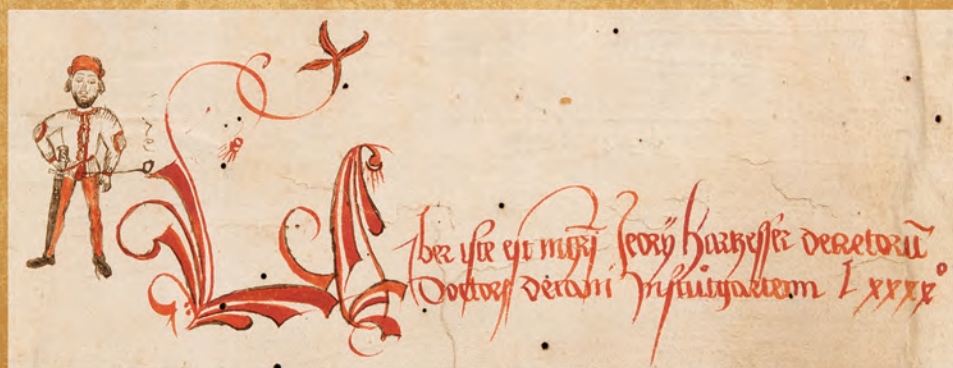
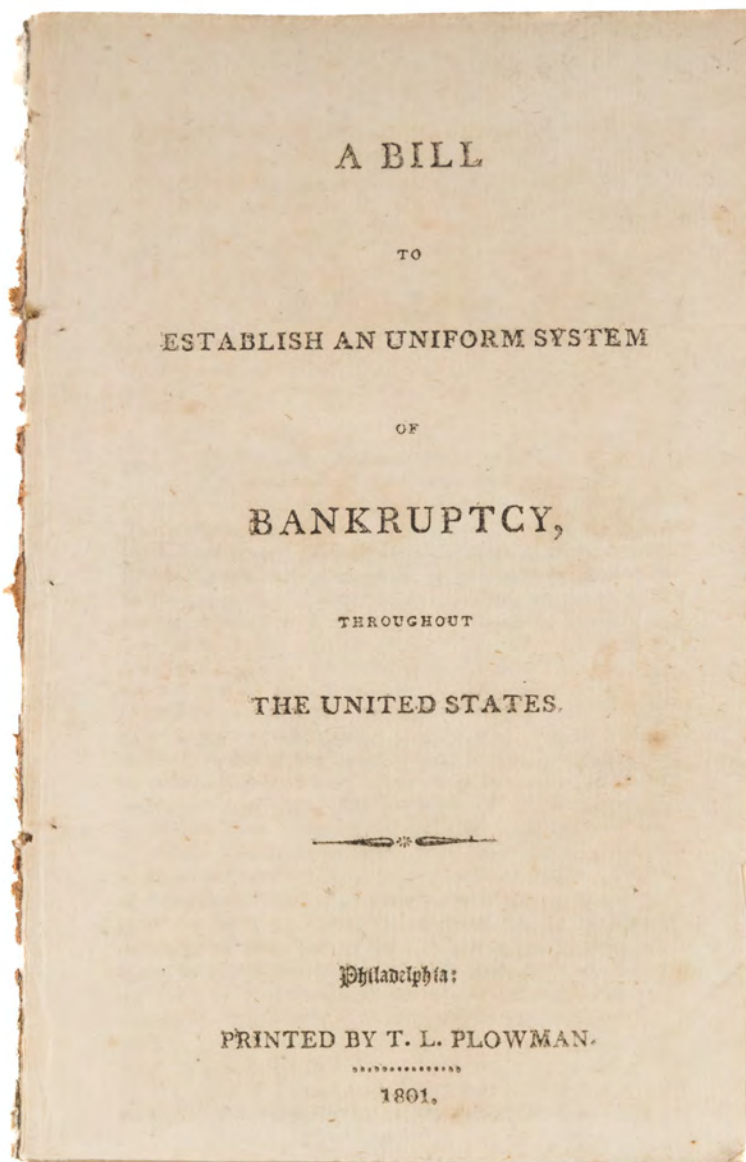


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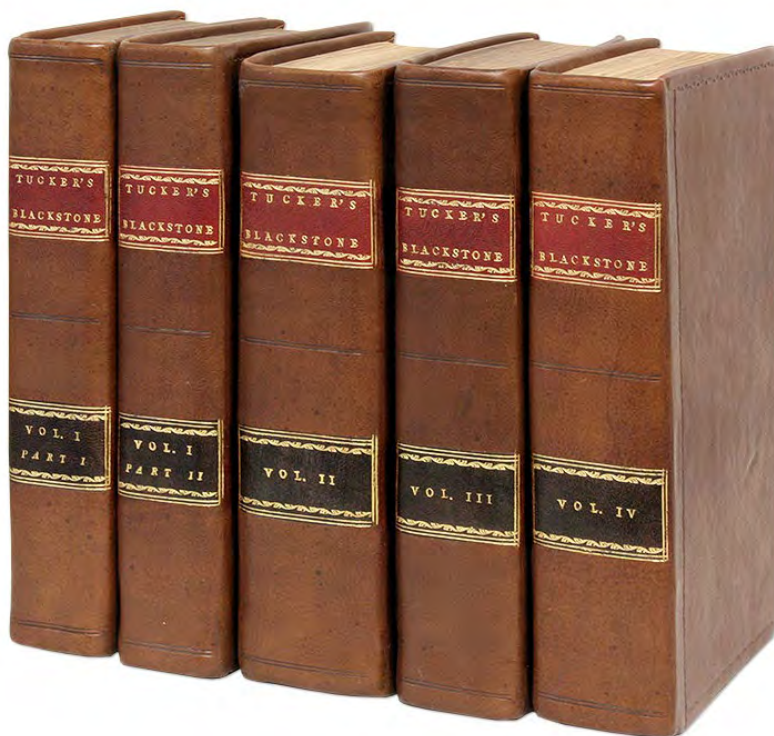
The First Federal Bankruptcy Act

1. [Bankruptcy]. [United States].

A Bill to Establish an Uniform System of Bankruptcy, Throughout the United States. Philadelphia: Printed by T.L. Plowman, 1801. 28 pp. Octavo (6-3/4" x 4-1/4").

Disbound stab-stitched pamphlet. Moderate toning, light soiling to exterior, a few minor spots to title page. Rare. \$1,500.

* A printing of the first Federal bankruptcy act, which was enacted in February 1800. Intended to encourage economic risk and reform the complicated patchwork of debtor laws in force in the different states, it was modeled on the bankruptcy law of the world's leading commercial power, Great Britain. Never a popular law, it was routinely attacked as a shield for the financially irresponsible and finally repealed in November 1803. The United States would not have another national bankruptcy law until 1841. OCLC locates 1 copy (at Harvard). Not in Cohen or Sabin. [Order This Item](#)



**Handsome Copy of an Important
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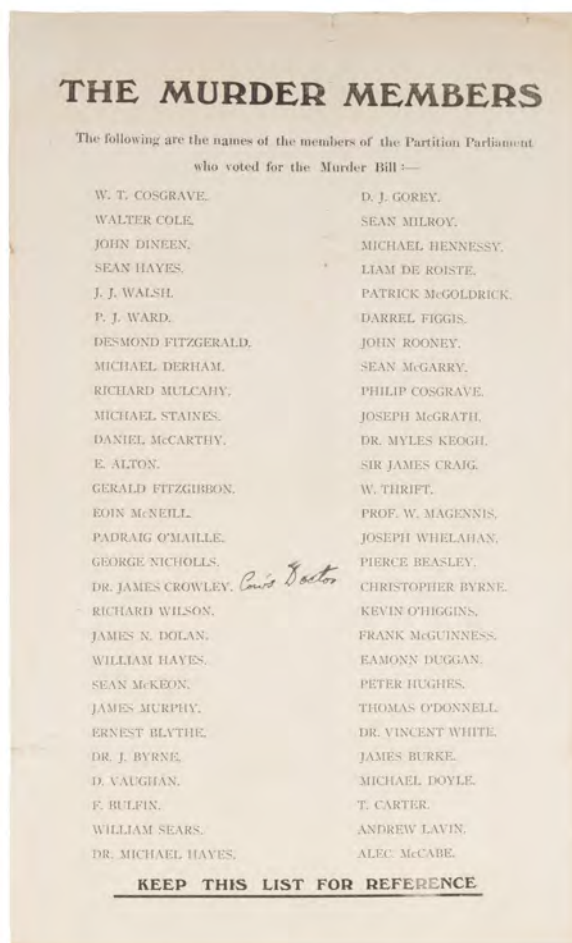
2. Blackstone, Sir William [1723-1780].

Tucker, St. George [1752-1827], Editor.

Blackstone's Commentaries: With Notes of Reference to the Constitution and Laws, of the Federal Government of the United States, And of the Commonwealth of Virginia. In Five Volumes, With an Appendix to Each Volume, Containing Short Tracts upon Such Subjects As Appeared Necessary to Form a Connected View of the Laws of Virginia As a Member of the Federal Union. Philadelphia: Published by William Young Birch, and Abraham Small: Robert Carr, Printer, 1803. Four volumes in five books. Volume I in 2 parts. Four tables (3 folded); Volume II has "Table of Consanguinity" and 3 different folding "Table[s] of Descents." Title pages in all volumes identical, with volume numbers omitted; volumes numbered on "Contents" pages and on the binding. Complete. Octavo (8-1/4" x 5-1/4").

Recent period-style calf, blind fillets to boards, red and black lettering pieces and blind fillets to spines, blind tooling to board edges endpapers renewed. Moderate toning, light foxing in places, notes in contemporary hand to a few leaves in Volumes I, Part I and Volume III. A strikingly handsome set. \$18,000.

* First edition. *Tucker's Blackstone* is a key resource for understanding how Americans viewed English common law in the years following the adoption of the Constitution and the Bill of Rights. Based on his lectures at the College of William and Mary, Tucker adapted Blackstone's often anti-democratic work to American practice. "Tucker's Blackstone became a standard reference work for many American lawyers unable to consult a law library, especially those on the frontier. It is impossible to measure its impact on American law, but it is clear that sales were strongest in Virginia, as could be expected; it was also widely used in Pennsylvania and South Carolina" (Bryson). More recently, Tucker's Blackstone has been cited in numerous constitutional cases by the United States Supreme Court relating to "original intent." Bryson, *Legal Education in Virginia, 1779-1979: A Biographical Approach* 102. Eller, *The William Blackstone Collection in the Yale Law Library* 87. Laeuchli, *A Bibliographical Catalog of William Blackstone* 137. [Order This Item](#)



"Keep This List for Reference"

3. [Broadside]. [Irish Civil War].

The Murder Members: The Following are the Names of the Members of the Partition Parliament Who Voted for the Murder Bill:—Keep This List for Reference. [N.p.: S.n., 1922].

13" x 8" broadside, main text in two columns. Light toning and edgewear, horizontal and vertical fold lines, a few with tears, two repaired on verso with cello tape, "Con's Doctor" in contemporary hand near center. \$1,250.

* Known to its opponents as the "Murder Bill," the Public Safety Act of 1922 was enacted by the recently-established Irish Free to suppress the Irish Republican Army (IRA), which rejected the legitimacy of the Free State because it did include the counties of Northern Ireland. It was one of the key events of the Irish Civil War. The act imposed death sentences on any IRA member or supporter captured with a firearm or ammunition. Our pro-IRA broadside lists the members of the "Irish Partition Parliament" who voted for this bill. It clearly intended to mark them for assassination. And soon after its publication gunmen shot and wounded two of the members listed. A third, assumed to be another listed member, was killed in a case of mistaken identity. In reprisal, the government ordered the summary execution of four IRA prisoners. "Con's Doctor" is written next to the name of Dr. James Crowley. "Con" is probably Constance Markievicz [1868-1927] the Irish revolutionary and politician, then an active member of the IRA. [Order This Item](#)



**Rare 1486 Reference Companion to the
Canonist Known as the “Lamp of the Law”**

4. Corsetti, Antonio [c.1450-1503].

[Tudeschis, Niccolo de, (Abbas Panoramitanus) (1386-1445)].

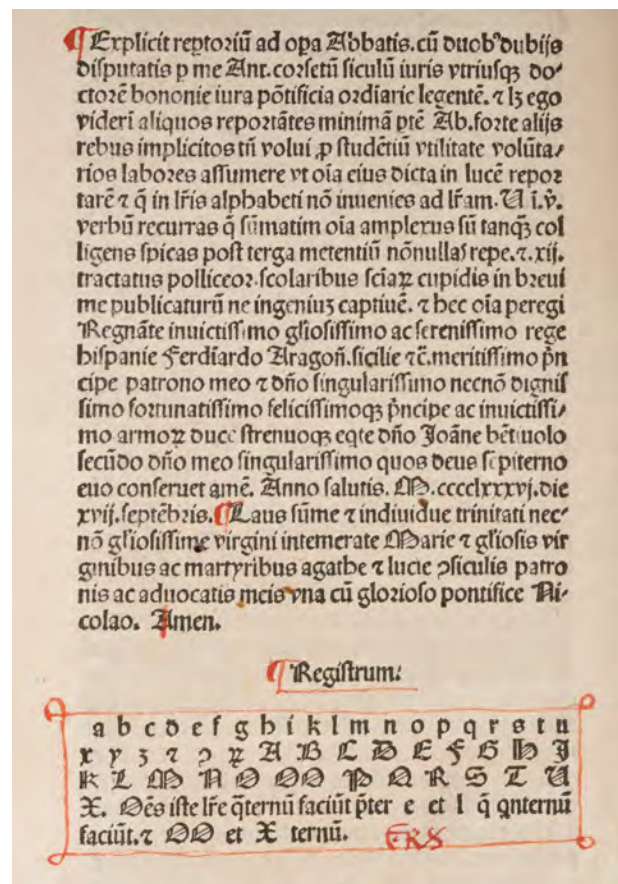
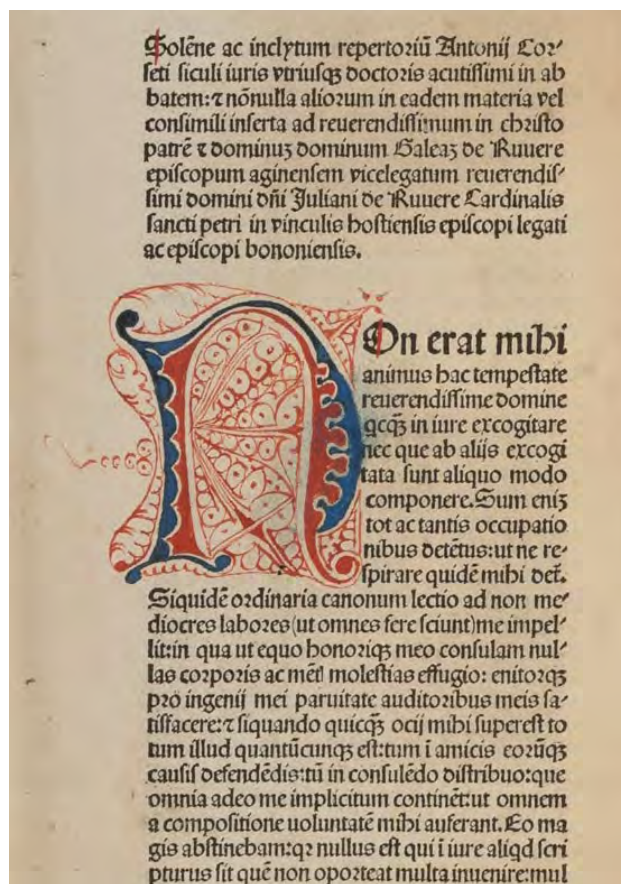
[*Repertorium in Opera Nicolai de Tudeschis*]. [Venice: Andreas Torresanus, c.September 17, 1486]. [379] leaves, lacking 3 blank leaves, a1 and X5-6. Collation: a-d8, e10, f-k8, l10, m-O8, OO6, P-T8, U-X6. Large folio (16-1/2” x 11”; 42 x 28 cm).

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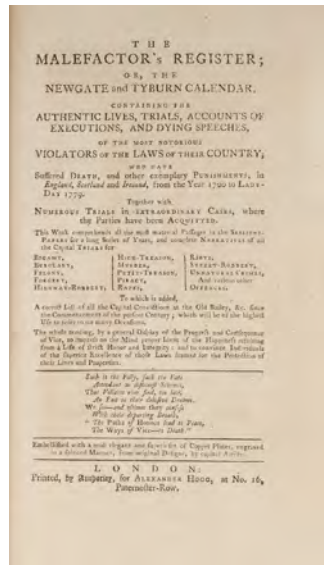
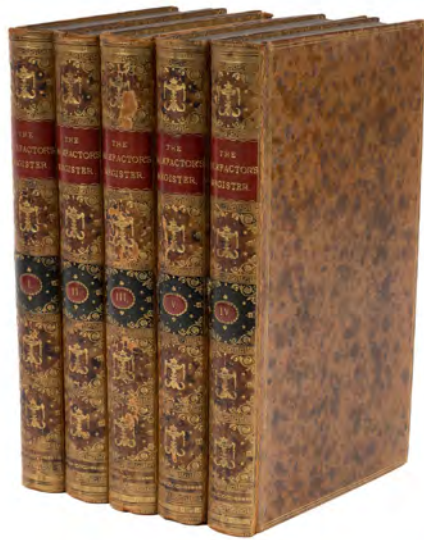
* First edition of this important and finely printed reference work. Tudeschi, a Benedictine canonist from Sicily, earned his doctorate in canon law at the University of Bologna. Also known as Panormitanus for his position as archbishop of Palermo, he taught at the Universities of Siena, Parma and Bologna. "It was his canonical works, especially his 'Lectura in Decretales' 'In Sextum,' and 'In Clementinas,' that won him the title of 'lucerna juris' (lamp of the law) and insured him great authority" (Catholic Encyclopedia).

