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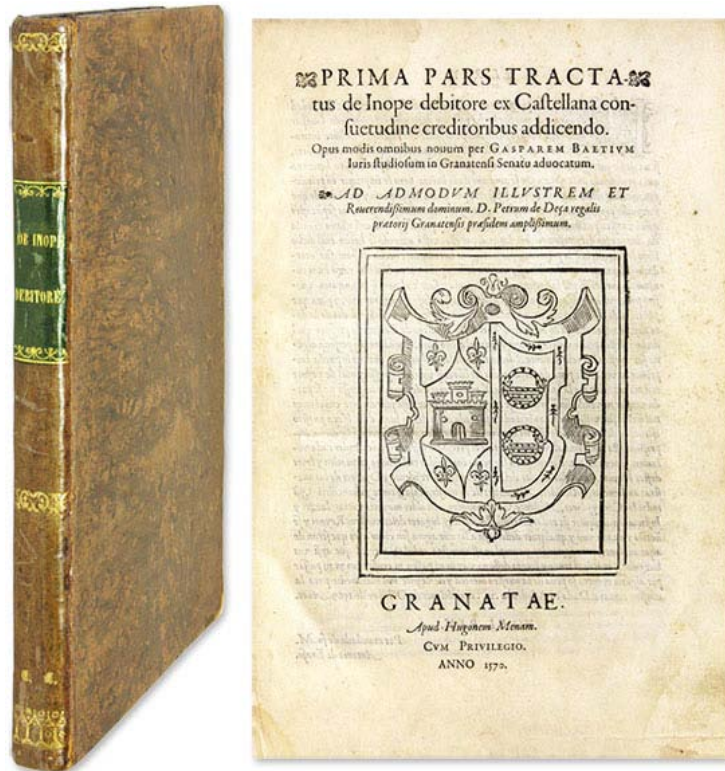
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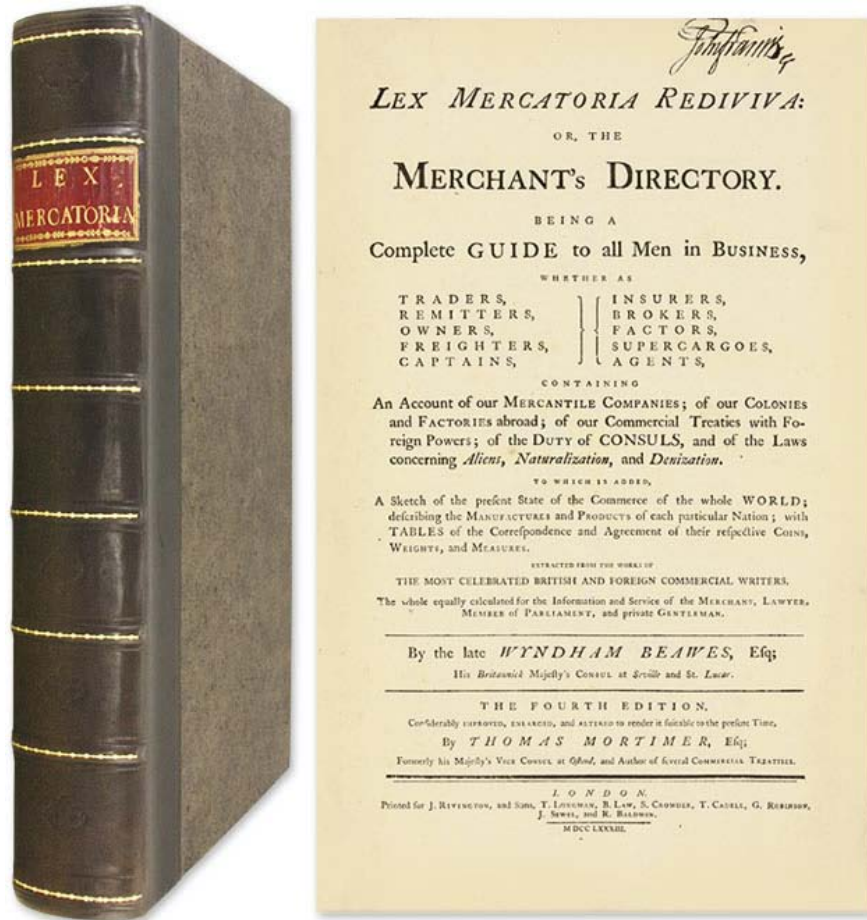
A Scarce Treatise on Debtor and Creditor Under Castilian Customary Law

1. Baeza, Gaspar de.

Prima Pars Tractatus de Inope Debitore Ex Castellana Consuetudine Creditoribus Addicendo. Granada: Apud Hugonum Menam, 1570. [xiv], 158 ff. Main text in parallel columns. Folio (11-1/2" x 7-1/2").

Later tree calf, lettering piece and gilt ornaments to spine, marbled endpapers. Light rubbing to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities with some wear to corners. Light toning to text, faint dampstaining in a few places. Early check marks to titles in index, owner signature to foot of final text leaf, a few scribbles to verso of rear endleaf, interior otherwise clean. Ex-library. Bookplate to front pastedown. An attractive copy. \$1,500.

* First edition. Complete as issued, later issued as *Tractatus de Inope Debitore*. Intended to be the first part of a two-part work, Baeza's treatise considers debtor and creditor according to the customary law of Castile (with references to Roman law). A well-received work, it went through several editions and was included in the *Tractatus Universi Iuris* (1584-1586), a prestigious 25-volume anthology of works by leading jurists. All editions of Baeza's work are scarce, however, with few copies in North America, where OCLC locates none of the first edition. Palau, *Manual del Librero Hispano-Americano* 21807.



"An Authority in Mercantile Customs": Kent

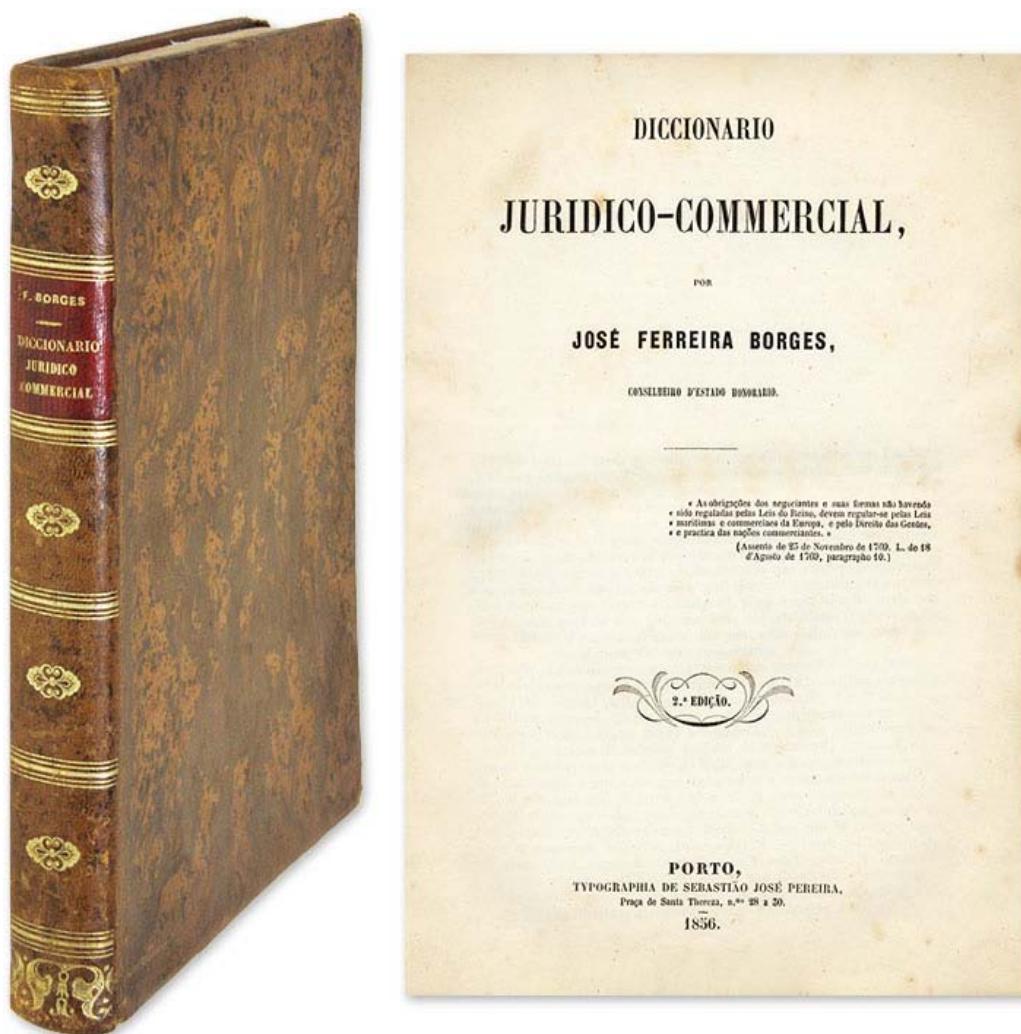
2. Beawes, Wyndham [fl. 1775].

Mortimer, Thomas, Editor.

Lex Mercatoria Rediviva: Or, The Merchant's Directory. Being a Complete Guide to All Men in Business; Whether as Traders, Remitters, Owners, Freighters, Captains, Insurers, Brokers, Factors, Supercargoes, Agents. Containing an Account of Our Mercantile Companies; Of Our Colonies and Factories Abroad; Of Our Commercial Treaties with Foreign Powers; Of the Duty of Consuls, And of the Laws Concerning Aliens, Naturalization, and Denization. To Which Is Added, a Sketch of the Present State of the Commerce of the Whole World; Describing the Manufactures and Products of Each Particular Nation; With Tables of the Correspondence and Agreement of Their Respective Coins, Weights, and Measures. Extracted from the Works of the Most Celebrated British and Foreign Commercial Writers. The Whole Equally Calculated for the Information and Service of the Merchant, Lawyer, Member of Parliament and Private Gentleman. Considerably Enlarged and Improved. London: Printed for J. Rivington, and Sons, [et. al.], 1783. vi, [6], 944 [16] pp. Fold-out table. Folio (15-1/2" x 9-1/2").

Recent period-style quarter calf over cloth, raised bands and contemporary lettering piece to spine, endpapers renewed. Clean tear to license leaf, toning, occasional light foxing. Early owner signature to head of title page, brief annotations to a few leaves, interior otherwise clean. A handsome copy. \$650.

* Reissue of the fourth edition. Beawes was a merchant and his book was intended to be "a guide to all men in business." Nonetheless the *Lex Mercatoria* was often cited in court, and its authority formed the basis of several decisions. It was especially influential in the United States, where, according to Kent, it was "an authority in mercantile customs." Kent, *Commentaries on American Law* III:126. Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 1:518-19 (7).



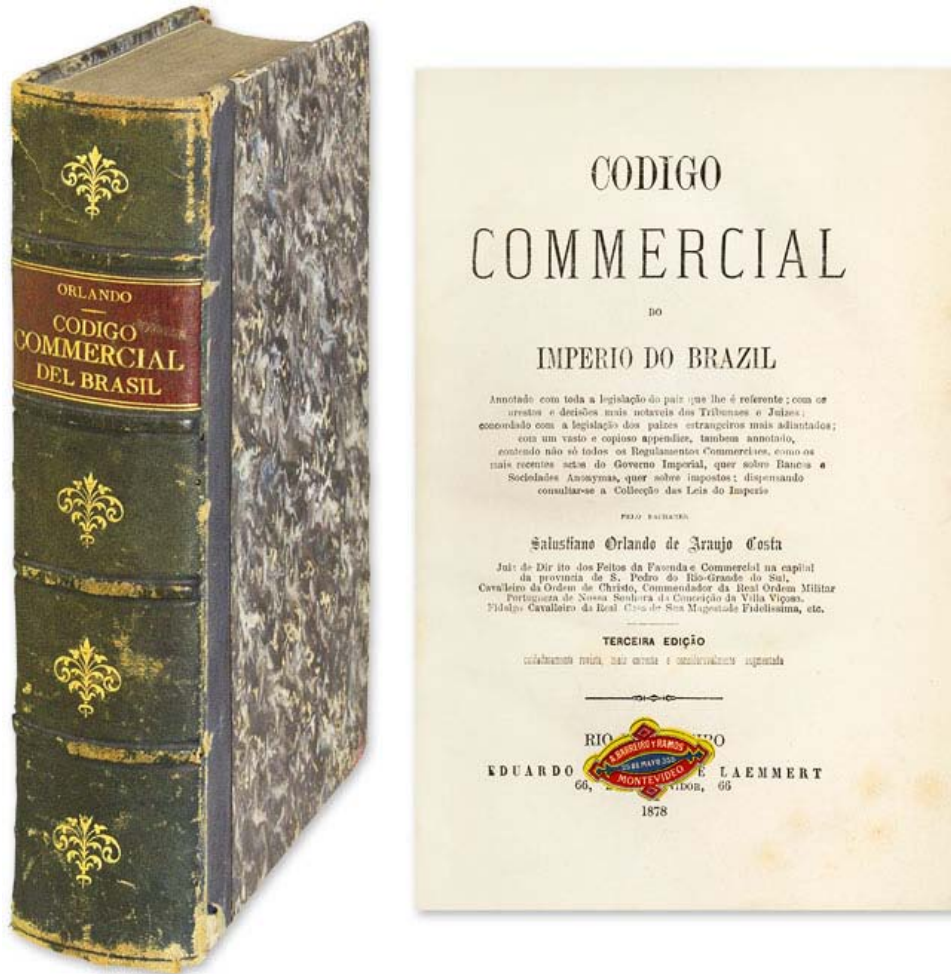
Final Edition of a Rare Portuguese Commercial Law Dictionary

3. Borges, Jose Ferreira [1786-1838].

Diccionario Juridico-Commercial. Porto: Typographia de S.J. Pereira, 1856. viii, 423 pp. Main text in parallel columns. Quarto (8-1/2" x 6").

Contemporary sheep treated to resemble tree calf, lettering piece, gilt fillets and ornaments to spine, marbled endpapers. Light rubbing to extremities, front hinge cracked, bookseller ticket to front pastedown. Some toning to text, light foxing and negligible dampstaining in places. An attractive copy. \$500.

* Second and final edition. A highly regarded dictionary dealing with commercial law, commerce and political economy. According to the preface, it was intended to be a companion to the author's *Codigo Commercial Portuguez* (1836). It was originally published in 1839. Both editions of this dictionary are rare. OCLC locates 2 copies of the first in North American law libraries (Harvard, UC-Berkeley), 1 of the second (at the Library of Congress). *Catalogo da Livraria de Azevedo-Samodães* 1204.



