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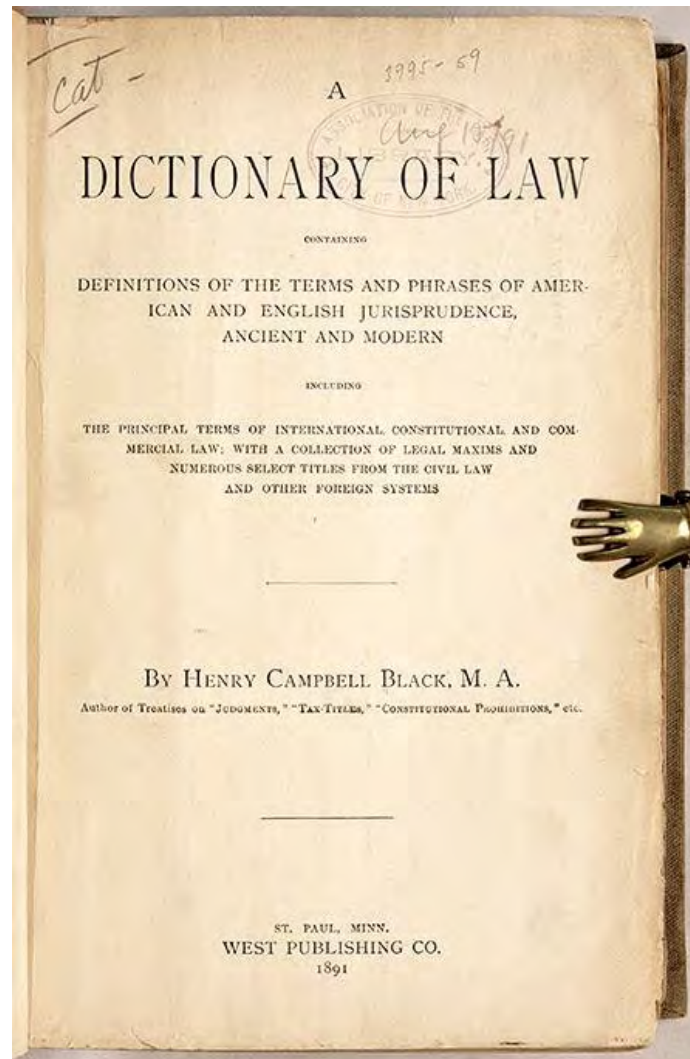
### "A More Complete Lawyer than Any of His Contemporaries"

#### 1. Bacon, Sir Francis [1561-1626].

*Law Tracts, Containing* 1. *A Proposition for Compiling and Amendment of Our Laws.* 2. *An Offer of a Digest of the Laws.* 3. *The Elements of the Common Laws of England, Containing a Collection of Some Principal Rules and Maxims of the Common Law, With their Latitude and Extent.* 4. *The Use of the Law for Preservation of our Persons, Goods and Good Names, According to the Practice of the Laws and Customs of this Land.* 5. *Cases of Treason, Felony, Praemunire, Prerogative of the King, of the Office of a Constable.* 6. *Arguments in Law in Certain Great and Difficult Cases, Viz. Of Impeachment of Waste. Low's Case of Tenures. Of Revocation of Uses. The Jurisdiction of the Marches.* 7. *Ordinances in Chancery for the Better and More Regular Administration of Justice in the Chancery, To be Daily Observed, Saving the Prerogative of the Court.* 8. *Reading on the Statute of Uses.* [London]: Printed by Henry Lintot (Assignee of Edw. Sawyer, Esq;), 1741. [ii], 356, [16] pp. Lacking one-page publisher advertisement. Octavo (7-3/4" x 5-1/4").

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\* Second and final edition, a reissue of the first edition, 1737, with a reset title page and half-title. This book is notable as the only collected edition of Bacon's legal works and the only work that includes the essays listed as Tracts 1, 2 and 6. Bacon, one of the great intellectuals of the age, held the posts of solicitor general, attorney general and lord chancellor during the reign of James I. "He was a more complete lawyer than any of his contemporaries. Not only was he an eminent practitioner in the common law; not only did he leave his mark as lord chancellor upon the development of equity; he also studied both English law and law in general scientifically and critically. The only other lawyer, in that age of distinguished lawyers, who can be compared to him is his great rival Coke." Holdsworth, *A History of English Law* V:239. *English Short-Title Catalogue* N10424. [Order This Item](#)



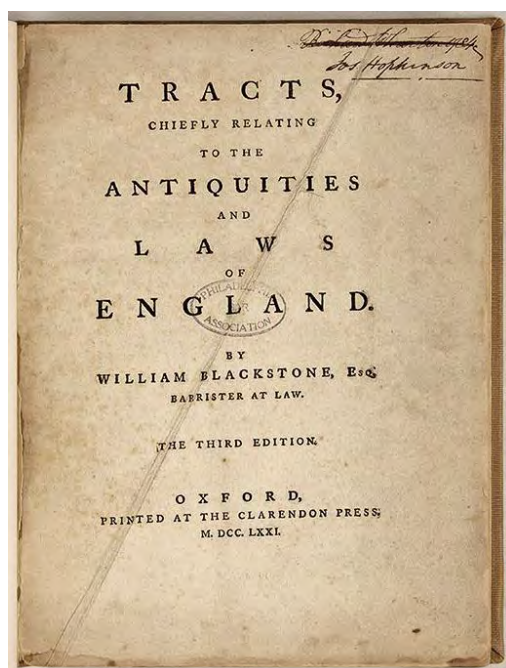
First Edition of *Black's Law Dictionary*

**2. Black, Henry Campbell [1860-1927].**

*A Dictionary of Law Containing Definitions of the Terms and Phrases of American and English Jurisprudence, Ancient and Modern Including the Principal Terms of International, Constitutional, and Commercial Law; With a Collection of Legal Maxims and Numerous Select Titles from The Civil Law and Other Foreign Systems.* St. Paul: West Publishing Co., 1891. x, 1253 pp. Alphabetic thumb-tabs to fore-edge. Large octavo (10" x 7").

Nineteenth-century library cloth, red and black lettering pieces to spine, endpapers added. Moderate soiling, rubbing to lettering pieces with considerable wear, moderate toning to text, light edgewear and library stamp to title page, library marks to its verso. \$1,000.

\* First edition of the standard American law dictionary, which is now in its tenth edition. It contains definitions of the terms and phrases of American and English jurisprudence, ancient and modern (including the principal terms of international, constitutional, and commercial law), a collection of legal maxims and a bibliography of the principal law dictionaries in English and other languages to 1891. Besides its status as a landmark in American legal publishing, the first edition of Black's dictionary is valuable because it offers important insights into the rapid development of American law at the turn of the century. *Catalogue of the Library of the Harvard Law School* (1909) I:182. [Order This Item](#)



**Copy of a Final Edition of an Important  
Collection of Blackstone Texts with Interesting Associations**

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

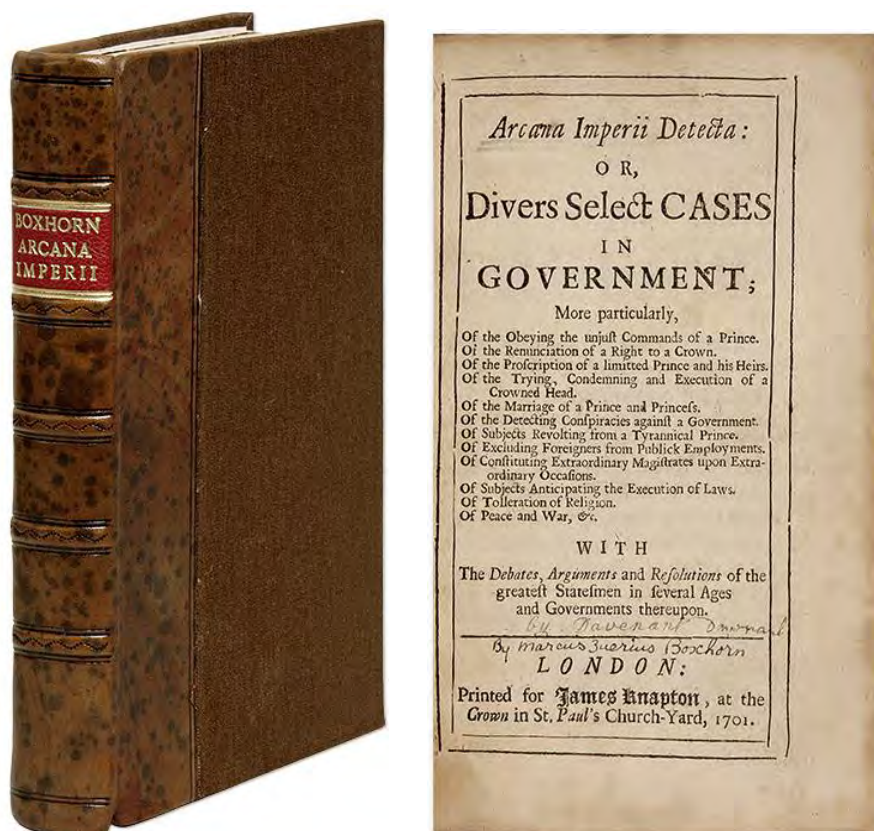
*Tracts, Chiefly Relating to the Antiquities and Laws of England.* Oxford: Printed at the Clarendon Press, 1771. [iv], 353, [3], lxxx, [20] pp. Six parts, each preceded by divisional title page. 8 copperplate facsimiles (of royal seals), copperplate Table of Consanguinity, 2 copperplate tail-pieces. Quarto (11-1/4" x 8-1/2").

Recent library buckram, red and black lettering pieces and paper shelf label to spine, endleaves added, blind-stamped library name and small security tag to front board. Light soiling, library stamps to endleaves, title page and verso of final leaf, front endleaf, with affixed early bookseller description, detached. Moderate toning and light foxing to text, signatures of Joseph Hopkinson and, struck-through, Richard Wharton to head of title page, another Richard Wharton signature (dated 1784) to head of page 13. \$750.

\* "Third" and final edition. This is an important collection of six early works, all revised, most of which are quite rare in their original editions. The first edition was published in 1762 with the title *Law Tracts*. There is no evidence that a second edition was published, unless one counts the pirated Dublin reprint of the first edition, which was printed in 1767. The works are: *An Analysis of the Laws of England* (1756), *An Essay on Collateral Consanguinity* (1750, Blackstone's first legal publication), *Considerations on the Question, Whether Tenants by Copy of Court Roll According to the Custom of the Manor, Though Not at the Will of the Lord, Are Freeholders Qualified to Vote in Elections for Knights of the Shire* (1758), *Observations on the Oxford Press* (1757), and *The Great Charter and Charter of the Forest* (1759) and *Magna Carta, Carta de Forest, Etc.* (1759). The contents of the two editions differ. The first does not have *Analysis of the Laws of England* or *Observations on the Oxford Press*; the "third" does not have *Treatise on the Law of Descents in Fee-Simple* (1759). A member of one of Philadelphia's most distinguished families, Wharton was a leading member of the Philadelphia Bar, as were several of his descendants. A highly regarded judge and trial lawyer, Hopkinson [1770-1842], served as counsel during Justice Samuel Chase's 1805 impeachment trial. Elected to Congress in 1814, he was appointed by President John Quincy Adams as judge for the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania in 1828. Known today as a poet, he wrote the lyrics of "Hail Columbia." Eller, *The William Blackstone Collection in the Yale Law Library* 240. Laeuchli, *A Bibliographical Catalog of William Blackstone* 553.