The present volume is a comprehensive reference companion to Tudeschi's works, organized alphabetically in the form of a dictionary. Corsetti, also a lecturer at the University of Bologna, was highly respected as a canonist and appointed by Pope Alexander VI to the Sacra Roman Rota in 1500. "This table of contents, made in Bologna 1486, is his best work and makes the writings of Panormitanus accessible" (Schulte).

The printer of our edition, Andreas Torresanus de Asula [1451-1529], was the father-in-law to the great Aldo Manuzio. The two became business partners from 1508 and Torresanus would carry on the work of the Aldine press after Manuzio's death in 1515. Both incunable editions of this title are rare. The *ISTC* locates one copy of our 1486 edition in North America (Library of Congress); OCLC and Goff add none. *Incunabula Short-Title Catalogue (ISTC)* ic00932000. "Nicolo de' Tudeschi" in *Catholic Encyclopedia* (Online edition). Schulte, *Die Geschichte der Quellen und Literatur des Canonischen Rechts* II :349.



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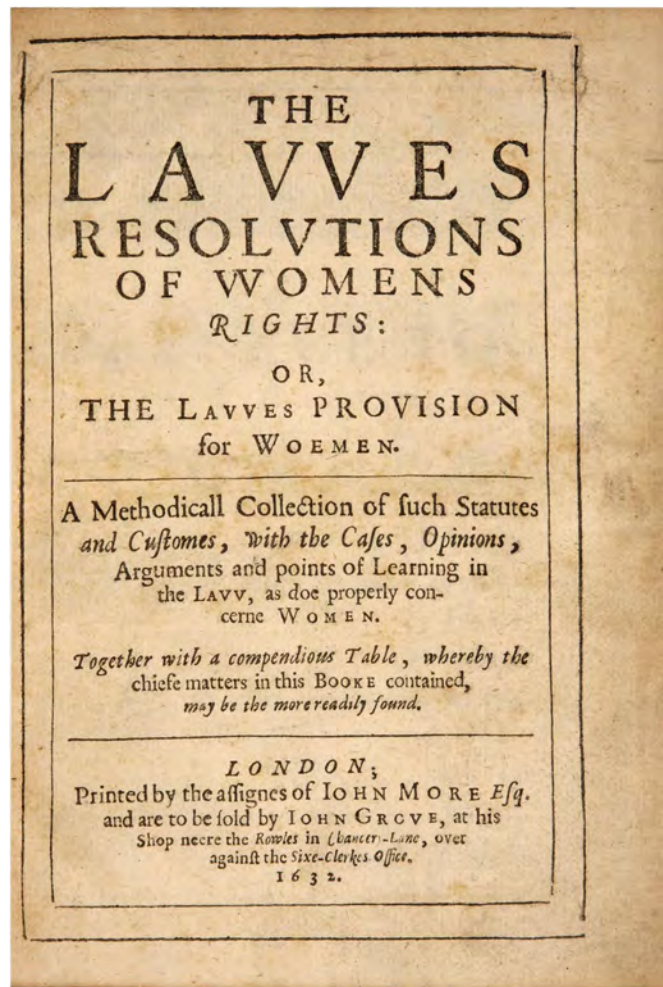
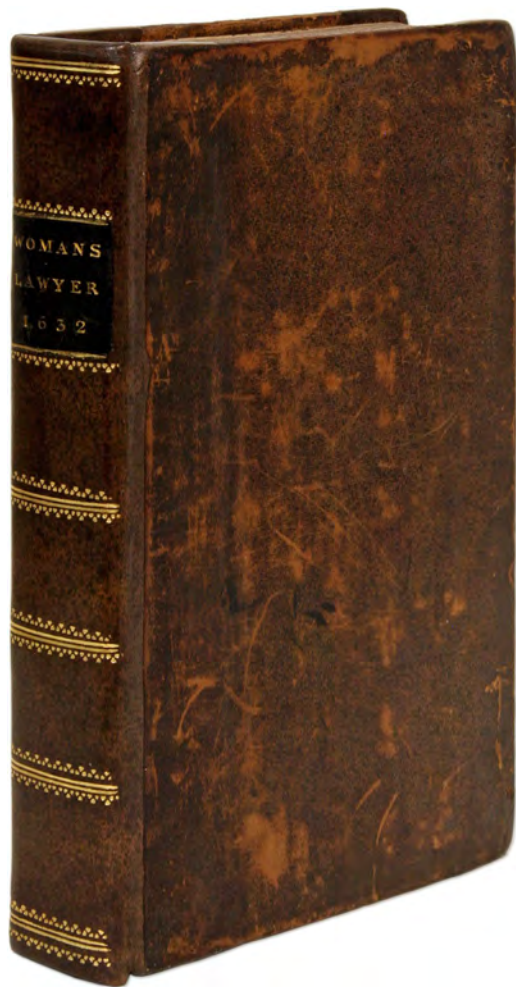
**5. [Criminals].
[Great Britain].**

The Malefactor's Register; Or, The Newgate and Tyburn Calendar. Containing the Authentic Lives, Trials, Accounts of Executions, And Dying Speeches, Of the Most Notorious Violators of the Laws of Their Country; Who have Suffered Death, And Other Exemplary Punishments, In England, Scotland and Ireland, From the Year 1700 to Lady-Day 1779. Together with Numerous Trials in Extraordinary Cases, Where the Parties Have Been Acquitted. This Work Comprehends All the Most Material Passages in the Sessions-Papers for a Long Series of Years, and Complete Narratives of All the Capital Trials for Bigamy, Burglary, Felony, Forgery, Highway-Robbery, High-Treason, Murder, Petit-Treason, Piracy, Rapes, Riots, Street-Robbery, Unnatural Crimes, And Various Other Offences. To Which is Added, A Correct List of All the Capital Convictions at the Old Bailey, &c. Since the Commencement of the Present Century; Which Will be of the Highest Use to Refer to on Many Occasions. The Whole Tending, By a General Display of the Progress and Consequence of Vice, To Impress on the Mind Proper Ideas of the Happiness Resulting from a Life of Strict Honor and Integrity: and to Convince Individuals of the Superior Excellence of Those Laws Framed for the Protection of Their Lives and Properties. Embellished with a Most Elegant and Superb Set of Copper Plates, Engraved in a Spirited Manner, From Original Designs, By Capital Artists. London: Printed, By Authority, For Alexander Hogg, [1779]. Five volumes. 49 copperplates, as issued, and 6 added copperplates, 5 to Volume II and 1 to Volume IV. Octavo (8-1/4" x 5").

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

* The *Newgate Calendar* began as a monthly record of executions issued by the keeper of London's Newgate Prison. The title was eventually appropriated by several publishers, who issued chapbooks about notorious criminals and their deeds. The first collection of these biographies was published by R. Sanders in 1760. Didactic and lurid in equal measure, it was an instant success that went through several editions and versions into the nineteenth century (by several authors). All are notable for their colorful language, moralistic tone and interesting references to contemporary events and social issues.

William Armistead Moale Burden II [1906-1984], the former owner of our copy, was a prominent banker, art collector, bibliophile and philanthropist. He was Eisenhower's ambassador to Belgium from 1959 to 1961. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T69563. [Order This Item](#)



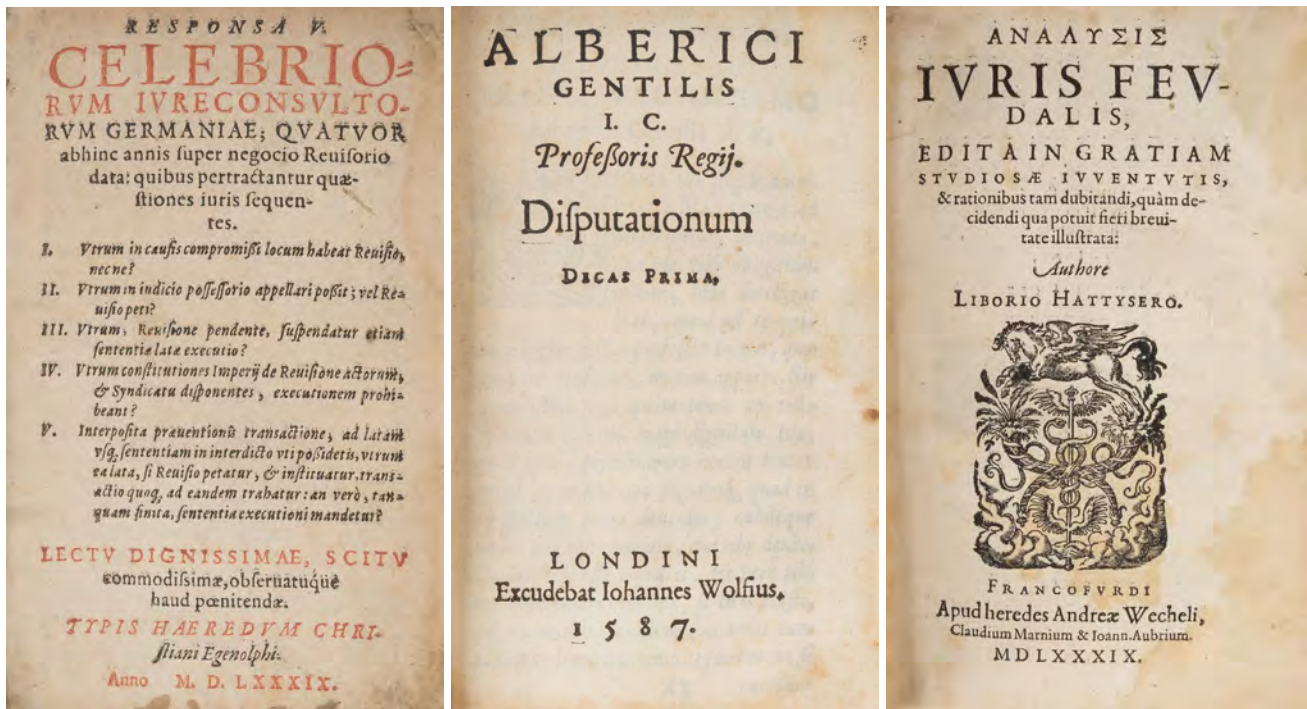
The Earliest Work in English Devoted to Laws Relating to Women

6. E[dgar], T[homas] [fl. 1615-1649], Attributed.

The Lawes Resolutions of Womens Rights: Or, The Lawes Provision for Woemen. A Methodicall Collection of Such Statutes and Customes, With the Cases, Opinions, Arguments and Points of Learning in the Law, As Doe Properly Concerne Women. Together with a Compendious Table, Whereby the Chiefe Matters in This Booke Contained, May Be the More Readily Found. London: Printed by [Miles Flesher for] the Assignes of John More Esq., 1632. [xiv], 404 pp. First leaf in collation, a blank, lacking. Quarto (7-1/2" x 5-1/2").

Contemporary speckled calf, rebaked in period style, gilt fillets and lettering piece to spine, gilt tooling to board edges, corners mended, endpapers renewed, speckled edges. Light rubbing to boards, tiny nick to lettering piece. Light toning to text, light foxing to a few leaves. Housed in a custom quarter morocco over cloth clamshell box with gilt-edged raised bands and gilt title to spine. A handsome copy. \$25,000.

* First edition. The earliest work in English devoted to laws relating exclusively to women, this incomparable digest from the time of the Civil War is also known as *The Womens Lawyer*. It is notable, in part, as the first book in English with the phrase "women's rights." A wide-ranging work, it treats such diverse topics as age of consent, dower, hermaphrodites, polygamy, wooing, partition, chattels, divorce, descent, seisin, treason, felonies and rape. Some sources, such as the *English Short-Title Catalogue*, believe this work was written in 1603 by Sir John Doderidge [1555-1628], an important legal figure during the reign of James I. Its preface is signed T.E., who is believed to be Thomas Edgar. Jefferson owned a copy of this book. Sowerby, *Catalogue of the Library of Thomas Jefferson* 1999. *English Short-Title Catalogue* S100217. [Order This Item](#)



Sammelband of Five Rare Sixteenth-Century Treatises

7. A. Egenolff, Christian, Heirs of.

Responsa V. Celebriorum Iuresconsultorum Germaniae; Quatuor abhinc Annis Super Negocio Revisorio Data; Quibus Pertractantur Quaestiones Iuris Sequentes... [Frankfurt]: Typis Haeredum Christiani Egenolphi [Impensis Barbarae, D. Ioannis Cnippii & Mariae Pauli Steinmeyers Viduarum], 1589. 201, [25] pp.

[Bound with]

B. Gentili, Alberico [1552-1608].

Disputatum Decas Prima. London: Excudebat Iohannes Wolfius, 1587. [viii], 143, [1] pp.

[And]

C. Hattysier, Liborius.

Anahysis Iuris Feudalis, Editain Gratiam Studiosae Inventutis, & Rationibus tam Dubitandi, Quàm Decidendi qua Potuit Fieri Brevitate Illustrata. Frankfurt: Apud Heredes Andreae Wecheli, Claudium Marnium & Ioann. Aubrium, 1589. 133, [3] pp.

[And]

D. Brem (Prem), Peter (Premus, Petrus).

Aureus Tractatus de Securitatis Promissionibus, Et Fide Publica. [Berlin and Frankfurt an der Oder: Typis Nicolai Voltz], 1588 [1595 on colophon]. [ii], 114 [i.e. 113], [13] pp.

[And]

E. Gail, Andreas [1526-1587].

[Meurer, Noe (1545-1583)].

Reusner, Elias [1555-1612], Editor.

Tractatus von Pfändungssachen wie es mit Denselbe[n] an dem Keyserliche[n] Cam[m]ergericht, Vermög der Ordnung und des Gerichts Practick Gebalten und Geurtheylt Werde.... [Strasbourg]: Bey Bernhardt Jobin, 1585. [xvi], 284, [2] pp.

Octavo (6" x 3-3/4"). Contemporary vellum with lapped edges, early hand-lettered titles to spine, ties lacking. Light soiling and faint staining, some chipping to spine ends and joints, recent repair to foot of rear joint, hinges cracked. Moderate toning to interior, somewhat heavier in places, occasional faint dampstaining, underlining and brief annotations in a few places. \$4,500.

* Sammelband of five rare works on law printed in the cities of Frankfurt am Main (2), London, Berlin and Frankfurt an der Oder and Strasbourg in the years 1585 to 1595. The first work is also interesting as the rare product of the apparently short-lived partnership of two printer's widows.

A. First edition. Published by the heirs of Christian Egenolff [1502-1555], this is a collection of five treatises on commercial law. It was commissioned by Egenolff's daughter and printed by Barbara Cnipius and Mary Steinmeyer. OCLC locates 1 copy of this edition in North America (University of Toronto). *Verzeichnis der im Deutschen Sprachbereich Erschienenen Drucke des 16. Jahrhunderts* (VD16) R1189.

B. Only edition. This is a collection of essays on disputed legal points by the great Italian-English jurist published when he was Regius Professor of Civil Law at Oxford. Gentili is best known as one of the three founders, along with Vitoria and Grotius, of modern international law. The *English Short-Title Catalogue* (ESTC) locates 9 copies, 1 in North America (National Library of Medicine). ESTC S117694.

C. First edition. This was a popular introductory textbook on feudal law that went through several editions into the seventeenth century. Liborius Hattysen is probably a pseudonym. OCLC locates 1 copy of this edition in North America (UC Berkeley Law School). VD16 H757.

D. Second edition. First published in 1585, Brem's treatise examines suretyship and guaranty in Roman law. Its final edition, the third, was published in 1595. No copies of any edition located in North America by OCLC. VD16 P4764.

E. Only edition. Gail was one of the leading jurists of the Holy Roman Empire. His treatise on property attachment and seizure as judged by the imperial court of appeals (*Kammergericht*) has an introduction by the editor. It also includes a two-part tract by Meurer: *Kurzer Begriff von Mandaten, So von Pfändungen und Gefangenen Wegen Erkannt Werden*. OCLC locates 11 copies, none in North America. VD16 G36.



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First Edition of the First
English Treatise on Family Law

8. [Family Law]. [Great Britain].

