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## Verse Epitome of a Classic Penitential Manual

## 1. [Adam, Magister (13th c.).]

[Penafort, Raymond of [c.1175-c.1240].]

*Summula Sacramentorum Raymundi de Penafort Metrificata*. Cologne: [Retro Minores (Martin von Werden?)], for Heinrich Quentell, 18 July 1500]. [i], 148, [7] ff. Collation: a-s6 t-v4 x-z6, aa-cc6, dd4. Leaf x2 (Fol. CXVII) lacking. Quarto (8" x 5-5/8"; 20.5 x 14cm).

Nineteenth-century quarter calf over marbled boards, raised bands to spine, endpapers renewed. Light rubbing to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, corners bumped and somewhat worn. 46-line text in single column, printed manicules, capital spaces left blank. Moderate toning, occasional dampstaining, light soiling to preliminary and final leaves, first leaf beginning to detach, contemporary or early annotations to several leaves, three full pages of annotations to rear endleaves. \$9,500.

\* Attributed to Magister Adam (Adamus), a 13th-century Cistercian monk from Aldersbach, lower Bavaria, the *Summula* is an epitome in verse of Raymond of Penafort's authoritative *Summa de Poenitentia et Matrimonio* with commentary and interlinear glosses. More than a list of sins and suggested penances, this work discussed pertinent doctrinal and canon-law doctrines that pertained to the issue brought to the confessor. In this edition Adam's verse summary is accompanied by a detailed prose commentary on the *Summa*. It also contains the text of the *Summa*, along with Raymond's commentary on the trees of consanguinity and affinity, which indicated if couples were permitted to marry based on their degree of blood kinship. The ISTC locates 4 copies of this imprint in North America (Harvard, Library of Congress, UC-Berkeley Law School, Yale). Goff, *Incunabula in American Libraries* A48. *Gesamtkatalog der Wiegendrucke* 216. [Order This Item](#)



Notable Decisions of the Rota Romana  
with Regulations of the Apostolic Chancery

2. Bosqueto, Barnardus [d. 1371], Commentary.

Fastolus, Thomas [fl. 1338-1361], Commentary.

Molendino, Johannes de, Commentary.

*Decisiones Rote Nove ac Antiquae: Cum[m] Additionibus & Casibus: Ubique[ue] et Regulis Cancellarie Apostolice: Nuper Diligentissima Recognite & a Mendis Expurgate.* [Lyons: Per Jacobum Myt Chalcographum, 1521]. [x], 116, 90, [10], 91-165 ff. Main text in parallel columns. Quarto 7-3/4" x 5-1/2."

Contemporary paneled calf with elaborate tooling, raised bands to spine, fragments of thong ties. Light rubbing and some worm holes to boards, chipping to spine ends, joints starting at ends, corners worn, hinges cracked, considerable worming to pastedowns and endleaves, minor worming to lower margin of title page and following few leaves and final three leaves of text (fols. 163-165). Title page, featuring a woodcut vignette of a lawyer, a judge and a member of the Apostolic Chancery printed in red and black within a woodcut architectural border, woodcut decorated initials. Moderate toning to text, faint dampspotting in places, faint dampstaining to margins of title page and some other leaves, spark burns and early pen marks in a few places. \$1,750.

\* Later edition. A collection of four sets of decisions by the Rota Romana and two sets of regulations for the Apostolic Chancery, which regulated practice and procedure. The decisions cover the period 1376 to 1381. The Chancery *regulae* are those of Sixtus IV, promulgated in 1482, and Innocent VIII, promulgated in 1491. This 1521 imprint is based on the 1496 Venice edition printed by the de Gregoriis for Fontana. This work went through several editions, but all are scarce. OCLC locates 10 copies of the 1521 Lyons edition, 2 in North America (University of Kansas, UNC-Chapel Hill). *Universal Short-Title Catalogue* 155536. [Order This Item](#)



**A Distinguished Writer on Ecclesiastical History, Canon Law and Theology**

**3. Cabassut, Jean [1604-1685].**

*Notitia Conciliorum Sanctae Ecclesiae, In Qua Elucidantur Exactissime Tum Sacri Canones, Tum Veteres, Novique Ecclesiae Ritus, Tum Praecipuae Partes Ecclesiasticae Historiae. Editio Altera, Ab Authore Diligenter Recognita, & Aucta.* Lyons: Sumptibus Laurentii Arnaud & Petri Borde, 1670. [xxiv], 720, [60] pp. Octavo (7" x 4").

Contemporary sheep, gilt spine with raised bands and lettering piece, speckled edges. Moderate rubbing, chipping to spine ends, corners bumped and somewhat worn, hinges cracked but secure. Attractive woodcut title-page device and head-piece. Contemporary (illegible) owner signature to front free endpaper. Toning, occasional light foxing, internally clean. \$150.

\* Later edition. First published in 1668, this treatise discusses disputed points (concilia) in canon law. Cabassut, a French theologian, priest and authority on canon law, was a distinguished writer on ecclesiastical history, canon law, and theology. His writings reflect his adherence to Probabilism, a moral system applicable to cases of conscience that involve the obligation of doubtful laws. Like other Probabilists, Cabassut believed that a doubtful law is invalid. It is therefore permissible to follow an opinion contrary to that law if it is clearly probable. Not in Adams. This edition not in the *British Museum Catalogue*. Ferreira-Ibarra, *The Canon Law Collection in the Library of Congress* 317. [Order This Item](#)



**A Rare Collection of Seventeenth-Century Papal Bulls**

**4. [Canon Law].**

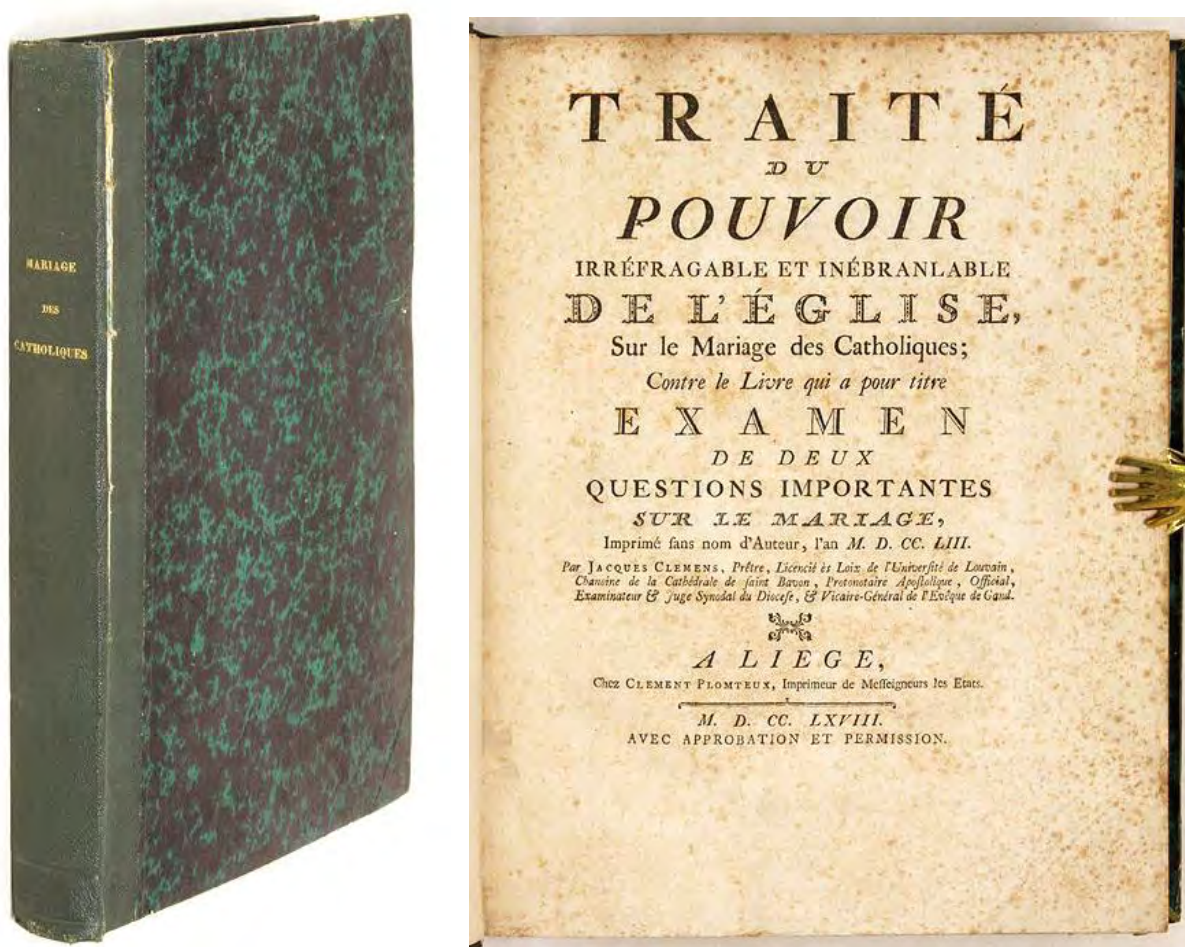
**[Gregory XV (1554-1623), Pope].**

**[Urban VIII (1568-1644), Pope].**

*Bullae et Decreta Recentiora*. [N.p.: S.n., c. 1628]. [viii], 298 pp. Quarto (8" x 6").

