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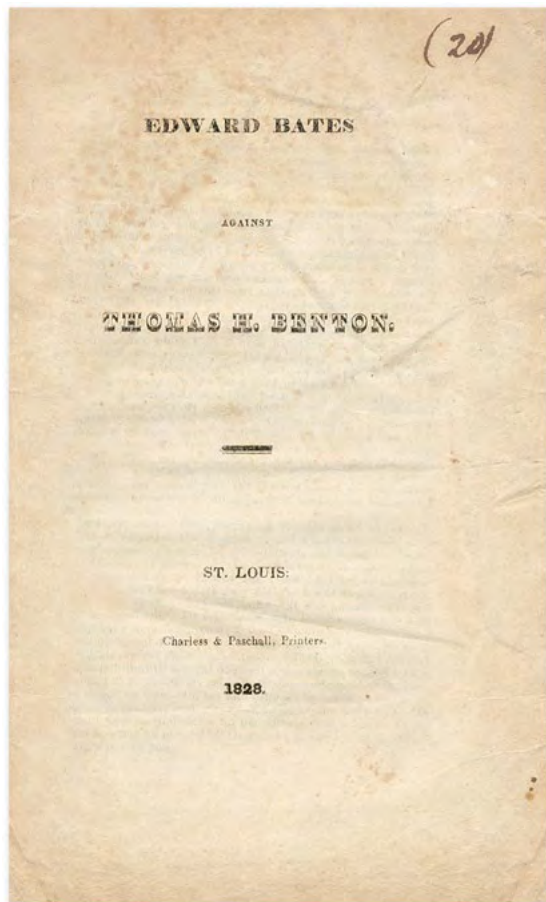
# PAMPHLETS & EPHEMERA

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**An Important Tract on Spanish  
Land Claims in Missouri and Arkansas**

**1. Bates, Edward [1793-1869].  
[Benton, Thomas Hart (1782-1858)].**

*Edward Bates Against Thomas H. Benton.* St. Louis: Charles & Paschall, Printers, 1828. 12 pp. 12mo. (7-1/2" x 4-3/4").

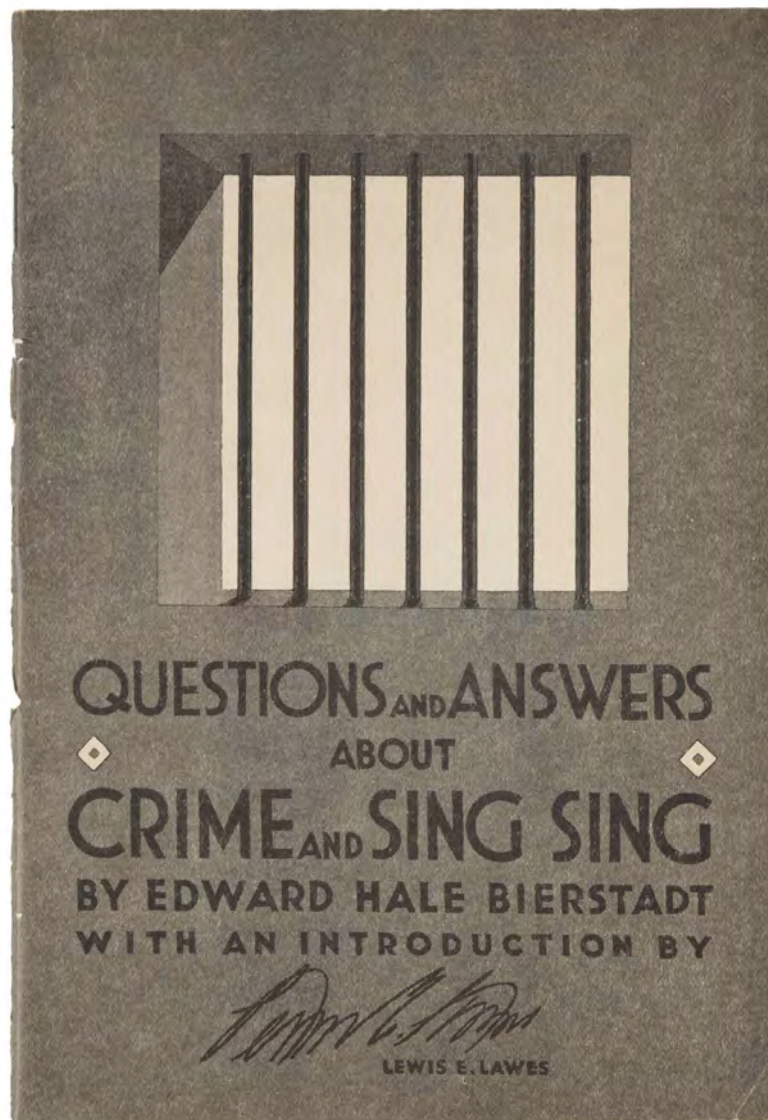
Stab-stitched pamphlet in recent plain wrappers, untrimmed edges. Moderate toning, faint spotting and "201" in small early hand to title page. \$1,250.

\* Only edition. Bates accuses Benton, the important Missouri politician and United States Senator, of political opportunism and corruption and refutes Benton's charge that he failed to protect his constituents against Spanish land claims in Missouri and Arkansas as a member of the U.S. Congress. Despite the topicality of this pamphlet and its political motivation, it makes a number of useful observations about the nature of land claims. Bates later served as the first attorney general of Missouri after it was admitted as a state and the U.S. attorney general under President Lincoln. This pamphlet is also notable as an early Missouri imprint by Missouri's first printer, Joseph Charless, who introduced printing there in 1808. He established his partnership with Paschall in 1828.

*The Celebrated Collection of Americana Formed by the Late Thomas Winthrop Streeter* 1853. Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 7901.50.

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### Curious Facts About Crime and Punishment

2. Bierstadt, Edward Hale [1891-1970].

Lawes, Lewis E. [1883-1947], Introduction.

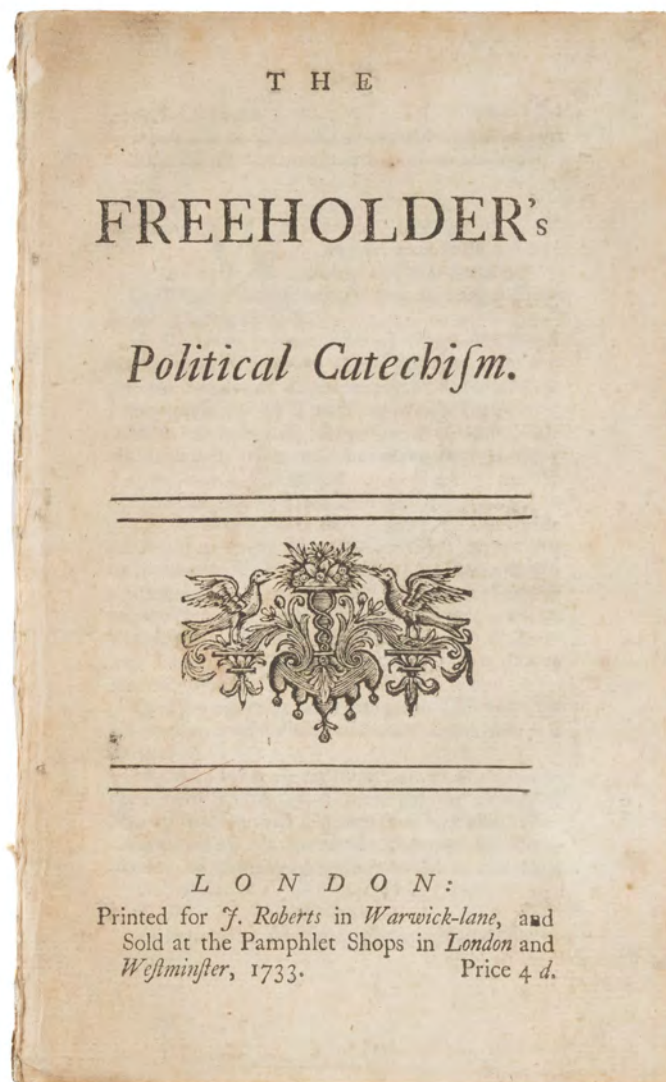
*Questions and Answers About Crime and Sing Sing*. [New York]: Dr. Earl S. Sloan, [1935].

Stapled pamphlet in stiff pictorial wrappers. Moderate rubbing to extremities, light toning to interior. \$25.

\* Only edition. The first half of this pamphlet contains 101 questions; the second half contains their answers. For example, Question 94 asks: "Identify the following terms: 'frame-up,'; 'snow-bird'; 'shoving the queer'; 'moll-buzzer'; 'stool-pigeon.'" Bierstadt was a criminologist, author and drama critic. Lawes was the warden of Sing Sing and a well-known proponent of prison reform. OCLC locates 3 copies (Harvard Law School, New York Public Library, UC-Berkeley).

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**Bolingbroke's Classic Statement on the Nature of Government**

**3. [Bolingbroke, Henry St. John, Viscount (1678-1751)].**

*The Freeholder's Political Catechism.* London: Printed for J. Roberts in Warwick-Lane, 1733. 24 pp. Octavo (7-1/2" x 5-1/2").

Disbound stab-stitched pamphlet. Moderate toning, light soiling to exterior, light foxing to a few leaves, printing flaw to p. 21 with loss to a couple of letters, legibility not affected. \$350.

\* First dated edition, issued the same year as, or possibly preceded by, an undated 8 pp. printing. Reissued several times in Great Britain, Ireland and the North American colonies, this dialogue explores the freedoms and responsibilities of the citizen, the rights and responsibilities of the monarch, hereditary right, legitimate and illegitimate government and the rights and responsibilities of parliamentarians. It was especially influential among the American founding fathers.

*English Short-Title Catalogue* T40197.

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"Crimes of Love and Passion"

**4. Brame, Geoffrey.  
Rénin, Paul, Editor.**

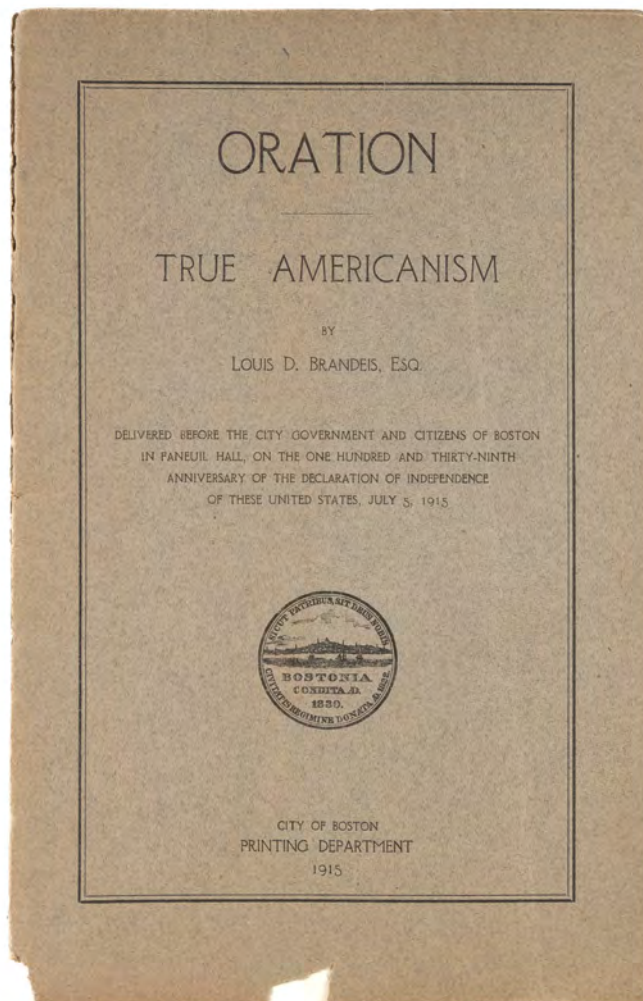
*Crimes of Love and Passion, No. 2: The Crimes of Belle Gunness, Murderess, Adulteress, And Baby Farmer. A Wife as Prey: The True Story of the Notorious Arnauld de Tily Who Impersonated His Soldier Friend, Deceiving Even His Beautiful Wife* [Cover Title]. [London]: Federation Press, Ltd., Gramol House, E.C. 4., c.1928. 31 pp.

Stapled pamphlet in color printed wrappers. Light soiling, negligible rubbing to extremities, light browning to interior. A well-preserved copy of a rare title. \$950.

\* This is a title in the true-crime series Crimes of Love and Passion. Originally issued around 1928 (the issues are not dated) and re-issued in the 1950s, this series had four volumes. Issue No. 2 has two parts: "Arnauld de Tily, Impersonator-Deceiver-Thief. An Amazing True Story" by Geoffrey Brame and "Belle Gunness, 'The Female Bluebeard'" by Henry K. Vernon. OCLC locates 2 copies, both re-issues (Kent State University, University of Arizona).

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**Brandeis on "True Americanism"**

**5. Brandeis, Louis D. [1856-1941].**

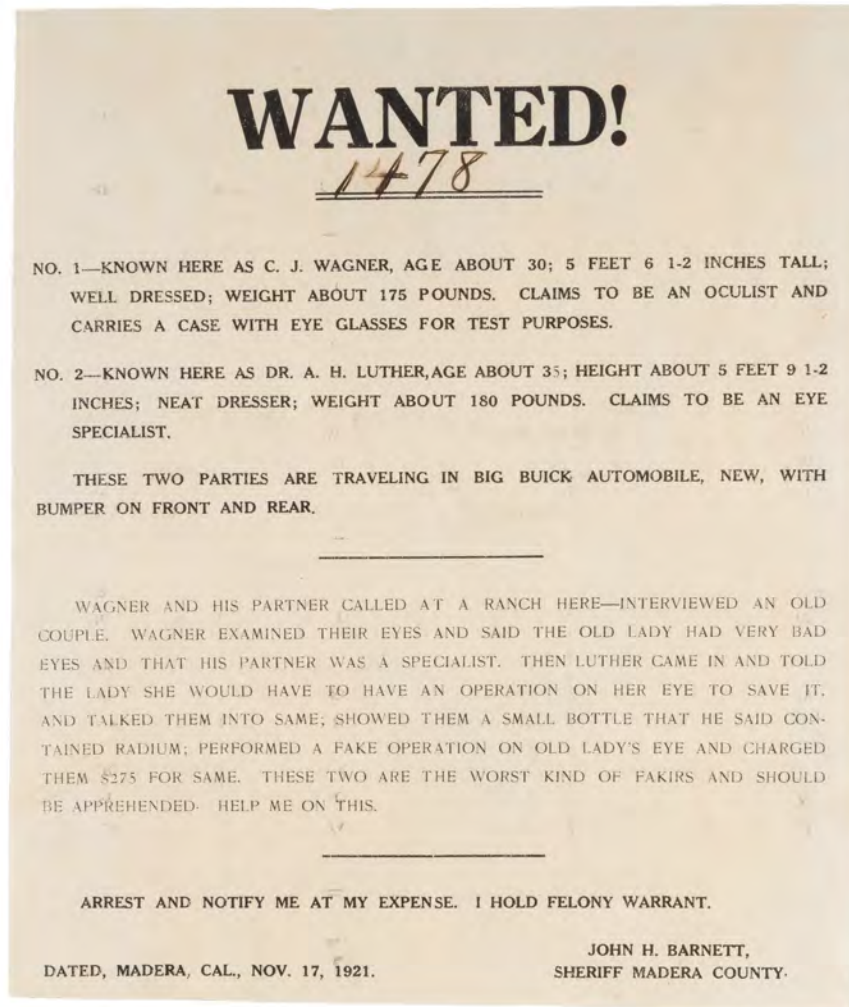
*Oration: True Americanism, Delivered Before the City Government and Citizens of Boston in Faneuil Hall, On the One Hundred and Thirty-Ninth Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence of These United States, July 5, 1915.* Boston: Printing Department, 1915. 23 pp. Portrait frontispiece of Brandeis. Another plate, at the rear of the text, is a portrait of Charles W. Lyons, S.J.

Stamped pamphlet, stiff printed wrappers detached with light edgewear and a few minor chips. Frontispiece and title page partially detached but secure, light toning to interior. \$500.

\* Only edition. In 1915 Brandeis was the Boston Municipal Orator, an illustrious post established in 1771. Brandeis, then a prominent Boston attorney, addresses several themes that would distinguish his career as a justice of the Supreme Court, most notably the protection of individuals from the harmful effects of capitalism through government intervention. Lyons, the president of Boston College, delivered a prayer at the ceremony. OCLC locates 3 copies (Huntington Library, University of Louisville, University of Oregon Law School). OCLC also lists an 8 pp. version with a similar title (at Hebrew Union College, Ohio).

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**They Performed "A Fake Operation" on an "Old Lady's Eye"**

**6. [Broadside].  
[Criminals].  
[California].**

*Wanted! No. 1 - Known Here as C.J. Wagner, Age About 30; 5 Feet 6 1-2 Inches Tall; Well Dressed; Weight About 175 Pounds. Claims to be an Oculist and Carries a Case with Eye Glasses for Test Purposes. No. 2 -Known Here as Dr. A.H. Luther, Age About 35; Height about 5 Feet 9 1-2 Inches; Neat Dresser; Weight About 180 Pounds. Claims to be an Eye Specialist. These Two Parties are Traveling in a Big Buick Automobile, New, With Bumper on Front and Back. Madera, CA, November 17, 1921.*

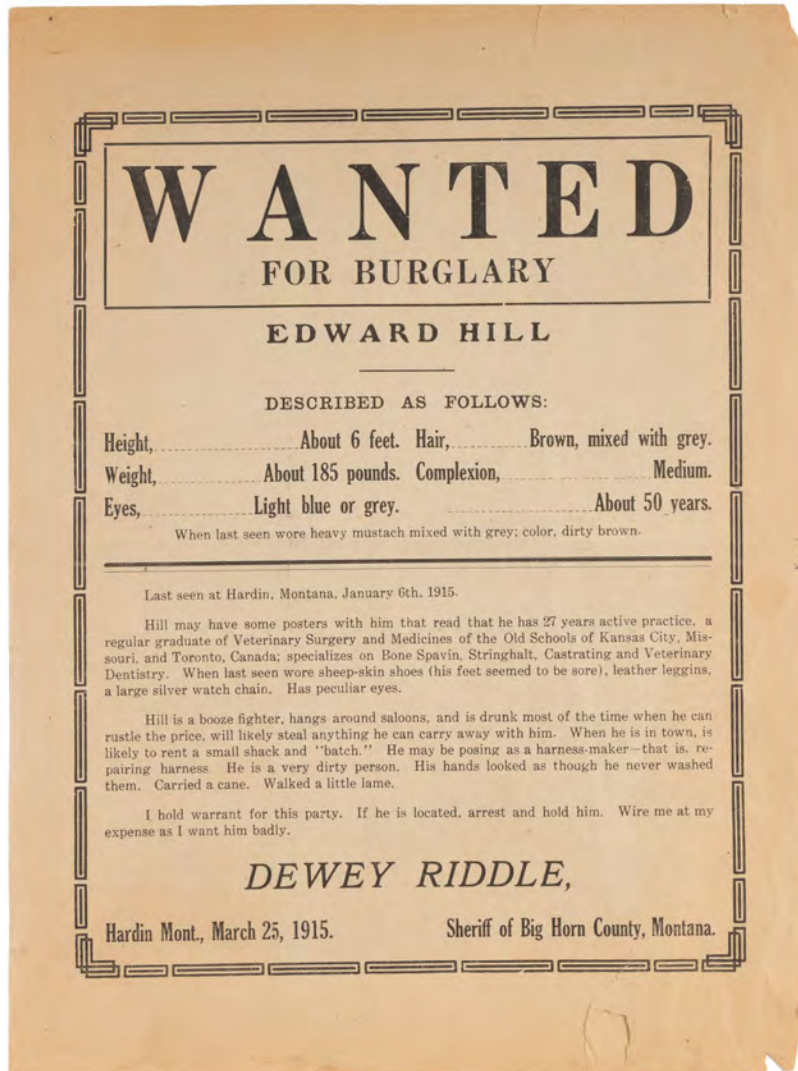
8-3/4" x 7-1/2" broadside, single-column text below headline. Light toning and soiling, horizontal and vertical fold lines, "1478" in ink below headline. \$350.

