

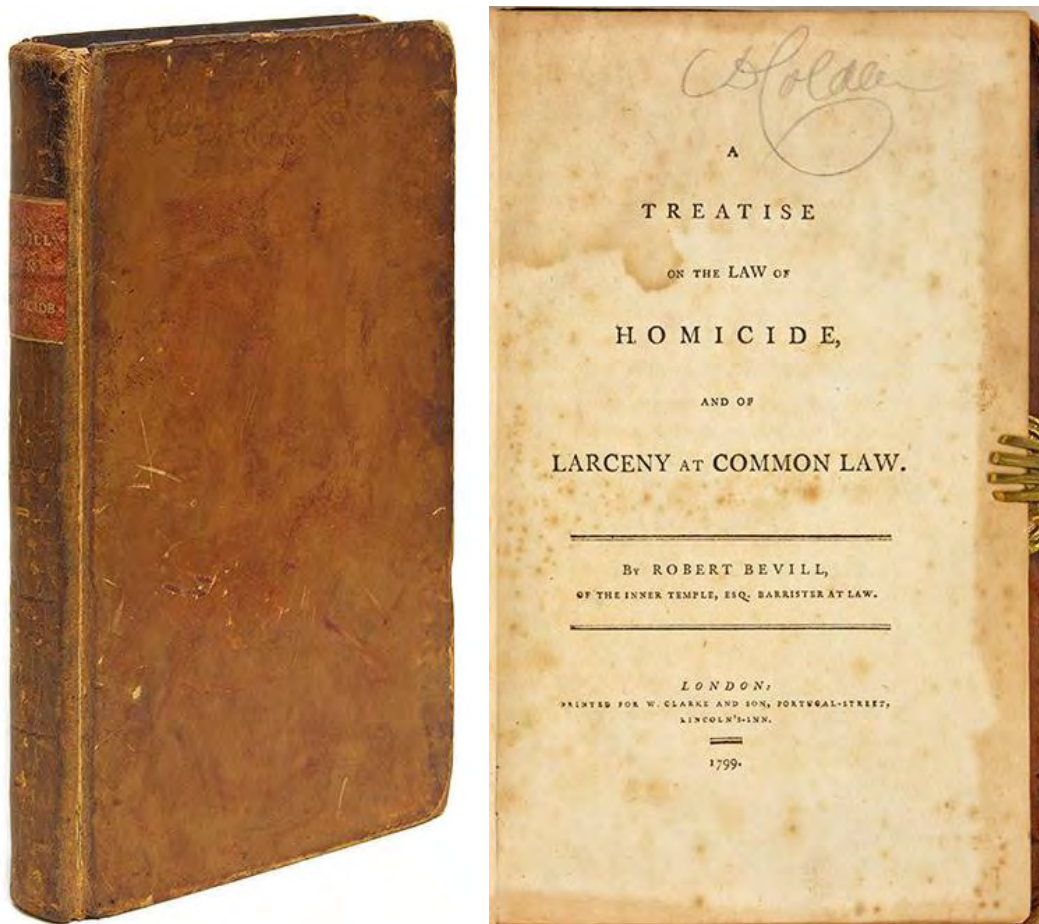
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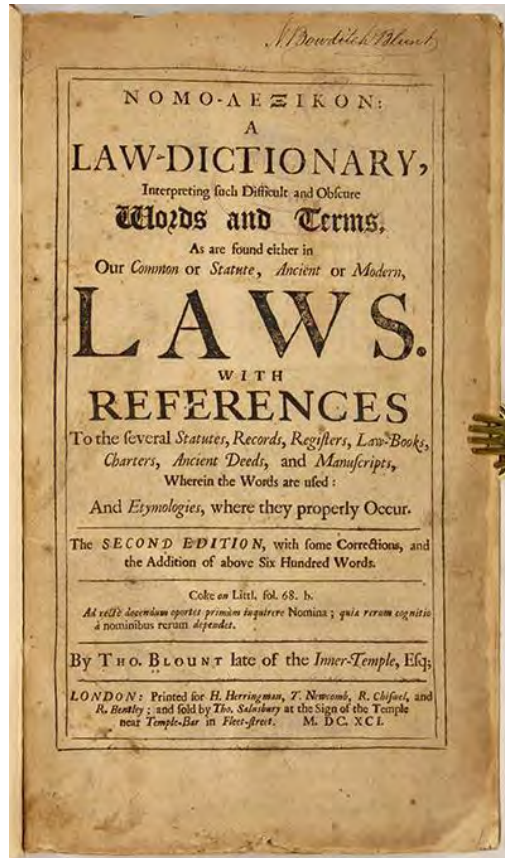
**English Larceny and Homicide Law
at the End of the Eighteenth Century**

1. Bevill, Robert [d. 1824].

A Treatise on the Law of Homicide, and of Larceny in the Common Law. London: Printed for W. Clarke and Son, 1799. [xiv], 287 pp. Octavo (5-3/4" x 9").

Contemporary calf, blind fillets to boards, lettering piece and blind fillets to spine. Light rubbing and some minor nicks and scuffs to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities with some wear to spine ends and corners, rear joint cracked, armorial bookplate of Cadwallader David Colden to front pastedown, inscription, presumably his, to front free endpaper, Colden's signature in pencil to head of title page. Moderate toning and light foxing to text, faint dampstaining in a few places. A nice copy of a scarce title with an interesting association. \$1,850.

* Only edition. "I have collected everything to be found in the books which appeared to be material; and I have endeavoured to extract all the principles by which the law, as to these offenses, is governed: and although no direct authority can be cited in support of one of these principles, in the form in which I have stated them, yet when every part of the subject is examined, I feel some confidence, that they will be found correct" [iii-iv]. Bevill was a barrister of the Inner Temple. The *Dictionary of National Biography* says this book "was terribly lacerated" by the *London Monthly Review*, but does not say why (II:450). The notable vehemence of this review suggests a personal or partisan motivation. A member of a distinguished New York City family, Colden [1769-1834] was a mayor of New York City from 1818-1821, a U.S. Representative from New York from 1821-1823 and a member of the New York State Senate from 1825 to 1827. The inscription on the front free endpaper reads: "Murder is a killing of malice-/ Malice is where there is a felonious and deliberate interest/ to do bodily harm by probably means." *English Short-Title Catalogue* N14026. [Order This Item](#)



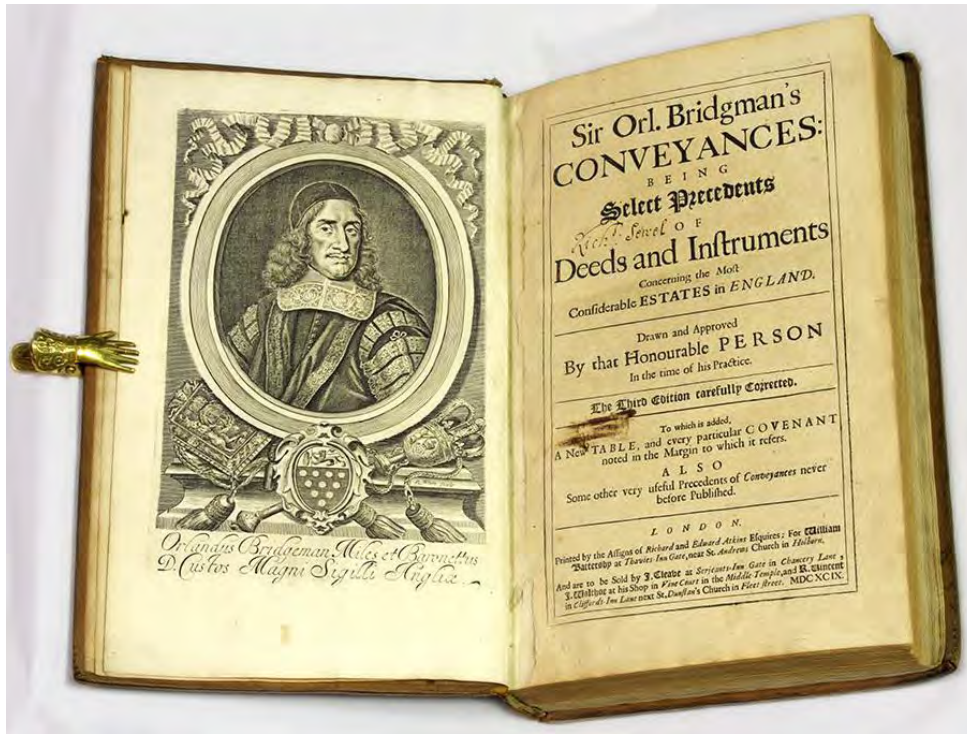
Expanded Edition of Blount's Dictionary

2. Blount, Thomas [1618-1679].

Nomo-Lexikon: A Law-Dictionary, Interpreting Such Difficult and Obscure Words and Terms, As are Found Either in Our Common or Statute, Ancient or Modern, Laws. With References to the Several Statutes, Records, Registers, Law-Books, Charters, Ancient Deeds, And Manuscripts, Wherein the Words are Used: And Etymologies, Where They Properly Occur. With Some Corrections, And the Addition of Above Six Hundred Words. London: Printed for H. Heringman, T. Newcomb, R. Chiswel, and R. Bently, 1691. [316] pp. Main text printed in parallel columns. Folio (12-1/2" x 7-1/4").

Recent period-style quarter calf over marbled boards, raised bands and lettering piece to spine, endpapers renewed, title page and following leaf re-hinged. Light browning and occasional light foxing to text, brief annotations in a few places, some soiling, edgewear, later owner signature and very faint library stamp to title page, lighter edgewear to final leaf. A nice copy in an attractive binding. \$950.

* Second edition, with "the Addition of Above Six Hundred Words." Blount was a barrister and a member of the Inner Temple. Prohibited to practice at the Bar because he was a Catholic, Blount turned to legal scholarship and lexicography. Blount aimed to correct the defects he found in Cowell's *Interpreter* (1607) and Rastell's *Termes de la Ley* (1523). In his preface, he observed that Cowell "is sometimes too prolix in the derivation of a Word, setting down several Authors Opinions, without categorically determining which is the true"; Rastell "wrote so long hence, that his very Language and manner of expression was almost antiquated." He hoped that by correcting these flaws he would create a dictionary useful to everyone in the profession from "the Coif to the puny-Clerk." The *Nomo-Lexikon* is clearer and more detailed than its predecessors. It is also the first English-language dictionary with entries that include word etymologies and citations. An immediate success that quickly supplanted its predecessors, it was reissued in larger and revised editions throughout the eighteenth century. Starnes and Noyes, *The English Dictionary from Candrey to Johnson* 46. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R231079. [Order This Item](#)



"The Father of Modern Conveyancers" Holdsworth

3. Bridgman, Orlando [1608-1674].

Sir Orl. Bridgman's Conveyances: Being Select Precedents of Deeds and Instruments Concerning the Most Considerable Estates in England. Drawn and Approved by that Honourable Person in the Time of His Practice. Carefully Corrected. To Which is Added, A New Table and Every Particular Covenant Noted in the Margin to Which it Refers. Also Some Other Very Useful Precedents of Conveyances Never Before Published. London: Printed by the Assigns of Richard and Edward Atkins, 1699. [vi], 349, [23] pp. Copperplate portrait frontispiece.

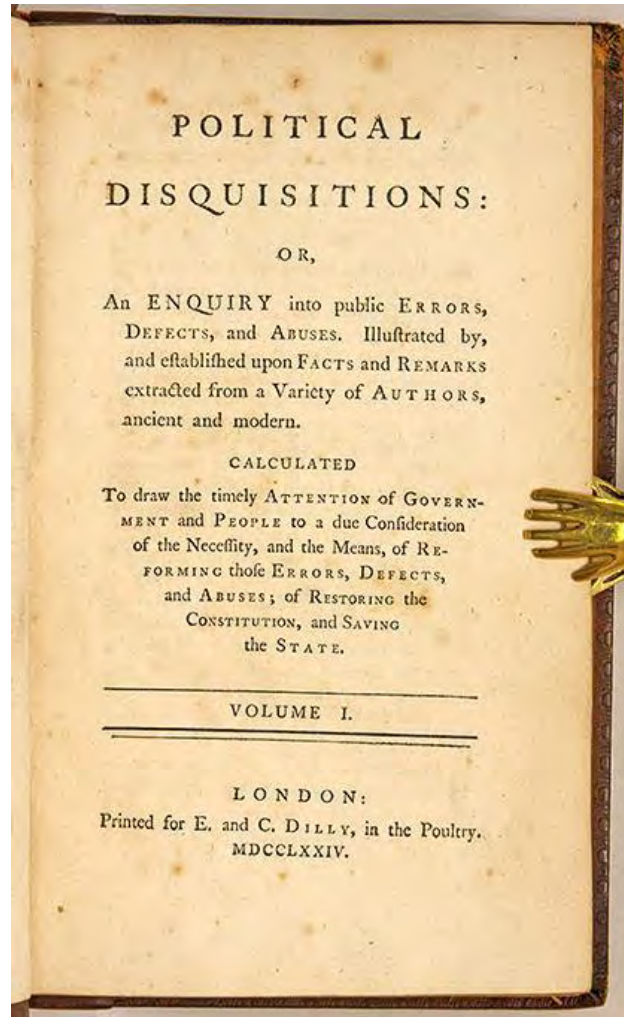
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Bridgman, Orlando.

Sir Orl. Bridgman's Conveyances: Being Select Precedents of Deeds and Instruments Concerning the Most Considerable Estates in England. Drawn and Approved By that Honourable Person in the Time of His Practice. The Second Volume Carefully Corrected. To Which is Added, A Large Table, And Every Particular Covenant Noted in the Margin to Which it Refers. London: Printed by the assigns of Richard and Edward Atkins, 1702. [x], 36, 41-98, 185-279, [13] pp. Pagination irregular, text complete. Portrait frontispiece from this book bound in book above.

Complete set. Folio (12" x 7-1/2"). Contemporary calf, blind rules to boards, blind fillets along joints, raised bands and recent lettering piece to spine, joints and head of spine mended, gilt tooling to board edges. A few shallow scuffs and faint stains to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, chipping to foot of spine, corners bumped and somewhat worn, front joint starting at foot, hinges starting, partial crack between front free endpaper and following endleaf. Moderate toning to text, light toning to Second Volume, light soiling to title page. Early owner signatures to endleaves and title page, a few brief annotations to text. An attractive copy. \$1,650.

