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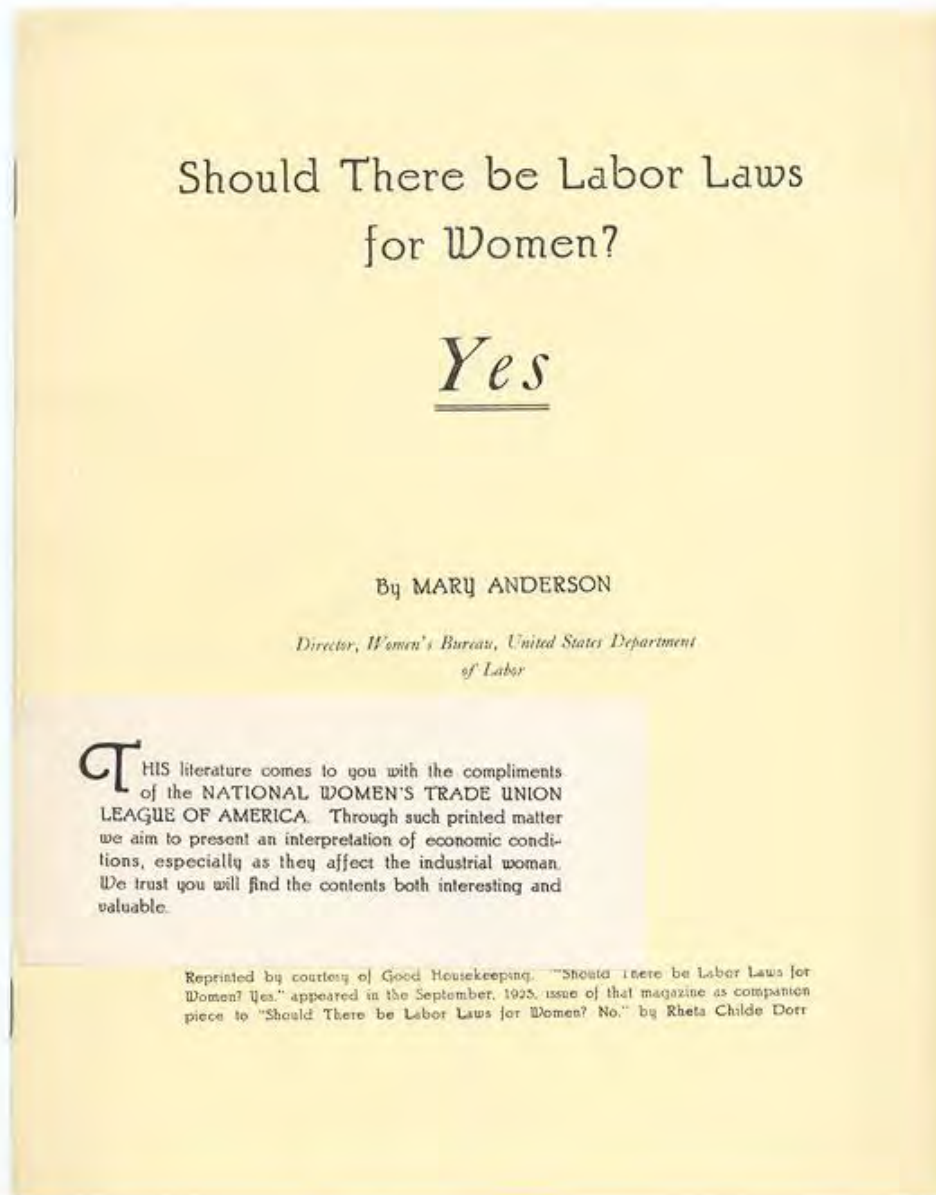
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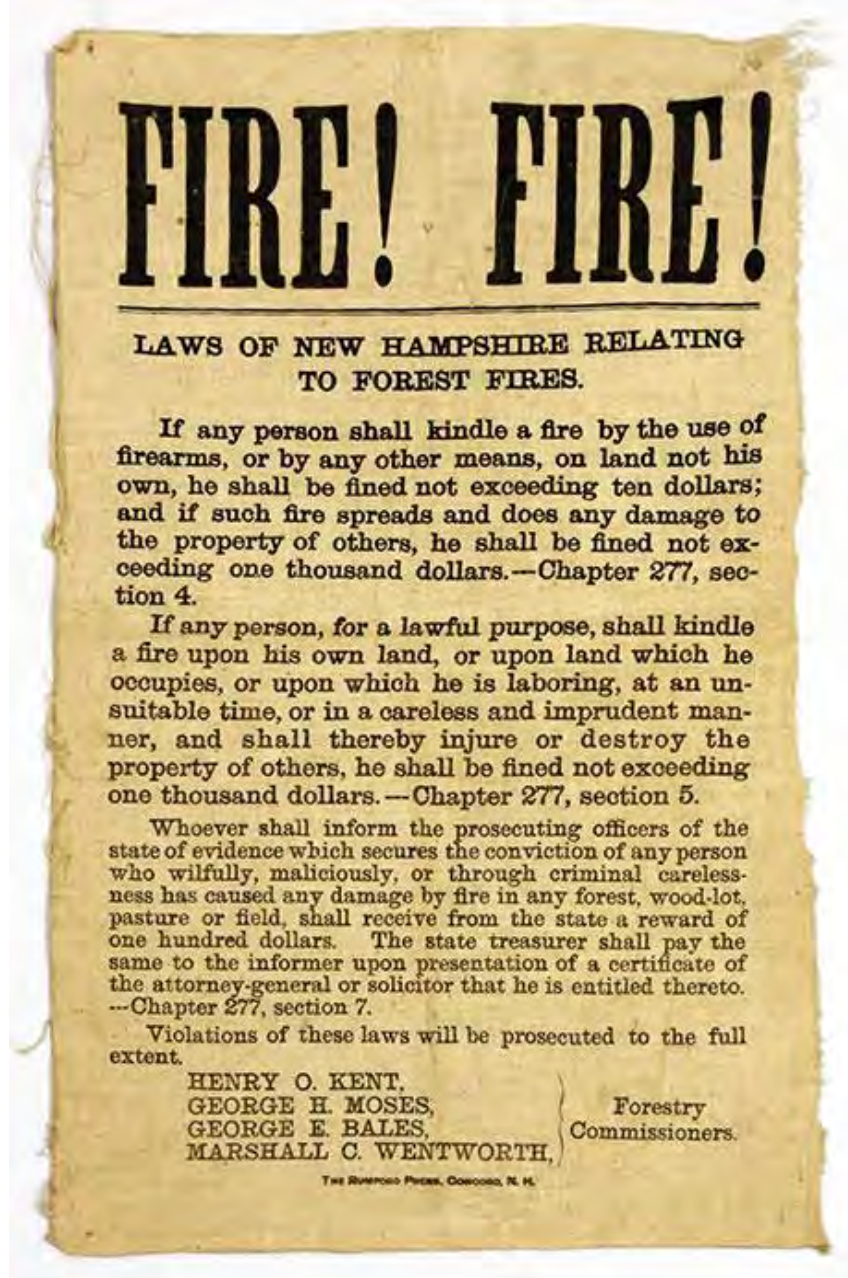
Labor Laws for Women

1. Anderson, Mary [1872-1964].

Should There be Labor Laws for Women? Yes. [Chicago: National Women's Trade Union League of America, 1925]. 16 pp.

Stapled pamphlet in stiff wrappers, small printed presentation tag from the National Women's Trade Union League of America tipped-in to front cover. Negligible shelfwear, faint vertical crease through center, internally clean. \$125.

* Only edition (as an independent publication). Anderson, a Swedish immigrant, worked as a dishwasher and factory worker. She became active in the labor movement in Chicago and went on to become the first director of the Women's Bureau in the U.S. Department of Labor in 1920, a post she held with distinction until 1944. This pamphlet is a reprint of an article originally published in the September, 1925 issue of *Good Housekeeping*. OCLC locates 6 copies, 2 in law libraries (Duke, Osgoode Hall). [Order This Item](#)



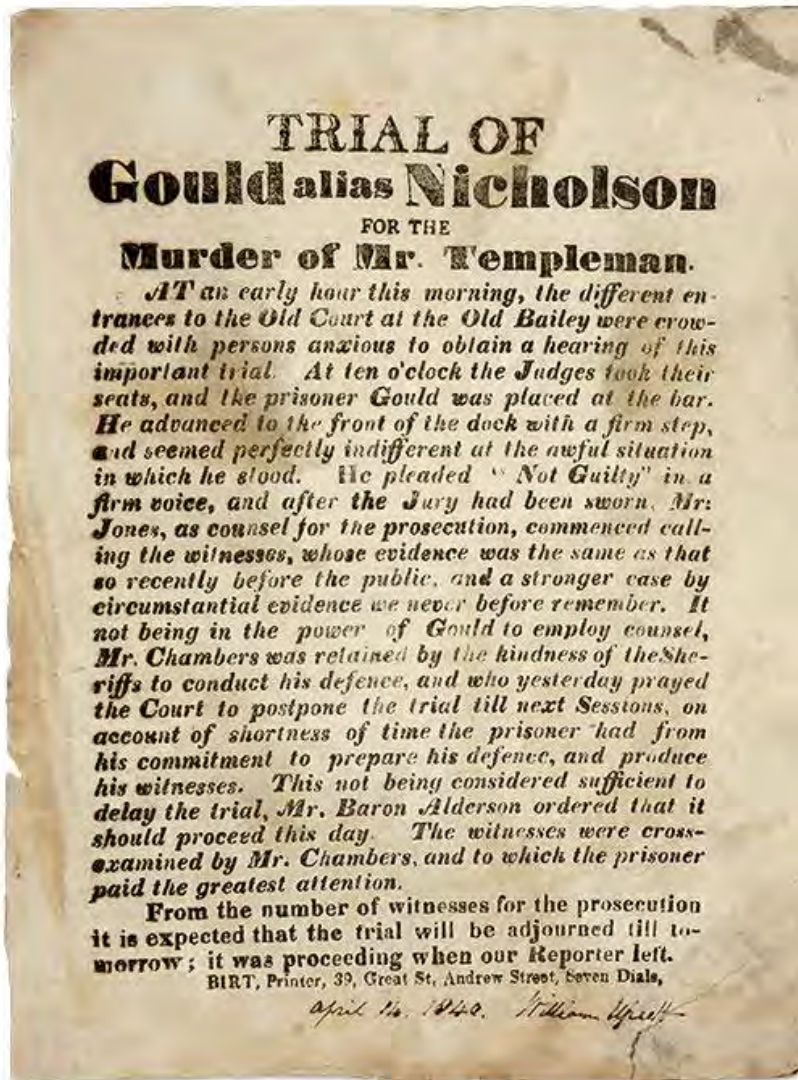
New Hampshire Broadside Printed on Cloth

2. [Broadside].
[Forest Laws].
[New Hampshire].

Fire! Fire! Laws of New Hampshire Relating to Forest Fires. Concord, NH: The Rumford Press, c. 1904.

18" x 11" broadside printed on cloth. Light toning, light fraying to edges. A well-preserved, curious item. \$450.

* This broadside prints the texts of three statutes that set out the fines for setting forest fires. Signed in type by Henry O. Kent, George H. Moses, George E. Bales and Marshall C. Wentworth, Forestry Commissioners. [Order This Item](#)



Murder Broadside Overlooked by COPAC and OCLC

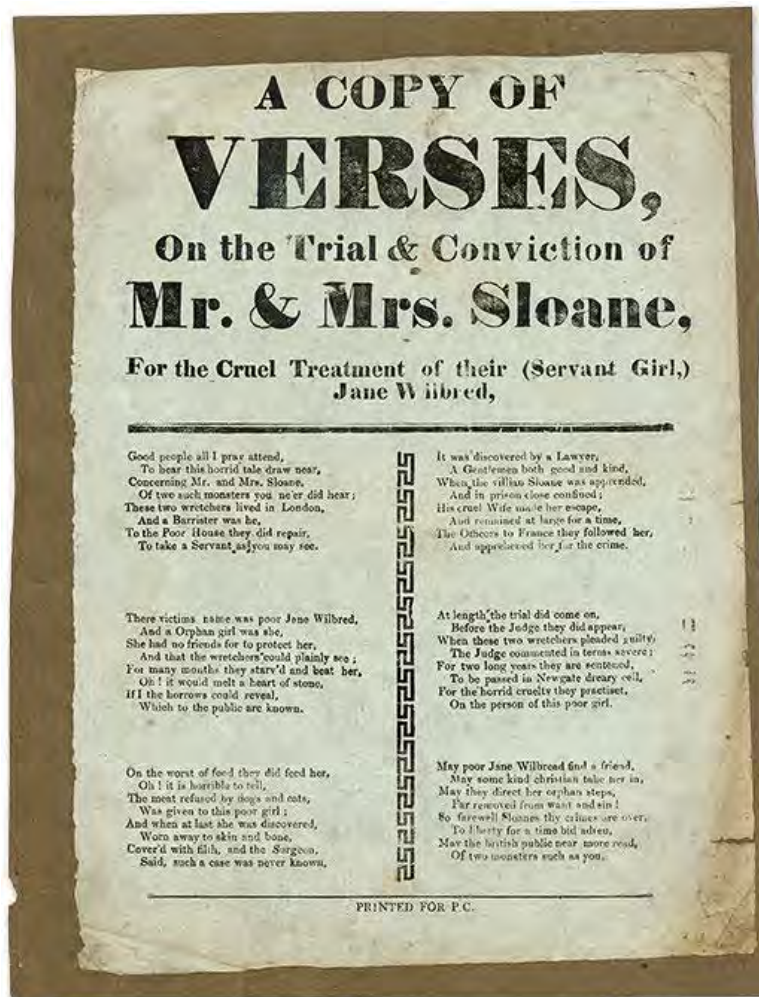
3. [Broadside].

Gould, Richard, Defendant.

Trial of Gould Alias Nicholson for the Murder of Mr. Templeman. [London]: Birt, Printer, 39 Great St. Andrew Street, Seven Dials, [April 14, 1840].

9-3/4" x 7-1/2" broadside. Text in single column below headline. Moderate toning, a faint stains, light edgewear, early repair to tear in lower right-hand corner, date and early owner signature at foot of text. \$950.

* According to circumstantial evidence, Gould murdered Templeman while robbing his home. Provided with counsel, Gould was acquitted of murder. Gould conducted his own defense for his robbery trial, was found guilty and sentenced to transportation to Australia. Both trials had a number of irregularities. They attracted a good deal of contemporary attention in the London periodicals and were described in detail in such publications as the 1841 *Annual Register of World Events* (Volume 82). Our broadside was printed at the beginning of Gould's murder trial. No copies listed on OCLC or COPAC. [Order This Item](#)



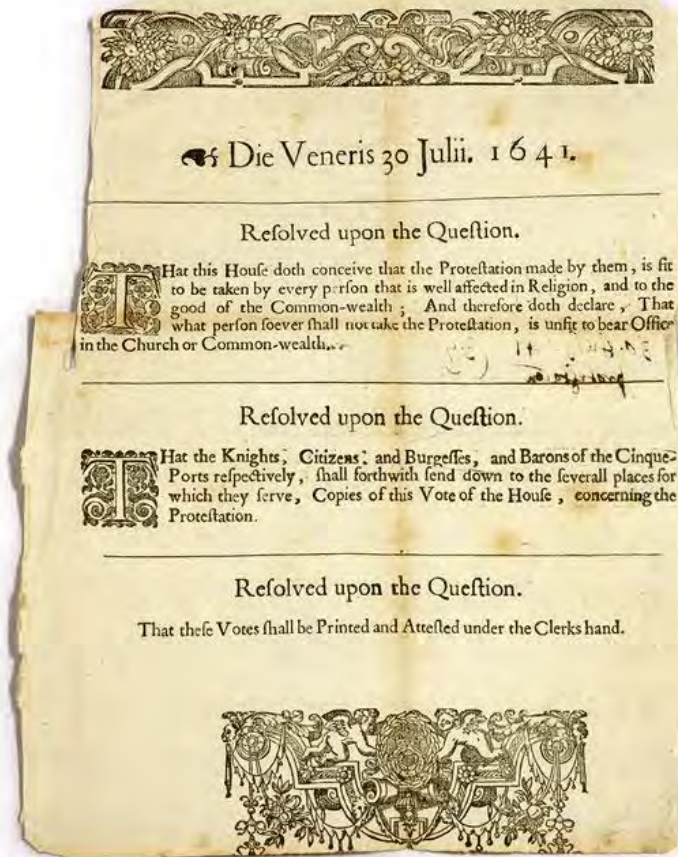
**One of the Most Appalling
Examples of the Sadistic Abuse of a Minor**

**4. [Broadside].
[Great Britain].
[Child Abuse].**

A Copy of Verses, on the Trial & Conviction of Mr. & Mrs. Sloane, for the Cruel Treatment of their (Servant Girl,) Jane Wilbred.
[London?: Printed for P.C., 1851]. 9" x 7" verse broadside, untrimmed, mounted on paper. Main text in two columns separated by rules below boldface headline.

Light soiling and a few minor creases and tears. \$950.

* This broadside records one of the most appalling examples of child abuse in English history. Public outrage at this case was shared at all levels of society. The gratuitous, truly unspeakable cruelties that George Sloane, special pleader of the Middle Temple and officer of the Church of England Assurance Institute, and his wife, an ex-dancer at the Italian Opera, inflicted for two years on their servant girl, who was hired from the work-house at age 15, did not go unpunished. But the Sloanes received only a two-year prison sentence. Their mild punishment outraged the public. This event must have inspired several broadsides and related items, but almost none are recorded in the standard sources. COPAC lists 6 holdings of ours in Great Britain, OCLC locates none in North America. [Order This Item](#)



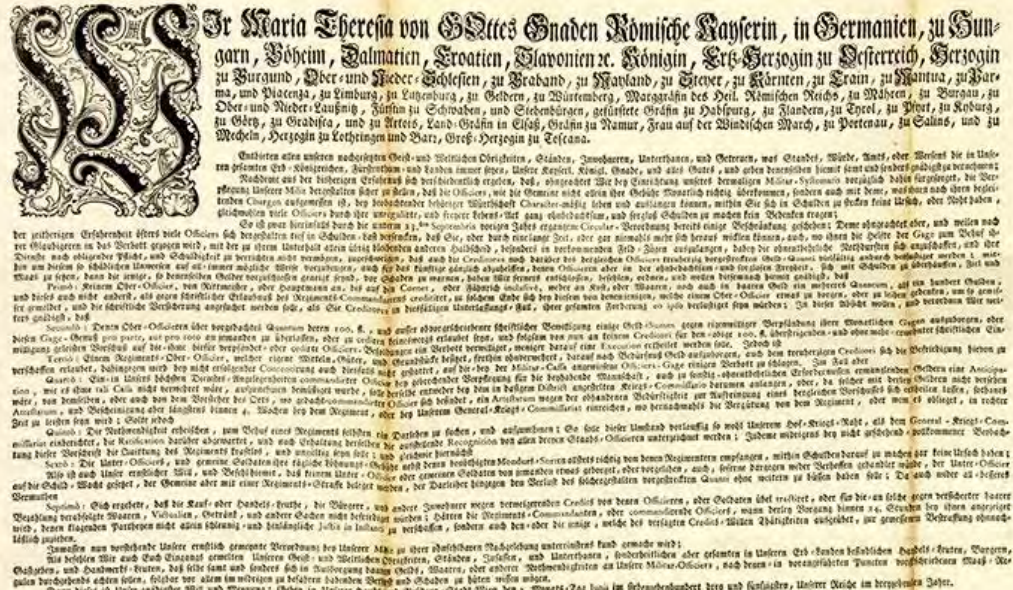
**Parliament Demands a Religious Loyalty
Oath from the Leaders of the Cinque Ports**

**5. [Broadside].
[Great Britain].
[Loyalty Oaths].**

Die Veneris 30 Julii. 1641. Resolved upon the Question. That this House Doth Conceive that the Protestation Made by Them, is Fit to be Taken by Every Person that is Well Affected in Religion [running title].