\* Signed in type by John H. Barnett, Sheriff of Madera County, CA. C.J. Wagner and Dr. A.H. Luther were traveling around the county and offering eye exams at ranches in the area. They "performed a fake operation on old lady's eye" and charged her \$275. "These two are the worst kind of fakirs [sic] and should be apprehended."

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**"Will Likely Steal Anything He Can Carry Away With Him"**

7. [Broadside].

[Criminals].

[Montana].

[Hill, Edward].

*Wanted for Burglary: Edward Hill, Hardin, Montana, March 25, 1915.*

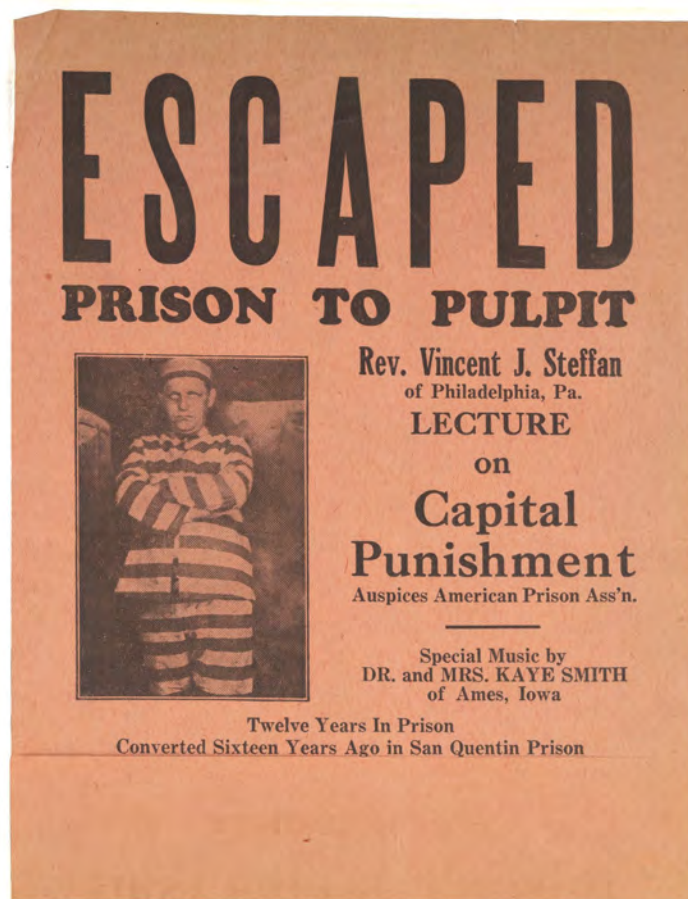
11" x 8-1/4" broadside, physical description of Hill in two columns with main text in single column below. Moderate toning, a few small tears and chips to edges. \$250 .

\* Hill, a thief operating out of Big Horn County in southern Montana, is described as "a booze fighter" and "a very dirty person" whose "hands looked as though he never washed them." According to local prison rosters, he may have also been active in Kansas around 1887, although it is unclear whether he ever was apprehended in Montana.

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**A Former Convict Who Became a Minister Lectures on Capital Punishment**

**8. [Broadside].**

**Steffan, Vincent J.**

*Escaped. Prison to Pulpit, Rev. Vincent J. Steffan of Philadelphia, Pa. Lecture on Capital Punishment.... Thursday Eve., 7:30 p.m. First Baptist Church. Ames, Iowa. Admission Free. N.p: S.n., c. 1925.*

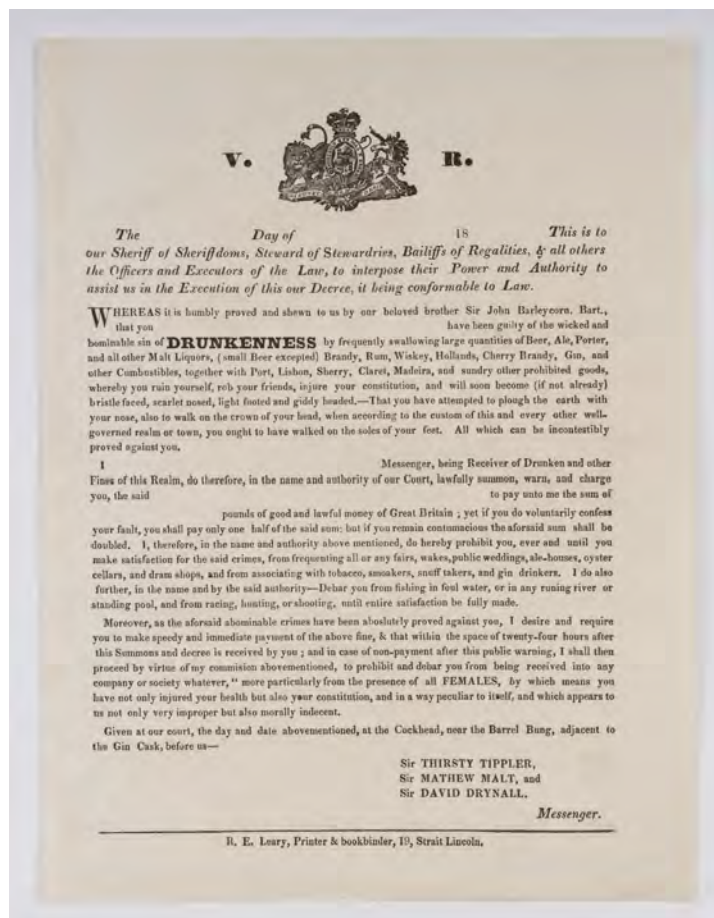
9" x 6" broadside mounted on 8" x 6-1/2" sheet, bottom inch folded, text below headline, along with an image of Steffan in striped prison garb. Negligible light shelfwear and soiling, faint horizontal fold line to center, short tear along bottom fold. A well-preserved item. \$500.

\* Steffan served two prison terms in California for burglary, the first in Folsom, the second in San Quentin. While in San Quentin he had a religious awakening. He offered religious counsel to fellow prisoners and began to study for the ministry. These events led to his parole in 1919 and a pardon in 1925. After completing the terms of his parole, he moved to Philadelphia and became a Presbyterian minister. The Pennsylvania Synod elected him the state's prison chaplain at large. Steffan divided his time between his prison ministry and the lecture circuit.

State of California, *Message of the Governor Regarding Acts of Executive Clemency* 12.

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### Rare "Temperance" Broadside in the Style of a Court Document

9. [Broadside].  
[Temperance].  
[Great Britain].

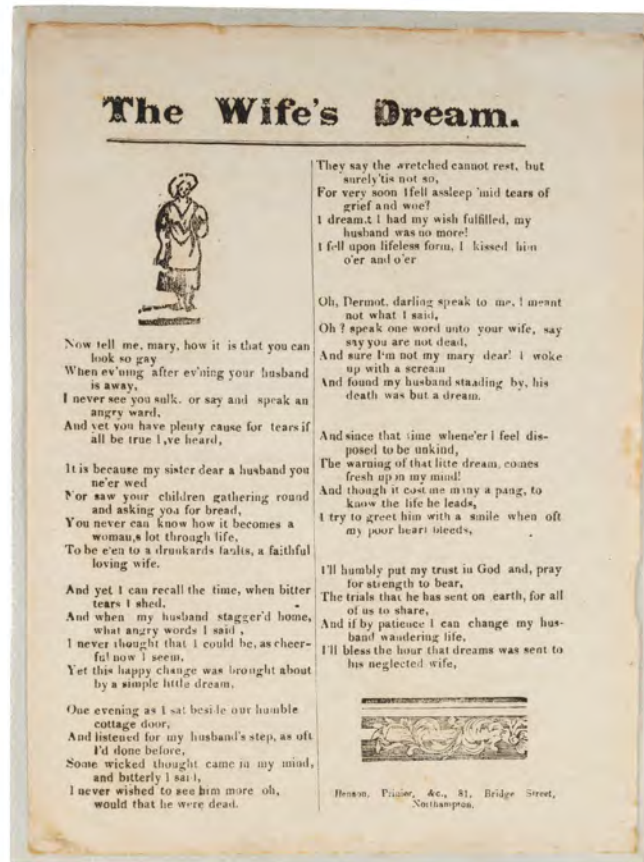
*The --- Day of 18 ---. This is to Our Sheriff of Sherifdoms, Steward of Stewardries, Bailiffs of Regalities, & All Others, The Officers and Executors of the Law, To Interpose Their Power and Authority to Assist Us in the Execution of This Our Decree, It Being Conformable to Law.* Lincoln, England: R.E. Leary, Printer and Bookbinder, [c.1840].

10" x 7-1/2" broadside, woodcut royal arms flanked with the initials of Queen Victoria at head of text. Light toning, faint horizontal fold, a few minor creases. A well-preserved item. \$350.

\* A parody of a temperance poster in the form of a sentencing document issued "at our court, the day and date above mentioned, at the Cockhead, near the Barrel Bung, adjacent to the Gin Cask, Before us-Sir Thirsty Tippler, Sir Mathew Malt, and Sir David Drynall." The text reads (in part): "Whereas it is humbly proved and shown to us by our beloved brother Sir John Barleycorn, Bart., that you --- have been guilty of the wicked and abominable sin of DRUNKENNESS by frequently swallowing large quantities of Beer, Ale, Porter, and all other Malt Liquors (small Beer excepted), Brandy, Rum, Whiskey, Hollands, Cherry Brandy, Gin, and other combustibles, together with Port, Lisbon, Sherry, Claret, Madeira, and sundry other prohibited goods.... " This appears to be an unrecorded broadside. No copies located on OCLC or Library Hub.

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"I Try to Greet Him with a Smile When Oft My Poor Heart Bleeds"

10. [Broadside].  
[Temperance].  
[Great Britain].

*The Wife's Dream*. Northampton, England: Henson, Prinier [sic], [c.1850].

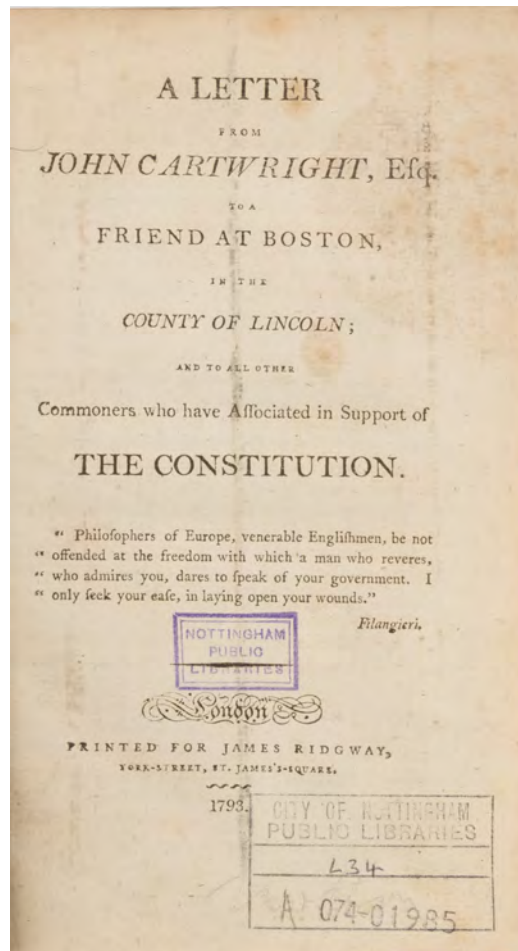
10" x 7-1/2" broadside mounted on 10-1/2" x 8" sheet, verse text, in two columns below headline, first column headed with a woodcut figure of a woman, second column ends with a woodcut ornament, columns separated by rules. Light browning, heavier browning and light foxing to edges. \$500.

\* A verse ballad written in the voice of a wife, who explains why she remains married to an alcoholic husband. She stays out of love and the hope that he will abandon drink, feelings that were reinforced after she had a sad dream in which her husband was dead. "And though it cost me many a pang, to know the life he leads,/ I try to greet him with a smile when oft my poor heart bleeds,/ I'll humbly put my trust in God and, pray for strength to bear,/ The trials that he has sent on earth, for all of us to share,/ And if by patience I can change my husband's wandering life,/ I'll bless the hour that dreams was sent to his neglected wife." OCLC locates 1 copy at UCLA, Library Hub locates 1 at the National Library of Scotland. We located another copy at the Bodleian Library, Oxford.

*Roud Folk Song Index* 10918.

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**A Reformer Inspired by the American Revolution**

**11. Cartwright, John [1740-1824].**

*A Letter from John Cartwright, Esq. to a Friend at Boston, in the County of Lincoln; And to All Other Commoners who have Associated in Support of the Constitution.* London: Printed for James Ridgway, 1793. 68 pp. Octavo (8" x 4-3/4").

Stab-stitched pamphlet in later plain wrappers, hand-lettered title and date and library location labels to front wrapper. Light soiling to wrappers, light toning to interior, light foxing in a few places, ink library stamps to title page and several other leaves, crack in text block before final leaf, which is adhered to rear wrapper, manuscript corrections in ink to several pages. \$650.

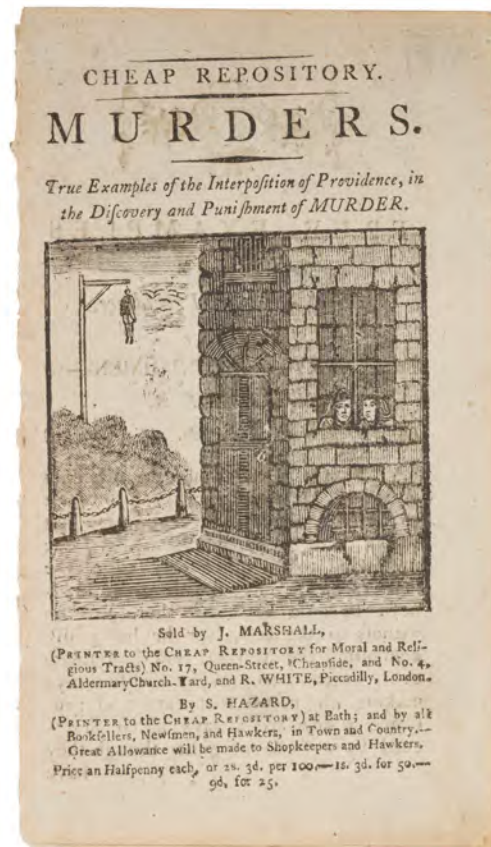
\* Only edition. Inspired by the American Revolution, Cartwright believed the British parliament was corrupt and desperately in need of reform. He was an advocate of universal suffrage and "also supported annual parliamentary elections, equal electoral districts, a secret ballot, the abolition of property qualifications for parliamentary candidates, and (to lessen political bribery) the payment of members of parliament" (ODNB). The present work, addressed to the Reverend Samuel Partridge, discusses these and other proposals and concludes with a postscript on international law advocating against war with France.

*Oxford Dictionary of National Biography* (accessed online). *English Short-Title Catalogue* T109452.

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"Sooner or Later All Sin Comes to Light"

12. [Cheap Repository Tracts].

Fielding, Henry [1707-1754].

[More, Hannah (1745-1833)].

*Murders. True Examples of the Interposition of Providence, In the Discovery and Punishment of Murder* [Drop-Head Title]. At head of drop-head title: *Cheap Repository*. [London]: Sold by J. Marshall; Bath: Sold by S. Hazard, [1795]. 12 pp. Woodcut illustration to title page. 12mo. (6-1/4" x 3-1/2").

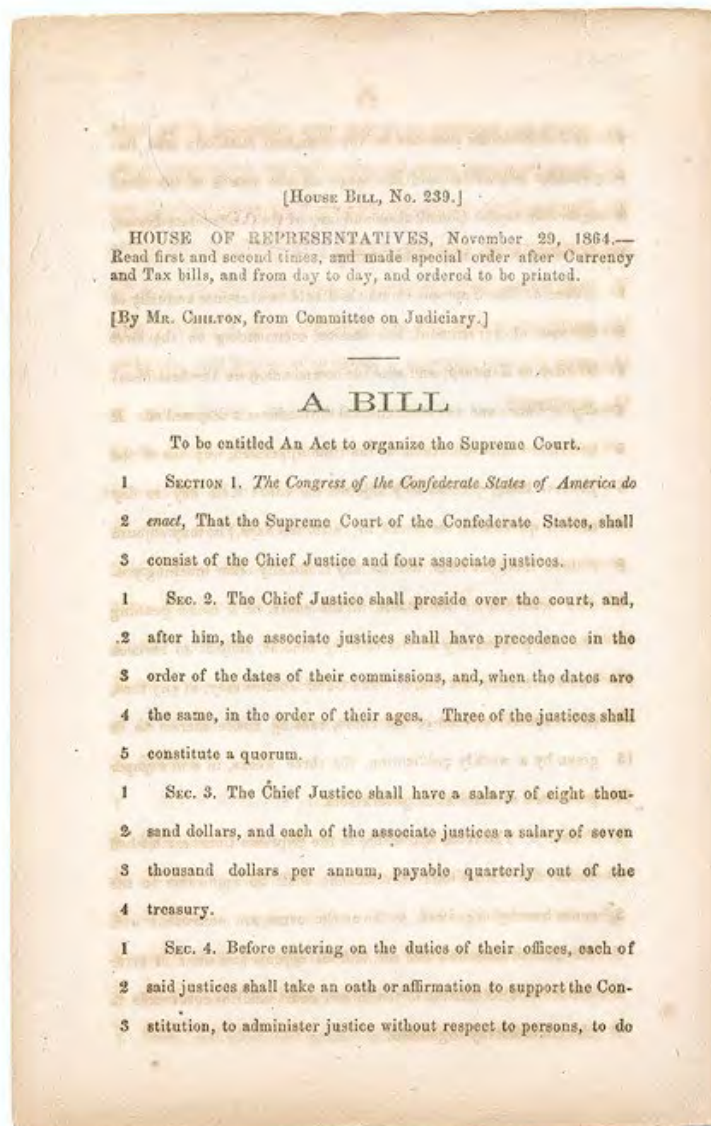
Stab-stitched pamphlet, thread lacking. Moderate toning, light soiling and small spots in a few places. \$200.

