

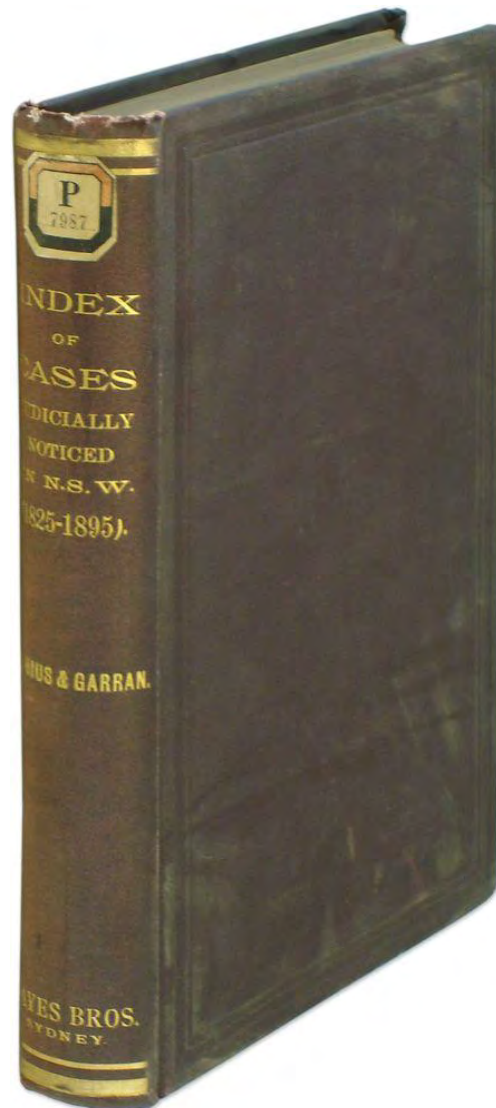
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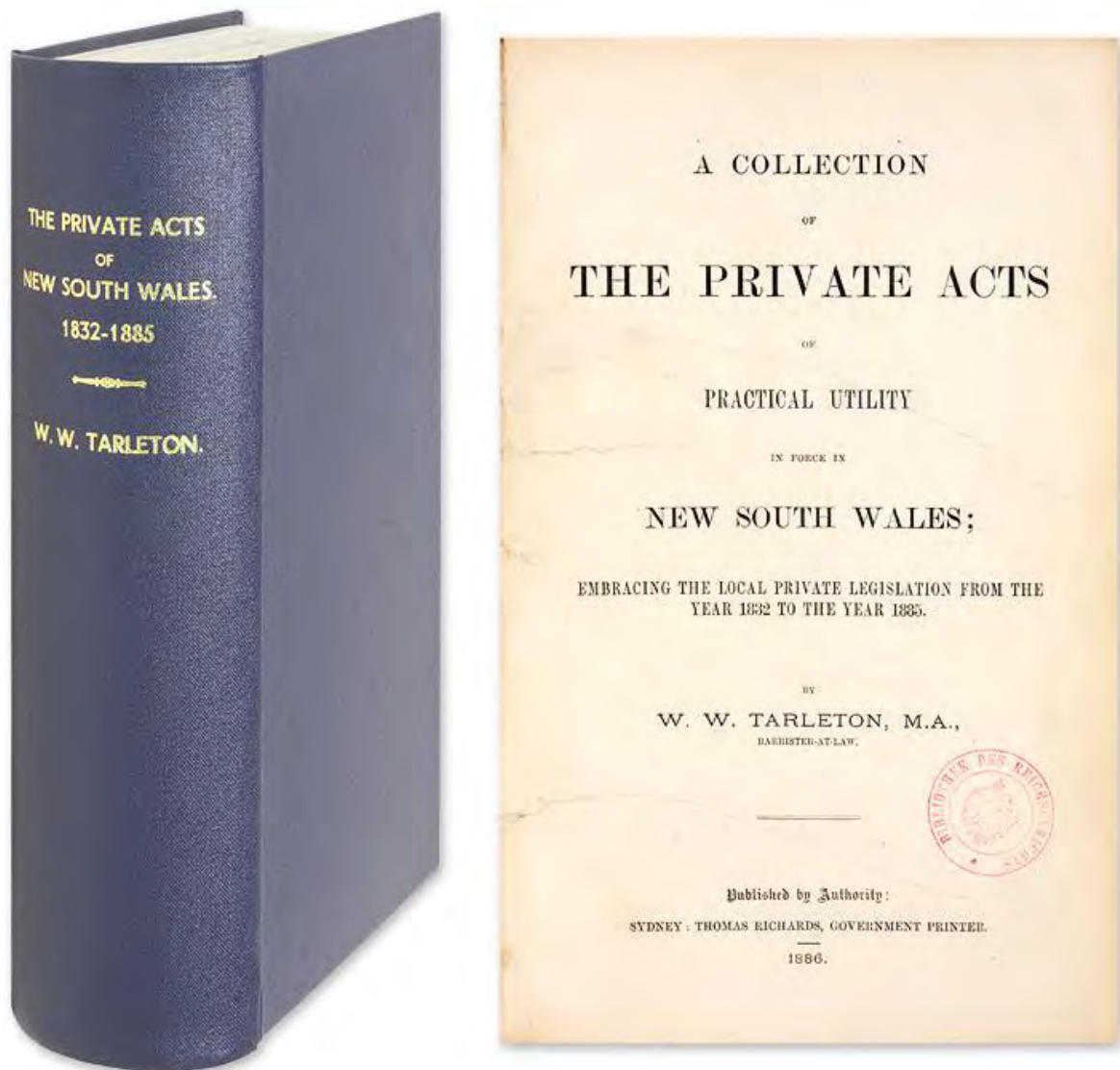
[New South Wales].

Leibius, G.H., and R.R. Garran, Editors.

Index of Cases Judicially Noticed in the Courts of New South Wales, and On Appeal Therefrom (1825-1895). Being a List of all Cases Cited in Judgements. The Supreme Court Reports, Knox's Reports, Supreme Court Reports (New series), New South Wales Law Reports, Tarleton's Term Reports, Weekly Notes, and Bankruptcy Cases (1862-1895), And in the Appendices to Stephen's Supplement, Wilkinsons's Magistrate, Foster's District Court Practice, Browning's Municipalities Act, And Salusbury's Bankruptcy Acts. With an Appendix of Cases Judicially Noticed in Legge's Selection of Supreme Court Cases (1825-1862). Sydney: Hayes Brothers, 1896. [iv], 388 pp. Octavo (5-1/2" x 8-1/2"). Original cloth, blind frames to boards, gilt title to spine. Light shelfwear with some rubbing to extremities, fading to spine, internally clean. Ex-library. Location label to spine, small stamp to title page. \$150.

* Only edition. New South Wales was founded as a penal colony in 1788. By 1896 it was Australia's most populated state, as it is today. OCLC locates 1 copy. Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 6:32.

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Private Acts of New South Wales, 1832-1885

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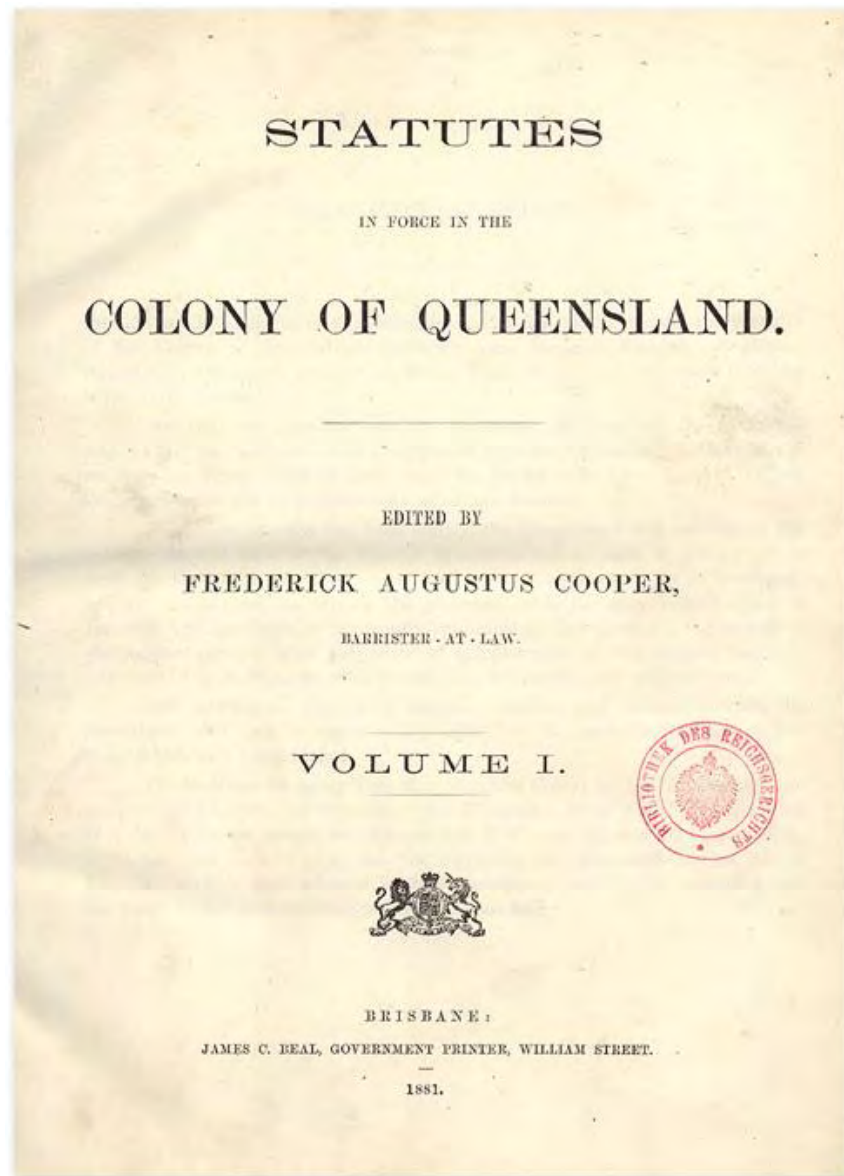
[New South Wales].

Tarleton, W.W., Compiler.

A Collection of the Private Acts of Practical Utility in Force In New South Wales; Embracing the Local Private Legislation From the Year 1832 to the Year 1885. Sydney: Thomas Richards, Government Printer, 1886. xv, 1256 pp. Octavo (9" x 6").

