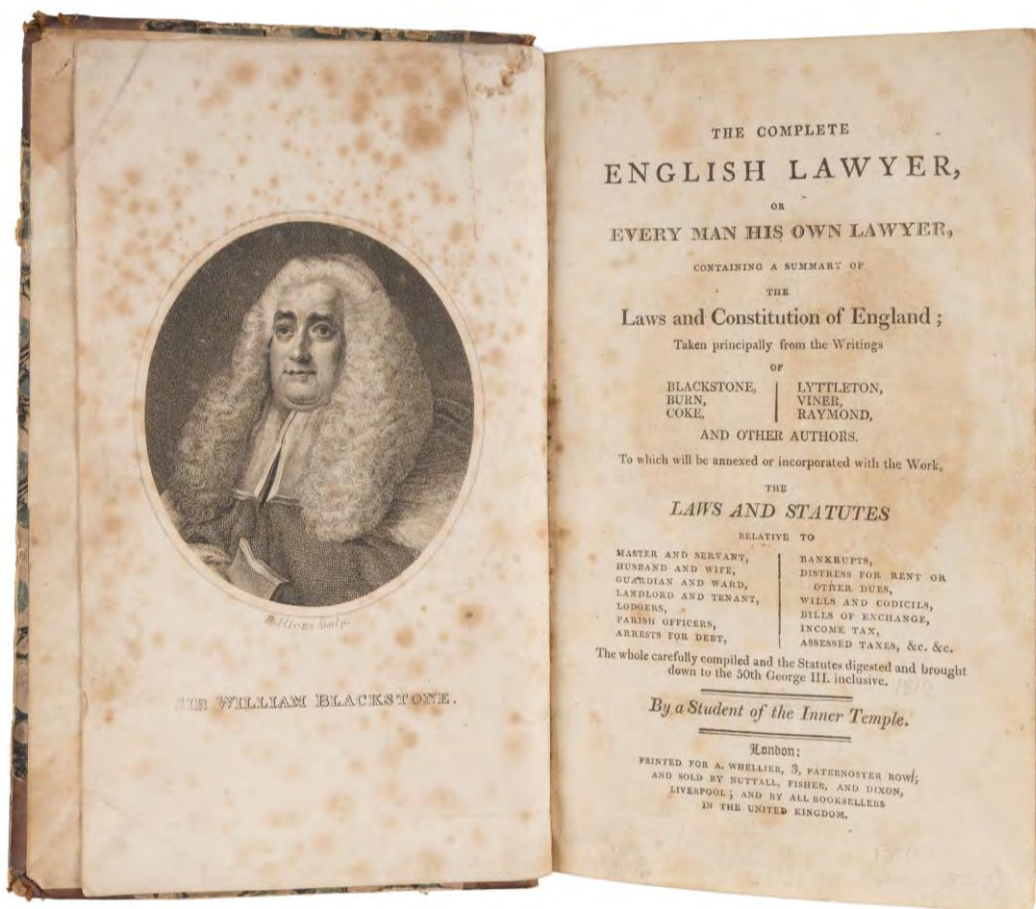
6. Fielding, Sir John [1721-1780].

Extracts from Such of the Penal Laws, As Particularly Relate to the Peace and Good Order of This Metropolis: With Observations for the Better Execution of Some, And on the Defects of Others. To Which are Added, The Felonies Made of by Statute; Some General Cautions to Shopkeepers; And a Short Treatise on the Office of Constable. The Whole Particularly Calculated for the Inhabitants of this Metropolis. A New Edition. In Which is Contained Extracts From Those Penal Laws, Made Since the Publication of the Last Edition. London: Printed by H. Woodfall and W. Strahan, Law Printers to the King's Most Excellent Majesty, 1769. x [14], 426 pp. Octavo (8-1/4" x 5").

Contemporary calf, blind rules to boards, blind fillets along joints, raised bands and early hand-lettered title to spine, blind tooling to board edges. Light rubbing to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, small chip to head of spine, front board just beginning to separate. Light toning to text, light foxing and minor stains in a few places, early owner signature (Robert Gurney) to rear free endpaper. \$650.

* Fourth and final edition. Fielding, a London magistrate and reformer, is most notable for his extensive career as the head of the Bow Street Runners, the city's first professional police force. He was blinded in an accident at the age of 19, which contributed to his notoriety; he could, by some accounts, recognize thousands of criminals by the sound of their voice alone, giving him the nickname "The Blind Beak of Bow Street." He was also interested in social reform and helped found the Asylum for Orphan Girls in Lambeth in 1758. The first three editions of *Extracts* were published in 1761, 1762 and 1768.

All editions are quite scarce. OCLC locates 5 copies in North American law libraries, (Jenkins, Library of Congress, San Francisco Law Library, University of Georgia, University of Pennsylvania). ESTC adds 2 more (Harvard, University of Chicago). *English Short-Title Catalogue* (ESTC) T76214. [Order This Item](#)



A Popular Nineteenth-Century JP Manual

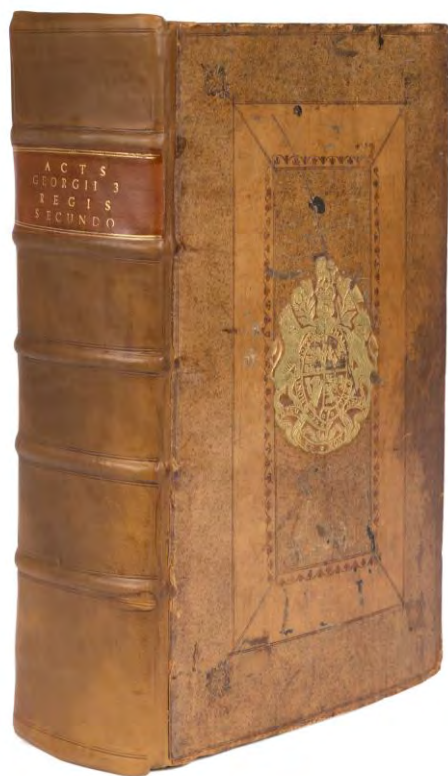
7. Gifford, John (Whellier, Alexander).

The Complete English Lawyer, Or, Every Man his Own Lawyer, Containing a Summary of the Laws and Constitution of England [...] To Which Will be Annexed or Incorporated with the Work, The Laws and Statutes Relative to Master and Servant, Husband and Wife, Guardian and Ward, Landlord and Tenant, Lodgers, Parish Officers, Arrests for Debt, Bankrupts, Distress for Rent or Other Dues, Wills and Codicils, Bills of Exchange, Income Tax, Assessed Taxes, &c. &c. [...] London: Printed for A. Whellier, [n.d., c.1811]. [ii], 722, [6] pp. Stipple-engraved portrait frontispiece of Sir William Blackstone. Octavo (8-1/2" x 4-3/4").

Contemporary three-quarter calf over marbled boards, gilt fillets and lettering piece to spine. Moderate rubbing to boards, rubbing and light wear to extremities, gatering and wear to spine, boards separating in places but secured firmly by cords, corners bumped and worn, light foxing and offsetting to endleaves, ownership signature ("Thomas Wilkinson, Druggist, Darlington") dated 1825 to front pastedown. Moderate toning to interior, occasional light foxing, somewhat heavier to frontispiece, which has a clean tear to its top-edge mended with cello tape on reverse, and first few leaves, light offsetting from plate to title page. \$300.

* This popular work went into at least seventeen editions, some of which incorporated Irish law. It was also useful for laymen, as the ownership signature of a druggist on our copy indicates. Alexander Whellier published other works on law in the early nineteenth century under the pseudonym John Gifford, and this work is generally attributed to that name despite its absence on the title page in this edition. OCLC locates 3 copies of this edition (Yale Law School, University of Georgia School of Law, University of Chicago). Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 2:377.

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Public and Private Acts of Parliament, 1761-1762

8. [Great Britain].

George III [1738-1820], King of Great Britain.

Anno Regni Georgii III. Regis Magnae Britanniae, Franciae, & Hiberniae, Secundo. At the Parliament Begun and Holden at Westminster, The Ninth Day of May, Anno Dom. 1761, In the First Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Third, By the Grace of God, of Great Britain, France, and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, &c. And from thence Continued by Several Prorogations to the Third Day of November Following: Being the First Session of the Twelfth Parliament of Great Britain. London: Printed by Mark Baskett, 1761 [i.e. 1762]. 786, [805]-1026, [16] pp. Lacking Act XXII. Same general title page preceding each act, Acts VII-XXXVII dated 1762.

[Bound With]

An Abstract of the Publick Acts Passed in the First Session of the Twelfth Parliament of Great Britain, And in the Second Year of the Reign of Our Most Gracious Sovereign Lord King George the Third. London: Printed by Mark Baskett, 1762. 139, [1] pp. With two folding tables.

Folio (12" x 7-1/2"). Contemporary paneled calf, gilt royal arms to boards, rebacked and recormered in period style with raised bands, blind fillets and lettering piece to spine, blind tooling to board edges, edges rouged. Light rubbing to boards, a few scuffs, nicks and scratches, moderate rubbing and light wear to board edges, corners bumped, hinges cracked, single horizontal crease to front free endpaper. Light toning to interior, light foxing in a few places. An appealing copy. \$650.

* A collection of 86 acts passed in the first session of the tenth Parliament of Great Britain, with tables listing the titles of the public acts (including acts XXIX-LXXXVII, which were not printed) and summaries of 69 private acts. Some of the more interesting acts include several acts to do with commercial taxes and "An Act for Naturalizing Such Foreign Protestants as have Served or Shall Serve in His Majesty's Royal American Regiment, Or as Engineers in America." Appended is the separately-issued volume of abstracts. Act XXII, lacking in full but present in the abstract volume, established a register for London's infant poor. *English Short-Title Catalogue* N56756, T150498. [Order This Item](#)



Acts of the Third English Parliament of James I

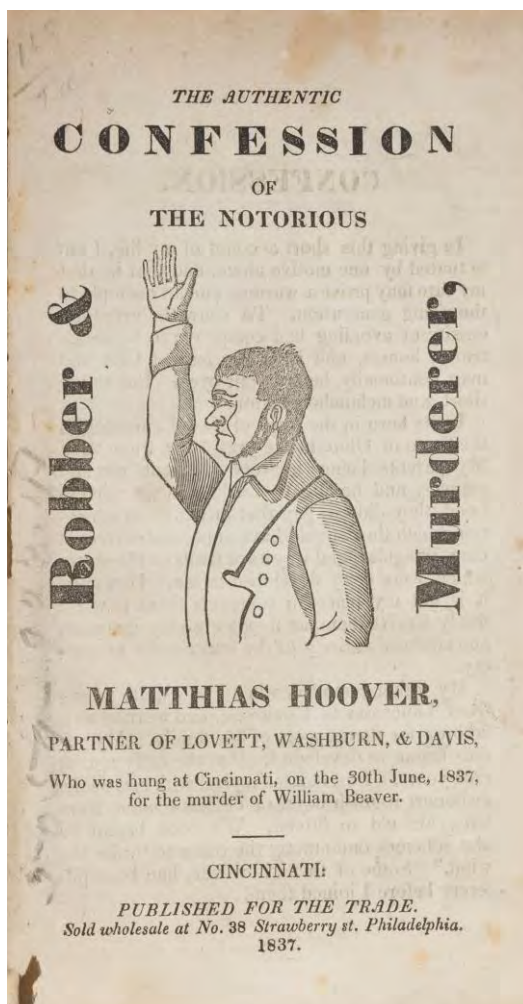
9. [Great Britain].

James I [1566-1625], King.