Baron and Feme: A Treatise of the Common Law Concerning Husbands and Wives. Wherein is Contained the Nature of a Feme Covert, And of Marriages, Bastardy, The Privileges of Feme Coverts: What Alterations are Made by Marriage as to Estates, Leases, Goods, and Actions. What Things of the Wife Accrue to the Husband by the Intermarriage, Or Not. What Acts, Charges, Forfeitures by the Husband, Shall Bind the Wife After His Death, Or Not; Of Jointures and Pleadings, Fines and Recovery, Conveyances and Other Law Titles Relating to Baron and Feme. Of Wills, And Feme Covert Being Executrix. Of the Wife's Separate Disposition and Maintenance. What Amounts to the Disposition of the Wife's Term by the Husband. Of Actions Brought by or Against Baron and Feme. What Actions Done, Or Contracts Made by the Wife, Shall Bind Her Husband. Of Indictments and Informations Against Them. Of Baron and Feme's Joinder in Action. Of a Feme Sole Merchant. Declaration and Pleas &c. of Divorces &c. With Many Other Matters Relating to the Said Subject; And Some Useful Precedents. London: Printed by the Assigns of Richard and Edward Atkyns Esquires, for John Walthoe, 1700. [xxxii], 380, [36] pp. Main text preceded by publisher advertisement; this copy does not have the additional advertisement leaves that follow the text in some copies. Octavo (7-1/2" x 4-1/2").

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* First edition. Passing through subsequent editions in 1719 and 1738, this was the first English treatise devoted exclusively to family law. It is a broadly conceived work. "I have herein considered Baron and Feme in all the circumstances of life, from the solemnization of marriage to the divorce, and have not omitted 'those collateral by-blows, (the title of bastardy making a considerable figure in our books;) and the variety of the matter made me some attonement for the labour" (To The Reader). According to the introduction, the anonymous author seems to have also been the author of the earlier *Infants Lawyer: Or the Law (Ancient and Modern) Relating to Infants* (1697). *English Short-Title Catalogue* R6177. [Order This Item](#)



**A Collection of Early Pamphlets
Concerning the Field Codes in a Contemporary Binding**

9. [Field Codes].

[Field, David Dudley (1805-1894)].

[*Collection of Pamphlets Concerning the Field Codes*]. New York, 1840-1856. 11 pamphlets (one of them in duplicate). Octavo (8-1/2" x 5-1/2").

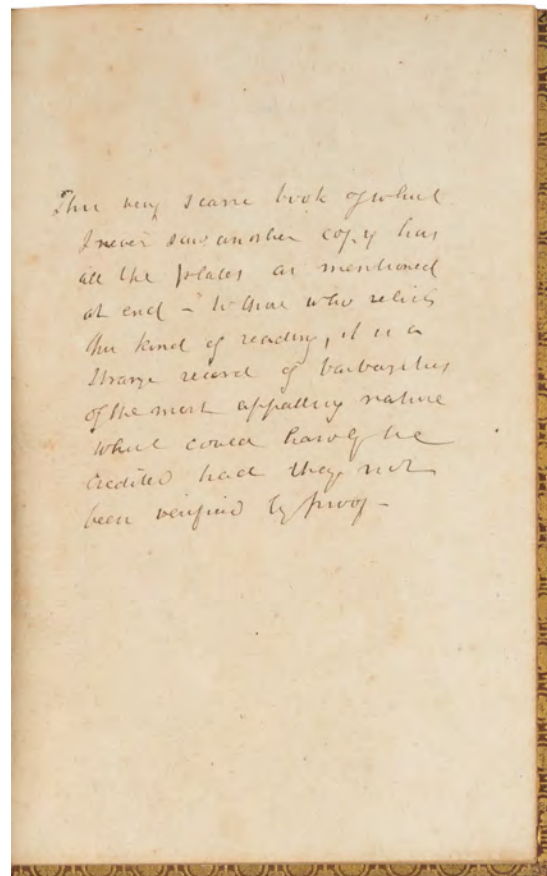
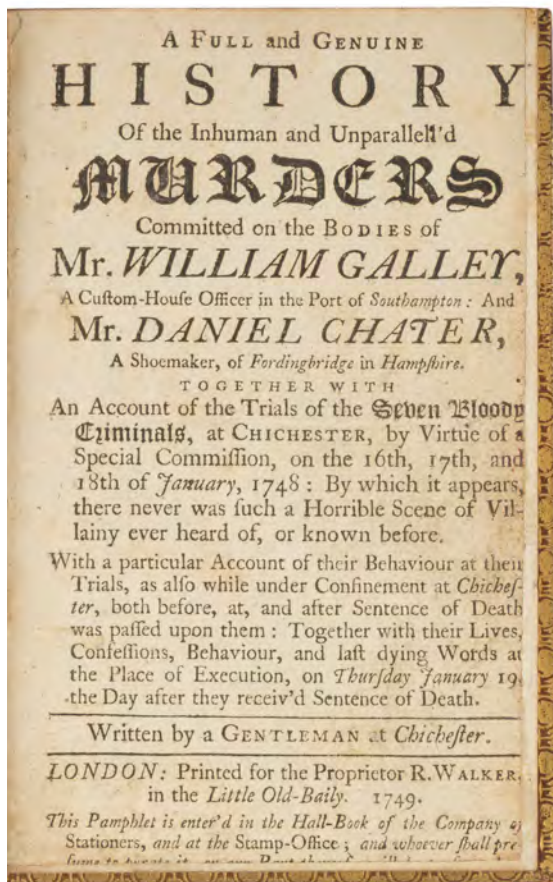
Contemporary three-quarter calf over marbled boards, raised bands and red and black lettering piece reading "New York Codes" and "Auxiliary Tracts" to spine. Light rubbing to boards, front board partially detached but secure, small chip to head of spine, corners bumped and somewhat worn, rear hinge cracked, front free endpaper lacking. Moderate toning to interior, light foxing in a few places, offsetting to margins of endleaves. \$3,500.

* Field, a distinguished member of the New York Bar, was the leading American proponent of codification during the nineteenth century. He was appointed one of the commissioners on practice and pleading in 1847, which resulted in New York's *Code of Civil Procedure* (1848-1850), which was mostly written by Field. He also served on the commissions that resulted the *Code of Criminal Procedure of the State of New York* (1850), *The Civil Code of the State of New York* (1865), *The Penal Code of the State of New York* (1865) and *The Political Code of the State of New York* (1860), where he was the primary author. Although these latter codes were not adopted by the state, they, along with the civil procedure code, were very influential elsewhere in the United States and in other countries.

The pamphlets in this volume, all scarce, relate to codification and the New York codes. Contents:

- A. [Field, David Dudley]. *A Letter to Gulian C Verplanck, On the Reform of the Judicial System* (New York, 1840). 43 pp. Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* (Cohen) 1143.
- B. [New York]. No. 81. *In Assembly, March 2, 1842. Report in Part of the Committee on the Judiciary, In Relation to the Administration of Justice* (Albany, 1842). 72 pp. Cohen 1036.
- C. [Field, David Dudley]. *Re-Organization of the Judiciary: Five Articles Originally Published in the Evening Post, On that Subject* (New York, January, 1846). 16 pp. Cohen 1453.
- D. Field, David Dudley. *What Shall be Done with the Practice of the Courts? Shall it be Wholly Reformed? Questions Addressed to Lawyers* (New York, 1847). 38 pp. [There are two copies in this volume.] Cohen 1144.
- E. F[ield], D[avid] D[udley]. *Not Published. Some Suggestions Respecting the Rules to be Established by the Supreme Court* (New York, 1847). 4 pp. Not in Cohen.
- F. Field, David Dudley. *The Completion of the Code. Five Articles Re-Published from the New York Evening Post, December, 1850* (New York, 1851). 11 pp. Cohen 10353.
- G. [Field, David Dudley]. *Law Reform Tracts. No. 1. The Administration of the Code* (New York, 1852). 46 pp. Cohen 10310.
- H. [Field, David Dudley]. *Law Reform Tracts. No. 2. Evidence on the Operation of the Code* (New York, 1852). 61 pp. Cohen 10310.
- I. [Field, David Dudley, Editor]. [Story, Joseph, Theron Metcalf, Simon Greenleaf, Charles E. Forbes, Luther S. Cushing]. *Law Reform Tracts. No. 3. Codification of the Common Law: Report of the Commissioners Appointed to Consider and Report upon the Practicability and Expediency of Reducing to a Written and Systematic, the Common Law of Massachusetts* (New York, 1852). 31 pp. Cohen 10310.
- J. [Field, David Dudley]. *Law Reform Tracts. No. 4. The Administration of the Code* (New York, 1855). 21 pp. Cohen 10310.
- K. [Field, David Dudley]. *Law Reform Tracts. No. 5. A Short Manual of Pleading Under the Code* (Albany, 1856). 30 pp. Cohen 10310.

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"There Never Was Such a Horrible Scene of Villainy"

10. A Gentleman at Chichester.

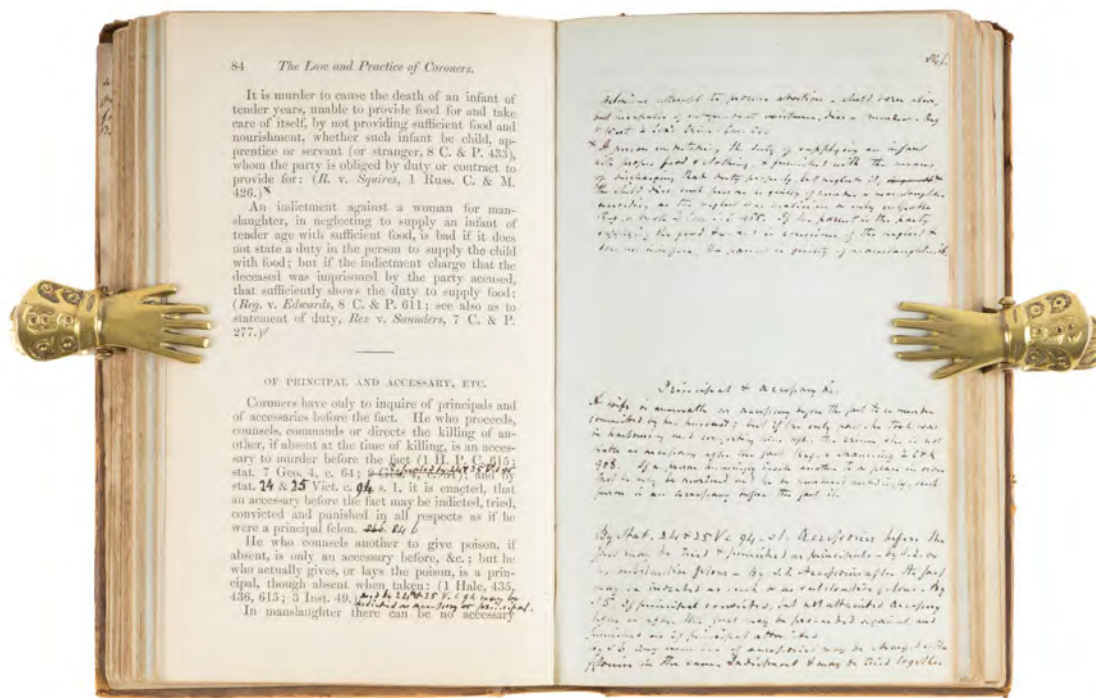
A Full and Genuine History of the Inhuman and Unparallell'd Murders Committed on the Bodies of Mr. William Galley, A Custom-House Officer in the Port of Southampton: And Mr. Daniel Chater, A Shoemaker, Of Fordingbridge in Hampshire. Together with an Account of the Trials of the Seven Bloody Criminals, At Chichester, By Virtue of a Special Commission, On the 16th, 17th, And 18th of January, 1748: By which it Appears, There Never Was Such a Horrible Scene of Villainy Ever Heard of, Or Known Before. With a Particular Account of Their Behaviour at Their Trials, As Also While Under Confinement at Chichester, Both Before, At, And After Sentence of Death was Passed Upon Them: Together with Their Lives, Confessions, Behaviour, And Last Dying Words at the Place of Execution, On Thursday January 19, The Day After They Receiv'd Sentence of Death. London: Printed for the Proprietor R. Walker, 1749. vi, 267, [5] pp. With seven full page woodcut illustrations; without the red and black title page recorded in some copies. Octavo (6-1/4" x 4").

Contemporary or near-contemporary calf, gilt fillets and rules to boards, gilt spine with raised bands and lettering piece, gilt tooling to outer and inner board edges, marbled endpapers, gilt edges. Light rubbing to boards and extremities, front board nearly detached, light wear to spine ends, chip to head of spine, joints cracked, corners just bumped and very lightly worn, hinges starting, early bookplate (of Walter Adams) to front pastedown and ms. note in an early hand to front endleaf. Moderate toning to interior, light foxing in a few places, title page and two plates affected by trimming and carefully mended, minor loss to text and images, legibility affected on title page only, flaw to text block of leaves Ff1-2 (219-222), mended carefully on Ff1, with minor loss to text and no loss to legibility. An appealing copy of a rare title. \$2,500.

* First edition. The Hawkhurst Gang was a notorious group of smugglers based in southeast England. Galley, a customs officer, arrested Chater, a gang member, in 1748 and turned him into an informer. Both men were then captured by other members of the Hawkhurst gang and savagely murdered; Galley was beaten, tied to his horse and mutilated, while Chater was tortured and stoned to death. The murderers were subsequently tried and executed. Walter Adams, the owner of our copy, was a Framingham, Massachusetts resident who served on the board of selectmen from 1882-1889. The note to the front endleaf, likely his, reads: "This very scarce book of which I never saw another copy has all the plates as mentioned at end- to them who [relish?] this kind of reading, it is a strange record of barbarities of the most appalling nature which could hardly be credited had they not been verified by proof-." This account went through several subsequent editions with slight variations in title and text. The eighth and final edition of these appeared c.1858. A similar title was issued in 1749 by B. Dickinson; it shares text with the R. Walker edition but is shorter and unillustrated. Our edition is rare. OCLC locates 5 copies, 3 in North America (UCLA, Louisiana State University, Trial Court Law Library of Worcester). *English Short-Title Catalogue* N31819.



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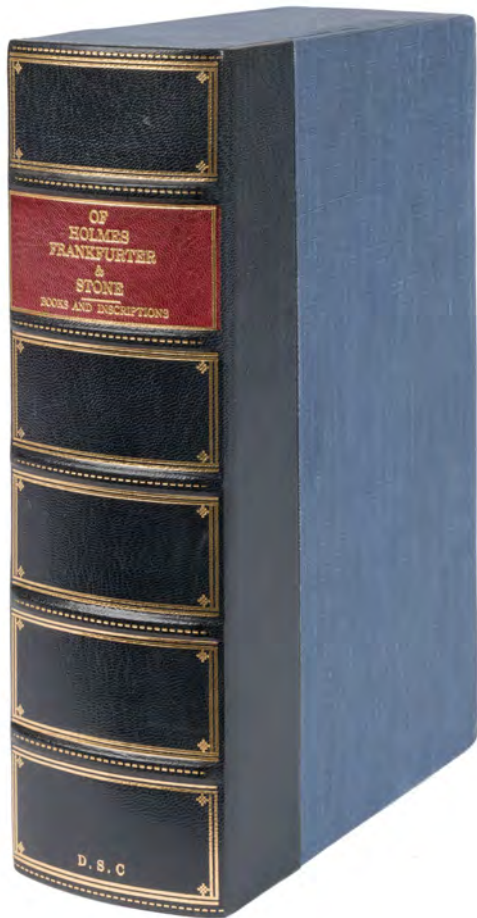
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 Extensive Notes, Corrections and Revisions**

11. Grindon, Joseph Baker.

A Compendium of the Laws of Coroners, with Forms and Practical Instructions. London: John Crockford, 1850. xii, 215 pp. Interleaved. Octavo (7" x 4-1/4").

Contemporary calf, blind rules to boards, raised bands, lettering piece and gilt and blind fillets to spine. Moderate rubbing and shallow scuffing to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, joints just starting at ends, wear to corners, hinges cracked, author signature dated January 1850 to front pastedown, another to head of title page. Moderate toning to interior, notes, corrections and revisions throughout text, margins and interleaves in Grindon's hand, printed tables (from an unidentified source) with annotations pasted to front endleaves. \$3,500.

* Only edition. Grindon, Bristol's coroner, had a scholarly interest in his field. In 1822, he published a edition of Umfreville's *Lex Coronatoria* (1761), the first English treatise on the subject. Grindon's *Compendium* was intended to be a successor to that work. Based on the extensive annotations and corrections in his copy, which he began to add shortly after the book's publication, it appears he was planning to publish a revised or second edition of his work. This book appears to be rare. It is not listed in Sweet & Maxwell; no copies located on OCLC. *British Museum Catalogue* (Compact Edition) 11:85. [Order This Item](#)



To Harlan F. Stone
from his associate and friend
Oliver Wendell Holmes
May 23, 1928

To H. F. S., a meagre
conveyance of your
great friend, but it
comes to you with the
highest regards, from
Cambridge,
6 October 1938

**Presentation Copies from Oliver Wendell Holmes
and Felix Frankfurter Inscribed to Harlan Fiske Stone**

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

Speeches. Boston: Little, Brown, and Company, 1918. [vi], 103 pp. Original printed paper boards. Light soiling, somewhat heavier on spine, moderate rubbing to extremities with some wear to spine ends and corners. Moderate toning to text, author inscription to front free endpaper.

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Frankfurter, Felix [1882-1965].

Mr. Justice Holmes and The Supreme Court. Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 1938. 137 pp. Frontispiece. Original cloth, gilt title to spine. Light rubbing to extremities with light wear to spine ends and corners, light fading to spine. Moderate toning to interior, author inscription to front free endpaper.

