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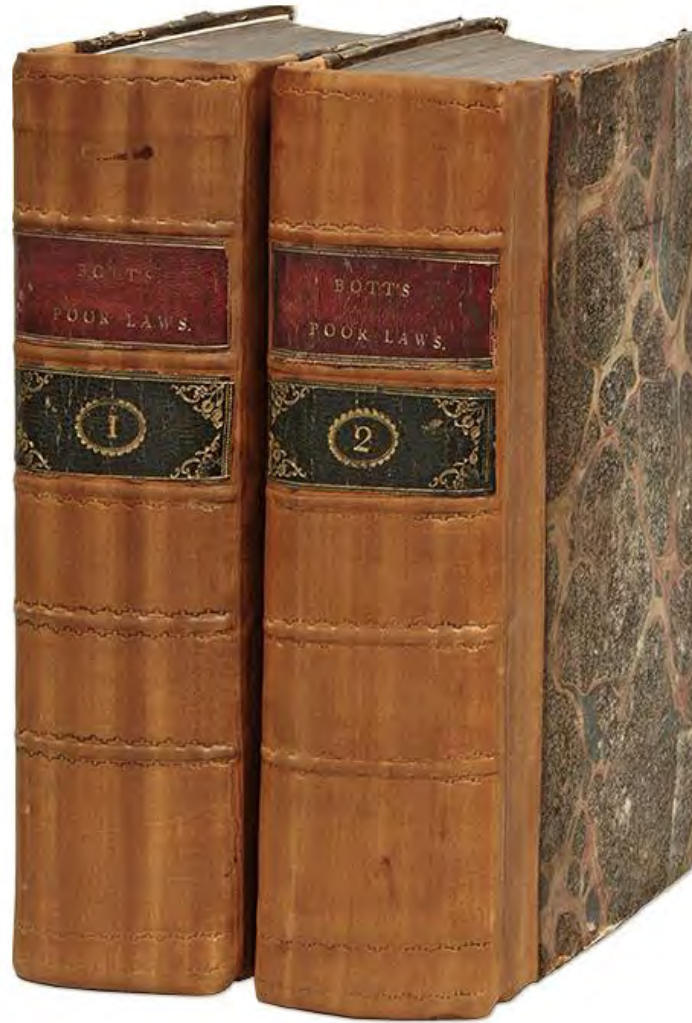
1. Botley, Samuel [1642-1696?].

Rich, Jeremiah [d.ca. 1660].

Maximum in Minimo, Or, Mr. Jeremiah Richs Pens Dexterity Compleated With the Whole Terms of the Law. London: Printed for John Man, [c.1690]. 31 ff. Content on facing leaves. Two copperplate portrait frontispieces. Octavo (7" x 4-1/2").

Contemporary wrappers bound into later library buckram, gilt title to spine. Some rubbing to extremities with light wear to corners, chipping to spine ends, front joint and hinge partially cracked, library bookplates to front pastedown. Copperplate title page with architectural border, copperplate leaves, all with vignettes. Moderate toning, some foxing to text, light edgewear to preliminaries and final few leaves, embossed library stamp to foot of first frontispiece, later annotation to its verso, other library stamps to verso of title page. A solid copy of a scarce title. \$500.

* Rich was an English stenographer who published a series of manuals on shorthand writing based on the work of his uncle, William Cartwright. First published in 1659, *The Penms Dexterity Compleated* is the definitive exposition of the Cartwright-Rich system. It was a popular work that went through 20 editions by 1792. Illustrated throughout with religious figures and symbols, Botley's attractive edition has a section on "the whole terms of the law." There were five editions of Botley's work, but their publication dates are not clear. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R24215. [Order This Item](#)



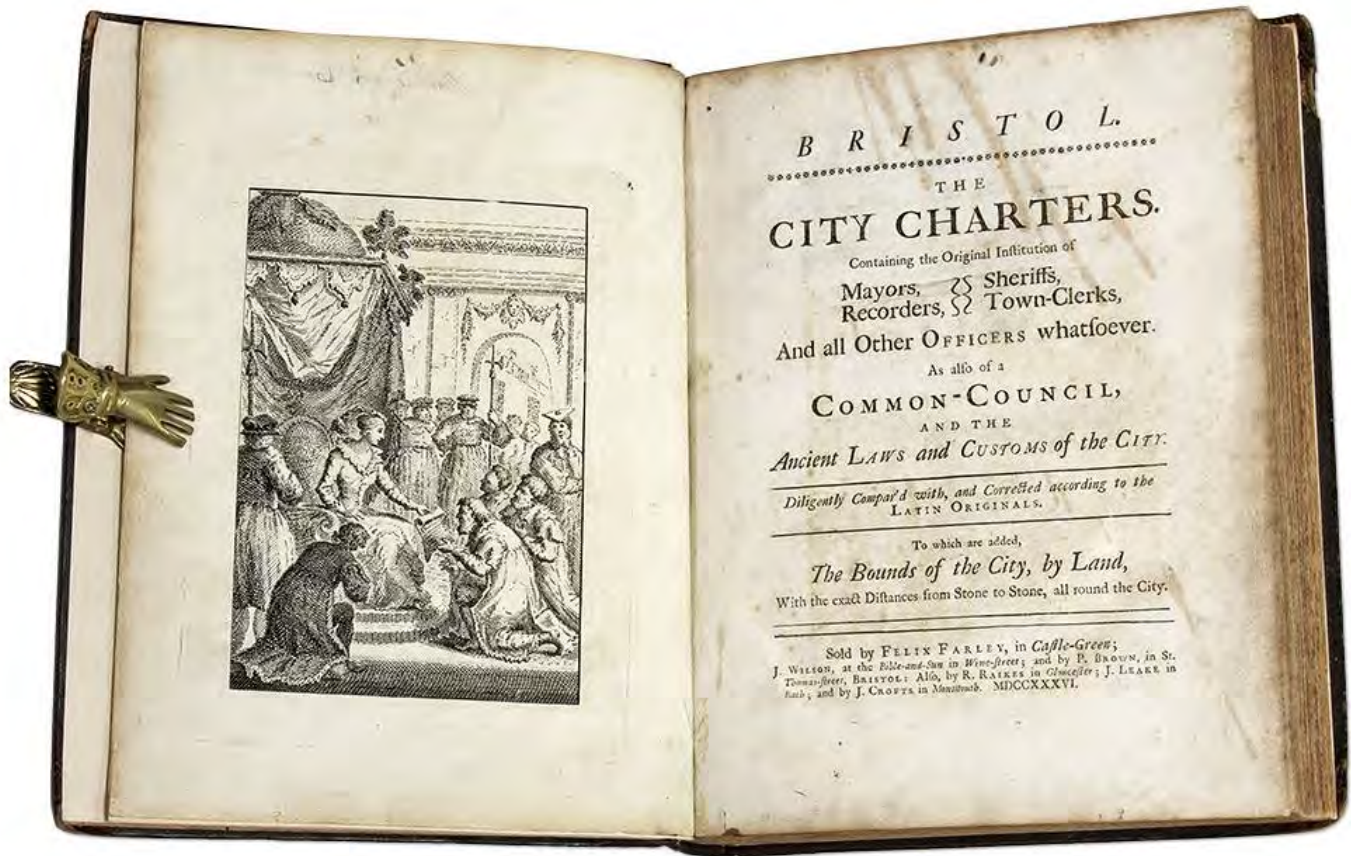
An Authority on the Poor Laws of England

2. [Bott, Edmund].

A Collection of Decisions of the Court of King's Bench Upon the Poor's Laws, Down to the Present Time. In Which are Contained Many Cases Never Before Published; Extracted from the Notes of a Very Eminent Barrister Deceased: The Whole Digested in a Regular Order. By a Barrister at Law of the Inner Temple. To Which are Prefixed, Extracts from the Statutes Concerning the Poor. London: Printed by W. Strahan and M. Woodfall, [c.1770]. [xxxviii], LXXIII, 291 [i.e.292], [3] pp. Octavo (8-1/4" x 5-1/4").

Contemporary sheep, rebaked and re-cornered, blind rules to boards, blind fillets along joints, raised bands, gilt fillets and lettering piece to spine, endpapers renewed. A few nicks and light scuffs to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities. Moderate toning to text, some edgewear to front endleaf facing title page. Early owner annotations and signatures to front endleaf and head of preface, interior otherwise clean. \$450.

* First edition. This well-indexed and annotated collection of cases and statutes was a well-regarded authority that went through five later editions, the last in 1827. The *ESTC* conjectures 1770 as the publication date, others suggest 1771. Despite its popularity, all editions of this book are scarce. OCLC locates 9 copies of the first edition in North American law libraries (Columbia, Harvard, LA County, Library of Congress, State of Oregon, UC-Berkeley, University of Georgia, University of Michigan, University of Pennsylvania). *English Short-Title Catalogue* T184869. [Order This Item](#)



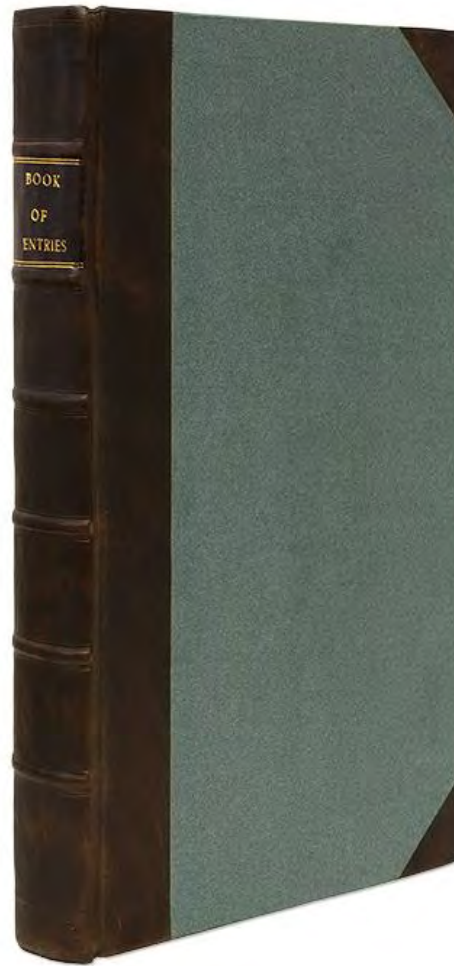
The City Charters and Geographical Boundaries of Bristol, England

3. [Bristol (England)].

Bristol. The City Charters. Containing the Original Institution of Mayors, Recorders, Sheriffs, Town-Clerks, And All Other Officers Whatsoever. As also of a Common-Council, And the Ancient Laws and Customs of the City. Diligently Compar'd with, And Corrected According to the Latin Originals. To which are Added, The Bounds of the City, By Land, With the Exact Distances from Stone to Stone, All Round the City. Bristol: Sold by Felix Farley, 1736. 297, [15] pp. A few errors in pagination, text complete. Copperplate frontispiece. Final advertisement leaf. Quarto (9-1/2" x 7-1/2").

Contemporary paneled calf, rebacked in period style, lettering piece and gilt-edged raised bands to spine, endpapers renewed. Moderate rubbing to boards and board edges, corners bumped and somewhat worn. Moderate toning, a few leaves somewhat darker, occasional light foxing to margins, minor worming to margins in a few places with no loss to text, early owner signature (of Marmaduke Coules) to recto of frontispiece. \$850.

* Only edition. Includes details on the recently completed 1736 survey indicated by the exact location of some 74 boundary stones on the Gloucestershire side and of 29 on the Somersetshire side. One example: "Stone 1. On the bank of the River of Avon, near a limekiln, on the East, and a sluice on the West, call'd Woodwell's-Lake, standeth the first stone." This is indeed the only edition; a copy at the Ransom Center at the University of Texas, Austin, with a suggested date of "1735?" must surely be a mistake. OCLC locates 12 copies in North America, 3 in law libraries (Harvard, University of Minnesota, University of Pennsylvania). *English Short-Title Catalogue* T143949. [Order This Item](#)



A Scarce Collection of Entries

4. B[rown(e)], W[illiam].

Formulae Benè Placitandi. A Booke of Entries: Containing Variety of Choice Precedents of Counts, Declarations, Informations, Pleas in Barre and in Abatement, Continuances, Replications, Rejoynders, Issues, Verdicts, Judgments After Verdict, Utlaries, Recoveries, & Avowries: And Divers Other Pleadings in Reall, Personall and Mixt Actions; Of Generall Use to the Students, Clerks and Practicers of the Courts of Kings Bench, And Common Pleas at Westminster: Which also May be Applied to the Practice of All the Inferiour Courts of the Common Law of England. Collected from the Manuscripts Aswell of Some of the Learned Prothonotaries of the Court of Common Pleas, As of Divers Emminent Practicers in the Court of Kings Bench; Methodically Digested Under Apt Titles with an Exact table: By W.B. A Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas. Never Before Extant. London: Printed by E. Flesher, J. Streater, H. Twyford, 1671. [iv], 407, [17] pp. Folio (12-1/2" x 7-1/2").

