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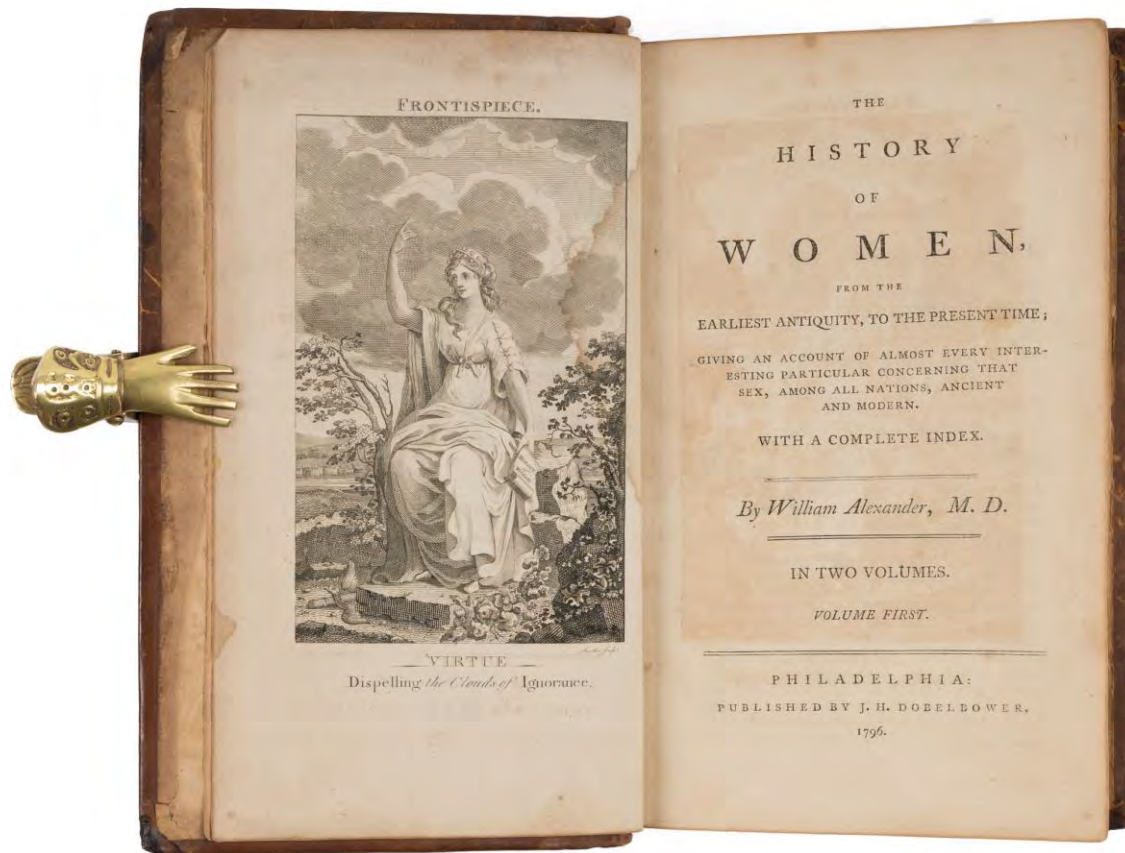
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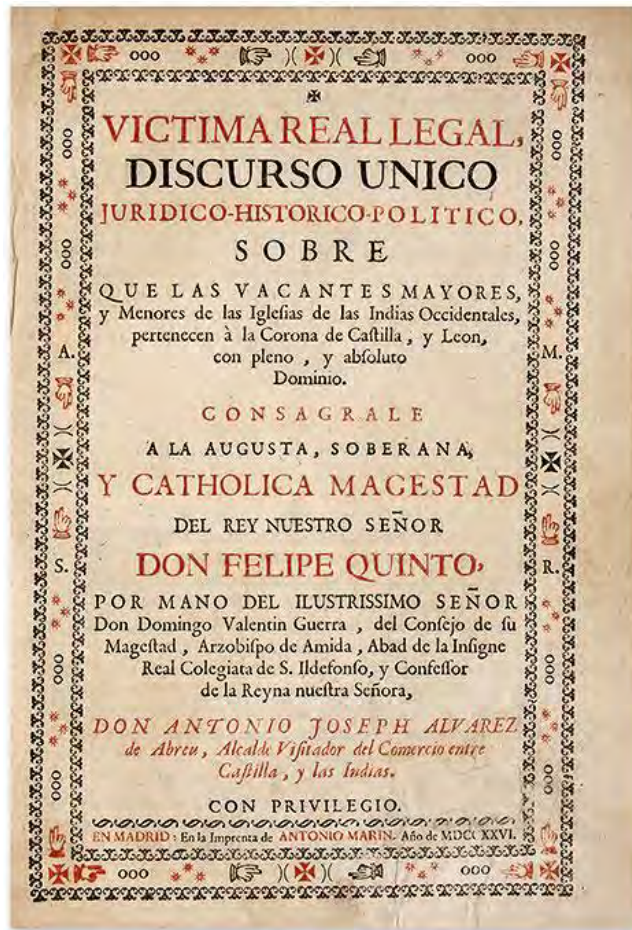
"Almost Every Interesting Particular Concerning That Sex"

1. Alexander, William [d.1783].

The History of Women, From the Earliest Antiquity, To the Present Time; Giving an Account of Almost Every Interesting Particular Concerning that Sex, Among All Nations, Ancient and Modern. With a Complete Index. Philadelphia: Published by J.H. Dobelbower, 1796. Two volumes xxv, 377, [1], xxx; 346, xx [i.e. xxv], [1], 10 pp. Title page of each volume preceded by copperplate allegorical frontispiece. Octavo (8" x 5").

Contemporary tree calf, rebaked in period-style calf, raised bands and retained contemporary lettering pieces to spine, hinges mended. Light rubbing, a few scuffs and some light gatoring to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, corners bumped and somewhat worn. Light browning to interior, light foxing in a few places, minor tears and chips to a few leaves with no loss to text, some offsetting and light edgewear to margins of preliminaries. A handsome set. \$3,500.

* Second American edition, the final edition of this work. With a subscriber list and two indexes. Originally published in London in 1779, this wide-ranging study traces the subservient role of women since antiquity. The final chapter of Volume II considers "the Rights, Privileges, And Immunities of the Women of Great Britain; The Punishments to Which They are Liable by Law; And the Restrictions They are Laid Under by Law and Custom." A patronizing work overall, it is nevertheless laudable for its advocacy of better educational opportunities and greater social freedom for women. The list of 570 subscribers, mostly Philadelphians, includes Thomas Mifflin, then governor of Pennsylvania, James Wilson, then an associate justice of the U.S. Supreme Court, and 65 women, several from prominent families. The frontispieces are by two notable Philadelphia engravers, James Smithers, sometimes spelled Smithers, [d.ca.1799] and James Thackara [1767-1848]. *English Short-Title Catalogue* W12754. Evans, *American Bibliography* 29964. [Order This Item](#)



**An Influential Spanish Work
Addressing the Relationship Between Church and State**

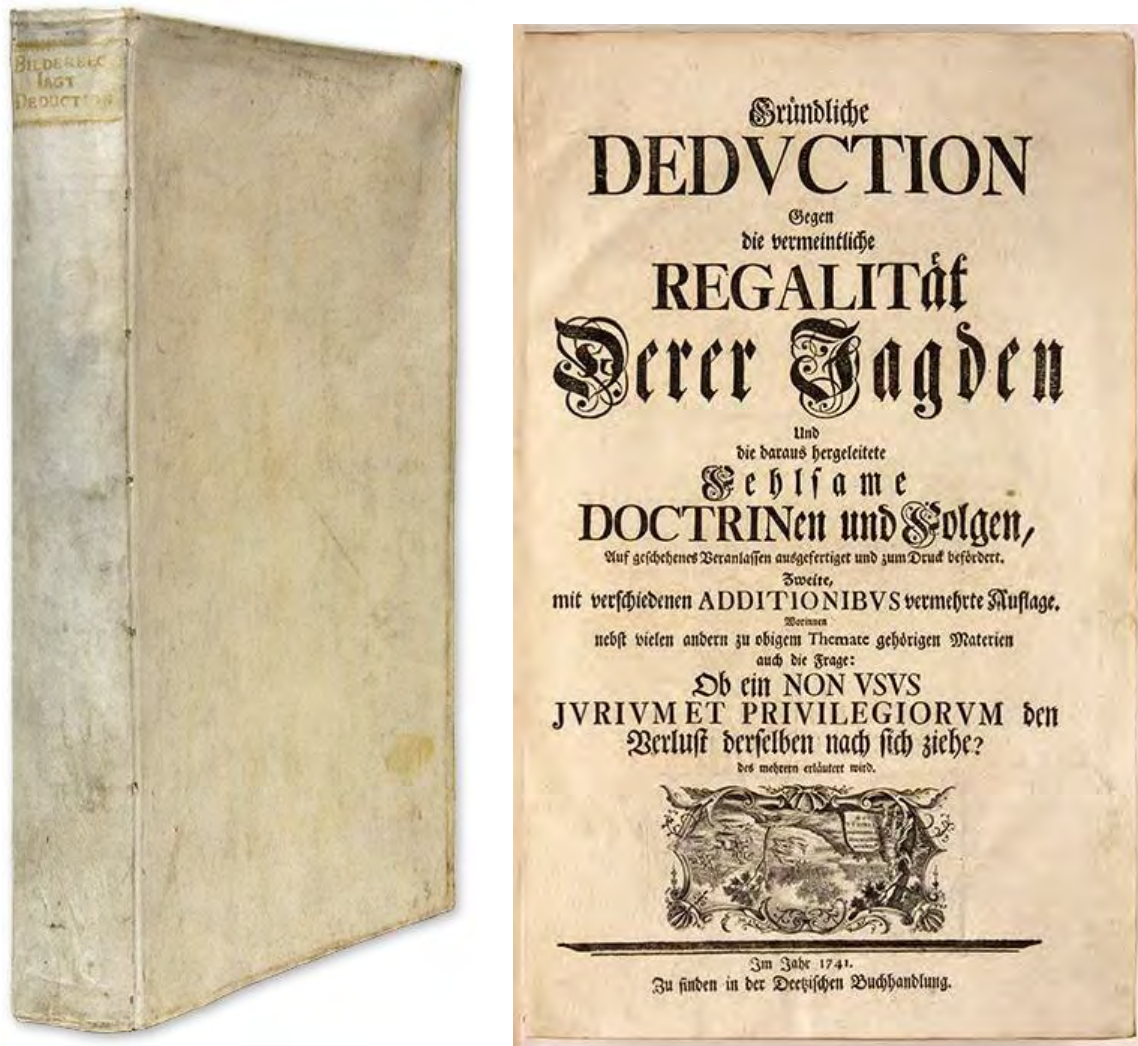
2. Alvarez de Abreu, Antonio [1683-1756].

Victima Real Legal, Discurso Unico Juridico-Historico-Politico, Sobre que las Vacantes Mayores, Y Menores de las Iglesias de las Indias Occidentales, Pertenece a la Corona de Castilla, Y Leon, Con Pleno, Y Absoluto Dominio. Madrid: En la imprenta de Antonio Marin, 1726. [xl], XXIV, [8], 365, [27] pp. Folio (11-1/4" x 8").

Contemporary flexible vellum, fragments of thong ties, faint early hand-lettered title to spine. Light rubbing and a few minor scuffs and stains to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities with some wear to spine ends, pastedowns beginning to detach, front hinge cracked. Title printed in red and black within typographical border. Light toning to text, slightly heavier in places, early repair to hole near foot of title page with no loss to text. \$1,950.

* First edition. Abreu, a member of the Spanish nobility, spent much of his career as a colonial official and law professor in Caracas, Havana and Veracruz. Returning to Spain in his later years, he held a series of posts in the royal finance ministry.

Victima Real Legal argues that rents and moneys accruing to vacant positions in the churches of the Spanish Empire belong to the king, a concept known as regalism. An influential work on church-state relations, it also addresses other topics, such as freedom of the seas, marriage, estates, war and hegemony. It had a second edition in 1769. Both editions of this work are scarce. OCLC locates 2 copies of the first edition in North American law libraries (Harvard, UC-Berkeley). Palau, *Manual del Librero Hispano-Americano* 9444. [Order This Item](#)



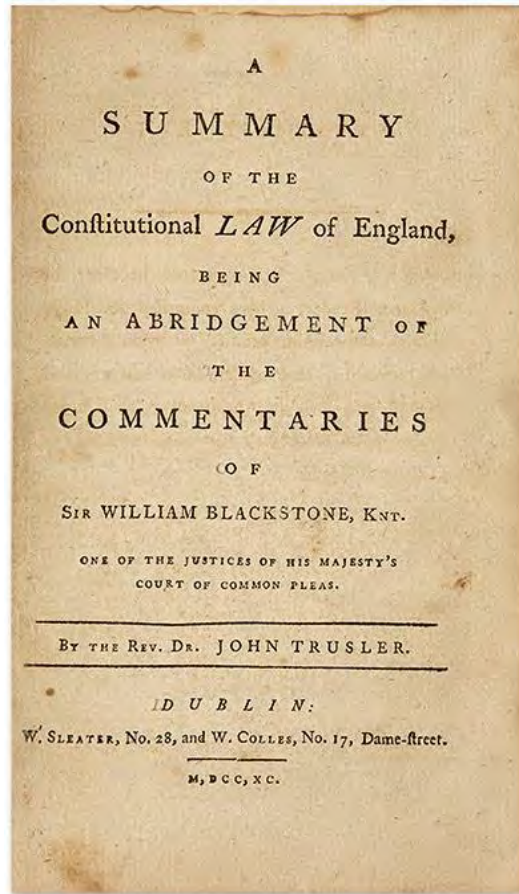
Scarce Commentary on Saxon Game and Forest Law

3. Bilderbeck, Christoph Lorenz [1682-1740].

Gründliche Deduction Gegen die Vermeintliche Regalitt derer Jagden und die Daraus Hergeleitete Feblsame Doctrinen und Folgen, Auf Geschehenes Veranlassen Ausgefertiget u. Zum Druck Befördert. Mit Verschiedenen Additionibus Vermehrte Auflage. Worinnen nebst Vielen Andern zu Obigem Themate Gehörigen Materien auch die Frage: Ob ein non Usus Jurium et Privilegiorum den Verlust Derselben nach sich Ziehe des Mehrern Erläutert Wird. [Celle]: Zu Finden in der Deetzischen Buchhandlung, 1741. [ii], 17, [9], 458, [12] pp. Folio (13" x 8-1/2").

Contemporary vellum, gilt title to spine, edges rouged, pastedowns renewed. A few minor stains, boards slightly bowed, vellum beginning to crack tough pastedowns, recent owner bookplate to front pastedown, rear hinge cracked, moderate toning to text. \$1,200.