12-1/2" x 9-1/2" broadside, text in single column between woodcut architectural borders at head and foot. Light toning, vertical and horizontal fold lines, some edgewear and a few minor tears, border at foot of text affected by trimming, section lacking from left-hand margin just touching text and border at head of text, early annotation to verso. Item housed in recent buckram slipcase with printed spine title label. A rare item. \$450.

* Only edition. This broadside announces a resolution passed by the House of Commons requiring all office-holders to take a religious oath. This resolution applies to the Cinque Ports, a group of commercially and strategically important port towns in southern England that enjoyed unique legal privileges, including self government and exemption from taxation, in exchange for supplying the Crown with men and ships in times of war. Clearly intended to subjugate Royalists, this resolution was passed by Parliament during its political and religious power struggle with Charles I. OCLC locates 2 copies (Victoria and Albert Museum, Yale). The *ESTC* adds the Bodleian Library, Oxford, the British Library and Harvard (2 copies). *English Short-Title Catalogue* R209686. [Order This Item](#)



MARIA THERESIA.

Fredericus Wilhelmus Comes ab Haugwitz,
Reg. Boh. Sup. & A. p. n. Canc.



Johann Graf von Thotet.

Ad Mandatum Sacrae Caesaris
Regie Majestatis proprium.
Johann Christoph Freyher von Hartenstein,
Secretarius von Kammereister.

Maria Theresa Limits Money Lending Among Officers and Soldiers in Her Army

6. [Broadside].

Maria, Theresa [1717-1780], Holy Roman Empress.

[Decree Regulating Money Lending in the Army]. Vienna: 2 June 1753. 17" x 22-1/2" broadside, untrimmed edges. Light toning, two vertical and one horizontal fold lines, all lightly browned, tiny stain to bottom edge. \$350.

* This broadside regulates the conduct of army officers who lend and borrow money too freely. The decree forbids senior officers from lending more than 100 florins; junior officers and all lower ranks are not allowed to lend or borrow any amount. [Order This Item](#)



A Massachusetts Tax to Defray the Cost of the Revolutionary War

7. [Broadside].
[Taxation].
[Massachusetts].

Commonwealth of Massachusetts. (Tax No 3.). Boston, June, 1783. 16" x 10" broadside, amount of assessed tax and date added in manuscript by Thomas Ivers, treasurer and receiver-general of Massachusetts, his signature, dated October 1, 1783, below text.

Mounted on linen, lightly browned, some edgewear, sections lacking from corners and along fold lines with minor loss to text. A rare item. \$1,000.

* This broadside is, in effect, a warrant to collect unpaid taxes. In this particular case, an amount of four pounds and four shillings to be collected by the constable or collector in the town of Leverett, Massachusetts. According to Ford, this broadside was printed in June of 1783, at a time when the Commonwealth was trying to pay down expenses associated with the war. Financial hardship from the war would persist long after the conflict with Great Britain ended, and the Commonwealth applied sustained pressure to collect revenue from its cities and towns. Interestingly, this prophetic broadside foretells Shays's Rebellion, in that just three years later perceived economic and taxation inequities prompted rural central and western Massachusetts such as Leverett to rise up in a series of historic protests against the Commonwealth. No copies listed on OCLC. Ford, *Broadsides & Ballads &c. Printed in Massachusetts 1639-1800* 2371.

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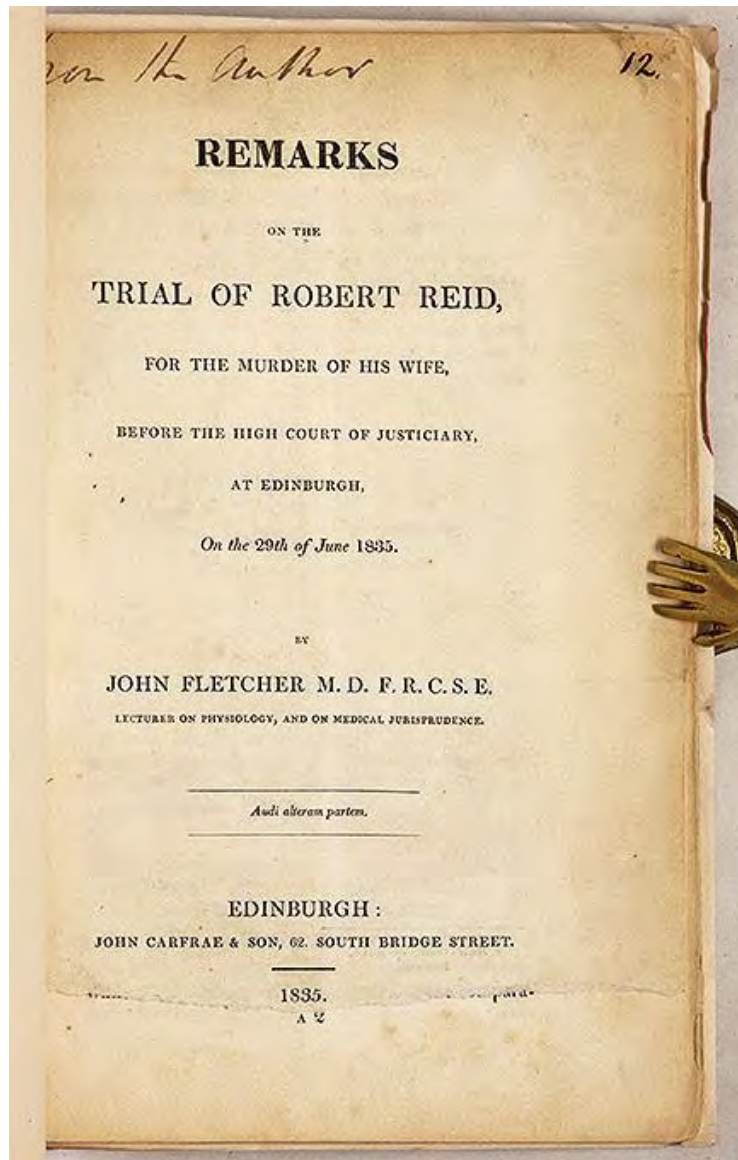
A Curious 1864 Case Involving Murder and Insanity

8. Editors of the Journal of Mental Science.

Insanity and Crime: A Medico-Legal Commentary on the Case of George Victor Townley. London: John Churchill and Sons, 1864. 47, [1] pp. Octavo (8-3/4" x 5-1/2").

Stab-stitched pamphlet with untrimmed edges bound into recent cloth, printed paper title labels to front board and spine, endpapers added. Moderate toning to text, faint vertical crease through center, small inkspots to a few leaves. \$500.

* Only edition. In this unusual trial Townley was found sane and guilty of the murder of his fiancée, but insane afterwards, and thus incapable of execution. The discussion of this case in the interesting pamphlets examines, among other related topics, partial, impulsive, and "moral" insanity. OCLC locates 13 copies in North America, 1 in a law library (U.S. Supreme Court). [Order This Item](#)



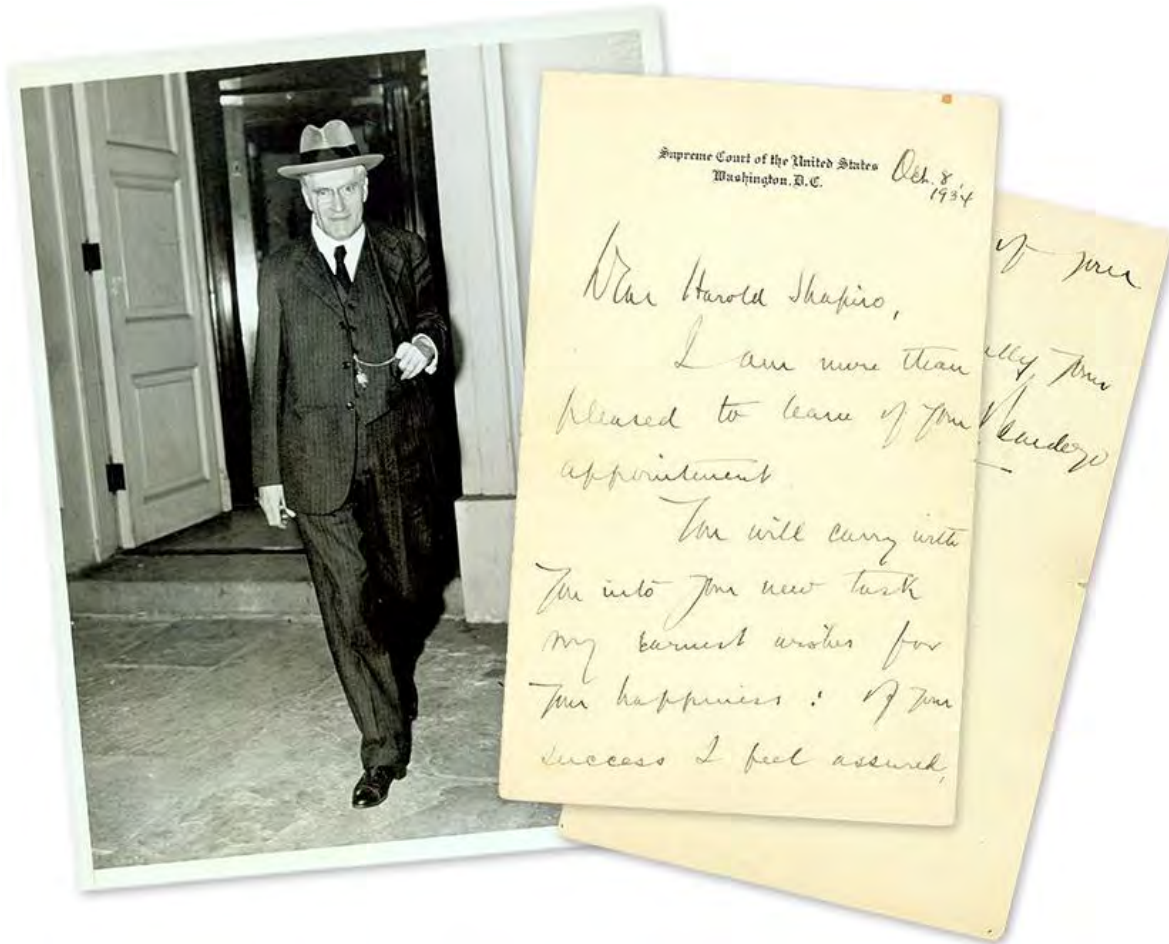
**Discussion of an 1834 Murder Case by a
"Medical Advisor" to the Defense Counsel**

9. Fletcher, John [1792-1836].

Remarks on the Trial of Robert Reid, For the Murder of His Wife, Before the High Court of Justiciary at Edinburgh on the 29th of June, 1835. Edinburgh : John Carfrae & Son, 1835. 54 pp. Tipped-in errata sheet. Octavo (8-1/2" x 5-3/4").

Stab-stitched pamphlet in recent red wrappers. Light rubbing to extremities, light toning to text, "From the author" to head of title page, lower margin removed with no loss to text. \$450.

* Only edition. Fletcher was a "Medical Adviser" to Robert Reid's legal counsel during Reid's trial for the murder of his wife in 1834. This pamphlet summarizes the comments he offered at the trial and tears apart the testimony of the Crown's expert. OCLC locates 11 copies in North America, 4 in law libraries (Harvard, Library of Congress, Social Law, University of Minnesota). [Order This Item](#)



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

10. [Manuscript].

Cardozo, Benjamin N. [1870-1938].

[Shapiro, Harold].

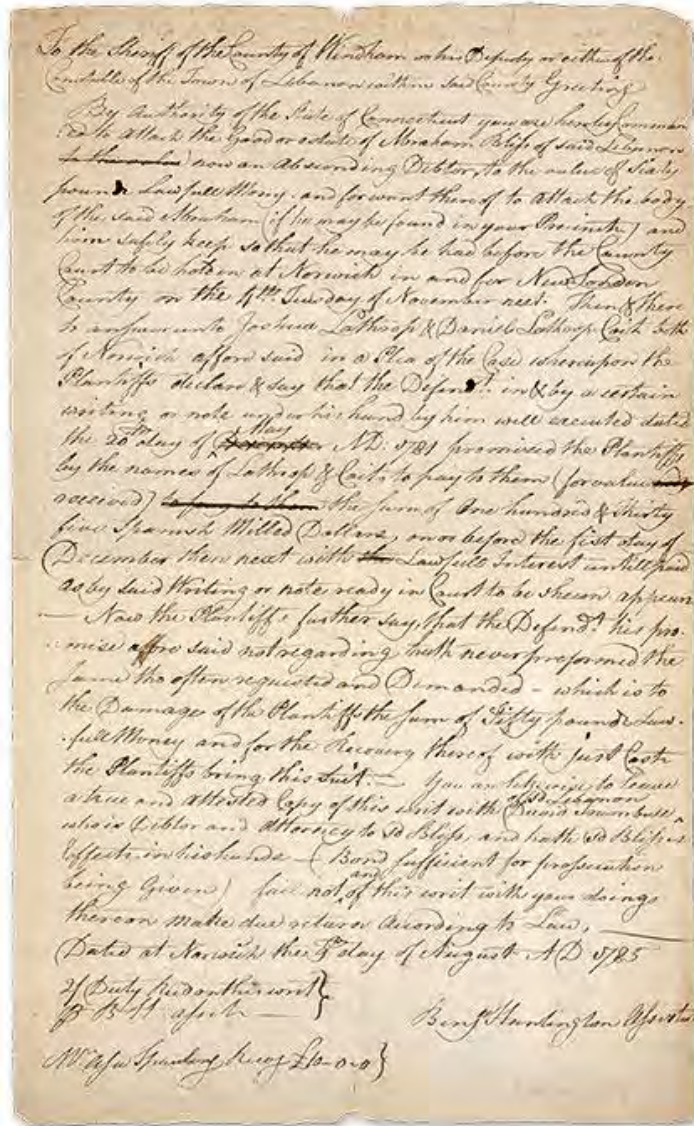
[Autograph Letter, Signed, To Harold Shapiro on U.S. Supreme Court Letterhead, October 8, 1934]. Two 5" x 7-3/4" leaves. Light soiling, horizontal fold lines, otherwise fine.

[With]

Cardozo, Benjamin N.

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

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



1785 Connecticut Court Document
Ordering the Arrest of an Absconding Debtor

11. [Manuscript].
[Connecticut].

[Writ from the State of Connecticut Ordering the Seizure of Goods of an Absconding Debtor]. [Hartford or New Haven]: August 9, 1785. 2 pp. 13-1/2" x 8" bifolium, docketed on verso.

Horizontal fold lines, a few with minor tears, light edgewear, light browning and minor edgewear, horizontal and vertical fold lines, content in neat, legible hand. \$650.

* Addressed to the sheriff and deputy sheriff of Windham County, "or either of the Constables of the Town of Lebanon," this writ orders the arrest of Abraham Bliss and his deliverance to court in New London. This writ was issued because Bliss had defaulted on the repayment of 135 "Spanish Milled dollars" to Daniel and Joshua Lathrop. It also fines Bliss 50 pounds and directs the writ to be served to his attorney, David Turnbull of Lebanon. [Order This Item](#)



Anxiety About the Effects of Abolition in Jamaica

12. [Manuscript].

[Cuba].

[Jamaica].

[Brosa, Antonio].

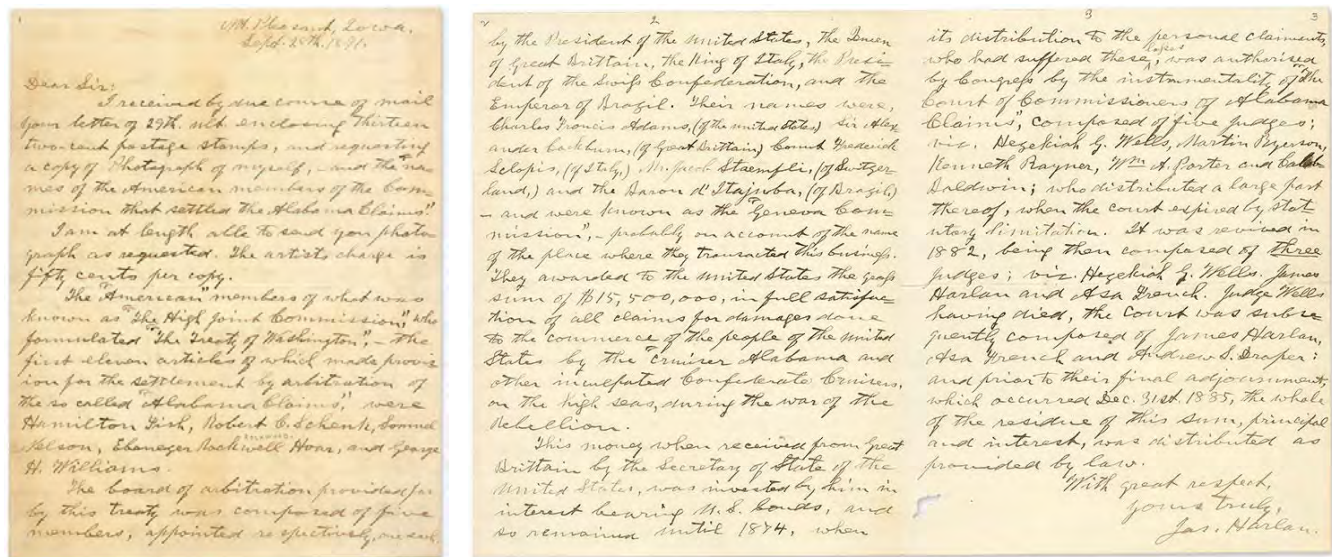
[Duquesnay, Carlos].

[Three Letters Reporting on Slavery on the Letterhead of the Cuban Consulate in Jamaica]. Jamaica, 1839-1842.

Three letters, 8" x 12-3/4," manuscript in ink. Two letters, dated March 28, 1839 and July 20, 1839, are single leaves with blank versos. The third, dated August 3, 1842, is a bifolium with content on recto of the first leaf. This letter encloses a bifolium addendum dated August 23, 1842, 6" x 8-1/2," with content on recto of the first leaf.

Moderate toning and foxing, some edgewear, faint fold lines, minor burn through, a few minor tears and worm holes, very good overall. \$2,500.

