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Rare Essay on Bills of Exception from the Library of Woburn Abbey

1. Adam, William [1751-1839].

Additional Observations on Bills of Exception, Being a Supplement to His Treatise on Trial by Jury. Edinburgh: Thomas Clark, Law-Bookseller, 1836. 41 pp. Octavo (8-1/2" x 5-1/2").

Contemporary cloth, printed paper title label to spine. Some rubbing to extremities, corners bumped, front joint just starting at head, light fading to spine and parts of boards. Armorial bookplate of Woburn Abbey (dated 1873) to front pastedown, "Bedford" in bold hand to front free endpaper, one leaf partially detached but secure. Faint dampstaining to foot of text block, light foxing, internally clean. \$250.

* Only edition. This is a supplement to Adam's *Practical Treatise and Observations on Trial by Jury in Civil Causes* (1836). Adam produced this "supplement" to answer the objections of the dean of faculty of the University of Edinburgh to his doctrine on bills of exception and elaborate his argument. The signature "Bedford" is probably that of William Russell [1809-1872], Eighth Duke of Bedford and the owner of Woburn Abbey, or his son, Francis Charles Hastings Russell [1819-1891], Ninth Duke. OCLC locates 2 copies (at the New York Public and Los Angeles City Law Libraries). Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 5:4.

"No Superior as a Writer of Practical Works"

2. Archbold, John Frederick [1785-1870].

Peel's Acts, With the Forms of Indictments, Etc. And the Evidence Necessary to Support Them. London: William Benning, 1828. xxxii, 385, [1] pp. Octavo (7-1/2" x 4-1/2").

Contemporary paper boards, rebacked with contrasting period-style paper spine retaining original printed paper spine label, large printed label reading "Kirton Sessions" to front board, corners repaired, endpapers renewed, untrimmed edges. A few minor stains, some rubbing to boards and extremities, toning to text. Early annotation to front endleaf, interior otherwise clean. \$450.

* First edition. This is an important commentary on the recently enacted criminal laws instituted under Sir Robert Peel. Archbold was a distinguished and prolific author and an expert on pleading. Highly regarded, Marvin expressed a common opinion when he wrote that "Mr. Archbold has no superior as a writer of practical works, whether we regard their number or utility, and but one equal, Mr. Chitty." Kirton Sessions is a courthouse in Lincolnshire. OCLC locates 4 copies, 2 in North America (at Harvard Law School and the University of Chicago). Marvin, *Legal Bibliography* 69. Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 2:10 (stating 1827 as imprint date).

The Readjustment of Church-State Relations in Post-Colonial Argentina

3. [Argentina].

Tribunal Fiscal de la Nacion.

[Agrelo, Pedro Jose (1776-1846), Author].

Memorial Ajustado de los Diversos Aspedientes Seguidos Sobre la Provision de Obispos en Esta Iglesia de Buenos Aires, Hecha por el Solo Sumo Pontifice sin Presentacion del Gobierno, Y Sobre un Breve Presentado en Materia de Jurisdiccion, Y Reservas Retenido y Suplicado. Con la Defensa que se Sostiene de la Jurisdiccion Ordinaria, Y Libertades de Esta Iglesia y sus Diocesanos, y del Soberano Patronato y Regalias de la Nacion en la Proteccion de sus Iglesias, Y Provision de Todos sus Beneficios Eclesiasticos Como Correspondiente Exclusivamente a los Gobiernos Respectivos de las Nuevas Republicas Americano-Espanolas del Continente. Dispuesto por el Fiscal General del Estado, Por Autorizacion del Gobierno. Buenos Aires: Imprenta Argentina, 1834. 246 pp. Octavo (8-1/4" x 5-1/2").

Later quarter calf over pebbled paper boards, raised bands, gilt title and gilt ornaments to spine, marbled endpapers. Moderate rubbing to extremities, some chipping to spine ends, corners bumped and somewhat worn, front joint starting, hinges cracked, front free endpaper carefully reattached with archival tape. Light toning to text, some soiling to title page. Ex-library. Shelf label to foot of spine, annotation to verso of front free endpaper, small inkstamps and shelf numbers to title page. A solid copy. \$950.

* Only edition. The dominant religious presence in Argentina, the Catholic Church was also its most important provider of social services and a powerful force in the national culture. Following independence from Spain in 1810, there were sharp disagreements within the national ruling elite over the proper degree of Church influence in the country. At the same time the Papacy, unwilling to offend Spain, condemned the revolutions sweeping South America at the time, which created additional tensions within Argentina. The *Memorial Ajustado* was written by Agrelo, the primary author of the 1813 *Proyecto de Constitución Argentina*. It intended to clarify sections in the constitution concerning church-state relations. It called for state financial support for the Church, but allowed religious freedom. Other articles, all controversial, included compulsory secular education, support of civil marriage and the governmental appointment of religious authorities. Most of its articles were incorporated into Argentina's first constitution, which was adopted in 1853. OCLC locates 4 copies in North America (Indiana University, Notre Dame, Stanford, Yale), none in law libraries. Not in Borchard.

An Important Scottish Authority on Commercial Law and Bankruptcy

4. Bell, George Joseph [1770-1843].

Commentaries on the Recent Statutes Relative to Diligence or Execution Against the Moveable Estate, Imprisonment, Cessio Bonorum, and Sequestration in Mercantile Bankruptcy. Edinburgh: Thomas Clark, 1840. xii, 207 pp. Quarto (11-1/2" x 9").

Contemporary quarter cloth over paper boards, printed paper title label to spine. Moderate rubbing to boards, light rubbing to extremities, corners bumped and somewhat worn, hinges partially cracked but secure. Some toning, interior otherwise fresh. An appealing copy of a scarce title. \$500.

