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Attractive Small-Format Printing Designed for Students of Canon Law

1. Boniface VIII, Pope [1235-1303].

Sex[tus] Decretalium Liber Per Bonifaciu[m] Octavum Pontifice[m] Sanctissimu[m] in Lugdunesi Concilio Editus. Cui Adiecta Sunt Recenter Summaria: Ex Probatissimis Iuris Pontificii Doctoribus Deprompta. With a woodcut illustration of the "Spiritual Family."

[Bound With]

Clement V, Pope [1264-1314].

John XXII, Pope [1244-1334].

Clementinarum Constitutionum Liber. Ad Maiorem Cuius Elucidationem Adiecta Sunt Summaria: Hac Figura Fignata.

[And]

Extravagantes Com[m]unes a Diversis Romanis Pontificibus Post Sextum Edite.

[And]

John XXII, Pope.

Extravagantes Seu Constitutiones Viginti: A Joanne XXII. Edite ac Diligenti Cura Castigate: Una cum Summariis Admodum Familiarib[us] Hac Figura Fignatis.

Paris: Johannes Kerbriand [Ex Officina Petri Gaudou], 1531. 78, [2]; 36; 44; 20 ff. 4 parts in 1 with separate pagination and title pages. Octavo (6" x 3-3/4").

Later quarter vellum over marbled boards, endleaves renewed. Light rubbing to boards, creasing to vellum, which is lightly soiled, on rear board, rubbing and light wear to board edges, hinges starting, faint offsetting to endleaves, recent bookplate (of Vincent Lloyd Russell) to front pastedown. Printed in red and black, title pages of first two works printed within metalcut borders, text in two columns, occasional wood and metalcut (criblé) initials. Light toning to interior, light foxing and soiling in a few places, faint fold lines to a few upper corners, small faint dampstain to top gutter of last several leaves not affecting text, first title page starting at head but secure, brief early ms notes to ff. ix and lviii of first work and f. vi of third work. \$2,000.

* Promulgated in 1298, the *Liber Sextus* of Boniface VIII is one of the works known collectively as the *Corpus Juris Canonici*, a collection of papal decisions comprising the law of the Catholic Church and lands governed by the Pope. John XXII added the final official collection, the *Liber Septimus Decretalium*, better known as the *Constitutiones Clementis V*, or *Clementinae* in 1317. The *Extravagantes* of John XXII were added later along with the *Extravagantes Communes* of other popes through 1484.

Our attractive small-format printing was compiled for the use of students at the Faculté de Droit in Paris. The four parts are frequently catalogued separately but were commonly issued together with other parts of the *Corpus Juris Canonici* and shared among booksellers. Jean Kerbriant (or Kerbriand), the printer of our edition, was a Brittany native active in Paris from 1516-1550 specializing in liturgical printing. Renouard & Moreau, *Inventaire Chronologique des Éditions Parisiennes du XVIe Siècle* IV: 109, 110, 111, 114. [Order This Item](#)



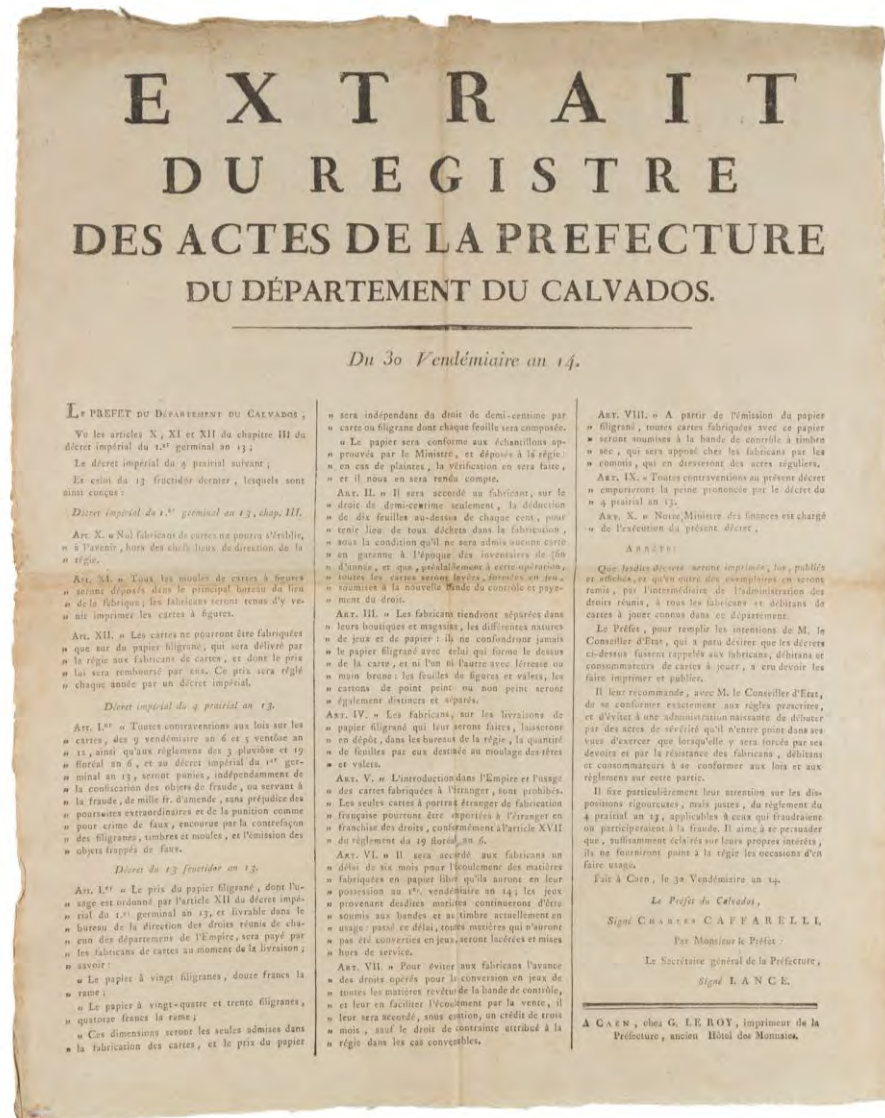
"Is Your Profession Law? May Heaven Save It"

2. [Broadside].

The Carriers' Annual. To the Patrons of the Daily Evening Transcript. At head: *January 1....1834.* [Boston: Dutton and Wentworth, 1833].

15-1/2" x 10-1/2" broadside, text in two columns below headline and woodcut vignette of newspaper carriers doing their rounds, surrounded by ornamental border. Moderate toning, light foxing, a few slight creases, lower corner lacking without loss to border or text, faint dampstaining to edges affecting headline and image without loss to legibility. \$500.

* Probably issued by the printers of Boston's *Daily Evening Transcript* to commemorate the new year, this verse broadside includes a stanza dedicated "To the Lawyer, with a special plea--of "happy new year!" and prayer that he may grant oyer of their petition for the usual donation." [Order This Item](#)



1805 French Regulations for the Production of Playing Cards

3. [Broadside]. [Playing Cards].

Extrait du Registre des Actes de la Préfecture du Département du Calvados. Caen: Chez G. Le Roy, Imprimeur de la Préfecture, 30 Vendémiaire An 14, [22 October 1805].

20-1/2" x 16-1/4" broadside, text in three columns below headline, untrimmed edges. Light browning, vertical and horizontal fold lines, two very small holes along folds. A well-preserved copy. \$450.

* This official broadside, published at the beginning of Napoleon's reign, when the Revolutionary calendar was still in use, states certain new regulations for makers of playing cards. Among other matters, they set out tax rates, the type of paper that may be used, prohibitions against imported cards and penalties for failure to comply with any of these regulations. No copies located on OCLC. [Order This Item](#)



The Most Elaborately Illustrated Edition of Campbell's Lives of the Chief Justices

4. Campbell, John, 1st Baron Campbell [1779-1861].

[Cockcroft, James, Editor].

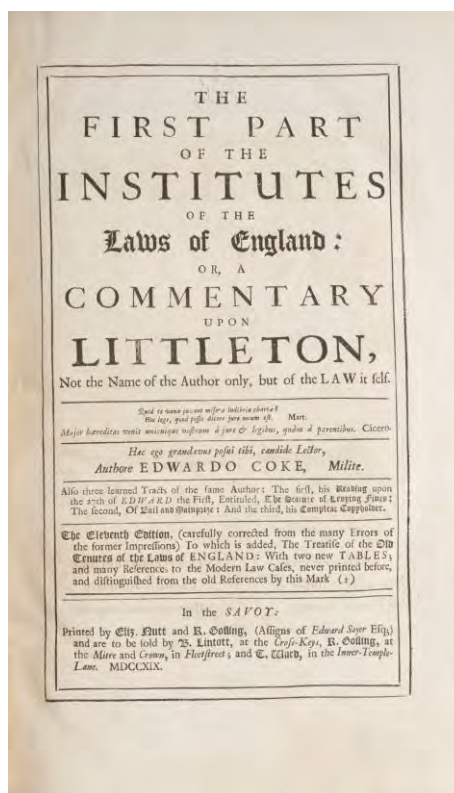
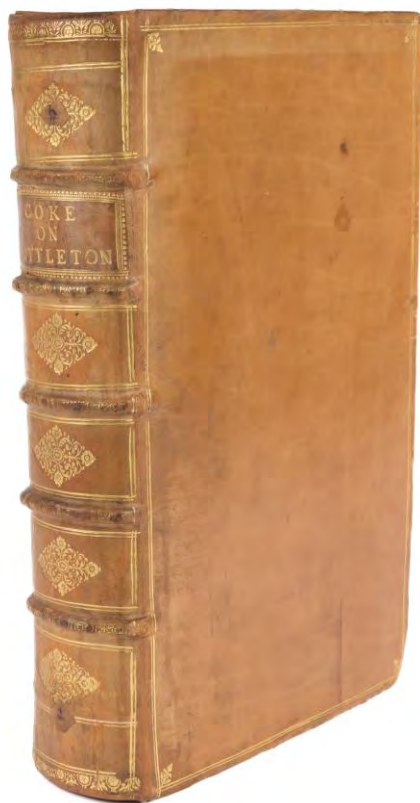
The Lives of the Chief Justices of England: From the Norman Conquest Till the Death of Lord Tenterden. New and Revised Edition, With Illustrations and Numerous Annotations. Northport, Long Island, N.Y.: Edward Thompson Co., 1894-1899. Five volumes. 126 full page illustrations, 13 of which are colored lithographs. Complete set. Quarto (10" x 7-1/2").

Original white spines over crimson boards with gilt fillets, gilt titles to front boards and spines, top-edges gilt. Minor rubbing, scuffing and soiling, light fading to spines, corners bumped. Color frontispieces, title pages printed in red and black, interiors notably fresh. \$450.

* New and Revised edition. This classic study, which went through several editions, is an incomparable storehouse of legal history and anecdote. "If [Campbell's] jocosity is not always seasonable, or in taste, it seldom fails to amuse.": Atlay, *The Victorian Chancellors* II:181-183 cited in Marke, *A Catalogue of the Law Collection at New York University* (1953) 151.

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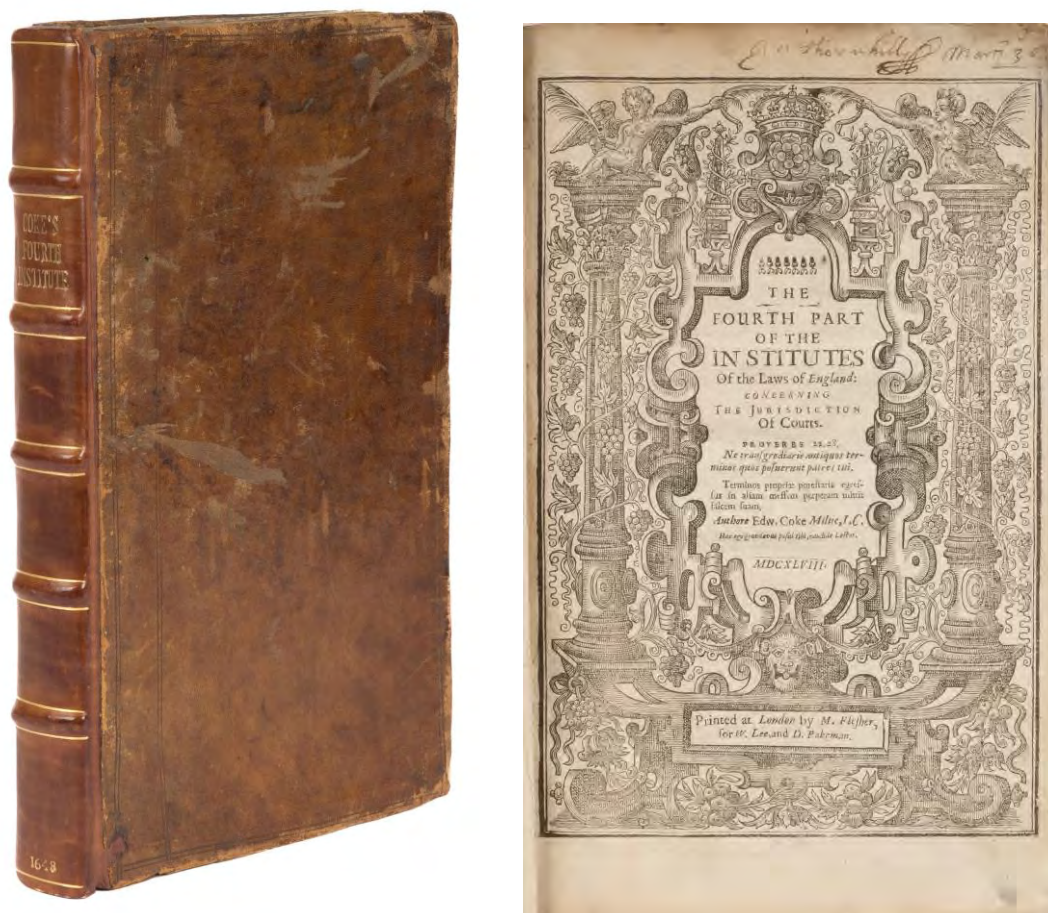
Handsome 1719 Edition of *Coke on Littleton*

5. Coke, Sir Edward [1552-1643].

The First Part of the Institutes of the Laws of England: Or, A Commentary Upon Littleton, Not the Name of the Author Only, But of the Law It Self (...) Also Three Learned Tracts of the Same Author: The First, His Reading upon the 27th of Edward the First, Entituled, *The Statute of Levying Fines: The Second, Of Bail and Mainprize: And the Third, His Compleat Copyholder. The Eleventh Edition, (Carefully Corrected from the Many Errors of the Former Impressions) to Which is Added, The Treatise of the Old Tenures of the Laws of England: With Two New Tables; And Many References to the Modern Law Cases, Never Printed Before, And Distinguished from the Old References by This Mark (+).* London: Printed by Eliz. Nutt and R. Gosling, MDCCXIX [1719]. [xviii], 100 pp., 402 ff., [74] pp. Copperplate portrait frontispiece of Coke, copperplate portrait of Littleton facing Fol. 1, folding woodcut table of descent and consanguinity. With a 4 pp. subscriber list. Folio (13" x 8").

