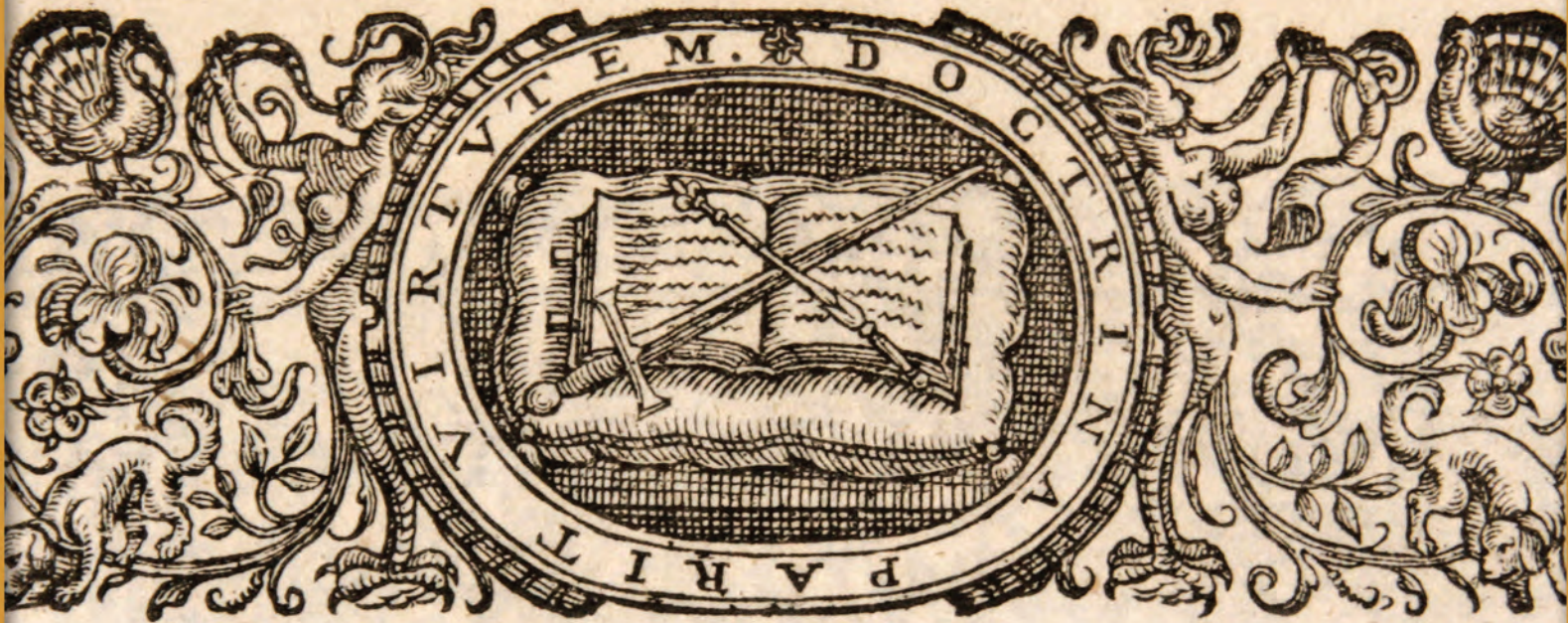


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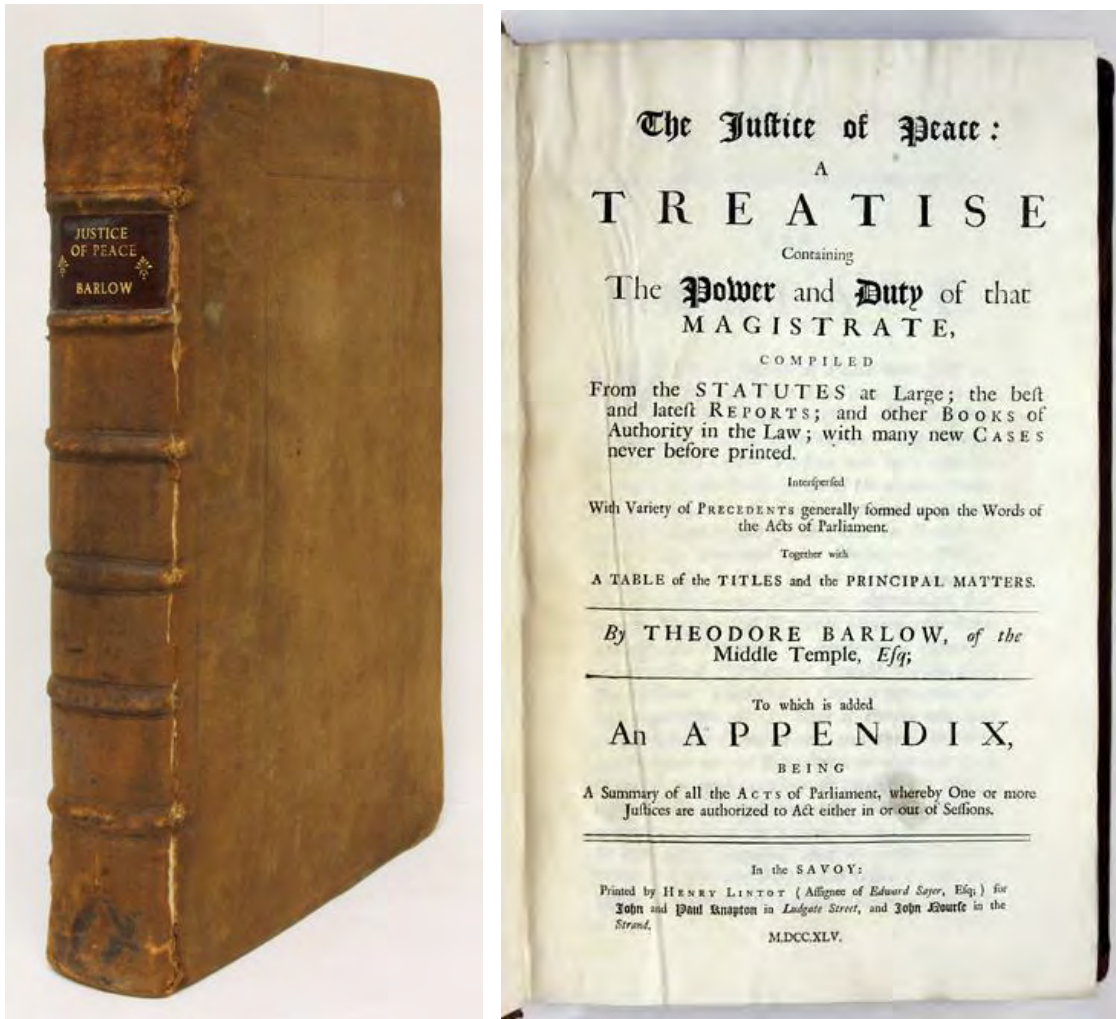
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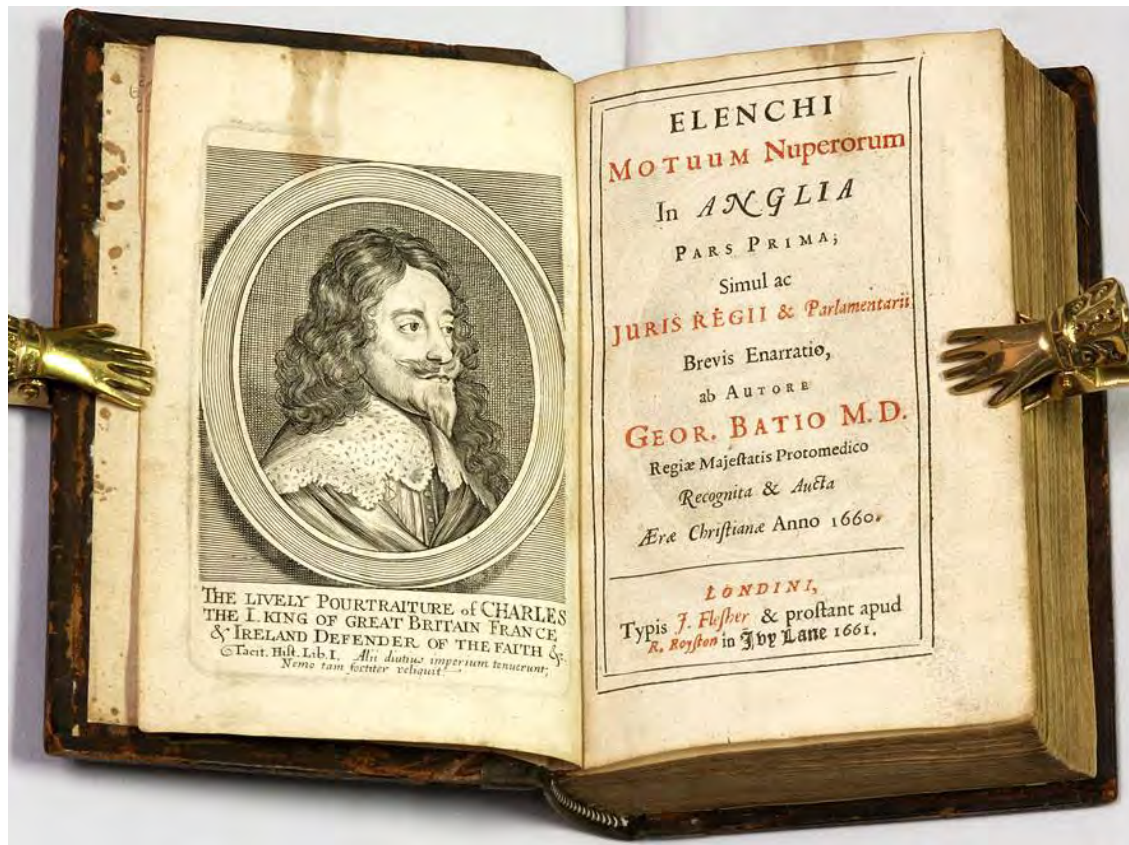
Remarkably Comprehensive Eighteenth-Century English JP Manual

1. Barlow, Theodore [d. 1749].

The Justice of Peace: A Treatise Containing the Power and Duty of that Magistrate, Compiled from the Statutes at Large; The Best and Latest Reports; And Many Other Books of Authority in the Law; With Many New Cases Never Printed. Interspersed with Variety of Precedents Generally Formed Upon the Words of the Acts of Parliament. Together with a Table of the Tables and the Principal Matters. To Which is Added an Appendix, Being a Summary of All Acts of Parliament, Whereby One or More Justices are Authorized to Act Either in or Out of Sessions. [London]: Printed by Henry Lintot (Assignee of Edward Sayer, Esq;) for John and Paul Knapton, and John Nourse, 1745. xxii, 592, [136] pp. Folio (13-3/4" x 8-1/4").