* These letters were written at a time when the Cuban government had a constant fear of its slave and free-black population. The Haitian Revolution was a fairly recent event, the abolition movement was becoming more popular and there was constant talk about slave insurrections. What's more, Cuba was a nation in a region with a majority population of free, enslaved and recently emancipated people of African origin. Addressed to the Capitan General de la Isla de Cuba from the consulate in Jamaica, these letters record impressions about the effects of abolition, which occurred in stages between 1834 and 1838. They were dispatched by two consular officials, Antonio Brosa and Carlos Duquesnay. The first letter, from March 28, 1839, reports that his troop level has dwindled down to 1,300 men, including 100 "negroes." He is concerned about the effectiveness of this force and doubts the loyalty of his "negro" soldiers. The other letter by Brosa, dated July 20, 1839, requests a company of troops to address a "disorder" resulting from a group of "negroes" refusing to pay their rent. The Letter from Duquesnay, reports on a series of "disruptions" caused by "los emancipados." Taken together, these letters record the anxiety of Cuba's governing class over the shifting dynamics of slavery. [Order This Item](#)



Judge Harlan Reflects on His Role in Arbitrating the Alabama Claims and on the Drafting of the Treaty of Washington

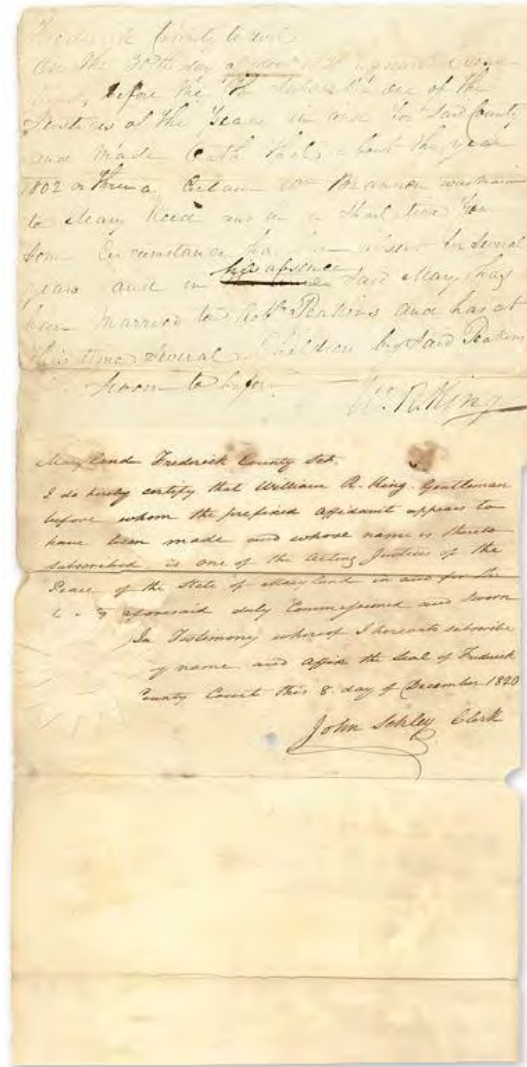
13. [Manuscript].

Harlan, James [1820-1899].

[Autograph Letter, Signed, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, September 28, 1891].

Single leaf folded from 9-3/4" x 7-3/4" bifolium, no transmittal envelope. Two fold lines, one vertical and one horizontal, light browning. Content in neat hand to rectos and versos of three pages. \$650.

* Harlan was the presiding judge for the Court of Commissioners, which heard cases related to the Alabama Claims. After the Civil War, the United States made claims against Great Britain for damages inflicted upon U.S. vessels by the Confederate "commerce raiders" *Alabama*, *Florida*, *Shenandoah* and other cruisers fitted out by British shipbuilders. This matter was settled by an international body of commissioners that met in Geneva in 1871-1872. The work of this group, which concluded with the Treaty of Washington, marked a watershed in international law by establishing a template for the peaceful settlement of conflicts through arbitration. The letter is addressed to an unknown recipient who seems to have been researching the history of the commission. Harlan writes, "The American members of what was known as The High Joint Commission who formulated The Treaty of Washington - the first eleven articles of which made provision for the settlement by arbitration of the so called 'Alabama Claims'- were Hamilton Fish, Robert C. Schenk, Samuel Nelson, Ebenezer Rockwell Hoar, and George H. Williams. The board of arbitration provided for by this treaty was composed of five members, appointed respectively, one each, by the President of the United States, the Queen of Great Britain, the King of Italy, the President of the Swiss Confederation, and the Emperor of Brazil..". He lists the names of the participants, who were known as The Geneva Commission. "They awarded the United States the gross sum of \$15,500,000, in full satisfaction of all claims for damages done to the commerce of the people of the United States by the cruiser *Alabama* and other inculpated Confederate Cruisers on the high seas, during the war of the rebellion. This money was invested in interest bearing U.S. bonds, and so remained until 1874, when its distribution to the personal claimants who had suffered these losses was authorized by Congress by the instrumentality of The Court of Commissioners of Alabama Claims, composed of five judges...". He lists them. When the Court expired "by statutory limitation, it was revived in 1882, being then composed of three judges' viz. Hezekiah G. Wells, James Harlan and Asa French..". By Dec. 31, 1885 these judges completed the distribution and the Court was finally adjourned. A fine summary of an important Civil War reparations matter by one of the participants. [Order This Item](#)



Manuscript Document
Relating to a Bigamy Case in Maryland

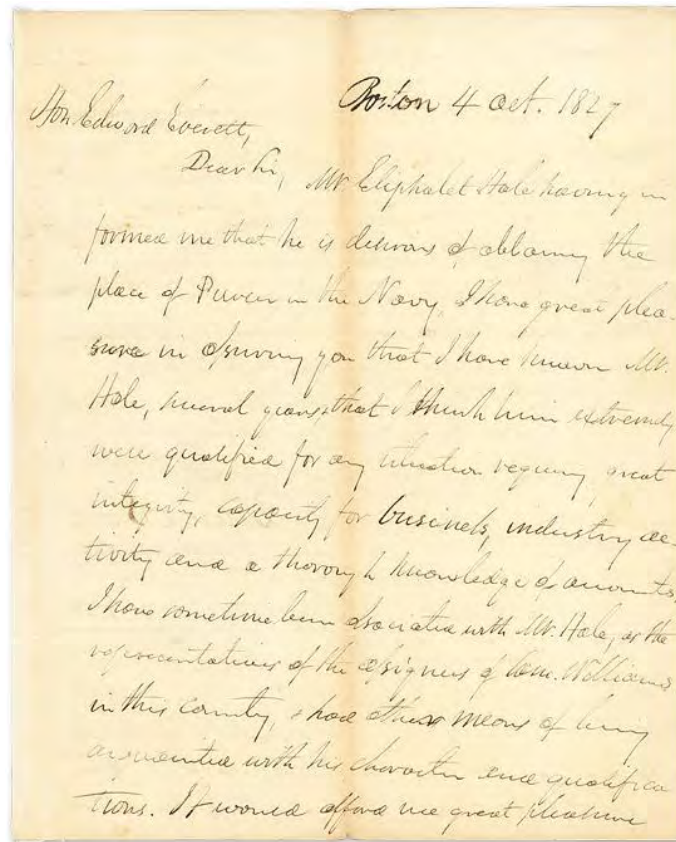
14. [Manuscript].

[Maryland].

King, William R., And John Schley, Justices of the Peace.

Frederick County to Wit. On the 20th Day of November 1820 Appeared Evem [Evan or Eben] Reed, Before Me the Subscriber One of the Justices of the Peace in and for Said County and Made Oath That About the Year 1802 or Three a Certain William Brannon was Married to Mary Reed. [Frederick County, Maryland.] December 8, 1820. Two 16-1/2" x 8" leaves sealed together with wax, embossed paper seal. Toning and some light stains, five horizontal fold lines, partial tear near center. \$250.

* A curious pair of conjoined documents relating to a bigamy case. One is signed by William R. King, justice of the peace, who attests that an Evem [Evan or Eben] Reed made an oath before him. Reed claimed that in 1802 a man named William Brannon was married to a Mary Reed "and in a short time from some circumstance has been absent for several years. And in his absence said Mary has been married to Robert Peakins and has at this time several Children by said Peakins." The second item is signed and sealed by John Schley, clerk of Frederick County Court, Maryland. It verifies William R. King is a justice of the peace. [Order This Item](#)



**Lemuel Shaw Asks Edward Everett
to Help a Friend Seeking a Naval Commission**

15. [Manuscript].

Shaw, Lemuel [1781-1861].

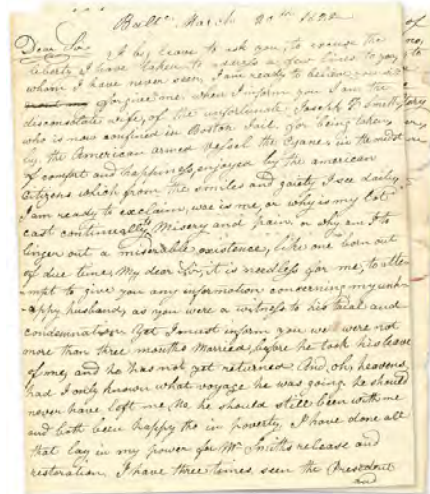
Everett, Edward [1795-1865].

[Autograph Letter, Signed, to Edward Everett with Everett's Appended, And Signed, Letter of Transmittal, Boston, October 4, 1827 and October 12, 1827]. Single leaf folded to form 9-3/4" x 7-3/4" bifolium with integral address leaf, franked in red on verso of second leaf.

Some toning, old lines with short tears at ends, some remnants of paper from old mounting on back with no loss of legibility. \$750.

* This item from future Chief Justice of Massachusetts Lemuel Shaw to then Congressman and future Gettysburg orator Edward Everett contains two letters. It contains Shaw's original letter, requesting help for a friend who was seeking a commission as a purser in the Navy, and Everett's appended letter on behalf of Shaw's friend to the Secretary of the Navy, Samuel L. Southward. In the 19th century, Edward Everett was celebrated as a preacher and public orator. He is most famous for delivering a two-hour oration in 1863 at the dedication of the Gettysburg military cemetery. Everett's speech was subsequently eclipsed by President Abraham Lincoln's immortal, two-minute Gettysburg Address. At the time this letter was written Shaw had already served in both houses of the Massachusetts Legislature and had drafted the first charter of the City of Boston. In 1830, he became the Chief Justice of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. He served on that court for 30 years and participated in such notable cases as the "Parkman-Webster" murder case and in *Commonwealth v. Hunt*, an important labor law precedent establishing that labor unions were not criminal conspiracies.

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

16. [Manuscript].

[Slavery].

Smith, Darcas (Mrs. Joseph F.)

[Davis, John (1761-1847)].

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

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

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

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

Peterborough April 14th 1853

Dr. Batcheller

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

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

17. [Manuscript].

Steele, John Hardy [1789-1865].

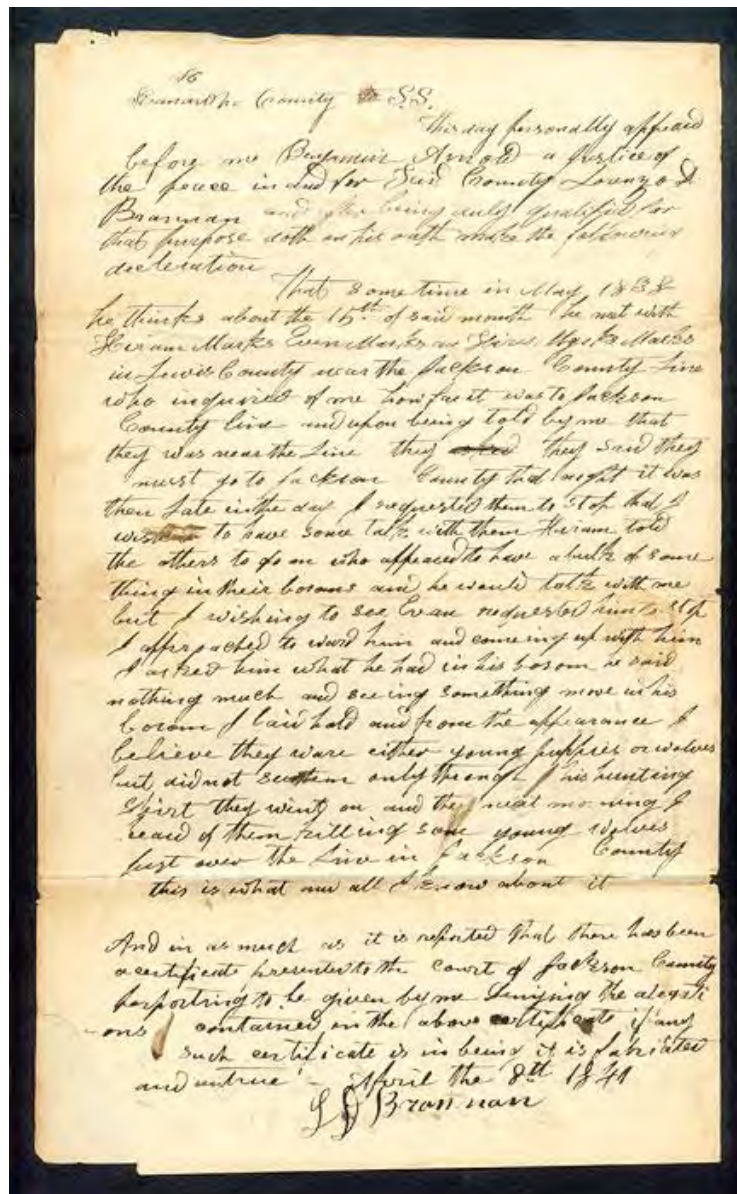
[Batcheller, Dr. James (d. 1866)].

[Comings, William].

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

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

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



Fraudulent Collection of Wolf Bounties in Virginia

18. [Manuscript].

[Virginia].

[Wolf Bounties].

[Autograph Deposition Addressed to J.P. Thomasson and other justices of Jackson County, Signed by Justice of the Peace Benjamin Arnold, Kanawho County, Virginia, April 8, 1841]. 4 pp. 12-1/2" x 7-1/2" bifolium, docketed on verso of second leaf.

Horizontal fold lines, a few with minor tears, tear through most of fold between the leaves, light browning and minor edgewear, a few small chips to edges. Content in neat small hand filling one page and a quarter of another. \$300.

* This deposition says the Marks family from Lewis County was carrying wolf puppies into Jackson county lines in order to kill them there in order to collect wolf-killing bounties awarded by the county. [Order This Item](#)

in population and in resources of every description is unparalleled in the Annals of the world, is a position which I believe will not be controverted, and if they continued to prosper for a very short period indeed, as they have commenced and progressed hitherto nothing can prevent them from eclipsing every other nation on earth. I fear however that we are deficient in one thing: if we are the most favored nation on earth, I think there can be no doubt, we ought also to be the most grateful nation on earth to the great dispenser of all events. - in that point, I fear, we are immeasurably deficient; we are too apt to ascribe our prosperity to ourselves and not to give the praise to God to whom it is really, and justly due. - Nothing of any moment has yet transpired at either house of Congress, but an immense deal of business is cutting out for us, it is highly probable we shall not adjourn before the latter end of May or beginning of June. I hoped however to see you at the Apoc. Court, if I should ever be obliged to return to this place afterwards, but I do not see how I can be at Eastern or Lancaster, to perform a journey of four hundred and twenty miles in stage travelling day and night in cold inclement weather might suit my friend Judge Porter's constitution but would certainly not suit mine. - I am extremely sorry to hear that a prosecution has been commenced against the gentleman you mention, because I do not believe it can be sustained, and it will, in case it fails, of which I have no doubt, look so much like persecution that it will have an effect entirely contrary to that which is intended. - I saw Mr. Greenleaf this morning who informed me that he had just received a subpoena requiring his attendance at Harrisburg, as a witness on the part of the Judge, on the 20th instant; of course I suppose your attendance will be required about the same time - in Bond's paper it is said that the present house of Representatives do not consider themselves bound, in relation to the impeachments, by the proceedings of the last, but that they will re-examine the wisdom and divide for themselves as to the course they will pursue - but from the circumstances of the witnesses being subpoenaed on the part of the Judge, I presume they must have determined to proceed. - I commenced this letter with an intention of merely acknowledging the receipt of yours, you see to what a length I have gone without even saying any thing either to instruct or amuse - my pen is bad and I can't do to mend it, or I should probably have worried your patience still more. -

With much respect
Yours obt. servt.
Geo. Wolf

John Cooper Esq.

**Interesting Letter by a Distinguished
Nineteenth-Century Pennsylvania Lawyer-Politician**

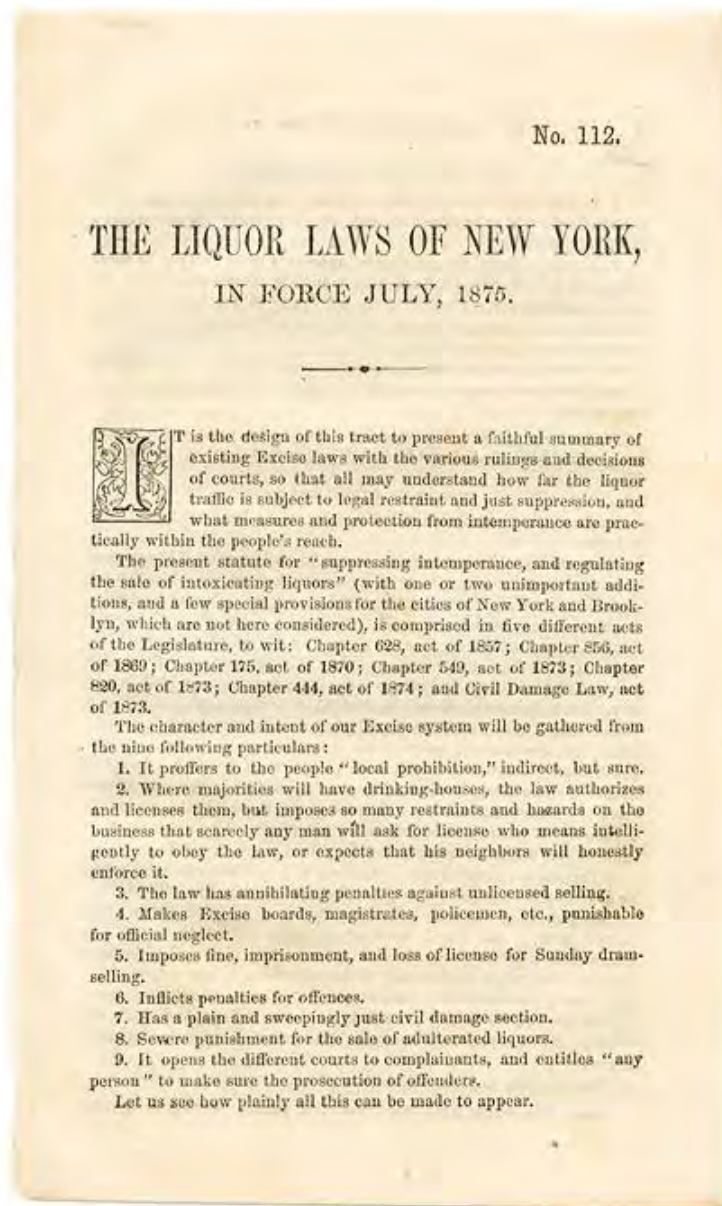
19. [Manuscript].

Wolf, George [1777-1840].

[Autograph Letter, Signed, Washington, DC, December 16, 1825].

Single 9-3/4" x 8" leaf. Four fold lines, two vertical and two horizontal, light browning. Content in small neat hand to recto and verso, fragments of paper (from an album) along left-hand margin. \$750.