An[n]o Regni Iacobi, Regis Angl. Scotiae, Franc. & Hybern. viz. Angl. Franc. & Hybern. 4^o. Scotiae 40^o. At the Parliament Begun and Holden at Westminster by Prorogation, The 18. Day of November, In the Fourth Yeere of the Raigne of our Most Gracious Soueraigne Lord James, By the Grace of God of England, France & Ireland King; Defender of the Faith, &c. And of Scotland the 40. And There Continued Untill the 4. Day of Iuly 1607. And Then Proroged Until the 4. Day of Iuly 1607. And Then Proroged Until the 16. Day of November Next Following. To the High Pleasure of Almighty God, And to the Weale Publique of this Realme, Were Enacted as Followeth. London: Imprinted by Robert Barker, 1607. [88] pp. Lacking first and final blank leaves. Folio (10-3/4" x 7").

Stab-stitched pamphlet bound in later quarter morocco over marbled boards, gilt title to spine reading (erroneously) "Actes of Elizabeth 1607", edges rouged. Light rubbing to extremities, front hinge cracked, later ms note and (illegible) ownership signature to front pastedown. Title printed within woodcut architectural border. Moderate toning to interior, faint dampstain to upper gutter and margin affecting header in places, early notes in ink to title page and a few other pages, some affected slightly by trimming, title page detaching slightly at both ends but secure, tear to fore-edge of leaf D4 discreetly mended and affecting text without loss, adhesive residue to gutter of leaf G2. \$500.

* Only edition. A collection of 13 public acts from the third English parliament of James I. Highlights include an act further solidifying the union of the English and Scottish crowns through "the utter abolition of all memory of Hostilitie" and "An Act for Repressing the Odious and Loathsome Sinne of Drunkennesse." OCLC locates 1 copy of this title (Huntington Library); the ESTC adds copies at 6 North American libraries (Folger Shakespeare Library, Harvard, Massachusetts Center for Renaissance Studies, Library of Congress, UC-Los Angeles Law Library, University of Minnesota). *English Short-Title Catalogue* S121600. [Order This Item](#)



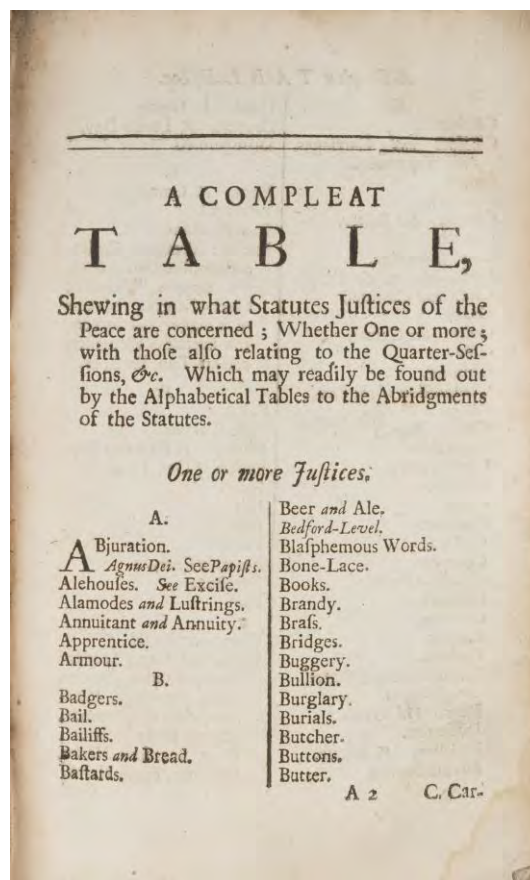
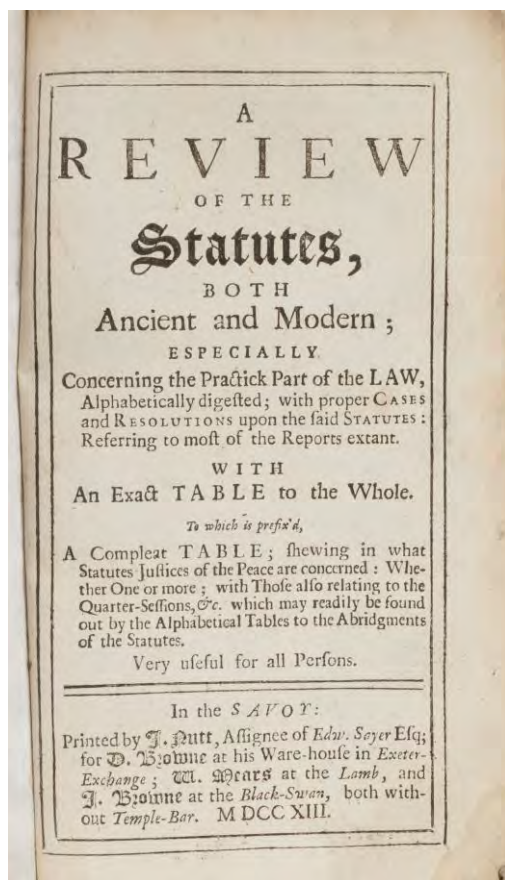
Only Known Copy

10. Hoover, Matthias [1819-1837].

The Authentic Confession of the Notorious Robber & Murderer, Matthias Hoover, Partner of Lovett, Washburn, & Davis, Who was Hung at Cincinnati, On the 30th June, 1837, For the Murder of William Beaver. Cincinnati: Published for the Trade, 1837. 12 pp. Woodcut title page vignette of Hoover. Octavo (7-1/2" x 4-1/4").

Stab-stitched pamphlet in self-wrappers bound in later quarter cloth over marbled boards, gilt fillets and lettering piece to spine, a number of blank leaves added after text block by binder. Light rubbing to boards, more moderate rubbing and light wear to board edges and corners. Light toning to interior, light foxing and soiling in a few places, crack in text block after title page, which has faint pencil marks and small holes along its gutter and a small chip to its bottom-edge. \$1,600.

* Only edition. Along with his partners, Hoover robbed an old man of some \$800 and left him for dead. This was, according to Hoover's confession, only the latest episode in a long career of vice and dissipation. He had begun stealing from an early age and had even been tried for murder as a schoolboy (though he was acquitted). He bequeathed his body to the Western Museum in Cincinnati, where it was displayed after his execution. The present title is an unrecorded variant of a related work published in Cincinnati the same year with a different title and without an imprint. No copies of our title could be found anywhere, though a copy appeared at auction in 1923. The other variant is also scarce; OCLC locates 2 copies worldwide (American Antiquarian Society, Princeton University). Not in McDade, Sabin or *Checklist of American Imprints*. See Morgan, *Bibliography of Ohio Imprints* 8810. [Order This Item](#)



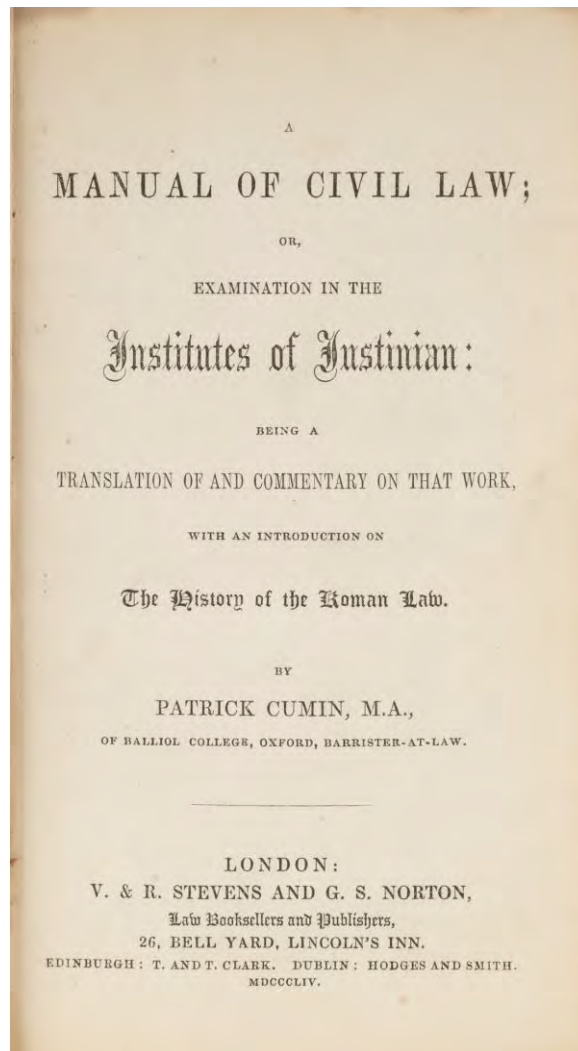
"Very Useful for All Persons"

11. [Jacob, Giles (1686-1744)].

A Review of the Statutes, Both Ancient and Modern; Especially Concerning the Practick Part of the Law, Alphabetically Digested; With Proper Cases and Resolutions upon the Said Statutes: Referring to Most of the Reports Extant. With an Exact Table to the Whole. To Which is Prefix'd a Compleat Table; Shewing in What Statutes Justices of the Peace are Concerned: Whether One or More: With Those Also Relating to the Quarter-Sessions, &c. Which May Readily be Found Out by the Alphabetical Tables to the Abridgments of the Statutes. Very Useful for All Persons. London: Printed by J. Nutt, Assignee of Edward Sayer Esq; for D. Browne; W. Mears, and J. Browne, 1713. [xvi], 544, [32] pp. Publisher advertisements to final page. Octavo (7-1/2" x 4-1/2").

Contemporary calf, blind fillets to boards, rebaked in period style with raised bands, blind and gilt fillets, stamped author name and date and lettering piece to spine, marbled renewed endpapers. Light rubbing, scuffing and scratching to boards, heavier rubbing and some wear to board edges and corners, which are bumped, hinges cracked (after title page and before final leaf). Light toning to interior, faint dampstain to lower corner of text block not affecting text, light foxing in a few places, leaves B2-3 (pp. 3-6) stuck together at upper corner, fore-edge of leaf Gg1 (pp. 449-450) flawed without loss to text. A nice copy of a scarce title. \$1,250.

* First edition. Jacob was a successful and prolific writer of many legal manuals and treatises. Though certainly interested in boosting sales by attracting the widest audience possible, he was an idealist who believed that widespread knowledge of the law would help create a more just society. Primarily written as a justice of the peace manual, this alphabetical digest of statutes covers topics useful to laymen as well. A second edition appeared in 1715. Though many titles in Jacob's prolific output are relatively common, the present title is scarce and the first copy we have owned. OCLC and the ESTC locate 7 copies of this edition, 4 in North America (Columbia Law School, UT-Austin, Library of Congress, Folger Shakespeare Library). *English Short-Title Catalogue* T208120. [Order This Item](#)



With an Interesting Introduction and Extensive Commentary

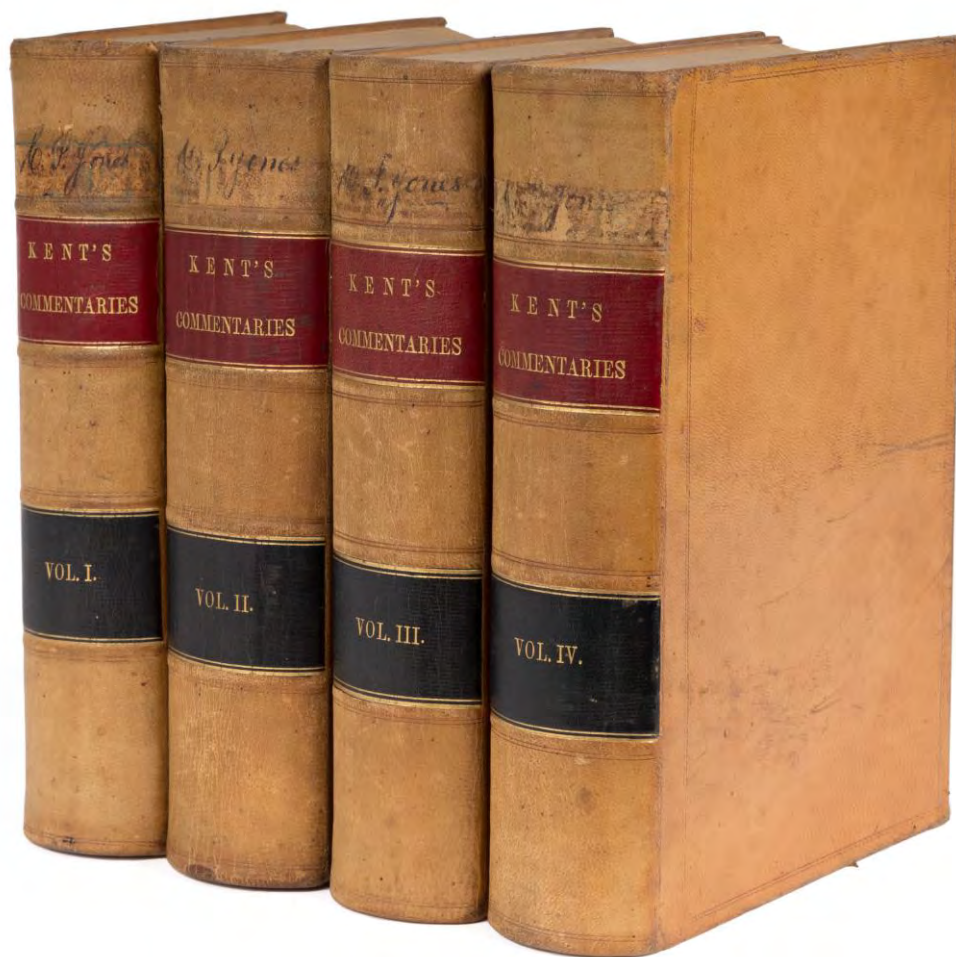
12. Justinian I [483-565 CE], Emperor of the East.

