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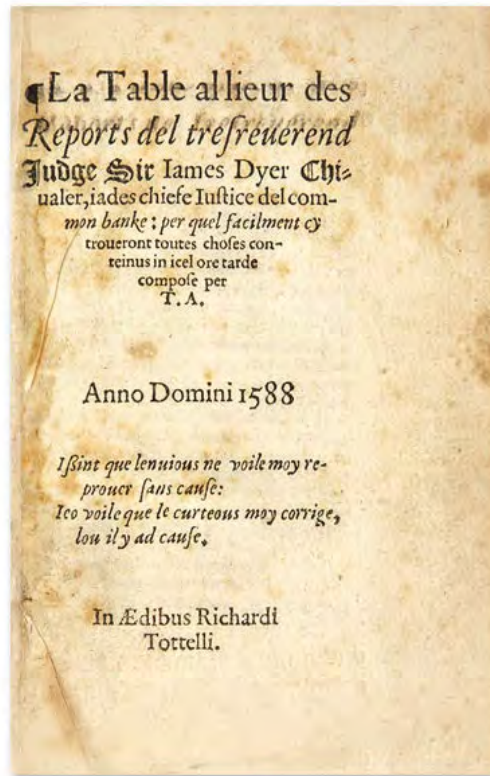
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Early English Law Books*

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An Early Guide to Dyer's Reports

1. A[she], T[homas] [c.1556-1618]. [Dyer, Sir James (1510-1582)].

La Table al Lieur des Reports del Tresreuerend Judge Sir Iames Dyer Chivaler, Iades Chiefe Iustice del Common Banke. Per Quel Facilment cy Troueront Toutes Choses Conteinus in Icel Ore Tarde Compose per T.A. London: In Aedibus Richardi Tottelli, 1588. [viii], 167, [1] ff. Octavo (5" x 3-1/2").

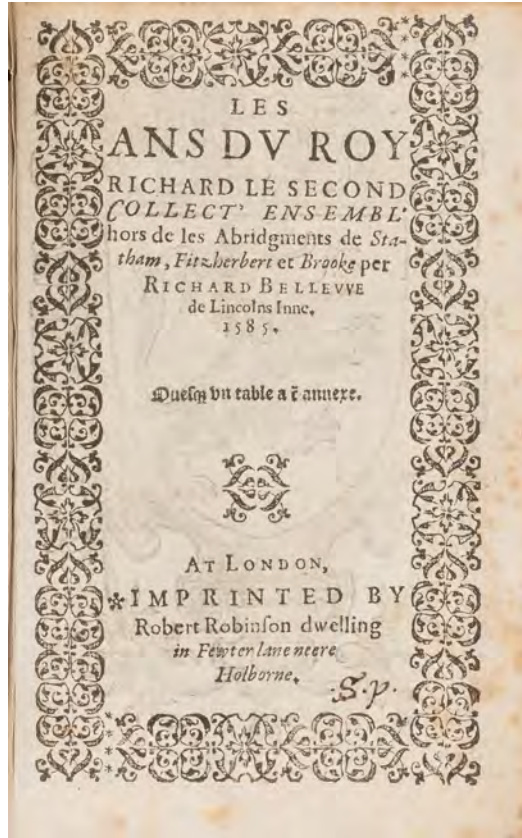
Contemporary calf, rebaked retaining spine, blind rules, central blind arabesques and initials "E R" to boards, raised bands and later hand-lettered title label to spine, endpapers renewed, bookplates retained. Moderate rubbing to extremities, corners bumped, later armorial bookplate of William Hopkinson to front pastedown, presentation bookplate from Hopkinson to the County Magistrates, Lincoln, and another plate listing previous owners of the book to rear pastedown. Moderate toning to text, light foxing in a few places, internally clean. \$950.

* First edition. Ashe was highly regarded for his treatises and indexes of reporters. Issued two years after the first edition of Dyer's *Reports*, this 1588 table was Ashe's first publication. Later editions were published in 1602 and 1609. A bookplate on the rear pastedown traces part of this book's ownership history to 1636, when it belonged to George Viscount Chaworth of Armagh, Chief Justice of Common Pleas in Ireland. OCLC locates 8 copies of the first edition in North America, 5 in law libraries (Columbia, Georgetown, Harvard, Library of Congress, Yale) and 1 copy in Great Britain (British Library) and 1 copy in Ireland (Trinity College). The *ESTC* adds 2 more copies in North America (Folger Library, University of Minnesota) and 6 more copies in the British Isles (Cambridge, Cashel Cathedral, National Library of Wales, Bodleian Library, Oxford, Peterborough Cathedral).

English Short-Title Catalogue S100017. Beale, *A Bibliography of Early English Law Books* R482a.

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Bridges a "Chasm" in the Year Books

2. Bellew(e), Richard, Compiler.

Les Ans du Roy Richard le Second Collect' Ensemble' Hors de les Abridgments de Statham, Fitzherbert et Brooke. London: Imprinted by Robert Robertson, Dwelling in Fewter Lane Neere Holborne, 1585. [viii], 145, 144-270, 255-326 [i.e. 342], [8] pp. Pagination irregular, text complete. With woodcut arms of Lincoln's Inn to verso of title page. Octavo (6" x 4-1/2").

Contemporary limp vellum with lapped edges, fragments of ties to fore-edges, early hand-lettered title to spine. Spotting, light soiling and a few minor stains, later armorial bookplate (William Hopkinson) to front pastedown, presentation bookplates (one from Hopkinson to the county magistrates of Lincolnshire, the other an ownership history of the book) to rear pastedown, crack in text block between title page and following leaf, rear hinge starting. Moderate toning to interior, faint dampspotting to first few leaves of text, light soiling and edgewear to endleaves, early underlining and brief annotations in a few places, owner inscription (by Hopkinson) to front free endpaper. \$2,000.

* First edition, one of 3 issues, all by Robertson in 1585. This is an alphabetical collection of cases from the abridgments of Statham, Fitzherbert and Brooke from 1378 to 1400. As Wallace observes, it bridges a "chasm" between the Year Books of Edward III and Henry IV "and is, therefore, sometimes dignified with the title of the Year Book of King Richard II."

A bookplate on the rear pastedown says this book was formerly owned by Sir George Chaworth [c.1568-1639], an English politician and Irish peer, William Cartwright, "an eminent lawyer," and his descendant, John Cartwright [1740-1824], a prominent campaigner for Parliamentary reform.

Wallace, *The Reporters* 112. *English Short-Title Catalogue* S101603. Beale R478.

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Printing and the Mind of Man 89:
"The Crown and Flower of Medieval Jurisprudence"

3. Bracton, Henry de, [d. 1268].

De Legibus et Consuetudinibus Angliae, Libri Quinq; In Varios Tractatus Distincti, ad Diversorum et Vetustissimorum Codicum Collationem, Ingenti Cura, Nunc Primu Typis Vulgati; Quorum Quid Cuiq; Insit, Proxima Pagina Demonstrabit. London: Apud Richardum Tottellum, 1569. [xvi], 444 [i.e. 442] ff. Folio (11-1/4" x 7-3/4"; 288 mm x 193 mm).

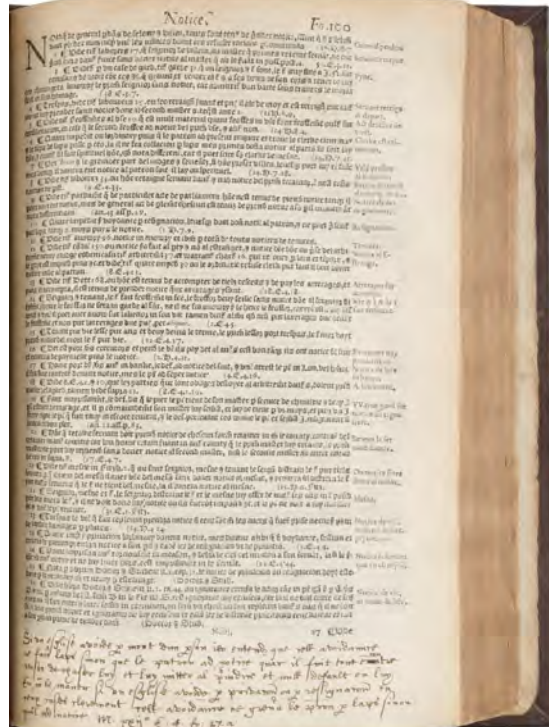
Nineteenth-century diced calf, gilt rules to boards, gilt fillets, ornaments and title to spine, gilt rules to board edges, gilt inside rules, marbled endpapers, ribbon marker. Light rubbing to boards, faint dampstain to front board, moderate rubbing to extremities, front joint just starting at head, corners bumped and somewhat worn, armorial bookplate to front pastedown. Attractive large woodcut decorated initials. Light toning to text, somewhat heavier in places, light foxing and finger smudges to some leaves, some fading to text of ff. 1 and 2. A handsome copy of a landmark work. \$8,500.

* First edition. Written between 1250 and 1256, *De Legibus et Consuetudinibus Angliae* [*The Laws and Customs of England*] is the first treatise on English law. A systematic work, it emphasizes the separation of procedural and substantive matters and also cites cases as sources of at least intellectual, if not formal, authority. The principles formulated in this work and its use of precedents determined the development of English law and established the method adopted by Littleton and Coke. In Maitland's words, it is "the crown and flower of English medieval jurisprudence" and "by far the greatest of our medieval law books."

Maitland, *Collected Papers* II:43. *Printing and the Mind of Man 89. English Short-Title Catalogue* S122159. Beale T323.

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"A Worthy and Painful Work"

4. Brooke, Sir Robert [d.1558].

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

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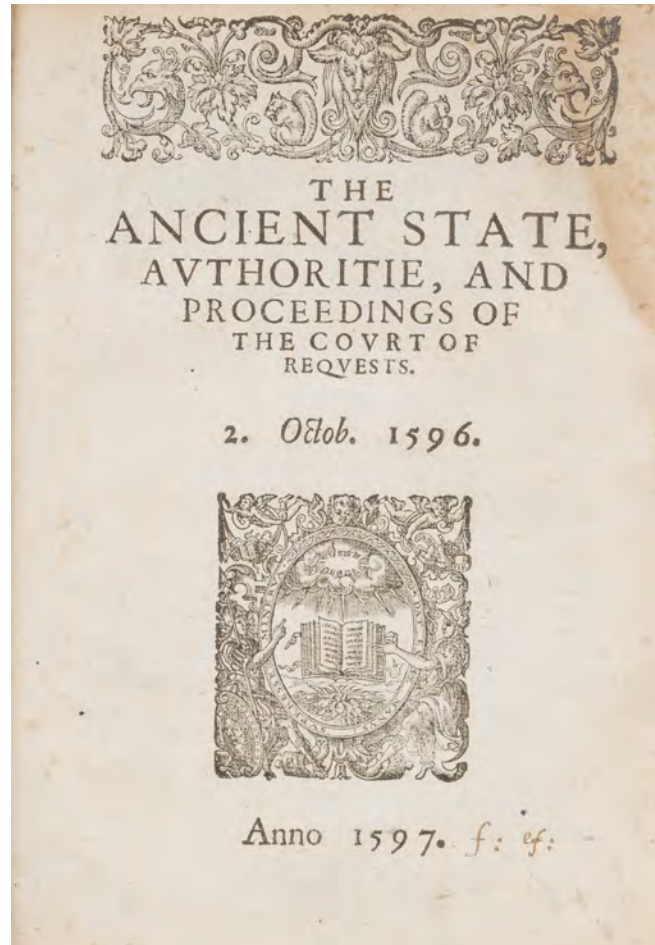
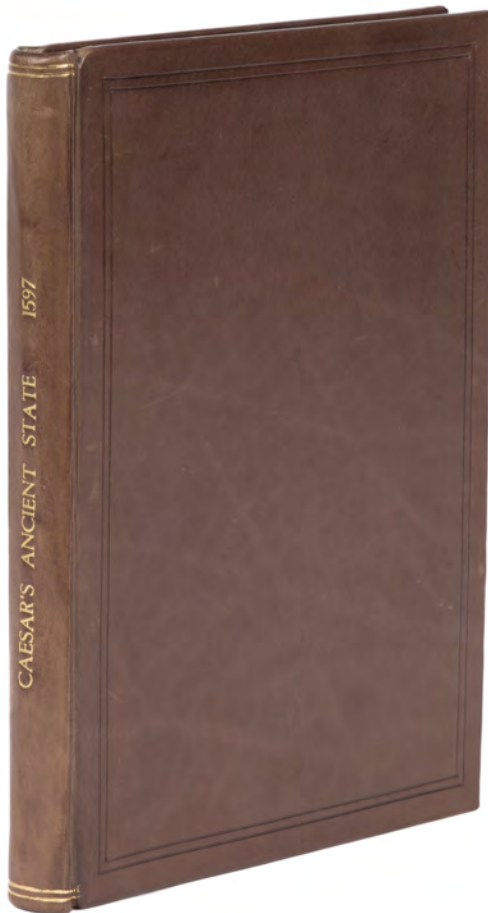
London: In Aedibus Richardi Tottell, 1576. Two parts in one. [iv], 351; [j], 328 ff. Complete. Small folio (9-1/4" x 6-1/2").

