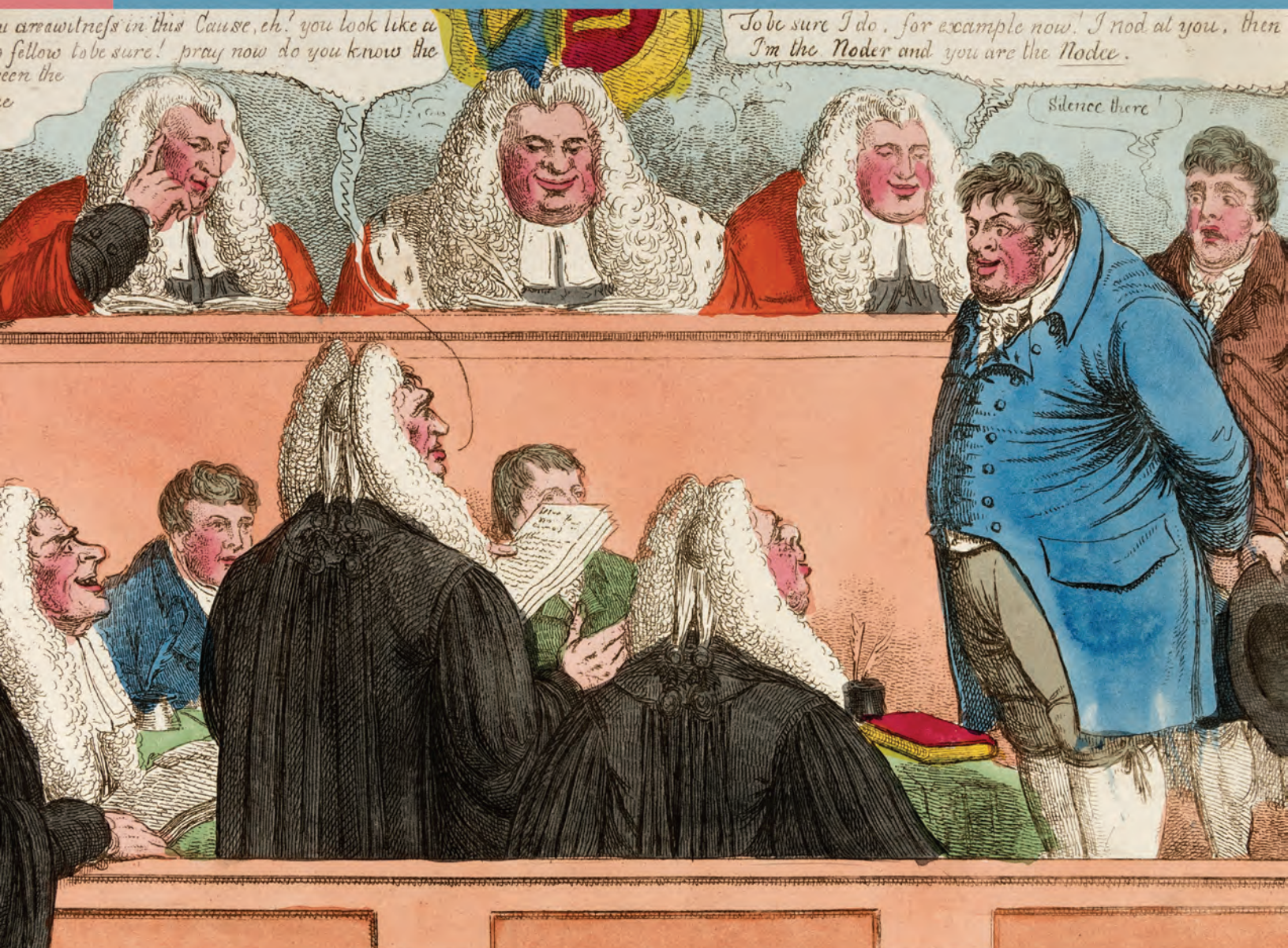


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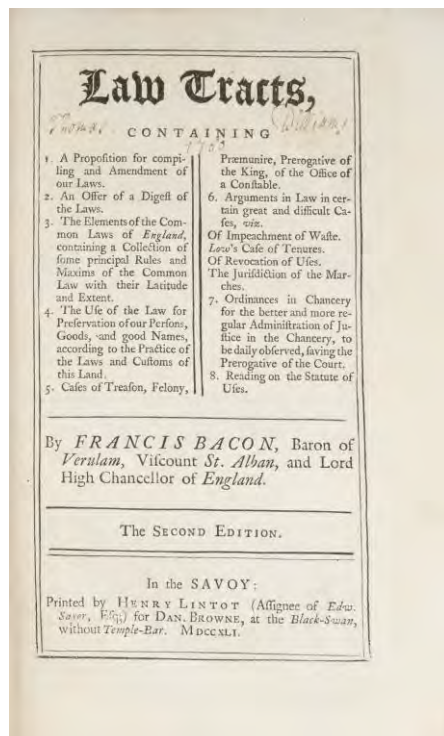
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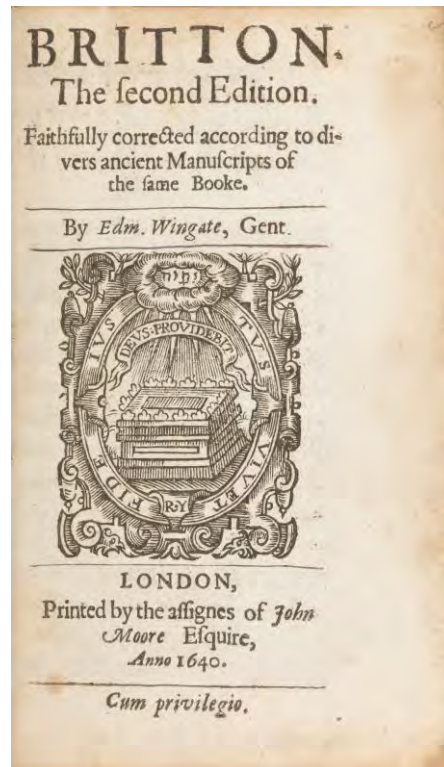
**1. Bacon, Sir Francis [1561-1626].**

*Law Tracts, Containing 1. A Proposition for Compiling and Amendment of Our Laws. 2. An Offer of a Digest of the Laws. 3. The Elements of the Common Laws of England, Containing a Collection of Some Principal Rules and Maxims of the Common Law, With their Latitude and Extent....* [London]: Printed by Henry Lintot (Assignee of Edw. Sawyer, Esq;), 1741. [ii], 356, [16] pp. Publisher advertisement on verso of half-title. Octavo (7-3/4" x 5").

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\* Second and final edition, a reissue of the first edition, 1737, with a reset title page and half-title. This book is notable as the only collected edition of Bacon's legal works and the only work that includes the essays listed as Tracts 1, 2 and 6. Bacon, one of the great intellectuals of the age, held the posts of solicitor general, attorney general and lord chancellor during the reign of James I. "He was a more complete lawyer than any of his contemporaries. Not only was he an eminent practitioner in the common law; not only did he leave his mark as lord chancellor upon the development of equity; he also studied both English law and law in general scientifically and critically. The only other lawyer, in that age of distinguished lawyers, who can be compared to him is his great rival Coke.": Holdsworth. The Penry Williams who owned our copy was probably not the nineteenth-century Welsh artist. Both Williams owners were likely members of an old Breconshire family with ties to the legal profession. Holdsworth, *A History of English Law* V:239. *English Short-Title Catalogue* N10424.

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### The Best Edition of Britton

#### 2. Breton, John le.

##### Wingate, Edm[und] [1596-1656], Editor.

*Britton. The Second Edition. Faithfully Corrected According to Divers Ancient Manuscripts of the Same Booke.* London: Printed by the Assignes of John Moore, 1640. [xxxii] pp., 287 ff., [41] pp. Octavo (5-3/4" x 3-1/2").

Contemporary calf, blind rules to boards, blind fillets, raised bands and later gilt-stamped title and publication date to spine, blind tooling to board edges, "B" in early hand to fore-edge of text block. Binding varnished, light rubbing to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities with wear to spine ends and corners, light creasing to spine, front board beginning to separate but secure, pastedowns and front free endpaper removed. Moderate toning to interior, faint stains to a few leaves, illegible and struck-through early signatures and illegible recent owner signature to front endleaf, owner stamp of Walter Ashburner to front end rear endleaves. \$500.

\* Second edition. Notes in English, main text in Law-French. Along with *Fleta*, *Britton* is one of two significant law books produced during the reign of Edward I [1272-1307]. It was probably compiled by John le Breton around 1290. The oldest English book in Law-French, it was probably a response to Edward I's desire to produce a digest of the English law in the spirit of Justinian's *Institutes*. Book One outlines the authority of justices and officers and defines the nature of various personal pleas. Book Two describes disseisins and their remedies. Book Three treats intrusions and their remedies. Book Four describes pleas relating to advowsons and the property of churches (and of attainments). Book Five outlines pleas of dower and entry. Book Six defines different kinds of proprietary actions. In all, this treatise offers an incomparable overview of British law during the medieval era.

The first edition was issued was printed in 1540. It has several errors, including the omission of an entire chapter. Wingate corrects these errors and supplies the missing chapter. (An appendix lists corrections to the 1540 edition.) Ashburner [1864-1936], the former owner of our copy, was a British legal scholar and an important collector of early printed books and manuscripts. *English Short-Title Catalogue* S106709. [Order This Item](#)



A Fatal Shootout with the Police

3. [Broadside].  
[Murder].  
Cooper, Thomas.

*Murder of a Policeman at Highbury.* [London]: Printed and Published by E. Lloyd, [1842].

19" x 14-1/2" broadside hinged (with two small circular stickers at top-edge) onto 24" x 17" board. Text in four columns and woodcut vignette depicting the murder below headline. Moderate toning, horizontal and vertical fold lines, creasing in places, particularly along fold lines, light soiling at edges, upper left corner lacking without loss to text, hole at center with loss to text and minor loss to bottom of image, small tear at foot of last column with minor loss to text but not legibility. Rare. \$2,750.

\* When Thomas Cooper, an unemployed bricklayer turned highwayman, was confronted by a group of policemen and concerned citizens, he shot two men and killed another, constable Timothy Daly. After being taken to the police station, Cooper took poison which he had apparently managed to smuggle in. He survived (though whether he would do so was unclear at the time this broadside was issued) and was tried, convicted and executed for murder. This broadside appears to be unrecorded. No copies located on OCLC or Library Hub. [Order This Item](#)



Murder and Mutilation in Brighton

4. [Broadside].  
[Murder].  
Holloway, John [d.1831].

*A Most Horrible Murder, Committed by John Holloway Upon the Body of His Wife, by Cutting Off Her Head, Legs, and Arms.*  
[London]: J. Catnach, [1831].

15" x 10" broadside hinged (with two small circular stickers at top-edge) onto 24" x 17" board. Text in three columns below headline and large woodcut vignette, Holloway's confession and five stanzas of verse in third column. Moderate toning, two negligible horizontal fold lines, light soiling in places, creasing at lower left corner, very small hole to text block at head of third column, no loss to legibility. Rare. \$3,000.

