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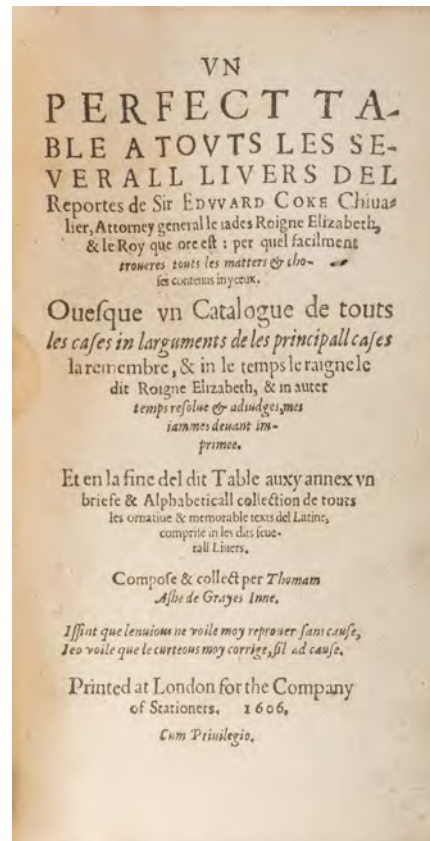
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First Edition of a Notable Early Digest of Coke's *Reports*

1. Ashe, Thomas [c 1556-1618].

[Coke, Sir Edward (1552-1634)].

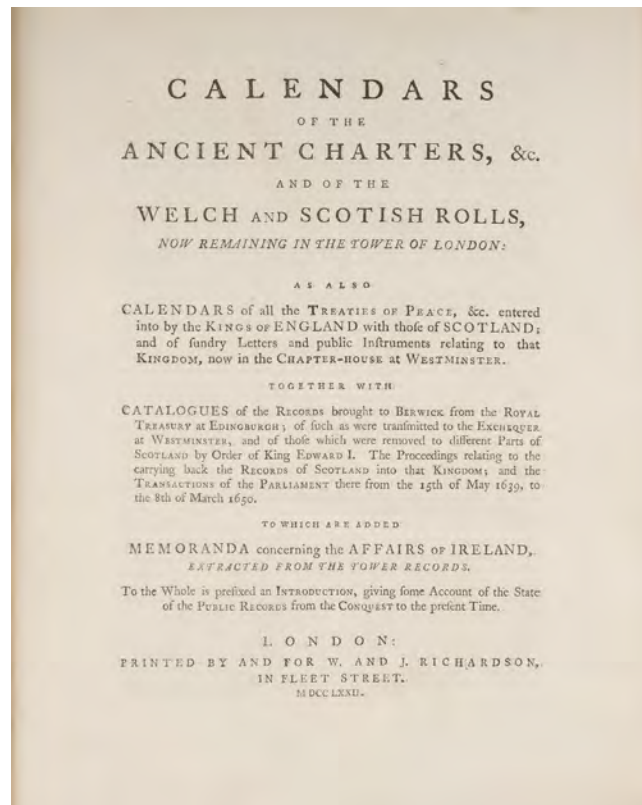
Un Perfect Table a Touts les Severall Livers del Reportes de Sir Edward Coke Chivalier, Attorney General le lades Roigne Elizabeth, & le Roy que Ore Est: Per quel Facilment Troveres Touts les Matters & Choses Contenus in Yceux. Ouesque un Catalogue de Touts les cases in Larguments de les Principall Cases la Remembre, & In le Temps le Raigne le Dit Roigne Elizabeth, & In Auter Temps Resolue & Adiudges, mes Iammes Devant Imprimee. Et en la Fine del Dit Table Auxy Annex un Brief & Alphabeticall Collection de Touts les Ornative & Memorable Texts del Latine, Comprise in les Dits Severall Livers. London: Printed for the Company of Stationers, 1606. [xvi], 148 ff. Octavo (5-1/2" x 3-3/4").

Contemporary flexible vellum with yapp edges, later vellum repair to foot of spine, holes for thong ties to fore-edges, one with a thong fragment. Some soiling and a few small stains and scuffs, tiny chip to top-edge of front cover, pastedowns loose and lightly soiled with a few tears, text block a little loose, but secure, a few partial cracks to text block. Moderate toning to interior, negligible faint dampstaining in a few places, minor worming to head of gutter near center of text block, small hole near center of leaf kiiii (pp. 68-69) with minor loss to text, brief early annotations to front endleaf. \$650.

* First edition. Main text in Law French, prefaces in Latin and English. This is an important early digest of the *Reports* of Edward Coke then published (Parts 1-5, first published 1600-1605). A popular and durable work, it went through two more editions (as *Un General Table...*, updated to cover parts 6-11) in Law French (in 1618 and 1631) and three editions in English (in 1652, 1653 and 1672). It was also reprinted following the 1664 and 1680 editions of Coke's *Reports*.

English Short-Title Catalogue S108463.

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A Notable Collection of Early English Records

2. [Ayloffe, Sir Joseph (1709-1781)].

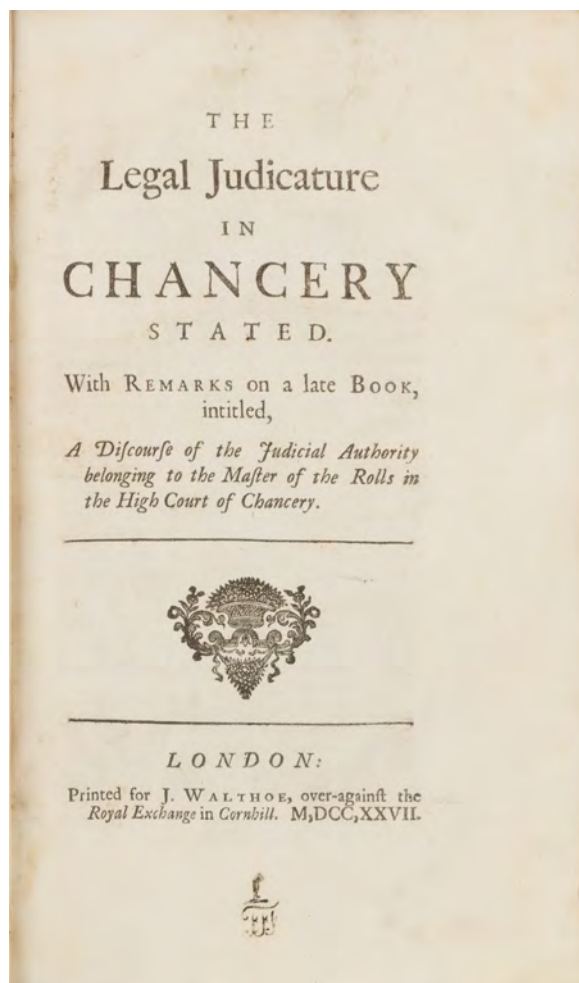
Calendars of the Ancient Charters, And of the Welch and Scottish Rolls Now Remaining in the Tower of London: Also Calendars of All the Treaties of Peace Entered Into by the Kings of England with Those of Scotland; And of Sundry Letters and Public Instruments Relating to that Kingdom, Now in the Chapter-House at Westminster. Together With Catalogues of the Records Brought to Berwick from the Royal Treasury at Edinburgh: Of Such as were Transmitted to the Exchequer at Westminster, And of Those which were Removed to different Parts of Scotland by Order of King Edward I. The Proceedings Relating to the Carrying Back the Records of Scotland into that Kingdom; And the Transactions of the Parliament There from the 15th of May 1639, To the 8th of March 1650. To Which Are Added Memoranda Concerning the Affairs of Ireland, Extracted From The Tower Records. With Four Copper Plates, Exhibiting all the Various Hands in which the Several Charters have been Written, From the Reign of King William the Conqueror to that of Queen Elizabeth. To the Whole is Prefixed an Introduction, Giving Some Account of the State of the Public Records from the Conquest to the Present Time. London: Printed by and for W. And J. Richardson, In Fleet Street, 1774. [ii], lxx, [2], 462, [32] pp. Lacking half-title and two of the four copperplate facsimile leaves of documents. Four woodcut facsimiles of seals on pp. 348 and 349. Quarto (10-1/2" x 8-1/4").

Recent period-style three-quarter calf over marbled boards, speckled edges, endpapers renewed. Negligible light rubbing and a few minor nicks and scratches to boards, corners lightly bumped. Light toning to interior, light foxing to a few leaves, chip to lower outside corner of leaf Iii (pp. 433-434) with no loss to text. A handsome copy. \$350.

* First edition. Praised in Cooper's *Account of the Most Important Public Records of Great Britain* (1832), this notable collection has an interesting introduction on the history of the public records and handsome copperplate facsimiles of documents. It was reissued in 1774.

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The Rank of Judges in the Court of Chancery

3. [Burroughs, Samuel (d.1761)].

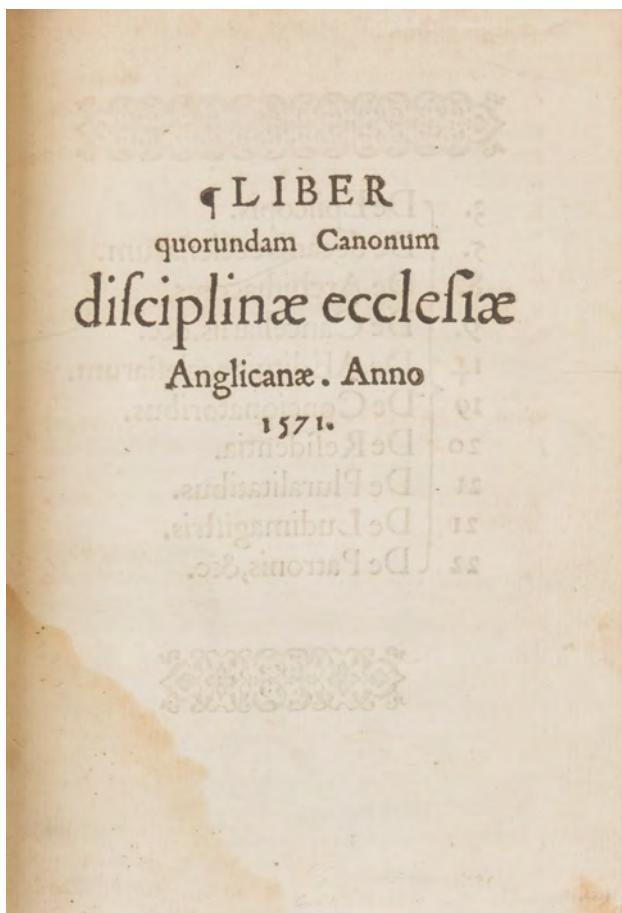
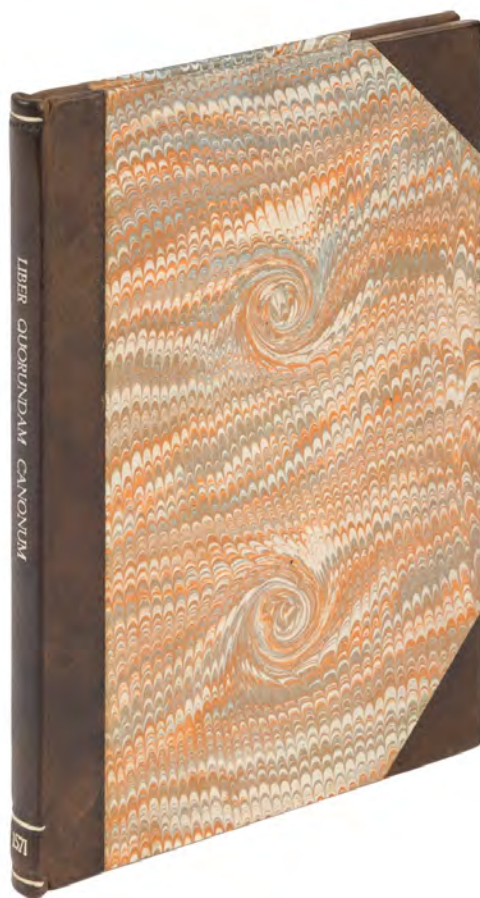
The Legal Judicature in Chancery Stated. With Remarks on a Late Book, Intituled, A Discourse of the Judicial Authority Belonging to the Master of the Rolls in the High Court of Chancery. London: Printed for J. Walthoe, 1727. 282 pp. Lacking 4 pp. publisher catalogue. Octavo (8-1/2" x 5-1/4").

Contemporary calf, gilt frames to boards, rebacked and recorned in period style with gilt-edged raised bands and lettering piece to spine, gilt tooling to board edges, edges of text block rouged. Light rubbing to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, front joint starting at ends, rear joint starting at head, light creasing to spine, which is chipped at head, corners bumped and lightly worn, hinges cracked, light foxing and faint offsetting to endleaves. Light toning to interior, negligible light foxing and soiling to several leaves, corrections in an early hand in a few places. \$450.

* Only edition. This book is a response to a point in *A Discourse of the Judicial Authority Belonging to the Office of Master of the Rolls in the High Court of Chancery* (1727) by Philip Yorke, Earl of Hardwicke. Burroughs believes Yorke is incorrect when he stated that the Chancery court was directed by two judges that are not "co-ordinate, but in a subordination of one to the other" (3). Ultimately, Burroughs's view triumphed and the Master of the Rolls gained statutory independence.

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Final Revisions to the 39 Articles

4. [Church of England].

Liber Quorundam Canonum Disciplinæ Ecclesiæ Anglicanæ. Anno 1571. [London: Printed by John Day, 1571]. 23, [1] pp. Cancel slip affixed to p. 21. Quarto (6-3/4" x 5").

