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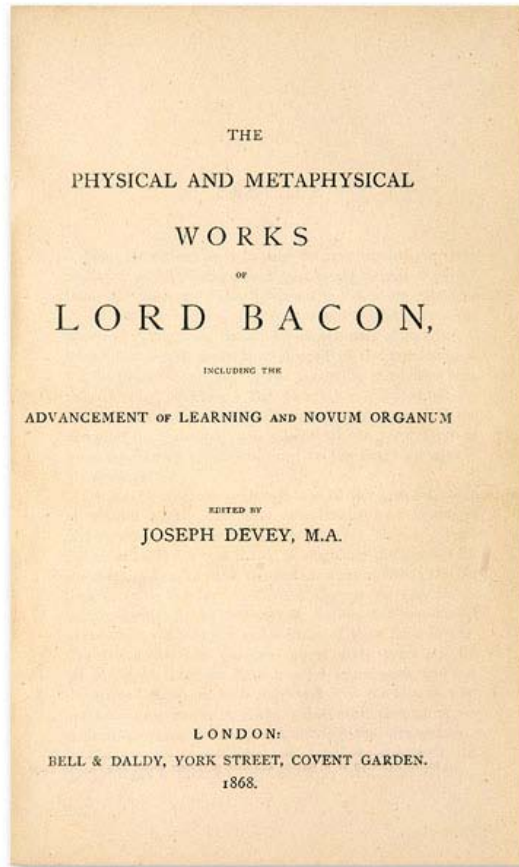
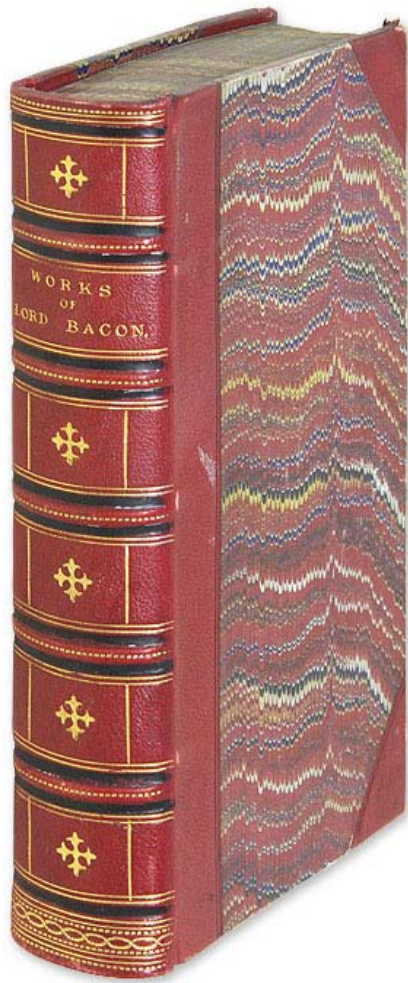
For Sheriffs, Constables and Coroners

1. Backus, Joseph [fl. 1812].

A Digest of Laws Relating to the Offices and Duties of Sheriff, Coroner and Constable. New York: Printed for the Author, 1812. Two volumes. [x], 489, [1]; [vi], 477, [1] pp. Octavo (8" x 5").

Contemporary law calf, maroon lettering pieces. Some rubbing and scuffing to exterior, joints cracked but secure. Early auction record to front pastedown of Volume I, early owner signature to front free endpaper of Volume II. Corner lacking from leaf in Volume II with minor loss to text. Faint dampstaining to lower margin of Volume I near end of text block, occasional light foxing to both. A solid set. \$100.

* Only edition. Backus was a lawyer and justice of the peace who practiced in Stratford, Connecticut. This book contains digested laws of Massachusetts, Connecticut, New Hampshire, New York, Rhode Island, Vermont and some material from Pennsylvania and southern states. Volume I has a prefatory testimonial by Tapping Reeve: "I have inspected [this treatise] with much satisfaction. The subject appears to me to be treated in a manner very judicious, and has great merit in point of due arrangement and perspicuity; and have no doubt but that it will be found not only useful to ministerial officers, but will also be a valuable acquisition to gentlemen of the profession of the law." This work was reissued by Backus in 1816 as the second part of a composite volume. (The first part was a reprint of his 1816 *Manual The Justice of the Peace*). Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 8322.



Selected Works of Francis Bacon in a Handsome Binding

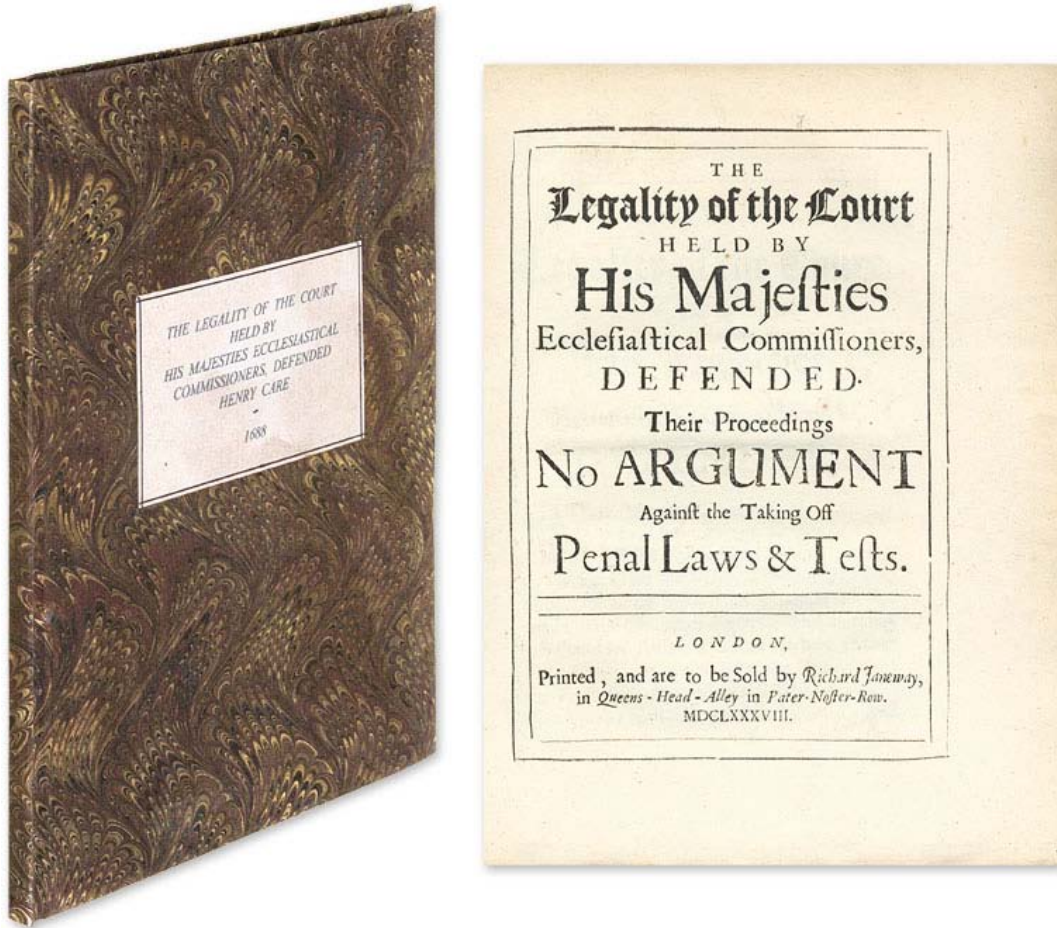
2. Bacon, Francis [1561-1626].

Devey, Joseph, Editor.

The Physical and Metaphysical Works of Lord Bacon, Including the Advancement of Learning and Novum Organum. London: Bell & Daldy, 1868. [vi], 567 pp. Octavo (7" x 4-1/2").

Contemporary quarter morocco over marbled boards, raised bands, gilt ornaments and gilt title to spine, marbled edges and endpapers. Rubbing to extremities with some wear to corners, early owner bookplate to front pastedown, internally clean. \$75.

* One of the great intellectuals of the age, Bacon held the posts of Solicitor General, Attorney General and Lord Chancellor during the reign of James I.



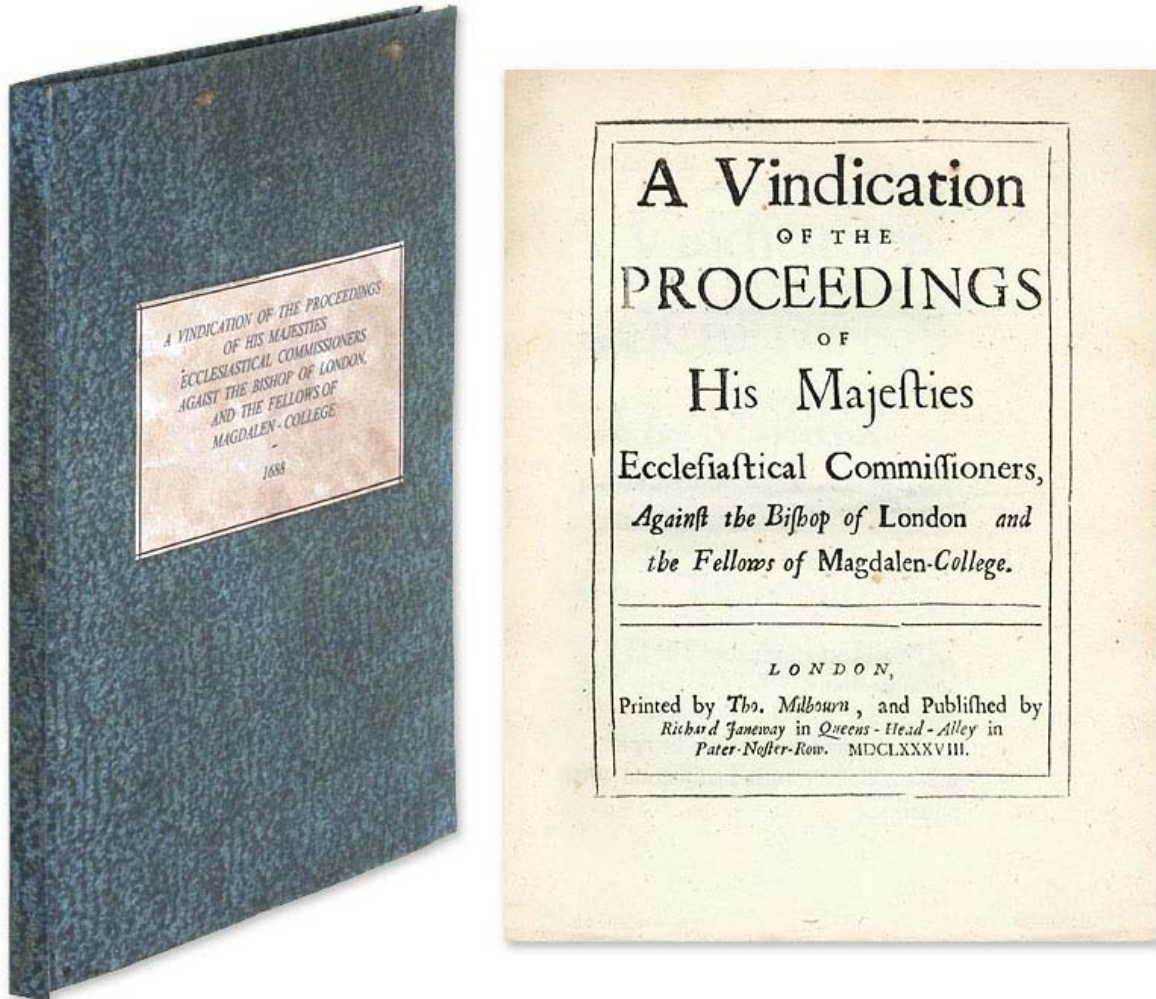
**A Plea for Religious Freedom (Or a Play for
Royal Favor) Published on the Eve of the Glorious Revolution**

3. [Care, Henry (1646-1688)].

The Legality of the Court Held by His Majesties Ecclesiastical Commissioners, Defended. Their Proceedings no Argument Against the Taking Off Penal Laws & Tests. London: Printed, And are to be Sold by Richard Janeway, 1688. [iv], 39, [1] pp. With a preliminary imprimatur leaf. Final page blank. Quarto (8-1/4" x 6-1/2").

Recent stiff marbled wrappers, printed paper title panel to front cover. Title page printed within ruled border. Light toning to text, soiling to recto of first leaf and verso of final leaf, internally clean. A handsome copy of a scarce title. \$950.

* Only edition. Long an enemy of Catholicism and royal prerogative, Care shifted course in this pamphlet to support the right of King James II to exempt individuals from the requirements of the Test Act, which required university students, civil servants, elected officials and military officers to take oaths declaring allegiance to the Church of England and its supremacy and to partake in the Church's sacraments. Care's pamphlet relates to a recent controversy regarding Sir Edward Hales, a Catholic military officer who was granted an exemption to the Act's requirements by the king, an action deemed legal by Lord Chief Justice Sir Edward Herbert. Scholars are unsure why Care's wrote this pamphlet. Some believe he was making a case for religious freedom. Others detect a cynical desire for royal favor. If the latter is true Care made a poor decision; James II was deposed at the end of 1688. This is a scarce title. OCLC locates 3 copies in North American law libraries (Library of Congress, University of Minnesota, University of Virginia). *English Short-Title Catalogue* R23058.



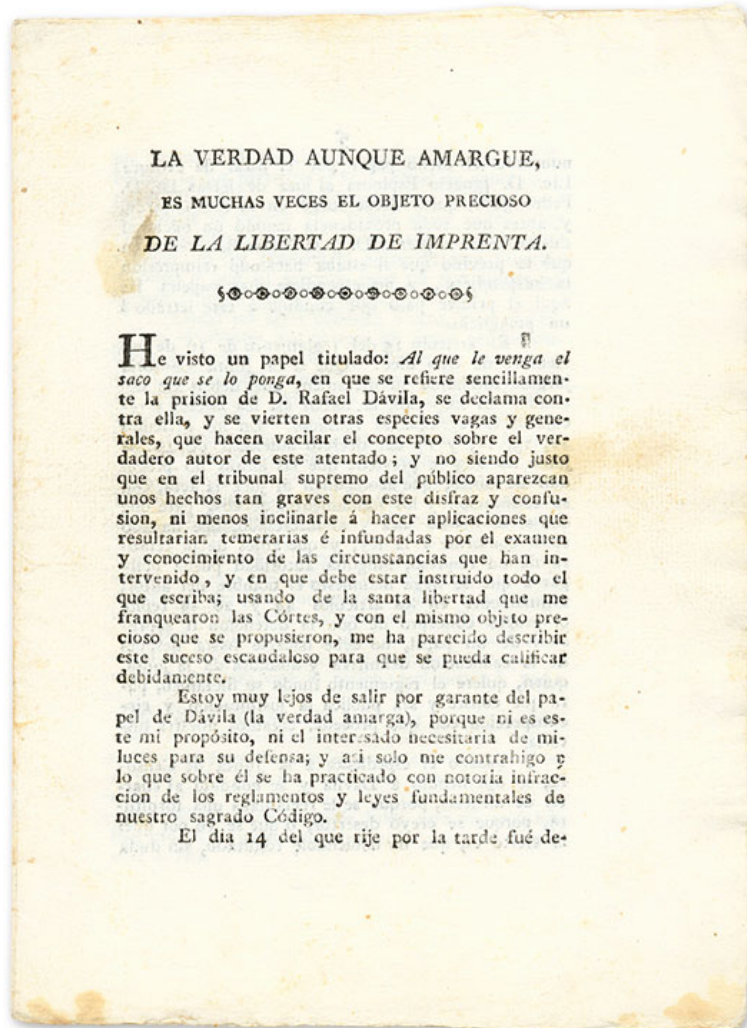
**Care Supports a
Controversial Decision by King James II**

4. [Care, Henry].