* First edition. Bell was an important figure in the history of Scottish law. Two of his books, *Commentaries on the Laws of Scotland* and *Principles of the Law of Scotland*, are, according to Walker, "among the half-dozen classics of Scottish legal literature." As Marvin indicates, Bell's writings on commercial law and bankruptcy were highly important during the first half of the nineteenth century and were cited often by Kent, Legere, Story and other American jurists. Walker, *The Oxford Companion to Law* 122. Marvin, *Legal Bibliography* 108-109.

Scarce Scottish Treatise on Election Law

5. Bell, Robert [d. 1816].

A Treatise on the Election Laws, As They Relate to the Representation of Scotland, In the Parliament of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland. Edinburgh: Printed by George Ramsey and Company, 1812. xi, 523, cxi pp. Quarto (10-1/2" x 8-1/2").

Recent period-style quarter calf over marbled boards, raised bands and lettering piece to spine, endpapers renewed. Toning to text, internally clean. A handsome copy. \$350.

* Only edition. With side-notes. This treatise is notable because it reflects contemporary debates about the extension of suffrage. An important figure in the history of Scots law, Bell was an advocate and professor of conveyancing to the Society of Writers to the Signet. He is known today as the author of *The Dictionary of the Law of Scotland* (1807) and several other treatises on Scots law, especially leases and conveyancing. OCLC locates 4 copies, 3 in North America (at Thomas Fisher Rare Book Library, Ontario, Cornell University and Georgetown University Law Library), COPAC locates 3. Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 5:11.

First American Edition of Bentham's Classic Essay on Usury

6. Bentham, Jeremy [1748-1832].

Defence of Usury; Shewing the Impolicy of the Present Legal Restraints on the Terms of Pecuniary Bargains. To Which is Added, A Letter to Adam Smith, Esq. LL.D. On the Discouragement of Inventive Industry. Philadelphia: Printed for Matthew Carey, 1796. [iv], [5]-149, [2] pp. Includes two-page publisher advertisement. 12mo. (5-3/4" x 3-1/2").

Contemporary tree sheep, lettering piece and gilt fillets to spine. Spine ends bumped, corners somewhat worn, minor wear along joints, a few minor scuffs to boards, a bit of chipping to edges of lettering piece. Some toning to text, heavier toning and some edgewear and dampstaining to preliminaries, foxing to a few leaves. Early owner annotation to front free endpaper, early signature to head of title page, interior otherwise clean. \$2,500.

* This was Bentham's first essay on a legal aspect of economics. Presented in the form of a series of letters from Russia, it takes issue with Adam Smith's argument that a maximum interest rate of 5% would prevent speculators from tying up the supply of available currency. It was written in 1787 and first published in Dublin in 1788. Later American editions were published in 1796, 1837, 1841 and 1842. OCLC locates 6 copies of the 1796 imprint in North American law libraries (Georgetown, Harvard, Library of Congress, Southern Illinois University, University of Minnesota, Yale). Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 2641.

A Notable Jurist Examines Secession and Slavery

7. Bishop, Joel Prentiss [1814-1901].

Secession and Slavery: Or The Constitutional Duty of Congress to Give the Elective Franchise and Freedom to All Loyal Persons, in Response to the Act of Succession. Boston: A. Williams & Co., 1866. [ii], 112 pp. Octavo (9" x 5-3/4").

Original printed wrappers. Light soiling, a few minor chips to wrappers, some rubbing to spine ends. Light toning to text, occasional faint dampspotting, internally clean. \$350.

* Final edition. Bishop was one of the most influential American legal writers of the nineteenth century. According to Roscoe Pound, he belonged to the class of jurists who works "went far to shape the law." First published in 1863, this essay is a consideration of secession and slavery under constitutional law. It was substantially revised in 1864 and issued as a new work. Our 1866 edition, designated the second, addresses the legal conclusion of the Civil War, such as the status of freedmen and the re-admission of states that were part of the Confederacy. Pound, *The Formative Era of American Law* 140-141. Sabin, *A Dictionary of Books Relating to America* 5698a.

1875 Catalogue of an Important English Legal Publisher

8. [Bookseller Catalogue]. [Butterworth].

A Catalogue of Law Works Published by Messrs. Butterworth, Law Booksellers and Publishers to the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty and to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. London: Butterworth, 7, Fleet Street, E.C., 1875. 39, [1] pp. Octavo (8-1/2" x 5-1/2").

Stab-stitched pamphlet bound into recent thick paper boards, printed title panel to front. Light toning to text, a few minor tears to margins, internally clean. \$250.

* Butterworth is one of the most venerable names in English legal publishing. Most of the titles listed in this 1875 catalogue are accompanied by lengthy quotations from contemporary reviews.

Senators of the Court of Session, 1532-1832

9. Brunton, George, and David Haig.

An Historical Account of the Senators of the College of Justice, From its Institution in MDXXXII. Edinburgh: T. Clark/ London: Saunders and Benning, 1832. xlviii, 567 pp. Octavo (8-3/4" x 5-1/2").

Contemporary three-quarter morocco over marbled boards, raised bands and gilt title to spine, top edges gilt, marbled endpapers. Light rubbing to extremities, light fading and a few tiny nicks to spine, early armorial bookplate (of William MacFarlane) to front pastedown and verso of title page. Toning, light foxing in a few places, internally clean. An attractive copy. \$350.

* First edition. The College of Justice is the collective name for the officers of Scotland's Court of Session. The senators are the judges. A valuable reference, this book contains brief biographies of the court's senators from 1532 to the time of publication. Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 5:16.

An Influential English Critique of Prisons

10. Buxton, Sir Thomas Fowell [1786-1845].

An Inquiry, Whether Crime and Misery are Produced or Prevented, By Our Present System of Prison Discipline. Illustrated by Descriptions of The Borough Compter, Tothill Fields Prison, The Jail at St. Albans, The Jail at Guildford, The Jail at Bristol, The Jails at Bury & Ilchester, The Maison de Force at Ghent, The Philadelphia Prison, The Penitentiary, Millbank, And the Proceedings of the Ladies' Committee at Newgate. London: Printed for John and Arthur Arch, 1818. viii, 184 pp. 12mo. (6-1/2" x 4").