*Third edition. Bridgman served with distinction as Chief Justice, and was highly regarded for his integrity and scholarship. Highly regarded as a conveyancer, he also contributed to the development of the modern rule against perpetuities. "The only book of precedents [from the Commonwealth era] which bears a distinguished name is Bridgman's collection, which was published after his death by his clerk, Thomas Page Johnson. (...) It is the first book of precedents in conveyancing of the modern type; and for that reason has been rightly called the father of modern conveyancers." Holdsworth, *A History of English Law* VI:604-605. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R29056. [Order This Item](#)



**A Work That Influenced John Adams
and Other American Founding Fathers**

4. [Burgh, James (1714-1775)].

Political Disquisitions: Or, An Enquiry into Public Errors, Defects, and Abuses. Illustrated By, And Established upon Facts and Remarks Extracted from a Variety of Authors, Ancient and Modern. Calculated To Draw the Timely Attention of Government and People to a Due Consideration of the Necessity, And the Means, Of Reforming Those Errors, Defects, And Abuses; Of Restoring the Constitution, And Saving the State. London: Printed for E. and C. Dilly, 1774-1775. Three volumes. xxiii, [9], 486; vii, [9], 477; [viii], 460, [42] pp. Complete set. Volume III includes two-page publisher catalogue. Octavo (8-1/4" x 5-3/4").

Recent period-style calf, blind fillets to boards, raised bands and lettering pieces to spines, endpapers renewed. Moderate toning, slightly heavier in places, occasional light foxing. A handsome set. \$3,500.

* First edition. Burgh was notable reformer of "public errors, defects, and abuses." Notable for its extensive use of statistics, his *Political Disquisitions* offers arguments in favor of several then-radical ideas, such as free speech and universal (male) suffrage. The first two volumes of this work were published in 1774, the third in 1775. Another edition was published in Philadelphia in 1775. It was a profound influence on the American Founding Fathers, John Adams especially, who said the book "ought to be in the hands of every American who has learned to read" (cited in Wood). Jefferson owned a copy of the American edition. Wood, *The Creation of the American Republic* 165. Sowerby, *Catalogue of the Library of Thomas Jefferson* 2720. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T69213. [Order This Item](#)



"It Has Always Been Deemed a Book of Authority"

5. Burn, Richard [1709-1785].

Ecclesiastical Law. London: Printed by H. Woodfall and W. Strahan, 1767. Four volumes. Octavo (8-1/2" x 5-1/4").

Contemporary calf, blind rules to boards, blind fillets along joints, raised bands and red and black lettering pieces to spines. Light rubbing and some shallow scuffing to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities with some wear to spine ends, joints and hinges cracked or starting, corners bumped and somewhat worn, early armorial bookplate to pastedown of each volume. Moderate toning to text, somewhat heavier in places, light foxing in a few places. \$250.

* Second edition. Long a standard work, it reached its final edition, the ninth, in 1842. "It has always been deemed a book of authority; and Blackstone, in his *Commentaries*, mentions it as one of the very few publications on the subject of Ecclesiastical Law on which the reader can rely with certainty. Burn, by his diligent and accurate research, and by great judgment in the selection and use of his materials, laid the foundation of a work which subsequent editors have reared to a complete and full Treatise upon English Ecclesiastical Law. The author not only gives his authorities for his positions, but frequently the authority of the authorities.": Marvin, *Legal Bibliography* 163-164. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T69646.

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Incunable Editions of Two Primary Volumes of Canon Law

6. [Canon Law].

Boniface VIII [1235-1303], Pope.

[d'Andrea, Giovanni (c.1270-c.1348)], Glosses.

[Liber Sextus Decretalium, Cum Apparatu Johannes Andreae]. [Nuremberg: Anton Koberger, 12 March 1482]. [118] ff. Collation: a-q7. Final leaf, a blank, lacking. Text in parallel columns with two-column linear gloss.

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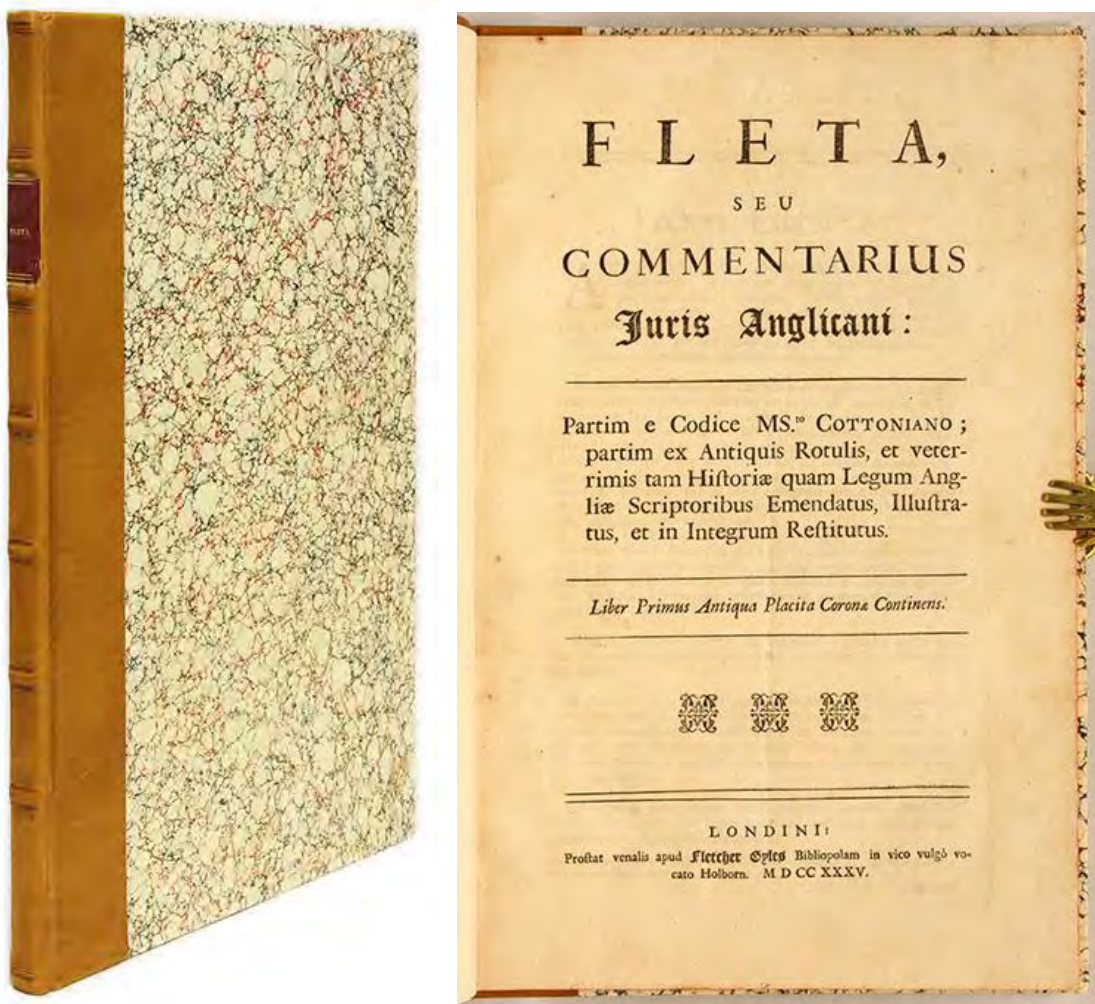
Clement V [c.1266-1314], Pope.

[d'Andrea, Giovanni (c.1270-c.1348)], Glosses.

[Constitutiones, Cum Apparatu Johannes Andreae]. [Nuremberg: Anton Koberger, 15 January 1482]. [60] ff. Collation: a/A10, B-G8, H2. Text in parallel columns with two-column linear gloss.

Two works in one volume. Folio (13-1/2" x 9"). Contemporary German blind-stamped pigskin over wooden boards, covers with large central lozenge within rectangular line borders, embossed with 7 single stamps in circular or lozenge shape, original metal bosses at center and corners, two metal clasps, front cover with vellum title label in a contemporary hand, plain spine with raised bands and later manuscript label at head (scattered wormholes). Light soiling, a few minor wormholes, upper clasp detached. Printed in red and black, rubricated throughout, some initials with marginal extensions, red paragraph marks and capital strokes. Light toning, a few stains and marginal worming to n7-06 of *Decretalium*, without final blank, some worming to lower margin of first signature of *Constitutiones*, decreasing in the second signature. Contemporary manuscript index to pastedowns, ownership inscription of the Minorite Convent, Bohemia, dated 1629 to head of leaf a1 of *Liber Sextus*. A handsome volume. \$22,000.

* This volume joins incunable imprints of two books from the *Corpus Juris Canonici*, a collective title first used in 1441. These writings are the *Decretum Gratiani* (1151), the *Liber Quinque Decretalium* of Gregory IX (1234), the *Liber Sextus* of Boniface VIII (1298), the *Liber Septimus Decretalium*, better known as the *Constitutiones Clementis V*, or *Clementinae* of Clement V (1317) and the *Extravagantes* of John XXII (1325). Two texts were added later: the *Extravagantes Communes* of other popes to 1484 and the *Appendix Pauli Lancellotti* (1563). All of these texts were edited in 1582 in response to the reforms authorized by the Council of Trent. In this form the *Corpus Juris Canonici* remained in force until it was replaced in 1917 by the *Codex Juris Canonici*. Goff, *Incunabula in American Libraries* B993 (*Liber Sextus*), C725 (*Constitutiones*). *Gesamtkatalog der Wiegendrucke* 4868 (*Liber Sextus*), 7095 (*Constitutiones*). [Order This Item](#)



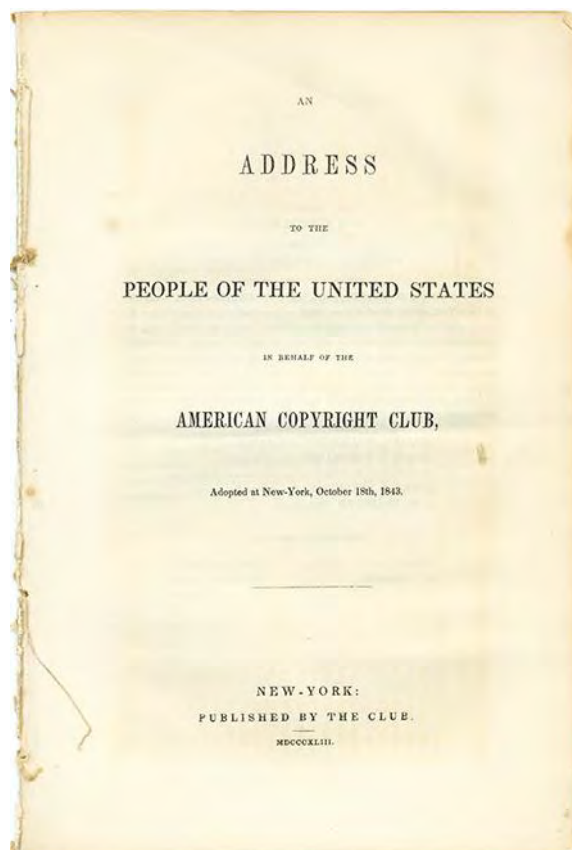
Early Critical Edition of *Fleta*, Book I

7. [Clarke, Sir Thomas (1703-1764), Editor].

Fleta, seu Commentarius Juris Anglicani: Partim e Codice MS. to Cottoniano; Partim ex Antiquis Rotulis, Et Veterrimis tam Historiæ Quam Legum Angliæ Scriptoribus Emendatus, Illustratus, Et in Integrum Restitutus. Liber Primus Antiqua Placita Coronæ Continens. London: Prostat Venalis Apud Fletcher Gyles Bibliopolam, 1735. [viii], 97 pp. Lacking final blank leaf. Folio (11-1/4" x 7-1/2").

Recent period-style quarter calf over marbled boards, endpapers renewed, facsimile bookplate of the Earls of Macclesfield to front pastedown, small embossed Macclesfield stamp to title page, light toning to text, small tear to margin of final leaf Bb3 (pp. 96-97). A handsome copy. \$750.

* Only edition. The work by an anonymous author, *Fleta* describes the practice of the courts, the forms of writs and an explanation of law terms as they existed during the reign of Edward I. It was John Selden who first called the attention of the public to this ancient treatise, and was instrumental in procuring its publication. While Bracton earns the highest praise as the father of legal learning, *Fleta* earns a share of it for the illustrations he offered to some of the obscurities found in Bracton. This critical edition of its first part was based on a manuscript copy in the Cotton (or Cottonian) Library, which later formed the basis of the British Library. Clarke was a British judge who served as Master of the Rolls. He was a close friend of Thomas Parker, Earl of Macclesfield [1666-1732]. Since Clarke's parentage was unclear, some believe Clark was Macclesfield's son. The present copy once belonged to the library of Shirbirn Castle, the library of the Earls of Macclesfield, one of the finest private libraries in Great Britain. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T25425. [Order This Item](#)



An Early Effort to Promote Copyright in the United States

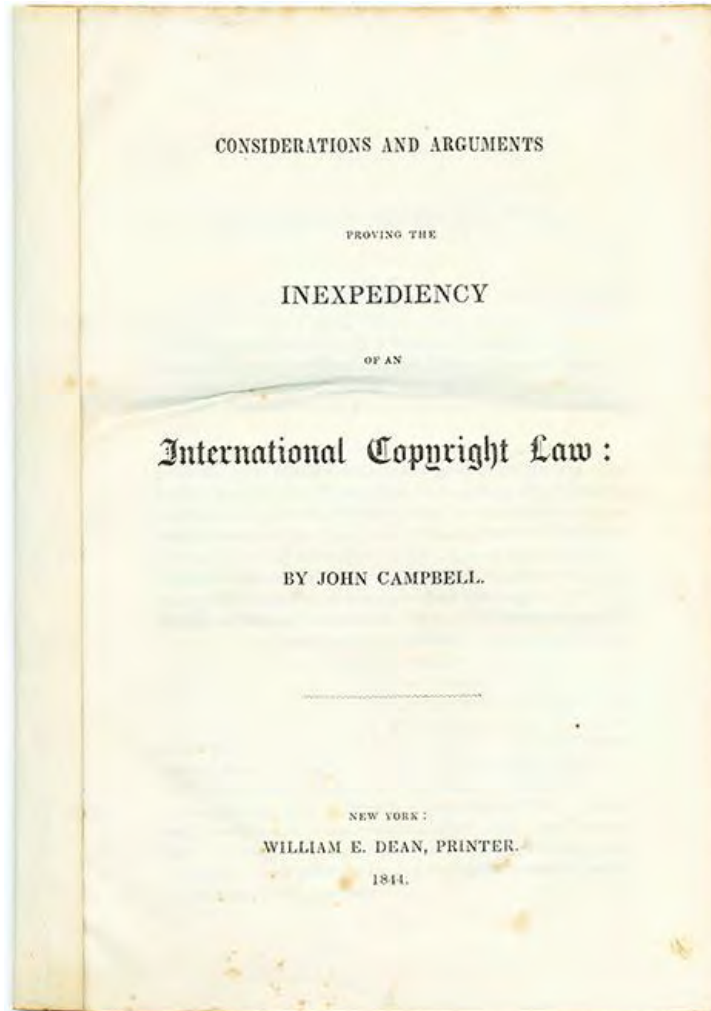
8. [Copyright].