* A lawyer and Jeffersonian, later Jacksonian politician, Wolf was a member of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives in 1814, a member of the U.S. House of Representatives from 1824 to 1829 and the governor of Pennsylvania from 1829 to 1835. Appointed by President Jackson, served as the first comptroller of the Treasury, a post he held until 1838. He is best known as the governor who oversaw the establishment of Pennsylvania's public school system. Addressed to a John Cooper, an associate judge in Pennsylvania, this letter was written when Wolf was a U.S. Representative. Rich with "inside" information, it touches on several interesting topics: his work as a member of the "select committee on the subject of the monument to Geo. Washington," the annual message of President Adams, a mission to Panama, the prosperity of the United States and the impeachment of Robert Porter, a judge in Northampton, Pennsylvania. Letters by Wolf in the market are rare. We could locate only two auction records, the last at Henkels in 1907 (Lot 354, 3 Letters). [Order This Item](#)



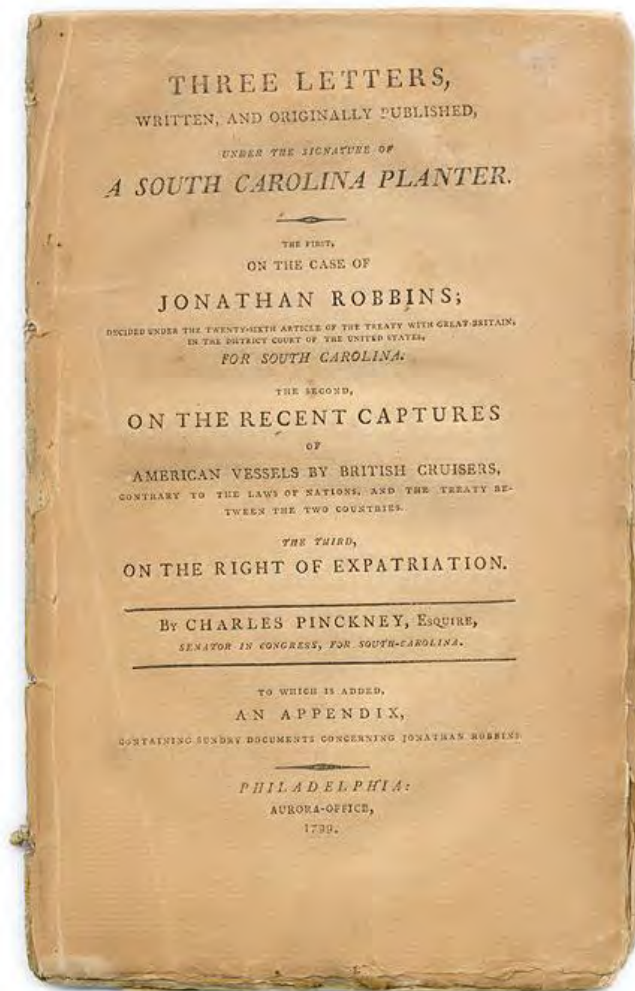
New York City Temperance Tract from 1875

20. National Temperance Society and Publication House.

The Liquor Laws of New York, In Force July, 1875. [New York: National Temperance Society and Publication House, 1875]. 8 pp. Octavo (7-1/2" x 4-1/2").

Pamphlet with self-wrappers, light toning, a few tiny holes and tears near upper right corner due to a spot of glue between the first and second leaves. A well-preserved item. \$100.

* At head of title: "No. 112." "It is the design of this tract to present a faithful summary of existing Excise laws with the various rulings and decisions of courts, so that one may understand how far the liquor traffic is subject to legal restraint and just suppression, and what measures and protection from intemperance are practically within the people's reach" (1). OCLC locates 1 copy (Library Company of Philadelphia). [Order This Item](#)



**A Prominent South Carolina Statesman Discusses
Issues with Great Britain During the Adams Administration**

21. Pinckney, Charles [1757-1824].

Three Letters, Written, And Originally Published Under the Signature of A South Carolina Planter. The First, On the Case of Jonathan Robbins; Decided Under the Twenty-Sixth Article of the Treaty with Great-Britain, In the District Court of the United States, For South Carolina. The Second, On the Recent Captures of American Vessels by British Cruisers, Contrary to the Laws of Nations, And the Treaty Between the Two Countries. The Third, On the Right of Expatriation. Philadelphia: Aurora-Office, 1799. [2], 65 pp. Octavo (8-1/2" x 5-1/2").

Disbound stab-stitched pamphlet, untrimmed edges. Light browning, light foxing in a few places, internally clean. \$300.

* Only edition, one of two issues from 1799, the other published in Charleston. Pinckney was a prominent delegate to the Federal Constitutional Convention and later U.S. Senator from South Carolina and minister to Spain. This pamphlet reprints a series of three articles in a Charleston newspaper. The first letter discusses constitutional issues raised in the case of Jonathan Robbins, an American seaman who was handed over to the British courts to face a charge of mutiny. The second letter deals with the seizure of American ships by British Cruisers. The third letter concerns the settlement of claims between the United States and Great Britain. Sabin, *A Dictionary of Books Relating to America* 62898. Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 7296. [Order This Item](#)



Children's Card Game with a Racist Element

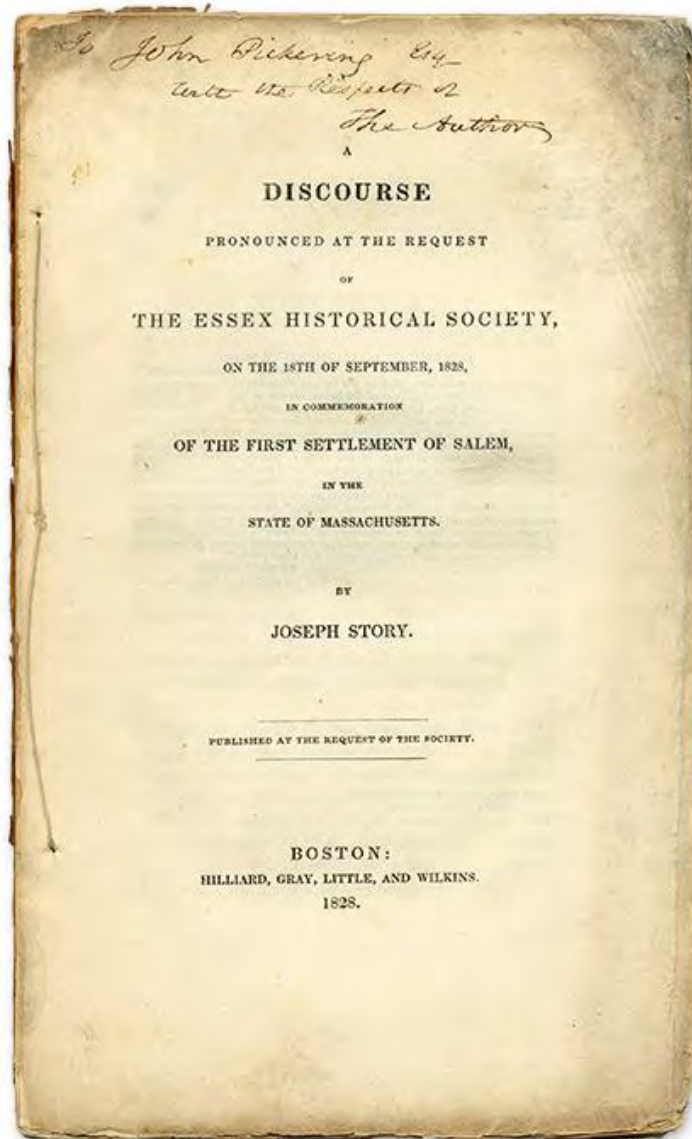
22. [Playing Cards].

[Children's Games].

Zwarte Piet. [Fürth: Spear and Söhne, c. 1925]. 31 color 4-1/8" x 2- 1/2" lithographed cards on heavy coated stock in 4-1/2" x 3" slipcase, lithographed color illustration on front. Instruction sheet lacking (or never issued).

Moderate rubbing and light soiling to slipcase, small owner initials to front, a few partial cracks around lower corners. Light soiling to cards, a few have minor edgewear. \$500.

* Black Peter is a European version of the card game Old Maid. Produced for the Dutch market, this version features a Black Peter portrayed as a combination Golliwog and minstrel performer. The 15 card-pairs depict white and two Asian children, most of them pursuing such activities as hiking, sailing and skating. The image on the box is a tuxedo-clad minstrel performer with black hands and a blue face. [Order This Item](#)



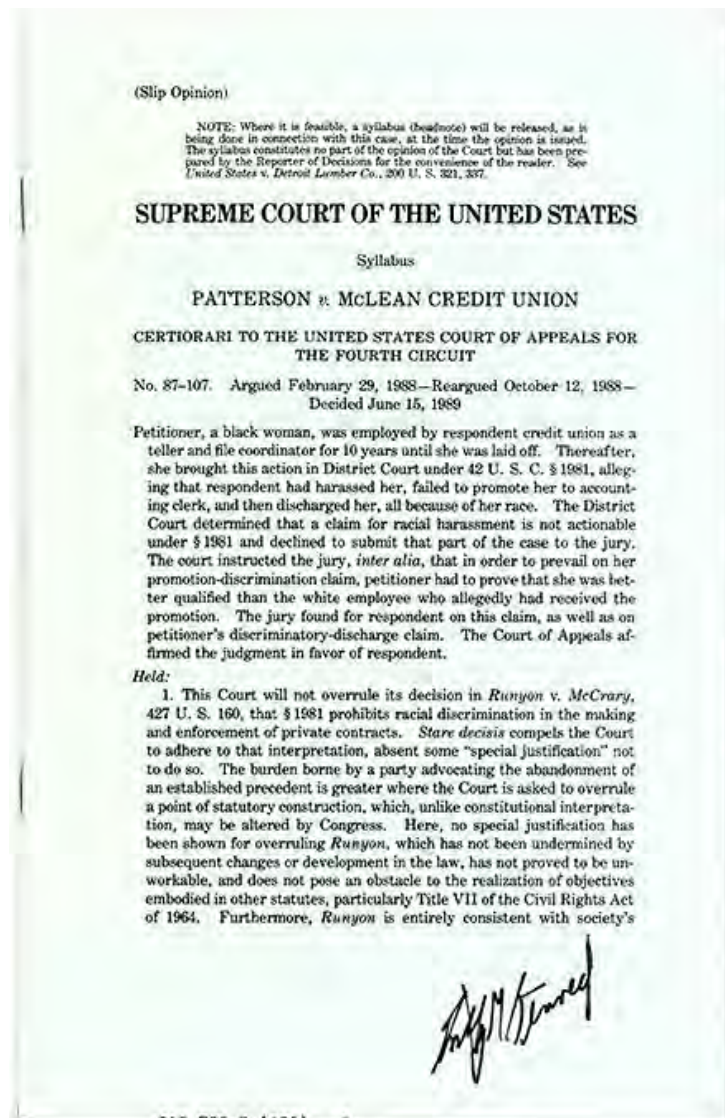
Presentation Copy Inscribed by Story

23. Story, Joseph [1779-1845].

A Discourse Pronounced at the Request of the Essex Historical Society, on the 18th of September, 1828, in Commemoration of the First Settlement of Salem, in the State of Massachusetts. Boston: Hilliard, Gray, Little and Wilkins, 1828. 90 pp. Octavo (9" x 6").

Stab-stitched pamphlet, untrimmed edges, lightly soiled, wrappers detached and edgeworn. Presentation inscription by Story to head of title page, light toning to text. \$500.

* Only edition. The inscription reads: "To John Pickering Esq/ with respects of/ The Author." John Pickering [1777-1846] was a lawyer and pioneering American philologist considered "the leading authority of his time on the languages of the North American Indians" (*DAB*). Joseph Story, born in nearby Marblehead in 1799, was admitted to the bar at Salem in 1801, marking the beginning of a career as one of the great American jurists of the early 19th century. *Dictionary of American Biography* VII:564-565. Sabin, *A Dictionary of Books Relating to America* 92299. [Order This Item](#)



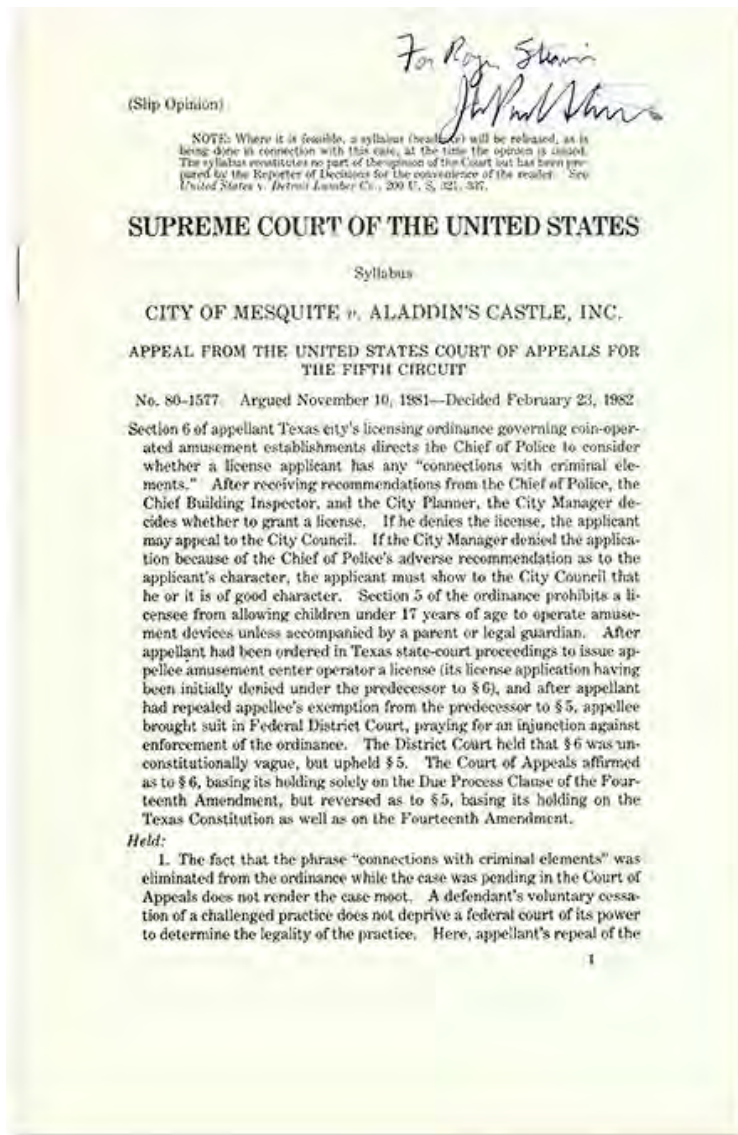
**Pre-US Reports Printing of a Notable Supreme Court
Racial Discrimination Case Signed by Justice Kennedy**

**24. [Supreme Court of the United States].
[Kennedy, Anthony].**

(Slip Opinion) *Patterson v McLean Credit Union, Certiorari to the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit*. [Washington, DC: Government Printing Office, 1989]. iv, 21, [1], 31, [1], 4 pp. Complete. Signature of Justice Kennedy to head of first page. Fine. \$500.

* This decision concerned a case of racial discrimination at a Virginia credit union, after she lost a promotion to a less-qualified white colleague and was later fired. The case was affirmed in part and reversed in part; this was the first in a series of events that led to the Civil Rights Act of 1991. Justice Kennedy wrote the opinion of the Court. Bench opinions are issued by the U.S. Supreme Court immediately after the announcement of a decision. Slip opinions are issued afterwards. Often incorporating corrections, they are the first printings of a decision intended for wide dissemination and review. After that stage the revised slip opinions are added to the latest paperback volume of *U.S. Reports*. A year later, that volume is printed in its final, authoritative, hardcover form. [Order This Item](#)

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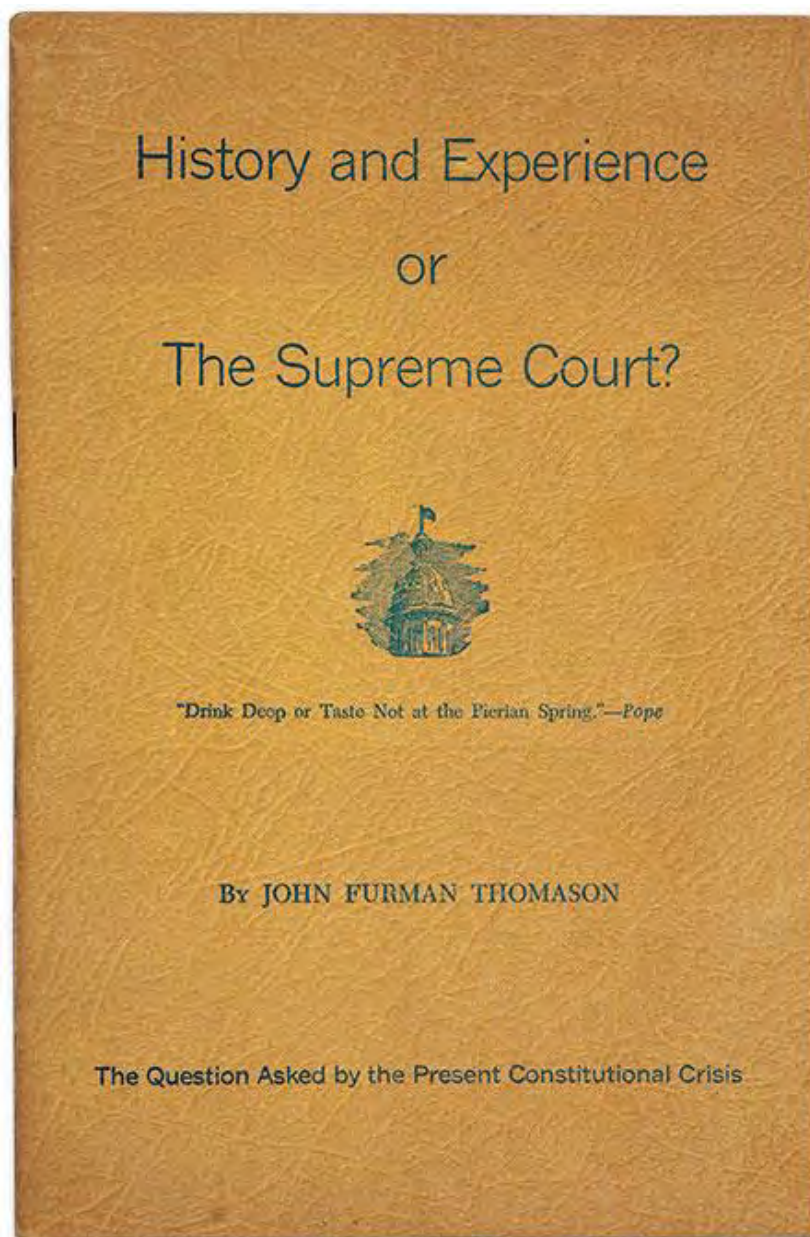
**Pre-US Reports Printing of a Supreme Court
Decision Concerning Minors Inscribed by Justice Stevens**

26. [Supreme Court of the United States].

[Stevens, John Paul].

(Slip Opinion) *City of Mesquite v. Aladdin's Castle, Inc. Appeal from the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit.* [Washington, DC: Government Printing Office, 1982]. ii, 12, 3, [1], 8 pp. Complete. Presentation inscription by Justice Stevens to head of first page. Fine. \$300.