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**Interesting Essays on Government  
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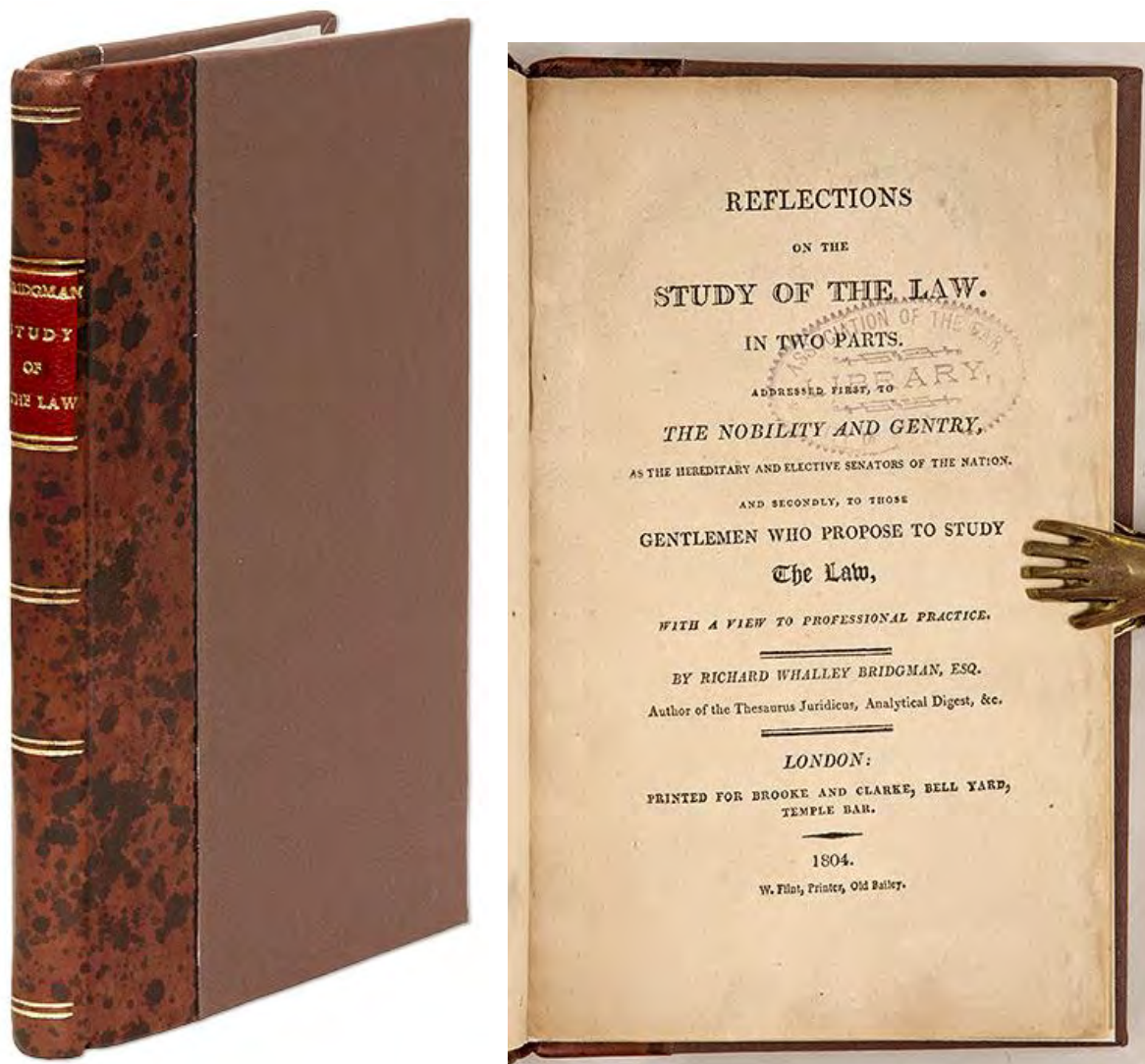
**4. [Boxhorn, Marcus Zuerius (1612-1653)].**

*Arcana Imperii Detecta: Or, Divers Select Cases in Government; More Particularly, Of the Obeying the Unjust Commands of a Prince. Of the Renunciation of a Right to a Crown. Of the Proscription of a Limited Prince and his Heirs. Of the Trying, Condemning and Execution of a Crowned Head. Of the Marriage of a Prince and Princess. Of the Detecting Conspiracies Against a Government. Of Subjects Revolting from a Tyrannical Prince. Of Excluding Foreigners from Publick Employments. Of Constituting Extraordinary Magistrates upon Extraordinary Occasions. Of Subjects Anticipating the Execution of Laws. Of Tolleration of Religion. Of Peace and War, &c. With The Debates, Arguments and Resolutions of the Greatest Statesmen in Several Ages and Governments Thereupon.* London: Printed for James Knapton, 1701. [xvi], 366, [2] pp. Includes two-page publisher list at rear of text; another one-page list opposite p.1. Octavo (7-1/2" x 4-1/2").

Recent period-style quarter calf over cloth, raised bands and lettering piece to spine, endpapers renewed. Moderate toning, minor worming to foot of text block in a few places, minor loss to text in two places, faint dampspotting to a few leaves, later owner annotation to title page and its verso. \$750.

\* Only edition. Compiled posthumously, this book is a fine introduction to the political and legal scholarship of one of the most interesting thinkers of the seventeenth century. Boxhorn, a prominent linguist, historian and political theorist, was a professor at the University of Leiden. A remarkably prolific scholar, his work stands on the cusp of late-Renaissance humanism and the early-Enlightenment thought epitomized by such philosophers as Hobbes and Pufendorf. He admired England's Parliament and had a keen interest in the history and institutions of English law and government. OCLC locates 9 copies in North American law libraries. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T116021.

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### A Scarce 1804 English Guide to Legal Study

#### 5. Bridgman, Richard Whalley.

*Reflections on the Study of Law. In Two Parts. Addressed First, to the Nobility and Gentry, as the Hereditary and Elective Senators of the Nation. And Secondly, to those Gentlemen who Propose to Study The Law, with a View to Professional Practice.* London: Brooke and Clarke, Bell Yard, Temple Bar, 1804. [iv], vi, [viii], 143 pp. Octavo (7-1/2" x 5").

Recent period-style quarter calf over cloth, lettering piece and gilt fillets to spine, endpapers renewed, title page and following leaf re-hinged. Moderate toning, library inkstamp and faint embossed stamp to title page, two brief library marks to verso. An appealing copy of a scarce title in a handsome binding. \$1,250.

\* Only edition. Bridgman's handbook was addressed to the gentry, law students and "every man of letters." It discusses methods of legal study, worthwhile books and such topics as civil and canon law, inns of courts, wills, classical learning, elocution and wit. OCLC locates 13 copies, 6 in North American law libraries (Harvard, University of Cincinnati, UC-Davis, University of Moncton, University of Tulsa, US Supreme Court). Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 2:42. [Order This Item](#)





A Profound Influence in the American Colonies, One of the Two Editions Owned by Jefferson

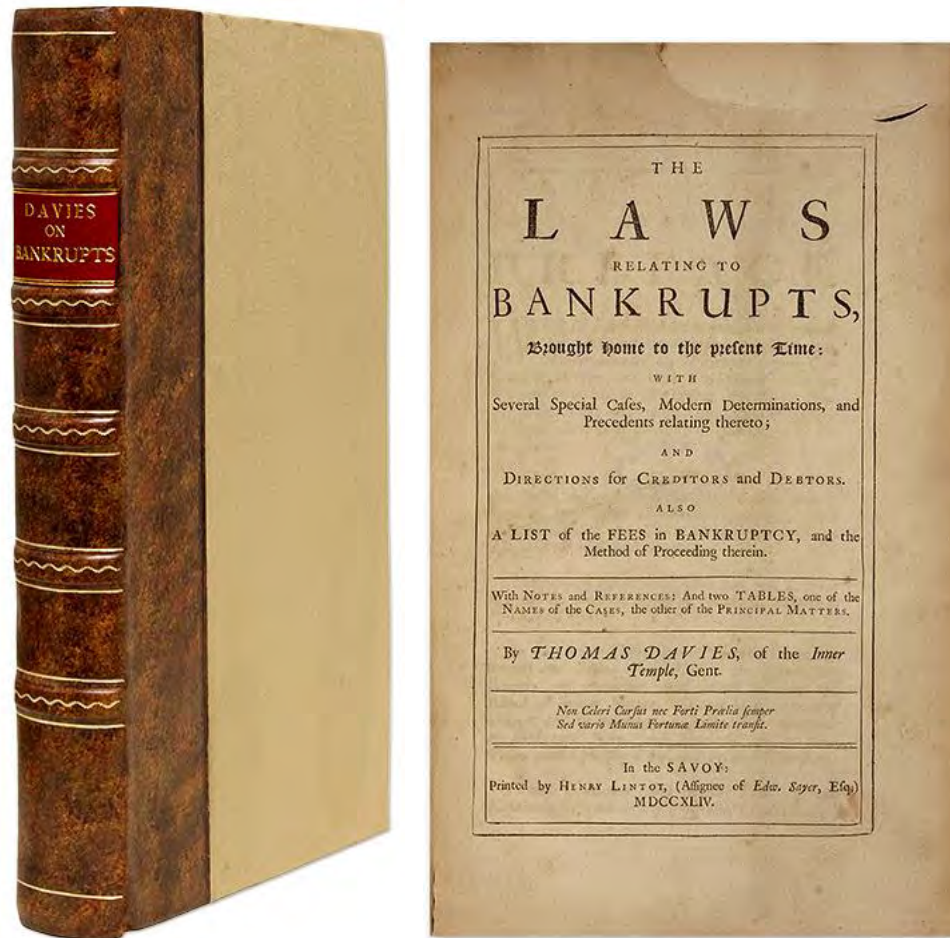
6. [Care, Henry (1646-1688)].

N[elson], W[illiam] [b.1653], Editor.

*English Liberties, Or the Free-Born Subject's Inheritance; Containing Magna Charta, Charta de Foresta, The Statute De Tallagio non Concedendo, The Habeas Corpus Act, And Several Other Statutes; With Comments on Each of Them. Likewise, The Proceedings in Appeals of Murder: Of Ship-Money; Of Tonnage and Poundage. Of Parliaments, And the Qualification and Choice of Members: Of the Three Estates, And of the Settlement of the Crown by Parliament. Together with a Short History of the Succession, Not by Any Hereditary Right: Also a Declaration of the Liberties of the Subject: And of the Oath of Allegiance and Supremacy. The Petition of Right; With a Short but Impartial Relation of the Difference Between Charles I. And the Long Parliament, Concerning the Prerogative of the King, The Liberties of the Subject, And the Rise of the Civil Wars. Of Trials by Juries, And of the Qualifications of Jurors: Their Punishment for Misbehaviour, And of Challenges to Them. Lastly, Of Justices of the Peace, Coroners, Constables, Church-Wardens, Overseers of the Poor, Surveyors of the Highways, &c. With Many Law Cases Throughout the Whole. Compiled First by Henry Care, And Now Continued, With Large Additions, By W.N. of the Middle Temple, Esq. [London]: Printed by Eliz. Nutt and H. Gosling, 1719. [xii], 356 pp. Octavo (7-1/2" x 4-3/4").*

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\* Fourth edition. First published in 1682, the first edition was not dated), this classic layman's guide reviews, from a Whig perspective, the principles of English law and government. It emphasizes the role of Magna Carta, Parliament and juries in the preservation of civil rights and prevention of tyranny. First published in America in 1721, it had a profound influence on several colonial readers, including the founding fathers. It was the primary source for William Penn's *Excellent Privilege of Liberty and Property* (1687), a work that inspired support for the revolution. George Mason used it when drafting Virginia's Declaration of Rights (1776). Jefferson, who owned copies of this edition and the first edition, probably referred to it when he wrote the Declaration of Independence and the Virginia Statute for Religious Freedom. Its influence is also evident in the Bill of Rights. See Sowerby, *Catalogue of the Library of Thomas Jefferson* 2702 (London 1719 edition), 2703 (London 1680 edition). *English Short-Title Catalogue* T112711. [Order This Item](#)



**Early English Treatise on Bankruptcy that  
Summarizes About Fifty Cases Not Reported Elsewhere**

**7. Davies, Thomas.**

*The Laws Relating to Bankrupts, Brought Home to the Present Time: With Several Special Cases, Modern Determinations, and Precedents Relating Thereto; and Directions for Creditors and Debtors. Also A List of the Fees in Bankruptcy, and the Method of Proceeding Therein. With Notes and References: And Two Tables, One of the Names of the Cases, The Other of the Principal Matters.* [London]: Printed by Henry Lintot, 1744. xii, 470, [28], 515-522, [2], 523-550 pp. Pagination irregular, text complete. Folio (12-1/2" x 7-3/4").

Recent period-style quarter calf over cloth, raised bands and lettering piece to spine, endpapers renewed. Moderate toning to text, faint dampspotting in places, repaired chip to head of title page, later library stamp and markings to its verso, small tear to following leaf. A desirable copy. \$1,500.