\* Later edition. The Cheap Repository Tracts, issued from 1795-1817, were devised by More as an educational alternative to the sensational broadside and chapbook publications popular among the literate poor. Our tract is an abridgment of Fielding's *Examples of the Interposition of Providence in the Detection and Punishment of Murder* (1752), a short collection of anecdotes describing recent apprehensions of murderers with a religious theme. The work originally appeared in response to what many perceived as a notable increase in London murders; its publication was concurrent with the Murder Act of 1752, which introduced anatomization in the hopes that it would prove a deterrent. The Cheap Repository abridgment was issued individually until 1797 and also appeared in yearly collections. The abridgment of Fielding's text is followed by an eight-stanza verse titled "A Prayer to God, that our National Crimes, may not bring down National Punishments."

*English Short-Title Catalogue* T160505.

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**An 1864 Bill to Organize the Confederate Supreme Court**

**13. [Confederate States of America].**

**House of Representatives.**

*A Bill to be Entitled an Act to Organize the Supreme Court.* [Richmond, 1864]. 4 pp. Octavo (9" x 5-3/4").

Single folded sheet, moderate toning, minor edgewear, faint traces of inkstamp to head of P. 1. \$300.

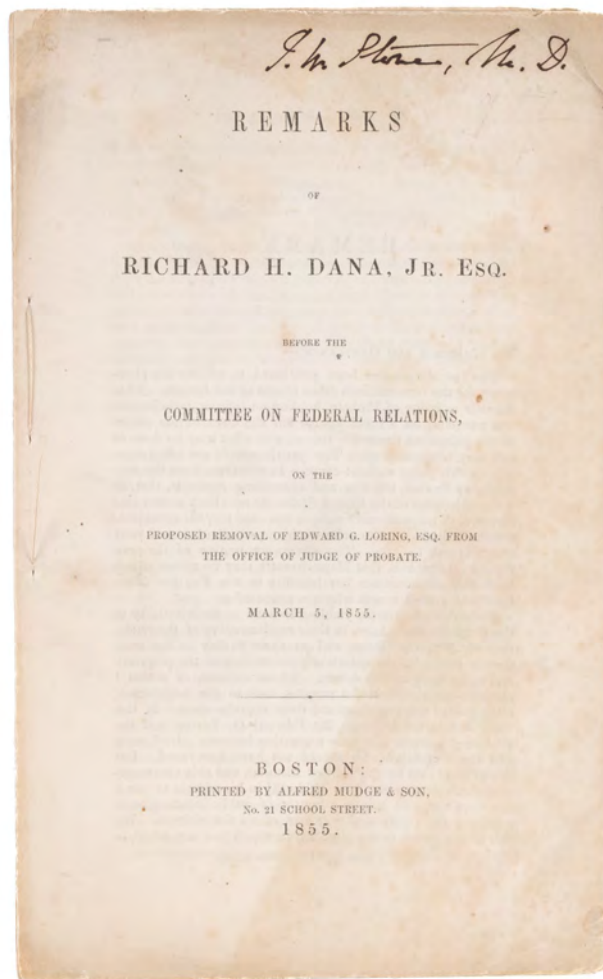
\* The bill specifies a five-judge court that will "do equal right to the poor and to the rich." It also notes that the court will respect all applicable pre-secession United States Supreme Court decisions.

Crandall, *Confederate Imprints* 462.

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### Dana Calls for the Removal of a Pro-Slavery Judge

#### 14. Dana, Richard Henry, Jr. [1815-1882].

*Remarks of Richard H. Dana, Jr. Esq. Before the Committee on Federal Relations, On the Proposed Removal of Edward G. Loring, Esq. From the Office of Judge of Probate. March 5, 1855.* Boston: Printed by Alfred Mudge & Son, 1855. 28 pp. Octavo (9" x 5-1/2").

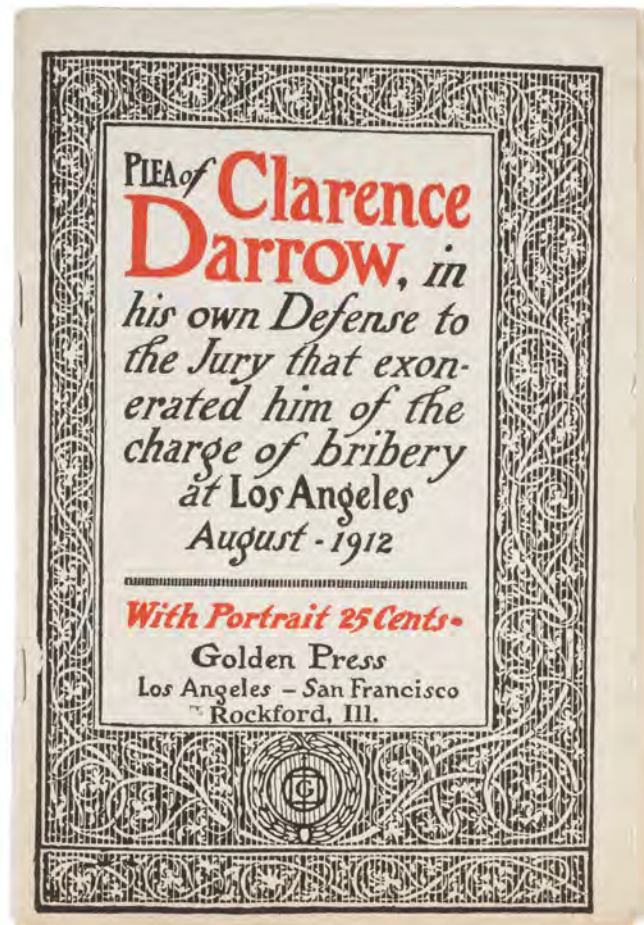
Stab-stitched pamphlet in self-wrappers. Thread broken, leaves separating. Moderate toning, occasional faint dampstaining to edges, light foxing and soiling in places, lower corner of final leaf lacking without loss to text, early ownership signature (of J.W. Stone?) to head of title page. \$250.

\* Only edition. "Loring was the United States Commissioner who presided over the trial of the alleged fugitive slave, Anthony Burns. Anti-slavery feeling in Massachusetts was so strong that his removal from the office of Probate Judge, which he held concurrently, was sought in these proceedings" (Cohen, internal citation omitted). Dana, a notable American attorney and author of the memoir *Two Years Before the Mast* (1840), had served as Anthony Burns's chief defense counsel. Loring was removed from office three years later but subsequently appointed to a federal position.

Cohen, *Bibliography of American Law* 14215.

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### Darrow Defends Darrow

#### 15. [Darrow, Clarence (1857-1938)].

*Plea of Clarence Darrow, In His Own Defense to the Jury That Exonerated Him of the Charge of Bribery at Los Angeles August - 1912.* Los Angeles: Golden Press, 1912. [ii], 59 pp. Lacking laid-in portrait of Darrow.

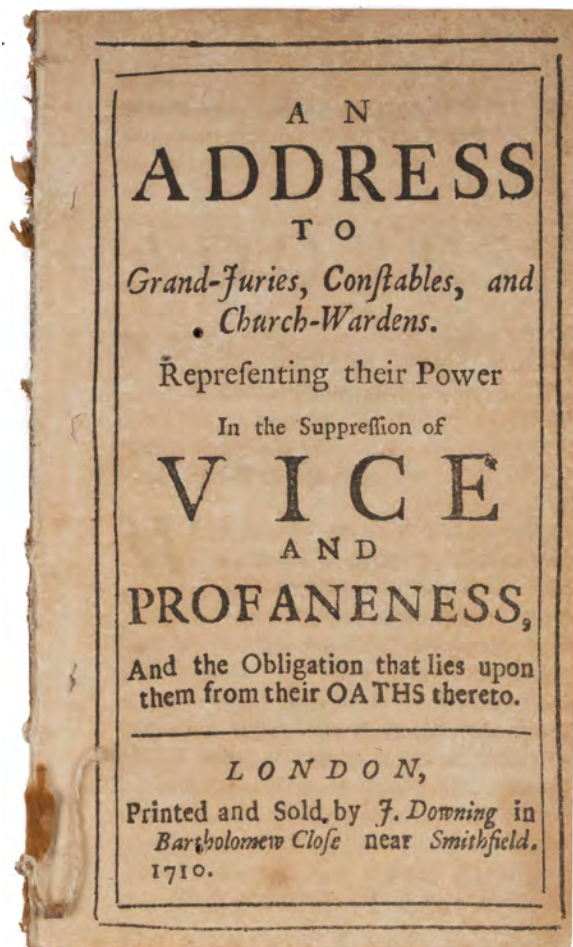
Stapled pamphlet in red and black printed wrappers, signatures uncut. Very light toning, slightly more moderate to wrappers, staples just starting to rust, clean tear to fore-edge of front wrapper. With publisher's transmittal envelope, toned, a few minor tears to left edge. A nice copy. \$100.

\* First edition. One of the great courtroom speeches from a master of the form. Darrow was charged with two counts of attempting to bribe jurors in the McNamara bombing case. Delivered to the jury during the first trial, this speech moved listeners to tears and resulted in Darrow's acquittal. The second trial ended in a hung jury. The prosecutor ultimately declined to refile charges, though by some accounts this was conditional on Darrow's promise to never practice in California again. The bribery cases effectively ended Darrow's career as a labor lawyer, though he went on to extraordinary successes in civil and criminal practice.

Hunsberger, *Clarence Darrow: A Bibliography* 85.

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**The Suppression of "Vice and Profaneness"**

**16. Disney, John [1677-c.1729].**

*An Address to Grand-Juries, Constables, and Church-Wardens. Representing Their Power in the Suppression of Vice and Profaneness, And the Obligation that Lies Upon Them from Their Oaths Thereto.* London: Printed and Sold by J. Downing, 1710. 48 pp. 12mo (5-1/4" x 3").

Disbound stab-stitched pamphlet. Moderate toning, trimming to edges affecting page numbers and catchwords in a few places, a few worm holes to text block, legibility not affected. \$450.

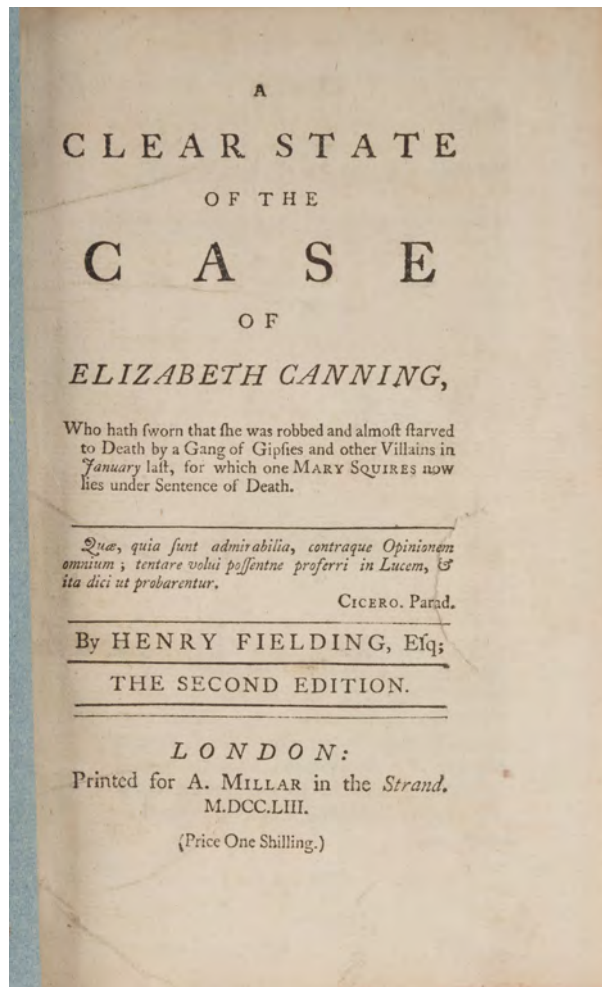
\* Only edition. Disney, a divine with a degree in civil law, was vicar of St. Mary's in Nottingham and a moral reformer. This work decrying "the Prophaneness, Lewdness, and Debaucheries of Men" focused on themes Disney had expounded upon previously in his *Essay Upon the Execution of the Laws Against Immorality and Prophaneness* (1708, 2nd ed. 1710) and *A View of Ancient Laws Against Immorality and Prophaneness* (1729). It was also published as a preface to the second edition of the *Essay*. In 1786, it was reissued with a different title by Disney's grandson. OCLC locates 7 copies, 1 in a law library (Harvard).

*English Short-Title Catalogue* T27386.

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**"Robbed and Almost Starved to Death by a Gang of Gipsies"**

**17. Fielding, Henry [1707-1754].**

*A Clear State of the Case of Elizabeth Canning, Who Hath Sworn that she was Robbed and Almost Starved to Death by a Gang of Gipsies and Other Villains in January Last, For Which One Mary Squires Now Lies Under Sentence of Death.* London: Printed for A. Millar, 1753. [ii], 62 pp. Octavo (7-3/4" x 5").

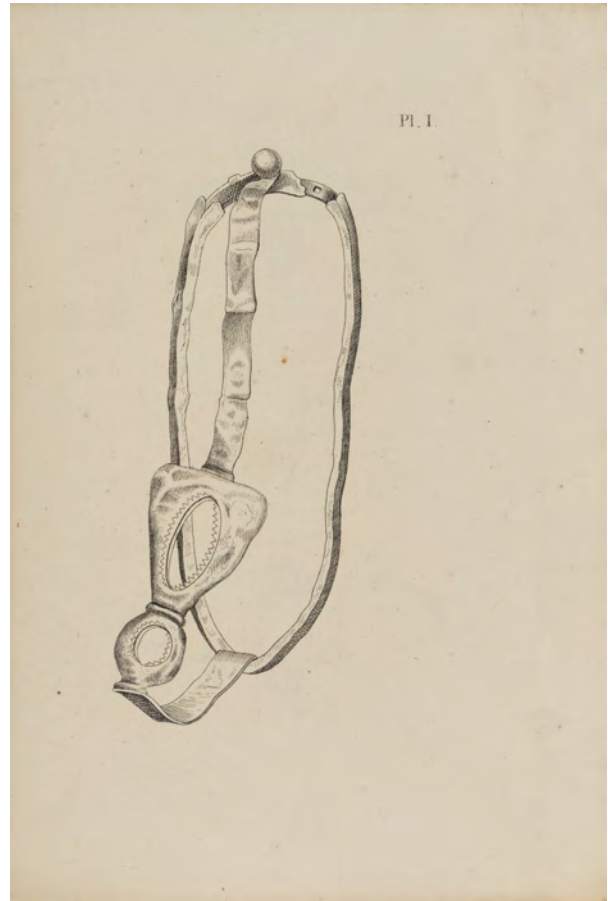
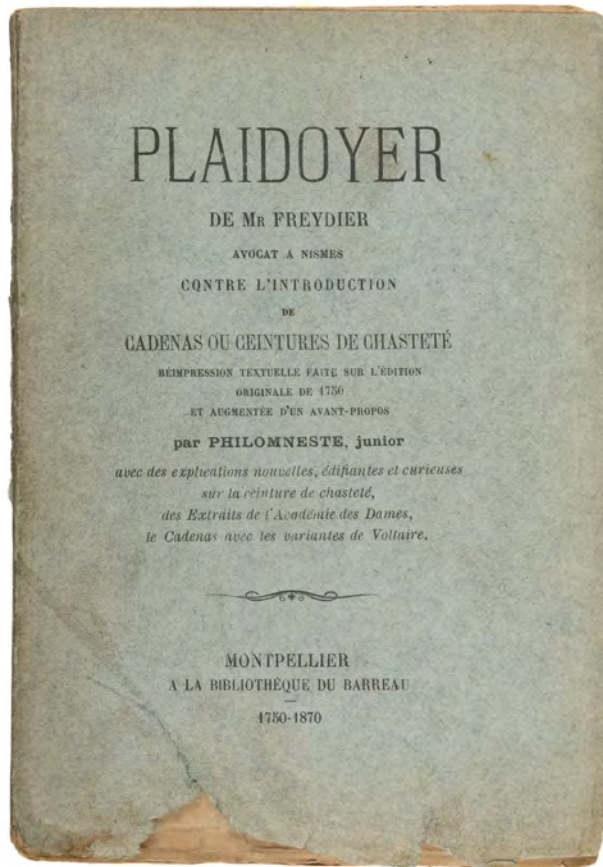
Stab-stitched pamphlet, resewn into recent plain wrappers. Light rubbing to extremities, a few creases to wrappers, moderate toning to pamphlet, minor tear and negligible light soiling to title page. \$250.

\* Second and final edition, published the same year as the first edition. Two gypsies, Susannah Wells and Mary Squires, were arrested, tried and convicted for the abduction of Elizabeth Canning, but the Lord Mayor was not satisfied with the verdict. Further enquiries uncovered inconsistencies in Canning's testimony, and suspicions arose that she invented a story in order to hide a pregnancy. Wells and Squires were acquitted and Canning was found guilty of perjury. Fielding, then a barrister, was consulted by Canning's solicitor about this case. Fielding seems to have believed Canning's story. There is no evidence that he ever changed his mind. A Dublin re-issue without an edition statement was also published in 1753.

*English Short-Title Catalogue* T89860.

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### A Chastity Belt and a Breach of Promise

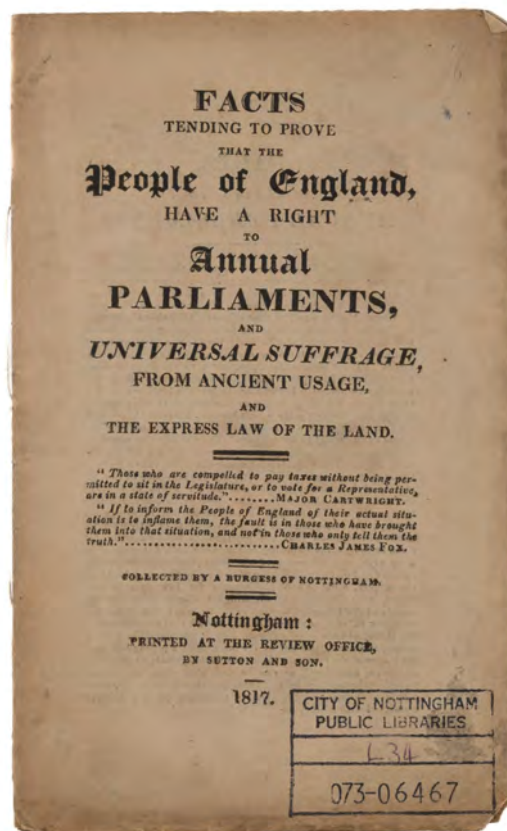
**18. Freydier, M[onsieur].  
[Brunet, Gustave (1807-1896)].**

*Plaidoyer de Mr. Freydier, Avocat a Nismes, Contre l'Introduction de Cadenas, Ou Ceintures de Chasteté. Réimpression Textuelle Faite sur l'Édition Originale de 1750 et Augmentée d'un Avant-Propos, Par Philomneste, Junior. Avec des Explications Nouvelles Édifiantes et Curieuses sur la Ceinture de Chasteté des Extraits de l'Académie des Dames, La Cadenas avec les Variates de Voltaire.* Montpellier: Bibliothèque du Barreau, 1870. xvi, 80 pp. Two plates (depicting chastity belts). 12mo. (6-1/2" x 4-1/2").

