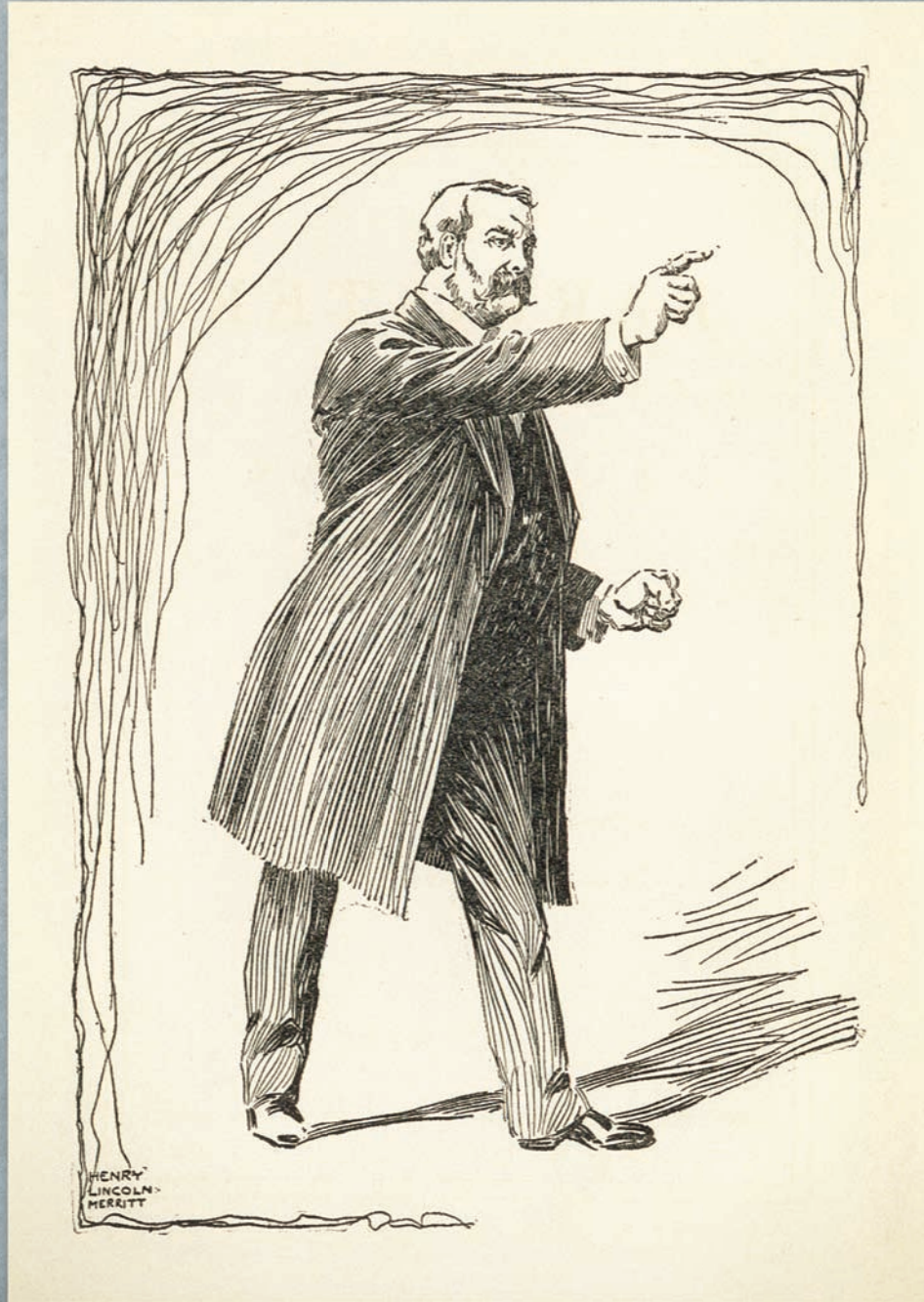


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1. Annesley, Alexander [d. 1813].

A Compendium of the Law of Marine Insurances, Bottomry, Insurance on Lives, and of Insurance Against Fire: In Which the Mode of Calculating Averages is Defined, and Illustrated by Examples. Middletown [CT]: Printed for I. Riley, 1808. xv, [1], [17]-258 pp. 12mo. (7-1/2" x 4-1/2").

Contemporary sheep, blind fillets to boards, lettering piece and blind fillets to spine. Light rubbing with light wear to corners, boards have some scuffing and a few spots of worming. Light foxing to endleaves, light toning to text. A nice copy. \$300.

* Only American edition, published the same year as the first (and only) London edition. "The present excellent system of maritime jurisprudence, so enlarged in principle, and liberal in practice, is detailed in works too voluminous to afford a ready and practicable reference to the merchant, the broker, or the underwriter; the Compiler, therefore, has abridged the law and the dicta on adjudged cases of insurance, arranging the whole under distinct heads to serve as a vade mecum to every class of readers, who may comprehend with facility, and decide with confidence." Preface v-vi. Annesley was a barrister of the Middle Temple and a London solicitor. Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 7050.

Edition of Blackstone with 13 Copperplate Portraits

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

Christian, Edward [d. 1823], Editor.

Commentaries on the Laws of England, in Four Books. With the Last Corrections of the Author; and With Notes and Additions by Edward Christian. London: Printed by A. Strahan and W. Woodfall, 1793-1795. Four volumes. Copperplate portrait frontispieces of Blackstone (Volume I), Littleton (Volume II), Mansfield (Volume II) and Hale (Volume IV), nine other portrait copperplates of important English jurists interspersed throughout, copperplate "Table of Consanguinity" and folding "Table of Descents" (Volume I). Octavo (5-1/4" x 8-1/4").

Recent period-style quarter morocco over marbled boards, raised bands, gilt ornaments and gilt titles to spine, untrimmed edges, early armorial owner bookplates to front pastedowns. Light toning to text, negligible light foxing in places, internally clean. A handsome set. \$1,000.

* Twelfth edition, and the first edition with Christian's notes. Blackstone's paging retained in margins. "This edition was originally published in numbers, each number containing the portrait of a judge. (...) The editor is designated on the title pages of this edition as 'Edward Christian, esq., barrister at law, and professor of the Laws of England in the University of Cambridge.' His notes are printed as footnotes, separated from those of Blackstone by a rule. A selection of Christian's notes is included in most American editions of the *Commentaries*" (Eller). The jurists depicted in the plates in the text are Somers, Fortescue, Coke, Holt, Gilbert, Comyns, Hardwick, Foster and Raymond. Eller, *The William Blackstone Collection at Yale University* 21. Laeuchli, *A Bibliographical Catalogue of William Blackstone* 26.

Blackstone's Handsome Edition of *Magna Carta*

3. Blackstone, Sir William.

The Great Charter and Charter of the Forest, With Other Authentic Instruments: To Which is Prefixed an Introductory Discourse, Containing the History of the Charters. Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1759. [iv], lxxvi, [iv], 86 pp. As in many copies, the half-title and table of contents (Tabula) are bound between pp lxxvi and p. 1. Folio (13-1/2" x 10-1/2").

Contemporary calf, gilt rules to boards, raised bands, gilt ornaments and lettering piece to spine, dentelles to board edges, marbled endpapers. Rubbing to extremities with wear to head of spine, front joint cracked, rear joints starting, corners bumped and somewhat worn, a few shallow scuffs and some minor staining to boards. Moderate toning to text, light foxing in places, upper corner of text block bumped, internally clean. \$6,000.