\* Only edition (and the only early work on the English law of bankruptcy printed as a folio). Featuring copious marginal notes, sample forms and accounts of several cases, this volume was conceived as an attorney's handbook. As Davies states in the preface, "I hope it will be of some service, and in several instances be like a land mark to the doubtful mariner, and prevent [him] from splitting upon the rocks, or running ashore upon the sands of mistake and uncertainty." Beginning with a basic definition, Davies describes the various types of bankruptcy, the conditions under which people are entitled to declare bankruptcy, court procedures, and specific problems, such as the rights due to wives and children. Sweet & Maxwell notes that this volume summarizes about fifty cases not reported elsewhere. Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 1:541. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T118298. [Order This Item](#)





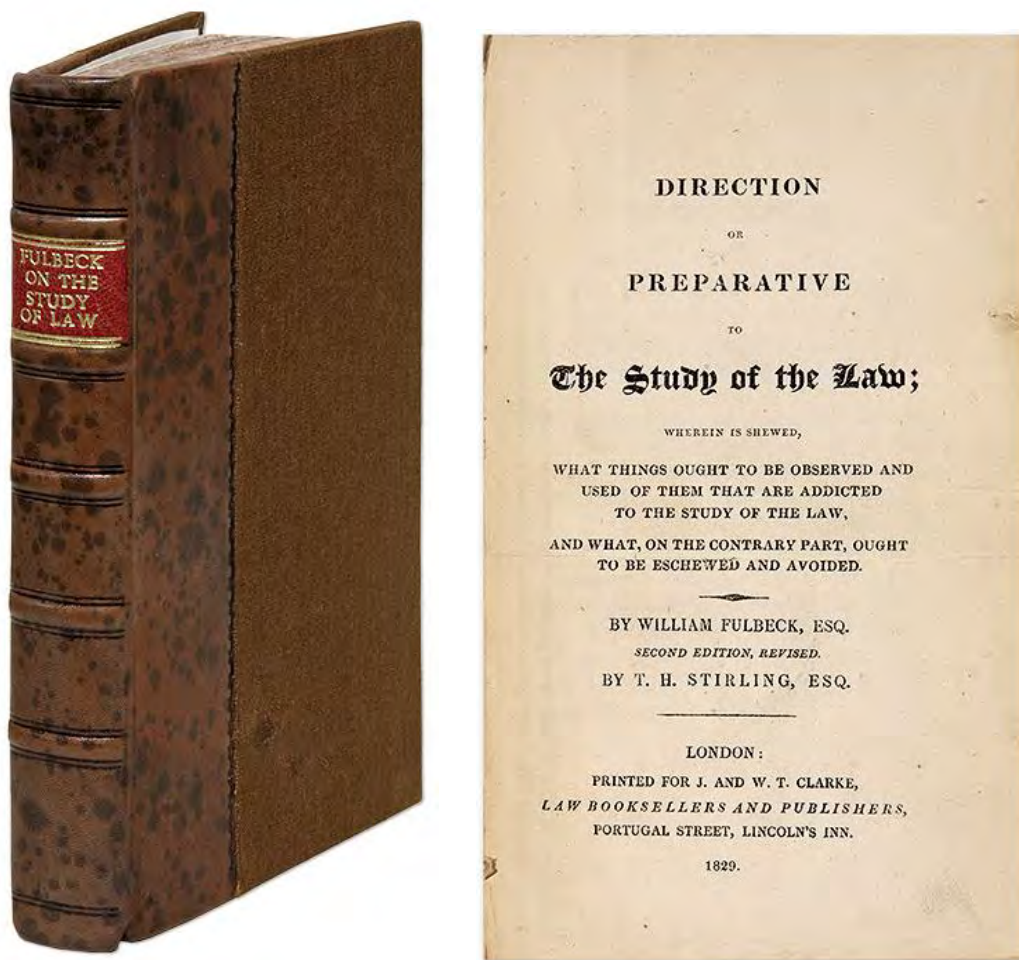
**Rare Seventeenth-Century Spanish Treatise on Commercial Law**

**8. Durán, Pablo [1580-1651].**

*Tractatus de Conditionibus, Et Modis Impossibilibus, Et Iure Prohibitis Contractibus, & Testamentis Adscriptis.* Palma, Majorca: Typis Gabrielis Guasp, 1612. [iv], 110 ff. Main text in parallel columns. Folio (11-1/2" x 8").

Contemporary limp vellum, early hand-lettered title to spine, ties lacking. Some soiling, spine darkened, moderate rubbing to extremities with some wear to spine ends and corners, a few chips to spine, front endleaves lacking, rear pastedown loose, edgeworn and partially detached, text block partially detached. Moderate toning to text, somewhat heavier in places, faint dampstaining to margins of some leaves, edgewear and some insect damage to margins of the first four leaves. Ex-library early hand-written owner inscription and small inkstamp to title page, inkstamps to a few other leaves. A decent copy of rare title. \$1,850.

\* First edition. This is a notable treatise on contracts and other aspects of commercial law. Other editions were published in 1638 and 1639. It was also the foundation of a work by Philibert Brussel, *Tractatus Insignis Ac Utilissimus De Conditionibus Testamentorum Contractuum Et Pactorum Nec Non Paulus Duran* was published in 1700. OCLC locates 1 copy of Durán's *Tractatus* in North America, at Harvard Law School, which has a 1638 edition. Brussel's is equally rare: OCLC locates 5 in North America. Palau, *Manual del Librero Hispano-Americano* 77444. [Order This Item](#)



### Advice for Law Students

#### 9. Fulbeck(e), William [1560-1603].

Stirling, T.H.

*A Direction or Preparative to the Study of the Law: Wherein is Shewed, What Things Ought to be Observed and Used of Them That Are Addicted to the Study of the Law, And What, on the Contrary Part, Ought to be Eschewed and AVOIDED.* London: Printed for J. and W.T. Clarke, Law Booksellers and Publishers, Portugal Street, Lincoln's Inn, 1829. [viii], 252 pp. Two folding tables. Octavo (7-1/4" x 4-1/4")

Recent period-style quarter calf over cloth, raised bands and lettering piece to spine, speckled edges, endpapers renewed. Moderate toning to text, light foxing in places. An appealing copy. \$1,250.

\* Second edition. Fulbeck was a bencher at Gray's Inn. First published in 1600, his *Direction or Preparative* was intended as a *vade mecum* for aspiring law students. The first book of its kind, it offers a mix of practical information and advice on personal conduct. (For example, he advises students not to study at night "for when the stomach is full and stuffed with meat, the abundance of humours is carried to the head, where it sticketh for a time and layeth as it were a lump of lead upon the brain.") For the most part Fulbeck restricts his thoughts to rhetorical techniques, methods for preparing a case, recommended readings and other topics. Though often read for amusement, this treatise remains an incomparable guide to English legal education and the legal culture of the Inns of Court during the Elizabethan era. Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 1:23. [Order This Item](#)





# Copy of An Important 1654 English Act Concerning Religious Toleration with Contemporary Annotations

## 10. [Great Britain].

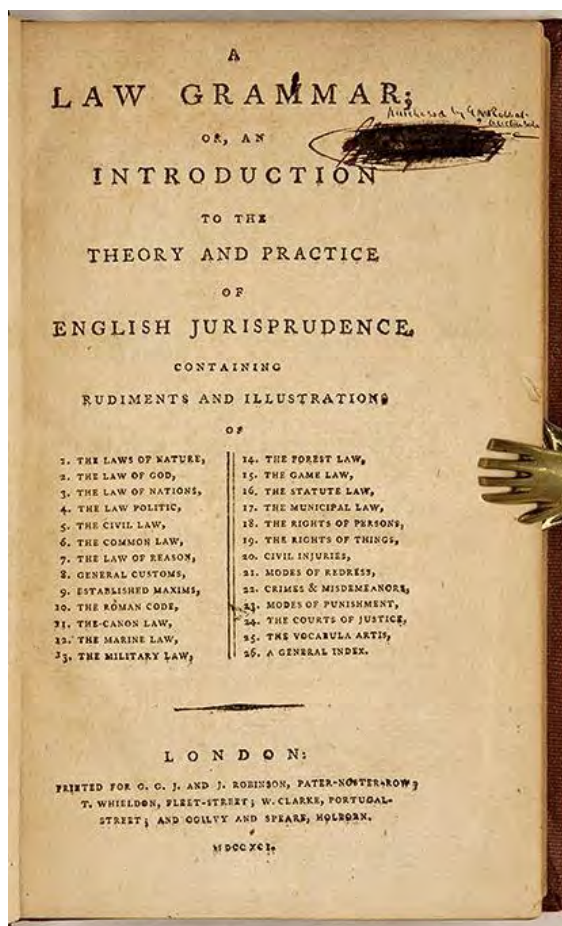
### [Commonwealth and Protectorate].

### [Cromwell, Oliver (1599-1658), Lord Protector].

*An Ordinance for the Ejecting of Scandalous, Ignorant and Insufficient Ministers and School-Masters. Tuesday August 29. 1654. Ordered by his Highness the Lord Protector, And His Council, That this Ordinance be Forthwith Printed and Published. Henry Scobell, Clerk of the Council.* London: Printed by William du-Gard and Henry Hills, printers to His Highness the Lord Protector, 1654. [ii], 595-616, 613-624, 623-633, [1] pp. Complete. Text continuous despite pagination. Folio (11" x 7-1/4").

Stab-stitched pamphlet with untrimmed edges bound into recent quarter morocco over cloth, gilt title to spine. A few minor nicks to boards, light rubbing to extremities with some wear to corners. Moderate browning and light foxing, occasional faint dampstaining, repairs to fore-edges of final two leaves, later satirical engraving of Puritans affixed to front endleaf facing title page, early owner initials and brief annotation to head of title page ("J.B./ [illegible] 122 5d"), annotations in contemporary hand to several leaves. \$1,500.

\* First edition, one of two issues. This was one of two ordinances issued by Cromwell in 1654 to promote religious toleration (excluding Catholics) by removing or debarring clerics whose extreme religious views or behavior provoked sectarian conflict. The annotations in our copy are quite interesting. They are generally interpretive; several have cross-references to earlier acts and court cases. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R210341. [Order This Item](#)



### An Ambitious and Sophisticated English Layman's Guide from 1791

#### 11. [Great Britain].

*A Law Grammar: Or, An Introduction to the Theory and Practice of English Jurisprudence. Containing Rudiments and Illustrations of 1. The Laws of Nature, 2. The Law of God, 3. The Law of Nations, 4. The Law Politic, 5. The Civil Law, 6. The Common Law, 7. The Law of Reason, 8. General Customs, 9. Established Maxims, 10. The Roman Code, 11. The Canon Law, 12. The Marine Law, 13. The Military Law, 14. The Forest Law, 15. The Game Law, 16. The Statute Law, 17. The Municipal Law, 18. The Rights of Persons, 19. The Rights of Things, 20. Civil Injuries, 21. Modes of Redress, 22. Crimes & Misdemeanors, 23. Modes of Punishment, 24. The Courts of Justice, 25. The Vocabula Artis, 26. A General Index.* London: Printed for G. G. J. and J. Robinson, 1791. [iv], 544, [8] pp. With a half-title. Octavo (8-1/2" x 5").

Recent library buckram, red and black lettering pieces, gilt library name and paper shelf label to spine, small security tag and blind-stamped library name to front board, endleaves added, library stamps to edges of text block and endleaves. Negligible light shelfwear and soiling. Moderate toning, light foxing in places, upper corners lacking from a few leaves with minor loss to text (and no loss of legibility, struck-through early signature near head of title page. \$500.

\* First edition. More ambitious and sophisticated than a typical layman's guide, this anonymous work was clearly intended for a well-educated reader or aspiring lawyer. It provides an overview of common, Roman and other legal systems, a chapter-length law dictionary and an annotated collection of 158 maxims. It is side-noted throughout to passages in books by such authors as Blackstone, Coke, Hawkins, Littleton, Montesquieu and Pufendorf. This book was reissued in Dublin in 1791. (It is star-paged to the London edition). *English Short-Title Catalogue* T112675.

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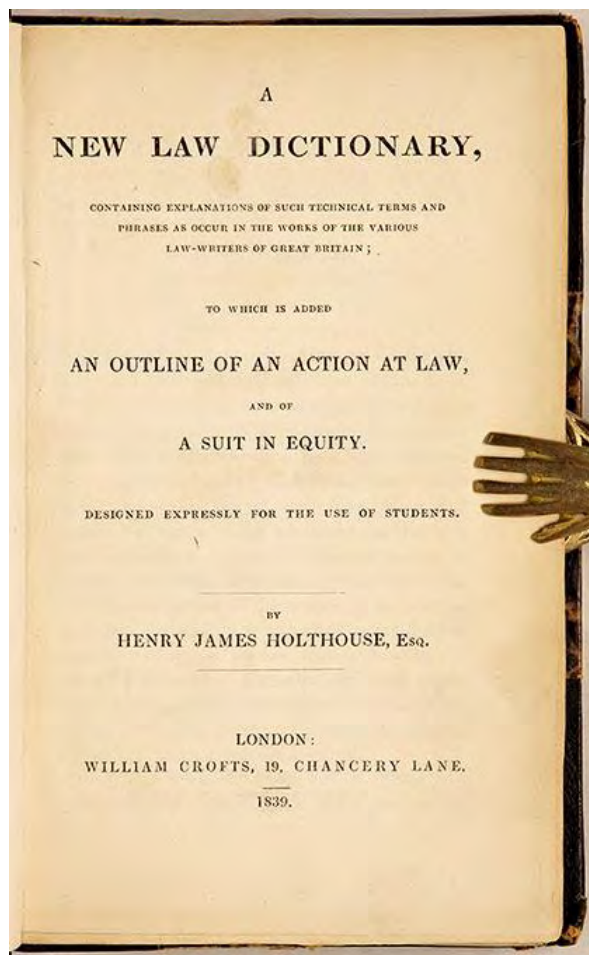
**A Set of Much-Respected Exchequer Reports**

**12. Hardres, Thomas [1610-1681].**

*Reports of Cases Adjudged in the Court of Exchequer, In the Years 1655, 1656, 1657, 1658, 1659, And 1660. And from Thence Continued to the 21st Year of the Reign of His Majesty King Charles II. With Notes and References.* London: Printed by the Assigns of Rich. and Edw. Atkins, 1693. [xii], 232, 301-512, [20] pp. Folio (12" x 7-1/2").