Recent period-style three-quarter calf over plain paper boards, raised bands and lettering piece to spine, endpapers renewed. Light browning, light foxing in places, some edgewear to preliminaries and final few leaves, light soiling to title page, library stamp to foot of title page and verso of final leaf. A nice copy in an attractive binding. \$950.

* First edition. A companion volume was published in 1674 and a second edition in 1675. All are scarce. OCLC locates 9 copies of the first edition in North American law libraries (Columbia, Harvard, Jenkins Law Library, Northwestern, Touro, UC-Berkeley, University of Michigan, University of Pennsylvania, Wisconsin State Law Library). *English Short-Title Catalogue* R35404. [Order This Item](#)



A Distinguished Neapolitan Jurist

5. Capece, Antonio [c.1458-1545].

Decisiones Clarissimi et Excellentissimi D. Antonii Capycii Iuris Utriusque Consulti ac Regii Consilarii: Quas Ipse ex Sententiis Varie Dictis, & à Indicibus Sacri Concilii Neap. Suo Tempore Prolatis Summa cum Diligentia Collegit, Ac Luculenter Digessit Nunc Demum Diligentissime Revisae: Cum Indice Locupletissimo, Omnibus in Foro Versantibus Eaeterisq Iuris Studiosis ad Difficilimarum Quarumq. Iuris Quaestionum Quotidie Occurrentium Resolutionem non Solum Perutiles, Sed & Perquam Maxime Necessariae. Venice: [Apud Cominum de Tridino Montisferrati], 1556 [colophon dated 1555]. [xxxii], 192 ff. Main text in parallel columns. Octavo (6-3/4" x 4-3/4").

Contemporary limp vellum, ties lacking, early hand-lettered titles to spine and bottom-edge of text block. Some soiling, a few holes to front and rear covers, a few chips and tears to edges, wear to corners and foot of spine, binding slightly cocked, hinges cracked, light edgewear to preliminaries, occasional edgewear to corners of text block, outer corners of several leaves have folds, small tear to leaf H6 (Fol. 62). Large woodcut vignette of a professor teaching a class of students at head of Fol. 1. Moderate toning, faint, often very faint, dampstaining to upper half of text block, early owner signature to title page, early annotations, underlining and marks to several leaves. \$1,250.

* Capece was a distinguished Neapolitan jurist and a counselor to the king of Naples, Ferdinand of Aragon, and the Holy Roman Emperor Charles V. First published in 1541, his *Decisiones*, a collection of opinions on complicated legal questions, went through eight editions, the last one in 1583. All are scarce. OCLC locates 12 copies of the 1556 edition, 6 in North America, 3 in law libraries (George Washington University, Harvard, University of Minnesota). *Censimento Nazionale delle Edizioni Italiane del XVI Secolo* CNCE24721. [Order This Item](#)



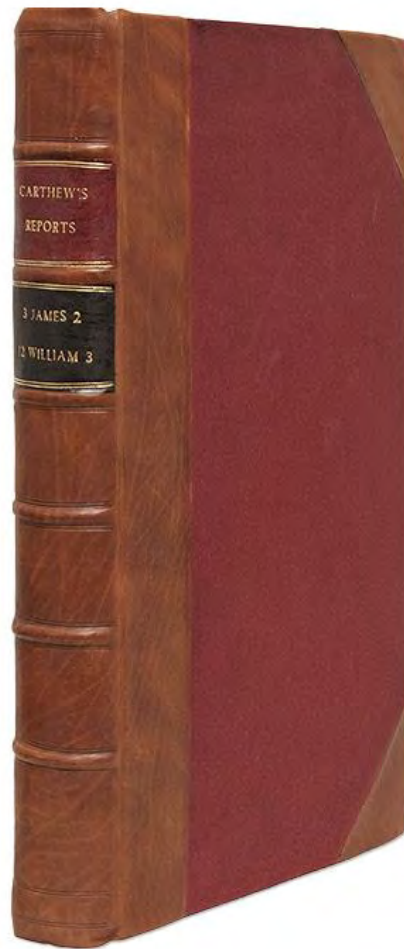
The First Significant Study of Parliamentary Elections

6. [Carew, Thomas (1702-1766)].

An Historical Account of the Rights of Elections of the Several Counties, Cities, And Boroughs of Great Britain: Collected from Public Records, And Journals of Parliament, To the Year One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty-Four. London: Printed for John Nourse, 1755. [iv], x, 408, 286 pp. Two parts in one volume. Main text printed in double columns. Folio (10" x 16").

Nineteenth-century three-quarter calf over marbled boards, gilt fillets and lettering piece to spine. Light rubbing and a few light dampstains to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, corners bumped and somewhat worn, hinges starting. Moderate toning to text, light foxing and minor worming in a few places with no loss to text. A nice copy. \$500.

* Only edition. Holdsworth, who holds this work in high regard, says this the first significant work on the subject of parliamentary elections. Gross notes that "for the period covered [in this book, circa 1600-1754], this is the most exhaustive parliamentary history of the boroughs. Over 190 towns are discussed in detail. Carew was a Member of Parliament from 1702 to 1766. He dedicated this extensive and scholarly study to Arthur Onslow, the Speaker of the House of Commons during most of the reign of George II. OCLC locates 21 copies. Holdsworth, *A History of English Law* XII:346. Gross, *A Bibliography of British Municipal History* 62. Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 1:149 (4). [Order This Item](#)



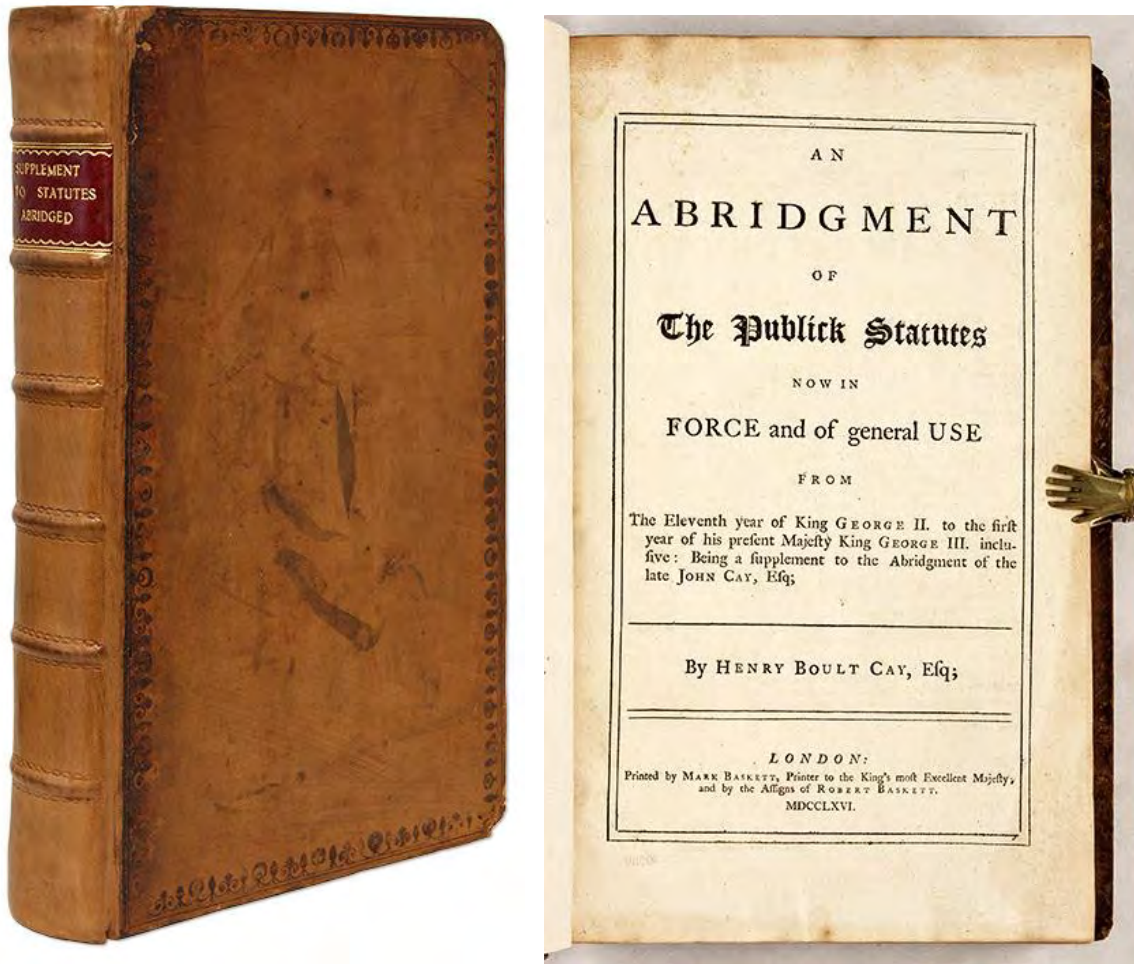
"A Reporter of Acknowledged Accuracy."

7. Carthew, Thomas.

Reports of Cases Adjudged in the Court of King's Bench, From the Third Year of King James the Second, To the Twelfth Year of King William the Third. Published by His Son Thomas Carthew, Of the Inner Temple, Esq. Corrected, With Many Thousand Additional References to the Ancient and Modern Books of Authority; And Three Tables. The First, Of the Names of the Cases. The Second, Of Alphabetical Heads to Which the Cases Relate. The Third, Of the Principal Matters. [London]: Printed by R. and B. Nutt, and F. Gosling, 1741. [xxii], 520, [24] pp. Folio (13-3/4" x 8-1/2").

Recent period-style three-quarter calf over cloth, raised bands and lettering pieces to spine, endpapers renewed. Negligible light rubbing to boards, corners bumped, library stamps to foot of text block and head of p. [v]. Light toning to text, faint dampstaining to foot of text block along gutter, light browning and some crinkling to outer sections of margins along top and fore-edges of text block, worming to tips of corners of final 27 leaves, light foxing to a few leaves, occasional brief early owner annotations, early owner signature ("R. Danser/ M. Temple") to head of title page. \$450.

* Second and final edition. That the *Reports* "passed to a second edition at a period when every new book was most closely scrutinized, would seem to show that the volume was in considerable favor with the profession generally" (Marvin). The first edition was published in 1728. The second edition was reissued in 1743. Wallace notes that Carthew was a "reporter of 'acknowledged accuracy.'" Marvin, *Legal Bibliography* 176-177. Wallace, *The Reporters* 397-398. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T97361. [Order This Item](#)



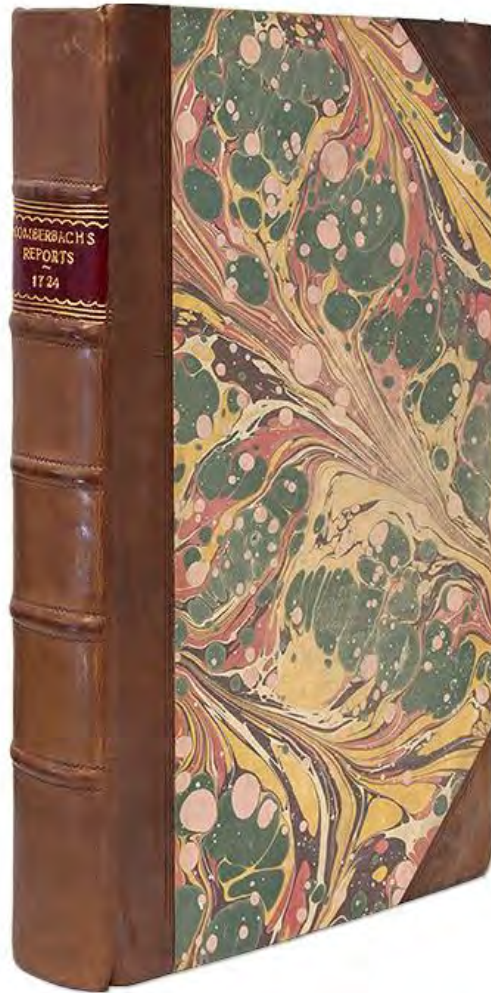
**A Continuation of the
Eighteenth-Century Successor to Rastell's *Statutes***

8. Cay, Henry Boulton.

An Abridgment of the Publick Statutes Now in Force and of General Use from the Eleventh Year of King George II. to the First Year of His Present Majesty King George III. Inclusive: Being a Supplement to the Abridgment of the Late John Cay, Esq. London: Printed by Mark Baskett, 1766. [556] pp. Folio (12-3/4" x 8").

Contemporary calf, rebaked in period style, blind fillets to boards, raised bands and lettering piece to spine, blind tooling to board edges, retained early armorial bookplate to front pastedown. Light rubbing and a few shallow scuffs to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, corners worn, moderate toning to text, occasional faint crinkling to top-edge of text block. \$350.