A Rare Brazilian Code

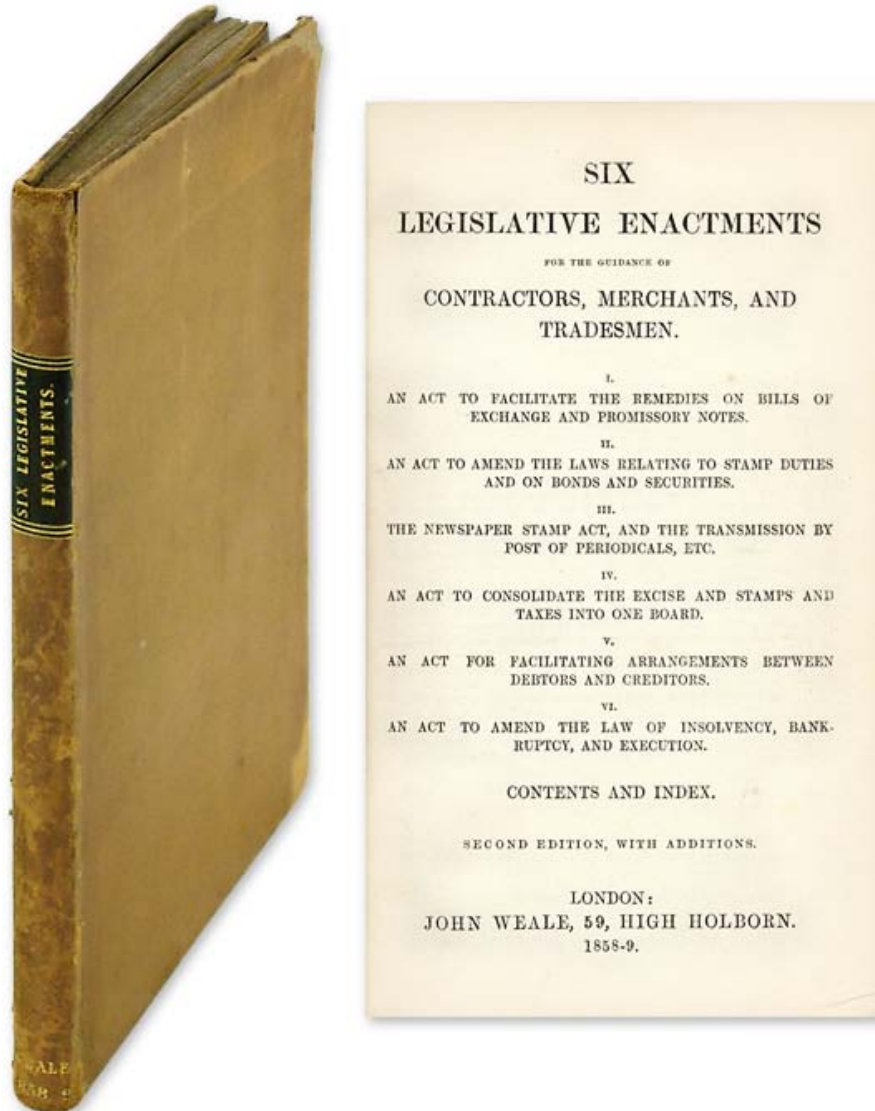
4. [Brazil].

Araujo Costa, Salustiano Orlando de, Editor.

Codigo Commercial do Imperio de Brazil, Annotado com Toda a Legislaçao do Paiz que lhe e Referente; Com Osarestos e Decisoes Mais Notaveis dos Tribunaes e Juizes; Concordado com a Legislaçao do Paizes Estrangeiros Mais Adiantados; Con um Vasto e Copioso Appendice, Tambem Annotado, Contendo Nao so Todos os Regulamentos Commerciaes, Como os Mais Recentes Actos do Governo Imperial, Quer Sobre Bancos o Sociedades Anonymas, Quer Sobre Impostos; Dispensando Consultar-Se a Colleeçao das Leis do Imperio. Rio de Janeiro: E. & H. Laemmert, 1878. x, 1113 pp. Octavo (8-1/4" x 5-3/4").

Contemporary quarter calf over marbled boards, raised bands, gilt ornaments and lettering piece to spine, marbled endpapers, speckled edges. Light rubbing to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, hinges cracked but secure, bookseller ticket pasted to foot of title page. Toning, light foxing in a few places, internally clean. \$500.

*Third edition. Brazil enjoyed a remarkable period of rapid material progress and international importance during under Emperors Pedro I and, especially, Pedro II, who reigned from 1831 to 1891. The government enacted a law in 1823 calling for the gradual replacement of the Portuguese *Ordenacoes* with codes informed by the Enlightenment ideas of the eighteenth century and the work of Jeremy Bentham. A *Projecto* for commercial law was published in 1836, another in 1838. The code was enacted in 1850 and its first two editions were published in 1858 and 1869. The third edition is the best of these because it contains extensive commentary. All of these early editions are rare. OCLC locates 1 copy of the 1878 edition in North America (at the New York Public Library). Another copy located at the Library of Congress. *British Museum Catalogue* (Compact Edition) 4:32.



Guidance for "Contractors, Merchants and Tradesmen"

5. [Commercial Law].

Six Legislative Enactments for the Guidance of Contractors, Merchants, and Tradesmen. With Additions. London: John Weale, 1858-1859. xii, 101 pp. 12mo. (7" x 4-1/4").

Contemporary calf, lettering piece to spine, marbled edges and endpapers. Light rubbing with some wear to extremities, corners bumped, early armorial bookplate to front pastedown. A few minor spots and smudges to preliminaries, interior otherwise clean. A nice copy of a scarce title. \$150.

* Second edition. With index. The six acts, which deal with bankruptcy and taxation, are: "An Act to Facilitate the Remedies on Bills of Exchange and Promissory Notes," "An Act to Amend the Laws Relating to Stamp Duties and On Bonds and Securities," "The Newspaper Stamp Act, and the Transmission by Post of Periodicals, Etc.," "An Act to Consolidate the Excise and Stamps and Taxes Into One Board," "An Act for Facilitating Arrangements Between Debtors and Creditors" and "An Act to Emend the Law of Insolvency, Bankruptcy, and Execution." OCLC locates 3 copies. Not in Sweet & Maxwell.



1599 Venetian Edition of the *Consolato del Mare*

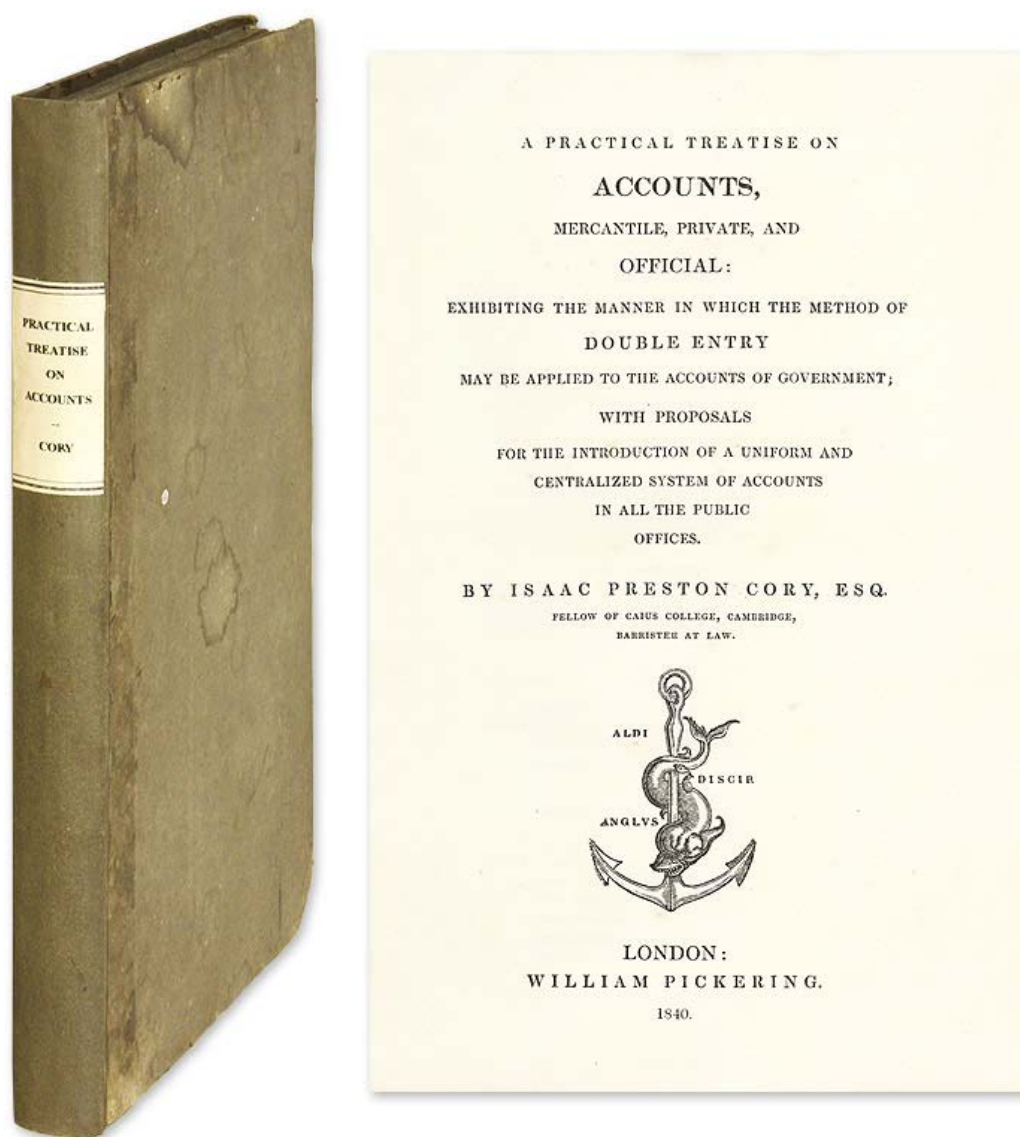
6. [Consolato del Mare].

Ca da Mosto, Alvise [1432-1488].

Il Consolato Del Mare. Nel Quale si Comprendono Tutti Gli Statuti, & Ordini, Disposti da Gli Antichi, Per Ogni Caso di Mercantia & Di Navigare: Così a Beneficio di Marinari, Come di Mercanti, & Patroni di Nave, & Navilii: Con l'Aggiunta delle Ordinationi Sopra l'Armata di Mare, Sicurta Entrate, Uscite; & Con Il Portolano del Mare. Di Nuouo con Quella piu Accurrata Diligentia, Che s'e Potuto Corretto, & Ristampato. Con una Nuova Tavola de i Capitoli. Venice: Appresso L. Spineda, 1599. [xvi], 232; [4], 37 [i.e. 74] pp. The second part, *Il Portolano del Mare*, has title page and separate foliation. Quarto (7-1/2" x 6").

Contemporary vellum, spine repaired, pastedowns renewed, ties lacking. Minor edgewear, light soiling and a few stains to boards, which are slightly bowed. Attractive woodcut head-pieces, tail-pieces and decorated initials. Light toning, minor worming in a few places with negligible loss to text. Early owner signature to title page, contemporary underlining and check marks to a few leaves, interior otherwise clean. An appealing copy. \$2,500.

* Later edition. A landmark in the development of maritime law, the *Consolato del Mare* was first published in Barcelona in 1484. A digest of the law and practice commonly followed by the commercial judges in the chief ports around the Mediterranean, it became a maritime common law of the Mediterranean and a foundation for subsequent European maritime laws and customs. Its circulation was widest in Italy, especially among the Venetians, but it was also influential in Western Europe. In addition to maritime law, it contains a great deal of information about the day-to-day operations of a ship and practical advice on seafaring. *Il Portolano del Mare*, an appendix, is usually attributed to Alvise Ca da Mosto, a Venetian navigator who made two voyages to Guinea in the service of Portugal's Prince Henry the Navigator. Adams, *Catalogue of Books Printed on the Continent of Europe, 1501-1600* C2538.



The Intersection of Law and Accounting

7. Cory, Isaac Preston [1802-1842].

A Practical Treatise on Accounts, Mercantile, Private, and Official: Exhibiting the Manner in Which the Method of Double Entry May be Applied to the Accounts of Government; With Proposals for the Introduction of a Uniform and Centralized System of Accounts in All the Public Offices. London: W. Pickering, 1840. 184, 65 (i.e. 85), [3] pp. Fold-out table. Octavo (8-3/4" x 5-1/2").

Original paper boards, recently rebacked, printed paper spine label, hinges mended, untrimmed edges. Toning, light foxing in a few places. Brief contemporary annotations to a few leaves, interior otherwise clean. \$500.

* Second edition. First published in 1839, this treatise "is a modification of [the author's] late work upon the principles, law, and practice of accounts, expressly adapted to the consideration of the official accounts" (15). OCLC locates 12 copies worldwide, 8 in North America. Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 2:79.