A Vindication of the Proceedings of His Majesties Ecclesiastical Commissioners, Against the Bishop of London, And the Fellows of Magdalen-College. London: Printed by Tho. Milbourn, 1688. [iv], 8, 17-78 pp. Text continuous despite pagination. With a preliminary imprimatur leaf. Quarto (8-1/4" x 6-1/2").

Recent stiff marbled wrappers, printed paper title panel to front cover. Title printed within double-ruled border. Light toning to text, foxing to a few leaves, internally clean. A handsome copy. \$350.

* Only edition, one of two issues from 1688. In April 1687 King James II interfered in the presidential election of Magdalen College. The ensuing controversy ended with the installation of the pro-Catholic Bishop of Oxford, backed by the Royal Ecclesiastical Commissioners, as president. The fellows acquiesced, but this was not enough for the king, who ordered them to admit their wrongdoing and ask for his pardon. Most of the fellows refused and were ejected and replaced by Catholics. Care supported the King's actions. For most of his career, Care was an opponent of Catholicism and royal power, but he shifted course during the reign of James II, becoming an unofficial royal propagandist. Though not uncommon, few copies of this title are held in North American law libraries. Counting both issues, OCLC locates 3 (at Harvard, the Library of Congress and York University). *English Short-Title Catalogue* R202803.



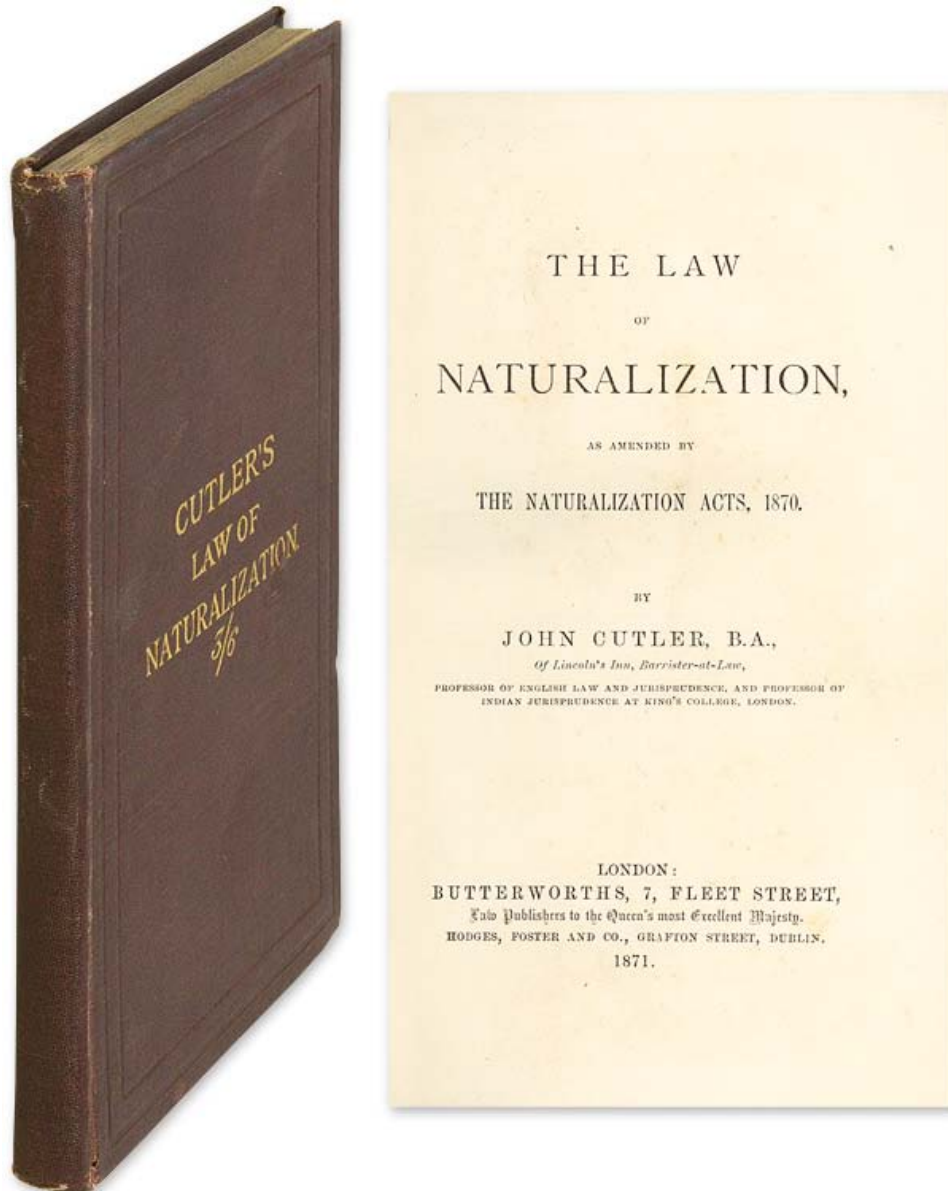
**Rare Anonymous 1820 Mexican
Pamphlet Advocating Freedom of the Press**

5. [Censorship].
[N., Pseudonym].

La Verdad Aunque Amargue, Es Muchas Veces el Objeto Precioso de la Libertad de Imprenta. [Running Title]. Mexico City: S.n., October 28, 1820. 8 pp. Quarto (8-1/2" x 6-1/4").

Unbound sheets, as issued. Minor smudges and some light staining, otherwise fine. \$500.

* First printing of a pamphlet defending the imprisoned liberal pamphleteer Rafael Davila. Freedom of the press was granted under the Constitution of 1812. Repudiated by Ferdinand VII in 1814, but eventually revived after the revolt of Rafael del Riego y Nunez in 1820. Richard H. Dillon notes Davila's importance and observes: "Pamphlets constitute the major source of fresh new material on nineteenth-century and earlier Mexico.... [O]ne can find no surer guide to the troublous times of eighteenth-and nineteenth-century Mexico than these booklets. Written in the heat of argument, of battle, of revolution, they bring to life a time and place removed from us by hundreds of miles and years.": *The Hispanic American Historical Review* 45, No. 2 (May 1965), 270-271. Sabin, *A Dictionary of Books Relating to America* 98934. Palau, *Manual del Librero Hispano-Americano* 359296.



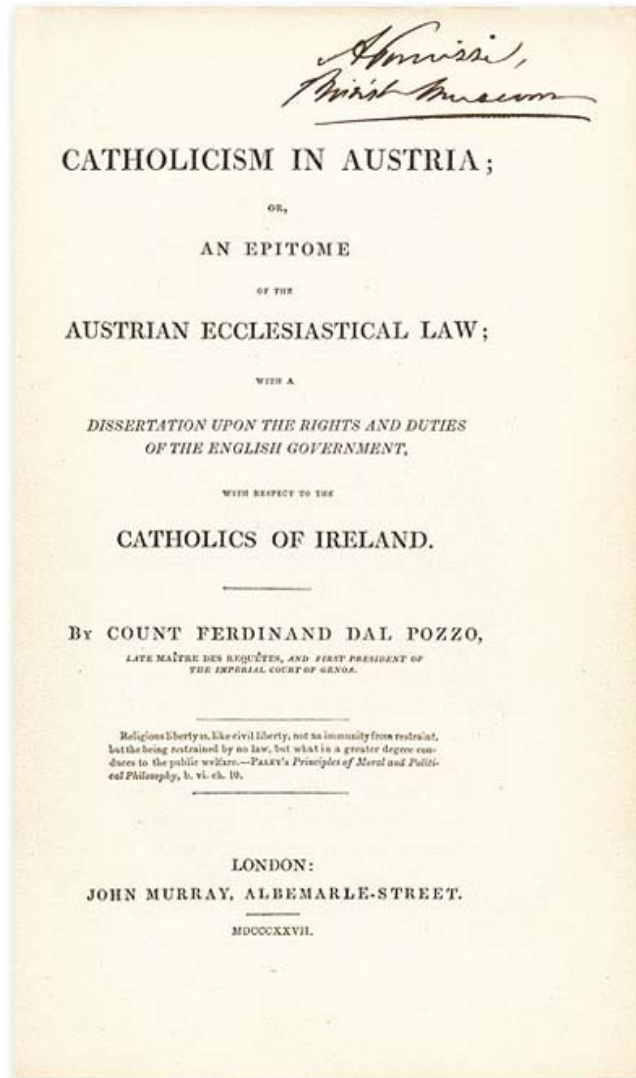
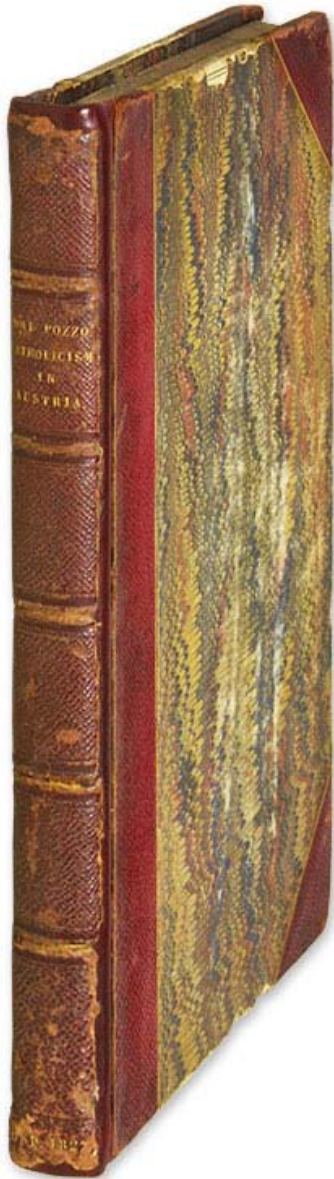
Scarce Treatise on Great Britain's 1870 Naturalization Act

6. Cutler, John [1839-1924].

The Law of Naturalization: As Amended by the Naturalization Acts, 1870. London: Butterworths, 1871. 74, iv, 39, [1] pp. Includes 40-page publisher catalogue. 12mo. (7-1/4" x 4").

Original cloth, blind frames to boards, gilt title to front. Light rubbing to extremities, small stain to rear board, joints just starting at ends. Light soiling to title page, occasional contemporary notes in pencil. A nice copy of a scarce title. \$150.

* Only edition. With an appendix containing the complete text of the 1870 Naturalization Act. OCLC locates 6 copies in North American law libraries. Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 2:89.



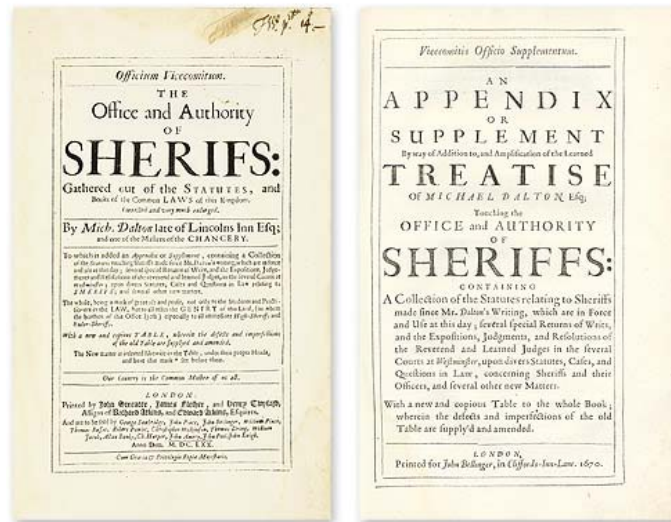
An Early Assessment of Catholic Emancipation by an Italian Lawyer and Judge

7. Dal Pozzo, Ferdinando, Comte [1768-1843].

Catholicism in Austria; Or, An Epitome of the Austrian Ecclesiastical Law; With a Dissertation Upon the Rights and Duties of the English Government, With Respect to the Catholics of Ireland. London: John Murray, 1827. xx, 252 pp. Octavo (8-3/4" x 5-1/2").

Contemporary three-quarter morocco over marbled boards, marbled edges and endpapers, rebacked retaining original spine with gilt title and raised bands, hinges mended. Moderate rubbing to boards edges with some wear to corners. Early owner signature to head of title page, interior otherwise fresh. \$450.

* Only edition. Dal Pozzo was a lawyer and former First President of the Imperial Court at Genoa. In this book he offers a cautious assessment of the arguments that resulted in the Catholic Relief Bill, or Catholic Emancipation Bill, of 1829. He advocated "a middle course between continued restrictions and immediate emancipation" that would curtail the Church's "ultramontane pretensions" and exclude monks and Jesuits. OCLC locates 24 copies, none in law libraries. *British Museum Catalogue* (Compact Edition) 20:830.



