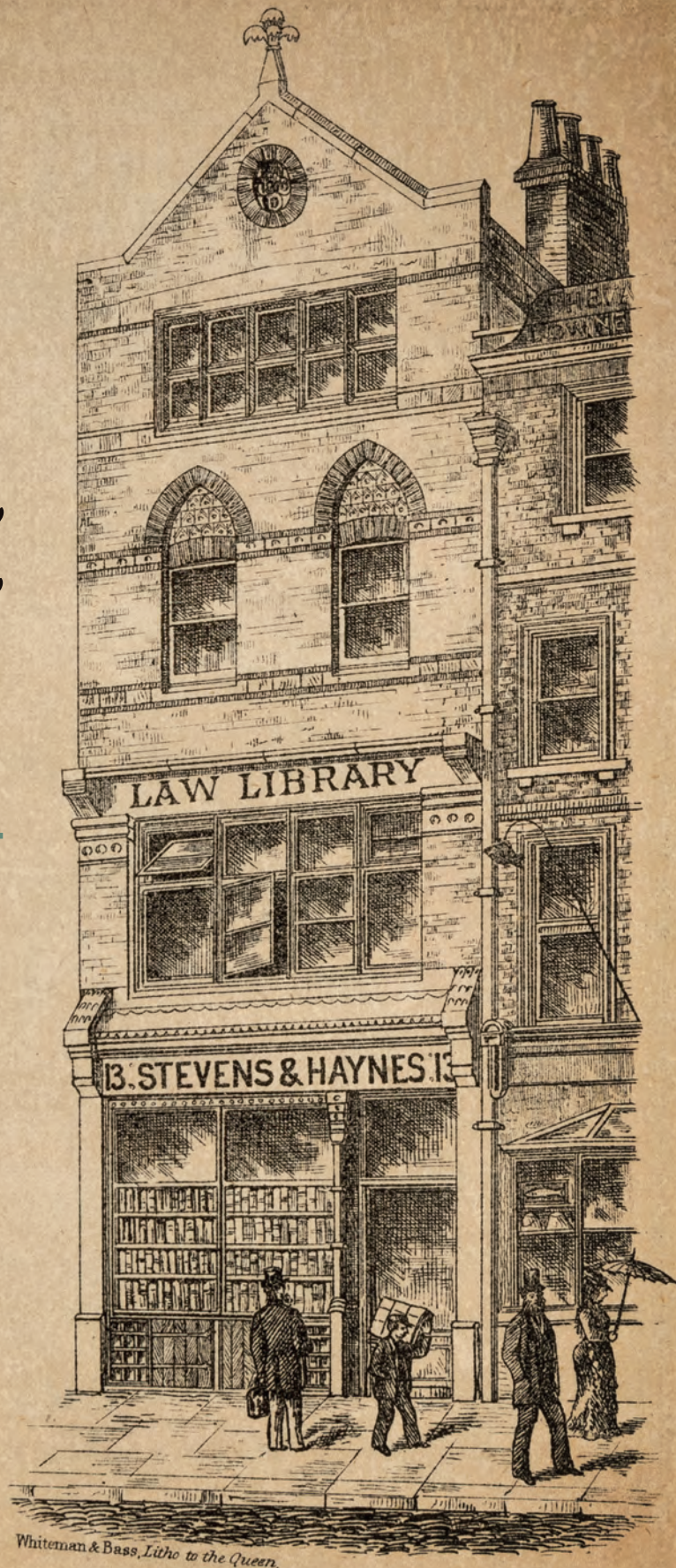


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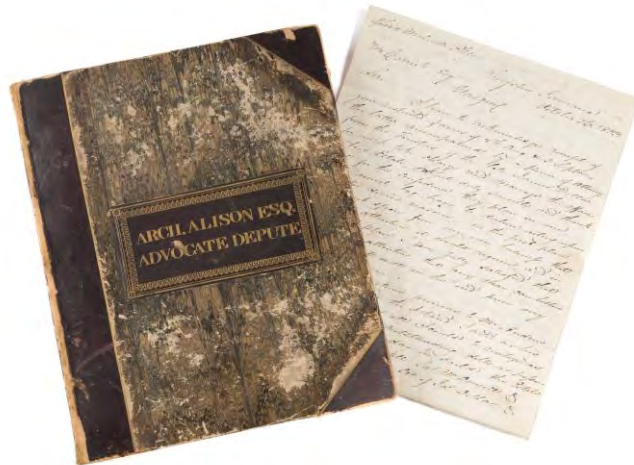
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A Compilation of Scottish Justiciary Records with an Interesting Letter about an Estate Case

1. Alison, Sir Archibald [1792-1867].

List of Cases for Trial at the Glasgow Autumn Circuit, September 1829. The Right Hon. Lord Justice-Clerk and Lord Moncreiff. Archibald Alison, Esq. Advocate Depute. [Glasgow: S.n., 1829]. [16], 9-307, [1] pp. Quarto (10" x 8").

Contemporary three-quarter sheep over marbled boards, gilt rules to sheep edges, gilt-stamped label reading "Arch. Alison Esq. Advocate Depute" to front board, gilt fillets and title to spine. Rubbing to boards and extremities, a few small scuffs, nicks and scratches to boards, light wear to extremities, corners bumped, hinges cracked. Light toning to interior, negligible light foxing in a few places, cracks in text block after first and final leaves, initial 16 pp. docket filled out in an early hand.

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Gibson, L.

[Carrick, William].

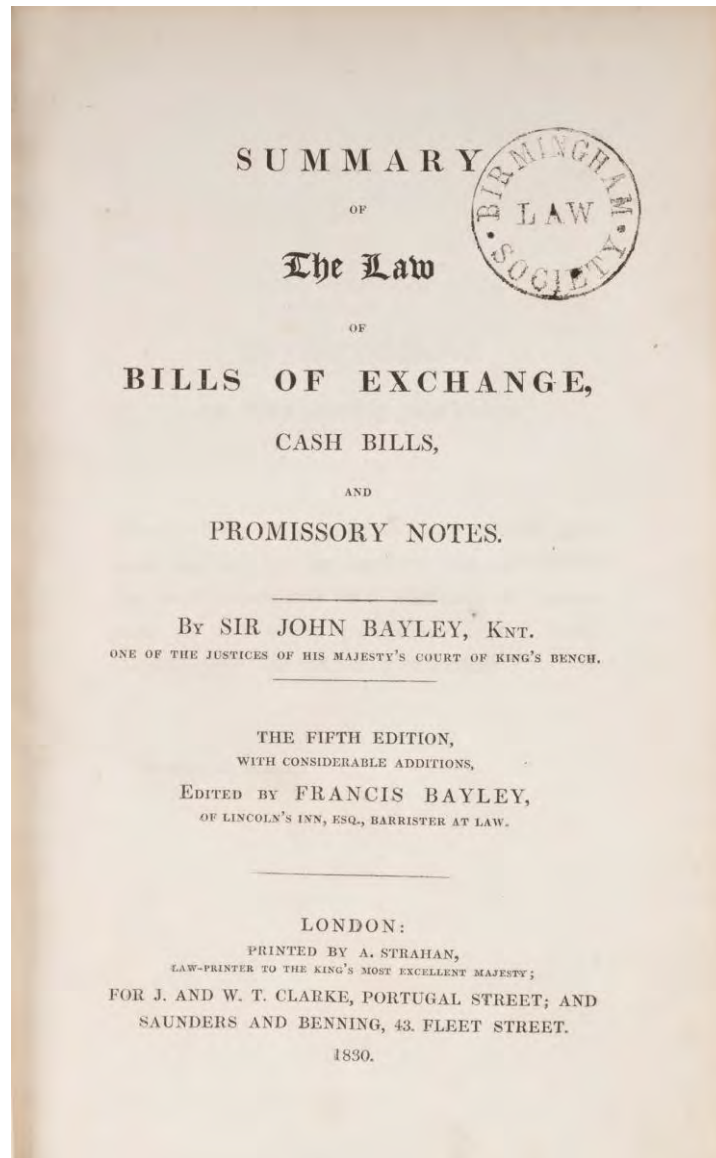
[*Autograph Letter, Signed, Regarding a Bankrupt Estate, Kingston, Jamaica, October 26, 1833*].

10" x 8" bifolium, text to first 2 pp. with integral address leaf and docket to verso. Light toning, horizontal and vertical fold lines, a few small holes and tears just starting along fold lines, text not affected, residue from wax seal and tear to final leaf not affecting address or docket.

Together 2 items. \$750.

* Compiled over the course of the term, this volume is comprised of a list of 73 cases on the docket for the Glasgow Circuit Court of Justiciary in September 1829 followed by records for 72 of those cases. The records, typically 3-5 pp. in length, consist of a short summary of the indictment along with a list of witnesses and jury members, if applicable. Each record is individually paginated and docketed in print on the verso of the final leaf, suggesting that they were issued individually as the term progressed and bound later for the reference of judges and advocates.

In private practice, one of Alison's cases involved the aftermath of the bankruptcy of James Auchie and Company, a merchant firm incorporated in Jamaica as Dollar, Auchie and Company. The company declared bankruptcy in Glasgow in 1812, triggering many suits by creditors and counter-suits by the company's accountants. One of these accountants was William Carrick, whom Alison represented at least once in 1822 and likely afterwards. In this letter, a Jamaican attorney declines to involve himself in the case, saying "I never in my life saw any business so mismanaged" and that "it would only be throwing away good money after bad to take it into a Court of Law." The letter, laid-in to the compilation volume, was likely given to Alison as part of his work for Carrick and the Dollar estate. [Order This Item](#)



"The Best Book Upon Bills of Exchange"

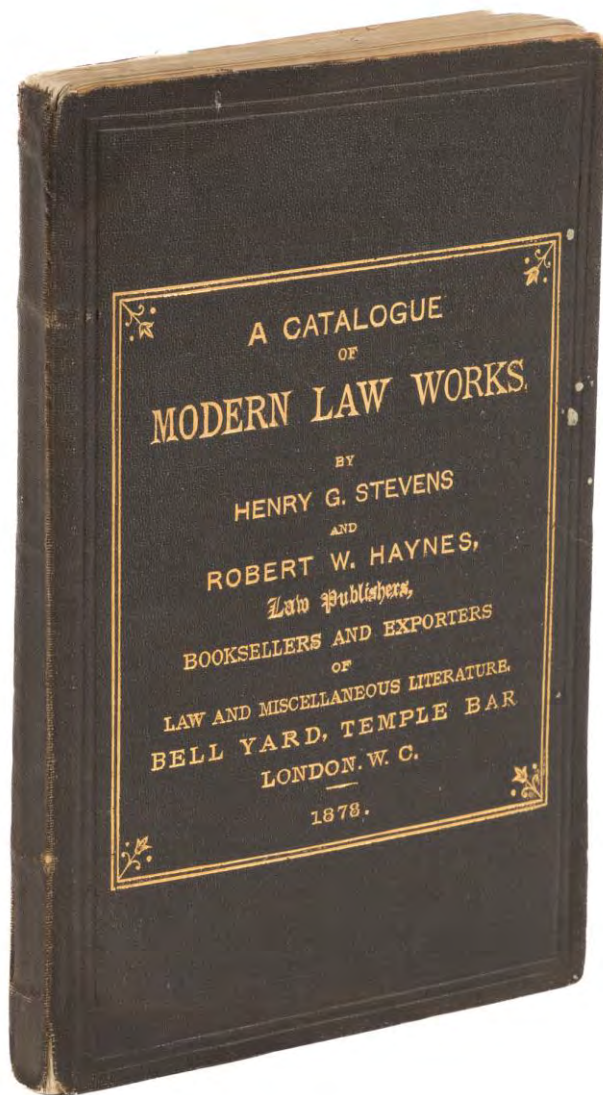
2. Bayley, Sir John.

Bayley, Francis, Editor.

Summary of the Law of Bills of Exchange, Cash Bills, And Promissory Notes. With Considerable Additions. London: Printed by A Strahan, 1830. xx, 624 pp. Octavo (8-1/4" x 5-1/2").

Contemporary pebbled cloth, gilt library name to front board, gilt title to spine, gilt library name to foot. Light rubbing to extremities, some chipping to head of spine, corners bumped and lightly worn, library bookplate to front pastedown, front hinge cracked, another crack to text block between pp. 622 and 623. Light toning to text, light soiling and foxing to endleaves, small library stamp to title page and a few other leaves. \$250.

* Fifth edition. First published in 1789, this was a standard work well into the nineteenth century. Its final edition, the sixth, was published in 1849. According to Holdsworth, it was "the best book upon bills of exchange." Holdsworth, *History of English Law* XIII:389f. Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 2:23. [Order This Item](#)



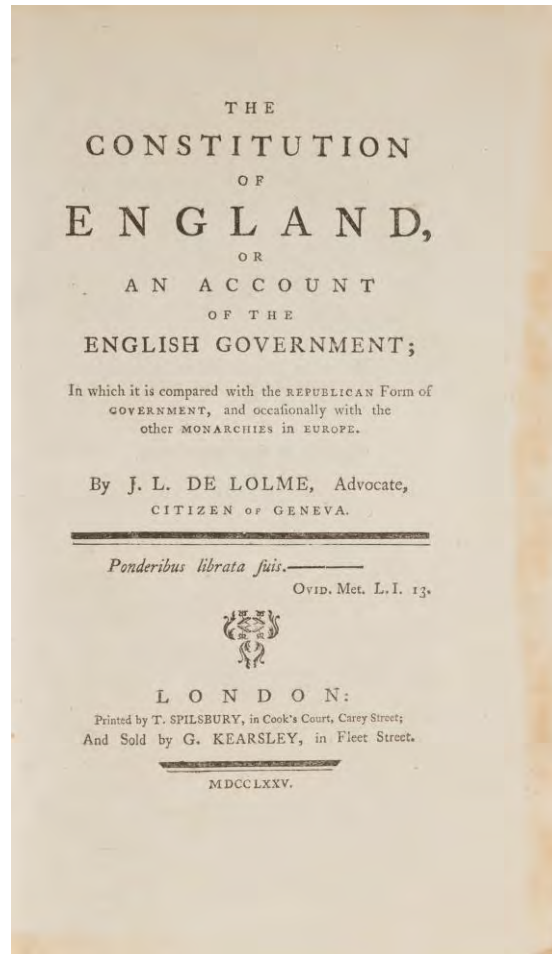
Rare 1878 Catalogue of Stevens & Sons

**3. [Bookseller Catalogue]
Stevens & Haynes.**

A Catalogue of Modern Law Works, Published During the Years 1865-1877. Being a Supplement to the Bibliotheca Legum of Henry G. Stevens and Robert W. Haynes, Law Publishers, Booksellers and Exporters of Law and Miscellaneous Literature. London: Stevens & Haynes, Bell Yard, Temple Bar, 1878. 161 pp. Octavo (6-1/2" x 4-1/4").