Contemporary calf, gilt rules and corner fleurons to boards, raised bands, lettering piece and gilt ornaments and tiny early paper shelf label to spine, gilt tooling to board edges. A few minor nicks and shallow scuffs to boards, light rubbing to extremities, corners bumped and somewhat worn, hinges cracked, armorial bookplate of the Earls of Macclesfield to front pastedown, small embossed Macclesfield stamps to preliminaries. Moderate toning to interior, light browning and foxing in places. A handsome copy. \$750.

* Eleventh edition, one of two issues from 1719. Coke's *Institutes*, which eventually comprised four volumes, are thought to be the first textbooks on the modern common law. Taken together, they are a virtual legal encyclopedia of the law as it stood in Coke's lifetime. The first *Institutes*, better known as *Coke on Littleton*, contains the text of Sir Thomas Littleton's *Tenures* with extensive commentary. It was first published in 1628, and was a standard work for decades, often used as a textbook. Our copy of this title belonged to the Earls of Macclesfield. Housed in Shirburn Castle, near Watlington, Oxfordshire, it was one of the finest private libraries in Great Britain. *English Short-Title Catalogue* N6886. [Order This Item](#)



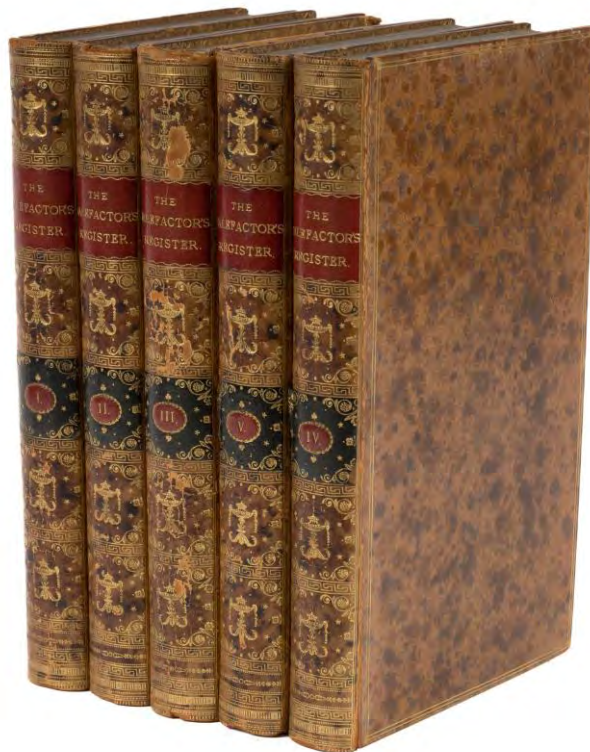
Early Edition of Coke's Fourth *Institutes*

6. Coke, Sir Edward [1552-1634].

The Fourth Part of the Institutes of the Laws of England: Concerning the Jurisdiction of Courts. London: Printed...by M. Flesher, For W. Lee, and D. Pakeman, 1648. [xvi], 364, [2] pp. Copperplate portrait frontispiece. Folio (11" x 7-1/4").

Contemporary sheep, rebaked in period-style calf, blind rules to boards, gilt title, gilt-edged raised bands and gilt publication date to spine, existing endpapers retained. Light rubbing and a few shallow scuffs to boards, heavier rubbing to board edges with wear to corners, hinges cracked, illegible recent owner inscription to front pastedown, owner annotations and signature (of Thomas Thornhill, dated 1703) to preliminaries. Light browning to text, faint stains in a few places, light soiling to preliminaries and rear endleaves, which have offsetting and edgewear to margins and, to the rear endleaves, chipping. \$750.

* Second edition, one of two issues, both from 1648. Coke's deeply influential *Institutes of the Laws of England*, which eventually comprised four volumes, are thought to be the first textbooks on the modern common law. Taken together, they are a virtual legal encyclopedia of the law as it stood in Coke's lifetime. First published in 1644, *The Fourth Part* outlines the authority and jurisdictions of the Court of Star-Chamber, Kings Court, Chancery, the Court of Common Pleas, Ecclesiastical Courts, Courts of Exchequer, Augmentations, Admiralty, the Justices Assize, Courts in Universities of Cambridge and Oxford, Court of the Commissioners Upon the Statute of Bankrupts, the Marshalsea, the Stannaries, the Eighteen Courts of the City of London, the Court of Pipowders (concerning Markets and Fairs), the Courts of the Forest Countries, various ecclesiastical courts and many more. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R504744. [Order This Item](#)



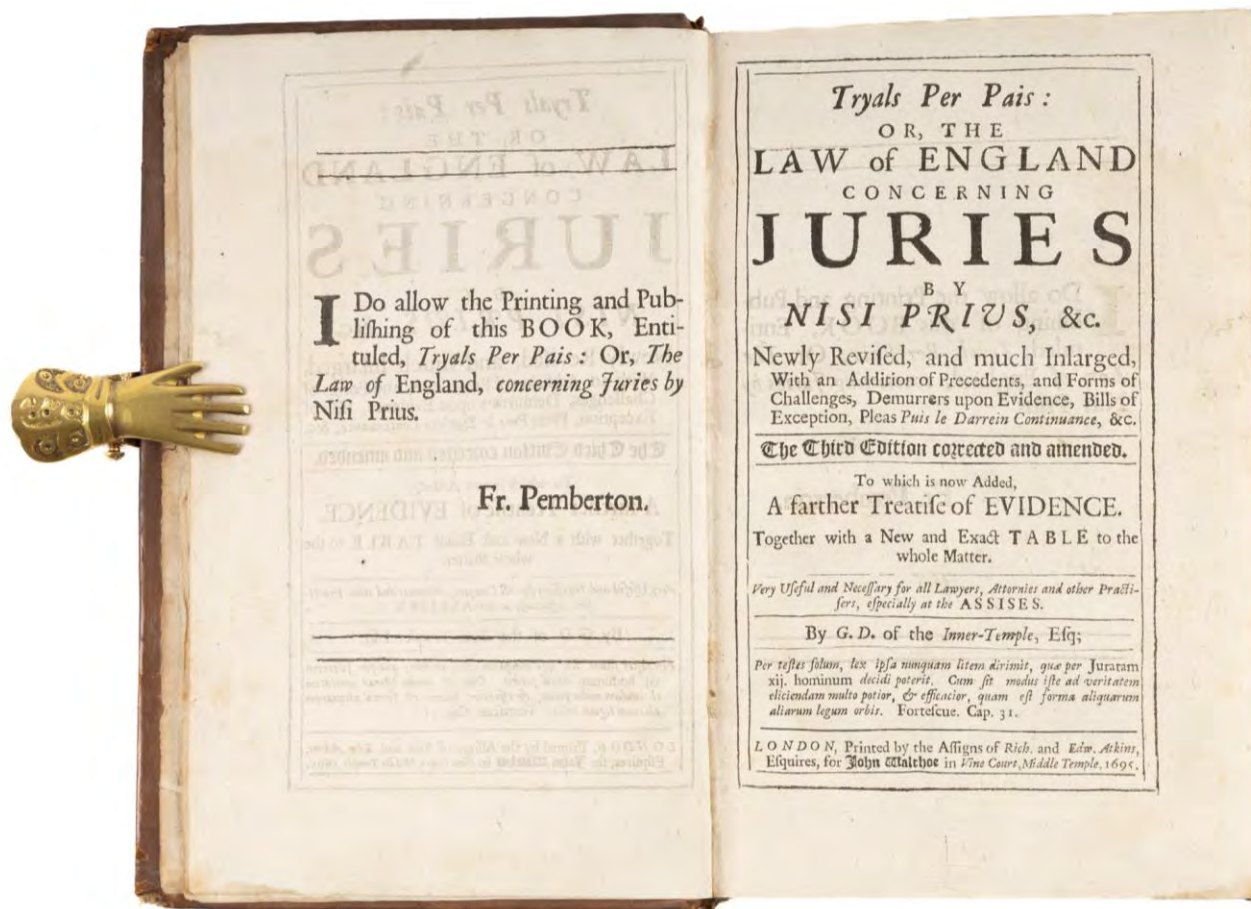
**"A General Display of the Progress and
Consequence of Vice," Illustrated with 55 Copperplates**

**7. [Criminals].
[Great Britain].**

The Malefactor's Register; Or, The Newgate and Tyburn Calendar. Containing the Authentic Lives, Trials, Accounts of Executions, And Dying Speeches, Of the Most Notorious Violators of the Laws of Their Country; Who have Suffered Death, And Other Exemplary Punishments, In England, Scotland and Ireland, From the Year 1700 to Lady-Day 1779. Together with Numerous Trials in Extraordinary Cases, Where the Parties Have Been Acquitted. (...) Embellished with a Most Elegant and Superb Set of Copper Plates, Engraved in a Spirited Manner, From Original Designs, By Capital Artists. London: Printed, By authority, For Alexander Hogg, [1779]. Five volumes. 49 copperplates, as issued, and 6 added copperplates, 5 to Volume II and 1 to Volume IV. Octavo (8-1/4" x 5").

Later mottled calf, blind frames to boards, gilt spines with red and black lettering pieces, speckled edges, gilt rules to board edges, gilt inside dentelles. Minor nicks to boards and spines, moderate rubbing to extremities, minor chipping to spine ends, most hinges cracked or starting, small morocco book label of William Armistead Moale Burden II to front pastedown of each volume, moderate toning to interiors. A very handsome set. \$3,000.

* The *Newgate Calendar* began as a monthly record of executions issued by the keeper of London's Newgate Prison. The title was eventually appropriated by several publishers, who issued chapbooks about notorious criminals and their deeds. The first collection of these biographies was published by R. Sanders in 1760. Didactic and lurid in equal measure, it was an instant success that went through several editions and versions into the nineteenth century (by several authors). All are notable for their colorful language, moralistic tone and interesting references to contemporary events and social issues. William Armistead Moale Burden II [1906-1984], the former owner of our copy, was a prominent banker, art collector, bibliophile and philanthropist. He was Eisenhower's ambassador to Belgium from 1959 to 1961. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T69563. [Order This Item](#)



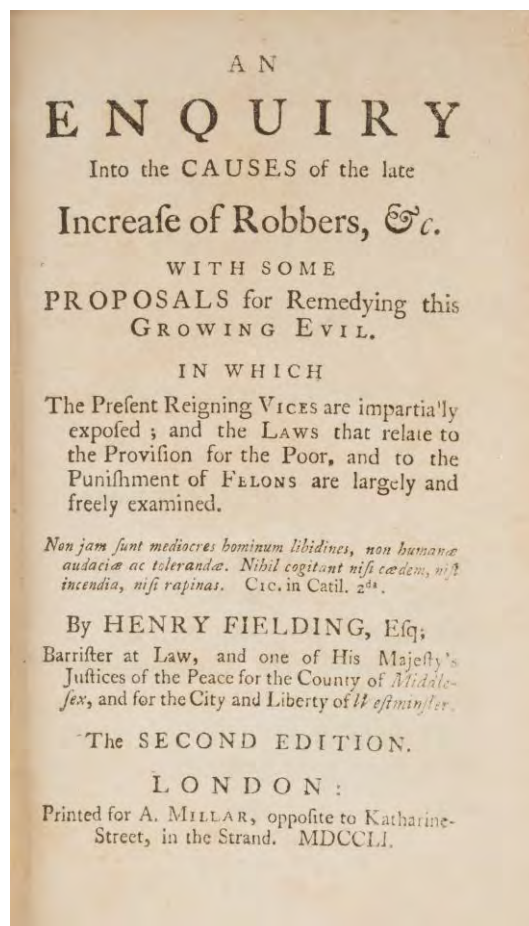
The First Substantial English Treatise on Juries and Evidence

8. D[uncombe], G[iles].

Tryals per Pais: Or, The Law of England Concerning Juries by Nisi Prius &c. Newly Revised and Much Enlarged, With an Addition of Precedents, And Forms of Challenges, Demurrers upon Evidence, Bills of Exception, Pleas Puis le Darrein Continuance, &c. The Third Edition Corrected and Amended. To Which is now Added, A Farther Treatise of Evidence. Together With a New and Exact Table to the Whole Matter. Very Useful and Necessary for All Lawyers, Attornies and Other Practicers, Especially at the Assises. By G.D. of the Inner-Temple, Esq. London: Printed by the Assigns of Rich. and Edw. Atkins, 1695. [xxiv], 416, [24] pp. With a section titled Precedents Containing the Forms of Challenges to the Array, &c., which has a title page, pagination continuous. Final leaf is a publisher catalogue. Octavo (7-1/2" x 4-1/2").