Recent period-style calf, blind rules to boards, raised bands, blind fillets, gilt title and gilt publication date to spine, hinges mended. A few minor nicks and scratches, corners lightly bumped, later stamp (reading "Earl of Ellenborough's Heirlooms," with a book number) to front pastedown. Title pages printed within woodcut architectural borders. Moderate toning to interior, (very) faint dampstaining to head of text block at gutter and final few leaves after Fol. 278 of the Secoude Part, contemporary annotations, underlining, markings and ink spots in a few places, some affected by trimming, light soiling and edgewear to preliminaries of La Grande Abridgement and final leaves of the Secoude Part. \$2,000.

* Second edition. Sir Robert Brooke was renowned for his great learning and probity as a judge. First published in 1573, his Abridgement is based on Fitzherbert's Abridgement, but it contains much new material. In all, Brooke abridged nearly 21,000 cases and digested them alphabetically under 404 headings. It abridges fully the Year Books of Henry VII and Henry VIII. Brooke proceeded with great care and accuracy, and is believed to have had access to the original records of the Year Books. Coke calls the Abridgement "a worthy and painful work and an excellent repertory or table for the Year Books of the Law." This edition is superior to earlier printings, in which abbreviations are frequently unintelligible. A fair number of important early American lawyers had copies of this title, and it remained a reference into the nineteenth century.

Coke cited in Marvin, Legal Bibliography 151-152. English Short-Title Catalogue S106717. Beale R471, R472.

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A Predecessor of the Small Claims Court

5. [Caesar, Julius, Sir (1558-1663)].

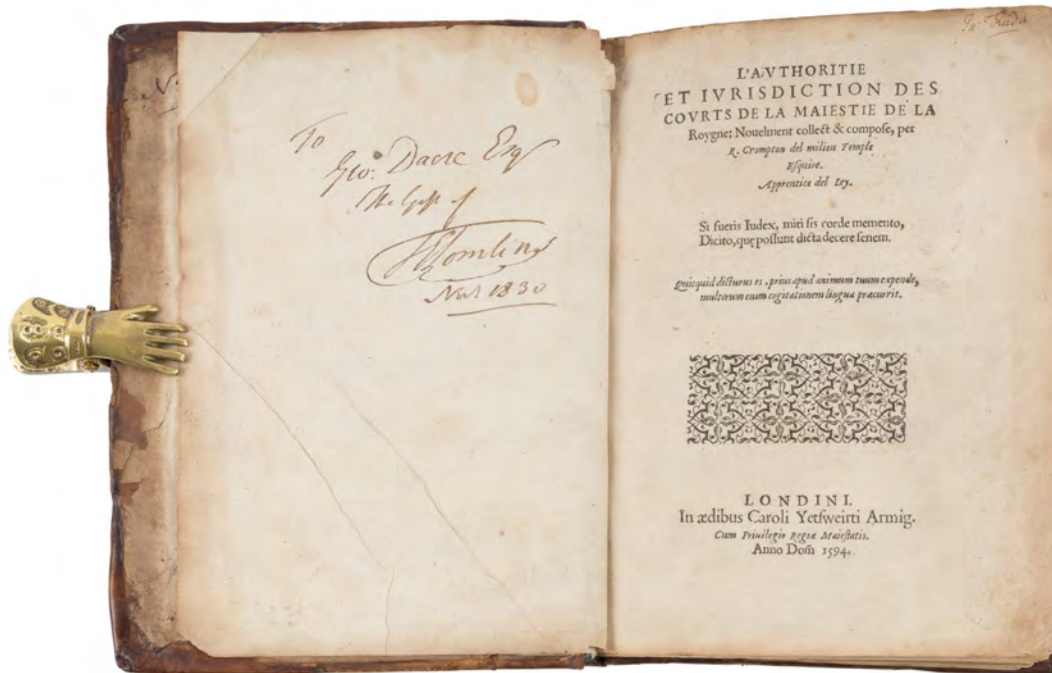
[*The Ancient State, Authoritie, And Proceedings of the Court of Requests. 2 Octob. 1596.*] [London: Printed by the Deputies of C. Barker, 1597]. [xii], 162, [2] pp. Main text followed by errata leaf. Final leaf, a blank, lacking. Quarto (7" x 5-1/4").

Recent calf, blind frames to boards, gilt fillets and title to spine, endpapers renewed with period-style paper. Moderate toning, faint dampstaining to upper outside corner of text block, underlining and marks to text and notes to margins in early hand, edges trimmed with occasional loss to register letters, catchwords and notes. \$2,250.

* Only edition, one of two issues. The court of requests was a minor equity court that flourished during the Tudor and Stuart periods. It was established in the reign of Henry VII as a low-fee appeal court intended to accompany the sovereign on progress around the country. Abolished during the Commonwealth, it is important as an ancestor of the small claims court. Also, its records offer a good deal of information about the function of law in non-elite circles. Caesar, later Sir Julius and master of the rolls, was extraordinary master (1591) and ordinary master (1596) of this court. Based on a notebook compiled around 1500, Caesar's study is the fundamental contemporary account of its work. Both issues of this work are scarce. OCLC locates 6 copies of the present issue, 3 in North America (Harvard Law School, Huntington, Yale). The *ESTC* adds 2 more (John Carter Brown, Folger).

English Short-Title Catalogue (ESTC) S104859. Beale T248.

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**First Edition of Crompton's Survey
of the Courts with an Interesting Association**

6. [Crompton, Richard (d. 1599)].

L'Authoritie et Iurisdiction des Courts de la Maiestie de la Royne: Nouelment Collect & Compose, Per R. Crompton del Milieu Temple Esquire, Apprentice del Ley. Si Seuris Index, Mitis Corde Memento, Dicitur, quae Possunt Dicta Decere Senem. London: In Aedibus Caroli Yetsewerti, 1594. [iv], 232 ff. Quarto (7-1/4" x 5-1/4").

Contemporary calf, rebaked and recorned in period style, blind rules to boards, raised bands, blind fillets and lettering piece to spine, hinges mended. Moderate rubbing to boards and board edges, later armorial bookplate to front pastedown. Moderate toning to text, somewhat heavier in places, some soiling and edgewear to endleaves, early and somewhat later markings and brief annotations to endleaves and a few text leaves, tiny owner signature to head of title page, gift inscription from Edward Edlyne Tomlins (to George Dacre) to verso of front free endpaper, which has a repair to its upper corner. \$1,500.

* First edition. *L'Authoritie et Iurisdiction* is drawn from the Year Books and other cases applicable to the subject. Turning to William Fulbecke's *A Direction or Preparative to the Study of the Lawe* (1600), we see that its value was recognized almost immediately: "Master Crompton has taken great paynes in this study, and his books are in every man's hands, which prooveth their generall allowance, his cases are very profitable, and apt for the title to which they are applyed, and so compendiously collected, that a man may by them in a few howers gaine great knowledge" (cited in Holdsworth). On a broader scale, Crompton offers legal justification for the creation of a rigidly hierarchical "natural" society governed by a powerful monarch. This attitude, articulated by Bodin among others, was shared by several conservatives in England and Europe during the Late Renaissance. Tomlins [1761-1841] was a notable legal writer, lexicographer and editor of Jacobs's *Law-Dictionary*.

Holdsworth, *History of English Law* IV:212. *English Short-Title Catalogue* S109077. Beale T328.

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**Early Tottel Edition of
Fitzherbert's *Abridgment*, Jefferson Owned a Copy**

7. Fitzherbert, Anthony [1470-1538].

La Graunde Abridgement Collecte par le Iudge Tresreverend Monsieur Anthony Fitzherbert, Dernierment Conferre Ouesque la Copye Escrip্ত et per ceo Correcte, Ouesque le Nombre del Sueil, Per Quel Facilement Poies Trover les Cases cy Abrydges en les Livres Dans, Novelment Annote: Iammais Devaunt Imprimees.

[With]

La Secounde Part du Graund Abridgement...

[And]

Tabula. Cy Ensuit la Table pur Trover les Titles.

London: Richard Tottell, 1577. [ii], 342 [i.e. 341]; [ii], 265; [ii], 66 ff. First and second parts of abridgment have title pages. Collates complete. Small folio (9-1/4" x 6-1/2").

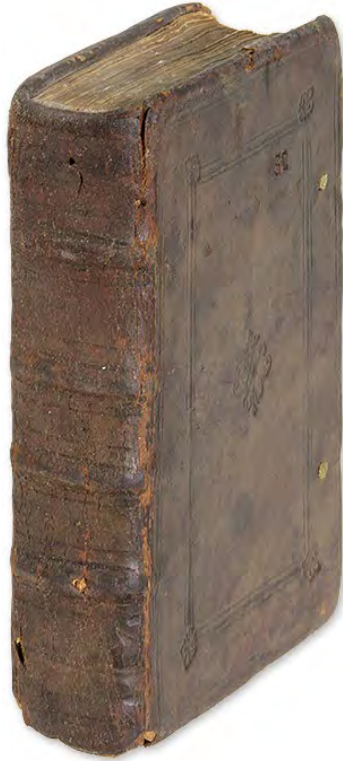
Contemporary calf, rebaked with raised bands and gilt title, endpapers renewed, early leaf of notes tipped-in to verso of front endleaf. Boards worn, joints cracked but secure, hinges starting, first signature detached, a few partial cracks to text block. Titles printed within woodcut architectural borders, woodcut decorated initials. Toning, light browning in a few places, some soiling to title page. Occasional early underlining and annotations, interior otherwise clean. \$1,500.

* Second Tottell edition. One of the most imposing volumes in the history of English law, it has abridgements of over 14,000 cases under 260 titles in alphabetical order. First printed around 1514, it was the first serious attempt to arrange the common law systematically and it was a model to such writers as Brooke and Rolle. According to Boersma, Fitzherbert accomplished "nothing less that to abridge all notes of significant cases at common law." Graham and Heckel refer to this work as the "book that 'made' the Common Law."

Law Library Journal 51 [1957]: 100-101. *English Short-Title Catalogue* S102204. Sowerby, *Catalogue of the Library of Thomas Jefferson* 1776. Cowley, *Bibliography of Abridgments* 71. Beale R466, R467, R468.

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Highly Esteemed by Coke and Blackstone

8. [Fitzherbert, Sir Anthony (1470-1538)].

[Rastell, William (1508?-1565)].