Stitched pamphlet in printed wrappers, deckle fore and bottom edges. Light soiling and a few chips and tears to wrappers, rubbing and a few cracks to spine, text block and wrappers secure. Moderate toning to interior, somewhat heavier in places, browning to title page, light foxing to a few leaves. \$250.

\* From an edition of 100 numbered copies, this number 43. After seducing Marie Lajon, Pierre Barthe refused to marry her and forced her to wear a chastity belt. She brought suit for breach of promise and hired the counselor Freydier, whose first name is not recorded. In great detail, the lawyer describes the chastity belt in question, embellishing his argument with references to Plato, the Book of Genesis and St. Jerome and other Church Fathers. As the original publication and its various reprints seem to be the only record, this case may be fictional. The section by Philomneste, Junior, a pseudonym of Gustave Brunet, is a historical and literary discussion of chastity belts. Jules Guy, the publisher of this edition, was an important bibliographer of works on human sexuality.

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### Historical Precedents for Parliamentary Reform

#### 19. [Great Britain].

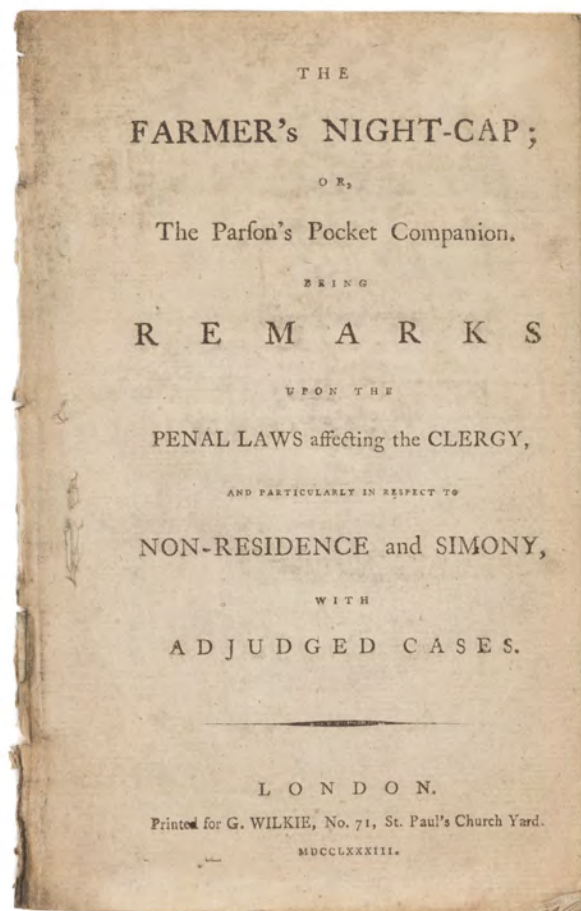
*Facts Tending to Prove that the People of England, Have a Right to Annual Parliaments, And Universal Suffrage, From Ancient Usage, And the Express Law of the Land. Collected by a Burgess of Nottingham.* Nottingham: Printed at the Review Office, by Sutton and Son, 1817. 11, [1] pp. Publisher advertisements to last page. Octavo (7" x 4-1/4").

Stab-stitched pamphlet in self wrappers. Moderate toning, light soiling to exterior, negligible light foxing to a few pages, first and final leaves separating at foot but secure, library stamps to both sides of first leaf and ink shelfmark to verso, text not affected. Rare. \$650.

\* Only edition. A list of historical precedents going back to the time of the Saxons for the holding of annual parliaments and in favor of universal suffrage. The section on annual parliaments lists parliaments held from 1307-1449 and the Nottingham members who attended, while the section on universal suffrage provides quotations from "some of the most eminent lawyers and politicians that England ever possessed," including Blackstone and Fortescue. Reform to the British electoral system was a key issue for nineteenth-century campaigners. Though they succeeded in gaining key concessions, universal male suffrage would not be achieved until 1918. OCLC locates 3 copies of this title, 1 in North America (Columbia).

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**A Rare Guide to the Penal Laws for Clergymen**

**20. [Great Britain].**

*The Farmer's Night-Cap; Or, The Parson's Pocket Companion. Being Remarks Upon the Penal Laws Affecting the Clergy, And Particularly in Respect to Non-Residence and Simony, With Adjudged Cases.* London: Printed for G. Wilkie, 1783. [3]-39, [1] pp. Lacking half-title. Octavo (7-1/2" x 4-1/2").

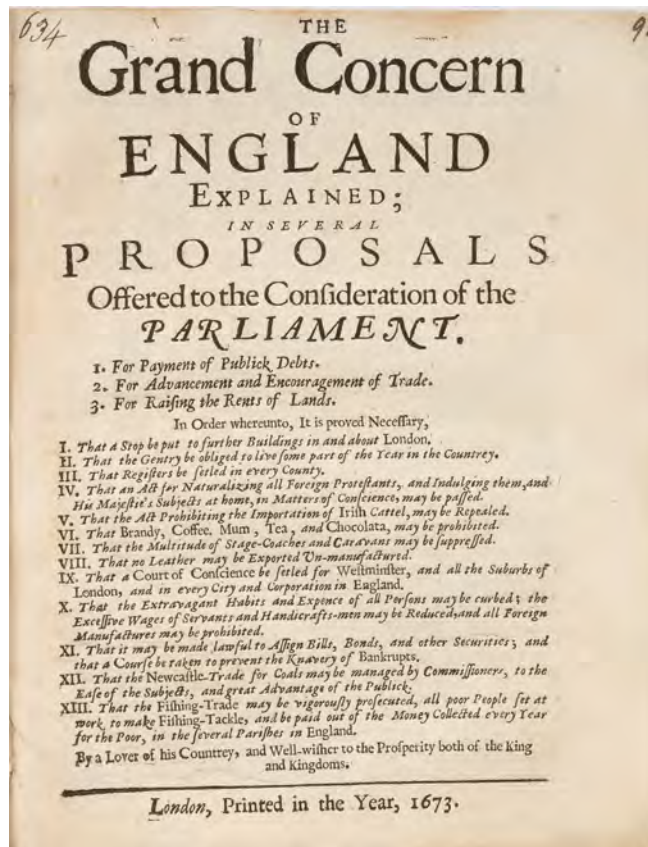
Disbound stab-stitched pamphlet. Light toning, leaves starting to separate at head but secure, light soiling to exterior, light foxing to a few leaves, small holes to gutter of title page not affecting text. \$450.

\* Only edition. A layman's guide to the penal laws affecting the clergy with detailed summaries of adjudged cases relating to non-residence, simony, and "neglecting to read the Statute against Profane Swearing" enacted in 1746. It concludes with a reminder to "remember the marriage act" (presumably the Marriage Act of 1743), which it criticizes, and a discussion of the Douglas Cause, a sensational 1767 inheritance case. It is rare. OCLC locates 2 copies (British Library, National Library of Scotland). We located additional copies at Oxford and the University of Saskatchewan.

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### Thirteen Proposals for the Reform of English Law

#### 21. [Great Britain].

#### A Lover of His Country....

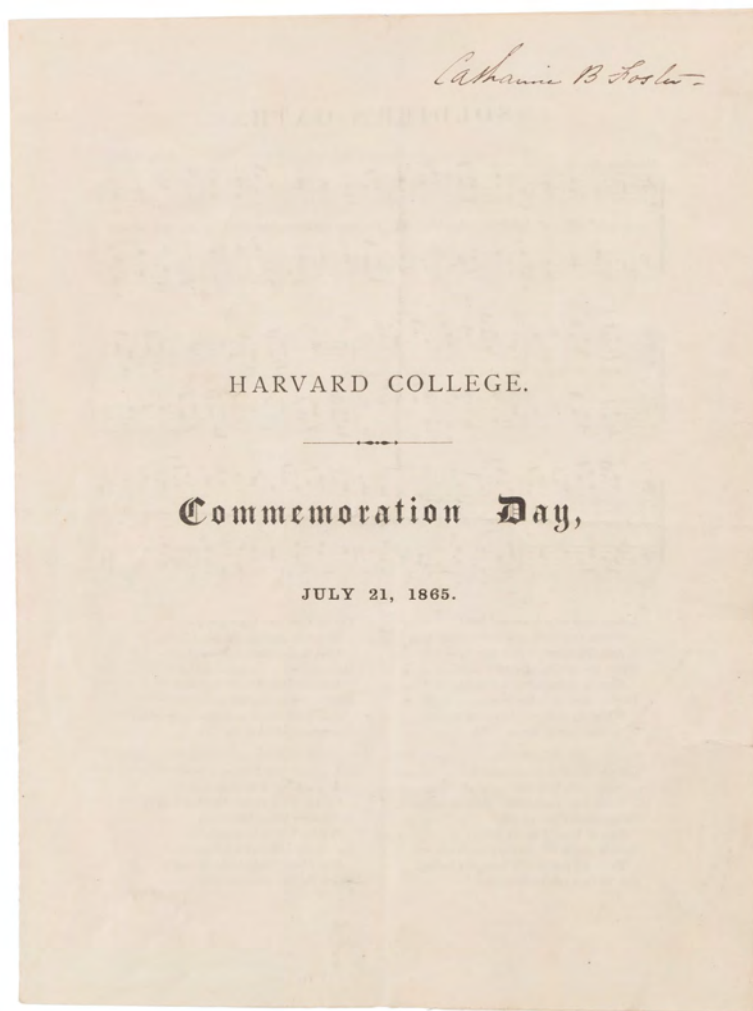
*The Grand Concern of England Explained; In Several Proposals Offered to the Consideration of the Parliament. 1. For Payment of Publick Debts. 2. For Advancement and Encouragement of Trade. 3. For Raising the Rents of Land. In Order Whereunto, It is Proved Necessary, I. That a Stop be Put to Further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

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

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

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

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**A Harvard Event to Mark the End of the Civil War  
with a Contribution by Oliver Wendell Holmes, Sr.**

**22. Harvard College.**

*Commemoration Day, July 21, 1865.* [Cambridge, MA: S.n., 1865]. [4] pp. Quarto (9" x 7").

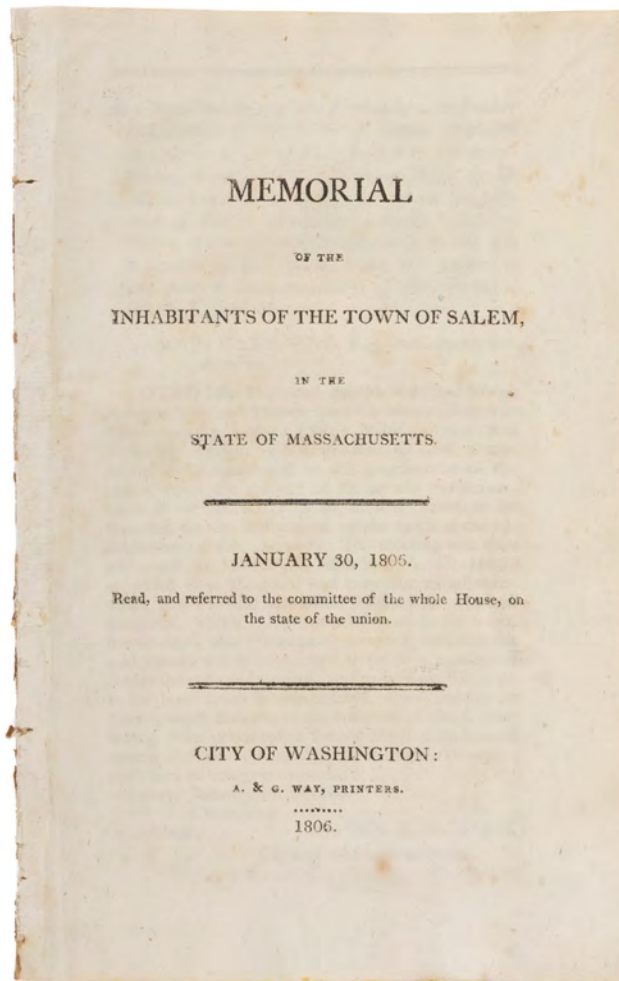
Single folded sheet, light soiling, short tears to fore-edges, faint vertical and horizontal fold lines, light toning, early owner signature (Catherine B. Foster) to head of first page. \$250.

\* A historic day in Harvard's history, the 1865 Commemoration Day marked the end of the Civil War and honored the Harvard men who fought in it, among them Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr., who, at the time of this event, was a student at Harvard Law School. Our pamphlet contains the music and text of three songs performed at this event. One of them is an original setting (to a "Russian Hymn") of the 1861 poem "Union and Liberty" by Oliver Wendell Holmes, Sr. The other songs are "Soldier's Oath" (1839) by John Knowles Paine, with a text by Charles T. Brooks, and "Ode" (c.1811) by Friedrich Ferdinand Fleming, with a text by John S. Dwight.

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**"The Present Embarrassment  
of the Commerce of the United States"**

23. [Hathorne, John (1749-1834)].

[Story, Joseph (1779-1835)].

*Memorial of the Inhabitants of the Town of Salem, In the State of Massachusetts. January 30, 1806. Read, And Referred to the Committee of the Whole House, On the State of the Union.* Washington, DC: A. & G. Way, Printers, 1806. 18 pp. Octavo (8-1/4" x 5").

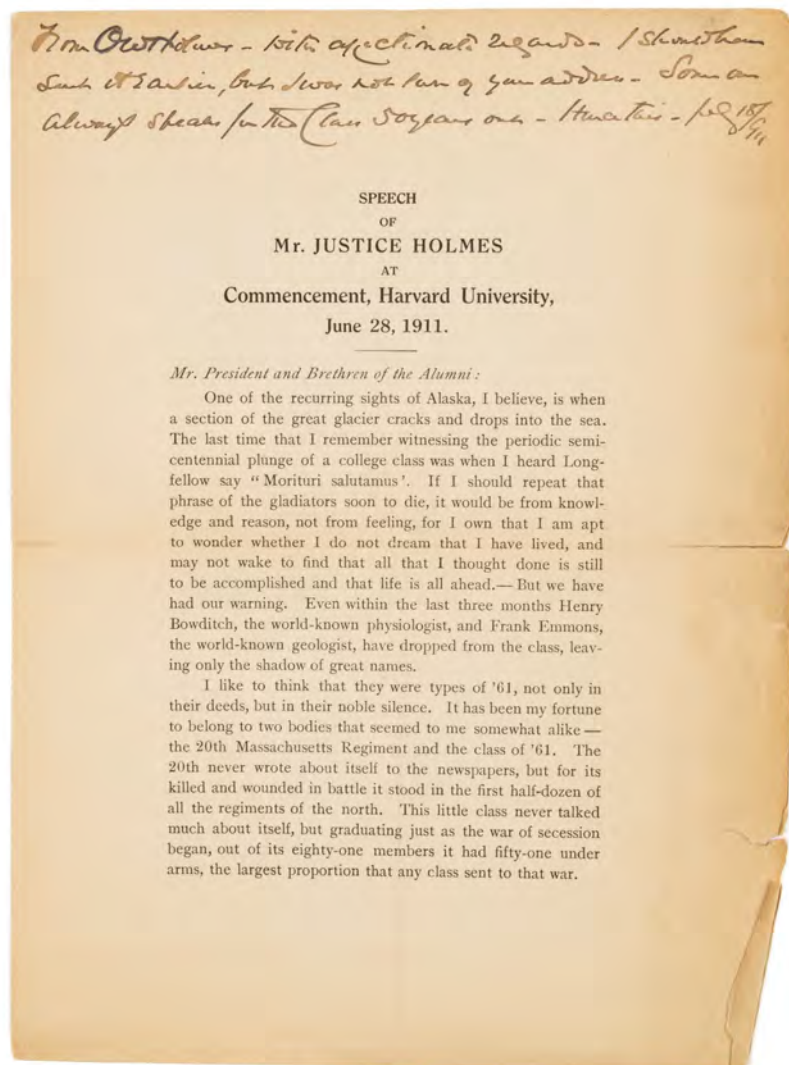
Disbound stab-stitched pamphlet, leaves separating at head. Light toning, light foxing to a few leaves, faint dampstaining to lower corner of last two leaves without loss to legibility. \$350.

\* Only edition. Drafted by a committee of five men led by Hathorne and including young lawyer Joseph Story, this petition to Congress outlines "the present embarrassment of the commerce of the United States" in the face of Britain's violations of neutral trading rights and suggests that the United States should prepare for war. OCLC locates 2 copies of this title in law libraries (Harvard, Library of Congress).

Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 7414.

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Inscribed by Holmes

24. Holmes, Oliver Wendell, Jr. [1841-1935].

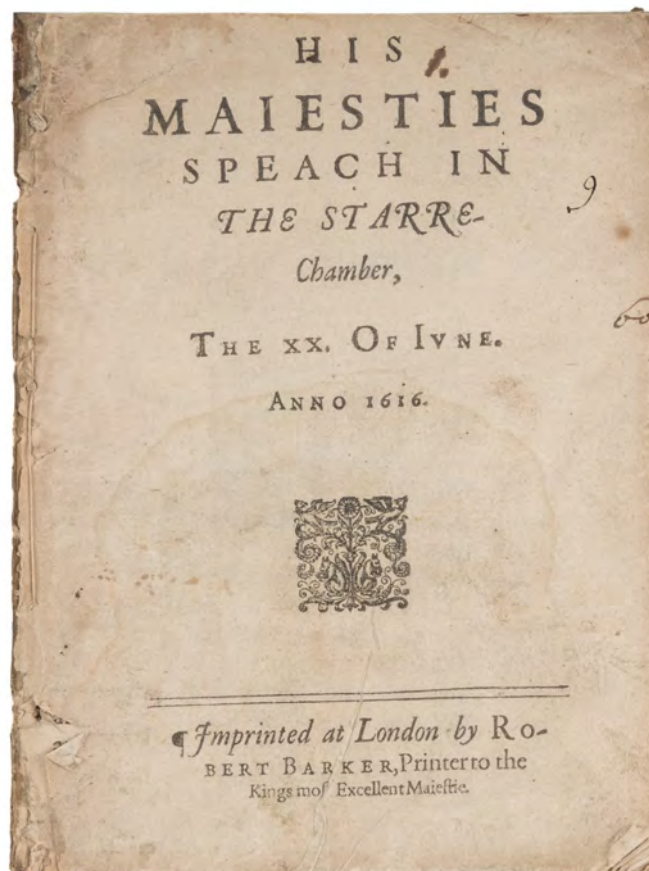
*Speech of Mr. Justice Holmes at Commencement, Harvard University, June 28, 1911.* [Cambridge?: s.n., 1911?]. [3] pp.

8-1/2" x 6-1/4" bifolium pamphlet. Moderate toning, horizontal and vertical fold lines, clean tear starting along horizontal fold line, light chipping, wear and small clean tear to bottom right corner. Holograph corrections to pp. 2 and 3, presentation inscription in ink to head of first page. \$950.

\* The inscription reads: "From OW Holmes- with affectionate regards- I should have/ sent it earlier, but I was not sure of your address- Some one/ always speaks for the Class 50 years out- Hence this- Aug 18 1911" to head of first page. Holmes was a member of the Harvard College class of 1861, though his senior year was interrupted by his enlistment in the Massachusetts militia at the onset of the Civil War.

