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Final and Best Edition of Brisson's Legal Dictionary in a Handsome Contemporary Prize Binding

1. Brisson, Barnabae [1531-1591].

[Heineccius, Johann Gottlieb (1681-1741), Editor].

[Bohmer, Justus Henning (1674-1749)].

De Verborum Quae ad Ius Civile Pertinent Significatione Opus Praestantissimum in Meliorem Commodioremque Ordinem Redactum Innumeris Mendis Emaculatum et Post Aliorum Curas Plurimis Accessionibus, Observationibusque Philologicis, Criticis, Iuridicis Locupletatum. Prodit Opera Studioque Io. Gottliebii Heinecci IC. Praemissa Praefatione Nova de Interpretationis Grammaticae In Iure Civili Fatis et Vario usu Nec Huius Novae Editionis Praerogativis Iusti Henningii Bohmeri. Halle: Impensis Orphanotrophi, 1743. Two parts in one volume. [xiii], 48, 760; 761-1436 pp. Title page preceded by copperplate pictorial title page depicting a library designed by G. Grundler and engraved by Sysang. Second part preceded by half-title. Folio (13-1/4" x 8-1/4").

Contemporary paneled calf, gilt arms to centers of boards, raised bands, gilt ornaments and gilt title to spine, speckled edges, gilt tooling to board edges, hinges mended. Minor scratches and scuffs to boards, which are slightly bowed, minor worming to rear board, moderate rubbing to extremities, corners bumped and somewhat worn. Moderate toning and light foxing to interior, light browning to a few leaves, faint dampstain to foot of half-title before Part I, two small ink smudges to margins of copperplate title page. A handsome copy. \$950.

* Final and best edition. Brisson was a renowned French jurist and philologist. Widely respected, he was appointed president of the Parliament of Paris in 1588. In 1591, however, he was hanged by The Sixteen, a group of insurgents who captured Paris in a bizarre coup. First published in 1557, Brisson's *Verborum* was the standard legal dictionary of its day and remained an authoritative source for hundreds of years. In this edition, the definitions are preceded by a useful digest of Roman and French laws and interesting sections on marriage, adultery and the feudal system. Edited and corrected by Johann Gottlieb Heineccius, an important German jurist and scholar at Halle, this edition is much larger than its predecessors. It includes more notes and entries and a section on the interpretation of Latin grammar by Bohmer, the director of the Halle Royal Academy.

Walker, *The Oxford Companion to Law* 153. Brunet, *Manuel du Libraire et de L'Amateur de Livres* I:1262.

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Buno's Emblematic Teaching Method For Law Students, A Book with 18 Folding Etchings

2. Buno, Johannes [1617-1697].

[Justinian I (482-565), Emperor of the East].

Memoriale Juris Civilis Romani, Quo Tituli Omnes et Praecipuae Leges quae in Quinquaginta Digestorum seu Pandectarum Libris sunt, Emblematis et Imaginibus ita Efficta Exhibentur... Hamburg: Typis Exscripsit Georg Rebenlin. Prostat Guelferbyti apud Conradi Bunonis Heredes, 1673[1674]. 2 volumes in 1. [28], 111, [1]; [8], 83 pp. With a half-title, large engraved arms on verso of first title page and 18 (of 19) folding or double-page engraved plates; lacking plate 8 from second part.

[Bound with]

Pruckmann, Friedrich [1562-1630].

Opuscula Politico-Juridico Bina I. De Regalibus [...] II. Repetitio L. In Multis D. De Stat. Homin. [...] Cum Gemino Rerum & Verborum Indice. Frankfurt: Sumptibus Heraed. Henningi Grosii, 1672. 2 parts in 1 volume [iv], 130, [18]; [2], 175, [24] pp. Parts bound out of order, text complete.

[Bound after]

Pruckmann, Friedrich.

Tractatus De Regalibus, Sive Explicatio Brevis et Methodica... Leipzig: Apud Grossianos, Literis Salfeldianis, 1622 [i.e. 1672]. [35] ff.

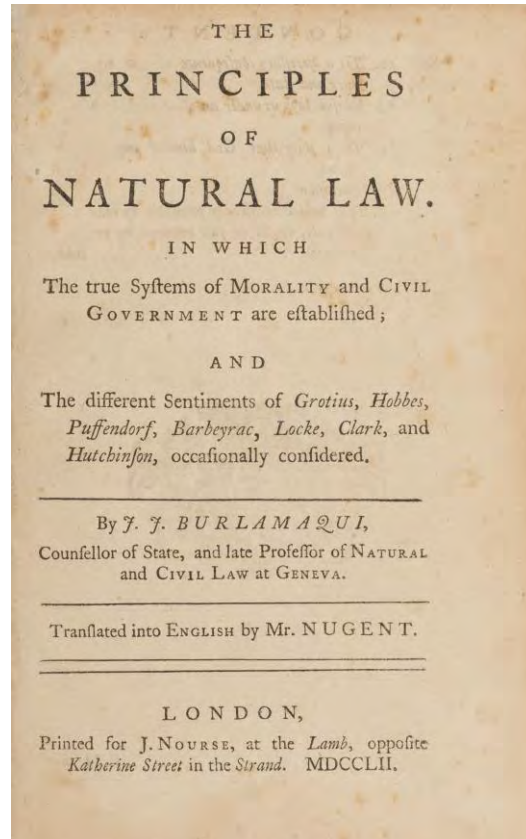
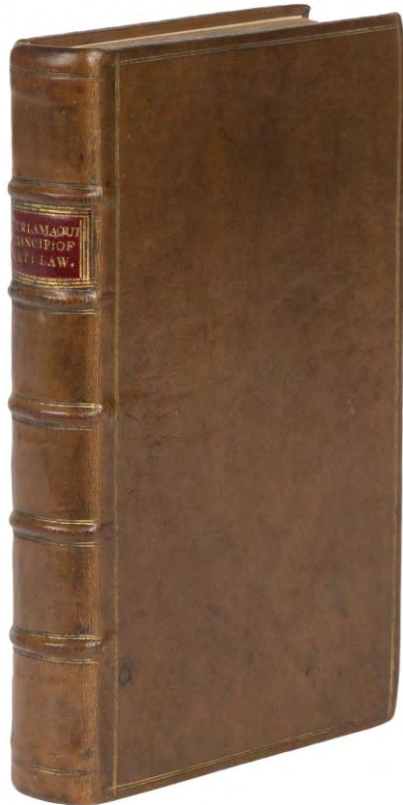
Folio (12-1/2" x 7-1/2"). Contemporary speckled calf, gilt spine with raised bands, lettering piece and shelf label, blind tooling to outer and inner board edges, edges rouged, endpapers renewed. Light rubbing and a few scuffs, nicks, scratches and stains to boards, small ink annotation to upper left corner of front board, moderate rubbing and light wear to extremities, spine ends and corners mended, hinges reinforced with tissue. Title page and first part of first work and general title page of second work printed in red and black; third work bound after general title page but before contents of second work. Moderate toning to interior, somewhat lighter or heavier in places, occasional light foxing and faint dampstaining to edges, light soiling and spark burns to a few leaves. *Memoriale*: Light creasing and a few minor tears to folding plates, affecting images with minor loss on two plates, one of which is mended on verso, some trimmed close with minor loss to captions but not images, plates otherwise attractive and bright. *Opuscula*: Lower portion of general title page folded up, light creasing and small tear near inner gutter, illegible early ownership signatures to title pages. \$5,000.

* *Memoriale*: First edition, one of four issues. Buno, the rector of the St. Michael's Gymnasium in Lüneburg, was the inventor of a unique "emblematic teaching method" (ADB) that used allegorical pictures as mnemonic devices, most of them engraved by his brother, Conrad. He produced several textbooks on law, theology, history, geography and German and Latin grammar using this method. *Memoriale Juris Civilis Romani*, one of these textbooks, is an outline of the Digest and the Novels of Justinian, two of the four components of the Corpus Juris Civilis. Along with its tables, it teaches the text with statements arranged in the form of a catechism. The first part includes a guide to the emblematic method and instructions on the use of the plates. Other issues contain different numbers of plates; VD17 indicates 19 for the present issue. Counting all issues, OCLC locates 5 copies in North America (Columbia Law School, Harvard Law School, UC-Berkeley Law School, University of Illinois, Getty Library). We located another at the Library of Congress. The other two works in the volume are later editions of treatises on royal authority by jurist Friedrich Pruckmann, who served the Electorate of Brandenburg from 1592 until his death.

Memoriale. *Allgemeine Deutsche Biographie* (ADB) III:541. *Das Verzeichnis der im Deutschen Sprachraum Erschienenen Drucke des 17. Jahrhunderts* (VD17) 14:646511A. *Opuscula*: VD17 3:310826U. *Tractatus*: VD17 3:310822P.



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**Handsomely Bound Early English
Edition of One of the Great Treatises on Natural Law**

3. Burlamaqui, J[ean] J[acques] [1697-1748].

Nugent, [Thomas] [1770?-1772], Translator.

The Principles of Natural Law. In Which the True Systems of Morality and Civil Government Are Established; And the Different Sentiments of Grotius, Hobbes, Puffendorf, Barbeyrac, Locke, Clark, and Hutcheson, Occasionally Considered. Translated Into English by Mr. Nugent. London: Printed for J. Nourse, At the Lamb, Opposite Katherine Street in the Strand, 1752. xvi, [24], 312 pp. Octavo (7-1/4" x 4-3/4").

Superb period-style calf by Philip Dusel, gilt rules to boards, raised bands and lettering piece to spine, endpapers renewed. Moderate toning to interior, light foxing to title page and the final four leaves of text, small light stain to head of p.iii. A very appealing copy. \$1,500.

* Second edition, one of the two reissues of the first English edition (1748), both by Nourse. Burlamaqui, a Swiss jurist and professor of civil and natural law at Geneva, influenced several important Anglo-American jurists and political theorists, such as Blackstone. He was especially influential among the American founding fathers. As Harvey notes, "[he] formulated the principles of popular sovereignty, of delegated power, of a constitution as a fundamental law, of a personal and functional separation of powers into three independent departments... and finally, he provided for an institutional guardian of the fundamental law."

Harvey, *Jean Jacques Burlamaqui: A Liberal Tradition in American Constitutionalism* 178-179. *English Short-Title Catalogue* N20840.

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"A Watershed in Modern Sinology"

4. [China; Great Qing Legal Code].

Staunton, Sir George Thomas [1781-1859], Editor and Translator.

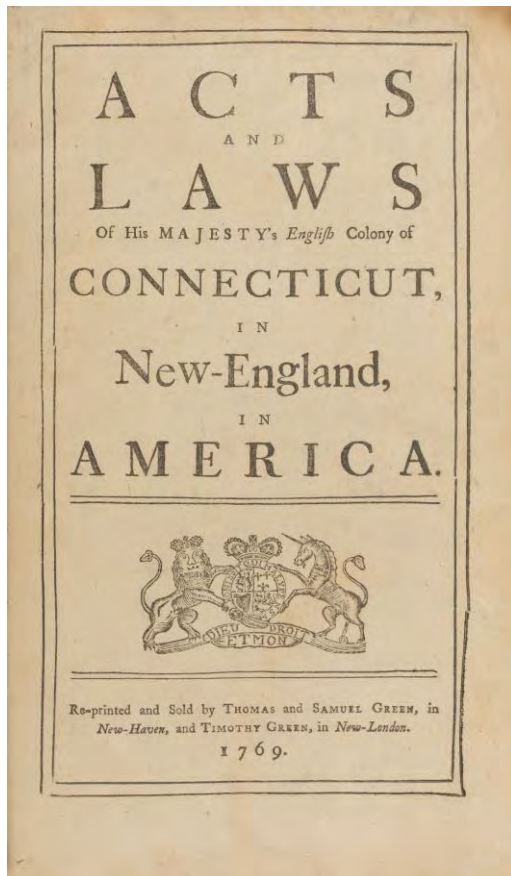
Ta Tsing Leu Lee; Being the Fundamental Laws, And a Selection from the Supplementary Statutes, Of the Penal Code of China; Originally Printed and Published in Peking.... London: Printed for T. Cadell and W. Davies, 1810. [iv], lxxxvi, 581, [3] pp. With a copperplate frontispiece reproducing the 1805 Chinese title page, errata and a final advertisement leaf. Quarto (11-1/2" x 9").

Later buckram, "Foreign Office" stamp to boards, gilt title and paper shelf label to spine, cloth hinges, endpapers renewed, edges speckled red. Light rubbing to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, spine ends bumped and chipping, joints just starting at ends, corners bumped, bookplate of the Foreign Office Library with "Withdrawn from the FCO Library" ink stamp to front pastedown, ink annotation (shelf mark?) to front free endpaper. Moderate toning to interior, occasional light foxing and faint dampstaining to lower corner, minor worming to edges of first and last few leaves not affecting text or image, frontis and title page remounted, final leaf mended with cellotape, ink annotation ("HM's Consulate Taiwan") to head of title page, crease to leaf E2 (pp. 27-28) affecting text without loss, tear to lower gutter of leaf Gg1 (pp. 225-226) mended with cellotape. \$1,500.