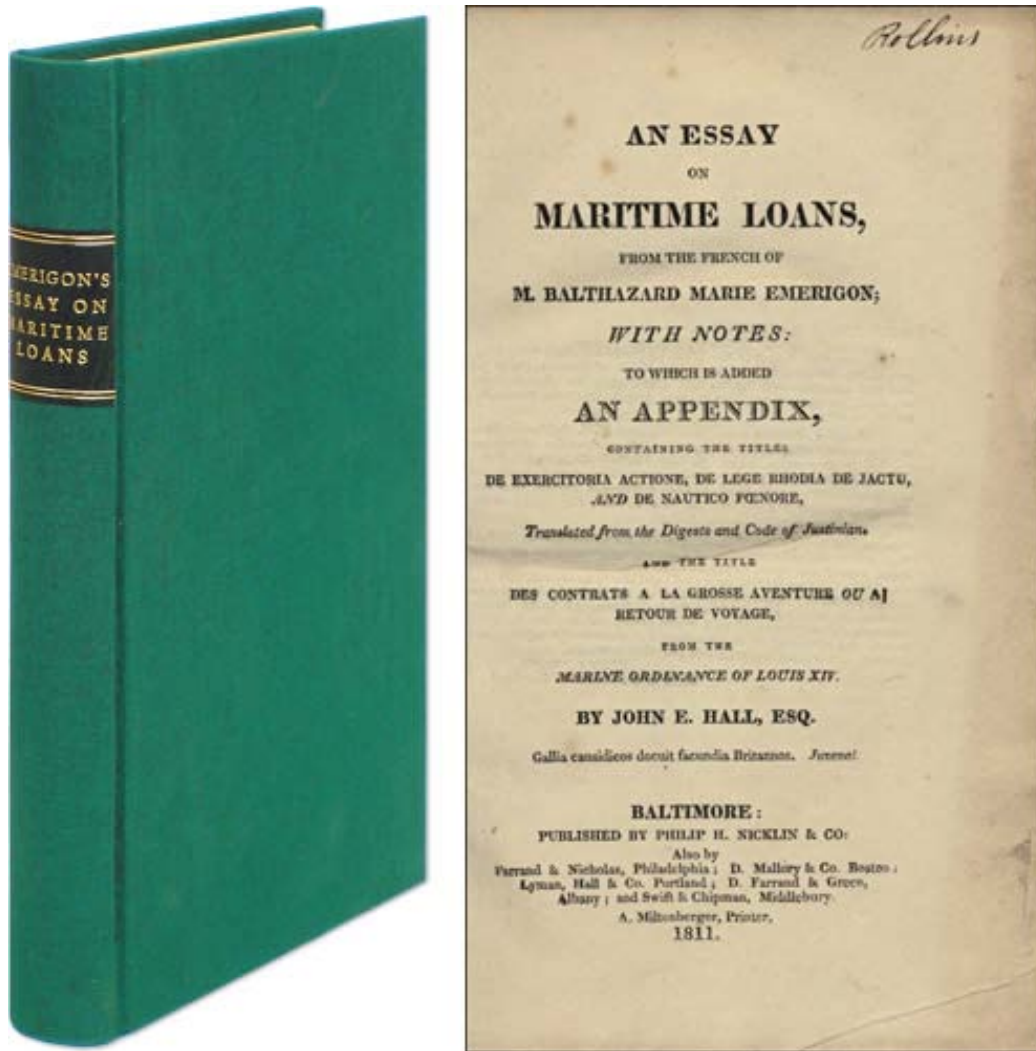
Draft of Costa Rica's First Commercial Code

8. [Costa Rica].

Codigo de Comercio Espanol, Reformado por Comision del Supremo Gobierno de Costa-Rica, Para Servir al Comercio de la Republica. Paris: Libreria De Garnier Hermanos, 1850. 236 pp. Octavo (7-1/2" x 4-1/2").

Contemporary quarter morocco over marbled boards, gilt title and blind stamping to spine. Moderate rubbing to extremities with some wear to corners, some chipping to spine ends, partial crack between front free endpaper and title page, moderate toning and light foxing to text. Ex-library. Location label to spine, bookplate and penciled annotations to front pastedown, inkstamp to title page. \$350.

* Only edition. A modified version of Spain's commercial code of 1829, this draft code was the basis of Costa Rica's first commercial code, which was enacted in 1853. OCLC locates 3 copies in North American law libraries (Harvard, LA County, University of Michigan).



By an "Unrivalled" Authority on Commercial Law

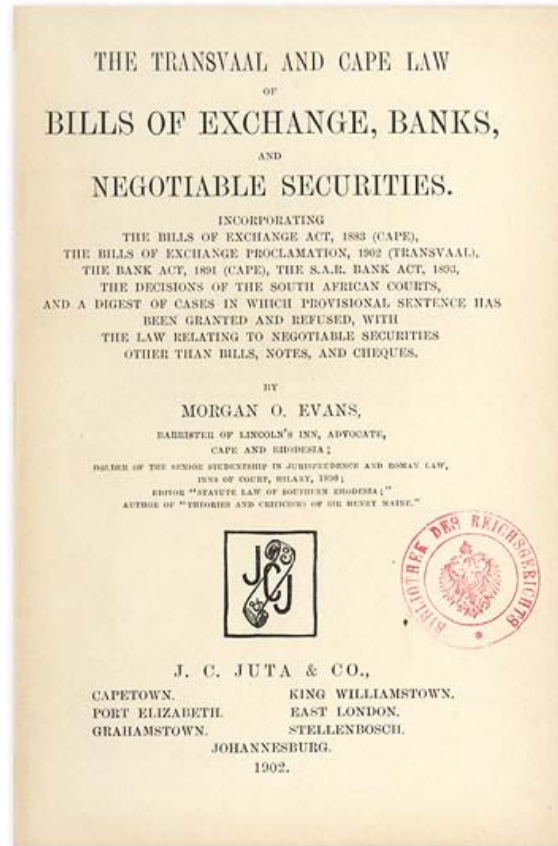
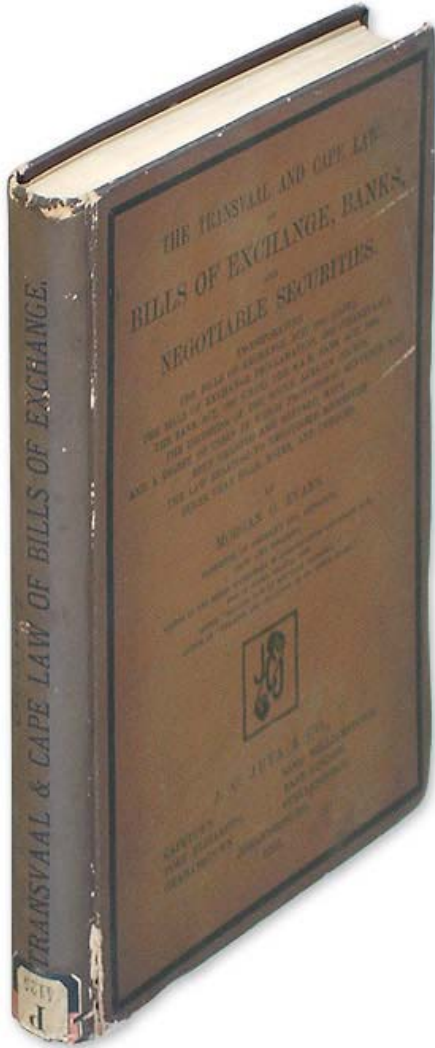
9. Emerigon, Balthazard-Marie [1716-1785].

[Hall, John E., Translator].

An Essay on Maritime Loans, From the French; With Notes: To Which is Added an Appendix, Containing the Titles De Exercitoria Actione, De Lege Rhodia de Jactu, and De Nautico Foenore, Translated From the Digest and Code of Justinian. And the Title Des Contracts a la Grosse Aventure ou a Retour de Voyage, From the Marine Ordinance of Louis XIV. Baltimore: Published by Philip H. Nicklin & Co., 1811. xvi, [17]-313, [1] pp. Octavo (8-1/2" x 5-1/4").

Recent cloth, calf lettering piece to spine, endpapers renewed. Small neat signature in an early hand to head title page. Very light browning to text, light foxing to a few leaves, interior otherwise fresh. A nice copy. \$450.

* Only American edition. With notes and references to English and American cases. Emerigon was the leading French authority on commercial law. His work was held in the highest regard by English and American jurists. James Kent observed that "no subject in Emerigon is discussed without being exhausted." Lord Ellenborough said he was an "unrivalled" theorist and practical writer. This treatise on bottomry and respondentia is a useful companion to his treatises on maritime law and maritime insurance. Citations from Marvin, *Legal Bibliography* 293. Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 7060.



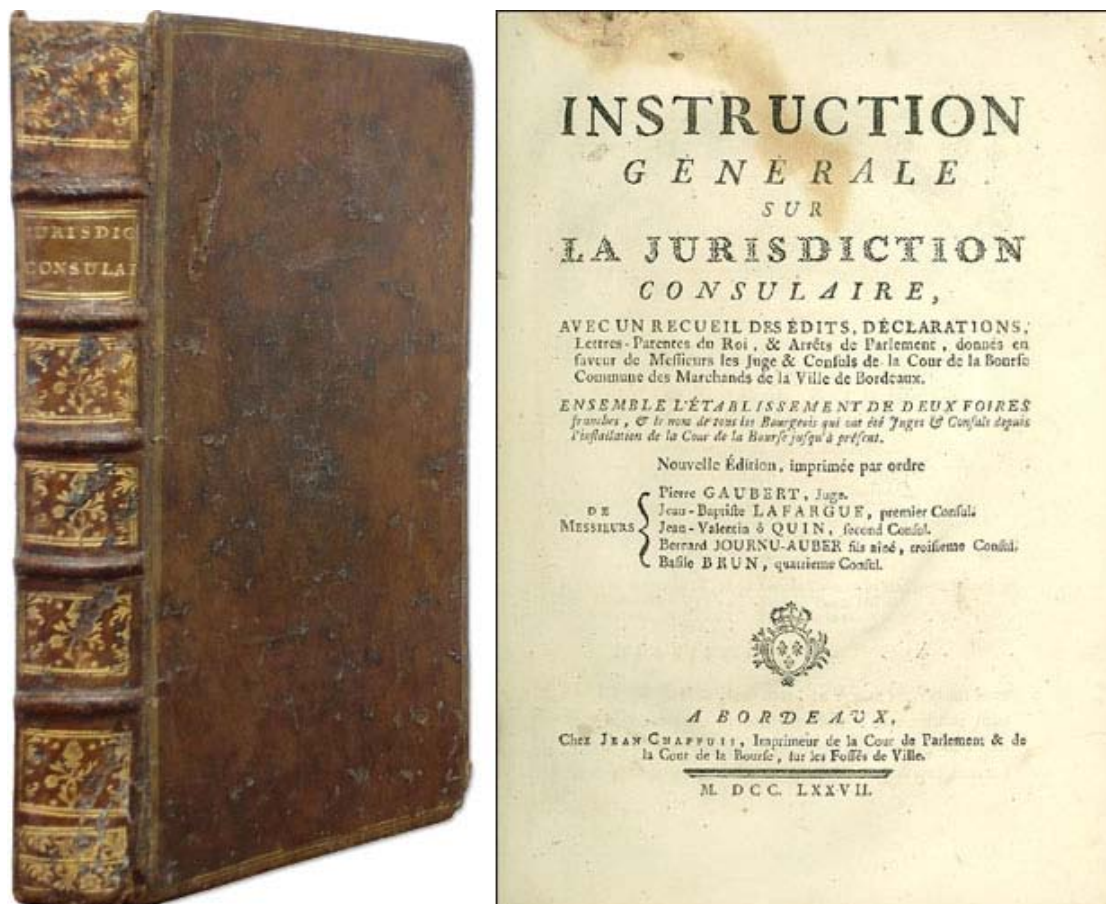
"We Have No Hesitation in Recommending this Book"

10. Evans, Morgan O.

The Transvaal and Cape Law of Bills of Exchange, Banks, and Negotiable Securities. Incorporating the Bills of Exchange Act, 1883 (Cape), The Bills of Exchange Proclamation, 1902 (Transvaal), The Bank Act, 1891 (Cape), The S.A.R. Bank Act, 1893, The Decisions of the South African Courts, And a Digest of Cases in Which Provisional Sentence has Been Granted and Refused, With the Law Relating to Negotiable Securities Other than Bills, Notes, And Cheques. Capetown: J.C. Juta & Co., 1902. xxv, 212 pp.

Original cloth, black-stamped titles to front board and spine. Rubbing to extremities with some wear, front hinge cracked but secure, internally clean. Ex-library. Location label to spine, inventory number to front pastedown, small stamp to title page. \$150.

* First edition. "This is practically a second and enlarged edition of the author's book on the Cape Bills of Exchange Act, that appeared some years back. (...) [This] this little manual will now be useful for lawyers and bankers in nearly all the colonies of South Africa. (...) We have no hesitation in recommending this book, which in addition to its other merits is in such a handy form that it can be carried in his coat pocket by the banker or lawyer taking his morning train journey from the suburbs, and is moreover cheap, as books go, in South Africa." : *South African Law Journal* 19 (1902) 399-400. This treatise went through two more editions in 1904 and 1931. OCLC locates 7 copies of the first edition, none of the other editions. Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 7:15.



Guide to the Pre-Revolutionary Commercial Court of Bordeaux

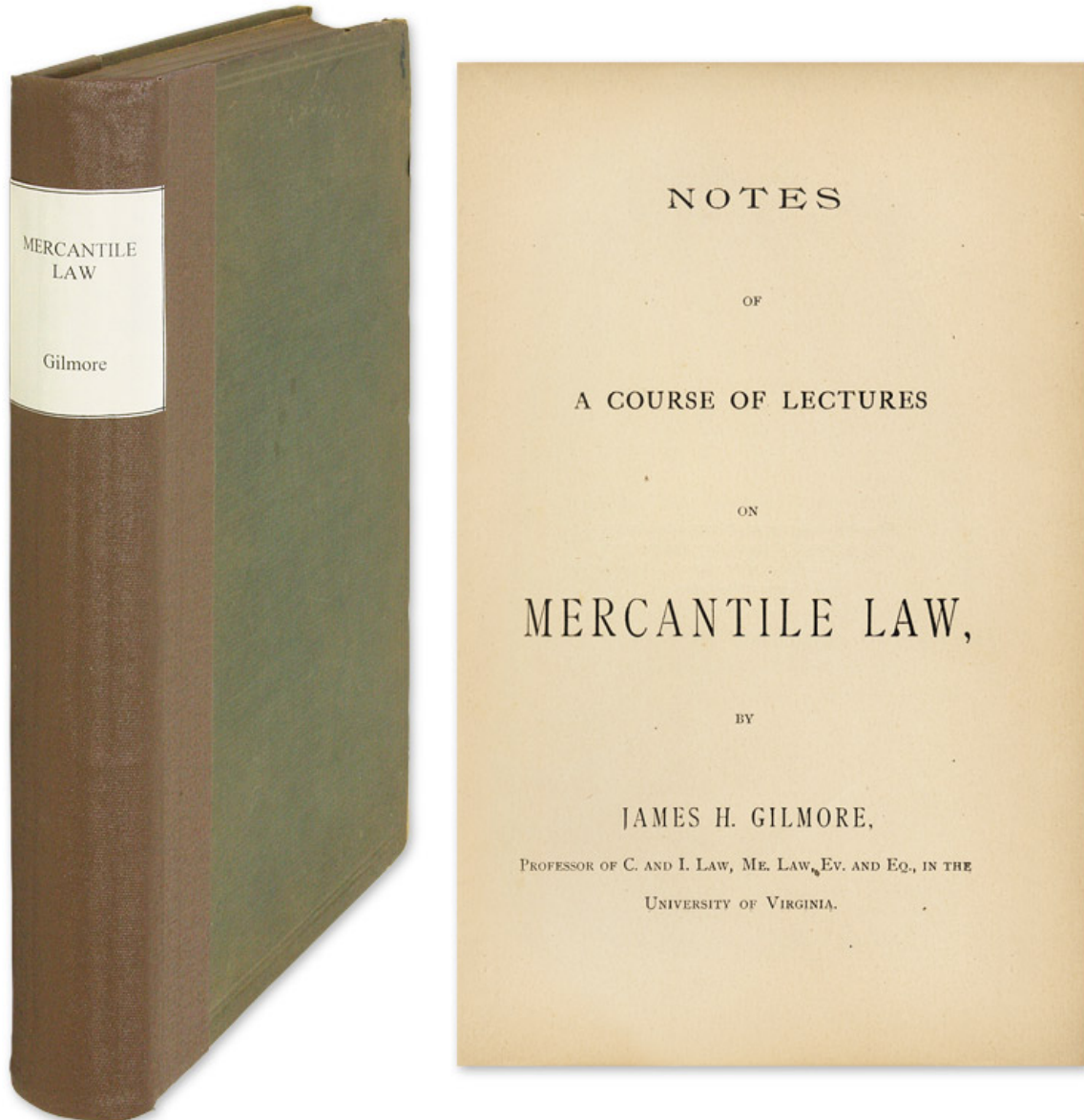
11. [France, Cour de la Bourse (Bordeaux)].