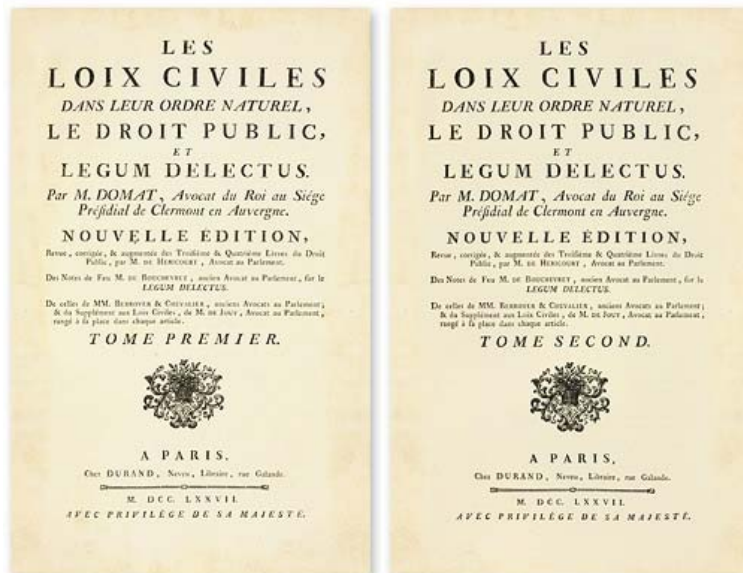
A Landmark Treatise for Justices of the Peace

8. Dalton, Michael [d. ca. 1648].

*Officium Vicecomitum: The Office and Authority of Sheriffs: Gathered out of the statutes and books of the common Laws of this Kingdom, Corrected and Very Much Enlarged: To Which is Added An Appendix or Supplement, Containing a Collection of the Statutes Touching Sheriffs Made Since Mr. Dalton's Writing, Which are in Force and Use at This Day, Several Special Returns of Writs, and the Expositions, Judgements and Resolutions of the Reverend and Learned Judges, in the Several Courts at Westminster, Upon Divers Statutes, Cases and Questions in Law Relating to Sheriffs, And Several Other New Matters: The Whole, Being a Work of Great Use and Profit, Not Only to the Students and Practitioners in the Law, But to All Other the Gentry of This Land, (On Whom the Burthen of this Office Lyeth) Especially to All Immediate High-Sheriffs and Under-Sheriffs: With a New and Copious Table, Wherein the Defects and Imperfections of the Old Table are Suppressed and Amended, The New Matter is Inserted in the Table, Under Their Proper Heads, And Have This Mark * Set Before Them.* London: Printed by John Streater, James Fletcher and Henry Twyford, 1670. [iv], 500; [4], 501-564, [32] pp. Two parts. The second part is preceded by a title page reading (in part) *Vicecomitis Officio Supplementum: An Appendix or Supplement*. Folio (11" x 7-1/2").

Contemporary calf, blind rules, gilt fillets and small blind corner fleurons to boards, raised bands and early hand-lettered title label to spine. A few minor scuffs and stains to boards, chipping to spine ends, joints starting at ends, corners bumped and somewhat worn, pastedowns loose, front pastedown lacking upper corner. Attractive woodcut head-pieces and decorated initials. Early owner initials to head of title page. Faint dampstaining to corners of a few leaves at beginning and end of text, interior otherwise fresh. \$950.

* Third edition. As its title suggests, it is a remarkably comprehensive treatise. Holdsworth, who cites it several times, says "in spite of a growing number of rivals, it continued to be a standard authority until the beginning of the eighteenth century.": *History of English Law* IV:119. Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 1:222 (6).



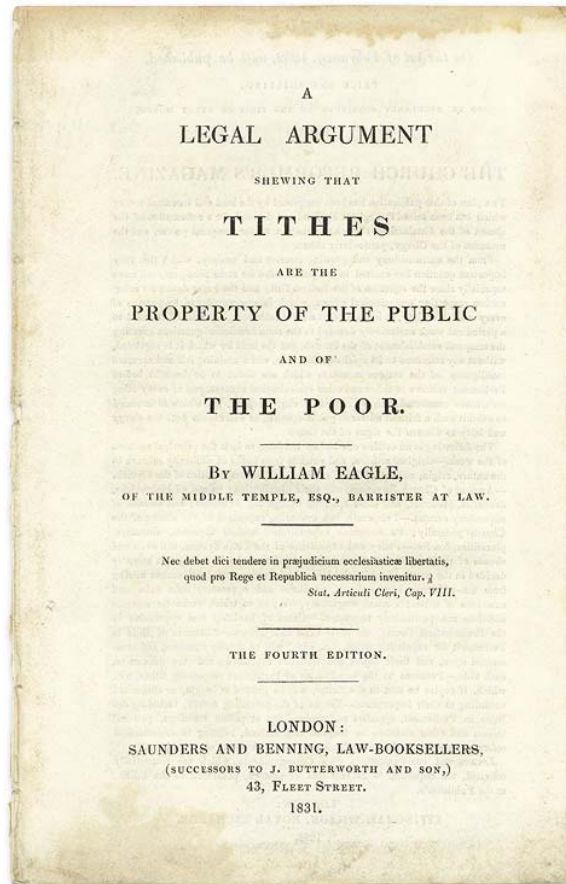
Principal Works of Domat

9. Domat, [Jean]. [1625-1696].
Hericourt, [Louis de (1687-1752)].
Bouchevret, [Benoit de], Editor.
Berroyer, [Claude], Editor.
Chevalier, [Louis], Editor.
Jouy, [Louis-Francois de], Editor.

Les Loix Civiles Dans Leur Ordre Naturel, Le Droit Public, et Legum Delectus. Paris: Chez Durand, 1777. Two volumes bound together. Folio (15-1/2" x 10").

Contemporary calf, blind rules to boards, rebacked in period style with raised bands and lettering piece, edges rouged, endpapers renewed. Moderate rubbing to boards, a few chips to edges, corners bumped and somewhat worn. Light soiling to preliminaries, interior otherwise fresh. \$200.

* "New edition, revised and corrected." With indexes and side-notes. Domat was one of the greatest legal minds of the seventeenth century. Originally published in 1689, his epochal *Les Loix Civiles*, which restated French law according to the principles of natural law, was the first to venture beyond the traditional confines of Roman law. *Le Droit Public* was published posthumously in 1697 as the fourth book of *Les Loix Civiles*. It deals primarily with the origin of the social order and government, and with the rights and duties of kings. It is considered to be one of the most important works on legal science produced in France. It was also one of the main sources of the Napoleonic Code. *Legum Delectus* (first edition, 1700) is a collection of the most common laws in the collections of Justinian. *British Museum Catalogue* (Compact Edition) 7:524.



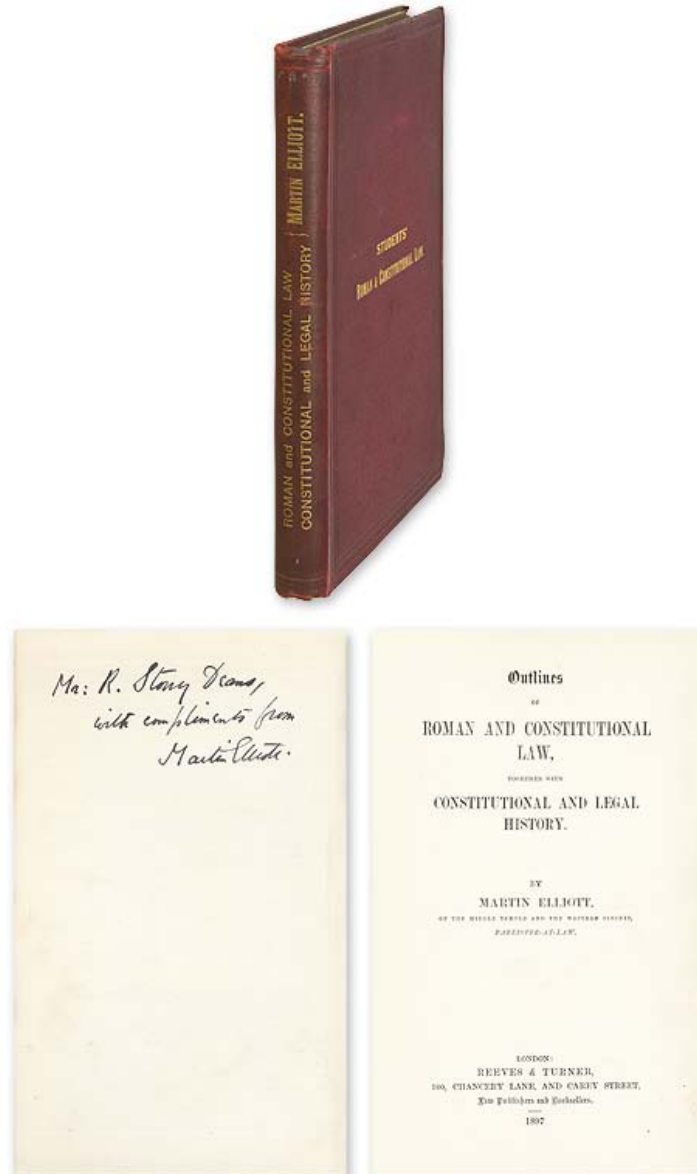
Scarce Pamphlet on Tithes

10. Eagle, William.

A Legal Argument Shewing that Tithes are the Property of the Public and of the Poor. London: Saunders and Benning, 1831. 20 pp. Main text in parallel columns. Octavo (8" x 5").

Disbound pamphlet, light edgewear and some soiling, internally clean. \$50.

* Fourth edition. This pamphlet went through six editions, the last two in 1832. The content is identical in all except for the prefaces. Eagle was a barrister of the Middle Temple and the author of a notable two-volume treatise on tithes. OCLC locates 11 copies of all editions of this pamphlet, 1 in a North American law library (Harvard, which has a fifth edition). *British Museum Catalogue* (Compact Edition) 7:1058.



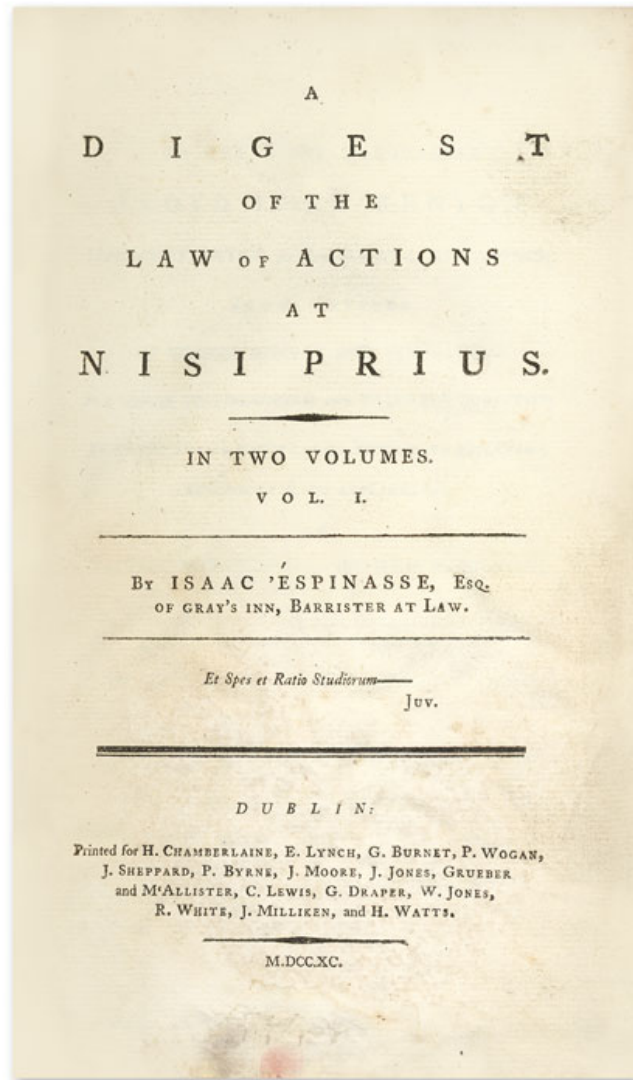
Interesting "Nutshell" Of Roman and English Constitutional Law

11. Elliott, Martin.

Outlines of Roman and Constitutional Law: Together With Constitutional and Legal History. London: Reeves & Turner, 1897. viii, 199 pp. Octavo (8-1/2"x 5-1/2").

Original cloth, blind frames to boards, gilt title to front board and spine. Extremities bumped, binding slightly cocked, owner bookplate (of R. Storry Deans) to front pastedown, presentation inscription from author to verso of front free endpaper. \$150.

* Only edition. "In the outline of Roman Law frequent references have been made to the Institutes of Justinian.... The matter in Part II. has been gathered from the leading authorities of the present day, special acknowledgments being due...to Professor Dicey and Sir William Anson, and, as regards history, to Doctor Stubbs. Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 5:133.



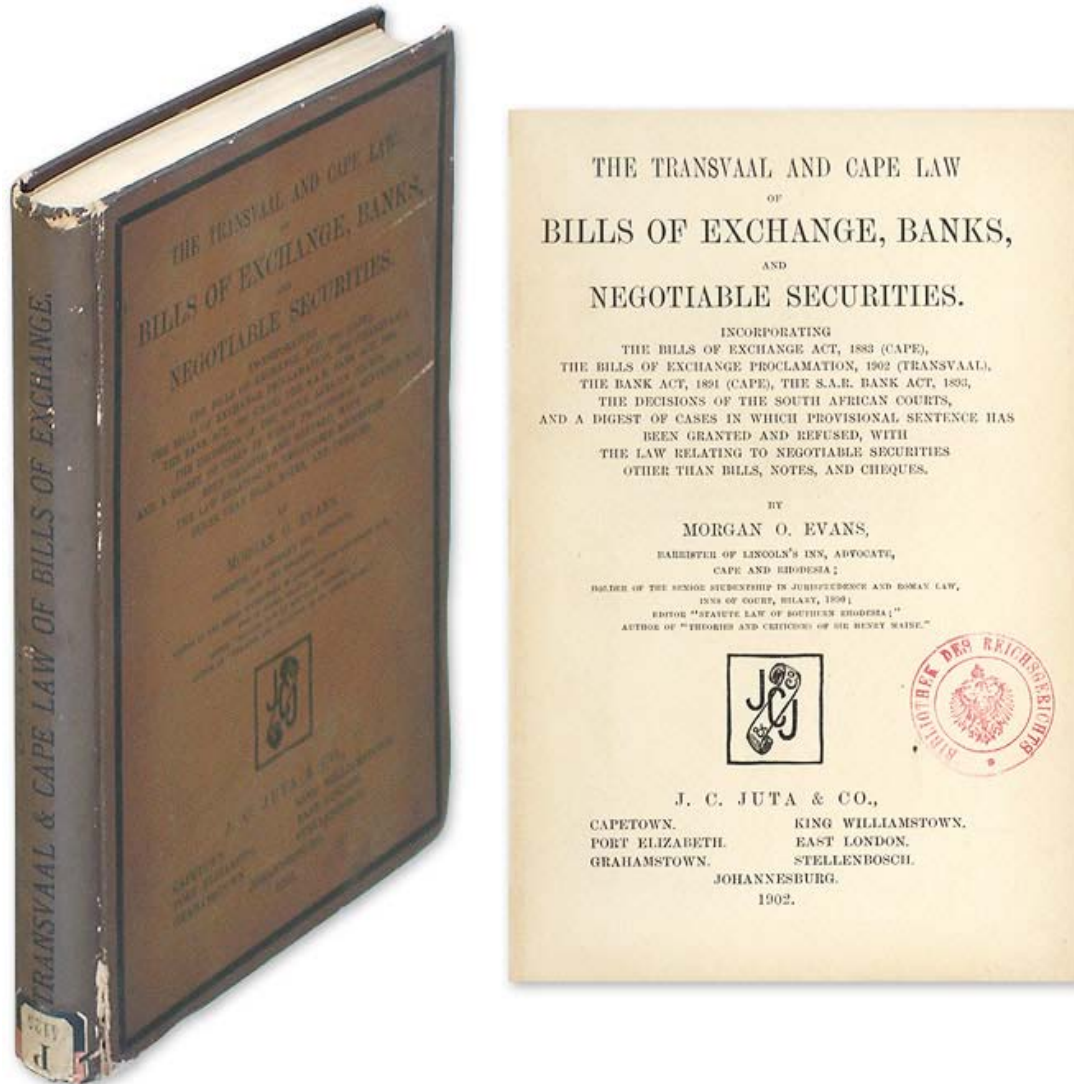
"Much Esteemed" by American Lawyers

12. Espinasse, Isaac [1758-1834].

A Digest of the Law of Actions at Nisi Prius. Dublin: Printed for H. Chamberlaine, E. Lynch [et al.], 1790. Two volumes in one. Star-paged to 1789 London edition. Octavo (8" x 5").