* Second and final edition. Early game and land laws record the earliest attempts to preserve the environment. They also offer fascinating insights into social history due to their relevance to topics ranging from class structure to foodways. First published in 1723, Bilderbeck's treatise deals mostly with Saxon law, with comparative commentary on Roman law. Both editions of this title are scarce. OCLC locates no copies of either edition in North America. Not in *VD18*. *British Museum Catalogue* (Compact Edition) 3:429. [Order This Item](#)



The First Abridgement of the *Commentaries*

4. Blackstone, Sir William [1723-1780].

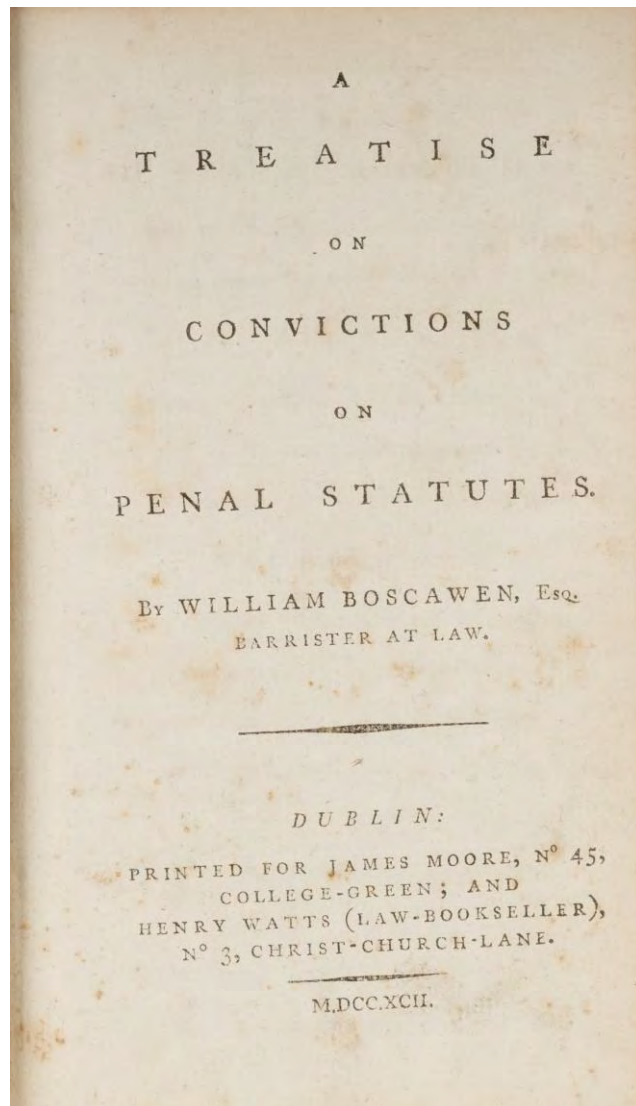
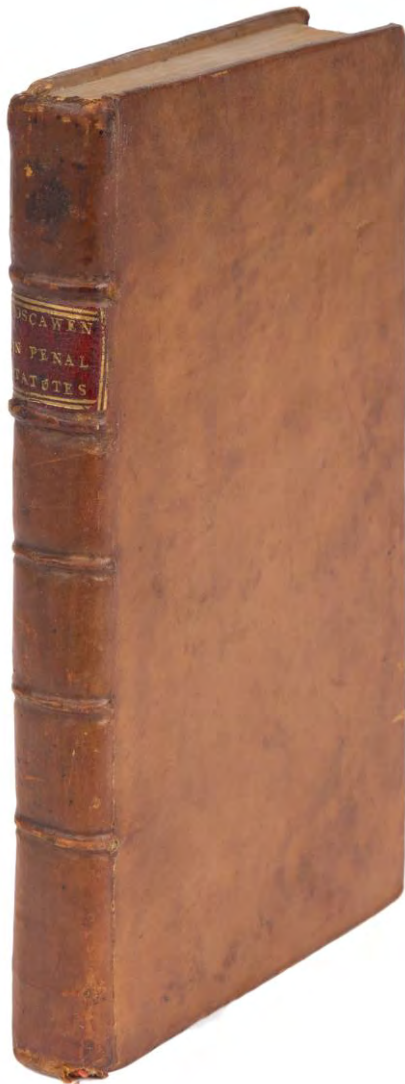
Trusler, John [1735-1810], Editor.

A Summary of the Constitutional Law of England, Being an Abridgement of Blackstone's Commentaries. Dublin: W. Sleater, No. 28, And W. Colles, No. 17, Dame-Street, 1790. [iv], 228, [8]. 12mo. (7" x 4-1/2").

Contemporary calf, lettering piece and gilt fillets to spine, joints reinforced. Light rubbing and scuffing to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities with wear to spine ends and corners, front hinge starting, crack in text block between second and third front endleaves. Light browning to text, (illegible) owner signature dated 1860 to front free endpaper, another (of Z.C. Lee, dated 1828) to following endleaf. \$750.

* Only Dublin edition, a reprint of the London edition, 1788. According to Laeuchli, "this appears to be the earliest abridgment of Blackstone's *Commentaries*." It was the work of the Rev. John Trusler, a remarkably prolific author of popular books on a variety of subjects ranging from etiquette and gardening to finance and law. His most famous works are *The Way to be Rich and Respectable* (1780) and *Hogarth Moralized* (1768). His legal writings include *Useful and Legal Information to Purchasers & Possessors of Estates*, a treatise on real property, and the present work. According to the book's Advertisement, it offers "every thing in Blackstone necessary for the general reader [with] nothing omitted but what is peculiarly adapted to the profession of a Lawyer" (iii). The book went through two more editions in 1790 and 1796. All three editions are scarce. OCLC locates 4 copies in North American law libraries (Harvard, Library of Congress, Trial Court Library of Worcester, MA, Yale). Not in Eller. Laeuchli, *A Bibliographical Catalog of William Blackstone* 123.

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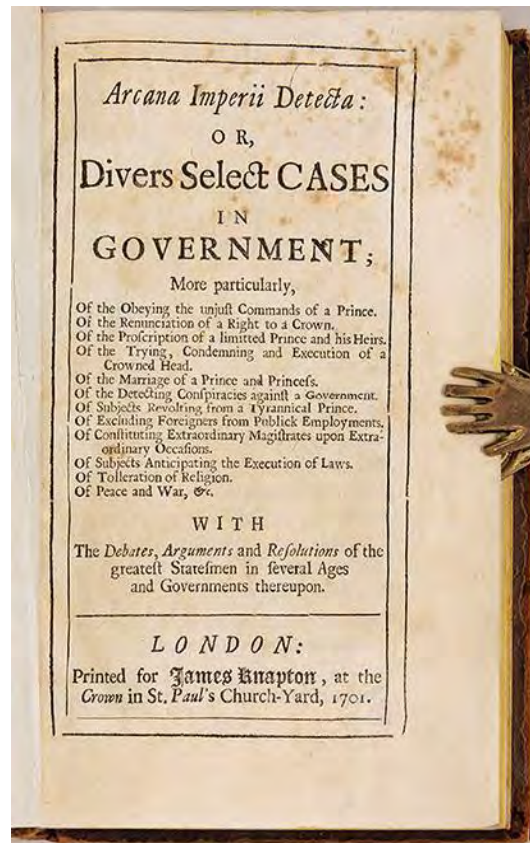
1792 Treatise on Penal Statutes for Justices of the Peace

5. Boscawen, William [1752-1811].

A Treatise on Convictions on Penal Statutes. Dublin: Printed for James Moore, 1792. [xii], 211, 14 pp. Octavo (6-3/4" x 4").

Contemporary calf, raised bands and lettering piece to spine, blind tooling to board edges. A few minor nicks and stains to boards, some wear to spine ends and corners, front joints starting, front free endpaper lacking. Moderate toning to interior, light foxing in a few places, offsetting from early signature on front free endpaper to front pastedown. An attractive copy. \$400.

* Reissue of the only edition (London 1792). Boscawen's book was intended to aid justices of the peace by stating the relevant rules on the enforcement of penal statutes that had been established by the judges. The book has two parts. The first part states these rules, the second gives a collection of precedents arranged alphabetically. This book is discussed at length in the chapter on the literature of eighteenth-century common law in Holdsworth's *History of English Law* (XII:363). *English Short-Title Catalogue* T120451. [Order This Item](#)



Interesting Essays on Government and
Parliament by a Notable Seventeenth-Century Dutch Scholar

6. [Boxhorn, Marcus Zuerius (1612-1653)].

Arcana Imperii Detecta: Or, Divers Select Cases in Government; More Particularly, Of the Obeying the Unjust Commands of a Prince. Of the Renunciation of a Right to a Crown. Of the Proscription of a Limited Prince and his Heirs. Of the Trying, Condemning and Execution of a Crowned Head. Of the Marriage of a Prince and Princess. Of the Detecting Conspiracies Against a Government. Of Subjects Revolting from a Tyrannical Prince. Of Excluding Foreigners from Publick Employments. Of Constituting Extraordinary Magistrates upon Extraordinary Occasions. Of Subjects Anticipating the Execution of Laws. Of Tolleration of Religion. Of Peace and War, &c. With The Debates, Arguments and Resolutions of the Greatest Statesmen in Several Ages and Governments Thereupon. London: Printed for James Knapton, 1701. [xvi], 366, [2] pp. Includes two-page publisher list at rear of text; another one-page list opposite p.1. Octavo (7-1/2" x 4-1/2").

Nineteenth-century tree calf, gilt spine with lettering piece, "189" gilt-stamped to foot, endleaves renewed, ribbon marker. Moderate rubbing to extremities, some wear to spine ends and corners, front board beginning to separate but secured by cords, partial crack between final leaf of text and adjacent endleaf, recent owner bookplate to front pastedown, small recent image of Boxhorn affixed to front free endpaper. Light toning to text, light foxing in a few places. \$650.

* Only edition. Compiled posthumously, this book is a fine introduction to the political and legal scholarship of one of the most interesting thinkers of the seventeenth century. Boxhorn, a prominent linguist, historian and political theorist, was a professor at the University of Leiden. A remarkably prolific scholar, his work stands on the cusp of late-Renaissance humanism and the early-Enlightenment thought epitomized by such philosophers as Hobbes and Pufendorf. He admired England's Parliament and had a keen interest in the history and institutions of English law and government. OCLC locates 9 copies in North American law libraries. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T116021. [Order This Item](#)



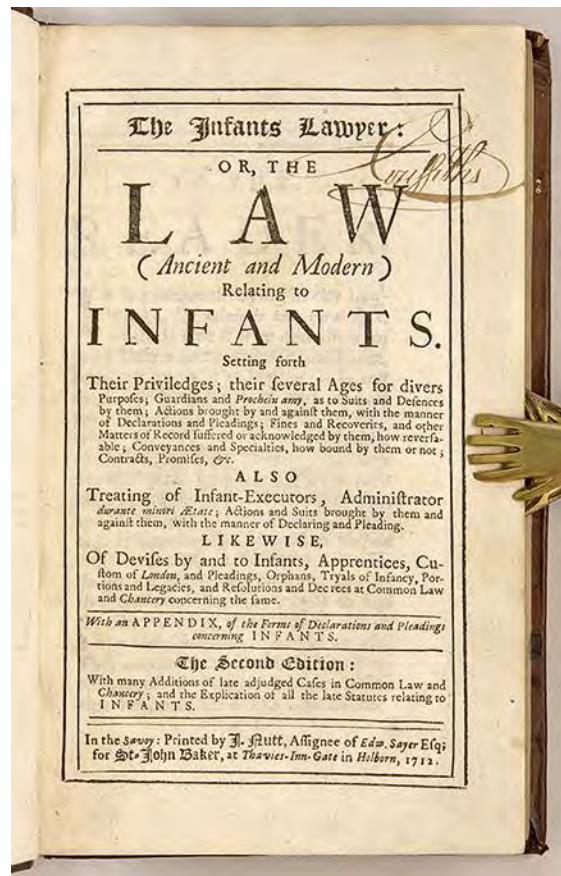
Scarce Eighteenth-Century Peruvian Court Decisions

7. Bravo de Lagunas y Castilla, Pedro Jose [1704?-1765], Editor.

Coleccion Legal de Cartas, Dictámenes y Otros Papeles en Derecho. Lima: En la Oficina de los Huerfanos, 1761. [lxiv], 300 [i.e. 352], [16], 161, [4] pp. Quarto (7-3/4" x 6").

Contemporary limp vellum with lapped edges, early hand-lettered title to spine, ties lacking. Negligible rubbing to extremities, faint stain to front board, vellum beginning to crack through pastedowns, text block partially detached, clean tear to front free endpaper. Title page printed with woodcut typographical border, woodcut text ornaments. Light toning to text, internally clean. Ex-library. Bookplate to front pastedown, small inkstamps to title page, annotations to verso. A nice copy of a scarce eighteenth-century Peruvian imprint. \$2,500.

* Only edition. The editor of this collection of exemplary judicial decisions given in Peruvian ecclesiastical and secular courts was a minister of the Supreme Council of the Indies, Judge of the Royal Court of Lima and a professor of law at the Royal University of San Marcos (in Mexico). These decisions deal with a variety of topics, such as slavery, Indians and the nullification of marriage. OCLC locates 14 copies in North America, 5 in law libraries (Columbia, Harvard, UC-Berkeley, University of Michigan, Yale). Another copy located at the Library of Congress. Not in Sabin. Medina, *La Imprenta en Lima: Epítome, 1584-1810* 1170. [Order This Item](#)



The First English Treatise on the Law of Infants

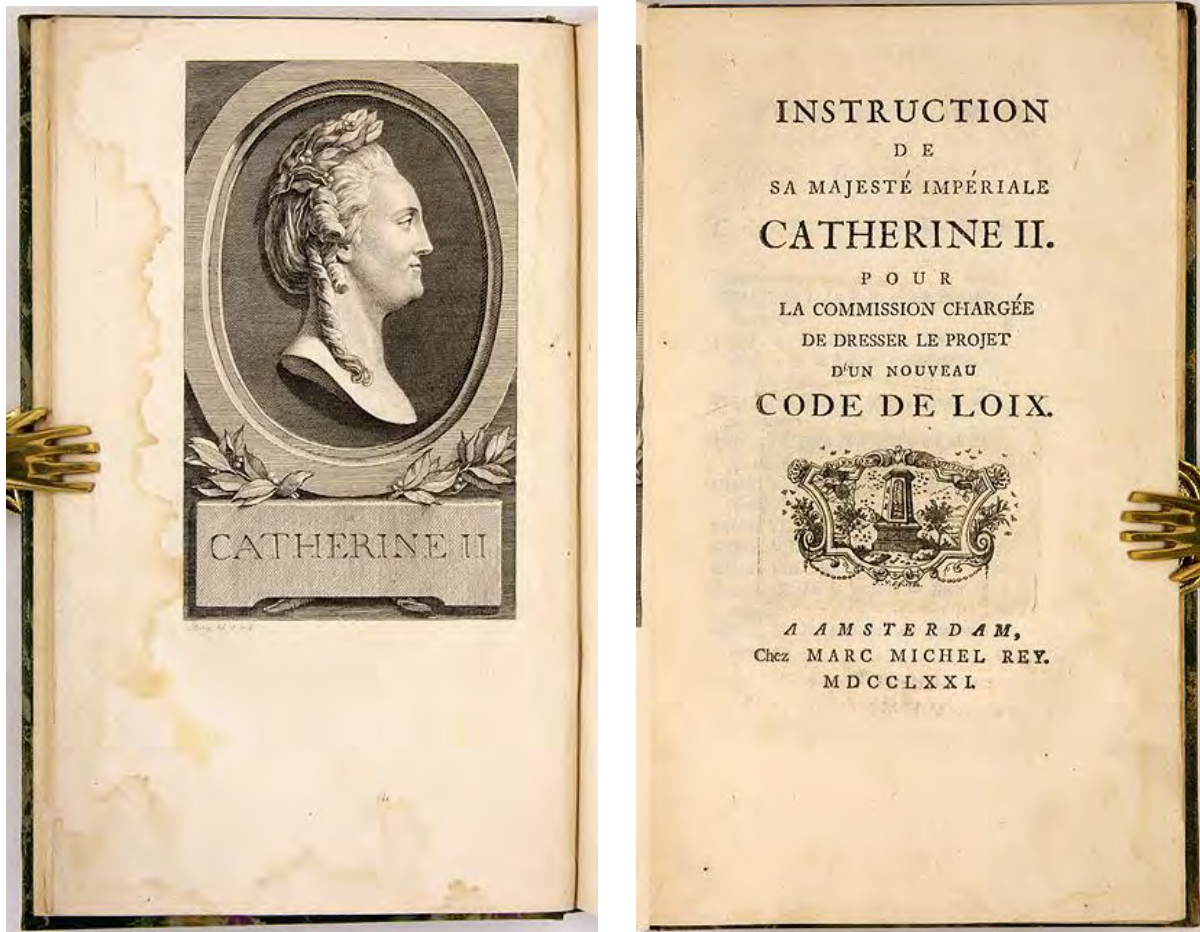
8. [Carter, Samuel].

