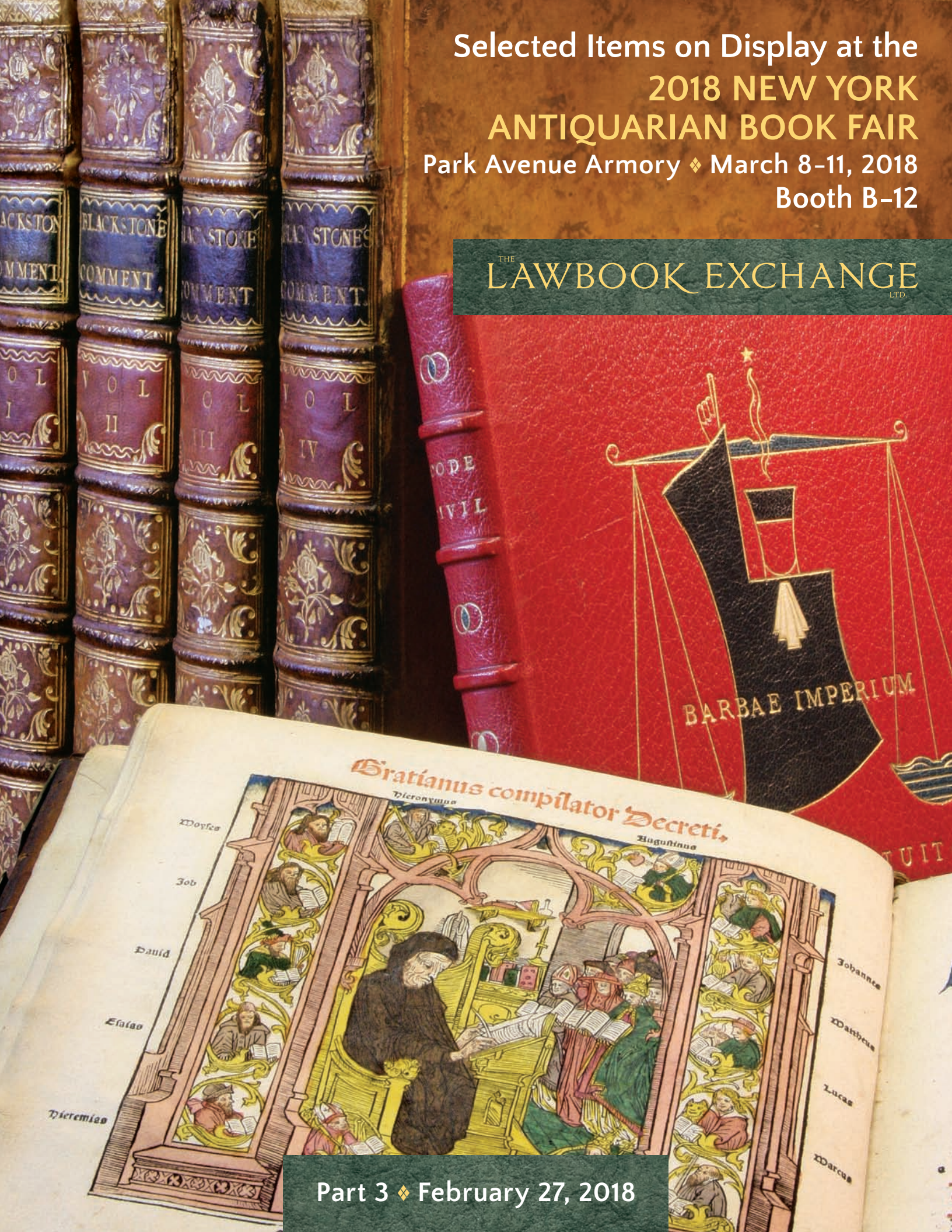
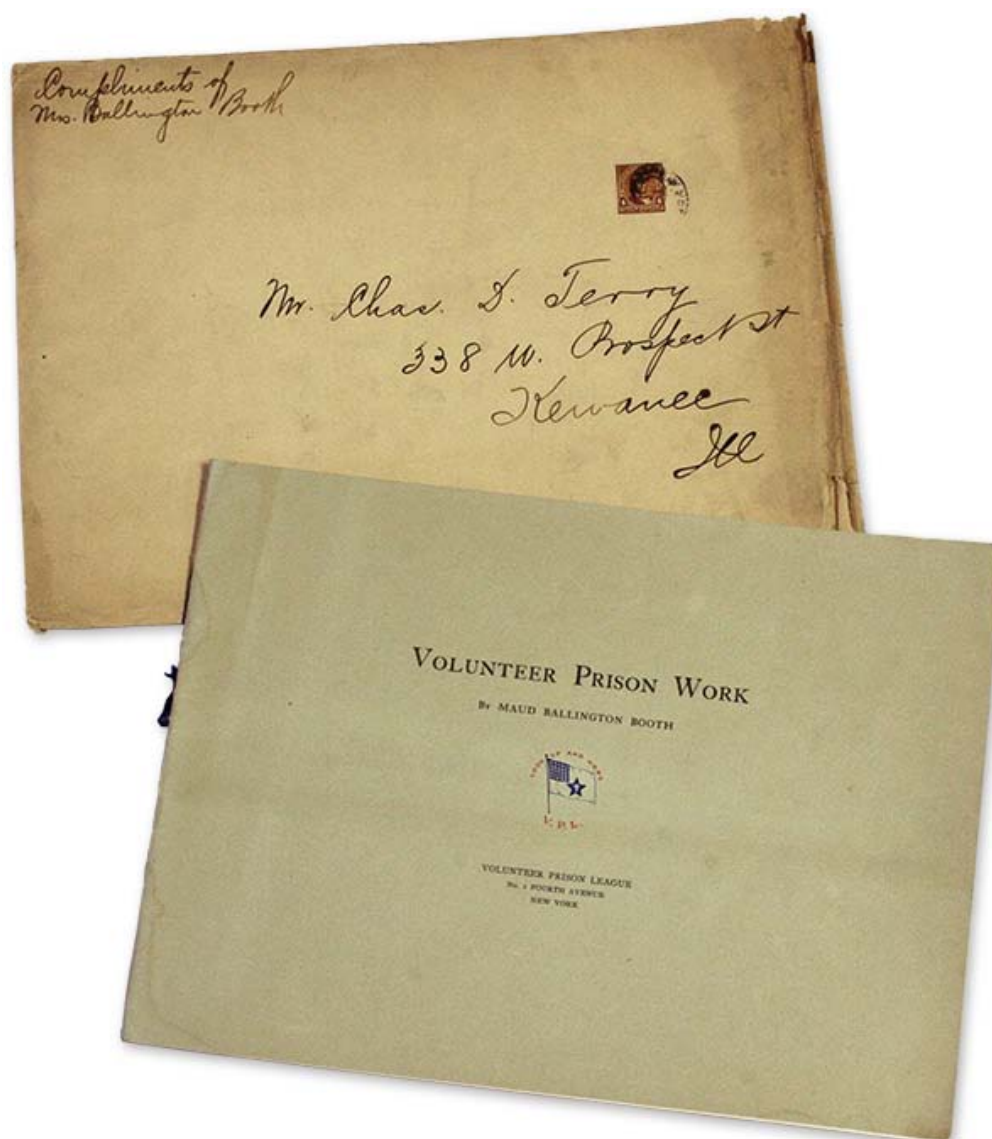


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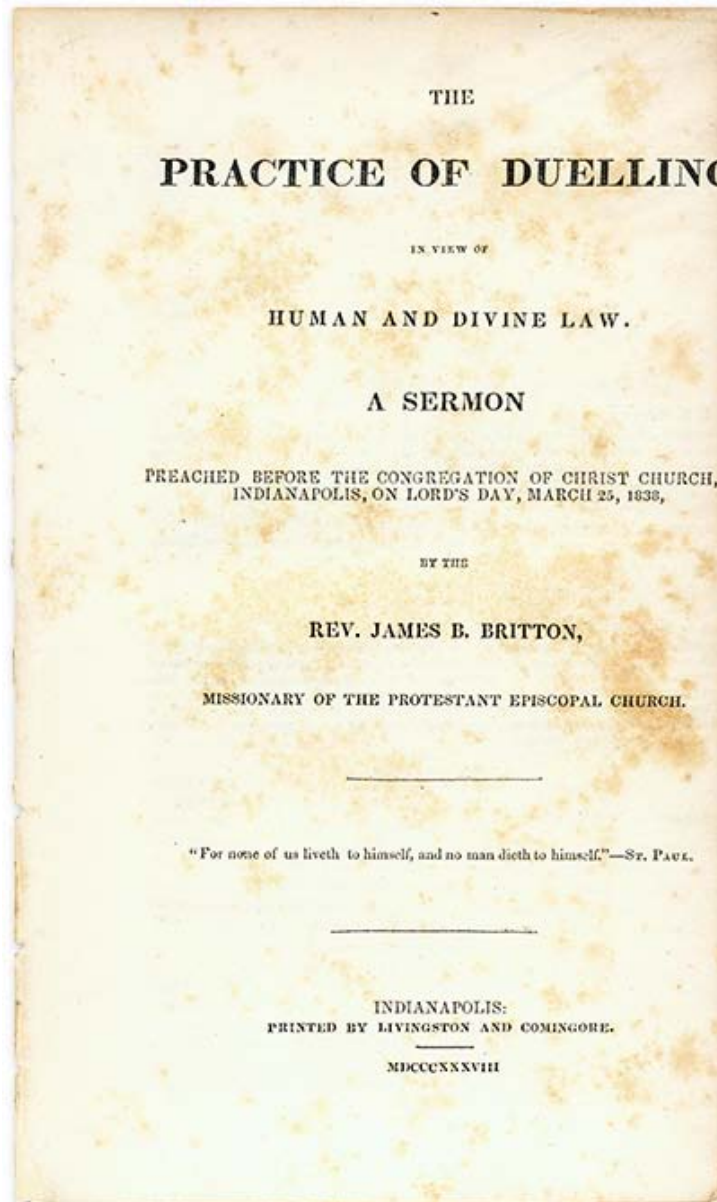
**A Promotional Item Celebrating the
First Years of the Volunteer Prison League**

1. Booth, Maud Ballington [1865-1948].

Volunteer Prison Work. New York: Volunteer Prison League, [1901]. 11 pp. 4 plates. Oblong octavo (9" x 12-1/4").

Printed stiff wrappers. Light edgewear and a few minor stains, joints just starting to split at ends. Faint stain to corner of text block at gutter, interior otherwise fresh. Item accompanied by original transmittal envelope addressed by Booth. \$350.

* The Volunteer Prison League was a division of the Volunteers of America, a faith-based social-work charity founded in 1896 by Maude Booth and her husband, Ballington Booth, the son of William and Catherine Booth, founders of The Salvation Army. A Handsome promotional piece for potential donors, *Volunteer Prison Work* commemorates the first four years of the Volunteer Prison League and describes its programs to improve prison conditions, rehabilitate prisoners and aid the families of prisoners. OCLC locates 3 copies (Drew University, Mt. Holyoke College, NY Public Library). [Order This Item](#)



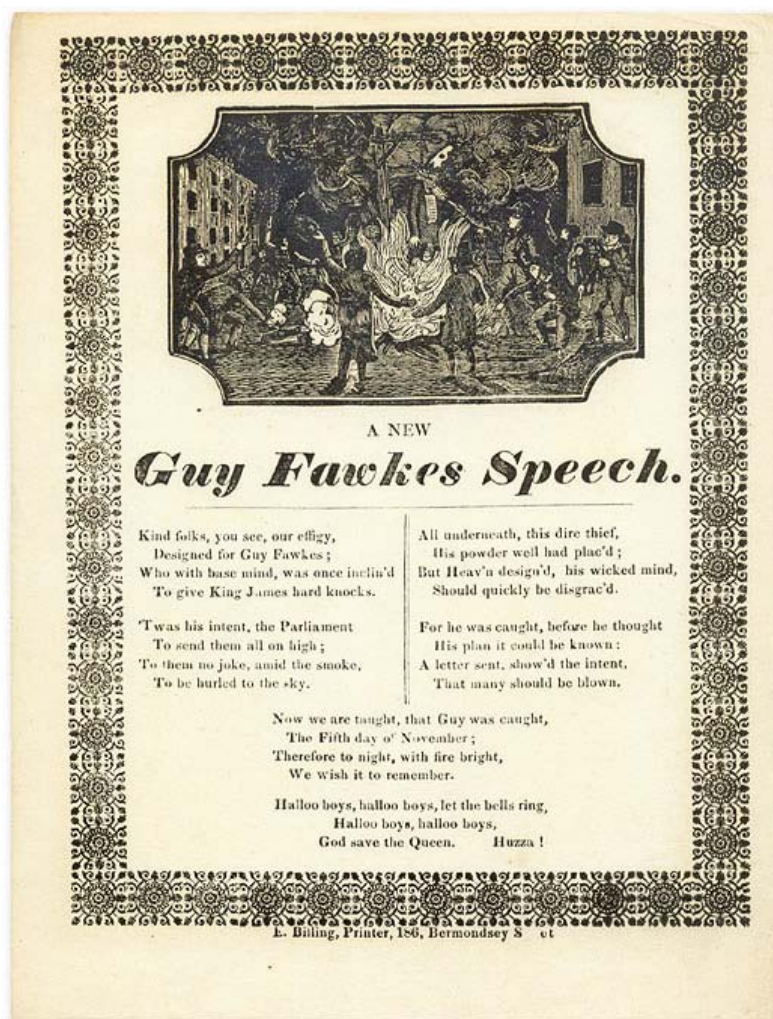
**A Minister Stresses the
Need to Enforce Indiana's Law Against Dueling**

2. Britton, James B.

The Practice of Duelling in View of Human and Divine Law: A Sermon Preached Before the Congregation of Christ Church, In Indianapolis, On Lord's Day, March 25, 1838. Indianapolis: Printed by Livingston and Comingore, 1838. 9 pp. Octavo (8-1/2" x 5").

Disbound stab-stitched pamphlet, moderate toning and light foxing, some loss of text, but not legibility, due to printing error. \$250.

* Only edition. A sermon stressing the need for enforcement of Indiana's law against dueling. OCLC locates 12 copies, none in law libraries. Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 3942. [Order This Item](#)



"Kind Folks You See, Our Effigy, Designed for Guy Fawkes; Who With Base Mind, Was Once Inclined to Give King James Hard Knocks"

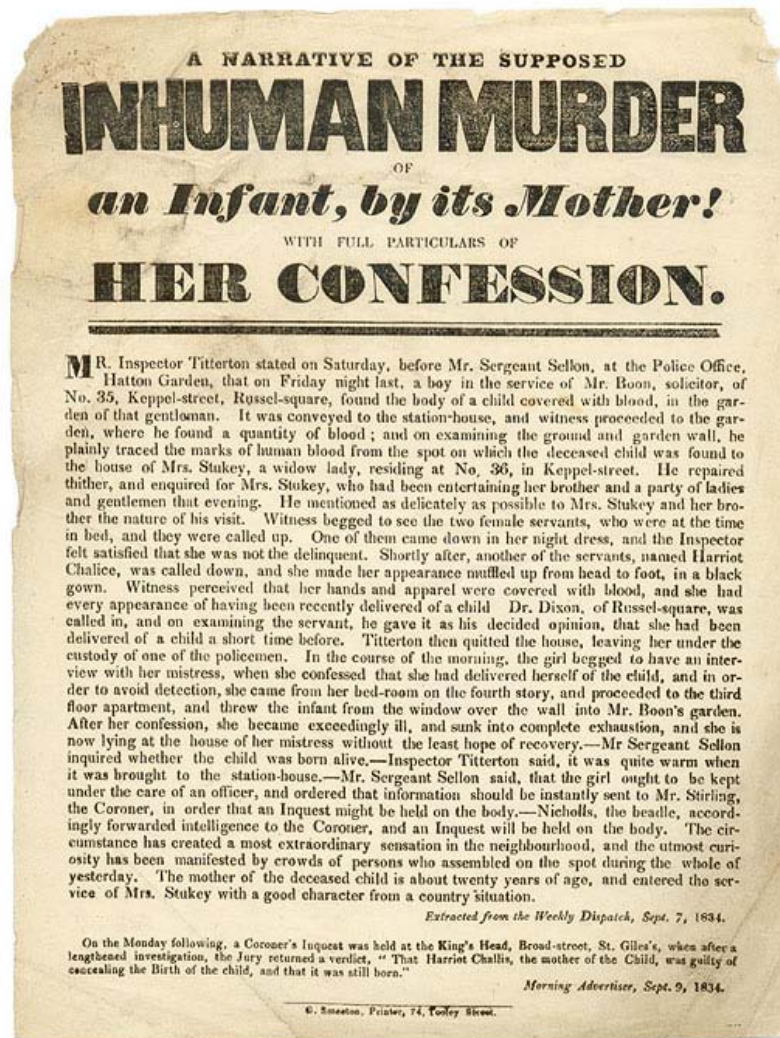
3. [Broadside].

Guy Fawkes Day.

A New Guy Fawkes Speech. [London]: E. Billing, 186, Bermondsey Street, [c.1840].

9-3/4" x 7-1/2" broadside. Six-stanza verse text within woodcut typographical border, first four stanzas in two columns, separated by woodcut rules below headline and vignette of a group of people burning Fawkes in effigy. Light toning, otherwise fine. A well-preserved rare item. \$650.

* A celebratory broadside commemorating Guy Fawkes Day. Also known as Guy Fawkes Night, Bonfire Night or Firework Night, it is an English national holiday commemorating the failed Gunpowder Plot, an attempt by a group of Catholics to assassinate King James I by blowing up the House of Lords during the State Opening of Parliament. The plot was foiled when Fawkes was discovered with a cache of explosives hidden beneath the House of Lords. The date of our broadside is conjectured from a similar broadside by Billing with a contemporary handwritten date of 1829 held by the National Library of Scotland. The verses on that copy end with "God save the King." Ours ends with "God save the Queen," so we assume it was printed in the early years of Queen Victoria's reign, which began in 1837. OCLC locates no copies. [Order This Item](#)



Broadside Account of an Infanticide in London

4. [Broadside].

[Infanticide].

[Chalice, Harriet].

A Narrative of the Supposed Inhuman Murder of an Infant, by Its Mother! With Full Particulars of Her Confession. [London]: G. Smeeton, Printer, 74, Tooley Street, [c.1834].


10" x 7-1/2" broadside. Single-column text below headline. Moderate toning, some edgewear and a few tiny chips, a few creases to corners. \$650.

* This broadside offers an account in two parts. The first part, "extracted from the *Weekly Dispatch*, Sept. 7, 1834," is an account of the discovery of the baby's body prior to the coroner's inquest. The second part, from the *Morning Advertiser*, September 9, 1834, records the conclusions of the inquest. The defendant, Harriet Chalice, a household servant, was declared guilty of concealing the birth of a child, who was stillborn. Having hid her pregnancy, she delivered her baby herself, then threw the baby out of a window. Chalice's fate is unknown; the broadside says she "became exceedingly ill" after disposing of her baby and "sunk into exhaustion...without the least hope of recovery." OCLC locates 1 copy (Harvard Law School). [Order This Item](#)

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MISSING
Mrs. Maggie Corbett and
four children

Mrs. Corbett—Age 38, 5 ft. 2 in., 106 lbs., hair black, eyes brown, dark complexion.

Mabel—Age 14 years, 5 ft., 120 lbs., well built for her age; scar on upper lip caused from hair lip.

Boy, age 4 yrs. Girl, age 3 yrs. Baby girl, age, 1 yr.

Mr. J. L. Corbett is greatly distressed by the sudden disappearance of his wife and fears that her mind may be affected. She disappeared from Texas City, Texas, July 29th, 1905.

Any information regarding her present whereabouts will be greatly appreciated by her husband.

J. L. CORBETT, Texas City, Tex.

She is a first-class dressmaker and may be working at that trade.

John T. Rowan,
Chief of Police, Galveston, Texas.

"Her Mind May be Affected"

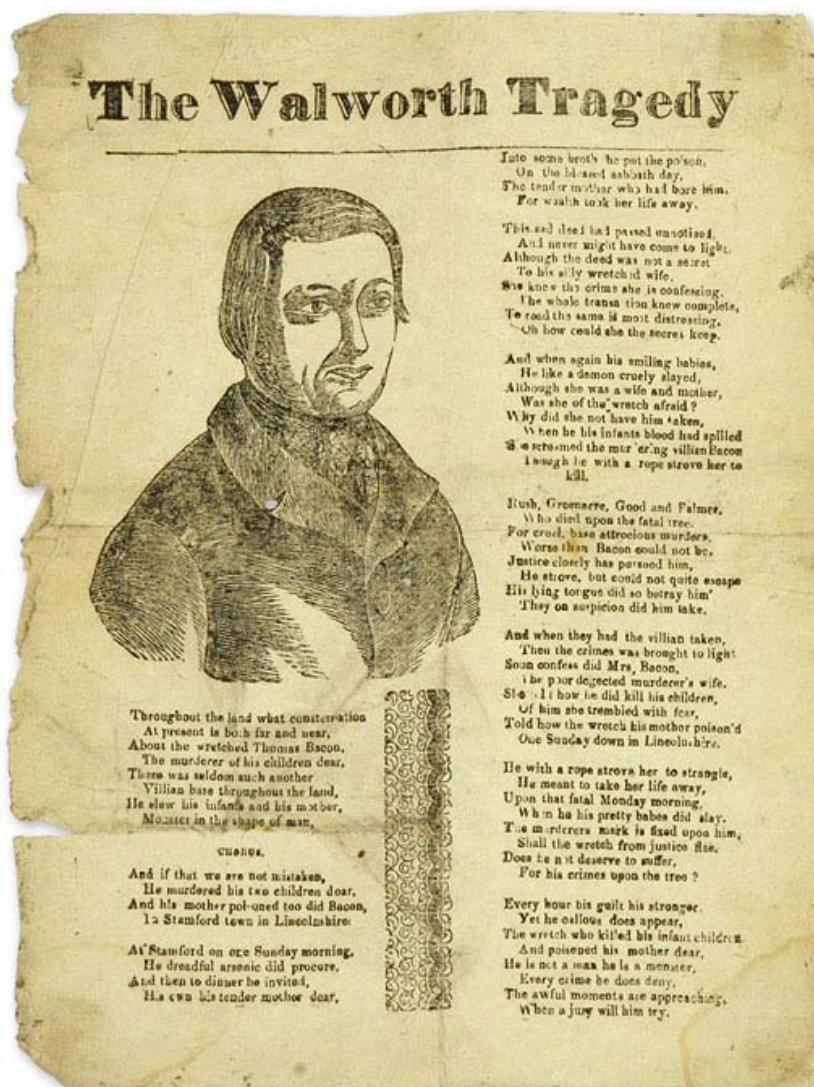
5. [Broadside].
[Missing Persons].
[Texas].

