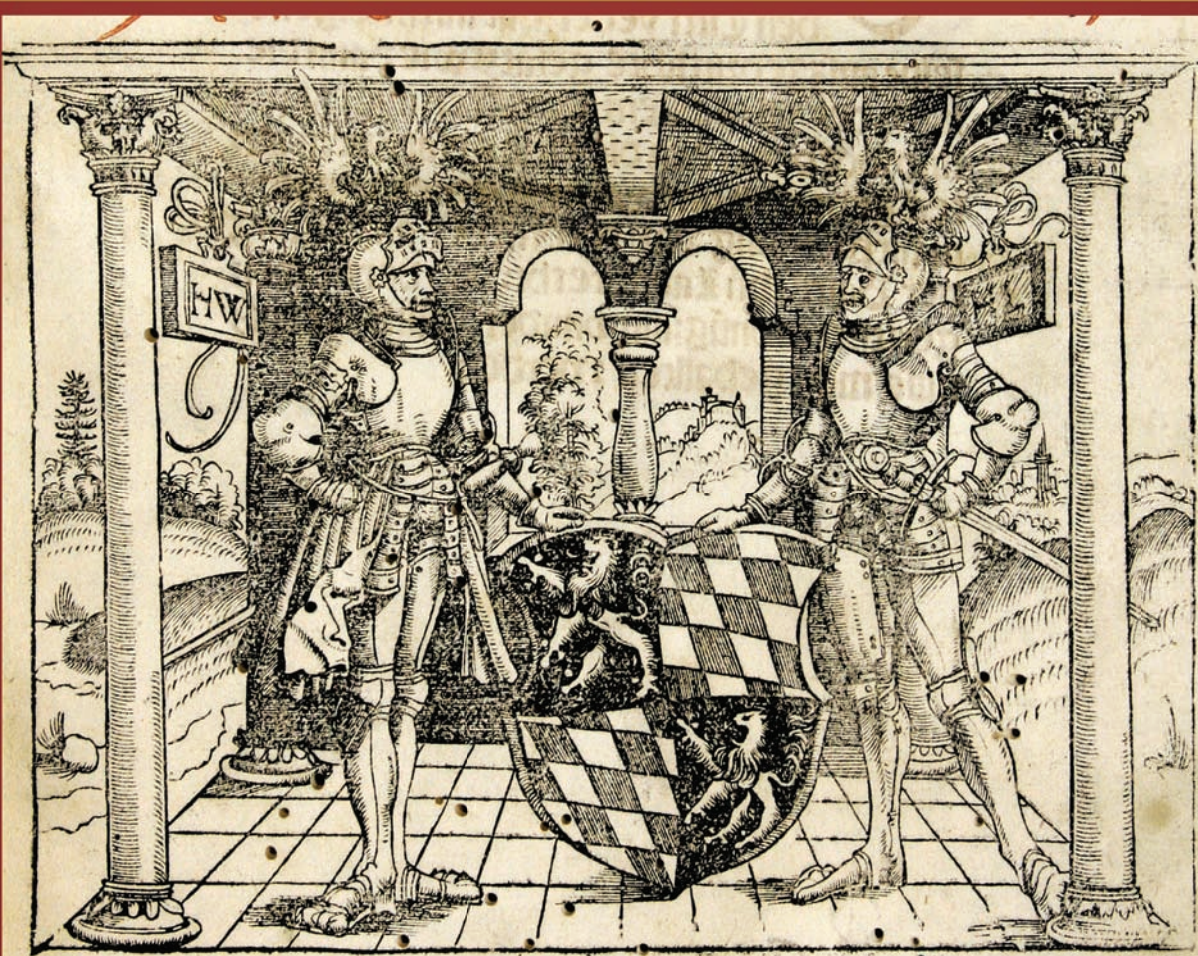


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### Laws of the Republic of Venice Digested by Topic

#### 1. [Argelati, Francesco].

*Pratica del Foro Veneto: Che Contiene le Materie Soggette a Ciaschedun Magistrato, Il Numero de' Giudici, La Loro Durata, l'Ordine che Suole Teneri nel Contestare le Cause, E le Formule Degli Atti Più Usitati.* Venice: Per Agostino Savioli, 1751. 175, [1] pp. Octavo (7" x 4-1/2").

Contemporary publisher pasteboard binding, untrimmed edges. Light soiling, minor wear to spine ends and corners. Moderate toning to text, heavier in places, faint dampstaining to foot of text block, internally clean. \$950.

\* Second edition. Apparently intended for laymen from other states, this is a handbook of Venetian law digested by topic. The first edition was published in 1737, the third and final edition in 1763. All are rare. OCLC locates 1 copy worldwide of the 1751 edition (in Italy) and only two copies in North America (at Syracuse University, which was a third edition, and the University of Illinois, which has a first). Not in the *British Museum Catalogue*.

### Two Important German Compilations, One Features Woodcuts by Holbein the Younger

#### 2. [Bavaria]

[William IV (1493-1550), Duke of Bavaria].

[Ludwig X (1495-1545), Duke of Bavaria].

*Reformacion der Bayrisch[er]n Landrecht: Nach Cristj Unsers Hailmachers Geburde Im[m] Funffzehenhundert unnd Achtzehenm Jar Aufgericht.* [Munich: Johann Schobsser, 1518]. [xxxv], 168 ff. Final leaf, a blank, lacking. Two-page woodcut table of affinity. Large woodcut vignette by Caspar Clofigl of the Dukes of Bavaria, Wilhelm and Ludwig, to title page, woodcut decorated initials.

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Zasius, Ulrich, Compiler.

[Holbein, Hans (1497-1543)].

*Nuwe Statrechten und Statuten der Loblichen Statt Fryburg im Pryszzgow Gelegen.* [Basel: Adam Petri, 1520]. [xii], 97 ff. Fol 1. is a divisional title page. Nearly full-page arms of Freiburg to title pages and full-page images of the patron saints of Freiburg by Holbein on recto and verso of both title pages, double-page woodcut table of descents, woodcut decorated initials.

Folio (12-1/4" x 8"). Contemporary half-paneled pigskin over beveled wooden boards, pigskin clasps with bronze buckles, raised bands and early hand-lettered title to spine, head and tail repaired, a scattering of worm holes through boards and text block. Light soiling, some wear to corners, front hinge cracked, twentieth-century owner bookplate and bookseller description to front pastedown. *Reformacion* printed throughout in red and black. Light toning to text, negligible faint dampstaining and foxing in a few places, light edgewear to some leaves, early repairs to a fol. 20 of *Reformacion*. Early annotations in a few places, interior otherwise clean. A very handsome volume. \$12,500.