Recent period-style quarter calf over marbled boards, gilt fillets and lettering piece to spine, endpapers renewed. Dampstaining to title page and a few other leaves, foxing, internally clean. \$200.

* Sixth (and final) edition. Buxton was an important English philanthropist and member of Parliament who lead efforts to alleviate poverty, abolish slavery and reform the prison system. Published in 1818 to immediate acclaim, his *Inquiry* went through five more editions that year and inspired the formation of the Prison Discipline Society. It was translated into French and Italian and disseminated widely throughout continental Europe. This edition not in the *British Museum Catalogue*.

Notable Collection of Post-Roman and Germanic Law

11. Canciani, Paolo [1725-1810].

Barbarorum Leges Antiquae Cum Notis et Glossariis Accedunt Formularum Fasciculi et Selectae Constitutiones Medii Aevi. Collegit, Plura Notis & Animadversionibus Illustravit, Monumentis Quoque Ineditis Exornavit F. Paulus Canciani. Venice: Apud Sebastianum Coletium et Franciscum Pitterium, 1781-1792. 5 volumes. Two folding copperplates. Main text in parallel columns. Folio (14" x 9-1/4").

Later quarter calf over marbled boards, gilt titles and ornaments to spines, endpapers renewed. Some rubbing to extremities, corners bumped and lightly worn, some chipping to spine ends and joints, a few joints and hinges starting, a few cracks to text blocks. Light toning to text, somewhat heavier in places, occasional light foxing, internally clean. Ex-library. Bookplates to front pastedowns. An impressive set. \$2,950.

* Only edition. Canciani was a law professor at several universities, later as Papal Nuncio in London. He ended his career as a state archivist in Venice. A notable achievement from this part of his life, *Barbarorum Leges Antiquae* was one of the first scholarly editions of post-Roman and Germanic legal sources, all with annotations. Volume I: Edicta Regum Ostrogothorum, Leges Langobardicae, Capitularia Principum Beneventi, Constitutiones Regni Siculi; Volume II: Pactus Legis Salicae, Antiquiores Leges Populorum Regni Austrasiae, Assisiae Regni Hierosolymitani ad Inferiorem Curiam Pertinentes; Volume III: Leges Frisionum, Anglorum et Werinorum, et Saxonum, Libri Capitularium Regum Francorum, Liber Consuetudinum Imperii Romaniae; Volume IV: Leges Burgundionum, et Visigothorum, Leges in Anglia conditae, Lex Romana Barbaris Regnantibus Observata Facile in Italia; Volume V: Monumenta Legalia Leges Langobardicas et Italiae Regnum Pressius Afficientia, Assisiae Regni Hierosolymitani ad Superiorem Curiam Pertinentes, Selectae Constitutiones Arabum in Usum Insulae Siciliae, Vetus Capitulare Nauticum pro Emporio Veneto, Antiquioris Legis Salicae Exemplaria duo ab Heroldino in Pluribus Diversa. Camus, *Bibliothèque Choisie des Livres de Droit* 1013.

The First English Treatise on the Law of Infants

12. [Carter, Samuel].

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

Recent period-style calf, blind rules to boards, raised bands and lettering piece to spine, endpapers renewed, early hand-lettered title to fore-edge of text block. Moderate toning to text, faint dampspotting in places, small strip of paper clipped from title page with minor loss to text. Two early owner signatures to title page, interior otherwise clean. Ex-library. Perforated stamps to title page and following leaf. A solid copy in a handsome binding. \$1,850.

* Second edition. First published in 1697, this is the first English treatise on the subject. Its twenty comprehensive chapters consist of a digest of the case law relating to each topic with explanatory comments. Holdsworth notes that "[i]t was a useful book to practitioners since it covers all the topics connected with its subject." A third edition was published in 1726. All editions are scarce. Holdsworth, *A History of English Law* XII:399-400. Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 1:499 (17).

Chief Justice Chase Discusses Reconstruction with the Wife of a Civil War General

13. Chase, Salmon P. [1808-1873].

[McDowell, Helen (1826-1891)].

[Autograph Letter, Signed, As Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, To Mrs. Irvin McDowell]. Washington, 24 April 1866. Leaf folded to form four-page 5" x 8" bifolium, written in ink. Light toning, two horizontal and one vertical fold lines. Tear to ends of vertical fold, otherwise fine. \$1,500.

* "I CANNOT HELP FEELING GRAVE CONCERN FOR THE COUNTRY, Chase tells Mrs. McDowell. He fears "new convulsions" from former slave owners restored to prominence by President Andrew Johnson's lax reconstruction policies. "How strange it seems, this extensive change which has happened in these last four years! How wonderful the transition and the events: and yet how little the wiser we seem to be for them all. To me it's been as if the very same elements of disturbance were being permitted, and in new names & character to prepare new convulsions. I cannot help feeling grave concern for the country; and should be really heartsick if I did not remember that God rules; & that God is Love, and that thousands of prayers continually go up before Him from sincere & devoted hearts that He will bring Good out of apparent evil. The controversy

between the President & Congress is greatly to be deplored. Doubtless there are faults on both sides; but I think most on his. He is a Unit, Congress a Plural...and a very little consideration would have availed all our trouble." Helen McDowell was the wife of General Irvin McDowell [1818-1885], the General best known for his defeat in the First Battle of Bull Run, the first major battle of the American Civil War. Mrs. McDowell played an important role during the war through her work for the Sanitary Commission, the forerunner of the American Red Cross.

A Lavish Collection of Papal Legislation Illustrated Throughout with 240 Copperplates

14. Cherubini, Laertio.

Cherubini, Angelo Maria, Primary Editor.