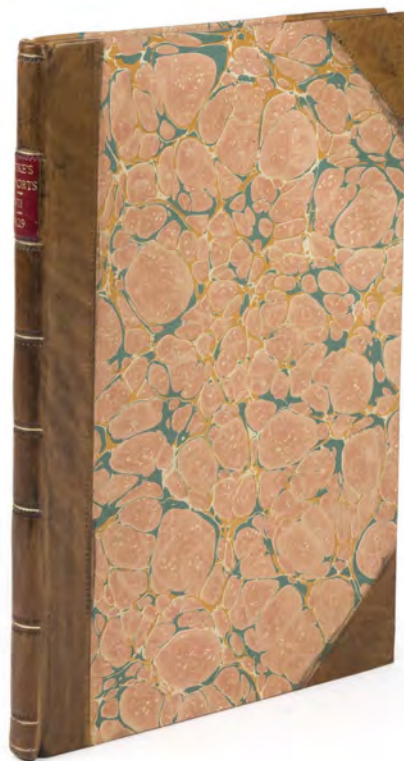
Recent three-quarter calf over marbled boards, blind fillets to boards, gilt title, gilt publication date and blind fillets to spine, endpapers renewed. Moderate toning to interior, faint dampstaining to several leaves, mostly to margins, cancel slip partially detached but secure. \$1,250.

* First Latin printing. The *Liber Quorundam* of 1571 was the final set of revisions to the 39 Articles of Religion, the doctrinal foundation of the Church of England, U.S. Episcopal Church and the Anglican Church in North America, as well as congregations in the Anglican Communion and Anglican Continuum. Formulated as 10 articles in 1536, this body of laws attained its final form in 1571 under the direction of Queen Elizabeth. The *Liber Quorundam* concerns Articles 3 (De Episcopis), 5 (De Decanis Ecclesiarum), 8 (De Archidiaconis), 9 (De Cancellariis. &c.), 14 (De Aedituis Ecclesiarum), 19 (De Concionatoribus), 20 (De Residentia), 21 (De Pluralitatibus, De Ludimagistris) and 22 (De Patronis, &c.).

The *ESTC* records three variants of the 1571 issue. They are distinguished by the penultimate paragraph of leaf G3r (p. 21), which is the revised Article 21. Variant 1 is uncorrected. In Variant 2, our copy, the text is covered with a cancel slip adding additional content. Variant 3 has a corrected text. Not in Beale.

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Coke's Reports, Part Seven, Which Includes Calvin's Case

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

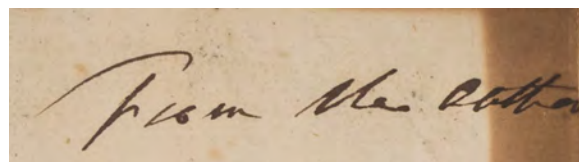
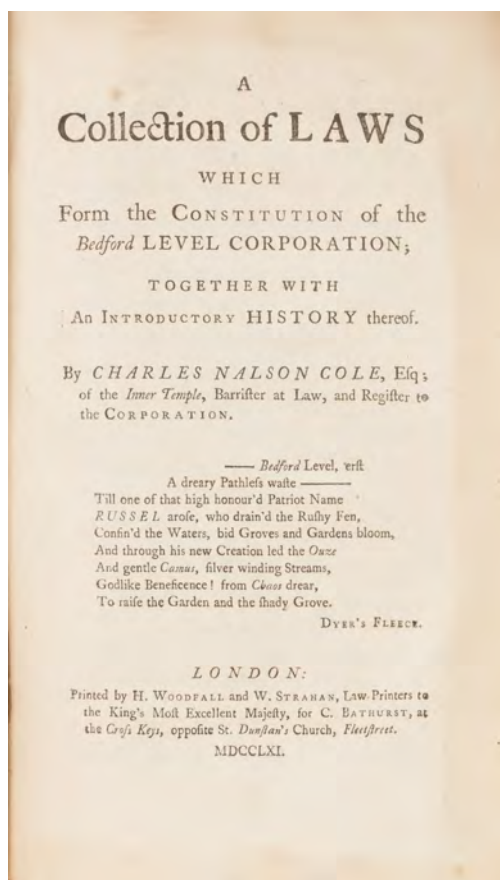
La Sept Part des Reports Sr. Edw. Coke Chivalier, Chiefe Justice del Common Banke: Des Divers Resolutions & Iudgements Done sur Solemne Arguments, & Avec Grand Deliberation & Conference des Tresreverend Iudges & Sages de la Ley, De Cases en ley Queux ne Fueront Unques Resolue ou Adjudges par Devant: Et les Raisons & Causes des Dits Resolutions & Iudgements. Publies en le Sizte An del Treshaut & Tresillustre Iaques Roy Dengl. Fr. & Irel. & de Escoce le 42. le Fountaine de Tout Pietie & Iustice, & la Vie de la Ley. London: Printed [by Adam Islip] for the Societie of Stationers, 1629. [vi], 28, 35, 37-45, [2] ff. Complete. First and final leaves blank. Folio (11" x 7").

Recent three-quarter calf over marbled boards, blind fillets to calf edges, gilt and blind fillets to spine, endpapers renewed. Negligible light rubbing to bottom-edge of boards. Moderate toning and faint dampstaining to interior, brief early annotations and manicules in one, possibly two early hands in several places, light soiling in a few places, small spark burn to leaf B5 without loss to legibility. \$850.

* Second edition. Prefaces in Latin and English. Coke's *Reports* are not reports in the conventional sense, but highly detailed anthologies of precedents organized according to the cases they consider. In each instance Coke assembled a large body of cases, outlined their arguments, and explained the reasons for the judgment, using it as a basis for a statement of general principles. Taken together, the *Reports* form the most extensive and detailed treatment of common law pleading that had yet appeared. A work of immense authority, it was often cited as *The Reports*, there being no need to mention the author's name. Highlights of the seventh part are the preface, a response to criticism of his speech and charge at the Norwich assizes, and Calvin's Case, which helped to establish the rule of birthright citizenship. The annotations to our copy are mostly brief case citations and references to other reporters.

English Short-Title Catalogue S107328.

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The Legal Side of an Ambitious Land-Reclamation Project

6. Cole, Charles Nalson [1723-1804].

[Bedford Level Corporation].

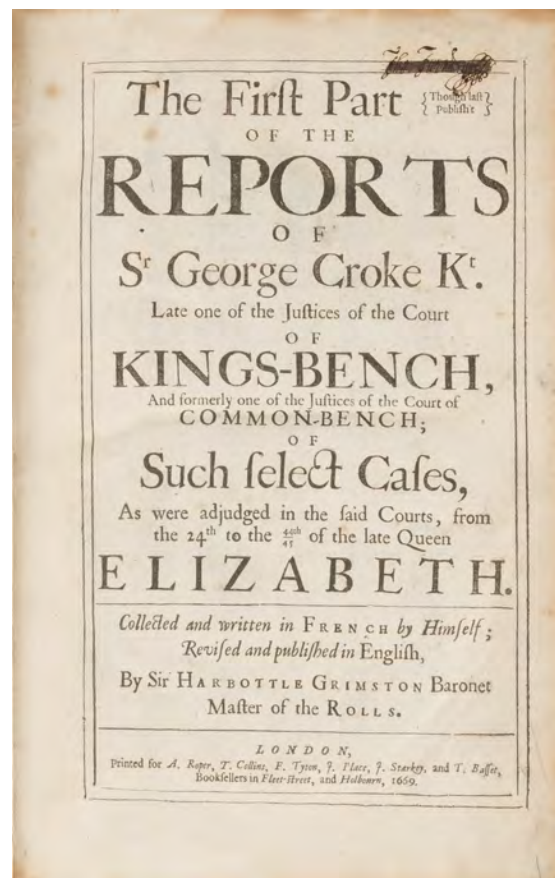
A Collection of Laws Which Form the Constitution of the Bedford Level Corporation; Together with an Introductory History Thereof. London: Printed by H. Woodfall and W. Strahan for C. Bathurst, 1761. [viii], lii, 576 pp. Octavo (8-1/4" x 4-3/4").

Contemporary speckled calf, rebaked in sheep retaining existing spine with gilt-edged raised bands and lettering piece, gilt tooling to board edges, edges speckled red. Light rubbing and a few minor scuffs to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, somewhat heavier to joints, which are starting at head, corners bumped and somewhat worn, hinges cracked, faint offsetting to endleaves, armorial bookplate (of Lord Walsingham) to front pastedown, presentation inscription "From the Author" to front free endpaper, which is lightly edgeworn. Light toning to interior, occasional light foxing, faint dampstain to lower corner of first 50 or so leaves not affecting text, light soiling in a few places, brief annotations in ink to table of contents. \$850.

* First edition. The Bedford Level Corporation was founded in 1663 to oversee the draining of the Fens of East Central England, facilitating agriculture in the area. It had extensive navigation and taxation rights in order to carry out its objectives. Cole was a member of the Inner Temple and the registrar of the Bedford Level Corporation. A second edition was published in 1803. OCLC locates 3 copies of the first edition in North American law libraries (Library of Congress, University of Georgia, University of Pennsylvania).

Goldsmiths'-Kress Library of Economic Literature 9658. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T130409.

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"A Work of Credit and Celebrity"

7. Croke, Sir George [1560-1642].

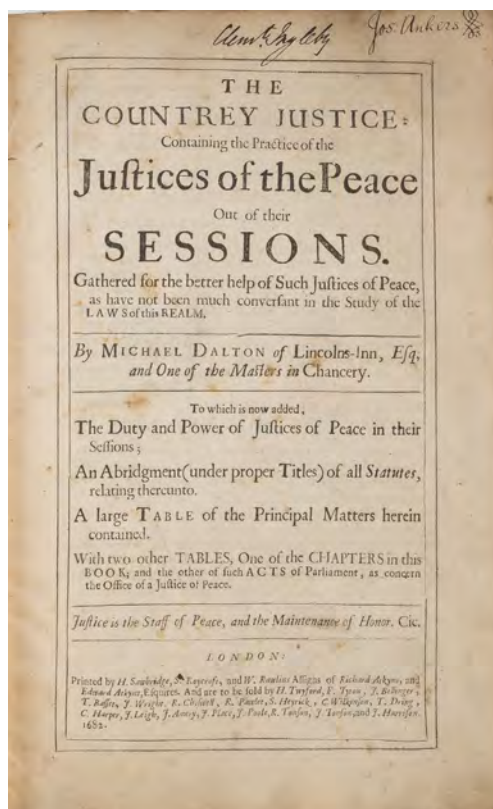
The First Part Though Last Publish't of the Reports of Sr George Croke Kt. Late One of the Justices of the Court of Kings-Bench, And Formerly One of the Justices of the Court of Common-Bench; Of Such Select Cases, As were Adjudged in the Said Courts, From the 24th to the 44th/45 of the Late Queen Elizabeth. Collected and Written in French by Himself; Revised and Published in English, By Sir Harbottle Grimston Baronet Master of the Rolls. London: Printed for A. Roper [et al.], 1669. [x], 472, 457-920, [70], [4] pp. Initial table bound at end, text complete. Lacking copperplate frontispiece. With a 3-pp. "Catalogue of Law-Books, and such as appertain to the Law" not noted by the ESTC. Folio (11-1/2" x 7-1/4").

Recent quarter calf over marbled boards, raised bands, blind fillets, lettering piece and gilt date to spine, endpapers renewed, early hand-lettered notation ("Eliz:") to fore-edge of text block. A few minor scratches and shallow scuffs to calf. Light toning to interior, occasional light foxing, minor faint dampstaining to edges in a few places, lower corners of a few leaves lacking without loss to text, small hole to text block of leaf 4L1 (pp. 625-626), no loss to legibility, early struck-through owner signature to title page. \$350.

* Second edition in English. Issued in separate volumes beginning in 1657 and collected as a set in 1683, these reports were translated from Law-French and edited by Grimston. *The First Part* covers the 25th through 45th regnal years of Elizabeth I (1582-1602/3). Kent considered Croke's reports "a work of credit and celebrity among the old Reporters," which has "sustained its character in every succeeding age" (Wallace).

Wallace, *The Reporters* 198-205. *English Short-Title Catalogue* (ESTC) R27275.

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A Landmark Treatise on Justices of the Peace

8. Dalton, Michael.

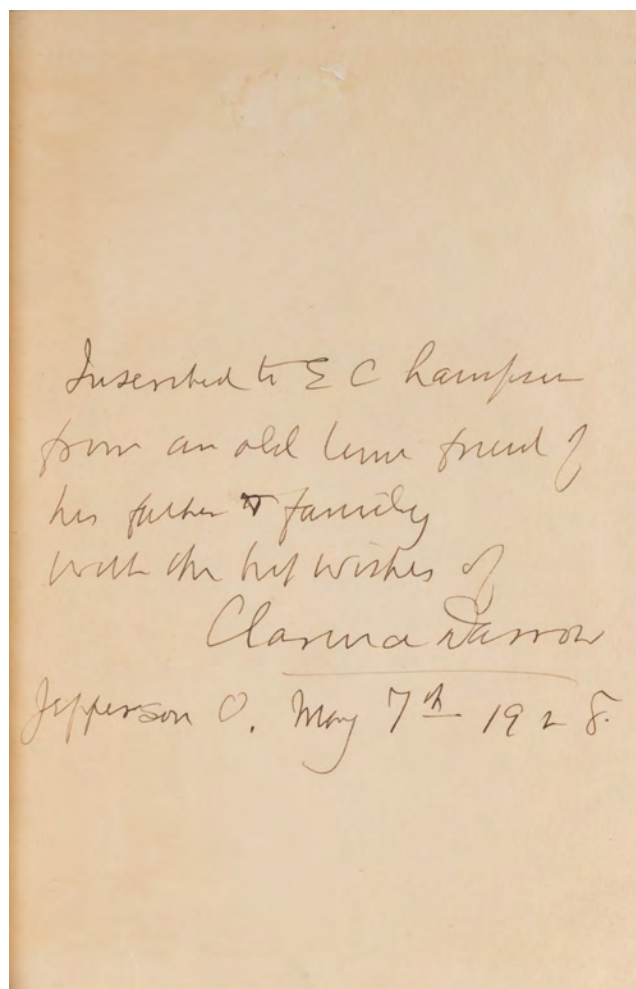
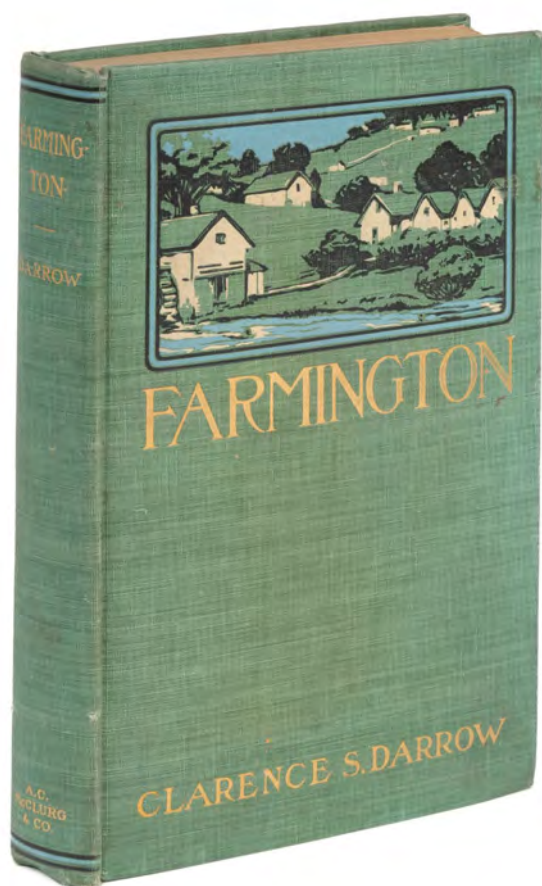
The Country Justice: Containing the Practice of the Justices of the Peace Out of Their Sessions. Gathered for the Better Help of Such Justices of Peace, As Have Not Been Much Conversant in the Study of the Laws of This Realm. To Which is Now Added, The Duty and Power of Justices of Peace in Their Sessions; An Abridgment (Under Proper Titles) of All Statutes, Relating Thereunto. A Large Table of the Principal Matters Herein Contained. With Two Other Tables, One of the Chapters in This Book; And the Other of Such Acts of Parliament, As Concern the Office of a Justice of Peace. London: Printed by H. Sawbridge, S. Roycroft, And W. Rawlins, 1682. [xvi], 535, [31] pp. Folio (12-1/4" x 7-3/4").