[Chappuis, Jean, Compiler].

Instruction Generale sur la Jurisdiction Consulaire, Avec un Recueil des Edits, Declaration, Lettres-Patentes du Roi, & Arrêts de Parlement, Donnes en Faveur des Messieurs les Juge & Consuls de la Cour de la Bourse Commune des Marchands de la Ville de Bordeaux. Ensemble L'Etablissement de Deux Foires Franches, & le Nom de Tous les Bourgeois que Ont ete Juges & Consuls Depuis L'Installation de la Cour de la Bourse Jusqu'a Present. Bordeaux: Chez Jean Chappuis, 1777. [iv], 537, [11] pp. Quarto (9-1/2" x 7-1/4").

Contemporary tree calf, gilt frames to boards, raised bands, gilt ornaments and lettering piece to spine, marbled edges and endpapers. Moderate rubbing to extremities with wear to spine ends and corners, joints just starting. Several light scuffs and some worm holes to calf covering boards, occasional worming to margins with negligible loss to text, crack to text block between front free endpaper and following leaf. Attractive woodcut head-piece and tail-pieces. Occasional dampstaining to head and foot of text block, early annotations to front endleaves, interior otherwise clean. A solid copy of an uncommon title. \$300.

* Later edition. Published by order of the Commercial Court of Bordeaux, this book is a collection of laws relating to its jurisdiction compiled from the Coutume of Bordeaux (completed 1527), legislation of the local Parlement and royal edicts. Texts of related documents are included as well. Also a procedural guide, it is an invaluable guide to the regulation of trade in one of France's most important commercial centers during the final decade of the Bourbon monarchy. This appears to be a reissue of a book published in 1710. No copies of this edition on OCLC or KVK. This edition not in Goldsmiths' or the *British Museum Catalogue*.



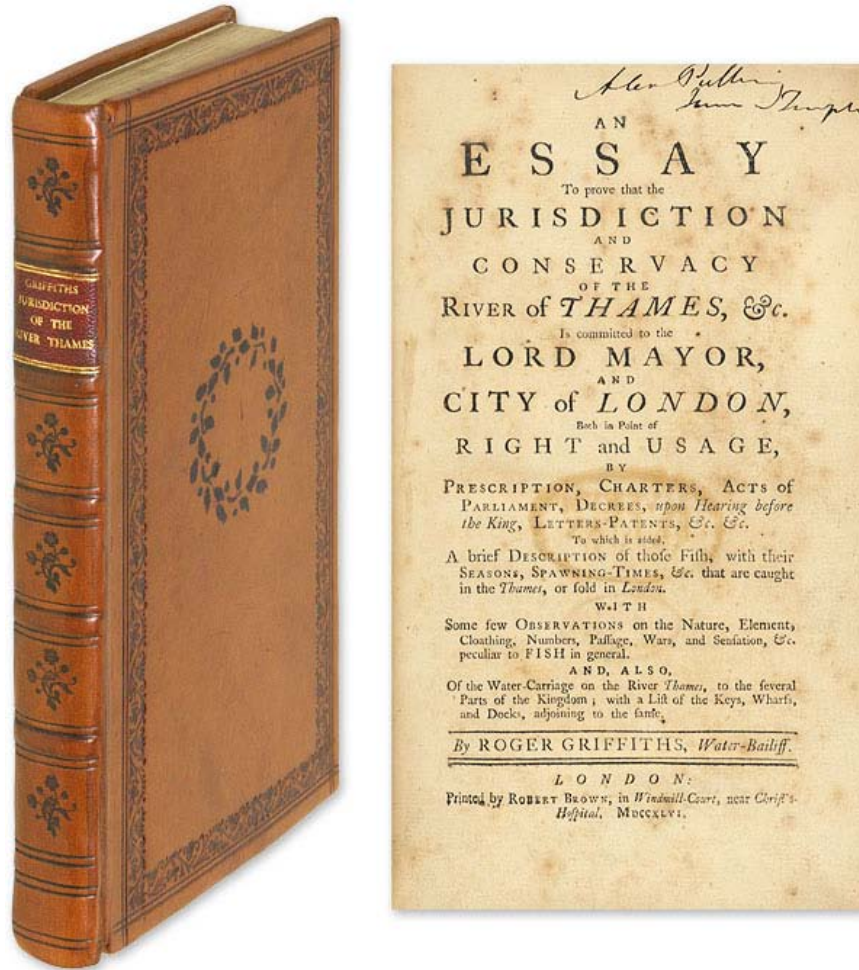
Privately-Printed Textbook for a Course on Mercantile Law at UVA

12. Gilmore, James H.

Notes on a Course of Lectures on Mercantile Law. [Charlottesville, VA: J. Blakey, 1891]. 400 pp., alternate leaves blank, excepting pagination and running title. Octavo (9" x 6").

Cloth with later cloth rebacking, printed paper title label to spine. Some rubbing to extremities. Owner signature (illegible) to title page, notes in pencil to several leaves, both text and blank. \$150.

* This was the textbook for Prof. Gilmore's course on mercantile law at the University of Virginia, which was based on John William Smith's *Compendium of Commercial Law*. OCLC locates 7 copies.



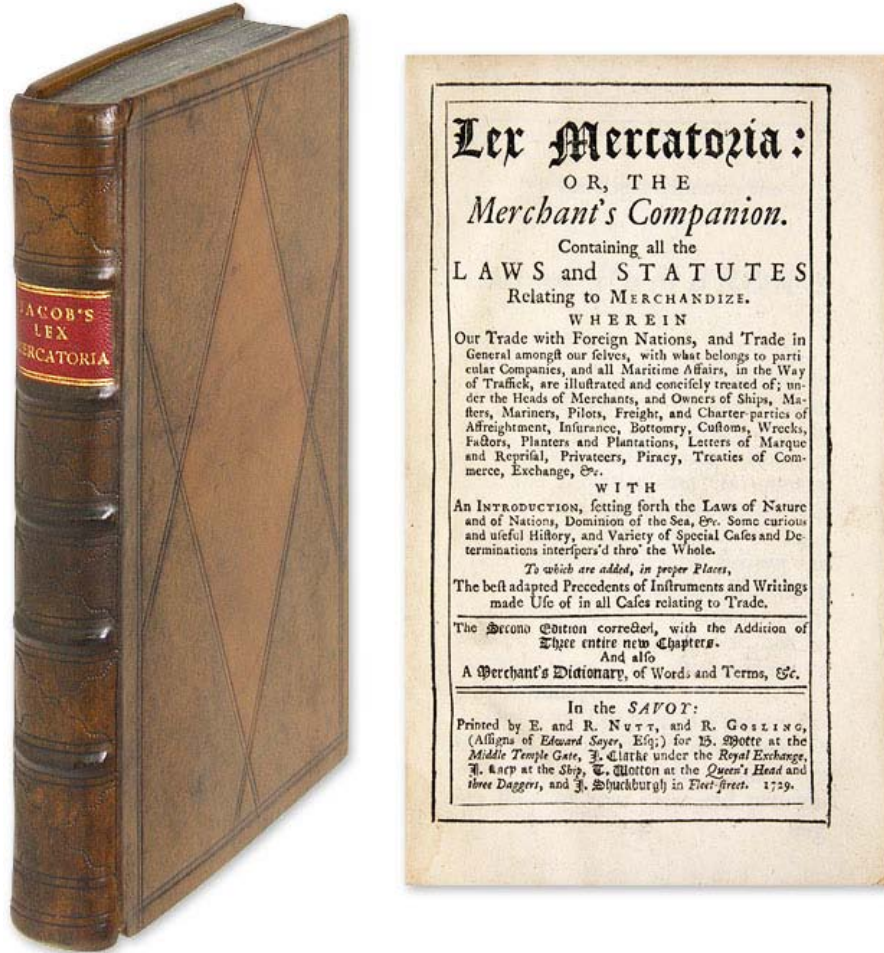
The Lord Mayor's Commercial and Environmental Jurisdiction of the River Thames

13. Griffiths, Roger.

An Essay to Prove that the Jurisdiction and Conservancy of the River of Thames, &c. is Committed to the Lord Mayor, And City of London, Both in Point of Right and Usage, By Prescription, Charters, Acts of Parliament, Decrees, Upon Hearing Before the King, Letters-Patents, &c. &c. To Which is Added. A Brief Description of Those Fish, With their Seasons, Spawning-Times, &c. That are Caught in the Thames, Or Sold in London. With Some Few Observations on the Nature, Element, Cloathing, Numbers, Passage, Wars, and Sensation, &c. Peculiar to Fish in General. And, Also, Of the Water Carriage on the River Thames, To the Several Parts of the Kingdom; With a List of the Keys, Wharfs, And Docks, Adjoining to the Same. London: Printed by Robert Brown, 1746. xvi, [4], 296 pp. Octavo (8" x 5").

Recent period-style calf, blind rules, fillets and ornaments to boards, raised bands, blind ornaments and lettering piece to spine. Moderate toning to text, foxing in a few places, light soiling and inkstains to a few leaves. Early owner signature to head of title page, interior otherwise clean. Ex-library. Inkstamps to verso of title page and foot of p. 296. A handsome copy of a very scarce title. \$1,000.

* First edition. This fascinating treatise by a water bailiff of the Thames reviews the Lord Mayor of London's powers and responsibilities regarding that river. The treatise emphasizes laws regarding the conservation of the river and its aquatic life. It also provides a good deal of information about fishing, navigation, agriculture and commercial activities along the river. A second edition was published in 1758. Both are very scarce. OCLC locates 3 copies of the first edition in North American Law Schools (Harvard, University of Georgia and University of Minnesota), none of the second. English Short-Title Catalogue T132070.



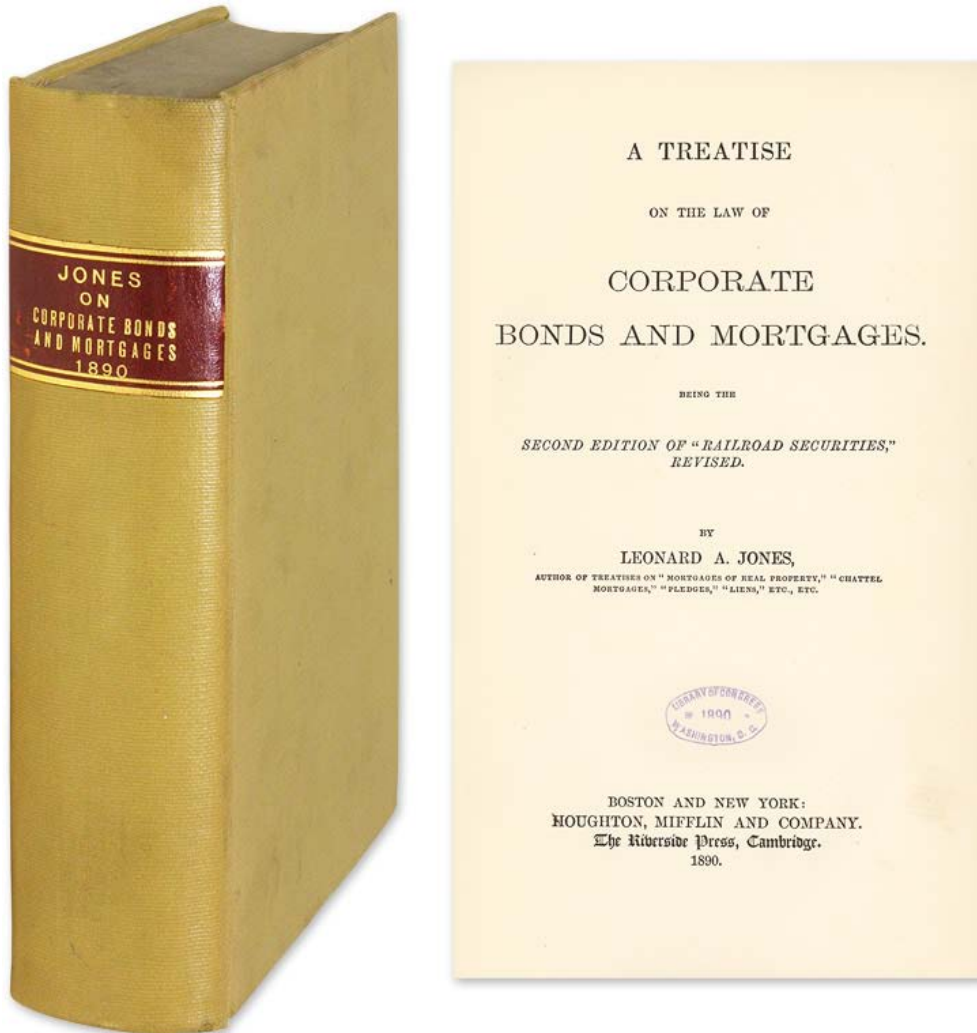
With A "Merchants's Dictionary of Words and Terms"

14. [Jacob, Giles (1686-1744)].