\* Holloway and his wife Celia had been separated for a number of years, with Holloway required to pay her two shillings per week as maintenance. This proved difficult, and he was forced to rely on his mistress, Ann Kennett (sometimes given as Kennard) for the money. Tired of this arrangement, he lured Celia out of the house, strangled her, and dismembered the corpse for burial. According to some accounts, she was pregnant at the time of the murder. Holloway confessed (contradicting himself several times on the point of whether Kennett was involved) and was convicted and hanged on December 16, 1861. Kennett was cleared of wrongdoing. This broadside appears to be unrecorded. No copies found on OCLC or Library Hub. [Order This Item](#)



"Hence We May See the Ill Effects of Dice and Such Like Game"

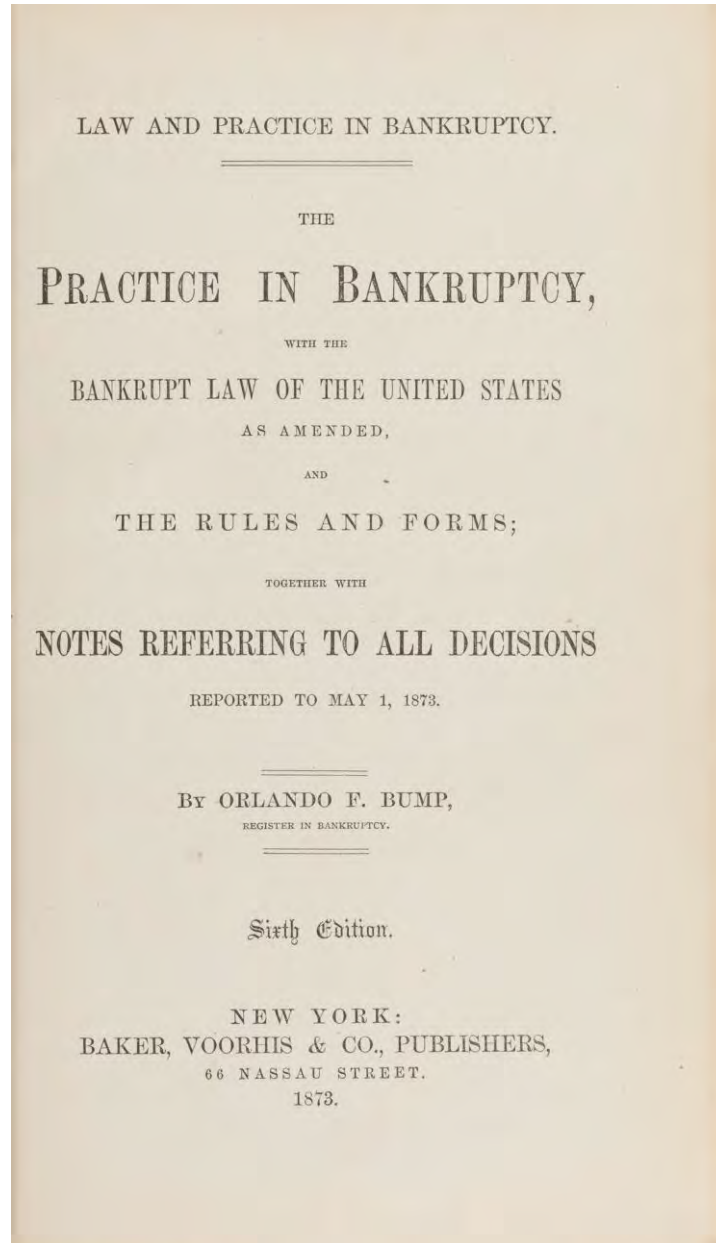
5. [Broadside].  
[Murder].  
Thurtell, John [1794-1824].  
Probert, William [d.1825].  
Hunt, Joseph.

*The Latest Particulars of the Horrid Murder of Mr. William Weare of Lyon's Inn. And the Commitment of Mr. Probert John Thurtell, And Mr. Hunt, To Hertford Goal, to Take Their Trials John Thurtell, As a Principal Hunt and Probert, As Accessaries Bofore [sic] the Fact. Likewise the Apprehension of Mrs. Probart, Miss, Noyes, Mr. Noyes, And Others, Given an Account of the Discoveries Likely to be Made by the Concession [sic] of Mrs. Probart, Before the Magistrate at Watford. The Prisoners will be Tried at Hertford, On the 8th of December, Next. [London]: Pitts Printer, [1823].*

19-1/2" x 14" broadside hinged (with two small circular stickers at top-edge) onto 24" x 17" board. Headline in two columns separated by woodcut vignette (depicting "The Fatal Spot") with two additional vignettes (depicting "a Correct View of Proberts Cottage" and "a View of the Pond) below, text in three columns below vignettes, two columns of verse at foot of third column. Moderate toning, light foxing and soiling, horizontal and vertical fold lines, creasing along fold lines, corners and edges with minor loss to legibility in places, faint dampstaining and spotting along bottom edge, small holes to third vignette and text block of second column (which has a faint blue stain) with minor loss (none to legibility), clean tear to lower right corner affecting text of verse without loss. Rare. \$1,500.

\* John Thurtell, an unlucky gambler, was deeply in debt to the crooked bookmaker William Weare. Deciding to take revenge, Thurtell, along with his friends Joseph Hunt and William Probert, murdered Weare in a grisly manner and tossed his body into a pond. Thurtell tried to escape conviction. He was hanged. Hunt confessed his involvement and stated that Thurtell was the killer. He was sent to the penal colony in Botany Bay, Australia. Charges against Probert were dropped in exchange for his wife's testimony. OCLC and Library Hub locate 1 copy of this rare broadside (Harvard Law School).

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**A Standard Treatise on Bankruptcy During the Gilded Age**

**6. Bump, Orlando [1841-1884].**

*Law and Practice in Bankruptcy: With the Bankrupt Law of the United States as Amended, And the Rules and Forms; Together with Notes Referring to All Decisions Reported to May 1, 1873.* New York: Baker, Voorhis, & Co., 1873. xxiv, 782 pp. Octavo (9" x 6").

Later cloth, lettering piece to spine, endpapers renewed. Moderate toning to interior, light soiling and inkspots to a few leaves. \$250.

\* Sixth edition. First published in 1868, this was a standard treatise during America's the Gilded Age. It's final edition, by Eugene Williams, was published in 1898-1899. *Catalogue of the Library of the Harvard Law School* (1909) I:270.

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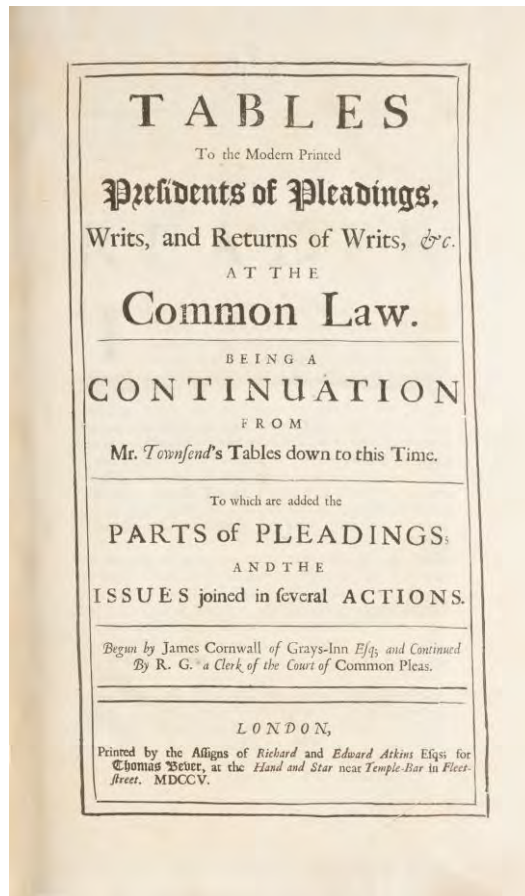
**7. C[arter], S[amuel].**

*Reports of Sevral Special Cases Argued and Resolved in the Court of Common Pleas: in the XVI, XVII, and XIXth Years of King Charles II. In the Time When Sir Orlando Bridgman State Chief Justice There. To Which Are Added, Some Cases Adjudged in the Time of Chief Justice Vaughan, Never Before Printed.* London: Printed by W. Rawlings, S. Roycroft [et al.], 1688. [viii], 243, [1], [34] pp. Folio (12-1/4" x 7-3/4").

Contemporary calf, blind rules and corner fleurons to boards, raised bands, lettering piece and small early shelf labels to spine, gilt tooling to board edges. Light rubbing and a few minor scuffs and marks to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, small chip to foot of spine, rear joint starting at foot, corners bumped and somewhat worn, hinges cracked, armorial bookplate of the Earls of Macclesfield and early marking (shelf location?) to front pastedown, small embossed Macclesfield stamps to preliminaries, early marking to rear pastedown. Moderate toning and light foxing to interior, light browning in places, offsetting to margins of endleaves. \$450.

\* Only edition. Containing cases from 1664 to 1675, this volume is interesting because it contains a significant case dealing with a deaf-mute plaintiff, Martha Elyot. According to a ruling from July 1626, a person born deaf and mute was considered *non compos mentis*. Elyot confounded this rule because she was clearly intelligent and able to communicate through gesture. On a broader perspective, this report, which refers to an earlier case reported by Bridgman, offers one of the earliest accounts of the history of the education of deaf-mutes in England. Our copy of this title belonged to the Earls of Macclesfield. Housed in Shirbirn Castle, near Watlington, Oxfordshire, it was one of the finest private libraries in Great Britain. Wallace, *The Reporters* 329. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R36273. [Order This Item](#)





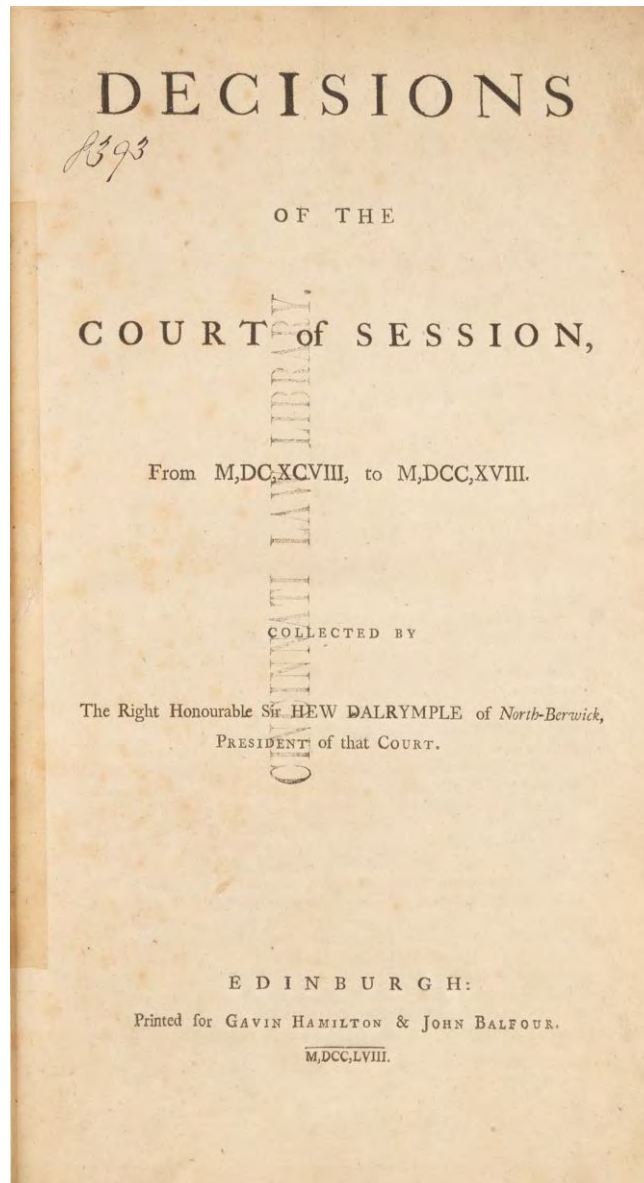
### Companion Volume to Townsend's Table of Precedents

#### 8. Cornwall, James. G[ardiner], R[obert].

*Tables to the Modern Printed Presidents of Pleadings, Writs, And Returns of Writs, &c. At the Common Law. Being a Continuation from Mr. Townsend's Tables Down to this Time. To Which are Added the Parts of Pleadings; And the Issues Joined in Several Actions. Begun by James Cornwall of Grays-Inn Esq; And Continued by R.G. A Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas.* London: Printed by the Assigns of Richard and Edward Atkins Esqs., 1705. [vi], 392, 401-496 pp. Pagination irregular, text complete. Folio (12-1/2" x 7-3/4").

Contemporary calf, blind rules to boards, blind fillets along joints, raised bands, lettering piece, gilt-stamped "II" and tiny shelf labels to spine, gilt tooling to board edges. Light rubbing and a few minor nicks and scuffs to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities with some wear to spine ends, front joint starting at foot, rear joint starting at head, corners bumped and somewhat worn, hinges starting, armorial bookplate of the Earls of Macclesfield to front pastedown, small embossed Macclesfield stamps to preliminaries, early marking to rear pastedown. Moderate toning to interior, light foxing in a few places, offsetting to margins of endleaves. An appealing copy of a scarce title. \$250.

\* Only edition. Bibliographically distinct, this is a continuation volume to George Townsend's *Tables to Most of the Printed Presidents* (1667), an important and highly regarded master index to pleading precedents in Coke, Crompton, Dalton, Fitzherbert, Plowden, Pulton and many other principal works. Our copy of this title belonged to the Earls of Macclesfield. Housed in Shirbirn Castle, near Watlington, Oxfordshire, it was one of the finest private libraries in Great Britain. *English Short-Title Catalogue* N13874. [Order This Item](#)



**Hew Dalrymple's Collection of Decisions of the Court of Session, 1698-1718**

**9. Dalrymple, Sir Hew, Lord North Berwick [1652-1737].**

*Decisions of the Court of Session, From M,DC,XCVIII, to M,DCC,XVIII. Collected by The Right Honourable Sir Hew Dalrymple of North-Berwick, President of that Court.* Edinburgh: Printed for Gavin Hamilton & John Balfour, 1758. [ii], 264 pp. Folio (12" x 7").

