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"Of Great Practical Value to the Profession"

1. Bailey, William H.

The Conflict of Judicial Decisions. Baltimore: M. Curlander, 1888. xciv, 445 pp. Octavo (9" x 6").

Contemporary sheep, blind rules to boards, raised bands and red and black lettering pieces to spine. A few minor stains, chipping to spine ends, boards partially detached but secure. Early owner signature to front free endpaper. Offsetting to margins of endleaves, interior otherwise clean. \$125.

* Only edition "This work is peculiar in one respect. There is, so far as we know, nothing like it in our legal literature. It is not, as might be supposed, a treatise on the conflict of laws, but the author's design is to show how the various courts have differed in their judgment of certain important subjects. The great usefulness of the work cannot fail to be appreciated by any lawyer who will carefully examine it. (...) The work is certainly one of great practical value to the Profession.": *The Green Bag* 1 (1889) 180.

Very Scarce 1787 Mexican Compilation of Colonial Spanish Laws

2. Belena, Eusebio Buenaventura [1736-1794].

Montemayor y Cordova de Cuenca, Juan Francisco de [1620-1685].

Recopilacion Sumaria de Todos los Autos Acordados de la Real Audiencia y Sala del Crimen de Esta Nueva Espana, y Providencias de su Superior Gobierno; De Varias Reales Cédulas y Ordenes que Despues de Publicada la Recopilacion de Indias Han Podido Recogerse asi de las Dirigidas a la Misma Audiencia o Gobierno, Como de Algunas Otras que por sus Notables Decisiones Convendra no Ignorar. Impresa en Mexico: Por don Felipe de Zuniga y Ontiveros, 1787. Six volumes in two books, each with title page, Books 3-5 paged continuously, first book preceded by introduction and tables preceded by general title page. Copperplate portraits to verso of title-page and first leaf of introduction. Folio (11" x 7-1/2")

Later (probably nineteenth-century) quarter morocco over marbled boards, gilt titles and ornaments to spine, marbled endpapers. Light wear to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, corners bumped and somewhat worn, some chipping to head of spine, front joints just starting at head, hinges cracked. Attractive woodcut initials, two depicting the native Mexican landscape. Marginalia in early hand to a few leaves. Light toning, somewhat heavier in places, light foxing to some leaves. Annotations in early hand to a few leaves in Parts 3-6, interior otherwise clean. Ex-library. Small shelf label to foot of second book, stamps to title pages. A solid copy of a very scarce title. \$5,000.

* First edition. This is an important compilation of legislation, royal orders and criminal court decisions in colonial Mexico. According to Sabin, this is a book of "highest rarity." Many of these deal with law, slaves, property rights and the local government of the Native Americans. Part I: Recopilacion Sumaria de Algunos Autos Acordados de la Real Audiencia y Chancilleria de la Nueva Espana. Part II: Recopilacion de Algunos Mandamientos y Ordenanzas del Gobierno de esta Nueva Espana. Part III: Recopilacion Sumaria de los Autos Acordados de la Real Audiencia de esta Nueva Espana. Part IV: Recopilacion Sumaria de los Autos Acordados de la Real Sala del Crimen de la Audiencia de Esta Nueva Espana. Part V: Recopilacion Sumaria de las Providencias de este Superior Gobierno Posteriores a las Recopiladas por el Senor Montemayor, y las Reales Cédulas y Ordenes que Despues de Publicada la Recopilacion de Indias... Part VI: Copias a la Letra Ofrecidas en le Primer Tomo de la Recopilacion Sumaria de Todos los Autos Acordados de la Real Audiencia y Sala del Crimen de Esta N.E. OCLC locates 5 copies in North American law schools (UC-Berkeley, Tulane, Harvard, Rutgers and Columbia). Sabin, *A Dictionary of Books Relating to America* 56261. Palau, *Manual del Librero Hispano-Americano* 26569.

Freitas's Influential Draft Civil Code for Brazil

3. [Brazil].

Freitas, Augusto Teixeira de [1816-1883], Compiler.

Codigo Civil Esboço. Rio de Janeiro: Typographia Universal de Laemmert, 1860-65. Two volumes with continuous pagination. viii, 1674 pp. Octavo (8-1/4" x 5").

Later cloth, red and black lettering pieces to spine, endpapers renewed. Some soiling, light rubbing to lettering pieces. Light toning to text, some edgewear to preliminaries and a few other leaves, some with repairs, internally clean. Ex-library. Location labels to spines, stamp and annotations to title pages and versos, other stamps to rear pastedown. A solid copy. \$350.

* Volume I: first edition; Volume II: revised first edition. Freitas was a prominent Brazilian jurist and state official. An industrious scholar, he composed the first systematic compilation of Brazilian civil law. He never finished his draft civil code, but it was nonetheless a pioneering work that served as the basis for codifications in Brazil, Argentina and other South American nations. OCLC locates 1 copy in North America, at Harvard Law School, which has a copy identical to ours. Borchard, *Guide to the Law and Legal Literature of Argentina, Brazil and Chile* 238-339.