Lex Mercatoria: Or, The Merchant's Companion. Containing all the Laws and Statutes Relating to Merchandize. Wherein Our Trade with Foreign Nations, and Trade in General Amongst Our Selves, With What Belongs to Particular Companies, And all Maritime Affairs, In the way of Traffick, Are Illustrated and Concisely Treated of; Under the Heads of Merchants, And Owners of Ships, Masters, Mariners, Pilots, Freight, and Charter-Parties of Affreightment, Insurance, Bottomry, Customs, Wrecks, Factors, Planters and Plantations, Letters of Marque and Reprisal, Privateers, Piracy, Treaties of Commerce, Exchange, &c. With an Introduction, Setting Forth the Laws of Nature and of Nations, Dominion of the Sea, &c. Some Curious and Useful History, And Variety of Special Cases and Determinations Interspers'd Thro' the Whole. To Which are Added, in Proper Places, The Best Adapted Precedents of Instruments and Writings Made Use of in All Cases Relating to Trade. [London]: Printed by E. and R. Nutt [et al.] for B. Motte [et al.], 1729. [xii], 404, [12] pp. Octavo (7-1/2" x 5").

Recent period-style calf, blind rules to boards, raised bands and lettering piece to spine, endpapers renewed, colored edges. Light toning to text, internally clean. A notably handsome copy. \$1,750.

* Second and final edition, "Corrected, with the Addition of Three Entire New Chapters, And Also A Merchant's Dictionary, of Words and Terms, &c." Jacob, best-known for his *New Law-Dictionary*, was the most prolific English legal writer of the eighteenth century. Although he was interested in boosting sales by attracting the widest audience possible, Jacob was also an idealist who believed that widespread knowledge of the law would help create a more just society. This is the goal of *Lex Mercatoria* (1718) and several other publications, such as *Every Man His Own Lawyer* (1736) and *Treatise of Laws* (1721). Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 1:522 (46). *English Short-Title Catalogue* T137820.



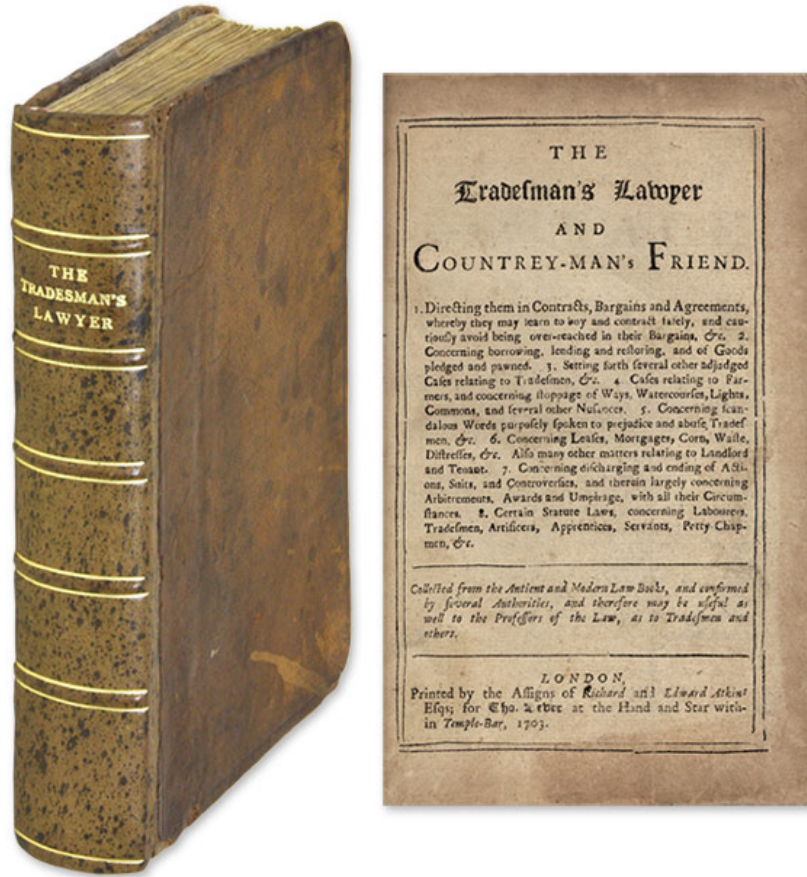
Notable Treatise on Corporate Bonds and Mortgages

15. Jones, Leonard A. [1832-1909].

A Treatise on the Law of Corporate Bonds and Mortgages: Being the Second Edition of "Railroad Securities," Revised. Boston: Houghton, Mifflin and Company, 1890. xv, 664 pp. Octavo (9" x 6").

Later buckram, lettering piece to spine. Light soiling and shelfwear, light toning to text, internally clean. Ex-library. Bookplate to front pastedown, stamps to preliminaries. A nice copy. \$65.

* Second edition. The first edition was published in 1879 as *A Treatise on the Law of Railroad and other Corporate Securities*. The third and final edition of this treatise was published in 1907. *Catalogue of the Library of the Harvard Law School* (1909) I:1061.



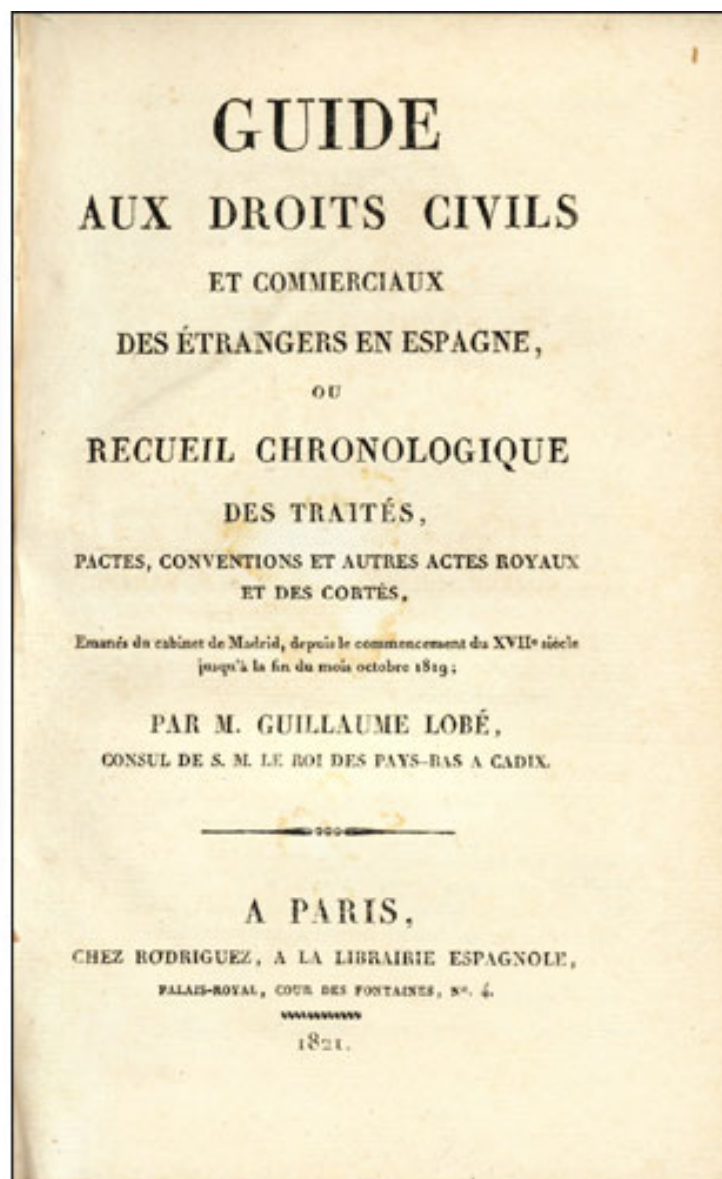
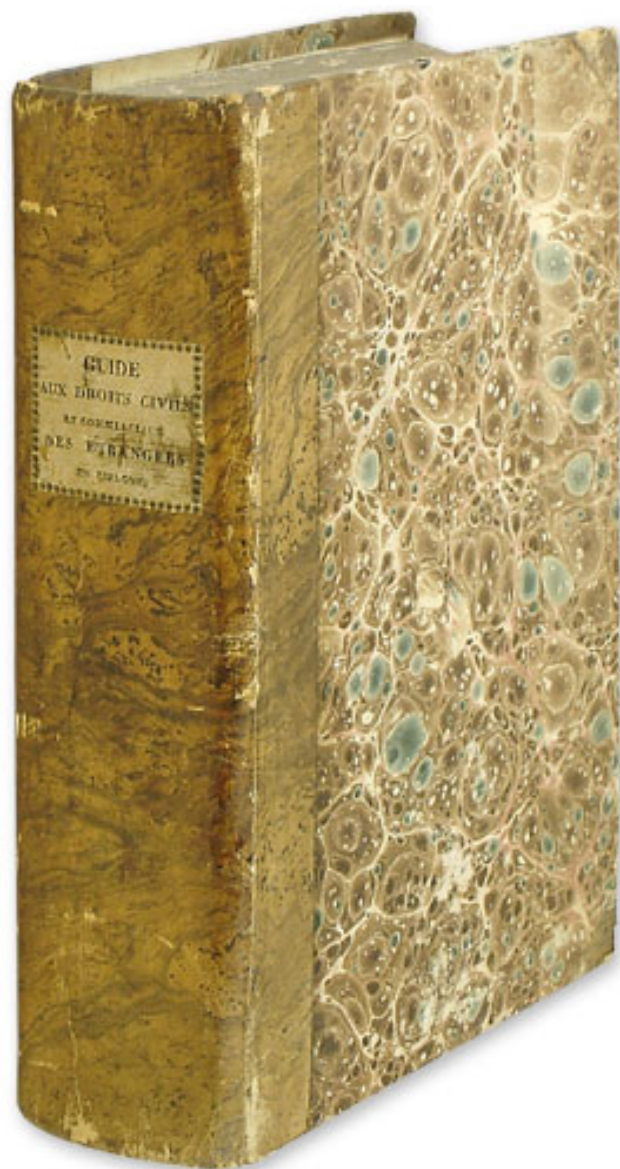
Legal Advice for Tradesmen

16. [Layman's Guide].

The Tradesman's Lawyer and Country-Man's Friend: 1. Directing Them in Contracts, Bargains and Agreements, Whereby They May Learn to Buy and Contract Safely, And Cautiously Avoid Being Over-Reached in Their Bargains, &c. 2. Concerning Borrowing, Lending and Restoring, And of Goods Pledged and Pawned. 3. Setting Forth Several Other Adjudged Cases Relating to Tradesmen, &c. 4. Cases Relating to Farmers, And Concerning Stoppage of Ways, Watercourses, Lights, Commons, and Several Other Nusances. 5. Concerning Scandalous Words Purposely Spoken to Prejudice and Abuse Tradesmen, &c. 6. Concerning Leases, Mortgages, Corn, Waste, Distresses, &c. Also Many Other Matters Relating to Landlord and Tenant. 7. Concerning Discharging and Ending of Actions, Suits, and Controversies, And Therein Largely Concerning Arbitrements, Awards and Umpirage, With All Their Circumstances. 8. Certain Statute Laws, Concerning Labourers, Tradesmen, Artificers, Apprentices, Servants, Petty Chapmen, &c. Collected from the Antient and Modern Law Books, And Confirmed by Several Authorities, And Therefore May be Useful as Well to the Professors of the Law, As to Tradesmen and Others. London: Printed by the Assigns of Richard and Edward Atkins Esqs., 1703. [viii], 424 pp. Octavo (6-1/2" x 4").

Contemporary sheep, blind rules to boards, rebaced in period style with gilt-edged raised bands and gilt title, hinges mended. Light scuffing to boards, corners worn, some browning to margins of title page, light toning to text. Early owner inscriptions to front pastedown (of Robert Bottle, 1754, and Edward Gosling, 1737) interior otherwise clean. \$2,500.

* First edition. An early form of "consumer protection," this book was written to protect members of the middle ranks of English society from the "cunning" of "persons of a higher Rank," who always enjoyed the "Learning and Leisure to read the Law." Two later editions were published in 1709 and 1720 with the title Gentleman's Assistant, Tradesman's Lawyer and Country-man's friend. The ESTC and OCLC locate 5 copies, none in law libraries. Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 1:528 (97).

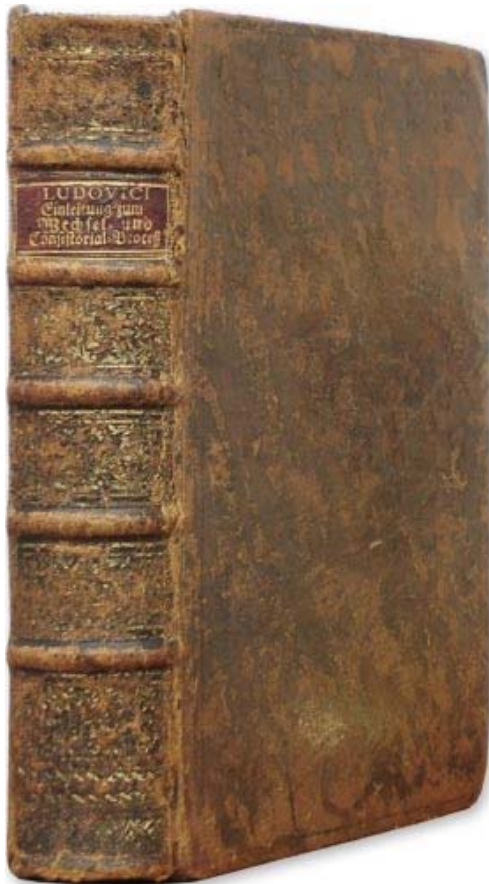


Commerce Between Spain and France

17. Lobe, Guillaume (Guillermo) [d. 1883].

Guide Aux Droits Civils et Commerciaux des Etrangers en Espagne, Ou Recueil Chronologique des Traités, Pactes, Conventions et Autres Actes Royaux et des Cortes, Emanés du Cabinet de Madrid, Depuis le Commencement du XVIIe Siecle Jusqu'à la Fin du Mois Octobre 1819. Paris: Chez Rodriguez, 1821. vi, 499 pp. Octavo (5-1/4" x 8-3/4"). Contemporary three-quarter tree calf over marbled boards, paper title label to spine, speckled edges. Light rubbing with negligible wear to spine ends and corners, rear hinge starting. Check marks to margins and a bound-in leaf of notes in a contemporary hand. Toning to a few leaves, interior otherwise fresh. \$200.

* First edition. This is a digest of commercial laws and treaties regarding trade between France and Spain from the early seventeenth century to the Bourbon restoration. A second edition appeared in 1837. 1 copy located in the United States at Harvard Law School. One copy of the second edition located in the US at the Library of Congress. OCLC locates 1 copy, KVK locates 3. *British Museum Catalogue* (Compact Edition) 15:699.



Notable German Treatises on Bills of Exchange and Ecclesiastical Law

18. Ludovici, Jacob Friederich [1671-1723].

Schlitte [1683-1748], Johann Gerhard, Editor.