Contemporary calf, rebaked in period style with blind fillets and original lettering piece, endpapers renewed (with eighteenth century paper). Faint dampstaining to most of text, negligible minor loss to a few pages due to sticking due to moisture, internally clean. \$100.

* First Dublin edition, a reissue of the first edition, London 1789. Holdsworth says this was the standard treatise published between those of Buller and Selwyn. Marvin says it was "much esteemed" by American lawyers. OCLC locates 9 copies of this imprint in North American libraries. Holdsworth, *History of English Law* XIII:460. Marvin, *Legal Bibliography* 298. Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 1:335 (5).



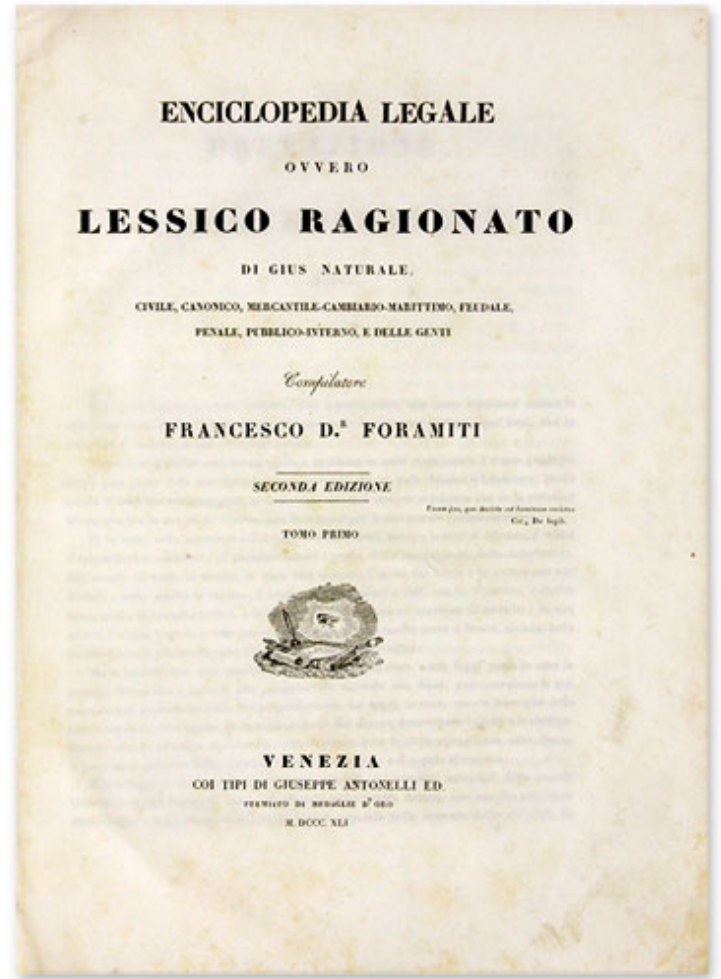
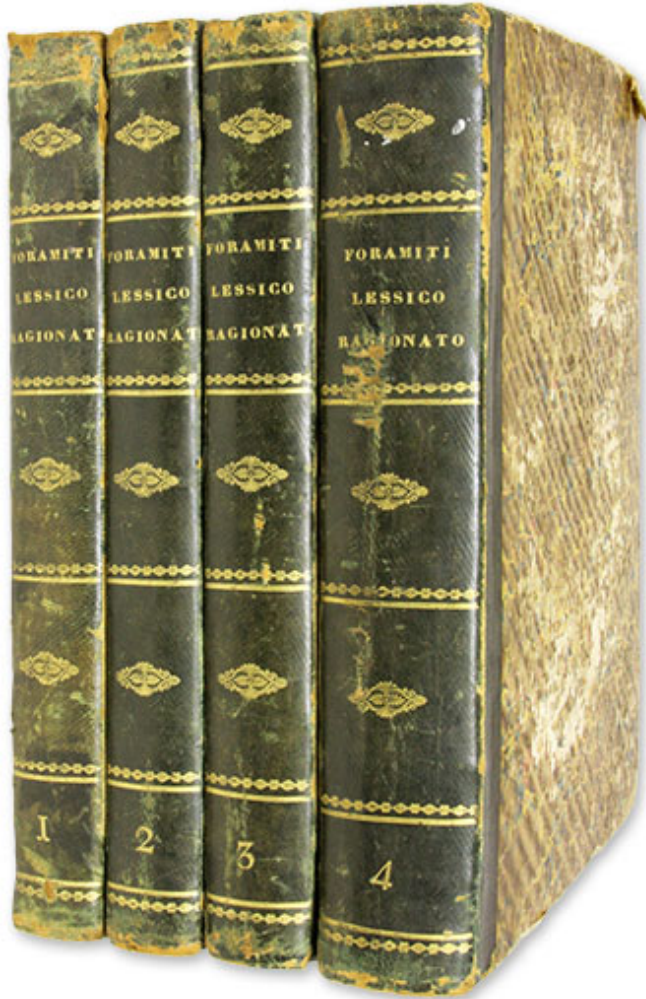
"We Have No Hesitation in Recommending this Book"

13. Evans, Morgan O.

The Transvaal and Cape Law of Bills of Exchange, Banks, and Negotiable Securities. Incorporating the Bills of Exchange Act, 1883 (Cape), The Bills of Exchange Proclamation, 1902 (Transvaal), The Bank Act, 1891 (Cape), The S.A.R. Bank Act, 1893, The Decisions of the South African Courts, And a Digest of Cases in Which Provisional Sentence has Been Granted and Refused, With the Law Relating to Negotiable Securities Other than Bills, Notes, And Cheques. Capetown: J.C. Juta & Co., 1902. xxv, 212 pp.

Original cloth, black-stamped titles to front board and spine. Rubbing to extremities with some wear, front hinge cracked but secure, internally clean. Ex-library. Location label to spine, inventory number to front pastedown, small stamp to title page. \$150.

* First edition. "This is practically a second and enlarged edition of the author's book on the Cape Bills of Exchange Act, that appeared some years back. (...) [This] this little manual will now be useful for lawyers and bankers in nearly all the colonies of South Africa. (...) We have no hesitation in recommending this book, which in addition to its other merits is in such a handy form that it can be carried in his coat pocket by the banker or lawyer taking his morning train journey from the suburbs, and is moreover cheap, as books go, in South Africa.": *South African Law Journal* 19 (1902) 399-400. This treatise went through two more editions in 1904 and 1931. OCLC locates 7 copies of the first edition, none of the other editions. Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 7:15.



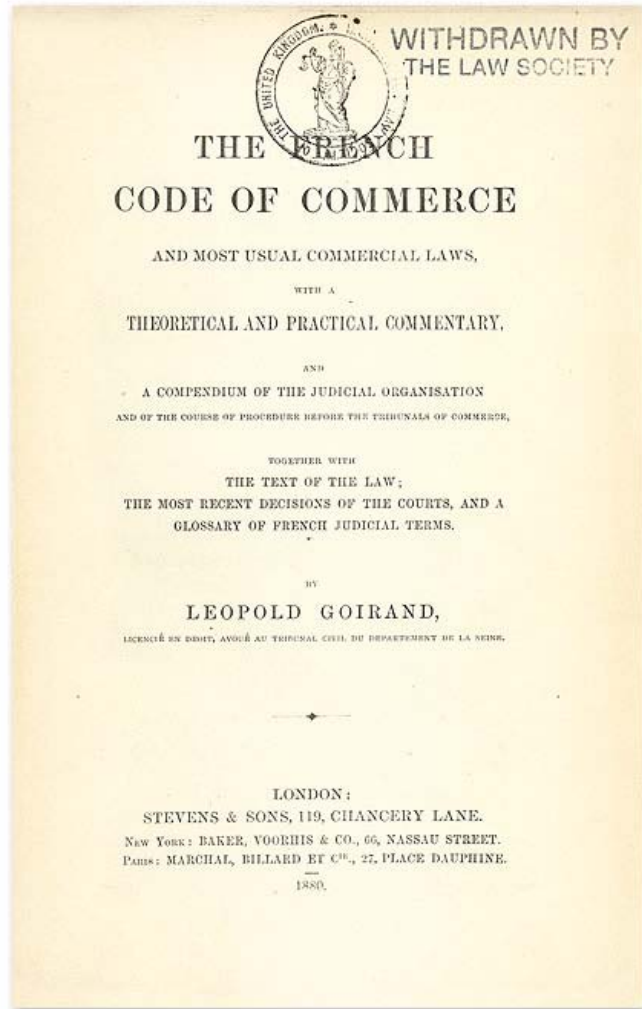
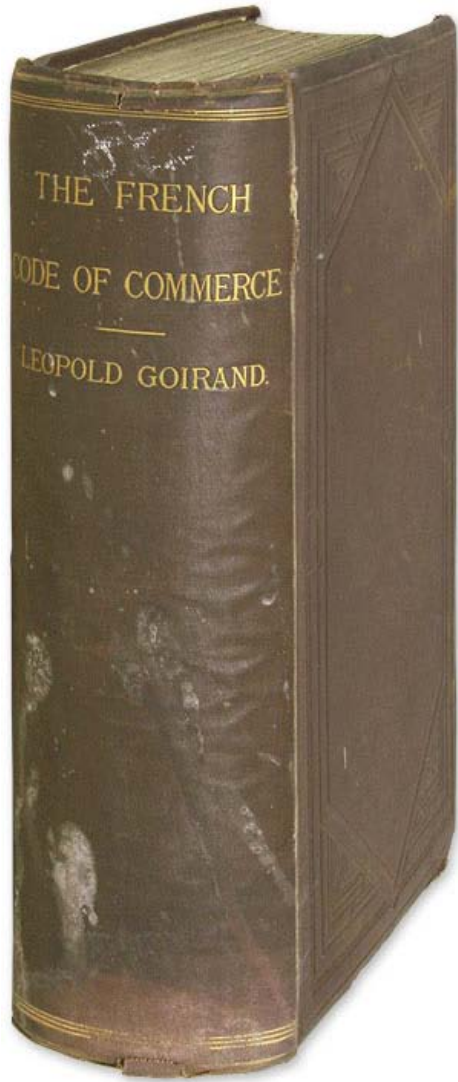
Remarkably Comprehensive Nineteenth-Century Italian Legal Encyclopedia

14. Foramiti, Francesco [c.1760-1843].

Enciclopedia Legale Ovvero Lessico Ragionato di Gius Naturale, Civile, Canonico, Mercantile-Cambiario-Marittimo, Feudale, Penale, Pubblico-Interno, E Delle Genti. Venice: Coi Tipi di Giuseppe Antonelli Ed., 1841-1843. Four volumes. Complete. (Biographical dictionary at end of Volume IV listed as Volume V in some records.) Main text in double columns. Quarto (11-1/2" x 8-1/2").

Contemporary quarter calf over marbled boards, spines have gilt fillets, ornaments and titles. Moderate rubbing to boards and extremities, light scuffing to boards, corners worn, Volume I joints just starting at head, partial crack between front free endpaper and title page of Volume II. Light foxing in places, internally clean. \$350.

* Second and final edition. The entries in this remarkably comprehensive encyclopedia are quite detailed; many are several pages in length. Possibly the first encyclopedia of Italian civil law, its organizational style is similar to that of Tomlins's *Law Dictionary*. OCLC locates 5 copies of the first edition in North America, no copies of the second. *British Museum Catalogue* (Compact Edition) 9:543.