American Copyright Club.

An Address to the People of the United States in Behalf of the American Copyright Club, Adopted at New-York, October 18th, 1843. New York: Published by the Club, 1843. 2 pp. Octavo (8" x 5-1/2").

Disbound stab-stitched pamphlet. Light toning, light foxing to a few leaves. \$150.

* Only edition. The short-lived American Copyright Club aimed to promote copyright as a moral matter and stressed its role in the promotion of reputable publishing and an independent national literature. The membership of this club included several prominent members of America's literary, legal and political, communities, such as John Quincy Adams, William Cullen Bryant, Henry Clay, Ralph Waldo Emerson, Washington Irving, Edgar Allen Poe and Henry Wheaton. OCLC locates 3 copies in North American law libraries (George Washington University, Yale, York University). Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 7092. [Order This Item](#)



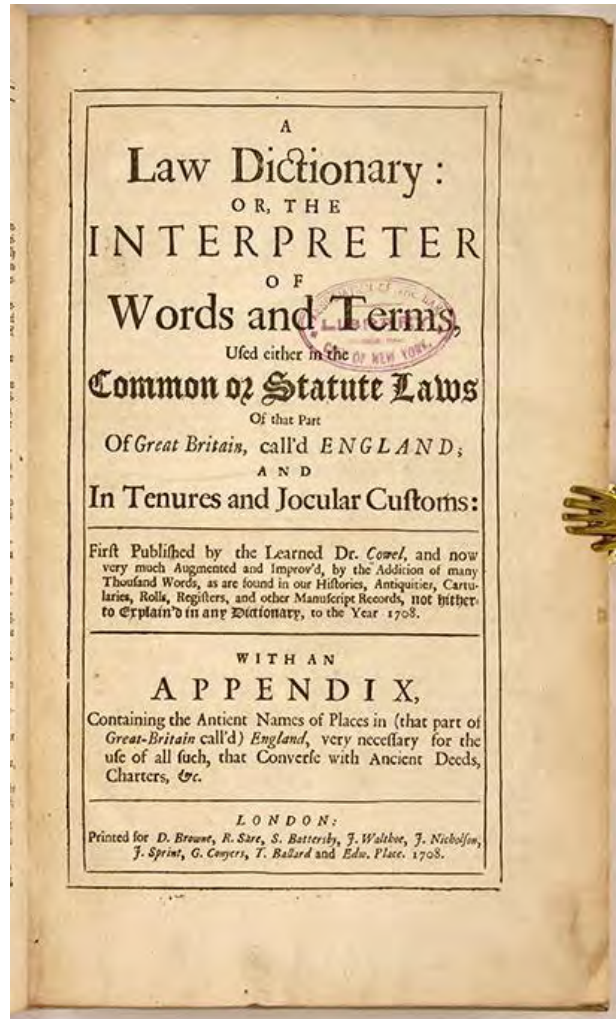
**Copyright Does Not
Protect the American Author**

**9. [Copyright].
Campbell, John.**

Considerations and Arguments Proving the Inexpediency of an International Copyright Law. New York: William E. Dean, 1844. 24 pp. Octavo (8" x 5-1/2").

Disbound stab-stitched pamphlet. Light toning, light foxing to a few leaves. \$150.

* Only edition. Campbell argues that copyright does not protect the economic interests of American authors; it only restricts the distribution of their work. Thomas Adamson published a pamphlet-length response shortly afterwards. OCLC locates 3 copies (American Antiquarian Society, Harvard Business School, University of London). Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 7093. [Order This Item](#)



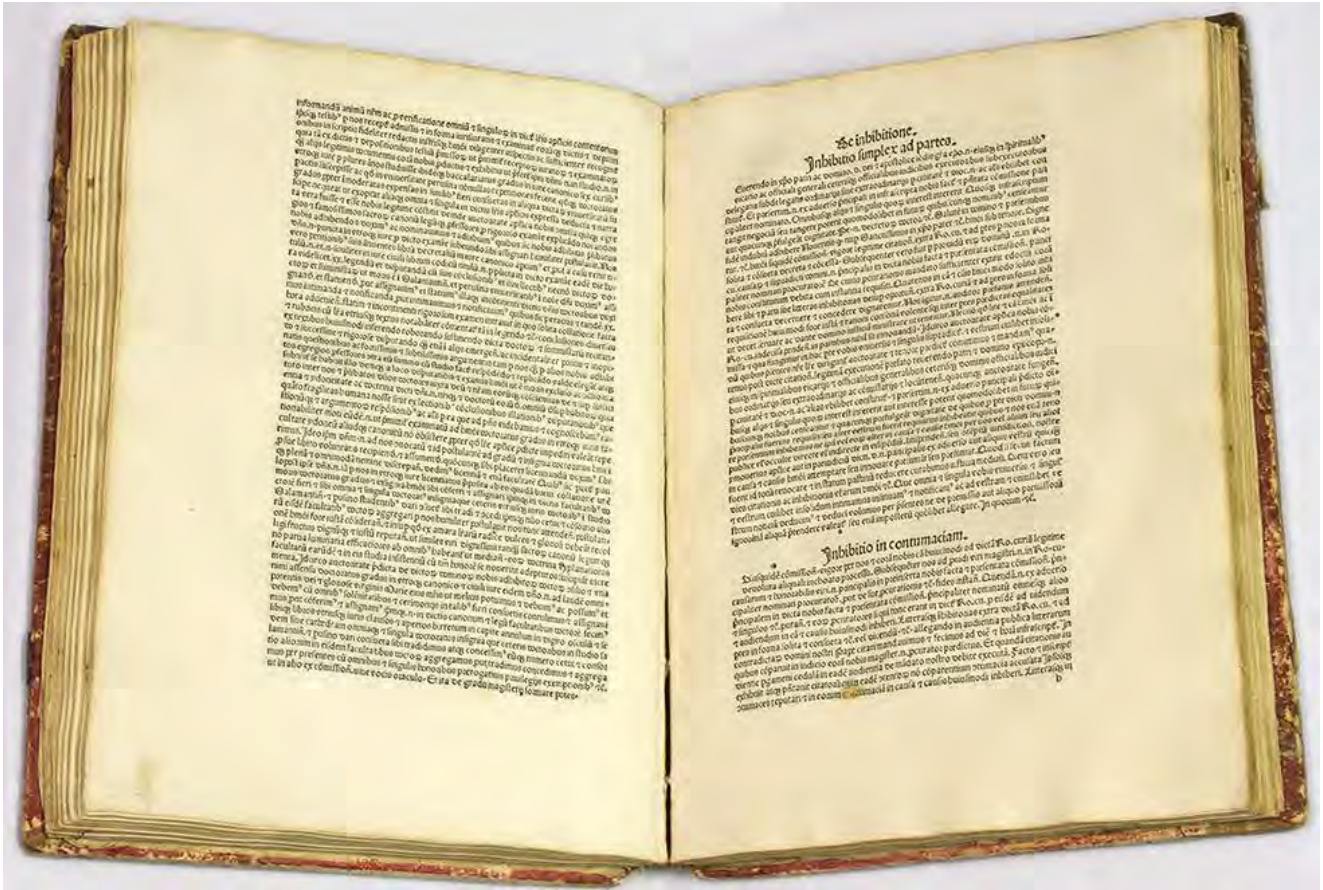
Fine Copy of the 1708 Edition of Cowell's *Law Dictionary*

**10. Cowel[1], John [1554-1611].
[Kennett, White, Editor].**

A Law Dictionary: Or, the Interpreter of Words and Terms, Used Either in the Common or Statute Laws of That Part of Great Britain, Call'd England; and In Tenures and Jocular Customs. London: B. Browne, R. Sare [et al.], 1708. [352] pp. Main text printed in parallel columns. Title page preceded by one-leaf publisher catalogue. Folio (12-1/2" x 8").

Recent period-style calf, blind rules to board raised bands and lettering piece to spine endpapers renewed. Title page and text printed within ruled borders. Moderate toning, somewhat heavier in places, light foxing to a few leaves, light edgewear and a few minor chips to edges of preliminaries, tiny hole to center of leaf with publisher catalogue, early and later annotations to (blank) recto of that leaf, small library stamp to title page. An attractive copy. \$750.

* Penultimate edition of a work first published in 1607, edited and enlarged, presumably by Kennett. Cowell "advanced the opinion that the English Monarchy was an absolute monarchy, and that the king only consulted Parliament by his 'goodness in waiving his absolute power to make laws without their consent'" (DNB). As indicated by such definitions as "King," "Prerogative," "Parliament" and "Subsidies," this bias affected his scholarship. It was so strong, in fact, that the first edition was suppressed by the House of Commons. White added a preface that attacked Cowell's detractors. Later law lexicographers of the following century found Cowell's work essential. *Dictionary of National Biography* IV: 1300. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T132902. [Order This Item](#)



The Proper Forms for Pleading in the Curia Romana

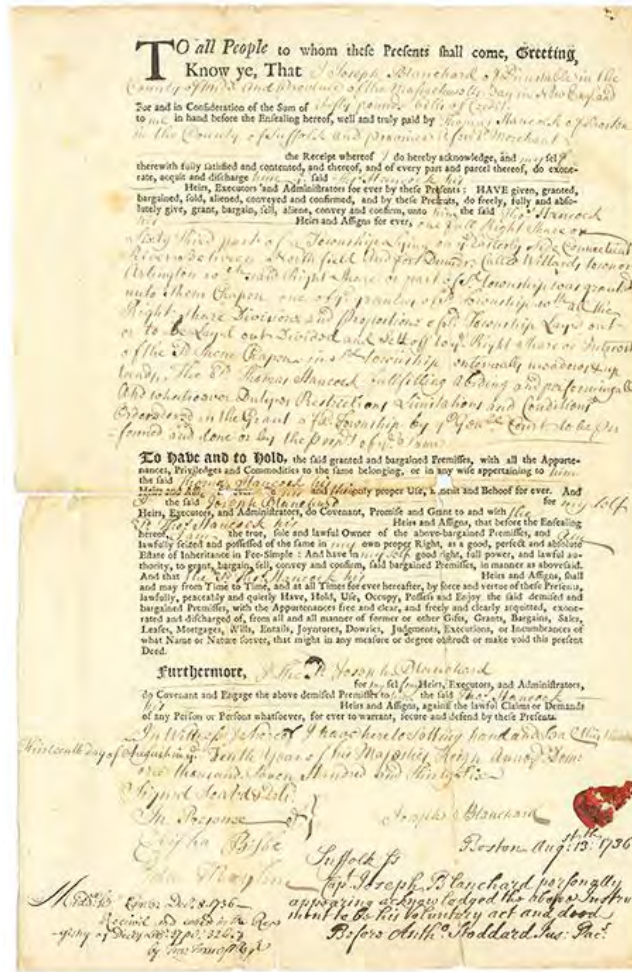
11. [Curia Romana].

[Formularium Instrumentorum ad Usus Curiae Romanae. Constitutio 19 November 1317 'Exsecrabilis Quorundam' Contra Pluralitatem Beneficiorum; Paulus II, Bulla 23 November 1464 'Cum Detestabile Scelus' Contra Simoniacos; Paulus II, Bulla 1 March 1467 'Ambitiose Cupiditati' de Rebus Ecclesiae non Alienandis]. [Basel: Michael Wenssler, Not after 1480]. [126] ff. Collation: q6, a11, b-k8, l6, m-o8, p6. Leaf a1, a blank, lacking. Signature q, the table of contents, with blank q1, is bound at front as in the British Library copy. Folio (12" x 8-1/2").

Contemporary blind-stamped red-dyed doeskin, central cross and linear frame on covers with 15 repeat stamps, including man of sorrows, 'Maria' in a banner, paschal lamb, a deer, rosette and palmette, apparently not in *Einbanddatenbank*, spine with raised bands painted grey at an early date and titled in manuscript, clasps lacking, buckles present. Light rubbing to boards, heavier rubbing to extremities with wear to spine ends and corners, partial crack through spine, scattered wormholes to exterior, pastedowns and leaves at front and rear of text block, minor worming to other leaves. 55-line text in single column. Light toning, slightly heavier in places, wrinkling from moisture to margins in a few places, inkspots to a few leaves, brief early annotation to verso of front leaf, 1646 owner inscription of Burghausen, Jesuit college at head of first text leaf. \$17,000.

* First appearing in the 1474 Rome edition of Johann Schurener and Johann Nicolai Hanheymer, the *Formularium Instrumentorum* is a collection of models for legal documents applicable to canon law. Developed in the second quarter of the fifteenth century, they were used in the multifarious business of the Curia. This edition was printed in Wenssler's type 124, later taken over by P. Kunne, Memmingen, and probably first cast for liturgical use. A 1480 date of purchase was noted by Baer, *Bücherfreund* 9 (1911), no 1, 2, 738. Goff, *Incunabula in American Libraries* F254. *Gesamtkatalog der Wiegendrucke* 10201.

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One of Boston's Wealthiest Men Acquires Land

12. [Deed of Sale].