Contemporary calf, rebaked and recorned in sheep with raised bands, blind fillets, blind ornaments, lettering piece and gilt institutional name and date to spine, endpapers renewed. Rubbing and scuffing to boards, small library stamp to front board, moderate rubbing to extremities, light wear to board edges, small chip to bottom edge of front board, corners bumped and lightly worn, library bookplate and circular sticker to front pastedown. Light toning to interior, light foxing, soiling and tiny spark burns in a few places, tears to edges of a few leaves (mended on leaf N5, pp. 141-142) without loss to text, ownership signatures (Clement? Ingleby and Jos. Ankers) to head of title page, later pencil annotations to pp. 516-517. \$300.

* Later edition. This venerable justice of the peace manual went through some twenty editions between 1618 and 1746. This work is also significant because it firmly established the alphabetical topical structure adopted in later texts. Rooted in Crompton, Fitzherbert and Lambard, *The Country Justice* offers advice on such matters as buggery, customs, highways, prisons, riots, soldiers, murder, felonies, rogues and vagabonds, wool, and high treason.

English Short-Title Catalogue R27851.

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Signed and Inscribed First Edition of Darrow's *Farmington*

9. Darrow, Clarence [1857-1938].

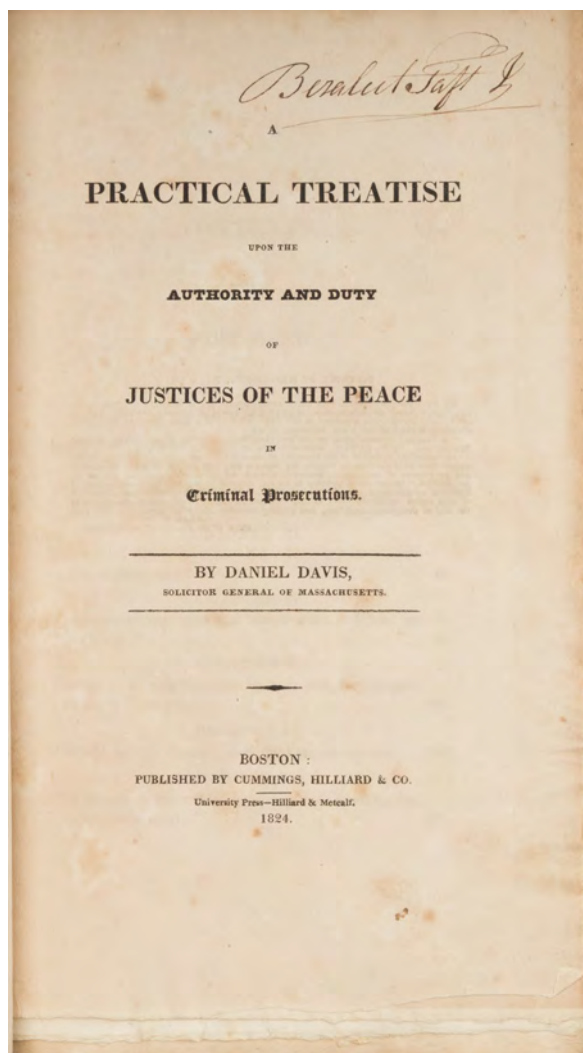
Farmington. Chicago: A.C. McClurg & Co., 1904. vi, 277 pp.

Cloth, arts-and-crafts style multi-color vignette and gilt title to front board, gilt title and black-stamped fillets to spine, top edge gilt, deckle fore and bottom edges. Light soiling to front board, light rubbing to extremities, spine ends and corners lightly bumped and very lightly worn. Title page with large engraved vignette printed in red and black. Toning, internally clean. Inscribed and signed by Darrow: "Inscribed to E C Lampin?/ from an old time friend of/ his father & family/ with the best wishes of/ Clarence Darrow/ Jefferson O. May 7th 1928" in bold hand to front free endpaper. \$1,000.

* First edition. *Farmington* is a fictionalized account of the author's youth in Ohio. Though it went through seven editions, it was never a critical or commercial success. This pained Darrow because he thought it was his finest book.

Hunsberger, *Clarence Darrow: A Bibliography* 49.

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A Guide to Criminal Law for Justices of the Peace

10. Davis, Daniel [1762-1835].

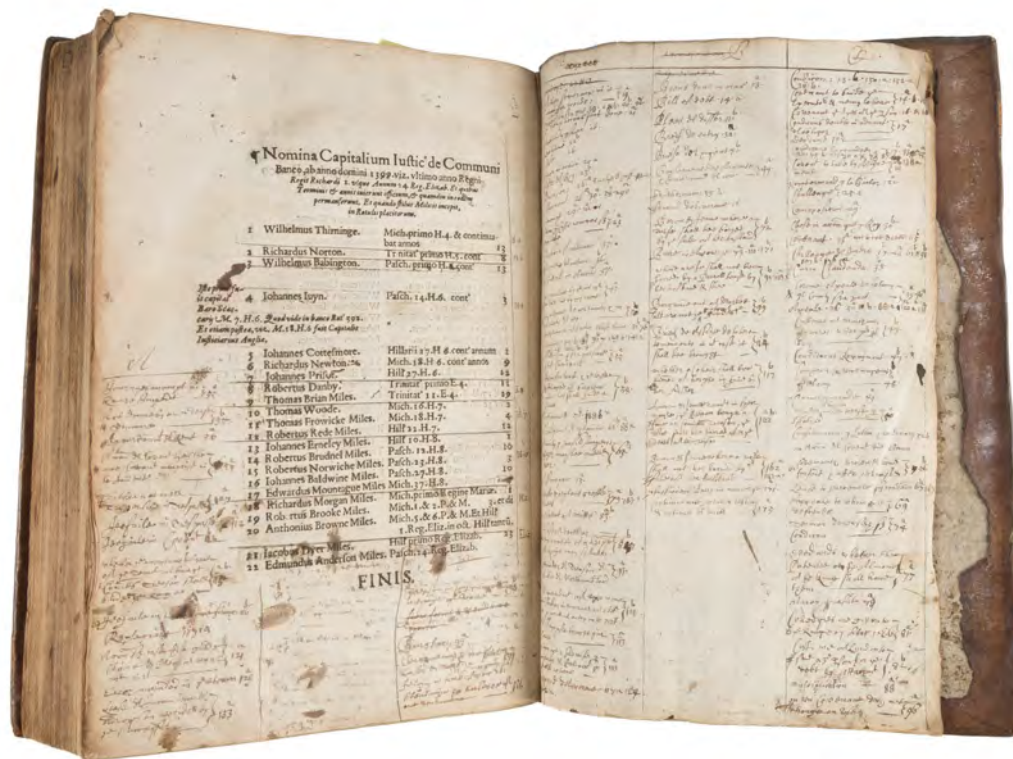
A Practical Treatise Upon the Authority and Duty of Justices of the Peace in Criminal Prosecutions. Boston: Cummings, Hilliard & Co., 1824. iv, 687 pp. Octavo (9-1/2" x 5" x 6").

Original publisher's boards with recent cloth rebacking, gilt title to spine, untrimmed edges, endpapers renewed. Moderate rubbing and a few minor stains to boards, corners bumped somewhat worn. Moderate toning to interior, light foxing in a few places, early owner signature of Bezaleel Taft, Jr. to head of title page. \$150.

* First edition. Davis was the United States Attorney for the Maine District of Massachusetts, Solicitor General of Massachusetts and the author of several legal treatises. This work is a valuable manual of criminal law. Though it pertains mostly to the laws of Massachusetts, it is a useful guide to criminal laws concerning Justices of the Peace in other states. Taft [1780-1846] was a lawyer, politician and Massachusetts State Senator from the distinguished family that produced nearly five generations of judges and politicians, among them William Howard Taft [1857-1930].

Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 8373.

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An Authority Second Only to the Year Books

11. Dyer, Sir James [1512-1582].

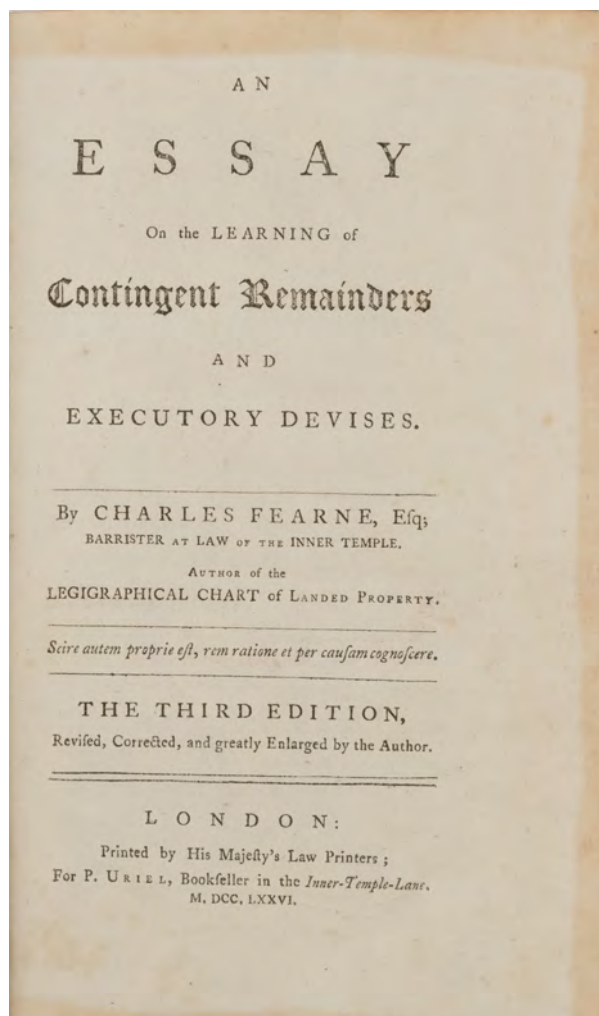
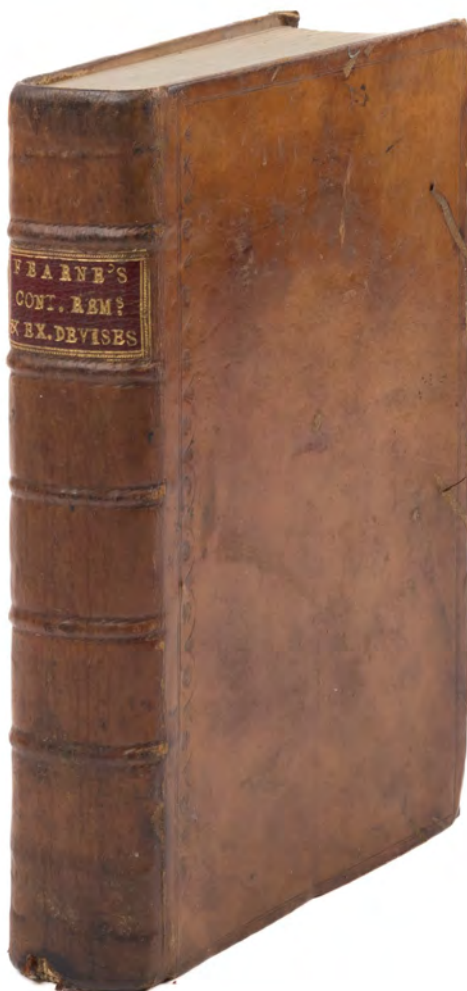
Cy Ensuent Ascuns Novel Cases, Collectes per le Iades Tresreverend Iudge, Mounsigneur Iasques Dyer, Chiefe Iustice del Common Banke, One Divers Resolutions & Iudgements Dones sur Solempne Arguments & Avec Graund Deliberation, & Le Reasons & Causes des Dits Resolutions & Iudgements. Ore Novelment Imprimés & Publies. London: Imprinted for the Companie of Stationers, 1621. [iv], 62, 65-377, [1] ff. Pagination irregular, text complete. Folio (11-1/2" x 7-1/2").

Contemporary calf, blind rules to boards, raised bands, blind fillets and later typed labels to spine, blind rules to board edges. Light rubbing and a few small scuffs, scratches and stains to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, slightly heavier to joints and raised bands, head of spine mended, small nick near head of rear joint, which is just starting at foot, corners bumped and lightly worn, pastedowns loose exposing printer's waste, extensive manuscript index to rear endleaves (and final leaf of text), creasing, faint offsetting and light soiling to rear pastedown, which has a small tear to its fore-edge. Moderate toning to interior, light soiling in a few places, early underlining and brief annotations throughout, most in a single hand. \$2,000.

