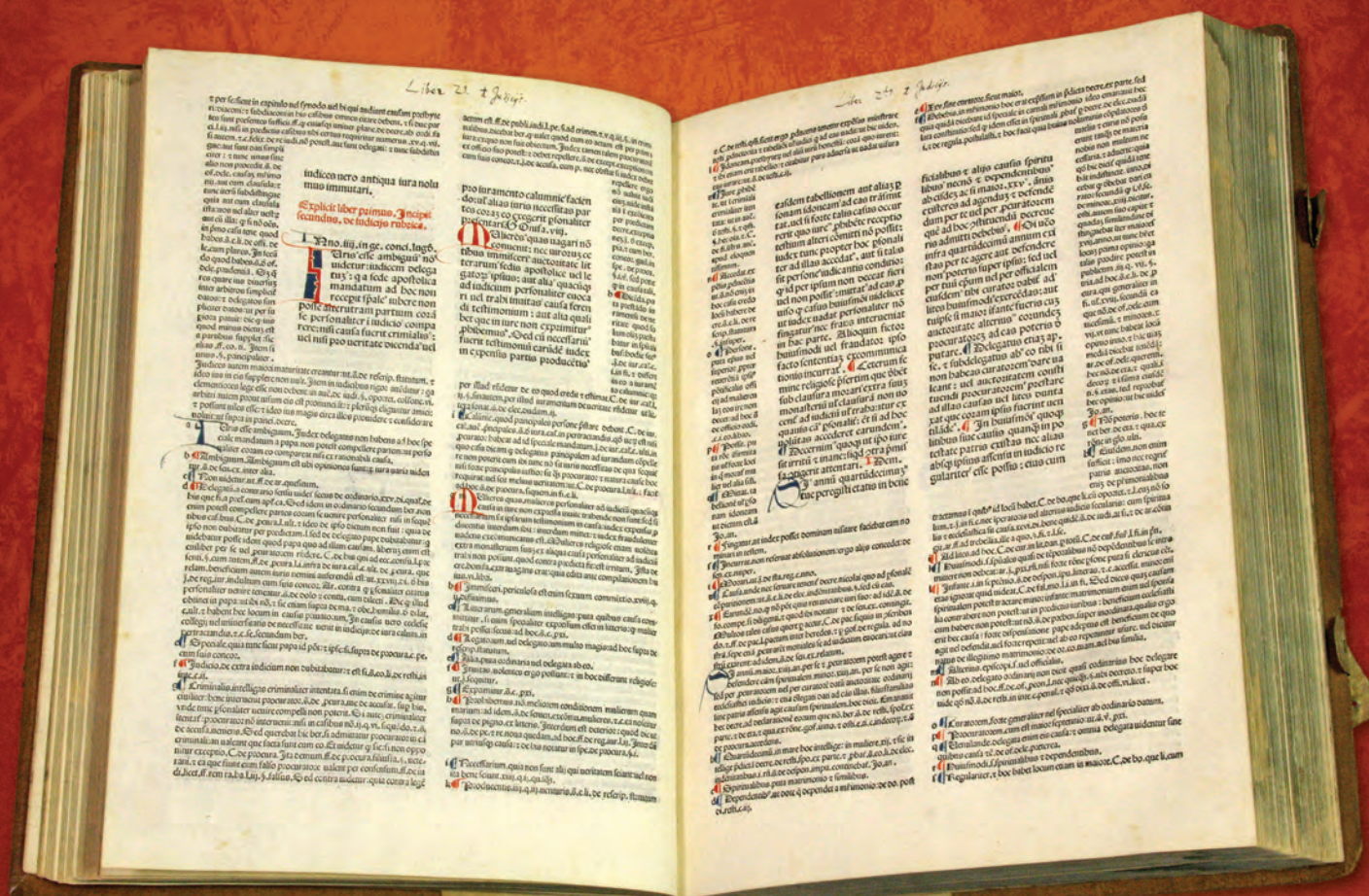


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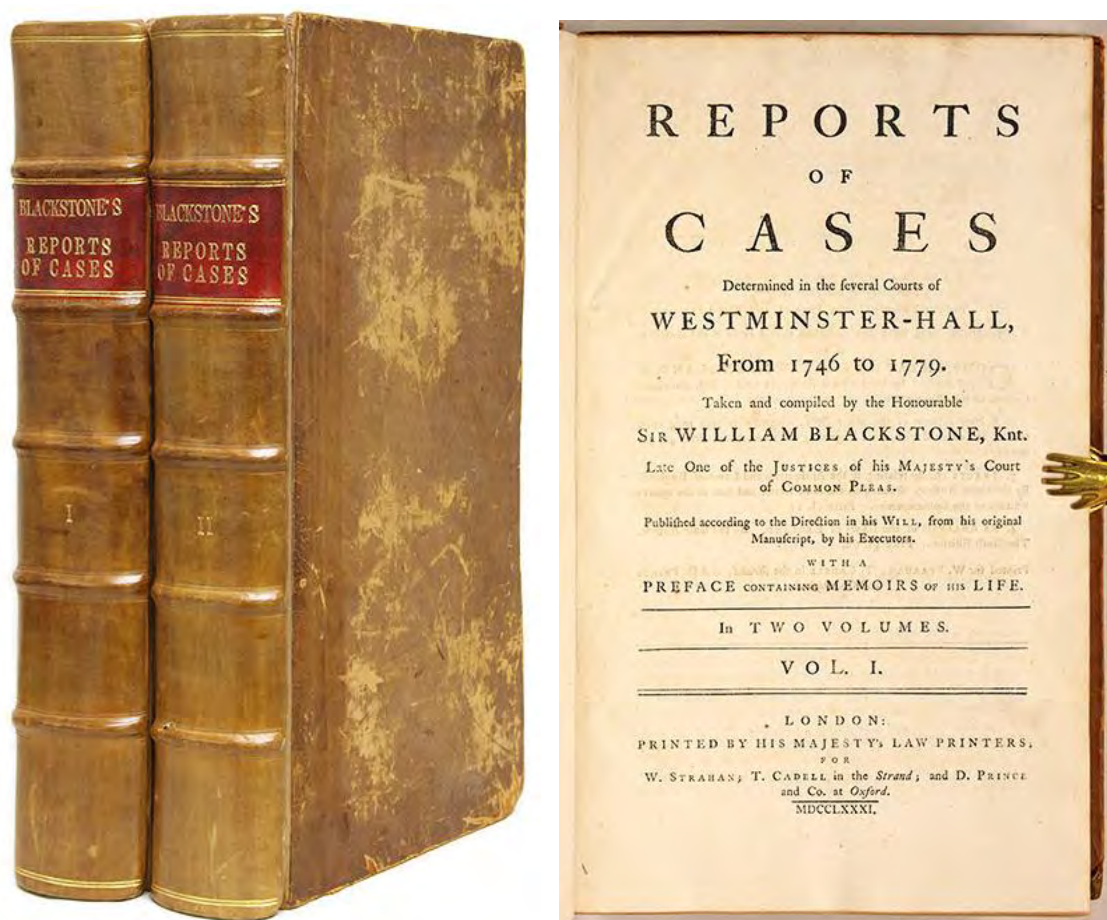
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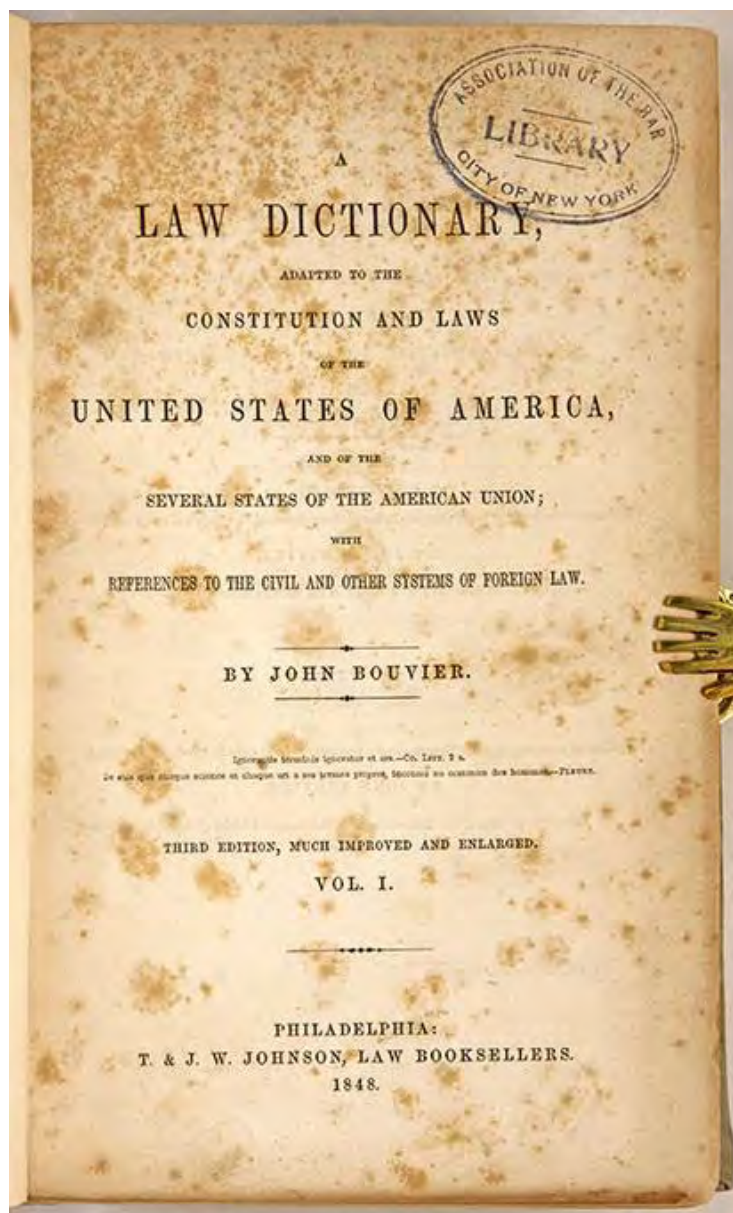
First Edition of Blackstone's *Reports*

**1. Blackstone, Sir William [1723-1780].
[Clitherow, James, Editor].**

Reports of Cases Determined in the Several Courts of Westminster Hall from 1746-1779. Taken and Compiled by the Honourable Sir William Blackstone, Knt. Late One of the Justices of the Court of Common Pleas. Published According to the Direction in His Will, From His Original Manuscript, By His Executors. With a Preface Containing Memoirs of His Life. London: Printed by His Majesty's Law Printers; For W. Strahan [et al], 1781. Two volumes. xxxi, [15], 679, [1], 38; [xx], 681-1333, [1], 46 pp. Folio (13" x 8").

Contemporary calf, rebaked in period style, blind fillets to boards, raised bands and lettering pieces to spines, original endpapers retained. Light rubbing and minor scuffing to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, a few minor nicks to spines, corners worn, front hinge cracked, other hinges starting, early armorial bookplates to front pastedown of each volume. Light toning to text, early annotations to a few passages. A handsome set. \$950.

* First edition. The cases date from 1746 to 1779. "These reports, with one exception, were compiled entirely by Blackstone from his own notes 'contained in five large note books, all written with his own hand; and prepared for the press, even to an index, and a table of matters...The work reaches down to the end of Michaelmas term, 1779.' (...) The one report not taken by Blackstone himself is the Case of Burgess *v.* Wheate in Vol. 1, which was reported by Mr. Fazakerly. Blackstone's 'literal errors or omissions' were corrected by the editor, James Clitherow, Blackstone's brother-in-law and executor. The preface in vol. 1...includes an account of the life of Blackstone, which was reprinted verbatim or with slight changes, in many editions of the *Commentaries* after the author's death. Following the biographical sketch is an account of the compilation and editing of Blackstone's *Reports*": Eller, *The William Blackstone Collection in the Yale Law Library* 225. Laeuchli, *A Bibliographical Catalog of William Blackstone* 530. [Order This Item](#)



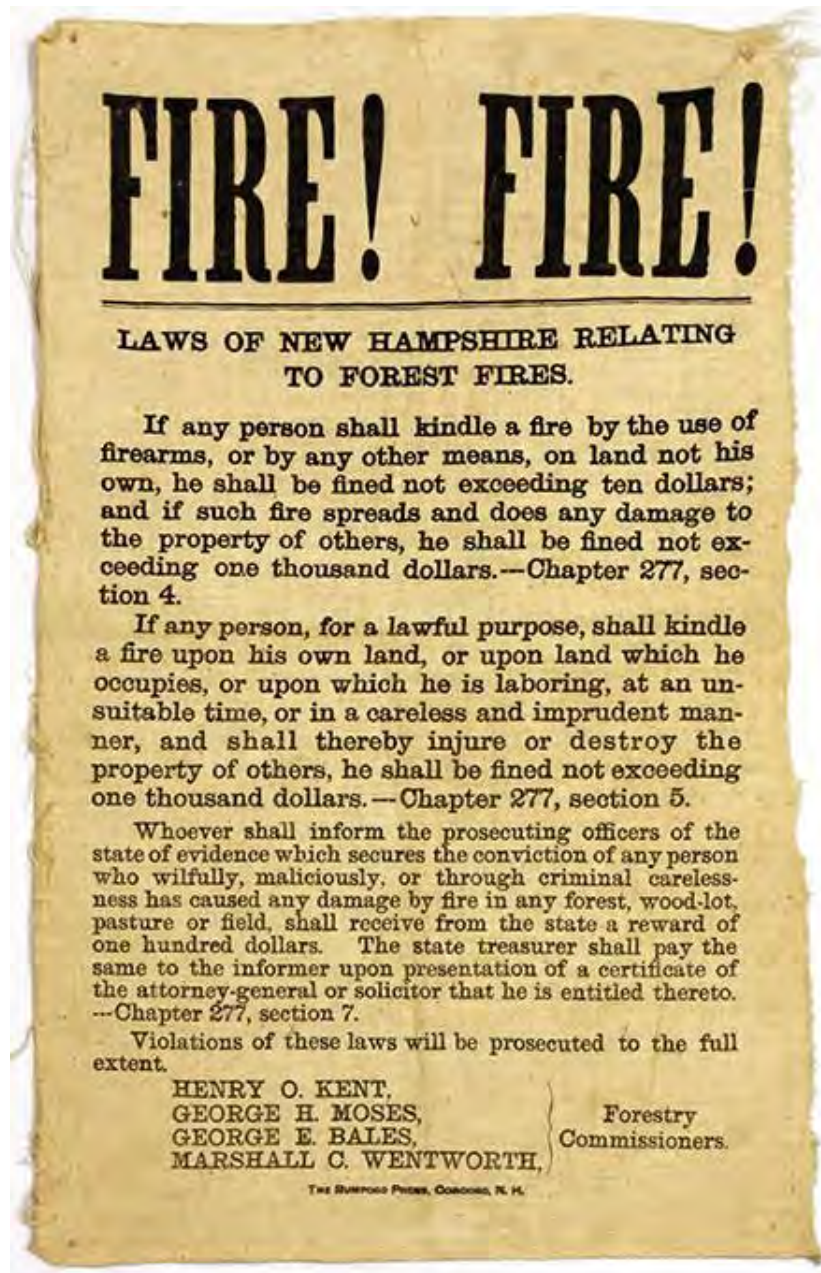
Third Edition of Bouvier's *Law Dictionary*

2. Bouvier, John [1787-1851].

A Law Dictionary, Adapted to the Constitution and Laws of the United States of America, And of the Several states of the American Union; With References to the Civil and Other Systems of Foreign Law. Philadelphia: T. & J.W. Johnson, Law Booksellers, 1848. Two volumes. viii, 756; 758 pp. Main text in parallel columns. Octavo (9" x 6").