Magnum Bullarium Romanum a B. Leone Magno Usque ad S.D.N. Clementem X, Opus Absolutissimum Laertii Cherubini & D. Angelo Cerubino, Novissime Vero a RR. PP. Agelo a Lantusca, & Ioanne Paulo a Roma, Ordinis Minorum S. Francisci Strictioris Observantiae, Quinti Tomi Editione Illustratum, & Auctum. Quinque Tomis Distributa: Ubitis & Iconibus Aeneis Omnium Pontificum Decorata: In qua non Solum Constitutiones Omnes S.D.N. Urbani VIII. Quotquot Reperiri Potuerunt, Ordine Temporis Insertae, Appendicesque Duae Suis Locis Restitutae; Verum & S.D.N. Innocentii X. Alexandri VII. Clementis IX. & Clementis X. Constitutiones Usque ad Hanc Diem Emanatae, Sunt Superaddita, Suis Rubricis & Scholiis Convenientibus, Summariisque Marginalibus Exornatae, Ac Tandem Uberioribus Quam Antea Indicibus Locupletatae. Lyons: Sumpt. Laurentii Arnaud, & Petri Borde, 1673. Five volumes in four books. Main text in parallel columns. 240 copperplate portraits of Saint Peter and subsequent popes throughout, a few copperplate text illustrations. Folio (15-1/4" x 9-3/4").

Contemporary vellum with later vellum rebacking, raised bands and hand-lettered titles to spines, endpapers renewed. Some staining to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities with some wear to spine ends and corners. Title pages, all with large copperplate vignettes, printed in red and black, copperplate vignette to head of dedication, woodcut head-pieces, tail-pieces and decorated initials. Moderate toning occasional light foxing, some leaves have dampstaining to margins, internally clean. Ex-library. Bookplates to front pastedowns. An impressive set. \$2,500.

* With subject topical indexes. Conceived as a supplement to the *Corpus Juris Canonici*, the *Bullarium* is a comprehensive collection of papal bulls and other decrees from St. Peter through Clement X, the pope when this edition was published. Each entry is headed by a copperplate portrait and brief biography. The indexes are notably detailed and useful. The first edition was published in 1586. Later editions of this collection, all updated, were issued into the late nineteenth century. Unofficial works produced to assist canonists, each edition is notable because the choice of material reflects the concerns of the editors and issues that were important at the time of publication. Our 1673 edition, for example, has a great deal of material concerning the Counter-Reformation, Science and other Baroque-era issues absent from later editions. OCLC locates 1 copy of our 1673 edition in a North American law library (Library of Congress). This edition not in the *British Museum Catalogue*.

An Interesting Companion to Blackstone, Burn, Hawkins and Other Jurists

15. Clapham, Samuel [1755-1830].

A Collection of the Several Points of Sessions' Law, Alphabetically Arranged; Contained in Burn and Williams on the Office of a Justice, Blackstone's Commentaries, East and Hawkins on Crown Law, Addington's Penal Statutes, and Const and Nolan on the Poor Laws: Designed to Assist Magistrates to Refer to These Several Authorities, To Supply the Clergy with Professional Information, and to Enable Vestries to Transact the Business of their Respective Parishes: The Statutes Continued to 57 Geo. III. 1817, Inclusive. London: J. Butterworth and Son, 1818. Two Volumes. x, [ii], 486, [1]; [iv], 354, [1] pp. Each volume ends with a one-page publisher advertisement. Octavo (8-1/2" x 5-1/4").

Contemporary calf, blind frames to boards, rebacked retaining spines with raised bands and lettering pieces. Some rubbing to extremities, a few minor scratches to boards. Armorial bookplate of the Earl of Ilchester and small bookseller ticket to front pastedowns. Light foxing to a few leaves in each volume, interiors otherwise fresh. \$750.

* Sole edition. "The following laborious compilation is designed to prevent that tedious research, to which even experienced Magistrates are, sometimes, compelled to submit. (...) If, for instance, he wishes to know whether Beer may be sold in private Houses, Booths, or Tents at Fairs, without Licence, he might have some trouble in meeting with the solution of his doubts; but by turning to Booths, Fairs, Houses, and Tents, he will be referred to Alehouses II.30. where he will meet with two references in Addington, Burn, and Williams, one in Hawkins, and one on the Law Dictionary" (v). OCLC locates 11 copies, 7 in the United States. Not in Eller. Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 2:66.

Scarce 1824 Treatise on Turnpikes

16. Cobbett, William, Jr. [1798-1878].

The Law of Turnpikes; Or, An Analytical Arrangement Of, And Illustrative Commentaries On, All of the General Acts Relative to the Turnpike roads of England: The Whole Being in Answer to the Following Questions: 1st.-What Are the General Acts Now in Force? 2d.-What Is the Extent of Them? 3d.-How Do They Affect Every Turnpike Road? London: Published by Charles Clement, 1824. iv, 196 pp. Includes four-page publisher catalogue. Octavo (7-1/2" x 4-1/2").

Original publisher boards with contemporary paper rebacking, early hand-lettered title to spine, untrimmed edges. Some rubbing to extremities, minor staining to boards, front hinge cracked but secure. Early owner signature and bookplate and later owner stamp to front pastedown. Some toning, light foxing to a few leaves, internally clean. A nice copy of a scarce title. \$850.

* First edition. Cobbett wrote this treatise to impose order on the tangled mass of turnpike law and thus to "prevent the mischiefs which have arisen in its operation; particularly in the various cases of toll, where the public have been so much abused" (3). A second edition was published in 1828. OCLC locates 9 copies, 1 copy in a North American Law Libraries: Library of Congress. Not in Sweet & Maxwell. *British Museum Catalogue* (Compact Edition) 5:1066.

Guidance for "Contractors, Merchants and Tradesmen"

17. [Commercial Law].

Six Legislative Enactments for the Guidance of Contractors, Merchants, and Tradesmen. With Additions. London: John Weale, 1858-1859. xii, 101 pp. 12mo. (7" x 4-1/4").