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

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

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

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

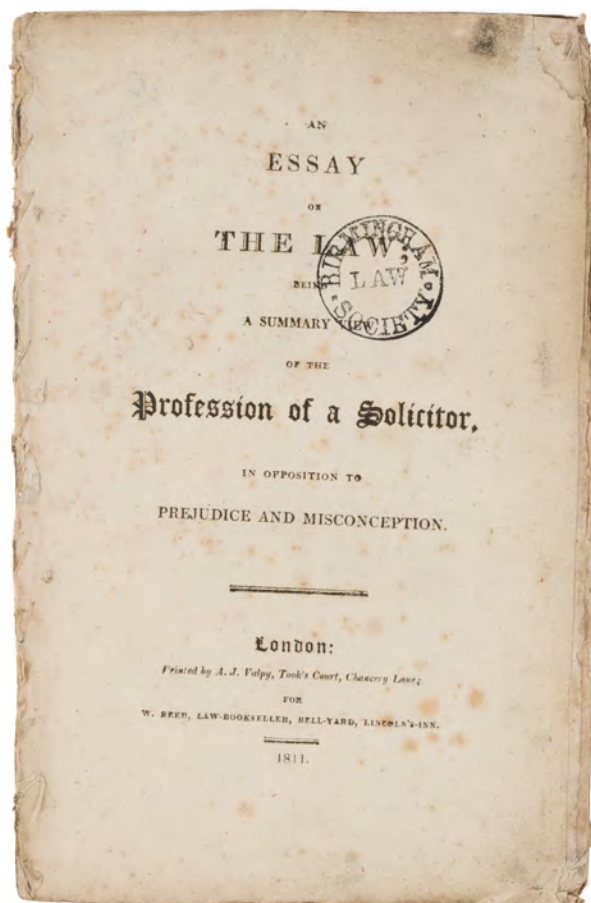
\* Only edition, one of three 1616 issues for which priority has not been established. In this speech delivered in the Star Chamber, James I urges restraint from judges, who are "no makers of Lawe, but Interpretours," and asserts his authority over the Court of Chancery. This authority had been questioned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

*English Short-Title Catalogue* S2149.

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**An Unrecorded Defense of the Legal  
Profession from "Prejudice and Misconception"**

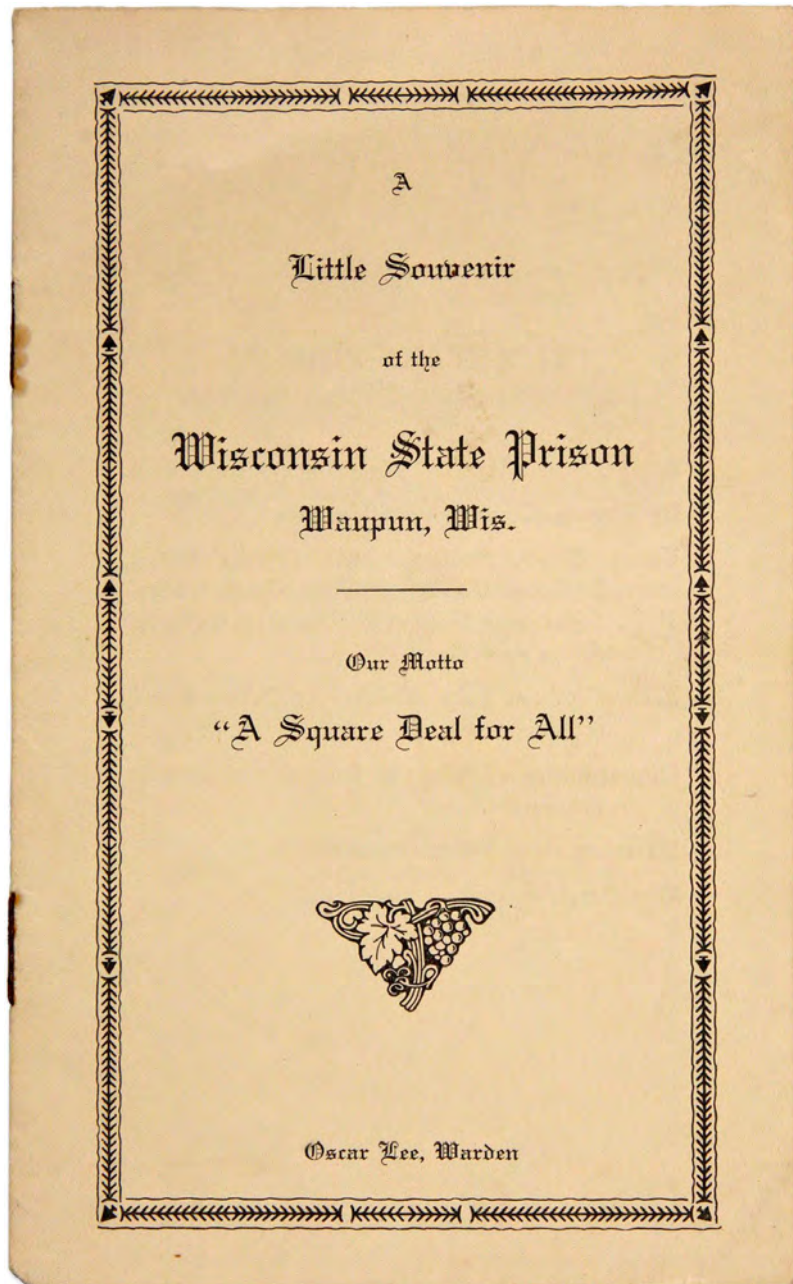
**26. [Lawyers].  
[Great Britain].**

*An Essay on the Law; Being a Summary View of the Profession of a Solicitor, In Opposition to Prejudice and Misconception.* London: Printed by A.J. Valpy for W. Reed, 1811. [ii], 40 pp. Octavo (8-1/2" x 5-1/2").

Stab-stitched pamphlet, disbound and resewn, fore-edge untrimmed. Light toning, faint horizontal fold line, occasional light foxing, somewhat more moderate to first eight or so leaves, light soiling in a few places, small tears to edges of a few leaves, ink library stamp to title page not affecting legibility, pencil marks to margins of a few leaves. Rare. \$750.

\* A "fair disclosure of the real character of the legal profession," written "to remove the prejudice which has been raised against it by the ignorant and inconsiderate" (iii). The anonymous author describes the nobility and dignity of the profession at length and argues that if young people of good characters are dissuaded from joining the legal profession, it will be overrun by those with "vulgar and degraded minds, such as are alive only to the base suggestions of gain, and insensible even to merited disgrace." No copies of this pamphlet located on OCLC or Library Hub.

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"A Square Deal for All"

**27. Lee, Oscar.**

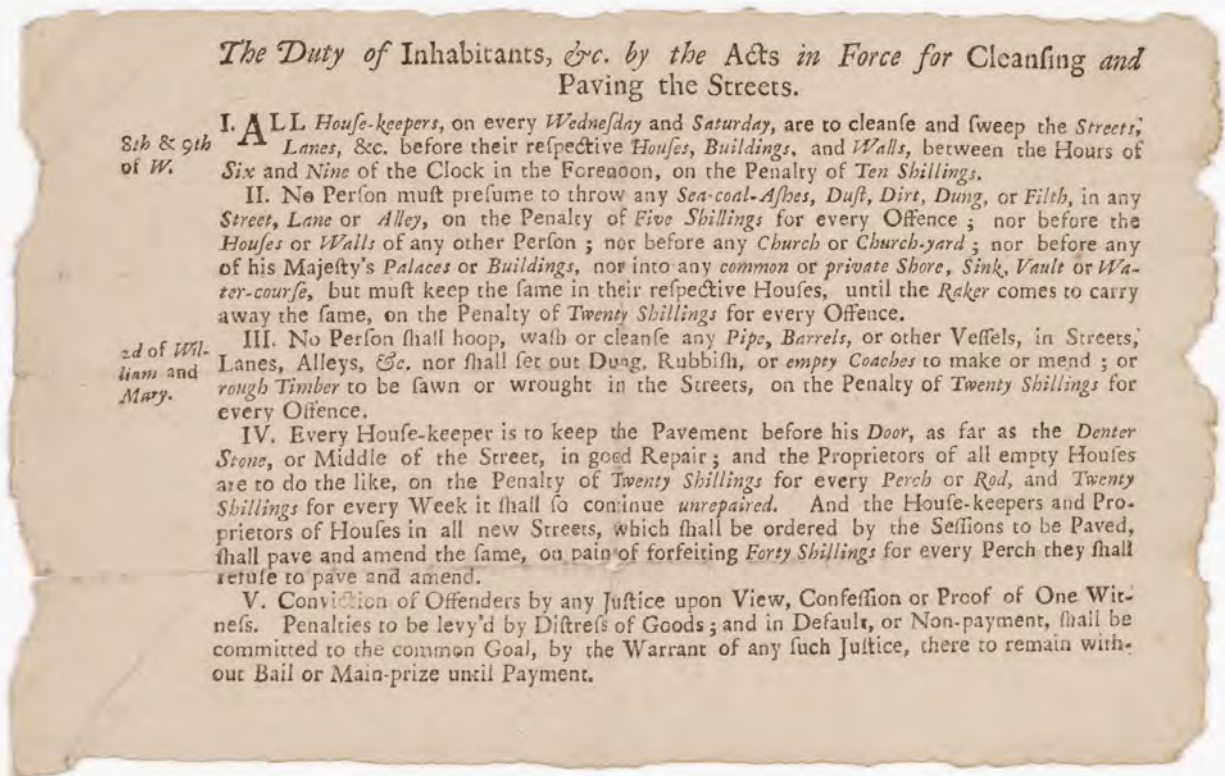
*A Little Souvenir of the Wisconsin State Prison, Waupun Wis. Our Motto "A Square Deal for All."* Waupun, WI: c.1935-1939. 8 pp.

Stapled pamphlet in printed wrappers. Light toning and edgewear, staples rusted, internally clean. \$125.

\* This compendium of facts was issued to visitors. It indicates the commitment to rehabilitation that governed the prison since the progressive era.

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### Unrecorded Handbill Issued to "House-Keepers"

28. [London].

[Sanitation].

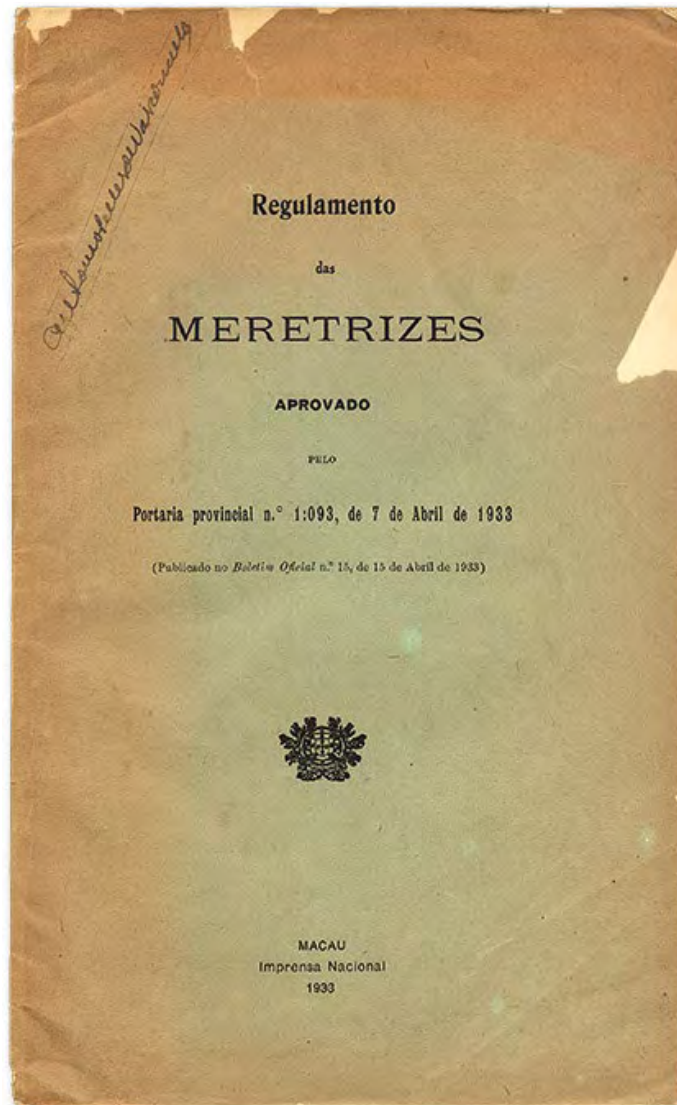
*The Duty of Inhabitants, &c by the Acts in Force for Cleaning and Paving the Streets.* [London: S.n., c.1690].

4-1/2" x 7" handbill, untrimmed edges. Light soiling, vertical fold through center, three horizontal folds, a few minor tears along folds. \$1,250.

\* Issued to "house-keepers," this handbill, which appears to be unrecorded, summarizes two laws from 1690 concerning maintenance, trash disposal and sanitation in homes, sidewalks and streets. Divided into five sections, it lists the requirements of these laws and the penalties for violating them. No copies listed on the *English Short-Title Catalogue*, OCLC or Library Hub.

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**Rare 1933 Digest of Laws Regulating Macau's Sex Trade**

29. [Macau].

[China].

[Prostitution].

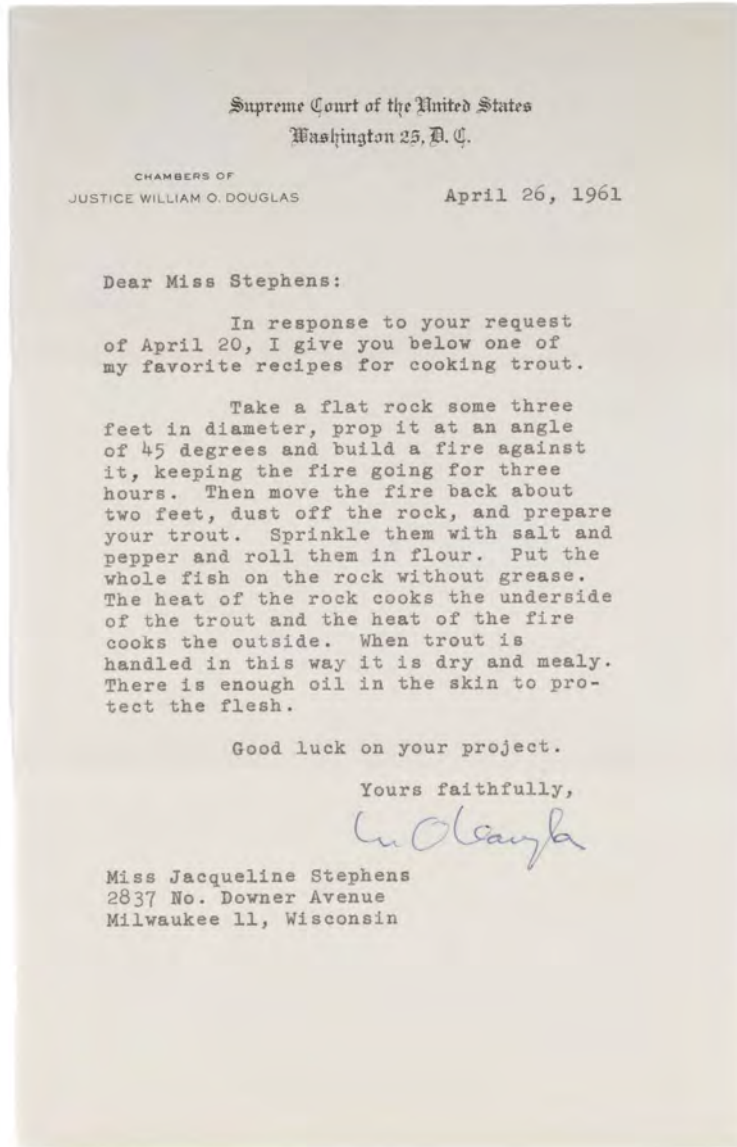
*Regulamento das Meretrizes, Aprovado pelo Portaria Provincial No. 1:093, De 7 de Abril de 1933.* Macau: Imprensa Nacional, 1933. 22 pp. Text in Portuguese and Chinese.

Stitched pamphlet in printed paper wrappers. Some edgewear, a few chips and minor tears to wrappers, early annotations to front wrapper, light toning to interior. \$950.

\* Only edition located. Laws governing prostitution in the Portuguese colony of Macau (1557-1999) were first enacted in the mid-nineteenth century. By the 1930s the government administered the trade directly through the *Regulamento das Meretrizes*. No copies located on OCLC.

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Trout à la Douglas

30. [Manuscript].

Douglas, William O. [1898-1980].

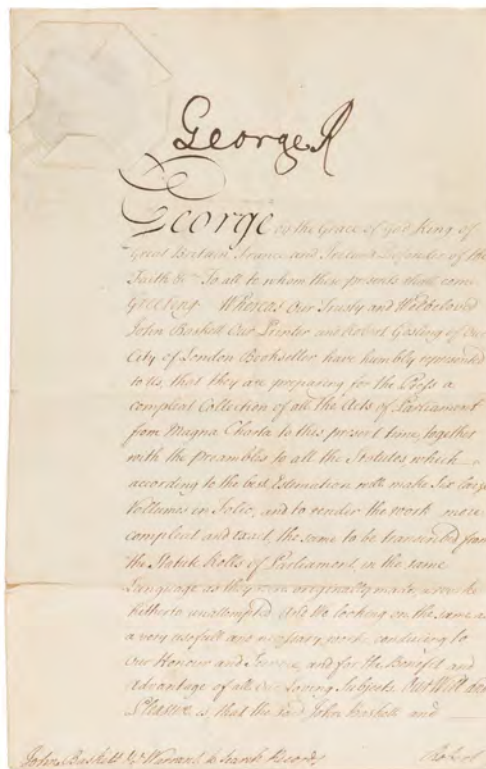
[Typed Letter, Signed, On U.S. Supreme Court Letterhead, Washington, DC, April 26, 1961].

1 pp. typed letter on 9" x 5-3/4" sheet of U.S. Supreme Court letterhead. Two horizontal fold lines, negligible light soiling to verso. \$450.

\* Douglas provides one of his "favorite recipes for cooking trout" at the request of Jacqueline Stephens (later Megna), who was working with a friend to compile a cookbook of recipes from notable people. The cookbook, *Dents de Lion*, was published in 2010; Douglas's recipe appears on p. 79 as "Trout."

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### Royal Permission to Search Parliamentary Records

31. [Manuscript].

[Legal Publishing].

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

[Signed Royal Warrant Permitting Search of Parliamentary Records]. London, Kensington Palace, 1726. 2 pp.

12" x 7-1/2" bifolium, edges gilt, embossed royal seal and autograph signature "George R" at head, docket to verso. Moderate toning, horizontal and vertical fold lines, light foxing, small holes and clean tears starting along fold lines, no loss to text. \$7,500.

