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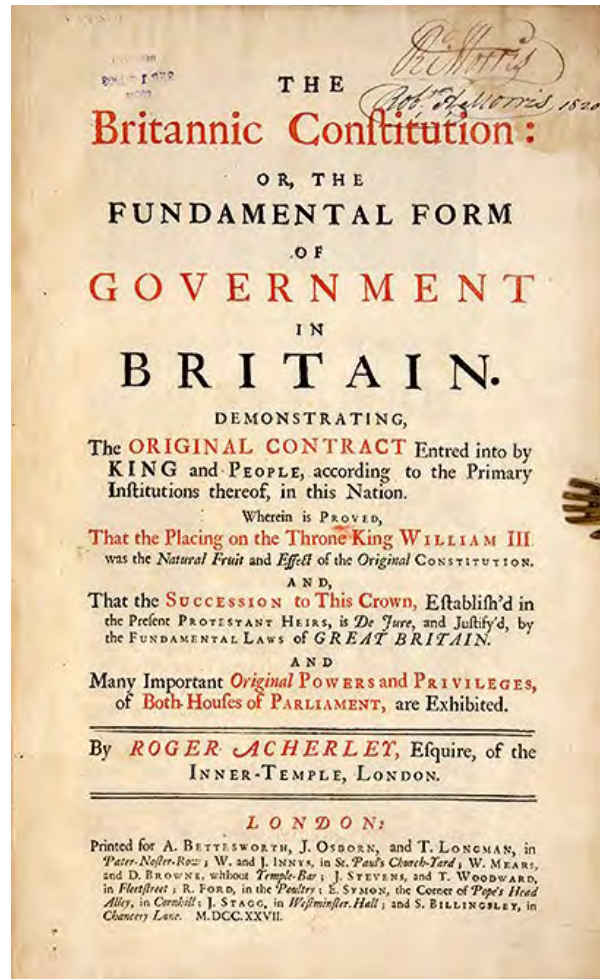
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A Constitutional Defense of the Glorious Revolution

1. Acherley, Roger [c.1665-1740].

The Britannic Constitution: Or, The Fundamental Form of Government in Britain. Demonstrating, The Original Contract Entred into by King and People, According to the Primary Institutions Thereof, In this Nation. Wherein is Proved, That the Placing on the Throne King William III. Was the Natural Fruit and Effect of the Original Constitution. And that the Succession to this Crown, Establish'd in the Present Protestant Heirs, Is De Jure, And Justifi'd, By the Fundamental Laws of Great Britain. And Many Important Original Powers and Privileges, Of Both Houses of Parliament, Are Exhibited. London: Printed for A. Bettesworth, J. Osborn, And T. Longman, 1727. vii, [1], 5-695, [11] pp. Pagination irregular, text complete.

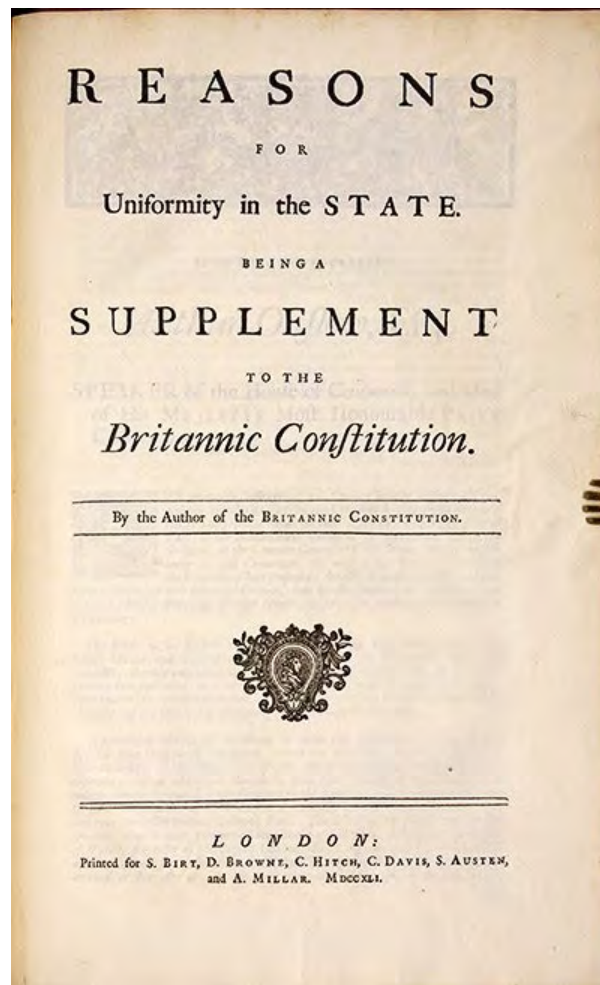
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[Acherley, Roger].

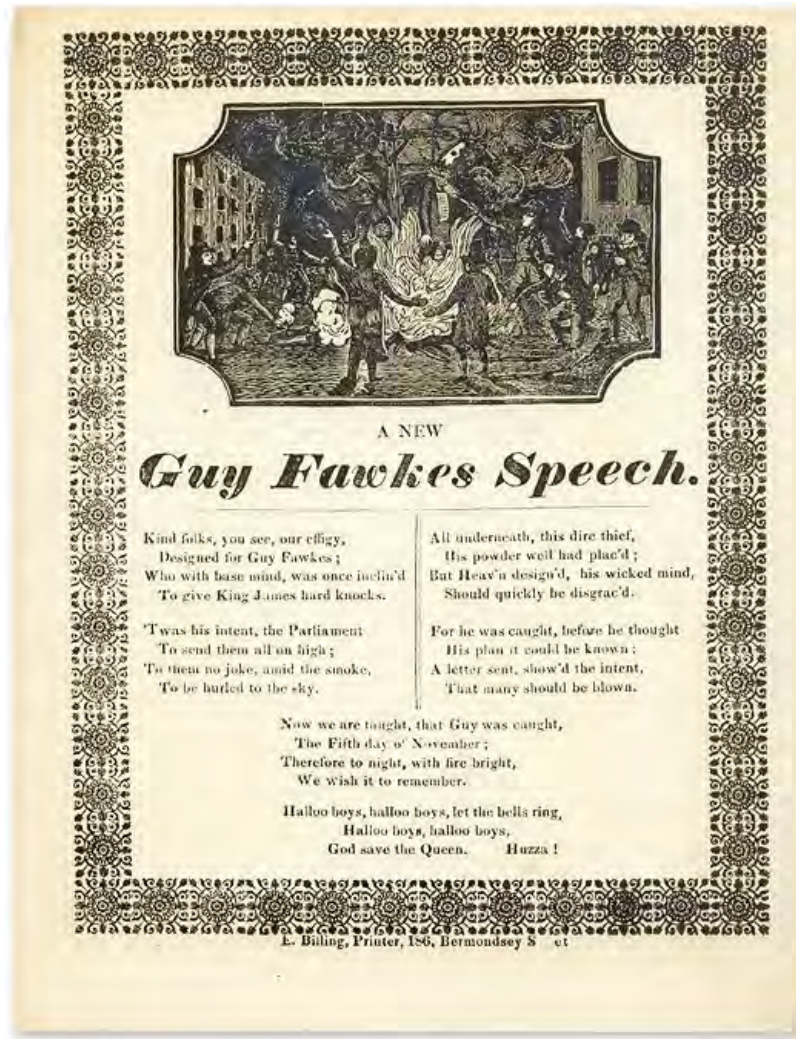
Reasons for Uniformity in the State. Being a Supplement to the Britannic Constitution. By the Author of the Britannic Constitution. London: Printed for S. Birt, D. Browne, C. Hitch, C. Davis, S. Austen, and A. Millar, 1741.

Folio (13-1/4" x 9"). Recent library buckram, red and black lettering pieces, paper shelf label and gilt institution name to spine, small security tag and blind-stamped institution name to front board, stamps to top and bottom edges, endleaves added. Light shelfwear, corners lightly bumped. Title page printed in red and black, woodcut head-pieces (featuring Lady Justice) and tail-pieces. Light toning to text, somewhat heavier in places, light foxing to margins in a few places, faint dampstaining to upper corners of preliminaries, library stamps to endleaves, a few early doodles to front endleaf, "Rt. Morris" and "Robt. H. Morris (with 1820 next to it in different hand)" to head of title page of *Britannic Constitution*, library stamps and brief annotations to verso. \$500.

* *Britannic Constitution*: first edition; *Reasons for Uniformity*: only edition as an independent work. Acherley wrote this book to demonstrate the legality and justice of the Glorious Revolution. "In its arguments against those who asserted the divinity of hereditary right, and in its insistence on arguments drawn from the original contract, it echoes the controversies of the seventeenth century. In fact, so long as a Stuart restoration was possible, it was necessary for a book on constitutional law to combat the reasonings of those who supported it. (...) But it is not merely a controversial book. It is also a book on constitutional law; for it sets out carefully the main events of English constitutional history, which were the precedents used by the Whig Party to prove the legality of the revolution settlement which they had made" (Holdsworth). *Reasons for Uniformity* is a supplemental work. It was issued as part of the two later editions of this work) 1741, 1759). Our copy appears to have been owned by descendants of Robert Hunter Morris [1700-1764], a Colonial governor of Pennsylvania and Chief Justice of the New Jersey Supreme Court. Holdsworth, *A History of English Law* XII:341. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T86829, T86831.



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**"Kind Folks You See, Our Effigy, Designed for Guy Fawkes;
Who With Base Mind, Was Once Inclined to Give King James Hard Knocks"**

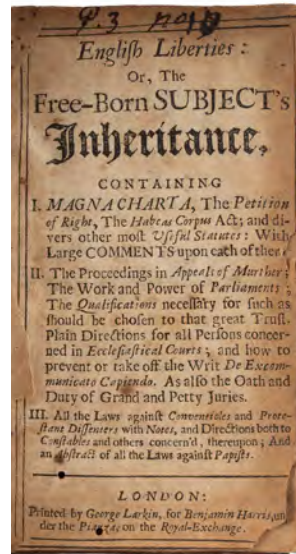
2. [Broadside].

[Guy Fawkes Day].

A New Guy Fawkes Speech. [London]: E. Billing, 186, Bermondsey Street, [c.1840].

9-3/4" x 7-1/2" broadside. Six-stanza verse text within woodcut typographical border, first four stanzas in two columns, separated by woodcut rules below headline and vignette of a group of people burning Fawkes in effigy. Light toning, otherwise fine. A well-preserved rare item. \$650.

* A celebratory broadside commemorating Guy Fawkes Day. Also known as Guy Fawkes Night, Bonfire Night or Firework Night, it is an English national holiday commemorating the failed Gunpowder Plot, an attempt by a group of Catholics to assassinate King James I by blowing up the House of Lords during the State Opening of Parliament. The plot was foiled when Fawkes was discovered with a cache of explosives hidden beneath the House of Lords. The date of our broadside is conjectured from a similar broadside by Billing with a contemporary handwritten date of 1829 held by the National Library of Scotland. The verses on that copy end with "God save the King." Ours ends with "God save the Queen," so we assume it was printed in the early years of Queen Victoria's reign, which began in 1837. OCLC locates no copies. [Order This Item](#)



**First Edition of a Classic Guide to English Law and Government
That Inspired the American Founding Fathers, A Variant Imprint Overlooked by the ESTC**

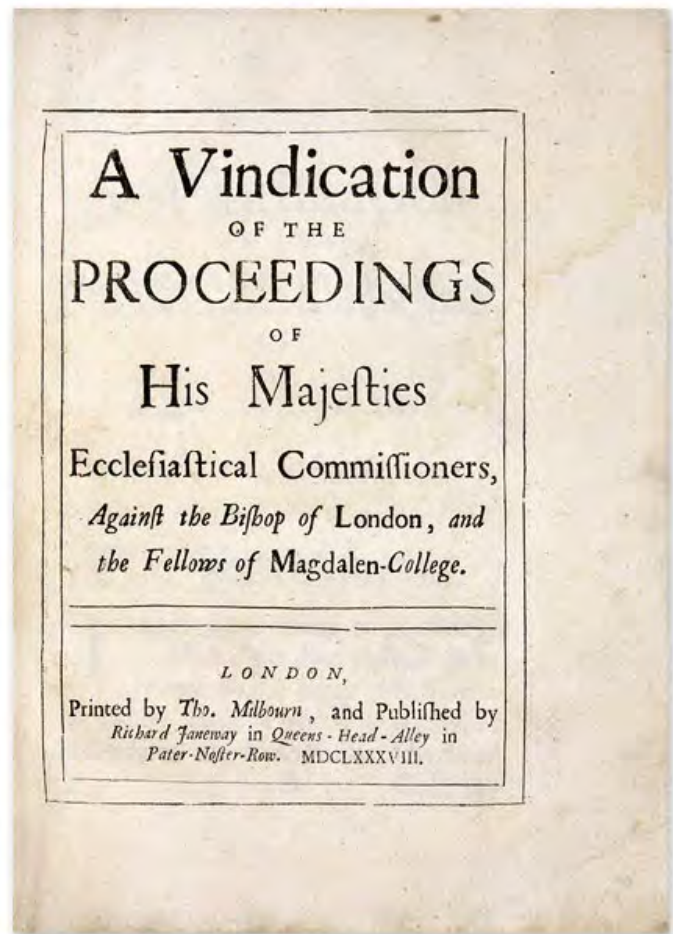
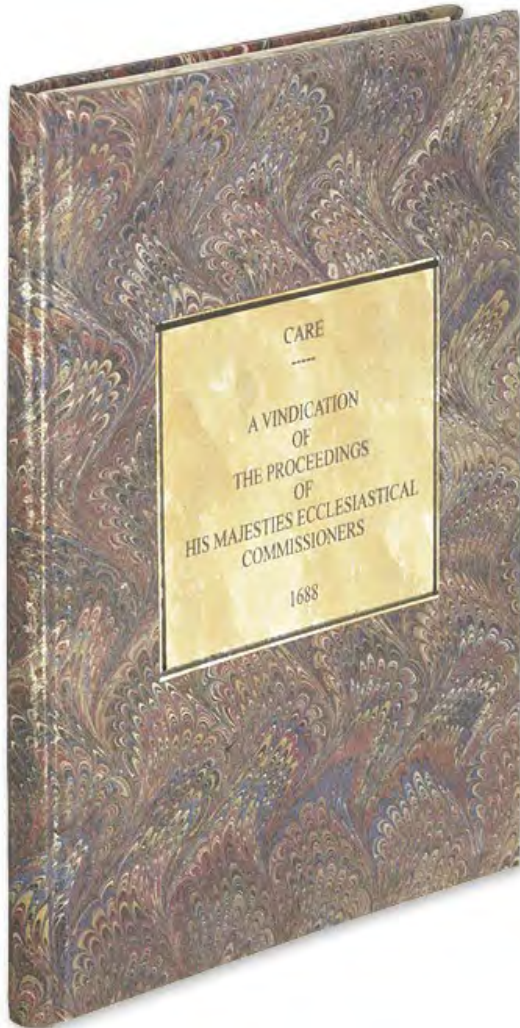
3. [Care, Henry (1646-1688)].

English Liberties: Or, The Free-Born Subject's Inheritance, Containing I. Magna Charta, The Petition of Right, The Habeas Corpus Act; And Divers Other Most Useful Statutes: With Large Comments Upon Each of Them. II. The Proceedings in Appeals of Murther; The Work and Power of Parliaments; The Qualifications Necessary for Such as Should be Chosen to that Great Trust. Plain Directions for All Persons Concerned in Ecclesiastical Courts; And How to Prevent or Take Off the Writ De Excommunicato Capiendo. As Also the Oath and Duty of Grand and Petty Juries. III. All the Laws Against Conventicles and Protestant Dissenters with Notes, And Directions both to Constables and Others Concern'd, Thereupon; And an Abstract of All the Laws Against Papists. London: Printed by George Larkin, For Benjamin Harris, Under the Piazza, On the Royal-Exchange, [1682]. [x], 228 pp. Lacking first leaf, a blank. 12mo. (5-1/2" x 3").

