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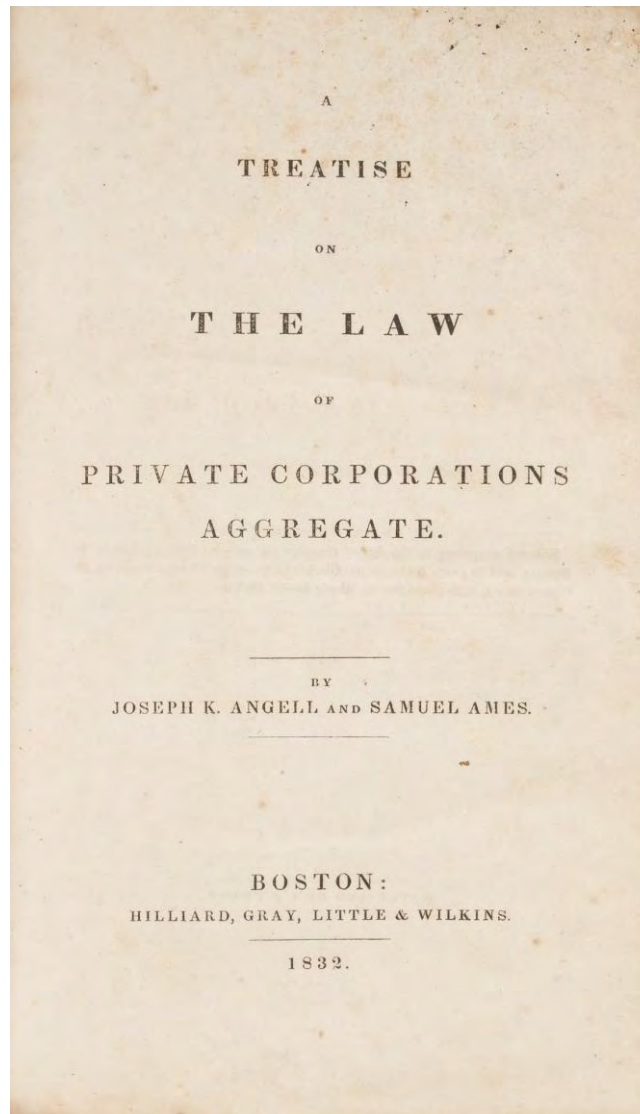
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First Edition of the First American Treatise on Corporations

1. Angell, Joseph K. [1794-1857].

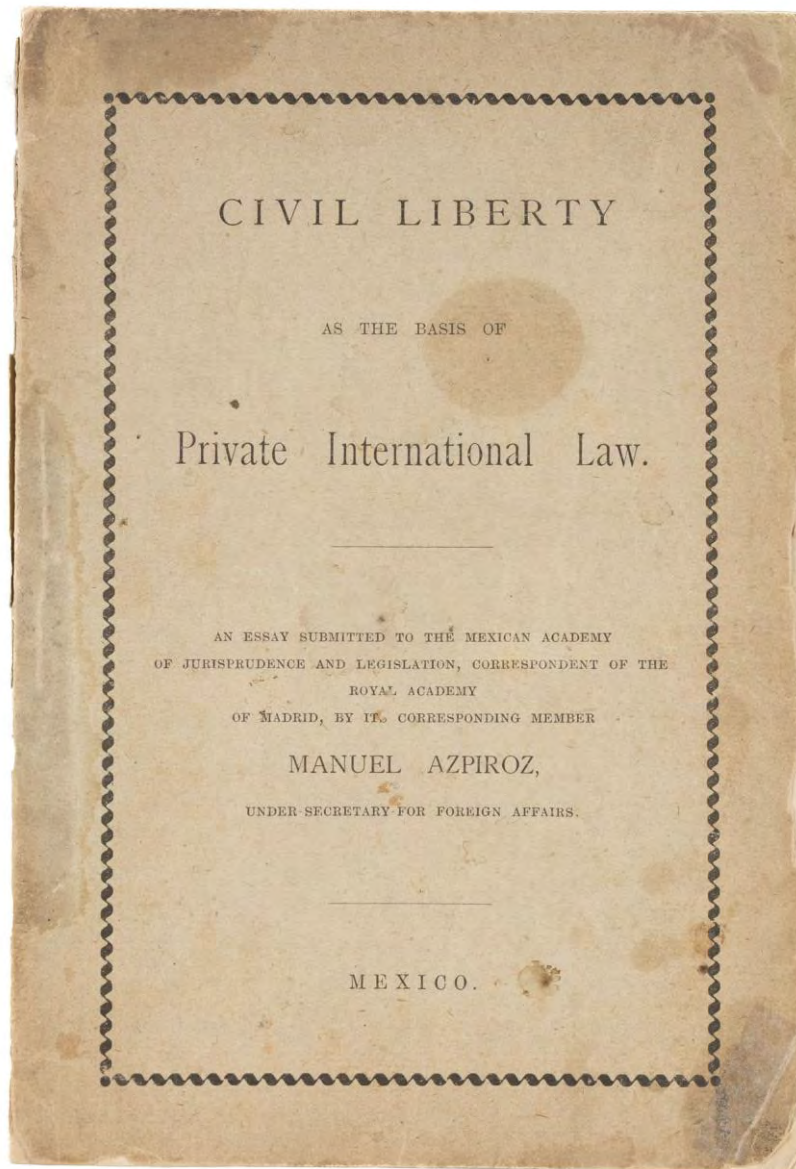
Ames, Samuel [1806-1865].

A Treatise on the Law of Private Corporations Aggregate. Boston: Hilliard, Gray, Little & Wilkins, 1832. lv, 539 pp. Octavo (8-1/2" x 5-1/4").

Contemporary calf, blind fillets to boards, lettering piece and blind fillets to spine, fragments of early owner label to foot of spine. Light rubbing to boards, slightly heavier rubbing to extremities, staining to boards and spine, corners bumped and somewhat worn, (illegible) early owner signature and later law-office stamp to front pastedown, moderate toning and light foxing to interior. \$1,500.

* First edition. This was the first American treatise on corporations. A durable work, it went through six editions, the last one in 1858. "It is undoubtedly the best work upon corporations that an American lawyer can possess...Chancellor Kent highly recommends the book": Marvin, *Legal Bibliography* 63. Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 9296.

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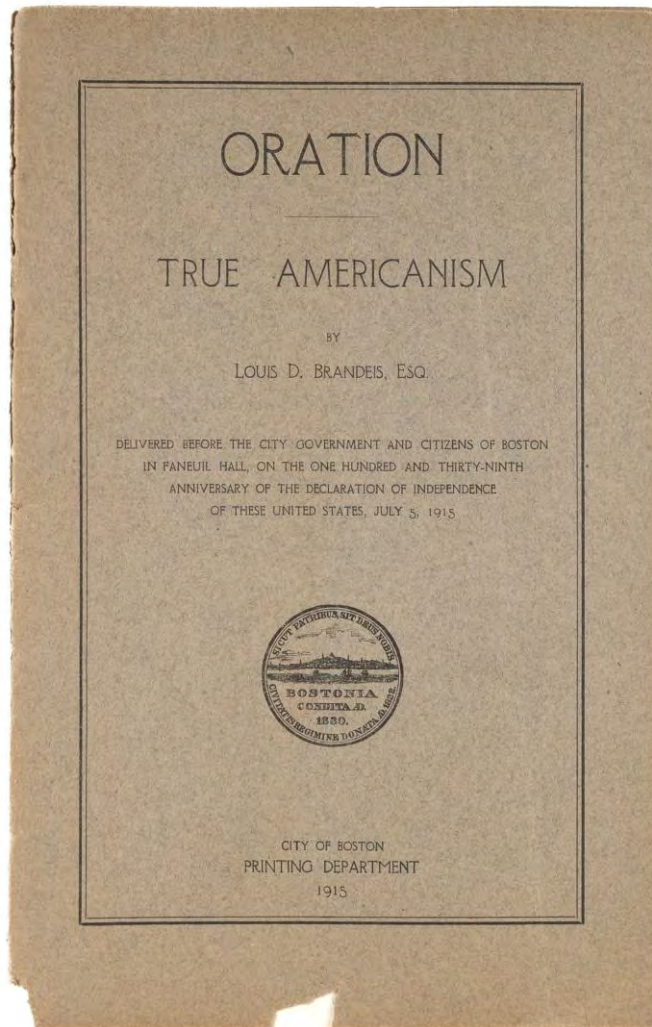
**Rare Pamphlet by a Notable
Nineteenth-Century Mexican Authority on International Law**

2. Azpiroz, Manuel [1836-1905].

Civil Liberty as the Basis of Private International Law. Mexico City: [S.n.], [1896]. 65, [1] pp. Octavo (7-1/2" x 5-1/4").

Stab-stitched pamphlet in printed wrappers. Light soiling, moderate edgewear and a few minor stains to wrappers, which are just beginning to detach at ends, spine abraded, moderate toning to interior. \$650.

* First edition, also issued in Spanish. Azpiroz was a Mexican diplomat, statesman and author of two important books on international law. He was Mexico's ambassador to the United States from 1899 to 1905. OCLC locates 7 copies, 2 of the English edition (Harvard Law School, University of Pennsylvania Law School). [Order This Item](#)



Brandeis on "True Americanism"

3. Brandeis, Louis D. [1856-1941].

Oration: True Americanism, Delivered Before the City Government and Citizens of Boston in Faneuil Hall, On the One Hundred and Thirty-Ninth Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence of These United States, July 5, 1915. Boston: Printing Department, 1915. 23 pp. Portrait frontispiece of Brandeis. Another plate, at the rear of the text, is a portrait of Charles W. Lyons, S.J.

Stamped pamphlet, stiff printed wrappers detached with light edgewear and a few minor chips. Frontispiece and title page partially detached but secure, light toning to interior. \$500.

* Only edition. In 1915 Brandeis was the Boston Municipal Orator, an illustrious post established in 1771. Brandeis, then a prominent Boston attorney, addresses several themes that would distinguish his career as a justice of the Supreme Court, most notably the protection of individuals from the harmful effects of capitalism through government intervention. Lyons, the president of Boston College, delivered a prayer at the ceremony. OCLC locates 3 copies (Huntington Library, University of Louisville, University of Oregon Law School). OCLC also lists an 8 pp. version with a similar title (at Hebrew Union College, Ohio). [Order This Item](#)



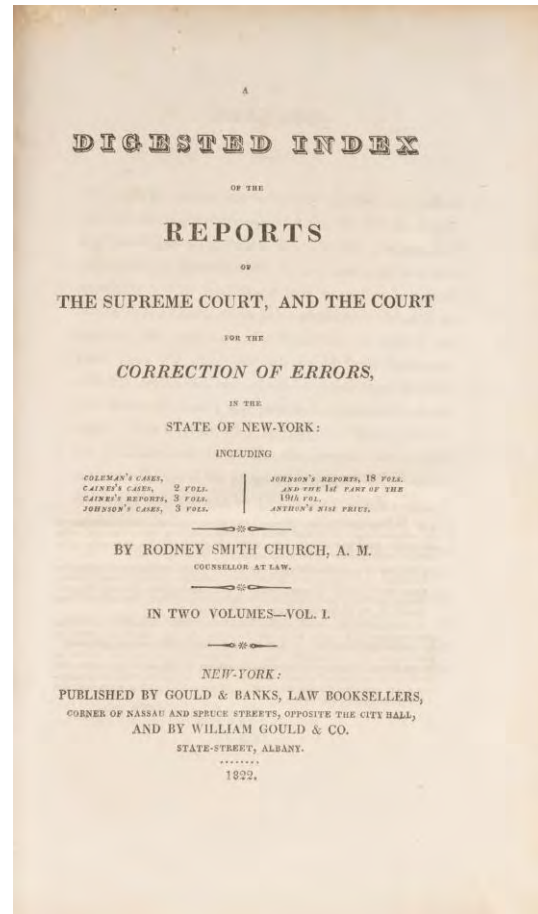
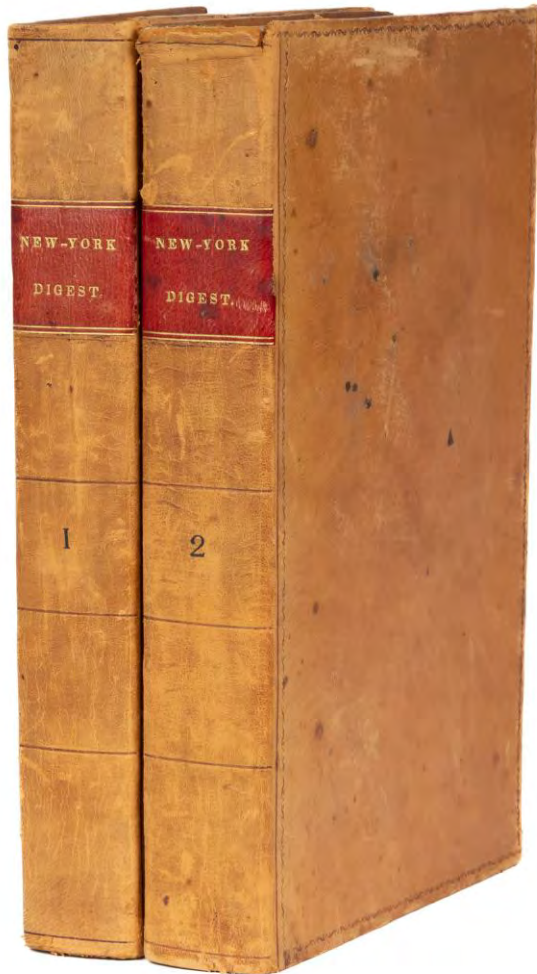
The Execution of a Teenage Murderer

4. [Broadside].
[Execution].
Bell, James Any Bird.