* Later edition. First published in 1585, Dyer's *Ascuns Novel Cases*, generally known as Dyer's *Reports*, contain cases heard in the Courts of Common Pleas, King's Bench, Exchequer and Chancery from 1513 to 1582. One of the first publications of its kind, it was also the first to be referred to regularly as "Reports." A work of great authority (second only to that of the Year Books), it went through six editions in Law-French, the last one in 1688. The annotations to our copy, most in a single early hand, are primarily case citations and references to other reporters with a few brief glosses.

English Short-Title Catalogue S4209.

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Kent Admired Its "Ability and Perspicuity"

12. Fearne, Charles [1742-1794].

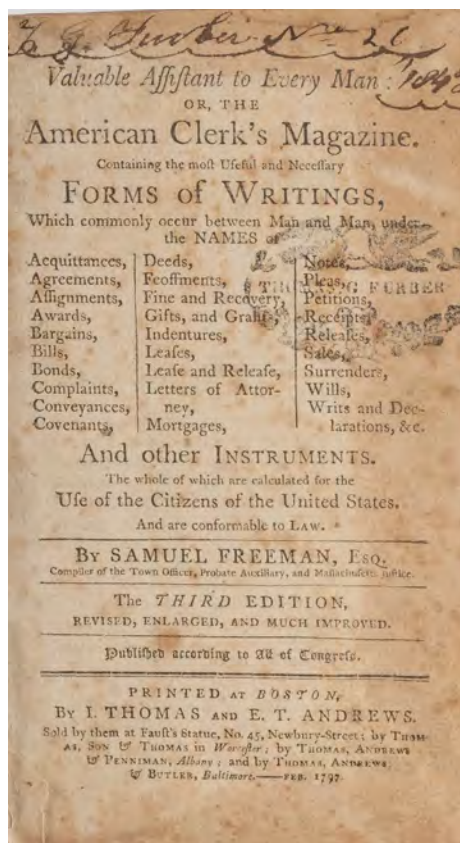
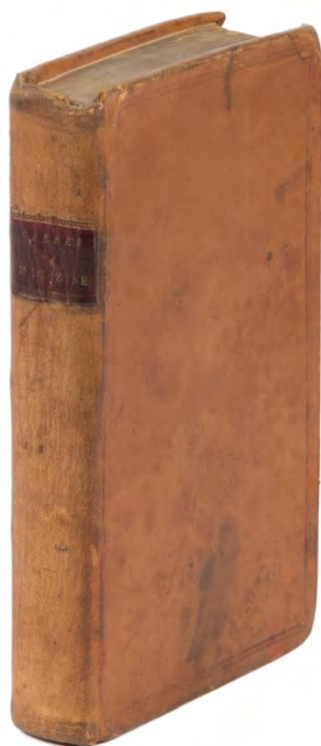
An Essay on the Learning of Contingent Remainders and Executory Devises. Revised, Corrected, And Greatly Enlarged by the Author. London: Printed by His Majesty's Law Printers; for P. Uriel, 1776. xxii, [2], 479, [1] pp. Octavo (8-1/4 x 5").

Contemporary calf, blind rules to boards, blind fillets along joints, raised bands and lettering piece to spine, blind tooling to board edges. Light rubbing and a few minor scuffs to boards, faint creasing to spine, tiny chip to foot of spine, corners bumped and somewhat worn, hinges cracked. Light toning to text, offsetting to margins of preliminaries, final text leaves and rear endleaves, negligible faint dampstaining to lower outside corner of text block in a few places, "385" in small early hand to rear free endpaper, early owner signature (Edw. Tyson, 1777) to front free endpaper. A handsome copy. \$350.

* Third edition. According to Kent, "Fearne's *Essay on Contingent Remainders*...is a performance of a very superior character. It is eminently distinguished for the ability and perspicuity with which it unfolds and explains the principles of the most intricate parts of the law." First published in 1772, this was a standard work for decades. Its final edition, the 10th, was published in 1844.

Kent, *Commentaries on American Law* I:514. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T140189.

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Printed by Isaiah Thomas

13. Freeman, Samuel [1743-1831].

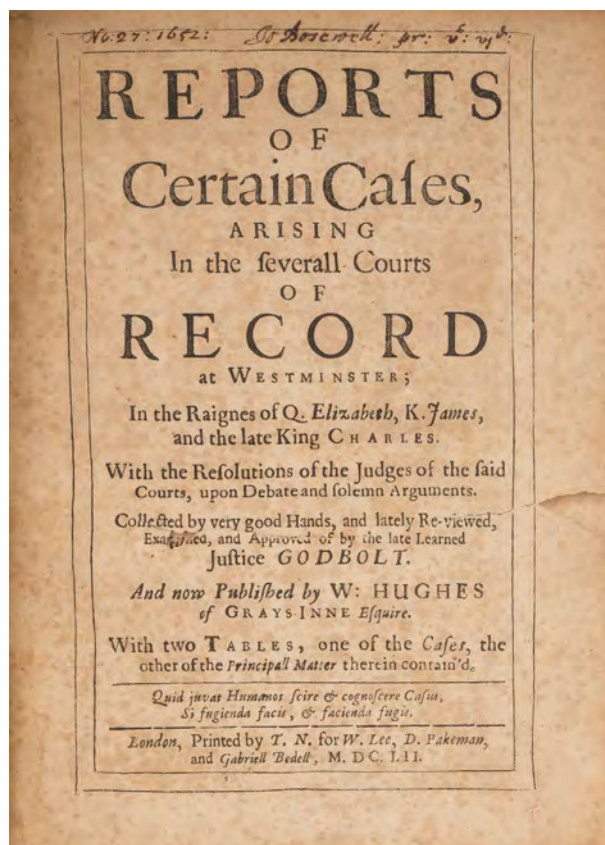
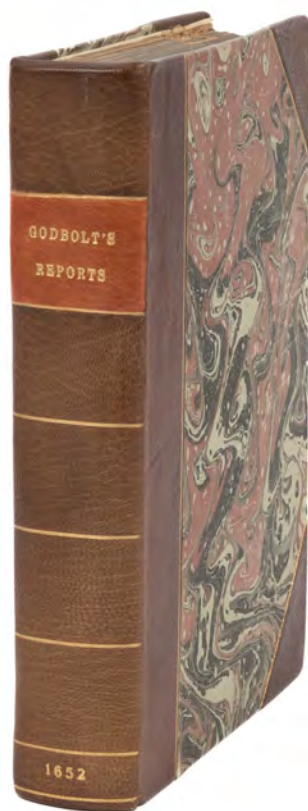
A Valuable Assistant to Every Man: Or, The American Clerk's Magazine. Containing the Most Useful and Necessary Forms of Writings, Which Commonly Occur Between Man and Man, Under the Names of Acquittances, Agreements, Assignments, Awards, Bargains, Bills, Bonds, Complaints, Conveyances, Covenants, Deeds, Feoffments, Fine and Recovery, Gifts, And Grants, Indentures, Leases, Lease and Release, Letters of Attorney, Mortgages, Notes, Pleas, Petitions, Receipts, Releases, Sales, Surrenders, Wills, Writs and Declarations, &c. And Other Instruments. The Whole of Which are Calculated for the Use of the Citizens of the United States. And are Conformable to Law. Revised, Enlarged, And Much Improved. Published According to Act of Congress. Boston: Printed by I. Thomas and E.T. Andrews, 1797. iv, [2], [7]-297, [1] pp. Includes a one-page list of legal manuals published by Thomas and Andrews. 12mo. (6-3/4" x 4").

Contemporary sheep, blind fillets to boards, lettering piece and blind fillets to spine. Light rubbing, a few faint stains to boards, chip to head of spine, corners bumped, hinges cracked, front free endpaper lacking. Moderate toning, light foxing to portions of text, clean tears to leaves A2-3 not affecting legibility, light soiling, moderate edgewear, faint early owner stamp (Thomas G. Furber) and illegible later owner signature (dated 1842) to title page, later owner inscription (John M. Furber/ Newington, Jany 3rd 1832) to its verso. \$300.

* Third edition. Freeman was clerk of courts, a register of probate and a probate judge in Massachusetts. Thomas [1749-1831] was an important early Massachusetts printer, newspaper publisher and author. He was also the founder of the American Antiquarian Society.

Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 8013.

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**"Collected by Very Good Hands, And Lately Re-Viewed,
Examined, And Approved of by the Late Learned Justice Godbolt."**

14. Godbolt, John [d. 1648].

Hughes, William [1587 or 1588-1663?], Editor.

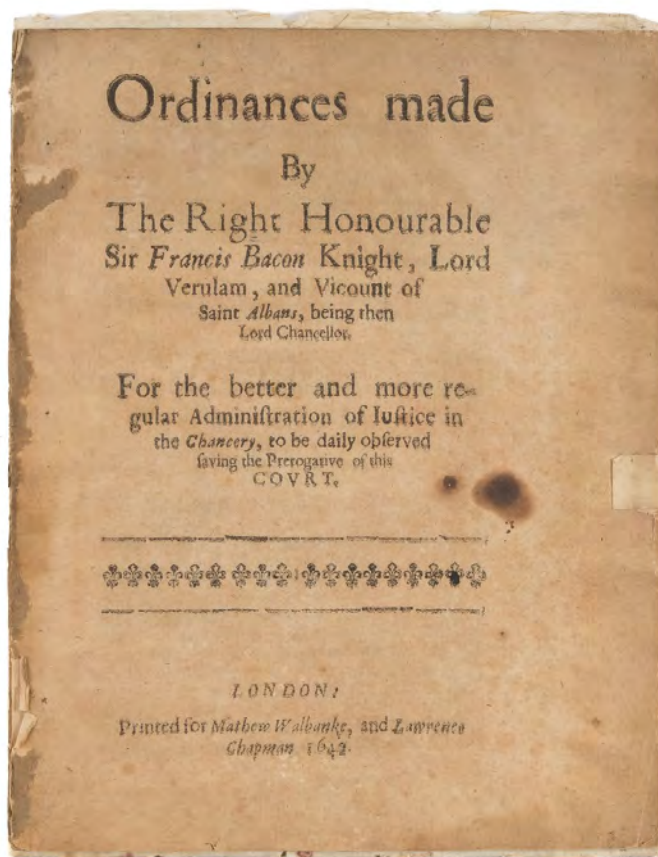
Reports of Certain Cases, Arising in the Severall Courts of Record at Westminster; In the Raignes of Q. Elizabeth, K. James, And the Late King Charles. With the Resolutions of the Judges of the Said Courts, Upon Debate and Solemn Arguments. Collected by Very Good Hands, And Lately Re-Viewed, Examined, And Approved of by the Late Learned Justice Godbolt. And Now Published by W: Hughes of Grays-Inne Esquire. With Two Tables, One of the Cases, The Other of the Principall Matter Therein Contain'd. London: Printed by T.N. for W. Lee, D. Parkman, and Gabriell Bedell, 1652. [viii], 451, [13]. Quarto (8-1/4" x 6-1/4").

Recent period-style three-quarter calf over marbled boards, lettering piece, gilt fillets and gilt publication date to spine, "Godbolt" in early hand to fore-edge of text block, endpapers renewed. Light fading to spine, corners very lightly bumped, a bit of worming to top-edge of text block. Light browning and faint dampspotting to interior, spark burns and tiny inkstains to a few leaves, clean tears to title page and following leaf, owner inscription to title page and a few other leaves in small early hand. \$250.

* Only edition. "Though called Judge Godbolt's *Reports*, this person seems only to have been the owner of the Ms. from which the work was printed. (...) I do not suppose them to be all by the same hand. As I have seen no judicial criticism of this book, I content myself with noting that a reputable text-writer, Mr. Bingham, speaks of it as 'a respectable authority'." (Wallace). This work was reissued in 1653.

Wallace, *The Reporters* 197. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R24389.

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Bacon's Chancery Reforms

15. [Great Britain].

[Court of Chancery].

Bacon, Sir Francis [1561-1626].

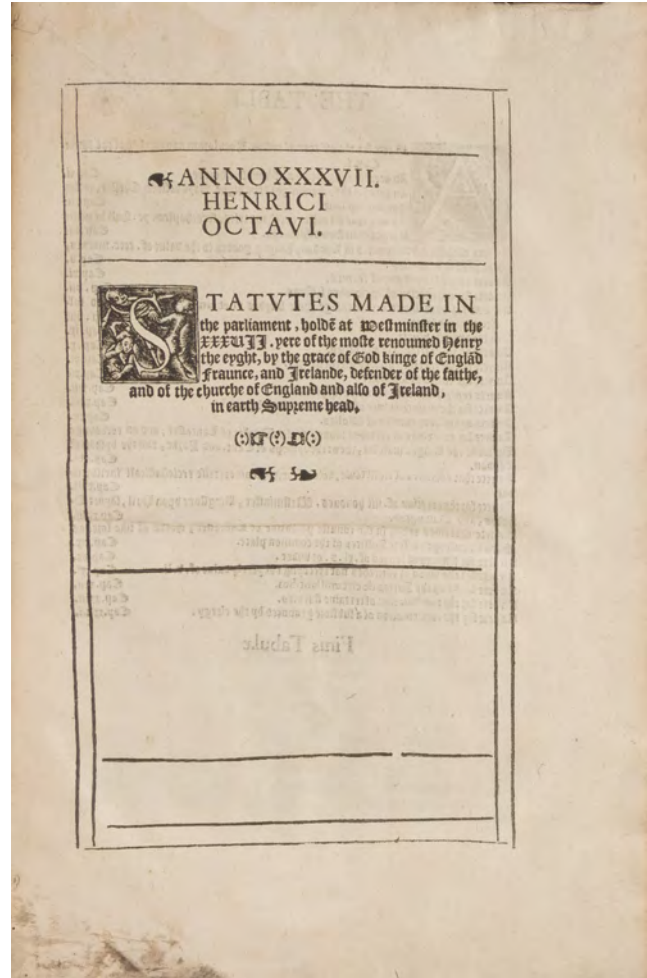
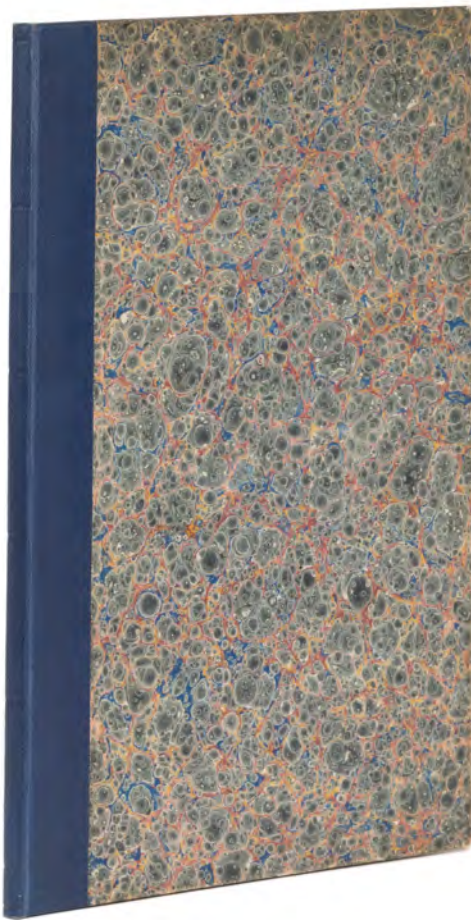
Ordinances Made by the Right Honourable Sir Francis Bacon Knight, Lord Verulam, And Vicount of Saint Albans, Being then Lord Chancellor. For the Better and More Regular Administration of Justice in the Chancery, To be Daily Observed Saving the Prerogative of this Court. London: Printed for Mathew Walbanke, and Lawrence Chapman, 1642. [ii], 22 pp. Quarto (7" x 5-1/2").

