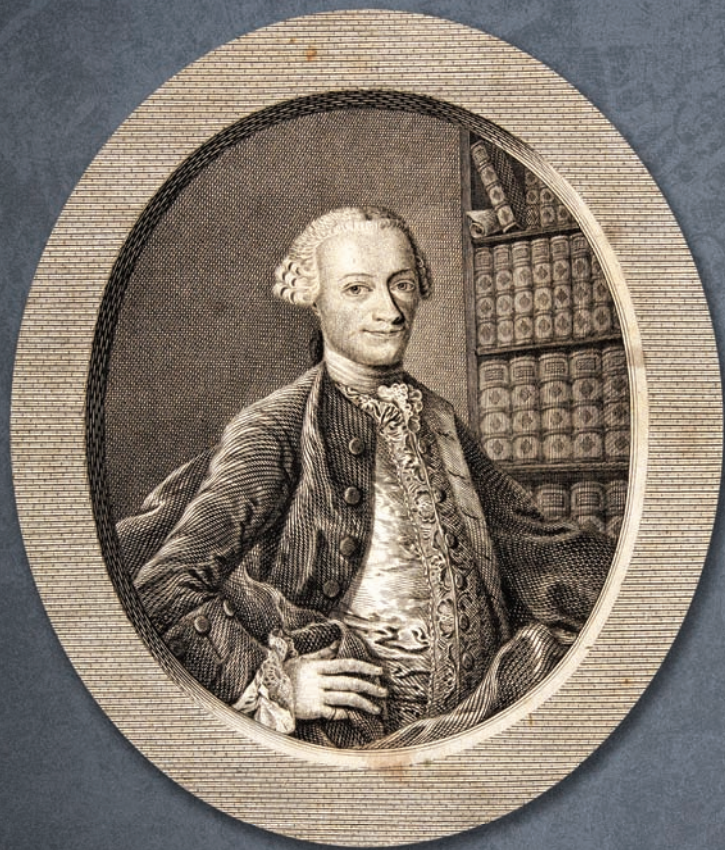


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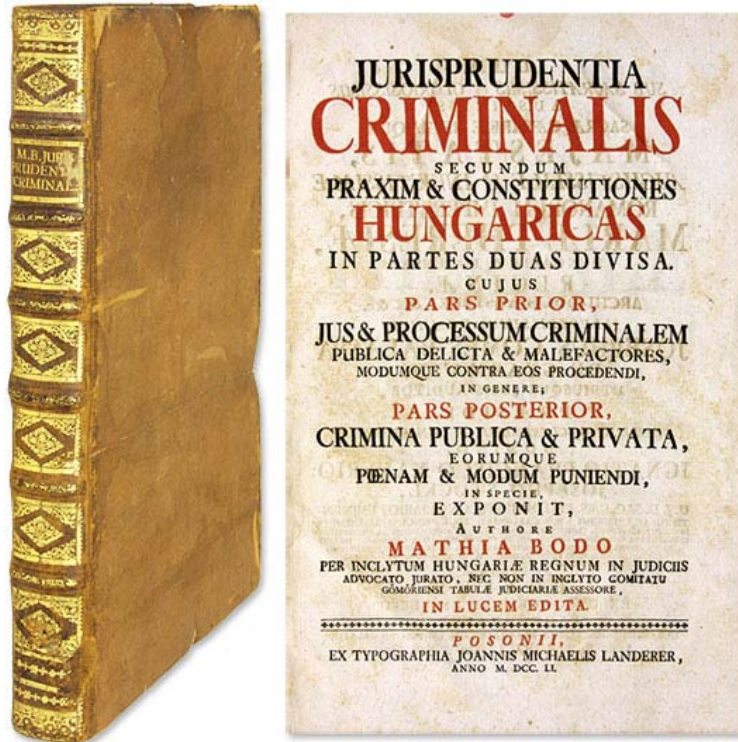


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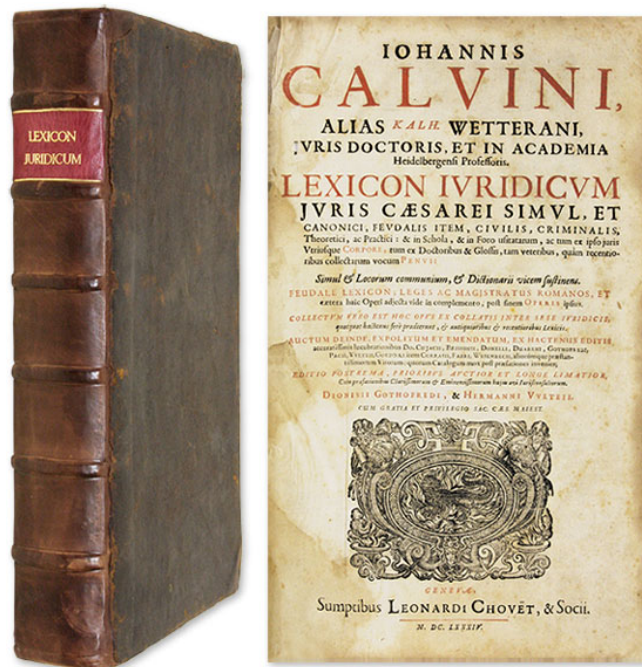
Criminal Law in Eighteenth-Century Hungary

1. Bodo, Matyas.

Jurisprudentia Criminalis Secundum Praxim & Constitutiones Hungaricas in Partes Duas Divisa. Cujus Pars Prior, Jus & Processum Criminalem Publica Delicta & Malefactores, Modumque Contra Eos Procedendi, In Genere; Pars Posterior, Crimina Publica & Privata, Eorumque Poenam & Modum Puniendi, In Specie, Exponit. Bratislava: Ex Typographia Joannis Michaelis Landerer, 1751. [xii], 325, [14] pp. Folio (12-1/4" x 8").

Contemporary calf, gilt spine with raised bands and lettering piece, marbled endpapers, edges rouged. Some rubbing to extremities, minor scuffing to boards, small bump to fore-edge of front board. Title page printed in red and black, woodcut head and tail-pieces. Moderate toning to text, light foxing in places. Early owner signature to front endleaf, interior otherwise clean. \$1,000.

* Only edition. This is a handbook on criminal law and procedure for lawyers and legislators in Slovakia, then part of the Kingdom of Hungary. At this time Hungarian criminal law was identical in most respects to that of Austria and the German states. It even adopted some of the Enlightenment's ideas about the use of torture. However, it had a more conservative view of adultery and "crimes against nature." It also had a large number of laws concerning vampirism and witchcraft. OCLC locates 5 copies in North American law libraries (Columbia, Harvard, UC-Berkeley, University of Michigan, Yale). Not in the *British Museum Catalogue*.



**Important Seventeenth-Century
Law Dictionary Owned by Owned by a Notable New York Jurist**

2. Calvinus, Johannes (Kahl, Johannis). [c.1550-c.1610].

Lexicon Iuridicum: Juris Caesarei Simul, Et Canonici: Feudalis Item, Civilis, Criminalis, Theoretici, Ac Practici: & in Schola, & in Foro Usitatarum, Ac Tum ex Ipso Juris Utriusque Corpore, Tum ex Doctoribus & Glossis, Tam Veteribus, Quam Recentioribus Collectarum Vocum Penus: Simul & Locorum Communium, & Dictionarii Vicem Sustinens: Feudale Lexicon; Leges ac Magistratus Romanos, & Caetera Huic Operi Adjecta Vide in Complemento, Post Sinem Operis Ipsius. Collectum Vero est Hoc Opus ex Collatis Inter Sese Iuridicis, Quotquot Hactenus Fere Proderunt, & Antiquioribus & Recentioribus Lexicis. Auctum Deinde, Expolitur et Emendatum, Ex Hactenus Editis Accuratissimis Locubrationibus Do. Cujacii, Brissonii, Donelli, Duareni, Gothofredi, Pacii, Vulteii, Goeddaeii Item Corrasii, Fabri, Wesembecii, Aliorumque Praestantissimorum Virorum: Quorum Catalogum Mox Post Praefationes Invenies; Editio Postrema, Prioribus Auctior et Longe Limatior, Cum Praefationibus Clarissimorum & Eminentissimorum Hujus avi Iurisconsultorum Dionisii Gothofredi, & Hermanni Vulteii. Geneva: Sump tibus Leonardi Chovet, & Socii, 1684. [xii], 1047 pp. Main text in parallel columns. Folio (13-3/4" x 8-1/2").

Contemporary calf, rebacked in period style with raised bands and lettering piece, corners mended, front free endpaper renewed, title page re-hinged. Some rubbing to boards, corners bumped, crack in text between title page and following leaf, armorial book plate of William Curtis Noyes to front pastedown. Title page printed in red and black. Large woodcut printer device, head-pieces, tail-pieces and decorated initials. Some edgewear to preliminaries, toning to text, occasional light foxing and dampstaining, internally clean. \$500.

* Later edition. With prefaces by Denis Godefroy [1549-1622] and Hermann Vulteius [1565-1634]. Calvinus was a German jurist and professor of law at the University of Heidelberg who wrote several books on politics, Jewish law and Roman law. The *Lexicon Juridicum* proved to be his most honored and durable publication. First published in 1600, it went through numerous editions during the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries. It draws on several authors, including Albericus, Brisson, Cicero, Hotoman and Tacitus. A scholarly work, it contains an extensive list of sources. The definitions are admirably clear and concise; each one includes a list of citations. Roberts says this dictionary is "more useful" than those of Vicat and Brisson. Noyes [1805-1864] was a leading New York lawyer and a member of the commission to codify the state's laws, which resulted in the Field Codes. A man of extensive learning, he owned one of the finest law libraries in the United States. Roberts, *South African Legal Bibliography* 72 (citing other editions).



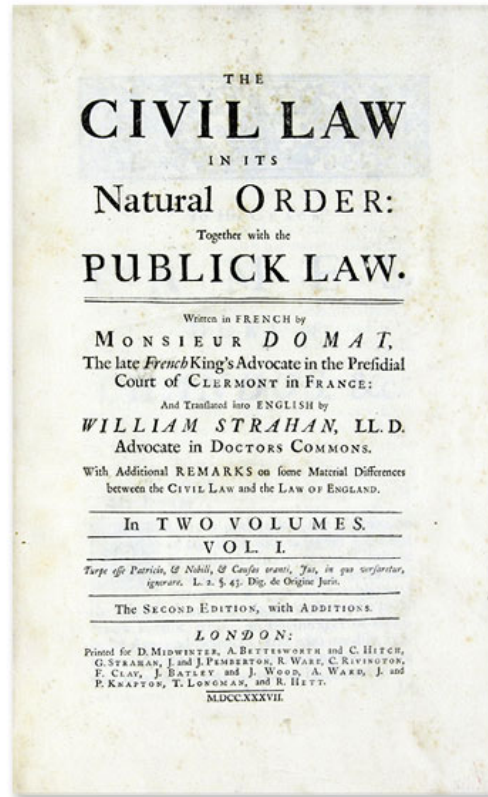
Uncommon Seventeenth-Century Compilation of the Laws of Mechelen

**3. Christynen, Paul van [1543-1631], Editor.
[Christynen, Sebastien, Editor].**

In Leges Municipales Eiusdem Civitatis ac Provinciae Commentaria ac Notae. Una cum Additionibus Cuique Titulo & Articulo Subiunctis. Qua Tituli & Articuli in Capite Cuiusque Foliorum Ponuntur, & Additiones Quae in Prima Editione Separatim Erant Subiunctae, & Ex Magna Parte Deficiebant ex Notis Eiusdem Auctoris Sunt Appositae. Una cum Indice Locupletissimo tam Commentariorum Quam Additionum: Studio & Opera D. Sebastiani de Christynen D. de Bueken, & C. Eiusdem Auctoris Filii Praedictae Civitatis ac Provinciae Syndici, &c. Opus Omnibus in Foro Versantibus Perquam Utile & Necessarium. Antwerp: Apud Hieronymum & Ioannem Bapt. Verdussen, 1657. [xvi], 656, [70] pp. Main text printed in double columns. Folio (12-1/2" x 8").

Contemporary vellum. Moderate soiling and wear to extremities, lower half of backstrip lacking, head of front joint cracked, hinges cracked but secure, front free endpaper and three signatures detached. Title page with large woodcut device printed in red and black. Faint dampstaining to margins of title page, rubbing to edges of some leaves, internally clean. A decent copy worth rebacking. \$300.

* Third edition. Located in Flanders between Brussels and Antwerp, Mechelen has been an important trading and manufacturing city since the 1300s. Its fortunes rose and declined several times. In the seventeenth century the city was a prosperous again, having survived devastation in 1572 by Spanish forces during the Eighty Years' War (Revolt of the Netherlands). It remained under Hapsburg Control as part of the Spanish Netherlands. This compilation edited by Christynen was first published in 1625. The standard compilation, it went through further editions in 1642, 1653, 1657, 1661 and 1671. KVK locates 12 copies of the 1657 edition. Dekkers, *Bibliotheca Belgica Juridica* 36.