* Only edition. This book is a continuation of John Cay's *An Abridgment of the Publick Statutes in Force and Use from Magna Charta, In the Ninth Year of King Henry III. To the Eleventh Year of His Present Majesty King George II. Inclusive* (London, 1739). As Cowley notes, the "need for an abridgment of the statutes more adequate than anything that had appeared since the last addition of Rastell's *Collection* probably gave rise to this compilation... Cay's Abridgment maintained its popularity throughout the [18th] century." Cowley, *A Bibliography of Abridgments, Digests, Dictionaries and Indexes of English Law to the Year 1800* xxxviii, 231. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T150447. [Order This Item](#)



Comberbach's Reports

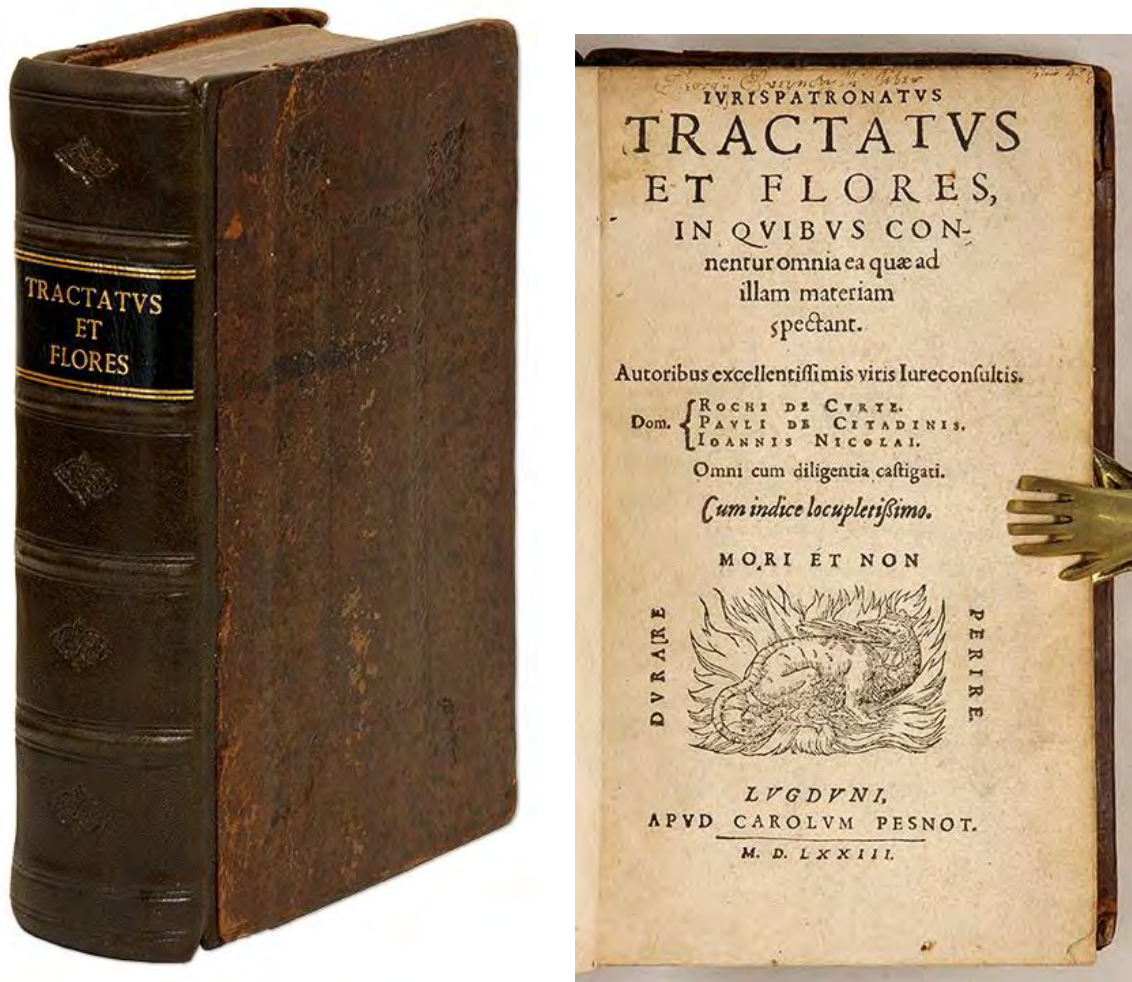
9. Comberbach, Roger.

Comberbach, Roger, [Jr.], Editor.

The Reports of Several Cases Argued and Adjudged in the Court of King's Bench at Westminster; From the First Year of King James the Second, To the Tenth Year of King William the Third. Collected by Roger Comberbach Esq; Late Recorder of Chester, And One of the Justices of North-Wales. Published by his Son Roger Comberbach of the Inner-Temple Esq; [London]: Printed by E. and R. Nutt, And R. Gosling, 1724. [xiv], 484, [52] pp. Folio (12-1/4" x 8").

Recent period-style three-quarter calf over marbled boards, raised bands and lettering piece to spine, endpapers renewed. Light rubbing and a few minor nicks to extremities, corners bumped. Moderate toning, crinkling to head of text block with occasional light soiling to upper margins, light foxing in a few places, a few cracks at beginning and end of text block, with a few loose leaves. \$450.

* Only edition, one of two issues from 1724. A set of reports from 1685 to 1699. Wallace says this reporter is not held in high regard, but holds, citing an English critic, that a few of its cases are "better reported than in any other book." Short notes of two chancery cases are reported on p. 67. Wallace calls attention to "an amusing case of an action for assault, battery, and false imprisonment" involving a mother and her daughter on p. 357. Wallace, *The Reporters* 396-397. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T97365. [Order This Item](#)



Three Treatises on Ecclesiastical Patronage

10. Curtius, Rochus [fl. 1470-1515].

Cittadini, Paolo [d. 1525].

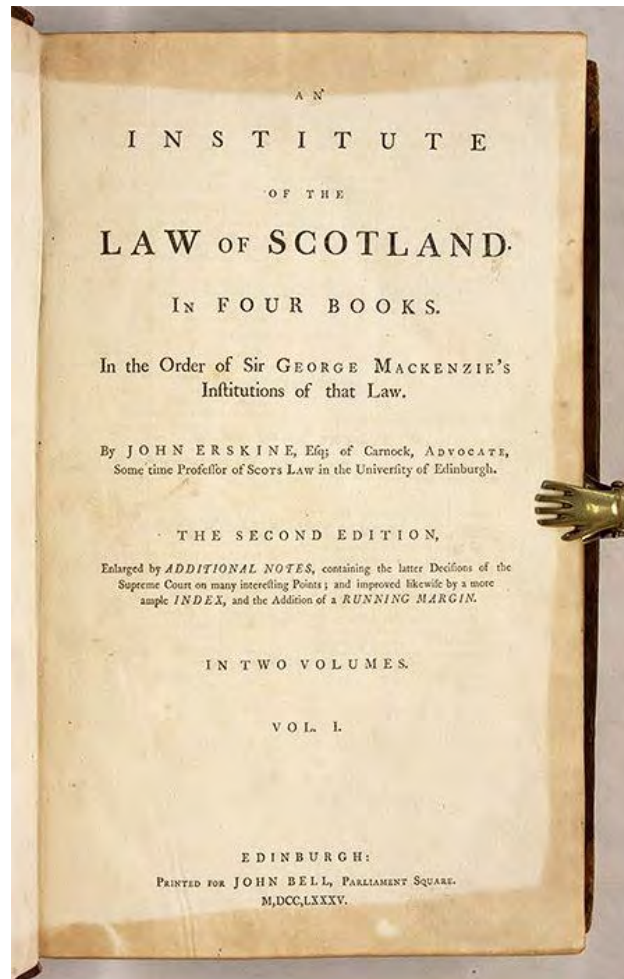
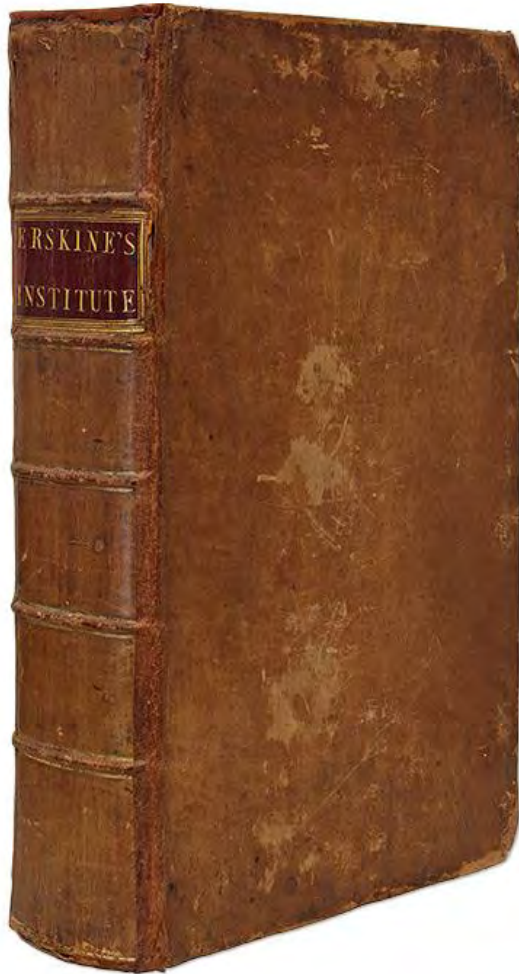
Nilsson, Jens [1538-1600].

Iurispatronatus Tractatus et Flores: In Quibus Continentur Omnia ea Quæ ad Illam Materiam Spectant. Lyon: Apud Carolum Pesnot, 1573. [lxxxvi], 879 pp. Octavo (6-3/4" x 4").

Later calf, rebaked in period style, blind frames to boards, raised bands, lettering piece and blind ornaments to spine, hinges mended. Some rubbing to board and board edges, corners bumped and somewhat worn, armorial bookplate (of Sir John William) to front pastedown. Large woodcut printer device, woodcut decorated initials. Moderate toning to text, occasional faint, often very faint, dampstaining, some leaves have neat underlining in contemporary hand. A handsome copy. \$1,500.

* Only edition (in this form), one of two issues from 1573 (the other, with identical format and collation, printed by Pierre Landry). This volume collects three notable canon-law treatises dealing with ecclesiastical patronage. All three were published previously, but our copy appears to be the only one to collect all three. OCLC locates 8 copies of both issues, 1 in North America (at the Library of Congress). Adams, *Catalogue of Books Printed on the Continent of Europe* C3116.

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A Great Authority on the Law of Scotland

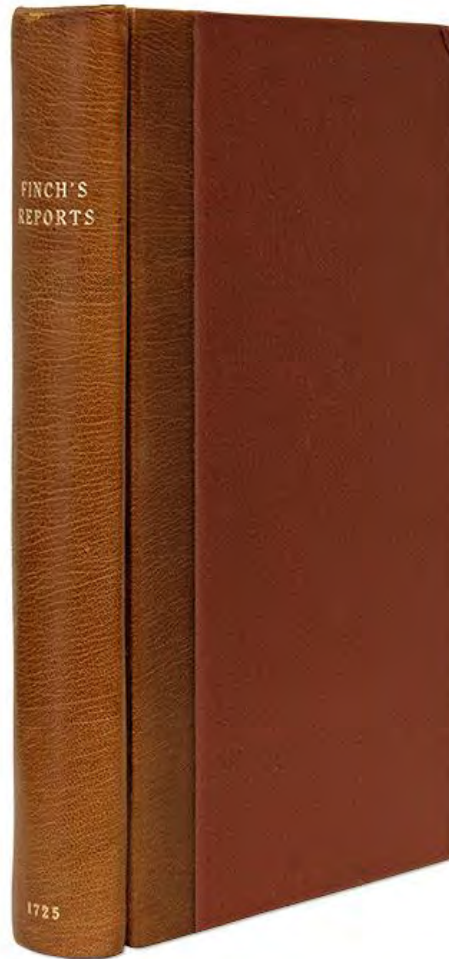
11. Erskine, John, Of Carnock [1695-1768].

An Institute of the Law of Scotland. In Four Books. In the Order of Sir George Mackenzie's Institutions of that Law. Enlarged by Additional Notes, Containing the Latter Decisions of the Supreme Court on Many Interesting Points; And Improved Likewise by a More Ample Index, And the Addition of a Running Margin. Edinburgh: Printed for John Bell, 1785. Two volumes with continuous pagination bound in one book. x, 438; [439]-813, [57] pp. Folio (12-1/2" x 8").

Contemporary calf, raised bands and lettering piece to spine, blind tooling to board edges, repair to head of spine, joints reinforced. Light rubbing to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, light chipping to foot of spine, corners bumped and somewhat worn, hinges cracked, early armorial bookplate (of Sir John Jay Scott Douglas) to front pastedown. Light toning to text, slightly heavier in places, some offsetting to margins of preliminaries and final leaf. \$750.