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* Third edition, "Much Improved and Enlarged." The second volume concludes with an appendix listing the English Chancery, Common Law and Ecclesiastical Reports and a list of the titles published by *The Law Library* (First, Second and Third Series). Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 5434. [Order This Item](#)



New Hampshire Broadside Printed on Cloth

3. [Broadside].
[Forest Laws].
[New Hampshire].

Fire! Fire! Laws of New Hampshire Relating to Forest Fires. Concord, NH: The Rumford Press, c. 1904.

18" x 11" broadside printed on cloth. Light toning, light fraying to edges. A well-preserved, curious item. \$450.

* This broadside prints the texts of three statutes that set out the fines for setting forest fires. Signed in type by Henry O. Kent, George H. Moses, George E. Bales and Marshall C. Wentworth, Forestry Commissioners. (All four of these men were in office in 1904.) [Order This Item](#)



Preferred Edition of "An Excellent Repertory or Table for the Year Books"

4. Brooke, Sir Robert [?-1558].

La Graunde Abridgement, Collecte & Escrie per le Iudge Tresreverend Syr Robert Brooke Chivalier, Nadgairs Chiefe Instice del Common Banke.

[London]: In Aedibus Richardi Tottelli, 1586.

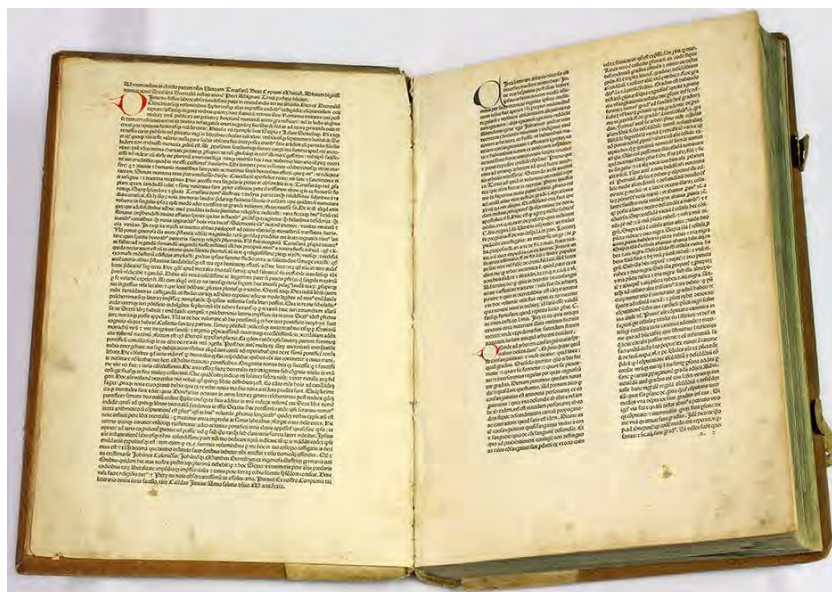
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La Secoude Part du Graunde Abridgement.... [London]: In Aedibus Richardi Tottelli, 1586. [iv], 351; [i], 2-328 ff. Collates complete.

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* Third edition. Sir Robert Brooke was renowned for his great learning and probity as a judge. His *Abridgement* is based on Fitzherbert's *Abridgement*, but it contains much new material. In all, Brooke abridged nearly 21,000 cases and digested them alphabetically under 404 headings. It abridges fully the *Year Books* of Henry VII and Henry VIII. Brooke proceeded with great care and accuracy, and is believed to have had access to the original records of the *Year Books*. Coke calls the *Abridgement* "a worthy and painful work and an excellent repertory or table for the Year Books of the Law." This edition is superior to earlier printings, in which abbreviations are frequently unintelligible. A fair number of important early American lawyers had copies of this title, and it remained a reference into the nineteenth century. Thomas Jefferson, to cite on example, had a copy of the present edition. Coke cited in Marvin, *Legal Bibliography* 151-52. Sowerby, *Catalogue of the Library of Thomas Jefferson* 1777. Beale, *Bibliography of Early English Law Books* R473, R476. [Order This Item](#)



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Appealing 1479 Venice Imprints of Two Principal Volumes of Canon Law

5. [Canon Law].

[Boniface VIII (1235-1303), Pope.

[d'Andrea, Giovanni (c.1270-c.1348), Commentary].

[Albignani, Pietro, Editor].

[*Liber Sextus Decretalium Una Cum, Apparatus Joannis Andreae*]. [Venice: Johannes De Colonia and Johannes Manthen, "16 April" [probably after 19 May], 1479. [146] ff. Collation: a10, b-d8, e-f6, g-m8, N6, o-q8, r10, s12. Text in parallel columns with 68-line linear gloss.

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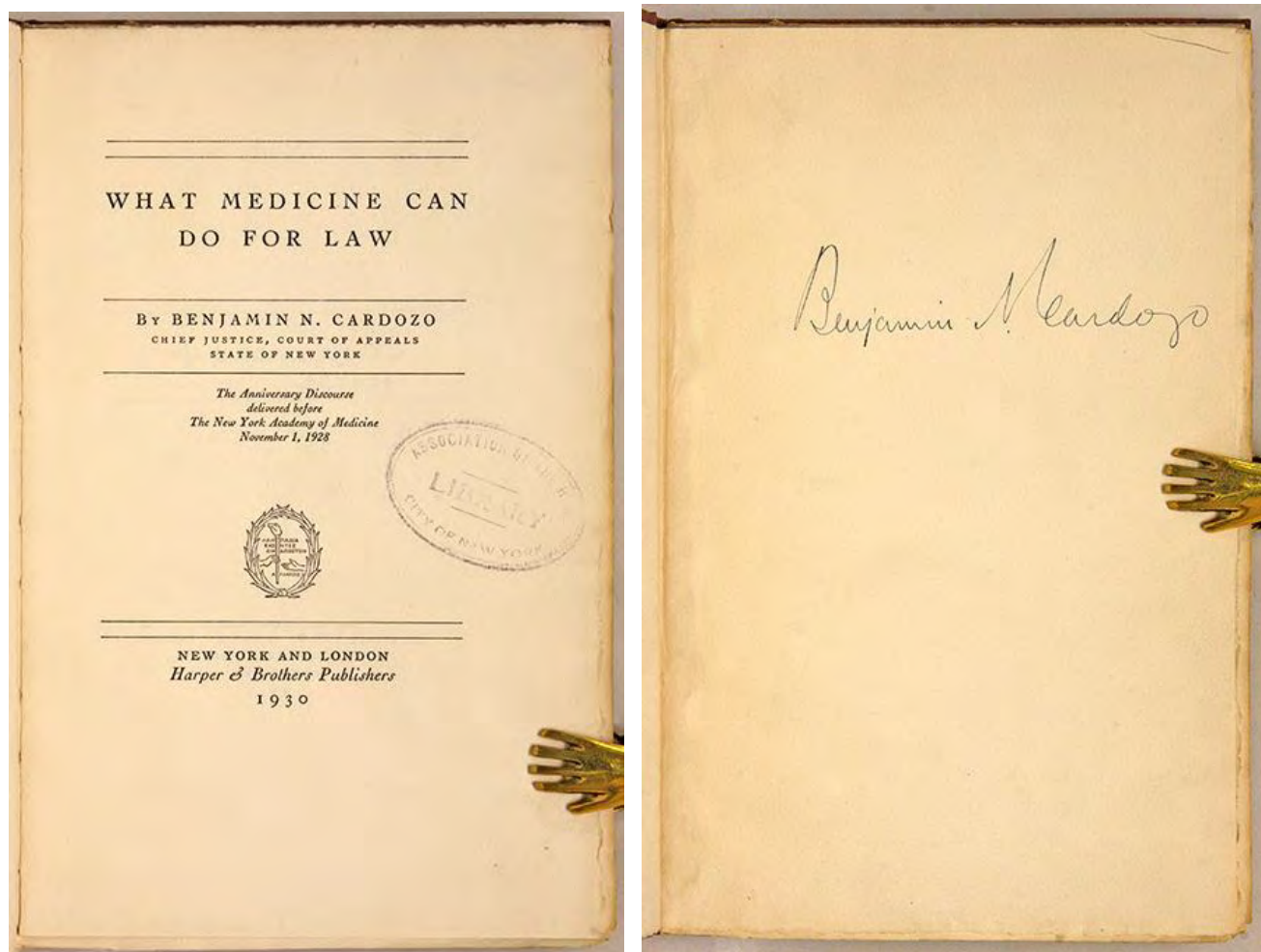
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[Albignani, Pietro, Editor].

[*Constitutiones, Cum Apparatu Joannis Andreae (With XXIX Extravagantes)*]. [Venice : Johannes de Colonia and Johannes Manthen, "7" June 1479. (Foreword is dated June 9, 1479)]. [82] ff. Collation: a10, b-e8, f-g10, h8, i12. Text in parallel columns with 68-line linear gloss.

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* This volume joins incunabula imprints of two books from the *Corpus Juris Canonici* (Body of Canon Law), a collective title for first used in 1441. The *Liber Sextus* of Boniface VIII was enacted in 1298. The *Liber Septimus Decretalium*, better known as the *Constitutiones Clementis V*, or *Clementinae* of Clement V was enacted in 1317. These other volumes of the *Corpus Juris Canonici* are the *Decretum Gratiani* (1151), the *Liber Quinque Decretalium* of Gregory IX (1234) and the *Extravagantes* of John XXII (1325). Two texts were added later: the *Extravagantes Communes* of other popes to 1484 and the *Appendix Pauli Lancellotti* (1563). All of these texts were edited in 1582 in response to the reforms authorized by the Council of Trent. In this form the *Corpus Juris Canonici* remained in force until it was replaced in 1917 by the *Codex Juris Canonici*. Goff, *Incunabula in American Libraries* B990, C3776. *Gesamtkatalog der Wiegendrucke* 4863, 7108. [Order This Item](#)



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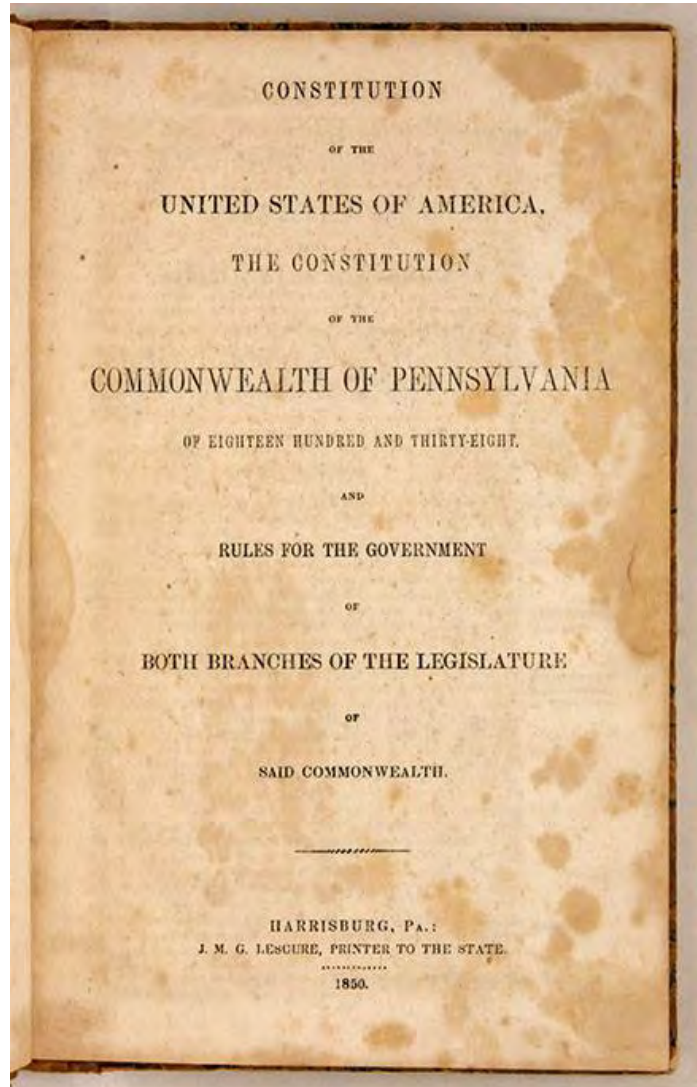
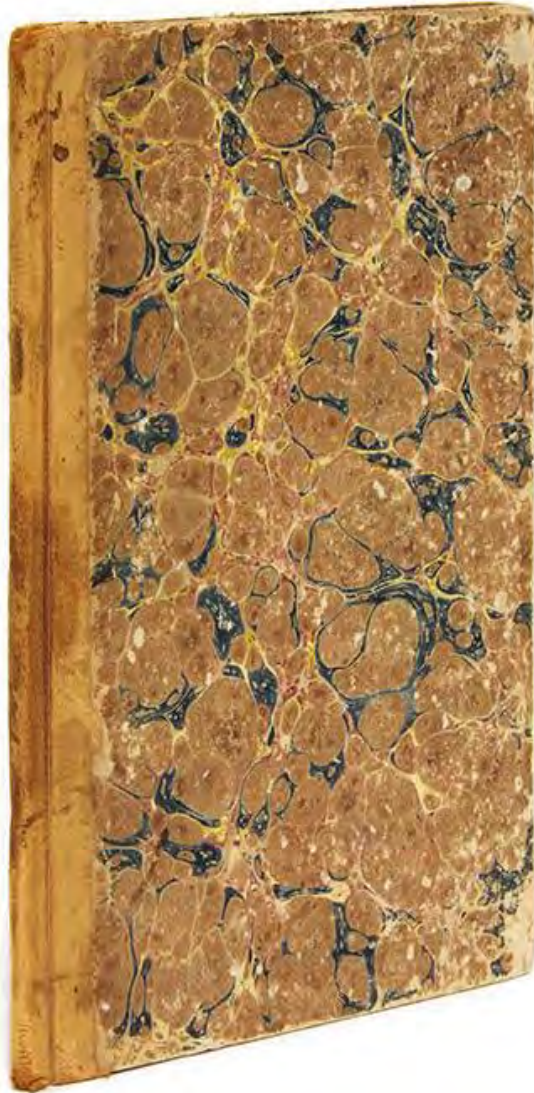
6. Cardozo, Benjamin N. [1870-1938].