Einleitung zum Wechsel-Process, Darinnen von Denienienigen Fallen, in Welchen Nach Wechsel-Recht Geklagt Werden Kan, Gehandelt. Auch wie der Wechsel-Process von dem Sonst in Anderen Sachen Gebrauchlichen Modo Procedendi Abweiche, von Stuck zu Stuck Deutlich Gezeiget... Halle: In Verlegung des Waysenhauses, 1753. [xxiv], 420, [28] pp.

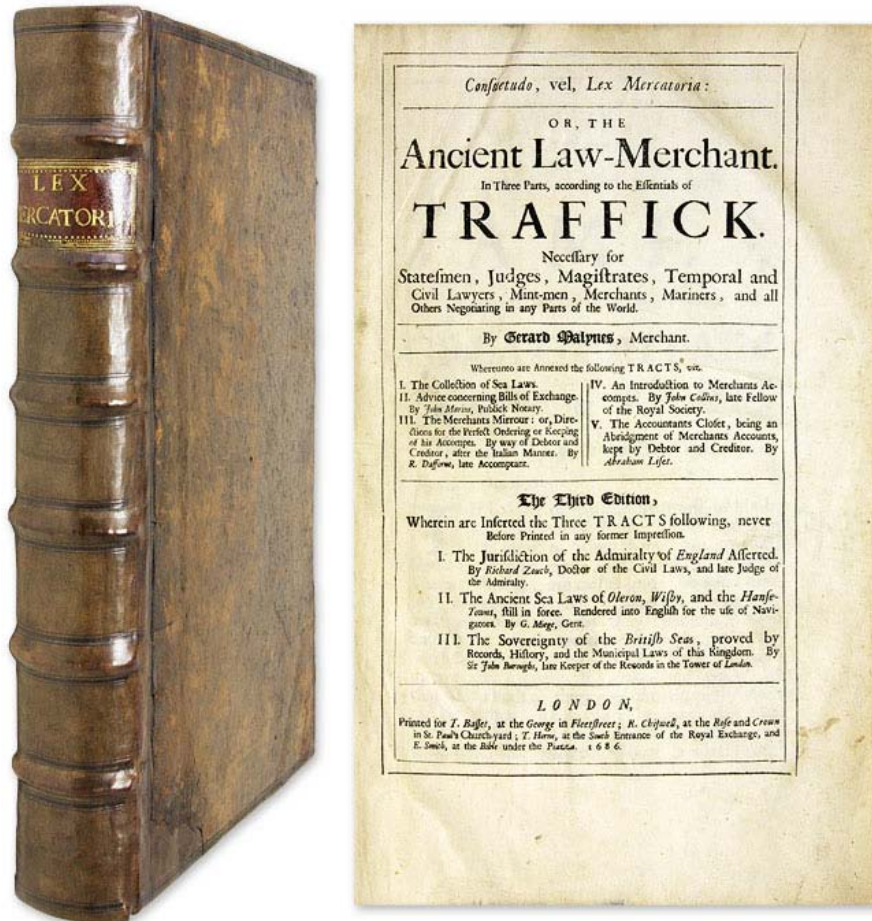
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Einleitung zum Consistorial-Process, Darinnen, die Solcher Consistorial-Process von dem Sonst in Anderen Sachen Gebrauchlichen Modo Procedendi Abweiche, von Stuck zu Stuck Deutlich Gezeiget... Halle: In Verlegung des Waysenhauses, 1762. [xx], 182, 14 pp.

Quarto (8" x 6-1/2").

Contemporary mottled sheep, blind frames to boards, raised bands, lettering piece and gilt ornaments to spine, rouged edges, marbled endpapers. Rubbing with wear to extremities, joints starting at ends, scuff to front board. Title page of first work printed in red and black, attractive woodcut head-pieces, tail-pieces and decorated initials. Light foxing to most of text, occasional light browning. Later owner signature to verso of front free endpaper, interior otherwise clean. \$650.

* Tenth editions. With indexes. Professor of Law at the University of Halle and an authority on civil law, Ludovici was the first jurist to write a legal treatise in German. A prolific author, he published works on a wide variety of legal topics. His work is notable for its clarity, well-crafted syntheses and elegant prose style. The first title is a comprehensive treatise on the laws and legal procedure relating to bills of exchange. The second title deals with ecclesiastical law and church discipline. Both have notes by Schlitte, a Privy Counselor to the Emperor of Prussia. Stintzing/Landsberg, *Geschichte der Deutschen Rechtswissenschaft* III/1:136.



Fascinating 1686 Collection of Merchant and Maritime Laws

19. Malynes, Gerard [fl. 1586-1641], Principal Author.

Consuetudo, Vel, Lex Mercatoria: Or, The Ancient Law-Merchant. In Three Parts, According to the Essentials of Traffick. Necessary for Statesmen, Judges, Magistrates, Temporal and Civil Lawyers, Mint-Men, Merchants, Mariners, And All Others Negotiating in Any Parts of the World. Whereunto are Annexed the Following Tracts, Viz. I. The Collection of Sea Laws. II. Advice Concerning Bills of Exchange. By John Marius. III. The Merchants Mirrour: Or, Directions for the Perfect Ordering or Keeping of His Accompts. By Way of Debtor and Creditor, After the Italian Manner. By R. Dassorne. IV. An Introduction to Merchants Accompts. By John Collins. V. The Accountants Closet, Being an Abridgement of Merchants Accounts, Kept by Debtor and Creditor. By Abraham Liset. Wherein are Inserted the Three Tracts Following, Never Before Printed in Any Former Impression. I. The Jurisdiction of the Admiralty of England Asserted. By Robert Zouch. II. The Ancient Sea Laws of Oleron, Wisby, And the Hanse-Towns, Still in Force. Rendered Into English for the Use of Navigators. By G. Miege. III. The Sovereignty of the British Seas, Proved by Records, History, and the Municipal Laws of This Kingdom. By Sir John Burroughs. London: Printed for T. Basset, At the George in Fleetstreet; R. Chiswell, At the Rose and Crown in St. Paul's Church- Yard; T. Horne, At the South Entrance of the Royal Exchange, And E. Smith, At the Bible Under the Piazza, 1686. Nine works in one with separate paginations and title pages (with various dates and imprints), first work preceded by general title page. [xvi], 340, 2; 43-78; [vi], 42; [xx], 54, [298]; [124]; [112]; [viii], 87-130; 28; 22 pp. First and final leaves blank. Complete as issued. Folio (13-1/4" x 8-1/4").

Contemporary calf, blind rules to boards, rebacked, raised bands to spine, earlier lettering piece retained, marbled edges, hinges mended, eighteenth-century armorial bookplate of Brice Fisher to front pastedown. Moderate toning to text, occasional faint dampspotting to margins, spark burns to a few leaves, corner of one leaf repaired restoring minor loss to text, internally clean. A handsome copy. \$2,500.

* Third and final edition, one of (at least) two issues from 1686. Also known as the law merchant, consuetudinary law or, somewhat anachronistically, commercial law, *lex mercatoria* is a system of customary law that developed in Europe during the middle ages to regulate the dealings of mariners and merchants. The earliest significant compilations are the eleventh-century Rules of Oleron, the Laws of Wisby and the Hanseatic Laws of the Sea. Although *lex mercatoria* fell out of use during the seventeenth century, many of its principles were incorporated into the common law. They would later provide the foundation of the (U.S.) Uniform Commercial Code. Malynes' *Consuetudo* was the final significant contribution to this field. (Beawes's *Lex Mercatoria Rediviva* (1752) was an attempt to revive it.) Malynes was a commissioner of trade in the Low Countries and was frequently consulted by the Privy Council during the reigns of Elizabeth and James, a dynamic period of commercial expansion and colonization. He was one of the first writers on business practice, economic affairs and foreign exchange. These interests are explored at length in this collection, both in Malynes's treatise and the texts by Marius, Dassorne, Collins and Liset. This volume also includes a collection of sea laws and two works on international law by Richard Zouch and John Burroughs. These assert the thesis expounded by John Selden in *Mare Clausum* (1635). Taken together, this volume provides a broad holistic view of *lex mercatoria* during its final maturity. The first edition was published in 1622, later editions and issues in 1629, 1636, 1656 and 1685. Our 1686 copy, designated the third edition, is one of four variants of the 1686 edition we have examined. The *ESTC* lists two from 1686, which have somewhat different collations. Fisher was a Member of Parliament and merchant who owned land in South Carolina and Georgia. See *English Short-Title Catalogue* R229419, R24438. Canney and Knott, *Catalogue of the Goldsmiths' Library* 2639. Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, *Historical Accounting Literature* 73.



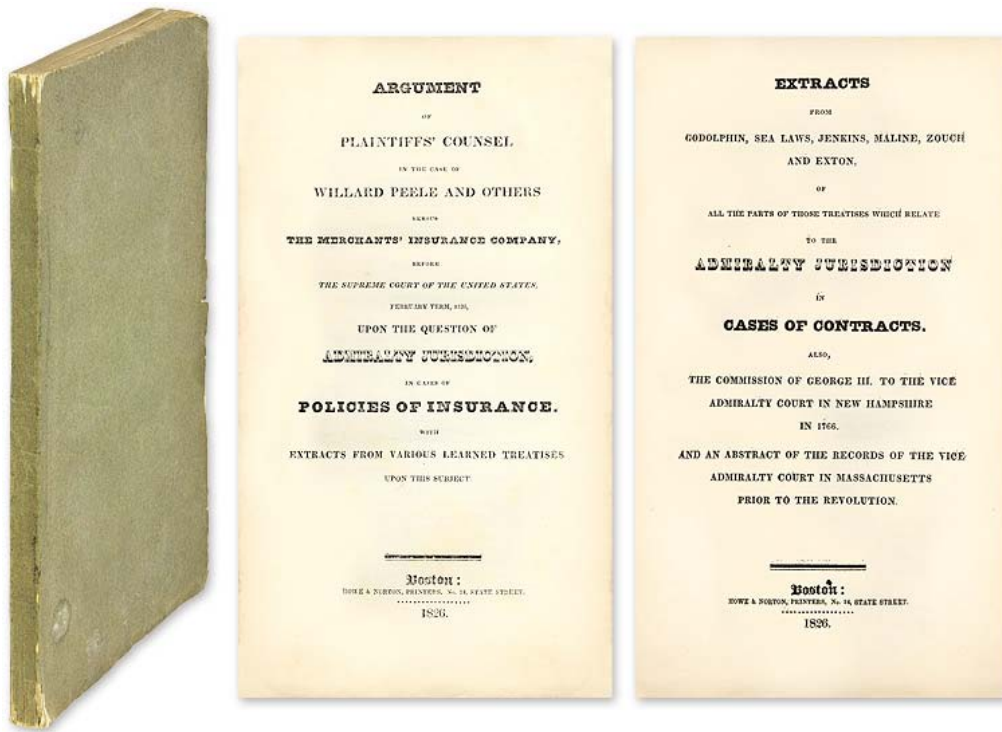
Important Early Treatise on Maritime Law

20. Molloy, Charles [1646-1690].

De Jure Maritimo et Navali: Or, a Treatise of Affairs Maritime and of Commerce. In Three Books. With Large Additions, Never Before Printed, Of Modern Cases, And Other Matters Proper Thereunto. London: Printed for J. Walthoe [et al.], 1707. [iv], xii [i.e. xvii], [3], 476 [i.e. 492], [16] pp. Page xvii numbered xii; pp. 278-293 repeated in paging. Two-plate copperplate allegorical frontispiece. Octavo (8-1/2" x 5-1/4").

Nineteenth century calf, blind rules to boards, raised bands and lettering piece to spine. Moderate rubbing to boards and extremities, corners lightly bumped, hinges just starting, front endleaf and rear free endpaper partially detached, owner bookplate to front pastedown. Light toning to text, somewhat heavier in places, faint dampspotting to a few leaves. Owner signatures to front pastedown and head of title page, interior otherwise clean. An appealing copy. \$650.

* Sixth edition. For many years this was the standard treatise on international, commercial and maritime law, and went through many editions, the first published in 1676, the last in 1778. "It was not until 1676 that a man, who had some claims to be called an English lawyer, wrote upon [bills of exchange]. Charles Molloy who was both a civilian and a member of Lincoln's Inn and Gray's Inn, in the second book of his very successful treatise, *De Jure Maritimo et Navali*, gives us some account of these branches of the law" (Holdsworth). Chapters III and IV deal with Privateers and Piracy. Holdsworth, *Sources and Literature of English Law* 210. Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 1:511 (64).



Argument from Important Maritime Insurance Case Bound With Anthology of Maritime Laws

21. [Nichols, Benjamin Ropes].

Argument of Plaintiffs' Counsel in the Case of Willard Peele and Others Versus the Merchants' Insurance Company, Before the Supreme Court of the United States, February Term, 1826, Upon the Question of Admiralty Jurisdiction, In Cases of Policies of Insurance. With Extracts from Various Learned Treatises Upon This Subject. Boston: Howe & Norton, Printers, 1826. 35 pp.