* Only edition. Staunton, the son of a diplomat, learned Chinese at a young age and was among the first prominent Anglo-Americans to publicly master the language. His English translation of selections from the Great Qing Legal Code spanned constitutional, civil and penal law and was the first direct English translation of a Chinese text. Viewed as "a watershed in modern Sinology," the impact of the translation was immediate and immense, lending Westerners "the requisite authority and credibility to classify Chinese law and civilization" according to and in contrast with Western institutions and cultural practices (Chen). Our copy, formerly the property of the British consulate in Taiwan, demonstrates the work's utility. Based on its success, Staunton went on to an extensive career as a colonial administrator, diplomat and MP, and is considered the founder of Anglo-American Sinology and one of the leading modern Orientalists. French and Italian translations of his work were published in 1812 and a Spanish translation in 1864.

Chen, "Law as the Decoding Machine and Cultural Translation for Colonial Control: Staunton's Ta Tsing Leu Lee and Its Historical Legacy" (accessed online).

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1769 Compilation of Connecticut Laws

5. [Connecticut].

Acts and Laws of His Majesty's English Colony of Connecticut, In New-England, In America. [New Haven and New London]: Re-printed and sold by Thomas and Samuel Green and Timothy Green, 1769. 8, 10, 371, [1] pp. 21 ff. of blank leaves and contemporary blue wrappers bound at end of text block. Folio (11-3/4" x 7").

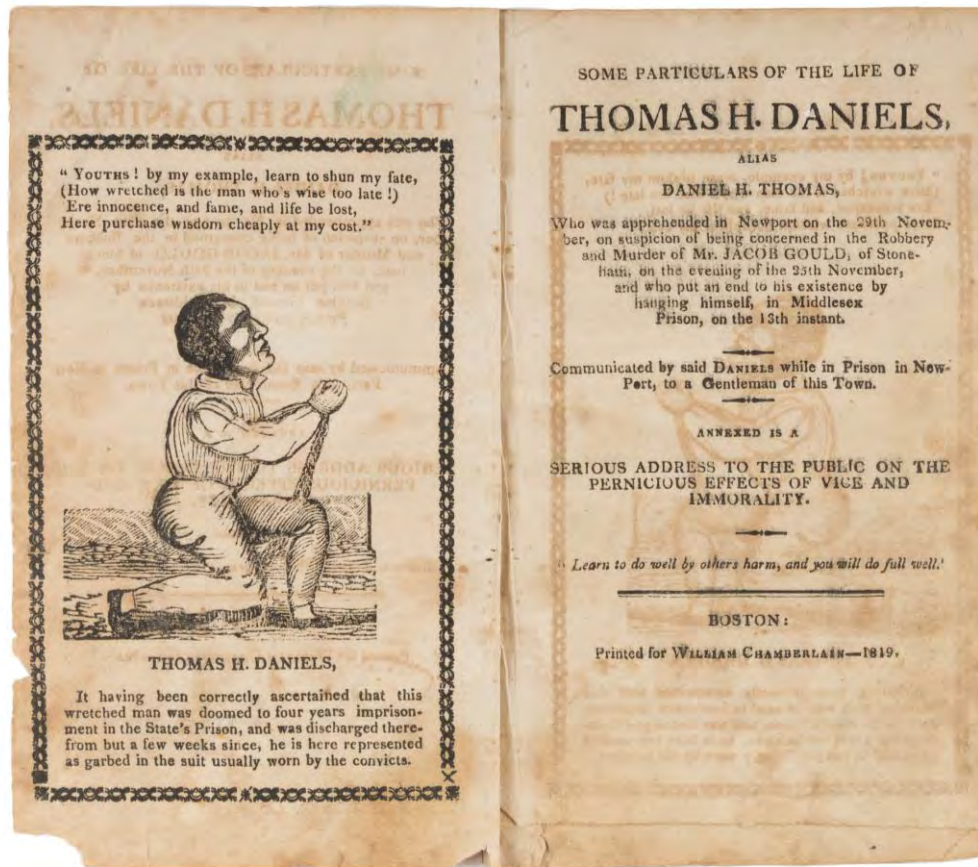
Contemporary sheep, raised bands to spine. Light rubbing, moderate scuffing, scratching and dampstaining to boards, gouge at upper edge of front board, which is separated but secured by cords, rubbing to extremities, rear joint starting at head, chipping to spine ends, corners bumped and worn, later armorial bookplate (of Archibald Philip, Earl of Rosebury) to front pastedown, a few tears to pastedowns and front free endpaper, which is edgeworn. Moderate toning and light foxing to interior, occasional light soiling, faint dampstaining in a few places, small holes to text blocks of pp. 341-342 and final leaf affecting text without loss to legibility. \$1,250.

* Based on the 1750 revision and including the colony's original charter, this fascinating volume of acts and laws provides deep insight into the colony's attitude towards Indians, "Negro servants or slaves," "Ideots" and the poor, fornication, incest, gambling, taxation and many other important social and political topics. As in most copies, our volume contains additional acts published with continuous pagination; the last such act is dated 1772.

Babbitt, *Hand-List of Legislative Sessions and Session Laws* 54. Benedict, *Acts and Laws of the Thirteen Original Colonies and States* 16. *The Charlemagne Tower Collection of Colonial Laws* 48.

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McDade 240: "How Wretched is the Man Who's Wise Too Late"

6. Daniels, Thomas H. [d. 1819].

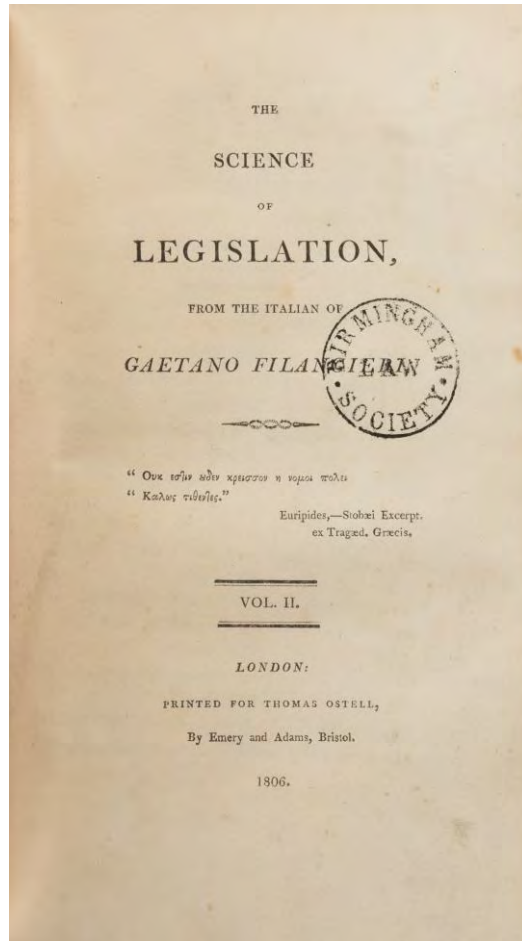
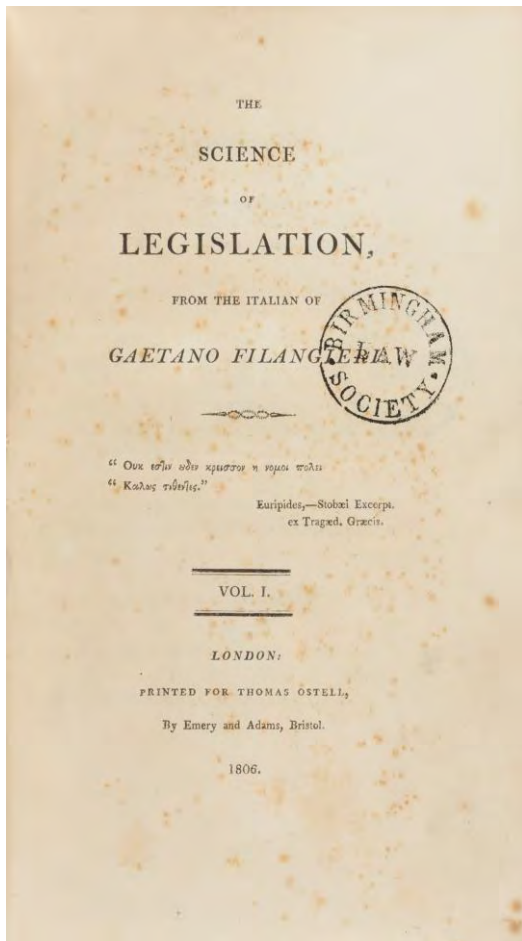
Some Particulars of the Life of Thomas H. Daniels, Alias Daniel H. Thomas, Who Was Apprehended in Newport on the 29th November on Suspicion of Being Concerned in the Robbery and Murder of Mr. Jacob Gould of Stoneham on the Evening of the 25th November and Who Put an End to His Existence by Hanging Himself in Middlesex Prison on the 13th Instant. Communicated by Said Daniels While in Prison in Newport to a Gentleman of This Town. Annexed is a Serious Address to the Public, On the Pernicious Effects of Vice and Immorality. Boston: Printed for William Chamberlain, 1819. 24 pp. Woodcut portrait frontispiece. 12mo. (7" x 4").

Disbound stab-stitched pamphlet. Light browning and dampspotting, a few minor chips and tears to margins of frontispiece. \$1,850.

* Only edition. Daniels, who took part in a robbery that ended in murder, had a criminal career that included convictions for horse-theft and counterfeiting. He hanged himself in his cell with a handkerchief. The frontispiece depicts Daniels kneeling in chains in his cell below a stanza of verse, which summarizes the message of the pamphlet: "Youths! By my example, learn to shun my fate, (How wretched is the man who's wise too late!), Ere innocence, and fame, and life be lost, Here purchase wisdom cheaply at my cost." This title is rare in commerce. The last time a copy sold at auction since 1910 was in 1991. OCLC locates 10 copies, 1 in a law library (Harvard).

McDade, *The Annals of Murder* 240.

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Admired by Benjamin Franklin

7. Filangieri, Gaetano [1752-1788].

Claton, Sir Richard [d.1828], Translator.

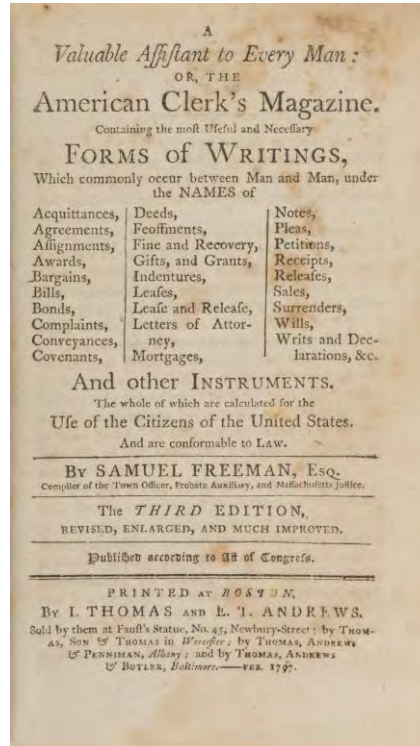
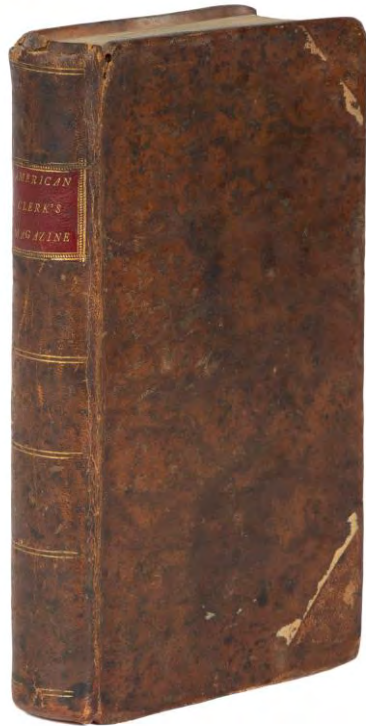
The Science of Legislation. From the Italian of Gaetano Filangieri. London: Printed for T. Ostell, by Emery and Adams, 1806. Two volumes in one. xviii, 309, [2]; [vi], 292, [1] pp. Octavo (8-1/4" x 5-1/4").

Near-contemporary pebbled cloth, gilt-stamped library name to front board and foot of spine, gilt library insignia to rear board, marbled endpapers. Moderate rubbing to extremities with some wear to spine ends and corners, front joint starting at head, corners lightly bumped, hinges starting at ends, library bookplate and small shelf label and bookseller ticket to front pastedown. Moderate toning, light browning and foxing in places, small library stamps to title pages and a few other leaves. \$650.

* Second and final edition in English. Filangieri was an internationally famous Italian jurist and philosopher. One of his admirers was Benjamin Franklin, who corresponded with him from 1780 to 1788. First published in 1780, *La Scienza della Legislazione* attacked abuses of the legislative process and offered an exposition of how legislation should proceed. It went through several editions in Italy. The first English translation, by William Kendall, was published in 1791.

Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 2:126.