La Nouvelle Natura Breviu[m] du Iudge Tresreverende Monsieur Anthony Fitzherbert, Denierement Renue & Corrigé per Lauteur, Avecques un Table Perfecte des Choses Notables Contenus en Ycell, Novelment Compose per Guilianlme Rastell, & Iammais per Cydeuaunt Imprimee. London: In Aedibus Richardi Tottelli, 1567 [i.e. 1576, date on colophon]. [xxxii], 271 ff. Octavo (6-1/2" x 4-1/2").

Contemporary paneled calf, blind fleurons and central arabesques to boards, raised bands and blind rules to spine, ties lacking. Some rubbing to extremities, minor nicks to boards, a few small worm holes, corners bumped and somewhat worn, spine ends bumped and lightly chipped, joints starting at head, front pastedown loose, a few cracks to text block. Title printed within woodcut architectural border. Moderate toning to text, occasional discoloration to outer margins in a few places, soiling to some leaves. Early owner signature to front free endpaper, brief annotations in early hand to head of title page and some text leaves, along with some underlining, rear endleaf filled with notes. A nice copy. \$1,800.

* First published in 1534, the *Novvelle Natura Brevium* is a manual of procedure written by a Judge of the Common Pleas during the reign of Henry VIII. Winfield notes that "Coke put it among the books which he considered most necessary and of greatest authority and excellency"; Blackstone considered it an authority as well. Compiled from the earlier *Natura Brevia* and the *Registrum Brevium*, it includes several original observations on the form and function of writs. Rastell's revisions include the addition of a table. A popular work, it went through numerous editions in Law French and English, the final appearing in 1794. It remains significant to this day for its descriptions of writs that were becoming obsolete in the early sixteenth century.

Winfield, *Chief Sources of English Legal History* 303. *English Short-Title Catalogue* S4100. Beale T348.

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Annotated 1554 Edition of Fitzherbert's Important JP Manual

9. Fitzherbert, Sir Anthony [1470-1538].

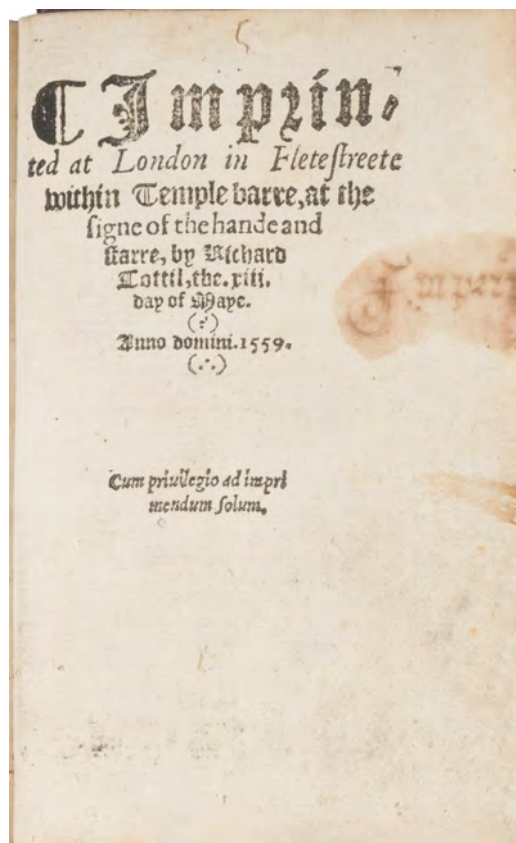
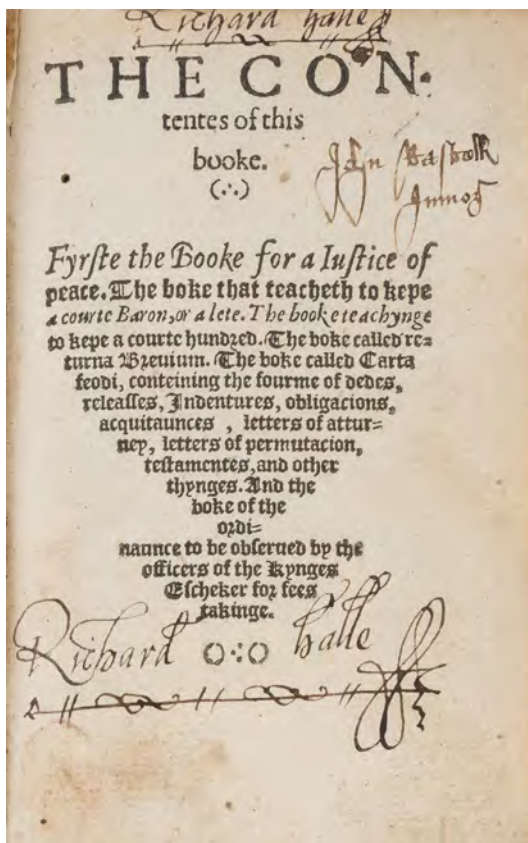
The Newe Booke of Iustices of Peace Made by Anthonie Fitzherbard Iudge, Lately Translated Out of Fre[n]ch Into Englishe and Newly Corrected, the Yere of Our Lorde 1554. [London]: Imprinted at London in Fletestrete Within Temple Barre, at the Signe of the Hande and Starre, by Richarde Tottyll, 1560]. 173, [3] ff. Title page supplied as a laid-in facsimile. Pages 97 and 103 mis-numbered as 82 and 88. Octavo (5-1/4" x 3-1/2").

Recent period-style calf, raised bands and lettering piece to spine. Moderate toning to text, occasional faint dampstaining to fore-edges, light soiling to a few leaves. Early underlining and brief annotations to most leaves, some notes affected by trimming. A unique copy in a handsome binding. \$1,500.

* First printed in 1538, Fitzherbert's manual was issued eight more times; its final edition was printed in 1617. Editions beginning in 1583 were edited by Richard Crompton. Despite his efforts, this work was eventually superseded by William Lambard's *Eirenarcha* (1581). The brief but copious annotations are mostly glosses and other signs of careful study. They appear to be in the same hand (possibly in two hands) but made at different times or with different inks. The *ESTC* locates 6 copies in the UK, 5 in North America (Georgetown Law School, Harvard Law School, The Newberry Library, University of Michigan Law School, University of Minnesota Law School). OCLC adds the Library of Congress and University of Pennsylvania Law School.

English Short-Title Catalogue S4295. Beale T342.

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"The Booke That Teacheth"

10. [Great Britain].
[Justices of the Peace].
[Courts Leet and Baron].

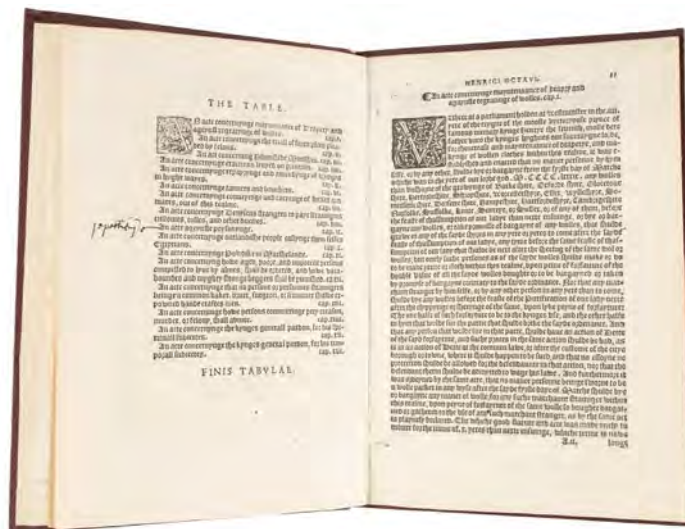
The Contentes of This Booke. Fyrst the Booke for a Iustice of Peace. The Boke that Teacheth to Kepe a Courte Baron, Or a Lete. The Boke Teachynge to Kepe a Courte Hundred. The Boke Called Returna Brevium. The Boke Called Carta Feodi, Conteynyng the Forme of Dedes, Releasses, Indentures, Obligacions, Acquitaunces, Letters of Attorney, Letters of Permutacion, Testaments, And Other Thynges. And the Boke of the Ordinaunce to be Obserued by the Offycers of the Kynges Eschequer for Fees Takinge. [London: In Fletestreete within Temple barre, At the Signe of the Hande and Starre, by Richard Tottill, The XIII. Daye of Maye. Anno Domini 1559]. 195, [11] ff. Lacking final two blank leaves. Octavo (5-1/4" x 3-1/2").

Recent period-style calf, blind rules to boards, raised bands to spine, endpapers renewed, blank interleaves added in a few places. Moderate toning, edges trimmed, touching headlines in a few places, worming with occasional minor loss to text, repairs to corners of a few leaves. Faint stain and faint fragment of an annotation to final leaf, early (illegible) owner signatures to title page. \$2,500.

* First printed in 1505 by Richard Pynson, this is a handy anthology of treatises for justices of the peace, sheriffs and bailiffs. It includes the *Carta Foedi* and exchequer ordinance. It is sometime attributed erroneously to Sir Anthony Fitzherbert. OCLC locates 5 copies of this edition in North American law libraries (Columbia, Harvard, LA County, Library of Congress, University of Minnesota).

English Short-Title Catalogue S102175. Beale T154.

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22 Henry VIII

11. [Great Britain].

[Statutes].

[Henry VIII (1491-1547), King of England].

Anno Vicesimo Secundo Henrici Octavi. Statuta Bonum Publicum Concernentia, Edita In Parlamento Tento Apud Westm[n]. XVI. Die Ianuarii, Anno Regni Praepotentissimi et Metuendissimi Anglie et Francie Regis, Fidei Defensoris, Et Domini Hibernie, Henrici Octavi. XXII. Post Diversas Prorogationes Eiusdem Parlamenti Primo Inchoati Apud Londinum. III. Die Nouembris, Anno. XXI. Eiusdem Regis: Et Inde Adiurnati et Prorogati Vsq; Ad Vnestmonasterium, Et Ibidem Continuati per. XLIII. Dies, Videlicet Vsq; Ad. XVII. Diem Decembris: Et ab Eodem Die et Loco Vsq; XXVI. Diem Aprilis Proxi. Sequentis: Et ab eo die Vsq; Ad. XXII. Diem Iunii, Et ab Illo die ad Primu[m] Diem Octobris, Et a Primo Die Octobris Vsq; Ad XXII. Diem Eiusdem Mensis, Et ab Illo die Vsq; XVI. Diem Ianuarii Secundum Leges Terre Rite Prorogati, Et Ibidem Continuati per. LXXV. Dies, Videlicet ad Ultimam Diem Martii Eode[m] Anno. XXI. Et Inde Vterius Prorogati Vsq; Ad XIII. Die[m] Octobris Proxime Sequentis. [(London): Tho. Berthelet Regis Impressor Excudebat. Cum Privilegio, (1540?). XXIII ff. Folio (10-3/4" x 7-1/2").

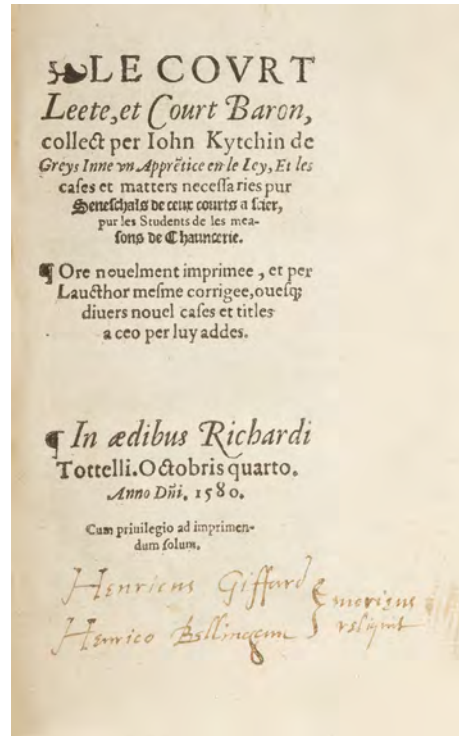
Nineteenth-century pebbled cloth, fragment of paper label to spine. Light rubbing and minor soiling to boards, light fading to spine, spine ends bumped and lightly worn, hinges starting, armorial bookplate (of Edwin Freshfield) to front pastedown. Attractive woodcut initials. Light toning to interior, small wormhole near bottom of text block not affecting legibility, negligible light foxing to margins of a few leaves, early annotations in chancery hand to versos of f. I and f. X, the latter affected by trimming. Rare. \$1,650.