Reward. Missing. Mrs. Maggie Corbett and Her Four Children. Galveston, TX, 1905.

8-1/4" x 5-3/4" broadside, large photographic image of Corbett below headline. Moderate toning, discoloration in a few places, horizontal fold lines, top margins trimmed just above headline, two check marks in ink near upper left-hand corner. \$250.

* Signed in type by John T. Rowan, Galveston's chief of police. "Mr. J.L. Corbett is greatly distressed by the sudden disappearance of his wife and fears that her mind may be affected. She disappeared from Texas City, Texas, July 29th, 1905. Any information regarding her present whereabouts will be greatly appreciated by her husband."

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"He Slew His Infants and His
Mother, Monster in the Shape of Man"

6. [Broadside].

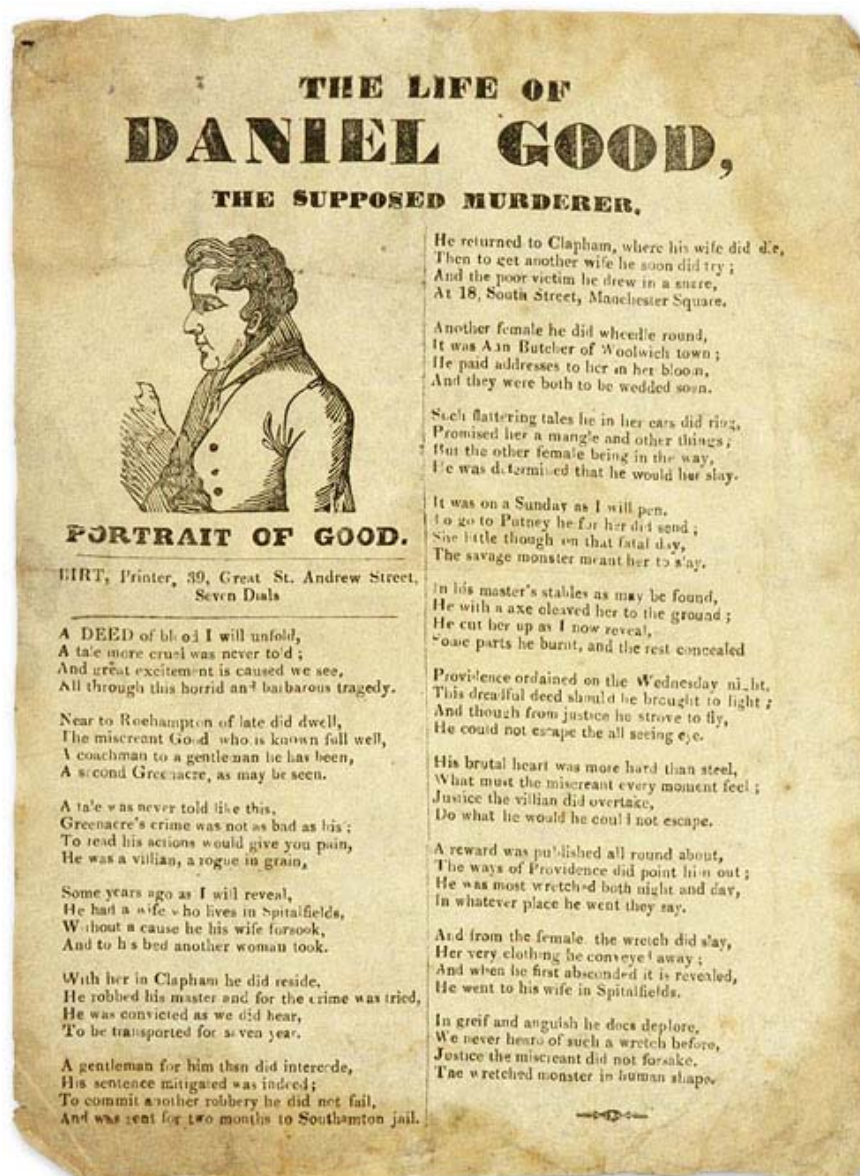
[Murder].

[Bacon, Thomas Fuller (d.1855)].

The Walworth Tragedy. [London?: S.n., 1855].

10" x 7-1/4" broadside. Two-column nine-stanza verse (with refrain), text separated by typographical border, large woodcut portrait of Bacon at head of left-hand column. Moderate toning and soiling, horizontal and vertical fold lines, a few minor stains, some edgewear and few small chips. \$500.

* Bacon was charged and acquitted of the murder of his children, but convicted for the poisoning and subsequent murder of his mother, Ann, on May 15, 1855. The first verse reads: "Throughout the land what consternation, At present is both far and near, About the wretched Thomas Bacon, The murderer of his children dear, There was seldom such another, Villain base throughout the land, He slew his infants and his mother, Monster in the shape of man." No copies located on OCLC. [Order This Item](#)



"A Deed of Blood I Will Unfold"

7. [Broadside].

[Murder].

Good, Daniel [d. 1842].

The Life of Daniel Good, The Supposed Murderer. [London]: Birt, Printer, 39, Great Andrew Street, Seven Dials, [1842].

9-1/2" x 7" broadside. Sixteen-stanza verse text in two columns below headline, woodcut portrait of Good at head of left-hand column. Light browning and foxing, moderate edgewear, a few creases and minor chips to corners. \$450.

* Good was executed for the murder and dismemberment of a pregnant woman. He was executed in front of Newgate prison before a large and hostile crowd. The verses in our broadside give a narrative account of Good's crime. The first stanza reads: "A deed of blood I will unfold, A tale more cruel was never told; And great excitement is caused we see, All through this horrid and barbarous tragedy." No copies located on OCLC. [Order This Item](#)



**Theft of a Horse and Other Property
from a Prominent Citizen of Auburn, NY**

8. [Broadside].

[Theft].

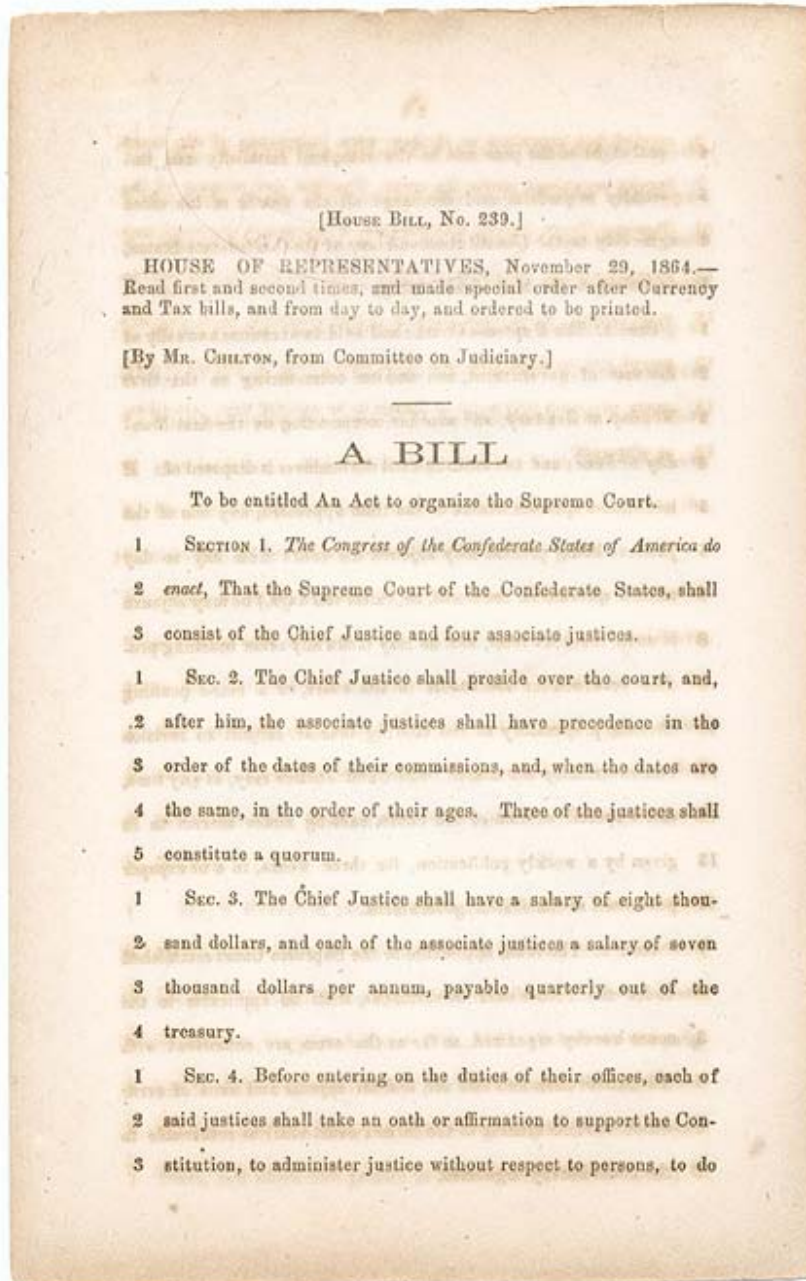
[Auburn, New York].

Porter, Lansing [1817-1902].

\$25.00 Reward! Stolen from My Stable Near Auburn, On the Night of March 14th, 1873, A Horse Cutter, &c. Auburn, NY: S.n., 1873.

11-1/4" x 8" broadside on yellow paper. Light soiling, faint staining along right-hand margin, a few small chips to edges, upper left-hand corner lacking, text not affected. \$500.

* An award offered by Porter for the recovery of a horse, tack gear, buffalo robes and an umbrella stolen from Porter's stable. Porter, a prominent citizen of Auburn, was pastor of the Congregational Church who served as a militia captain during the Civil War. [Order This Item](#)



An 1864 Bill to Organize the Confederate Supreme Court

9. [Confederate States of America].

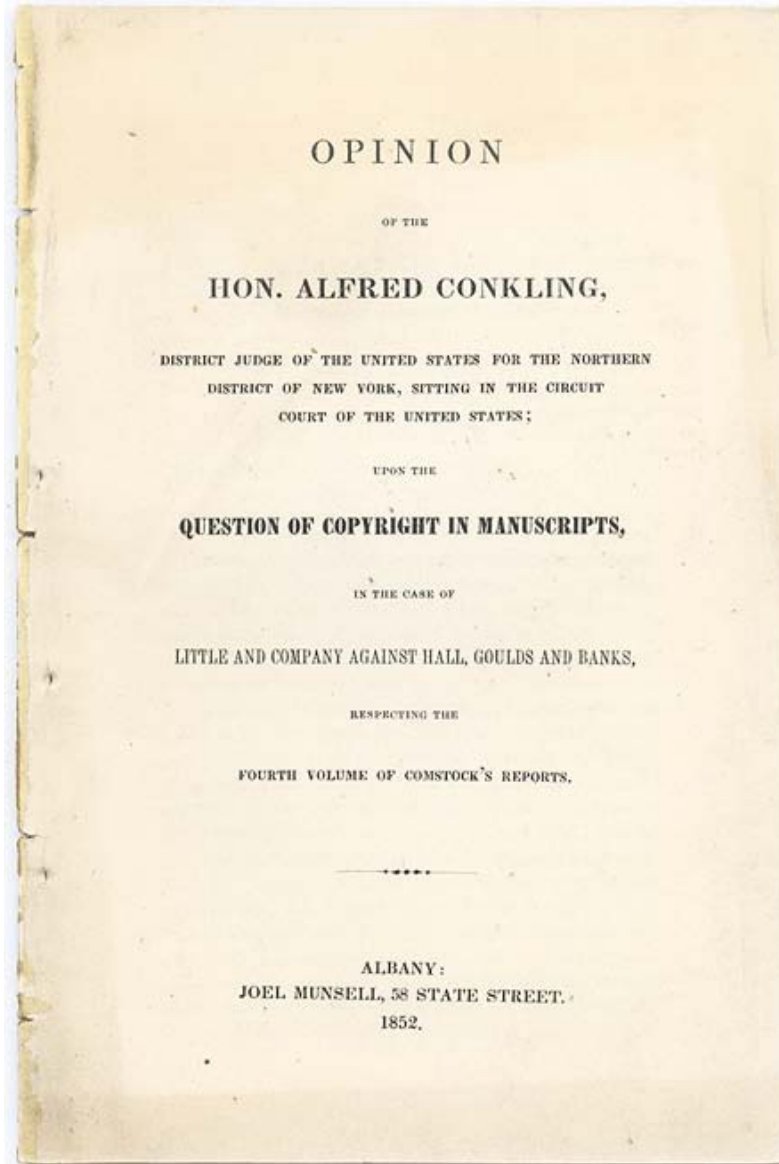
House of Representatives.

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

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

* The bill specifies a five-judge court that will "do equal right to the poor and to the rich." It also notes that the court will respect all applicable pre-secession United States Supreme Court decisions. Crandall, *Confederate Imprints* 462.

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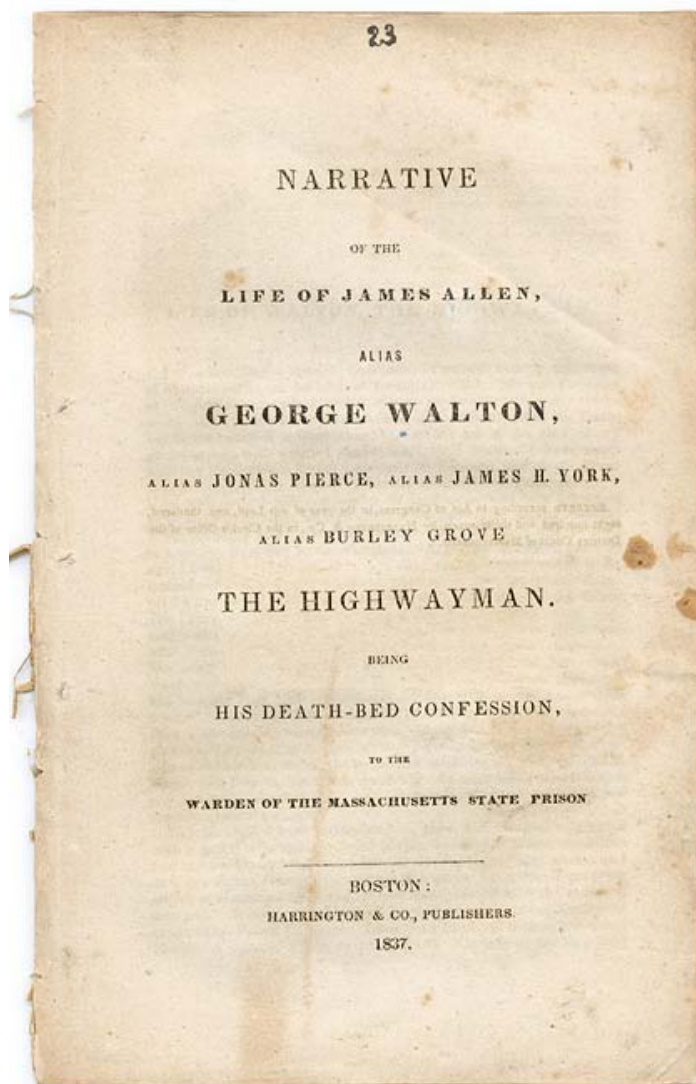
A Carefully Argued 1851 Opinion on Copyright Law in New York

10. Conkling, Alfred [1789-1874].

Opinion of the Hon. Alfred Conkling, District Judge of the United States for the Northern District of New York Sitting in the Circuit Court of the United States: Upon the Question of Copyright in Manuscripts, In the Case of Little and Company Against Hall, Gould and Banks, Respecting the Fourth Volume of Comstock's Reports. Albany: Joel Munsell, 1852. 33 pp. Octavo (8-1/4"x 5-1/4").

Disbound stab-stitched pamphlet. Light soiling to exterior, moderate toning to text, minor stain to verso of final leaf. \$450.

* Only edition. This was one of Judge Conkling's last opinions. In August 1852 he resigned from the bench after President Fillmore appointed him ambassador to Mexico. His opinion examines closely the law of copyright in New York State. He enjoins the defendant from publishing *Comstock's Reports*. Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 11504. [Order This Item](#)



The Adventures of a New England Highwayman

11. [Criminals].

[Massachusetts].

[Allan, James (1809-1837)].

Narrative of the Life of James Allen, Alias George Walton, Alias James H. York, Alias Burley Grove, The Highwayman. Being his Death-Bed Confession, To the Warden of the Massachusetts State Prison. Boston: Harrington & Co., Publishers, 1837. 32 pp. Octavo (9-1/4" x 5-3/4").

Disbound stab-stitched pamphlet. Light soiling, a few tiny stains and edgewear to exterior, "23" in small early hand to head of title page, a few signatures starting to detach, moderate toning to text, light foxing to a few leaves. Ex-library. Small bookplate to verso of title page. \$500.

* Only edition. This pamphlet details the colorful criminal adventures of a highwayman in Massachusetts and other New England States. It is apparently based on a deathbed confession to the warden of the Massachusetts State Prison, where he spent the last two years of his life. OCLC locates 18 copies, 3 in law libraries (Harvard, Library of Congress, Northeastern, University of Missouri). [Order This Item](#)



"Noted Lawyer and Dry Senator Debate Liquor Law"

12. Darrow, Clarence [1857-1938]. [6" x 10" Black-and-White Press Photograph of Darrow and Senator Smith W. Brookhart]. [New York: International New Photos, March 19, 1930].

Negligible edgewear and minor crinkling, stamps, pencil markings and tipped-in caption to verso. \$150.

* The caption reads: "Noted Lawyer and Dry Senator Debate Liquor Law. New York--Clarence Darrow, famous Chicago criminal lawyer (left), who urges a repeal of the liquor law, with Senator Smith W. Brookhart, the dry champion from Iowa, as they appeared during their debate on Prohibition at Mecca Temple. The senator declared that the dry law was here to stay while Mr. Darrow insisted a repeal of the Volstead Act would solve the present problem." [Order This Item](#)

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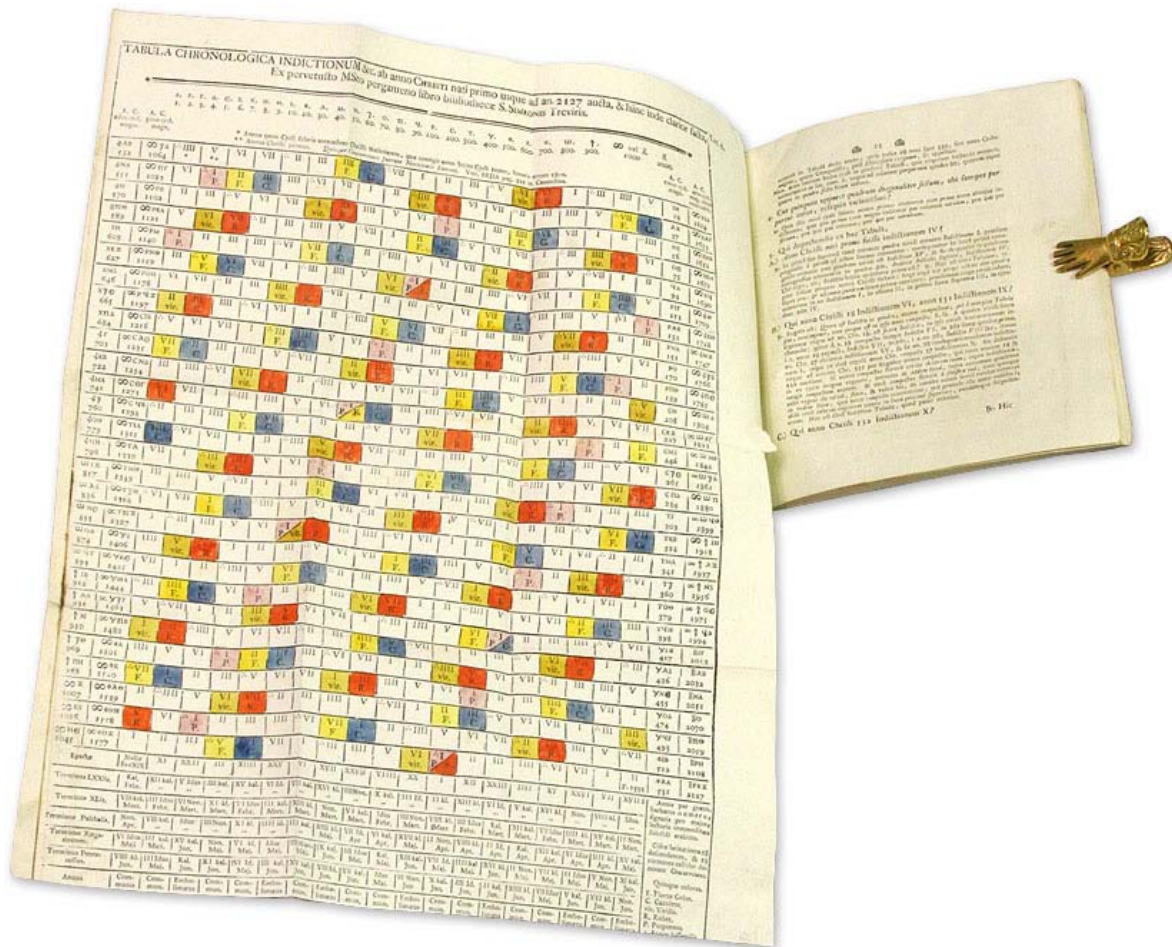
Darrow Listening to Testimony

13. Darrow, Clarence.

[7" x 9" Black-and-White Portrait Press Photograph of Darrow at a Session of the NRA Review Board]. [New York: The Associated Press, May 23, 1934].

A few minor creases, annotation, stamp and pasted caption to verso. \$150.