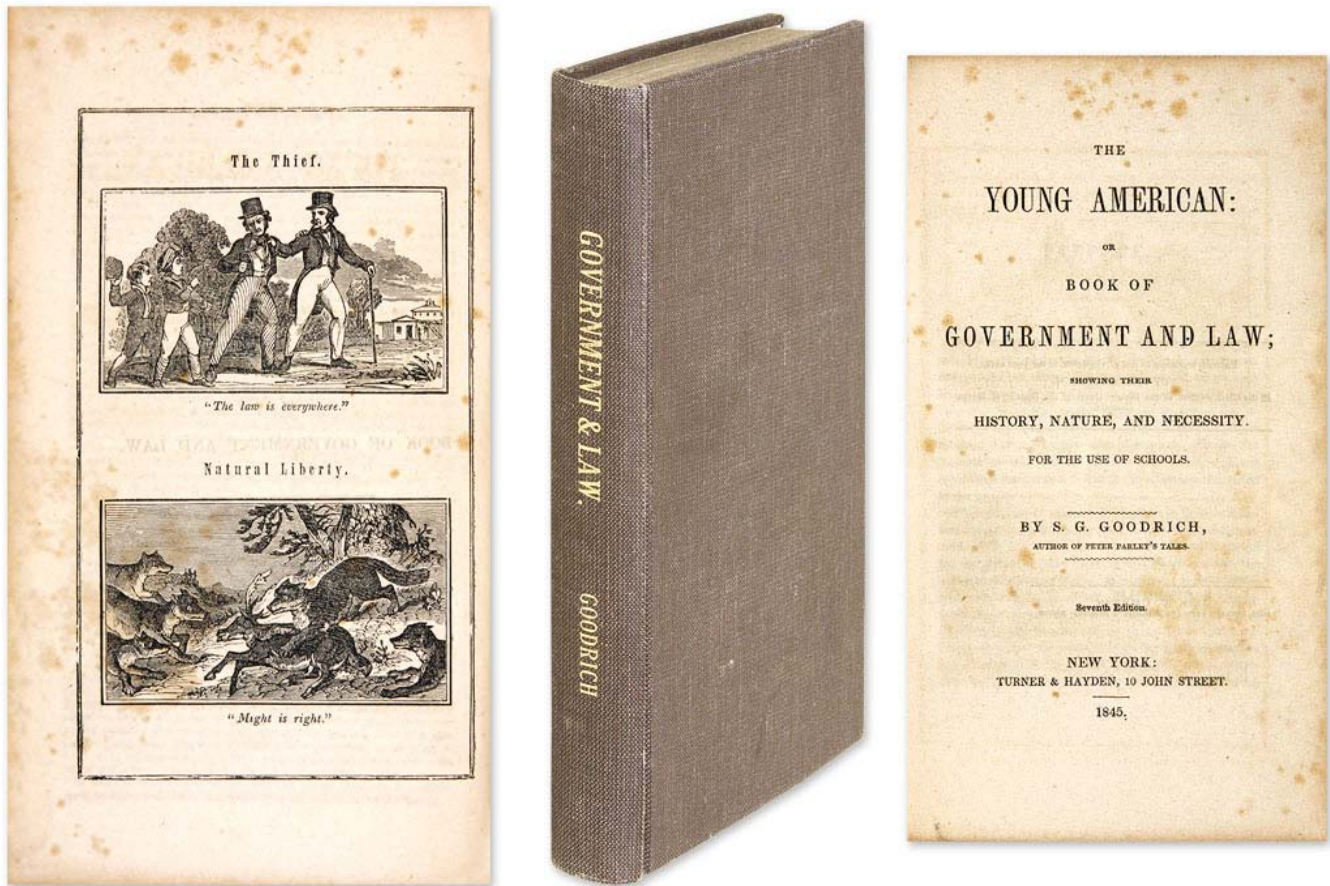
**Late Nineteenth-Century
Guide to French Commercial Law**

15. Goirand, Leopold [1845-1943].

The French Code of Commerce and Most Usual Commercial Laws: With a Theoretical and Practical Commentary, And a Compendium of the Judicial Organisation and of the Course of Procedure Before the Tribunals of Commerce; Together With the Text of the Law, The Most Recent Decision of the Courts, And a Glossary of French Judicial Terms. London: Stevens & Sons, 1880. vi, 842 pp. Octavo (8-3/4" x 6").

Original cloth, blind frames to boards, gilt title to spine. A few stains to spine, some rubbing to extremities with minor chipping to spine ends, corners bumped and lightly worn, split to text block between front free endpaper and title page, a few partial cracks to text block, internally clean. Ex-library. Stamps to preliminaries. A solid copy of an uncommon title. \$100.

* Only edition. "My object in writing this Book has been to put at the disposal of the legal profession in England and America a practical treatise on French Commercial Law" (Preface). *British Museum Catalogue* (Compact Edition) 10:827.



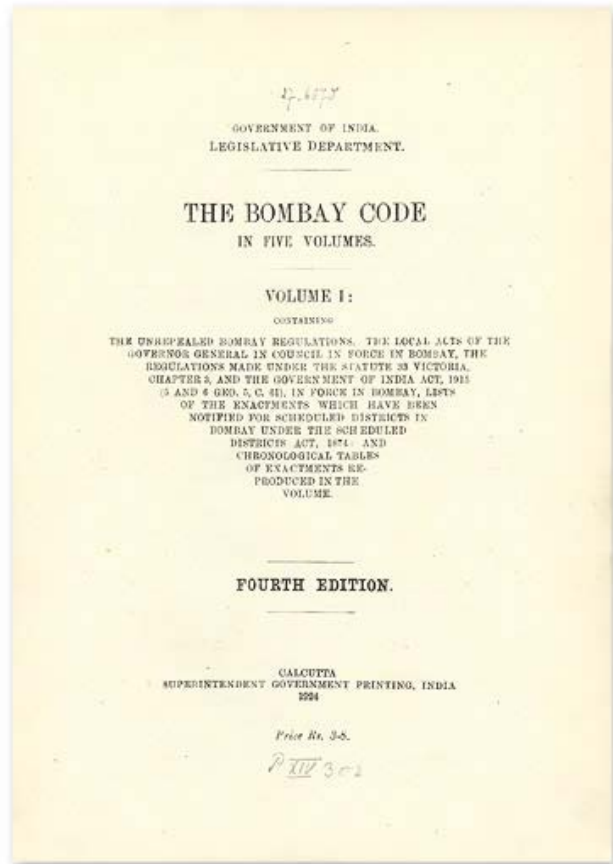
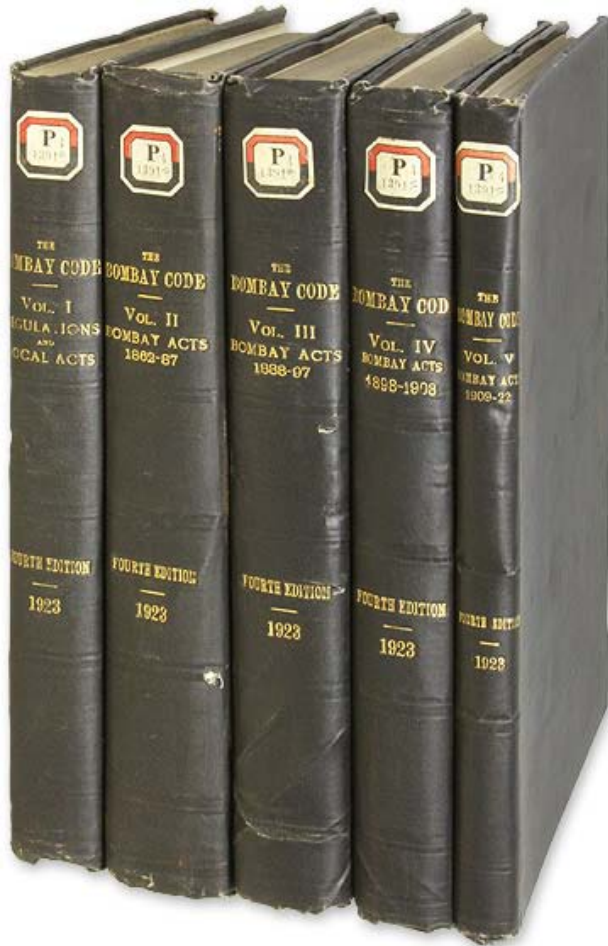
**Law and Government
Explained to Young Americans**

16. Goodrich, S[amuel] G[rисwold] [1793-1860].

The Young American: Or Book of Government and Law; Showing Their History, Nature and Necessity. For the Use of Schools. New York: Turner & Hayden, 1845. ii, [iv], vi, [7]-282, [8]. Woodcut frontispiece and text illustrations. Includes two and eight page publisher advertisements. Octavo (7-1/4" x 4-1/4").

Recent cloth, gilt title to spine. Light rubbing to extremities. Light toning, somewhat heavier in places, occasional light foxing, internally clean. \$75.

* Seventh edition. Goodrich was a Connecticut publisher and author who wrote several best-selling educational books for children, mostly under the pen name Peter Parley. *The Young American*, another best-seller, is a remarkably thorough book (in 69 chapters) that discusses political theory, jurisprudence, ancient, classical, Biblical and primitive governments, the laws and governments of modern Europe, the laws and government of the United States and citizenship. As one would suspect, the woodcut vignettes are mostly moralistic. Not in Cohen.



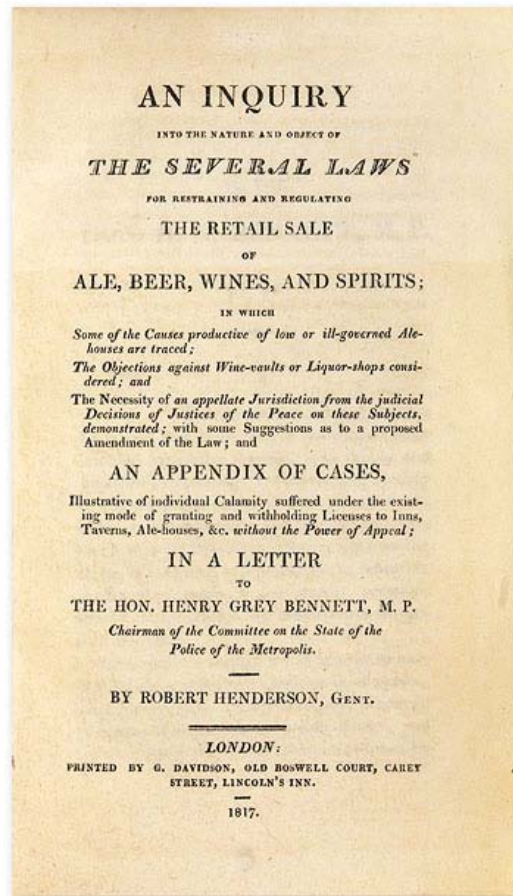
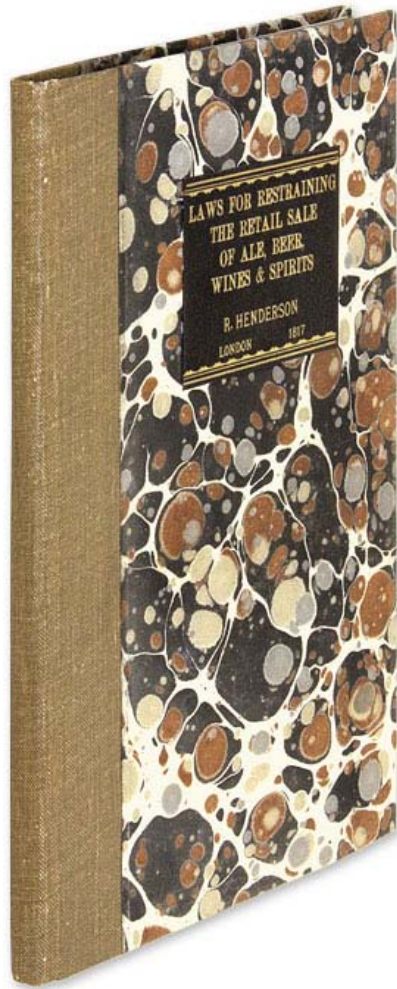
1924 Edition of the Bombay Code

17. Government of India, Legislative Department.

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

Five volumes. Original cloth, gilt titles to spines, moderate shelfwear and soiling. Text blocks cracked in a few places, internally clean. Ex-library. Location labels to spines, small stamps to versos of title pages. A solid set. \$750.

* Fourth edition. Volume I: The unrepealed Bombay Regulations, The Local Acts of the Governor General in Council in Force in Bombay, The Regulations Made Under the Statute 33 Victoria, Chapter 3, And the Government of India Act, 1915 (5 and 6 Geo. 5, C. 61), In force in Bombay, Lists of the Enactments Which Have Been Notified for Scheduled Districts in Bombay Under the Scheduled Districts Act, 1874: And Chronological Tables of Enactments Reproduced; Volume II: The Unrepealed Acts of the Governor of Bombay in Council in Force in Bombay from 1862 to 1887, Inclusive: And a Chronological Table of Enactments Reproduced with an Index; Volume III: The Unrepealed Acts of the Governor of Bombay in Council in Force in Bombay, From 1888 to 1897, Inclusive; A Chronological Table of Enactments Reproduced with an Appendix and Index; Volume IV. Containing the Unrepealed Acts of the Governor of Bombay in Council in Force in Bombay, from 1898 to 1908, Inclusive, And a Chronological Table of Enactments Reproduced with Index; Volume V: Containing the Unrepealed Acts of the Governor of Bombay in Council and of the Bombay Legislative Council in Force in Bombay from 1909 to 1922, Inclusive, Chronological Tables of Enactments reproduced with Index. OCLC locates 9 copies. BMC 3:850.



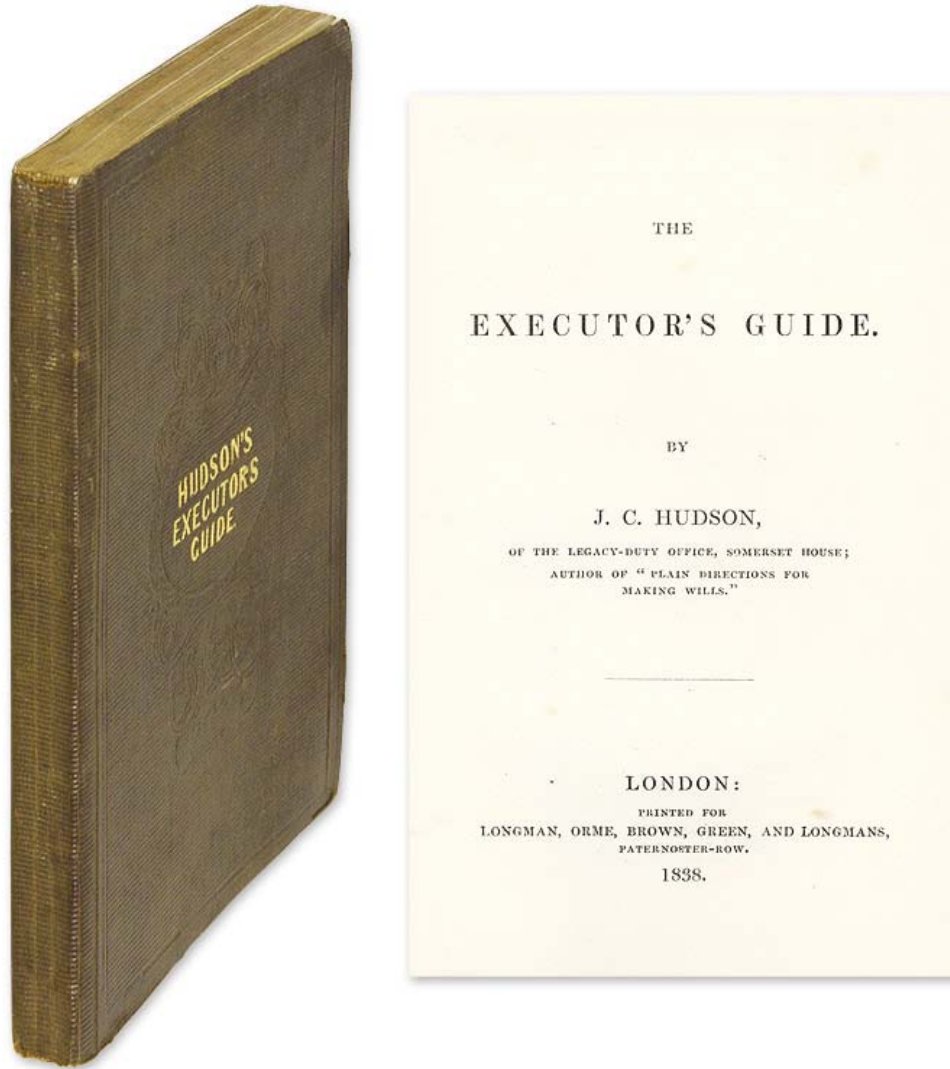
Public Drinking in Regency-Era England

18. Henderson, Robert.

An Inquiry into the Nature and Object of the Several Laws for Restraining and Regulating the Retail Sale of Ale, Beer, Wines, And Spirits; In Which Some of the Causes Productive of Low or Ill-Governed Ale-Houses are Traced; The Objections Against Wine-Vaults or Liquor-Shops Considered; And the Necessity of an Appellate Jurisdiction from the Judicial Decisions of Justices of the Peace on These Subjects, Demonstrated; With Some Suggestions as to a Proposed Amendment of the Law; And an Appendix of Cases, Illustrative of Individual Calamity Suffered Under the Existing Mode of Granting and Withholding Licenses to Inns, Taverns, Ale-Houses, &c. Without the Power of Appeal; In a Letter to the Hon. Henry Grey Bennett, M.P. Chairman of the Committee on the State of the Police of the Metropolis. London: Printed by G. Davidson. 1817. [ii], 144 pp. Half-title lacking. Octavo (8-1/4" x 5-1/4").