What Medicine Can Do For Law. New York: Harper & Brothers, 1930.

Original three-quarter cloth over paper boards, deckle edges. Negligible light shelfwear, corners and spine ends lightly bumped, faint residue from small label to front board near foot of spine. "Benjamin N. Cardozo" in bold hand to front free endpaper, internally clean. Ex-library. Inkstamp to title page, annotations and stamp to verso, inkstamps to rear pastedown. An attractive copy. \$800.

* First edition. "This noteworthy address, with its appreciation of the scientific problems involved, its courage and social vision, will go down in history as one of the most valuable contributions in our time to medico-legal jurisprudence.": Shientag, *Moulders of Legal Thought* 39 cited in Marke, *A Catalogue of the Law Collection at New York University* (1953) 717.

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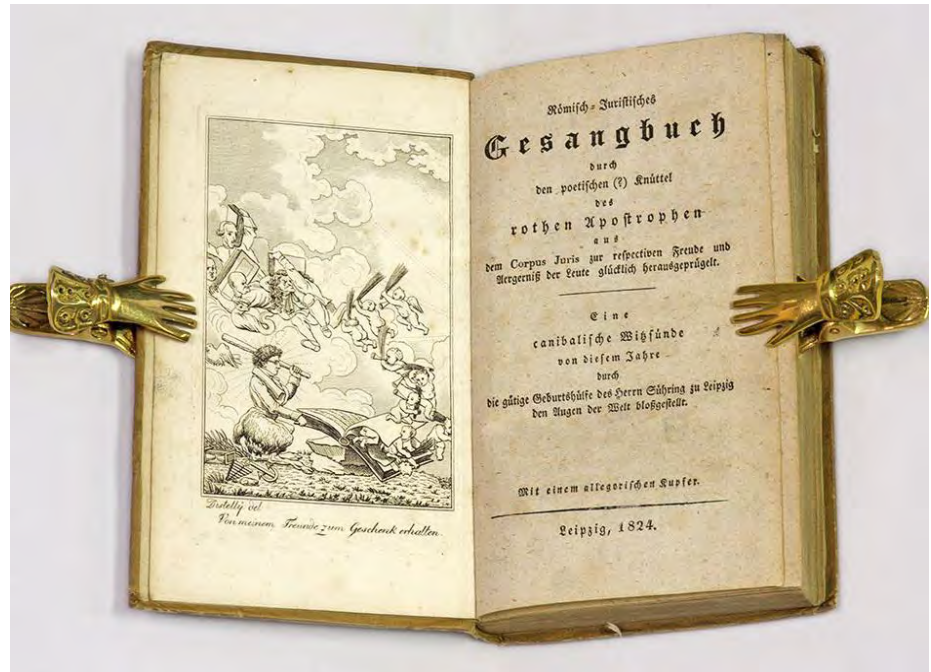
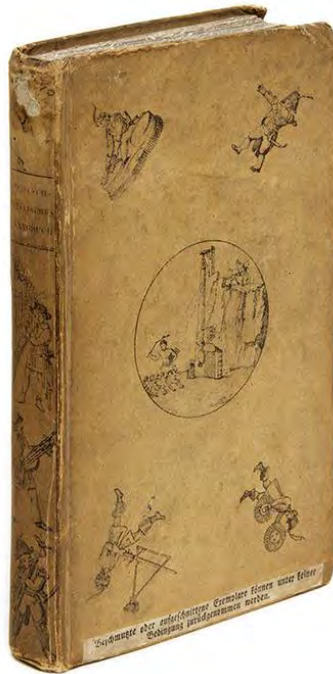
**With the Original 13th
Amendment to the U.S. Constitution**

**7. [Constitutions].
[United States].
[Pennsylvania].**

Constitution of the United States of America, The Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania of Eighteen Hundred and Thirty-Eight. And the Rules for the Government of Both Branches of the Legislature of Said Commonwealth. Harrisburg, PA: J.M.G. Lescure, Printer to the State, 1850. 57, [1] pp. Octavo (8-3/4" x 5-3/4").

Contemporary quarter sheep over marbled boards. Moderate rubbing to boards and extremities with some wear to spine ends and corners, hinges partially cracked. Moderate toning and light foxing, early owner signatures and inscriptions to front free endpaper, small drawing of a house in pencil to verso. \$125.

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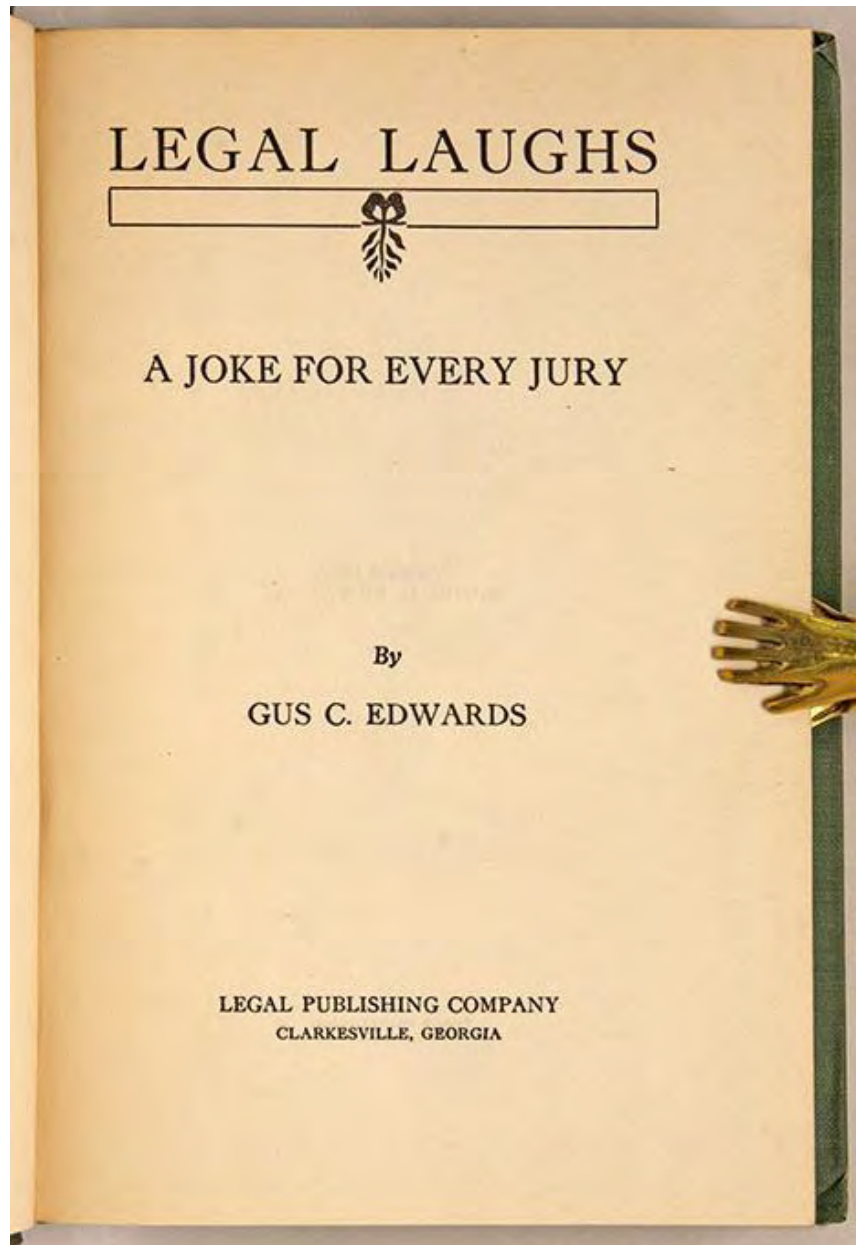
8. [Demme, Wilhelm Ludwig].

Römisch-Juristisches Gesangbuch durch den Poetischen (?) Knüttel des Rothen Apostrophen aus dem Corpus Juris zur Respectiven Freude und Aergerniß der Leute Glücklich Herausgeprägt. Eine Canibalistische Witzsünde von diesen Jahre durch die Gütige Geburtshülfe des Herrn Sübring zu Leipzig den Augen der Welt Bloßgestellt. Mit Einem Allegorischen Kupfer. Leipzig: [J. Sübring], 1824. 354, xii, [iv] pp. Copperplate allegorical frontispiece. Includes 2 pp. publisher catalogue. Octavo (6-3/4" x 4").

Pictorial paper-covered boards, title label to foot of front board. Light soiling, moderate rubbing to extremities, some darkening to spine, small scuff near head of spine, corners and spine ends bumped, moderate toning to text, light foxing in a few places. A handsome copy of a scarce title. \$1,500.

* Only edition. Reminiscent of Gilbert Abbott A Beckett's *Comic Blackstone* (1846), Demme's *Römisch-Juristisches Gesangbuch* is a humorous paraphrase of sections of the *Corpus Juris Civilis* in doggerel verse. The text is preceded by an allegorical frontispiece that features cherubs armed with switches flying out of a copy of (we assume) the *Corpus Juris Civilis* to assail a trio of legal scholars. OCLC locates 3 copies in North America (Stanford, University of Michigan, Yale Law School).

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"A Joke for Every Jury"

9. Edwards, Gus C.

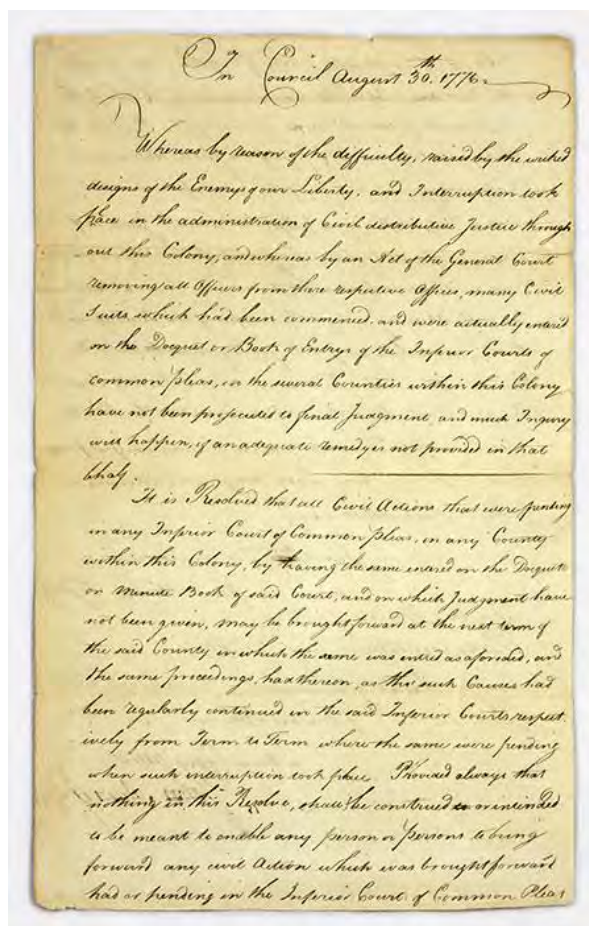
Legal Laughs: A Joke for Every Jury. Clarkesville, GA: Legal Publishing Company, [1915]. 416 pp.

Cloth, blind rules to boards, gilt title to spine. Some shelfwear to extremities, early owner inscriptions to front pastedown. \$30.

* Organized by subject, these jokes are very much of their time; many are "politically incorrect" by today's standards. Here's an example that can be shared in mixed company: "Father," asked the little son, "what is a lawyer"? "A Lawyer"? Well, my son, a lawyer is a man who gets two men to strip for a fight and then runs off with their clothes.": 269.

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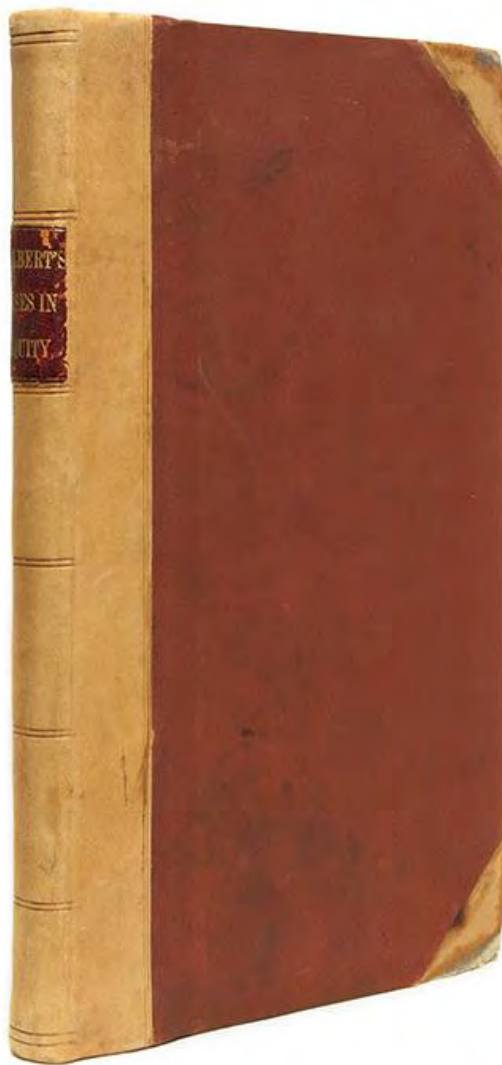
**Massachusetts Addresses Judicial
Difficulties Raised by the Declaration of Independence**

10. [General Court].
[Massachusetts].
[American Revolution].

