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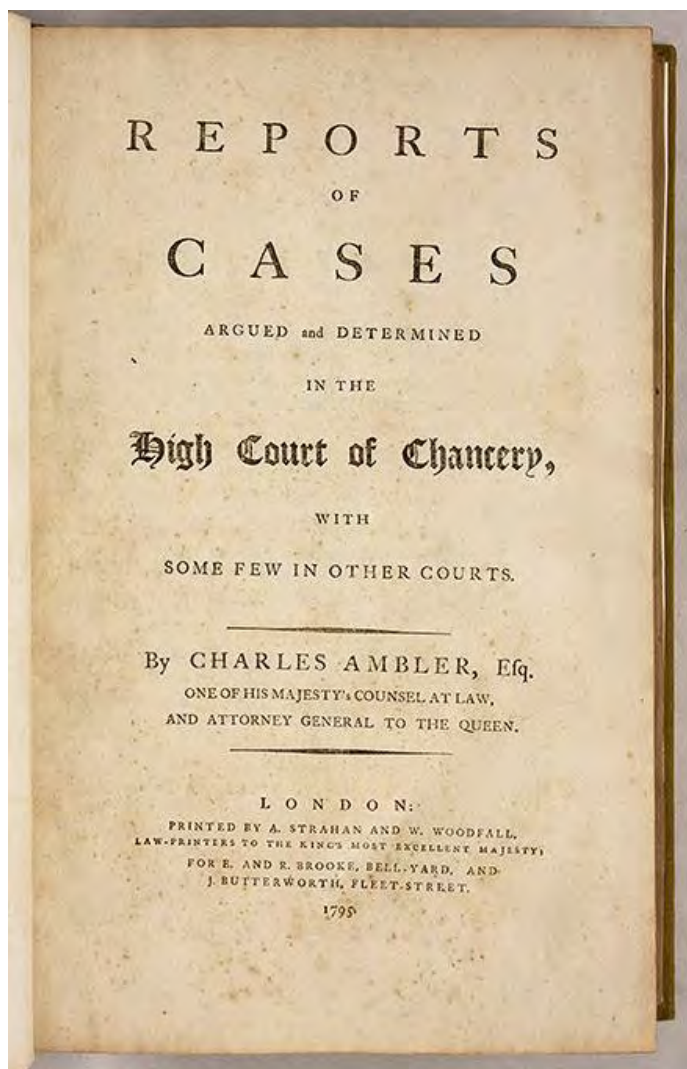
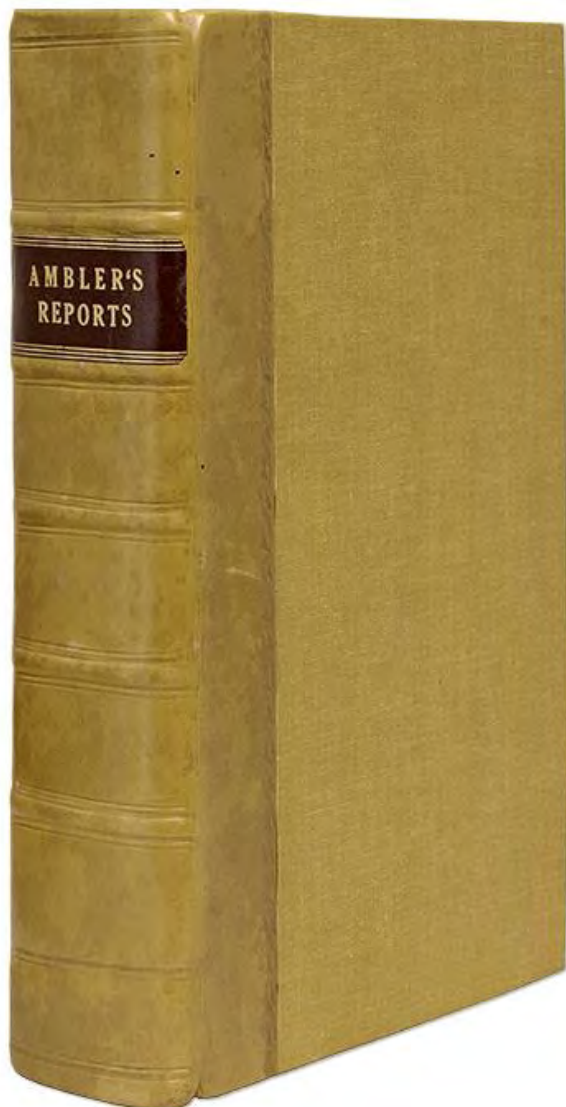
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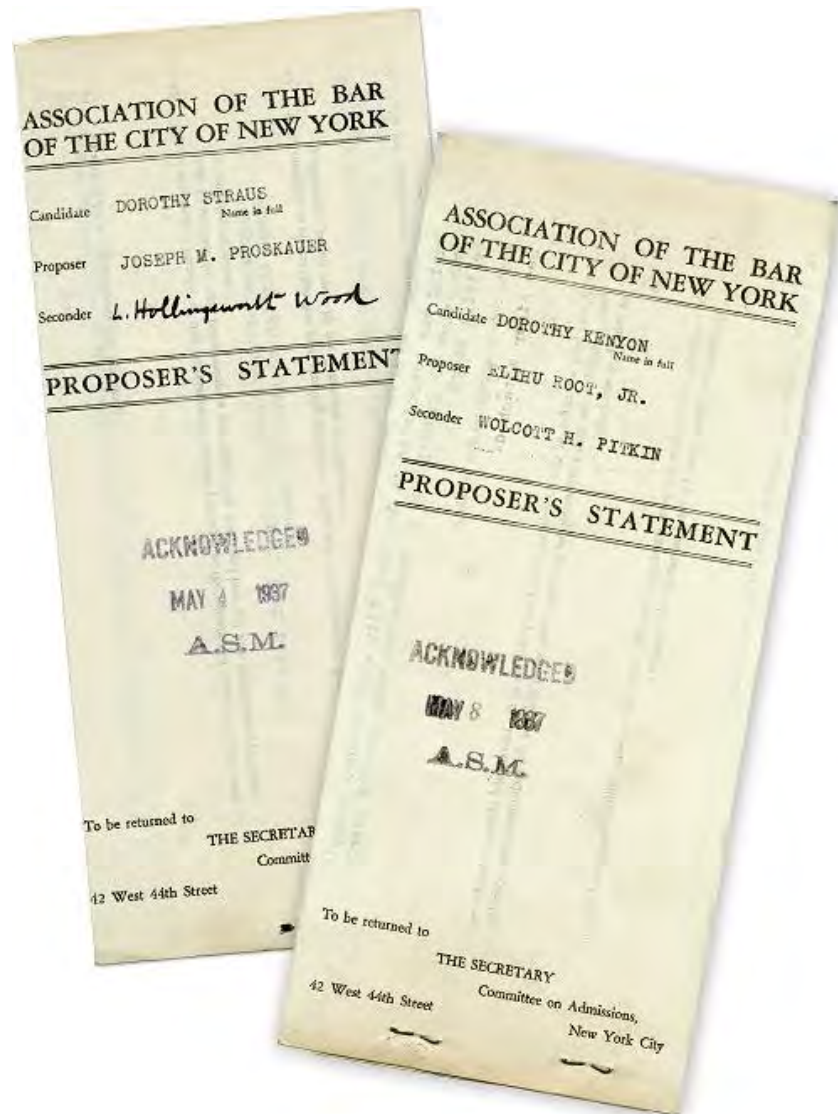
Ambler's Chancery Reports

1. Ambler, Charles [d. 1794].

Reports of Cases Argued and Determined in the High Court of Chancery, With Some Few in Other Courts. London: Printed by A. Strahan and W. Woodfall, 1795. viii, [12], 783, [29] pp. Folio (12-1/4" x 7-3/4").

Recent period-style quarter calf over cloth, blind fillets along joints, raised bands and lettering piece to spine, endpapers renewed. Moderate toning to text, crack in text block between front free endpaper and half-title, faint dampspotting to title page and a few other leaves. \$500.

* Reissue of the first edition, London, 1790. Ambler reports cases from 1737 to 1783. A second edition was published in 1828. Wallace says Ambler is the principal source of cases by Lord Camden, "the most respectable by far of the Whig Chancellors, and indeed a very interesting character.": Wallace, *The Reporters* 513-514. *English Short-Title Catalogue* N65860. [Order This Item](#)



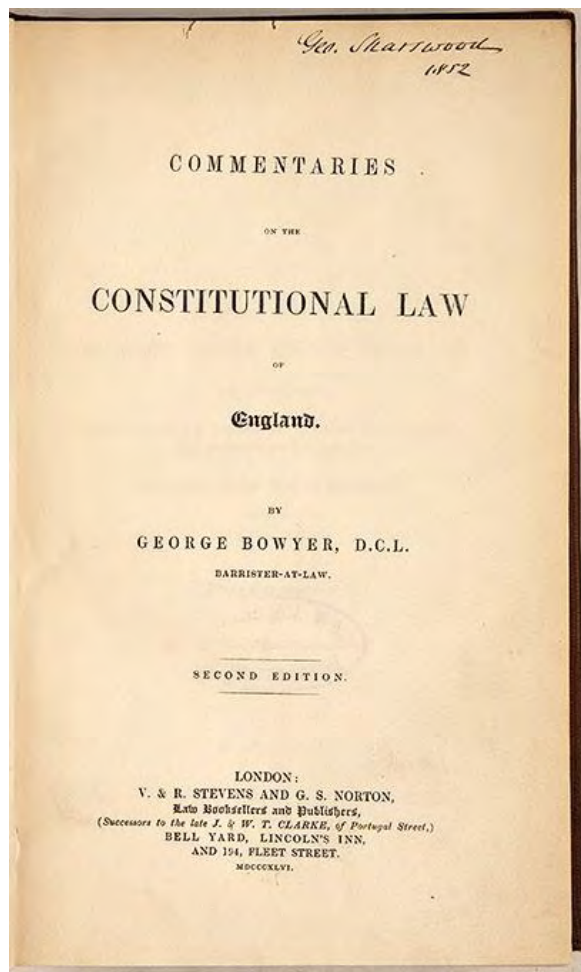
**Two of the Earliest New York City Bar
Membership Proposals for Female Lawyers**

2. Association of the Bar of the City of New York

[*Membership Proposals for Two of the First Twelve Women Admitted*]. New York, May 4 and 8, 1937.

Two 8-1/2" x 11" part-printed bifolio documents. Horizontal fold lines, negligible light edgewear. \$150.

* These are membership proposals for Dorothy Kenyan, proposed by Elihu Root, Jr., and Dorothy Straus, proposed by Joseph M. Proskauer. These two women formed a law partnership in 1929. The New York City Bar voted to admit women members in May 1937. More than recommendations, they are detailed questionnaires about the candidate's educational, professional, social and personal background. Twelve women were admitted and took up their memberships in May 1938. Among this group were Susan Brandeis Gilbert, Justice Brandeis's daughter, and Margaret May J. Mangan, who became a judge of the Municipal and Civil Courts and a justice of the New York State Supreme Court. [Order This Item](#)



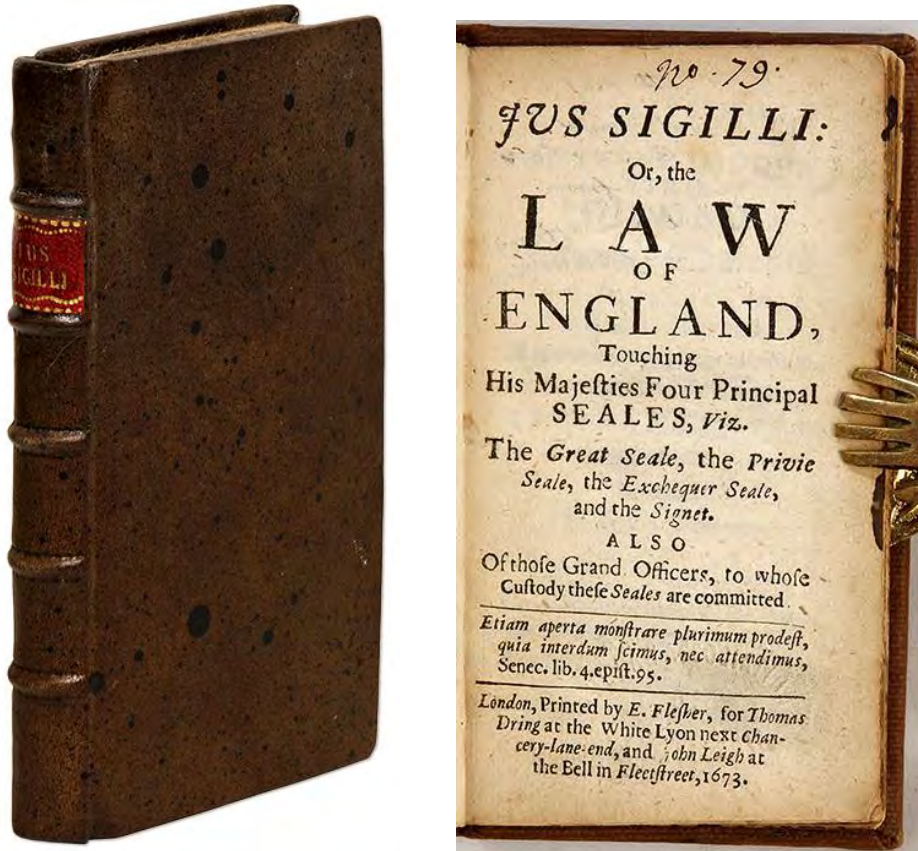
Copy of a Nineteenth-Century Study of the English Constitution Owned by a Notable Pennsylvania Jurist

3. Bowyer, Sir George [1811-1883].

Commentaries on the Constitutional Law of England. London: V.R. Stevens and G.S. Norton, 1846. viii, 530 pp. Octavo (9-1/2" x 6").