Execution of James Any Bird Bell, At Maidstone, for Murder. [London]: J. Catnach, Printer, [1831].

15" x 10" broadside hinged (with two small circular stickers at top-edge) onto 24" x 17" board. Text in two columns separated by woodcut border under headline and two woodcut vignettes, two columns of verse on either side of third woodcut illustration at foot of text. Moderate toning, light soiling at edges, light creasing at head, upper right corner lacking without loss to text, clean tear to upper right corner affecting last letter of headline and border around right image with small hole to border. Rare. \$3,000.

* The fourteen-year-old Bell confessed to killing Richard Faulkner Taylor, thirteen, presumably for the small sum of money Taylor was carrying home. His younger brother, James (with whom John Any Bird is often confused in contemporary accounts), apparently a witness to the crime, testified against him at trial, where he was convicted of murder. Bell was the youngest person executed in England in the nineteenth century. This broadside appears to be unrecorded. No copies located on OCLC or Library Hub. [Order This Item](#)



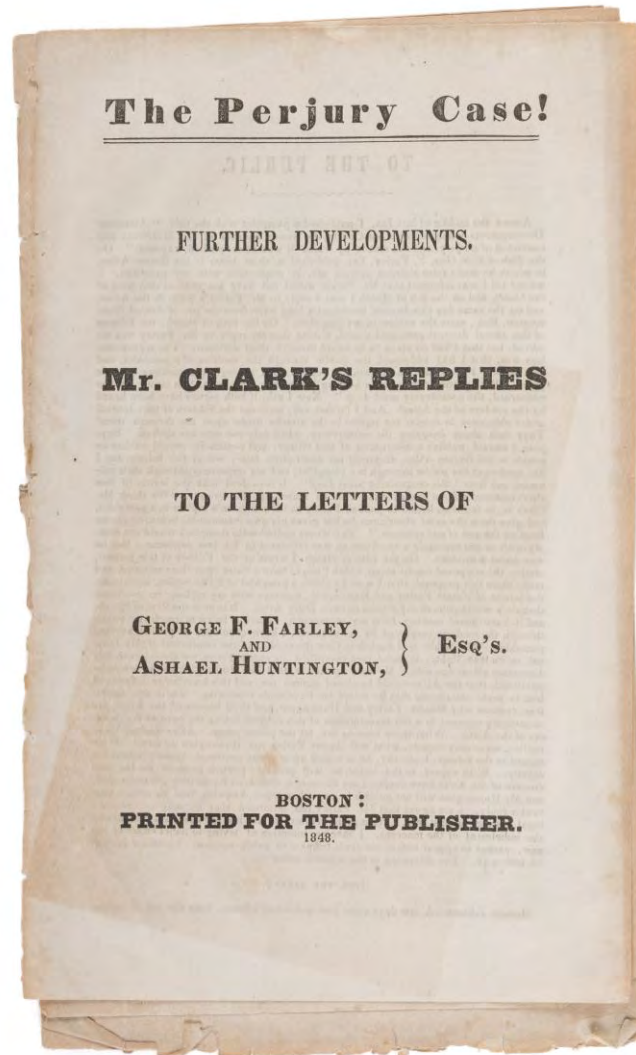
A "Search Engine" for Early New York Reports

5. Church, Rodney Smith [d. 1871].

A Digested Index of the Reports of the Supreme Court, And the Court for the Correction of Errors, In the State of New-York: Including Coleman's Cases, Caines's Cases, 2 Vols., Caines's Reports, 3 Vols., Johnson's Cases, 3 Vols., Johnson's Reports, 18 Vols., And the 1st Part of the 19th Vol., Anthon's Nisi Prius. New York: Published by Gould & Banks, 1822. Two volumes. [iv], 513; [iii], 516-1154 pp. Octavo (9-1/2" x 6").

Contemporary sheep, blind fillets to boards, lettering pieces, blind fillets and blind volume numbers to spines. Light rubbing and a few minor nicks and spots to boards, slight heavier rubbing to extremities, corners bumped and lightly worn, head of Volume 2 bumped and lightly chipped, hinges of Volume 1 starting. Moderate toning to interiors, light foxing in a few places. \$150.

* Second and final edition. First published in 1821, this was a useful "search engine" for early New York reports. Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 5566. [Order This Item](#)



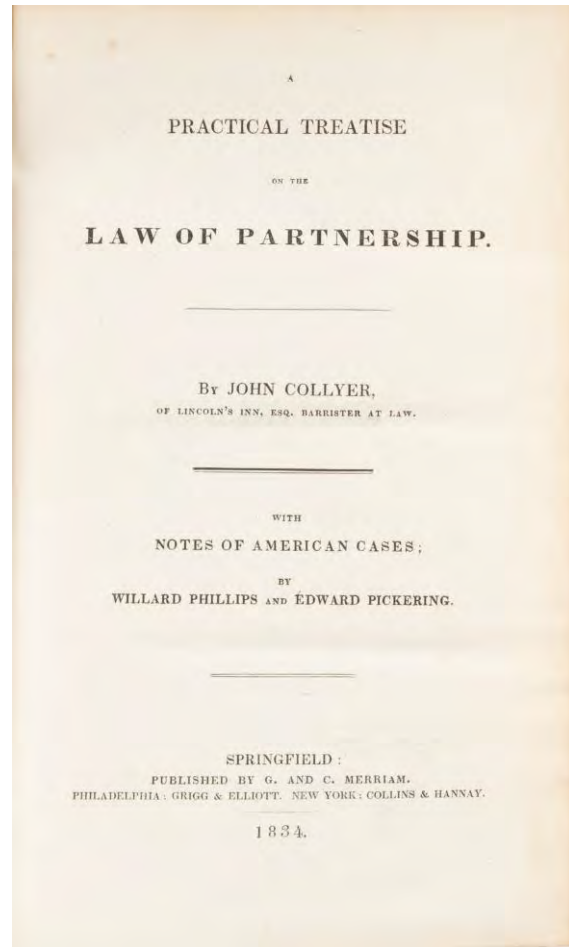
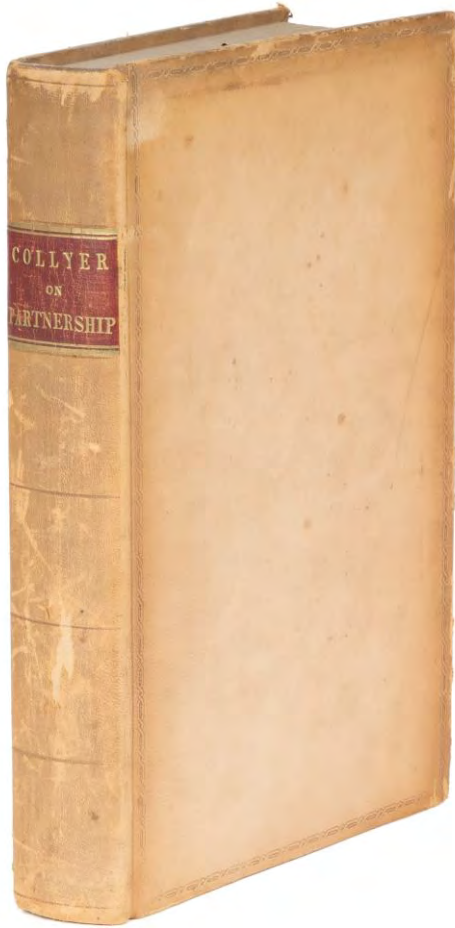
A Pastor Defends His Congregant

6. Clark, Benjamin Franklin [1809-1879].

The Perjury Case! Further Developments. Mr. Clark's Replies to the Letters of George F. Farley, And Ashael Huntington, Esq's. Boston: Printed for the Publisher, 1848. 16 pp. Octavo (9-1/2" x 5-3/4").

Disbound stab-stitched pamphlet, bottom edge untrimmed, last signature unopened. Moderate toning, light foxing to margins, faint offsetting to a few leaves, first leaf detached. \$350.

* Only edition. "Samuel Parker, a member of the Middlesex bar, was indicted and convicted of perjury in the Court of Common Pleas in 1845, for statements made before two grand juries relating to a mortgage loan. The conviction was later set aside by the Supreme Judicial Court and a new trial ordered" (Cohen). Parker was a member of Reverend Benjamin Franklin Clark's congregation; Clark took to the court of public opinion to defend him in this and two other strident publications. Farley and Huntington were the lead prosecutors in the case. OCLC locates 3 copies of this rare title (New York Historical Society, American Antiquarian Society, Duke University) and 2 others with a possible variant spelling in the title (Harvard, Yale Law School). Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 13745. [Order This Item](#)



The "Best English Treatise on the Subject"

7. Collyer, John [1801-1870].

Collyer, John [1801-1870], Notes.

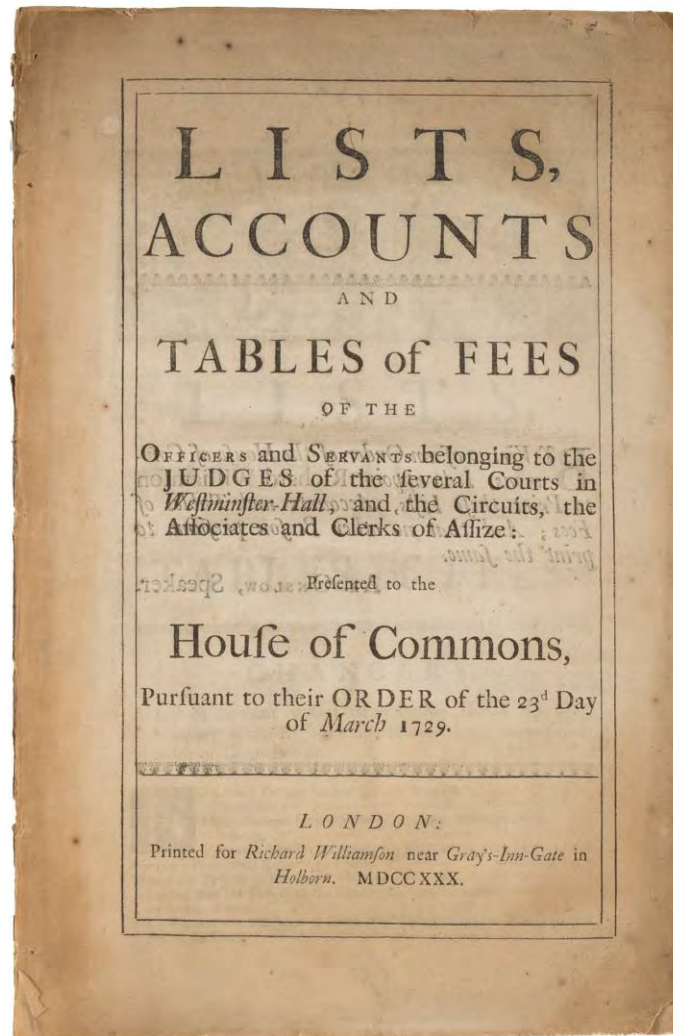
Phillips, Willard [1784-1873], Notes.

Pickering, Edward [d.1876], Notes.

A Practical Treatise on the Law of Partnership. From the Last London Edition, Containing the American Notes of the Former Edition by Willard Phillips & Edward Pickering. To Which are Now Added Notes of Recent American and English Decisions by O.L. Barbour. Springfield, MA: Published by G. and C. Merriam, 1834. xxxii, 728 [i.e. 544]. Octavo (9-1/4" x 6").

Contemporary sheep, blind fillets to boards, lettering piece and blind fillets to spine. A few minor spots and scuffs to boards, early owner bookplate to front free endpaper, light toning to interior, offsetting to margins of endleaves. A well-preserved copy. \$950.

* First American, from the first London edition (1832), to which it is star-paged. According to Warren's *Popular and Practical Introduction to Law Studies*, this is the "best English treatise" on the subject. It provides "a full statement of the principal decisions of Lord Eldon, whose subtle and powerful legal intellect pre-eminently distinguished itself in cases of Partnership and Bankruptcy." The final American edition, the fourth, was published in 1853. Warren cited in Marvin, *Legal Bibliography* 215. Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 9306. [Order This Item](#)



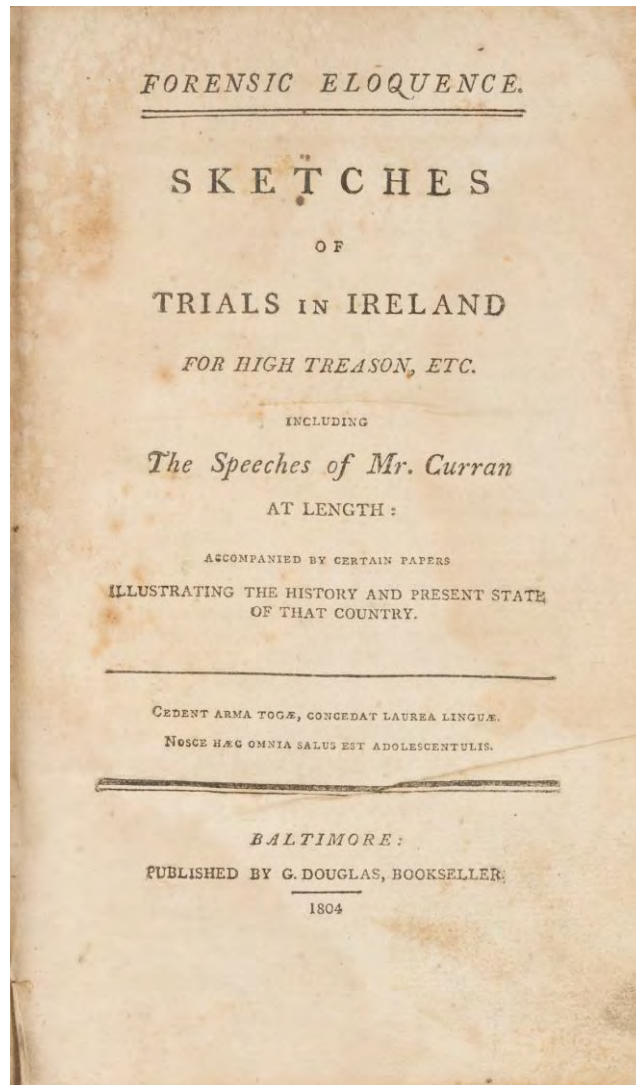
English Court Fees in 1730.