Recent quarter calf over marbled boards, calf title panel to front, marbled endpapers. Light toning to text, internally clean. \$650.

* Only edition. A detailed portrait of the licensed public-house trade in Regency England, especially London, which had around 6000 pubs. Henderson, a London barrister, does not restrict his focus to legal aspects of the trade. He also examines the social problems caused by unregulated drinking establishments and the often questionable qualities of their landlords, who were often as questionable as the drinks they served. OCLC locates 3 copies, none in North America. Not in Sweet & Maxwell. *Catalogue of the Goldsmiths' Library of Economic Literature* 21902.



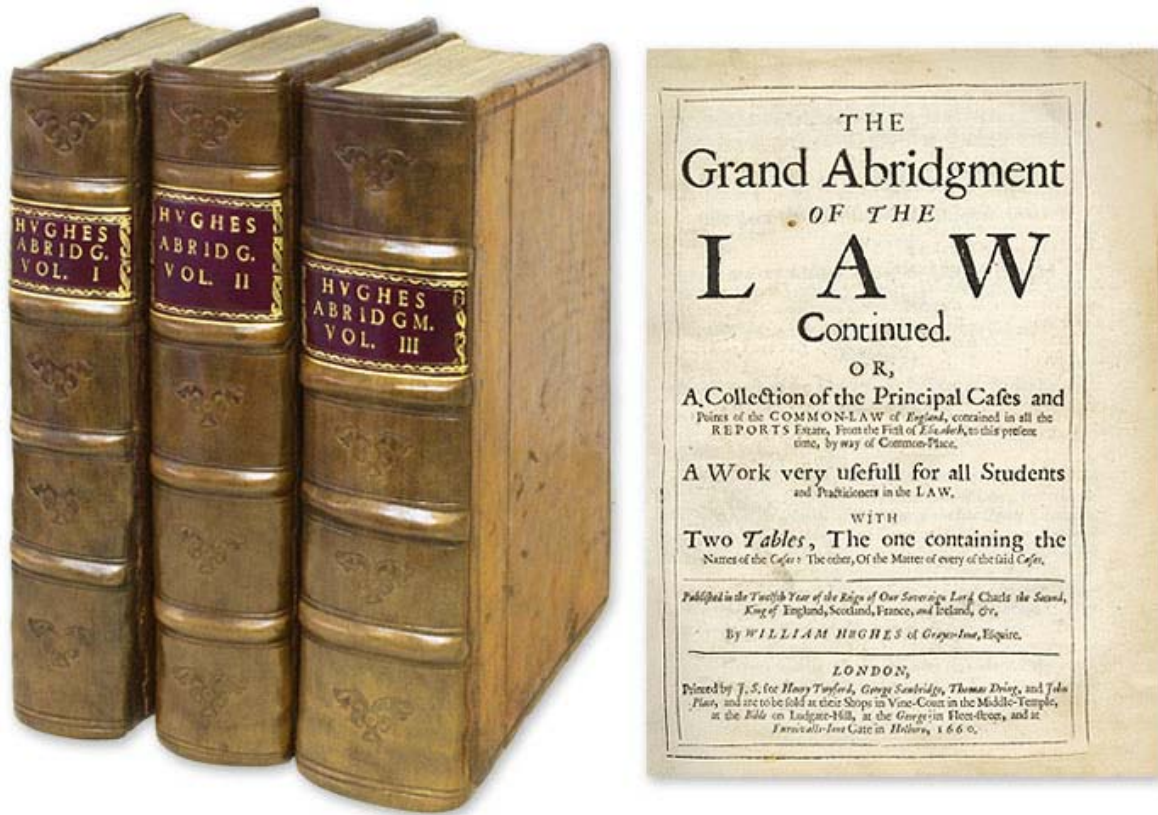
Popular Guide to a Legal Area "Beset With Doubts and Intricacies"

19. Hudson, J[ohn] C[orrie].

The Executor's Guide. London: Printed for Longman, Orme, Green, And Longmans, 1838. iv, 192, 4 pp. Includes four-page publisher catalogue. 12mo. (6" x 4").

Flexible moire cloth with decorative blind stamping, gilt title to front board, all edges gilt. Light rubbing to extremities, early owner signature to front free endpaper, internally clean. \$200.

* First edition. Reissued and revised several times as late as 1878, this popular layman's handbook offered a guide to an area of the law "beset with doubts and intricacies." OCLC locates 2 copies of this edition in North America, one at Osgoode Hall, the other at the Livermore, California Public Library. No other editions located. Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 2:174.



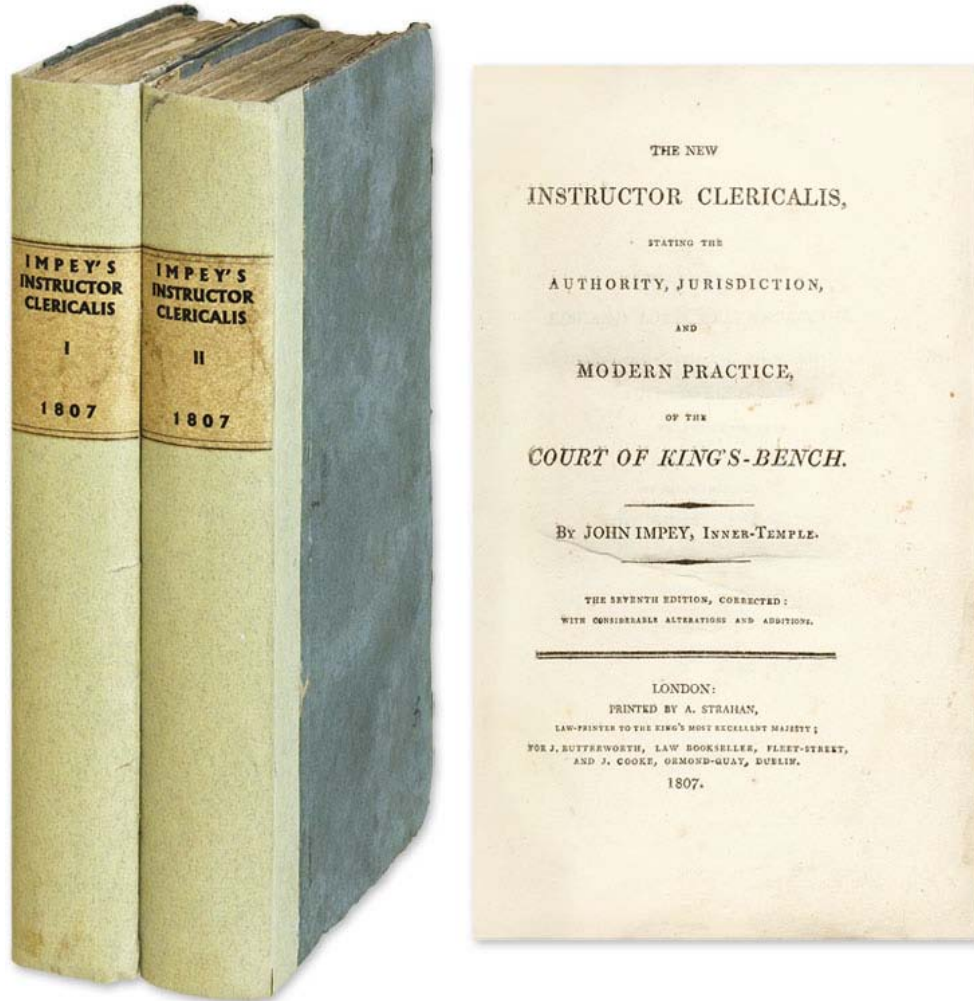
"A Good Authority" on the Abridgements And a Valuable Companion to Wingate

20. Hughes, William.

The Grand Abridgment of the Law Continued. Or, A Collection of the Principal Cases and Points of the Common-Law of England, Contained in All the Reports Extant, From the First of Elizabeth, to this present Time, By Way of Common-Place. A Work Very Usefull for All Students and Practitioners in the Law. With Two Tables, The One Containing the Names of the Cases, The Other, Of the Matter of Every of the Said Cases. Published in the Twelfth Year of the Reign of Our Sovereign Lord Charles the Second, King of England, Scotland, France, and Ireland, &c. London: Printed by J.S. for Henry Twyford, George Sawbridge, Thomas Dring, and John Place, 1660-1662. Three volumes and appendix in three books. [1], 344, 353-758; [cxii], 759-1268, 1277-1418, 1423-1576; [cxxviii], 1577-2132, [102], 2133-2418, [64] pp. Text continuous despite pagination. Main text in parallel columns. Quarto (8-1/2" x 6-1/2").

Contemporary calf, blind rules to boards, rebounded in period style with raised bands, lettering pieces and gilt ornaments. Some rubbing to extremities, corners bumped and lightly worn. Light toning, offsetting to margins of preliminaries and endleaves. Annotations to endleaves, interior otherwise clean. An appealing set. \$1,500.

* Sole edition. Hughes, a barrister of Gray's Inn, conceived this abridgement as a continuation of a continuation of Robert Brooke's *Graunde Abridgement of English case reports* (first edition 1573). "These volumes embrace but a short period, and the work is a mere supplement to the earlier Abridgments, but it is a good authority.": Marvin, *Legal Bibliography* 402. Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 1:19 (15).



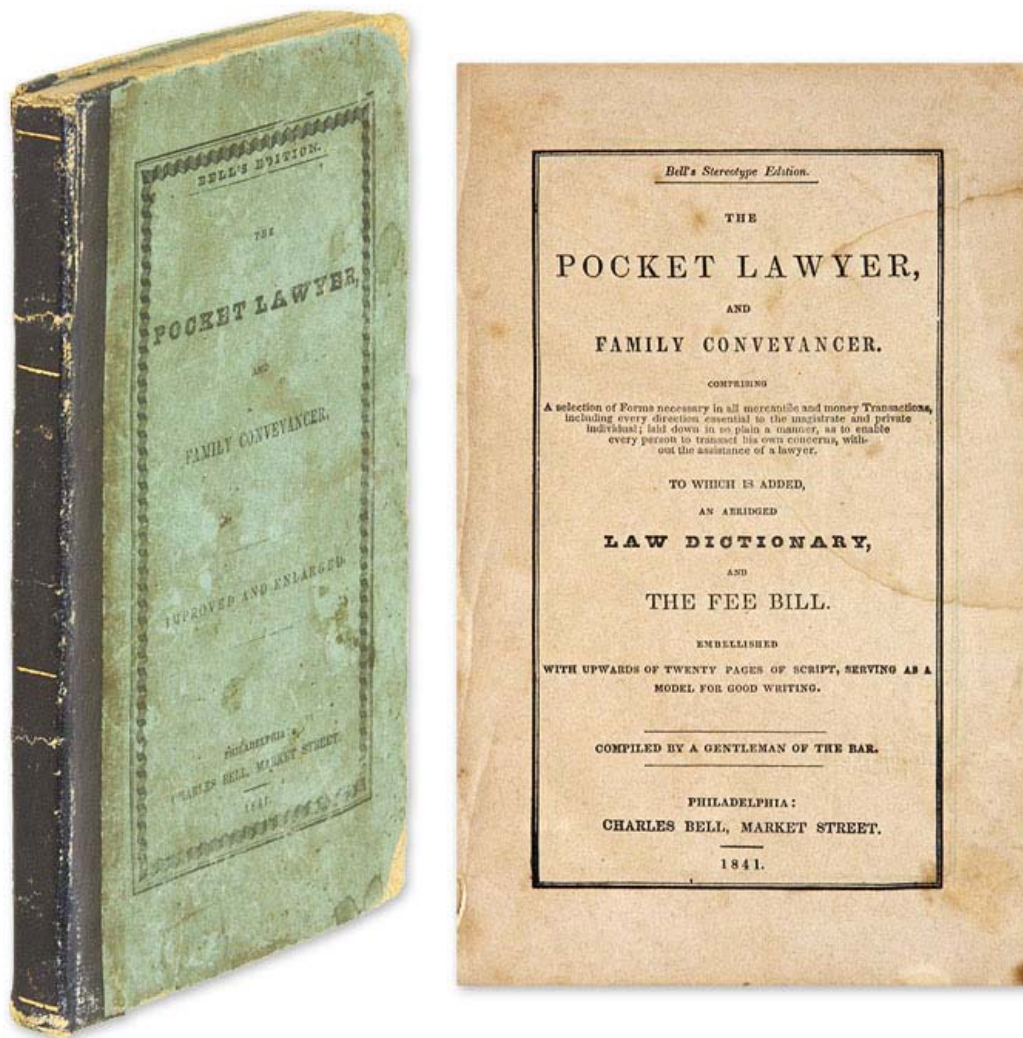
The First Systematic Account of the Court of King's Bench

21. Impey, John [d. 1829].

The New Instructor Clericalis, Stating the Authority, Jurisdiction, and Modern Practice of the Court of King's Bench. London: Printed by A. Strahan, 1807. Two volumes. xx, 448; [iv], 449-826, [118] pp. Octavo (9" x 5-3/4").