The Intersection of Morals and Politics

4. Burlamaqui, J[ean] J[acques] [1694-1748].

The Principles of Natural and Politic Law. New Edition, Revised from the Seventh London Edition. Albany: Weare C. Little, 1867. xii, 283 pp. Octavo (8" x 5").

Recent period-style quarter calf over with cloth, lettering piece to spine, internally clean. Ex-library. Small deaccession stamp to front free endpaper. A handsome copy. \$250.

* Later American edition. A Swiss jurist and professor of civil natural law at Geneva, Burlamaqui was a primary source of the theory voiced in the Declaration of Independence. This present book combines his *Principes du Droit Naturel* (1747) and *Principes du Droit Politique* (1751). It was a remarkably popular book that went through more than sixty editions in six languages. The principles of his constitutional system are strikingly like those of the American, and he had considerable influence on Blackstone's lectures on jurisprudence. Walker, *The Oxford Companion to Law* 161.

Practice in the Courts of Massachusetts

5. Buswell, Henry F.

Practice and Pleading in Personal Actions in the Courts of Massachusetts with Notes and Decisions on the Practice Act and a Selection of Forms. Boston: George B. Reed, 1875. xxii, 471 pp. Octavo (9-1/2" x 6").

Contemporary calf, red and black spine lettering piece to spine. Moderate shelfwear, joints starting, early owner stamp to front board. A few early inkstains, interior otherwise clean. \$25.

* First edition. *Catalogue of the Library of the Harvard Law School* (1909) I:283.

"Undoubtedly a Man of Rare Intellectual Attainments"

6. Bynkershoek, Cornelius van [1673-1743].

Observationum Juris Romani Libri Quatuor. In Quibus Plurima Juris Civilis. Leiden: Joannem Van der Linden, 1710. [xxxvi], 446, [30] pp. Quarto (6-1/4" x 8").

Twentieth-century buckram, calf lettering piece to spine, all edges gilt, endpapers renewed. Light shelfwear, some soiling and a few minor stains, most of lettering piece worn away. Title page printed in red and black, woodcut head-pieces, tail-pieces and decorated initials. Some toning to text, heavier in some places, light browning to outer margins in sections of text, faint dampspotting in places, internally clean. Ex-library. Small inkstamps to title page, annotations and stamps to verso. \$500.

* First edition. One of the most important jurists his time, Bynkershoek was a leading scholar of Roman-Dutch law who founded the positive school of international law, which held that usage and practice were more important than deductions drawn from natural law. Respected during his lifetime, his works are still consulted today. The *Observationum*, a summation of his studies on Roman civil and criminal law, was a standard reference in Dutch universities until the nineteenth century. A companion volume was issued in 1733. "Bynkershoek was undoubtedly a man of rare intellectual attainments and a great force of character (,) [a] very great authority on the law of Holland and on Roman law.": Roberts, *A South-African Legal Bibliography* 69. Dekkers, *Bibliotheca Belgica Juridica* 15 (9).

Two of Bynkershoek's Most Important Works

7. Bynkershoek, Cornelius van.

Conradi, Franz Karl [1701-1748], Editor.

Opuscula Varii Argumenti, Nunc Primum Collecta Atque in Duos Tomos Distributa. Cum Praefatione D. Francisci Caroli Conradi. Halle: Sumtibus Ern. Gottl. Crugii, 1729. Two volumes. [iv], 5-28, [6], [5]-424, [24]; [ii], 3-407, [29] pp.

[Bound with]

Bynkershoek, Cornelius van.
Heineccius, Johann Gottlieb [1681-1741].

Observationum Juris Romani Libri Quatuor. In Quibus Plurima Juris Civilis Aliorumque Auctiorum Loca Explicantur & Emendantur. Frankfurt: Apud Ernest. Gottl. Krugium, 1723. [xlix], 446, [30] pp.

Quarto (8" x 6-1/2"). Contemporary vellum, early hand-lettered title to spine, edges rouged. Light rubbing and soiling, small vertical tear to head of spine, vellum beginning to crack through pastedowns. Title pages of *Opuscula*, Volume I, and *Observationum* printed in red and black, woodcut head-pieces, tail-pieces and decorated initials. Light toning to text, somewhat darker in places. Early owner annotations in tiny hand to front free endpaper, interior otherwise clean. Ex-library. Shelf-label residue to spine, small inkstamps to title page and verso. A nice copy. \$650.

* Later editions. First published in 1719, *Opuscula*, an essay collection on Roman law, addresses topics in maritime and international relations, the legal rights of unwanted and abandoned children, abortion and infanticide. The essays on children reflect Bynkershoek's debate on this topic with his distinguished contemporary Gerard Noodt [1647-1725]. The notoriety of this exchange, which became acrid and lasted several years, did much to promote their circulation. Heineccius, the editor of *Observationum Juris Romani*, was a prominent German jurist and a professor of jurisprudence and philosophy at Halle. Dekkers, *Bibliotheca Belgica Juridica* 15 (9, 10).