**8. [Courts].
[Great Britain].**

Lists, Accounts and Tables of Fees of the Officers and Servants Belonging to the Judges of the Several Courts in Westminster-Hall, And the Circuits, The Associates and Clerks of Assize: Presented to the House of Commons, Pursuant to Their Order of the 23d Day of March, 1729. London: Printed for Richard Williamson, 1730. 20, 25-62 pp. Text continuous despite pagination. Folio (11-3/4" x 7-3/4").

Disbound stab-stitched pamphlet. Moderate toning, light foxing in places, light soiling to exterior, some rubbing and minor wear to spine ends and corners of text block, light edgewear to first and final leaves, which are partially detached but secure. \$350.

* Only edition. A impressively detailed list of the fees charged by the courts in 1730. Issued by order of Parliament as a form of consumer protection, it indicates a system that was expensive and cumbersome. OCLC locates 7 copies in North America, 3 in law libraries (Library of Congress, University of Georgia, Yale). The *ESTC* locates another copy (at Yale University). *English Short-Title Catalogue (ESTC)* T16419. [Order This Item](#)



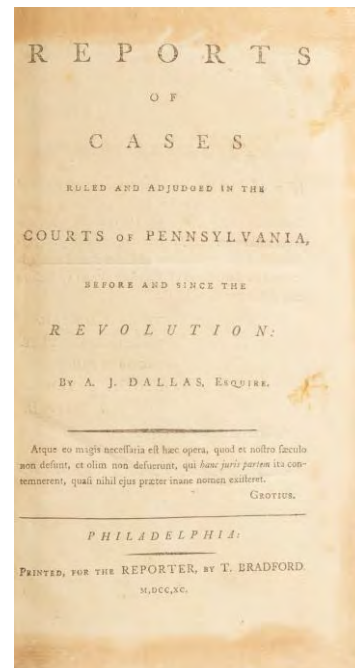
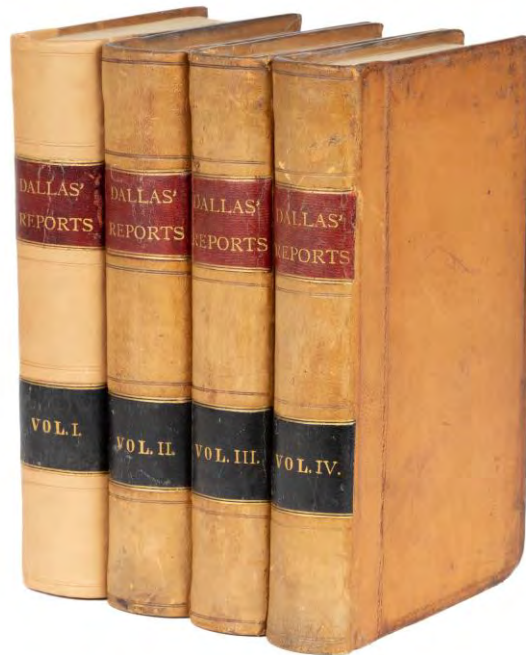
Examples of the Great Irish Advocate's "Forensic Eloquence"

9. Curran, John Philpot [1750-1817].

Forensic Eloquence: Sketches of Trials in Ireland for High Treason, Etc., Including the Speeches of Mr. Curran at Length: Accompanied by Certain Papers Illustrating the History and Present State of That Country. Baltimore: Published by G. Douglas, 1804. iv [i.e. vi], 40, 351 pp. Octavo (8" x 4-3/4").

Contemporary mottled sheep, gilt fillets and lettering piece to spine. Moderate rubbing to boards and extremities, a few small scuffs, nicks and scratches to boards and spine, which is lightly creased, joints starting at head, small chip to foot of front joint, corners bumped and lightly worn, hinges cracked, early owner signatures and annotations to endpapers. Moderate toning and foxing to interior, faint dampstaining in a few places, clean tears to edges of a few leaves affecting text without loss, corners and lower gutters of a few leaves torn with minor loss to legibility on pp. 21-24, brief early annotations and manicules to pp. 185-190. \$150.

* First edition. With a biography of Curran and a history of Ireland. *Forensic Eloquence* is a selection of arguments by the great Irish orator, advocate, politician and wit, with notes about the trials, which were primarily for treason or libel. OCLC locates 7 copies in law libraries. Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 8538. [Order This Item](#)



First Editions of the First U.S. Supreme Court Reports

10. Dallas, Alexander James [1759-1817], Reporter.

Reports of Cases Ruled and Adjudged in the Courts of Pennsylvania, Before and Since the Revolution. Philadelphia: Printed, For The Reporter, By T. Bradford, 1790. [Volume I] x, [1], 494, xxiv, [1] pp.

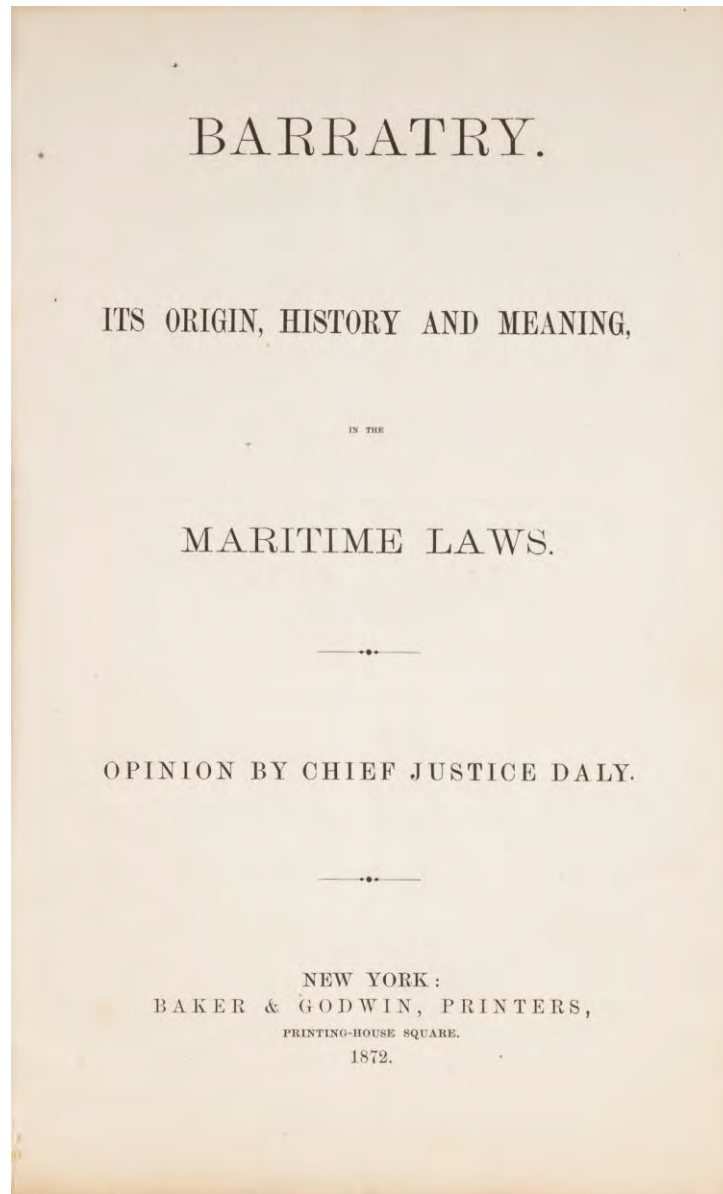
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Reports of Cases Ruled and Adjudged in the Several Courts of the United States, And of Pennsylvania, Held at the Seat of the Federal Government. Volume II. Philadelphia: Printed for the Reporter, At the Aurora Office, 1798 [ii], iv, 480, xix pp.; Volume III. Philadelphia: Printed for the Reporter, 1799. [vii], 519, xiii pp.; Volume IV. Philadelphia: Printed for P. Byrne, By Fry and Kammerer, 1807. [vi], 472, xxxiv, [14] pp.

Octavo (8" x 5"). Contemporary sheep with nineteenth-century rebackings, blind fillets to boards, blind fillets and red and black lettering pieces to spines, endpapers renewed, hinges of Volume I reinforced. Light rubbing and a few minor scuffs and stains to boards, light wear to spine ends and corners, hinges of Volume II-IV cracked, later law-office stamps to endleaves, later publisher advertisement (for Shepard, dated 1890) bound after front free endpaper of Volume I, early owner signatures (John Finchkey, Michael W. Ash) to front endleaf of Volume I and title page of Volume IV. Moderate toning and, for the most part, light foxing to interiors, corners lacking from a few leaves with no loss to text. Overall, an attractive set. \$2,500.

* First editions. Later republished as Volumes 1-4 of *United States Reports*, these were first reporters to record cases heard before the U.S. Supreme Court, which sat in Philadelphia from 1791 to 1801. They are also one of the first three sets of reports produced in the United States. (The others are Ephraim Kirby's *Connecticut Reports* and Francis Hopkinson's *Judgements in the Admiralty of Pennsylvania*.) The quality of Dallas's reporting is a matter of debate, but his significance is beyond dispute. Cohen and O'Conner offer a fair assessment: "Although his reports were less satisfying and less reliable than those of the English reporters of the period, Dallas provided a record which otherwise would not have been available. He thereby began a reporting tradition for the Supreme Court which was to help shape American legal history" (22). Cohen and O'Conner, *A Guide to the Early Reports of the Supreme Court of the United States* 17-22, 117-124.

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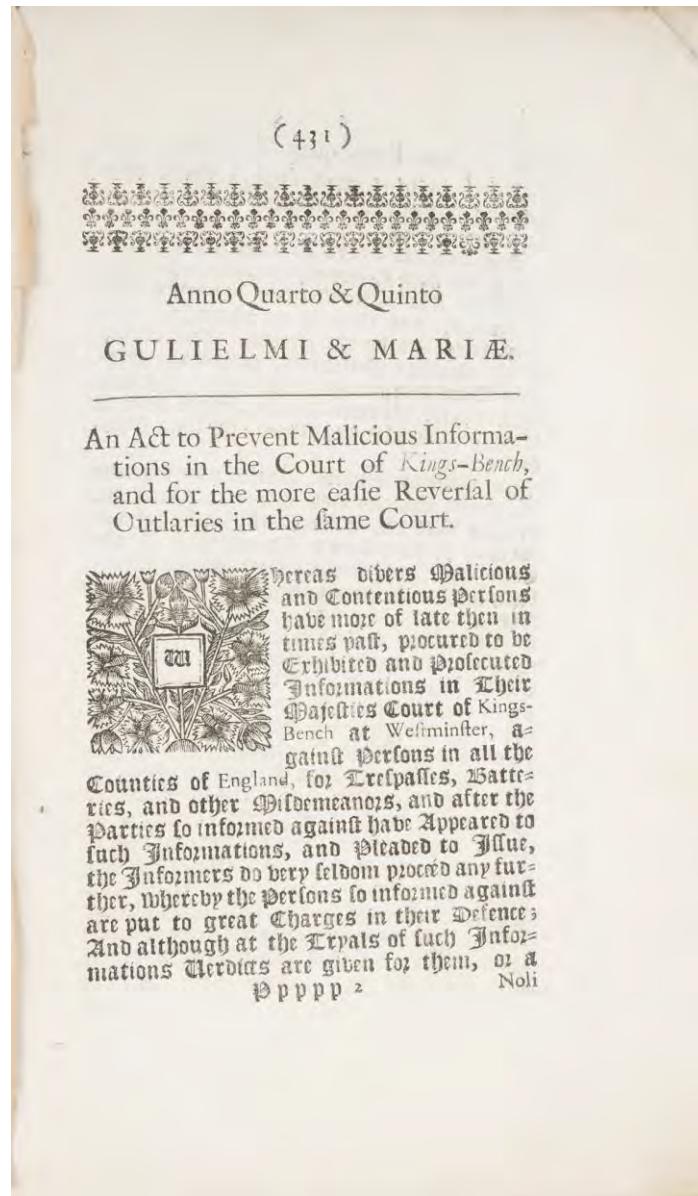
A Clear Definition of Barratry

11. Daly, Charles P. [1816-1899].

Barratry: Its Origin, History and Meaning, In the Maritime Laws. New York: Baker & Godwin, Printers, 1872. 30 pp. Octavo (9" x 5-3/4").

Stab-stitched pamphlet in printed wrappers. Faint vertical crease, light soiling and small owner stamp to front wrapper, moderate soiling to rear wrappers, which are just beginning to detach at ends, light toning to interior. \$350.