Contemporary limp vellum, early hand-lettered title and shelf number to spine, ties lacking. Moderate rubbing to extremities, chipping to center and foot of spine, corners bumped and lightly worn, hinges partially cracked, vellum just beginning to crack through pastedowns, a few partial cracks to text block. Moderate toning to text, somewhat darker in places, dampspotting in a few places, staining to some leaves. Early owner inscription (of a Jesuit library) to title page, a few brief annotations to text, interior otherwise clean. \$1,500.

\* With index. Arranged chronologically, this volume contains papal bulls and related documents from the pontificates of Popes Gregory XV and Urban VIII issued between 1621-1628. They offer an interesting perspective on the Church and Papal States at an important point in its history. (The expansion of political territory and church missions are two highlights from this period.) Analogous in organization to volumes of session laws, collections of papal bulls were issued sporadically from the fifteenth century onward. All are scarce today. OCLC locates 5 examples in North America, all from the seventeenth century, two in law schools (Harvard, UC-Berkeley). None are identical to our copy. Not in the *British Museum Catalogue* or Ferreira-Ibarra. [Order This Item](#)



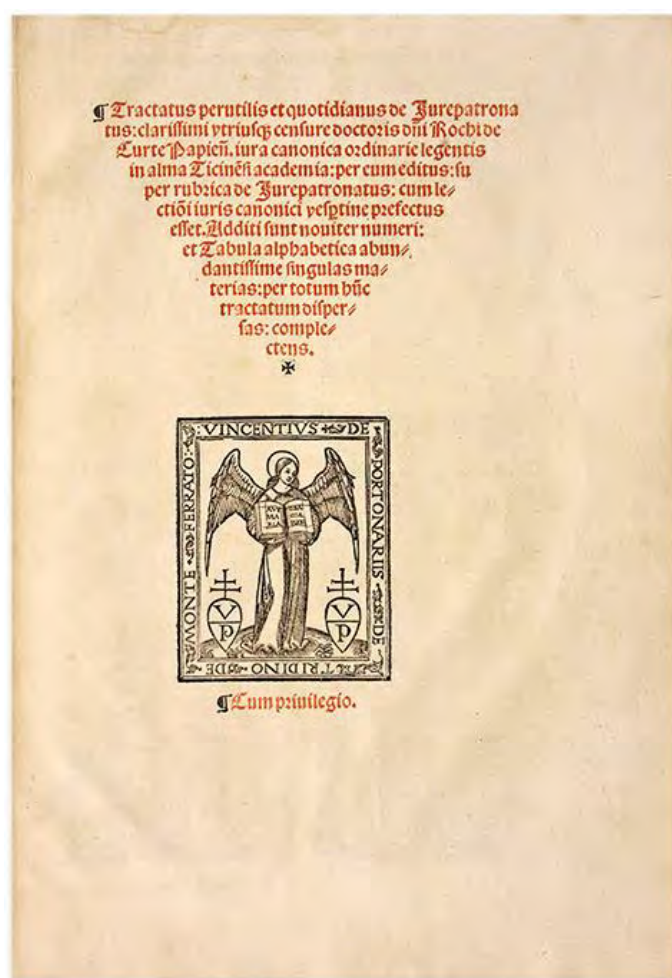
**Controversial Book on Catholic Divorce and Annulment**

**5. Clémens, Jacques.**

*Traité du Pouvoir Irréfragable et Inébranlable de l'Eglise sur le Mariage des Catholiques: Contre le Livre qui a pour Titre Examen de Deux Questions Importantes sur le Mariage Imprimé sans nom d'Autor; l'An M.D.CC.LIII.* Liège: Chez Clement Plomteux, 1768. xii, [2], 368 pp. Quarto (10-1/4" x 8").

Later quarter pebbled cloth over marbled boards, gilt title to spine, endpapers renewed. Some rubbing to extremities, minor wear to head of spine, front joint partially cracked. Light toning to text, somewhat heavier in places. Foxing to title page and a few other leaves. \$1,500.

\* Only edition. A study criticizing divorce and annulment under canon law. As its title indicates, it takes up the "two questions" in *Examen de Deux Questions Importantes sur le Mariage. Comment la Puissance Civile Peut-Elle Déclarer des Mariages Nuls, Sans Entreprendre sur les Droits de la Puissance Ecclésiastique? Quelle est en Conséquence, l'étendue du Pouvoir des Souverains sur les Empêchemens Dirimans le Mariage*, a work published anonymously by Pierre Le Ridant in 1753. Ridant's work defends the supremacy of canon law and Church authority, Clémens's work argues for the supremacy of local law and sovereigns. A controversial publication, it was banned by Maria Theresa, Empress of the Austrian Empire, which then included Liège (as part of the Austrian Netherlands). Possession of this book would result in a fine of 300 florins. A high-quality facsimile of this edict is laid into our copy. OCLC locates 2 copies in North America (UC-Berkeley Law School, University of Pennsylvania). De Theux, *Bibliographie Liégeoise* 611-612. [Order This Item](#)



First Edition of a Classic Study of Church Patronage

**6. Curtius, Rochus (Corte, Rocco) [fl. 1470-1515].**

*Tractatus Perutilis Et Quotidianus De Jure Patronatus...* [Lyon]: Vincentius de Portonariis, De Tridino Monte Ferrato, [1520]. 37 ff. Text in parallel columns. Folio (15-3/4" x 11").

Recent three-quarter vellum over marbled boards, endpapers renewed. Negligible light shelfwear and soiling. Title page with large woodcut printer device, printed in red and black, large woodcut initial with (possibly) later coloring at head of text, woodcut decorated initials, text printed on wide-margined paper. Light toning, somewhat heavier in places, underlining and brief annotations in early hand to a few leaves. An appealing copy of a rare, handsomely printed edition. \$5,000.

\* The *ius patronatus* is the body of laws concerning patronage by members of the church, including the granting of privileges, lands and goods. First published in 1506, the commentary of Rochus Curtius was a standard work on this subject into the seventeenth century. Our edition is remarkable for its magnificent typography and notably wide margins. (title as inverted pyramid in red); remarkably broad-margined, printed on strong paper. The printer Vincent de Portonariis, de Tridino de Monte Ferrato is not stated in the colophon; he is only identified by the printer device on the title page. As a result, this imprint is often mis-attributed. OCLC locates 2 copies of our 1520 imprint, both in Germany. Not in Adams or the *Universal Short-Title Catalogue*. [Order This Item](#)



Handsome Copy of a Rare  
Seventeenth-Century Treatise on Ecclesiastical Benefices

7. Delvaulx (Del Vaulx), Andre [1569-1636].

*De Beneficiis Libri IV. Quibus Tum ea Quæ Theoriam Concernunt, Tum Maxime Quæ in Iudicijs Practicantur, Solide Enucleantur. Cum Indice Omnium Rerum & Materialium Locupletissimo. Opera Iuris-Consultis, Iudicibus, Advocatis, Ac Aliis Curiarum Utriusque Fori Practico, & Theologis Utilissimum.* Mechelen: Typis Roberti et Viduae Henrici Iaye, 1646. [xxxiv], 612, [84] pp. Copperplate pictorial title page, full-page coat-of-arms and author portrait. Quarto (7-1/2" x 5-3/4").

Contemporary vellum with lapped edges, hand-lettered spine (with later retouching), edges rouged, recent thong ties. Some darkening to spine, light spotting to boards, some wear to board edges and corners, rear pastedown just starting to detach along edges. Light toning to text, internally clean. A handsome copy. \$1,500.

\* First edition. Andre del Vaulx, also known as Vallensis, taught canon Law at the University of Louvain. *De Beneficiis* is a treatise on ecclesiastical benefices. A second edition was published in 1758. Both editions are rare. Concerning the first edition, OCLC locates 4 copies, 1 in North America (at UC-Berkeley Law School). Not in Ferreira-Ibarra.

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A Distinguished Commentary on Maxims and Phrases in the *Liber Sextus Decretalium*

8. Dinus de Mugello [1254-c.1300].

Bohier, Nicolas de [1469-1539].

Du Moulin, Charles [1500-1566].

*Dynus de Regulis Juris, Commentarius Mirabilis Super Titulo De Regulis Iuris Praecipui Sui Seculi Iurisconsulti Do. Dyni Muxellani Insignis I.U. Doctoris: Multo Plus Quam Unquam Annotationibus Auctus, & Recognitus: Ubi Praeter Do. Nicolai Boërij, & Et Celsi Hugonis Cabilonen[sic] Additiones Multa Novissime per Doctorem Anonymum Sunt Addita, Pleraque Depravata in hac Ultima Impressione Restituta, & Omnia cum Repertorio Castigatissimo ad Unguem & Feliciter Emendata.* Lyons: Venundantur Lugduni per Jacobum Giuncti, 1533. cxxxii, [20] ff. Main text in parallel columns with linear annotations. Octavo 6" x 4" (15 x 10 cm).

Recent calf, blank lettering piece to spine, endpapers renewed. Moderate rubbing to extremities, corners bumped, front hinge starting, a few cracks to text block, later armorial bookplate (of George Baron Ferrers of Chartley) to front endleaf. Title page, with large woodcut Giunta device, printed in red and black within woodcut architectural border, woodcut decorated initials, woodcut colophon. Moderate toning, occasional faint dampstaining, minor edgewear to a few leaves, worming to final leaves with minor loss to text of final two leaves. Early annotations to margins of sixty-three leaves, some affected slightly by trimming. A scarce title. \$1,650.

