







Scarce Copy of Treatise on the Roman Law of Prescription

1. Balbo, Giovanni Francesco [fl. 1510-1540].

[Henricus, de Segusio, Cardinal (Hostiensis) (c. 1200-1271)].

*Tractatus de Prescriptionibus: Tractatus Secundus et Perutilis Profunde Subtilis[que] ac Quotidiane Materie o[mn]is p[re]scriptio[n]is ta[m] Civilis Q[uam] Canonice, Qui de p[re]scriptio[n]ib[us] Inscritib[ur].* [Lyons: Imprensa Lugd. per Benedict[us] Bonyn. 1532 die vero. xxix]. [xxii], 208 ff. Main text in parallel columns with side-notes. Octavo (7" x 5").

Recent period-style calf, raised bands and gilt title to spine, endpapers renewed. Title page with architectural border and large Bonyn device printed in red and black. Moderate toning, light foxing in a few places, faint staining to margins of 12 leaves at rear of text block, early annotations and underlining to some passages, light soiling to title page. \$5,000.

\* Third edition. Originally published in 1511, this treatise addresses the Roman law of prescription, the principle whereby a right or liability is created or extinguished over a certain period of time, usually in regard to a property title. It also includes an edition of a short treatise on this subject by Henricus de Segusio. It was a popular work that went through several issues and editions, the last one in 1582. OCLC locates 5 copies of all editions, 3 copies of this edition, no copies of any edition in North America. This edition not in Adams. [Order This Item](#)



### Murder and Theft in Roman Law

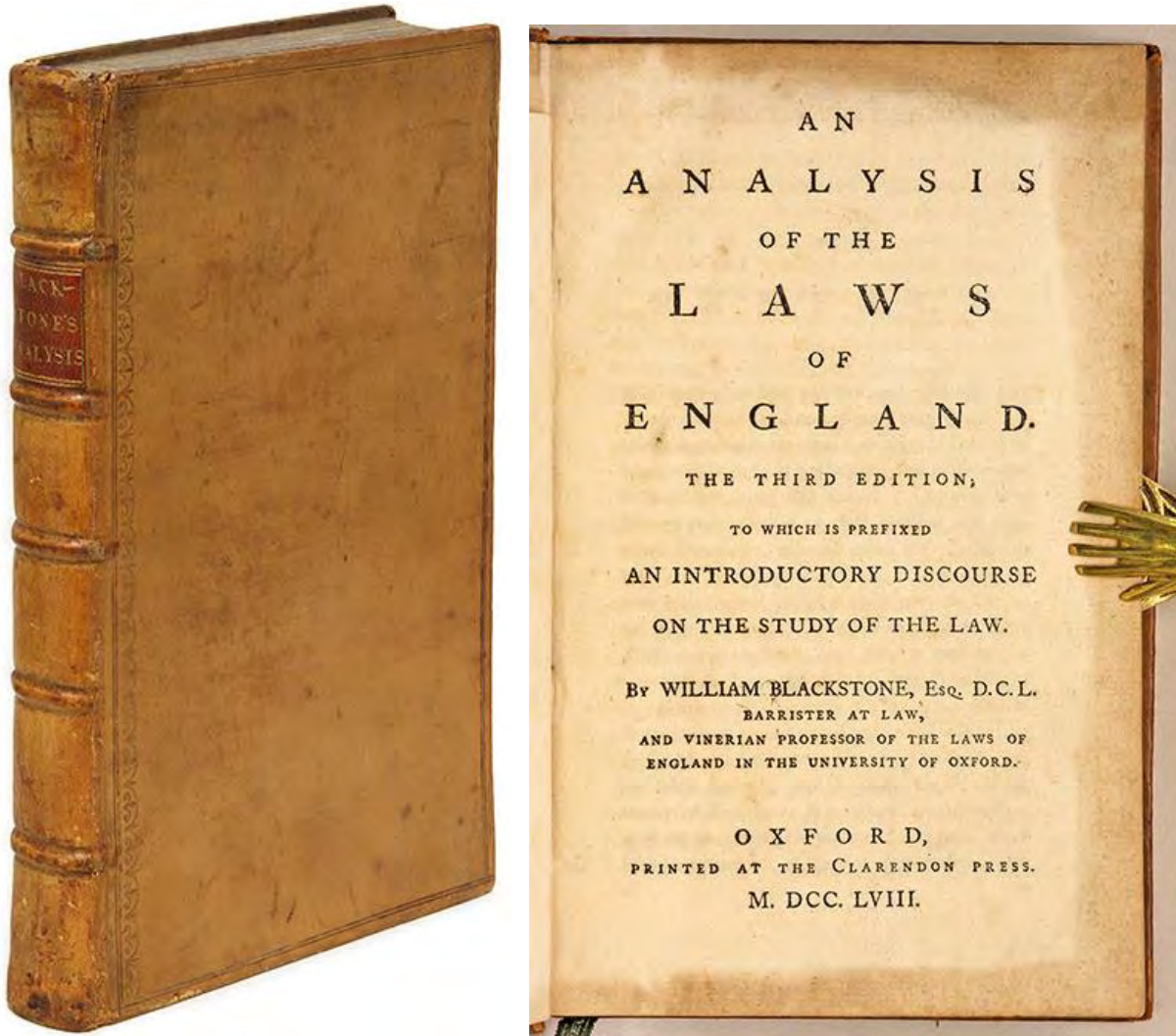
#### 2. Bianchi, Marco Antonio (Marcantonio) [1498-1548].

*Tractatus de Indiciis Homicidii Ex Proposito Commissi & de Aliis Indiciis Homicidii & Furti: Ad Legem Finale[m] ff. De Quaestionibus.* Venice: Apud Ioannem Andream Vauassorem Dictum Guadagninum, 1546. 112, [16] ff. Octavo (6" x 4").

Contemporary limp vellum, ties lacking. Moderate soiling, spine darkened. moderate rubbing to extremities, spine ends bumped, small chip to fore-edge of front cover, hinges partially cracked. Moderate toning to text, somewhat heavier in places, faint dampspotting in places, minor worming to gutter in a few places, some edgewear to front and rear endleaves, brief early owner inscriptions to front free endpaper and foot of title page. \$500.

\* Second edition, one of three issues from 1546, none with priority. First published in 1545, this is a treatise on homicide and theft in Roman law. It treats the investigation of those crimes and their degrees and penalties. This book includes sections on premeditation and the use of torture. It went through several later editions and was included in the great multi-volume anthology *Tractatus Universi Iuris* (1584-1586). Bianchi was a professor of law at the University of Padua and a fairly prolific and well-regarded legal writer. All editions of this title are scarce. OCLC locates 3 copies of 1546 issues in North America (GWU Law School, Harvard Law School, UCLA), no copies of our Vauassorem imprint. *Censimento Nazionale delle Edizioni Italiane del XVI Secolo* CNCE 5729. [Order This Item](#)





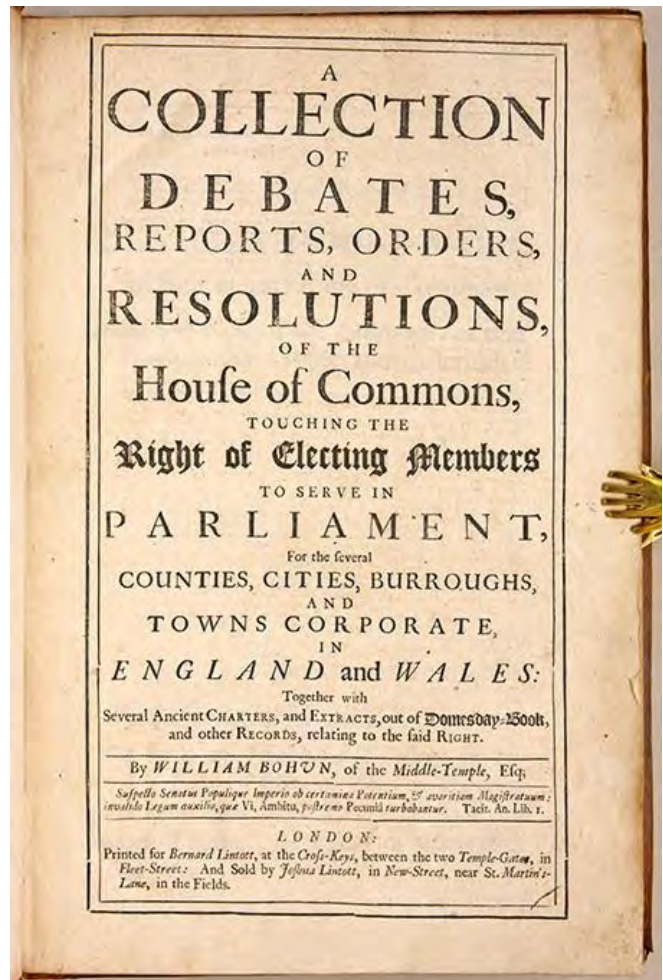
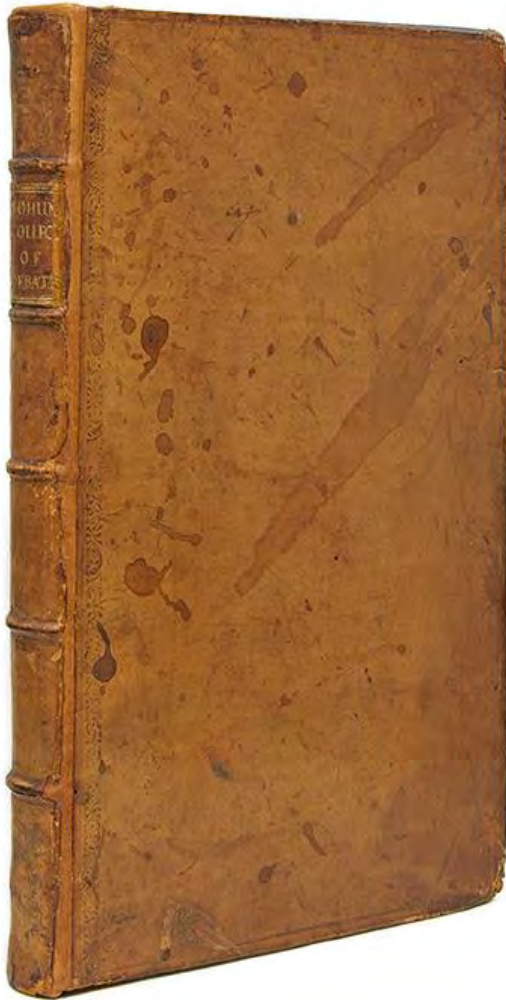
### Blackstone's *Analysis*

#### 3. Blackstone, Sir William [1723-1780].

*An Analysis of the Laws of England. To Which Is Prefixed an Introductory Discourse on the Study of the Law.* Oxford: Printed at the Clarendon Press, 1758. lxx, [6], 189, [15] pp. Copperplate Table of Descents. Folding Table of Consanguinity. (Octavo (8" x 5").

Contemporary calf, blind rules to boards, gilt tooling to board edges, blind fillets along joints, raised bands and lettering piece to spine, ribbon marker. Light rubbing to boards and extremities with negligible wear to spine ends and corners, front hinge cracked, about 1/2" neatly removed from front free endpaper, bookplate residue to rear pastedown. Light toning to text, somewhat heavier in places, light browning to outer margins of title page and following three leaves. A handsome copy. \$1,200.