Disbound stab-stitched pamphlet in contemporary soiled and creased vellum folder. Light browning, faint dampstaining to fore-edge of text block and to upper left corner of last few leaves, occasional light foxing and soiling, small mended tear to fore-edge of title page, which is separating at foot but secure, not affecting text. Housed in modern buckram slipcase with gilt fillets and title, light rubbing to extremities. \$1,250.

* Only edition. Bacon's reforms to the Court of Chancery, as Holdsworth notes, "to a large extent, fixed the practice of the court till the reforms [of the nineteenth century]. Throughout his life Bacon was a consistent advocate of the codification of the statute law, and the digesting of case law. This set of Orders was the one piece of codification he was able to effect."

Holdsworth, *A History of English Law* V:252-253. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R20720.

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Acts of Henry VIII, 1545

16. [Great Britain].

[Statutes].

Henry VIII [1491-1547], King of England.

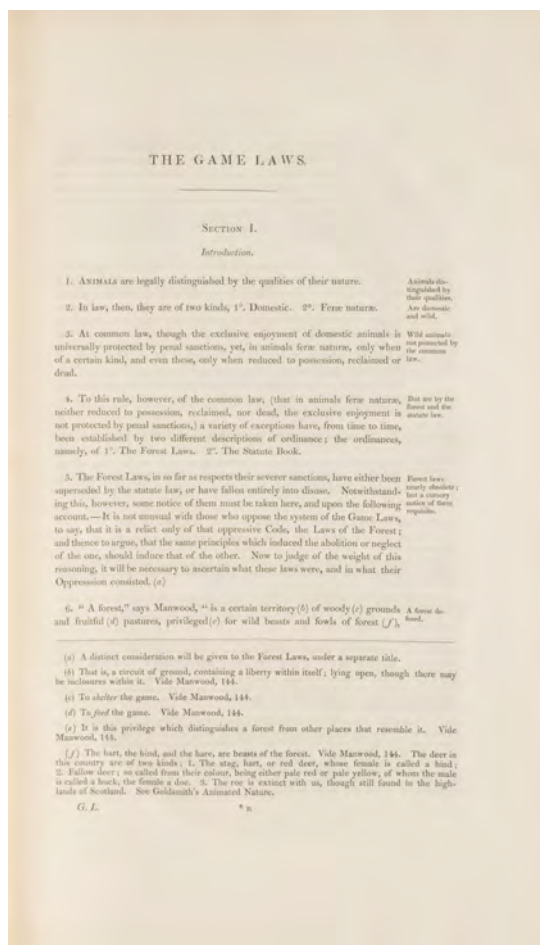
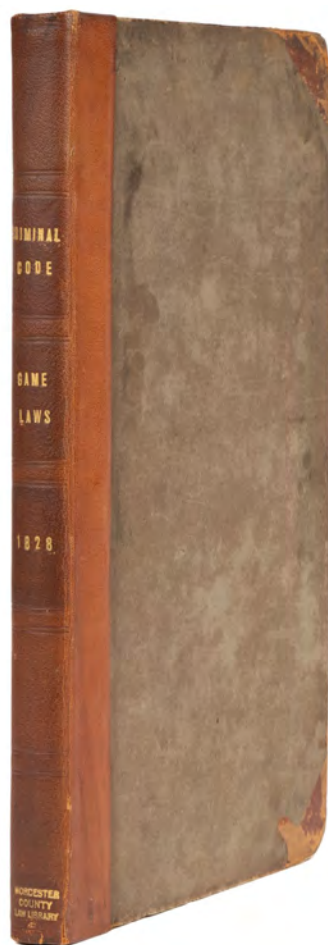
Anno XXXVII. Henrici Octavi. Statutes Made in the Parliament, Holde[n] at Westminster in the XXXVII. Yere of the Most Renowned Henry the Eyght, By the Grace of God Kinge of Engla[n]d Fraunce, And Irelande, Defender of the Faithe, And of the Church of England and Also of Ireland, In Earth Supreme Head. [London: Printed by Thomas Marsh, 1575?]. [72] pp. Folio (11-1/4" x 7-1/2").

Later (twentieth-century) quarter cloth over marbled boards, blind fillets to spine, endleaves renewed. Light rubbing to spine ends and board edges, corners negligibly worn, later pencil notations to front pastedown and free endpaper. Light toning, slight horizontal creases and faint dampstaining to interior, light soiling in a few places. \$1,750.

* Later edition. Twenty-four acts passed during the thirty-seventh year of the reign of King Henry VIII. Among the more interesting acts are acts dealing with ecclesiastical jurisdiction and houses of worship, an act against making false accusations of treason, and an act against usury, which fixed the maximum allowable interest rate at ten percent for the first time.

Beale, *A Bibliography of Early English Law Books* S214. *English Short-Title Catalogue* S121478.

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Precursor to Peel's Acts

17. [Hammond, Anthony (1758-1838)].

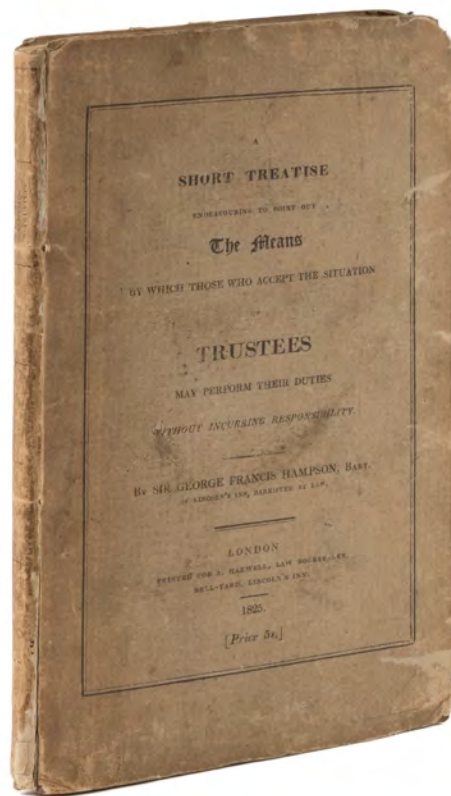
The Criminal Code. Game Laws. London: Printed by George Eyre and Andrew Strahan, 1828. Various pagings. Folio (13-1/4" x 8-1/2").

Contemporary three-quarter sheep over paper-covered boards, rebaked in morocco, blind fillets and gilt title, publication date and library name to spine, untrimmed edges. Moderate rubbing, a few faint stains to boards, corners bumped and somewhat worn, hinges cracked. Light toning to interior, light foxing to a few leaves, small library stamp to title page. \$650.

* Only edition. Hammond, a barrister and legal reformer, was commissioned by Parliament, under the sponsorship of Home Secretary Sir Robert Peel [1788-1850], to propose a code of English criminal law. Between 1823 and 1829 he produced a series of six codes under the general title *The Criminal Code*. Although they weren't adopted, they formed the basis of Peel's Acts, the first substantial reform of English criminal law. In turn, Peel's acts paved the way for the Criminal Law Consolidation Acts 1861. Printed in limited numbers for Parliament, courts and select members of the legal community, copies of these codes (and complete sets) are scarce today. OCLC locates 1 copy of the *Game Code* (National Library of Scotland).

Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 2:153.

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The First Major Work on Voluntary Trustees

18. Hampson, Sir George Francis [1789-1833].

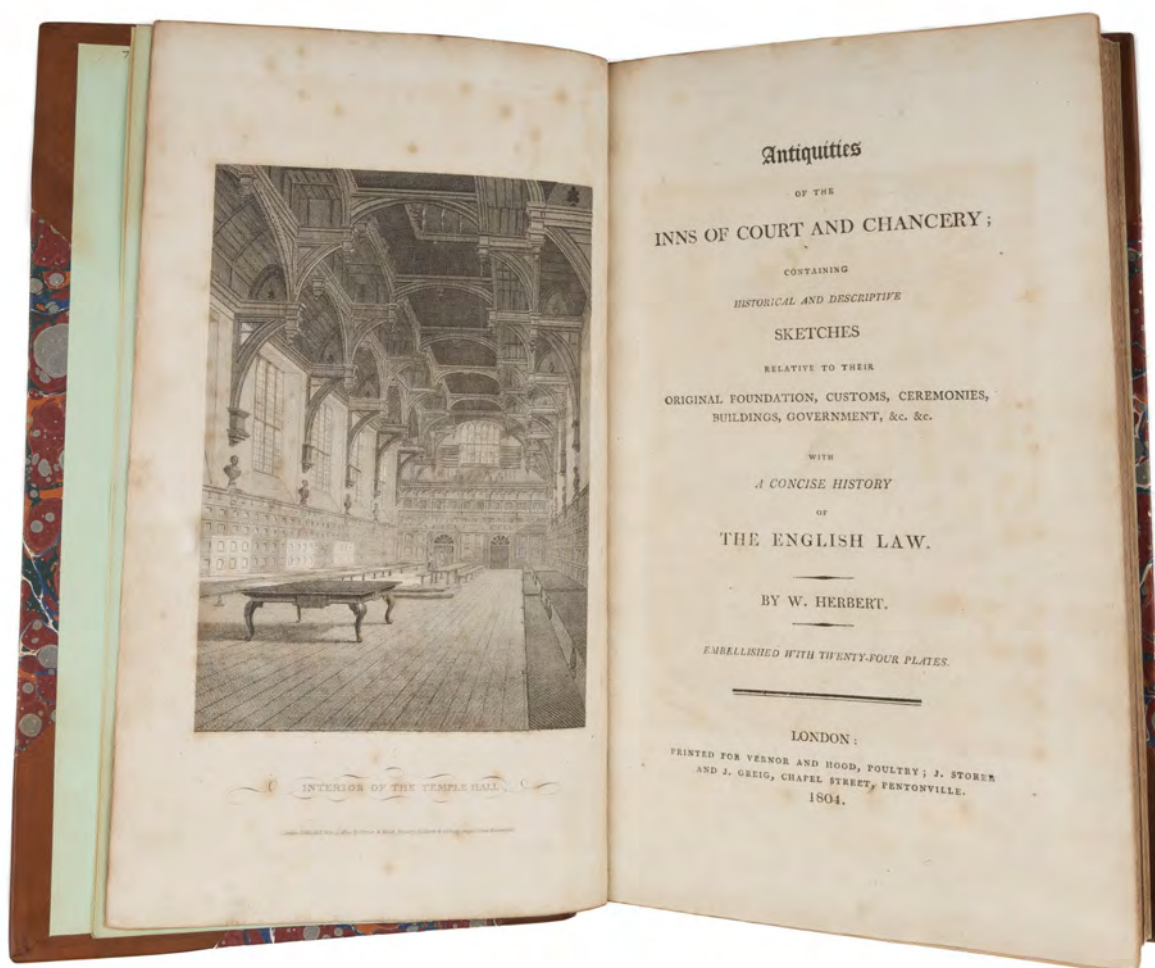
A Short Treatise Endeavouring to Point Out the Means by Which Those Who Accept the Situation of Trustees May Perform Their Duties Without Incurring Responsibility. London: Printed for A. Maxwell, 1825. xx, 129, [3] pp. With a final advertisement leaf. Octavo (9" x 5-1/4").

Original printed publisher's boards, printed paper title label to spine, untrimmed edges. Moderate rubbing and soiling with wear to spine ends and corners, joints starting at ends, a few minor stains to boards, early owner signature (Eliz. Diggle) to front free endpaper. Light toning to interior, light foxing to a few leaves, faint spotting and early owner signature (William Duodecimus Halhed) to title page. \$650.

* First edition. The first major work on voluntary trustees in English law, this treatise discusses their duties and liabilities and includes a table of cited cases. A second edition appeared in 1830 under a different title. OCLC locates 6 copies of the first edition in North American law libraries (Harvard, Yale, University of Notre Dame, University of Wisconsin, Los Angeles County, Library of Congress).

Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 2:154.

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**Handsome Large-Paper Copy
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19. Herbert, W[illiam] [1771-1851].