* Only edition. Daly provides a precise definition of Barratry in maritime law, which concerns fraud or gross negligence by a ship's master or crew at the expense of the ship's owner. A prefatory note says that Daly was compelled to write in order to counter the "careless" and "superficial" use of the term. This is a scarce pamphlet. OCLC locates 10 copies, 3 in law libraries, (Columbia, LA County, University of Michigan). [Order This Item](#)



Required the Establishment of a *Prima Facie* Case by Complainants

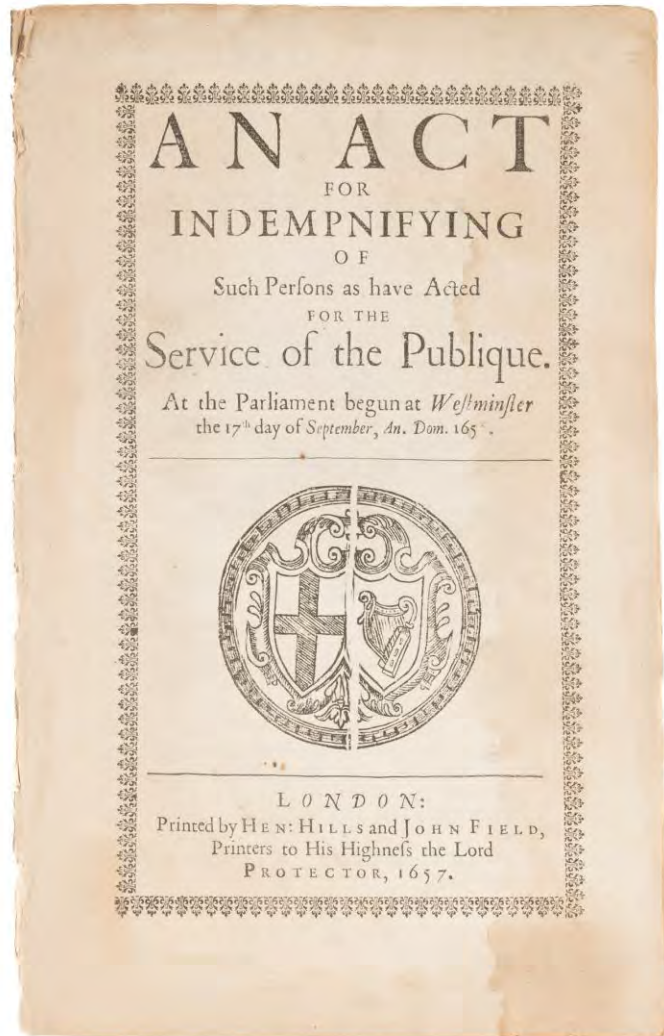
12. [Great Britain].

An Act to Prevent Malicious Informations in the Court of Kings-Bench, And for the More Easie Reversal of Outlaries in the Same Court. At head: *Anno Quarto and Quinto Gulielmi & Mariae.* London: Printed by Charles Bill, And the Executrix of Thomas Newcomb, 1692. [ii], 431-436 ff. Folio (12" x 8").

Stab-stitched pamphlet. Light toning and edgewear, leaves separated but secured by thread, light soiling to title page, which has brief contemporary annotations and ownership signature (of "Ro: Bransby"). \$250.

* This act aimed to put a stop to spurious prosecutions by "diverse malicious and contentious persons" in the Court of King's Bench. It required complainants to establish a *prima facie* case and made wrongful convictions easier to reverse.

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Cromwell's Parliament Indemnifies Its Mercenaries

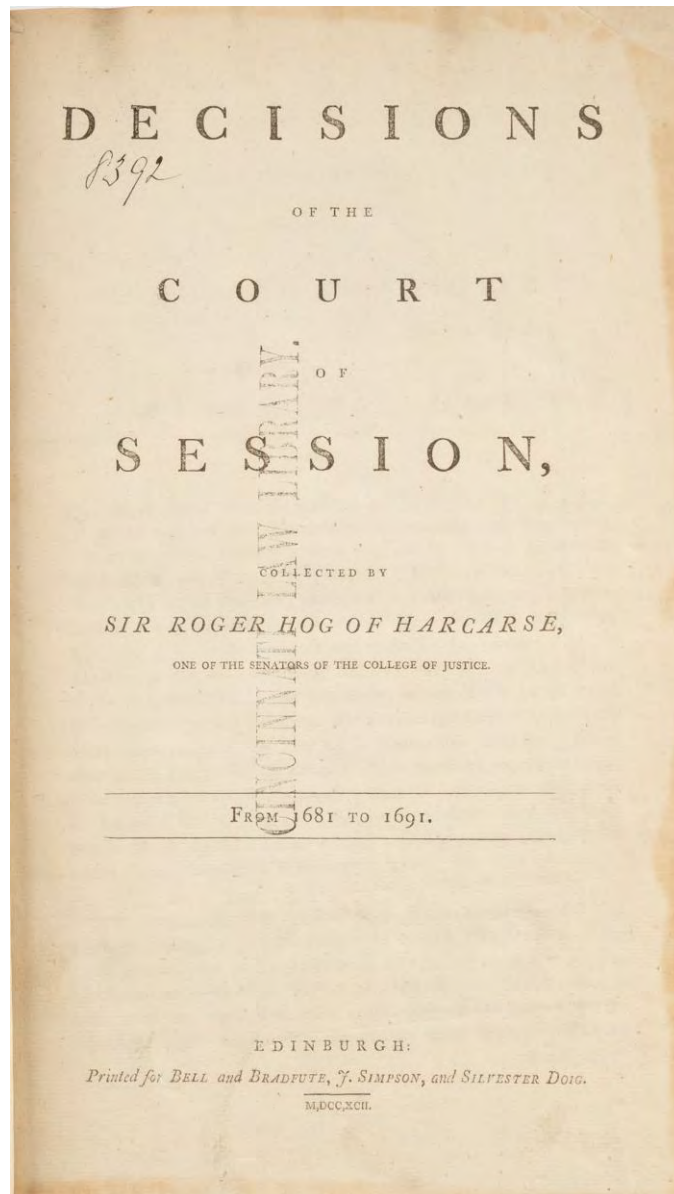
13. [Great Britain].

[Parliament].

An Act for Indempnifying of Such Persons as Have Acted for the Service of the Publique. At the Parliament Begun at Westminster the 17th Day of September, An. Dom. 1656. London: Printed by Hen: Hills and John Field, Printers to His Highness the Lord Protector, 1657. [ii], 5 pp. Folio (10-3/4" x 6-3/4").

Disbound stab-stitched pamphlet. Moderate toning, faint dampstain along right side of text block, leaves separating, light foxing to a few leaves, early handwritten page number to p. 1 and brief note to p. 3. \$250.

* Passed by the Second Protectorate Parliament under the rule of Oliver Cromwell, this act declared that those who had assisted the Parliamentary cause would be "fully Acquitted, Pardoned, and Discharged of and from all Actions, Suits, Indictments, Informations, Prosecutions, Judgements, Executions, and Molestations whatsoever." This broad cover was provided "whatsoever be the Quality of the Person," a necessary addition given that many of the "divers Persons" the Parliamentarians had employed were mercenaries. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R27220. [Order This Item](#)



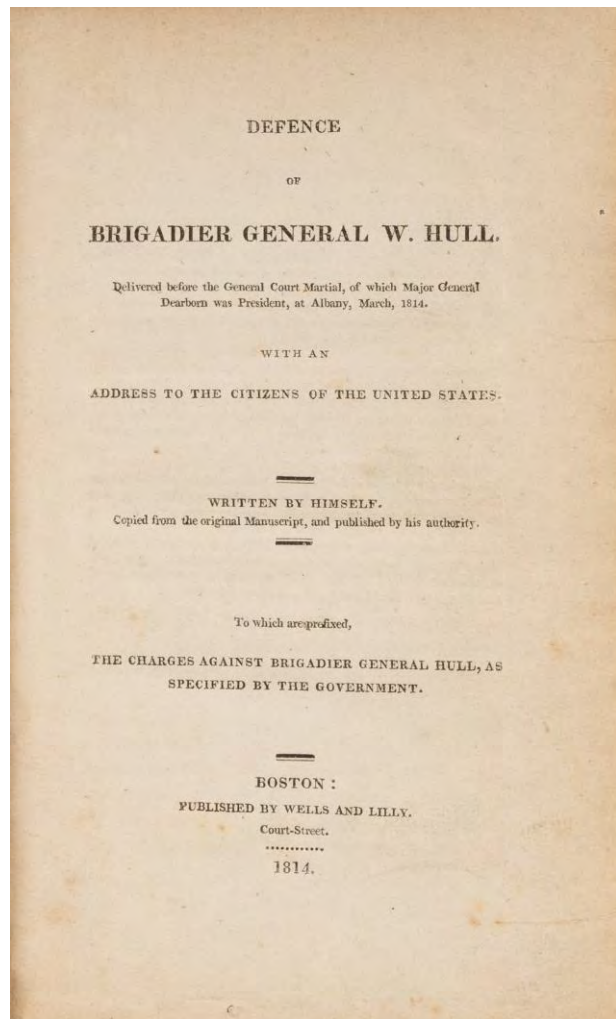
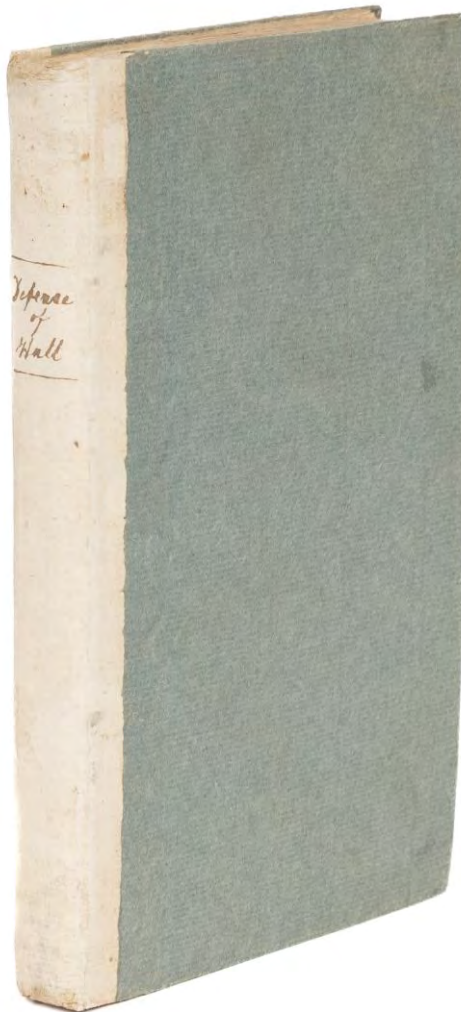
**Sir Roger Hog's Collection of
Decisions of the Court of Session, 1681-1791**

14. Hog, Sir Roger, Lord Harcarse [1735-1700].

Decisions of the Court of Session, Collected by Sir Roger Hog of Harcarse, One of the Senators of the College of Justice, From 1681 to 1691. Edinburgh: Printed for Bell and Bradfute, J. Simpson, And Silvester Doig, 1792. iv, 296 pp. Folio (12" x 7-1/2").

Recent library buckram, gilt institution name to boards, red and black lettering pieces and gilt institution name to spine, endpapers renewed. Light rubbing to extremities. Library stamps to edges, preliminaries and rear endleaves. Moderate toning to interior, light foxing in places, "R392" in an early hand to title page. \$350.

* Second and final edition. Hog was a senator (judge) of the Court of Session, Scotland's supreme civil court, from 1645 to 1730. The first edition of his *Decisions* was published in 1757. *English Short-Title Catalogue* N6864. [Order This Item](#)



General Hull Defends Himself

15. Hull, William [1753-1825].

Defence of Brigadier General W. Hull. Delivered Before the General Court Martial, Of Which Major General Dearborn was President, At Albany, March, 1814. With an Address to the Citizens of the United States. Written by Himself. Copied from the Original Manuscript, And Published by His Authority. To Which are Prefixed, The Charges Against Brigadier General Hull, As Specified by the Government. Boston: Published by Wells and Lilly, 1814. [ii], xlvi, 215 pp. Octavo (7-1/2" x 4-1/2").

Later paper covered boards with contrasting paper spine, hand-lettered title to spine, deckle edges, endpapers renewed, moderate toning and light foxing to interior. \$300.