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* Only edition. Arranged alphabetically by topic, Barlow's remarkably comprehensive treatise provides an incomparable overview of the responsibilities of English justices of peace in the mid-eighteenth century. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T97901. [Order This Item](#)



A Noted Royalist's History of the English Civil War

2. Bate, George [1608-1669].

Elenchi Motuum Nuperorum in Anglia Pars Prima; Simul ac Juris Regii & Parlamentarii Brevis Enarratio, Ab Autore Geor. Batio M.D. Regiae Majestatis Protomedico Recognita & Aucta Aerae Christianae Anno 1660. London: Typis J. Flesher & Prostant Apud R. Royston in Ivy Lane, 1661. [xii], 257, [7] pp. Copperplate frontispiece of King Charles I.

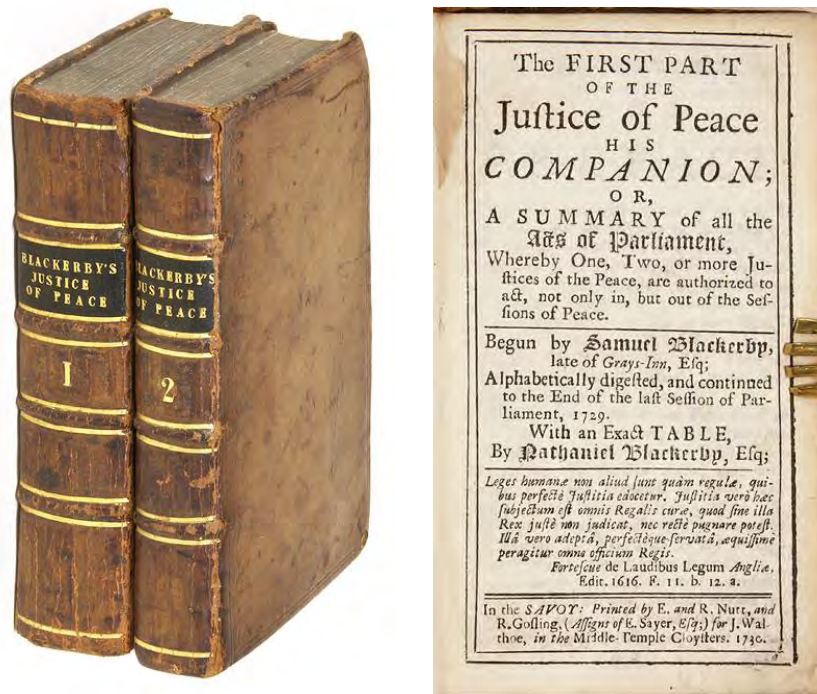
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Bate, George.

Elenchi Motuum Nuperorum in Anglia Pars Secunda; Simul ac Regis Effugii Mirabilis à Praelio Wigorniae Enarratio. Authore Georgio Bateo, M.D. Regiae Majestatis Protomedico, & Collegii Londinensis Socio. Aerae Christianae Anno 1662. London: Typis J. Flesher. Prostat Venalis Apud R. Royston S. Regiae Majestatis Bibliopolam, 1663. [xvi], 442, [22] pp. Final leaf blank. Half-title, Copperplate frontispiece of King Charles II.

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* Later editions, the second part one of three issues from 1663. First published anonymously in 1649, this work was originally intended to publicize the events of the Civil War from a Royalist perspective to a continental audience. Later editions updated the narrative through the fall of Cromwell and the reign of Charles II. The final edition was published in 1676. Bate was an eyewitness to much of the history he recorded. A doctor, he was chief physician to Charles I, Cromwell and to Charles II. (He concealed his political beliefs during the Civil War.) *English Short-Title Catalogue* R39866, R209282. [Order This Item](#)



Primary Source for Many Subsequent Manuals

3. Blackerby, Samuel [fl. 1720-1738].

Blackerby, Nathaniel.

The First Part of the Justice of Peace His Companion; Or, A Summary of All the Acts of Parliament, Whereby One, Two, Or More Justices of the Peace, Are Authorized to Act, Not Only In, But Out of the Sessions of Peace. Begun by Samuel Blackerby, Alphabetically Digested, And Continued to the End of the Last Session of Parliament, 1729. With an Exact Table, By Nathaniel Blackerby, Esq. [London]: Printed by E. and R. Nutt, and R. Gosling, 1730. [xxiv], 508 pp.

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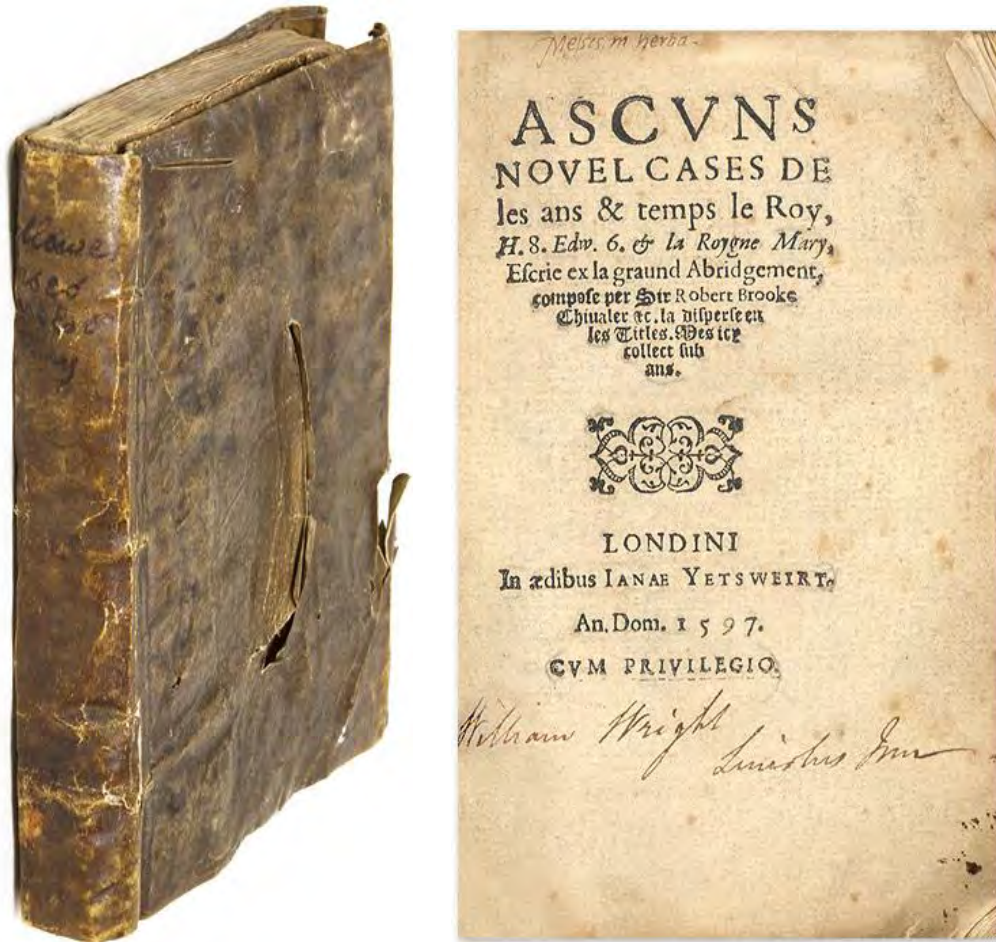
Blackerby, Samuel.

Blackerby, Nathaniel.

The Second Part of the Justice of Peace His Companion; Or, Cases in Law, (Wherein Justices of the Peace have a Jurisdiction) which Have Been Determined by the Judges From the Reign of King Edward III, Down to the Year 1734. With Some Modern Cases Never Before Published. The Whole Digested in an Alphabetical Order, and Carefully Examined and Revis'd. [London]: Printed by E. and R. Nutt and Richard Gosling, 1734. [iv], vii-xxiv, 360 pp. Includes one-page publisher list.

12mo. (5" x 3"). Contemporary calf, blind rules to boards, blind fillets along joints, gilt tooling along board edges, lettering pieces, gilt-edged raised bands and gilt volume numbers to spine. Light rubbing and a few nicks and scuffs to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, corners bumped and somewhat worn, joints just starting at ends, early armorial bookplates (of Joseph Pickford, Esq.) to front pastedowns. Light toning to text, a few brief early annotations and faint dampstains to endleaves. Nice copies bound as a uniform set in attractive bindings. \$650.