Contemporary cloth flexible binding, gilt title to front cover. A few minor spots and stains, moderate rubbing to extremities with some wear to spine ends and corners, joints just starting at ends, hinges cracked. Light toning to interior, light soiling to a few leaves. \$450.

* With an extensive subject index. The Stevens & Haynes catalogues from the later 1800s are notably comprehensive. An interesting feature of this catalogue is an essay-review reprinted from the *Albany Law Journal* titled "Some Rare Law Books." OCLC locates 1 copy (Columbia Law School). [Order This Item](#)



**First English Edition of
An Important Constitutional Treatise**

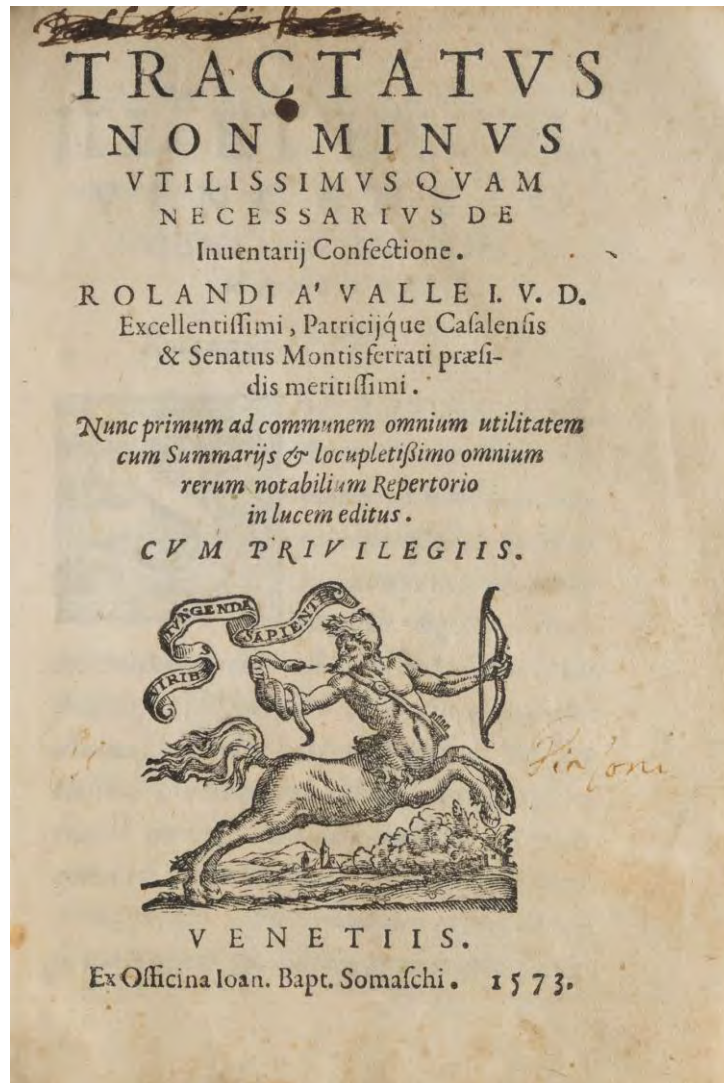
4. De Lolme, J[ean] L[ouis] [1740-1806].

[Stuart, Gilbert, Translator].

The Constitution of England, Or an Account of the English Government; In Which it is Compared with the Republican Form of Government, And Occasionally with the Other Monarchies in Europe. London: Printed by T. Spilsbury; And Sold by G. Kearsley, 1775. vii, [1], 448 pp. Octavo (9-1/2" x 5-1/2").

Contemporary calf, gilt fillets to boards, rebacked and recornered in period style with blind fillets, blind-stamped ornaments and gilt title and date to spine, gilt edges, gilt tooling to inner board edges, marbled endpapers. Light gatoring around outer boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, wear to board edges and corners, which are bumped, hinges mended with cloth, front hinge cracked (after title page), faint offsetting to preliminaries, ownership signature (Charles L. Volk) to verso of front free endpaper. Moderate toning to interior, occasional light foxing, negligible light soiling to a few pages. \$500.

* First edition in English. First published in 1771, this highly regarded popular exposition of the English constitution by a Swiss jurist went through several editions well into the nineteenth century. It was the first book-length analysis of the "separation of powers" proposed in Book XI of Montesquieu's *Spirit of Laws*, which sketched an institutional distinction between the legislative, executive, and judicial branches of government. As one would expect, it was held in high regard by many of the founding fathers. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T109935. [Order This Item](#)



Inventory of Estates in Roman Law

5. Della Valle, Rolando [fl. 1561].

Tractatus Non Minus Utilissimus Quam Necessarius de Inventarij Confectione. Nunc Primum ad Communem Omnium Utilitatem cum Summarijs et Locupletissimo Omnium Rerum Notabilium Repertorio in Lucem Editus. Venice: Ex Officina Ioan. Bapt. Somaschi, 1573 (Colophon date 1572). [xl], 235, [1] ff. Octavo (5-3/4" x 4").

Contemporary limp vellum with lapped edges, remains of thong ties, early hand-lettered titles to spine and foot of text block. Light rubbing, some soiling to spine, a few chips and early hand-lettered shelf number to head of spine, worming to hinges and rear joint, front joint starting. Moderate toning to interior, light foxing and browning in places, early underlining to a few leaves, early signature and early struck-through signature to title page. \$1,750.

* First edition. This treatise addresses the inventories of decedents's estates in Roman law. It discusses the role of inventories and their preparation. Benefit of inventory, the doctrine that limits the liability of heirs resulting from an insolvent estate, is discussed at length. A well-respected work, it went through later editions in 1574, 1579 and 1585. OCLC locates 10 copies of the first edition, 3 in North America, 2 in law libraries (Harvard, UC-Berkeley). *Censimento Nazionale delle Edizioni Italiane del XVI Secolo* CNCE 16607. [Order This Item](#)



Alecto's Herefordshire Domesday

6. [Domesday Book].

The Herefordshire Domesday. London: Alecto Historical Editions, 1987-1988. Three 16" x 11" books, one with two folding color maps, in slipcase.

Quarter cloth over textured paper, gilt titles to spines, slipcase covered in matching textured paper. Light edgewear to slipcase, some fading to spine and fore-edges, two short splits along bottom joints, books fine. \$125.

* From the County Edition series, limited to 1000 copies, this number 116. The three books are *Folios and Maps*, which contain full-size reproductions of the Domesday leaves covering Herefordshire and maps of Herefordshire (and environs) and England at the time of Domesday, *Introduction and Translation*, which contains an introductory essay about Domesday-era Herefordshire and a translation of the text in the Herefordshire leaves, and *Domesday Book Studies*, a set of essays about the book and its historical background. This set is extracted from Alecto's monumental six-volume Great Domesday Book. [Order This Item](#)



Public and Private Acts of Parliament, 1727-1728

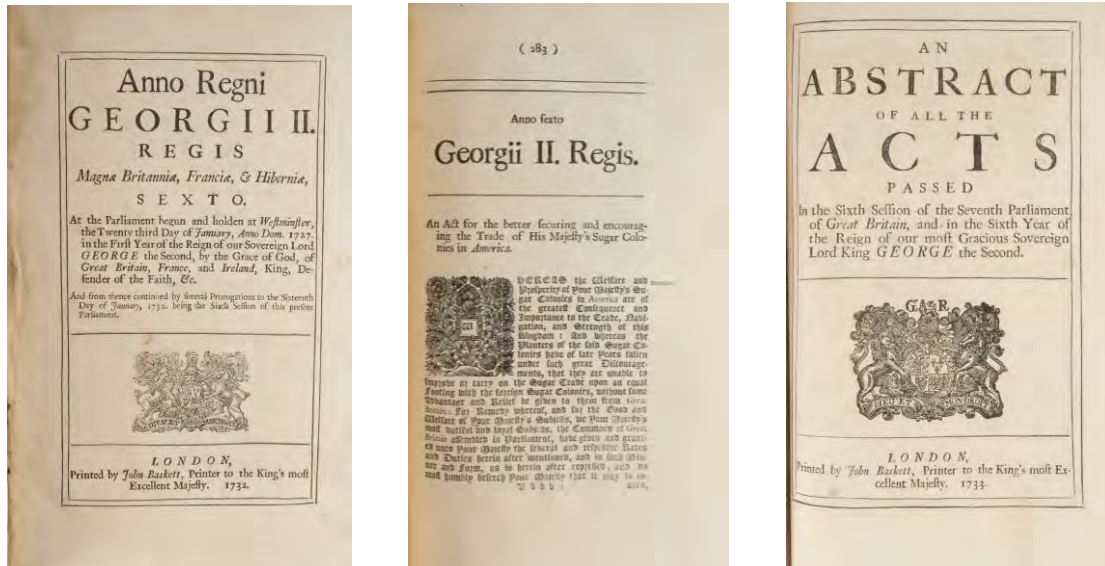
7. [Great Britain].

George I [1660-1727], King of Great Britain.

Anno Regni Georgii Regis Magnae Britanniae, Franciae, & Hiberniae, Decimo Tertio. At the Parliament Begun and Holden at Westminster the Ninth Day of October, Anno Dom. 1722. In the Ninth Year of the Reign of Our Sovereign Lord George, 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 Seventeenth Day of January, 1726. Being the Fifth Session of this Present Parliament. London: Printed by John Baskett and Tho. Norris, Assignee to George Hills, 1726 [i.e. 1727]. 852, [4] pp. Same general title page preceding each act, Act II dated 1726 and all others dated 1727. Folio (11-3/4" x 7-1/2").

Contemporary paneled calf, gilt royal arms and corner fleurons to boards, rebaced retaining parts of existing gilt spine with raised bands and recent lettering piece, blind tooling to board edges, edges speckled red. Light rubbing to boards and extremities, a few scuffs, nicks, scratches and minor worming to boards, corners bumped and somewhat worn, hinges cracked, light offsetting to preliminaries, faint dampstaining to margins of several leaves, light foxing and soiling in a few places, a few folded corners. An appealing volume. \$500.

* A collection of 35 acts passed in the fifth session of the sixth Parliament of Great Britain, with tables listing the titles of the public acts and summaries of 36 private acts. Some of the more interesting acts include an act dealing with the aftermath of the South Sea Bubble of 1720 and another act "to enable the South Sea Company, with the Licence and Consent of the East-India Company, to take in Negroes within their Limits of Trade, and to deliver the same at Buenos Ayres." The foreign slave trade would not be abolished until 1807. Among the private acts is the 1727 act naturalizing the composer George Frideric Handel and two others. *English Short-Title Catalogue* N50293. [Order This Item](#)



Includes the First Printing of the Molasses Act of 1733

8. [Great Britain].

George II [1683-1760], King of Great Britain.

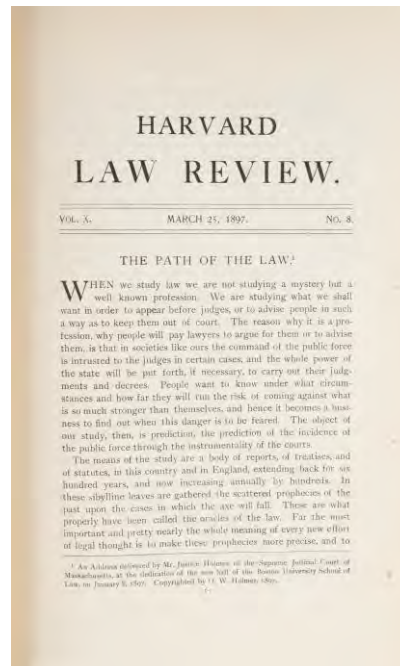
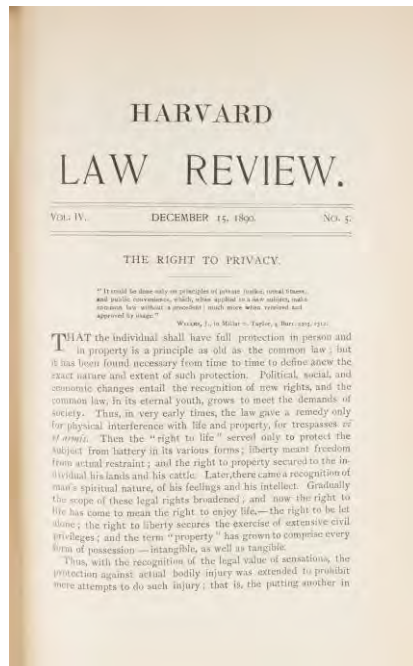
Anno Regni Georgii II Regis Magnae Britanniae, Franciae, & Hiberniae, Sexto. At the Parliament Begun and Holden at Westminster, The Twenty Third Day of January, Anno Dom. 1727. In the First Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George II. By the Grace of God, of Great Britain, France, and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, &c. And From Thence Continued by Several Prorogations to the Sixteenth Day of January, 1732. London: Printed by John Baskett, 1732 [i.e. 1733]. 612, [8] pp. Publisher advertisements to recto of final leaf. Same general title page preceding each act, acts X-XXXVIII dated 1733.