Books, each in a cloth flap folder, housed in handsome two-compartment cloth slipcase, quarter morocco spine with raised bands, gilt ornaments and gilt title reading: *Of Holmes Frankfurter & Stone, Books and Inscriptions*. \$10,000.

* *Speeches*: later printing; *Mr. Justice Holmes*: first edition. Both of these books were presented to Harlan Fiske Stone when he was an associate justice of the U.S. Supreme Court. (He was chief justice from 1941 to 1946.) *Speeches* is inscribed: "To Harlan F. Stone from his associate and friend Oliver Wendell Holmes. May 23, 1928. *Mr. Justice Holmes* is inscribed: "For H.F.S., a meagre conveyance of your great friend, but it comes to you with the highest regards from F.F. Cambridge, 6 October 1938." Frankfurter became Stone's associate on the Court in 1939. Holmes retired in 1932. [Order This Item](#)



Only Known Copy

13. Hoover, Matthias [1819-1837].

The Authentic Confession of the Notorious Robber & Murderer, Matthias Hoover, Partner of Lovett, Washburn, & Davis, Who was Hung at Cincinnati, On the 30th June, 1837, For the Murder of William Beaver. Cincinnati: Published for the Trade, 1837. 12 pp. Woodcut title page vignette of Hoover. Octavo (7-1/2" x 4-1/4").

Stab-stitched pamphlet in self-wrappers bound in later quarter cloth over marbled boards, gilt fillets and lettering piece to spine, a number of blank leaves added after text block by binder. Light rubbing to boards, more moderate rubbing and light wear to board edges and corners. Light toning to interior, light foxing and soiling in a few places, crack in text block after title page, which has faint pencil marks and small holes along its gutter and a small chip to its bottom-edge. Only known copy. \$1,600.

* Only edition. Along with his partners, Hoover robbed an old man of some \$800 and left him for dead. This was, according to Hoover's confession, only the latest episode in a long career of vice and dissipation. He had begun stealing from an early age and had even been tried for murder as a schoolboy (though he was acquitted). He bequeathed his body to the Western Museum in Cincinnati, where it was displayed after his execution.

The present title is an unrecorded variant of a related work published in Cincinnati the same year with a different title and without an imprint. No copies of our title could be found anywhere, though a copy appeared at auction in 1923. The other variant is also scarce; OCLC locates 2 copies worldwide (American Antiquarian Society, Princeton University). Not in McDade, Sabin or *Checklist of American Imprints*. See *Morgan Bibliography of Ohio Imprints* 8810. [Order This Item](#)



Complete Set in Bayntun Bindings, Extra-Illustrated

14. Jackson, William, Principal Author.

The New and Complete Newgate Calendar, Or, Malefactor's Universal Register. Containing, New and Authentic Accounts of the Lives, Adventures, Exploits, Last-Dying-Speeches, Confessions, &c. &c. of the Most Notorious Criminals and Violators of the Laws of their Country (of Both Sexes and All Denominations), Who Have Suffered Death, and Other Exemplary Punishments, for Murder, Burglary, Felony, Horse-Stealing, Bigamy, Forgery, Highway Robbery, Footpad Robbery, Perjury, Piracy, Rapes, Riots, Mobbing, Sodomy, Starving to Death, Sheep-Stealing, Swindling, Treason, Mutiny, Sedition, And Other Misdemeanors. Interspersed with Notes, Reflections, Remarks, And Inferences, Arising from the Several Subjects, Moral, Instructive, And Entertaining. Comprehending the Most Material Passages in the Sessions Papers for Upwards of a Century; Together with the Ordinary of Newgate's Account of the Capital Convicts; And Complete Narratives of the Most Remarkable Trials. The Whole Containing the Most Faithful Narratives ever Yet Published of the Various Executions, And Other Exemplary Punishments, Which Have Happened in England, Wales, Scotland, And Ireland, From the Year 1700 to the Present Time. The Whole Properly Arranged from the Records of the Courts. To Which is Added, A Concise Account of the New Settlements for Convicts at Paramatta, Sydney, Port Jackson in Botany Bay, New South Wales. London: Printed for Hogg & Co., No. 16, Paternoster-Row, [c. 1810-1820]. 8 volumes. Pagination occasionally irregular, text complete. 14 plates; pictorial title page to Vol. I. 85 additional plates. Octavo (8-1/4" x 5").

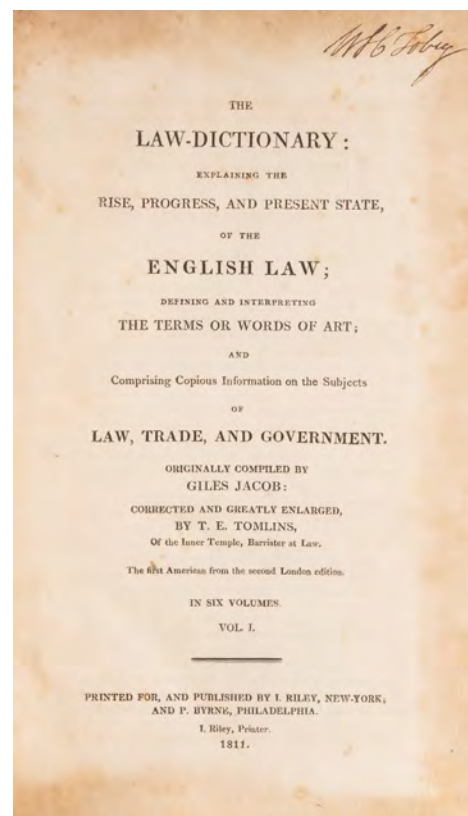
Later period-style mottled calf by George Bayntun of Bath, gilt frames and fillets to boards, gilt spines with raised bands and lettering pieces, gilt tooling to spine ends and board edges at corners, gilt inside dentelles, gilt edges, marbled endpapers, red morocco book label of William Armistead Moale Burden II to front pastedown of each volume, silk ribbon bookmarks. Light rubbing to joints and spine ends, boards of a few volumes bowing slightly, front hinge of Vol. VIII cracked between frontis and title page, recent penciled notes to endleaves and page numbers in a few places. Light toning to text, more moderate to Volume VIII, occasional light foxing, faint offsetting from some plates, light soiling in a few places, fore-edges and corners discreetly mended in a few places without loss to text or images, small hole to text block of Vol. VII, leaf O1 (pp. 105-106) without loss to legibility. A notably handsome complete set. \$3,000.

* The Newgate Calendar began as a monthly record of executions issued by the keeper of London's Newgate Prison. The title was eventually appropriated by several publishers, who issued chapbooks about notorious criminals and their deeds. The first collection of these biographies was published by R. Sanders in 1760. Didactic and lurid in equal measure, it was an instant success that went through several editions and versions into the nineteenth century (by several authors). All are notable for their colorful language, moralistic tone and interesting references to contemporary events and social issues. As published by Hogg, the work appears to have been initially comprised of six volumes issued in parts, with the seventh and eighth volumes added later and marketed as part of the set. A ninth volume mentioned in the preface to the eighth volume does not appear to have been published.

Our copy was owned by William Armistead Moale Burden II [1906-1984], a prominent banker, art collector, bibliophile and philanthropist. He was Eisenhower's ambassador to Belgium from 1959 to 1961. Including the frontispieces to each volume, the set has 109 copperplate illustrations; the directions to the binder in Vol. VII call for 14. Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 1:370 (18).



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First Law Dictionary Printed in America

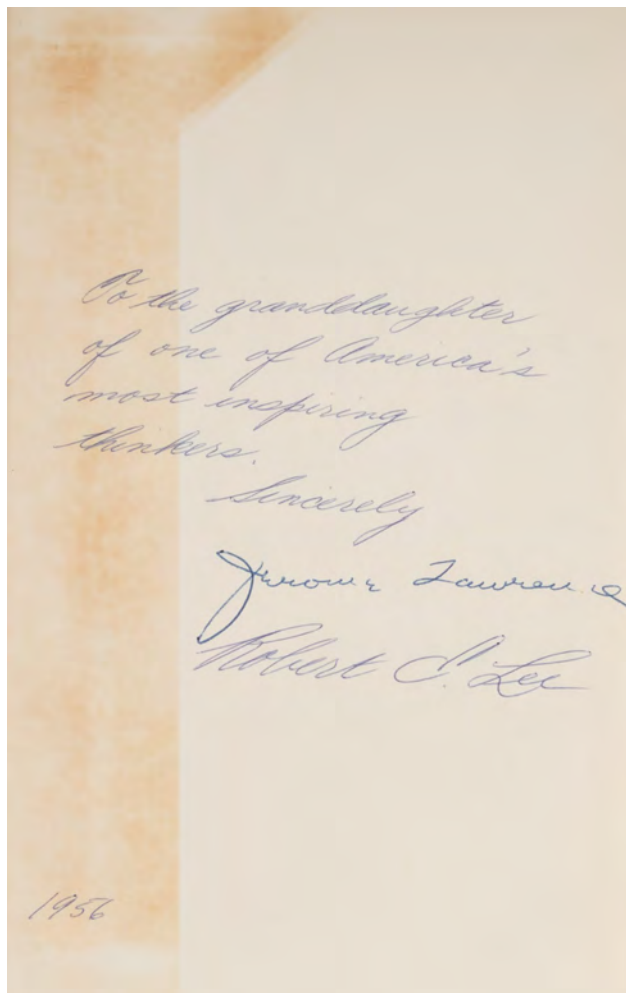
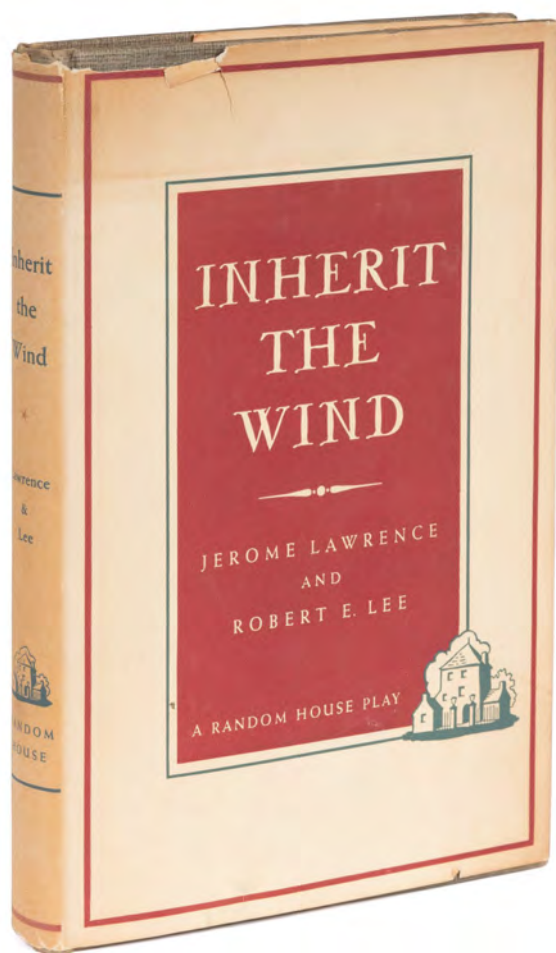
15. Jacob, Giles [1686-1744].

[Tomlins, Thomas Edlyne (1762-1841)].

The Law-Dictionary: Explaining the Rise, Progress, and Present State of the English Law; Defining and Interpreting the Terms or Words of Art; And Comprising Copious Information on the Subjects of Law, Trade, and Government. Corrected and Greatly Enlarged. New York: Printed for, And Published by I. Riley, 1811. Six volumes. Complete set. Octavo (9" x 5-1/2").

Contemporary reversed calf, blind fillets to boards, lettering pieces, blind fillets and blind volume numbers and alphabet ranges to spines. Moderate rubbing and a few minor stains to boards, heavier rubbing to extremities, chipping to spine ends, corners bumped and worn, boards beginning to separate, but secure, illegible early owner name in tiny hand to front board of Volume I. Moderate toning to interiors, light foxing in places, early owner signature (W.H. Tobey) to heads of title pages, offsetting to margins of preliminaries and rear endleaves. An appealing unsophisticated set. \$3,000.

* First American edition and the first law dictionary printed in America. It is derived from the second Tomlins edition, printed in London in 1809. The leading Anglo-American law dictionary of the eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries, Jacob's *New Law-Dictionary* was first published in 1729. It went through several editions. Tomlins's substantially enlarged editions appeared in 1797, 1809 and 1810. Tomlins's additions include citations to the vast number of statutes at large, term reports in the several courts, parliamentary reports and recent treatises and other sources that had been published since Jacob's death. Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 5446. [Order This Item](#)



**"To the Granddaughter of One
of America's Most Inspiring Thinkers"**

16. Lawrence, Jerome [1915-2004].

Lee, Robert E. [1918-1994].

Inherit the Wind. New York: Random House, Inc., [1955]. Photo illustrations. vi, 162 pp.

Original publisher's cloth in lightly edgeworn and toned dust jacket, top-edge rouged. Faint offsetting to endleaves, author signatures and inscription to front free endpaper dated 1956. Light toning, light foxing to margins in a few places, faint offsetting from photo illustrations, interior otherwise clean. \$1,500.

* First edition, first printing. A fictionalization of the famous Scopes "monkey trial" as a representation of the then-current wave of McCarthyism, *Inherit the Wind* is one of the twentieth century's best loved American plays. It has been adapted for the screen four times and revived on stage as recently as 2009. The inscription reads "To the granddaughter/ of one of America's/ most inspiring thinkers." Our copy of the play was likely presented to one of Clarence Darrow's three granddaughters, Jessie Darrow Lyon Johnston [1910-1968], Mary Darrow Simonson [1912-2003] or Blanche Darrow Chase [1913-2006], though it is unclear from the inscription to which of the three it was presented. It is unlikely to have been presented to a granddaughter of H.L. Mencken (who did not have children) or William Jennings Bryan. Inscribed copies of the first edition are scarce. [Order This Item](#)



**Letters Tracing the Courtship and
Early Marriage of a Notable New Jersey Judge**

17. [Manuscript Archive].

Hartshorne, Ellen Fritz [1895-1988].

Hartshorne, Richard [1888-1975].

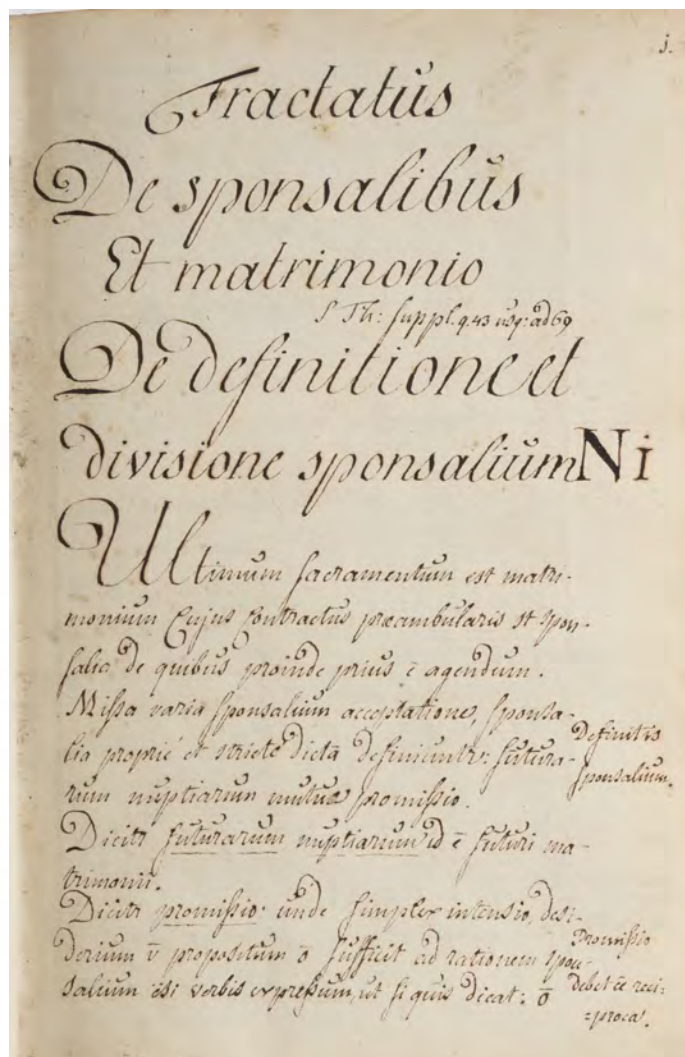
[Correspondence of Judge Richard Hartshorne and His Wife, Ellen Fritz (Née Sahlin) Hartshorne. America, Early 1900s].

Approximately 550 letters, 1,150 manuscript pages in ink, 200 pages in pencil, most in original envelopes. Moderate toning, occasional creases, edgewear and minor chips and tears, overall condition very good. \$1,250.

* Researchers interested in social rituals and letter-writing customs of America in the early 20th century will be engrossed by this archive. Hartshorne and Sahlin's courtship and early years of marriage and parenthood coincided with the U.S. entry into World War I, the 1920s and the financial disaster of 1929. A graduate of Wellesley College, Sahlin worked as an interior designer for a firm in New York City. Hartshorne, a graduate of Princeton and Columbia Law School of Law, enlisted in the Navy and was stationed on the Eastern seaboard during the war. After his tour of service, he advanced professionally in various legal firms and was a judge of the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey from 1951 to 1961 and a senior judge of that court from 1961 to the end of his life. Both came from renowned families. The Hartshornes were among the earliest settlers in New Jersey. Known for their probity, several Hartshornes served in judicial and legislative posts. Ellen's father, uncle and brother played important roles in the steel industry in the United States and India.