* The caption reads: "Clarence Darrow's review board of the NRA shown in session in Washington, May 23, as they continued with their hearings. From left to right: William O. Thompson of Chicago; Fred P. Mann of North Dakota; Charles E. Russell; And Clarence Darrow." [Order This Item](#)



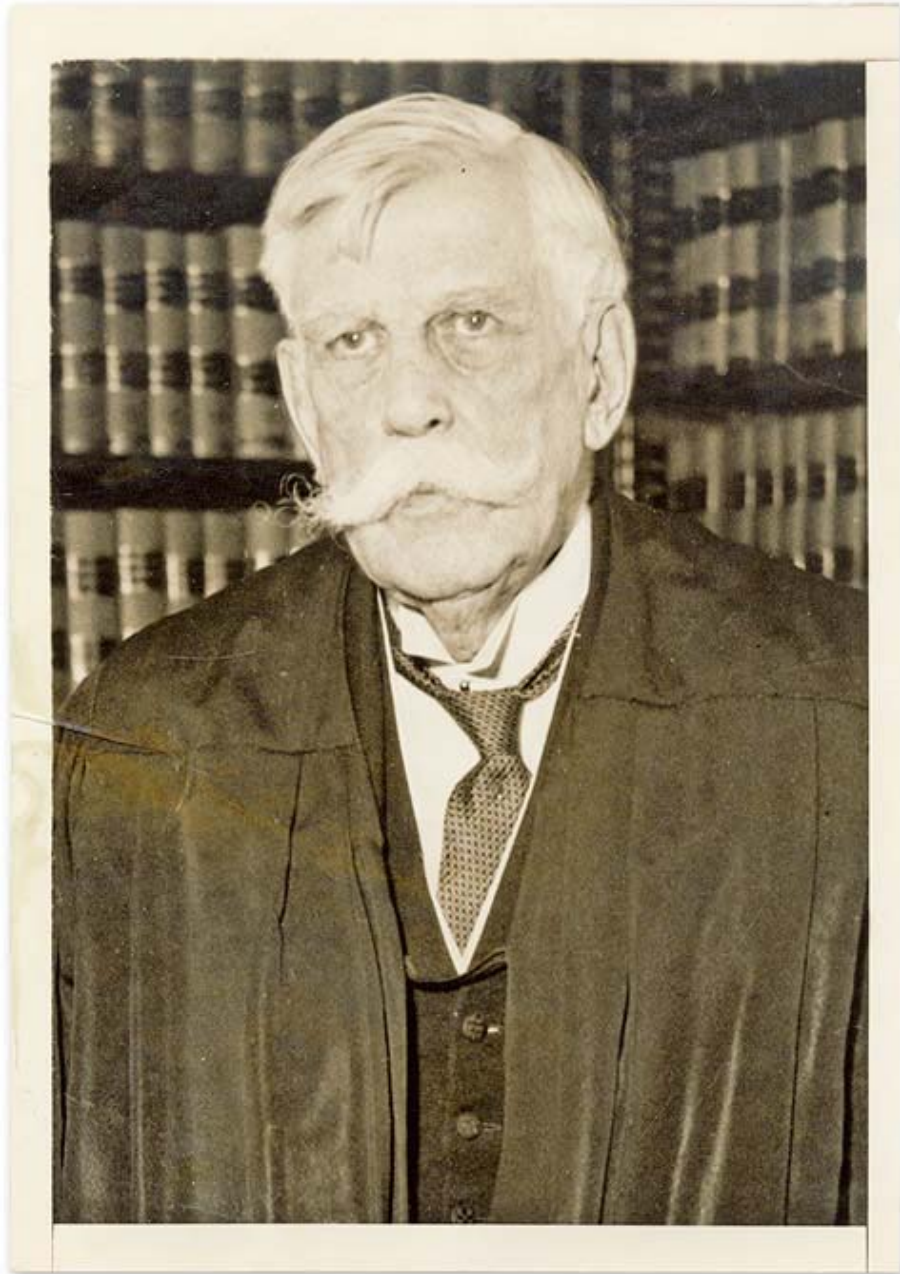
An Interesting Eighteenth-Century Work on The Chronology of Legal Concepts

14. Haw, Christoph. [Neller, Georg Christoph].

Exercitium Juridicum Tentamini Pro Gradibus Praemittendum Propositis ex Vario Jure Thesibus, Ac Praemissa Resolutione Octo Quaestionum, Super Trium Colorum Indictionibus Antiquissimae Tabulae MP et Stae 2. Decembris an. 1774 Ibid Propositarum, Nec non Aliis Instructionibus de Notis Temporum Antiquis in Adminiculum Artis Diplomaticae, Quod Praeside me Georgio Christoph. Neller. Trier: Typis Eschermannianis, [1776]. [x], 61 pp. Three folding tables, one with hand-colored sections. Quarto (7-1/2" x 6").

Disbound stab-stitched pamphlet, spine reinforced. Light soiling and a few minor stains to exterior, light rubbing to extremities. Light toning to interior, slightly heavier in places, "T:60" in small early hand to upper right corner of title page. A nice copy of a scarce title. \$600.

* Only edition. An interesting disputation defended before Neller at the University of Trier. It begins with an elaborate discussion of Ancient and Biblical chronology. Its findings are used to establish the priority of legal concepts in Roman, canon and ancient customary law. The folding charts are a concordance of the Christian and Roman calendars. OCLC locates no copies in North America. *Das Verzeichnis Deutscher Drucke des 18. Jahrhunderts* 13551817-001. [Order This Item](#)



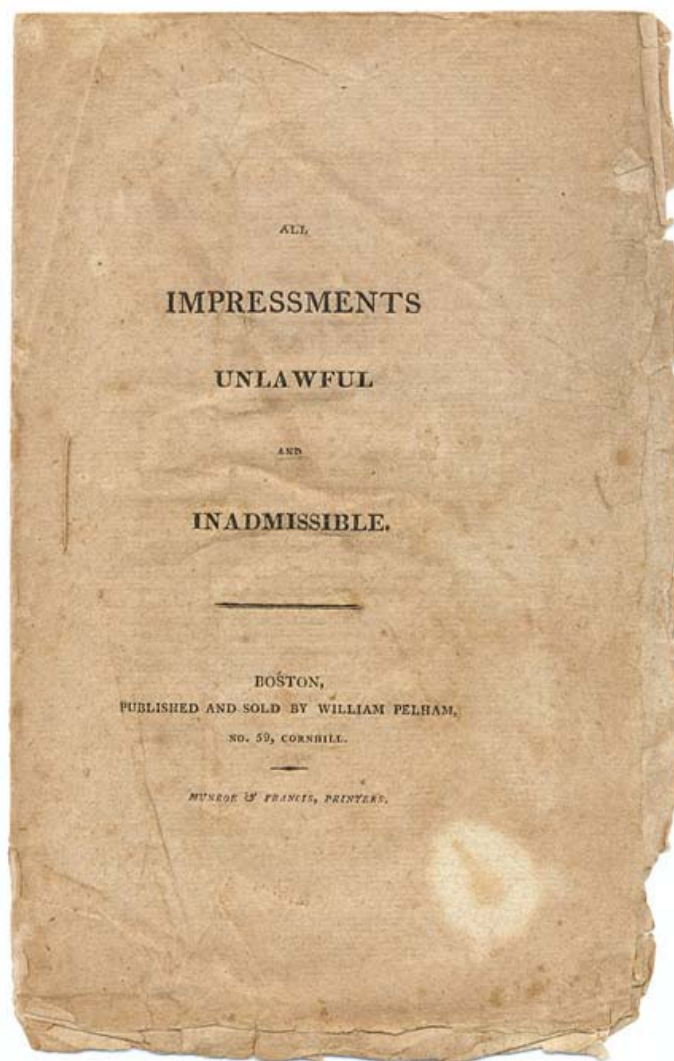
"Former Supreme Court Justice Seriously Ill"

15. Holmes, Oliver Wendell [1841-1935].

[5" x 7" *Black-and-White Press Photograph of Holmes*]. [(New York): International News Photos, March 1, 1935].

Light crinkling to edges, stamps, annotations and tipped-in caption to verso. \$150.

* The caption reads: "Former Supreme Court Justice Seriously Ill. Washington D.C.....The venerable Oliver Wendell Holmes, for twenty-nine years a liberal member of the United States Supreme Court, who is gravely ill at his home here. Mr. Holmes was suddenly stricken with bronchial pneumonia. Mr. Holmes will be ninety-four years old on March 8th." [Order This Item](#)



A Contemporary Response to the Chesapeake-Leopard Affair

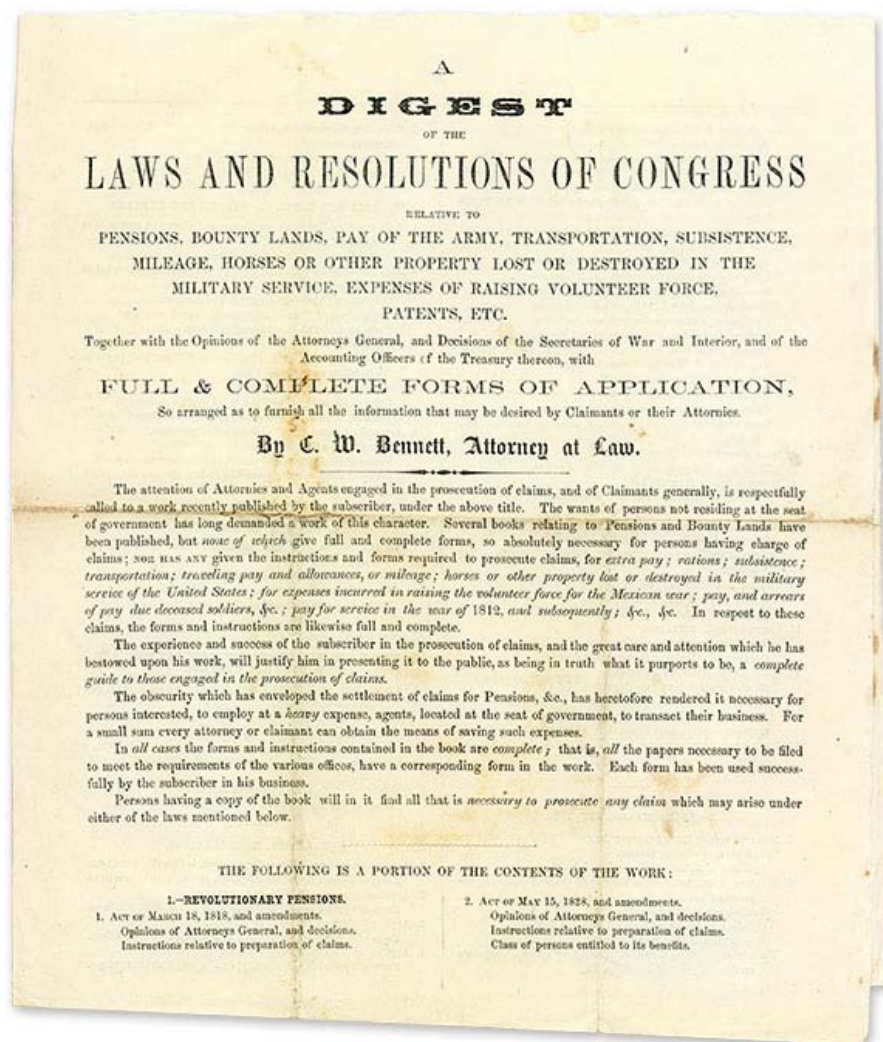
16. [Impressment]. [United States].

All Impressments Unlawful and Inadmissible. Boston: Published and Sold by William Pelham, [c. 1808]. 12 pp. Octavo (9-1/4" x 5-3/4").

Stab-stitched pamphlet in self wrappers, untrimmed edges. Light browning, light soiling to exterior, a few minor stains, upper corner lacking from margin of final leaf, two small holes to final leaf with negligible loss to text, no loss to legibility. \$500.

* One of two issues, both printed c. 1808. This pamphlet addresses the Chesapeake-Leopard Affair, a naval engagement off the coast of Norfolk, Virginia between the HMS Leopard and USS Chesapeake. The Leopard pursued, attacked and boarded the Chesapeake to capture four deserters from the Royal Navy. This incident created an uproar among Americans and was one of the incidents that led to the War of 1812. The main part of this pamphlet is a letter from extracted from then Secretary of State James Madison to James Monroe, minister to Great Britain. The creation of this pamphlet is attributed in some sources to Tench Coxe. Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 7308.

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**1854 Circular Advertising
a Handbook on Veterans Benefits**

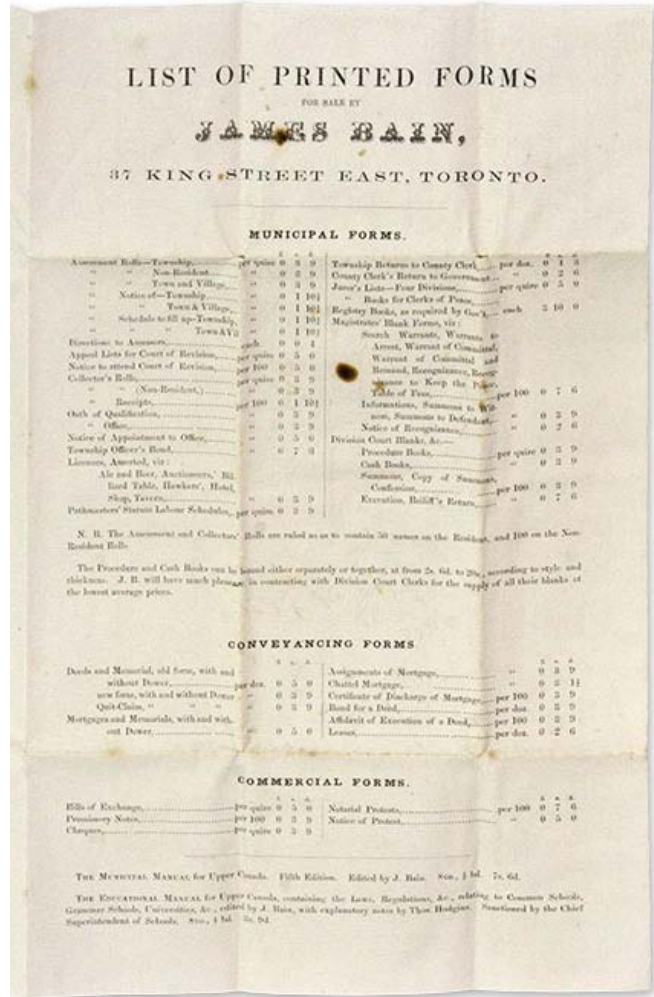
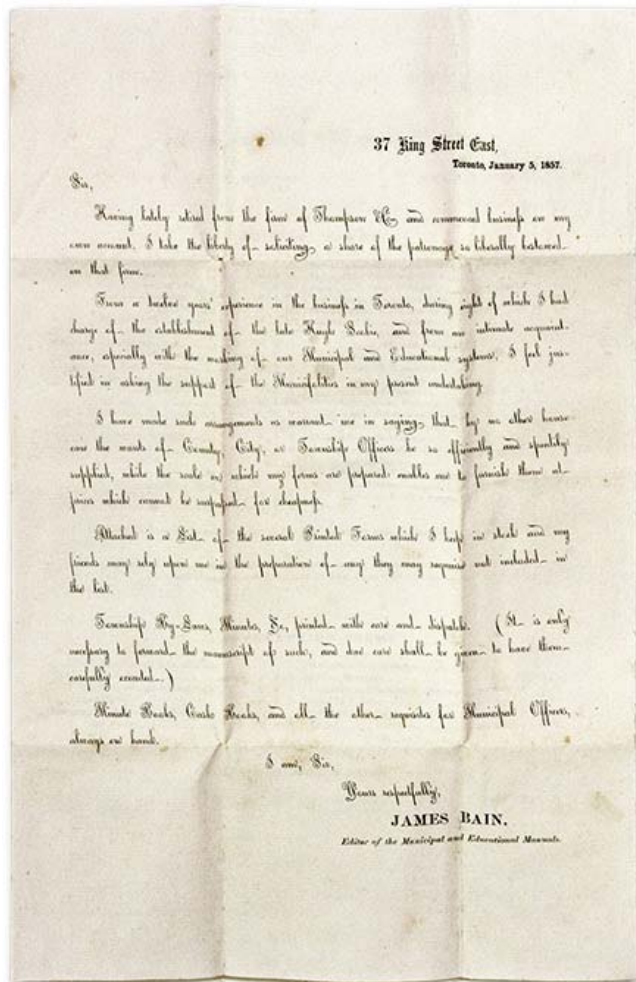
**17. [Legal Publishing].
Bennett, C[lement] W.**

[Prospectus for *A Digest of the Laws and Resolutions of Congress Relative to Pensions, Bounty Lands, Pay of the Army, Mileage, Horses or Other Property Lost or Destroyed in the Military Service, Expenses of Volunteer Force, Patents, Etc. Together with the Opinions of the Attorneys General and Decisions of the Secretaries of War and Interior, And of the Accounting Officers of the Treasury Thereon, With Full and Complete Forms of Application, So Arranged as to Furnish All the Information that may be Desired by Claimants or Their Attorneys*]. [Washington, DC, c. 1854]. [4] pp. Quarto (9-1/2" x 8").

Single leaf folded to form bifolium. Moderate toning, bottom edge of second leaf (pp. 3-4) trimmed closely (without loss to text), two vertical and one horizontal fold lines, a few minor spots. \$250.

* This prospectus offers an overview of the book, a summary of its chapters and ordering information. Bennett was an attorney in Washington, DC. Published in 1854, this self-published book has an imprint reading: "Washington: Holman, Gray & Co., Printers, Corner Centre and White Streets, N.Y." No copies of this circular listed on OCLC.

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1857 Catalogue of a Toronto Law Bookseller and Publisher

18. [Legal Publishing].

James Bain.

List of Printed Forms for Sale by James Bain, 37 King Street, East, Toronto. Toronto, January 5, 1857. [4] pp. Folio (13-1/2" x 8-1/4").

Single leaf folded to form bifolium, content to rectos, addressed on verso of second leaf, along with some early doodles. Light toning, two vertical and two horizontal fold lines, a few minor spots. A well-preserved item. \$350.

* Bain was both a publisher, editor and printer. His catalogue states: "I have made such arrangements as warrant me in saying that by no other house can the wants of County, City, or Township Offices be so efficiently and speedily supplied.... Attached is a list of the several Printed Forms which I keep in stock and my friends may rely upon me in the preparation of any they may require not included in the list. Township By-Laws, Minutes, &c, printed with care and dispatch. (It is only necessary to forward the manuscript of such, and due care shall be given to have them carefully executed.) Minute Books, Cash Books, and all other requisites fro Municipal Officers, always on hand." This copy is addressed to the township clerk of Woolwich, Ontario. No copies listed on OCLC. [Order This Item](#)



Cardozo ALS on U.S.
Supreme Court Letterhead with Photo

19. [Manuscript].

Cardozo, Benjamin N. [1870-1938].

[Shapiro, Harold].

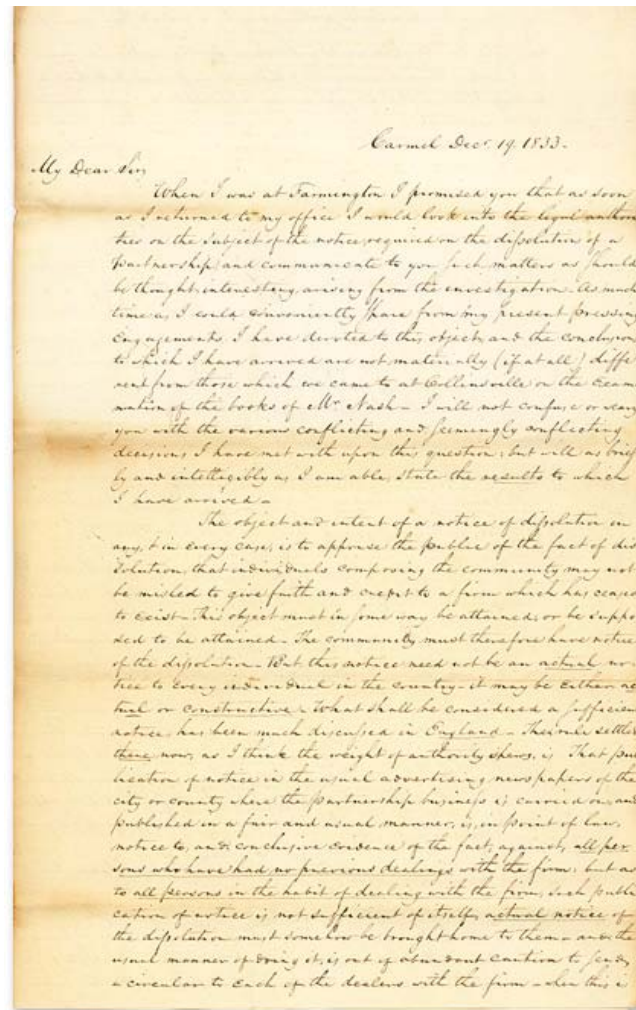
[Autograph Letter, Signed, To Harold Shapiro on U.S. Supreme Court Letterhead, October 8, 1934]. Two 5" x 7-3/4" leaves. Light soiling, horizontal fold lines, otherwise fine.

[With]

Cardozo, Benjamin N.

[7" x 9" Black-and-White Photograph of Cardozo]. [New York: Acme Newspictures, October 13, 1933]. \$750.

* Shapiro was a lawyer involved with trade and anti-trust regulation during the New Deal. He was the co-author of *Trade Associations in Law and Business* (1938). The letter reads: "Dear Harold Shapiro, I am more than pleased to hear of your appointment. You will carry with you into your new task my earnest wishes for your happiness; of your success I feel assured. Let me hear of your progress. Faithfully yours, Benjamin N. Cardozo." The photo caption reads (in part): "Justice Benjamin N. Cardozo of the U.S. Supreme Court shown as he arrived to attend a session of the fall term which opened recently. (...) Justice Cardozo is shown in an informal action pose as he arrives at the court in Washington, D.C. Oct. 12th." [Order This Item](#)



A Notable Lawyer Discusses the Dissolution of Partnerships

20. [Manuscript]

Cowles, Henry B. [1798-1873].