In Council. August 30th, 1776. Whereas by Reason of the Difficulty, Raised by the Wicked Designs of the Enemy's of Our Liberty, An Interruption Took Place in the Administration of Civil Distributive Justice Throughout the Colony...

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* Signed and attested by John Avery, Secretary. Written six weeks after the Declaration of Independence, this resolve of the Massachusetts House of Representatives concerns the disposition of civil suits now that the Revolution was officially underway. It explains in detail the means for handling civil suits interrupted by the removal of court officers. The text continues (from above): "...and whereas by an Act of the General Court removing all Officers from their respective offices, many Civil Suits which had been commenced and were actually entered on the Docquet or Books of Entry of the Inferior Courts of common pleas, in several Counties within this Colony have not been prosecuted to final judgment, and much Injury will happen if an adequate remedy is not provided in that behalf; It is Resolved that all Civil Actions that were pending in any Inferior Court of Common please in any County within this Colony, by having the same entered on the Docquet of Minute Book of said Court, and on which judgment have not been given, may be brought forward at the next term of the said County in which the same was entered..." [Order This Item](#)



Gilbert's Cases in Equity

11. [Gilbert, Sir Geoffrey (1674-1726)].

Reports of Cases in Equity, Argued and Decreed in the Courts of Chancery and Exchequer, Chiefly in the Reign of King George I. By a Late Learned Judge. To Which are Added Some Select Cases in Equity, Heard and Determined in the Court of Exchequer in Ireland. By the Same Hand. With Two Alphabetical Tables; The One of the Names of the Cases, The Other of the Principal Matters Contained in These Reports. Carefully Corrected; With Many Additional Notes and References to the Reports Published Since the Former Edition. [London]: Printed by Henry Lintot, 1742. [viii], 275, [21] pp. Folio (13-1/4" x 8-1/2").

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* Second edition. Gilbert's works were held in high regard by his contemporaries and such distinguished figures as Blackstone and Mansfield. As the *Dictionary of National Biography* notes, they "are marked by precision and lucidity of style, and very considerable mastery of [the] subject, and evince a real desire to exhibit it in a logical shape" (VII:1205). The first edition of this work was published in 1734. *English Short Title Catalogue* T95287. [Order This Item](#)



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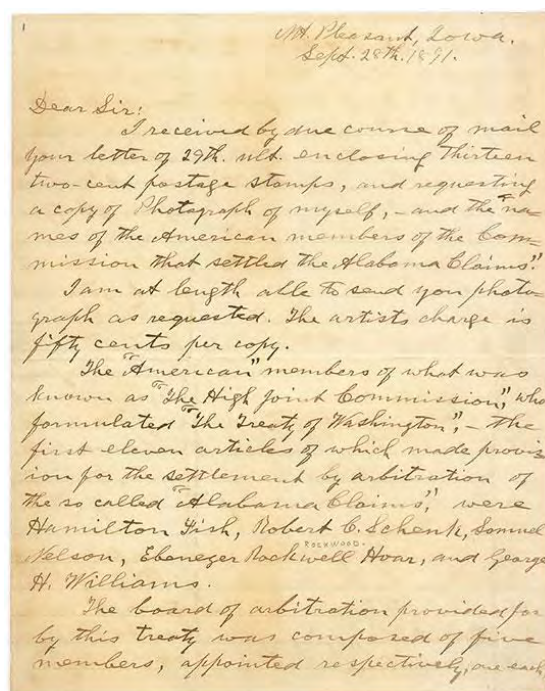
12. Greenman, Frederick.

Wire-Tapping: Its Relation to Civil Liberties. To Which Are Appended the Leading Opinions on this Subject. Stamford, Connecticut: The Overbrook Press, 1938. [ii], 227 pp. Quarto (10" x 7").

Cloth, gilt frames to boards, gilt title to spine, title page printed in red and black. Light shelfwear, light fading to spine. \$50.

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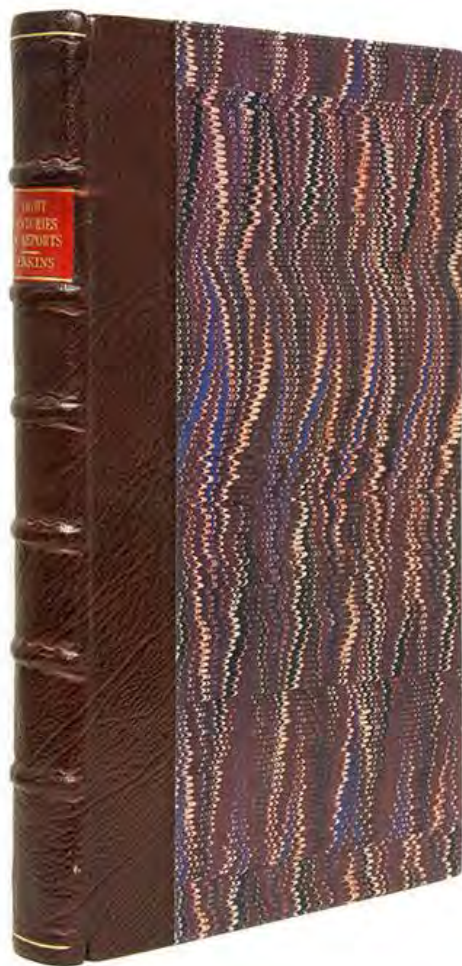
**Judge Harlan Reflects on His Role in Arbitrating the
Alabama Claims and on the Drafting of the Treaty of Washington**

13. Harlan, James [1820-1899].

[Autograph Letter, Signed, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, September 28, 1891].

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* Harlan was the presiding judge for the Court of Commissioners, which heard cases related to the Alabama Claims. After the Civil War, the United States made claims against Great Britain for damages inflicted upon U.S. vessels by the Confederate "commerce raiders" *Alabama*, *Florida*, *Shenandoah* and other cruisers fitted out by British shipbuilders. This matter was settled by an international body of commissioners that met in Geneva in 1871-1872. The work of this group, which concluded with the Treaty of Washington, marked a watershed in international law by establishing a template for the peaceful settlement of conflicts through arbitration. The letter is addressed to an unknown recipient who seems to have been researching the history of the commission. Harlan writes, "The American members of what was known as The High Joint Commission who formulated The Treaty of Washington - the first eleven articles of which made provision for the settlement by arbitration of the so called 'Alabama Claims' - were Hamilton Fish, Robert C. Schenk, Samuel Nelson, Ebenezer Rockwell Hoar, and George H. Williams. The board of arbitration provided for by this treaty was composed of five members, appointed respectively, one each, by the President of the United States, the Queen of Great Britain, the King of Italy, the President of the Swiss Confederation, and the Emperor of Brazil..". He lists the names of the participants, who were known as The Geneva Commission. "They awarded the United States the gross sum of \$15,500,000, in full satisfaction of all claims for damages done to the commerce of the people of the United States by the cruiser *Alabama* and other inculpated Confederate Cruisers on the high seas, during the war of the rebellion. This money.. was invested.. in interest bearing U.S. bonds, and so remained until 1874, when its distribution to the personal claimants who had suffered these losses was authorized by Congress by the instrumentality of The Court of Commissioners of Alabama Claims, composed of five judges..". He lists them. When the Court expired "by statutory limitation, it was revived in 1882, being then composed of three judges' viz. Hezekiah G. Wells, James Harlan and Asa French..". By Dec. 31, 1885 these judges completed the distribution and the Court was finally adjourned. A fine summary of an important Civil War reparations matter by one of the participants. [Order This Item](#)



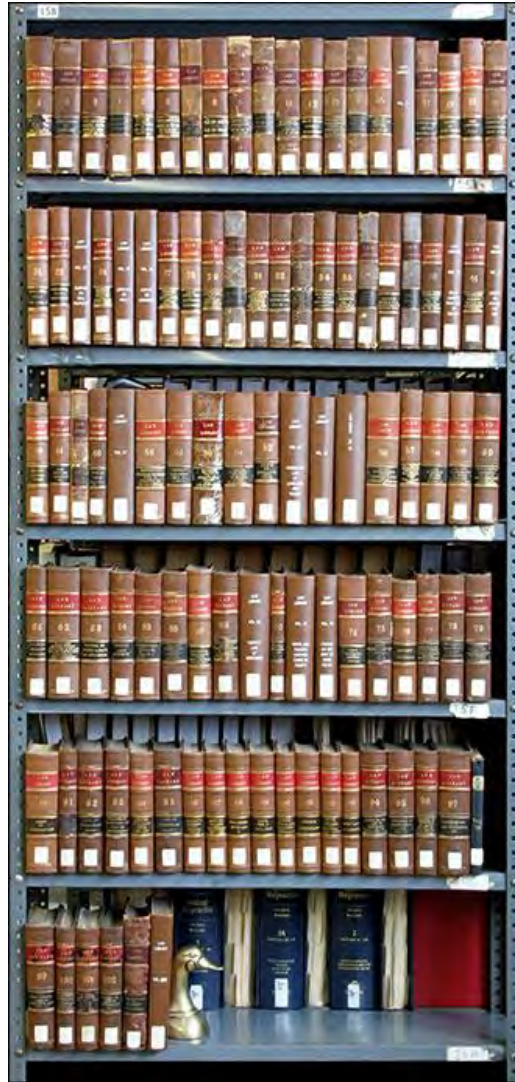
A "Father" of Leading Cases

14. Jenkins, [David] [1582-1663].

Eight Centuries of Reports: Or, Eight Hundred Cases Solemnly Adjudged in the Exchequer-Chamber, Or, Upon Writs of Error. Publish'd Originally in French and Latin by Judge Jenkins. Now Carefully Translated, With the Addition of Many Thousand References: Particularly to Such Statutes as Have Altered or Amended the Law to this Time. Corrected; To Which is Added a New Table of the Principal Matters. London: Printed by E. and R. Nutt, And R. Gosling, 1734. [ii], x, [10], 144, 159-341, [29] pp. With an initial advertisement leaf. Pagination irregular, text complete. Folio (12-1/4" x 7-3/4").

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* First edition in English and the second edition overall. First published in 1661, this collection includes cases from the 13th through 17th centuries. By far, it covers a greater time period than any other reporter. The oldest case is from 1220, far earlier than any cases reported in the Year Books. "[T]his book...is not in any true sense a book of reports, though it does...contain certain abstracts of manuscript cases not elsewhere found. The book consists in the main of abstracts of Fitzherbert's *Abridgment*, and perhaps from Statham's and Brooke's; from the *Year Books*, and from the reports of Keilway, Benloe, Dalison, Dyer, Plowden, Coke, and some other persons,- the source from which he gets the abstracts being generally stated in the margin. When the case which he presents is important, he occasionally appends a note of his own; being, in this respect, the father of all the various persons, who, in our own day, have published Leading Cases.": Wallace, *The Reporters* 69-72. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T32459. [Order This Item](#)



A Collection of Legal Treatises Published from 1836 to 1845

15. Lowber, J.C., Editor.

Sergeant, T., Editor

Purdon, J., Editor.

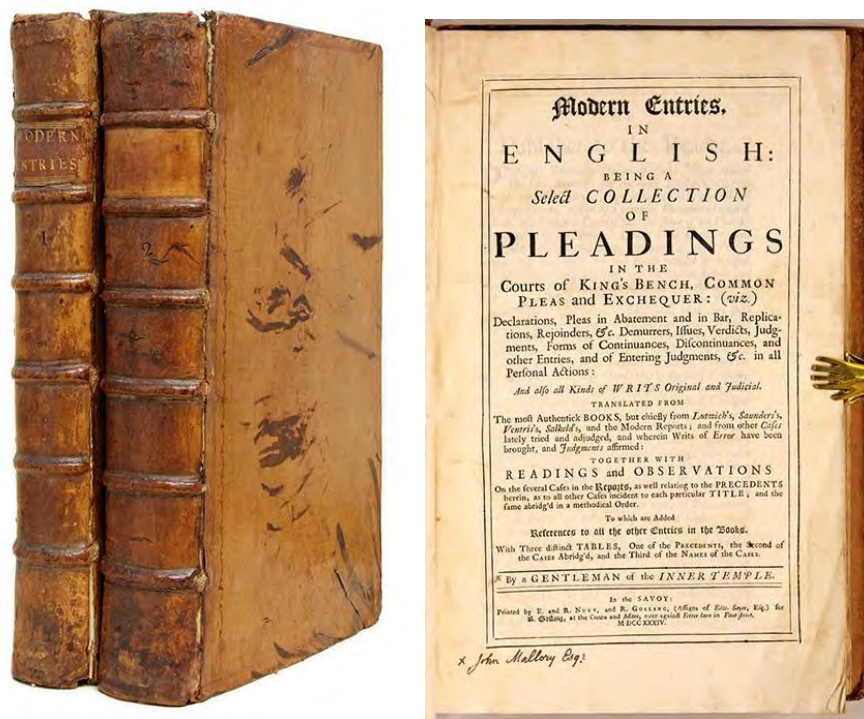
Wharton, T.I., Editor.

[and Other Editors].

The Law Library. Philadelphia: T. & J.W. Johnson [and Others], 1836-1845. 103 volumes of 104. Lacking Volume 72. Octavo (5-1/2" x 9").