Cumin, Patrick [1823-1890], Translator and Editor.

A Manual of Civil Law; Or, Examination in the Institutes of Justinian: Being a Translation of and Commentary on that Work, With an Introduction on The History of the Roman Law. London: V. & R. Stevens and G.S. Norton [et al.], 1854. xvi, 401, [3] pp. Octavo (7" x 4").

Contemporary three-quarter calf over pebbled cloth boards, raised bands, blind fillets and lettering piece to spine, edges rouged. Moderate rubbing to extremities, slight creasing and scuffing to spine, chipping and light wear to spine head, corners bumped and somewhat worn, front hinge cracked, rear hinge just starting at head, faint offsetting to endleaves. Light toning to interior, occasional later hash marks in pencil to margins, negligible light foxing to a few pages, faint offsetting to pp. ii and iii. \$350.

* First edition. Cumin, a barrister who studied at Balliol College, Oxford, provides an interesting historical introduction and extensive commentary on this ubiquitous legal text. The commentary gives additional historical context and discusses Latin terminology. A second edition appeared in 1865. OCLC locates 5 copies of this title in North American law libraries (Harvard, University of Pennsylvania, University of Victoria, Social Law, State of Oregon Law Library). Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 5:132. [Order This Item](#)



A Well-Preserved Copy of Kent's *Commentaries*

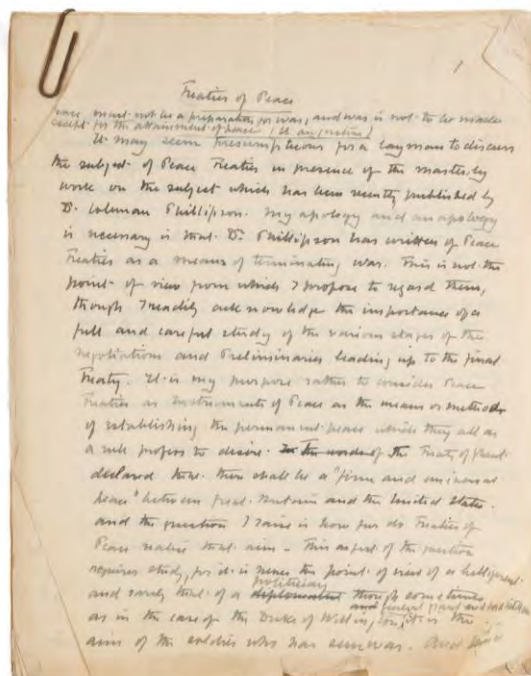
13. Kent, James [1763-1847].

Comstock, George [1811-1892], Editor.

Commentaries on American Law. Boston: Little, Brown and Company, 1867. Four volumes. 8 pp. publisher catalogue bound before title page of Volume I. Octavo (9-1/2" x 5-3/4").

Contemporary sheep, blind rules to boards, raised bands, red and black lettering pieces, faint label residue and early owner signature (of C.P. Jones) to spines, blind tooling to board edges. Some minor scratches and spots to boards, light rubbing to extremities, front hinge of Volume II starting. Light toning to interiors, light foxing and faint dampstaining in a few places, offsetting to margins of endleaves, early owner signature (of C.P. Jones) in pencil to front free endpapers of Volumes II and III. A well-preserved set. \$1,250.

* Eleventh edition. Kent's *Commentaries* is probably the single most important interpretation of American law. Writing in 1847, Marvin ranked it above Blackstone and observed that it contains "not only a clear statement of the English law, with all the alterations that have taken place since the time of Blackstone, but a full account of the main principles of Equity, also, a review of the modifications engrafted on the English law by the different states of the Union." Marvin's latter observation points to the significance of this landmark work. Published at a time when there was significant opposition to English law, Kent's *Commentaries* established it in a manner that appealed to the majority of influential American jurists and legislators. Marvin, *Legal Bibliography* 438. *Catalogue of the Library of the Harvard Law School* (1909) I:1088. [Order This Item](#)



Peace Cannot be Secured by Force

14. [Manuscript Archive].

Bower, Sir Graham John [1848-1933].

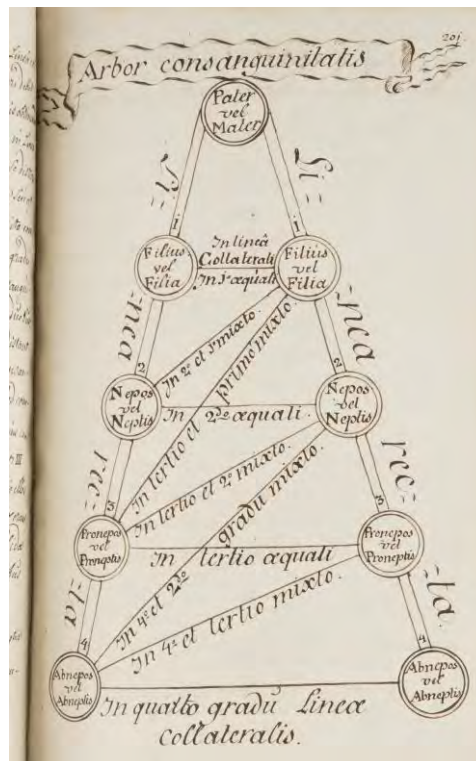
[Two Pre-Publication Manuscript Copies of "Treaties of Peace," Read Before the Grotius Society]. [London, c.1917].

31, 10 ff. on 10" x 8" loose-leaf ruled sheets; 29 ff. in 10" x 8" ruled "Empire" notebook. Text to rectos in ink in two hands, running parallel to spine in notebook. Moderate toning to loose-leaf sheets, which are secured by contemporary rusted paper clip, light edgewear and chipping to bottom-edge of a few leaves, several folded corners. Moderate toning to printed cover of notebook, which is loosening, light toning to interior, cracks to text block in a few places. Together two items. \$650.

* Bower, an Irish-born colonial official, served as Imperial Secretary to the High Commissioners for South Africa from 1884-1897 and then as Colonial Secretary of Mauritius until 1910. He was a founding member of the Grotius Society, a British group dedicated to the study of international law. "Treaties of Peace" was read before the Society on February 6, 1917 and appeared in print later that year.

The speech discusses the history of notable peace treaties, including the Treaty of Utrecht, the Congress of Vienna, the Treaty of Ghent and the Treaty of Paris at the end of the Crimean War. Bower concludes that he is "unconvinced" of any proposal "to secure peace by an International Force" given the necessity of consolidating the authority to direct the force in the hands of "an Imperial head of a Confederated Empire." Bower was a noted skeptic of bureaucratic power to enforce international agreements, even forcefully opposing the creation of an international penal court for the trial of war crimes.

Our manuscript copies differ from the printed version in several ways. The manuscript copy begins by mentioning the work of Dr. Coleman Phillipson by name, while the published version simply refers to "jurists." The published copy is much more strident in its claim that treaties and arbitration do not guarantee peace and adds several concluding paragraphs. There are several other discrepancies that suggest the speech was revised somewhat significantly before it appeared in print. [Order This Item](#)



Pre-Publication Manuscript of a Treatise on Marriage

15. [Manuscript].

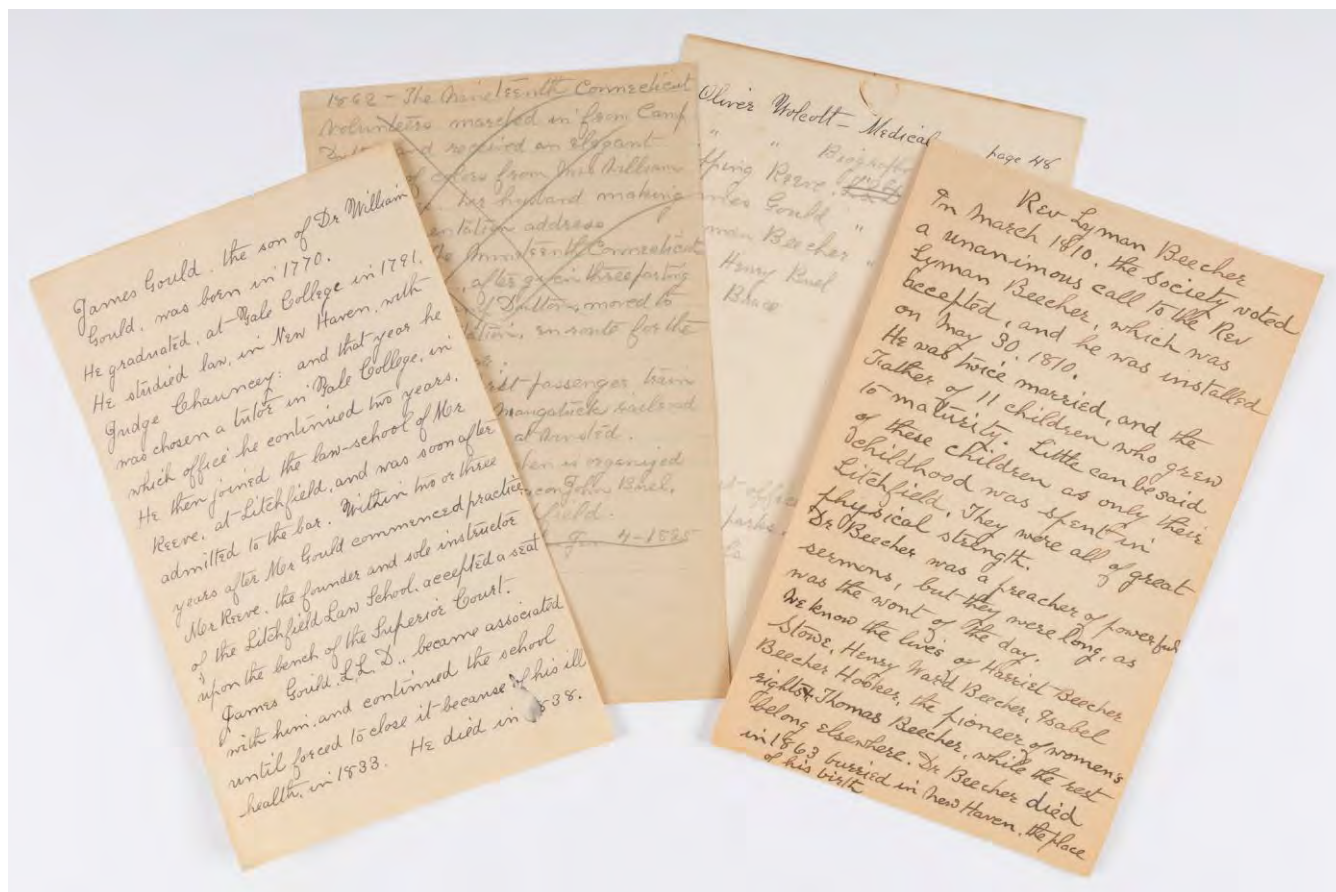
[Dens, Peter (1690-1775)].