* Only edition. Hull, who had a distinguished military career that began during the Revolutionary War, was the commanding officer of the Northwestern Army of the United States. Believing he was vastly outnumbered, he surrendered Detroit to the British in 1812 without firing a shot. Soon afterwards, he was court-martialed, convicted of treason, cowardice and neglect of duty and sentenced to be shot. He received a pardon from President Madison and, with the help of his *Defence*, managed to partially restore his reputation. Sabin, *A Dictionary of Books Relating to America* 33642. Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 13523. [Order This Item](#)



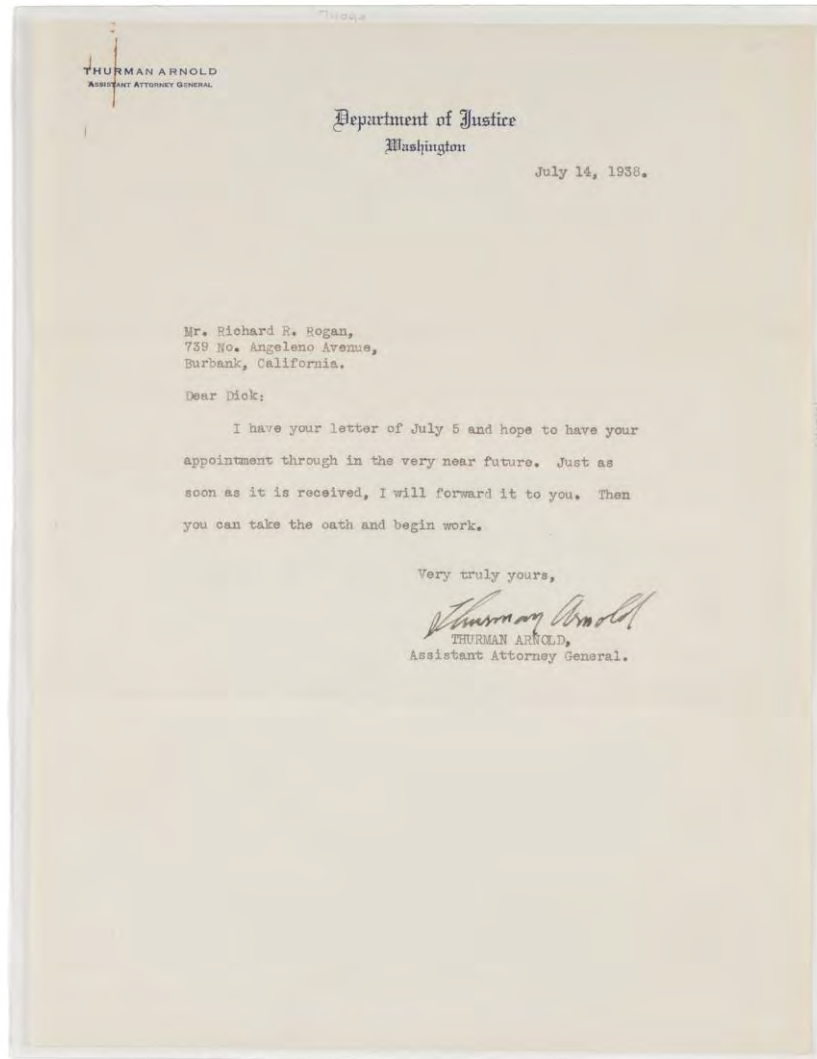
A 1598 Edition of Kitchin's
Court Leete, Et Court Baron With Contemporary Annotations

16. Kitchin, John [c.1520-c.1590].

Le Court Leete et Court Baron Collect per Iohn Kitchin de Greies Inne un Apprentice in Ley. Et les Cases & Matters Necessaries pur Seneschals de Ceux Courts a Scier, & Pur les Students de les Measons del Chauncerie. Ore Novelment Imprimee, & Per le Author Mesme Corrige, Ouesque Divers Novel Additions, Come Court de Marsbalsey; Auncient Demesne, Court de Piponders, Essoines, Imparlance, Vieu, Actions, Contracts, Pleadings, Maintenance, & Divers Auter Matters. [London]: In Aedibus Thomae Wight, & Bonhami Norton, 1598. [viii], 289, [7] ff. Final 4 leaves of Table, which precedes main text, misbound at rear. Octavo (6" x 3-3/4").

Contemporary limp vellum with lapped edges, holes for ties at fore-edges. Soiled, moderate rubbing to extremities, pastedowns loose, moderate edgewear to endleaves and title page, front endleaves detached. Moderate toning to interior, light foxing, soiling and faint dampstaining to a few leaves, extensive annotations in small contemporary hand to endleaves, brief annotations in same hand to a few leaves of text. \$850.

* Later edition. First published in 1579, Kitchin's work is an important source of information on local courts and government. It was also an important prescriptive work. Kitchin, along with Coke, helped lay the foundations of modern legal theory. "In fact Kitchin was doing on a small scale what Coke was doing on a grand scale. Both were representatives of that school of literate Elizabethan lawyers...whose great and enduring work was the adaptation of medieval law and institutions to modern needs. Imagination necessarily played some part in this process of adaptation; and thus they are responsible not only for the enunciation of the rules of modern law, but also for legal and historical theories, the soundness of which was considered by many generations of lawyers and historians to be as incontestable as their statements of law." Most of the annotations in our copy are glosses of important points in the text and additional notes, several with page references. OCLC locates 5 copies of this imprint in North American law libraries (Harvard, Library of Congress, University of Michigan, University of Texas, Washington University). Holdsworth, *A History of English Law* IV:130. *English Short-Title Catalogue* S3959. Beale, *A Bibliography of Early English Law Books* T374. [Order This Item](#)



**An Antitrust AG for Roosevelt
Helps Secure a Federal Appointment**

17. [Manuscript].

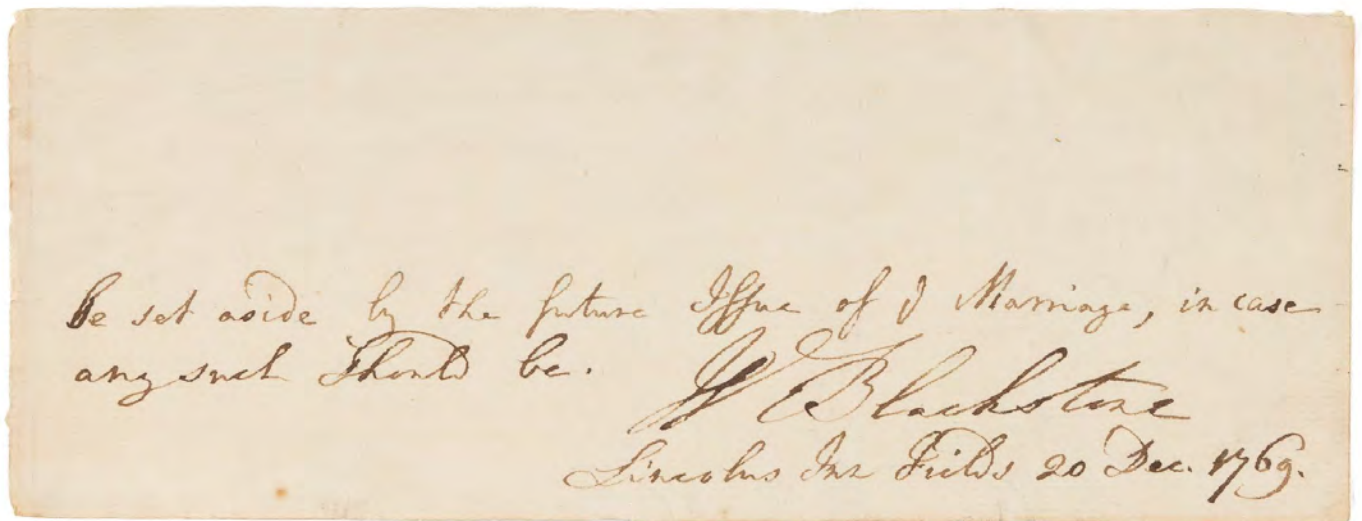
Arnold, Thurman [1891-1969].

[Rogan, Richard R. (1914-1996)].

[Typed Letter, Signed, On Department of Justice Letterhead, Washington, DC, July 14, 1938].

10-1/2" x 8" sheet of Arnold's personalized Department of Justice letterhead, text to recto. Moderate toning, two horizontal fold lines, small rust lines (likely from paperclip) to upper left corner. \$150.

* Arnold was an American jurist who served as Assistant Attorney General for the Antitrust Division under Roosevelt from 1938-1943. In this letter, he promises to assist Rogan in getting his appointment through; Rogan would go on to hold several federal appointments in the Roosevelt administration and serve as Chief Deputy Attorney General for California from 1959-1963. [Order This Item](#)



A Souvenir of Blackstone's Time in Private Practice

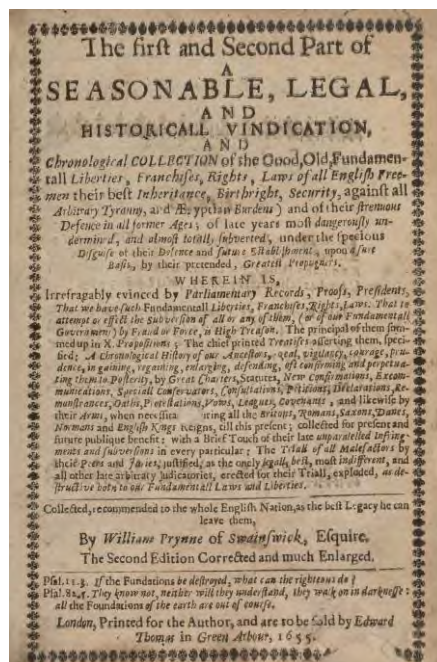
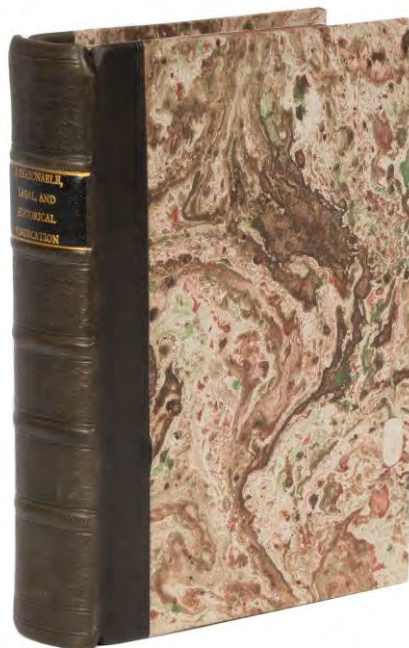
18. [Manuscript].

Blackstone, Sir William [1723-1780].

[*Concluding Line from a Legal Opinion Signed by William Blackstone*]. [London], Lincoln's Inn Fields, 20 December 1769.

3" x 8" sheet with bold autograph signature of William Blackstone, preceded by a brief sentence in his hand. Light toning, negligible light foxing, vertical fold lines, adhesive residue from mounting to verso. \$1,000.

* Likely clipped from a larger document, this brief opinion dates from Blackstone's second career as a barrister after his successes at Oxford and in politics. He had taken up residence in Lincoln's Inn Fields the previous year after the resounding financial success of his *Commentaries*, and would gain his first judicial appointment in February 1770. The sentence reads: "Be set aside by the future Issue of [a?] Marriage, in case any such should be." [Order This Item](#)



The "Good, Old, Fundamentall, Liberties, Franchises, Rights, Laws of All English Freemen"

19. Prynne, William [1600-1669].

The First and Second Part of a Seasonable, Legal, And Historical Vindication, And Chronological Collection of the Good, Old, Fundamentall Liberties, Franchises, Rights, Laws of All English Freemen Their Best Inheritance, Birthright, Security, Against All Arbitrary Tyranny, And AEgyptian Burdens) and of Their Strenuous Defence in All Former Ages.... London: Printed for the Authour, And are to be Sold by Edward Thomas in Green Arbour, 1654. [102], 104; [4], 76 pp. Second part has its own pagination and a title page dated 1655.

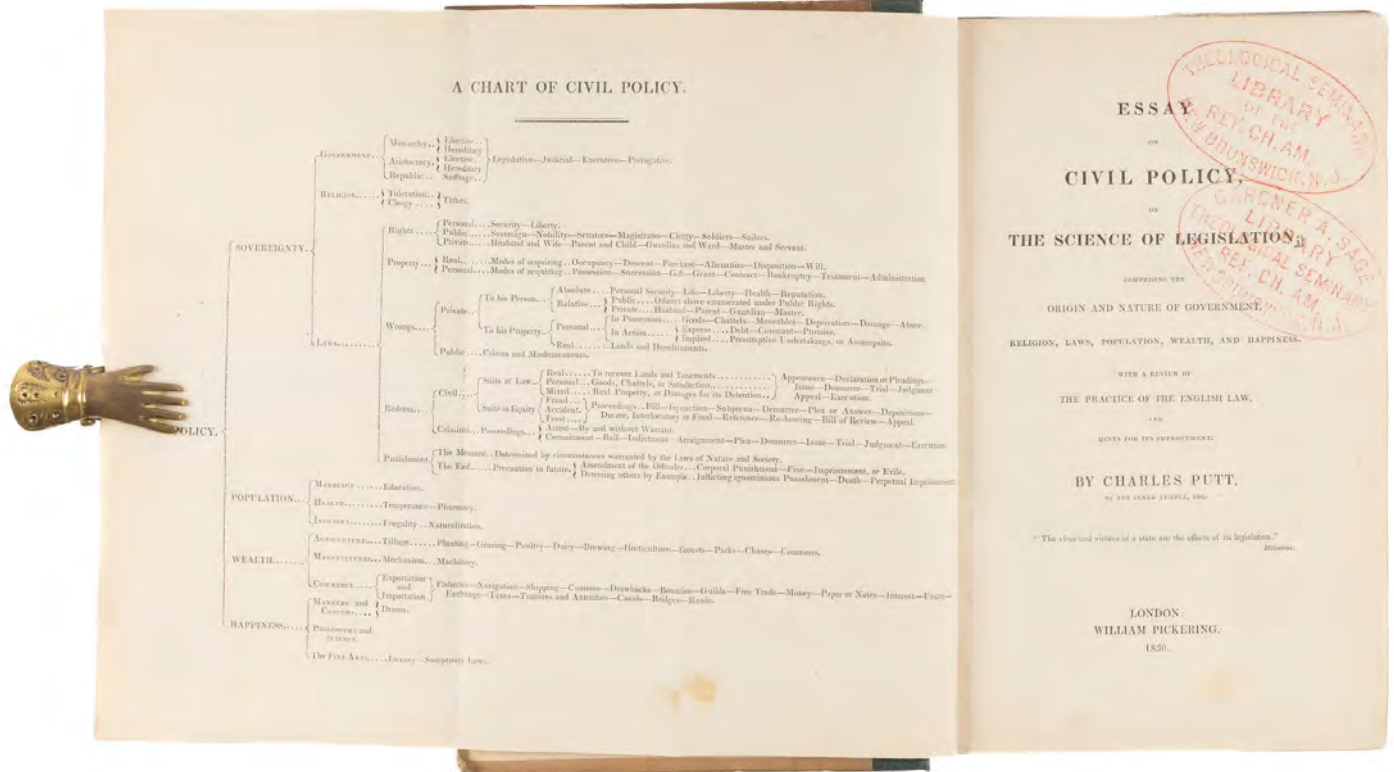
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Prynne, William.