* Second edition. Esteemed for its erudition, clarity and accuracy, Erskine's *Institute* was one of the definitive authorities on Scots law. Rich in sociological detail, it includes laws on such topics as witchcraft, sodomy and bestiality, adultery, dueling and gypsies. A durable work, it was first published in 1773 and went through four more authorial editions and four later editions by other authors, the last (eighth) in 1871. Sweet & Maxwell, *English Short-Title Catalogue* T188612.

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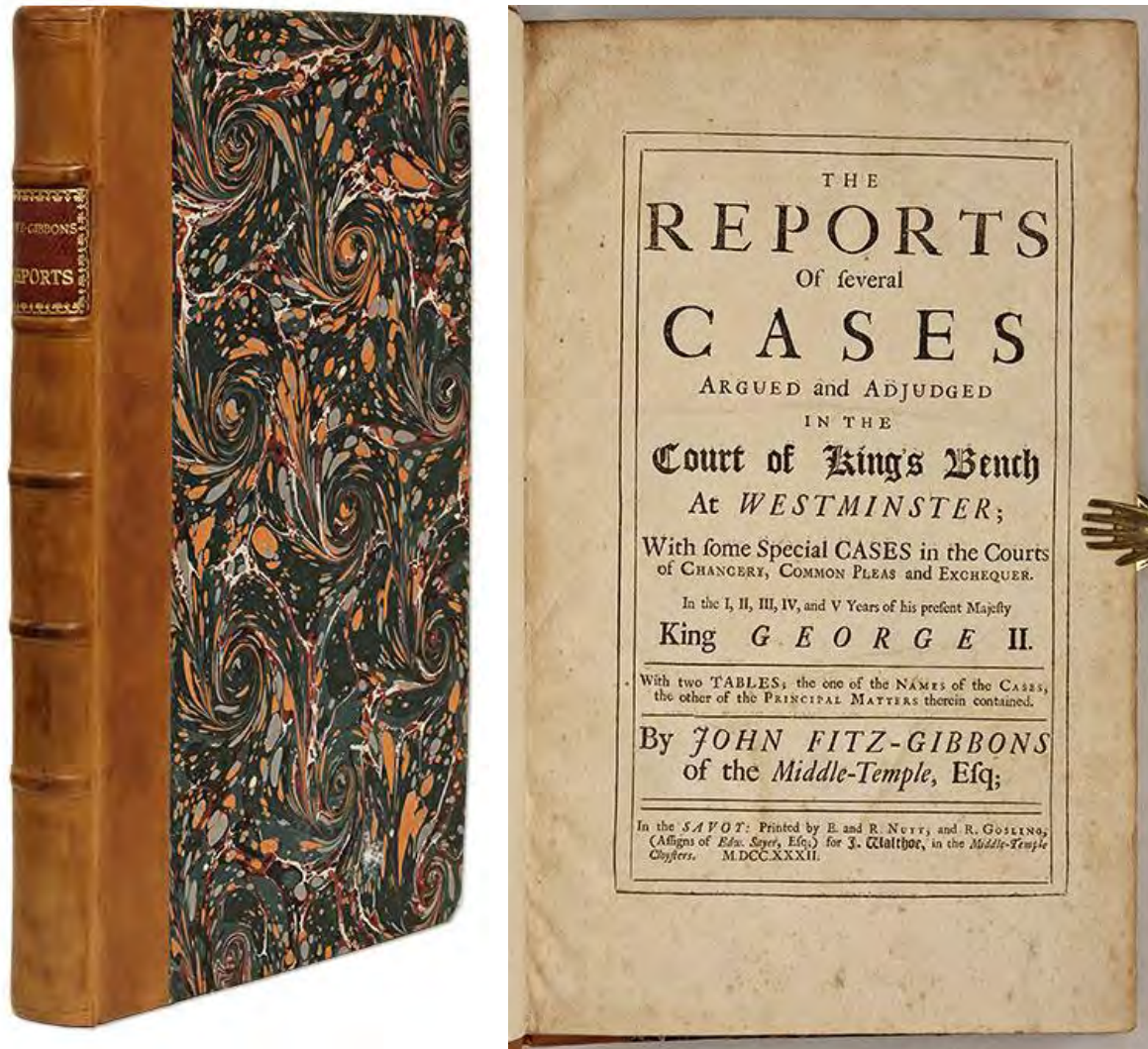
A Scarce Chancery Reporter Overlooked by Wallace

12. Finch, Heneage [1620-1682].

Reports of Cases Decreed in the High Court of Chancery, During the Time Heneage Finch, Afterwards Earl of Nottingham, Was Lord Chancellor. In Many of Which Decrees he was Assisted by Some of the Judges of the Common Law. All which Cases are Truly Stated upon the Pleadings, And the Arguments on Each Side Clearly Reported; Together with the Opinions of Those Judges, Who Sate as Assistants to the Chancellor Before he Pronounced his Decrees. To Which are Added Marginal Notes, Shewing Where Those Decrees are Founded on the Civil Law, And Agree Therewith. None of These Cases ever Printed Before, And All of them Carefully Collected by a Gentleman who Attended the Said Court, And was Himself of Counsel in the Said Cases. With Proper Tables; One of the Names of the Cases, The Other of the Principal Matters Therein Contained. [London]: Printed by E. and R. Nutt, and R. Gosling, 1735. [ii], iv, [4], 480, [22] pp. Folio (12-1/2" x 8").

Recent quarter morocco over cloth, gilt title to spine, endpapers added. Moderate toning to text, occasional faint dampstaining, dampspotting, light soiling and light foxing to margins, light foxing and mild edgewear to preliminaries, early owner annotations to front endleaf, struck-through early owner signature and two later library inkstamps to title page, early armorial bookplate (of John Reilly of the Middle Temple) to verso, brief annotations to a few passages.

* Third edition. Covers the years 1673-1681. Finch, 1st Earl of Nottingham, was an expert on municipal law. The first edition of this reporter was published in 1671; the last two editions in 1815 and 1902. All are scarce. Not in Wallace. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T95700. [Order This Item](#)



"The Sense of the Court Truly Delivered"

13. Fitz-Gibbons, John [d. 1780].

The Reports of Several Cases Argued and Adjudged in the Court of King's Bench at Westminster; With Some Special Cases in the Courts of Chancery, Common Pleas and Exchequer. In the I, II, III, IV, And V Years of His Present Majesty King George II. With Two Tables; The One of the Names of the Cases, The Other of the Principal Matters Therein Contained. [London]: Printed by E. and R. Nutt, And R. Gosling, 1732. [iv], 321, [15] pp. Folio (12-1/4" x 7-3/4").

Recent period-style quarter calf over marbled boards, lettering piece and raised bands to spine, endpapers renewed. Moderate toning, slightly heavier in places, occasional crinkling and faint dampspotting to head of text block, light foxing in a few places. \$350.

* Only edition. Covering the years 1728 to 1733, this set of reports appears to have enjoyed equal amounts of approval and disapproval. A note by John Burrow, cited in Wallace, offers a moderate (and more accurate) assessment: "There are, indeed, errors in it; but upon the whole the cases seem to be clearly stated, the argument of different counsel at different times clearly, forcibly, and yet briefly represented, and the sense of the court truly delivered.": Wallace, *The Reporters* 428. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T44780. [Order This Item](#)



Reports in Chancery, 1615-1712

14. [Great Britain].

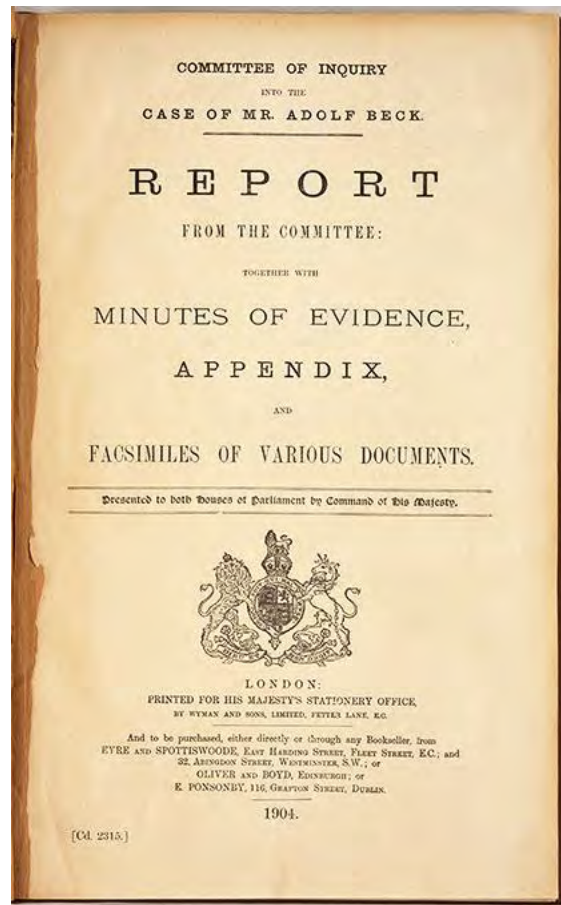
Court of Chancery.

Reports of Cases Taken and Adjudged in the Court of Chancery, In the Reign of King Charles I., Charles II., James II., William III. And Queen Anne. Being Special Cases and Most of Them Decreed With the Assistance of the Judges, And All of Them Referring to the Register Books: Wherein are Settled Several Points of Equity, Law and Practice. To Which are Added Learned Arguments Relating to the Antiquity of the Said Court, Its Dignity, Power and Jurisdiction: The Great Case Between the Dutchess of Albemarle and the Earl of Bath: And a List of All the Lord Chancellors, Lord Keepers, And Lords Commissioners of the Great Seal, Since the First Year of the Reign of Queen Elizabeth, Down to the Present Time; With Two Tables to Each Volume; One of the Names of the Cases and the Other of the Principal Matters. With Many Additional References to the Later Books and Authorities, and Carefully Corrected from the Many Errors in the Former Impressions. [London]: Printed by E. and R. Nutt, and R. Gosling, 1736. Three volumes in one, each with title page and index. Folio (12-1/2" x 8").

Recent quarter calf over marbled boards, lettering piece and blind fillets to boards, endpapers renewed. Light toning, faint dampstaining to head of text block, light foxing to preliminaries and a few other places, tiny library stamps to title pages and a few other leaves, tipped-in leaf of contemporary manuscript notes before p. 1 of Part I. \$500.

* Third, final and best edition. The first editions of these volumes were published in 1693, 1694 and 1716. "The different Parts of this book possess unequal merit. The first two...are characterized by Chancellor Kent "as lose and meagre, without much weight or authority;" while of the third Part he says, "that some cases in it, decided by Lord Cowper, are uncommonly well reported.": Wallace, *The Reporters* 479, see also 477-78. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T95282.

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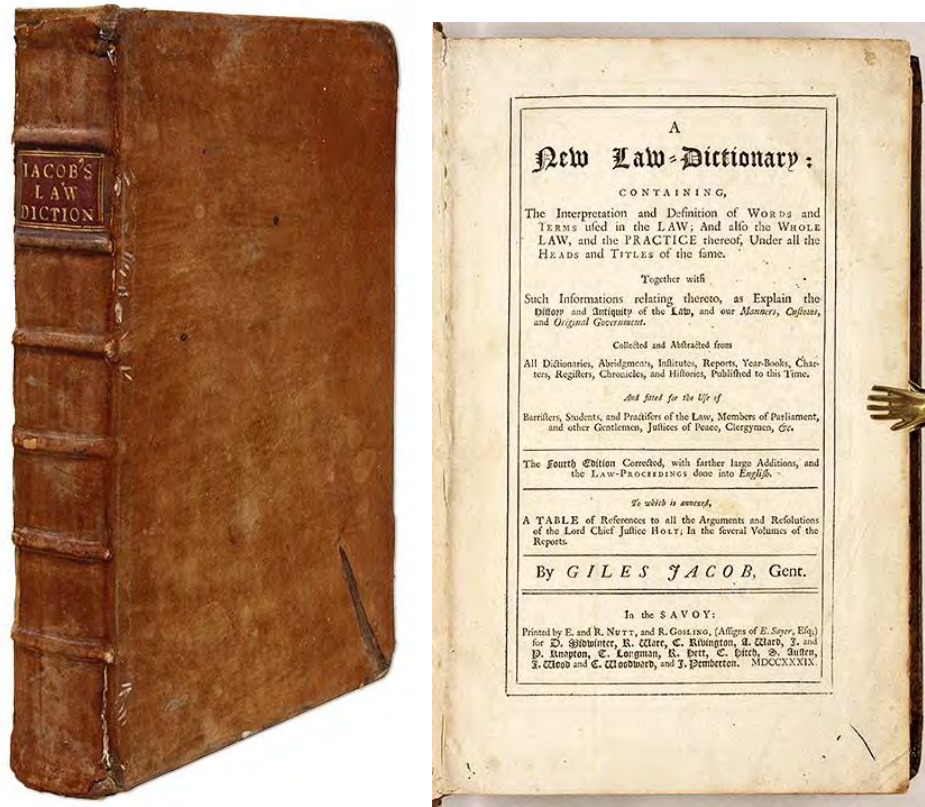
**A Notorious Case of Wrongful Conviction that Led
to the Creation of the English Court of Criminal Appeal**

**15. [Great Britain].
[Home Office].**

Committee of Inquiry into the Case of Mr. Adolf Beck. Report from the Committee; Together with Minutes of Evidence, Appendix, And Facsimiles of Various Documents. Presented to Both Houses of Parliament by Command of His Majesty. London: Printed for His Majesty's Stationary Office, 1904. xix, [5], [7]-334 pp. 4 folding tables of facsimile documents. Complete.