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\* Second and final edition. These much-respected reports, which cover the years 1654-1669, was first published in 1693. This edition is not a Dublin piracy, but rather an original Dublin edition to which "a considerable number of notes and references have been added (publisher's note on verso of title). It also features a two-page list of law books published by Watts. Hardres not only reported, but also argued many of the cases himself. According to Wallace, these are "some of the most learned arguments of the old reports" (Wallace). A second edition was published in Dublin in 1792. Wallace, *The Reporters* 291-294. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R11839. [Order This Item](#)



First Edition of Holthouse's *New Law Dictionary*

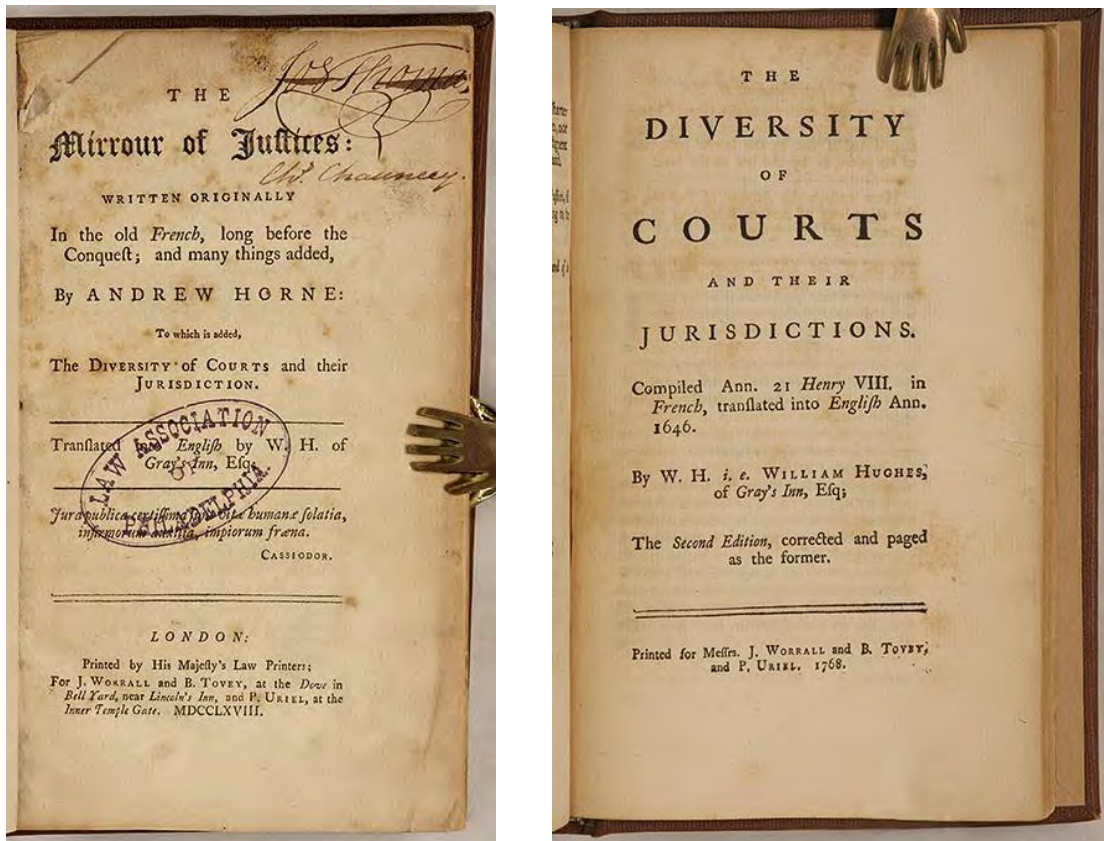
**13. Holthouse, Henry James [fl. 1830-1850].**

*A New Law Dictionary, Containing Explanations of Such Technical Terms and Phrases Occur in the Works of the Various Law-Writers of Great Britain; To Which is Added An Outline of an Action at Law, And of a Suit in Equity.* London: William Crofts, 1839. vii, [1], 446, [2] pp. Includes 2-page publisher catalogue. Main text in parallel columns. Octavo (6-1/2" x 4-1/4").

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\* First edition. Holthouse aimed to create a modern dictionary organized along scientific lines. To this end he eliminated obsolete terms and avoided the encyclopedic format favored by predecessors such as Jacob. He also took pains to omit words that have no connection with the law but which appear nonetheless in law dictionaries (such as "harbours"). More important, his definitions include examples of usage drawn from legal works. Other examples of usage are given in the appendix, which considers the terms used in actions at law, the terms used in equity suits and the relationship that exists between them. Marvin says this is "[O]ne of the best concise law dictionaries in use." OCLC locates 9 copies in North American law libraries (Columbia, Georgetown, Harvard, New York University, Ohio State University, South Texas College of Law, Supreme Court of New York, University of Georgia, University of Texas). Marvin, *Legal Bibliography* 394. Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 2:171. [Order This Item](#)





The "Best Edition" of Horne's *Mirrour* With Interesting Notes

14. Horne, Andrew [d.1328].

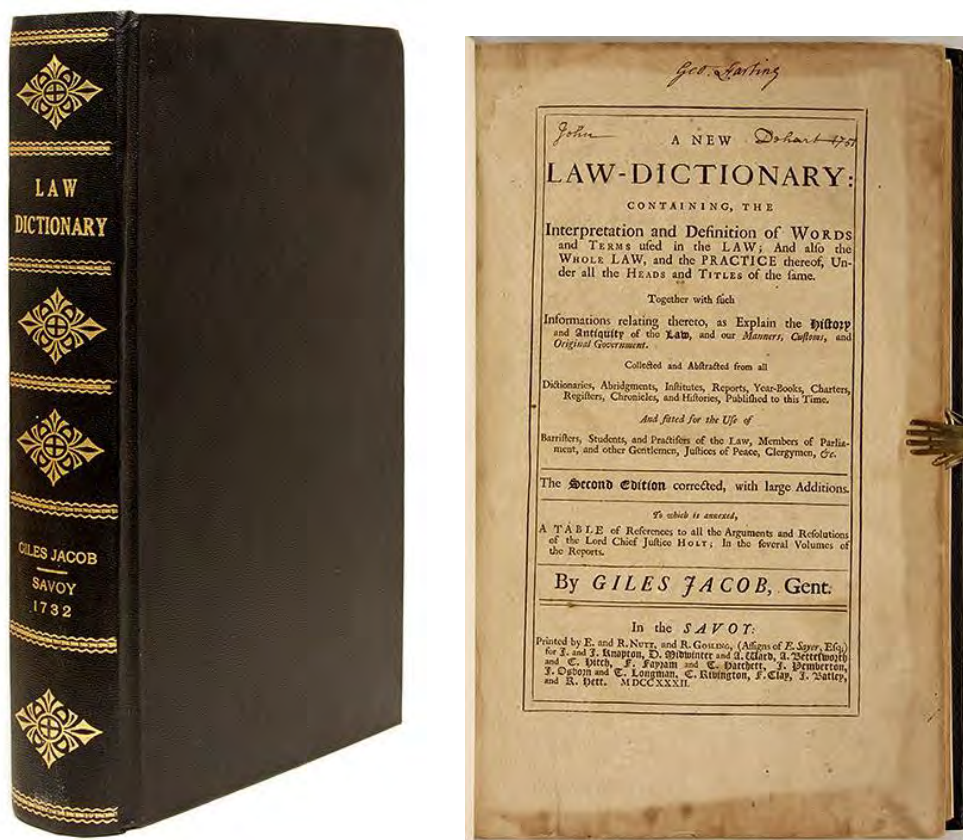
[Fitzherbert, Sir Anthony (1470-1538)].

[Hughes, William ([1587 or 1588-1663?], Translator)].

*The Mirrour of Iustices: Written Originally in the Old French, Long Before the Conquest; And Many Things Added. To Which is Added the Diversity of Courts and Their Jurisdiction. Translated into English by W.H. of Grey's Inn.* London: Printed by His Majesty's Law Printers, 1768. [xxxii], 288, 287-325, [9] pp. Pagination irregular, text complete. The second part, *Diversity of Courts*, preceded by a title page with edition statement: "second edition, corrected and paged as the former." Verso of final leaf is a publisher advertisement. Octavo (7-1/2" x 4-3/4").

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\* Fifth edition, the "best" according to Lowndes. Written about 1290, *The Mirrour of Iustices* became an authority in the latter part of the sixteenth century when English lawyers began to look to Glanville, Bracton, and Britton as guides to put the common law into a more logical arrangement. It was first published in Law-French in 1642. An English translation by William Hughes followed in 1646. The *Diversity of Courts* is by Fitzherbert. Our copy has several leaves with numerous manuscript changes, notes and marginal references. The owner seems to have adjusted the text in reference to an earlier Law-French edition. Charles Chauncey [1777-1849] was a leading member of the Philadelphia Bar. Lowndes, *Bibliographer's Manual of English Literature* 3:1119. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T114858. [Order This Item](#)



"An Entirely New Departure in Legal Literature"

15. Jacob, Giles [1686-1744].

*A New Law-Dictionary: Containing, The Interpretation and Definition of Words and Terms Used in the Law; and Also the Whole Law, and the Practice Thereof, Under All the Heads and Titles of the Same. Together With Such Informations Relating Thereto, as Explain the History and Antiquity of the Law, and Our Manners, Customs, and Original Government. Collected and Abstracted From All Dictionaries, Abridgments, Institutes, Reports, Year-Books, Charters, Registers, Chronicles, and Histories, Published to This Time. And Fitted for the Use of Barristers, Students, and Practisers of the Law, Members of Parliament, and Other Gentlemen, Justices of Peace, Clergymen, &c. With Large Additions. To Which is Annexed, a Table of References to All the Arguments and Resolutions of the Lord Chief Justice Holt; In the Several Volumes of the Reports.* London: Printed by E. and R. Nutt, and Richard Gosling, 1732. [796] pp. Main text printed in double columns within ruled borders. Folio (13-1/2" x 8-1/4").

Later pebbled cloth, gilt title and ornaments to spine, endpapers renewed. Corners bumped, tiny bit of shelf-label residue to foot of spine, library stamps to edges of text block and front free endpaper, two library bookplates to front pastedown. Moderate browning, occasional faint dampspotting, faint dampstaining along gutter in a few places. \$450.