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Printed by Isaiah Thomas

8. Freeman, Samuel [1743-1831].

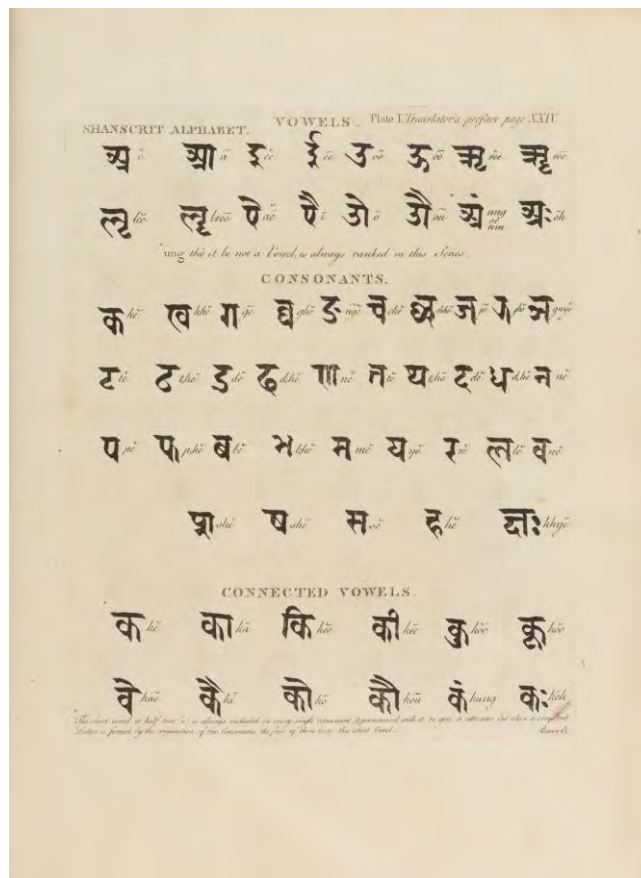
A Valuable Assistant to Every Man: Or, The American Clerk's Magazine. Containing the Most Useful and Necessary Forms of Writings, Which Commonly Occur Between Man and Man, Under the Names of Acquittances, Agreements, Assignments, Awards, Bargains, Bills, Bonds, Complaints, Conveyances, Covenants, Deeds, Feoffments, Fine and Recovery, Gifts, And Grants, Indentures, Leases, Lease and Release, Letters of Attorney, Mortgages, Notes, Pleas, Petitions, Receipts, Releases, Sales, Surrenders, Wills, Writs and Declarations, &c. And Other Instruments. The Whole of Which are Calculated for the Use of the Citizens of the United States. And are Conformable to Law. Revised, Enlarged, And Much Improved. Published According to Act of Congress. Boston: Printed by I. Thomas and E.T. Andrews, 1797. iv, [2], [7]-297, [1] pp. Includes a one-page list of legal manuals published by Thomas and Andrews. 12mo. (6-3/4" x 3-3/4").

Contemporary mottled sheep, gilt fillets and lettering piece to spine, blind tooling to board edges. Light rubbing and a few scuffs and nicks to boards, which are slightly bowed, adhesive residue to corners of front board, faint dampstain to upper corner of rear board, moderate rubbing to extremities, chip to head of spine, small wormhole to head of front joint, rear joint starting at head, corners bumped, early ownership signature (of Ambrose Hall) to front free endpaper. Moderate toning to interior, occasional light foxing and faint soiling, staining, faint dampstaining to preliminaries. \$250.

* Third edition. Freeman was clerk of courts, a register of probate and a probate judge in Massachusetts. A popular and durable work, his formbook for clerks went through seven editions between 1794 and 1814. Thomas [1749-1831] was an important early Massachusetts printer, newspaper publisher and author. He was also the founder of the American Antiquarian Society.

Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 8013.

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The First Work in English on Hindu Law

9. [Halhed, Nathaniel Brassey (1751-1830), Translator and Editor].

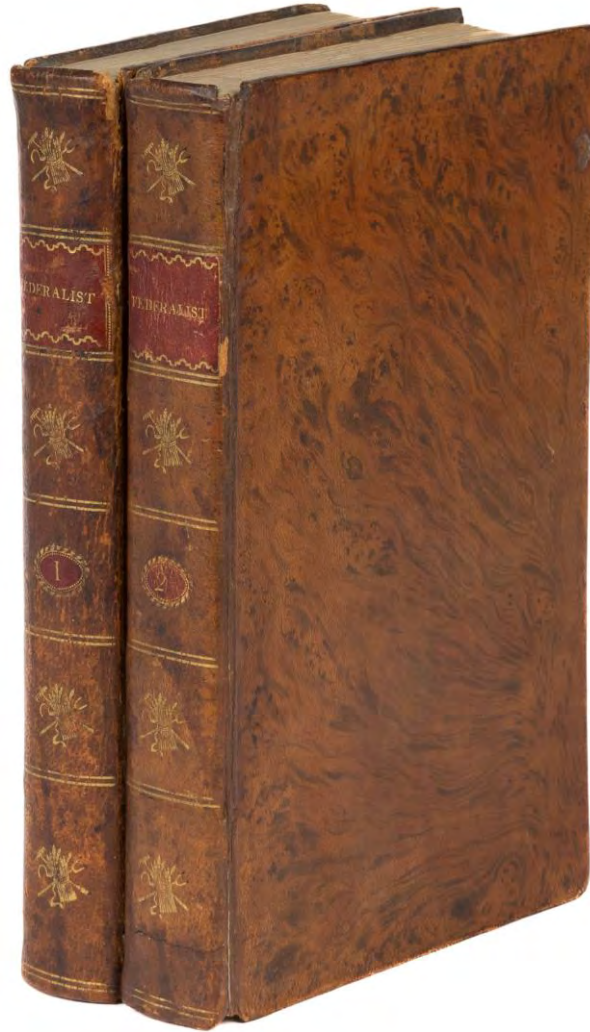
A Code of Gentoo Laws, Or, Ordinations of the Pundits: From a Persian Translation, Made from the Original, Written in the Shanscrit Language. London: [S.n.], 1776. lxxiv, [2], 61, [1], 322 pp. Blank leaf inserted after p. lxxiv. 8 copperplate leaves, all tissue overlays but one lacking. Quarto (10-3/4" x 8-1/2").

Recent sheep, gilt title and date to spine, endleaves renewed, edges speckled green. Light rubbing, scuffing and minor fading to boards, moderate rubbing and scuffing to extremities. Moderate toning and light creasing to interior, occasional light foxing, light soiling in a few places, faint dampstaining to edges of first few leaves, title page, which has a later ink stamp (of Hans Baumann) to its foot, re-hinged, clean tears to gutter of second and third leaves not affecting text, a few words on p. 287 underlined in recent ink, soiling to edges of last several leaves, mended tears to gutters of last four leaves affecting text on pp. 319-320 with minor loss to legibility (but not sense) on p. 320. \$400.

* First edition. This is the first work in English describing the principles of Hindu jurisprudence. It is a translation from the *Vivadarnavasetu*, a digest of Hindu law in 21 sections (taranga). This work was compiled for Warren Hastings, the governor-general of the East India Company. The pandits (pundats) are Banasvara, Kriparama, Rama Gopala, Krishnajivana, Viresvara, Krishnacandra, Guarikanta, Kalisankara, Syamasundara, Krishnakesava and Sitarama. The plates depict examples of the original Sanskrit texts. Later editions were published in 1777 and 1781.

English Short-Title Catalogue T112179.

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Attractive Set of the Last Edition of *The Federalist* Published in Hamilton's Lifetime

10. Hamilton, Alexander (1755 or 1757-1804)].

[Madison, James (1751-1836)].

[Jay, John Jay (1745-1829)].

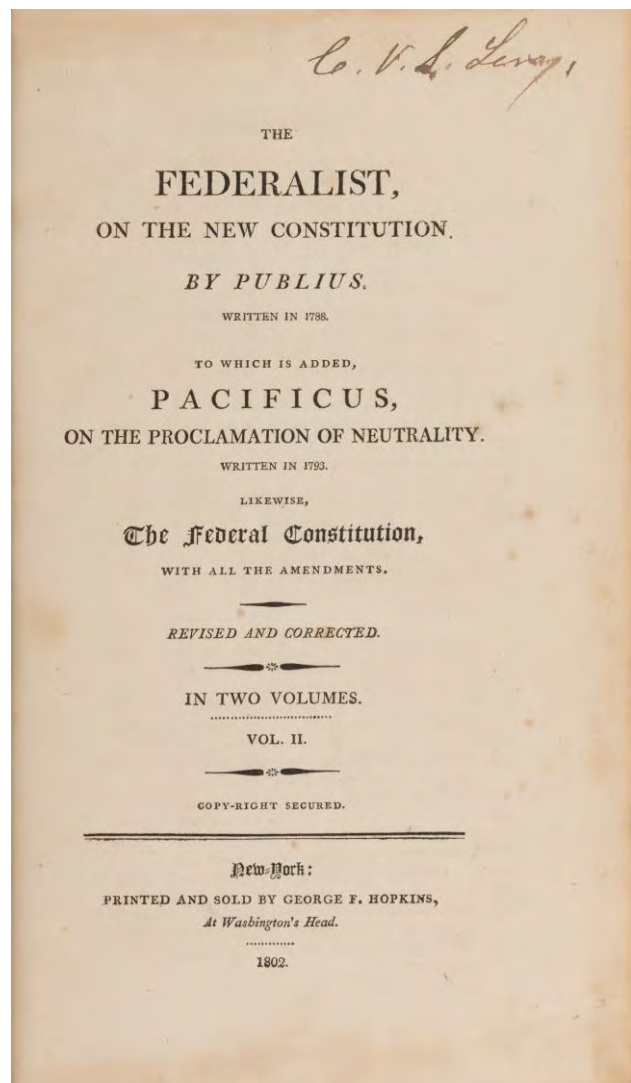
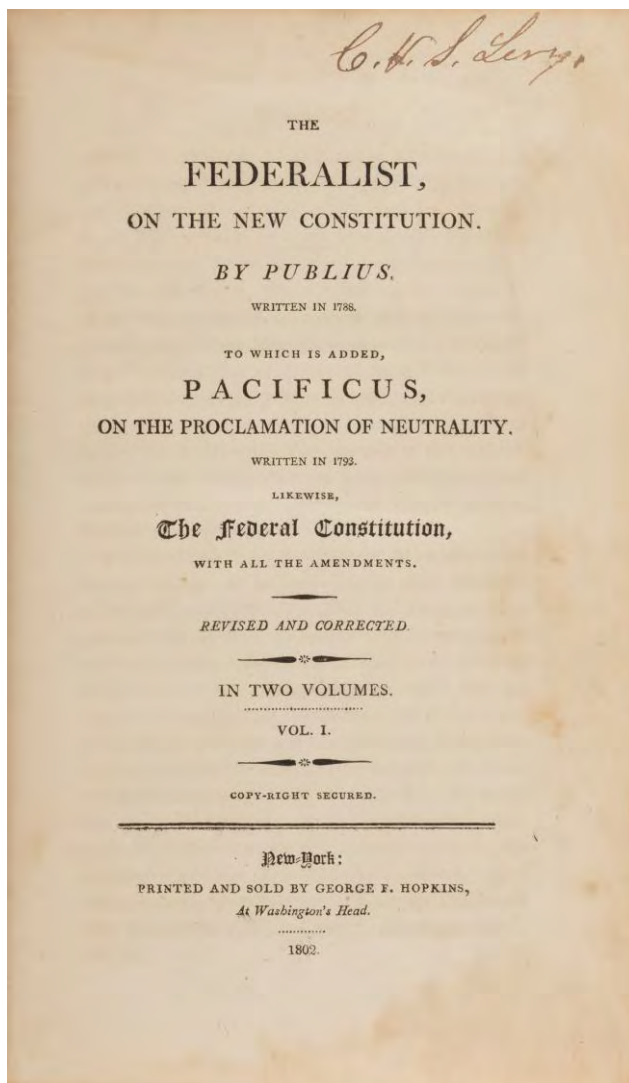
The Federalist, On the New Constitution. By Publius. Written in 1788. To Which is Added, Pacificus, On the Proclamation of Neutrality. Written in 1793. Likewise, The Federal Constitution, With All the Amendments. Revised and Corrected. New York: Printed and Sold by George F. Hopkins, 1802. Two volumes. viii, 317, [1]; v, [3], 351 pp. Volume I has two pages numbered 167 and two pages numbered 168, as noted on the errata sheet and with page numbering 263-270 repeated. 1 pp. publisher advertisement at rear of Volume II. Octavo (8-3/4" x 5-1/4").

Contemporary tree sheep, lettering pieces, gilt fillets, ornaments and volume numbers to spines, repair to foot of Volume II, its front and rear boards neatly reattached, hinges mended. A few minor nicks and scuffs to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, minor chips to heads of spine, joints of Volume I cracked, its hinges starting. Moderate toning to interior, light foxing in places, offsetting to margins of endleaves, faint dampstaining to front endleaves of Volume II, minor worming to its rear pastedown, early owner signature (C.V.S. Levy) to front free endpaper and title page of both volumes. An attractive set. \$12,500.

