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A Comprehensive Eighteenth-Century Digest of Bohemian Law with a 52-Page Manuscript Appendix

1. [Bohemia].

Weingarten, Johann Jakob von [1629-1701], Compiler.

Codex Ferdinando-Leopoldino-Josephino-Carolinus: Pro Haereditario Regno Bohemiae, Ac Incorporatis Aliis Provinciis, Utpote, Marchionatu Moraviae, Et Ducatu Silesiae: In Welchem Verschiedene von Anno 1347. Biss auf das 1719. Jahr Allergnädigst Verliebene Respective Kayser- und Königliche Privilegia, Und Hieruber Ertheilte Confirmationes, Wie auch Andere Neue Concessionen; Nicht Minder alle Ergangene Sanctiones Pragmaticae, Declaratoriae & Rescripta, Königliche Stadthalterische, Und von Hoben Obrigkeiten Emanirte Patenten, Und Decreten: Dessgleichen Etwelche Extracten derer Land-Tags-Schlussen, Hertzogliche Privilegia, Landes- und Executions-Ordnungen, Erb-Vereinigungen mit der Cron Boheim, Wie auch noch Viel Andere sehr Heilsame dieses Edelste Erb-Königreich Boheim, Marggrafthum Mahren, Und Hertzogthumer Ober- und Nieder-Schlesien, Publica, Politica, Militaria, Auch das Justiz-Wesen in Civilibus, & Criminalibus Betreffende Sachen Enthalten, Und mit Grosser Mube und Fleiss Zusammen Getragen. Prague: Zu Finden bey Conrad Mullem, 1720. [xii], 732, [34], 52 pp. Main text in parallel columns. Copperplate allegorical plate following title page. Late eighteenth-century 52-page manuscript bound at end of text. Folio (13" x 8").

Contemporary calf, blind rules to boards, raised bands and lettering piece to spine. Light rubbing to extremities, corners bumped and lightly worn, front joint just starting at foot, about half of lettering piece lacking, minor worming to spine, boards and some parts of the text block (with no loss to text), small blank label to front free endpaper, a few brief later annotations to front endleaves. Title page printed in red and black. Light toning to text, somewhat heavier in places, very faint dampstaining to margins of several leaves. A nice copy with an interesting manuscript. \$1,500.

* Second edition. With a subject index. Arranged chronologically from 1347 to 1719, this book is a collection of legal documents relating to Bohemia and its place within the Habsburg domains and the Holy Roman Empire. Supplemental volumes (*Continuatio Codicis*) with later documents were published in 1728, 1731 and 1735. The manuscript in our copy records modifications to the code enacted by Empress Maria Theresa and related information. (The latest note is dated 27 May, 1771.) The *Codex* and its continuation volumes are scarce. OCLC locates 3 copies of the *Codex* in North American law libraries, all dated 1720 (Harvard, University of Michigan, Yale). This imprint not listed in the *Verzeichnis der im Deutschen Sprachraum Erschienenen Drucke des 18. Jahrhunderts*.

Complicated Legal Points

2. Bondeni, Vincenzo [1630-1704].

Miscellaneum Juridicum in Plura Documenta Distributum, Novis Additionibus ad Ejus Legales Collectationes, Et Sacrae Rotae Romanae Decisionibus Peculiari Nota Recenter Adauctis, Uberrime Ornatum. Nec non Copiosissimo Indice Argumentorum, & Rerum Notabilium, Tam Documentorum, Quam Decisionum, & Additionum Elaborate Completum. Mantua: Ex Typographia Sancti Benedicti, Sumptibus Alberti Pazzoni, 1715. [xviii], 342, [2]; xii, 314 pp. 2 volumes in one, each with title page and individual pagination. The second volume is titled: *Decisiones Sacrae Rotae Romanae Peculiaribus Notis Ornatae*. Main text in parallel columns. Folio (14" x 9").

Contemporary vellum, raised bands and early hand-lettered title to spine. Light rubbing, some staining to fore-edge of front board, some small chips and worm holes to joints and spine bands, corners bumped, boards slightly bowed, a few worm holes to joints, heavier worming to corners of preliminaries, bottom margins of a few following leaves, and fore-edges of rear endleaves, first gathering after front free endpaper a bit loose. Title page of Volume I printed in red and black, copperplate vignette at head of dedication, woodcut head-pieces, tail-pieces and decorated initials. Light toning to text, somewhat heavier in places, some leaves have light foxing, internally clean. Ex-library. Bookplate to front pastedown. \$950.

* Only edition. Bondena was a member of the Mantuan Senate and a member of Mantua's princely court. The first volume of his *Miscellaneum Juridicum* is a collection of 84 brief studies of complicated, and apparently hypothetical, legal points. Each begins with a statement of the issue followed by an interpretation and an annotated list of authorities. The same format is followed in the second volume, a collection of 100 Rota decisions. OCLC locates 1 copy in North America (at UC-Berkeley Law School). Not in the *British Museum Catalogue* or *Camus*.

"Removing Rubbish from the Republic of Letters"

3. Bridgman, Richard W.

A Short View of Legal Bibliography: Containing Some Critical Observations on the Authority of the Reporters and Other Law Writers; Collected from the Best Authorities, And Intended as a Companion to the Author's Reflections on the Study of the Law. To Which is Added, A Plan for Classifying a Public or Private Library. London: Printed for W. Reed, 1807. xviii, 429, [1] pp. Includes one-page publisher advertisement. Octavo (8-1/2" x 5").

Contemporary quarter calf over marbled boards, blind fillets and lettering piece to spine, endpapers renewed, edges rouged. Light rubbing and edgewear to boards, some wear to corners, which have early repairs. Light toning to text, foxing to a few leaves, internally clean. Ex-library. Perforated stamp to title page. \$350.