\* Dinus's distinguished commentary on *De Regulis Juris*, a collection of 88 maxims and phrases in Book 5, Title 12 of the *Liber Sextus Decretalium*, was first published around 1472. It went through several editions into the sixteenth century. Each *Regula* is followed by Dinus's commentary. The additions and commentary by Bohier and Moulin flank or surrounds the main text. This edition, identical to editions published in Lyon in 1533 by Jacques Myt and in 1535 by Giunta, is not listed in Adams, Baudrier or the *Universal Short-Title Catalogue*. No copies of this imprint located on OCLC. [Order This Item](#)



**Consilia by a Humanist Advisor to Pope Clement VII**

**9. Ferretti, Giulio [1480-1547].**

*Consilia et Tractatus Quorum Tabulam Secunda Pagina Indicat. Cum Summariis, & Copiosissimo Omnium Materiarum Indice, Nunc Primum in Lucem Veniunt.* Venice: Apud Avantium, 1562. [iv], 48, 219, [1] ff. Main text in parallel columns. Quarto (8-1/2" x 6-1/2").

Contemporary limp vellum with lapped edges, hand-lettered title to spine. Some darkening to spine, minor chipping to head, a few small cracks along joints, hinges reinforced, vellum just beginning to crack through pastedowns, partial crack to text block between front endleaf and title page, a few other partial cracks elsewhere. Some toning, faint dampstaining in a few places, internally clean. \$1,750.

\* Only edition. Ferretti was a member of the College of Jurisconsults during the papacy of Clement VII [1478-1534]. This volume collects 31 of his canon-law consilia (analyses of disputed legal points, usually submitted by a judge). This volume was reissued in 1563. OCLC locates 3 copies of this imprint, 5 of the 1563 reissue. Copies located in North America at UC-Berkeley, which has the 1562 imprint, and the Library of Congress and University of Illinois, which have the 1563 imprint, and Harvard Law School, which has both. Not in Pazzaglini and Hawks. *Censimento Nazionale delle Edizioni Italiane del XVI Secolo* CNCE 18857. [Order This Item](#)



### Trial Practice in Canon Law

10. Gomez, Luis [d. 1545].

[Milles de Souvigny (16th. c.).]

*Commentarii in Iudiciales Regulas Cancellariae. Ioannis Millaei, Ac Aliorum Doctissimorum Virorum Adnotationibus Illustrati. Eiusdem, Utriusque Signaturae Compendium.* Lyons: Apud Carolum Pesnot, 1575. [civ], 474 [i.e. 472] pp. Octavo (7" x 4-1/2").

Contemporary blind-tooled pigskin, early hand-lettered title to spine, early owner monogram black-stamped to front board with central panel featuring allegorical female figures titled "Fortitudo" and "Temperenc[e]", "1583 black-stamped to rear board, which has a central panel featuring allegorical female figures titled "Iusticia" and "Prudentia," edges rouged. Some soiling, minor wear to spine ends and corners, small scuff to front board, front hinge starting. Toning, faint dampstaining in a few places, chip to p. 254 with minor loss to text, internally clean. A very appealing binding. \$1,950.

\* Third edition. With indexes. Gomez was the Bishop of Sarno, Italy. First published in 1540, *Commentarii* is a treatise on trial practice in canon law. Also a practical work, it describes the rules of practice in detail. All editions are scarce. OCLC locates 3 copies of the 1575 edition in North America (Harvard Law School, Library of Congress, University of Texas). Not in Adams. Palau, *Manual del Libroero Hispanoamericano* 103.620. [Order This Item](#)



### Criminal Procedure in Canon Law

#### 11. Guazzini Sebastiano.

*Tractatus ad Defensam Inquisitorum, Carceratorum Reorum & Condemnatorum Super Quocunque Crimine. Opus Novum, Alacri Studio Digestum, Omnibus Magistratibus, & Iudicibus tam Secularibus, Quam Ecclesiasticis ad Cuitandas Nullitates, & Iniustitias, Advocatis, Procuratoribus, Causorum Criminalium Defensoribus, Atque Excusatoribus ad Reos Tuendos, Etiam in Unaquaque Processus Parte Maxime Utile, & Necessarium. In quo Plura, Statuta, Decreta, Bannimenta, Bullae Summorum Pontificum, & Praesertim Gregorii XIV. Super Immunitate Ecclesiastica, Constitutiones, Pragmaticae, Ritus, & Consuetudines Diversorum Locorum, & Provinciarum Declarantur, Ac Referuntur Quamplurimi Casus in Contingentia Facti, In Gravissimis Criminibus, Etiam per Supremos Magistratus Decisi. Cum Index Reum, & Verborum.* Venice: Apud Bertanos, 1639. Two volumes in one, each with title page and individual pagination. [xii], 388; 324, [48] pp. Main text in parallel columns. Folio (13" x 9").

Contemporary limp vellum, faint early hand-lettered title to spine, later repairs to corners, endpapers renewed. Light soiling and some minor stains to boards, spine slightly darkened, some edgewear, front joint just starting at head. Title page printed in red and black. Light toning to text, occasional minor worming, mostly to margins, faint dampstaining to margins in some places, rodent damage to upper corners of final 25 leaves with no loss to text, light soiling, edgewear and early library owner inscription to title page. A nice copy of a scarce title. \$950.

\* Third edition. Guazzini was an advocate and expert of criminal law associated with the Roman Curia. First published in 1614, *Tractatus ad Defensam Inquisitorum* was a well-regarded treatise on criminal procedure under canon law. It is a detailed work that draws comparisons between canon law, Roman law and Italian customary law. A durable work, it went through several editions and issues into the eighteenth century. All editions are scarce. OCLC locates 2 copies of the 1639 edition in North America (Columbia, University of Pennsylvania). This edition not in the *British Museum Catalogue*.

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### A Collection of Legal "Letters" by an Important Canon Lawyer and Bishop

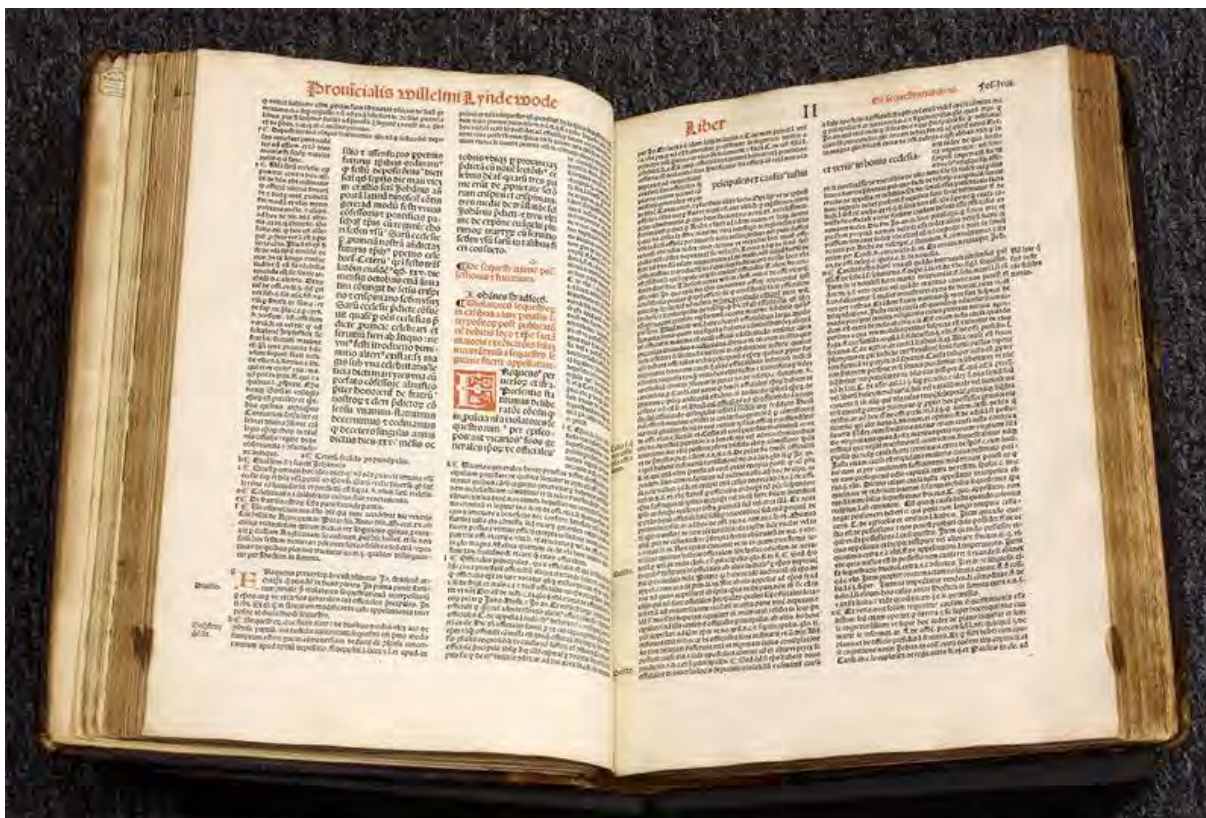
#### 12. Ivo, Saint, Bishop of Chartres [c. 1040-1116].

##### Juretus, Franciscus, Editor.

*Eiusdem Chronicon de Regibus Francorum.* Paris: Apud Sebastianum Nivellium, 1584. [14], 260 [i.e. 256], [xiv] ff. Quarto (8-1/2" x 6-1/2").