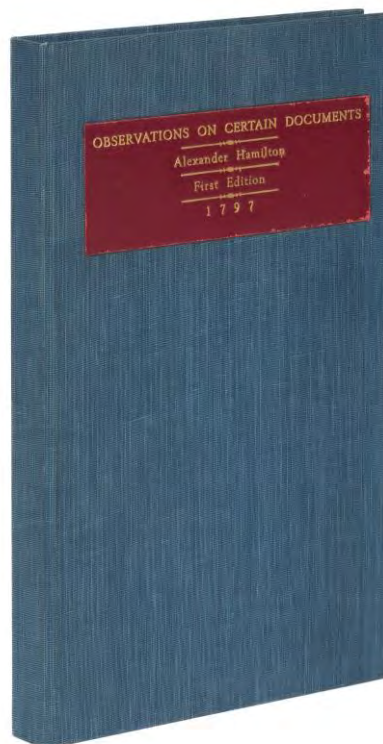
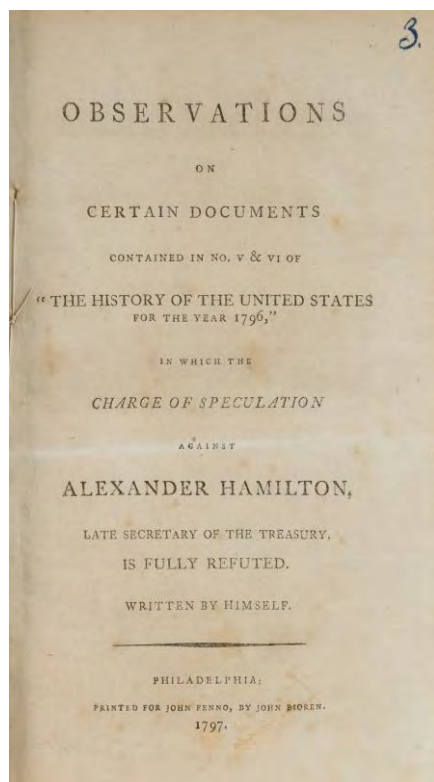
* Second edition, "Revised and Corrected" with Hamilton's approval by George Hopkins. First published by the M'Lean brothers in March and May 1788, *The Federalist* collected a series of essays published in New York periodicals under the collective pseudonym "Publius" between October 1787 and May 1788 that encouraged ratification of the proposed constitution by New York State. (Most scholars agree that 51 were written by Hamilton, 29 Madison and 5 by Jay.) Taken together, these essays were seen almost immediately as the most compelling commentary on the most radical form of government the world had seen.

The second edition is significant because its preface establishes Hamilton, Madison and Jay as the authors and discusses the extent of their contributions. It is also the last edition published in Hamilton's lifetime. Published fourteen years after the U.S. Constitution's ratification, it includes the text of the U.S. Constitution with the first eleven amendments and Hamilton's "Pacifcus" essays, which defended Washington's 1793 proclamation of neutrality during the Anglo-French War.

Sabin, *A Dictionary of Books Relating to America* 23981. Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 2818.



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Handsome First Edition of Hamilton's "Reynolds Pamphlet"

11. Hamilton, Alexander [1757-1804].

Observations on Certain Documents Contained in No. V & VI of "The History of the United States for the Year 1796," In Which the Charge of Speculation Against Alexander Hamilton, Late Secretary of the Treasury, Is Fully Refuted. Philadelphia: Printed for John Fenno, By John Bioren, 1797. 37, [1], lviii pp. Octavo (8-1/4" x 5").

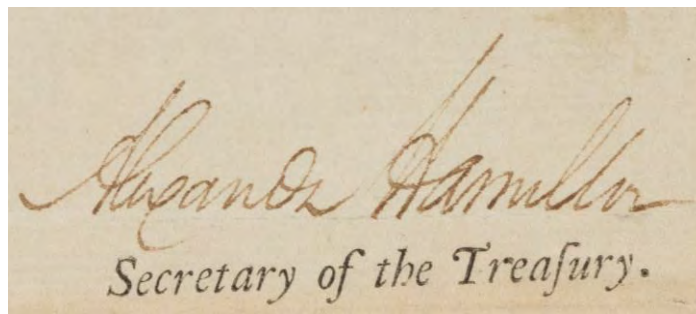
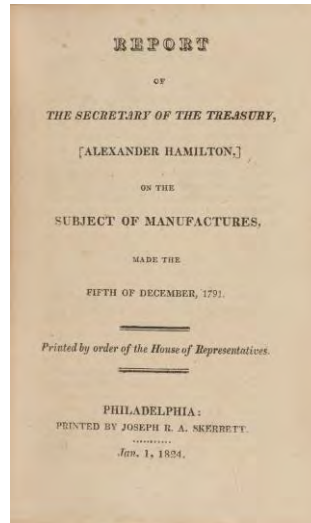
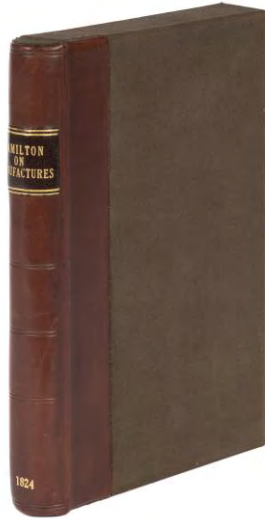
Stab-stitched pamphlet in modern blue plain wrappers. Moderate toning, light foxing to sections of text, "3." in early hand to upper outside corner of title page. Housed in a blue cloth clamshell box, calf title panel to front cover. A very appealing copy. \$25,000.

* First edition. Better known as the "Reynolds Pamphlet," this remarkable work relates to one of the first sex scandals in American political history. While secretary of the Treasury, Hamilton had a three-year affair with a woman named Maria Reynolds. This affair was instigated and encouraged by her husband, James, as a way to extort hush money from Hamilton. Jailed for his participation in a shady speculative scheme, Reynolds attempted to implicate Hamilton in exchange for his freedom, through the help of political enemies, believing Hamilton would claim responsibility if threatened with public exposure of the affair. In the meantime, rumors linking Hamilton to the speculative scheme began to circulate and find their way into print, most notably in Callender's *History of the United States*. In a bold move to protect his public reputation, Hamilton addressed the rumors and prevented a political scandal by confessing the truth. Denying any charges of public financial impropriety, he admitted his "amorous connection" with Maria Reynolds with her husband's "privity and connivance." According to Sabin, Mrs. Hamilton tried to buy up all copies of the 1797 pamphlet, but some escaped. A second edition was reprinted in 1800 by anti-Federalists in the midst of the Jefferson-Burr election.

Howes, *USiana* H120. Sabin, *A Dictionary of Books Relating to America* 29970.

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With a Tipped-In Alexander Hamilton Signature

12. Hamilton, Alexander [1757-1804].

Report of the Secretary of the Treasury, [Alexander Hamilton,] On the Subject of Manufactures, Made the Fifth of December, 1791. Printed by Order of the House of Representatives. Philadelphia: Printed by Joseph R.A. Skerrett, Jan. 1, 1824. vii, [9]-143 pp. 12mo. (6-1/4" x 4").

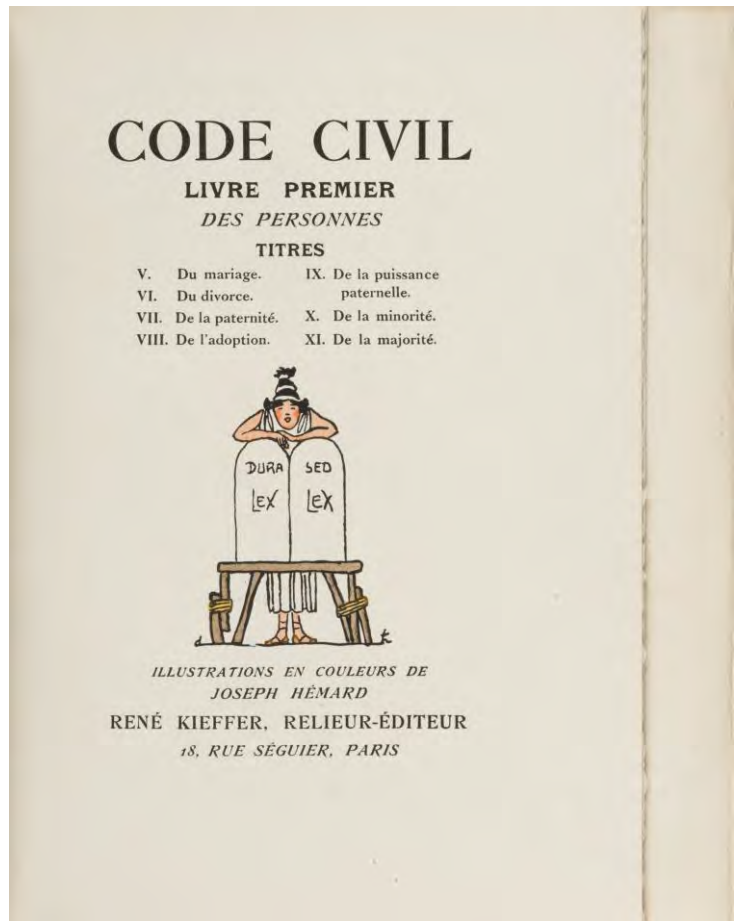
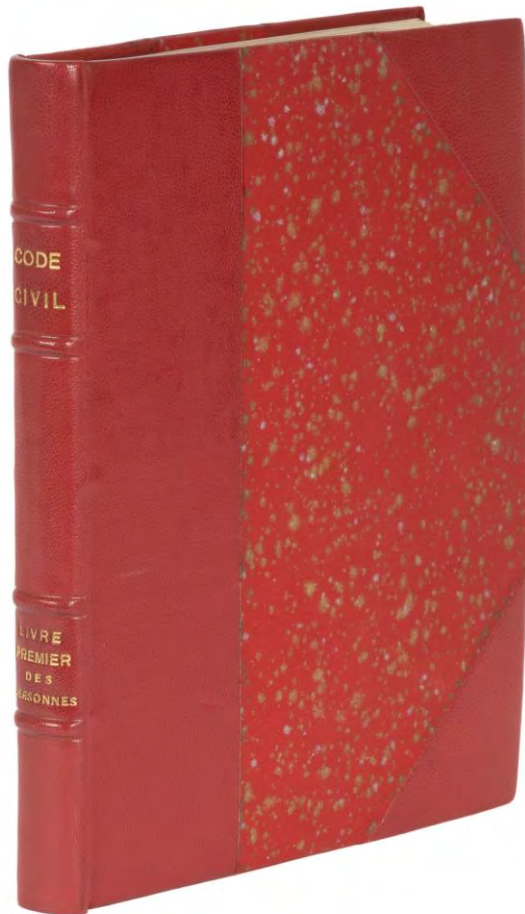
Stiff printed boards, deckle edges. Soiled and moderately worn, boards detached, text block secure. Moderate toning to interior, somewhat heavier in places, full signature of Alexander Hamilton, clipped from a Treasury document, tipped-in to front free endpaper. Housed in recent clamshell box, quarter calf over cloth, lettering piece, blind fillets and gilt publication date to spine. \$5,000.

* Later printing. Howes refers to this work as "one of the great American state papers, 'the Magna Carta of industrial America.' Submitted to Congress in 1791, it outlined a system of economic principles and proposed a series of legislative actions to encourage American industry. Subsequent printings were issued in Dublin in 1792, London in 1793 and Washington, DC in 1809 and at other times over the 1800s, usually to influence current opinion. The 1824 printed was sponsored by the Pennsylvania Society for the Encouragement of American Manufactures, a group founded in 1787 that favored protective the types of legislation actions proposed by Hamilton. It was probably issued to increase support for the Tariff of 1824, which was designed to protect American industry by increasing the cost of imported British goods.

Howes, *USIANA* H123. Sabin, *A Dictionary of Books Relating to America* 29977. Reese, *The Federal Hundred* 38.

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Hémard's Witty View of French Family Law

13. Hémard, Joseph [1880-1961], Illustrator.

Code Civil: Livre Premier, Des Personnes: Titres V. Du Mariage. VI. Du Divorce. VII. De la Paternité. VIII. De l'Adoption. IX. De la Puissance Paternelle. X. De la Minorité. XI. De la Majorité. Paris: Rene Kieffer, [1925]. [vi], 126, [4] pp. Pochoir color text illustrations. Quarto (7-3/4" x 6-1/2").

Original publisher's wrappers bound into signed three-quarter red morocco over gold-speckled boards, raised bands and gilt title to spine, top-edge gilt, deckle fore and bottom edges, patterned endpapers. Corners lightly bumped, light soiling to fore-edges of a few leaves. A notably well-preserved copy in a very handsome binding. \$1,500.

* From an edition limited to 800 copies, this number 413. Hémard presents the official text of the sections of the French Civil Code dealing with family law with witty, and often mildly erotic, color pochoir illustrations. Hémard applied this treatment to two other legal works *Code Penal* (1940) and *Code General des Impôts Directs et Taxes Assimilées* (1944). Hémard, a prolific artist, illustrator, designer and author, is best-known for his humorously illustrated editions of serious non-fiction books.

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A Notable Reformer Reports On Quarantine Conditions

14. Howard, John [1726-1790].

An Account of the Principal Lazarettos in Europe; With Various Papers Relative to the Plague: Together with Further Observations on Some Foreign Prisons and Hospitals; And Additional Remarks on the Present State of Those in Great Britain and Ireland. Warrington: Printed by William Eyres; And sold by T. Cadell, J. Johnson, C. Dilly, And J. Taylor, In London, 1789. viii [i.e. vi], 259, [15] pp. Copperplate folding table, 22 copperplates, 20 of which are folding, 1 sheet with three tables. With a half-title. Complete. Quarto (11" x 8-3/4").