Important English Translation of Domat's Great Study of the Civil Law

4. Domat, Jean [1625-1696].

Strahan, William, Translator.

The Civil Law in Its Natural Order: Together with the Publick Law. Written in French by Monsieur Domat: And Translated into English by William Strahan, LL.D. With Additional Remarks on Some Material Differences between the Civil Law and the Law of England. London: Printed for D. Midwinter [et al.], 1737. Two volumes. xcix, [i], 670; [ii], 676, [28] pp. Main text in parallel columns. Folio (13-1/2" x 8-1/2").

Contemporary calf, gilt rules to boards, raised bands and recent period-style lettering pieces to spines. Moderate rubbing with some wear to spine ends and corners, boards beginning to separate (but secure), front free endpaper of Volume I partially detached, following endleaf completely detached, armorial bookplate (Viscount Dorone) to pastedowns of both volumes. Some toning to text, heavier toning and light foxing in places, internally clean. A handsome copy. \$1,250.

* Second English edition, "with additions." Domat's *Civil Law* is a great work that combines the materials of Roman and French law into a single system and places it on a foundation of ethical principles. "*The Civil Law in its Natural Order*, considering the age and the circumstances in which it was written, is a truly wonderful performance. His method is excellent, and his matter clear, exact, and comprehensive. Pothier, and other continental jurists, have drawn largely upon him to assist their own labors" (Marvin). Holdsworth says this edition is better than Wood's incomplete 1705 translation. "Strahan's translation...is a very much more considerable book, both as a book on Roman law, and, by reason of the translator's notes, as a book on comparative law.": Holdsworth, *History of English Law* XII:428. Marvin, *Legal Bibliography* 271. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T96069.



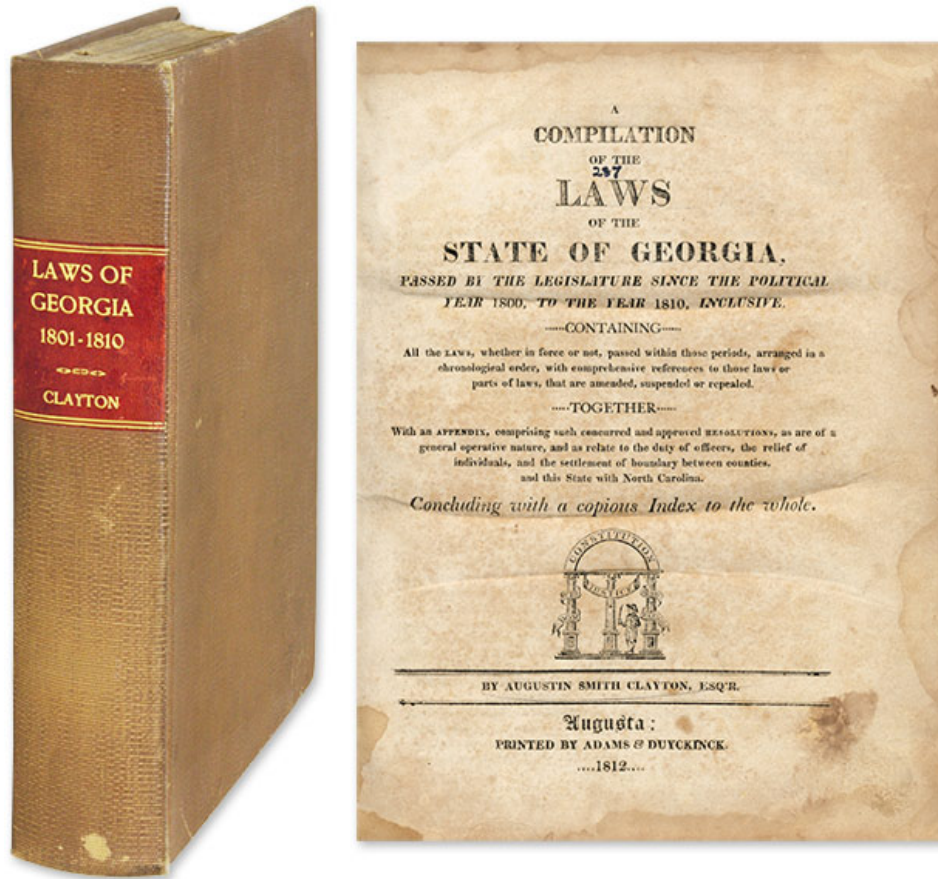
Expanded Edition of Dugdale's *Origines Juridiciales*

5. Dugdale, William [1605-1686].

Origines Juridiciales, or Historical Memorials of the English Laws, Courts of Justice, Forms of Tryal, Punishments in Cases Criminal, Law-Writers, Law-Books, Grants and Settlements of Estates, Degree of Serjeant, Innes of Court and Chancery. Also a Chronologie of the Lord Chancelors and Keepers of the Great Seal, Lord Treasurers, Justices Itinerant, Justices of the Kings Bench and Common Pleas, Barons of the Exchequer, Masters of the Rolls, Kings Attorneys and Sollicitors, and Serjeants at Law. [London]: Printed by Tho. Newcomb, for Abel Roper, John Martin, and Henry Herringman, 1671. [viii], 336, [4], 117, [3] pp. Copperplate coats-of-arms and heraldic devices, 6 portrait plates (of Crew, Heath, Clenche, Coke, Hide and Bridgeman). Main text in parallel columns. Folio (13-3/4" x 8-3/4").

Contemporary calf, gilt spine with raised bands and lettering piece, speckled edges. Moderate rubbing with wear to spine ends and corners, which are bumped, front board just beginning to separate but still quite secure, rear joint starting at ends, rear hinge cracked but secure, early armorial bookplates to front pastedown and verso of title page, front free endpaper detached. Title page printed in red and black. Light toning in places, interior otherwise fresh. \$750.

* Second edition, with additions. Dugdale's *Origines* provides a wealth of information about the sources of English law and the early history of English legal institutions, including the Inns of Court, on which it is a chief authority. It is a well-documented work: sources of manuscripts are listed, and, in many instances, the sources of the information for the printed book entries are given. (Chapter 24 is a list of Law-Books and Treatises of Uncertain Times.) Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 1:22 (13). *English Short-Title Catalogue* R225633.



1812 Compilation of Georgia Law

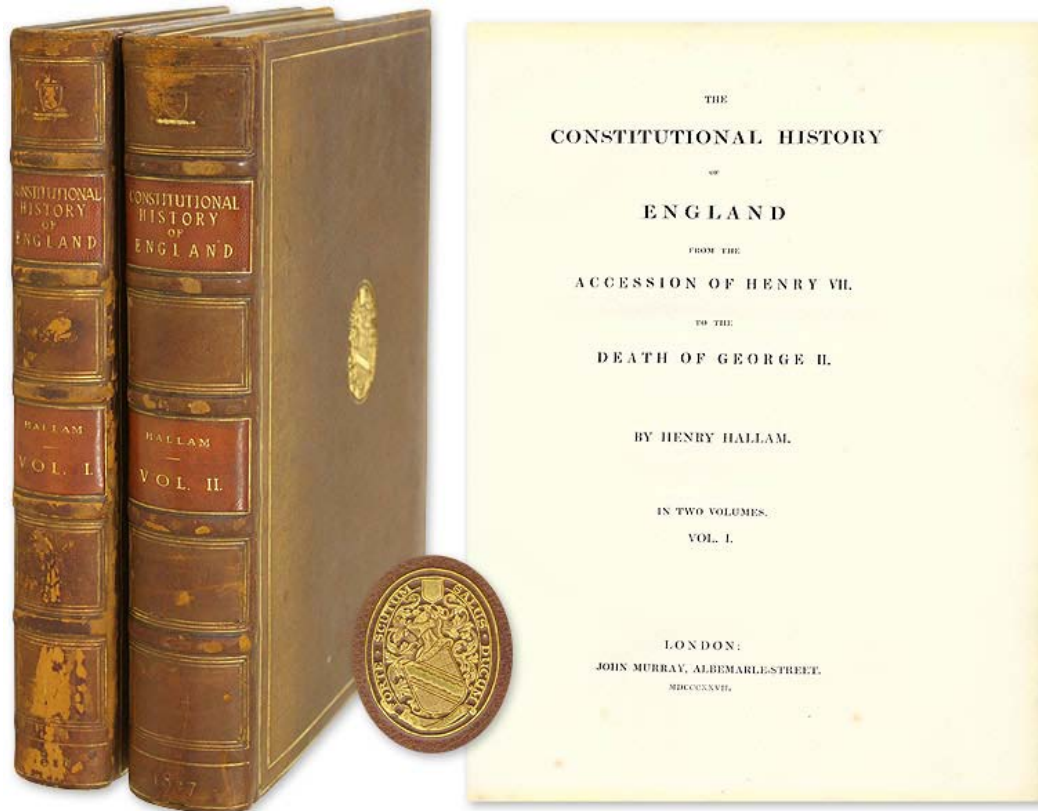
6. [Georgia].

Clayton, Augustin Smith, Compiler.

A Compilation of the Laws of the State of Georgia, Passed by the Legislature Since the Political Year 1800, To the Year 1810, Inclusive. Containing All the Laws, Whether in Force or Not, Passed Within Those Periods, Arranged in a Chronological Order, With Comprehensive References to Those Laws or Parts of Laws, That are Amended, Suspended or Repealed: Together with an Appendix, Comprising Such Concurred and Approved Resolutions, As Are of a General Operative Nature, And as Relate to the Duty of Officers, The Relief of Individuals, And the Settlement of Boundary Between Counties, And this State with North Carolina: Concluding with a Copious Index to the Whole. Augusta: Printed by Adams & Duyckinck, 1812. [vi], 708, [20] pp. Includes four pages of testimonials. Quarto (10" x 8").

Later buckram, calf lettering piece to spine, endpapers renewed. Some rubbing to extremities, light fading to spine, later owner bookplates to front pastedown and free endpaper, one of Ellis Merton Coulter. Light browning and foxing to text, occasional dampstaining. Early annotations to front endleaf, interior otherwise clean. A solid copy with a nice provenance. \$1,000.

*First edition. This was the third digest of Georgia state laws, preceded by others from 1801 and 1802. It is digested alphabetically by topic. Coulter [1890-1981] was a notable American historian of the South and a founding member of the Southern Historical Association. He was known for his glorification of the Old South, belief in white supremacy and segregation. *Catalogue of the Wymberley Jones De Renne Georgia Library* 1:346. Babbitt, *Hand-List of Legislative Sessions and Session Laws* 86.



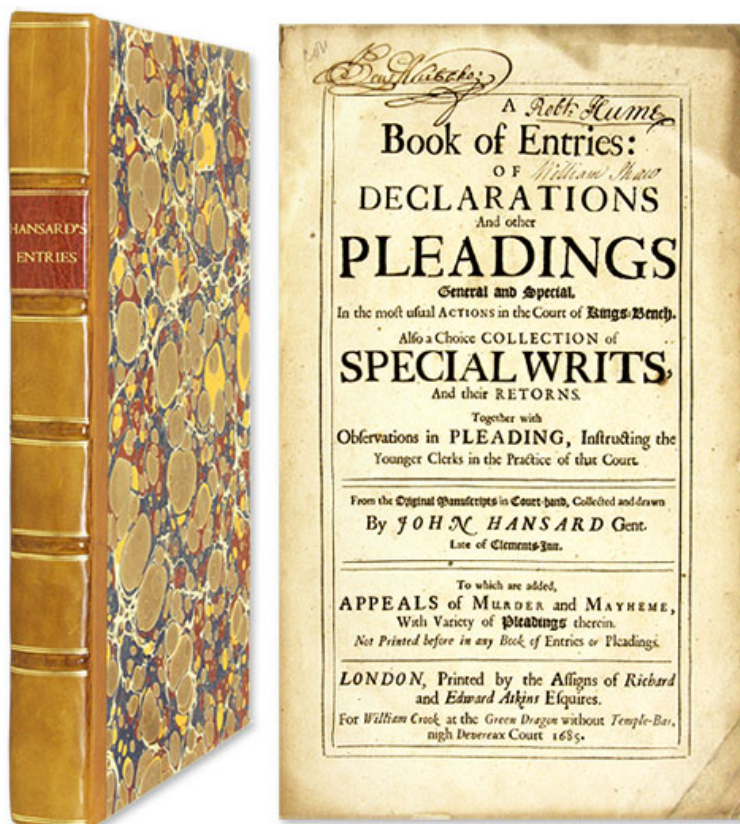
True First Edition of Hallam's *Constitutional History of England*

7. Hallam, Henry [1777-1859].

The Constitutional History of England from the Accession of Henry VII to the Death of George II. London: John Murray, 1827. Two volumes. xvi, 615; vii, 828 pp. Quarto (11" x 9").