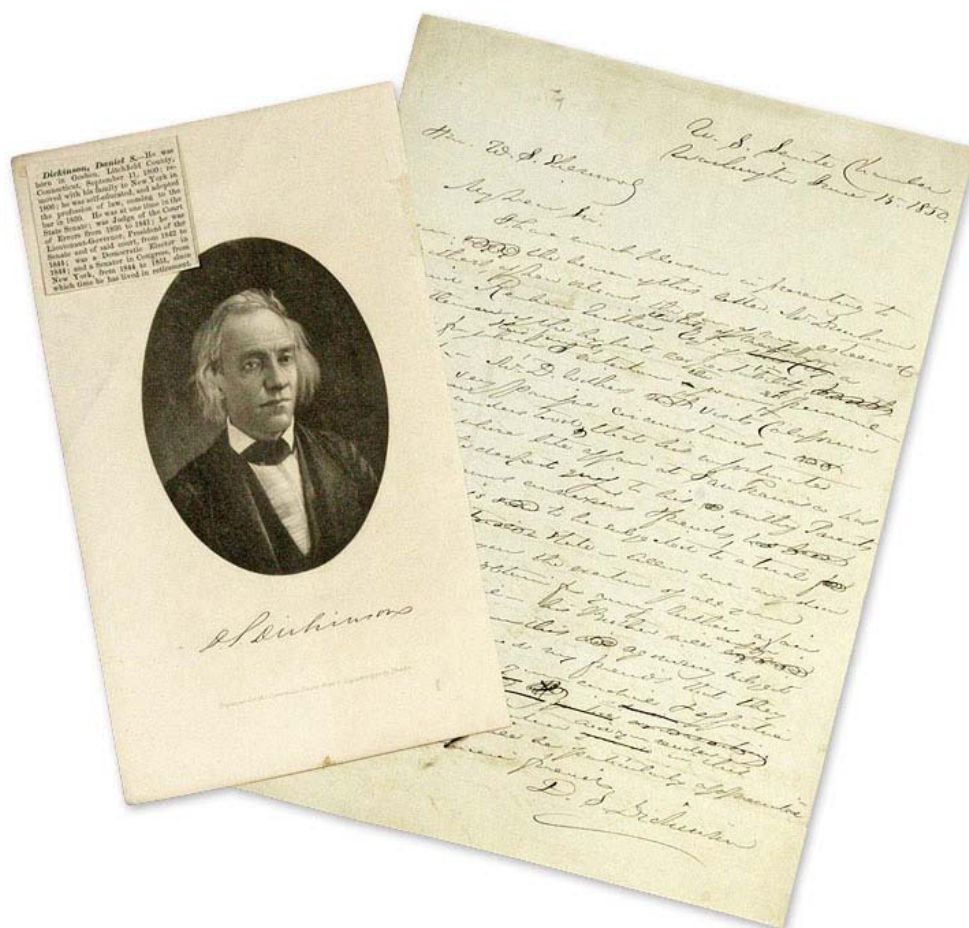
[Cowles, Gad (1768-1845)].

[Autograph Letter, Signed, Carmel, NY, December 19, 1833].

Single leaf folded to form 13" x 8" bifolium with integral address leaf, franked on verso of second leaf. Moderate toning, vertical and horizontal fold lines, a minor loss at wax seal with no loss to text. \$450.

* A lengthy letter from a notable lawyer and U.S. Congressman discussing laws on the dissolution of partnerships. Addressed to his uncle, Cowles discusses the legal precedents on notifications in cases of the dissolution of partnerships. He reviews the laws of New York, Connecticut and South Carolina, as well as those of Great Britain. Cowles concludes that "the Courts of South Carolina have in my opinion hit upon the most sensible and rational rule upon this whole subject, and one which is best calculated to do justice to all the parties & preserve the rights of Courts and juries." Cowles was born in Hartford, Connecticut in 1798 and moved to Dutchess County, New York in 1809. An 1816 graduate of Union College in Schenectady, he studied law and was admitted to the bar. He served in the New York State Assembly from 1826 to 1828 and in 1829 was elected to one term in Congress as an anti-Jacksonian. In 1834 he moved to New York City and opened a practice that he maintained until the end of his life.

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**Letter Regarding a California Trial
for the 1849 Murder of an African-American**

21. [Manuscript].

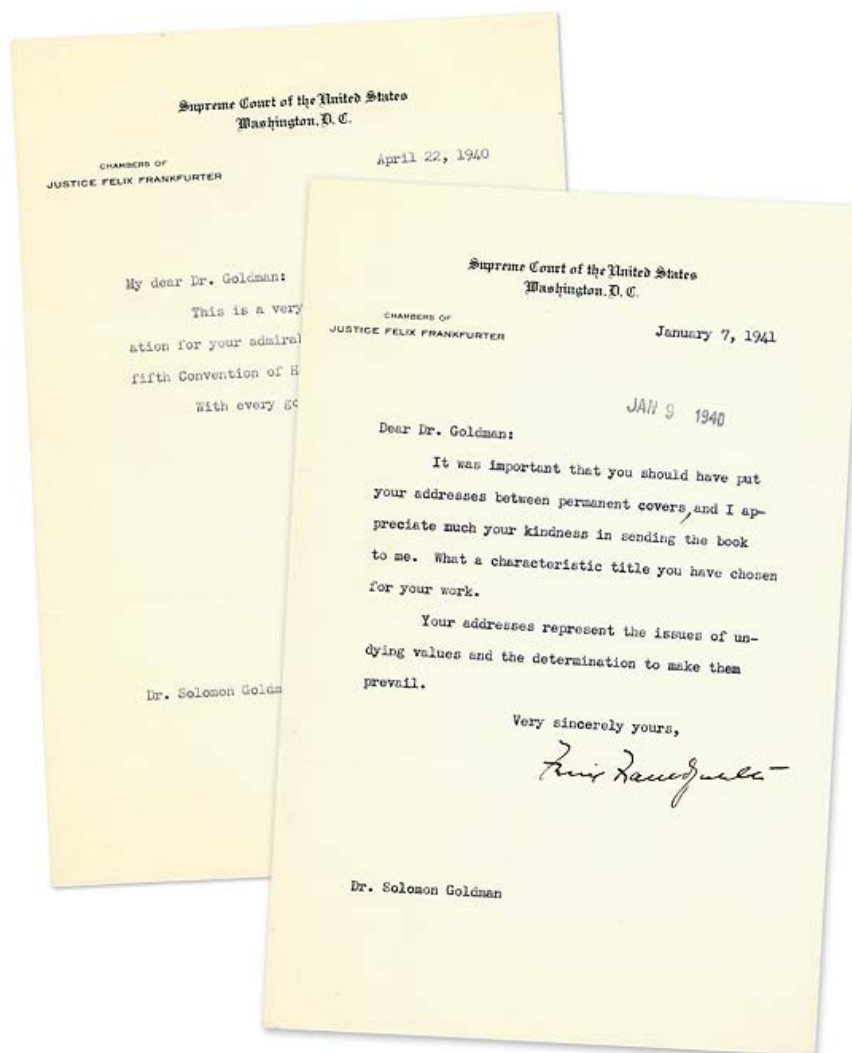
Dickinson, [D]aniel S. [1800-1866)].

[Sherwood, Winfield S. (1817-1865)].

[Draft of Autograph Letter, Signed, to Winfield Scott Sherwood, Washington, DC, U.S. Senate Chamber, 1850].

Single 10-3/4" x 8" leaf, docketed on verso, some toning, vertical and horizontal fold lines, a few later annotations in tiny hand. Letter accompanied by biographical sketch clipped from a contemporary source and a lithograph portrait plate removed from an unidentified book. \$500.

* A retained draft of a letter by Daniel S. Dickinson, a U.S. Senator from New York, concerning the trial of Reuben Withers Jr. for the murder in California of an African-American named "Bones." Addressed to former New York politician Winfield S. Sherwood, a signer of the California Constitution of 1849, candidate for governor, and later district judge, the letter introduces Reuben Withers's brother, New Orleans banker Dunham Withers, and asks Sherwood to make sure Reuben receives a fair trial. Reuben Withers Sr. was president of the Bank of New York; his son Dunham was a representative to the southern states for the New York banking firm of Howland & Aspinwall. David Dunham Withers of New Orleans was a noted thoroughbred horseman and president of the racing organization that became the Jockey Club. Senator Daniel S. Dickinson previously served as lieutenant governor of New York and later as its 27th attorney general. Dickinson was a potential candidate in 1864 for vice president to Abraham Lincoln. [Order This Item](#)



**Frankfurter Expresses Admiration and Thanks
to the President of the Zionist Organization of America**

22. [Manuscript].

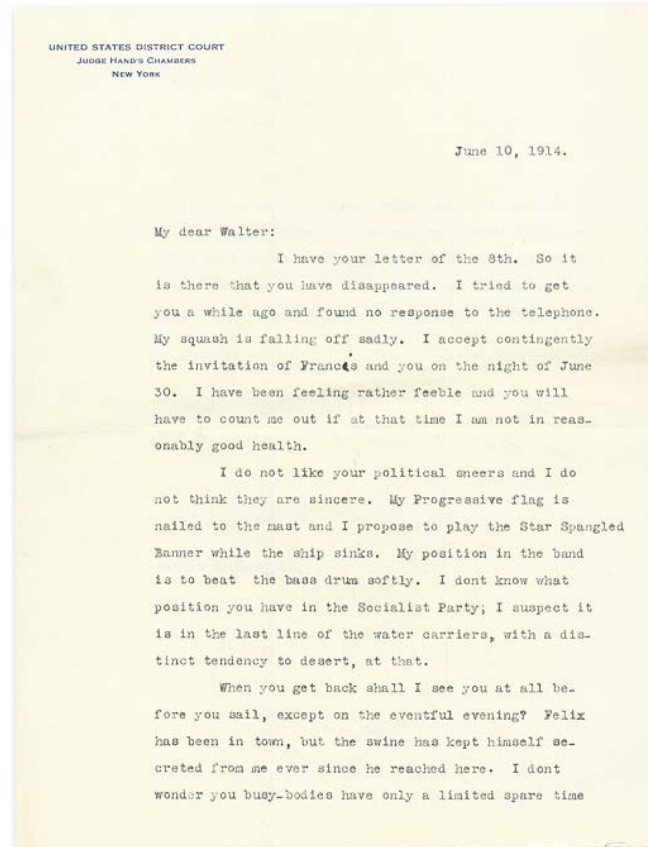
Frankfurter, Felix [1882-1965].

[Goldman, Solomon (1893-1953)].

[Two Typed Letters, Signed, To Dr. Solomon Goldman, On U.S. Supreme Court Letterhead, April 22, 1940 and January 7, 1941].

Single-sided letters on 6-1/2" x 9" sheets, signed "Felix Frankfurter." Faint fold lines, date stamp to head of letter from 1941. \$950.

* Goldman was the president of the Zionist Organization of America. The first letter, from 1940, expresses appreciation for Goldman's address at the 25th Annual Convention of Hadassah. (It was a rousing speech in which Goldman asked: "Will American Jewry...rise to its full stature, or will this giant among the Jewries of the world fetter its own hands and feet? A timid Jewry in America is no asset to world Jewry. (...) We are becoming habituated to defeat, whispering, begging. It is not ours to beg for tolerance. We must demand justice.") The second letter, from 1941, thanks Goldman for sending him a copy of his published addresses and expresses the opinion that his "addresses represent the issues of undying values and the determination to make them prevail." [Order This Item](#)



**Friendly Letter from Hand to Walter Lippmann
Regarding Socialism and the (Often Dreary) Life of a Judge**

23. [Manuscript].

Hand, Learned [1872-1961].

[Lippmann, Walter (1889-1974)].

[Typed Letter, Signed, To Lippmann, On U.S. District Court Letterhead, June 10, 1914].

Two 10-1/2" x 8" sheets. Some toning, fold lines, two vertical and one horizontal, a few minor corrections by Hand, letter signed L.H. \$1,250.

* A friendly letter from one of the most significant American jurists of the twentieth century to one of its most influential journalists. Hand, a judge of the U.S. Southern District of New York, later a judge of the Court of Appeals, Second Circuit, was renowned for his judgments, which were also admired for their lucidity and elegance. Lippmann, a writer, reporter, editor and syndicated political commentator, was a highly influential figure in political life and one of the first to introduce the concept of the Cold War. In this letter Hand touches on social matters, mentioning that "Felix [Frankfurter] is back in town," and laments, humorously, the drudgery faced by judges, "most of whose living hours are consumed in reading testimony. I now see why people in former times went to such extravagances in telling judges what great men they were. If they had not baited the hook in some such way the poor suckers would never have bitten." He also teases Lippmann for joining the Socialist Party and defends his allegiance to Progressivism: "I do not like your political sneers and I do not think they are sincere. My Progressive flag is nailed to the mast and I propose to play the Star Spangled Banner while the ship sinks. My position in the band is to beat the bass drum softly. I don't know what position you have in the Socialist Party; I suspect it is in the last line of the water carriers, with a distinct tendency to desert, at that." As the tone of this letter indicates, Hand and Lippmann were good friends, and would remain so until Hand's death in 1961. [Order This Item](#)



**A Notable Philadelphia Attorney
Writes to James Madison and Others**

24. [Manuscript].

Ingersoll, Charles Jared [1782-1862].

[Madison, James [1751-1836], And Other Recipients].

[Letters from Ingersoll to James Madison and Others]. Philadelphia or Washington, D.C. 1825-1848.

6 letters comprising 11 pages, sizes range from 7-1/4" x 3-1/2" to 10" x 8." Manuscript in ink. Light to moderate toning, fold lines, minor wear and soiling. \$950.

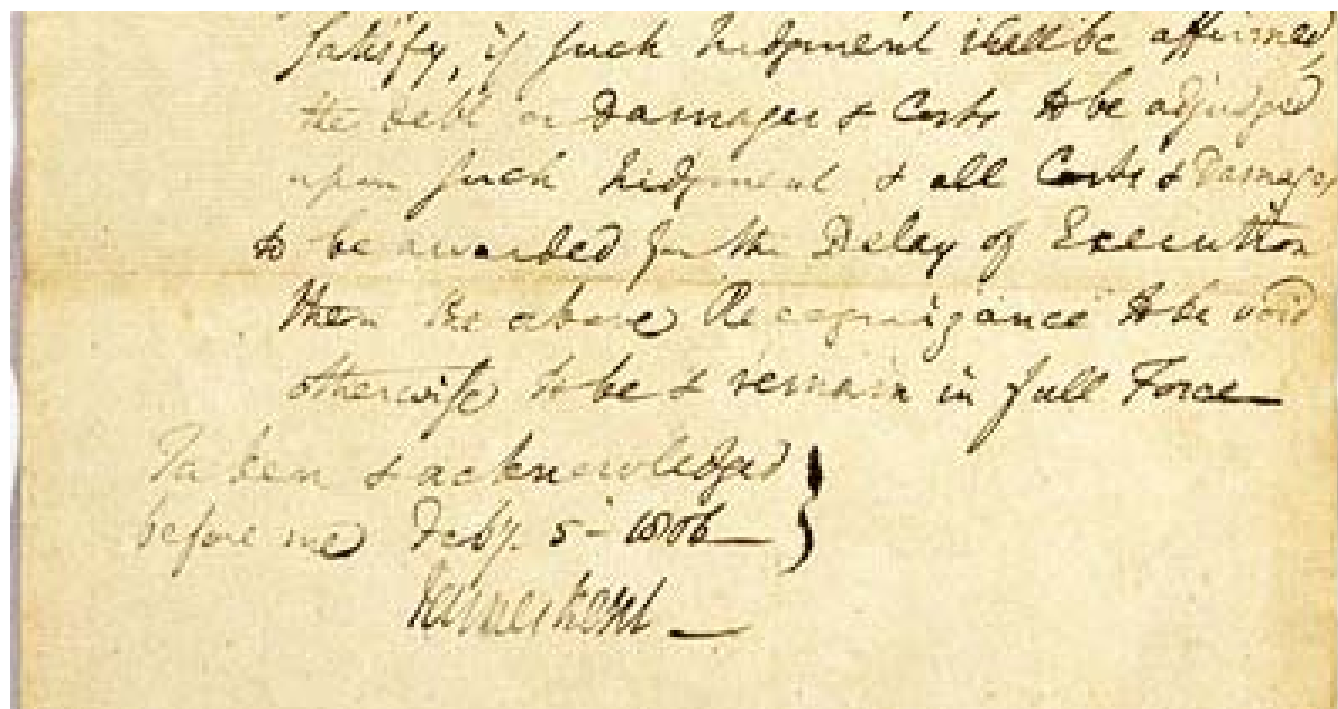
* The son of Jared Ingersoll [1749-1822], Continental Congressman and Signer of the U.S. Constitution, Charles Jared Ingersoll was a Philadelphia lawyer and Pennsylvania U.S. District Attorney and Congressman. This small but interesting collection of letters are representative of his equally distinguished legislative and judicial careers.

The addressees in our group of letters include former U.S. President James Madison, lawyer and later Mayor of Philadelphia John Morin Scott and John Young Mason, jurist and then U.S. Secretary of the Navy. The letter to Madison introduces a French nobleman visiting America who wishes "to examine its institutions." The letter to Scott concerns *The Postmaster General v. Eldred &c. of Ridgway*, a legal case he was hearing in the Court of the U.S. Eastern District of Pennsylvania. In 1844, while serving as U.S. Representative from Pennsylvania in the 28th Congress, Ingersoll wrote a letter to Richard E. Stillwell providing a detailed response to a request for a professional memoir. Ingersoll's letter of July 17, 1844 to E.L. Burd of Chestnut Street in Philadelphia accedes with the latter's request for an introduction to the newly appointed U.S. Minister to France, William Rufus King. Burd's reply the next day was written upon the same bifolium and returned to Ingersoll with Burd's "sincere thanks."

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In 1847 Samuel Grice of Kensington in Philadelphia, trying to obtain a midshipman warrant in the navy for his nephew, Samuel J. Deacon, wrote Ingersoll for his help. When no immediate action was taken by the Secretary of the Navy, John Young Mason [1799-1859], Deacon himself appealed to Ingersoll via letter on April 17, 1847. In turn, Congressman Ingersoll (without endorsement or comment) forwarded the letter to the Secretary of the Navy that same day to support his case. Writing to an unnamed recipient, Ingersoll's letter of March 25, 1848 sends along an unauthorized Philadelphia imprint concerning his thoughts "on the Mission to Italy" during the Risorgimento of 1848. This letter was written when he was Chairman of the U.S. House of Representatives' Committee on Foreign Affairs.

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A Court Document in Kent's Hand, Signed by Kent

25. [Manuscript].

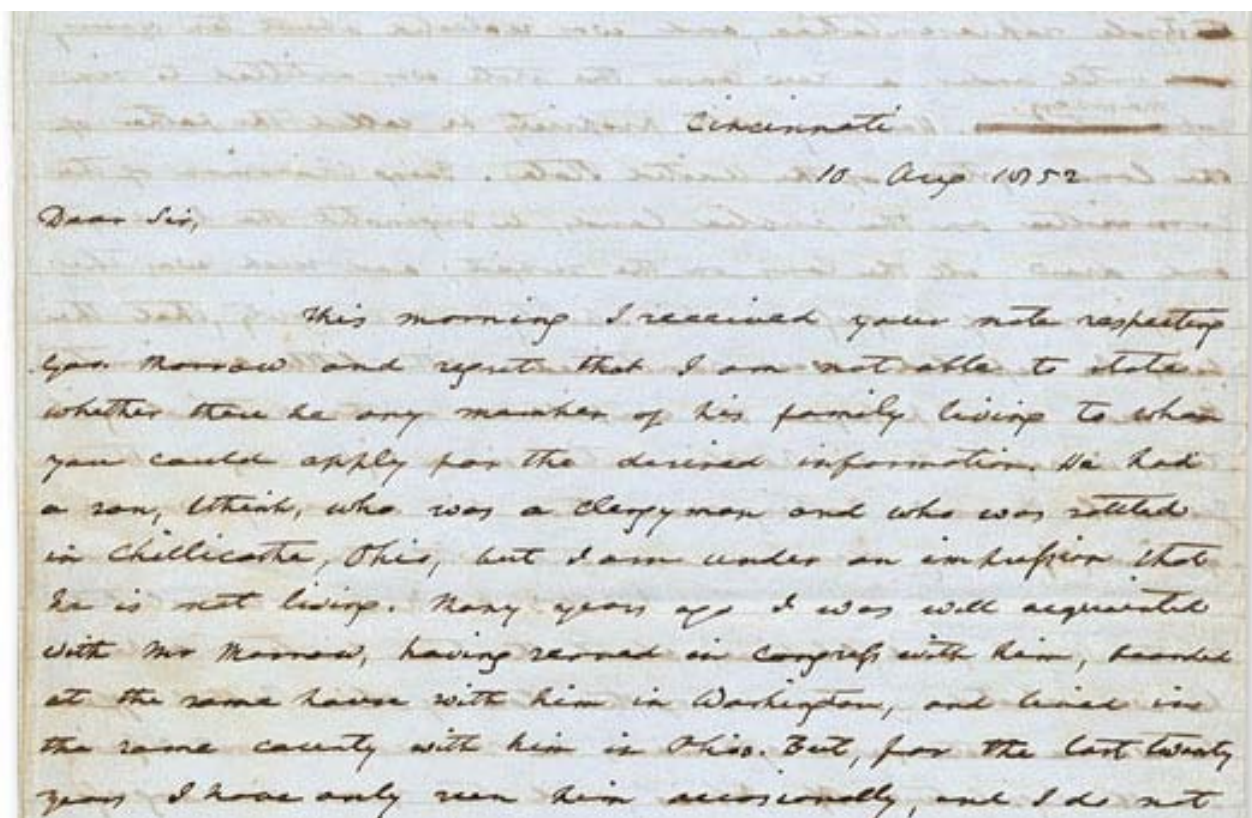
Kent, James [1763-1847].

[*Court Document in Kent's Hand, Signed by Kent*]. [New York]: February 5, 1806. 4 pp.

12-3/4" x 8-1/4" bifolium, docketed on verso of second leaf.

Horizontal fold lines, a few with minor tears, light browning and minor edgewear. Content in small hand filling one page. \$950.