Contemporary calf, lettering piece to spine, marbled edges and endpapers. Light rubbing with some wear to extremities, corners bumped, early armorial bookplate to front pastedown. A few minor spots and smudges to preliminaries, interior otherwise clean. A nice copy of a scarce title. \$150.

* Second edition. With index. The six acts, which deal with bankruptcy and taxation, are: "An Act to Facilitate the Remedies on Bills of Exchange and Promissory Notes," "An Act to Amend the Laws Relating to Stamp Duties and On Bonds and Securities," "The Newspaper Stamp Act, and the Transmission by Post of Periodicals, Etc.," "An Act to Consolidate the Excise and Stamps and Taxes Into One Board," "An Act for Facilitating Arrangements Between Debtors and Creditors" and "An Act to Emend the Law of Insolvency, Bankruptcy, and Execution." OCLC locates 3 copies. Not in Sweet & Maxwell.

The Intersection of Law and Accounting

18. Cory, Isaac Preston [1802-1842].

A Practical Treatise on Accounts, Mercantile, Private, and Official: Exhibiting the Manner in Which the Method of Double Entry May be Applied to the Accounts of Government; With Proposals for the Introduction of a Uniform and Centralized System of Accounts in All the Public Offices. London: W. Pickering, 1840. 184, 65 (i.e. 85), [3] pp. Fold-out table. Octavo (8-3/4" x 5-1/2").

Original paper boards, recently rebacked, printed paper spine label, hinges mended, untrimmed edges. Toning, light foxing in a few places. Brief contemporary annotations to a few leaves, interior otherwise clean. \$750.

* Second edition. First published in 1839, this treatise "is a modification of [the author's] late work upon the principles, law, and practice of accounts, expressly adapted to the consideration of the official accounts" (15). OCLC locates 12 copies worldwide, 8 in North America. Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 2:79.

Evidence in Conveyancing

19. Coventry, Thomas [1797?-1869].

On Conveyancers' Evidence. London: J. & W.T. Clarke, 1832. viii, 328, xxii, [8] pp. Octavo (9-1/2" x 6").

Recent period-style quarter calf over cloth, lettering piece, gilt fillets to spine, endpapers renewed. Early owner signature to title page, occasional light foxing, interior otherwise fresh. \$375.

* First edition. "The object of [this] treatise is to embody the practice of conveyancers relating to evidence. It is in many cases difficult to define that practice accurately; and a poll of the profession would probably yield a chequered result. In such cases an opinion only can be hazarded; and on points which appear more settled, it is possible for an individual to be mistaken in the usages of a widely diffused and unassociated Body.... [T]he present writer... presumes to offer a record of his limited experience, in the hope that his unassuming tract will at least afford a rallying point for the accumulation of knowledge on a very important topic to the conveyancer.": Preface, iii. *Catalogue of the Library of the Harvard Law School* (1909) I:475.

Compendium of an Important Compilation of Brazilian Civil Law

20. [Freitas, Augusto Teixeira de].

Promptuario das Leis Civis. Rio de Janeiro: Instituto Typographico do Direito, 1876. 604, iii pp. Quarto (8-3/4" x 6").

Contemporary quarter calf over marbled boards, raised bands, gilt title and gilt ornaments to spine. Moderate rubbing to extremities, chipping to head of spine, corners worn, front hinge cracked, rear hinge starting, text block loose (but secure), bookseller ticket to front pastedown. Moderate toning to text block, internally clean. Ex-library. Location label to spine, stamps and annotations to title page. A solid copy of a rare title. \$950.

* Only edition. Freitas was a prominent Brazilian jurist and state official. He produced the first systematic compilation of Brazilian civil law, the *Consolidacao das Leis Civis*, and a pioneering draft *Esboço de Código Civil* (1860-64) that served as the basis for codifications in Brazil, Argentina and other South American nations. Borchard notes that Freitas's *Consolidacao* was so excellent that it was adopted as law by decree in 1858. A valuable companion, the *Promptuario* is an alphabetically arranged compendium of this work. It is a rare title. OCLC locates 3 copies, 2 in North America (Library of Congress, University of St. Louis). Borchard, *Guide to the Law and Legal Literature of Argentina, Brazil and Chile* 250.

Three Scarce Sixteenth-Century Treatises on Contracts, Obligations and Inheritance

21. Leoni, Paolo [d. 1590].

In Rub. Et in l. 1. ff. De Verbor. Oblig. Solennis Interpretatio. Ferrara: Apud Franciscum Rubeum de Valentia, Anno Domini 1557, Mense Ianuario. [viii], 149 ff.

[Bound with]

Leoni, Paolo.

In L. Qui Romae [Section Symbol] *Duo Fratres ff. De Verbor. Oblig. Solennis Interpretatio*. Ferrara: Apud Franciscum Rubeum de Valentia, Anno Domini 1557, Mense Decembro. [viii], 91 ff.

[And]

Zanchi, Girolamo [d. 1576].

Repetitio [Section Symbol] *Cum Ita L. Haeredes Mei. Ad Trebell.* [Brescia: Apud Damianum Turlinum], 1560. 130 ff. Text in parallel columns.

Folio (12" x 8"). Contemporary vellum with later vellum rebacking, raised bands and hand-lettered title to spine, another title in early hand to bottom edge of text block, endpapers renewed. Light soiling, some rubbing to extremities, corners and spine ends bumped and lightly worn, front hinge just starting at foot, boards slightly bowed, title page of *Rubrica Et in l. 1.* re-hinged, following signature partially detached with some edgewear. Large woodcut printer devices to title pages, ornate woodcut architectural border to title page of *Repetitio*, woodcut head-pieces, tail-pieces and decorated initials. Light toning, somewhat heavier in places, light foxing and stains to a few leaves, internally clean. Ex-library. Bookplate to front pastedown. \$2,500.