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* Only edition. With a chronological table. Acts are digested alphabetically. New South Wales was founded as a penal colony in 1788. By 1896 it was Australia's most populated state, as it is today. OCLC locates 11 copies. Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 6:73. [Order This Item](#)



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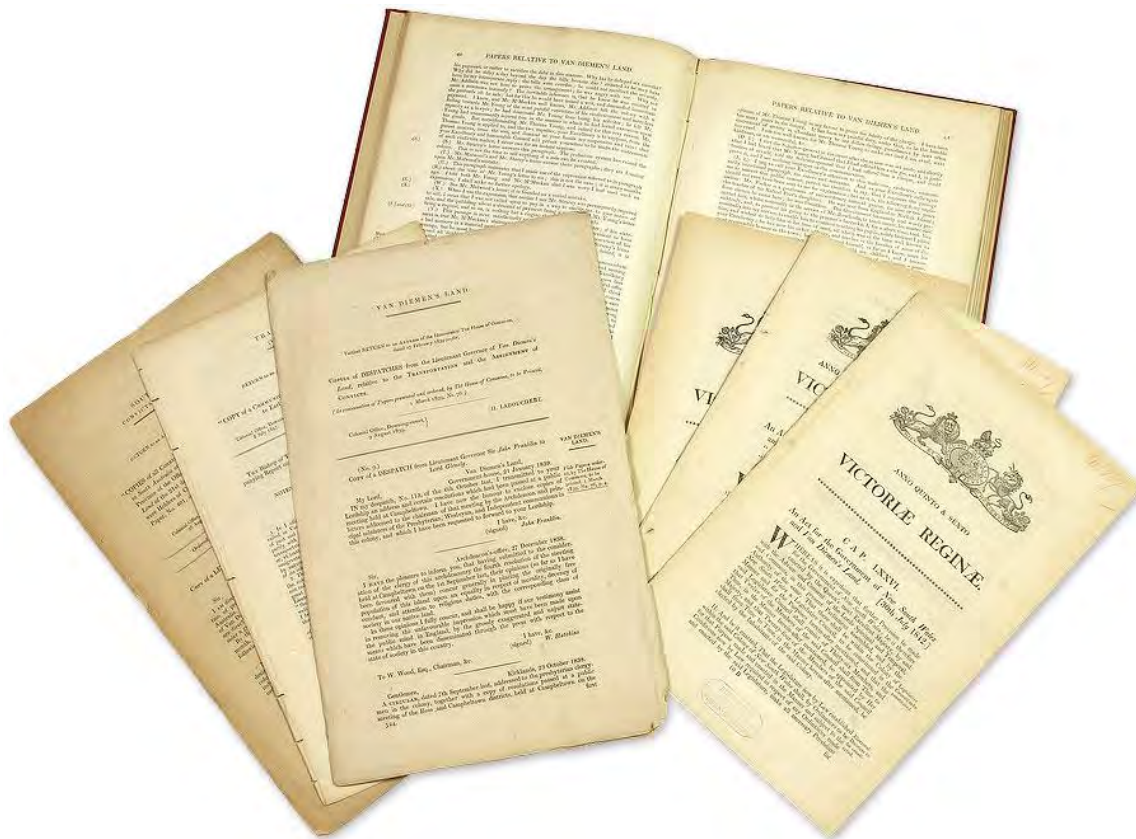
3. [Australia]. [Queensland].

Cooper, Frederick Augustus, Editor.

Statutes in Force in the Colony of Queensland. Brisbane: James C. Beal, Government Printer, 1881. 4 volumes. Quarto (10-1/2" x 11").

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Parliamentary Documents Relating to the Penal Colony of Van Dieman's Land and New South Wales, 1839-1855

4. [Australia].
[Transportation].
Van Dieman's Land.

Van Dieman's Land. Copies of Despatches from the Lieutenant-Governor of Van Dieman's Land, Relative to Transportation and the Assignment of Convicts. [London]: Ordered, By the House of Commons, To be Printed, 12 August 1839. 4 pp.

[With]

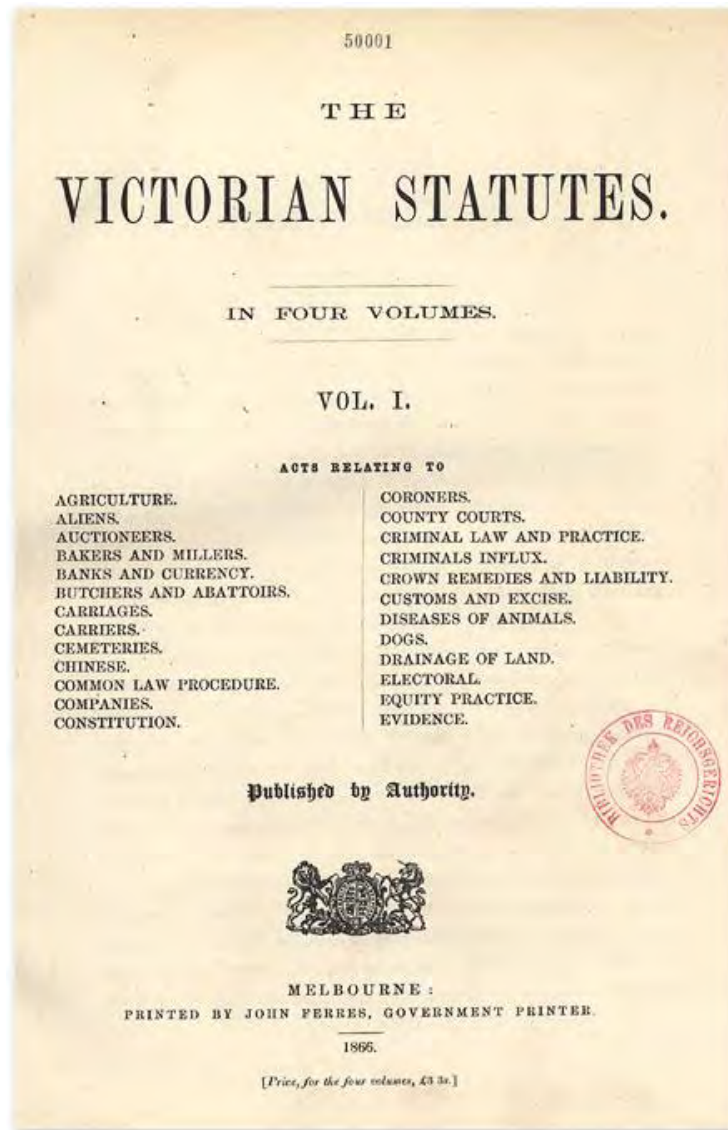
An Act for the Government of New South Wales and Van Dieman's Land [30th July 1842]. [Running title]. London: Printed by George E. Eyre and Andrew Spottiswoode, 1842. [833]-850 pp.

[And]

[*Five Other Parliamentary Documents Relating to Van Dieman's Land and New South Wales*].

7 items in all ranging in size from 12" x 7-1/2" to 13" x 8." Disbound, moderate toning, occasional edgewear, 4 items have small library marking of the Netherlands Foreign Office, Van Dieman's Land (1848) bound into recent cloth with gilt spine title. An interesting collection. \$1,500.

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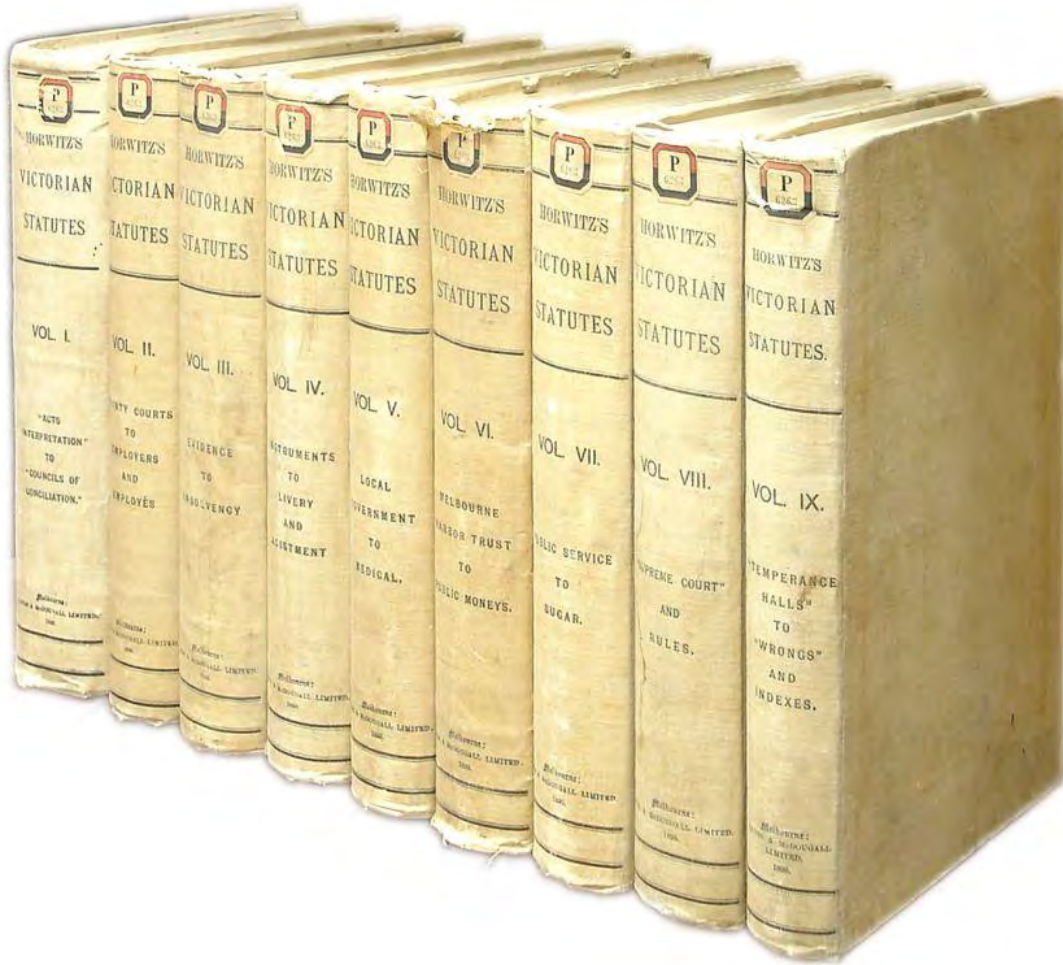
5. [Australia].

[Victoria].

The Victorian Statutes. Published by Authority. Melbourne: Printed by John Ferres, 1866. 4 volumes. Quarto (10-1/2" x 8-1/2").

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* Only edition. (A companion volume of imperial statutes in force in Victoria was published in 1868.) The first three volumes contain general acts. Volume IV contains acts that relate to particular persons or localities or have a "special or limited operation." Both volumes are indexed, have chronological tables and are digested alphabetically. OCLC locates 6 copies. Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 6:88. [Order This Item](#)



Thorough Compilation of Victorian Statutes, 1898-1899

6. [Australia].

[Victoria].

Horwitz, Louis, Compiler.

The Victorian Statutes. Arranged in Alphabetical and Chronological Order with Notes and Indexes. Melbourne: Charles F. Maxwell (G. Partridge and Co.) Law Publishers, 1898-99. Nine volumes. Quarto (7-1/2" x 10-1/2"). Original cloth, black-stamped titles to spine. Moderate shelfwear and soiling, most hinges starting or cracked, internally clean. Ex-library. Location labels to spines, annotations to front pastedowns, small stamps to title pages. A solid set. \$850.

* Only edition. "Since the consolidation of the Statutes in 1890, the additions to the Statute Roll have been as numerous and important as they have been complicated, irritating, and perplexing. When it is considered that nearly five hundred Statutes have been passed, a very large number of them affecting the existing laws, and that these new Acts occupy ten sessional volumes, and necessitate reference throughout, I feel that no apology is needed [for this work, which is modeled] on *Chitty's Statutes of Practical Utility*." Volume I Preface [iii]. Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 6:26. [Order This Item](#)



Digest of Victorian Cases, 1895-1932

7. [Australia]. [Victoria].

A Digest of Reported Cases in the Supreme Court, Court of Insolvency and Courts of Mines of the State of Victoria. From 1895 to [1932]. Melbourne: Charles F. Maxwell (G. Partridge & Co.). London: Sweet & Maxwell, 1902-1933. 7 Vols. Complete set. Original cloth, gilt titles to spines, some shelfwear, soiling and minor spotting, internally clean. Ex-library. Location labels to spines, notes in pencil to front pastedowns, small stamps to title pages. A solid set. \$500.