* A recognizance composed and signed by Kent when he was chief justice of the New York Supreme Court. It concerned a sum of \$1,600.00 owed to David Richardson by Rufus Backus. This debt was related to land owned in Washington County, NY. Kent, the great judge and legal scholar, is known for his path-breaking his *Commentaries on American Law* (1826-1830) and precedent-setting career as chief justice of the New York Supreme Court (1804-1814) and chancellor of New York (1814-1823). [Order This Item](#)



Memories of Ohio Governor
Morrow by a U.S. Supreme Court Justice

27. [Manuscript].

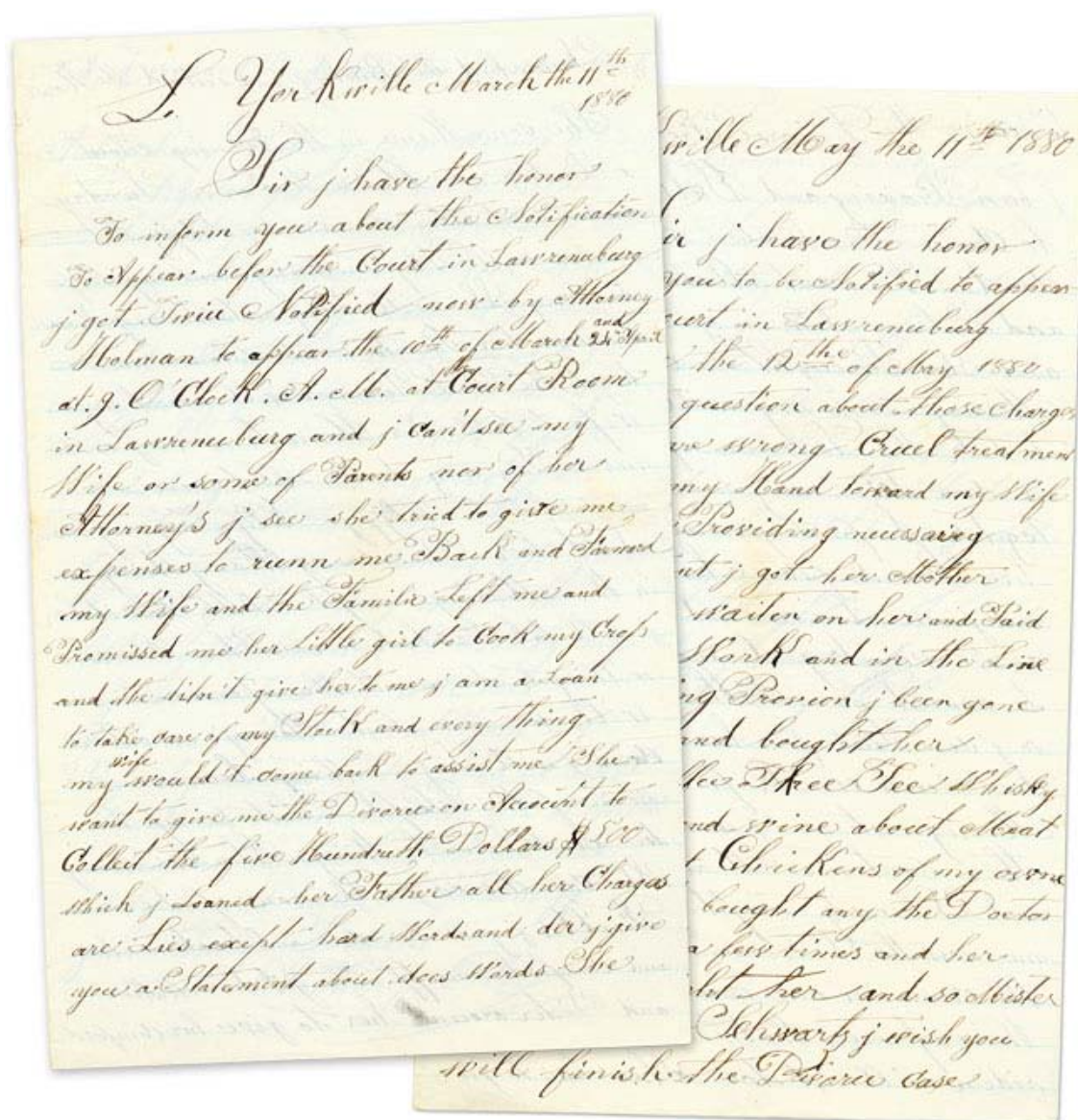
McLean, John [1785-1861].

[Adair, Robert F.].

[Autograph Letter, Signed, To Robert F. Adair, Cincinnati, OH, August 10, 1852].

Single leaf folded to form bifolium and a single leaf, all 10-1/2" x 8-1/2," franked on verso of single leaf. Content in neat hand to rectos and versos of bifolium leaves. Light toning, vertical and horizontal fold lines, small losses at wax seal causing very small text loss, but no loss of legibility, minor edgewear and a few short tears to margins. This letter is accompanied by a contemporary 4-1/2" x 3-1/2" copperplate portrait of McLean (on a 9" x 6" leaf). \$950.

* A substantive 4-1/2 page letter by U.S. Supreme Court Associate Justice John McLean about late Ohio congressman, senator, and governor, Jeremiah Morrow [1771-1852], who died five months earlier. McLean had served in Congress with Morrow. Appointed by President Andrew Jackson, McLean is best remembered today as the senior Supreme Court justice, and one of only two justices, who dissented in *Dred Scott v. Sandford*. During the 1850s, when Chief Justice Roger B. Taney was frequently ill, McLean who presided over the Court. In this letter, McLean replies to a query about Morrow from Robert F. Adair and here appends a four-page memoir of his late friend. Robert F. Adair of Maysville, Kentucky may possibly be silversmith Robert Farriss Adair (1833-1907). Justice McLean writes: "Many years ago I was well acquainted with Mr. Morrow, having served with him in Washington, and lived in the same county with him in Ohio." McLean directs Adair to write to "Howard Dunlevy Esquire" who lived only six miles from Governor Morrow. Almost like a postscript, McLean writes "[a] very hasty sketch of Morrow." Much more than a sketch, it almost four pages in length and includes biographical facts and, more interestingly, personal observations, anecdotes and judgments. [Order This Item](#)



Documents of a
Contentious 1880 Divorce in Indiana

28. [Manuscript].
[Ober, Anthony].

[*Legal Rant Over a Contentious Divorce and a Personal Summons to Appear in Court*]. Yorkville, IN, 1880.

Two bifolio letters, 8" x 5," manuscript in ink, dated March 11 and May 11, 1880. Letter of May 11 docketed "Yorkville Ind." Light toning, vertical and horizontal fold lines. \$250.

* Two almost stream-of-consciousness letters concerning Ober's contentious divorce from his wife. Ober's handsome penmanship is a stark contrast to his poor spelling, lack of punctuation and obviously anxious mental state. (Ober's spelling and sentence construction also suggests that German may be his native language.) Ober's letter of March 11 is an unleashed flood of invective. Ober's second letter appears to assume the form of a personal, rather than court-issued, summons to appear in court. He seems to be reconciled to the divorce. In all, it appears that Mr. Ober wanted out, whatever the cost. [Order This Item](#)

So: Glassy
New: My.
Feb 27, '65.
My dear Sir,
Yours of 15th. came
to sight Saturday evening. It
was directed "Rocky Hill" and
remained to the P.O. here. I
left for Wash^g Thursday 24th
& not Saturday eve.
In regard to Levi Benson, I
suppose him to be a brother
of Benson of the "Cromwell,
Lays, Murder case", who was
convicted of perjury & sentenced
to State Prison; as I always
thought unjustly; and pardoned
out by the Legislature of '62. One
of the Bensons spent some time
in Rocky Hill a year or more
ago, since which have known
nothing of his whereabouts, in-

Crime and Prostitution in Connecticut

29. [Manuscript].

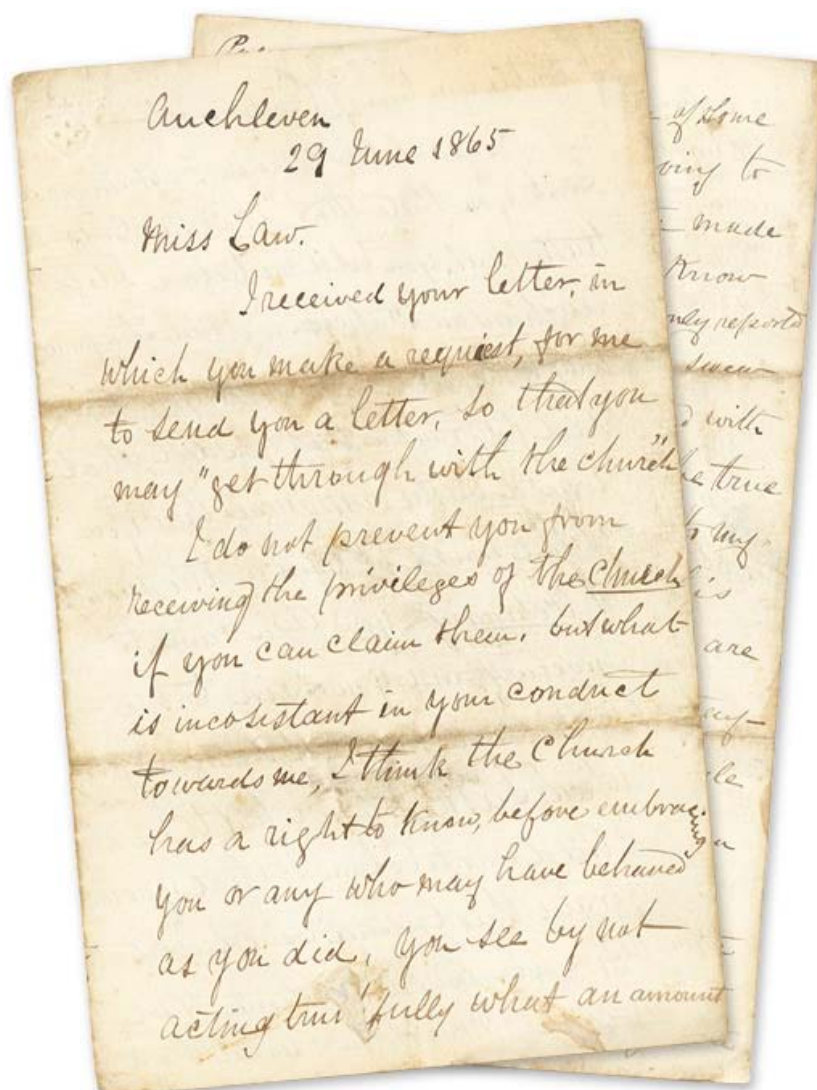
Pratt. Charles T.

[Jones, Samuel F.].

[Autograph Letter, Signed, South Glastonbury, Connecticut, February 27, 1865].

Single leaf folded to from 8" x 5" bifolium, no transmittal envelope. Horizontal fold line, first and last pages browned. Content in neat hand to rectos and versos of all pages. \$450.

* A curious Civil War-era letter reporting that a member of the noted Connecticut Goodrich family was operating an illegal saloon, gambling establishment and brothel in Pumpkintown, Connecticut, a village near Rocky Hill. The author of this letter, apparently one Charles T. Pratt, seems to be acting as a private investigator or informant for Saml. F. Jones Esq., who was probably an attorney. Pratt's letter begins with a description of various criminals associated with murder, perjury, and prisons. He then turns to the dishonorable conduct of Nathaniel B. Goodrich: "Nath'l long ago commenc'd keeping a rum hole in "Pumpkintown" as its call'd (west part of Rocky Hill" at which; it's been said; all sorts of games men play'd day & night, Sunday's included. "Twas indeed a bad place. Some three or four years ago he went to Hrfd [Hartford] & kept a saloon in the cellar of Sissery [?] block, when; he admitted to me; he kept whores: indeed he never attempted to disguise the thing. He has a little regard for "law & order" probably as any man ever had." It appears that Goodrich is facing a court trial. Pratt may be involved in gathering the facts of the case and locating or evaluating witnesses. Pratt continues: "His cousin will try hard to save him. I heard he had for witnesses, such chaps as George Wright, whose word no one acquainted with him would regard good for any thing. If testimony such as he will be apt to get will swear him clear, there is no danger of his final conviction. So far as I can learn "everybody" thinks Nat. guilty & that he used Kelly for a tool. All I have to say is, God grant that justice may be done all around." [Order This Item](#)



Archleaven
29 June 1865
Miss Law.
I received your letter, in
which you make a request, for me
to send you a letter, so that you
may "get through with the church"
I do not prevent you from
receiving the privileges of the Church
if you can claim them, but what
is inconsistent in your conduct
towards me, I think the Church
has a right to know, before embracing
you or any who may have behaved
as you did. You see by not
acting truly "fully what an amount

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How Do You Know It's Mine?

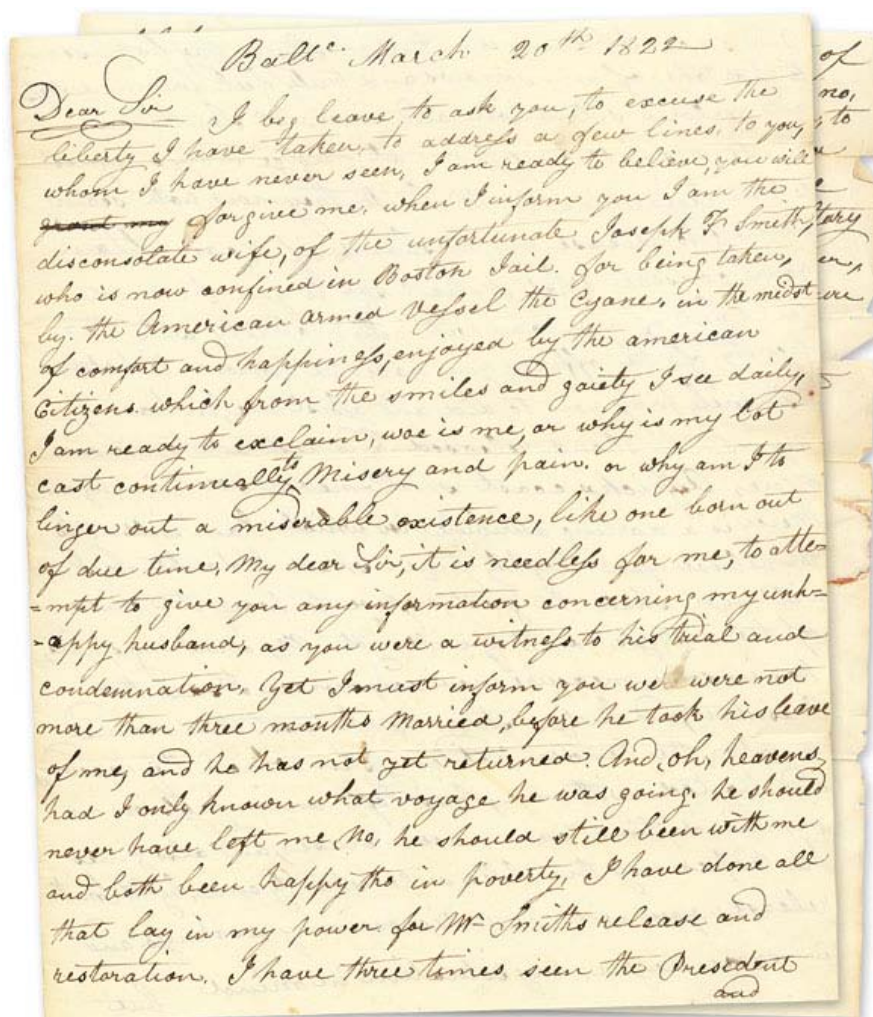
30. [Manuscript].

Rae, L.M.

[Autograph Letter Signed, Aberdeenshire, Scotland, June 29, 1865].

Two bifolium 7-1/2" x 4-1/2" sheets, no transmittal envelope. Vertical and horizontal fold lines, some toning and minor soiling. Content in neat hand to rectos and versos of all leaves. \$450.

* A passionate letter to "Miss Law" alleging infidelity and a birth out of wedlock. Rae also discusses issues of child support and the involvement of church authorities. It seems Miss Law had gotten herself "in the family way" but the timing of the birth of the child and Rae's absence (he may have been a soldier) are not adding up. Reflecting back on the time just before law told Rae she was pregnant, he remembers how odd it was that she was forcing herself upon him and how "friendly" she was with one William Dick. He continues, hinting at even more lovers she might have had. Rae does not deny he has had sexual relations with Miss Law. He even suggests her father may have encouraged her duplicity and he is adamant that he was absent from her at the time of conception. It is unclear, but Law may have been seeking charity money from the church as an abandoned mother, or perhaps, she may be attempting to garnish Rae's salary with the church's help. In all, the letter records a sad and sordid tale. [Order This Item](#)



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The First Convicted American Slave Trader, A Wife's Plea for Mercy

31. [Manuscript].

[Slavery].

Smith, Darcas (Mrs. Joseph F.)

[Davis, John (1761-1847)].

[*Autograph Letter, Signed, to Judge John Davis, Baltimore, March 20, 1822*].

Two 9-3/4" x 7-3/4" leaves, content in fine hand to both, second leaf franked and docketed on verso. Light toning, vertical and horizontal fold lines, minor loss at wax seal with no loss to text, few minor chips and tears to second leaf. A rare document, unknown to the American historian who recently published a detailed account of the Smith case. \$4,500.

* Plaintive plea for mercy addressed to Davis, judge of the United States district court for the district of Massachusetts, by the "disconsolate" wife of 29 year-old Baltimore sea captain Joseph Findley Smith, the first American convicted under the U.S. laws of 1808 and 1818 outlawing the transatlantic slave trade. In April 1820 Smith's schooner, the *Plattsburgh*, was captured off the West African coast by the U.S. Naval warship *Cyane*. While the *Plattsburgh* had no African natives aboard, it had been secretly outfitted as a slaver in Cuba with 50 sets of slave shackles, a set of deck cannons and a portfolio of fictitious papers of "Spanish" ownership. Smith was arrested and taken to Boston, where, in a trial presided over by U.S. Supreme Court Justice Joseph Story in January 1821, he was found guilty. With Monroe's hope that he would be "made an example of," sentenced to a five-year jail term. The trial was a small media sensation.

More than a year later, while Smith begged Monroe for a pardon, the "decent but poor girl" he had married just before sailing for Africa met with the President and Story Both men were sympathetic to this "suffering daughter of America"; Story advised her to have her husband confess to and apologize for his crime and implicate the secret owners of his ship and their Cuban confederates. The impoverished Smith, who had not profited at all from the illegal voyage, complied, and was released from jail on August 30, 1822. Mrs. Smith wrote (in part) to the federal judge who had presided at a related slave-trade trial: "We were not more than three months married, before he took his leave of me, and he has not yet returned. And, oh, heavens had I only known what voyage he was going he should never have left me, no, he should still been with me and both been happy in poverty. I have done all that lay in my power for Mr. Smith's release and restoration. (...) I sincerely pray you, to aid an assist me, in having my dear husband released and restored to me once more. Affricks [Africa's] coast shall never see him again. Mercy is a darling attribute in which I am willing to believe you highly prize. (...) I hope you will excuse a suffering daughter of America. Stretch forth your hand to raise a suffering fellow creature." See Chambers, *No God but Gain: The Untold Story of Cuban Slavery, The Monroe Doctrine, and the Making of the United States* (2015), which describes this case. [Order This Item](#)

Peterborough April 14th 1853

Dr. Batcheller

Sir, Yours of the 11th was received last evening. You may well suppose that delicate as I then was Comings's case gave me much uneasiness. For aside from the fact I was & am opposed to capital punishment, the evidence in his case, as published (I believe by his friends) led me to doubt the correctness of the verdict, & I believe that I did say "that if I had been on the Jury I would have acquitted until I grew to my seat before I would have agreed to a verdict of guilt." Other facts afterwards came to my knowledge & justice to my self if not a duty I owe to the public compels me to say that, in my opinion, the trial as published does not contain "the truth, the whole truth & nothing but the truth," or in other words is not a full & clear statement of all the facts in the case. Several years have passed since my attention has been particularly called to this matter & I have not now that distinct recollection of the facts which would enable me to state with certainty the differences between the published evidence & that furnished by the prosecuting attorneys, all that I now distinctly remember is that after the perusal of the evidence as taken by them & a free & full converse with those gentlemen, I was led not only to doubt the correctness of my first opinion but to be strongly inclined to believe that the verdict of the Jury was correct, & were it not for the fact that Mrs Comings was found dead, I would have no hesitation in expressing my decided belief that Comings was her murderer. But how it was possible for him to have first strangled & then dress her without alarming the other inmates of the house is more than I can well conjecture, setting that aside

**NH Governor Steele Discusses a
Controversial Murder Case Recorded in McDade**

32. [Manuscript].

Steele, John Hardy [1789-1865].