Contemporary vellum with lapped edges, early hand-lettered title to spine. Some rubbing to extremities with minor wear, spine ends and corners bumped, hinges starting, vellum just beginning to crack through pastedowns. Attractive woodcut head-pieces and decorated initials. Light toning to text, heavier in a few places, faint dampstaining to lower corner of text block. Fore-edges of title page and following three leaves carefully mended with no loss to text. Early annotations to front free endpaper, small signature to head of title page, interior otherwise clean. \$1,500.

\* First edition. Ivo, Bishop of Chartres, was an important canon lawyer who played a key role in the resolution of the investiture crisis. The most significant conflict between church and state in the medieval era, it concerned the authority of European monarchs to control the appointments, or investitures, of bishops, abbots and other church officials. This collection of 285 opinions, or "letters," discusses legal aspects of political, institutional and religious subjects. Several deal with the investiture crisis and its background. Other editions were published in 1585 and 1610, the latter designated "Editio Secunda." OCLC locates a handful of copies in North America, 1 in a law library, UC-Berkeley, which has a 1610 edition. Adams, *Catalogue of Books Printed on the Continent of Europe, 1501-1600* I257. [Order This Item](#)



### A Principal English Treatise on Canon Law

13. [Lyndwood, William (c.1375-1446)].

[Badius, Josse (1462-1535), Editor].

*Provinciale seu Constitutiones Anglie cum Summariis Atq[ue] Iustis Annotationibus: Honestis Characteribus: Summa[que] Accurratione Rursus Impresse.* [Paris: Printed by Andreas Bocard at the University of Paris, May 28, 1501]. Collation: a8 b6, c-g8 h6 i-q8 r6 s-z8 [et]8 [con]6 A-B6 C8-(C8). excii, [19] ff. Complete. Main text surrounded by two-column linear gloss. Folio 13-1 1/2" x 9-1 1/2" (34 x 24 cm).

Contemporary paneled calf, corner fleurons and large arabesques to boards, recently rebacked, raised bands and lettering piece to spine, endpapers added, early hand-lettered title to fore-edge. A few shallow scuffs to boards, moderate rubbing to their extremities, corners bumped and somewhat worn, hinges cracked, later bookseller ticket, owner bookplate (of Walter Wigglesworth, dated 1934) and two 1930s-era auction or bookseller descriptions affixed to front pastedown. Text printed in red and black gothic type, woodcut decorated initials. Light toning to text, faint dampstaining in places, minor edgewear to leaves at beginning and end of text, some with repairs, inkstains and spark burns to a few leaves. Contemporary annotations to endleaves and portions of text, some with minor loss due to trimming. A nice post-incunable copy of an important title. \$5,000.

\* First post-1500 edition. Main text followed by nineteen-page, two-part index (*Tabula*). Compiled around 1433 and first published around 1483-1485, *Provinciale* is the main authority for early English canon law. Divided into five books, it is a digest of the synodal constitutions of the province of Canterbury, from the period of Archbishop Stephen Langton [c.1155-1228] to that of Archbishop Henry Chichele [1414-1443], with Lyndwood's gloss. It is considered the law of the Church of England by some authorities. This copy was printed in Paris for the English market. Beale, *A Bibliography of Early English Law Books* T403. *English Short-Title Catalogue* S103845. [Order This Item](#)



Two Scarce Sixteenth-Century Treatises on Canon Law

#### 14. Mandosio, Quintiliano [d. 1593].

*Praxis et Theoria Commissionum a Beatiss. Papa ad Causas Decidendas in Quibus Omnes tam Veterum, Quam Recentium Doctorum Theoricas Recto Ordine Digestas, Ad Praxim Deductae Sunt. Omnibus Nedum Pontificii, & Caesarei Iuris Studiis, Sed & Causarum Patronis, Advocatis Admodum, & Iudicantibus Cuiuscunq; Ordinis Utiles, Ac Necessarie.* Rome: Ex Typographia Georgii Ferrarii, 1581. [iv], 141, [1] ff.

[Bound with]

Roffignac, Christophe de.

*De re Sacerdotali, Seu Pontificia Quatuor Libris Exarata Commentatio Attexta est Inscriptio Omnium Capitum, Quae in Alteris Libris Duobus Continentur, Nam Primus, Per Capita non Est Distinctus, Sed uno, Perpetuoque Contextu, Omnem suam Prosequens, Est Materiem. Cum Approbatione Sacrae Theologiae, Parisiensis Facultatis, & Consultissimae Pontificiorum.* Paris: Apud Poncetum le Preux, 1557. [viii], 325, [1] ff.

Quarto (8-1/2" x 6-1/2"). Later three-quarter calf over marbled boards, rebaked, raised bands, blind ornaments and lettering piece to spine, hinges mended, early armorial bookplate (of Thomas Hamilton, First Earl of Haddington, Lord Drumcairn) to verso of title page of *Praxis*. Some rubbing to board edges with some wear to corners. Attractive head-pieces, tail-pieces and decorated initials. Light toning to text, foxing in a few places, worming to margins of leaves at rear of text block, tear to final leaf carefully repaired. Later annotation, possibly a shelfmark, to front pastedown, later owner signature to front free endpaper, interior otherwise clean. \$3,000.

\* *Praxis*: second edition; *Sacerdotali*: only edition. This volume collects two sixteenth-century treatises on canon law. First published in 1571, Mandosio's treatise addresses administrative law and government. Its final edition was published in 1585. A respected work, it was reprinted in the great *Tractatus Universi Iuris* (1584-86). Roffignac's treatise deals with the same topics from a historical perspective with an emphasis on councils and synods. Hamilton [1563-1637] was a notable Scottish lawyer, judge and politician. Copies of both titles are scarce in North American law libraries. *Praxis*: OCLC locates 3 copies, 1 at UC-Berkeley, which has a 1572 edition and the reissue in the *Tractatus Universi Iuris*, and 2 at Columbia and Harvard, which have copies of the 1585 edition. *Sacerdotali*: OCLC locates 1 copy in North America, at the University of Delaware. Adams, *Catalogue of Books Printed on the Continent of Europe, 1501-1600* M348, R660. [Order This Item](#)



Thirteenth-Century Manuscript Copy of a Papal Decretal Concerning Inheritance

15. [Manuscript].

[Canon Law].

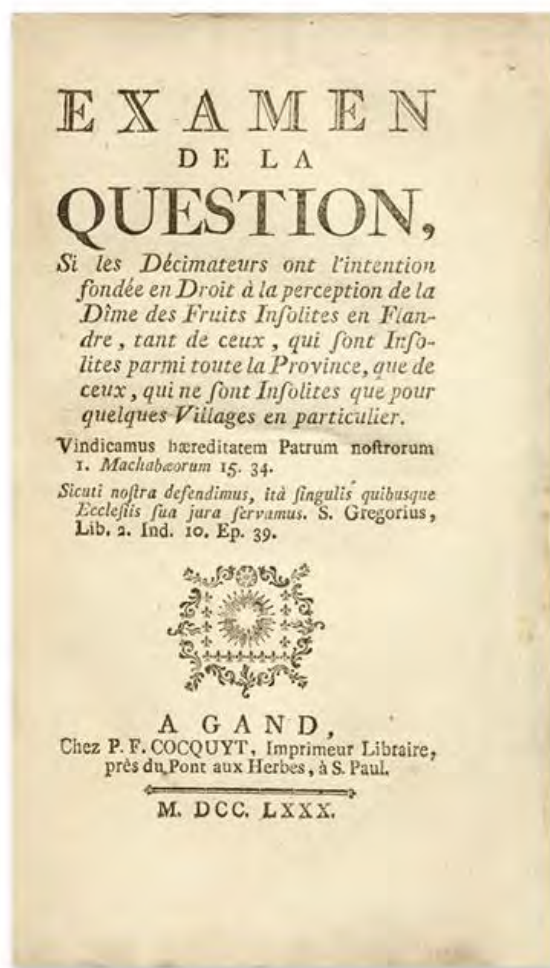
[Clement, III (1130-1191), Pope].

[Leaf from a Papal Decretal Concerning Inheritance]. France, c. 1270.

[2] pp. Folio (12-3/4" x 9-1/2").

Parchment leaf, light soiling and a few faint stains, fold lines and tiny holes, pieces removed from corners with minor loss to text. 50-line rubricated text in gothic hand in 2 columns surrounded by glosses, 8 vividly colored lombard initials with flourishes in red and blue, 4-line ornamented incipit beginning with 14-line initial "P" in red and blue, with elaborate flourishes. A few faint later annotations. A fine example of a high-medieval legal manuscript. \$3,500.

\* An extensive text fragment from a thirteenth-century copy of a papal decretal concerning inheritance with later commentary. More specifically, this decretal states that inherited goods owned for 30 years or more can not be taken by the Church. ("De constitutionibus - Preterea de lege illa vel errore quam cives tuos asseris statuissse, videlicet, ut si quis teneret by xxx annos possessiones alicujus ecclesiae, nec reddidisset canonem constitutum non ideo cadreet pensionente possessionis illius, nihil certi tibi pessumus respondere, donec constitutionem illam ab ipsis factam nobis verbo ad verbum expositam studeas destinare.") The text begins with the incipit "De constitutionibus - Preterea de lege illa vel errore quam cives tuos asseris statuissse." The large initial "P" and the word "Preterea," are highlighted by alternating red and blue embellishments. The commentary provides a detailed exegesis of this passage. [Order This Item](#)



**1780 Pamphlet Questioning the  
Church's Right to Raise Tithes in Flanders**

**16. [Massez, C.].**

*Examen de la Question, Si les Decimateurs ont l'Intention Fondée en Droit à la Perception de la Dime des Fruits Insolites en Flandre, Tant Ceux, Qui Sont Insolites Parmi Toute la Province, que de Ceux, Qui ne Sont Insolites que pour Quelques Villages en Particulier.* Ghent: Chez P.F. Cocquyt, 1780. vi, 84, [2] pp. Octavo (7-1/4" x 4-1/2").