Later signed calf binding by John Rumpus, Oxford. Gilt rules to boards, unidentified owner crest to front boards, raised bands and gilt titles to spines, top edges gilt. Light rubbing to extremities, a few minor marks to boards, light fading to edges of boards in a couple of places. Light foxing to a few leaves, interior otherwise fresh. A handsome copy of a scarce edition. \$750.

* First edition. This classic study of the constitutional history of England from 1485 to 1760 was "long the standard work on the subject, and only surpassed one hundred years after its initial publication" (Marke). It was originally issued in a small press run in quarto format. An octavo edition was published later that year. As one would suspect, the quarto editions are quite scarce today. Marke, *A Catalogue of the Law Collection at New York University* (1953) 365. *British Museum Catalogue* (Compact Edition) 11:533.



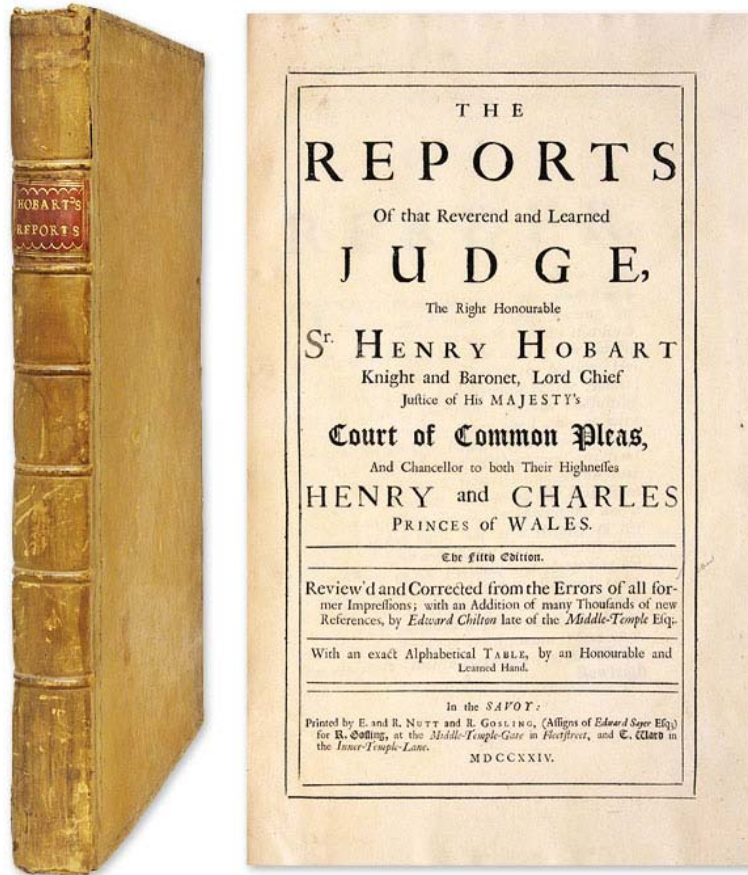
Includes "Appeals of Murder and Mayheme"

8. Hansard, John, Compiler.

A Book Of Entries: Of Declarations and Other Pleadings General and Special, In the Most Usual Actions in the Court of Kings-Bench. Also a Choice Collection of Special Writs, And their Returns. Together with Observations in Pleading, Instructing the Younger Clerks in the Practice of that Court. From the Original Manuscripts in Court-Hand, Collected and Drawn by John Hansard Gent. Late of Clements-Inn. To Which are Added, Appeals of Murder and Mayheme, With Variety of Pleadings Therein. Not Printed Before in Any Book of Entries or Pleadings. London: Printed by the Assigns of Richard and Edward Atkins, 1685. [xviii], 283, [1], [20] pp. Folio (12" x 7-1/2").

Recent period-style quarter calf over marbled boards, gilt-edged raised bands and lettering piece to spine, endpapers renewed. Light browning to text. Two eighteenth-century signatures of (of Robert Hume and one other) and another nineteenth-century signature (of William Shaw) to title page, interior otherwise clean. \$400.

* Only edition. Little seems to be known about Hansard and he did not appear to publish any other works. The ESTC lists the final collation as [21], but the collation of the multiple listings in OCLC are identical to our copy. Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 1:270 (76).



Important Edition of Hobart's Reports

9. Hobart, Henry [d. 1625], Reporter.

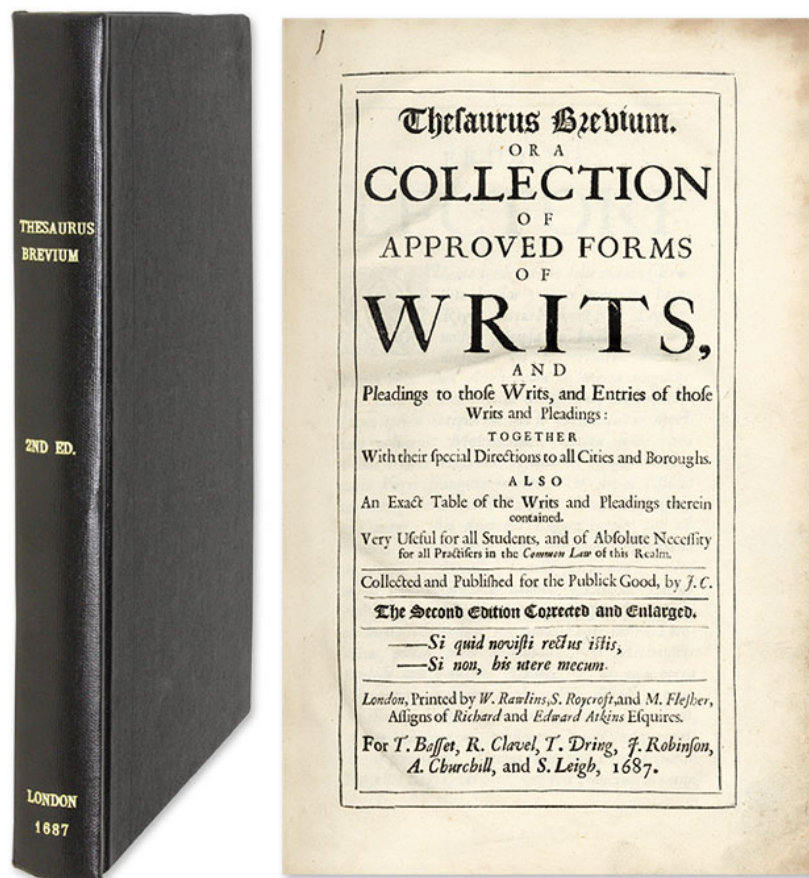
Chilton, Edward, Editor.

[Nottingham, Heneage Finch, Earl of (1621-1682)].

The Reports of that Reverend and Learned Judge, The Right Honourable Sr. Henry Hobart Knight and Baronet, Lord Chief Justice of His Majesty's Court of Common Pleas, And Chancellor of Both Their Highnesses Henry and Charles Princes of Wales. Review'd and Corrected From the Errors of All Former Impressions; With an Addition of Many Thousands of New References, By Edward Chilton late of the Middle Temple Esq;. With an Exact Alphabetical Table, By an Honourable and Learned Hand. [London]: Printed by E. and R. Nutt and R. Gosling, 1724. [xiv], 350, [64] pp. Folio (13-1/2" x 8-1/2").

Contemporary calf, blind fillets to boards, raised bands and lettering piece to spine. Some rubbing to extremities with some wear to corners, light chipping to spine ends, joints starting at ends, front hinge cracked, minor worming to margins of final few leaves, interior notably fresh. \$300.

* Final British edition (followed by an important American edition in 1829) and the only British edition to be revised, quite substantially at that. It passed through six editions, unaltered, from 1641 to 1683. Hobart was Coke's successor as chief justice. These reports (in English), which have long been accepted as the standard source for the period, cover cases in King's Bench, Common Pleas, and the Star Chamber from 1603 to 1625, with some cases from the reign of Queen Elizabeth. Wallace, *The Reporters* 229.



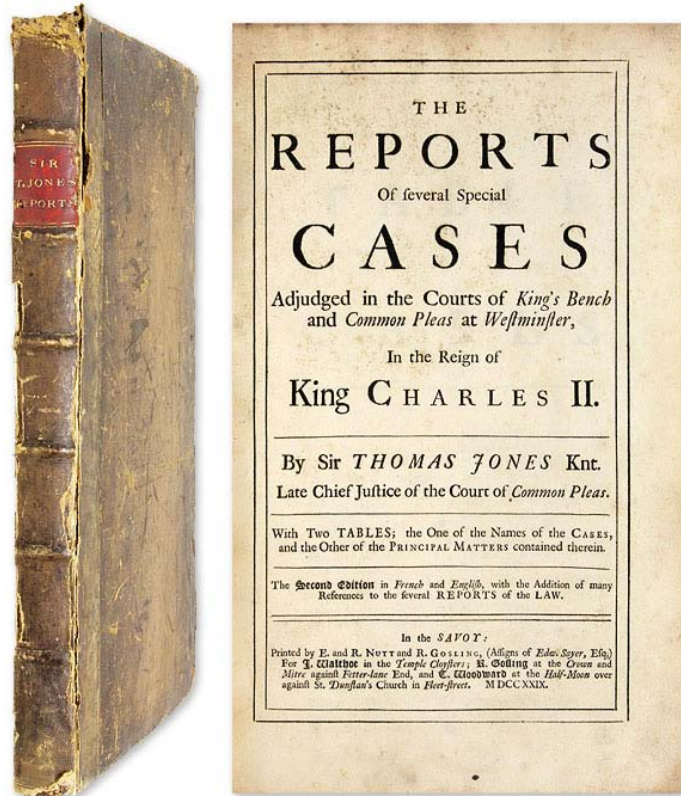
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10. J.C., Compiler.

Thesaurus Brevium, Or a Collection of Approved Forms of Writs and Entries of Those Writs and Pleadings: Together with Their Special Directions to All Cities and Boroughs. Also an Exact Table of the Writs and Pleadings Therein Contained. Very Useful for All Students, And of Absolute Necessity for All Practisers in the Common Law of this Realm. Collected and Published for the Publick Good, by J.C. London: Printed by W. Rawlins, S. Roycroft, and M. Flesher, 1687. [xxxii], 310, [82] pp. Folio (11-1/2" x 7-1/2").

Recent black library buckram, gilt title to spine, endpapers renewed. Some toning to text, light edgewear to preliminaries, minor worming to margins of a few leaves, internally clean. \$300.

* Second and final edition, corrected and enlarged, of a work first published in 1661. This appears to have been a fairly durable and well-regarded work. Thomas Jefferson owned a copy of this edition, and it is listed in Marvin's selective *Legal Bibliography*. Sowerby, *Catalogue of the Library of Thomas Jefferson* 1881. Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 1:265.



"A Work of Very Reputable Authority"

11. Jones, Sir Thomas [1614-1692].

The Reports of Several Special Cases Adjudged in the Courts of King's Bench and Common Pleas at Westminster, In the Reign of King Charles II. With Two Tables; The One of the Names of the Cases, And the Other of the Principal Matters Contained Therein. [London]: Printed for E. and R. Nutt and R. Gosling, 1729. [xvi], 254, [17] pp. Main text in parallel columns. Folio (13-1/2" x 8-1/2").

Contemporary calf with early rebacking, raised bands and lettering piece to spine, endpapers renewed. Moderate rubbing, corners worn, chipping to spine ends, boards detached, later bookplates (of C.A. Russell and H. Barrs Davies) to front pastedown. Light toning to text, foxing to a few leaves, internally clean. \$200.

* Second, final and best edition. Wallace calls this reporter, which covers the years 1667 to 1685, "a work of very reputable authority." It is held in equal regard by Holdsworth. Jones was a judge of King's Bench and chief justice of Common Pleas. The text here is in both law French and English, in parallel columns. Hargrave made a new English translation some years later, but it was never published. Wallace, *The Reporters* 343. Holdsworth, *History of English Law* VI:552, 561.