* Only edition. Arranged alphabetically by author, and containing valuable critical and descriptive bibliographic observations, Bridgman's is one of classic reference remains a valuable work. Bridgman intended this work as a guide with the "double advantage of easing the labors of the rising generation, and of removing rubbish from the republic of letters. It is our duty to do the best we can for our posterity, and not reject the task under the illiberal idea that posterity can do nothing for us" (v). Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 2:42.

Notable Early Digest of Coke's Reports

4. [Coke, Sir Edward (1552-1634), Reporter].

Ashe, Thomas [fl. 1699-1618].

Un General Table, A Touts les Severall Livres de les Reports de le Darreine Tresreverend Iudge, Sir Edward Coke Chevalier, Iadis Chiefe Iustice de Banke le Roy, Per Quelle, Touts les Cases & Matters in Yceux Conteynus, Puissent Facilement Estre Troves. Ouesq[ue] Deux Catalogues Alphabetical, Lun de les Principal Cases, Lautre de Touts les General Titles Naturellement Surdant Hors del Matter des Diits Reports. London: Printed by the Assignes of Iohn More Esquire, 1631. [560] pp. First and final leaves are blank. Includes three-page publisher list. Main text in parallel columns. Octavo (6-3/4" x 4").

Contemporary calf with later rebacking, lettering piece and raised bands to spine, endpapers renewed. Light wear to spine ends and corners, crack in text block between title page and following leaf, final leaf partially detached. Moderate toning to text, light browning to outer margins. Faint owner signature to head of title page, interior otherwise clean. Ex-library. Stamps to edges and endleaves, bookplate to front pastedown. \$500.

* Third and final Law-French edition. First published in 1606, this is an important early digest of the Reports of Edward Coke then published (Parts 1-11, first published 1600-1615). A popular work, it went through three editions in Law-French (in 1606, 1618 and 1631) and three editions in English (in 1652, 1653 and 1672). It was also reprinted in 1664 and 1680 editions of Coke's Reports. Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 1:297 (16, 17). *English Short-Title Catalogue* S3988

First English-Language Abridgement of Coke's Reports

5. [Coke, Sir Edward, Reporter].

Davis, Sir John, Editor.

A Perfect Abridgement of the Eleaven Bookes of Reports, Of the Reverend, And Learned Kt. Sr. Edw. Cook. Originally Written in French, By Sr. John Davis. Done Into English. Whereunto is Annexed Two Perfect Tables. London: Printed by I.G. for W. Lee D. Pakeman, and G. Bedell, Are to be Sold at Their Shops in Fleete-Streete, 1651. [xvi], 292, [11] pp. With a final errata leaf. Octavo (5-1/2" x 3").

Recent period-style calf, blind rules to spine and boards, lettering piece to spine, endpapers renewed. Title printed within typographical border, typographical and woodcut head and tail-pieces. Light toning to text, internally clean. An appealing copy. \$750.

* First edition in English, one of two issues from 1651, the other with a title beginning *An Exact Abridgment in English* and the statement "Second Impression." Written between 1572 and 1616, Coke's Reports are not reports in the conventional sense; they are detailed anthologies of precedents organized by topic. In each instance Coke assembled a large body of cases, outlined their arguments and explained the reasons for the judgment, using it as a basis for a statement of general principles. They are, in effect, a series of treatises on the points of law. A work of immense authority, it was often cited as *The Reports*, there being no need to mention the author's name. His accounts, especially of pleadings, were esteemed for their clarity and usefulness as stylistic models for students. And his selection of cases, cited frequently in subsequent years, has served as the starting point for numerous decisions. Sweet & Maxwell and the 1909 *Harvard Law Catalogue* say this book should have a portrait frontispiece. This appears to be an error; no copy located in online databases has one. See Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 1:297 (19) and *Catalogue of the Library of the Harvard Law School* (1909) 416. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R35622.

An Updated Edition of Dugdale's *Origines Juridicalia*

6. Cooke, Edward, Compiler.

[Dugdale, Sir William (1605-1686)].

Chronica Juridicalia: Or, A General Calendar of the Years of Our Lord God, and Those of the Several Kings of England, From the First Year of William the Conqueror, Successively Down to this First Year of the Reign of our Most Dread Sovereign K. James II. Together with a Chronological Table of the Names of all the Lord Chancellors, And Lord Keepers of the Great Seal of England, Justices of the Kings-Bench and Common-Pleas, Barons of the Exchequer, And Serjeants at Law. With a Table of All Their Names, Alphabetically Disposed, For the Greater Ease of the Peruser, And the Years Both of Our Lord and the King Joyned with Them. To Which is Added a Catalogue of All Those Arch-Bishops and Bishops, Who have been Intrusted with the Most Eminent and Honorary Places in the Civil State of this Kingdom. London: Printed for H. Sawbridge, 1685. [xiv], [16], 209, [89] pp. Frontispiece lacking. Octavo (7-1/4" x 4-1/2").

Contemporary calf with early rebacking, raised bands and lettering piece to spine, blind rules to boards, light rubbing to extremities, faint inkstains to boards, chip to head of spine, front board and free endpaper detached, corners bumped. Light toning to text, foxing to a few leaves, brief early annotations to a few leaves. Ex-library. Faint inkstamps to boards and endleaves, bookplate to front pastedown, perforated stamps to title page. \$350.