Recent library buckram, gilt institution name to boards, red and black lettering pieces and gilt institution name to spine, endpapers renewed. Light rubbing to extremities, library stamps to edges, preliminaries and rear endleaves. Moderate toning to interior, light foxing in places, "R393" in an early hand to title page, cellotape repair along gutter. \$350.

\* First edition. Dalrymple was a judge of the Court of Session, Scotland's supreme civil court, from 1698 to 1737. A second edition of his *Decisions* was published in 1792. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T78872. [Order This Item](#)



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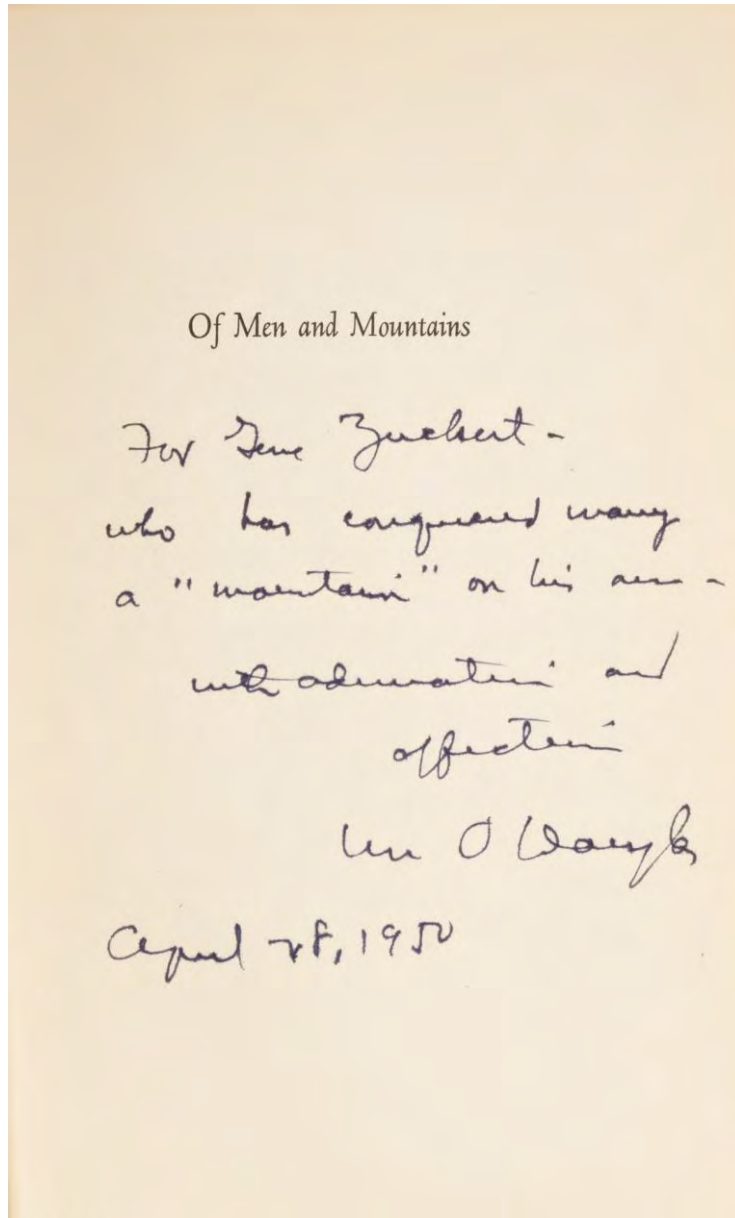
10. Damhouder, Josse (Joost) de [1507-1581].

*Praxis Rerum Criminalium, Elegantissimis Iconibus ad Materiam Accommodis Illustrata, Praetoribus, Propraetoribus, Consulibus, Proconsulibus, Magistratibus, Reliquisque id Genus Iustitiaris ac Officiariis, Non Modo Utilis Sed & Necessaria.* Antwerp: Apud Ioannem Bellerum, 1556. [x], 567, [98], [1] pp. 55 large woodcuts depicting crimes and punishments in text. Octavo (6-1/4" x 4").

Recent speckled paper boards, typed label to spine, edges rouged, endpapers renewed. Moderate rubbing to boards, somewhat heavier to extremities, spine varnished, spine ends and corners bumped and worn, hinges cracked (rear hinge before final two leaves), a few recent pencil annotations to rear endpaper. Moderate toning to interior, light soiling in a few places, a few partial cracks to text block, all leaves secure, faint dampstaining to top-edge of last several leaves not affecting text, two (illegible) early ownership signatures to title page, occasional underlining and brief marginal annotations in an early hand, some affected by trimming. \$1,750.

\* Second (or third) edition. First published in Leuven and Antwerp in 1554, this was the first comprehensive study of criminal procedure published in northern Europe. A synthetic work drawn mostly from Roman-Dutch sources, it was based on Philip Wielant's *Practycke Crimineele* [editions from 1439 to 1519] and other earlier treatises. Published in Latin, Dutch and French, it was standard authority throughout the continent for many years. This edition is illustrated throughout with woodcuts depicting adultery, murder, theft and many other crimes. Damhouder was an advisor to the Duke of Burgundy and a prolific author of legal and religious treatises. Dekkers, *Bibliotheca Belgica Juridica* 44.

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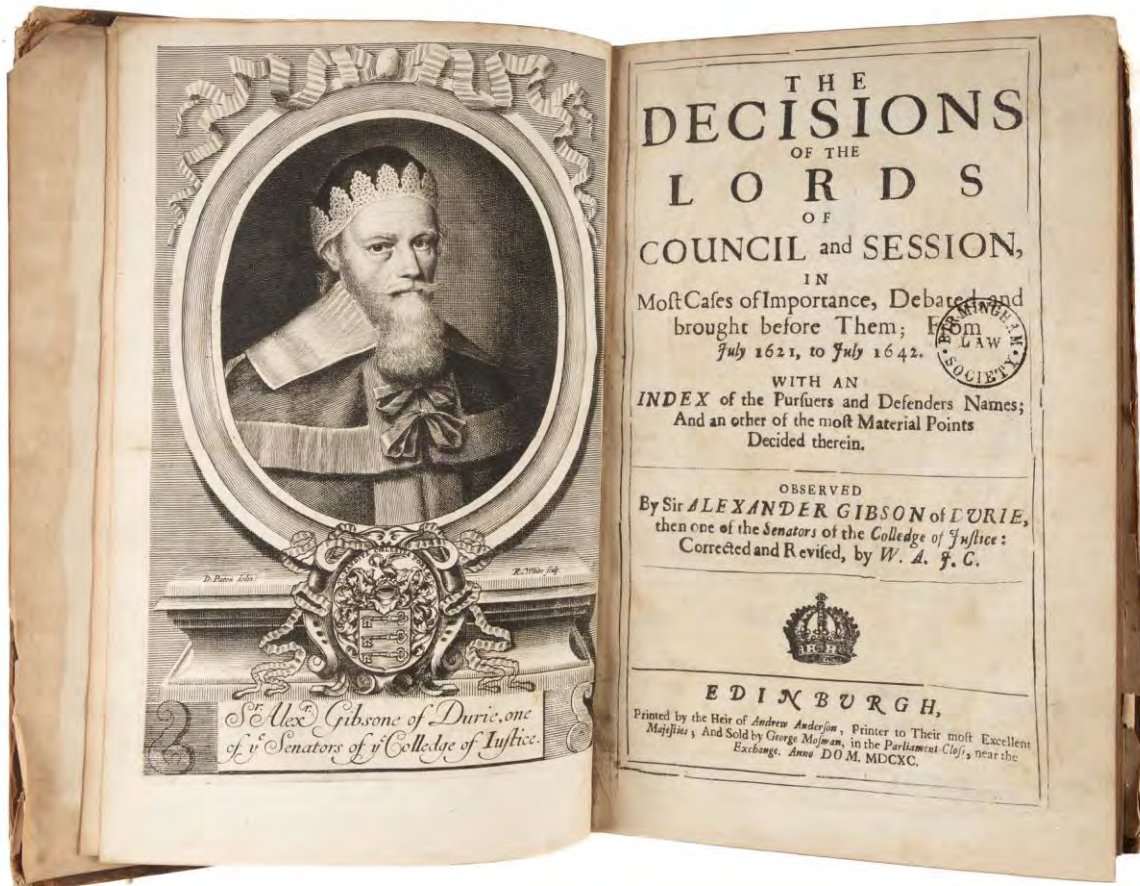
**With a Presentation Inscription From Douglas**

**11. Douglas, William O. [1898-1980].**

*Of Men and Mountains*. New York: Harper & Brothers Publishers, [1950]. xiv, 338 pp. Frontispiece.

Original cloth, light shelfwear, author presentation inscription to half-title. \$300.

\* Later printing of first edition (1950). The inscription reads: "To Gene Zuckert-/ who has conquered many/ a 'mountain' on his own-/ with admiration and/ affection/ Wm O Douglas/ August 28, 1950." Mountaineering in the Pacific Northwest was one of Douglas' favorite pursuits since childhood. More than a pastime, it offered him unrivalled opportunities to "find deep solitude; and under conditions of grandeur that are startling...come to know both himself and God" (ix). Zuckert [1911-2000], a former student and protégé of Douglas, was secretary of the Air Force from 1961 to 1965, a position he served with distinction. [Order This Item](#)



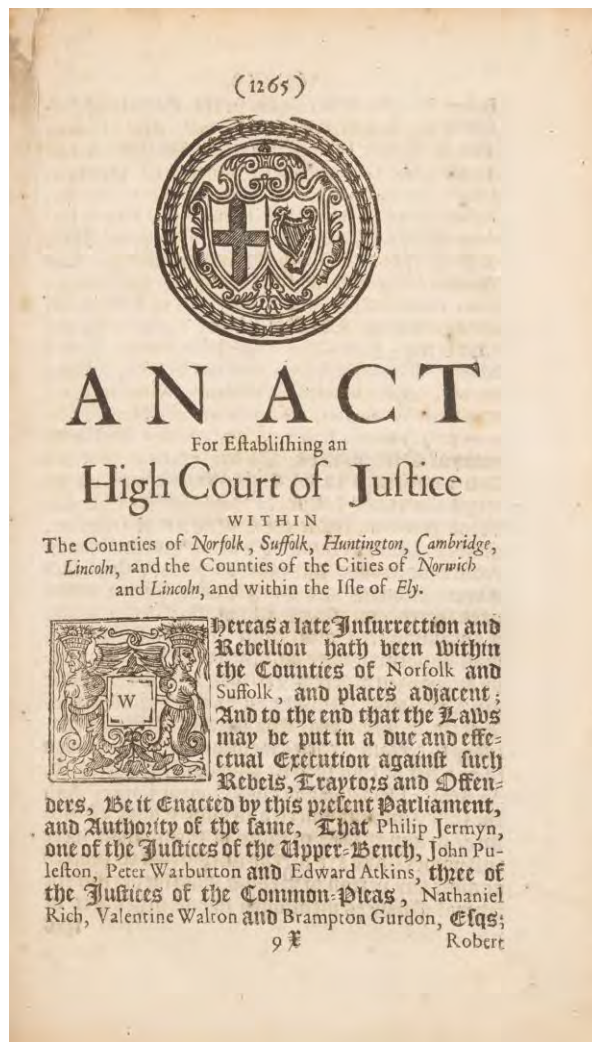
### The Earliest Printed Scottish Case Decisions

#### 12. Durie, Alexander Gibson, Lord [d.1644].

*The Decisions Of The Lords Of Council And Session, In Most Cases of Importance, Debated and Brought Before Them; From July 1621 to July 1642. With an Index of the Pursuers and Defenders Names; And Another of the Most Material Points Decided Therein.* Edinburgh: Sold by George Stewart and Mr. John Tennent, 1690. [viii], 900, 43, [1] pp. Copperplate portrait frontispiece. Folio (11-1/2" x 7-1/4").

Contemporary calf, gilt library name to front board, gilt library insignia to rear board, raised bands and gilt title and ornaments to spine. Moderate rubbing to boards, front board detached, rear board partially detached but secure, heavier rubbing to extremities with notable wear to spine ends and corners, gilding mostly worn away from spine, library bookplate and small shelf label to front pastedown, front free endpaper, with early owner signature (Joshua Richardson), detached and lightly edgeworn. Moderate toning to interior, somewhat heavier in places, small library stamps to title page, which is lightly soiled, and a few other leaves, offsetting to margins of endleaves. \$200.