\* Third edition. First published in 1756, the *Analysis* became the outline for Blackstone's *Commentaries on the Laws of England* (1765-1769). The third edition was the first issued under Blackstone's name. It was also the first to include, "A Discourse on the Study of the Law," Blackstone's introductory lecture as Vinerian professor of law at Oxford, and an "Alphabetical Index of the General Titles and Particular Examples Comprised in the Analysis and the Appendix." Eller, *The William Blackstone Collection in the Yale Law Library* 219. Laeuchli, *A Bibliographical Catalog of William Blackstone* 522. [Order This Item](#)



#### Election to the House of Commons

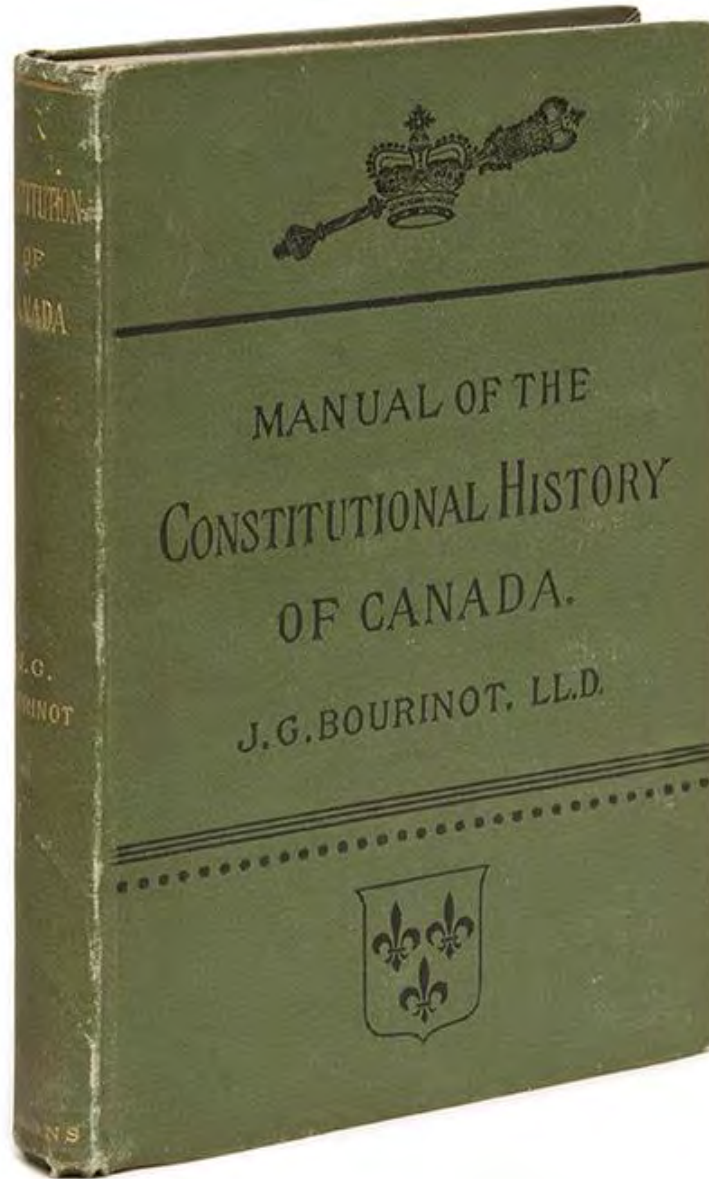
#### 4. Bohun, William, Compiler.

*A Collection of Debates, Reports, Orders, And Resolutions, Of the House of Commons, Touching the Right of Electing Members to Serve in Parliament, For the Several Counties, Cities, Burroughs, And Towns Corporate, In England and Wales: Together with Several Ancient Charters, And Extracts, Out of Domesday-Book, And Other Records, Relating to the Said Right.* London: Printed for Bernard Lintott, [c. 1710]. [viii], 160, 181-292, 301-355, [3] pp. Includes 3-page publisher catalogue. Pagination irregular. Text complete. Folio (12-1/2" x 8").

Contemporary calf, rebacked retaining existing spine, blind rules to boards, blind fillets along joints. Minor nicks, stains and scuffs to boards, moderate rubbing to board edges, corners bumped and somewhat worn, pastedowns loose and partially detached, rear endleaves lacking. Light toning to text, light soiling to title page. \$500.

\* Only edition. An interesting feature of this compilation is its two-page "Exposition of Certain Ancient Words Found in Domesday-Book and Other Old Records and Charters, For the Better Understanding of Some Pages in the Ensuing Treatise." A prolific author, Bohun was an attorney and a prolific author who published well-received treatises on legal education, Parliament, ecclesiastical law and other subjects. The date of this book, conjectured by the ESTC, was determined by the dates of the cases. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T129558. [Order This Item](#)





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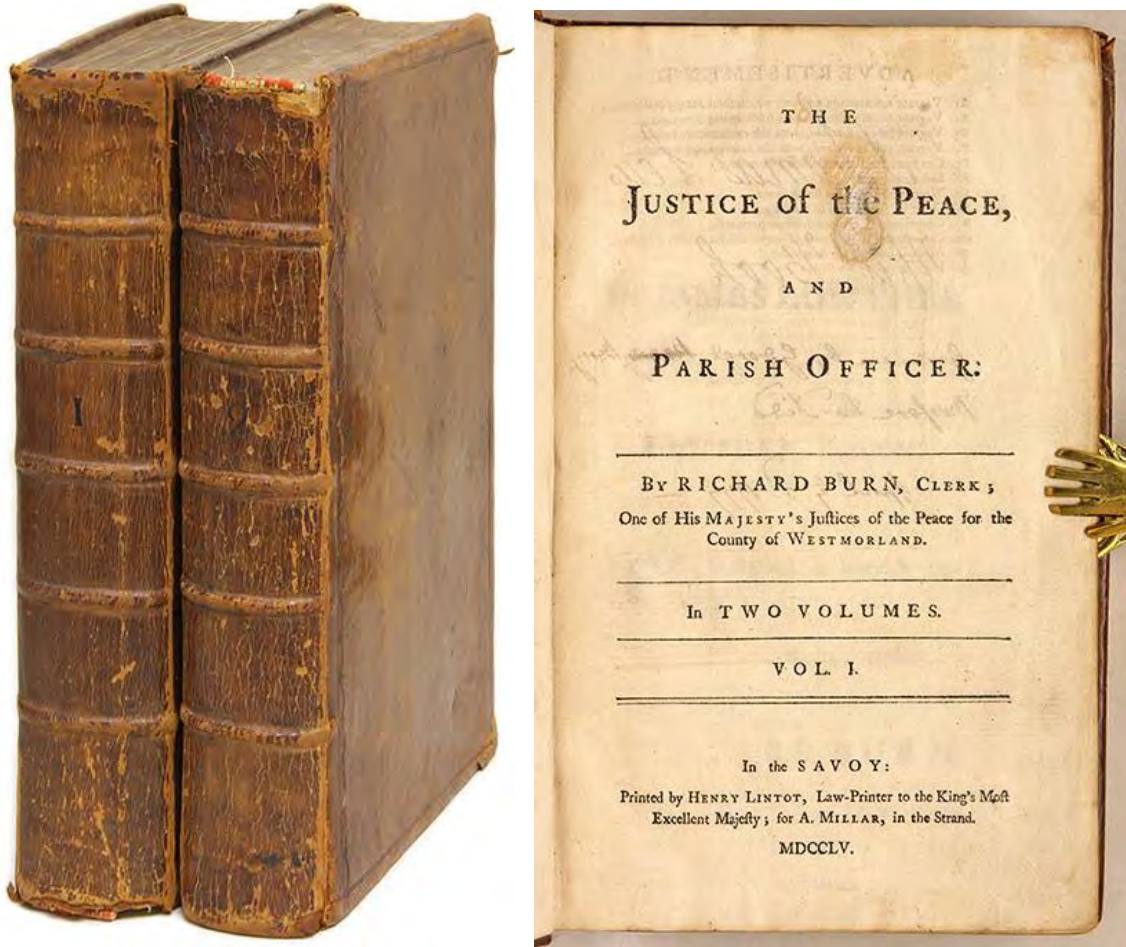
**5. Bourinot, J[ohn] G[eorge], Sir [1837-1902].**

*A Manual of the Constitutional History of Canada From the Earliest Period to 1901 Including the British North America Act of 1867, a Digest of Judicial Decisions on Important Questions of Legislative Jurisdiction, and Observations on the Working of Parliamentary Government.* New Edition, Revised and Enlarged. Toronto: The Copp, Clark Company, Limited. 1901. xii, 246 pp.

Cloth, black-stamped titles to boards and spine. Moderate rubbing to extremities, spine ends bumped, light foxing to text in a few places. \$30.

\* "[This book] has been thoroughly revised in order to make it as useful as possible to those students in our universities and colleges who are now required to consult it in their studies of our constitutional history. I have completed to date a summary of those judicial decisions which have so far laid down important principles for the interpretation of a constitution which has evoked much learned arguments in our courts and legislatures.": Preface. [Order This Item](#)

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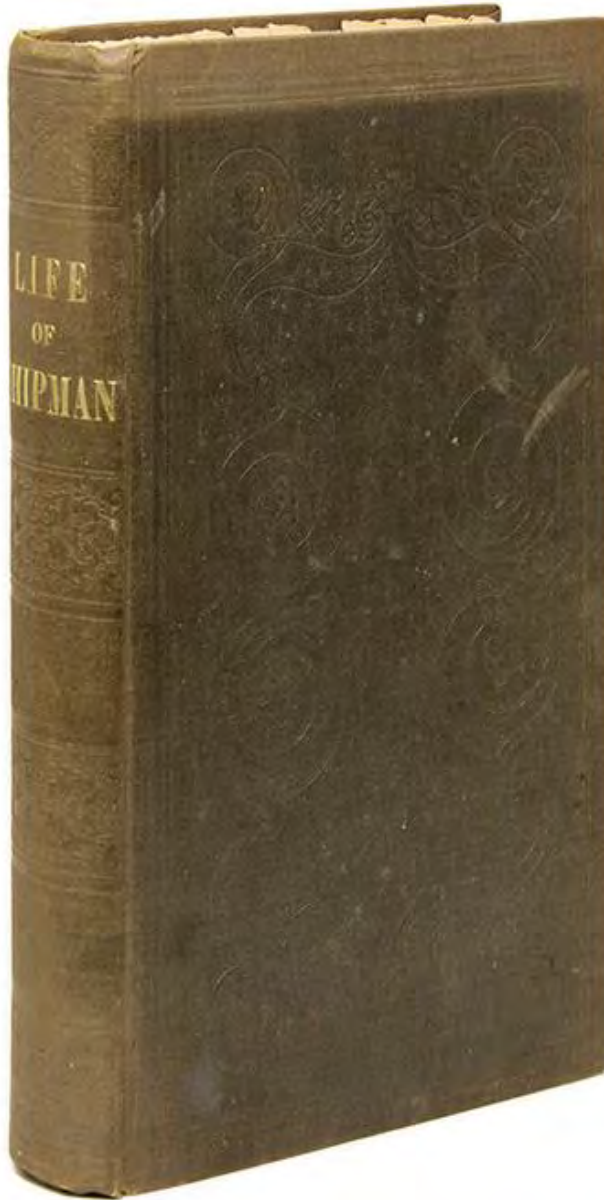
**Handsome First Edition of *Burn's Justice***

**6. Burn, Richard [1709-1785].**

*The Justice of the Peace, And Parish Officer*. [London]: Printed by Henry Lintot, 1755. Two volumes. xxvii, [1], 541, [3]; [iii], 573, [11] pp. Three-page publisher advertisement at end of Volume I, another one-page advertisement facing title page of Volume I. Octavo (8-1/4" x 5").

Contemporary calf, blind rules to boards, blind fillets along joints, blind tooling to board edges, raised bands and black-stamped volume numbers to spines. Light rubbing and a few minor stains to boards, heavier rubbing to extremities, some chipping to spine ends, corners bumped and somewhat worn, faint bookplate residue to pastedowns, hinges cracked. Light toning to text, somewhat heavier in places, minor stains and smudges to a few leaves, early owner annotations and signatures to endleaves and verso of Volume I title page. An appealing set. \$1,750.