[Bound With]

An Abstract of All the Acts Passed in the Sixth Session of the Seventh Parliament of Great Britain, And in the Sixth Year of the Reign of Our Most Gracious Sovereign Lord King George the Second. London: Printed by John Baskett, 1733. 82 pp.

Folio (12" x 7-1/4"). Contemporary paneled calf with gilt rules and corner fleurons to boards, rebaked retaining parts of existing gilt spine with raised bands and renewed lettering piece, blind tooling to board edges, edges speckled red. Light rubbing to boards, a few scuffs, nicks, scratches, minor worming to front board, small faint dampstains to rear board, moderate to board edges, corners bumped and somewhat worn, hinges cracked, light offsetting and faint dampstaining to preliminaries, front free endpaper detaching at head but secure. Moderate toning to interior, small faint dampstain to upper gutter of text block not affecting text, light foxing and soiling in a few places, small hole to text block of leaf F2 (pp. 23-24) of abstracts volume not affecting legibility. An appealing volume. \$1,250.

* A collection of 38 acts passed in the sixth session of the seventh Parliament of Great Britain, with tables listing the titles of the public acts and summaries of 36 private acts. Among the public acts is the first printing of "An act for the better securing and encouraging the trade of his Majesty's sugar colonies in America," commonly known as the Molasses Act of 1733. Proposed by Sir Robert Walpole to appease wealthy plantation owners in the British West Indies, the act imposed a tax on imports of molasses from non-British colonies. The American colonies were already doing a significant molasses trade with the French, Dutch and Spanish in the West Indies, and the tax posed a significant threat to their revenue and to the American rum industry. Almost universally opposed in the colonies, the act led to a significant increase in smuggling and bribery of customs officials. After a brief attempt to enforce it, the British quietly accepted defeat until the Sugar Act of 1764, which was accompanied by stringent enforcement and incited more open rebellion. Other acts also deal with taxation and trade, including an act replacing the high salt tax with a land tax. Appended is the separately-issued volume of abstracts. *English Short-Title Catalogue* N51208, T152981. [Order This Item](#)



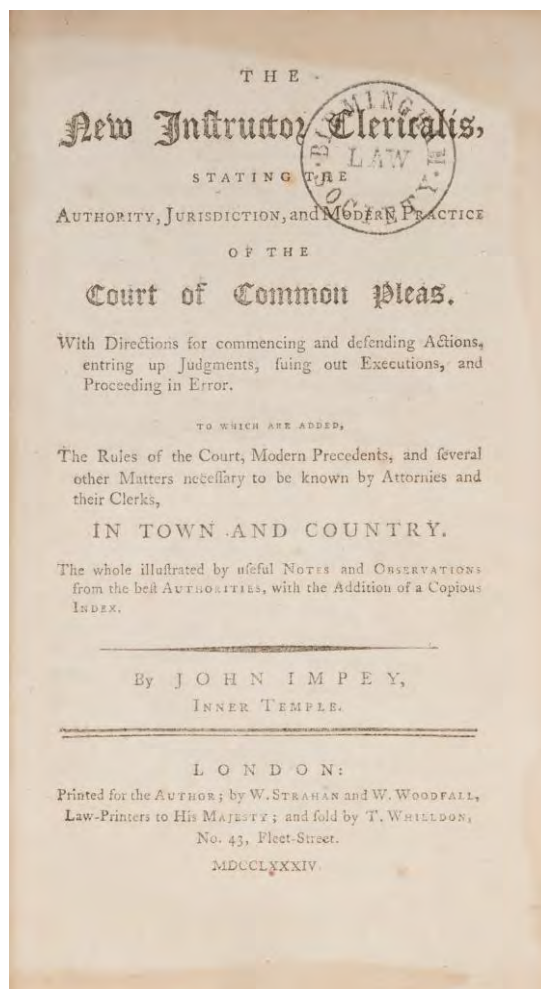
First Printings of the First Volumes of *Harvard Law Review*

9. Harvard Law Review Association.

Harvard Law Review. Cambridge: Published by the Harvard Law Review Publishing Association. Volumes 1 to 17 (1887-1904). 17 books. Octavo (9-3/4" x 6-1/4").

Contemporary three quarter pigskin over cloth, raised bands and red and black lettering pieces to spines. Moderate rubbing, light scuffing and a few nicks to spines, mostly negligible faint dampstaining and chipping to spine heads of several volumes, upper lettering pieces lacking from Volumes 4, 5 and 9, moderate toning to interiors. \$2,500.

* First printings. These volumes contain the first printings of several classic articles, such as "The Right To Privacy" by Louis D. Brandeis [1856-1941] and Samuel D. Warren [1852-1910] (Vol. 4, pp. 193-220), "The Origin and Scope of the American Doctrine of Constitutional Law" by James Bradley Thayer [1831-1902] (Vol. 7, pp. 129-156) and "The Path of the Law" by Oliver Wendell Holmes [1841-1935] (Vol. 10, pp. 457-478). Woxland & Ogden, *Landmarks in American Legal Publishing* 49. [Order This Item](#)



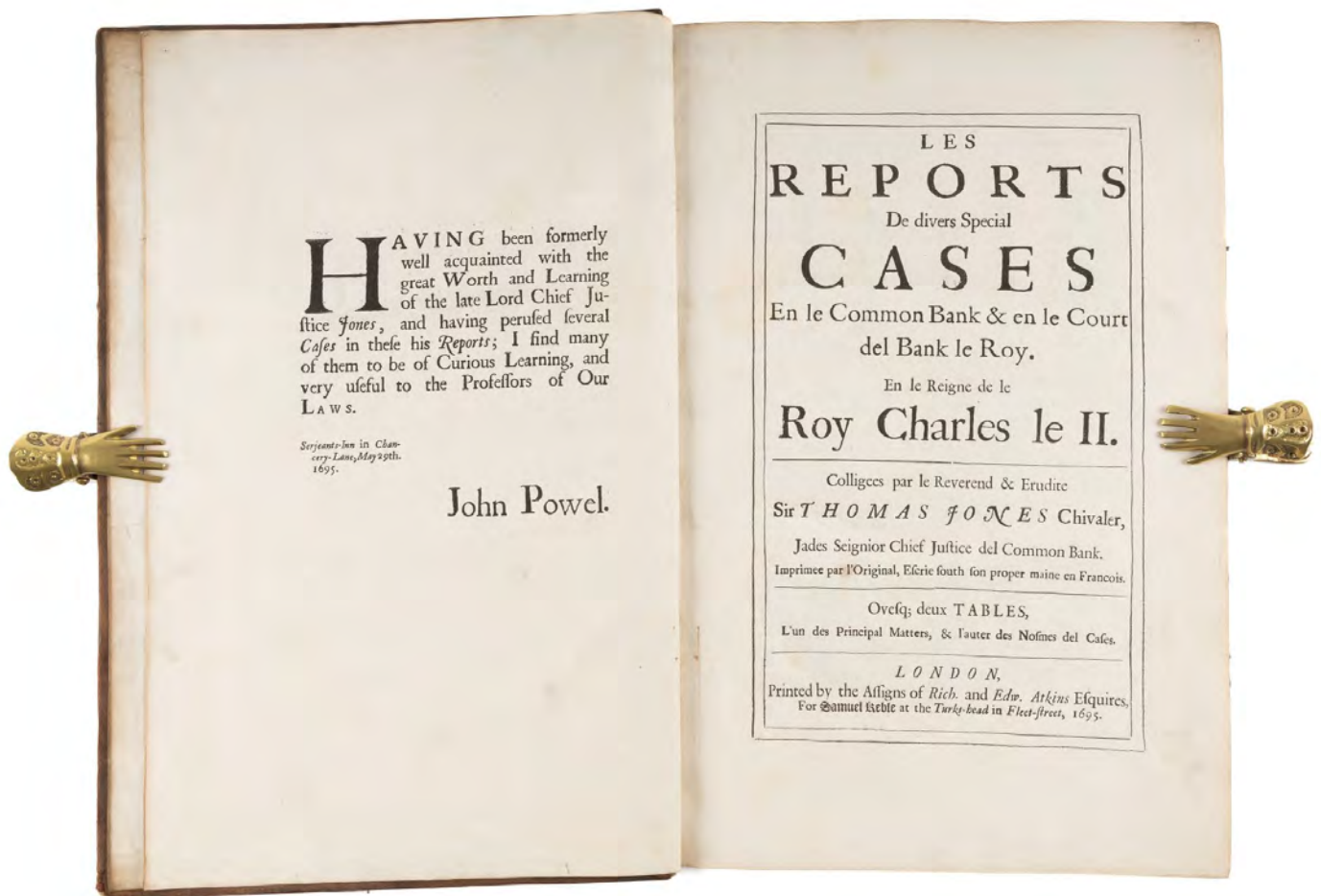
**Scarce First Edition of the First
Systematic Account of the Court of Common Pleas**

10. Impey, John [d. 1829].

The New Instructor Clericalis, Stating the Authority, Jurisdiction, And Modern Practice of the Court of Common Pleas. With Directions for Commencing and Defending Actions, Entering up Judgments, Suing Out Executions, And Proceeding in Error. To Which are Added, The Rules of the Court, Modern Precedents, And Several Other Matters Necessary to be Known by Attornies and Their Clerks, In Town and Country. The Whole illustrated by Useful Notes and Observations from the Best Authorities, With the Addition of a Copious Index. London: Printed for the Author; By W. Strahan and W. Woodfall, 1784. [iv], 695, [49] pp. Octavo (8-1/4" x 5").

Later cloth, gilt title, fillets, publication date and library name to spine, endpapers renewed. Light rubbing to extremities, library bookplate and shelf label to front pastedown. Light toning to text, offsetting to margins of preliminaries and final few leaves, small library stamp to title page and a few other leaves. \$650.

* First edition. This book offered the first systematic account of the practice of this court. Its tenth and final edition was published in 1826. "Before Mr. Impey's meritorious labours, the attorney must have had to rely upon information delivered on tradition only; and such information, sometimes diversely given, even by officers of the Courts; the books of that gentleman first embodied much of the general practice" (Marvin). Impey also published a similar guide to the court of King's Bench in 1782, which was equally successful. Despite their popularity, early editions of both works are scarce. Marvin, *Legal Bibliography* 408. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T113133. [Order This Item](#)



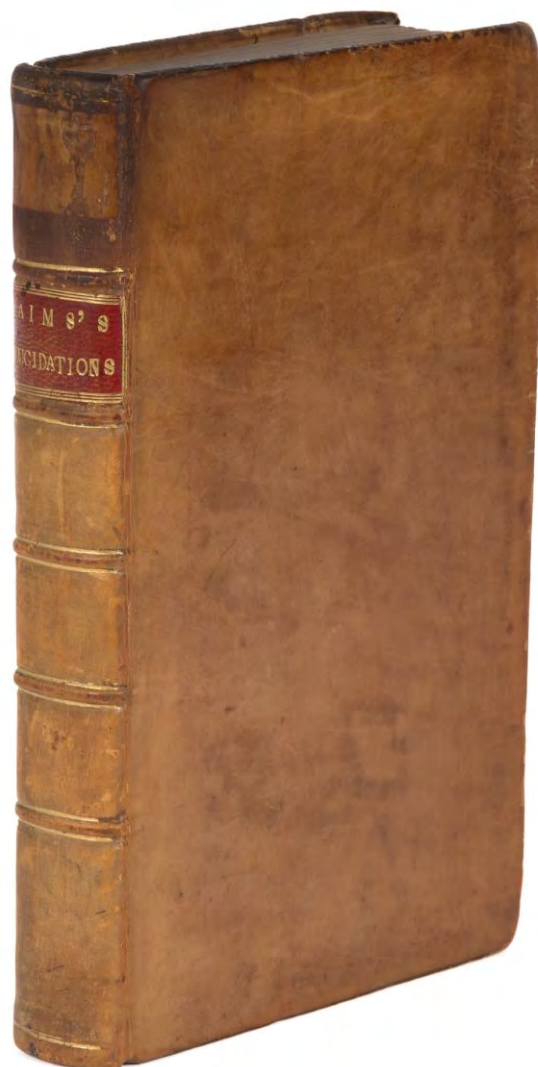
"A Work of Very Reputable Authority"

11. Jones, Sir Thomas [1614-1692].

Les Reports de Divers Special Cases en le Common Bank & En le Court del Bank le Roy. En le Reigne de le Roy Charles le II. Colligees par le Reverend & Erudite Sir Thomas Jones Chivalier, Jades Seignior Chief Justice del Common Bank. Imprimee par l'Original, Escribe South son proper Maine en Francois. Ovesq; Deux Tables, l'Un des Principal Matters, & l'Auter des Nosmes del Cases. London: Printed for the Assigns of Rich. and Edw. Atkins, 1695. [viii], 254, [18] pp. With initial license leaf. Folio (11-3/4" x 7-1/2").

Contemporary reverse calf, blind rules to boards, raised bands and blind fillets to spine. Moderate rubbing, scuff marks and a few small nicks to boards, which are separated but secured by cords, and extremities, chipping to head of spine, corners bumped and worn, light soiling to endleaves, small later note (a shelfmark?) in ink to upper corner of front pastedown. Very light toning to interior, light foxing in a few places, fore-edge of leaf C3 (pp. 13-14) mended, text not affected, interior otherwise notably fresh. \$500.