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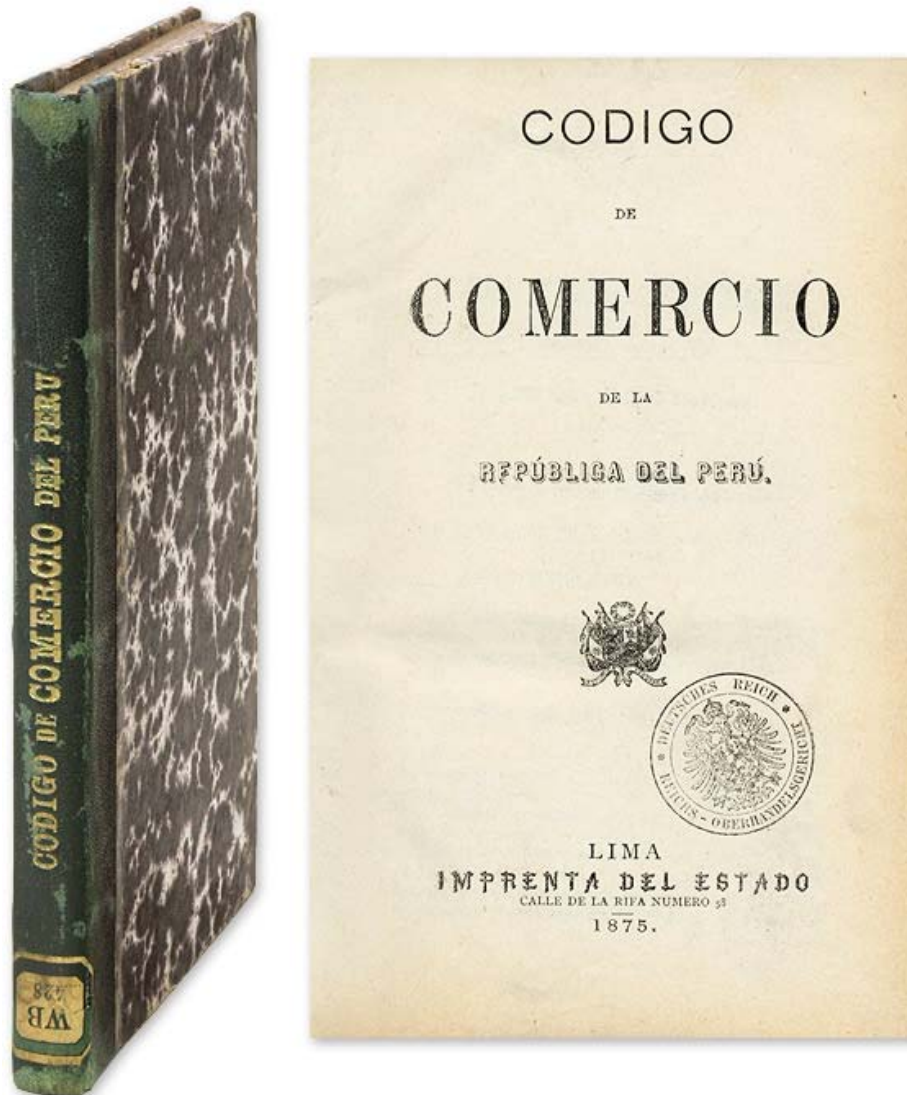
Godolphin, John [1617-1678], Jenkins, Sir Leoline [1623-1685],

Malynes, Gerard [fl. 1586-1641], Zouch, Richard [1590-1661], Exton, John [1600?-1668], Justice, Alexander.

Extracts from Godolphin, Sea Laws, Jenkins, Maline, Zouch and Exton, Of All the Parts of Those Treatises Which Relate to the Admiralty Jurisdiction in Cases of Contracts: Also, The Commission of George III. to the Vice Admiralty Court in New Hampshire in 1776. And an Abstract of the Records of the Vice Admiralty Court in Massachusetts Prior to the Revolution. Boston: Howe & Norton, 1826. 132 pp.

Octavo (9" x 5-1/2"). Contemporary plain wrappers. Some edgewear and a few minor stains. Toning, light foxing to a few leaves, internally clean. \$650.

* Only editions. *Peele et Al. v. the Merchants' Insurance Company* concerned claims on a merchant ship that was wrecked off the coast of Portsmouth, New Hampshire, and abandoned. Though damaged, the cargo was ultimately saved. At issue was the effect of abandonment on the insurance claim of the owners. In the U.S. Circuit Court, Justice Story held that the owners had the right to abandon their ship under the circumstances of the wreck and were entitled to recover their claim. The case was appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court, but no decision can be found. The second item was probably intended for busy New England lawyers who dealt with maritime contracts. It would have been a handy reference and a useful source for erudite references. The core of this curious volume is an anthology of writings by the leading seventeenth-century English writers on admiralty. An editor isn't listed and the extracts are presented without commentary, but the editor used sources for each work which are mentioned and the extracts are collated against them in side-notes. These items have separate bibliographic records in the standard references, but OCLC locates 4 copies with these works bound together (at Trinity College, the Library of Congress and the law libraries of Harvard and the University of Virginia). Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 11488 (Nichols) 1583 (Godolphin).



**Preferred Edition of
Peru's First Commercial Code**

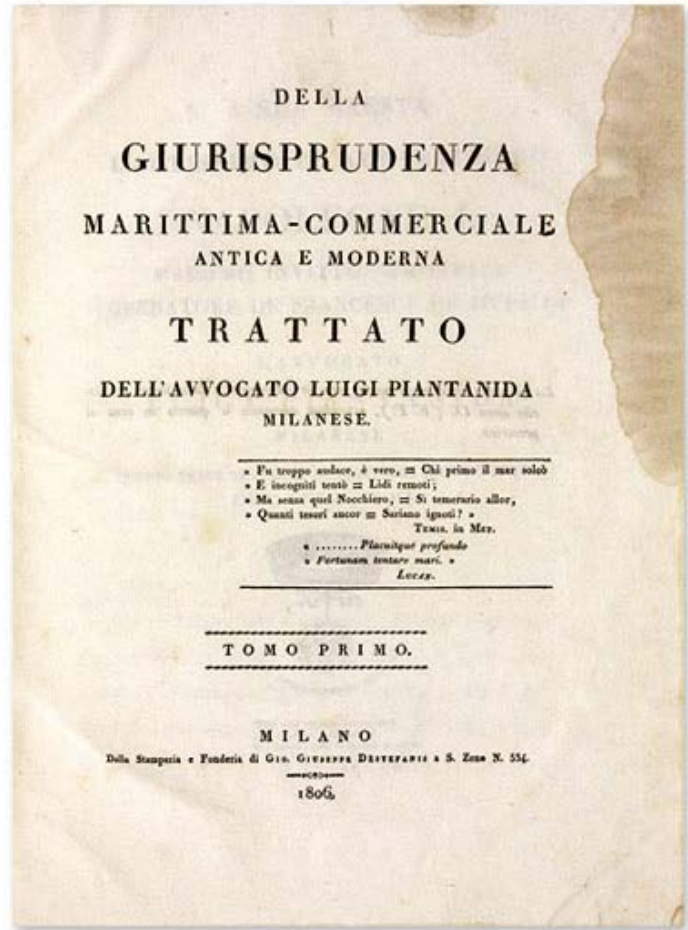
22. [Peru].

[Commercial Law].

Codigo de Comercio de la Republica del Peru. Lima: Imprenta del Estado, 1875. 231 pp. Octavo (7-3/4" x 5").

Contemporary quarter morocco over marbled boards, gilt title to spine. Moderate rubbing to extremities, some toning to text, internally clean. Ex-library. Location label to spine, bookplate to front pastedown, small inkstamp to title page. \$350.

* Second and final edition. Peru's first commercial code was adopted in 1852 and put into force, and issued in print, in 1853. Clagett says the first edition is riddled with errors and cites the 1875 printing as the preferred edition. OCLC locates 5 copies in North American law libraries (Harvard, LA County, Library of Congress, UC-Berkeley, University of Michigan). Clagett, *A Guide to the Law and Legal Literature of Peru* 41.



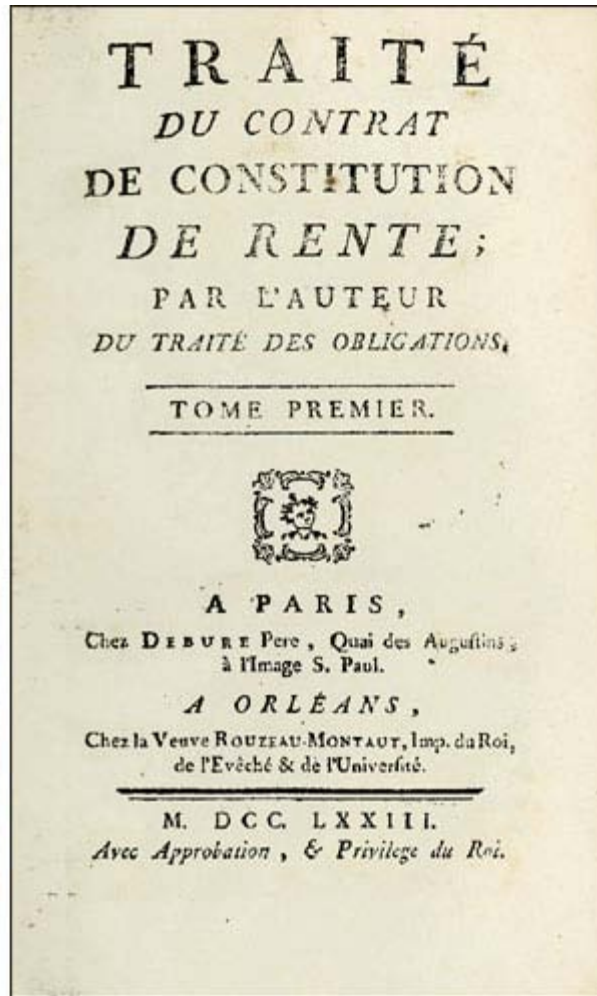
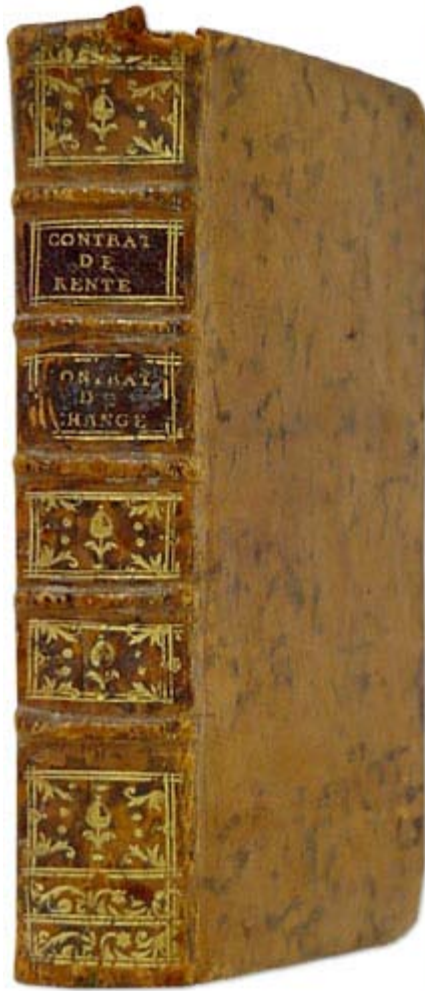
Interesting Napoleonic-Era Treatise on Maritime and Commercial Law

23. Piantanida, Luigi.

Della Giurisprudenza Marittima-Commerciale Antica e Moderna. Milan: Dalla Stamperia e Fonderia di Gio. Giuseppe Destefanis (Volume I); Dalla Stamperia e Fonderia di Giuseppe e Paolo Fratelli Veladini (Volumes II-IV), 1806-1808. Four volumes. Does not have the portrait frontispiece of author issued with some copies of this title. Complete set. Folio (11-1/4" x 8-1/2").

Three-quarter vellum over patterned paper boards, lettering pieces to spines. Light rubbing to extremities, a few minor stains to boards, corners and spine ends lightly bumped. Copperplate vignettes to dedication leaves of each volume. Light toning to text, occasional faint dampstaining to margins of Volume II, internally clean. \$3,000.

* Only edition. Dedicated to Napoleon, this ambitious treatise uses a history of maritime and commercial law as the basis for a set of general principles. It is also useful for its overview of these subjects during the early phase of the Napoleonic era. His dedication indicates a keen desire for a commission to produce a commercial code for the Kingdom of Italy, the north-Italian puppet state established by Napoleon. OCLC locates 14 copies worldwide, 6 in North America, 5 in law libraries (Harvard, Library of Congress, UC-Berkeley, University of Michigan, Yale). *British Museum Catalogue* (Compact Edition) 20:268.



Pothier on Commercial Law Topics

24. [Pothier, Robert Joseph (1699-1772)].

Traite du Contrat de Constitution de Rente, Par L'Auteur du Traite des Obligations.

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Traite du Contrat de Change, de la Negociation Qui se Fait par la Lettre de Change, & Autres Billets de Commerce.

Paris: Chez Debure Pere, 1773. Two volumes bound as one. 12mo. (4" x 7").

Contemporary speckled calf, raised bands, gilt ornaments to spine, edges rouged, marbled endpapers, ribbon marker. Some wear to board edges and corners, minor chip to head of spine, joints just starting at head. Attractive woodcut printer device, head-pieces and tail-pieces. Early signature to front free endpaper, light browning to a few leaves, interior otherwise fresh. \$50.

* Third edition. With indexes. Arguably the greatest French jurist of the eighteenth century, Pothier devoted much of his career to the study of French civil law. A brilliant and prolific scholar, he wrote a long series of treatises on all of its branches. This one deals with landlord and tenant, bailments, negotiable instruments and bills of exchange. Other volumes discuss sale, contracts, possession and other topics. In all cases Pothier examines each issue from the perspective of natural equity (or "interieur") and positive law (or "exterieur"). Distinguished by their clarity and organization, these treatises had a profound influence on the *Code Napoleon*. *British Museum Catalogue* (Compact Edition) 20:771. *Catalogue of the Goldsmiths' Library of Economic Literature* 11045.



**Three Rare Canon-Law Titles on
Commercial Law, Contracts and Estates**

25. Schierrini, Giuseppe [d. ca. 1700].

De Jure Offerendi Creditori, Et in Ejus Locum Succedendi, Tractatus Absolutissimus; In Quo Frequentiores Juris Articuli, Et Quaestiones ad Materiam Pertinentes, Ac ad Praxim Accommodatae, Facili Methodo, & Rerum Judicatarum Exemplis, Enucleantur. Opus Omnibus Juris Utriusque Professoribus, & in Curiarum Subselliis Causas Agentibus, Maxime Utile, ac Necessarium; Cui Accesserunt Enodationes ad Ornatum l. 3. C. de Novationibus Additis Nonnullis Recentissimis Sacrae Rotae Romanae Decisionibus ad Materiam Juris Offerendi Spectantibus. Three parts, second and third preceded by divisional title pages. Venice: Apud Paulum Balleonium, 1702. [viii], 94 (of 96); 97-205, [13]; [2], 64, [20] pp. Final leaf of Part I (pp. 95-96) lacking. Main text in parallel columns.

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Schierrini, Giuseppe.

De Tertio Veniente ad Causam Ante, et Post Sententiam Tractatus Absolutissimus; in Quo Quaestiones Varias ad Materiam Pertinentes, Ac ad Praxim Accommodatae, Facili Methodo, & Rerum Judicatarum Exemplis, Enucleantur. Venice: Apud Paulum Balleonium, 1702. [iv], 5-176, [8] pp. Main text in parallel columns.