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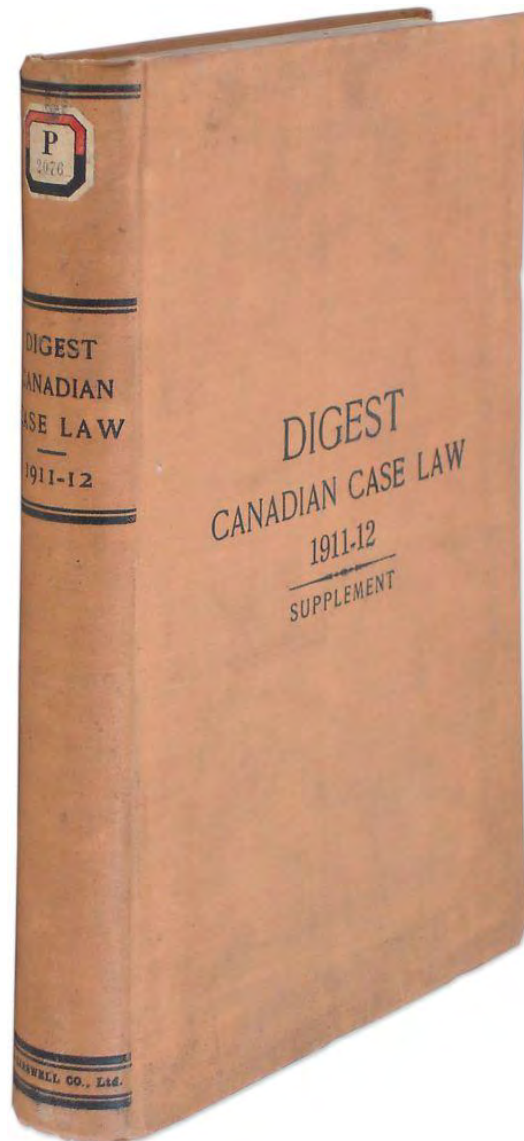
Laws of Barbados 1875-1890

8. [Barbados].

Laws of Barbados for Session 1875-79, 1881-82, 1889-90. Barbados: Barclay & Fraser, 1876, 1878, 1879, 1882; Barbados: T.E. King & Co, 1890. Five volumes in all. Octavo (5" x 7-1/2").

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Digest of Canadian Cases, 1912

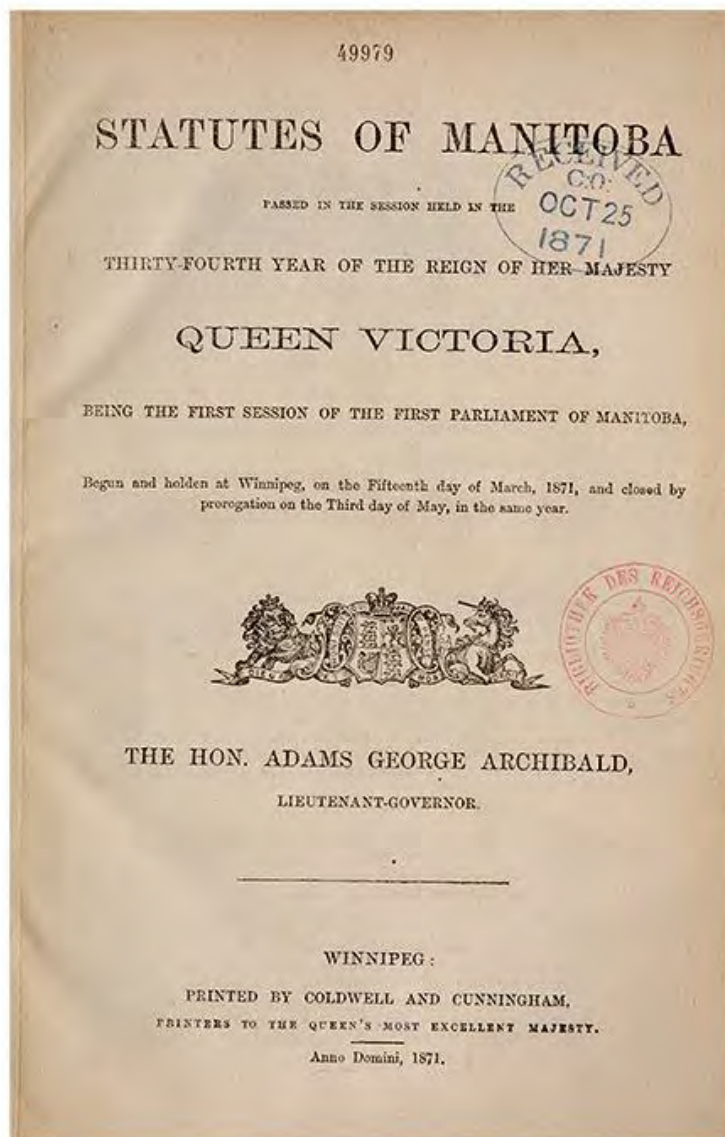
9. [Canada].

Lear, Walter E., and Eduard Fabre Surveyer, Editors.

Digest Canadian Case Law, January, 1911, September, 1912 (Omitting Cases Included in Digest Canadian Case Law, 1900-1911). Toronto: The Carswell Co., Ltd., 1912. xxii, 970 pp.

Original cloth, black-stamped titles to front board and spine. Some shelfwear and soiling, internally clean. Ex-library. Location label to spine, small stamp to title page. A solid copy. \$50.

* With glossary of words and phrases. The *Digest Canadian Case Law* has an interesting publication history. Its first series, also known as the C.L.T. Edition, was published annually from 1881 to 1899. This was followed by a 1901-05 digest edited by Lear and Surveyer, who digested French-language reports. Also edited by Lear, a group of annuals were published in 1909, 1910, 1911-1912 and 1912-13. A uniform edition with additional reports covering 1900-21 followed in 1922. OCLC locates 18 copies. Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 3:12. [Order This Item](#)



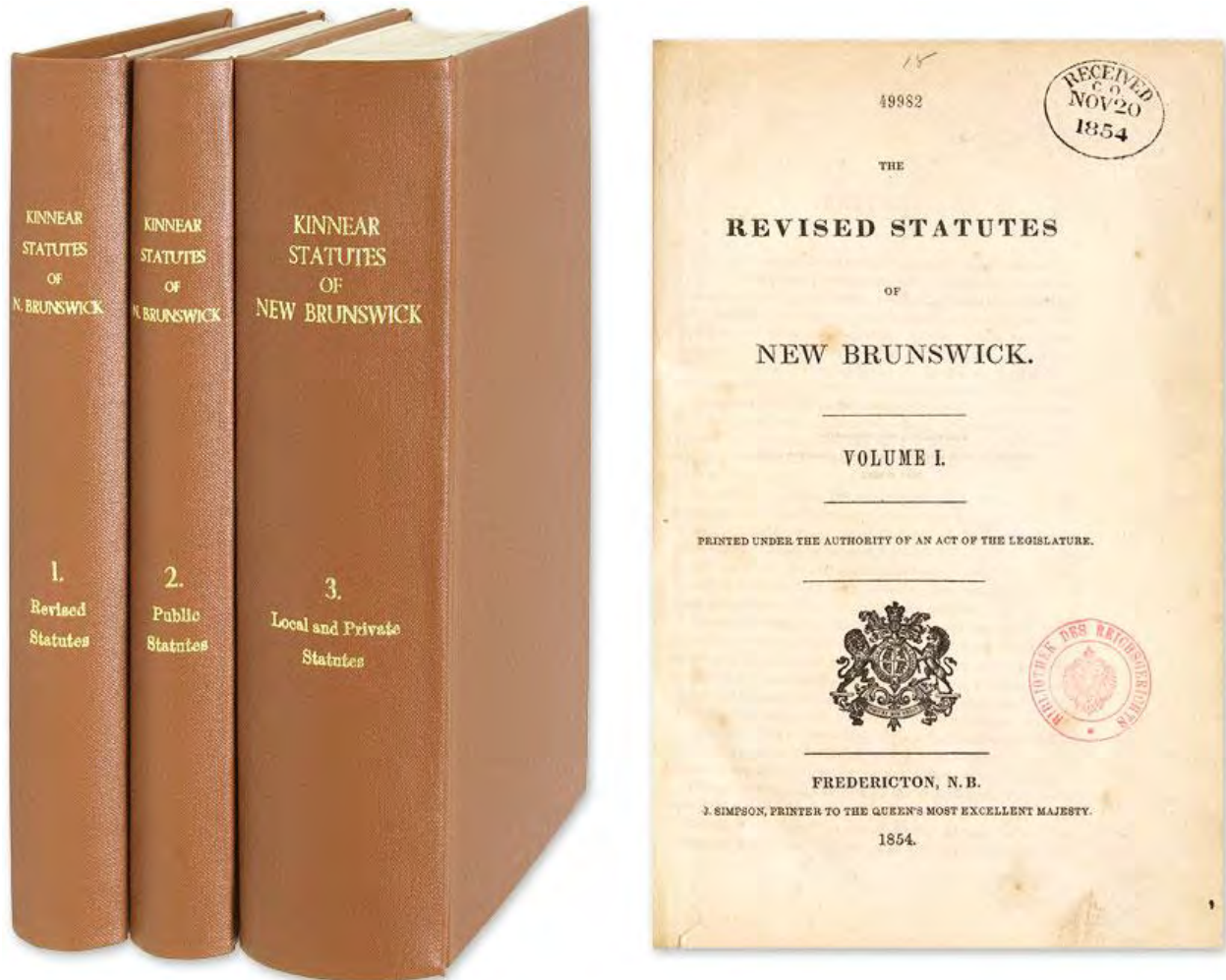
Manitoba Statutes, 1871-1887

**10. [Canada].
[Manitoba].**

Statutes of Manitoba [1871-1887]. Winnipeg: Printed by Coldwell and Cunningham, Printers to the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, 1871, 1873-1887. 12 books in all. Octavo (8-1/2" x 5-1/2").

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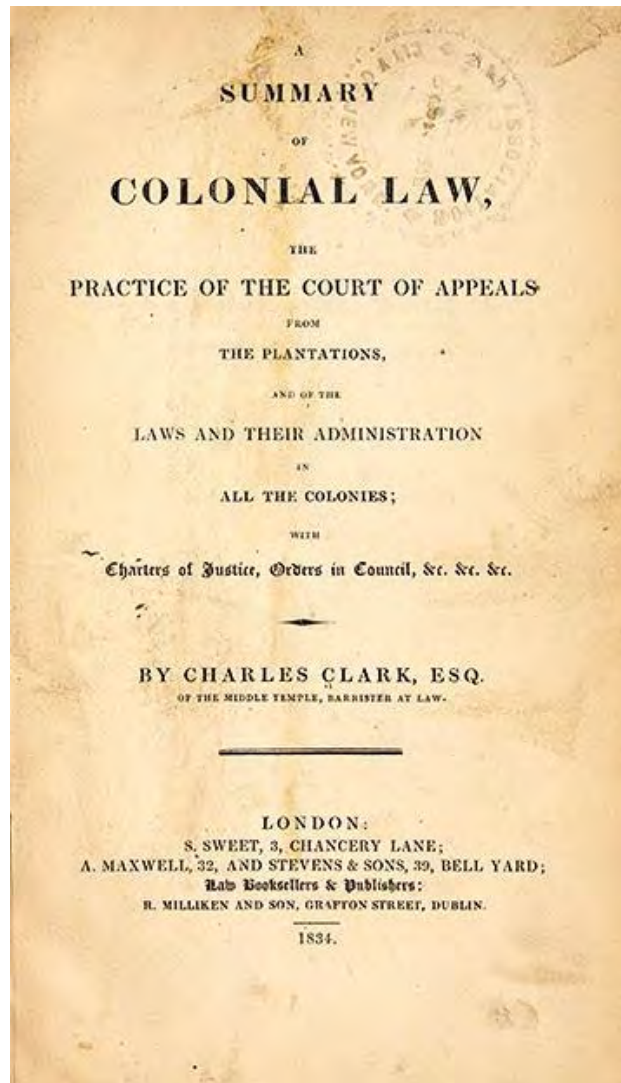
First Compilation of New Brunswick Statutes

11. [Canada]. [New Brunswick].