[*Tractatus de Sponsalibus et Matrimonio* and *Tractatus de Quatuor Novissimis*]. [Louvain?]: 15 July 1767-14 October 1768. 381, [1]; 59, [1] pp. Text in Latin in single neat hand with chapter headings, side notes and indices. Octavo (7-1/2" x 4-1/2").

Contemporary mottled calf, blind rules to boards, raised bands, gilt decoration to compartments, blind fillets and lettering piece ("V. Rymentant De Matrimon Et 4. Novissimis") to spine, edges rouged. Faint dampstain to front board, which is bowing slightly, very light rubbing to extremities, slight gatering to spine, joints just starting at both ends, corners bumped, hinges starting, light soiling and offsetting to pastedowns, small circular sticker to lower left corner of front pastedown. Light toning to interior, negligible light foxing and soiling to a few leaves. An appealing volume with a clean and well-organized interior. \$1,950.

* This manuscript appears to be a fair copy of two works by Catholic theologian Peter (or Pierre) Dens: *Tractatus de Sponsalibus et Matrimonio* and *Tractatus de Quatuor Novissimis*. The first, an extensive treatise on Catholic marriages in canon law, was published after Dens's death in 1775. The shorter *Tractatus de Quatuor Novissimis* was published in 1776 and again in 1790 with *De Sponsalibus*. It concerns "the four last things," i.e. death, judgment, heaven and hell, the final stages of the soul in Christian eschatology. Both treatises were highly regarded, with the final edition of *De Sponsalibus* appearing in 1894 and the final edition of *De Quatuor Novissimis* in 1864.

The first portion of the manuscript (*Tractatus de Sponsalibus et Matrimonio*) has a completion date of 15 July 1767. The second part (*Tractatus de Quatuor Novissimis*) was completed on 14 October 1768. The transcriber is unnamed but may be the "V. Rymentant" noted on the spine label. The text is similar to the printed versions in organization and content, but has many differences of varying degrees and includes text not in the printed versions. It may represent an early version of Dens's work as taught to his students in theology at the University of Louvain, where he was a professor from 1723 until his death. Editions of both treatises are scarce in print. [Order This Item](#)



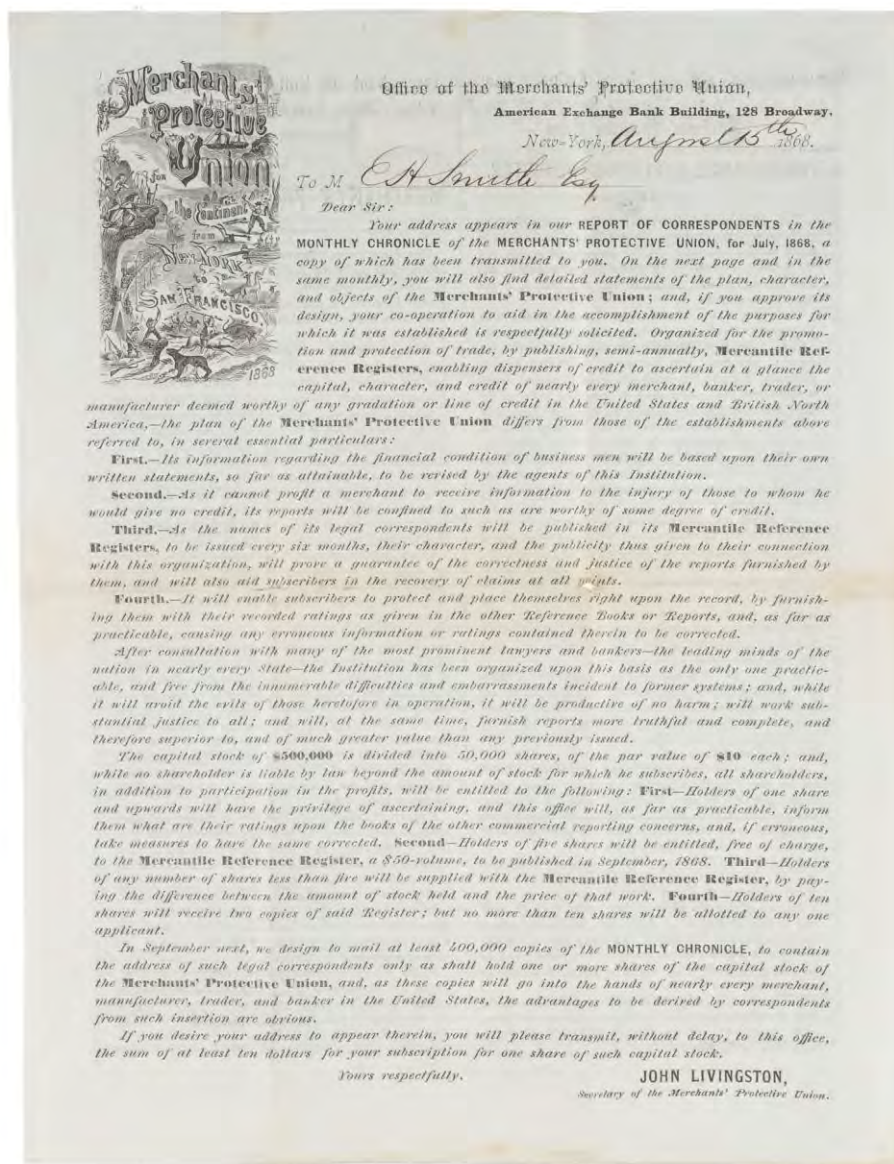
Unpublished History of Litchfield County

16. [Manuscript]. [Litchfield County].

[Unpublished History of Litchfield County, Connecticut and the Litchfield Law School]. [Litchfield, CT?: c.1929]. [43] ff. With a partial table of contents.

Text in ink and pencil in a single hand to rectos of 8" x 5" sheets of ruled notepaper. 30 ff. grouped in six bundles held together with contemporary paperclips, 13 ff. loose. Moderate toning to notepaper, light foxing to a few leaves, light rusting to paperclips, which have not been removed. \$450.

* This manuscript appears to be a pre-publication draft of a history of Litchfield County, Connecticut, that was never published. It is grouped into discernable categories, and most pages have section headings. Topics include biographies of notable Litchfield figures like Tapping Reeve and Oliver Wolcott, a brief history of the Litchfield Law School and an overview of important town buildings and events. Much of the text is comprised of fair copies from extant Litchfield histories published between 1859 and 1920. Some text (relating to early religious activity in the town) appears to be original, however, suggesting that the unknown author was preparing a new history of Litchfield. [Order This Item](#)



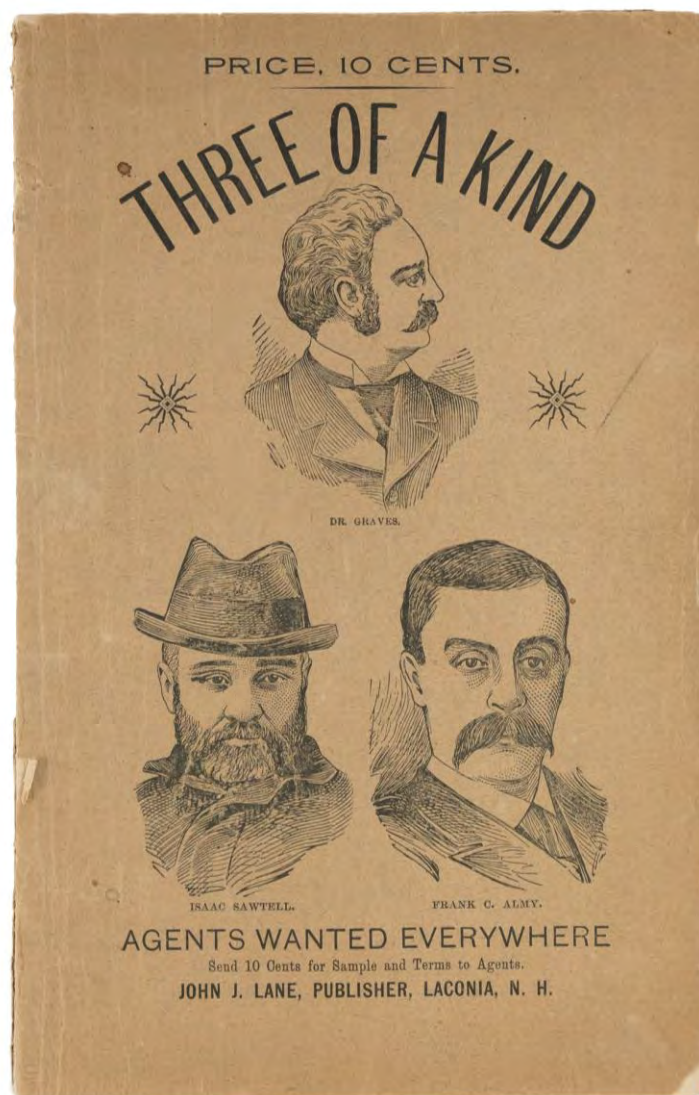
"Reliable and Responsible Practising Lawyers"

17. Merchants' Protective Union.

[Solicitation for Membership]. New York, 1868.

10-3/4" x 8-1/4" bifolium, text to rectos and versos of both leaves. Light toning, vertical and horizontal fold lines, a few minor stains, a few short tears along folds, "August 15th" to date-line at head of text in contemporary hand. \$350.

* The Merchants' Protective Union was a legal-services agency "for the Continent from New York to San Francisco." Subscribers were provided with a directory of "reliable and responsible lawyers, in every county in the United States" who would could assist in the "recovery of claims, and the transaction of all other business requiring the services of an attorney or counsel at any point in America or Europe." The Union also provided lists of credit ratings and other types of information useful to businessmen. [Order This Item](#)



Three Famous Murders of the Early 1890s

18. [Murder].

Graves, Thomas Thatcher [1841-1893].

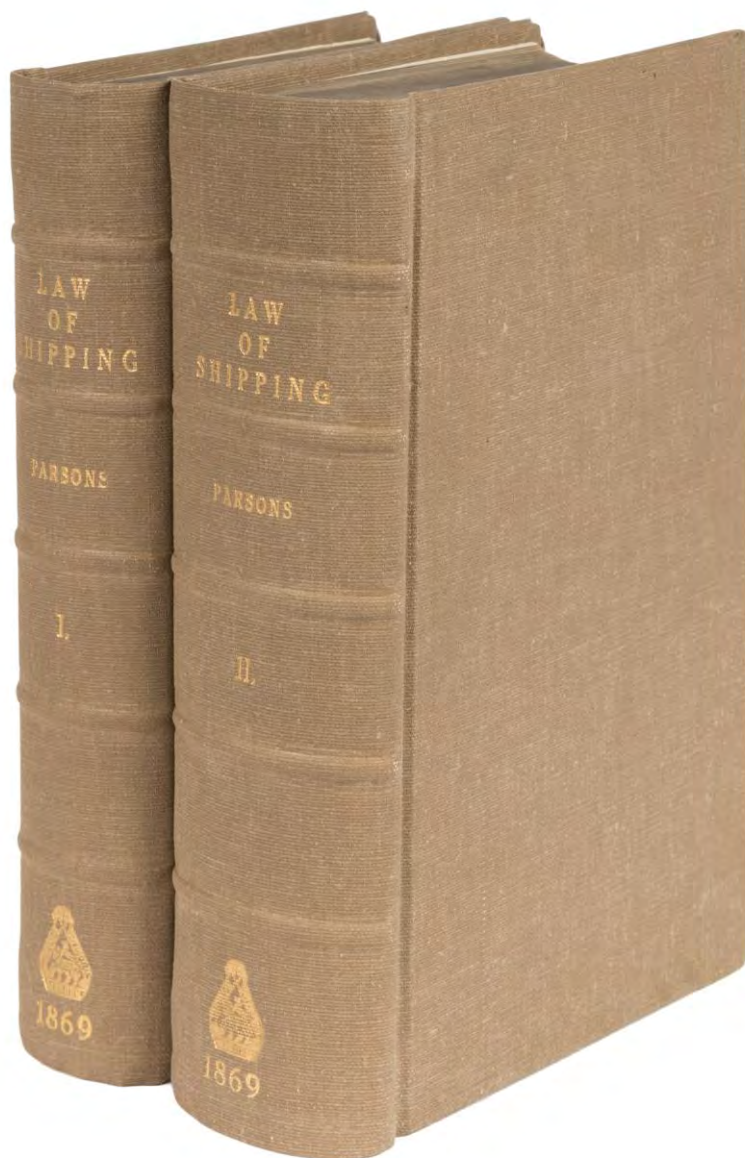
Sawtell, Isaac [d.1891].