Stab-stitched pamphlet in plain wrappers, untrimmed edges, early hand-lettered title to front, fragments of title label to spine. Some soiling and edgewear, later owner bookplate to verso of front wrapper. Some toning, light soiling to title page, internally clean. \$650.

\* Only edition located. Massez wishes to limit the rights of the church to raise tithes in Flanders. He notes that "God himself established tithes for the Jewish people, where it was part of the dividing-up of the lands, which God himself ordered: [however] amongst the Christian nations, it is men who have ordered this division, men have also introduced tithes there; thus [such a tax] depends on the civil law of each nation" (iii-iv). Massez discusses statutes from 1520 and 1530 onward and disputes their interpretation by Zeger Bernhard van Espen [1646-1728], the distinguished Flemish canon lawyer. OCLC locates 8 copies, 2 in North American law libraries (Columbia, UC-Berkeley). Not in the *British Museum Catalogue*. [Order This Item](#)



### Canon Law and Capital Punishment

#### 17. Matthaeus, Antonius (III) [1635-1710].

*De Jure Gladii Tractatus et de Toparchis qui Exercent id in Dioecesi Ultrajectina.* Leiden: Sumptu Auctoris Excudit Johannes Kellenaar, 1689. Quarto (8-1/2" x 7").

Contemporary vellum, fragment of title label to spine, edges rouged. Some soiling, spine somewhat darkened, front joint just starting at head, corners bumped, 3-1/2" x 9" piece of vellum excised from front board. Large arms of the Curia of the Holy Roman Empire (which has a portrait of Holy Roman Emperor Charles V) to title page. Some toning, light browning in places. Faint dampstaining to head of first quarter of text block, internally clean. \$350.

\* Only edition. The son and grandson of distinguished jurists of the same name, Antonius Matthaeus III was a professor of law at the University of Utrecht and later its rector. *De Jure Gladii* is a treatise on capital crimes in canon law as applied to the diocese of Utrecht. It also addresses corporal punishment and lesser crimes. Capital punishment was a complicated topic because it involved conflicts with local feudal law. (On a fundamental level, canon law forbids capital punishment, feudal law applies it to a broad spectrum of crimes.) These tensions were acute in Utrecht. Though part of the Protestant United Provinces (Dutch Republic), Utrecht was historically a Catholic center. The Church continued to be a strong presence in the seventeenth century. About 40% of the population was Catholic. This percentage was higher among elite groups. OCLC locates 4 copies in North American law libraries (Columbia, Harvard, Southern Methodist University, UC-Berkeley). Dekkers, *Bibliotheca Belgica Juridica* 112 (11). [Order This Item](#)



1646 Study of Laws Concerning the Blind, Mute and Deaf

**18. Michalorius, Blasius (Micalorio, Biagio).**

*Tractatus de Coeco, Surdo et Muto. In Quo ipsorum Miseria, Quid Scire, Atque Addiscere Possint, Quos Contractus Celebrare, Num Magistratus Gerere, An in Ultimis Voluntatibus Disponere, Et Plura Alia Huiusmodi Secundum Germanam Variarum Legum, Ac Imperatorum Constitutionum, Quae Adinuicem Pugnare Videntur, Intelligentiam, Subtiliter Discutiuntur.* Venice: Apud Guerilios, 1646. [viii], 152, [20] pp. Main text in parallel columns. Quarto (8-1/4" x 6").

Contemporary quarter sheep over marbled boards, gilt fillets, ornaments and title to spine. Moderate rubbing with light wear to extremities, a few scuffs to front board, rear hinge starting. Large woodcut printer device to title page, woodcut head-pieces and decorated initials. Worming to preliminaries and first few text leaves, mostly in the margins but with minor loss a few letters. Small stain and early (institutional?) inkstamp to title page, interior clean and bright. \$650.

\* First edition. One of the earliest works of its kind from the early modern era, this is a curious canon-law treatise concerning blind, mute and deaf people. It appears to have been a well-received work; other editions were published in 1667, 1681, 1709, 1710 and 1847. Michalorius was a canon lawyer and member of the Rota Romana. OCLC locates 9 copies in the United States, 2 in law schools (Yale and UC-Berkeley). *British Museum Catalogue* (Compact Edition) 17:450.

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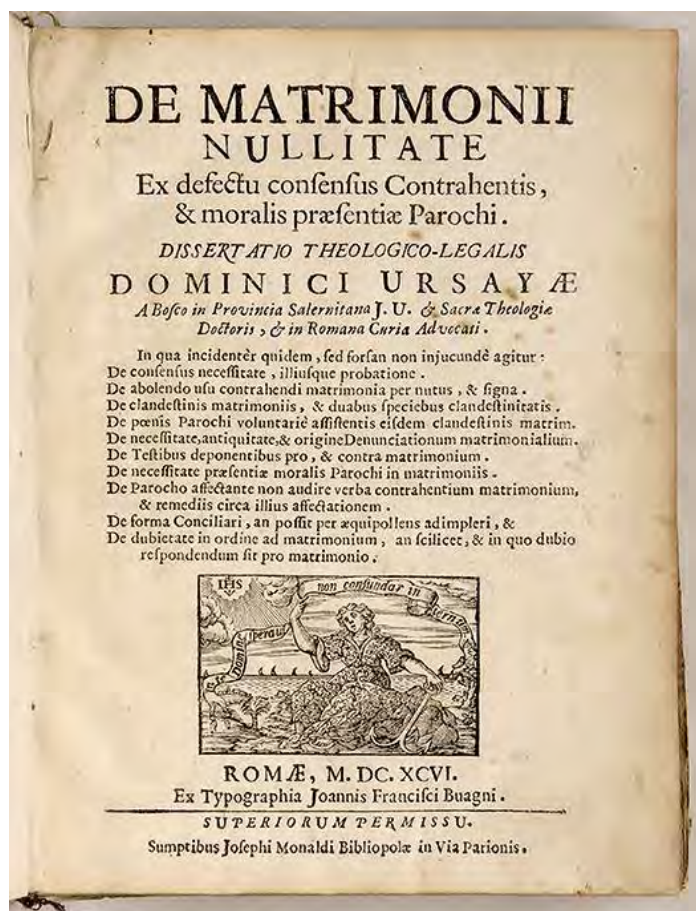
### Canon Law and the Regulation of Clerical Life

#### 19. Molanus, Johannes [1533-1585].

*De Canonicis Libri Tres, I. De Canonicorum Vita, II. De Eorum Officijs, III. De Dominio Canonicorum et Servis Ecclesiarum. Item, Orationes Tres, De Agnis Dei, De Decimis Dandis, De Decimis Defendendis. Cum Trib. Indicibus.* Cologne: In officina Birckman. Sumptib. Arnoldi Mylij, 1587. 6, [10], 437, [5] pp. Octavo (5-3/4" x 3-3/4").

Contemporary limp vellum, early hand-lettered titles to spine and foot of text block, ties lacking. Light soiling, spine ends and corners bumped, front endleaves lacking, rear pastedown renewed. Light toning to text, light foxing to title page, which is lightly soiled, and a few other leaves. Two small early owner stamps and signature to title page interior otherwise clean. \$1,250.

\* Second edition. A legal handbook on the organization and administration of clerical institutions and the rights, responsibilities and liabilities of clerics. It has a chapter on library management and librarians. The appended essays discuss tithes and the proper form of the *agnus dei* in a mass. First published in 1582, this work went through four later editions, the last one in 1675. Adams, *Catalogue of Books Printed on the Continent of Europe* M1552. [Order This Item](#)



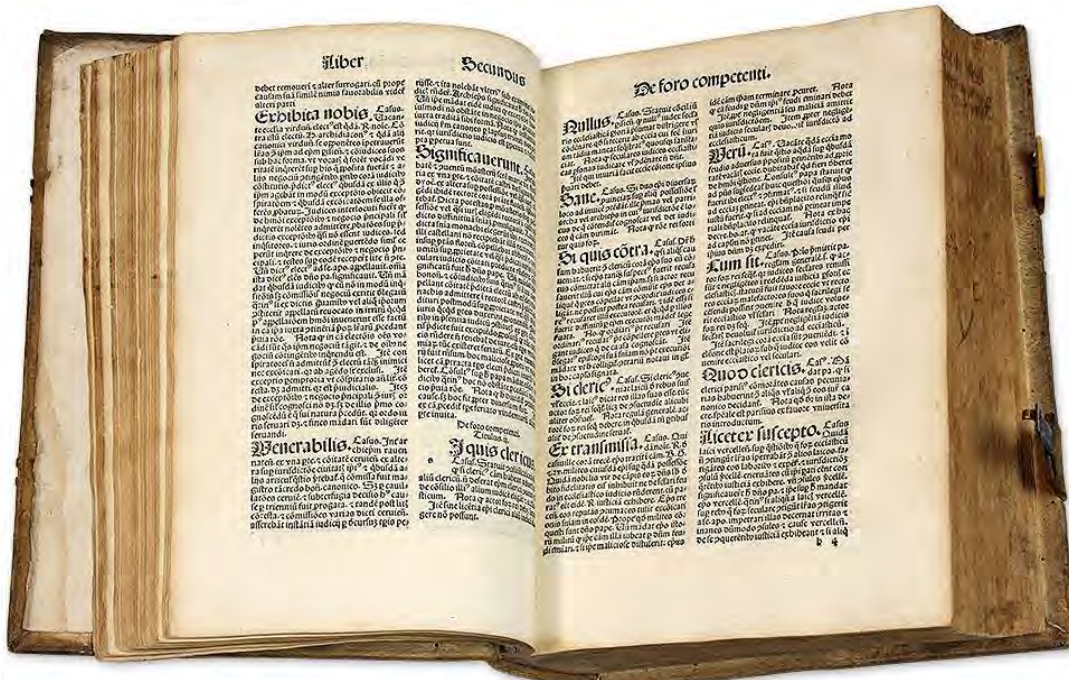
"Matrimonii Nullitate ex Defectu"