Contemporary paper-covered boards, rebacked in period style, printed paper title label, hinges mended, untrimmed edges. Some edgewear and staining to boards, corners bumped and lightly worn. Early owner signature (of "T.W. Mar: 1808") to front free endpaper of Volume I, soiling and light foxing to a few leaves. A handsome set. \$150.

* Seventh edition, corrected. First published in 1785, this book offered the first systematic account of the practice of this court. Its tenth and final edition was published in 1823. "Before Mr. Impey's meritorious labours, the attorney must have had to rely upon information delivered on tradition only; and such information, sometimes diversely given, even by officers of the Courts; the books of that gentleman first embodied much of the general practice": Marvin, *Legal Bibliography* 408. Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 1:272 (86).



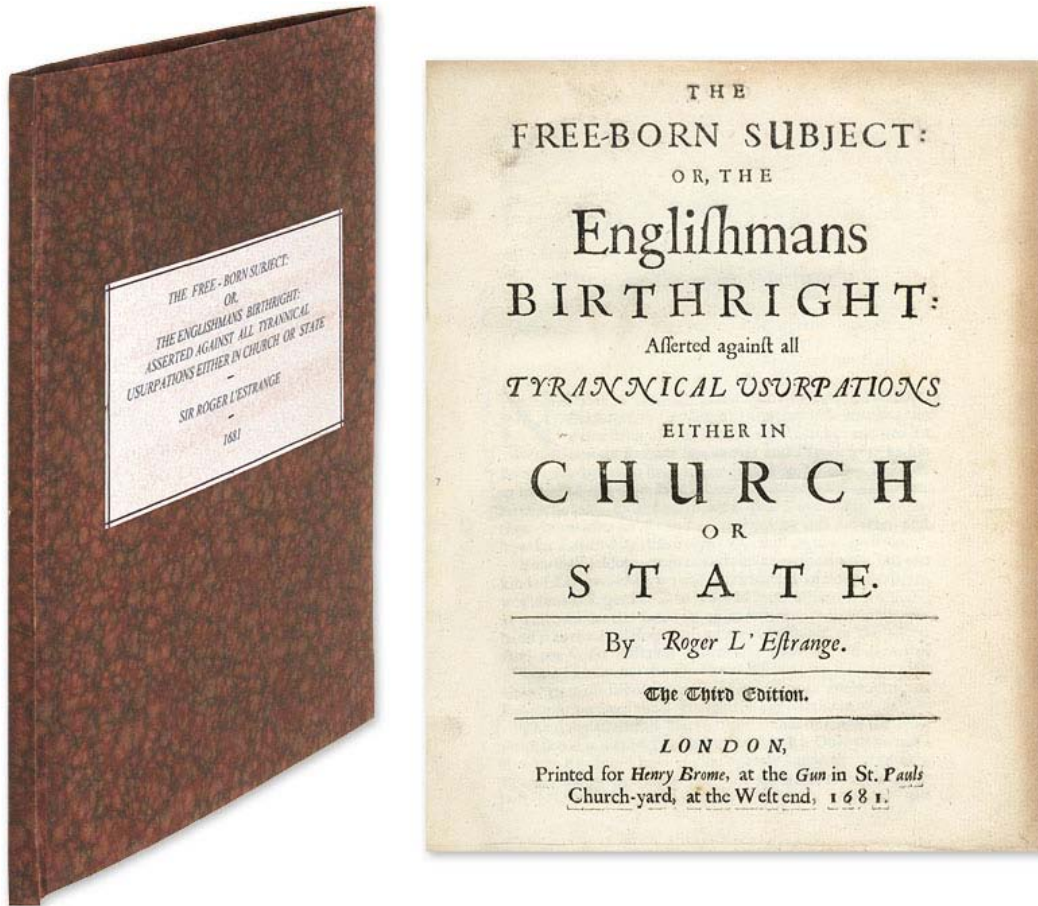
A Layman's Guide with a Dictionary

22. [Legal Manual].

The Pocket Lawyer, And Family Conveyancer. Comprising A Selection of Forms Necessary in All Mercantile and Money Transactions, Including Every Direction Essential to the Magistrate and Private Individual; Laid Down in so Plain a Manner, As to Enable Every Person to Transact His Own Concerns, Without the Assistance of a Lawyer. To Which is Added, An Abridged Law Dictionary, And The Fee Bill. Embellished with Upwards of Twenty Pages of Script, Serving as a Model for Good Writing. Compiled by A Gentleman of the Bar. Philadelphia: Charles Bell, 1841. 142 pp. 12mo. (7" x 4-1/4").

Calf-backed printed boards. Moderate soiling and staining to boards, rubbing to extremities with some wear to spine ends, heavier wear to corners, hinges cracked. Light browning to text, occasional faint dampstaining and foxing. Early signatures and annotations in pencil to endleaves, interior otherwise clean. A nice copy. \$30.

*"Bell's Stereotype Edition" of a title first published in 1831. This popular layman's guide also includes a brief law dictionary. Forms include: release of a legacy, promissory notes, bills of exchange, letter of credit, forms of naturalization, among others. Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 8127.



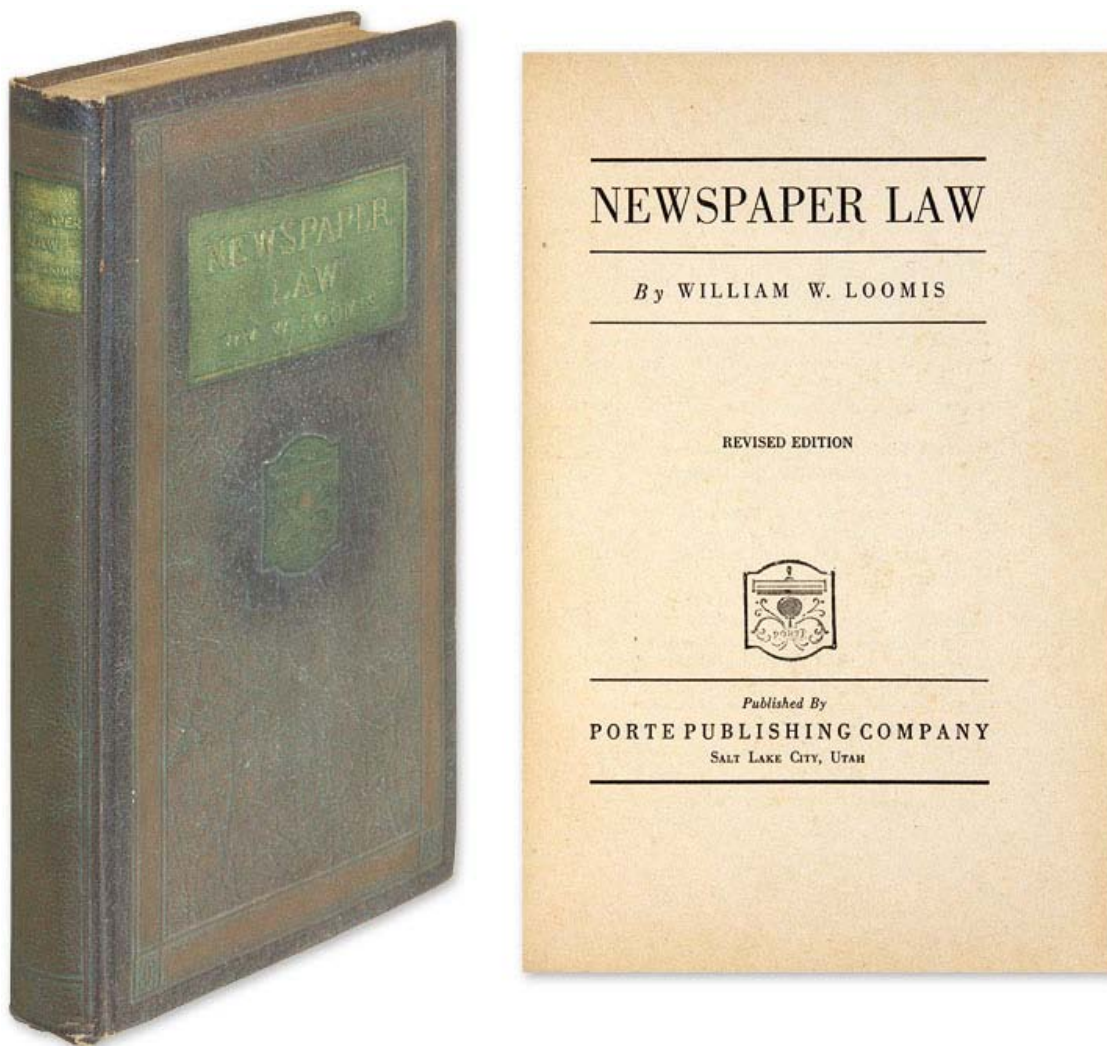
**You May Be "Free-Born,
"But You're Still a "Subject"**

23. L'Estrange, Sir Roger [1616-1704].

The Free-Born Subject: Or, The Englishmans Birthright: Asserted Against all Tyrannical Usurpations Either in Church or State. London: Printed for Henry Brome, 1681. [ii], 30 pp. Quarto (8-1/4" x 6-1/2").

Recent stiff marbled wrappers, printed paper title panel to front cover. Light toning to text, some browning to margins of title page and following leaf, internally clean. A handsome copy of a scarce title. \$950.

* Third edition. L'Estrange, a staunch Tory and defender of Royalist claims, was a prolific pamphleteer and author. He fought for the Royalists during the Civil War and ended the war in exile in Holland. His career flourished during the Restoration. He became the royal censor under Charles II, was knighted by King James II and became a Member of Parliament for Winchester from 1685 to 1689. First published in 1679, *The Free-Born Subject*, despite its Whiggish title, is a statement of absolutist political theory. It warns those who propose a "notion" like the law of nature rather than settling for the "fact" of customary obedience. What's more, too many stress being a "free-born" person rather than being a "subject." Failure to observe this distinction can only lead to trouble. He accepts the existence of legal limitations for subjects and kings, but to the latter only as far as his conscience determines. Other editions were published in 1680, 1681 and 1688. Few copies of any edition are held in North American law libraries, none of the third. Duncan-Page and Lynch, *Roger L'Estrange and the Making of Restoration Culture* 198. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R34972.



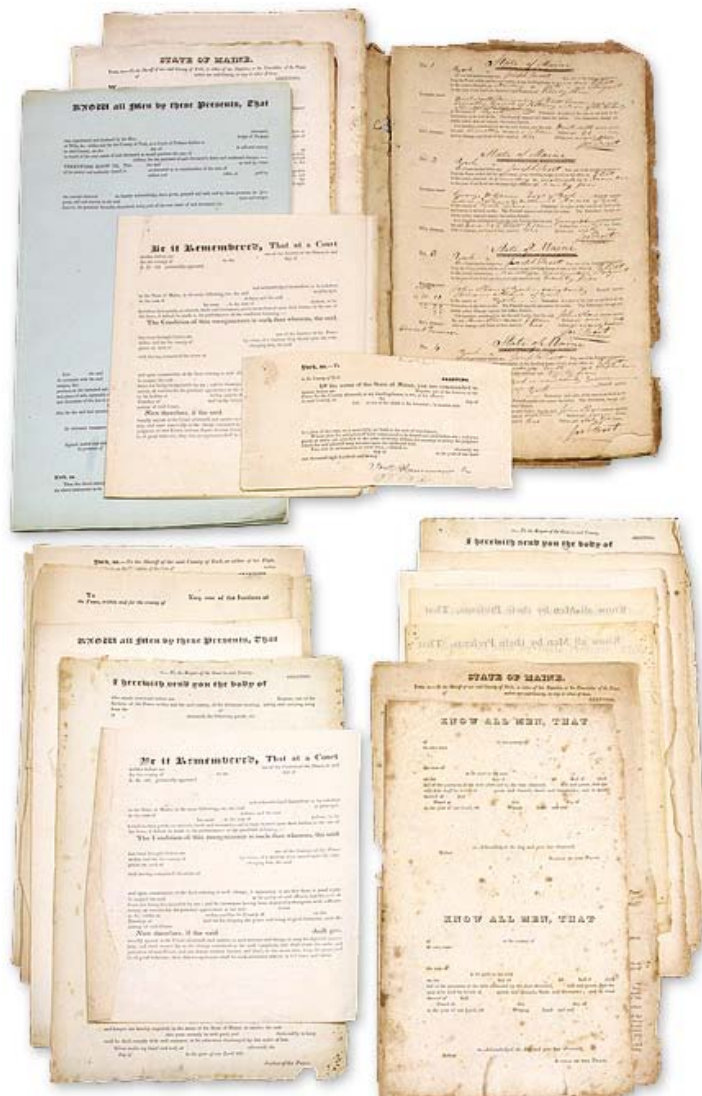
For Newspaper Writers and Editors

24. Loomis, William W.

Newspaper Law. Revised Edition. Salt Lake City: Porte Publishing Company, [1924]. 188, [12] pp.

Original calf-stamped cloth, gilt title panels to front board and spine. Some rubbing to extremities, internally clean. \$10.

* Second and final edition. A handbook for newspaper writers and editors, first published in 1921.



Archive of Forms for an Early Nineteenth-Century Maine Justice of the Peace

25. [Maine].

[Justices of the Peace].

[Frost, Joseph].

[*Legal Forms for the Use of Justices of the Peace*]. Maine, c. 1820-1823. 165 forms in 5 sewn gatherings (2 with 6 sheets, 1 with 10, 1 with 14 and 1 with 22), 7 bifoliums, 8 single sheets, most 14" x 8-1/2" folio sheets, the rest in various sizes and formats, many uncut sheets, some filled in and signed in ink, manuscript document dated May 28, 1828 laid in to one of the gatherings. Some edgewear, toning and dampspotting, otherwise fine. An interesting collection. \$500.

* Dating from the first years of Maine's statehood, this is a set of forms that belonged to Joseph Frost, a Justice of the Peace. One group has the heading "Commonwealth of Massachusetts" crossed out and replaced by "State of Maine" in ink. A few of the forms, recording notes on cases, are filled in and signed by Frost, some forms are blank but are signed by various officials. There is also a two-page manuscript summons with notes, presumably written by Frost. In all, this collection offers a glimpse of legal practice at the ground level in early nineteenth-century Maine.