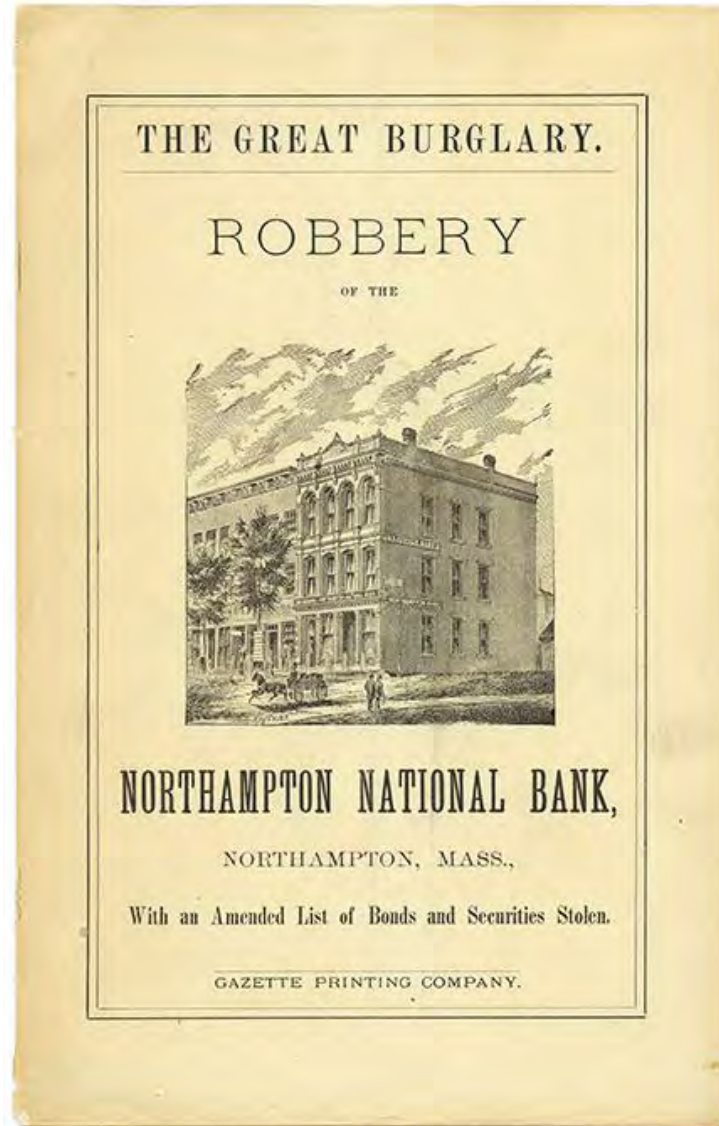
[Hancock, Thomas (1703-1764)].

[Blanchard, Joseph (1704-1758)].

To All the People to Whom These Presents Shall Come, Greeting, Know Ye.... [Boston?], May 4, 1789.

15" x 9-3/4" part-printed document, inscribed in neat hand, docketed on verso. Moderate browning and some edgewear, vertical and horizontal fold lines, partial split with a few tiny chips along central horizontal fold. An interesting item. \$850.

* A partially printed deed for the purchase of a sixty-third part of a new township, in middle Massachusetts, on the "Easterly side of the Connecticut River between Northfield and Fort Dummer called Willard town or Arlington." The buyer was a savvy 33 year old rising star among Boston merchants, Thomas Hancock, who started in the book trade, expanded into importing and exporting, and later who became one of Boston's wealthiest men. When his health failed he passed his business and fortune to his nephew and ward, future Founding Father John Hancock. The date was only one year after the announcement of the cessation of hostilities in the Wabanaki-New England War by Massachusetts Lieutenant Governor Dummer, after whom the Fort was named (the area included the Western area of fighting). It was sold to him by Joseph Blanchard, Dunstable, [now New Hampshire] who a year earlier was a lieutenant in the New Hampshire Militia in the war. It is also signed and recorded by the great-grandson of Springfield's founder William Pynchon also named William Pynchon. Also signed by Anthony Stoddard recently appointed judge, and a Harvard alumnus. An early bill of sale related to many important founding families in Massachusetts. [Order This Item](#)



The Greatest Burglary in U.S. History

13. [Edwards, Oscar].

Robbery of the Northampton National Bank. The Cashier Overpowered at Midnight, Tortured, And Forced to Give the Combinations to the Vault and Safe: Eight Hundred Thousand Dollars in Money and Bonds Stolen. \$25,000 Reward. Northampton, MA: Steam Press of Gazette Printing Company, 1876. 24 pp. Two woodcut text illustrations, one a floor plan. Octavo (9" x 5-1/2").

Stab-stitched pamphlet in pictorial wrappers. Negligible light soiling, spine worn at ends, faint vertical crease through center, light toning to text. \$350.

* Only edition. Text at head of title page: "The Greatest Burglary on Record." An early account of the greatest burglary in U.S. History, which was carried out by members of the Rufus Ring, a gang that conducted several bank robberies in places ranging from Kentucky to upstate New York. The subtitle is not accurate; the robbers stole \$1.6 million in cash, bonds and other securities, about \$26,000,000.00 in today's money. Three of the robbers were captured and the securities recovered. Unfortunately, the money was never found. Appended to the text is a list of the stolen securities. OCLC locates 2 copies in North American law libraries (Harvard, Library of Congress). [Order This Item](#)



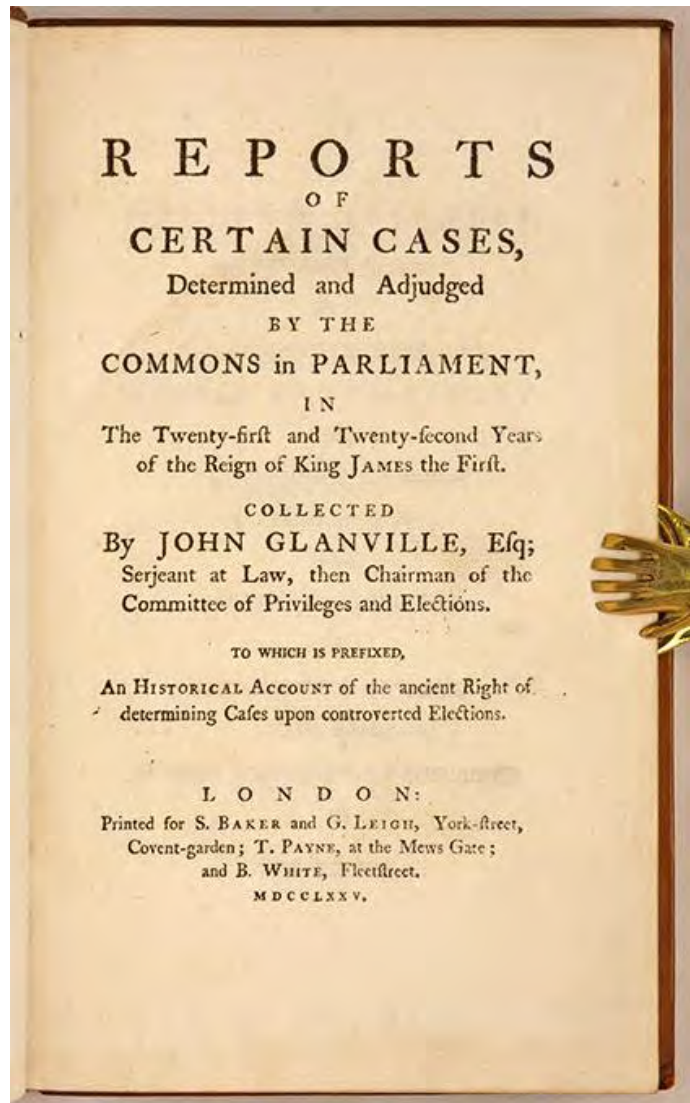
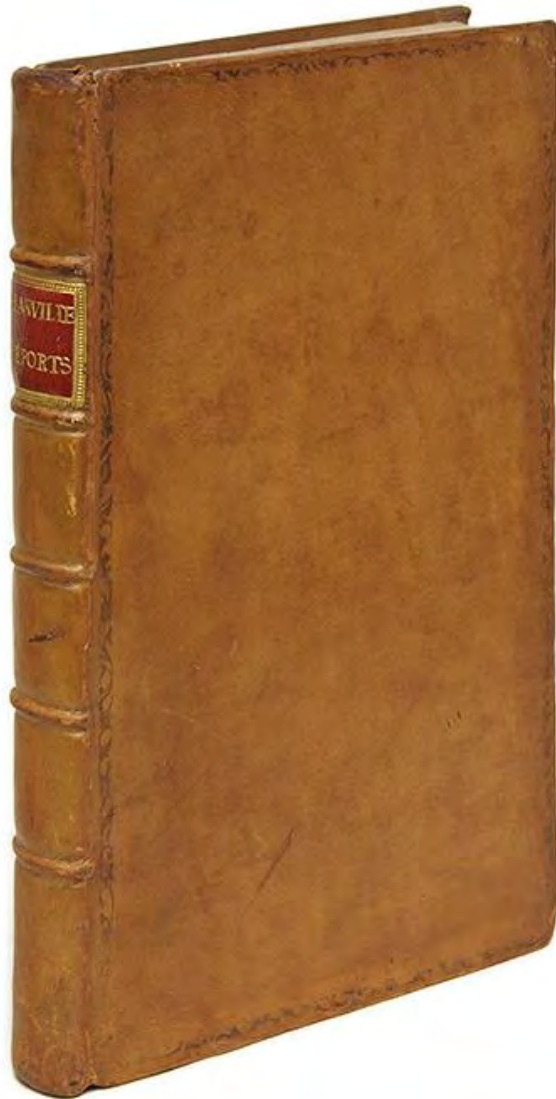
**Proposed Mexican Mining
Laws Favorable to Foreigners**

14. Eisenmann, Ernst, Translator and Editor.

Berggesetz für die Mexikanische Republik vom 22 November 1884. Bonn: Universitäts-Buchdruckerei von Carl Georgi, 1885. 61 pp. Octavo (9" x 5-1/2").

Stab-stitched pamphlet in printed wrappers, spine reinforced. Negligible light soiling, a few minor tears to wrappers, light toning to interior. \$450.

* Only edition. Produced for a German audience, this is a rare translation of a proposed legal code for the operation and regulation of mines in Mexico. It is notable for its bias in favor of foreign owners and investors. OCLC locates 2 copies (National Library of Mexico, University of Delft). [Order This Item](#)



Contested Parliamentary Elections

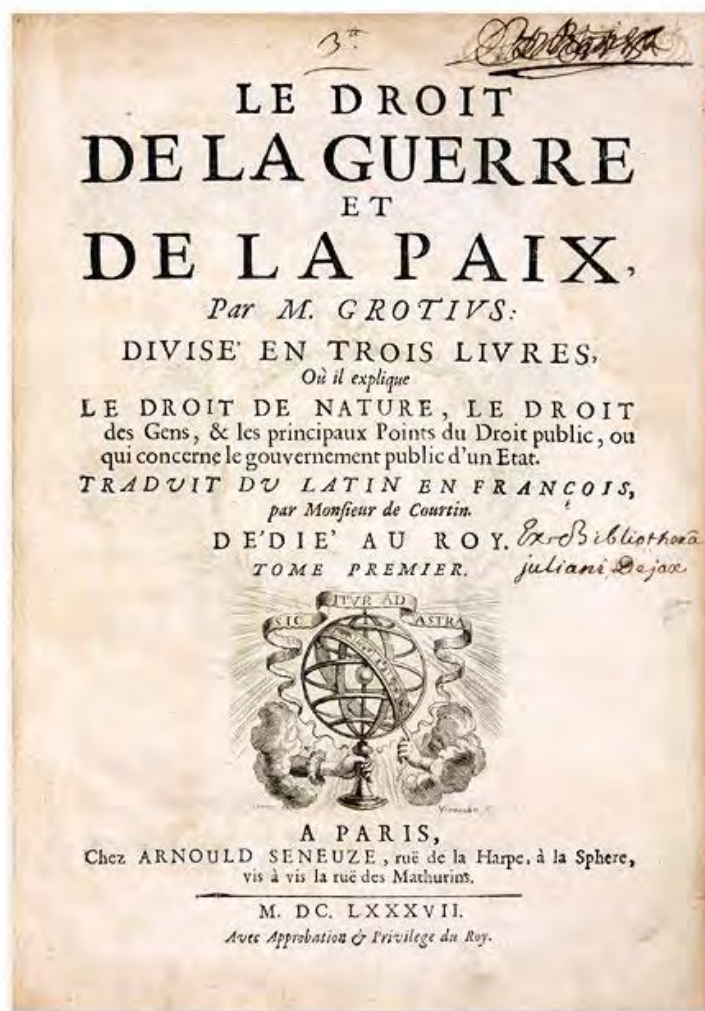
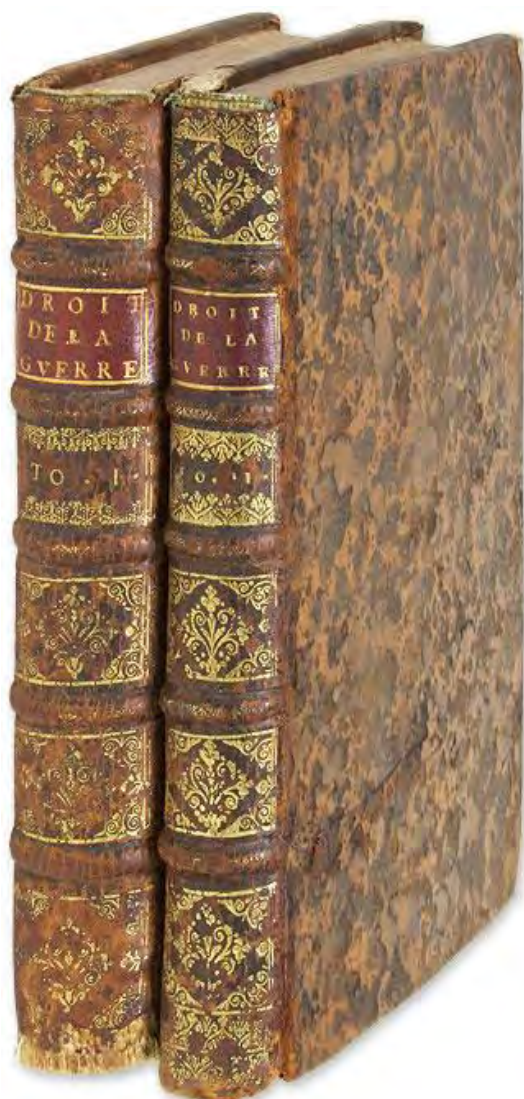
**15. Glanville, Sir John [1586-1661], Compiler.
[Topham, John, Editor].**

Reports of Certain Cases, Determined and Adjudged by the Commons in Parliament in the Twenty-First and Twenty Second Years of the Reign of King James the First. To Which is Prefixed, An Historical Account of the Ancient Right of Determining Cases Upon Controverted Elections. London: Printed for S. Baker and G. Leigh, 1775. [iv], cxiv, 153, [1] pp. Octavo (5-1/4" x 8-1/4").