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* Published from 1833 to 1860 in 104 volumes, *The Law Library* was a reprint series that provided American practitioners with affordable editions of the latest English treatises on all branches of the law. Containing two to four titles per volume, this series offers an excellent window into the legal bibliography of the period. A complete list of the titles in these volumes available upon request. Marvin, *Legal Bibliography* 449-450. [Order This Item](#)



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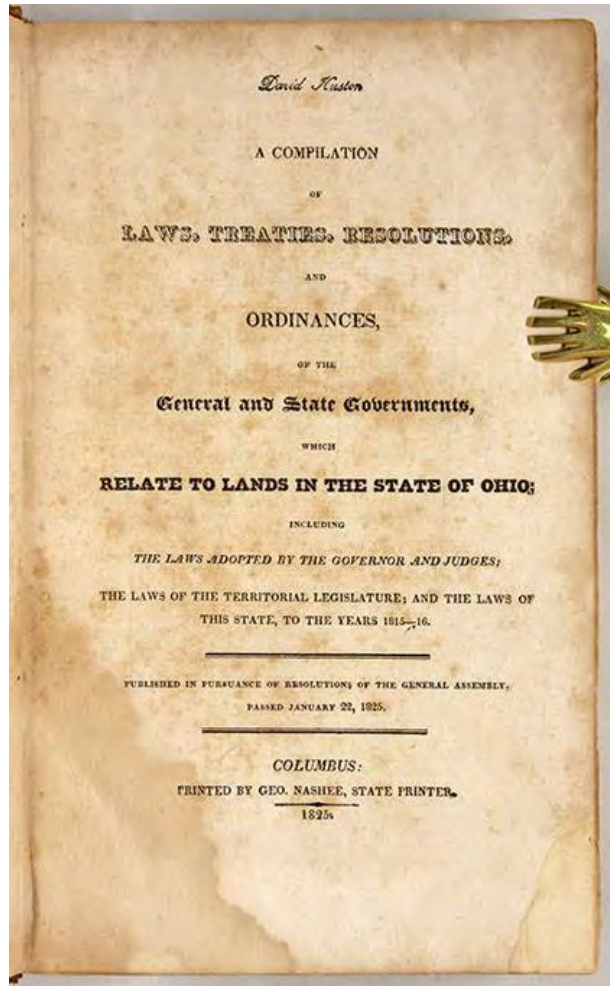
16. [Mallory, John].

Modern Entries, In English: Being a Select Collection of Pleadings in the Courts of King's Bench, Common Pleas and Exchequer: (viz.) Declarations, Pleas in Abatement and in Bar, Replications, Rejoinders, &c. Demurrers, Issues, Verdicts, Judgments, Forms of Continuances, Discontinuances, And Other Entries, And of Entering Judgments, &c. In All Personal Actions: And Also All Kinds of Writs Original and Judicial: Translated From the Most Authentick Books, But Chiefly from Lutwich's, Saunders's, Ventris's, Salkeld's, And the Modern Reports, and from Other Cases Lately Tried and Adjudged, And Wherein Writs of Error Have Been Brought, And Judgments Affirmed: Together With Readings and Observations on the Several Cases in the Reports, As Well Relating to the Precedents Herein, As to All Other Cases Incident to Each Particular Title, And the Same Abridg'd in a Methodical Order: To Which are Added References to All the Other Entries in the Books With Three Distinct Tables, One of Precedents, The Second of the Cases Abridg'd, And the Third of the Names of the Cases. [London]: Printed by E. and R. Nutt, and R. Gosling, 1734-1735. Two volumes. [xxxvi], 508, [24]; [xlv], 503, [xl] pp. Folio (12-1/2" x 8").

Contemporary calf, blind rules to boards, blind fillets along joints, raised bands and lettering piece to spine of Volume I, lettering piece lacking from Volume II. Moderate wear to extremities, shallow scuffing to boards, which are beginning to separate but still secure. Early owner signature (of William Margetts) to front pastedowns, occasional annotations in his hand to title page and a few other places. Offsetting, light soiling and minor edgewear to endleaves, interiors otherwise fresh. \$450.

* First edition. With a list of subscribers. Volume II addresses covenant, debt, detinue, and prohibition. "[The author] intends that [this book] may be useful in three manner of Ways. First, That the Practisers may have the precedents in the Books of Authority translated into English, in as modern and easy Stile as the Nature of the Subject will bear.... Secondly, As our Author had a Common Place of the Reports of Adjudg'd Cases relating to the several Titles, He thought it might be of Use to divide them under proper Heads.... And a third Branch of this Work is, that as it would be impossible here to insert the various and infinite Numbers of Precedents Suitable to every Circumstance, the Reader is directed to other Precedents in the Books of Entry and Reports..." (Volume I Preface). A companion volume, *Quare Impedit*, was issued in 1737. Bibliographically distinct, it is often catalogued as a third volume. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T97048.

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**1825 Digest
Concerning Public Lands in Ohio**

17. [Ohio].

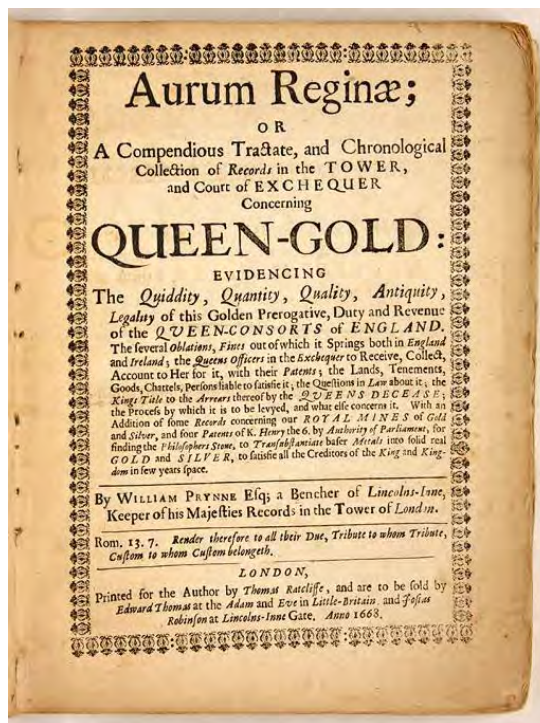
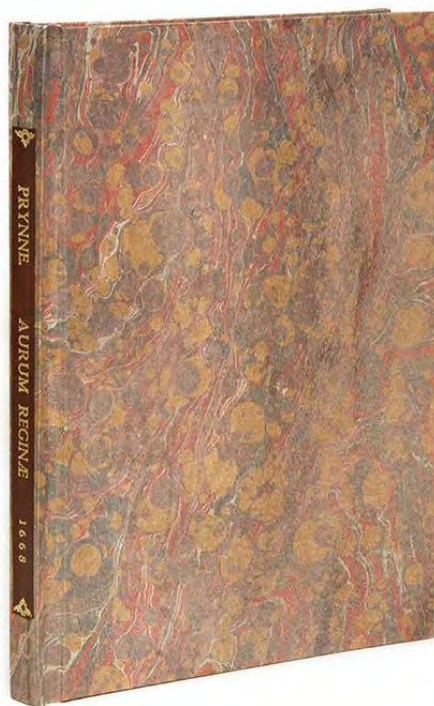
[Swan, Gustavus (1787-1860), Compiler].

A Compilation of Laws, Treaties, Resolutions, And Ordinances, Of the General and State Governments, Which Relate to Lands in the State of Ohio; Including the Laws Adopted by the Governor and Judges; the Laws of the Territorial Legislature; And the Laws of this State, to the Years 1815-16. Columbus: Printed by G. Nashee, State Printer, 1825. 534 pp. Octavo (9" x 5-1/2").

Contemporary calf, blind fillets to boards, blind fillets and lettering piece (reading Land Laws for Ohio) to spine. Light rubbing and a few minor scuffs and stains to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, a few partial cracks to text block, moderate toning to text, somewhat heavier in places, occasional light foxing, faint dampstaining to a few leaves, early owner signature to front free endpaper, very small early owner stamp to head of title page. \$850.

* Only edition. Published in pursuance of resolutions of the General Assembly, passed January 22, 1825, this compilation covers the years from the Northwest Ordinance (1785) to 1816. A remarkably detailed work with useful side-notes and an extensive index, it remains an indispensable source of information concerning treaties, military bounties, land grants, refugee lands, land companies, the Western Reserve and related topics. Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 7904.

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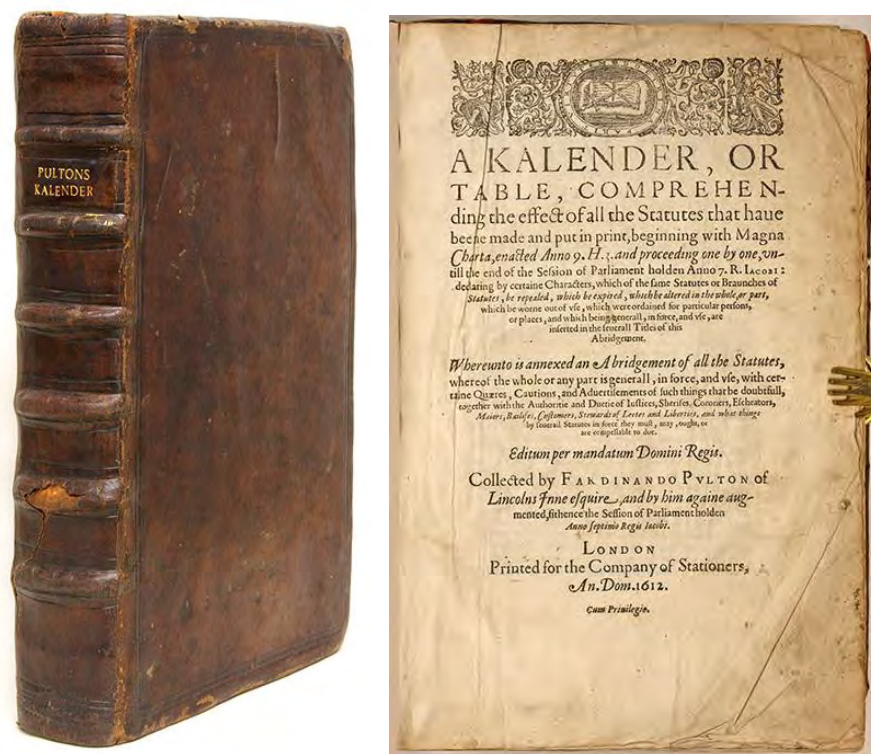
A Historical Review and Defense of the King's Right to Tax His Subjects in Order to Support the Queen

18. Prynn, William [1600-1669].

Aurum Reginae; Or a Compendious Tractate, And Chronological Chronological Collection of Records in the Tower, And Court of Exchequer Concerning Queen-Gold: Evidencing the Quiddity, Quantity, Quality, Antiquity, Legality of this Golden Prerogative, Duty and Revenue of the Queen-Consorts of England. The Several Oblations, Fines Out of Which it Springs both in England and Ireland; The Queens Officers in the Exchequer to Receive, Collect, Account to Her for It, with their Patents; The Lands, Tenements, Goods, Chattels, Persons Liable to Satisfie it; The Questions of Law About it; The Kings Title to the Arrears Thereof by the Queens Decease; The Process by Which it is to be Levyd, And What Else Concerns It. With an Addition of Some Records Concerning Our Royal Mines of Gold and Silver, And Four Patents of K. Henry the 6. by Authority of Parliament, For Finding the Philosophers Stone, To Transubstantiate Baser Metals into Solid Real Gold and Silver, To Satisfie All the Creditors of the King and Kingdom in New Years Space. London: Printed for the Author by Thomas Ratcliffe, 1668. [viii], 138, [1] pp. With preliminary Imprimatur leaf and final errata leaf. Quarto (9-1/2" x 7-1/4").

Recent marbled boards, calf lettering piece to spine, endpapers added, original endpapers retained. Title printed within typographical border. Moderate toning to text, some edgewear to preliminaries and final leaves of text, wormhole to fore-edges of final 18 leaves, early owner signature of Thomas Manby, dated April 9, 1668 to front endleaf, note in Manby's hand indicting this copy was a gift from the author ("ex dono Authoris") to foot of imprimatur leaf, a few brief annotations in his hand to text, later owner signatures to head of imprimatur leaf and foot of errata leaf. \$1,250.

* Only edition. Broadly a defense of the King's right to impose taxation on his subjects, these essays are a historical review and defense of the *aurum reginae*, or queen-gold, a revenue raised by the king to support the queen and her retainers. Prynn 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 the Court of Star Chamber. After the Restoration Prynn was appointed Royal Archivist in the Tower of London. The owner who received this copy from Prynn was probably the Thomas Manby who was the lawyer and legal author who edited later editions of Pulton's *Collection of all the Statutes now in Use*. Prynn and Manby were fellow barristers of Lincoln's Inn. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R4976. [Order This Item](#)



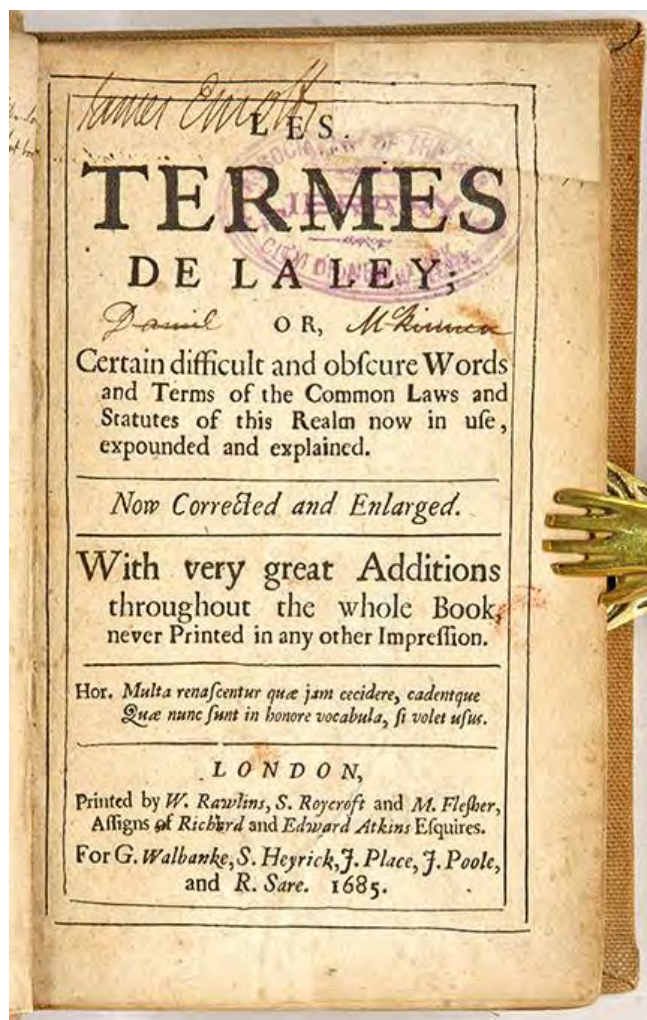
Pulton's *Kalender*

19. Pulton, Ferdinando [1536-1618].

A Kalendar, Or Table, Compreheding the Effect of All the Statutes that Have Beene Made and Put in Print, Beginning with Magna Charta, Enacted Anno 9. H.3. and Proceeding One by One, Untill the End of the Session of Parliament Holden Anno 7. R. Iacobi: Declaring by Certaine Characters, Which of the Same Statutes or Braunches of Statutes, Be Repealed, Which be Expired, Which be Altered in the Whole, or Part, Which be Worne out of Use, Which Were Ordained for Particular Persons, or Places, And Which Being Generall, In Force, And Use, Are Inserted in the Severall Titles of this Abridgement. Whereunto is Annexed an Abridgement of All the Statutes, Whereof the Whole or Any Part is Generall, In Force, And Use, With Certaine Quaeres, Cautions, And Advertisements of Such Things that be Doubtfull, Together with the Authoritie and Duetie of Iustices, Sherifes, Coroners, Escheators, Maiors, Bailifes, Customers, Stewards of Leetes and Liberties, And What Things by Severall Statutes in Force they Must, May, Ought, Or are Compellable to Doe. Editum per Mandatum Domini Regis. Collected by Fardinando Pulton of Lincolns Inne Esquire, And by Him Againe Augmented, Since the Session of Parliament Holden Anno Septimo Regis Iacobi. London: Printed for the Company of Stationers, 1612. [viii], 447, 447-461, [4] ff. Final leaf blank. Lacking initial blank leaf, otherwise complete. Folio (11-1/4" x 7").