The Infants Lawyer: Or the Law (Ancient and Modern) Relating to Infants. Setting Forth Their Privileges; Their Several Ages for Divers Purposes; Guardians and Prochein Amy, As to Suits and Defences by Them; Actions Brought by and Against Them, With the Manner of Declarations and Pleadings; Fines and Recoveries, And other Matters of Record Suffered or Acknowledged by Them, How Reversible; Conveyances and Specialties, How Bound by Them or Not; Contracts, Promises, &c. Also Treating of Infant-Executors, Administrator Durante Minori Aetate; Actions and Suits Brought by Them and Against Them, With the Manner of Declaring and Pleading. Likewise, Of Devises by and to Infants, Apprentices, Custom of London, And Pleadings, Orphans, Tryals of Infancy, Portions and Legacies, And Resolutions and Decrees at Common Law and Chancery Concerning the Same. With an Appendix of the Forms of Declarations and Pleadings Concerning Infants. With Many Additions of Late Adjudged Cases in Common Law and Chancery; and the Explication of All the Late Statutes Relating to Infants. [London]: Printed by J. Nutt, 1712. [xxiv], 380, [28] pp. Octavo (7-1/2" x 4-1/2").

Contemporary calf, blind rules to boards, blind fillets along joints, raised bands and early hand-lettered paper title label and faint early hand-lettered title to spine. A few minor nicks and scuffs to boards. some rubbing to extremities, chip to foot of spine, corners bumped and lightly worn, joints starting, hinges cracked. Light toning to text, light foxing to a few leaves, early owner signature ("Griffiths"?) to head of title page. \$2,500.

* Second edition. First published in 1697, this is the first English treatise on the subject. Its twenty comprehensive chapters consist of a digest of the case law relating to each topic with explanatory comments. Holdsworth notes that "[i]t was a useful book to practitioners since it covers all the topics connected with its subject." A third edition was published in 1726. All editions are scarce. Holdsworth, *A History of English Law* XII:399-400. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T86178.

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Early Amsterdam Edition of Catherine's *Nakaz*

9. Catherine II [1762-1796], Empress of Russia.

Instruction de Sa Majesté Impériale Cathérine II. Pour la Commission Chargée de Dresser le Projet d'un Nouveau Code de Loix. Amsterdam: Chez Marc Michel Rey, 1771. [vii], 229 pp. Copperplate portrait frontispiece. Octavo (7-3/4" x 4-3/4").

Later patterned-paper covered boards, calf lettering piece to spine, patterned endpapers. Minor wear to spine ends and corners, front joint starting at ends. Negligible light toning to text, dampstaining to bottom and fore-edges of text block, very faint in most places, in preliminaries somewhat darker. A nice copy. \$950.

* Second Dutch edition. This important text, also known as the *Nakaz*, or *Instruction*, is a statement of legal principles written by Catherine II from 1764 and 1766. Permeated with the ideas of the French Enlightenment, and copied mostly from the work of Voltaire, Montesquieu and Beccaria, it was compiled as a guide for the All-Russia Legislative Commission convened by the Empress in 1767 to create a new code to replace the 1649 Muscovite Code. Revised in consultation with Beccaria, Frederick the Great and Voltaire, the *Instruction* proclaimed the equality of all men before the law and disapproved of death penalty and torture. Unfortunately, her proposed code was never completed. Catherine's manuscript was written in French, and she later produced a Russian translation. Editions in German and Russian were published in Moscow in 1767. Several editions followed in nations ranging from Italy to Latvia. The first Dutch edition, in Dutch translation, was published in Amsterdam in 1769. The 1771 Amsterdam edition was the first Dutch edition in French. It is a scarce imprint. OCLC locates 2 copies in North American law libraries (Library of Congress, UC-Berkeley). Butler, *The Nakaz of Catherine the Great* 528 (entry 28). [Order This Item](#)



Important Spanish-Language Edition of the *Consolato del Mare*

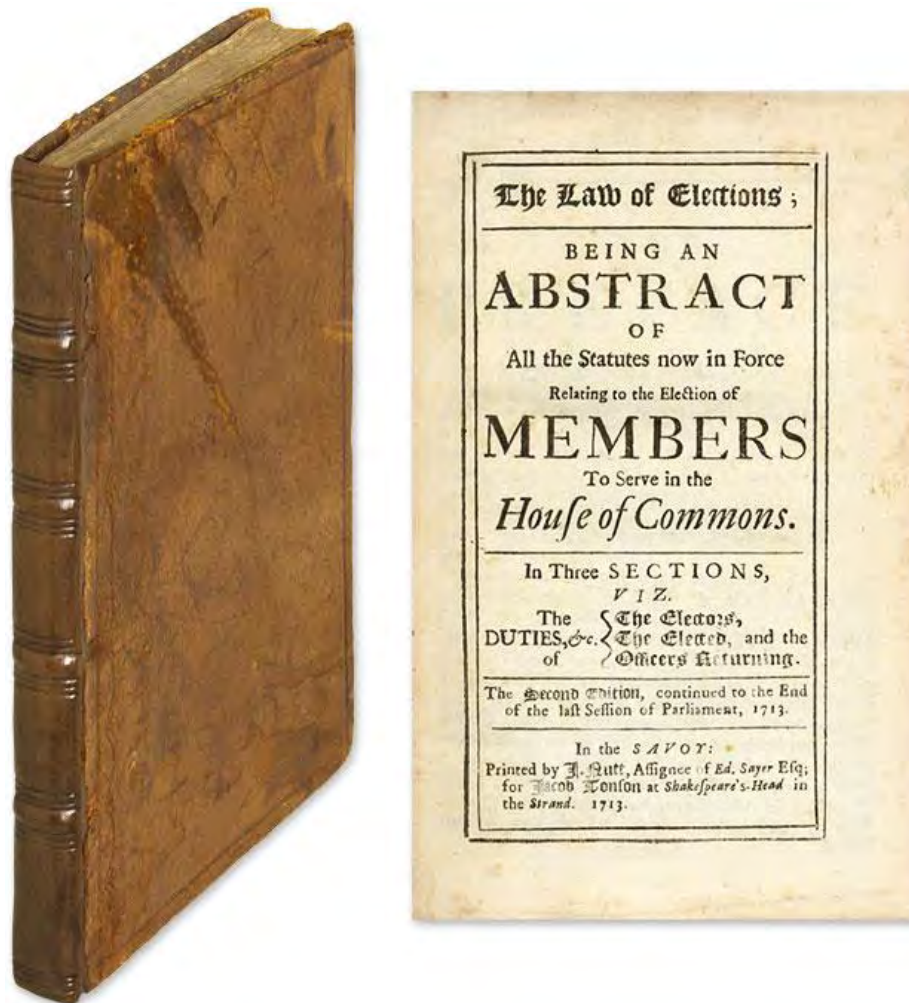
10. [Consolato del Mare].

Pallejá, Cayetano de, Translator.

Consulado Del Mar de Barcelona, Nuevamente Traducido de Cathalan en Castellano por don Cayetano de Pallejá. Y Addicionado de los Autores que Tratan Cada uno de los Capítulos, En el qual se Contienen las Leyes, Y Ordinaciones de los Contratos de Mar, Muy Util, Y Provechoso para Todos los Mercaderes, Negociantes, Patrones, Y Marineros. Barcelona: En la Imprenta de J. Piferrer, 1732. [xvi], 199, [25] pp. Main text in parallel columns. Folio (11-3/4" x 8").

Contemporary vellum, faint early hand-lettered title and later blank paper shelf label to spine, fragments of thong ties. Light soiling and faint dampstaining to sections of boards and spine, front hinge partially cracked, vellum just beginning to crack through pastedowns. Moderate toning, somewhat heavier in places, occasional faint dampstaining to margins, light foxing and faint inkstains to edges of leaves in a few places, later owner stamp to title page and a few other pieces. \$1,200.

* First edition by Pallejá. A landmark in the development of maritime law, the *Consolato del Mare* is a digest of the law and practice commonly followed by the commercial judges in the chief ports around the Mediterranean, it became a maritime common law of the Mediterranean and a foundation for subsequent European maritime laws and customs. Its circulation was widest in Italy, especially among the Venetians, but it was also influential in Western Europe. In addition to maritime law, it contains a great deal of information about the day-to-day operations of a ship and practical advice on seafaring. This work was first published in Barcelona in 1484 in Catalan. The first edition in Castilian (standard Spanish) was published in 1539. It was superseded by Pallejá's superior translation, which was the basis of later editions in Spanish. Palau, *Manual del Librero Hispano-Americano* 59534. [Order This Item](#)



Scarce Eighteenth-Century English Treatise on Election Law

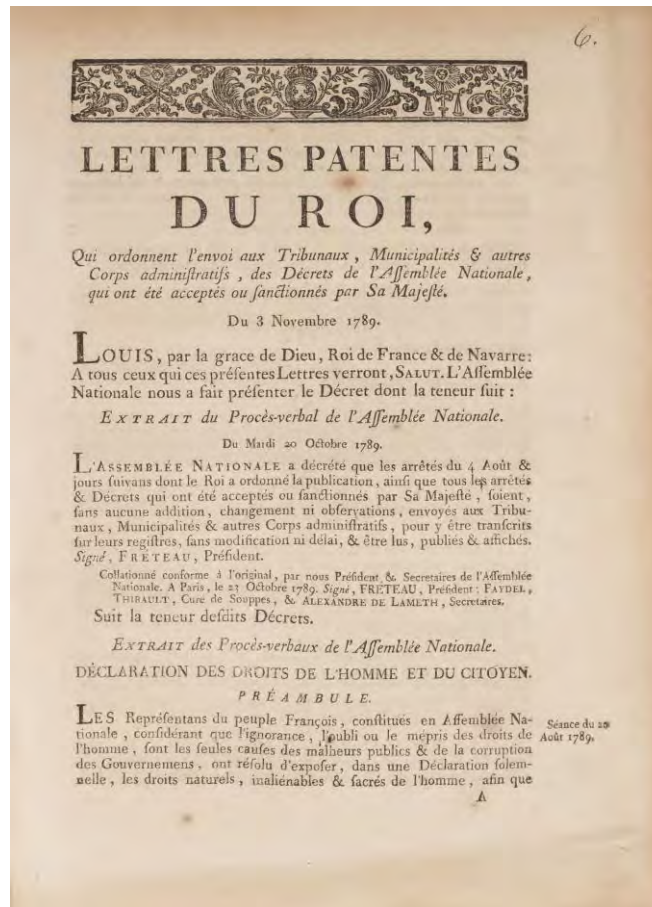
11. [Election Law]. [Great Britain].

The Law of Elections: Being an Abstract of All the Statutes Now in Force Relating to the Election of Members to Serve in the House of Commons: In Three Sections, Viz. The Duties &c. of the Electors, The Elected, And the Officers Returning. [London]: Printed for J. Nutt, Assignee of Ed. Sayer Esq., for Jacob Tonson, 1713. [vi], 126, [6], 21, [3] pp. Half-title lacking. Octavo (6-1/2" x 4").

Contemporary sheep, blind frames and fillets to boards, raised bands to spine, rebaked retaining original backstrip, hinges mended. Some rubbing with wear to corners, a few large scuffs to boards. Toning to portions of text, light foxing to a few leaves, internally clean. \$650.

* Second edition, "continued to the end of the last session of Parliament, 1713," which adds an addenda to the first edition of 1708. It was one of the earliest books on the subject. According to Sweet & Maxwell, the first studies were *Freedom of Elections to Parliament* (1680) and *Observations Concerning the Regulation of Elections for Parliament* (1689), a work attributed to the Earl of Shaftsbury). OCLC locates 6 copies, 3 in North America (at the Library of Congress, Harvard Law School and Stanford University). The ESTC locates 9 copies, 8 in Great Britain, 1 in North America (at the University of Indiana). Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 1:151 (20). *English Short-Title Catalogue* T108633.

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Early Printings of Two Foundational Documents of French Democracy

12. [France].

[Constitution].

Lettres Patentes Du Roi Qui Ordonne l'Envoi aux Tribunaux, Municipalités et Autres Corps Administratifs, Des Décrets de l'Assemblée Nationale, Qui ont été Acceptés ou Sanctionnés par Sa Majesté. Du 3 Novembre 1789 [Drop-Head Title]. [Lyon: De l'Imprimerie d'Aimé de la Roche, 1789]. 30 pp. Quarto (10" x 7-1/2").

[Bound with]

Loi. Constitution Française: Donnée à Paris, Le 14 Septembre 1791 [Drop-Head Title]. [Clermont-Ferrand: De l'Imprimerie d'Antoine Delcros, 1791]. 63 pp. Quarto (9-1/2" x 7").

Stab-stitched pamphlets bound into nineteenth-century speckled calf, gilt titles and fillets to spine. A few minor stains and scuffs to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities. Moderate toning to interior, finger smudges and light foxing in a few places, brief annotations to upper-outside corners of the first pages of each title ("6" on *Lettres Patentes*, "4" on *Loi*). \$1,500.