Contemporary sheep, blind rules to boards, blind fillets to spine. Light rubbing and a few minor worm holes to boards, which are slightly bowed, corners bumped and somewhat worn, spine ends worn, joints rubbed, joints starting at ends, front endleaves lacking, rear pastedown loose, brief early annotation to head of title page. Moderate toning to interior, light foxing in places, offsetting to margins of a few leaves at beginning and end of text, moderate edgewear, mostly to corners, to title page and final few leaves, loss to catchwords at foot of pp. 223 and 225 and imprint statement at foot of title page. An appealing unrestored copy. \$7,500.

* First edition, an unrecorded variant of one of the two undated imprints listed in the *English Short-Title Catalogue* with a conjectured publication date of 1682; a third imprint in the *ESTC* is dated 1682. This classic layman's guide reviews, from a Whig perspective, the principles of English law and government. It emphasizes the role of Magna Carta, Parliament and juries in the preservation of civil rights and prevention of tyranny. First published in America in 1721, it had a profound influence on several colonial readers, including the founding fathers. It was the primary source for William Penn's *Excellent Privilege of Liberty and Property* (1687), a work that inspired support for the revolution. George Mason used it when drafting Virginia's Declaration of Rights (1776). Jefferson, who owned two copies, probably referred to it when he wrote the Declaration of Independence and the Virginia Statute for Religious Freedom. Its influence is also evident in the Bill of Rights.

With the exception of the imprint statement, our copy is identical to *ESTC* entry R31286. Its title page states: "Printed by G. Larkin, for Benjamin Harris, at the Stationers Arms and Anchor in the Piazza under the Royal-Exchange." Ours reads: "London: Printed by George Larkin, for Benjamin Harris, under the Piazza, on the Royal-Exchange." Sowerby, *Catalogue of the Library of Thomas Jefferson* 2702, 2703 (citing different editions). Not in the *English Short-Title Catalogue*. [Order This Item](#)



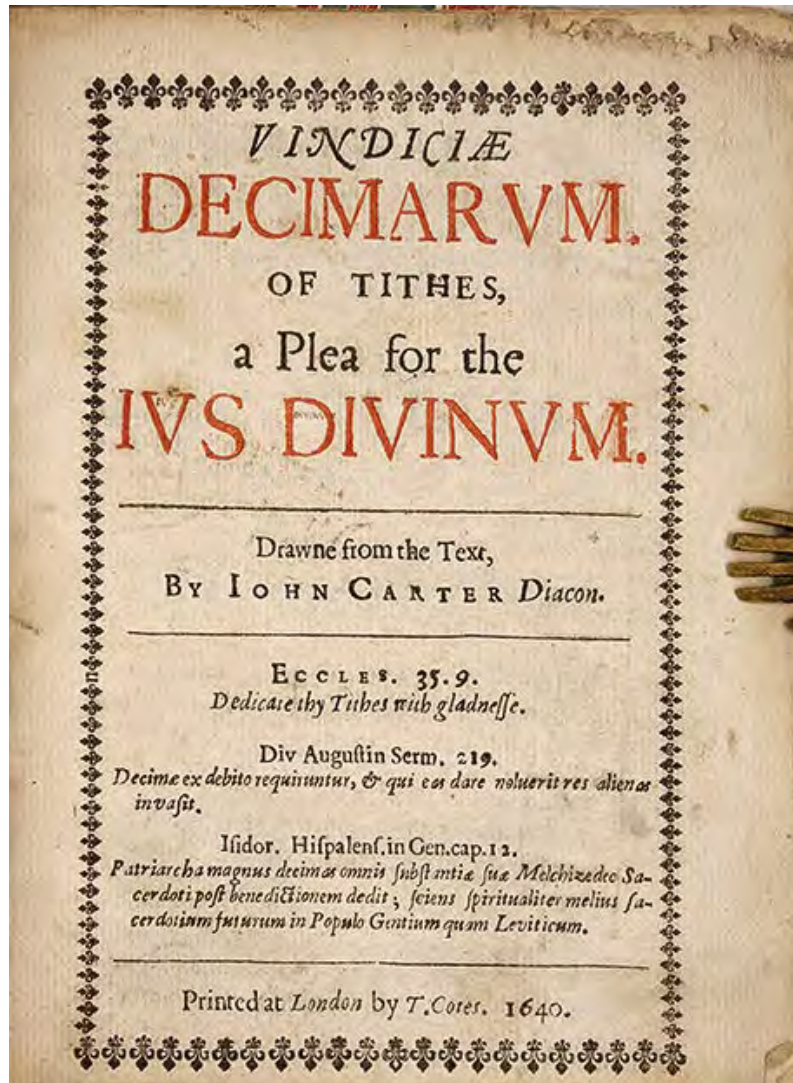
Care Supports a Controversial Decision by King James II

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

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 marbled boards, printed paper title panel to front cover, untrimmed edges. Light rubbing to spine. Title printed within double-ruled border. Light toning to text, faint dampstain to head of title page, 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. [Order This Item](#)



Jus Divinum or Jus Divinum Regum?

5. Carter, John.

Vindiciae Decimarum. Of Tithes, A Plea for the Ius Divinum. Drawne from the Text. London: T. Cotes, 1640. (iv), 56 pp. First leaf blank. Quarto (7" x 5-1/4").

Stab-stitched pamphlet bound into recent period-style quarter calf over marbled boards, gilt title to spine, endpapers added. Title page printed in red and black within typographical border. Moderate toning occasional light soiling or staining to margins, faint early pen doodle to foot of final page. An appealing copy. \$500.

* Only edition. Ostensibly an academic study of tithes, this is a response to the opening phase of the intense conflict between Charles I and the Church of Scotland that would help push England into its civil war. Charles wanted to bring the Scottish church under state control and align its practices and creed with those of the Church of England. In 1638 Charles's opponents, or Covenanters, who drawn mostly from the Scottish nobility and clergy, declared their commitment to keep the church away from state control. The notion of tithes was a central point; the Covenanters argued for *Jus Divinum*, a belief that tithes are paid to the church. Charles believed in *Jus Divinum Regum*, which directed tithes to a state church through a monarch. OCLC and the *ESTC* locate no copies in North American law libraries. *English Short-Title Catalogue* S118338. [Order This Item](#)



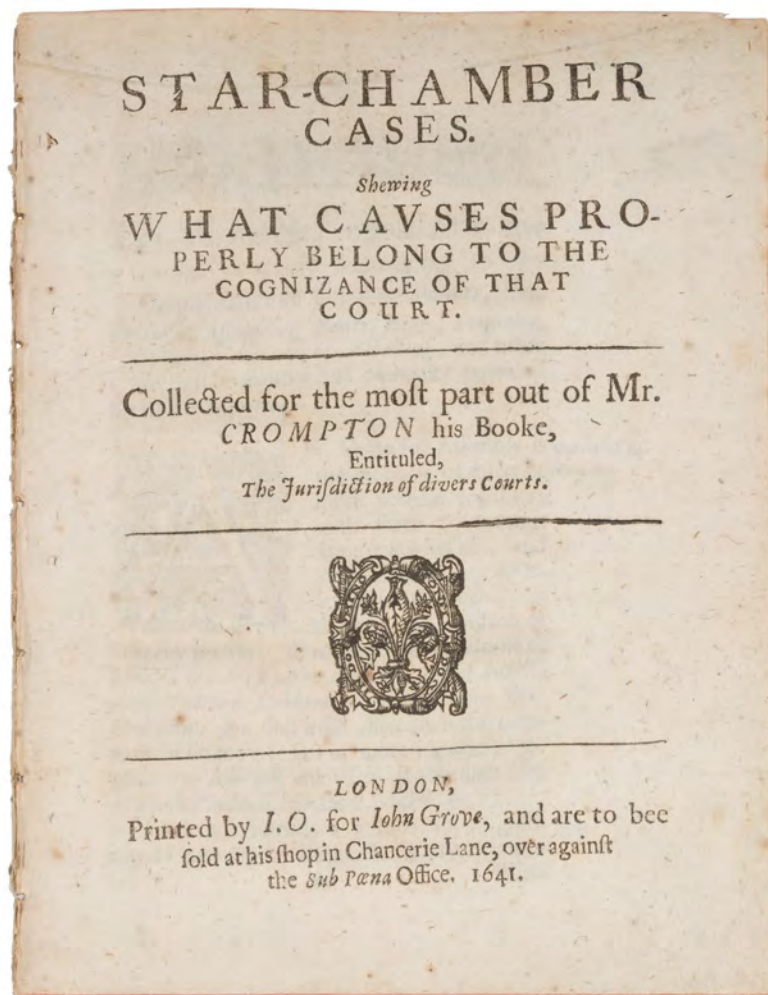
The Life and Martyrdom of Charles I

6. Charles I [1600-1649], King of England.

Basilika. The Works of King Charles the Martyr: With a Collection of Declarations, Treaties and Other Papers Concerning the Differences Betwixt His Said Majesty and His Two Houses of Parliament. With the History of His Life; As Also of His Tryal and Martyrdome. London: Printed for Ric. Chiswell, 1687. [viii], 720, [4] pp. With an armorial frontispiece, engraved title page and two folding plates. Folio (15-1/4" x 9-1/2").

Early paneled calf with corner fleurons and gilt fillets to boards, gilt-edged raised bands and lettering piece to spine, gilt ornaments to compartments, gilt tooling to board edges, edges rouged, marbled endpapers, blind inside dentelles. Moderate rubbing and a few small scuffs and stains to boards, which are carefully reattached with cloth, somewhat heavier rubbing to extremities, spine and joints varnished, chipping to spine ends, light wear to board edges and corners, which are bumped, armorial bookplate (of Sir Gilbert Greenall) and small shelf label to front pastedown. Page 207 (the execution warrant for Charles I) printed in red and black. Light toning to interior, light foxing and soiling to a few pages, a few (mostly partial) cracks to text block, all leaves secure. \$650.

* Second edition. In addition to other letters, treatises and historical accounts published during the English Civil Wars and their aftermath, the core of this work is the *Eikon Basilike*, the spiritual autobiography attributed to Charles I. First published ten days after his execution by Parliament in 1649, the *Eikon* combined religious and political styles of writing to portray Charles as a martyr paying for his political sins with his life. Wildly popular, the work went through many official and unofficial editions. The first edition of the present title appeared in 1662 after the Restoration of Charles II and was the first printing of the *Eikon* with royal approval. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R6734. [Order This Item](#)



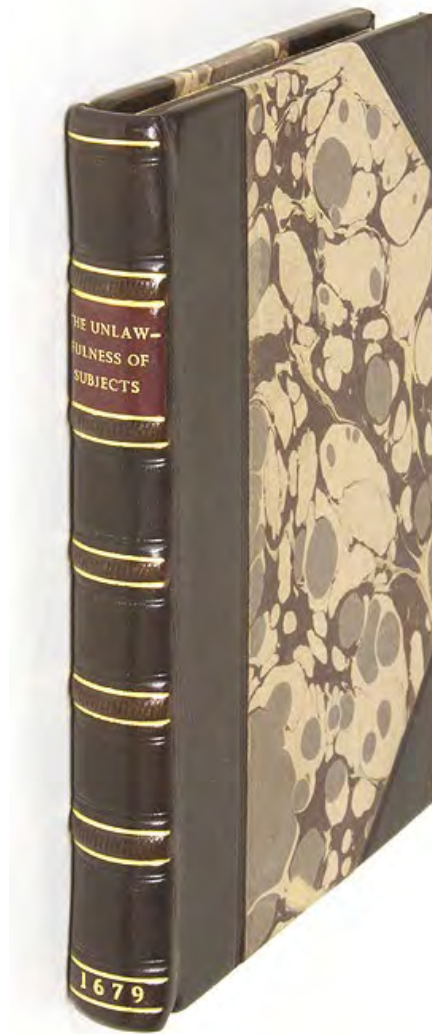
An Important Study of the Court of Star Chamber

7. Crompton, [Richard] [fl. 1573-1599].

Star-Chamber Cases. Shewing What Causes Properly Belong to the Cognizance of That Court. Collected for the Most Part Out of Mr. Crompton, His Booke, Entitled The Jurisdiction of Divers Courts. London: Printed by I.O for Iohn Grove, 1641. [ii], 55, [1] pp. Quarto (7-1/4" x 5-3/4").

Disbound, light soiling to title page, heavier soiling to verso of final leaf, which is blank. Moderate toning to text, faint dampspotting in a few places, leaves C2 and C3 (pp. 19-22) detached, faint crease to head of title page. \$950.

* Second and final edition. The Court of Star Chamber was established by the Crown in 1487 to try offences dealing with the safety of the state before a council. Its scope expanded over time to include a wider array of criminal matters and a limited number of civil matters, such as suits between corporations and prize cases. In its final years the court was infamous for its cruel, arbitrary nature and illegal extensions of power. First published in 1630, *Star-Chamber Cases* is derived from Crompton's *L'Authoritie et Iurisdiction des Courts de la Maiestie de la Roygne* (1594), perhaps the best source we have about the court system of his day. The 1641 edition coincided with the abolition of this court by an act of the Long Parliament, which was indignant at the court's treatment of such critics of the government as Bastwick, Burton, Lilburn and Prynne. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R31335. [Order This Item](#)



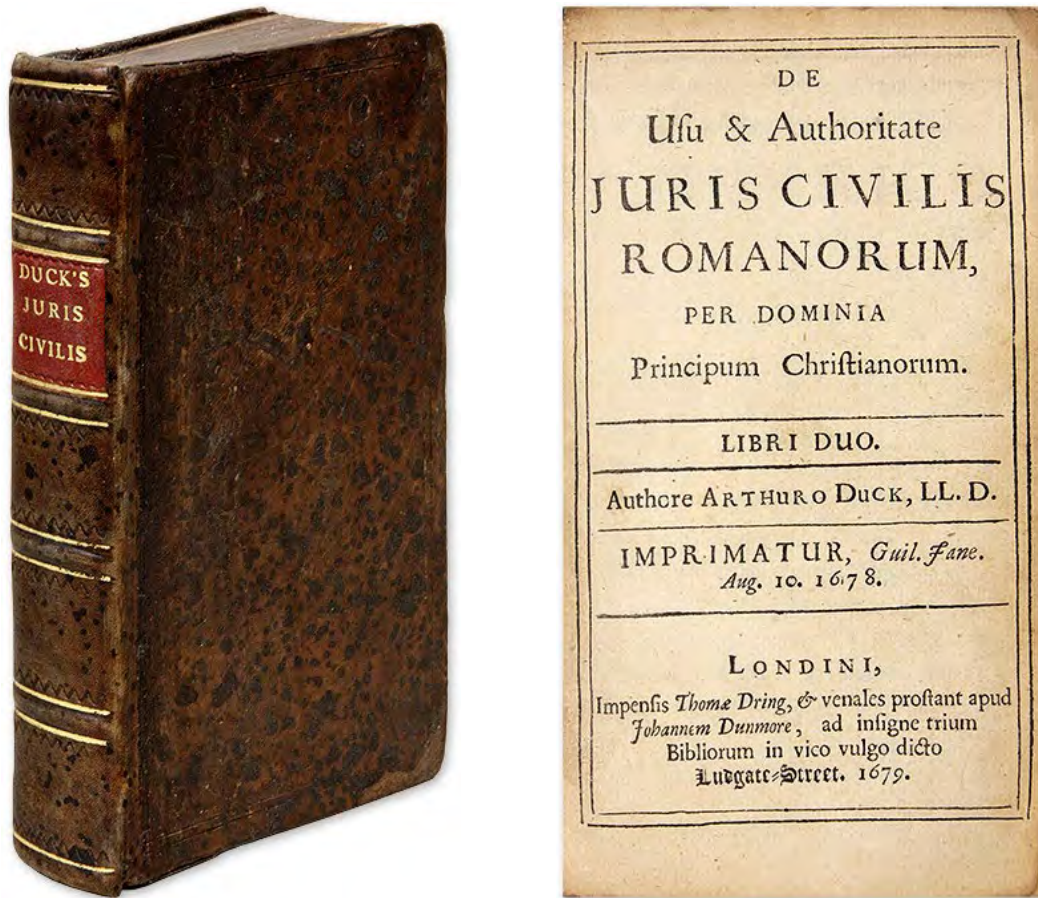
An Artful Defense of King Charles I

8. Diggs, Dudley [1613-1643].

The Unlawfulness of Subjects Taking up Arms Against Their Sovereign, In What Case Soever. Together with Answers to All Objections. A Work Very Seasonable for These Times, And May Serve as a Curb to the Treasonable Practices of Jesuits and Other State-Incendiaries. London: Printed for Peter Parker, 1679. [viii], 144, 155-170, 137-168 pp. Pagination irregular. Text complete. Octavo (6-1/2" x 4-1/4").