\* Second edition. As Cowley has pointed out, *A New Law-Dictionary* was both Jacob's masterpiece and "an entirely new departure in legal literature" that provided a model for several subsequent efforts. In contrast to earlier works, each entry summarizes all of the laws relating to the subject and offers extensive interpretive commentary. Obsolete terms are omitted. It was recognized almost immediately that Jacob created a highly useful legal encyclopedia that was more detailed and concise than any other abridgment of the period. An extremely popular work that went through twelve editions between 1729 and 1800, it offers unparalleled insights into Anglo-American law during the eighteenth century. Cowley, *A Bibliography of Abridgments, Digests, Dictionaries and Indexes to the Year 1800* xc-xci, 223. *English Short-Title Catalogue* N10098. [Order This Item](#)





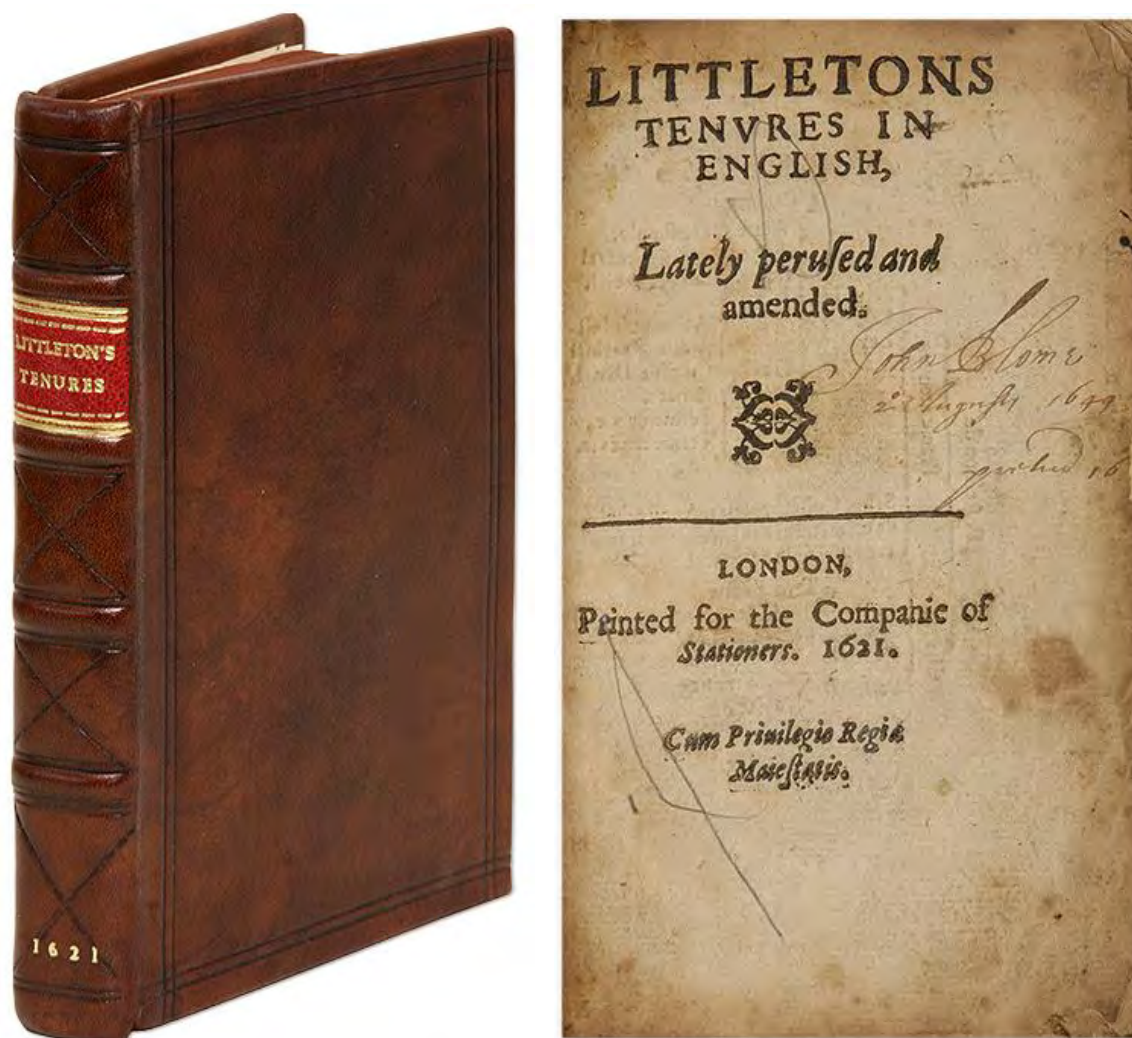
Considered an Authority by James Kent

16. Levinz, Sir Creswell [1627-1700].

*The Reports of Sr. Creswell Levinz, Knt. Late One of the Judges in the Court of Common-Pleas at Westminster; In French and English. Containing Cases Heard and Determin'd in the Court of King's Bench, During the Time that Sir Robert Foster, Sir Robert Hyde, And Sir John Kelyng were Chief Justices There; As also of Certain Cases in Other Courts at Westminster, During that Time. Translated into English by Mr. Serjeant Salkeld, And Others of the Middle-Temple. With Two Tables; the One of the Names of the Cases, And the Other of the Principal Matters Contain'd Therein. In Three Parts. Carefully Corrected; With Many Thousand References to the Reports, Never Before Printed.* London: Printed by E. and R. Nutt, 1722. Three parts in two volumes. Copperplate portrait frontispiece facing title page of Part I. Text in Law-French with parallel English translation. [xi], 312, [36]; [vi], 255, [31]; [xviii], 440, [27] pp. Folio (13" x 8-1/2").

Recent period-style quarter calf over marbled boards, raised bands, lettering pieces and gilt part numbers to spines, endpapers renewed. Light toning to text, somewhat heavier in places, occasional light foxing, occasional light dampstaining to upper margins of both books. A handsome set. \$500.

\* Second edition. First published in 1702, these volumes report cases from 1660 to 1697. Wallace says these reports are held in varying degrees of respect by different jurists, but are frequently cited. Kent had a high opinion of these reports and considered them an "authority." The final edition of these reports, the third, was published in 1793. It was through several reissues, the last one in 1908. Wallace, *The Reporters* 304-305. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T97372. [Order This Item](#)



Littleton's *Tenures in English*

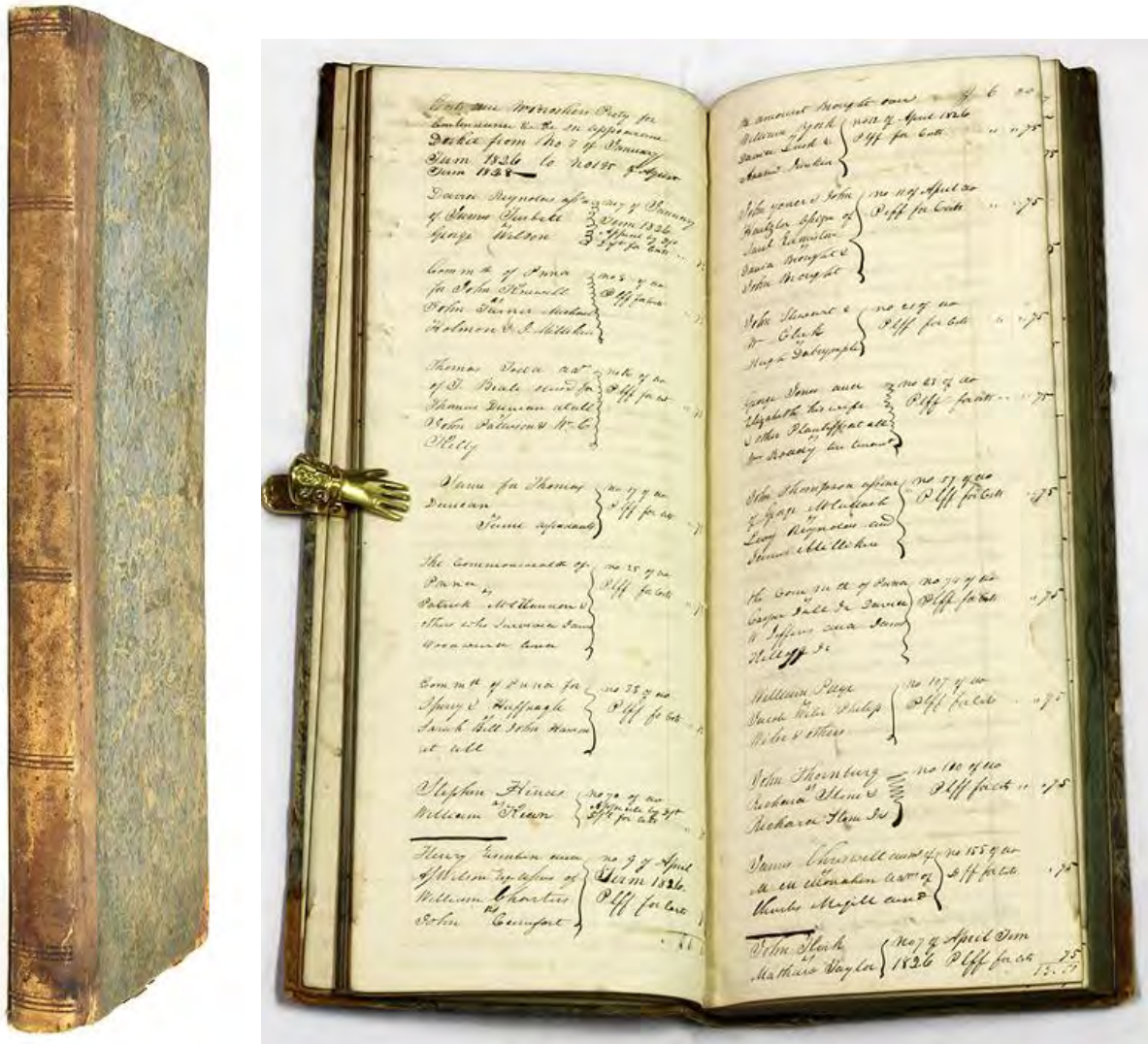
**17. Littleton, Sir Thomas [1402-1481].**

*Littletons Tenures in English, Lately Perused and Amended.* London: Printed for the Companie of Stationers, 1621. 142, [2] ff. Octavo (5-1/2" x 3-1/2").

Recent period-style calf, blind rules to boards, raised bands, blind ornaments and lettering piece to spine, edges rouged, endpapers renewed. Moderate toning, light browning to margins, early inkstains and annotations to margins of a few leaves, soiling, some edgewear and owner signature (of John Blome/ 2 August 1644) to title page. \$1,250.

\* Later edition. Written during the reign of Edward IV [1442-1483] and first published around 1481, Littleton's *Tenures* is probably the most revered treatise in the history of the common law. Much admired for its learning and style, it is concerned with tenures and other issues relating to real property. This venerable work, which Coke called "the ornament of the Common Law, and the most perfect and absolute work that ever was written in any humane science," is considered a landmark because it renounced the principles of Roman law (and Latin) in favor of guidelines and doctrines drawn from the Year Books and, when necessary, hypothetical cases. The first dated English translation was published in 1538. OCLC locates 6 copies worldwide of the 1621 edition, and 3 in law libraries (Yale, University of Pennsylvania, UT-Austin). Holdsworth, *A History of English Law* II:573. *English Short-Title Catalogue* S895. [Order This Item](#)





Early Docket Book from Mifflin County, Pennsylvania

18. [Manuscript].

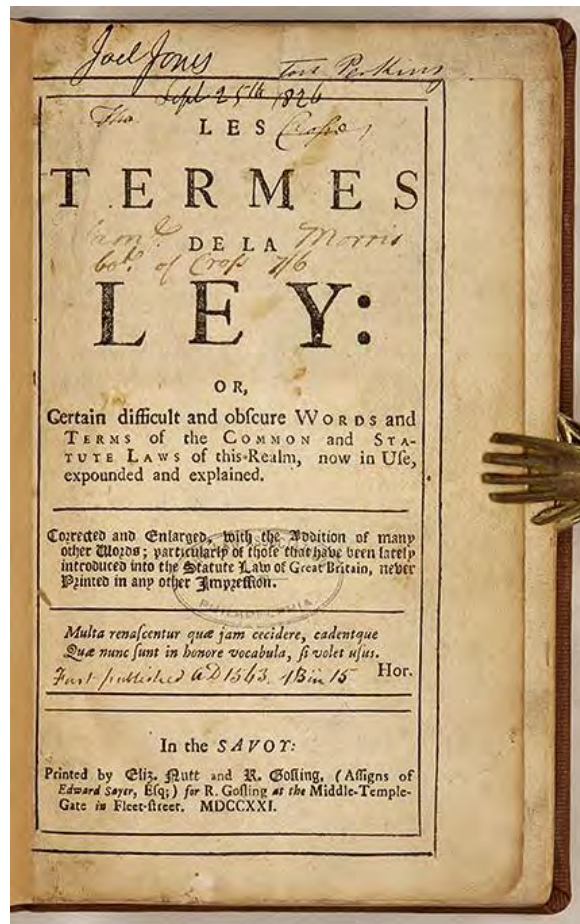
[Pennsylvania].

[Commissioners of Mifflin County].

[Docket Book, Mifflin County, Pennsylvania, 1812-1839]. [300] pp. Oblong folio (15-1/2" x 6-1/2").

Three quarter sheep over marbled boards. Light rubbing to boards, heavier rubbing to extremities with some wear to spine ends and corners. Light toning, faint dampstaining, a few partial cracks to text block, text in small neat hand to rectos and versos of 66 pages, later annotations in pencil to endleaves and a few other places. \$500.

\* Apparently a retrospective record, this ledger records court appearance records for Mifflin County, Pennsylvania from 1812 to 1839. This is an early docket book; the county was founded in 1789. The content is related exclusively to cases heard in this central Pennsylvania county, with hundreds of individual names and various institutions, such as the Turnpike Road Company, United States Bank, Juniata Bank and Lewistown Presbyterian Church. The entries include an "indictment for the murder of her child," an "indictment for larceny," and an "indictment for scaring defendants [who were] not guilty." [Order This Item](#)



### Last and Best Edition of the First English Law Dictionary

19. [Rastell, John (d. 1536)].