\* First editions. Two important collections of German statutes. Enacted in 1518, the Bavarian *Reformacion* revised the Bavarian law code of 1346. It is notable, in part, because it incorporated input solicited by the Dukes of Bavaria from representative groups of subjects. The 1520 edition of Freiburg statutes is a comprehensive restatement by Zasius, a leading German humanist and friend of Erasmus. A leading jurist, he was one of the first jurists to apply modern philological methods to the study of Roman and older Germanic law. Both titles are scarce. OCLC locates 2 copies of *Reformacion* in North American law libraries (George Washington University, UC-Berkeley), 4 copies of *Nuwe Statrechten* (George Washington University, Harvard, University of Michigan, Yale). *Erzeichnis der im Deutschen Sprachbereich Erschienenen Drucke des 16. Jahrhunderts* B1007, F2540.

### 1858 Feminist Legal Guide

#### 3. Bishop, George.

*Every Woman Her Own Lawyer. A Private Guide In All Matters Of Law, Of Essential Interest To Women, And By The Aid Of Which Every Female May, In Whatever Situation, Understand Her Legal Course And Redress, And Be Her Own Legal Adviser; Containing The Laws of the Different States Relative to Marriage and Divorce, Property in Marriage, Guardians and Wards, Rights in Property of a Wife, Rights of Widows, Arrest of Females for Debt, Alimony, Bigamy, Voluntary Separations, Discarded Wives, Suits by and Against Married Women, Seduction, Slander, Minors, Medical*

*Maltreatment, Just Causes for Leaving a Husband, A Wife's Support, Property in Trust, Transfers of Property, Deeds of Gift, Annuities, Articles of Separation, False Pretenses in Courtship, &c., &c., &c.* New York: Dick & Fitzgerald, [1858]. xiv, [15]-374, [10] pp. Includes ten-page publisher catalogue. Octavo (8" x 5").

Original quarter morocco over textured cloth, raised bands and gilt title to spine. Moderate rubbing to extremities with some wear to corners, spine abraded with some wear to ends, front joint starting at ends, minor worming to hinges. Moderate browning to text, occasional faint dampstaining to head of text block, internally clean. A solid copy of a scarce title. \$450.

\* Only edition. This handbook is notable for its feminist criticism of the legal system. As Jenni Parrish points out, it is "wonderful not only for what it preaches about the legal rights of women in mid-nineteenth century America, but also for the holes in its coverage caused by the glaring omissions in women's legal rights at that time. (...) [Bishop] represents the intersection among several interests: a growing awareness of women's legal rights..., a growing need to encourage women to exercise those rights, and changes in domestic relations law which needed to be expressed not only in a scholarly fashion but in self-help-oriented popular literature as well." Cohen, noting the feminist tone of the book, says it may have been written pseudonymously by a female author. Parrish, "Introduction," *Every Women Her Own Lawyer*. Reprint. Hackensack, NJ, 1992, i, xiv. Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 11076.

### Investiture in the Kingdom of Naples

#### 4. Capece, Antonio [d. 1535?].

*Investitura Feudalis. Ad omnes Ferme Feudales Questiones Enucleandas Iuris Peritis Omnibus Utilis. Ac Perquam Necessaria ab Exemplari Ipsius Auctoris Manu Perscripto Excerpta, Nec Unquam Antea in Lucem Aedita. Cum Indice Capitulorum ac Paragraphorum per Auctorem in Hunc Ordinem Redacto. Nec non Eisdem Repetitio L. Imperialem de Prohibita Feud. Alien. per Feder. Noviter a Mendid Primae Impressionis Suae Proprietate Claritati Reddita.* Naples: Apud Iosephum Cacchium & Socium, 1569. [xii], [13]-287, [9], 58 pp. Two parts, each with title page and individual pagination. Main text in parallel columns. Folio (12" x 8-1/2").

Contemporary limp vellum, early hand-lettered titles to spine, top-edge and bottom edge. A few minor stains, spine darkened, moderate rubbing to extremities, a few chips along edges, rear joint, spine ends and corners bumped, front joint starting, hinges cracked, pastedowns partially detached and somewhat worn, light edgewear to preliminaries, a few partial cracks to text block. Woodcut head-pieces, tail-pieces and decorated initials. Light toning to text, somewhat darker in places, some worming to margins in a few places. Early struck-through signature to title page, annotations and underlining to a few leaves, interior otherwise clean. A solid copy. \$2,500.

\* First edition. This is a study of the laws concerning the transfer of land from an overlord to a vassal (investiture) in the Kingdom of Naples. A second edition was issued in 1570. Both are rare. In North America OCLC locates 2 copies of the first edition (at Harvard Law School, University of Florida) and 3 copies of the second (at Harvard Law School, Library of Congress, University of Pennsylvania). Not in the *British Museum Catalogue*.

### Attractive Epitome of Canon Law

5. **Corvinus van Belderen, Arnoldus (Ravens, Arent Jansz) [d. ca. 1680].** *Ius Canonicum, Per Aphorismos Strictim Explicatum.* Amsterdam: Ex Officina Elzeviriana, 1663. [xii], 362, [19] pp. Title page preceded by copperplate engraved title page. 12mo. (5" x 3").

Contemporary vellum with lapped edges, early hand-lettered title to spine. Some soiling, light rubbing to extremities, rear pastedown loose. Light toning to text, tiny early owner initial to fore-edge of engraved title page, interior otherwise clean. Ex-library. Bookplate to front pastedown. A well-preserved copy. \$150.

\* Third edition. A handy synopsis of canon law arranged by topic. Each point is supported with citations to relevant passages in the *Corpus Juris Canonici*. A popular work, it went through several editions, the last one in 1782. Dekkers, *Bibliotheca Belgica Juridica* 140 (2).

### A Rare Volume of Consilia by a Sicilian Jurist

#### 6. Costa, Francesco Antonio.

**Costa, Placidio, Editor and Annotator.**

*Consiliorum Sive Responsorum Juris. Volumen Primum. Quibus Novissime Accesserunt Annotationes Don Placidi Costa.* Messina: Typis Petri Breac, 1629. [xx], 498, 27, [68] pp. Complete as issued. Main text in parallel columns. Folio (11-1/4" x 7-3/4").

Contemporary vellum, red and green lettering pieces to spine. Spine ends bumped, a few minor smudges and stains, light rubbing to lettering pieces. Woodcut head-pieces, tail-pieces and decorated initials. Light toning to text, faint dampstaining in a few places, pp. 197-200 lacking, replaced by bound-in contemporary manuscript copies. Early stuck-through signature to front free endpaper, offsetting from ink to front pastedown, interior otherwise clean. \$1,500.