The Revised Statutes of New Brunswick. Printed Under the Authority of an Act of the Legislature. Fredericton: J. Simpson, Printer to the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, 1854-1855. Three volumes. Complete set. Octavo (9" x 6").

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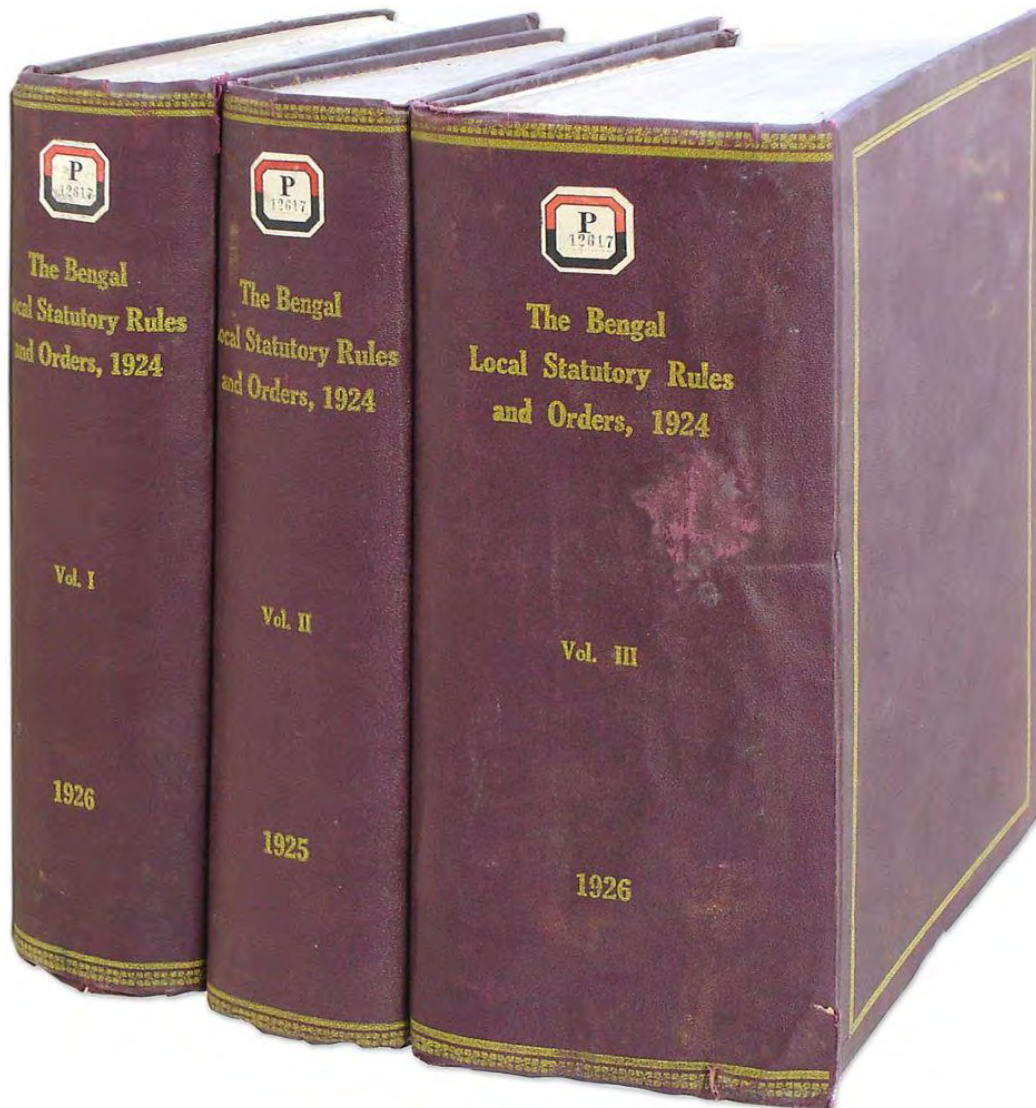
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12. Clark, Charles [d. 1881].

A Summary of Colonial Law, The Practice of the Court of Appeals from the Plantations, And of the Laws and Their Administration in All the Colonies: With Charters of Justice, Orders in Council, &c. &c. &c. London: S. Sweet [et al.], 1834. viii, 746 pp. Octavo (8" x 5-1/2").

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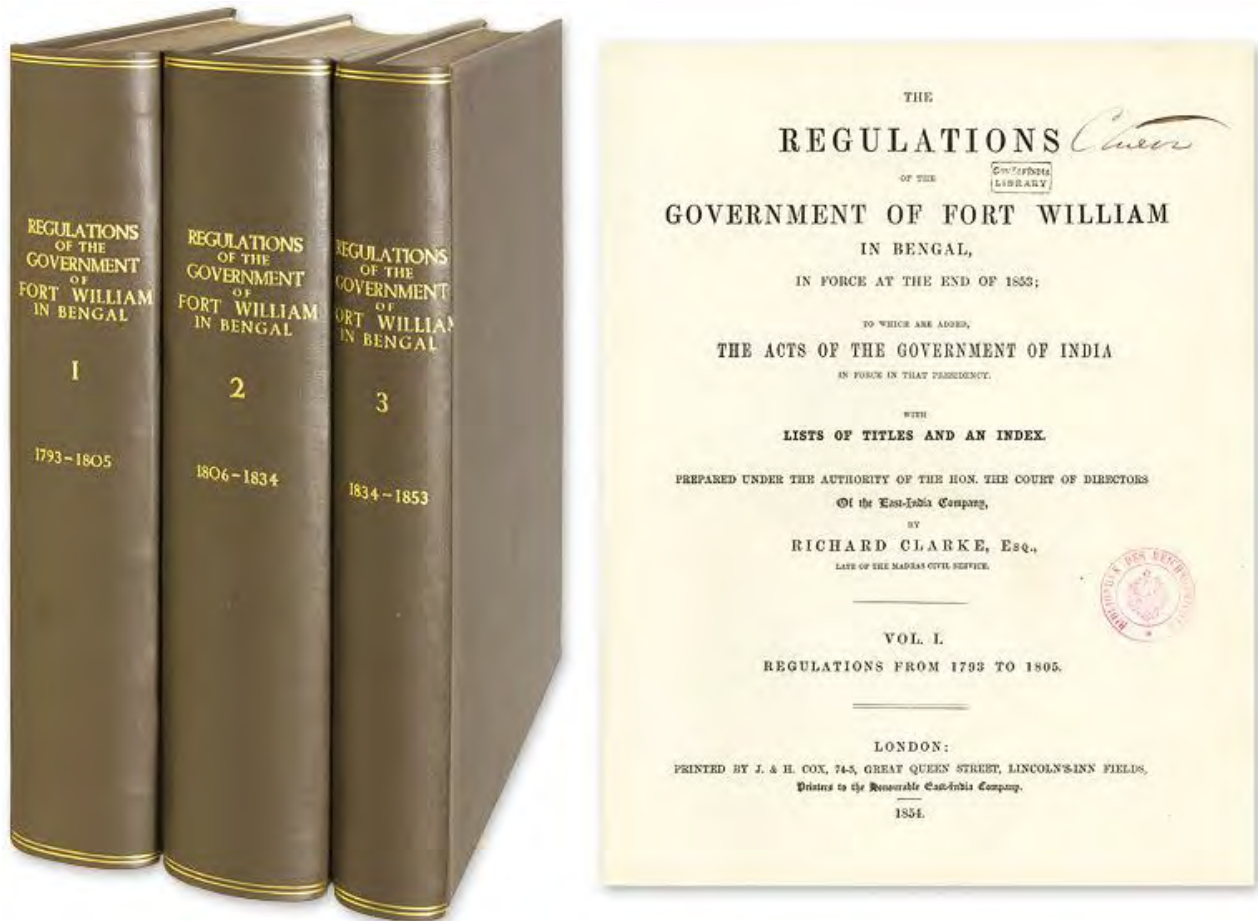
13. [India].
[Bengal].

Government of Bengal, Legislative Department.

The Bengal Local Statutory Rules and Orders, 1924: Being Lists and a Collection of Extant Local Rules and Orders Made up to the 31st December, 1923, Under Enactments Applying to the Province of Bengal, as Constituted on that Date in Three Volumes. Calcutta: Bengal Secretariat Book Depot 1925-1926. 3 volumes.

Original cloth, moderate shelfwear and soiling, some dampspotting, hinges of Volume II and III starting, internally clean. Ex-library. Location labels to spines, small stamps to title pages. \$450.

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14. [India].

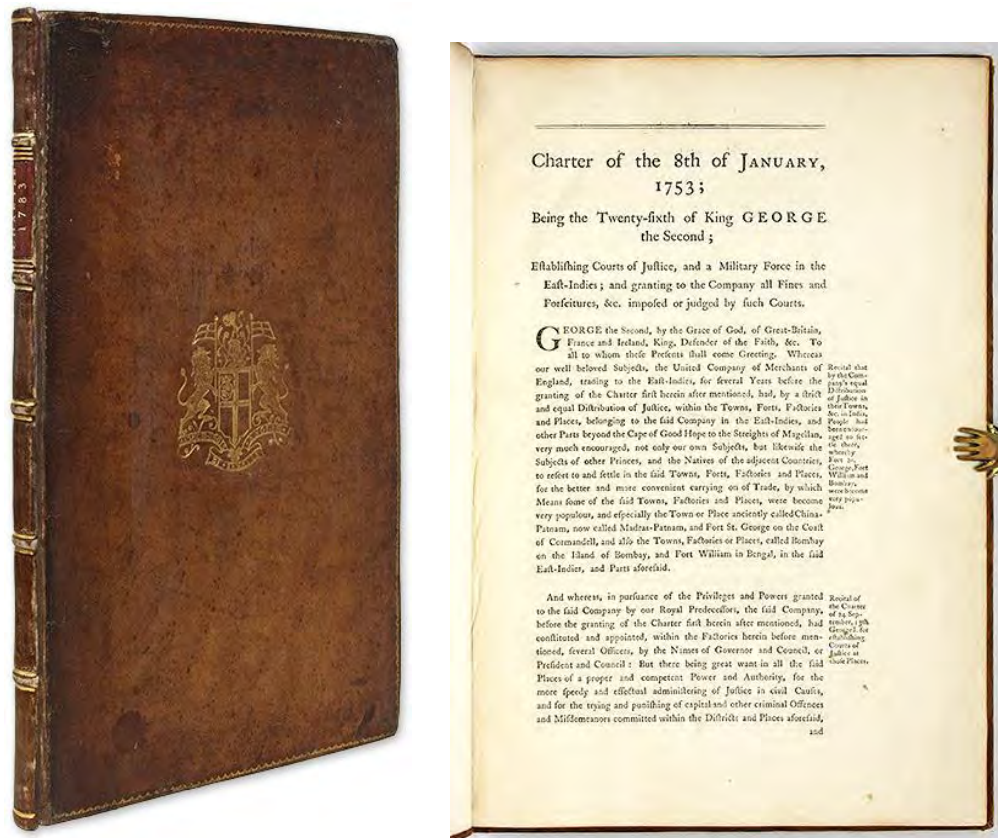
[East India Company].

Clarke, Richard, Compiler.

The Regulations of the Government of Fort William in Bengal, In Force at the End of 1853; To Which are Added, the Acts of the Government of India in Force in that Presidency. With Lists of Titles and an Index. Prepared Under the Authority of the Hon. The Court of Directors of the East-India Company. London: Printed by J.H. Cox, 1854. 3 volumes. Quarto (8-1/2" x 10-1/2").