Contemporary calf, blind rules to boards, raised bands and recent lettering piece to spine, later repairs near center of backstrip and corners, early hand-lettered title to fore-edge of text block, endpapers renewed. Light rubbing and a few minor scuffs to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, minor chipping to head of spine, small crack to lower section of backstrip. Woodcut vignette to head of title page, woodcut head-pieces. Moderate toning to text, brief early annotations in a few places, light soiling and some edgewear and crinkling to title page, some edgewear to final leaves of text, upper quarter lacking from final (blank) leaf. An attractive copy. \$950.

* Third edition. Pulton was a commoner of Brasenose College, Oxford, a fellow of Christ's College, Cambridge, and a member of Lincoln's Inn. As a Catholic Pulton was not allowed to practice, so he devoted his energies to editing statutes, which he did with great skill and industry. He published the first edition of the *Kalender* in 1606. A successful book, it went through three more edition, the last in 1617. The work has two parts. The first part is a chronological list of statutes from Magna Carta onwards. The second part summarizes the statutes under alphabetical headings. *English Short-Title Catalogue* S121389. [Order This Item](#)



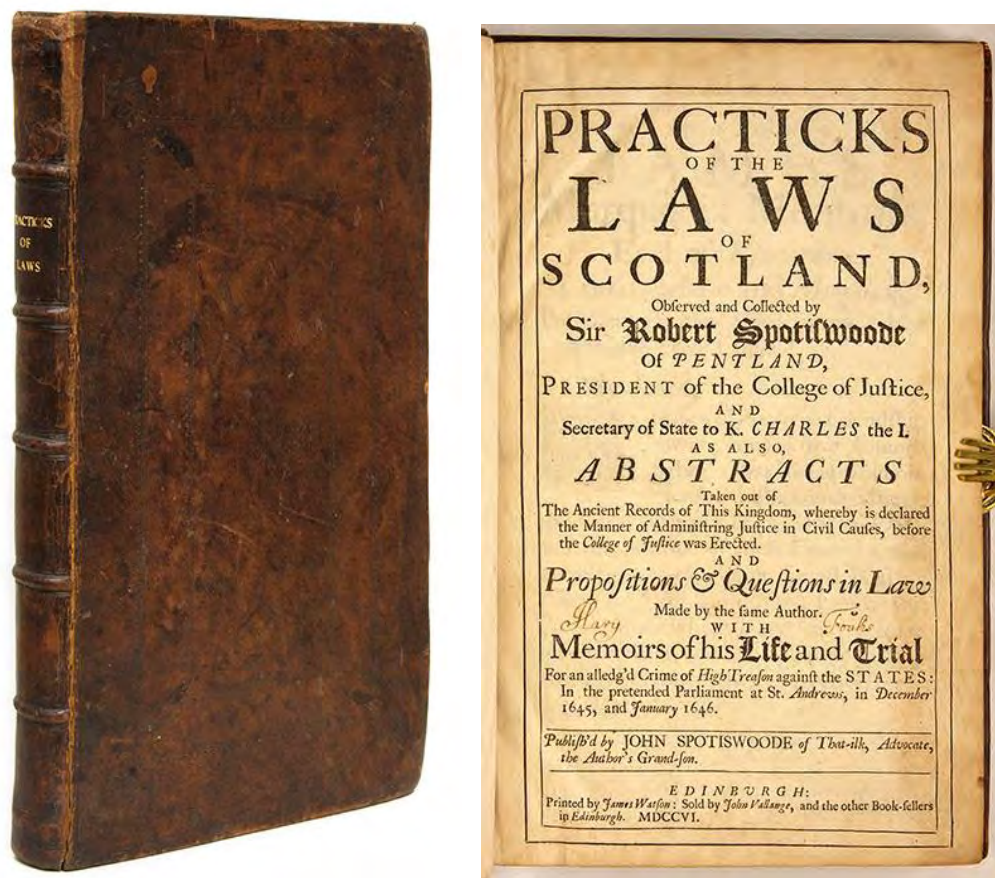
1685 Printing of the
First English Law Dictionary

20. [Rastell, John (d.1536)].
[Rastell, William, Editor].

Les Termes de la Ley: Or, Certain Difficult and Obscure Words and Terms of the Common Laws and Statutes of this Realm Now in Use, Expounded and Explained. Now Corrected and Enlarged. With Very Great Additions Throughout the Whole Book, Never Printed in Any Other Impression. London: Printed by W. Rawlins, S. Roycroft and M. Fleisher, 1685. [iv], 463, 468-671, [1] pp. Main text in parallel columns. Pagination irregular. Text complete. Octavo (6-1/2" x 4-1/4").

Recent period-style quarter calf over marbled boards, raised bands and lettering piece to spine, endpapers renewed, title page, with repair to upper corner, mounted. Moderate toning to text, two small later signatures and embossed and ink library stamps to title page, brief annotations to verso. A nice copy in a handsome binding. \$650.

* Later edition. English and Law French in parallel columns. First published in 1527 by John Rastell, this was both the first English dictionary and first English law dictionary. It was originally written in Law French with the Latin title *Expositiones Terminorum Legum Anglorumae*. Later editions were produced by his son, William. Quite popular with students and lawyers due to its clarity and concision, it went through at least twenty-five editions by 1721. A final reissue appeared in 1819. As Marvin observes, it is a useful dictionary because it "reflects the common law at the close of the year-book period with much fidelity." *Legal Bibliography* 599. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R201044. [Order This Item](#)



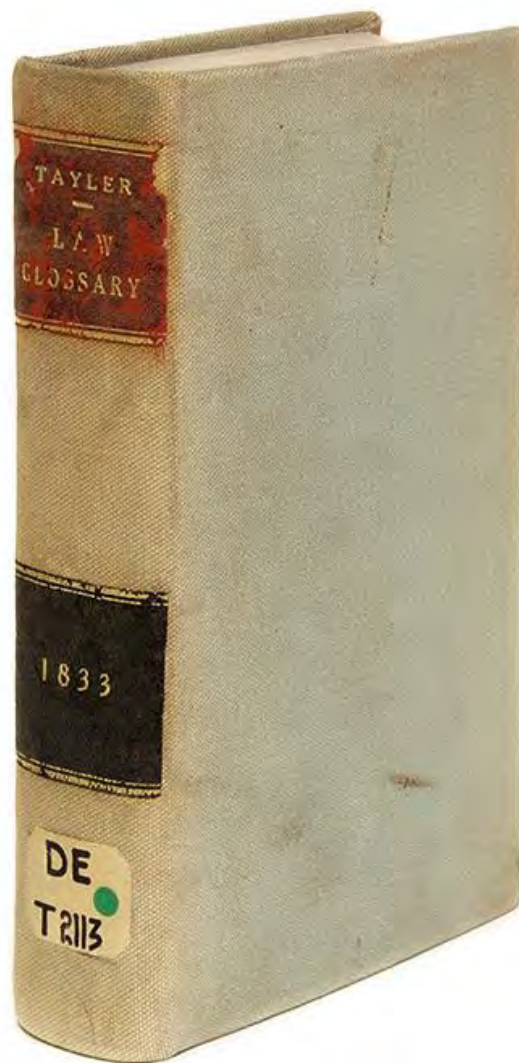
"A Pandect of Scots Law"

21. Spotiswoode, Sir Robert [1596-1646].

Practicks of the Laws of Scotland, Also Abstracts Taken Out of the Ancient Records of This Kingdom, Whereby is declared the Manner of Administrating Justice in Civil Causes, Before the College of Justice was Erected. And Propositions & Questions in Law Made by the Same Author. With Memoirs of His Life and Trial for an Alleg'd Crime of High Treason Against the States: In the Pretended Parliament at St. Andrews, In December 1645, And January 1646. Published by John Spotiswoode, of That-Ilk, Advocate, The Author's Grand-Son. Edinburgh: Printed by James Watson, 1706. [iv], xli, [3], 372 pp. Folio (11-1/2" x 7").

Contemporary paneled calf, raised bands and later lettering piece to spine, joints repaired at head of spine. Light rubbing and a few minor nicks and scuffs to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, front joint starting at foot, chipping to head of spine, corners bumped and somewhat worn, front hinge cracked. Moderate toning, faint stains to fore-edges of a few leaves, small early owner signature to title page, owner inscription to foot of p. 372. \$350.

* Only edition. "An anonymous abridgment of both Durie and Hope, and epitome of part of Nicholson by Sir Peter Wedderburn...call for no special comment, and are altogether eclipsed by four other digest Practicks all prior to the civil wars. The first is that of Sir Robert Spotiswoode of Pentland and New Abbey, who was appointed an ordinary Lord in 1626 and Lord President in 1633. Besides excerpts from civilians, Craig and Balfour, he notes cases from 1625 to 1637, not long before he had to fly to England to escape from the Presbyterians, together with a few earlier ones from 1541 derived from an unknown source. It has been described as 'an unfinished collection of materials for a Pandect of Scots law,' and is the earliest of the Practicks generally cited to the Court today" (Stair Society). OCLC locates 3 copies (at Columbia, Yale and UC-Berkeley law libraries). COPAC locates 3 copies (at the University of London, University of Edinburgh and the University of Glasgow). Stair Society, *Introductory Survey of the Sources and Literature of Scots Law* 36. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T101198. [Order This Item](#)



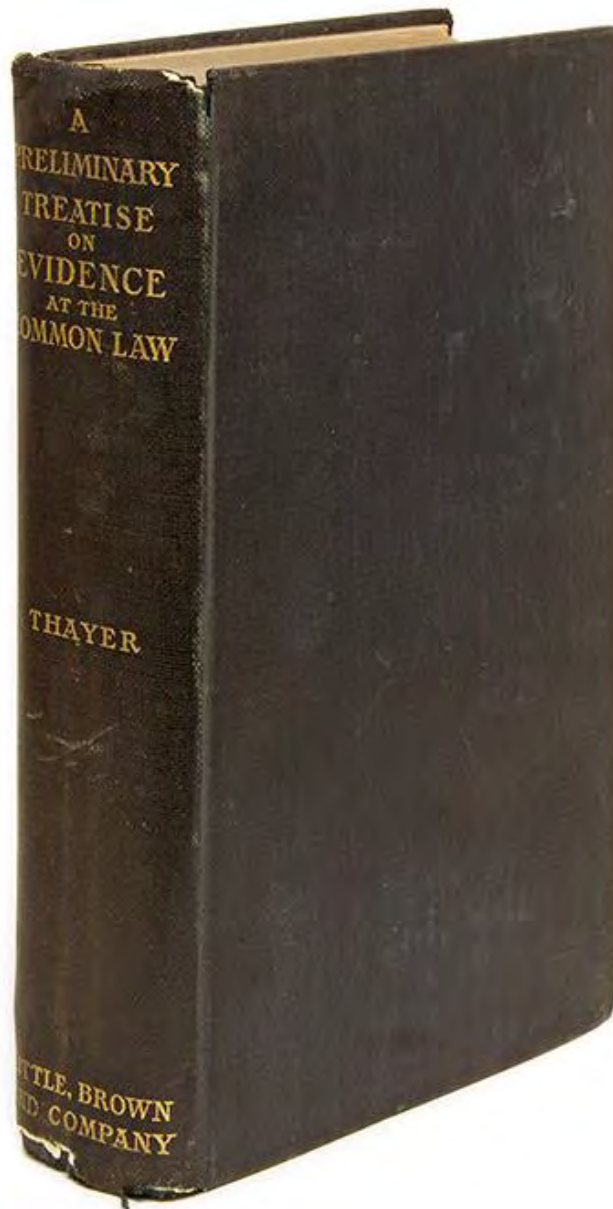
First American Edition of Taylor's *Law Glossary*

22. Tayler, Thomas [fl. 1833-1843].

The Law Glossary: Being a Selection of the Greek, Latin, Saxon, French, Norman and Italian Sentences, Phrases, and Maxims, Found in the Works of Lord Coke, Shower, Peere Williams, Sir William Blackstone, Sir Francis Buller, Vezey, Chancellor Kent, Reeves, Durnford and East, Taunton, Sellon, Johnson, Cowan, Sugden, Preston, Bosenquet, Starkie, Tidd, Phillips, Chitty, Moore, Wendell, And numerous Other Law Writers: With Historical and Explanatory Notes. Alphabetically Arranged, And Translated into English. For the Use of the Members of the Legal Profession, Law Students, Sheriffs, Justices of the Peace, &c. &c. Albany: Published by W. & A. Gould, 1833. vii, [1], 501, [1] pp. Octavo (8-1/2" x 5-1/4").

Later cloth, red and black lettering pieces and small location label to spine, endpapers renewed. Some soiling, light shelfwear. Moderate toning to text, light foxing to a few laves, minor tears to a few leaves with early repairs, small library stamps to title page and following leaf. \$150.