* These provincial editions of two foundational texts of French democracy were published concurrently with the official editions issued in Paris in 1789 and 1791. The *Lettres Patentes* contains the *Déclaration des Droits de l'Homme et du Citoyen* (Declaration of the Rights of Man and of the Citizen), a statement of the French Revolution's values written by the Marquis de Lafayette with assistance from Thomas Jefferson, and sections of the then in-progress *Constitution Française* du 3 Septembre 1791. Drafted by the *Assemblée Nationale*, it was France's first written constitution. *Loi* is a printing of the completed and ratified constitution, which incorporated the *Déclaration* as its preamble. [Order This Item](#)



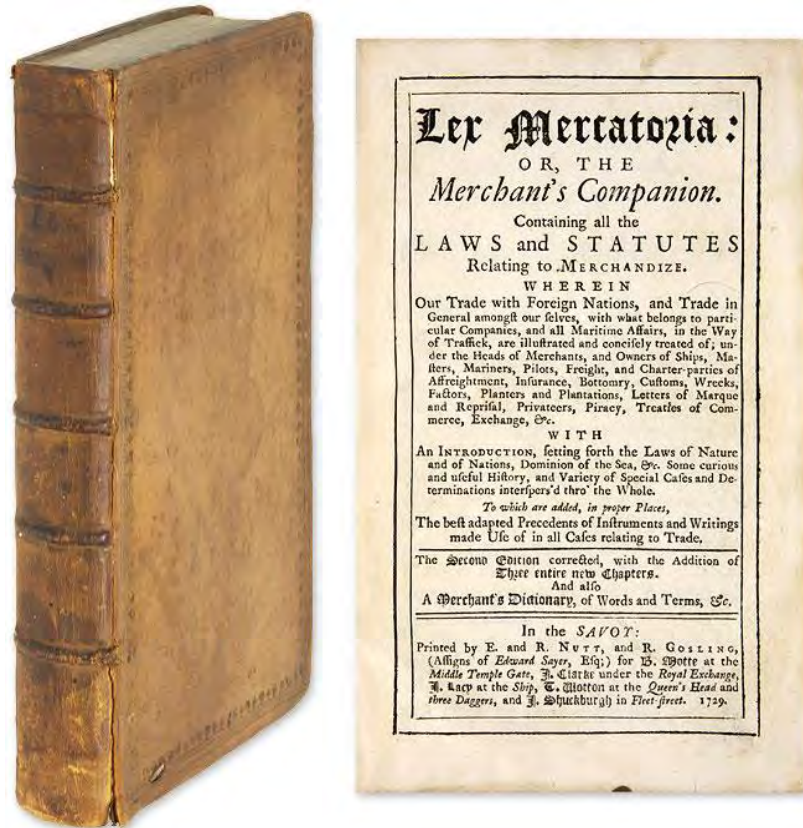
A Dictionary of Swindlers, The Uncensored First Edition

13. Hönn, Georg Paul.

Betrügs-Lexicon: Worinnen die Meisten Betrügereyen in Allen Ständen, Nebst denen Darwider guten Theils Dienenden Mitteln. Coburg: Verlegts Paul Günther Pfotenhauer, 1721. [xvi], 458, [6] pp. Octavo (6-1/2" x 3-3/4").

Contemporary three-quarter vellum over marbled boards, early hand-lettered title to spine. Binding slightly cocked, rubbing to boards and extremities with wear to spine ends and corners, which are bumped, sections of marbled paper lacking, spine darkened, hinges cracked, front free endpaper lacking, rear free endpaper partially detached. Title page printed in red and black. Moderate toning, minor worming to foot of text block, light soiling to title page, "767" in early hand to front pastedown, marks in later pencil to margins of several leaves. \$1,200.

* First edition. Arranged alphabetically, this is a taxonomy of swindlers and other criminal types. Some entries are polemical. A few entries, most notably those for "monk" and "nun" bordered on blasphemy and were ordered to be removed from later editions. The book went through seven editions in all, the last in 1761. The first is the most desirable because it is uncensored. All are scarce. OCLC locates 3 copies of the first edition in North America (Columbia, University of Alberta, Yale). *Das Verzeichnis Deutscher Drucke des 18. Jahrhunderts* 10178082-008. [Order This Item](#)



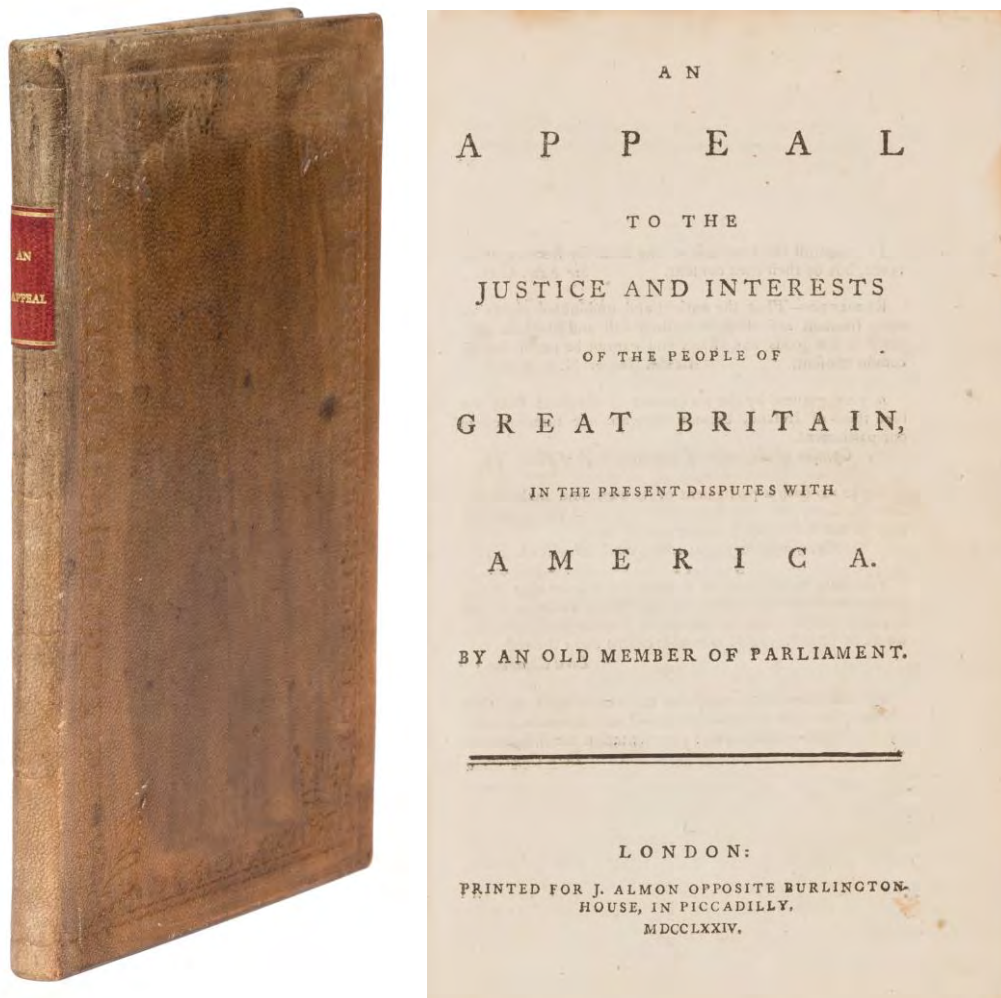
With A "Merchants's Dictionary of Words and Terms"

14. [Jacob, Giles (1686-1744)].

Lex Mercatoria: Or, The Merchant's Companion. Containing all the Laws and Statutes Relating to Merchandize. Wherein Our Trade with Foreign Nations, and Trade in General Amongst Our Selves, With What Belongs to Particular Companies, And all Maritime Affairs, In the way of Traffick, Are Illustrated and Concisely Treated of; Under the Heads of Merchants, And Owners of Ships, Masters, Mariners, Pilots, Freight, and Charter-Parties of Affreightment, Insurance, Bottomry, Customs, Wrecks, Factors, Planters and Plantations, Letters of Marque and Reprisal, Privateers, Piracy, Treaties of Commerce, Exchange, &c. With an Introduction, Setting Forth the Laws of Nature and of Nations, Dominion of the Sea, &c. Some Curious and Useful History, And Variety of Special Cases and Determinations Interspers'd Thro' the Whole. To Which are Added, in Proper Places, The Best Adapted Precedents of Instruments and Writings Made Use of in All Cases Relating to Trade. [London]: Printed by E. and R. Nutt [et al.] for B. Motte [et al.], 1729. [xii], 404, [12] pp. Octavo (7-1/2" x 5").

Contemporary calf, blind fillets and rules to boards, raised bands to spine, gilt dentelles to board edges. Light rubbing to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, joints and hinges starting. Light toning to text, negligible foxing to a few leaves, internally clean. A handsome copy. \$950.

* Second and final edition, "Corrected, with the Addition of Three Entire New Chapters, And Also A Merchant's Dictionary, of Words and Terms, &c." Jacob, best-known for his *New Law-Dictionary*, was the most prolific English legal writer of the eighteenth century. Although he was interested in boosting sales by attracting the widest audience possible, Jacob was also an idealist who believed that widespread knowledge of the law would help create a more just society. This is the goal of *Lex Mercatoria* (1718) and several other publications, such as *Every Man His Own Lawyer* (1736) and *Treatise of Laws* (1721). Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 1:522 (46). *English Short-Title Catalogue* T137820. [Order This Item](#)



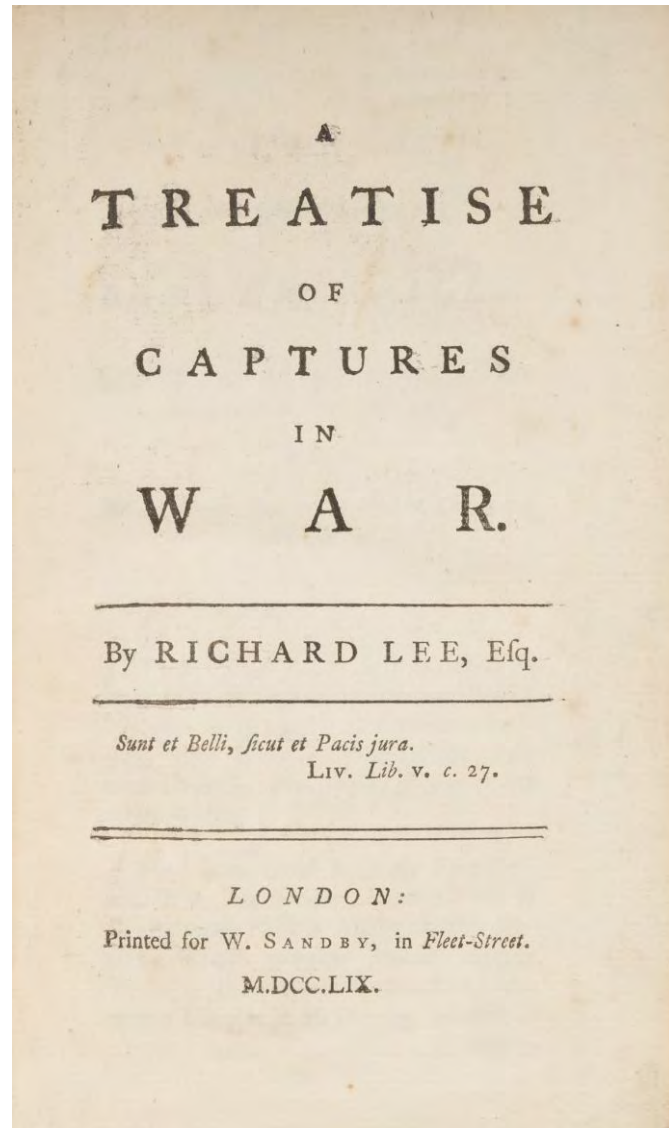
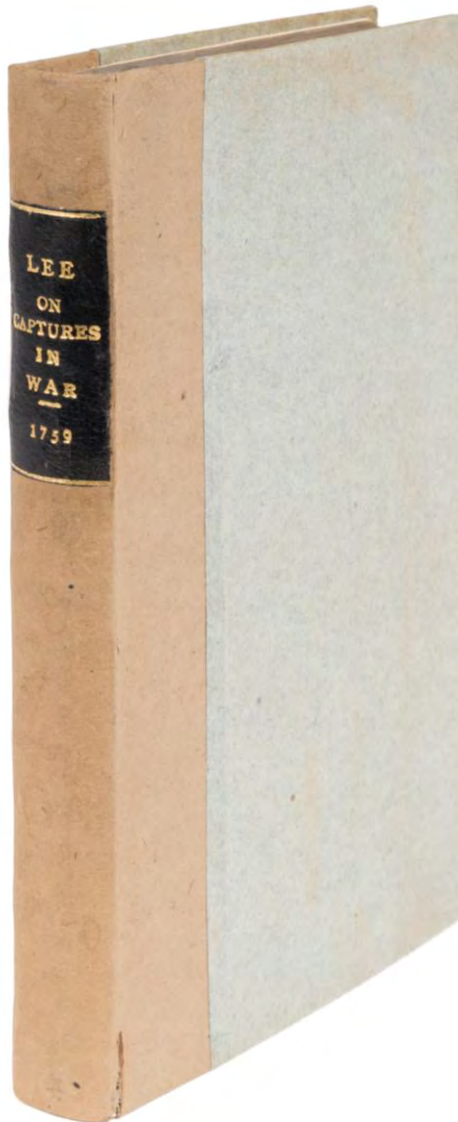
An Early American Plea for Sympathy

15. [Lee, Arthur (1740-1792)].

An Appeal to the Justice and Interests of the People of Great Britain, In the Present Disputes with America, By an Old Member of Parliament. London: Printed for J. Almon, 1774. [iv], 63, [5] pp. With a half-title. Final two leaves are publisher advertisements. Octavo (7-3/4" x 4-3/4").

Stab-stitched pamphlet bound into recent period-style calf, blind rules and fillets to boards, lettering piece and blind fillets to spine. Light rubbing to extremities, a few minor nicks to boards, moderate toning to interior, early ink doodles to pp. 2-3, mostly to margins, small chip to fore-edge of half-title, which is lightly soiled, as is the verso of the final leaf. \$2,000.

* First edition. A response to the Townsend Acts, this pamphlet argues that the rights of the colonists enjoy the same rights as other British subjects and predicts dire consequences if those rights are ignored. Three more editions were published in 1775; its final edition, the fourth, in 1776. Lee also published a sequel in 1775 titled *A Second Appeal to the Justice and Interests of the People, On the Measures Respecting America*. This pamphlet and its sequel have been attributed to William Pitt the Elder, Richard Glover and Benjamin Franklin. Both were, in fact, written by Lee. A member of the prominent Virginian family and a longtime resident of London, where he practiced law, Lee was an American diplomat and spy during the American Revolution. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T22274. Howes, *USiana* L183. Sabin, *A Dictionary of Books Relating to America* 39697. [Order This Item](#)



An Adaptation of Bynkershoek

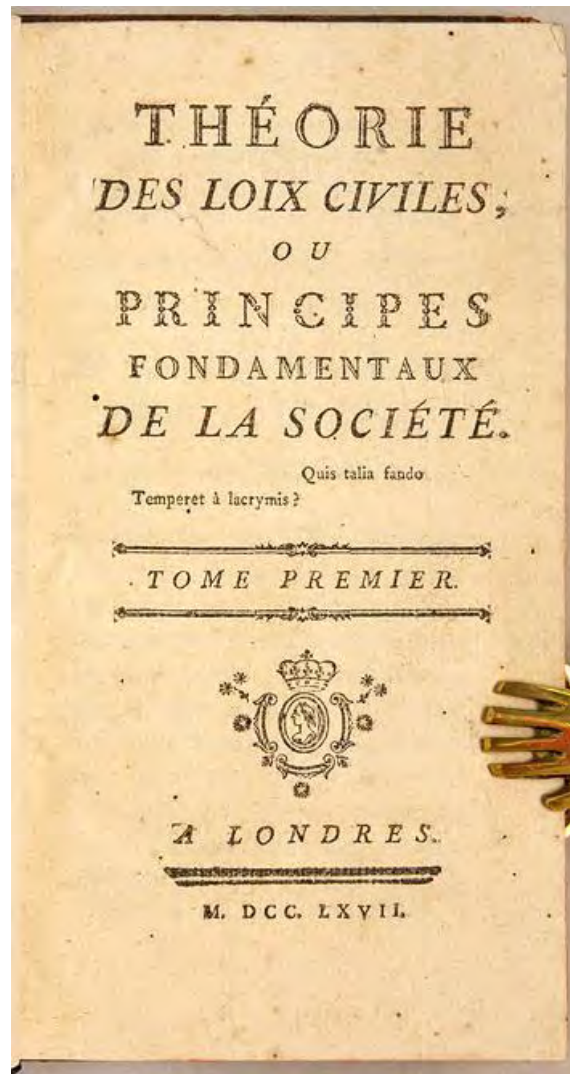
16. Lee, Richard.