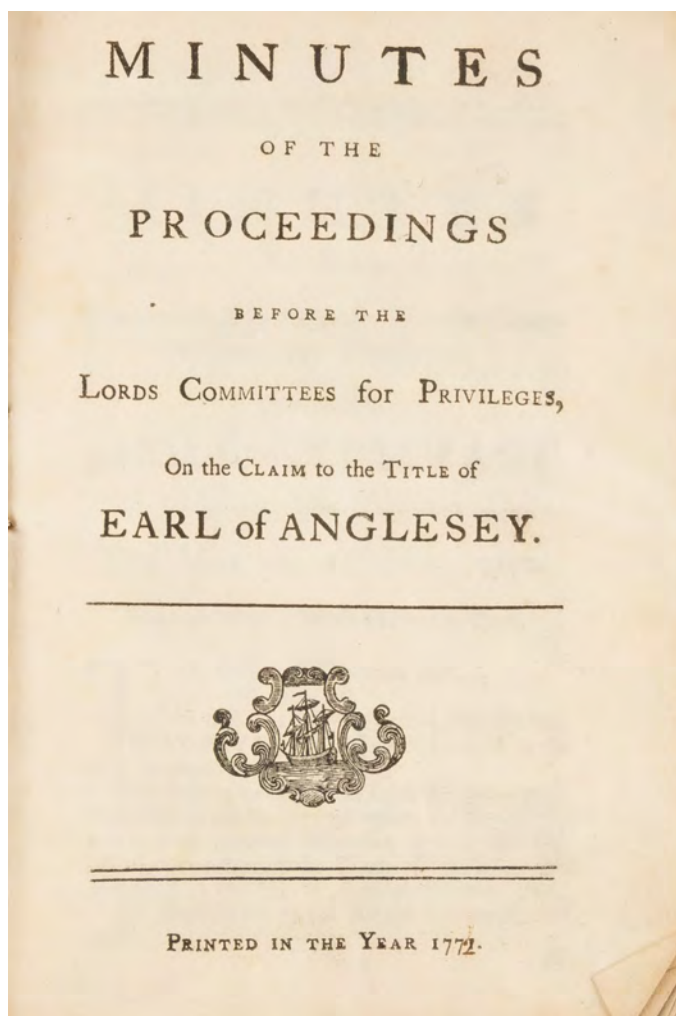
Antiquities of the Inns of Court and Chancery; Containing Historical and Descriptive Sketches Relative to Their Original Foundation, Customs, Ceremonies, Buildings, Government, &c. &c. With a Concise History of the English Law. London: Printed for Vernor and Hood; J. Storer and J. Greig, 1804. xii, 377, [10] pp. 24 steel-plate engravings. Large-paper copy. Complete. Quarto (9" x 5-1/2").

Recent period-style three-quarter calf over marbled boards, raised bands, gilt title and blind fillets to boards, endpapers renewed. Light rubbing to extremities, boards slightly bowed. Moderate toning to interior, light foxing in places, faint offsetting from plates. A handsome copy. \$200.

* First edition. Herbert was the librarian of the Guildhall Library. Most of his *Antiquities* was taken from Sir William Dugdale's *Origines Juridicales* (1666). The engravings depict the exteriors and interiors of the Inns of Court and Chancery.

British Museum Catalogue (Compact Edition) 11:1265.

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The Aftermath of a Dramatic Estate Case

20. [House of Lords].

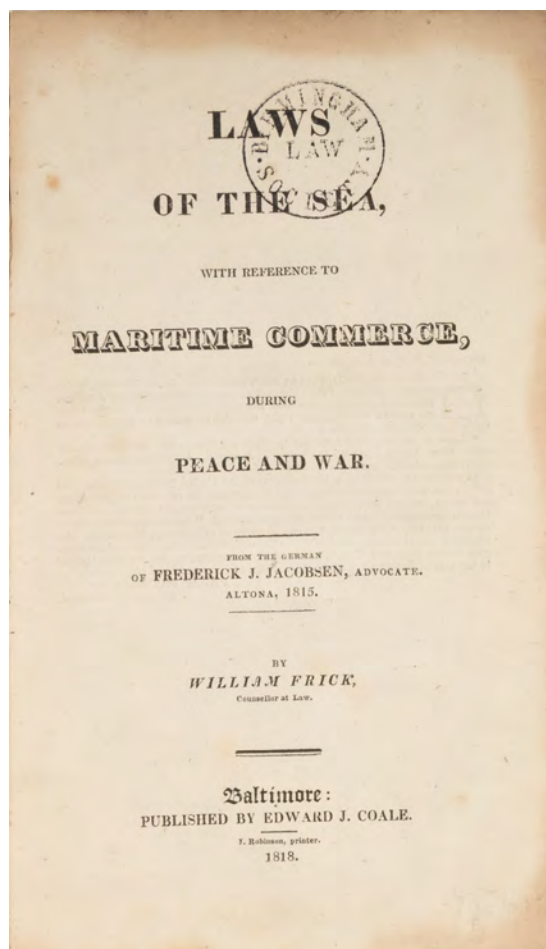
Minutes of the Proceedings Before the Lords Committees for Privileges, On the Claim to the Title of Earl of Anglesey. [Dublin: S.n.], Printed in the Year 1771. 64 pp. Octavo (7-1/4" x 4-3/4").

Stab-stitched pamphlet in marbled wrappers. Faint vertical fold line, light rubbing to wrappers, moderate rubbing to spine, which has a few small tears, lower corners of wrappers and first and final several leaves folded. Light toning, date of printing corrected to 1772 in an early hand, internally clean. \$650.

* Only edition. In 1741, James Annesley appeared in England with a sensational claim: at the age of 12, his uncle Richard Annesley had him kidnapped and shipped to a Delaware plantation. In his absence, Richard succeeded to the title of Earl of Anglesey. James escaped and returned to Ireland to claim his title. His ejectment claim was successful and the estates returned to him, but he did not obtain his title before his death in 1761. After his death, Richard's widow Anne attempted to retain the title of Countess of Anglesey for herself and her daughters, but her claim was denied by the House of Lords. OCLC and the ESTC locate 5 copies of this title, 2 in North America (Columbia, Huntington Library).

English Short-Title Catalogue T205864.

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"One of the Great Pleasures of the Legal Bibliophile"

21. Jacobsen, Frederick J. [1774-1822].

Frick, William [1790-1855], Translator.

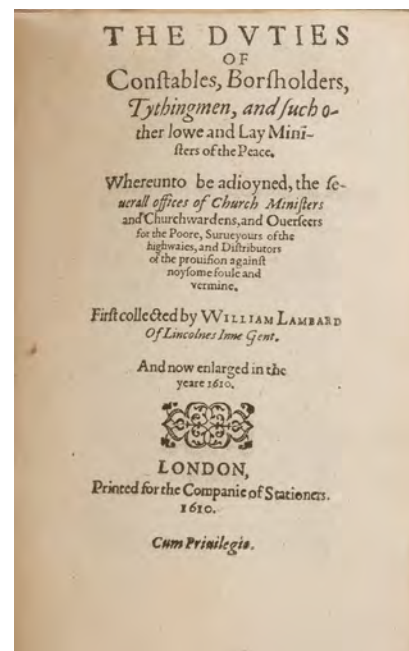
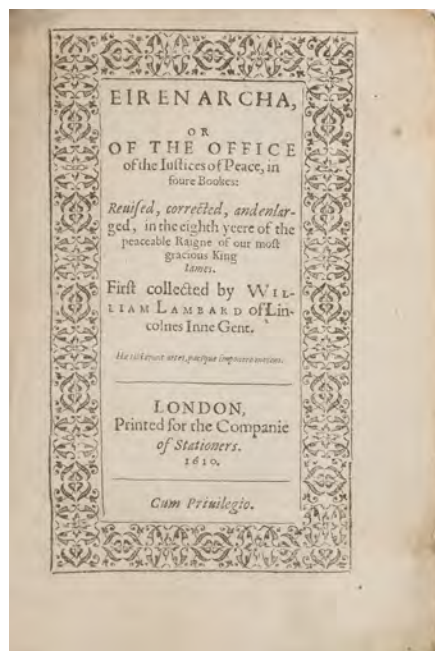
Laws of the Sea, With Reference to Maritime Commerce, During Peace and War. From the German by William Frick. Baltimore: Published by Edward J. Coale, 1818. xxxv, 636 pp. Octavo (8-1/4" x 5-1/4").

Later cloth, gilt title to spine, endpapers renewed. Light soiling, moderate rubbing to extremities, library bookplate and small shelf label to front pastedown. Moderate toning to interior, offsetting and negligible light edgewear to preliminaries and rear endleaves, library stamps to title page and a few other leaves. \$250.

* First English-language edition and the only American edition. Originally published in 1815, Marvin spoke highly of this work in his *Legal Bibliography*, noting that few have equaled his wide range of research and depth of learning. As late as 1921, G.L. Canfield, writing in the *Michigan Law Review*, called this work "one of the pleasures of the legal bibliophile" that "remain[s] essential today to a practitioner's library" (19:580-582). Jacobsen, a German jurist, was an internationally recognized authority on maritime law. *Laws of the Sea* is based on a sixteen-year study of the laws of Italy, France, Great Britain, Holland, Denmark and Germany. It remains the most thorough single-volume study of English and continental maritime law in the early nineteenth century, a turbulent era shaped by the French Revolution and Napoleon.

Marvin, *Legal Bibliography* 418-419. Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 1593.

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Early Sixteenth-Century Edition of a Classic JP Manual

22. Lambard[e], William [1536-1601].

Eirenarcha, Or of the Office of the Iustices of Peace, In Foure Bookes. Revised, Corrected, And Enlarged, In the Eighth Yeere of the Peaceable Raigne of Our Most Gracious King Iames. London: Printed for the Companie of Stationers, 1610. [ii], 634, [84] pp.

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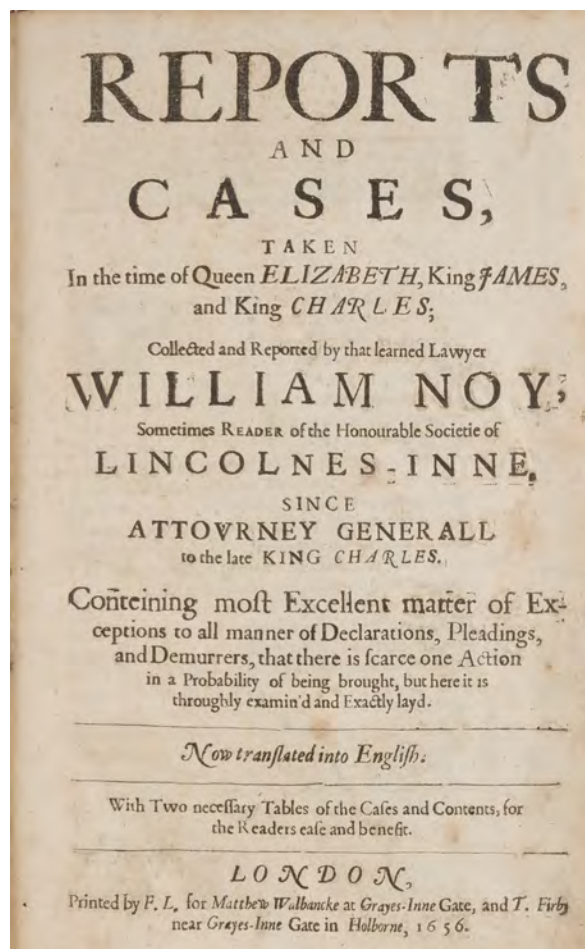
The Duties of Constables, Borsholders, Tythingmen, And Such Other Lowe and Lay Ministers of the Peace. Whereunto be Adioyned, The Severall Offices of Church Ministers and Churchwardens, And Overseers for the Poore, Surveyours of the Highwaies, And Distributors of the Provision Against Noysome Foule and Vermine. First Collected by William Lambard and Now Enlarged in the Year 1610. London: Printed for the Companie of Stationers, 1610. 94 pp. Lacking final two blank leaves.

Octavo (6-1/2" x 4-1/4"). Contemporary flexible vellum with yapp edges, faint early hand-lettered title to spine, thong-holes, one with a thong fragment, to fore-edges. Light rubbing and a few tiny stains to boards, moderate rubbing and soiling to extremities, light soiling and edgewear to endleaves, pastedowns loose, lower corner lacking from front pastedown. Light toning to interior, light soiling to title page and a few other leaves, head-lines of a few leaves affected by trimming with no loss to legibility. \$950.

* First published in 1581, *Eirenarcha* is esteemed for its comprehensive and systematic account of the organization of local government under the justices of the peace at the end of the sixteenth century. It was the standard authority for many years and often reprinted. Like many books of its kind, *Eirenarcha* offers fascinating insights into the society that produced it. This is evident in the detailed indictments for such offenses as murder via witchcraft, raping a child or maid (the age of distinction was ten), hearing a Catholic Mass, practicing usury and operating a bowling alley. First published in 1582, *Duties of Constables* is a companion work.

English Short-Title Catalogue S108210, S108248.

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Held in High Regard by Bacon and Hale

23. Noy, William, Reporter.

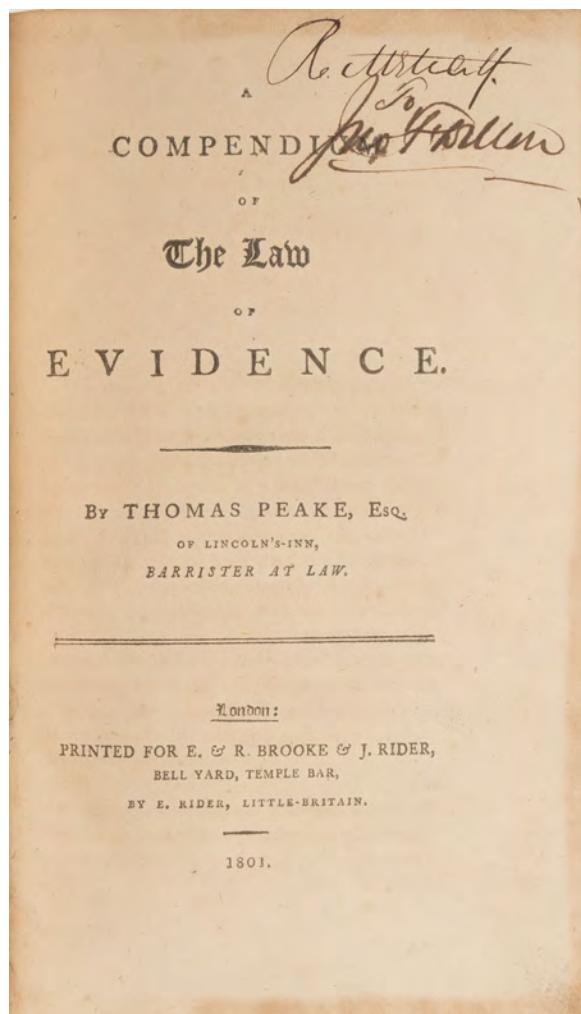
Reports and Cases, Taken In the Time of Queen Elizabeth, King James, And King Charles; Collected and Reported by that Learned Lawyer William Noy, Sometimes Reader of the Honourable Societie of Lincolnes-Inne, Since Attourney Generall to the Late King Charles. Containing Most Excellent Matter of Exceptions to All Manner of Declarations, Pleadings, And Demurrers, That there is Scarce One Action in a Probability of Being Brought, But Here it is Thoroughly Examin'd and Exactly Layd. Now Translated into English. With Two Necessary Tables of the Cases and Contents, For the Readers Ease and Benefit. London: Printed by F[rancis]. L[each]. for Matthew Walbancke, 1656. [xii], 185, [11] pp. Folio (11" x 6-3/4").