Contemporary calf, blind rules to boards, blind fillets along joints, raised bands and blind filets to spine, gilt tooling to board edges. Light rubbing to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, small chip to front joint near head of spine, joints just starting near head, corners bumped and somewhat worn, hinges cracked, later inscription (by Donald Andrus, dated 1888) to front pastedown, lower corner lacking from front endleaf. Light toning to interior, top edge trimmed with loss to headlines in a few places, negligible faint dampstaining to preliminaries and final few leaves of text. \$500.

* Fourth (stated) edition. First published anonymously in 1665, *Tryals per Pais* is the first substantial English treatise on juries and the law of evidence. A work of authority for more than a century, it went through several editions, the final appearing in 1793. This work is sometimes attributed erroneously to Samson Euer. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R43154. [Order This Item](#)



Fielding on Crime and the Evils of Gin

9. Fielding, Henry [1707-1754].

An Enquiry Into the Causes of the Late Increase of Robbers, &c. With Some Proposals for Remedying this Growing Evil. In Which the Present Reigning Vices are Impartially Exposed; And the Laws that Relate to the Provision for the Poor, And to the Punishment of Felons are Largely and Freely Examined. By Henry Fielding, Esq; Barrister at Law, and One of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County of Middlesex, And for the City and Liberty of Westminster. London: Printed for A. Millar, 1751. xxxii, 203, [1] pp. With a half-title. 12mo (6-1/4" x 3-3/4").

Later patterned cloth, gilt title to spine, edges rouged, endpapers renewed. Light rubbing to boards and extremities, some fading to spine, corners bumped, hinges cracked, rear board just starting at foot but secure, faint soiling and dampstaining to rear pastedown. Light toning to interior, light foxing in a few places, small faint dampstain to lower right corner of first and last quarter of text block, text affected in places without loss to legibility, slight crack in text block between pp. 116-117, all leaves secure. \$250.

* Second edition, published the same year as the first. This tract by the great writer draws attention to the social evils of the time, gin consumption among the poor especially. An influential piece, it inspired a bill to restrict gin production and Hogarth's famous engraving, "Gin Lane." The advertisement on the last page, possibly written by Sir John Fielding, is headed "To the Public." It advertises a domestic employment agency that offers servants free of "the rude Behaviour and Insolence of Servants of all Kinds" that has "become a general complaint." As mentioned above, two editions were published in 1751 by Millar. There is also an imprint of the first edition published in Dublin in 1751 by M. Faulkner. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T89871. [Order This Item](#)



Public and Private Acts of Parliament, 1740-1741

10. [Great Britain].

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

Anno Regni Georgii II. Regis Magnae Britanniae, Franciae, & Hiberniae, Decimo Quarto. At the Parliament Begun and Holden at Westminster, The Fourteenth Day of January, Anno Dom. 1734, In the Eighth Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Second, (...) And from thence Continued by Several Prorogations to the Eighteenth Day of November, 1740, Being the Seventh Session of this Present Parliament. London: Printed by John Baskett, 1740 [i.e. 1741]. 756, [6] pp. Same general title page preceding each act, Acts XXXIII-XLIII dated 1741.

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An Abstract of All the Acts Passed in the Seventh Session of the Eighth Parliament of Great Britain, And in the Fourteenth Year of the Reign of Our Most Gracious Sovereign Lord King George the Second. London: Printed by John Baskett, 1741. 94, [2] pp.

Folio (12" x 7"). Contemporary paneled calf, gilt royal arms to boards, gilt spine with raised bands and lettering piece, blind tooling to board edges, edges rouged. Light rubbing to boards, some scuffs, nicks and scratches, moderate rubbing and light wear to extremities, light gatoring to spine, joints previously mended at head, front board separated but held securely by cords, rear joint starting at both ends, spine ends repaired, corners bumped and worn, faint offsetting to endleaves, early armorial bookplate to front pastedown. Moderate toning to interior, negligible light foxing to margins and light worming to upper gutter in a few places, trimming to fore-edge of final leaf of abstract volume (a table of contents) affecting page numbers. An appealing copy. \$850.

* A collection of 43 acts passed in the seventh session of the eighth Parliament of Great Britain, with tables listing the titles of the public acts and summaries of 33 private acts. Some of the more interesting acts include several acts to do with infrastructure and "An Act for Restraining and Preventing Several Unwarrantable Schemes and Undertakings in His Majesty's Colonies and Plantations in America." This was an extension of the Bubble Act of 1720, meant to protect investors by forbidding the creation of joint-stock companies without a royal charter. Notably, the South Sea Company itself supported this act, which reduced its competition but did not prevent the collapse of the company in the "South Sea Bubble" or the massive losses to investors that followed. The American extension also made provision for remuneration of losses in unauthorized "schemes and undertakings," a frequent feature of colonial economies. Appended is the separately-issued volume of abstracts. *English Short-Title Catalogue* N51769, T150498. [Order This Item](#)



Milestones in the Codification of Canon Law

11. Gregory IX, Pope [1227-1241].

Raymond of Penafort, Saint [1175?-1275], Compiler.

[Bottoni, Bernardo (d.1266), Glosses].

[D'Andrea, Giovanni (c.1270-1348), Glosses].

Decretales Epistolae Gregorii Nomi Pontificis Maximi, Quas Summa Fide & Accurata Diligentia: Iam Recens ad Veterum Codicum Fidem Repurgavimus & Contulimus. Cum Additionibus Doctiss. Virorum, Loge Probatissimis & Utilissimis. Paris: Ex Officina Claudii Chevallonii, 1537. [xx], 332 ff.

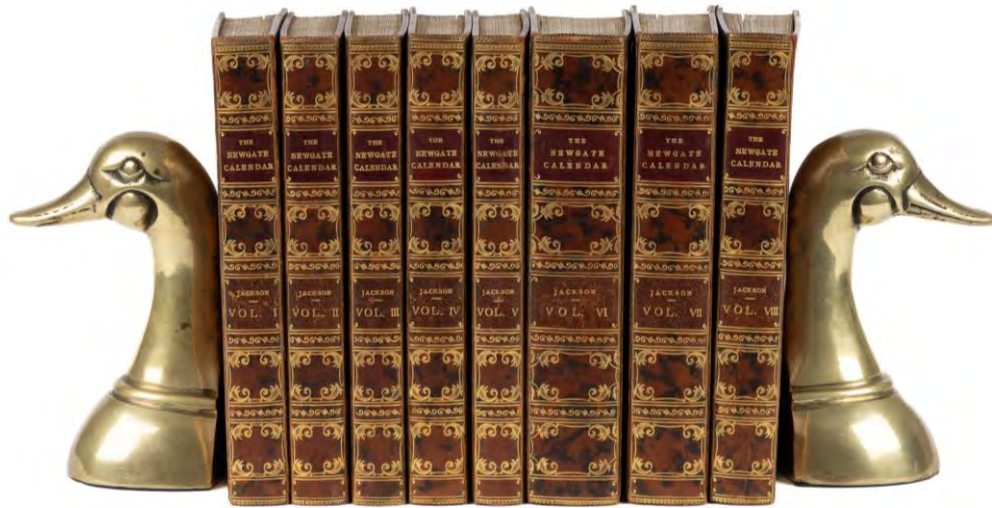
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Boniface VIII, Pope.

Sextus Decretalium Liber, Per Bonifacium Octavum Pontifice in Concilio Lugdunensi Aeditus: Iam Recens ex Antiquissimis Exemplaribus Adamussim Castigatus. Paris: Ex Officina Claudii Chevallonii, 1537. [viii], 216 ff.

Octavo (6-1/2" x 4-1/4"). Contemporary paneled sheep, corner fleurons, raised bands to spine, edges rouged. Light rubbing and scuffing to boards, minor worming to front board, which is separating at foot but held firmly by cords, chipping to spine ends and joints, rubbing and light wear to board edges and corners, which are bumped, rear hinge starting at head. Text decorated throughout with woodcut and criblé (metalcut) initials. Light toning to interior, light soiling in a few places, a few slight cracks in text block, all signatures secure, small faint dampstain to bottom edge of ff. 317-320 of Decretales, early ownership signature to head of title page with ms. notes in a few places. \$2,500.

* With marginal glosses and indices. The glosses to the *Decretals* are those originally compiled by Bernardo Bottoni, with later accretions by Giovanni D'Andrea and others. Promulgated in 1234, the *Decretals* of Gregory IX is one of the four works known collectively as the *Corpus Juris Canonici*, a collection of papal decisions comprising the law of the Catholic Church and lands governed by the Pope. The *Decretals* is organized into five books dealing with church government, procedure, clerical life, marriage and criminal law. The *Liber Sextus* of Boniface VIII followed in 1298, and John XXII added the final official collection, the *Liber Septimus Decretalium*, better known as the *Constitutiones Clementis V*, or *Clementinae* (1317). The *Extravagantes* of John XXII were added later in 1325, along with the *Extravagantes Communes* of other popes through 1484. Our attractive small-format printing collects these milestones in the codification of canon law and includes a life of John XXII by Jacques Fontaine de Bruges. The *Clementinae*, *Extravagantes* and *Extravagantes Communes* are grouped with the *Liber Sextus* and do not have separate title pages. Not in Adams or Graesse. [Order This Item](#)



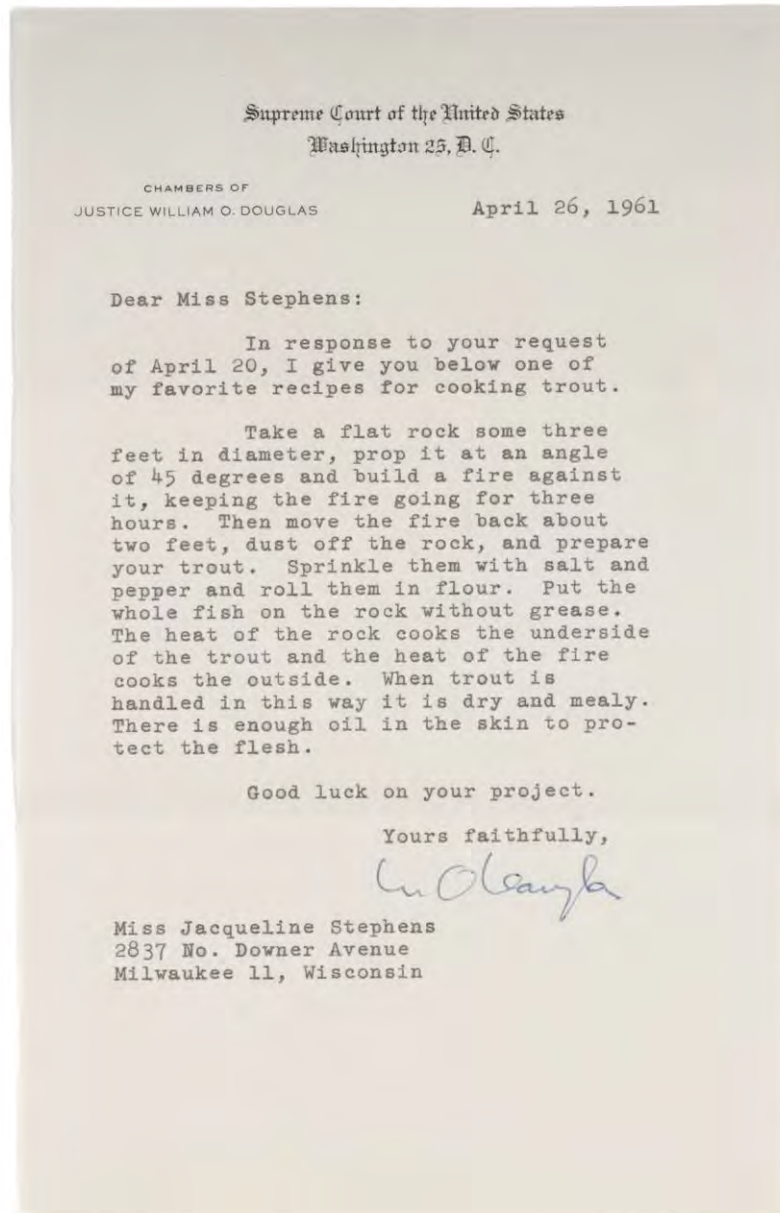
Complete Set in Bayntun Bindings, Extra-Illustrated

12. Jackson, William, Principal Author.

The New and Complete Newgate Calendar, Or, Malefactor's Universal Register. Containing, New and Authentic Accounts of the Lives, Adventures, Exploits, Last-Dying-Speeches, Confessions, &c. &c. of the Most Notorious Criminals and Violators of the Laws of their Country (of Both Sexes and All Denominations), Who Have Suffered Death, and Other Exemplary Punishments, for Murder, Burglary, Felony, Horse-Stealing, Bigamy, Forgery, Highway Robbery, Footpad Robbery, Perjury, Piracy, Rapes, Riots, Mobbing, Sodomy, Starving to Death, Sheep-Stealing, Swindling, Treason, Mutiny, Sedition, And Other Misdemeanors. Interspersed with Notes, Reflections, Remarks, And Inferences, Arising from the Several Subjects, Moral, Instructive, And Entertaining.... London: Printed for Hogg & Co., No. 16, Paternoster-Row, [c. 1810-1820]. 8 volumes. Pagination occasionally irregular, text complete. 14 plates; pictorial title page to Vol. I. 85 additional plates. Octavo (8-1/4" x 5").