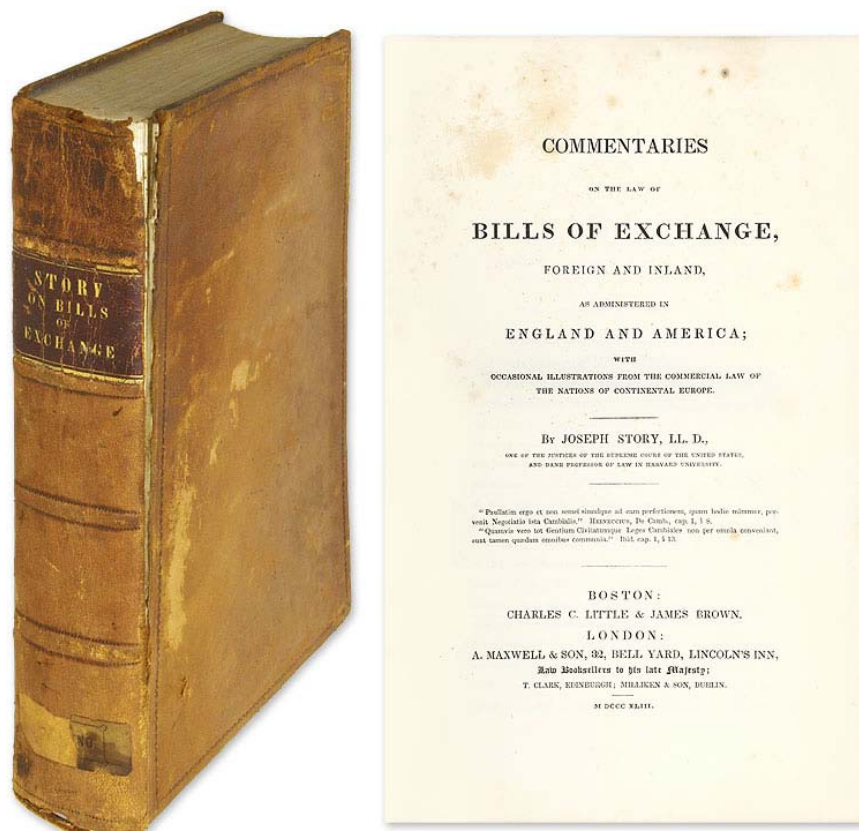
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Schierrini, Giuseppe.

Tractatus De Pactis Successionum Tam Affirmativis, Quam Negativis; in Quo Frequentiores Juris Articuli, Et Difficiliores Quaestiones ad Materiam Pertinentes, Facili Methodo Enucleantur. [viii], 260 [12] pp. Venice: Apud Paulum Balleonium, 1702. [viii], 260 [12] pp. Main text in parallel columns.

Folio (13" x 9"). Contemporary limp vellum, early hand-lettered title in bold hand, ties lacking. A few minor stains, light wear to extremities, hinges cracked but secure, vellum beginning to break though each pastedown. Title page of first work printed in red and black, attractive woodcut head-pieces, tail-pieces and decorated initials throughout. Occasional faint dampstaining, partial split near center of text block. Occasional brief annotations in fine contemporary hand, interior otherwise clean. An appealing copy of three rare titles. \$950.

* Three rare treatises dealing with commercial law, estates and contracts. Little is known about Schierrini. The title pages of these works indicate he was a canon lawyer who was active in Calabria. The first work appears to be a second edition. KVK locates 1 copy of this edition and 1 copy of the 1695 edition of *De Jure Offerendi*. OCLC locates 1 copy of the 1702 edition. Not in the *British Museum Catalogue* or other standard references.



One of the Standard American Texts of the Nineteenth Century

26. Story, Joseph [1779-1845].

Commentaries on the Law of Bills of Exchange, Foreign and Inland, as Administered in England and America; with Occasional Illustrations from the Commercial Law of the Nations of Continental Europe. Boston: Charles C. Little and James Brown, 1843. xxiv, 608 pp. Octavo (9" x 6").

Contemporary sheep, blind fillets to boards, raised bands, lettering piece and fragment of owner label (Eno) to spine. Moderate rubbing to extremities and a few minor scuffs, front board partially detached. "Stephen Eno's Book/ May 16-1843/ Price \$5-" to front free endpaper, "L. Eno" to following endleaf, endleaves filled with annotations, occasional check marks, brief annotations and underlining. Toning, light foxing in a few places. A solid copy with an interesting association. \$350.

* First edition. In *The Formative Era of American Law*, Pound refers to the *Commentaries on the Laws of Bills of Exchange* as one of the standard texts of the nineteenth century. As Marvin pointed out in 1847, it was certainly the most complete and wide-ranging text of its day. In addition to American and English sources Story draws on the work of Heineccius and other civil-law jurists. Apart from James Kent, no man has had greater influence on American law than Joseph Story. He was Dane Professor of Law at Harvard and an associate justice of the U.S. Supreme Court. His many books have been cited extensively in America and in Britain, and he remains an authority today. Stephen Eno [1762-1852] was a prominent lawyer and civic leader in Dutchess County, New York who practiced in Pine Plains, Amenia, and Poughkeepsie. A very wealthy man, he was known for his extreme frugality, which may be why he noted the purchase price in his owner inscription. Several of his descendants were lawyers, including his son (?), "L. Eno." The annotations are statements of legal principles with page references and bibliographical notes. Pound, *The Formative Era of American Law* 140-141. Marvin, *Legal Bibliography* 673. Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 2555.



Early Printing of Stracca's Landmark Commercial Law Treatise that Includes an Equally Important Treatise on Insurance

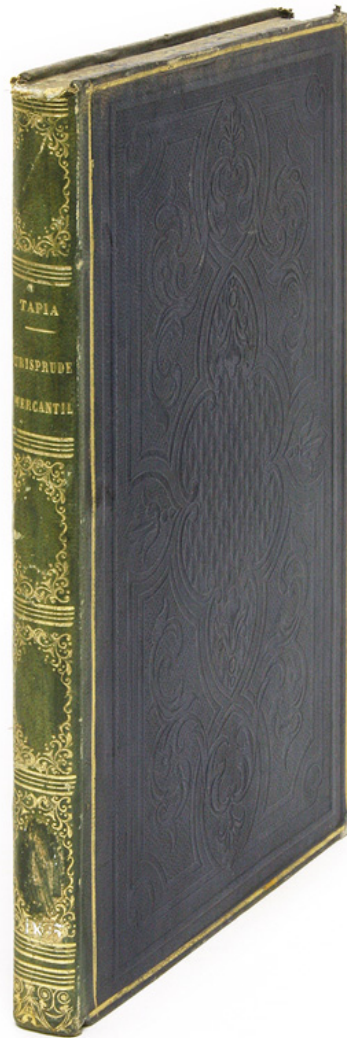
27. Stracca (Straccha), Benvenuto [1509-1578].

[Santerna, Pedro de].

Tractatus de Mercatura, Seu Mercatore, Omnia Quae ad Hoc Genus Pertinent, Susissime Complectens. Huc Accessit Propter Tractatus de Sponsionibus & Affecutionibus Mercatorum. Venice: Apud Michaellem Bonellum, 1575 (colophon dated 1576). [lxxx], 375, [2] pp. Octavo (6" x 4").

Later three-quarter vellum over marbled boards, lettering piece to spine, endpapers renewed, speckled edges. Some rubbing to extremities with mild wear to board edges, corners and spine ends bumped, front hinge cracked, rear hinge starting. Light toning to text, negligible dampstaining and foxing in places. Early struck-through signature to title page, interior otherwise clean. Ex-library. Location label to spine, small inkstamps to title page and its verso. A solid copy of a scarce title. \$750.

*Third edition, "newly revised," and the last authorial edition. An eminent jurist from a prominent business family, Stracca was the first to treat commercial law as a distinct field. Perhaps as a result of his background, his approach blended jurisprudence and the practical necessities of commercial life. First published in Venice in 1553 by Aldus Minutius, *De Mercatura* is his principal work. This pathbreaking treatise went through several editions throughout Europe, the final appearing in 1669. Notable for its blend of synthesis and original thought, it is a systematic exposition on commercial law with an emphasis on maritime and bankruptcy law. It also has sections on usury, the restriction of trade and the value of free navigation. This edition also contains the *Tractatus de Sponsibus et Assecurationibus Mercatorum*, which begins on fol. 322, is an important treatise on insurance first published in 1554. According to the Kress catalogue, this is "the first modern treatise" on the subject. Pedro de Santerna was a Portuguese jurist who represented his nation's commercial interests in Florence, Livorno and Pisa. KVK locates 8 copies of this edition. OCLC locates 7 copies of this edition and 11 copies of all editions in North America. This edition not in Adams or the *British Museum Catalogue*. *Censimento Nazionale delle Edizioni Italiane del XVI Secolo (EDIT16)* CNCE 26382. *The Kress Library of Business and Economics* 156.



**A Notable Nineteenth-Century
Spanish Treatise on Mercantile Law**

28. Tapia, Eugenio de [1776-1860].

Elementos De Jurisprudencia Mercantil. Nueva Edicion, Considerablemente Aumentada, Y Refundida con Arreglo al NuevoCodigo de Comercio, Decretado por S.M. En Real Cedula de 30 de Mayo de 1829. Paris: Libreria de Lecointe y C.a, 1845. [iv], 259 pp. Octavo (8" x 5").

Contemporary morocco with elaborate blind stamping, gilt rules to boards, gilt spine, marbled edges and endpapers. Some rubbing to extremities with wear to spine ends and corners. Light toning to text, internally clean. Ex-library. Bookplate to front pastedown, card pocket to rear pastedown. A nice copy. \$50.

* Second (?) edition. We can trace a Valencia edition in 1838, and an 1850 edition. Part two is devoted to maritime commerce; much of part three is devoted to bankruptcy. Tapia held prominent positions as royal advisor and educator in Valladolid, and produced several substantial works on jurisprudence.



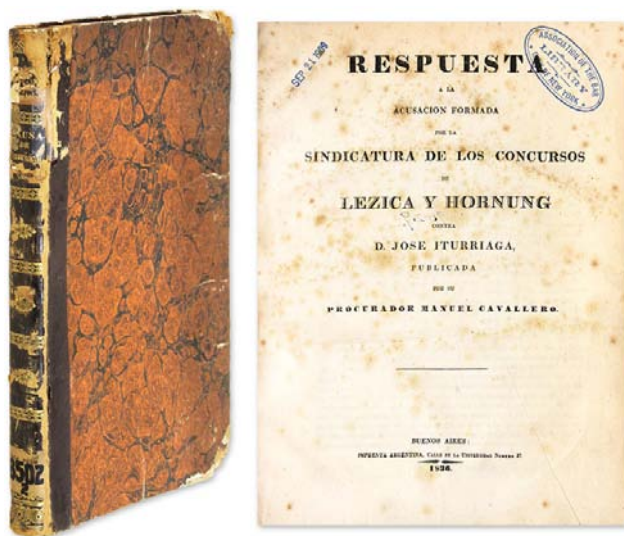
Interesting Treatise on Maritime Law Praised by Joseph Story

29. Targa, Carlo.

Ponderazioni Sopra la Contrattazione Marittima. Genoa: Dagli Eredi di Adamo Scionico, 1787. [viii], 259 pp. Quarto (8" x 5-1/2").

Contemporary tree calf, blind rules to boards, lettering piece and gilt ornaments to spine, edges rouged. Light rubbing to extremities with minor wear to corners, a few minor scuffs to boards, hinges cracked. Light toning to text, internally clean. Ex-library. Bookplate to front pastedown. A handsome copy. \$500.

* An enlarged later edition of an interesting treatise on maritime law, contracts and insurance. The main text is followed by a critical edition of the Rhodian Sea Law (in Greek with a parallel Latin text), which was compiled between 600-800 CE, and the complete text of the Florentine insurance statutes, which were enacted in 1529. Joseph Story held this work in high regard: "We had almost forgotten to speak of Targa, who, in his *Reflections on Maritime Contracts*, has drawn from the civil and canon law, the *Consolato del Mare*, the usages of maritime nations, and preceding writers, the most useful learning on all the subjects of maritime law except insurance; and has adapted his work to practice by collecting the forms of the various contracts, with hints for their proper application. He is generally esteemed as an industrious and correct author; but his fame seems lost in the superior blaze of his illustrious countryman.": "Literature of the Maritime Law" (1818) reprinted in *The Miscellaneous Writings of Joseph Story*, ed. William W. Story 111-112. OCLC locates 4 copies of this edition, 2 in the United States, both in law libraries (University of Michigan, University of Virginia). Not in Kress or Goldsmiths.' This edition not in the *British Museum Catalogue*.



Notable Fraud Case at an Important Argentinean Trading House

30. [Trial].

[Iturriaga, Jose de, Defendant]. Cavallero, Manuel.

Respuesta a la Acusacion Formada por la Sindicatura de los Concursos de Lezica y Hornung Contra D. Jose Iturriaga. Buenos Aires: Imprenta Argentina, 1836. [iv], 47 pp.

[Bound with] I[turriaga], J[ose de].

Breve Contestacion al Libelo Publicado por Manuel Sainz de la Maza. Buenos Aires: Imprenta Argentina, 1836. 8 pp.

[And] O., G.

Manifiesto en Derecho a Favor de Jose de Iturriaga, Acusado de Ocultacion de Unos Ganados y de Complicidad en la Falsificacion de su Firma, Ejecutada por Federico Hornung. [Buenos Aires]: Imprenta Argentina, [1836]. 83 pp.

Contemporary quarter calf over marbled boards, gilt ornaments and title (reading *Causa de Iturriaga*) to spine. Rubbing to extremities with heavy wear to corners, chipping to head of spine, hinges starting, owner bookplate to front pastedown. Manuscript divisional title pages between items. Moderate toning and occasional foxing to text, internally clean. Ex-library. Location label to spine, small inkstamps to title page of *Respuesta*, brief annotations to verso. Solid copies of three rare items. \$750.

* Only editions. These items relate to a trial that followed the collapse of a notable Argentinean trading house. "Corruption or mismanagement by employees or partners of non-British houses frequently made news during the century. One of the more celebrated cases was the failure of Sebastian Lezica brothers in September 1835. The manager of the house, a German named Frederick Hornung, apparently forged bills of exchange without the knowledge of his employers, three Argentine brothers. After the failure of a British house, Thwaites and Company, and after the retention of money in the Chilean branch, the Lezica Brothers had to raise money. Originally Hartung procured the signatures of a number of people, including Thwaites; but when persons declined, he began to forge names on bills of exchange--both the drawer's and drawee's names--in order to prevent bankruptcy. He thought this would need to be done for only a short time, but he became involved until the total sum owed the market was over one and a half million pesos." (Reber). OCLC locates 1 copy of *Respuesta* (at UC-Berkeley), 1 copy of *Breve Contestacion* (at the *Biblioteca Nacional de Chile*) and no copies of *Manifiesto*. Reber, *British Mercantile Houses in Buenos Aires, 1810-1880* 107.

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