* First edition, one of two issues from 1685. This is an updated version of Dugdale's *Origines Juridicales*. First published in 1666, it is a rich mine of information concerning the sources of English law and the history of the early English legal profession, and provides a wealth of interesting information about the procedures, customs, ceremonies and administration of the Inns of Court and Chancery. "[This] book was the chief authority for the history of the Inns; and it is by no means superseded even at the present day." (Holdsworth). Cooke's updated version was reissued in 1739 and c. 1740. Holdsworth, *The Historians of Anglo-American Law* 41. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R229396.

A Collection of Colorful Wills

7. [Byrne, Julia Clara (1819-1894)], Compiler.

Curiosities of the Search-Room: A Collection of Serious, and Whimsical Wills. London: Chapman and Hall, 1880. ix, 407, 32 pp. Includes 32-page publisher catalogue. Octavo (8-3/4" x 5-1/2").

Original cloth, black-stamped rules to boards, gilt title and ornaments to spine. Moderate shelfwear and some soiling, binding cocked, hinges partially cracked, partial crack in text block at rear of text (in the publisher catalogue), internally clean. \$20.

* Byrne describes this collection of colorful wills as "a series of romantic narratives." Some are so romantic, in fact, that "those who are at a loss for the plot of a new novel might dip into this collection for novel materials" (ii). Contents include "Excentric Wills," "Puzzling Wills," "Wills in Obsolete Language and in Rime," "Vindictive Wills," "Bequests to Wives," "Wills in Favour of Dumb Animals," "Disputed Wills" and "Wills of Remarkable Persons."

The Best English Law Dictionary of the Seventeenth and Early Eighteenth Centuries

8. Cowell, John [1554-1611].

The Interpreter: Or Booke Containing the Signification of Words: Wherein is Set Foorth the True Meaning of All, or the Most Part of Such Words and Terms, as are Mentioned in the Lawe Writers, or Statutes of This Victorious and Renowned Kingdome, Requiring Any Exposition or Interpretation. A Worke not Onely Profitable, but Necessary for Such as Desire Thoroughly to be Instructed in the Knowledge of Our Lawes, Statutes, and Other Antiquities. London: Printed for William Sheares, 1637. [584] pp. Text in parallel columns within black-ruled borders. Quarto (7-1/2" x 5-1/2").

Recent period-style calf, blind rules to boards, raised bands and lettering piece to spine, endpapers renewed, edges rouged. Light toning to text, some soiling to title page. Near-contemporary annotation to front endleaf, later annotation to margin of a leaf. Ex-library. Small perforated stamp to title page. A handsome copy. \$750.

* Second edition, one of two issues from 1637. The *Interpreter* is considered to be the best law dictionary until Jacob's and it is still used by scholars of early English legal documents. Its publication provoked controversy. At a time when Parliament and crown were vying for power, the Commons disapproved of Cowell's royalist sympathies, which were evident in such definitions as "King," "Parliament," "Prerogative," "Recoveries" and "Subsidies." When a joint committee of Lords and Councilors reviewed the work, the ensuing controversy nearly halted the affairs of government. What is more, it contained a quotation that criticized Littleton's scholarship, which angered Sir Edward Coke. James I intervened in fear that his own fiscal interests would not be approved by Parliament. Encouraged by Coke, the king imprisoned Cowell, suppressed the book and ordered all copies burned by a public hangman on March 10, 1610. The present edition contains several changes that were made posthumously to placate the dictionary's enemies. Despite its stormy reception, *The Interpreter* remains a useful gloss to Coke's *Littleton* and other early legal texts. Walker, *The Oxford Companion to Law* 311. Marke, *Vignettes of Legal History* 309-312. Cowley, *A Bibliography of Abridgments, Digest, Dictionaries and Indexes to the Year 1800* 129. *English Short-Title Catalogue* S108965.

The "Best Edition" of Grotius, With "Excellent" Notes

9. Grotius, Hugo [1535-1645].

[Morrice, John (1685-1740), Translator and Editor].

The Rights of War and Peace, In Three Books. Wherein are Explained, The Law of Nature and Nations, And the Principal Points Relating to Government. Written in Latin by the Learned Hugo Grotius, And Translated into English. To Which are Added, All the Large Notes of Mr. J. Barbeyrac. London: Printed for W. Innys [et al.], 1738. [iv], xxxvi, 817 pp. Notes in parallel columns beneath single-column main text. Folio (19" x 14").

Contemporary calf with later rebacking, lettering piece, raised bands and gilt ornaments to spine, endpapers renewed. Rubbing to boards with wear to edges and corners, light rubbing and minor wear to spine ends, front joint starting at head, hinges cracked. Light toning to text, a bit of discoloration and very faint dampstaining to head of text block, minor worming to upper margins of some index leaves. Faint early owner signature to head of title page, interior otherwise clean. \$1,500.

* First English edition with Barbeyrac's notes. Lowndes describes this is the "best edition;" Marvin says Barbeyrac's notes are excellent. First published in Paris in 1625, *The Rights of War and Peace* established the system of modern public international law, based on the concept of "*droit naturel*," a morality-based law that superseded the personalities of individuals or nations. Grotius describes the situations in which war is a valid tool of law enforcement and outlines the principles of armed combat. Though based on Christian natural law, Grotius advanced the novel argument that his system would still be valid if it lacked a divine basis. In this regard he pointed to the future by moving international law in a secular direction. First published in 1715 (with Barbeyrac's notes), Morrice's edition and translation was produced with the assistance of Edward Littlehales (1690-1724) and John Spavan (1685-1718). Lowndes, *Bibliographer's Manual of English Literature* (rev. ed.) III:950. Marvin, *Legal Bibliography* 353. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T110924.

Blackstone Would Have Enjoyed this Book

10. [Gutch, John (1746-1831)].