* Leoni, only editions; Zanchi, first edition. Leoni (Leoni) was a legal advisor to the duke of Ferrara. Published in two parts in January and December of 1557, *Rubrica* is a commentary on the first section of Book 45 of the *Digest*, which deals with contracts and obligations. Zanchi's treatise addresses inheritance and succession in Roman law. It was a well-received work; it went through subsequent editions in 1566, 1576 and 1602. Zanchi, a former-Augustinian monk, converted to Protestantism and spent much of his professional life as a professor of theology at the University of Heidelberg. One of the first great contributors to the development of Protestant theology and natural law, his legal studies dealt mostly with issues of political power and the definition of just and unjust laws. Leoni: OCLC locates 2 copies of *Rubrica Et in l. 1.* (Columbia, UC-Berkeley Law School), no copies of *In L. Qui Romae*. Zanchi: 16 copies of all editions, 3 copies of the first edition in North America (at Columbia and Harvard Law Schools and Notre Dame University). *Censimento Nazionale Delle Edizioni Italiane del XVI Secolo* CNCE 45524, 38307 (Leoni), 35503 (Zanchi).

The First Annotated Edition of the Louisiana Civil Code

22. [Louisiana].

Upton, Wheelock S.

Jennings, Needler R.

Civil Code of the State of Louisiana; With Annotations. By Authority. New Orleans: E. Johns & Co., 1838. [vi], [v]-xl, 536, [2], 51 pp. Octavo (9-1/2" x 6").

Contemporary calf, blind fillets to boards, lettering piece, raised bands and blind fillets to boards. Some rubbing to extremities, corners bumped, a few minor stains and light rubbing to boards, front hinge cracked, rear hinge starting, front free endpaper detached, a few leaves partially detached, a few signatures loose. Light toning to text, occasional light foxing. Early owner signatures and stamps (of Samuel Dalton and Thom. B. Percy) to preliminaries, contemporary annotations in a few places, interior otherwise clean. \$750.

* First edition. In 1822 Derbigny, Livingston and Lislet were commissioned to revise the 1808 compilation of territorial laws. The result of their effort was the Civil Code of 1825. Also issued in a bilingual French-English format, Upton and Jennings's edition of that code is significant because it was the first to include annotations. Marvin, *Legal Bibliography* 476. Babbitt, *Hand-List of Legislative Sessions and Session Laws* 138.

Distinguished Commentary on the *Infortiatum*

23. Maino, Giasone dal [1435-1519].

In Primam Infortiati Partem Commentaria: Summa Diligentia & Fide Emendata, & Suo Candori Restituta. Quibus, Praeter Solitas Insignium Doctorum Praesertim Purpurati, Adnotationes Accesserunt. Eminentissimorum I.C. Bellacombae, Panciroli, Trotti, Masueri, & Aliorum Additamenta, Receptarumque, Sententiarum, Quas Communes Opiniones Vocant, & Forensium Questionum ac Decisionum Centuria, Suis Quibusque Locis Adiecta. Turin: Apud Nicolaum Bevilacqua, 1573. 219 ff. Main text in parallel columns. Volume I of a two-volume set. Folio (16" x 11").

Contemporary vellum with recent vellum rebacking, raised bands and calf lettering piece to spine, early hand-lettered abbreviated title to head of text block (?), ties lacking. Light soiling to spine, hinges bumped and somewhat worn, minor worming to boards and pastedowns, hinges reinforced, endleaves lacking. Large woodcut vignette to title page, woodcut head-pieces and decorated initials. Some toning to text, dampstaining and light foxing in a few places. Early underlining to passages in a few leaves, interior otherwise clean. Ex-library. Bookplate to front pastedown. \$750.

* Later edition. Maino, a respected Italian jurist, was one of the last commentators of the Bartolist school. He taught at the Universities of Pavia and Padua. Among his students were Filippo Decio and Andrea Alciati. First published in 1499, his commentaries on the first and second parts of the *Infortiatum*, Books XXIV, Title 2-XXXVIII of the *Digest*, were standard works that went through numerous issues and editions into the seventeenth century. *In Primam Infortiati Partem Commentaria* discusses the books concerning donations between husband and wife, divorce, curatorship, wills and testaments and trusts and legacies. Our 1573 imprint is augmented with additional notes by Giovanni Bellacomba [16th c.], Guido Panciroli [1523-1599], Giovanni Francesco Porporato [1485-1544], Bernardo Trotti [d. 1595] and Jean Masuer [d. 1450]. Complete in itself, this volume is part of a two-volume set. *Censimento Nazionale Delle Edizioni Italiane del XVI Secolo* CNCE 16665.

Fascinating 1686 Collection of Merchant and Maritime Laws

24. Malynes, Gerard [fl. 1586-1641], Principal Author.

Consuetudo, Vel, Lex Mercatoria: Or, The Ancient Law-Merchant. In Three Parts, According to the Essentials of Traffick. Necessary for Statesmen, Judges, Magistrates, Temporal and Civil Lawyers, Mint-Men, Merchants, Mariners, And All Others Negotiating in Any Parts of the World. Whereunto are Annexed the Following Tracts, Viz; I. The Collection of Sea Laws. II. Advice Concerning Bills of Exchange. By John Marius. III. The Merchants Mirrour: Or, Directions for the Perfect Ordering or Keeping of His Accompts. By Way of Debtor and Creditor, After the Italian Manner. By R. Dassorne. IV. An Introduction to Merchants Accompts. By John Collins. V. The Accountants Closet, Being an Abridgement of Merchants Accounts, Kept by Debtor and Creditor. By Abraham Liset. Wherein are Inserted the Three Tracts Following, Never Before Printed in Any Former Impression. I. The Jurisdiction of the Admiralty of England Asserted. By Robert Zouch. II. The Ancient Sea Laws of Oleron, Wisby, And the Hanse-Towns, Still in Force. Rendered Into English for the Use of Navigators. By G. Miede. III. The Sovereignty of the British Seas, Proved by Records, History, and the Municipal Laws of This Kingdom. By Sir John Burroughs. London: Printed for T. Basset, At the George in Fleetstreet; R. Chiswell, At the Rose and Crown in St. Paul's Church- Yard; T. Horne, At the South Entrance of the Royal Exchange, And E. Smith, At the Bible Under the Piazza, 1686. Nine works in one with separate paginations and title pages (with various dates and imprints), first work preceded by general title page. [xvi], 340, 2; 43-78; [vi], 42; [xx], 54, [298]; [124]; [112]; [viii], 87-130; 28; 22 pp. First and final leaves blank. Complete as issued. Folio (13-1/4" x 8-1/4").