* First edition. Wallace calls this reporter, which covers the years 1667 to 1685, "a work of very reputable authority." It is held in equal regard by Holdsworth. Jones was a judge of King's Bench and chief justice of Common Pleas. A second edition appeared in 1729. Wallace, *The Reporters* 343. Holdsworth, *History of English Law* VI:552, 561. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R27448. [Order This Item](#)



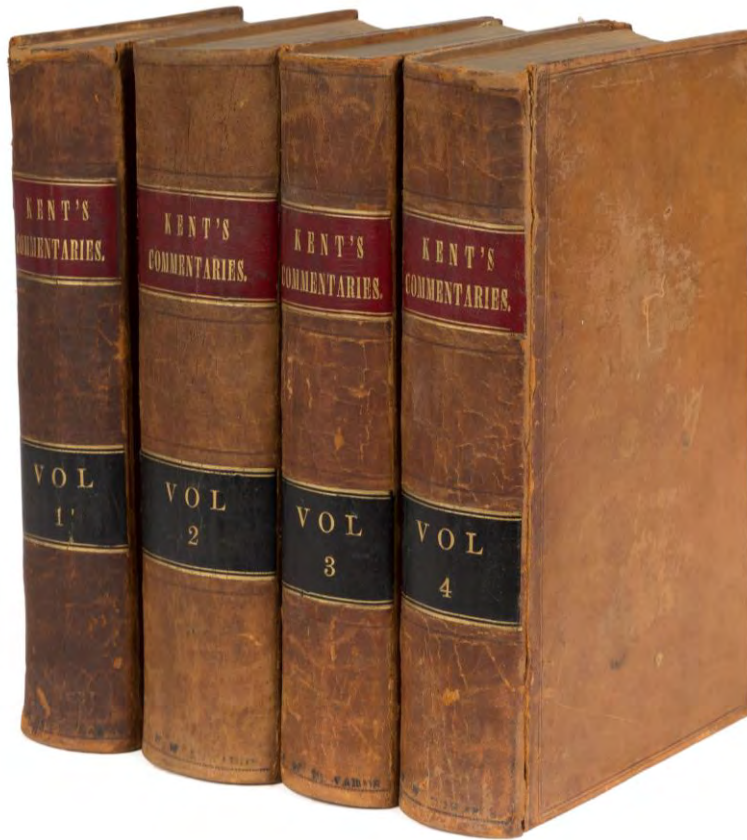
First Edition of an Uncommon Study by Lord Kames

12. [Kames, Henry Home, Lord (1696-1782)].

Elucidations Respecting the Common and Statute Law of Scotland. Edinburgh: Printed for William Creech, 1777. xvi, 421, [2] pp. Includes two-page publisher list of other titles by Kames. Octavo (8" x 5").

Contemporary calf, lettering piece and gilt-edged raised bands to spine, blind tooling to board edges. Light rubbing to boards, somewhat heavier rubbing to extremities, small bit of label residue (?) near head of spine, corners bumped, "nt" in early hand to front pastedown, early owner signature (of Charles Scott) to front free endpaper. A handsome copy. \$950.

* First edition. This was Kames's last major legal work. "As my intention is only to give examples of reasoning, free from the shackles of authority, I pretend not to say what our law actually is, but what it ought to be" (xiii). The leading Scottish jurist of his day and an important figure of the Scottish Enlightenment, he was an influence on David Hume, James Boswell and Adam Smith. The second and final edition of *Elucidations* was published in 1800. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T32628. [Order This Item](#)



Probably the Single Most Important Interpretation of American Law

13. Kent, James [1763-1847].

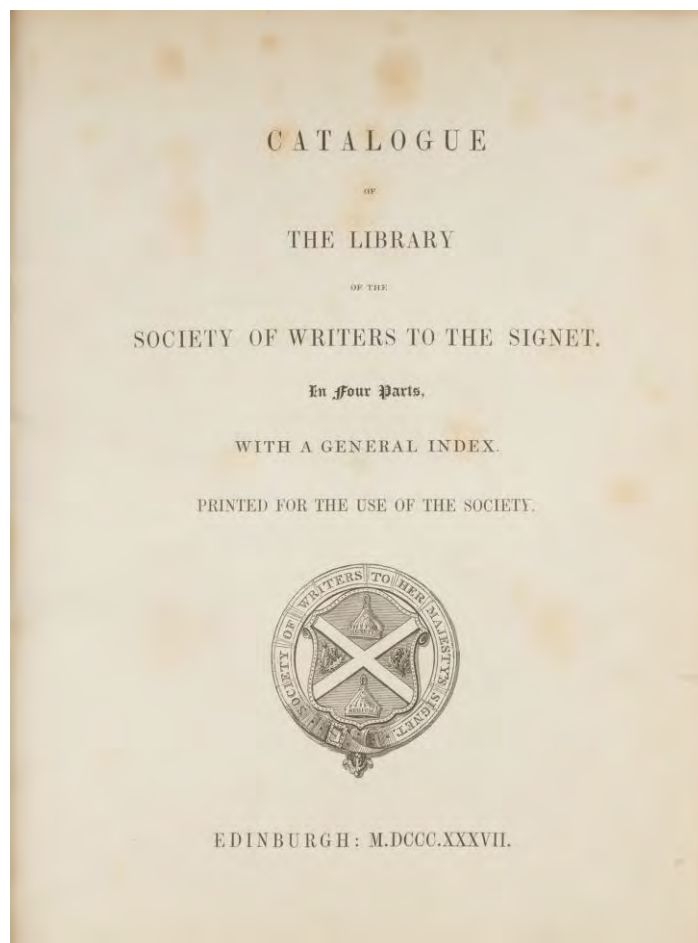
[Kent, William (1802-1861), Editor].

[Eaton, Dorman Bridgeman (1823-1899), Editor].

Commentaries on American Law. New York: Published by William Kent, 1851. Four volumes. Star-paged to the second edition (1832). Octavo (9-1/2" x 6").

Contemporary sheep, blind rules to boards, red and black lettering pieces to spines, blind tooling to board edges. Light rubbing to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, light gatoring to spines, some chipping to spine heads, hinges cracked, a few boards beginning to separate but secure, owner signature of Dr. George F. Heidermann to front pastedown of each volume. Moderate toning to interiors, light foxing and soiling to a few places, offsetting to margins of preliminaries and final leaves. \$1,250.

* Seventh 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. Born in Germany, Heidemann [1839-1908] was the first doctor to establish a practice in Elmhurst, Illinois, now a suburb of Chicago. Marvin, *Legal Bibliography* 438. Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 5404. [Order This Item](#)



Catalogue of the Signet Library

14. [Library Catalogues].

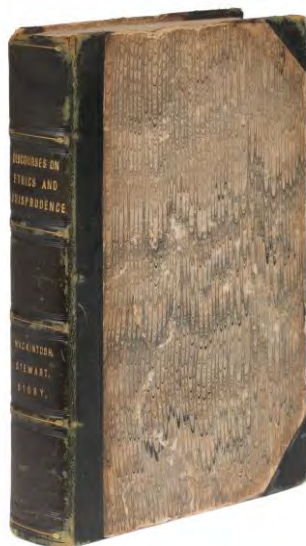
[Signet Library].

Shiells, Thomas M.

Catalogue of the Library of the Society of Writers to the Signet. In Four Parts, With a General Index. Part First - Part Fourth. Rules and Regulations for the Library... Edinburgh: Printed for the Use of the Society [by Neill & Co.], 1837. iii [i.e. v]; [4], 113; iv, 161; v, 165; [4], 145; [2], 282; 15 pp. Each part with separate title page, dated 1833, 1826, 1826, 1833, 1837. (The index is undated.) General title page dated 1837. Quarto (10-1/2" x 8-1/4").

Contemporary calf over patterned cloth, blind fillets to calf edges, rebacked retaining parts of existing spine with gilt-edged raised bands and lettering piece, edges speckled blue, endpapers renewed. A few nicks and small scratches to front board, light rubbing to board edges, corners bumped and worn, retained binder's ticket and armorial bookplate (of George Kellie McCallum) to front pastedown, later note to front endleaf (a brief biography of David Laing). Light toning to interior, light foxing in a few places, internally clean. An appealing volume. \$950.

* With an index and a list of library rules and regulations. The Society of Writers to Her Majesty's Signet is a private organization of Scottish solicitors dating back to 1594. Documented here near its peak, the Society's library was among the finest private libraries in Great Britain. Most of the library was sold at auction in 1960, though the building is still maintained by the Society as a historical site. OCLC locates 9 copies of this title in North America, one in a law library (Georgetown University). *British Museum Catalogue* (Compact Edition) 23:435. [Order This Item](#)



Four Interesting Titles on Jurisprudence and Legal Philosophy

15. Mackintosh, Sir James [1765-1832]. Marvin, J[ohn] G[age] [1815-1855], Editor.

A Discourse on the Study of the Law of Nature and Nations, Together with a Collected List of Works Upon International Law, A Sketch of the Author's Life, Etc. Boston: Pratt and Company, 1843. xl, [41]-103, [1] pp.

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Stewart, Dugald [1753-1828].

Dissertation First: Exhibiting a General View of the Progress of Metaphysical, Ethical, And Political Philosophy, Since the Revival of Letters in Europe. [Boston]: [Wells & Lilly], c.1815. [iii], 6-260 pp.

[And]

Story, Joseph [1779-1845].

A Discourse Pronounced Upon the Inauguration of the Author, As Dane Professor of Law in Harvard University, On the Twenty-Fifth Day of August, 1829. Boston: Hilliard, Gray, Little, and Wilkins, 1829. 60 pp.

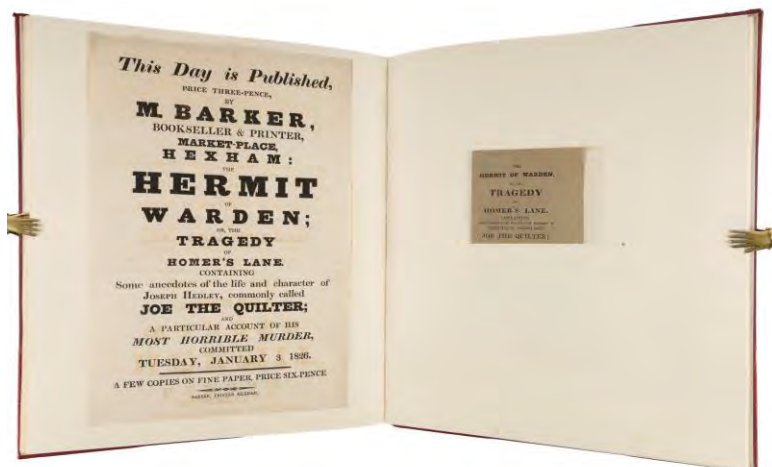
[And]

Story, Joseph.

A Discourse Upon the Life, Character, And Services of the Honorable John Marshall, LL.D., Chief Justice of the United States of America. Boston: James Munroe and Company, 1835. 74, [2] pp. With final errata leaf.

Octavo (8-1/2" x 5"). Contemporary three-quarter morocco over marbled boards, blind rules to morocco edges, raised bands, blind fillets, gilt spine title ("Discourses on Ethics and Jurisprudence"), author names and fillets to spine, marbled endpapers. Light rubbing to boards, moderate rubbing and light wear to extremities, light chipping to head of spine, front joint just starting at head, corners worn, hinges cracked. Light toning to interior, light foxing in a few places, ownership signature (of C.S. Davis) to head of first title page, ms notes in pencil to recto and verso of title page and last page of second title, penciled lines to margins of a few pages. \$500.

* An interesting group of early nineteenth-century titles concerning jurisprudence and legal philosophy. Mackintosh's *Discourse* was the first in a well-reviewed series of lectures delivered at Lincoln's Inn on law and morals in various aspects of law, including public, private and international law. The addresses by Story serve as excellent outlines of his educational and political beliefs. Stewart's *Dissertation* explores issues of ethical and political philosophy and their development in a series of "Historical and Critical Sketches" (31). Mackintosh: Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 7175; Story: Cohen 8687, 2056. [Order This Item](#)



A Unique Collection of Items Relating to the Unsolved Murder of "Joe the Quilter"

16. [Manuscript].

Bell, John [1783-1864], Compiler.

[Hedley, Joseph (1749/50-1826)].

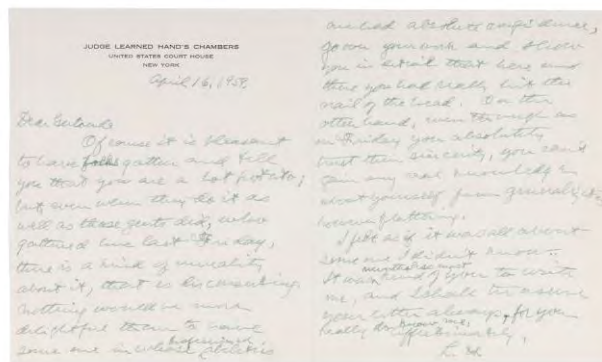
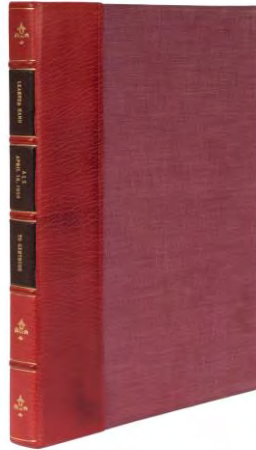
Account of the Murder of Joseph Hedley Commonly Called Joe the Quilter at Homers Lane Near Warden in the County of Northumberland 3d. January 1826. [6] ff. Disassembled and tipped into [23] ff. blank scrapbook with other related newspaper clippings and ephemera. [Newcastle]: Collected by John Bell, Land Surveyor, [c.1826-1843]. Large quarto (15" x 12-1/2").