20. Orsaio, Domenico (Ursaya, Domingo, Ursaya, Domenicus).

*De Matrimonii Nullitate ex Defectu Consensus Contrahentis & Moralis Consensus Contrahentis & Moralis Praesentiae Parochi: Dissertatio Theologico-Legalís Dominici Ursayae, In qua Incidenter Quidem, Sed Forsan non Injucunde Agitur: De Consensus Necessitate, Illiusque Probatione; De Abolendo Usu Contrahendi Matrimonia per Nutus, & Signa.; De Clandestinis Matrimoniis, & Duabus Speciebus Clandestinitatis; De Poenis Parochi Voluntarie Assistentis Eisdem Clandestinis Matrim.; De Necessitate, Antiquitate, & Origine Denunciationum Matrimonialium; De Testibus Deponentibus Pro, & Contra Matrimonium; De Necessitate Praesentiae Moralis Parochi in Matrimoniis; De Parocho Affectante non Audire Verba Contrahentium Matrimonium, & Remediis Circa Ilius Affectationem; De Forma Conciliari, An Possit per Aequipollens Adimpleri, & de Dubietate in Ordine ad Matrimonium, An Scilicet, & in Quo Dubio Respondendum sit pro Matrimonio.* Rome: Ex Typographia Joannis Francisci Buagni, 1696. [viii], 143, [1], 39, [1] pp. Quarto (8-3/4" x 6-1/4").

Contemporary vellum. Boards lightly bowed, minor worming to rear board, vellum covering spine mostly perished from worming, cords present, boards secure, some worming to hinges, crack in text block between front endleaf and title page. Moderate toning to text, occasional faint dampstaining to foot of text block, light foxing to a few leaves. \$500.

\* Only edition located. As indicated by its title page, this treatise examines ten situations in which the nullification of a marriage is allowed under canon law. Unusual for a treatise of this kind, the author notes cases in which clerics bear some responsibility, such as conducting clandestine marriages. OCLC locates 9 copies, 2 in North America (Library of Congress, University of Pennsylvania). Ferreira-Ibarra, *The Canon Law Collection of the Library of Congress* 1852. [Order This Item](#)



Two Incunable Imprints of Two Important Commentaries on Canon Law

**21. Parmensis, Bernardus (Bottoni, Bernardo di) [d. 1223 or 1266].**

[*Casus Longi Super Quinque Libros Decretalium*]. [Strasbourg: (Printer of the 1483 Jordanus de Quedlinburg), i.e. Georg Husner, 29 Oct. 1498]. [204] ff. Collation: 204 ff. a-b8, c-d6, e-k8/6, l-z6, A-H6, 18. 52-line text in parallel columns.

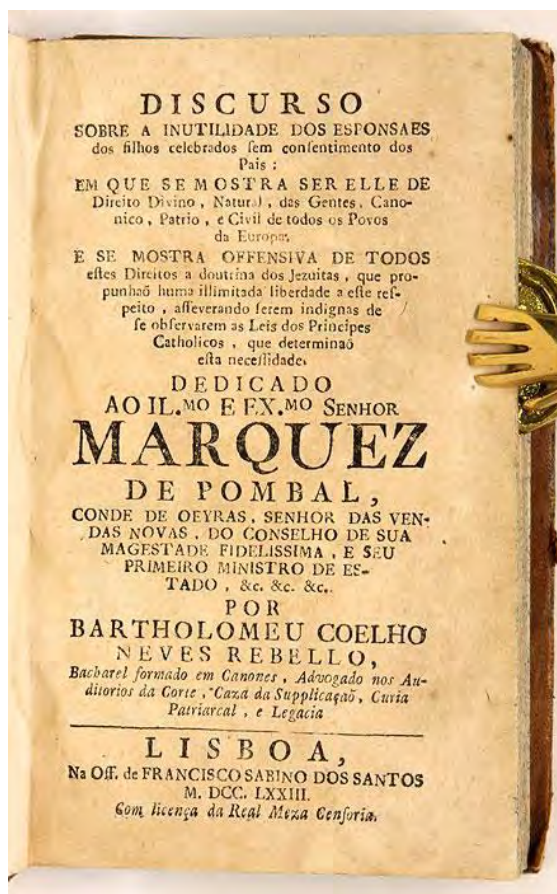
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**Regnierus, Helias (Regnier, Élie) [fl. 1483-1494].**

[*Casus Longi Super Sextum Librum Decretalium; Casus Longi Clementinarum*]. [Strasbourg: (Printer of the 1483 Jordanus de Quedlinburg), i.e. Georg Husner), 18 Aug. 1496]. [152] ff. Collation: a8, b-z6, ?6, )6. Final blank present.

Folio (10-3/4" x 7-3/4"; 27 x 19.5 cm). Contemporary blind-tooled pigskin over wood, covers, blind fillets and small armorial emblems (double-headed eagles of the Holy Roman Empire, greyhounds and roses) to boards, raised bands to spine, two clasps, upper clasp restored, early hand-lettered title to fore-edge of text block. Some soiling and a few minor inkstains, light rubbing to extremities, traces on spine of removed shelf labels, crack between front free endpaper and title page, rear hinge cracked, both titles printed in 52-line gothic type in parallel columns, initial spaces blank. Moderate toning, light soiling to margins in a few places, minor dampstaining to corners of a few leaves, a few worm holes to margins, clean tear to leaf p6 of Parmensis's *Casus*, later annotation and two small library stamps to its title page, brief later annotations to two other leaves. An impressive volume. \$15,000.

\* This volume collects three important commentaries on books of the *Corpus Juris Canonici*: the *Liber Quinque Decretalium* of Gregory IX (1234) *Liber Sextus Decretalium* of Boniface VIII (1298) and the *Liber Septimus Decretalium*, better known as the "Constitutiones Clementis V" or "Clementinae" of John XII (1317). Better known as Bernardus Parmensis, from his birthplace, Parma, Bottoni a notable canonist. He studied at the University of Bologna, joined its faculty and later became the university's chancellor. Regnier, a French Jurist, was a professor of law at the University of Poitiers. Parmensis: OCLC locates 12 copies, 4 in North America, 3 in law libraries (Harvard, Library of Congress, UC-Berkeley); Regnierus: OCLC locates 8 copies, none in North America. Goff, *Incunabula in American Libraries* B462, R118. *Gesamtkatalog der Wiegendrucke* 4104, 37590. [Order This Item](#)



**Betrothals Are Illicit Without  
Parental Consent, Whatever the Jesuits Say**

**22. Rebello, Bartholomeu Coelho Neves.**

*Discurso Sobre a Inutilidade dos Esponsaes dos Filhos Celebrados sem consentimento dos Pais; Em que se Mostra ser elle de Direito Divino, Natural, das Gentes, Canonico, Patrio, E Civil de Todos os Povos da Europa. E se Mostra Offensiva de Todos Estes Direitos a Doutrina dos Jezuitas, que Propunhao Huma Illimitada Liberdade a Este Respeito, Asseverando Serem Indignas de se Observarem as Leis dos Principes Catholicos, Que Determinao Esta Necessidade. Dedicado ao Ilmo. e Exmo. Senhor Marquez de Pombal, Conde de Oeyras, Senhor das Vendas Novas, do Conselho de Sua Magestade Fidelissima, E seu Primeiro Ministro de Estado, &c. &c. &c.* Lisbon: Off. do Francisco Sabino dos Santos, 1773. [x], xvii, [1], 231, [1] pp. Half-title lacking. Octavo (6-1/4" x 3-3/4").

Contemporary mottled sheep, blind fillets and gilt-stamped title to spine, speckled edges. Moderate rubbing to extremities, a few light scuffs to boards, spine abraded with wear to ends, front joint partially cracked. Moderate toning to text, somewhat heavier in places, faint dampstaining to a few leaves. \$1,250.

\* Only edition. Rebello argues that betrothals are not legal without parental consent. In the dedication to the Marquês de Pombal and the Proemio, the author refers to the "relaxada Moral Jezuitica" and notes that allowing disobedience to parents in matters such as betrothals (which Jesuits such as Sanches and Molina advised) might well also encourage disobedience to the king. As a magistrate, Rebello had been involved in several cases of such illicit betrothals. He reviews the writings of Church Fathers, papal bulls, and Councils on this matter, and on pp. 170-218, reviews the laws in Spain, France, Germany, Prussia, Holland and Italy. Porbase contains a record with an incorrect publication date of 1755. OCLC locates 3 copies, 2 in North America (Newberry Library, UC-Berkeley Law School). Not in Ferreira-Ibarra.