\* Only edition, one of two issues from 1690. This is the earliest collection of Scots law decisions to be printed, sometimes referred to as "Lord Durie's Practicks." It was published posthumously by the author's grandson from notes taken by Gibson himself from the time of his elevation to the bench in 1621 to July of 1642. Gibson was a high ranking Scottish judge, a serious student of the civil law whose attainments are discernible in the present work. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R249. [Order This Item](#)



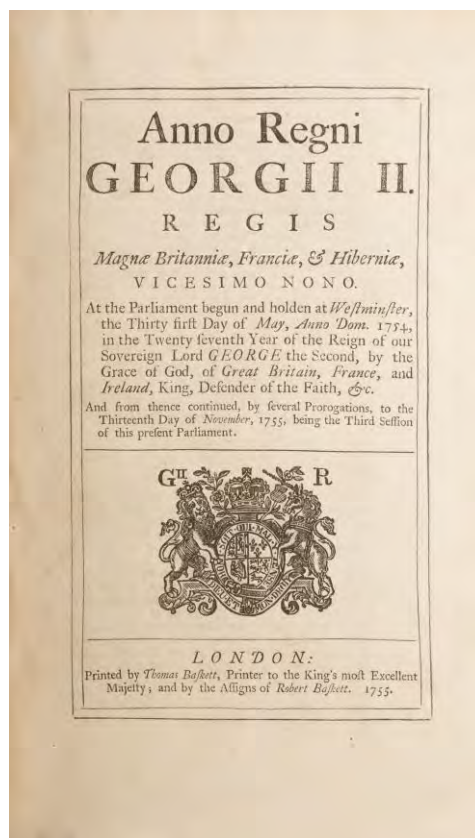
### Reorganization of the Tribunal that Condemned Charles I

#### 13. [England and Wales]. [Parliament].

*An Act for Establishing an High Court of Justice within the Counties of Norfolk, Suffolk, Huntington, Cambridge, Lincoln, And the Counties of the Cities of Norwich and Lincoln, And within the Isle of Ely.* [London: Printed by Edward Husband and John Field, 1650]. 1265-1268 pp. Folio (11" x 6-1/2").

Disbound, recent printed wrappers, housed in 11-1/2" x 7-1/4" cloth-bound folder with printed paper spine label. Moderate toning, light foxing, small tear and light soiling to upper gutter of first leaf without loss to text. Woodcut arms of the Commonwealth to title page, "Die Martis, 10 Decmbr. 1650. Ordered by the Parliament, That this Act be forthwith Printed and Published. Hen: Scobell, Cleric. Parliamenti." to foot of last page. \$250.

\* The High Court of Justice was devised by Parliament to try King Charles I. An *ad hoc* tribunal, it was reconstituted by a March 1650 act with its functions enhanced by later acts in 1650 and 1653. The Court went on to serve as the primary judicial mechanism used against the Royalists. It was dissolved upon the Restoration and its members were prosecuted. Complete in itself, this act was also issued as part of a through-paged set. OCLC locates 7 copies, 5 in North America, none in law libraries. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R212994. [Order This Item](#)



**Public and Private Acts of Parliament, 1755**

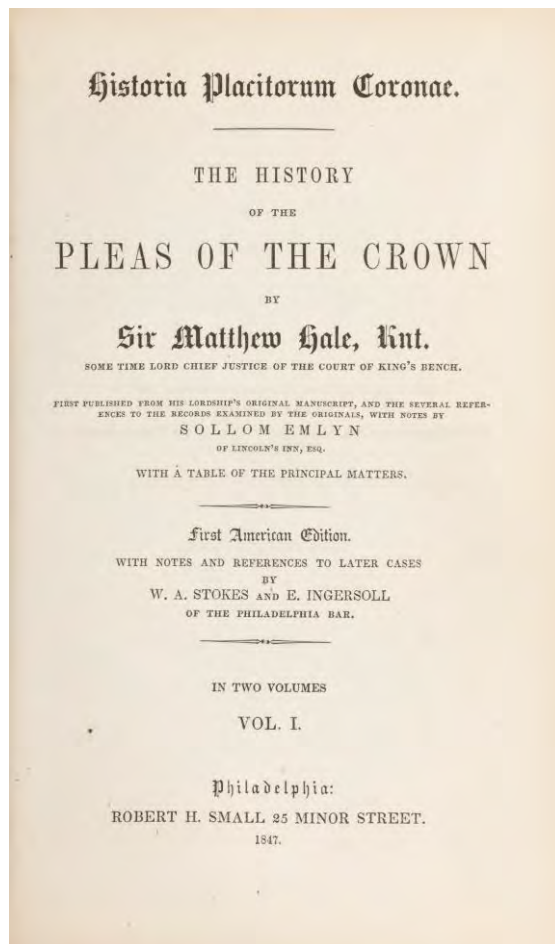
**14. [Great Britain].**

**George II [1683-1760], King of Great Britain.**

*Anno Regni Georgii II. Regis Magnae Britanniae, Franciaë, & Hiberniaë, Vicesimo Nono. At the Parliament Begun and Holden at Westminster the Thirty First Day of May, Anno Dom. 1754 in the Twenty Seventh Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Second, By the Grace of God, of Great Britain, France, and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, &c. And From Thence Continued, By Several Prorogations, To the Thirteenth Day of November, 1755, Being the Third Session of this Present Parliament.* London: Printed by John Baskett; and by the assigns of Robert Baskett, 1755 [i.e. 1756]. 492, 993-994, [2], 499-[580], [593]-698, [14] pp. Lacks text of Act XXXV. Same general title page preceding each act, Acts IV-XL dated 1756. Folio (12" x 7").

Contemporary reverse calf, blind rules and fillets to boards, rebaked in period style reverse calf with raised bands, blind fillets and lettering piece to spine. Light rubbing and a few small spots, scuffs and scratches to boards, moderate rubbing and light wear to board edges, corners bumped and worn, upper corner of front board mended, hinges cracked, minor worming to rear pastedown. Light toning to interior, somewhat heavier in places, light foxing in a few places, minor worming to bottom margin of last quarter of text block, no loss to text, small early manicule to p. [4] of table. An appealing copy. \$950.

\* A collection of 39 acts passed in the third session of the eleventh Parliament of Great Britain, with tables listing the titles of the public acts (including 54 not published in this collection) and summaries of 54 private acts. Some of the more interesting acts involve taxation, commerce and the military, including an act designed to restrict the sale, export, or "carrying Coastwise" of gunpowder, materials involved in the making of gunpowder, or "any sort of Arms or Ammunition." *English Short-Title Catalogue* N53301. [Order This Item](#)



**First American Edition of Hale's *Pleas of the Crown***

**15. Hale, Sir Matthew [1609-1676].**

**Emlyn, Sollem [1697-1754], Editor.**

**Stokes, W[illiam] A. [1814?-1877], Notes.**

**Ingersoll, E[dward] [1817-1893], Notes.**

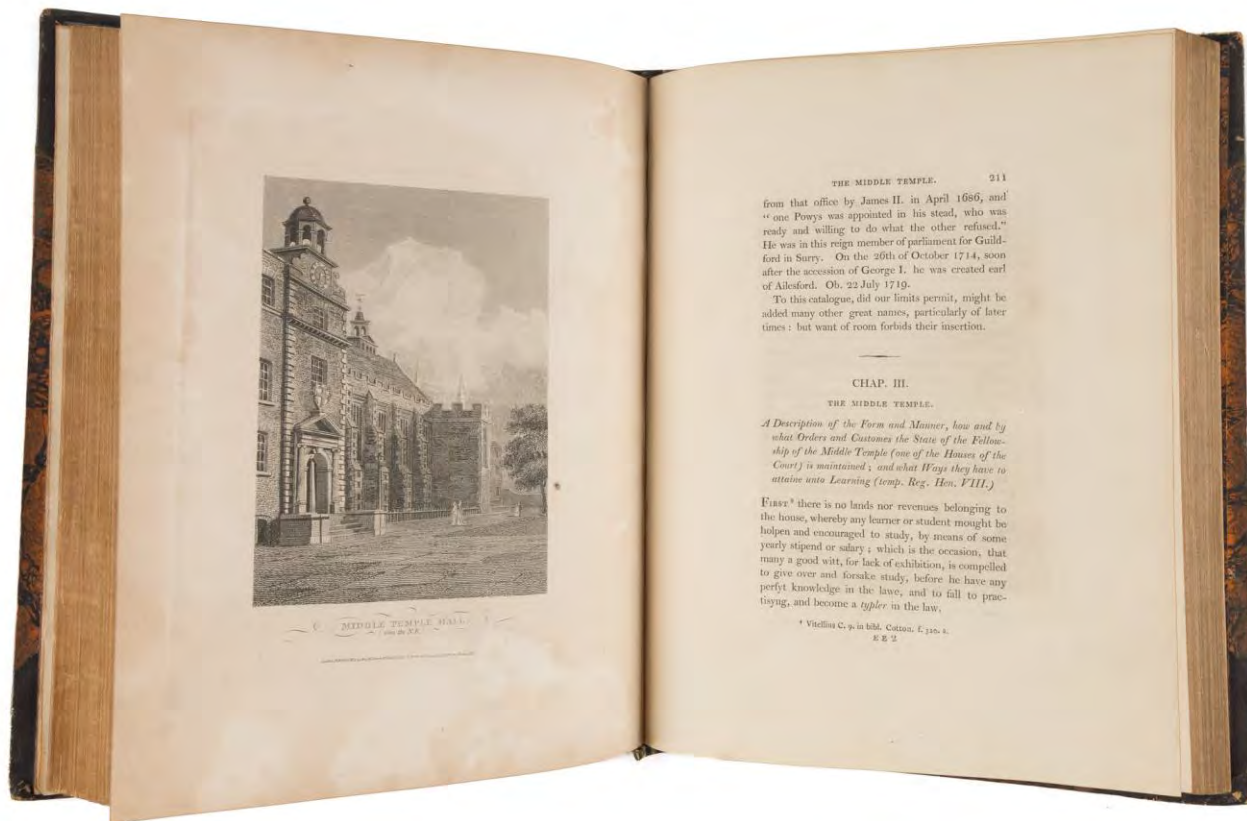
*Historia Placitorum Coronae. The History of the Pleas of the Crown. Edited With Notes and References to Later Cases by W.A. Stokes and E. Ingersoll.* Philadelphia: Robert H. Small, 1847. Two volumes. xxxi, 752; lxiv, 644 pp. Octavo (9" x 6").

Recent buckram, raised bands and red and black lettering pieces to spine. Light rubbing and soiling to boards, somewhat heavier rubbing to extremities, a few tiny chips to lettering pieces, stain to top edge and upper margins above headlines of Volume I. Light toning to interiors, light foxing and browning in places, (illegible) recent owner signature to front free endpaper of Volume I. \$750.

\* First American edition, paged to the first edition, edited by Emlyn, London, 1736. The first history of English criminal law, it is widely acclaimed for its skillful, comprehensive and masterful discourse. Although Hale had planned to write this work in three books, only the first volume was complete at the time of his death. (It covers the capital offenses - treasons and felonies.) "This book, so far as it extends, gives a complete presentment of this branch of the law, both in its development and in its condition at Hale's own time...Ever since its first publication it has been regarded as a book of the highest authority": Holdsworth, *Sources and Literature of English Law* 152-153. Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 3704.

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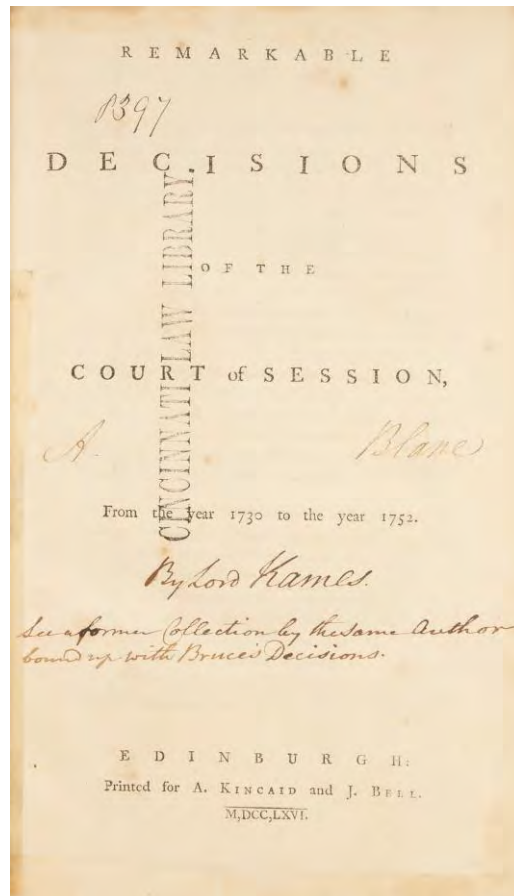
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**16. Herbert, W[illiam] [1771-1851].**

*Antiquities of the Inns of Court and Chancery; Containing Historical and Descriptive Sketches Relative to Their Original Foundation, Customs, Ceremonies, Buildings, Government, &c. &c. With a Concise History of the English Law.* London: Printed for Vernor and Hood; J. Storer and J. Greig, 1804. xii, 377, [10] pp. 24 steel-plate engravings. Large-paper copy. Complete. Quarto (10-1/2" x 8").