Recent period-style three-quarter calf over marbled boards, gilt-edged raised bands and lettering piece to spine. Moderate toning to text, faint dampstaining to a few leaves. Ex-library. Small inkstamp to title page and one other leaf. A handsome copy. \$950.

* Fifth and final edition. Derived in part from Bracton, Diggs's eloquent defense of the passive obedience of subjects contends that the king is under law as a moral proposition only, which precludes justified rebellion. It was originally published in 1644 as a defense of Charles II. This 1679 reissue was probably a response to the decision of Charles II to dissolve Parliament to prevent its impeachment of Lord Danby, who supervised the investigation into the "Popish Plot." Danby dismissed the plot as a fabrication, which angered Parliament. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R14579. [Order This Item](#)



Study of the Civil Law Notable for Its Criticism of the Crown

9. Duck, Arthur [1580-1648].

De Usu & Authoritate Juris Civilis Romanorum, Per Dominia Principum Christianorum. Libri Duo. London: Impensis Thomae Dring, & Venales Prostant Apud Johannem Dunmore, 1679. [xxxiv], 120, 97-120, 145-405, [33] pp. First page of text preceded by publisher advertisement leaf. 12mo (6" x 3-1/2").

Contemporary mottled calf, rebacked in period style with gilt-edged raised bands, blind ornaments and lettering piece, hinges mended. Light gatoring, minor worming and a few nicks and scuffs to boards, some wear to corners. Title printed within ruled border. Light toning to text, clean tear to leaves H11-12 (pp.189-192) with no loss to text. An attractive copy. \$650.

* Second edition. On one hand, this book, first published in 1653, is an explanation of the "use and authority" of the civil law in England. On the other, it is a critical appraisal of the English Crown. As Coquillette observes, "[m]ore than half of this little book was dedicated to showing that there was a good deal of 'might makes right' in the early English monarchy, rather questionable legitimacy of succession, and some major institutional dislocations beginning with the 'harsh...yoke of the conquest itself.'" This was an unusual position for a staunch Royalist and member of the Royalist-leaning Doctor's Commons to take. Indeed, fearing punishment, Duck refused to publish this work during his lifetime. It had a lively posthumous history, however. It had two later English editions in 1679 and 1689 and several continental editions, including one by Elzevier. A partial translation was published as an appendix to a translation of Ferriere's *History of the Roman or Civil Law* (1724). Our copy's collation differs slightly from the ESTC record, but matches the collation of another copy we examined and others listed on OCLC. Coquillette, *The Civilian Writers of Doctor's Commons, London 161-163. English Short-Title Catalogue* R35018. [Order This Item](#)



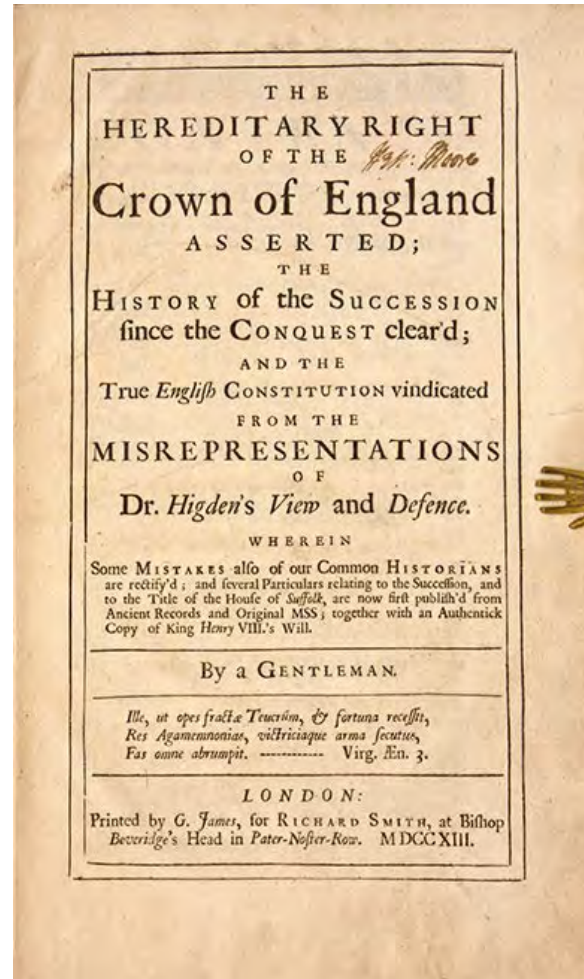
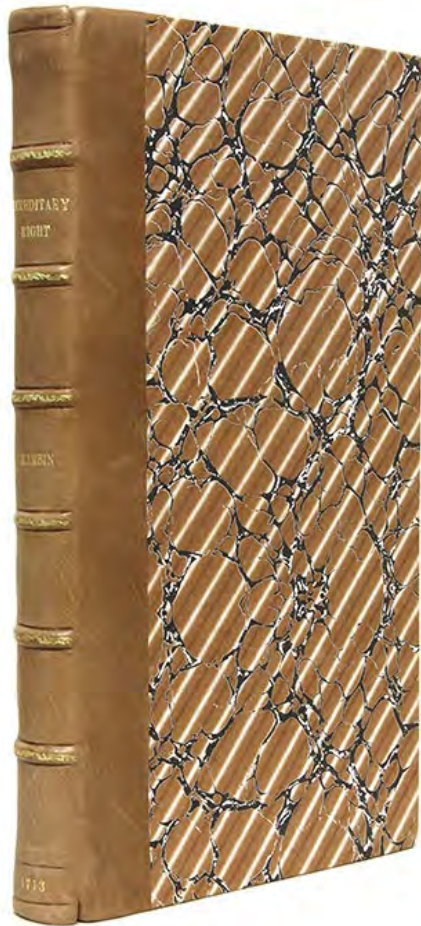
"Well Friend, Where A'You Going, Hay?"

10. Gillray, James [1756-1815].

Affability. [London: Hannah Humphrey, c. 1795].

13-1/4" x 9-1/4" hand-colored etching and aquatint (measured to plate marks) on wove paper, without watermark, attractively mounted and matted. Light even toning to margins. A good impression with vivid colors. \$950.

* "A classic satire on the attempts in the mid 1790s to capitalise on George III's ordinariness, and to establish him as the well-loved Father of his People. Here his attempt at simple friendliness towards one of his humble subjects is undercut by his overbearing manner" (Bindman). "The King in profile to the right, with the Queen holding his right arm, leans towards a startled yokel who clutches his hat and a bucket. Behind the yokel (right) are pigs sniffing at the bucket and the gable end of buildings. All are caricatured. The King wears riding-dress, with a broad-brimmed hat and a spencer (see BMSat 8192) over his coat. He stands as if knock-kneed, his legs awkwardly splayed out. The Queen is dwarfish, wearing a hood over her hat and a shapeless cloak. In her right hand is a snuff-box. The yokel, wearing smock and gaiters, has the staring eyes, lantern jaws, and gaping mouth characteristic of Gillray's sansculottes. Beneath the title: "'Well, Friend, where a' you going, Hay? - what's your Name, hay? - where d'ye Live, hay? - hay?': *BM Satires* 9041. Bindman, *Britain and the French Revolution* 211. [Order This Item](#)



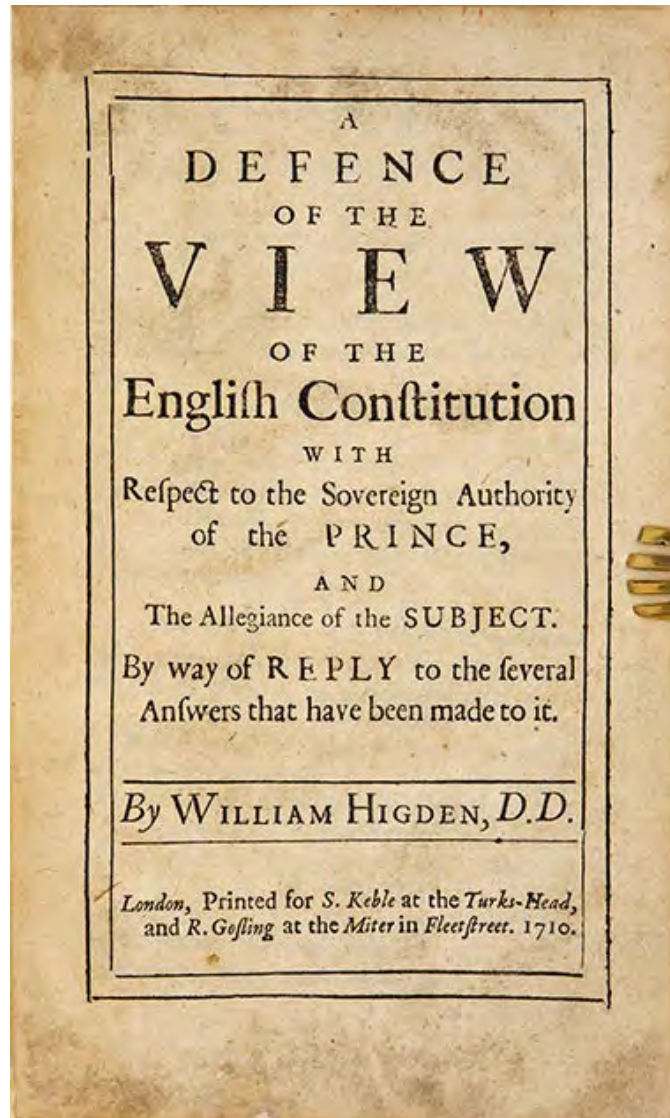
"The True English Constitution Vindicated"

11. [Harbin, George].

The Hereditary Right of the Crown of England Asserted; the History of the Succession Since the Conquest Clear'd; And the True English Constitution Vindicated from the Misrepresentations of Dr. Higden's View and Defence. Wherein Some Mistakes also of Our Common Historians are Rectify'd; And Several Particulars Relating to the Succession, And to the Title of the House of Suffolk, Are now First Publish'd from Ancient Records and Original MSS; Together with an Authentick Copy of King Henry VIII.'s Will. By a Gentleman. London: Printed for Richard Smith, At Bishop Beveridge's Head in Pater-Noster-Row, 1713. [viii], 274; lxiii, [5] pp. Includes five-page publisher catalogue. Folio (12-1/2" x 7-1/2").

Later quarter morocco over marbled boards, gilt-tooled raised bands and gilt title to spine, endpapers renewed. Moderate toning to text, somewhat heavier in places, light foxing and faint dampstaining in places, minor worming to rear third of text block, just touching text in a few places. A handsome copy. \$850.

* Only edition, one of two issues from 1713. This vigorous argument in support of the restoration of the Stuart succession is a reply to the thesis advanced in William Higden's *A View of the English Constitution, With Respect to the Sovereign Authority of the Prince, And the Allegiance of the Subject* (1710) and *A Defence of The View of the English Constitution with Respect to the Sovereign Authority of the Prince, And the Allegiance of the Subject* (1710). George Ridpath replied to Harbin with a defense of Higden titled *Parliamentary Right Maintain'd or the Hanover Succession Justify'd* (1714). Some sources attribute Harbin's book to Hilckiah Bedford, who probably edited it and saw it through the press, and, erroneously, to Charles Leslie. *English Short-Title Catalogue* N17449. [Order This Item](#)



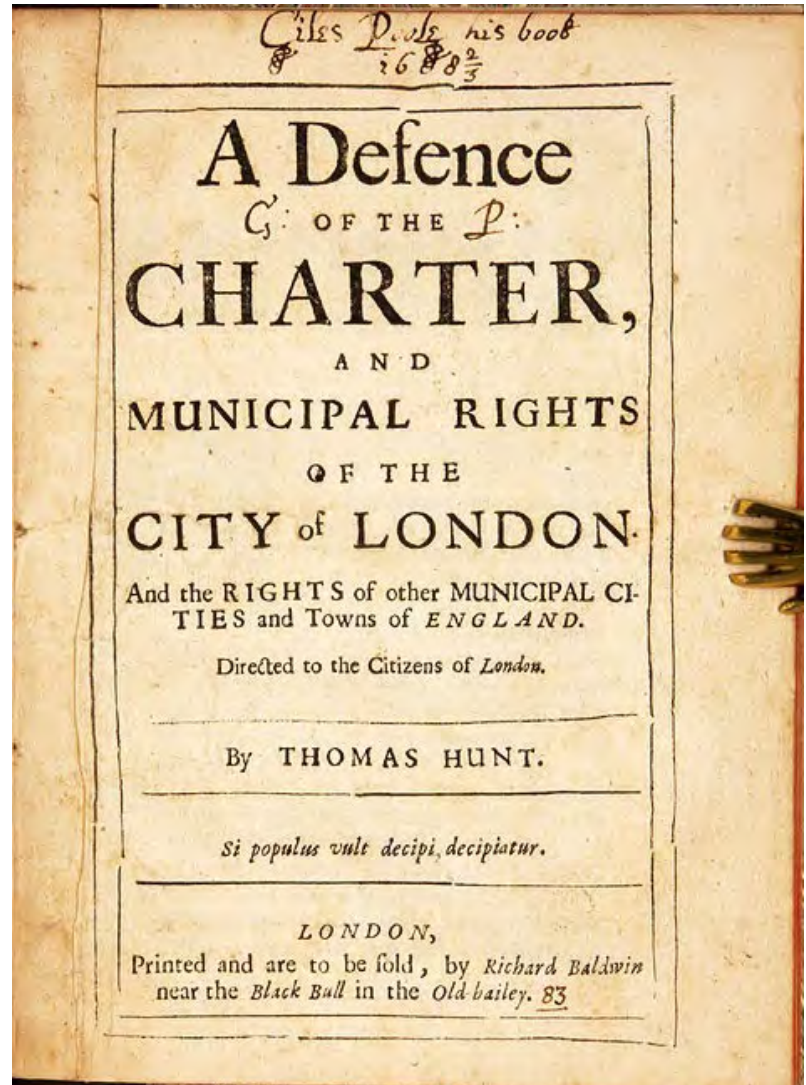
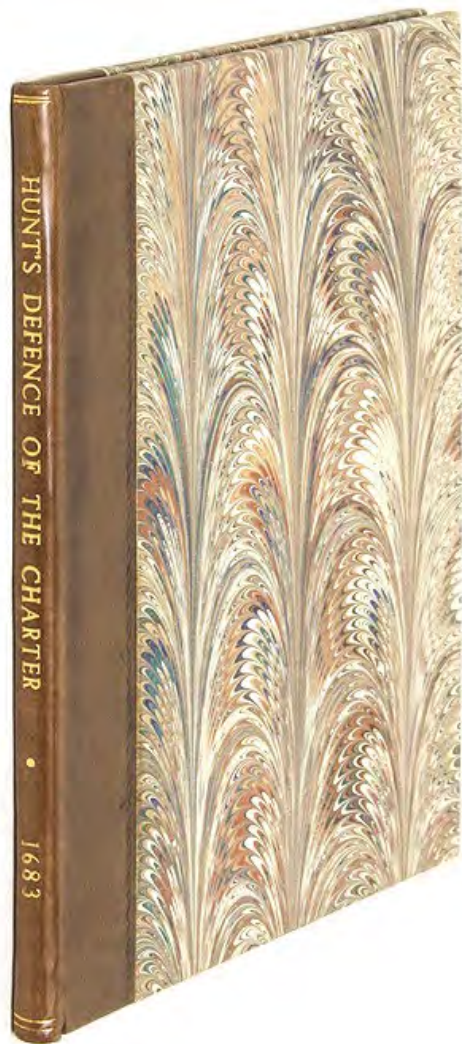
A Vigorous Argument Against the Restoration of the Stuart Monarchy

12. Higden, William [1662 or 1663-1715].

A Defence of the View of the English Constitution with Respect to the Sovereign Authority of the Prince, And the Allegiance of the Subject. By Way of Reply to the Several Answers that Have Been Made to It. London: Printed for S. Keble at the Turks-Head, and R. Gosling at the Miter in Fleetstreet, 1710. [xvi], 192 pp. Octavo (7-1/2" x 4-1/2").