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### Canon Law for German Students

#### 23. Reiss, Ulrich.

*Analysis Collectionum, & Fontium Juris Ecclesiastici Publici, Et Privati Germanici, Quam in Commodiorem Usus Tyronum Juris Sacri ex Probatissimis Auctoribus Collegit, Et una Cum Selectis Corollariis Juridicis Publicae Disputationi Expositis in Lucem Publicam.* Augsburg: Sumptibus Riegerianis, 1777. xxxii, 224; 54 pp. Final section preceded by title page. Octavo (6-3/4" x 4").

Contemporary speckled-paper boards, fragments of title labels to spine, speckled edges. Moderate rubbing to extremities, front joint starting at head. Light toning to text, occasional light foxing, internally clean. Ex-library. Small inkstamps to preliminaries and final leaf. A nice copy of a scarce title. \$1,250.

\* Only edition. This is a handbook on canon law for students. Reiss was a professor of canon law at the University of Augsburg. At the end of the book is a related dissertation from 1777, at which Reiss presided, entitled *Corollaria ex Universo Jure Ecclesiastico Publico, et Privato Hodiernis Academicarum Germaniae Moribus Accomodato*. OCLC locates no copies in North America. Not in *VD18*, the *British Museum Catalogue* or Ferreira-Ibarra. [Order This Item](#)



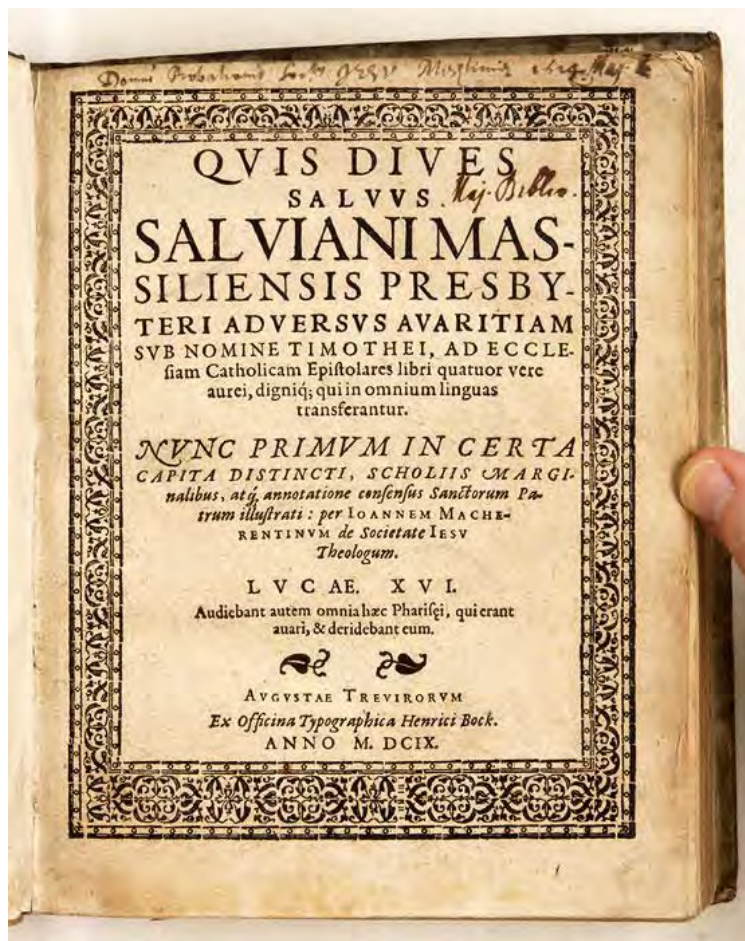
### Interfaith Marriage in Bourbon France

#### 24. [Richard, Charles Louis (1711-1794)].

*Recueil de Pièces Intéressantes sur les Deux Questions Célèbres; Savoir si un Juif Converti au Christianisme Peut Epouser une Fille Chrétienne, Lorsque son Epouse Juive Refuse de Suivre, & Si un Juif Endurci Devenu Baron, Peut Nommer aux Canonicats d'une Collégiale de sa Baronie.* Deux-Ponts: De L'Imprimerie Ducale, 1779. 192 pp. Octavo (6-1/2" x 4-1/4").

Later marbled boards, lettering piece to head of spine, gilt-stamped date and place of publication to foot, endpapers renewed. A few shallow scuffs to boards, some rubbing to spine ends and corners. Light toning to text, light foxing in a few places, recent notes in pencil to verso of front free endpaper. An appealing copy of a scarce title. \$1,500.

\* Only edition. Richard was a Catholic theologian and a member of the Dominican Order. A conservative, somewhat anti-Semitic work, *Recueil de Pièces Intéressantes* discusses issues concerning marriages between Christians and Christian converts from Judaism. OCLC locates 15 copies worldwide, 3 in North America (Harvard, Hebrew Union College, New York Public Library), none in law libraries. *British Museum Catalogue* (Compact Edition) 21:554. [Order This Item](#)



Give to the Church, Not to Your Children

25. Salvian (Salvianus) [c.390-c.484 CE].

Macherentinus, Johannes [1540-1610], Editor.

*Quis Dives Salvus. Salviani Massiliensis Presbyteri Adversus Avaritiam Sub Nomine Timothei, Ad Ecclesiam Catholicam Epistolares Libri Quatuor Vere Aurei, Digni[ue] qui in Omnium Linguas Transferantur Nunc Primum In Certa Capita Distincti, Scholiis Marginalibus, Atq[ue] Annotatione Consensus Sanctorum Patrum Illustrati: Per Joannem Macherentinum de Societate Jesu Theologum.* Trier: Ex Officina Typographica Henrici Bock, 1609. 28, 226, [10] pp. Quarto (7-1/4" x 6-1/4").

Contemporary flexible vellum, later lettering piece to spine, ties lacking. Light rubbing to extremities, some soiling and spotting, vellum just beginning to crack through pastedowns. Title printed within woodcut typographical border, woodcut head-pieces, tail-pieces and decorated initials. Moderate toning to text, light foxing to a few leaves. Early annotations to endleaves, interior otherwise clean. \$950.

\* First edition (by Macherentinus). Salvian of Gaul was an important Christian thinker and canonist of the fifth century. Enhanced with arguments drawn from canon law, his *Adversus Avaritiam* outlines reasons to give alms to the church. More interesting, it says parents should bequeath their estates to the Church rather than their children; it is better for children to suffer want in this world to save their parents from damnation in the next. Salvian also has much to say on the duty of self-denial by priests, nuns and monks. Macherentinus, the editor of this edition, was a Jesuit theologian. OCLC locates no copies of this edition in North America. *Das Verzeichnis der im Deutschen Sprachraum Erschienenen Drucke des 17. Jahrhunderts* 39:129323G. [Order This Item](#)



**Notable Seventeenth-Century Jesuit Treatise on Marriage and Marriage Law**

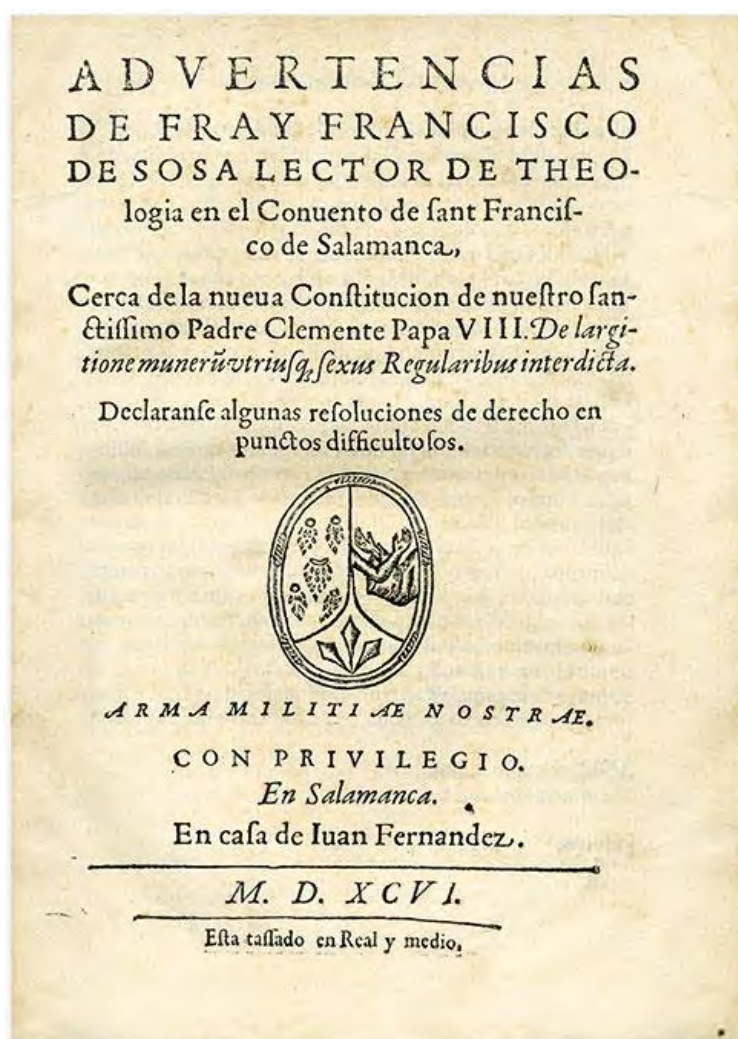
**26. Sanchez, Tomas [1550-1610].**

**Soarez, Emanuel Laurentius, Editor.**

*Compendium Totius Tractatus de S. Matrimonii Sacramento. Ab Emanuele Laurentio Soares Ulyssiponesi, Presbytero Theologo, Alphabetice Breviter Dispositum.* Cologne: Sumptibus Petri Henningii, 1624. [xxiv], 455 pp. 12mo. (5-1/4" x 3-1/4").