The Third Part of a Seasonable, Legal, And Historical Vindication of the Good Old Fundamental Liberties, Franchises, Rights, Properties, Laws, Government of All English Freemen.... London: Printed by Francis leach, 1657. [xii], 160, 169-260, 265-292, 297-402, [2] pp. Pagination irregular, text complete. Leaves Kk 1-2 (pp. 257-260), Oo 1-2 (pp. 289-292) and final leaf, which has an errata list on its recto and a blank verso, supplied as high-quality laid-in facsimiles. Initial blank leaf lacking.

Quarto (7-1/4" x 5-1/4"). Recent quarter calf over marbled boards, raised bands, lettering piece and blind ornaments to spine, endpapers renewed, edges rouged. Moderate toning to interior, light foxing, dampstaining and soiling in a few places, side-notes of a few leaves affected by trimming, light soiling and edgewear to title page of *First and Second Part*, an early repair to its lower right-hand corner. \$950.

* Only editions. Prynne was a contentious Puritan attorney and legal antiquarian who wrote several books and pamphlets about legal history, religion and politics. He supported Parliament and Cromwell, but welcomed the Restoration. As a reward, he was appointed Royal Archivist in the Tower of London. Written during his pro-Parliamentary years, the present work argues that free men have certain fundamental rights that limit Royal power. Like most of his writings, it mixes polemic with the texts of several important records that were never published before. The first part of *First and Second Part* was originally printed in 1654 with a title beginning *A Seasonable, Legall, And Historical Vindication*. It was substantially revised, which is why *First and Second Part* is designated the second edition. The *Second Part* was also issued separately in 1655. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R19429, R207432. [Order This Item](#)



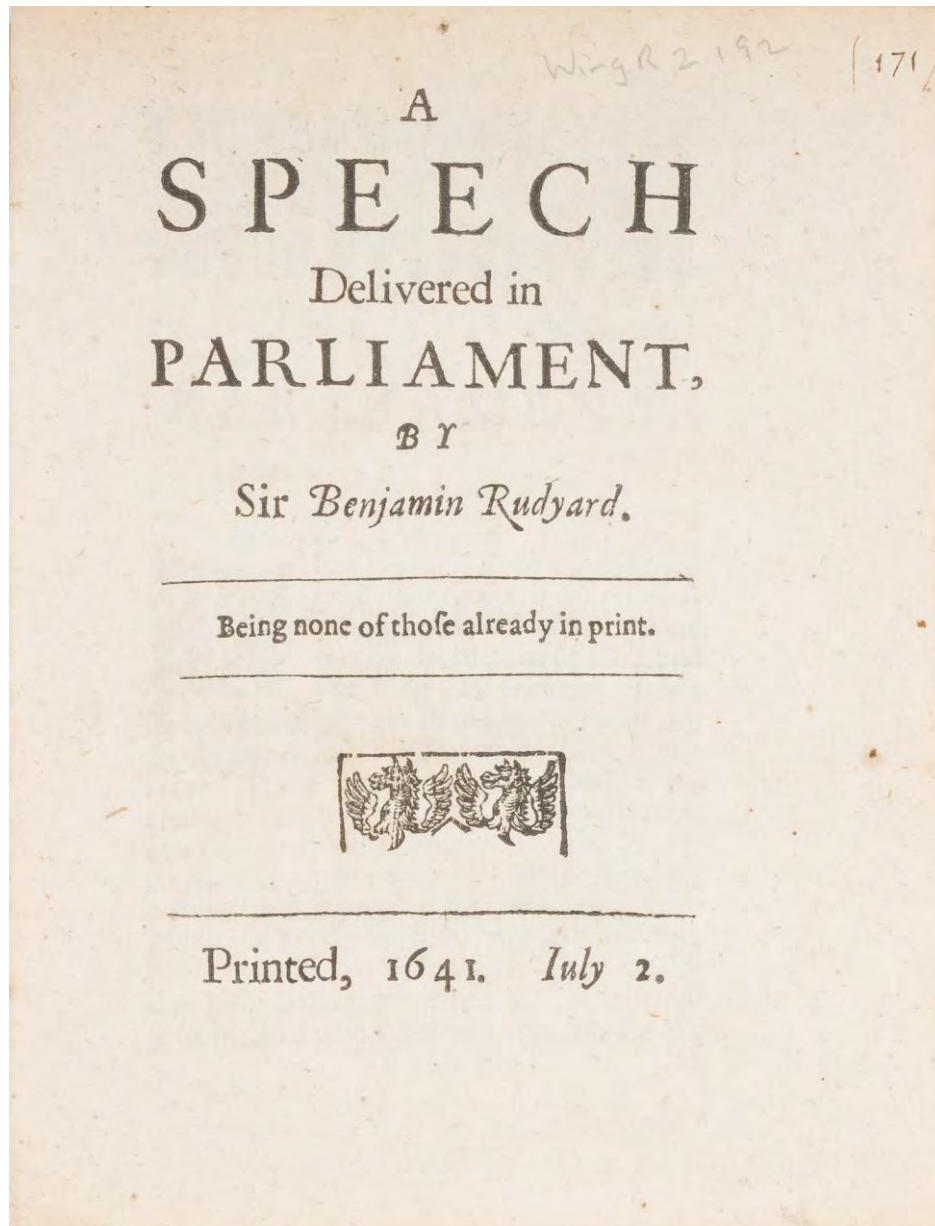
A Provocative 1830 Essay on Legal, Political and Social Reform

20. Putt, Charles.

Essay on Civil Policy, Or, The Science of Legislation; Comprising the Origin and Nature of Government, Religion, Laws, Population, Wealth, and Happiness. With a Review of the Practice of the English Law, And Hints for its Improvement. London: William Pickering, 1830. viii, 468 pp. Folding table. Octavo (8-3/4" x 5-1/2").

Contemporary quarter pebbled cloth over paper-covered boards, printed paper title label and shelf number to spine. Moderate rubbing with some wear to corners, a few minor stains to boards, hinges cracked, shelf number to front pastedown, library stamps to title page. Moderate toning to interior, light foxing to a few leaves. \$450.

* Only edition. A provocative, often fascinating work, this essay outlines a series of legal, political and social reforms, some of them quite radical. Putt was a barrister and member of the Inner Temple. Not in Sweet & Maxwell. *British Museum Catalogue* (Compact Edition) 20:1141. [Order This Item](#)



An Attempt to Keep the Peace Between the King and Parliament

21. Rudyerd, Sir Benjamin [1572-1658].

A Speech Delivered in Parliament, By Sir Benjamin Rudyerd. Being None of Those Already in Print. London: [s.n.], Printed 1641, Iuly 2. [iv], 4 pp. First leaf blank. Quarto (7-1/4" x 5-3/4").

Disbound stab-stitched pamphlet, thread perished, edges rouged, bottom-edge untrimmed. Light toning, negligible light foxing, early handwritten page numbers to rectos, (adhesive?) residue to initial blank. \$200.

* Only edition. During his long career in the House of Commons, Rudyerd frequently (though rarely successfully) acted as mediator between the king and Parliament. Here, he urges "that we proceed with Moderation, that so we may have many happy Parliaments, and that no dismall events may happen to any," an admirable wish that would quickly prove futile. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R11305. [Order This Item](#)



First Edition of Salmon's Esteemed State Trials

22. [Salmon, Thomas].

A Compleat Collection of State-Tryals, and Proceedings Upon Impeachments for High Treason, and Other Crimes and Misdemeanors; From the Reign of King Henry the Fourth to the End of the Reign of Queen Anne. With an Exact Alphabetical Table to the Whole. London: Printed for Timothy Goodwin [et al.], 1719. Four volumes.

[With]

A Complete Collection of State Trials [...] From the Reign of King Richard II to the End of the Reign of King George I. Being a Supplement to the Four Volumes of the First Edition. London: [s.n.], Printed in the Year 1730. Two volumes.

Folio (13-3/4" x 8-1/2"). Contemporary paneled calf, raised bands, lettering pieces and gilt volume numbers to spines, blind tooling to board edges, Volumes I-IV have gilt spines. Rubbing and scuffing to boards, front board and front free endpaper of Vol. I detached, front board of Vol. II separating at foot but secured by cords, some gouging to boards of Vols. I-IV, most notably along front joints of Vols. II and III, somewhat heavier rubbing to extremities, spines and joints varnished, chipping and wear to spine ends, joints cracked, corners bumped and worn, hinges cracked or starting, rear pastedown of Vol. V loosening at lower right corner. Title pages printed in red and black. Negligible light toning to interiors, moderate toning and light creasing to some preliminaries and title pages, light foxing and soiling in a few places in each volume, portions of several leaves in Vol. II and IV untrimmed and lightly worn, faint dampstaining to last few leaves of Vols. I and IV, ownership signatures to front pastedown and title page (which is lightly creased and has a few small tears to its gutter) of Vol. III, front free endpaper of that volume lacking, leaves B2-3 (pp. 3-6) of Vol. IV loosening slightly but secure. \$600.

* First edition of the first collection under the title of State Trials, with the first two supplemental volumes. A primary source of English law for the 14th through the 18th century, considered by Holdsworth to have "a unique value for constitutional and legal historians, and a very considerable value for the historians of many other aspects of the national life": *History of English Law* XII:130. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T108672, N508971. [Order This Item](#)



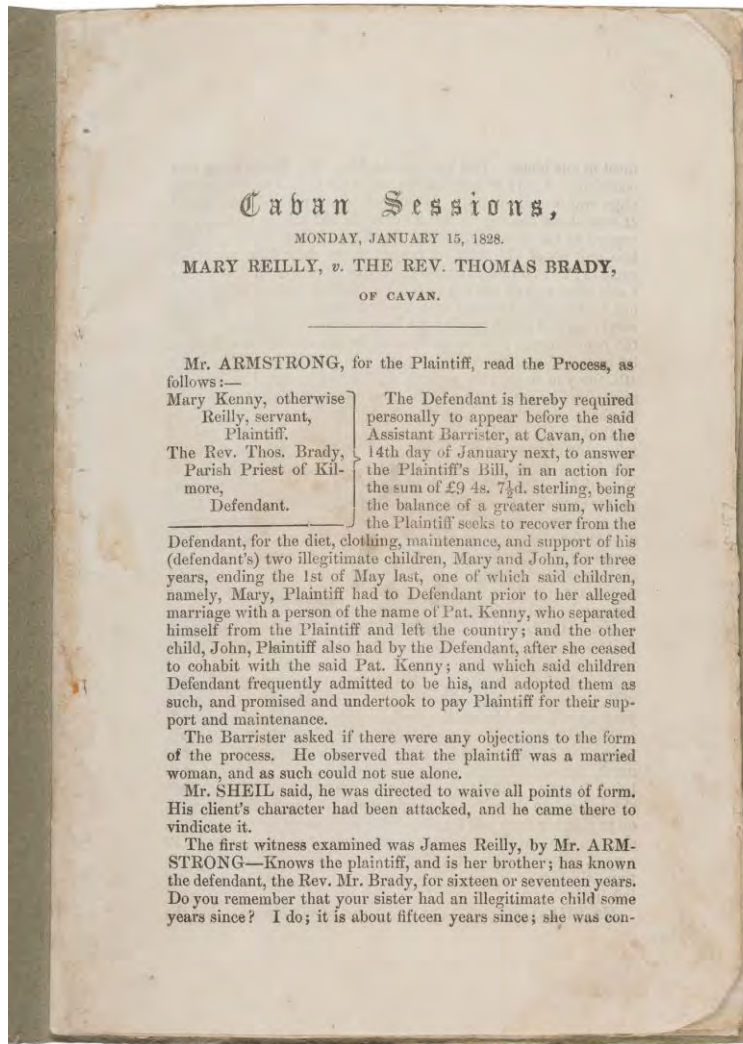
Handsome Hand-Colored Engraved Portrait of John Quincy Adams

**23. Sully, Thomas [1783-1872], After.
Durand, Asher B. [1796-1886], Engraver.**

John Quincy Adams, President of the United States. Philadelphia: Published by W.H. Morgan, Printed by B. Rogers, 1826.

20-1/4 x 13-3/4" etched, engraved and hand-colored copperplate with caption on 26" x 19" sheet, matted and glazed with plexiglass in 32-1/2" x 23-1/2" frame. A few minor nicks to frame, a few scratches to plexiglass, light foxing and toning to margins of engraving, colors vivid. \$750.