Although they were strong-willed, well-educated, career-oriented, individuals from pedigreed families, the still faced their share of challenges. For example, Hartshorne, while a naval ensign, had issues with senior officers. Sahlin mentioned her struggles with difficult clients. Several letters from Hartshorne and Sahlin include whimsical drawings. If there is a lesson in this archive, it is related to the importance of having an extensive circle of family and friends to draw upon during difficult times. As the family expanded, and the household fractured to accommodate Hartshorne's work obligations, the couple received vital information and advice from others, especially from Ellen's "devoted brother, Bob. This support was important when Sahlin was hospitalized for the birth of her children and when Hartshorne fell into depression in 1927.

Several letters from well-wishers received upon their engagement provide an example of the manner in which the couple managed their social networks. The engagement announcement, for instance, was sent to circles of intimates and acquaintances in ever-widening waves of correspondence and public notices. For months following, responses arrived from Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York, Ohio and Pennsylvania as well as from Belgium, France and Sweden. Besides the congratulatory remarks, there were many promises of future visits and renewals of friendship as the couple began of a new phase of their lives. [Order This Item](#)



**Pre-Publication Manuscript
of a Treatise on Marriage**

18. [Manuscript].

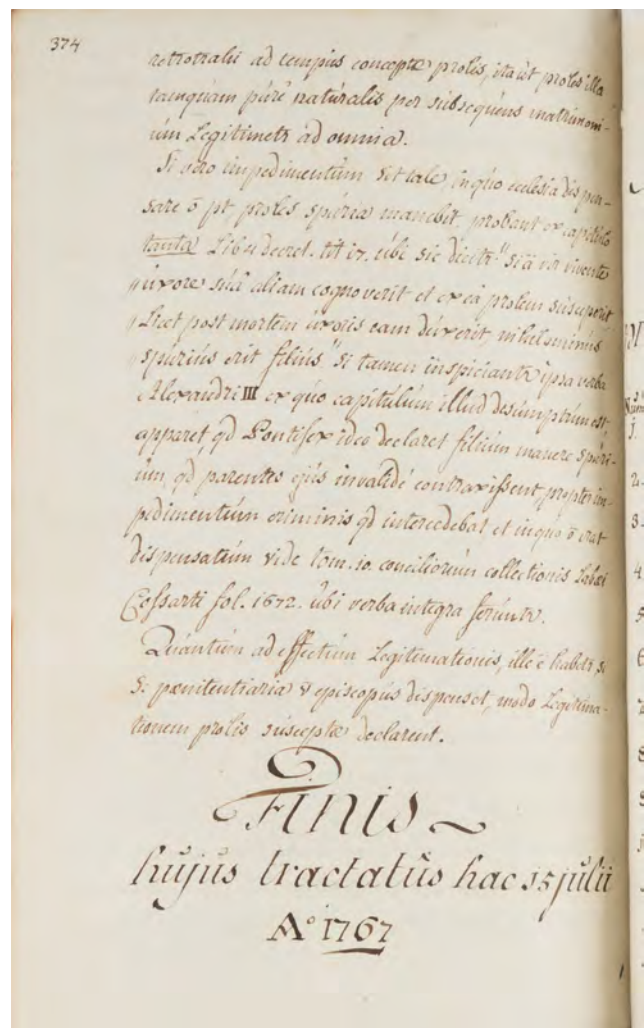
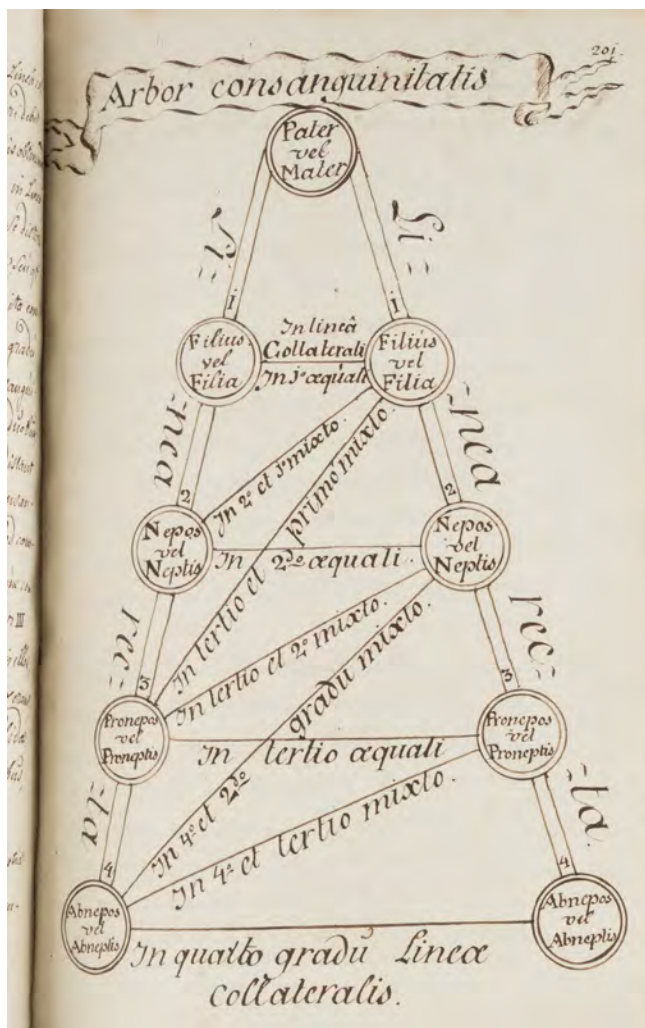
[Dens, Peter (1690-1775)].

[*Tractatus de Sponsalibus et Matrimonio* and *Tractatus de Quatuor Novissimis*]. [Louvain?]: 15 July 1767-14 October 1768. 381, [1]; 59, [1] pp. Text in Latin in single neat hand with chapter headings, side notes and indices. Octavo (7-1/2" x 4-1/2").

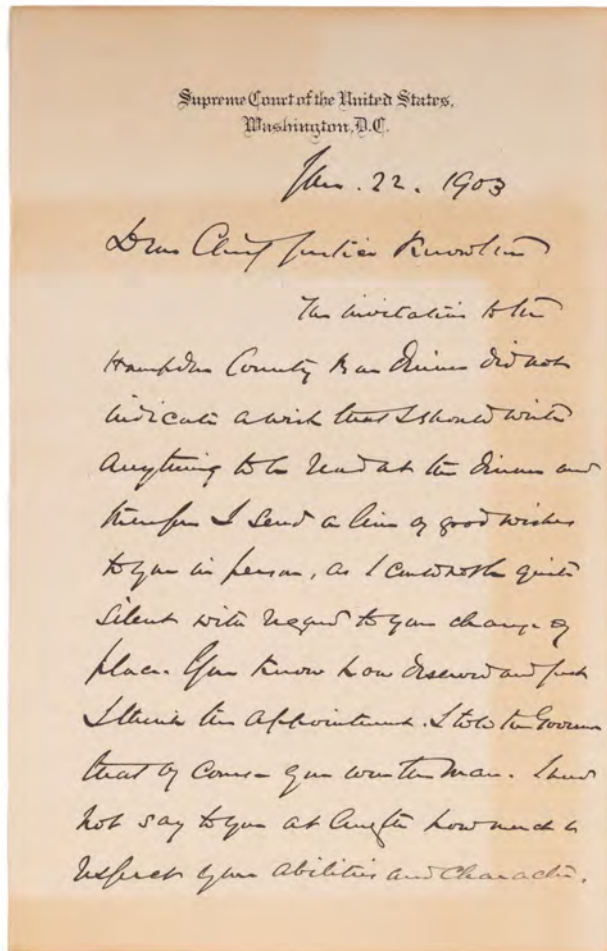
Contemporary mottled calf, blind rules to boards, raised bands, gilt decoration to compartments, blind fillets and lettering piece ("V. Rymenant De Matrimon Et 4. Novissimis") to spine, edges rouged. Faint dampstain to front board, which is bowing slightly, very light rubbing to extremities, slight gatering to spine, joints just starting at both ends, corners bumped, hinges starting, light soiling and offsetting to pastedowns, small circular sticker to lower left corner of front pastedown. Light toning to interior, negligible light foxing and soiling to a few leaves. An appealing volume with a clean and well-organized interior. \$1,950.

* This manuscript appears to be a fair copy of two works by Catholic theologian Peter (or Pierre) Dens: *Tractatus de Sponsalibus et Matrimonio* and *Tractatus de Quatuor Novissimis*. The first, an extensive treatise on Catholic marriages in canon law, was published after Dens's death in 1775. The shorter *Tractatus de Quatuor Novissimis* was published in 1776 and again in 1790 with *De Sponsalibus*. It concerns "the four last things," i.e. death, judgment, heaven and hell, the final stages of the soul in Christian eschatology. Both treatises were highly regarded, with the final edition of *De Sponsalibus* appearing in 1894 and the final edition of *De Quatuor Novissimis* in 1864.

The first portion of the manuscript (*Tractatus de Sponsalibus et Matrimonio*) has a completion date of 15 July 1767. The second part (*Tractatus de Quatuor Novissimis*) was completed on 14 October 1768. The transcriber is unnamed but may be the "V. Rymenant" noted on the spine label. The text is similar to the printed versions in organization and content, but has many differences of varying degrees and includes text not in the printed versions. It may represent an early version of Dens's work as taught to his students in theology at the University of Louvain, where he was a professor from 1723 until his death. Editions of both treatises are scarce in print.



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**Holmes Warmly Congratulates His Successor
on the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court**

19. [Manuscript].

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

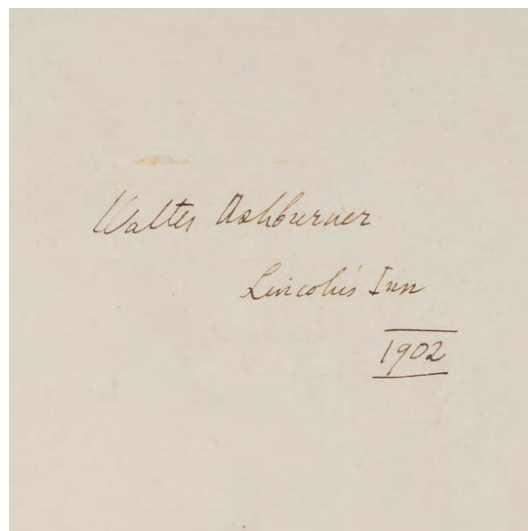
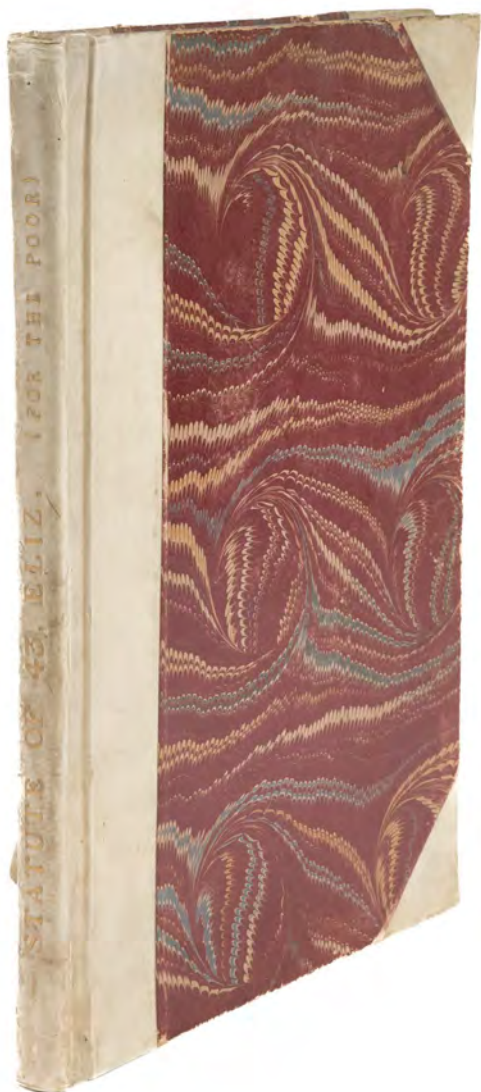
[Knowlton, Marcus Perrin (1839-1918)].

[Autograph Letter, Signed, To Marcus P. Knowlton, Washington, DC, January 22, 1903].

Content to first 2 pp. of 7-3/4" x 5" U.S. Supreme Court bifolium letterhead. Moderate toning, single faint horizontal fold line, light offsetting to first page. With transmittal envelope postmarked January 22, 1903. Typed transcription included. \$1,850.

* After serving as an associate justice since 1887, Knowlton was appointed as Holmes's successor as Chief Justice on the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court in 1902. This warm and effusive letter from Holmes congratulates him: "You know how deserved and just I think this appointment. I told the Governor that of course you were the man...[I] will say to an old friend that he has my affectionate good wishes and confident prophecy for his success in his future as in his past."

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Early Manuscript Notes on Elizabethan Poor Laws

20. [Manuscript].

[Poor Laws].

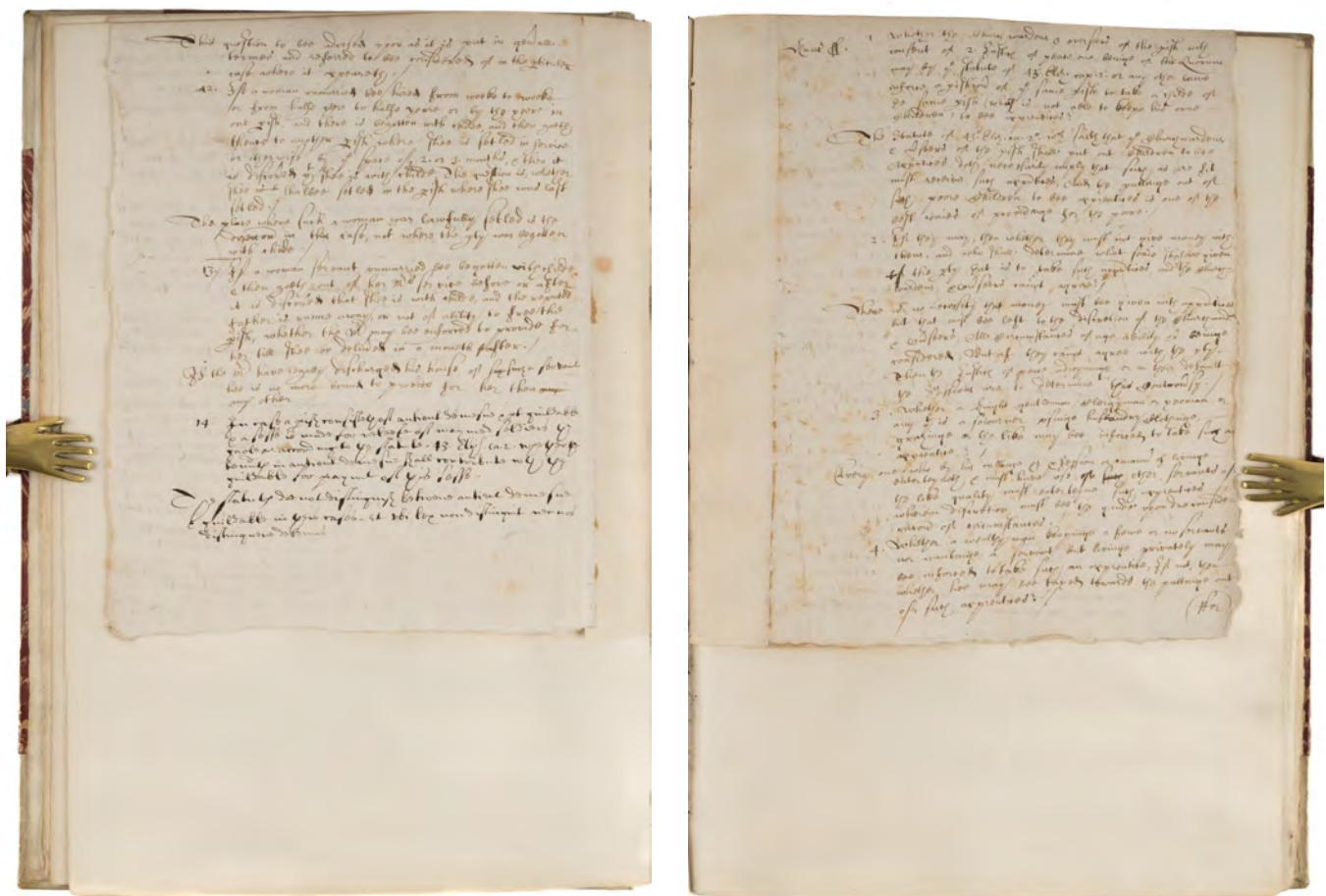
Expositions upon the Statute of 43 Eliz. for the Poore. N.p., c.1633. [13] pp. ms text on 8" x 6" sheets interleaved and bound into [27] ff. 11" x 7-1/2" blank book.