[Bynkershoek, Cornelis van (1673-1743)].

A Treatise of Captures in War. London: Printed for W. Sandby, 1759. viii, 264 pp. Octavo (8-1/2" x 5-1/2").

Recent paper-covered boards, contrasting spine with morocco lettering piece, endpapers renewed. Negligible light rubbing to extremities, front and rear joints just starting at foot. Moderate toning to interior, light foxing to a few leaves at the beginning and end of text. \$750.

* First edition. This is an annotated translation of the first book of Bynkershoek's *Quaestionum Juris Publici* (1737). Bynkershoek considers questions dealing with international law and the customs of war. "De Rebus Bellicus," its most important chapter, addresses the customs of war on land and sea. Notably humane, it condemns actions against civilians and advocates the fair treatment of prisoners of war. Beginning with Lord Mansfield, scholars have considered this to be his greatest work. A second edition was published in 1803. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T112924. [Order This Item](#)



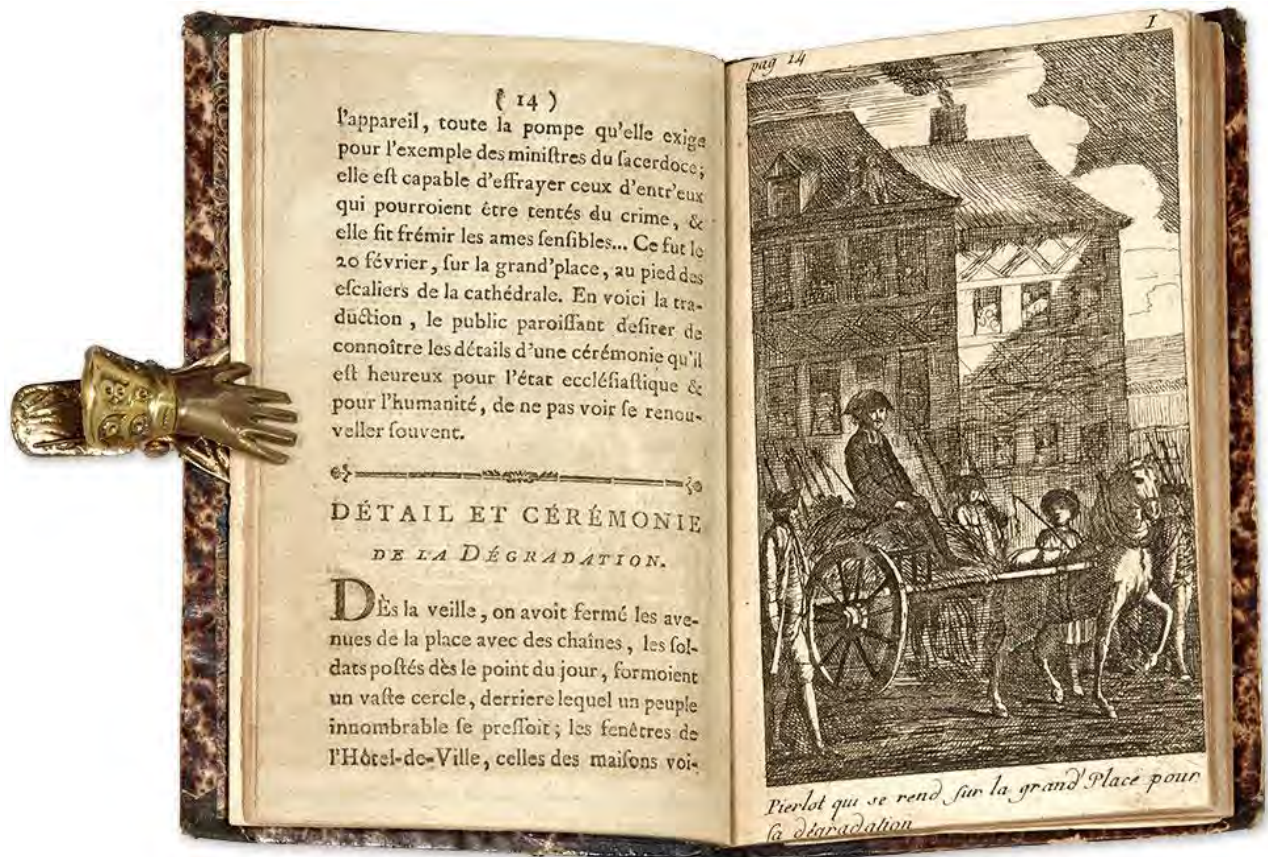
An Ideal Form of Government

17. [Linguet, Simon Nicolas Henri (1736-1794)].

Théorie des Loix Civiles, Ou, Principes Fondamentaux de la Société. "A Londres" (i.e. Paris): S.n., 1767. Two volumes [iv], 496; [iv], 528 pp. 12mo. (6-1/2" x 3-3/4").

Contemporary mottled calf, red and green lettering pieces and gilt ornaments to spine, edges rouged, marbled endpapers, ribbon markers. Light rubbing and a few tiny scuffs to boards, somewhat heavier rubbing to spine and extremities, corners bumped. Light toning to text, slightly heavier in places, light foxing to a few leaves in each volume, tiny inkspot to title page of Volume II. An attractive set. \$350.

* From the same year as the first edition with corrections. Linguet was a conservative lawyer and journalist who was executed during the Reign of Terror. *Théorie des Loix Civiles*, perhaps the author's most important work, went through several editions and issues, the last in 1787. It outlines an ideal form of government and proposes reforms in taxation, customs and the law. It also defends absolutism and attacks the politics of Montesquieu. Volume I contains extensive discussion of divorce and the position of women in society. *Catalogue of the Goldsmiths' Library of Economic Literature* 10377. [Order This Item](#)



Illustrated Account of a Belgian Priest With a
Gambling Addiction Who Committed Several Murders

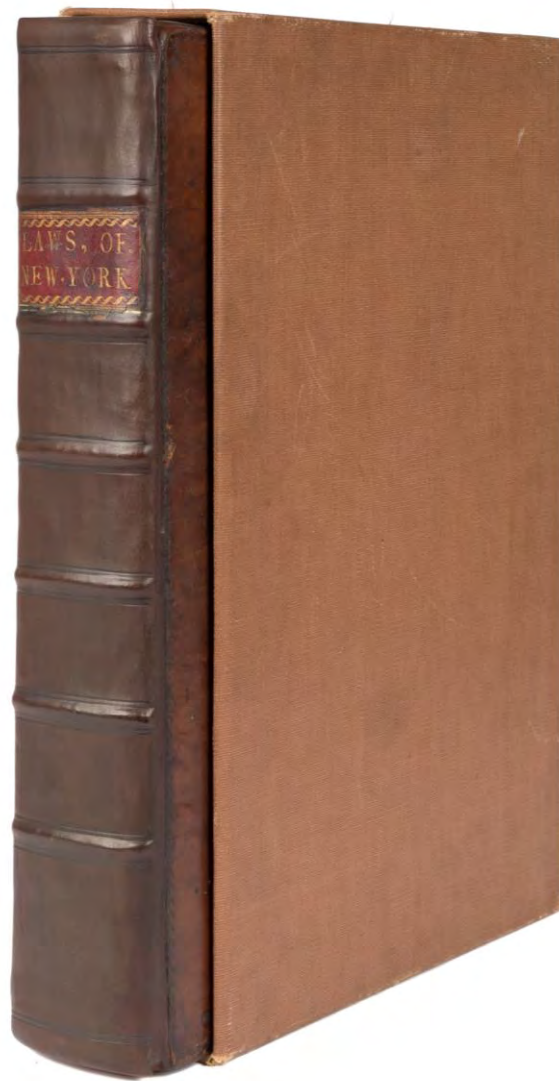
18. [Murder].

[Pierlot, Jacques (1750-1786)].

La Vie de Jacques Pierlot, Prêtre & Marguillier de la Paroisse de Vervier, Ville de la Principauté de Liège; Avec tous les Détails de son Crime, De sa Dégradation, & De son Supplice. Liège: Chez Lemarié, 1786. 52 [i.e., 50] pp. Etched portrait frontispiece. Four etched plates. Octavo (6-1/2" x 4").

Nineteenth-century quarter sheep over marbled boards, gilt fillets and title to spine, marbled endpapers. Moderate rubbing to extremities with some wear to spine ends and corners, recent owner bookplate to front pastedown. Moderate toning to text, faint dampstaining to head of frontispiece and title page, clean tear to lower inner corner of title repaired on verso, bottom line of caption cropped on second plate, final two leaves cropped and re-hinged. Laid in is a copy of the 17 March 1786 *Avertissemens de Liège*, a handbill of local publisher advertisements, including one for this publication. \$1,500.

* Only edition. A sensationalistic chapbook about a Belgian priest with a gambling addiction who murdered a creditor and members of the latter's household. He was sentenced by an ecclesiastical tribunal to degradation (permanent removal from clerical office), which was carried out in a public ceremony, then sentenced by a municipal tribunal to be tortured and strangled. The plates depict his degradation and punishment. Chapbooks such as this one were an expression of the anti-clericalism that was a vital part of Enlightenment Francophone culture in the years preceding the French Revolution. OCLC locates 12 copies, 1 in North America (Library of Congress). Not in the *British Museum Catalogue*. [Order This Item](#)



**Handsome 1789 Folio Edition of New York
Laws with Two Interesting Laid-In Manuscript Notes**

19. [New York].

[Jones, Samuel (1734-1819), Compiler].

[Varick, Richard (1753-1819), Compiler].

Laws of the State of New-York, Comprising the Constitution, And the Acts of the Legislature Since the Revolution, From The First to the Twelfth Session, Inclusive. Published According to an Act of the Legislature, Passed the 15th April, 1786. New York: Printed by Hugh Gaine, 1789. Two volumes bound as one. [iv], 336, [12], xii, [2]; [ii], 471, [17] pp. Two laid-in manuscript notes, 5-3/4" x 8," 6" x 8." Folio (15" x 10").

Contemporary calf, blind fillets to boards, "Leonard Bronk" gilt-stamped to center of front board, rebacked retaining existing spine with raised bands and lettering piece, spine ends repaired, hinges mended. Light rubbing to boards and extremities, moderate rubbing to board edges, corners bumped. Moderate toning, light foxing in a few places, offsetting to margins of preliminaries and rear endleaves. \$3,000.

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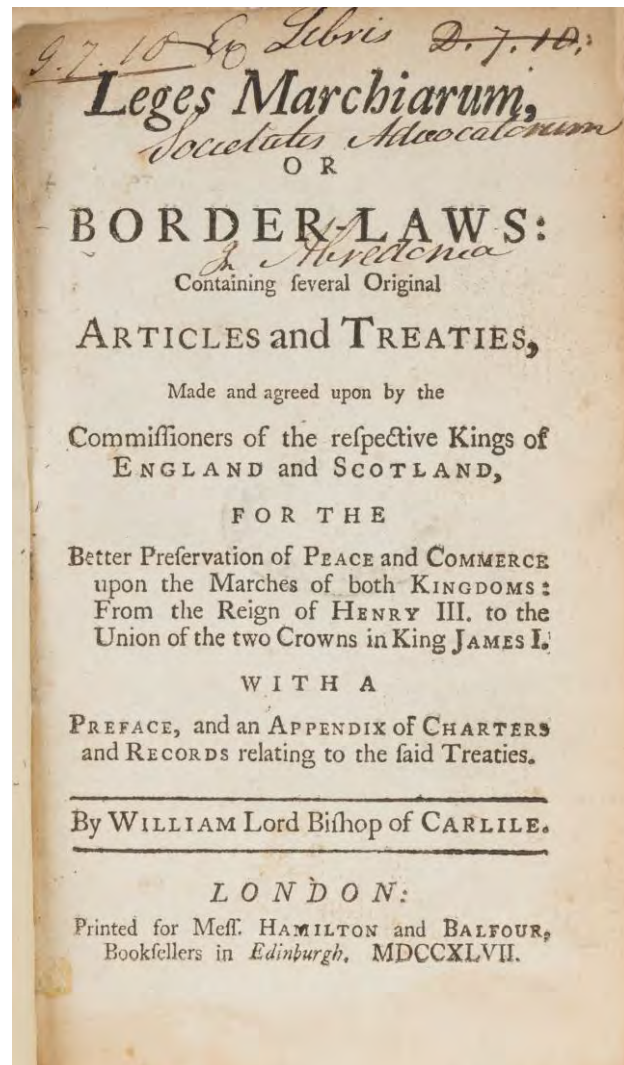
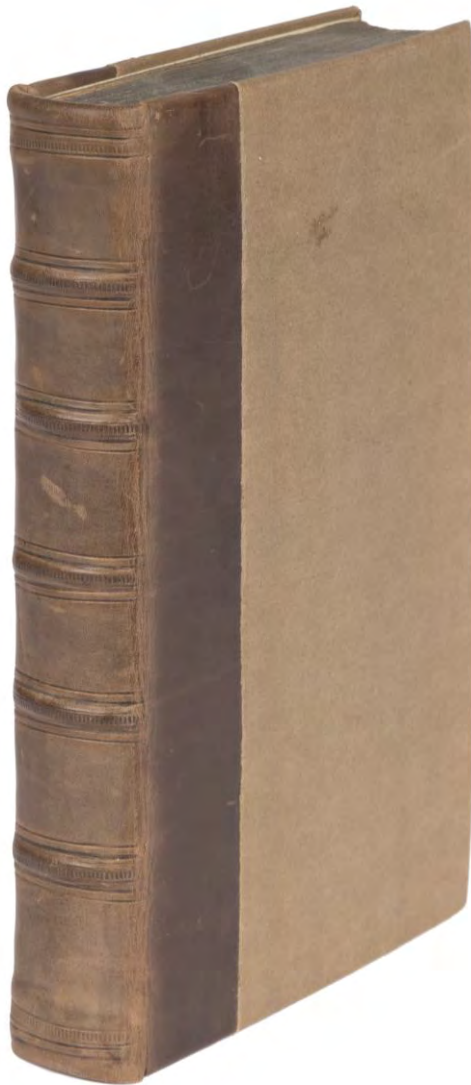
* The first volume of collected New York laws printed after the ratification of the U.S. Constitution and the second issued after the American Revolution, the 1789 compilation contains laws passed 1778 through 1789, regulating such topics as governance, mortgages, debtors, land, slaves, New York City, criminal and marital law, rape, liquor and exports. Also includes an interesting law in King's county (Brooklyn) and Queen's county (Queens) establishing a 40 shilling fine to those carriages traveling from the City of New York that fail to give right of way to carriages going toward the city. Also includes the Constitution of the State of New York, passed April 20, 1777.