Later half-vellum over marbled boards, printed paper title label to spine, black-stamped "12" to center of spine, "1710" to foot, endpapers renewed. Moderate toning to text, somewhat heavier in places, light foxing to a few leaves, light soiling to title page. \$350.

* First edition. This vigorous argument against the restoration of the Stuart succession was preceded by another publication on the same theme: *A View of the English Constitution, With Respect to the Sovereign Authority of the Prince, And the Allegiance of the Subject* (1710). George Harbin responded to these works with the pro-Stuart *Hereditary Right of the Crown of England Asserted; the History of the Succession Since the Conquest Clear'd; And the True English Constitution Vindicated from the Misrepresentations of Dr. Higden's View and Defence* (1713). George Ridpath replied to Harbin with a defense of Higden titled *Parliamentary Right Maintain'd or the Hanover Succession Justify'd* (1714). *English Short-Title Catalogue* T32288. [Order This Item](#)



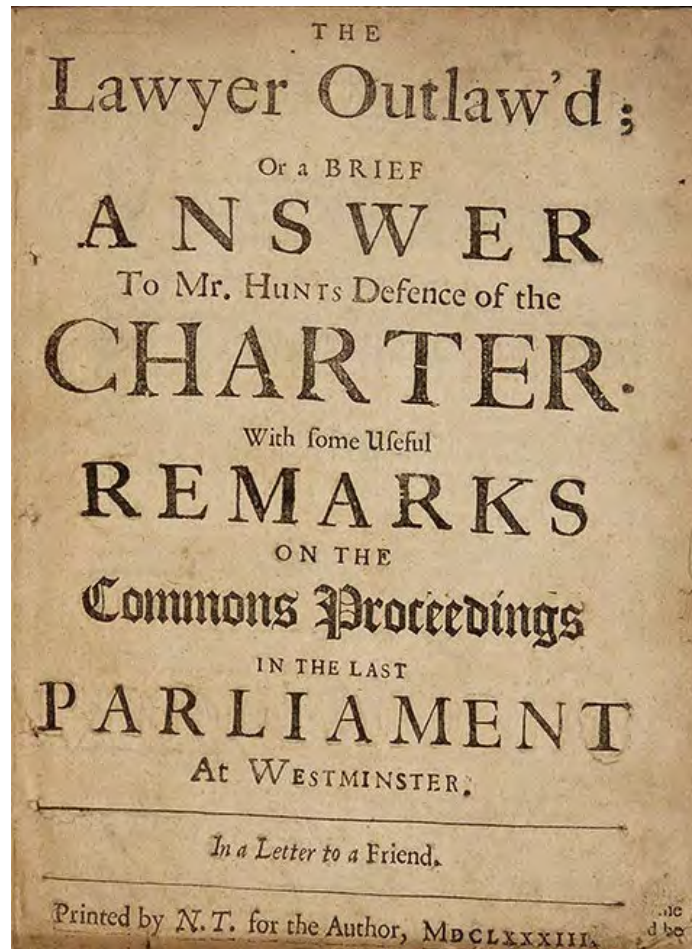
Will A Popish King Suppress City Charters?

13. Hunt, Thomas [1626/7-1688].

A Defence of the Charter, And Municipal Rights of the City of London. And the Rights of Other Municipal Cities and Towns of England. Directed to the Citizens of London. London: Printed and Are to be Sold, by Richard Baldwin, Near the Black Bull in the Old-Bailey, [1683]. [ii], 46 pp. Quarto (7-1/2" x 5-3/4").

Recent period-style quarter calf over marbled boards, gilt title to spine, endpapers renewed. Moderate toning to text, light foxing to a few leaves. Early owner initials and signature to title page, brief annotations to a few leaves. \$250.

* Only edition, one of two issues from 1683. This essay "lashed out against the Duke of York and his minions. Once the popish successor became king, Hunt asserted, the governments of all the once corporate towns, whose charters were lost, would be put in the hands of the papists whose ultimate aim was the extirpation of the Protestant religion" (Zook). The other issue has a title page with the phrase "City of London" in a different typeface, but is otherwise identical. Counting both issues, OCLC locates 3 copies in North American law libraries (University of Michigan, University of Minnesota, University of Pennsylvania). Zook, *Radical Whigs and Conspiratorial Politics in Late Stuart England* 44. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R226384. [Order This Item](#)



Can English Liberties Survive Tyrannical City Governments?

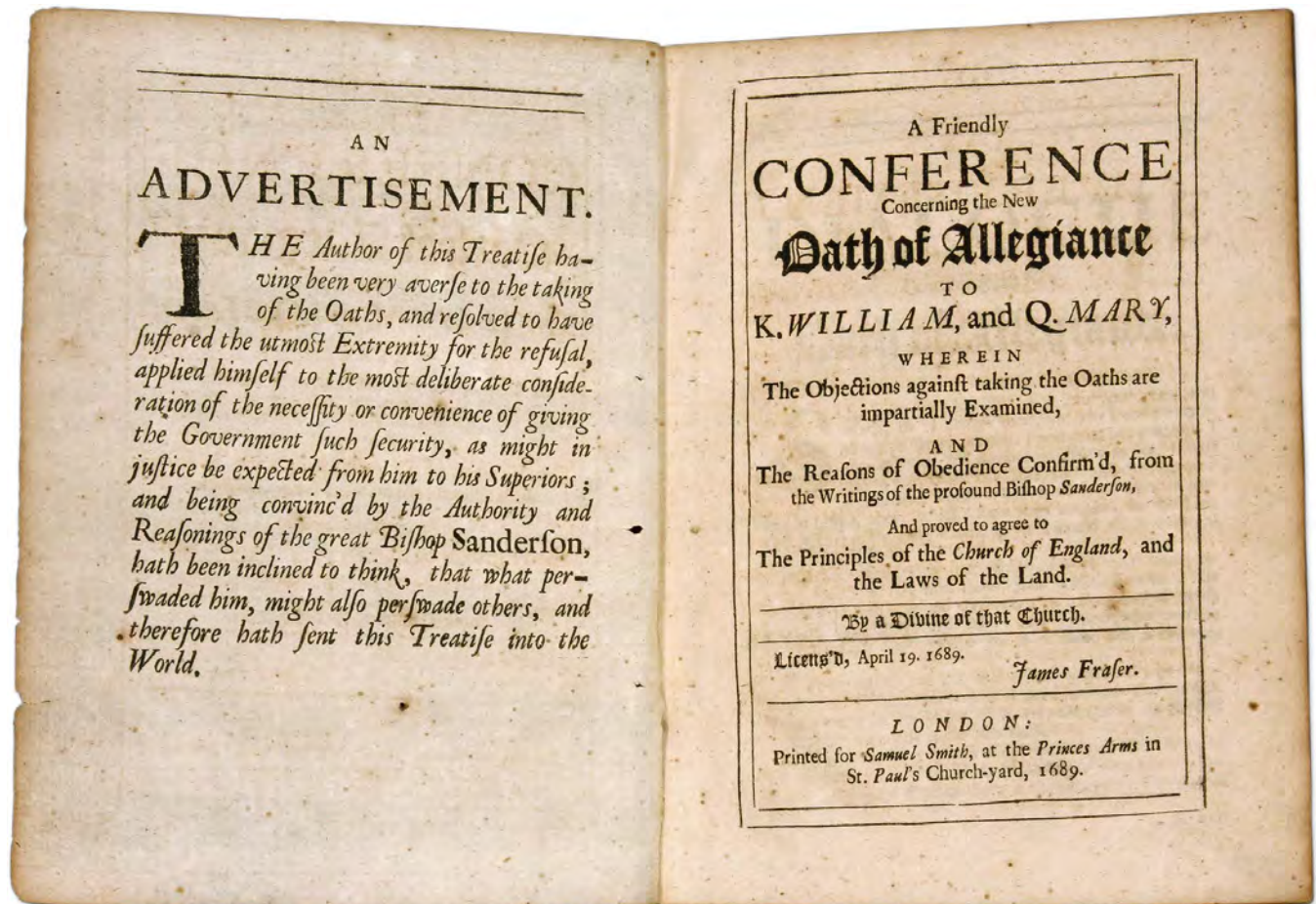
14. [L'Estrange, Sir Roger (1616-1714)].

The Lawyer Outlaw'd; Or a Brief Answer to Mr. Hunts Defence of the Charter. With Some Useful Remarks on the Commons Proceedings in the Last Parliament at Westminster. In a Letter to a Friend. [London]: Printed by N[athaniel] T[hompson] for the Author, 1683. [ii], 38 pp. Quarto (7-3/4" x 5-1/2").

Stab-stitched pamphlet in recent quarter pebbled cloth over paper-covered boards. Light soiling, moderate wear to spine ends and corners, rear joint starting at head, hinges partially cracked. Moderate toning, light soiling to title page and verso of final leaf, margins trimmed close in places with minor loss to text, but not legibility, of a few leaves, small hole in lower corner of title with no loss to text. \$500.

* First edition, one of three issues from 1683. L'Estrange was a prominent Royalist writer and publisher. This essay was a response to Thomas Hunt's *Defence of the Charter, And Municipal Rights of the City of London* (1683), which claimed that when the Duke of York became king "the governments of all the once corporate towns, whose charters were lost, would be put in the hands of the papists whose ultimate aim was the extirpation of the Protestant religion" (Zook). L'Estrange describes Hunt's work as "the most virulent and malicious, that has yet escap'd the hands of Justice" and stresses the rights of the Crown over the city (and Parliament) as the only entity that can effectively defend the country from papists.

Our pamphlet is one of two issues by Nathaniel Thompson. The other 1683 edition does not indicate a printer. A second and final edition of this pamphlet was published in 1683. OCLC locates 2 copies in North American law libraries, both of the first edition that does not indicate a printer (Harvard, University of Minnesota). Zook, *Radical Whigs and Conspiratorial Politics in Late Stuart England* 44. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R25476. [Order This Item](#)



"The Reasons of Obedience Confirm'd"

15. [Oaths].

[Great Britain].

A Friendly Conference Concerning the New Oath of Allegiance to K. William, And Q. Mary, Wherein the Objections Against Taking the Oaths are Impartially Examined. And the Reasons of Obedience Confirm'd, From the Writings of the Profound Bishop Sanderson, And Proved to Agree to the Principles of the Church of England, And the Laws of the Land. By a Divine of that Church. Licens'd, April 19. 1689. James Fraser. London: Printed for Samuel Smith, 1689. [iv], 35, [1] pp. Author advertisement to verso of first leaf, bookseller advertisement to verso of final leaf. Quarto (7-3/4" x 6").

Disbound stab-stitched pamphlet. Moderate toning, somewhat heavier in places, faint spotting, final signature just beginning to detach. \$750.

* Only edition. "This anonymous tract, licensed for publication on 19 April 1689, directly addresses the new requirement that office holders, both civil and ecclesiastical, must subscribe to an oath of loyalty to King William and Queen Mary. To ease the consciences of the scrupulous, the new oath asked only for loyalty. It deftly sidestepped the issue of legitimacy and read: 'I do sincerely promise and swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to their majesties King William and Queen Mary.' Nevertheless with King James still alive many individuals with troubled consciences were unclear what obligation they still owed King James. They were anxious not to violate their sworn oath to him and wondered whether William and Mary were usurpers like Cromwell. Office holders had six months during which to swear to the oath or lose their posts.": Malcolm, Ed., *The Struggle for Sovereignty* II:944-945. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R17117. [Order This Item](#)



**Prynne Reviews the History of Parliamentary
Writs and Practice, A Copy in an English Royal Binding**

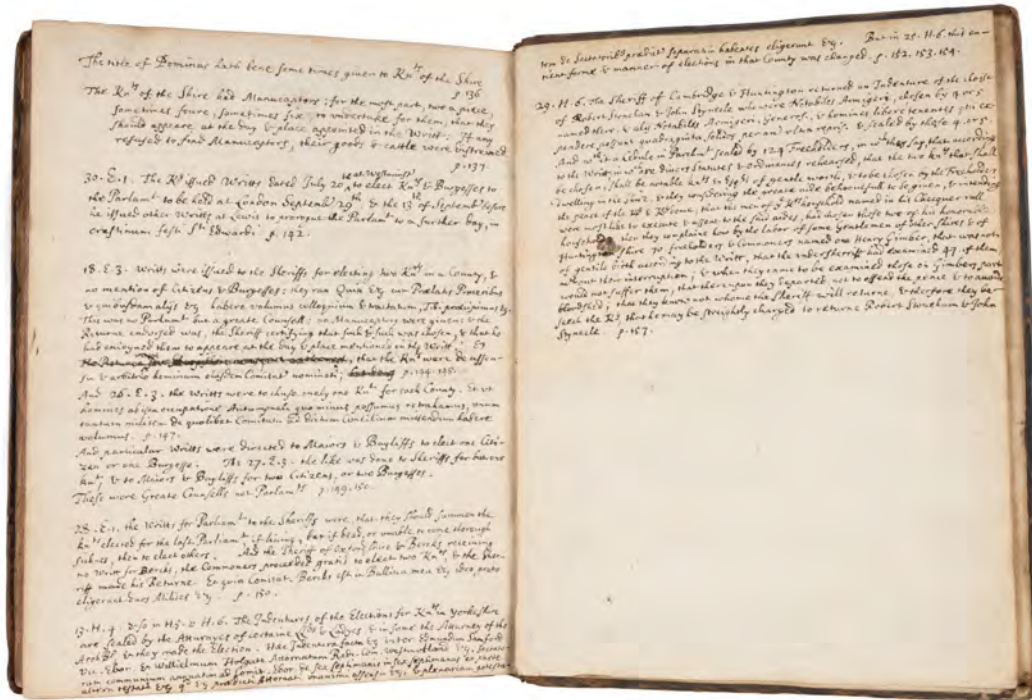
16. Prynne, William [1600-1669].

Brevia Parliamentaria Rediviva. In XIII Sections Conteyning Several Catalogues of the Numbers, Dates of All Bundles of Original Writs of Summons and Elections Newly Found, Or Formerly Extant in the Tower of London During the Reigns of King Edw. 1, 2, 3. R. 2. H. 4, 5, 6. And E. 4 Being 117 Bundles: Of All the Knights Names of Each County Returned on These Writs; And all Cities, Boroughs, Ports Therin Summoned to Elect, Send, Or Actually Returning Citizens, Burgesses, Barons, And How Oft They Did it During These Kings Reigns: With 3. Catalogues of All the Citizens, Burgesses Returned on These Writs for Bathe, Bristol, London: The Ancient Forms of Elections, Returns Cedulaes, Indentures Relating to Each County, City, Borough, Port; Besides Sundry Rare Writs, Records, Memorials, And Observations from them Touching Elections, Returns: The True Original Creation, Continuance, Discontinuance, Exemption of Antient Boroughs: The Late Erections of New, and Revival of Some Old Petty Boroughs; Most of Which Writs, Bundles, Records, Rarities (Long Buryed in Dust and Darknesse in Caesars Chappel) Hitherto Unknown, Were Lately Discovered, And Here Published for the Benefit of Posterity. London: Printed for the Author, 1662. [xxiv], 232 pp., 233-248 ff., [4], 249-384, 369-376, 393-398, [2] pp. Pagination irregular, text complete. Quarto (7-1/2" x 5-1/2").

