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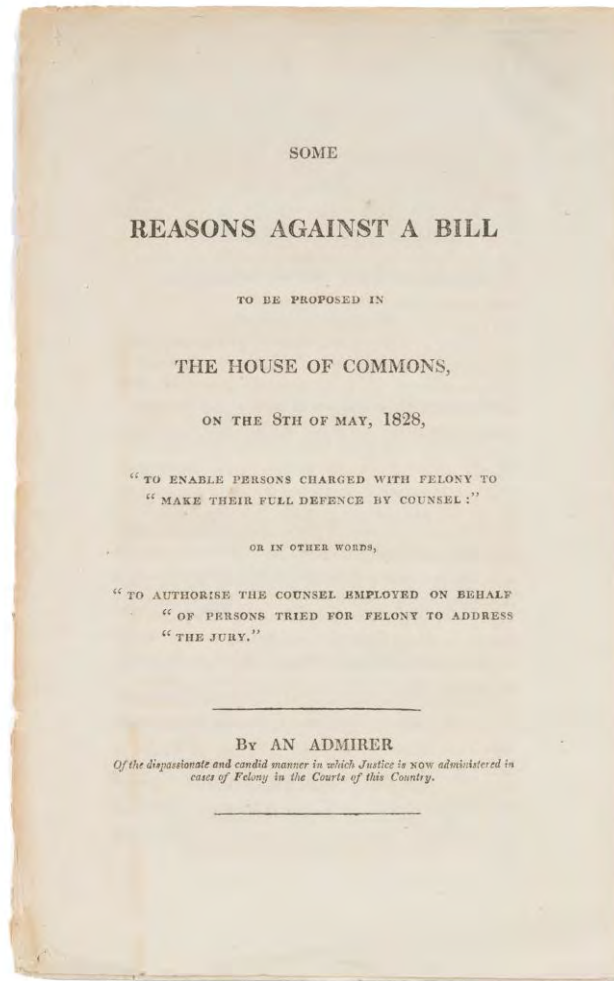


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### A Scarce Argument Against Speeches for the Defense

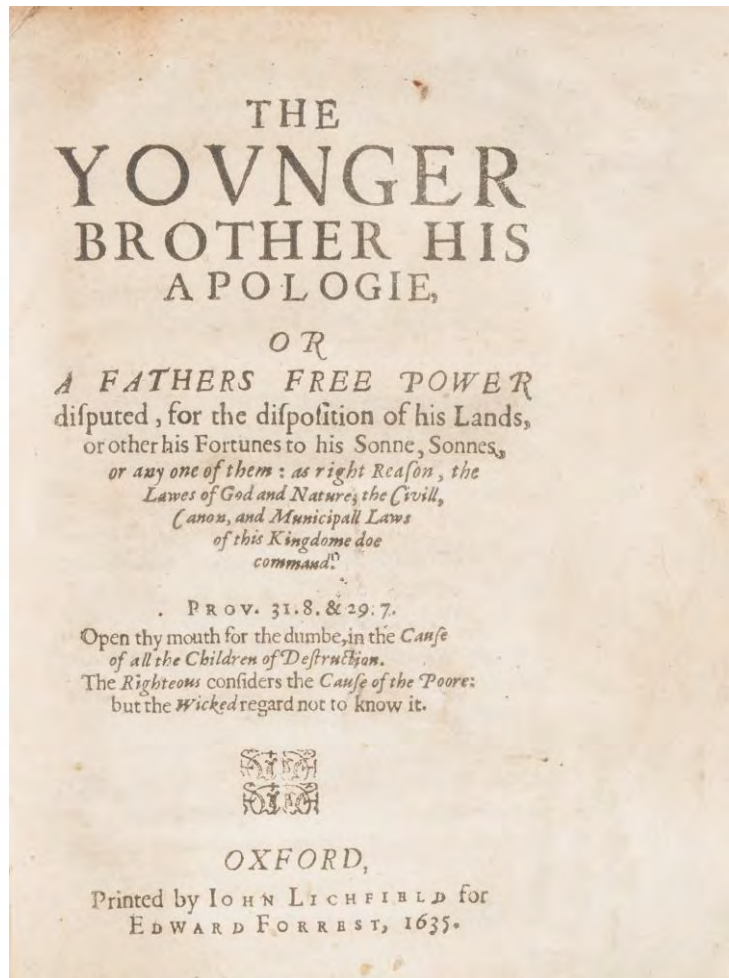
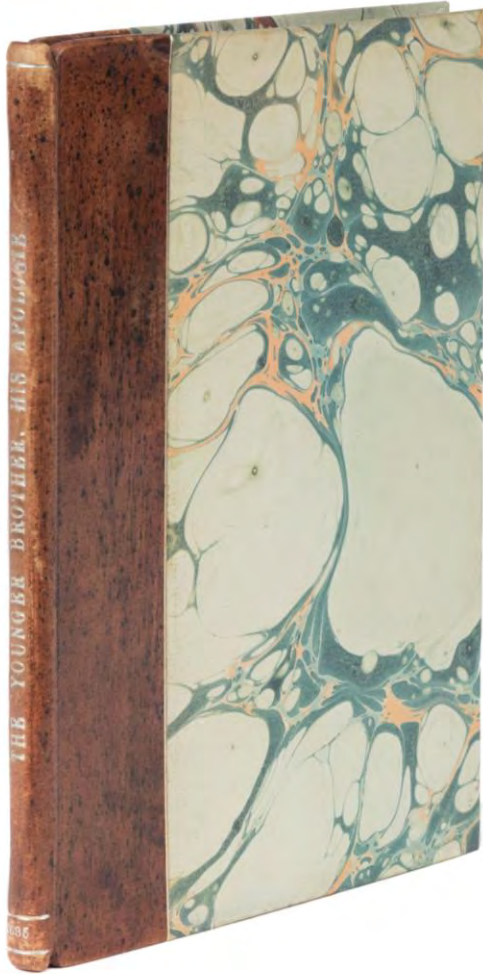
#### 1. An Admirer.

*Some Reasons Against a Bill to be Proposed in the House of Commons, On the 8th of May, 1828, "To Enable Persons Charged with Felony to Make their Full Defence by Counsel:" Or in Other Words, "To Authorise the Counsel Employed on Behalf of Persons Tried for Felony to Address the Jury." By An Admirer of the Dispassionate and Candid Manner in which Justice is NOW Administered in Cases of Felony in the Courts of this Country.* [London?: s.n., 1828]. 12 pp. Octavo (8-1/2" x 5-1/4").

Disbound stab-stitched pamphlet in self wrappers. Light toning, leaves separating, first and final leaves detached and very lightly edgeworn, light foxing to a few leaves, faint offsetting to first leaf. \$250.

\* Only edition. Written to refute a proposal that defense counsel should be entitled to "address the Court" as the prosecution does, this pamphlet argues that in a defense speech, "the passions of the Jury would be appealed to instead of their judgement," persuading them to be overly lenient to the defendant. The bill referenced in the title does not appear to have been proposed as planned. Today, counsel for the defendant is permitted to make an opening speech in some cases, but such opening statements are rare in the British system. OCLC locates 5 copies of this title worldwide, 2 in North America (Stanford, University of Missouri-Columbia).

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### A Seventeenth-Century Argument Against Primogeniture

#### 2. [Ap-Robert, John].

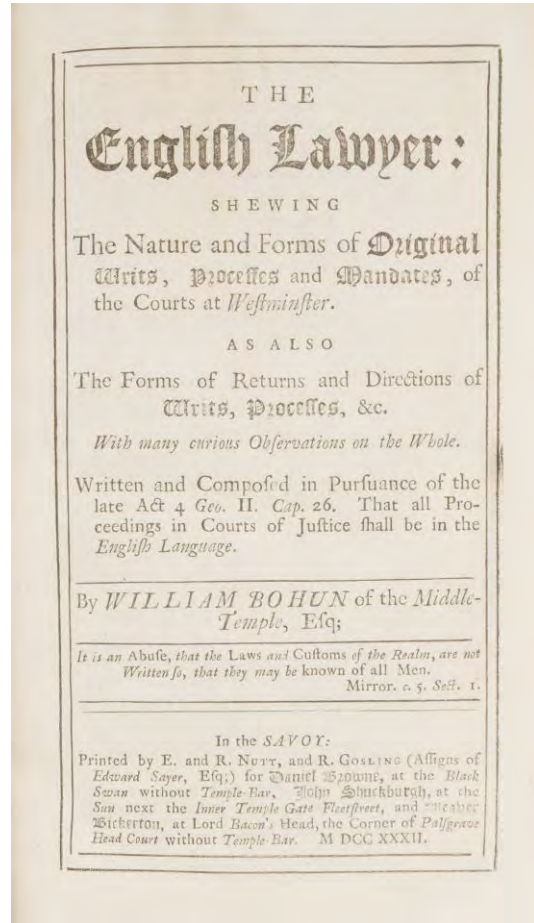
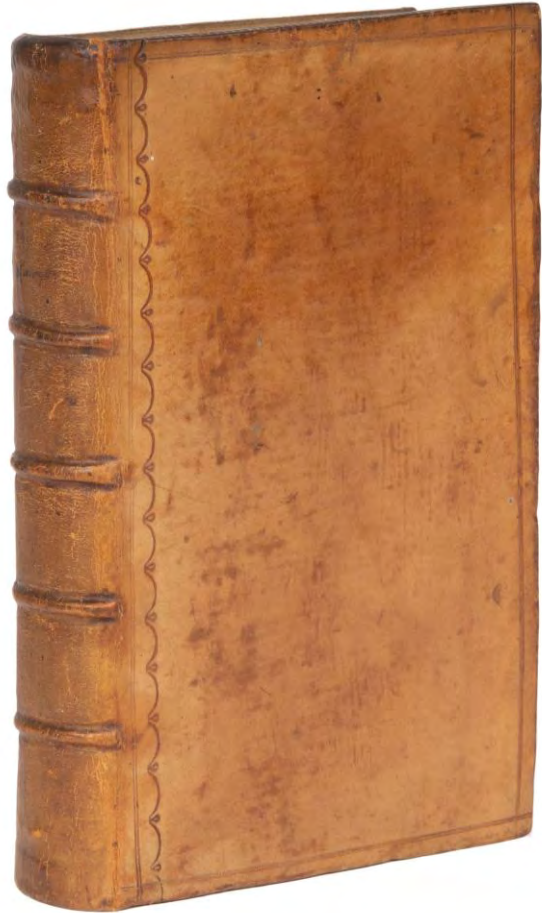
*The Younger Brother His Apologie, Or a Fathers Free Power Disputed, For the Disposition of His Lands, Or Other His Fortunes to His Sonne, Sonnes, Or Any One of Them: As Right Reason, The Lawes of God and Nature, The Civill, Canon, And Municipall Lawes of this Kingdome doe Command.* Oxford: Printed by Iohn Lichfield for Edward Forrest, 1635. [x], 56, [2] pp. Quarto (7" x 5-1/4").

Stab-stitched pamphlet bound into recent quarter calf over marbled boards, gilt title to spine, endpapers renewed. Moderate toning to interior, light soiling to title page and upper outside corners of a few leaves. \$500.

\* Third issue. First published in 1618 with a title beginning *The Yonger Brother His Apology by It Selfe*, this pamphlet argues that the law of primogeniture may be overruled due to a father's desire or family circumstances. The final issue was published in 1671. Like many copies of the 1634 issue, the date on the title page has a correction in a contemporary hand. All issues are scarce. OCLC locates 5 copies of the 1634 issue in North American law libraries (Harvard, Library of Congress, San Francisco Law Library, University of Minnesota, Yale).

*English Short-Title Catalogue* S100213.