Nineteenth-century, three-quarter morocco over marbled boards, gilt rules to corners, blind fillets along joints, gilt spine with raised bands, gilt edges, marbled endpapers. Negligible light rubbing to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, early owner signature (Susanna Georgiana Lloyd, dated 1846) to verso of front free endpaper. Moderate toning to interior, light foxing to plates and a few leaves, light offsetting from plates. \$350.

\* Only edition. Herbert was the librarian of the Guildhall Library. Most of his *Antiquities* was taken from Sir William Dugdale's *Origines Juridicales* (1666). The engravings depict the different Inns of Court and Chancery. [Order This Item](#)



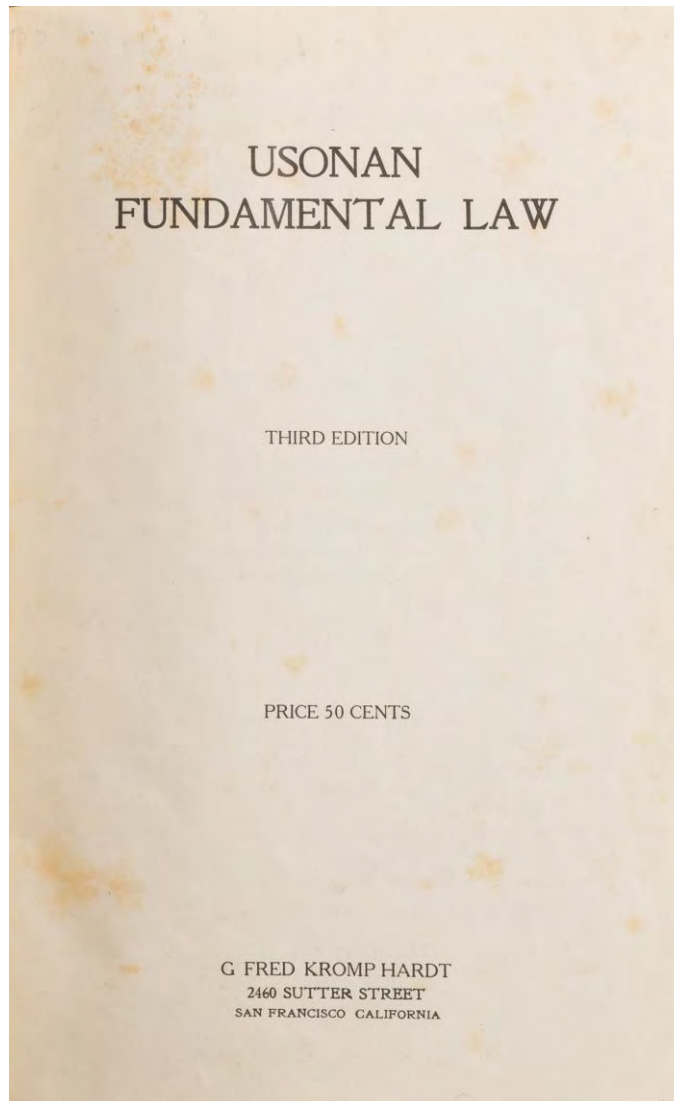
"Advancing Law to a Vigorous Maturity"

17. [Kames, Henry Home, Lord (1696-1782)].

*Remarkable Decisions of the Court of Session, From the Year 1730 to the Year 1752.* Edinburgh: Printed for A. Kincaid and J. Bell, 1766. Folio (12" x 7-1/2").

Recent library buckram, gilt institution name to boards, red and black lettering pieces and gilt institution name to spine, endpapers renewed. Light rubbing to extremities. Library stamps to edges, preliminaries and rear endleaves. Light toning to interior, light foxing to a few leaves, "R397," owner signature (A. Blane) and annotation identifying Kames as compiler in early hand to title page, cellotape repair to section of gutter. \$450.

\* First edition. The leading Scottish jurist of his day and an important figure of the Scottish Enlightenment, Lord Kames influenced David Hume, James Boswell and Adam Smith. As indicated by the preface, this compilation anticipates the intention and design of the modern casebook. "For advancing law to a vigorous maturity, no means appear more effectual than reasonings upon general subjects, struck out in the zeal of pleading, inflamed by the spirit of interest. This consideration will always make compilations of the present kind acceptable, provided a judicious selection be made; for, to collect all cases indiscriminately that come before a Court, would have no better effect than to bury a small quantity of grain in endless heaps of chaff. The Compiler pretends not to vouch for himself; but he has empowered the Editor to say, that he has been attentive to admit no case but what, being in resolvable into some principle, may serve as a rule for cases of the same kind" (Preface). Published separately and complete in itself, this book is a companion to a 1728 volume with a similar title covering the years 1716-1728. (The entry in Sweet & Maxwell's *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth*, 5:57, lists this as a two-volume set erroneously.) *English Short-Title Catalogue* T78723. [Order This Item](#)



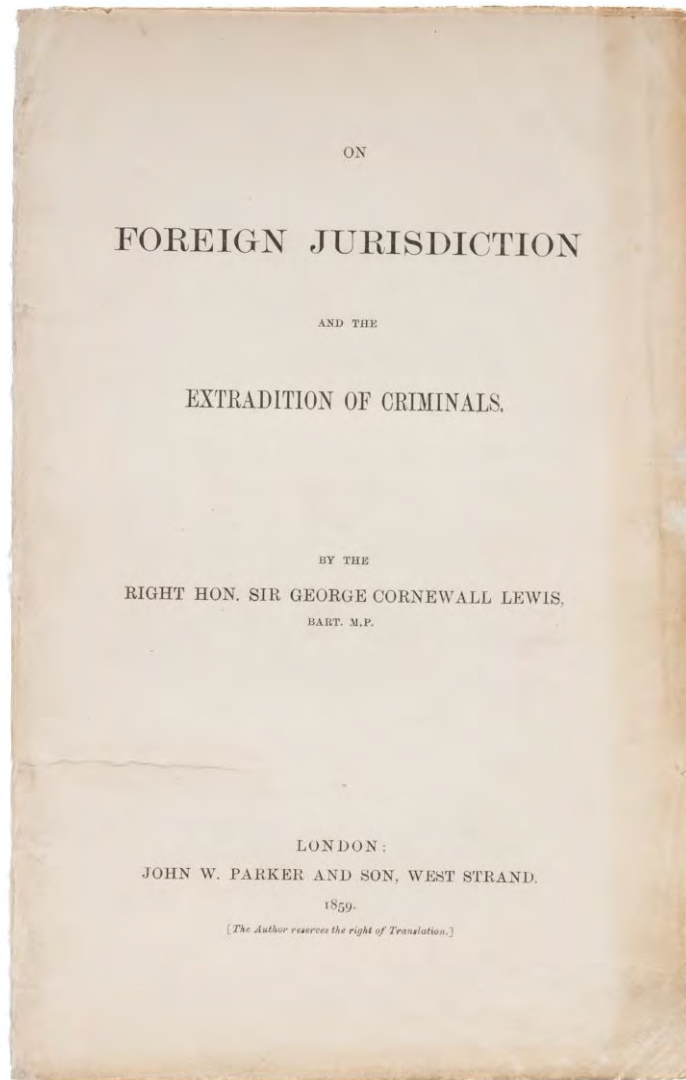
**"The Following Amendment to the Constitution Should be Enacted..."**

**18. Kromphardt, G. Fred.**

*Usonian Fundamental Law: Third Edition.* San Francisco: G. Fred Kromp Hardt, [1914]. 32 pp.

Later quarter cloth over plain boards, printed paper label to spine. Very light soiling to boards, light rubbing to extremities, light fading to spine. Light toning to interior, light foxing to a few leaves. \$500.

\* Third edition. This interesting book proposes that the Constitution be amended to enact what the author terms "Usonian Fundamental Law." ("Usonian" refers to "Usonia," the alternative name for the United States popularized in the early twentieth century.) As outlined here, Usonian law is primarily concerned with individual liberty and what the author describes as "practical equity." Topics discussed include the powers of the federal government, national defense, conservation, middlemen, alcohol and sex. The latter portion of the text discusses marriage and family law, with a somewhat dim view of the "parasitic tendency of the Usonian woman" and an insistence that "the artificial age limit of twenty-one" for "sexual things" must be abolished. An interesting and scarce text. OCLC locates no copies of this edition in North America. [Order This Item](#)



**A Leading British Statesman Discusses Extradition Treaties**

**19. Lewis, Sir George Cornwall [1806-1863].**

*On Foreign Jurisdiction and the Extradition of Criminals*. London: John W. Parker and Son, 1859. 78 pp. Octavo (8-3/4" x 5-1/2").

Stab-stitched pamphlet in self-wrappers, wrappers carefully reattached with added tissue at spine, most signatures unopened. Light toning and soiling to wrappers, mended horizontal tear across front joint not affecting text, front wrapper lightly edgeworn and neatly mended at fore-edge. Moderate toning to interior, small clean tear to fore-edge of leaf B5 (pp. 9-10) not affecting text, ink library stamp to p. 33 affecting text without loss to legibility. \$350.

\* Only edition. Cornwall was a British politician and statesman best known for advocating neutrality in the American Civil War against the wishes of other cabinet members who hoped to intervene for the South. In this work, he discusses extradition treaties in light of the recent trial and sensational acquittal of French national Simon François Bernard in an English court. Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 2:215. [Order This Item](#)



**A Bold Blackstone Signature**

20. [Manuscript].

**Blackstone, Sir William [1723-1780].**

**[Walker, Thomas (1724-1804)].**

[*Franked Docketed Address Leaf Addressed to Walker, Signed, In Blackstone's Hand, Oxford, October 14, (1766?)*].

9" x 7" leaf from a bifolium letter, Moderate toning, moderate soiling, vertical and horizontal fold lines, chips along fold lines, minor loss from seal tears, verso silked, "1766" in faint pencil to lower-right corner.

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**[Gainsborough, Thomas (1727-1788), After].**

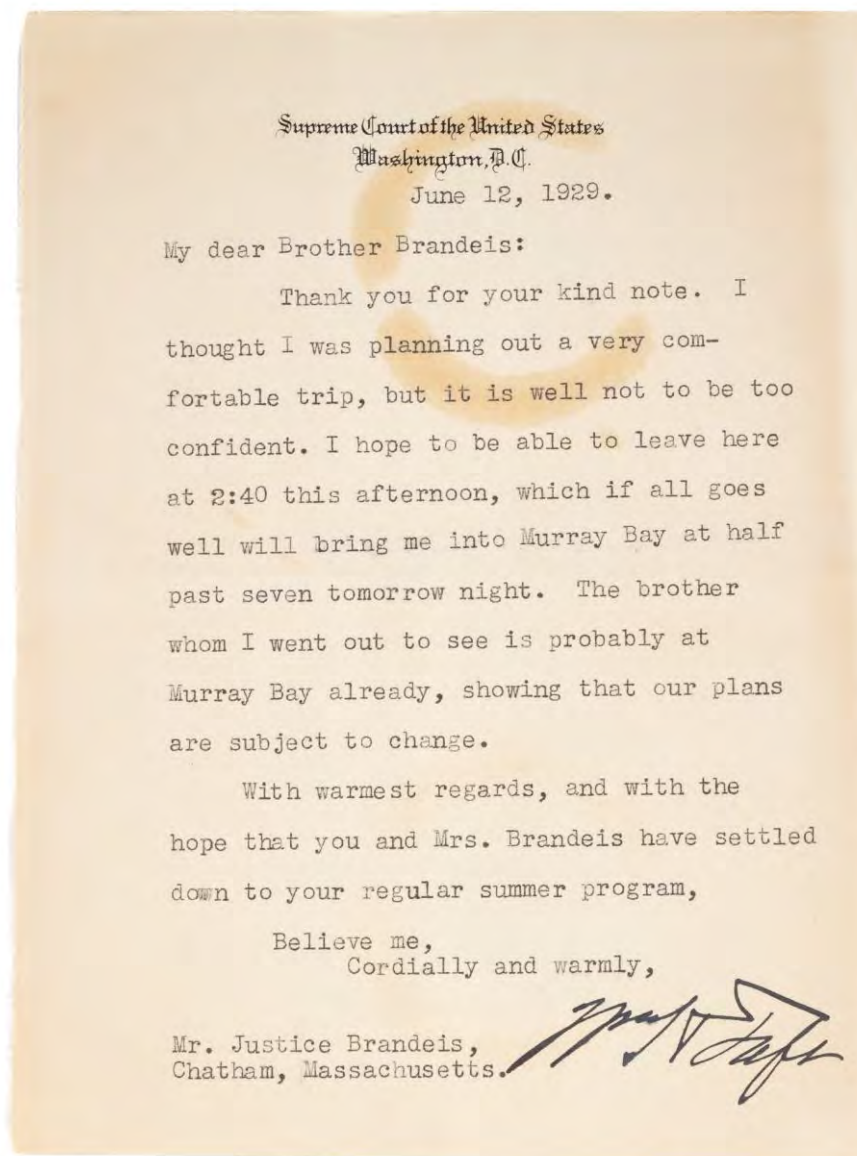
**[Hall, J., Engraver].**

[*Portrait of Blackstone*]. [Oxford, 1775].