* First edition. Texts of documents in Latin, Blackstone's essay in English. The engraved dedication to the Earl of Westmoreland is surmounted with his armorial ensigns; initials in the text are ornamented with engravings of various buildings at Oxford University. The tail pieces on pages lxxvi and 73 are historical vignettes; the other ten tail-pieces are facsimiles of the royal seals that are attached to the original documents. This remarkable work is esteemed for its production and scholarship. Its physical appeal was recognized as early as 1829 in Richard Thompson's *An Historical Essay on the Magna Charta of King John*, which described it as a "beautiful and rare edition." Blackstone's essay, which is based on a great deal of original research, argued that the charter was the foundation of English liberties. This idea, first proposed by Coke, was a central tenet of Whig ideology. More important, Blackstone's research into the original texts demonstrated that all earlier editions of the charter were based on the significantly different reissue of 1225, in the reign of Henry III, rather than the original one endorsed at Runnymede. His philological approach was highly influential; it established the textual focus that has governed subsequent study of the charter. Eller notes that Worrall's *Bibliotheca Legum Angliae* (1788) lists an edition from 1758 with the title *Magna Charta and Charta de Foresta*. She was not able to locate any copies, however. Later research, including that of Ann Laeuchli, indicates this edition is a ghost. Eller, *The William Blackstone Collection in the Yale Law Library* 237. Laeuchli, *A Bibliographical Catalog of William Blackstone* 548.

First Edition of a Notable Seventeenth-Century Treatise on Bankruptcy and Fraudulent Conveyances

4. B[lount], T[homas] [1618-1679].

The Resolutions of the Judges Upon the Several Statutes of Bankrupts: As Also the Like Resolutions Upon 13 Eliz. And 27 Eliz. Touching Fraudulent Conveyances. London: Printed for T. Twyford, 1670. [ii], 206 pp. Final leaf, a blank, lacking. Folding tabular table of contents. Main title page followed by another title page, possibly a cancel, reading (in part) *The Several Statutes Concerning Bankrupts, Methodically Digested*. A second part, beginning on p. 177, has a divisional title page reading (in part) *The Resolutions of the Judges, Upon 13 Eliz. And 27 Eliz. The Statutes Touching Fraudulent Conveyances*. Octavo (5-1/2" x 3-1/2").

Recent period-style calf, blind rules to boards, raised bands and lettering piece to spine, early hand-lettered title to fore-edge of text block, margins of final leaf (pp. 205-206) repaired. Moderate toning to text, minor worming to margins in a few places, negligible edgewear to preliminaries. An attractive copy of a scarce title. \$1,500.

* First edition. This brief treatise was one of the earliest books on the topic. Blount was a member of the Inner Temple. Prohibited to practice at the Bar because he was a Catholic, but blessed with a large private income, Blount turned to legal scholarship, historical studies and lexicography. A second edition was issued in 1676. Both are scarce. OCLC locates 4 copies of the first edition in North American law libraries (Jenkins, Library of Congress, University of Minnesota, Yale). *English Short-Title Catalogue* R19029.

Rare Treatises on Combats and Family Law

5. Bocer, Heinrich [1561-1630].

Halbriiter, Johann [1591-1649].

De Bello et Duello Tractatus Iuris, Sedecim Abhinc Annis Primum Divulgatus, Nuper Autem Variis in Locis Recognitus, Quaestionibus Nonnullis Auctus, Reformatus, & Denno Editus. Accessit Oratio Elegans de Privilegiis Doctorum, A Nobili et Consultissimo Viro, Dn. Johanne Halbriitero. Tubingen: Typis & Impensis Cellianis, 1607. [xvi], 361, [20] pp. Woodcut portrait frontispiece of Bocer.

[Bound with]

Mendes de Castro, Manuel [16th/17th C.].

Repetitio L. Cum Oportet VI. De Bon. Quae Lib. In Potest. Constitut. ex Matrimon. &c. Ubi Tractatur I. De Peculio Profectio: II. Adventio: 3. Castrensi, & Quasi Castrensi: 4. De[que] Administratione Bonorum ad Liberos Pertinentium. 5. De Usufructu Patri Debito. 6. De Successione, Collatione, &c. Nunc Primum in Germania, & Quidem Correctius, Edita: Cum Summariis, & Indice Copioso. Augsburg: Typis Praetorianis, Sumptibus Sebastiani Mylli, 1608. [viii], 318 [i.e. 320], [xvii] pp.

Octavo (6" x 3-1/2"). Contemporary vellum with lapped edges, owner initials and "1609" stamped to front board, early hand-lettered titles to spine, ties lacking, edges rouged. Negligible light rubbing to extremities. Attractive woodcut head-pieces, tail-pieces and decorated initials. Light toning to text, somewhat darker in places, light foxing and dampspotting to a few leaves. Early neat underlining in a few places, interior otherwise clean. Ex-library. Bookplate to front pastedown. A handsome volume containing two rare titles. \$2,500.

* *Bello*: second edition; *Repetitio*: first edition. This volume collects two unrelated (?) treatises. Bocer's *Bello et Duello* examines, from a variety of legal and theological perspectives, combats ranging from two-man duels to gang fights and military combat. Intended for gentlemen, the book emphasizes dueling and warfare. The first edition was published in 1591. The book met with some success; later editions appeared in 1607 and 1616. Grounded in Roman law, *Repetitio* is a comprehensive treatise on issues concerning husbands, wives, parents and children. A second edition was published in 1619. Both titles are rare. OCLC locates no copies of *Bello* in North America, 1 copy of *Repetitio* (at Harvard Law School, which has the 1608 edition). *Das Verzeichnis der im Deutschen Sprachraum Erschienenen Drucke des 17. Jahrhunderts* 23:316639P, 1:042802N.

**The Final Fifteenth-Century Imprints of
the *Liber Sextus Decretalium* and *Clementinae***

[Boniface VIII, Pope (1235-1303)].

[D'Andrea, Giovanni [c.1270-1348], Glossator.

[Brant, Sebastian (1457-1521), Editor].

Sextus Decretalium cum Certis Additionibus Johannis Andree. [Basel: Johann Froben and Johann Amerbach, December 1, 1500]. Two parts in one, Part II is titled *Constitutiones Clementinarum*. [288] ff. Collation: AA6, a-y8, z12; AA-MM8. Complete. Main text surrounded by linear glosses in parallel columns, printed in red and black throughout. Large woodcut depicting the presentation of the Liber Sextus to Boniface on fol. [8]v, woodcut tables of consanguinity and descent on ff. [3]v and [5]r. Quarto (8" x 6").

Recent vellum, hand-lettered title to spine, endpapers added, edges rouged. Text in 72-line gothic type printed throughout in red and black. Light toning to text. Early annotation to title page of the Liber Sextus, marginalia to a few leaves, some affected by trimming. Light soiling to bottom inner margins on first 100 leaves, faint dampstaining to outer margins of a few leaves at end of text block, interior otherwise fresh. \$9,500.

* With a register of titles and D'Andrea's *Super Arboribus Consanguinitatis et Affinitatis*. Attempts to codify the body of canon law began in earnest during the Carolingian Empire. These efforts reached fruition between 1020 and 1025 in the twenty-volume *Decretum* of Burchard, Bishop of Worms. The next great step was taken in 1234 with the *Libri Quinque Decretalium* of Gregory IX, which formed the basis of the *Corpus Juris Canonici*. The *Liber Sextus* of Boniface VIII (1298), the last great collection of the pre-Reformation era, consists of updates and modifications. The *Clementinae Constitutiones* (1313) is a collection of papal legislation that modifies portions of the *Liber Sextus*. It was followed by the *Extravagantes Joannes XXII* and the *Extravagantes Communes* in 1325. All of these texts were edited after the Council of Trent in 1582 under the collective title *Corpus Juris Canonici*. Andrea was an Italian canonist and professor of canon law at the University of Bologna. An eminent figure who received the highest tributes from Arithemius, Baldus, Forster and Bellarmin, his principal writings circulated widely in manuscript and were among the earliest printed works on canon law. His glosses were first published in 1472. Our edition by the great Basel printers Froben and Amerbach was the last printed in the fifteenth century. Remembered today as the moral and satirical poet of *Das Narrenschiff* (The Ship of Fools, 1549), Brant was also a noted legal scholar and humanist. His edition of the *Liber Sextus* was first published in 1494. OCLC locates 3 copies of our 1500 imprint in North American law libraries (Harvard, Library of Congress, UC-Berkeley). *Gesamtkatalog der Wiegendrucke* 4905. Goff, *Incunabula in American Libraries* B1015.