Contemporary calf, blind fillets to boards, raised bands and lettering piece to spine. A few minor nicks and tiny scuffs, corners bumped and lightly worn, moderate toning to text, light foxing to endleaves. A well-preserved copy. \$200.

* Only edition. Glanville was the Speaker of the House of Commons and Chair of the Committee to Determine Controverted Elections. These reports are important for the history of the jurisdiction of the Commons because they did much to invalidate the King's claim that he was entitled to judge election cases. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T99928.

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First French-Language
Edition of *De Jure Belli ac Pacis*

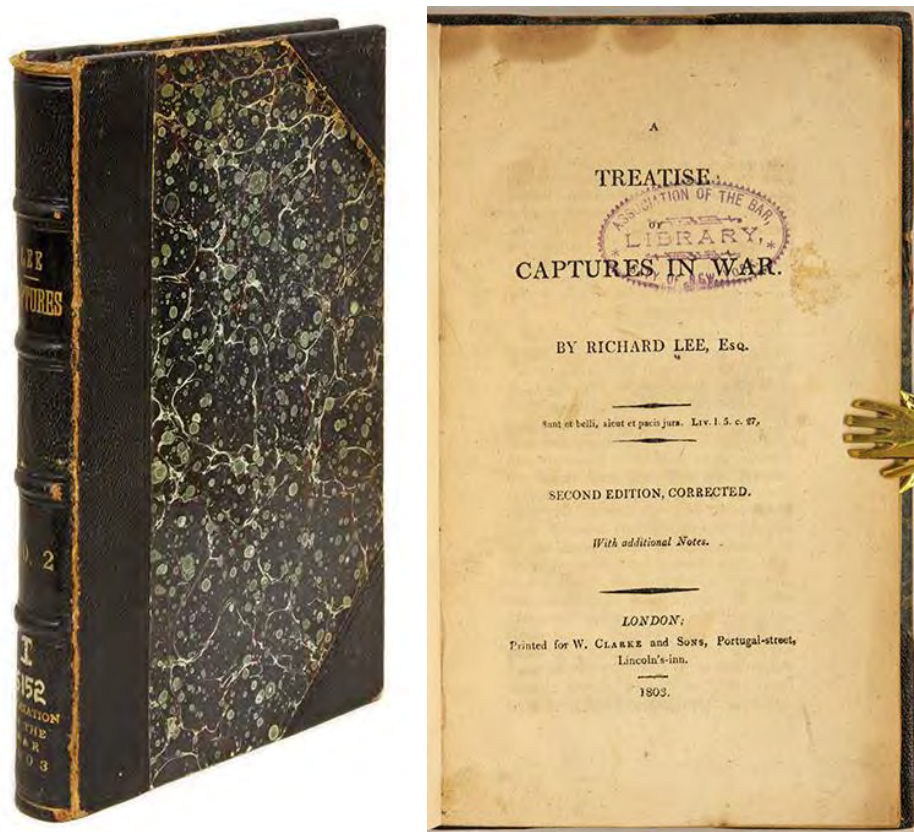
16. Grotius, Hugo [1583-1645].

Courtin, [Antoine de], Translator.

Le Droit de la Guerre et de la Paix, Divise en Trois Livres, Ou il Explique Le Droit De Nature, Le Droit des Gens, & Les Principaux Points du Droit Public, Ou qui Concerne le Gouvernement Public d'un Etat. Traduit Du Latin En François, Par Monsieur de Courtin. Paris: Chez Arnould Seneuze, 1687. Two volumes. [xlviii], 621, [2]; [iii], 304, 197, [2] pp. Signatures T and V in Volume II (pp. 153-168) bound in reverse order. Title preceded by copperplate allegorical title page, main text preceded by copperplate portrait of Courtin. Quarto (10" x 7-1/2").

Contemporary mottled calf, gilt spines with raised bands and lettering pieces, speckled edges. Moderate rubbing to extremities, chipping to spine ends, corners bumped and somewhat worn, a few small scuffs to boards, a few partial cracks to text block. Moderate toning to text, somewhat darker in places, foxing and dampstaining in a few places, worming to rear pastedown and margins of final 40 leaves of Volume II, a few chips to edges of preliminaries. Early owner annotations and signatures to front pastedowns and title pages, interiors otherwise clean. An appealing copy of a title scarce in the trade. \$3,000.

* First edition in French. With side-notes and index. Of all his numerous works *De Jure Belli ac Pacis* will always be considered Grotius' *magnum opus*, the work upon which his reputation most solidly rests. "The distinction between religion and law or morality is not clearly made, but Grotius' principle of an immutable law, which God can no more alter than a mathematical axiom, was the first expression of the *droit naturel*, the natural law which exercised the great political theorists of the eighteenth century, and is the foundation of modern international law" (Carter and Muir). The first edition, in Latin, was published in Paris 1625. The first French-language edition is scarce. Copies have not appeared at auction since 2006, where one sold for \$6,000. Carter and Muir, *Printing and the Mind of Man* 125. Ter Muelen and Diermanse, *Bibliographie des Ecrits Imprimés de Hugo Grotius* 650. [Order This Item](#)



Nineteenth-Century Adaptation of Bynkershoek

17. Lee, Richard.

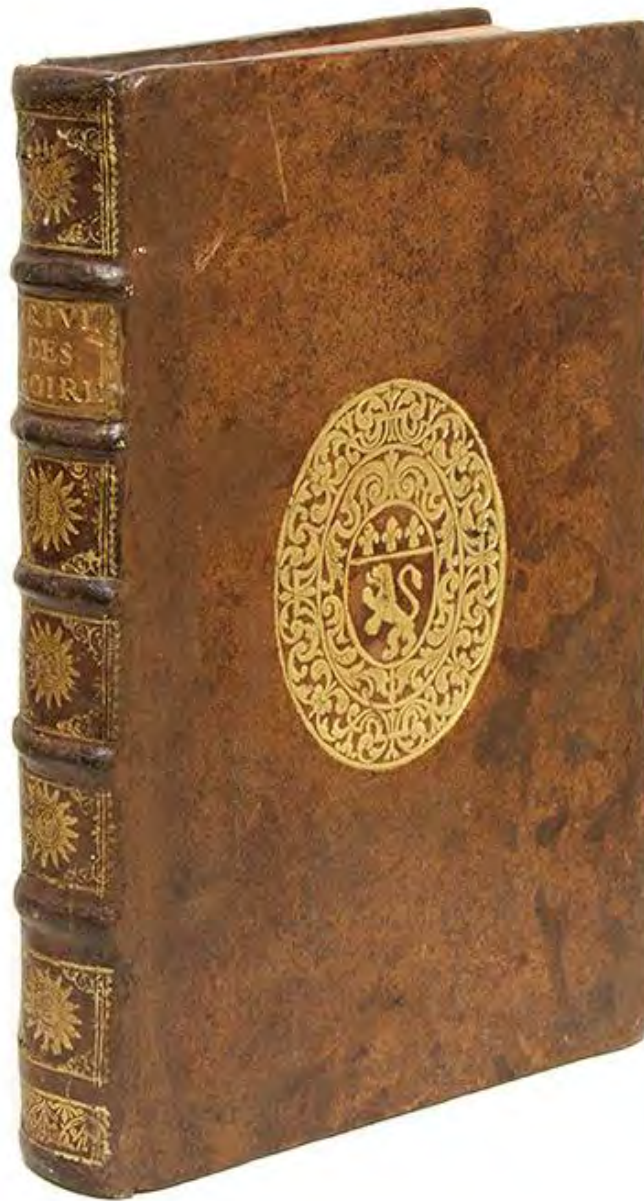
[Bynkershoek, Cornelis van (1673-1743)].

A Treatise of Captures in War. Corrected, With Additional Notes. London: Printed for W. Clarke and Sons, 1803. viii, 240 pp. Octavo (8-1/4" x 5-1/4").

Nineteenth-century three-quarter morocco over marbled boards, raised bands and gilt title to spine. Moderate rubbing to extremities, some chipping to head of spine. Moderate toning, somewhat heavier in places, occasional browning to outer edges of margins, light foxing to a few leaves. Ex-library. Institution name and shelf number to foot of spine, inkstamp to title page, annotations to verso, inkstamp to rear pastedown. \$950.

* Second edition. Lee's annotated translation of the first book of Bynkershoek's *Quaestionum Juris Publici* (1737) was originally published in 1759. Bynkershoek considers questions dealing with international law and the customs of war. "De Rebus Bellicis," its most important chapter, addresses the customs of war on land and sea. Notably humane, it condemns actions against civilians and advocates the fair treatment of prisoners of war. Beginning with Lord Mansfield, scholars have considered this to be his greatest work. Lee's edition was timely, reflecting contemporary issues regarding neutral

commerce, particularly that of the United States, during the Napoleonic wars. Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 1:352 (24). [Order This Item](#)



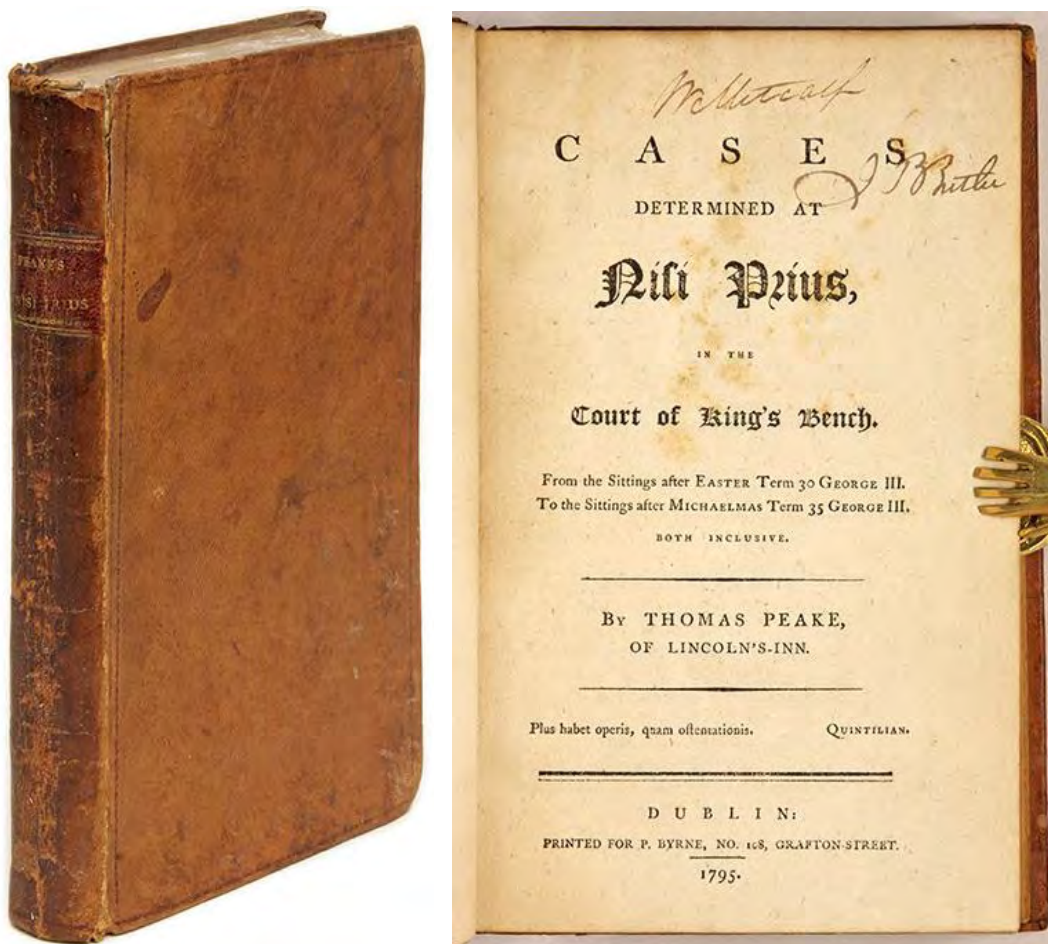
1649 Restatement of Laws Governing the Fair of Lyons

18. [Lyons].

Privileges des Foires de Lyon, Octroyez par les Roys Tres-Chrestiens par les Roys Tres-Chrestiens, Aux Marchands François & Etrangers y Negocians sous Lesdits Privileges, Ou Residens en Ladite Ville. Lyons: Par Guillaume Barbier, 1649. xvi, [8], 398, [8] pp. Quarto (9-1/4" x 6-1/2").

Contemporary sheep, large gilt-stamped arms of Lyons to centers of boards, gilt spine with raised bands and lettering piece. Light rubbing, corners bumped. Woodcut arms of Lyons to title page. Moderate toning, somewhat heavier in places, some leaves have faint dampspotting, a few passages have early marks or underlining. A handsome copy. \$1,500.