* Fifth editions. The first edition of Blackerby's *Justice of the Peace, His Companion* appeared in 1711. A companion volume, *Cases in Law*, which carries the subtitle "The Second Part of the Justice of Peace's Companion," followed in 1717. Both were held in high esteem, went through several editions and served as primary sources for many subsequent manuals. *Justice of the Peace* is arranged alphabetically by topic. Such entries as Apprentices, Bastardy, Gaming Houses, Overseers of the Poor, Papists and Popish Recusants and Witchcraft offer a unique perspective on rural English society during the early 1700s. *English Short-Title Catalogue* N9778, T66081. [Order This Item](#)



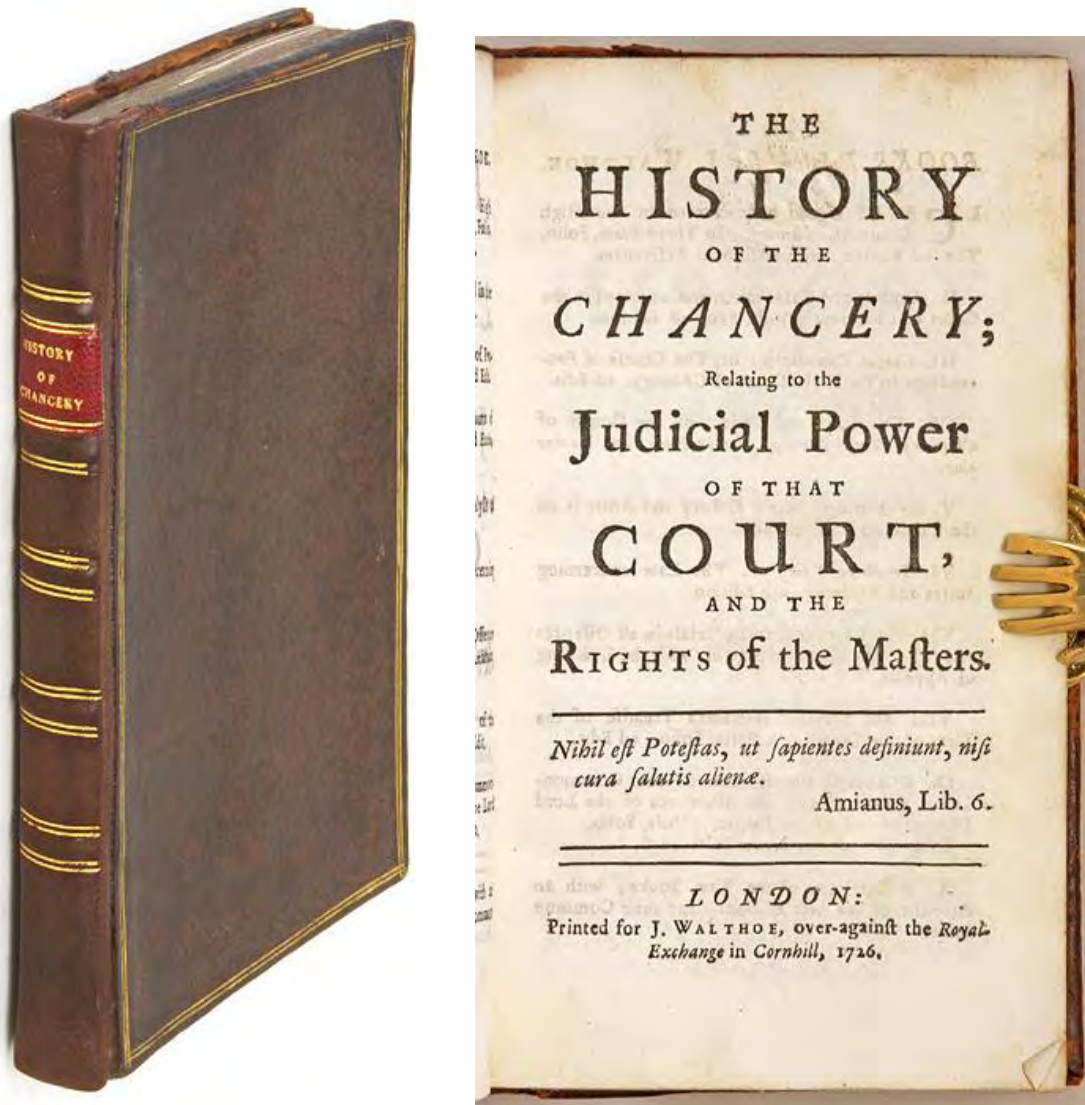
A Selection from Brooke's *Abridgement*

4. [Brooke, Sir Robert (d.1558)].
[Bellew, Richard, Editor].

Ascuns Novel Cases de les Ans & Temps le Roy, H.8. Edw.6. & La Roygne Mary, Escrie en la Graund Abridgement, Compose per Sir Robert Brooke Chivaler &c. La Disperse en les Titles. Mes Icy Collect Sub Ans. London: In Aedibus Ianae Yetsewert, 1597. [i], 116, [3] ff. Octavo (5-1/2" x 3-3/4").

Contemporary limp vellum with lapped edges, recased, blind rules to covers, later hand-lettered title to spine, ties lacking. Spine and front cover darkened, some rubbing to extremities, a few cuts to front cover and fore-edge, a few small cracks to spine, most of front pastedown and free endpaper removed, front endleaf soiled, edgeworn and torn. Text printed with wide margins. Moderate toning to interior, light spotting in a few places, tiny inkspots and spark burns to a few leaves, light soiling to title page. Front endleaves filled with contemporary doodles, a tiny contemporary and a later signature to title page, early underlining to a few passages of text. \$1,000.

* Third edition. Also known as *Brooke's New Cases*, *Petit Brook* or *Bellew Temp. Henry VIII*, this book is a selection of cases from 1514-1558 taken from Brooke's great *Abridgement* (1568), a digest of more than 20,000 cases and notes from the Year Books, Fitzherbert's *Natura Brevium*, and other sources. First published in 1578, it went through later editions in 1587, 1597, 1604, 1624, 1625, 1628 and 1651. All of these are scarce. Concerning the third edition, OCLC locates 2 copies, 1 in North America, both in law libraries (Huntington Library). *English Short-Title Catalogue* S106975. Beale, *Bibliography of Early English Law Books* R480a. [Order This Item](#)



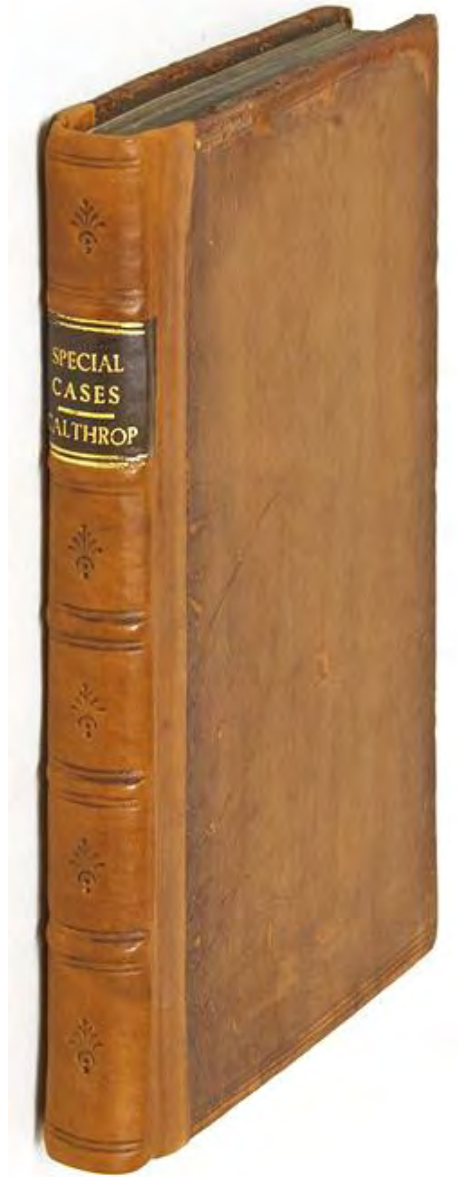
Practice and Procedure in the Eighteenth-Century Chancery Courts

5. [Burroughs, Samuel (d. 1761)].

The History of the Chancery; Relating to the Judicial Power of that Court, And the Rights of the Matters. London: J. Walthoe, 1726. [iv], 118, [2] pp. 12mo. (6-1/2" x 3-3/4").

Contemporary calf, rebaked in period style, gilt frames to boards, lettering piece and gilt-edged raised bands to spine, hinges mended. Light rubbing to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities with some wear to corners, early armorial bookplate to front pastedown, later bookplate of the Earls of Macclesfield to front free endpaper, small embossed Macclesfield stamps to title page and a few other leaves. Light toning to text, finger smudges and staining to outer margins of some leaves, light soiling to title page. A handsome copy. \$350.

* Only edition. According to Cooper, "Lord King was so much pleased with the work that he rewarded the author with a mastership in Chancery." Our copy once belonged to the library of Shirburn Castle, the library of the Earls of Macclesfield, one of the finest private libraries in Great Britain. Cooper, *Defects of Chancery* cited in Marvin, *Legal Bibliography* 165. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T36472. [Order This Item](#)



Customs and Liberties of London

6. Calthrop, Sir H[enry] [1686-1637].

Reports of Special Cases Touching Several Customes and Liberties of the City of London. Reprinted from the Edition of 1670. London: Stevens and Sons, 1872. viii, 244 pp. 12mo. (6-1/4" x 4").

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* Reprint of the first and only edition, 1670. Calthrop was the recorder of the City of London, later an attorney of the court of wards. [Order This Item](#)