Collectanea Curiosa; Or Miscellaneous Tracts, Relating to the History and Antiquities of England and Ireland, The Universities of Oxford and Cambridge, And a Variety of Other Subjects. Oxford: At the Clarendon Press, 1781. Two volumes. [iv], lxiv, xix, 448; [ii], x, [2], 468 pp. Includes a 21-page subscriber list. Octavo (8-1/4" x 5").

Contemporary calf, raised bands, lettering pieces and gilt ornaments to spines. Moderate rubbing to extremities, a few shallow scuffs, corners bumped, front joints and all hinges cracked. Light toning to text, faint dampspotting to some leaves, internally clean. Ex-library. Bookplates to front pastedowns. \$100.

* Only edition. Gutch, an antiquarian and divine, played an active role in Oxford and its libraries and museums since his days as an undergraduate. *Collectanea Curiosa* is one of several works that grew out of his research. Published by subscription (it had 750 subscribers) it was somewhat controversial because it included documents that proposed methods to purge Royalists and limit the tenure of fellowships. In all, this book provides background information on several issues that concerned Blackstone in his professional duties at Oxford. Devoted to Oxford and a keen antiquarian, he would have enjoyed this book if had lived long enough to see it. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T147250.

A Standard Seventeenth-Century Treatise on Parliamentary Law

11. Hakewel[l], W[illiam] [1574-1655].

Modus Tenendi Parliamentum: Or, The Old Manner of Holding Parliaments in England. Extracted Out of Our Ancient Records. With Certain Municipal Rights and Customes of England. Together with Some Priviledges of Parliament: The Manner and Method How Laws are There Enacted by Passing of Bills. Collected Out of the Journal of the House of Commons. London: Printed for Abel Roper, 1671. [viii], 220 pp. Lacking final leaf, a blank. 12mo. (5-1/4" x 3-1/2").

Contemporary calf with later rebacking, lettering piece and blind fillets to spine, endpapers renewed. Light rubbing to extremities, a few light scuffs to boards, chip to head of spine, corners bumped, crack in text block between front free endpaper and title page. Light toning to text, internally clean. Ex-library. Stamps to edges and endleaves, bookplate to front pastedown, perforated stamp to front endleaf. \$300.

* Third and final edition. Hakewill, M.P. for Bossiney in Cornwall, Benchet of Lincoln's Inn and a notable legal antiquarian. A standard authority in seventeenth-century England, *Modus Tenendi Parliamentum* was first published in 1641 as *The Manner of Holding Parliaments in England*, this is a short, historically grounded treatise on parliamentary law. This edition is identical to the second edition, printed in 1660. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R37893.

The Value of a Free Press

12. [Hayter, Thomas (1702-1762)].

An Essay on the Liberty of the Press Chiefly as it Respects Personal Slander. London: Printed for J. Raymond, [1755]. [iv], 47, [1] pp. Octavo (5" x 7-3/4").

Stab-stitched pamphlet bound into later quarter cloth binding with marbled boards, typed title label to front. Light rubbing to extremities with some wear to spine ends and corners. Some toning to half-title, light toning to text. Later brief annotations to title page, interior otherwise clean. Ex-library. Stamps to edges, rear board and endleaves, bookplate to front pastedown. \$350.

* First edition. Hayter considers the nature of a free press and concludes that "it is useful to reveal the designs of evil men to that they can be detected and restrained. While decrying the abuses that freedom of the press permits, he maintains that the advantages of freedom outweigh the disadvantages. The statement...represents one of the most liberal of the times " (McCoy). Hayter was bishop of Norwich and later bishop of London. A second, third and undesignated Dublin edition of *An Essay* were also published in 1755. McCoy, *Freedom of the Press* H165. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T61419.

Important Early Research into English Legal History

13. Herne, Thomas [1678-1735], Editor.

A Collection of Curious Discourses Written by Eminent Antiquaries Upon Several Heads in Our English Antiquities. Together with Mr. Thomas Hearne's Preface and Appendix to the Former Edition. To Which are Added a Great Number of Antiquary Discourses Written by the Same Authors. Most of Them Now First Published from the Original Manuscripts. With an Account of the Lives and Writings of the Original Society of Antiquarians. London: Printed for T. Evans, 1773. Two volumes. viii, [vi], lxxi, 354; [viii], 449, [15] pp. Volume I has folding copperplate frontispiece of Edward the Confessor's Chapel, a plate listing abbreviations in the Domesday Book and a few woodcut text illustrations. Octavo (8-1/4" x 5").

Recent buckram, red and black lettering pieces to spines. Light shelfwear, light toning to text, internally clean. Ex-library. Stamps to boards, edges and endleaves, bookplates to front free endpapers, small perforated stamps to title pages. \$250.

* Third edition. First published in 1720, these two volumes collect research papers, discourses and other writings by members of the first Society of Antiquaries, which was formed in the late sixteenth century. (Blackstone was a member.) Several concern the Inns of Court and Chancery and other legal subjects. In all, it is a fine digest of the first generation of English legal antiquarian scholarship. *English Short-Title Catalogue* N27361.

Renowned for its Excellent Typography

14. Justinian I [483-565 CE], Emperor of the East.

[Lewisohn, Adolph (1849-1938)].

Corpus Juris Civilis. Quo Continentur Institutionum Libri Quatuor, et Digestorum Sive Pandectarum Libri Quinquaginta. Amsterdam: Johannes Blaeu and Louis and Daniel Elzevier, 1663, 1664. Two volumes, each with title page and individual pagination. Volume I preceded by handsome copperplate allegorical title page (which is misbound after index). [xxiv], 1037, [1]; 820, [2] pp. Main text in parallel columns. Octavo (8" x 4-1/2").