The First Work Devoted to Laws Relating to Women

8. E[dgar], T[homas], 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 the Assignes of John More, 1632. [xiv], 404 pp. (First leaf in collation, a blank, lacking.) Quarto (7-1/2" x 5-1/2").

Recent period-style calf, blind rules to boards with corner fleurons, raised bands and lettering piece to spine, endpapers renewed. Some fading to spine. Woodcut head and tail-pieces. Light to moderate toning, occasional browning to margins, some edgwear to title page, shallow tear, about half an inch deep, near center of fore-edge of text block, text not affected. Early and later annotations and signatures to title page, interior otherwise clean. \$9,500.

* Only edition. The earliest work devoted to laws relating exclusively to women, this incomparable digest of laws in force at the time of the Civil War is also known as *The Womens Lawyer*. An anonymous work, its preface is signed T.E. Often attributed to Thomas Edgar [fl. 1615-1649], some believe the author was actually Sir John Doderidge [1555-1628], an important legal figure during the reign of James I. Lord Campbell considers it "a learned work on the subject of marriage" (cited in Sweet & Maxwell). It also treats such diverse topics as age of consent, dower, hermaphrodites, polygamy, wooing, partition, chattels, divorce, descent, seisin, treason, felonies and rape. Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 1:500 (24).

First English-Language Edition of Fortescue's *De Laudibus*

9. Fortescue, Sir John [1394?-1476?].

Mulcaster, Robert [16th. c.], Translator.

A Learned Commendation of the Politique Lawes of England: Wherein by Moste Pitthy Reasons and Evident Demonstrations They are Plainely Proved Farre to Excell Aswell the Civile Lawes of the Empiere, As Also All Other Lawes of the Worlde, With a Large Discourse of the Difference Betwene the ii. Governementes of Kingdomes: Whereof the One is Onely Regall, And the Other Consisteth of Regall and Politique Administration Conjoynd. Written in Latine Above an Hundred Yeares Past, By the Learned and Right Honorable Maister Fortescue Knight, Lorde Chauncellour of England in ye Time of Kinge Henry VI. and Newly Translated into Englishe by Robert Mulcaster. [London: In Fletestrete Within Temple Barre, At the Signe of the Hand and Starre, by Rychard Tottill, 1567]. [i], 132, [3] ff. English and Latin in parallel columns. Octavo (5-1/2" x 3-1/4").

Contemporary calf, blind panels with corner fleurons and large central fleurons to boards, rebaked in period style, raised bands and gilt ornaments to spine, ties lacking. Some rubbing to extremities, corners worn, hinges cracked, small later owner bookplate to verso of front endleaf, crack in text block between ff. 2 and 3, some edgwear to preliminaries. Light toning to text, faint dampstaining in places. Early and somewhat later signatures and annotations to endleaves, interior otherwise clean. An appealing copy. \$7,500.

* First edition in English. *De Laudibus Legum Angliae* (c.1470), a history of English law, was written for the instruction of Edward, the young Prince of Wales. Cast in dialogue form, it demonstrates that the common law was the oldest and most reasonable legal system in Europe. It also compares the common and Roman systems and extols the superiority of a constitutionally limited monarch to an absolute monarch. *De Laudibus* was written around 1470 and first published (in Latin) in 1537. "Fortescue was a favorite among the old lawyers, and will be read with profit in modern times by

those who are interested in the origin and progress of the Common Law" (Marvin). OCLC locates 4 copies in North American law libraries (Georgetown, Harvard, LA County, UVA). Marvin, *Legal Bibliography* 321. Beale, *A Bibliography of Early English Law Books* T357. *English Short-Title Catalogue* S102454.

Greek Civil and Criminal Law Under the New Codes

10. Gaitas, Paulos.

Stoicheia tou Politikou Dikaiomatos. Smyrna: Ek tes Ionikes Typhthgraphias Antoniou Patrikiou, 1835. Two volumes. [xx], 338, [9]; [viii], 253, [11] pp. Octavo (7" x 4-1/2").

Later buckram, red and black lettering pieces to spine, endpapers renewed. Some shelfwear and soiling, wear to lettering pieces of Volume I. Some toning, edges of a few leaves trimmed closely (due to binder error) with minor loss to text, internally clean. Ex-library. Location number to spines, bookplate to front pastedown, stamps and annotations to title pages and their versos. \$1,000.

* Only edition located. Modern Greece was established by the conclusion of the Greek War of Independence in 1829. In the following years it established a codified legal based influenced by French and German models. *Stoicheia tou Politikou Dikaiomatos* analyzes the civil and criminal law of Greece according to codes adopted in 1833 and 1834. It appears to be the first book to address these codes. All early modern-era Greek law books are rare. Concerning the present volume, OCLC locates 4 copies, 1 in a law library (Indiana University). Not in the *British Museum Catalogue*.