Later period-style mottled calf by George Bayntun of Bath, gilt frames and fillets to boards, gilt spines with raised bands and lettering pieces, gilt tooling to spine ends and board edges at corners, gilt inside dentelles, gilt edges, marbled endpapers, red morocco book label of William Armistead Moale Burden II to front pastedown of each volume, silk ribbon bookmarks. Light rubbing to joints and spine ends, boards of a few volumes bowing slightly, front hinge of Vol. VIII cracked between frontis and title page, recent penciled notes to endleaves and page numbers in a few places. Light toning to text, more moderate to Volume VIII, occasional light foxing, faint offsetting from some plates, light soiling in a few places, fore-edges and corners discreetly mended in a few places without loss to text or images, small hole to text block of Vol. VII, leaf O1 (pp. 105-106) without loss to legibility. A notably handsome complete set. \$4,000.

* The Newgate Calendar began as a monthly record of executions issued by the keeper of London's Newgate Prison. The title was eventually appropriated by several publishers, who issued chapbooks about notorious criminals and their deeds. The first collection of these biographies was published by R. Sanders in 1760. Didactic and lurid in equal measure, it was an instant success that went through several editions and versions into the nineteenth century (by several authors). All are notable for their colorful language, moralistic tone and interesting references to contemporary events and social issues. As published by Hogg, the work appears to have been initially comprised of six volumes issued in parts, with the seventh and eighth volumes added later and marketed as part of the set. A ninth volume mentioned in the preface to the eighth volume does not appear to have been published. Our copy was owned by William A.M. Burden [1906-1984], an important collector and Eisenhower's ambassador to Belgium. Including the frontispieces to each volume, the set has 109 copperplate illustrations; the directions to the binder in Vol. VII call for 14. Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 1:370 (18). [Order This Item](#)



Trout à la Douglas

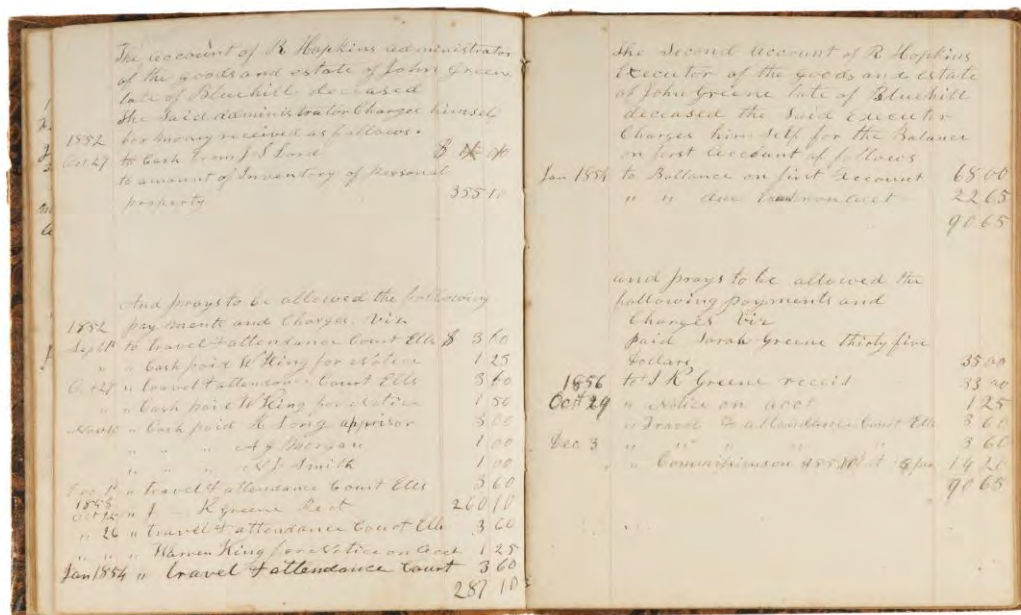
13. [Manuscript].

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." [Order This Item](#)



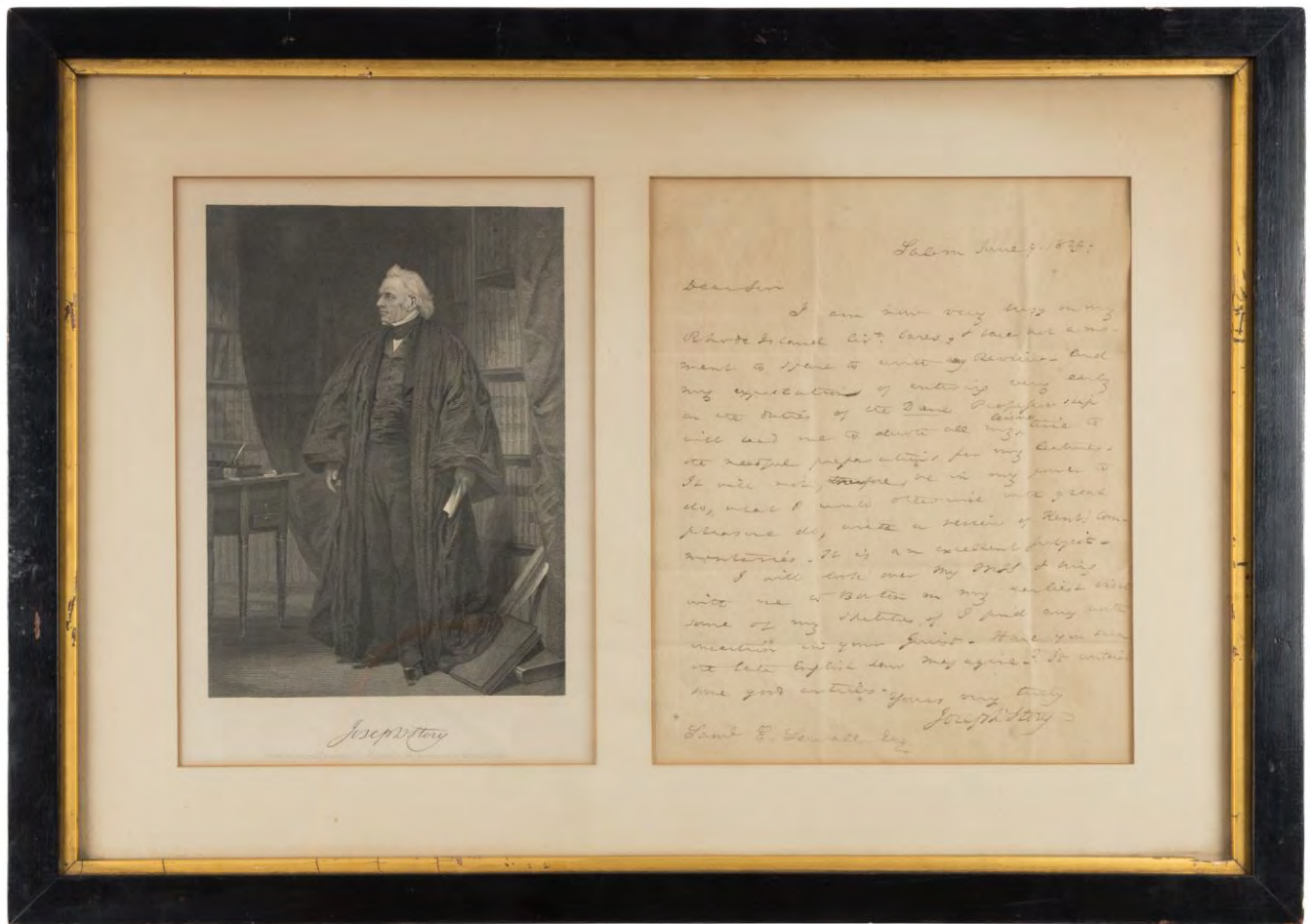
Account Book of a Nineteenth-Century JP and Selectman from A Small Town in Maine

14. [Manuscript]. [Hopkins, Robert].

[Account Book]. Surry, ME, 1837-1865. [160] pp. Quarto (7-1/2" x 6-1/4").

Quarter sheep over marbled boards, blind fillets to spine. Light rubbing to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, hinges cracked, free endpapers lacking. Moderate toning to interior, faint dampstaining in a few places, content in fine neat hand to 27 leaves, 8 laid-in slips in same hand. \$450.

* This ledger records the daily practice of the local justice of the peace, notary and, for a time, a local selectman, in Surry, Maine, a small town, then and today, on the coast near Mount Desert Island. Like many ledgers of its kind, this one offers a fascinating perspective on the economic and social life of the community Hopkins served. A curious feature: Hopkins recorded the daily weather for parts of January and February 1854 on the front endleaves. [Order This Item](#)



"I Am Now Very Busy"

15. [Manuscript].

Story, Joseph [1779-1845].

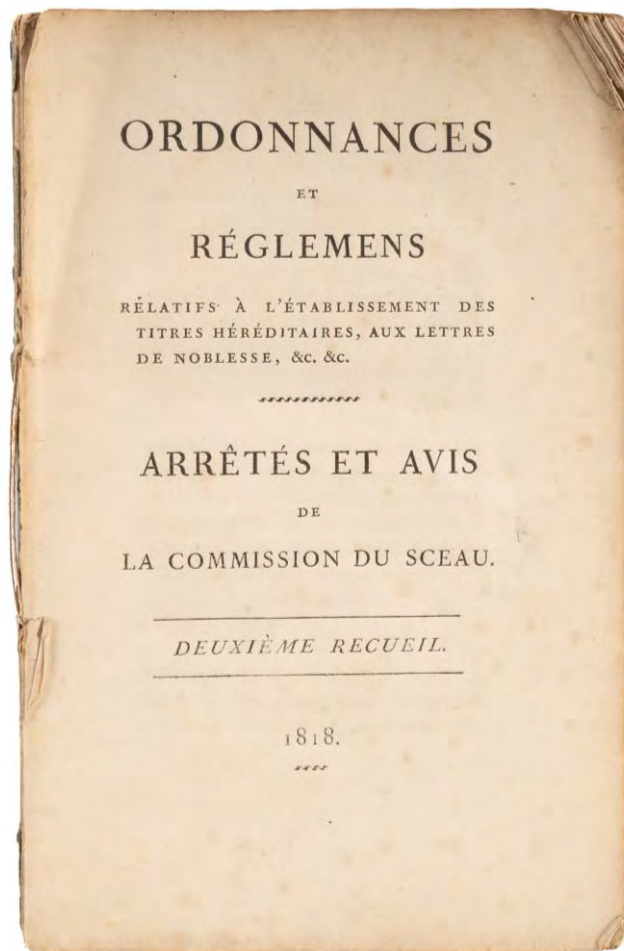
[Sewall, Samuel E. (1799-1888)].

[Autograph Letter, Signed, Salem, MA, June 9, 1829].

Single-page letter on 10" x 8" sheet and 9-1/2" x 7" engraved portrait of Story in judicial attire in attractively matted and glazed 13-3/4" x 19-1/4" frame.

Moderate toning to matte, letter and margins of portrait, some edgewear and a few minor chips to frame. \$1,500.

* Story regrets that he does not have time to write a review of Kent's *Commentaries on American Law* (first edition 1826) for the *American Jurist*, which was edited by Sewall. Story says he is too busy with circuit-court duties and "the needful preparations" for his lectures at Harvard Law School. He promises to look over his manuscripts at a later date to see if he has anything to submit. Sewall, a Boston lawyer, was a prominent abolitionist and suffragist. Story was a distinguished U.S. Supreme Court justice, Harvard Law School professor and legal author best known for his *Commentaries on the Constitution* (first edition 1833), a landmark in American law. [Order This Item](#)



Rare 1818 Collection of French Laws Concerning Nobles

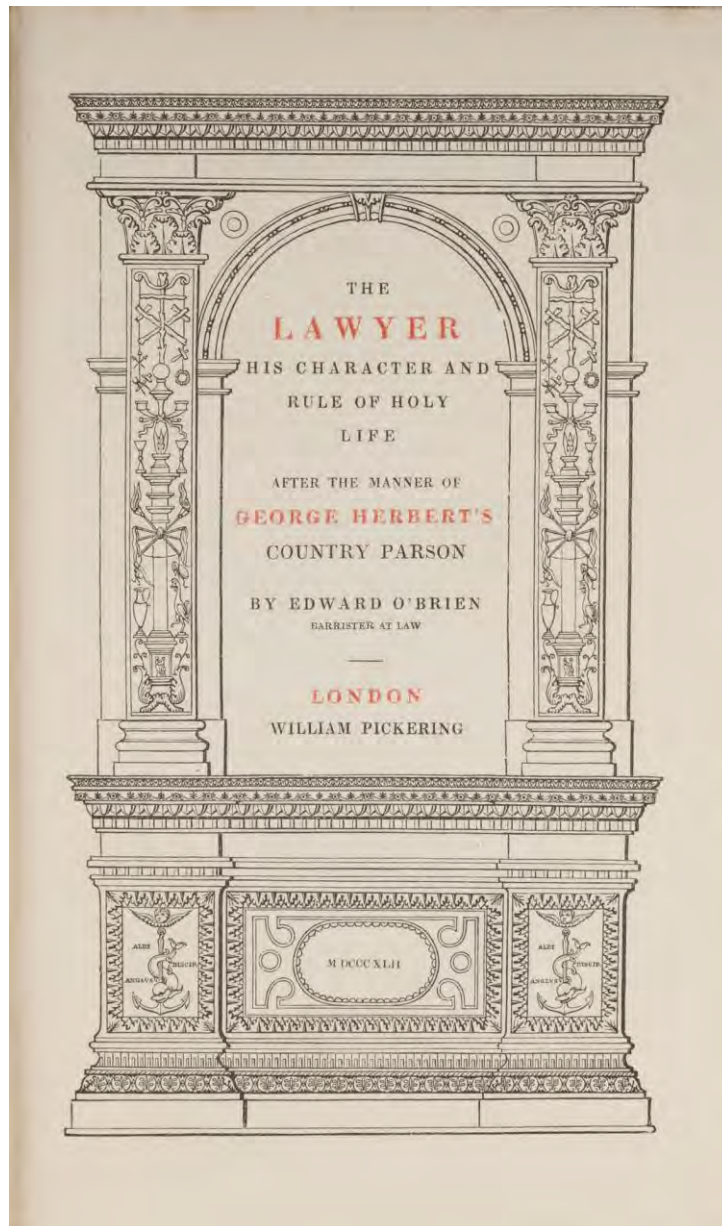
16. [Nobility].