Edition of the *Code* with Important Notes by Denis Godefroy

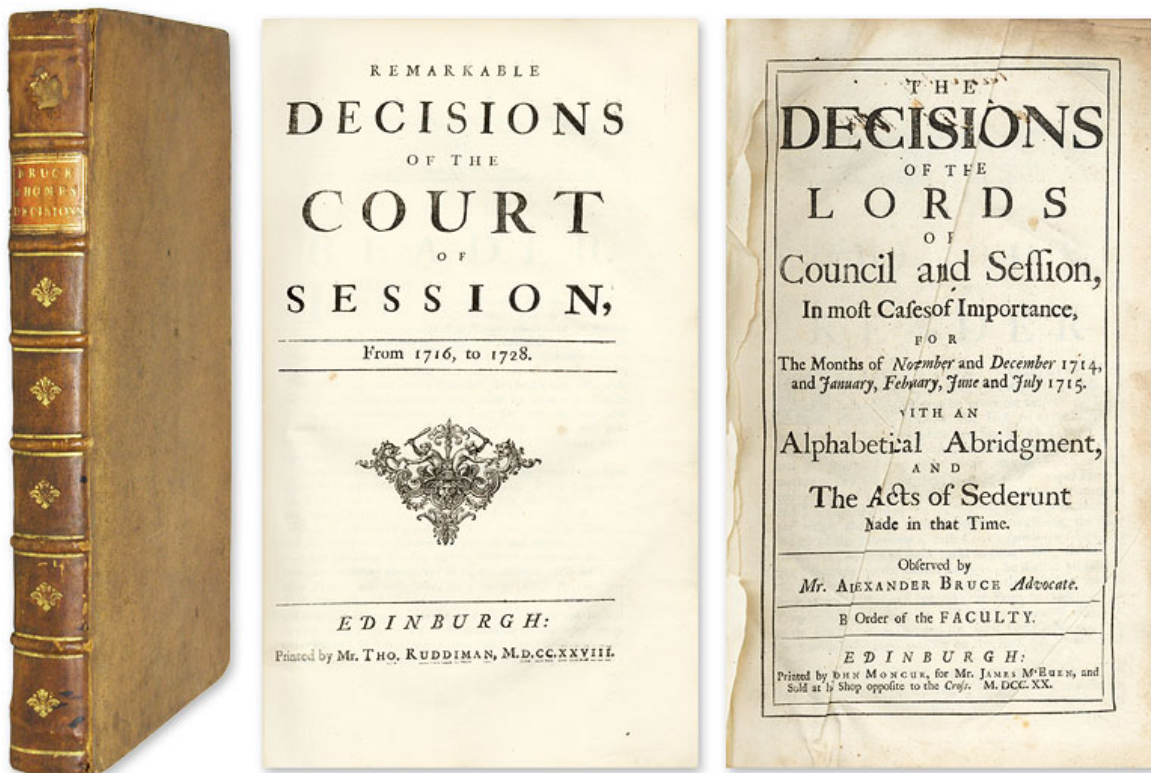
12. Justinian I (483-565 CE), Emperor of the East.

Godefroy, Denis [1549-1622], Editor and Annotator.

Codicis Dn. Justiniani Sacratissimi Principis Pp. Aug. Repetitæ Praelectionis Libri XII. Postrema Editio Prioribus Auctior et Emendatio. Frankfurt: Sumpibus Societatis. Imprimebat Balthas. Christoph. Wust., 1688. [xvi] pp, 282 columns. Quarto (10" x 8").

Contemporary vellum, early hand-lettered title to spine, ties lacking. Moderate soiling and staining, cracks at beginning and end of text block, some wear, creases, soiling and minor tears to edges of preliminaries, occasional light foxing. Attractive woodcut title-page printer device, head-pieces, tail-pieces and decorated initials. Early owner signature to title page, brief annotations to a few leaves, interior otherwise clean. Handsome. \$300.

* With an index of titles and Godefroy's edition of the Twelve Tables, *Constitutiones Friderici II*, *Extravagantes*, *Liber de Pace Constantiae* and *Epitome Feudorum*. Commissioned by the Emperor Justinian in 530 CE, the body of writings known collectively as the *Corpus Juris Civilis* preserved and restated all existing Roman law. Compiled in three years under the direction of Tribonius, it was both a critical restatement of earlier law and jurisprudential writings and a complete collection of recent legislation. It is divided into four books, the *Institutes*, *Digest*, *Code* and *Novels*. The *Code* contains the laws in force during Justinian's reign. It is divided into 12 books. Book 1 deals with ecclesiastical law, the sources of law, and the duties of high officials. Books 2-8 deal with private law. Book 9 deals with criminal law. Books 10-12 deal with administrative law. It received a great deal of commentary during the medieval and early modern eras. That of Denis Godefroy was influential well into the twentieth century. Godefroy was a jurist, humanist, historian, scholar of Roman law and professor at the Universities of Geneva and Heidelberg. He was also the first to apply the collective name *Corpus Juris Civilis* to Justinian's works. This edition not in the *British Museum Catalogue*.



First Edition of Lord Kames's First Publication

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

Remarkable Decisions Of The Court Of Session, From 1716, to 1728. Edinburgh: Printed by Mr. Tho. Ruddiman, 1728. iv, 287, [1], xx pp.

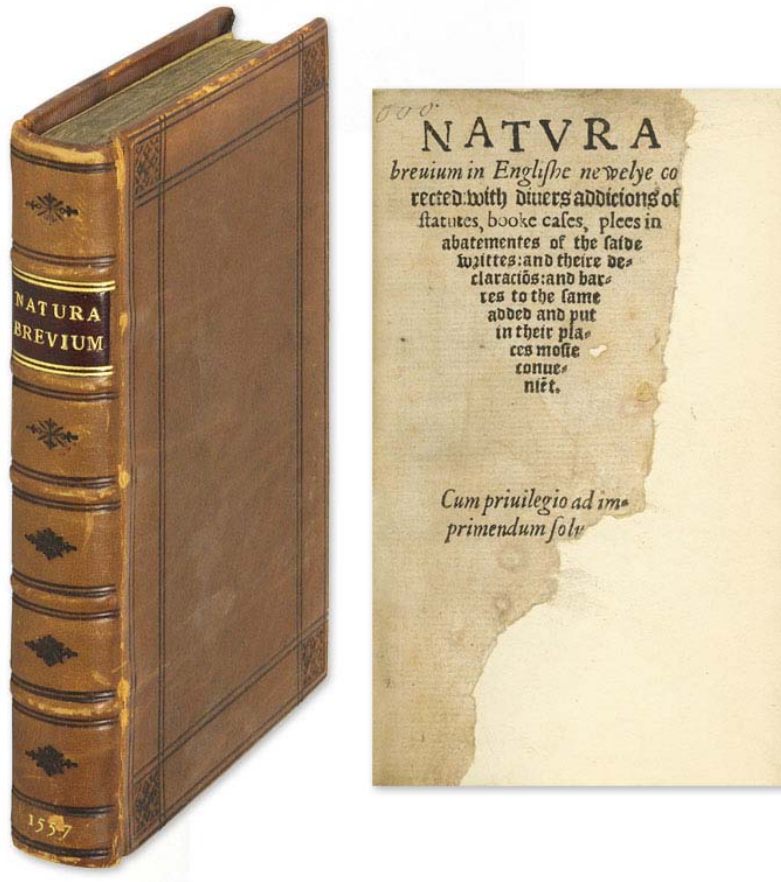
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Bruce, Alexander [d. 1729], Reporter.

The Decisions Of The Lords Of Council And Session, In Most Cases of Importance, For the Months of November and December 1714, And January, February, June and July, 1715. With an Alphabetical Abridgment, And the Acts of Sederunt Made in that Time. Edinburgh: Printed by John Moncur for James M'Euen, 1720. vi [i.e. iv], 178, 14 pp.

Folio (11-1/2" x 7"). Contemporary speckled calf, raised bands, lettering piece and gilt ornaments to spine, free endpapers lacking. Some rubbing to extremities, joints starting at ends, light toning to text. Early owner signature to front free endpaper, interior otherwise clean. An appealing copy. \$1,500.

* First edition. This was Kames's first publication and an auspicious beginning to a long and successful publishing career. Admitted to the Scottish Bar in 1724, Kames was initially "not very successful. In 1728, however, he published his 'Remarkable Decisions ...,' a carefully executed work, which drew attention to (his) abilities. From this time his progress was assured" (DNB). Some copies were issued with a 6-page preface; this one was not, nor were two other copies we have handled; the copy in the British Library and the entry in the NUC also omit the preface. Whether this represents the "normal issue" is undetermined, but by no means is it uncommon. *Dictionary of National Biography* IX:1126. Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 5:57 (listing Kames's continuation of these reports to 1752). Wallace, *The Reporters* 553.



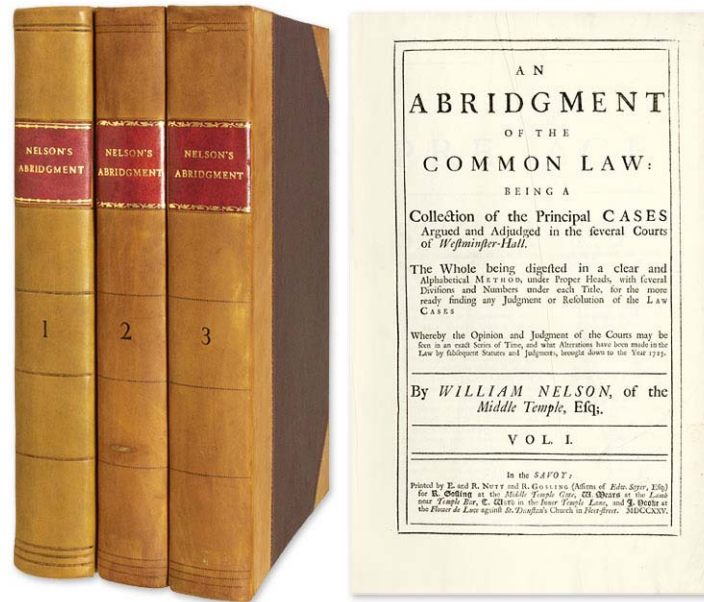
A Scarce *Natura Brevium*, Beale T105a

14. [*Natura Brevium*].

Natura Brevium in Englishe Newely Corrected: With Diuers Addicions of Statutes, Booke Cases, Plices in Abatements of the Saide Writtes: And Their Declaracio[n]s: And Barres to the Same Added and Put in Their Places Moste Conuenie[n]t. [London: In Flete Stret within Temple Barre, At the Sygne of the Hand and Starre, By Rychard Tottill, Ye xxvii Daie of Februarye, Anno Domini, 1557]. 180, [3] ff. Octavo (5-1/2" x 3-1/2").

Nineteenth-century calf, blind rules and corner fleurons to boards, raised bands lettering piece and blind ornaments to spine, early hand-lettered title to fore-edge, marbled endpapers. Light rubbing to extremities, title page, which is missing most of its fore-edge and lower corner with minor loss to text, re-hinged and mounted. Toning, (very) faint dampstaining to lower half of text block, internally clean. \$2,950.

*With table. Text mostly in English, translated from Law French; some text in Latin. A cornerstone of the common law, the *Natura Brevium* is a selection of writs, with commentary, based on the *Registrum Brevium* dating from the reign of Edward III. The first printed edition of the *Natura Brevium* was published in 1494 by Richard Pynson. After Sir Anthony Fitzherbert published his *New Natura Brevium* in 1534 it was referred to as the *Old Natura Brevium*. The ESTC lists three variants of this title, with five copies found worldwide of our variant here. OCLC locates 12 of all three, 5 in North American law libraries (Columbia, Harvard, Library of Congress, Minnesota State Law Library, Yale). *English Short-Title Catalogue* S105959. Beale, *A Bibliography of Early English Law Books* T105a.



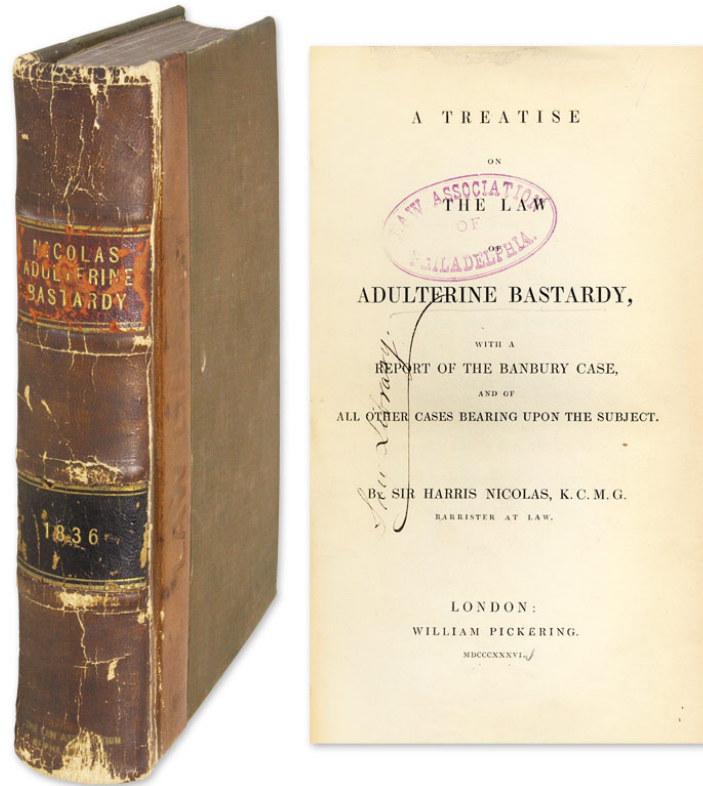
Nelson's Abridgment

15. Nelson, William [b. 1653].

An Abridgment of the Common Law: Being a Collection of the Principal Cases Argued and Adjudged in the Several Courts of Westminster-Hall. The Whole Being Digested in a Clear and Alphabetical Method, Under Proper Heads, With Several Divisions and Numbers Under Each Title, For the More Ready Finding and Judgment or Resolution of the Law Cases. Whereby the Opinion and Judgment of the Courts May be Seen in an Exact Series of Time, And What Alterations Have Been Made in the Law by Subsequent Statutes and Judgments, Brought Down to the Year 1725. [London]: Printed by E. and R. Nutt and R. Gosling, 1725-1726. Three volumes. [xviii], 706; [xiv], 1304; [xii], 576, [111] pp. Folio (13-3/4" x 9").