Later straight-grained morocco, gilt fillets and frames to boards, gilt spines and inside dentelles, moire endpapers, ribbon markers, all edges gilt. Moderate rubbing to extremities, corners bumped, hinges a bit loose, bookplate of Adolph Lewisohn to verso of front free endpaper of Volume I. Light toning to text, later annotations in pencil to front endleaves of Volume I, a leaf of notes in an early hand (with a small tipped-in engraving of French jurist Louis de Boucherat) laid in. A handsome set with a nice association. \$750.

* Commissioned by the Emperor Justinian in 530 CE, the body of writings known collectively as the *Corpus Juris Civilis* reformed, restated and preserved early Roman law. Its subsequent influence on European jurisprudence is difficult to underestimate. According to Willems, this edition is renowned for its excellent typography. Lewisohn [1849-1938] was a prominent New York investment banker, mining magnate and philanthropist. Lewisohn Stadium, a low-priced summer music series at that stadium and generous donations to the Metropolitan Museum of Art and the Metropolitan Opera were among his gifts to New York City. Willems, *Les Elzevier: Histoire et Annales Typographiques* 1323.

Scarce Seventeenth-Century Law Dictionary

15. [Leigh, Edward (1602-1671)].

A Philologicall Commentary: Or, An Illustration of the Most Obvious and Usefull Words in the Law. With Their Distinctions and Divers Acceptations, As They Are Found as Well in Reports Antient and Modern, As in Records, And Memorials Never Printed: Usefull for All Young Students of the Law. Reviewed and Inlarged. London: Printed by A.M. for Charles Adams, 1658. [xiv], 245, [11] pp. Includes one-page publisher list advertisement. Octavo (5-3/4" x 3-1/2").

Recent period-style calf, blind rules to boards, raised bands and lettering piece to spine, edges rouged, endpapers renewed. Moderate toning to text, offsetting, some edgewear and a few minor tears to final few leaves, internally clean. A handsome copy. \$2,500.

* Second and final edition, "Reviewed and Inlarged [sic]." Edward Leigh was a lawyer, Member of Parliament and a prolific author on legal, historical and religious subjects. His dictionary was intended for young law students and "country gentlemen." It is a basic dictionary derived mostly from Cowell and Rastell. It reads, in fact, like a digest or gloss of these two. The first edition was published in 1652. Some sources list a 1653 edition; ESTC notes it is a ghost. Both editions are scarce. OCLC locates 3 copies in North American law libraries (Columbia, UT-Austin, Yale). *English Short-Title Catalogue* R19653.

The "Ornament of the Common Law"

16. Littleton, Sir Thomas [1402-1481].

Littletons Tenures in English, Lately Perused and Amended. London: Printed for the Company of Stationers, 1661. [ii], 257, [5] pp. Last page is a blank. Octavo (5-1/2" X 3-1/2").

Contemporary calf with later rebacking and recornering, blind rules to boards, blind fillets along joints, lettering piece and blind fillets to spine, endpapers renewed. Light rubbing to extremities, a few small nicks to board edges, front hinge starting. Light toning to text, a bit of soiling to title page. Tiny early owner initials to title page, interior otherwise clean. Ex-library. Bookplate to front pastedown. An appealing copy. \$650.

* Written during the reign of Edward IV [1442-1483] and first published around 1481, Littleton's Tenures is probably the most revered treatise in the history of the common law. Much admired for its learning and style, it is concerned with tenures and other issues relating to real property. This venerable work, which Coke called "the ornament of the Common Law, and the most perfect and absolute work that ever was written in any humane science," is considered a landmark because it renounced the principles of Roman law (and Latin) in favor of guidelines and doctrines drawn from the Year Books and, when necessary, hypothetical cases. OCLC locates two copies in law libraries (Harvard, Library of Congress). Holdsworth, *A History of English Law* II:573. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R213709.

The First Edition of Littleton with Parallel Texts in English and Law-French

17. Littleton, Sir Thomas.

Littleton's Tenures, In French and English. With an Alphabetical Table of the Principal Matters Therein Contained. London: Printed by John Streater, James Flesher and Henry Twyford, Assigns of Richard Atkins, and Edward Atkins, 1671. [xxii], 436 (i.e. 426), [2] pp. Main text in parallel columns. 12mo. (5-1/4" x 3").

Contemporary sheep, blind rules to boards and spine. Light rubbing to extremities, small chip to head of spine, rear joint just starting at head, front hinge cracked but secure, rear pastedown loose and worn around the edges. Clean tear to fore edges of a few leaves with no loss to text. Offsetting to margins of endleaves, toning to a few text leaves, interior otherwise fresh. From the Earls of Macclesfield library with their armorial bookplate on the front pastedown, the library's small embossed stamp to title page, small shelf labels to spine. A lovely unsophisticated copy very well preserved in the original state. \$750.

* First edition with parallel texts in English and Law French. Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 1:458 (119).

"Defective" Jurisprudence

18. Muratori, Lodovico Antonio [1672-1750].

Dei Difetti della Giurisprudenza. Venice: Presso Giambattista Pasquali, 1742. [viii], 184 pp. Folio (13-1/4" x 9").

Contemporary flexible vellum, faint early hand-lettered title to spine, endpapers renewed, spine ends and corners repaired. Title page printed in red and black. Light toning to text, worming to margins of final few leaves, internally clean. Ex-library. Bookplate to front pastedown. A handsome copy. \$1,250.