Almy, Frank C. [1857-1892].

Three of a Kind: Dr. Graves, Isaac Sawtell, Frank C. Almy. Laconia, NH: John J. Lane, c.1893. 48 pp. Woodcut text illustrations. Octavo (9" x 5-3/4").

Stab-stitched pamphlet in pictorial wrappers. A few small chips to edges of wrappers, spine abraded, binding secure, moderate toning to interior. \$300.

* Only edition. "Price. 10 cents" at head of front cover. A sensational account of three famous murders of the early 1890s. Graves was a doctor who murdered a wealthy widow for her money. Sawtell murdered his brother in order to get his property. Almy murdered a girlfriend who refused to marry him. OCLC locates 8 copies, 2 in law libraries (University of Pennsylvania, Yale). Not in McDade, which lists several individual accounts of these three murders. [Order This Item](#)



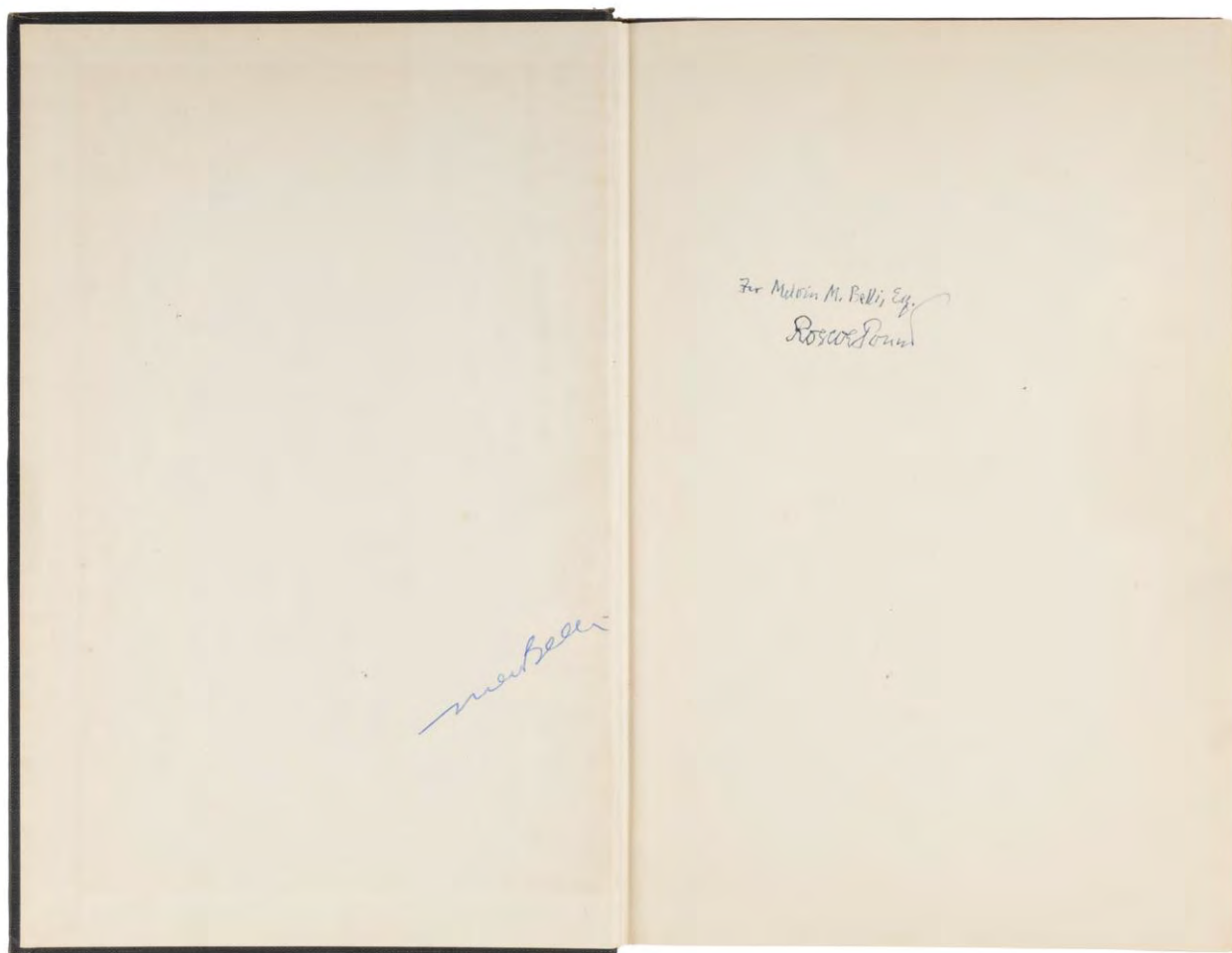
A Leading Authority on Commercial and Maritime Law

19. Parsons, Theophilus [1797-1882].

A Treatise on the Law of Shipping and the Law and Practice of Admiralty. Boston: Little, Brown, and Company, 1869. Two volumes. lxx, [1], 647; xii, 931 pp. Octavo (9-1/4" x 5-3/4").

Later cloth, raised bands, gilt titles, publication date and library insignia (Middle Temple) to spines, endpapers renewed. Negligible light rubbing to boards and extremities, library stamps to top and bottom edges of text block, pastedowns and title page. Light browning to interiors, minor inkstains to a few leaves in Volume I. \$250.

* Only edition. Dane Professor of Law at Harvard from 1848 to 1870, Parsons was a leading authority on commercial and maritime law. His treatises were standard works in law schools and standard references in law offices. *Catalogue of the Library of the Harvard Law School* (1909) II:303. [Order This Item](#)



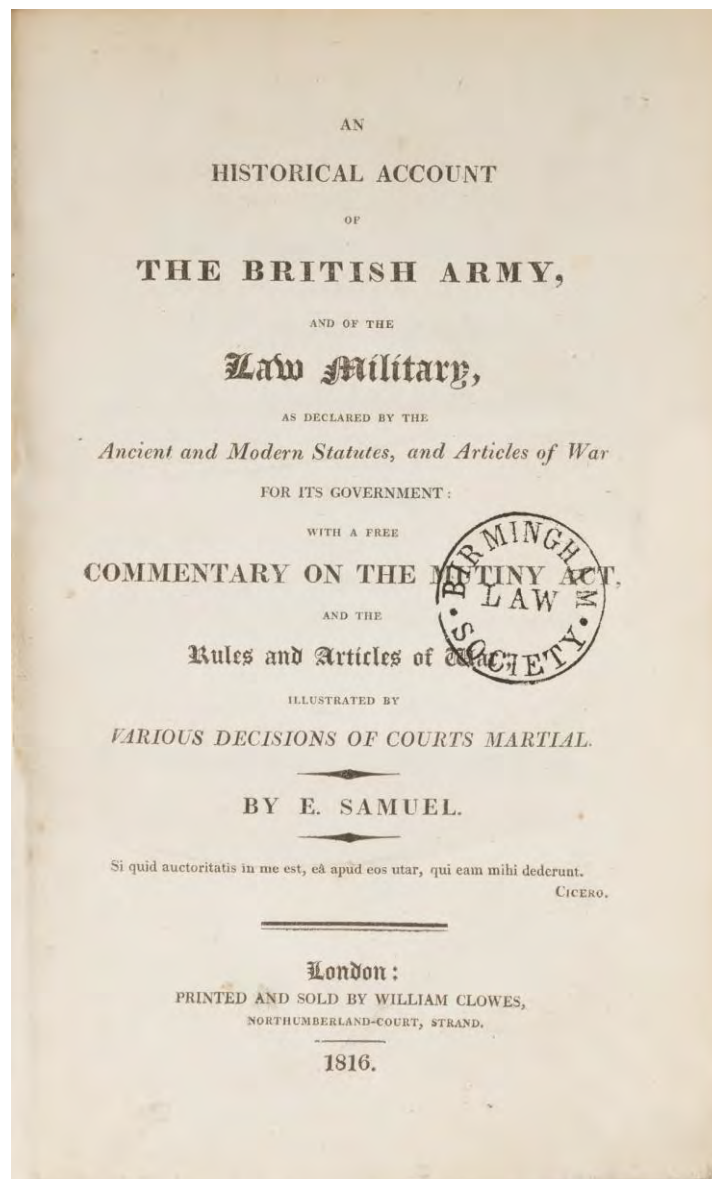
Inscribed by Pound to Melvin Belli

20. Pound, Roscoe [1870-1964].

Justice According to Law. New Haven: Published for Westminster College by Yale University Press, 1951. [viii], 98 pp.

Cloth, negligible light rubbing to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities with some wear to spine ends, corners lightly bumped. Light toning to interior. Signature of Melvin Belli to front pastedown, presentation inscription from Roscoe Pound to front free endpaper. \$450.

* First printing. The inscription reads: "For Melvin M. Belli Esq./ Roscoe Pound." Pound, a professor and dean of Harvard Law School, was a deeply influential jurist associated with the establishment of sociological jurisprudence. Belli, a San Francisco attorney, was famous for his colorful personality, innovative use of graphic evidence and expert witnesses, important class-action cases on behalf of consumers and celebrity clients, such as the Rolling Stones, Muhammad Ali, Jim and Tammy Faye Bakker and Zsa Zsa Gabor. [Order This Item](#)