[France].

Ordonnances et Réglemens Relatifs à l'Établissement des Titres Héréditaires, Aux Lettres de nobless, &c. &c. Arrêtés et Avis de la Commission du Sceau. Deuxième Recueil. [Paris]: S.n., 1818. [ii], 240 pp. Octavo (7-1/2" x 5").

Stab-stitched, plain wrappers, front wrapper lacking, front free endpaper detached. Light soiling to exterior, moderate rubbing to extremities, spine abraded, folds to corners of several leaves, faint dampstaining to margins at rear of text block. Moderate toning, faint dampspotting in places, 33 leaves filled with additional content in manuscript. \$2,400.

* This rare volume contains legislative texts concerning members of the nobility during the Restoration. It was printed with several blank numbered leaves intended to be filled with manuscript copies of later legislation. Ours has 33 pages with laws from 1819 and 1820. This book was probably intended for the exclusive use of the seal commission, which oversaw matters relating to the nobility. It was preceded by a *Première Recueil* in 1810. According to Montglond, these works were intended for members of the commission, which consisted of 10 people who were given two copies each. Other copies were distributed "only on express order of the archchancellor." No copies of either *Recueil* located on OCLC. Monglond, *La France Révolutionnaire et Impériale: Annales de Bibliographie Méthodique et Description des Livres Illustrés* VIII, Cols. 684-685. [Order This Item](#)



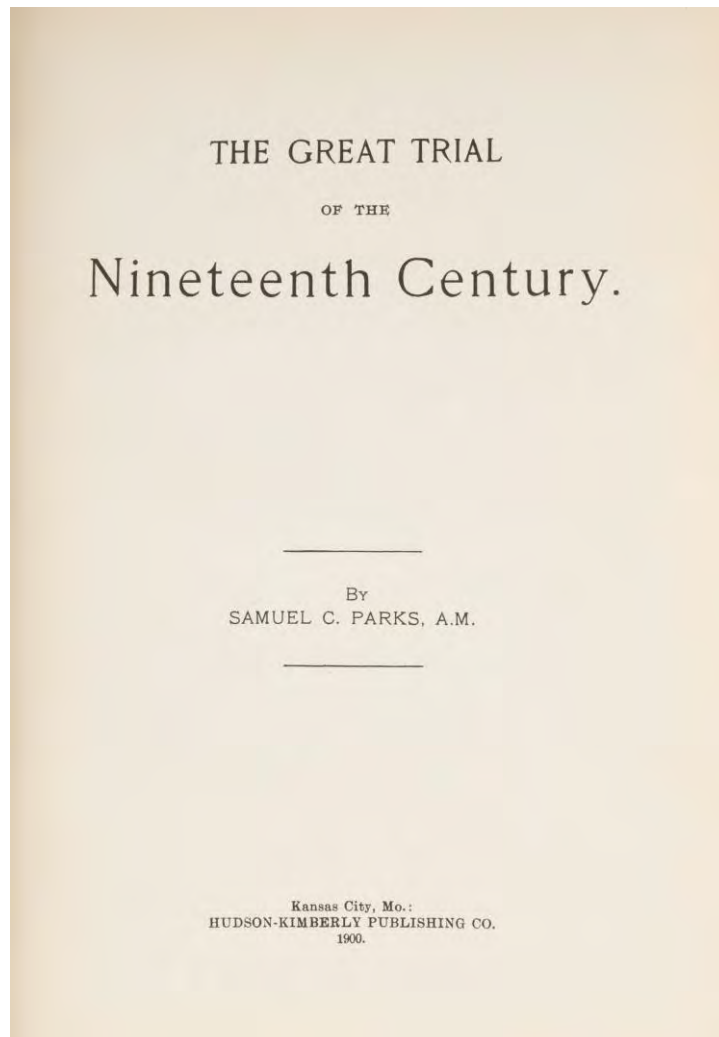
A Lawyer of "Ideal Holiness"

17. O'Brien, Edward [1808-1840].

The Lawyer, His Character and Rule of Holy Life, After the Manner of George Herbert's Country Parson. London: William Pickering, 1842. xx, 284, [4] pp. Includes four-page publisher catalogue. Octavo (6-3/4" x 4-1/4").

Contemporary cloth, printed paper title label to spine. Light rubbing, corners and spine ends bumped, fading to spine, light soling to title label. Light toning to interior, early (illegible) owner signature to front free endpaper. \$150.

* First edition. "[This work] depicts a lawyer of ideal holiness. (...) The author writes without effort in the language of Herbert and of Hooker, and with a simplicity of purpose no less characteristic of a bygone age.": *Dictionary of National Biography* XIV:759. *Catalogue of the Library of the Harvard Law School* (1909) II:247. [Order This Item](#)



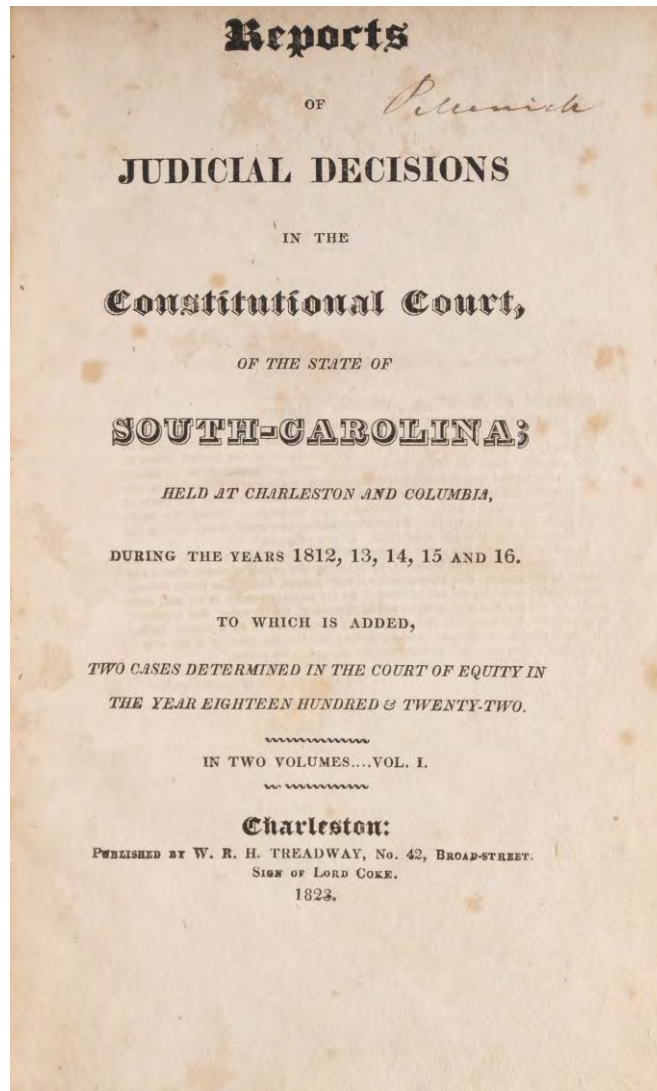
The (Fictional) Trial of President McKinley for War Crimes

18. Parks, Samuel C. [1820-1917].

The Great Trial of the Nineteenth Century. Kansas City, MO: Hudson- Kimberly Publishing Co., 1900. 137 pp.

Original green cloth, gilt title to spine, patterned endpapers. Negligible light rubbing to boards and extremities. A few slight cracks to text block, all leaves secure, internally clean, final signature partially unopened. Author's presentation inscription "To Prof. Frank Parsons, with the compliments of the Author, Samuel C. Parks" dated April 23, 1902 to front endleaf, small ms correction to p. 7. \$150.

* Only edition. Parks was an American lawyer and jurist who served on the territorial supreme courts of Idaho, New Mexico and Wyoming; he was also a close friend of Lincoln, to whom the book is dedicated. The book details the fictional trial of William McKinley "for murdering twenty thousand Filipinos and two thousand Americans, many of whom were boys between sixteen and twenty-one years of age" during the Spanish-American War (13). Historical figures John Marshall, James Kent, Cincinnatus, Alfred the Great and Presidents Washington, Jefferson, Madison and Lincoln, among others, feature prominently, giving "evidence" for and against McKinley based on their published writings and speeches. Our copy is inscribed by Parks to Frank Parsons [1854-1908], a reformer and public intellectual who taught at Boston University School of Law for more than a decade. [Order This Item](#)



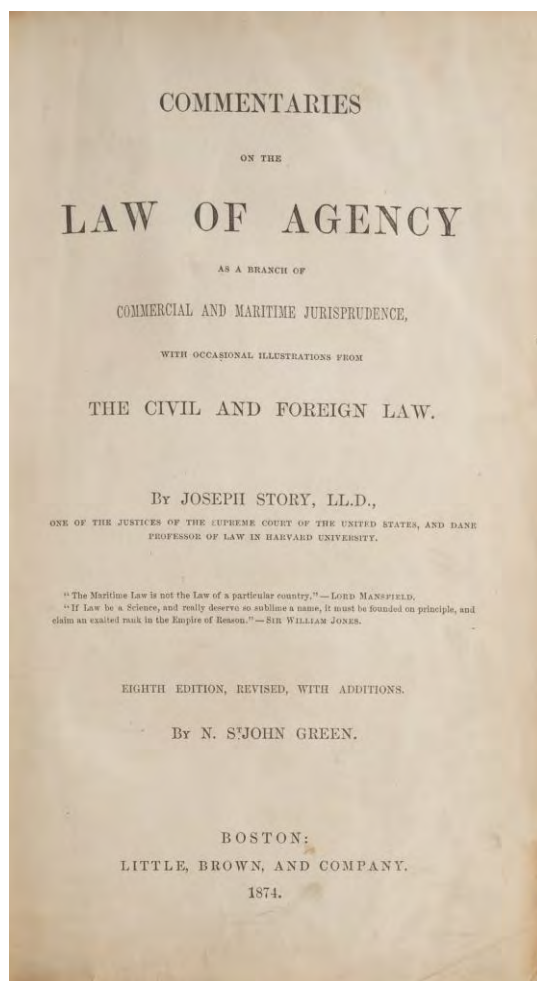
Early South Carolina Appellate Reports

19. [South Carolina].

Reports of Judicial Decisions in the Constitutional Court, Of the State of South-Carolina; Held at Charleston and Columbia, During the Years 1812, 13, 14, 15, And 16. To Which is Added, Two Cases Determined in the Court of Equity in the Year Eighteen Hundred & Twenty-Two. Charleston: Published by W.R.H. Treadway, 1823. Two volumes. xvi, [1], 488; [vi], 489-972 pp. Volume II has a publisher catalogue, pp. 961-972. Octavo (8-1/4" x 5-1/4").

Contemporary sheep, blind fillets to boards, lettering pieces, blind fillets, black-stamped volume numbers, fragments of shelf labels and black-stamped library name to spines. Shallow scuffing to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities with wear to spine ends and corners, front hinge of Volume I cracked. Moderate toning to interiors, light foxing in a few places, library stamp to front endleaf of Volume I, illegible early owner signatures to title pages. \$300.

* Only edition. Known as *Treadway's Reports*, this compilation records the final years of South Carolina first appellate courts: the Constitutional Court (established 1799) and the Court of Equity (established 1808). Both courts were replaced in 1824 with the establishment of the Court of Appeals. Not in Cohen. Wallace, *The Reporters* 587. [Order This Item](#)



Nicholas St. John Green's Edition of *Story on Agency*

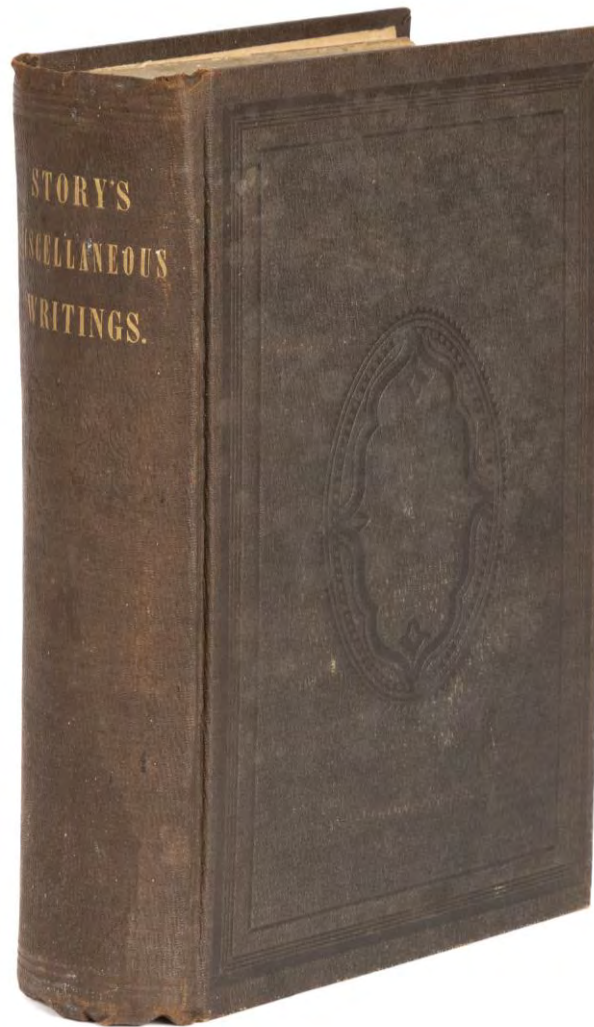
20. Story, Joseph [1779-1845].