* Only edition. Lyons's location in central France at the confluence of two major rivers (the Rhône and Saône) helped to establish the city as a trading center and an ideal location for trade fairs. By the late fifteenth century, fairs produced by Italian merchants made Lyons the banking center of France. Given its economic importance, and the jealousy of other cities and, on occasion, kings of France, the city was careful to record and assert its rights. As much a political statement as it a legal handbook, the *Privileges* is a compilation of laws, orders, privileges and other legislation granted to the fair of Lyons from 1349 to 1563. OCLC locates 3 copies in North American law libraries (George Washington University, UC-Berkeley, Yale). *Goldsmiths' Catalogue of Economic Literature* 1012. [Order This Item](#)



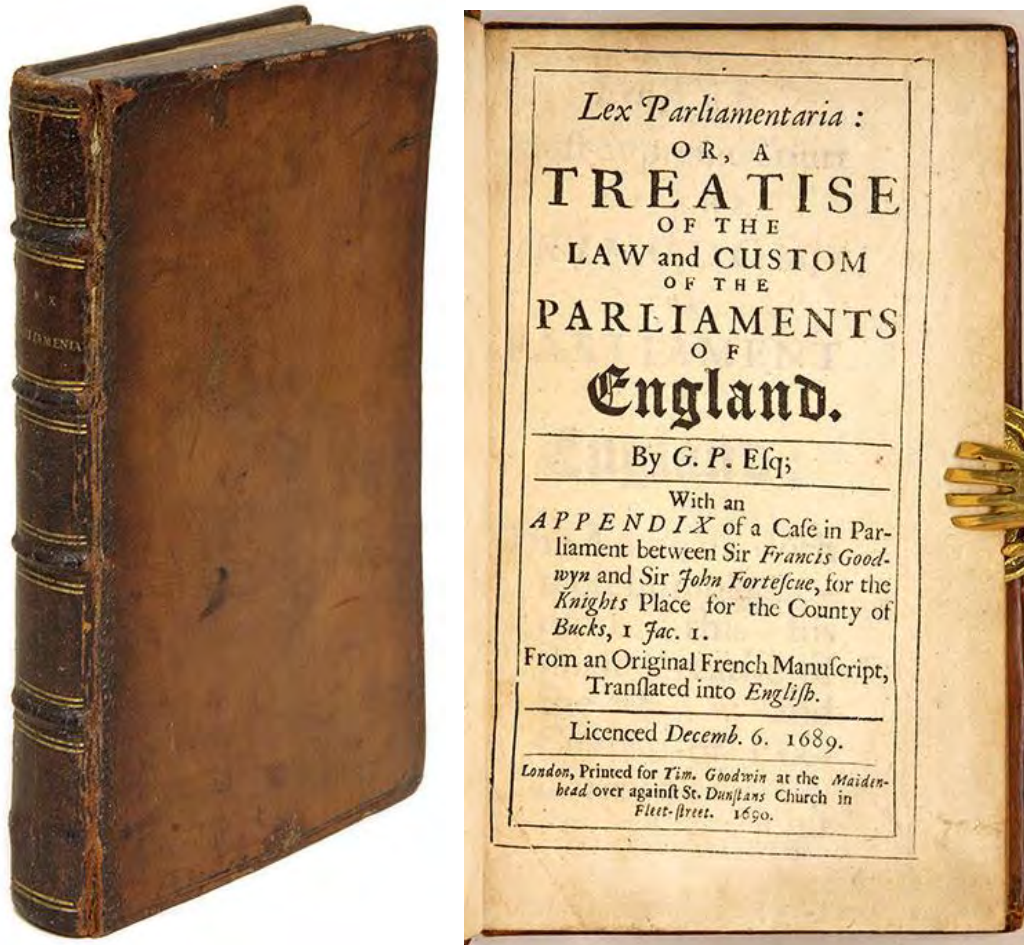
Civil Cases Tried Before a Jury

19. Peake, Thomas [1771-1838].

Cases Determined at Nisi Prius, In the Court of King's Bench. From the Sittings After Easter Term 30 George III. To the Sittings After Michaelmas Term 35 George III. Both Inclusive. Dublin: Printed for P. Byrne, 1795. xii, 243, [5] pp. Octavo (8" x 5").

Contemporary sheep, blind fillets to boards, blind fillets and lettering piece to spine. Light rubbing and a few minor stains and scuffs to boards, heavier rubbing to spine and extremities, some chipping to head of spine, joints just starting at ends, corners bumped and lightly worn, hinges starting. Moderate toning, faint dampstaining to upper half of text block, light foxing to a few leaves, early owner signature to title page. A nice copy. \$350.

* Reissue of the first edition, published in London in 1795. This was the first collection of reports of civil cases tried before a jury. *English Short-Title Catalogue* N26936. [Order This Item](#)



**An Important Work on
Parliament That Advanced Whig Ideology**

**20. P[hilips], G[eorge] [1599?-1696].
[Petyt, George (1636-1707), Attributed].**

Lex Parliamentaria: Or, A Treatise of the Law and Custom of the Parliaments of England. By G.P. Esq; With an Appendix of a Case in Parliament between Sir Francis Goodwyn and Sir John Fortescue, for the Knights Place for the County of Bucks, 1 Jac. I. From an Original French Manuscript, Translated into English. Licenced Decemb. 6. 1689. London: Printed for Tim. Goodwin, 1690. [xvii], 320 pp. Two leaves of advertisements, usually at rear of text, bound before p. 1. Octavo (6-1/4" x 3-3/4").

Contemporary calf, blind rules to boards, blind fillets along joints, gilt-edged raised bands and later lettering piece to spine, "Lex/ Parl:" to fore-edge of text block in early hand. A few minor nicks and scratches to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities with some wear to spine ends, joints starting at ends, corners bumped and lightly worn, early armorial bookplate to front pastedown. Light toning to text, somewhat heavier in places, light foxing to a few leaves. A handsome copy. \$1,750.

* First edition. Formerly attributed to George Petyt, *Lex Parliamentaria* is an early handbook on parliamentary procedure. It is notable for its strongly Whiggish ideology. Published shortly after the end of the Glorious Revolution--a period that witnessed the deposition of King James II, the passage of the Bill of Rights and the accession of his daughter and her husband as queen and king--it asserts Parliamentary supremacy and the inferiority of monarchs. It was highly regarded by the American Founding Fathers. Jefferson, for example, owned a copy of this edition and often recommended it to others. Sowerby, *The Library of Thomas Jefferson* 2893. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R4908. [Order This Item](#)



A "Best-Of" Selection From Plowden's *Reports*

21. Plowden, Edmund [1518-1585].

Les Quaeres del Mounsiur Plowden. London: Printed for William Lee and Daniel Pakeman, [1635?-1645?]. [ii], 182 pp. Octavo (5-1/2" x 3-1/2").

Contemporary sheep, blind rules to boards. Light rubbing and a few shallow scuffs to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, small chip near head of spine, corners bumped and lightly worn, pastedowns and endleaves removed, armorial bookplate of the Earls of Macclesfield to verso of front board, small embossed Macclesfield stamp to title page, moderate toning to text. A scarce title. \$1,500.

* First, possibly second, edition. Covering the period of 1550-1580, Plowden's *Reports* was highly regarded for generations and often translated, reprinted and adapted. *Les Quaeres* is a selection of leading cases intended to serve as models for students learning to argue in moot-courts. The publication date of our copy is uncertain. Some sources suggest 1620. The *ESTC*, the most accurate source, contains two otherwise identical records dated "1635?" and "1645?." A note in the "1635?" record (S125907) states the two copies may be the same imprint. Two highly reworked English translations followed: *Critica Juris Ingeniosa: Or Choice Cases in the Common-Law* (1661) and *Plowdens Quaeries: Or, A Moot-Book of Choice Cases, Useful for the Young Students of the Common Law* (1662). OCLC locates 6 copies of our edition in North America (Huntington Library, Library of Congress, UC-Berkeley Law School, University of Minnesota, University of Notre Dame, Yale Law School). This copy once belonged to the library of Shirbirn Castle, the library of the Earls of Macclesfield, one of the finest private libraries in Great Britain. *English Short-Title Catalogue* S125907, S114862.

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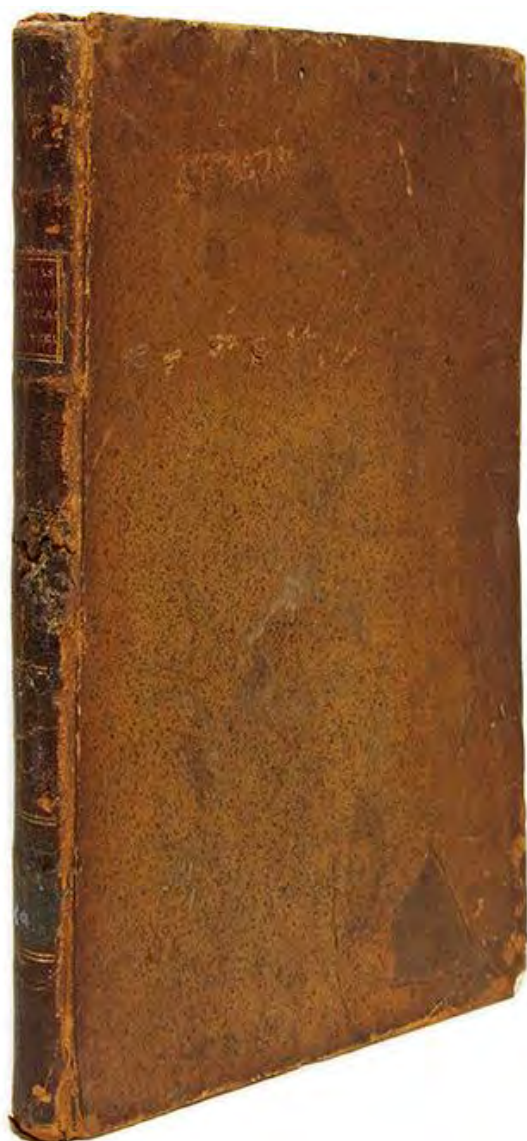
Notable Tracts on Canon, Feudal and Roman Law

22. Rebuffi, Pierre [1487-1557].

Tractatus Varii. Extrema Authoris Manu Recogniti, Selectissimis Opusculis, Notis, & Summariis hac Postrema Editione Aucti, & Locupletati. Quorum Elenchum Pagina Quinta Indicabit. Lyons: Apud Haeredes Gulielmi Rouillii, Sub Scuto Veneto, 1600. [viii], 661, [27], 51, [1], 70, [10] pp. Main text in parallel columns. Folio (15" x 9-1/2").

Contemporary reversed calf, raised bands and early hand-lettered title to spine. Moderate rubbing and some stains and scuffing to boards, heavier rubbing to extremities with some wear to spine ends, sections of board edges and corners, joints and hinges cracked, boards secure, two early owner inscriptions to front pastedown. Title page printed in red and black. Moderate toning, somewhat heavier in places, faint dampstaining and minor worming to margins in a few places. A scarce title. \$1,500.

* Later edition. Rebuffi was the leading French canonist of the period, an auditor of the Rota Romana and the author of several important works, such as *Praxis Beneficiorum* (1584) and a commentary on *De Verborum et Rerum Significatione* (1576). First published in 1549, *Tractatus Varii* is a collection of tracts on canon, feudal and Roman law. It went through several later issues and editions into the mid-seventeenth century. Baudrier, *Bibliographie Lyonnaise* IX:466. *Universal Short-Title Catalogue* 146813. [Order This Item](#)



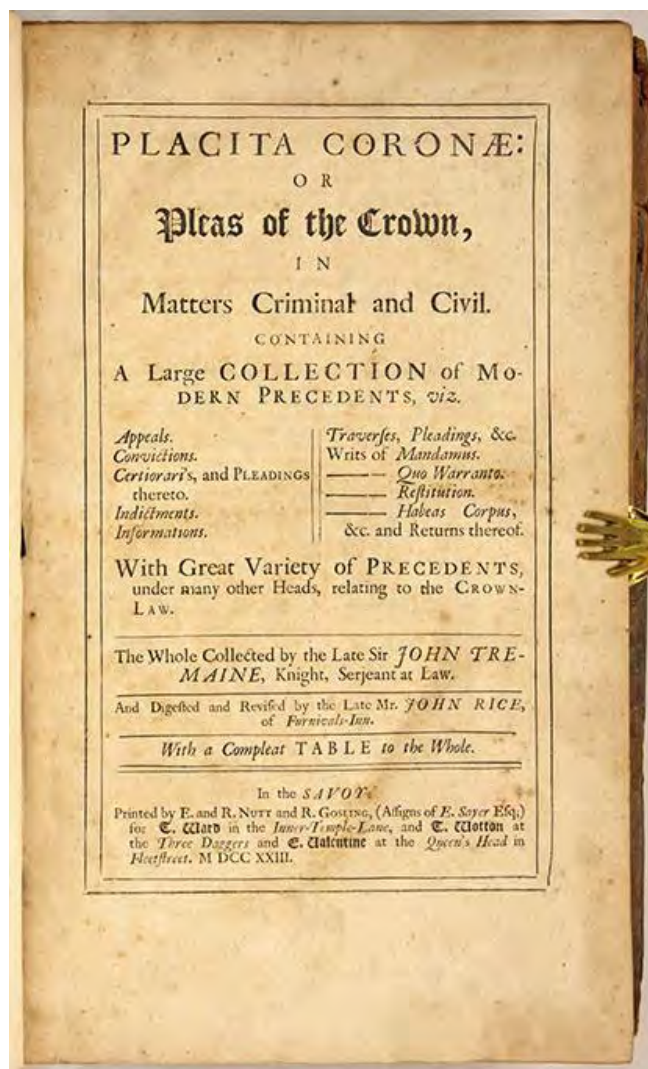
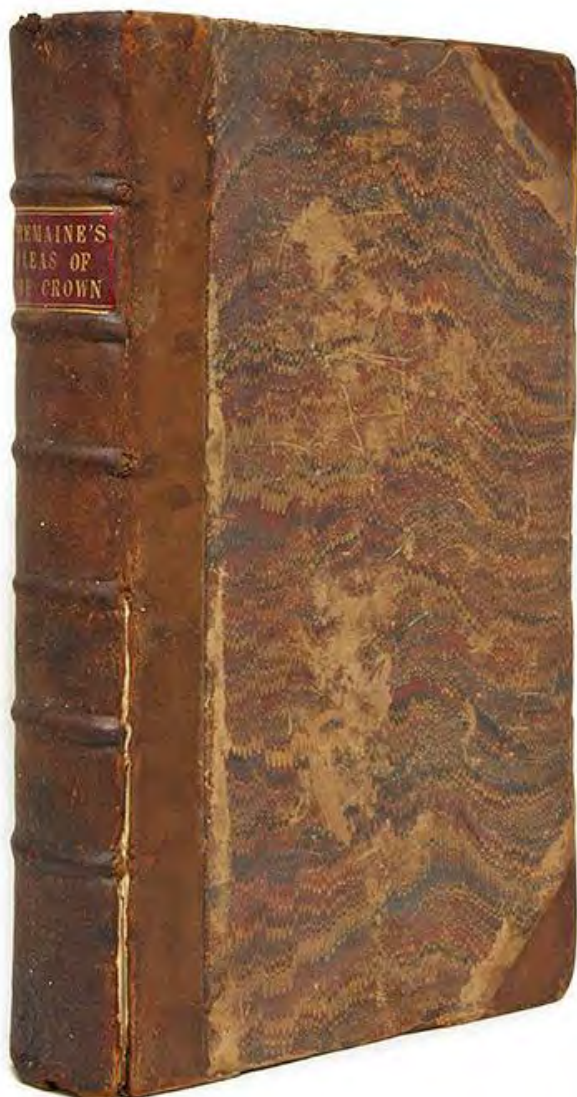
**Scarce 1792 Treatise on Taxation
And Inheritance Laws in the Viceroyalty of Peru**

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

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

Contemporary speckled sheep, lettering piece and gilt fillets to spine, rouged edges, ribbon marker, marbled endpapers. Light rubbing and a few scuffs to boards, heavier rubbing to extremities, some chipping spine ends, insect damage near center of spine, corners bumped and somewhat worn, joints just starting at ends, front hinge partially cracked, early owner bookplate to front pastedown, light toning to interior. An attractive copy. \$1,500.