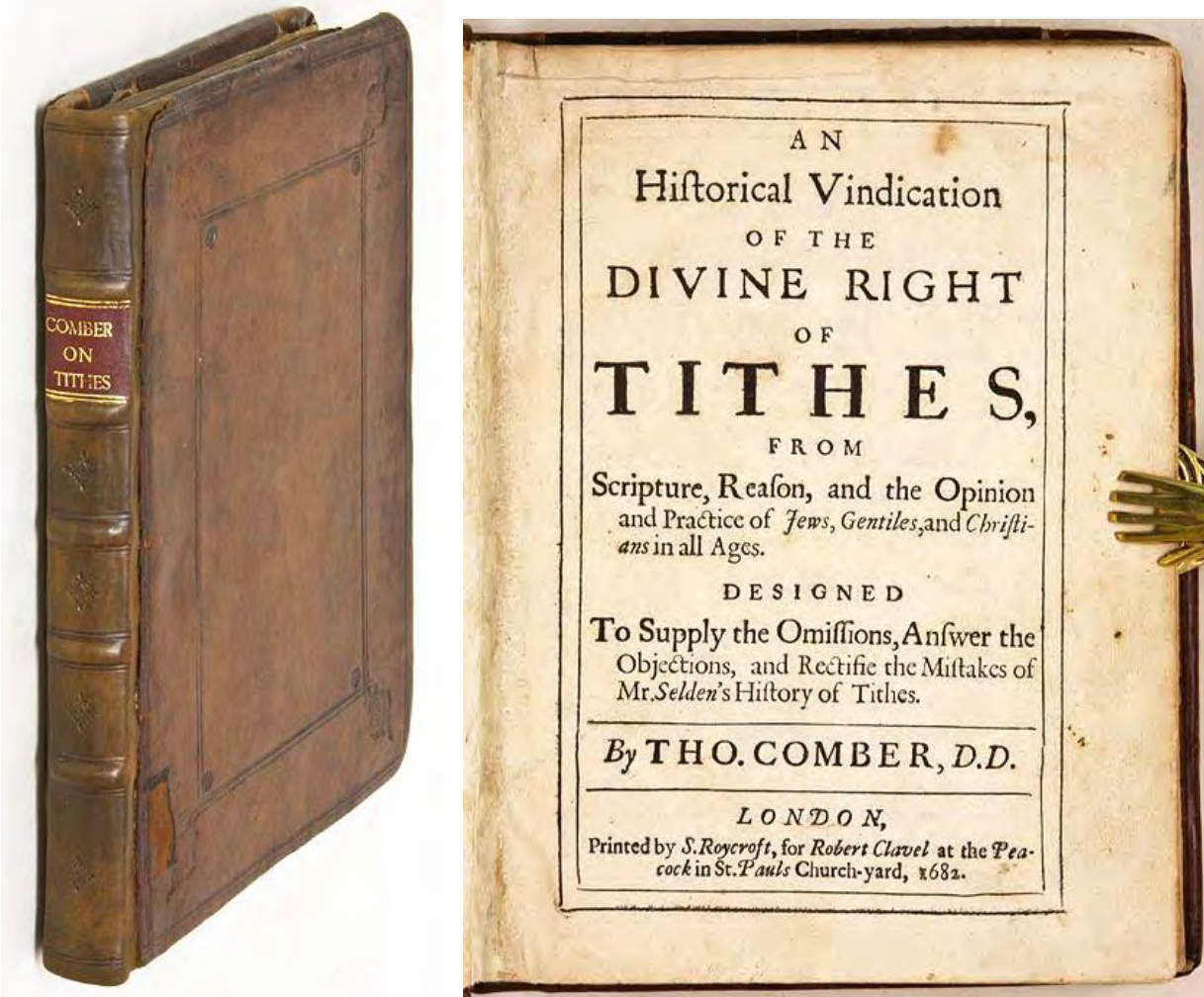
The City Law

7. [City of London]. [Court of Common Council].

Lex Londinensis; Or, The City Law. Shewing the Powers, Customs and Practice of All the Several Courts Belonging to the Famous City of London: viz; The Lord Majors Court. The Orphans Court. The Court of Hustings. The Court of Common Council. The Court of Aldermen. The Wardmotes. The Courts of Conservacy for the River of Thames. The Court of Conscience. The Sheriffs Court. The Chamberlains Court. Together with Several Acts of Common Council, Very Useful and Necessary to be Known by All Merchants, Citizens, And Freemen of the Said City. And also, A Method for the Ministers Within the Said City to Recover Their Tithes. With a Table to the Whole Book. London: Printed by S. Roycroft for Henry Twyford, 1680. [viii], 260, [12] pp. Octavo (6-1/2" x 4").

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* Only edition. This book was the first digest of the London's laws and guide to its courts after the revisions of the city laws from 1647 and 1658. A useful work that gathered a great deal of disparate information, it is a valuable resource today for students of seventeenth-century London and its legal system. Probably written by a practitioner, the annotations are corrections, glosses and amplifications of points in the text, along with marks and underlining. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R2792. [Order This Item](#)



An Important Reply to Selden's *Historie of Tithes*

8. Comber, Thomas [1645-1699].

An Historical Vindication of the Divine Right of Tithes, From Scripture, Reason, And the Opinion and Practice of Jews, Gentiles, And Christians in All Ages. Designed to Supply the Omissions, Answer the Objections, And Rectifie the Mistakes of Mr. Selden's History of Tithes. London: Printed by S. Roycroft, for Robert Clavel, 1682. [xxviii], 247, [1] pp. Quarto (8" x 6").

Contemporary calf, rebaked in period style, blind rules and panels to boards, raised bands, blind ornaments and lettering piece to spine, upper corner of rear board and hinges mended. A few minor nicks and scuffs to boards, light rubbing and a few nicks to extremities, corners bumped and lightly worn, front free endpaper lacking, original lower half of final leaf (Ii4, p. 247) lacking with minor loss to text, the word "Finis" below last sentence, leaf carefully repaired with recent paper. Light toning to text, ginger smudges to a few leaves, light soiling to title page and rear free endpaper. Later owner signature to front pastedown, interior otherwise clean. \$450.

* First edition. Comber's spirited work is a reply to Selden's *Historie of Tythes* (1618), especially his claim that tithes are not a divine right, and an attack on Catholic and Protestant dissenters, most notably Quakers and Anglican churchmen who fail to give full, uncritical support to the Church of England. This book had a second edition in 1685. Both are scarce. OCLC locates 4 copies of the first edition in North American law libraries (Harvard, UC-Berkeley, University of Minnesota, University of Pennsylvania). *English Short-Title Catalogue* R6540. [Order This Item](#)



For All "Who Would Gain a Competent Knowledge of This Branch of the Law"

9. [Cunningham, Timothy, Attributed (1718?-1789)].

The New Universal Parish Officer. Containing all the Laws Now in Force, Relating to Parish Business, Ranged in Alphabetical Order. Very Proper for Attornies, Constables, Churchwardens, Justices, Overseers of the Poor, Surveyors of the Highways, And All Persons in Office, Who Would Gain a Competent Knowledge of this Branch of the Law, So as to Enable Them to Discharge Their Respective Duties with Ease and Expedition. It is Also Very Proper for Every House-Keeper and Inhabitant Who is Desirous of Being Perfectly Acquainted with the Laws Relating to Parishes, That he May not Entirely Rely upon the Skill of Parish Officers, Who are but Too Frequently Unacquainted with Some Material Part of Their Duty. This Work is Entirely Freed from the Errors, Obscurities, And Repetitions of Former Writers on this Subject. Collected from the Common, Statute, And Other Authentick Law-books. Interspersed with Many Useful Precedents. The Second Edition, With the Addition of the Act of Last Session for Better Regulating Apprentices, And Persons Working Under Contract, And Several Cases of Settlements and Removals Determined in the King's Bench, Since the Time of Lord Mansfield's Coming to Preside in that Court. London: Printed for S. Crowder, 1767. [iv], 332 pp. 12mo. (6-1/2" x 4").

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* Second edition. The author of more than twenty books, Cunningham was one of the most prolific legal writers of the eighteenth century. First published in 1764, *The New Universal Parish Officer* was a successful work; later editions were published in 1767, 1771 and 1774. All editions are scarce. OCLC locates 7 copies of the second edition, 5 in North America, 3 in law libraries (Georgetown, Library of Congress, Yale). *English Short-Title Catalogue* N41695. [Order This Item](#)



Standard Eighteenth-Century English Treatise on Tithes

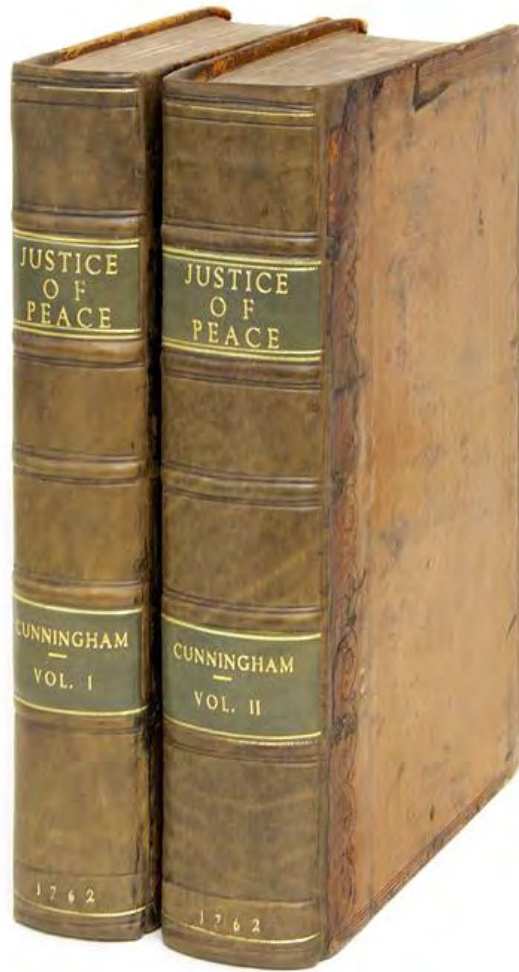
10. Cunningham, T[imothy].

*A New Treatise on the Laws Concerning Tithes: Containing All the Statutes, Adjudged Cases, Resolutions and Judgments Relative Thereto, Under the Following Heads: Chap. I. Definition of Tithes, Parsonage, Vicarage, Impropriation, and Appropriation; And of the Origin, Nature, and Several Kinds of Tithes. II. Out of What Things Tithes Shall be Paid; What Lands are Subject to Tithes, And the Several Statutes for Dissolving Abbies, Monasteries, And Other Religious Houses, And Vesting Their Lands in the King; What Lands are Discharged from Tithes by These Acts Respectively, With a Catalogue of the Monasteries Dissolved by stat. 31 Hen. 8. of the Yearly Value of 200l. And Upwards; What Order They Were of, And the Times of Their Respective Foundations. III. Of Exemptions from Payment of Tithes; And of Modus, Custom, And Prescription. IV. An Alphabetical Table or Index of Things Tithable, And not Tithable. V. Of Setting Out, And taking and Carrying Away Tithes. VI. Of the Remedies for Recovering Tithes, And the Several Acts of Parliament Made for that Purpose. VII. Of Suits in the Court of Exchequer Concerning Tithes, And the Proceedings in such Suits. VIII. Of Prohibitions in Suits for Tithes. IX. Of Leases of Tithes, For Lives or Years, By Ecclesiastical Persons. X. Of the Manner of Paying Tithes, And the Sums Payable by the Respective Parishes in London. XI. Cases Concerning Tithes, Determined in the Court of King's Bench, By the Earl of Hardwicke, And Lord Mansfield. Corrected and Enlarged; With the Addition of Several Cases Never Before Printed. London: Printed by His Majesty's Law Printers, 1748. [iv], 304, [8] pp. With a half-title reading: *Laws Concerning Tithes*. Octavo (8-1/4" x 5").*

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* Third edition. The standard eighteenth century work on the subject which provides a summary of statutes and decided cases. Many of the cases are stated at considerable length. Its first edition was published in 1748; its fourth and final edition in 1777. "Probably one of the most useful features of the book is the alphabetical list in Chapter IV of things tithable and things not tithable": Holdsworth, *History of English Law* XII:621. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T140756.