* This decision overturned a vague Texas statute forbidding minors from entering an amusement center without adult supervision. Justice Stevens wrote the opinion of the Court. Bench opinions are issued by the U.S. Supreme Court immediately after the announcement of a decision. Slip opinions are issued afterwards. Often incorporating corrections, they are the first printings of a decision intended for wide dissemination and review. After that stage the revised slip opinions are added to the latest paperback volume of *U.S. Reports*. A year later, that volume is printed in its final, authoritative, hardcover form. [Order This Item](#)



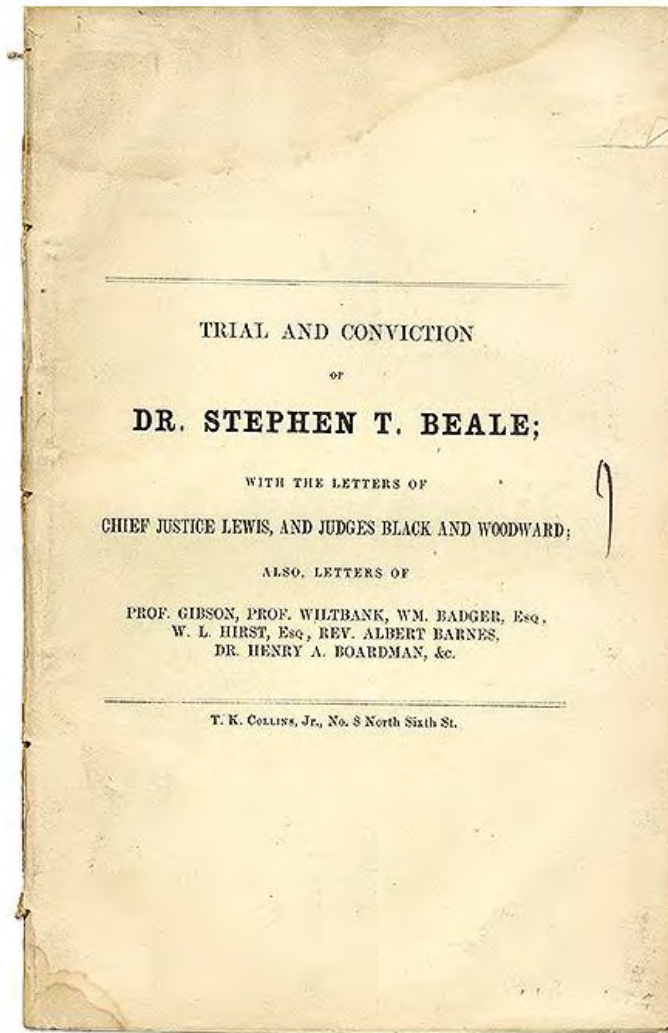
**A Defense of School
Segregation by a South Carolina Educator**

27. Thomason, John Furman.

History and Experience or the Supreme Court. Rock Hill, SC: [Published for the Author], 1956. 43 pp.

Stapled pamphlet in stiff paper wrappers. Light shelfwear and soiling, light soiling to title page, light toning to text. \$150.

* This essay is a reply to the Supreme Court ruling in *Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka* (1954). Thomason, the author of several books on education and the history of education in South Carolina, argues that integration is unnecessary because the state provides school facilities that are "separate but equal. Moreover, it will fail because it denies the "history and experience" of South Carolinians. [Order This Item](#)



Raped Under Anesthesia by Her Dentist

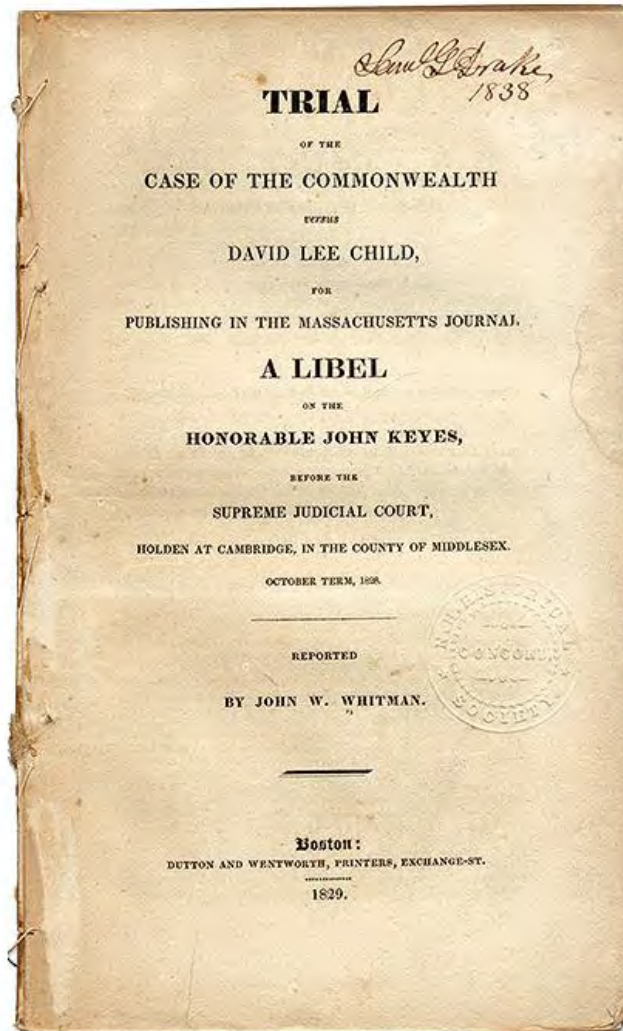
28. [Trial].

Beale, Stephen T., Defendant.

Trial and Conviction of Dr. Stephen T Beale; With the Letters of Chief Justice Lewis, And Judges Black and Woodward, On His Case. Interesting Ether Cases, And the Letters of Prof. Gibson, Prof. Wiltbank, Wm. Badger, Esq., W.L. Hirst, Esq. Rev. Albert Barnes, Dr. Henry Boardman, &c. Philadelphia: T.K. Collins, Jr., 1855. 30 pp. Octavo (9" x 5-3/4").

Stab-stitched pamphlet in printed wrappers removed from a volume, rear wrapper lacking. Faint dampstaining to head and lower corner at foot of spine through first half of text block, light soiling to exterior, minor tear and "9" in early hand to front wrapper, light toning to text. \$750.

* Only edition. This trial account reflects contemporary anxiety about ether, which was used for the first time in 1846. Narcissa Mudge claimed she was raped by her dentist, Dr. Beale while unconscious from ether during a procedure. Beale was convicted. This account of the trial is written by someone who characterizes the dentist as an innocent victim. He argues that Mudge's accusation was based on false memory, a side-effect induced by ether. His case is supported by the testimony concerning the effects of ether by a group of dentists and other authorities. *Bibliography of Early American Law* 13774. [Order This Item](#)



**A Notable Trial that Pitted
Freedom of the Press Against the Law of Libel**

29. [Trial].

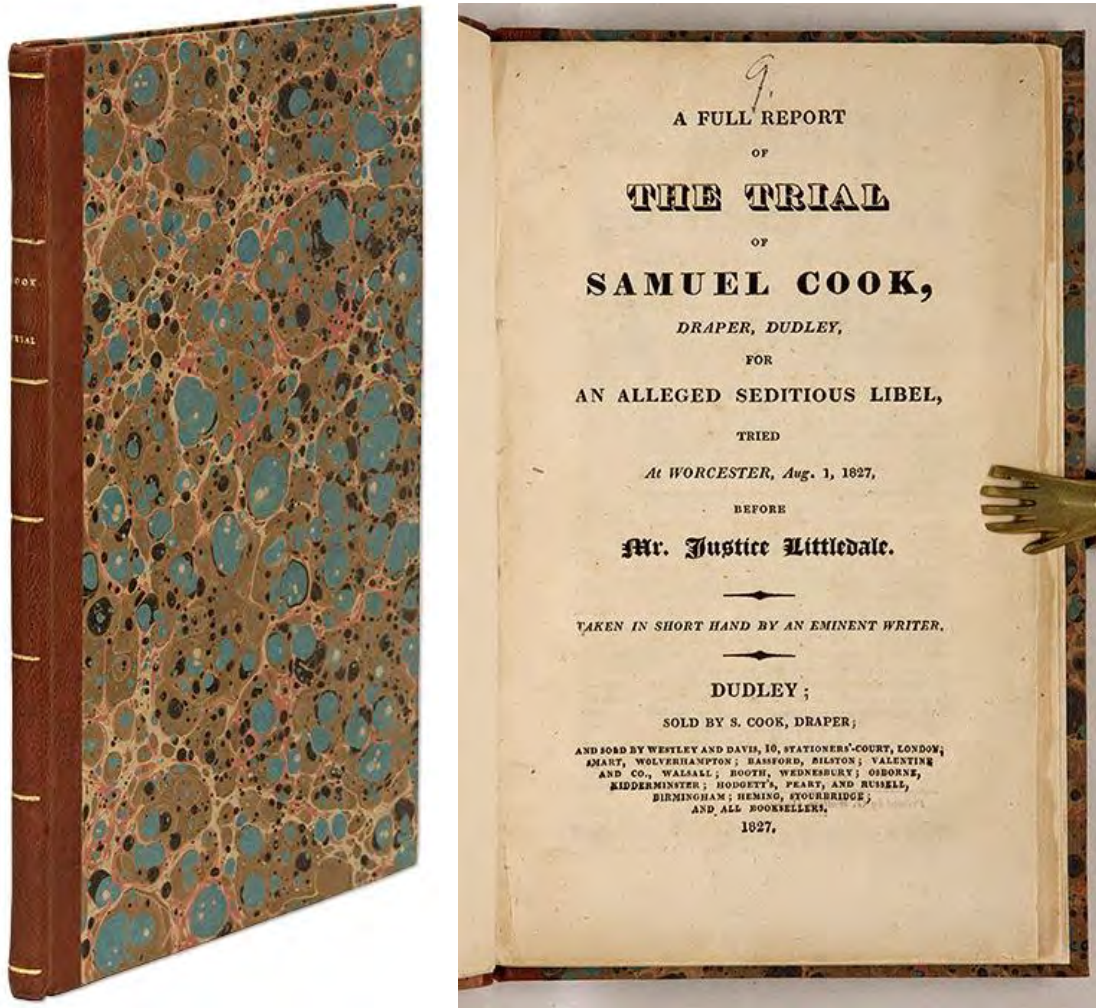
Child, David Lee [1794-1874], Defendant.

Whitman, John W. [1798-1833], Reporter.

Trial of the Case of the Commonwealth Versus David Lee Child, For Publishing in the Massachusetts Journal a Libel on the Honorable John Keyes, Before the Supreme Judicial Court, Holden at Cambridge, In the County of Middlesex, October Term, 1828. Boston: Dutton and Wentworth, Printers, 1829. 119 pp. Octavo (8-3/4" x 5-1/2").

Disbound stab-stitched pamphlet. Negligible light edgewear and soiling to exterior, embossed library stamp and early owner signature (Samuel Drake 1838) to title page. Moderate toning, occasional early marks and notes in pencil to margins, faint dampstaining to margins of title page and a few other leaves. \$350.

* Only edition. This trial addressed the contested boundary between freedom of the press and the law of libel. In his *Massachusetts Journal* and various handbills, Child accused Keyes of irregularities as chairman of the county Committee of Accounts, bid rigging and animosity toward the administration in power in Washington. Child was found guilty. Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 13312. McCoy, *Freedom of the Press* C318. [Order This Item](#)



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

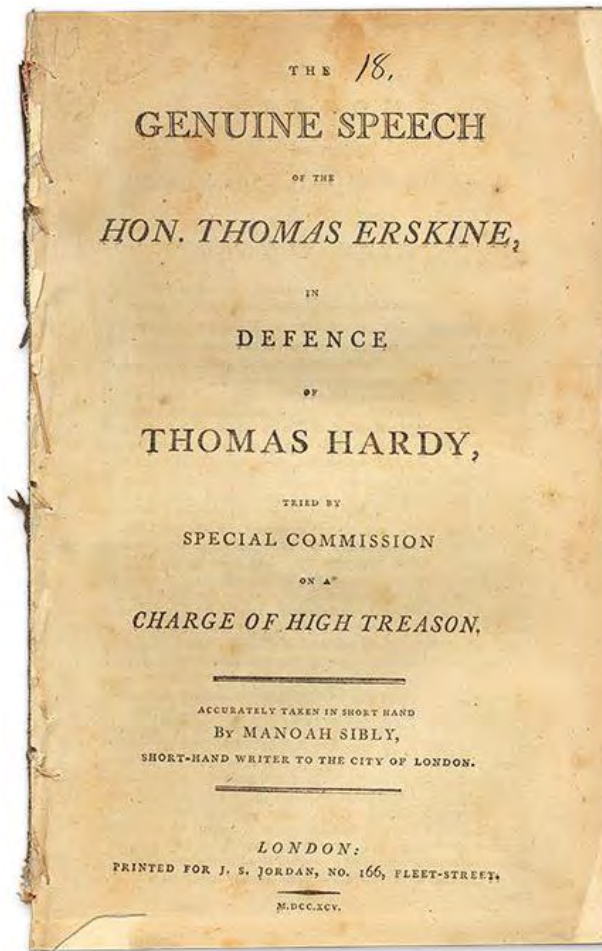
30. [Trial].

Cook, Samuel [1786-1861], Defendant.

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

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

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



**A Rare Record of One of
Erskine's Great Courtroom Speeches**

31. [Trial].

Erskine, Thomas [1750-1823].

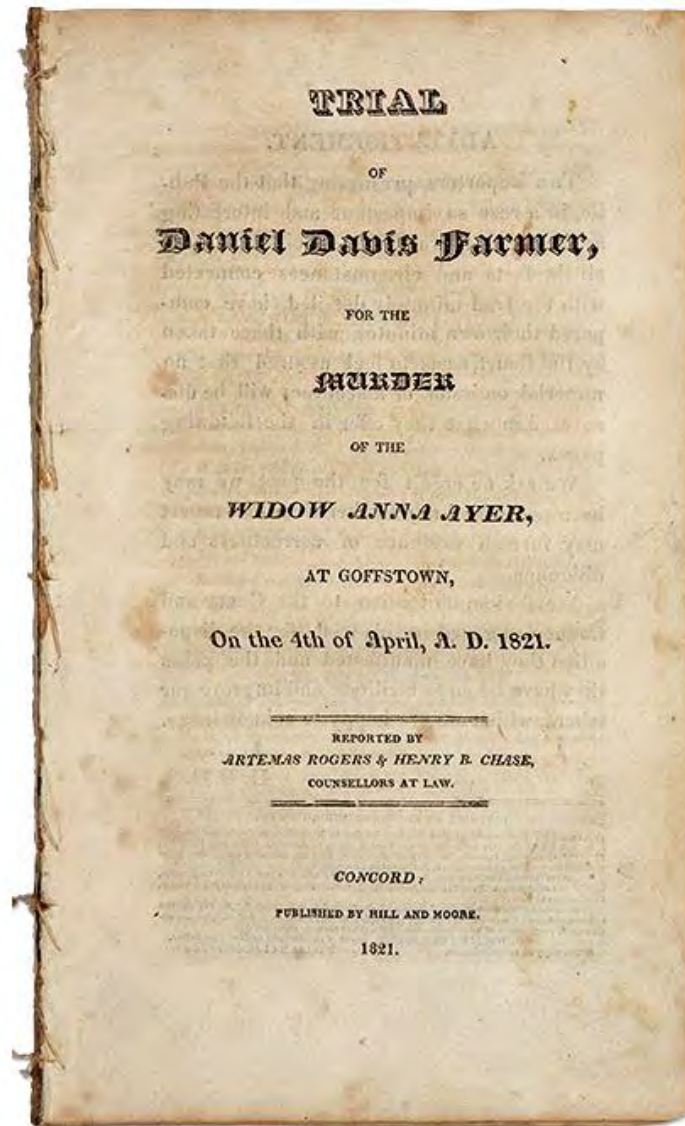
Hardy, Thomas [1752-1852], Defendant.

Sibly, Manoah [1757-1840], Reporter.

The Genuine Speech of the Hon. Thomas Erskine, In Defence of Thomas Hardy, Tried by Special Commission on a Charge of High Treason. Accurately Taken in Short-Hand by Manoah Sibly, Short-Hand Writer to the City of London. London: Printed for J.S Jordan, 1795. [ii], 5-87 pp. Complete. Octavo (7-7/8" x 4-7/8").

Disbound stab-stitched pamphlet. Light browning to text, light soiling and a few tiny chips to title page, "18." in early hand to upper-right corner. A nice copy of a rare pamphlet. \$1,500.

* Only edition. The French Revolution struck fear in the British government. It enacted a series of measures to repress radical activity, which led to a series of treason trials in 1794, all of them based on flimsy evidence and conducted with questionable legality. The trial of Hardy, a veteran radical, was notable in part because he was defended, successfully, by Baron Erskine, the brilliant lawyer/politician, who also defended two other radicals in related trials: John Horne Tooke and John Thelwall. Published as *The Genuine Speech*, his summation to the jury is a masterpiece of courtroom forensics. This account by Sibly is rare. OCLC locates 4 copies, 1 in North America (University of Pennsylvania Law School). *English Short-Title Catalogue* T184944. [Order This Item](#)



He Beat Her to Death with a Shovel

32. [Trial].

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

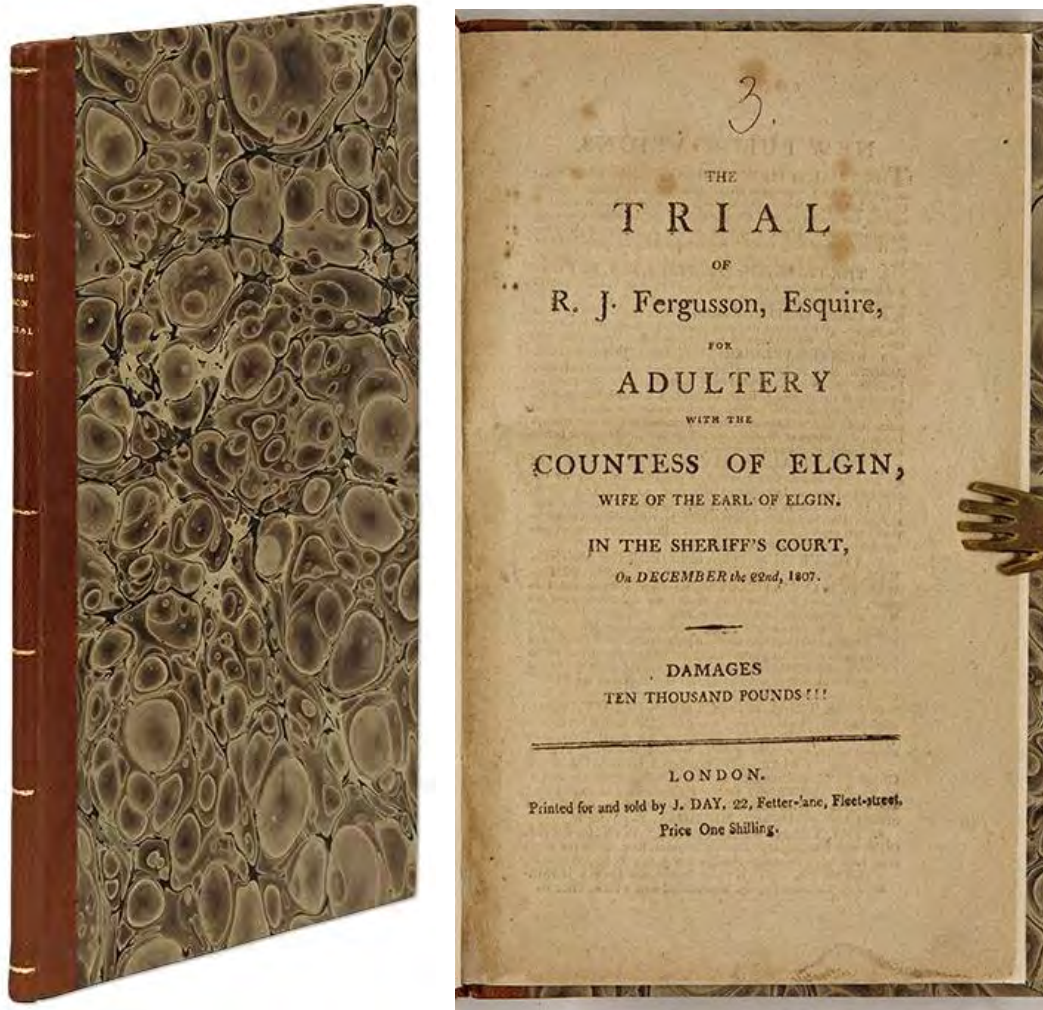
Rogers, Artemas, Reporter.