Contemporary vellum with lapped edges, ties lacking, blind rules to boards, early hand-lettered title to spine. A few minor scratches, light soiling to spine, boards slightly bowed, vellum just beginning to crack through pastedowns, early owner signature to front free endpaper, partial crack in text block between front endleaf and title page, moderate toning to text. Ex-library. Small bookplates to front pastedown and free endpaper. An attractive copy. \$500.

\* Third edition. First published in 1621, this is a comprehensive reference work on the Jesuit view of marriage both as a Christian sacrament and an institution controlled in detail by canon law. Among other topics it addresses adultery, bigamy, cohabitation, impediments to marriage, excommunication, hermaphrodites, impotence, incest, sexual relations and infidelity. A popular work, it went through several editions into the eighteenth century. *Das Verzeichnis der im Deutschen Sprachraum Erschienenen Drucke des 17. Jahrhunderts* 1:010985Z. [Order This Item](#)



**Rare Sixteenth-Century Spanish Treatise Concerning Monasteries**

**27. Sosa, Francisco de [fl. 1556].**

*Advertencias de Fray Francisco de Sosa, Lector de Theologia en el Convento de Sant Francisco de Salamanca: Cerca de la Nueva Constitucion de Nuestro Sanctissimo Padre Clemente Papa VIII. De Largitione Munerum Utriusque Sexus Regularibus Interdicta. Declaranse Algunas Resoluciones de Derecho en Puntos Difficultosos.* Salamanca: En Casa Iuan Fernandez, 1596. [x], 131, [2] pp. Quarto (8" x 6").

Contemporary limp vellum, black rules to covers, calligraphic title to spine, early hand-lettered title to spine, ties mostly lacking. Some soiling and small stains, spine darkened with a few small chips near center, vellum just beginning to crack through pastedowns. Light to moderate toning to text, occasional faint dampspotting, internally, clean. \$1,100.

\* First edition. This book details a series of legal reforms regarding monasteries and holy orders implemented by Pope Clement VI, formerly a canon lawyer (Ippolito Aldobrandini, 1536-1605, the son of notable jurist Sylvestro Aldobrandini). For the most part, these reforms led to an increase of Papal control and supervision. Two other editions were published in 1597 and 1696. OCLC locates no copies of this title in North America. No copies located at the Library of Congress, Harvard Law School or UC-Berkeley Law School. Palau, *Manual del Librero Hispano-Americano* 319804. [Order This Item](#)



### A Standard Canon-Law Treatise on Punishment

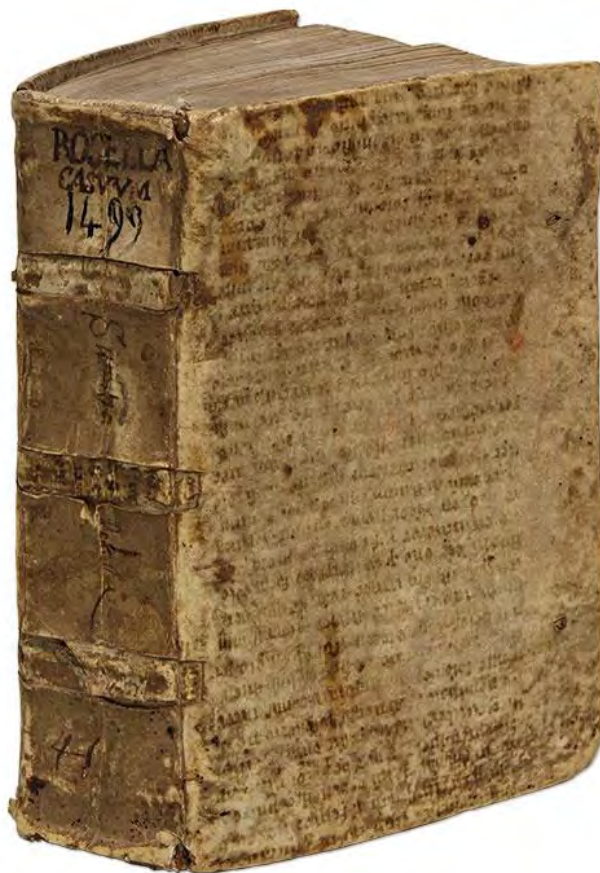
28. Tesauro, Carlo Antonio [1587-1655].

Giraldi, Ubaldo [1692-1775], Editor.

*De Poenis Ecclesiasticis Praxis Absoluta, Et Universalis. Iam Primum in Duas Partes Distributa Nunc Notis, & Accessionibus Earumdem Poenarum ab Anno MDCLIII. Ad Currentem MDCCLX. Inflictarum Locupletata ab Adm. R.P. Ubaldo Giraldi a S. Cajetano. Opus Diligenter Revisum, Emendatumque, Ac Propositionibus ab Apostolica Sede Proscriptis Auctum Publicae Commoditati Deferunt.* Rome: Haeredes Jo. Laurentii Barbiellini, 1760. [iv], 524 pp. Main text in parallel columns. Folio (13" x 8-1/2").

Contemporary vellum, raised bands and early hand-lettered title and small early shelf label (reading "63") to spine, speckled edges. Light rubbing, light soiling and a few tiny worm holes to spine, boards slightly bowed, corners bumped and somewhat worn, crack in text block between front free endpaper and title page, which is printed in red and black. Moderate toning to text, somewhat heavier in places, some leaves have light foxing or dampspotting. A handsome copy. \$750.

\* Later edition. First published in 1640, this treatise on punishments by a Jesuit canonist went through at least six editions. It was a standard work into the final decades of the nineteenth century. Not in the *Canon Law Collection of the Library of Congress*. [Order This Item](#)



**One of the Great Fifteenth-Century Manuals for Confessors**

**29. [Trovamala de Salis, Battista (d.1496)].**

[*Summa Casuum Conscientiae* (Second Version known as *Rosella Casuum*)]. [Venice: Paganinus de Paganinis, 21 Dec. 1499]. [xiv], 479 ff. Collation:  $\pi$ 4, a10, aa-CC16, DD12. Complete. Printed register at end does not list the first [14] leaves, which contain the "Rubrice Iuris Civilis" and "Summa Angelica." Leaf  $\pi$ 4 includes the Papal bull "Etsi Dominici Gregis" with the imprint: Rome, 21 December 1479. Octavo (6" x 4"; 15cm x 10 cm).

Later vellum from a manuscript leaf, raised bands and hand-lettered title to spine, ties lacking, endpapers renewed. Light soiling, moderate rubbing to extremities, a few small sections neatly removed from spine, minor chipping to spine ends, corners bumped, hinges partially cracked. 46-line text in parallel columns, capital spaces left blank. Moderate toning, occasional faint dampstaining, minor worming in places, mostly to margins, minor loss to text on leaves tt4-tt4-tt16 (ff. 292-304), light soiling and edgewear to preliminaries, first three leaves partially detached. \$5,000.

\* Second edition in octavo format and the final incunable edition. After the Fourth Lateran council of 1215 a number of manuals of confession appeared. Their purpose was the intellectual preparation of priests for a prudent and informed exercise of the office of confessor. Father Trovamala's is one of the best examples of this literature. Also known as the *Summa Casuum Conscientiae*, *Rosella Casuum* or *Summa Baptistiniana*, it was a standard work. First printed in 1482 and immediately successful, it was revised and expanded by the author as the *Rosella Casuum* or *Summa Rosella*. That edition was printed in 1484 with later editions in 1489, 1495 and 1499. A notable feature is its opinion of usury. Unlike other authors of summa for confessors, Trovamala argues that dry exchange is not usury because of its speculative nature. Goff, *Incunabula in American Libraries* S50. *Gesamtkatalog der Wiegendrucke* 3326. [Order This Item](#)



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### 30. Zahn, Balthasar Conrad [1616-1665].

*Tractatus De Mendaciis Ex Sacris, Juridicis, Ethicis, Politicis, Historicisque Varie Congestus & In Tres Libros Dispositus; Primo, De Variis Mendaciorum Generibus, Secundo, De Illorum Poenis, Tertio, De Mendacio Urato Seu Iuramento Firmato, Quod est Perjurium. Cum Indice Duplici, Uno Capitum, Altero Rerum Memorabilium. Editio Secunda Priore Multis Mendis Castigator & Correctior.* Cologne: Apud Wilhelmum & Franciscum Metternich, 1686. [viii], 504, [40] pp. Main text in parallel columns. Quarto (8" x 6-1/2").

Contemporary vellum, raised bands and early hand-lettered title to spine. Some rubbing to extremities, a few minor stains to boards, spine darkened, spine ends bumped, vellum just beginning to crack through pastedowns. Title page printed in red and black, woodcut head-pieces and tail-pieces. Moderate toning to text, browning in places, occasional light foxing. A few annotations to endleaves, internally clean. Ex-library. Small inkstamps to title page. An appealing copy of an interesting and scarce title. \$1,750.

\* Second and final edition. First published in 1662, this is an extensive canon-law treatise on various types of lies and the moral and legal consequences of lying. In addition to general issues of truth and falsehood it considers libel, slander and blasphemy. *Das Verzeichnis der im Deutschen Sprachraum Erschienenen Drucke des 17. Jahrhunderts* 12:109106Z. [Order This Item](#)