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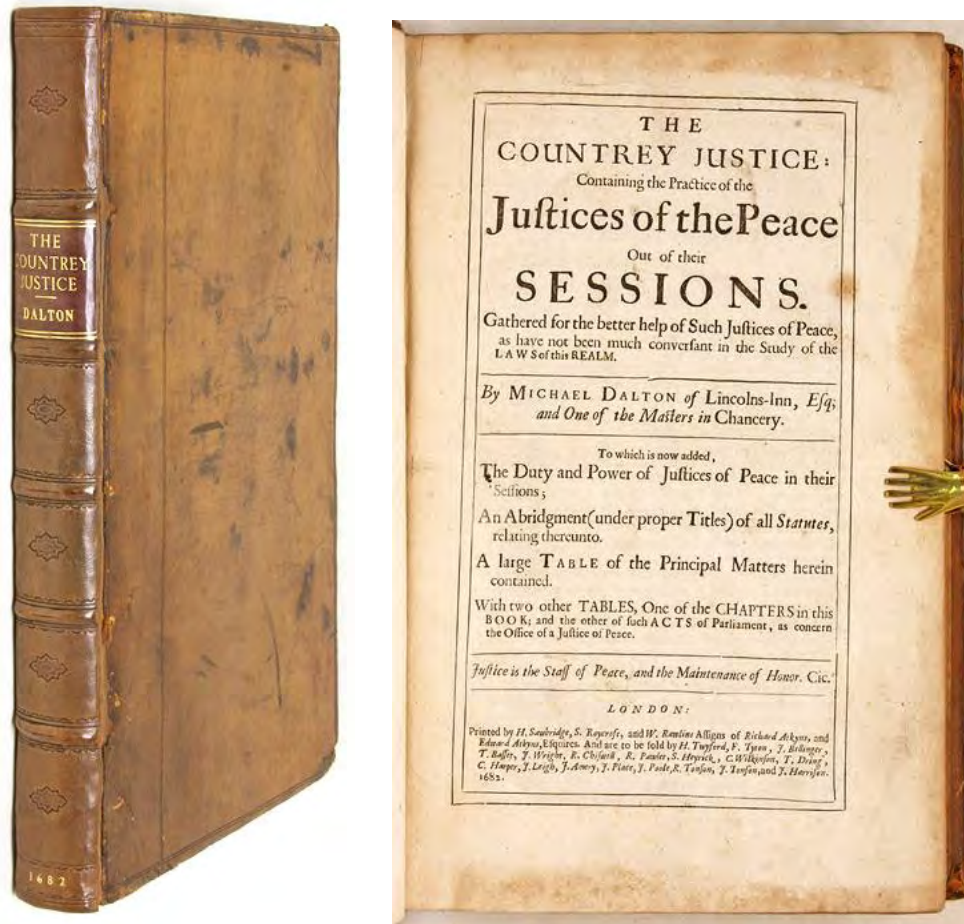
Cunningham's *Practice of a Justice of Peace*

11. Cunningham, T[imothy].

The Practice of a Justice of Peace: Containing the Statutes Which Give Jurisdiction to that Magistrate. With a Greater Variety of Precedents Formed the Words of the Acts of Parliament than in Any Other Book Extant. Compiled and Published Under the Direction of the Right Honourable Lord Ward. London: Printed by E. Richardson and C. Lintot, 1762. Two volumes. iv, 528; [ii], 561, [87] pp. Octavo (8" x 5").

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* First edition. "As the furnishing of justices of the peace with a sufficient variety of precedents, formed upon the words of the acts of parliament, was the sole motive for compiling the following sheets; so the reader may be assured that no forms are published, but such as appear to the compiler to be accurate. (...) The statutes under each title are inserted in a chronological order; which may serve to give the reader an idea of the progressive improvements made in the statute law, and be useful for many other purposes" (iii). Cunningham was a member of the Middle Temple and the author of an important law dictionary. A second edition of his JP manual was published in 1769; a supplemental volume to this edition followed in 1770. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T140365. [Order This Item](#)



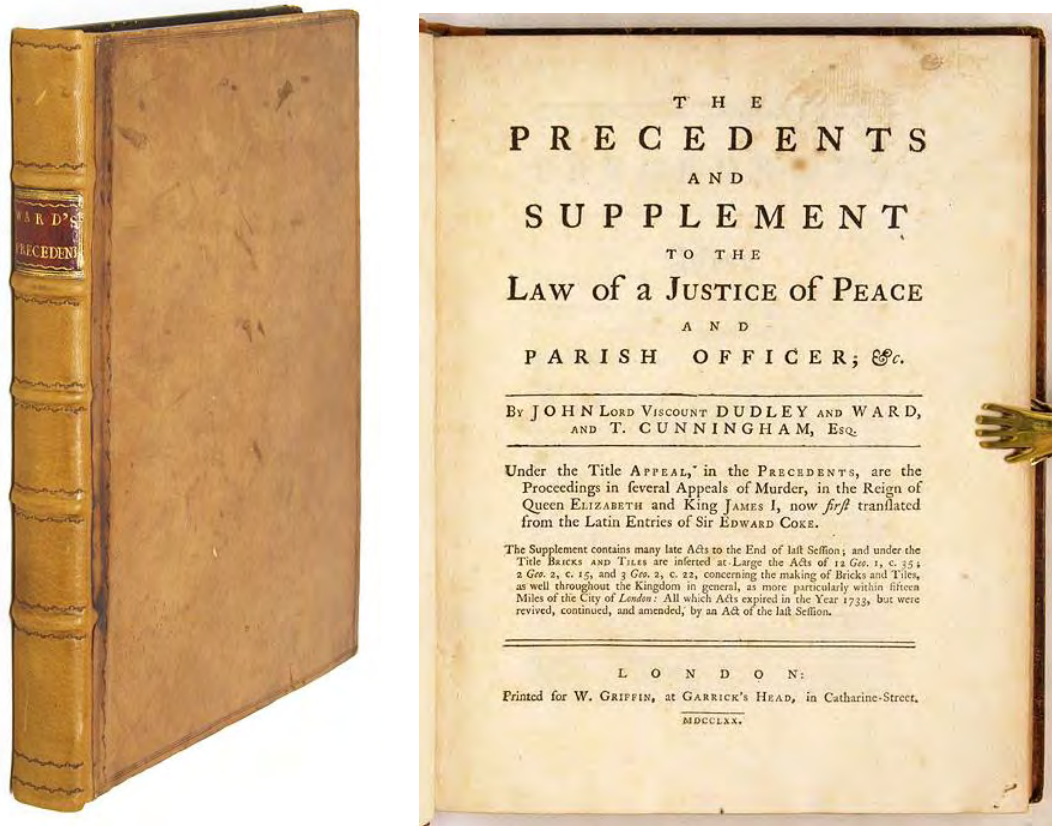
A Landmark Treatise on Justices of the Peace

12. Dalton, Michael.

The Country Justice: Containing the Practice of the Justices of the Peace Out of Their Sessions. Gathered for the Better Help of Such Justices of Peace, As Have Not Been Much Conversant in the Study of the Laws of This Realm. To Which is Now Added, The Duty and Power of Justices of Peace in Their Sessions; An Abridgment (Under Proper Titles) of All Statutes, Relating Thereunto. A Large Table of the Principal Matters Herein Contained. With Two Other Tables, One of the Chapters in This Book; And the Other of Such Acts of Parliament, As Concern the Office of a Justice of Peace. London: Printed by H. Sawbridge, S. Roycroft, And W. Rawlins, 1682. [xvi], 535, [31] pp. Folio (13" x 8").

Contemporary calf, rebaked in period style, blind rules to boards, raised bands and lettering piece to spine, hinges reinforced. Light rubbing and some minor scuffs to boards, somewhat heavier rubbing to extremities, corners bumped and somewhat worn. Moderate toning to text, somewhat heavier in places, faint dampstaining to head of text block, spark burns to a few leaves. Early annotation to front free endpaper, interior otherwise clean. Ex-library. Armorial bookplate and small shelf label to front pastedown. A nice copy. \$350.