**An Event That Advanced a Successful Movement to
Reduce the Number of Capital Crimes in Massachusetts**

6. [Broadside].

[Execution].

[Salem, Massachusetts].

Execution of Stephen Merrill Clark, Which Took Place on Winter Island, Salem, On Thursday, May 10, 1821. Salem, MA?: S.n., 1821. 17-3/4" x 11" broadside. Text in four columns enclosed by black rules, small woodcut of a coffin below headline, untrimmed edges.

Light browning, fold lines, a few unobtrusive repairs, a few tiny dampspots. A rare item \$2,250.

* In 1820 Clark burned down a barn. There was no loss of life, but he was tried for a capital crime, found guilty and sentenced to death. The jury recommended commutation to no avail. He was sixteen years of age when he committed the crime, seventeen when executed. His case helped to advance a successful movement to reduce the number of capital crimes. By 1852 only murder remained as a capital offense. OCLC locates 4 copies (at Yale Law School, the New-York Historical Society, the Massachusetts Historical Society and the Vermont Historical Society). We located another copy at the American Antiquarian Society. Cohen lists this item but notes that he didn't handle a copy; his entry based on a dealer's catalogue. Cohen also notes another broadside, again unseen, a 16-page pamphlet at Harvard Law School, and a 63-page report of the trial, at Yale Law School. Curiously, there is nothing for Clark in McDade, which is surprising given the contemporary and long term importance of the case. These omissions in McDade suggest the rarity of these four accounts. Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 1238.

**An Act to Incorporate DeKalb,
An Unrecorded Illinois Broadside?**

7. [Broadside].

[Illinois].

Twenty-Second General Assembly.

An Act to Incorporate the Town of DeKalb. [Springfield, IL, 1861]. 25" x 14" broadside, dense text in five columns. Complete as issued.

Light browning, fold lines, a few chips to each edge, isolated spots to wear at centerfold touching five words, all easily inferred. A rare item. \$750.

* As far as we can determine, this broadside printing of the act founding this northern Illinois town, home of Northern Illinois University, is unrecorded. This appears to be an unofficial printing. The anonymous printer ran out of space at the end of the fifth column of text. Omitting the penultimate Article 44, on filling the vacancy of the office of the constable, the printer assigned that number to the final pro-forma two-line article, "This act shall be deemed a public act... &c.," but then omitted the date, "Approved Feb. 21, 1861." No copies listed on OCLC or in the state-wide catalogue of the Illinois State Library.

Scarce Eighteenth-Century Critical Edition of the *Corpus Juris Canonici*

8. [Canon Law].

Pithou, Pierre [1539-1596], Editor.

Pithou, Francois [1543-1621], Editor.

Le Peletier, Claude [1630-1711], Editor.

Corpus Juris Canonici Gregorii XIII. Pont. Max. Jussu Editum a Petro Pitheo, Et Francisco Fratre, Jurisconsultis. Ad Veteres Codices Manuscriptos Restitutum, Et Notis Illustratum. Ex Bibliotheca Illustrissimi, D.D. Claudii Le Peletier. Paris: Sumptibus Jo. Friderici Gleditschii, 1705. Two volumes bound as one. [xxxii], 492; [vi], 488, [45], 140 pp. Main text in parallel columns. Volume II has title beginning: *Decretales Gregorii Papae IX.* Folio (15-1/2" x 9").

Contemporary vellum with lapped edges, small gilt monogram to center of front board, early hand-lettered title to spine. Some soiling, front board slightly bowed, corners bumped and somewhat worn, front joint starting at head, front free endpaper lacking. Title pages, with copperplate vignettes, printed in red and black. Moderate toning to text, light foxing and dampspotting in places. Early annotations to foot of title page and rear endleaves, neat underlining in a few places, interior otherwise clean. \$1,650.

* Later edition. With tables and indexes. Attempts to codify the body of canon law began in earnest during the Carolingian Empire. These efforts reached fruition between 1020 and 1025 in the twenty-volume *Decretum of Burchard*, Bishop of Worms. The next great step was taken in 1151 with Gratian's *Concordia Discordantium Canonum* or *Decretum Gratiani*, a watershed compilation that superseded earlier collections. The *Libre Quinque Decretalium* of Gregory IX followed in 1234. Published in 1298, the *Liber Sextus* of Boniface VIII was the last great collection of the pre-Reformation era. John XXII added the final official collection, the *Liber Septimus Decretalium*, better known as the "Constitutiones Clementis V" or simply "Clementinae" (1317). Three more texts were added later: the *Extravagantes* of John XXII (1325), the *Extravagantes Communes* of other popes to 1484 and the *Appendix Pauli Lancellotti* (1563). The texts in this volume are drawn from the *Correctores Romani* (1580-1582), an edition commissioned by the Council of Trent. It remained the only authenticated collection of material for the Western Church until the promulgation of the Code of Canon Law in 1917. The first edition by the Pithou brothers and Claude Le Peletier appeared in 1687 and was reissued several times throughout Europe. It is notable as an early critical edition and for the quality of its notes. Despite its popularity, few copies of any imprint are held by North American law libraries. OCLC locates 5 copies of the 1705 edition (Columbia, Harvard, Library of Congress, Social Law, UC-Berkeley). Not in Ferreira-Ibarra.

Celebrated Crimes Recounted by Dumas, Illustrated Throughout

9. Dumas, Alexander [1802-1870].

Burnham, I.G., Translator.

Celebrated Crimes. Philadelphia: G. Barrie & Sons, 1895. Eight volumes. Plates with tissue guards. Quarto (9" x 7").

Contemporary cloth, printed paper title labels, deckle edges. Moderate rubbing to extremities, bookplate of Willis Sharpe Kilmer to front pastedown of each volume. Light toning to interior, internally clean. An appealing set. \$150.

*From a limited edition of 1,000 copies on Holland paper, this number 311. Accounts of notable (mostly) French crimes, illustrated throughout. Contents: Volume I. Joanna of Naples, The Man in the Iron Mask, Martin Guerre; Volume II. The Borgias, Volume III. The Marquise de Ganges, Karl Ludwig Sand, Urbain Grandien; Volume IV. Mary Stuart; Volume V. The Cenci, Murat, Derues; Volume VI. Ali-Pacha, La Comtesse de Saint-Geran, Nisida; Volume VII. La Marquise de Brinvilliers, Vaninka, La Constantin; Volume VIII. Massacres in the South. This copy belonged to Willis Sharpe Kilmer [1869-1940], a notable marketing pioneer, newspaperman and horse breeder.

By an "Unrivalled" Authority on Commercial Law

10. Emerigon, Balthazard-Marie [1716-1785].

[Hall, John E., Translator].

An Essay on Maritime Loans, From the French; With Notes: To Which is Added an Appendix, Containing the Titles De Exercitoria Actione, De Lege Rhodia de Jactu, and De Nautico Foenore, Translated From the Digest and Code of Justinian. And the Title Des Contracts a la Grosse Aventure ou a Retour de Voyage, From the Marine Ordinance of Louis XIV. Baltimore: Published by Philip H. Nicklin & Co., 1811. xvi, [17]-313, [1] pp. Octavo (8-1/2" x 5-1/4").