Contemporary library buckram, red and black calf lettering pieces and gilt library name to spine, faint embossed library stamp to front board, endleaves added, and later removed. Light rubbing to extremities, light scuffing to lettering pieces, faint binder (?) stamp to front pastedown, hinges partially cracked, light toning to text, a few minor creases and tears to folding tables. \$1,500.

* Adolf Beck was twice the victim of wrongful conviction (on two related cases) due to mistaken identity. The efforts of the judge who presided over his second trial led to the establishment of a committee of inquiry chaired by the noted jurist and Master of the Rolls Sir Richard Henn Collins [1842-1911]. The committee determined that Beck was convicted twice through unreliable methods of identification, erroneous eyewitness testimony and a rush to convict the accused. Along with its influence on police procedure, the committee's report led to the creation of the English Court of Criminal Appeal in 1907. OCLC locates 4 copies in North America, 2 in law libraries (University of Michigan, Yale). Other copies located at Harvard Law School and the Library of Congress. *Catalogue of the Library of the Harvard Law School* (1909) II:1014. [Order This Item](#)



Fourth Edition of Jacob's Great Dictionary

16. Jacob, Giles [1686-1744].

A New Law-Dictionary: Containing, The Interpretation and Definition of Words and Terms Used in the Law; and Also the Whole Law, and the Practice Thereof, Under All the Heads and Titles of the Same. Together With Such Informations Relating Thereto, as Explain the History and Antiquity of the Law, and Our Manners, Customs, and Original Government. Collected and Abstracted From All Dictionaries, Abridgments, Institutes, Reports, Year-Books, Charters, Registers, Chronicles, and Histories, Published to This Time. And Fitted for the Use of Barristers, Students, and Practisers of the Law, Members of Parliament, and Other Gentlemen, Justices of Peace, Clergymen, &c. Corrected, With Farther Large Additions, and the Law-Proceedings Done Into English. To Which is Annexed, a Table of References to All the Arguments and Resolutions of the Lord Chief Justice Holt; In the Several Volumes of the Reports. London: Printed by E. and R. Nutt, and R. Gosling, 1739. [806] pp. Main text printed in double columns. Folio (13-1/2" x 8-1/2").

Contemporary reversed calf, blind rules to boards, blind fillets along joints, raised bands and lettering piece to spine, early repair to rear joint. Light rubbing and a few scuffs and light stains to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities with wear to spine ends and corners, which are bumped, joints and hinges cracked but secure, endleaves removed, inkspatters to pastedowns. Light toning to text, somewhat heavier in places, light foxing to a few leaves. \$500.

* Fourth edition. As Cowley has pointed out, *A New Law-Dictionary* was both Jacob's masterpiece and "an entirely new departure in legal literature" that provided a model for several subsequent efforts. In contrast to earlier works, each entry summarizes all of the laws relating to the subject and offers extensive interpretive commentary. Obsolete terms are omitted. It was recognized almost immediately that Jacob created a highly useful legal encyclopedia that was more detailed and concise than any other abridgment of the period. An extremely popular work that went through twelve editions between 1729 and 1800, it offers unparalleled insights into Anglo-American law during the eighteenth century. Cowley, *A Bibliography of Abridgements, Digests, Dictionaries and Indexes to the Year 1800* 234. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T137462. [Order This Item](#)



**Edition of the *Institutes*
With Notes by a Distinguished German Jurist**

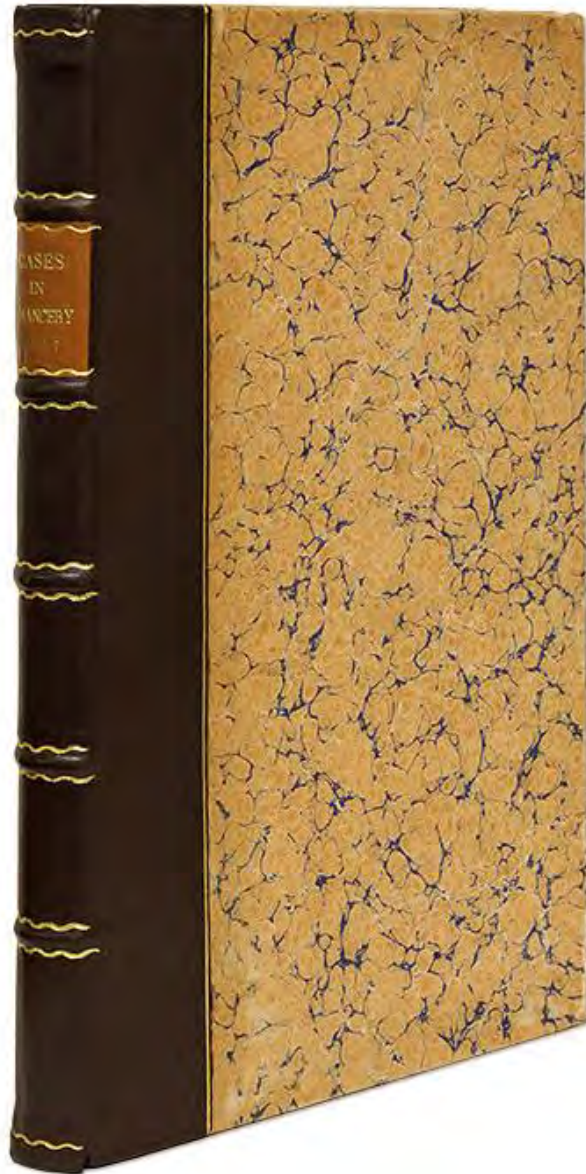
17. Justinian I [483-565CE], Emperor of the East.

Stryk, Samuel [1640-1710], Annotator.

Institutionum Libri Quatuor: In Gratiam Cupidae Legum Inventutis, Notis Maxime Necessariis Explanati. Added copperplate pictorial title page. Halle: Impensis Io. Friderici Zeitleri, 1708. [xvi], 663 pp. Octavo (6-1/2" x 4").

Contemporary vellum with lapped edges, edges of text block rouged. Light rubbing and soiling, recent owner stamp to front free endpaper, light toning to text. Title page printed in red and black. Early annotations to rear endleaves, a few early struck-through signatures to title page, interior otherwise clean. \$250.

* With index. Commissioned by the Emperor Justinian in 530 CE, the body of writings known collectively as the *Corpus Juris Civilis* preserved and restated all existing Roman law. It has four books: the *Code*, *Novels*, *Institutes* and *Digest*. Intended for students, the *Institutes* is a synopsis of the reformed legal system. It supplanted the earlier *Institutes* of Gaius. Stryk was a distinguished German jurist who was instrumental in developing German law from native sources rather than from received Roman law. He was an eminent professor of law at Halle whose pupils included Thomasius, Boehmer, Heineccius and Ludovici. His annotated edition of the *Institutes* was first published in 1698 and went through five editions, the last in 1726. The annotations, all of them footnotes, are extensive. They form a running commentary on the text. *Verzeichnis der im Deutschen Sprachraum Erschienenen Drucke des 18. Jahrhunderts* 11313838. [Order This Item](#)



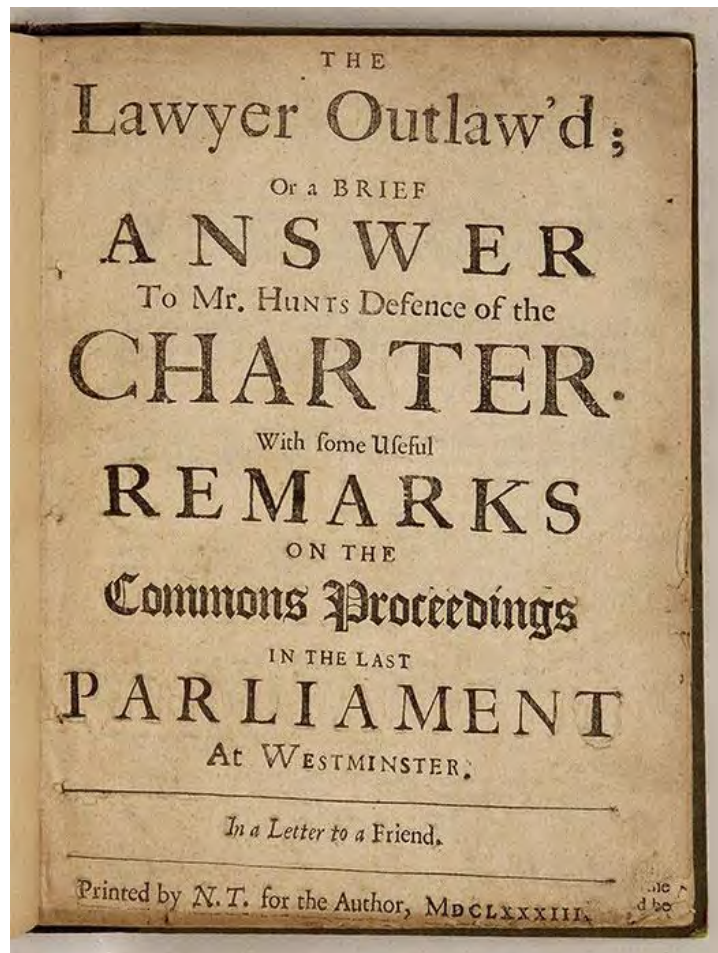
Chancery Cases, 1660-1688

18. [Keck, Sir Anthony (1630-1695)].

Cases Argued and Decreed in the High Court of Chancery, From the 12th Year of King Charles II. To the 31st. London: Printed for the Assigns of Rich. and Edw. Atkins, 1697. [viii], 312, [24] pp. Folio (12-1/4" x 8").

Recent period-style quarter calf over marbled boards, lettering piece and gilt-edged raised bands to spine, endpapers renewed, early hand-lettered title to fore-edge of text block. Light toning to text, slightly heavier in places, minor smudges, foxing and brief annotations to a few leaves, "No. 56" in small early hand to head of title page, which is lightly soiled, armorial bookplate (of John Godfrey of Wye, dated 1702) to verso. \$350.

* First edition. Attributed to Sir Anthony Keck, this volume reports cases from 1660 to 1688, the final 28 years preceding the Glorious Revolution. Wallace, *The Reporters* 481. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R25440. [Order This Item](#)



**Can English Liberties
Survive a Papist Monarchy?**

19. [L'Estrange, Sir Roger (1616-1714)].

The Lanyer Outlaw'd; Or a Brief Answer to Mr. Hunts Defence of the Charter. With Some Useful Remarks on the Commons Proceedings in the Last Parliament at Westminster. In a Letter to a Friend. [London]: Printed by N[athaniel] T[hompson] for the Author, 1683. [ii], 38 pp. Quarto (7-3/4" x 5-1/2").

Stab-stitched pamphlet in recent quarter pebbled cloth over paper-covered boards. Light soiling, moderate wear to spine ends and corners, rear joint starting at head, hinges partially cracked. Moderate toning, light soiling to title page and verso of final leaf, margins trimmed close in places with minor loss to text, but not legibility, of a few leaves, small hole in lower corner of title with no loss to text. \$500.