Later three-quarter calf over textured cloth, lettering pieces and rules to spines, endpapers renewed. (Volume 1, bound at a later date, is a very close match, but not exact.) Light rubbing and a few minor scuffs to extremities. Faint dampstaining, dampspotting and early owner annotations and signatures to preliminaries, interiors otherwise fresh. \$1,500.

* Only edition. Nelson intended this work to serve the needs of the student and lawyer, but he attempted to abridge cases with such "clearness and perspicuity" that they could be understood by the "common reader" (Preface). He assumed it would be used in conjunction with the abridgments of Brooke and Fitzherbert, so he did not include cases that are in those two works. Nelson was a versatile and gifted legal writer. In addition to his abridgment he published a notable JP Manual, treatises on forest law and evidence and editions of Dalton's *Country Justice*, Blount's *Nomo Lexicon* and Manwood's *Laws of the Forest*. Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 1:19 (17).



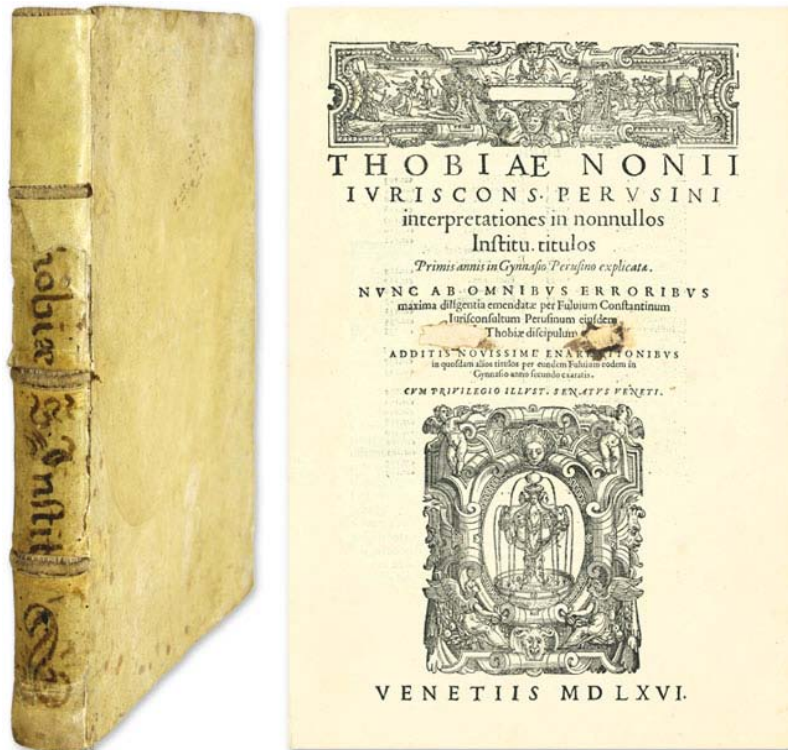
Scarce Treatise on Illegitimacy

16. Nicolas, Sir Harris [1799-1848].

A Treatise on the Law of Adulterine Bastardy, With a Report of the Banbury Case, and of All Other Cases Bearing Upon the Subject. London: William Pickering, 1836. xvi, 588, 8 pp. Includes an eight-page descriptive catalogue of the author's works. Octavo (9" x 5-1/2").

Somewhat later quarter sheep over cloth, raised bands and lettering pieces to spine, hinges reinforced, endpapers renewed. Moderate rubbing to spine and extremities, a few small chips to fore-edge of front free endpaper and half-title, which is partially detached but secure. Light toning to text, internally clean. Ex-library. Embossed stamp to front board, small inkstamp and inscription to title page. A solid copy. \$200.

* With index and side-notes. "The following treatise is the first attempt to collect all the authorities and decisions on the law of legitimacy in this country, and to deduce from them the history and present state of the law on that important subject. (...) The author of this volume deceives himself, if a perusal of it will not convince the profession of two facts, either of which would justify its publication; first, that the law has undergone important changes, in consequence of a *mistaken* view having been taken of previous authorities; and secondly, that there are not sufficient grounds for the opinions which now prevail respecting the law on the subject" (Preface, vii-viii). The Banbury Case concerns a peerage claim by William Knollys [1763-1834], the natural son of the Earl of Banbury. Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 2:257.



Commentaries on the *Institutes*

17. Nonio, Tobio [1528-1570].

Constantini, Fulvio [d. 1590], Editor.

Interpretationes in Nonnullos Instituti. Titulos Primis Annis in Gymnasio Perusino Explicatae. Nunc ab Omnibus Erroribus Maxima Diligentia Emendatae per Fulvium Constantinum. Additis Novissime Enarrationibus in Quosdam alios Titulos per Eundem Fulvium Eodem in Gymnasio Anno Secundo Exaratis. Venice: Apud Cominum de Tridino, Montisferrati], 1566. [x], 164 fols. Main text printed in parallel columns. Folio (12" x 8-1/2").

Contemporary vellum, raised bands and early hand-lettered title to spine, ties lacking. Some rubbing to extremities, faint staining and a few minor scuffs to boards, early annotation to front. Later vellum repairs to backstrip, joints and hinges partially cracked but secure, cords exposed, minor worming to pastedowns. Large woodcut title vignettes, woodcut decorated initials. Toning, light browning in a few places. Early underlining, check marks and ink stains to a few leaves, interior otherwise clean. A nice copy. \$750.

* First edition. Based on a series of lectures, this analysis of various points from the titles "De Testamentis," "De Exheredatione Liberorum," "De Obligationibus," "Quibus Modis Re Contrahitur Obligatio" and "De Verborum Obligatione" of the *Institutes*. It went through three subsequent editions, the final in 1586. Nonio was a lawyer and professor at the University of Perugia. *Censimento Nazionale Delle Edizioni Italiane del XVI Secolo* CNCE 41448.



Early Edition of Plowden's Reports - This Edition in Jefferson's Library

18. Plowden, Edmund [1518-1585].

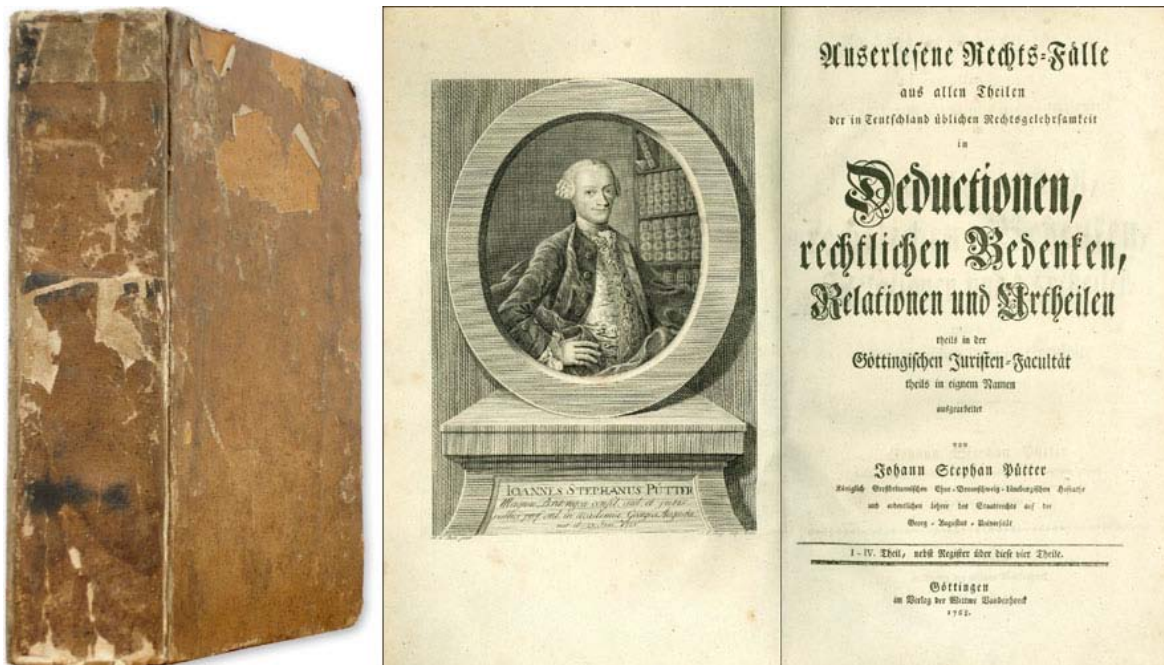
Les Commentaries, Ou Reportes de Edmund Plowden un Apprentice de le Comen Ley, De Divers Cases Esteants Matters en Ley, & de les Arguments sur Yceux, En les Temps des Raygnes le Roye Edwarde le Size, Le Roigne Mary, Le Roy & Roigne Phillip & Mary, & Le Roigne Elizabeth. Ouesque un Table Perfect des Choses Notables Contenus en Ycell, Novelment Compose per William Fletewoode Recorder de Loundres, & Iammes cy Devaunt Imprime. Auxy vous Aves in cest Impression Plusors Bone Notes en le Mergent per Tout le Lyeur, En Queux les Cases sont Referre al Abridgement de Brooke, & Les Lyeurs del Termes, & As Auters Lyeurs del Comen Ley, Queux Notes Sont Imprimees en un Greinder Letter, q[ue] les notes Escrites per Master Plowden le Reporter Mesme, A le Fine que Chescun Poet Sacher, Queux Notes le Reporter ad Escrye, & Queux sont Addees per Auter de Puisne Temps. [London]: In Aedibus Richardi Tottelli, Octobris 20, 1578. [vi], 12, 401, [1] ff. Woodcut table (of consanguinity).

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Cy Ensouent Certeyne Cases Reportes per Edmund Plowden un Apprentice de le Commen Ley, Puis le Primer Imprimier de ses Commentaries, & Ore a le Seconde Imprimier de les Dits Commentaries a Ceo Addees. Ouesque un Table en Fine de cest Lieur des Toutez les Principall Cases, Cibien en le Dist Premier Lieur des Commentaries, Come de les Cases icy de Novel Addees, Iammes Devaunt Imprimee. [London: In Aedibus Richardi Tottelli, 1579]. [i], 403-562, 562-565, [5], [6], [1], 15 ff.

Two parts in one, each with title page. Small folio (10-3/4" x 6-3/4"). Recent period-style paneled calf, raised bands and lettering piece to spine, endpapers renewed. Negligible light rubbing to extremities. Title pages printed within woodcut architectural borders, attractive woodcut decorated initials. Moderate toning to text, faint dampstaining in places, corners of a few leaves chipped with (very) minor loss to text, edges of title page, which were trimmed close, somewhat edgeworn with some loss, edges of a few leaves repaired. Small early struck-through signature to title page, contemporary annotations to a few leaves, a few eighteenth-century annotations to title page, rear endleaf and a few other places, interior otherwise clean. A solid copy. \$2,000.

* Second editions. First published in 1571 and covering the period of 1550-1580, Plowden's *Reports* marks the transition away from the cumulative method of Year Books to one based on exposition and commentary. They were the first set of law reports to be published in a reporter's lifetime and under his own name. In most respects they were a forerunner of the modern law report. Plowden, a Catholic, achieved a great professional reputation and was esteemed as one of the most learned lawyers of his time. He became an M.P. during Queen Mary's reign, but was gradually pushed out of public life after Queen Elizabeth's accession due to his religion. His reports retained their standing, however, and were often translated and reprinted. Coke held them in high regard. Wallace says "In every sort of professional excellence [they] rank among the best Reports of any age." Part II concludes with two sections with individual Beale listings, "Un Report Fait per un Uncerteine Authour" and "The Table for the Second Part of the Commentaries Devised by William Fleetwood" (R486, R488). Most of the annotations are brief glosses, but some are long and analytical. The ESTC calls for a folding table in *Les Commentaries*. This is an error. Wallace, *The Reporters* 143. Sowerby, *Catalogue of the Library of Thomas Jefferson* 2026. Beale, *Bibliography of Early English Law Books* R485, R486, R488. *English Short-Title-Catalogue* S115947, S115909.