Recent cloth, calf lettering piece to spine, endpapers renewed. Small neat signature in an early hand to head title page. Very light browning to text, light foxing to a few leaves, interior otherwise fresh. A nice copy. \$450.

* Only American edition. With notes and references to English and American cases. Emerigon was the leading French authority on commercial law. His work was held in the highest regard by English and American jurists. James Kent observed that "no subject in Emerigon is discussed without being exhausted." Lord Ellenborough said he was an "unrivalled" theorist and practical writer. This treatise on bottomry and respondentia is a useful companion to his treatises on maritime law and maritime insurance. Citations from Marvin, *Legal Bibliography* 293. Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 7060.

Three Eighteenth-Century Works on English Election Law With an Interesting Maryland Association

11. [Great Britain].

[Election Law].

[Maryland, Colonial Period].

Orders and Resolutions of the Honourable House of Commons, On Controverted Elections and Returns: Determining the Qualifications of candidates and Voters; The Rights of Election for the Several Cities and Boroughs; The Nature of Evidence Proper on the Hearing; And the Duty of Returning Officers. The Statutes in Force Concerning Elections, Are Also Pointed Out Under Proper Heads. With Additions. London: Printed for J. Stagg, 1736. ix, [i], [3]-48-48*, 49-209, [8] pp.

[Bound With]

The Statutes at Large Concerning Elections of Members to Serve in the House of Commons; Containing A Compleat Collection of All the Acts of Parliament Now in Force, Which Relate Thereto, Continued to the End of the Last Session of Parliament, 1734. London: Printed by John Baskett, Printer to the King's Most Excellent Majesty, And Sold by Him, Robert Gosling in Fleetstreet [sic], and John Stagg in Westminster-Hall, 1734. [vi], 73, 64-109, [17], 10 pp. The text is continuous despite pagination.

[And]

[Cowley, John, Attributed].

The Candidates Guide: Or, The Electors Rights Decided. Shewing the Determination of the Rights of Elections, By the Hon'ble the Commons of Great Britain in Parliament, In All Contraverted Elections for the Counties and Boroughs in South Britain, From the Year 1624 to 1730. Corrected and improved. To Which is Added, The Like Determinations in Contraverted Elections for North Britain, Since the Union. With Several Resolutions and Standing Orders Relating to Elections, Qualifications, Returns, Petitions, and Proceedings in General. Together with the Head of the Statutes Now in Force Concerning the Same; And Several Adjusted Cases in Disputed Points of Admitting of Evidence on Hearings at the Bar of the House. The Whole Digested into Alphabetical Order, With Proper References and Genuine Quotations. London: Printed for J. Brindley in New Bond-Street, And Sold by Mrs. Dodd without Temple-Bar, And by the Booksellers of London and Westminster: Likewise in Most Great Towns in England, 1735. 64 pp.

12mo. (6" x 4"). Contemporary calf, gilt spine with raised bands and lettering pieces. Moderate rubbing to extremities with some wear to spine ends, joints starting, some chipping to lettering pieces, one mostly defaced, corners bumped and somewhat worn, eighteenth century copperplate armorial bookplate of Legh Master of Newhall. Light toning to text, a bit heavier in places. "No 2" and "John Hanson Thomas March 1815" in small early hand to front free endpaper, interior otherwise clean. An appealing volume with an interesting association. \$750.

* Second editions. An appealing volume with a choice dual Anglo-American provenance. John Hanson Thomas [1779-1815], eminent Maryland lawyer, acquired this volume two months before his death in 1815, the year in which he was appointed to the U.S. Senate" selected by his party for a seat in the United States Senate. The volume originally belonged to the British aristocrat, Legh Master of Newhall [1717-1796], who came to Maryland in 1773 (other sources say ca. 1765) and established a plantation and pig-iron blast furnace on his estate in Frederick County. The estate was confiscated in 1775 when he was suspected of being a Loyalist. It was later restored to him. He committed a gruesome double murder after the war. "[He] was said to have sexually harassed a Negro slave girl. He became angry when another slave called Sam attempted to help her. He threw Sam into the furnace alive, then killed the girl and disposed of the body by bricking it up in an oven. During renovations of Avandale house in the 1930s, the oven was opened and a human skeleton was found inside." *Codner & District Local History and Heritage Website, The Master Family* (available online). *English Short-Title Catalogue* T73467, T78250, T73466.

Cromwell Refused to Grant a Pardon

12. H[all], J[ohn] [1627-1656].

[Hinde, John, Attributed].

A Gage to Love's Advocate: Or, An Assertion of the Justice of the Parliament in the Execution of Mr Love. London: Printed by William Du-Gard, Printer to the Council of State, 1651. [iv], 22 pp. Quarto (7" x 5-1/2").

Stab-stitched pamphlet bound into later three-quarter calf over marbled boards. Light rubbing to extremities with negligible wear to spine ends and corners. Large copperplate arms of the Commonwealth to title page, woodcut head-pieces and decorated initials. Moderate toning to text, dampstaining to head of text block, title page soiled and edgeworn, worming to lower margin of text block,

edgewear to a few leaves at beginning and end of text, small chips to heads of final three leaves with minor loss to text. Two miniscule annotations in later hand to head of title page, small recent owner stamp to rear pastedown, interior otherwise clean. A solid copy of a scarce title. \$1,000.

* Only edition. Hall was a poet employed as a pamphleteer by Cromwell. He was, in other words, a propagandist for the Commonwealth. *A Gagg to Love's Advocate* defends the recent execution of Christopher Love [1618-1651], a controversial Welsh Protestant preacher and advocate of Presbyterianism. He was convicted of treason when the Commonwealth learned that he was communicating with the exiled Stuart court with the goal of restoring the Stuart monarchy. He went to his death as a martyr of the Presbyterians, who petitioned in vain to secure his pardon. Cromwell denied these petitions because we wished to suppress dissent among the Presbyterians. OCLC locates 6 copies in North America, none in law libraries. A few sources, most notably Wing's *Short-Title Catalogue*, suggest an attribution to John Hinde. The *ESTC* does not offer an attribution, though most scholarship indicates that Hall was the author. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R206702.

French Edition of the First Collection of Hindu Law in a Western Language

13. [Hindu Law].

[Customary Law, India].

[Halhed, Nathaniel Brassey (1751-1830), Translator].

[Robinet, Jean Baptiste Rene, French Translation].

Code des Loix des Gentoux, Ou Reglemens des Brames, Traduit de l'Anglais, d'Après les Versions Faites de l'Original Ecrit en Langue Samskrite. Paris: Chez Stoupe, Imprimeur-Libraire, 1778. [iv], lx, 341, [2] pp. 8 copperplate leaves of texts in Sanskrit. Quarto (10" x 7-1/2").

Contemporary calf with cat's-paw decoration, blind rules to boards, gilt spine with raised bands and lettering pieces, marbled endpapers, edges rouged. Light rubbing to extremities, a few minor scuffs to boards, corners lightly bumped. Woodcut head and tail-pieces. Light toning to text, foxing to a few leaves, internally clean. A well-preserved copy. \$650.

* Only French edition. First published in English in 1776 as *A Code of Gentoo Laws*, this is the first collection of Hindu law in a Western language. It is a translation from the *Vivadarnavasetu*, a digest in 21 sections (*taranga*). The *pandits* (*pundats*) are *Banesvara*, *Kriparama*, *Rama Gopala*, *Krishnajivana*, *Viresvara*, *Krishnacandra*, *Guarikaanta*, *Kalisankara*, *Syamasundara*, *Krishnakasesara* and *Sitarama*. Halhed, a leading Orientalist of his day, worked as a linguist for the East India Company. His work was compiled under the sponsorship of Warren Hastings, the governor-general of the East India Company. Produced to enhance English control of India, it was nevertheless an important work of scholarship and comparative law. OCLC locates 7 copies in North America, 3 in law libraries (Harvard, Library of Congress, University of Minnesota). *British Museum Catalogue* (Compact Edition) 11:497.