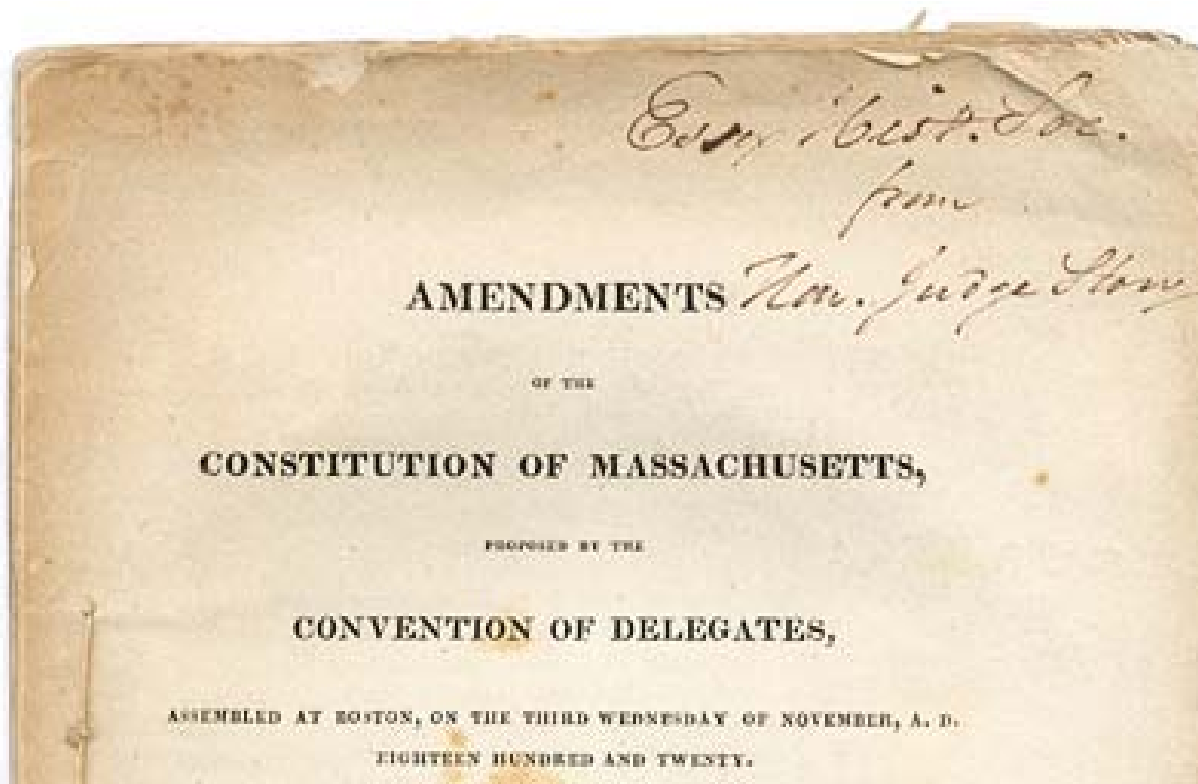
[Batcheller, Dr. James (d. 1866)].

[Comings, William].

[Autograph Letter, Signed, To Dr. James Batcheller, Peterborough, NH, April 14, 1853].

Single leaf folded to form bifolium, all 10" x 7-3/4," franked on verso, with postage stamp. Content in neat hand to recto and versos of first leaf. Vertical and horizontal fold lines, a few tiny stains. \$750.

* Steele was the governor of New Hampshire. His letter discusses facts pointing to the innocence or guilt of William Comings, who was convicted of strangling his wife with a handkerchief, then suspending her body from a bedpost to make her death look like a suicide. Comings was convicted and appealed his case unsuccessfully. He was then pardoned by Governor Steele, who felt the case had been mismanaged and the jury biased. This case was the subject of a pamphlet that is recorded in McDade. See McDade, *The Annals of Murder* 208. [Order This Item](#)



**Amendments to the Massachusetts
Constitution: A Presentation Copy from Joseph Story**

26. [Massachusetts].

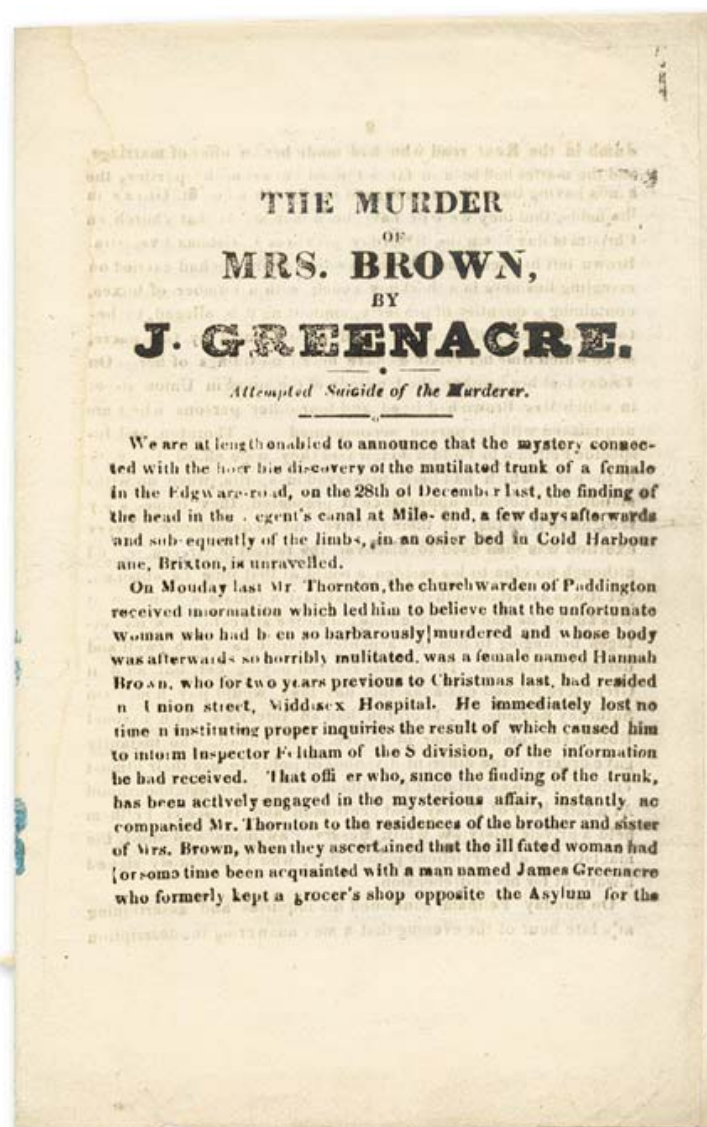
[Constitution].

[Story, Joseph (1779-1845)].

Amendments of the Constitution of Massachusetts, Proposed by the Convention of Delegates, Assembled at Boston, On the Third Wednesday of November, A.D. Eighteen Hundred and Twenty. With their Address to the People of this Commonwealth. Boston: Published by Order of the Convention. Russell and Gardner, Printers. 1821. First Edition. [iii], 4-32 pp. Octavo (10-1/4" x 6").

Stab-stitched pamphlet in self-wrappers, untrimmed edges. Moderate toning, minor edgewear to a few leaves, light foxing and presentation inscription to title page, final leaf signed by Convention Secretary Benjamin Pollard. \$1,850.

* First edition. Presented to the Essex Historical Society, this copy is inscribed in the third person "from Hon Judge Story." The great Supreme Court justice was member of the convention to amend to Massachusetts Constitution. Mel A. Topf in wrote about Story's importance at the Convention: "Story brought his prestige and leadership, together with his considerable political and legal skills, to what was for him and his allies at the convention the overriding mission: to save the Massachusetts frame of government from the democratizing forces (or from radicalism, the term Story used) that were threatening the Republic itself. It would be difficult to overemphasize the centrality of this mission to Story's theory of the judiciary. Story, along with Daniel Webster and others, led the conservative faction toward its goal of creating an alliance to protect the Massachusetts constitution from democratic extremes of the radicals, whose program was the convention's main agenda." An excellent association connecting Joseph Story to a critical event in his judicial career in Massachusetts. Topf, *A Doubtful and Perilous Experiment: Advisory Opinions, State Constitutions, and Judicial Supremacy* 32-33. Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 3144. [Order This Item](#)



The Edgeware Road Murderer

33. [Murder].

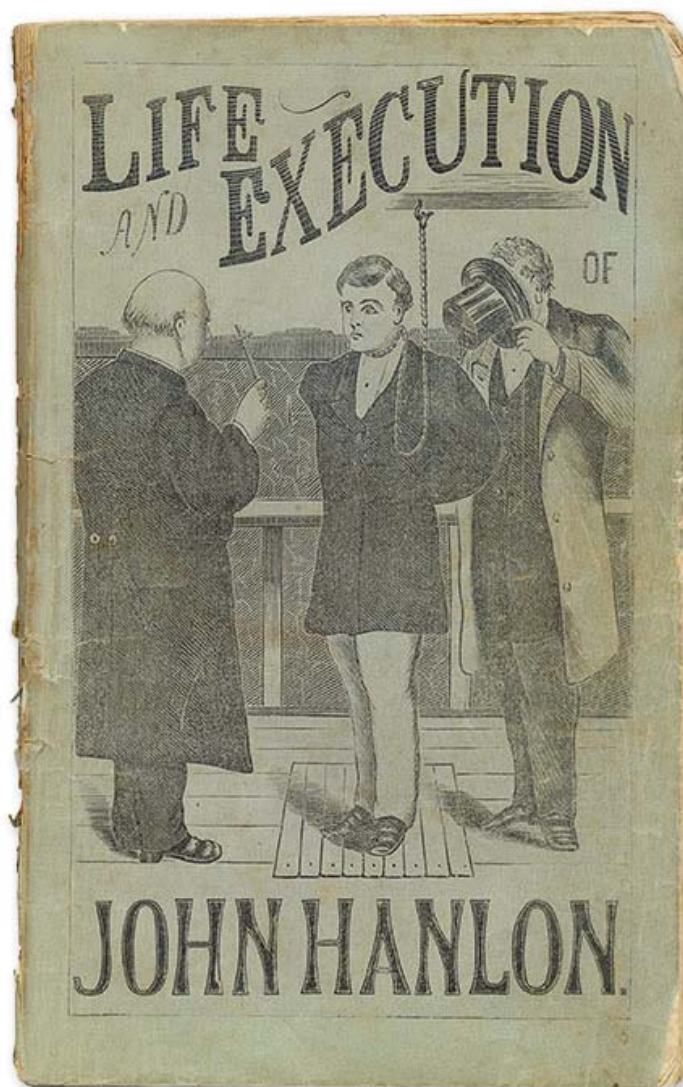
[Greenacre, James (1785-1837)].

[Gale, Sarah (d.1837)].

The Murder of Mrs. Brown, By J. Greenacre. Attempted Suicide of the Murderer. [London]: Printed by C. Hepner, New Cut, Lambeth, [1837]. [4] pp. Octavo (8-1/2" x 5-1/2").

Disbound pamphlet, light toning, faint dampstain along spine. \$450.

* Known as the "Edgeware Road Murderer," Greenacre planned to marry Hannah Brown for her money. However, his mistress, Sarah Gale, convinced him to kill her, dismember her, and hide her body parts in various places. They would then take her money and escape to America. This plan fell apart after police found her head in Regent's Canal. The case of Greenacre and Gale generated a good deal of popular interest. Their execution was attended by an enormous crowd. Although its title suggests otherwise, this pamphlet discusses Gale, though she is never referred to by name. OCLC locates 1 copy (New York Public Library). [Order This Item](#)



"The Murder of Little
Mary Mohrman": McDade 437

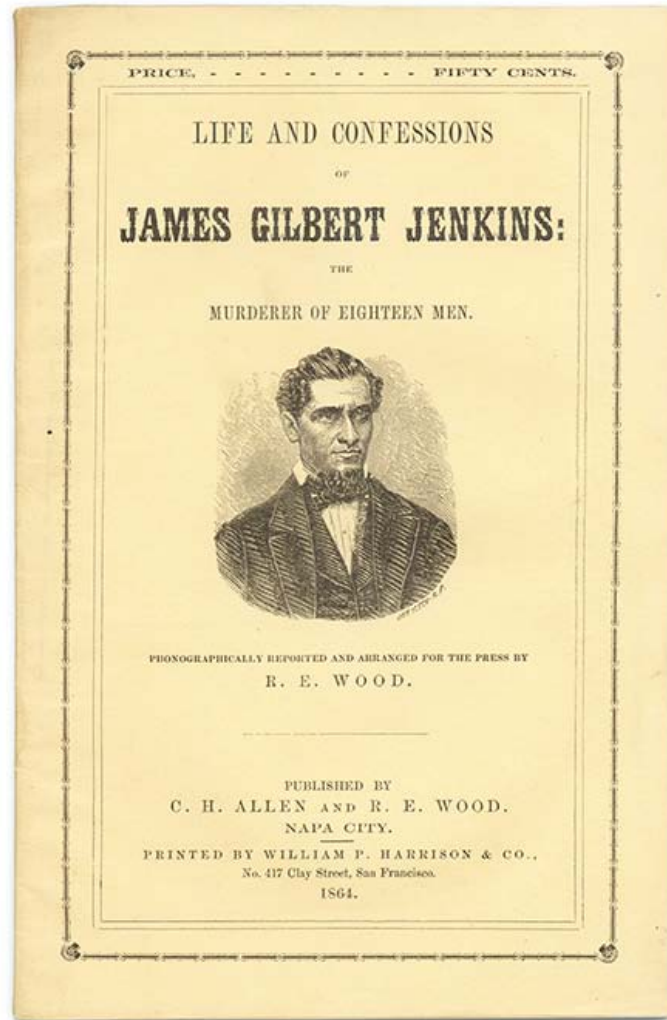
34. [Murder].

Hanlon, John [d. 1870].

Life, Trial, Confession and Conviction of John Hanlon, For the Murder of Little Mary Mohrman, Containing Judge Ludlow's Charge to the Jury, and the Speeches of the Learned Counsel on Both Sides. Philadelphia: Published by Barclay & Co., 1870. 128 pp. 10 woodcut plates. Octavo (9-1/2" x 6").

Stab-stitched pamphlet in pictorial wrappers. Moderate rubbing to extremities with minor edgewear, binding slightly cocked, spine abraded and worn, wrappers secure, light toning to text. \$1,250.

* Only edition. "This case involved the murder in Philadelphia of a six-year-old child by a sex maniac who was trapped into confessing to a planted cell-mate" (McDade). OCLC locates 7 copies, 2 in law libraries (University of Minnesota, University of Missouri). A copy of an account issued in 1870 by Barclay in a German translation located at Harvard Law School. McDade, *The Annals of Murder* 437. [Order This Item](#)



**"It was Only His Slipshod
Performance that Bothered Him": McDade 514**

35. [Murder].

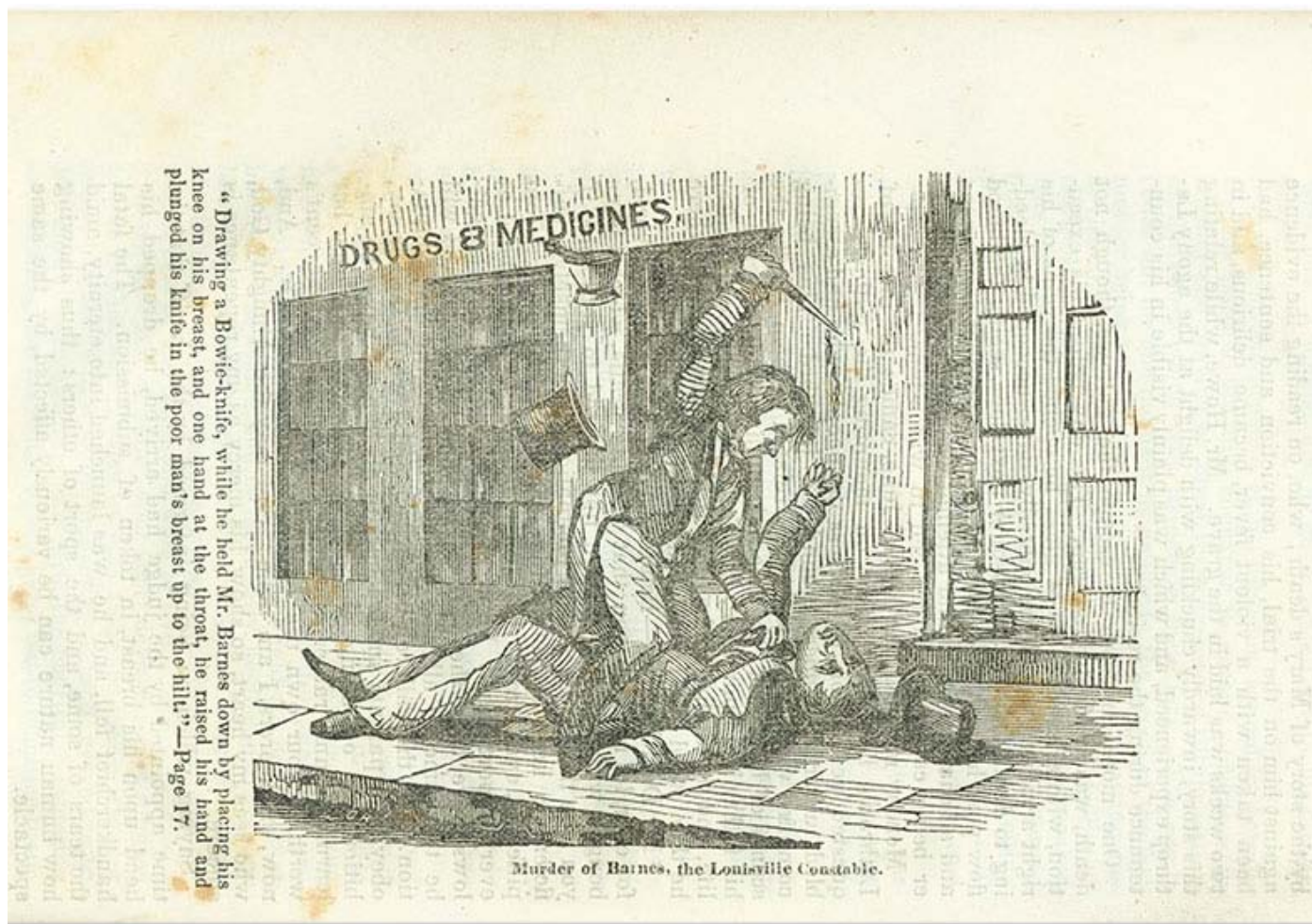
Jenkins, James Gilbert [1834-1864].

Wood, R.E. Reporter and Editor.

Life and Confessions of James Gilbert Jenkins: The Murderer of Eighteen Men. Containing an Account of the Murder of Eight White Men and Ten Indians; Together with the Particulars of Highway Robberies, the Stealing of Several Horses, And Numerous Other Crimes as Narrated by Himself to Col. C.H. Allen, Sheriff of Napa County, While in Jail Under Sentence of Death for the Murder of Patrick O'Brien. Napa City, CA: C.H. Allen and R.E. Wood, 1864. 56 pp. Two woodcut illustrations, 1 full-page. Octavo (9" x 6").

Stab-stitched pamphlet in pictorial wrappers. Negligible rubbing to extremities, minor wear to head of spine, light toning to text. A well-preserved copy. \$500.

* Only edition. "O'Brien's wife wanted him out of the way, and Jenkins obliged, burying O'Brien in the woods. Like many before him, when discovered, he charged his plight to liquor. 'That whiskey that I drank,' he said, 'the morning before I shot O'Brien was what caused me to do it when I did, and in so careless a manner.' The deed caused him no regrets; it was only his slipshod performance that bothered him.": McDade, *The Annals of Murder* 514. [Order This Item](#)



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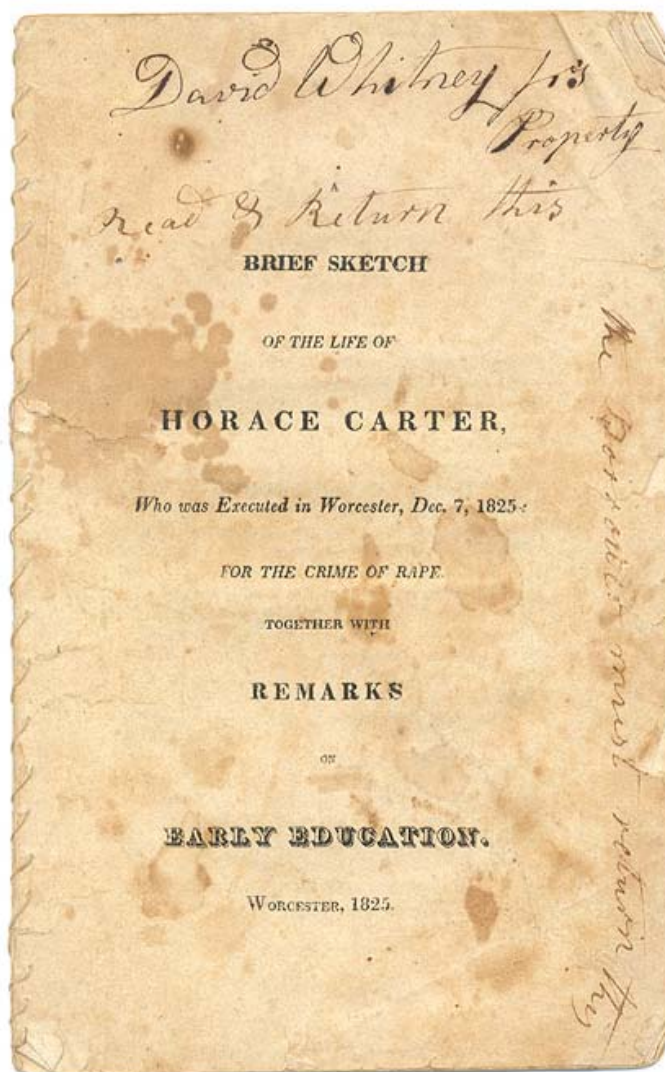
36. [Murder].

Lathrop, George.

Dark and Terrible Deeds of George Lathrop: Who, After Passing Through the Various Degrees of Crime, Was Finally Convicted and Hung in New Orleans, June 5, 1848, For the Robbery and Murder of His Father, March 8, 1847. New Orleans: Published by Rev. W. Stuart, 1848. 31, [1] pp. 4 woodcut plates, 3 preceding title page, 1 on the verso of p. 31. Title page has woodcut vignette of gallows scene. Octavo (8-1/2" x 5-1/2").

Stab-stitched pamphlet bound into later stiff wrappers, hand-lettered title to front cover. Light soiling, moderate toning and occasional light foxing to text, chip to fore-edge of leaf containing pp. 9-10 with minor loss to text, but not legibility. \$1,500.