\* Second and final edition. This was the first volume of a projected multi-volume collection of legal opinions edited and annotated by the author's son. Francesco Antonio Costa was a jurist, state official and law professor in Messina, Sicily. It was first published in 1609. (It is a shorter work without the annotations by Placidio Costa.) OCLC locates 1 copy worldwide of the 1629 edition (at the Bibliotheque Nationale, Paris), none of the first. Not in the *British Museum Catalogue*.

### Rare Sicilian Treatise on Inheritance and Succession

#### 7. Cumia, Giuseppe.

*De Successione Feudalium Repetitio, Omnibus in foro Versantibus ad Totius Feudalis Causae Cognitionem Necessaria. Cum Summariis, Tam Verborum, Qua Sententiarum, & Locupletissimo Alphabetico Indice.* Palermo: Apud Erasmum de Simeone, 1609. [iv], 402, [54] pp. Main text in parallel columns. Folio (11-1/4" x 7-3/4").

Contemporary vellum, red and green lettering pieces to spine. Spine ends bumped, a few minor inkspots, light rubbing to lettering pieces. Title page, with woodcut arms, printed in red and black, woodcut decorated initials. Light toning to text, minor tears to a few leaves, internally clean. A handsome copy. \$1,500.

\* Second and final edition. This is a study of inheritance and succession in the feudal law of Sicily, then governed under the Crown of Aragon. It was first published in 1563. Both editions are rare. In North America OCLC locates 1 copy of the first edition (at Harvard Law School), none of the second edition. Not in the *British Museum Catalogue*.

### 1892 Edition of Dixon's *Law of the Farm*

#### 8. [Dixon, Henry Hall (1822-1870)].

#### Spencer, Aubrey John [1853-1935].

*Dixon's Law of the Farm Including the Cases and Statutes Relating to the Subject and the Agricultural Customs of England and Laws Together With the Small Holdings Act, 1892.* London: Stevens and Sons, Ltd., 1892. xxxvi, 712 pp. Octavo (8-1/2" x 5").

Contemporary three-quarter gilt-ruled morocco over brown pebbled cloth, gilt spine with raised bands, spine a bit rubbed, shelfwear to boards, front joint just starting. Attractive marbled endpapers. Ex-library. Institution name gilt-stamped to front cover and spine, corresponding monogram to spine and rear cover, shelf label and bookplate to front pastedown, small ownership stamps to title page and a few leaves. A nice copy. \$100.

\* Fifth edition. Includes an appendix of relevant statutes and an interesting appendix of agricultural customs. This venerable work, which went through six editions between 1858 and 1904, falls into three sections: "The Land of the Farm," "The Stock, Crops, and Labour of the Farm" and "The Law of Landlord and Tenant." Written for the layman, it assembles the principal legal decisions relating to typical incidents of agricultural life. In each situation the author describes the connection between relevant cases, and shows how they governed or modified one other. Sweet & Maxwell, *Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 2:101.

### A French Perspective on an Important Conference Convened by Bolivar

#### 9. Dufour de Pradt, Dominique-Georges-Frederick [1759-1837].

*Congres de Panama.* Paris: Bechet Aine, 1825. viii, 95 pp. Octavo (8-1/2" x 5-1/2").

Stab-stitched pamphlet bound into recent marbled wrappers, printed paper title panel to front, untrimmed edges, several signatures unopened. Moderate toning, occasional faint dampspotting, internally clean. \$250.

\* Only edition. The Congress of Panama was organized by Simon Bolivar in 1826. It aimed to organize a league of the new Latin American republics with unified policy towards Spain, a common military, a mutual defense pact and a supranational assembly. Its goals were never realized. The proceedings, which took place in Panama City from June 22 to July 15, 1826, attracted a good deal of attention from the international community. Dufour de Pradt was an ambassador sent to observe the proceedings by the French government. This book is a summary of his observations. OCLC locates 7 copies in North America, none in law libraries. *British Museum Catalogue* (Compact Edition) 7:827.

### Kent Admired Its "Ability and Perspicuity"

#### 10. Fearne, Charles [1742-1794].

[Butler, Charles (1750-1832)]. *An Essay On the Learning of Contingent Remainders and Executory Devises.* London: Printed by A. Strahan for J. Butterworth [et. al.], 1809. xxiii, [1], 636 pp. Octavo (9" x 5-1/2").



Contemporary calf, blind-stamped fillets to boards. Moderate wear to edges and corners, joints just starting, front hinge cracked but secure, minor chipping to foot of spine. A few scuffs to boards, backstrip rubbed with loss of gilding from title and decorative spine bands. Early armorial bookplate to front pastedown, underlining in pencil to a few leaves, occasional light foxing, interior otherwise fresh. A solid copy. \$150.

\* Sixth edition, with notes and an analytical index by Butler. "Ferne's *Essay on Contingent Reminders*...is a performance of a very superior character. It is eminently distinguished for the ability and perspicuity with which it unfolds and explains the principles of the most intricate parts of the law": Kent, *Commentaries on American Law* I:514. Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 1:491.

### Giunta Edition of the *Decretum Gratiani* with 130 Woodcuts

#### 11. Gratian the Canonist [c. 1090-c. 1160].

Johannes Teutonicus (or Zeneka) [d.1253], Glossator.

Bartolomeo da Brescia (d.1258), Glossator.

Martinus, Polonus [d. 1279], Margariti Decreti.

Joannes, Diaconus Hispanus, Flos Decreti.

*Decretu[m] Gratiani Cu[m] Glossis D[omi]ni Joannis Theutonici Prepositi Alberstatensis [et] Annotationibus Bartholomei Brixiensis, Divisionibus Archidiaconi, Casibus a Bene. So[m]positis per Bart. Brixi. Correctis [et] pro Clariore I[n]tellectu[m] Pluribus in Locis Extensis, Concordia ad Bibliam, Tabula Marginalium Glossularum, Omnium Canonum [et] Conciliorum, Margarita Decreti, Flosculis Totius Decreti a Domi[n]o Joanne Diacono Compositis, Additione in Margine Litterarum Quo Minusculi Characteres Lineis Intercepti Citius Legenti Apparea[n]t.* [Venice: Per Lucantonium de Giunta, 1514.] [xxxviii], 652, [76] ff. Main text in parallel columns surrounded by linear gloss. Full-page woodcut (of Christ's Scourging) facing fol. 1, woodcut tables of descent and consanguinity, 130 woodcuts throughout text. Quarto (8" x 6").