The laid-in notes are quite interesting. The first is a contract between New York City Mayor Richard Varick and Hugh Gaine dated February 7, 1792. It directs the city treasurer to pay Gaine 73 pounds for "printing an emission of notes for small change." Issued two months before the establishment of the U.S. Mint, this note is essentially an authorization by the State of New York to issue fractional currency. The U.S. Constitution prohibited states from issuing paper money, but it appears that a few states and municipalities issued notes, or at least authorized them, in the early 1790s. Backed by the faith and credit of the issuer, these notes for small change were a response to the scarcity of coinage and the fluctuating value of copper. Such documents are rare, especially ones from New York, and offer important insights into early U.S. banking history and the interplay of federal and state rights. The other document is a note of acknowledgement for interest received on a bond from the N.Y. City treasurer signed by Hugh Gaine. The former owner of this book, Leonard Bronk [1751-1828], was a judge and member of the New York State Assembly. He was descended from Jonas Bronck, the Dutch settler whose estate formed the basis of the present-day New York City Borough of the Bronx. Benedict, *Acts and Laws of the Thirteen Original Colonies and States* 408. Tower, *The Charlemagne Tower Collection of American Colonial Laws* 632.

New York } p. To Daniel Phoenix Esq. Treasurer.
 Pursuant to an order of the Common Council
 of this day pay out of the Revenue fund to
 Hugh Gaine the sum of seventy three pounds
 twelve shillings for printing an emission
 of notes for small change.
 By order of the } Dated this 6th Feb^y 1792
 Common Council } Richard Varick Esq. Mayor
 Rob^t Benson, Clerk

Rec^d New York April 29. 1788 of Daniel Phoenix Treas^r
 of the Corporation one hundred Pounds in full for Interest
 due on four Bonds to Robert Willson & myself to the 2nd
 May 1787
 \$100.
 Hugh Gaine

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The Union of Scotland and England

20. Nicolson, William, Lord Bishop of Carlisle [1665-1727].

Leges Marchiarum, Or Border-Laws: Containing Several Original Articles and Treaties, Made and Agreed upon by the Commissioners of the Respective Kings of England and Scotland, For the Better Preservation of Peace and Commerce upon the Marches of Both Kingdoms: From the Reign of Henry III. To the Union of the Two Crowns, in King James I. London: Printed for Mess. Hamilton and Balfour, booksellers in Edinburgh, 1747. [iv], xxxiv, 262 pp. 12mo. (6-1/2" x 4").

Recent period-style quarter calf over paper-covered boards, endpapers renewed. Negligible light rubbing to extremities, a few tiny nicks to spine. Moderate toning to interior, light foxing in a few places, crack in text block between A12 and a1 (pp. xxii and xxiii), early owner inscription to head of title page, later small library stamp to verso. \$450.

* Second and final edition, a reissue of the first edition, 1705. Nicholson, Lord Bishop of Carlisle, was a strong advocate of the union of England and Scotland. Published two years before the Act of Union, his *Leges Marchiarum* addresses the legal issues that will confront the union of these two states. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T56114. [Order This Item](#)



Three Notable Treatises Useful to a Practicing Lawyer or Wealthy Landowner

21. Oettinger [Oetinger], Johann [1577-1633].

Tractatus de Jure et Controversiis Limitum, Ac Finibus Regundis, Oder Gründlicher Bericht Von den Gränzten und Marcksteinen, Wie durch Dieselbe der Königreiche, Landschaften, Fürstenthume, Bisstümer Hanover: Zu Finden bey Nicolaus Förstern, 1711. [xxxii], 443 pp. Double folded title page. 20 woodcuts illustrating geometrical calculations. Lacking folding map.

[Bound with]

Stryk, Samuel [1640-1710].

Fundamenta Iuris Iustiniani, Ad Ordinem Institutionum Succinctis Aphorismis in Usum Auditorum Proposita.... Halle: Sumptibus Io. Godofredi Rengeri, 1704. [xviii], 266, [6] pp. Lacking blank leaf before p. 1.

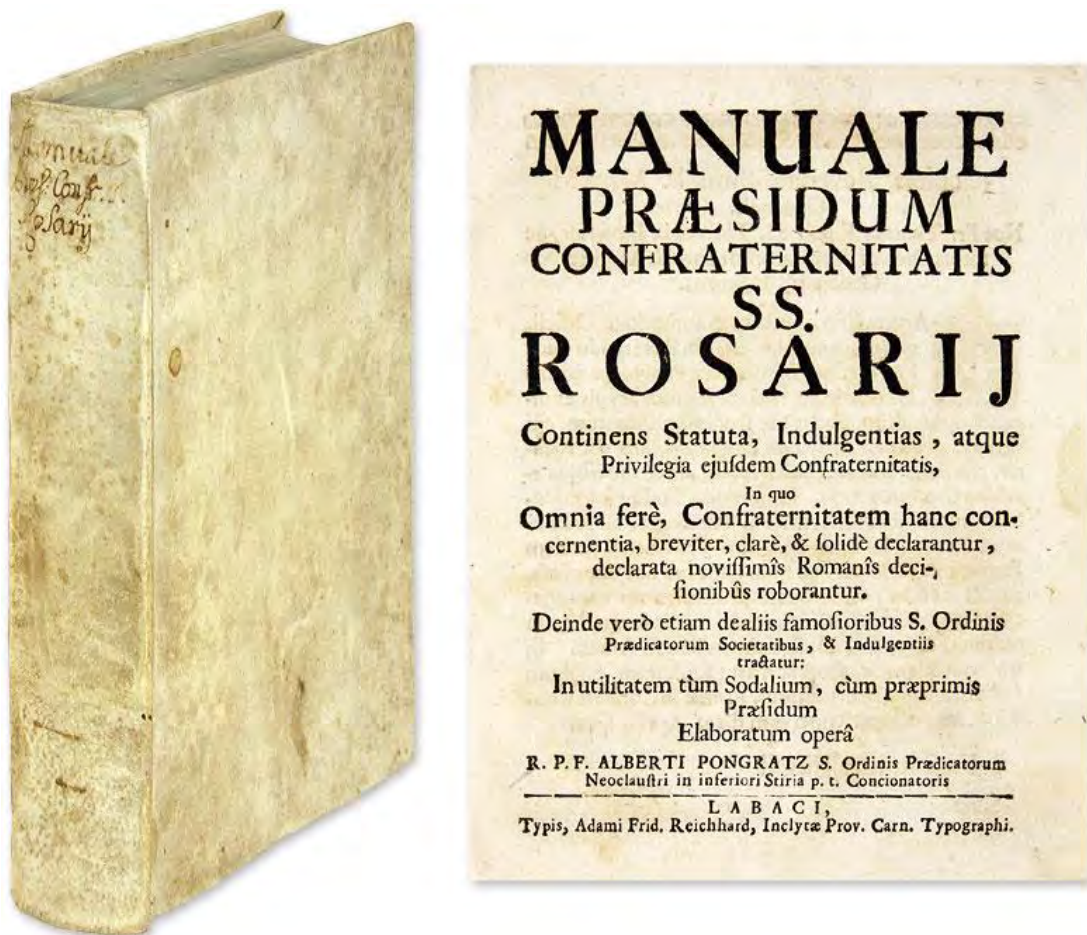
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Rivinus, Quintus Septimius Florens [1651-1713].

Specimen Exceptionum Forensium: Exhibens Dilatorias ad Usam Fori Saxonici Accomodatas. In Gratiam Auditorum Suorum Editum. Leipzig: Sumptibus Davidis Fleischeri, 1701. [ii], 279, [3] pp.

Octavo (6-1/2" x 4"). Contemporary vellum with lapped edges, early hand-lettered titles to spine, edges rouged. Moderate soiling, minor tear to foot of spine, vellum just beginning to crack through pastedowns, hinges cracked, some worming to boards, endleaves and parts of text block with minor loss to text and no loss to legibility, lower corner lacking from leaf N2 (pp. 193-194) with some loss to text. Title pages printed in red and black. Moderate toning, somewhat heavier in places, occasional faint dampstaining to margins. \$950.

* Later editions. This volume collects three works that would have been useful to a practicing lawyer or wealthy landowner in Saxony. Oettinger was a distinguished geographer, cartographer and surveyor. First published in 1607, his *Tractatus de Jure et Controversiis Limitum*, deals with legal aspects of surveying and boundaries according to Roman law. A useful study, it went through nine editions by 1729. One of the great German jurists of his time, Stryk was a professor at the University of Halle who was instrumental in the development of German civil law. First published in 1695, *Fundamenta Iuris Iustiniani* is an introductory textbook on Roman law. As indicated by its subtitle, this book has additional sections on marriage and inheritance and succession. It went through six editions by 1714. Rivinus's *Specimen Exceptionum Forensium* is a handbook on pleading and procedure in the courts of Saxony. It was first published in 1686 and reached its tenth edition in 1755. This edition not VD18 or the *British Museum Catalogue*. *Das Verzeichnis Deutscher Drucke des 18. Jahrhunderts* 10450106-003 (Oettinger), 10406069 (Ravinius). [Order This Item](#)



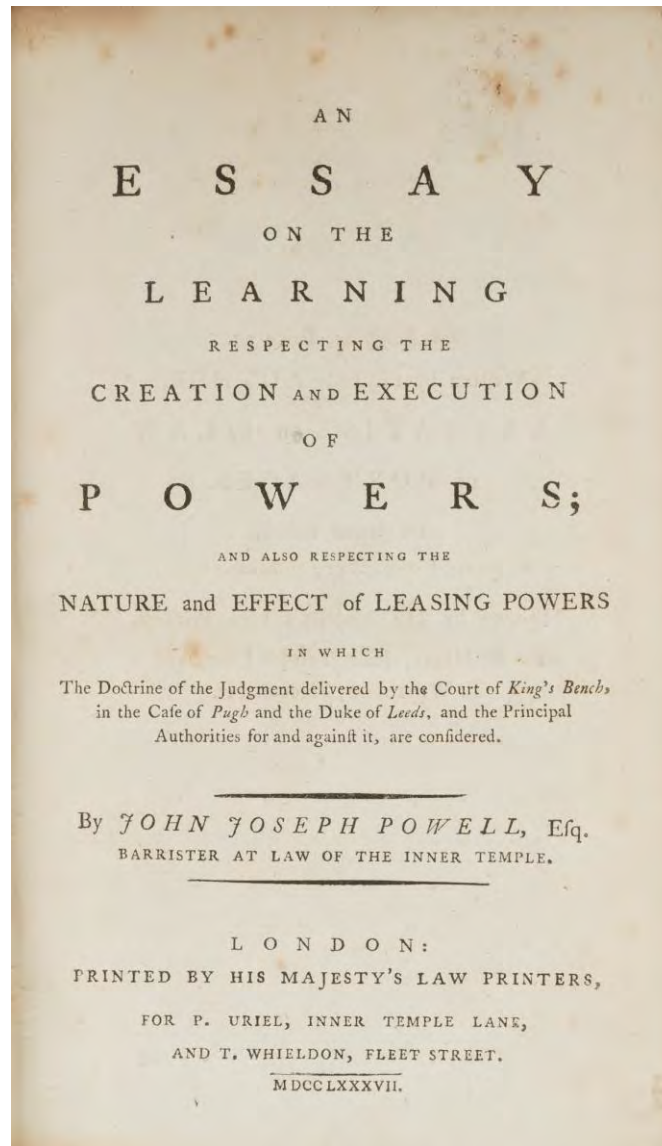
Rare Compilation on Laws of the Rosicrucians

22. Pongratz, Albert, Editor.

Manuale Praesidium Confraternitatis SS. Rosarii: Continens Statuta, Indulgentias, Atque Privilegia Eiusdem Confraternitatis, In quo Omnia Fere, Confraternitatem hanc Concernentia, Breviter, Clare, & Solide Declarantur, Declarata Novissimis Romanis Decisionibus Roborantur. Deinde Vero Etiam de Aliis Famosioribus S. Ordinis Praedicatorum Societatibus, & Indulgentiis Tractatur: In Utilitatem tum Sodalium, Cum Praeprimis Praesidium Elaboratum Opera. Ljubljana: Typis, Adami Frid. Reichhard, [1744]. [viii], 390, [56] pp. Quarto (8" x 6-1/4").

Contemporary vellum, early hand-lettered title to spine. Light rubbing to extremities with minor wear to spine ends and corners, a few minor stains to boards. Woodcut head-pieces, tail-piece and decorated initials. Light toning to text, minor stains to a few leaves, later owner annotation and library label to front pastedown, interior otherwise clean. A nice copy of a rare title. \$1,950.

* Second and final edition. Rosicrucianism, a philosophical secret society with strong ties to Christian inquiry, originated in medieval Germany. By the eighteenth century Rosicrucians organized into formal groups. Several Rosicrucian lodges had strong ties to Freemasonry. First published in 1742, Pongratz's manual is a compilation of its laws and regulations. The front matter contains several statements in support of Rosicrucianism from secular and Catholic officials, including Pope Urban VIII. The tail-piece is a Jesuit cipher, which indicates Jesuit support. OCLC locates 2 copies, both in Slovakia. Not in the *British Museum Catalogue*. [Order This Item](#)



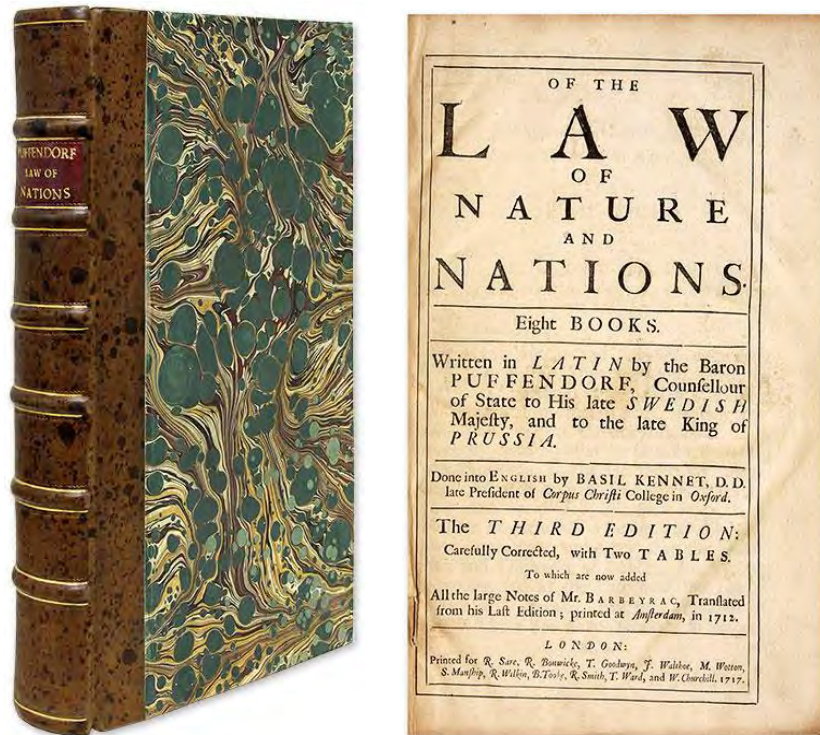
"The Subtle Distinctions of Powers"

23. Powell, John Joseph [1755-1801].

An Essay on the Learning Respecting the Creation and Execution of Powers; And also Respecting the Nature and Effect of Leasing Powers in Which the Doctrine of the Judgment Delivered by the Court of King's Bench, In the Case of Pugh and the Duke of Leeds, And the Principal Authorities for and Against it, Are Considered. London: Printed by His Majesty's Law Printers, 1787. [iv], xx, [4], 582, [26] pp. Octavo (8-1/4" x 5").