Contemporary or near-contemporary three-quarter morocco over cloth boards, blind rules to morocco edges, raised bands, blind fillets and lettering piece ("The Murder of Joe the Quilter") to spine, cloth hinges. Light rubbing to boards and extremities, light wear to spine ends and corners, which are bumped. Contents comprise [6] ff. pamphlet with hand-lettered title page, [3] ff. of newspaper clippings, 8 broadsides relating to the murder and its aftermath, 2 printed works and an independently issued copperplate illustration, all tipped onto heavy card. Light toning and occasional faint offsetting to items, a few of which have negligible light foxing, soiling or edgewear, lower left corner of one broadside lacking without loss to text. A unique, highly curated and well-preserved compilation. Complete bibliographic details available upon request. \$5,000.

* Hedley, a Northumberland quilter and skilled textile artist, lived a quiet, austere life until his murder in 1826. The shocking, brutal crime reverberated through the community and was reported by newspapers across the country. Despite a reward of 100 guineas and a pardon for any accomplices willing to talk, the responsible person or persons were never found.

The present volume is a collection of items related to the murder and its aftermath. The core of the scrapbook is a work apparently privately printed by Bell with a hand-lettered title page and his bookplate to its verso. This 6 ff. work has been disassembled and tipped into a scrapbook with both the primary sources on which the work draws and other related publications and ephemera. Included are copies of *Lines on the Murder of Joe the Quilter* and *The Hermit of Warden* (1826) with the original broadsides advertising their publication, in addition to items such as the hundred-guinea reward poster.

Like his father and brothers, Bell was a land surveyor and bookseller. He left the family bookshop to establish his own in 1803 and became a well-known collector, antiquarian and area historian. Though Bell's shop went bankrupt in 1817, he continued to amass a significant collection of ephemera. Many of the items gathered in the present volume are quite rare. OCLC locates only 1 other copy of *The Hermit of Warden* (British Library) and no copies of several of the broadsides. A similar collection of documents is held by the Northumberland Archives, suggesting that Bell collected widely enough in this area to allow him to create similar volumes for other interested parties. [Order This Item](#)



**"Of Course it is Pleasant to Have Folks
Gather and Tell You That You are a Hot Potato..."**

17. [Manuscript].

Hand, Learned [1872-1961].

[Ely, Gertrude Sumner (1876-1970)].

[Autograph Letter, Signed "L.H.", On Hand's U.S. Court House Letterhead, New York, NY, April 16, 1959].

6-3/4" x 5-3/4" bifolium, text to recto of first leaf and verso of second leaf. Light toning, single horizontal and vertical fold lines. Letter housed in handsome 12-1/2" x 9-1/2" quarter morocco clamshell case with gilt-edged raised bands and lettering pieces. \$1,500.

* One of the most significant American jurists of the twentieth century, Hand was a judge of the U.S. Southern District of New York, later a judge of the Court of Appeals, Second Circuit. He was renowned for his judgments, which were also admired for their lucidity and elegance. This letter is addressed to a "Gertrude," most likely Gertrude Sumner Ely [1876-1970], who was a longtime friend of the family and particularly of Hand's wife Frances. She corresponded with Hand frequently and had apparently written to congratulate him on the fiftieth anniversary of his appointment to the federal bench. A celebration of that anniversary was held on April 10, 1959. The letter typifies Hand's occasional insecurity and reluctance to accept praise. He remarks: "Of course it is pleasant to have folks gather and tell you that you are a hot potato; but, even when they do it as well as those gents did, who gathered here last Friday, there is a kind of unreality about it, that is disconcerting...I felt as if it was all about someone I didn't know." Hand continued to hear special cases on senior status until his death in 1961. He had previously published two books while in semi-retirement: *The Spirit of Liberty* (1952) and *The Bill of Rights* (1958). [Order This Item](#)

A True Copy of Walter Chase Jun^r: One of the Constables of Freetown
 And the within named Joseph comes & defends &c & for plea says that the P^lff writ
 of which the within is a true Copy is bad & insufficient & ought to abate 1st for
 that the P^lff has not in said writ pursued the form by Law prescribed of such
 writs for in said writ the P^lff calls him self Barnaboy Tidale Yeoman of Freetown
 afore said Clar^d & when he ought to have given him self his addition after calling
 him self by his proper Name & the proper place of his Residence 2^d by the P^lff
 has not in the writ given him self his proper Addition his proper Addition being that
 of Black Smith & by which he ought to have been called & not of Yeoman as he
 the P^lff supposes & has called himself in said writ 3^{ly} for that he the P^lff
 in the writ declares that the Capt Ebenezer Hathaway drew forth his Company of
 Soldiers to Exercise them & on the Twelfth & Twenty Day of May &c & that the D^{ft} was
 accordingly warn'd to appear attend &c on said Day which is against Law that the D^{ft}
 should be warn'd to attend and so Military Duty Twenty Days in the month of May
 4^{ly} for that the P^lff writ bears Date the 30th Day of December 1748/9 when in fact
 there is no such Date in Law as the 30th Day of December 1748/9 5^{ly} by the Officer to
 whom said writ is directed is commanded to make Return there of at or before the Tenth
 Day of January ~~the next following after the Date~~ but does not declare ~~that the D^{ft} what~~
 January whether the January then Next coming after the Date of said writ or any other
 6^{ly} the P^lff declares that the D^{ft} was duly warn'd &c to appear attend &c complete
 in Army & Ammunition to make Excuse according to Law which is absurd & inconsistent
 all which the D^{ft} is ready to verify & of these pleas the D^{ft} prays Judgment
 & that the writ afore^d may be abated & he allowed his Cost
 Joseph Buffinton
 Which pleas of a Babonment if overruled the D^{ft} saving the same to Issues pleads
 that he is not indebted as the P^lff declares & of this prays Judgment
 Joseph Buffinton
 the within and forgoing is a true Copy
 Thomas Bowen Justice of Peace

A Delinquent Soldier Disputes His Fine

18. [Manuscript].

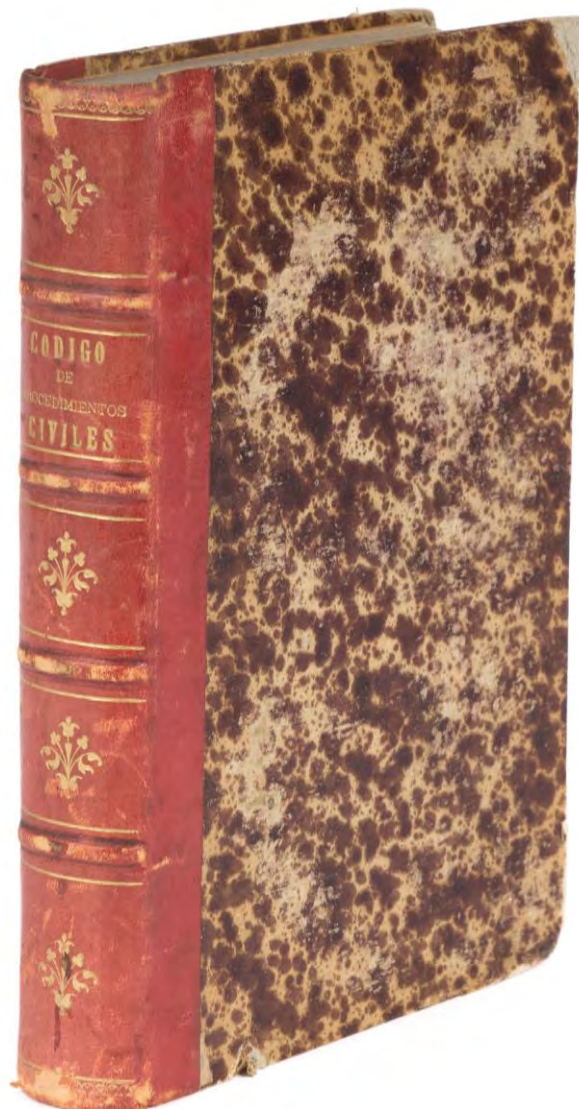
[Massachusetts].

[Bowen, Thomas (1689-1774), Justice of the Peace].

[Summons for the Appearance of Joseph Buffinton of Freetown for Failure to Appear for Military Exercises]. Rehoboth: December 30, 1748/9.

6-1/4" x 8" part-printed document completed in manuscript in a single hand with a manuscript copy of testimony by Walter Chase, Jr. to verso. Moderate toning and three faint vertical fold lines. \$250.

* A summons for the appearance of Joseph Buffinton after he failed to appear for military exercises several times between May 1747 and December 1748. The document also describes a fine of 40 shillings "with other due Damages." A "True Copy" of testimony disputing the claim given by Buffinton to constable Walter Chase, Jr. appears on the verso. Buffinton argued that the writ was "bad & insufficient" and that he was not required to appear. [Order This Item](#)



The First Civil Procedure Code of Baja California

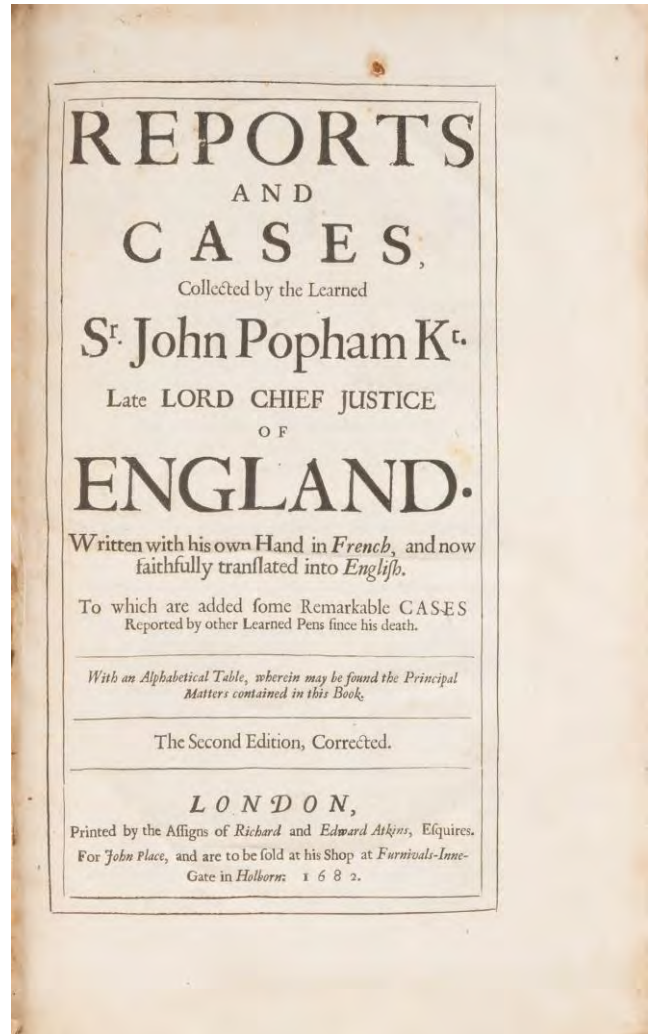
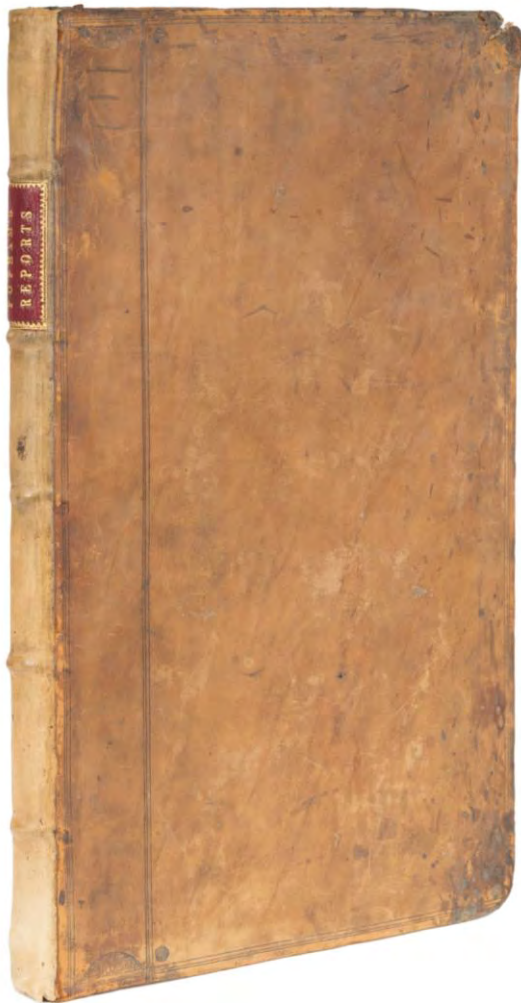
19. [Mexico].

[Baja California].

Codigo de Procedimientos Civiles Para el Distrito Federal y el Territorio de la Baja California. Mexico City: Imprenta del Gobierno, 1872. [ii], 459, [11] pp. Octavo (8-1/2" x 5-3/4").

Contemporary crimson quarter sheep over marbled boards, gilt-edged raised bands and gilt title and ornaments to spine, speckled edges. Light rubbing to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, light scuffing to spine ends, corners bumped and somewhat worn. Light browning to interior, light foxing in a few places. \$450.