Recent library buckram, raised bands and red and black lettering pieces, gilt library name and paper location label to spine, blind-stamped library name and small security tag to front board, endleaves added, library stamps to edges of text block and endleaves. Moderate rubbing to extremities, moderate toning to text, front endleaves just beginning to detach at foot, tiny chips and smudges to a few leaves, signature of George Sharswood dated 1852 to head of title page, library stamp to its verso. \$450.

* Second and final edition. Bowyer, 7th Baronet and 3rd Baronet, was a barrister and Liberal politician. His study of English constitutional law was first published in 1841. Oxford University granted him an honorary Doctor of Civil Laws for this work in 1844. Sharswood [1810-1883], a Pennsylvania jurist, was chief justice of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania from 1883 to 1887. He is remembered today for his important edition of Blackstone's *Commentaries* (first edition 1859). Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 2:38. [Order This Item](#)



"His Majesties Four Principal Seales"

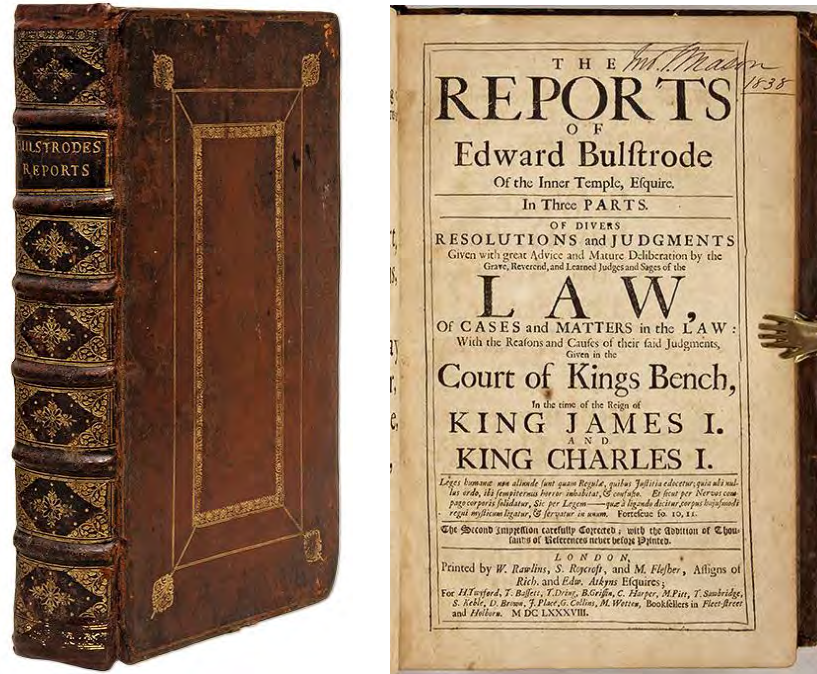
4. [Brydall, John (b. 1635?)].

Jus Sigilli: Or, The Law of England, Touching His Majesties Four Principal Seales, Viz. The Great Seale, The Privie Seale, The Exchequer Seale, And the Signet. Also of Those Grand Officers, to Whose Custody These Seales are Committed. London: Printed by E. Flesher, For Thomas Dring, 1673. [iv], 129, [15] pp. Includes 9 pp. publisher catalogue. 12mo. (4-3/4" x 2-1/4").

Recent period-style calf, raised bands and lettering piece to spine, endpapers renewed, early annotations to fore and bottom edges. Moderate toning to text, light spotting to a few leaves, "no. 79" in early hand to head of title page, faint embossed library stamp to its foot, library inkstamp and annotation to its verso. A handsome copy of a scarce title. \$1,200.

* Only edition. *Jus Sigilli* is a detailed description of the four principal seals of England. The Great or Broad Seal is used by the Lord Chancellor to denote the approval and authority of the king. Charters, commissions, or grants from the king must have the mark of the Great Seal in order to carry any authority. The Privy or Little Seal, the monarch's personal seal, was used by the Lord Keeper of the Privy Seale to authorize the use of the Great Seal on important documents, or as an authorization on documents of lesser importance. The Exchequer Great Seal is the seal used by The Court of the Exchequer, which oversees royal revenues. The Signet is affixed to royal documents relating to personal matters. OCLC locates 10 copies in North American law libraries. Sowerby, *Catalogue of the Library of Thomas Jefferson 1727. English Short-Title Catalogue* R19862.

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Complete Final Edition of Bulstrode's Reports

5. Bulstrode, Edward [1588-1659].

The Reports of Edward Bulstrode of the Inner Temple, Esquire. In Three Parts....The Corrected; With the Addition of Thousands of References Never Before Printed. London: Printed by W. Rawlins, S. Roycroft, And M. Flesher, 1688. [xx], 223, [37] pp.

[Bound with]

Bulstrode, Edward.

The Second Part of the Reports... With Many References Added to It. London: Printed by the Assigns of Richard and Edward Atkins, 1688. [20], 216, 225-358, [36] pp. Text continuous despite irregular pagination.

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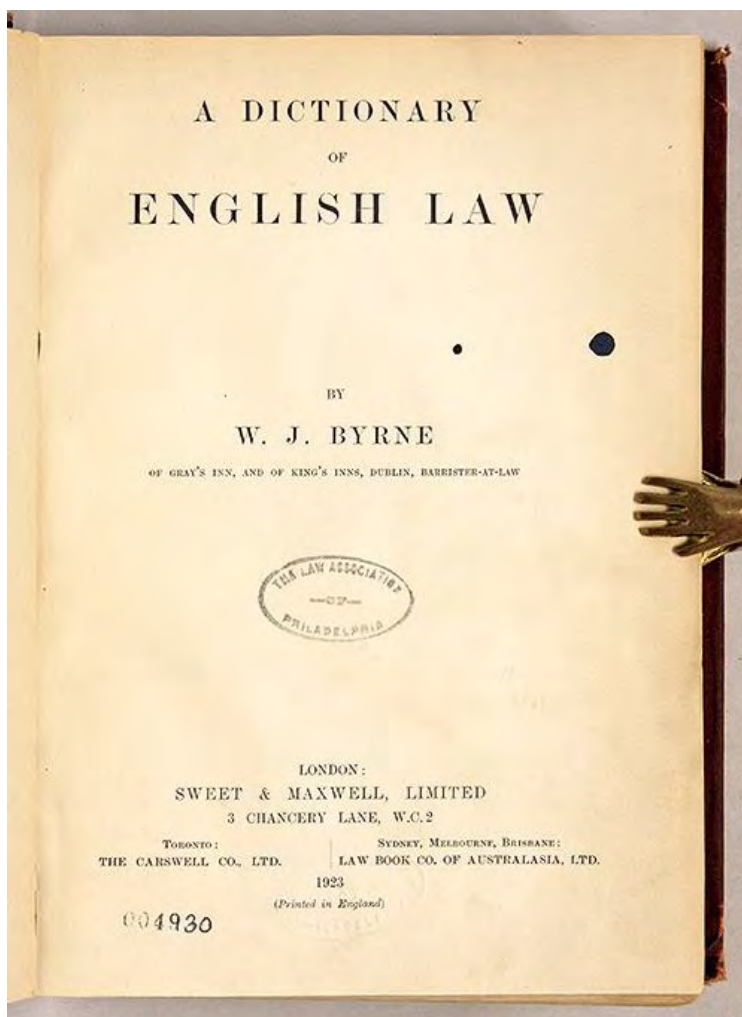
Bulstrode, Edward.

The Third Part of the Reports... London: Printed by the Assigns of Richard and Edward Atkins, 1688. [xx], 341, [23] pp.

Complete. Folio (12" x 7-1/2"). Contemporary calf, rebacked retaining existing gilt spine with raise bands and lettering piece, gilt rules and panels to boards. Moderate rubbing to boards and extremities, corners bumped and somewhat worn, gilt edges, marbled endpapers, hinges mended. Moderate toning, light foxing, early owner inscription to front free endpaper, its upper corner removed, along with upper corner of following endleaf, later owner signature ("Tho. Mason 1838") to head of page of Part I. A handsome copy of an uncommon complete set. \$1,000.

* Second and final editions. Covers the period from 1609-1639. Bulstrode intended his reports to rival "that Leviathan of the law" Lord Coke. According to the preface of the first part, Bulstrode emphasized the care he took to select a well-chosen collection of his "the fittest and choicest cases." Hale gave these reports his seal of approval. Wallace, *The Reporters* 245-246. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R2485, R33258, R33257.

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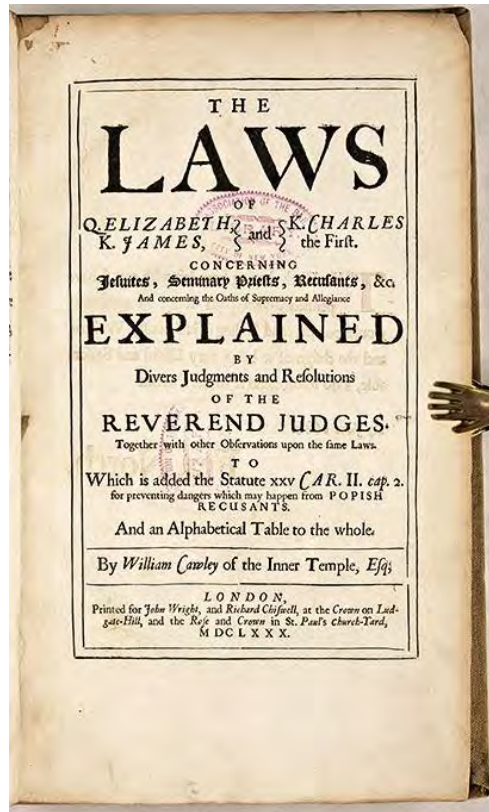
**An Original 1923 Issue
of Byrne's *Dictionary of English Law***

6. Byrne, William James.

A Dictionary of English Law. London: Sweet & Maxwell, 1923. xlv, 942 pp. Main text in parallel columns.

Quarter morocco-stamped cloth over plain cloth, small security tag to front board, gilt title and two library shelf labels to spine. Light rubbing to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, chipping to spine ends, front joint cracked, corners bumped and somewhat worn, library stamps to edges of text block, endleaves and title page, another stamp and other library markings to its verso. Moderate toning to text, crack near center of text block, adjacent signatures detached, front free endpaper partially detached. \$250.

* Only edition. This dictionary was originally intended to be a revised edition of Charles Sweet's *Dictionary of English Law* (1882), "but there is so little of Mr. Sweet's work, and that little has been so much altered, that the author has felt justified in publishing the book over his own name" (Preface). This is the first copy we have seen in 35 years. (A reprint edition was published in 1991.) Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 2:53. [Order This Item](#)



**Digest of Laws Concerning Jesuits and Other
Recusants Published Eight Years Before the Glorious Revolution**

7. Cawley, William.

The Laws of Q. Elizabeth, K. James, and K. Charles the First, Concerning Jesuits, Seminary Priests, Recusants, &c. and Concerning the Oaths of Supremacy and Allegiance Explained by Divers Judgments and Resolutions of the Reverend Judges. Together with Other Observations Upon the Same Laws, To Which is Added the Statute XXV CAR. II. Cap. 2. for Preventing Dangers Which May Happen from Popish Recusants. And an Alphabetical Table to the Whole. London: Printed for John Wright, and Richard Chiswell, 1680. [viii], 267, [37] pp. Folio (12-1/2" x 7-1/2").

Recent library cloth, calf lettering piece and paper location label to spine, endpapers renewed. Some soiling and a few minor stains, corners bumped, some rubbing to spine. Moderate toning, somewhat heavier in places, browning to outer edges of margins, rodent damage (?) to outer parts of corners from preliminaries to p.68, library stamp to title page, a few library markings to its verso. \$500.

* Only edition. This volume was published eight years before the Glorious Revolution, a period that witnessed an increase in anti-Catholic sentiment. "The Judgments and resolutions of the reverend Judges upon the several branches of these Statutes, and of others likewise here occasionally mentioned, (as far as they relate to the subject in hand) which lye scattered in the printed Books, are here collected and placed under proper heads; And this is the only thing, the Statutes themselves excepted, for which I durst recommend the Book to thy perusal. Besides which, there are several other Authorities cited in the Cases, which arise upon the poenal Laws: And here and there, where the path is untrodden, I have adventured to add some observations of my own" (Preface). *English Short-Title Catalogue* R5101. [Order This Item](#)



A Set of Coke's Reports with a Remarkable Set of Associations

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

The Reports of Sir Edward Coke Kt. Of Divers Resolutions and Judgments Given with Great Deliberation, By the Reverend Judges and Sages of the Law, Of Cases and Matters in Law Which were Never Resolved or Adjudged Before: And the Reasons and Causes of the Said Resolutions and Judgments, During the Most Happy Reign of the Most Illustrious and Renowned Queen Elizabeth, The Fountain of All Justice and the Life of the Law. [London]: Printed by E. and R. Nutt, and R. Gosling, for R. Gosling [et al.], 1738. Thirteen parts and table in seven volumes. Octavo (8-3/4" x 5-1/2").