\* First edition. A remarkably durable work, Burn's *Justice* went through 30 editions by 1869 and was excerpted often in early American justice manuals, such as Parker's *Conductor Generalis* (1764) and Burn's *Abridgment of Burn's Justice of the Peace and Parish Officer* (1773). It covers such topics as Accessory, Alehouses, Aliens, Assault and Battery, Bail (By Writ of Habeas Corpus), Bankrupt, Banks for Savings (Rules and Regulations), Burglary, Clergy, Dogs, Evidence, Excise and Customs, Fish and Fisheries, Forfeiture, Forgery, Game, Homicide, Indictment, Jurors, Libel, Oaths, Insolvent Debtors, Polygamy, Poor Law, Promissory Notes, Rape, Riot, Robbery, Taxes, Vagrants and much more. Holdsworth notes that "a perusal of these headings tells us something of the development of the system of local government" during the time of the book's publication. Holdsworth, *A History of English Law* X:162. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T68627. [Order This Item](#)



**An Important Figure in Vermont's Political History**

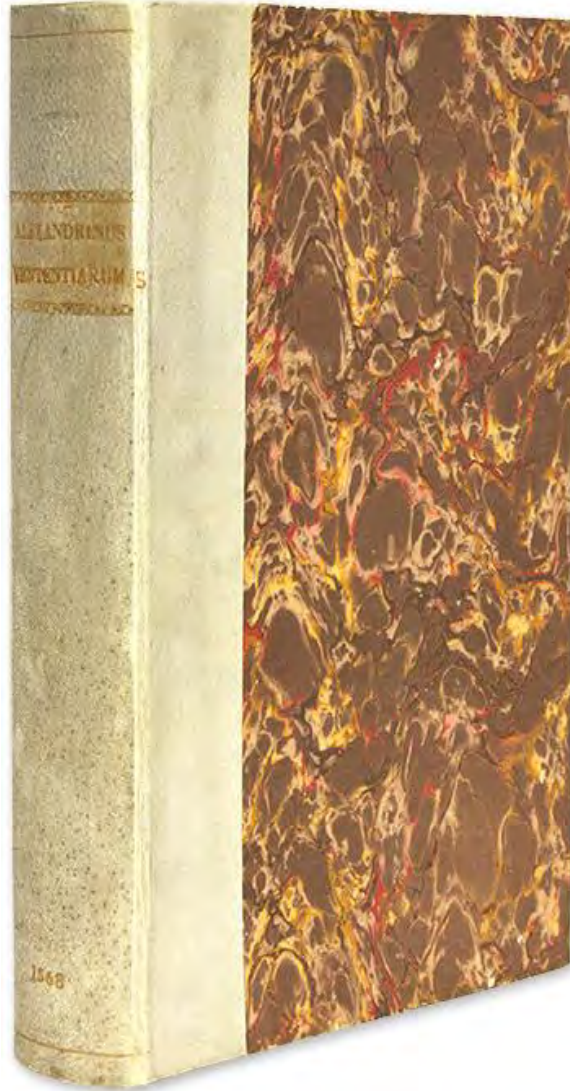
**7. Chipman, Daniel [1765-1850].**

*The Life of Hon. Nathaniel Chipman, LL.D.* Boston: Charles C. Little and James Brown, 1846. xii, 402 pp. Octavo (9-1/2" x 5-3/4").

Original cloth with decorative blind stamping, gilt title to spine. Light rubbing to extremities, light fading to upper edges of boards and spine, spine ends lightly bumped. Light toning to text, somewhat heavier in places, faint dampstaining and light foxing to a few leaves, early owner signature to front free endpaper. \$125.

\* First edition. An important figure in the political history of Vermont, Nathaniel Chipman [1752-1843] was instrumental in bringing Vermont into the Union in 1791. Nathaniel Chipman's brother, Daniel Chipman was a distinguished Vermont politician. [Order This Item](#)





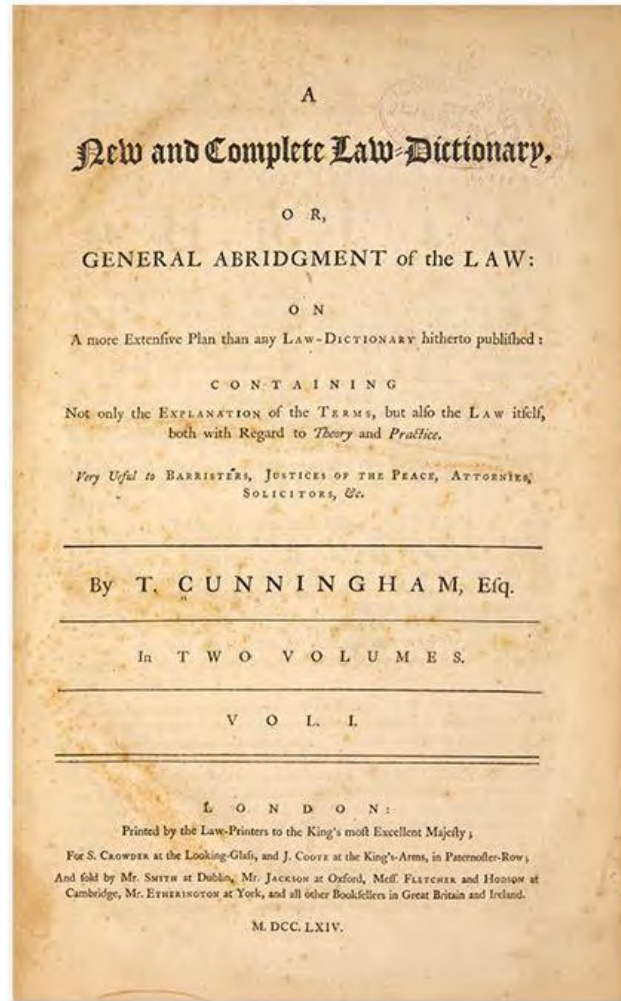
**Claro on Roman Criminal Law and Procedure**

**8. Claro, Giulio [1525-1575].**

*Sententiarum Receptar[um] Liber Quintus; In Quo Diversorum Criminum Materia XX. §§ Diligenter Explicatur. Item Practica Criminalis, Totius Criminalis Iudicii Ordinem & Delictorum Poenas Complectens, Ab Eodem Authore Prostrmo Supradicti Libri § Addita. Unà cum Singularum Quaestionum Summariis, & Indice Rerum Memorabilium Locupletissimo.* Venice: Apud Ionnem Gryphium, 1568. [320] ff. Folio (11-1/4" x 7-1/4").

Recent quarter vellum over marbled boards, gilt title to spine, endleaves added. Light rubbing to extremities, light soiling and faint spotting to spine. Moderate toning and faint dampstaining to text, brief early annotations to a few leaves. \$1,500.

\* First edition. With indexes. Claro was a Milanese jurist. This (bibliographically distinct) study of Roman criminal law and procedure, and the criminal law of Milan, was Book Five of an unfinished multi-volume work titled *Sententiae Receptae*. Six other editions were published in the sixteenth century and it was included in several collected-works editions, which began to appear during the seventeenth century. All editions of this work are scarce. OCLC locates 3 copies of the first edition in North America (Harvard Law School, UC-Berkeley Law School, University of Pennsylvania). *Censimento Nazionale delle Edizioni Italiane del XVI Secolo* CNCE 12643. [Order This Item](#)



First Edition of Cunningham's Dictionary

**9. Cunningham, T[imothy] [1718?-1789].**

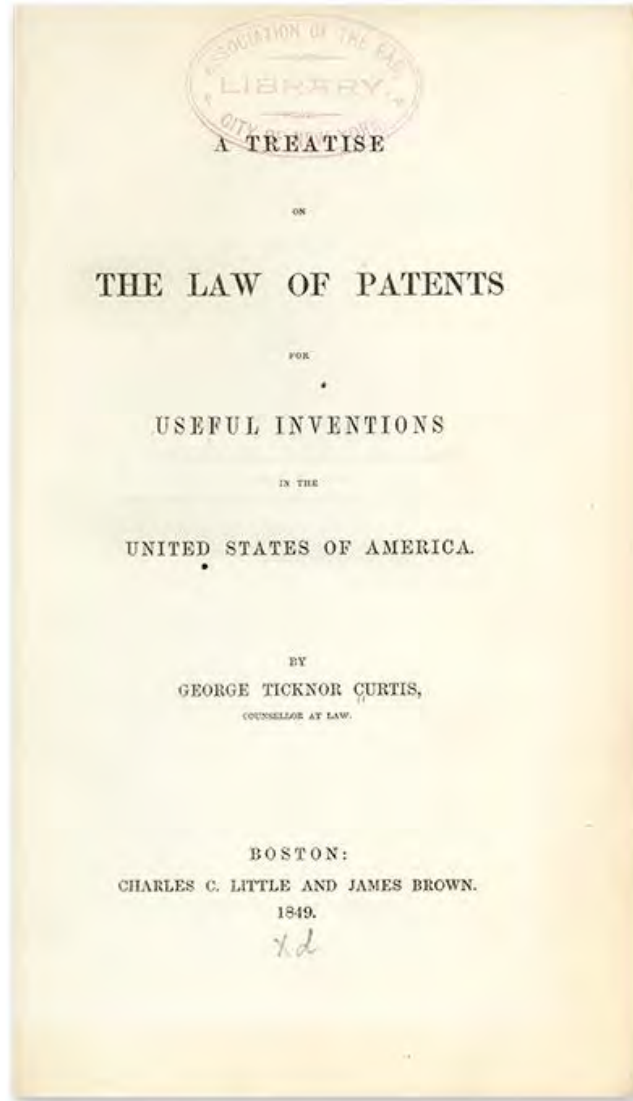
*A New and Complete Law-Dictionary, Or, General Abridgment of the Law: On a More Extensive Plan Than Any Law-Dictionary Hitherto Published: Containing not only the Explanation of the Terms, But Also the Law itself, Both with Regard to Theory and Practice. Very Useful to Barristers, Justices of the Peace, Attornies, Solicitors, &c.* London: Printed by the Law-Printers to the King's Most Excellent Majesty, 1764, 1765. Unpaged. Main text printed in parallel columns. Folio (13-3/4" x 9").

Recent period-style calf, blind rules to boards, raised bands and lettering pieces to spines, endpapers renewed. Moderate toning to text, light foxing in a few places, minor tears and small chips to some leaves, chipping to lower margins of 41 leaves near center of Volume II along gutter, light edgewear to preliminaries, minor stains to a few leaves. Ex-library. Faint inkstamps and embossed stamps to title pages, annotations to versos. A solid copy of a scarce title in a handsome binding. \$2,500.

\* First edition. Along with those of Jacob and Marriot, this was one of the most popular comprehensive English dictionaries of the period. According to Hicks, it was "The first...which aimed at completeness as regards legal terms." Like Jacob, Cunningham aimed to give a complete account of the law. The result is a work that is also an abridgment that includes summaries of cases and precedents in equity and statutes. Hicks and the *ESTC* note this edition was issued in 140 parts. Hicks, *Materials and Methods of Legal Research* (3rd. rev. ed.) 247. English Short-Title Catalogue T140761.

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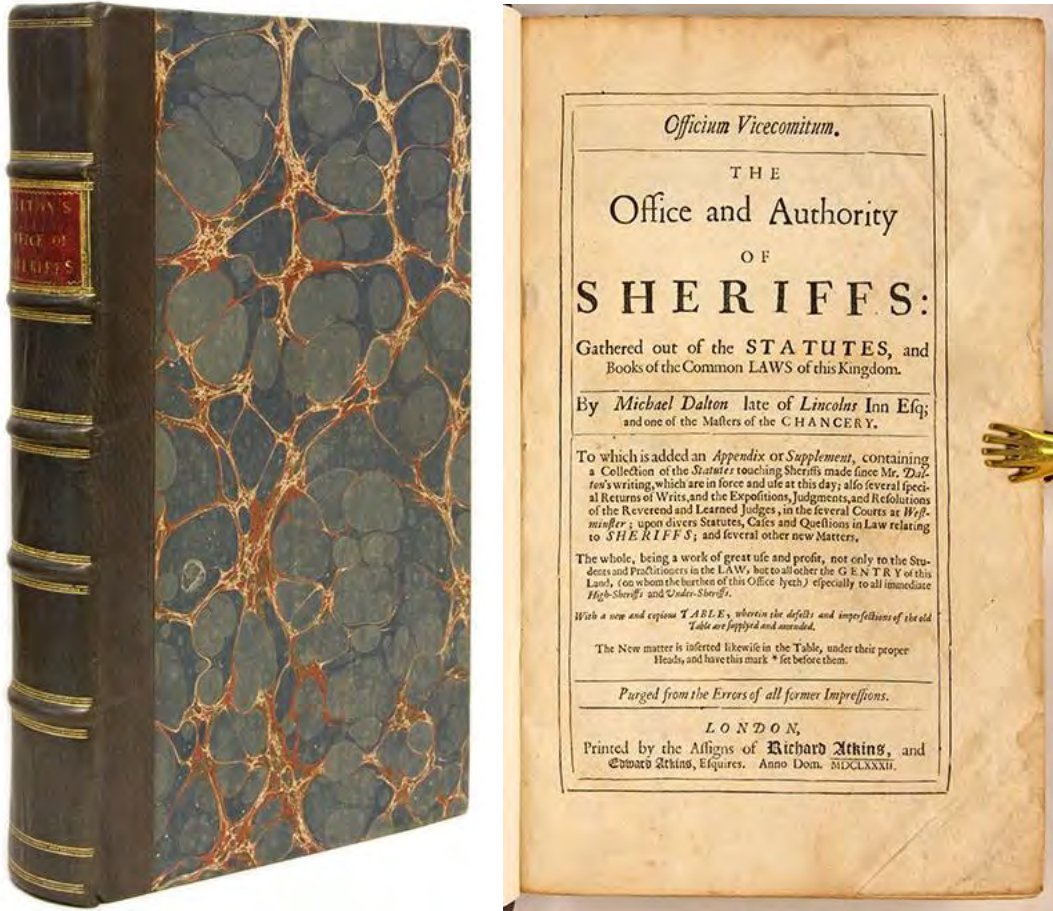
**First Edition of Curtis's Important Treatise on Patents**

**10. Curtis, George Ticknor [1812-1894].**

*A Treatise on the Law of Patents for Useful Inventions, in the United States of America.* Boston: Little, Brown and Co., 1854. xl, 604 pp. Octavo (9" x 6").