* First edition. The model for several other Mexican states, this was the first code of civil procedure for the Federal District and Territories (which includes Baja California). Clagett and Valderrama, *A Revised Guide to the Law & Legal Literature of Mexico* 103. [Order This Item](#)



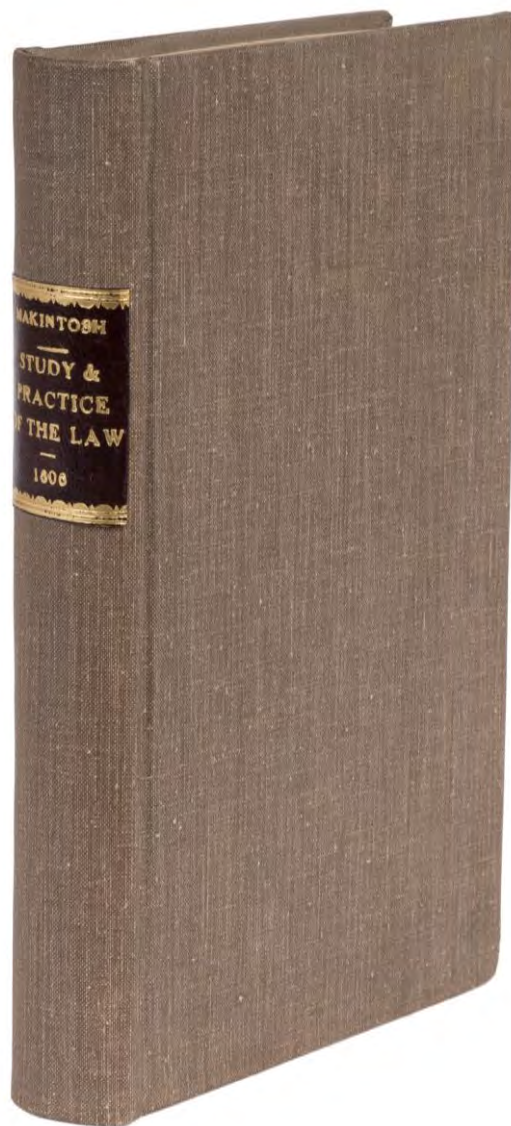
"Matter Profound...With Convenient Brevity"

20. Popham, Sir John [1531-1607].

Reports and Cases, Collected by the Learned, Sr. John Popham, Kt., Late Lord Chief-Justice of England. Written with His Own Hand in French, And Now Faithfully Translated into English. To Which are Added Some Remarkable Cases Reported by Other Learned Pens Since his Death. With an Alphabetical Table, Wherein May be Found the Principal Matters Contained in this Booke. London: Printed by Tho: Roycroft for John Place, 1656. [viii], 212, [8] pp. One-page publisher advertisement at rear of text. Folio (12-1/4" x 7-1/2").

Contemporary calf, rebaked in period style, blind rules to boards, blind tooling to board edges, raised bands and lettering piece to spine, "Poph" in early hand to fore-edge of text block. Light rubbing and moderate scuffing to boards, moderate rubbing to board edges, corners worn, hinges cracked. Moderate toning to interior, offsetting to margins of preliminaries and rear endleaves, spark burns to title page and a few other leaves. \$250.

* Second edition, corrected. Popham reports cases in the Courts of King's Bench and Star Chamber from 1592 and 1627. It isn't an authoritative work, but Marvin states they "contain matter profound, yet with convenient brevity, and are of good authority and use.": *Legal Bibliography* 577. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R8726. [Order This Item](#)



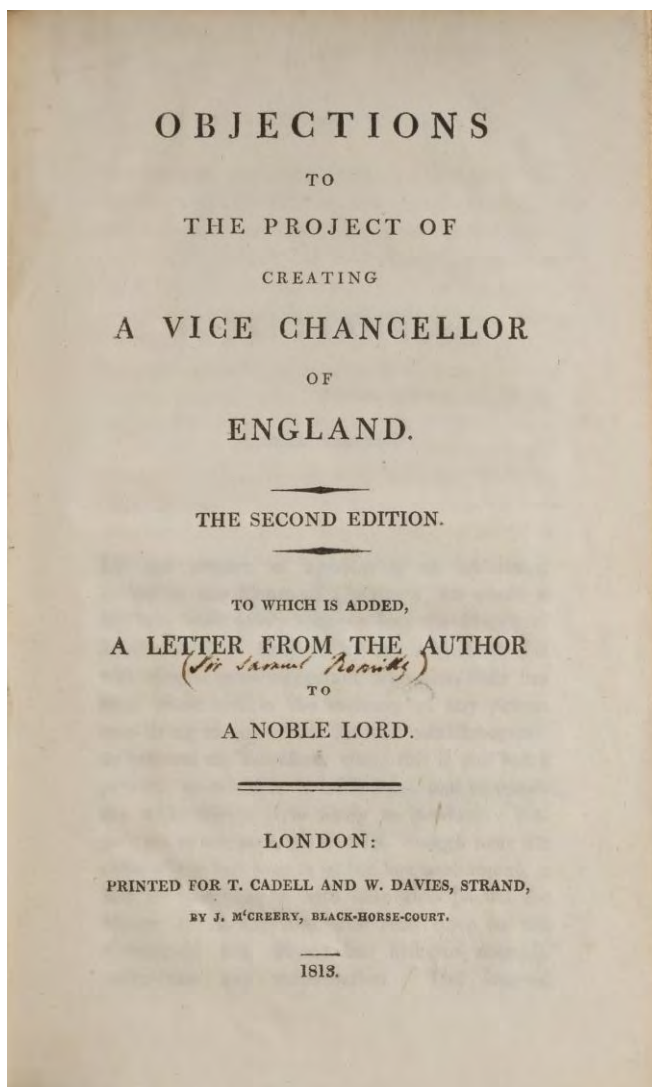
How to Become a Proper Attorney

21. [Raithby, John (1766-1826)].

The Study and Practice of the Law, Considered in Their Various Relations to Society. In a Series of Letters. By a Member of Lincoln's Inn. Portland, ME: Thomas B. Wait, 1806. xiii, 364, [3] pp. Includes three-page publisher catalogue. Octavo (8" x 5").

Recent cloth, calf lettering piece to spine, endpapers renewed. Moderate toning to interior, light foxing in places, early owner signatures (of William Lambert and Thomas Lambert) to title page. \$200.

* First and only American edition. First published anonymously in England in 1798 and long attributed to Sir James Mackintosh, this is a vade mecum in the form of forty-eight letters. It reviews the elements of legal study as well as more general matters as eloquence, memory, religion, professional manners and overcoming deficiencies and character. A member of Lincoln's Inn, Raithby practiced in the court of chancery. Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 8672. [Order This Item](#)



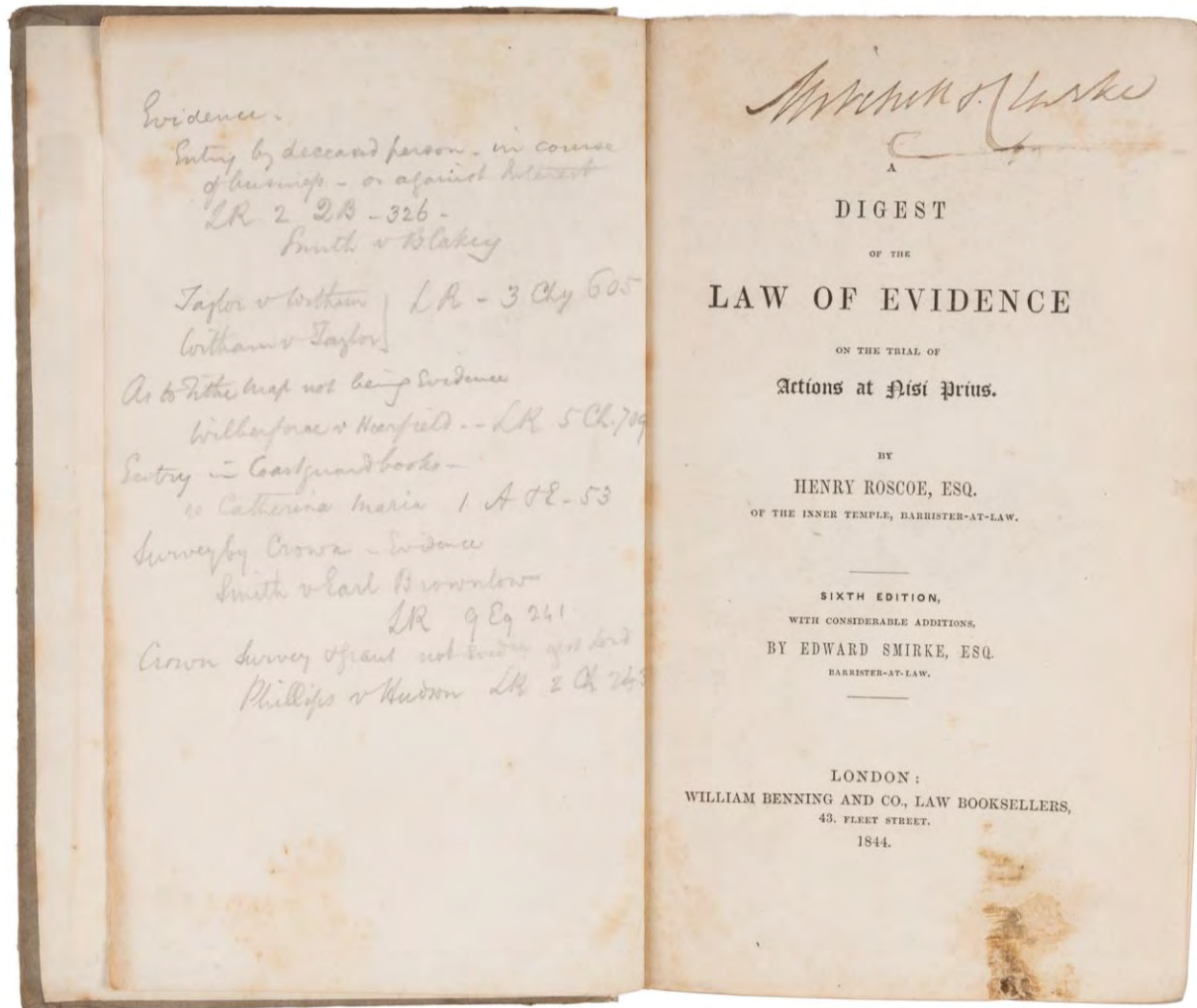
The Case Against Creating the Office of Vice Chancellor

22. [Romilly, Sir Samuel (1757-1818)].

Objections to the Project of Creating a Vice Chancellor of England. The Second Edition. To Which is Added, A Letter from the Author to a Noble Lord. London: Printed for T. Cadell and W. Davies by J. McCreery, 1813. [3]-44 pp. Half-title lacking. Octavo (8-1/2" x 5").

Stab-stitched pamphlet bound in recent quarter morocco over cloth boards, gilt title and date to spine. Negligible light fading to boards. Light toning to interior, negligible light soiling to final page, small early annotation identifying the author to title page, interior otherwise fresh. \$350.

* Second, expanded edition. Romilly was a respected lawyer and Whig politician. Here, he argues against what would become the Administration of Justice Act of 1813, establishing an additional judicial office of "vice-chancellor" in the Court of Chancery, on the grounds that it would muddle the hierarchy of the court and make the Lord Chancellor's work harder to carry out. The "noble lord" to whom the additional letter is addressed is Lord Redesdale, whose reply to the first edition appeared earlier in 1813. OCLC locates 3 copies of this edition in law libraries (University of Iowa, Yale, Library of Congress). Not in Sweet & Maxwell. [Order This Item](#)



"An Exceedingly Convenient Book for Hasty Reference"

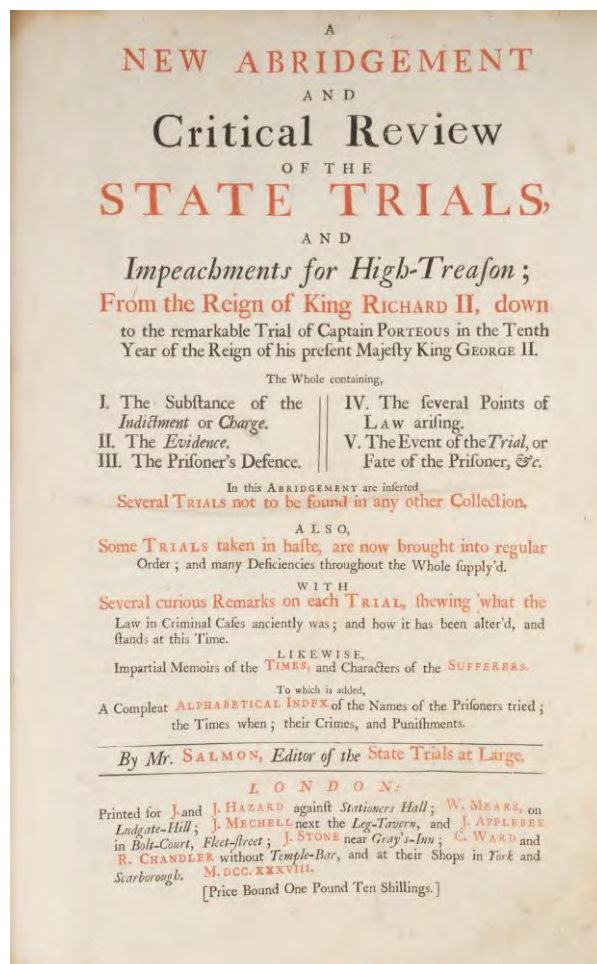
23. Roscoe, Henry [1800-1836].

Smirke, Edward [1795-1875], Editor.

A Digest of the Law of Evidence on the Trial of Actions at Nisi Prius. With Notes; And References to the English Common Law and Ecclesiastical Reports. London: William Benning and Co., 1844. lxxi, 832 pp. Octavo (8-1/4" x 5").

Contemporary paper-covered boards, rebacked in contrasting quarter-paper, period-style printed paper title label to spine, hinges mended, untrimmed edges, several signatures unopened. Light rubbing and a bit of soiling to boards, moderate rubbing to board edges, corners bumped and somewhat worn. Moderate toning to interior, light foxing in a few places. \$250.