Green, Nicholas St. John [1830-1876], Editor.

Commentaries on the Law of Agency as a Branch of Commercial and Maritime Law. With Occasional Illustrations from the Civil and Foreign Law. Boston: Little, Brown, and Company, 1874. xl, 706 pp. Octavo (9" x 5-3/4").

Contemporary three-quarter calf over marbled boards, rebacked, blind rules to boards, gilt library insignia to front boards, raised bands and existing lettering piece to spine, endpapers renewed. Heavy rubbing to boards with notable wear to edges and corners. Light toning to interior, marks and brief annotations in a few places, mostly in pencil, fold lines to corners of a few leaves, light soiling to title page. \$350.

* Eighth edition. An important lawyer and a philosopher, Green was a friend of Holmes and Peirce leading member of the Metaphysical Club and one of the founders of pragmatism. As a lawyer, his "favorite target was legal formalism-the belief that legal concepts refer to something immutable and determinate. His criticism of legal formalism was Wright's criticism of Spencer's evolutionary philosophy: he thought it treated what were merely tools of analysis as though they named actual entities" (Menand). Green's was the penultimate edition of Story's *Agency*, which was first published in 1839. The final edition, by C.P. Greenough, was published in 1882. Menand, *The Metaphysical Club* 224. *Catalogue of the Library of the Harvard Law School* (1909) II:671. [Order This Item](#)



Miscellaneous Writings of Joseph Story

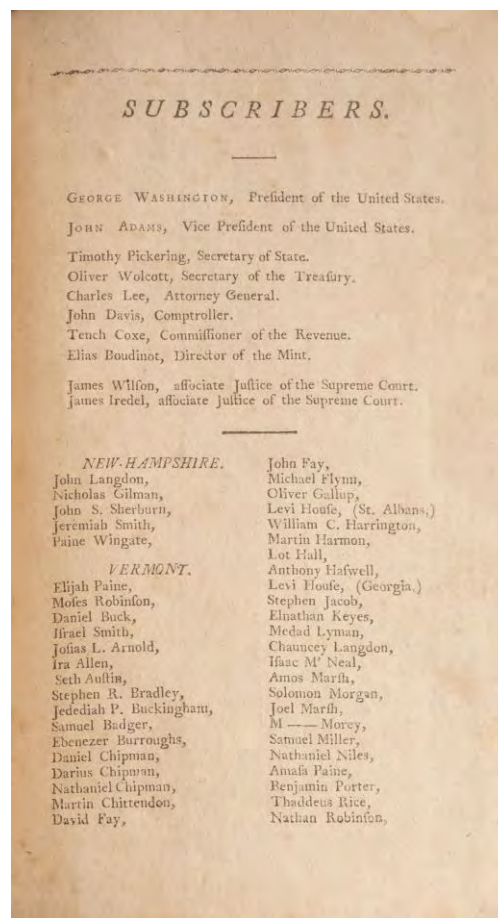
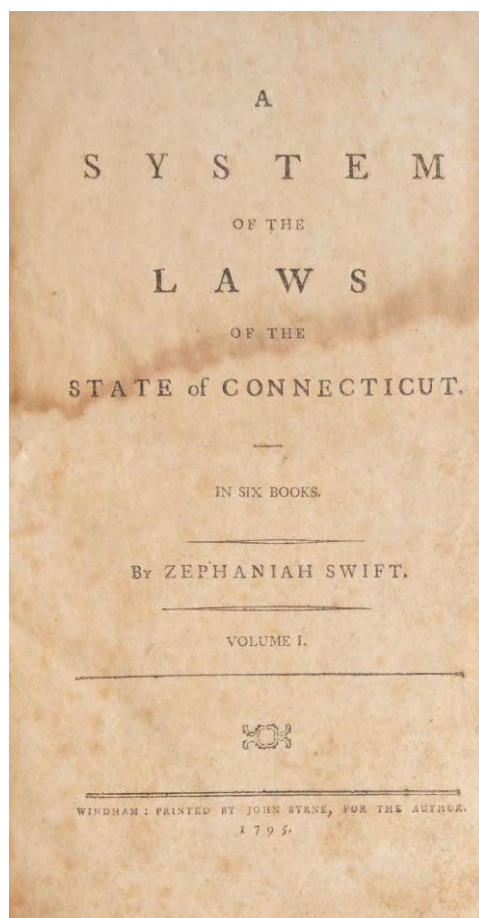
21. Story, Joseph [1779-1845].

Story, William W. [1819-1895], Editor.

The Miscellaneous Writings of Joseph Story, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States and Dane Professor of Law at Harvard University, Edited by his Son. Boston: Charles C. Little and J. Brown, 1852. 4, x, 828 pp. Title page preceded by four-page publisher catalogue (with issue date September, 1857). Octavo (9" x 6").

Contemporary textured cloth with decorative blind-stamping. Light rubbing to boards, light wear to corners, a few tiny spots and a minor stain to spine, spine ends bumped and lightly worn, most signatures unopened, light foxing to publisher catalogue and a few other leaves. \$200.

* Second, final and best edition, substantially expanded and reorganized. Story's enormous influence on American law is demonstrated in this collection, which was originally published by Joseph Story in 1835. It includes an autobiography, which is in the form of a fascinating long letter to his son, and many other articles, essays, lectures and biographical sketches of judges and lawyers (including Chief Justice John Marshall and Associate Supreme Court Justice Bushrod Washington). Other pieces are a proposed course of legal study and essays on maritime law, piracy, the slave trade, commercial law and codification of the common law. Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 2289. [Order This Item](#)



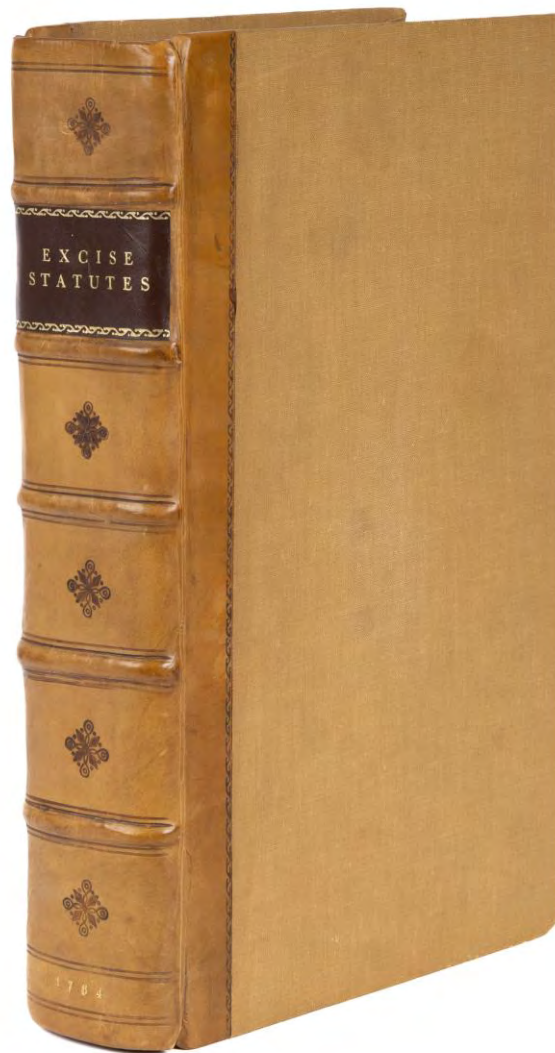
The First American Legal Text

22. Swift, Zephaniah [1759-1823].

A System of the Laws of the State of Connecticut. In Six Books. Windham, CT: Printed by John Byrne for the Author, 1795-1796. Two volumes. vii [i.e. iv], 452; v, [1], 479, [12] pp. With a folding copperplate table of descents and a list of subscribers. Octavo (8-1/4" x 4-3/4").

Later three-quarter sheep over marbled boards, blind fillets and black-stamped title to spine, edges speckled. Moderate rubbing to boards and extremities, rear joints starting slightly at head, front joint of Volume II starting at foot, corners bumped and worn, front hinge of Volume I starting, front hinge of Volume II cracked, faint offsetting and dampstains to endleaves. Very light browning to interiors, occasional light foxing, faint dampstaining in a few places, a few leaves in each volume extending beyond text block but secure, small tear to head of leaves Dd2-Ee1 (pp. 203-210) affecting headline and first two lines of text block without loss to legibility, a few corners in each volume folded and untrimmed, small holes to lower corner of leaf Mmm3 (pp. 453-454) of Volume II not affecting text. \$1,500.

* First edition. Structured in the manner of Blackstone's *Commentaries*, Swift's *System* was the first original American legal treatise. Highly regarded throughout the United States, it presented an overview of the common law of Connecticut, and the common law generally, based on local court decisions and legislation. "More than a hundred years later it was still cited by Connecticut courts" (Woxland and Ogden). Published on a subscription basis, its subscribers included George Washington, John Adams, Aaron Burr, James Kent, James Madison and other notables. Woxland and Ogden, *Landmarks in American Legal Publishing* 22. Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 5628. [Order This Item](#)



1764 Compilation of English Excise Taxes

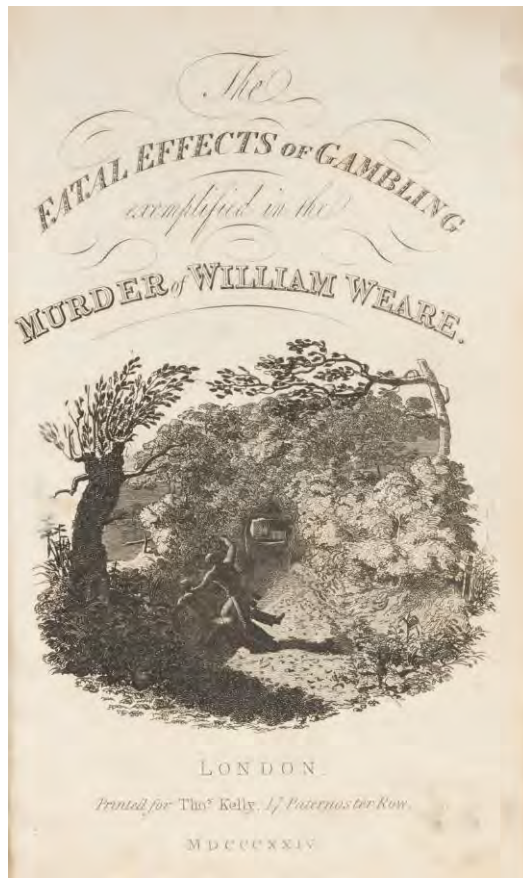
23. [Taxation].

[Great Britain].

A Collection of All the Statutes Now in Force, Relating to the Duties of Excise in England. London: Printed by Mark Baskett, 1764. iv, 662, [8], [110] pp. Folio (12" x 7-1/2").

Recent period-style quarter calf over cloth, raised bands, lettering piece and blind ornaments to spine, gilt publication date to foot of spine, endpapers renewed. Negligible light soiling to boards, corners bumped and lightly worn. Moderate toning to interior, minor edgewear to a few leaves, light soiling to title page. \$500.

* More comprehensive than earlier compilations, this collection of duties from the reign of James I to the 23rd year of the reign of George III offers unique insights into the mechanisms of taxation throughout the young British Empire, the state of local industry and trade and contemporary assumptions about social utility and discretionary spending. It includes a summary table, a list of tax rates and an index. Contents are arranged chronologically. Not in the *English Short-Title Catalogue*, which records an otherwise identical copy with different pagination. [Order This Item](#)



"The Source of Forgery, Robbery, Murder And General Demoralization"

24. [Thurtell, John (1794-1824)].

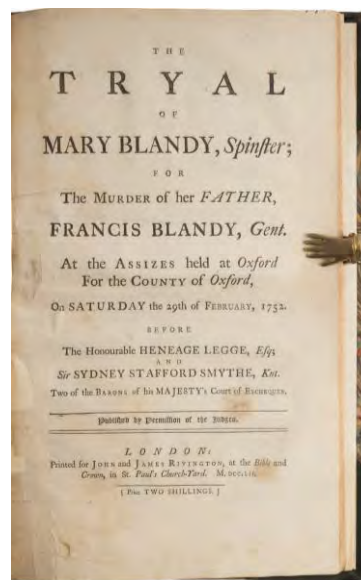
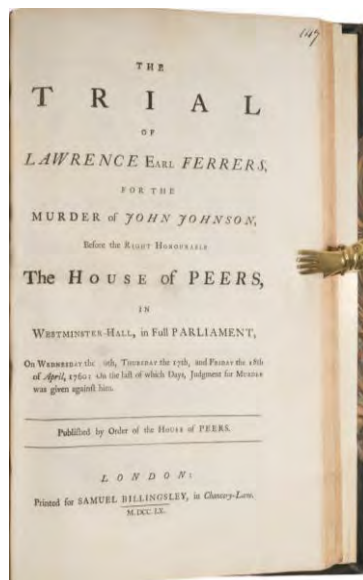
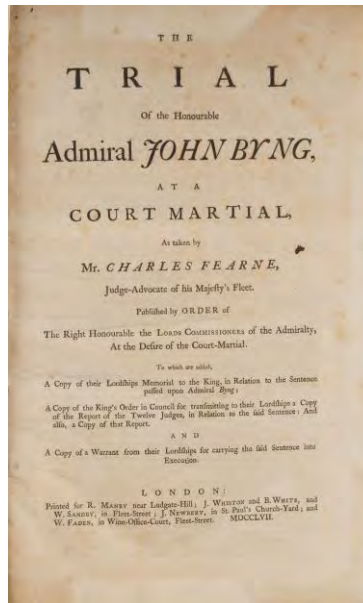
[Probert, William (d.1825)].