7-1/4" x 4-3/4" copperplate leaf mounted on 11-1/4" x 8-1/2" sheet. Light toning and a few faint fox-spots to image, moderate toning to sheet, a few minor tears to its edges.

Together two items. \$2,500.

\* Addressed to Walker, "Begbrook near Woodstock Oxon," and signed, in a bold hand, "Free/ W. Blackstone." Walker, a prominent Oxfordshire attorney and town clerk of Oxford, was a professional associate and friend. The portrait is a frontispiece from a copy of the seventh edition of the *Commentaries*. Prest, *William Blackstone* 138, 278. Laeuchli, *A Bibliographical Catalog of William Blackstone* 15. [Order This Item](#)



**Taft Wishes Brandeis an Enjoyable Summer Recess**

21. [Manuscript].

Taft, William Howard [1857-1930].

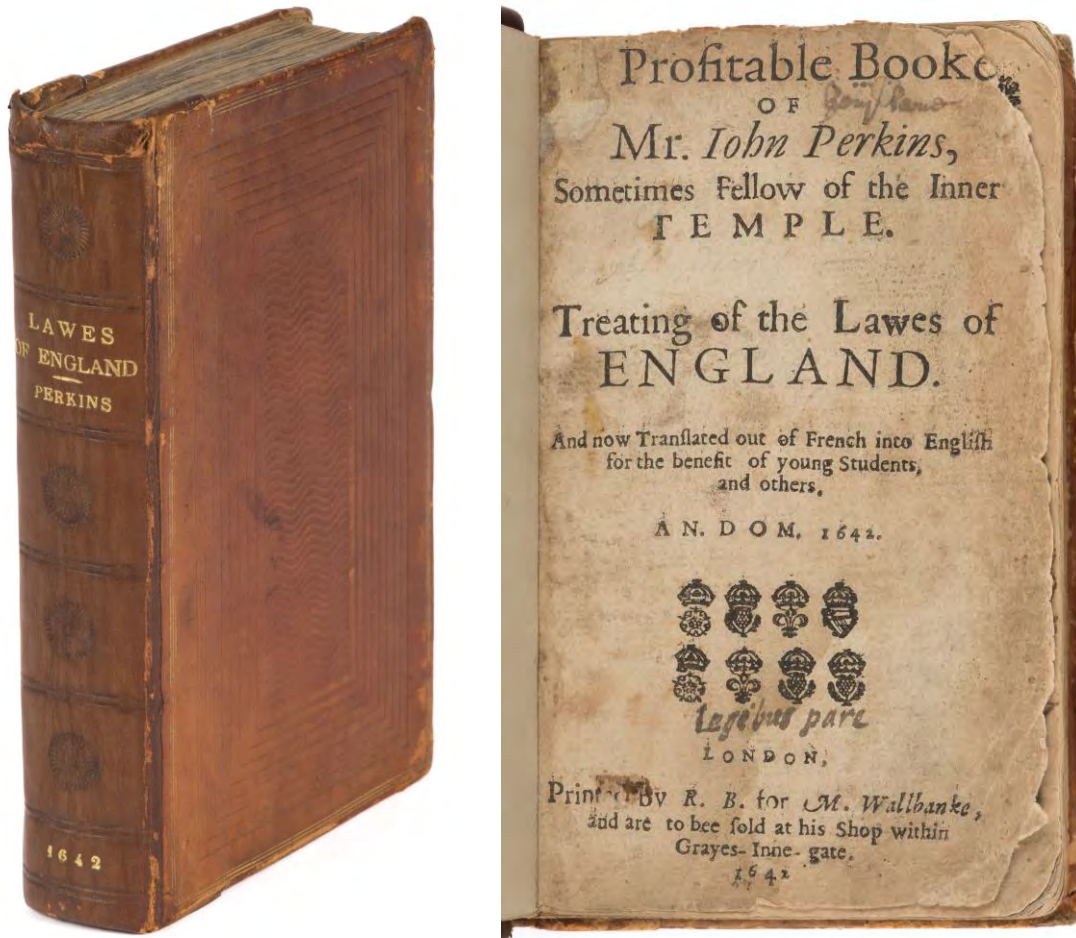
[Brandeis, Louis D. (1856-1941)].

[*Typed Letter, Signed, To Louis D. Brandeis on U.S. Supreme Court Letterhead, Washington, DC, June 12, 1929.*]

1 pp. typed letter on 7-3/4" x 5-3/4" sheet of U.S. Supreme Court letterhead. Moderate toning, single horizontal fold line, faint dampstain to top half, light soiling to verso. \$450.

\* In this warm letter addressed to "My dear Brother Brandeis," Taft describes an upcoming trip to his Murray Bay home in Quebec and passes on "the hope that you and Mrs. Brandeis have settled down to your regular summer program."

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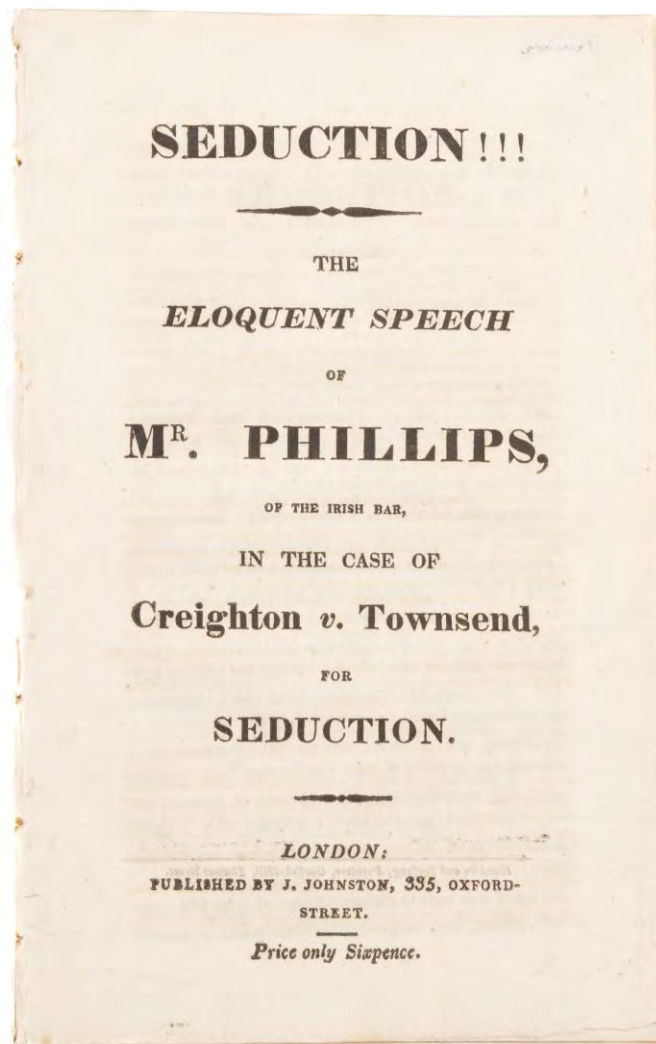
First English-Language Edition of *A Profitable Booke*

**22. Perkins, John [d. 1545].**

*A Profitable Booke of Mr. Iohn Perkins, Sometimes Fellow of the Inner Temple. Treating of the Lawes of England. And Now Translated Out of French into English for the Benefit of Young Students, And Others.* London: Printed by R.B. for M. Wallbanke, 1642. [xxxii], 1-272; 271-388 pp. Octavo (5-1/2" x 4").

Later paneled calf, rebaked, gilt rules to board edges, gilt title and date and blind fillets and ornaments to spine, gilt tooling to board edges, "Perkins" in early hand to fore-edges of text block, endpapers renewed. Light rubbing and a few minor stains to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities with wear to head of spine and corners, joints just starting at ends, front hinge cracked, recent owner signature (B. Diamond) to front free endpaper. Moderate toning to text, foot of text block affected by trimming with some loss to text of index, faint dampstaining to a few leaves at beginning of text block, edgewear to preliminaries and final leaves, brief early annotations to a few passages, soiling and two illegible early annotations to title page in tiny hand, corners worn away with minor loss to "e" in "Booke." \$450.

\* First edition in English. A popular work during the sixteenth and early seventeenth centuries that was held in high regard by Coke, Perkins' *Profitable Booke* was first published in 1528 and went through numerous editions in both English and Law-French. Devoted mostly to the land law as developed in the Year Books, it is divided into the following topics: grants, deeds, feoffments, exchanges, dower, curtesy, wills, devises, surrenders, reservations, and conditions. Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 1:485 (57). [Order This Item](#)



**"Is There a Punishment Too Severe for Such Depravity?"**

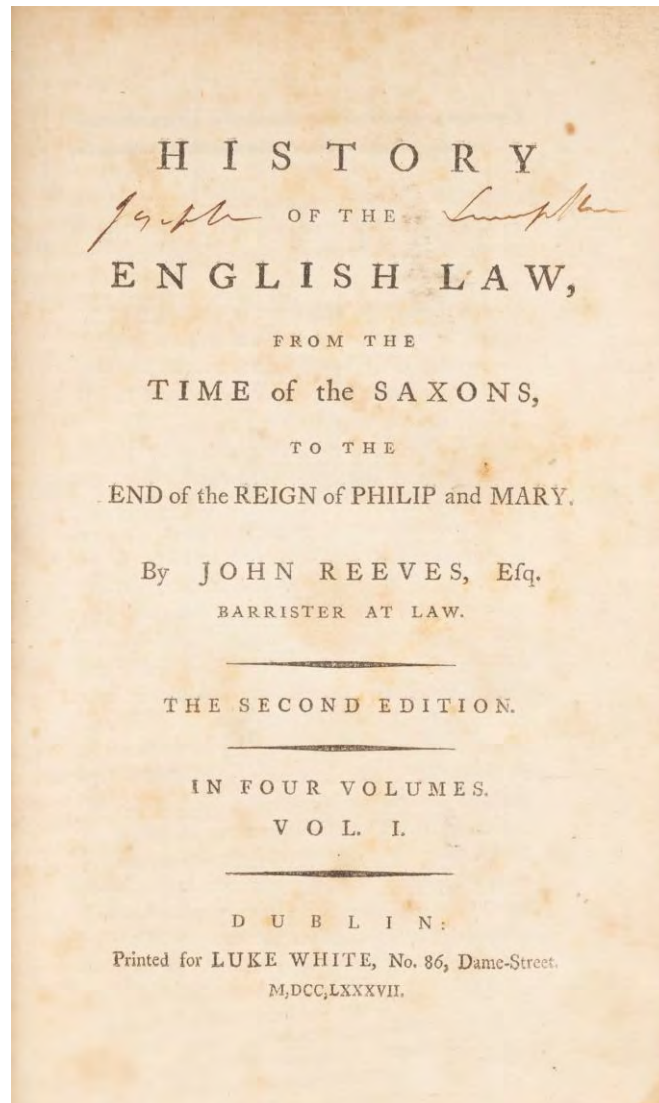
**23. Phillips, Charles [1787?-1859].**

*Seduction!!! The Eloquent Speech of Mr. Phillips, Of the Irish Bar, In the Case of Creighton v. Townsend, For Seduction.* London: Published by J. Johnston, [1817?]. 20 pp. Octavo (8-1/4" x 5-1/4").

Disbound stab-stitched pamphlet. Light toning, slight crack in text block between pp. 12-13, all leaves secure, small recent ink annotation and initials to pp. [2] and 20. Rare. \$650.