* Sixth edition. Marvin says this work "does not affect to be a scientific Treatise upon Evidence, but, as a correct and Brief Digest of Cases, it will found to be an exceedingly convenient book for hasty reference." It was certainly a popular work; it went through several later editions, the last one in 1987. OCLC locates no print copies of the sixth edition. Marvin, *Legal Bibliography* 619-620. Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 2:306. [Order This Item](#)



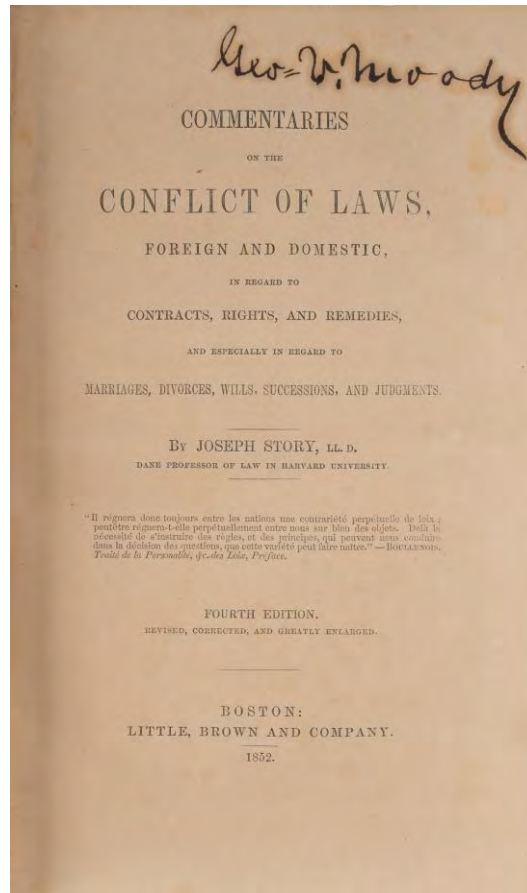
Taken From the First Edition of English State Trials

24. Salmon, Thomas [1679-1767].

A New Abridgement and Critical Review of the State Trials, And of the State Trials, And Impeachments for High-Treason; From the Reign of King Richard II, Down to the Remarkable Trial of Captain Porteous in the Tenth Year of the Reign of His Present Majesty King George II. The Whole Containing, I. The Substance of the Indictment or Charge. II. The Evidence. III. The Prisoner's Defence. IV. The Several Points of the Law Arising. V. The Event of the Trial, Or Fate of the Prisoner, &c. In this Abridgement are Inserted Several Trials Not to be Found in Any Other Collection. Also, Some Trials Taken in Haste, Are Now Brought into Regular Order; And Many Deficiencies Throughout the Whole Supply'd. With Several Curious Remarks on Each Trial, Shewing What the Law in Criminal Cases Anciently Was; And How it Has Been Alter'd, And Stands at this Time. Likewise, Impartial Memoirs of the Times, And Characters of the Sufferers. To Which is Added, A Compleat Alphabetical Index of the Names of the Prisoners Tried; The Times When; Their Crimes, And Punishments. London: Printed for J. and J. Hazard [et al.], 1738. iv, 922, [8] pp. Main text in parallel columns. Last page is a publisher catalogue. Folio (14-1/2" x 9-1/2").

Recent period-style quarter calf over textured-paper boards, raised bands and lettering piece to spine, endpapers renewed. Light rubbing to extremities, fading to spine and sections of boards. Title page printed in red and black, partial crack in text block before final leaf. Moderate toning, light foxing in a few places. \$350.

* Third edition. First published in 1735, this is an abridgement by Salmon of the first edition of his four-volume *Compleat Collection of State-Tryals* (1719). Its final edition was published in 1765. *English Short-Title Catalogue* N5646. [Order This Item](#)



Antebellum Edition of Story's *Conflict of Laws*

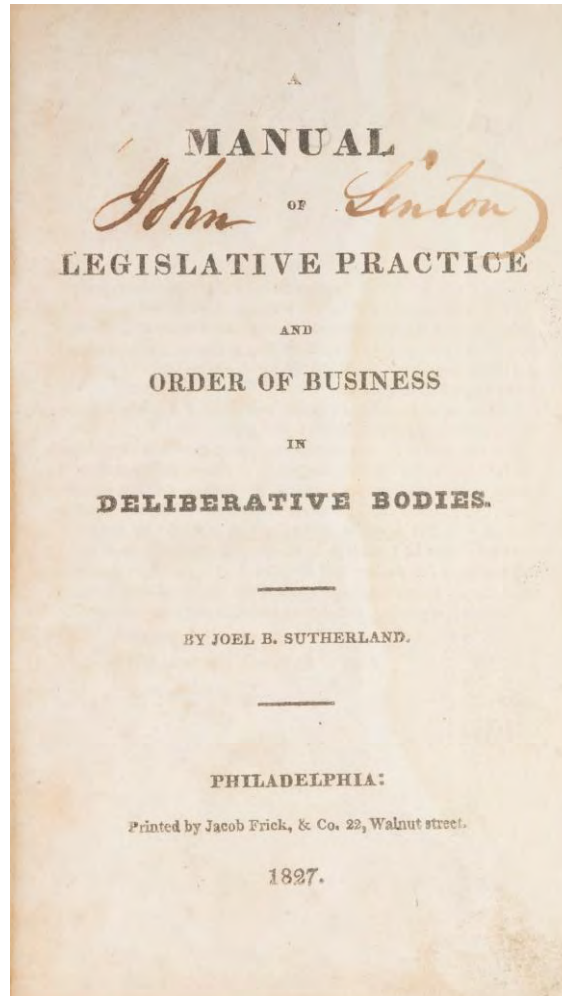
25. Story, Joseph [1779-1845].

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. 8, xxxviii, 1072 pp. Includes 8 pp. publisher catalogue. Octavo (9-1/2" x 6").

Contemporary sheep, rebaced retaining existing spine, blind frames to boards, raised bands and calf lettering piece to spine, calf owner label to foot (L.N. Baldwin), blind tooling to board edges, free endpapers renewed. Light rubbing and a few minor scuffs to boards, moderate rubbing to board edges, owner signature (L.N. Baldwin) to front endleaf, another signature (George V. Moody) to head of title page. Moderate toning to interior, somewhat heavier in places, light foxing and faint smudges to a few leaves, faint offsetting to margins of endleaves. \$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](#)



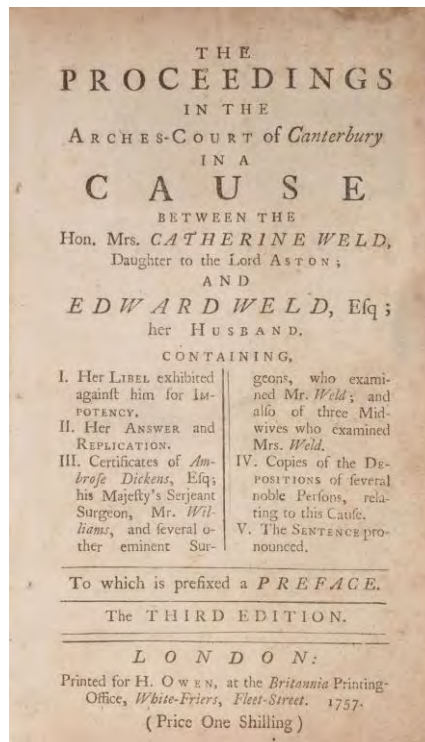
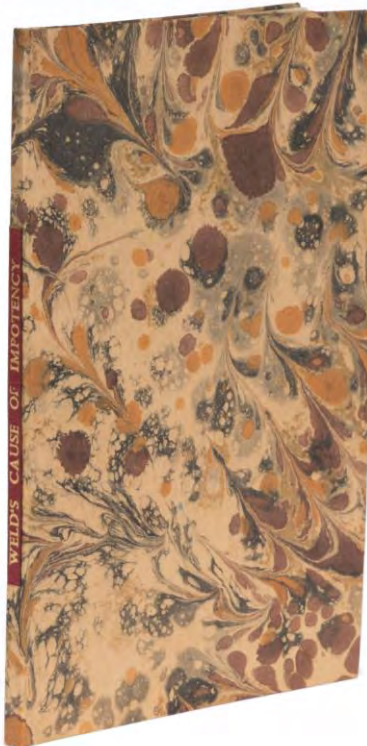
First Edition of a Classic Pennsylvania Legislative Manual

26. Sutherland, Joel B[arlow] [1792-1861].

A Manual of Legislative Practice and Order of Business in Deliberative Bodies. Philadelphia: Printed by Jacob Frick & Co., 1827. [viii], 227 pp. 12mo (5-3/4" x 3-1/4").

Recent imitation calf, gilt title and author name to spine, edges speckled, renewed marbled endpapers. Moderate toning and light foxing to interior, faint dampstain to fore-edge of first quarter of text block, lower corner and fore-edge of leaf M1 (p. 133-134) folded, upper corner of leaf T1 (pp. 217-218) lacking with loss to page number and headline but not text block, early ownership signature ("John Sinton") to title page and later annotations in pencil to p. 88. An appealing copy of a scarce edition. \$450.

* First edition. Sutherland served as a member of the Pennsylvania House and Senate and later in Congress from 1827-1837. His handbook for members of the state legislature is preceded by the U.S. and Pennsylvania Constitutions and rules of order for the Pennsylvania House of Representatives. It includes a list of present members. The text of the U.S. Constitution includes the original Thirteenth Amendment (Titles of Nobility Amendment), with a note indicating that it was not yet ratified. The work went through several subsequent editions, the last of which appeared in 1860. OCLC locates 6 copies of the first edition, two outside Pennsylvania (Harvard, American Antiquarian Society). Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 6073. [Order This Item](#)



"By Reason of Some Natural Imperfection"?

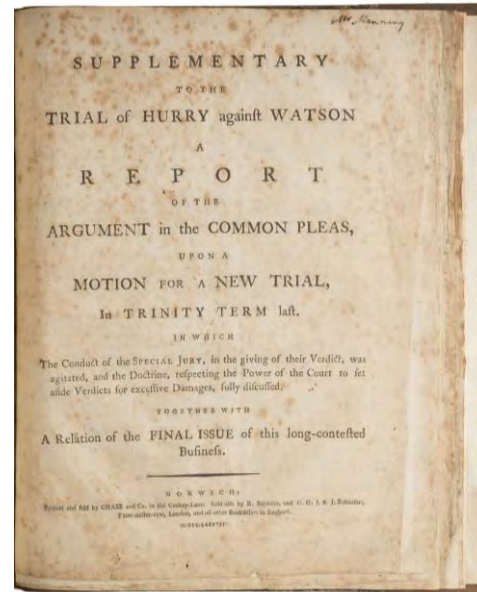
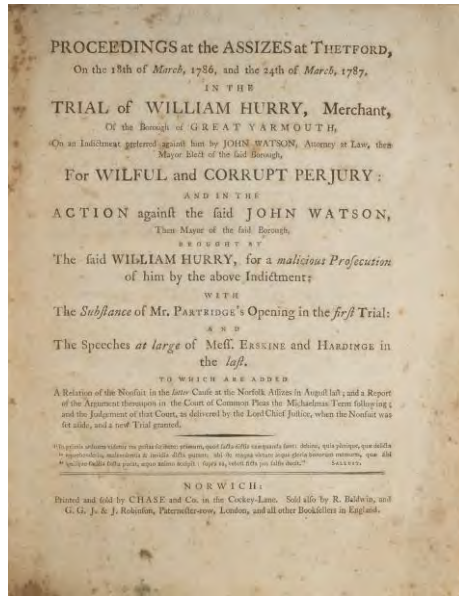
27. [Trial].

Weld v. Weld.

The Proceedings in the Arches-Court of Canterbury in a Cause Between the Hon. Mrs. Catherine Weld, Daughter to the Lord Aston; And Edward Weld, Esq; Her Husband. Containing, I. Her Label Exhibited Against Him for Impotency. II. Her Answer and Replication. III. Certificates of Ambrose Dickens, Esq; His Majesty's Serjeant Surgeon, Mr. Williams, and Several Other Eminent Surgeons, Who Examined Mr. Weld; And also of three Midwives who Examined Mrs. Weld. IV. Copies of the Depositions of Several Noble Persons, Relating to This Cause. V. The Sentence Pronounced. To Which is Prefixed a Preface. London: Printed for H. Owen, 1757. 48 pp. Octavo (7-1/2' x 4-3/4").

Stab-stitched pamphlet in recent stiff marbled-paper wrappers, calf lettering piece to spine. Moderate toning to interior, faint vertical crease to text block, some wear to outer corners of text block, light foxing to a few leaves, light soiling to title page and p. 48. \$750.

* Third (stated) edition. The Welds married in 1727, but when there was no issue after three years, Catherine sued Edward for divorce in ecclesiastical court on the grounds that he was "unable to perform the Conjugal Rites, by Reason of some natural Imperfection which he well knew in himself." Edward fought to clear his name, claiming that after a simple surgical procedure he had, in fact, consummated the marriage twice. The case gained a great deal of public attention, largely because the detail of Catherine's claim and the amount of medical evidence presented were unusual even for an impotency trial. Ultimately, the divorce was denied and the couple reached a private resolution to live apart. Edward remarried after Catherine's death and fathered a daughter and four sons. It is unclear why our copy is designated the third edition. It appears to be based on an account issued by E. Raynor, which went through five editions and two Dublin reprints, all in 1732. OCLC and the ESTC locate 3 copies in North America (Cornell, Rice, Harvard Law School). *English Short-Title Catalogue (ESTC)* N11985. [Order This Item](#)



Scarce Perjury and Malicious Prosecution Trials

28. [Trials].