[Hunt, Joseph].

The Fatal Effects of Gambling Exemplified in the Murder of Wm. Weare and the Trial and Fate of John Thurtell, The Murderer and His Accomplices: With Biographical Sketches of the Parties Concerned and a Comment on the Extraordinary Circumstances Developed in the Narrative, in Which Gambling is Proved to be the Source of Forgery, Robbery, Murder, And General Demoralization: To Which is Added, The Gambler's Scourge: A Complete Exposé of the Whole System of Gambling in the Metropolis, With Memoirs and Anecdotes of Notorious Blacklegs. London: Published by Thomas Kelly, 1824. xxii, 459 pp. 10 copperplate leaves, copperplate frontispiece, with tissue guard, and added pictorial title page. Complete. Octavo (8-1/4" x 5-1/4").

Later three-quarter calf over cloth, raised bands and gilt ornaments, title and (incorrect) publication date to spine, all edges gilt, marbled endpapers, later bookplate (of Frank L. Hadley) to front pastedown. A few minor nicks to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities. Moderate toning to interior, somewhat heavier in places, light foxing to added title page and a few other leaves. \$450.

* Only edition. John Thurtell, an unlucky gambler, was deeply in debt to the bookmaker William Weare. Deciding to take revenge, Thurtell, along with his friends Joseph Hunt and William Probert, murdered Weare in a grisly manner and tossed his body into a pond. Thurtell tried to escape conviction. He was hanged. Hunt confessed his involvement and stated that Thurtell was the killer. He was sent to the penal colony in Botany Bay, Australia. Charges against Probert were dropped in exchange for his wife's testimony, which minimized his role in the crime. Not in the *Harvard Law Catalogue*. *British Museum Catalogue* (Compact Edition) 26:829. [Order This Item](#)



Three Notable Eighteenth-Century British Trials

25. [Trials].

Byng, John [1704-1757], Defendant.

The Trial of the Honourable Admiral John Byng, At a Court-Martial... London: Printed for R. Manby near Ludgate-Hill [et al.], 1757. 130 [i.e. 134]; 19 [i.e. 21], [1] pp. Additional pages *37-8 and *73-6 inserted. Lacking leaves 2K1-2 (pp. 125-128).

[Bound with]

Ferrers, Lawrence (Laurence) Shirley, Earl [1720-1760], Defendant.

The Trial of Lawrence, Earl Ferrers, For the Murder of John Johnson: Before the Right Honourable the House of Peers in Westminster-Hall in Full Parliament... London: Printed for Samuel Billingsley, 1760. [iv], 55 pp.

[And]

Blandy, Mary [1720-1752], Defendant.

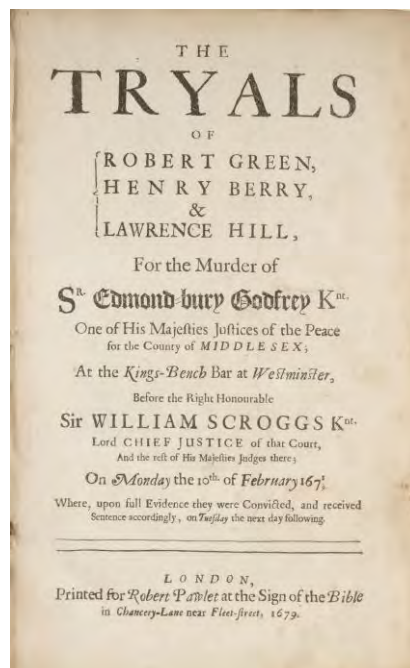
The Tryal of Mary Blandy, Spinster; For the Murder of Her Father, Francis Blandy, Gent. At the Assizes Held at Oxford for the County of Oxford, On Saturday the 29th of February, 1752.... London: Printed for John and James Rivington, 1752. [ii], 46 pp.

Folio (13-1/2" x 8-3/4"). Stab-stitched pamphlets bound in later period-style three-quarter calf over marbled boards, gilt-edged raised bands and lettering piece ("Admiral Byng Trial") to spine, gilt decoration to compartments, edges speckled red. Light rubbing and a few small scuffs and scratches to boards, moderate rubbing and light wear to extremities, light fading to spine, front hinge cracked, faint offsetting to preliminaries. Light toning to interior, occasional light foxing. *Tryal of Mary Blandy*: title page and final leaf neatly mended, creasing and small tears to final leaf, which has faint dampstaining and spotting, legibility not affected, small clean tear to fore-edge of penultimate leaf not affecting text. \$850.

* Three notable eighteenth-century trials. Admiral Byng was court-martialed after electing to repair his damaged fleet at Gibraltar rather than relieve a British garrison. The court acquitted him of personal cowardice, but convicted him of failure to "do his utmost to take, seize and destroy the Ships of the French King." Upon the court's recommendation, several members of the Admiralty petitioned George II for clemency, but this was denied. Byng was executed by firing squad, the last of his rank to be executed in this manner. The execution of Ferrers was similarly notable. An eccentric nobleman with a violent temper, he was convicted of killing his steward in a drunken rage and holds the dubious honor of being the last peer to be hanged and anatomized. Blandy, a notorious female criminal, was found guilty of poisoning her father with what her suitor Captain William Henry Cranstoun claimed was a "love philtre." (It was, in fact, arsenic.) She was sentenced to death by hanging, but as indicated by her last request to the execution officials, she remained a proper middle-class lady to the end. "For the sake of decency, gentlemen," she pleaded, "don't hang me high." Our copy of the Byng trial differs from those listed by the *ESTC*, with a drop-head title reading "The Trial of Admiral Byng" (as in T20812) and catchwords "En-" (p. 11) and "or" (p. 19) (as in N549). *Ferrers: English Short-Title Catalogue* T143971. *Blandy: ESTCT*51990.



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Victims of the Popish Plot of 1678

26. [Trials].

[Popish Plot].

[Green, Robert (d.1679)], Defendant.

[Henry Berry, Henry (d.1679)], Defendant.

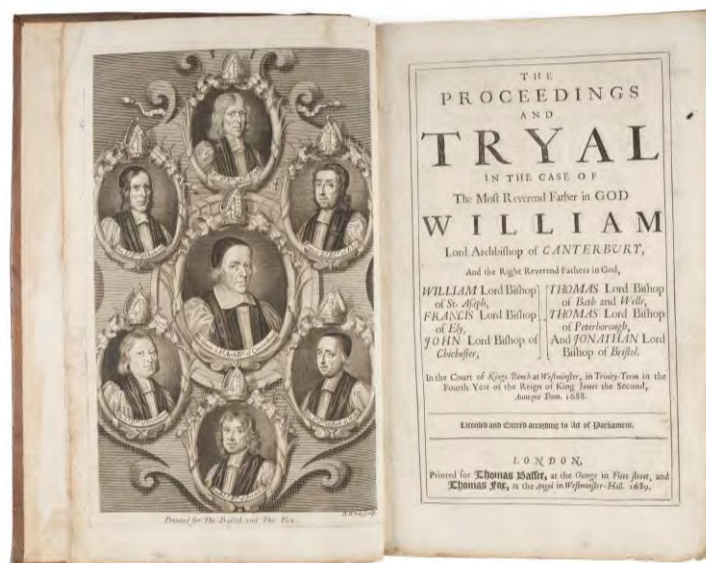
[Hill, Lawrence (d.1679)], Defendant.

The Tryals of Robert Green, Henry Berry, and Lawrence Hill, For the Murder of Sr. Edmond-bury Godfrey, Knt. One of His Majesties Justices of the Peace for the County of Middlesex; At the Kings-Bench Bar at Westminster, Before the Right Honourable Sir William Scroggs Knt. Lord Chief Justice of the Court, And the Rest of His Majesties Judges There.... London: Printed for Robert Pawlet, 1679. [iii], 92 pp. Folio (11" x 7").

Disbound stab-stitched pamphlet. Moderate toning, light foxing in places, light soiling to exterior, chips and minor tears to fore-edges of a few leaves, text not affected. \$250.

* Only edition. One of the cruelest hoaxes in British history and the inspiration for a wave of anti-Catholic violence, the Popish Plot was the invention of Titus Oates, an Anglican clergyman, and his friend, Dr. Israel Tonge, a cleric and passionate anti-Catholic. They pretended to have discovered a Jesuit plot to assassinate the King, massacre Protestants, and set James, Duke of York, the King's Catholic brother, on the throne. The trial of Green, Berry and Hill was one of its most shameful episodes. In October 1678 Godfrey, a justice of the peace to whom Oates first described the plot, was found dead in a ditch, apparently the victim of murder. The Catholic community was blamed and Green, Berry and Hill were eventually hanged for his murder. Many questions about this case remain, however, including the exact circumstances of Godfrey's death.

One theory holds that Godfrey was killed by Oates and his supporters to underpin their own invented plot, another that he was murdered for reasons unconnected with any Catholic plot. It is also possible that Godfrey committed suicide; when his body was found it was manipulated to fit the plot scenario. In any event, Godfrey was buried in an elaborate funeral as a martyr to the Protestant cause. This event stoked the fires of anti-Catholic hysteria, provoked a political crisis that threw the right of royal succession into question and contributed to the establishment of the first political parties in the British system. *Dictionary of National Biography* VIII:33-34. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R24642. [Order This Item](#)



The Trial of the Seven Bishops and the Impeachment of Lord John Somers

27. [Trials].

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

The Proceedings and Tryal in the Case of The Most Reverend Father in God William Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, And the Right Reverend Fathers in God, William Lord Bishop of St. Asaph, Francis Lord Bishop of Ely, John Lord Bishop of Chichester, Thomas Lord Bishop of Bath and Wells, Thomas Lord Bishop of Peterborough, and Jonathan Lord Bishop of Bristol... London: Printed for Thomas Basset and Thomas Fox, 1689. [xiii], 140 pp. Copperplate portrait frontispiece of the seven bishops.

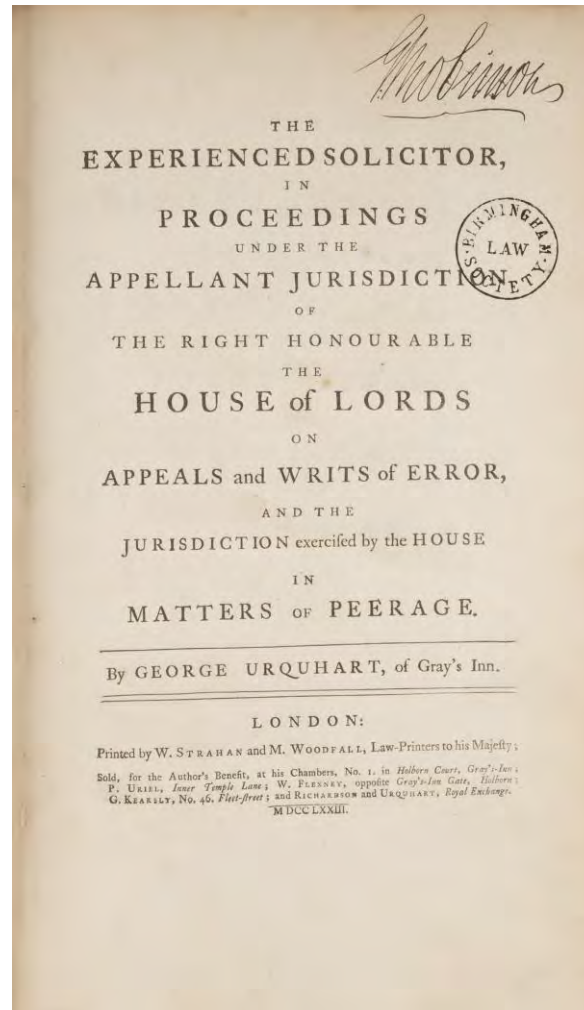
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[Parliament].

The Several Proceedings and Resolutions of the House of Peers, In Relation to the Lords Impeached or Charged. London: Printed by Charles Bill, And the Executrix of Thomas Newcomb, 1701. 100 pp.

Folio (12-1/4" x 7-3/4"). Contemporary paneled calf, corner fleurons to boards, rebacked in period style with raised bands, lettering piece ("Tryals Etc.") and gilt date (1701) to spine, blind tooling to board edges. Rubbing, scuffing and a few nicks to boards, "Bishops" in early Gothic script to head of front board, moderate rubbing to board edges, corners bumped and lightly worn, hinges mended. Light toning to interior, very light foxing and soiling in a few places, light worming to upper gutter not affecting text, edges of title page and frontis of *Proceedings and Tryal* discreetly mended without loss to image, trimming to head of *Several Proceedings* just catching page numbers in a few places, text notably bright. \$1,000.