Recent period-style quarter calf over marbled boards, gilt-edged raised bands and retained early, somewhat worn, lettering piece to spine, "1787" gilt-stamped to foot of spine, endpapers renewed. Moderate toning to text, light foxing in places, light foxing and tiny wear hole to title page, light soiling to verso of final leaf. \$250.

* First edition. According to Marvin, this was the first treatise to compile and classify decisions on "the subtle distinctions of Powers." Marvin, *Legal Bibliography* 581. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T134165. [Order This Item](#)



Early English Edition of Pufendorf

24. Pufendorf, Samuel von [1632-1694].
Barbeyrac, Jean [1674-1744], Annotator.
[Kennet(t), Basil (1674-1715), Translator].
[Percivale, William, Translator].

Of the Law of Nature and Nations. Eight Books. Written in Latin by the Baron Puffendorf, Counsellour of State to His Late Swedish Majesty, And to the Late King of Prussia. Translated Into English by Basil Kennet, D.D. Late President of Corpus Christi College in Oxford. Carefully Corrected, With Two Tables. To Which are Now Added All the Large Notes of Mr. Barbeyrac, Translated from His Last Edition; Printed at Amsterdam in 1712. London: Printed for R. Sare, R. Bonwicke, T. Goodwyn, [et al.], 1717. [xxiv], 212, 242, 221-356, 359-390, 453-556, 559-577, [1], 531 [i.e. 131], [23] pp. Main text in parallel columns. Pagination irregular. Text complete. Folio (13-3/4" x 9").

Recent period-style quarter calf over marbled boards, endpapers renewed, title page re-hinged. Moderate toning to text, somewhat heavier in places, faint dampspotting to a few leaves, tiny hole to title page neat foot of gutter. An attractive copy. \$1,250.

* Third English edition. In 1662 Pufendorf was appointed to the first modern professorship in natural law (at the University of Heidelberg). In 1670 he became professor of natural law at the University of Lund in Sweden. First published in 1672, and first published in English in 1703, *De Jure Naturae et Gentium* is his principal work and a landmark in the history of natural and international law. It proposed a thorough system of private, public, and international law based on natural law. Beginning with a consideration of fundamental legal ideas and their various divisions, Pufendorf proceeded to a discussion of the validity of customs, the doctrines of necessity and innate human reason. The work is significant in part because it developed principles introduced by Grotius and Hobbes. Unlike Hobbes, Pufendorf argued that peace, not war, was the state of nature, and he proposed that international law was not restricted to Christendom. Our copy belonged to the eminent historian Brian Tierney [1922-2019], an expert on the relationship between church and state in medieval Europe. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T118565. [Order This Item](#)



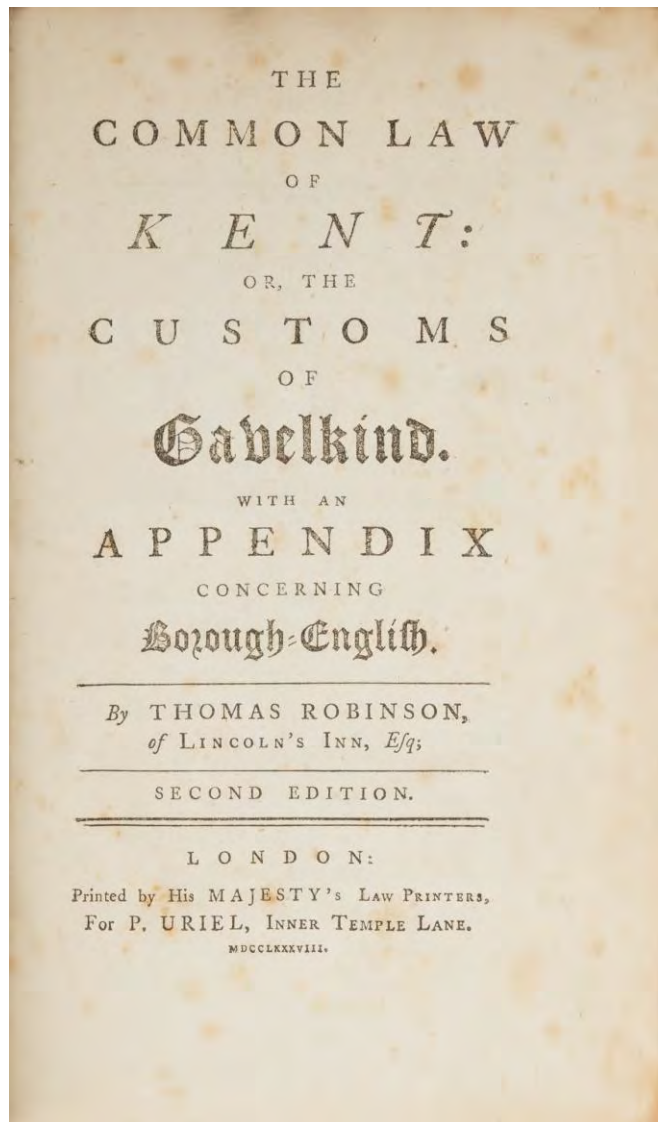
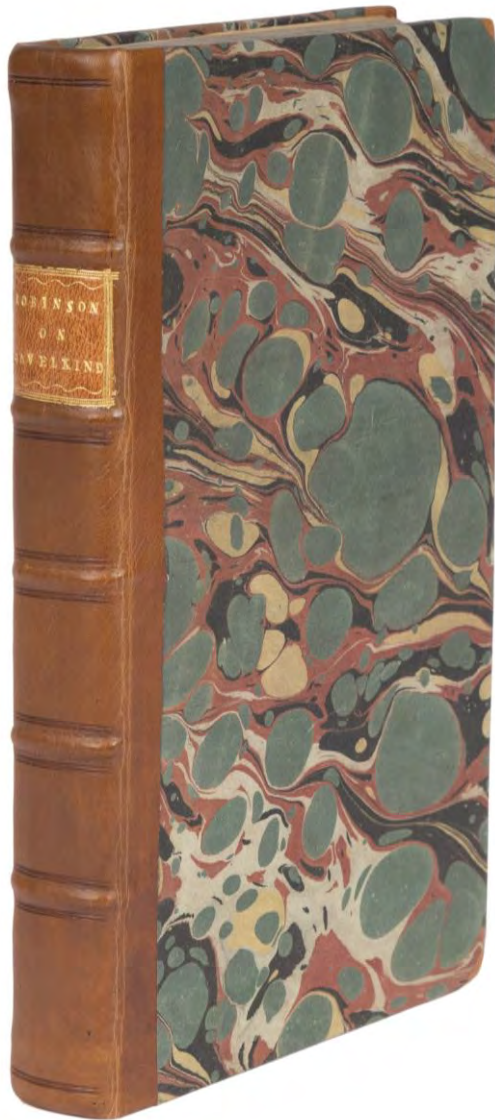
**Scarce 1792 Treatise on Taxation
And Inheritance Laws in the Viceroyalty of Peru**

25. Rezabal (Rezabel) y Ugarte, Jose de [d. 1800].

Tratado del Real Derecho de las Medias-Anatas Seculares: y del Servicio de Lanzas a que Estan Obligados los Titulos de Castilla. Origen Historico de Este Juzgado en el Reyno del Peru. Reglas con Que se Administran Estos Ramos en Ambas Americas, Conformes en la Mayor Parte a las que Estan Prescritas en Espana Para su Adeudo y Recaudacion. Con Tres Apendices: El Primero Contiene un Catalogo Alfabetico de los Titulos Existentes en Aquel Vireynato, Sus Creaciones Respektivas y Actuales Poseedores. El Segundo las Reglas Generales de Media-Anata Insertas en la Real Cedula de 3 Julio de 1664. Y el Tercero las Reales Ordenes y Cedula que se Han Expedido Para el Mejor Regimen y Gobierno de Ambos Derechos. Madrid: En la Oficina de B. Cano, 1792. [xvi], 252 pp. Folding table. Folio (12" x 8").

Contemporary speckled sheep, lettering piece and gilt fillets to spine, rouged edges, ribbon marker, marbled endpapers. Light rubbing and a few scuffs to boards, heavier rubbing to extremities, some chipping spine ends, insect damage near center of spine, corners bumped and somewhat worn, joints just starting at ends, front hinge partially cracked, early owner bookplate to front pastedown, light toning to interior. An attractive copy. \$1,250.

* Only edition. Written by a distinguished senior judge and legal scholar in Cusco, this is a treatise on inheritance law in the Viceroyalty of Peru. It includes a history and overview of Peru's court system with comparisons to the Spanish courts and a detailed catalogue of all Spanish titles of nobility in Peru. It also provides a good deal of information relating to native South Americans and people of mixed Spanish-native blood. Indeed, it is an important source for its information on the legal status of these people and is included in the CD-ROM collection *Textos Clasicos de Literatura Juridica Indiana* (Madrid, 1999). OCLC locates 14 copies, 12 in North America, 2 in a law library (Library of Congress, UC-Berkeley). Palau, *Manual del Librero Hispanoamericano* 265986. [Order This Item](#)



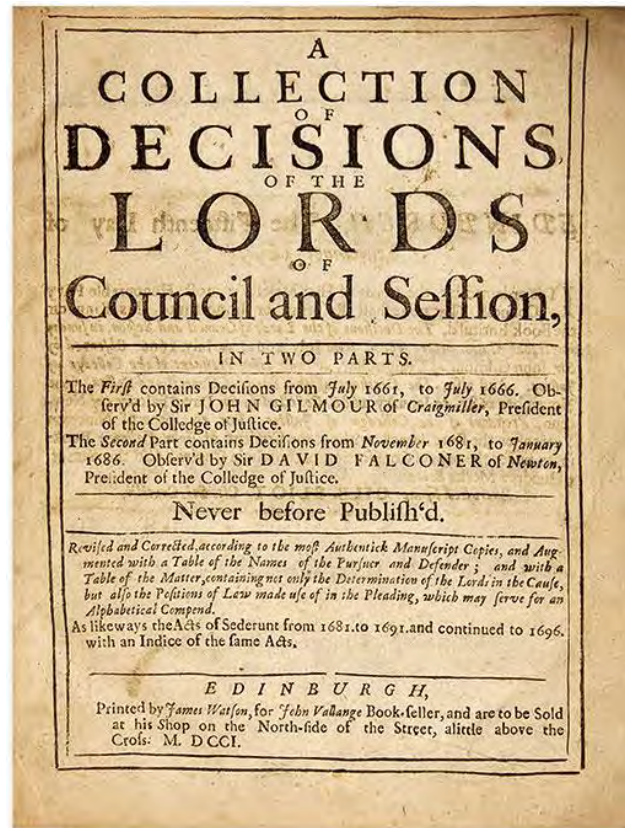
An Interesting Form of Partible Inheritance

26. Robinson, Thomas [d. 1747].

The Common Law of Kent: Or, The Customs of Gavelkind. With an Appendix Concerning Borough-English. [London]: Printed by His Majesty's Law Printers, 1788. xx, 300, [16] pp. Octavo (8" x 5").

Recent period-style three-quarter calf over marbled boards by Philip Dusel, raised bands, blind fillets and lettering piece to spine, endpapers renewed. Moderate toning to interior, light foxing to title page and a few other places. A handsome copy. \$450.

* Second and final edition. Gavelkind is a type of land tenure used mostly in Kent, but also in other parts of England, Ireland and Wales. It is a form of partible inheritance in which land descends equally to the decedent's sons. It was common during the Saxon era, but was gradually supplanted by primogeniture after 1066. The first edition was published in 1741. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T100327. [Order This Item](#)



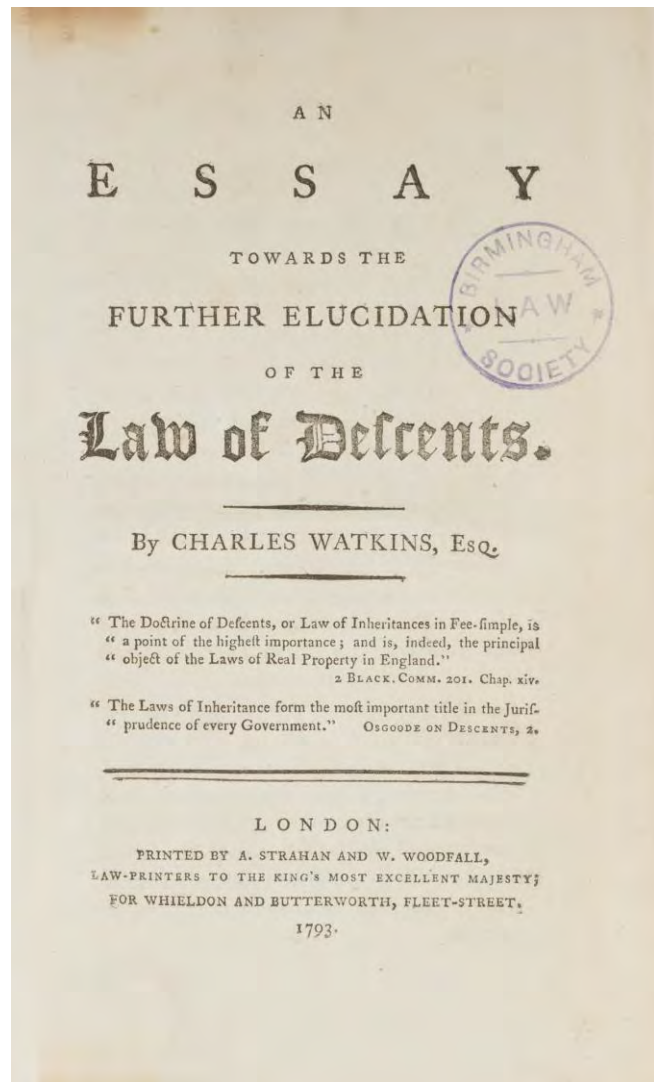
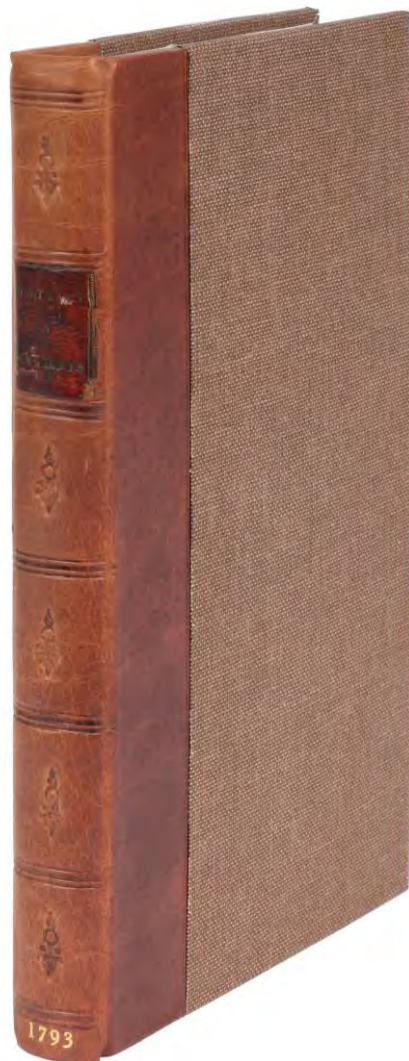
A Seventeenth-Century Scottish "Case Book"

27. [Scotland].
[Court of Session].
[Vallange, John, Editor].