Later three-quarter vellum over marbled boards, gilt title ("Statute of 43. Eliz. (For the Poor)") to spine, top-edge gilt, fore and bottom edges untrimmed, ownership signature of Walter Ashburner, Lincoln's Inn dated 1902 to front pastedown, small bookplate ("Bibliotheca Confanoneria") to front free endpaper. Light rubbing to boards, moderate rubbing to board edges, light soiling to vellum, faint offsetting, light soiling and small penciled marks to endpapers. Light toning to interior, light foxing and negligible light soiling to ms and blank leaves, light edgewear to ms leaves, just affecting text of a few leaves but without loss to legibility. Text in neat secretarial hand. \$3,000.

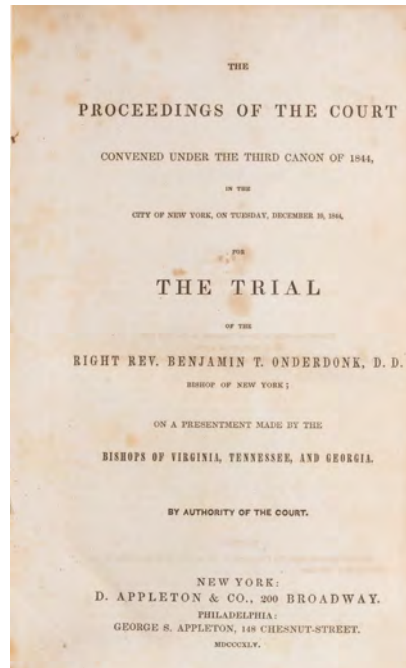
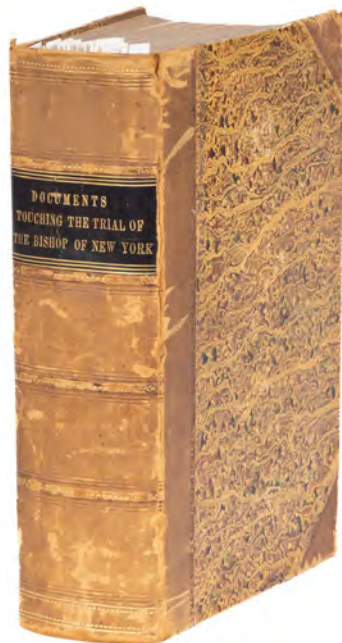
* The reign of Elizabeth I saw numerous attempts to relieve poverty through legislation. From 1552 to 1598, a series of statutes were passed which empowered justices of the peace and churchwardens to register the poor and raise funds for their relief. The so-called "Elizabethan Poor Law" of 1601 consolidated the previous legislation and provided for the creation of "overseers" of relief, who would work under justices of the peace to set a compulsory sum to be extracted from each parish, among other duties. The effects of the 1601 law and other "poor laws" resonated widely, from the penal system to the labor market to universities and the education system in general.

The text of our manuscript relates to the so-called "Resolutions of the Judges of Assize" of 1633. These "resolutions," intended to address ambiguities in the 1601 Poor Law, take the form of a series of questions submitted to Chief Justice Heath and his answers. "Although apparently repudiated after the Restoration as invalid, Heath's interpretations were nonetheless employed consistently by both magistrates and judges as the standard guide to the rigorous enforcement of the poor laws which characterized the 1630s" (Cockburn). The text subsequently appeared in print in various justice of the peace manuals, with the earliest of these appearances apparently around 1655 in Dalton's *Countrie Justice*. Our manuscript likely pre-dates printed versions of the text; similar manuscripts are held by the British Library.

This volume was owned by Walter Ashburner [1864-1936], a British legal scholar and an important collector of early printed books and manuscripts. The "Bibliotheca Confanoneria" bookplate likely originates from Italy, where Ashburner traveled extensively. It is unclear whether it pre or post-dates Ashburner's ownership. Cockburn, *A History of English Assizes 1558-1714*, 169-170.



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21 Pamphlets Documenting the Aftermath of a Church Scandal

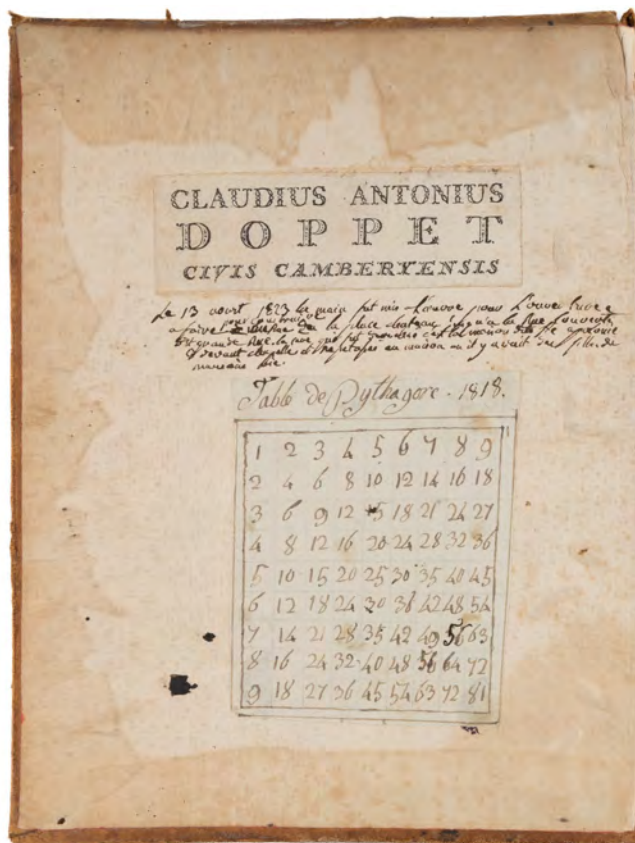
21. [Onderdonk, Benjamin T. (1791-1861)].

Documents Touching the Trial of the Bishop of New York [Spine Title]. 22 titles. Various imprints, most New York, 1842-1848. Various paginations. Octavo (8-1/2" x 5").

Contemporary three-quarter calf over marbled boards, blind fillets to calf edges, raised bands, blind and gilt fillets and lettering piece to spine, speckled edges, marbled endpapers. Light rubbing to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, some scuffing to calf, front joint lightly worn and just starting at head, corners just bumped and somewhat worn, front hinge split causing board and spine to separate from text block, rear hinge secure. Moderate toning to interior, light foxing and soiling in places, slight horizontal fold line to a few pamphlets, brief ms notes and underlining in pencil to one title (*The Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church*, 1842). A searchable list of included works is available upon request. An impressive compilation. \$950.

* A sammelband of 21 pamphlets documenting a scandal involving the Rt. Rev. Benjamin T. Onderdonk, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of New York from 1830-1861. (The last title, a catalogue of decorative church articles, is unrelated.) Onderdonk was accused of making improper advances towards several women. Onderdonk denied these allegations, claiming they were motivated by a conspiracy to remove him for his theological views. He was tried by the House of Bishops and the trial resulted in Onderdonk's suspension. The fallout from the Onderdonk scandal was extensive, dividing both clergy and laity.

Our compilation volume documents the events in great detail, beginning with an account of the trial in the Bishop's Court and including many reports and commentaries on the aftermath. Several of the titles are scarce, particularly in law libraries. Most of these were published by religious booksellers serving the Episcopalian community, and several titles feature publisher's catalogues of up to 21 pages. The collection is notable for its breadth and scope, including copies of the constitution and rules of order for the Protestant Episcopal Church from Onderdonk's time as presiding bishop. Based on the presence of a catalogue of decorative church articles from a Lancashire vendor, the volume may have been compiled by a British clergyman fascinated by the scandal unfolding across the Atlantic. A thorough look at the events and contemporary reception of one of the nineteenth century's great religious scandals. [Order This Item](#)



**Scarce 1770 Digest of Sardinian Laws
with Extensive Early Manuscript Annotations**

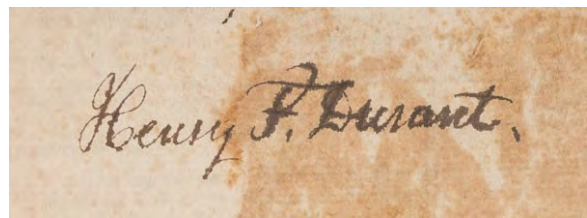
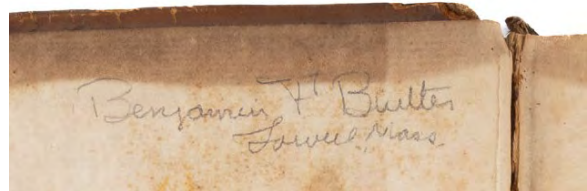
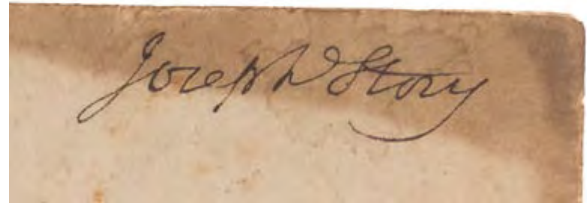
22. [Sardinia, Kingdom of].

Leggi, E Costituzioni di Sua Maestà/Loix et Constitutions de sa Majesté. Turin: Nella Stamperia Reale, 1770. Turin: Nella Stamperia Reale, 1770. Two volumes. xii, 504; 574, [2] pp. Two-column text, Italian with parallel French translation. Interleaved. Quarto (9-1/2" x 7-1/2").

Contemporary mottled sheep, gilt spines with raised bands and lettering pieces, edges rouged. Light rubbing and some minor nicks, scuffs and wormholes to boards, moderate rubbing to spines and extremities, corners bumped and somewhat worn, small chip to head of Volume II, hinges cracked, early owner bookplate of Claude-Antoine Doppet to front pastedowns, "Table de Pythagore. 1818" affixed to front pastedown of Volume I, bookplate residue to front pastedown of Volume II. Moderate toning to interiors, light soiling, foxing and minor stains in places, extensive annotations to interleaves in neat contemporary and early nineteenth-century hands, other annotations to endleaves and text. \$5,000.

* Third and final edition. First published in 1723, this compilation records Charles Emmanuel III's final set of reforms of the legal code of the Kingdom of Sardinia, which was enacted in 1723 by his predecessor, Victor Amadeus III. In this form the code remained in force until the Kingdom was conquered by Napoleon in 1797. It was reinstated when the House of Savoy was restored in 1814.

The copy was extensively annotated in several eighteenth and early-nineteenth century hands. Most of the notes are by the great Savoyard jurist Claude-Antoine Doppet [1752-1827], a doctor of law and avocat of the Senate of Savoy. There are many references to mid-eighteenth century lawsuits and court decisions. On the subject of the "Manner of articulating the facts" (Book III, title XVI), for example, the annotator relates a lawsuit brought by the Cathedral of Saint-Jean-de-Maurienne in the 1750. There are also several interesting notes on criminal law and the use of torture. [Order This Item](#)



**A Copy Owned by Joseph Story,
Benjamin Butler and Henry Fowle Durant**

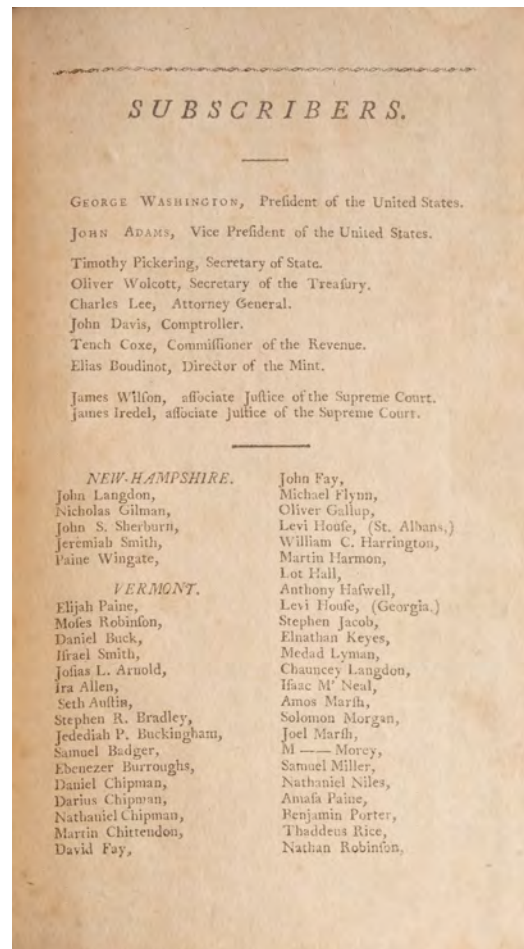
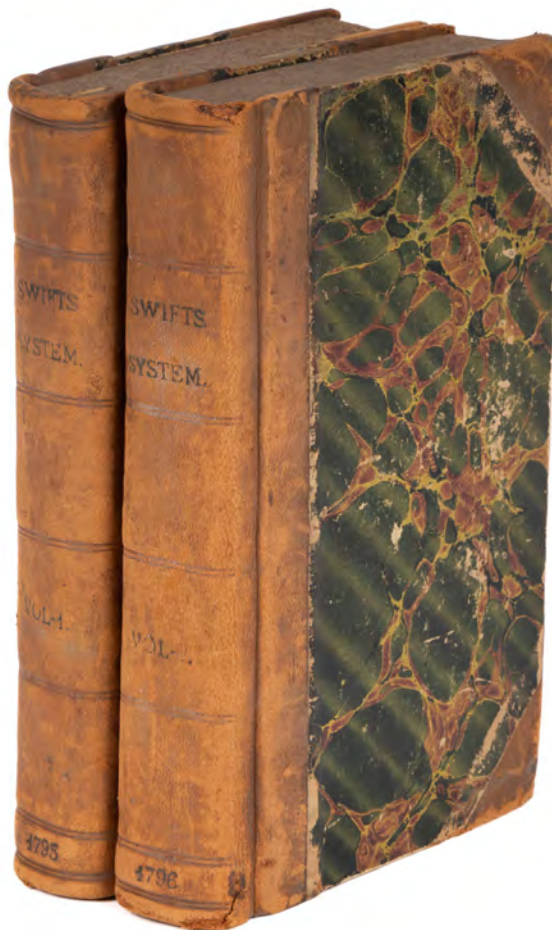
23. Shower, Bartholomew.

Leach, Thomas, Editor.

Reports of Cases Adjudged in the Court of King's Bench, During the Reigns of Charles the Second; James the Second; And William the Third. By Sir Bartholomew Shower, Knt. In Two Volumes. Volume the First: Containing, Cases Adjudged in the Court of King's Bench, In the Reign of William the Third: With Several Learned Arguments-And with Two Tables; The First of the Names of the Cases; The Other of the Principal Matters. Corrected, With Notes and Marginal References. London: Printed for W. Clarke and Son, 1794. Two volumes. xii, 540, [40]; x, 510, [62] pp. Octavo (8-3/4" x 5-1/2").

Contemporary calf, blind fillets to boards and spines, lettering pieces lacking. Rubbing to boards and extremities with wear to spine ends and corners, boards detached, crack through spine of Volume II. Moderate toning and to interiors, light foxing in places, faint dampstining to fore-edge of text block at rear of Volume II. A few struck-through signatures to front endleaves, signature of Joseph Story to title page of Volume I and front free endpaper of Volume II, signature of Henry F. Durant to front pastedowns, owner mark of "Benjamin F. Butler/ Lowell, Mass." to front pastedown of Volume I. Books housed in cloth clamshell box with morocco spine label. \$2,000.

* Second edition. This well-regarded edition of a notable set of reports from 1678-1694 had a notable series of owners. Foremost among these is Joseph Story [1779-1845], the distinguished U.S. Supreme Court justice, Harvard Law School professor and legal author best known for his *Commentaries on the Constitution* (first edition 1833), a landmark in American law. Another owner was Benjamin F. Butler [1818-1893], the Lowell, Massachusetts lawyer, businessman, politician and major general of the Union Army. At some point this book was acquired by Henry Fowle Durant [1822-1881], the Boston lawyer and philanthropist who, with his wife, founded Wellesley College. Wallace, *The Reporters* 392. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T97379. Hoefflich and Beck, *Catalogues of Early American Law Libraries: The 1846 Auction Catalogue of Joseph Story's Library* 266. [Order This Item](#)



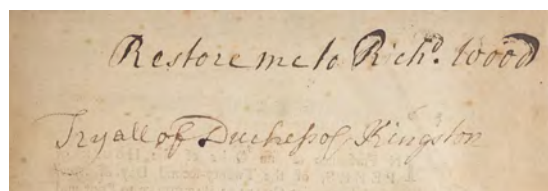
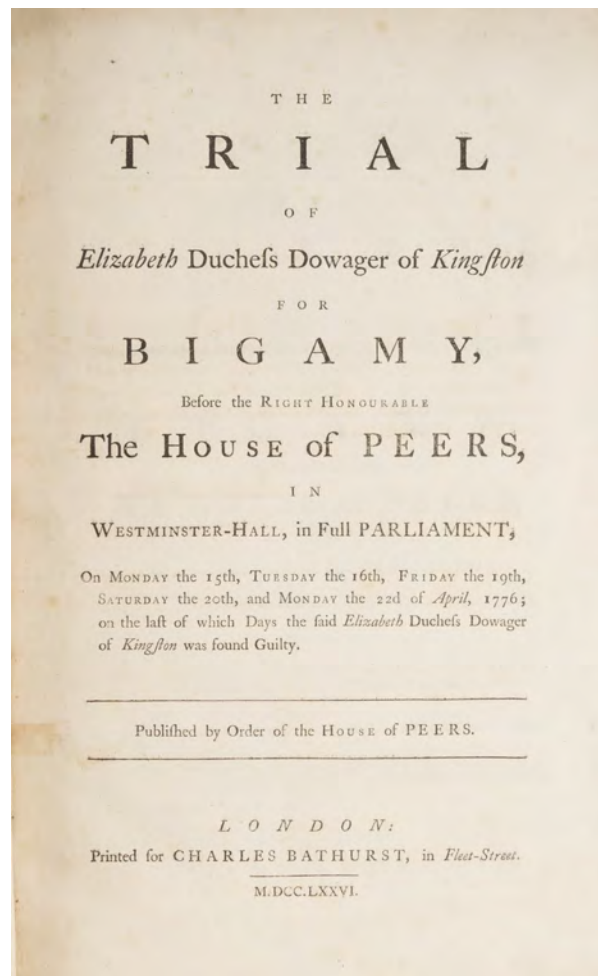
The First American Legal Text

24. Swift, Zephaniah [1759-1823].

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

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

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



Annotated by the Defendant's Secretary

25. [Trial].