Recent library buckram, red and black lettering pieces, gilt library name and paper shelf labels to spines, blind-stamped library name and security tags to front boards, endleaves added, library stamps to edges and endleaves. Moderate toning and occasional light foxing to interiors, cracks in text blocks of Volumes I, II and III with detached signatures, owner signature of Samuel Allinson dated 1763 to title pages, owner signatures of John Bouvier, dated June 19, 1827, William Tilghman, Edmund Lovell Dana, dated 1853, Samuel W. Pennypacker, dated June 6, 1895 and John M. Patterson, dated January 12, 1920 to front endleaves. \$3,500.

* Later edition. "Coke's *Reports* [which contain cases from 1572 to 1616] retain a position among..legal publications that few of the elder reports possess. Although some of the decisions that they contain have become obsolete, although others have been greatly modified by the revolutions which jurisprudence has undergone...yet, many of them are leading cases that are now studied by those who ascend to the fountains of legal principles" (Marvin). This set belonged to a series of distinguished owners:

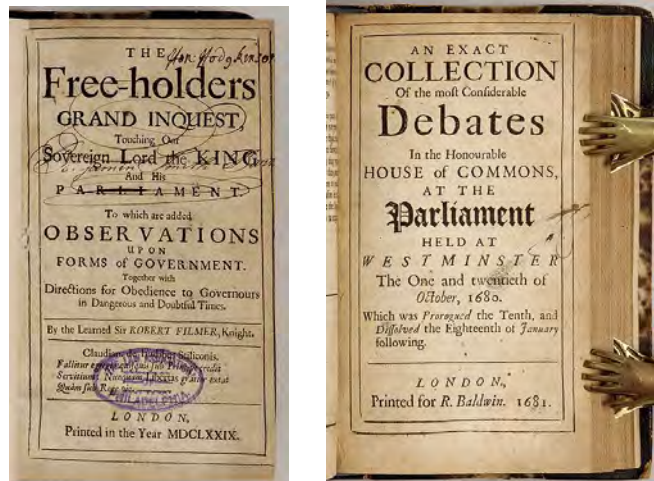
-Samuel Allinson [1739-1791], a prominent lawyer in Burlington County, New Jersey, was the compiler of *Acts of the General Assembly of the Province of New-Jersey, From the Surrender of the Government to Queen Anne, On the 17th Day of April, In the Year of Our Lord 1702, To the 14th Day of January 1776* (Burlington, 1776).

-John Bouvier [1787-1851], a leading member of the Philadelphia Bar, was the author of *A Law Dictionary* (1839), the first American law dictionary, and the editor of the second American edition of Bacon's *Abridgement* (1842-1846).

-William Tilghman [1756-1827] was a politician and jurist in Maryland and Pennsylvania. He held a number of legislative and judicial posts and was chief justice of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court. Edmund Lovell Dana [1817-1889] of Wilkes-Barre, a distinguished officer during the Civil War, was a lawyer, judge and, in his later years, director of Wilkes-Barre's Osterhout Free Library.

-Samuel W. Pennypacker [1843-1916] was a lawyer, judge, president of the Law Academy of Philadelphia and governor of Pennsylvania. He also published several books on Pennsylvania history.

-John M. Patterson [1874-1925], a wealthy Philadelphia attorney, was a distinguished philanthropist and bibliophile. Marvin, *Legal Bibliography* 209-211. *English Short-Title Catalogue* N12827. [Order This Item](#)



Essays by a Notable Royalist Bound With a Volume of Debates from the Contentious "Short" Parliament of 1680-1681

9. Filmer, Sir Robert [d. 1653].

The Free-Holders Grand Inquest.... London: S.n., 1679. [xiv], 88, [12], 76, [8], 72, [6], 257-312, [6], 313-346, [2] pp. Lacking portrait frontispiece, text otherwise complete.

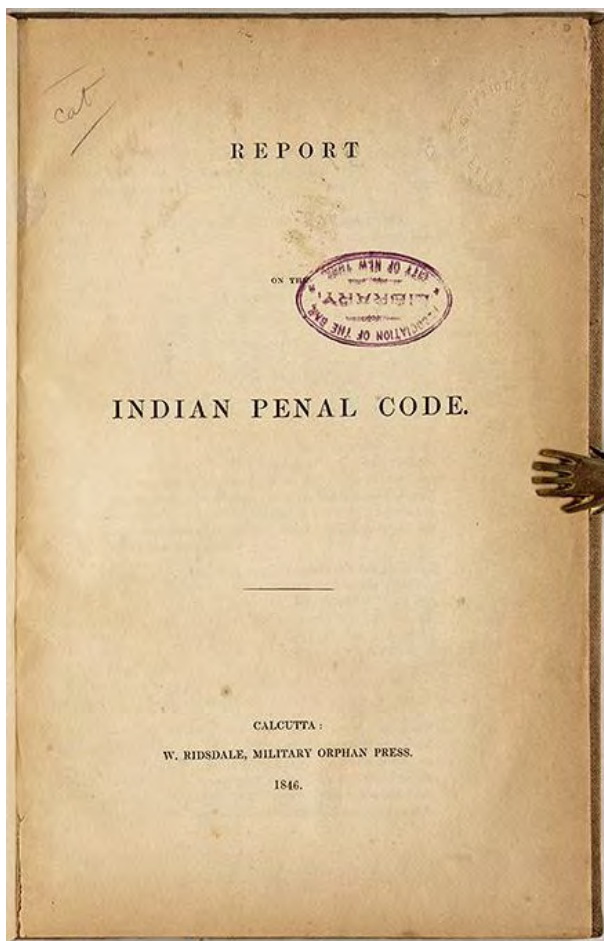
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[Parliament]. [Great Britain].

An Exact Collection of the Most Considerable Debates in the Honourable House of Commons, At the Parliament Held at Westminster the One and Twentieth of October, 1680.... London: Printed for R. Baldwin, 1681. [viii], 136, 145-295, [1] pp. Pagination irregular, text complete.

Octavo (6-1/2" x 4"). Nineteenth-century three-quarter morocco over marbled boards, raised bands and gilt title to spine, marbled endpapers added. Light rubbing to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, front joint starting at head, hinges cracked, library stamps to edges of text block. Moderate toning to text, somewhat heavier in a few places, early owner signatures ("Hon. Hodgkinson" and "Benjamin Jones Barton"), library inkstamp and embossed stamp to title page, later owner annotations to verso, embossed library stamps to a few other leaves. \$500.

* *Free-Holders Grand Inquest*: second edition; *Exact Collection*: only edition. Filmer was a conservative English political theorist who defended the divine right of kings. The *Free-Holder's Grand Inquest* collects Filmer's four principal essays: 1.) "The Free-Holders Grand-Inquest Touching our Sovereign Lord the King, And His Parliament." 2.) "Observations Upon Aristotle's Politiques, Touching Forms of Government, Together with Directions for Obedience to Governours in Dangerous and Doubtful Times." 3.) "Observations Concerning the Original of Government, Upon, Mr. Hobs his *Leviathan*, Mr. Milton against Salmasius, H. Grotius *De Jure Belli*, Mr. Hunton's *Treatise of Monarchy*." 4.) "An Advertisement to the jury-men of England Touching Witches." First published in 1648, this work had three more editions, the last in 1684. The *Exact Collection* is a selection of debates from the second year of the so-called Exclusion Bill Parliament of 1679-1680, which was dominated by debates concerning the Exclusion Bill, which sought to exclude James, Duke of York, the presumptive heir of King Charles II, from succeeding to the thrones of England, Scotland and Ireland because he was Roman Catholic. A highly contentious Parliament, it was dissolved by the king. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R36445, R3707. [Order This Item](#)



Prehistory of the Indian Penal Code

10. [Indian Law Commission].

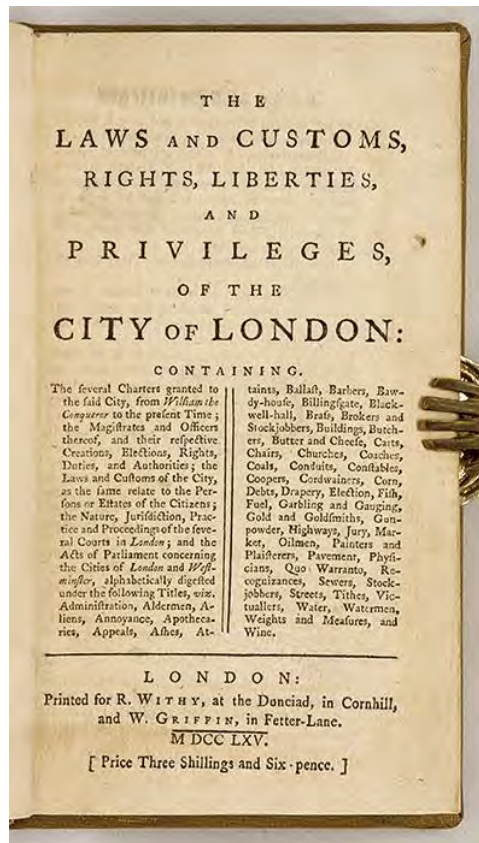
Report on the Indian Penal Code. Calcutta: W. Ridsdale, Military Orphan Press, 1846. 190 pp.

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Second Report on the Indian Penal Code. Calcutta: W. Ridsdale, Military Orphan Press, 1847. 202 pp.

Folio (11-3/4" x 7-3/4"). Later library cloth, red and black lettering pieces and paper shelf label to spine, endpapers added. Moderate soiling, a few bumps and scuffs to extremities, a few nicks to lettering pieces. Light browning to text, tear to upper margin of Leaf b4 (pp. 3-4) mended with archival tape, library stamps (one embossed) to title page of *Report*, a few library marks to its verso. \$850.

* Enacted in 1862, the Indian Penal Code is (with later modifications) India's official criminal code today. It had a long gestation period. An impressive synthesis of English common law, Hindu law, the Code Napoleon, Livingston's Louisiana Civil Code and Bentham, the first draft was completed in 1834 by the First Law Commission, which was chaired by Thomas Babington Macaulay, its final draft in 1837. The two *Reports* of 1846 and 1847 (all issued) record the revisions of that draft. Completed in 1850, the final draft Code was presented to the Legislative Council in 1856 and approved, pending revision, in 1857. These final revisions were made by Barnes Peacock, who completed his work in 1860. *Catalogue of the Library of the Harvard Law School* (1909) II:994. [Order This Item](#)



Rights, Liberties and Privileges of London

11. [London].

The Laws and Customs, Rights, Liberties, And Privileges, Of the City of London: Containing: The Several Charters Granted to the Said City, From William the Conqueror to the Present Time; The Magistrates and Officers Thereof, And Their Respective Creations, Elections, Rights, Duties and Authorities; The Laws and Customs of the City, As the Same Relate to the Persons or Estates of the Citizens; The Nature, Jurisdiction, Practice and Proceedings of the Several Courts in London; And the Acts of Parliament Concerning the Cities of London and Westminster, Alphabetically Digested Under the Following Titles, Viz: Administration, Aldermen, Aliens, Annoyance, Apothecaries, Appeals, Ashes, Attaints, Ballast, Barbers, Bandy-House, Billingsgate, Blackwell-Hall, Brass, Brokers and Stockjobbers, Buildings, Butchers, Butter and Cheese, Carts, Chairs, Churches, Coaches, Coals, Conduits, Constables, Coopers, Cordwainers, Corn Debts, Drapery, Election, Fish, Fuel, Garbling and Gauging, Gold and Goldsmiths, Gunpowder, Highways, Jury, Market, Oilmen, Painters and Plasterers, Pavement, Physicians, Quo Warranto, Recognizances, Sewers, Stockjobbers, Streets, Tithes, Victuallers, Water, Watermen, Weights and Measures, And Wine. London: Printed for R. Withy, 1765. [iv], xix, [1], 315, [1], xii pp. Complete. Octavo (6-1/2" x 4").

Recent library buckram, red and black lettering piece and paper location label to spine, embossed library name and small security tag to front board, library inkstamps to edges of text block and endleaves. Light toning to text, early underlining to a few passages, faint embossed library stamp to title page, inkstamp and library marks to its verso. \$250.

* Only edition. An interesting collection drawn from charters, laws and other documents from the time of William the Conqueror to the 1760s. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T106481. [Order This Item](#)

Brittain at His Majesty's Court of General Sessions of the
 year begun & held at Sarum on within & for the County of
 Bristol the second Tuesday of March annoque domini 1746
 In the Twentieth year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord
 George the Second by the Grace of God of Great Britain France
 & Ireland King Defender of the Faith &c. The Jurors of our said
 Lord the King for the County of Bristol upon their
 oaths present that Ebenezer Hodges of Norton in the County of
 Bristol Inn-keeper on or about the 22nd day of December last
 past being then a licensed Inn-keeper to keep a publick house
 of Entertainment in his dwelling house in the said Town of Norton
 did suffer sundry persons then resorted to his said dwelling house
 to use or exercise the game of card-playing & other unlawfull
 games within his said dwelling house ^{with others} contrary to the Statute
 the peace of our said Lord the King his Crown & Dignity in this
 Example to others -

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Witnesses
 Isaac Fisher Junr.
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 Bartholomew Hunt } of Norton 13
 Not Guilty.