* This handsome full-length portrait of President Adams seated in a library, with a book on his lap and a thoughtful expression on his face, is based on an oil portrait by Sully painted in 1824. At the time of his sitting, Adams was President Monroe's secretary of state. Sully was one of the most important American portrait painters of the nineteenth century. Durand, a highly skilled engraver and painter, was one of the leading artists of the Hudson River School. [Order This Item](#)



Blaming the Parish Priest

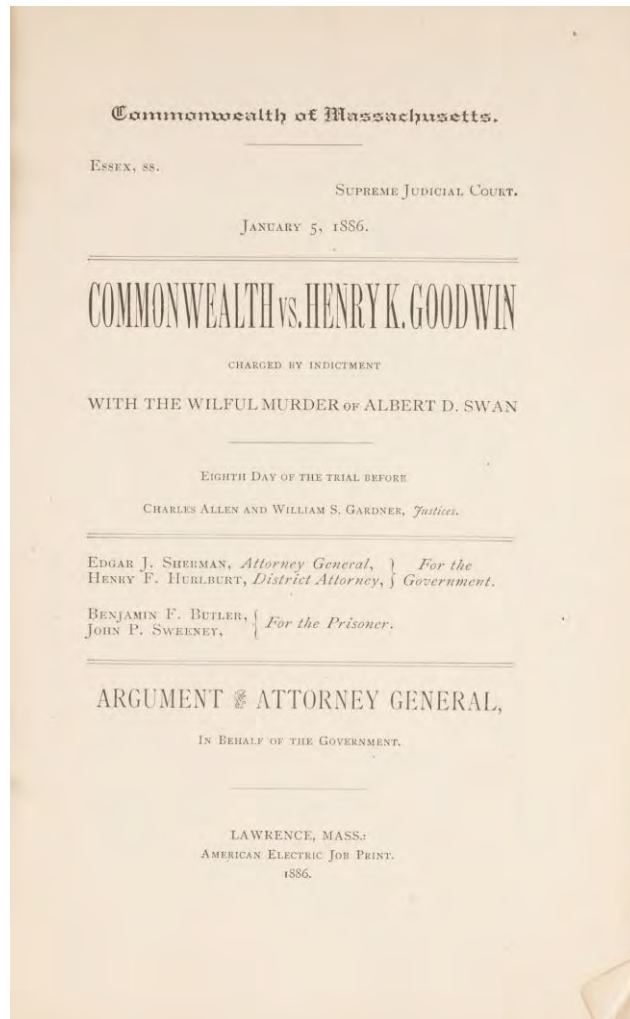
24. [Trial].

Brady, Thomas, Defendant.

Cavan Sessions, Monday January 15, 1828. Mary Reilly, v. The Rev. Thomas Brady, Of Cavan [Caption Title]. [Ireland: s.n., 1828]. 14, [2] pp. Octavo (7-1/2" x 5").

Stab-stitched pamphlet recently resewn in plain wrappers. Small fold line to lower corner of front wrapper. Moderate toning to interior, light foxing, soiling, and edgewear, small tears to gutter and final leaf neatly mended with tissue without loss to text. Rare. \$650.

* Only edition. Mary Reilly, alias Kilkenny, alias Kenny, sued Brady for the maintenance of her two illegitimate children, whom she claimed were his. Brady was defended by Richard Lalor Shiel, a notable Irish lawyer, orator and politician. Our account of the trial includes Shiel's impassioned (and successful) speeches for the defense. OCLC locates 2 copies (University of Illinois, National Library of Ireland). [Order This Item](#)



**He Thought His Victim was
Trying to Cheat Him: McDade 360**

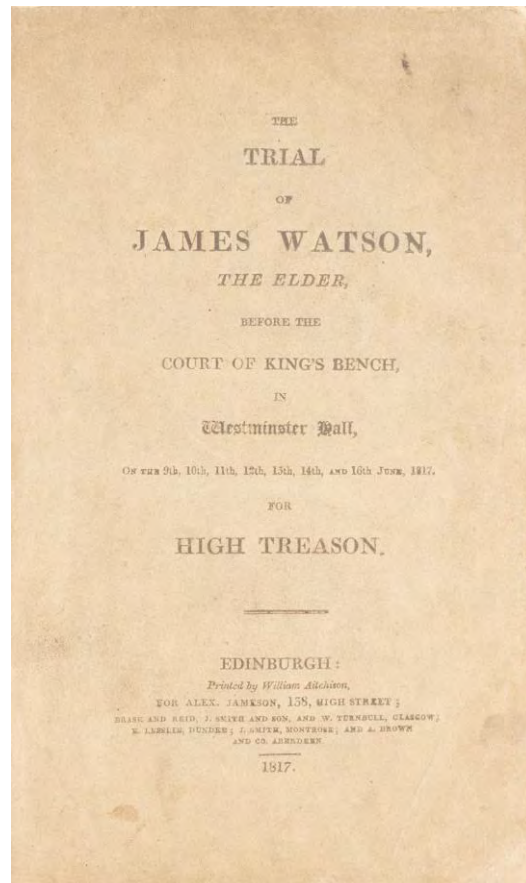
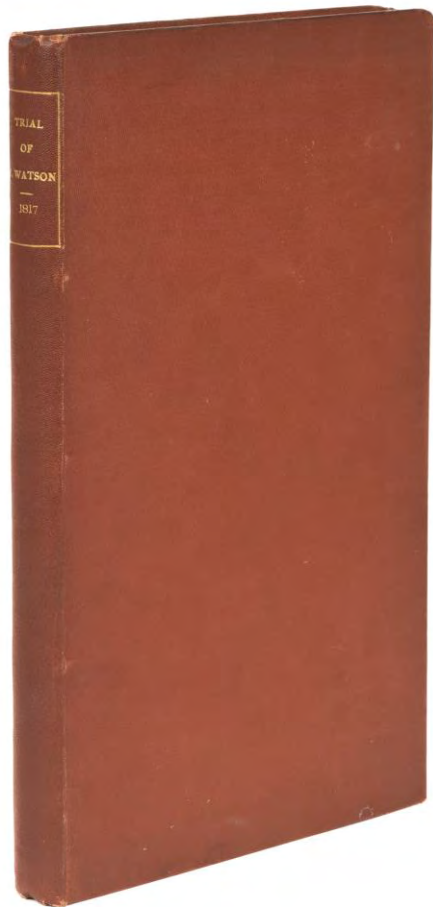
25. [Trial].

Goodwin, Henry K., Defendant.

Commonwealth vs. Henry K. Goodwin: Charged by Indictment with the Wilful Murder of Albert D. Swan: Eighth Day of the Trial Before Charles Allen and William S. Gardner, Justices: Edgar J. Sherman, Attorney General, Henry F. Hurlburt, District Attorney, For the Government. Benjamin F. Butler, John P. Sweeney, For the Prisoner. Argument of the Attorney General, In Behalf of the Government. Lawrence, MA: American Electric Job Print, 1886. 43 pp. Octavo (8-3/4" x 5-3/4").

Stapled pamphlet in stiff printed wrappers. Light soiling, a few tiny stains and moderate edgewear and chipping to wrappers, which are partially detached but secure, owner signature in faint pencil (Edgar J. Sherman) to front wrapper. Moderate toning to interior, folds to lower outside corners of first 8 leaves. \$500.

* Only edition. Goodwin shot Swan because he thought Swan was trying to cheat him out of his patents relating to the telephone. He was convicted of second degree murder. Benjamin F. Butler [1818-1893], one of Swan's lawyers, was also a distinguished Lowell businessman, politician who was an important major general in the Union Army, a leading member of the U.S. House of Representatives and governor of Massachusetts. This is a rare title. OCLC locates 5 copies, 1 in a law library (Social Law). McDade, *The Annals of Murder* 360. [Order This Item](#)



Trial of a Leader of an 1816 Plot to Overthrow the British Government

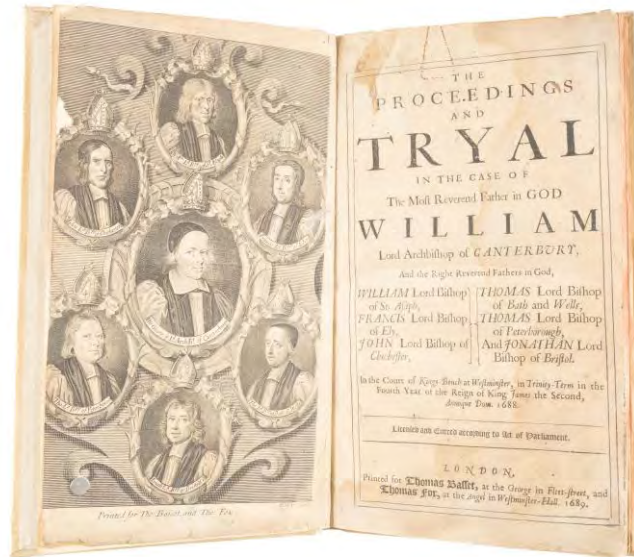
26. [Trial].

Watson, James [1766?-1838], Defendant.

The Trial of James Watson, The Elder, Before the Court of King's Bench, In Westminster Hall, On the 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, And 16th June, 1817. For High Treason. Taken in Short Hand. Edinburgh: Printed for Alex. Jameson [et al.], 1817. [vi], 250 pp. Octavo (8-3/4" x 5-1/2").

Printed wrappers, edges untrimmed, bound in later patterned cloth, gilt-stamped title and date to spine. Light rubbing to boards and extremities, spine ends and corners bumped and lightly worn, front hinge starting, rear hinge cracked. Light toning to interior, very light foxing to a few leaves, light soiling to wrappers, ownership signature (of William Macmath) dated April 29, 1868 to inside of front wrapper. \$250.

* Only edition. Watson was tried for his role in the Spa Fields riot. This riot followed a pair of meetings held by revolutionaries at Spa Fields, Islington, England on November 15 and December 2, 1816. Opponents of the government, they resolved to encourage rioting and then seize control of the government by capturing the Tower of London and the Bank of England. Watson, Arthur Thistlewood and three other leaders were arrested and charged with high treason as a result. Watson was acquitted and the other three were released without trial. Thistlewood would go on to lead the failed Cato Street Conspiracy in 1820. OCLC locates 7 copies of this title in North American law libraries (Yale, Columbia, University of Minnesota, University of Missouri, LA County, Library of Congress, Social Law). [Order This Item](#)



Growing Antipathy Towards James II

27. [Trials].

[Sancroft, William (1617-1693), Et Al., Defendants].

The Proceedings and Tryal in the Case of The Most Reverend Father in God William Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, And the Right Reverend Fathers in God, William Lord Bishop of St. Asaph, Francis Lord Bishop of Ely, John Lord Bishop of Chichester, Thomas Lord Bishop of Bath and Wells, Thomas Lord Bishop of Peterborough, And Jonathan Lord Bishop of Bristol.... London: Printed for Thomas Basset and Thomas Fox, 1689. [xiii], 140 pp. Copperplate portrait frontispiece of the seven bishops and cancel errata slip.

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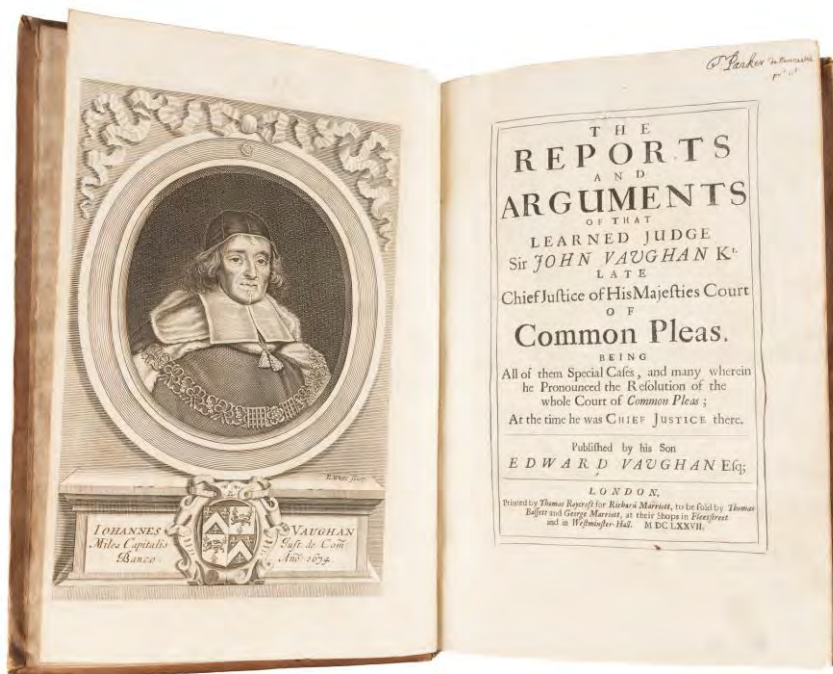
Cornish, Henry [d.1685], Primary Defendant.

The Tryals of Henry Cornish, Esq; For Conspiring the Death of the King, And Raising Rebellion in this Kingdom; And John Fernley, William King, And Elizabeth Gaunt, For Harboursing and Maintaining Rebels;... London: Printed and sold by George Croom, 1685. [ü], 42 pp. With imprimatur leaf.

Folio (11-1/2" x 6-1/2"). Later vellum, lettering piece to spine, edges rouged. Light soiling to boards, which are slightly bowed, faint dampstain to rear board, spine and joints lightly varnished, small tear to spine above lettering piece, joints starting, front hinge just starting at head, later ownership signature (of Frederick J. Hughes) to front free endpaper. Moderate toning to interior, light browning and soiling to several leaves (including title pages and frontispiece), faint dampstaining in a few places, trimming to fore-edge of Bishops frontispiece and a few tears mended on verso and reinforced with cello tape, minor loss to image, light creasing to upper corners of last few leaves of Tryals. \$250.

* *Bishops*: first edition; *Tryals*: one of three 1685 issues. The 1688 Declaration of Indulgence, reissued by James II, suspended the penal laws enacted against Catholics and ordered the Anglican clergy to read it to their congregations. The Archbishop of Canterbury and six bishops petitioned against this order on the grounds that the suspending power had been declared illegal by Parliament. They were indicted in the King's Bench for seditious libel, but acquitted to great public acclaim. The "Trial of the Seven Bishops," as it came to be known, confirmed the subject's right to petition the crown and raised new questions for the reform of libel laws.