Contemporary calf, blind frames and corner fleurons to boards, blind fillets and hand-lettered paper label to spine, blind rules to board edges. Light rubbing and a few scuffs, nicks and scratches to boards, which are slightly bowed, moderate rubbing to extremities, corners bumped and lightly worn, pastedowns loosening, hinges cracked. Light toning to interior, occasional faint dampstaining to fore-edge, light foxing and soiling in a few places. \$300.

* First edition. These reports are from the Courts of King's Bench and Common Pleas from 1559 to 1649. Wallace says these reports were held in high regard by Lord Bacon and were referred to frequently by Lord Hale, who had a manuscript copy, in his notes to Coke's *First Institutes*. A second edition was published in 1669.

Wallace, *The Reporters* 154-158. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R4491.

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First Edition of a Standard Nineteenth-Century Evidence Treatise

24. Peake, Thomas [1771-1838].

A Compendium of the Law of Evidence. London: Printed for E. & R. Brooke & J. Rider, 1801. xiv, 190, [2] pp. Includes 2 pp. publisher advertisement. Octavo (8-1/4" x 5-1/4").

Recent quarter plain calf over marbled boards, endpapers renewed with old paper. Corners lightly rubbed and bumped, rear hinge starting. Light browning to interior, offsetting to margins of preliminaries and final leaves, early owner inscriptions and (illegible) signatures to front endleaf and head of title page, brief inscription (A.B Story's 1804) to head of p.1. An attractive copy. \$450.

* First edition. Peake's was the standard treatise in the first decades of the nineteenth century, both in England and America. Its final English edition was published in 1822 and the final two American editions in 1824 and 1899. The first edition is scarce. OCLC locates 7 copies of the first edition in North American law libraries (Dalhousie, Loyola, Notre Dame, Temple, University of Florida, University of Pennsylvania, Yale).

Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 2:275 (mis-stating publication date as 1802). *British Museum Catalogue* (Compact Edition) 19:661.

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Early Edition of Plowden's Reports

25. Plowden, Edmund [1518-1585].

Les Commentaries, Ou Reportes de Edmund Plowden Un Apprentice de le Common Ley, De Divers Cases Esteant Matters en Ley, & De les Arguments sur Yceux, En les Temps des Raings le Roy Ed. le Sire, le Roign Mary, le Roy & Roign Ph. & Mary, & Le Roigne Elizabeth. Ouesque un Table Perfect des Choses Notables Contenus en Ycel, Compose per William Fletenwood Recorder de Londres. Auxci Vous Aves en Cest Impression Plusors Bone Notes en le Margent per Tout le Lievr, en Queux les Cases Sont Referre al Abridgement de Brooke, En les Lievrs del Termes, & As Auters Lievrs del Common Ley. London: In Aedibus Thomae Wight, & Bonhami Norton, 1599. [xviii], 401, [1] ff.

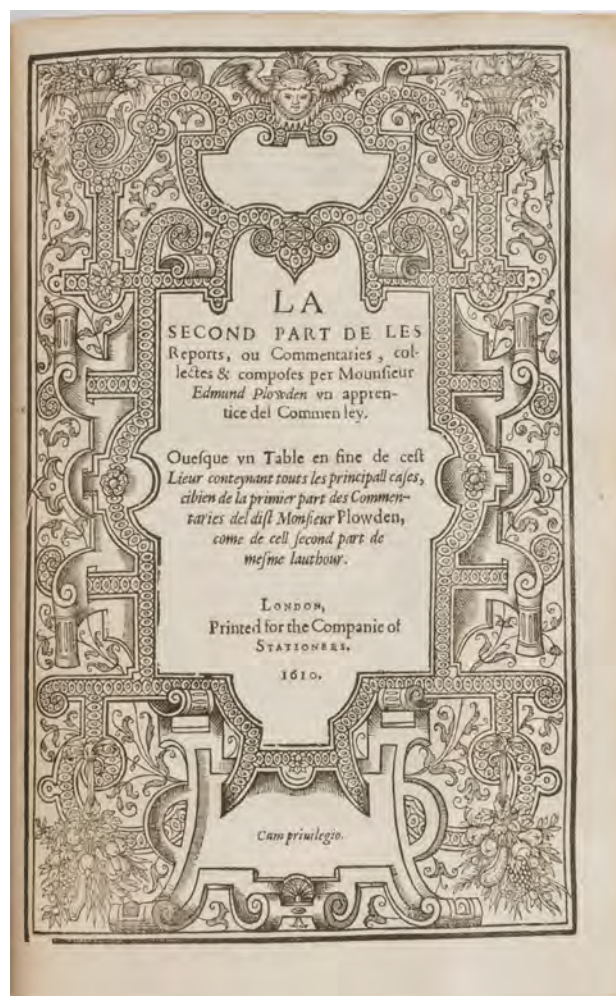
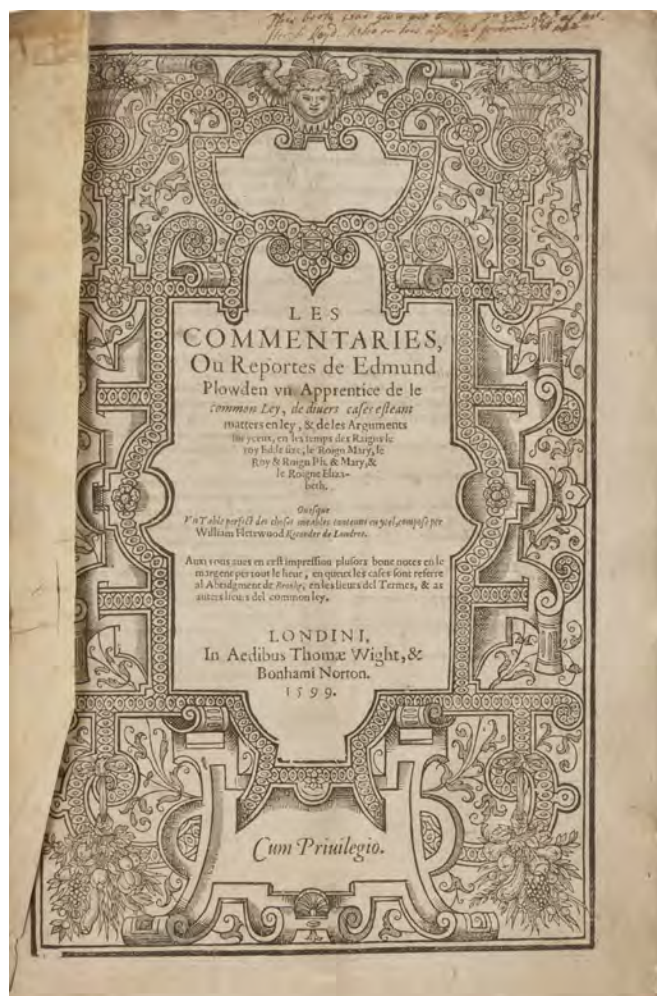
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La Second Part de les Reports, Ou, Commentaries...Ouesque un Table en Fine de Cest Lievr Conteynant Touts les Principall Cases, Cibien de la Premier Part des Commentaries del Dist Monsieur Plowden, Come de Cell Second Part de Mesme Lauthour. London: Printed for the Companie of Stationers, 1610. [i], 403-562, 562-565, [4], 15; 4 ff.

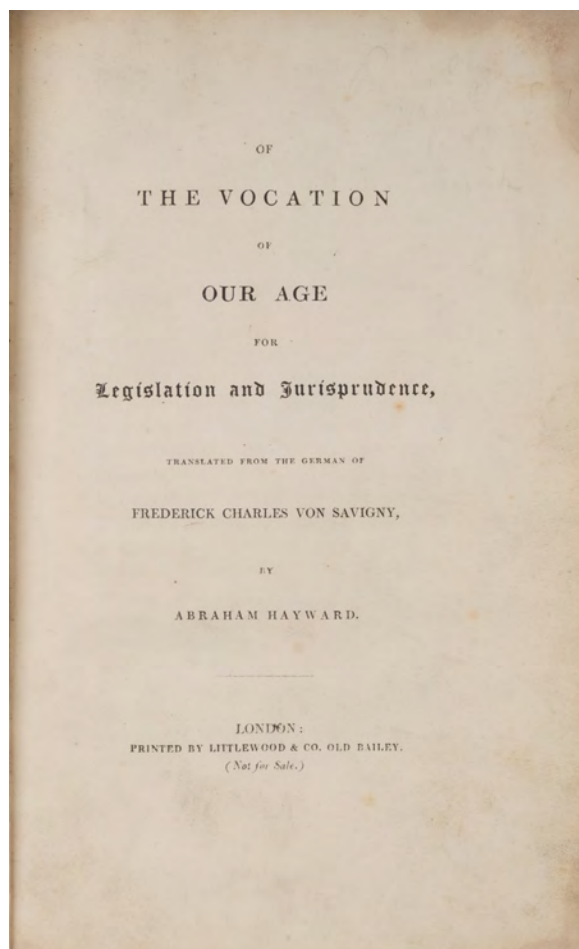
Small folio (11" x 7-1/4"). Contemporary calf, blind rules to boards, raised bands, blind fillets and hand-lettered label to spine. Light rubbing, faint dampstaining, several small wormholes and a few nicks and scratches to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, spine ends and corners mended, corners bumped, front endleaves lacking, rear pastedown loose and lightly creased with a small hole near upper right corner. Titles printed within elaborate woodcut architectural borders, woodcut decorated initials. Light toning to interior, negligible light foxing and soiling to a few leaves, minor worming to bottom-edge of last 75 or so leaves of Part II, text not affected, fold lines to corners of a few leaves, early annotation to head of Part I title page, which is lightly soiled, underlining and brief early annotations to several leaves in each part. \$2,000.

* First published in 1571 and covering the period of 1550-1580, Plowden's *Reports* marks the transition away from the cumulative method of Year Books to one based on exposition and commentary. In most respects it is a forerunner of the modern law report. Plowden, a Catholic, achieved a great professional reputation and was esteemed as one of the most learned lawyers of his time. He became an M.P. during Queen Mary's reign, but was gradually pushed out of public life after Queen Elizabeth's accession due to his religion. His reports retained their standing, however, and were often translated and reprinted. Coke held them in high regard. Wallace says "In every sort of professional excellence [they] rank among the best Reports of any age." The annotations to our copy are brief case citations and references to other reporters (mostly Coke).

Wallace, *The Reporters* 143. *English Short-Title Catalogue* S115960, S115964. Beale, *Bibliography of Early English Law Books* R490 (Part I).



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Only English-Language Edition of an Important Work by Savigny

26. Savigny, Frederick Charles von [1779-1861].

Hayward, Abraham [1801-1884], Translator.

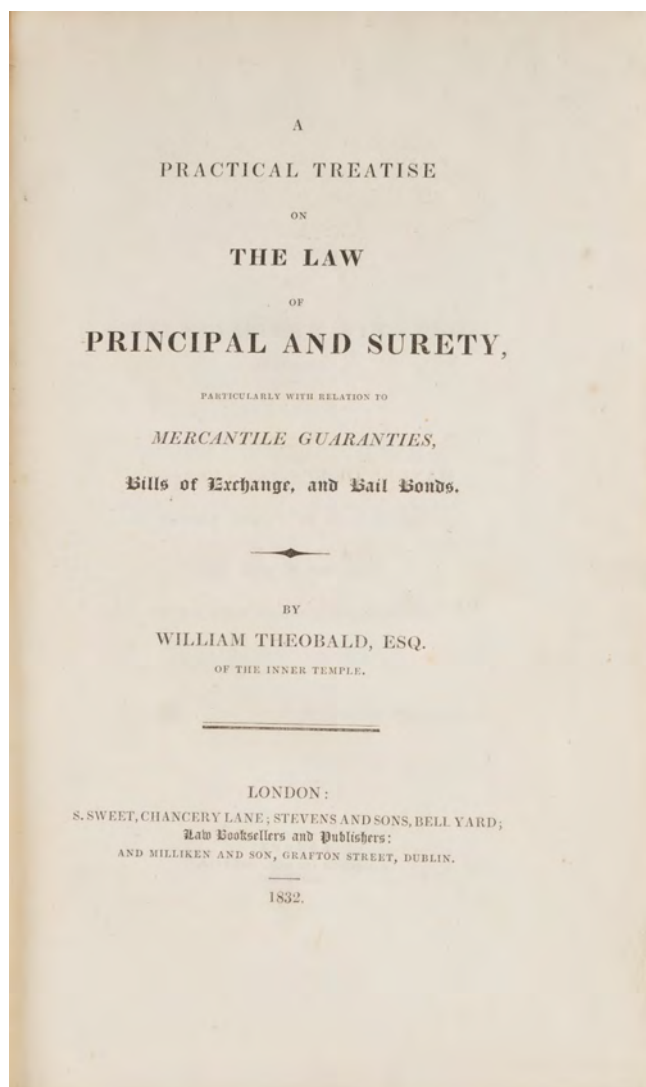
Of the Vocation of Our Age for Legislation and Jurisprudence. London: Littlewood, [1831]. ix, [9]-192 pp. Octavo (8-1/4" x 5-1/2").