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



"A Considerable Collection"

24. Tremaine, Sir John [d. 1694].
Rice, John, Editor.

Placita Coronae: Or Pleas of the Crown, In Matters Criminal and Civil. Containing a Large Collection of Modern Precedents, Viz. Appeals. Convictions. Certiorari's, And Pleadings Thereto. Indictments. Informations. Traverses, Pleadings, &c. Writs of Mandamus. - Quo Warranto. - Restitution. - Habeas Corpus, &c. And Returns Thereof. With Great Variety of Precedents, Under Many Other Heads, Relating to the Crown-Law. With a Compleat Table to the Whole. [London]: printed by E. and R. Nutt and R. Gosling, (Assigns of E. Sayer Esq;) for T. Ward, 1723. [ii], 688, [36] pp. Advertisement leaf lacking. Folio (12-1/2" x 7-3/4").

Contemporary three-quarter calf over marbled boards, raised bands and lettering piece to spine, endpapers renewed. Moderate rubbing to boards, somewhat heavier rubbing to extremities with wear to spine ends and corners, front board partially detached, rear hinge cracked, owner bookplate of William Paine Sheffield to front pastedown. Moderate toning to text, occasional faint dampspotting. \$500.

* First edition. This book is included in Holdsworth's survey of the literature of eighteenth-century common law, where he calls it "a considerable collection." The precedents were digested and revised by Rice, who added a table giving the date of the case relating to each precedent and, if reported, a reference to a reporter. A second edition was published in 1793. Holdsworth, *A History of English Law* XII:363. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T174201. [Order This Item](#)



**Deluxe Fine-Press Account of the Trial of an
Important French Revolutionary and Socialist Martyr, Includes an Additional Suite of 21 Plates**

25. [Trial].

Babeuf, Gracchus [1760-1797], Defendant.

Cornell, Thomas [1937-2012], Illustrator.

Scott, John Anthony [1916-2010], Editor, Transaltor, Author.

The Defense of Gracchus Babeuf Before the High Court of Vendôme. Northampton, MA: Gehenna Press, 1964. [ii], 83, [5] pp. Etched frontispiece, 20 etched plates. 21 plates in all.

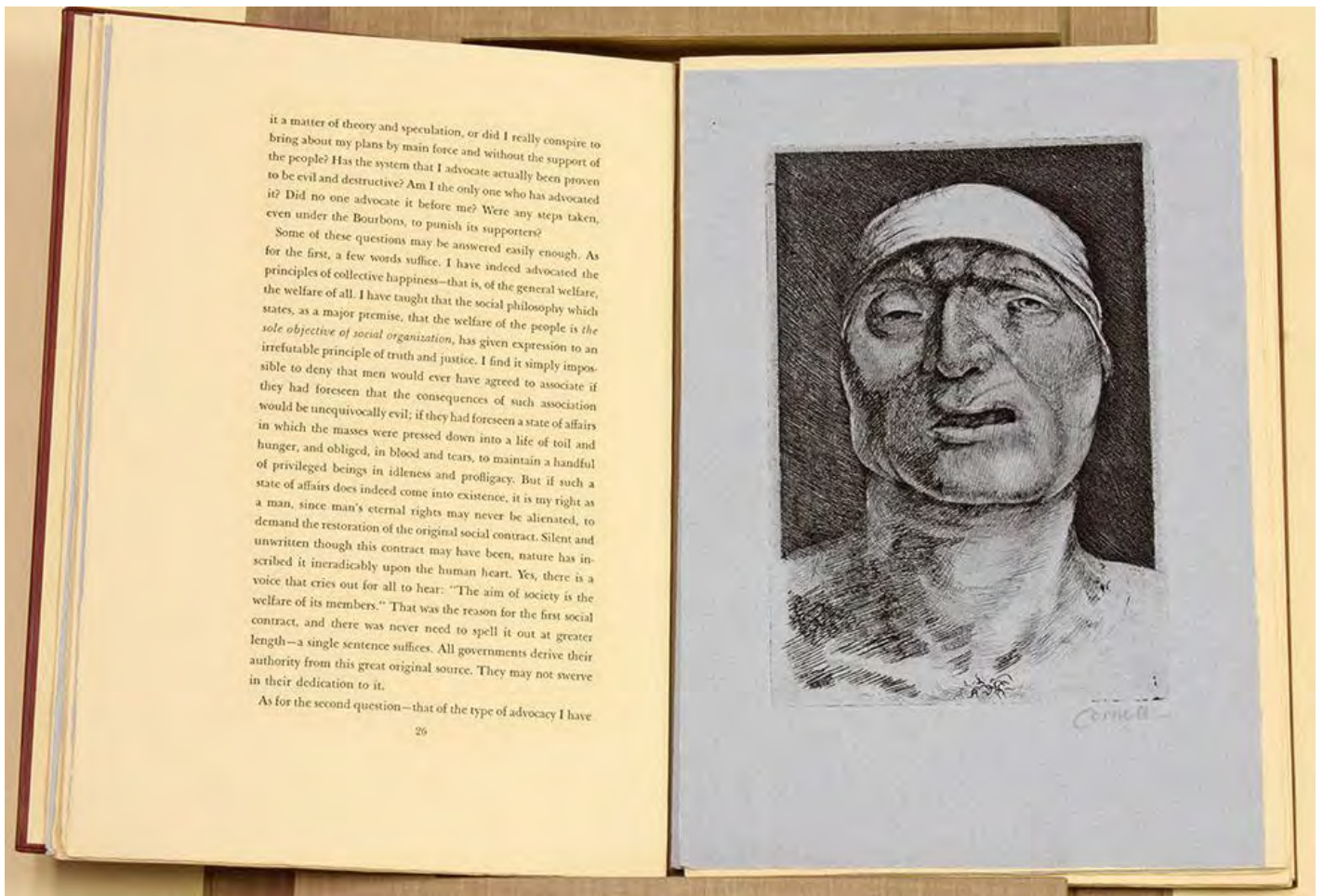
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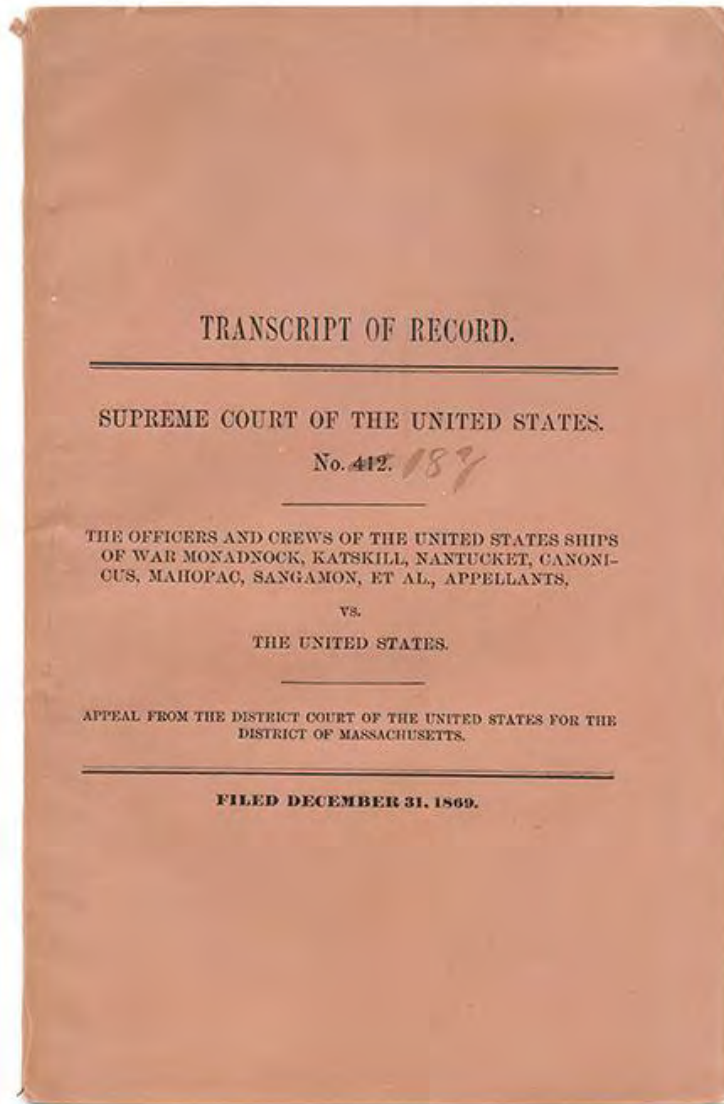
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* From an edition limited to 300 copies, this number 31, a deluxe edition with an additional suite of plates. Babeuf, publisher of the *Tribun du People*, was executed in 1797 for his role in the Conspiracy of Equals to overthrow the *Directoire*. This conspiracy is significant as the first attempt to install a socialist government. Gahenna's fine-press volume about Babeuf's trial contains English translations of selections from Babeuf's defense, Maréchal's Manifesto of Equals and Babeuf's peroration, his last words to the court, which were addressed to his children. An American artist and illustrator, Cornell was drawn to subjects concerning global, social, and environmental justice. The book was printed by Harold McGrath, the suite of etchings by Emiliano Sorini. Baskin, Franklin and Baskin, *The Gebenna Press: The Work of Fifty Years, 1942-1992* 36. Widener and Wiener, *Law's Picture Books: The Yale Law Library Collection* 10.8.



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**Argument of Richard Henry Dana in a Thorny
Case Involving the Distribution of Prize Money**

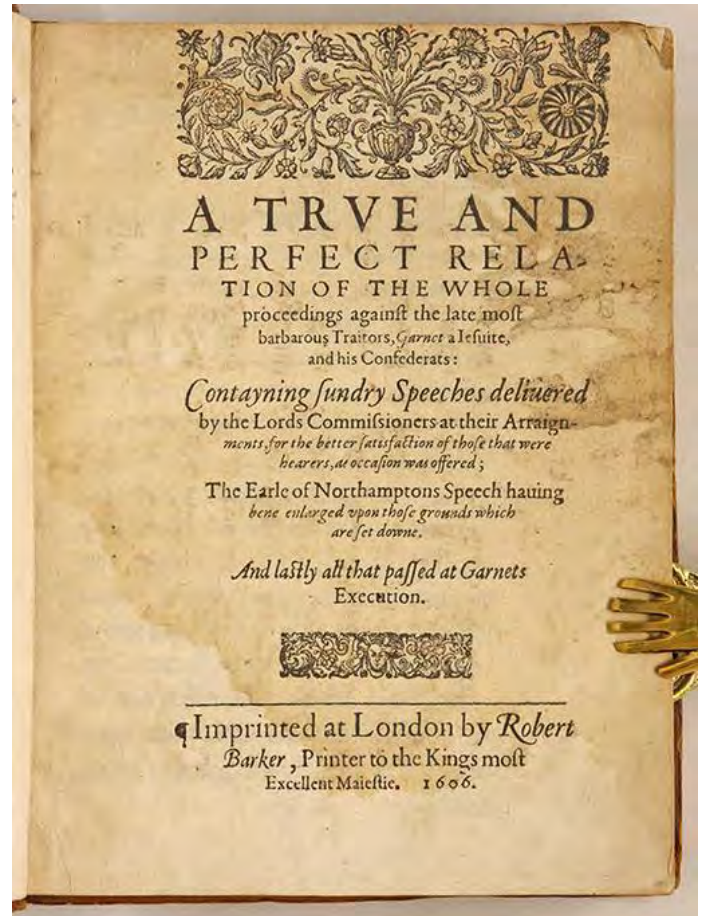
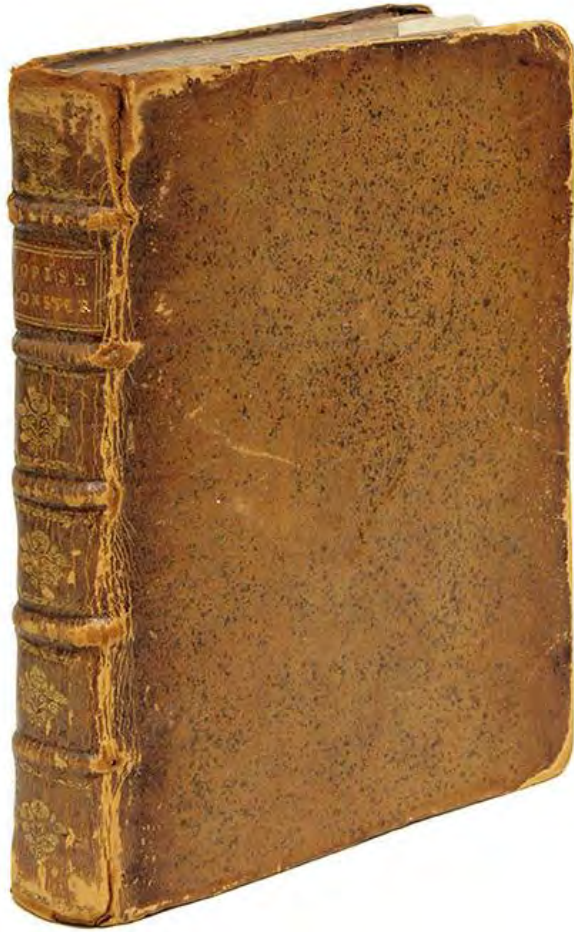
26. [Trial].

[Dana, Richard Henry (1815-1882)].

Transcript of Record. Supreme Court of the United States. No. 412. The Officers and Crews of the United States Ships of War Monadnock, Katskill, Nantucket, Canonicus, Mahopac, Sangamon, Et Al., Appellants, Vs. The United States. Appeal from the District Court of the United States for the District of Massachusetts. Filed December 31, 1869. [N.p.: S.n., c 1869]. ii, 39 pp. Octavo (9" x 6").

Stab-stitched pamphlet in printed wrappers. Light soiling, some wear to spine ends and corners, "412" (on front cover) crossed out and corrected to "184" in early hand, light toning to interior. \$250.