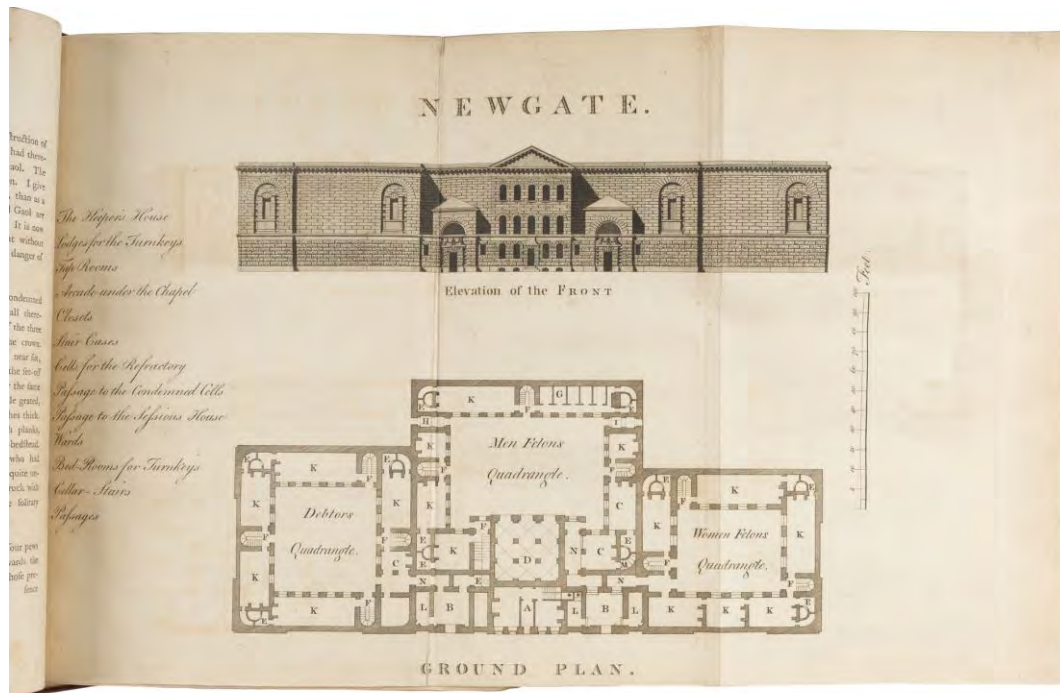
Recent three-quarter speckled calf over marbled boards, lettering pieces and gilt fillets to spine, hinges mended. Negligible light rubbing to extremities, corners bumped, bookseller description of this copy affixed to front pastedown. Moderate toning to interior, light foxing in places, minor edgewear and tears to plates, offsetting from plates to other sections of plates and adjacent leaves. \$500.

* First edition. After being shocked by the conditions of his county prison as High Sheriff, Howard dedicated himself to touring hundreds of prisons in Great Britain and Western Europe and reporting on their conditions. His primary focus was on improving hygiene and cleanliness, and his work *The State of the Prisons* (1777) is credited with establishing the practice of single-celling in the United Kingdom. Our work, published after his final tour of English prisons in 1787, focuses on quarantine stations and prison hospitals with detailed diagrams and illustrations.

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Remarks on Prisons in England and Abroad

15. Howard, John [1726-1790].

The State of the Prisons in England and Wales, With Preliminary Observations, And an Account of Some Foreign Prisons. Warrington: Printed by William Eyres, And Sold by T. Cadell in the Strand, And N. Conant in Fleet Street, London, 1777. [viii], 489, [23] pp. 3 folding copperplates. Complete.

[Bound with]

Howard, John.

Appendix to The State of the Prisons in England and Wales, &c. Containing a Farther Account of Foreign Prisons and Hospitals, With Additional Remarks on the Prisons of This Country. Warrington: Printed by William Eyres, 1784. [vi], 286, [10] pp. 18 copperplates, 16 folding. Complete.

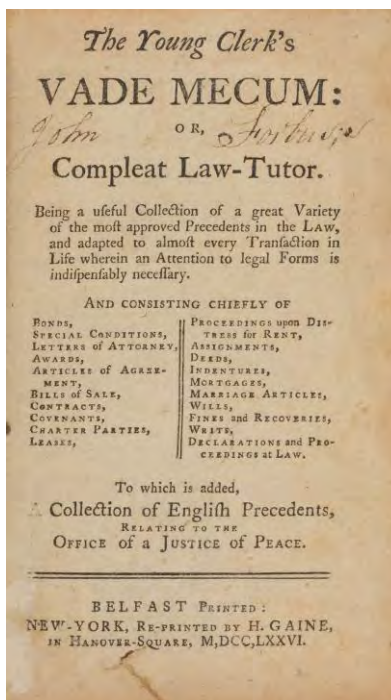
Quarto (10-3/4" x 8-1/4"). Recent three-quarter morocco over marbled boards, raised bands, gilt title and gilt publication date to spine, endpapers renewed, speckled edges. Light rubbing to boards and extremities, a few minor scratches to spine, wear to corners of text block. Moderate toning to interior, light foxing in places, creases to a few leaves, light soiling, minor egewear and tears to plates, faint offsetting from plates to other sections of plates and adjacent leaves. \$2,500.

* *State*: first edition; *Appendix*, second and final edition. After being shocked by the conditions of his county prison as high sheriff, Howard dedicated himself to touring hundreds of prisons in Great Britain and Western Europe. He reported his findings in the *State of the Prisons*, which was to quote *Printing and the Mind of Man*, "the first major practical work on the subject." A vivid synthesis of factual data and moral outrage, it called for drastic improvements in the housing, cleanliness and care of prisoners. Within a year of its publication it inspired a bill that established two prisons with plans based on Howard's recommendations. Later editions were published in 1780, 1784 and 1792. The first edition of the *Appendix* was published in 1780.

Printing and the Mind of Man 224. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T153060, N16324.

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Revolution-Era New York Edition of a Popular JP Manual

16. [Justice of the Peace Manual].

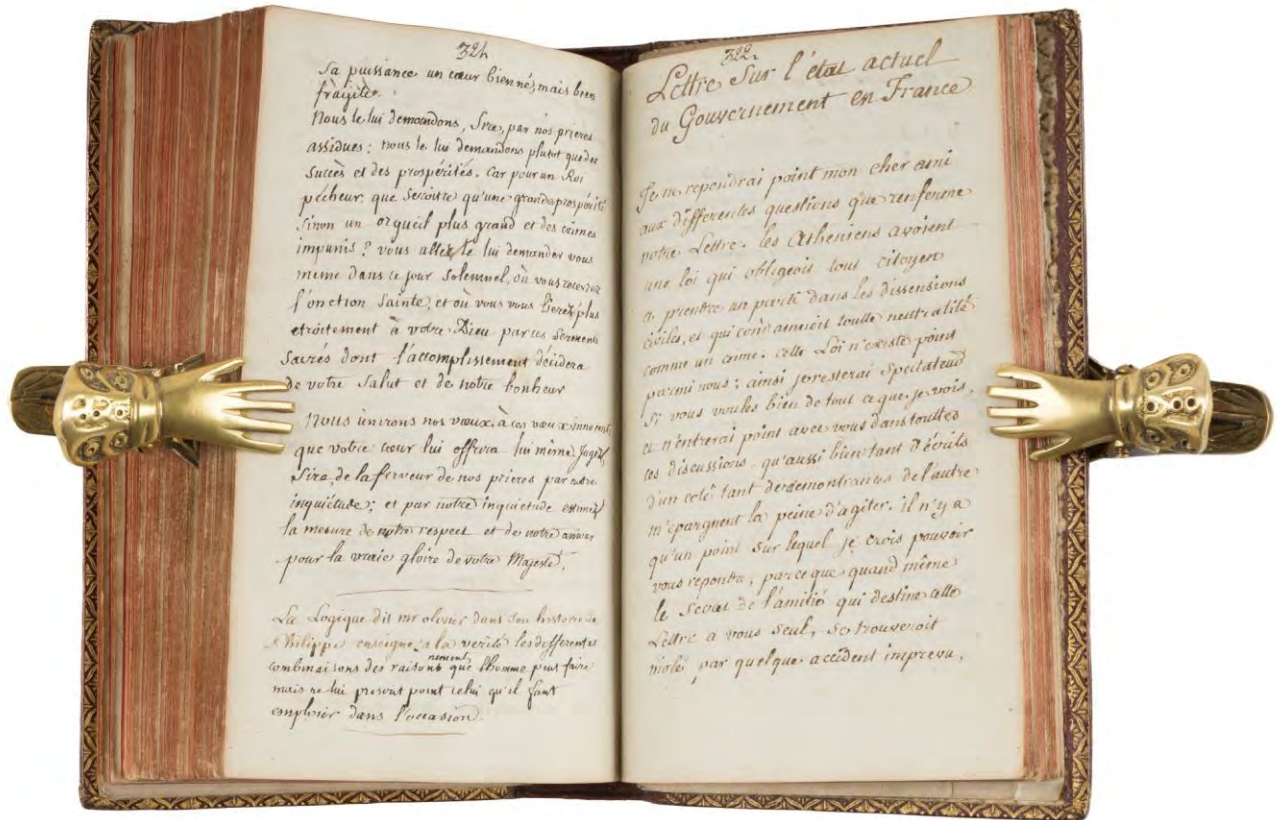
The Young Clerk's Vade Mecum: Or, Compleat Law-Tutor. Being a Useful Collection of a Great Variety of the Most Approved Precedents in the Law, And Adapted to Almost Every Transaction in Life Wherein an Attention to Legal Forms is Indispensably Necessary. And Consisting Chiefly of Bonds, Special Conditions, Letters of Attorney, Awards, Articles of Agreement, Bills of Sale, Contracts, Covenants, Charter Parties, Leases, Proceedings upon Distress for Rent, Assignments, Deeds, Indentures, Mortgages, Marriage Articles, Wills, Fines and Recoveries, Writs, Declarations and Proceedings at Law. To Which is Added, A Collection of English Precedents, Relating to the Office of a Justice of Peace. Belfast Printed: New-York, Re-Printed by H. Gaine, In Hanover-Square, 1776. [xii], 236; iv, 86, [10] pp. Two parts, each with title page and individual pagination. The title part for the second part reads (in part): *A Collection of English Precedents, Relating to the Office of a Justice of Peace.* Final two leaves are publisher advertisements. 12mo. (6-1/4" x 4").

Recent period-style calf, raised bands and retained early lettering piece to spine, endpapers renewed. A few minor scuffs to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, joints and front hinge starting at ends, corners bumped, crack in text block between rear endleaf and free endpaper. Moderate toning to interior, light foxing in a few places, faint early owner signature (John Forbus) to title page. \$950.

* Later edition. "In those days, when anyone who was anybody was a judge, and most of those who were not quite anybodies were justices of the peace, a *vademecum*...was an essential tool..." (Cohen). Alphabetically organized with forms for pleading, this popular work, derived from an English manual first published in 1723, covers topics such as bonds, bills of sale, grants, indentures and wills. The final edition was printed in Dublin in 1795. Gaine's edition is a reprint of an edition published in Belfast in 1771. (He also issued the second part as an independent title. It is a scarce edition, especially in commerce; the last two copies appeared at auction in 2019 and 1941.

Cohen, "Historical Development of the American Lawyer's Library," 61 *Law Library Journal* (1968) 440, 445. *English Short-Title Catalogue* W21107. Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 8207.

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Commonplace Book from a Prosecutor of the Ancien Régime

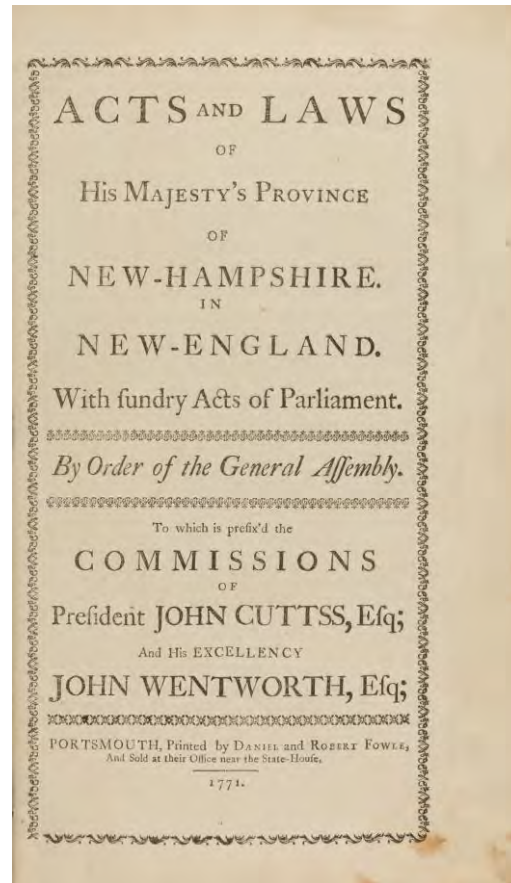
17. [Manuscript].
 Dufruit, Nicolas Louis.