* Only edition. "This is an account, possibly fictitious, of money troubles and despair leading to several murders, the last of which was Lathrop's father: The style is moralistic, suggesting that it may have been written by its publisher, the Rev. W. Stuart" (Cohen). Not in McDade. Jumonville, *Bibliography of New Orleans Imprints* 1644. Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 3995, 12792. [Order This Item](#)



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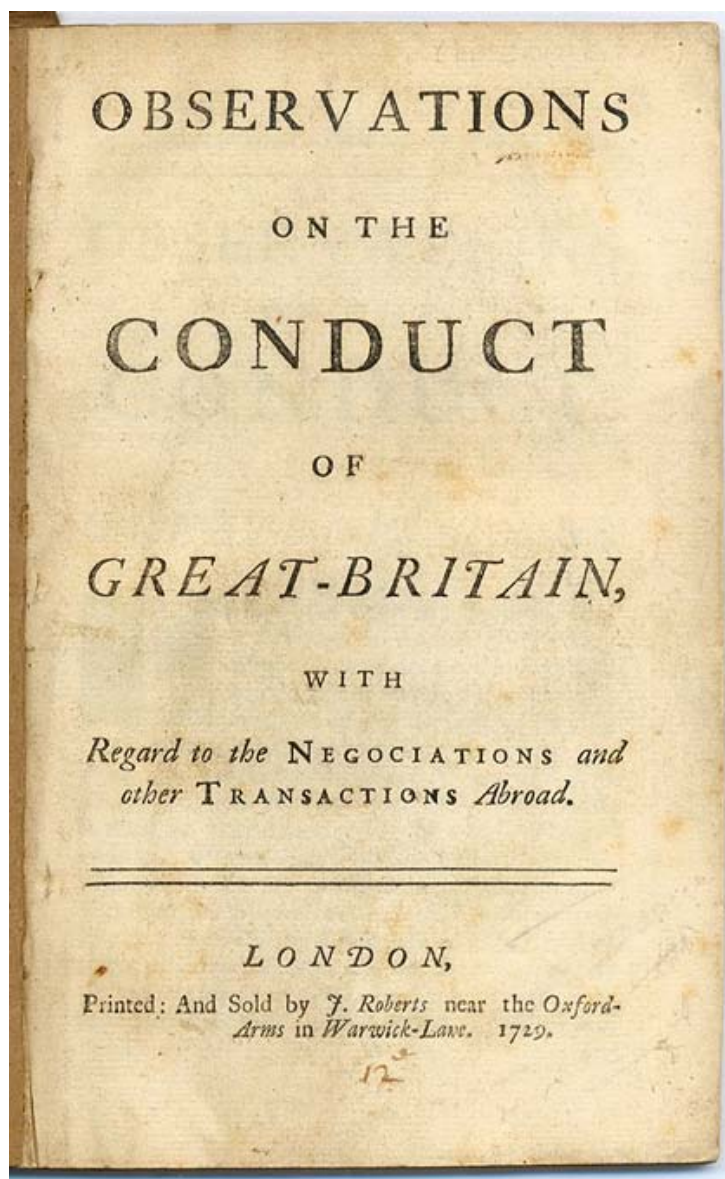
37. [Sociology of Crime].

Carter, Horace [d.1825].

A Brief Sketch of the Life of Horace Carter, Who Was Executed in Worcester, Dec. 7, 1825, For the Crime of Rape. Together with Remarks on Early Education. Worcester: S.n., 1825. 16 pp. Octavo (8-1/2" x 5-1/4").

Stitched pamphlet. Light soiling to title page and final leaf, minor tears and chipping to some leaves, including title page, light browning and foxing throughout. Early owner annotations to title page, inkspots to a few leaves. A scarce title. \$850.

* Only edition. Carter, a thief and petty criminal, was executed for the rape of an elderly woman resident of the public almshouse in Worcester. Carter confessed to the crime, and offered drunkenness and his lack of moral instruction as excuses. A sociological text, the *Brief Sketch* says almost nothing about Carter's crime and trial. In the form of six lessons, it outlines the steps that led him to the gallows. It argues, overall, that a childhood education would have transformed him into a law-abiding, productive adult. OCLC locates 9 copies, none in law libraries. Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 13781. [Order This Item](#)



English Trade in the West Indies

38. [Trade].

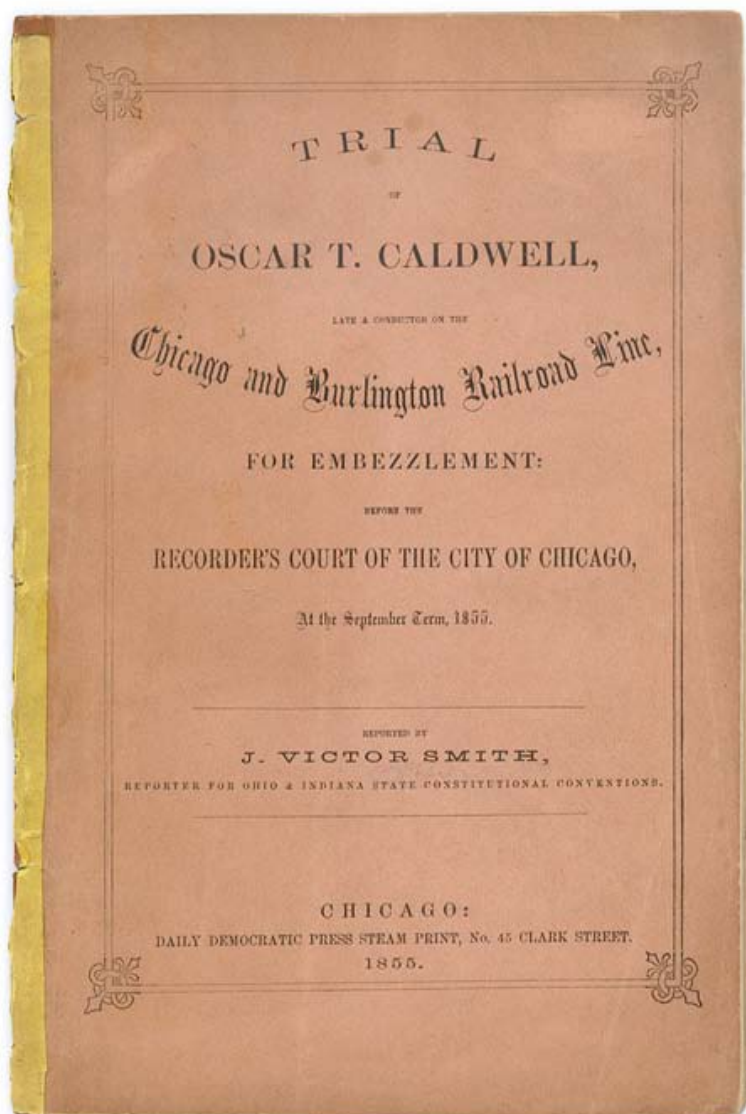
[Great Britain].

[Amhurst, Nicholas (1697-1742), Attributed].

Observations on the Conduct of Great-Britain, With Regard to the Negotiations and Other Transactions Abroad. London: Printed: And Sold by J. Roberts, 1729. 61, [1] pp. Octavo (7-3/4" x 4-1/2").

Stab-stitched pamphlet in later plain wrappers. Light rubbing, minor wear to spine ends and corners, light soiling to title page and verso of final leaf. Light toning to text, light foxing to a few leaves. A nice copy. \$100.

* First edition. Attributed in some sources to Nicholas Amhurst, this pamphlet defends Sir Robert Walpole, then chancellor of the exchequer, against accusations of neglecting England's West Indian commerce, to the advantage of Spain. It describes English expeditions to counter Spanish influence and, in the interest of fairness, lists English ships taken by Spain since the Treaty of Hanover (1725). *English Short-Title Catalogue* T41776. [Order This Item](#)



Brought to Justice by the Pinkertons

39. [Trial].

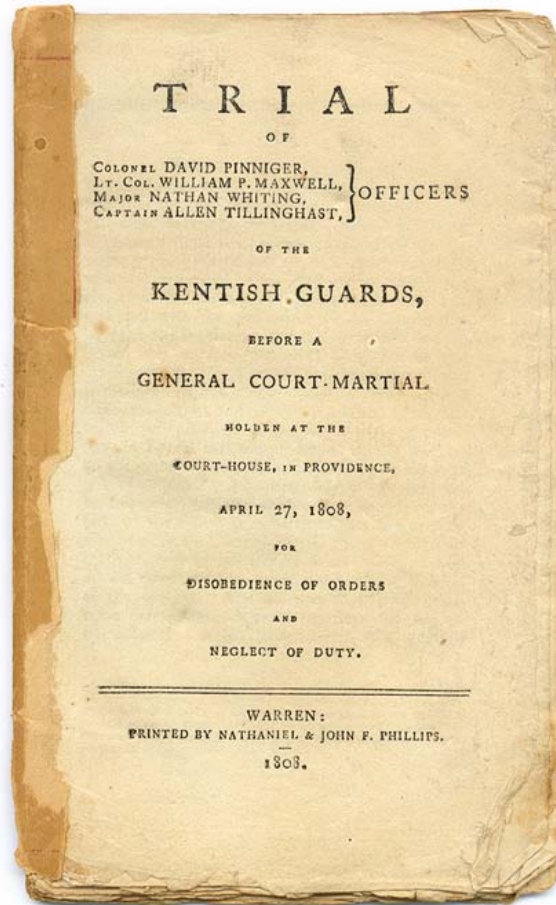
Caldwell, Oscar T., Defendant.

Smith, J. Victor, Reporter.

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

Stab-stitched pamphlet in printed wrappers, spine reinforced. Light soiling, minor edgewear, spine abraded (but secure), some toning to text. \$400.

* Only edition. Caldwell's trial was the result of an investigation by the Pinkerton detective agency, then a five-year old company. Caldwell was convicted. The rear wrapper carries an advertisement for the Pinkerton & Company. OCLC locates 6 copies in law libraries (Harvard, Library of Congress, Rutgers, St. John's University, Social Law, University of Missouri). Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 13985. [Order This Item](#)



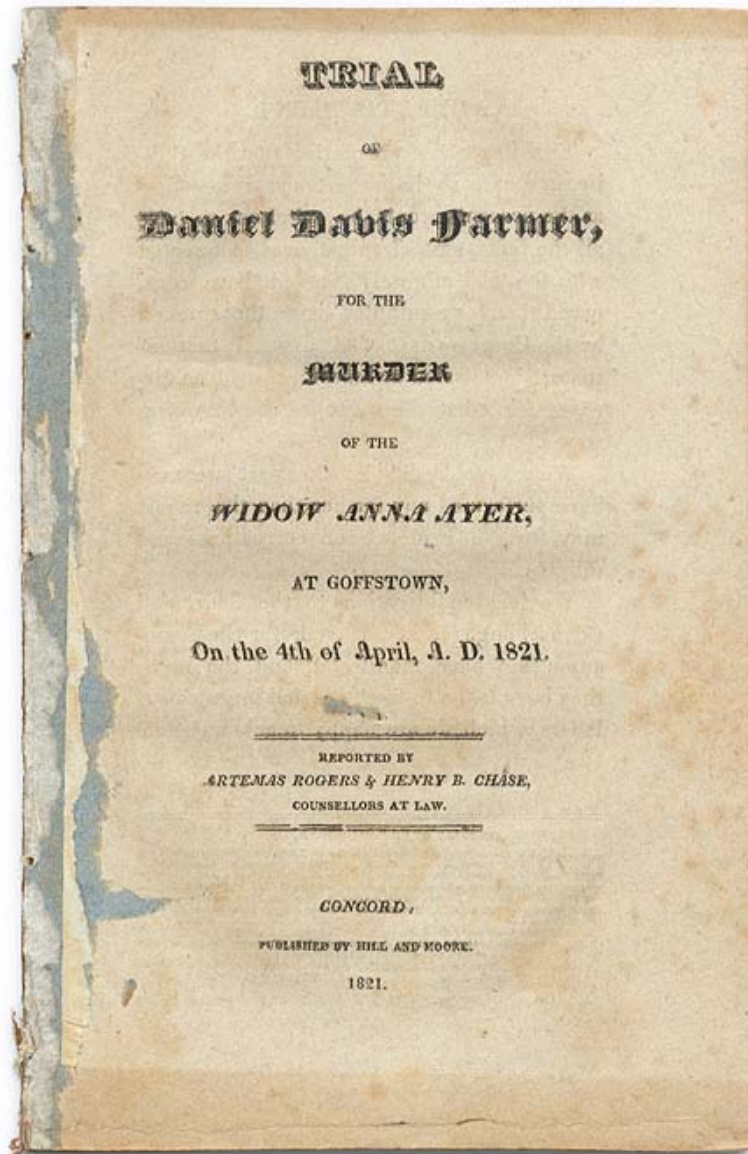
**1808 Court Martial of Rhode Island Militia Officers
Who Refused to Select Six Guardsmen for Federal Service**

40. [Trial].
[Court Martial].
[Kentish Guards].

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

Stab-stitched pamphlet, fragments to wrapper along spine, untrimmed edges. Moderate toning, early owner signature to verso of final leaf. \$650.

* Only edition. Formed in 1774, the Kentish Guards of Rhode Island boasted General Nathanael Greene as an original officer. The Guards distinguished themselves at the Siege of Boston and elsewhere. In 1807 Colonel David Pinniger refused an order to select six guardsmen for federal service, asserting that the Guards's charter permitted the call up of the entire unit, but not individual soldiers. Pinniger's refusal precipitated his court martial and that of the fellow officers who supported him. All were removed from office without further penalty. The guards elected replacement officers; no one went into the U.S. Army. This pamphlet was published by the officers after the "unfavorable result" of the court martial in order to protect their reputations. All aspects of the case are covered. Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 13588. [Order This Item](#)



He Beat Her to Death with a Cudgel

41. [Trial].

Farmer, Daniel Davis [1793-1822], Defendant.

Rogers, Artemas, Reporter.

Chase, Henry B., Reporter.

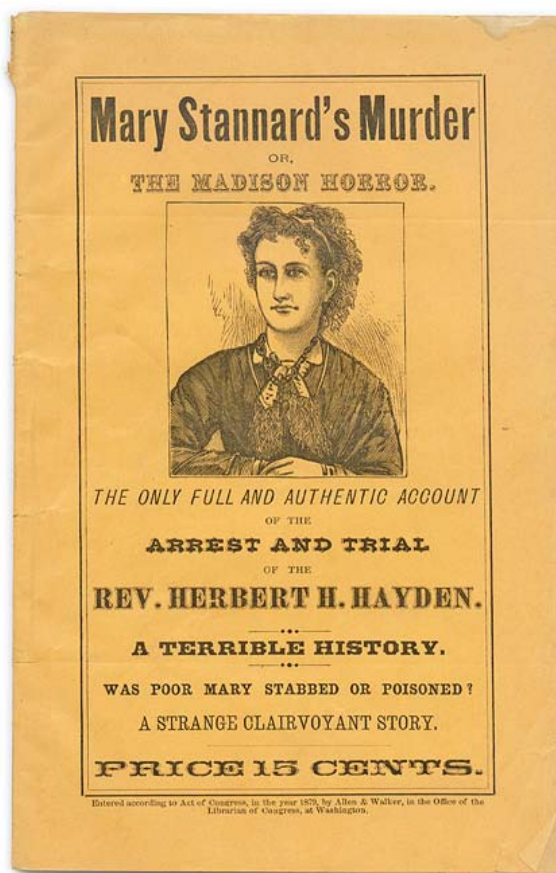
Trial of Daniel Davis Farmer, For the Murder of the Widow Anna Ayer, At Goffstown, On the 4th of April, A.D. 1821. Concord [NH]: Published by Hill and Moore, 1821. 72 pp. Octavo (8" x 5-1/4").

Disbound stab-stitched pamphlet, fragments of wrapper along spine. Light rubbing to extremities, light browning to text, light foxing to a few leaves. \$500.

* Only edition. "Mrs. Ayer had charged Farmer with fathering her child. He beat her to death with a cudgel and tried to burn her house" (McDade). Farmer was found guilty and executed. McDade, *The Annals of Murder* 300.

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"The Most Mysterious of All the Cases Which have Baptized Connecticut in Blood"

42. [Trial].

[Hayden, Herbert H. (b.1850), Defendant].

Stannard, Mary [1856-1878].

Poor Mary Stannard! Full and Thrilling Story of the Circumstances Connected with Her Murder. History of the Monstrous Madison Crime. The Most Mysterious of All the Cases Which have Baptized Connecticut in Blood. The Only True and Reliable Account. The Clairvoyant's Wonderful Story. New Haven: Stafford Print. Co., 1879. 47 pp. Octavo (9" x 5-1/2").

Stab-stitched pamphlet in printed wrappers with a woodcut portrait of Stannard. Faint fold lines, some wear to spine ends, a few small chips to edges, small dampstain to upper corner of front wrapper, some browning to text. A well-preserved copy. \$850.

* Only edition. "In 1879, the body of Mary Stannard, twenty-two, once the servant of Reverend Herbert H. Hayden, was found in one of Hayden's fields in Madison, Conn. Her throat was cut, her skull was fractured, and there was arsenic in her stomach. Stannard had spoken to several people about her recent pregnancy by Hayden, and explained that he was going to give her something to induce an abortion. She said also that she was planning to meet Hayden in the field to pick berries and discuss their future. Unable to account for himself during the time of the killing, Hayden was arrested after it was discovered that he had purchased an ounce of arsenic "to kill rats" the day of his former servant's death.... At the three-month trial, a clairvoyant testified to the defendant's innocence, the first such incident in an American courtroom. A hung jury resulted in Hayden's release" (Nash). OCLC locates 12 copies, 2 in law libraries (University of Missouri, Yale). Nash, *Encyclopedia of World Crime* 1493. McDade, *The Annals of Murder* 449.[Order This Item](#)



"His Execution, In the Sight of
Hundreds of Vessels, Was in the Best Maritime Tradition"

43. [Trial].

Hicks, Albert W. [c.1820-1860], Defendant.

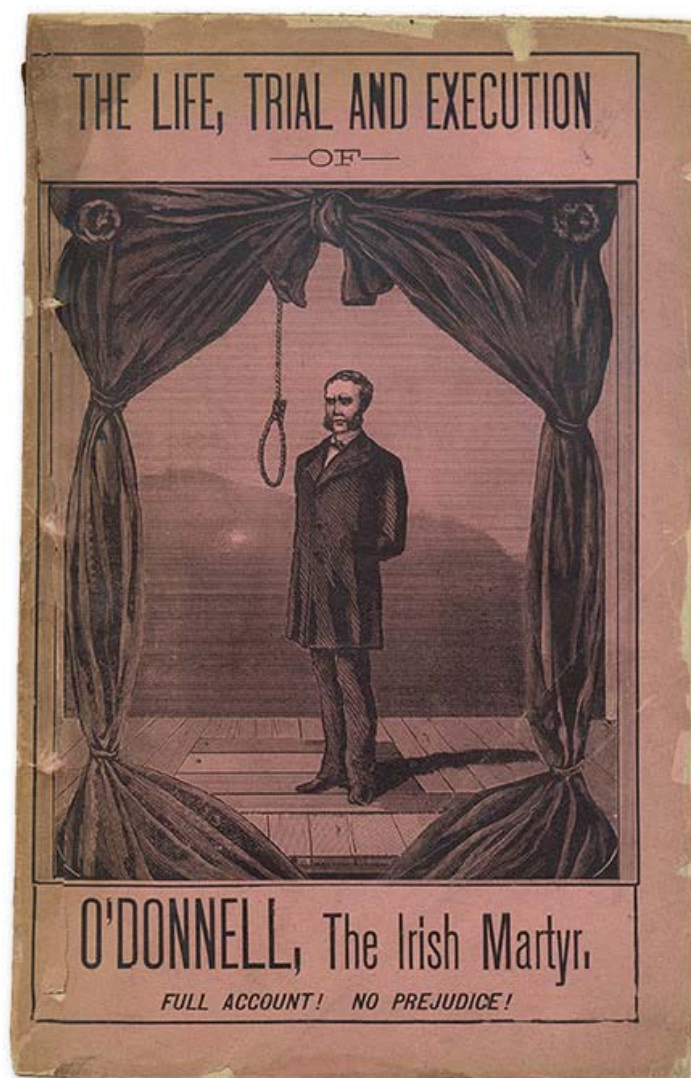
Fowler, L[orenzo] N[iles] [1811-1896].

The Life, Trial, Confession and Execution of Albert W. Hicks, The Pirate and Murderer, Executed on Bedloe's Island, New York Bay, On the 13th of July, 1860, For the Murder of Capt. Burr, Smith and Oliver Watts, On Board the Oyster Sloop E.A. Johnson. Containing the History of His Life (Written by Himself) From Childhood up to the Time of His Arrest. With a Full Account of His Piracies, Murders, Mutinies, High-Way Robberies, Etc. Comprising the Particulars of Nearly One Hundred Murders! To Which is Added the Account of His Arrest, Imprisonment, Trial and Execution: Also, His Phrenological Character, As Described by L.N. Fowler. New York: Robert M. De Witt, [1860]. [vi], [7]-84 pp. 8 plates of woodcuts. Verso of front wrapper and rear wrapper have publisher advertisements. Octavo (9-1/2" x 6").

Stab-stitched pamphlet in pictorial wrappers, untrimmed edges. Light soiling, some edgewear and minor chipping and tears to wrappers, spine worn away at ends, clean tear to front wrapper with careful repair. Moderate toning to text, light foxing to a few leaves. \$1,250.

* Only edition, one of two issues, the other with 68 pp. "Hicks was a triple murderer, but only technically a pirate. He was a member of the crew of an oyster sloop, and he chopped up the captain and two crew members in lower New York Bay, but being in the ebb and flow of the tide, it was technically a crime on the high seas and a federal offense. The little money he took got him to Providence, where he was caught. His execution in New York Harbor, in the sight of hundreds of vessels, was in the best maritime tradition (McDade). A notable feature of this account is the "psychological" profile by Fowler, the notable phrenologist, based on a post-mortem study of Hicks's skull and digestive organs. OCLC locates 10 copies in North American law libraries. McDade, *The Annals of Murder* 473.

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The Controversial Case of a Notable Nineteenth-Century Irish Nationalist

44. [Trial].