\* A royal warrant signed by George I granting "Our Trusty and Welbeloved John Baskett Our Printer," "Robert Gosling of Our City of London Bookseller" and their assistants "free liberty and access" to Parliamentary records and permission to transcribe them. Baskett and Gosling were preparing "a compleat Collection of All of the Acts of Parliament from Magna Charta to this present time." The warrant describes the effort, "hitherto unattempted," as "a very usefull and necessary worke, conducing to Our Honour and Service, and for the Benefit and Advantage of all Our Loving Subjects." It gives Baskett and Gosling access to the Tower of London, the statute rolls, journals of both houses of Parliament, and royal libraries at St. James's and Westminster "without paying any Fees." Compiled by William Hawkins, this collection was published in six volumes in 1735 as *The Statutes at Large*. (A seventh volume appeared in 1742.) According to Marvin, it was "much esteemed" for its thoroughness and references to ancient statutes in their original languages and in translation.

Marvin, *Legal Bibliography* 375.

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Queens County, N.Y. } We being three of the  
Justices of the Peace of said County appointed as a Court of Special Sessions  
for the trial of Joseph Lyons, George  
Stephens and Robert Cock colored people  
in said County for the offence of a Riot  
committed in the Town of Jamaica  
wherein the peace of the people were dis-  
turbed and in danger. on Monday  
night the 4<sup>th</sup> instant at said Town  
that the said Joseph Lyons, George Stephens  
and Robert Cock have been this day duly  
convicted of said offence before us upon the  
complaint of Geo<sup>y</sup> Wadley, R. Loucks and  
Obadiah P. Leach and upon their said  
conviction we do adjudge and determine  
that the said Joseph Lyons, George  
Stephens and Robert Cock each and  
every one pay a fine of five dollars  
or stand committed in the Gaol  
of this County for thirty days. In  
testimony whereof we have set our  
hands & seals this 11<sup>th</sup> day of  
January 1828  
John Thibodeau  
Clerk of Court  
Edward Barker  
Justice of the Peace

### Three "Colored People" Convicted for Rioting

32. [Manuscript].

[New York].

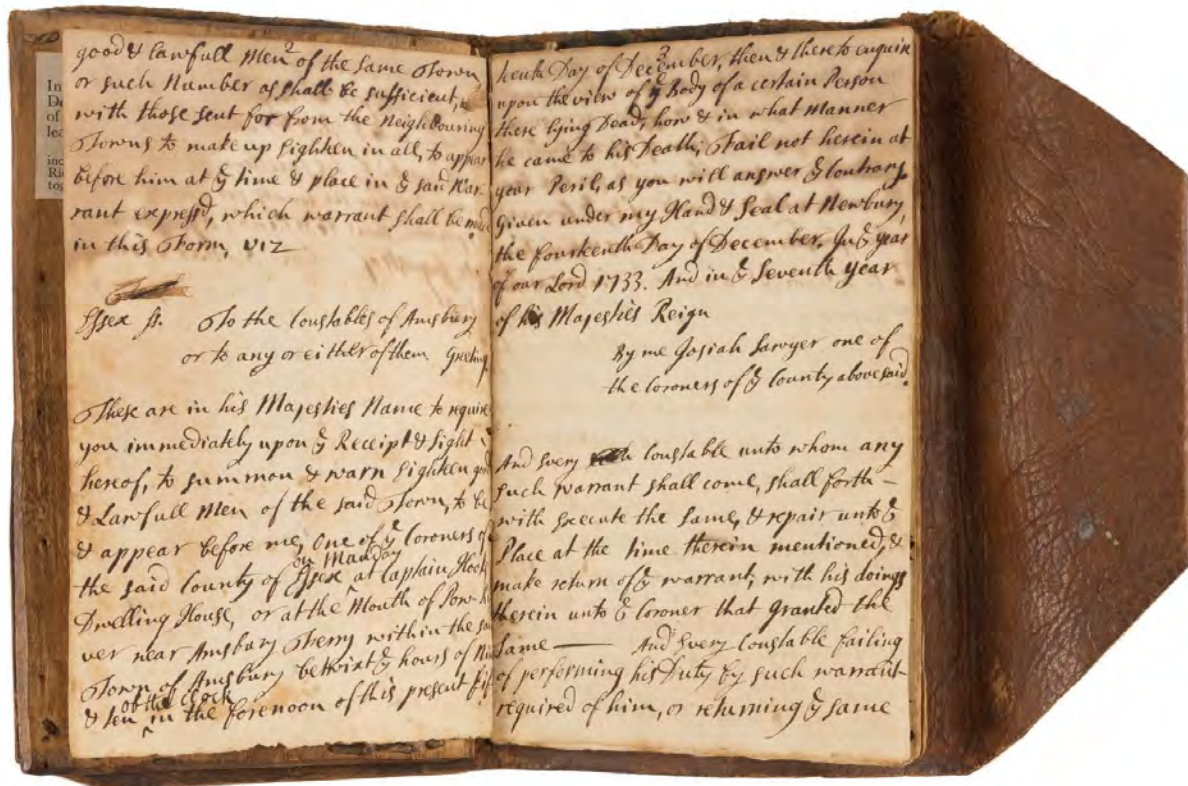
[Conviction for Rioting]. Queens County, New York, January 11, 1828. 2 pp.

12-1/2" x 8" leaf, wax seals to recto, docketed on verso. Moderate toning, light foxing, three horizontal fold lines with short tears at ends affecting text without loss. Content in neat hand with autograph signatures and seals of three justices of the peace. \$1,500.

\* This document records the conviction of Joseph Lyons, George Stephens and Robert Cock, "colored people," for a riot in Jamaica, New York on the night of January 4th, 1828. Each man was sentenced to pay a fine of five dollars or face thirty days in jail.

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### Early Colonial Pocket Guidance for a Massachusetts Coroner

#### 33. [Manuscript].

Sawyer, Josiah.

[*Manual of a Coroner's Duties*]. Amesbury, Massachusetts, 1733. 16, [8] pp.

24 pp. sewn into 7" x 4-1/4" contemporary leather wallet with wooden inside front board. Rubbing and a few minor nicks, fold to front flap, tie mostly lacking, later bookseller's description and bookplate (of Otto Oren Fisher) to inner front board. Moderate toning to text, slightly heavier to some leaves, some show-through to text in places not affecting legibility, light soiling and faint staining to a few leaves, first leaf separating at head but secure. First 16 and last 2 pp. of text in single neat hand, note reading "Rec'd of James Sawyer" dated 1840 in a second hand to p. [17]. Remarkably well preserved. \$3,500.

\* This manuscript enumerates the duties of a coroner and coroner's jury. Probably produced as a formbook rather than reflecting a specific case, it guides the coroner through the process of drawing up a warrant, summoning and swearing in a foreman, a jury and witnesses, and concluding an inquiry based on whether the jury has returned a verdict of murder, suicide, being "slain by misfortune," or by "hands and means of any other person." Thorough yet compact, it lists steps for referring the matter to a justice of the peace and fees to be paid to the coroner and the jury, and concludes with a note that those killed in duels are to be buried "with a stake drove through the Body, at or near the usual Place of Execution" or a similarly public venue. The last two pages are accounting entries, possibly unrelated, dated 1745/6. The compiler may have been Josiah Sawyer [1709-1792], a member of a large New England family. Otto O. Fisher [1881-1961] was an important collector of rare books and manuscripts.

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### Testimony Given at the Trial of a Rye House Plotter

34. [Manuscript].

[Trial].

[Rye House Plot].

Walcot, Thomas [1625-1683], Defendant.

[*Indenture of Testimony Given at the Trial of Thomas Walcot*]. London, July 27, [1683]. 2 pp.

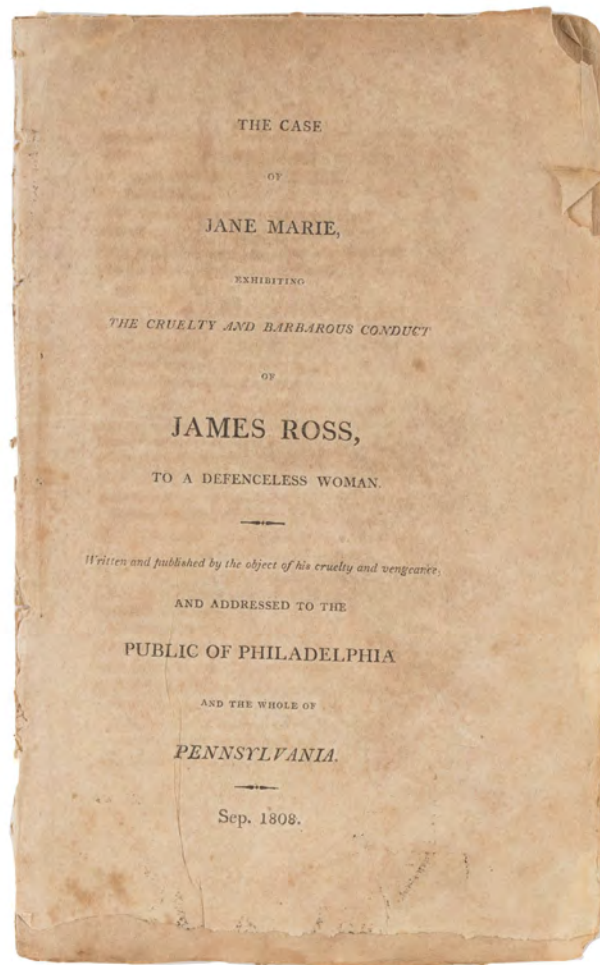
21" x 16-1/2" sheet with text in single neat hand to recto and verso, top and bottom-edges neatly scalloped. Disbound, light toning, horizontal and vertical fold lines, large clean tear across left side of text, no loss to legibility, portion of upper left margin folded over with minor loss to three words of text, light soiling in a few places, very minor chipping to edges. \$750.

\* A fair copy of testimony given at the trial of Lieutenant Colonel Thomas Walcot for treason. Walcot was accused of being a member of the "Rye House Plot," an alleged conspiracy to assassinate Charles II and the Duke of York. He and his fellow defendants, William Hone, Lord Russell, John Rous and William Blagg, were found guilty and summarily hanged, drawn and quartered. Our manuscript gathers testimony from the four principal witnesses in Walcot's trial: Colonel Rumsey, Mr. Keeling, Zachary Bourne and Mr. West. In some places, it copies the questions asked of the witnesses during cross examination, but omits them in others. The testimony of Rumsey and Bourne ends with page numbers corresponding to the official printing of the trial. It is unclear why the document is styled like an indenture. It may be a satirical point, or a pre-clipped piece of paper may have been the only available material for copying.

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**Cruelty Against a Woman, Or a Political Hatchet Job?**

**35. Marie, Jane.**

*The Case of Jane Marie, Exhibiting the Cruelty and Barbarous Conduct of James Ross, To a Defenceless Woman. Written and Published by the Object of His Cruelty and Vengeance, And Addressed to the Public of Philadelphia and the Whole of Pennsylvania.* [Philadelphia: William Duane], 1808. 28 pp. Octavo (9" x 5-1/2")

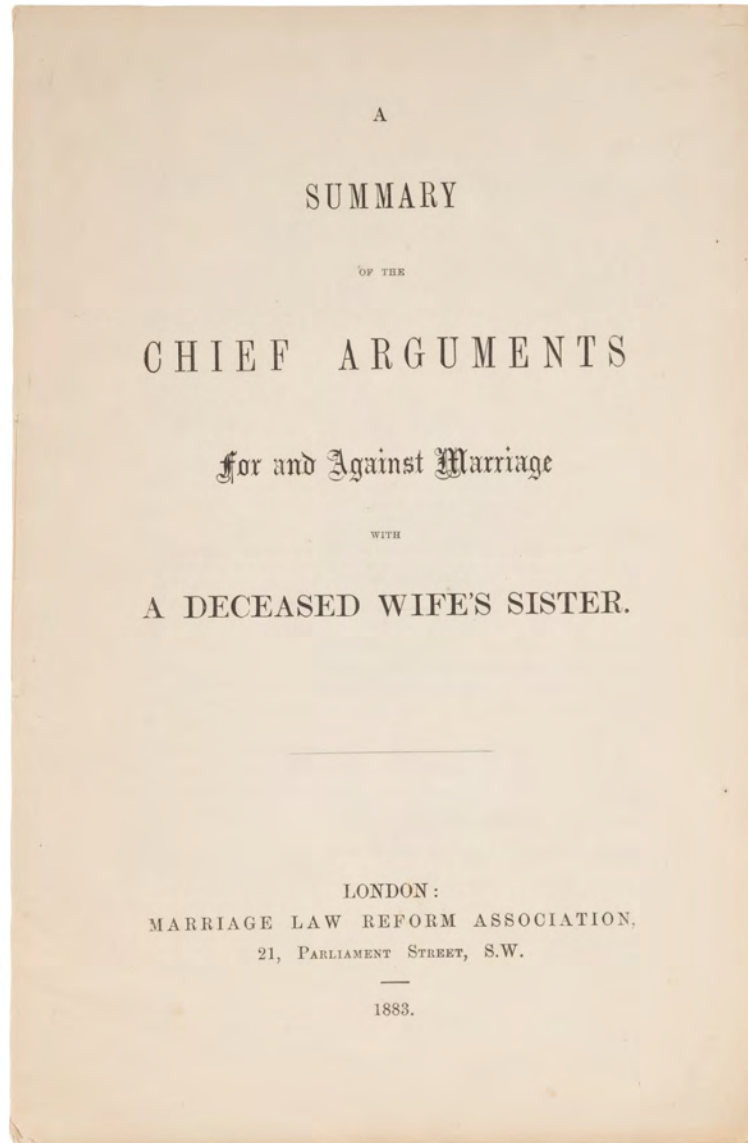
Disbound stab-stitched pamphlet, untrimmed edges. Light browning, light foxing to most of text, two small chips to title page. \$250.

\* Duane, a staunch Philadelphia Anti-Federalist newspaperman, published (and probably wrote) this pamphlet to discredit the Pennsylvania Federalist gubernatorial candidate James Ross, who was well-known as the negotiator who ended the Whiskey Rebellion [1791-1794]. It accused Ross of tricking Marie into transferring her home to him, then hiring "a gang of ruffians" to evict her "with sticks and whips," an event described in salacious detail. Ross denied the allegations, but lost the election. OCLC locates 7 copies, none in law libraries.

Sabin, *A Dictionary of Books Relating to America* 44560.

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### Marriage to a Deceased Wife's Sister

#### 36. Marriage Law Reform Association.

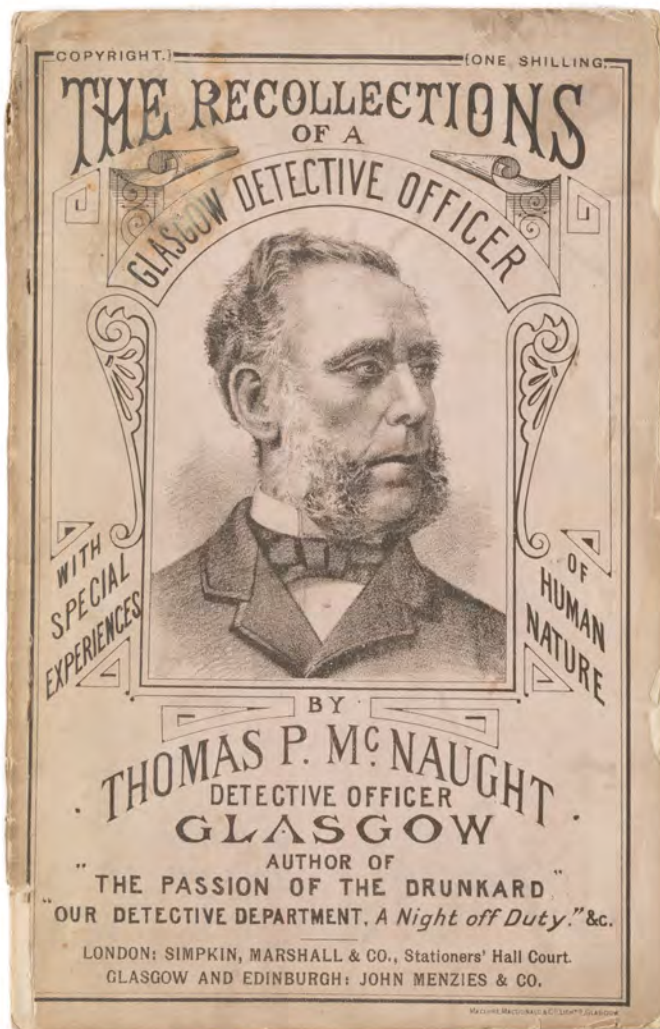
*A Summary of the Chief Arguments For and Against Marriage With A Deceased Wife's Sister.* London: Marriage Law Reform Association, 1883. 15, [1] pp. Octavo (8-1/4" x 5-1/2").

Stab-stitched pamphlet in self wrappers. Light toning, negligible edgewear, light foxing in a few places. \$350.

\* Third and final edition. The Marriage Law Reform Association was incorporated in 1851 as opposition to Lord Lyndhurst's Marriage Act of 1835 grew. The Act prohibited the marriage of a widower to his deceased wife's sister, reflecting Victorian anxieties around incest, family purity and the role of the church. Despite the Association's long campaign, the Act was not repealed until the Deceased Wife's Sister's Marriage Act in 1907.

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**Memoir of a Nineteenth-Century Glasgow Detective**

**37. McNaught, Thomas P.**

*The Recollections of a Glasgow Detective Officer: With Special Experiences of Human Nature.* London: Simpkin, Marshall & Co; Glasgow and Edinburgh: John Menzies & Co, [1887]. 4, 71, xii pp. Main text followed by 12 pp. of advertisements. Octavo (8-1/2" x 5-1/2").

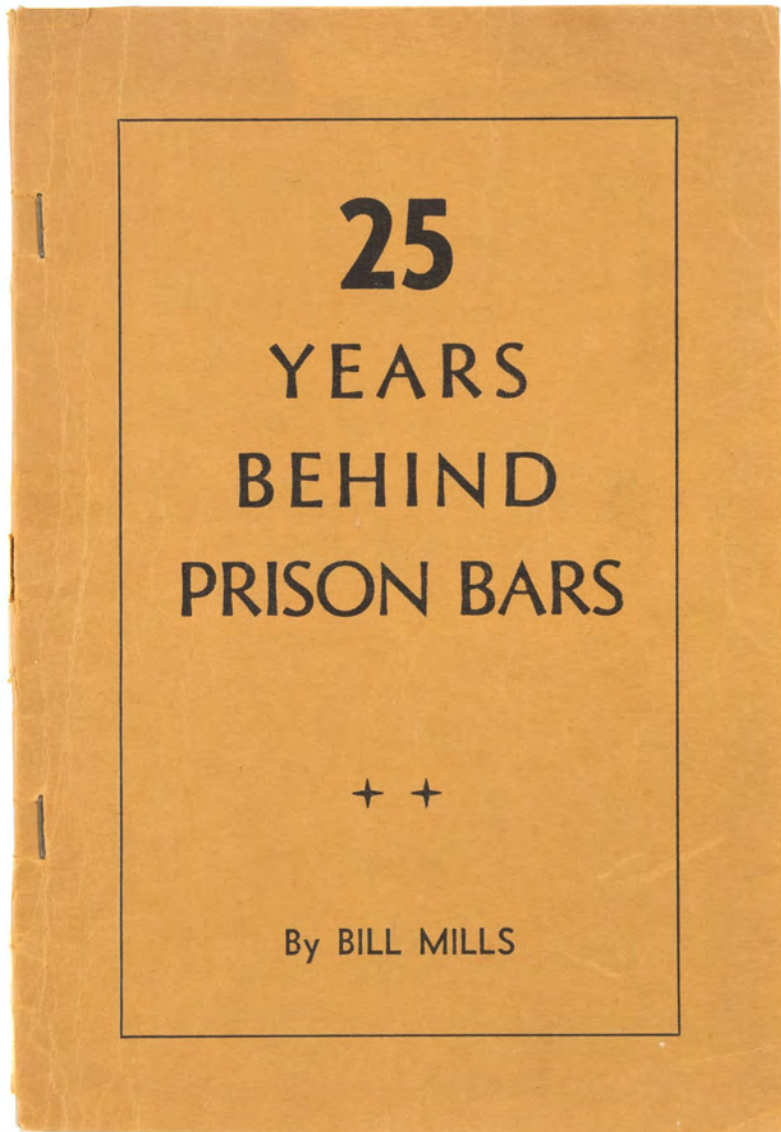
Stapled pamphlet in printed wrappers, advertisement to rear wrapper, light soiling and heavy shelf wear, front wrapper detached, spine partially abraded, recent bookplate (Geoffrey Briggs) to inside of front wrapper. Internally clean. Rare. \$150.