* *Proceedings and Tryal*: first edition; *Several Proceedings*: one of two 1701 issues. In 1688 James II reissued his Declaration of Indulgence, which suspended the penal laws enacted against Catholics and dissenters, and ordered the Anglican clergy to read it to their congregations. The Archbishop of Canterbury and six bishops petitioned against this order on the grounds that the suspending power had been declared illegal by Parliament. They were indicted in the King's Bench for seditious libel, but were acquitted to great public acclaim. The "Trial of the Seven Bishops," as it came to be known, confirmed the subject's right to petition the crown and raised new questions for the reform of libel laws. The trial also reflects the antipathy of English Protestants towards Catholicism and the Stuarts, which would culminate in the Glorious Revolution of 1688. *The Several Proceedings* describes a slew of impeachments carried out in 1701 by the House of Commons, which was dissatisfied with the First Partition Treaty. Lord John Somers and Charles Montagu were among those impeached; the House of Lords ultimately overruled the Commons. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T100946, T48002. [Order This Item](#)



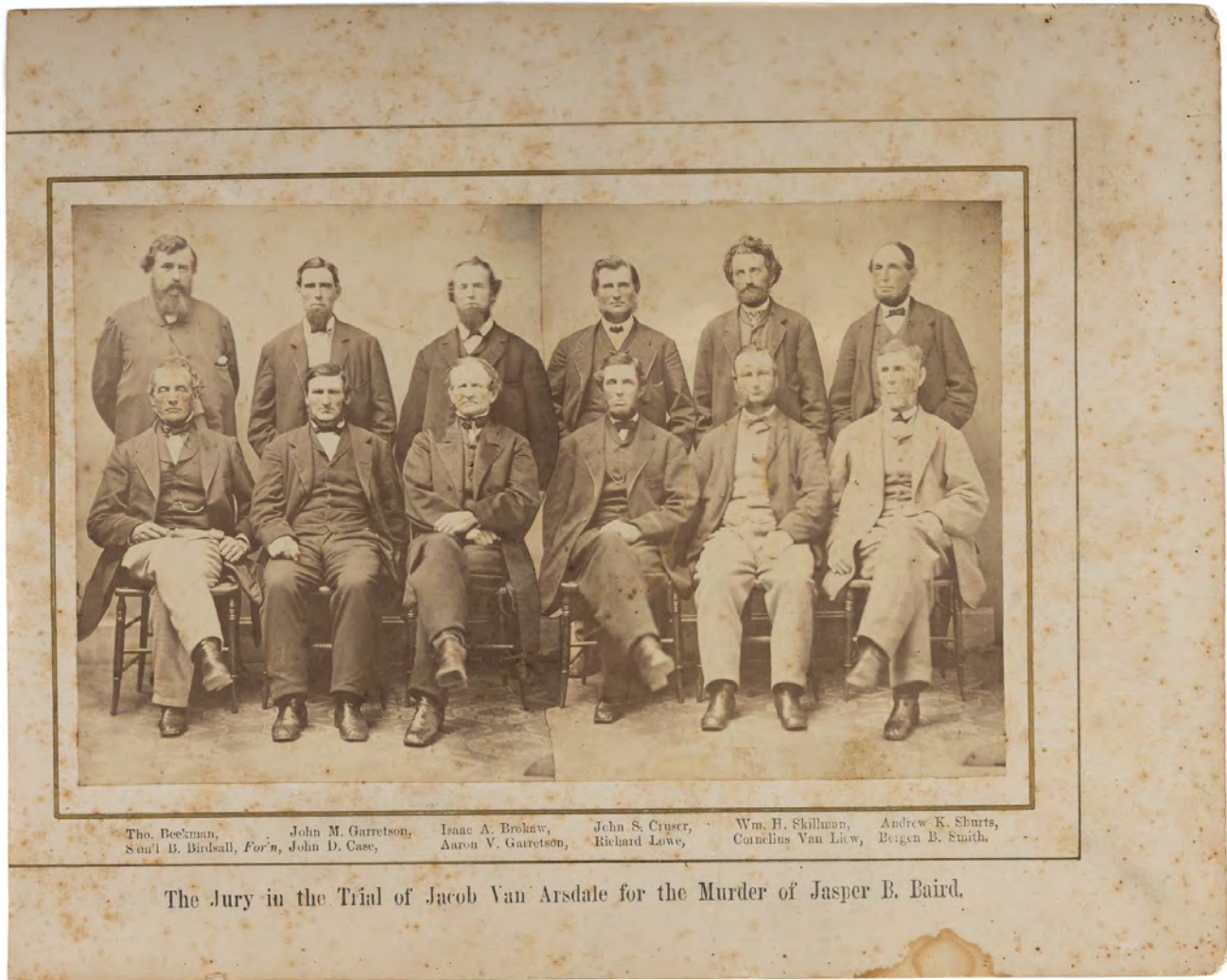
A Scarce Guide to Pleading Before the House of Lords

28. Urquhart, George.

The Experienced Solicitor, In Proceedings Under the Appellant Jurisdiction of the Right Honourable the House of Lords on Appeals and Writs of Error, And the Jurisdiction Exercised by the House in Matters of Peerage. London: Printed by W. Strahan and M. Woodfall, 1773. [xiv], 155, [1] pp. Folio (12-1/2" x 7-1/4").

* Later morocco, gilt and blind-tooled frames and gilt-stamped institutional name and seal to boards, gilt spine with raised bands and lettering piece, gilt tooling to outer and inner board edges, edges of text block gilt, marbled endpapers. Light rubbing and scuffing to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, lettering piece and spine head chipped, corners bumped and worn, hinges cracked, library bookplate and small circular sticker to front pastedown, front free endpaper removed. Light toning to interior, occasional light foxing, small ink library stamps to title page and a few other leaves, legibility not affected, early (illegible) ownership signature to head of title page. \$1,850.

* Only edition. Written by a member of Gray's Inn, this guide to pleading before the House of Lords covers topics such as retaining counsel, presenting appeals, writs of error, claiming English and Scotch peerages and avoiding "scandalous and frivolous" cases. It includes forms for pleading and a list of fees. OCLC locates 3 copies of this title in law libraries (UC-Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, University of Pennsylvania), to which the ESTC adds Harvard Law School. *English Short-Title Catalogue (ESTC)* T138228. [Order This Item](#)



"We Find the Defendant Guilty..."

29. [Van Arsdale, Jacob (1814-1895), Defendant].

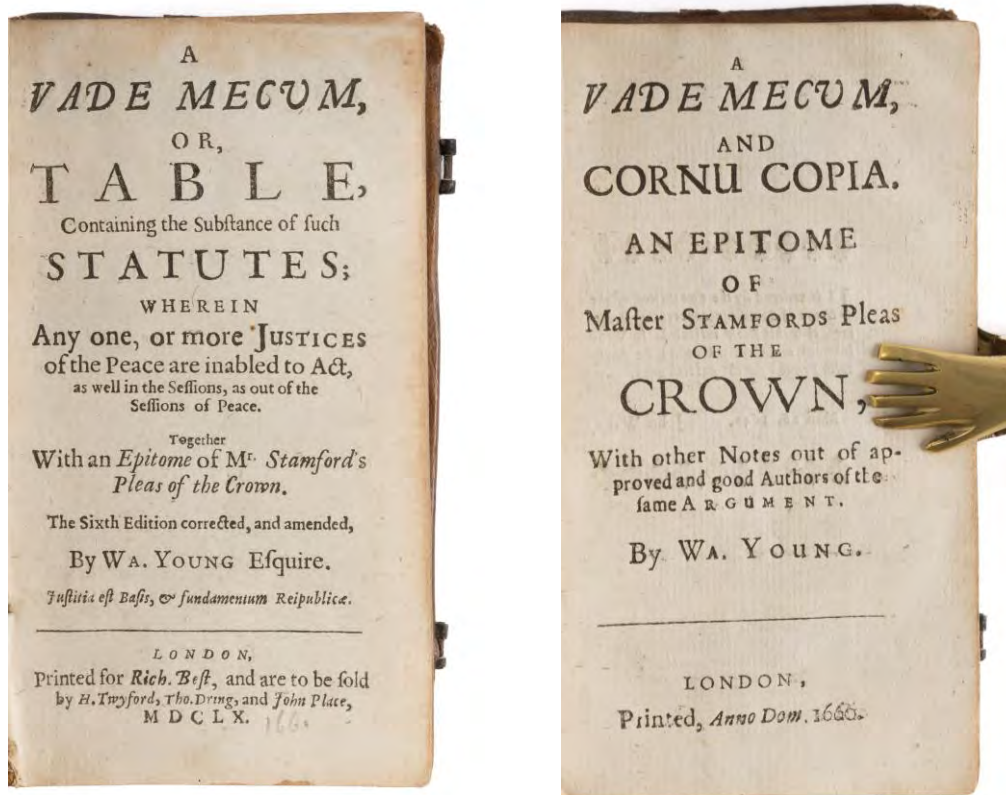
[Baird, Jasper B. (d.1867)].

The Jury in the Trial of Jacob Van Arsdale for the Murder of Jasper B. Baird. [Somerville, NJ?], 1867].

6" x 9-1/2" composite albumen silver print mounted on 10" x 12-1/2" illustration board with border and printed caption. Moderate toning and foxing to board, light foxing to image, small faint dampstain to bottom edge of board, left edge of board trimmed, image and caption not affected. \$650.

* In June of 1867, Jacob Van Arsdale stabbed 12-year-old Jasper Baird, the son of the couple with whom he was boarding. The Bairds testified that he had experienced violent fits in the weeks leading up to the murder, though he was well-known and respected in the community before these incidents. The jury returned a guilty verdict, but recommended mercy in light of questions of Van Arsdale's sanity, and many members of the community agreed. Despite this, he was sentenced to death, but the New Jersey Court of Pardons commuted his sentence to life in prison. [Order this Item](#)

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Scarce JP Manual that Includes a Digest of Staunford's Pleas of the Crown

30. Yonge, Walter [1581?-1649].

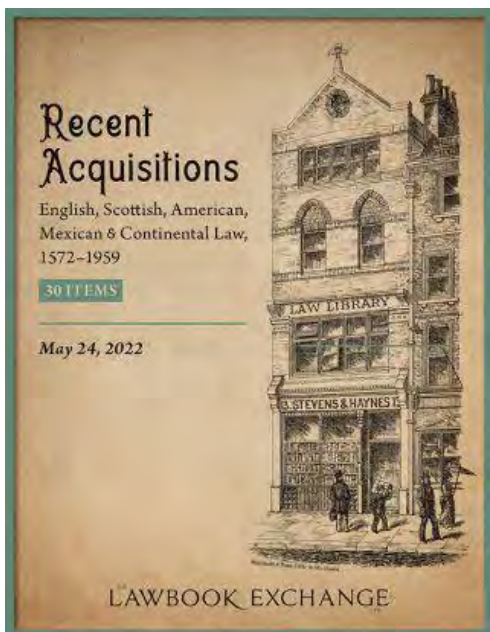
[Staunford, Sir William (1509-1558)].

A Vade Mecum, Or, Table, Containing the Substance of Such Statutes; Wherein Any One, Or More Justices of the Peace are Inabled to Act, As Well in the Sessions, As Out of the Sessions of Peace. Together with an Epitome of Mr. Stamford's Pleas of the Crown. Corrected, And Amended. London: Printed for Rich. Best, 1660 [i.e. 1661]. [xxiv], 186, [2] pp. First leaf blank. Two parts with continuous pagination. Second part preceded by title page reading (in part) *A Vade Mecum, And Cornu Copia. An Epitome of Master Stamfords Pleas of the Crown.* 12mo. (5-1/2" x 3").

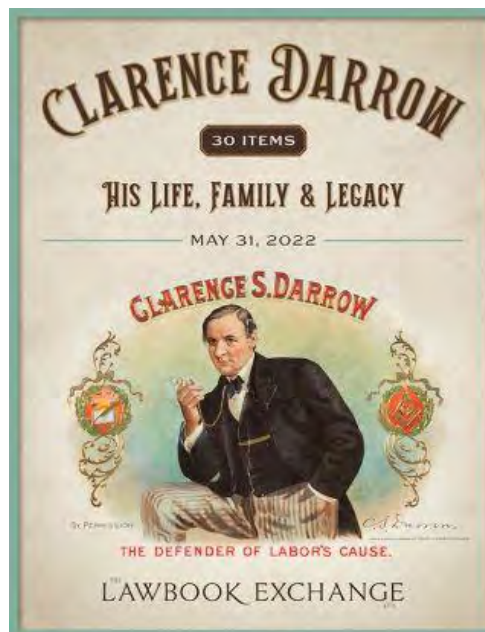
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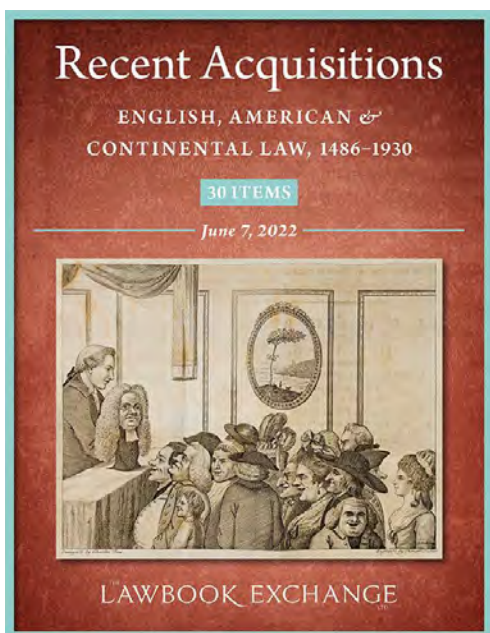
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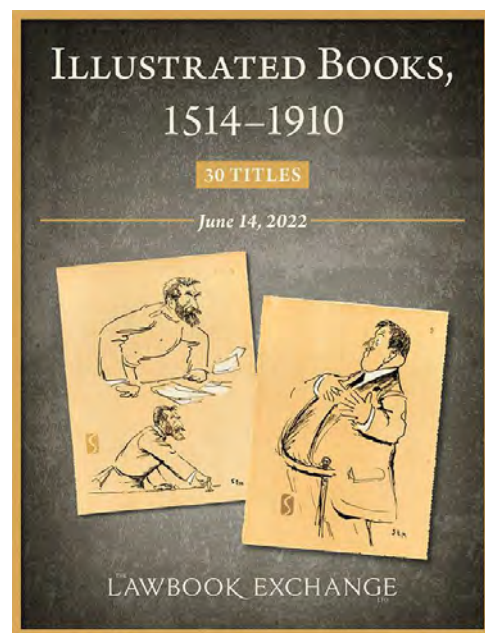
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