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* Only edition. With a detailed analytical digest. Established by a Royal Charter in 1600, the British East India Company was granted a 21-year monopoly on all trade in the East Indies. Based in a series of fortified manufacturing and trading centers, most notably Fort William in Bengal, Fort St. George in Madras and the Bombay Castle, the company evolved from a commercial venture to one that virtually ruled India as it acquired governmental, legal and military functions. It was dissolved in 1858. Produced as an official record, these volumes are a compilation of all regulations from 1793 to 1853 in force at Fort William. OCLC locates 6 copies. *Catalogue of the Library of the Harvard Law School* I:395. [Order This Item](#)



Boards Emblazoned with Large Gilt Arms of the East India Company

15. [India].

[East India Company].

Charter of the 8th of January, 1753; Being the Twenty-Sixth of King George the Second; Establishing Courts of Justice, And a Military Force in the East Indies [caption title]. [London, c. 1758].

50 pp. Folio (14-1/4" x 9-1/2"). Contemporary calf, rebaked in period style, gilt fillets to board edges, large gilt arms of the British East India Company to centers of boards, gilt-edged raised bands and retained existing lettering piece (reading "Charter. 1783") to spine, marbled endpapers. Light rubbing and a few minor stains and shallow scuffs to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, some chipping to spine ends, boards just beginning to separate, but secure. Light toning to text, somewhat heavier in places, light soiling to upper margins of a few leaves. \$5,000.

* The Honourable East India Company, or British East India Company, was established in 1600 as a trading company. It became the engine that drove the expansion of the British Empire into India and other parts of Southeast Asia. The Charter of 1753 marked the company's transition from a strictly commercial enterprise to a *de facto* government of British colonies in India. The other two charters reflect this transition of power from the crown to the company. They are: Charter of the 19th of September, 1757, Being the 31st of George the Second, Granting to the Company a Moiety of the Plunder and Booty, Taken from the Nabob of Bengal" and "Charter of the 14th of January, 1758, Being the 31st of George the Second, Granting to the Company booty and plunder, Taken in the East-Indies." Our volume includes an index. There are to be a few versions of this book with different sets of charters. Ours is identical to a copy at the University of Pennsylvania. It is not listed in the ESTC. Pickett's *Bibliography of the East India Company*, Entry 860, cites it as part of a compilation of charters without a title, conjecturally dated 1772, of which one copy is known, at the British Library. [Order This Item](#)



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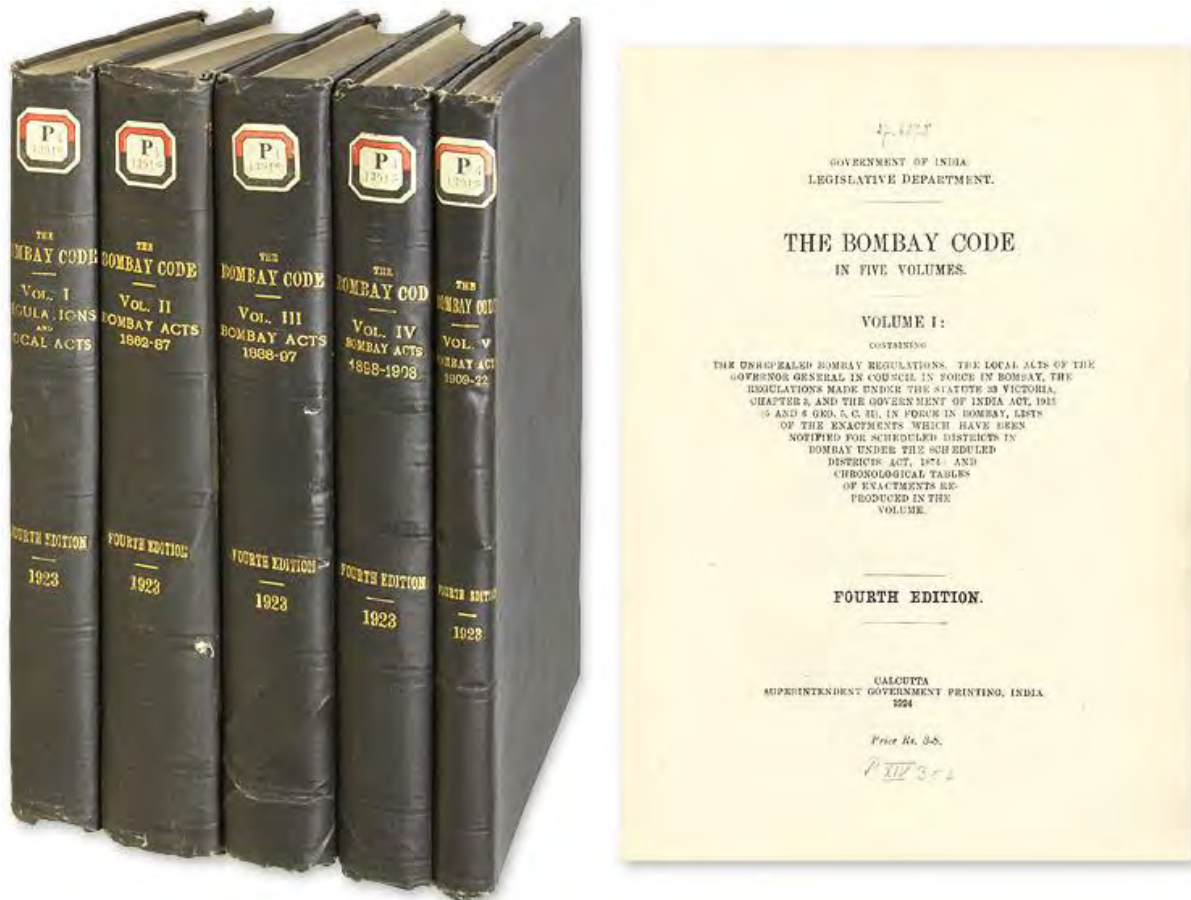
16. [India].

Gillray, James [1756-1815].

A Sale of English-Beauties, In the East Indies. London: William Holland, May 16, 1786 (printed later).

15" x 21" etching on wove paper, trimmed to edges, attractively mounted and matted. Light even toning, light soiling, vertical crease through center, minor tear near upper right corner, few negligible spots to image. \$950.

* This biting satire on the East India Company's immoral activities in India presents an auction of a just-unloaded cargo of English courtesans to members of the company and their Indian colleagues, who are evaluating the women. The man in the center of the image has a set of papers projecting from his pocket reading "Instructions for the Governor-General." The unsold women are entering a warehouse on the right "for unsaleable goods from Europe, to be returned by the next ship." A foppish auctioneer stands at a podium made of bales of British-made "britches." At his feet are boxes of pornographic books "for the amusement of military gentlemen." At the bottom of the print is a case of "surgeon's instruments" and several barrels of "Leakes Pills," a contemporary remedy for sexually transmitted diseases. The use of wove paper for this impression indicates it was printed after 1786. *BMSatires* 6101. [Order This Item](#)



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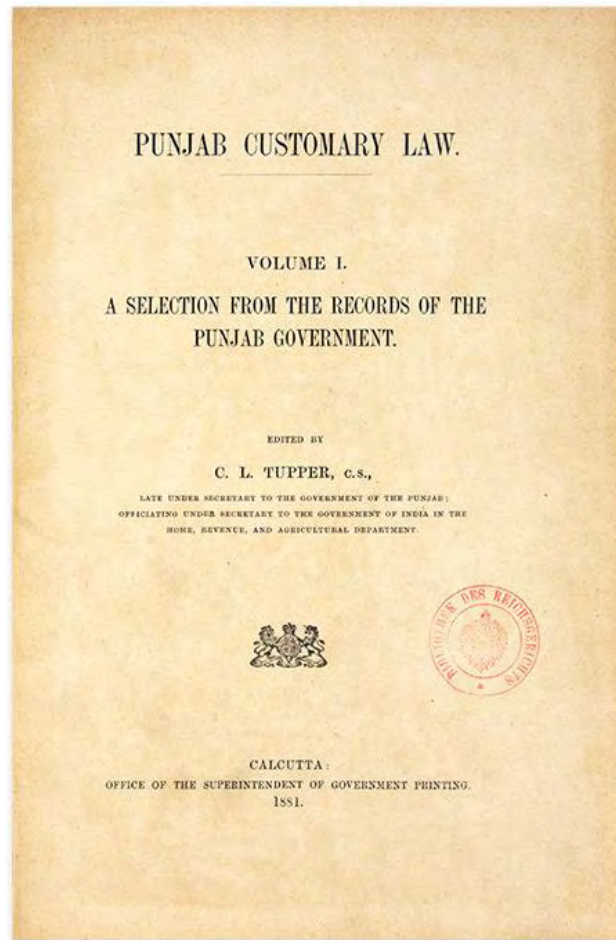
17. [India].

Government of India, Legislative Department.

The Bombay Code: In Five Volumes. Calcutta: Superintendent Government Printing, India, 1924.

Five volumes. Original cloth, gilt titles to spines, moderate shelfwear and soiling. Text blocks cracked in a few places, internally clean. Ex-library. Location labels to spines, small stamps to versos of title pages. A solid set. \$500.

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18. [India].

Tupper, C[hables] L[ewis], Editor.

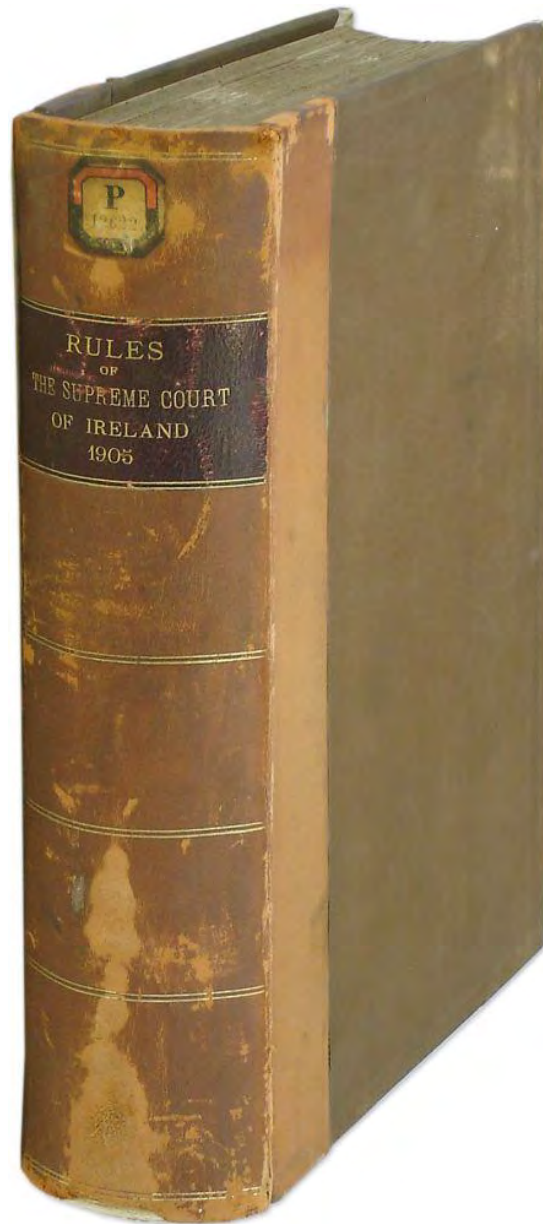
[Wilson, J., Editor of Volume IV,

Walker, T. Gordon, Editor of Volume V.].