* First edition. This interesting essay defines two "defects" in contemporary jurisprudence. Anticipating the codifiers of the nineteenth century, it argues for the simplification of the judicial system and the restatement of written law to enhance legal certainty. Muratori was a notable Italian legal reformer. Trained as an attorney, he was the duke of Modena's librarian and a prolific scholar. It went through four more editions in the eighteenth century, the last in 1794, and was reissued a few more times in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. OCLC locates 5 copies of the first edition in North American law libraries (Harvard, Library of Congress, University of Michigan, University of Minnesota, Yale). *British Museum Catalogue* (Compact Edition) 18:109.

Pomeroy on Equity Jurisprudence

19. Pomeroy, John Norton.

Symons, Spenser W.

A Treatise on Equity Jurisprudence As Administered in the United States of America. Adapted for All the States and to the Union of Legal and Equitable Remedies under the Reformed Procedure. San Francisco and New York: Bancroft-Whitney and Lawyers Cooperative Publishing, 1941. Five volumes. 914; 1134; 1063; 1104; 716 pp. Publisher's blue gilt lettered cloth. Property stamps on inside front covers, very light shelf wear. Internally clean and bright. \$500.

* Fifth Edition by Spencer W. Symons. Still being cited in the highest appellate courts, "[o]ne of the main strengths of Pomeroy is the treatment of the fundamental principles or maxims of equity: that treatment is unrivaled in any modern equity text.": Peter McDermott, *International Trade and Business Law Annual* 2 (2):297 (1996). "Few modern textbooks are of permanent value. Pomeroy's *Equity Jurisprudence* is an exception.": Albert J. Beveridge in Vanderbilt, *Studying Law* 27. "As a book of reference, indeed, it will outrank the *Restatements*.... As an encyclopedia, too, Pomeroy is useful as indicating some of the reaches of our equitable process.": *Virginia Law Review* 29:507-9.

"For the Clearing of All Such Titles, And Questions"

20. Powell, Thomas [1572?-1635?].

Direction for Search of Records Remaining in the Chancery. Tower. Exchequer, With the Limnes thereof: Viz. The Kings Remembrancer. Lord Treasurers Remembrancer. Clarke of the Exchequer. Pipe. Auditors. The First Fruits. Augmentation of the Revenue. Kings Bench. Common Pleas. Records of Courts Christian. For the Clearing of All Such Titles, And Questions, As the Same May Concerne. With the Accustomed Fees of Search: And Diverse Necessarie Observations. London: Printed by B.A. for Paul Man, 1622. [xvi], 78, [2] pp. Quarto (7-1/4" x 5-1/4").

Recent imitation calf, gilt title to spine. Woodcut head-pieces, tail-pieces and decorated initials. Light toning to text, somewhat heavier in places, light soiling and blotted-out signature to title page, early annotation to verso. Ex-library. Bookplate to front pastedown. \$750.

* Only edition. Thomas Powell was a poet, a man of letters and an industrious legal antiquarian. In this work, the *Attourney's Academy* and *Attornies' Almanack* he offered guidance to lawyers concerning the location and use of records, mostly to settle title claims. All are mentioned favorably by Holdsworth, who notes that the study of early records was an important aspect of legal education. In a sense, these books helped students to locate material for study. OCLC locates 4 copies in North American law libraries (Harvard, Library of Congress, University of Michigan, University of Pennsylvania). Holdsworth, *History of English Law* V:381. *English Short-Title Catalogue* S115034.

Classic American Treatise on Property Law

21. [Property Law].

American Law of Property. A Treatise on the Law of Property in the United States. A. James Casner (Editor-in-Chief). Boston: Little, Brown and Company, 1952-1954. Vols. I, II, III, IV, V, VI, VII, in 8 books. Complete set, current through 1962 pocket part supplements. Original publisher's maroon textured cloth with gilt lettered spines. Very light shelf wear, a very good set. \$650.

* This legal classic offers in-depth information on vendors and purchasers, easements and licenses, deeds, mortgages, examination of title, fixtures, landlord and tenant, perpetuities, possessory estates, future interests, oil and gas rights, and more.

The First English Law Dictionary

23. [Rastell, John (d.1536)].

[Rastell, William, Editor].

Les Termes de la Ley; Or, Certain Difficult and Obscure Words and Termes of the Common Lawes and Statutes of This Realme Now in Use, Expounded and Explained. Newly Imprinted, And Much Inlarged and Augmented. With a New Addition of Above Two Hundred and Fifty Words. London: Printed by J. Streater, 1659. [vii], 271 ff. Text printed in parallel columns. Octavo (6-1/2" x 4-1/4").

Contemporary sheep with later rebacking and recornering, blind fillets and rules to boards, lettering piece and blind fillets to spine, which is varnished, endpapers renewed. Light rubbing to extremities, a few shallow scuffs to boards, corners bumped and somewhat worn. Some soiling to title page, light toning to text. Early owner signatures and initials to title page, faint drawing in pencil to verso, inkspots to a few leaves. Ex-library. Bookplate to front pastedown. \$650.

* Later edition. English and Law French in parallel columns. First published in 1527 by John Rastell, this was both the first English dictionary and first English law dictionary. It was originally written in Law French with the Latin title *Expositiones Terminorum Legum Anglorumae*. Later editions were produced by his son, William. Quite popular with students and lawyers due to its clarity and concision, it went through at least twenty-five editions by 1721. A final reissue appeared in 1819. As Marvin observes, it is a useful dictionary because it "reflects the common law at the close of the year-book period with much fidelity.": *Legal Bibliography* 599. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R38213.

**1685 Printing
of Rastell's Dictionary**

22. [Rastell, John].

[Rastell, William, Editor].