Chase, Henry B., Reporter.

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

Disbound stab-stitched pamphlet. Light soiling to exterior, light rubbing to extremities, light browning and occasional light foxing to text. \$500.

* Only edition. "Mrs. Ayer had charged Farmer with fathering her child. He beat her to death with a cudgel [sic] and tried to burn her house" (McDade). The report states that the murder weapon was an iron shovel. Farmer was found guilty and executed. McDade, *The Annals of Murder* 300. [Order This Item](#)



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

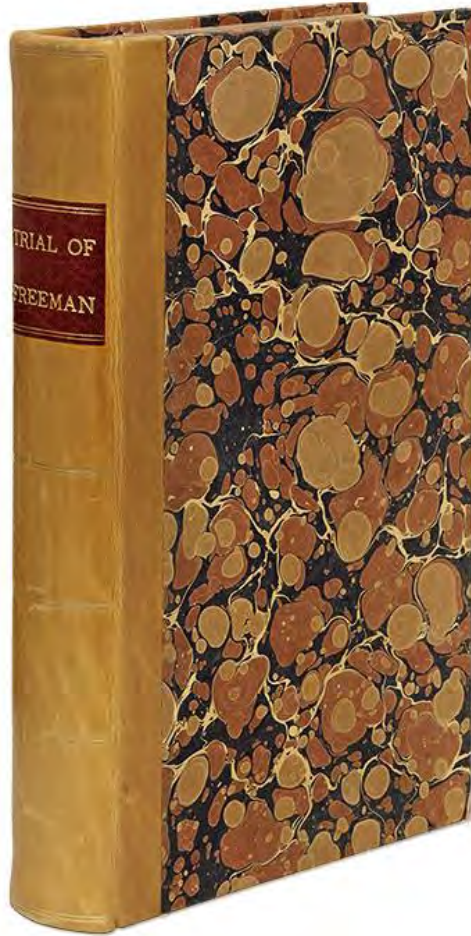
33. [Trial].

Fergusson, R[obert] J., Defendant.

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

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

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



The First Use of the Insanity Defense

34. [Trial].

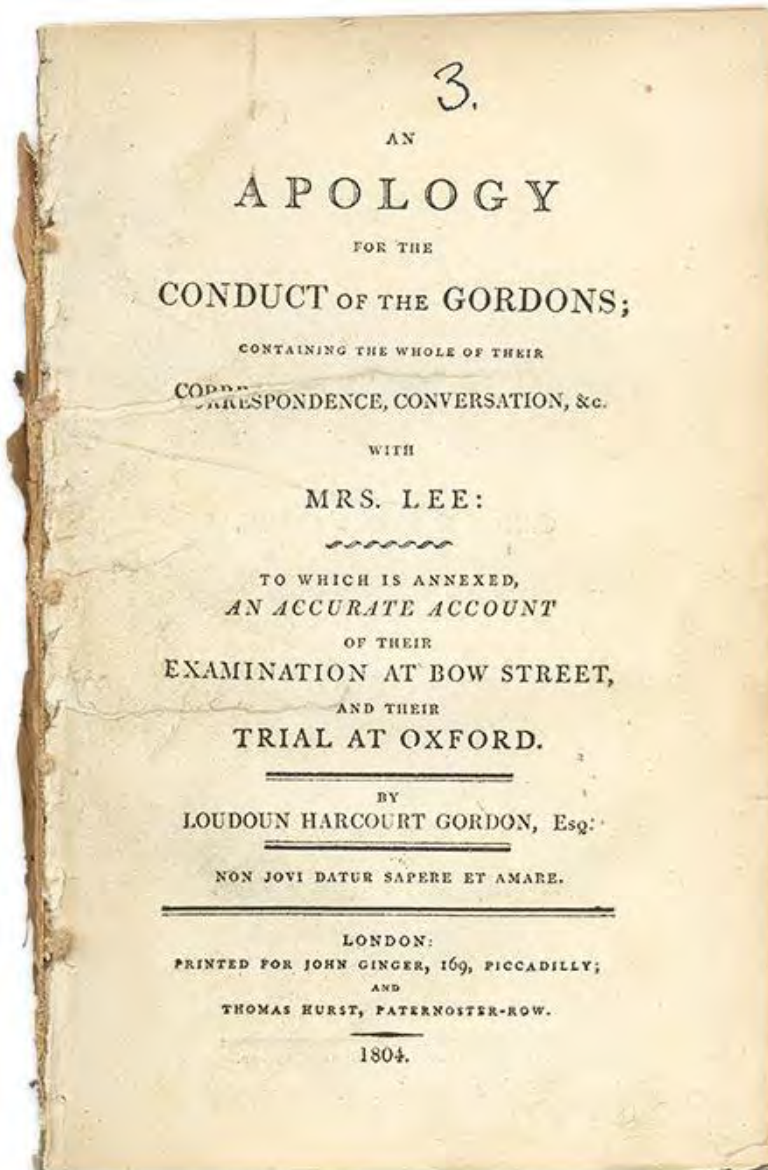
Freeman, William [1824-1847], Defendant.

Hall, Benjamin F. [1814-1891], Reporter.

The Trial of William Freeman for the Murder of John G. Van Nest, Including the Evidence and the Arguments of Counsel, With the Decision of the Supreme Court Granting a New Trial, And an Account of the Death of the Prisoner, And of the Post-Mortem Examination of His Body by Amariah Brigham, M.D. And Others. Auburn, NY: Derby, Miller & Co., 1848. iv, [17]-508 pp. Diagram. Complete. Octavo (9" x 5-1/2").

Recent period-style quarter calf over marbled boards, lettering piece and gilt fillets to spine, endpapers renewed. Moderate toning, occasional light foxing. A handsome copy. \$2,500.

* Only edition. This was the first American trial with an insanity defense. The defendant, William Freeman, was a free African-American indicted for the murder of J.G. Van Nest, his pregnant wife, child and mother-in-law. His defense team included William H. Seward, the prominent abolitionist, governor of New York and U.S. secretary of state. Freeman was tried twice; the second trial resulted in a death sentence, later reversed. Freeman died shortly afterwards from tuberculosis and an autopsy showed that his brain was severely diseased. As McDade notes, this case "did much to insure a better hearing for the insane, who, until then, received small consideration in the courts." McDade, *The Annals of Murder* 3240. [Order This Item](#)



A Famous English Case Involving Abduction and Assault

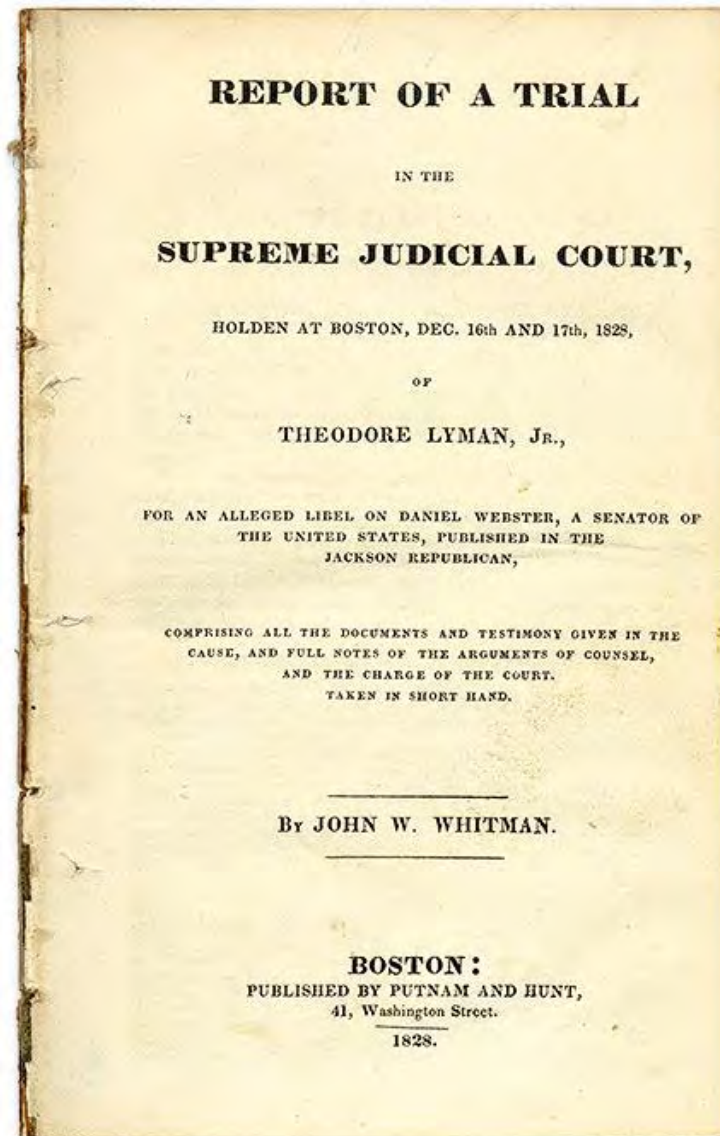
35. [Trial].

Gordon, Loudoun Harcourt, Defendant.

An Apology for the Conduct of the Gordons; Containing the Whole of Their Correspondence, Conversation, &c. With Mrs. Lee: To Which is Annexed, An Accurate Account of Their Examination at Bow Street, And Their Trial at Oxford. London: Printed for John Ginger, 1804. xxxiv, [35]-143 pp. Octavo (8" x 5").

Disbound stab-stitched pamphlet, title page mounted and re-hinged. Light soiling to exterior, light toning to text, "3" in early hand to head of title page. \$150.

* Later edition. This colorful trial for abduction and assault was the result of a misguided love affair. The plaintiff, Mrs Lee, claimed that she had been abducted by Lonsdale Gordon and his brother, the author of this pamphlet. Both were ultimately acquitted. *British Museum Catalogue* (Compact Edition) 10:951. [Order This Item](#)



An Alleged Libel on Daniel Webster

36. [Trial].

Lyman, Theodore, Jr. [1792-1849], Defendant.

Whitman, John W. [1798-1833], Reporter.

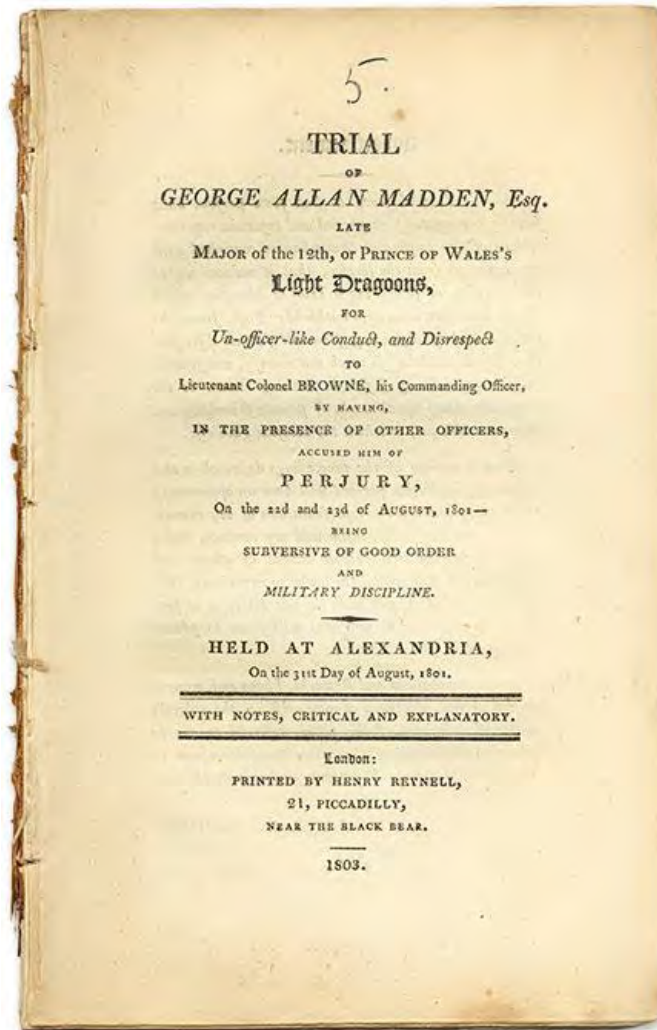
Report of a Trial in the Supreme Judicial Court, Holden at Boston, Dec. 16th and 17th, 1828, Of Theodore Lyman, Jr., For an Alleged Libel on Daniel Webster, A Senator of the United States, Published in the Jackson Republican, Comprising All the Documents and Testimony Given in the Cause, And Full Notes of the Arguments of Counsel and the Charge of the Court. Boston: Published by Putnam and Hunt, 1828. 76 pp. 12mo. (7" x 4-1/2").

Disbound stab-stitched pamphlet. Light soiling to exterior, moderate toning to text. \$150.

* Only edition. According to the indictment, Lyman said Webster conspired with other leading Federalists in 1807-1808 to secede from the Union and re-join New England to England. Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 13348.

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A Popular Officer is Court-Martialed on a Charge of Perjury

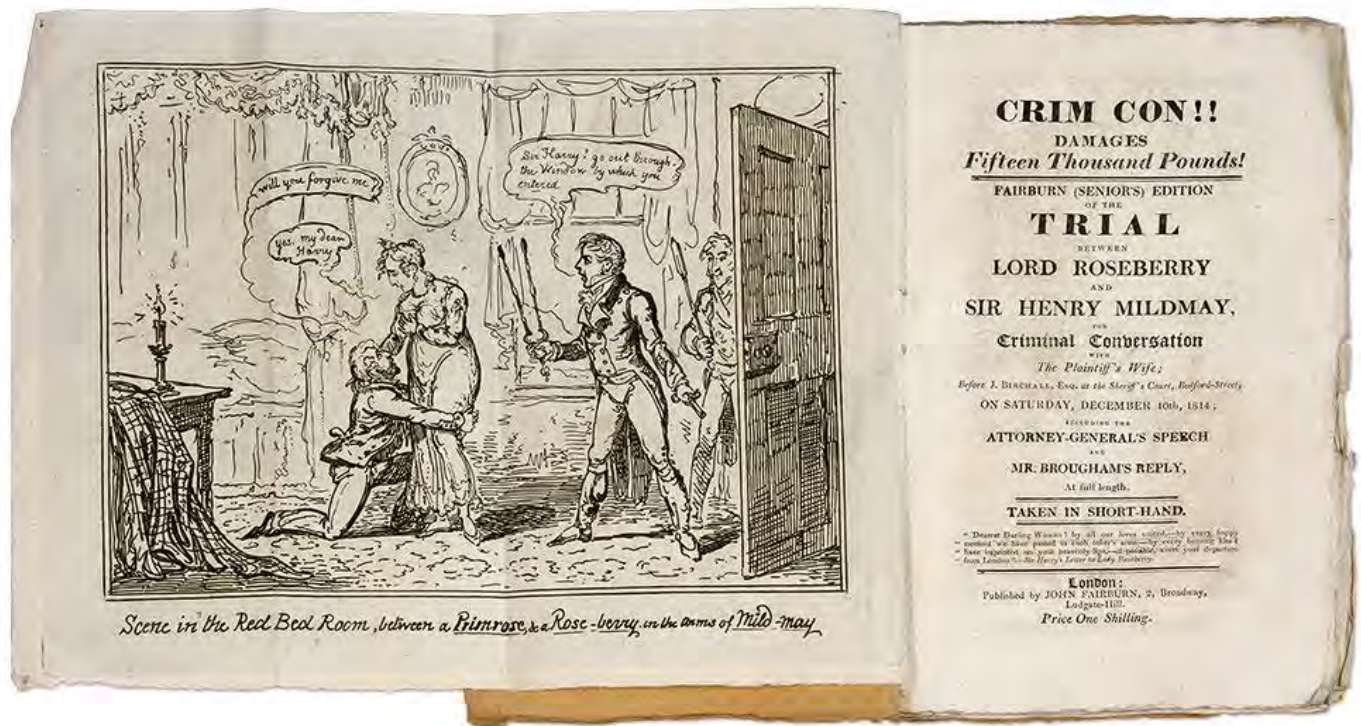
37. [Trial].

Madden, George Allan [1771-1828], Defendant.

Trial of George Allan Madden, Esq., Late Major of the 12th, Or Prince of Wales's Light Dragoons: For Un-Officer-Like Conduct, And Disrespect to Lieutenant Colonel Browne, His Commanding Officer, By Having in the Presence of Other Officers, Accused Him of Perjury on the 22nd of August, 1801--Being Subversive of Good Order and Military Discipline. Held at Alexandria on the 31st Day of August, 1801. With Notes, Critical and Explanatory. London: Printed by Henry Reynell, 1803. 78 pp. Octavo (8-1/4" x 5-1/4").

Disbound stab-stitched pamphlet, light rubbing to extremities, light soiling to title page. "5" in early hand to head. Moderate toning to text, light foxing to a few leaves. \$850.

* Only edition. Madden was distinguished career officer who achieved the rank of major general in the British and, later, Portuguese armies. He was a popular officer. Although he was convicted in his 1801 court-martial, his superiors refused to confirm the proceedings and sent Madden home as a retired officer with full privileges. He was reinstated in 1805 as a lieutenant-colonel and renewed his military career. There was one other account of this trial published in 1803 by A. Macpherson. Both his and Reynell's accounts are rare. OCLC locates 4 copies of Reynell's, 2 in North America (Temple University, U.S. Navy Department Library). *British Museum Catalogue* 16:498. [Order This Item](#)



The Largest Award Granted in an English Adultery Case

38. [Trial].

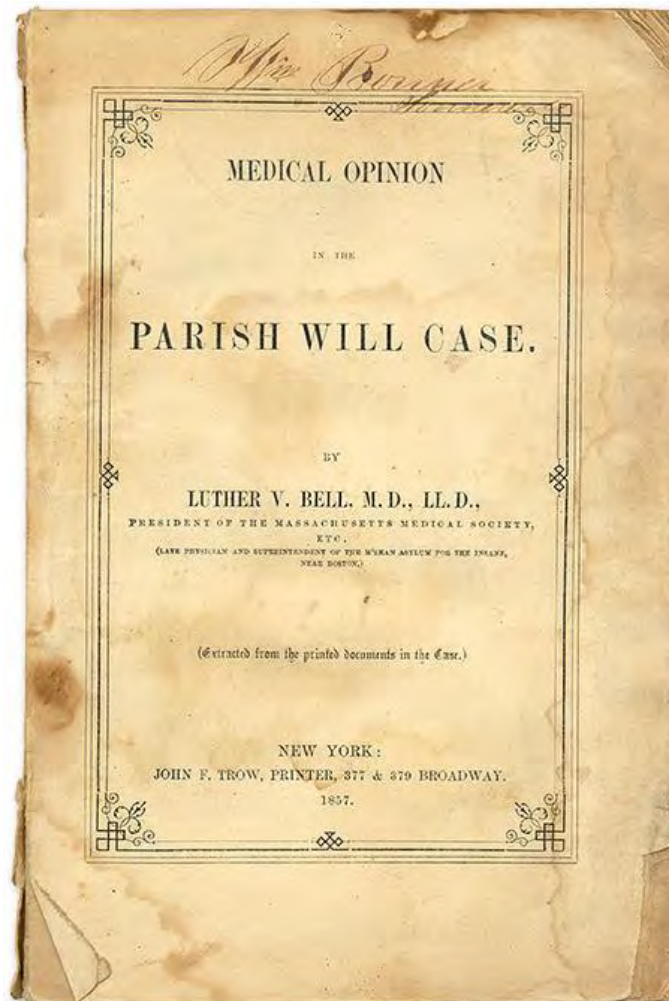
Mildmay, Sir Henry [1787-1848], Defendant.