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### A Turning Point in the History of English Pleading

#### 3. Bohun, William.

*The English Lawyer: Shewing the Nature and Forms of Original Writs, Processes and Mandates, Of the Courts at Westminster. As Also the Forms of Returns and Directions of Writs, Processes, &c. With Many Curious Observations on the Whole. Written and Composed in Pursuance of the Late Act 4 Geo. II. Cap. 26. That All Proceedings in Courts of Justice Shall be in the English Language.* [London]: Printed by E. and R. Nutt, And R. Gosling, 1732. xxiv, 464 pp. Octavo (8-3/4" x 5").

Contemporary calf, blind rules to boards, blind fillets along joints, raised bands to spine, gilt tooling to board edges. Negligible light rubbing and a few minor nicks to boards, early owner signature (W. Harbin) to front free endpaper, early owner initials (DOW) to rear free endpaper. Light toning to interior, light soiling to title page and margins of a few leaves, minor worming to final six leaves and rear pastedown. An appealing copy with a fresh interior. \$850.

\* Only edition. This book appeared at a turning point in the history of English pleading. The act of King George II that abolished the use of Law-French and Latin compelled the legal profession to devise writs and pleadings in English. This book aims to elucidate the new English forms while keeping them consistent with "the nature and forms" of their predecessors. Bohun was an attorney and prolific author who published well-received treatises on legal education, pleading, ecclesiastical law and other subjects.

*English Short-Title Catalogue* N6980.

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Executed for the Murder of his Infant Daughter

4. [Broadside].  
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Finnigan, Frederick Peter [d.1834].

*A Full Account of the Interesting Trial and Awful Execution of Frederick Peter Finnigan, This Morning, At the County Goal, Horsemonger Lane, For the Murder of His Infant Daughter.* [London]: Smeeton, Printer, [1834].

15" x 10" broadside hinged (with two small circular stickers at top-edge) onto 24" x 17" board. Text in three columns below headline and woodcut vignette of the execution. Light toning, light soiling at corners, small crease at lower right corner not affecting text. Rare. \$2,500.

\* Finnigan was accused of killing his daughter, Charlotte Matilda, by throwing her into a ditch. According to the testimony of his estranged wife's cousin, he confessed to his wife after the murder, consoling her by saying that "the child is happy in Heaven, and will want no more earthly provision." Though there was some question as to Finnigan's sanity at the time of the murder, he was found guilty and sentenced to death. OCLC locates 1 copy of this rare broadside (Harvard Law School). Library Hub adds 1 more (British Library).

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A Triple Execution at Staffordshire

- 5. [Broadside].
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- Shaw, Charles [d.1834].
- Tomlinson, Richard [d.1834].
- Smith, Mary [d.1834].

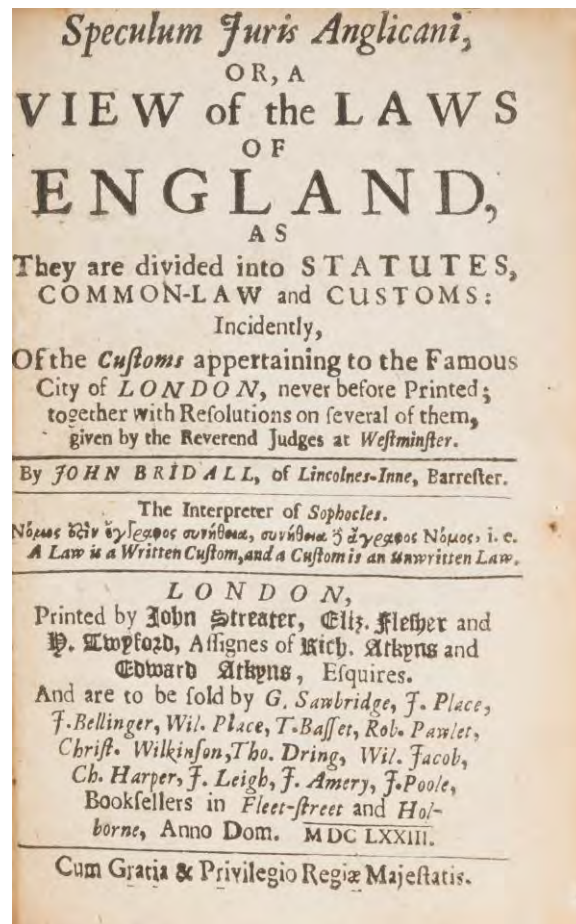
*The Trials of Charles Shaw, Aged 16, For Murdering John Oldcroft, Aged 9. Richard Tomlinson, For Murdering Mary Evans, His Sweetheart. Mary Smith, For Drowning her Infant Child. Who All Three Received Sentence of Death, At the Late Staffordshire Spring Assizes, And were Ordered for Execution Last Wednesday, March 19, 1834.* [London]: G. Smeeton, Printer, [1834].

14-3/4" x 9-3/4" broadside hinged (with two small circular stickers at top-edge) onto 24" x 17" board. Text in three columns enclosed by black rules, large woodcut vignette of execution scene flanked by excerpts from Genesis IX, 6 and Matthew XIX, 18. Verses at the end of each account. Light toning, negligible light foxing and soiling to margins, slight creasing to corners and bottom portion of text block, no loss to legibility. Rare. \$1,850.

\* Shaw and Tomlinson appeared to have murdered in fits of rage sparked by disputes over money. In both cases witnesses were called to prove insanity. Smith, who may have been suffering from post-partum depression, threw her twelve-day-old baby into a canal. Nobody proposed an insanity defense for her. OCLC and Library Hub locate 2 copies of this rare item (Library of Congress, Harvard Law School). We located another copy at Cornell Law School.

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### A Stuart-Era "Nutshell"

#### 6. Brydall, John [b. 1635?].

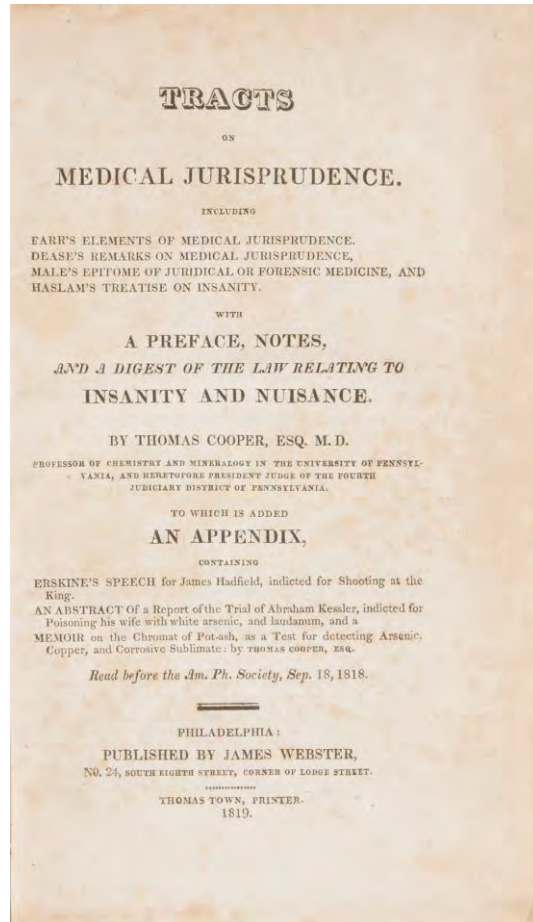
*Speculum Juris Anglicani, Or, A View of the Laws of England, As They are Divided into Statutes, Common-Law and Customs: Incidentally, Of the Customs Appertaining to the Famous City of London, Never Before Printed; Together with Resolutions on Several of Them, Given by the Reverend Judges at Westminster.* London: Printed by John Streater, Eliz. Flesher and H. Twyford, 1673. [viii], 150 pp. Lacking final blank included in most collations. Octavo (5-3/4"x 3-3/4").

Contemporary sheep, rebacked in period-style calf, blind rules to boards, lettering piece, blind fillets and gilt publication date to spine, blind tooling to board edges, endpapers renewed. Staining to boards, tiny hole to rear board, moderate rubbing to extremities, corners bumped. Moderate toning to interior, light soiling to margins of a few leaves. \$1,400.

\* Only edition, one of two imprints issued the same year. Brydall was a fellow of Queen's College, Oxford, and a bencher of Lincoln's Inn. A remarkably prolific writer, he published 36 legal treatises, and left 30 others in manuscript at the time of his death. All of these are brief, synthetic works. Holdsworth says they are good summaries that are "clearly arranged and based on the leading authorities." *Speculum Juris Anglicani* is an elementary review of English statutory and customary law. It was, says Holdsworth, "doubtless useful" to the student. OCLC locates 5 copies in North American law libraries (Columbia, Georgetown, Library of Congress, University of Michigan, University of Minnesota).

Holdsworth, *A History of English Law* VI:600, 605. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R175630.

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### The First American Book on Medical Jurisprudence and Forensic Medicine

#### 7. Cooper, Thomas, Editor [1759-1839].

*Tracts on Medical Jurisprudence: Including Farr's Elements of Medical Jurisprudence, Dease's Remarks on Medical Jurisprudence, Male's Epitome of Juridical or Forensic Medicine, and Haslam's Treatise on Insanity. With a Preface, Notes, and a Digest of the Law Relating to Insanity and Nuisance....* Philadelphia: Published by James Webster, 1819. [xvi], 456, [1] pp. Octavo (8-1/2" x 5-1/4").

Contemporary tree sheep, rebacked in period style, blind fillets, red and black lettering pieces and gilt publication date to spine, endpapers renewed. Light rubbing to boards, moderate rubbing to board edges with wear to corners, light browning and foxing to interior. \$750.

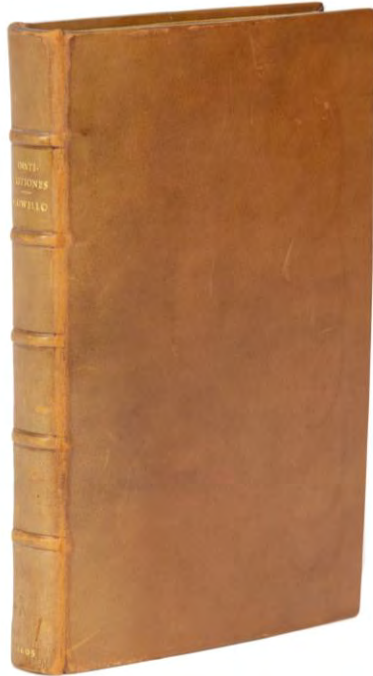
\* Only edition. The first work on forensic medicine and medical jurisprudence published in the United States, it was the most extensive work of its kind available in America for decades. It also includes the first American printing of John Haslam's landmark *Medical Jurisprudence as It Relates to Insanity* (1817). Other topics treated at length include rape, abortion, infanticide, insanity and poisoning. Cooper, a chemist and lawyer by training, was a polymath who published books on law, political science, economics, medicine and the natural sciences. A friend of Joseph Priestley and Thomas Jefferson, he was a professor of chemistry at Dickinson College and the University of Pennsylvania. He joined the faculty of South Carolina College in 1819 and became its president in 1820.

Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 8761.