Recent period-style quarter calf over cloth, blind fillets and lettering piece to spine, endpapers renewed. Moderate toning to text, faint law-library stamp to head of title page, a few brief annotations to verso. A nice copy in a handsome binding. \$1,500.

\* First edition. Curtis's treatise was one of the earliest American treatises on the subject. The granting of patents in Anglo-American law has often been marked by confusion over their scope and intent. There has been much debate, for example, about whether patents create monopolies. Curtis argued that they do not according to the common law. Instead, a patent is a "grant by the government to the author of a new and useful invention, of the exclusive right, for a term of years, of practising that invention" (xxi). The fourth and final edition of this work was published in 1873. Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 7117. [Order This Item](#)



### The First English Treatise on Sheriffs

#### 11. Dalton, Michael [d.ca. 1648].

*Officium Vicecomitum. The Office and Authority of Sheriffs: Gathered Out of the Statutes, And Books of the Common Laws of this Kingdom. To which is Added an Appendix or Supplement, Containing a Collection of the Statutes Touching Sheriffs made Since Mr. Dalton's Writing, Which are in Force and Use at this day; Also Several Special Returns of Writs, And the expositions, Judgments, And Resolutions of the Reverend and Learned Judges, In the Several Courts at Westminster; Upon Divers Statutes, Cases and Questions in Law Relating to Sheriffs; And Several Other New Matters. The Whole, Being a Work of Great Use and Profit, Not Only to the Students and Practitioners in the Law, But to All Other the Gentry of this Land, (On Whom the Burthen of this Office Lyeth) Especially to All Immediate High-Sheriffs and Under-Sheriffs. With a New and Copious Table, Wherein the Defects and Imperfections of the Old Table are Supplied and Amended. The New Matter is Inserted Likewise in the Table, Under Their Proper Heads, And Have this Mark \* Set Before Them. Purged from the Errors of All Former Impressions.* London: Printed for the assigns of Richard Atkins, and Edward Atkins, 1682. [iv], 500; [4], 501-564, [28] pp. Two parts with continuous pagination. The second part, *Vicecomitis Officio Supplementum...* has separate title page, dated 1681. Folio (12-1/4" x 7-1/2").

Recent quarter calf over marbled boards, raised bands and retained contemporary lettering piece to spine, endpapers renewed. Moderate toning to text, somewhat heavier in places, occasional faint dampstaining, minor worming to upper margin of final 22 leaves of text, light soiling and edgewear to title page. A handsome copy. \$650.

\* Fourth edition. First issued in 1623, Dalton's was the first English treatise on sheriffs. As its title suggests, it is a remarkably comprehensive work. Holdsworth, who cites it several times, says "in spite of a growing number of rivals, it continued to be a standard authority until the beginning of the eighteenth century." *History of English Law* IV:119. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R27852. [Order This Item](#)





### The Classic Manual of the Spanish Inquisition

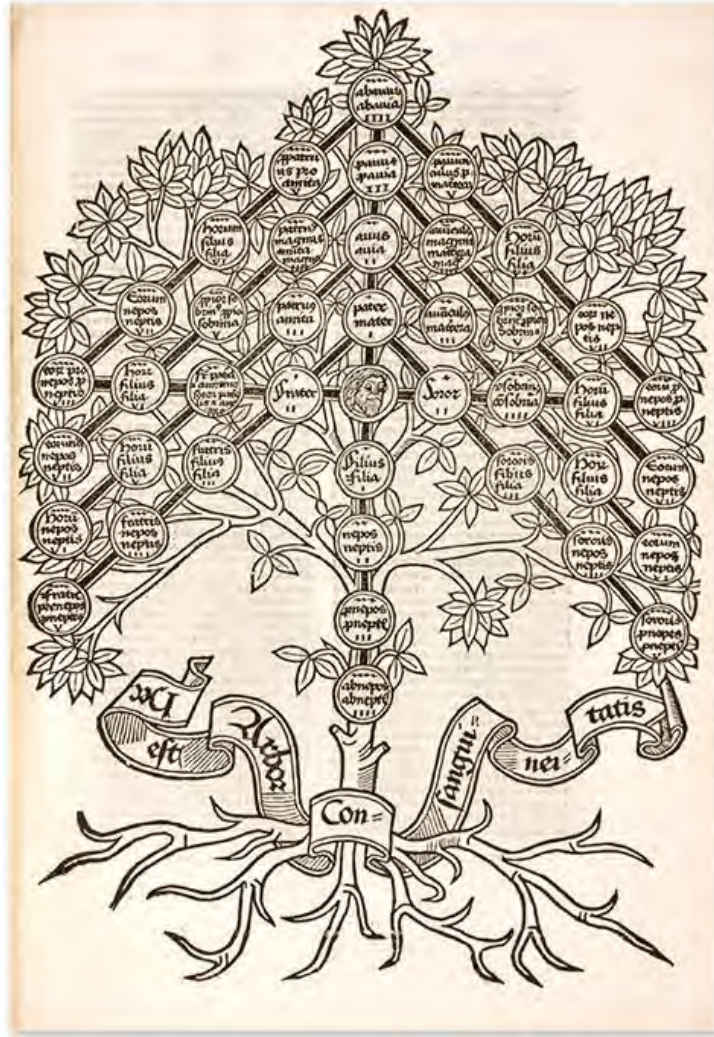
12. Eimeric, Nicolau [1320-1399].

Peña, Francisco [1540-1612], Editor, Commentary.

*Directorium Inquisitorum, Ordinis Praedicatorum, Cum Commentariis Francisci Pegne Sacrae Theologiae ac Iuris Utriusque Doctoris. In hac Postrema Editione Iterum Emendatum & Auctum, & Multis Litteris Apostolicis Locupletatum. Accessit Haeresum, Rerum et Verborum Multiplex, & Copiosissimus Index.* Venice: Apud Marcum Antonium Zalterium, 1607. [xxxii], 687, [57], 153, [7] pp. Main text in parallel columns. Folio (12-1/2" x 8-1/2").

Contemporary limp vellum, early hand-lettered title to spine, ties lacking. Light rubbing, soiling and a few minor stains, corners and spine ends bumped and somewhat worn, vellum beginning to crack through pastedowns, front hinge partially cracked, minor worming to rear pastedown, first two gatherings slightly loose and with light edgewear. Moderate toning to text, early private library marks to front free endpaper and foot of title page. \$3,000.

\* Later edition. The primary manual used by members of the Spanish Inquisition [1478-1834], the *Directorium Inquisitorum* circulated widely in manuscript and was first printed in Seville in 1500. Editions and translations of this durable work were issued into the eighteenth century. It outlines crimes of heresy, the errors of other faiths and such crimes as witchcraft, blasphemy, bigamy and sodomy. Also a procedure manual, it outlines denunciations, the investigation of crimes, including the use of torture, trials and punishments, including forms of excommunication. The book's second part consists of Papal documents regulating the Inquisition. *Universal Short-Title Catalogue* 4035319. [Order This Item](#)



**A Classic Guide to Pleading and Procedure in Roman and Canon Law**

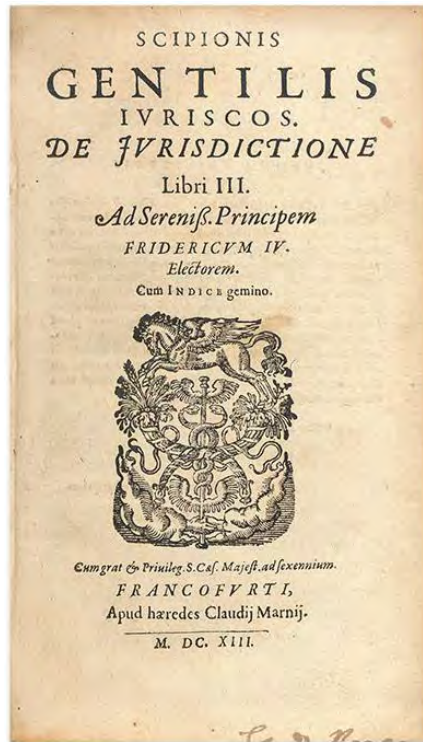
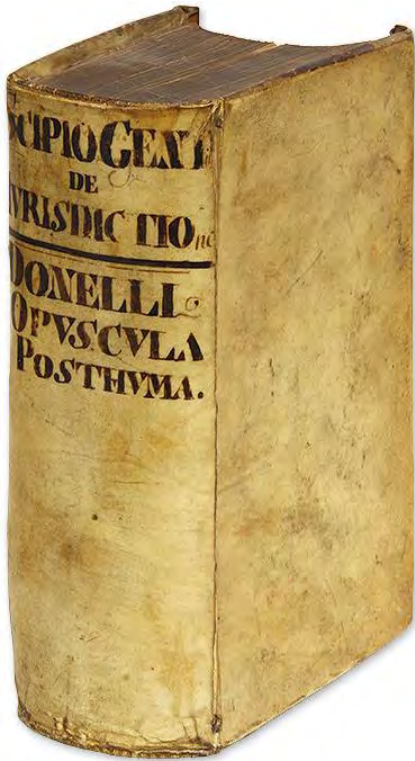
**13. [Ferrari, Giovanni Pietro (fl. 1389-1416)].**

[*Practica Nova Judicialis*]. [Nuremberg: Anton Koberger, 28 February 1482]. [viii], 204 ff. First and final blank leaves replaced. Text complete. Double column, 57-58 lines plus headline, gothic type, 5 to 16-line initial spaces. Full-page pictorial woodcut "Arbor Consanguinitatis." Collation: [a-b8, c-zA-M6]. Chancery folio (12-1/4" x 8-1/2").

Later vellum with lapped edges, lettering pieces, small library shelf number and label, to spine, edges rouged, endpapers renewed. Light soiling and some minor stains, moderate rubbing to extremities, recent library bookplate to front pastedown, library stamp to front free endpaper, embossed library stamp to following leaf. Text in parallel columns, 57-58 lines plus headline, gothic type, 5 to 16-line initial spaces. Light toning, slightly heavier in places, faint dampstaining and light soiling to preliminaries, minor early repairs to two preliminary leaves with no loss to text, first leaf with erased inscription and repair on blank recto, brief early annotations to a few passages. \$16,000.

\* An instant classic, Ferrari's treatise on pleading and procedure in Roman and canon law circulated widely in manuscript and was first printed around 1472. It went through 15 editions by 1499 and several later editions into the seventeenth century. Its popularity can be traced to its practical usefulness, clear organization and lucid exposition. OCLC locates 2 copies of this imprint in North America (Harvard Law School, Huntington Library). Goff, *Incunabula in American Libraries* F113. *Gesamtkatalog der Wiegendrucke* 9815. [Order This Item](#)





### Two Scarce Titles on Roman Law Bound Together

#### 14. Gentili, Scipione [1563-1616].

*De Jurisdictione Libri III. Ad Sereniss. Principem Fridericum IV. Electorem; Cum Indice Gemino.* Frankfurt: Apud Haeredes Claudij Marnii, 1613. [xvi], 475, [28] pp.

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#### Doneau, Hugues [1527-1591].

[Gentili, Scipione, Editor].

*Opuscula Postuma. Et Aliorum Quaedam. Ex Bibliotheca Scip. Gentilis. Iurisc.* Hanover: Typis Wecheliani apud Claudium Marnium & Heredes Ioannis Aubrii, 1604. [xx], 484, [4] pp.

Octavo (6-1/2" x 3-3/4"). Contemporary vellum with lapped edges, early hand-lettered titles to spine. Light soiling, spine ends bumped, light wear to corners, vellum beginning to crack through pastedowns, residue from bookplate to front pastedown, crack in text block between front endleaf and title page of *De Jurisdictione*. Moderate toning to text, contemporary annotations in a few places, later annotations dated 1811 to endleaves, recent owner signature to front endleaf. \$1,650.