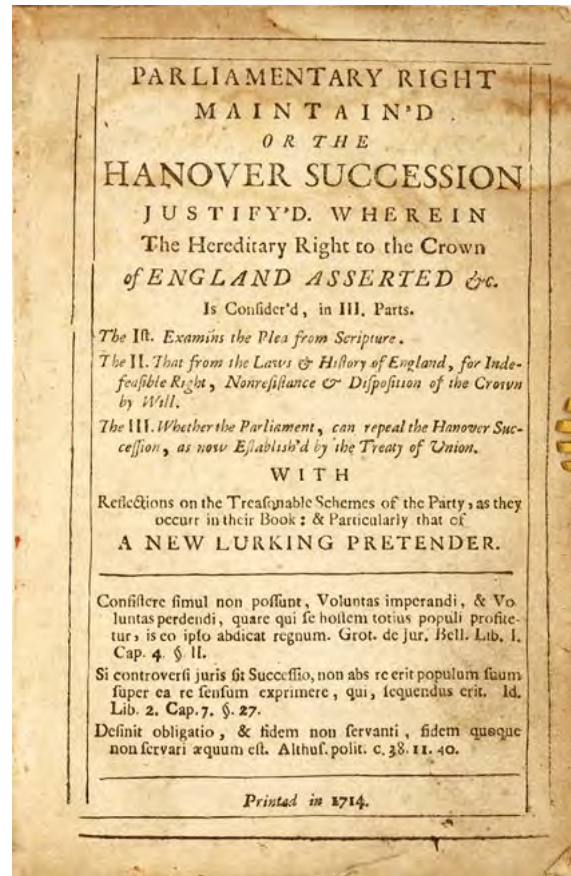
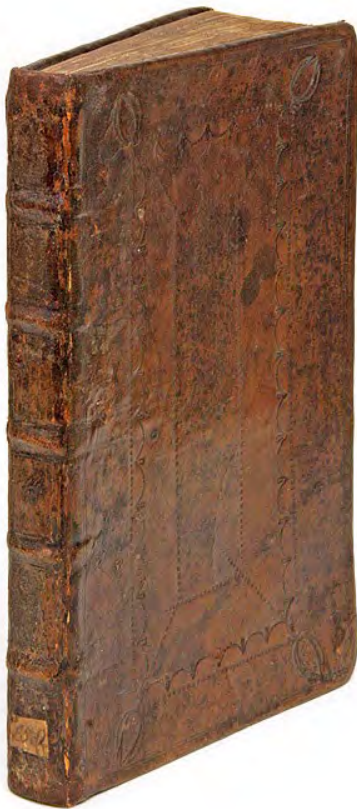
Contemporary calf, gilt royal arms (dated 160II, i.e. 1662) and gilt frames with corner fleurs de lis to boards, raised bands lettering piece and gilt ornaments to spine. Moderate rubbing to boards and extremities, some scratches to rear board, corners bumped and somewhat worn, boards beginning to separate, but still secure, early shelf mark, shelf label and armorial bookplate of John Pratt, 1st Earl Camden, to front pastedown, front free endpaper partially detached. Moderate toning to text, light soiling and a few finger smudges to title page, early owner signature, and one blotted-out signature (John Cottam) to front free endpaper, extensive early annotations, most likely by Camden to rear endleaves. \$2,500.

* Only edition. Complete in itself, this is the third part of a four-volume collection issued from 1659 to 1664 known collectively as the *Brief Register*. Our 1662 volume contains material from the reigns of King Edward I through King Edward IV. Other volumes collect material from different periods. Prynne was a contentious and erudite Puritan attorney and legal antiquarian who wrote several books and pamphlets about legal history, religion and politics. He had an unrivalled ability to antagonize others. His personality and choice of targets eventually led to his disbarment, imprisonment, and mutilation (loss of ears) by Star Chamber. After the Restoration Prynne was appointed Royal Archivist in the Tower of London. It was during this period that he compiled the latter volumes of the *Brief Register*.

Camden [1714-1794], an important lawyer, judge and Whig politician, was a leading proponent of civil liberties, jury rights and the limitation of state power. The annotations discuss passages in the book concerning writs and returns for knights (i.e. substantial landowners) and writs concerning the election of knights of shires (Members of Parliament representing a county). We were not able to determine the identity of John Cottom. The presence of the English royal arms on the binding suggest this book belonged to one of the royal libraries. The date 1662 above the royal arms, with a zero stamped in error instead of a second six, shows this book was added during the reign of Charles II in its year of publication. Prynne dedicated the book to him. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R14426.



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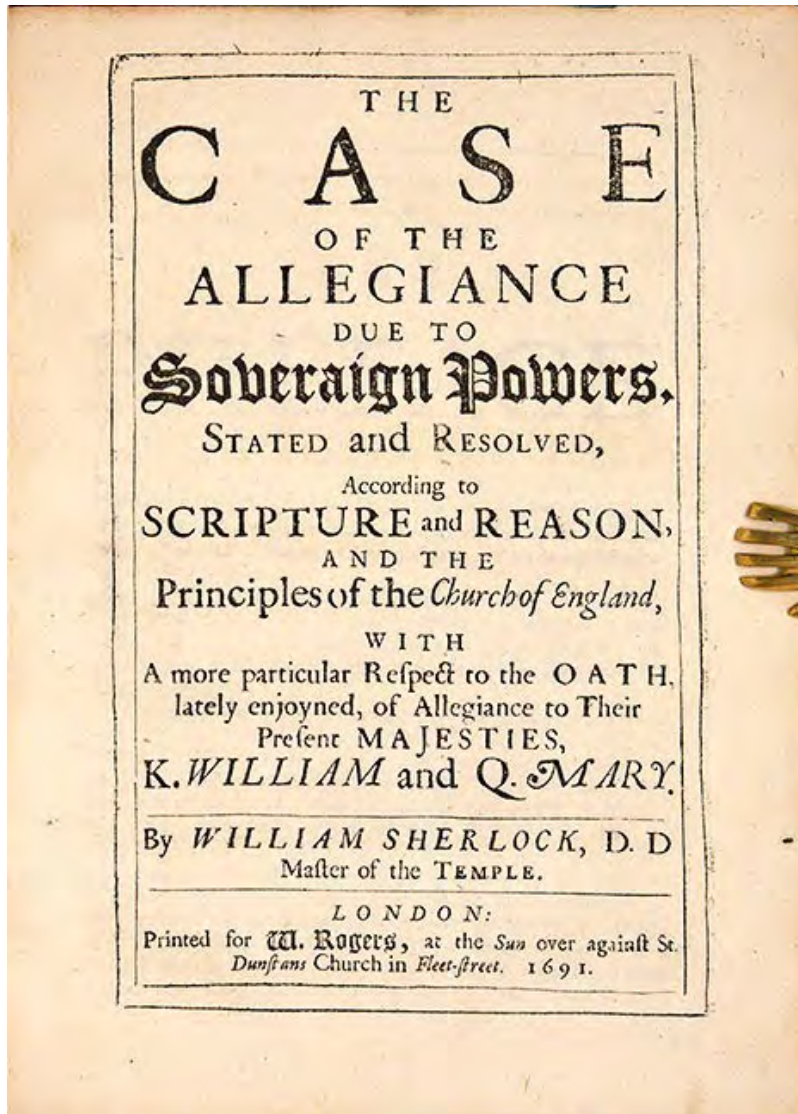
The Constitutional Danger Posed by a "New Lurking Pretender"

17. [Ridpath, George (d.1726)].

Parliamentary Right Maintain'd or the Hanover Succession Justify'd. Wherein The Hereditary Right to the Crown of England Asserted &c. Is Consider'd, in III. Parts. The Ist. Examins the Plea from Scripture. The II. That from the Laws & History of England, for Indefeasible Right, Nonresistance & Disposition of the Crown by Will. The III. Whether the Parliament, Can Repeal the Hanover Succession, As Now Establish'd by the Treaty of Union. With Reflections on the Treasonable Schemes of the Party, As They Occurr in Their Book: & Particularly that of a New Lurking Pretender. [London?]: Printed in 1714. [x], 262 [i.e. 260] pp. Octavo (7-1/4" x 4-3/4").

Contemporary paneled calf, raised bands to spine, small contemporary paper shelf label to foot, front joint and hinges carefully mended, front free endpaper renewed. a few minor nicks and scuffs to boards, a few small faint stains to rear board, light rubbing to extremities, corners bumped and somewhat worn. Moderate toning to text, faint dampstaining to heads of preliminaries. An appealing copy. \$950.

* Only edition, one of two issues from 1714. This vigorous defence of parliamentary democracy and the legality of the Hanover succession is based on an attack on George Harbin's *Hereditary Right of the Crown of England Asserted* (1713). It reflects the popular sentiment that George I, though a German king who knew little of England and spoke little English, was a Protestant and thus preferable to the hereditary Catholic alternative, James Edward Stuart, the "new lurking pretender." Ridpath, a Whig polemicist, libelist (and bigamist) published this book anonymously while living in exile in Scotland and Holland. In letters to the English minister at the Hague Ridpath described the difficulties of distributing this work from his place in exile: "Copies were sent by various ships to different ports in England; but many were lost or thrown overboard by the captains, who dared not land them, or were returned because no one dared receive them" (DNB). This casts an interesting light on the assumption (expressed in the *ESTC*) that the work was printed in London. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T43664. [Order This Item](#)



Allegiance Due to the Crown

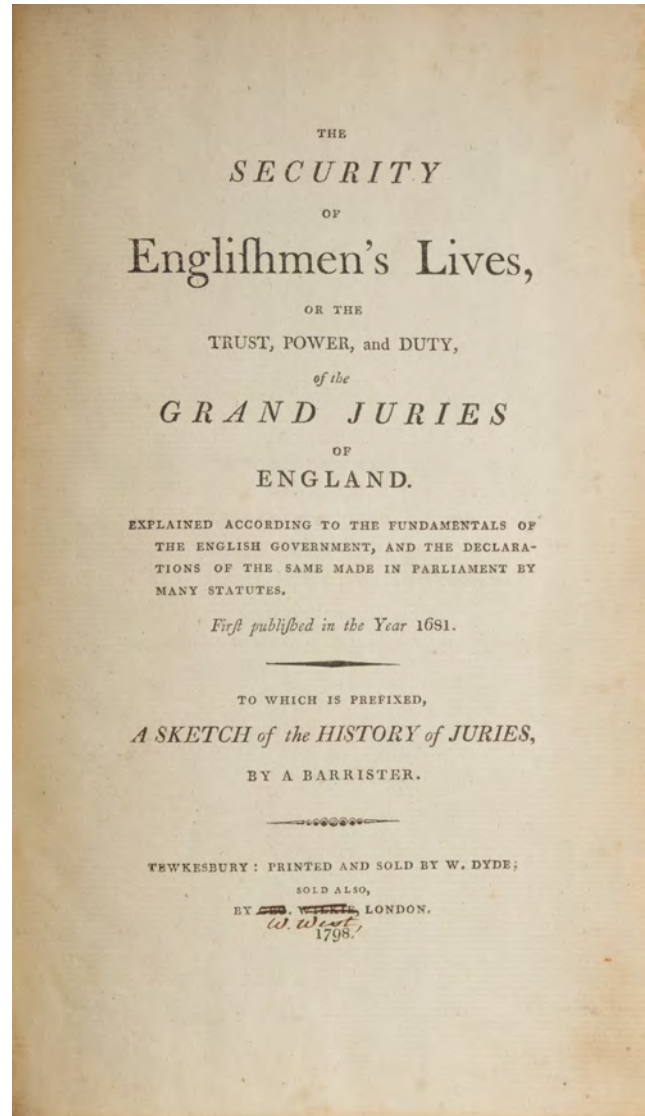
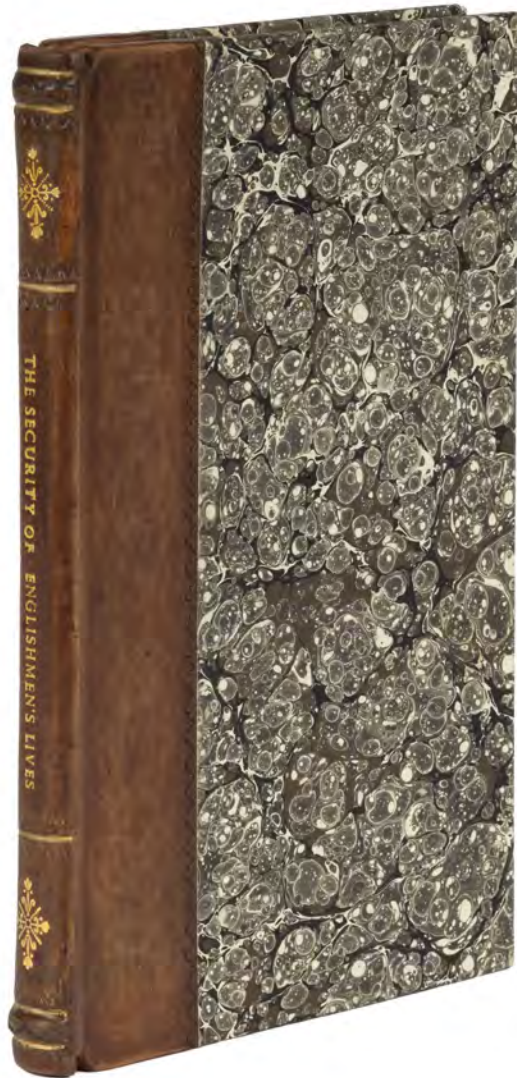
18. Sherlock, William [1641?-1707].

The Case of the Allegiance due to Sovereign Powers, Stated and Resolved, According to Scripture and Reason, And the Principles of the Church of England, With a More Particular Respect to the Oath, Lately Enjoyed, Of Allegiance to Their Present Majesties, K. William and Q. Mary. London: Printed for W. Rogers, At the Sun Over-Against St. Dunstan's Church in Fleet Street, 1691. [xii], 66, pp. With initial imprimatur leaf and final publisher advertisement leaf. Quarto (8" x 6").

Stab-stitched pamphlet bound into recent quarter calf over paper-covered boards, gilt title and gilt-edged raised bands to spine, small recent owner label to foot of front endleaf, light toning to text. A notably fresh copy in a handsome binding. \$350.

* First edition, one of six editions issued in 1691. Sherlock, a leader of the Church of England, was a prominent non-juror, that is, a member of the Anglican clergy who refused to take an oath of allegiance to William III and Mary II because he felt legally bound by his previous oath of allegiance to James II. Sherlock changed his position. *The Case* was written to address the inevitable charges of hypocrisy that followed his change of attitude. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R1604.