Contemporary calf, blind rules to boards, rebacked, raised bands to spine, earlier lettering piece retained, marbled edges, hinges mended, eighteenth-century armorial bookplate of Brice Fisher to front pastedown. Moderate toning to text, occasional faint dampspotting to margins, spark burns to a few leaves, corner of one leaf repaired restoring minor loss to text, internally clean. A handsome copy. \$4,500.

* Third and final edition, one of (at least) two issues from 1686. Also known as the law merchant, consuetudinary law or, somewhat anachronistically, commercial law, *lex mercatoria* is a system of customary law that developed in Europe during the middle ages to regulate the dealings of mariners and merchants. The earliest significant compilations are the eleventh-century Rules of Oleron, the Laws of Wisby and the Hanseatic Laws of the Sea. Although *lex mercatoria* fell out of use during the seventeenth century, many of its principles were incorporated into the common law. They would later provide the foundation of the (U.S.) Uniform Commercial Code. Malynes' *Consuetudo* was the final significant contribution to this field. (Beaues's *Lex Mercatoria Rediviva* (1752) was an attempt to revive it.) Malynes was a commissioner of trade in the Low Countries and was frequently consulted by the Privy Council during the reigns of Elizabeth and James, a dynamic period of commercial expansion and colonization. He was one of the first writers on business practice, economic affairs and foreign exchange. These interests are explored at length in this collection, both in Malynes's treatise and the texts by Marius, Dassorne, Collins and Liset. This volume also includes a collection of sea laws and two works on international law by Richard Zouch and John Burroughs. These assert the thesis expounded by John Selden in *Mare Clausum* (1635). Taken together, this volume provides a broad holistic view of *lex mercatoria* during its final maturity. The first edition was published in 1622, later editions and issues in 1629, 1636, 1656 and 1685. Our 1686 copy, designated the third edition, is one of four variants of the 1686 edition we have examined. The *ESTC* lists two from 1686, which have somewhat different collations. Fisher was a Member of Parliament and merchant who owned land in South Carolina and Georgia. See *English Short-Title Catalogue* R229419, R24438. Canney and Knott, *Catalogue of the Goldsmiths' Library* 2639. Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, *Historical Accounting Literature* 73.

The First Work on the Law of the King's Forest

25. Manwood, John [d.1610].

A Treatise of the Laws of the Forest, Wherein is Declared Not Only Those Laws, As They are Now in Force, But Also the Original and Beginning of Forests; And What a Forest is in its Own Proper Nature, and Wherein the Same Doth Differ from a Chase, A Park or a Warren, Wit All Such Things as are Incident or Belonging Thereunto, With the Several Proper Terms of Art. Also a Treatise of the Pourallee, Declaring what Pourallee is, How the Same First Began, What Pourallee May Do, How he May Hunt and Use his Own Pourallee, How Far he May Pursue and Follow After His Chase; Together with the Limits and Bounds as Well of the Forest, As the Pourallee. Collected, As Well Out of the Common Laws and Statutes of this Land; As also Out of Sundry Learned Ancient Authors, And Out of the Assises of Pickering and Lancaster by John Manwood. Whereunto are Added the Statutes of the Forest; A Treatise of the Several Offices of Verderors, Regardors and Forestors, and the Courts of Attachments, Swanimote and Justice-seat of the Forest, And Certain Principal Cases, Judgments, And Entries of the Assises of Pickering and Lancaster. Never Heretofore Printed for the Publique. Corrected, And Much Enlarged. London: Printed for the Company of Stationers, 1665. [xxiv], 552 pp. Quarto (7-1/2" x 5-1/2").

Contemporary calf, blind rules to boards, rebaked in period style, raised bands and lettering piece to spine, hinges mended, spine varnished. A few minor scuffs and stains to boards, corners lightly bumped, front joint and both hinges just starting at ends. Light toning to text, somewhat darker in places, internally clean. Ex-library. Bookplate to front pastedown. A nice copy. \$1,250.

*Third edition, one of two imprints from 1665. Originally printed privately in 1592, then published in 1598, Manwood's treatise remained a standard work into the twentieth century. This enlarged edition, which is the fourth chronologically, includes a great deal of information that does not appear in the first three editions. Forests were central to England's economy from the time of the conquest to the mid-seventeenth century. A member of Lincoln's Inn, a barrister, gamekeeper of Waltham Forest and a justice of the New Forest, Manwood was eminently qualified to write it. Both a history and guide, it contains lengthy extracts from the *Carta de Foresta* and other ancient statutes and charters. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R235229. Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 1:465 (38).

Incisive Essay on Torts

26. Seavey, Warren A. [1880-1966].

Cogitations on Torts. [Lincoln]: University of Nebraska Press, 1954. [viii], 72 pp. Cloth, light shelfwear, some fading to spine. Early owner signature to front pastedown, interior otherwise clean. \$65.

*"Third in the Roscoe Pound Lectureship Series." Seavey, a professor at Harvard Law School for much of his career, was an authority on torts and agency.