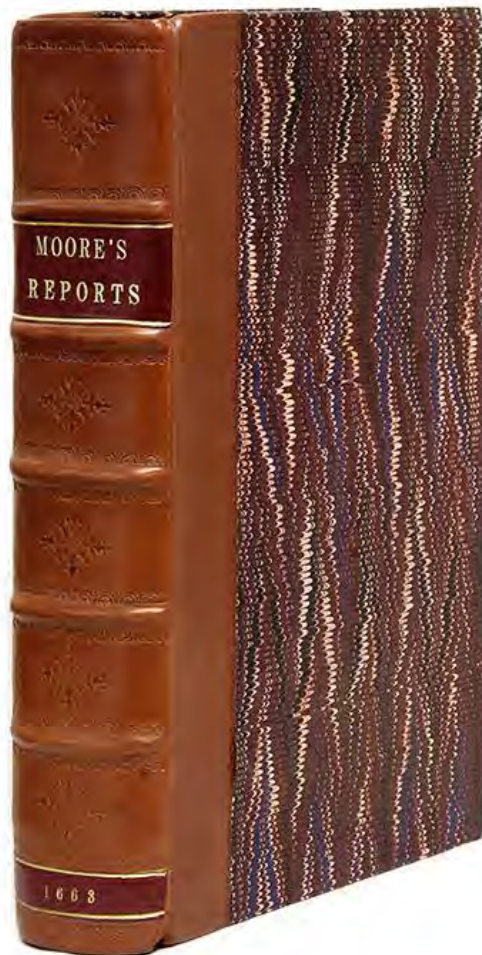
1746 Massachusetts Court Document
Indicting an Innkeeper for Illegal Gaming

12. [Manuscript].
[Massachusetts].

[Indictment of Ebenezer Hodges for Sponsoring Unlawful Gaming in His Inn]. [Billerica, MA, March 2, 1746. Single 5-3/4" x 6"-1/2" leaf, untrimmed edges, docketed on verso.

Horizontal fold lines, light toning, content in neat, legible hand. \$1,250.

* This indictment (presentment) charges that Hodges, an innkeeper in Norton, Massachusetts, sponsored "card-playing and other unlawfull games" for "several sundry persons...on our about the 22nd Day of December last past." A note in the lower margin of the document states: "Not Guilty." The docket on the verso reads: "Mr Hodges presentment at March Court 1746"). [Order This Item](#)



Moore's Reports

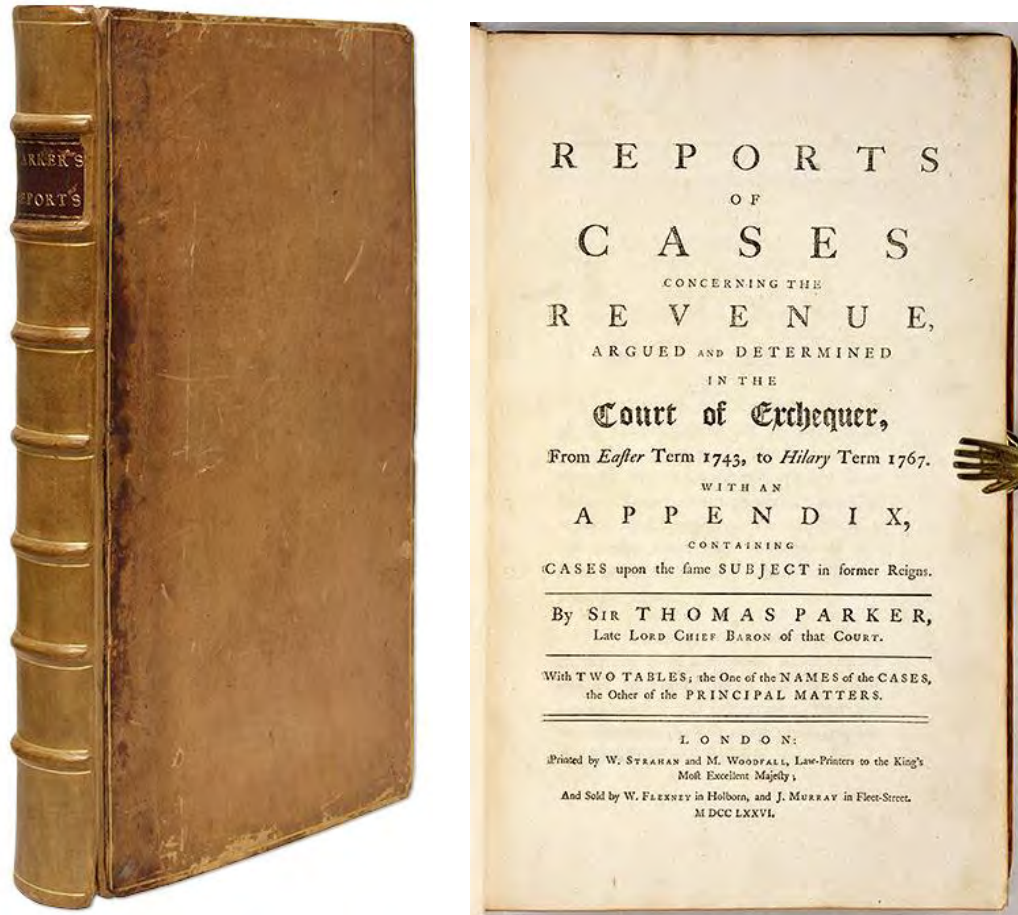
13. Moore, Sir Francis [1558-1621].

Palmer, Sir Gefrey [1598-1670], Editor.

Cases Collect & Report per Sir Francis Moore Chivaler, Serjeant del Ley. Ore Primierment Imprime & Publie per l'Original Remainant en les maines de Sir Gefrey Palmer Atturney General a son Tres-Excellent Majesty le Roy Charles le Second. Ove Deux Tables des Nosmes des Cases & des Principal Matters Conteinnus en Yceux. London: Printed by R. Norton for Robert Pawlet, 1663. [xx], 918, [74] pp. Copperplate portrait frontispiece. Folio (11-1/4" x 7-1/2").

Recent period-style quarter calf over marbled boards, raised bands, blind ornaments and lettering piece to spine, endpapers added. Light browning and foxing, early annotations to some leaves, early owner signature to title page ("Steph. Squire"), frontispiece and lightly edgeworn and re-hinged. \$350.

* First edition. "Sir Francis Moore was one of the most eminent lawyers of his time; and his Reports...have always enjoyed a reputation for accuracy. They were well known and were cited in MS. many years before their publication; and, in coming before the profession, had the advantage of an editor whose capacity for his office was quickened into zeal by filial respect. Sir Geoffrey Palmer, an eminent lawyer of the Restoration, and by whom they were published, was a son-in-law of Moore.": Wallace, *The Reporters* 122, 126. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R32287. [Order This Item](#)



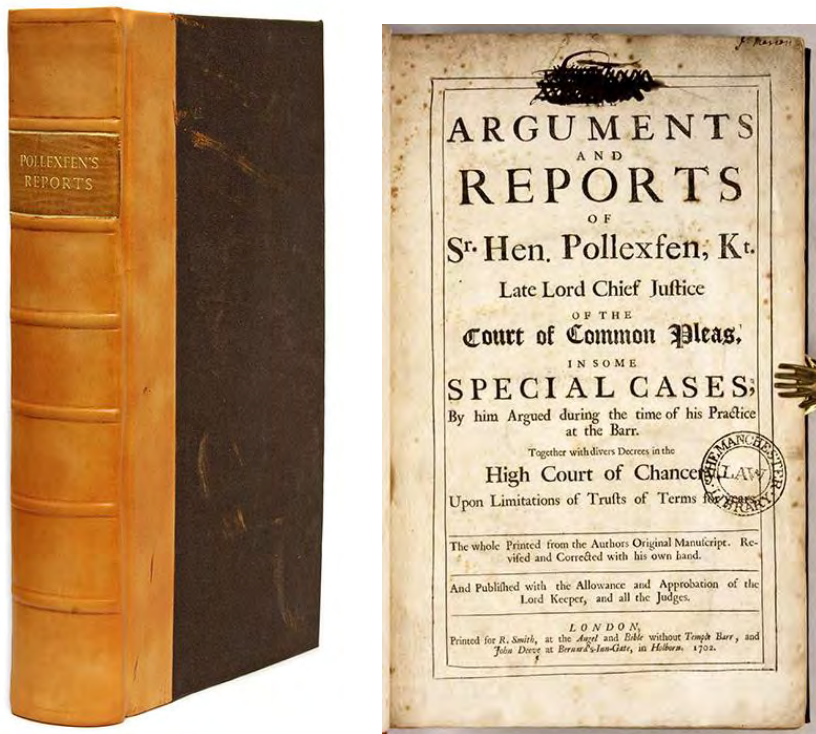
Uncommon Exchequer Reports

14. Parker, Thomas [1695?-1784], Reporter.

Reports of Cases Concerning the Revenue, Argued and Determined in the Court of Exchequer, From Easter Term 1743, To Hilary Term 1767. With an Appendix, Containing Cases Upon the Same Subject in Former Reigns. With Two Tables; The One of the Names of the Cases, The Other of the Principal Matters. London: Printed by W. Strahan and M. Woodfall, 1776. v, [iii], 283, [13] pp. Folio (12-1/2" x 7-3/4").

Contemporary calf, rebacked in period style, gilt rules to boards, gilt tooling to board edges, raised bands and retained contemporary lettering piece to spine, endpapers renewed. Light rubbing and a few minor nicks and scuffs to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities with some wear to corners. Negligible light toning to text, light foxing in a few places. A handsome copy. \$450.

* First edition. An important and uncommon set of Exchequer reports. Thomas Parker (not to be confused with Sir Thomas Parker, 1666?-1732, first Earl of Macclesfield and Lord Chancellor) served as chief baron of the Court of Exchequer for some 30 years; these are his own reports of his decisions. "He published these reports he tells us, because there were few cases in print in which the law relating to revenue was explained. To these cases (1743-1767) he added some others decided (...) between 1678 and 1718" (Holdsworth). There were also octavo editions in 1791 and 1800. Holdsworth, *History of English Law* XII:133. Wallace, *The Reporters* 534. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T95680. [Order This Item](#)



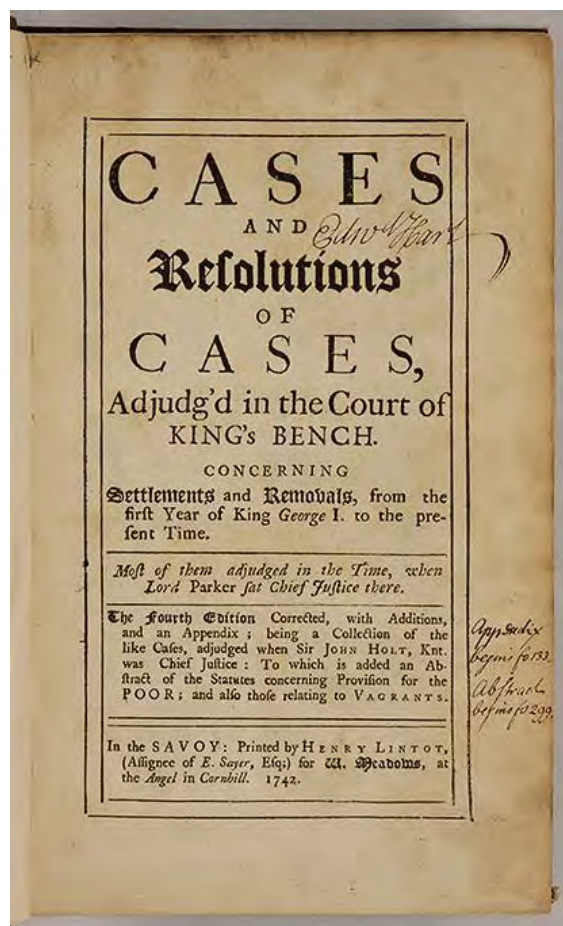
A Valuable Set of Reports

15. Pollexfen, Henry [1631-1691], Reporter.

The Arguments and Reports of Sr. Hen. Pollexfen, Kt. Late Lord Chief Justice of the Court of Common Pleas, In Some Special Cases, By Him Argued During the Time of his Practice at the Barr. Together with Divers Decrees in the High Court of Chancery. Upon Limitations of Trusts of Terms for Years. The Whole Printed from the Author's Original Manuscript. Revised and Corrected With His Own Hand. And Published with the Allowance and Approbation of the Lord Keeper, And All the Judges. London: Printed for R. Smith and John Deeve, 1702. [xii], 180, 185-250, 369-664, [8] pp. Pagination irregular, but complete. Folio (12-1/2" x 8").

Recent period-style quarter calf over cloth, raised bands and lettering piece to spine, endpapers added. Moderate toning, light edgewear and soiling to preliminaries and endleaves, faint dampstaining with occasional faint dampspotting and light soiling to head of text block, early annotations and underlining in a few places, struck-through and early signature to head of title page ("F. Mason"), small library stamp to foot, another library stamp to foot of final leaf on index. \$200.