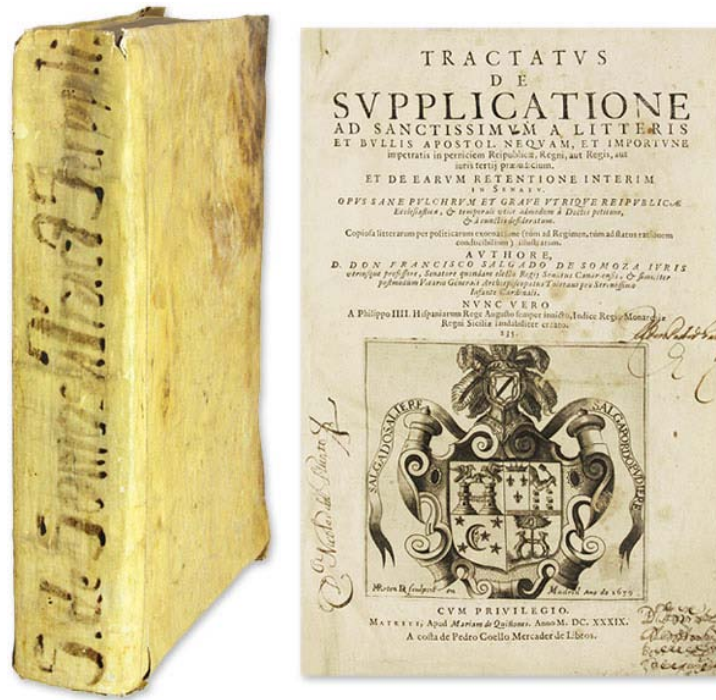
The Leading Expositor of German Public Law of the Holy Roman Empire

19. Putter, Johann Stephan [1725-1807].

Auserlesene Rechts-Fälle aus allen Theilen der Teutschland Ublichen Rechtsgelehrsamkeit in Deductionen, Rechlichen Bedenken, Relationen und Urtheilen. Göttingen: In Verlag Vandenhoecks Wittwe, 1768. Four parts (of fifteen) in one volume with continuous pagination, each part has title page with original imprint date (1760, 1767, 1767, 1768). [xii], 276; [x], [277]-554; [viii], [555]-828; [xvi], [829]-1096, [52] pp. Main text in parallel columns. Copperplate portrait frontispiece. Five folding charts. Folio (13" x 9").

Contemporary speckled paper boards, spine label lacking. Scuffs to boards, moderate wear to board edges, spine ends, joints and corners. Light foxing to preliminaries, light toning to text, internally clean. \$200.

* Only edition. Putter was the leading important expositor of German public law of the Holy Roman Empire. He disentangled the early German law from its many linguistic and structural difficulties, putting it in a form which "by virtue of its grace, rationality and elegance rises above ponderous structure of the old Reich" (Seligman and Johnson). *Auserlesene Rechts-Fälle* is a well-indexed compilation of consilia and other legal opinions. Complete in itself with two general indexes, our volume contains the first four parts of a fifteen-part work published in four volumes in 1768, 1774, 1778 and 1809. Each part is dated, which gives the work the character of a serial publication. Seligman and Johnson, *Encyclopedia of the Social Sciences* XIV:7.



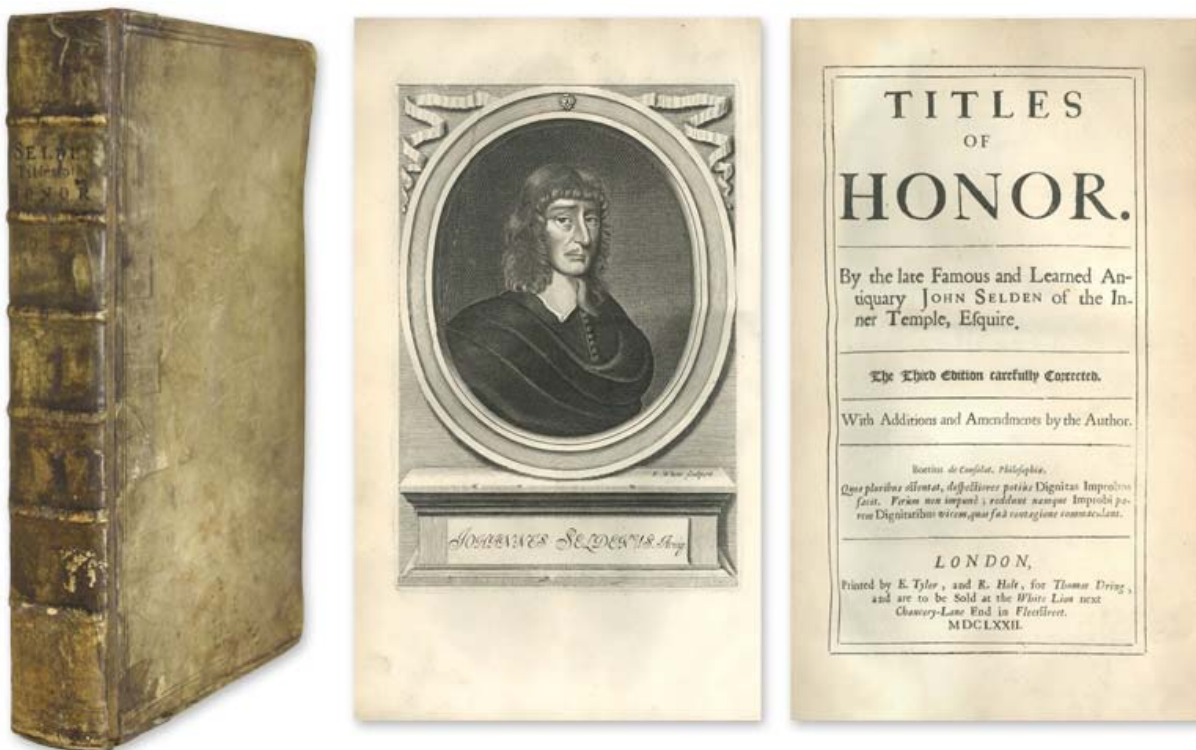
The Unexpurgated First Edition of a Notable Treatise on Royal Authority and the Church

20. Salgado de Somoza, Francisco.

Tractatus de Supplicatione ad Sanctissimum a Litteris et Bullis Apostol. Nequam, Et Importune Impetratis in Perniciem Reipublicae, Regni, Aut regis, Aut Iuris Tertii Praejudicium: Et de Earum Retentione Interim in Senatu. Opus Sane Pulchrum et Grave Utrique Reipublicae Ecclesiasticae, & Temporali Utile Admodum a Doctis Petitum, & Acunctis Desideratum. Copiosa Litterarum per Politicarum Exornatione (Tum ad Regimen, Tum ad Status Rationem Conducibilium) Illustratum. Madrid: Apud Mariam de Quinones, 1639. [xvii], 350, [101] ff. Main text in parallel columns. Folio (11-1/4" x 8").

Contemporary limp vellum, large calligraphic title to spine. Light rubbing and a few minor chips to extremities, stain to upper corner of front cover, free endpapers lacking. Large copperplate arms to title page, woodcut decorated initials. Light toning to text, occasional light foxing. Minor stains, early signatures and annotations to title page, interior otherwise clean. \$2,000.

* First edition. Preferred for its unexpurgated text, this treatise asserts royal authority over papal bulls and apostolic letters. Other editions, edited in response to Papal censure, were published in 1664, 1758 and 1792. All are scarce in North America; OCLC locates 3 copies of the first edition (at Columbia, Harvard Law School and UC-Berkeley Law School). Palau, *Manual del Librero Hispano-Americano* 287429.



With a Eulogy for Selden by Ben Jonson

21. Selden, John [1584-1654].

Titles of Honor: By the Late Famous and Learned Antiquary John Selden. Carefully Corrected With Additions and Amendments by the Author. London: E. Tyler and R. Holt, 1672. [xxxiv], 756 pp. Copperplate portrait frontispiece, woodcuts. [xxxiv], 756 pp. Folio (12" x 9").

Contemporary vellum, blind rules and large arabesques to boards, rebacked retaining original spine with raised bands and hand-lettered title, ties lacking. Some soiling to boards, spine darkened, some wear to extremities, corners bumped and somewhat worn, hinges mended, vellum beginning to crack through pastedowns, later armorial bookplate (of Sir Harris Nicolas) to front pastedown. Wear to edges of preliminaries and final leaves. Light soiling to title page, interior otherwise fresh. A handsome copy of an uncommon work. \$500.

*Third and best edition. With a eulogy by Ben Jonson. Selden's great historical work on nobility begins with a general discussion of titles and nobility. The following chapters consider the nobility of ancient Greece and Rome, Europe, the British Isles, the Roman Catholic and Greek Orthodox Churches, the Middle East and Asia. The final chapters survey various aspects of ceremony and precedence. First published in 1614, this work went through three editions. The third is the best as it contains substantial additions. The text is complemented with numerous illustrations of court dress, insignia and maps. Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 1:208.



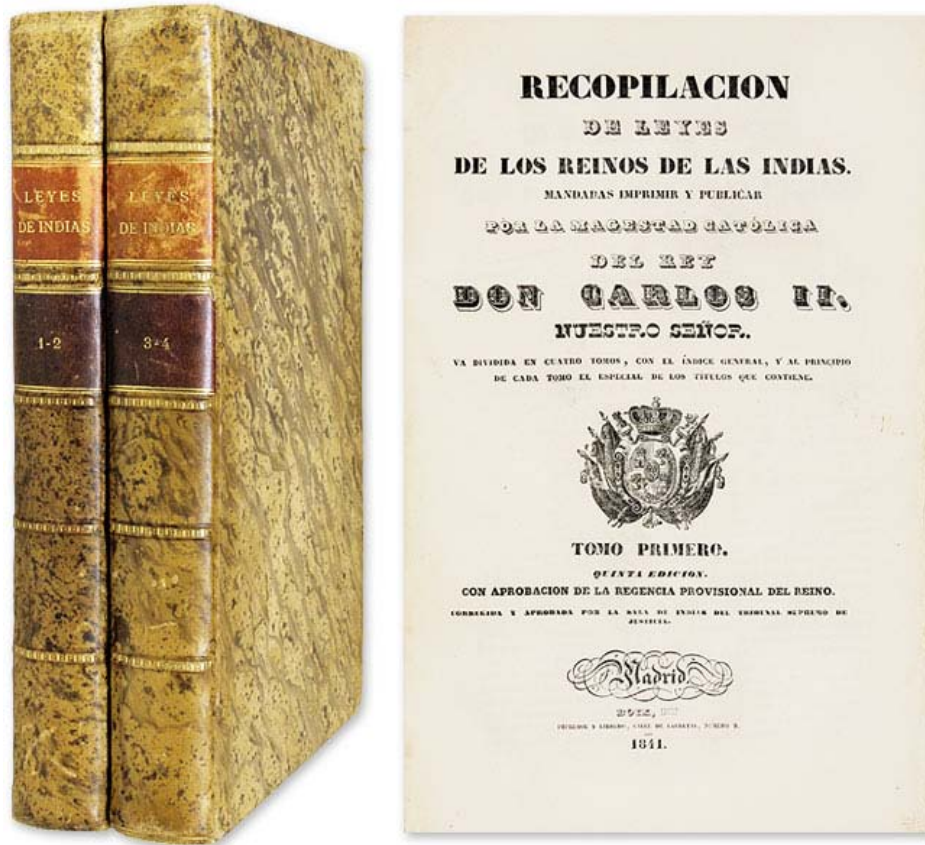
A Rare Eighteenth-Century Treatise on Italian Criminal Law

22. Seta, Joannes Baptista Ascanius.

De Officio Locumtenentis in Guberniis Sac. Consultae Tractatus: In quo Habentur Observationes & Regulae non Minus Utiles Quam Necessarie pro Iisdem Guberniis Recte Administrandis in Re Criminali & Politica; & Pro Rite Interpretandis, Extendendis, & Successive Exequendis Cunctis Rescriptis a Sac. Consulta Fieri Solitis in Causarum Criminalium Expeditionibus, Atque Provisionibus, cum Permultis Decretis, Tam Eiusdem Sac. Conf., Quam Aliarum Sac. Cong. Suis in Locis Ordine Dispositis Et Obiter de Jurisdictione Episcoporum Contra Inquisitores, & Eorum Familiares, & e Contra; Necnon Epitome Criminalis Judici. Et Tandem, In hac Secunda Editione Praedictis Adnectuntur Quamplura Vota Criminalia ad Sacram Consultam Transmissa, Eiusdemque Bannimenta Generalia. Luca: Typis Marescandoli, 1717. [viii], 307 pp. Main text in parallel columns. Folio (12" x 8").