Cornish and his co-defendants were accused of involvement in various plots against James II and executed. This was widely viewed as judicial murder, particularly on Cornish's part; he would later be exonerated and his attainder reversed. Both trials reflect the antipathy of English Protestants towards Catholicism and the Stuarts which would culminate in the Glorious Revolution of 1688. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R7827, R25662. [Order This Item](#)



"Distinguished for Accuracy and Sound Learning"

28. Vaughan, Sir John [1603-1674].

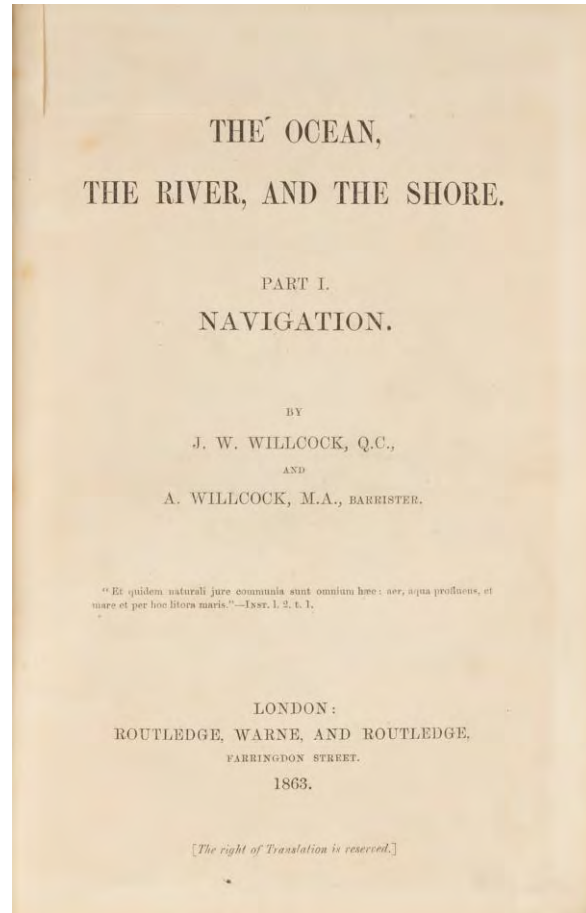
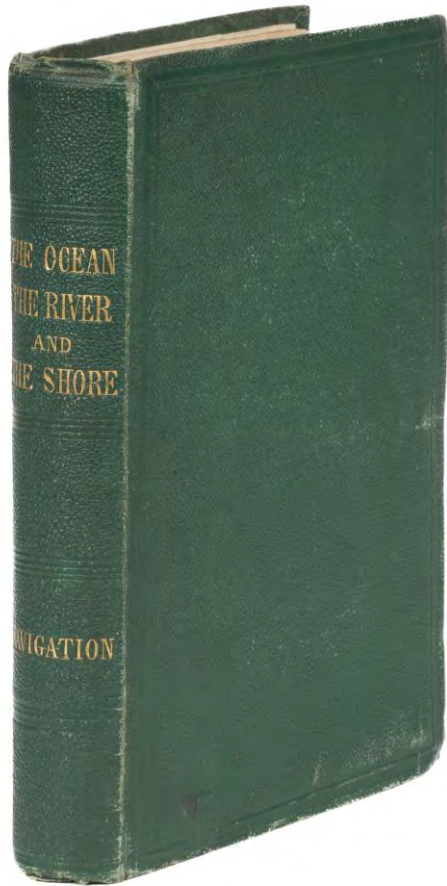
Vaughan, Edward [d. 1688], Editor.

The Reports and Arguments of that Learned Judge Sir John Vaughan Kt. Late Chief Justice of His Majesties Court of Common Pleas. Being All of Them Special Cases, And Many Wherein he Pronounced the Resolution of the Whole Court of Common Pleas; At the Time He was Chief Justice There. Published by his Son Edward Vaughan Esq. London: Printed by Thomas Roycroft for Richard Marriott, 1677. [xiv], 420, [56] pp. Copperplate portrait frontispiece. Folio (12" x 7-1/2").

Contemporary paneled calf, raised bands, lettering piece and small early shelf labels to spine, gilt tooling to board edges. Light rubbing and minor scuffs and marks to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, small chip to head of spine, corners bumped and somewhat worn, hinges cracked, armorial bookplate of the Earls of Macclesfield to front pastedown, small embossed Macclesfield stamps to preliminaries, signature of George Parker, 2nd Earl of Macclesfield to head of title page, armorial bookplate of Thomas Parker, 1st Earl of Macclesfield to verso, early markings rear pastedown. Moderate toning to interior, light foxing in places, offsetting to margins of endleaves, brief annotations, presumably by George or Thomas Parker, to table of cases. \$500.

* First edition. Vaughan was a friend of John Selden and Chief Justice of the Common Pleas. These reports cover the period from 1665-1674. Marvin says they are "distinguished for accuracy and sound learning." Later editions were published in 1679 and 1716.

Our copy of this title belonged to the Earls of Macclesfield. Housed in Shirburn Castle, near Watlington, Oxfordshire, it was one of the finest private libraries in Great Britain. Thomas Parker [1666-1732], the first Earl of Macclesfield was a hugely successful lawyer and Whig MP. He became Lord Chief Justice of England in 1710 and, in 1718, Lord Chancellor. Unfortunately, his meteoric rise was countered by an equally rapid fall in 1725 when he was impeached and found guilty of financial irregularities as Lord Chancellor. George Parker [c.1697-1764], his eldest son, was a lawyer and, briefly, a member of Parliament and a teller of the Exchequer. A distinguished astronomer, he built an observatory at Shirburn and was largely responsible for the adoption of the Gregorian calendar in 1752. Marvin, *Legal Bibliography* 707. Wallace, *The Reporters* 43. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R716. [Order This Item](#)



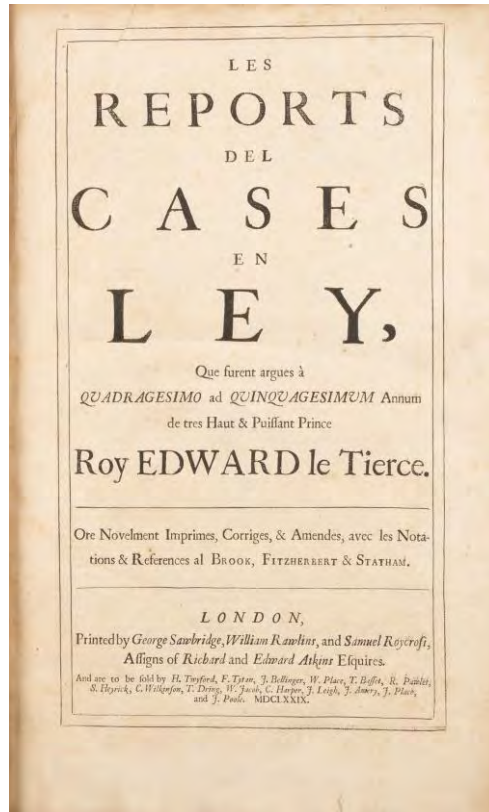
**A Valuable 1863 Book For British
Mariners Involved with the Confederacy**

**29. Willcock, J[ohn] W[illiam].
Willcock, A[thelstane].**

The Ocean, The River, And the Shore. Part I. Navigation [All Published]. London: Routledge, Warne, and Routledge, 1863. xii, 471 pp. Octavo (7-3/4" x 5").

Contemporary pebbled cloth, blind frames to boards, gilt title and blind fillets to spine. Light rubbing and a few minor scuffs to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, corners and spine ends bumped, a few scuffs to front pastedown, hinges partially cracked. Moderate toning to interior, light foxing to a few leaves, section clipped from margin of title page above title. \$300.

* Only edition. A significant portion of this book (about 150 pages) is devoted to the history of navigation. The other chapters discuss such topics as the law of war, smuggling, the slave trade, neutrals and prizes. Published during the American Civil War, it was likely consulted often by British mariners involved with the Confederacy. OCLC locates 6 copies in North American law libraries (LA County, Social Law, Stanford, US Supreme Court, University of Pennsylvania, Yale). Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 2:381. [Order This Item](#)



Cases from the Reign of Edward III, Part IV of the Vulgate Edition

30. [Year Book].

[Vulgate Edition].

Edward III [1312-1377], King of England.

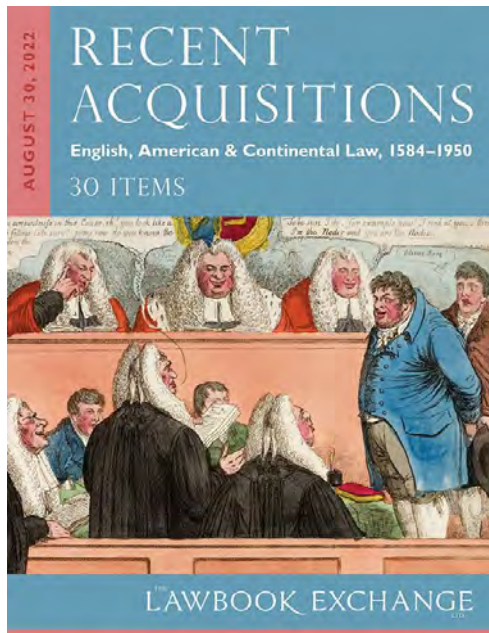
Les Reports del Cases en Ley, Que Fuerunt Argues à Quadragesimo ad Quinquagesimum Annum' de Tres Haut & Puissant Prince Roy Edward le Tierce. Ore Novelment Imprimes, Corrignes & Amendes, Avec les Notations & References al Brook, Fitzherbert & Statham. London: Printed by George Sawbridge [et al.] and are to be sold by H. Twyford [et al.], 1679. [ii], 2-49, 2-31, 26, 36, 2-46, 2-28, 2-34, 2-26, 34, 27, 27, [34] pp. Collates complete. Folio (15" x 9").

Recent pebbled cloth, blind fillets and gilt title and date to spine, endpapers renewed. Light soiling to boards, light rubbing to extremities, spine ends bumped, corners lightly worn. Moderate toning to interior, light foxing and soiling in several places, mostly to margins, small clean tears to edges of a few leaves not affecting text, upper corner of leaf B4 (pp. 16-17) lacking, no loss to text, brief later underlining and case citation to recto of leaf Bb1 (p. 19), offsetting from removed laid-in item to leaves Gg4v and Hh1r (pp. 29-30). \$500.

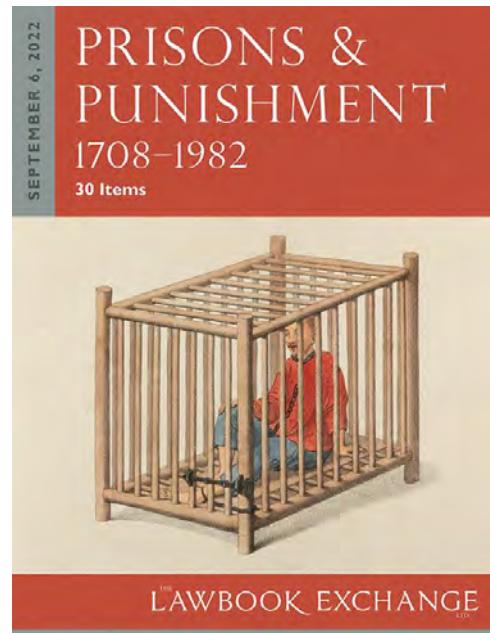
* First issue of Part IV of the Vulgate edition. It is difficult to overestimate the importance of the Year Books. As a series of notes on debates and points of pleadings in Norman England they are of crucial primary sources for our knowledge of medieval common law. They also provide a richly detailed portrait of contemporary English life, customs and manners. The origin of the Year Books is unknown. Some scholars believe the earliest volumes were notes transcribed by law students for study and for the use of lawyers in later cases while others maintain they were made by lawyers.

Though it is not known when the first manuscript volumes were compiled, the date from the 1270s to 1535. Printed editions of the Year Books were first issued by William de Machlinia between 1481 and 1482. Issued between 1678-1680 and also known as Maynard's edition, the Vulgate remains the standard edition to this day. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R200650. Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 1:313 (16). [Order This Item](#)

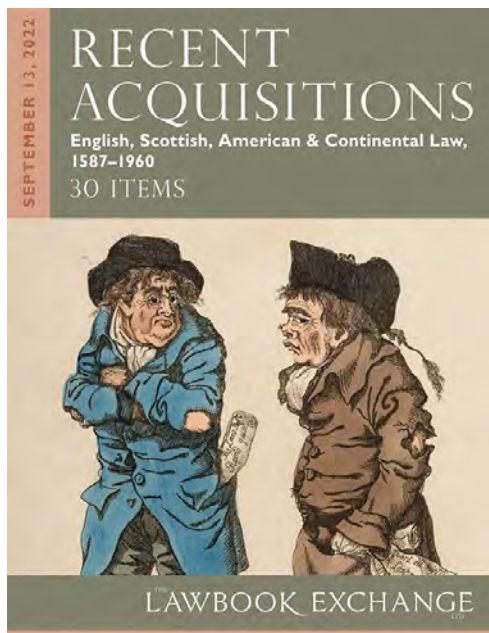
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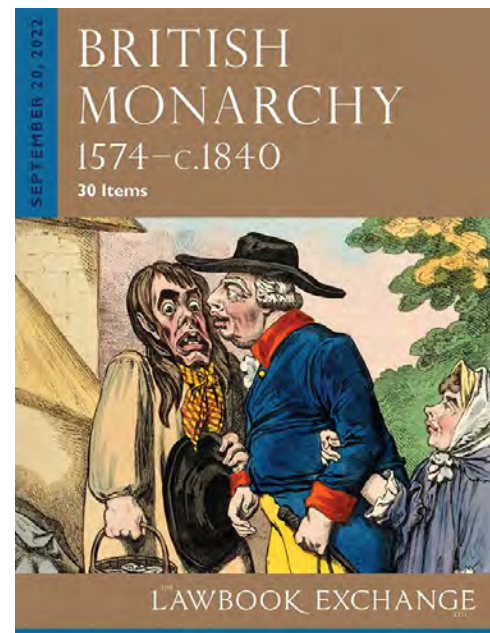
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