Punjab Customary Law. Calcutta: Office of the Superintendent of Government Printing, 1881-1885. 5 volumes. Quarto (10" x 6-3/4").

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* Only edition. A region with sophisticated systems of law and government, the Punjab region was gradually colonized by Great Britain during the eighteenth century. It remained part of the British Empire until the end of British rule in 1947. At this time the region was divided between India and Pakistan. As these volumes indicate, the British recognized the sophistication and value of Punjabi law and took efforts to comprehend and adapt it to English law. Contents: I. A Selection from the Records of the Punjab Government, II. Statements of Customary Law in Different Districts, III. Questions on Tribunal and Local Custom: a Manual for the Use of Settlement Officers, IV. General Code of Tribal Custom in the Sirsa District of the Punjab, V. The Customary Law of the Ludhiana District. OCLC locates 27 copies. *Catalogue of the Library of the Harvard Law School* (1909) II:778. [Order This Item](#)



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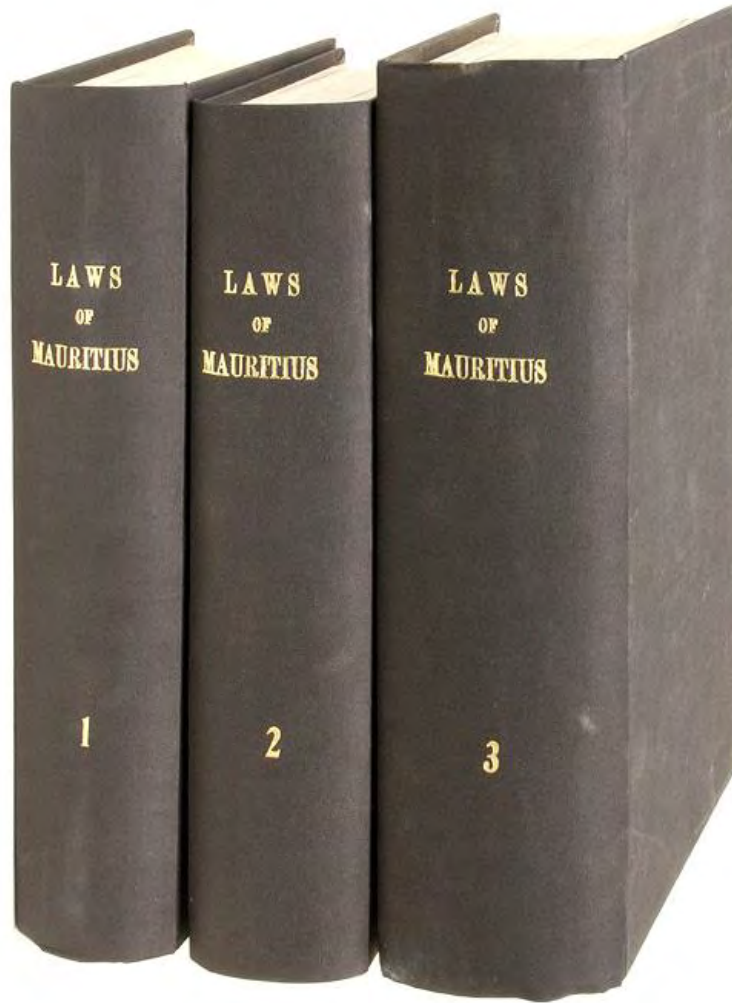
Supreme Court of Judicature.

Rules of the Supreme Court (Ireland), 1905. With Appendices. Dublin: Printed for his Majesty's Stationery Office, 1905. xix, 929 pp.

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20. [Mauritius].

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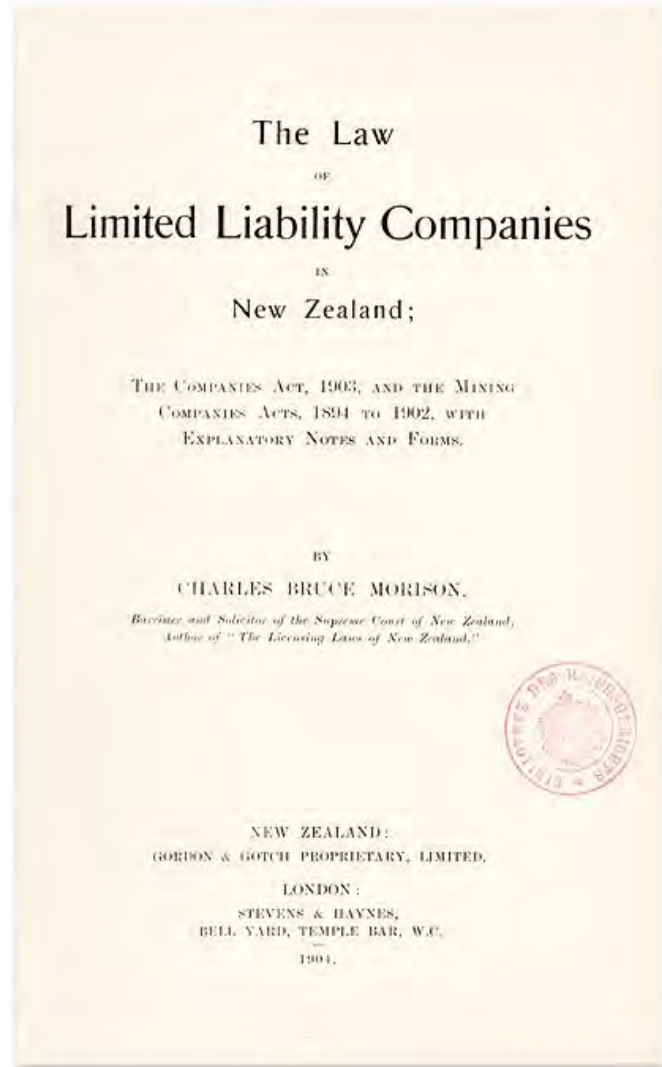
Thibaud, Louis Arthur.

Furcy Alfred Herchenroder, Furcy Alfred.

The Laws of Mauritius Revised. With the Assistance of George Guibert and William Newton. Port Louis: Printed by Gabriel Bouic, 1896-1897. Three volumes. Octavo (9" x 6").

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* Only edition. With thorough indexes. Volume 2 includes the Penal Code and the Criminal Law. The Dutch were the first Europeans to establish a settlement in Mauritius, an island in the Indian Ocean east of Madagascar. The Dutch were displaced by the French in 1715, who established a thriving colony with an economy based on sugar plantations worked with slave labor. The British captured the island in 1810 and it was ceded to Great Britain along with its dependencies in 1814 by the Treaty of Paris. Independent in 1968, Mauritius became a republic within the Commonwealth in 1992. OCLC locates 10 copies. Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 7:96. [Order This Item](#)



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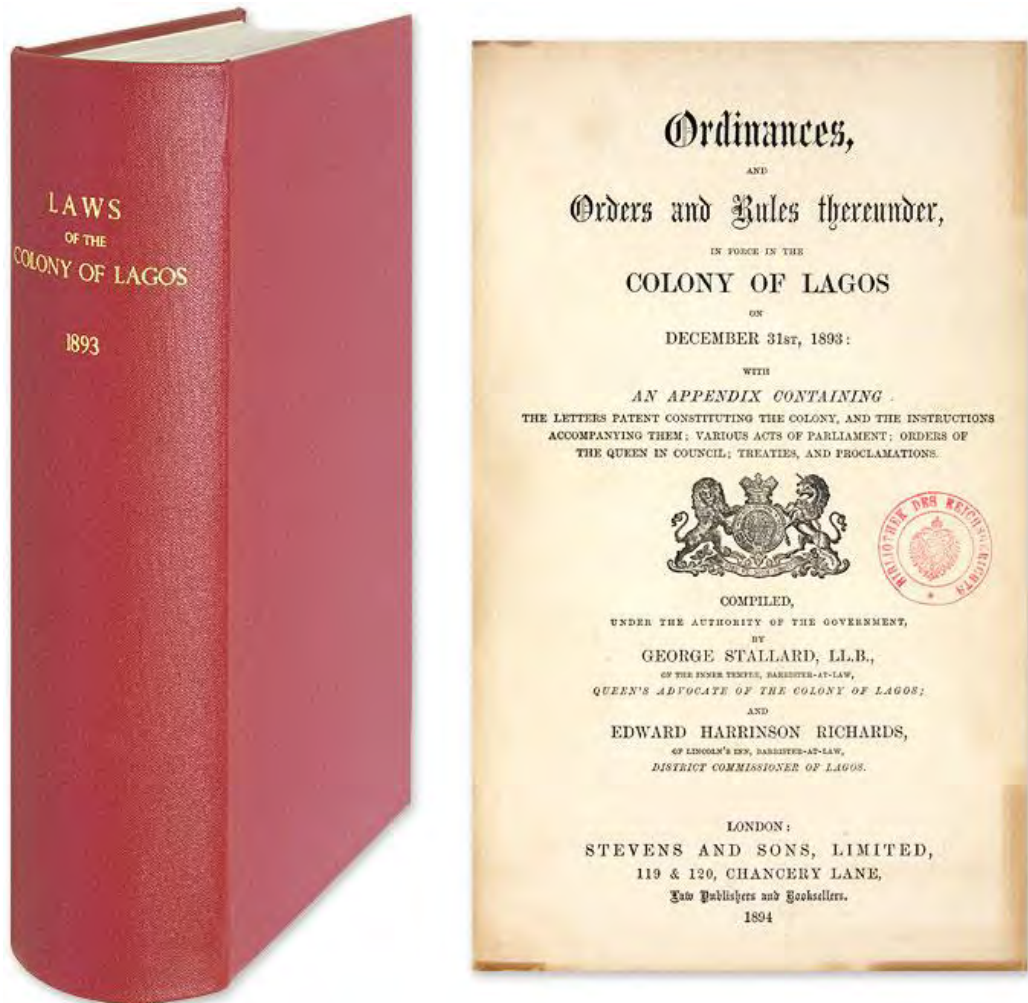
Morison, Charles Bruce.

The Law of Limited Liability Companies in New Zealand; The Companies Act, 1903, and the Mining Companies Acts, 1894 to 1902, With Explanatory Notes and Forms. New Zealand: Gordon and Gotch Proprietary, 1904. lii, 666 pp.

Original cloth, blind frames to boards, gilt title to spine. Some shelfwear and soiling, minor chipping to head of spine, hinges starting, internally clean. Ex-library. Location label to spine, small inkstamp to title page. \$75.

* Only edition. "[This book] by Mr. Charles Bruce bears testimony to the vigorous vitality of legal studies in the Antipodes. (...) The Companies Acts of New Zealand were last year consolidated in the Companies Act, 1903, a text of which is here printed. We regret that owing to exigencies of space we are unable to deal at length with this interesting volume, which suggests much matter for comparison, and must content ourselves with congratulating the author on having produced a well-planned, and, so far as we have tested it, a careful and exhaustive treatise on his subject.": *Juridical Review* 16 (1904) 452. OCLC locates 10 copies. Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 6:104.