Contemporary paneled calf with elaborate blind tooling, intricate borders enclosing cruciform IES device to boards, diced spine with raised bands and later hand-lettered title label, clasps lacking. Some rubbing to extremities, minor worming, some chipping to head of spine, joints starting at ends, rear free endpaper replaced with a printed vellum leaf from an edition of the *Aeneid*. Printed in red and black throughout, woodcut Giunta device to title page, woodcut decorated initials. Light toning to text, light browning in a few places, spotting to a few leaves, internally clean. Ex-library. Bookplate to front pastedown. Item housed in lightly rubbed cloth slipcase with small shelf label to spine. A handsome copy. \$6,000.

\* This edition is notable to its elegant typography and numerous woodcuts that illustrate points in the text. The *Concordia Discordantia Canonum*, or *Decretum Gratiani*, is the cornerstone of modern canon law. The first work of its kind, it was supposedly compiled by Gratian, a Camaldolese monk, around 1140. Using the latest scholastic and juristic techniques from Bologna, he created a work that synthesized and the existing body of canon law. The *Decretum Gratiani* addresses various aspects of church jurisdiction, offenses and legal proceedings, as well as administrative issues like baptism, feast days, confirmation and the consecration of churches. In addition to the *Glossa Ordinaria* of Johannes Teutonicus and the glosses of Bartolomeo da Brescia this imprint includes the *Flos Decreti* of Johannes Hispanus, a set of commentaries on Gratian, and the *Margarita Decreti* of Polonus Martinus, a collection of excerpts from the *Decretals* of Gregory IX. A complete work (and bibliographically distinct), it is part of a three-volume edition of the *Corpus Juris Canonici* issued by Giunta in 1514. OCLC locates 3 copies in North American libraries (Harvard, UC-Berkeley, Yale). *Censimento Nazionale Delle Edizioni Italiane del XVI Secolo* CNCE 13367.

### Rents and Taxation in the Kingdom of Aragon

#### 12. Gregorio, Pietro di [c.1480-1533].

[Nicholas V (1397-1455), Pope].

[Alfonso V (1396-1458), King of Aragon].

*Ad Bullam Apostolicam Nicolai Quinti et Regiam Pragmaticam Alphonsi Regis de Censibus Commentaria. Cum Additionibus non Solum Antiquis & Novis, Verum Etiam Novissimis Annotationibus Nunquam Antea Impressis Eiusdem Don Garsiae Mastrilli ad Eandem Bullam & Pragmaticam Regii Consilarii Auctoris Pronepotis: Quibus Accesserunt Scholia ad Eadem Bullam & Pragmaticam Diversorum Doctorum, Non Prius Edita, Quorum Nomina Sequens Pagina Indicabit. Cum Summariis, & Indice Locupletissimo.* Palermo: Ex Officina Typographica Francisci Ciotti, 1622. [viii], 207, [29] pp. Main text in parallel columns. Folio (11" x 7-1/2").

Contemporary flexible vellum, red and green lettering pieces to spine. Corners and spine ends bumped, a few minor inkspots, some rubbing to edges of lettering pieces. Title page, with large woodcut vignette, printed in red and black, woodcut decorated initials. Moderate toning to text, somewhat darker in places, faint dampspotting to a few leaves. Early struck-through owner signatures to title page, interior otherwise clean. A handsome copy. \$1,500.

\* Second and final edition. Originally published in 1601, this work analyzes a Papal Bull and a royal edict concerning tax assessments and rents for the support of ecclesiastical benefices in Sicily, then governed under the Crown of Aragon, which included most of southern Italy. Gregorio, a lawyer from Messina, is not to be confused with the French jurist Pierre Gregoire [1540-1617]. OCLC locates no copies of either the first or second edition in North America. Not in the *British Museum Catalogue*.

### Scarce Sixteenth-Century Treatise on Investiture

#### 13. Gregorio, Pietro di [c. 1480-1533].

##### **Mastrillo, Garzia (d.1620), Index.**

*De Concessione Feudi Tractatus: Cum Additionibus, Summariis, Argumentis, Ac Indice Don Garsiae Mastrilli Iureconsulti Eiusdem Authoris Pronepotis.* Palermo: Apud Io. Antonium de Franciscis, 1598. [viii], 288 [i.e. 294], 30 pp. Main text in parallel columns. Folio (11" x 7-1/2").

Contemporary flexible vellum, red and green lettering pieces to spine. Corners and spine ends bumped, a few minor inkspots, some rubbing to edges of lettering pieces. Title page, with woodcut arms, printed in red and black, woodcut decorated initials. Light toning to text, a few leaves somewhat darker, faint dampstaining to margins, internally clean. A handsome copy. \$1,500.

\* First edition. This is a study of the laws concerning the transfer of land from an overlord to a vassal (investiture) in Sicily, the governed under the Crown of Aragon, which included most of southern Italy. Gregorio, a lawyer from Messina, is not to be confused with the French jurist Pierre Gregoire [1540-1617]. A second edition was published in 1600, a reprint of the first edition in 2002. All three are scarce. In North America OCLC locates 1 copy of the first edition (at the Library of Congress), 1 copy of the second edition (at Harvard Law School) and two copies of the 2002 reprint (at Harvard Law School and UC-Berkeley). Not in the *British Museum Catalogue*.

### True First Edition of Hallam's *Constitutional History of England*

#### 14. Hallam, Henry [1777-1859].

*The Constitutional History of England from the Accession of Henry VII to the Death of George II.* London: John Murray, 1827. Two volumes. xvi, 615; vii, 828 pp. Quarto (11" x 9").

Later signed calf binding by John Rumpus, Oxford. Gilt rules to boards, unidentified owner crest to front boards, raised bands and gilt titles to spines, top edges gilt. Light rubbing to extremities, a few minor marks to boards, light fading to edges of boards in a couple of places. Light foxing to a few leaves, interior otherwise fresh. A handsome copy of a scarce edition. \$950.

\* First edition. This classic study of the constitutional history of England from 1485 to 1760 was "long the standard work on the subject, and only surpassed one hundred years after its initial publication" (Marke). It was originally issued in a small press run in quarto format. An octavo edition was published later that year. As one would suspect, the quarto editions are quite scarce today. Marke, *A Catalogue of the Law Collection at New York University* (1953) 365. *British Museum Catalogue* (Compact Edition) 11:533.