\* Reminiscences from McNaught about his time in the Glasgow police force, with musings on several figures of the time and such topics as "The Excellency of Woman as a Companion to Man" and "The Misery of the Bachelor." McNaught was also a writer of detective fiction and published several novels. OCLC locates no copies in North America.

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**A Fascinating Memoir by a Reformed Criminal**

**38. Mills, Bill.**

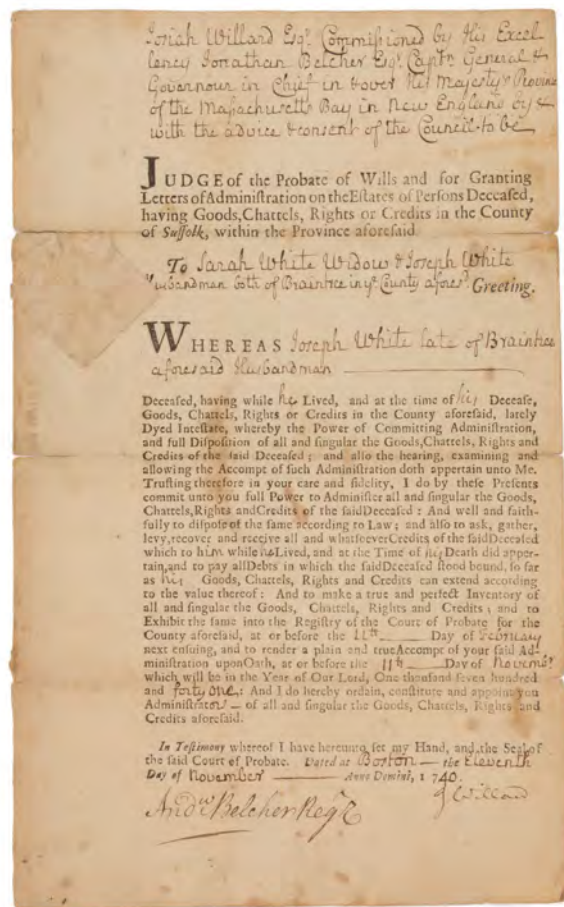
*25 Years Behind Prison Bars.* [Terrell, TX: B. Mills], c.1950. 59 pp. Illustrations.

Stapled pamphlet in stiff gold wrappers. Some creases and chips to wrappers, which are partially detached but secure, tiny stain to rear wrapper, moderate toning to interior. \$50.

\* Sent to prison for the first time at the age of 17 for horse stealing, Mills, a white man, went on to serve several jail terms in Texas, Oklahoma and Georgia. The most notorious of these was Imperial Farms Prison in Texas, a lease prison known for its cruelty. Mills's vivid, and often touching, account offers a wealth of detail about prison life and references to Bonnie and Clyde, Cole Younger and other notable outlaws.

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**"I Do Hereby Ordain, Constitute and Appoint You Administrators..."**

**39. [Probate].**

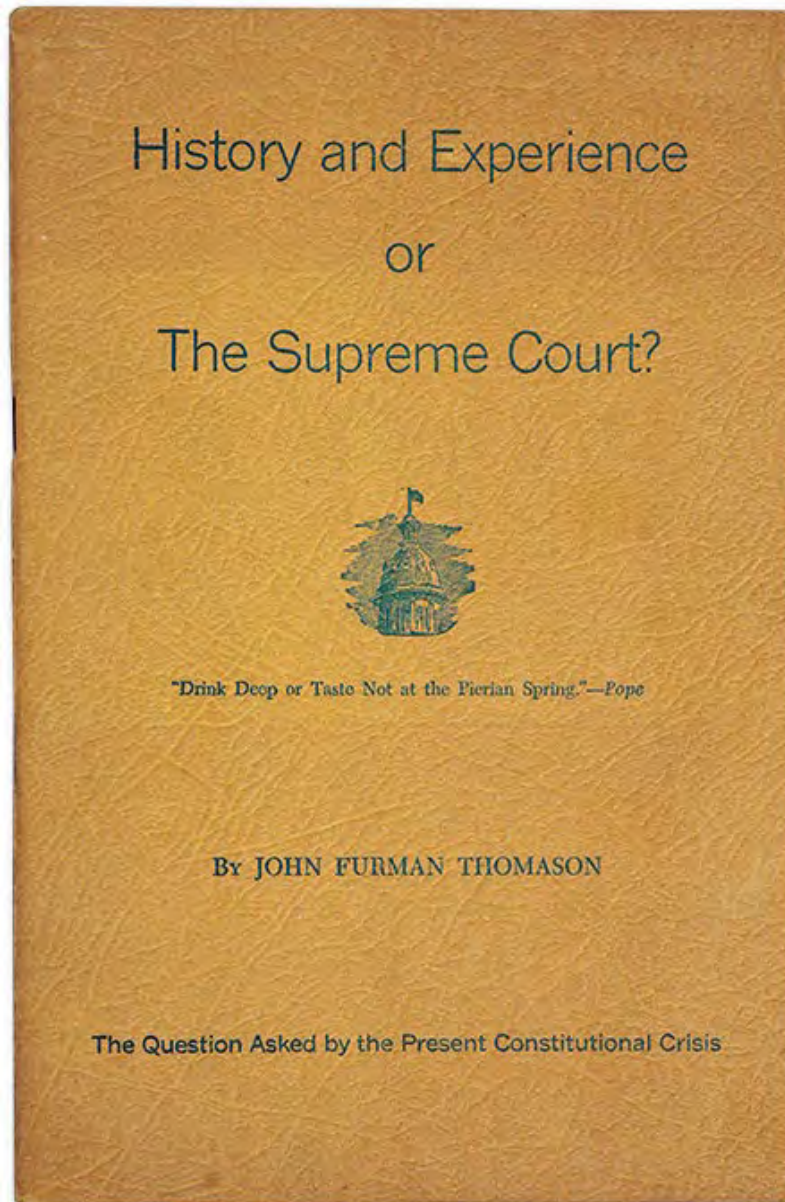
**[Massachusetts].**

[Josiah Willard Esqr...] *Judge of the Probate of Wills and for Granting Letters of Administration on the Estate of Persons Deceased, Having Goods, Chattels, Rights or Credits in the County of Suffolk, Within the Province Aforesaid To [Sarah White Widow & Joseph White Husbandman Both of Braintree in ye County Aforesd.] Greeting.* Boston, November 11, 1740.

12" x 7-1/4" part-printed document inscribed in neat hand and signed by Willard and Andrew Belcher, Registrar, wax seal to left margin, docket to verso. Moderate toning, light foxing and soiling, a few minor stains, light edgewear, three horizontal fold lines, clean tears starting at edges of fold lines affecting text without loss. \$950.

\* A letter of administration for the estate of Joseph White, who died intestate. The letter makes his widow Sarah and son Joseph the executors of the estate. Their responsibilities included making "a true and perfect Inventory of all and singular the Goods, Chattels, Rights and Credits" and filing the inventory and an account of the estate's administration with the court in a year's time. Josiah Willard [1681-1756] was a merchant and public official who served as secretary of the Massachusetts Bay Colony and as a member of the Massachusetts Council in addition to his duties as a probate judge.

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**A Defense of School Segregation by a South Carolina Educator**

**40. Thomason, John Furman.**

*History and Experience or the Supreme Court?* Rock Hill, SC: [Published for the Author], 1956. 43 pp.

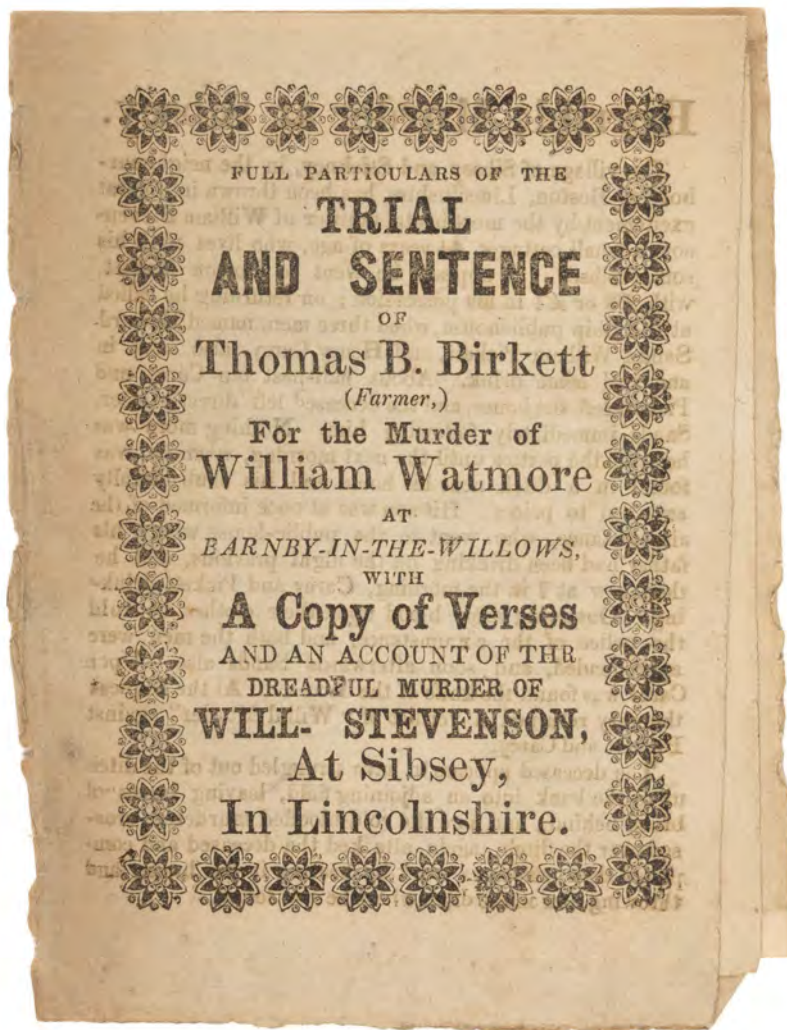
Stapled pamphlet in stiff paper wrappers. Light shelfwear and soiling, light soiling to title page, light toning to text. \$150.

\* This essay is a reply to the Supreme Court ruling in *Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka* (1954). Thomason, the author of several books on education and the history of education in South Carolina, argues that integration is unnecessary because the state provides school facilities that are "separate but equal." Moreover, it will fail because it denies the "history and experience" of South Carolinians.

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"So Much for the Game Laws!"

41. [Trial].

**Birkett, Thomas B, Defendant.**

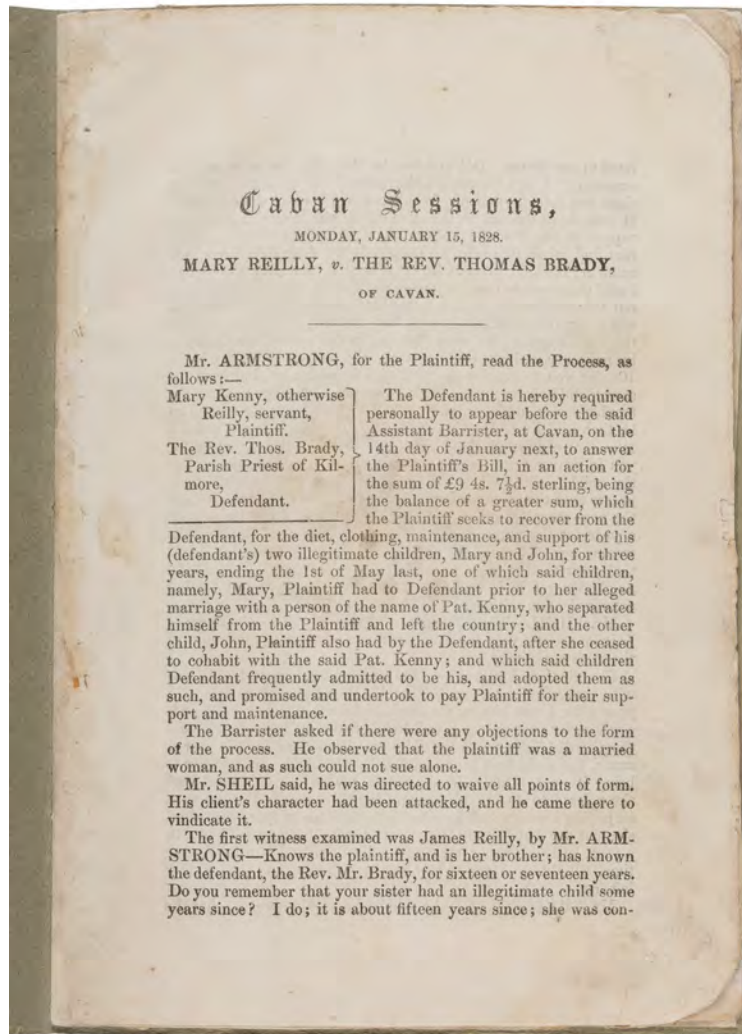
*Full Particulars of the Trial and Sentence of T.B. Birkett (Farmer) For the Murder of William Watmore at Barnby-in-the-Willows. With a Copy of Verses and an Account of the Dreadful Murder of Will- Stevenson, At Sibsey, In Lincolnshire.* [(London): Taylor, Printer, 93, Brick Lane, Bethnat Green, (1859)]. 8 pp. Quarto (5-1/2" x 4").

Uncut, untrimmed, and unsewn chapbook. Moderate toning, light soiling, moderate edgewear, partial tears along fold lines. Rare. \$250.

\* Only edition. Birkett shot and killed Watmore after a heated dispute about the placement of rabbit traps. Upon receiving his sentence, Birkett exclaimed: "So much for the game laws!" A poem at the end of the account blames obsolete game laws for Birkett and Watmore's fateful confrontation. Rare. OCLC and Library Hub locate 2 copies, both at the British Library.

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### Blaming the Parish Priest

#### 42. [Trial].

#### Brady, Thomas, Defendant.

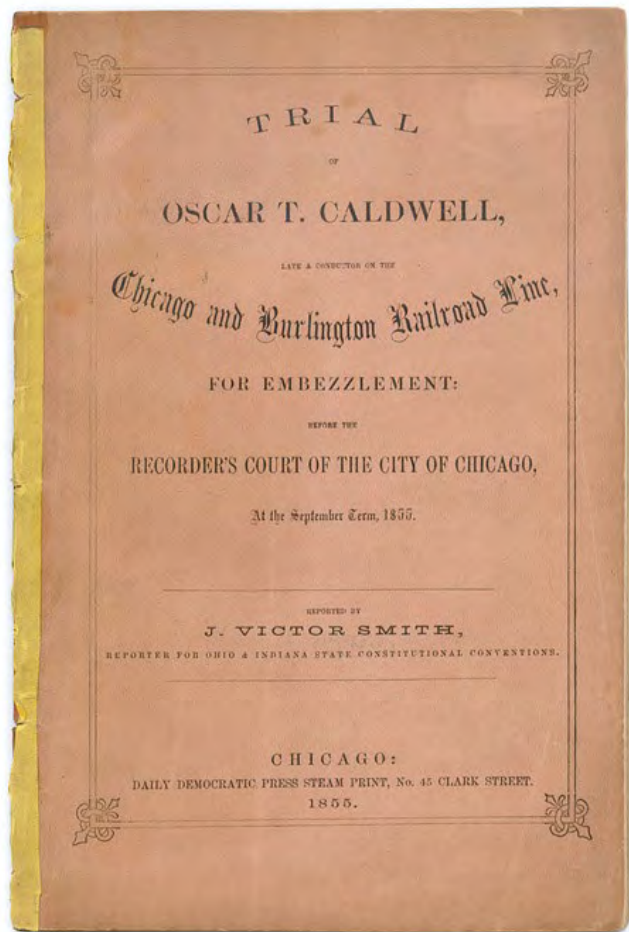
*Cavan Sessions, Monday January 15, 1828. Mary Reilly, v. The Rev. Thomas Brady, Of Cavan* [Caption Title]. [Ireland: s.n., 1828]. 14, [2] pp. Octavo (7-1/2" x 5").

Stab-stitched pamphlet recently resewn in plain wrappers. Small fold line to lower corner of front wrapper. Moderate toning to interior, light foxing, soiling, and edgewear, small tears to gutter and final leaf neatly mended with tissue without loss to text. Rare. \$650.

\* Only edition. Mary Reilly, alias Kilkenny, alias Kenny, sued Brady for the maintenance of her two illegitimate children, whom she claimed were his. Brady was defended by Richard Lalor Sheil, a notable Irish lawyer, orator and politician. Our account of the trial includes Sheil's impassioned (and successful) speeches for the defense. OCLC locates 2 copies (University of Illinois, National Library of Ireland).

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**Brought to Justice by the Pinkertons**

**43. [Trial].**

**Caldwell, Oscar T., Defendant.**

**Smith, J. Victor, Reporter.**

*Trial of Oscar T. Caldwell, Late a Conductor on the Chicago and Burlington Railroad Line, For Embezzlement: Before the Recorder's Court of the City of Chicago at the September Term, 1855.* Chicago: Daily Democratic Press Steam Print, 1855. 35 pp. Text in parallel columns. Octavo (8-1/2" x 5-1/2").

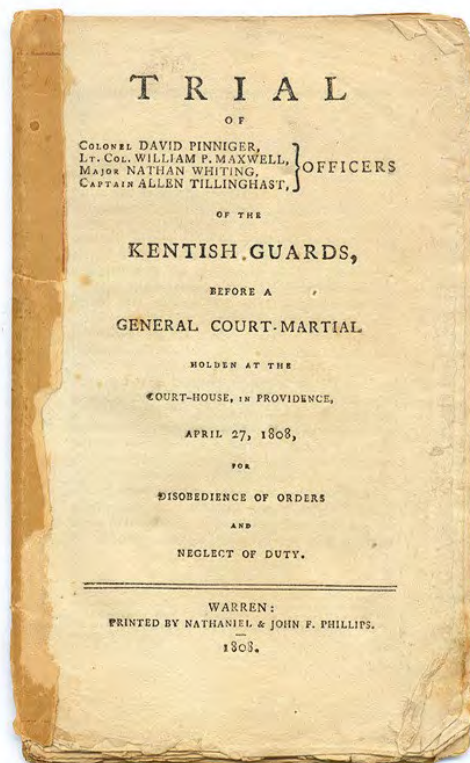
Stab-stitched pamphlet in printed wrappers, spine reinforced. Light soiling, minor edgewear, spine abraded (but secure), some toning to text. \$150.