[Cruikshank, George (1792-1878), Frontispiece].

Crim Con!! Damages Fifteen Thousand Pounds! Fairburn (Senior's) Edition of the Trial Between Lord Roseberry and Sir Henry Mildmay, For Criminal Conversation with the Plaintiff's Wife; Before J. Birchall, Esq. At the Sheriff's Court, Bedford-Street, On Saturday, December 10th, 1814: Including the Attorney-General's Speech and Mr. Brougham's Reply, At Full Length: Taken in Short-Hand. London: Published by John Fairburn, [1814]. [ii], [3]-43, [1] pp. Folding frontispiece. Final page is a publisher advertisement. Octavo (9" x 5-1/2").

Stab-stitched pamphlet in plain wrappers, untrimmed edges. Light soiling to wrappers, light toning to text, light soiling to title page. \$2,500.

* Mildmay was accused of committing adultery with his deceased wife's sister, Harriett Bouverie. At the time, she was the wife of Sir Archibald John Primrose, 4th Earl of Roseberry (or Rosebery) [1783-1868] and mother of their four children. The charges were not contested, but a trial was held to assess the damages. The award of £15,000 pounds was the highest ever given in an English adultery case. Our imprint is similar to one listed in Cohn, which is 48 pages and has a plate that is colored. Cohn notes "there were several editions of this pamphlet, which is very scarce." No copies of this imprint listed on OCLC or COPAC. See Cohn, *George Cruikshank: A Catalogue Raisonné* 712. [Order This Item](#)



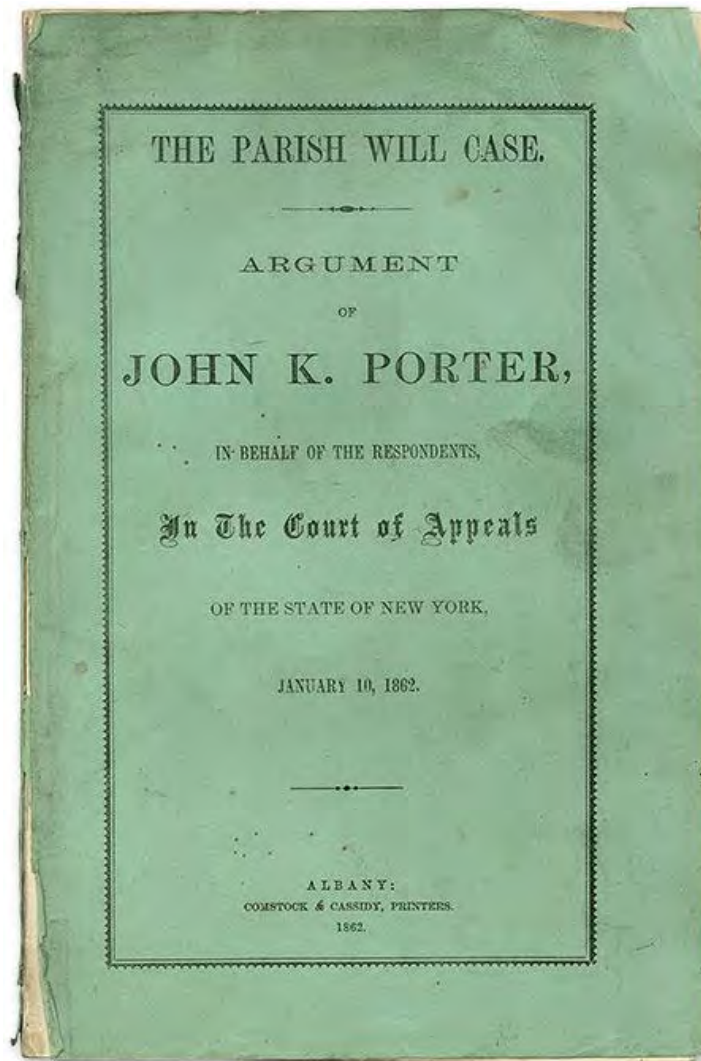
**A Notable Nineteenth-Century Will Case
Involving Codicils and Questions of Sanity**

**39. [Trial].
[Parish Will Case].
Bell, Luther V. [1806-1862].**

Medical Opinion in the Parish Will Case. New York: John F. Trow, 1857. 64 pp. Octavo (9-1/4" x 6").

Stab-stitched pamphlet in printed wrappers. Light soiling to exterior, wear to spine ends and corners, some chipping and edgewear to wrappers, which are partially detached at ends, dampstaining to wrappers and text block, moderate toning, lower corners lacking from first three leaves with no loss to text, corners of some other leaves chipped or dog-eared, early owner signature ("Wm Bouvier" of "Bonner") to front wrapper and half-title. \$750.

* Only edition. Henry Parish, a New York merchant, died in 1856, at age 69. He left a will made in 1842 that had been amended with three codicils signed by him some time after suffering a paralyzing stroke in 1849. These codicils were contested on the grounds of mental impairment. This trial attracted a good deal of attention and it involved testimony by several leading medical and legal experts. At time of this pamphlet's publication Bell was president of the Massachusetts Medical Society and a former superintendent of the McLean Asylum for the Insane near Boston. Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 11386. [Order This Item](#)



**Expert Testimony in a Notable Nineteenth-Century
Will Case Involving Codicils and Questions of Sanity**

40. [Trial].

[Parish Will Case].

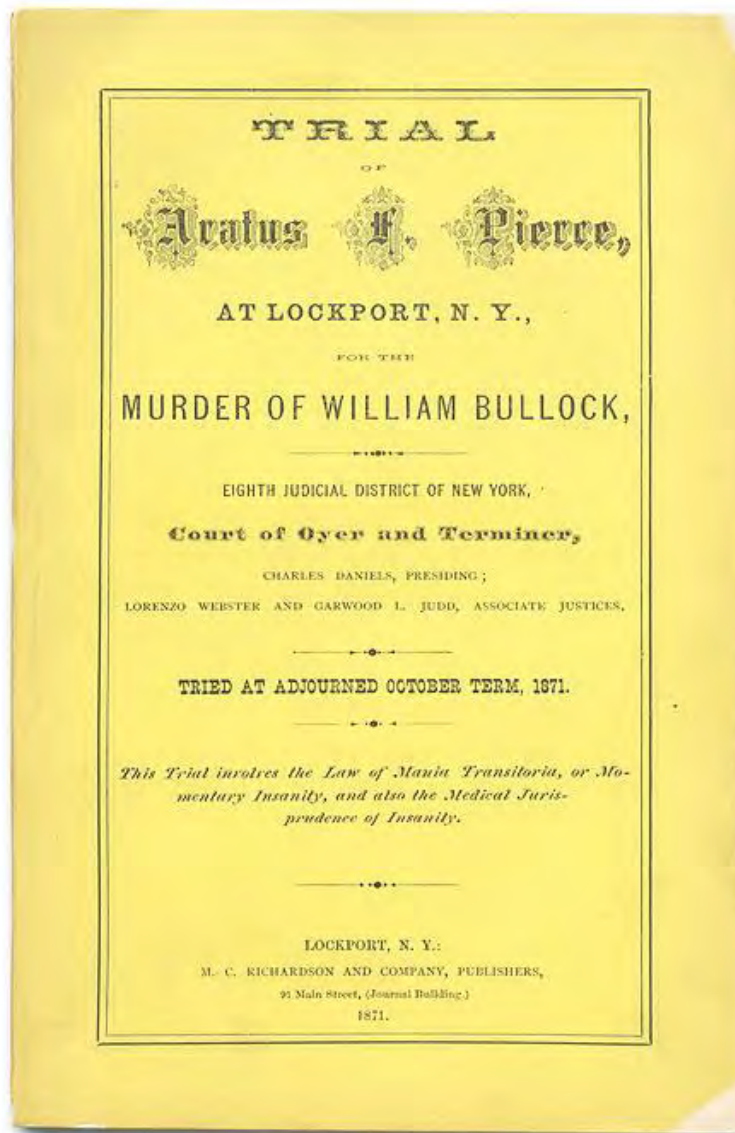
Porter, John K [1819-1892].

Parish Will Case. Argument of John K. Porter, In Behalf of the Respondents in the Court of Appeals of the State of New York, January 10, 1862. Albany: Comstock & Cassidy, 1862. 98 pp. Octavo (8-3/4" x 5-1/2").

Stab-stitched pamphlet in printed wrappers, front wrapper detached. Light soiling and moderately edgewear to wrappers, moderate wear to spine ends, moderate toning to text, corners of some leaves dog-eared, \$750.

* Only edition. Henry Parish, a New York merchant, died in 1856, at age 69. He left a will made in 1842 that had been amended with three codicils signed by him some time after suffering a paralyzing stroke in 1849. These codicils were contested on the grounds of mental impairment. This trial attracted a good deal of attention and it involved testimony by several leading medical and legal experts. *Catalogue of the Library of the Harvard Law School* (1909) II:1159.

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A Successful "Mania Transitoria" Defense

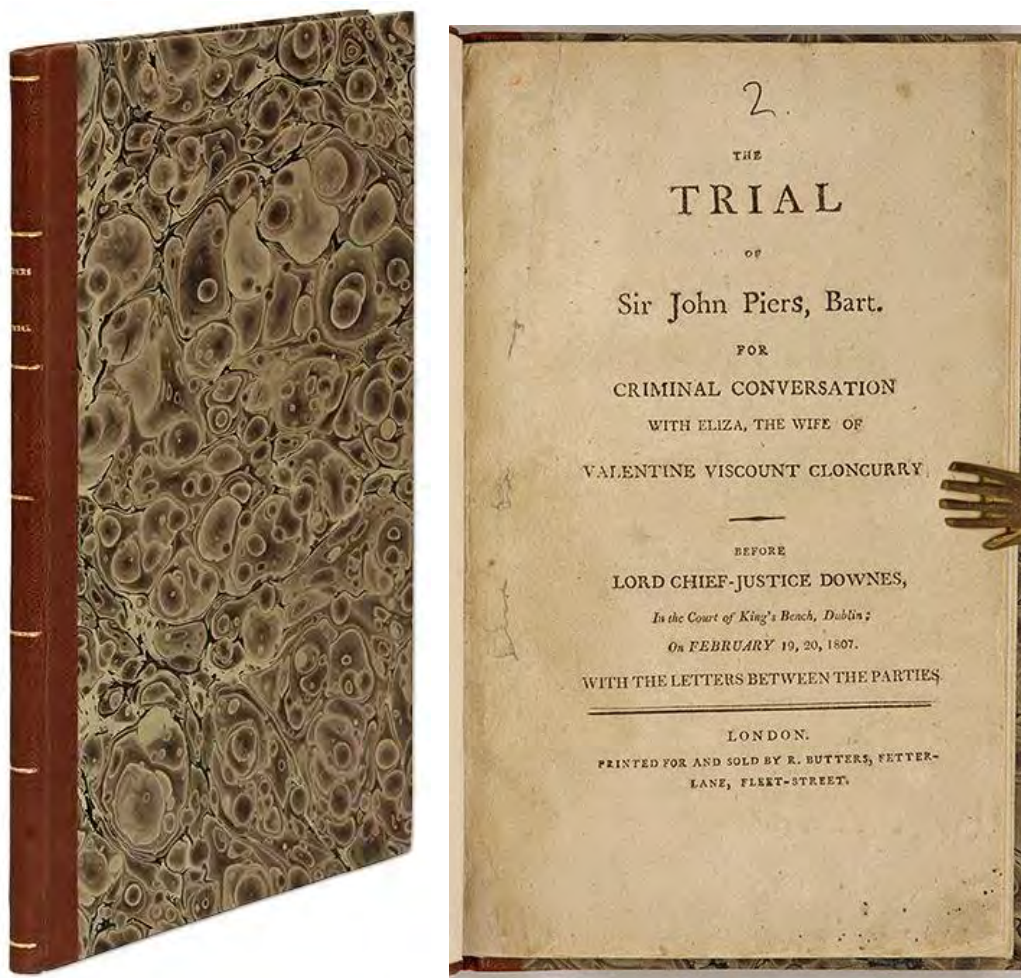
41. [Trial].

Pierce, Aratus F., Defendant.

Trial of Aratus F. Pierce, At Lockport, N.Y., For the Murder of William Bullock, Eighth Judicial District, Court of Oyer and Terminer, Charles Daniels, Presiding; Lorenzo Webster and G.L. Judd, Associate Justices, Tried at Adjourned October Term, 1871. Lockport, NY: M.C. Richardson and Co., 1871. 101 pp. Octavo (8-3/4" x 5-3/4").

Stab-stitched pamphlet in printed wrappers. Minor wear to spine ends, a few small chips to edges, light soiling to rear wrapper, light toning to interior. A well-preserved copy of a scarce title. \$1,250.

* Only edition. Pierce killed a man who seduced his sister, then refused to marry her. The trial is notable because it involved a successful defense based on the law of "mania transitoria," or momentary insanity (McDade). OCLC locates 13 copies, 4 in law libraries (Harvard, Social Law, Supreme Court of New York, U.S. Supreme Court). McDade, *The Annals of Murder* 748. [Order This Item](#)



He Seduced Her to Win a Bet

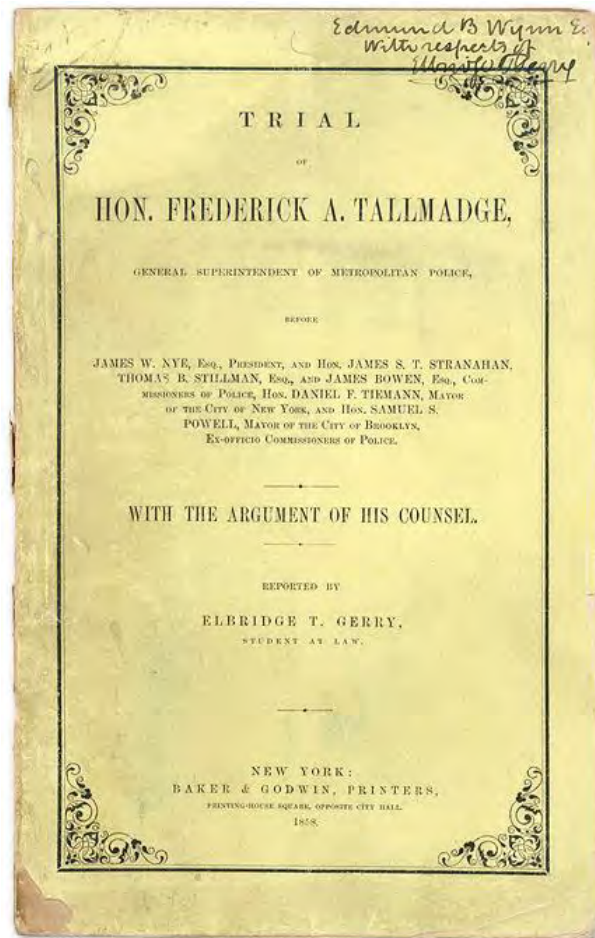
42. [Trial].

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

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

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

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



**1858 Trial of the Head of New York
City's Police Department for Neglect of Duty**

43. [Trial].

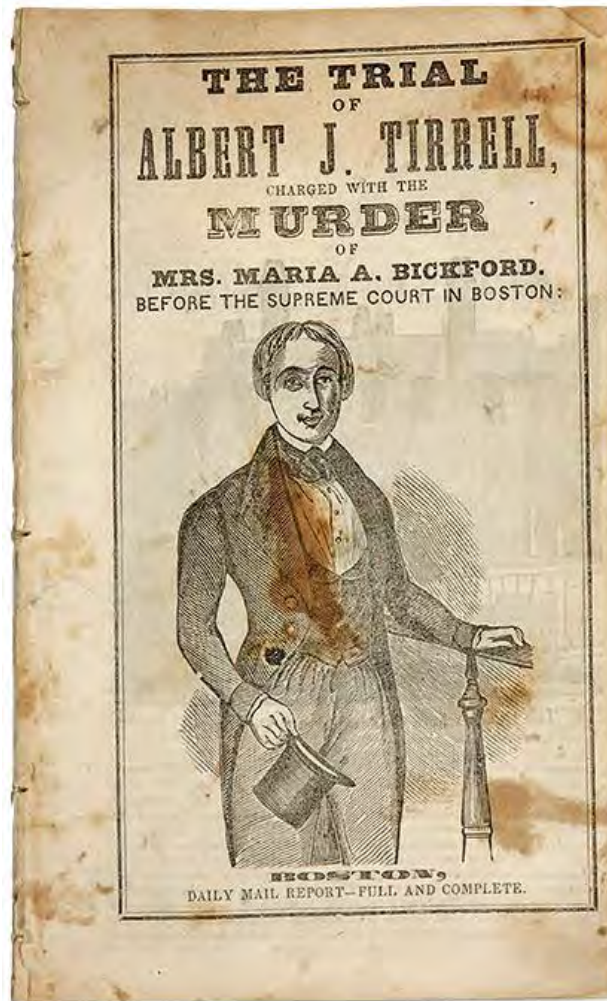
Tallmadge, Frederick A. [1792-1869], Defendant.

Gerry, Elbridge T. [1837-1927], Reporter.

Trial of Hon. Frederick A. Tallmadge, General Superintendent of Metropolitan Police, Before James W. Nye, Esq., President and Hon. James S.T. Stranahan, Thomas B. Stillman, Esq., And James Bowen, Esq., Commissioners of Police, Hon. Daniel F. Tiemann, Mayor of the City of New York, And Hon. Samuel S. Powell, Mayor of the City of Brooklyn, Ex-Officio Commissioners of police: With the Argument of His Counsel. New York: Baker & Goldwin, Printers, 1858. 88 pp. Octavo (9" x 5-3/4").

Stab-stitched pamphlet in printed wrappers. Spine abraded, covers detached, lightly soiled and moderately edgeworn. Light toning to text, small chips to fore-edges of a few leaves, presentation inscription from Gerry to upper corner of front wrapper. \$500.

* Only edition. "Frederick Tallmadge, general superintendent of the Metropolitan (New York City) Police, was charged with neglect of duty in a hearing before the Board of Police Commissioners. He allegedly did not respond to a call from the Quarantine Station on Staten Island where several hospitals had been set on fire by a mob. He was cleared of one charge, censured on another, and restored to duty" (Cohen). OCLC locates 8 copies in North American law libraries (Columbia, Library of Congress, New York University, Northwestern, Social Law, University of Minnesota, US Supreme Court, Yale). Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 14665. [Order This Item](#)



Not in McDade

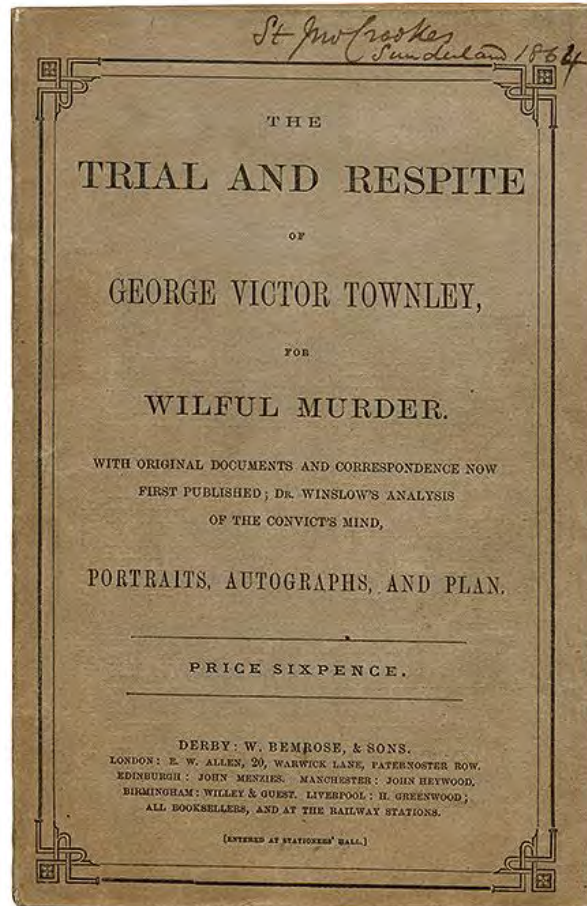
44. [Trial].