[Commonplace Book]. [Nantes?, c.1780]. 4-369 [i.e. 379] pp. Octavo (6-1/2" x 3-3/4").

Contemporary morocco, gilt rules and corner fleurons to boards, gilt spine with later spine labels ("Dufruit" "Notes"), gilt rules to board edges, gilt inside dentelles, block printed gold patterned endpapers, edges rouged. Light rubbing and a few small scuffs and scratches to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, chips to spine labels, corners lightly bumped and worn, front hinge cracked, small tear to front pastedown. Light toning to interior, light foxing in a few places. Text in single neat hand in ink, some early page numbers in ink, other (later?) numbers in pencil. An appealing volume. \$2,000.

* Dufruit was a royal prosecutor, parliamentary lawyer and head of the Presidial Court of Nantes. This commonplace book provides a fascinating glimpse into not only Dufruit's perspective on legal matters, but his personality and varied interests. A number of passages are taken from commentary on a 1730 family case heard in the Châtelet and dealing with Article 222 of the Parisian *coutume*. Others seem to record parliamentary proceedings. Literary, philosophical and political extracts are taken from Rousseau, Malesherbes, Maupeou and other notable contemporary authors. Dufruit's fondness for poetry is also evident, with entries from the *Quatrains* of Guy du Faur de Pibrac and many copies of satirical and comic poems and songs. One section consists of notes on rhetorical devices in Cicero's famous *Pro Caelio*; Dufruit published a translation of other Cicero speeches, the *Pro Legario* and the *Pro Milone*, in 1786. The volume also includes personal reflections and family history, including brief genealogies and accounts of the births of his children.

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1771 Compilation of New Hampshire Laws

18. [New Hampshire].

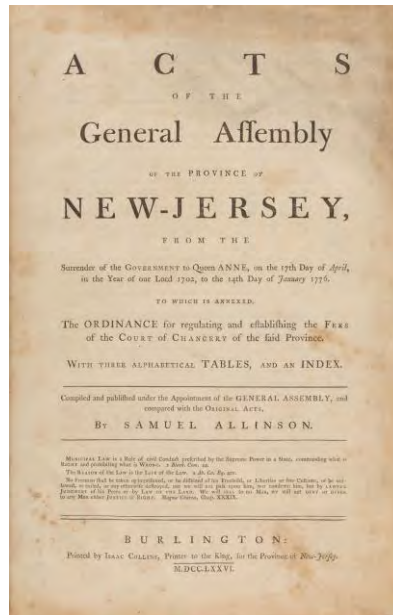
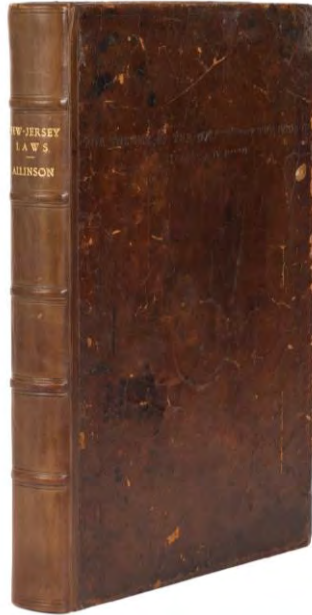
Acts and Laws of His Majesty's Province of New-Hampshire in New-England. With Sundry Acts of Parliament. By Order of the General Assembly. To Which is Prefixed the Commissions of President John Cuttss, Esq.; and His Excellency John Wentworth, Esq. Portsmouth: Printed by Daniel and Robert Fowle, 1771. [ii], 6, 8, iv, 272, 51, [1], xiii pp. Folio (12" x 7-1/4").

Contemporary marbled boards, calf spine. Moderate rubbing to boards, heavier rubbing to extremities with wear to board edges, spine ends and corners, which are bumped, hinges cracked, rear free endpaper partially detached, a few tears and chips to its edges. Moderate toning to interior, somewhat heavier in places, smudges to fore-edges of final 21 leaves of text, small tear (or paper flaw) to center of Leaf PP2 (pp.247-248), tiny stains to margins of title page, early owner signature, twice, and inscription (of Walter Robie) to front free endpaper. A desirable copy. \$2,500.

* Also known as "Fowles second edition" to distinguish it from a 1761 compilation, this fascinating volume of acts and laws from 1698 to 1771 provides unparalleled insights into the colony's attitude towards Indians, the poor, fornication, incest, polygamy, bankruptcy, fraud, court procedure and many other social and political topics. The main text is followed by a 51 pp. collection of temporary laws, which was also published as a separate volume.

Babbitt, *Hand-List of Legislative Sessions and Session Laws* 296. Benedict, *Acts and Laws of the Thirteen Original Colonies and States* 258. *The Charlemagne Tower Collection of Colonial Laws* 546.

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New Jersey's Last Colonial-Era Compilation

19. [New Jersey].

Allinson, Samuel [1739-1791], Compiler.

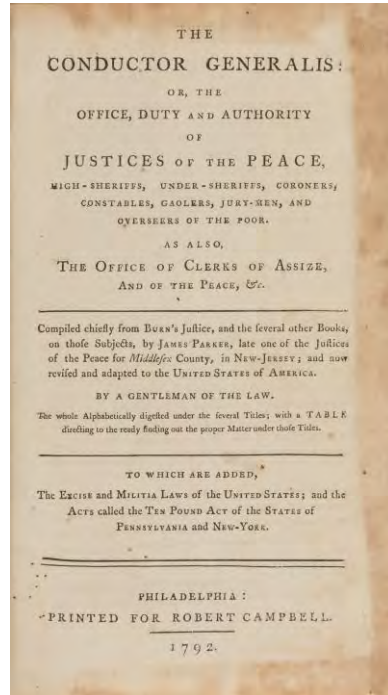
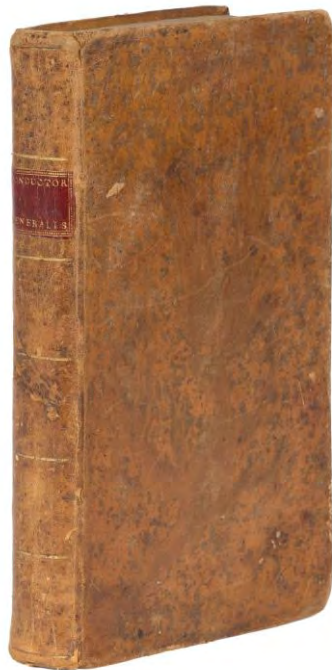
Acts of the General Assembly of the Province of New-Jersey, from the Surrender of the Government to Queen Anne, on the 17th Day of April, in the Year of Our Lord 1702, to the 14th Day of January 1776... Burlington: Printed by Isaac Collins, 1776. viii, 493, [1], 6, 6, 4, 4, 3, [1], 15, [1] pp. Folio (13-1/4" x 8-3/4").

Contemporary sheep, blind rules and fillets to boards, "For the Use of the Overseers of the Poor of Willing Borough" blind-stamped to front board, rebaked in period-style calf with raised bands, blind fillets and gilt title to spine, endleaves renewed, contemporary front endleaf, with ownership signature (of William Stockton) dated 1838 and early annotation, laid down. Light rubbing, some scuffs, nicks, spots and scratches to boards, faint dampstain to upper corner of front board, moderate rubbing to board edges. Moderate toning and light foxing to interior, faint offsetting (from pressed flora) in several places, contemporary manuscript corrections to several leaves (as in all copies), edges of title page, which is lightly soiled, neatly mended with tissue, small wormhole to right margin of five subsequent leaves, neatly mended with tissue on three leaves. \$850.

* Only edition. The last compilation of New Jersey's colonial-era laws, commonly referred to as Allinson's Laws, provides a portrait of life in New Jersey from 1702 to the landmark year, 1776. It addresses several topics that relate to the American Revolution, such as the regulation of ammunition, arms and militias. Isaac Collins was known for the excellence of his work. After the death of the appointed printer "to the King's Most Excellent Majesty" James Parker in 1770, Collins acquired Parker's business. He achieved additional renown in 1777 as the printer of *The New Jersey Gazette*, the first regularly published weekly newspaper in the state. As Felcone points out, all copies have manuscript corrections that were probably executed in Collins's shop. Due to shortages, the quality of the paper varied considerably from copy to copy, and all copies "exhibit differing degrees of foxing and browning from gathering to gathering" (Felcone). The former owner of our copy may have been William Stockton, Jr., a Burlington native and member of a prominent New Jersey family.

Felcone, *New Jersey Books* 158. *The Charlemagne Tower Collection of Colonial Laws* 166.

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1792 Philadelphia Edition of the *Conductor Generalis*
"Revised and Adapted to the United States of America"

20. Parker, James [1714-1770].

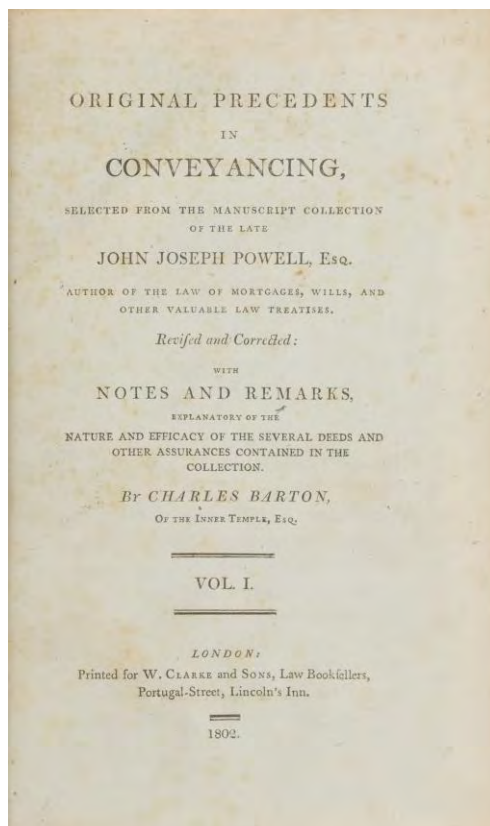
The Conductor Generalis: Or, the Office, Duty and Authority of Justices of the Peace, High-Sheriffs, Under-Sheriffs, Coroners, Constables, Gaolers, Jury-Men, And Overseers of the Poor. As Also the Office of Clerks of Assize, And of the Peace, &c. Compiled Chiefly from Burn's Justice, And the Several Other Books, On Those Subjects, by James Parker, Late One of the Justices of the Peace for Middlesex County, In New-Jersey; And Now Revised and Adapted to the United States of America. By a Gentleman of the Law... Philadelphia: Printed for Robert Campbell, 1792. xv, [1], 464 pp. Octavo (8-1/4" x 4-1/2").

Contemporary sheep treated to resemble tree calf, lettering piece and later (?) gilt fillets to spine. Light rubbing to boards, a few minor nicks and scuffs, shallow gouge to rear board and spine, moderate rubbing to extremities, light wear to spine ends and corners, which are bumped, front hinge starting, faint offsetting to preliminaries, early ownership signatures (of Joseph Farrar) to front free endpaper and bottom of p. 420, small wormhole to upper corner of rear endleaves. Moderate toning to interior, light foxing and soiling in a few places, a few corners folded and untrimmed. \$450.

* A popular American legal manual issued by different printers and publishers largely based on English sources, primarily Burn. The first edition by Parker appeared in 1764. The present 1792 Philadelphia edition was the last to include the Ten Pound Act and the sections on military and excise law, omitted from subsequent editions after the Whiskey Rebellion in Western Pennsylvania. The preface says this edition, though useful throughout the country, is especially suited for justices in New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. Part II (pp. 384-464) contains: *The Office and Duty of Sheriffs; The Office of a Gaoler, and Concerning Escapes; The Office and Duty of the Clerk of Assize and Clerk of the Peace; A Guide to Juries; An Abstract of Magna Charta; Notes on Magna Charta; Of Maxims and General Rules, from Jacob's Law Grammar, Of Actions and Remedies; Of Fictions, Intendments, and Presumptions* and the text of the 1792 act imposing duties on distilled spirits.

Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 7961.

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Powell's Extensive Collection of Conveyancing Precedents

21. Powell, John Joseph [1755?-1801].

Barton, Charles [1768-1843], Editor.

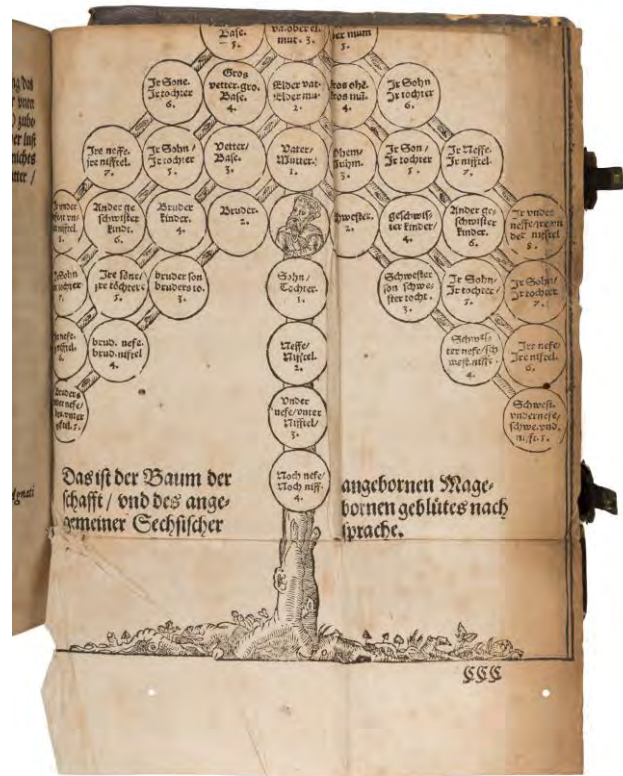
Original Precedents in Conveyancing, Selected from the Manuscript Collection of the Late John Joseph Powell, Esq. Author of the Law of Mortgages, Wills, And Other Valuable Law Treatises. Revised and Corrected: With Notes and Remarks, Explanatory of the Nature and Efficacy of the Several Deeds and Other Assurances Contained in the Collection. By Charles Barton, Of the Inner Temple, Esq. London: Printed for W. Clarke and Sons, 1802. Six volumes. Complete set. Octavo (8" x 5").