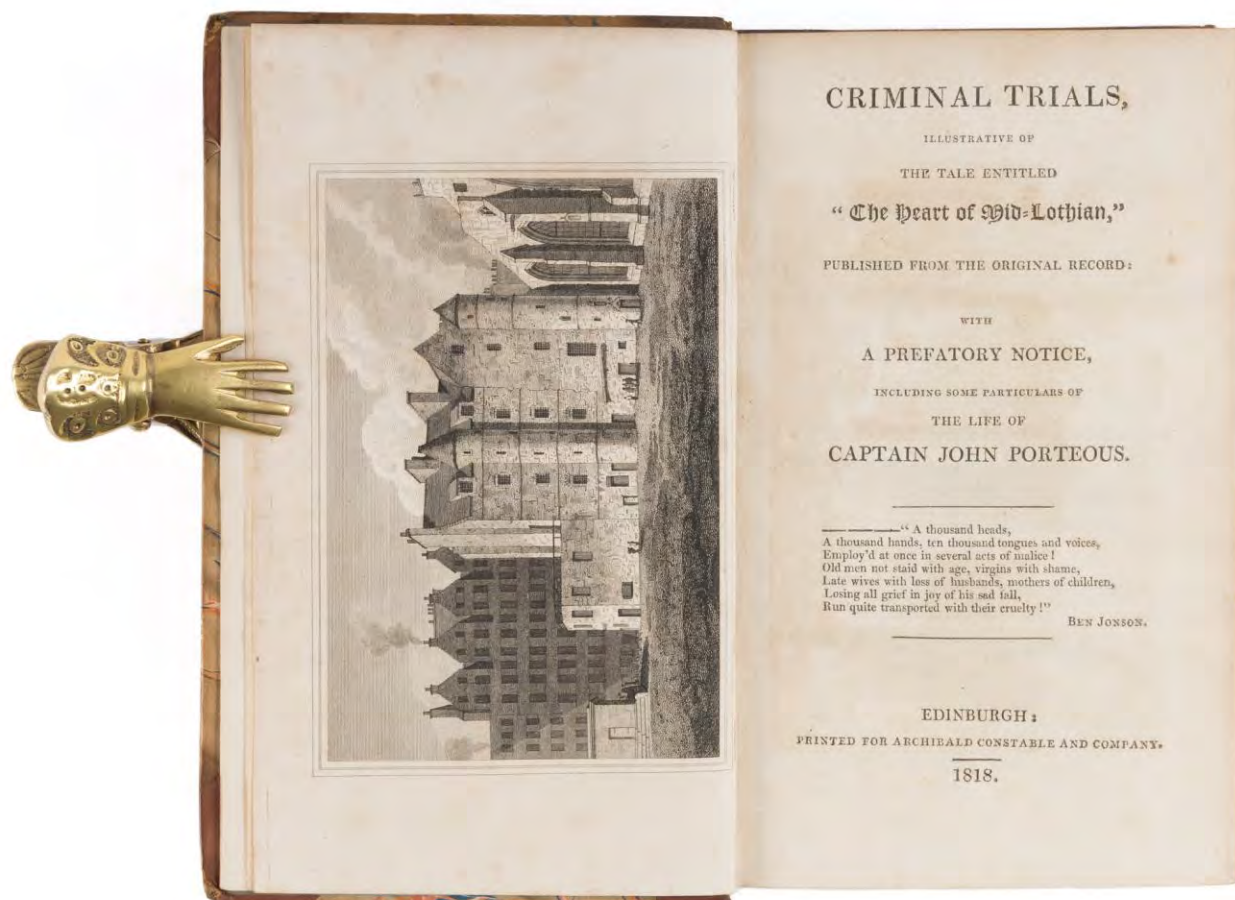
A Comprehensive Nineteenth-Century Treatise on British Military Law

21. Samuel, E.

An Historical Account of the British Army, And of Law Military, As Declared by the Ancient and Modern Statutes, And Articles of War for Its Government With a Free Commentary on the Mutiny Act, And the Rules and Articles of War: Illustrated by Various Decisions of Courts Martial. London: Printed and Sold by William Clowes, 1816. xvi, 734 pp. Octavo (8-1/2" x 5-1/2").

Later pebbled cloth, rebacked retaining spine, gilt library name and insignia to boards, gilt title and library name to spine, endpapers renewed. Moderate rubbing to boards and board edges, corners bumped and somewhat worn, library bookplate to front pastedown. Moderate toning to interior, small library stamps to title page and a few other leaves. \$350.

* First edition. Samuel intended this book to complement Tytler's *An Essay on Military Law, And the Practice of Courts Martial* (first edition 1800). As Samuel explains in the preface, he reversed Tytler's emphasis from courts martial to military law in general and provided more historical background. A second edition was published in 1820. Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 2:314. [Order This Item](#)



A Collection of Trials Edited by Sir Walter Scott

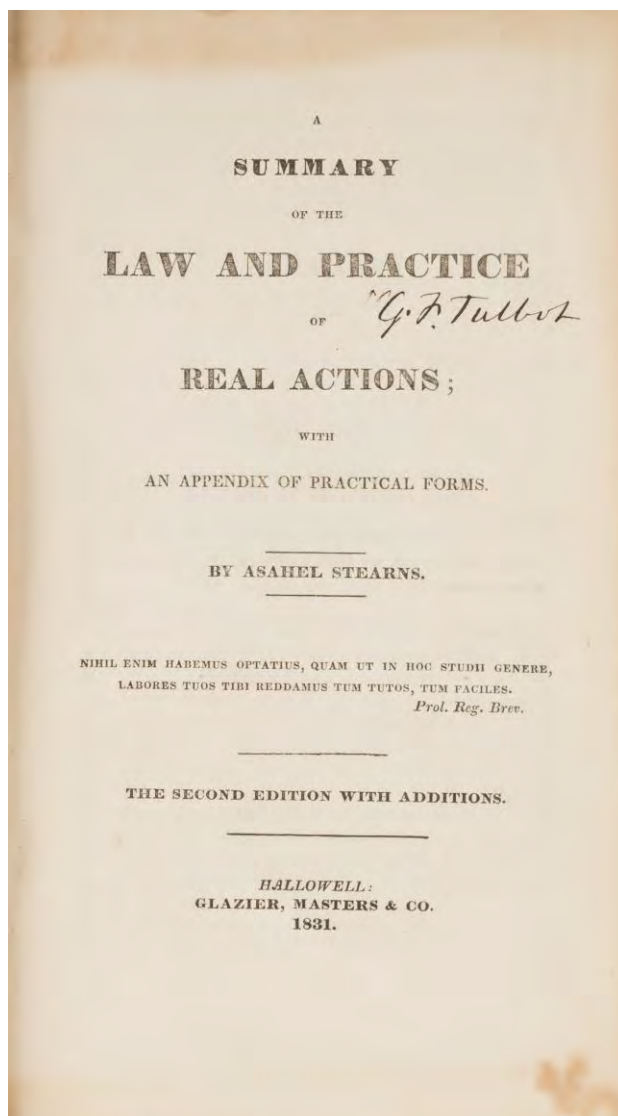
22. [Scott, Sir Walter (1771-1832), Editor (Attributed)].

[Sharpe, Charles Kirkpatrick (1781?-1851)].

Criminal Trials, Illustrative of the Tale Entitled "The Heart of Mid-Lothian," Published From the Original Record: With a Prefatory Notice, Including Some Particulars of the Life of Captain James Porteous. Edinburgh: Printed for Archibald Constable and Company, 1818. xxxvi, 344 pp. Lithographed frontispiece of the tollbooth at Edinburgh. 12mo. (4-1/4" x 6-3/4").

Contemporary three-quarter calf over marbled boards, gilt rules to calf edges, raised bands, gilt and blind-stamped decoration and lettering pieces to spine, speckled edges. Light rubbing to boards and extremities, chip to spine head, faint offsetting to endpapers, armorial bookplate (of Edward Lord Suffield) to front pastedown. Light toning to interior, light foxing in a few places, slight cracks to text block between pp. 80-81 and 88-89. \$150.

* First published in 1818, Scott's *The Heart of Mid-Lothian* is one of his best novels. Set between the two Jacobean insurrections and during the 1736 Porteous Riots, it is considered a national epic by many Scots. Containing accounts of the trials that followed the riots, *Criminal Trials* was published as a companion to Scott's novel. Attributed originally to Charles Kirkpatrick Sharpe, who collaborated with Scott in *Border Minstrelsy*, it now appears to have been compiled by Scott. Todd & Bowden, *Sir Walter Scott: A Bibliographical History* 123A. [Order This Item](#)



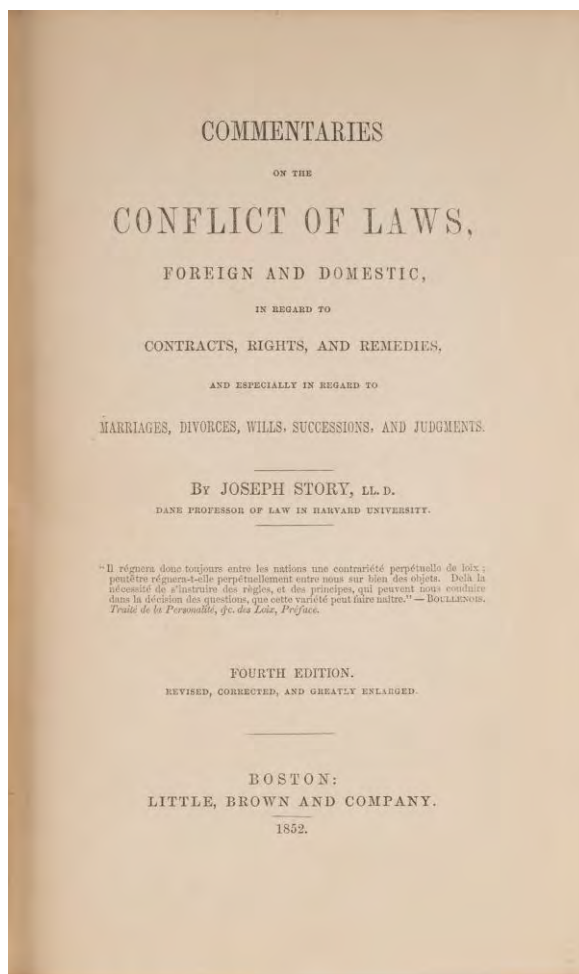
"One of the Notable Early American Law Books"

23. Stearns, Asahel [1774-1839].

A Summary of the Law and Practice of Real Actions with an Appendix of Practical Forms. With Additions. Hallowell: Glazier, Masters & Co. 1831. 5, [vii]-xxxiv, 495 pp. Octavo (9" x 5-1/2").

Contemporary sheep, blind fillets to boards, calf lettering piece and blind fillets to spine, blind tooling to board edges. Moderate rubbing and a few scuffs to boards, somewhat heavier rubbing to extremities, a few chips to head of spine, corners bumped and somewhat worn, joints and hinges starting. Light toning to interior, somewhat heavier in places, offsetting to margins of endleaves, owner signature "G.F. Talbot" to head of title page. \$350.

* Second, final and best edition. This treatise is based on lectures given by Stearns at Harvard Law School, where he was one of its earliest professors. Pound says this work "proved to be one of the notable early American law books and was welcomed by a bar in need of accurate available information on technical procedure." This book probably belonged to George Frederick Talbot [1859-1938], a prominent Nevada attorney and a justice of the Nevada Supreme Court from 1903 to 1915. He was the chief justice of that court in 1907-1908 and 1913 to 1914. Pound, *The Formative Era of American Law* 141. Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 9502. [Order This Item](#)



Antebellum Edition of Story on the Conflict of Laws

24. Story, Joseph [1779-1845].

Bennett, Edmund Hastings [1824-1898], Editor.

Commentaries on the Conflict of Laws, Foreign and Domestic, in Regard to Contracts, Rights, and Remedies, and Especially in Regard to Marriages, Divorces, Wills, Successions, and Judgments. Revised, Corrected and Greatly Enlarged. Boston: Little, Brown and Company, 1852. xxxviii, 1072 pp. Octavo (9-1/4" x 5-3/4").

Contemporary calf, rebacked retaining existing spine, blind frames to boards, raised bands and lettering piece to spine, endpapers renewed. Light rubbing and faint staining to boards and spine, moderate rubbing to board edges, corners bumped and somewhat worn, recent embossed owner stamp to front and rear free endpapers. Moderate toning to interior minor stains and faint smudges to margins in a few places. \$450.

* Fourth edition. Additional cases after 1845, which are set off in the text by brackets, were added by Bennett. Story's *Conflict of Laws*, the first systematic treatise on the subject, is one of his greatest and most influential works. Warren says: "It is not too much to say that its publication constituted an epoch in the law; for it became at once the standard and almost the sole authority...[it] received the honor of being practically the first American law book to be cited as authority in English courts." Expanding on this latter point Marvin quotes "a late English writer" who says that "No work on international jurisprudence merited, nor received, greater praise from the jurists of Europe. It impressed English lawyers with the highest respect for [Story's] extensive learning.": *Legal Bibliography* 471. Warren, *A History of the American Bar* 545. Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 2727. [Order This Item](#)



A Case That May Have Inspired Stevenson

25. [Trial].