* This volume records 16 acts for the 22nd regnal year of Henry VIII (1530-1531). These include "An Acte Ageynst Poysonynge" and "An Acte Concernynge Outlandishe People Callynge Them Selfes Egyprians" (gypsies). Our copy was owned by Edwin Freshfield [1832-1918], a solicitor in his great family law firm. Founded in London in 1743, the firm is now the multinational Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer.

The *ESTC* provisionally dates this printing to 1540. It is similar to Beale S136, but with "privilegio" instead of "priuilegio" in the colophon and additional small variations compared to other copies of S136 we have seen. OCLC locates two copies of this edition, both in North American law libraries and with a different colophon than ours (Harvard, Washington University in St. Louis). The *ESTC* lists a copy at the Library of Congress, possibly erroneously, of a different variant (with a conjectured publication date of 1547).

English Short-Title Catalogue (ESTC) S92152. Beale.

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An Important Contribution to the Development of Modern Legal Theory

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

Le Court Leete, Et Court Baron, Collect per Iohn Kytchin de Grays Inne un Apprentice en le Ley, Et les Cases et Matters Necessarie pur Seneschals de Ceux Courts a Scier, Pur les Students de les Measons de Chauncerie. [London]: In Aedibus Richardi Tottelli, Octobris Quarto, 1580. [vi], 216 ff. Lacking two preliminary blank leaves counted in collation. Octavo (5-1/2" x 3-3/4").

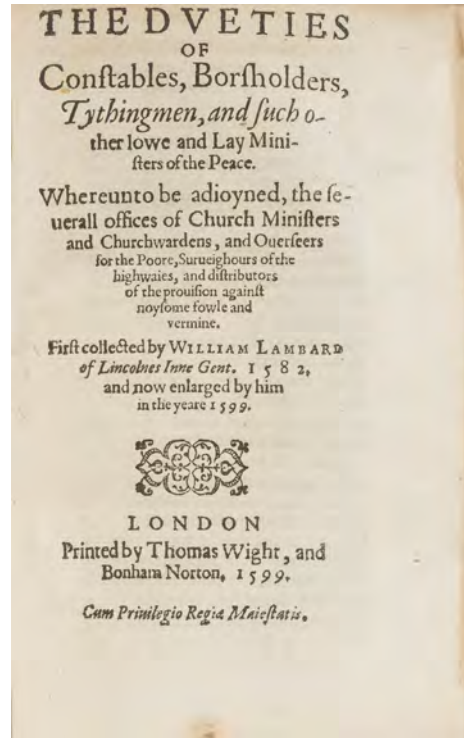
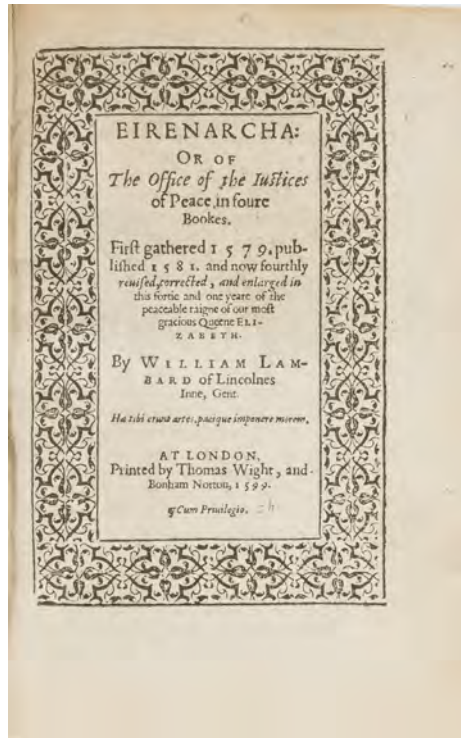
Contemporary calf, blind rules and large arabesques to boards, raised bands, blind fillets and later lettering piece to spine, endpapers renewed. Negligible light rubbing to boards and extremities, corners lightly bumped, rear hinge starting at head. Moderate toning, slightly heavier in places, brief early annotations to a few leaves, early owner inscription (by Henry Gifford) to foot of title page. A fine copy in its original state. \$1,850.

* First edition as a separate publication, one of three issues. Ours has a preface dated 10 November; the others are dated October 4 and 10 October 1580. By outlining the differences between the previously undivided court, Kitchin, along with Coke, helped lay the foundations of modern legal theory. "In fact," notes Holdsworth, "Kitchin was doing on a small scale what Coke was doing on a grand scale. Both were representatives of that school of literate Elizabethan lawyers...whose great and enduring work was the adaptation of medieval law and institutions to modern needs. Imagination necessarily played some part in this process of adaptation; and thus they are responsible not only for the enunciation of the rules of modern law, but also for legal and historical theories, the soundness of which was considered by many generations of lawyers and historians to be as incontestable as their statements of law."

According to Pollard & Redgrave, this work was originally published as Part II of *Justices of the Peace* and a both parts have a variant issue (identical to Beale T369) with a colophon dated 10 April 1580.

See Pollard and Redgrave, *A Short-Title Catalogue of Books Printed in England, Scotland, & Ireland 14886, 14887*. Holdsworth, *A History of English Law* IV:130. *English Short-Title Catalogue* S108037. Beale T369.

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A Legal Perspective on Elizabethan England

13. Lambard(e), William [1536-1601].

Eirenarcha, Or, Of the Office of the Iustices of Peace: In Foure Bookes. First Gathered 1579. Published 1581. And Now Fourthly Revised, Corrected, And Enlarged in this Fortie and One Yeare of the Peaceable Raigne of Our Most Gracious Queene Elizabeth. London: Printed by Thomas Wight, And Bonham Norton, 1599. [ii], 606 (i.e. 614), [86] pp.

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Lambard(e), William.

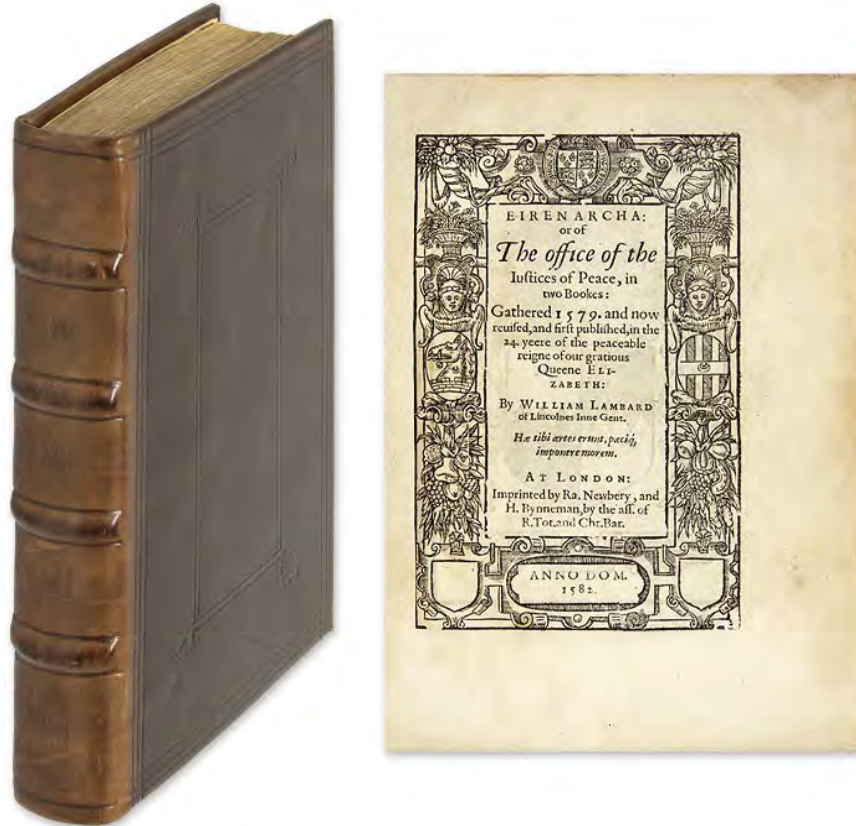
The Dueties of Constables, Borsholders, Tythingmen, And Such Other Lowe and Lay Ministers of the Peace Whereunto be Adjoyned, The Seuerall Offices of Church Ministers and Churchwardens, And Overseers for the Poore, Surveighours of the Highwaies, And Distributors of the Provision Against Noysome Fowle and Vermine. London: Printed by Thomas Wight, And Bonham Norton, 1599. 80 pp.

Octavo (6" x 4-1/2"). Contemporary vellum with lapped edges. Moderate rubbing to extremities, pastedowns loose. Title of *Eirenarcha* printed within woodcut typographical border. Light toning to interior, slightly heavier in places, brief early annotations to a few leaves, "5D" in later hand to verso of front cover. An appealing copy. \$2,500.

* Final sixteenth-century editions (and the last to appear in Lambard's lifetime). Lambard, or Lambarde, a barrister and legal historian, was the keeper of records at the Rolls Chapel and the Tower of London. First published in 1581, *Eirenarcha* is esteemed for its comprehensive and systematic account of the organization of local government under the justices of the peace at the end of the sixteenth century. It was the standard authority for many years and often reprinted. Like many books of its kind, *Eirenarcha* offers fascinating insights into the society that produced it. This is evident in the detailed indictments for such offenses as murder via witchcraft, raping a child or maid (the age of distinction was ten), hearing a Catholic Mass, practicing usury and operating a bowling alley. First published in 1582, *Dueties of Constables* is a companion work.

English Short-Title Catalogue S102273, S4730. Beale T393, T386.

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Elizabethan England from a JP's Perspective

14. Lambard(e), William [1536-1601].

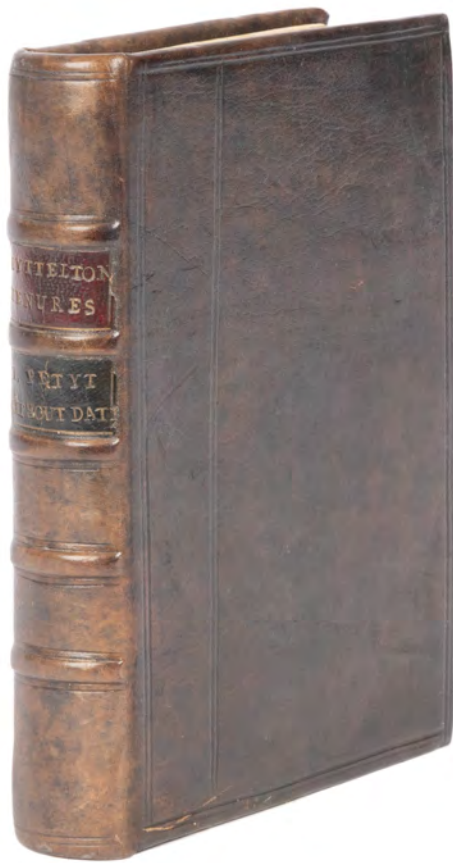
Eirenarcha: Or of the Office of the Iustices of Peace, In Two Bookes: Gathered 1579. And Now Revised, And First Published, In the 24. Yeere of the Peaceable Reigne of Our Gracious Queene Elizabeth. London: Imprinted by Ra. Newbery, And H. Bynnean, 1582. [vii], 511, [15] pp. Octavo (6-1/4" x 4-1/2").