\* Only edition. Caldwell's trial was the result of an investigation by the Pinkerton detective agency, then a five-year-old company. Caldwell was convicted. The rear wrapper carries an advertisement for Pinkerton & Company. OCLC locates 6 copies in law libraries (Harvard, Library of Congress, Rutgers, St. John's University, Social Law, University of Missouri).

Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 13985.

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**1808 Court Martial of Rhode Island Militia Officers  
Who Refused to Select Six Guardsmen for Federal Service**

**44. [Trial].  
[Court Martial].  
[Kentish Guards].**

*Trial of Colonel David Pinniger, Lt. Col. William P. Maxwell, Major Nathan Whiting, Captain Allen Tillinghast: Officers of the Kentish Guards, Before a General Court-Martial Holden at the Court-House, In Providence, April 27, 1808, For Disobedience of Orders and Neglect of Duty.* Warren [RI]: Printed by Nathaniel & John F. Phillips, 1808. 41, [4] pp. Errata slip pasted to verso of p.41. Octavo (7-3/4"x 4-3/4").

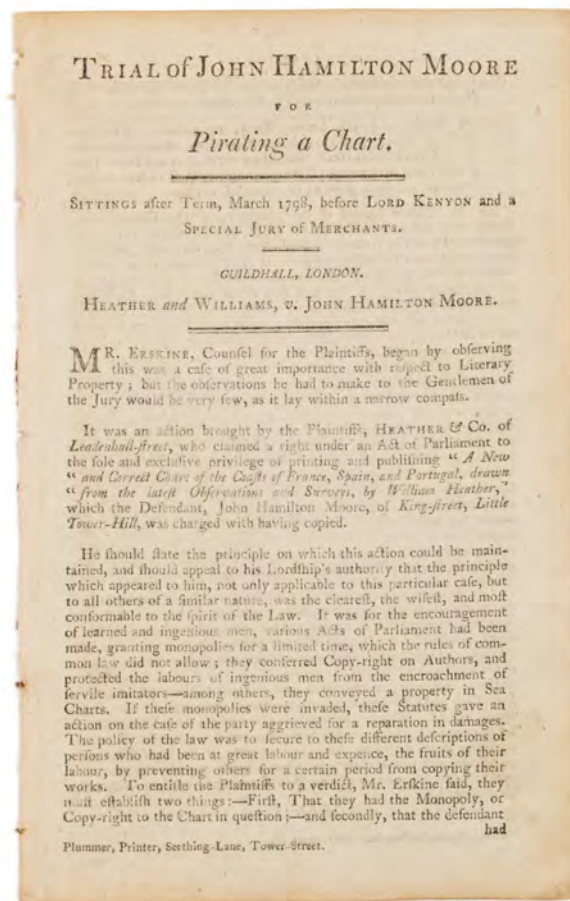
Stab-stitched pamphlet, fragments of wrapper along spine, untrimmed edges. Moderate toning, early owner signature to verso of final leaf. \$500.

\* Only edition. Formed in 1774, the Kentish Guards of Rhode Island boasted General Nathanael Greene as an original officer. The Guards distinguished themselves at the Siege of Boston and elsewhere. In 1807 Colonel David Pinniger refused an order to select six guardsmen for federal service, asserting that the Guards's charter permitted the call up of the entire unit, but not individual soldiers. Pinniger's refusal precipitated his court martial and that of the fellow officers who supported him. All were removed from office without further penalty. The guards elected replacement officers; no one went into the U.S. Army. This pamphlet was published by the officers after the "unfavorable result" of the court martial in order to protect their reputations. All aspects of the case are covered.

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### A Copyright Case Concerning Navigational Charts

#### 45. [Trial].

**Moore, John Hamilton [1738-1807], Defendant.**

*Trial of John Hamilton Moore for Pirating a Chart. Sittings After Term, March 1798, Before Lord Kenyon and a Special Jury of Merchants. Guildhall, London. Heather and Williams, v. John Hamilton Moore* [Drop-Head Title]. [London]: Plummer, Printer, [1798]. 8 pp. Octavo (8-1/2" x 5").

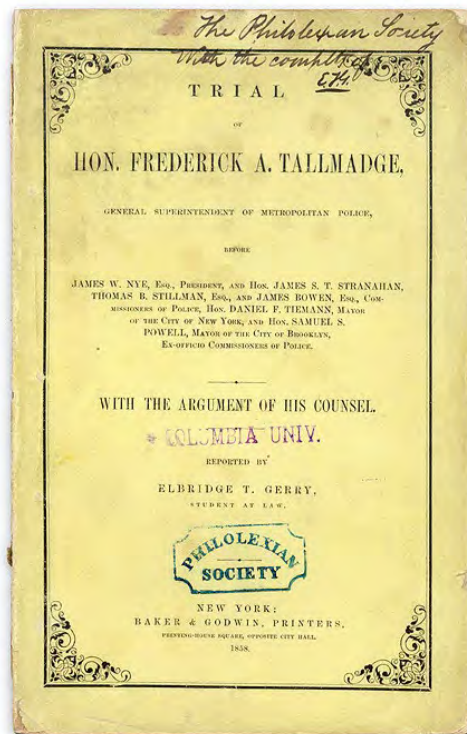
Disbound stab-stitched pamphlet. Light toning, faint fold lines to corners. \$950.

\* First edition. Moore, a Scottish cartographer, chart seller and educator with a somewhat controversial reputation, was accused of copying a chart of the coasts of France, Spain and Portugal drawn up by William Heather. The case was heard before Lord Kenyon with the prosecution led by Erskine; the jury quickly found for Moore despite Kenyon's balanced instruction. Another 4 pp. edition of the trial appeared c.1801. OCLC locates 5 copies of the 8 pp. edition, 2 in North America (Harvard Law School, Boston Public Library). We located another at the Society of the Cincinnati.

*English Short-Title Catalogue* T196045.

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1858 Trial of the Head of New York  
City's Police Department for Neglect of Duty

46. [Trial].

Tallmadge, Frederick A. [1792-1869], Defendant.

Gerry, Elbridge T. [1837-1927], Reporter.

*Trial of Hon. Frederick A. Tallmadge, General Superintendent of Metropolitan Police, Before James W. Nye, Esq., President and Hon. James S.T. Stranahan, Thomas B. Stillman, Esq., And James Bowen, Esq., Commissioners of Police, Hon. Daniel F. Tiemann, Mayor of the City of New York, And Hon. Samuel S. Powell, Mayor of the City of Brooklyn, Ex-Officio Commissioners of police: With the Argument of His Counsel.* New York: Baker & Goldwin, Printers, 1858. 88 pp. Octavo (9" x 5-3/4").

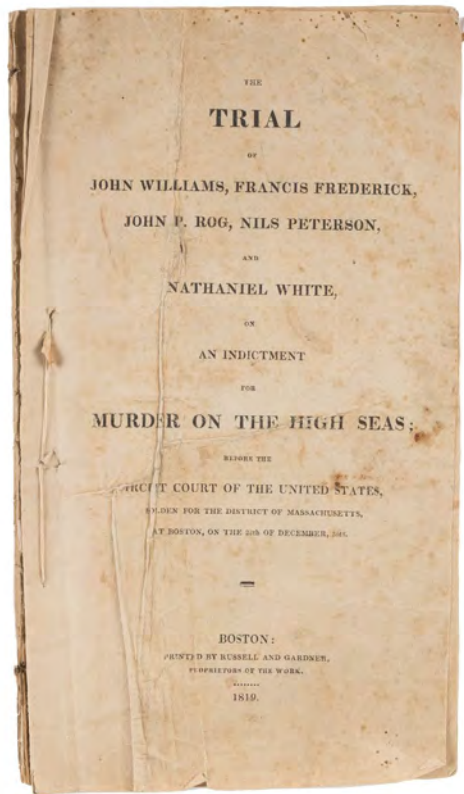
Stab-stitched pamphlet in printed wrappers. Spine abraded, covers partially detached, lightly soiled, a few minor chips to edges. Light toning to text, faint dampstaining to upper margins of title page and a few leaves, small chips to fore-edges of a few leaves, presentation inscription from Gerry to upper corner of front wrapper. Ex-private library. Small inkstamps to front wrapper and title page. \$250.

\* Only edition. "Frederick Tallmadge, general superintendent of the Metropolitan (New York City) Police, was charged with neglect of duty in a hearing before the Board of Police Commissioners. He allegedly did not respond to a call from the Quarantine Station on Staten Island where several hospitals had been set on fire by a mob. He was cleared of one charge, censured on another, and restored to duty" (Cohen). OCLC locates 8 copies in North American law libraries (Columbia, Library of Congress, New York University, Northwestern, Social Law, University of Minnesota, US Supreme Court, Yale).

Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 14665.

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**An Interesting Mutiny, Murder, and Piracy  
Trial, Joseph Story Presided: McDade 1103**

**47. [Trial].**

**Williams, John, Primary Defendant.**

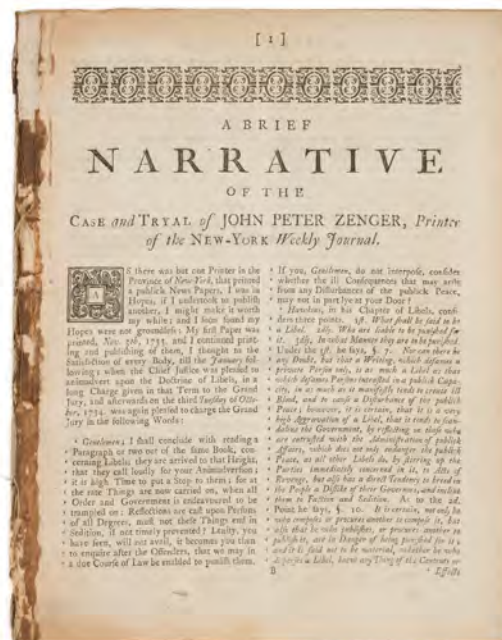
*The Trial of John Williams, Francis Frederick, John P. Rog, Nils Peterson and Nathaniel White, On an Indictment for Murder on the High Seas: Before the Circuit Court of the United States, Holden for the District of Massachusetts, At Boston, On the 29th of December, 1818.* Boston: Printed by Russell and Gardner, 1819. 92 pp. Octavo (9-1/2" x 5-1/2").

Stab-stitched pamphlet, untrimmed edges. Moderate edgewear, moderate toning and light foxing to text, title page wrinkled. Interesting listing of 17 names, presumably the crew, at the bottom of the last page. \$1,500.

\* Only edition of an original account of American piracy. The defendants were accused of mutiny aboard the schooner "Plattsburgh" off the Georgia coast in 1816, and of the murder of the supercargo, Thomas Bayard, during the mutiny. It was a bloody scene, rehearsed in great detail in the 92 pages of this pamphlet. There was \$40,000 aboard, so the mutiny was piratically motivated. The villains split up the money, sailed to Denmark and were arrested in Copenhagen where the mate, a hostage of sorts, blew the whistle on them. The case was heard before Joseph Story in his capacity as the Judge of the U.S. Circuit Court for the District of Massachusetts. The jury found all except Nathaniel White guilty of murder and piracy, and they were hanged in January 1820. It made quite a splash in its day, and several sensational narratives besides this one were published.

Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 13248. McDade, *The Annals of Murder* 1103.

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### The Landmark Trial that Helped Established Freedom of the Press in America

#### 48. [Trial].

**Zenger, John Peter [1697-1746], Defendant.**

*A Brief Narrative of the Case and Tryal of John Peter Zenger, Printer of the New-York Weekly Journal.* [Drop-Head Title]. [London, 1738?]. 32 pp. Text in parallel columns. Quarto (8-1/2" x 6-3/4").

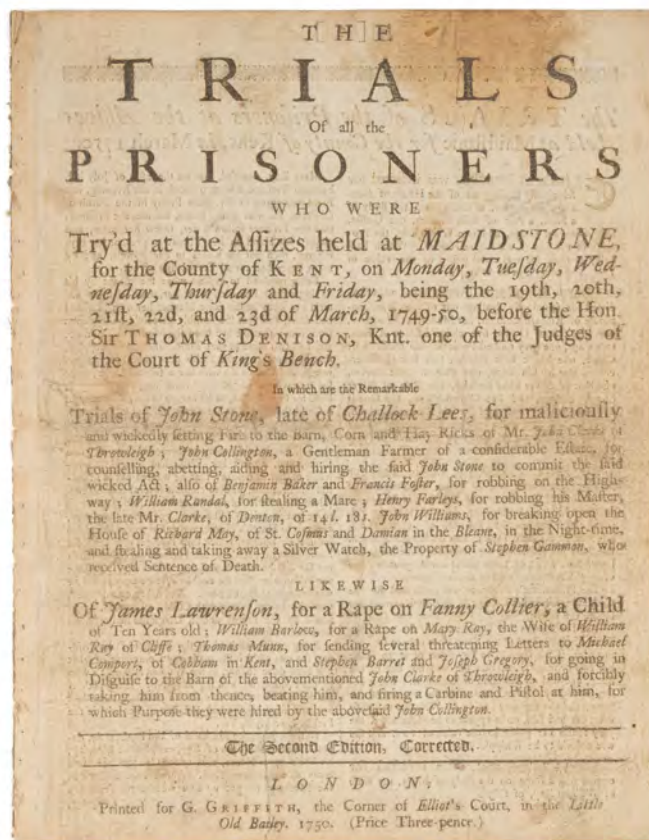
Disbound stab-stitched pamphlet. Moderate toning, light edgewear, light soiling to exterior, first leaf partially detached, smudges to a few leaves. \$2,500.

\* Reprint of the Boston edition of 1738, one of the first London editions. The 1734 trial and acquittal of John Peter Zenger was a landmark event in the establishment of press freedom in America, a right that would be confirmed by the U.S. Constitution's First Amendment. Zenger's paper often targeted New York's governor, William Cosby. Cosby had Zenger arrested on a charge of seditious libel and ordered the seizure and burning of the four offending numbers of his journal. Zenger's defense was led by Andrew Hamilton, whose "address to the jury asserted the right of the jury to determine matters of law as well as of fact and held that the truth of an utterance could be upheld as a defense against a charge of libel. Both assertions were contrary to the common law that then prevailed, but it took the jury only a few minutes of deliberation to return a verdict of innocent. Hamilton was immediately hailed as a popular hero and Zenger as a symbol of the free press as a bulwark against tyranny" (ANB). Written by James Alexander, one of Zenger's lawyers, *A Brief Narrative of the Case and Tryal of John Peter Zenger* was edited and published by Zenger in 1736. Immediately famous, it was reprinted several times in the colonies, London and Dublin.

*American National Biography* (ANB) 24:233. Sabin, *A Dictionary of Books Relating to America* 106306. Howes, *USiana* Z6. *English Short-Title Catalogue* N15462.

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### Trials at the Kent Assizes

#### 49. [Trials]. [Great Britain].

*The Trials of All the Prisoners Who were Try'd at the Assizes Held at Maidstone, For the County of Kent, On Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, Being the 19th, 20th, 21st, 22d, And 23d of March, 1749-50, Before the Hon. Sir Thomas Denison, Knt. One of the Judges of the Court of King's Bench.* London: Printed for G. Griffith, 1750. 11, [1] pp. Quarto (8-1/2" x 6-1/2").

Disbound stab-stitched pamphlet. Moderate toning, light soiling and faint staining, trimming to top-edge affecting page numbers without loss to legibility, leaves separating in places but secure, small tear to gutter of final leaf affecting text without loss to legibility, ink and pencil asterisks to margin of p.5. Rare. \$850.

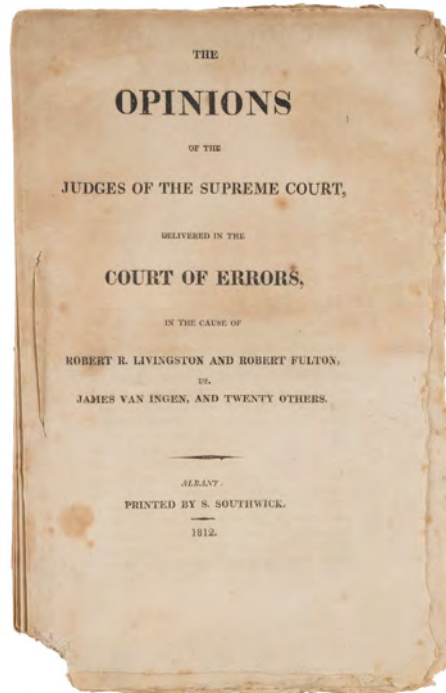
\* Second edition. These accounts of trials at the Kent assizes cover a wide range of offenses, including rape, arson, robbery, assault and "sending several threatening Letters." The most extensive account is the trial of Stephen Barret and Joseph Gregory for abducting and assaulting John Clarke on the orders of rival farmer John Collington, who had hired a third man to set fire to the unlucky Mr. Clarke's barn. No copies of the first or third edition located; OCLC locates 4 copies of the second edition (British Library, National Library of Scotland, Cornell University, York Law School).

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**Justices Kent, Yates and Thompson  
Uphold Fulton's Steamboat Monopoly**

**50. [Trials].**

**Livingston, Robert [1746-1813], Defendant.**

**Fulton, Robert [1765-1815], Defendant.**

*The Opinions of the Judges of the Supreme Court, Delivered in the Court of Errors, In the Cause of Robert E. Livingston and Robert Fulton, vs. James Van Ingen, And Twenty Others.* Albany: Printed by S. Southwick, 1812. Three parts. 12; 12; 23, [1] pp. Octavo (9" x 6").

Stab-stitched pamphlet with untrimmed edges, most signatures unopened. Light browning, faint dampspotting in places, a bit of rodent damage (?) to foot of text block near lower inside corner with no loss to text, early manuscript annotations to margins of p. 10 in the first part and p. 7 in the second, fold lines to final leaf. \$750.

\* Only edition. This unanimous decision the Supreme Court of New York upheld the thirty-year monopoly on steamboat navigation on the Hudson River granted by the state legislature to Fulton and Livingston. This pamphlet contains the opinions of the court's three judges: Joseph C. Yates [1768-1837], Smith Thompson [1768-1843] and James Kent [1763-1847]. The longest of these is by Kent, the chief justice. A few years later another steamboat entrepreneur, Thomas Gibbons, defied the law and established a ferry line between New York and New Jersey. This led to the 1824 U.S. Supreme Court ruling *Gibbons v. Ogden*. Declaring that states cannot regulate interstate commerce, the court struck down Fulton's monopoly. The annotations are side-notes. We have seen identical notes in other copies in the same hand, which suggests they were last-minute additions by the printer or one of his assistants. Some copies we have seen do not have these notes.

Sabin, *A Dictionary of Books Relating to America* 41637. Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 11509.

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