Hurry, William, Defendant.

Watson, John, Defendant.

Proceedings at the Assizes at Thetford, On the 8th of March, 1786, And the 24th of March, 1787, In the Trial of William Hurry, Merchant, Of the Borough of Great Yarmouth, On an Indictment Preferred Against Him by John Watson, Attorney at Law, Then Mayor Elect of the Said Borough, For Wilful and Corrupt Perjury:... Norwich: Printed and Sold by Chase and Co. [et al.], [1787]. 60 pp.

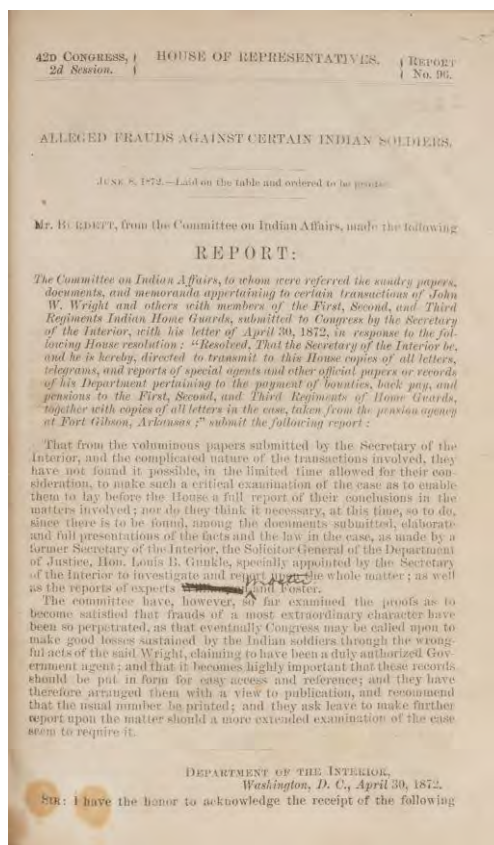
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Watson, John, Defendant.

Supplementary to the Trial of Hurry Against Watson: A Report of the Argument in the Common Pleas, Upon a Motion for a New Trial, In Trinity Term Last. In Which the Conduct of the Special Jury, In the Giving of Their Verdict, Was Agitated, And the Doctrine, Respecting the Power of the Court to Set Aside Verdicts for Excessive Damages, Fully Discussed. Together with a Relation of the Final Issue of this Long-Contested Business. Norwich: Printed and Sold by Chase and Co [et al.], 1787. 25, [1] pp.

Quarto (9-1/2" x 7-3/4"). Stab-stitched pamphlets bound in later nineteenth-century-style three-quarter calf over marbled boards, blind fillets to calf edges, lettering piece and gilt and blind fillets to spine, later armorial bookplate of R.C. Fiske to front pastedown and ms note by Fiske to front free endpaper. Light rubbing to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, some scuffs and nicks to spine, rear hinge just starting at head, faint offsetting to endleaves. Moderate toning to interior, light foxing in a few places of *Proceedings*, fore and bottom edges of *Supplementary* untrimmed with occasional light foxing and soiling, somewhat heavier to title page and final leaf, which is mended neatly at bottom-edge. \$1,500.

* Only editions; *Proceedings*: first issue. In 1786, Watson prosecuted Hurry for perjury after the latter testified that Watson owed him 35 shillings. Hurry was acquitted and immediately counter-sued for malicious prosecution. The proceedings were long and bitter. Hurry was initially awarded £3,000 in damages, reduced to £1,500 on appeal. Ronald Clive Fiske [d.2018] was a prominent Norfolk historian with a rich personal library of over 30,000 books and pamphlets. He describes our copy as "the rare 1st edition" and notes that "[m]ost other copies have an authorship note by Robert Alderson dated 28 April 1787" which was added after the second trial (as recorded in the *Supplementary*) was announced. OCLC locates 4 North American copies of the first part, all issues (Harvard Law School, Duke Law School, University of Missouri-Columbia, University of Minnesota) and 2 of the second part (Boston Public Library, Harvard Law School). *English Short-Title Catalogue* T106935, N24850. [Order This Item](#)



An Interesting Case of Fraud against Native American Soldiers

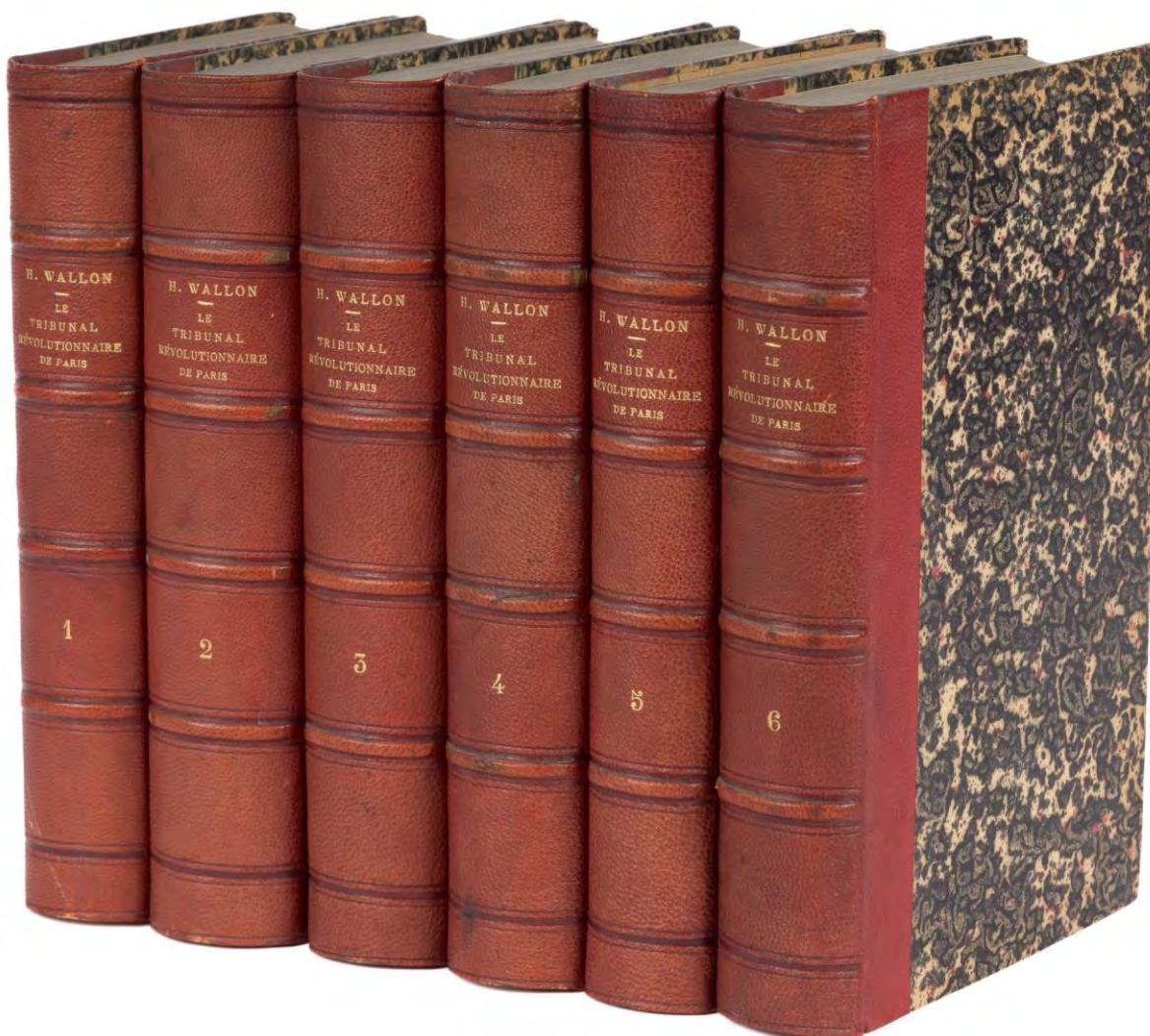
29. United States Congress].

[House Committee on Indian Affairs.

Alleged Frauds against Certain Indian Soldiers. House of Representatives, 42d Congress, 2d Session, Report No. 96. [Washington, D.C.: s.n.], 1872. 590 pp. Octavo (9" x 5-1/4").

Contemporary three-quarter sheep over marbled boards, blind fillets and lettering piece ("Wright Indian Frauds") to spine. Moderate rubbing to boards and extremities, boards detached but secured by cords, corners lightly bumped and somewhat worn, minimal light offsetting to endleaves, ownership signature of George E. Webster to front free endpaper. Moderate toning to interior, negligible light foxing in a few places, light edgewear to a few leaves without loss to text, small early correction by Webster in ink to p. 1. \$450.

* Only edition. During the Civil War, many Native Americans served with the Union Army as part of the "Indian Home Guard." Since the regiments were volunteers, the soldiers went unpaid, but after the war Congress authorized a payment of \$100 as bounty to each enlisted man. John W. Wright, who had presented himself as the appointed attorney for the Home Guard, was authorized to collect the payments from the government and disburse them appropriately. After several complaints were made by unpaid claimants, the Department of Justice opened an investigation and brought a suit against him for fraud. The evidence submitted to the House of Representatives is printed here, including lists of payments made and testimony from Native witnesses claiming arrears of back pay and bounty for soldiers and their widows. The committee ultimately concluded that Wright had committed significant fraud. Webster was a special investigator of the Pension Office who gave expert testimony before the Committee and interviewed several witnesses in this case. OCLC locates 4 copies of this title, 3 in North America (Newberry Library, Pritzker Military Library, State Library of Massachusetts). [Order This Item](#)



A Day-by-Day Judicial Account of the Reign of Terror

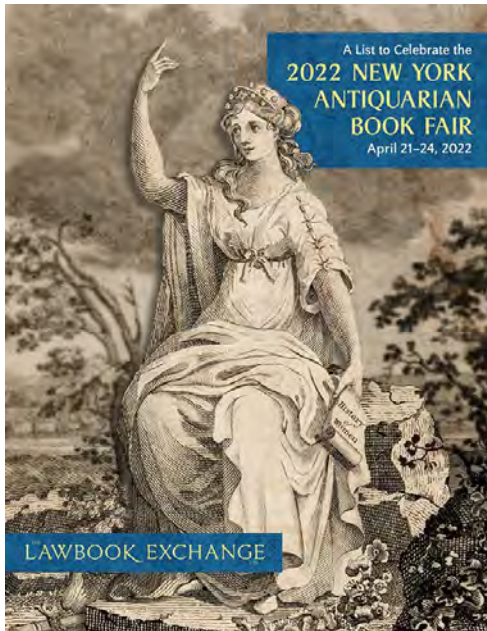
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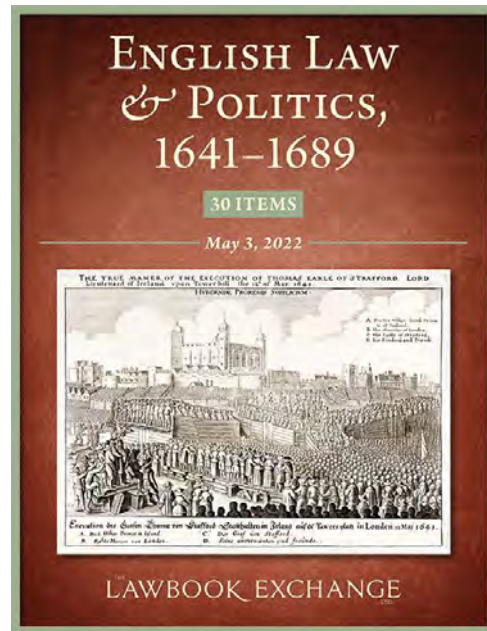
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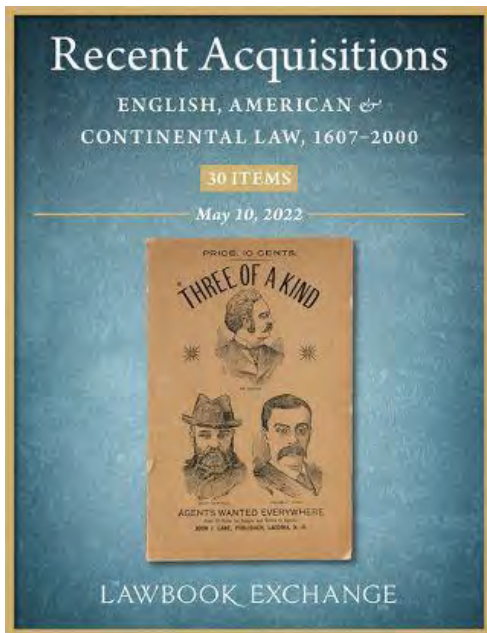
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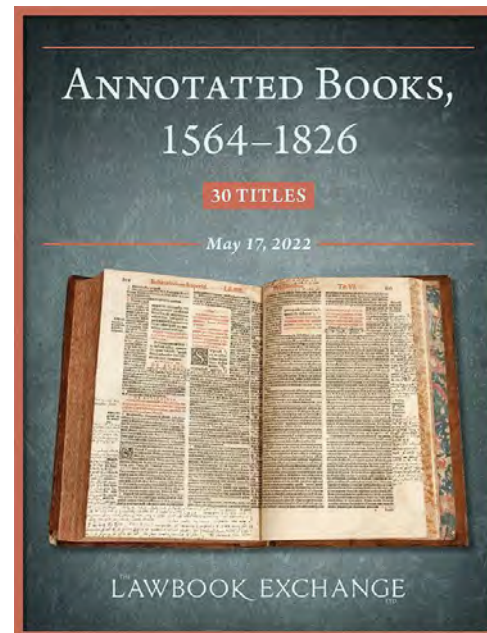
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