* Later edition. This venerable justice of the peace manual went through some twenty editions between 1618 and 1746. This work is also significant because it firmly established the alphabetical topical structure adopted in later texts. Rooted in Crompton, Fitzherbert and Lambard, *The Country Justice* offers advice on such matters as buggery, customs, highways, prisons, riots, soldiers, murder, felonies, rogues and vagabonds, wool, and high treason. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R27851. [Order This Item](#)



A Companion to Cunningham's JP Manual

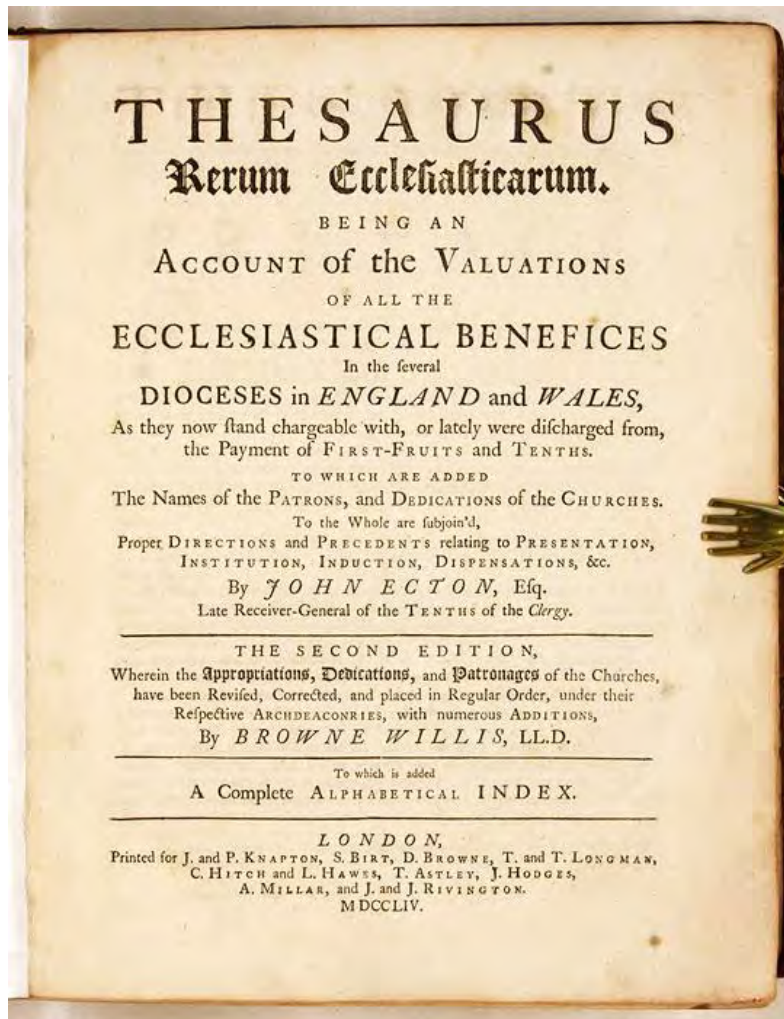
13. Dudley and Ward, John Ward, Viscount [c.1700-1774].

Cunningham, Timothy [d. 1789].

The Precedents and Supplement to the Law of a Justice of Peace and Parish Officer; &c. Under the Title Appeal, In the Precedents, Are the Proceedings in Several Appeals of Murder, In the Reign of Queen Elizabeth and King James I, Now First Translated from the Latin Entries of Sir Edward Coke. The Supplement Contains Many Late Acts to the End of Last Session; And Under the Title Bricks and Tiles are Inserted at Large the Acts of 12 Geo. 1, c. 35; 2 Geo. 2, c. 15, And 3. Geo. 2, c. 22, Concerning the Making of Bricks and Tiles, As well Throughout the Kingdom in General, As More Particularly Within Fifteen Miles of the City of London: All which Acts Expired in the Year 1733, but were Revived, Continued, And Amended, By an Act of the Last Session. London: Printed for W. Griffin, 1770. [iv], 128, [ii]; [iii], 119, [9]; 129-216, [10] pp. Two parts, each with index. Part II has divisional title page. Text complete. pp. 129-216 and one index leaf from Part I misbound as sections of Part II. Quarto (10-1/2" x 8").

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* Only edition. This book is a comprehensive supplement to Cunningham's *Practice of a Justice of Peace*. A well regarded work published in 1762, it had a second edition in 1769. *Precedents and Supplement* is a scarce title. OCLC locates 12 copies, 6 in North American law libraries (College of William and Mary, Harvard, Ohio State, Osgoode Hall, University of Georgia, University of Pennsylvania). *English Short-Title Catalogue* T111537. [Order This Item](#)



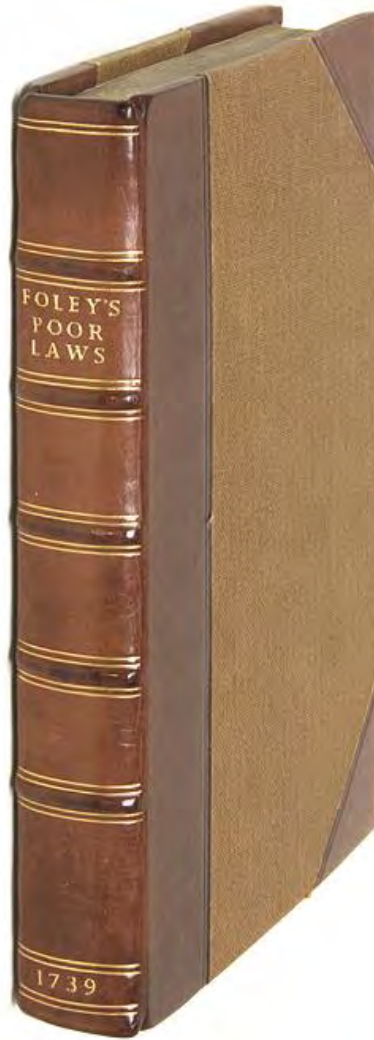
Financing the Churches of England and Wales

14. Ecton, John [d.1730].

Thesaurus Rerum Ecclesiasticarum. Being an Account of the Valuations of All the Ecclesiastical Benefices In the Several Dioceses in England and Wales, As They Now Stand Chargeable With, Or Lately were Discharged From, The Payment of First-Fruits and Tenths. To Which are Added the Names of the Patrons, And Dedications of the Churches. To the Whole are Subjoin'd, Proper Directions and Precedents Relating to Presentation, Institution, Induction, Dispensations, &c. London: Printed for J. and P. Knapton, S. Birt [et al.], 1754. xl, 704 pp. Folio (10-1/4" x 8-1/2").

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* "Second" edition, actually the fifth. First published in 1711 as *Liber Valorum et Decimarum*, this is a list of all of the churches in England and Wales and their sources of income. In most cases extracts from procurations, synodals and decrees creating sources of income are included. Our 1754 edition is the second to bear the title *Thesaurus Rerum Ecclesiasticarum*. Later editions were published in 1763, 1785 and 1786, the final two editions with the title *Liber Regis, Vel Thesaurus Rerum Ecclesiasticarum*. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T136240. [Order This Item](#)



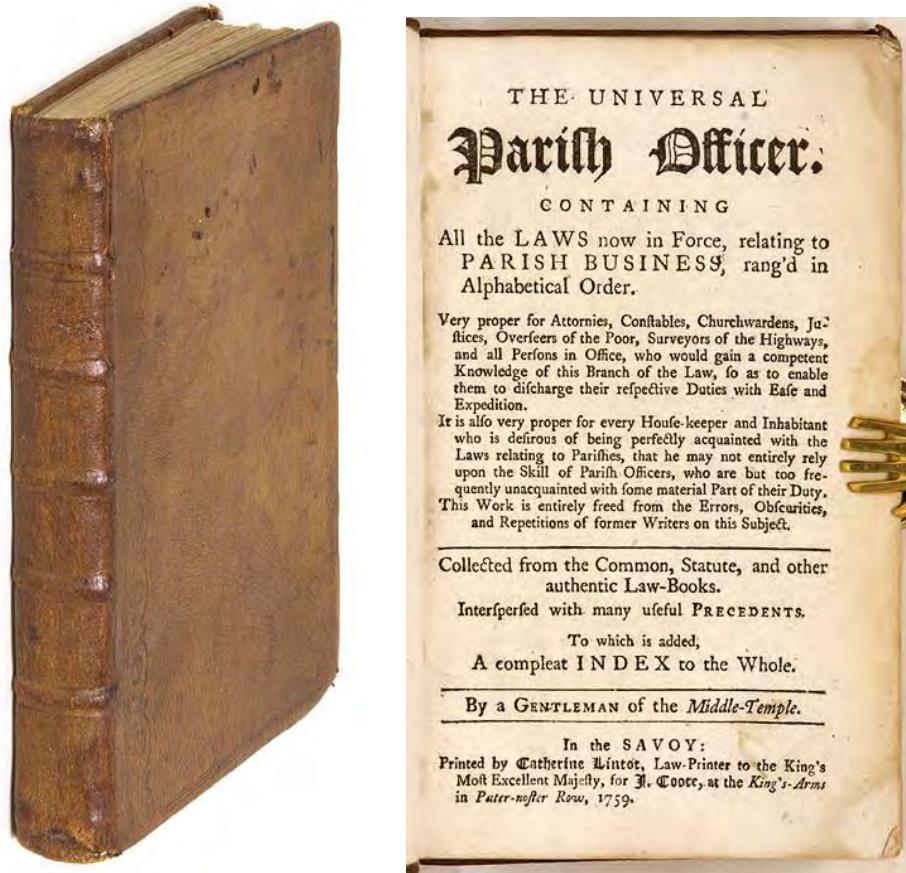
**An Interesting Summary of
Early Eighteenth-Century English Poor Laws**

15. Foley, Robert, Compiler.

Laws Relating to the Poor, From the Forty-Third of Queen Elizabeth to the Third of King George II. With Cases Adjudged in the Court of King's Bench, Upon the Several Clauses of Them. In a Method Entirely New. [London]: Printed by E. And R. Nutt, And R. Gosling, (Assigns of E. Sayer, Esq;) for T. Woodward, 1739. [xxxii], 284, [20] pp. Includes one-page publisher advertisement. Octavo (7-3/4" x 4-3/4").

Recent period-style three-quarter calf over cloth, endpapers renewed. Light toning to text, worming to lower margins to preliminaries and first three leaves of main text carefully mended, internally clean. \$650.