Recent period-style paneled calf, blind fleurons to inside panels, raised bands and blind ornaments to spine, early hand-lettered title to fore-edge of text block. Title printed within woodcut architectural border, woodcut head-pieces, tail-pieces and decorated initials, woodcut arms of dedicatee, Sir Robert Bromley, facing dedication leaf, large woodcut device to verso of final leaf. Light toning to text, some edgewear to endleaves and title page. Brief early annotation to front endleaf, interior otherwise clean. An appealing copy.
\$1,500.

* Second edition, one of two issues from 1582. Lambard, or Lambarde, a barrister and legal historian, was the keeper of records at the Rolls Chapel and the Tower of London. First published in 1581, *Eirenarcha* is esteemed for its comprehensive and systematic account of the organization of local government under the justices of the peace at the end of the sixteenth century. It was the standard authority for many years and often reprinted. Like many books of its kind, *Eirenarcha* offers fascinating insights into the society that produced it. This is evident in the detailed indictments for such offenses as murder via witchcraft, raping a child or maid (the age of distinction was ten), hearing a Catholic Mass, practicing usury and operating a bowling alley.

English Short-Title Catalogue S108154. Beale T388.

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c.1541 Edition of Littleton in English

15. Littleton, Sir Thomas [1402-1481].

Lyttelton Tenures in Englysshe. [London: In Paules Church Yearde at the Sygne of the Maydens Heed, By Thomas Petyt, n.d. (1541?)]. [i], cc [i.e. ccciii], [2] ff. Octavo (5-1/4" x 3-3/4").

Attractive period-style calf, blind rules to boards, raised bands and retained earlier lettering pieces to spine, endpapers renewed. Large woodcut English royal arms to title page. Moderate toning to interior, faint dampstaining in places, mostly to margins, minor worming, chips and tears to edges of a few leaves, early annotation to foot of Fol. 209, other annotations and a doodle to rear endleaves, some soiling, edgewear and faint dampstaining to title page. \$5,000.

* Among the earliest printings of Littleton in English, the first of which appeared in an undated edition published around 1531. Written during the reign of Edward IV [1442-1483] and first published around 1481, Littleton's *Tenures* is probably the most revered treatise in the history of the common law. Much admired for its learning and style, it is concerned with tenures and other issues relating to real property. This venerable work, which Coke called "the ornament of the Common Law, and the most perfect and absolute work that ever was written in any humane science," is considered a landmark because it renounced the principles of Roman law (and Latin) in favor of guidelines and doctrines drawn from the Year Books and, when necessary, hypothetical cases. OCLC locates 7 copies in North America, 3 in law libraries (Columbia, Harvard, Library of Congress).

Coke cited in Holdsworth, *A History of English Law* II:573. *English Short-Title Catalogue* S100707. Beale T46.

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A Principal English Treatise on Canon Law

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

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

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

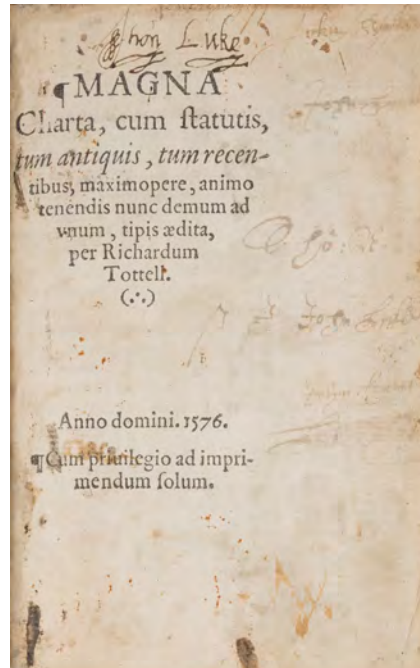
Contemporary paneled calf, corner fleurons and large arabesques to boards, recently rebacked, raised bands and lettering piece to spine, endpapers added, early hand-lettered title to fore-edge. A few shallow scuffs to boards, moderate rubbing to their extremities, corners bumped and somewhat worn, hinges cracked, later bookseller ticket, owner bookplate (of Walter Wigglesworth, dated 1934) and two 1930s-era auction or bookseller descriptions affixed to front pastedown. Text printed in red and black gothic type, woodcut decorated initials. Light toning to text, faint dampstaining in places, minor edgewear to leaves at beginning and end of text, some with repairs, inkstains and spark burns to a few leaves. Contemporary annotations to endleaves and portions of text, some with minor loss due to trimming. A nice post-incunable copy of an important title. \$4,500.

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

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1576 Printing of Magna Carta and Later Statutes

17. [Magna Carta].

Magna Charta, Cum Statutis, Tum Antiquis, Tum Recentibus, Maximopere,

Animo Tenendis nunc Demum ad Unum, Tipis Aedita, Per Richardum Tottell. [Imprinted at London: In Fleetestrete Within Temple Barre at the Signe of the Hand and Starre, By Richard Tottell, The 8. Day of March. 1576]. [viii], 247 ff. Lacking final blank leaf. Octavo (5-1/2" x 3-3/4").

Recent period-style calf, blind rules to boards, raised bands and antiqued gilt ornaments to spine, blind tooling to board edges, endpapers renewed. Moderate toning, occasional faint dampstaining, minor worming to foot of text block after Fol. 127 with negligible loss to text in a few places, brief early annotations to thirty-seven pages, light soiling and faint early owner signatures to title page. Book housed in recent cloth clamshell box, quarter morocco over cloth, gilt title and gilt-edged raised bands to spine. \$5,000.

* An early printing of the Magna Carta, which was first printed around 1508 by Richard Pynson. It also includes the Charta de Foresta of Henry III, the Statutes of Merton and Marlebridge, the Statutes of Edward I and other statutes through the fourteenth regnal year of Elizabeth I, which are digested by topic and cross-referenced to Rastell's *Collection of All the Statutes*. Among the most notorious statutes are those of Edward I concerning Jews, including the Edict of Expulsion (1290), which banished them from England. Other statutes relate to women, wills, forcible entry, "Fraudulent Deedes" and other topics. The text is mostly in Latin or Law-French, then in English after Fol. 119. "Thomas Jefferson (who must have had Magna Carta in mind as he drafted the Declaration of Independence) and Alexander Hamilton both cited Magna Carta in support of the United States Constitution. Indeed, under the communal pen-name 'Publius,' Hamilton specifically referred to Magna Carta in number 84 of 'The Federalist Papers'" (Sotheby's New York, *The Magna Carta*, 18 December 2007, p. 85).

The early annotations in our copy range from a few words to a sentence or two. About half of these are interpretive in nature, the others are references to statutes and cases.

English Short-Title Catalogue S101094. Beale S18.

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A Scarce *Natura Brevium*, Beale T94

18. [Natura Brevium].

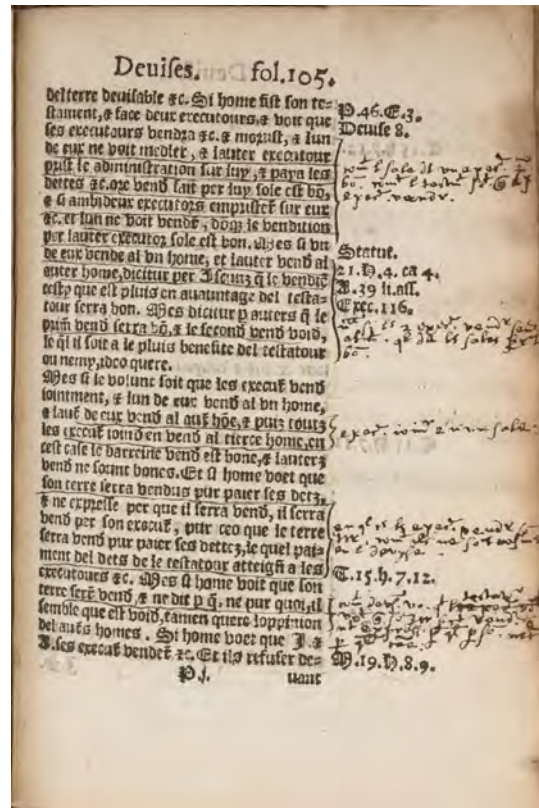
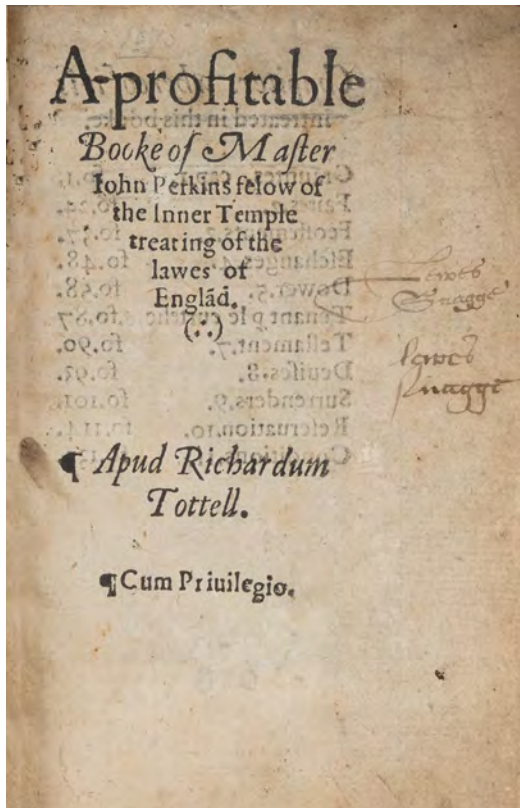
Natura Brevium in French.[London]: In Aedibus Richardi Tottell, 1566 [i.e. 21 January 1567]. 180, [4] ff. Octavo (5" x 3-1/4").

Contemporary paneled calf, blind central ornaments and gilt corner fleurons to inside panels, carefully rebacked, raised bands and later gilt title to spine, ties lacking. Light rubbing to boards, somewhat heavier rubbing to extremities, corners bumped, later armorial bookplate (of Hopetoun) to front pastedown, a few cracks to text block. Moderate toning to text, faint dampstaining in places, occasional underlining and brief annotations to title page and elsewhere, more extensive annotations to front endleaves, all annotations in early hand. An appealing copy. \$1,250.

* With table. Text in Law-French and Latin. A cornerstone of the common law, the *Natura Brevium* is a selection of writs, with commentary, based on the *Registrum Brevium* dating from the reign of Edward III. The first printed edition of the *Natura Brevium* was published in 1494 by Richard Pynson. After Sir Anthony Fitzherbert published his *New Natura Brevium* in 1534 it was referred to as the *Old Natura Brevium*. The actual date for this imprint is stated in the colophon: "Imprinted...1567 Ianuarii vicesimo primo." Most of the annotations are citations to the Year Books. The notes on the front endleaves form a brief index of selected topics. OCLC locates 4 copies. The ESTC locates five copies in the British Isles and five copies in North America.

English Short-Title Catalogue S113105. Beale T94.

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"A Profitable Booke"

19. Perkins, John [d.1545].

A Profitable Booke of Master John Perkins, Fellowe of the Inner Temple. Treating of the Lawes of Englande. [London]: Apud Richardum Tottell, [1581]. [xx], 168 ff. Octavo (5-1/2" x 3-3/4").