* First edition, one of three issues from 1683. L'Estrange's essay was a response to Thomas Hunt's *Defence of the Charter, And Municipal Rights of the City of London* (1683), which claimed that when the Duke of York became king "the governments of all the once corporate towns, whose charters were lost, would be put in the hands of the papists whose ultimate aim was the extirpation of the Protestant religion" (Zook). Our pamphlet is one of two issues by Nathaniel Thompson. The other 1683 edition does not indicate a printer. A second and final edition of this pamphlet was published in 1683. OCLC locates 2 copies in North American law libraries, both of the first edition that does not indicate a printer (Harvard, University of Minnesota). Zook, *Radical Whigs and Conspiratorial Politics in Late Stuart England* 44. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R25476. [Order This Item](#)



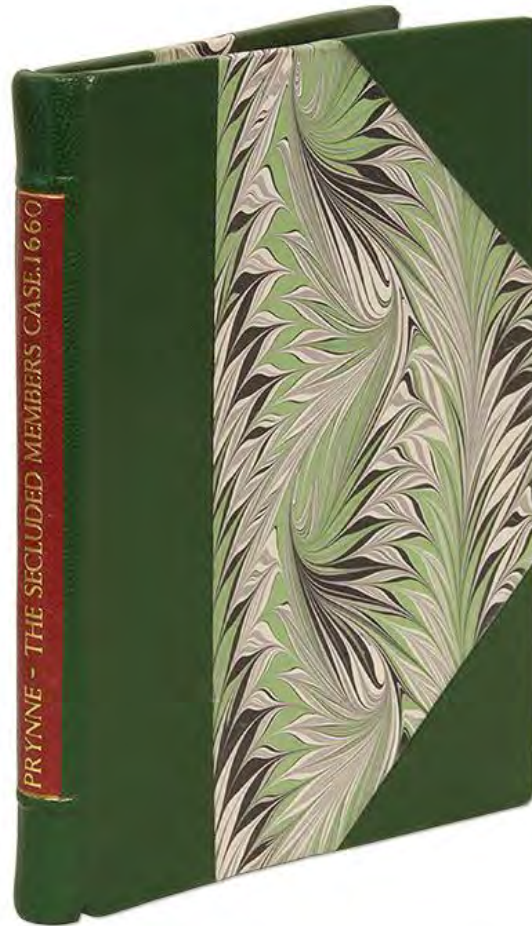
Rights, Liberties and Privileges of London

20. [London].

19. *The Laws and Customs, Rights, Liberties, And Privileges, Of the City of London: Containing: The Several Charters Granted to the Said City, From William the Conqueror to the Present Time; The Magistrates and Officers Thereof, And Their Respective Creations, Elections, Rights, Duties and Authorities; The Laws and Customs of the City, As the Same Relate to the Persons or Estates of the Citizens; The Nature, Jurisdiction, Practice and Proceedings of the Several Courts in London; And the Acts of Parliament Concerning the Cities of London and Westminster, Alphabetically Digested Under the Following Titles, Viz. Administration, Aldermen, Aliens, Annoyance, Apothecaries, Appeals, Ashes, Attaints, Ballast, Barbers, Bawdy-House, Billingsgate, Blackwell-Hall, Brass, Brokers and Stockjobbers, Buildings, Butchers, Butter and Cheese, Carts, Chairs, Churches, Coaches, Coals, Conduits, Constables, Coopers, Cordwainers, Corn Debts, Drapery, Election, Fish, Fuel, Garbling and Gauging, Gold and Goldsmiths, Gunpowder, Highways, Jury, Market, Oilmen, Painters and Plasterers, Pavement, Physicians, Quo Warranto, Recognizances, Sewers, Stockjobbers, Streets, Tithes, Victuallers, Water, Watermen, Weights and Measures, And Wine.* London: Printed for R. Withy, 1765. [iv], xix, [1], 315, [1], xii pp. Complete. Octavo (6-1/2" x 4").

Recent library buckram, red and black lettering piece and paper location label to spine, embossed library name and small security tag to front board, library inkstamps to edges of text block and endleaves. Light browning to text, somewhat heavier in places, library stamp and owner signature of William Rawle to title page. \$250.

* Only edition. An interesting collection drawn from charters, laws and other documents from the time of William the Conqueror to the 1760s. Rawle [1759-1836], a pillar of Pennsylvania's legal establishment, was the author of *A View of the Constitution of the United States of America* (1825), founder and president of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, president of the Pennsylvania Abolition Society and served a long-serving trustee of the University of Pennsylvania. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T106481. [Order This Item](#)



**Prynne's Remarks on the
1648 Purge of the Long Parliament**

21. [Prynne, William (1600-1669)].

A Full Declaration of the True State of the Secluded Members Case. In Vindication of Themselves, And Their Privileges, And of the Respective Counties, Cities and Boroughs for Which they were Elected to Serve in Parliament, Against the Vote of Their Discharge, Published in Print Jan. 5, 1669, by their Follow Members. Complied and Published by Some of the Secluded Members, Who Could Meet with Safety and Conveniencie, Without Danger of a Forcible Suprize by Red-Coats. London: Printed, And are to be Sold by Edward Thomas, 1660. [ii], 54, [4] pp. Quarto (7-1/4" x 5-1/2").

Stab-stitched pamphlet bound into recent period-style three-quarter morocco over marbled boards, raised bands and lettering piece to spine, endpapers added, recent bookplate (of D.G. Mackenzie) to front pastedown. Title page printed with typographical border. Moderate toning, final leaf a little cropped at foot with loss of most of one word and all of the catchword, final page rather soiled, repairs to upper corner of and fore-edge title page with loss to border of text. \$750.

* Only Edition. Pride's Purge of December 1648 was eventually reversed on 21 February 1660 when all the surviving barred Members were restored to the Long Parliament. Prynne includes a list of the secluded Members and here writes up his observations on the subject in a rather more concise way than was his usual practice. The term "Redcoats" to describe soldiers in the English army dates back to February 1645 when Parliament established the New Model Army and it adopted red uniforms. OCLC locates no copies in North American law libraries. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R22149. [Order This Item](#)



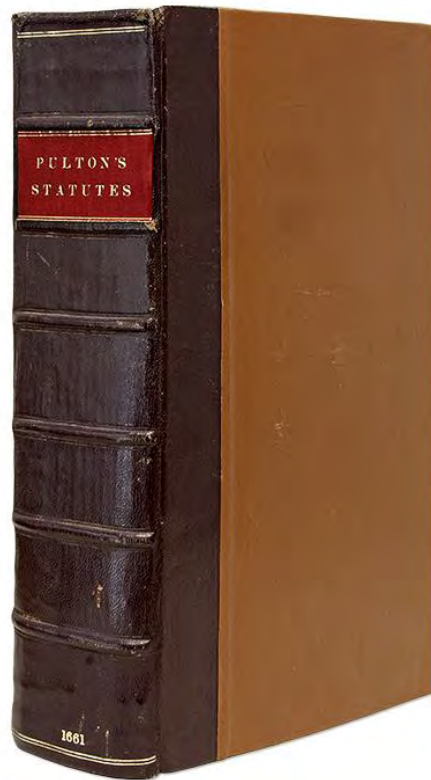
A Contentious Essay on the Relationship Between Church and State

22. Prynne, William.

Truth Triumphant over Falshood, Antiquity Over Novelty. Or, The First Part of a Just and Seasonable Vindication of the Undoubted Ecclesiasticall Jurisdiction, Right, Legislative, Coercive Power of Christian Emperors, Kings, Magistrates, Parliaments, In All Matters of Religion, Church-Government, Discipline, Ceremonies, Manners: Summoning Of, Presiding, Moderating in Councells, Synods; And Ratifying Their Canons, Determinations, Decrees: As Likewise of Lay-Mens Right Both to Sit and Vote in Councells; (Here Proved to be Anciently, And in Truth None Other but Parliaments, Especially in England) Both by Scripture Texts, Presidents of All Sorts, And the Constant Uninterrupted Practices, Examples, Of the Most Eminent Emperors, Princes, Councells, Parliaments, Churches, And Christian States, (Especially of Our Owne) in All Ages Since Their Embracing the Gospell. In Refutation of Mr. Iohn Goodwins Innocencies Triumph: My Deare Brother Burtons Vindication of Churches, Commonly Called Independent: And of All Anti-Monarchicall, Anti-Parliamentall, Anti-Synodicall, And Anarchicall Paradoxes of Papists, Prelates, Anabaptists, Arminians, Socinians, Brownists, Or Independents: Whose Old and New Objections to the Contrary, Are Here Fully Answered. London: Printed by John Dawson, And are to be Sold by Michael Sparke, Senior, 1645. [xii], [2], 156 pp. Final leaf, which should follow p. 156, misbound after p. [xii]. Quarto (8-1/2" x 6-1/2").

Stab-stitched pamphlet with untrimmed edges bound into recent period-style three-quarter morocco over marbled boards, raised bands and lettering piece to spine, endpapers added, recent bookplate (of D.G. Mackenzie) to front pastedown. Title printed within woodcut typographical border, woodcut headpieces. Moderate toning, occasional minor loss to headlines due to printing errors, fore-edges of final two leaves shaved just touching marginal notes with loss of a few letters or figures on p. 156, some edgewear to title page. A nice copy. \$750

* Only edition, variant issue with the additional leaf signed (*) and headed "To Master Henry Burton." One of the most notable and colorful figures of the seventeenth century, Prynne was a contentious and erudite Puritan attorney and legal antiquarian who wrote around 200 books and pamphlets about legal history, religion and politics. He was a veteran of numerous pamphlet wars. *Truth Triumphant Over Falshood* is a reply to *Innocencies Triumph. Or An Answer to the Back-Part of a Discourse Lately published by William Prynne, Esquire* (1644) by John Goodwin and *A Vindication of Churches, Commonly Called Independent* (1644) by Henry Burton, two pamphlets that attacked two other pamphlets by Prynne that criticized the government of the Church of England. Prynne asserts the political supremacy of Parliament over the Church of England. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R212479. [Order This Item](#)



"A New Standard"

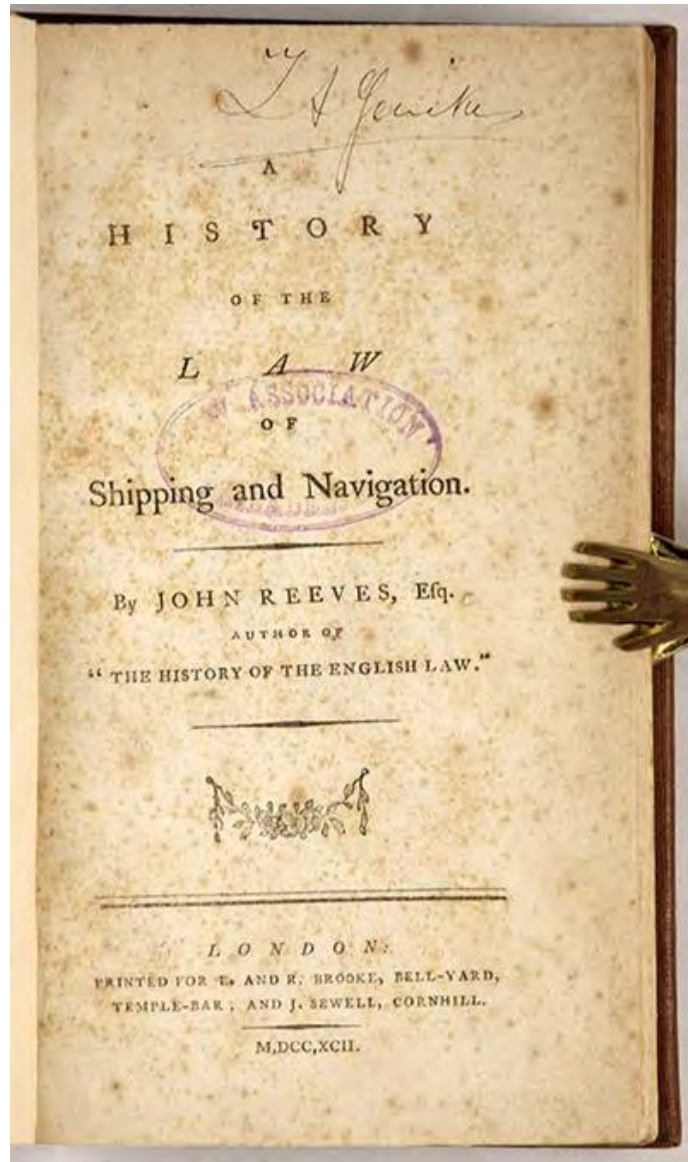
23. Pulton, Ferdinando [1536-1618], Compiler.

A Collection Of Sundry Statutes, Frequent in Use. With Notes in the Margent, And References to the Book Cases, And Books of Entries and Registers, Where they be Treated of. Together, With an Abridgment of the Residue which be Expired, Repealed, Altered, And Worn Out of Use, Or do Concern Private Persons, Places, Or Things, And Not the Whole Common-Wealth. Also, A Necessary Table, Or Kalender, Is Annexed Hereunto, Expressing in Titles the Most Material Branches of Those Statutes in Use, And Practice. And Now in this Last Impression the Faults in the Table, Or Kalender, Is Annexed Hereunto, Expressing in Titles the Most Materiall Branches of Those Statutes in Use, And Practice. And Now in this Impression, The Table Amended and Enlarged. And the Statutes Made in the Reign of the Late King Charles the First of Blessed Memory: And of His Majesty that Now is, Charles the Second, by the Grace of God, Of England, &c. King. Added. London: Printed for the Company of Stationers, John Bill, and Christopher Barker, 1661. [viii], 1427, [81] pp. First leaf blank. Folio (13-1/4" x 8-3/4").