First American Edition of Taylor's *Law Glossary*

27. Tayler, Thomas [fl. 1833-1843].

The Law Glossary: Being a Selection of the Greek, Latin, Saxon, French, Norman and Italian Sentences, Phrases, and Maxims, Found in the Works of Lord Coke, Shower, Peere Williams, Sir William Blackstone, Sir Francis Buller, Vezey, Chancellor Kent, Reeves, Durnford and East, Taunton, Sellon, Johnson, Cowan, Sugden, Preston, Bosenquet, Starkie, Tidd, Phillips, Chitty, Moore, Wendell, And numerous Other Law Writers: With Historical and Explanatory Notes. Alphabetically Arranged, And Translated into English. For the Use of the Members of the Legal Profession, Law Students, Sheriffs, Justices of the Peace, &c. &c. Albany: Published by W. & A. Gould, 1833. 482 pp. vii, 501, [1] pp. Octavo (8-1/2" x 5-1/4").

Contemporary sheep, blind rules to boards, lettering piece and blind fillets to spine. Moderate rubbing to extremities, minor chipping to spine ends, a few scuffs to boards, joints just starting at head. Moderate toning, occasional light foxing, clean tear to a leaf carefully mended with archival tape, internally clean. \$250.

* First American edition. Preceded by the London editions of 1819 and 1823 and edited for the American reader, this early glossary offers a unique historical perspective on the interpretation of American legal concepts in the early-nineteenth century. The preface "differs from those in the two previous English editions and was clearly designed for an American audience.": Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 5452.

Scarce Hartford Imprint of the Acts Passed at the First U.S. Congress

28. [United States].

Acts Passed at a Congress of the United States of America, Begun and Held at the City of New-York, on Wednesday the Fourth of March, in the Year M,DCC,LXXXIX, and of the Independence of the United States the Thirteenth. Being the Acts Passed at the First Session of the First Congress of the United States, to wit, New-Hampshire, Massachusetts, Connecticut, New-York, New-Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, South-Carolina and Georgia, Which Eleven States Respectively Ratified the Constitution of Government for the United States, Proposed by the Federal Convention, Held in

Philadelphia, On the Seventeenth of September, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty Seven. Hartford: Re-Printed and Sold by Hudson and Goodwin, 1791. [x], [3]-327 pp. Octavo (9-1/4" x 5-1/2").

Contemporary sheep, gilt fillets and lettering piece to spine. Some rubbing to extremities, staining and a few scuffs to boards, corners bumped, front endleaves and a few rear endleaves lacking. Moderate toning to text, occasional dampstaining to foot of text block and inkstaining to head (above text). Early signatures and annotations to front board, endleaves and title page, interior otherwise clean. A solid copy. \$2,500.

* Very scarce Hartford edition. Includes the acts and resolutions of all three sessions of the First Congress (March 1789 to March 1791) and the texts of the Declaration of Independence, the Articles of Confederation, and the U.S. Constitution. The Bill of Rights had yet to be ratified and those amendments are included within the general legislative text. This edition not in Sabin or Evans, which do describe later Hartford edition dated 1791, containing 486 pages, which was actually printed after March, 1792. Howes, *U.S. Iana* A35.

Statutes of Valladolid, 1763

29. [Valladolid].

[Mosquera de Molina, Juan, Compiler].

Ordenanzas con que se Rige y Gobierna la Republica de la Muy Noble y Leal Ciudad de Valladolid, En las Quales se Declaran Todos los Articulos Tocantes al pro Comunde Ella. Valladolid: Imprenta de Thomas de Santander, 1763. [x], 183, [4] pp. Quarto (8" x 5-1/2").

Contemporary mottled sheep, gilt fillets to boards, raised bands and gilt ornaments to spine, edges rouged. Light rubbing to extremities, corners and spine ends bumped, minor wear along joints. Title printed within woodcut typographical border, large title vignette of the arms of Valladolid. Light offsetting to margins of endleaves, interior notably fresh. Ex-library. Bookplate to front pastedown. A very well-preserved copy. \$1,500.

* Once the capitol city of the Kingdom of Castile, later of united Spain and briefly of Habsburg Spain, Valladolid remained an important city in eighteenth-century Spain. The 1763 collection of *Ordenanzas* offers an interesting perspective on the city at this time. OCLC locates 5 copies worldwide and 1 copy in a North American law library (Harvard). *Bibliografia de Autores Espanoles del Siglo 18: Anonimos* 2:1498.

Women and the Law in Eighteenth-Century England

30. [Women].

The Laws Respecting Women, As They Regard Their Natural Rights, Or Their Connections and Conduct; In Which Their Interests and Duties as Daughters, Wards, Heiresses, Spinsters, Sisters, Wives, Widows, Mothers, Legatees, Executrixes, &c. Are Ascertained and Enumerated: also, the Obligations of Parent and Child, And the Condition of Minors. The Whole Laid Down According to the Principles of the Common and Statute Law, Explained by the Practice of the Courts of Law and Equity, And Describing the Nature and Extent of the Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction. In Which are Inserted a Great Variety of Curious and Important Decisions in the Different Law Courts, And the Substance of the Trial of Elizabeth Duchess Dowager of Kingston, On an Indictment for Bigamy, Before the House of Peers, April 1776. [London]: Printed by J. Nutt, 1777. [xxiv], 380, [28] pp. Octavo (7-1/2" x 4-1/2").

Recent period-style calf, blind rules to boards, raised bands and lettering piece to spine, endpapers renewed, early hand-lettered title to fore-edge of text block. Moderate toning to text, faint dampspotting in places, internally clean. Ex-library. Perforated stamps to title page and following leaf. A solid copy in a handsome binding. \$1,850.

* Only edition. This is one of the earliest books on the English law concerning women. Holdsworth holds this book in high regard and considers it the best of the early books on the subject. It is cast in four books. The first book deals with the personal status of women, marriage law and the settlement of married women who are paupers. The second book deals with the proprietary status of spinsters, wives and widows. The third book deals with crimes, the fourth with parents and children and the position of minors. It also contains a critical account of the sensational Kingston bigamy trial, which inspired two plays by Thackeray. Holdsworth, *A History of English Law* XII:399-400. Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 1:500 (73).

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