[Rastell, William (1508-1565), Editor].

*Les Termes de la Ley: Or, Certain Difficult and Obscure Words and Terms of the Common and Statute Laws of This Realm, Now in Use, Expounded and Explained. Corrected and Enlarged, With the Addition of Many Other Words; Particularly of Those Introduced into the Statute Law of Great Britain, Never Printed in Any Other Impression.* [London]: Printed by Eliz. Nutt and R. Gosling, 1721. [iv], 592 pp. French and English texts in parallel columns. Octavo (7-3/4" x 5").

Recent library buckram, red and black lettering pieces, gilt library name and paper shelf label to spine, small security tag and blind-stamped library name to front board, endleaves added, library stamps to edges of text block, front free endpaper and title page. Negligible light shelfwear and soiling. Moderate toning and light foxing to text, inkspots to a few leaves, early owner signatures to title page: one clipped from top edge, one illegible, the other two are those of Joel Jones and Samuel Morris. \$350.

\* Last and best edition. Corrected and greatly enlarged with Law French and an English translation in Parallel columns. This edition was translated by his son, William Rastell [1508?-1565]. First published in 1527, originally composed in French, with a Latin title page, *Expositiones Terminorum Legum Anglorumae*. The first English law dictionary, it "reflects the common law at the close of the year-book period with much fidelity" (Marvin). Morris [1711-1782], a merchant, was the Philadelphia registrar of wills and a trustee of the University of Pennsylvania. Jones [1795-1860], a distinguished Philadelphia judge and lawyer, was the first president of Girard College from 1847 to 1849 and mayor of Philadelphia from 1849 to 1850. Marvin, *Legal Bibliography* 599. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T130235. [Order This Item](#)





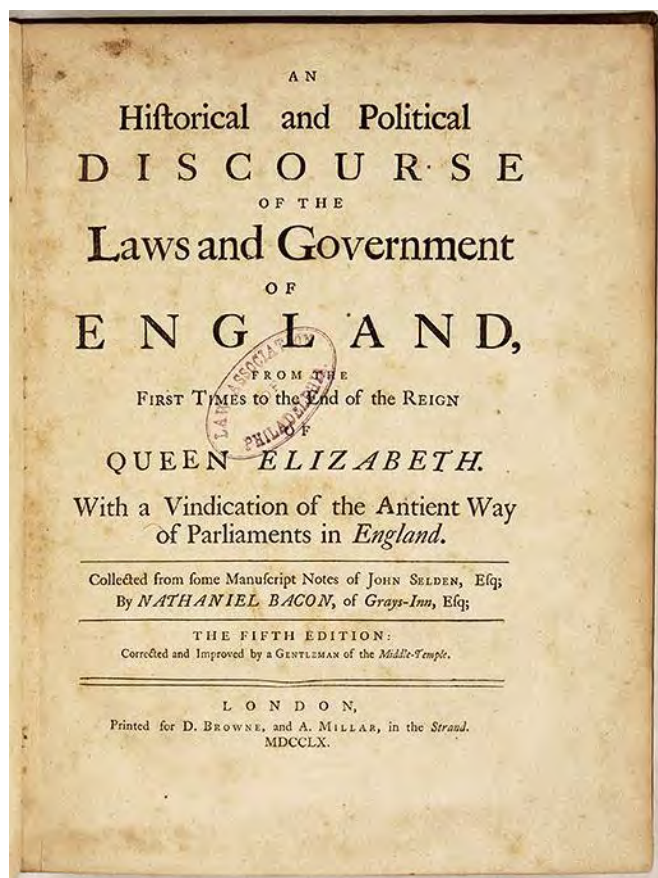
### Critical Philological Essays

#### 20. Robert, Jean [fl. 1569-1590].

*Animadversionum Iuris Civilis Libri Tres.* Paris: Apud Aegidium Beys, 1580. [viii], 124 [i.e. 120] fols. Quarto (9" x 6-3/4").

Contemporary limp vellum, early hand-lettered titles to spine and foot of text block, ties lacking. Some rubbing to extremities, chipping to spine, corners bumped and creased, hinges starting, some wear to edges of endleaves. Woodcut printer device, head-piece and decorated initials. Negligible small worm holes to front free endpaper and title page, faint dampstaining to margins, light foxing. Early annotations to front cover and front free endpaper. A solid copy of an important title. \$2,500.

\* First edition. This important collection of critical philological essays played an important role in contemporary French debates about the chronology of Roman law. Robert was a professor of law at the University of Orleans. OCLC locates 7 copies worldwide, 4 in North America (at the Emory Theological Library, George Washington University Law School, the Library of Congress and UC Berkeley Law Library). Not in Adams or Camus. National Library of Scotland, *Short-Title Catalogue of Foreign Books Printed up to 1600* 308. [Order This Item](#)



Final Edition of Selden's *Historical Discourse*

**21. Selden, John [1584-1654].**

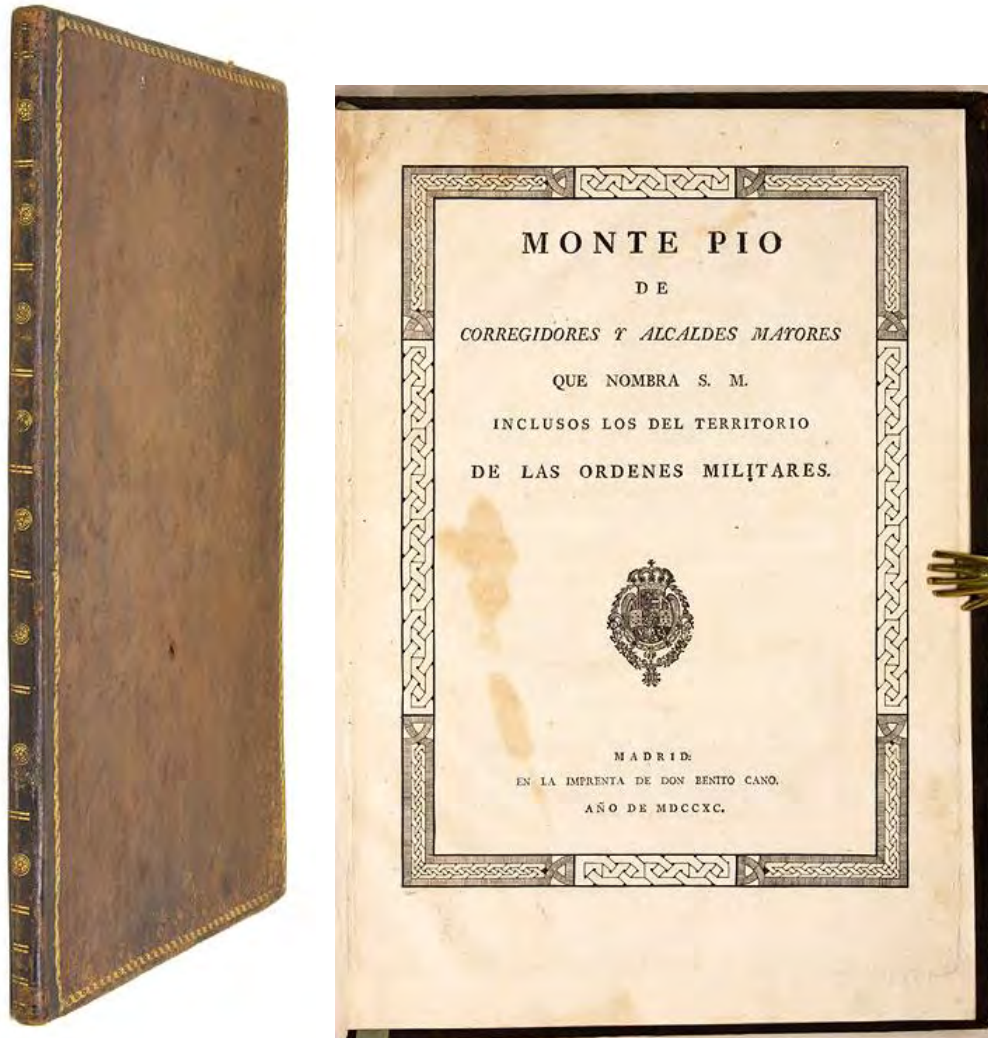
**Bacon, Nathaniel [1593-1660], Editor, Attributed Author.**

*An Historical and Political Discourse of the Laws and Government of England, From the First Times to the End of the Reign of Queen Elizabeth. With a Vindication of the Antient Way of Parliaments in England. Collected from Some Manuscript Notes of John Selden, Esq; By Nathaniel Bacon, Of Grays Inn, Esq; Corrected and Improved by a Gentleman of the Middle-Temple.* London: Printed for D. Browne and A. Millar, 1760. [iv], viii, xiii-xix, [1], 203, [1]; xii, 178, [8] pp. Complete. Includes one-page publisher advertisement. Quarto (11-1/4" x 9").

Recent library buckram, red and black lettering pieces, gilt-stamped library name and paper shelf label to spine, endleaves added, blind-stamped library name and small security tag to front board. Light rubbing corners bumped, library stamps to edges, endleaves and title page, front endleaf partially detached, light browning and light foxing to text. Light soiling to title page, gift inscription dated 1841 (From C.A. Paulson to C.A. Paulson, Jr.) and owner signature (of C.B. Paulson, dated 1850) to head, faint embossed library stamp to foot. \$500.

\* Fifth and final edition. Often attributed to Bacon, the *Historical Discourse* "is a sort of constitutional history of England, showing much knowledge of the development of the institutions, civil and ecclesiastical, and pervaded by a strong spirit of hostility to the claims of the royal prerogative and to hierarchical pretensions." (DNB). "The first edition having become so rare a second edition was secretly printed in 1672 which was suppressed. It was again secretly reprinted in 1682 and the publishers were prosecuted. The 1682 edition appears to have been reissued in 1689 with the 1682 imprint" (Sweet & Maxwell). *Dictionary of National Biography* 1:836-837. Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 1:99 (9). *English Short-Title Catalogue* T108171. [Order This Item](#)





**Eighteenth-Century Spanish Regulations Concerning Loans to Government Officials**

22. [Spain].

[Loans].

[Pensions].

*Monte Pio de Corregidores y Alcaldes Mayores que Nombra S.M. Inclusos los del Territorio de las Ordenes Militares.* Madrid: En la Imprenta de Don Benio Cano, 1790. 467 pp. Folio (11-3/4" x 8-1/4").

Contemporary tree sheep, gilt fillets to boards, gilt fillets and ornaments to spine, gilt tooling to board edges, marbled endpaper, detached ribbon marker laid in. Some minor nicks to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, corners bumped. Very light toning to text, faint dampstaining to a few leaves, a few minor worn holes. A handsome copy. \$750.

\* Only edition. A collection of legislation establishing a system of low-interest loans for aldermen, mayors and the governors of military districts in Spain (and New Spain). This legislation has its roots in the "Mounts of Piety," a system of pawnbrokers run as a charity by the Catholic Church in Europe in the Late Middle Ages to offer low-interest loans to the needy. The regulations in the present volume offered low-interest loans from the state treasury secured against amounts intended to fund the borrower's pension. OCLC locates 1 copy in North America (Duke University). Palau, *Manual del Librero Hispano-Americano* 177.666. [Order This Item](#)



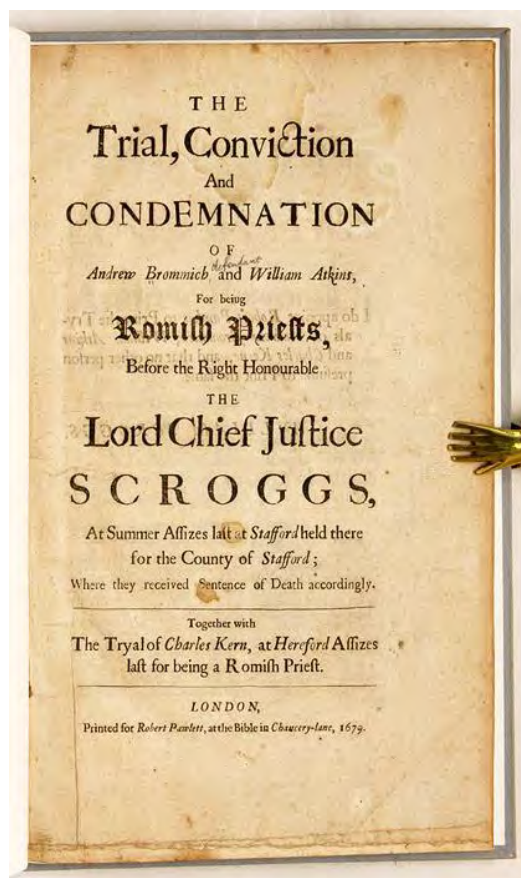
"Spy" Portrays a Group of Influential MPs at Rest

**23. Spy (Ward, Sir Leslie [1851-1922]).**

"On The Terrace: A Political Spectacle-'The Ayes Have It-The Noes Have It.'" *Supplement to Vanity Fair*, November 30, 1893. 18-1/2" x 12-1/2" (image size) color lithograph, matted and glazed in attractive 26" x 21-1/4" wooden frame. Reproduction of original one-page *Vanity Fair* text that accompanied this image (final paragraph lacking) in pocket affixed to rear. A few minor nicks to frame, otherwise fine. A well-preserved, vivid copy. \$350.