* Only edition. Valuable reports based on the author's manuscript notes of cases in which he was a participant, published posthumously in English with revisions and corrections left by the author. Pollexfen "was a lawyer of extensive practice and seems to have been engaged in most of the important cases (of the period)" (Wallace). The reports include cases heard in the courts of King's Bench, Common Pleas, Exchequer, and Chancery from 1669-1685; there are a few earlier cases as well. Wallace comments on imperfections in the printed text and notes two different issues distinguishable by the printing of their dates either in Arabic or Roman numerals. Ours is the issue with Arabic numerals; a contemporary ms. note on the verso of the title page states that "The other impression of this book the date whereof is printed in letters instead of figures is said to be very incorrect." Wallace, *The Reporters* 346. [Order This Item](#)



Cases Concerning the Poor, 1727-1742

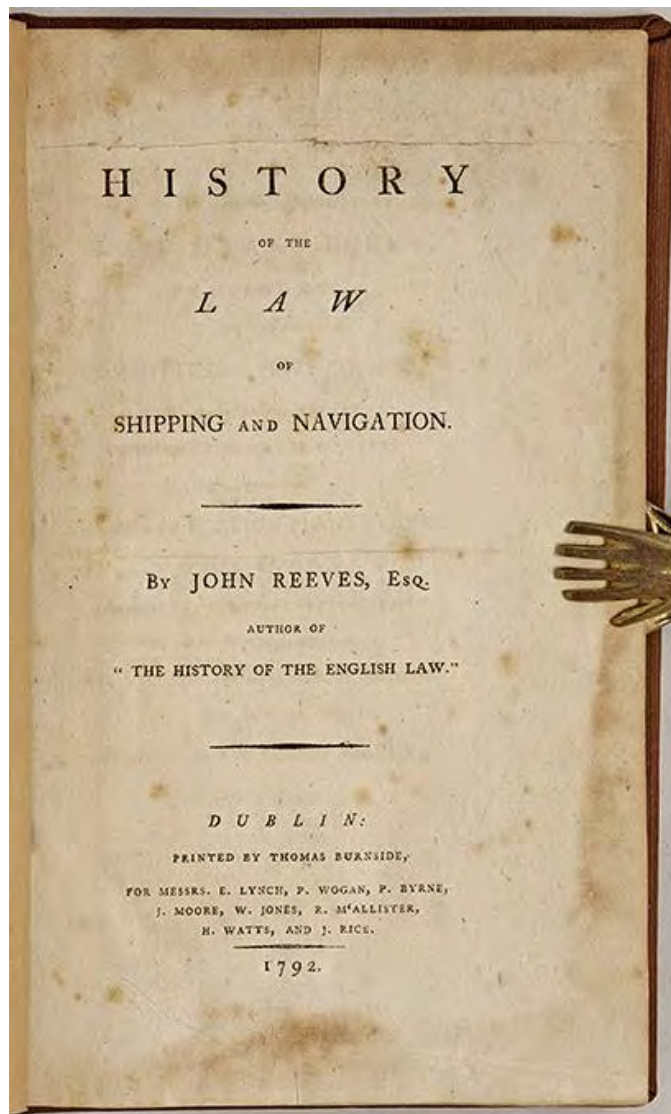
16. [Poor Laws]. [Great Britain].

Cases and Resolutions of Cases, Adjudg'd in the Court of King's Bench. Concerning Settlements and Removals, From the First Year of King George I. To the Present Time. Corrected, With Additions, And an Appendix; Being a Collection of the Like Cases, Adjudged when Sir John Holt, Knt. Was Chief Justice: To Which is Added an Abstract of the Statutes Concerning Provision for the Poor; And also Those Relating to Vagrants. [London]: Printed by Henry Lintot, 1742. [xxiv], 417, [31], 8 pp. Includes an 8-page publisher catalogue. Octavo (7-3/4" x 4-3/4").

Later quarter sheep over cloth, red and black lettering piece sand paper library shelf label to spine, embossed library name and security tag to front board, endpapers added, library stamps to edges, endleaves, title page and a few other leaves. Moderate rubbing to extremities and spine, a few small chips to lettering pieces, hinges cracked. Moderate toning, somewhat heavier in places, occasional light foxing, early owner signature ("Edw Hart") and brief annotation to title page. \$250.

* Fourth and final edition. Rich in sociological detail, and with a useful index, this book collects cases from 1727-1742 concerning the poor. Several cases concern orphans and children born out of wedlock. The first two editions were published in 1729, the third edition in 1732. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T97043.

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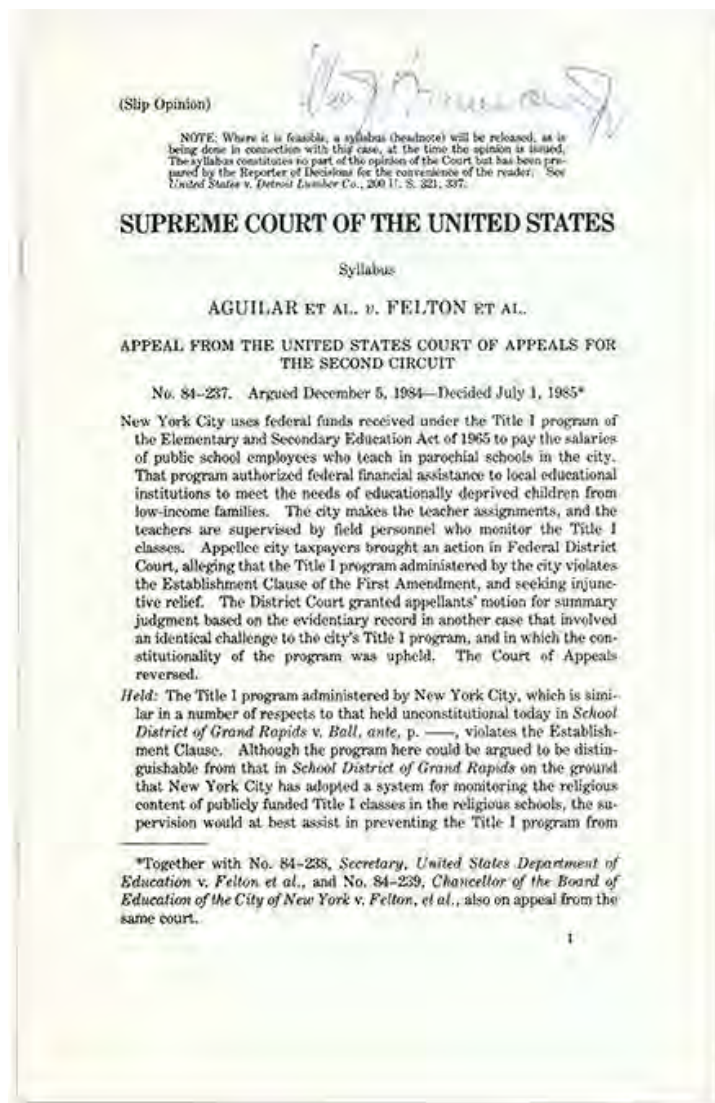
The Edition Owned by Thomas Jefferson

17. Reeves, John [1752?-1829].

A History of the Law of Shipping and Navigation. Dublin: Printed by Thomas Burnside for Messrs. E. Lynch, P. Wogan [etc.], 1792. [x], 435, [27] pp. Octavo (8-1/4" x 5-1/4").

Recent library buckram, red and black lettering pieces to spine, embossed library name and security tag to front board, endpapers added, stamps to edges and endleaves. Moderate toning and light foxing, head of title page (about an inch) removed, along with the "A" beginning the book's title, upper corner removed from following leaf. \$250.

* First Dublin edition, printed the same year as the first London edition. John Reeves was the author of the first history of English law. The present work is in effect a history of the Navigation Acts, giving a clear account of the manner in which they had been interpreted by the government departments which were concerned with their enforcement. *English Short-Title Catalogue* N8490. [Order This Item](#)



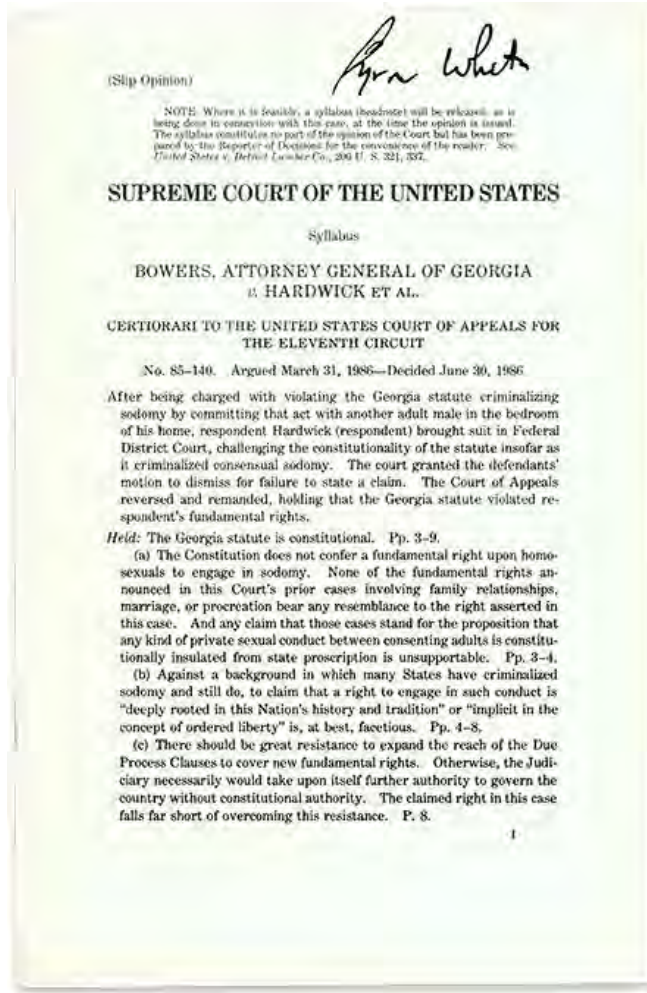
**Pre-US Reports Printing of a Notable Supreme Court Case
Concerning the Establishment Clause Signed by Justice Brennan**

18. Supreme Court of the United States.

[Brennan, William (1906-1997)].

(Slip Opinion) Aguilar et Al. v. Fenton et Al. [Washington, DC: Government Printing Office, 1985]. ii, 12, 5, [i], 3, [1], 2, 12 pp. Complete. Signature of Justice Brennan to head of first page. Fine. \$500.

* Based on the First Amendment establishment clause, this decision invalidated a New York City program that provided public school teachers to parochial schools to teach special-needs children. Justice Brennan wrote the opinion of the Court, which was joined by Justices Marshall, Blackmun, Powell and Stevens. Bench opinions are issued by the U.S. Supreme Court immediately after the announcement of a decision. Slip opinions are issued afterwards. Often incorporating corrections, they are the first printings of a decision intended for wide dissemination and review. After that stage the revised slip opinions are added to the latest paperback volume of *U.S. Reports*. A year later, that volume is printed in its final, authoritative, hardcover form. [Order This Item](#)



**Pre-US Reports Printing of an Important
Supreme Court Civil Rights Case Signed by Justice White**

19. Supreme Court of the United States.

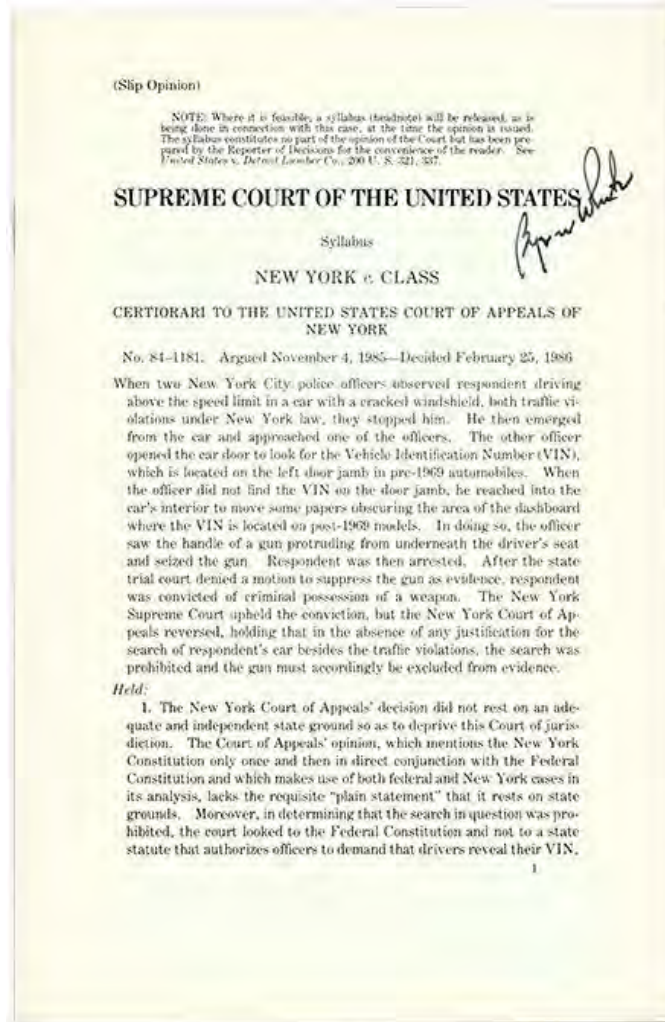
[White, Byron].