The Lady's Law

14. [Hyde, Robert (1595-1665)].

A Treatise of Feme Coverts: Or, The Lady's Law. Containing All the Laws and Statutes Relating to Women, And Several Heads: I. Of Dissents of Lands to Females, Coparceners, Etc. II. Of Consummation of Marriage, Stealing of Women, Rapes, Polygamy. III. Of the Laws of Procreation of Children, And Therein of Bastards or Spurious Issue. IV. Of the Privileges of Feme Coverts, And Their Power with Respect to Their Husband, And All Others. V. Of Husband and Wife, And in What Actions They Are to Join. VI. Of Estates Tail, Jointures and Settlements, Real and Personal on Women. VII. Of What the Wife is Entitled to of the Husband's, And Things Belonging to the Wife, The Husband Gains Possession of by Marriage. VIII. Of Private Contracts by the Wife, Alimony, Separate Maintenance, Divorces, Elopements, Etc. To Which are Added, Judge Hyde's Very Remarkable Argument in the Exchequer-Chamber, Term. Trin. 15 Car. 2 In the Case of Manby and Scot, Whether and in What Cases the Husband is Bound by the Contract of His Wife: And Select Precedents of Conveyances in all Cases Concerning Feme Coverts. [London]: E. and R. Nutt, And R. Gosling, 1737. [viii], 264, [16] pp. Octavo (7-3/4" x 5").

Recent period-style paneled calf, raised bands and lettering piece to spine. Light toning to text, negligible foxing to a few leaves, internally clean. A handsome copy. \$3,500.

* Second and final edition, a reissue of the first edition with a cancel title page. Originally published in 1732, this is one of the first treatises devoted to laws concerning a "feme covert," that is, a daughter, ward or wife. The work concludes with an account of Robert Hyde's argument in the 1663 Exchequer case of *Manby v. Scott*, in which he argued that a husband separated from his wife is not liable to a vendor for goods purchased by the estranged wife. Hyde was a Chief Justice of the King's Bench from 1663-1665, having gained appointment through the influence of his cousin, Edward Hyde, first Earl of Clarendon. Both editions are scarce. OCLC locates 9 of the first edition in North American law libraries, 3 of the second (at Harvard, the University of Cincinnati and the University of Pennsylvania). *Dictionary of National Biography* X:400-401. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T107459.

Handbook for Delegates to the 1847 Illinois Constitutional Convention

15. [Illinois].

[Constitutional Convention of 1847].

Rules of the Convention Assembled to Revise, Alter, Or Amend the Constitution of the State of Illinois: Together with a List of the Members and Standing Committees. Springfield: Lanphier & Walker, Printers to the Convention, 1847. 16 pp. 16mo. (4-3/4" x 3").

Original plain brown wrappers, a few creases, small hole near head of spine, small blank piece excised from bottom of rear. Light toning to interior, internally clean. \$175.

* Only issue. The convention was held in the summer of 1847. Ratified by popular vote in 1848, this, the second state constitution, alters the constitution on 1818 in important ways: by expanding the power of the state to incur debt, formally organizing the court system, establishing voting by ballot and removed the power of the legislature to appoint judges or expand the membership of the Supreme Court. It also restricted the vote to white male citizens over 21. A separate article submitted for popular vote prohibited "free persons of color from immigrating to and settling in this state..." OCLC locates 1 copy (at the Chicago Historical Museum).

An Ancient English Right

16. [Land Law].

[Great Britain].

The Law of Commons and Commoners; Or a Treatise Shewing the Original and Nature of Common, And Several Kinds Thereof, Viz. Common Appendant, Appurtenant, Estover, Turbary, Peschary and Pur Cause of Vicinage, Of Commons in Gross, and Sans Number, With the Pleadings in Reference to Every of Them. As Also the Powers and Privileges of Commoners, in Reference to the Soil, to the Lord, to Strangers, and of the Remedies and Actions They May Have. Of Declarations, Pleadings, In and to Actions Brought by and Against Commoners. Approvement, Apportionment, Suspension and Extinguishment of Common. Of Grant of Common, and By What Words Common Shall Pass. Together With the Learning of Prescriptions in General; the Form and Manner of Pleading Prescription, In Reference to Common, in Several Rules. Of Prescription and Pleading by a Copyholder in Reference to Common. Of Evidence to Prove Prescription for Common, the Several Customs of commoners, and of Enclosures. With Several Forms of Precedents Adapted to Every Sort of Common. With Large Additions. [London]: Printed by Eliz. Nutt and B. Gosling, 1720. [xxi], 271, [8] pp. Includes one-page publisher list. Octavo (7-1/2" x 4-3/4").

Recent period-style calf, blind rules to boards, gilt-edged raised bands and lettering piece to spine, later armorial bookplate (of Francis Elde) to verso of title page. Light toning to text, occasional faint wrinkling from moisture, faint dampstaining and dampspotting in a few places, lower corner lacking from a leaf with no loss to text, internally clean. An appealing copy of an uncommon title. \$750.

* Second and final edition of a work first published in 1698. Commons is open and uncultivated land or water owned by a lord to which certain occupiers of adjacent enclosed land have certain rights. These include the right to pasture animals, to fish (peschary), to cut peat (turbary) and to gather wood (estovers). A body of custom and enacted law with origins in the Anglo-Saxon period, commons was long considered a central English right and a cornerstone of the feudal structure. Indeed, the gradual elimination of commons through the series of enclosure acts enacted from 1760 to 1830 triggered widespread social protest. Though the acts were motivated by the needs of modern agriculture, and had a profound effect on the livelihood of small farmers and the poor, they were not attacked on economic grounds, but as violations of the ancient English rights described in the *Law of Common*. Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 1:401 (32). *English Short-Title Catalogue* T116196.

Fascinating 1686 Collection of Merchant and Maritime Laws

17. Malynes, Gerard [fl. 1586-1641], Principal Author.

Consuetudo, Vel, Lex Mercatoria: Or, The Ancient Law-Merchant. In Three Parts, According to the Essentials of Traffick. Necessary for Statesmen, Judges, Magistrates, Temporal and Civil Lawyers, Mint-Men, Merchants, Mariners, And All Others Negotiating in Any Parts of the World. Whereunto are Annexed the Following Tracts, Viz. I. The Collection of Sea Laws. II. Advice Concerning Bills of Exchange. By John Marius. III. The Merchants Mirrour: Or, Directions for the Perfect Ordering or Keeping of His Accompts. By Way of Debtor and Creditor, After the Italian Manner. By R. Dassorne. IV. An Introduction to Merchants Accompts. By John Collins. V. The Accountants Closet, Being an Abridgement of Merchants Accounts, Kept by Debtor and Creditor. By Abraham Liset. Wherein are Inserted the Three Tracts Following. Never Before Printed in Any Former Impression. I. The Jurisdiction of the Admiralty of England Asserted. By Robert Zouch. II. The Ancient Sea Laws of Oleron, Wisby, And the Hanse-Towns, Still in Force. Rendered Into English for the Use of Navigators. By G. Miege. III. The Sovereignty of the British Seas, Proved by Records, History, and the Municipal Laws of This Kingdom. By Sir John Burroughs. London: Printed for T. Basset, At the George in Fleetstreet; R. Chiswell, At the Rose and Crown in St. Paul's Church- Yard; T. Horne, At the South Entrance of the Royal Exchange, And E. Smith, At the Bible Under the Piazza, 1686. Nine works in one with separate paginations and title pages (with various dates and imprints), first work preceded by general title page. [xvi], 340, 2; 43-78; [vi], 42; [xx], 54, [298]; [124]; [112]; [viii], 87-130; 28; 22 pp. First and final leaves blank. Complete as issued. Folio (13-1/4" x 8-1/4").