* First edition. Apparently the first book arranged chronologically, this digested compilation of legislation and related case law was intended for sheriffs and justices of the peace. Each act is followed by a set of illustrative cases. Foley plan also demonstrates the evolution of poor laws. "In a word, from a view of the progress of the several Acts of Parliament, the reader sees in an historical light the particular inconveniences each was to guard against, and so enters into the wisdom of the Legislature" [vi]. This was a well-received work. Later editions were published in 1743, 1751 and 1758. Not in Goldsmiths.' *English Short-Title Catalogue* T113188. [Order This Item](#)



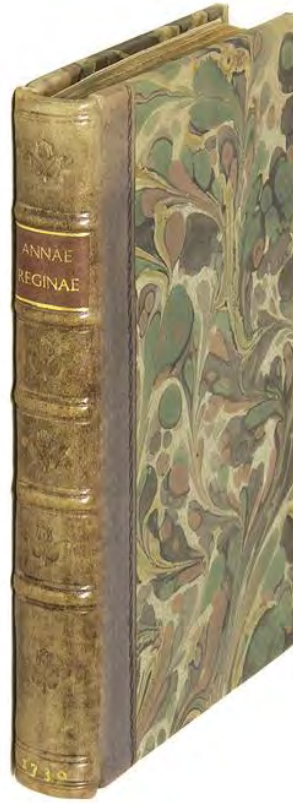
**Scarce Eighteenth-Century Treatise for
Parish Officers and Surveyors of Highways**

16. Gentleman of the Middle Temple.

The Universal Parish-Officer, Containing All the Laws Now in Force, Relating to Parish Business, Rang'd in Alphabetical Order. Very Proper for Attornies, Constables, Churchwardens, Justices, Overseers of the Poor, Surveyors of the Highways, And all Persons in Office, Who Would Gain a Competent Knowledge of this Branch of the Law, So as to Enable Them to Discharge their Respective Duties with Ease and Expedition. It is Also Very Proper for Every House-Keeper and Inhabitant Who is Desirous of Being Perfectly Acquainted With the Laws Relating to Parishes, That he May not Entirely Rely Upon the Skill of Parish Officers, Who are but too Frequently Unacquainted with Some Material Part of their Duty. This Work is Entirely Freed from the Errors, Obscurities, And Repetitions of Former Writers on this Subject. Collected from the Common, Statute, And Other Authentic Law-Books. Interspersed with Many Useful Precedents. To which is Added, A Compleat Index to the Whole. [London]: Printed by Catherine Lintot, Law-Printer to the King's Most Excellent Majesty, 1759. [iv], 258 pp. Lacking index, the final 20 pp. 12mo. (6-1/2" x 4").

Contemporary sheep, blind rules to boards, blind fillets along joints, raised bands to spine. A few minor scuffs and nicks, some rubbing to extremities, corners bumped and somewhat worn, minor wear to spine ends, front joint just starting at head, hinges cracked. Some toning to text, edgewear to some leaves, a few leaves have creases and minor stains. Early owner signature to front free endpaper, interior otherwise clean. \$100.

* First edition. Arranged alphabetically, this is a handbook for highway and parish officers. Later editions, titled *The New Universal Parish Officer* were published in 1764, 1767, 1771, 1774. It is attributed sometimes to Timothy Cunningham. The first edition is very scarce. OCLC locates 3 copies in North America, 2 in law libraries (Louisiana State University, UC-Berkeley). *English Short-Title Catalogue* T123367. [Order This Item](#)



**Acts Regulating Alcoholic
Beverage and Lotteries in Great Britain**

**17. [Great Britain].
[Alcoholic Beverages].
[Lotteries].**

Anne [1665-1714], Queen of Great Britain.

[An Act for Granting to Her Majesty Duties upon Malt, Mum, Cyder, And Perry, for the Service of the Year One Thousand Seven Hundred and Thirteen; And for Making Forth Duplicates of Lottery Tickets, Lost, Burnt, Or Destroyed; And for Enlarging the Time for Adjusting Claims in Several Lottery-Acts; And to Punish the Counterfeiting or Forging of Lottery Orders; And for Explaining a Late Act in Relation to Stamp-Duties on Customary Estates, Which Pass by Deed and Copy]. London: Printed by the Assigns of His Majesty's Printer, And of Henry Hills Deceas'd, 1730. [ii], 96, [48] pp.

[Bound with]

George I [1660-1627], King of Great Britain.

[An Act for Continuing the Duties upon Malt, Mum, Cyder, And Perry...]. London: Printed by John Baskett, 1726. [ii], 5-35, [11] pp.

12mo. (6" x 3-1/2"). Recent period-style quarter calf over marbled boards, raised bands, lettering piece and blind ornaments to spine, endpapers renewed. Light fading to spine, upper margin trimmed away from title page of Queen Anne Acts, which has two stains and light soiling, a bit of staining to head of following leaf, moderate toning to text. \$450

* This volume collects session acts relating to lotteries and alcoholic beverages. The book of Queen Anne acts includes an index, a table of excise laws and "A table of Allowances for malsters, On the cistern and couch gauges." The book of King George acts includes "A Table to the Malt Act." *English Short-Title Catalogue* N51412, T132502. [Order This Item](#)



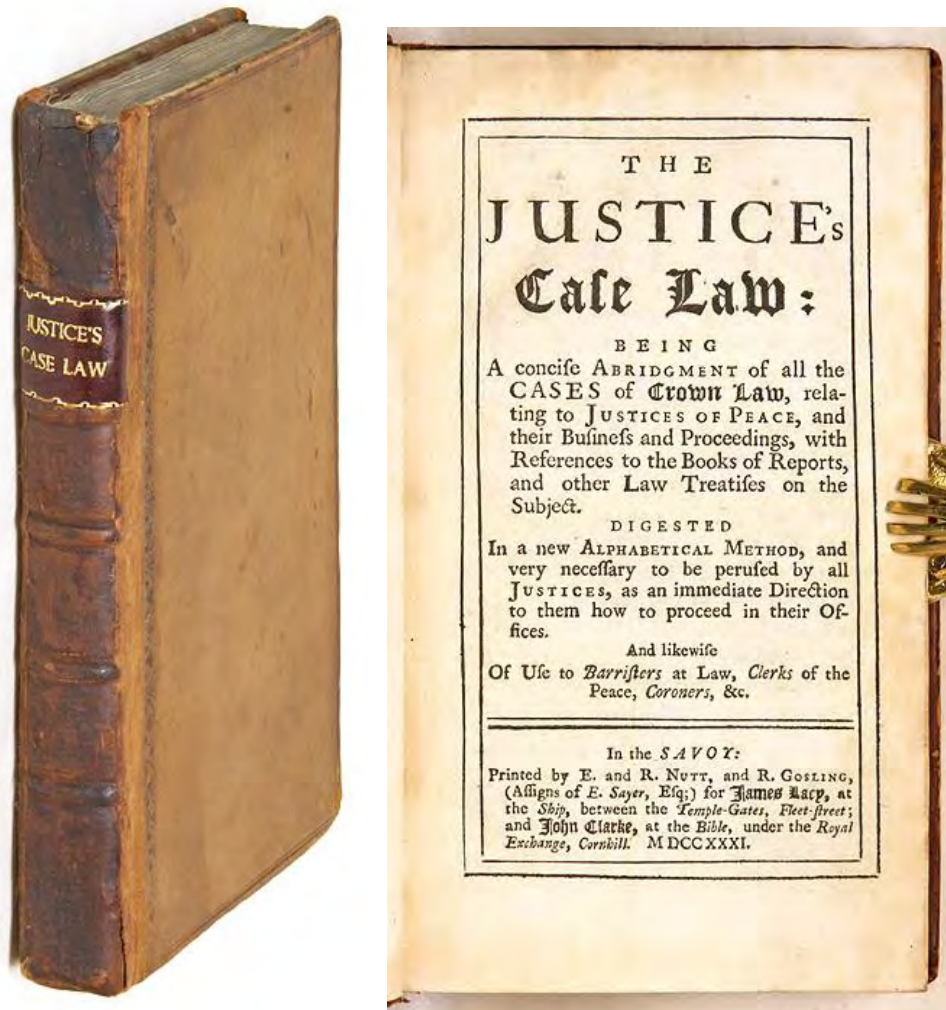
The Codification of Chancery Practice

18. [Great Britain].
[Court of Chancery]
[Bacon, Francis (1561-1626)]..

A Collection of Such of the Orders Heretofore Used in Chancery; With Such Alterations and Additions Thereunto, As the Right Honorable Edward Earle of Clarendon Lord Chancellor of England, By and With the Advice and Assistance of the Honorable Sir Harbottle Grimston Barronet Master of the Rolls, Have Thought Fit at Present to Ordaine and Publish. For Reforming of Several Abuses in the Said Court, Preventing Multiplicity of Suits, Motions, And Unnecessary Charge to the Suiters, and for Their More Expeditions and Certain Course for Relief. London: Printed for Henry Chase, 1661. 61, [i.e. 91], [3] pp. The first leaf bears an order to print. Final leaf, a blank, lacking. Octavo (5-1/2" x 3-1/4").

Contemporary sheep, blind rules to boards and spine. Very light rubbing to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, tiny chip to spine near head, endleaves and pastedowns removed, armorial bookplate of the Earls of Macclesfield to verso of front board, small embossed Macclesfield stamps to preliminary leaves. Light toning to text, internally clean. \$500.

* Second edition. This pocket-sized procedural handbook from the Restoration era was a well-received work that was issued eight times between 1660 and 1688. Written mostly by Francis Bacon, the Orders, as Holdsworth notes, "to a large extent, fixed the practice of the court till the reforms [of the nineteenth century]. Throughout his life Bacon was a consistent advocate of the codification of the statute law, and the digesting of case law. This set of Orders was the one piece of codification he was able to effect." All editions of this title are scarce. Holdsworth, *History of English Law* V:252-253. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R30918. [Order This Item](#)



**A Handy Digest of Cases of
Criminal Law with References for Justices**

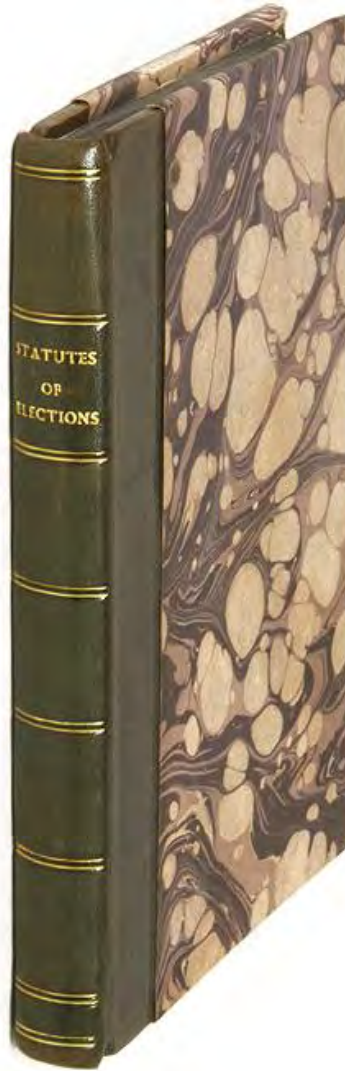
19. [Great Britain].