(Slip Opinion) Bowers, Attorney General of Georgia v. Hardwick et Al. [Washington, DC: Government Printing Office, 1986]. ii, 9, [1], 2, 2, 16, 7 pp. Complete. Signature of Justice White to head of first page.

Fold lines to corners of first two leaves, otherwise fine. \$500.

* This decision upheld, in a 5-4 ruling, the constitutionality of a Georgia sodomy law criminalizing "sodomy," that is, oral and anal sex, in private between consenting gay adults. It was overturned in 2003 in *Lawrence v. Texas*. Justice White wrote the opinion of the Court, with Justice Powell and Chief Justice Burger concurring. Bench opinions are issued by the U.S. Supreme Court immediately after the announcement of a decision. Slip opinions are issued afterwards. Often incorporating corrections, they are the first printings of a decision intended for wide dissemination and review. After that stage the revised slip opinions are added to the latest paperback volume of *U.S. Reports*. A year later, that volume is printed in its final, authoritative, hardcover form.

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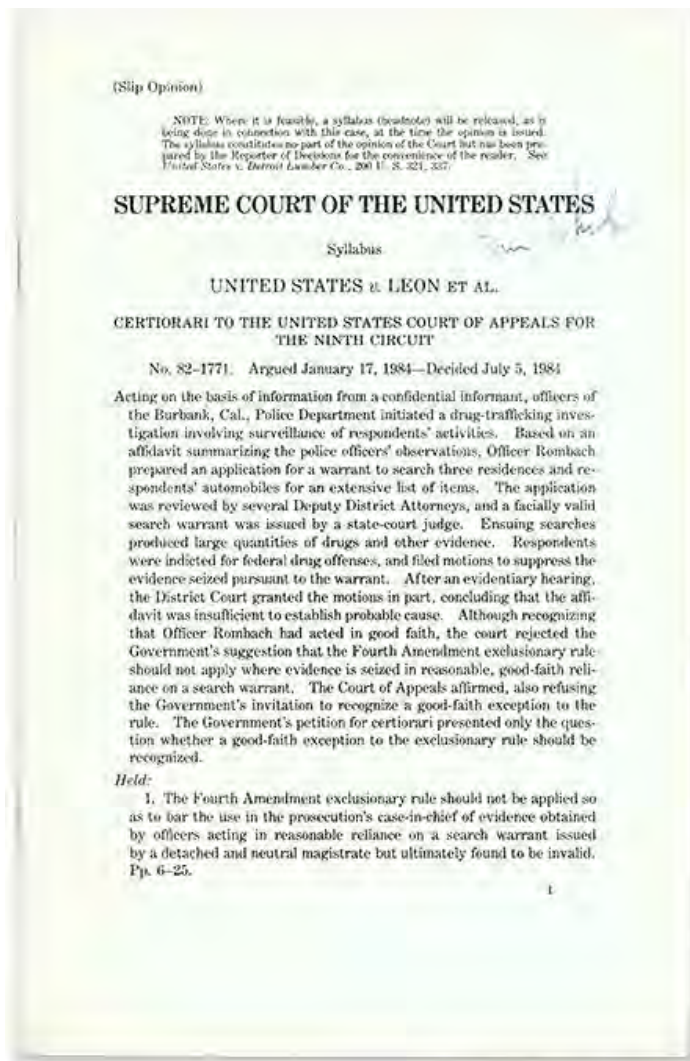
**Pre-US Reports Printing of a Notable
Supreme Court Privacy Case Signed by Justice White**

20. Supreme Court of the United States.

[White, Byron (1917-2002)].

(Slip Opinion) New York v. Class. Certiorari to the United States Court of Appeals of New York. [Washington, DC: Government Printing Office, 1986]. ii, 13, [1], 3, [1], 10, 2 pp. Complete. Signature of Justice White to head of first page. Fine. \$500.

* This decision determined that police officers are allowed to search an automobile. Holding there is no reasonable expectation of privacy in an automobile, it reversed a conviction by the New York State Court of Appeals. Justice O'Connor wrote the opinion of the Court; Justice White filed a dissent, which was joined by Justice Stevens. Bench opinions are issued by the U.S. Supreme Court immediately after the announcement of a decision. Slip opinions are issued afterwards. Often incorporating corrections, they are the first printings of a decision intended for wide dissemination and review. After that stage the revised slip opinions are added to the latest paperback volume of *U.S. Reports*. A year later, that volume is printed in its final, authoritative, hardcover form. [Order This Item](#)



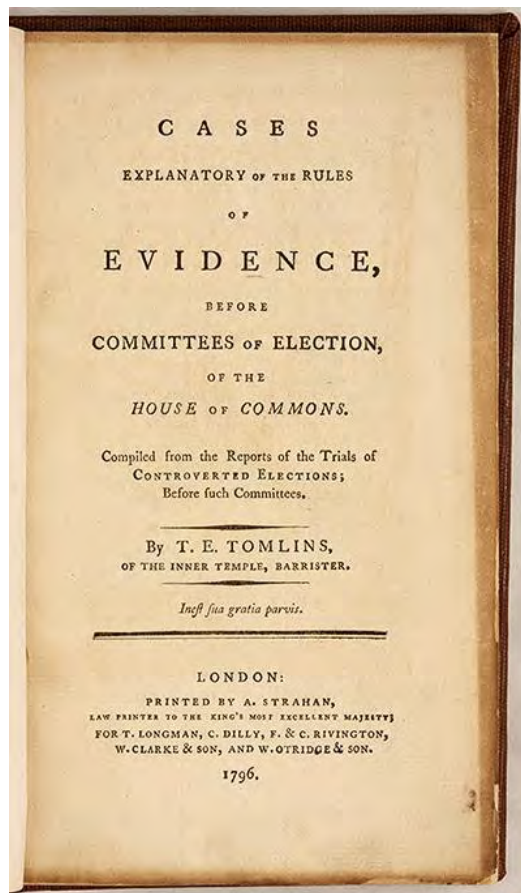
**Pre-US Reports Printing of a Notable Supreme Court Case
Concerning Evidence and Search Warrants Signed by Justice White**

21. Supreme Court of the United States.

[White, Byron (1917-2002)].

(Slip Opinion) New York v. Leon et Al. Certiorari to the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. [Washington, DC: Government Printing Office, 1984]. iii, [i], 27, [1], 2, 32, 21 pp. Complete. Signature of Justice White to head of first page. Fine. \$500.

* This decision determined that evidence obtained by police with search warrant that is later found deficient may nevertheless be used in a criminal trial. Justice White wrote the opinion of the Court, which was joined by Chief Justice Burger and Justices Blackmun, Powell, Rehnquist and O'Connor. Bench opinions are issued by the U.S. Supreme Court immediately after the announcement of a decision. Slip opinions are issued afterwards. Often incorporating corrections, they are the first printings of a decision intended for wide dissemination and review. After that stage the revised slip opinions are added to the latest paperback volume of U.S. Reports. A year later, that volume is printed in its final, authoritative, hardcover form. [Order This Item](#)



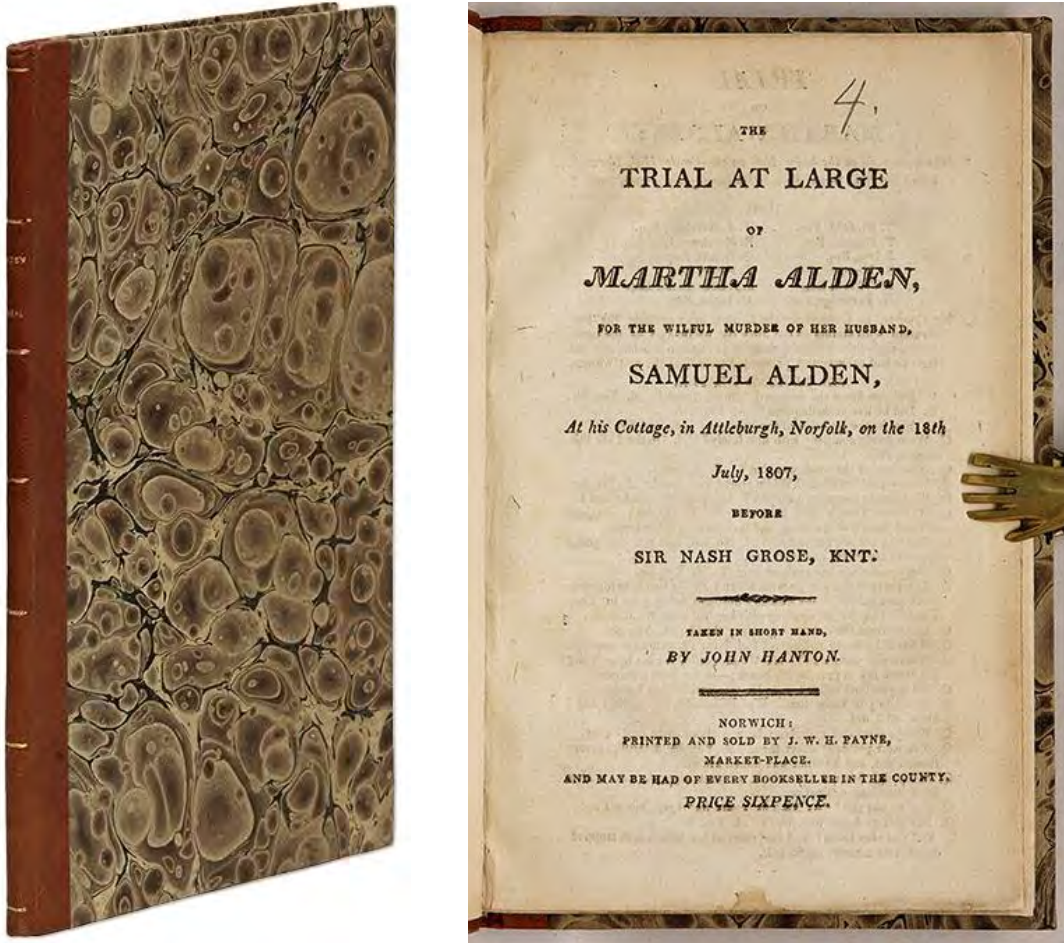
**A Scarce Treatise on Evidence in Cases
Concerning Controverted Elections to the House of Commons**

22. Tomlins, Thomas Edlyne [1762-1841].

Cases Explanatory of the Rules of Evidence, Before Committees of Election, Of the House of Commons. Compiled from the Reports of the Trials of Controverted Elections; Before Such Committees. London: Printed for A. Strahan, 1796. x, 192 pp. Half-title lacking. Octavo (8-1/4" x 5").

Recent library buckram, red and black lettering pieces, gilt library name and paper location label to spine, blind-stamped library name and small security tag to front board, endleaves added, library stamps to edges of text block and endleaves. Negligible light shelfwear, front free endpaper lacking. Light toning to text, occasional faint dampstaining to lower margins, underlining in a few places, some offsetting and edgewear to title page. A scarce title. \$750.

* Only edition. Tomlins was a leading legal writer of his day. He published an important dictionary, edited important editions of Littleton's *Tenures* and Jacob's *New Law-Dictionary* and contributed entries to the *Statutes of the Realm*. In the preface, Tomlins says he intended this book for "Members of the Profession, and others engaged in the several Stages of Contested Elections [as well as] Gentlemen chosen of Election-Committees by the House of Commons" (iii). Combined, OCLC and ESTC locate 12 copies, 6 in North America (Harvard Law School, Library of Congress, Massachusetts State Library, National Library of Scotland, University of Minnesota, York University). *English Short-Title Catalogue* T112829. [Order This Item](#)



Murder? Or Self-Defense?

23. [Trial].

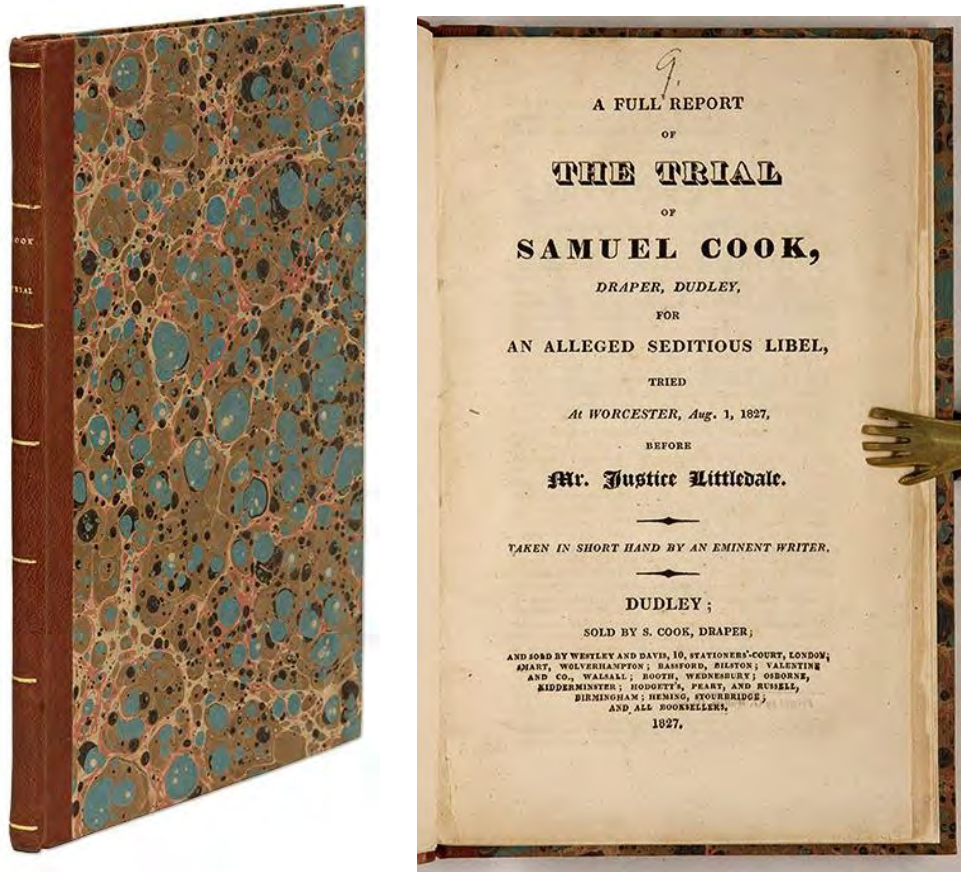
Alden, Martha, Defendant.