A Collection of Decisions, Of the Lords of Council and Session, In Two Parts. The First Contains Decisions From July 1661, To July 1666. Observ'd by Sir John Gilmour of Craigmiller, President of the Colledge of Justice. The Second Part Contains Decisions from November 1681, To January 1686. Observ'd by Sir David Falconer of Newton, President of the Colledge of Justice. Never Before Publish'd. Revised and Corrected, According to the Most Authentick Manuscript Copies, And Augmented with a Table of the Names of the Pursuer and Defender; And with a Table of the Matter, Containing not Only the Determination of the Lords in the Cause, But also the Positions of Law Made Use of in the Pleading, Which May Serve for an Alphabetical Compend. As Likeways the Acts of Sederunt from 1681 to 1691. And Continued to 1696. With an Indice of the Same Acts. Edinburgh: Printed by James Watson, For John Vallange Book-Seller, 1701. 8, [2], 136, [18]; [ii], 80, [16]; [ii], 32; 15, [3] pp. Three parts, each with individual title page, pagination and index. Copyright slip pasted to front endleaf, two errata slips pasted to rear free endpaper. Quarto (8-1/4" x 6-3/4").

Contemporary mottled calf with recent period-style plain-calf rebacking, blind rules to boards, gilt title and raised bands to spine, hinges mended. Light rubbing to board edges, corners bumped. Moderate toning, light foxing in places, final index leaf of Part I partially detached with moderate wear and a few chips to edges. \$750.

* Only edition. With thorough subject indexes. This collection is notable because each decision is headed by a brief statement outlining its underlying legal principal. In this regard it is a forerunner to a casebook, a point indicated in the title, which says the reports contain "not only the determination of the lords in the cause, but also the positions of law made use of in the pleading, which may serve for an alphabetical compend," that is, a student notebook of exemplary cases. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T78113. [Order This Item](#)



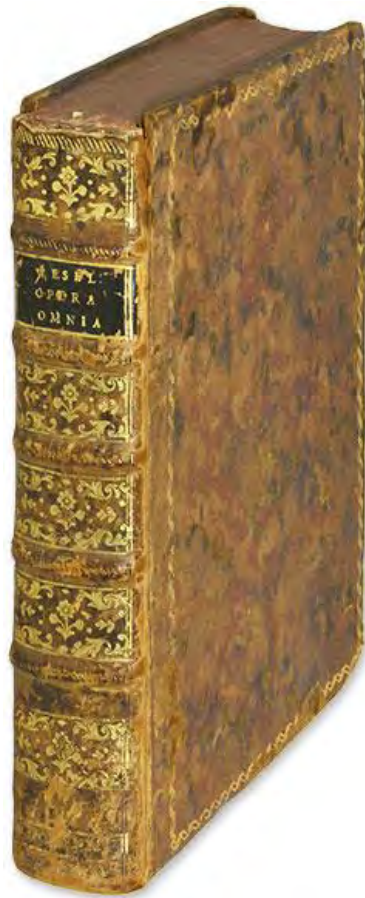
"A Very Valuable Treatise on that Very Intricate and Important Subject"

28. Watkins, Charles [d.1808].

An Essay Towards the Further Elucidation of the Law of Descents. London: Printed by A. Strahan and W. Woodfall, 1793. viii, 192, [16] pp. Folding copperplate Table of Descents. Octavo (8-1/4" x 5").

Recent period-style quarter calf over cloth, blind fillets, ornaments and somewhat edgeworn retained early lettering piece to spine, "1793" gilt-stamped to foot, endpapers renewed. Moderate toning to text, some soiling, creases and minor wear to edges of folding table, small library stamps to title page and a few other leaves. \$650.

* First edition. This is a useful supplement to Chapter 14, Volume II, of Blackstone's *Commentaries*, "Of Title by Descent". (This is, according to Blackstone, "the principal object of the laws of real property in England.") "Mr. Watkins' Essay on Descents is a very valuable treatise on that very intricate and important subject": Barton, *Modern Precedents in Conveyancing* cited in Marvin, *Legal Bibliography* 721. This treatise went through four editions, the final in 1837. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T69322. [Order This Item](#)



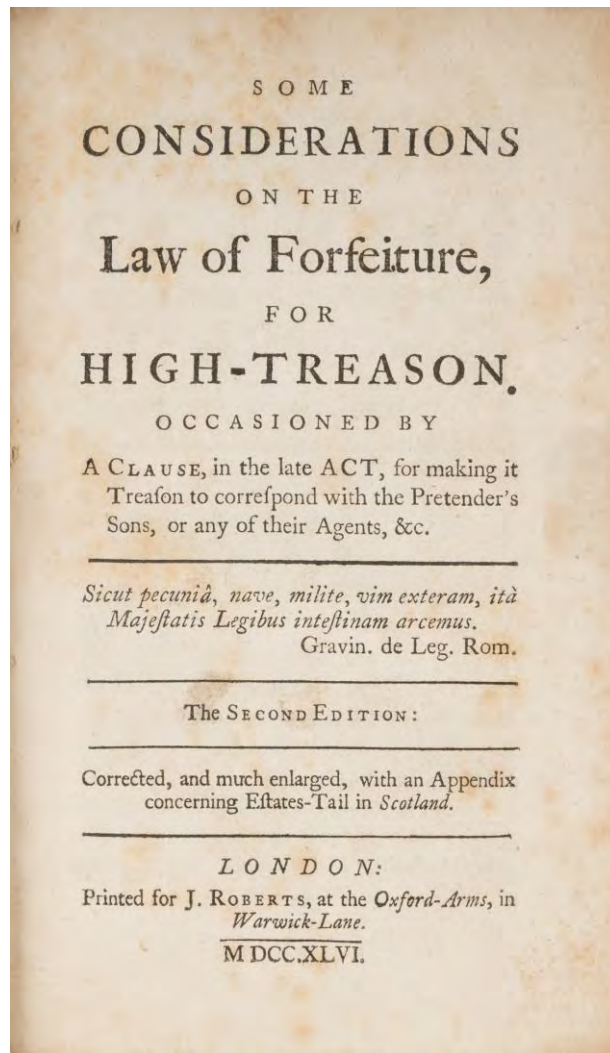
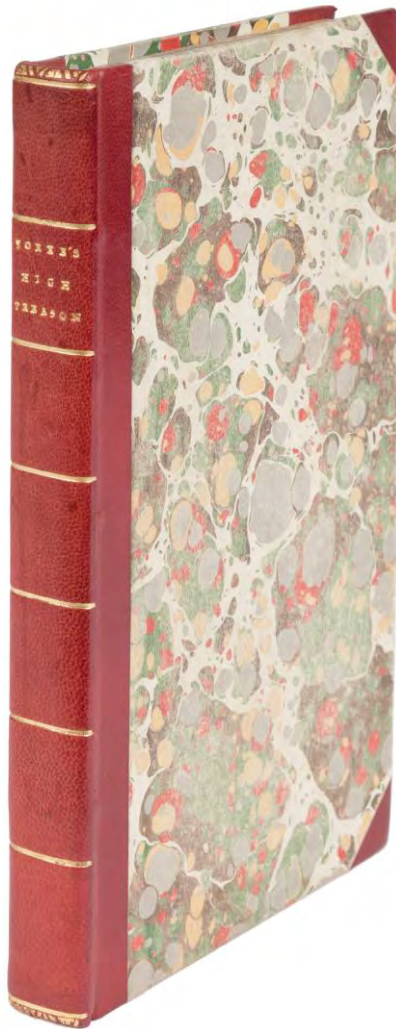
Collected Works of Notable Roman-Dutch Jurist

29. Wesel, Abraham van [1633-1680].

Opera Omnia, Antea Diversis Temporibus Seorsim Edita, Nunc in Unum Corpus Redacta, Nempe I. Commentarius ad Novellas Constitutiones Ultrajectinas Multarum Litium Dirimendarum Causa, XIV. Aprilis, M. DC. LIX. Promulgatas. II. De Connubiali Bonorum Societate, & Pactis Dotalibus. III. De Remissione Mercedis Propter Bellum, Inundationem Aquarum, & Sterilitatem. Editio Nova a Mendis, Quibus Priores Scatebant, Purgata. Ghent: Apud Cornelium Meyer, 1729-30. Three parts, each with title page and individual pagination. Main text in parallel columns. Quarto (7-1/2" x 6-1/2").

Contemporary mottled calf, gilt frames to boards, gilt spine with raised bands and lettering piece, edges rouged, speckled endpapers. Some rubbing to extremities, chipping to head of spine, corners bumped and somewhat worn, residue from bookplate to front pastedown. First title page printed in red and black, attractive woodcut head-pieces, tail-pieces and decorated initials. Some toning to text. Brief later annotation to front pastedown, interior otherwise fresh. \$650.

* Third and final edition, with corrections. Educated at the University of Utrecht, Wesel was Counsellor to the Court of Vianen, where he was a colleague of Paul Voet, and fiscal lawyer to the Court of Utrecht. A solid Romanist, he was also, says Wessels, "a great authority not only on the law of Utrecht, but also on the law of Holland." *Opera Omnia* was first published in 1692 and it collects his principal works. The first part is a detailed article-by-article commentary on the Novellae Constitutiones of the Province of Utrecht in Dutch and Latin. The other parts address the Roman and Roman-Dutch law of husband and wife, dowry, community property and compensation. OCLC locates 1 copy in North America, at UC-Berkeley Law School; another copy located at Harvard Law School. Wessels, *History of Roman-Dutch Law* 316. Dekkers, *Bibliotheca Belgica Juridica* 188 (4). [Order This Item](#)



Forfeiture for High Treason

30. [Yorke, Charles (1722-1770)].

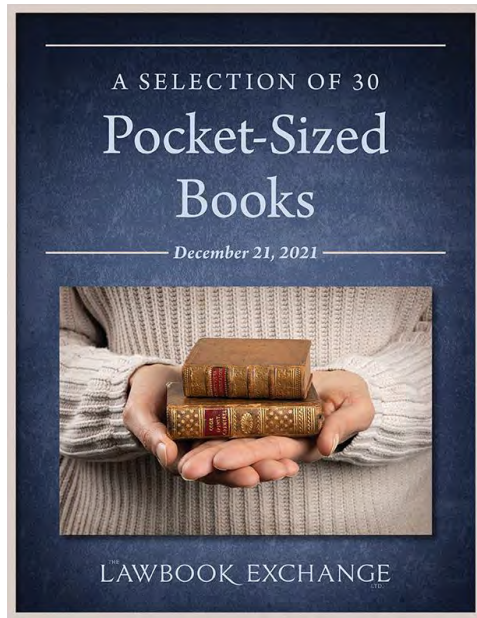
Some Considerations on the Law of Forfeiture, For High-Treason. Occasioned by a Clause, In the Late Act, For Making it Treason to Correspond with the Pretender's Sons, Or Any of Their Agents, &c. Corrected, And Much Enlarged, With an Appendix Concerning Estates-Tail in Scotland. London: Printed for J. Roberts, 1746. viii, [6], 24, *23-*24, 25-28, *27-*28, 29-112, *111-*112, 113-180, [2] pp. Pagination irregular, text complete. Octavo (7-3/4" x 4-3/4").

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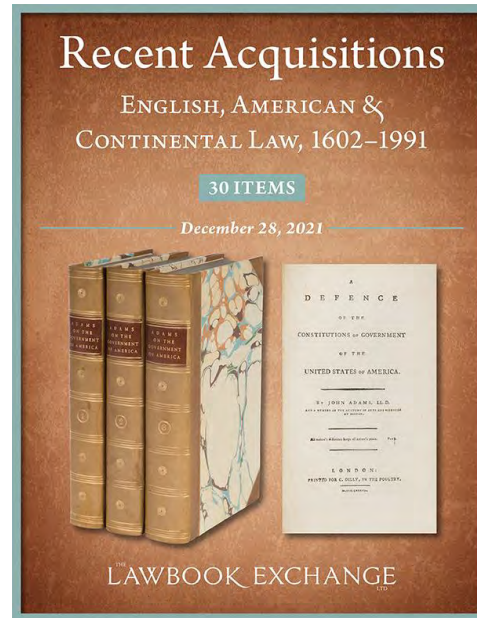
* Second edition. First published in 1745, Yorke's essay argues that corruption of blood and forfeiture are justifiable consequences of treason. This work was a response to the cases of treason that followed the Jacobite Rebellion of 1745 and a defense of treason legislation introduced by Yorke's father, the Earl of Hardwicke, who was then lord chancellor. Going beyond the common law, Yorke draws on examples from Athenian, Roman, Jewish and feudal sources. The final edition of this book, the fourth, was published in 1795. All editions are scarce. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T728.

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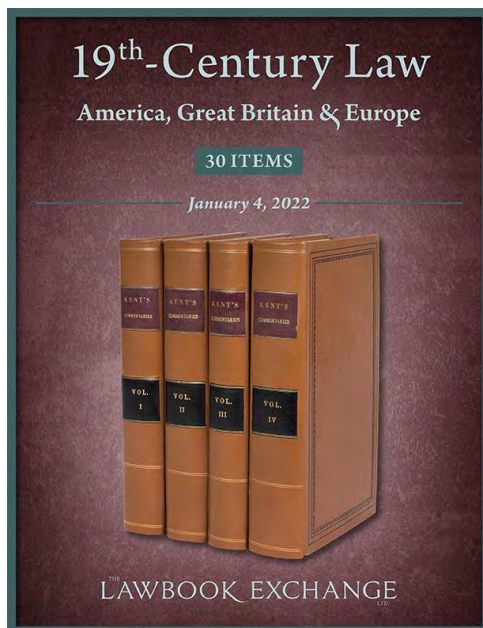
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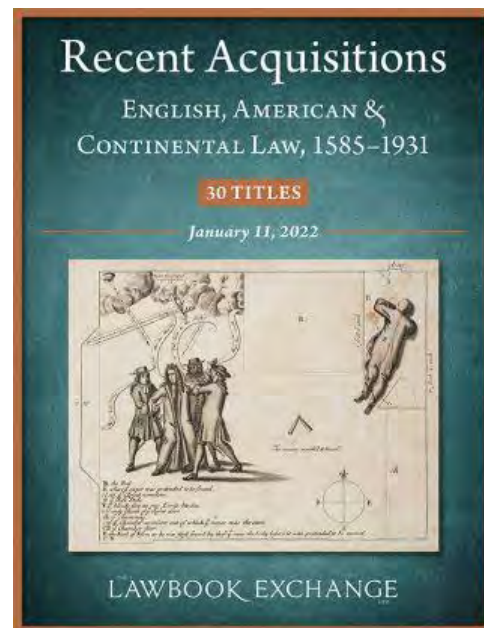
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