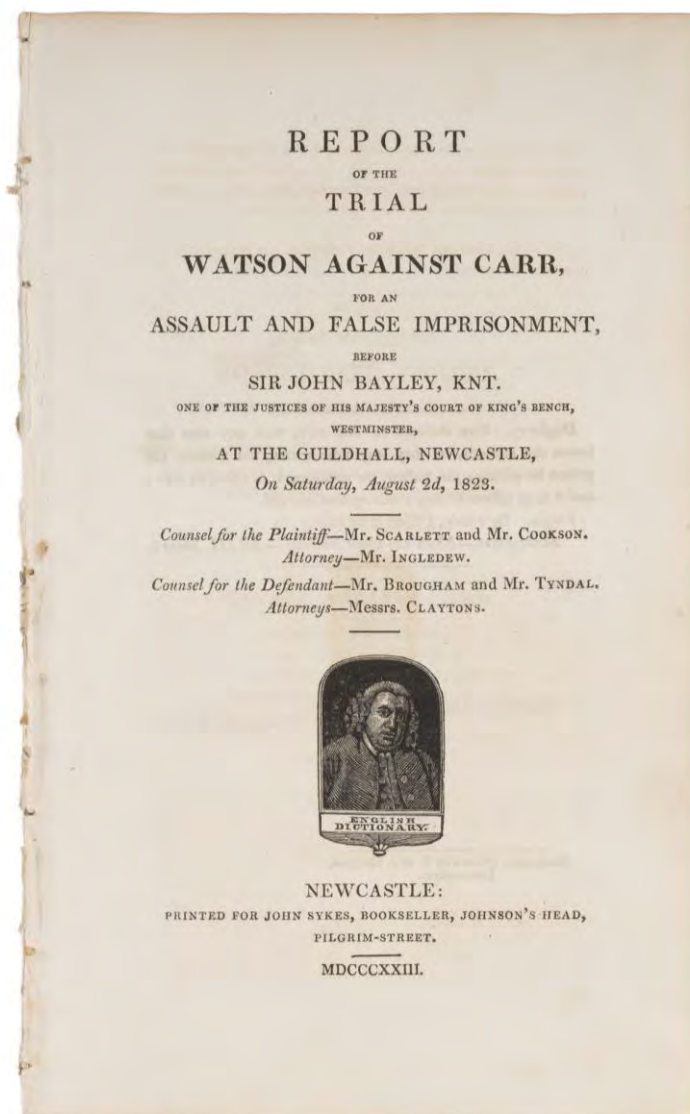
Anglesey, Richard, Sixth Earl of [1694-1761], Defendant.

The Trial at Bar Between Campbell Craig, Lessee of James Annesley, Esq; Plaintiff, And the Right Honourable Richard Earl of Anglesey, Defendant. Before the Honourable the Barons of the Exchequer, At the King's Court, Dublin, In Trinity Term, In the 16th and 17th Years of the Reign of Our Sovereign Lord George the Second, King of Great-Britain, &c. And in the Year of Our Lord 1743. London: Printed by and for the proprietor, R. Walker, 1744. 448 pp. Copperplate frontispiece of James Annesley. Octavo (7" x 4-1/2").

Contemporary calf, corner fleurons to boards, rebacked in period style with raised bands, blind fillets, retained lettering piece and gilt date, endleaves renewed. Gatoring and light wear to boards, which have a gilt-stamped institutional name and seal, moderate rubbing and wear to board edges and corners, which are bumped, library bookplate and small circular sticker to front pastedown. Moderate toning to interior, occasional light foxing, faint dampstaining in a few places, small ink library stamps to title page and following leaf, legibility not affected, upper corner of leaf Y3 (pp. 173-174) lacking, text just affected without loss to legibility. \$450.

* Only edition. In 1741, James Annesley appeared in England with a sensational claim: at the age of 12, his uncle Richard Annesley had had him kidnapped and shipped to a plantation in Delaware, where he was forced into indentured servitude for twelve years. In his absence, Richard Annesley succeeded to the title of Earl of Anglesey. After James escaped, he signed on with the Royal Navy and returned to Ireland to claim his title after his discharge. His ejectment claim was successful and the estates were returned to him (though he did not obtain his title before his death). The sensational case drew a great deal of public attention and generated at least 15 separate accounts of the trial. It is cited by some as an inspiration for Robert Louis Stevenson's famous 1886 novel *Kidnapped*. *English Short-Title Catalogue* N13750.

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Assault and False Imprisonment

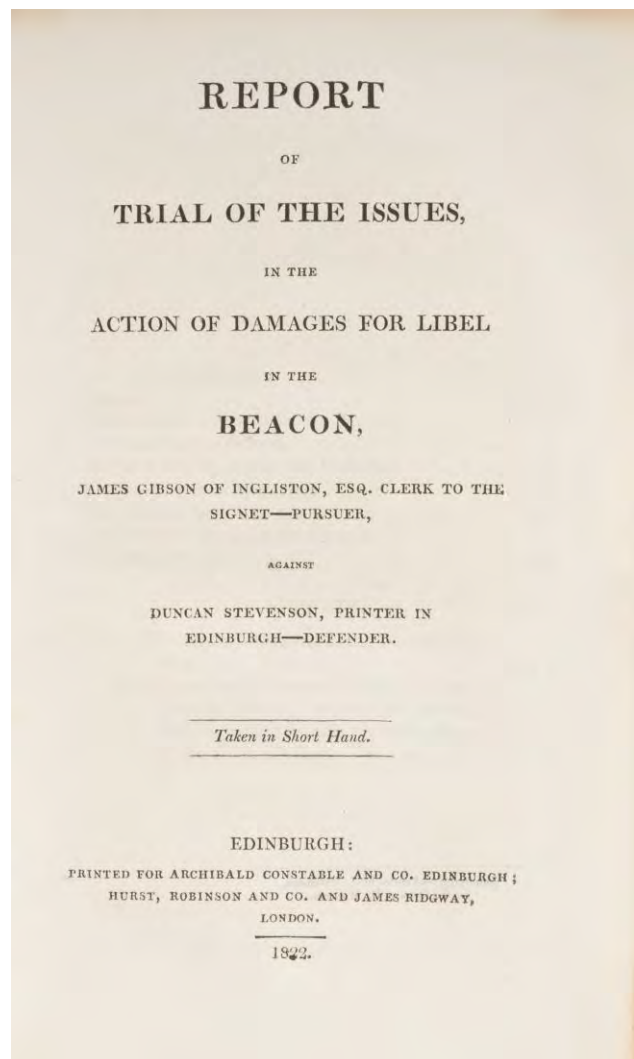
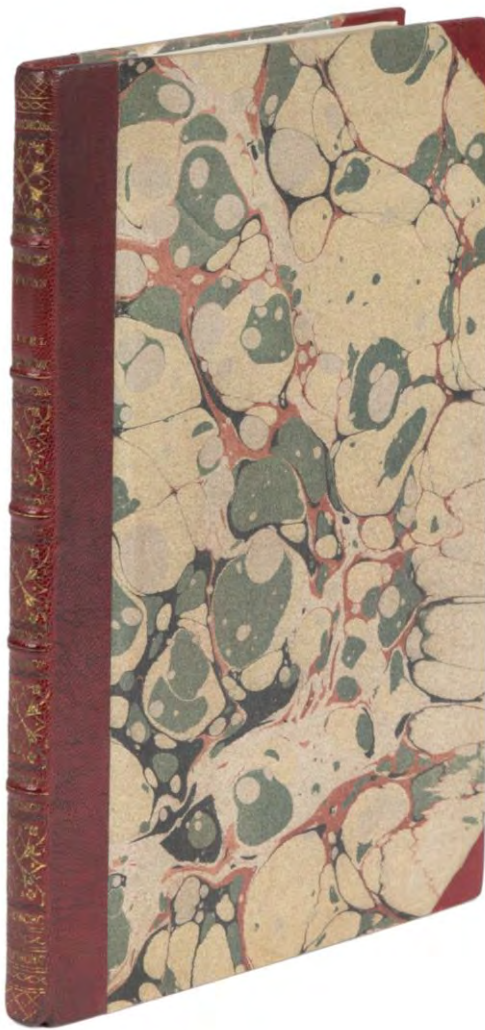
26. [Trial].

Carr, Thomas, Defendant.

Report of the Trial of Watson Against Carr, For an Assault and False Imprisonment, Before Sir John Bayley, Knt. One of the Justices of His Majesty's Court of King's Bench, Westminster, At the Guildhall, Newcastle, On Saturday, August 2d, 1823. Newcastle: Printed for John Sykes, Bookseller, 1823. 36 pp. Woodcut title page vignette of Samuel Johnson. Octavo (8-1/2" x 5").

Disbound stab-stitched pamphlet. Moderate toning, light foxing in a few places. \$200.

* Only edition, one of at least 2 issues from the same year. Scarce trial report concerning the beating and false imprisonment of Thomas Watson by Carr. The latter claimed as his defense his position as Town Constable during the time of incident, and engaged Henry Brougham as his lawyer. The jury found for Watson and Carr was subject to a fine and court costs. Other copies we have seen have a different title page vignette depicting Newcastle's Guildhall. OCLC locates 7 copies of this title, 4 in North America (Harvard Law School, University of Georgia Law School, Temple University, University of Pennsylvania Law School). [Order This Item](#)



Represented by Two Distinguished Scottish Jurists

27. [Trial].

Stevenson, Duncan [1776?-1867], Defendant.

Report of Trial of Issues, In the Action of Damages for Libel in the Beacon, James Gibson of Ingliston, Esq. Clerk to the Signet - Pursuer, Against Duncan Stevenson, Printer in Edinburgh - Defender. Taken in Short Hand. Edinburgh: Printed for Archibald Constable and Co., 1822. [vi], 139, [1], 2, [1] pp. With a one-page publisher advertisement. Octavo (8-1/4" x 5").

Recent period-style three-quarter calf over marbled boards by Philip Dusel, marbled edges. Moderate toning to interior, slightly heavier in a few places, illegible early owner signature to rear endleaf. \$500.

* Only edition. Represented by Francis Jeffrey [1773-1850] and Henry Cockburn [1779-1854], two eminent Scottish jurists who were also notable literary figures, Ingliston prevailed and was awarded £500. in damages. *British Museum Catalogue* (Compact Edition) 24:250. [Order This Item](#)



The Trial of the Seven Bishops

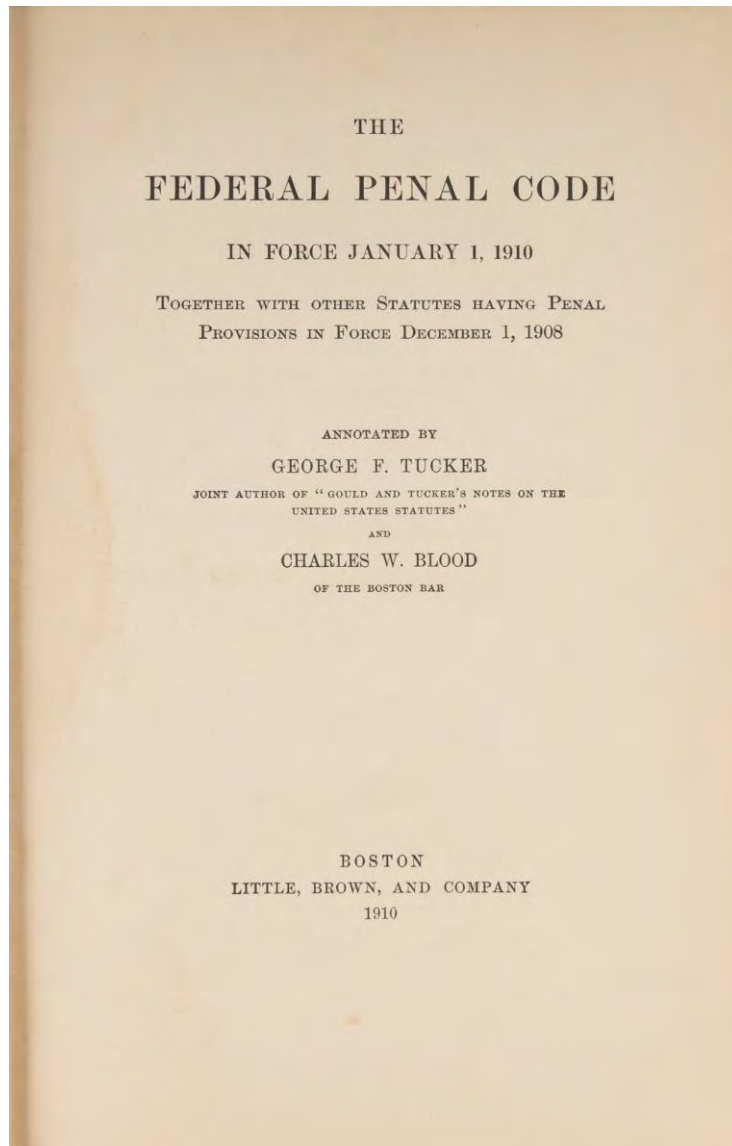
28. [Trials].