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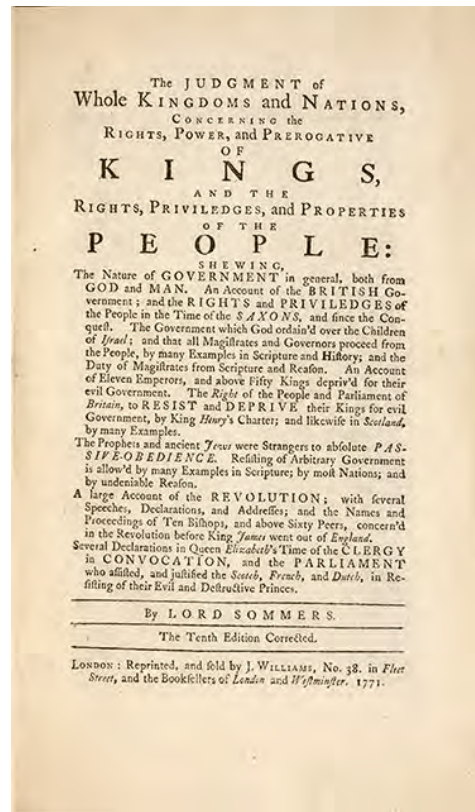
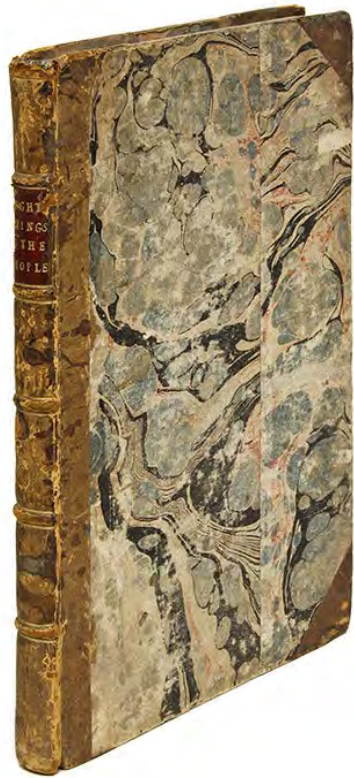
The Priority of English Law Over the Crown

19. [Somers, John, Baron (1651-1716)].

The Security of Englishmen's Lives, Or the Trust, Power, And Duty of the Grand Juries of England. Explained According to the Fundamentals of the English Government, And the Declaration of the Same Made in Parliament by Many Statutes. First Printed in the Year 1681. Tewkesbury: Printed and Sold by W. Dyde, 1798. [ii], 113, [1] pp. Lacking final leaf, a publisher advertisement. First leaf is a list of subscribers. Octavo (8-1/4" x 5").

Recent period-style quarter calf over marbled boards, gilt title, gilt ornaments and gilt and blind fillets to spine. Moderate toning to interior, faint tiny stain to title page, light foxing to a few leaves. A handsome copy. \$750.

* Final eighteenth-century edition. This influential essay defined a hearing before a grand jury of peers as a fundamental English right. An assertion of the priority of the law over the English crown, it was written to support the right of a grand jury to reject the bill of indictment against Anthony Ashley-Cooper, First Earl of Shaftesbury, issued by Charles II. Somers, a barrister of the Middle Temple and an important Whig statesman, was Lord Chancellor of England during the reigns of William and Mary and Queen Anne. He presided over the framing of the Bill of Rights (1689). *English Short-Title Catalogue* N22518. [Order This Item](#)



Classic Essay on the Rights of Englishmen

20. Somers (Sommers), Lord [John] [1651-1716], Attributed.

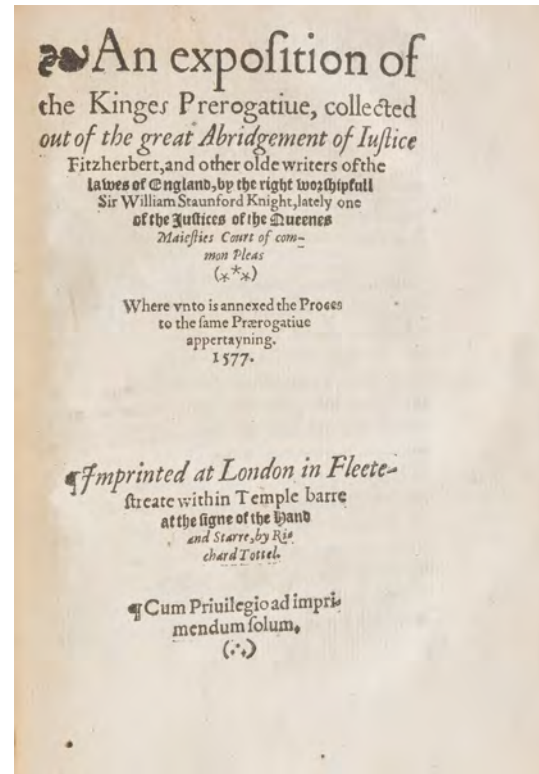
Defoe, Daniel [1661?-1731], Attributed.

Dunton, John [1659-1733], Attributed.

The Judgment of Whole Kingdoms and Nations, Concerning the Rights, Power and Prerogative of Kings, And the Rights, Privileges, And Properties of the People: Shewing, The Nature of Government in General, Both from God and Man. An Account of the British Government; And the Rights and Priviledges of the People in the Time of the Saxons, And Since the Conquest. The Government Which God Ordain'd Over the Children of Israel; And that All Magistrates and Governors Proceed From the People, By Many Examples in Scripture and History; And the Duty of Magistrates From Scripture and Reason. An Account of Eleven Emperors, And Above Fifty Kings Depriv'd for Their Evil Government. The Rights of the People and Parliament of Britain, To Resist and Deprive Their Kings for Evil Government, By King Henry's Charter, And Likewise in Scotland, By Many Examples.... London: Reprinted and Sold by J. William, 1771. [viii], 168 pp. Octavo (7-1/2" x 4-1/2").

Nineteenth-century three-quarter calf over marbled boards, raised bands and lettering piece to spine. Moderate rubbing to boards and extremities, light chipping to head of spine, corners bumped, front hinge starting. Light toning to text, light foxing to a few leaves. An attractive copy. \$750.

* Tenth (stated) edition, corrected. This highly popular tract was first published in 1709 with the title *Vox Populi, Vox Dei, Being True Maxims of Government*. Somers, a barrister of the Middle Temple, was Lord Chancellor of England and the author of *The Security of Englishmen's Lives* (1681), a tract on juries and one's right to a jury trial. The present work outlines the development of English freedoms, and calls for religious freedom, resistance to tyranny and a limited monarchy. It found a ready audience in the colonies on the eve of the American Revolution and was issued by presses in Philadelphia, Boston and Newport. It was read by several Founding Fathers, including Thomas Jefferson, who owned the 1773 Philadelphia imprint. This work is attributed sometimes to John Dunton or Daniel Defoe. See Sowerby, *Catalogue of the Library of Thomas Jefferson* 2712. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T29265. [Order This Item](#)



Sixteenth-Century Editions of Staunford's *Plees* and *Kinges Prerogative*

21. Staunford, Sir William [1509-1558].

Les Plees del Coron, Diuisees in Plusors Titres & Comen Lieux. Per Queux Home Plus Redement & Plenairement Trouera Quelque Chose queil Quira, Touchant les Dits Plees. Dernierment Corrigee Avecques un Table Parfaicte des Choses Notables Contenues en Ycelle, Nouvelment Revue et Corrigee. [London]: In Aedibus Richardi Tottelli, 1574. [xiv], 193 [i.e. 198] ff.

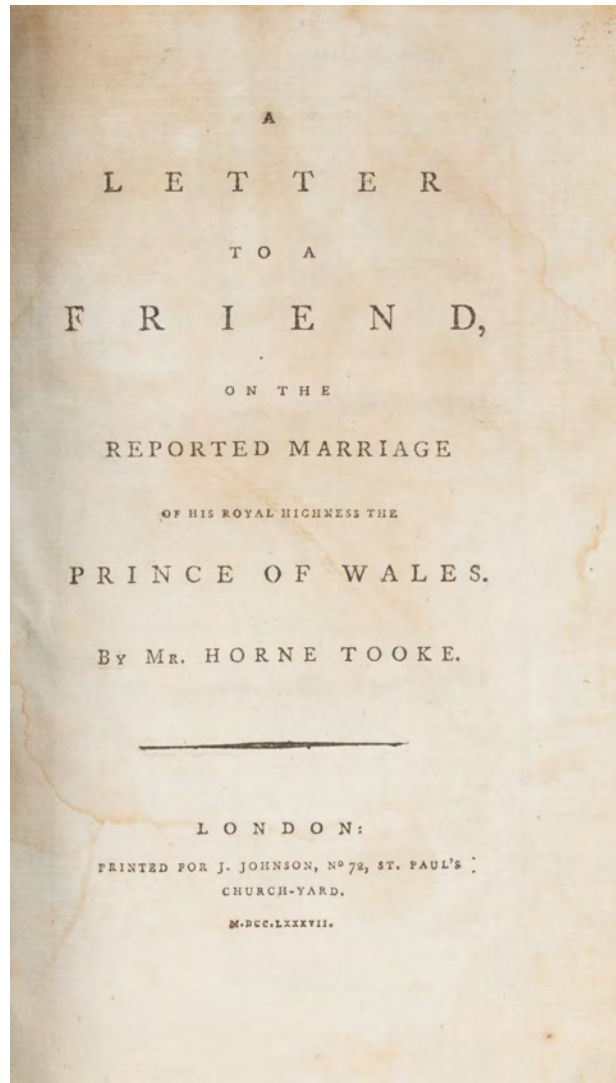
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Staunford, Sir William.

An Exposition of the Kinges Prerogative Collected Out of the Great Abridgement of Iustice Fitzherbert, And Other Olde Writers of the Lawes of England, By the Right Worshipfull Sir William Staunford Knight, Lately One of the Iustices of the Queenes Maiesties Court of Common Pleas. Where Unto is Annexed the Proces to the Same Praerogative Appertayning. London: Imprinted...by Richard Tottel, 1577. [i], 85 ff.

Quarto (7-1/2" x 5-1/2"). Later sheep, blind rules to boards, gilt-stamped library seal to front board, lettering piece and blind fillets to spine. Light rubbing and scuffing to boards, heavier rubbing to extremities with wear to spine ends and corners, boards beginning to separate but secure, final leaf of *Kinges Prerogative* partially detached and lightly edgeworn. Title page of *Plees* printed within woodcut architectural border. Moderate toning, somewhat heavier in places, occasional faint dampstaining to head of text block of *Plees*, wormhole through foot of text block, which becomes a small wormtrack at end of text. Underlining to some passages in *Plees*, signature in miniscule later small clear hand to head of its title page, occasional brief annotations in contemporary hand to margins of *Kinges Prerogative*, some affected by trimming. \$1,500.

* Later editions. First published in 1557, Staunford's *Plees* is divided into three parts. The first treats offences, the second treats jurisdiction, appeals, indictments, and defenses. The third addresses trials and convictions. *Exposition of the Kinges Prerogative* was first published in 1567. It addresses discretionary rights enjoyed by the monarchy in foreign policy, domestic affairs, legal and governmental administration, religion and economic matters. The annotations are mostly brief glosses on the text; some are references to cases or other authorities. Beale, *A Bibliography of Early English Law Books* T489 (*Plees*), T495 (*Kinges Prerogative*). *English Short-Title Catalogue* S117813, S117814. [Order This Item](#)



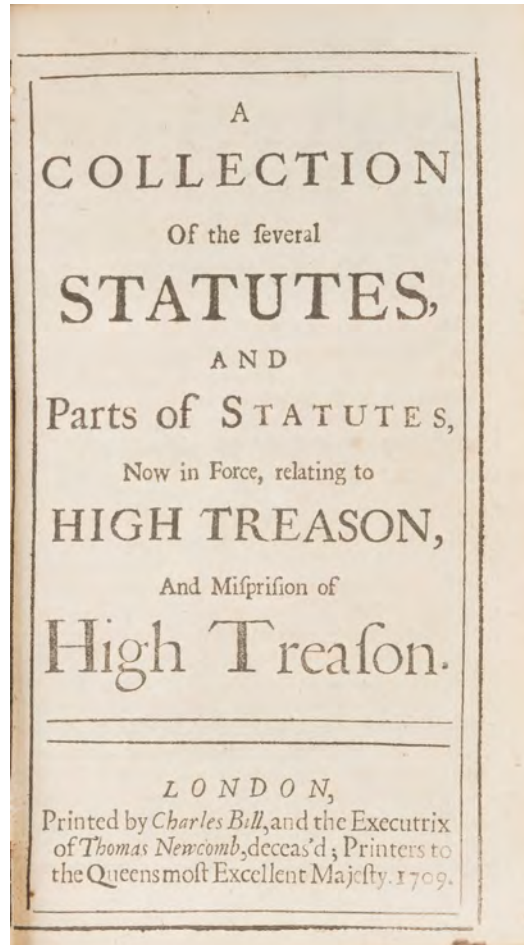
Commentary on the Clandestine Marriage of the Prince of Wales

22. Tooke, John Horne [1736-1812].

A Letter to a Friend, On the Reported Marriage of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales. London: Printed for J. Johnson, 1787. [ii], 75 pp. Lacking half-title. Octavo (8-1/2" x 5-1/4").

Stab-stitched pamphlet in recent plain paper wrappers, speckled edges. Light toning to interior, occasional light dampstaining, light foxing in a few places, upper outside corners of leaves E6 (pp. 59-60) and E8 (pp. 63-64) lacking with no loss to text. \$450.

* First edition, second issue. A defense of the legality of the private marriage of Mrs. Maria Fitzherbert and the Prince of Wales in spite of the public denial of the marriage by House of Commons leadership. The two had been "married" on 21 December 1785 in Fitzherbert's drawing-room by a Church of England clergyman and in the presence of her brother and uncle. By the Marriage Act of 1772, however, every marriage contracted by a member of the Royal Family under 25 years of age without the King's consent was invalid, and by the Act of Settlement, the heir-apparent forfeited his right to the crown if he married a Roman Catholic. Not only was the Prince of Wales barely 23 years old, Maria Fitzherbert was also a Roman Catholic. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T38032. [Order This Item](#)



High Treason in a Royal Binding

**23. [Treason].
[Great Britain].**

A Collection of the Several Statutes, and Parts of Statutes, Now in Force, Relating to High Treason, And Misprision of High Treason.

[Bound with]

A Form and Method of Trial of Commoners, In Cases of High Treason and Misprision of High Treason.

London: Printed by Charles Bill, and the Executrix of Thomas Newcomb, decess'd; Printers to the Queens most Excellent Majesty, 1709. 2 parts in one. 113, [1], [14]; 44, [4] pp. 12mo. (4-1/2" x 2-1/2").

Contemporary paneled speckled calf, gilt royal arms of Queen Anne and corner fleurons to boards, rebacked with blind fillets and gilt-edged lettering piece to spine, gilt tooling to board edges, patterned (renewed) endpapers. Light rubbing and a few small nicks to boards, mended crack to upper corner of rear board, moderate rubbing to board edges, corners bumped and lightly worn, small inkstain to bottom edge of text block, faint offsetting to gutters of endleaves, later (illegible) ownership signature to front endleaf. Light toning to interior, light foxing to last several pages. A nice copy. \$250.

* Later edition. A collection of statutes relating to treason dating from Edward III to Queen Anne with forms for pleading. We have seen other copies in similar bindings with Queen Anne's armorial stamp, which was used by her between 1706 and 1714. Thomas Jefferson had a copy of this 1709 edition in his library. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T13607. Sowerby, *Catalogue of the Library of Thomas Jefferson* 1949. [Order This Item](#)



"The Great Historical Picture"

24. [Trial].