Notable Treatise on Tax Collection Bound to a Famous Witchcraft Trial

11. Hale, Sir Matthew [1609-1676].

A Short Treatise Touching Sheriffs Accompts. Written by the Honourable Sir. Matthew Hale, Kt. Sometime Lord Chief Justice of His Majesty's Court of King's-Bench. To Which is Added, *A Tryal of Witches, At the Assizes Held at Bury St. Edmonds, For the County of Suffolk, on the 10th of March 1664, Before the Said Sir Matthew Hale, Kt.* The first title page with the imprint, London: Printed, and are to be sold by Will. Shrowsbery, at the Bible in Duke-Lane, 1683. [viii], 110, [1]; [iv], 59 [1] pp. Two parts, each with title page and individual pagination, the second title with the imprint, London: Printed for William Shrowsbery at the Bible in Duck-Lane, 1682. Octavo (6-3/4" x 4-1/4").

Contemporary calf, blind rules to boards, rebacked in period style with blind fillets and lettering piece. Light rubbing to extremities, corners bumped and lightly worn, front pastedowns loose, early owner bookplate to inside of front board. A handsome copy. \$2,500.

* First edition, one of two issues from 1683, the other does not include the witchcraft trial. Hale was one of the greatest legal minds in the history of English law. His historically grounded treatise on the sheriff's role as a tax collector was commissioned by the Lord Treasurer and the Chancellor of the Exchequer. It had a second edition in 1716. "It show's Hale's mastery of the early history of the Exchequer, and of the history and seventeenth century practice of the financial relations of the sheriffs and the crown; and it contains some valuable suggestions for improvements in the existing practice (Holdsworth). *A Tryal of Witches*, an unrelated work, was originally issued in 1682. It is an account of the Lowestoft Witchcraft trial conducted at Bury St. Edmonds. Well-known in its day, this remains the most famous trial of its kind because it was well-documented in Hale's pamphlet and involved many leading jurists and experts of the day, most notably Thomas Browne, a physician who presented one of the earliest examples of psychiatric testimony as an expert witness. Brown's testimony was later quoted by Cotton Mather during the Salem Witchcraft trials. Some say the Salem trial was inspired by Hale's pamphlet. Holdsworth, *A History of English Law* VI:589. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R14358.

An Influential Work on Natural and International Law

12. Heineccius, Johann Gottlieb [1681-1741].

Elementa Iuris Naturae et Gentium: Commoda Auditoribus Methodo Adornata. Leipzig: Sumptibus Caspari Fritschii, 1758. [xii], xvi, [4], 576, [24] pp. Octavo (8" x 4-1/2").

Contemporary vellum, early hand-lettered title to spine, edges rouged. Soiled, front board beginning to separate, spine ends bumped, vellum beginning to crack through pastedowns. Title page printed in red and black, woodcut head and tail-pieces. Some toning to text, occasional light foxing, dampstaining to margins in first third of text, later bookseller ticket to front pastedown, internally clean. Ex-library. Bookplate to front pastedown, stamps to title page, annotation to verso. \$150.

* "Fourth" edition. Heineccius was a prominent German jurist and a professor of jurisprudence and philosophy at Halle. He belonged to the school of philosophical jurists who attempted to treat law as a rational discipline rather than as an empirical craft based on custom and expediency. First published in 1737, *Elementa Iuris Naturae* is an influential treatise on natural and international law. It went through several editions and issues into the nineteenth century. Our copy, designated the fourth edition, is actually the ninth. Not in the *British Museum Catalogue*.

Ireland in the Mid-Eighteenth Century

13. [Ireland].

Bullingbrooke, Edward, Compiler.

Belcher, Jonathan, Compiler.

An Abridgement of the Statutes of Ireland, From the First Session of Parliament in the Third Year of the Reign of King Edward the Second, To the End of the Twenty Fifth Year of the Reign of His Present Majesty King George the Second; And of All the English and British Statutes which Extend to and Bind Ireland; With Tables of the Statutes in their Chronological Order, Directing to the Heads Under which They are Abridged; The Statutes Taken from Any English Statutes, The English Statutes from Which any Irish Statutes are Taken, Such Statutes as are to be Given in Charge at the Assises, Such Statutes as Are to be Given in Charge at the Quarter-Sessions, Such Statutes as Are Injoined to be Read in Churches; Together with an Alphabetical Table of the Principal Matters Referring to the Titles and Paragraphs in the Abridgement, And to the Respective Statutes; And also the New Rules. Dublin: Printed by George Abraham Grierson, 1754. xii, [xxiv], 977; [351] pp. Quarto (10" x 8").

Later cloth, red and black lettering pieces to spine, endpapers renewed. Light soiling, minor rubbing to lettering pieces, corners bumped, light toning to text, internally clean. Ex-library. Location label to foot of spine, stamp to title page, annotations to its verso, other stamps to rear pastedown. A solid copy. \$350.

* First edition. This abridgement is valuable for its insights into the political and legal history of Ireland in the mid-eighteenth century. This was the era when Georgian Ireland was beginning to enjoy a period of prosperity and a degree of political autonomy. A second edition updated this compilation to 1786. Both are scarce. OCLC locates 7 copies of the first edition in North America, 3 in law libraries (Harvard, Notre Dame, South Texas College of Law). Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 4:11.