Nineteenth-century three-quarter sheep over textured cloth, raised bands, blind fillets and lettering piece to spine. Light rubbing and soiling to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities with some wear to spine ends and corners, hinges cracked, spot of label residue to front pastedown. Moderate toning to interior, early underlining, marks and brief annotations in faint pencil in a few places, faint, gradually diminishing, staining to upper-outside corners of several leaves at the beginning and end of text block, light soiling to title page. \$350.

* Only edition in English. Written in the wake of the Napoleonic Wars and the Congress of Vienna in 1814, this book was, as noted by Walker, "an attack on the code system imposed on much of Europe by Napoleon and....the advocacy by Thibaut of a German Code. He attacked the demand for a code on the grounds that it was impracticable, adequate juristic preparation being impossible and the German language being juridically underdeveloped, and that existing codes were unsuccessful."

Walker, *Oxford Companion to Law* 1103. *British Museum Catalogue* (Compact Edition) 22:711.

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"Very Sensible and Generally Accurate"

27. Theobald, William [1798-1870].

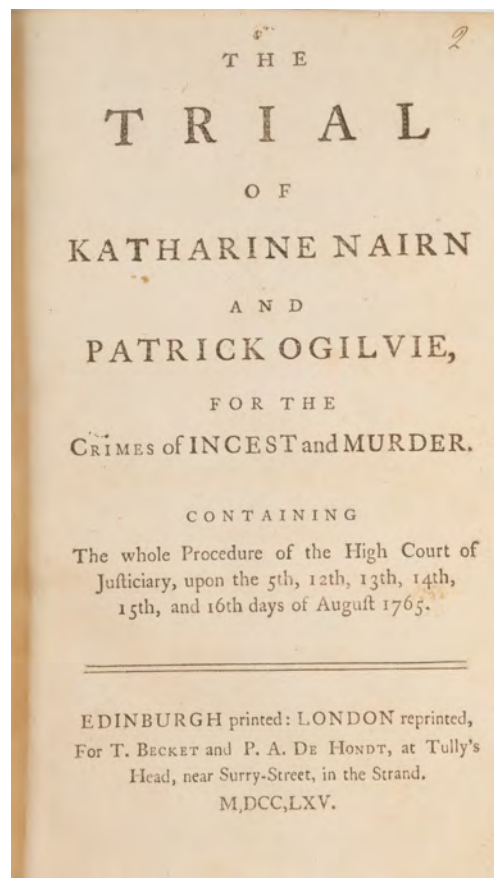
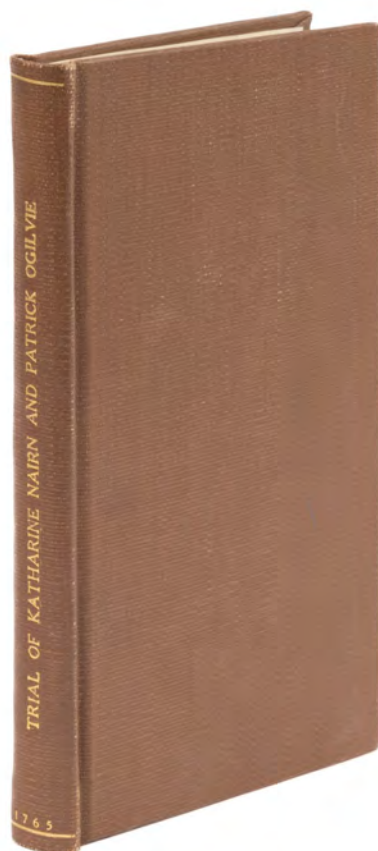
A Practical Treatise on the Law of Principal and Surety, Particularly with Relation to Mercantile Guaranties, Bills of Exchange, And Bail Bonds. London: S. Sweet, 1832. [ii], xviii, 297 pp. With initial advertisement leaf. Octavo (9" x 5-1/2").

Original paper-covered publisher's boards, printed label to spine, edges untrimmed. Light rubbing to boards, front board separated but secured by cords, moderate rubbing to extremities, large chip to head of spine, rear joint starting at foot, ownership signature (of Edward Astoll?) dated 1840 to front pastedown. Light toning to interior, very light foxing and soiling in a few places. \$350.

* Only London edition. A review of this treatise cited by Marvin states: "Mr. Theobald is a very sensible and generally accurate author." Four American editions were published in 1832 and 1834 (Philadelphia) and 1836 (Philadelphia, New York).

Marvin, *Legal Bibliography* 688. Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 2:355.

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Incest and Murder in Edinburgh

28. [Trial].

Nairn, Katharine, Defendant.

Ogilvie, Patrick [d.1765], Defendant.

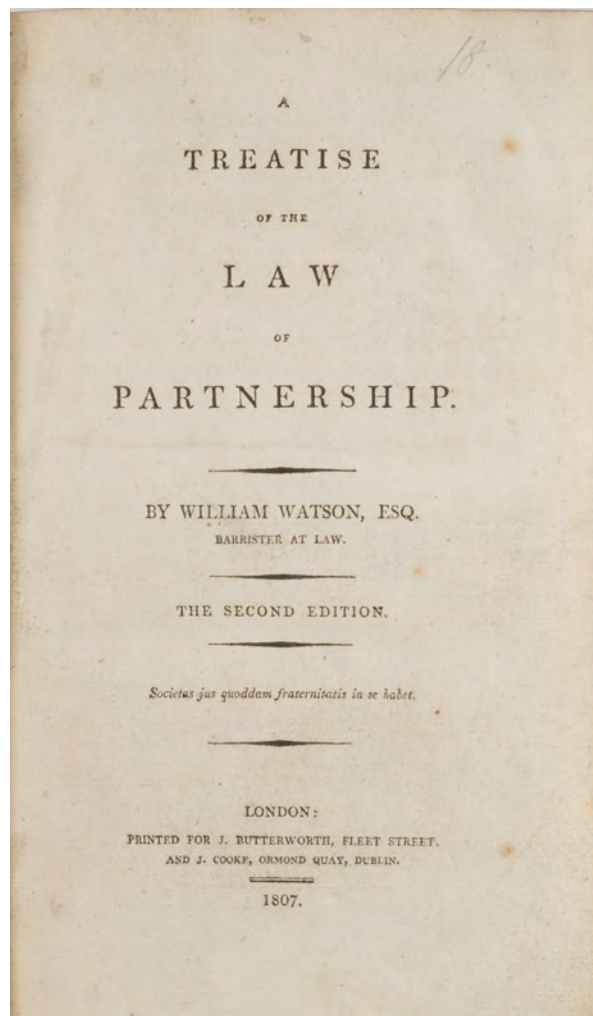
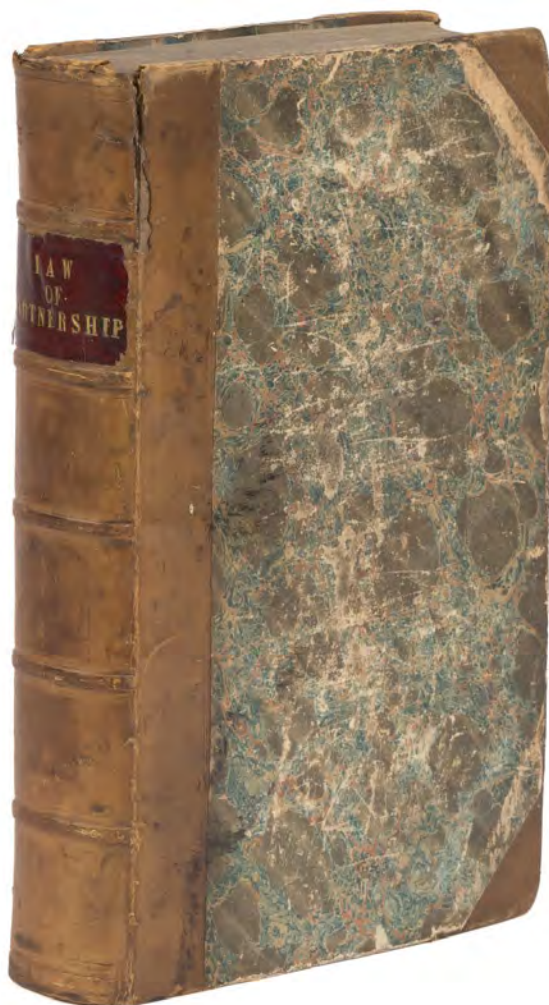
The Trial of Katharine Nairn and Patrick Ogilvie, For the Crimes of Incest and Murder. Containing the Whole Procedure of the High Court of Judiciary, Upon the 5th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, And 16th Days of August 1765. Edinburgh Printed: London: Reprinted, For T. Becket and P.A. de Hondt, 1765. [vii], 134 pp. Octavo (7-1/2" x 4-1/2").

Later library cloth, gilt title and publication date to spine, endpapers renewed. Light shelfwear, later owner bookplate (Stoughton R. Vogel) to front pastedown. Moderate toning to interior, page numbers affected in a few places by trimming, faint stain to pp. 40-41, soiling to half-title, "2" in early hand to heads of half-title and title pages, manuscript table of contents in early hand to foot of p. 134. \$650.

* Only London edition, published the same year of the only Edinburgh edition. In January 1765, 19-year-old Katharine Nairn married 40-year-old Thomas Ogilvie. She soon fell in love with his younger brother, Patrick. In June the same year, Thomas Ogilvie died after a sudden illness. Katharine and Patrick were arrested and convicted of murder by poisoning. Patrick Ogilvie was hanged, but Katharine's execution was delayed when she was found to be pregnant. Placed in a lower-security section of the prison, she took an opportunity to escape and fled to France. She was never apprehended. This case was the subject of a volume in the *Notable British Trials* series edited by William Roughead.

English Short-Title Catalogue T51693.

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Important Treatise on Partnership

29. Watson, William.

A Treatise of the Law of Partnership. London: Printed for J. Butterworth and J. Cooke, 1807. xxvii, [1], 519, [23] pp. Octavo (9-1/4" x 5-1/2").

Contemporary three-quarter calf over marbled boards, raised bands, blind fillets and lettering piece to spine, speckled edges, colored endpapers. Light rubbing and a few minor stains to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, joints starting at head, chipping to head of spine and front joint, lettering piece lightly edgeworn, corners bumped, armorial bookplate (of R. Atkinson) to front pastedown, recent pencil notes to front endleaf. Light toning to interior, occasional light foxing, light soiling in a few places, penciled "18" to head of title page. \$450.

* Second and enlarged London edition. First published in London in 1794, this is the earliest treatise on the law of partnership. Its sixteen chapters describe general principles, arguments and decisions. American editions were published in 1795 and 1807.

Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 2:372.

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13 Year Books of Henry VI, Years 1-20

30. [Year Books].

Henry VI [1421-1471], King of England.

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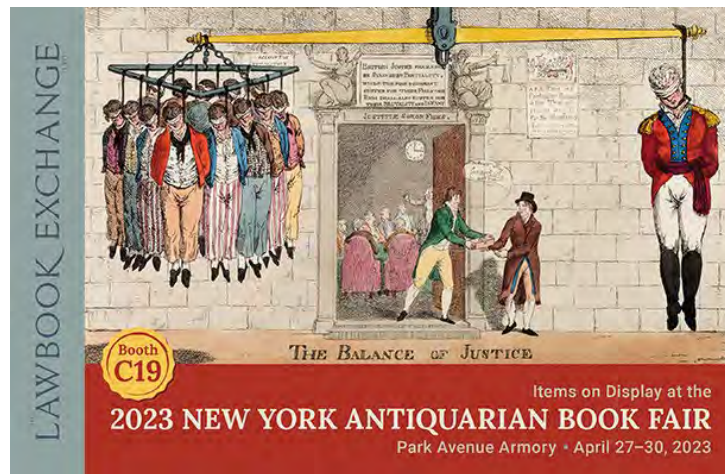
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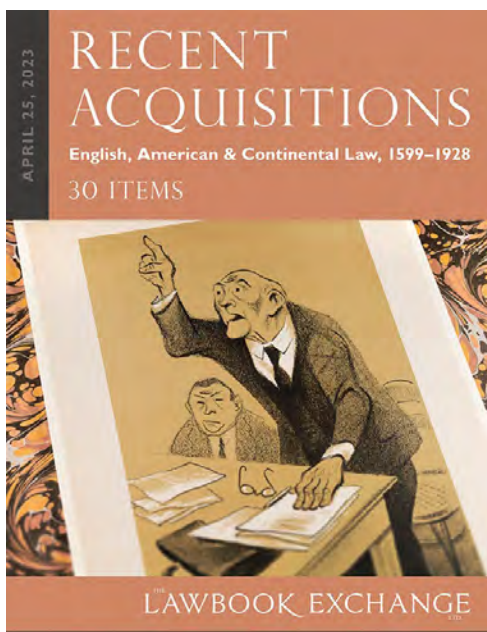
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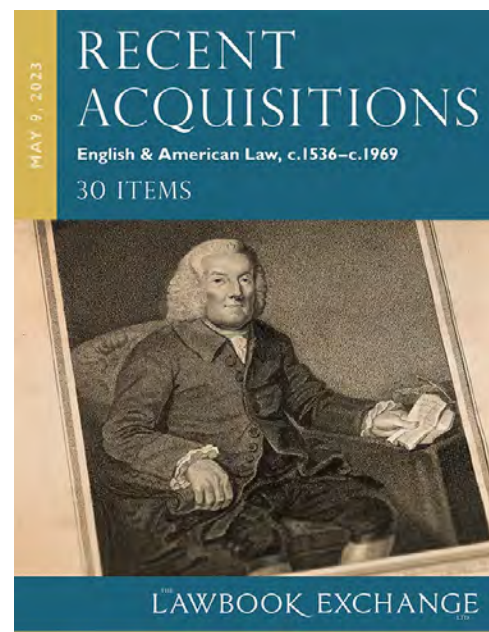
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