Hanton, John, Reporter.

The Trial at Large of Martha Alden, For the Wilful Murder of Her Husband, Samuel Alden, At His Cottage, In Attleburgh, Norfolk, On the 18th July, 1807, Before Sir Nash Grose, Knt. Taken in Short Hand. Norwich: Printed and Sold by J.W.H Payne, 1807. 16 pp. Octavo (8" x 5").

Stab-stitched pamphlet bound into period-style quarter morocco over marbled boards, gilt titles and ornaments to spine, endpapers renewed. Moderate toning, light foxing to a few leaves, "4" in early hand to head of title page. \$750.

* Only edition. Martha Alden was engaged in a drunken argument with her husband. He threatened to beat her. He then lost his balance, fell onto a bed and fell asleep. At that point Martha bludgeoned him to death with a billhook. The court was startled by her lack of remorse and failed to believe that she was acting in self-defense. Avoiding any consideration of alcohol's role in the impairment of her judgment, she was convicted and hanged. OCLC locates 4 copies, 1 in North America (Harvard Law School). *Catalogue of the Library of the Harvard Law School* (1909) II:1000. [Order This Item](#)



**A Draper is Charged with Seditious Libel for
Displaying a Strike Notice in His Shop Window**

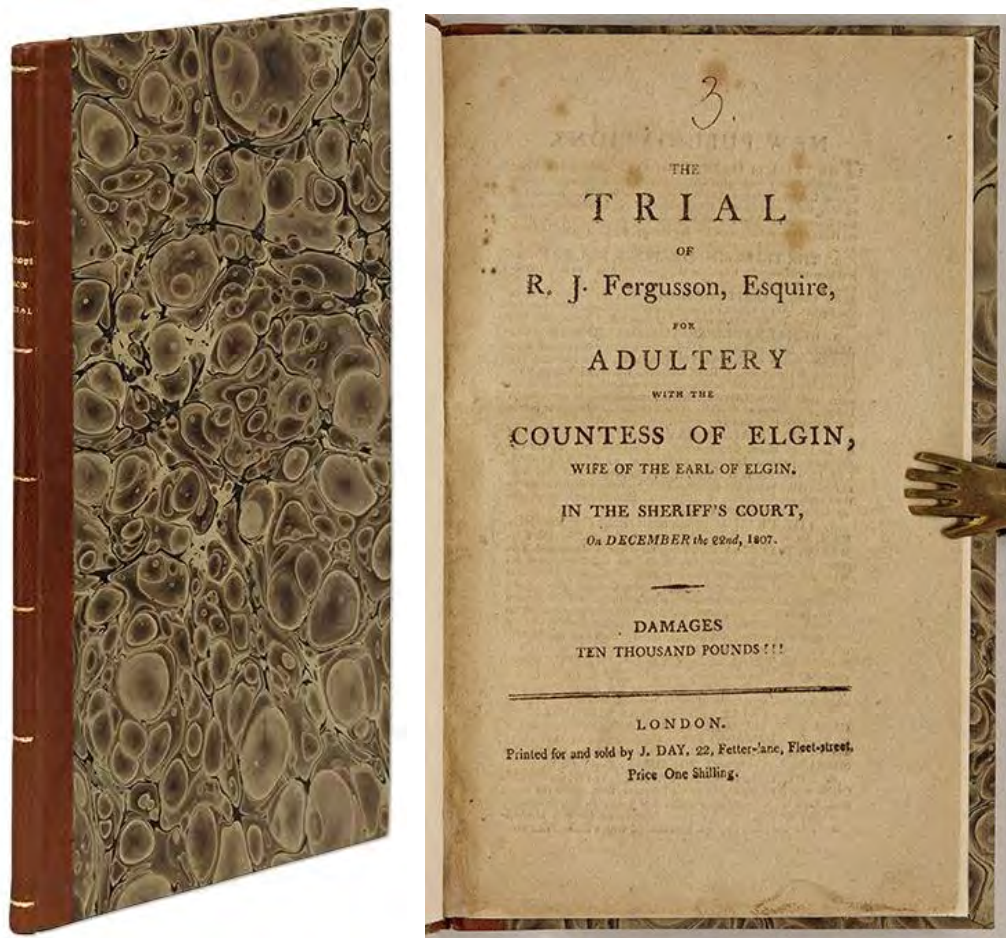
24. [Trial].

Cook, Samuel [1786-1861], Defendant.

A Full Report of the Trial of Samuel Cook, Draper, Dudley, For an Alleged Seditious Libel, Tried at Worcester, Aug. 1, 1827, Before Mr. Justice Littledale. Taken in Short Hand by an Eminent Writer. Dudley [Worcester]: Sold by S. Cook, Draper, 1827. [ii], 72 pp. Octavo (8-1/4" x 5-1/4").

Stab-stitched pamphlet bound into period-style quarter morocco over marbled boards, gilt titles and ornaments to spine, endpapers renewed. Light toning to text, somewhat heavier in places, "4" in early hand to head of title page. \$850.

* Only edition. Cook, a linen draper and political radical, was found guilty of displaying in his shop window a handbill promoting a nailers' strike that accused government ministers of contributing to the starvation of the people. However, his punishment was light, being bound over for the sum £200 to receive sentence "when called upon." This pamphlet was published by Cook to raise money for his legal expenses. A note at the foot of p. 72 is an appeal for additional financial assistance: "S. Cook will be happy to receive and Subscriptions towards his late expenses, and towards such subsequent proceedings as may be deemed requisite." OCLC locates 4 copies, 2 in North America (Duke, Southern Illinois University). McCoy, *Freedom of the Press* (Supplement) IC318. [Order This Item](#)



Adultery Trial Involving a Wealthy Heiress, A Member of Parliament and the Diplomat Who Acquired the Elgin Marbles

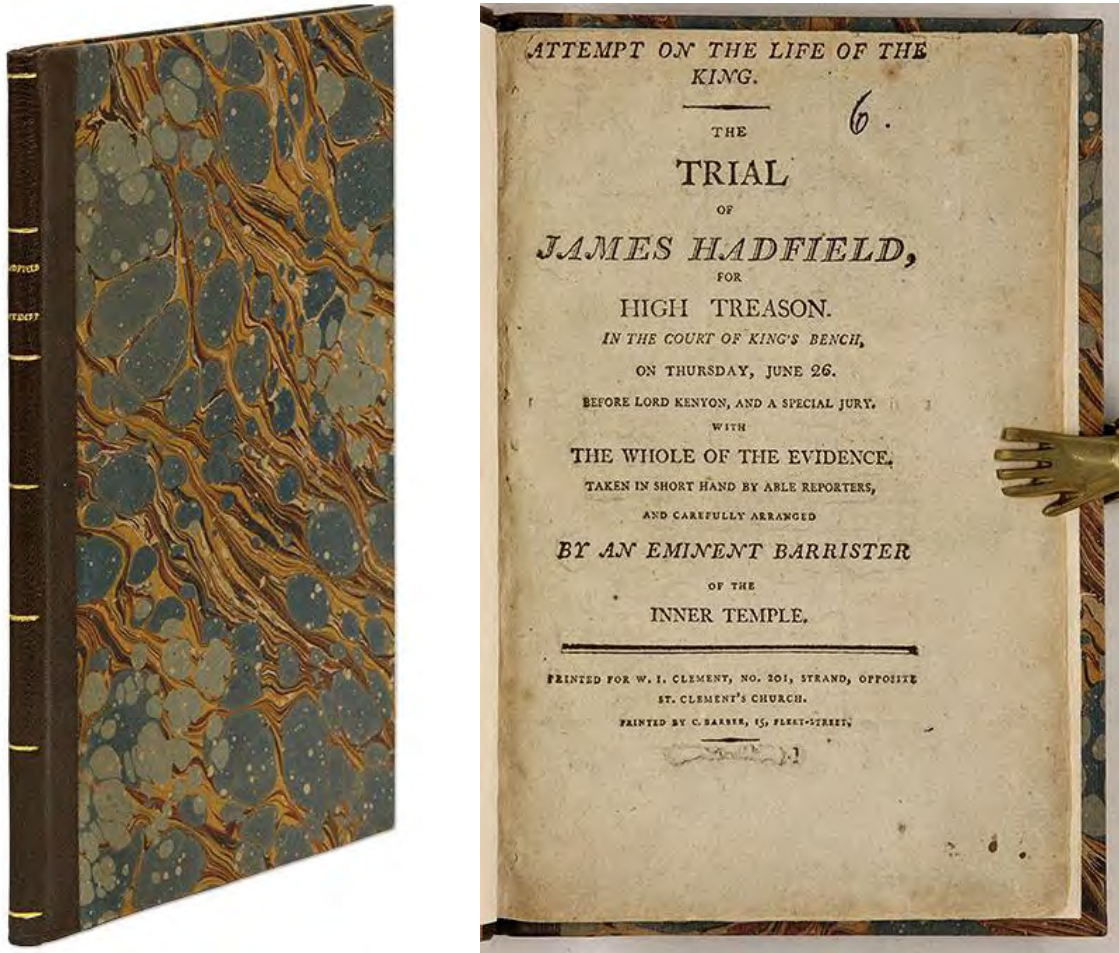
25. [Trial].

Fergusson, R[obert] J., Defendant.

The Trial of R.J. Fergusson, Esquire, For Adultery with the Countess of Elgin, Wife of the Earl of Elgin. In the Sheriff's Court, On December the 22nd, 1807. Damages Ten Thousand Pounds!!! London: Printed and Sold for J. Day, [1807]. 20 pp. Octavo (8-1/2" x 5-1/8").

Stab-stitched pamphlet bound into period-style quarter morocco over marbled boards, gilt titles and ornaments to spine, endpapers renewed. Light browning to text, light foxing and tiny stains to a few leaves. \$1,250.

* First edition. Mary Hamilton Bruce [1778-1855], Countess of Elgin, was the wife of British diplomat Thomas Bruce, 7th Earl of Elgin [1766-1841], who is best known for his acquisition of the sculptures from the Parthenon in Athens, the Elgin Marbles. Fergusson, also spelled Ferguson, was a Whig Member of Parliament and an amateur geologist. When the earl discovered his wife's affair with Fergusson, he sued him and won £10,000 (around £5 million today). A divorce followed. Ferguson then married her on 20 April 1808. A second edition of our trial account was published in 1808. Both are rare. Counting both editions, OCLC locates 8 copies of the first edition, 5 in North America, 2 in law libraries (Social Law, Yale). Not in the *British Museum Catalogue*. [Order This Item](#)



A Notable English Insanity Case

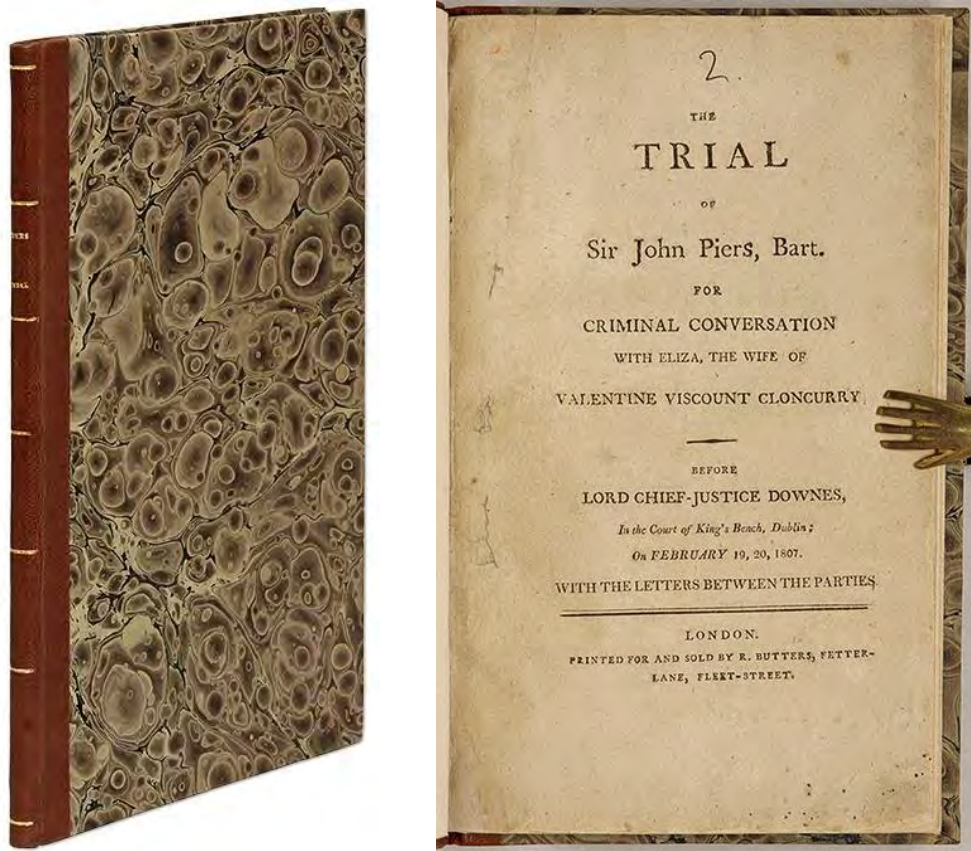
26. [Trial].