Contemporary calf, blind fillets to boards, lettering pieces and blind fillets to spines, spine ends of Volumes I and VI reinforced with cloth tape. Moderate rubbing and minor nicks and stains, somewhat heavier rubbing to extremities with some wear to spine ends and corners, which are bumped, joints of Volumes II-and front hinges of Volumes I, V and VI starting at ends, later law-office stamp (Rosenthal, Hamill, Eldridge & King) to front pastedowns, early owner signature (L. Saltonstall) to front free endpapers. Moderate toning to interiors, light foxing in places. \$950.

* First edition. According to Barton, "[This collection] is an extensive and, upon the whole, a valuable one; these also are the production of various hands, and were collected by Mr. Powell, chiefly in the course of his practice." A second edition (in three volumes) was published in 1810.

Barton, *Elements of the Science of Conveyancing* (1810-1822) cited in Marvin, *Legal Bibliography* 582. Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 2:287.

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Scarce Sixteenth-Century Compilation of Saxon Law

22. [Saxony].

Ordnungen, Hertzog Ernsten, Hertzog Albrechten, Hertzog Moritzen, un[d] Hertzog Augusten, Chur und Fürsten zu Sachsen, &c.: So Ihre Chur und Fürstliche Gnaden, In Sachen Policei, Visitation, Hoffgerichte und Andere Notwendige Articul Belangende, Vor dieser Zeit in Derselben Landen Auffgericht, Und in Druck Vorfertigen Lassen. Dresden: [Auffs naw Umbgedrucket, durch Matthes Stöckel, Und Gimel Bergen], 1573. [iv], 241, [15] ff. Folding woodcut table of consanguinity. Three parts, each with title page with large woodcut arms, pagination continuous. First part preceded by general title page with large woodcut arms of Saxony. Quarto (7-1/2" x 6").

Contemporary paneled pigskin, bronze clasps, later calf repairs to joints, somewhat-later hand-lettered title and location number to spine. Moderate rubbing to boards, heavier rubbing to extremities with wear to spine ends and corners, hinges starting, front free endpaper lacking, a few partial cracks to text. Light browning and foxing to interior, faint dampstaining to margins in a few places, moderate edgewear to preliminaries and final few leaves, which have minor worming, along with the rear pastedown, minor worm holes in a few other places, edgewear to folding table, its top-edge trimmed with some loss to image, browning to its fore-edge. \$1,750.

* Only edition. A compilation volume of the state law codes of (*Landesordnungen*) of 1532, 1543, 1555 and 1557, the Marriage Law (*Ebeordnung*) of 1557, illustrated with a tree of consanguinity, and the Court Regulations (*Hofgerichtsordnungen*) of 1549 and 1550. These were enacted by the Saxon rulers Ernst [1441-1486], Albrecht [1443-1500], Moritz [1521-1553] and August [1526-1586]. OCLC locates 2 copies in North America (UC-Berkeley Law School, University of Pennsylvania).

Verzeichnis der im Deutschen Sprachbereich Erschienenen Drucke des 16. Jahrhunderts S729.

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A Notable German Humanist

23. Schard, Simon [1535-1573].

Lexicon Iuridicum Iuris Rom. Simul & Pontificii à Doctorib. Item & Practicis in Schola atque Foro Usitatarum Vocum Penus. Basel: Per Eusebium Episcopium & Nicolai Fratris Haeredes, 1583. [xii], 2396 [i.e. 2398] pp. Main text in parallel columns. Folio (13" x 8-1/2").

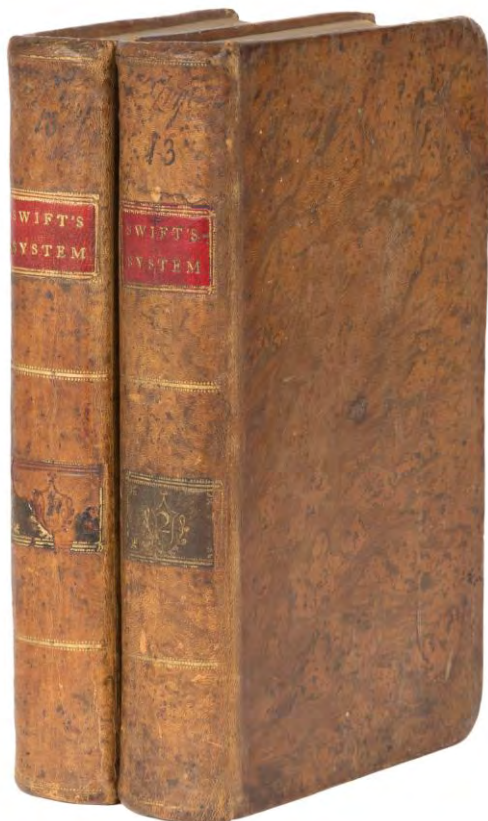
Contemporary paneled pigskin with elaborate blind tooling, raised bands, hand-lettered title and early shelf label to spine, remnants of silk ribbon ties to board edges, edges of text block rouged. Some soiling, a few minor stains and wormholes, moderate rubbing to extremities, small hole to head of front joint, rear joint just starting at foot, corners bumped and somewhat worn, boards slightly bowed, front hinge partially cracked, later bookplate (of W.A. Baillie-Grohman) to front pastedown, early owner initials ("D" and "D.W.") to front pastedown and front free endpaper, hand-lettered ownership label (of Leopold Schluderpacher) to title page. Moderate toning to interior, light foxing and soiling in a few places, slightly impacting legibility on p. 1489, faint dampstaining to margins of a few leaves. \$1,500.

* First edition. Schard was a humanist publisher, writer and lawyer. A practical work, his dictionary is derived mostly from a variety of earlier dictionaries, which are listed at the beginning of the text. Some of the definitions are detailed and long, but most are concise. All are notable for their clarity and lucid prose. William Adolph Baillie-Grohman [1851-1921], one of the former owners of our volume, was an Anglo-Austrian author, sportsman and collector. A fairly successful work, it went through three more editions in 1593, 1600 and 1616. All are scarce. OCLC locates 3 copies of the first edition in North America (Harvard Law School, Newberry Library, Mount Angel Abbey).

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The First American Legal Text

24. Swift, Zephaniah [1759-1823].

A System of the Laws of the State of Connecticut. In Six Books. Windham, CT: Printed by John Byrne for the Author, 1795-1796. Two volumes. vii [i.e. iv], 452; v, [1], 479, [12] pp. Folding copperplate table of descents. 6 page subscriber list at end of Volume II. Octavo (8-1/4" x 4-3/4").

Contemporary tree calf, green and red morocco labels, title and volume number within gilt wreaths on the green labels, and gilt fillets to spines, blind tooling to board edges. Light rubbing and minor nicks, somewhat heavier rubbing to extremities, early location numbers in faint ink to heads of spines, most of numeral lettering piece of Volume I lacking, corners bumped. Light browning and foxing to interiors, owner signature (William Knapp) and hole from removed owner signature to heads of each title page. A very handsome set, in a remarkable early American binding. \$2,000.

* First edition. Structured in the manner of Blackstone's *Commentaries*, Swift's *System* was the first original American legal treatise. It presented an overview of the common law of Connecticut, and the common law generally, based on local court decisions and legislation. "More than a hundred years later it was still cited by Connecticut courts" (Woxland and Ogden). The work was highly regarded outside of Connecticut. Published on a subscription basis, its subscribers included, among other notables, George Washington, John Adams, Aaron Burr, James Kent, James Madison, James Wilson, Edward Livingston, Theodore Sedgwick, and St. George Tucker.

Woxland and Ogden, *Landmarks in American Legal Publishing* 22. Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 5628.

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**Rare Unrecorded Report of a Sensational 1775
Murder Trial, The Only One With a Portrait of the Defendant**

25. [Trial].

Butterfield, Jane, Defendant.

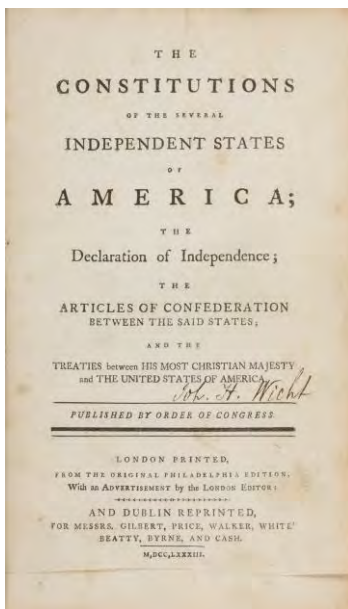
An Explicit Account of the Remarkable Trial at Croydon in Surry, August the 19th, 1775 of Miss Jane Butterfield, On a Charge of Poisoning the Late William Scawen, Esquire. London: Bailey, Printer, [1775?]. 24 pp. Copperplate portrait frontispiece. Octavo (6-3/4" x 4").

Stab-stitched pamphlet in later plain wrappers, recent paper reinforcement to spine. Moderate toning, light foxing to a few leaves, foot of title page trimmed removing date and part of imprint date and printer name, fore-edge of plate affected by trimming with loss to border but no loss to image. \$1,500.

* Only edition. Apparently unrecorded, this is the only one of the several accounts of this sensational 1775 murder trial that has a portrait of the defendant. Butterfield met Scawen, an elderly gentleman, when she was fourteen and was persuaded by a female accomplice to live with him as a kind of housekeeper-cum-mistress. When her father disowned her as a result, Scawen apparently had something of a crisis of conscience and promised to act as a new father to her. The two lived together quite happily, and when he grew ill, she became his devoted caretaker. When he died, his doctor, egged on by a suspicious maid, accused her of poisoning him in order to gain the inheritance he had supposedly left. The jury deliberated only ten minutes before acquitting Butterfield. No copies recorded by the *English Short-Title Catalogue*, OCLC, or Library Hub.

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"The Magna Carta of the United American States"

**26. [United States].
[Constitutions].**

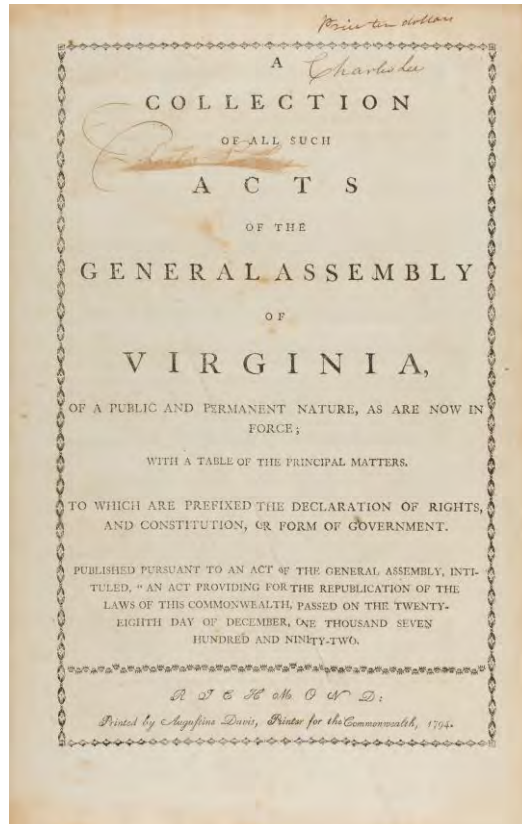
The Constitutions of the Several Independent States of America; The Declaration of Independence; the Articles of the Confederation Between the Said States, And the Treaties Between His Most Christian Majesty and the United States of America. Published by Order of Congress. Dublin: London Printed, From the Original Philadelphia Edition, With an Advertisement by the London Editor: And Dublin Reprinted, For Messrs. Gilbert, Price, Walker, White, Beatty, Byrne, and Cash, 1783. [viii], 264 pp. Octavo (8" x 4-3/4").

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* Only Dublin edition, a reissue of the first London edition (1782), the second overall. First printed in Philadelphia in 1781, in an edition of 200 copies, this work collects the Declaration of Independence, the Articles of Confederation, the constitutions of the thirteen states and the 1778 treaties with France, the Treaty of Amity and Commerce and the Treaty of Alliance. In the Advertisement, dated June 15, 1782, the London editor, more accurately, re-printer, promoted his effort by noting that only a few copies from "the small number" of the Philadelphia edition "were sent to Europe." It deserved to be re-issued, he goes on to say, because it "may be considered as the Magna Carta of the United American States, as the code of their fundamental laws, and, in short, the book which the opposite parties among them will at all times claim in some shape or other, and the knowledge of which is therefore necessary to such persons as wish to understand the present or future internal American politics" ([ii]). OCLC locates 4 copies of the Dublin edition in North American law libraries (Harvard, Northwestern, Ohio State, University of Minnesota).