Contemporary vellum, raised bands and early hand-lettered title to spine. Light soiling, staining and shelfwear, boards somewhat bowed, partial crack in text block between front free endpaper and title page. Woodcut head and tail-pieces. Some toning, light browning in a few places, internally clean. \$1,500.

* Second and final edition. Text in Latin and Italian. First published in 1700, this rare treatise provides a comprehensive overview of Italian criminal law, procedure and courts on the cusp of the Enlightenment. It describes the system that Beccaria hoped to reform. OCLC locates three copies in North America, all of the 1717 edition (at Princeton University and Harvard and UC-Berkeley Law Schools). Not in the *British Museum Catalogue*.



Essential Compilation of Spanish Colonial Law

23. [Spain].

Consejo de Indias.

Tribunal Supremo.

Recopilacion de Leyes de los Reinos de Las Indias. Mandadas Imprimir y Publicar por la Magestad Catolica del Rey Don Carlos II, Nuestro Senor. Va Dividida en Cuatro Tomos, Con el Indice General, Y al Principio de Cada Tomo el Especial de los Titulos que Contiene. Con Aprobacion de la Regencia Provisional del Reino. Corregida y Aprobada por la Sala de Indias del Tribunal Supremo de Justicia. Madrid: Boix, 1841. Four volumes in two books: [iv], [ii], [i], [i], 335 pp; [ii], 334 pp; [ii], 319, [1] pp; 147, 113, 105, 31 pp. Signatures 35 and 36 in Volume I (pp. 137-144) bound in reverse order. Main text in parallel columns. Folio (12" x 8").

Contemporary sheep treated to resemble tree calf, raised bands and lettering pieces to spine, marbled endpapers, colored edges. Light rubbing to extremities with light wear to corners. Light toning to text, first few leaves of Volume I repaired and reinforced along fore edges. A few owner stamps (of France [Vinton] Scholes) to preliminaries, interiors otherwise clean. A handsome copy. \$1,750.

* Fifth and final edition. First published in 1681, this is an essential compilation of the laws of the Spanish colonies and an important document of its legal mechanisms. It was drafted in 1680 to replace the often conflicting mass of local laws that had accumulated in colonial America, much of it in manuscript. A second edition appeared in 1756, a third and fourth in 1774 and 1794. Scholes was a prominent historian of colonial Latin America. Palau, *Manual del Libro Hispano-Americano* 137466.



Appealing Copy of Staunford's *Plees* and *Kinges Prerogative*

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

Les Plees del Coron, Divisees in Plusors Titles & Comon Lieux. Per Queux Home Plus Redement & Plenairement Trovera Quelque Chose quil Quira, Touchant les Dits Plees. Dernierment Corrigee Avecques un Table Parfaicte des Choses Notables Contenues en Ycelle, Nouvelment Revue et Corrige. [London]: In Aedibus Richardi Tottelli, 1574. [xiv], 198 ff.

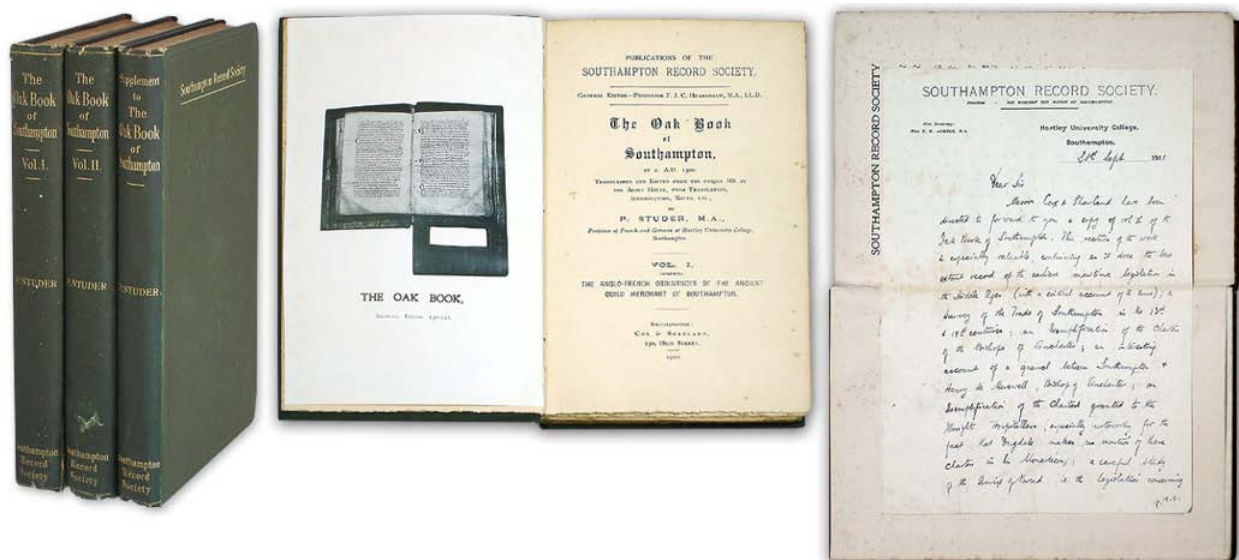
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Staunford, Sir William.

An Exposition of the Kinges Prerogative Collected Out of the Great Abridgement of Iustice Fitzherbert And Other Olde Writers of the Lawes of Englande. Whereunto is Annexed the Procees to the Same Prerogative Appertaining. [London: Imprynted...in Flete Strete Within Temple Barre...By Rychard Tottel, 1568]. [i], 85 ff.

Quarto (7-1/4" x 5-1/4"). Contemporary calf, blind frames to boards, corners mended, rebacked, raised bands and lettering pieces to spine, early hand-lettered title to fore-edge, endpapers renewed. Moderate rubbing to extremities, minor chipping to spine ends, front joint cracked, rear joint starting, cracks in text block before title page and after final index leaf. Title page of *Plees* printed within large woodcut architectural border, woodcut decorated initials to both works. Minor toning, light soiling to title pages. Later owner signature (of Wm. H. Stillingfleet, 1797) to front endleaf, notes in sixteenth and eighteenth-century hands in a few places, some affected by trimming with negligible loss. A nice copy. \$1,950.

* Later editions. First published in 1557, Staunford's *Plees* is considered a "principal book" by Pollock and Maitland, one that enables us "to trace our modern laws of crimes, from the later middle ages onwards." Based on Bracton and the Year Books, Staunford's treatise is divided into three parts. The first treats offences, the second treats jurisdiction, appeals, indictments, and defenses. The third addresses trials and convictions. *Plees* was written after Staunford was appointed judge of the common pleas in 1554. *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. Pollock and Maitland, *The History of English Law* II:448. *English Short-Title Catalogue* S117813, S117817. Beale, *A Bibliography of Early English Law Books* T489, T492.



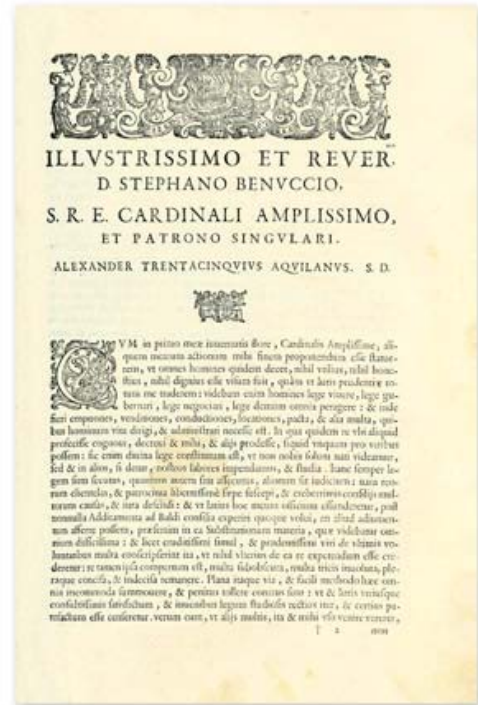
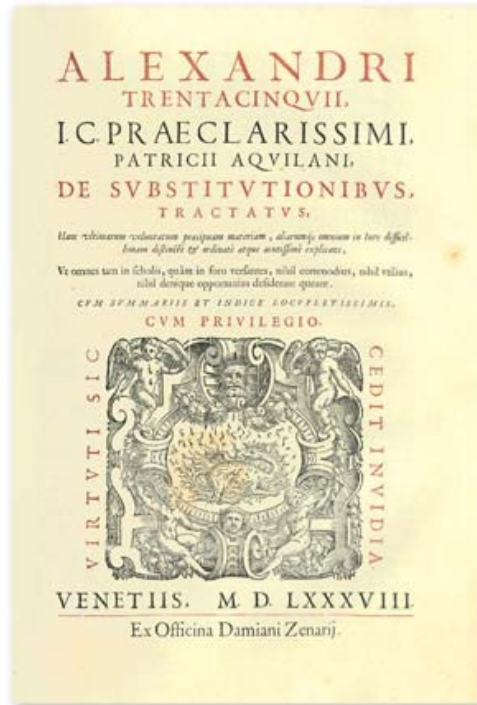
The Oak Book of Southampton

25. Studer, P[aul] [1879-1927].

The Oak Book of Southampton of c. A.D. 1300. Southampton: Cox & Sharland, 1910-1911. Three volumes. xliii, [i], 160; lxxi, [i], 175; vii, [i], 155, [1] pp. Illustrations. Facsimiles.

Cloth, gilt title to spine, floral endpapers. Light rubbing to extremities, corners bumped, light toning to interior. From the library of W.H. Jacobs, the editor of the *Hampshire Chronicle*, and sent to him by the author for review. They contain copies of his reviews and two letters from the author thanking him for the favorable reviews tipped into Volume II and the Supplement [Volume III]. \$300.

* English text translated from Latin, Anglo-Norman, and Middle English into English; critical matter in English. Volume I. Including the Anglo-French ordinances of the ancient guild merchant of Southampton; Volume II. Including a fourteenth century version of the medieval sea-laws known as the Rolls of Oleron; [Volume III]. Supplement to *The Oak book of Southampton of c. A.D. 1300.* A publication of the Southampton Record Society. Transcribed and edited from the unique MS. in the Audit House, with translation, introduction, notes, etc., by Studer.



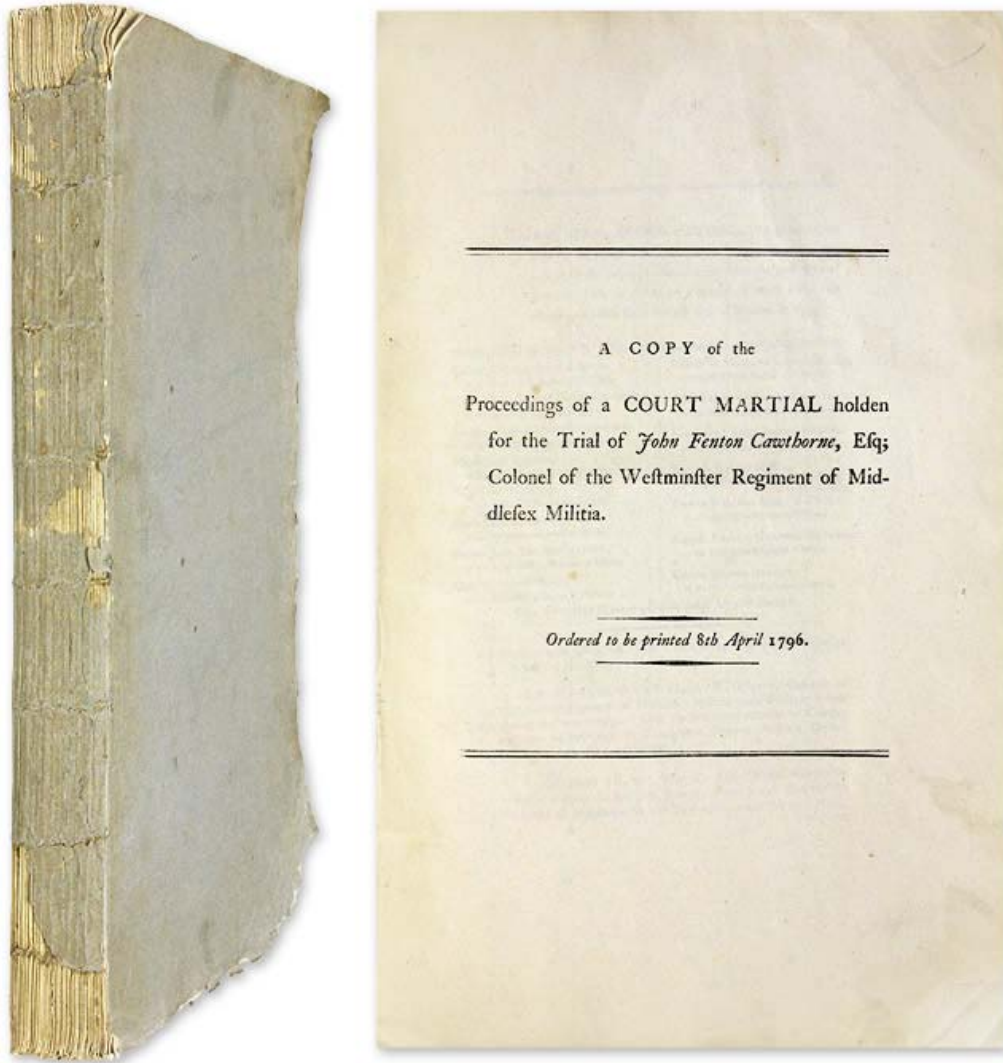
Concerns the Substitution of Heirs

26. Trentacinque, Alessandro [d. 1599].

De Substitutionibus Tractatus: Hanc Ultimatum Voluntatum Praecipuam Materiam, Aliarumque Omnium in Iure Difficillimam Distincte et Ordinate Atque Acutissime Explicans, Ut Omnes Tam in Scholis, Quam in Foro Versantes, Nihil Commodius, Nihil Utilius, Nihil Denique Opportunius Desiderare Queant. Cum Summariis et Indice Locupletissimis. Venice: Ex Officina Damiani Zenarj, 1588. [viii], 208 fols. Main text in parallel columns. Folio (12-1/2" x 9").