\* *Jurisdictione*, second and final edition; *Opuscula*, first edition. This volume collects two scarce titles on Roman law. Gentili, a brother of Alberico Gentili, was an eminent law professor and legal scholar. Held in high esteem all over Europe, his fame probably surpassed that of his brother during his lifetime. As indicated by its title, *De Jurisdictione* is a study of jurisdiction, more specifically, legal authority and power. Its first edition was published in 1601. Doneau, or Donellus, was a French humanist jurist and scholar. An antagonist of Cujas, his only real peer, he applied the latest philological methods to Roman law and attempted to organize its texts in a systematic fashion. Derived by a manuscript owned by Gentili, Doneau's *Opuscula* is a collection of writings. Most of these deal with the *Codex Justinianus*. Later editions were published in 1609, 1766 and 1768. OCLC locates 2 copies of the 1613 edition of *Jurisdictione* in North America (Harvard Law School, Yale Law School), 2 copies of the 1613 edition of *Opuscula* (Boston College Law School, Stanford University). *Das Verzeichnis der im Deutschen Sprachraum Erschienenen Drucke des 17. Jahrhunderts* 1:059186R, 23:315652U. [Order This Item](#)



### Criminal Procedure in Canon Law

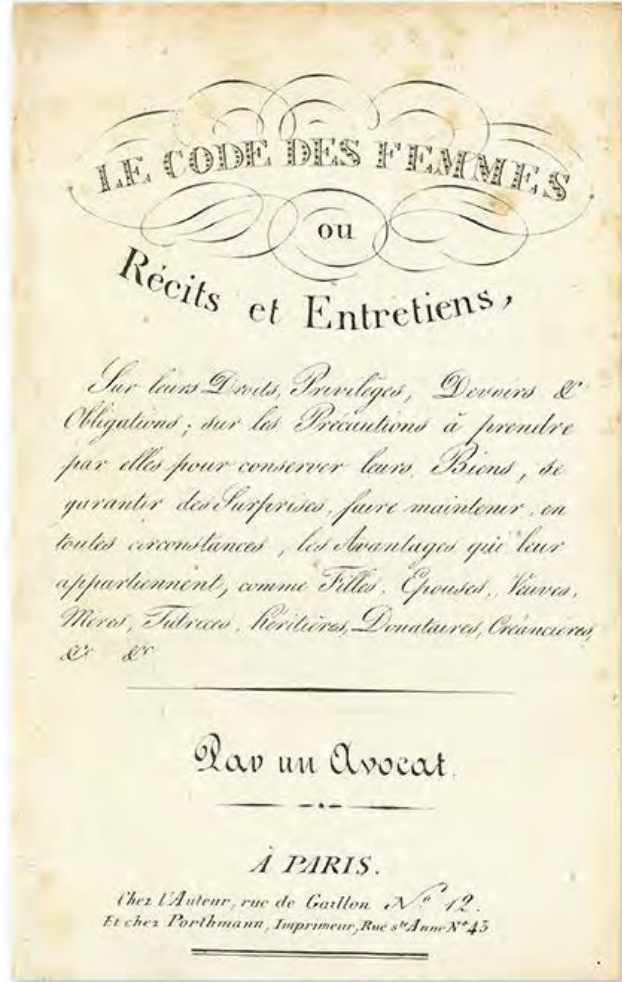
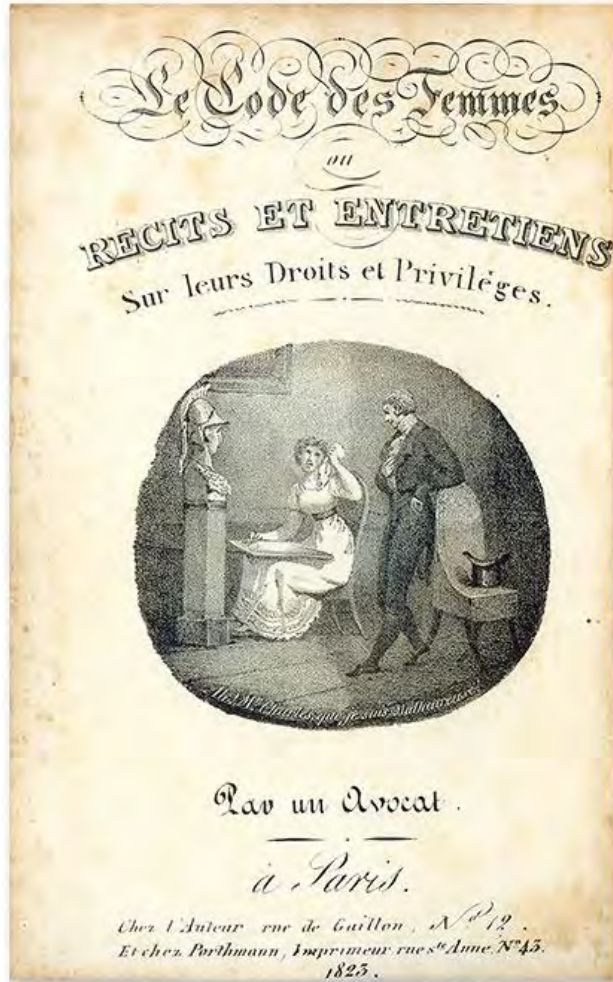
#### 15. Guazzini Sebastiano.

*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*. [Order This Item](#)





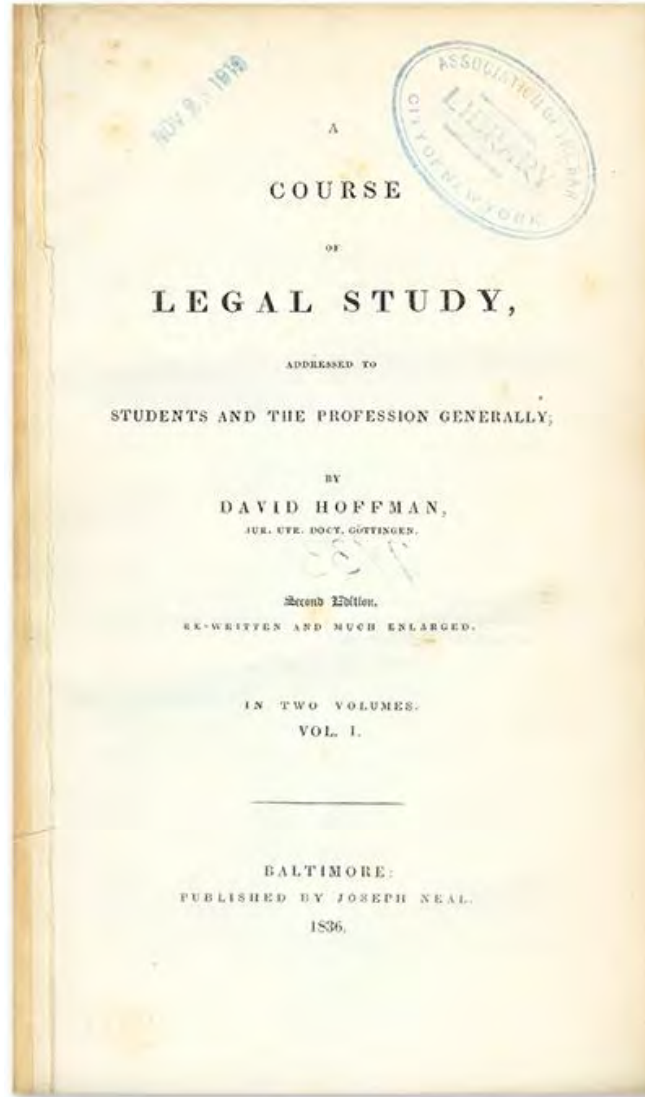
1823 French Guide on the Laws Relating to  
Women in the Form of a Novel with a Charming Pictorial Title Page

16. [Guichard, Augustin Charles].

*Le Code des Femmes Le Code des Femmes, Ou, Récits et Entretiens, Sur Leurs Droits, Privilèges, Devoirs et Obligations des Femmes: Sur les Précautions à Prendre par Elles pour Conserver Leurs Biens: Se Garantir des Surprises: Faire Maintenir, En Toutes Circonstances, Les Avantages qui Leur Appartiennent, Comme Filles, Épouses, Veuves, Mères, Tutrices, Héritières, Donataires Créancières, Etc., Etc. Par un Avocat.* Paris: Chez l'Auteur, 1823. [vi], 472 pp. Octavo (8-1/2" x 5").

Contemporary marbled boards, rebacked in period style quarter calf, hinges mended. Moderate rubbing to extremities. Main title page followed by lithograph pictorial title page. Moderate toning to text, occasional light foxing, (very) faint dampstaining in a few places. \$600.

\* First edition. An interesting guide to the laws relating to women after the Bourbon Restoration in the form of a novel. (This may have been a ploy to attract a female audience; French women were assumed to be fond of novels.) A second edition was published in 1828. Guichard was a prolific author of legal treatises and popular guides to the law. Not in Camus. This edition not in the *British Museum Catalogue*. [Order This Item](#)



**Hoffman's *Course of Legal Study***

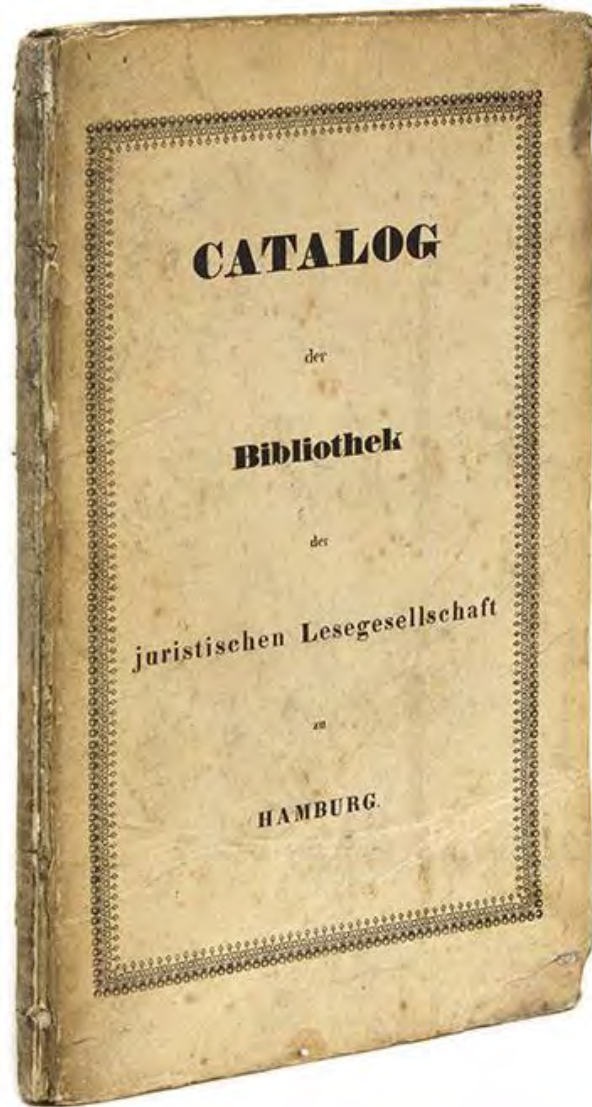
**17. Hoffman, David [1784-1854].**

*A Course of Legal Study, Addressed to Students and the Profession Generally. Re-Written and Much Enlarged.* Baltimore: Published by Joseph Neal, 1836. Two volumes in one. xviii, [19]-447; [2], [447]-876 pp. Octavo (9-1/4" x 5-3/4").

Recent period-style quarter calf over marbled boards, lettering piece and blind fillets to spine, endpapers renewed. Light toning to text, light foxing in places, chips to edges of a few leaves with no loss to text, library inkstamps to title pages, brief annotations to versos, brief early annotations in a few places. A scarce title in a handsome binding. \$1,500.