### One of the Great Authorities on Roman-Dutch Law

#### 15. Huber, Ulrik [1636-1694].

*De Ratione Juris Docendi & Discendi Dialogus.* Franeker: Ex Officina Joh. Gyselaar, 1684. [vi], 111, [1] pp. Copperplate portrait frontispiece of the Duke of Nassau.

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##### **Huber, Ulrik.**

*De Jure Civitatis Libri Tres. Editio, Plus Tertia Parte, Nova Faciem Operis Oratio Praemissa & Argumenta Capitum in Calce Subjecta Exhibent.* Franeker: Apud Johannem Gyselaar, 1684. [xxxviii], 605, [37] pp.

Octavo (6-1/4" x 3-3/4"). Contemporary calf, raised bands to spine. Moderate rubbing with light wear to extremities, corners bumped, joints starting at head, front hinge cracked, later owner bookplate to front pastedown. Woodcut title vignettes, woodcut head-pieces, tail-pieces and decorated initials. Light toning to text. Faint early owner annotations to endleaves, title page of *Ratione Juris* and a few other leaves in both works. Ex-library. Bookplate to front pastedown. \$750.

\* *Ratione Juris*, only edition; *Jure Civitatis*, third edition. Huber was a well-known Dutch jurist and professor at the Universities of Franeker, Utrecht and Leyden. He was also a judge in Friesland and the author of numerous legal works on Roman and Roman-Dutch law including *Heedendaagse Rechtsgeleertheit* (1686), which was later translated as *The Jurisprudence of My Time*. He was as important in his day as Grotius. Huber's work was renowned for his humanism and knowledge of life. It remains influential in South African law. *Ratione Juris* is an essay on legal reasoning. First published in 1672, his influential *Jure Civitatis* examines public law through perspectives drawn from jurisprudence and political science. As one would expect, Roman, canon and natural-law principles play a leading role. The laws of the Dutch states are also considered, though less extensively. Dekkers, *Bibliotheca Belgica Juridica* 86 (5, 11).

## Interesting Treatise on Tax Indebtedness

### 16. Hughes, T.B.

*A Report of the Case of the King Against Bebb and Others. Assignees of Castell and Powell, Bankrupts; On an Extent: With Explanatory Notes and an Appendix of Some Cases and Records in Extents Which Have Not Been Before Printed.* London: Printed by A. Strahan, 1811. vi, 244 pp. Octavo (8" x 5").

Contemporary calf, blind fillets to boards, lettering piece and blind fillets to spine. Light rubbing, front hinge starting. Offsetting to margins of endleaves, toning to text, internally clean. A well-preserved copy of a scarce title. \$950.

\* Only edition. Abolished in 1947, a writ of extent was a remedy employed by the crown to recover unpaid taxes from a debtor or bankrupt. This book, a combination of treatise and report, examines the nature of these writs through a scholarly account, with notes and a historical appendix, of the important Exchequer case of John Bebb and others, assignees of the bankrupt London banking house of Castell and Powell. Bebb and others, assignees of Castell and Powell, were countersued by the government for the right to assets that would cover payment of bills of exchange drawn by a Newcastle bank against tax-collection funds they were holding on deposit. The drafts had been accepted by the now bankrupt Castell and Powell, who had turned them over to the commissioners of excise as collateral for the Newcastle tax deposits, payable in thirty days. At issue was the right of the Crown to sue a debtor (Castell and Powell) of a tax-owing debtor (the Newcastle bank). Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 2:175.

## Extensive Scottish JP Treatise

### 17. Hutcheson, Gilbert.

*Treatise on the Offices of Justice of Peace; Constable; Commissioner Under Comprehending Acts, in Scotland; with Occasional Observations Upon Other Municipal Jurisdictions. To Which Are Added Appendixes, Containing Some of the Statutes, Forms of Proceedings, and Writs Referred to in the Work.* Edinburgh: Printed for Peter Hill, 1815. Four volumes. Four-page publisher catalogue before title page of each volume. Octavo (8-1/2" x 5").

Contemporary calf, raised bands, lettering pieces. Moderate shelfwear, front board of Volume I detached, other joints cracked but secure, internally fresh. Ex-library. Small institution stamp to head of each spine. \$100.

\* Third edition. The first book outlines the history, constitution and nature of the several offices, the second and third deal with the public peace and police, the fourth deals with rural polity (with an emphasis on landed property) and the fifth addresses public polity. Marvin, *Legal Bibliography* 407.

## Final Edition of Jacob's Treatise on Real Property

### 18. Jacob, Giles [1686-1744].

*The Complete Court-Keeper: Or, Land-Steward's Assistant: Containing, I.-The Nature of Courts Leet and Courts Baron; With a General Introduction to Every Thing Incident to Them, According to Law and Custom. II.-The Manner of Holding Courts Leet, Courts Baron, and Courts of Survey, With the Charge to the Juries; And the Forms of Entering Those Courts in the Minute Books and in the Court Rolls; With Precedents.... III.-The Manner of Keeping the Court Baron for Trying of Actions; The Nature and Kinds of Actions.... IV.-Precedents of Contracts, Conditions, Covenants, Leases, Mortgages.... V.-The Power and Authority of the Lord, And of the Steward, And the Privilege of the Tenants, With a Variety of Law-Cases and Resolutions Concerning Copyholders....* Enlarged and Corrected to the Present Time by a Barrister. London: Printed for W. Clarke and Sons, 1819. iv, 338, [15], [3] pp. Includes three-page publisher catalogue. Octavo (8-1/2" x 5").

Contemporary calf, blind fillets to boards, lettering piece and blind fillets to spine. A few small inkstains to boards, corners lightly bumped, front hinge just starting. Early annotation to front pastedown. Light foxing in a few places, creases to some leaves, minor worming to lower margins of final few leaves with no loss to text. A nice copy in a well-preserved binding. \$350.

\* Eighth and final edition. First published in 1713, this comprehensive treatise on landlord and tenant was a standard work for many years. A practical book designed mainly for the use of stewards, it reflects the author's experience with court keeping. Holdsworth includes this title among his list of notable works on land law and speaks well of it. Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 1:400.

## Professional Guidelines by Jacob

### 19. Jacob, Giles [1686-1744].

*A Law Grammar; or Rudiments of the Law; Compiled From The Grounds, Principles, Maxims, Terms, Words of Art, Rules, and Moot Points of Our Law, In a New, Easy, and Very Concise Method. For the Particular Instruction of Students, and Other Persons, Whereby They May Acquire Much Useful and Elementary Learning in the Law.* London: W. Clarke and Sons, 1817. [iii], iv, [4], 260, [4] pp. Includes one-page publisher list. Octavo (8" x 4-1/2").