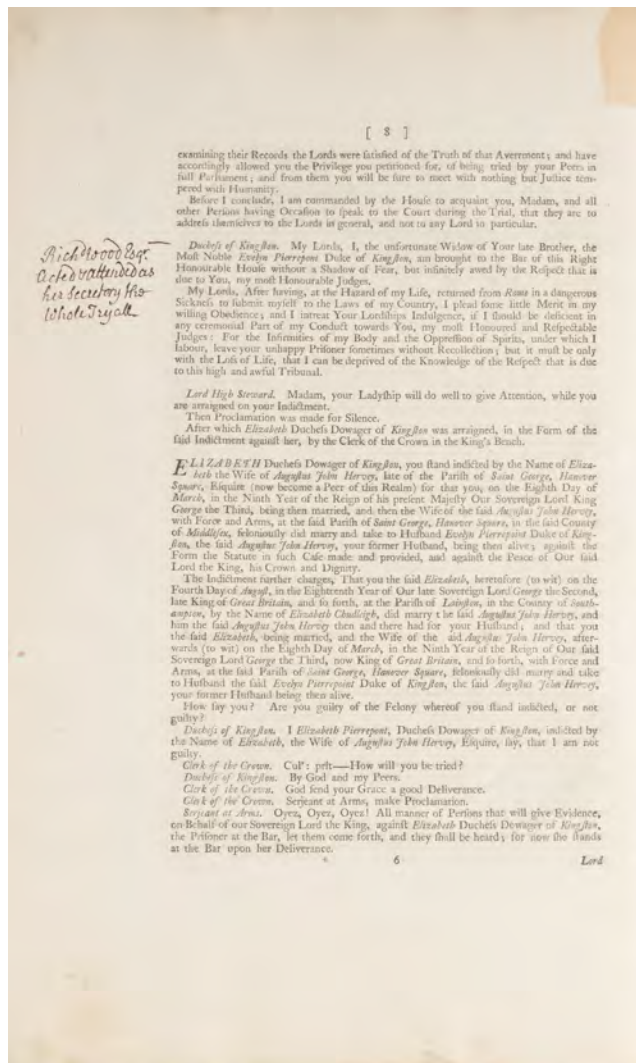
Kingston, Elizabeth Chudleigh Hervey, Duchess of [1720-1788], Defendant.

The Trial of Elizabeth Duchess Dowager of Kingston for Bigamy, Before the Right Honourable the House of Peers, In Westminster-Hall, In Full-Parliament, On Monday the 15th, Tuesday the 16th, Friday the 19th, Saturday the 20th, and Monday the 22d of April, 1776; On the Last of Which Days the Said Elizabeth Duchess Dowager of Kingston was Found Guilty. Published by Order of the House of Peers. London: Printed for Charles Bathurst, 1776. [iv], 176 pp. Title page preceded by imprimatur leaf. Folio (15" x 9-3/4").

Later quarter cloth over plain boards, lettering piece to spine, endleaves renewed, edges untrimmed. Light rubbing and scuffing to boards, which are faded, corners bumped and somewhat worn, front board starting but secure. Moderate toning to interior, occasional light foxing and soiling, mostly to margins, light edgewear and clean tears to edges of a few leaves, faint offsetting to upper gutter of pp. 8-9, upper corners of last two leaves lacking, text unaffected. Early ownership signature of Richard Wood to first leaf, early annotations from Wood in several places. \$1,500.

* Only edition. When she determined to marry the Duke of Kingston, Elizabeth feared the scandal of divorce from her first husband, Augustus Hervey, later Earl of Bristol, who wanted a divorce, so she instituted a suit of jactitation against him. His negative response ignored, she took an oath that she was unmarried, and the court so declared her. She married the Duke of Kingston in 1769, and he died in 1770 and left her a substantial estate on the condition that she remain a widow. The duke's nephew, Mr. Evelyn Meadow, brought suit against her for bigamy shortly after the duke's death, while she was traveling in Italy. She returned to England to stand trial. Found guilty, she would have been "burned on the hand" but she claimed the privilege of her peerage which served to exempt her from corporal punishment. She continued a life of travel and adventure until her sudden death in Paris in 1788.

Our copy of her trial was owned by Richard Wood, who served as the Duchess's secretary throughout the trial. His notes largely clarify points or name persons. An annotation to the Duchess's tearful testimony wearily notes "I exhorted her not to mention this." *Dictionary of National Biography* IX:730. Sowerby, *Catalogue of the Library of Thomas Jefferson* 1957. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T92941.



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A Collection Owned by a Nobleman Expelled from the House for Fraud

26. [Trials].

[Great Britain].

Preston, Richard Graham, Viscount [1648-1695], Primary Defendant.

The Arraignment, Trials, Conviction and Condemnation of Sir Rich. Grahme Bart, Viscount Preston in the Kingdom of Scotland, And John Ashton, Gent. For High-Treason against Their Majesties King William and Queen Mary [...]. London: Printed for Samuel Heyrick and Thomas Cockerill, 1691. [iv], 26, [4], 27-138 pp. With imprimatur leaf; trial of John Ashton has separate title page and continuous register. *English Short-Title Catalogue (ESTC)* R22452.

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[Mackenzie, Sir George (1636-1691), Attributed].

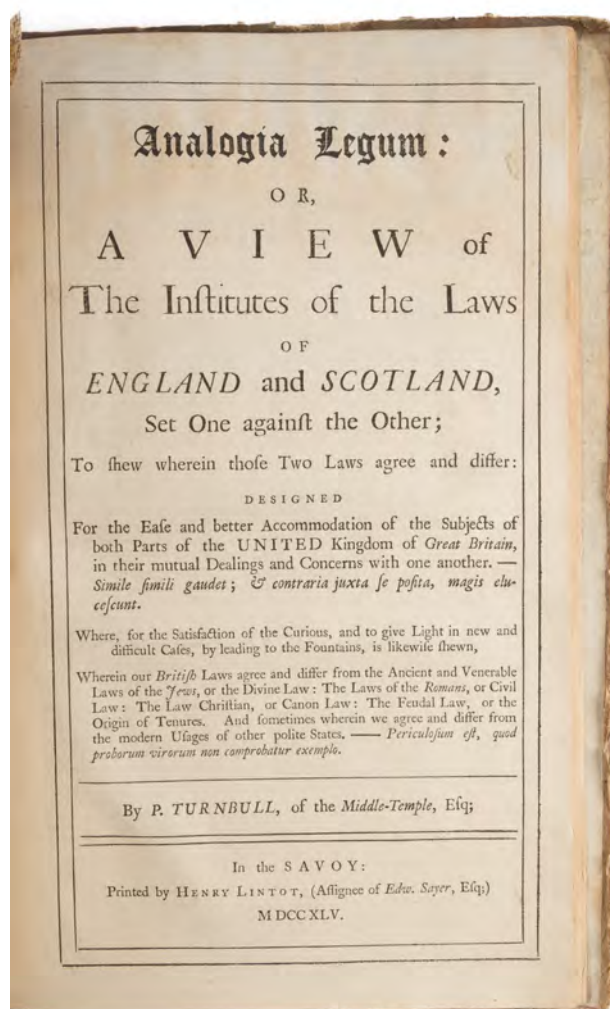
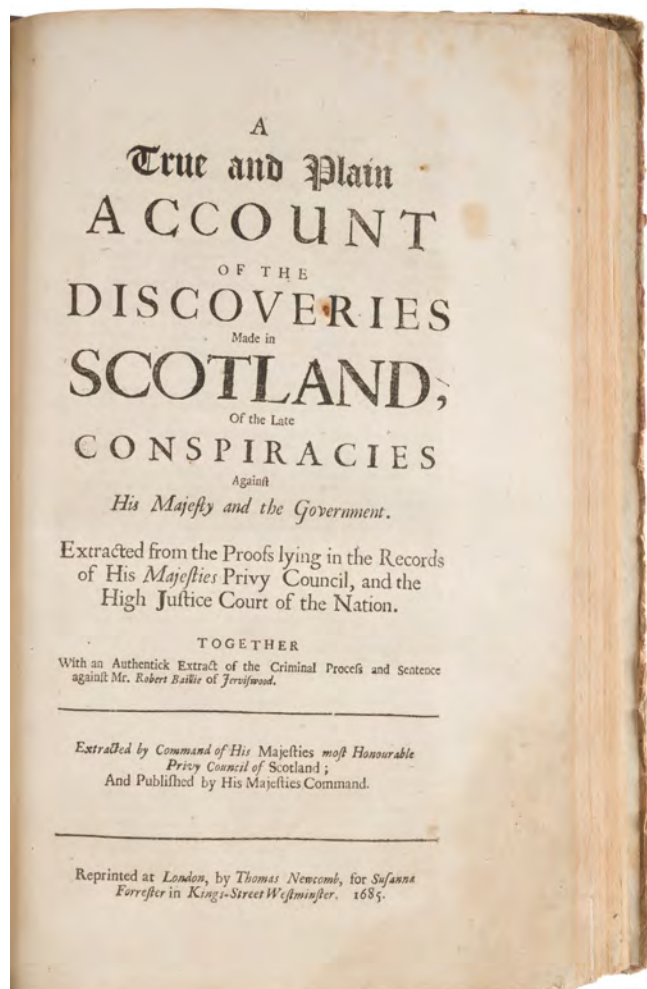
A True and Plain Account of the Discoveries Made in Scotland, Of the Late Conspiracies Against His Majesty and the Government. [...] Together with an Authentick Extract of the Criminal Process and Sentence Against Mr. Robert Baillie of Jerviswood. Extracted by Command of His Majesties Most Honourable Privy Council of Scotland; And Published by His Majesties Command. Reprinted at London: By Thomas Newcomb, For Susanna Forrester, 1685. [ii], 61, [1] pp. With 2 folding tables; Baillie trial has separate title page and continuous register. *ESTC* R19774.

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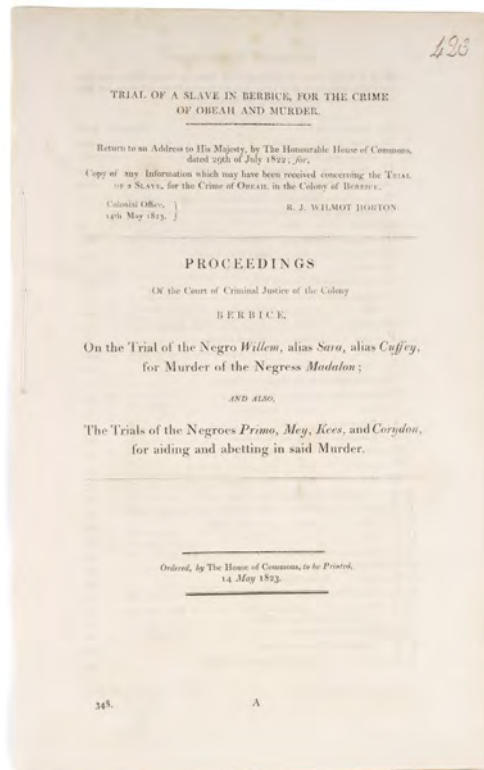
[Five Trials and Essays Dealing with Treason, Conspiracies Against the Crown, And Related Legal Issues].

Folio (11-3/4" x 7-1/2"). Six pamphlets bound in contemporary marbled boards, rebaked in recent cloth, raised bands and retained lettering piece to spine. Light rubbing to boards, rubbing and wear to board edges and corners, which are bumped, hinges mended, armorial bookplate of Sir Archibald Grant to front pastedown with small ink shelfmarks to pastedown and front free endpaper and his ownership signature to head of first title page. Moderate toning to interior, somewhat lighter or heavier in places, light foxing and soiling in a few places, a few corners folded or lacking without loss to text, light creasing to title page of third title. Penultimate title (*A Compleat Collection of the Protests of the Lords*) only: dampspotting and staining to upper quarter of text block, top-edge of title page and last several leaves affected by trimming and wear with loss to text. An interesting collection. \$1,850.

* These seven titles, mostly trials or commentaries on trials, deal primarily with treason and the powers of the Crown. Two titles are identified above; the others are (in short-titles): *Remarks Upon the Tryals of Edward Fitzharris, Stephen Colledge, Count Coningsmark, The Lord Russel, Collonel Sidney, Henry Cornish, And Charles Bateman* (1689; [iv], 104 pp.; ESTC R10368); *The Tryals of Henry Cornish, Esq [...] And John Fernley, William Ring, And Elizabeth Gaunt* (1685; [ii], 42 pp.; ESTC R25662); *The Tryal of William Stayley, Goldsmith* (1678; 8, 7-10 pp; ESTC R228446); *A Compleat Collection of the Protests of the Lords* (1722; [ii], 28 pp.; ESTC T31002); *Analogia Legum* (1745; xxvi pp.; ESTC N16281). *Analogia Legum*, a comparison of English and Scottish law, is a rare title. OCLC locates 1 copy (Library of Congress) to which the ESTC adds 2 (Worcester College Library (Oxford), Harvard Law School). The former owner of this volume, Sir Archibald Grant [1696-1778], was a British politician and speculator. No stranger to trials himself, he was tried before the House of Commons in 1732 for willful fraud and neglect and ultimately expelled. He subsequently returned to Scotland and developed his estate.



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Magic and Murder on a Colonial Plantation

27. [Trials].

[Slavery].

[British Guiana].

Willem [d.1822], Primary Defendant.

Court of Criminal Justice, Colony of Berbice.

Trial of a Slave in Berbice for the Crime of Obeah and Murder (...) *Proceedings of the Court of Criminal Justice of the Colony Berbice, On the Trial of the Negro Willem, Alias Sara, Alias Cuffey, For the Murder of the Negress Madalon: And also, The Trials of the Negroes Primo, Mey, Kees, And Corydon, For Aiding and Abetting in Said Murder.* [London]: Ordered by the House of Commons to be Printed, 1823. 45, [1] pp. Folio (12-1/2" x 8").

Stab-stitched pamphlet, neatly disbound and recently resewn, gilt and marbled edges. Light toning, light foxing in a few places, hand-written page numbers to top right corner of rectos. \$2,500.

* Only edition. The trial of a slave in the British colony of Berbice, part of present-day Guyana. Willem, enslaved on the Op Hoop van Beter plantation, was accused by another slave, Vigilant, of killing a woman named Madalon. This accusation triggered an investigation into the local practice of obeah, defined by Randy M. Browne as "an Afro-Caribbean complex of spiritual healing, harming, and divination." Madalon had herself been suspected of practicing obeah. Willem had been called in by other slaves to stop her, and four others were implicated in the performance of the ritual (a capital crime). Willem and his accomplices Primo and Mey were executed, and defendants Kees, Corydon and Allegro, other accomplices, were flogged and remanded to be "worked in chains" for a period of several years.