\* Second edition. Hoffman was a prominent pioneer in the establishment of university-based legal education. He helped to found the University of Maryland Law School in 1816 and was its first professor. His *Course of Legal Study* played a critical role in the development of law school curricula and provided guidance to hundreds of antebellum law students and attorneys. Story endorsed this book, saying it embodied a set of qualities "calculated to elevate the moral as well as intellectual character of the profession" More than a handbook, it provided a systematic course that encompassed jurisprudence, philosophy, economics, literature and personal behavior. A second edition was published in 1836. Story cited in Marvin, *Legal Bibliography* 391. Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 8628. [Order This Item](#)





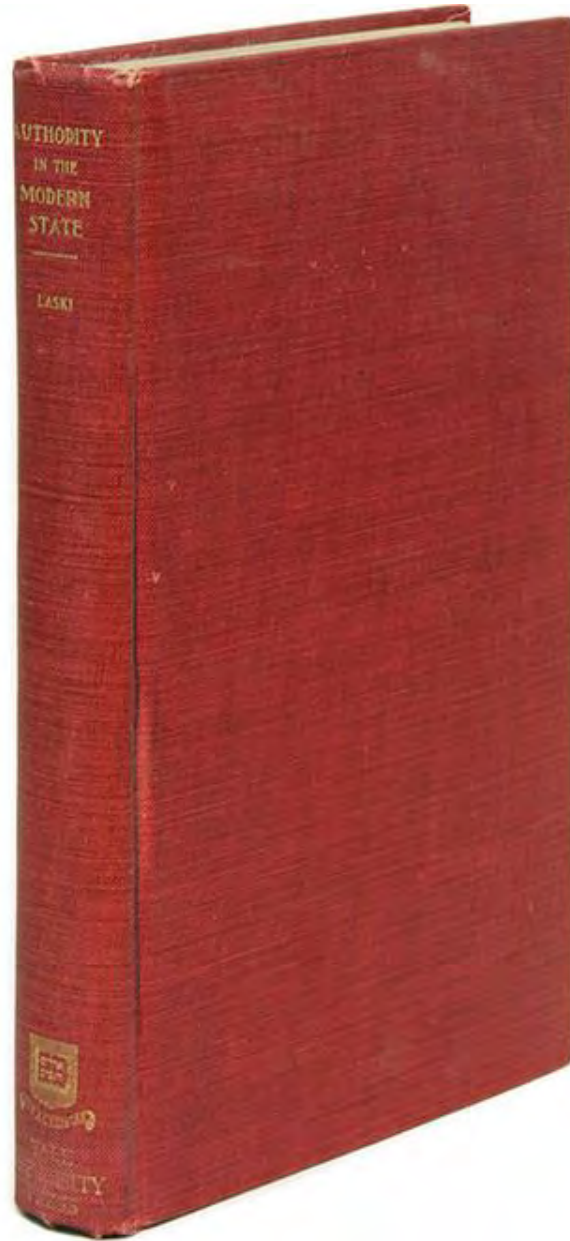
**1842 Library Catalogue of a Law-Society Library in Hamburg**

**18. Juristische Lesegesellschaft zu Hamburg.**

*Catalog der Bibliothek der Juristischen Lesegesellschaft zu Hamburg.* [Hamburg: Gedruckt bei F.H. Nestler & Melle], 1842. viii, 120, [2] pp. Octavo (8-1/4" x 5").

Printed paper boards. Light soiling, moderate rubbing to extremities, a few creases to boards, backstrip lacking, corners bumped and somewhat worn, a few cracks to text block. Moderate toning, light foxing in a few places. \$850.

\* The Juristische Lesegesellschaft zu Hamburg (Hamburg Legal Reading Society) was established in 1828. It served lawyers, judges and merchants involved in international trade. The library holdings are listed here, divided into seventeen sections, including general law, legal philosophy, public law, canon law, criminal law and trials, forensics, Roman private law, civil process, foreign law, trade law and maritime law. All of these sections have topical subdivisions. The preface mentions an earlier catalogue from 1836. Another edition was published in 1862. All are rare. OCLC locates 1 copy of the 1836 catalogue (Hamburg State Archive), 1 copy of the 1842 catalogue (Hamburg State Archive) and 2 of the 1861 catalogue (Harvard Law School, Hamburg State Archive, Hamburg City and University Library). Another copy located at Yale Law School. [Order This Item](#)



**First Edition of One of Laski's Most Important Books**

**19. Laski, Harold J. [1893-1950].**

*Authority in the Modern State*. New Haven: Yale University Press, 1919. 398 pp.

Cloth, gilt title to spine. Light shelfwear, light toning to text. \$20.

\* This work was intended to be a sequel to *Studies in the Problem of Sovereignty* (1917). Here Laski argues that sovereignty is best understood as a type of authority, and he supports his case with examples drawn principally from modern French history. After tracing the origins of his subject, Laski considers the significance of Bonald, Lamennais, Royer-Collard and the Syndicalist movement. Laski was a professor at Harvard at the time of publication. He was Justice Holmes's protégé and notes in his preface that some of the ideas in this book were drawn from their discussions. [Order This Item](#)



New Brunswick February 18<sup>th</sup> 1841  
Amos R. Clark  
I now take this opportunity of  
pursuing you a few lines in answer to your  
letter of the 5<sup>th</sup> inst. I am at present enjoying  
good health and hope that this letter may  
find you enjoying the same blessing. I  
was however had but little strength the winter  
and when it was I was so engaged that  
I could not reply to you for I had not had  
the pleasure of having one side but if we  
have any more snow I intend to take a  
ride in the country. I would be glad if you  
could come and see me and get along and  
we would have a jolly time. I called in  
Mrs. White a few moments ago the girls said  
that she had gone out to spend the evening they  
said that they were all well. Grog Carver is  
still a living with the fever but he sends his  
respects to you and his health continues about  
the same but I am in hopes that he will  
get better in the spring. He says he wants to  
see you very much and wishes if you can spare  
time this spring you would come and spend  
a few days with him. I suppose that you heard  
of the horrid murder which was committed  
in our city some time ago by Peter Robinson

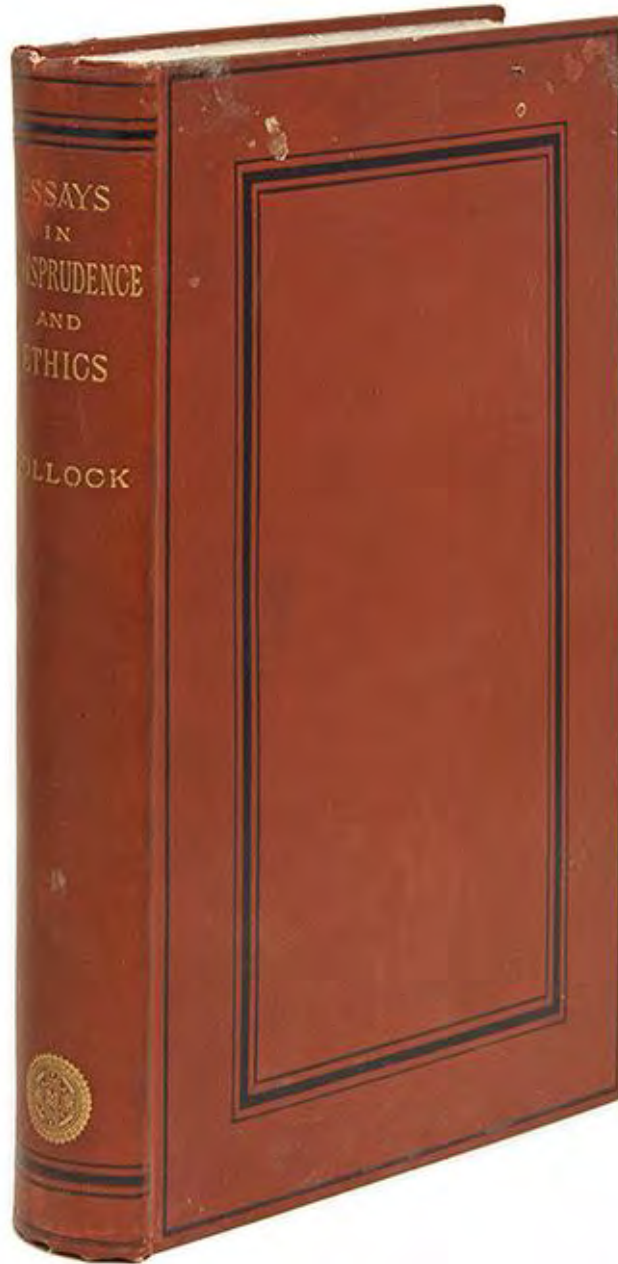
**With Commentary on a Murder that May Have  
Inspired One of Edgar Allen Poe's Most Famous Stories**

20. [Murder].  
[New Jersey].  
Miller, John F.  
Clark, Amos R.

[Autograph Letter, Signed, To Amos R. Clark, New Brunswick, February 18, 1841].

Single leaf folded to form 10-1/2" x 8-1/2" bifolium, franked on verso of single leaf. Content in neat hand to rectos and versos of bifolium leaves. Light toning and a few minor stains, vertical and horizontal fold lines, small loss at wax seal with no loss to text. \$150.

\* Miller was a merchant in New Brunswick, NJ, Clark an attorney in Tarrytown, NY. About half of the letter discusses two trials pending in New Brunswick. One involves an African-American who killed another African-American, apparently in self-defense. Miller is certain that the "Negro will not be hung." The other was one of the year's most sensational murder cases: the murder of Abraham Suydam, a banker, by Peter Robinson, one of his debtors. "I suppose that you heard of the horrid murder which was committed in our city sometime ago by Peter Robinson on Mr. Abraham Suydam Esq. [H]is trial comes on now in a few weeks. [I]t is the opinion of the publick that he will be hung. I think hanging is too good for him." Robinson beat Suydam to death and buried him under the floorboards of his house. Many scholars believe this nationally infamous case provided the inspiration for Edgar Allan Poe's "The Tell-Tale Heart" (1843). [Order This Item](#)



**Pollock on Jurisprudence and Ethics**

**21. Pollock, Sir Frederick [1845-1937].**

*Essays in Jurisprudence and Ethics*. London: Macmillan & Co., 1882. x, [1], 383 pp. Octavo (8-1/2" x 5-1/2").

Original cloth, black-stamped frames to boards, gilt titles to spine. A few small spots and water stains to front board, spine ends bumped and lightly worn, light wear to corners, early owner signature to verso of front free endpaper. \$100.

\* First edition. A work in which we see "that power of stating difficult technical doctrines clearly and simply, which is the touchstone of the master, and that felicity of expression which is the mark of the man of letters.": Holdsworth, *The Historians of English Law* 94-95. *Catalogue of the Library of the Law School of Harvard University* II:367. [Order This Item](#)

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**Rare Seventeenth-Century Compilation of Rouen's Poor Laws**

**22. [Poor Laws].  
[Rouen].**

*Police Générale du Bureau des Pauvres Valides, Hospital Général de la Ville de Rouën.* Rouen: Chez Laurens Maurry, 1677. [iv], 92 pp. Quarto (8-1/2" x 6-1/2").

Stab-stitched pamphlet. Light soiling to exterior, minor rubbing to extremities with some wear to corners of a few leaves at the front and rear of text block, light toning to text, light foxing to a few leaves, early underlining and marks to margins in a few places. \$2,400.

\* This is a chronologically arranged compilation of poor laws spanning the years 1534 to 1669. Interesting for their insight into the history of social welfare legislation, these laws address such topics as shelter, medical care and legal status. Our copy is one of two editions located, the other from 1701. Both appear to be rare. OCLC locates 2 copies of the 1677 imprint (Bibliothèque Mazarine, Paris, Newberry Library) and one of the 1701 imprint (Bibliothèque Interuniversitaire de Santé, Paris). Not in the *British Museum Catalogue*. [Order This Item](#)



### Compilation of Sir Henry Spelman's Writings

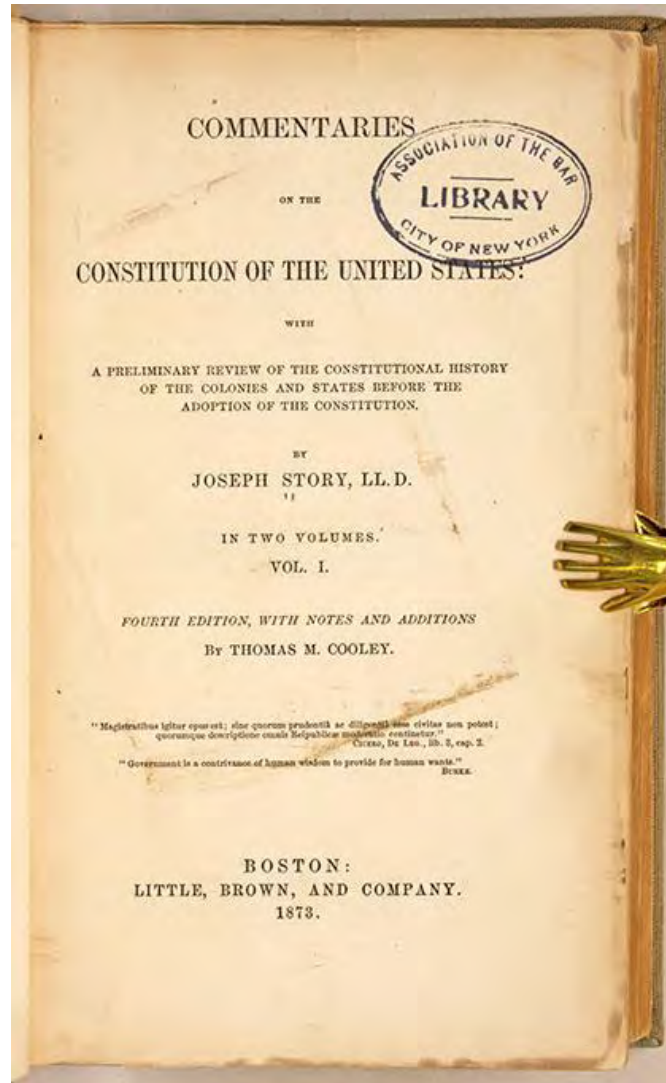
#### 23. Spelman, Sir Henry [?1564-1641]. [Gibson, Edmund, Editor].