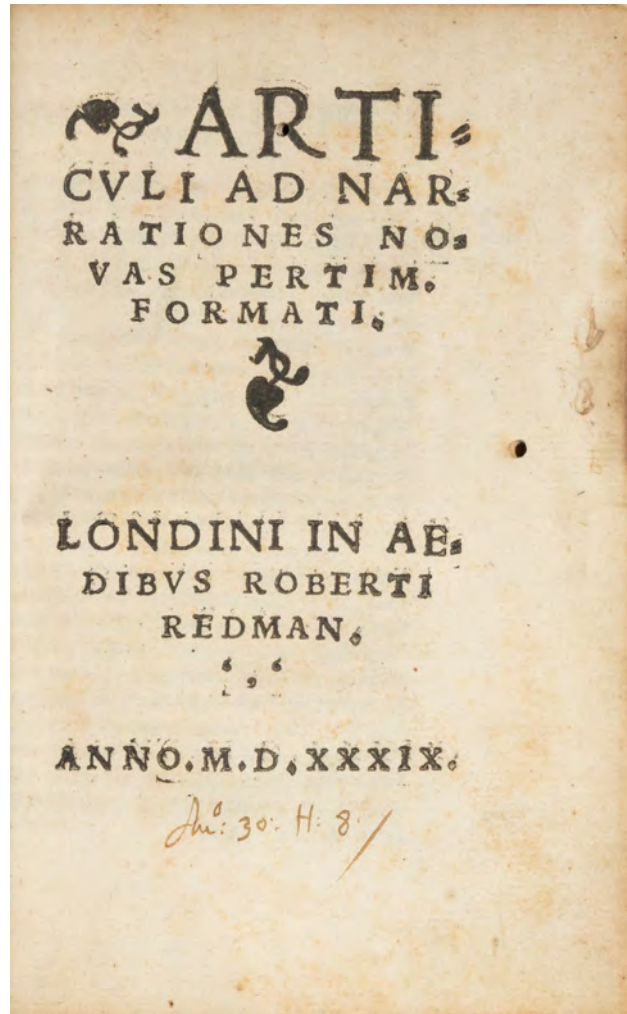
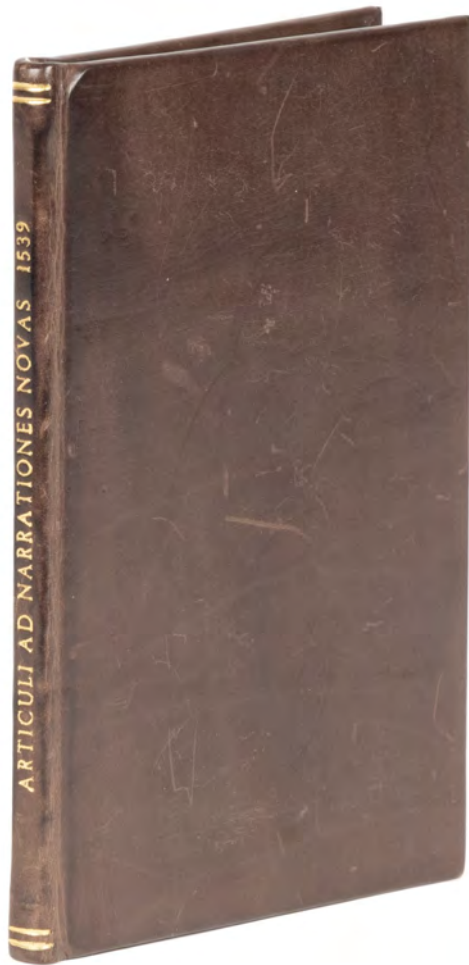
Contemporary calf, blind rules and large central arabesques to boards, rebacked, lettering piece and blind fillets to spine, corners and board edges repaired, blind tooling to inner board edges, endpapers and endleaves renewed. Light wear to boards, some rubbing to joints, front board just starting at head but secure, rear board just starting near foot, both boards secure, corners bumped and somewhat worn, small recent mark in ink to rear pastedown. Moderate toning to interior, minor edgewear to title page, lower corners of a few leaves lacking without loss to text, portion of fore-edge of f. 23 lacking with minor loss to side notes but no loss to main text, light foxing to last few leaves, occasional early annotations and underlining in ink, possible early ownership signatures to title page. \$1,250.

* Later edition of a work first published in 1528. Main text in Law-French, preface in Latin. A popular work during the sixteenth and early seventeenth centuries that was held in high regard by Coke, Perkins' *Profitable Booke* went through numerous editions in both English and Law-French. Devoted mostly to the land law as developed in the Year Books, it is divided into the following topics: grants, deeds, feoffments, exchanges, dower, curtesy, wills, devises, surrenders, reservations, and conditions.

The annotations in our copy seem to consist of both case citations and notes on the content. OCLC locates 2 copies of this title, 1 in North America (Yale). The *ESTC* adds North American copies at Folger Shakespeare, Harvard Law School, Huntington Library, University of Illinois and University of Minnesota.

Holdsworth, *History of English Law* V:388. *English Short-Title Catalogue* S110411. Beale T423.

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**1539 Printing of an Important
Early Guide to Pleading and Practice**

**20. [Pleading].
[Great Britain].**

Articuli ad Narrationes Novas Pertim. Formati. London: In Aedibus Roberti Redman, 1539. [64] pp. Octavo (5-1/4" x 3-1/2").

Contemporary calf, gilt title to spine. Moderate toning to interior, worm holes through text block with minimal loss to text and no loss to legibility, Light foxing to final few leaves, light soiling and brief annotation and marks in small early hand to title page. \$4,000.

* Final edition by Redman. First printed anonymously around 1525, this medieval tract glosses and complements two central works about pleading and practice in the royal courts written during the early 1300s: the *Natura Brevium*, a selection of annotated writs, and the *Novae Narrationes*, a book dealing chiefly with plaintiffs's statements of claim. All imprints of this title are scarce. OCLC locates 7 copies of the 1539 in North America, 2 in law libraries (Harvard, University of Pennsylvania).

English Short-Title Catalogue S112344. Beale T117.

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1594 Edition of Rastell's *Statutes*

21. Rastell, William [1508-1565], Compiler.

A Collection in English, Of the Statutes Now in Force, Continued from the Beginning of Magna Charta, Made in the 9. Yeere of the Reigne of King H.3. Untill the Ende of the Session of Parliament Holden in the 35. Yeere of the Reigne of Our Gracious Queene Elizabeth, Under Titles Placed by Order of Alphabet: Wherein is Performed (Touching the Statutes Wherewith Iustices of the Peace Have to Deale) so Much as was Promised in the Booke of Their Office Lately Published.... Hereunto is Added Two Tables: The One...Declaring Under Titles by Order of Alphabet the Substance of Such Referments as Stood at the Ende of Eche Title in the First Collection of Statutes, Set Forth by Master Iustice Rastal. And in this Table, The Title of Iustices of the Peace is Speciallie Perused and Amended, For Their More Easie Finding of Matters in this Booke, Concerning Their Authoritie. In the Other Table...are Set Downe by Order of the Kings Raignes, The Severall Times of Their Parliaments, Together with the Sundry Chapters and Intitulings of the Particular Statutes in Every of the Same: Whereby the Reader May Easilie Finde Under what Title, And in What Leafe of this Booke, Any of These Statutes be Placed: And May Also...Redilie See, What, And How Manie Statutes in Eche Kings Raigne, Do Concerne the Iustices of Peace, And in What Leafe of this Book to Finde Them. London: Imprinted...by the Deputies of Christopher Barker, 1594. [xxx], 552, [14] ff. Main text in parallel columns. Folio (11" x 7-1/2").

Later calf incorporating sections of original boards, raised bands, gilt title and gilt publication date to spine, endpapers renewed, lower outside corners of title page and following leaf mended with no loss to text. Moderate toning to interior, faint dampstaining to margins in several places, light soiling to preliminaries and a few other places, inkspots and brief annotations to a few leaves. An impressive volume. \$3,000.

* Rastell first published his great collection of statutes from Magna Carta to the present in 1557. It was updated periodically, the final edition appearing in 1625. As the title indicates, it had finding aids to facilitate its use by justices of the peace. "It is partly of the nature of an edition of the Statutes at large, as the enacting parts of the public statutes in force are printed nearly word for word, and in their original language. But it is more of the nature of an abridgment.... The book was frequently republished and brought up to date in successive editions and in 1579 the Latin and French statutes were translated": Holdsworth.

Holdsworth, *A History of English Law* IV: 311-312. *English Short-Title Catalogue* S121424. Beale S70.

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**"The Most Important Description of the Constitution
and Government of England Written During the Tudor Age"**

22. Smith, Sir Thomas [1513-1577].

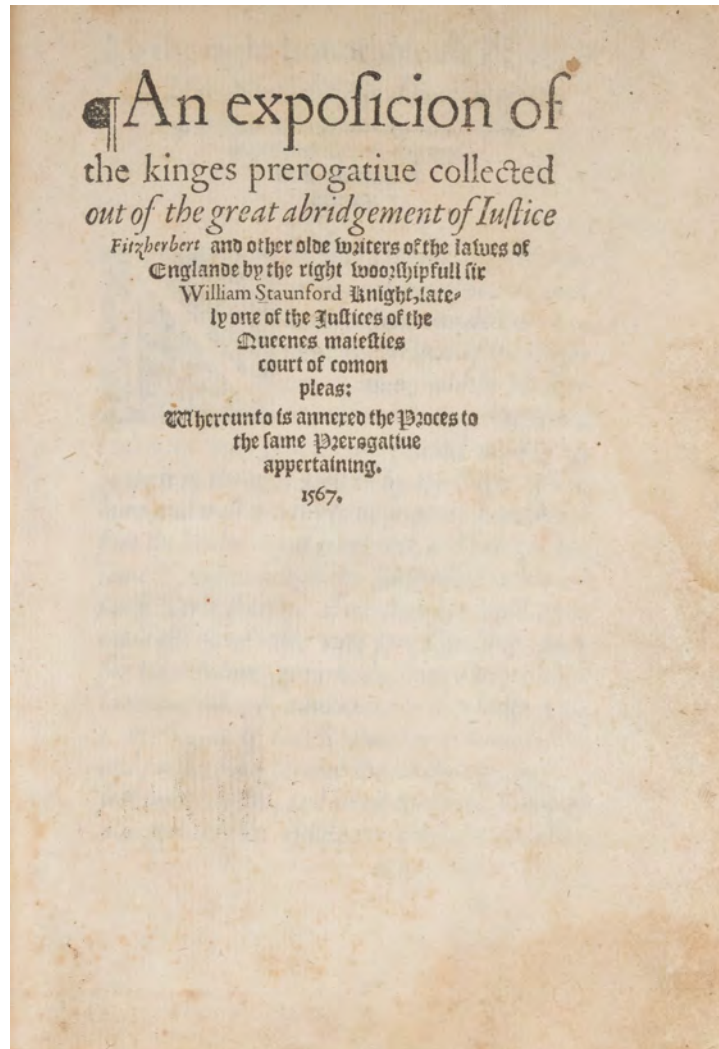
The Common-Welth of England, And maner of Government Thereof. Compiled by the Honorable Sir Thomas Smith, Knight, Doctor of Both Lawes, And One of the Principall Secretaries Unto Two Most Worthie Princes, King Edward, And Queen Elizabeth: With New Additions of the Cheef Courts in England, The Offices Thereof, And Their Severall Functions, By the Sayd Author: Never Before Published. Seene and Allowed. London: Imprinted by Iohn Windet for Gregorie Seton, 1589. [iv], 148 pp. Leaves of Signature K (pp. 73-80) bound out of order. Quarto (7-1/4" x 4-3/4").

Recent quarter morocco over cloth, gilt fillets, title and publication date to spine. Light toning to interior, margins trimmed with no loss to text, minor worming and brief early annotations and markings to a few leaves, light soiling, tiny dampstain and early owner inscription ("William Jeffreys Booke") to title page, tiny dampstain to following leaf. A handsome copy. \$3,500.

* Written between 1562 and 1565 and first published in 1583, this essay "is the most important description of the constitution and government of England written in the Tudor age" (*DNB*). It is a work highly regarded by Maitland, who planned his own edition and wrote in the preface to the 1906 reprint that it "will be quoted and transcribed so long as men take any interest in the history of the English constitution." It went through eleven editions in English between 1584 and 1691. Four Latin editions, titled *De Republica et Administratione Anglorum*, appeared between 1610 and 1641. Abridged editions in Dutch and German were published in 1673 and 1688. Smith, an English scholar and diplomat, was Regius Professor of Civil Law at Cambridge University.