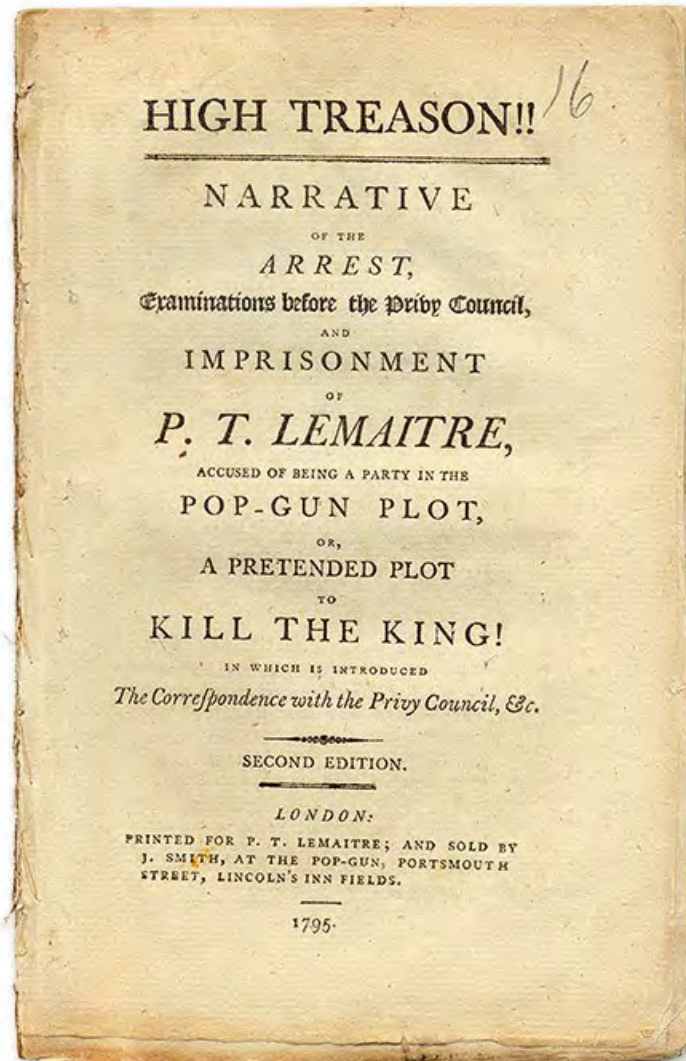
[Caroline of Brunswick [1768-1821], Defendant].

[Hayter, Sir George (1792-1871), Artist].

A Descriptive Catalogue of the Great Historical Picture, Painted by Mr. George Hayter, Member of the Academy of Sr. Luke, &c. &c. &c., Representing the Trial of Her Late Majesty Queen Caroline of England, With a Faithful Interior View of the House of Lords, And One Hundred and Eighty-Nine Portraits; Amongst Which are Included Those Princes of the Royal Family, With Most of the Peers and Distinguished Personages Who Were in the House on that Memorable Occasion and Who did the Artist the Honor to Sit: Containing in the Whole Upwards of Three Hundred Figures: Now Exhibiting at Mr. Canty's Great Rooms, No. 80-1/2 Pall Mall. London: Printed by W. Hersee, 1823. vii, [i], 9-16 pp. Folding title page. 5 etched folding plates. Octavo (8-1/4" x 5-1/4").

Stab-stitched pamphlet in recent plain wrappers. Light toning, slightly heavier in places, a few minor creases and tears to plates. \$300.

* Only edition. Hayter's painting depicted one of the most sensational trials in English history: the repudiation of Queen Caroline by King George IV. After she refused to grant a divorce and renounce her title of Queen Consort, the Earl of Liverpool introduced The Pains and Penalties Bill in Parliament in order to compel the king's demands through legislation. (The bill alleged that Caroline had an affair with a commoner, Bartolomeo Bergami, while in Italy.) The bill was approved by the House of Lords, but it was not submitted to the House of Commons, where it would have been defeated. Despite the King's best attempts, Caroline was always a popular favorite. Indeed, her popularity increased during the trial. Although she prevailed in the court of popular opinion, she fell ill and died shortly after the coronation of George IV. She was certain that she was poisoned by one of the King's agents. OCLC locates 1 copy in a law library (Harvard). Another copy located at Yale Law School. *British Museum Catalogue* (Compact Edition) 11:987. [Order This Item](#)



The Pop-Gun Plot

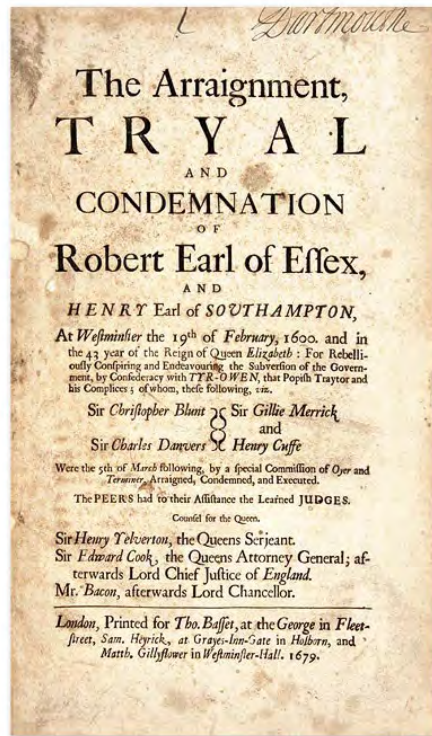
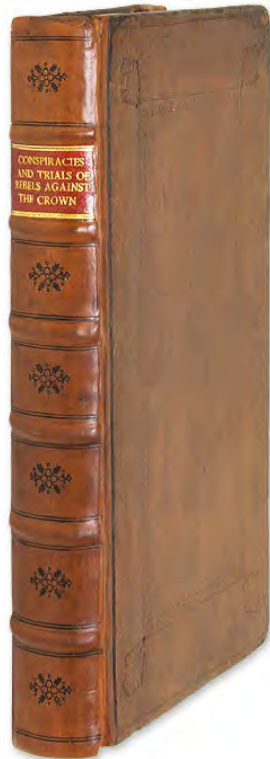
25. [Trial].

Lemaitre, P[aul] T[homas], Defendant.

High Treason!! Narrative of the Arrest, Examinations Before the Privy Council, And Imprisonment of P.T Lemaitre, Accused of Being a Party in the Pop-Gun Plot, or, A Pretended Plot to Kill the King! In Which is Introduced the Correspondence with the Privy Council. London: Printed for P.T. Lemaitre, 1795. [ii], 60 pp. Lacking half-title. Octavo (8-1/2" x 5-1/2").

Disbound stab-stitched pamphlet, untrimmed edges. Light soiling to exterior, "16." in early hand to upper corner of title page. Moderate toning to text, final leaf, which has two clean tears with no loss to text, partially detached and lightly edgeworn. \$750.

* First edition. The Popgun Plot was an alleged 1794 conspiracy by three members of the London Corresponding Society, a British Radical organization, to assassinate King George III with a poison dart fired from a pop-gun (airgun). Lemaitre was one of four men indicted as conspirators and charged with treason. All four were acquitted in May 1796 because the chief witness against them died. Our pamphlet is the primary account of this case. A second edition was published in 1795. Both editions are rare. OCLC locates 16 copies of both editions, 1 in a North American law library (Social Law, which has a first edition). *English Short-Title Catalogue* T81543. [Order This Item](#)



Plots Against the English Crown

26. [Trials].

[Great Britain].

[Plots Against the Crown].

The Arraignment, Tryal and Condemnation of Robert Earl of Essex, And Henry Earl of Southampton, At Westminster the 19th of February, 1600. And in the 34th Reign of Queen Elizabeth: For Rebelliously Conspiring and Endeavouring the Subversion of the Government, By Confederacy with Tyr-Owen, That Popish Traytor and His Accomplices; Of Whom, These Following, Viz: Sir Christopher Blunt, Sir Charles Danvers, Sir Gillie Merrick and Henry Cusse Were the 5th of March Following, By a Special Commission of Oyer and Terminer, Arraigned, Condemned, And Executed. The Peers Had for Their Assistance the Learned Judges. Counsel for the Queen. Sir Henry Yelverton, The Queen's Serjeant. Sir Edward Cook, The Queens Attorney-General; Afterwards Lord Chief Justice of England. Mr. Bacon, Afterwards Lord Chancellor. London: Printed for Tho. Bassett, 1679. [ii], 30 pp. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R18141.

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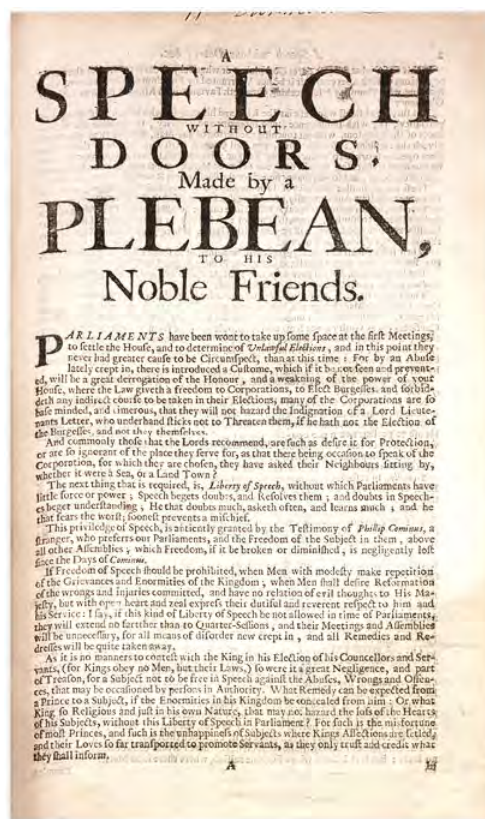
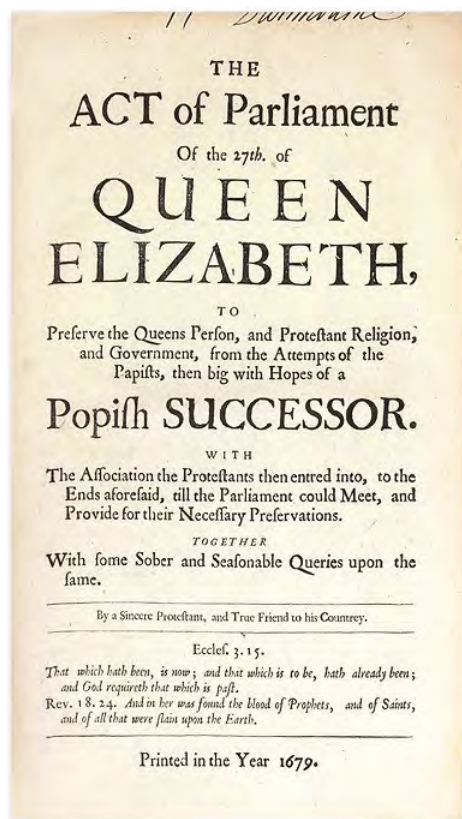
The Tryal of Henry Baron Delamere for High Treason, In Westminster-Hall, The 14th Day of January, 1685. Before the Right Honourable George Lord Jeffreys, Baron of Wemm, Lord High Chancellor of England, Constituted Lord High Steward on that Occasion. On Which Day, After a Full Hearing, The Lord Delamere was Acquitted from All Matters Laid to His Charge. London: Printed for Dorman Newman, 1686. [ii], 87 pp. *ESTC* R23568.

[And]

[Sixteen Trials and Essays Relating to Conspiracies Against the Crown].

Folio (12" x 7-1/2"). Eighteen pamphlets bound into contemporary paneled calf, rebacked in period style with raised bands and lettering piece. A few light scuffs to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, corners bumped and lightly worn, hinges mended. Moderate toning to text, somewhat heavier in places, light soiling to a few leaves. Large early owner signatures of the Earl of Dartmouth to front pastedown and title pages (or preceding blank) of each pamphlet, which are also numbered in his hand, some signatures and numbers affected by trimming, manuscript table of contents in his hand to front free endpaper, doodles to a few other leaves, later bookseller note laid in. A unique collection with an interesting provenance. \$5,000.

* This volume collects seventeen pamphlets relating to seventeenth-century plots against the English Crown, such as the Popish Plot, Rye House Plot and Tyrone's Rebellion. Seven are trial accounts, four discuss trials, the others address background issues. Two titles are identified above; the others are (in short-titles): *The Arraignment, Trials, Conviction of Sir Rich. Grabme, And John Ashton* (1691, two parts, [iv], 76; 77-138 pp., ESTC R22452), *The Arraignment, Tryal and Condemnation of Sir William Parkins* (1696, [ii], 48 pp., ESTC R11595), *The Arraignment, Tryal & Condemnation of Algernon Sidney* (1684, [iv], 67 pp., ESTC R23343), *The Late Lord Russel's Case, With Observations Upon It* (1686, [ii], 104 pp., ESTC R27291), *The Tryals of Henry Cornish... And John Fernley, William Ring, And Elizabeth Gaunt* (1685, [ii], 42 pp., ESTC R25662), *The Character of an Ill-Court-Favourite: Representing the Mischiefs that Flow from Ministers of State* (1681, 19, [1] pp., ESTC R35809), *Grimalkin, Or, The Rebel-Cat: A Novell* (1681, [ii], 13, [1] pp., ESTC R30323), *A Speech Without Doors. Made by A Plebeian to His Noble Friends* (1681, 4 pp., ESTC R37582), *The French Intrigues Discovered* (1681, [ii], 31, [1] pp., ESTC R9404), *Remarques Upon a New Project of Association* (1682, 8 pp., ESTC R3820), *The Oath and Covenant Signed by Several Members of the House of Commons* (1681, 8 pp., Not in the ESTC or Wing, may be lacking a title page), *The Proceedings Held at the Sessions of the Peace Held at Hicks-Hall* (1682, [ii], 8 pp., ESTC R6287), *The Great and Weighty Considerations, Relating to the Duke of York, Or Successor of the Crown... Considered* (1680, [ii], 37, [1] pp., ESTC R20436), *The Act of Parliament of the 27th. Of Queen Elizabeth, To Preserve the Queen's Person, And Protestant Religion, And Government* (1679, [ii], 6 pp., ESTC R34890) and *A Letter from a Gentleman of Quality in the Country to His Friend* (1679, [ii], 18 pp., ESTC R19698). The binding style and manuscript hand date to the eighteenth century. However, the identity of "Dartmouth" is unclear. According to the laid-in note, the bookseller, H.W. Edwards, says he purchased this volume came from "the Earl of Dartmouth's library." He may be referring to William Legge, 1st Earl of Dartmouth [1672-1750] or William Legge, 2nd Earl of Dartmouth. [1731-1810]. The 2nd Earl is remembered as a colonial administrator in the decades leading to the American Revolution. He was First Lord of Trade from 1765 to 1766 and Secretary of State for the Colonies and First Lord of Trade from 1772 to 1775.



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Three Items About a Plot to Assassinate King George III with a Poison Dart, One Inscribed by an Alleged Plotter

27. [Trials].

Lemaitre, P[aul] T[homas] [1776-1864], Defendant.

High Treason!! Narrative of the Arrest, Examinations Before the Privy Council, And Imprisonment of P.T Lemaitre, Accused of Being a Party in the Pop-Gun Plot, or, A Pretended Plot to Kill the King! In Which is Introduced the Correspondence with the Privy Council. London: Printed for P.T. Lemaitre, 1795. [iv], 60 pp.

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[Lemaitre, Paul Thomas].

Petition of Paul Thomas Lemaitre Against the Suspension of the Habeas Corpus Act. Extract from the Journals of the House of Commons. Lmae, 23 die Junii, 1817 (No. 41) [drop-head title]. [(London): Causton, Printer, Birch-Lane, Cornhill, (1817)]. 4 pp.