* First American edition. Preceded by the London editions of 1819 and 1823 and edited for the American reader, this early glossary offers a unique historical perspective on the interpretation of American legal concepts in the early-nineteenth century. The preface "differs from those in the two previous English editions and was clearly designed for an American audience.": Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 5452. [Order This Item](#)



An Important American Treatise on Evidence

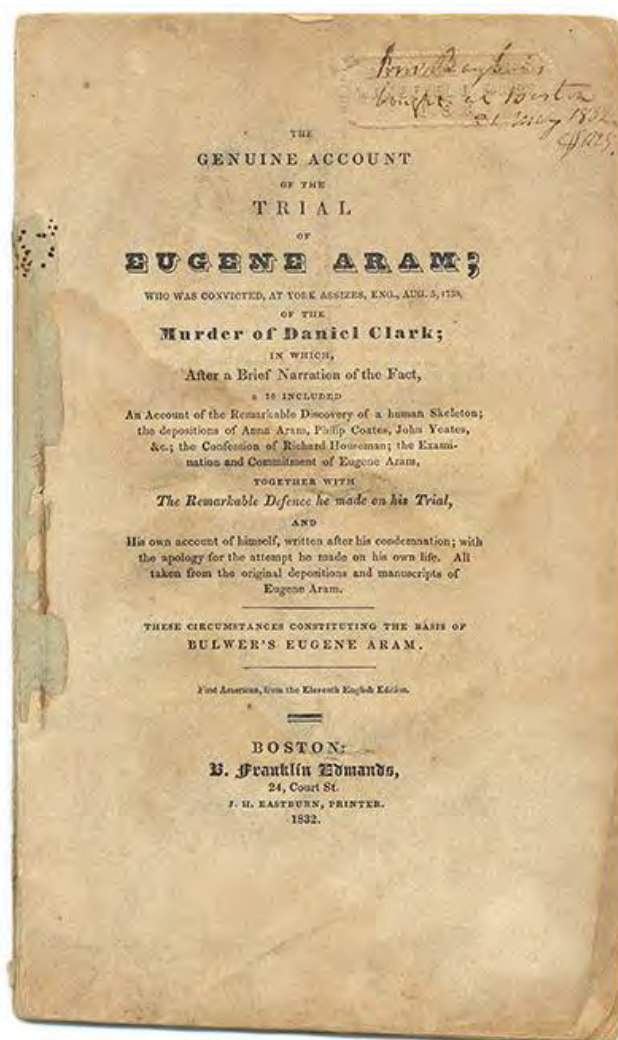
23. Thayer, James Bradley [1831-1902].

A Preliminary Treatise on Evidence at the Common Law. Boston: Little, Brown, and Company, 1898. xxxvi, 636 pp. Octavo (9" x 6").

Starched buckram, gilt title to spine, deckle fore and bottom edges. Light rubbing, some chipping to spine ends, corners bumped and lightly worn, a few cracks to text block, early owner signature to front free endpaper. A nice copy. \$95.

* Thayer "recognized that our artificial rules of evidence were the natural outgrowth of trial by jury, and could only be explained by tracing carefully the development of that institution in England. His work was well-received, gaining him a reputation as an important legal historian in both America and England.": Ames, *Lectures on Legal History* 464 cited in Marke, *A Catalogue of the Law Collection at New York University* (1953) 531. [Order This Item](#)

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The Inspiration for Bulwer-Lytton's Novel

24. [Trial].

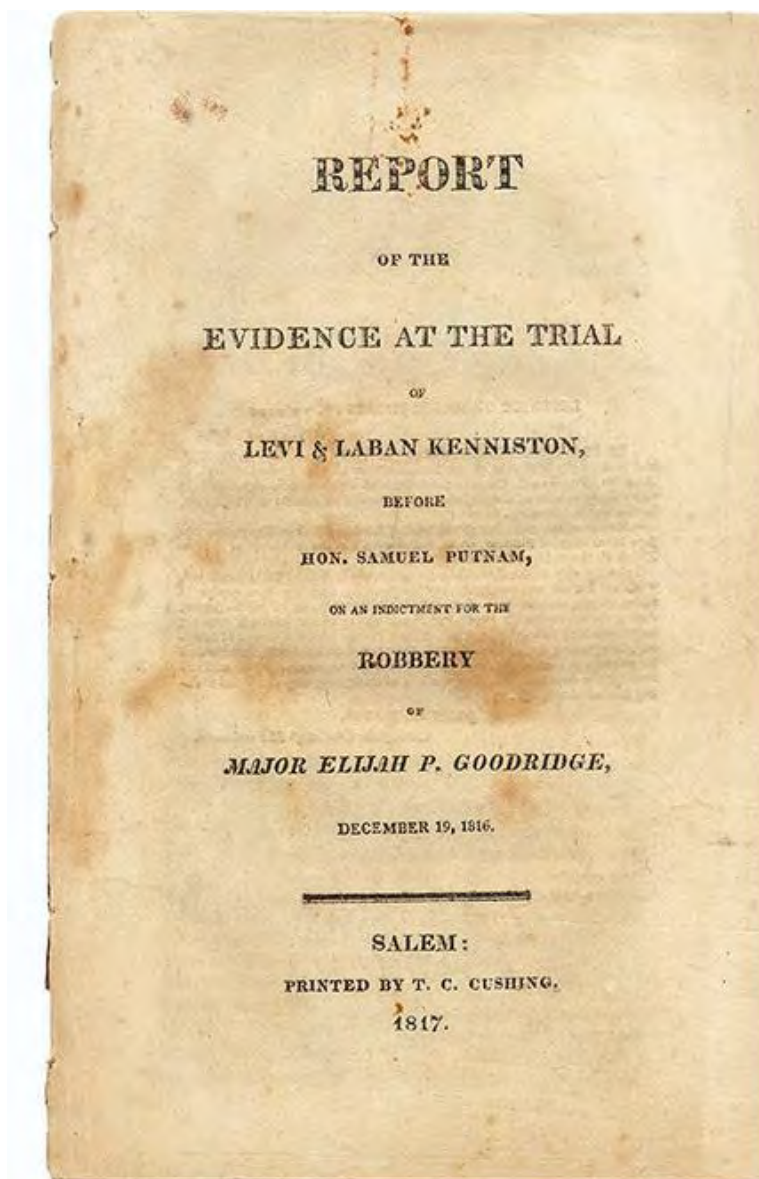
Aram, Eugene [1704-1759], Defendant.

The Genuine Account of the Trial of Eugene Aram; Who Was Convicted, At York Assizes, Eng., Aug. 5, 1759, Of the Murder of Daniel Clark; In Which, After a Brief Narration of the Fact, Is Included an Account of the Remarkable Discovery of a Human Skeleton; The Depositions of Anna Aram, Philip Coates, John Yeates, &c.; The Confession of Richard Houseman; The Examination and Commitment of Eugene Aram, Together with the Remarkable Defence He Made on His Trial, And His Own Account of Himself, Written After His Condemnation; With the Apology for the Attempt He Made on His Own Life. All Taken From the Original depositions and Manuscripts of Eugene Aram. These Circumstances Constituting the Basis of Bulwer's Eugene Aram. Boston: B. Franklin Edmands, 1832. 40 pp. Octavo (9" x 5").

Stab-stitched pamphlet, wrappers lacking. Light soiling to exterior, light browning and faint dampstaining, early inscription and embossed stamp to upper corner of title page. \$150.

* First American edition, from the eleventh English edition. With an abridged version of Thomas Hood's poem *The Dream of Eugene Aram* (1831). American interest in this notable British murder trial was sparked by the publication of Thomas Hood's poem and Edward Bulwer-Lytton's novel *Eugene Aram* (1832). Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 12286.

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False Accusations of Robbery

25. [Trial].

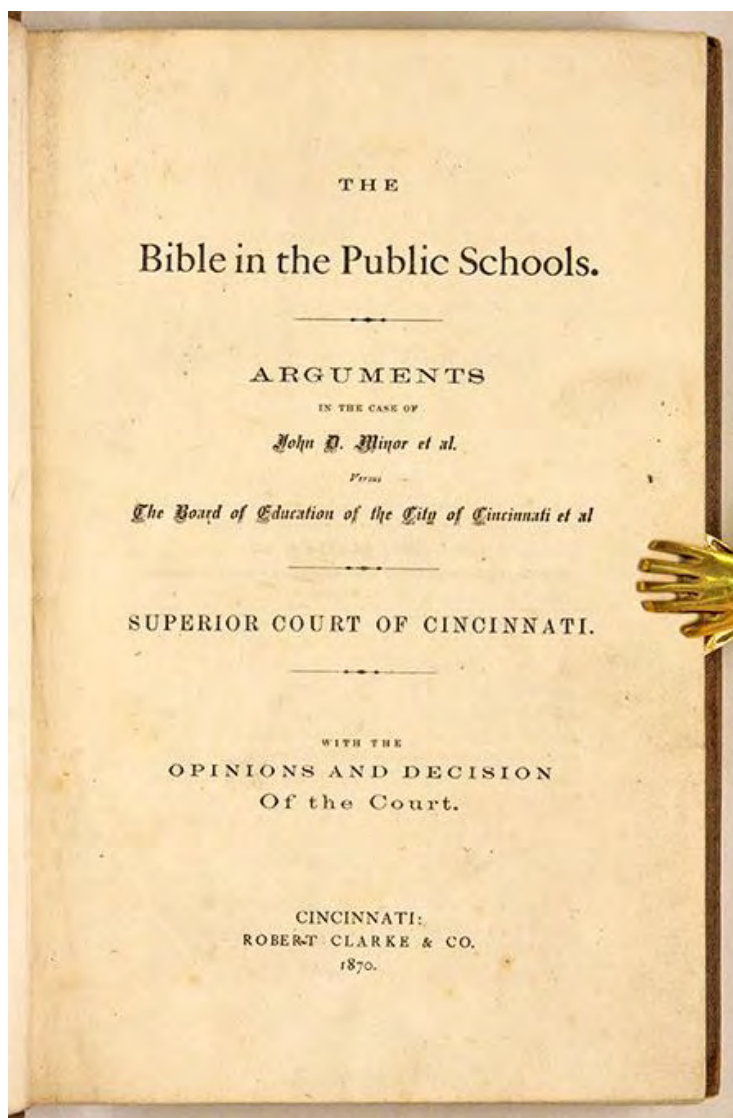
Kenniston, Levi, Defendant.

Kenniston, Laban, Defendant.

Report of the Evidence at the Trial of Levi & Laban Kenniston, Before Hon. Samuel Putnam on an Indictment for the Robbery of Major Elijah P. Goodridge, December 19, 1816. Salem: Printed by T.C. Cushing, 1817. 32 pp. Octavo (9-1/2" x 5-1/2").

Stab-stitched pamphlet. Light browning, some leaves have light foxing, tiny faint mark from paper clip to title and final page. \$150.

* Only edition. "Elijah Goodridge brought charges against a number of individuals whom he accused of robbing him, but apparently no robbery had taken place. Goodridge's accusations had been fabricated and the defendants were acquitted after a trial in the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court" (Cohen). This is one of three accounts of this case. Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 14018. [Order This Item](#)



**An Important Ohio Case Involving the
Reading of Scripture in Public Schools**

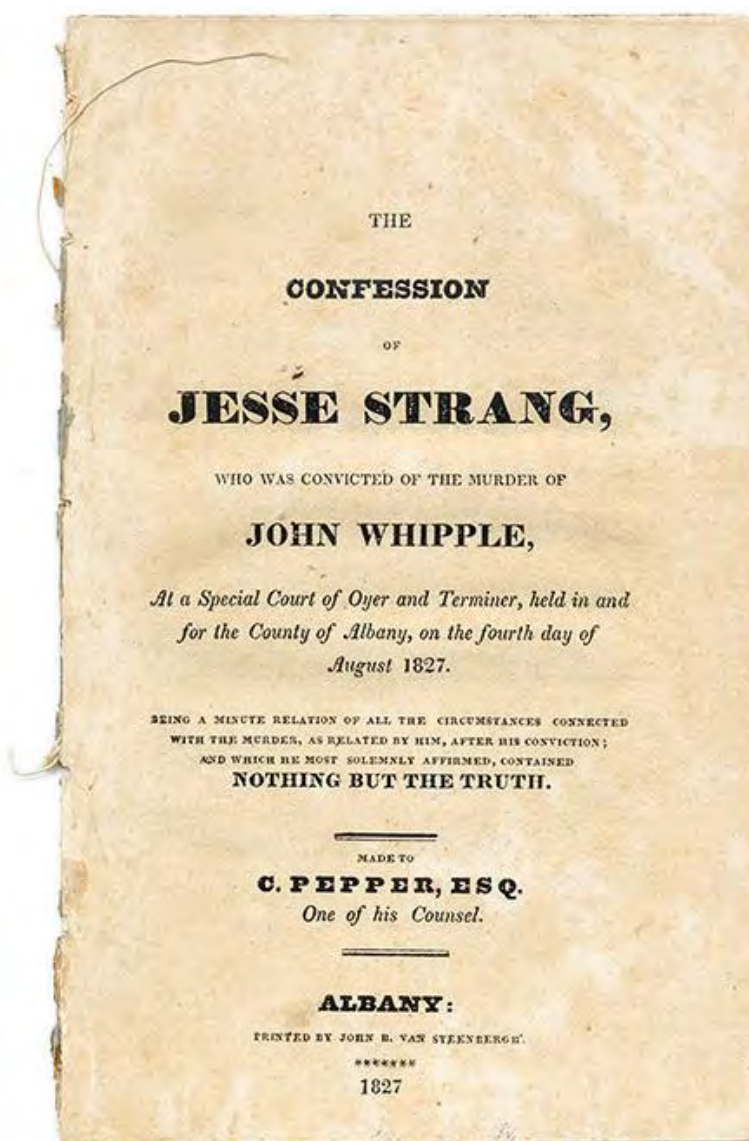
26. [Trial].

Minor, John, Plaintiff.

The Bible in the Public Schools: Arguments in the Case Of John D. Minor et al. Versus The Board of Education of the City of Cincinnati et al.: Superior Court of Cincinnati. With The Opinions and Decision of the Court. Cincinnati: Robert Clarke & Co. 1870. 420, [4], [3]-14, [2] pp. Includes 16 pages of publisher advertisements. Octavo (9" x 5-3/4").

Cloth, blind frames to boards, gilt title to spine. Light rubbing, light fading to spine, some chipping to spine ends, corners bumped, light soiling to endleaves, light toning to text. \$40.