* Only edition located. Dana filed this appeal as the attorney of the United States for the District of Massachusetts. The case concerned the distribution of prize money from vessels captured by U.S. warships during the blockade of Virginia and South Carolina during the Civil War. Most of the U.S. ships were Monitor-class ironclads stationed around Charleston and in the James river. No copies on OCLC. [Order This Item](#)



A Leader of the Gunpowder Plot

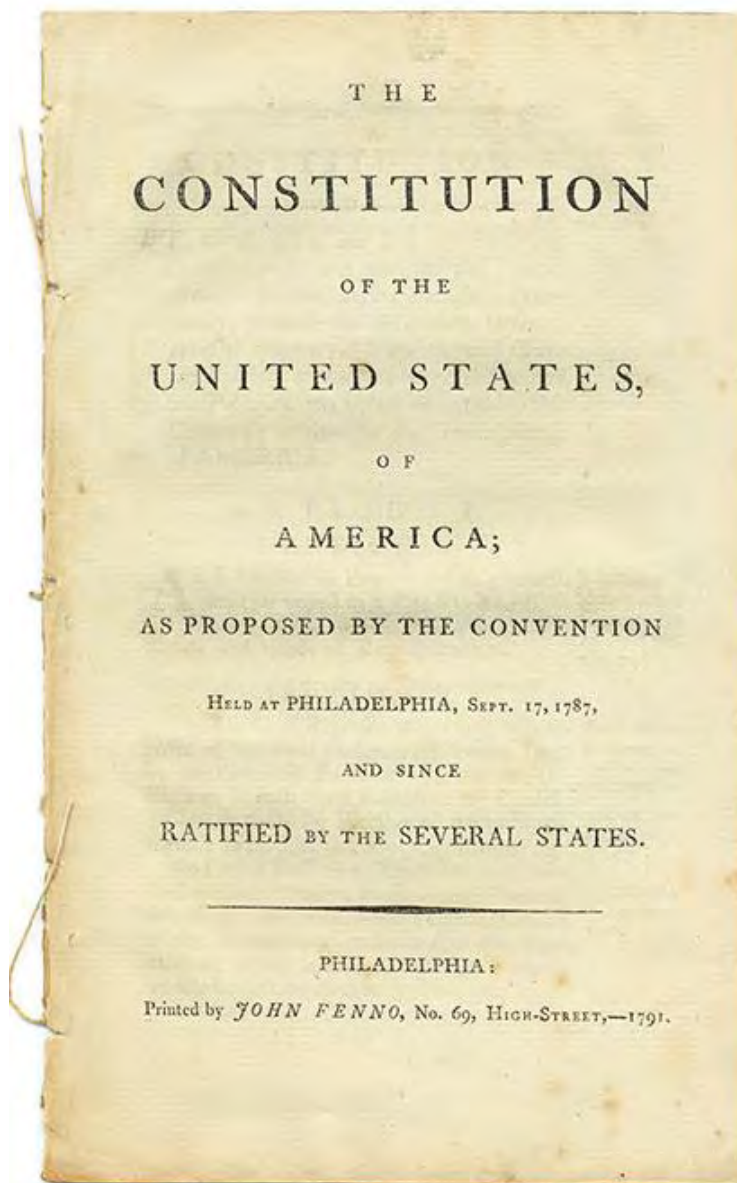
27. [Trial].

Garnett, Henry [1555-1606], Defendant.

A True and Perfect Relation of the Whole Proceedings Against the Late Most Barbarous Traitors, Garnet a Iesuite, and his Confederats: Contayning Sundry Speeches Delivered by the Lords Commissioners at their Arraignments, For the Better Satisfaction of Those that Were Hearers, As Occasion was Offered; The Earle of Northampton's Speech Having Bene Enlarged Upon Those Grounds Which are Set Downe. And Lastly all that Passed at Garnets Execution. London: Imprinted by Robert Barker, 1606. [416] pp. Quarto (7" x 5-1/2").

Contemporary speckled calf, blind-stamped crest to center of front board, raised bands, gilt ornaments and lettering piece to spine, endpapers renewed. Light rubbing to boards, heavier rubbing to extremities with wear to spine ends and corners, joints starting at ends, crack in text block between front free endpaper and following leaf, rear hinge starting, ear armorial bookplate to front pastedown, later owner bookplate to rear pastedown. Moderate toning to text, gradually diminishing dampstaining to first quarter of text block, faint dampstaining to upper corners of final few leaves. \$1,650.

* Reissue of the first edition, 1606, one of three reissues from 1606. This anonymous work is a account of Garnet's trial on March 28, 1606 before a special commission at the Guild Hall of London for his participation in the Gunpowder Plot, an assassination attempt by a group of provincial English Catholics against King James I. The plot intended to kill the king, his family, and much of the Protestant aristocracy by blowing up the Houses of Parliament during the State Opening on November 5, 1605. The conspirators also planned to abduct the royal children, who were not present in Parliament, and incite a popular revolt in the Midlands. A spectacular failure, it led to harsh measures against English Catholics. *English Short-Title Catalogue* S2009. [Order This Item](#)



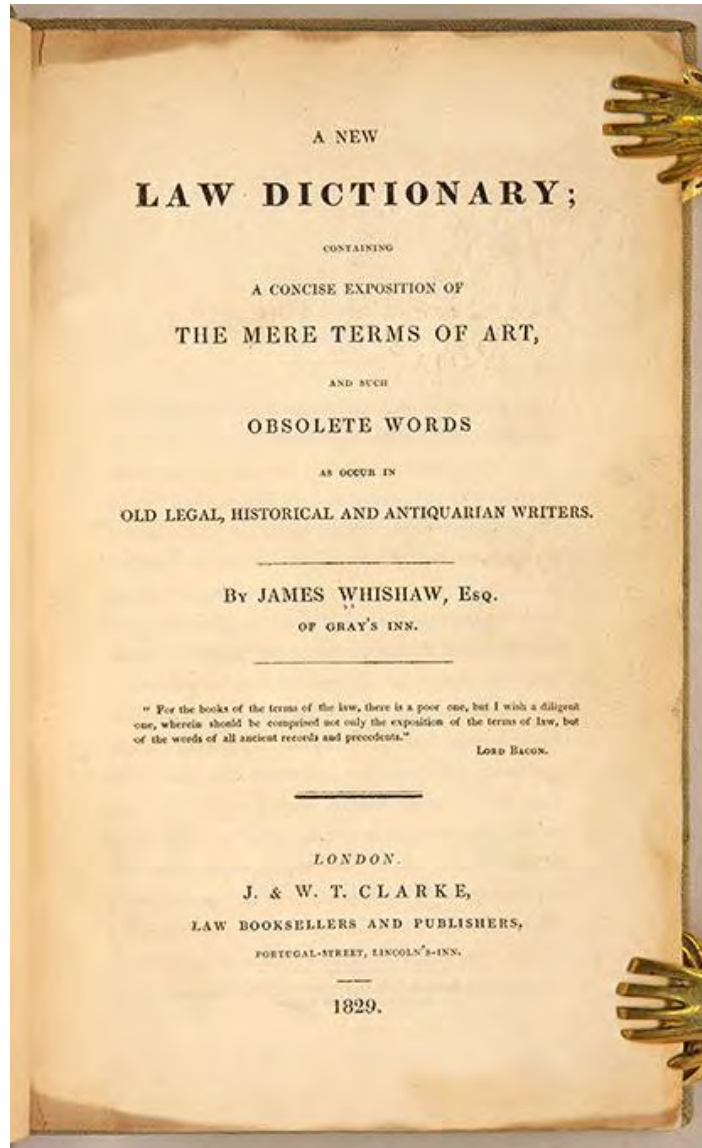
An Early Pamphlet Printing of the U.S. Constitution

28. [United States].

The Constitution of the United States, Of America; As Proposed by the Convention Held at Philadelphia, Sept. 17, 1787, And Since Ratified by the Several States. Philadelphia: Printed by John Fenno, 1791. 24 pp. Octavo (8" x 5").

Disbound stab-stitched pamphlet. Moderate toning, some leaves have light foxing. A well-preserved item. \$1,500.

* This early printing of the U.S. Constitution is enhanced by explanatory side-notes. It is accompanied by the texts of the resolution calling for the constitutional convention and the circular letter that accompanied the copies of the constitution submitted to the states. It does not include the Bill of Rights because it wasn't yet part of the Constitution. (10 of the 12 proposed articles were ratified by the necessary majority on December 15, 1791.) OCLC locates 4 copies (American Antiquarian Society, Bibliotheek Universiteit Van Amsterdam. Lehigh University, Library Company of Philadelphia). Evans, *American Bibliography* 2388. [Order This Item](#)



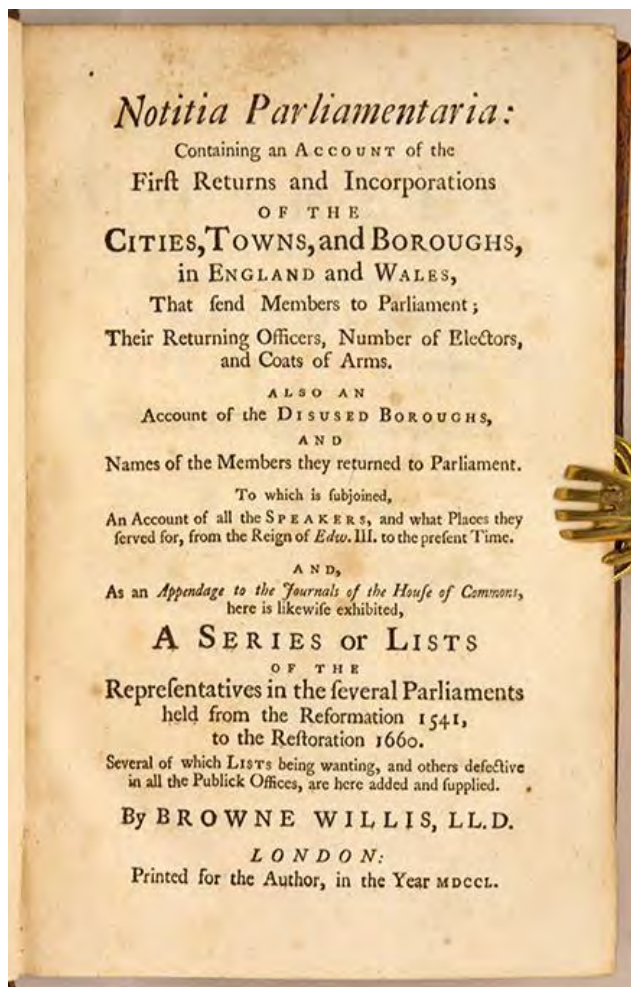
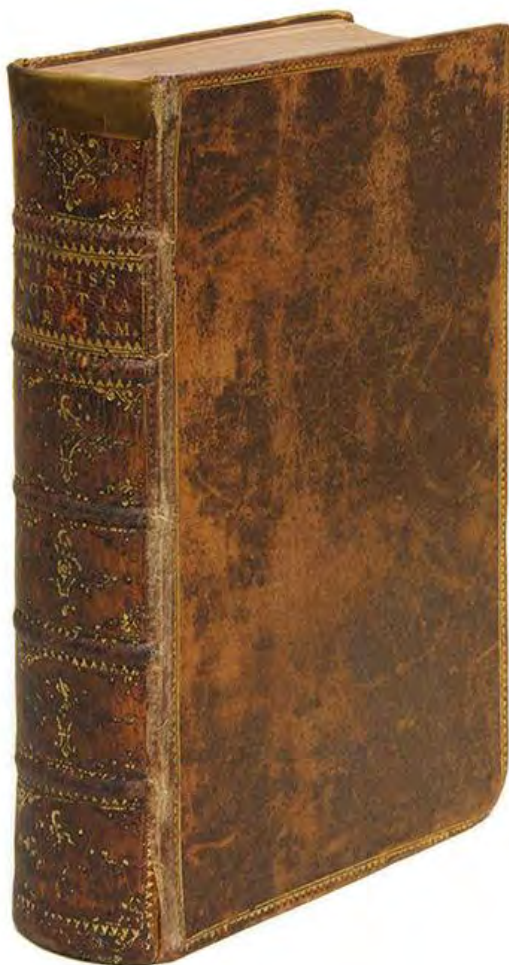
A Dictionary in the Manner of Rastell

29. Whishaw, James [1808-1879].

A New Law Dictionary: Containing a Concise Exposition of the Mere Terms of Art, and Such Obsolete Words as Occur in Old Legal, Historical and Antiquarian Writers. London: J. & W.T. Clarke, 1829. vii, 342, [2] pp. Half-title lacking. Main text in parallel columns. Octavo (8" x 5-1/4").

Later cloth, red and black lettering pieces to spine, endpapers renewed. Light soiling, chipping to lettering pieces. Moderate toning, light foxing to a few leaves. Ex-library. Location label to spine, faint embossed stamps to title page and following four leaves. \$350.

* Whishaw, a member of Gray's Inn, set out to produce a concise law dictionary in the tradition of Rastell, which would offer rather than a voluminous encyclopedic dictionary in the manner of Jacob's. Though intended for the young lawyer, it is not a dictionary for novices only. Whishaw included French, Latin and English words and phrases as well as "obsolete words" from such early authorities as Cowell, Blount and Hale. Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 2:377. [Order This Item](#)



**A Notable Source for
Students of Parliamentary History**

30. Willis, Browne [1682-1760].

Notitia Parliamentaria: Containing an Account of the First Returns and Incorporations of the Cities, Towns, And Boroughs, In England and Wales, That Send Members to Parliament; Their Returning Officers, Number of Electors, And Coats of Arms. Also an Account of the Disused Boroughs, And Names of the Members They Returned to Parliament. To Which is Subjoined, An Account of All the Speakers, And what Places they Served for, From the Reign of Edw. III. To the Present Time. And, as an Appendage to the Journals of the House of Commons, Here is Likewise Exhibited, A Series or [sic] Lists of the Representatives in the Several Parliaments Held from the Reformation 1541, To the Restoration 1660. Several of Which Lists being Wanting, And Others Defective in All the Publick Offices, Are here Added and Supplied. London: Printed for the Author, 1750. xi, [1], 118, 312, [76] pp. Octavo (7-3/4" x 4-3/4").

Contemporary calf, gilt fillets to boards, raised bands, lettering piece and gilt ornaments to spine, blind tooling to board edges, joints and head of spine reinforced. Moderate rubbing, corners bumped and somewhat worn, light toning to text, light foxing to a few leaves. \$100.

* Only edition. This notable source for students of Parliamentary registers and political and administrative divisions was published over a 35-year period. Each volume is complete in itself. Volume I, published in 1715, covers Bedford, Berks, Bucks, Cambridge and Cheshire. Volume II, published in 1716, covers Cornwall, Cumberland, Derby, Devon, Dorset and Durham. Volume III covers other towns in England and Wales, including Carmarthen, the Cinque Ports, Cornwall and Oxford, and adds the information described in the title. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T65478. [Order This Item](#)