*Reliquiae Spelmannianæ: The Posthumous Works of Sir Henry Spelman Relating to the Laws and Antiquities of England Published from the Original Manuscripts. With the Life of the Author.* Oxford: Printed at the Theater for Awnsham and John Churchill, 1698. [xxxii], 214, [12] pp. Copperplate vignette of Oxford's Sheldonian Theatre to title page. Two folding tables. Copperplate portrait frontispiece lacking. Folio (12-1/2" x 8").

Contemporary paneled calf, rebaked in period style, raised bands and lettering piece to spine, lower corners repaired, front endleaves renewed, rear hinge mended. Some rubbing and minor nicks and scuffs to boards, faint stain to front board, moderate rubbing to extremities, corners bumped, upper corners lightly worn, title page re-hinged, crack in text block between title page and following leaf. Moderate toning to text, occasional faint dampstaining and dampspotting, light edgewear to a few leaves, a few clean tears to fold lines of tables, minor worming to rear pastedown. \$250.

\* Only edition. Contents mostly in English, a few essays in Latin. Spelman was an eminent antiquarian, legal historian and member of Parliament. This volume consists largely of an essay on feuds and a reprint of his 1641 treatise *The Original Growth, Propagation and Condition of Tenures by Knight Service* (1641). Another important item is the "Apologie for Arch-Bishop Abbot," which addresses Abbot's manslaughter conviction by chance medley in a test case for a clergyman's rights under such circumstances. Other essays discuss wills, land tenures, the rank of knights, early English law, military law and historical subjects. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R22617. [Order This Item](#)





**Uncommon Cooley Edition of Story's *Commentaries on the Constitution***

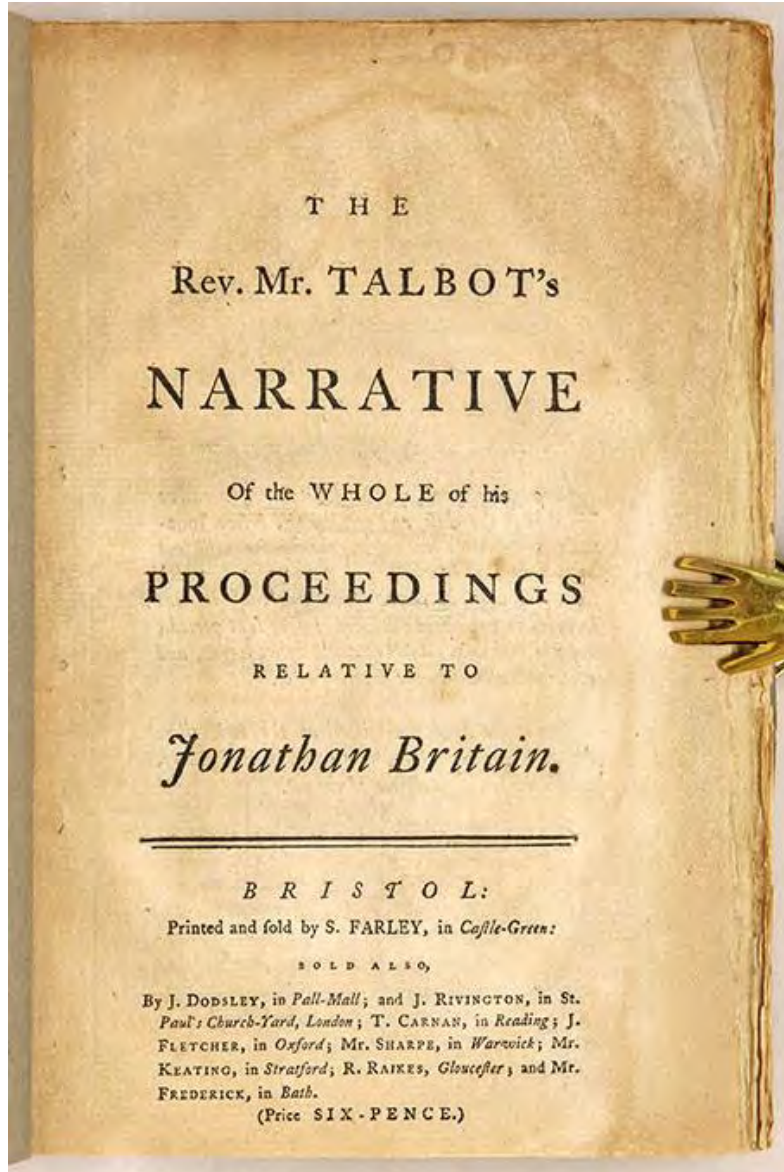
**24. Story, Joseph [1779-1845].**

**Thomas M. Cooley, (1824-1898)], Editor.**

*Commentaries on the Constitution of the United States: With a Preliminary Review of the Constitutional History of the Colonies and States Before the Adoption of the Constitution.* Boston: Little, Brown, and Company, 1873. Two volumes. xxxii, 752; 737 pp. Octavo (9" x 6").

Recent period-style calf, raised bands and lettering pieces to spine. Light toning to text, moderate edgewear, light soiling and small library inkstamps to title pages. Quite uncommon in the trade. \$2,500.

\* Fourth edition. *Commentaries on the Constitution* was the most extensive and widely discussed study of the Constitution written during the antebellum period. It was originally published in 1833 and the next two editions appeared in 1851 and 1858. Divided into three books, it offers a strongly nationalist interpretation of the Federal constitution. Published in 1873, Cooley's edition updated Story's text to include discussion of the 13th, 14th and 15th Amendments, as well as other changes introduced during the Civil War and Reconstruction. Cooley's additions are enclosed in square brackets, some notes by Edmund Bennett, the editor of the third edition, are retained and attributed. *Catalogue of the Library of the Harvard Law School* (1909) II:669. [Order This Item](#)



### Accused of Helping a Notorious Forger

**25. Talbot, [William] [1718 or 1719-1774].**

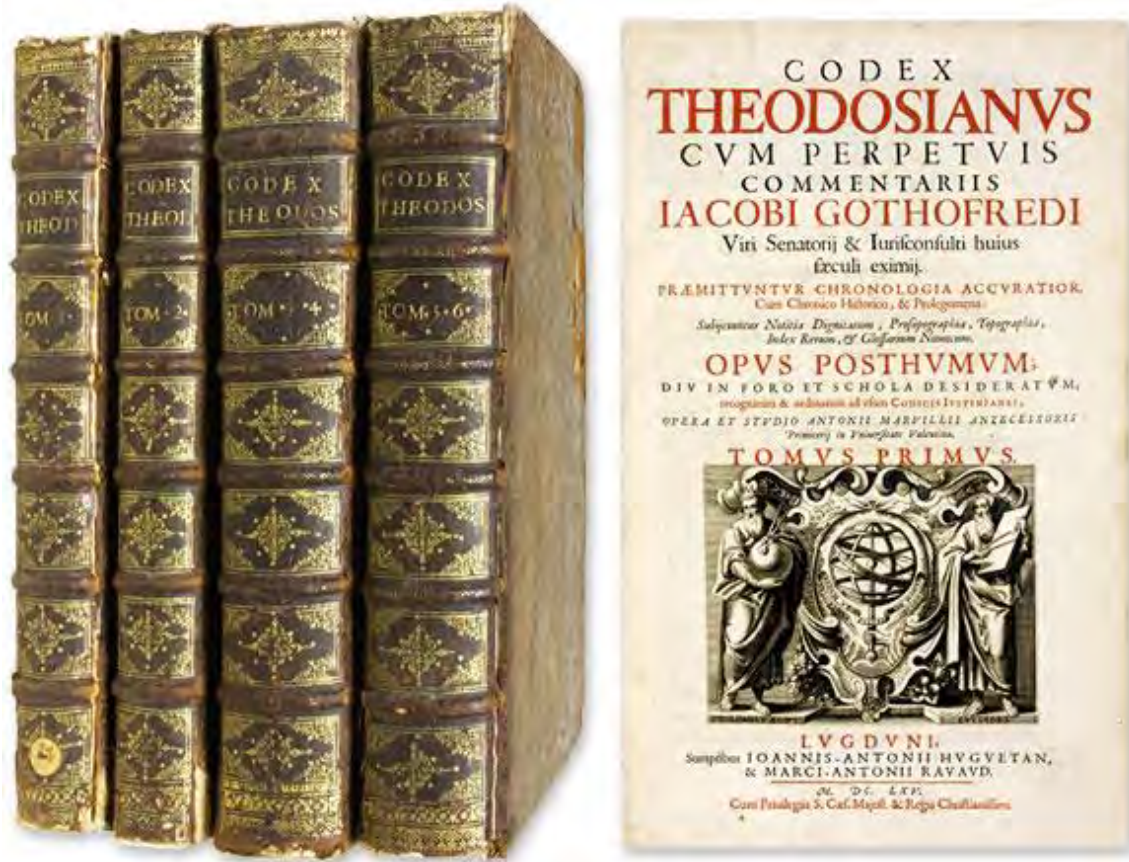
*The Rev. Mr. Talbot's Narrative of the Whole of His Proceedings Relative to Jonathan Britain.* Bristol: Printed and Sold by S. Farley, [1772]. 93, [1] pp. Octavo (8" x 5-1/2").

Stab-stitched pamphlet in recent plain stiff wrappers, untrimmed edges. Moderate toning, occasional faint dampstaining, light dampspotting to a few leaves, light soiling to title page. \$950.

\* Only edition. As a prison visitor, Rev. Talbot became involved in the case of the forger Jonathan Britain, executed in 1772. Sympathetic to Britain, and apparently conned by him, he attempted to save him from the gallows and get him a new trial. His efforts on Britain's behalf brought him a great deal of criticism. *The Rev. Mr. Talbot's Narrative* is his reply to the critics. OCLC locates 1 copy in a North American law library (Harvard). *English Short-Title Catalogue* T44853.

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First Edition of Godefroy's Edition of the Theodosian Code

**26. Theodosius II [408-450 CE], Emperor of the East.**

**Godefroy, Jacques [1587-1652], Editor.**

**Marville, Antoine [1609-1663], Editor.**

*Codex Theodosianus: Cum Perpetuis Commentariis Iacobi Gothofredi. Praemittuntur Chronologia Accuratio, Cum Chronico Historico, & Prolegomena: Subijciuntur Notitia Dignitatum, Prosopographia, Topographia, Index Rerum, & Glossarium Nomicum. Opus Posthumum; Div in Foro et Schola Desideratum, Recognitum & Ordinaturn ad Usum Codicis Iustiniani, opera et Studio Antonii Marvillii Antecessoris.* Lyons: Sumptibus Ioannis-Antonii Huguetan, & Marci-Antonii Rauaud, 1665. Six volumes in four books. Main text in parallel columns. Folio (14-1/4" x 9").

Contemporary calf, gilt spines, speckled edges. Moderate rubbing, some wear to spine ends and corners, some scuffing to boards, most joints and a few hinges cracked or starting, early armorial bookplate of private library to front pastedown of each book, small location label to spine of Volume I (at foot). Title pages in red and black, woodcut head-pieces and decorated initials. Light toning, occasional foxing, internally clean. A handsome set. \$5,000.