[Sancroft, William (1617-1693), Et Al. Defendants].

The Proceedings and Tryal in the Case of The Most Reverend Father in God William, Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, And the Right Reverend Fathers in God, William Ld. Bishop of Asaph, Francis Lord Bishop of Ely, John Lord Bishop of Chichester, Thomas Lord Bishop of Bath and Wells, Thomas Lord Bishop of Peterborough, and Jonathan Ld. Bishop of Bristol. In the Court of Kings-Bench at Westminster, in Trinity-Term in the Fourth Year of the Reign of King James the Second, Annoque; Dom. 1688. London: Printed for the Booksellers in Town and Country, 1739. 431 pp. Folding copperplate portrait frontispiece of the seven bishops. Octavo (6-1/2" x 4-1/4").

Later three-quarter calf over marbled boards, gilt spine with raised bands. Moderate rubbing to boards, heavier rubbing to extremities with some wear to board edges, a few small chips to spine ends, corners bumped and somewhat worn, hinges starting, "Hanch Hall" in nineteenth-century hand to front pastedown. Light toning to interior, edgewear to head of folding plate just touching border of image, faint smudges to a few laves, light soiling to title page. \$500.

* Third, final and best edition of a work first published in 1689. In 1688 James II reissued his Declaration of Indulgence, which suspended the penal laws enacted against Catholics and dissenters, and ordered the Anglican clergy to read it to their congregations. The Archbishop of Canterbury and six bishops petitioned against this order on the ground that the suspending power had been declared illegal by Parliament. They were indicted in the King's Bench for seditious libel, but were acquitted to great public acclaim. The "Trial of the Seven Bishops," as it came to be known, confirmed the subject's right to petition the crown. Moreover, by assigning the questions of publication and libel to a jury the court set a precedent that was later enacted into law by the Fox Libel Act of 1792. The trial also reflects the antipathy of English Protestants towards Catholicism and the Stuarts. Indeed, this trial was one of the events that led to the Glorious Revolution of 1688. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T100946. [Order This Item](#)



The First Annotated Edition of the First U.S. Penal Code

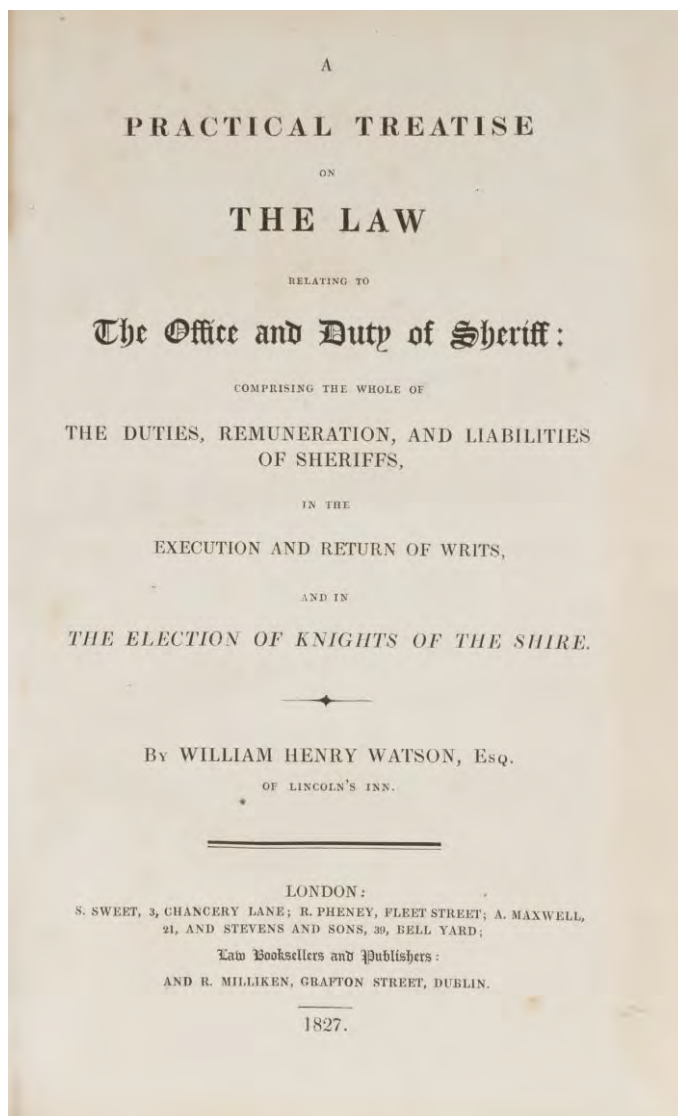
29. Tucker, George F., Annotator.

Blood, Charles W., Annotator.

The Federal Penal Code in Force January 1, 1910 Together with Other Statutes Having Penal Provisions in Force December 1, 1908.
Boston: Little, Brown, and Co., 1910. lii, 507 pp.

Contemporary buckram, raised bands and red and black calf lettering pieces to spine, early owner name (Millar) to head and foot. Light soiling, moderate rubbing to extremities, front hinge partially cracked, early owner signature (Robert W. Millar) to front free endpaper. Moderate toning to interior, faint dampstain to title page and adjacent endleaf, light soiling to pastedowns and free endpapers. \$250.

* Only edition. Tucker and Blood's was the first annotated edition of the first U.S. Penal Code. Enacted March 4, 1909, it was the work of a commission on the codification and revision of the federal laws, created in 1897, and a joint committee of the Senate and House of Representatives. [Order This Item](#)



A Standard Nineteenth-Century English Treatise on Sheriffs

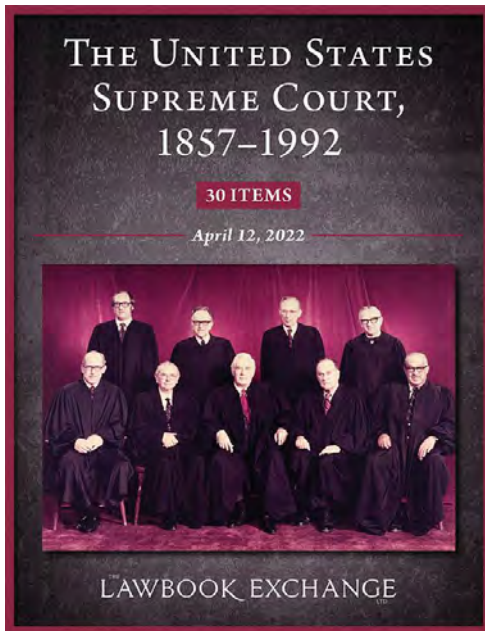
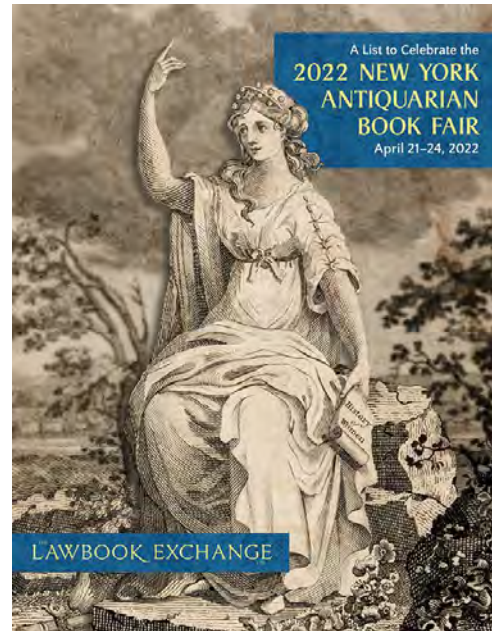
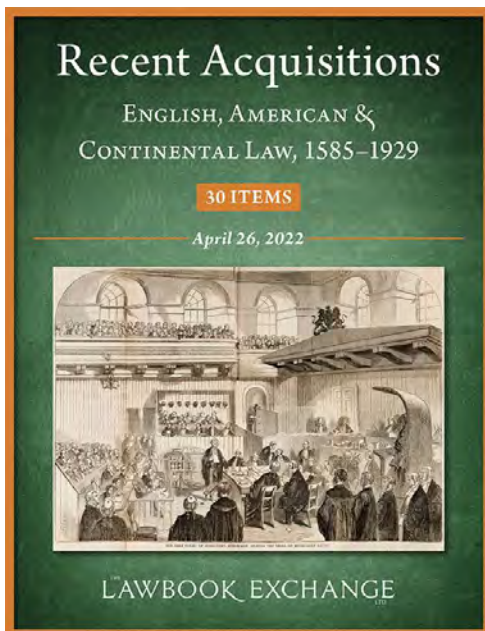
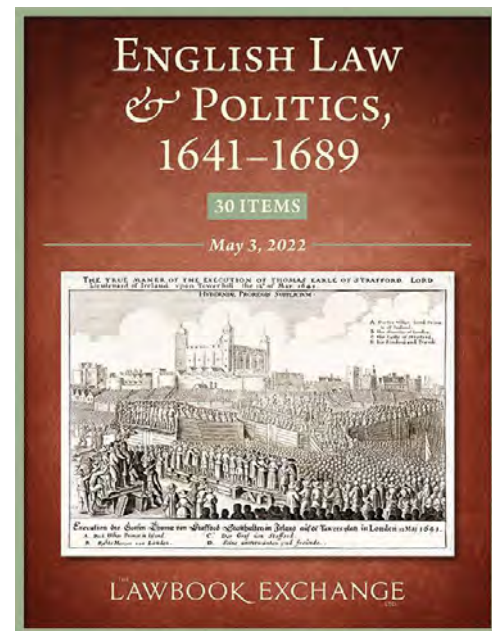
30. Watson, William Henry [1796-1860].

A Practical Treatise on the Law Relating to the Office and Duty of Sheriff: Comprising the Whole of the Duties, Remuneration, And Liabilities of Sheriffs, In the Execution and Return of Writs, And in The Election of Knights of the Shire. London: S. Sweet [et al.], 1827. xvi, 495 pp. Octavo (8-1/4" x 5").

Contemporary calf, blind rules to boards, raised bands, blind fillets and lettering piece to spine, blind tooling to board edges, marbled edges. Light rubbing and scuffing to boards, somewhat heavier to rear board, moderate rubbing to extremities, chip to head of spine, corners bumped and somewhat worn, smaller chip to foot of rear joint, front hinge just starting at head, rear hinge cracked (between pp. 494 and 495), light foxing to endleaves. Light toning to interior, occasional light foxing. A nice copy of a scarce edition. \$350.

* First edition. Watson was a highly regarded politician and judge. His treatise on sheriffs, which had a second edition in 1848, was a standard treatise in the mid-nineteenth century. An American reprint was published in Philadelphia in 1835 in Littel's *Law Library* series. OCLC locates 11 copies of the first edition in North American law libraries. Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 2:372. [Order This Item](#)

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