Ireland Debates Resistance to the Navigation Acts

14. [Ireland].

[Caldwell, Sir James].

Debates Relative to the Affairs of Ireland; In the Years 1763 and 1764. Taken by a Military Officer. To Which is Added, An Enquiry How far the Restrictions Laid Upon the Trade of Ireland, By British Acts of Parliament, Are a Benefit or Disadvantage to British Dominions in General, And to England in Particular, For Whose Separate Advantage They Were Intended. With Extracts of Such Parts of the Statutes as Lay the Trade of Ireland Under Those Restrictions. London: s.n., 1766. Two volumes. [iv], [ix], [i], iii, [i], 404; [iv], [405]-853, [1], [26] pp. Octavo (7-1/2" x 4-3/4").

Later buckram, red and black lettering pieces to spines. Some soiling and shelfwear, minor wear to lettering pieces, a few minor stains to boards. Moderate toning to text, minor tears to a few leaves, one with early cello tape repair. A few early corrections to text, interior otherwise clean. Ex-library. Location labels to spines, stamps to title pages, annotations to verso. \$350.

* Second and final edition, one of three imprints from 1766. Like their counterparts in the North American colonies, the Irish questioned the validity of the Navigation Acts imposed at the end of the Seven Years' War. The debates in the Irish Parliament recorded in these volumes offer an interesting perspective on the debates in North America. In the end Ireland accepted the acts, a factor in its growing resentment of Great Britain. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T225382.

A Crucial Era in Irish History

15. [Ireland].

Hunt, Edward, Compiler.

An Abridgment of Statutes in Ireland, In the Reigns of Queen Anne, And King George. In Force and Use. Dublin: Printed by A. Rhames, 1718. xv, 367, [12] pp. Octavo (9-3/4" x 4-1/2").

Later cloth, red and black lettering pieces to spine, endpapers renewed. Light soiling, minor rubbing to lettering pieces, corners bumped. Title page mounted and re-hinged, light toning to text, internally clean. Ex-library. Location label to foot of spine, stamp to title page, annotations to its verso, other stamps to rear pastedown. A solid copy. \$350.

* First edition. This compilation dates from the period of the Protestant Ascendancy, which established Ireland's Anglo-Irish ruling class. This was a keystone of a comprehensive effort to repress Catholics and Protestant Dissenters and establish a ruling class of Anglican conformists. A second edition was published in 1728. Both are scarce. OCLC locates 7 copies of the first edition in North American law libraries (Columbia, Harvard, Library of Congress, St. Louis University, University of Memphis, University of Michigan, University of Minnesota). Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 4:42.

Early Alabama Legal Imprint

16. Keyes, Wade [1821-1879].

An Essay on the Learning of Future Interests in Real Property. Montgomery: J.H. & T.F. Martin, 1853. 160 pp. Octavo (8-1/2" x 5-1/2").

Later buckram, black-stamped title to spine, some shelfwear and soiling, endpapers renewed, internally fresh. Ex-library. Location label to front board, stamps to preliminaries and rear endleaves, card pocket to rear pastedown. \$100.

* Only edition. "The object of this Essay is to present an elementary view of the doctrines of the Common Law in regard to Future interests in Real Property. (...) It is a learning that is eminently useful. It is useful in being practical. It is useful in exercising the mind of the student--in calling into action his subtlest powers--useful in developing that patient and assiduous attention, and in awakening that feeling bordering on enthusiasm, without which great excellence is utterly unobtainable" [v]. Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 9480.

First Edition of Lambard's *Eirenarcha*

17. Lambard(e), William [1536-1601].

Eirenarcha: Or of the Office of the Iustices of Peace, In Two Bookes: Gathered, 1579. And Now Revised, And First Published, In the 24. Yeere of the Peaceable Reigne of Our Gracious Queene Elizabeth. London: Imprinted by Ra. Newbery, And H. Bynneman, 1581. [viii], 511, [17] pp. Final index leaf and following leaf, which has a woodcut printer device on the verso, supplied in facsimile. Octavo (6-1/4" x 4-1/2").

Contemporary paneled calf, gilt and blind fillets, corner gilt fleurons and central gilt arabesques to boards, raised bands and gilt ornaments to spine, head and lower portion carefully rebaked, corners restored, ties lacking. Moderate rubbing to extremities, light scuffs and some worming to boards, pastedowns and free endpapers lacking, lacking final two leaves, supplied in facsimile. Woodcut head-pieces and decorated initials, woodcut coat of arms facing dedication. Toning to text, faint dampstaining in a few places, worm hole, located near center of fore-edge, through rear quarter of text block, chips to fore-edges of a few leaves, light soiling, some staining and edgewear to title page and following leaf, lower corner of title page torn away and fore-edge of following leaf clipped away with no loss to text. Eighteenth-century annotations to a few leaves, interior otherwise clean. An appealing copy. \$4,000.