Tirrell, Albert J, Defendant.

The Trial of Albert J. Tirrell, Charged with the Murder of Mrs. Maria A. Bickford. Before the Supreme Court in Boston. Boston: Daily Mail Report-Full and Complete, [1846]. 37 pp. Text in parallel columns. Portraits. Illustrations. Octavo (8-1/2" x 5-1/4").

Disbound stab-stitched pamphlet in pictorial wrappers, rear wrapper lacking. Portrait of Tirrell on front wrapper, depiction of crime scene to verso; portrait of Bickford on p.37. Light soiling, small chip to upper corner of front wrapper, moderate toning, light foxing to a few leaves. \$650.

* Only edition. "The murder of a harlot seems to lend a special interest to a case which is measurable by the many publications which ensue. (...) The Tirrell case is one of the triumphs of Rufus Choate, who convinced the jury that his client did not cut the throat of Mrs. Bickford, or, if he did, he did it in his sleep. The defense of somnambulism by Choate might well join that other classic of defense put forth by Delphin Michael Delmas, who as counsel for Harry K. Thaw pleaded 'dementia Americana'" (McDade). Our 37-page account is not among the 8 accounts in McDade, which lists a similar account with 32 pages. OCLC locates 11 copies, 3 in law libraries, (Harvard, University of Missouri, Yale). McDade, *The Annals of Murder*, note to 986. [Order This Item](#)



**Trial Notable for
"Dr. Winslow's Analysis of the Convict's Mind"**

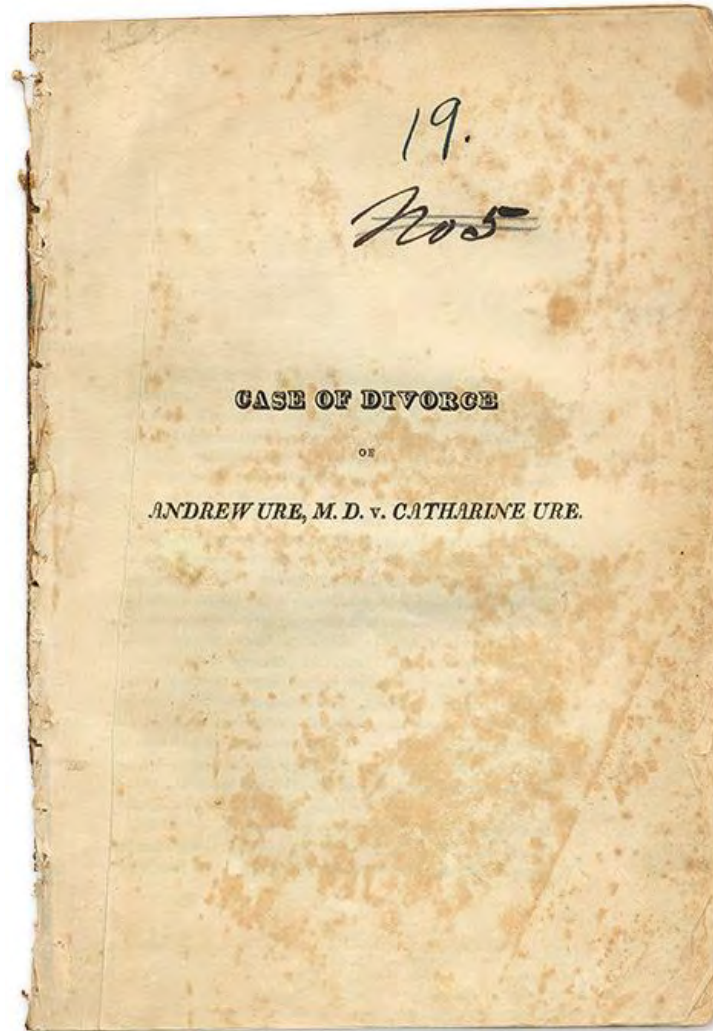
45. [Trial].

Townley, George Victor [b. 1838], Defendant.

The Trial and Respite of George Victor Townley for Wilful Murder. With Original Documents and Correspondence Now First Published; Dr. Winslow's Analysis of the Convict's Mind, Portraits, Autographs and Plan. Derby: W. Bemrose & Sons, [1864]. [iii], 6-70 pp. Portraits. Plan. Octavo (7-1/4" x 4-3/4").

Stab-stitched pamphlet in printed wrappers. Negligible light soiling to exterior, early owner signature (St. John Crookes/ Sunderland/ 1864) to head of front wrapper, moderate toning to text, slightly heavier in places. \$950.

* Only edition. In 1863 Townley murdered his girlfriend, Elizabeth Goodwin, after she broke off her engagement to him. An expert witness at Townley's trial was Dr. Forbes Winslow, one of the founders of forensic psychiatry and the author of *The Plea of Insanity, In Criminal Cases* (1843). Despite Winslow's testimony, Townsend was found guilty and sentenced to death. He was granted a reprieve, however, after evidence was produced confirming hereditary insanity and a history of delusional behavior. Public outrage over the reprieve led to a second committee investigation, which judged him to be sane. Our account includes memorials from the public and the committee's report, along with Winslow's account of a visit with Townley in prison. Townley was later transferred to an asylum, where he committed suicide. The portraits are of Townley and Goodwin; the plan shows the scene of the crime. OCLC locates 11 copies in North American law libraries. *Catalogue of the Library of the Harvard Law School* (1909) II:1210. [Order This Item](#)



**Account of an Adultery Trial
Published to Block an Academic Appointment**

46. [Trial].

Ure, Andrew [1778-1857], Plaintiff.

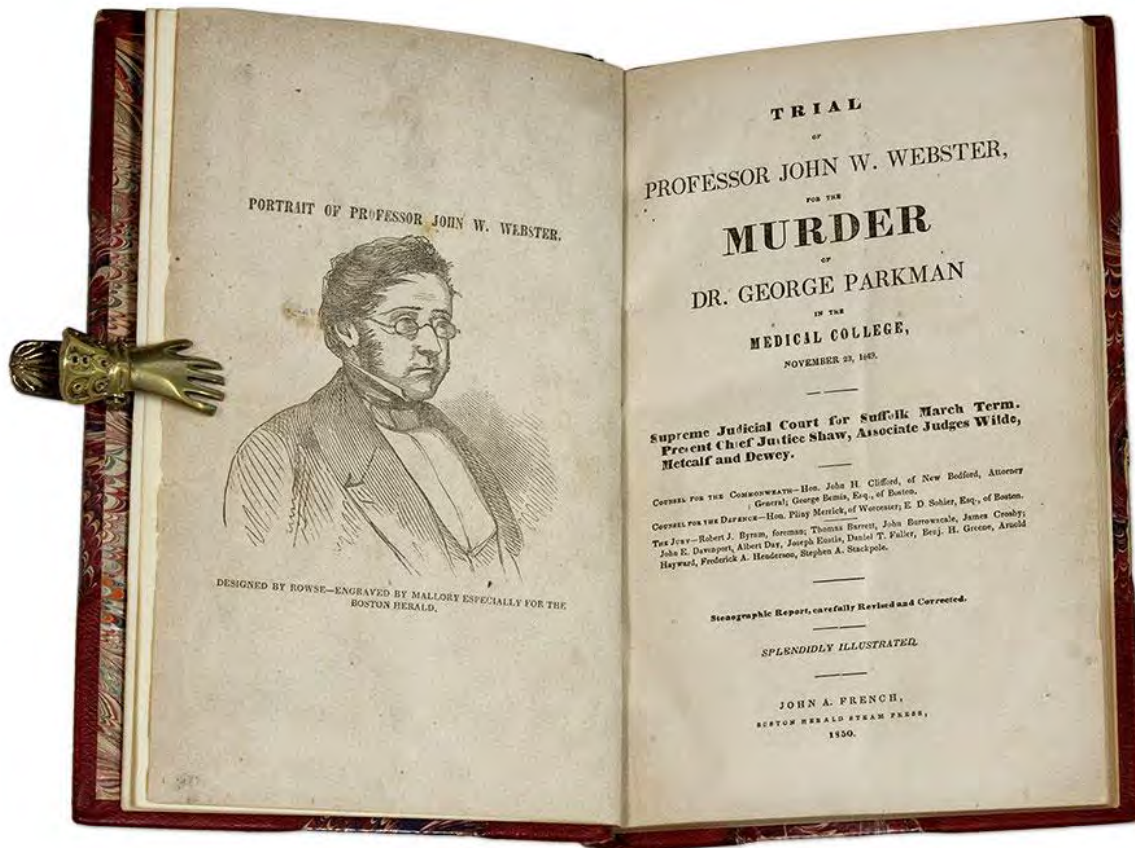
[Chapman, Nathaniel, Editor].

The Whole of the Proceedings, Duly Authenticated, In the

Case of Divorce of Andrew Ure, M.D. v. Catharine Ure, For Adultery with Granville Sharpe Pattison. Tried in the Consistory Court at Edinburgh on the 30th of January, 1819. [Philadelphia: W. Fry, Printer, 1821]. [ii], viii, [2], viii, 39 pp. Preface, viii pp. preceding title page, signed N. Chapman, then a statement of the printer, signed and dated 1 Sept. 1821, followed by the title page. Complete, final two sections bound in reverse order. Octavo (8-1/4" x 5-3/4").

Disbound stab-stitched pamphlet, untrimmed edges. Light browning, light foxing in places, early annotation to head of half-title. \$650.

* Only edition. "This compilation was prepared by Nathaniel Chapman, a Philadelphia doctor, in order to block Granville Sharpe Pattison's academic appointment in this country. Pattison, a Scottish Anatomist, had been named co-respondent in the Ure divorce.": Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 11459. [Order This Item](#)



Illustrated Account of
"America's Classic Murder"

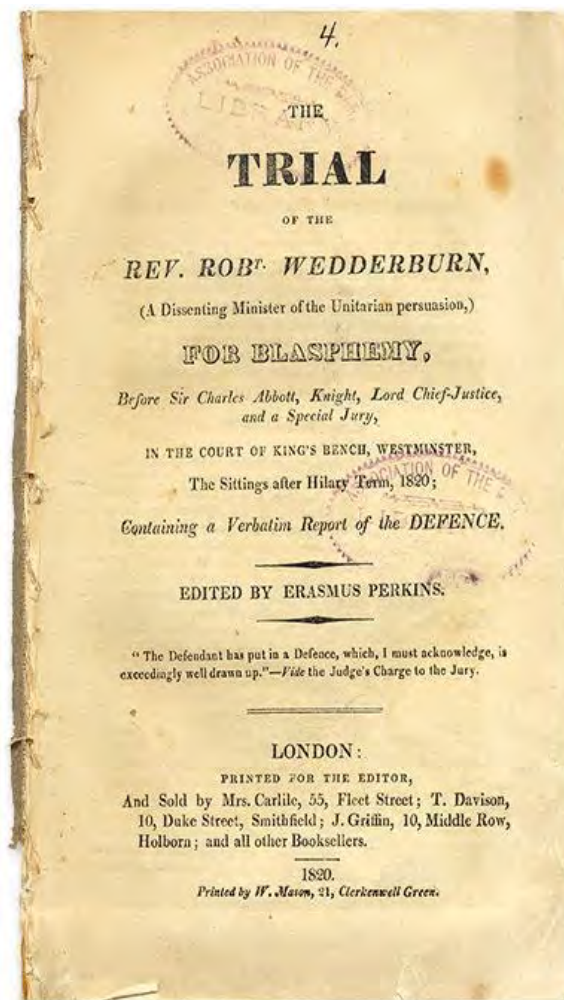
47. [Trial].

Webster, John White [1793-1850], Defendant.

Trial of Professor John W. Webster, For the Murder of Dr. George Parkman in the Medical College, November 23, 1849. Supreme Judicial Court for Suffolk, March Term, Present Chief Justice Shaw, Associate Judges Wilde, Metcalf and Dewey. (...) Stenographic Report, Carefully Revised and Corrected. Splendidly Illustrated. Boston: John A. French, Boston Herald Steam Press, 1850. 91, [1], [5] pp. Includes 3 pages of advertisements. 8 woodcut text illustrations, large woodcut frontispiece, 1 full-page woodcut. Main text in parallel columns. Octavo (8-3/4" x 5-3/4").

Stab-stitched pamphlet bound into later three-quarter morocco over marbled boards, gilt title to spine, added marbled endpapers. Moderate rubbing to extremities, a few nicks to spine, light wear to corners. Faint vertical crease through center of text block, light toning to text, light foxing to a few leaves. \$250.

* McDade notes: "The murder in the Harvard Medical School of Dr. George Parkman, a prominent Bostonian and Harvard Alumnus, by Professor John W. Webster was, in the words of Edmund Pearson, "America's classic murder." While there have been more mysterious cases, some involving more prominent and notorious persons and others more macabre, the Parkman case still ranks high on the list of American murders. McDade lists some 18 accounts and variants. Regarding the present account, McDade notes another issue, 89 pp., without the sentence printed here on pp. 90-91. On the verso of p. 91 is a "semi-official" statement by one of the jurors. The frontispiece is a portrait of Webster, the verso of the final leaf is a full-length portrait of Parkman. McDade, *The Annals of Murder* 1067. [Order This Item](#)



**An English Radical is Charged with
Blasphemy in Defense of a Fellow Radical**

48. [Trial].

Wedderburn, Rob[er]t [1762-1835/36?], Defendant.

Perkins, Erasmus, Editor.

The Trial of the Rev. Robt. Wedderburn, (A Dissenting Minister of the Unitarian Persuasion,) For Blasphemy, Before Sir Charles Abbott, Knight, Lord Chief-Justice, And a Special Jury, In the Court of King's Bench, Westminster, The Sittings After Hilary Term, 1820; Containing a Verbatim Report of the Defence. London: Printed for the Editor, 1820. 23. [1] pp. Includes 1 pp. publisher advertisement. Octavo (8-1/4" x 5-1/4").

Disbound stab-stitched pamphlet. Light soiling to exterior, a few minor chips and tears to title page, light browning to interior. Two faint library inkstamps to title page, "4" in early hand to upper margin, internally clean. \$500.

* Only edition, one of two accounts of this trial. Wedderburn was a mixed-raced Jamaican-born Unitarian minister, radical leader and anti-slavery advocate. He was convicted for blasphemous comments made about the Bible in connection with the trial of Richard Carlile, a fellow-radical. Wedderburn was found guilty and served a brief term in prison. OCLC locates 12 copies, 2 in North American law libraries (Harvard, Social Law). McCoy, *Freedom of the Press* 107.

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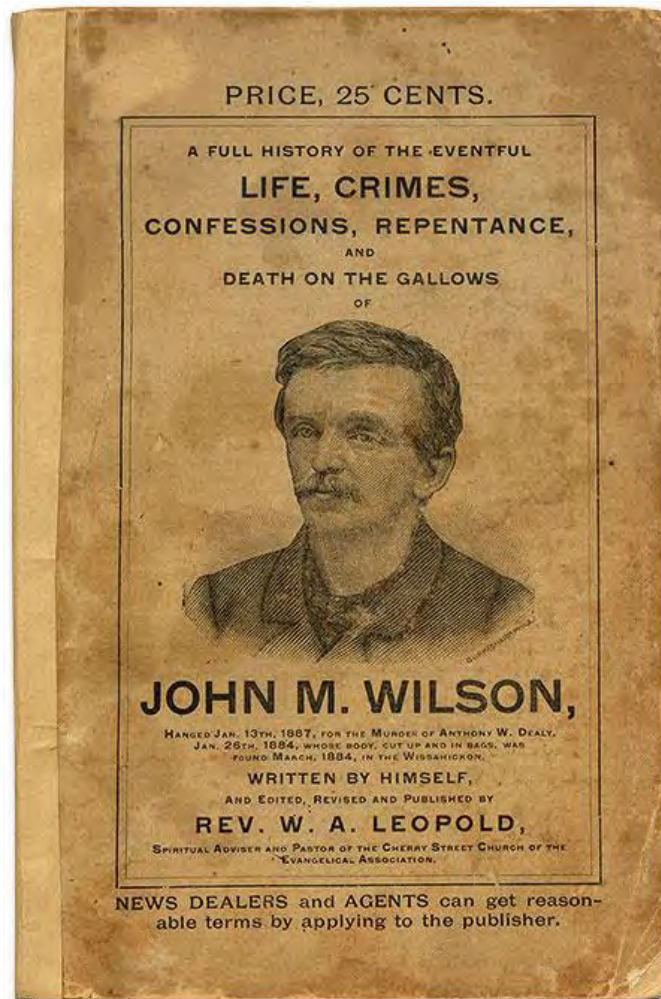
Seventeenth-Century Venetian
Legislation Concerning Bandits

49. [Venice, Republic of].
Consiglio dei Dieci.

Parte Presa Nell' Eccelso Consoglio di X. 1613. A' 16. Luglio. In Materia di Banditi. [Venice]: Stampata in Calle dalle Rasse, Per il Rampazetto Stampator Ducale, 1613. [24] pp. Quarto (7-3/4" x 5-1/2").

Stab-stitched pamphlet in recent plain wrappers. A few creases and some edgewear to wrappers. Large woodcut image of Lady Justice to title page. Light to moderate toning, faint stains to a few leaves, "745" in small early hand to upper corner of title page. \$750.

* With side-notes. A compilation of 22 legislative acts concerning bandits in force in 1613 enacted by the Council of Ten, a powerful unit of the Venetian government concerned with the republic's security. Most of these concern gangs of highway robbers (brigands). OCLC locates 4 copies, 2 in North America (University of Michigan, Yale Law School). *Goldsmiths'-Kress Library of Economic Literature* 428. [Order This Item](#)



A Gruesome 1884 Murder in Chestnut Hill, PA

**50. Wilson, John M. [1858-1887].
Leopold, W.A., Editor.**

A Full History of the Eventful Life, Crimes, Confessions, Repentance and Death on the Gallows of John M. Wilson, Hanged Jan. 13th, 1887, For the Murder of Anthony W. Dealy, Jan. 26th, 1884, Whose Body, Cut up in Bags, Was Found March, 1884, In the Wissahickon. Written by Himself and Edited, Revised, And Published by Rev. W.A. Leopold. Norristown, PA: W.A. Leopold, [1887]. 110 pp. Octavo (7-1/4" x 4-3/4").

Stab-stitched pamphlet in printed wrappers, spine reinforced with plain paper. Moderate soiling and edgwear to wrappers, corners cipped, light staining to front wrapper, light browning to text, minor stains to a few leaves, woodcut portrait of Wilson to front wrapper and title page. \$750.

* Only edition. "Wilson blamed his plight on demon rum, but it was his size, as much as anything, that did for him. He was only five feet, two inches tall and weighed a little over on ehundred pounds. Dealy, a farmer at Chestnut Hill, Montgomery County, for whom he worked, would not pay him his wages, and in a fit on anger and intoxication, Wilson killed him with a cleaver. The ground was frozen too hard to bury Dealy, And Wilson was too small to carry him all in one piece. He therefore cut him up and tried to sink him in the river": McDade, *The Annals of Murder* 1108.

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