Contemporary vellum, raised bands and early hand-lettered title and somewhat later paper shelf label to spine. Some rubbing to extremities, rubbing to backstrip exposing bands, early vellum repairs to spine ends, joints and front hinge partially cracked but secure, minor worming to pastedowns. Title page with large woodcut vignette printed in red and black, woodcut head-piece and decorated initials. Small chips to fore-edges and faint stains of preliminaries. Toning to text, internally clean. \$500.

* Only edition. Trentacinque, a gentleman scholar and jurist, addresses the Roman law of substitution, that is, the conditional appointment of persons to act as heirs in case the original heirs fail to fulfill their role. It is an especially subtle area of the complicated Roman law of succession. 3 copies located in North America (at the Library of Congress, and UC-Berkeley and Harvard Law Schools). *Censimento Nazionale Delle Edizioni Italiane del XVI Secolo* CNCE 39610.



A Court-Martial for Embezzlement

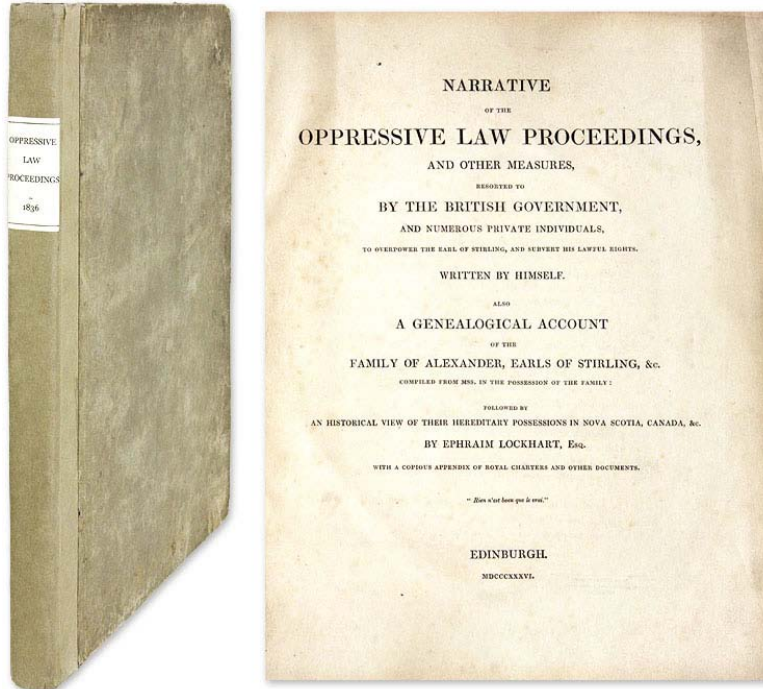
27. [Trial].

Cawthorne, John Fenton, Defendant.

A Copy Of The Proceedings Of A Court Martial Holden for the Trial of John Fenton Cawthorne, Esq; Colonel of the Westminster Regiment of Middlesex Militia. Ordered to be Printed 8th April 1796. [London: S.n., 1796]. [ii], 435 [1] pp. Folio (13" x 8-1/4").

Original plain publisher wrappers, untrimmed edges. Some edgewear and soiling, light toning to text, internally clean. \$300.

* First edition. This massive report was commissioned by Parliament. It records a court-martial involving the embezzlement of recruiting funds and other offenses concerning the withholding of pay and manipulation of recruitment for personal gain. Cawthorne was found guilty on some of the charges and dismissed. This report was reissued in 1807. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T101044.



A Fascinating Canadian Land Case Involving an Illegitimate Earl

28. [Trial].

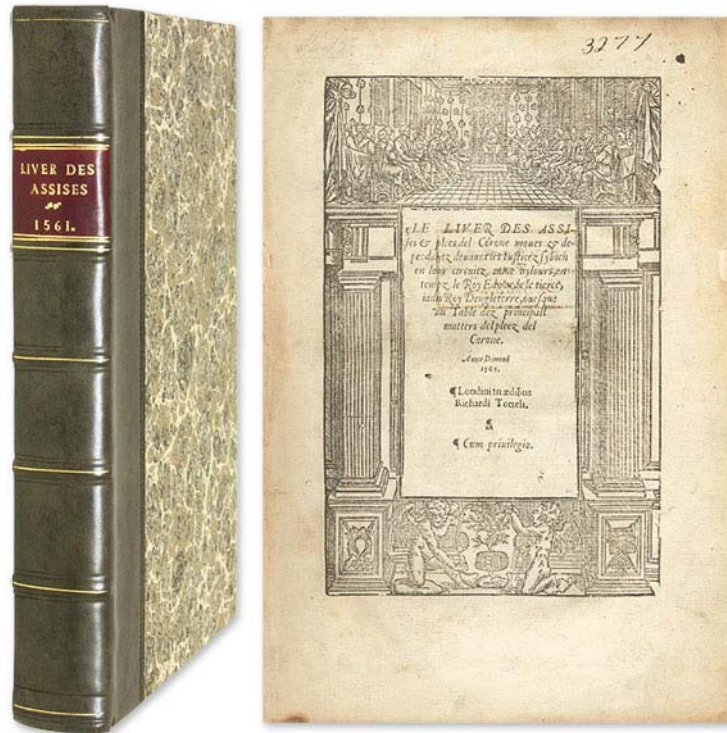
[Nova Scotia]

Humphrys-Alexander, Alexander [1783-1859].

Narrative Of The Oppressive Law Proceedings, And Other Measures, Resorted to by the British Government, And Numerous Private Individuals, To Overpower the Earl of Stirling, And Subvert his Lawful Rights. Written by Himself. Also a Genealogical Account of the Family of Alexander, Earls of Stirling, &c. Compiled from Mss. In the Possession of the Family: Followed by an Historical View of Their Hereditary Possessions in Nova Scotia, Canada, &c. By Ephraim Lockhart, Esq. With a Copious Appendix of Royal Charters and Other Documents. Edinburgh: [James Walker, Printer], 1836. vi, [2], 176, 8, vi, 77 pp. Two leaves of facsimile letters and large folding pedigree table. Quarto (11" x 9").

Contemporary paper-covered boards, rebacked, untrimmed edges printed paper title label to spine, hinges mended. Some rubbing to boards with wear to corners. Light toning to text, negligible foxing to some leaves, a few ink corrections, possibly by author, interior otherwise clean. \$200.

* Humphrys-Alexander, styling himself Earl of Stirling, "claimed the Earldom of Sterling and extensive property in Nova Scotia as lineal descendant and heir of Sir William Alexander, first earl of Stirling [1567-140]. His mother was allegedly the great granddaughter of the fourth son of Sir William Alexander who had been granted extensive tracts of land in Nova Scotia and the northeastern portion of the United States by James I and Charles I. In 1831 Alexander began to sell or grant large tracts of land in Canada. In 1836 his pedigree was officially denied, and in 1839 he was tried for forgery. In this work, his response to the 1836 challenge, he addresses the question of lineage and attacks both official and private hostile proceedings. The appendix contains the original 1621 charter of the Province of Nova Scotia; documents relating to peerage; legal proceedings; and a memoir concerning a "plot" to entrap him on a charge of forgery. He was in fact tried for forgery in 1839, and the documents in question indeed proved to be forged, but not by him, and supposedly without his knowledge. His guilt could not be proved and he was acquitted. The copy in the Toronto Public Library notes an errata slip that is not present in this copy). Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 3:51.



"Rich in Apparent Curiosities"

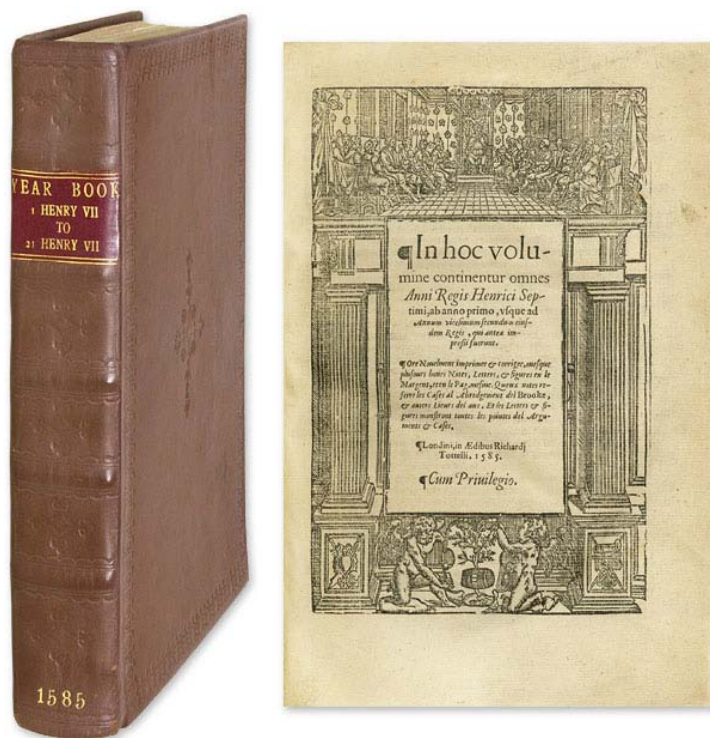
29. [Year Book].

[Edward III].

Le Liver des Assises & Pleez del Corone, Moves & Dependantz Devaunt les Iusticez Sybien en Leur Circuitz Come Aylours, En Tempz le Roy Edwarde le [T]ierce, Iadis Roy Dengleterre, Ouesque un Table dez Principall Matters del Pleez del Corone. London: in Aedibus Richardi Totteli, 1561. [iv], cccxxvi ff. Folio (11-1/4" x 7-3/4").

Recent period-style quarter calf over cloth, raised bands and lettering piece to spine, endpapers renewed. Title page printed within handsome woodcut architectural border, woodcut decorated initials. Some toning, light browning to a few leaves, tiny wormholes in a few places. Light soiling to title page and verso of final leaf, minor edgewear to preliminaries and final few leaves. Ex-library. "3277" in early hand to head of title page, stamp to verso and verso of final leaf. An attractive copy. \$1,500.

* Later edition, one of two issued by Tottell in 1561. A selection of reports for 1-50 Edward III (1327-1377), the *Book of Assizes*, is one of the most important of the Year Books and of unique value to the study of English legal history. As Stanley Milsom has observed, it is the "only collection of reports from the country," that is the only collection of reports from the justices on assize (circuit) rather than in the central courts at Westminster. It is therefore "rich in apparent curiosities" because "it reports processes we do not otherwise see, on circuit, before juries." The first edition was printed in 1514 by John Rastell. The origin of the Year Books is unknown. Maitland believed that the earliest volumes were notes taken by law students in court copied for the use of pleaders in later cases. Holdsworth maintains that they were records of cases made by lawyers for personal use. Though it is not known when the first manuscript volumes were compiled, it is clear that cases can be found to date from the 1270's and the series continues to 1535. Printed editions of the Year Books were first issued by William de Machlinia between 1481 and 1482. OCLC locates 5 copies of the 1561 edition (both issues) in North American law libraries (Columbia, Harvard, NY Law Institute, University of Pennsylvania, York University). Milsom, *Historical Foundation of the Common Law* (2nd. Ed., 1981) 299, 55. *English Short-Title Catalogue* S126326. Beale, *Bibliography of Early English Law Books* R50.



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30. [Year Book].

Henry VII.

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