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**"The Most Learned Civilian of His Time"**

**8. Cowell, John [1554-1611].**

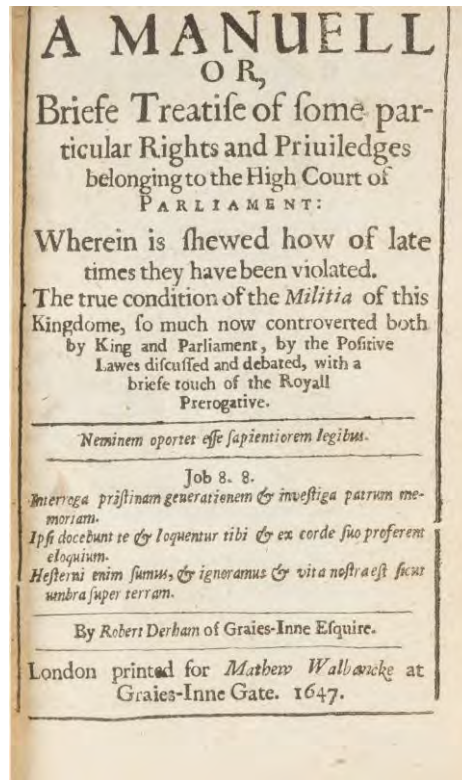
*Institutiones Iuris Anglicani Ad Methodum Et Serium Institutionum Imperialium Compositae & Digestae. Opus non Solum Iuris Anglicani Romaniq[ue] in hoc Regno Studiosis, Sed Omnibus qui Politeian & Consuetudines Inchyti Nostri Imperii Penitius Scire Cupiunt, Utile & Accommodatum. Cum Duplici Indice, Quorum Alter Titulos Ordine Alphabetico, Alter Obscuras Iuris Ang. Dictiones Earumq[ue] Explicationem Continet.* Cambridge: Ex Officina Iohannis Legat, 1605. [xiii], 268, [20] pp. Octavo (6-1/2" x 4-1/2").

Later signed-calf binding by Sangorski & Sutcliffe, raised bands, gilt title and gilt publication date to spine, endpapers renewed. Negligible light rubbing to extremities, a few minor scratches to boards, light fading to spine. Large woodcut seal of Cambridge University to verso of title. Moderate toning to interior, headlines affected by trimming in a few places, light soiling, a few tiny markings and small faint library stamp to title page. \$1,750.

\* First edition. As Walker notes, Cowell was "the most learned civilian of his time." Regius Professor of Civil Law at Cambridge from 1594 to 1611, he is remembered today as the author of an important (and controversial) dictionary, *The Interpreter* (1607), which went through several subsequent editions. As indicated by its title, the *Institutiones* is an elementary textbook on English law organized in the manner of Justinian's *Institutes*. As Holdsworth notes, "The objects of [this book] were to promote the union of England and Scotland by pointing out the resemblances between the common law and the civil law; to give the student of the common law some knowledge of the general principles of law; and to show the students of the civil law that if they would study the common law, they would improve their knowledge of both laws, and cease to be regarded as mere children in legal knowledge. That these ideas were sound is fairly obvious [today]... but they were in advance of their time." A translation of this book was ordered by Parliament in 1651, which indicates its stature during the Commonwealth period (despite Cowell's support of the crown). There were five editions in all; the final edition, in Latin, was published in 1676.

Walker, *The Oxford Companion to Law* 311. Holdsworth, *A History of English Law* V:21. *English Short-Title Catalogue* S108957.

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### Who Should Control the Militia?

#### 9. Derham, Robert.

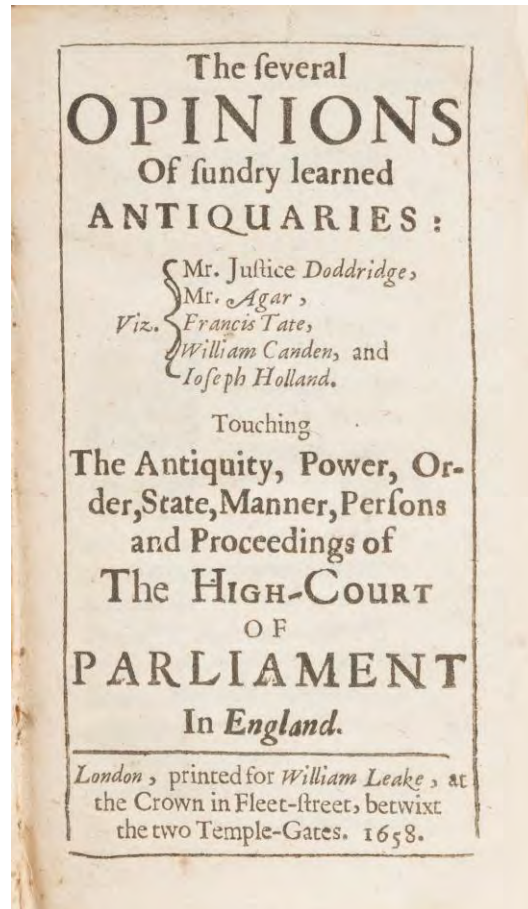
*A Manuell or, Briefe Treatise of Some Particular Rights and Priviledges Belonging to the High Court of Parliament: Wherein is Shewed How of Late Times They have been Violated. The True Condition of the Militia of this Kingdome, So Much Now Controverted Both by King and Parliament, By the Positive Lawes Discussed and Debated, With a Briefe Touch of the Royall Prerogative.* London: Printed for Mathew Walbancke, 1647. [xiii], 128, 8 pp. Octavo (5-1/2" x 3-1/4").

Later (nineteenth-century) calf, gilt rules to boards, gilt title to spine, gilt tooling to board edges, edges rouged, marbled (renewed) endpapers. Light rubbing and fading to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, corners just bumped, front hinge just starting at head, later armorial bookplate (possibly of John Wodehouse, signed in ink and dated 1838) recent notes in pencil to later front endleaves, early note to contemporary front endleaf. Light toning to interior, light foxing and soiling in a few places, occasional later brief notes and marginal marks in pencil. \$850.

\* Only edition. A discussion of the respective privileges of Parliament and the Crown, published between the First and Second English Civil Wars, in light of the heated debate over control of the militia instigated by the Militia Ordinance of 1642. Passed by the Long Parliament in March, the ordinance gave Parliament the right to appoint military commanders without the king's approval and was enforced by Parliament despite Charles's refusal to grant it royal assent. This caused the already-tenuous relationship between Charles I and Parliament to degrade further and was one of the primary causes of the outbreak of war in August of that year. OCLC locates 7 copies of this title in North American law libraries (Harvard, University of Minnesota, Columbia, University of Michigan, Ohio Northern University, Library of Congress, LA County).

*English Short-Title Catalogue* R16744.

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### Seventeenth-Century Study of the High Court of Parliament

#### 10. [Doddridge, Sir John (1555-1628), Primary Author and Editor].

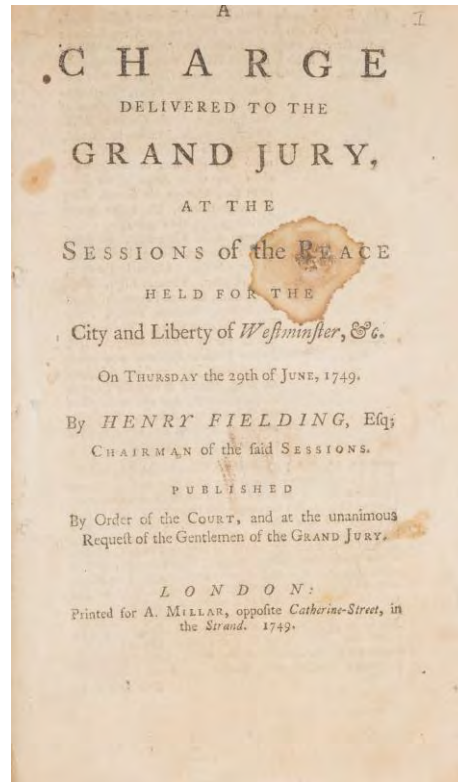
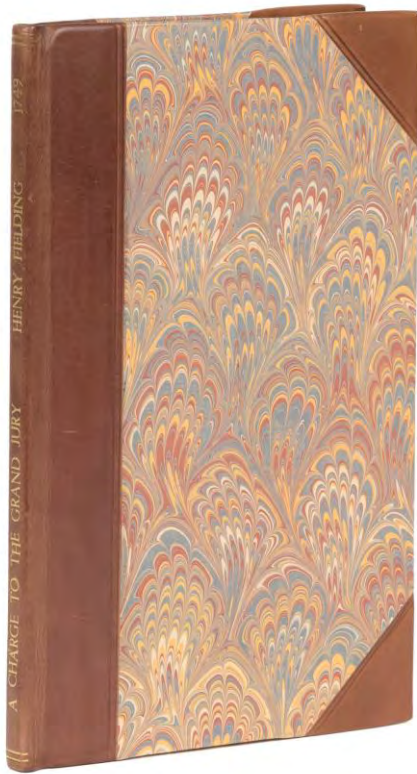
*The Several Opinions of Sundry Learned Antiquaries: Viz. Justice Doddridge, Mr. Agar, Francis Tate, William Camden, and Ioseph Holland. Touching the Antiquity, Power, Order, State, Manner, Persons and Proceedings of the High-Court of Parliament in England.* London: Printed for William Leake, 1658. [xlviij], 96, [2] pp. Final leaf is a publisher advertisement. Octavo (5-1/2" x 3-1/4").

Later calf, blind rules to boards, lettering piece and gilt-edged raised bands to spine, blind tooling to board edges. Faint staining to boards, a few minor scuffs to front board, large scuff to rear board, moderate rubbing to extremities, corners bumped, rear hinge cracked, partial crack to text block between p. 96 and following leaf, moderate toning to interior. \$850.

\* First edition. This interesting study aims to define the jurisdiction of Parliament when it sits as a judicial body. It includes a lengthy introduction by Doddridge. A second edition was published in 1679. A judge during the reign of Charles I, Doddridge, sometimes spelled Dodderidge, was a formidably learned jurist who was both a common lawyer and a civilian who held a D.C.L. from Cambridge. A fairly prolific author and editor, his works are held in high esteem by Holdsworth.

*English Short-Title Catalogue* R210130.

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**Fielding's Famous Grand Jury Charge, "A Masterly and Assured Model of its Kind"**

**11. Fielding, Henry [1707-1754].**

*A Charge Delivered to the Grand Jury, At the Sessions of the Peace Held for the City and Liberty of Westminster, &c. On Thursday the 29th of June, 1749. By Henry Fielding, Esq; Chairman of the Said Sessions. Published by Order of the Court, And at the Unanimous Request of the Gentlemen of the Grand Jury.* London: Printed for A. Millar, 1749. [iii], 8-64 pp. Complete. Octavo (7-3/4" x 4-3/4").

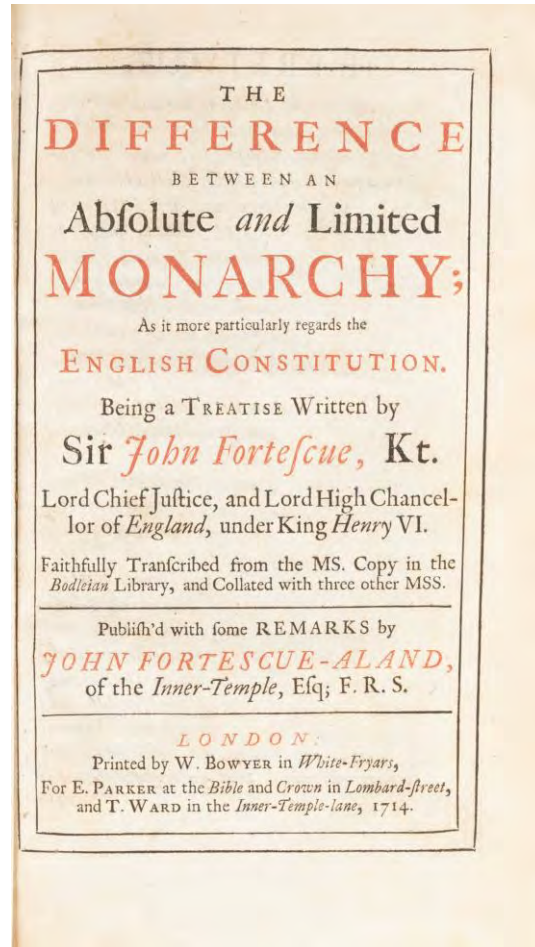
Stab-stitched pamphlet bound in recent three-quarter calf over marbled boards, blind rules to calf edges, gilt fillets and title to spine. Light toning to interior, light foxing and soiling in a few places, light browning to first leaf, small dampstain to text block of first two leaves without loss to legibility, small holes to bottom margin of last two leaves not affecting text. \$1,250.