Hadfield, James [c.1772-1841], Defendant.

Attempt on the Life of the King. The Trial of James Hadfield, For High Treason. In the Court of Kings Bench, On Thursday, June 26. Before Lord Kenyon, and a Special Jury. With the Whole of the Evidence, Taken in Short Hand by Able Reporters, And Carefully Arranged by an Eminent Barrister of the Inner Temple. London: Printed for W.I Clement by C. Barber, [1800]. 31 pp. Octavo (7-3/4" x 5-1/4").

Stab-stitched pamphlet bound into period-style quarter morocco over marbled boards, gilt titles and ornaments to spine, endpapers renewed. Moderate toning to text, "6." in early hand to head of title page, small hole near its bottom margin. A scarce trial. \$1,250.

* Only edition. Hadfield attempted to assassinate King George III in 1800, but was acquitted by reason of insanity thanks to an able defense by Thomas Erskine. This was challenging case. Though mentally ill, Hadfield's careful planning to kill the king suggested otherwise. As a result of Hadfield's acquittal, Parliament passed the Criminal Lunatics Act 1800, which called for the indefinite detention of insane criminals. OCLC locates 11 copies in North America, 3 in law libraries (Ohio State, University of Miami, University of Pennsylvania). *English Short-Title Catalogue* N31671. [Order This Item](#)



He Seduced Her to Win a Bet

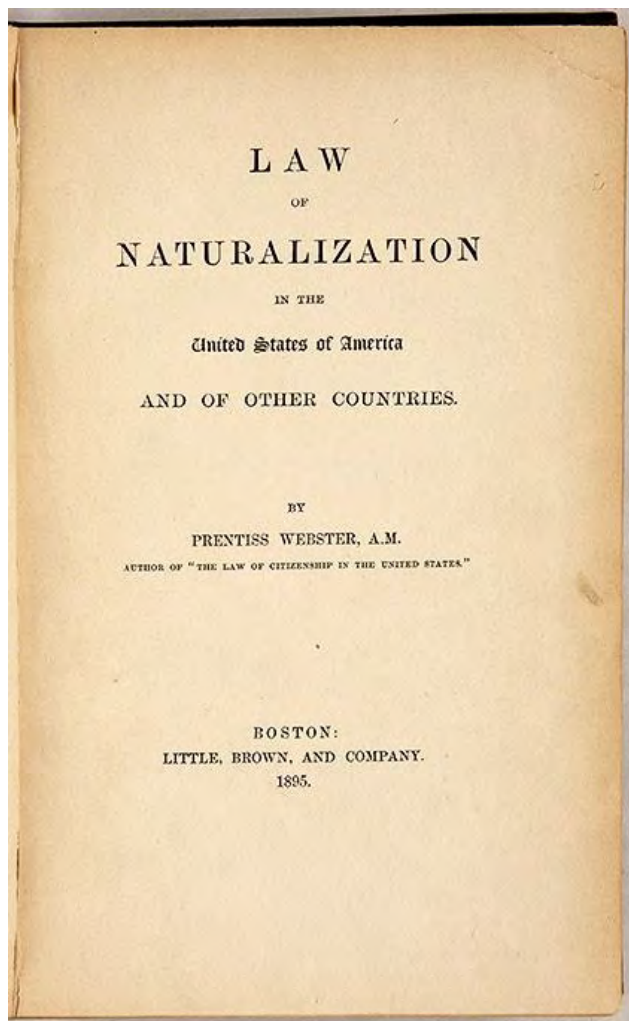
27. [Trial].

Piers, Sir John [1772-1845], Defendant.

The Trial of Sir John Piers, Bart. For Criminal Conversation with Eliza, the Wife of Valentine Viscount Cloncurry Before Lord Chief-Justice Downes, In the Court of King's Bench, Dublin; On February 19, 20, 1807. With the Letters Between the Parties. London: Printed for and Sold by R. Butters, [1807]. 44 pp. Lacking portrait frontispiece. Octavo (8-1/4" x 5-1/4").

Stab-stitched pamphlet bound into period-style quarter morocco over marbled boards, gilt titles and ornaments to spine, endpapers renewed. Disbound stab-stitched pamphlet. Moderate toning to text, light foxing to a few leaves, edgewear and a few minor holes to title page, "2" in early hand to upper margin. \$600.

* Only edition. Piers, 6th Baronet of Tristernagh Abbey, was an Anglo-Irish baronet and a notable rake. His notoriety dates from his 1807 adultery trial involving Elizabeth Georgiana, Lady Cloncurry, the wife of an old school friend (and creditor), Lord Cloncurry. The trial established that Piers had seduced Lady Cloncurry as part of a bet. Lord Cloncurry was awarded the enormous sum of £20,000 in damages, the largest award granted in a criminal conversation case. The scandal attracted a great deal of attention and secured Piers a footnote in history. This case was the subject of John Betjeman's poem *Sir John Piers* and a 1978 BBC documentary *The Bold Bad Baronet*. COPAC locates 1 copy (National Library of Scotland). OCLC locates 5 copies, 3 in North America (Temple University, University of Missouri-Columbia, Yale Law School). Not in the *British Museum Catalogue*. [Order This Item](#)



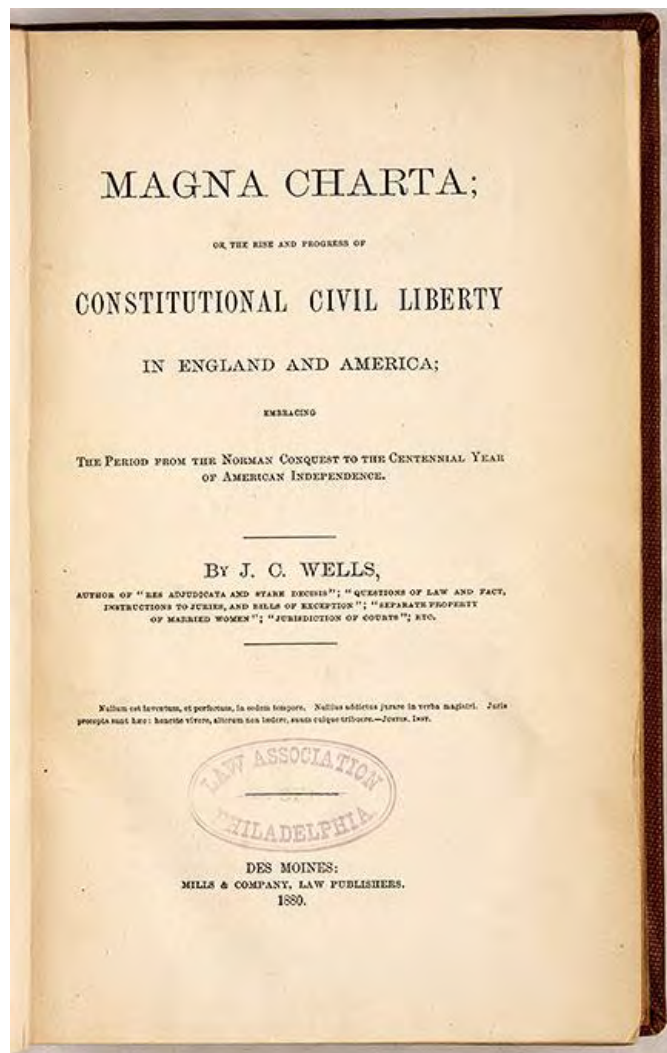
A Scarce American Treatise on Naturalization

28. Webster, Prentiss [1851-1898].

Law of Naturalization in the United States of America and of Other Countries. Boston: Little, Brown, and Company, 1895. xx, 403 pp. Octavo (9-1/4" x 6").

Later library buckram, red and black lettering pieces and gilt library name to spine, small security tag and embossed library name to front board, library stamps to edges of text block and endleaves, endpapers added, hinges reinforced. Moderate rubbing to extremities with minor wear to spine ends, half-title partially detached, its upper corner lacking. Moderate toning to text, upper corner lacking from title page, library stamp to its verso. \$350.

* Only edition (followed by a 1896 reissue). This title was published at a time when the United States was absorbing, ambivalently, a massive influx of Catholic and Jewish immigrants from southern and eastern Europe. Webster notes nativist resistance to this wave of immigration and expresses the hope that his book will inform debate by providing it with a factual legal background. Both issues of this title are scarce. OCLC locates 3 copies of the 1895 issue, none in North America, and one copy of the reissue (New York Public Library). [Order This Item](#)



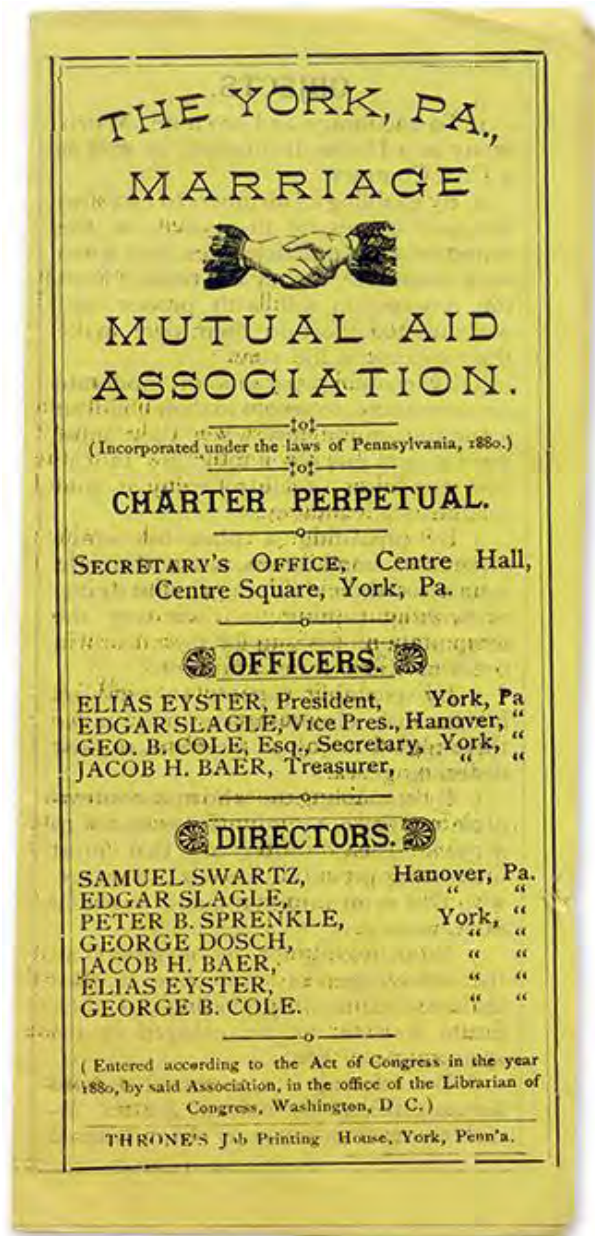
**Applies the Principles of
Magna Carta to the American Civil War and Reconstruction**

29. Wells, J[ohn] C[Ireland].

Magna Charta; Or, The Rise and Progress of Constitutional Civil Liberty in England and America; Embracing the Period from the Norman Conquest to the Centennial Year of American Independence. Des Moines: Mills & Company, 1880. xvi, 505 pp. Octavo (9" x 5-3/4")

Later library buckram, red and black lettering pieces and paper shelf label to spine, small security tag and embossed library name to front board, library stamps to edges of text block and endleaves, endpapers added. Light rubbing with minor wear to spine ends and corners, front free endleaf partially detached, chips to edges of a few leaves, light toning to text, library stamp to title page, brief early annotations to a few leaves. \$150.

* Only edition. This study of civil liberty as enshrined in Magna Carta has interesting chapters concerning the American Civil War and Reconstruction, which comprise about a third of the book. Not in the *Harvard Law Catalogue*. [Order This Item](#)



Providing the Financing for a Sacred Institution

30. York, PA, Marriage Mutual Aid Association.

Charter Perpetual. York, PA: Throne's Job Printing House, c. 1880. Single sheet folded to form 8 pages, 6-1/4" x 2-2/4."

A few minor chips to edges, otherwise fine. \$150.

* Open to men and women, this organization worked to encourage successful marriages by helping members to raise the money necessary to establish a married life on a sound financial footing. This organization viewed marriage as both a civil and a Divine institution. [Order This Item](#)