English Short-Title Catalogue T138359. Adams, *The American Controversy* 81-74C. Sabin, *A Dictionary of Books Relating to America* 16090. Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 3022.

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27. [Virginia].

A Collection of All such Acts of the General Assembly of Virginia, Of a Public and Permanent Nature, As are Now in Force; With a Table of the Principal Matters. To Which are Prefixed the Declaration of Rights, And Constitution, Or Form of Government. Published Pursuant to an Act of the General Assembly, Intituled, "An Act Providing for the Republication of the Laws of this Commonwealth," Passed on the Twenty-Eighth Day of December, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety-Two. Richmond: Printed by Augustine Davis, Printer for the Commonwealth, 1794. 380 pp. Folio (14-1/4" x 9-1/4").

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* Covers 1776 to 1794. Known as the "Revised Code," this compilation followed the *Collection of Public Acts* of 1785, the first post-colonial compilation. It contains the session laws from 1776 to 1794. Charles Lee [1758-1815], a lawyer and politician from the prominent Virginia family, was United States attorney general from 1795 until 1801. He was also a member of the Virginia House of Delegates from 1793 to 1796 and served as acting secretary of state from May 13 to June 5, 1800.

Tower, *The Charlemagne Tower Collection of Colonial Laws* 933. Benedict, *Acts and Laws of the Thirteen Original Colonies and States* 476. Babbitt, *Hand-List of Legislative Sessions and Session Laws* 591.

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28. Volckmann, Adam [1612-1664].

Beyer, Georg [1665-1714], Editor.

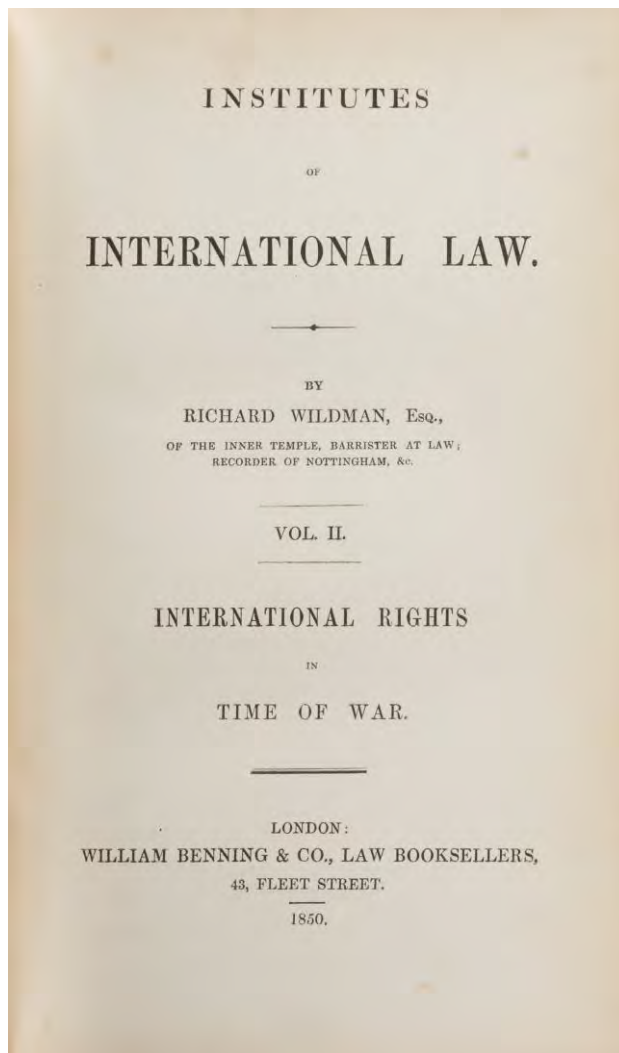
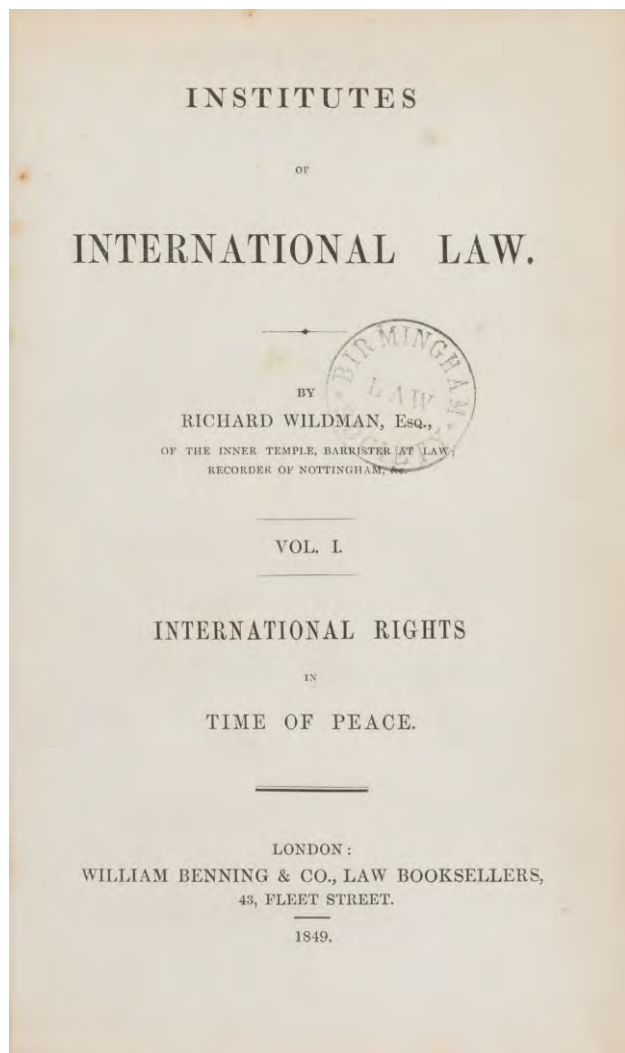
Volckmannus Emendatus, Sive, Manuale Advocatorum et Notariorum: Hand-Buch vor Advocaten und Notarien, So Bissbero unter dem Titul: Adam Volckmanns Notariat-Kunst zu Vielen Mahlen Edirt und Gebessert, Nunmehr aber Durch und Durch Geändert.... Leipzig : Verlegt von Johann Grossens seel. Erben, Und Johann Friedrich Braun, 1708. Three parts. [x], 522 [i.e. 514]; [ii], 416; [14], 200, [22] pp. Sections of text in parallel columns. Second and third parts have title pages. Main title page preceded by copperplate pictorial title page featuring a court scene and Lady Justice. Folio (13-1/4" x 8-1/4").

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29. Wildman, Richard [1802-1881].

Institutes of International Law. London: William Benning & Co., 1849-1850. Two volumes in one. viii, 203; vi, 436 pp. Octavo (8-1/2" x 5-1/4").

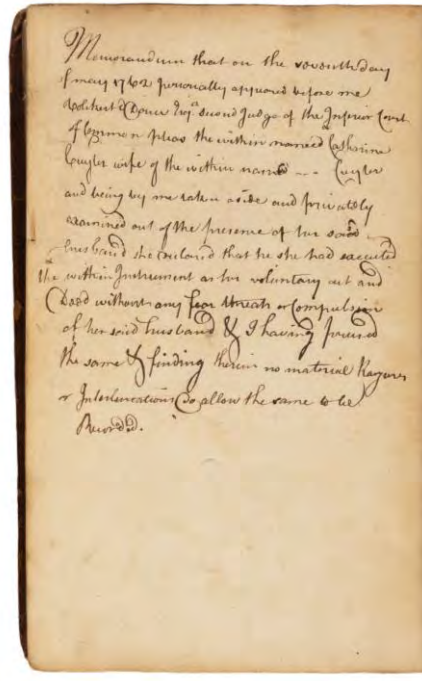
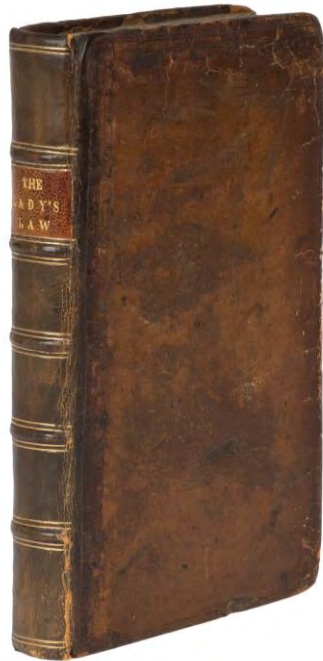
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Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 2:380.

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30. [Women].

[Great Britain].

A Treatise of Feme Coverts: Or, the Lady's Law. Containing All the Laws and Statutes Relating to Women... [London]: Printed by E. and R. Nutt, And R. Gosling, 1732. [iii]-viii, 264, [16] pp. Lacking initial publisher advertisement leaf. Octavo (7-1/2" x 4-3/4").

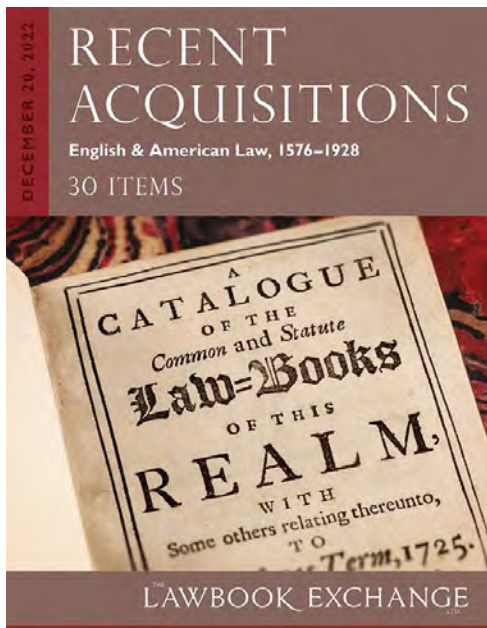
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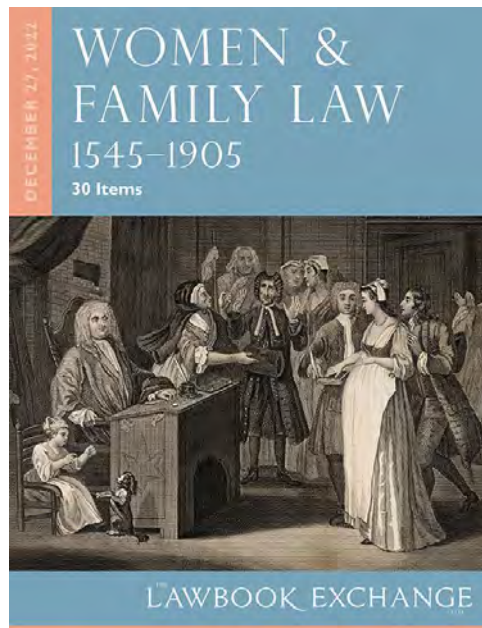
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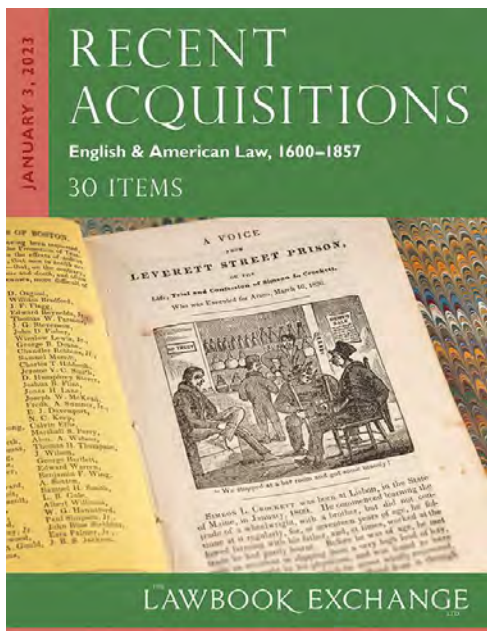
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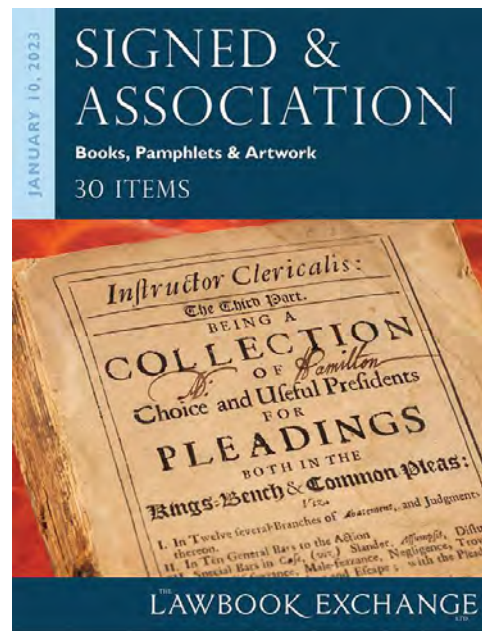
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