Later quarter calf over cloth retaining original maroon lettering piece, untrimmed edges, endpapers renewed. Annotations in early hand to foot of title page. Very good. \$250.

\* Sixth edition, revised and expanded. A terse but wide-ranging compendium for "all youth at our Universities, or Inns of Court, and young gentlemen in their private education" (Preface, ii-iii). Uncommon. OCLC locates 11 copies. Sweet & Maxwell, *Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 1:34(45).

### Compilation of Sixteenth-Century Middlesex County Records

#### 20. Jeaffreson, John C[ordy], Editor.

*Middlesex County Records: Indictments, Coroners' Inquests-- Post-Mortem and Recognizances from 3 Edward VI [to] 4 James II. With an Index by A.T. Watson.* London: Middlesex County Records Society, [1886-1892]. 4 volumes. Octavo (9" x 6").

Original cloth, light rubbing to boards, expertly rebaked, gilt titles to spine, hinges mended. Contemporary armorial bookplate (of W. O. Danckwerts) to front pastedown of each volume, internally fresh. Ex-library. Stamps to title pages and endleaves. A nice set. \$200.

\* First editions. The Records are complete in four volumes. The Quarter Sessions were the quarterly meetings of the whole body of the justices of the peace for a county for the transaction of business. With some exceptions, Quarter Sessions had original criminal jurisdiction to try all indictable offenses, and to sentence an offender convicted by a magistrate's court. "The historian of the future will thank the Middlesex County Records Society and its Editor for recovering, tabulating, and printing these old documents.... The work has been compiled with evident care... Throughout these pages much information may be gleaned touching the manners and customs, pleasures and occupations of our ancestors in the sixteenth century." *Times*, January 25, 1887. Catalogue of the Library of the Harvard Law School (1909) II:113.

### Administrative Law in the Kingdom of the Two Sicilies

#### 21. [Kingdom of the Two Sicilies].

*Statuti Dell'Amministrazione Civile in Sicilia.* [N.p.: S.n., c.1827]. [ii], 275 pp. Eight folding tables. Octavo (7-3/4" x 4-1/2").

Contemporary quarter calf over marbled boards, lettering piece and gilt fillets to spine. Moderate rubbing to boards and extremities with some wear to spine ends and corners, joints partially cracked, a few partial cracks to text block. Some toning to text, occasional faint dampspotting, internally clean. \$250.

\* Second edition (?). The Kingdom of the Two Sicilies, which encompassed the lower half of Italy as well as the island of Sicily, was the largest of the states of Italy before the Italian unification. Apparently a handy reference for state officials, this is a digest of the kingdom's administrative law. The earliest edition we were able to locate was issued in 1818, updated editions were issued periodically. All are rare OCLC locates no copies of our edition, and one copy of issues from 1818 and 1821, neither in North America. Not in the *British Museum Catalogue*.

### Second Edition of a Classic Treatise on Roman Criminal Law

#### 22. Matthaëus, Antonius [1601-1654].

*De Criminibus ad Lib. XLVII. et XLVIII. Dig. Commentarius. Adjecta est Brevis & Succincta Juris Municipalis Interpretatio, Cum Indice Triplici; Titulorum, Rerum & Verborum, Nec non Legum, Qua Strictius, Qua Fusiùs Explicatarum.* Amsterdam: Johannis Waesberge, 1661. [xvi], 902, [38] pp. Quarto (7-1/2" x 6").

Contemporary vellum with lapped edges, early hand-lettered title to spine. Light rubbing to extremities, spine ends and corners bumped. Title page printed in red and black. Light toning to text, faint dampstaining in a few places, internally clean. Ex-library. Bookplate to front pastedown, inkstamp to front free endpaper, perforated stamp to title page and following leaf. \$250.

\* Second edition, one of two issues, the other printed in Utrecht. Antonius Matthaëus, the progenitor of a line of noted jurists, first published his *De Criminibus* in 1644. It is a commentary on Books 47 and 48 of Justinian's *Digest* with an additional treatise on the municipal law of Utrecht. Distinguished for its critical use of original sources, rather than later commentaries, it was one of the first modern commentaries on Roman criminal law. It was a successful, widely circulated treatise; it reached its fifteenth edition in 1761. Dekkers, *Bibliotheca Belgica Juridica* 111 (4).

### The Interpretation and Construction of Roman and Canon Law

#### 23. Panciroli, Guido [1523-1599].

##### Panciroli, Ottavio, Editor.

*De Claris Legum Interpretibus Libri Quatuor.* Venice: Apud Marcum Antonium Brogiollum, 1637. [xiv], 509, [56] pp. Quarto (8" x 6").



Contemporary limp vellum, early hand-lettered title to spine. Light soiling, a few minor inkstains, corners and spine ends lightly bumped, worming to pastedowns and free endpapers with some damage to joints, section lacking from front free endpaper, a few signatures loose. Woodcut head-pieces and decorated initials. Some toning to text, a bit heavier in places. Early annotations to front pastedown, owner initials to foot of title page, interior otherwise clean. \$1,250.

\* First edition. Panciroli's treatise on the interpretation and construction of Roman and canon law was a respected work that went through later editions in 1655 and 1721. Educated at the University of Padua, Panciroli taught there for most of his career. OCLC locates 1 copy in North America of this 1637 first edition at Harvard Law School. Camus, *Bibliothèque Choise des Livres de Droit* 45.

### Birth of the Pennsylvania System of Penology

#### 24. [Pennsylvania].

##### [Commission to Revise the Penal Code].

*Report of the Commissioners on the Penal Code, With the Accompanying Documents. Read, In the House of Representatives, Jan 4, 1828.* Harrisburg: Printed by S.C. Stambaugh, 1828. 192 pp. Two plans (of Eastern State Penitentiary), two folding tables. Octavo (9" x 5-1/2").

Stab-stitched pamphlet with untrimmed edges bound into recent cloth, lettering piece to spine. Light soiling to binding, moderate toning to text, several signatures unopened, faint dampspotting to a few leaves, early cello tape repair to one of the folding tables. Early annotations in pencil to a few leaves, interior otherwise clean. \$600.

\* First edition, one of two issues from 1828, the other red before the state senate. The report of commissioners Edward King, Charles Shaler and Thomas I. Wharton led to the establishment of Pennsylvania's innovating criminal code and penal system, which emphasized prevention and reform. The report reviews the plans for the Eastern State Penitentiary, the first modern penitentiary, then under construction. A second edition, which omits the accompanying documents, was also published in 1828. All are scarce. Including both issues, OCLC locates 12 copies of the first edition in North American law libraries. Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 3741.