\* Only London edition. Grand jury charges, long considered a duty for justices of the peace, could be a useful vehicle for the speaker's social, moral and political vision for society. Fielding's charge, considered "a masterly and assured model of its kind," discusses the history and importance of grand juries in the English system along with their role in addressing the nation's legal and social problems (Zirker). "...confident and dignified in tone, precise in application, rich in legal allusion, and thoroughly at ease with the perspective of judicial tradition," the charge cites Coke, Bracton, Hale and Hawkins, among others.

An important writer, magistrate and social reformer, Fielding served as London's Chief Metropolitan Police Magistrate from 1748 until his death and was nominated chairman of the Quarter Sessions in 1749. OCLC locates 1 copy of this imprint in a North American law library (San Francisco Law Library). The ESTC adds a copy at Harvard Law School.

Zirker, ed., *Henry Fielding: An Enquiry into the Causes of the Late Increase of Robbers and Related Writings* xxviii. *English Short-Title Catalogue (ESTC)* T90231.

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### Fortescue's Thoughts on Monarchy and the English Constitution

#### 12. Fortescue, Sir John [1394?-1496?].

#### Fortescue-Aland, Sir John [1670-1746], Editor.

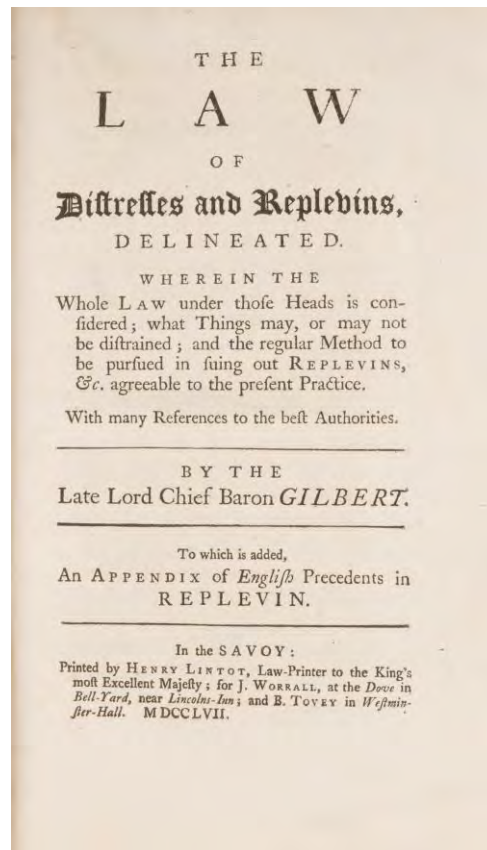
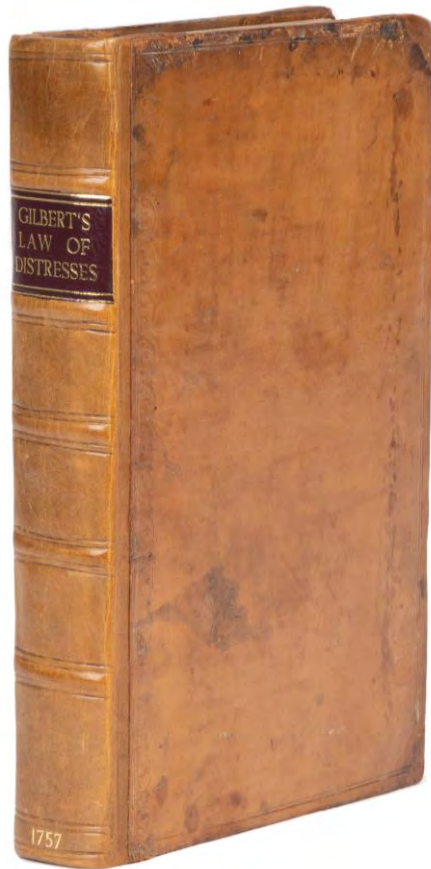
*The Difference Between an Absolute and Limited Monarchy; As It More Particularly Regards the English Constitution. Being a Treatise Written by Sir John Fortescue, Kt. Lord Chief Justice, And Lord High Chancellor of England, Under King Henry VI. Faithfully Transcribed from the MS. Copy in the Bodleian Library, And Collated with Three Other MSS. Publish'd with Some Remarks by John Fortescue-Aland, Of the Inner-Temple, Esq; F.R.S. London: Printed by W. Bowyer in White-Friars, For E. Parker, 1714. [xvi], lxxxii, [4], 148, [4] pp. Octavo (8-1/2" x 5-1/2").*

Contemporary paneled calf, rebacked retaining existing spine with raised bands and lettering piece, hinges mended. Moderate rubbing to extremities, wear to spine ends and corners, front joint cracked, rear joint starting, early armorial bookplate (Jolliffe) to front pastedown. Title page printed in red and black, copperplate head-pieces, woodcut tail-pieces. Moderate toning, faint dampspotting in a few places, light soiling to title page and a few other leaves. \$700.

\* First edition. This work elaborates Fortescue's belief, first articulated in *De Laudibus Legum Angliae* (c.1470), in the superiority of a constitutionally limited monarch. Later editions were published in 1719 and 1724.

*English Short-Title Catalogue* T140210.

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**"Admired" for Its "Great Professional Learning"**

**13. Gilbert, Sir Geoffrey [1674-1726].**

*The Law of Distresses and Replevins, Delineated. Wherein the Whole Law Under Those Heads is Considered; What Things May, Or May Not be Distrained; And the Regular Method to be Pursued in Suing Out Replevins, &c. Agreeable to the Present Practice. With Many References to the Best Authorities. To Which is Added, An Appendix of English Precedents in Replevin.* [London]: Printed by Henry Lintot, 1757. viii, 358, [40], [2] pp. Includes two-page publisher advertisement, another one-page advertisement precedes title page. Octavo (8" x 5").

Contemporary calf, rebaked in period style, blind rules to boards, blind fillets along joints, raised bands and lettering piece to spine, hinges and upper outside corner of front board mended. A few minor scuffs and stains to boards, moderate rubbing to board edges. Light toning to interior, faint offsetting to margins of endleaves. A handsome copy. \$750.

\* First edition. This classic treatise reached its fourth and final edition in 1823 was one of Gilbert's many able treatises praised by Holdsworth as among the best of eighteenth-century treatise-writing, examining the legal remedies most closely associated with self-help and fraught with the prospect of force and social conflict. "The great professional learning which this Treatise displays, has long been acknowledged, and the judicious manner in which it is disposed has ever been admired.": *Critical Review* 49:292 cited in Marvin.

Marvin, *Legal Bibliography* 335. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T123878.

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### The Last Customs Guide for Revenue Farmers

#### 14. [Great Britain].

#### [Commissioners of Customs].

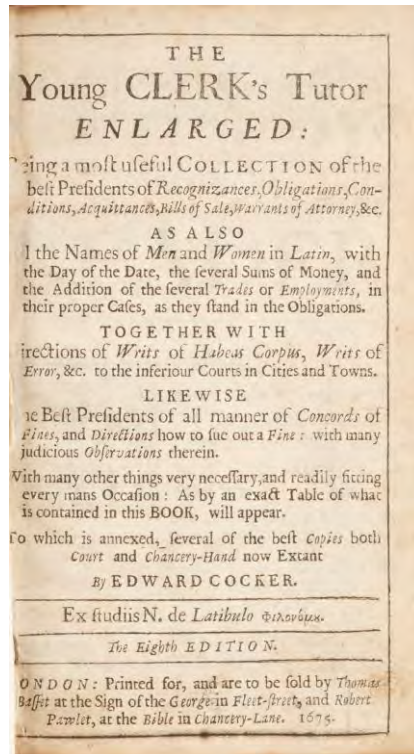
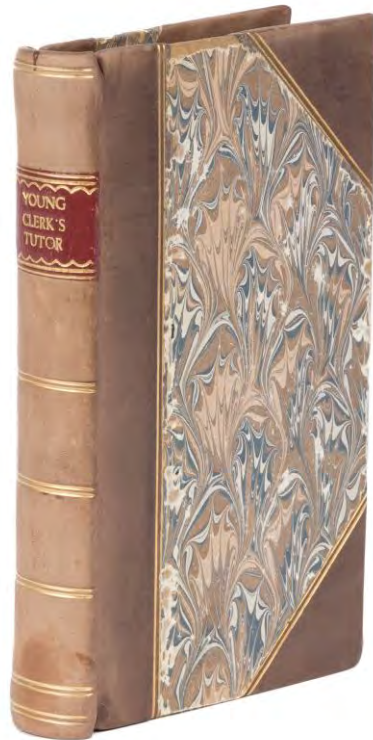
*The Rates of Marchandizes; As They are Set Downe in the Booke of Rates, For the Custome and Subsidie of Poundage, And for the Custome and Subsidie of Clothes. The Same Being Signed by the Kings Majesty, And Sealed with the Great Seale of England, And Remaining in His Highnesse Court of Exchequer at Westminster: And by Speciall Commandment from His Majesty Published in Print, For the Direction of Such as It May Concerne: Together with the Rates of Such Impositions as are Laid Upon Any Commodities, Either Brought into the Realme, Or Carried Out of the Same, According to His Majesties Letters Patents Thereof Under the Great Seale of England.* London: Robert Barker, Printer to the Kings Most Excellent Majesty, 1635. [ii], 13, [111] pp. Lacking final blank. Octavo (5-1/2" x 3-1/4").

Recent straight-grained morocco, gilt title and date to spine, endpapers renewed, edges rouged. Light rubbing, a few small scuffs to front board, some fading to spine, somewhat lighter fading to extremities, recent pencil annotations to front free endpaper. Moderate toning to interior, light foxing in a few places, trimming to fore-edge of leaf H6 (pp. [108-109]) just touching right edge of text with loss to catch-word but not legibility of main text. \$1,250.

\* Final edition, one of two 1635 issues (the other in quarto). A guide to customs administration for private revenue farmers, who paid an annual rent to the Crown in return for the privilege of collecting and retaining customs duties. These rents effectively became an intricate system of short-term loans to the Crown and a way to raise funds without Parliament. This was the last such guide before the revenue farming system was abandoned as a concession to the Long Parliament in 1641. OCLC locates 6 copies of this edition, 1 in North America (Huntington Library). The ESTC adds a North American copy at Harvard.

*English Short-Title Catalogue (ESTC)* S105551. Ashton, "Revenue Farming Under the Early Stuarts," *The Economic History Review* 8.3, pp. 310-322.

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**A Popular Clerk's Manual With Plates Depicting Court and Chancery Hands**

15. [Hawkins, John].

**Cocker, Edward, Calligraphic Plates.**

*The Young Clerk's Tutor Enlarged: Being a Most Useful Collection of the Best Presidents of Recognizances, Obligations, Conditions, Acquittances, Bills of Sale, Warrants of Attorney, &c. As Also the Names of Men and Women in Latin, With the Day of the Date, The Several Sums of Money, And the Addition of Several Trades or Employments, In Their Proper Cases, As They Stand in the Obligations. Together with Directions of Writts of Habeas Corpus, Writts of Errors, &c. To the Inferiour Courts in Cities and Towns. Likewise the Best Presidents of All Manner of Concords of Fines, And Directions How to Sue Out a Fine: With Many Judicious Observations Therein. With Many Other Things Very Necessary, And Readily Fitting Every Man's Occasion: As by an Exact Table of What is Contained in This Book, Will Appear. To Which is Annexed, Several of the Best Copies Both Court and Chancery Hand Now Extant, By Edward Cocker.* London: Printed for, And to be Sold by Thomas Bassett, 1675. [xiv], 208 pp. 4 calligraphic plates (of court and chancery hands). Lacking first leaf, a blank. Octavo (5-3/4" x 3-1/2").