\* First edition. The *Codex Theodosianus* is an official compilation of all laws enacted since the reign of Constantine that was commissioned by Emperor Theodosius II in 429 CE. Completed in 438 CE, and ratified that year by the senate, it was the standard legal text of the empire, one that superseded all earlier codes. It would later exert enormous influence on the barbarians who assumed control of the Western Empire. The Visigoths, Ostrogoths, Franks, Lombards and Burgundians used it as the basis for their legal codes. Godefroy's edition, which includes extensive commentary, was the first modern edition of the *Codex*. It remains a masterpiece of scholarship and erudition. This edition also contains additional notes by Antoine Marville. Graesse, *Tresor de Livres Rares et Precieux* 209. *British Museum Catalogue* (Compact Edition) 21:980.

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**27. Theodosius II, Emperor of the East.**

**Godefroy, Jacques, Editor.**

**Marville, Antoine, Editor.**

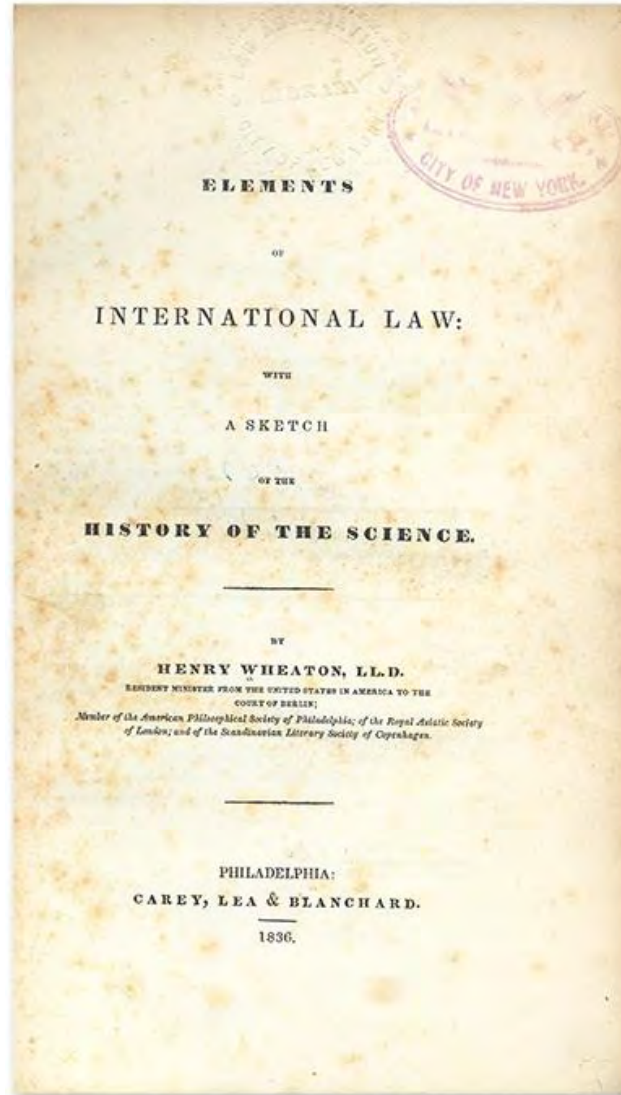
**Ritter, Johann Daniel [1709-1775], Editor.**

*Codex Theodosianus Cum Perpetuis Commentariis Jacobi Gothofredi. Praemittuntur Chronologia Accuratio, Chronicon Historicum, & Prolegomena Subjiciuntur Notitia Dignitatum, Prosopographia, Topographia, Index Rerum, & Glossarum Nomicum. Opus Posthumum Div in Foro, & Schola Desideratum, Recognitum, & Ordinatam ad Usam Codicis Iustiniani Opera, & Studio Antonii Marvillii Antecessoris. Editio Nova in VI. Tomos Digesta, Collata cum Antiquissimo Codice ms. Wurceburgensi, & Libris Editis, Iterum Recognita, Emendata, Variorumque Observationibus Aucta; Quibus Adjecit Suas Joan. Dan. Ritter. Mantua: Prostant Venetiis apud Franciscum Pitteri, 1740-1750. Seven parts in six volumes (Volume VI has two parts). Main text in parallel columns. Folio (14-1/2" x 9-1/2").*

Original publisher boards, untrimmed edges. Light soiling, moderate rubbing to extremities with some wear to spine ends and corners, one leaf in Volume IV loose, apparently never bound. Main title page printed in red and black, attractive woodcut title-page devices, head-pieces and tail-pieces, a few copperplate text illustrations (of seals and documents). Light toning to text, somewhat heavier in places, internally clean. Ex-library. Annotations in pencil to front boards and preliminaries, bookplates to front pastedowns. A nice set. \$1,750.

\* Reprint of the second, and final, edition. Our Mantua edition, a reissue of a set issued in Leipzig by Weidmann from 1734-1745, contains additional notes by Johann Ritter. *British Museum Catalogue* (Compact Edition) 21:980. [Order This Item](#)





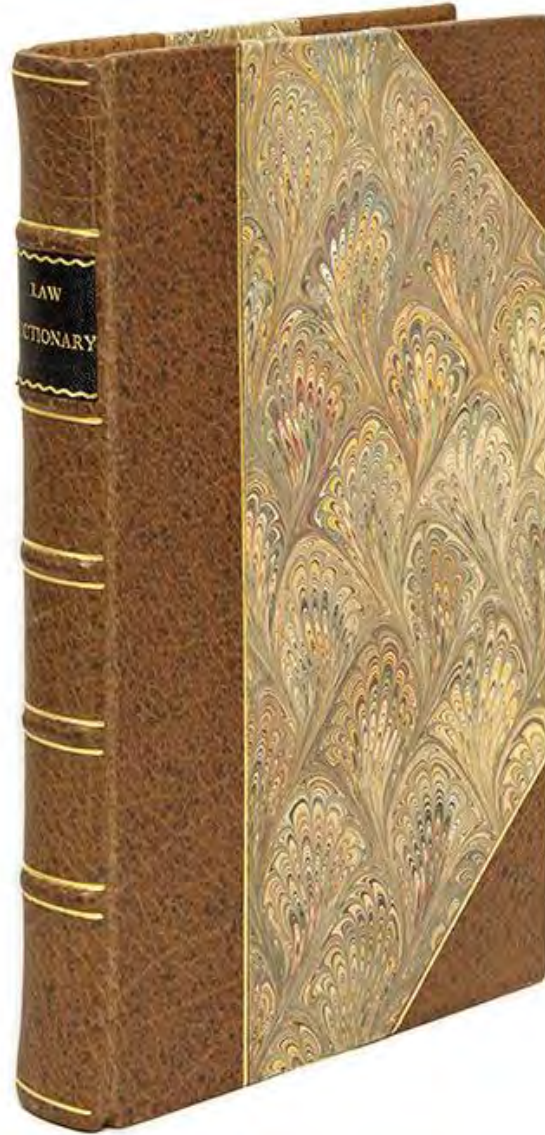
**First Edition of Wheaton's Important Treatise on International Law**

**28. Wheaton, Henry [1785-1848].**

*Elements of International Law: With a Sketch of the History of the Science.* Philadelphia: Lea & Blanchard, 1836. xiv, [15]-375; [20] pp. Includes 20-page publisher catalogue. Octavo (9-1/4" x 5-3/4").

Recent period-style quarter calf over marbled boards, lettering piece and blind fillets to spine, endpapers renewed. Moderate toning and light foxing to text, ink and embossed library stamps to title page, brief annotations to verso, embossed stamp to head of pp. 17-18. A scarce title in a handsome binding. \$750.

\* First edition. An important treatise on international law by a distinguished lawyer and diplomat that went through several later editions and translations. "Mr. Wheaton's early familiarity with the jurisprudence and foreign relations of the United States, his long experience in diplomacy, his intimate acquaintance with European languages and foreign diplomatic writers, entitles his writings upon International Law to more than ordinary consideration. His works enjoy the highest reputation for the soundness of their views, and the learning and research displayed in illustrating the various topics discussed." Marvín, *Legal Bibliography* 728, citing third edition. Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 7200. [Order This Item](#)



**A Notably Handsome Copy of Whishaw's Dictionary**

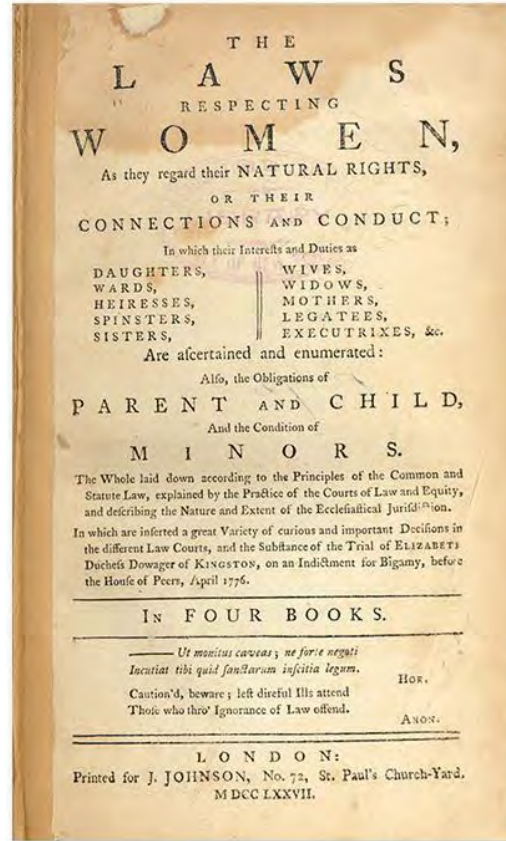
**29. Whishaw, James [1808-1879].**

*A New Law Dictionary: Containing a Concise Exposition of the Mere Terms of Art, and Such Obsolete Words as Occur in Old Legal, Historical and Antiquarian Writers.* London: J. & W.T. Clarke, 1829. [iii]-viii, 342 pp. Half-title lacking. Main text in parallel columns. Octavo (8" x 5-1/4").

Recent period-style three-quarter calf over marbled boards, gilt rules to boards, raised bands, gilt fillets and lettering piece to spine, all edges gilt. Negligible light toning to text. A notably handsome copy. \$950.

\* Only edition. Whishaw, a member of Gray's Inn, set out to produce a concise law dictionary in the tradition of Rastell, which would offer rather than a voluminous encyclopedic dictionary in the manner of Jacob's. Though intended for the young lawyer, it is not a dictionary for novices only. Whishaw included French, Latin and English words and phrases as well as "obsolete words" from such early authorities as Cowell, Blount and Hale. Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 2:377. [Order This Item](#)





### Women and the Law in Eighteenth-Century England

#### 30. [Women]. [Great Britain].

*The Laws Respecting Women, As They Regard Their Natural Rights, Or Their Connections and Conduct; In Which Their Interests and Duties as Daughters, Wards, Heiresses, Spinsters, Sisters, Wives, Widows, Mothers, Legatees, Executrixes, &c. Are Ascertained and Enumerated: also, the Obligations of Parent and Child, And the Condition of Minors. The Whole Laid Down According to the Principles of the Common and Statute Law, Explained by the Practice of the Courts of Law and Equity, And Describing the Nature and Extent of the Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction. In Which are Inserted a Great Variety of Curious and Important Decisions in the Different Law Courts, And the Substance of the Trial of Elizabeth Duchess Dowager of Kingston, On an Indictment for Bigamy, Before the House of Peers, April 1776. In Four Books.* London: Printed for J. Johnson, 1777. [xxiii], [1], 449, [15] pp. Octavo (7-1/2" x 5").

Recent period-style calf, blind rules to boards, raised bands and lettering piece to spine, endpapers renewed, title page and final leaf of index mounted. Light browning, faint dampstaining to upper margins of preliminaries and first 20 leaves of text, negligible minor loss to text of index leaf, legibility not affected. Ex-library. Faint inkstamp and faint embossed stamp to title page. A nice copy in a handsome binding. \$3,000.

\* Only edition. This is one of the earliest books on the English law concerning women. (The first was published in 1632.) Holdsworth holds it in high regard and considers it the best of the early books on the subject. It is in four books. The first book deals with the personal status of women, marriage law and the settlement of married women who are paupers. The second book deals with the proprietary status of spinsters, wives and widows. The third book deals with crimes, the fourth with parents and children and the position of minors. It also contains a critical account of the sensational Kingston bigamy trial, which inspired two plays by Thackeray. Holdsworth, *A History of English Law* XII:399-400. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T149863. [Order This Item](#)