Les Termes de la Ley: Or, Certain Difficult and Obscure Words and Terms of the Common Laws and Statutes of this Realm Now in Use, Expounded and Explained. Now Corrected and Enlarged. With Very Great Additions Throughout the Whole Book, Never Printed in Any Other Impression. London: Printed by W. Rawlins, S. Roycroft and M. Flesher, 1685. [iv], 671 pp. Octavo (6-1/2" x 4-1/2").

Contemporary calf, blind rules and corner fleurons to boards, rebacked retaining spine with raised bands and lettering piece, endleaves renewed. Light rubbing and a few inkstains to boards, corners bumped and somewhat worn. Moderate toning, faint dampspotting in places, internally clean. A handsome copy. \$950.

* Later edition. English and Law French in parallel columns. Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 1:11 (48). *English Short-Title Catalogue* R201044.

**Has a Section on
Laws Concerning Olives and Olive Oil**

24. Rendella, Prospero.

Tractatus de Pascuis, Defensis, Forestis, Et Aquis. Regum, Baronum, Communitatum & Singulorum. De Columbibus, Et Columbariis. De Olea, Et Oleo Commentaria. Cum Indicibus Unicorni; Operi Accomodatis. Trani: Typis Laurentii Valerii, 1730. [iv], 170, [10] pp. Folio (14-1/4" x 9").

Contemporary vellum, early calligraphic title to spine. Light rubbing to boards, some chipping to spine, corners bumped and somewhat worn, front free endpaper affixed to pastedown. Moderate browning and faint dampspotting to text, worming to margins in places, light edgewear to a few leaves, faint spot on title page and final leaf, possibly from a removed stamp. Early check marks to some index entries, interior otherwise clean. A nice copy of a scarce title. \$750.

* Later edition, a reissue of a 1718 Neapolitan imprint by Paolo Severini. First published in Naples in 1618, this treatise addresses legal and economic aspects of agriculture and natural resources including fields, forests, watercourses, game birds, such as doves, waters and watercourses. Due perhaps to its Neapolitan origins, it pays particular attention to the cultivation of olives and the production of olive oil. A useful work, it went through several editions into the mid-eighteenth century. All are scarce. OCLC locates few copies of any edition in North America, none of the 1730 Trani edition (at Harvard Law School). Not in Camus or the *British Museum Catalogue*. Donno, *Biblioteca Sistematica dell'Olio e dell'Olio d'Olio* 28.

**The "Longest Lived"
Treatise on Courts Leet and Baron**

25. Sheppard, William [d.1675?].

Browne, William, Editor.

The Court-Keepers Guide for the Keeping of Courts-Leet and Courts-Baron: Wherein Is Largely and Plainly Opened. The Jurisdiction of These Courts, with the Learning of Manors, Copyholds, Rents, Harriots, and Other Services and Advantages Belonging unto Manors; Shewing the Lord's Due and the Tenant's Duty. Usefull for All Persons Concerned in Copyhold Estates. Whereunto are Added Precedents of Copies of Court-Rolls, With Other Additions. London: Printed by the Assigns of Rich. Atkins, and Edw. Atkins, 1685. [xii], 284 pp. *Precedents of Copies* preceded by divisional title page. Octavo (5-3/4" x 3-3/4").

Later three-quarter calf over marbled boards, lettering piece and blind fillets to spine, which is varnished, endpapers renewed. Moderate rubbing to extremities, corners bumped and lightly worn. Moderate toning, (very) faint dampspotting to most of text, small stain near head of following leaf, edgewear and small tears to preliminaries and final few leaves, small chip to title page mended on verso with archival tape, internally clean. Ex-library. Bookplate to front pastedown. A nice copy. \$450.

* Seventh edition. In his discussion of the common law in the sixteenth century Holdsworth observes "[t]here was still a considerable amount of works to be done by [the courts leet and baron]. The common field system of agriculture needed regulation; the rights and duties of copy-holders were matters for the manorial court to determine, subject to the control of the courts of common law; and statutes of this period had assigned new duties to the leet. Thus a want was felt for something more than the single stereotyped tract which various publishers went on issuing from the press during the first half of this century. (...) [T]he longest lived...was the Court Keeper's Guide of William Sheppard, first published in 1641 and re-issued as late as 1791." Holdsworth, *A History of English Law* IV:120-121. Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 1:405(62).

Ancient Scottish Legal Terms

26. Skene, John [1543?-1617].

De Verborum Significatione: The Exposition of the Termes and Difficill Wordes, Contained in the Foure Buikes of Regiam Majestatem, and Uthers, In the Acts of Parliament, Infestments; And Used in Practique of this Realme; With Divers Rules, and Common Places, Or Principalles of the Lawes. 1681. [Edinburgh: Alexander Smellie, Printer, c.1815]. [iii], 4-146 pp. Octavo (8-1/2" x 5").

Contemporary calf with early rebacking. Blind fillets to boards, lettering piece and blind fillets to spine, endpapers renewed. Light rubbing and a few shallow scuffs to boards and extremities, corners bumped and lightly worn, hinges starting. Light toning to text, internally clean. Ex-library. Faint stamps to boards and edges, bookplate to front pastedown, inkstamps to endleaves, perforated stamp to title page. A nice copy. \$200.

* With side-notes. A useful reprint of this scarce 17th Century dictionary of legal terms in the Scottish dialect. Also published as an appendix to Bell's *Dictionary of the Law of Scotland*, this edition of Skene's dictionary reprints the text of the 1681 edition issued in Edinburgh by David Lindsay. Skene, a Scottish jurist and legal historian, is best known for his magisterial compilation *The Lawes and Actes of Parliament Made be King James the First and His Successors, Kings of Scotland* (1597). The present volume, which was first published as an appendix to the *Lawes and Actes*, is a dictionary of ancient Scottish legal terms. Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth of Nations* 5:105.