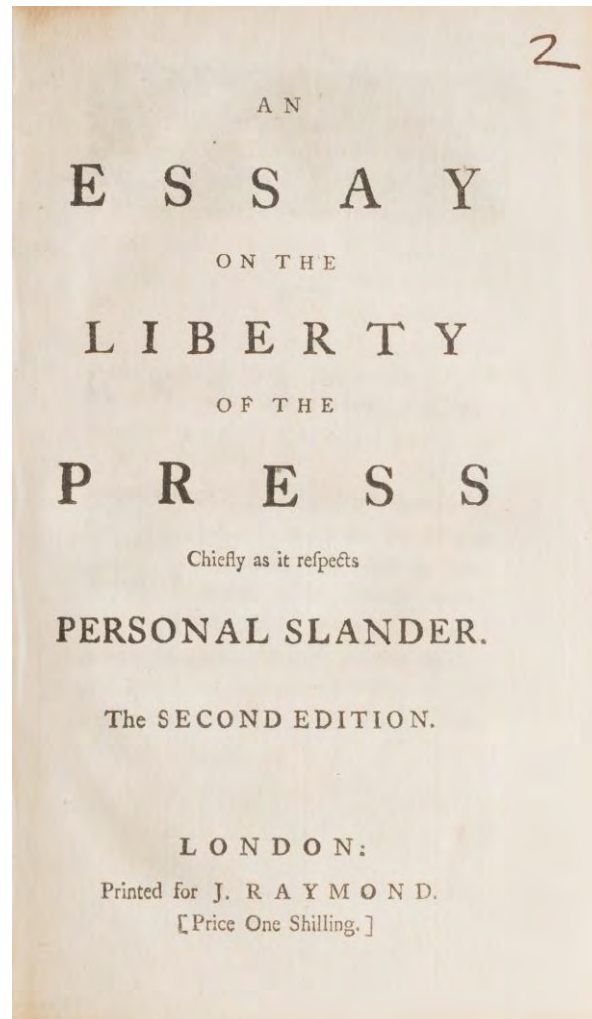
Recent three-quarter calf over marbled boards, gilt fillets to boards along edges of calf, lettering piece and gilt fillets to spine, recent endpapers renewed with marbled paper. Light fading a few tiny stains to spine, moderate toning to interior, faint dampspotting to sections of text, light soiling to title page, which has minor loss to text along gutter. An attractive copy. \$400.

\* Eighth edition. This popular guide was first published in 1660 and went through several editions and revisions into the eighteenth century. Cocker, who created the plates depicting chancery hands, was known for his writing manuals and arithmetical works. Pepys mentions him several times in his diary entries for 1664.

*English Short-Title Catalogue* R36036.

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### The Value of a Free Press

**16. [Hayter, Thomas (1702-1762)].**

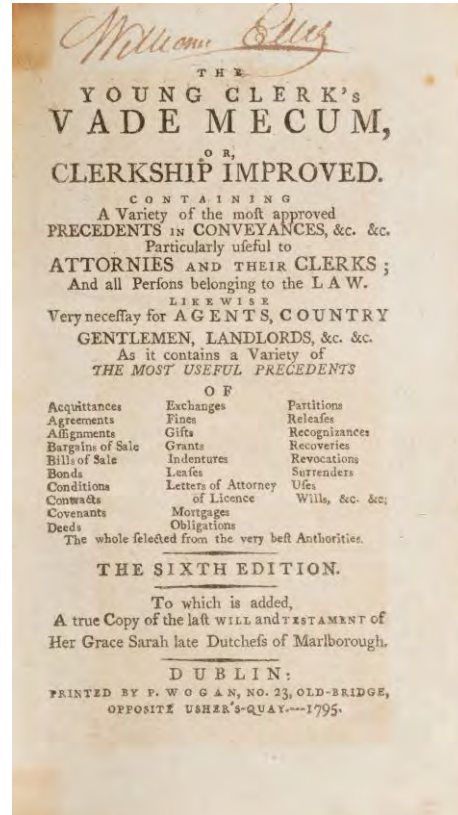
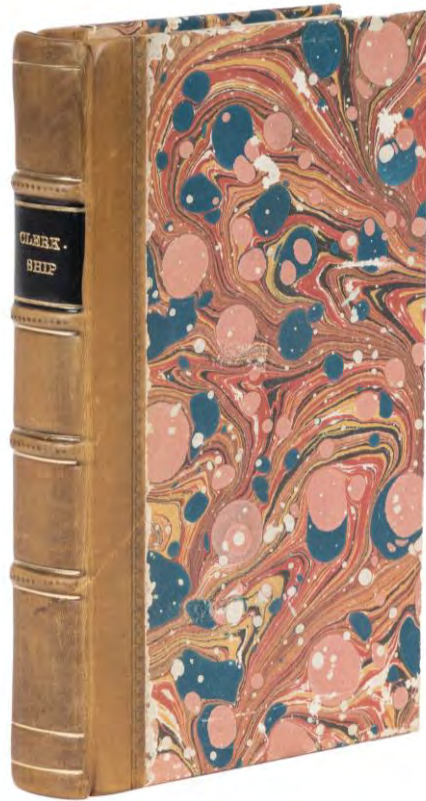
*An Essay on the Liberty of the Press Chiefly as it Respects Personal Slander.* London: Printed for J. Raymond, [1755]. [iv], 47, [1] pp. Octavo (5" x 7-3/4").

Stab-stitched pamphlet bound into later quarter calf over marbled boards, gilt title to spine. A few minor nicks and scratches, light fading to spine, light toning to interior, "2" in early hand to title page, "3" in small early hand to verso of final leaf. \$650.

\* First edition. Hayter considers the nature of a free press and concludes that "it is useful to reveal the designs of evil men to that they can be detected and restrained. While decrying the abuses that freedom of the press permits, he maintains that the advantages of freedom outweigh the disadvantages. The statement...represents one of the most liberal of the times" (McCoy). Hayter was bishop of Norwich and later bishop of London. A second, third and undesignated Dublin edition of *An Essay* were also published in 1755.

McCoy, *Freedom of the Press* H165. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T61419.

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**Rare Dublin Edition of a Popular JP Manual**

**17. [Justice of the Peace Manual].**

*The Young Clerk's Vade Mecum, Or, Clerkship Improved. Containing a Variety of the Most Improved Precedents in Conveyances, &c. &c. Particularly Useful to Attornies and their Clerks; And All Persons Belonging to the Law. Likewise Very Necessary for Agents, Country Gentlemen, Landlords, &c. &c. As it Contains a Variety of the Most Useful Precedents [...] The Whole Selected from the Very Best Authorities. To Which is Added, A True Copy of the Will and Testament of Her Grace Sarah late Dutchess of Marlborough.* Dublin: Printed by P. Wogan, 1795. [ii], 216, [8] pp. 12mo. (6-1/2" x 3-3/4").

Recent quarter calf over marbled boards, blind fillets to calf edges, gilt-edged raised bands and lettering piece to spine, endpapers renewed. Moderate rubbing to boards and board edges, somewhat heavier to rear board. Toning to interior, light browning and foxing in a few places, gutter of leaf B12 (pp. 23-24) reinforced without loss to text, early ownership signatures (of William Elles) to head of title page and following leaf. A nice copy of a rare edition. \$550.

\* Sixth stated and final edition. "In those days, when anyone who was anybody was a judge, and most of those who were not quite anybodies were justices of the peace, a *vademecum*...was an essential tool..." (Cohen). Alphabetically organized with forms for pleading, this popular work covers topics such as bonds, bills of sale, grants, indentures and wills. Also printed in London, Belfast and New York from 1742, the final 1795 printing is the sole Dublin edition. OCLC locates 2 copies worldwide (Harvard Law School, University of Washington Law School).

Cohen, "Historical Development of the American Lawyer's Library," 61 *Law Library Journal* (1968) 440, 445. *English Short-Title Catalogue* N64695.

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**Considered an Authority by James Kent**

**18. Levinz, Sir Creswell [1627-1700].**

*Les Reports de Sr. Creswell Levinz, Knt. Jades un del Justices del Common Bank, En Trois Parts: Commencant en le 12 an de Roy Charles II. & Fini en le 8 an de son Majesty William III. Le Primer Part Containant Cases Oye & Determin en Bank le Roy en le Temps que Sir Robert Foster, Sir Robert Hide, & Sir John Keeling fueront Chief Justices la, & d'Ascun Cases en Anter Courts Durant cest Temps. Le Second Part Containant Cases Oye & Determin en Bank le Roy Durant le Temps que Sir Matthew Hale, Sir Richard Rainsford, & Sir William Scroggs fueront Chief Justices la, & d'Ascun Cases en Anter Courts Durant cest Temps. Le Tierce Part, De Divers Cases en Common Bank Durant le Temps que il fuit un Judge la, & de Divers Auters Cases en Mesme le Court, & Ascun Auters Courts, Puis que il fuit Remove del Bank al' 9 Ann William le Tierce, Ovesque Special Pleadings al Several del Cases.* London: Printed by the Assigns of Richard and Edward Atkins Esq; for S. Kevel [et al.], 1702. Three parts in three volumes. Copperplate portrait frontispiece facing title page of Part I. [xii], 312, [16]; [vi], 255, [24]; [xxii], 440, [12] pp. Folio (12" x 7-1/2").

Contemporary calf, blind fillets and rules to boards, raised bands, blind fillets, lettering pieces and small early paper shelf labels to spines, gilt tooling to board edges. Light rubbing and a few nicks, scuffs and scratches to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, chipping to spine ends, front joint of Volume III starting at head, corners bumped and somewhat worn, hinges cracked or starting, armorial bookplates of the Earls of Macclesfield to front pastedowns, penciled shelfmarks to front free endpapers, brief ink annotations to rear pastedowns, small embossed Macclesfield stamps to preliminaries, armorial bookplates of Thomas Parker, 1st Earl of Macclesfield to versos of title pages. Moderate toning to interior, light foxing in places, very brief annotations and underlining to a few leaves. \$500.

\* First edition. First published in 1702, these volumes report cases from 1660 to 1697. Wallace says these reports are held in varying degrees of respect by different jurists, but are frequently cited. Kent had a high opinion of these reports and considered them an "authority." The final edition of these reports, the third, was published in 1793. It went through several reissues, the last one in 1908.

Wallace, *The Reporters* 304-305. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T97372.

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### Prominent Philadelphia Quakers Begin a Subscription Fund for Native Americans

#### 19. [Manuscript].

[Native Americans].

[Quakers].

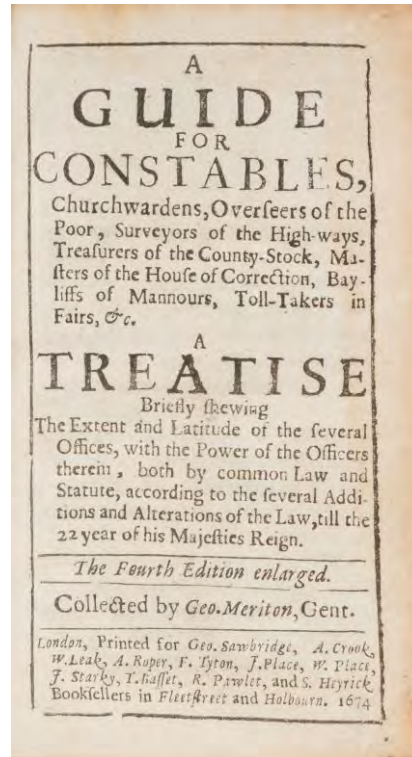
[*Document Establishing a Quaker Subscription Fund for Native Americans*]. [Philadelphia?, August 18, 1756].