\* This image features a group of influential Members of the House of Commons: Sir (Joseph) Austen Chamberlain [1863-1937], Joseph ("Joe") Chamberlain [1836-1914], Sir John Eldon Gorst [1835-1916], Sir William Vernon Harcourt [1827-1904], Justin McCarthy [1830-1912], Anthony John Mundella [1825-1897], Arthur Balfour [1873-1957] and Sir Richard Temple [1826-1902]. *Vanity Fair* was published weekly from 1869 to 1914. It is best-known today for its caricatures of notable people and satirical depictions of current events. With few exceptions these were produced by a series of artists under pseudonyms. Ward was the magazine's dominant artist. Approximately 2,400 caricatures were published in all, mostly as single pages. "On the Terrace is one of the double-page prints issued in the special "Supplement" numbers. [Order This Item](#)





### Three Survivors of the Popish Plot

#### 24. [Trial].

**Bromwich, Andrew [c.1640-1702], Defendant.**

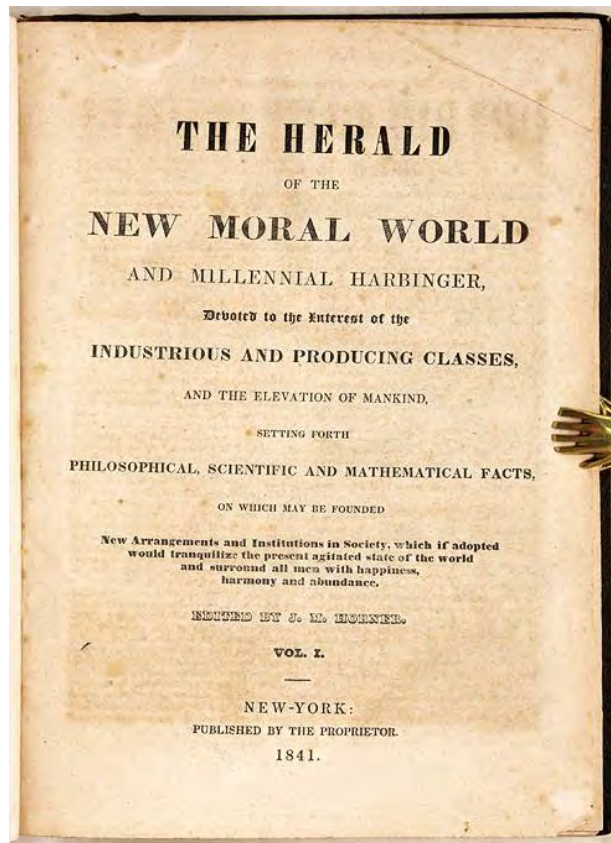
**Atkins, William [1601-1681], Defendant.**

**Kern, Charles, Defendant.**

*The Trial, Conviction and Condemnation of Andrew Bromwich and William Atkins, For Being [sic] Romish Priests, Before the Right Honourable the Lord Chief Justice Scroggs, At Summer Assizes Last at Stafford Held There for the County of Stafford; Where They Received Sentence of Death Accordingly. Together with the Tryal of Charles Kern, At Hereford Assizes Last for Being a Romish Priest.* London: Printed for Robert Pawlett, 1679. 20 pp. Folio (12" x 7").

Stab-stitched pamphlet bound into recent cloth, gilt title to spine. Light soiling and rubbing to extremities. Moderate toning and faint dampspotting to text, faint dampstaining to title page and a few other leaves. Ex-library. Bookplate to front pastedown. A nice copy. \$250.

\* Only edition. The Popish Plot was a fictitious conspiracy to assassinate Charles II. It provoked a spasm of anti-Catholic hysteria in England and Scotland that led to the executions of at least 22 men between 1678 and 1681 and harsh laws against Catholics. As Catholic priests Bromwich, Atkins and Kern were guilty by association. All three escaped death. The jury failed to convict Kern, Bromwich and Atkins were found guilty and sentenced to death. However, Lord Chief Justice Scroggs granted clemency to Atkins due to his age; he died in prison. Bromwich was treated likewise when evidence disputing his guilt was produced after the trial. Like Atkins, he was imprisoned. He was released in 1685 when James II put an end to the persecution of Catholics. OCLC locates 3 copies in North American law libraries (Harvard, New York University, University of Minnesota). *English Short-Title Catalogue* R18341. [Order This Item](#)



**An Account of a New York City Murder Overlooked by McDade**

**25. [Trial].**

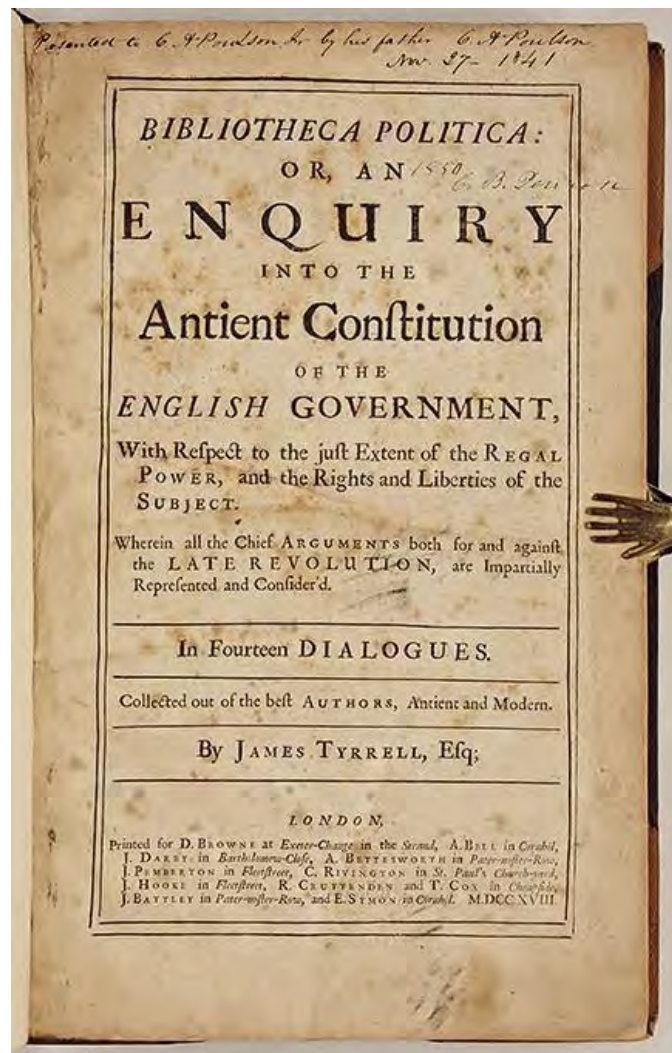
**Colt, John [1810-1842], Defendant.**

"Shocking Murder of Mr Adams--Our Printer--The Body Discovered on Board a Vessel--Arrest of the Supposed Murderer, And Observations on the Character of Both, Showing them to be Creatures of Circumstances," *The Herald of the New Moral World and Millennial Harbinger*, Volume I, No. 17, New York, September 16, 1841, pp. 140-143. Article bound into a complete run of this publication, Volume I, No. 1 to Volume II, No.7. [292] pp. Quarto (10-3/4" x 8").

Contemporary quarter calf over pebbled cloth, gilt fillets, title (reading New Moral World) and volume number (reading Vol. I-II) to spine. Light rubbing to boards, corners bumped, joints cracked, spine abraded with a few large chips just below title and at spine ends. Moderate toning, darker in places, light foxing. Struck-through serial (?) number in small recent hand, interior otherwise clean. \$1,250.

\* This account is overlooked by McDade, who lists two other newspaper accounts. As the title indicates, Adams was the printer of the *Herald of the New Moral World*, a liberal general-interest non-denominational Christian periodical. The murderer, John C. Colt, who appears to have acted impulsively during an argument, was the brother of Samuel Colt, the notable gun manufacturer. (For some unknown reason Colt used an axe instead of a pistol.) His deed was discovered when he attempted to ship Adams's body to New Orleans in a crate, where his body would not be identified. For some reason, Samuel Colt promoted the value of his pistol during his testimony, even interrupting the proceedings with a demonstration. No one knows why the court allowed this. John Colt was convicted and sentenced to death. He married his girlfriend the night before his execution and escaped the hangman by stabbing himself in the heart on the following morning. This account is one of the few negative articles in the optimistic *Herald*, a fascinating publication filled with reports of inventions, discoveries, social improvements and other examples of human progress. [Order This Item](#)





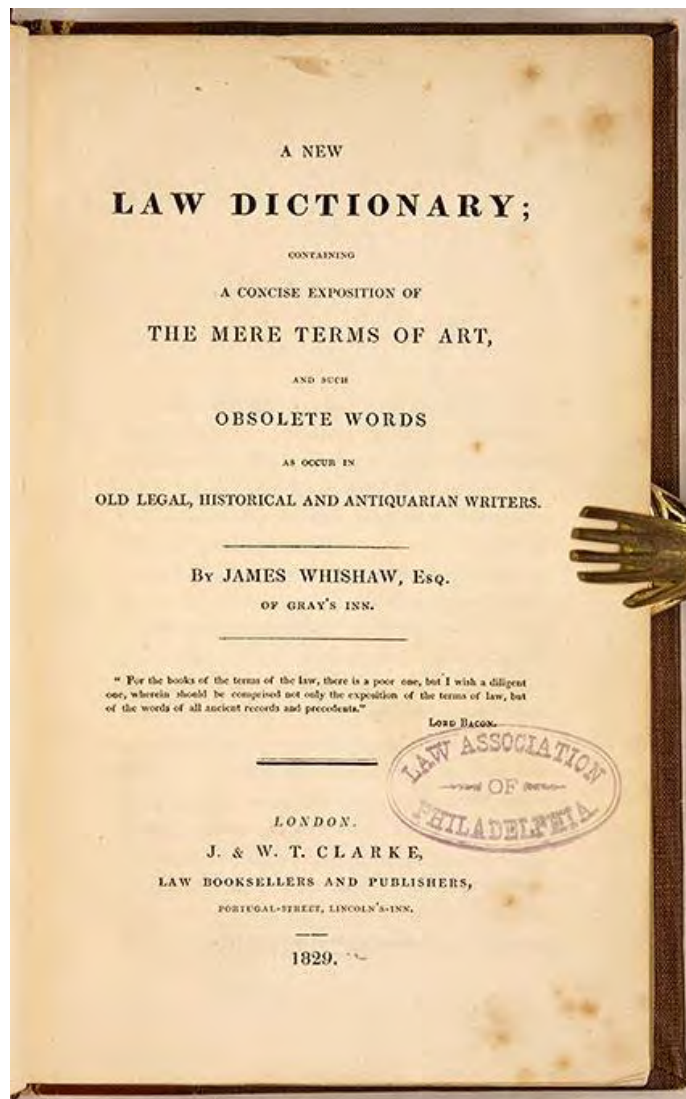
**"A Valuable Resume of the Whig Theory of the English Constitution"**

**26. Tyrrell, James [1642-1718].**

*Bibliotheca Politica: Or, An Enquiry into the Antient Constitution of the English Government, With Respect to the Just Extent of the Regal Power, And the Rights and Liberties of the Subject. Wherein All the Chief Arguments both For and Against the Late Revolution, Are Impartially Represented and Consider'd. In Fourteen Dialogues. Collected Out of the Best Authors, Antient and Modern.* London: Printed for D. Browne [Et al.], 1718. xv, [1], 259, 264-739, [25] pp. Pagination irregular, text complete. Includes one-page publisher advertisement. Folio (12-1/2" x 7-3/4").

Recent three-quarter law calf over cloth, raised bands, gilt title and shelf label to spine, endpapers added. Some rubbing to extremities, a few minor nicks to board edges, corners lightly bumped, residue from small label to front board and head of spine, library stamps to top and bottom edges and verso of title page. \$350.