OCLC locates 6 copies worldwide, 2 in law libraries (Harvard, Yale). See Browne, "The "Bad Business" of Obeah: Power, Authority, and the Politics of Slave Culture in the British Caribbean." *William and Mary Quarterly* 68, no. 3, July 2011: 451-480. [Order This Item](#)



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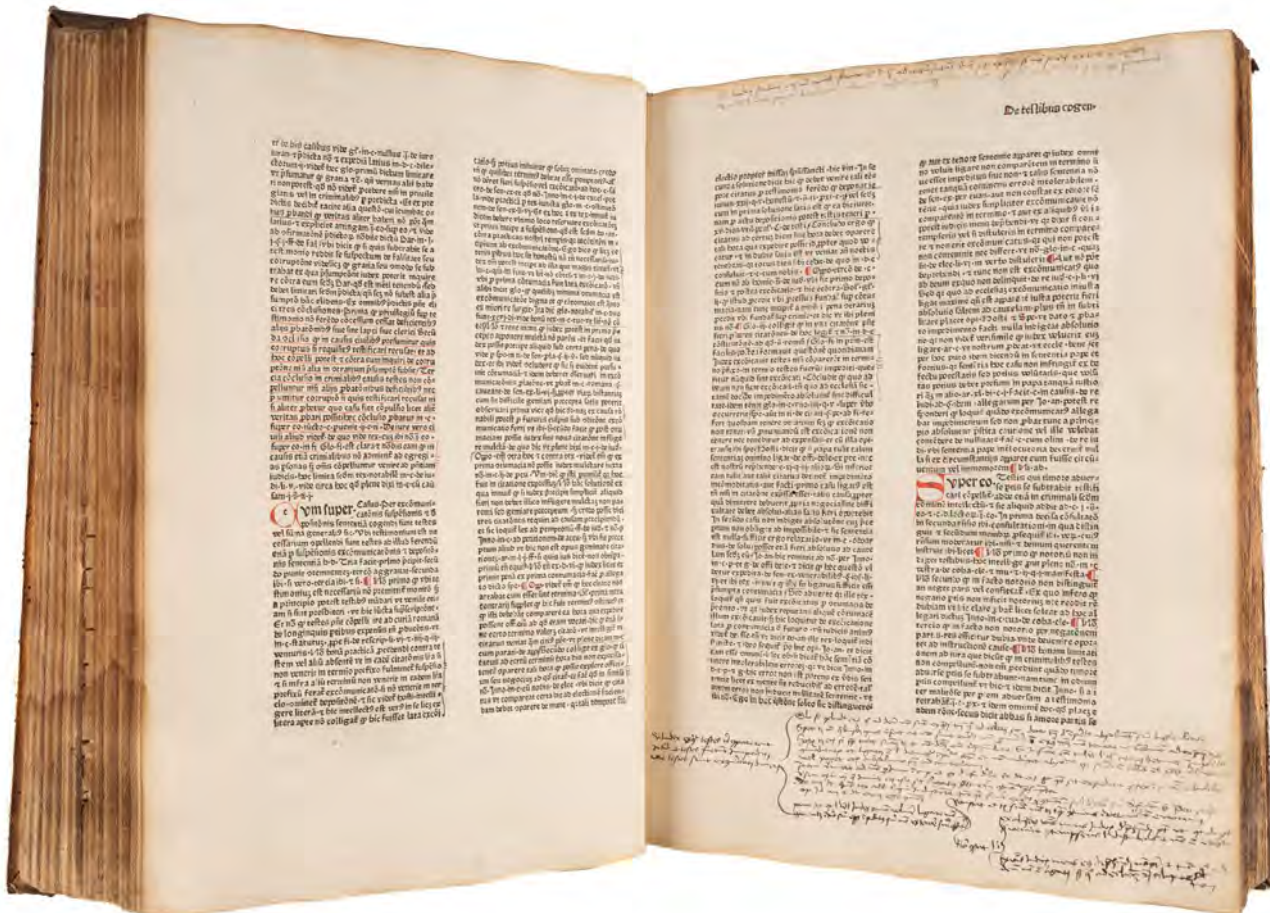
28. Tudeschis, Niccolo de, Archbishop (Abbas Panoramitanus) [1386-1445].

[*Lectura Super V Libris Decretalium, Parts II and III (of VI)*]. [Basel: Berthold Ruppel, Michael Wenssler and Bernard Richel, 1477]. [379] ff. Collation: [a10 (-a1 blank), b8, c-d10, e-h10/8, i-m8/10/ n-v10/8, x8 y10]; [A-D10/8, E-F10, G-I8, K10, L-O8/10, P12, Q-T8, V10]. Lacking blank a1 in the 1st part, otherwise complete. Folio (16" x 11"; 41 x 28 cm).

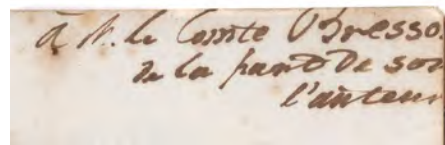
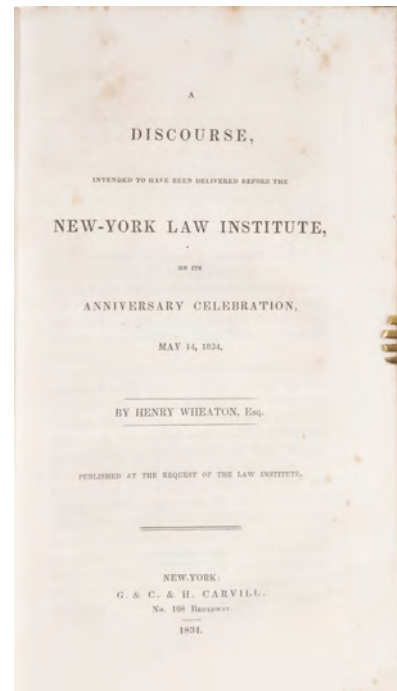
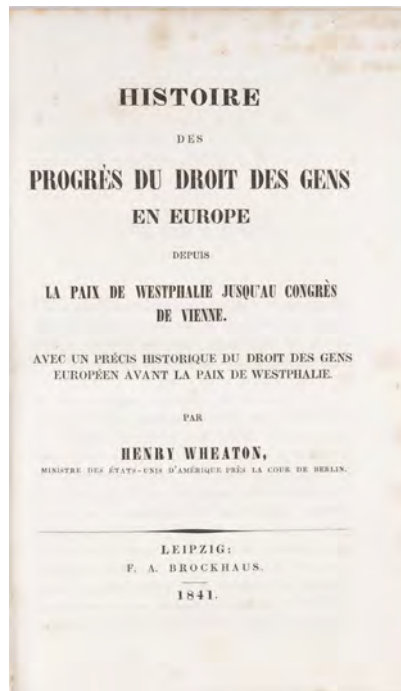
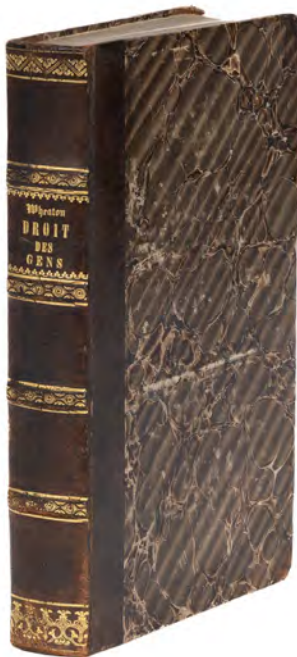
Contemporary Swiss or South-German paneled pigskin, blind-stamped ornaments over heavy wooden boards with beveled edges, fragments of clasps and catches to fore-edges, early hand-lettered title to front board, raised bands and fragments of later shelf labels to spine. Worm holes, light soiling and staining to boards, spine darkened, moderate rubbing to extremities, chipping to spine ends, wear to corners, dampstaining to fore-edge of text block at foot, minor worming to pastedowns, hinges exposed, recent annotations to front pastedown, elaborate calligraphic owner note dated 1490 of a German or Swiss legal scholar "Georg (?)Karresser, Doctor of Canon Law and Dean" accompanied by a drawing (in red and dark-brown) of a middle-aged bearded man, possibly Karresser, his right hand on the hilt of a sheathed sword, "1490" below in recent hand.

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* Tudeschi taught at the Universities of Siena, Parma and Bologna and was later the bishop of Palermo. He was renowned for his commentaries on the books of the *Corpus Juris Canonici*. Our volume is from his multi-part commentary on the *Liber Sextus Decretalium* of Pope Gregory IX, which was first printed in 1475-1477. Each volume is complete in itself. Parts II and III discuss matters relating to trials, such as evidence, witnesses, testimony, sentencing, appeals and recusal. The *ISTC* locates 8 single parts in North America, 1 incomplete set (Huntington, I-IV) and 1 complete set (Houghton Library). *Incunabula Short-Title Catalogue (ISTC)* IP00045000.



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29. Wheaton, Henry [1785-1848].

Histoire des Progrès du Droit des Gens en Europe Depuis la Paix de Westphalie Jusqu'à Congrès de Vienne. Avec un Précis Historique du Droit des Gens Européen Avant la Paix de Westphalie. Leipzig: F.A. Brockhaus, 1841. x, 462 pp.

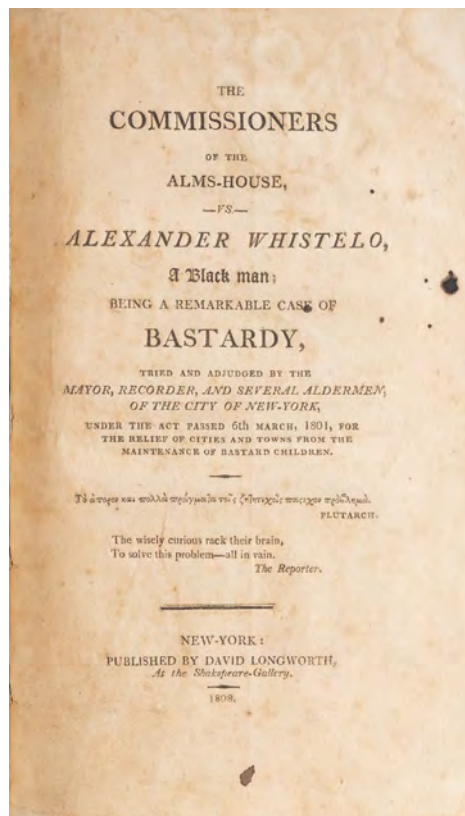
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Wheaton, Henry.

A Discourse, Intended to Have Been Delivered Before the New-York Law Institute on Its Anniversary Celebration, May 14, 1834. Published at the Request of the Law Institute. New York: G. & C. & H. Carvill, 1834. 49 pp.

Octavo (8-1/2" x 5-1/4"). Contemporary three-quarter calf over marbled boards, gilt-decorated raised bands and gilt title to spine, marbled edges, ribbon marker. Light rubbing to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, corners bumped and somewhat worn, early private-library shelf location label to front pastedown. Negligible light toning to interior, light foxing in a few places, presentation inscription by Henry Wheaton to "M. Le Comte Bresson," affected slightly by trimming, to half-title of *Histoire*. \$1,500.

* *Histoire*: First edition. *Discourse*: only edition. Wheaton published his landmark *Histoire* when he was the American envoy in Berlin. The first English-language edition, *History of the Law of Nations in Europe and America*, was published in New York in 1845. This copy was likely inscribed by Wheaton to Charles-Joseph, Comte Bresson [1798-1847], a distinguished French diplomat. The *Discourse* is a sketch of the "rapid" development of jurisprudence in Europe since the 1780s. It is a rare title; OCLC locates 9 copies, 5 in North America, 2 in law libraries (University of Pennsylvania, Yale). Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 7209, 7836. [Order This Item](#)



**Includes "A Remarkable Case
of Bastardy" with a Black Defendant**

30. Whistelo, Alexander, Defendant.

The Commissioners of the Alms-House, vs. Alexander Whistelo, A Black Man; Being a Remarkable Case of Bastardy, Tried and Adjudged by the Mayor, Recorder, And Several Aldermen, Of the City of New-York, Under the Act Passed 6th March, 1801, For the Relief of Cities and Towns from the Maintenance of Bastard Children. New York: Published by David Longworth, 1808. 56 pp.

[Bound after]

Walker's Hibernian Magazine: Or, Compendium of Entertaining Knowledge. For February, 1800. [Dublin: Printed by Richard Gibson, 1801?]. 65-128 pp. Complete, pp. 113-128 bound before pp. 65-112. With two copperplate illustrations.

[And]

Walker's Hibernian Magazine: Or, Compendium of Entertaining Knowledge. For June, 1802. [Dublin: Printed by Richard Gibson, 1803?]. 321-384 pp. With two copperplate illustrations, one of which is bound at the beginning of the volume.

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Impartial.

[Benson, Egbert (1746-1833)].

Cases and Queries Submitted to Every Citizen of the United States, And Especially the Members of the Administration and of Both Houses of Congress, As Deserving to be Impartially Considered by Them. New York: Published by E. Sargeant, 1809. 24 pp.

Octavo (8-1/4" x 4-3/4"). Contemporary or near-contemporary three-quarter sheep over marbled boards, gilt fillets and lettering piece to spine. Rubbing and light wear to boards and extremities, some tears to paper of boards, fading to spine, which has a chip at head, corners bumped and somewhat worn, hinges cracked (before first and after final leaves), ownership signatures (of P.F. McMillan, dated 1896, and J. Fensley) to front free endpaper, small later book label (of Mrs. H.W. Patton) to rear pastedown. Moderate toning to interior, light foxing and faint dampstaining in a few places, small scorch marks to final leaf of Whistelo trial with minor loss to text. An interesting collection. \$1,500.

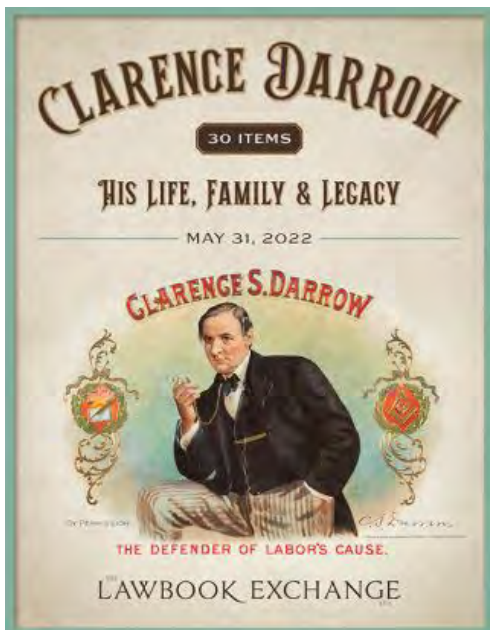
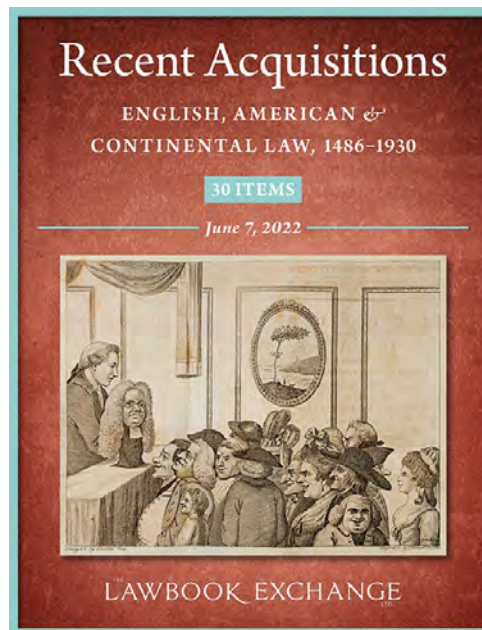
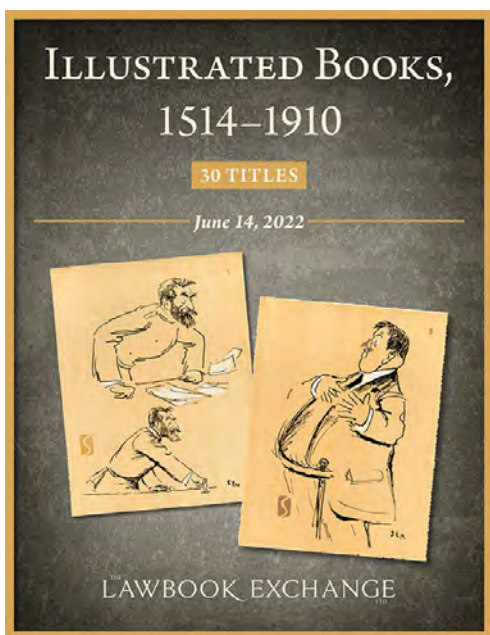
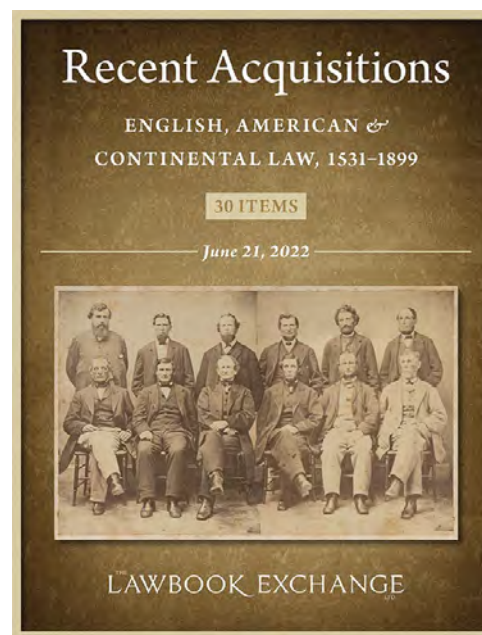
* This collection of titles includes an account of the trial of Alexander Whistelo, a Black New Yorker working as a coachman for a local doctor, for bastardy (i.e. failure to support a biological child). Whistelo had a relationship with a mixed-race woman, Lucy Williams. When she had a child, Whistelo supported her, but as the child grew older and presented with "every appearance of its being the offspring of a white person," he no longer believed that he was the father and relinquished financial responsibility. Lucy was forced to place her child in the care of the New York City almshouse and its commissioners sued Whistelo for costs. The trial is notable for its remarkable examination of racial phenotypes through the lens of early race science. Whistelo was ultimately acquitted.

Also included are two issues of the *Hibernian Magazine*, a notable Irish literary and society publication. One includes a short article on Haitian general and revolutionary leader Toussaint Louverture. The portrayal is highly unflattering, characterizing Louverture as an insincere and hypocritical opportunist. The final title, written by New York's first attorney general and later chief justice of the New York Supreme Court, concerns legal aspects of the capture of US ships by the British and French.



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