Docket Book of a Notable Nineteenth-Century Lawyer and Judge In Lancaster County, Pennsylvania

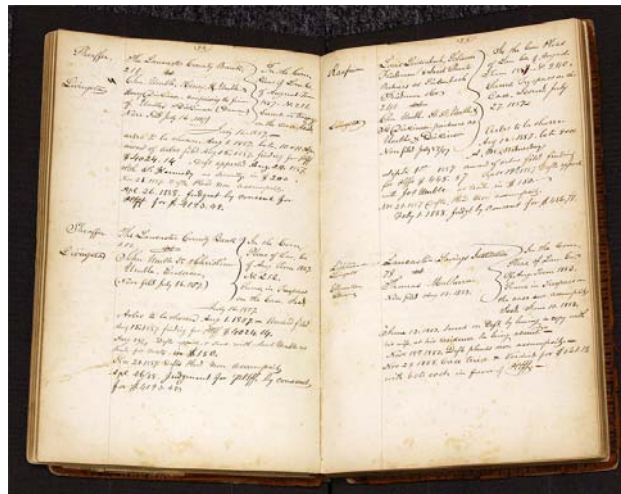
26. [Manuscript].

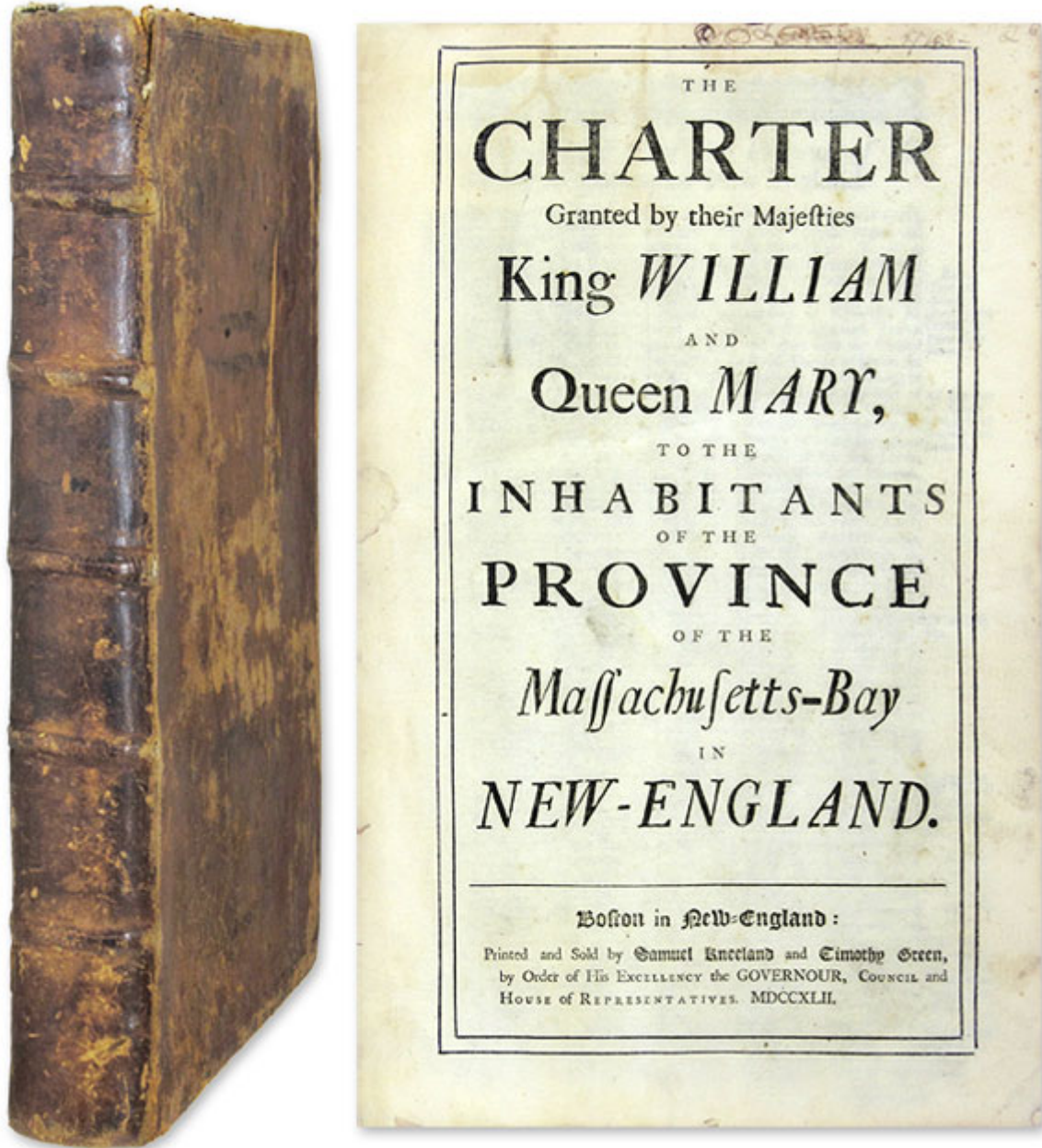
[Livingston, John B. (1821-1906)].

[*Docket Book of John B. Livingston, A Pennsylvania Lawyer and Judge, 1851-1862*]. Cover reads "J.B. Livingston's Docket/ January [28] 18[51]." [Lancaster County, PA, January 28, 1851-January 13, 1862]. [xxviii], 322 pp. Thumb-tabbed index. Folio (12-1/2" x 8").

Reversed calf, black-stamped panels to boards. Boards detached and oderate edgeworn, most of spine perished, "John B Livingston/ Lancaster City/ Pennsylvania/ January 27th A.D. 1851" to verso of final index leaf, similar inscription to verso of following leaf dated January 28. This leaf also bears the signature of a later owner, John Hampton, dated January 23, 1923, another Hampton signature to rear board. Light toning, text in small neat hand until p. 247, several Civil War-era pro-Union woodcuts and cartoons affixed to front and rear pastedowns. An interesting manuscript. \$750.

* Snyder was an attorney and judge in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. He read law from 1845 to 1848 with Thaddeus Stevens [1792-1868], who, as a member of the U.S. House of Representatives, went onto become leaders of the anti-slavery Radical Republicans during the Civil War and Reconstruction. In 1862 Livingston became the county's district attorney. In 1871 he was elected president judge of the second judicial district of Pennsylvania, a post he held until 1904. His docket book, which lists memoranda of cases, services rendered and fees charged over an 11-year period, offers a fine perspective on the professional activity of a well-respected attorney with a thriving practice. Eastman, *Courts and Lawyers of Pennsylvania: A History, 1623-1923* III:599.





A Copy with Interesting Associations

27. [Massachusetts].

The Charter Granted by Their Majesties King William and Queen Mary, to the Inhabitants of the Province of the Massachusetts-Bay in New-England.

[And]

Acts And Laws Of His Majesty's Province Of The Massachusetts-Bay In New England.

[Bound with]

[Nine Separately Issued Session Laws].

Boston: Printed and Sold by Samuel Kneeland and Timothy Green, 1742 (i.e. 1743). [ii], 14, 28, 337, [1], 339-374 pp. Folio (11" x 7-1/2").

Contemporary sheep, raised bands to spine. Moderate rubbing to extremities. Light toning to text, minor loss to leaf of table due to chip in margin, page numbers, which are penciled in, a few blank leaves at end of text block excised. Front free endpaper inscribed by Jeremiah Powell to Samuel Foxcroft, Powell's ownership inscription to title page of *Charter*. A very good copy in a well-preserved unrestored binding. \$1,250.

* A desirable copy of this mid-eighteenth century compilation of Massachusetts colonial statutes, relating in part to the winding down of the controversial land-bank and paper money schemes of 1739 and 1740 that were quashed by act of Parliament in 1740. This is also an interesting association copy. Jeremiah Powell [1714-1789] acquired this copy upon publication in 1743, at age 29, for 6 pounds, according to his still intelligible if obscured inscription on the title page. The front free endpaper bears his full name again and several signature trails, as well as his later presentation inscription to Samuel Foxcroft [1734-1805], a 1754 graduate of Harvard and minister of New Gloucester, Maine. Powell, Maine landowner, businessman, justice of the peace and member of the General Assembly, rose to prominence during the Revolution as *de facto* Governor of Massachusetts due to his role as President of the Massachusetts Council, which replaced the executive branch during the war. Powell served six consecutive terms, from November 1776 to June 1780, thereafter alternating with James Bowdoin, Artemas Ward, and William Sever. Some indication of his importance can be gained from his frequent correspondence with George Washington. There are nine session laws published subsequent to the main volume bound in at the rear; unused blank sheets at the end of the volume were at some time excised. Of the nine session laws five contain legislation intended to wind down, by order of Parliament, the affairs of the land-banks established in 1739/1740, and to address the vexatious uncertainty of the value of paper money. [Benedict], *Acts and Laws of the Thirteen Original Colonies and States* 151, 153-62. *The Charlemagne Tower Collection of Colonial Laws* 262-272.



Canon Law in New Spain

28. Molina Lama Y Guzman, Geronimo (Jeronimo) De.

Novae Veritates Iuris Practicae, Utraque Manu Elaboratae, Tum Theologorum Moralium Scientia, Tum Legum, & Canonum Principiis, & Regulis Inconscussis: Opus Forte non Spemendum Advocatis, Et Iudicibus, Confessarijs, & Theologis: Operi Dedit Operam. Madrid: Ex Typographia Regia, 1665. [xii], 571, [63] pp. Main text in parallel columns. Copperplate coat of arms, large woodcut portrait. Folio (11-1/2" x 8").

Contemporary limp vellum, early calligraphic title to spine, ties lacking. Some darkening to spine darkened, rodent gnawing (?) to fore-edges of boards and adjacent leaves near head, hinges reinforced, vellum just beginning to crack through pastedowns. Title page printed in red and black followed by large copperplate leaf depicting the coat of arms of Pedro Nunez de Guzman, a member of the Spanish Court, woodcut portrait, apparently of Juan de Mendoza y Luna, a former viceroy of New Spain, facing p. 1, woodcut head and tail-pieces. Moderate toning, light browning and foxing in places. Early signatures to front free endpaper and title page, underlining to a few passages in text, interior otherwise clean. \$1,000.

* First edition. This is a digest of canon law, with sections on theology and doctrine, designed for use in New Spain. A second edition was published in 1670. Both editions are scarce. OCLC locates 6 copies of the first edition worldwide, 1 in North America (at the Huntington Library, which has a badly mutilated copy with loss of text to pp. 56-109). Palau, *Manual del Librero Hispano-Americano* 174774.



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With 12 Folding Plates Depicting Medieval Legal Documents

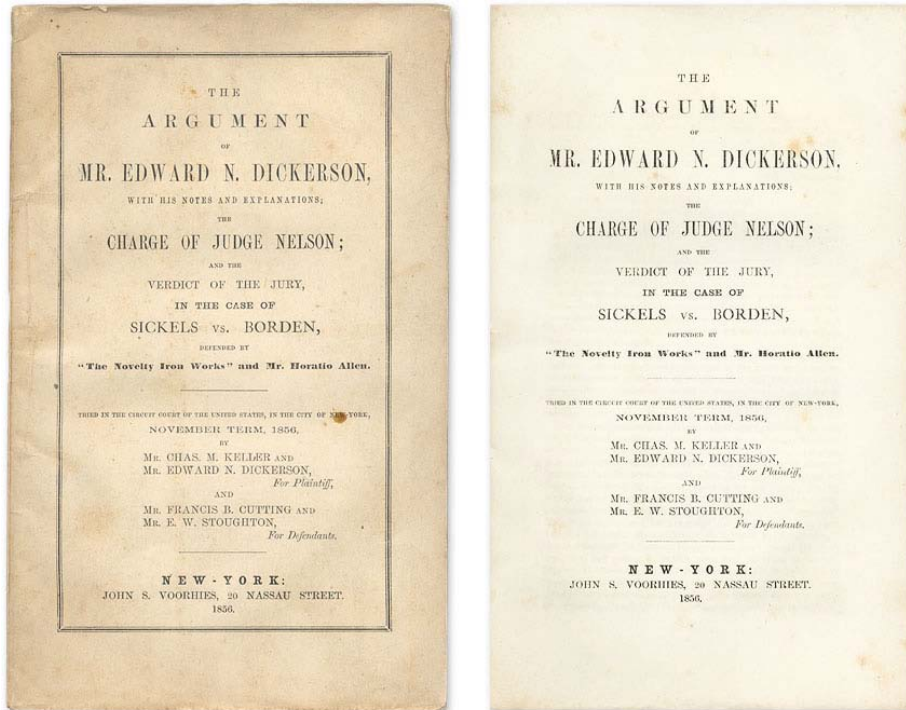
29. Spangenberg, Ernst [1784-1833].

[Gruppen, Christian Ulrich [1692-1767].

Beyrage zu den Teutschen Rechten des Mittelalters, Vorzuglich zur Kunde und Kritik der Altgermanischen Rechtsbücher, Und des Sachsen- und Schwaben- Spiegels. Grosstentheils aus Unbenutzten Handschriftlichen Quellen Geschafft. Halle: In der Gebauerschen Buchhandlung, 1822. xii, 234 pp. 13 plates, 12 folding, 1 with hand-coloring. Quarto (9-1/4" x 7-1/4").

Contemporary textured paper boards with blind rules, rebacked in cloth retaining calf backstrip with gilt title and ornaments, endpapers renewed. Moderate rubbing to extremities, corners bumped and somewhat worn, backstrip rubbed. Moderate toning to text, light foxing in places, moderate edgewear to title page and folding plates. Two early owner signatures and a small owner stamp to title page, interior otherwise clean. \$350.

* Only edition. The work of a notable jurist and legal historian, this is a collection of legal and philological studies of important medieval German legal sources. This volume includes a study of the *Sachsenspiegel* by Gruppen with critical commentary by Spangenberg. OCLC locates 6 copies in North American law libraries (Columbia, Harvard, Library of Congress, UC-Berkeley, University of Minnesota, Yale). *British Museum Catalogue* (Compact Edition) 23:1103.



An Interesting Patent Case

30. [Trial].

[Sickels Et Al. v. Corliss Et Al.]

Dickerson, E[dward] N[icoll] [1824-1889].

The Argument of Mr. Edward N. Dickerson: With His Notes and Explanations: The Charge of Judge Nelson: And the Verdict of the Jury in the Case of Sickels vs. Borden Defended by "The Novelty Iron Works" and Mr. Horatio Allen. New York: John S. Voorhies, 1856. 67 pp. Octavo (9-1/2" x 6").

Stab-stitched pamphlet in printed wrappers. Light soiling, some rubbing to extremities. Light toning to text, foxing and faint dampstaining to a few leaves, internally clean. \$100.

* Argued by a great patent lawyer and reported at 22 *Federal Cases* 67, this case involved the infringement of Sickels's patent on a steam valve device, an important innovation that enabled the development of more powerful steam engines. The jury found a verdict for the plaintiff for \$720. Dickerson was the outstanding authority on patent law in the United States at this time. Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 11530.

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