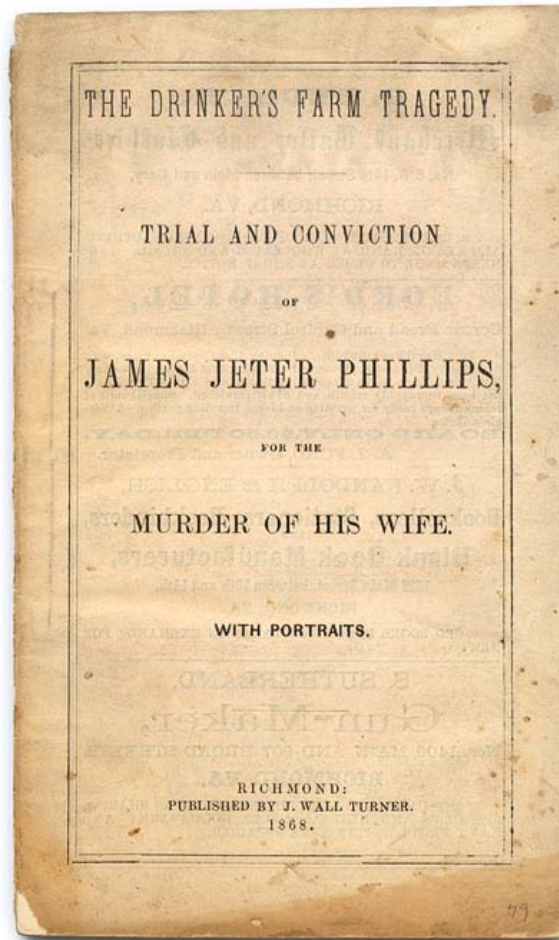
O'Donnell, Patrick [1835-1883], Defendant.

The Life, Trial and Execution of O'Donnell, The Irish Martyr: An Unbiased Report, Showing England's Mete of Justice (?). Philadelphia: Barclay & Co., [1886]. [ii], [19]-63, [1] pp. Four full-page woodcuts. Pagination irregular. Text complete. Octavo (9-1/4" x 5-3/4").

Stab-stitched pamphlet in pictorial wrappers, most signatures unopened. Some chipping to edges, wrappers worn away from most of spine, but secure. Light browning to text, tears and chips to margins of a few leaves with no loss to text. \$650.

* Only edition. O'Donnell, an Irish Republican, was convicted for the murder of James Carey, a member of an paramilitary Irish Republican group, the Irish National Invincibles, who turned Queen's evidence to secure the conviction of five fellow members who killed an English official. Given a new identity, Carey was traveling to South Africa. He encountered O'Donnell on his voyage. The central debate at O'Donnell's trial concerned intent. The prosecution held that O'Donnell was an assassin hired by the Invincibles. The defense argued that he encountered Carey by chance and killed him because he betrayed the cause of Irish Nationalism. Given the political dimension of

this trial, it attracted a great deal of attention in the Irish and Irish-American community in the United States. Indeed, interest was so strong that a group of Irish-Americans sent an American lawyer, Roger A. Pryor, to advise the defense team. OCLC locates 2 copies (Boston College, Harvard Law School). Some sources give an incorrect publication date of 1883. Not in the *British Museum Catalogue*. [Order This Item](#)



A Scarce McDade Item

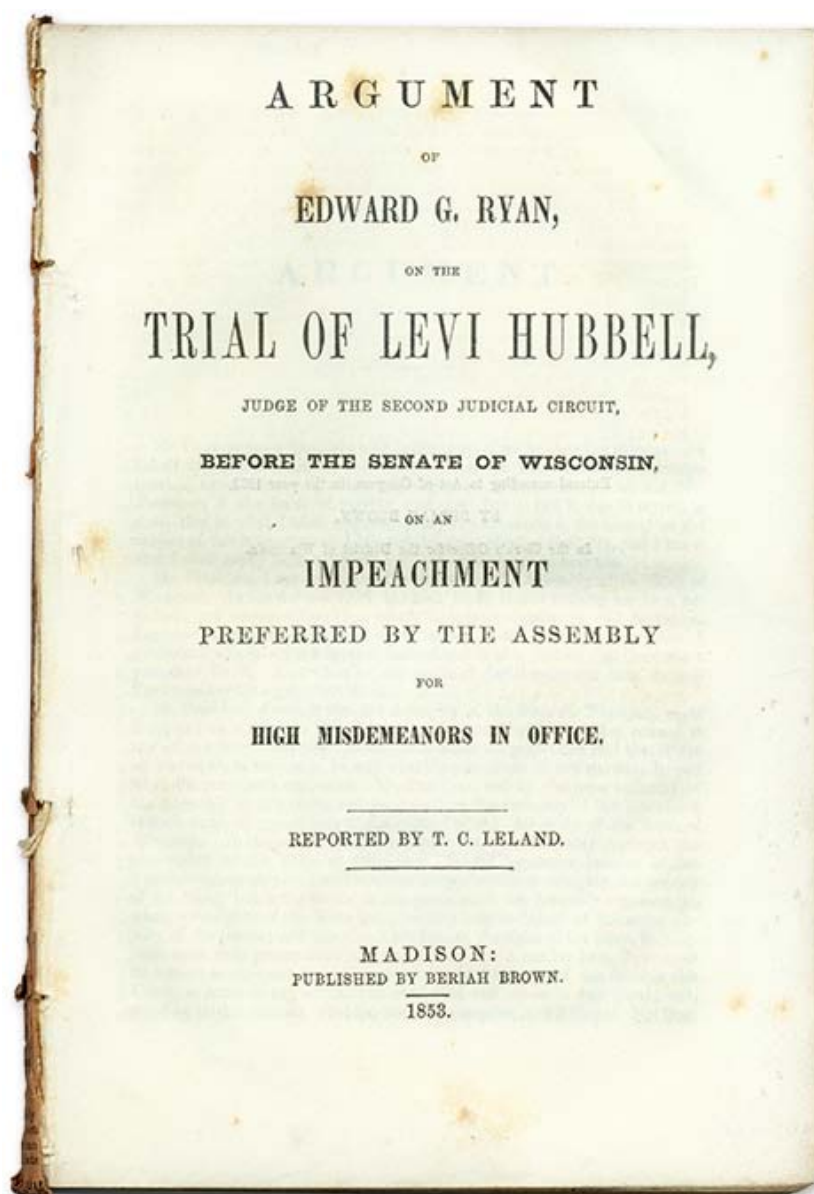
45. [Trial].

Phillips, James Jeter, Defendant.

The Drinker's Farm Tragedy. Trial and Conviction of James Jeter Phillips, For the Murder of His Wife. With Portraits. Richmond: Published by J. Wall Turner, V.L. Fore, Printer), 1868. 96 pp. 2 full-page woodcut portraits. Octavo (7-1/2" x 4-1/2").

Original printed wrappers, with advertisements for various Richmond businesses rear and inside front covers. Some soiling, spotting and rubbing with wear to spine ends. Light toning to interior, somewhat heavier in places, light foxing to a few leaves. \$750.

* Only edition. "Phillips, a scion of a 'good' Virginia family, twenty-four years old, murdered his wife Emily, who was ten years older, on a Henrico County, Virginia, roadside near Drinker's farm. He shot her with a small pistol, and her body was unidentified for three months" (McDade). OCLC locates 4 copies in North American law libraries (Duke, Harvard, University of Virginia, Yale). McDade, *The Annals of Murder* 747. [Order This Item](#)



1853 Impeachment Trial of a Wisconsin Judge

46. [Trial].

Ryan, Edward G. [1810-1880].

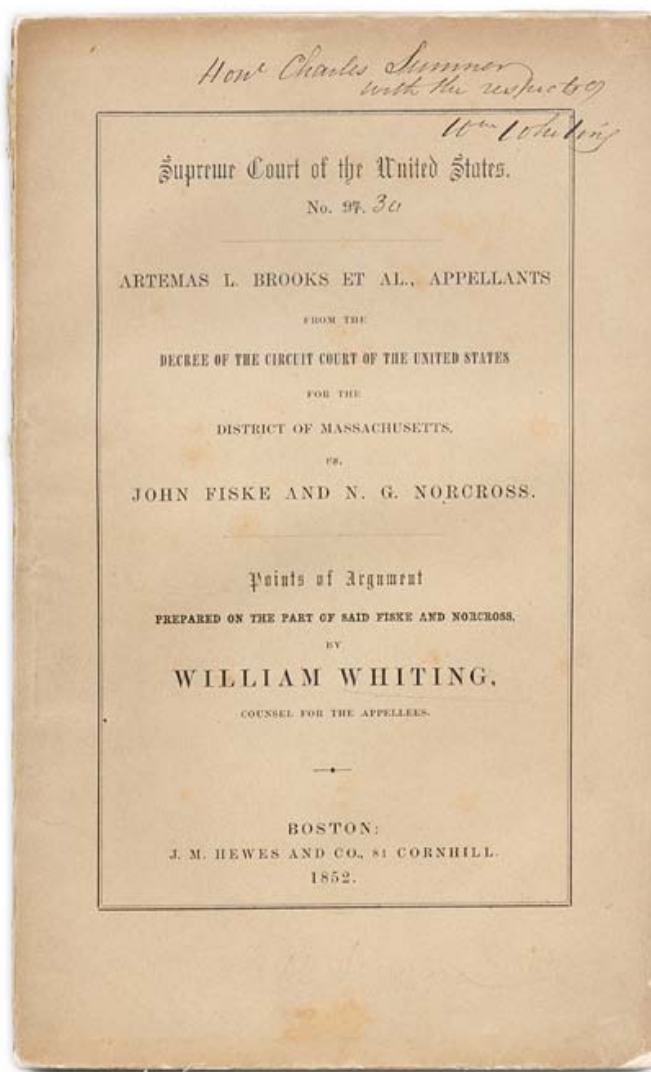
Hubbell, Levi [1808-1876], Defendant.

Argument of Edward G. Ryan, On the Trial of Levi Hubbell, Judge of the Second Judicial Circuit, Before the Senate of Wisconsin, On an Impeachment Preferred by the Assembly for High Misdemeanors in Office. Madison: Published by Beriah Brown, 1853. 154 pp. Octavo (8-1/4" x 5-1/2").

Disbound stab-stitched pamphlet. Light soiling to exterior, light toning to text, light foxing to a few leaves. \$350.

* Only edition. Judge Hubbell was charged with corruption while in office. His impeachment trial in the Wisconsin Senate resulted in an acquittal. Ryan was the prosecutor in the case. OCLC locates 11 copies, 2 in law libraries (Harvard, Library of Congress). Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 14491. [Order This Item](#)

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Inscribed to Charles Sumner

47. [Trial].

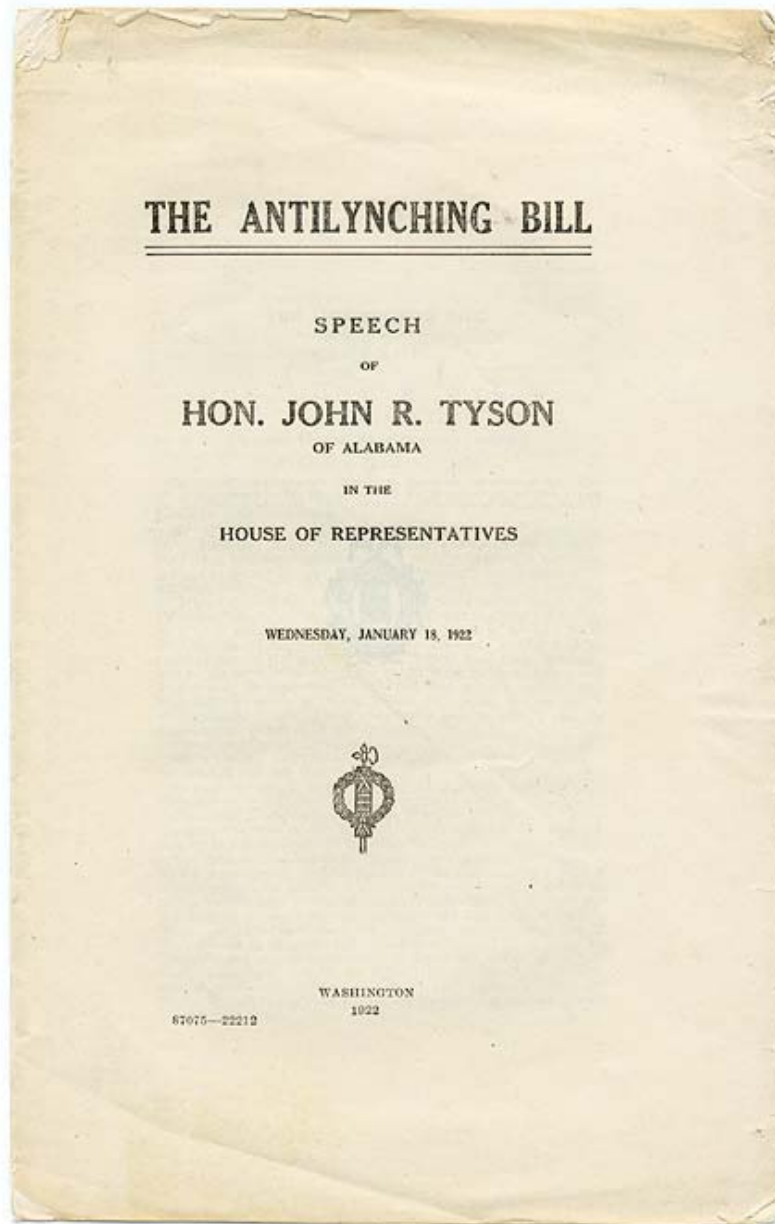
Whiting, William [1813-1873].

[Sumner, Charles (1811-1874)].

Supreme Court of the United States. No. 97. Artemas L. Brooks et al., Appellants from the Decree of the Circuit Court of the United States for the District of Massachusetts, Vs. John Fiske and N.G. Norcross. Points for Arguments Prepared on the Part of Said Fiske and Norcross. Boston: J.M. Hewes and Co., 1852. 87, [1] pp. Octavo (9-1/2' x 5-3/4").

Stab-stitched pamphlet in printed wrappers. A few minor chips, spine abraded with wear at ends, rear wrapper detached, light toning to text, presentation inscription to Charles Sumner at head of front wrapper. \$250.

* Only edition. The inscription reads: "Hon Charles Sumner/ with the respects of/ William Whiting." This case concerned a patent dispute over the invention of, and improvements to, a planing machine. An 1838 graduate of Harvard Law School, Whiting was a Boston lawyer who served several terms in the U.S. House of Representatives. He was solicitor of the War Department from 1862 to 1865. Best known for his opposition to Slavery, Sumner was one of the great political leaders of his day. He was a Massachusetts senator from 1851 to 1874. Sumner lectured at Harvard Law School in 1836 and 1837; Whiting was one of his pupils. [Order This Item](#)



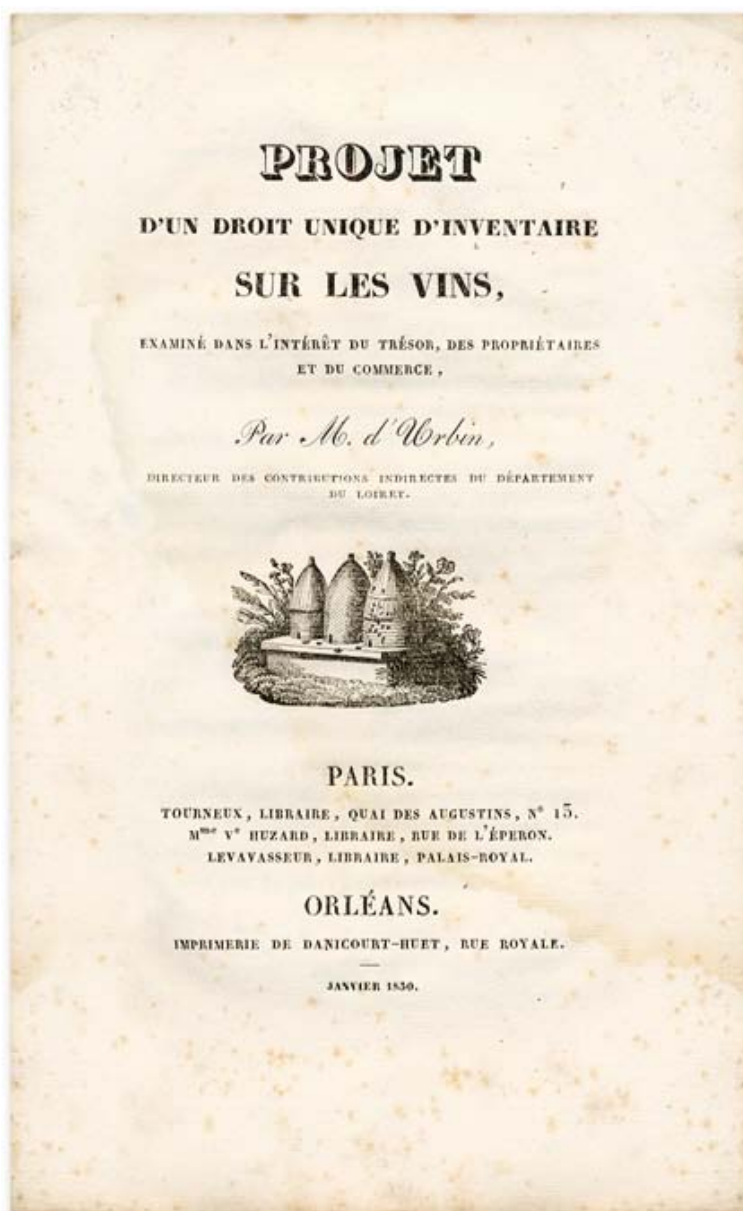
An Alabama Congressman Attacks the Dyer Anti-Lynching Bill

48. Tyson, John Russell [1856-1923].

The Antilynching Bill, Speech of Hon. John R. Tyson, of Alabama, In the House of Representatives, Wednesday, January 18, 1922. Washington: [Government Printing Office], 1922. 15 pp.

Stapled pamphlet in self-wrappers, light toning, some wear to edges. \$500.

* Directed at punishing lynching and mob violence, the Dyer Anti-Lynching Bill was introduced in 1918 by Representative Leonidas C. Dyer, a Republican from St. Louis, Missouri. It was re-introduced in subsequent sessions through 1922. Tyson, a former chief justice of the Alabama Supreme Court, denounces the bill as an attempt by the federal government to intrude on states' rights. The bill passed the House on January 26, 1922, but its passage was halted by a filibuster by Southern Democrats in the Senate. [Order This Item](#)



**1830 French Pamphlet
on Laws Dealing with the Wine Trade**

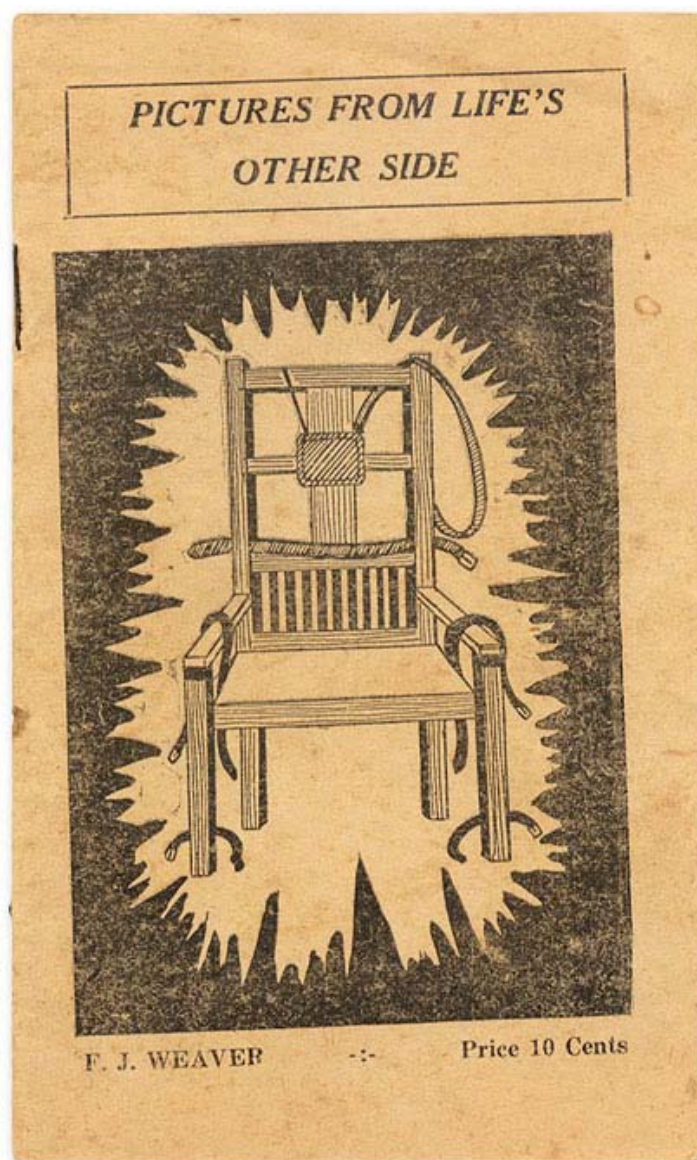
49. Urbain-Gautier, Charles-Rosalie Mis d.'

Projet d'un Droit Unique d'Inventaire sur les Vins, Examiné du Tresor, Des Propriétaires et du Commerce. Paris: Tourneux, Libraire/Orléans: Imprimerie de Danicourt-Huet, 1830. 28 pp. Octavo (8-1/4" x 5").

Stab-stitched pamphlet in plain wrappers. Wrapper beginning to split near spine ends, woodcut vignette of three beehives to title page, light toning and occasional light foxing to text. \$350.

* Only edition. A critical review of laws regulating the French wine trade with an emphasis on the harm caused by duties and other taxes. OCLC locates 2 copies, 1 in North America (California State University, Fresno).

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"Help Your Fallen Brothers Rise"

50. Weaver, F.J.

Pictures from Life's Other Side. N.p.: F.J. Weaver, c.1909. 15 pp.

Stapled pamphlet in pictorial wrappers. Light browning, negligible light shelfwear and soiling, a bit of oxidation around staples, internally clean. \$250

* A collection of inspirational and morally instructive poems intended for hobos, criminals, prisoners and the down and out. The tone is set by the cover illustration: an image of an electric chair. The titles are: 'The Convict and the Bird, Pictures from Life's Other Side, Black Sheep, Only a Tramp, They Can't Keep the Workingman Down, We'll Paint the Town Red, A Boy's Best Friend is His Mother, The Cowboy's Prayer, Wanted-A Boy, There the Sun Never Sets, The Rock Candy Mountains, Sometimes, Going to Church, Not Yet, But Soon, The World's Way, Rely on Yourself and Don't--!. The pamphlet also includes the lyrics to "There's No Place Like the Old Folks After All," a song by H.P. Hirsekorn and Gabriel Selig that was first published in 1909. [Order This Item](#)