### The Revival of Roman Law in Southern France

#### 25. [Roman Law].

*Exceptiones Legum Romanorum cum Tractatu[s] Actionum: Earu[n]demq[ue] Longiquitate.* [Strassburg: Johann Schott, 4 November, 1500]. Collation: pi4, a-d8/4, e-f8. [iv], 38, [2] ff. Final two leaves are blanks. Complete. Quarto (8" x 6").

Recent period-style calf, blind rules to boards, raised bands to spine. Text printed in 38-line gothic type, wide margins. Light soiling and some edgewear to endleaves and title leaf, light toning to text, faint dampstaining to a few leaves. Early owner annotation to verso of title leaf, interior otherwise clean. Ex-library. Small inkstamp to recto of title leaf. A handsome copy. \$7,500.

\* First edition, and the only incunable edition. *Exceptiones Legum Romanorum* is a tract on Roman law drawn from the books of the *Corpus Juris Civilis*. A practical handbook of everyday legal matters for local magistrates. It was compiled in the eleventh century in Dauphine, France. It is also known as the *Exceptiones Petri* because it is attributed in some sources to a compiler named "Petrus." It is an important document of the revival of Roman law in southern France. Our imprint is notable as one of the first books printed by Schott. OCLC locates 4 copies in the U.S. at the Newberry, Library of Congress, Morgan Library, and Harvard Law School. *Gesamtkatalog der Wiegendrucke* 9493. Goff, *Incunabula in American Libraries* E135.

### Jews in Eighteenth-Century Sardinia

#### 26. Sessa, Giuseppe.

*Tractatus de Judaeis Eorum Privilegiis, Observantia, Et Recto Intellectu, Continens Pignora, Usuras, Testimonis, Testamenta, Juramenta, Successiones, Immunitates, Matrimonia, Repudia, Juz Gazaga, & de Ejus Effectibus, Latrocinia, & Eorum Receptatores, Delicta Carnis Judaei cum Christiani, Vel Christiani cum Judaeae, & de Condigna Pena, Blasphemias, Salvos Conductus, & Securitates, Mancipia, & Nutrices Christianas, Potestatem Rabbitorum, Judaeorum Lauda, Baptizatos Invidis Parentibus, Vel Ipsis Offerentibus, Neophytos, Sive ad Fidem Sincere Conversos, & Jura eis Debita in Bonis Parentum, Baptismum Simulantes, Aut Redeuntes ad Judaismum: Cum Pluribus Aliis Quaestionibus ad Materiam Pertinentibus, Usufrequentioribus, Practico Legalibus, Canonicis, & Moralibus, Quae Solide, Ac Perspicue Resolvuntur, Ac Quibusdam Observationibus per Singillatim Examinatis, & Italico Idiome Impressis, Excerptis Nonnullis de Fabulari, ac Impia Thalmudica Doctrina, & Theologia Judaeorum. Et Tandem de Auctoritate Conservatoris Generalis Judaeorum, & Ejus Praeeminentia. Opus Novum, Jucundum, Utile, & Necessarium Judicibus tam Secularibus, Quam Ecclesiasticis, Advocatus, Causidicis, & Aliis tam in Foro, Quam in Scholis Versantibus. Cum Summariis, & Indice Ditissim tum Argumentorum, Quam Materialium Alphabetico Ordine Digestorum, Additis, Collective Variis Constitutionibus, Declarationibus, & Resolutionibus Sanctae Romanae Inquisitionis, Ac Demum Antiquis Decretis Regiis, Ac Privilegiis Judaeorum, Quae Omnia Habentur in Fine Operis.* Turin: Typis Joannis Francisci Mairese, & Joannis Radix, 1717. [xx], 387 pp. Main text in parallel columns. Folio (13-1/2" x 8-3/4").

Contemporary vellum, gilt title to spine. Light soiling, a few minor stains, spine somewhat darkened, boards slightly bowed, spine ends and corners bumped, vellum just beginning to crack through pastedowns. Title page printed in red and black, woodcut head-pieces, tail-pieces and decorative initials. Light toning to text, somewhat heavier in places, occasional foxing, faint dampstaining to a few leaves. Early owner signature to foot of title page, interior otherwise clean. Ex-library. Bookplate to front pastedown. A nice copy. \$1,500.

\* Only edition. This fascinating work discusses all laws concerning the Jewish population of the Kingdom of Sardinia (which included, as dependencies, Piedmont, Savoy and Nice). It is equally valuable as a record of political and social life. Along with strictly legal topics Sessa discusses such matters as conversion and sexual relations between Jews and Gentiles. Sessa, a lawyer in the Savoy Senate, was and one of the judges appointed in Piedmont to regulate Jewish affairs. OCLC locates 5 copies in North American law libraries (Harvard, Library of Congress, UC-Berkeley, University of Michigan, Yale). *British Museum Catalogue* (Compact Edition) 23:205.

### Seventeenth-Century Treatise on Bohemian Mining Law

#### 27. Span, Sebastian.

*Speculum Juris Metallici, Oder: Berg-Rechts-Spiegel, Darinnen zu Finden Was Jedweder dem Bergwesen Zugethaner, Hoben, Mittlern und Niedern Person, Als Grund-Herren, Obrist-Munzmeister, Berg-Vorstebern, Berg-Ampts-Leuten, Dienern und Arbeitern, Befehl, Verrichtung und Befugniß Ist; Wie sie sich bey und Gegen Andere, So zum Bergwerck Angenommen, Mit Befehl-Oder Forttreiben, Auch in Gut-Oder Rechtlichen Streit-Handeln Verhalten Sollen; Aus denen vom Kayser Ferdinando I. Lobl. Gedachtniß, An. 1584 Publicirten Joachimsthalischen, Schlackenwaldischen Silber- und Zien- wie auch bey Zeiten Kayser Rudolphi II. Hochlobl. Andenckens, zu Pappier Gesetzten Zweyen Land-Bergwercks-Ordnungen im Konigreich Bohmen, Auffgerichteten Bergwercks-Vergleichungen, Gefolgten Reformationen, Ertz-Kauffen, Begnadigungen un Privilegien, It. Andern Berg-Gebrauchen, Was Darinnen von ein Oder Andern Chur- und Furstl. Berg-Ordnung Statuiret Worden; Mit Denen Formalibus Unter Eines Jeden Sonderbare Rubric Gebracht.* Dresden: Bey Johann Jacob Wincklern, 1698. [xvi], 422 (i.e. 426), [20] pp. Folio (12-1/2" x 7-3/4").