Issues Concerning the Election and Role of Scottish Members of Parliament

27. Spotsiswood, John [1667-1728].

The Law Concerning Election of Members for Scotland, To Sit and Vote in the Parliament of Great-Britain. Shewing the Order, And what is Necessary to be Observed in Electing the Peers, And Commissioners for Shires and Burghs, The Duty of the Officers Concern'd in Returning the Summons of Parliament, With Other Matters Relating to Members of Parliament, According to the Statutes and Laws in the North and South Parts of this United Kingdom. Together with the Privilege Belonging to Parliament-Men, Publish'd for the Use of These Concern'd in the Elections for Scotland. Edinburgh: Printed by William Brown and Company, 1722. [viii], 132 pp. Octavo (6" x 3-3/4").

Contemporary polished calf, lettering piece, raised bands and gilt ornaments to spine, speckled edges. Corners bumped, hinges starting, internally fresh. A notably well-preserved copy. \$850

* Second, final and best edition. Spottiswoode, the Edinburgh lawyer and jurist, provides a scholarly and detailed handbook on the election of Scottish MPs and their role in the Parliament of Great Britain. (Scotland began to elect MPs after the Act of Union in 1707.) He touches on the still-controversial West Lothian question, which concerned the right of Scottish, Welsh or Irish MPs in the House of Commons to vote on issues specific to England. There is also an interesting chapter on Members's expenses. The first edition was published in 1710. Both editions are scarce. OCLC locates 2 copies of the first edition and 9 copies of the second edition in North America, 1 in a law library (University of Washington, which has a second edition). *English Short-Title Catalogue* T130151.

"Liberty of the Press"

28. [Squire, Samuel (1713-1766)].

A Faithful Report of a Genuine Debate Concerning the Liberty of the Press. Addressed to a Candidate at the Ensuing Election. Wherein a Sure and Safe Method is Proposed of Restraining the Abuse of that Liberty, Without the Least Encroachment upon the Rights and Privileges of the Subject. London: Re-Printed for T. Becket and P.A. DeHondt, 1764. [ii], 45, [1] pp. Octavo (8" x 5").

Stab-stitched pamphlet bound into recent stiff marbled wrappers, printed paper title label to front. Some toning to text, faint dampspotting to a few leaves, internally clean. \$850.

* Second and final edition. Squire, a notable Whig, was a bishop of the Church of England and a historian. His *Faithful Report* was first published in 1740. It calls for the moderate liberalization of libel laws with proposals to "restrain the abuse of that liberty." OCLC locates 6 copies of the first edition and 5 copies of the second edition in North America, none in law libraries. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T113193.

"Their First Official Call on President Coolidge"

29. [Supreme Court, United States].

[Candid 6-1/2" x 10" Black-and-White Photograph of the Taft Court]. [Washington: Harris and Ewing, October 1, 1923]. Top and bottom margins trimmed, light wear to edges, upper right corner clipped with no loss to image, annotations, stamps and tipped-in caption to verso. \$125.

* The caption reads: "Chief Justice William Howard Taft, Center, and members of the United States Supreme Court leaving the White House, Monday afternoon, October 1, after making their first official call on President Coolidge. The call was made following the opening of the fall session of the court." The associate justices were Joseph McKenna, Oliver Wendell Holmes, Willis Van Devanter, James C. McReynolds, Louis D. Brandeis, George Sutherland, Pierce Butler and Edward T. Sanford.

"Most Elaborate" Treatise on English Law and the Clergy

30. Watson, William [1637?-1689].

The Clergy-Man's Law: Or, the Complete Incumbent. Collected from the 39 Articles, Canons, Decrees in Chancery and Exchequer, as Also from All the Acts of Parliament, and Common-Law Cases, Related to the Church and Clergy of England: Digested Under Proper Heads for the Benefit of Patrons of Churches, and the Parochial Clergy. And Will be Useful to All Students, and Practitioners of the Law. With a Table of Contents of the Chapters, and Another of the Principal Matters. To Which is Added, the Names of the Present Bishops, and Other Chief Dignitaries of the Church of England. London: Printed by E. and R. Nutt, and R. Gosling, 1725. iv, [8], 652, 62 pp. Includes one-page publisher list. Folio (12-1/2" x 8").

Recent period-style calf preserving portions of original boards, blind raised bands and lettering piece to spine, blind frames and fillets to boards, endpapers renewed. Light rubbing to extremities, light scuffing to boards, spine varnished, a bit of flaking along joints. Light toning to text, very faint dampstaining to foot of text block in a few places, internally clean. Ex-library. Faint inkstamps to boards, bookplate to front pastedown, perforated stamp at head of title page. An attractive copy. \$250.

* Third Edition. "[During the eighteenth century a] number of books aimed at setting out more or less a summary of those branches of law which would be useful to the clergy. The most elaborate of these books is [the present title], which was first published in 1701 and reached a fourth edition by 1747. The author was a clergyman who held the deanery of Battel; but he had been educated with a view to becoming a practitioner in the ecclesiastical courts, and had taken his degree of doctor of laws. Because he had had a legal education he was, he tells us 'soon apply'd to by his neighbours, as a person able to advise them in the many doubts and difficulties that daily occurred to them.' (...) The book deals clearly and systematically in fifty-nine chapters with the law and practice on all topics which are useful to the clergy. It is a learned book; but, as the title page indicates, it is compiled almost entirely from the English cases, statutes and other authorities, to which the full references are given. Though the author is an LL.D. he is obviously more learned in English law than in the civil or canon law.": Holdsworth, *History of English Law* 12:622-623. Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 1:176 (127).



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