Single 11-1/4" x 7-1/2" sheet, text to recto in an elegant hand. Moderate toning, light foxing and soiling, light wear to top-edge, item split neatly into four pieces along horizontal and vertical fold lines, minor loss to a few words of text without loss to legibility, matted and glazed in 14-3/4" x 11-3/4" frame. An interesting item. Typed transcript included. \$2,000.

\* This document establishes a group of sixteen men responsible for managing funds raised by subscription for the "Indians who were the native Inhabitants of this Country" in hopes of "regaining & preserving [their] Friendship" and demonstrating "our hearty Concern to maintain the Principles of Peace & good Will we have professed to them." All seemingly Philadelphia Quakers, many of the men were actively involved in outreach between Quakers and the Six Nations of the Iroquois Confederacy before, during and after the French and Indian War. Several of those named in our manuscript, including Israel Pemberton Jr. [1715-1779], James Pemberton [1723-1809], John Reynell [1708-1784] and Owen Jones [1711-1793], were delegates to a conference between Quakers and Iroquois in April of 1756. This conference is likely referenced in our manuscript as "the pacific measures lately proposed & now promoted."

The purpose of the fund appears to have been largely charitable. Around this period in 1756, Israel Pemberton, Jr. proposed the establishment of a formal organization outside the official Philadelphia Yearly Meeting with the purpose of raising funds by subscription in the local community. The organization was formally titled "The Friendly Association for Regaining and Preserving Peace with the Indians by Pacific Measures," language echoed in our document. Funds were seemingly disbursed both in cash and in kind to local tribes until as late as 1764, when the organization dissolved and its members reincorporated into the Indian Committee of the Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, which continues its work to this day. Our document, which does not appear to include a comprehensive list of the subscribers or their signatures, may have been produced to raise awareness of the fund or for the personal records of subscribers.

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**Meriton's Guide for Lay Officers**

**20. Meriton, George [1634-1711].**

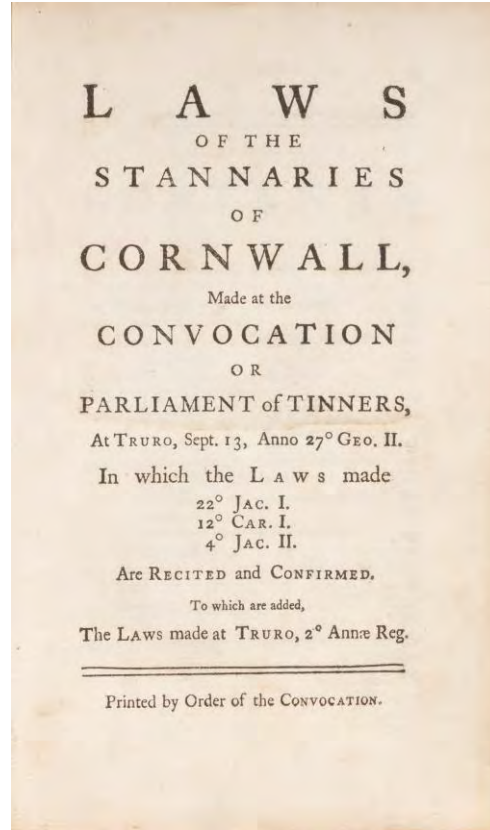
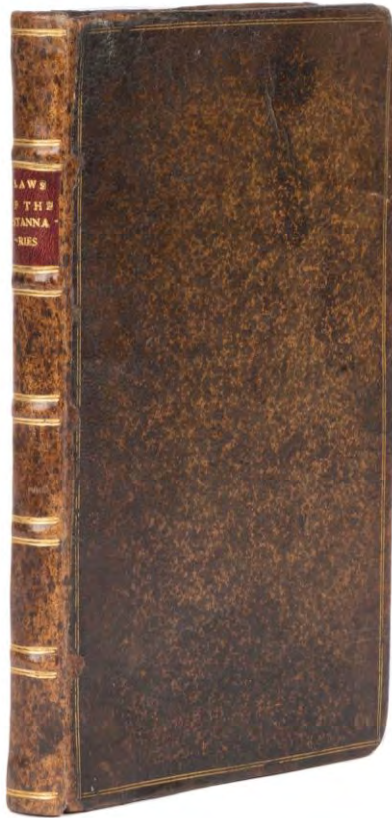
*A Guide for Constables, Churchwardens, Overseers of the Poor, Surveyors of the High-Ways, Treasurers of the County-Stock, Masters of the House of Correction, Bayliffs of Mannours, Toll-Takers in Fairs, &c. A Treatise Briefly Shewing the Extent and Latitude of the Several Offices, With the Power of the Officers Therein, Both by Common Law and Statute, According to the Several Additions and Alterations of the Law, Till the 22 Year of His Majesties Reign.* London: Printed for Geo. Sawbridge [et al.], 1674. [xii], 286 pp. Two parts with continuous pagination, second part preceded by title page dated 1674 and reading (in part) *Conductor Generalis: A Guide for Churchwardens, Overseers of the Poor, Surveyors of High-Ways*. 12mo. (5-1/2" x 3").

Contemporary sheep, blind rules to boards, blind fillets to spine, no pastedowns. Moderate rubbing and a few scuffs, scratches and minor stains to boards, somewhat heavier rubbing to extremities, chip to head of spine, corners bumped and worn, hinges cracked, faint offsetting to endleaves, brief recent pencil annotations to front free endpaper. Moderate toning to interior, light foxing in a few places, partial crack in text block between first and second parts (pp. 122-123), all leaves secure. \$650.

\* Fourth edition. Meriton was a lawyer and a prodigious writer on a wide range of well-received legal and non-legal topics. Born in the North Riding of Yorkshire, he is also remembered for his dialect poem *The Praise of Yorkshire Ale* (1683). First published in 1669, the *Guide for Constables* reviews the legal obligation, rights and limitations of lay officers other than justices of the peace. A durable work, it reached its eighth and final edition in 1685. All editions are scarce despite its popularity and long publication history. OCLC locates 3 copies of the fourth edition, all in North America (Harvard Law School, Yale, Huntington Library). The *ESTC* adds 3 more (British Library, Carlisle Cathedral, Thomas Plume's Library).

*English Short-Title Catalogue (ESTC)* R19540.

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### The Powerful Tinnners of Cornwall

#### 21. [Mining].

##### Convocation of Stannators.

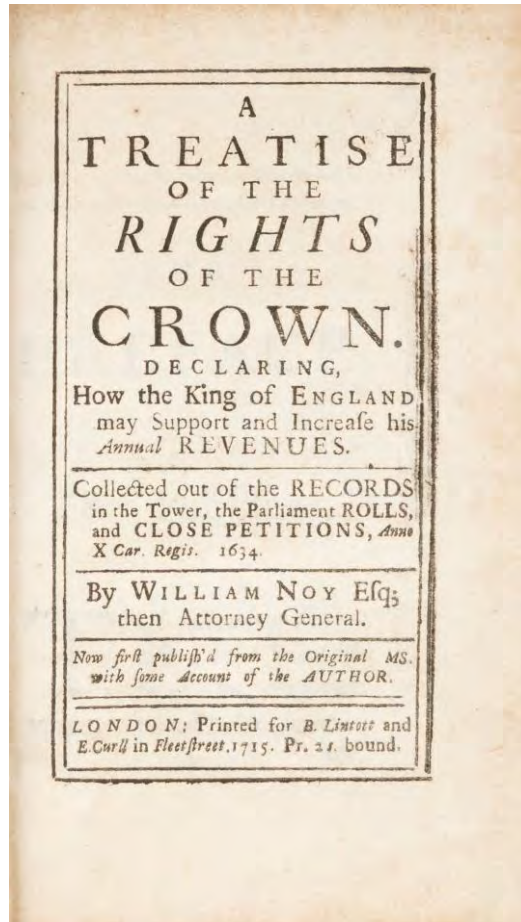
*Laws of the Stannaries of Cornwall, Made at the Convocation or Parliament of Tinnners, At Truro, Sept. 13, Anno 27° Geo. II. In Which the Laws Made 22° Jac. I. 12° Car. I. 4° Jac. II. Are Recited and Confirmed. To Which are Added, The Laws made at Truro, 2° Annæ Reg.* [London?: S.n., 1753]. [ii], 126 pp. Octavo (7-3/4" x 4-3/4").

Contemporary sprinkled calf with later sprinkled-calf rebacking, gilt rules to boards, lettering piece and gilt-edged raised bands to spine, hinges mended. Light rubbing to boards, moderate rubbing to board edges, corners bumped and worn. Moderate toning to interior, light foxing to a few leaves, faint staining and offsetting to endleaves. \$450.

\* Only edition. Under customary law, confirmed by several royal charters since Edward I, the Convocation of Stannators (i.e. tinnners) had rights of jurisdiction over much of Cornwall. This power was granted and confirmed in recognition of the tin industry's economic value. The successor to a collection issued in 1725, this volume is a codification and restatement of the Convocation's laws a tradition conjecturally predating Roman Britain and originally developed from Cornish, Anglo-Saxon, and Norman sources. The stannary laws are sometimes cited today as evidence of a unique political identity by Cornish Nationalists, who claim these laws were never formally repealed by the English crown. OCLC locates 1 copy in a North American law library (Georgetown); The ESTC adds 3 more (Columbia, Harvard, UC-Davis).

*English Short-Title Catalogue (ESTC)* T112915.

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### Rights of the Crown

#### 22. Noy, William [1577-1634].

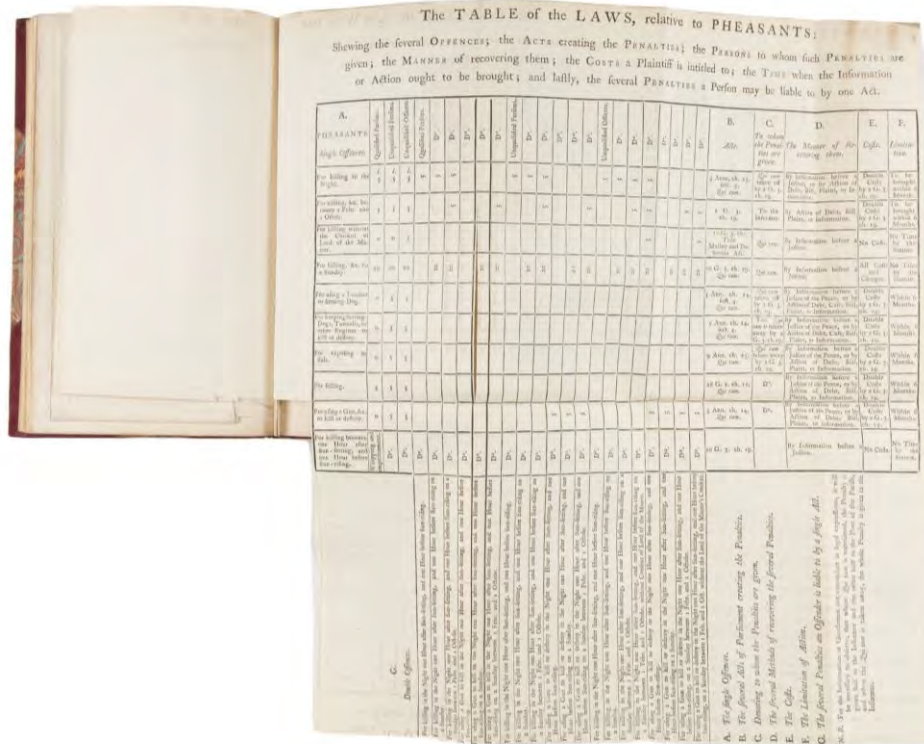
*A Treatise of the Rights of the Crown. Declaring, How the King of England May Support and Increase His Annual Revenues. Collected Out of the Records in the Tower, The Parliament Rolls, And Close Petitions, Anno X Car. Regis. 1634. By William Noy Esq; Then Attorney General. Now First Publish'd From the Original MS. With Some Account of the Author.* London: Printed for B. Lintott and E. Curl, 1715. xii, 113, [5] pp. Includes 4 pp. publisher advertisement. Lacking final leaf, a blank. 12mo. (6-1/4" x 3-3/4").