* First edition. Lambard(e), a barrister and legal historian, was the keeper of records at the Rolls Chapel and the Tower of London. First published in 1581, *Eirenarcha* is esteemed for its comprehensive and systematic account of the organization of local government under the justices of the peace at the end of the sixteenth century. It was the standard authority for many years and often reprinted. Like many books of its kind, *Eirenarcha* offers fascinating insights into the society that produced it. This is evident in the detailed indictments for such offenses as murder via witchcraft, raping a child or maid (the age of distinction was ten), hearing a Catholic Mass, practicing usury and operating a bowling alley. OCLC locates 12 copies in North American Law Libraries. Beale, *Bibliography of English Law Books* T387. *English Short-Title Catalogue* S109320.

Vanity Fair Portrays the Leaders of Leading Members of the House of Commons

18. Lib (Pesperi, Liberio [1854-1928]).

The Lobby of the House of Commons, 1886. *Vanity Fair*, Winter Number, 30 November, 1886.

Glazed and matted 21" x 15" color lithograph in attractive 31" x 26" wooden frame, photocopy of accompanying text enclosed in card pocket on verso. A few negligible nicks to frames, light toning to margins, colors vivid. \$350.

* A superb portrayal of the House of commons when it included such men as William Gladstone (1809-1898), Lord Randolph Churchill (1849-1895) and Charles Stewart Parnell (1846-1891). *Vanity Fair* was published weekly from 1869 to 1914. It is best-known today for its caricatures of notable people and satirical depictions of current events. With few exceptions these were produced by a series of artists under pseudonyms, most notably "Spy" and "Ape." Approximately 2,400 caricatures were published in all, mostly as single pages. *Vanity Fair* also published 21 special numbers with double-page prints. *The Lobby of the House of Commons, 1886* was originally issued in one of these. The prints were also issued individually. The absence of a central vertical crease indicates that our copy is one of these.

Highly Regarded Mexican Treatise on Bills of Exchange

19. Martinez, Victor Jose.

Tratado Filosofico-Legal Sobre Letras de Cambio. Mexico City: Imprenta de M. Villanueva, 1869-1872. Five volumes in three books. Octavo (8-3/4" x 6").

Contemporary quarter mottled sheep over marbled boards, raised bands and gilt titles and early owner labels to spines. Some rubbing to extremities with minor chipping to spine ends, a few joints starting at ends, hinges cracked, light toning to text, internally clean. Ex-library. Location labels to spines, stamps to title pages, annotations to versos. A nice set. \$750.

* Only edition. According to Clagett and Valderrama, this treatise on the Mexican law governing bills of exchange offers "a very detailed analysis with much historical and comparative material to enhance its value." OCLC locates 4 copies in North America, 3 in law libraries (Arizona State, Tulane, University of Michigan). Clagett and Valderrama, *A Revised Guide to the Law & Legal Literature of Mexico* 155.

1830 Compilation of New Hampshire Laws

20. [New Hampshire].

The Laws of the State of New-Hampshire; with the Constitutions of the United States and of the State Prefixed. Published by Authority. Hopkinton: Isaac Long, Jr., 1830. vii, 623 pp. Octavo (9-1/4" x 6").

Recent maroon textured cloth, endpapers renewed. Occasional light foxing, interior otherwise fresh. Ex-library. Bookplate to front pastedown. An appealing copy. \$25.

* First edition. With index. Includes complete texts of the Constitution of New Hampshire adopted in 1792 and the U.S. Constitution with amendments one through twelve. Early compilations such as this one offer an interesting perspective on everyday life in the early years of the United States and unparalleled insights into the development of American law. Babbitt, *Hand-List of Legislative Sessions and Session Laws* 307.

Legal Glimpses of "Oriental" Life

21. Perry, Sir Erskine [1806-1882], Compiler.

Cases Illustrative of Oriental Life, And the Application of English Law to India, Decided in H.M. Supreme Court at Bombay. London: S. Sweet, 1853. xv, 602 pp. Octavo (9" x 6").

Later buckram, red and black lettering pieces to spine. Some soiling and moderate shelfwear with some wear to front joint and minor chipping to lettering pieces, internally clean. Ex-library. Location and label to spine, bookplate to front pastedown, stamps title page, annotations to its verso, another stamp to rear pastedown. A solid copy. \$150.

* Only edition. A selection of cases from 1842-52 by a judge of the Bombay Presidency. Perry's cases aim to illustrate aspects of India's "national character." *Catalogue of the Library of the Harvard Law School* (1909) II:333.

Scarce 1786 Portuguese Compilation of Royal Decrees

22. [Portugal].

Ordenacoens do Senbor Rey D. Affonso V. Coimbra: Por Resolucao de S. Masgestade de 2 de Setembro de 1786. Five volumes. Quarto (8" x 5-3/4").

Contemporary calf, lettering pieces and gilt-edged raised bands to spine. Moderate rubbing to extremities, some chipping to spine ends, corners bumped, front joints cracked or starting, a few hinges starting as well. Light toning to text, somewhat darker in places, minor worming in a few places, internally clean. Ex-library. Location labels to spines, stamps to title pages, annotations to their versos. A solid set. \$1,500.