Maitland cited in Sweet & Maxwell, *A Bibliography of English Law to 1650* 1:89 (63). *Dictionary of National Biography* XVIII:535. *English Short-Title Catalogue* S117744. Beale T483.

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First-Edition Copy of *The Kinges Prerogative*

23. Staunford, Sir William [1509-1558].

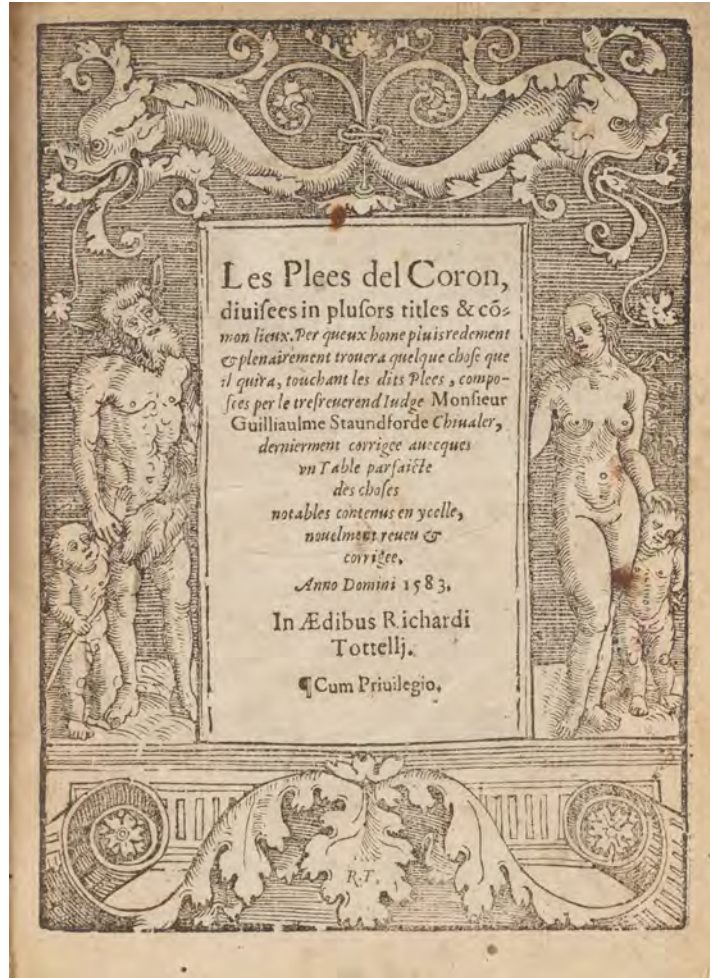
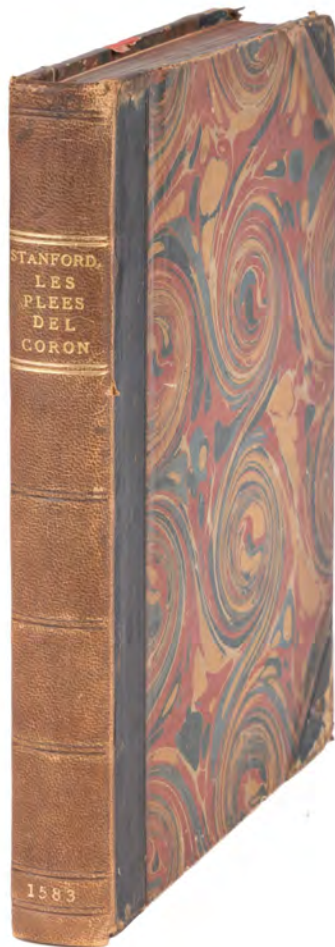
An Exposition of the Kinges Prerogative Collected Out of the Great Abridgement of Iustice Fitzherbert and Other Olde Writers of the Lawes of England. Whereunto is Annexed the Proces to the Same Prerogative Appertaining. [London: Imprinted...in Fleete-Strete Within Temple Barre...By Rychard Tottel, 1567]. [i], 85 ff. Quarto (7-1/4" x 5-1/2").

Recent quarter morocco over marbled boards, gilt rules to boards, gilt title to spine, endpapers renewed. Moderate toning and dampstaining to interior, edgewear to a few leaves, repairs to margins of final two leaves with minor loss to a side-note, marks and brief early annotations in a few places. \$1,500.

* First edition. Staunford's *Exposition* addresses discretionary rights enjoyed by the monarchy in foreign policy, domestic affairs, legal and governmental administration, religion and economic matters. A well-received book, it went through six editions by 1590. The annotations are case references, mostly from the Year Books.

English Short-Title Catalogue S117783. Beale T491.

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The First Printed Work Devoted Solely to Criminal Law

24. Staunford, Sir William [1509-1558].

Les Pleez del Coron, Diuisees in Plusors Titles & Comon Lieux. Per Queux Home Plus Redement & Plenairement Trouer a Quelque Chose que Il Quira, Touchant les Dits Pleez, Composees per le Tres Reuerend Iudge Monsieur Guillaulme Staundforde Chiualer, Dernièrement Corrigee Auecques un Table Parfaicte des Choses Notables Contenus en Ycelle, Nouelment Reueu & Corrigee. [London]: In Aedibus Richardi Tottelli, 1583. [xii], 196 [i.e. 198] ff. Quarto (7-1/4" x 5-1/2").

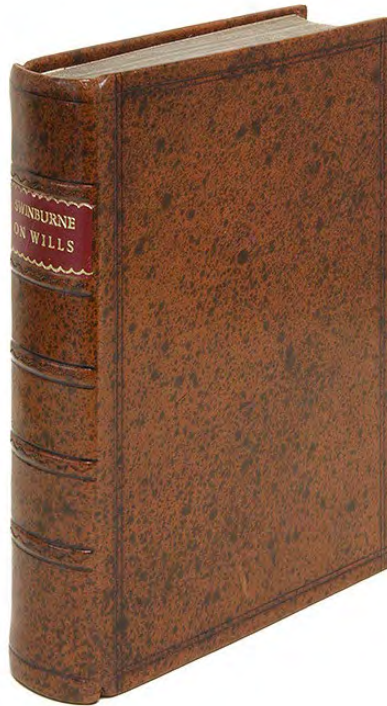
Later three-quarter calf over marbled boards, rebacked, gilt title and blind fillets to spine, edges rouged, endpapers renewed. Light rubbing to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, corners bumped and somewhat worn, hinges cracked, armorial bookplate (of James Bros) to front pastedown, bookplate (of J.M.B. Crawford, dated January 4, 1979) to front free endpaper. Title printed with woodcut architectural border. Moderate toning, headlines affected in a few places by trimming, minor worming to lower outside corners of final 42 leaves, light soiling to title page. \$950.

* Later edition. Based on Bracton and the Year Books, Staunford's treatise is divided into three parts. The first treats offences, the second jurisdiction, appeals, indictments, and defenses. The third deals with trials and convictions. First published posthumously in 1557, *Pleez* was written after Staunford was appointed judge of the common pleas in 1554.

English Short-Title Catalogue S117812. Beale T490.

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First Edition of the First Standard Treatise on Wills

25. Swinburne, Henry [1560?-1623].

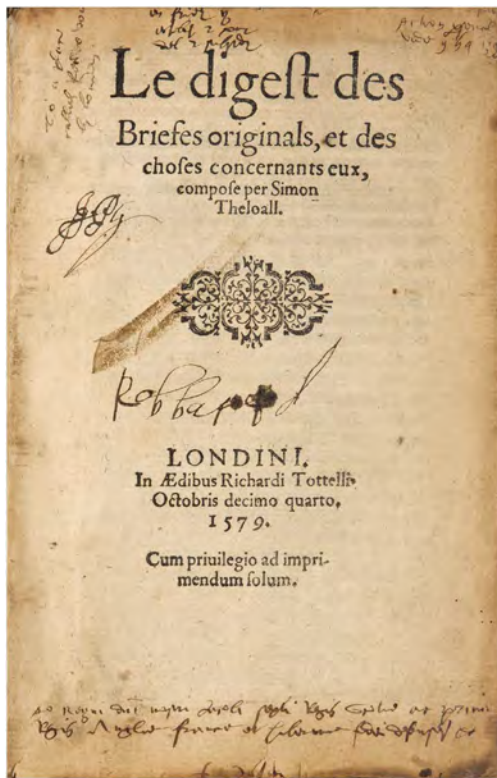
A Briefe Treatise of Testaments and Last Willes, Very Profitable to be Understood of All the Subjects of This Realme of England, (Desirous to Know, Whether, Whereof, And How, They May Make Their Testaments: And by What Meanes the Same May be Effected or Hindered,) And no Lesse Delightfull, Aswell for the Rareness of the Worke, As for the Easines of the Stile, And Method: Compiled of such Lawes Ecclesiasticall and Civill, As be Not Repugnant to the Lawes, Customes, Or Statutes of this Realme, Nor Derogatorie to the Prerogative Royall. In which Treatise Also are Inserted Divers Statutes of this Land, Together with Mention of Sundrie Customes, As Well General as Particular, Not Impertinent Thereunto: Besides Divers Marginall Notes, And Quotations Not to be Neglected, Especially of Iustinianists, Or Young Students of the Civil Law: With Two Tables, The One Analytical, Describing the Generall Order of the Whole Treatise: The Other Alphabetically, Disclosing the Particular Contents Thereof: That in the Beginning; This in the End of the Booke. London: Printed by Iohn Windet, 1590 [colophon date 1591]. [xii], 293, [13] ff. As in many copies, our copy lacks the errata leaf and pasted one-word slip-cancel on Leaf K5r (Fol. 65) (changing "whether" to "where"). Quarto (7-1/2" x 6-1/2").

Recent period-style speckled calf, blind rules to boards, raised bands and lettering piece to spine, endpapers renewed. Light toning to text, tiny inkspots to a few leaves, small burn hole to Leaf Kk3 (Fol. 247), mended with archival tape, with no loss to legibility, faint small library stamp to title page, brief annotations to verso. An appealing copy in a handsome binding. \$1,500.

* First edition. The testamentary jurisdiction of ecclesiastical law was a separate branch that produced its own literature. From the sixteenth until well into the seventeenth century Swinburne's was the standard treatise on this subject. Holdsworth, who cites it often and considers it "the most practically useful book of [its] period" notes that "it is a very useful summary of the law as to wills and executors as administered in the ecclesiastical courts."

Holdsworth, *A History of English Law* V:14. *English Short-Title Catalogue* S118058. Beale T498.

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**Important Early Work on Writs
Thoroughly Annotated by an Early Owner**

26. Theloall, Simon.

Le Digest des Briefes Originels, Et des Choses Concernants Eux. London: In Aedibus Richardi Tottelli, 1579. [viii], 424 ff. Octavo (5-3/4" x 3-3/4").

Seventeenth-century calf, blind rules to boards, raised bands to spine, boards reattached. Moderate rubbing to boards, heavier rubbing to extremities with wear to spine ends and corners, small section lacking from center of spine, a few partial cracks to text block, Signature G (ff. 49-56) trimmed a little shorter than other signatures. Massively annotated by a contemporary owner in law-French in a neat, small chancery hand, notes affected in places by trimming. Contemporary owner inscription to title page (Robbart), along with a few brief contemporary annotations, purchase date to verso of final leaf: "25 May 1580." Preserved in a custom cloth clamshell box with printed paper title label. \$6,500.