Contemporary calf, blind rules to boards, blind fillets to joints, raised bands to spine, gilt tooling to board edges, endpapers renewed. Light rubbing to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, chip to head of spine, corners bumped and somewhat worn, hinges starting. Moderate toning to interior, light foxing to title page and a few other leaves. \$500.

\* First edition. Possibly intended to challenge Parliament during its rise to preeminence during the early years of King George I's reign, Noy's book reviews royal prerogative and forms of taxation reserved by the crown. As attorney general, Noy advised King Charles I to impose the ship money tax, a move that helped trigger the English Civil War. A second edition was published in 1751. Both editions are scarce.

*English Short-Title Catalogue* T51634.

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**Laws Relating to Hares, Pheasants and Partridges**

**23. [Purlewent, Samuel].**

*A Dialogue Between a Lawyer and a Country Gentleman, Upon the Subject of the Game Laws, Relative to Hares, Partridges, And Pheasants. Wherein is Shewn, The Several Qualifications to Kill Game; The Penalties such Persons are Liable to Who Kill them Without such Qualifications; The Manner of Recovering such Penalties; The Difference Between being Subject to the Penalties, And being Punished as Trespassers; The Distinction Between Voluntary and Involuntary Trespassers; The Necessary Steps to be Taken to Make Wilful Trespassers, And the Consequences of Being Such; Together with Some Observations upon These Laws. To Which are Added Three Tables, Shewing at One View, The Offences,-- The Statutes Creating Them,-- The Persons to Whom the Penalties are Given,-- The Manner of Recovery,-- And Lastly the Several Penalties a Person May be Liable to by One Act. With a Letter to John Glynn, Esq; Serjeant at Law, And Representative of the County of Middlesex, Upon the Penal Laws of this Country by a Gentleman of Lincoln's-Inn, A Freeholder of Middlesex.* London: Printed for J. Wilkie, 1771. 54, [2] pp. With half-title (with an edition statement). Three folding tables. Octavo (8" x 5").

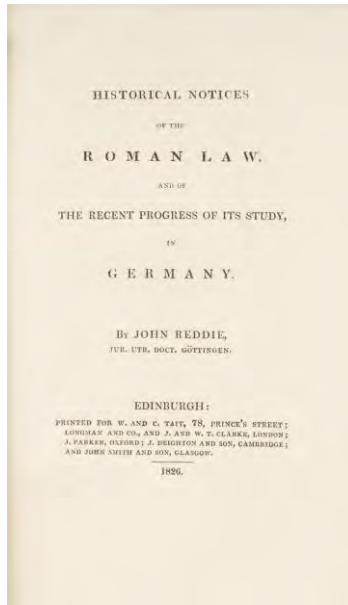
Later maroon three-quarter morocco over marbled boards, gilt rules to boards, raised bands, gilt title, and gilt ornaments to spine, endpapers renewed with marbled paper, top edge gilt. Light rubbing to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, later armorial bookplate (Gloucester) to front pastedown. Light toning to interior, a few minor tears to tables, light soiling to half title. A handsome copy. \$950.

\* Third edition, one of three editions, all issued in 1771. This review of the game laws in dialogue form was reprinted in 1775 and incorporated into a later work by John Purlewent, *Two Law Tracts* (1786). The three tables summarize the laws relating to hares, partridges and pheasants. OCLC locates 9 copies in North American Law libraries.

Not in Sweet & Maxwell. *English Short-Title Catalogue* N55642.

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### An Interesting Study of Roman Law Presented to Lord Eldon

#### 24. Reddie, John [1805-1851].

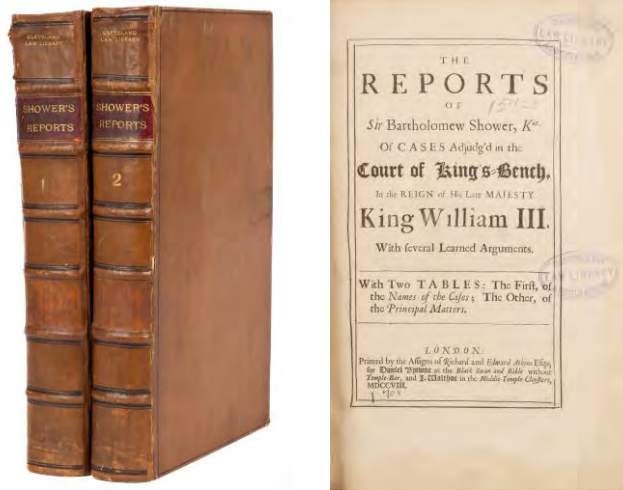
*Historical Notices of the Roman Law, And of the Recent Progress of Its Study, in Germany.* Edinburgh: W. and C. Tait, 1826. 136 pp. Octavo (9" x 5-1/2").

Original paper boards, paper label and handwritten title and date to spine, edges untrimmed. Light rubbing to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, front board starting, paper spine label peeling away, corners lightly bumped and worn, rear hinge starting, faint offsetting to endpapers. Light toning to interior, negligible light soiling to a few pages, internally clean. Circular armorial bookplate of John Scott, 1st Earl of Eldon, with the motto "Sit Sine Labe Decus," to front pastedown, author's inscription "With the Author's most respectful compliments" to front free endpaper. \$650.

\* A concise but very able study of Roman law and its reception in Germany. Reddie, a Scottish lawyer and colonial judge in the West Indies and Calcutta, presented this copy to John Scott, 1st Earl of Eldon [1751-1838]. Lord Eldon was a British barrister, politician and eventual Lord High Chancellor known for his influence on partnership and bankruptcy law.

Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 55:140. Marvin, *Legal Bibliography* 602.

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**Reports from an "Able and Laborious Lawyer"**

**25. Shower, Sir Bartholomew [1658-1701].**

*The Reports of Sir Bartholomew Shower, Knt. Of Cases Adjudg'd in the Court of King's-Bench, In the Reign of His Late Majesty King William III. With Several Learned Arguments. With Two Tables: The First, Of the Names of the Cases; The Other, Of the Principal Matters.* London: Printed by the Assigns of Richard and Edward Atkins for Daniel Browne and J. Walthoe, 1708. [iii], ii, [4], 560, [44] pp. Collation differs slightly from ESTC record; text complete.

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**Shower, Sir Bartholomew.**

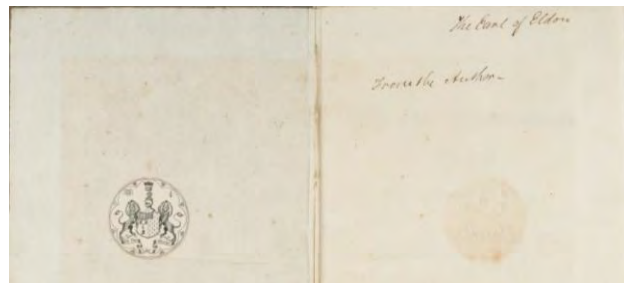
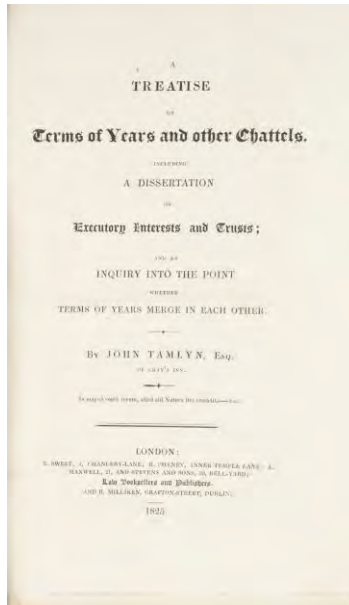
*The Second Part of the Reports of Cases and Special Arguments, Argued and Adjudged in the Court of King's Bench, Beginning in Easter Term the Thirtieth of King Charles the Second, And Ending in Easter Term the Third of King James the Second. With Many Marginal Notes and References: With Two Compleat Tables, One of the Names of Cases, The Other of the Principal Contents.* [London]: Printed by Eliz. Nutt and R. Gosling, (Assigns of Edward Sayer, Esq) for D. Browne [et al.], 1720. [xii], 519 (i.e. 529), [21] pp. Lacking initial advertisement leaf, text otherwise complete.

Folio (12" x 7-3/4). Later (nineteenth-century) calf, rules to boards, fillets, raised bands, lettering pieces, gilt volume numbers and institutional name to spines. Light rubbing and soiling and a few small scratches to boards, faint dampstain to front board of Volume II, moderate rubbing to extremities, joints chipped and starting slightly, reinforced in places with archival tape, spine head of Volume II mended with calf, hinges reinforced in cloth, library stamps to pastedowns, early manuscript annotations to rear endleaves, later ownership signature (of J.D. Pitman) to front free endpaper of Volume II, which has an 8-1/2" x 6-1/2" sheet with manuscript notes to recto dated 1738 laid in. Light toning to interior (somewhat heavier in Volume I), light foxing and soiling in several places, faint spotting in a few places in Volume II, small ink library stamps to title pages and a few other leaves, no loss to legibility, occasional annotations in two hands in both volumes. \$750.

\* First editions. Issued separately but often found as a set, this important group of reports covers the period from 1678-1694. Though later jurists were divided as to the utility of some of the reports in this edition, they were cited often and represent the work of "an able and laborious lawyer" (Wallace). The annotations in our volumes are mostly brief case citations, though some are more extensive. The notes to the endleaves are effectively a brief index; the note laid in to the second volume appears to discuss a dispute over inherited property.

*English Short-Title Catalogue (ESTC)* T97774, N53804. Wallace, *The Reporters* 392-394.

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**A Scarce 1825 Treatise on Estate Law From the Library of Lord Eldon**

**26. Tamlyn, John [d.1869].**

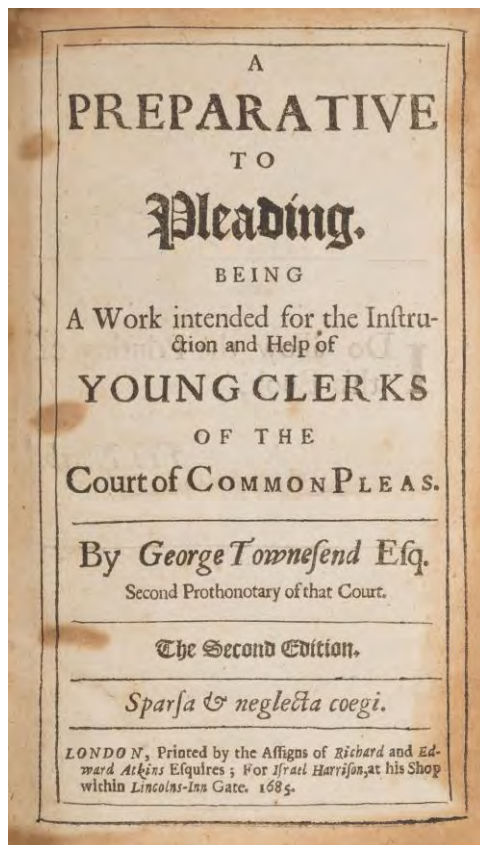
*A Treatise on Terms of Years and Other Chattels. Including a Dissertation on Executory Interests and Trusts; And an Inquiry into the Point Whether Terms of Years Merge in Each Other.* London: S. Sweet [et al.], 1825. xii, 207, [1] pp. Octavo (9" x 5-1/4").