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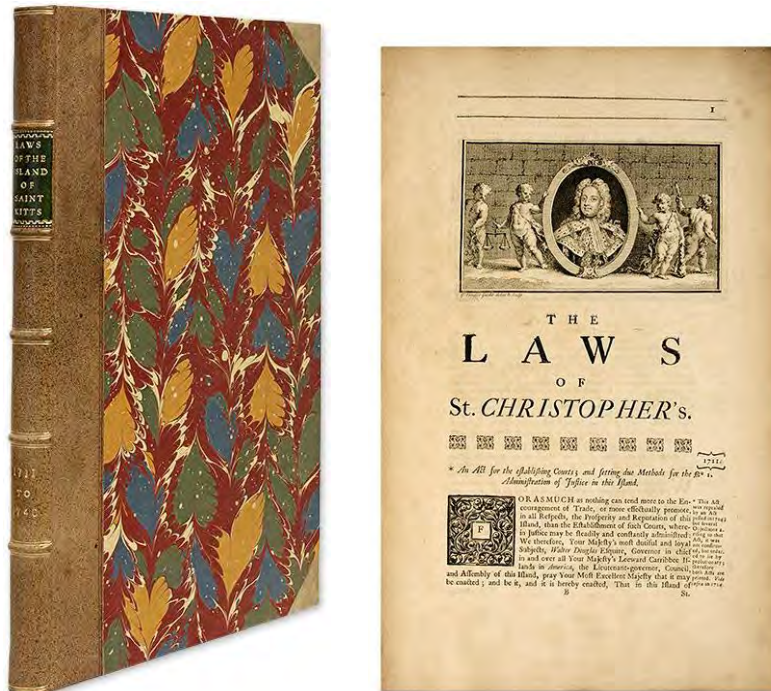
Stallard, George, Compiler.

Richards Edward Harrinson, Compiler.

Ordinances, And Orders and Rules Thereunder, In Force in the Colony of Lagos on December 31st, 1893: With an Appendix Containing the Letters Patent Constituting the Colony, And the Instructions Accompanying Them; Various Acts of Parliament; Orders of the Queen in Council; Treaties, and Proclamations. Compiled Under the Authority of the Government. London: Stevens and Sons, 1894. xvi, 1011 pp. Octavo (9-1/2" x 6").

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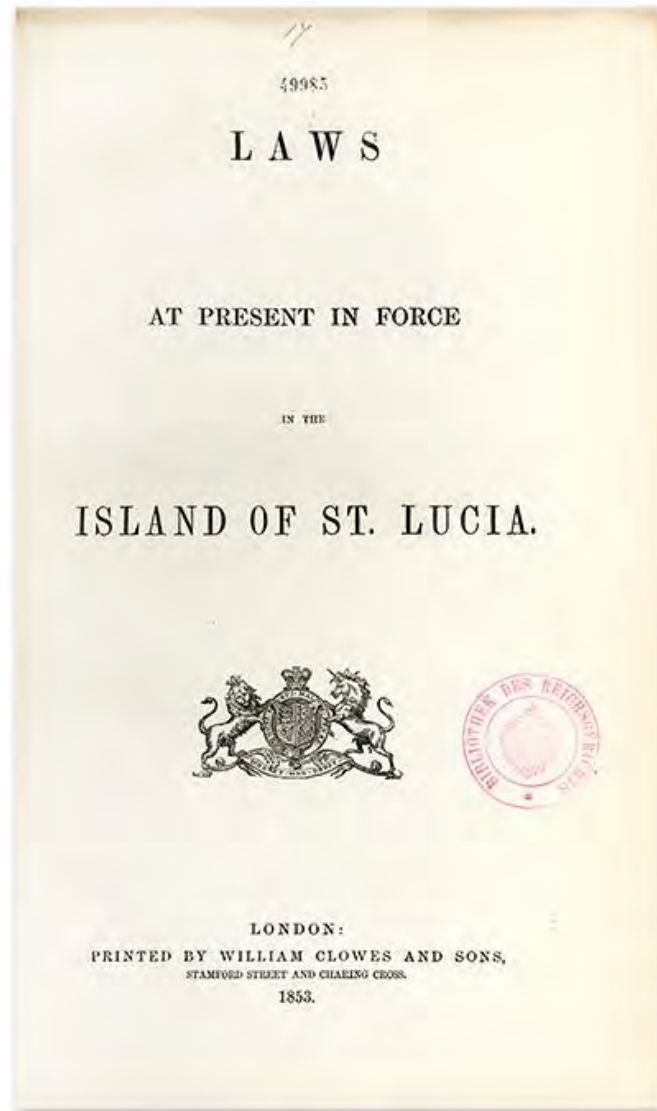
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Acts of Assembly, Passed in the Charibbee Leeward Islands, From 1690, To 1730. London: Printed by John Baskett, 1740. [v], [i], 24, [iv] pp.

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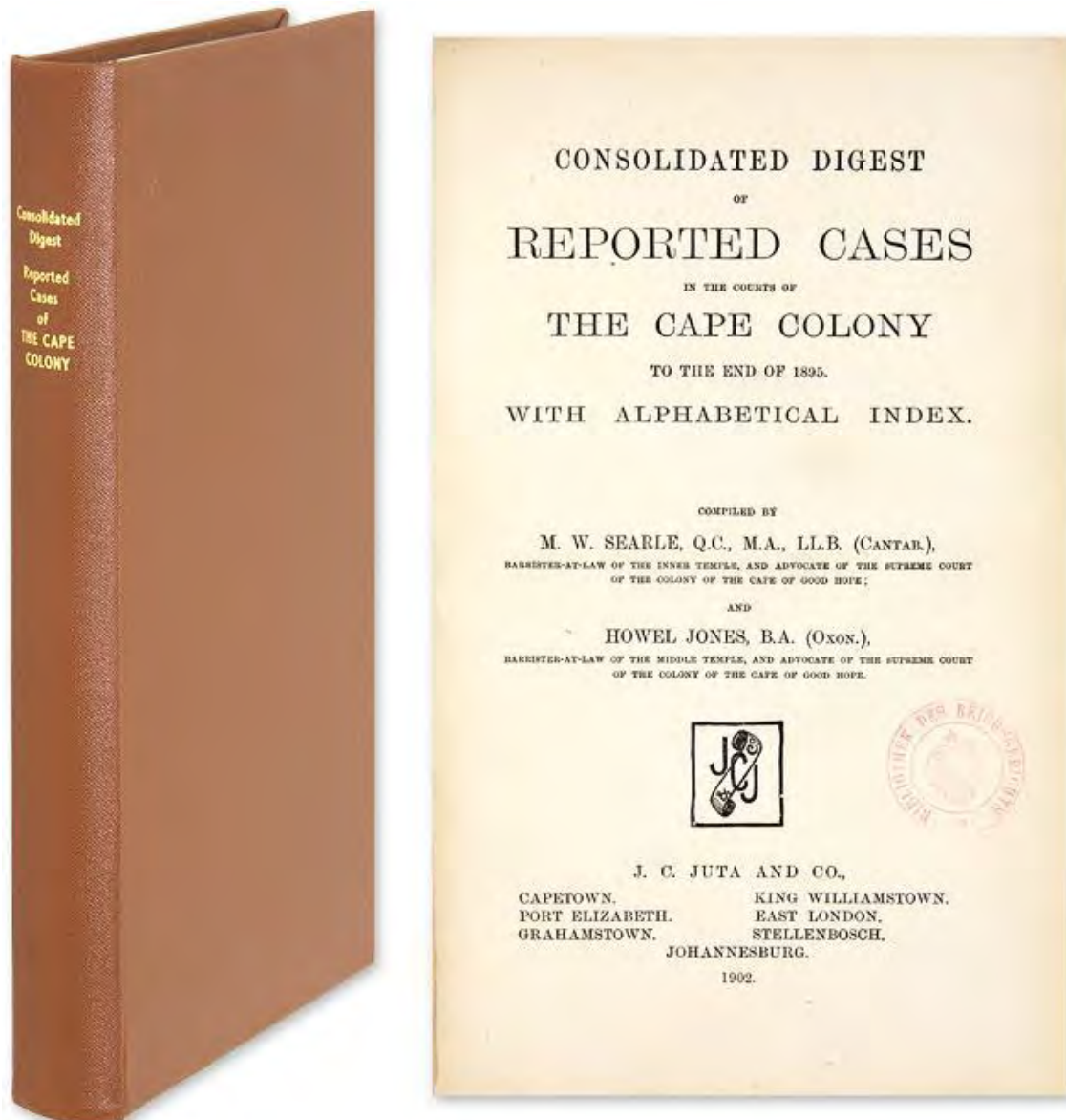
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Laws at Present in Force in the Island of St. Lucia. London: Printed by W. Clowes and Sons, 1853. vi, 388 pp. Octavo (9-1/2" x 6").

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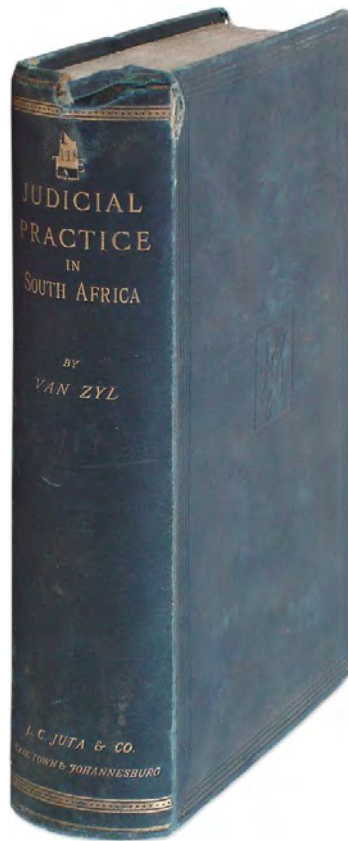
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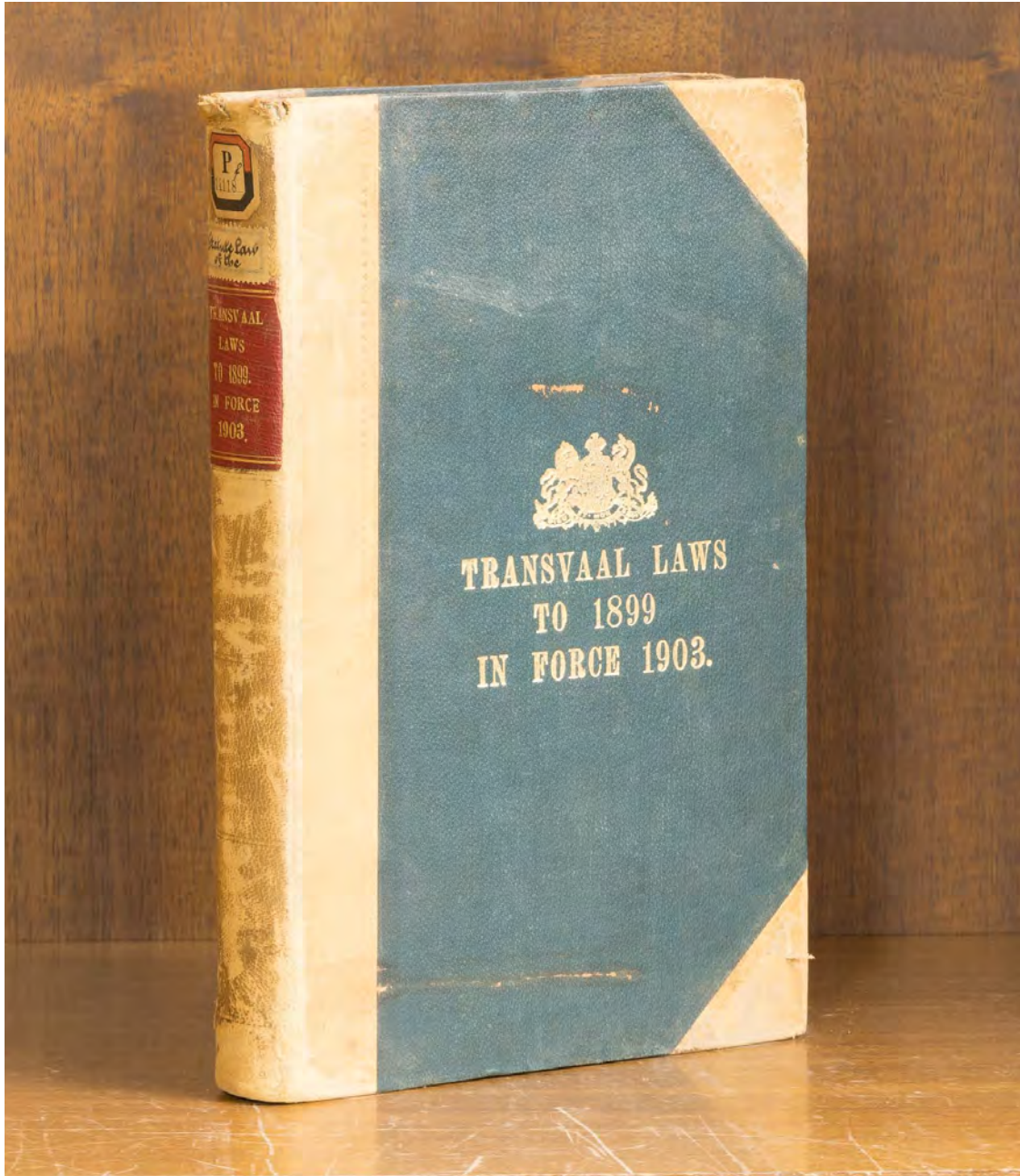
Van Zyl (van Zijl), C[aspar] H[endrik]. [1842-1913].