Contemporary three-quarter calf over speckled boards, raised bands, lettering piece and gilt ornaments to spine, speckled edges, ribbon marker. Some rubbing to boards and extremities, front joint just starting at head. Title page printed in red and black, woodcut head and tail-pieces. Moderate toning to text, light browning in places, part of date lacking from bottom edge of title page due to printer error, early owner stamp to foot of verso, internally clean. Ex-library. Bookplate to front pastedown. \$750.

\* Only edition. Central Europe, Bohemia especially, has been an important mining center since the late-middle ages and the source of some of Europe's earliest mining laws. Originally local, Central European mining law became more Germanic over time through the authority of the Holy Roman Empire. Span's treatise summarizes this body of law with an emphasis on the enactments of Holy Roman Emperors, and Kings of Hungary, Bohemia and Croatia, Ferdinand I and Rudolf II. Among other topics, Span considers the demarcation of territory, drainage, ventilation and the division of expenses and profits among investors. OCLC locates 3 copies in North American law libraries (Harvard, UC-Berkeley, Yale). *Das Verzeichniß der im Deutschen Sprachraum Erschienenen Drucke des 17. Jahrhunderts* 1:015512F.

### First Edition of the First Comprehensive Study of the United States Constitution

#### 28. Story, Joseph [1779-1845].

*Commentaries on the Constitution of the United States; With a Preliminary Review of the Constitutional History of the Colonies and States, Before the Adoption of the Constitution.* Boston: Hilliard, Gray and Company, 1833. Three volumes. xxxiv, [ii], 494; [ii], 555; [ii], 776 pp. Octavo (8-1/2" x 5-1/2").

Original sheep, blind fillets to boards, red and black lettering pieces and blind fillets to spines. Light rubbing, somewhat heavier to spines, minor wear to spine ends and corners, a few stains and shallow scuffs to boards, early owner bookplate (of Arthur McArthur) to each front pastedown. Light toning to text, occasional faint spotting, faint dampstaining in a few places in each volume. A very nice unsophisticated set in the original bindings. Early owner inscription (of McArthur) to front endleaf of Volume II, brief annotations in his hand to a few leaves, interior otherwise clean. \$12,500.

\* First edition. Story's *Commentaries* was the most substantial and influential work written on the American Constitution before the Civil War, and it remains an important work today. Written while Story was Dane Professor at Harvard Law School and an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, it presented a strongly Nationalist interpretation. It is divided into three books. Book I contains a history of the colonies and discussion of their charters. Book II discusses the Continental Congress and analyzes the flaws that crippled the Articles of Confederation. Book III begins with a history of the Constitution and its ratification. This is followed by a brilliant line-by-line exposition of each of its articles and amendments. Comparing it to the *Federalist*, James Kent said that Story's work was "written in the same free and liberal spirit, with equal exactness and soundness of doctrine, and with great beauty and eloquence of composition. (...) Whoever seeks...a complete history and exposition of this branch of our jurisprudence, will have recourse to [this] work, which is written with great candor, and characterized by extended research, and a careful examination of the vital principles upon which our government reposes.": cited in Marvin. McArthur was a lawyer in Livingston, Maine. Marvin, *Legal Bibliography* 669-670. Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 2914.

## Two Great Jurists Analyze Excerpts from the *Corpus Juris Civilis*

### 29. Van Leeuwen, Simon [1626-1682].

#### Vinnius, Arnoldus [1588-1657].

*De Origine & Progressu Juris Civilis Romani, Authores & Fragmenta Veterum Jurisconsultorum, Cum Notis Arn. Vinnii, & Variorum. Que Hisce Continentur Sequens Docebit Pagina.* Leiden: Apud Arnoldum Doude, 1672. [xvi], 850 pp. Main title page preceded by copperplate pictorial title page. Octavo (6-1/2" x 4-1/4").

Contemporary vellum, early hand-lettered title to spine, large gilt arms of Arnhem to boards. Light soiling, chip to head of spine, upper corners bumped and somewhat worn, front endleaves lacking. Light toning to text, internally clean. Ex-library. Bookplate to front pastedown, stamps to top edge, bottom edge and rear endleaves. A nice copy. \$350.

\* Second edition. Two of the greatest Dutch jurists of their day, Van Leeuwen and Vinnius were perhaps the most widely read Dutch jurists during the late-seventeenth and eighteenth century. *De Origine* is a collection of annotated excerpts from the *Corpus Juris Civilis* and essays. The first essay of this work, "De Origine Juris" is by Vinnius. Van Leeuwen compiled the excerpts and wrote two of the essay. Both authors provide annotations and cite additional annotations from other authors. It was first published in 1671, its third and final edition in 1762. Dekkers, *Bibliotheca Belgica Juridica* 99 (12).

## Ancient Laws and Institutes of Wales

### 30. [Wales].

#### [Howel, Welsh King].

**[Record Commission, Great Britain].** *Ancient Laws and Institutes of Wales; Comprising Laws Supposed to be Enacted by Howel the Good, Modified by Subsequent Regulations Under the Native Princes Prior to the Conquest by Edward the First: And Anomalous Laws, Consisting Principally of Institutions Which by the Statute of Ruddlan Were Admitted to Continue in Force: With an English Translation of the Welsh Text. To Which are Added a Few Latin Transcripts, Containing Digests of the Welsh Laws, Principally of the Dimetian Code. With Indexes and Glossary.* Printed By Command of His Late Majesty King William IV Under the Direction of the Commissioners of the Public Records of the Kingdom. [London: Printed by George E. Eyre and Andrew Spottiswoode, Printers to the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, 1841]. Two volumes. xxxvi, [viii], 904; [xviii], 1128 pp. Main text in parallel columns. Quarto (10" x 7").

Contemporary cloth printed paper title labels to spine. Some shelfwear, corners and spine ends bumped, light fading to spine. Text block detached from Volume II, front hinge starting and half-title detached from Volume I, a few leaves in both volumes loose. Interiors clean and fresh. \$350.

\* With indexes and a glossary of Welsh and other terms. This is a scholarly critical edition of early Welsh laws based on original manuscript sources. The texts in Welsh have parallel English translations. Contents include the Vendotian Code, the Dimetian Code, the Gwentian Code, Anomalous Laws, the Leges Howeleis Boni and the Statuta de Rothelan. It remains a standard source for scholars of this period. This work was also issued as a large folio. *Catalogue of the Library of the Harvard Law School* (1909) I:791.



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