Later quarter calf over cloth, raise bands and lettering piece to spine, endpapers renewed. Light rubbing to extremities, a few tiny nicks to spine, corners lightly bumped and worn, front hinge cracked. Light toning to text, light crinkling and edgewear to preliminaries and final leaves of index, light soiling to title page, author name circled in faint ink. An attractive copy. \$750.

* Later edition. Pulton was a commoner of Brasenose College, Oxford, a fellow of Christ's College, Cambridge, and a member of Lincoln's Inn. As a Catholic Pulton was not allowed to practice, so, supported by his vast personal fortune, he devoted his energies to editing statutes, which he did with great skill and industry. First published 1618, his *Collection of Sundry Statutes* was, as Holdsworth notes, "an advance upon all former editions of the statutes. [It] set a new standard to the makers of these editions, to which subsequent editors made at least an attempt to conform." The final edition of this work appeared in 1670. Holdsworth, *A History of English Law* IV: 301. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R16700.

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**Eighteenth-Century Account
of Great Britain's Navigation Acts**

24. Reeves, John [1752?-1829].

A History of the Law of Shipping and Navigation. London: Printed for E. and R. Brooke, 1792. [x], 547, [27] pp. Octavo (8-1/4" x 5-1/4").

Recent library buckram, red and black lettering pieces to spine, embossed library name and security tag to front board, endpapers added, stamps to edges and endleaves. Moderate toning, faint dampspotting to preliminaries, early (illegible) owner signature and later library stamp to title page. \$250.

* First edition, reprinted the same year in Dublin. John Reeves was the author of the first history of English law. The present work is in effect a history of the Navigation Acts, giving a clear account of the manner in which they had been interpreted by the government departments which were concerned with their enforcement. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T109777. [Order This Item](#)



Ancient Laws of Scotland

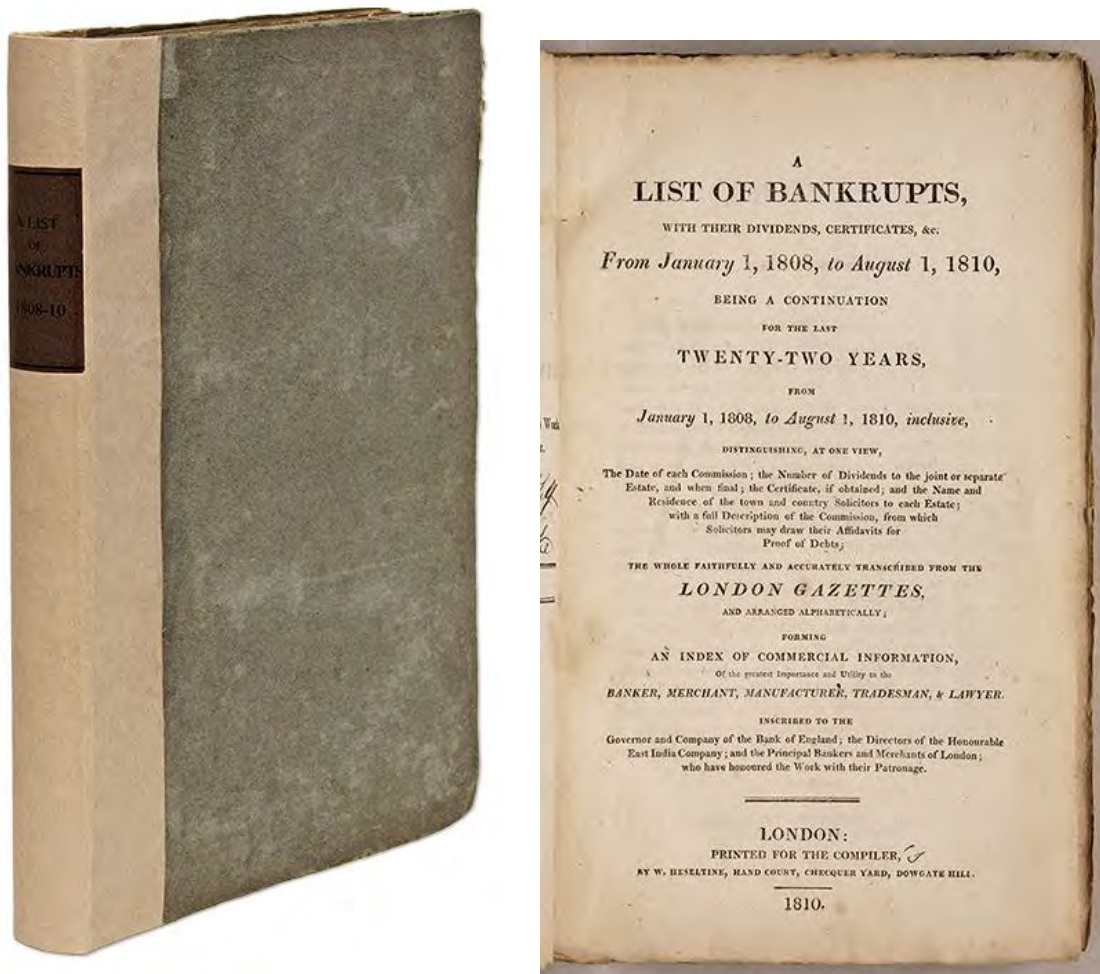
25. Skene, John [?1543-1617].

Regiam Majestatem. The Auld Lawes and Constitutions of Scotland, Faithfullie Collected Furth of the Register, And Other Auld Authentick Bukes, Fra the Dayes of King Malcolme the Second, Untill the Time of King James the First, Of Gude Memorie: And Trewlie Corrected in Sundrie Faults, And Errours, Committed be Ignorant Writers. And Translated Out of Latine in Scottish Language, To the Use and Knowledge of All the Subjects Within this Realme. With Ane Large Table of the Contents Therof, Be Sr. John Skene of Curriebill, Clerk of Our Sovereigne Lordis Register, Counsell, And Rollis. Quhereunto are Adjoined Twa Treatises, The Ane, Anent the Order of Proces Observed Before the Lords of Counsell, And Session: The Other of Crimes, And Judges in Criminal Causes. Edinburgh: Printed by Thomas Finlason, 1609. [vi], 158, [1]; 181, [3] pp. Quarto (10-1/2" x 7-1/4").

Contemporary calf, recently rebacked, raised bands and retained later lettering pieces to spine, corners mended, endpapers renewed. Light rubbing to boards, moderate rubbing and some chipping to board edges, some wear to edges of lettering pieces, retained early armorial bookplate (of John Hooke) to front pastedown. Attractive woodcut head-pieces, tail-pieces and decorated initials. Moderate toning, light foxing in places, light soiling to a few leaves and title page, which has an early owner signature. An appealing copy. \$1,250.

* First edition in English, published the same year as the first edition in Latin (1609). Skene was the first great Scottish legal historian. First published in Edinburgh in 1609, *Regiam Maistaten Scotiæ* is an important collection of medieval Scottish laws and constitutions. An important source for the history of civil procedure and criminal law in Scotland, it provides interesting comparisons with common, canon and civil law. *English Short-Title Catalogue* S117424.

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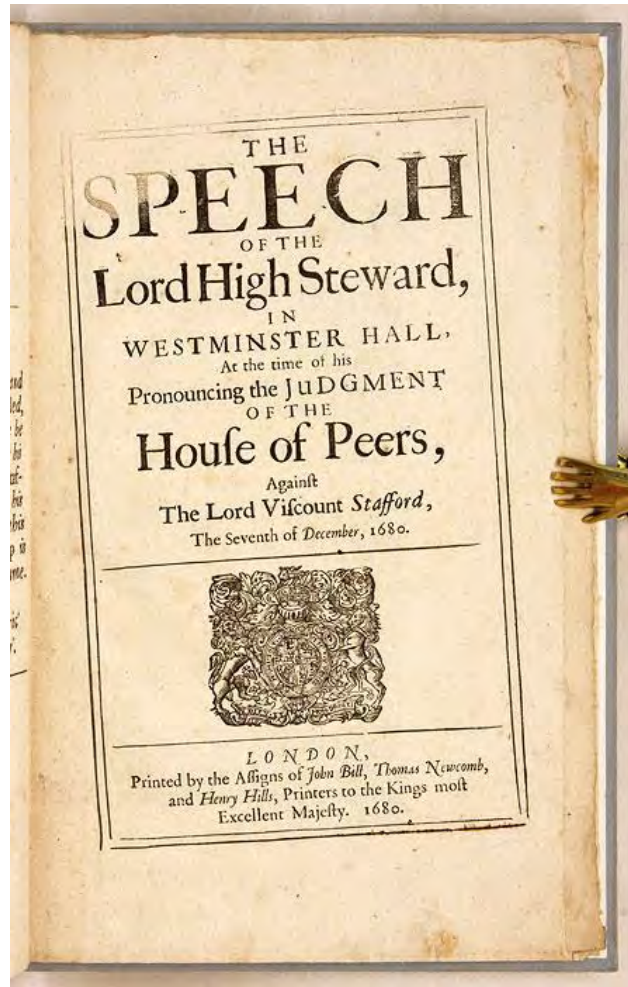
1810 Digest of English Financial Failures

26. Smith, William & Co.

A List of Bankrupts with Their Dividends, Certificates, Etc. From January 1, 1808 to August 1, 1810, Being a Continuation for the Last Twenty-Two Years, From January 1, 1808, To August 1, 1810, Inclusive, Distinguishing, At One View, The Date of Each Commission; The Number of Dividends to the Joint or Separate Estate and When Final; The Certificate, If Obtained; And the Name and Residence of the Town and Country Solicitors to Each Estate; With a Full Commission from Which Solicitors to Each Estate; With a Full Description of the Commission, From Which Solicitors May Draw Their Affidavits for Proof of Debts; The Whole Faithfully and Accurately Transcribed from the London Gazettes, And Arranged Alphabetically; Forming an Index of Commercial Information, Of the Greatest Importance and Utility to the Banker Merchant, Manufacturer, Tradesman, & Lawyer. Inscribed to the Governor and Company of the Bank of England; Directors of the Honourable East India Company: with their Patronage. London: Printed for the compiler, by W. Heseltine. 1810. [264] pp. Octavo (9" x 5-1/2").

Original publisher boards rebacked in paper, original spine label retained, untrimmed edges. Light rubbing to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, hinges mended. Moderate toning to text, light foxing in few places, presentation inscription, "For Wm. Smith [illegible]/ H. Clarke," to verso of half-title. \$650

* An extraordinary snapshot of financial failures, both private and commercial in Regency Britain. Similar lists were published in several other years, viz. 1794, 1795, 1806, 1808, 1811 and 1812. In addition, monthly lists were included in the *European Magazine*. Our list is not listed on COPAC. [Order This Item](#)



A Victim of the Popish Plot

27. [Trial].

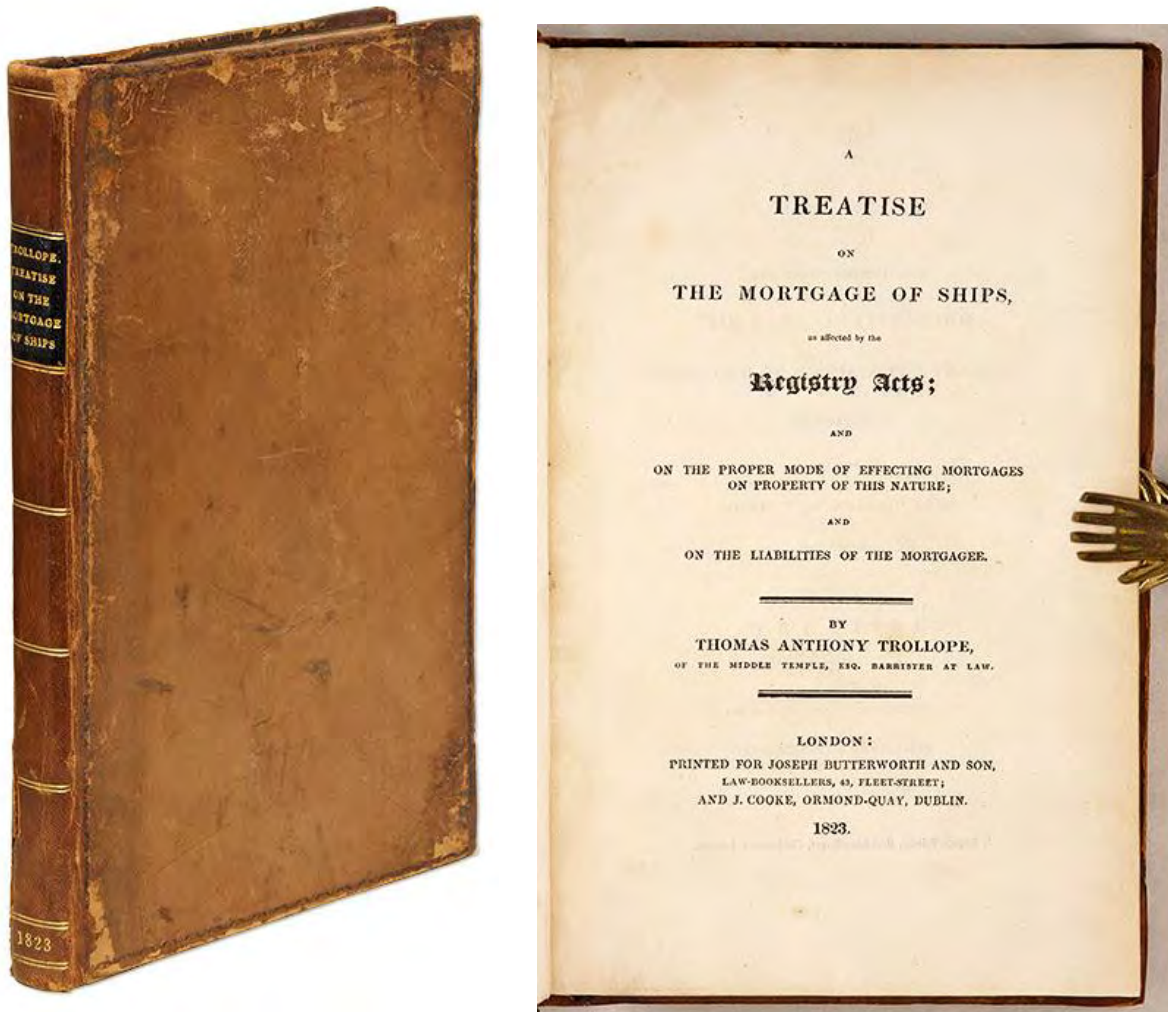
Finch, Heneage, Earl of Nottingham [1621-1682].