* In 1868 the school board of the City of Cincinnati ended the practice of reading passages of the King James Bible in classrooms. Immediately challenged in the Superior Court, the school board's decision was revoked, in part, on the grounds that the readings were non-sectarian. The Ohio Supreme Court overturned on appeal. The latter decision and Ohio Superior Court Justice Alphonso Taft's dissent were cited favorably by the U.S. Supreme Court in *Abbington v. Schempp*. [Order This Item](#)



"Black, Unhallowed, Uncaused Crime": McDade 934

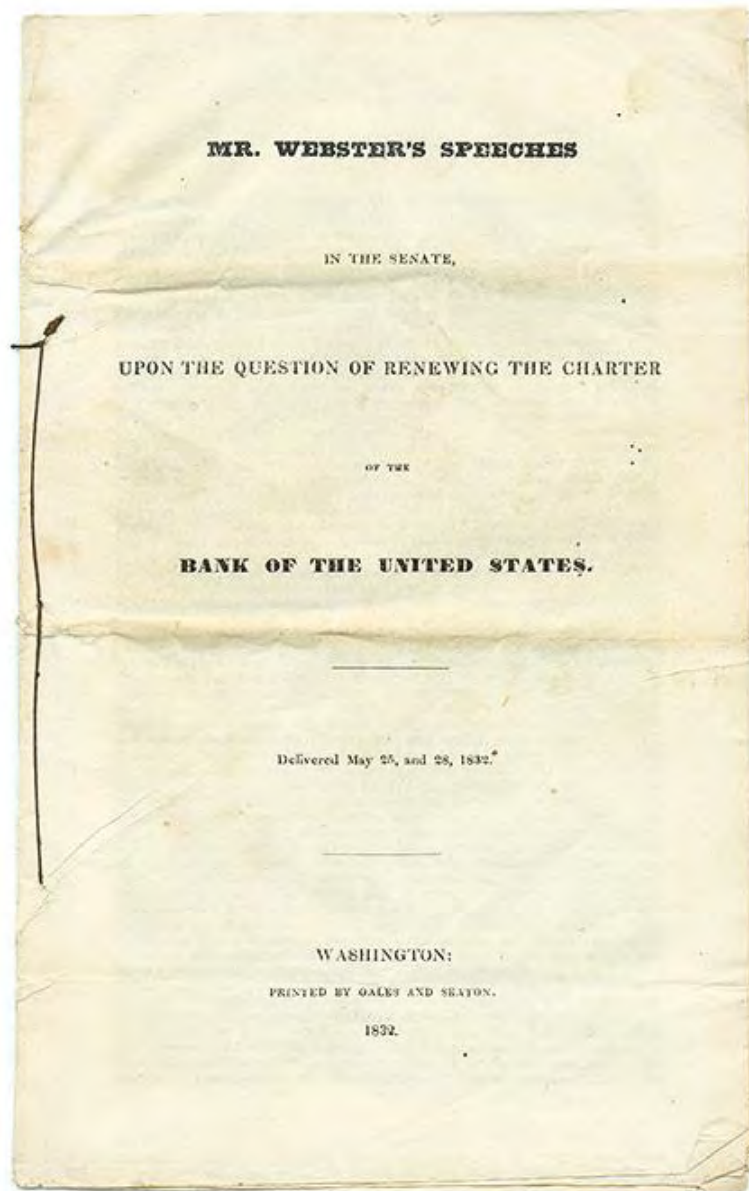
27. [Trial].

Strang, Jesse, Defendant.

The Confession of Jesse Strang, Who Was Convicted of the Murder of John Whipple, At a Special Court of Oyer and Terminer, Held in and for the County of Albany, On the Fourth Day of August 1827. Being a Minute Relation of All the Circumstances Connected with the Murder, As Related by Him, After His Conviction; And Which he Most Solemnly Affirmed, Contained Nothing but the Truth. Made to C. Pepper, Esq. One of His Counsel. Albany: Printed by John B. van Steenbergh, 1827. 35 pp. Octavo (9-1/2" x 5-1/2").

Disbound stab-stitched pamphlet. Moderate toning, light foxing to a few leaves, light browning to title page. A nice copy, \$250.

* Only edition. Jesse Strang (living under the alias Joseph Orton) was involved in an affair with Elsie Whipple. Strang shot Elsie's husband, John Whipple, after several unsuccessful attempts by the lovers to poison him. Strang was convicted and executed. Elsie was tried individually and acquitted. This pamphlet includes a poem, "To Mrs Whipple," accusing her of "black, unhallowed, uncaused crime." McDade, *The Annals of Murder* 934. [Order This Item](#)



**Webster on Renewing the
Charter of the Bank of the United States**

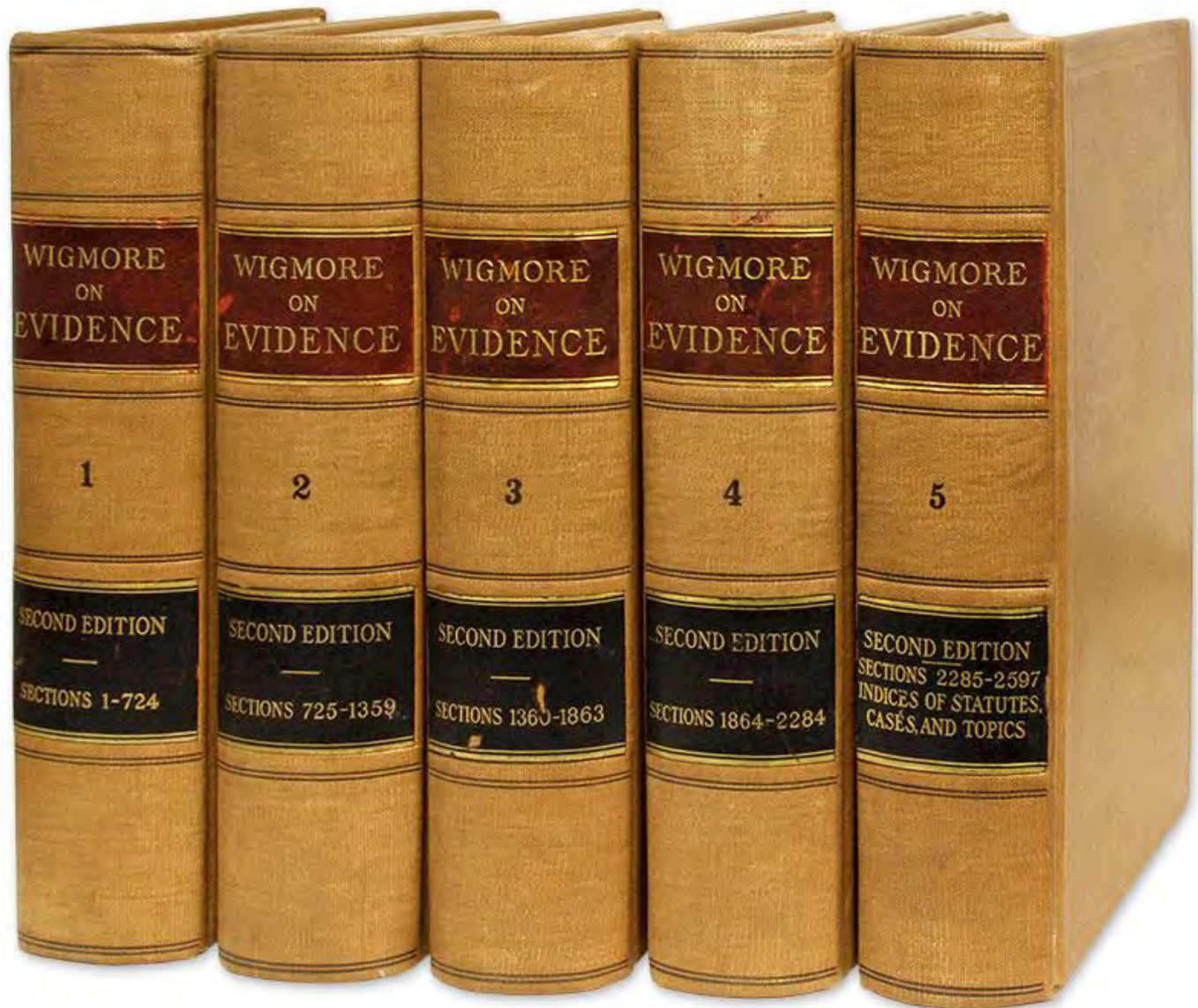
28. Webster, Daniel [1782-1852].

Mr. Webster's Speeches in the Senate, Upon the Question of Renewing the Charter of the Bank of the United States. Washington, DC: Printed by Gales and Seaton, 1832. 16 pp. Octavo (9" x 5-1/2").

Stab-stitched pamphlet in self wrappers, untrimmed edges. Faint horizontal creases through center, negligible light soiling. \$50.

* Only edition. Whether or not to renew the charter of the Bank of the United States was one of the key political issues of 1832. Jackson opposed the bank, which was seen as a tool of Eastern elite moneyed interests. Webster wanted the charter renewed. Jackson prevailed and the bank lost its charter (It was reorganized as a private bank in 1836.)

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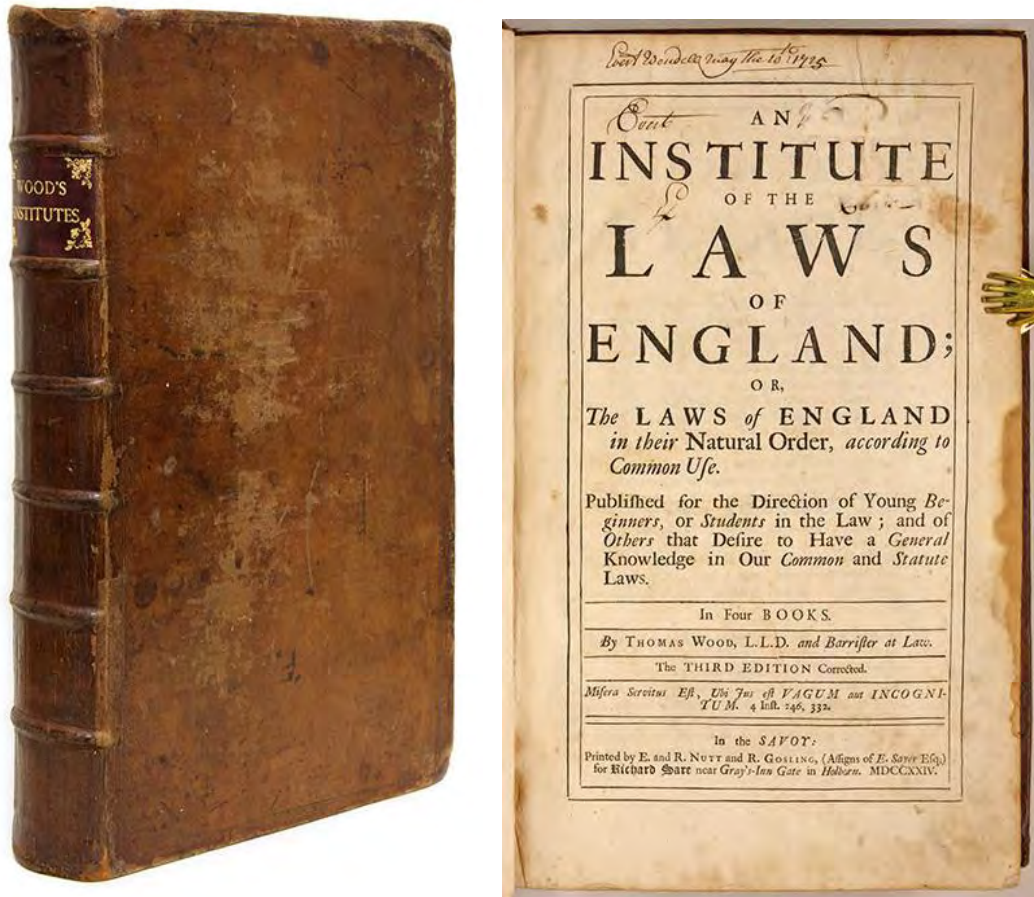
Second Edition of *Wigmore on Evidence*

29. Wigmore, John Henry [1863-1943].

A Treatise on the Anglo-American System of Evidence in Trials at Common Law including the Statutes and Judicial Decisions of All the Jurisdictions of the United States and Canada. Boston: Little, Brown, and Company, 1940. Five volumes.

Starched buckram, red and black lettering pieces to spine. Light shelfwear, a few nicks and scuffs to spines. Early owner stamps to endleaves and a few other places, interiors otherwise clean. \$500.

* Second edition, one of three editions by Wigmore. Originally published in 1904, *Wigmore on Evidence* is both a lawyer's manual of practice and an incisive and highly critical survey of the subject. Marke, *A Catalogue of the Law Collection at New York University* (1953) 532. [Order This Item](#)



Well-Annotated Copy of an
Admired Precursor to Blackstone's *Commentaries*

30. Wood, Thomas [1661-1722].

An Institute of the Laws of England; Or, The Laws of England in Their Natural Order, According to Common Use. Published for the Direction of Young Beginners, Or Students in the Law; And of Others That Desire To Have a General Knowledge in Our Common and Statute Laws. In Four Books. [London]: Printed by E. and R. Nutt and R. Gosling, 1724. [ii], xi, [1], 663, [33] pp. Lacking copperplate portrait frontispiece. Publisher list to verso of final index leaf. Folio (12-1/2" x 8").

Contemporary calf, blind rules to boards, blind fillets along joints raised bands and recent lettering piece to spine. Light rubbing to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, some wear to spine ends, joints reinforced near foot of spine, corners bumped and somewhat worn, hinges mended. Moderate toning to text, occasional light foxing, faint dampstaining to margins in a few places, inkpots to a few leaves, annotations and owner signature dated 1725 to title page, annotations throughout text, doodles in similar hand to text and rear endleaves, \$250.

* Third edition, corrected. First published in 1720, Wood's *Institute* was the only treatise until Blackstone's *Commentaries* to furnish a comprehensive view of the common law. According to Holdsworth, it was "the most important and the most popular of his books. It was written, he tells us, to supply the want of a methodical book on English law, which could be put into the hands of students in the Inns of Court and the Universities." Blackstone says "his work is undoubtedly a valuable performance; and great are the obligations of the student to him, and his predecessor Finch, for their happy progress in reducing the elements of law from their former chaos to a regular methodical science" (Holdsworth). Raging from single words to brief sentences, the annotations are divided almost evenly between glosses and case references. Holdsworth, *A History of English Law* XII:419. *English Short-Title Catalogue* N7731. [Order This Item](#)