\* First edition. Phillips was an Irish barrister notable (and to some, notorious) for his courtroom oratory. He argued many prominent cases, primarily adultery and seduction trials. The present case, *Creighton v. Townsend*, concerned an affair between a sixteen-year-old Irish girl and Townsend, an English soldier. When the girl ran away with him, her father sued. Phillips was the lead counsel for the plaintiff and secured £750 in damages. His speeches were often published separately, and several accounts of the present trial appear to have circulated. A possible second edition of ours may have appeared later the same year, though it is unclear where that copy is held or what distinguishes it from the first edition. OCLC and Library Hub locate no copies of the first edition. [Order This Item](#)





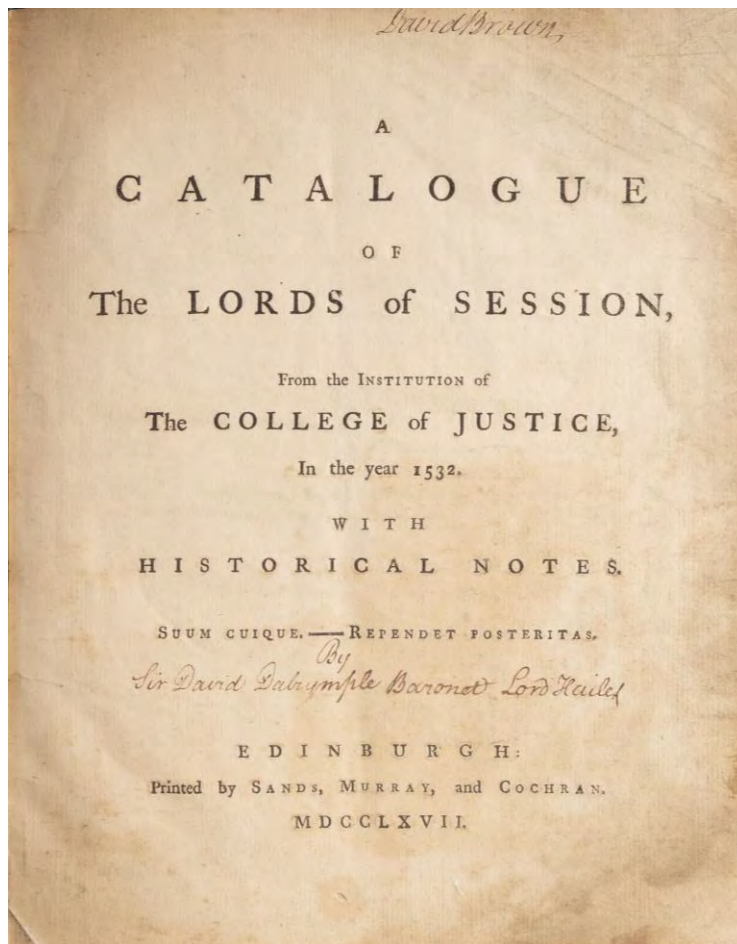
**The First History of English Law**

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

*History of the English Law, From the Time of the Saxons to the End of the Reign of Philip and Mary.* Dublin: Printed for Luke White, 1787. Four volumes. Octavo (8-1/4" x 5").

Contemporary calf, blind fillets to boards, lettering pieces and blind fillets to spines. Light rubbing and some minor scuffs to boards, front boards and free endpapers detached, moderate rubbing to board edges with some wear to corners and spine ends, cracking and heavier rubbing to spine, a few chips to lettering pieces, rear hinges cracked. Moderate toning to interiors, light foxing in places, later owner inscription (John Gough Rogers dated 1870) to front free endpapers, (illegible) early owner signature to title pages. \$150.

\* Dublin reissue of the second edition, published in London the same year. The first general history of English law, it "courageously challenged some traditional beliefs and represented a considerable achievement having regard to the materials then available" (Walker). Its first edition was published in 1783-1784, its final edition in 1869. Walker, *Oxford Companion to Law* 1046. *English Short-Title Catalogue* N8449. [Order This Item](#)



### Dalrymple's Biographies of the Lords of Session

#### 25. [Scotland].

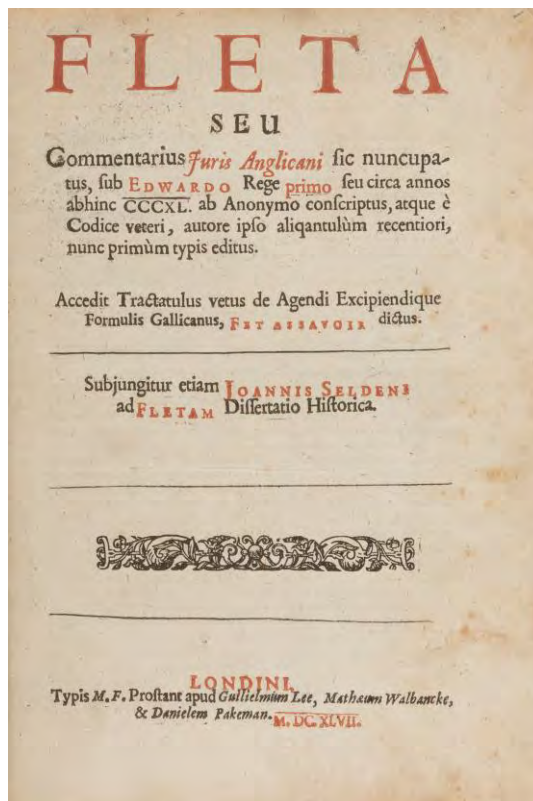
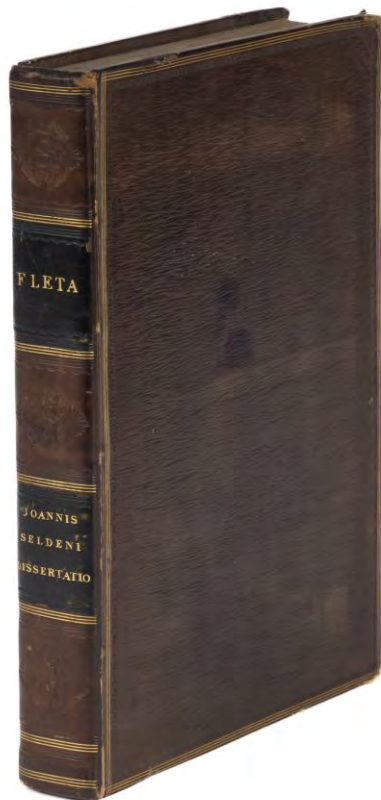
[Court of Session].

[Dalrymple, Sir David (1726-1792), Compiler].

*A Catalogue of the Lords of Session, From the Institution of the College of Justice, In the Year 1532. With Historical Notes.* Edinburgh: Printed by Sands, Murray, and Cochran, 1767. [iv], 17, [1]; 26 pp. Quarto (10" x 7-3/4").

Stab-stitched pamphlet bound in recent buckram, gilt title to spine, edges rouged. Minor bubbling to rear board, hinges reinforced. Moderate toning to interior, occasional light foxing, mostly to margins, light soiling in a few places, somewhat heavier to title page and final leaf, light creasing to margins of a few leaves. Ownership signature ("David Brown") and early annotation to title page, additional ownership inscription ("Geo: Martin- from a friend-") to head of p. 1, later (and early?) manuscript corrections and additions, some quite extensive, in a few places, affected by trimming on p. 22 of the second section only. \$450.

\* First edition. An important figure in Scottish law and letters, Dalrymple, Lord Hailes, 3rd Baronet of Hailes, was an advocate, judge and historian. The present work is one of the earliest comprehensive biographies of the members of the Court of Session. It was revised and expanded twice, in 1794 and 1798. The annotations and corrections to our copy, mostly to the Catalogue, both follow the pasted-in errata slip and add some 39 names from 1775-1816. OCLC locates 4 copies of the first edition in law libraries (Harvard, Yale, University of Cincinnati, University of Virginia). *English Short-Title Catalogue* T117992. [Order This Item](#)



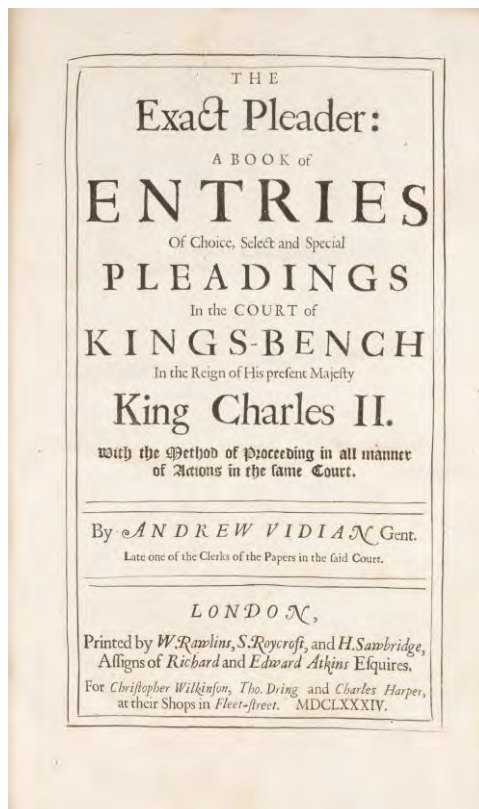
**First Printing of Selden's Edition of *Fleta* and His *Ad Fletam Dissertatio***

**26. Selden, John [1584-1645], Editor.**

*Fleta, Seu Commentarius Juris Anglicani Sic Nuncupatus, Sub Edwardo Rege Primo Seu Circa Annos ab Hinc CCCXL. Ab Anonymo Conscriptus, Atque e Codice Veteri, Autore Ipso Aliquantulum Recentiori, Nunc Primum Typis Editus. Accedit Tractatulus Vetus de Agendi Excipiendique; Formulis Gallicanus, Fet-Assavoir Dictus. Subjungitur Etiam Joan. Seldeni ad Fletam Dissertatio Historica.* London: Typis M.F. Prostant Apud Guil. Lee, & Dan. Pakeman, 1647. [8], 64, 63-452, [2], 453-553, [3] pp. Pagination irregular, text complete. Quarto (8-3/4" x 6-1/4").

Recent straight-grained morocco, gilt rules to boards, lettering pieces, blind and gilt fillets and blind ornaments to spine, gilt tooling to board edges, added marbled endpapers. Light rubbing and a few minor stains to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, corners bumped and somewhat worn, owner bookplate and later illegible owner signature to front pastedown. Title page printed in red and black. Moderate toning to interior, faint dampstaining to fore-edge of text block in places, chips to fore-edges of some leaves, light soiling to title page. \$350.

\* First edition. The work by an anonymous author 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. Selden brought this ancient treatise to the public's attention and was instrumental in 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. Selden's appended dissertation (pp.453-553) contains many interesting observations about Bracton, Britton, Fleta, and Thornton "and shows what use was made of the Imperial law in England whilst the Romans governed here, at what time it was introduced into this nation, what use was formerly made of it, how long it continued, and when the use of it totally ceased in the King's Courts at Westminster": Bridgman, *A Short View of Legal Bibliography* 87. Sowerby, *Catalogue of the Library of Thomas Jefferson* 1647. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R15006. [Order This Item](#)



**"Nulli Secundus in his Draughts"**

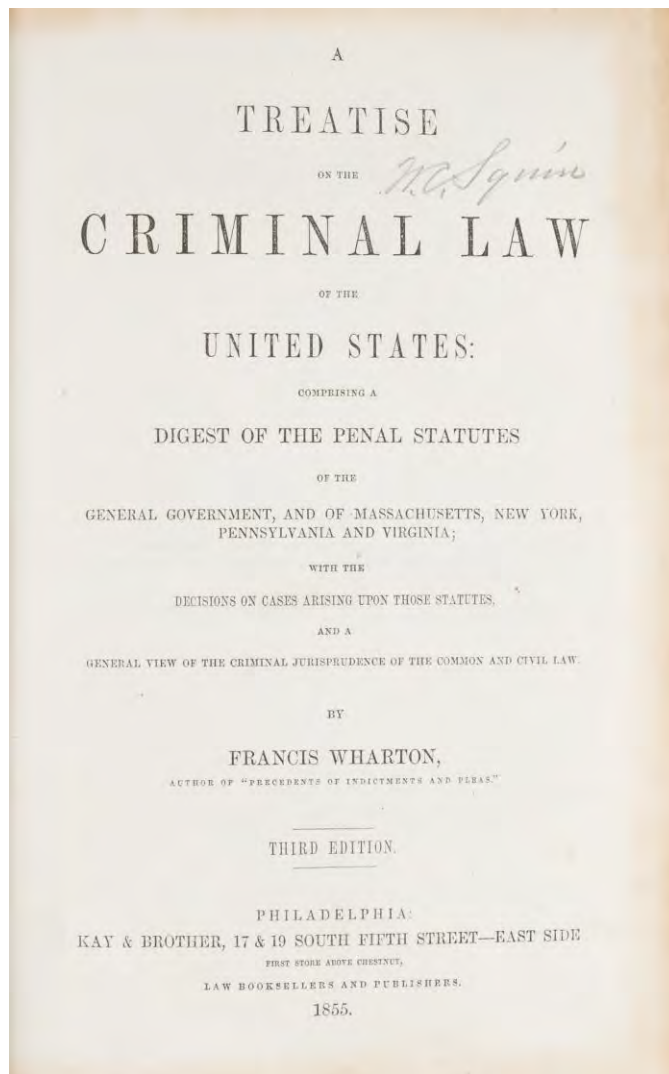
**27. Vidian, Andrew.**

*The Exact Pleader: A Book of Entries of Choice, Select and Special Pleadings in the Court of Kings-Bench in the Reign of His Present Majesty King Charles II. With the Method of Proceeding in All Manner of Actions in the Same Court.* By Andrew Vidian Gent. Late One of the Clerks of the Papers in the Said Court. London: Printed by W. Rawlins, S. Roycroft, And H. Sawbridge, 1684. [xx], 266, [24] pp. Folio (12-1/4" x 7-3/4").