Contemporary calf, blind rules to boards, rebaked, raised bands to spine, earlier lettering piece retained, marbled edges, hinges mended, eighteenth-century armorial bookplate of Brice Fisher to front pastedown. Moderate toning to text, occasional faint dampspotting to margins, spark burns to a few leaves, corner of one leaf repaired restoring minor loss to text, internally clean. A handsome copy. \$4,500.

* Third and final edition, one of (at least) two issues from 1686. Also known as the law merchant, customary law or, somewhat anachronistically, commercial law, *lex mercatoria* is a system of customary law that developed in Europe during the middle ages to regulate the dealings of mariners and merchants. The earliest significant compilations are the eleventh-century Rules of Oleron, the Laws of Wisby and the Hanseatic Laws of the Sea. Although *lex mercatoria* fell out of use during the seventeenth century, many of its principles were incorporated into the common law. They would later provide the foundation of the (U.S.) Uniform Commercial Code. Malynes' *Consuetudo* was the final significant contribution to this field. (Beawes's *Lex Mercatoria Rediviva* (1752) was an attempt to revive it.) Malynes was a commissioner of trade in the Low Countries and was frequently consulted by the Privy Council during the reigns of Elizabeth and James, a dynamic period of commercial expansion and colonization. He was one of the first writers on business practice, economic affairs and foreign exchange. These interests are explored at length in this collection, both in Malynes's treatise and the texts by Marius, Dassorne, Collins and Liset. This volume also includes a collection of sea laws and two works on international law by Richard Zouch and John Burroughs. These assert the thesis expounded by John Selden in *Mare Clausum* (1635). Taken together, this volume provides a broad holistic view of *lex mercatoria* during its final maturity. The first edition was published in 1622, later editions and issues in 1629, 1636, 1656 and 1685. Our 1686 copy, designated the third edition, is one of four variants of the 1686 edition we have examined. The *ESTC* lists two from 1686, which have somewhat different collations. Fisher was a Member of Parliament and merchant who owned land in South Carolina and Georgia. See *English Short-Title Catalogue* R229419, R24438. Canney and Knott, *Catalogue of the Goldsmiths' Library* 2639. Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, *Historical Accounting Literature* 73.

The First Retrospective Compilation of New Jersey Law

**18. [New Jersey].
Leaming, Aaron, Compiler.
Spicer, Jacob Compiler.**

The Grants, Concessions, And Original Constitutions of the Province of New-Jersey: The Acts Passed During the Proprietary Governments, And Other Material Transactions Before the Surrender Thereof to Queen Anne, The Instrument of Surrender, And Her Formal Acceptance Thereof, Lord Cornbury's Commission and Instructions Consequent Thereon. Collected by Some Gentlemen Employed By the General Assembly, And Afterwards Published by Virtue of an Act of the Legislature of the said Province With Proper Tables Alphabetically Digested, Containing the Principal Matters in the Book. Philadelphia: Printed by W. Bradford, [1758]. [iv], 763 pp. Folio (11-1/4" x 7").

Recent period-style calf, raised bands and lettering piece to spine, title page and following leaf reinforced with clear archival backing and re-hinged. Moderate toning, somewhat heavier in places, and light foxing to text, faint dampstaining to margins in a few places, internally clean. Ex-library. Small inkstamp to title page. A handsomely bound copy. \$2,500.

* First edition. With indexes for East Jersey and West Jersey. The third official compilation of New Jersey law, it is the first to print fundamental laws, constitutions and documents from 1663 to 1702 and session laws from 1668 to 1702. "This handsome volume, generally known as Leaming and Spicer's Laws, was prepared under the authority of an act of Assembly passed in 1752, and is the largest work issued from the press of Wm. Bradford. Subscribers' names were first solicited in February, 1755, the compilers having spent nearly two years in its preparation. Three more years were consumed in printing, and it was not until May, 1758, that it was ready for delivery. Up to that time 170 copies had been subscribed for, and the editors say, in the *Pennsylvania Journal*, May 11. 1758, 'a number of copies yet remain not subscribed for,' and 'any person may be supplied' until 'the 17th of July next, after which we will not further extend the sale': *The Charlemagne Tower Collection of American Colonial Laws* 165. Felcone, *New Jersey Books* 156.

Argument from Important Maritime Insurance Case Bound With Anthology of Maritime Laws

19. [Nichols, Benjamin Ropes].

Argument of Plaintiffs' Counsel in the Case of Willard Peele and Others Versus the Merchants' Insurance Company, Before the Supreme Court of the United States, February Term, 1826, Upon the Question of Admiralty Jurisdiction, In Cases of Policies of Insurance. With Extracts from Various Learned Treatises Upon This Subject. Boston: Howe & Norton, Printers, 1826. 35 pp.

[Bound with]

Godolphin, John [1617-1678], Jenkins, Sir Leoline [1623-1685],

Malynes, Gerard [fl. 1586-1641], Zouch, Richard [1590-1661], Exton, John [1600?-1668], Justice, Alexander.

Extracts from Godolphin, Sea Laws, Jenkins, Maline, Zouch and Exton, Of All the Parts of Those Treatises Which Relate to the Admiralty Jurisdiction in Cases of Contracts: Also, The Commission of George III. to the Vice Admiralty Court in New Hampshire in 1776. And an Abstract of the Records of the Vice Admiralty Court in Massachusetts Prior to the Revolution. Boston: Howe & Norton, 1826. 132 pp.

Octavo (9" x 5-1/2"). Contemporary plain wrappers. Some edgewear and a few minor stains. Toning, light foxing to a few leaves, internally clean. \$650.

* Only editions. Peele et Al. *v.* the Merchants' Insurance Company concerned claims on a merchant ship that was wrecked off the coast of Portsmouth, New Hampshire, and abandoned. Though damaged, the cargo was ultimately saved. At issue was the effect of abandonment on the insurance claim of the owners. In the U.S. Circuit Court, Justice Story held that the owners had the right to abandon their ship under the circumstances of the wreck and were entitled to recover their claim. The case was appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court, but no decision can be found. The second item was probably intended for busy New England lawyers who dealt with maritime contracts. It would have been a handy reference and a useful source for erudite references. The core of this curious volume is an anthology of writings by the leading seventeenth-century English writers on admiralty. An editor isn't listed and the extracts are presented without commentary, but the editor used sources for each work which are mentioned and the extracts are collated against them in side-notes. These items have separate bibliographic records in the standard references, but OCLC locates 4 copies with these works bound together (at Trinity College, the Library of Congress and the law libraries of Harvard and the University of Virginia). Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 11488 (Nichols) 1583 (Godolphin).

The First English Treatise on Marine Insurance

20. Park, James Allan [1763-1838].

A System of the Law of Marine Insurances. With Three Chapters On Bottomry; On Insurances on Lives; And On Insurances Against Fire. Boston: Thomas and Andrews, 1799. xxvii, liv, 516, [32] pp.

[Bound with]

Park, James Allan

Appendix to A System of the Law of Marine Insurances: Containing All the New Cases Added to the Fourth English Edition Printed in 1800 Many of Which are Important. Boston: Printed for Thomas and Andrews, 1800. v, 62-499 [38] pp. Paging irregular, following that of the 4th English ed., with paging of earlier edition inset in the margin of the text.