* First edition. Bibliographically independent, this is a component of the *Collecao da Legislacao Antiga e Moderna do Reino de Portugal*, a complete collection of the laws in force. *Ordenacoens* was updated and reissued in 1792. Both are scarce. OCLC locates 2 complete sets (at the British Library).

Published During the Spanish Civil War

23. [Publisher Catalogue].

Libreria General de Victoriano Suarez.

Catalogo de Obras de Derecho, Legislacion, Jurisprudencia, Ciencias, Sociales Y Politicas. Madrid: [Imp. de A. Alvarez], 1936. 273 pp. Softbound, some wear to edges and spine ends, a few tiny stains to covers. Browning to corners of a few leaves, interior otherwise fresh. \$35.

* A catalogue of Spanish law, political science and economics titles published during the first year of the Spanish Civil War, which ended in 1939.

**With a Novel System
for the Drafting of Forms**

24. Read, Collinson [1751-1815].

Precedents in the Office of A Justice of Peace. To Which is Added a Short System of Conveyancing, In a Method Entirely New. With an Appendix, Containing a Variety of the Most Useful Forms. With Considerable Additions. Harrisburg: Printed and Sold by John Wyeth, 1801. [iv], 63, [1], 36, [1] pp. Quarto (8-1/2" x 6").

Contemporary quarter sheep over paper boards. Moderate rubbing, early inkstains to boards, chipping to foot of spine, rear hinge cracked but secure, one signature (with light wear to fore-edges) partially detached but secure. Light foxing and occasional light toning. Early owner signature to front board. Other early signatures and annotations to endleaves and margins of a few text leaves. \$50.

* Second edition. This popular manual was first published in 1794. An interesting feature is its "Short System of Conveyancing." This is a collection of numbered texts that can be combined to create a variety of forms. According to Read's explanation, "[e]ach of the following tables [i.e. texts] may be written on a separate card or piece of paper (leaving the proper blanks) which, when filled with a black lead pencil, may be so arranged, as to form any common conveyance. When copied, the traces of the pencil may be rubbed off with elastic gum, and the tables again be fit for use" (41). Read was a member of the Pennsylvania Bar who received his legal education in London. Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 8137.

**Illustrated with
11 Maps, Several Relating to New Orleans**

25. Senate, United States.

Public Documents Printed by Order of the Senate of the United States, Second Session of the Twenty-Eighth Congress, Begun and Held at the City of Washington, December 2, 1844. Washington: Printed by Gales and Seaton, 1845. Volume II of an eleven-volume set. Various paginations. 11 maps, 7 fold-out, 1 table. Octavo (9" x 6").

Contemporary calf, blind fillets to boards, lettering piece and blind fillets to spine. Light rubbing to extremities, corners bumped and lightly worn, light wear to edges of folding maps. Toning, light foxing, faint offsetting in a few places from laid-in leaves, internally clean. \$75.

* This volume contains reports from the cabinet departments and government agencies. The maps, which relate to surveys and projects by the US Army Corps of Engineers, depict the New England Coastline from Narragansett Bay to Martha's Vineyard, the coast of Eastern United States from Connecticut to New Jersey, Delaware Bay, Chesapeake Bay, New Orleans in the vicinity of the Custom House. Seven depict lands along the Mississippi around New Orleans and Lake Pontchartrain.

**An Important
Seventeenth-Century Study of Jewish Law**

26. Spencer, John [1630-1693].

De Legibus Hebraeorum Ritualibus et Earum Rationibus, Libri Tres. Editio Secunda, priori Indice Locorum S. Scripture ac Locupletiore, Nec non Indice Rerum & Verborum Maxime Memorabilium Novo Aucta. The Hague: Arnoldum Leers, 1686. [36], 476, [30], 504, [20] pp. Quarto (8" x 6").

Later three-quarter morocco over marbled boards, raised bands and gilt title to spine. Heavy rubbing to extremities with wear to spine ends and corners, boards and front free endpaper detached, title page starting. Attractive woodcut head and tail-pieces. Light toning to text, slightly heavier in places, minor tears to a few leaves, a few tiny stains to title page. Later owner signature to title page, interior otherwise clean. Ex-library. Inkstamp to title page, annotations to verso. A good candidate for rebinding. \$250.

* Second edition of a work first published in 1685, includes *Dissertatio Septima de Urim & Thummim*. "The foundations of the science of comparative religion. In this work Spencer maintained that many Jewish laws and customs could be linked with those of other Semitic peoples.": *Encyclopedia Judaica* XV:261.

**Valuable 1833-1836
Compendium Of U.S. Commercial Regulations**

27. [United States].

Department of the Treasury.

A Digest of the Existing Commercial Regulations of Foreign Countries, With Which the United States Have Intercourse; As Far as They Can be Ascertained. Prepared Under the Direction of the Secretary of the Treasury, In Compliance With a Resolution of the House of Representatives, of 3d March, 1831. Three volumes. Volume I: City of Washington: Printed by Francis Preston Blair, 1833; Volumes II and III: Washington City: Blair & Rives, Printers, 1836. Complete set. Octavo (9" x 5-3/4").