Contemporary calf, blind rules to boards, raised bands, blind fillets lettering piece and small early paper shelf labels to spine, gilt tooling to board edges. Light rubbing and a few minor nicks, scuffs and stains to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, corners bumped and somewhat worn, rear hinge cracked, front hinge starting, armorial bookplate of the Earls of Macclesfield to front pastedown, small embossed Macclesfield stamps to preliminaries, armorial bookplate of Thomas Parker, 1st Earl of Macclesfield to verso of title page, early marking (shelf location?) to rear pastedown. Moderate toning to interior, light foxing in places, soiling and spark burns to a few leaves, early repair to small tear on leaf B1 (pp. 1-2) with minor loss to text. \$450.

\* Only edition. With a taxonomic table illustrating the rules of pleading. "You have here Published the Draughts and Collections of the late Incomparable Clerk Andrew Vidian. A Person whose Knowledge in Clerkship was so Eminent, that it may truly be said of him, *quatenus an Attorney*, that He was *Nulli Secundus* in his Draughts" [iii].

Our copy of this title belonged to the Earls of Macclesfield. Housed in Shirbim Castle, near Watlington, Oxfordshire, it was one of the finest private libraries in Great Britain. Thomas Parker [1666-1732], the first Earl of Macclesfield was a hugely successful lawyer and Whig MP. He became Lord Chief Justice of England in 1710 and, in 1718, Lord Chancellor. Unfortunately, his meteoric rise was countered by an equally rapid fall in 1725 when he was impeached and found guilty of financial irregularities as Lord Chancellor. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R30179. [Order This Item](#)



**One of the "Great Textbooks"**

**28. Wharton, Francis [1820-1889].**

*A Treatise on the Criminal Law of the United States: Comprising a Digest of the Penal Statutes of the General Government, And of Massachusetts, New York, Pennsylvania and Virginia; With the Decisions on Cases Arising upon Those Statutes, And a General View of the Criminal Jurisprudence of the Common and Civil Law.* Philadelphia: Kay & Brother, 1855. ix, 1128 pp. Octavo (9" x 5-3/4").

Contemporary sheep, blind fillets to boards, raised bands and red and black lettering pieces to spine, illegible early owner inscription to head of spine. A few minor scuffs and stains, light rubbing to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities with light wear to spine ends and corners, lower corners bumped, hinges partially cracked, early owner inscription and illegible struck-through signature to front pastedown. Light toning to interior, light foxing in a few places, early marks in pencil to a few leaves, offsetting to margins of preliminaries and rear endleaves, early owner signature (W.C. Squire) in pencil to title page. \$150.

\* Third edition. First published in 1846, this is one of the books included in Vanderbilt's list of "great textbooks" in which "the history of American law might well be traced": Vanderbilt, *Men and Measures in the Law* 21. Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 3780. [Order This Item](#)



### "A Brow-Beater Badger'd"

29. [Williams, Charles (d. 1830)].

*Counsellor Nodee, Or, A Brow-Beater Badger'd*. [London]: [Thomas Tegg], No. 111 Cheapside, [c.1812].

9-1/2" x 13" hand-colored etching backed onto 10" x 13" sheet. Light soiling to margins of sheet, margins of etching trimmed to edges of image, colors vivid. \$750.

\* "A scene in court, with the Chief Justice (Ellenborough) seated between two other judges. In front and below are three counsel and two clients. A barrister stands to examine a witness, a stout man, well dressed but countrified (right): "Well Sir, you are a witness in this Cause, eh? You look like a very knowing fellow to be sure! pray now do you know the difference between the Mortgager and the Mortgagee?" The man answers: "To be sure I do, for example now! I nod at you, then I am the Noder and you are the Nodee." All except the questioner smile; a distressed usher (right) exclaims "Silence there!": George, *Catalogue of Political and Personal Satires in the British Museum* IX:1949 (*BM Satires* 11980).

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**An Impressive Collection of Eight Year Books of Edward III**

**30. [Year Books].**

**Edward III [1312-1377].**

*De Termino Hillarii Anno. XVII]. Edwardi Tertij.* [London: Richard Tottell, 1584?]. lxxx ff. *English Short-Title Catalogue (ESTC)* S112018. Beale R6.

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*De Termino Hillarii Anno XVII]. Edwardi Tertij.* [London: Richard Tottell, 1584?]. lix, [1] ff. *ESTC* 101266. Beale R9.

**[And]**

*De Termino Hillarii Anno Regni Regis Edwardi Tertij. XX].* [London: In Fleetestreat Within Temple Barre, At the Signe of the Hand and Starre by Richard Tottyll, 1584]. i-vii, viii-xlii [i.e. lxii] ff. Text complete. *ESTC* S101298. Beale R13.

**[And]**

*De Termino Hillarii Anno Regni Regis Edwardi Tertij, Post Conquestum XXI].* [London: In Fleetestrete Within Temple Barre at the Signe of the Hande and Starre, By Richard Tottyl, 1585]. lxxxi, xxxix-c ff. *ESTC* S118046. Beale R16.

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*De Termino Hillarii Anno Regni Regis Edwardi Tertij XXIX.* [London: In Fleetestrete Within Temple Barre at the Signe of the Hande and Starre, by Richard Tottyll, 1585]. xlix, [1] ff. *ESTC* S101236. Beale R20.

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*De Termino Hillarii Anno Regis Edwardi Tertij Post Conquestum XXX.* [London: In Fleetestrete Within Temple Barre, At the Signe of the Hande and Starre, by Richard Tottell, 1585]. xxxii ff. *ESTC* S101237. Beale R23.

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*De Termino Hillarii Anno Regni Regis Edwardi Tertii. XXXVIII.* [London: In Fleetestrete within Temple Barre at the Signe of the Hande and Starre, by Richard Tottel, 1585]. xxxvii, [1] ff. *ESTC* S116860. Beale R26.

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*De Termino Hillarii Anno Regis Edwardi Tertij Post Conquestum XXXIX.* [London: In Fletestrete Within Temple Barre at the Signe of the Hand and Stare by Richard Tottill, 1585]. xxxviii ff. *ESTC* S101282. Beale R29.

Folio (11" x 7-1/4"). Contemporary calf, blind rules and large blind-stamped centerpiece to boards, raised bands and blind fillets to spine, early ink shelf mark to outer edge of text block, blind rules to inner board edges, no pastedowns. Light rubbing, faint dampstaining and a few small scuffs, nicks and scratches to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, a few nicks and small chip to raised bands, spine ends chipped, front joint starting at foot, corners bumped and worn, hinges cracked, faint offsetting and light edgewear to endleaves, recent annotation in pencil to front free endpaper, which has a small hole near its upper right corner. Moderate toning to interior, light soiling and foxing and faint dampstaining in a few places, minor worming to right margin of last 4 leaves in first title and most leaves in second title, occasional recent notes (mainly STC and Beale numbers) in pencil (and red ink on f. xlii of fourth title), brief early ms notes in ink in a few places, early ownership signature ("P. Bones") to head of first leaf. An appealing volume in a contemporary binding. \$3,500.

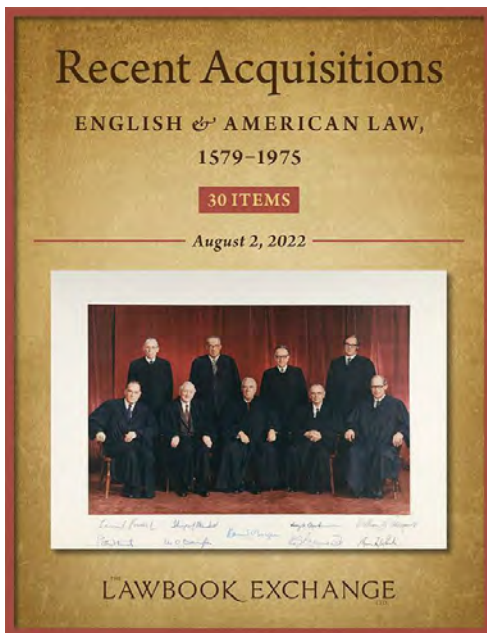
\* It is difficult to overestimate the importance of the Year Books. As a series of notes on debates and points of pleadings in Norman England they are of crucial primary sources for our knowledge of medieval common law. They also provide a richly detailed portrait of contemporary English life, customs and manners. The origin of the Year Books is unknown. Some scholars believe the earliest volumes were notes transcribed by law students for study and for the use of lawyers in later cases while others maintain they were made by lawyers. Though it is not known when the first manuscript volumes were compiled, the cases date from the 1270s to 1535. Printed editions of the Year Books were first issued by William de Machlinia between 1481 and 1482. The present titles belong to the so-called "Quarto Edition." Not a set or edition in the conventional sense, these volumes were issued separately with various dates and impressions between 1522 and 1619. Beale, *Bibliography of Early English Law Books*.



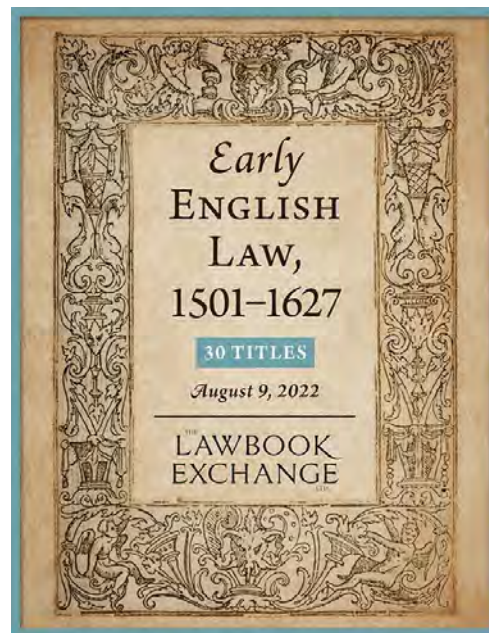
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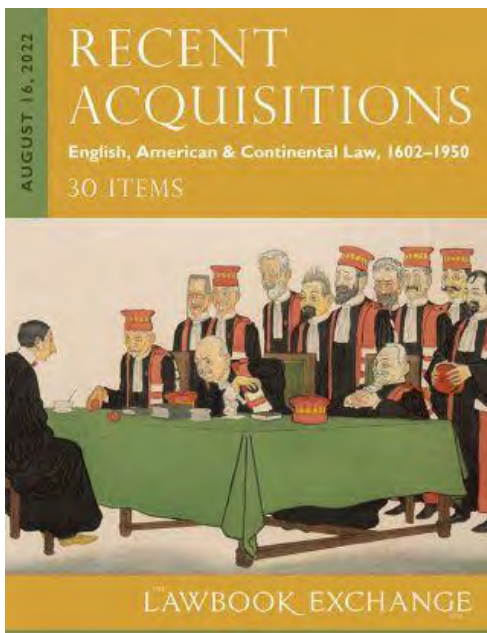
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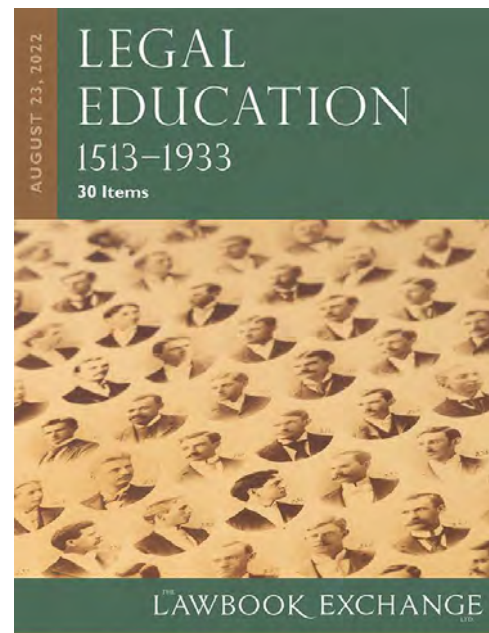
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