* First edition. Theloall's *Digest* was the accepted register of correctly drafted writs. It owes its origin to the suggestion of Staunford that it would be a good idea if lawyers would write treatises on the other titles of the abridgments similar to his study of the Title "Prerogative." Staunford illustrated his meaning by showing how the Title "Brief" might be treated. Theloall chose this title, and wrote a treatise on it for his own use. The manuscript, having been lent, eventually found its way to a printer. "It deserved to be printed, as it is the most orderly treatise on procedure, founded on the Year Books, that had yet appeared... Historically, it comes between the older commentaries upon writs and the modern books on procedure" (Holdsworth). A second edition was published in 1678. The work of a seasoned practitioner, the extensive annotations in our copy are a collection of case references, cross references and glosses.

Holdsworth, *A History of English Law* V:381. *English Short-Title Catalogue* S118369. Beale T499.

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Year 22, Michaelmas Term, Of Henry VI

27. [Year Book].

Henry VI [Reigned 1422-1461, 1470-1471].

De Termino Michaelis Anno XXII. Henrici Sexti [Drop Head Title]. London: Imprinted...in Fletestrete Within Temple Barre, At the Signe of the Hande and Starre, By Rychard Tottell the 18. Day of October in the Yere of Our Lord, 1585. 60 ff. Folio (11-1/2" x 8").

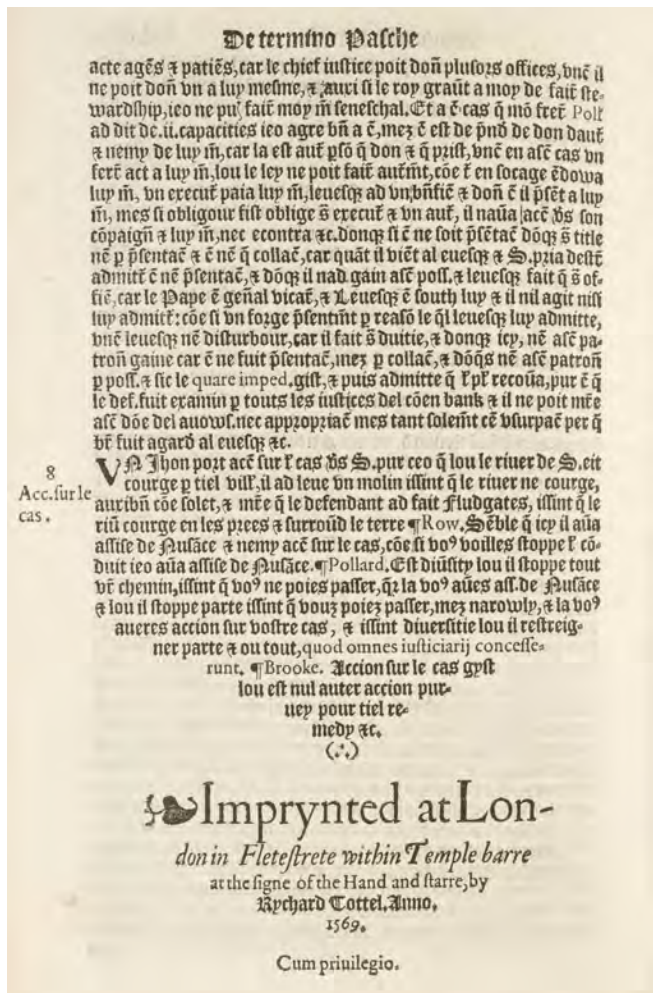
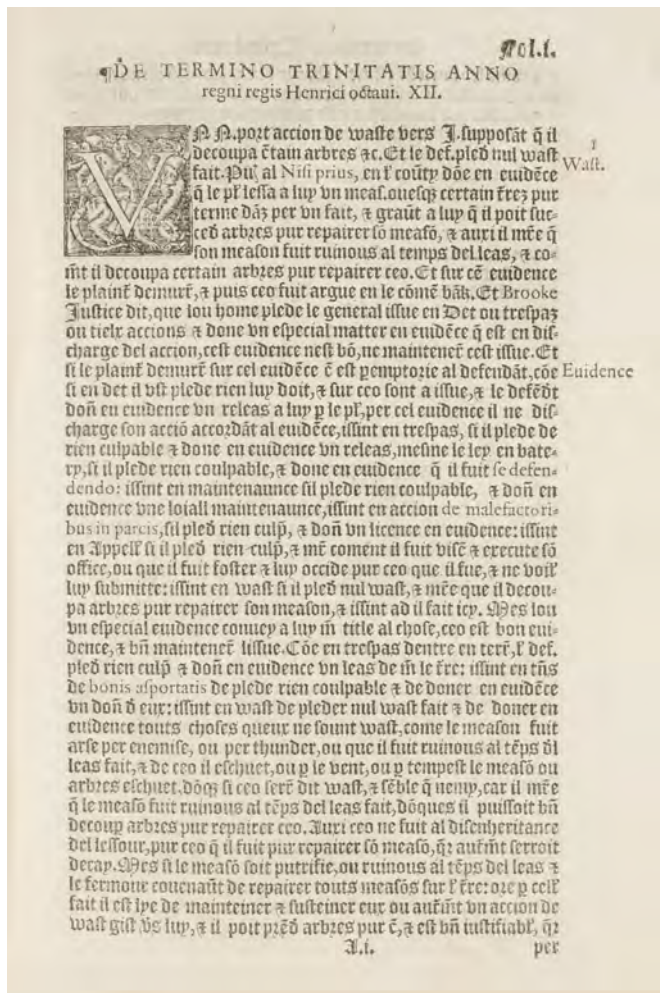
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Years 12-14 of Henry VIII

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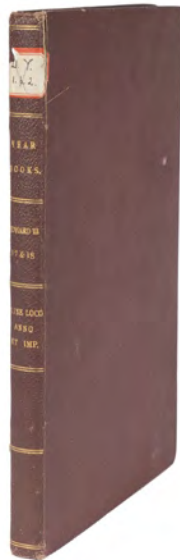
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29. [Year Books].

Edward III [Reigned 1312-1377].

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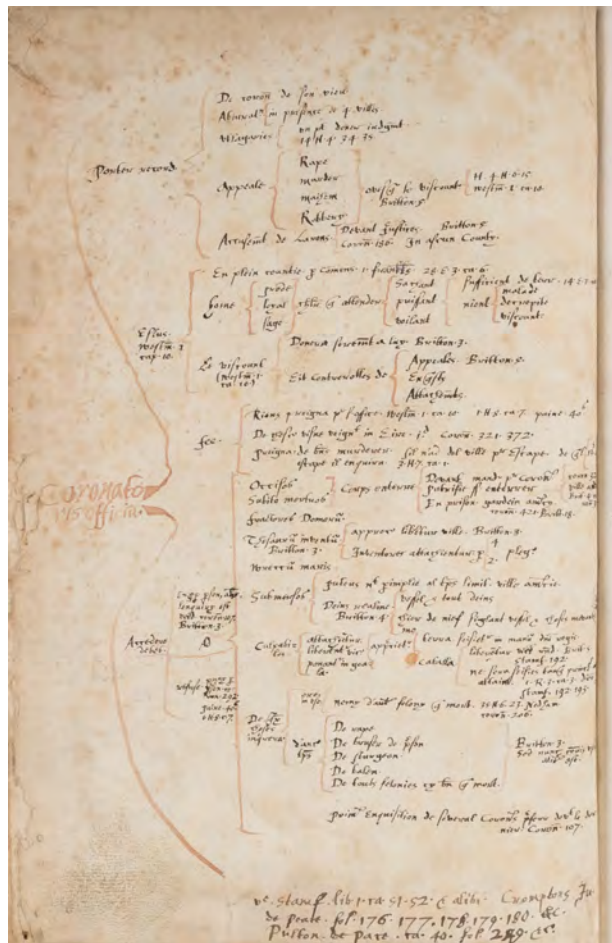
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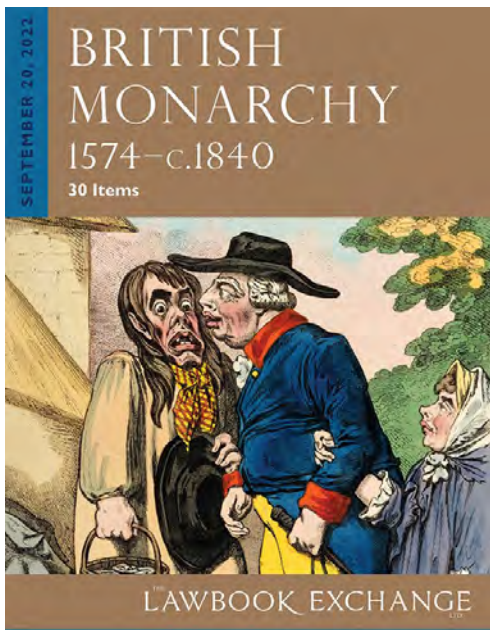
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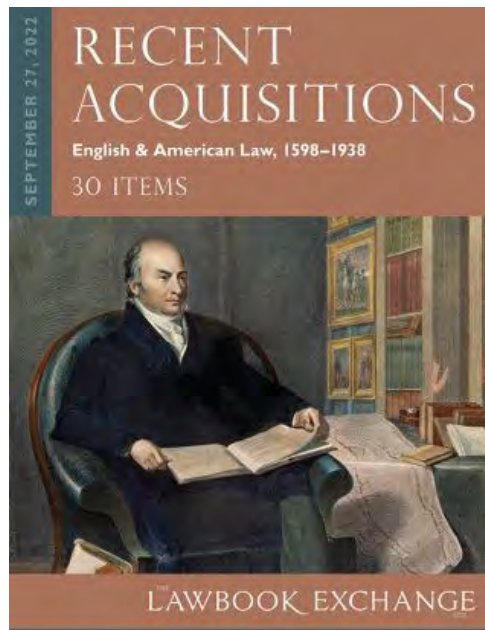
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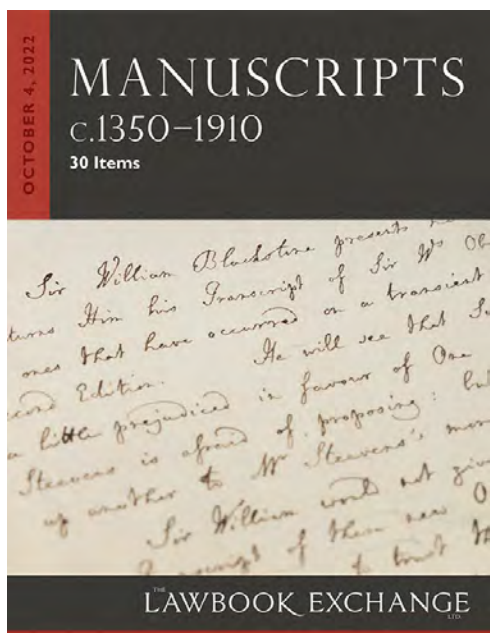
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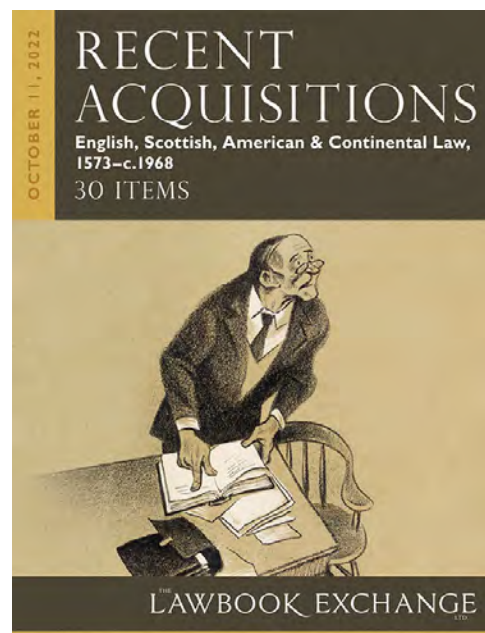
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