Octavo (8" x 5"). Recent period-style quarter calf over marbled boards, gilt fillets and lettering piece to spine, endpapers renewed. \$300.

* First American edition, based on the third London edition, 1797, to which it is starred. First published in 1787, Park's *Marine Insurances* was the first English treatise on the subject and, according to Holdsworth, "the best." It went through numerous editions, both in England and America and remained the standard text until the mid-nineteenth century. It begins with a history of insurance in the maritime states of Europe. The following chapters explain average, salvage, abandonment and how insurance policies are constructed. The final sections address liability and topics dealing with procedure and evidence. Cases and authorities are discussed at length, underlying principles are given as well. Later issues of the second edition have a different title page (dated 1800) and a 32 pp. appendix. Our copy appears to be a hybrid; it has the title page of the first issue and the appendix of the second. Holdsworth, *A History of English Law* VIII:263. Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 7072, 7073.

Well-Esteemed Treatise on Recoveries

21. Pigott, N[athaniel] [1661-1737].

A Treatise of Common Recoveries, Their Nature and Use. To Which is Added the Case of Page and Hayward More Fully Reported Than in Any Other Book Extant: And also a Case Between the Late Earl of Derby and the Cobeirs of His Elder Brother. With Precedents for Amending Recoveries: And a Complete Table to the Whole. [London]: Printed by E. and R. Nutt, and R. Gosling, 1739. [iii], 232, [15] pp. Includes one-page publisher advertisement. Quarto (7-3/4" x 6").

Recent period-style three-quarter calf over marbled boards, raised bands and lettering piece to spine. Light rubbing to extremities, crack in text block between front free endpaper and following endleaf, a few partial cracks to text block. Light toning to text, finger smudges to a few leaves. Occasional early annotations to margins in neat hand, interior otherwise clean. An attractive copy. \$500.

* First edition. According to Marvin, Pigott was "a profound lawyer" and notes that this treatise "long continued to be the best text book on [this] very difficult and complicated subject." Later editions were published in 1753, 1770 and 1792. Marvin, *Legal Bibliography* 572. Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 1:490 (15).

Ridley's "Learned and Clearly Expressed" Treatise on English Civil and Ecclesiastical Law

22. Ridley, Sir Thomas [1550-1629].

Gregory, J., Notes.

A View of the Civile and Ecclesiasticall Law: And Wherein the Practice of Them is Streitned and May be Relieved Within this Land. Oxford: Printed by H. Hall for Ric. Davis, 1676. [xii], 180, 191-396, [34] pp. Octavo (6-1/4" x 4-1/4").

Contemporary calf, rebaked in period style, blind rules and later small gilt crests (B surmounted by a coronet) to boards, raised bands and blind ornaments to spine, corners repaired, endpapers renewed, edges rouged. Light rubbing to extremities, corners bumped. Title page printed in red and black with ruled border, woodcut head-piece, vertical (longitudinal) half-title reading *Ridley's View of the Civil and*

Ecclesiastical Laws to verso of rear endleaf (Dd8). Moderate toning to text, somewhat heavier in places, occasional light dampspotting, occasional faint dampstaining to margins, front endleaf and title page partially detached at foot, internally clean. An attractively bound copy. \$250.

* Fourth edition by Gregory, seventh and final edition overall. First published in 1607, this is one of the earliest books on civil and ecclesiastical jurisdiction in Great Britain, which included large areas of admiralty, chancery, marital and commercial law. Also a prescriptive work, it proposes several reforms, such as a method to simplify the law of executors and intestate succession. Holdsworth describes it as "learned and clearly expressed." Ridley held the post of master in Chancery, chancellor of the diocese of Winchester, and vicar-general for Archbishop Abbot. All editions are scarce. OCLC locates 9 copies of the seventh edition in North American law libraries. Holdsworth, *History of English Law* V:13. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R7470.

Legal Anecdotes of a New York Lawyer

23. Stansbury, Charles Frederick, Compiler.

The Barrister: Being Anecdotes of the Late Tom Nolan of the New York Bar. New York: Mab Press, [1902]. viii, 264 pp. Frontispiece. Original cloth, gilt titles to front board and spine, some shelfwear, internally clean. \$35.

*First edition. Contents include "Chastising the Flesh," "The Power of Eloquence" and "The Broth of a Boy, Or the Articled Clerk."

A Case of Insurance Fraud and Murder

24. [Trial].

Goss, Eliza Waters, Defendant.

Udderzook, William E., Defendant.

The Goss-Udderzook Tragedy: Being a History of a Strange Case of Deception and Murder, Including the Great Life Insurance Case, and the Trial of William E. Udderzook for the Murder of W.S. Goss. [Baltimore]: Baltimore Gazette, Printers, 1873. 59 pp. Woodcut portrait frontispiece (of Goss). Text printed in parallel columns. Octavo (9" x 5-3/4").

Stab-stitched pamphlet in printed wrappers. Light rubbing and discoloration to extremities, some wear to spine ends, light toning to text. \$75.

* Udderzook collaborated with Goss, his brother in law, to defraud Goss' life insurance company. He put a cadaver stolen from a medical school in Goss' house and set the house on fire. Udderzook and the widow Goss managed to collect the insurance, but the authorities were suspicious and an investigation followed. Udderzook was hiding Goss under various disguises, but when the investigation became intense he lost his nerve and murdered Goss. The case fell into place soon afterwards. McDade, *The Annals of Murder* 1012.

Paul Revere Was a Member of the Jury

25. [Trial].

Selfridge, Thomas O. [d. 1816], Defendant

Lloyd, T[homas]., Reporter,

Caines, Geo[rge], Reporter.

Trial of Thomas O. Selfridge, Attorney at Law, Before the Hon. Isaac Parker, Esquire. For Killing Charles Austin, On the Public Exchange, In Boston, August 4th, 1806. Boston: Published by Russell and Cutler, Belcher and Armstrong, and Oliver and Munroe, [1806]. 168, [8] pp. Map. Octavo (8-1/4" x 5-1/4").

Contemporary sheep treated to resemble tree calf, lettering piece and gilt fillets to spine, speckled edges. A few negligible shallow scuffs to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities with wear to spine ends and corners, front boards partially detached but still quite secure, rear joint and hinge starting. Moderate toning to text, light foxing in a few places, offsetting to margins of endleaves and title page. Two early signatures to head of title page, interior otherwise clean. \$100.

* First edition. "The killing of Austin by Selfridge arose out of a political dispute between Selfridge and the victim's father. The grand jury refused to indict him for murder; the charge was manslaughter. The case was long an authority on the law of self-defense. Paul Revere was a member of the jury which acquitted Selfridge" (McDade). Other editions of this trial were published in 1807 and 1808. McDade, *The Annals of Murder* 860.

"The Foundation of All Similar Productions of the Kind"

27. Wentworth, Thomas [c.1568-1628].

The Office and Duty of Executors. Or a Treatise of Wills and Executors, Directed to Testators in the Choice of Their Executors, And Contrivance of Their Wills. With Direction for Executors in the Execution of of[sic] Their Office, According to the Law; And for Creditors in the Recovery of their Debts. With Divers Other Particulars, Very Usefull and Profitable for All Persons, Be They Either Executors, Creditors or Debtors. Compiled Out of the Body of the Common Law. Corrected and Amended. London: Printed by T. Maxey, For Matthew Walbank, 1656. [xxiv], 373, [1] pp. Last page blank. Octavo (5-1/2" x 3-1/2").

Contemporary sheep, blind rules to boards, rebacked in period style, raised bands and lettering piece to spine, rear endleaf renewed. Minor edgewear, corners bumped, a few nicks to boards, front hinge cracked. Light toning to text, a bit of offsetting to margins of preliminaries and rear endleaves, clean tear to leaf O2, probably due to a paper flaw, internally clean. A nice copy. \$450.