[And]

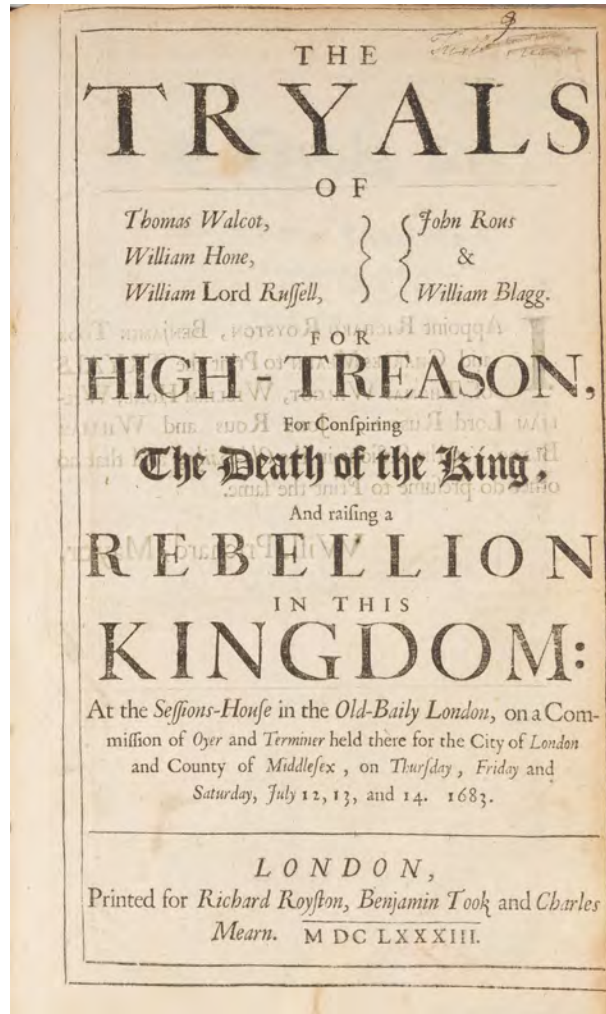
Crossfield, Robert Thomas [1759-1802], Defendant.

Gurney, Joseph [1744-1815], Reporter.

The Trial of Robert Thomas Crossfield, For High Treason, At the Sessions House in the Old Bailey, On Wednesday the Eleventh, And Thursday the Twelfth of May, 1796. Taken in Short-Hand. London: Sold by Martha Gurney, 1796. 328, iii, [5] pp. With two leaves of publisher advertisements.

Octavo (8-1/2" x 5-1/2"); *Petition*, Folio (11" x 7-1/2"), bottom margin trimmed, bound along gutter, and folded twice. Two stab-stitched pamphlets and one bifolium bound into 20th-century cloth, "Pop-Gun Plot" and "1795-96" gilt stamped to spine. Negligible shelfwear, moderate toning to interior, light foxing in a few places, presentation inscription from Lemaitre "to his friend Miss Starling" to half-title of *High Treason!!*. \$1,250.

* *High Treason!!*: second edition; *Trial, Petition*: only edition. The Popgun Plot was an alleged 1794 conspiracy by members of the London Corresponding Society, a British Radical organization, to assassinate King George III with a poison dart fired from a pop-gun (airgun). Lemaitre and Crossfield were two of four men indicted as conspirators and charged with treason. All four were acquitted in May 1796 because the chief witness against them died. The first edition of Lemaitre's account was first published in 1794. Both editions are rare. OCLC locates 16 copies of both editions, 1 in a North American law library (Social Law, which has a first edition). OCLC locates 9 copies of *Trial* in North American law libraries. The *Petition* appears to be unrecorded; no copies are listed on OCLC or COPAC. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T81543 (*High Treason!!*), T80824 (*Trial*). [Order This Item](#)



Trials of Conspirators in the Rye House Plot

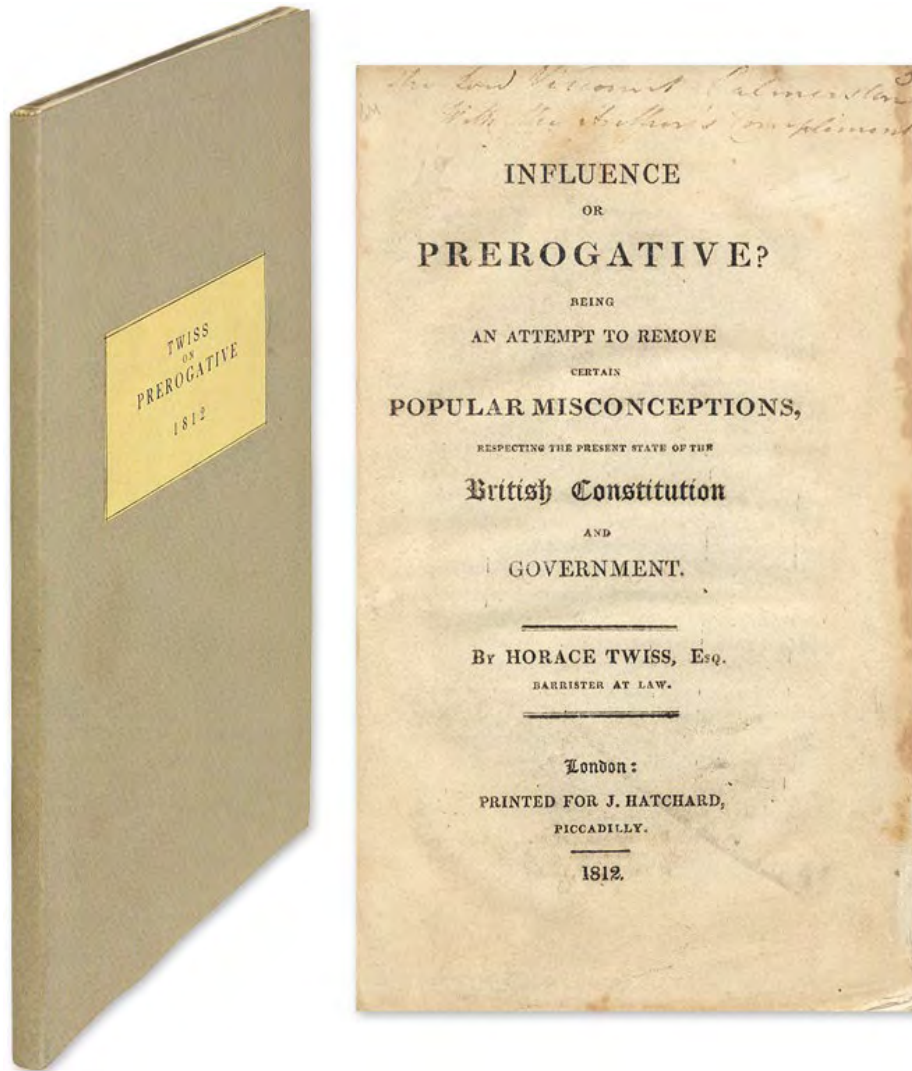
28. [Trials].

[Rye House Plot].

The Tryals of Thomas Walcot, William Hone, William Lord Russell, John Rous & William Blagg, For High-Treason, For Conspiring the Death of the King, And Raising a Rebellion in this Kingdom: At the Sessions-House in the Old-Baily London, On a Commission of Oyer and Terminer Held There for the City of London and County of Middlesex, On Thursday, Friday and Saturday, July 12, 13, And 14. 1683. London: Printed for Richard Royston, Benjamin Took and Charles Mearn, 1683. [ii], 81, [1] pp. Folio (11" x 6-3/4").

Recent period-style three-quarter calf over marbled boards by Philip Dusel, raised bands and lettering piece to spine. Light toning to interior, very slight foxing in a few places, some trimming to head of text block affecting headlines in a few places, legibility not affected. Brief contemporary annotation to head of title page, illegible contemporary ownership signature to verso. \$500.

* Only edition. The principal contemporary account of the trial of conspirators in the "Rye House Plot" to kill Charles II and his brother, the Duke of York. The defendants were found guilty and summarily hanged, drawn and quartered. While most likely were guilty, Lord Russell's guilt was later called into question. He received a posthumous pardon and is remembered as a Whig martyr. Popular discontent at Charles II's use of the Rye House Plot to remove many of his political opponents ultimately led to the Glorious Revolution of 1688 and the reform of English treason law. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R21861. [Order This Item](#)



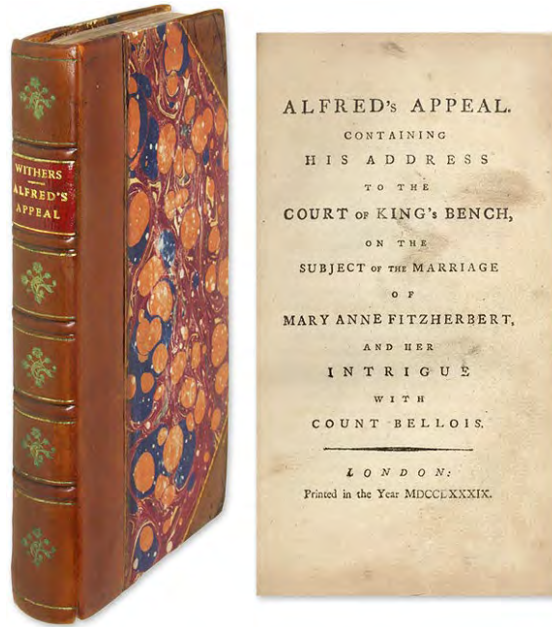
**Scarce Essay on the English Constitution
Advocating a Greater Degree of Royal Influence**

29. Twiss, Horace [1787-1849].

Influence or Prerogative? Being an Attempt to Remove Certain Popular Misconceptions Respecting the Present State of the British Constitution and Government. London: Printed for J. Hatchard, 1812. 94 pp. Octavo (8-1/4" x 5").

Stab-stitched pamphlet bound into recent stiff wrappers, printed paper title label to front cover. Some toning, light foxing to a few leaves, light soiling to title page and verso of final leaf. "The Lord Viscount Palmerston with the Author's Compliments" to head of title page, interior otherwise clean. \$500.

* Only edition. A presentation copy to Lord Palmerston. The author defends the influence of the Crown in the scheme of British Parliamentary government; without it the Prerogative would have to be revived. In his conservative view of the constitution and its core concept of checks and balances, the increasing influence of the Crown is indicative of the growing power of Commons and consequently the need to maintain equilibrium. Twiss was called to the bar in 1811 and later served as King's Counsel. As an author he is remembered for his life of Lord Eldon and for a number of literary works. This is his first publication relating to the law. OCLC locates 2 copies in North America, neither in law libraries. Not in Sweet & Maxwell. [Order This Item](#)



The Prince of Wales's Clandestine Marriage

30. [Withers, Philip (d. 1790)].

Alfred's Appeal. Containing His Address to the Court of King's Bench, On the Subject of the Marriage of Mary Anne Fitzherbert, And Her Intrigue with Count Bellois. London: S.n., 1789. 88 pp.

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[Withers, Philip].

Alfred's Apology. London: Entered at Stationers-Hall, 1789. 86 pp. Half-title lacking.

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[Withers, Philip].

Alfred's Apology, Second Part, Containing a Letter to His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales; With a Summary of the Trial of the Editor of Nemesis, On the Prosecution of Mrs. Fitzherbert, For a Libel; With Remarks, By Alfred. London: Entered at Stationers-Hall, 1789. 154 pp.

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[Withers, Philip].

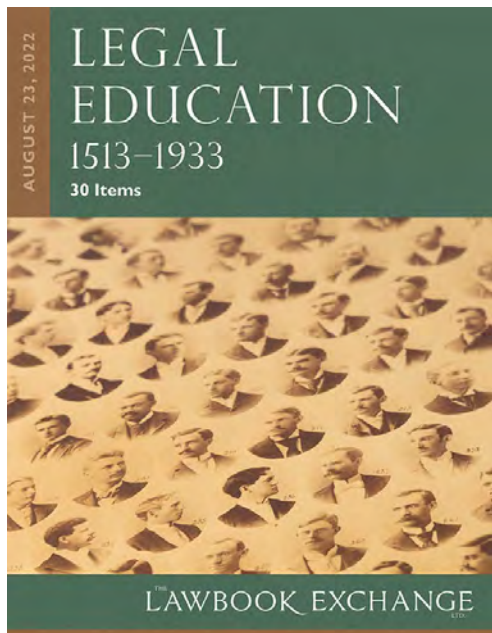
History of the Royal Malady, With Variety of Entertaining Anecdotes, To Which are Added, Strictures on the Declaration of Horne Tooke, Esq. Respecting "Her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales," Commonly Called Mrs. Fitzherbert. With Interesting Remarks on a Regency. By a Page of the Presence. London: Sold at No. 9, Queen-Street, n.d. 62 (of 64) pp. Final two leaves lacking.

Octavo (8" x 4-3/4"). Stab-stitched pamphlets bound into contemporary three-quarter calf over marbled boards, rebaked in period style, raised bands, gilt ornaments and lettering piece to spine, marbled edges. Light rubbing to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities with some wear to corners, endpapers renewed. Moderate toning to text, light foxing in places, internally clean. \$750.

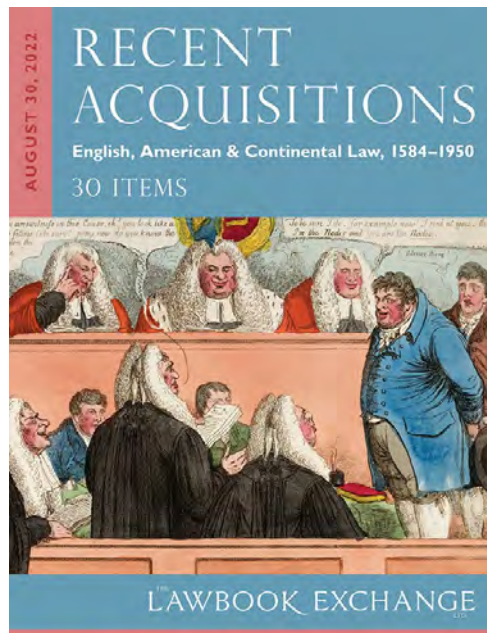
* *Alfred's Apology*: second edition; Others: first editions (one of several issues, all in the same year). In 1785 George, the Prince of Wales and the future King George IV contracted an illegal marriage in secret with Maria Anne Fitzherbert, a Catholic commoner. (It violated the Bill of Rights and the 1701 Act of Settlement). King George III compelled the prince to leave her in 1794 to marry Duchess Caroline of Brunswick, but he continued his relationship with her (with some periods of estrangement). These items are part of a pamphlet war that grew out of a libel trial that resulted from Withers's public exposure of the clandestine marriage. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T11257, T11276, T11256, T11274.

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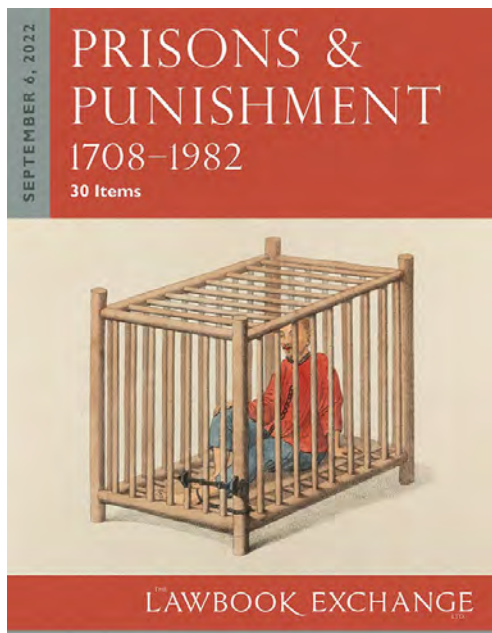
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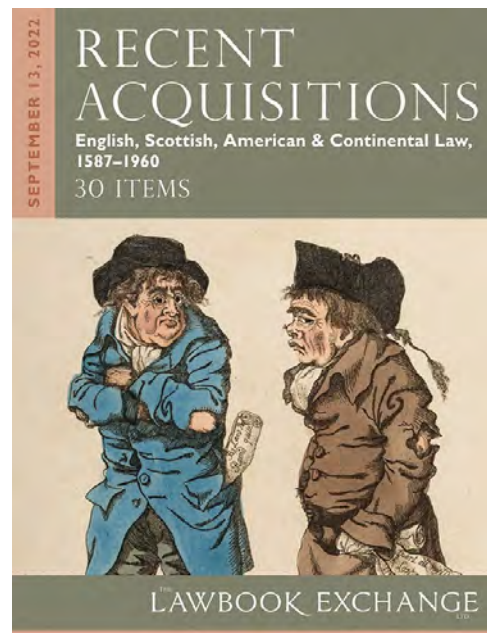
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