Stafford, William Howard [1614-1680], Defendant.

The Speech of the Lord High Steward, In Westminster Hall, At the Time of His Pronouncing the Judgment of the House of Peers Against the Lord Viscount Stafford, The Seventh of December, 1680. London: Printed by the Assigns of John Bill, Thomas Newcomb, And Henry Hills, 1680. 12 pp. Main text preceded by licence leaf. Folio (11-1/4" x 7-1/2").

Stab-stitched pamphlet bound into recent cloth, gilt title to spine. Light soiling to extremities. Moderate toning, untrimmed edges, negligible light foxing. Ex-library. Bookplate to front pastedown. \$150.

* Only edition, the longest and most complete of three accounts, all published in 1680. Stafford was one of several Roman Catholic peers sentenced to death for treason in the wake of the Popish Plot. A fictitious conspiracy to assassinate Charles II, it provoked a spasm of anti-Catholic hysteria in England and Scotland that led to the executions of at least 22 men between 1678 and 1681 and harsh laws against Catholics. One of the victims was Viscount Stafford. Finch, who presided over the trial, suspected Stafford's innocence. His speech indicates his discomfort when he sentenced Stafford to death. OCLC locates no copies of any of the 3 accounts in North American libraries. The ESTC locates 1 copy, of the John Bill imprint and one other account, at the New York Public Library. English Short-Title Catalogue R14962. [Order This Item](#)



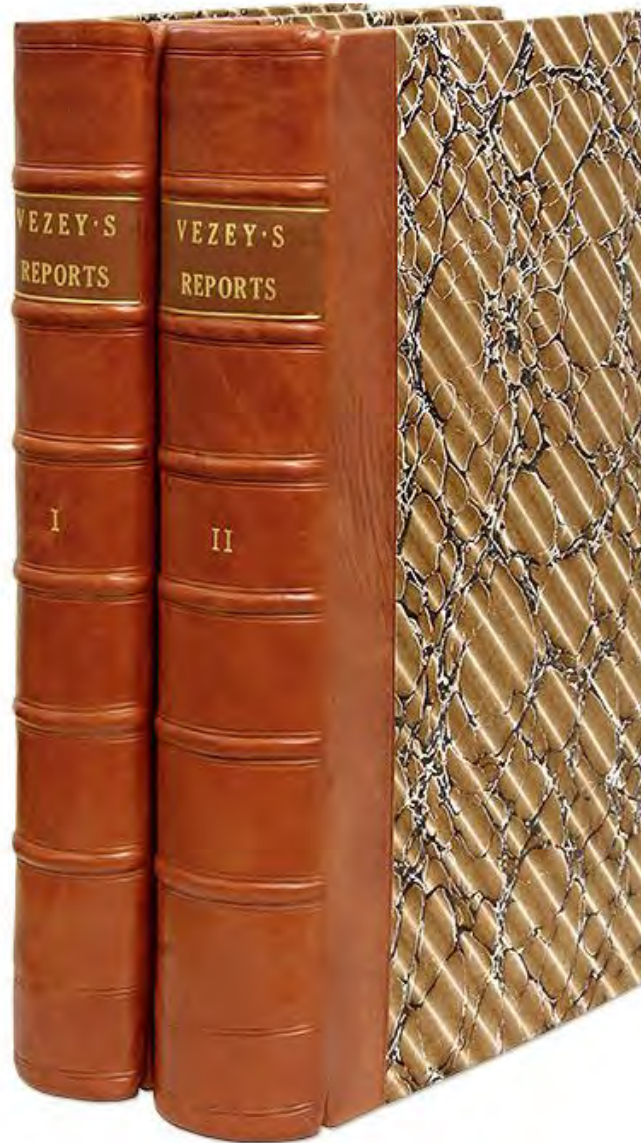
Rare Nineteenth-Century Treatise on Ship Mortgages

28. Trollope, Thomas Anthony [1774-1835].

A Treatise on the Mortgage of Ships, As Affected by the Registry Acts; And on the Proper Mode of Effecting Mortgages on Property of this Nature, And on the Liabilities of the Mortgagee. London: Printed for Joseph Butterworth and Son, 1823. [xii], xxiv, 144 pp. Octavo (8-1/4" x 5-1/4").

Contemporary calf with later rebacking, blind fillets to boards, lettering piece and gilt fillets to spine, blind tooling to board edges. Light rubbing and a few shallow scuffs to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, front hinge cracked, rear hinge started. Moderate toning to text, light foxing in a few places, partial crack in text block between pp. 142 and 143. A nice copy of a rare title. \$1,250.

* First and only edition. This treatise addresses the intricate law of ship mortgages, which was then in a period of transition. OCLC locates 4 copies (British Library, National Library of Scotland, Oxford, University of Aberdeen). Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 2:361. [Order This Item](#)



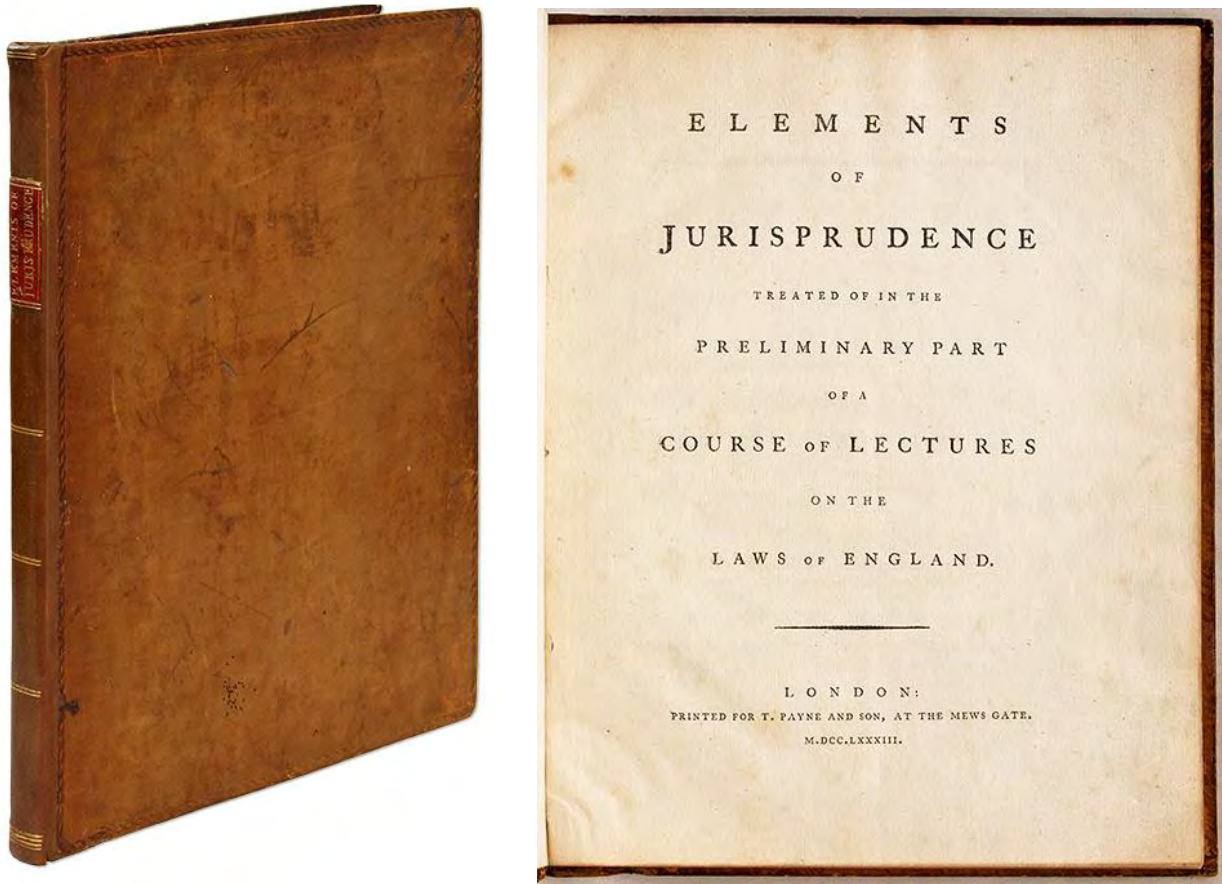
A Scarce Set of Eighteenth-Century Chancery Reports

29. Vesey (Vezey), Francis [1721?-1804].

Cases Argued and Determined, In the High Court of Chancery, In the Time of Lord Chancellor Hardwicke, From the Year 1746-7, To 1755. With Tables, Notes, And References. London: Printed by W. Strahan and M. Woodfall, 1773. Two volumes. [viii], 557, [30]; [viii], 685, [38] pp. Folio (12-1/2" x 7-1/2").

Recent period-style quarter calf over marbled boards, endpapers renewed. Light toning to interiors, light foxing in a few places, notes in early hand to a few leaves, early owner signature (of Thomas Markham, 1776) to upper corner of both title pages. A nice copy of a scarce set. \$750.

* Second edition. These reports cover the years 1747 to 1756. The first edition was published in 1771. Its final edition, the fourth, was printed in 1818 and reprinted in Philadelphia in 1831. *English Short-Title Catalogue* N26896. Wallace, *The Reporters* 515. [Order This Item](#)



"The Complement of Sir W. Blackstone's Commentaries"

30. Wooddeson, Richard [1745-1822].

Elements of Jurisprudence, Treated of in the Preliminary Part of a Course of Lectures on the Laws of England. London: Printed for T. Payne and Son, 1783. [iv], 118 pp. Quarto (10-1/2" x 8-1/2").

Contemporary calf, rebaked in period style, blind fillets to boards, blind fillets and retained contemporary lettering piece to spine. Some rubbing to extremities, corners bumped and somewhat worn, front board just beginning to separate but secure, rear joint starting. Two early armorial bookplates (of Henry C. Compton Esq. Manor House, Lyndhurst, and Scrope Berdmore, S.T.P. Coll. Mert. Custos, 1790) to front pastedown. Offsetting to endleaves, interior otherwise fresh. A nice copy. \$1,850.

* First edition. Wooddeson was elected a Vinerian Scholar in 1766, became a Vinerian Fellow in 1776 and was Vinerian Professor from 1777 to 1793. He was steeped in Blackstone's work, and he strove to supplement it. "Dr. Wooddeson's Lectures form, in a measure, the complement of Sir W. Blackstone's Commentaries, for he supplies some deficiencies in the production of his predecessor, and treats more in detail, some topics, but slightly noticed by him. Though of acknowledged merit, as to learning, method of arrangement, and accuracy of rules, they do not seem to have attained so great a reputation as their real worth entitles them to. In point of style, and beauty of narration, they follow the Commentaries, *haud non passibus auquis*" (Marvin). Holdsworth describes each chapter in detail and calls this work a very useful book on legal theory. This book had a second edition published in Dublin in 1792. Marvin, *Legal Bibliography* 745. Holdsworth, *A History of English Law* XII:428f. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T32600. [Order This Item](#)