Original publisher's boards, paper label and handwritten date to spine, edges untrimmed, many signatures unopened. Light rubbing to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, chip to lower right corner of paper label, front joint starting at ends, corners bumped and somewhat worn. Very light toning to interior, otherwise fresh. Circular armorial bookplate of John Scott, 1st Earl of Eldon, with the motto "Sit Sine Labe Decus," to front pastedown, inscription "The Earl of Eldon/ From the Author" to front free endpaper. \$750.

\* Only edition. Tamlyn was a prolific treatise writer in the first half of the nineteenth century with a particular focus on estate law and conveyancing. In the present work, he discusses freehold, executory interests and inheritance more generally. Our copy was presented to John Scott, 1st Earl of Eldon [1751-1838]. Lord Eldon was a British barrister, politician and eventual Lord High Chancellor known for his influence on partnership and bankruptcy law. OCLC locates 10 copies of this title, 6 in law libraries (Supreme Court of New York, Library of Congress, Harvard, University of Pennsylvania, University of Cincinnati, University of Victoria).

Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 2:351.

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### Restoring the Art of Pleading

#### 27. Townsend, George.

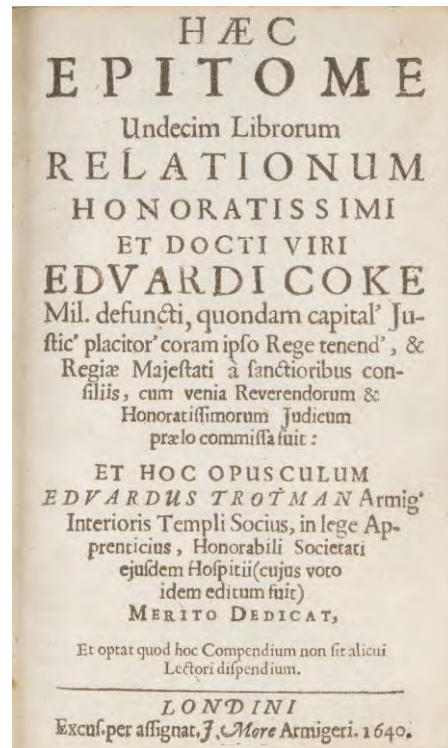
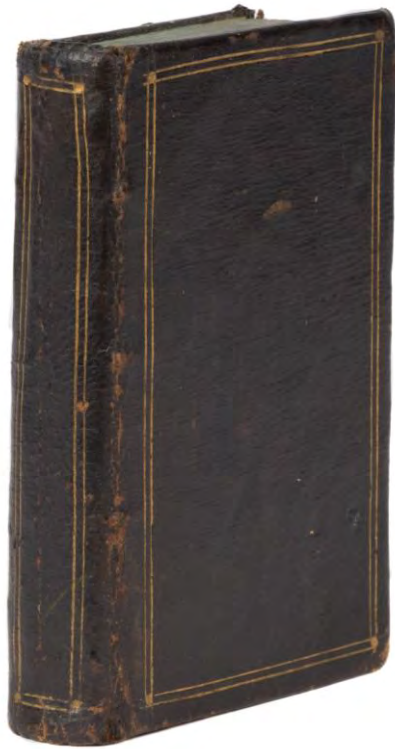
*A Preparative to Pleading: Being a Work Intended for the Instruction of Young Clerks of the Court of Common Pleas.* London: Printed by the Assigns of Richard and Edward Atkins, 1685. [viii], 236, [2] pp. Duplicate title page following text block. Octavo (6-3/4" x 3-3/4").

Contemporary sheep, blind rules to boards, rebacked retaining most of existing spine, no pastedowns. Moderate rubbing, scuffing and a few nicks and scratches to boards, somewhat heavier rubbing to board edges, corners bumped and lightly worn, hinges cracked, faint offsetting to margins of preliminaries, free endpapers lightly edgeworn, brief recent pencil annotation to front free endpaper. Toning to interior, occasional light foxing. \$850.

\* Second edition. Townsend was a clerk of the Court of Common Pleas. First published in 1675, he wrote his manual to improve the quality of pleadings, which had "much decayed" during the Civil War and Protectorate. It aimed to "direct Attornies and Young Clerks, in the formalities of their Words and Writings" so "their Businesses may be more Clerklike drawn, and fairly entred on record" (Preface). A substantial portion of this work is devoted to language, including English words Latinized, English among French, Latin among French, doubtful expressions, exposition of words and the formality of writing. The work was well-received. Its fourth and final edition was published in 1721. All are scarce today. OCLC locates 7 copies of this 1685 edition in North American law libraries (Columbia, Library of Congress, Yale, Harvard, University of Pennsylvania, San Francisco, Los Angeles County).

*English Short-Title Catalogue* R7084.

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### The First Abridgement of Coke's Reports

28. Trotman, Edward [1579 or 1580-1643].

[Coke, Sir Edward (1552-1634)].

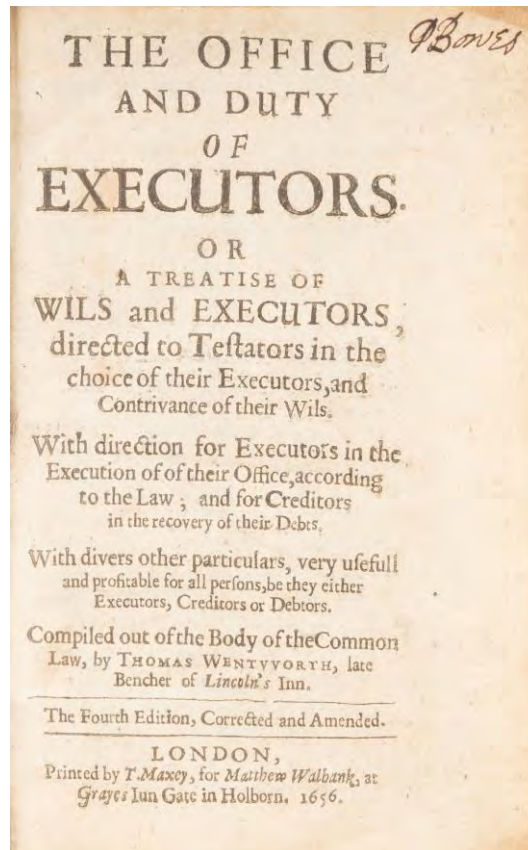
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Contemporary morocco, gilt frames to boards and spine, remnants of silk ties, edges green. Light rubbing and a few small spots and scuffs to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, corners bumped and lightly worn. Text in Law French with key phrases highlighted in English black-letter type. Light toning to interior, a few partial cracks to text block, all leaves secure, small recent ink mark to verso of initial blank. A handsome copy. \$350.

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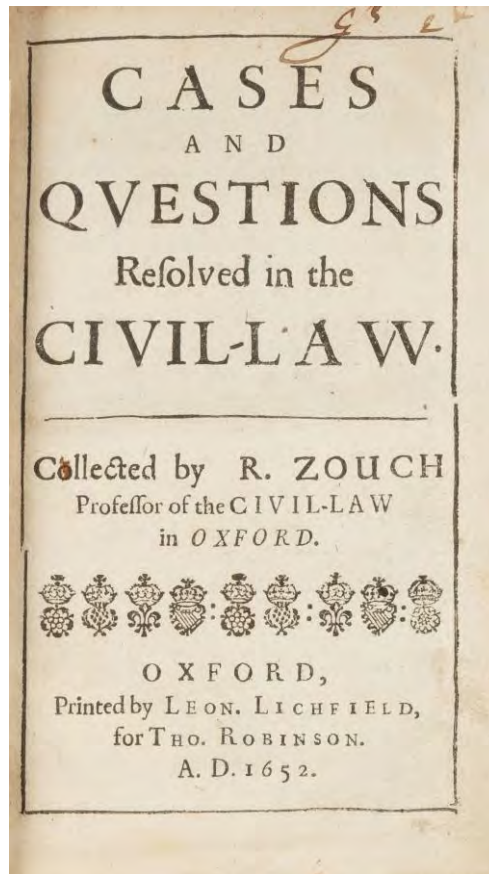
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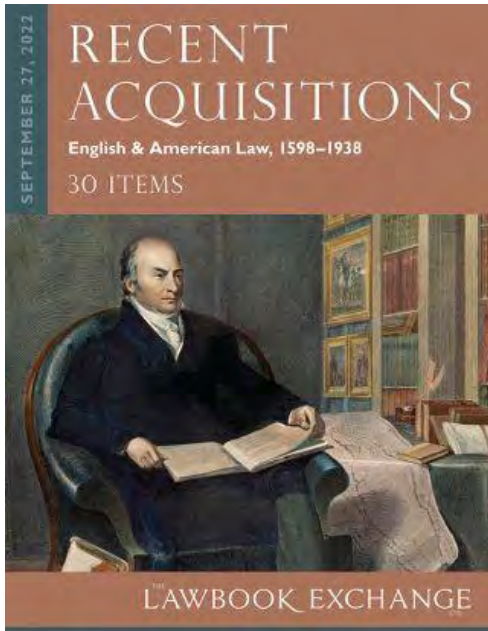
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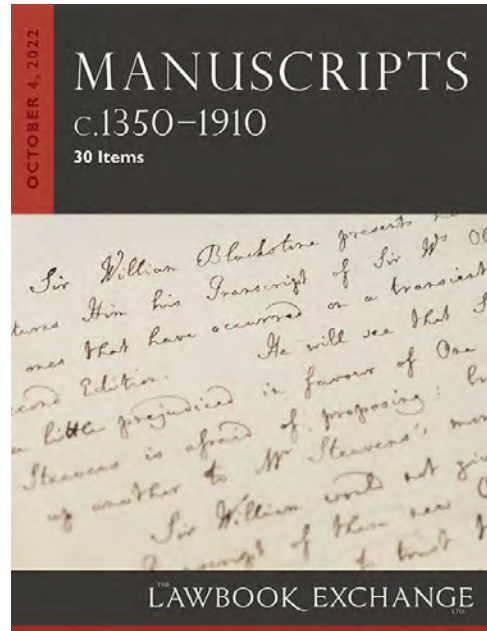
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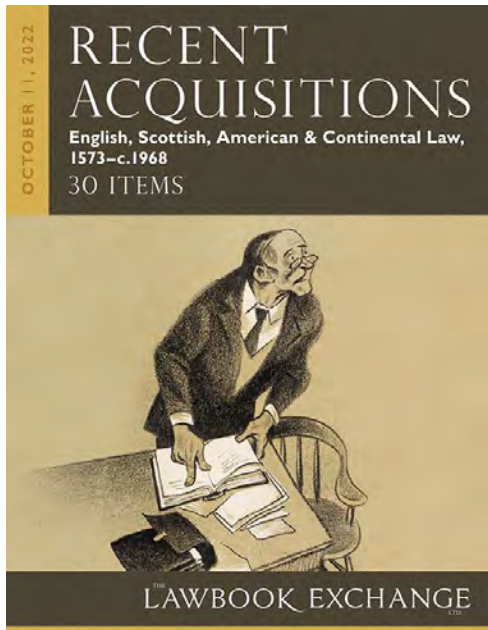
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