Contemporary sheep, blind fillets to boards, lettering pieces and blind fillets to spines. Some rubbing, some scuffing to boards. Several unopened signatures. Occasional discoloration and foxing, interior otherwise fresh. \$500.

* This is one of 750 sets printed for the use of the House of Representatives. A valuable resource for students of commercial and international law of the period (and students of taxation as well), it contains laws, the texts of treaties and statistical information. These books were published at an important juncture in U.S. history. Having survived the Napoleonic Wars and the devastation of the War of 1812, the United States was beginning to emerge as one of the world's leading commercial powers. Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* (2003 Supplement) 7432.70.

**The United States
Government Mobilizes for the War of 1812**

28. [United States].

[War of 1812].

[*Fifteen Reports from the Secretaries of the Treasury Department, War Department and President*]. Washington, DC: Various Printers, 1813-1814. Various paginations, folding tables. Fifteen titles in all. Folio (13-1/2" x 8").

Stab-stitched pamphlets with untrimmed edges bound into contemporary three-quarter sheep over marbled boards, lettering piece (reading "State Papers/ 2 Sess. 13 Congress") to spine. Some rubbing to boards and extremities, spine abraded, most of backstrip lacking, contents secure. Light browning to text. Early owner bookplate (of Edward D. Mansfield) to front pastedown, early annotation and signature (of Gen. Worthington) to head of title page, interior otherwise clean. \$500.

* Augmented with numerous tables, these reports deal mostly with government expenditures, loans and debts relating to the War of 1812. "Gen. Worthington" is probably Thomas Worthington [1773-1827]. A Virginia native and an early settler in the Northwest territory, Worthington was a major of militia and deputy surveyor-general of the Northwest Territory. He rose to the rank of General and was later elected a member of the first Ohio Constitutional Convention. He was Ohio's first United States senator from 1803 to 1807 and from 1811 to 1814. He left the Senate in 1814 to become the Ohio's sixth governor.

**A Highly
Respected Peruvian Code**

29. Vidaurre, Manuel Lorenzo de [1773-1843].

Proyecto de un Código Penal; Contiene una Explicación Prolija de la Entidad de los Delitos en General, Y de la Particular Naturaleza de los Mas Conocidos. Se Senalan las Penas que Parecen Proporcionaladas. Al Ultimo se Agrega una Disertacion Sobre la Necesaria Reforma del Clero. Boston: Hiram Tupper, 1828. 230, 2 pp. Octavo (9" x 5-1/2").

Contemporary quarter cloth over paper-covered boards, printed paper title label to spine, untrimmed edges. Chipping to spine ends, light soiling and dampspotting to boards, corners bumped and somewhat worn, hinges cracked, early and later owner bookplates to front pastedown. Moderate toning and faint dampspotting to text, dampstaining in a few places, internally clean. Ex-library. Inkstamp and annotations to title page. A solid copy of a scarce title. \$100.

* Only edition. This draft penal code, written by the chief justice of the Supreme Court, was ordered by Peru's legislature in 1825, along with a civil code. Though it was not adopted, its description sections were "so well considered that commentators in this field even today devote much space to a discussion of its merits" (Clagett). OCLC locates 6 copies in North American law libraries (Columbia, Harvard, UC-Berkeley, University of Georgia, University of Minnesota, Yale). Clagett, *A Guide to the Law and Legal Literature of Peru* 75.

Collected Works of a
Notable Seventeenth-Century Spanish Jurist

30. Yanez Parladorio, Juan.

Opera Juridica, Sive Rerum Quotidianarum Libri Duo; Quotidianarum Differentiarum Sesqui-Centuria; Et Quaestiones Practicae-Forenses Duodeviginti; Cum Tribus Epistolis ad Filios Scriptis. Quae Omnia, Et Rerum Pondere, Et Sermonis Elegancia Exornata, Omnibus tum in Scholis, Tum in Foro Versantibus in Primis Utilia Sunt & Necessaria. Nova Editio Lugdunensis Caeteris Longe Elegantior, & Emendatior. Lyons: Sumptibus Joannis Antonii Huguetan, & Soc., 1678. [xx], 424, [60] pp. Main text in parallel columns. Folio (15" x 9-1/2").

Contemporary three-quarter goatskin over marbled boards, untrimmed edges. Some wear to extremities, marbling mostly rubbed away, some loss to spine, corners bumped, half-title partially detached (but secure). Title page, with large copperplate vignette, printed in red and black, woodcut head-pieces, tail-pieces and decorated initials. Light toning to text, internally clean. Ex-library. Small inkstamp to title page, annotations to verso. A solid copy. \$1,250.

* Later edition. Parladorio was a Spanish advocate who lived in Valladolid. Not much is known about him, but his studies of canon and Roman law were held in high regard, as indicated by this handsome collected-works edition. It was first published in 1678 and went through at least four more editions, the last in 1762. All are scarce today. OCLC locates no copies of this edition in North America. This edition not in Roberts or the *British Museum Catalogue*.

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