* Fourth edition, one of three issues from 1656, all with the same edition statement. First published in 1641, the "authorship of this treatise is ascribed to Mr. Justice Dodderidge, though the work is commonly Known as Wentworth's Executors. It constitutes the foundation of all similar productions of the kind, and has always been regarded as a high authority in these matters" (Marvin). This was a popular and well-received work. Two more editions were published in 1641. Eleven editions (and issues) followed, the last one in 1774. All are scarce. OCLC locates 6 copies of the fourth edition in North America, 4 in law libraries (Harvard, Library of Congress, Ohio State, University of Missouri). Marvin, *Legal Bibliography* 724-725. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R220926.

Comprehensive (and Scarce) Eighteenth-Century Treatise on Insurance

28. Weskett, John.

A Complete Digest of the Theory, Laws, And Practice of Insurance; Compiled from the Best Authorities in Different Languages, Which are Quoted and Referred to Throughout the Work; And Arranged in Alphabetical Order, Under Many Select Heads, With Ample References, And a General Index; Affording Immediate and Full Information, on Every Distinct Matter, Question, Or Point. Containing I. The Principles, Doctrines, and Usages, Touching All Matters of Insurance. II. All the Cases of Insurance that Have Been Adjudged in Our Courts of Law and Equity, Collected from the Numerous Reports, And Other Law Books Extant, Down to the Present Time; With Several Others Which Have Never Before been Printed: And Some Material Cases Adjudged in Foreign Courts. III. Extracts from All the Statutes Relating to Insurance, And Matters Immediately Connected Therewith. IV. The Most Useful Articles of All the Foreign Ordinances and Regulations Upon this Subject. V. Extracts from the Treatises of Commerce, &c. With Regard to Freedom of Navigation, Contraband, Neutral Ships and Property, War, &c. VI. The Respective Rights and Duties of Insurers, Insureds, Brokers, Agents, Owners, Freighters, Masters of Ships, &c. As Relative to Matters of Insurance. VII. The Nature, Object, And Select Forms of Policies of Insurance, Bottomry and Respondentia Bonds; The True Construction and Operation of Their Several Terms and Clauses; With Cautions and Remarks Concerning Written Clauses. VIII. Rules Interspersed Throughout, For Guarding Against, And Detecting Fraud and Imposition. IX. The Curious Question Discussed, With Regard to the Advantage, Disadvantage, And Legality, Of Insuring the Ships and Property of Enemies; With New and Interesting Observations Thereon. X. Accounts of the Several Companies & Societies in England, For Insurances; Their Plans, Terms, &c. With Critical and Useful Remarks; Also of the Chambers of Assurance Abroad; Their Regulations, Authority, and Summary Modes of Decision. XI. Concerning the Maritime and Other Courts; The Maritime Laws; The Law of Nations; The Laws of England; the Lex Mercatoria; Also Trials, Verdicts, and Arbitrations; With Regard to Insurance. XII. Various New Matters, Rules, Cases, Methods, and Remarks Not in Any Other Book. With a Preliminary Discourse; Wherein are Delineated the Very Great Disorders which Prevail in Affairs on Insurance; Their Principal Causes Explained; And Methods Proposed for Better Regulation and Prevention. Dublin: Printed for Elizabeth Lynch, 1783. [vi], lxxxiv, 612, [4] pp. Octavo (8-1/2" x 5").

Contemporary calf, blind fillets to boards, rebacked, lettering piece and gilt fillets to spine. Moderate rubbing to extremities, a few minor scuffs to boards. Moderate toning to text, faint dampspotting in places, internally clean. \$750.

* Dublin issue of the second edition. The book begins with a critical 80-page essay on insurance law that proposes several reforms. The main body is a remarkably comprehensive legal and historical digest concentrating on marine insurance, but also discussing life and fire insurance. There are frequent references to America, and considerable discussion of international law, the laws of war and the work of such important economists and theorists as Cantillon, Child, Cary, Postlethwayt, De Moivre and Price. A second, and final, London edition was published in 1783. Dublin reprints were issued in 1783 and 1794, a German translation in 1782-87. The critical 80-page essay was also published separately in 1789. All of these are scarce. Concerning the 1783 Dublin edition. This edition not in *Goldsmiths' Sweet & Maxwell, A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 1:528 (105).

A Useful References for Justices of the Peace

29. W[ingate], E[dmund] [1596-1656].

Statuta Pacis: Or a Perfect Table of All the Statutes (Now in Force) Which any Way Concerne the Office of a Justice of Peace. Cleerly also Setting down the Severall Duties of Sheriffes, Head-Officers of Corporations, Stewards in Leets, Constables, And Other Officers, So Far Forth as the Said statutes do in Any Sort Concern Them. Faithfully Collected, And Alphabetically Digested Under Apt Titles. London: Printed by M. Flesher and J. Young, 1644. [xx], 286 pp. First and final leaves blank. Tables. 12mo. (5-1/2" x 3-1/4").

Contemporary sheep, blind rules to boards, rebacked, blind fillets and lettering piece to spine, pastedowns renewed. Light rubbing to extremities, corners bumped. Light toning to text, a few tiny worn holes (with no loss to text), faint dampstaining to final third of text block. An appealing copy of a rare title. \$950.

* Only edition. Also a notable mathematician, Wingate wrote several important legal books, including *Maximes of Reason* (1658) and *An Exact Abridgment of the Statutes in Force* (1642). Intended as a handy reference, and thus pocket-sized, *Statuta Pacis* is a digest of statutes relevant to the jurisdiction of a justice of the peace. The contents are organized alphabetically by topic. OCLC locates 4 copies in North America, 3 in law libraries (Duke, Harvard, Southern Illinois University). *English Short-Title Catalogue* R25185.

Scarce JP Manual that Includes a Digest of Staunford's *Pleas of the Crown*

30. Yonge, Walter [1581?-1649].

[Staunford, Sir William (1509-1558)].

A Vade Mecum, Or, Table, Containing the Substance of Such Statutes; Wherein Any One, Or More Justices of the Peace are Inabled to Act, As Well in the Sessions, As Out of the Sessions of Peace. Together with an Epitome of Mr. Stamford's Pleas of the Crown. Corrected, And Amended. London: Printed for Rich. Best, 1660 [i.e. 1661]. [xxiv], 186, [2] pp. First leaf blank. Two parts with continuous pagination. Second part preceded by title page reading (in part) *A Vade Mecum, And Cornu Copia. An Epitome of Master Stamfords Pleas of the Crown.* 12mo. (5-1/2" x 3-1/4").

Contemporary calf with recent rebacking, blind rules to boards, raised bands and lettering piece to spine, pastedowns renewed. Light rubbing to extremities, hinges bumped. Light toning to text, two small chips and very light soiling to title page, minor chips to a few other leaves, internally clean. \$750.

* Sixth (stated) edition. As suggested by its title, this is a manual for justices of the peace. The first part is arranged in tabular form. Each entry lists an offense, conditions for an action, the number of justices required to hear the case, the appropriate punishment and references to authorities. The second part is condensed version of Staunford's *Pleas del Coron* (1st. ed. 1557), a standard treatise on criminal law in the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries. Published as the sixth edition, it is actually the third. The first, second and fourth were published in 1643, 1650 and 1663. Sweet & Maxwell list a 1620 edition titled *Justices, Their Vade Mecum and Cornucopia*, but it appears to be a ghost. All editions are scarce OCLC locates 6 copies of the 1661 edition, 3 in law libraries (Harvard, SUNY-Buffalo, Yale). Another copy located at Columbia Law School. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R204144.

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