\* The last edition and the first complete reissue of one of the major works of the great Whig historian and associate of John Locke. As noted by the *Dictionary of National Biography*, this work, first published in installments from 1692 to 1702, is a "valuable resume of the Whig theory of the English constitution." It is also notable as a strong counter-argument to the ideas of Robert Brady and Robert Filmer. *Dictionary of National Biography* XIX:1369. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T144687. [Order This Item](#)



### Whishaw's Dictionary

#### 27. Whishaw, James [1808-1879].

*A New Law Dictionary: Containing a Concise Exposition of the Mere Terms of Art, and Such Obsolete Words as Occur in Old Legal, Historical and Antiquarian Writers.* London: J. & W.T. Clarke, 1829. [iii]-viii, 342, [2] pp. Half-title lacking. Includes 2-page publisher catalogue. Main text in parallel columns. Octavo (8" x 5-1/4").

Later quarter law calf over cloth, red and black lettering pieces and paper location label to spine, library name and small security tag to front board, endpapers added, hinges reinforced, library stamps to edges, and endleaves. Light rubbing to boards, moderate rubbing and a few nicks to spine, front free endpaper lacking. Light toning to text, occasional light foxing, library stamp to title page. \$350.

\* Only edition. Whishaw, a member of Gray's Inn, set out to produce a concise law dictionary in the tradition of Rastell, which would offer rather than a voluminous encyclopedic dictionary in the manner of Jacob's. Though intended for the young lawyer, it is not a dictionary for novices only. Whishaw included French, Latin and English words and phrases as well as "obsolete words" from such early authorities as Cowell, Blount and Hale. Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 2:377. [Order This Item](#)





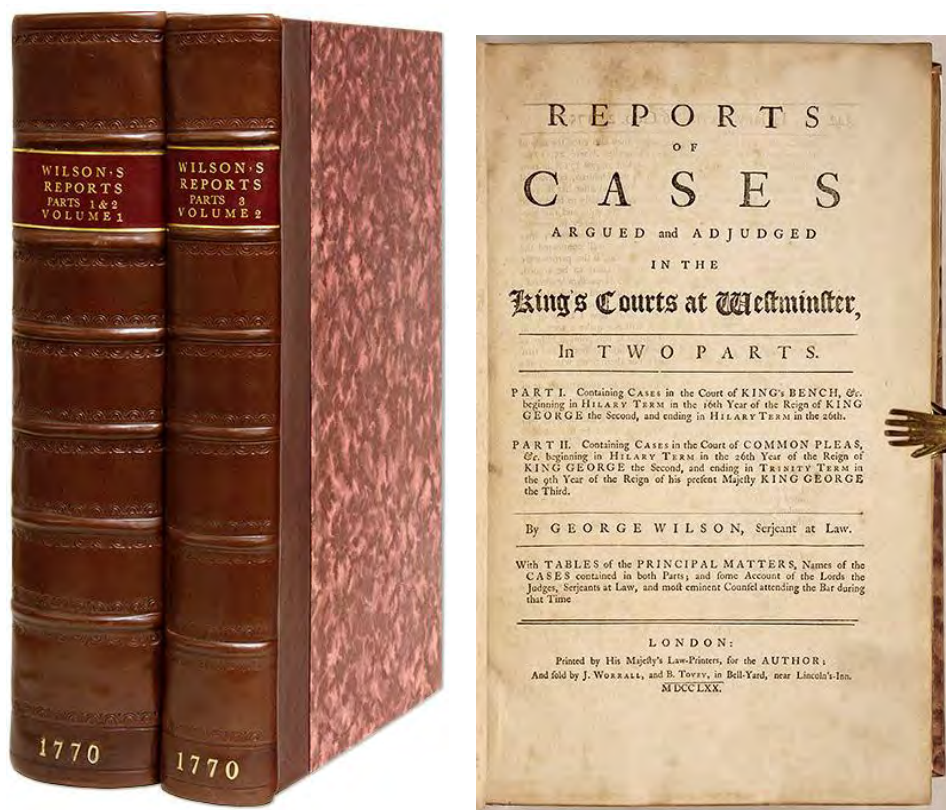
### A Key to the *Corpus Juris Civilis*

#### 28. Wieling, Abraham [1693-1746] [and Others].

*Jurisprudentia Restituta, seu Index Chronologicus in Totum Juris Justinianaei Corpus, Ad Modum Iac. Labitti, Ant. Augustini, & Wolff. Freymonii, Nova Tamen & Faciliore Methodo Collectus. Accesserunt Opuscula IV. I. Usus Pandectarum per Iac. Labittum, cum Notis Wilh. Schmuccii. II. Henrici Hahnii, Oratio de Usu Chronologiae in Jure. III. Henrici Brenemannii, Dissertatio de Legum Inscriptionibus. IV. Bern. Hyenrici Reinoldi, Oratio de Inscriptionibus Legum Dig. & Cod. In Usum Auditorum Animadversiones Passim Adjecit.* Amsterdam: Apud Janssonio-Waesbergios, 1727. [xvi], xciv, [2], 400; 199, [1], 278 pp. Two parts in one volume. Octavo (4-1/2" x 7-1/2").

Contemporary quarter vellum over marbled boards, early hand-lettered title to spine, speckled edges. Moderate rubbing with some wear to corners, light soiling to spine, partial crack between front endleaf and title page. Later bookplate (of J.W. Enschede) to front pastedown. Title page printed in red and black, copperplate dedication leaf. Light browning in a few places, interior otherwise fresh. \$450.

\* First edition. Wieling was a professor of law at the University of Freneker, later the University of Utrecht. *Jurisprudentia Restituta*, an analytical index to the *Corpus Juris Civilis* with annotations by a group of notable scholars, is a heavily revised edition of the *Index Legum Omnium Quae in Pandectis Continentur* of Jacques Labitte (Paris 1557), which was written under the direction of his teacher Cujas. Roberts, *A South African Legal Bibliography* 337. Dekkers, *Bibliotheca Belgica Juridica* 192. [Order This Item](#)



**"Very Accurate Repositories"**

**29. Wilson, George [d. 1778].**

*Reports of Cases Argued and Adjudged in the King's Courts at Westminster, In Two Parts. Part 1. Containing Cases in the Court of King's Bench, &c. Beginning in Hilary Term in the 16th Year of the Reign of King George the Second, And Ending in Hilary Term in the 26th. Part II. Containing Cases in the Court of Common Pleas, &c. Beginning in Hilary Term in the 26th Year of the Reign of King George the Second, And Ending in Trinity Term in the 9th Year of the Reign of His Present Majesty King George the Third. By George Wilson, Serjeant at Law. With Tables of the Principal Matters, Names of the Cases Contained in Both Parts; And Some Account of the Lords the Judges, Serjeants at Law, And Most Eminent Counsel Attending the Bar During that Time.* London: Printed by His Majesty's Law-Printers, For the Author, 1770. Two parts in one volume. [xvi], 342; 424, [44] pp.

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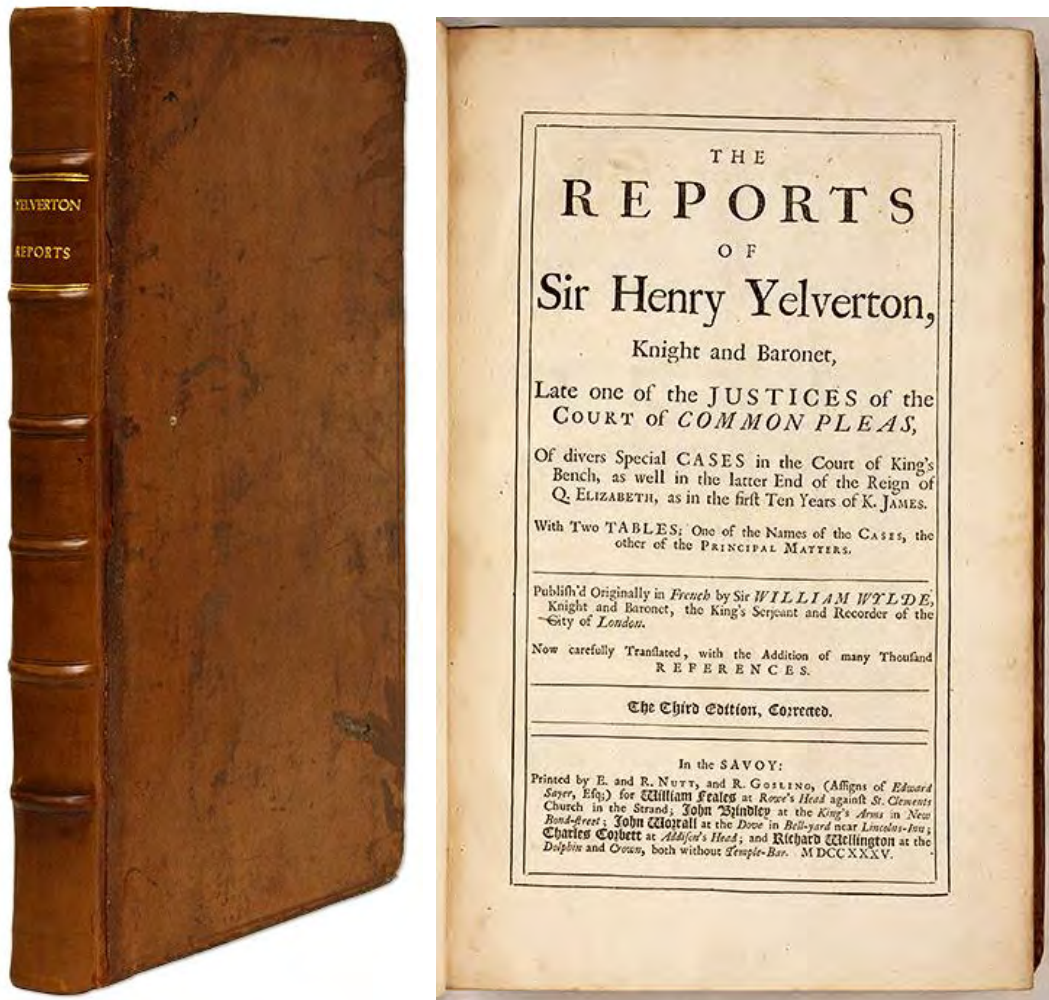
**Wilson, George.**

*Reports of Cases Argued and Adjudged in the Court of Common Pleas, Part the Third...* London: Printed by His Majesty's Law-Printers, For the Author, 1775. [x], 564, [26] pp.

Complete set. Folio (12" x 8"). Recent period-style quarter calf over marbled boards, endpapers renewed. Light toning to text, somewhat heavier in places, faint, mostly very faint, dampstaining to upper margins of the first quarter of the first volume, light foxing and minor marginal worming in a few places in *Part the Third*. An attractive set. \$500.

\* First edition. Covering the years 1743-1754 (Parts I and II) and 1753-1774 (*Part the Third*), "Wilson's Reports embrace the time when Wilmut, C.J., was on the bench and gave us his judgments. They contain also cases in the time of Chief Justices Willes and De Grey. Being [to quote Kent's *Commentaries on American Law*] "very accurate repositories" of the decisions they report, they are of course interesting and informative" (Wallace). A durable set of reports, it went through several England and American editions into the late-nineteenth century. Wallace, *The Reporters* 442. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T44777. [Order This Item](#)





"Among the Best of the Older Books"

**30. Yelverton, Sir Henry [1566-1629].**

*The Reports of Sir Henry Yelverton, Knight and Baronet, Late One of the Justices of the Court of Common Pleas, Of Divers Special Cases in the Court of King's Bench, As Well in the Latter End of the Reign of Q. Elizabeth, As in the First Ten Years of K. James. With Two Tables; One of the Names of the Cases, The Other of the Principal Matters. Publish'd Originally in French by Sir William Wylde, Knight and Baronet, The King's Serjeant and Recorder of the City of London. Now Carefully Translated, With the Addition of Many Thousand References. The Third Edition, Corrected.* [London]: Printed by E. & R. Nutt, And R. Gosling, 1735. [xiv], 228, [24] pp. Includes one-page publisher advertisement. Folio (12" x 7-3/4").

Contemporary sheep, rebaked in period style, blind rules to boards, blind fillets along joints, raised bands and lettering piece to spine, hinges mended. Light rubbing and some shallow scuffing to boards, moderate rubbing to board edges, corners bumped and worn, early armorial bookplate (of H Jermyn) to front pastedown, early owner signature (of N. Searle) and later owner stamp (of W.W. Hussey) to front free endpaper. Moderate toning, light foxing in a few places, light soiling to a few leaves. \$500.

\* First edition in English, preceded by two editions in Law-French. These reports "have always been esteemed as among the best of the older books both for value of decision and essential accuracy of report." Wallace, *The Reporters* 211. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T97368. [Order This Item](#)