The Judicial Practice of the Colony of the Cape of Good Hope, And of South Africa Generally, With Suitable and Copious Practical Forms Subjoined to and Illustrating the Practice of the Several Subjects Treated of. Cape Town: J.C. Juta, 1893. xvi, 674 pp. Octavo (8-3/4" x 5-1/2").

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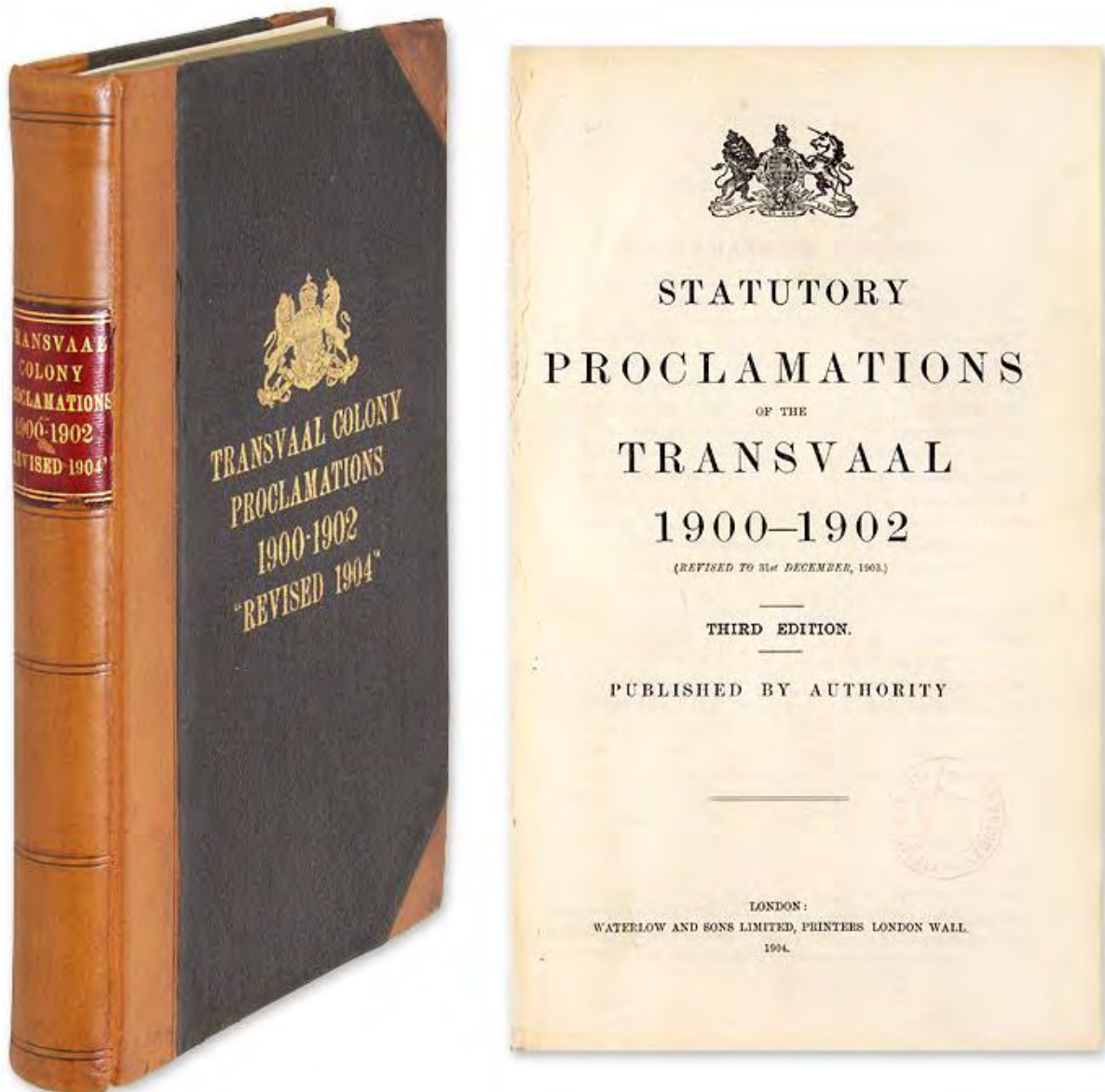


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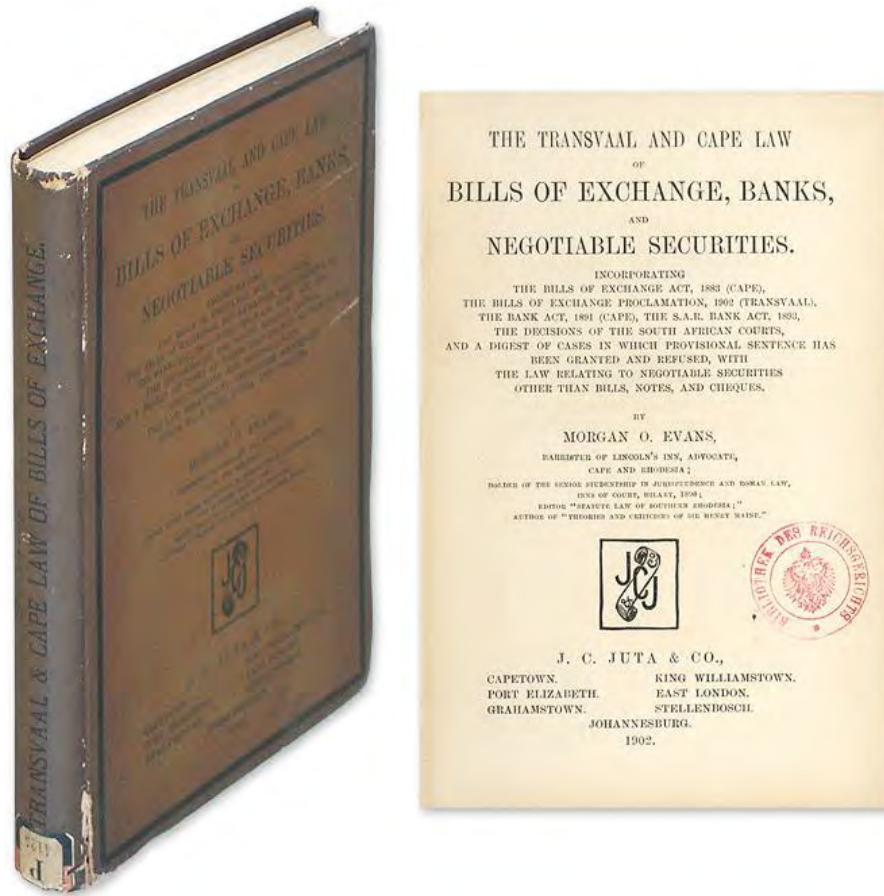
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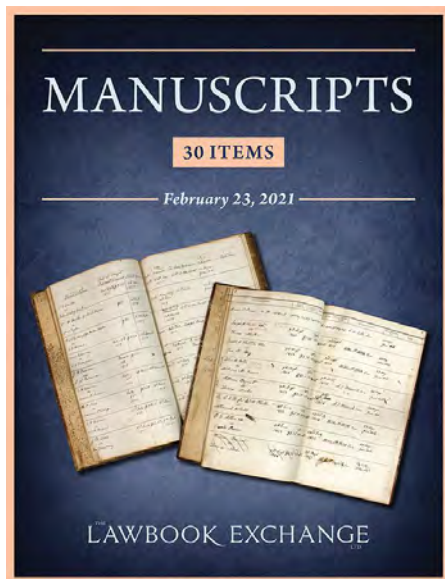
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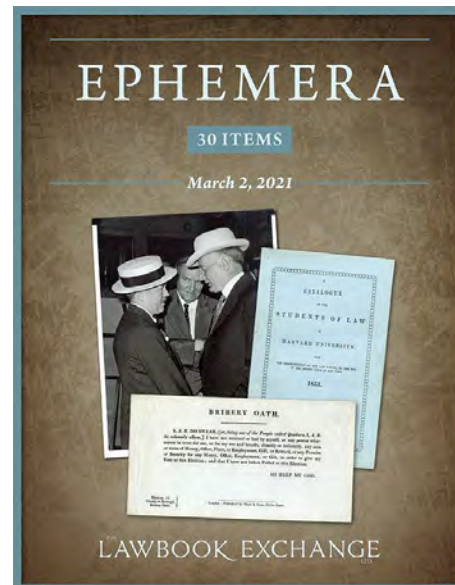
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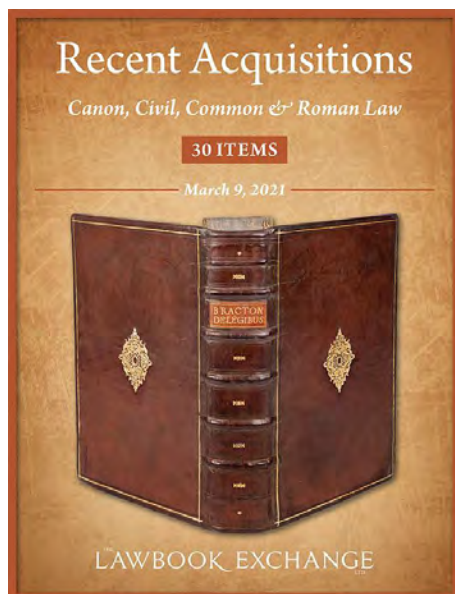
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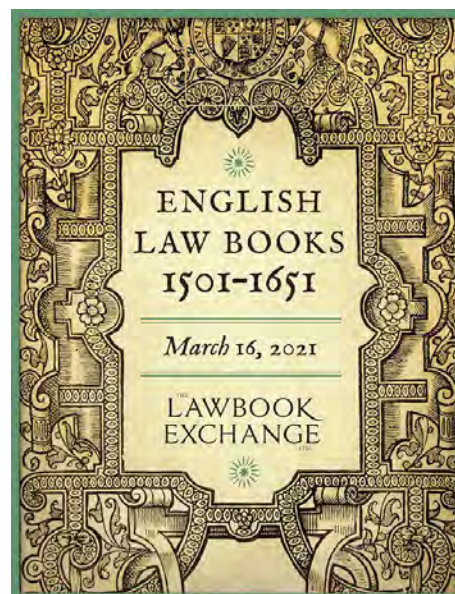
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