[Justices of the Peace].

The Justice's Case Law: Being a Concise Abridgment of All the Cases of Crown Law, Relating to Justices of Peace, And Their Business and Proceedings, With References to the Books of Reports, And Other Law Treatises on the Subject. Digested In a New Alphabetical Method, And Very Necessary to be Perused by All Justices, As an Immediate Direction to Them How to Proceed in Their Offices. And Likewise Of Use to Barristers at Law, Clerks of the Peace, Coroners, &c. London: Printed by E. And R. Nutt, And R. Gosling, 1731. [iv], 302, [14] pp. Octavo (7-1/2" x 4-1/2").

Contemporary calf, blind rules to boards, blind fillets along joints, which have neat recent repairs, raised bands and recent lettering piece to spine, gilt tooling to board edges, hinges mended. A few minor nicks and scratches to boards, some rubbing to extremities, small chip to head of spine, corners bumped and lightly worn. Light toning to text, occasional (very) faint dampstaining, light foxing to a few leaves. A nice copy of a scarce title. \$500.

* Only edition. This book is organized alphabetically by topic and has a detailed index. Each heading contains a list of general statements, each supported by a list of citations from case reports, legislative acts and treatises. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T145554. [Order This Item](#)



**Scarce Collection of Statutes
Concerning Election to the House of Commons**

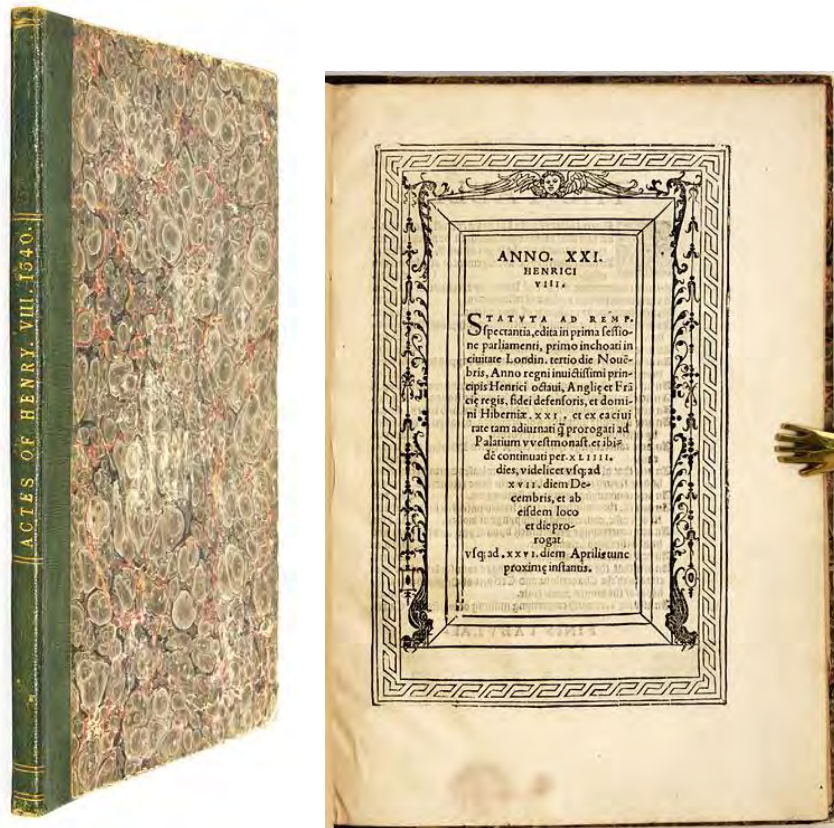
20. [Great Britain].

[Parliament].

The Statutes At Large Concerning Elections Of Members To Serve In The House Of Commons; Containing a Compleat Collection of All the Acts of Parliament, Now in Force, Which Relate Thereto, Continued to the End of the Last Session of Parliament, 1734. London: Printed by John Baskett, 1734. [vi], 73, 64-109, [17], 10 pp. Complete. Text continuous despite pagination. Octavo (6-1/4" x 3-3/4").

Recent period-style quarter calf over marbled boards, gilt fillets and lettering piece to spine, endpapers renewed. Light toning to text, negligible foxing to a few leaves. Ex-library. Small inkstamps to title page and a few other leaves. A nice copy in a handsome binding. \$250.

* Second edition, enlarged, 1 of 2 issues from 1734. Added here is an act pertaining to elections in the Scottish Parliament. The first edition was published in 1733. Separate editions for Scotland were published in 1744 and 1747. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T78250. [Order This Item](#)



King Henry VIII Makes Some of His
First Moves Against the Catholic Church

21. [Great Britain].

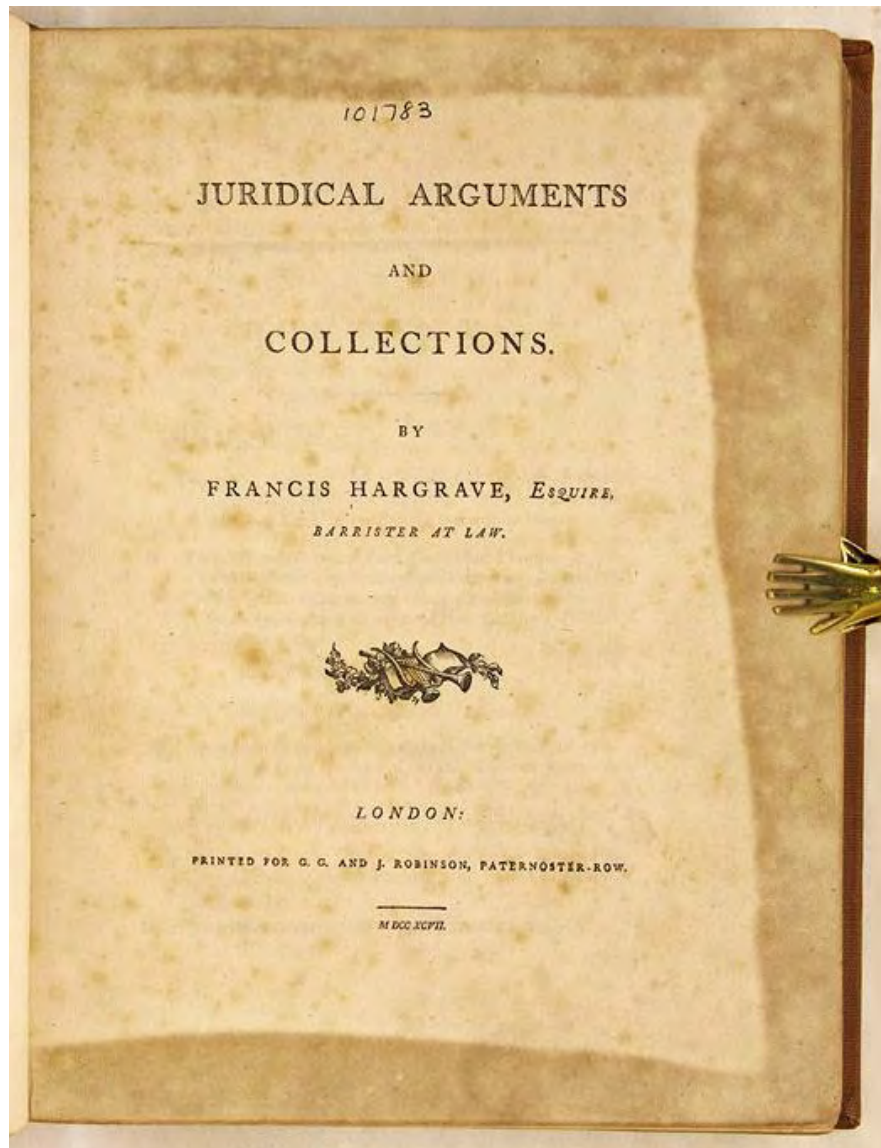
[Statutes].

[Henry VIII, King].

Anno. XXI. Henrici VIII. Statuta ad Remp. Spectantia, Edita in Prima Sessione Parlamenti, Primo Inchoati in Civitate Londin. Tertio die Novembris, Anno Regni Inuictissimi Principis Henrici Octavi, Angliae & Franciae Regis, Fidei Defensoris, & Domini Hiberniae. XXI & Ex ea Civitate tam Adiurnati Q[uam] Prorogati ad Palatium Westmonast. & Ibidem Continuati per XLIII. Dies, Videlicet Usque ad XVII Diem Decembris, & Ab Eisdem Loco & Die Prorogat [sic] Usq[ue] ad. XXVI. diem Aprilis tunc Proxime Instantis. [London: In Aedibus Thomae Bertholeti (i.e. Bertheleti) Regii Impressoris, 1551?]. XXVII, [1] ff. Folio (11-1/4" x 7-3/4").

Later quarter morocco over marbled boards. Light rubbing to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, armorial bookplate of Edwin Freshfield to front pastedown. Title printed within woodcut architectural border, woodcut decorated initials. Some toning to text, faint dampstaining to foot of text block. A handsome copy. \$1,500.

* This volume records 21 acts for the 21st regnal year of Henry VIII (April 22, 1529-April 21, 1531). This was the second regnal year of the Reformation Parliament, so called because it was the first Parliament to enact legislation against the Catholic Church. The 21st year included acts secularizing inheritance matters (Chapters 4 and 5) and eliminating the rights of clergy to hold multiple benefices (Chapter 13). OCLC locates 3 copies of this imprint in North America (Harvard Law School, Huntington Library, Yale Law School). Edwin Freshfield [1832-1918] was a solicitor in his great family law firm. Founded in London in 1743, it is now the multi-national Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer. *English Short-Title Catalogue* S121435. Beale, *A Bibliography of Early English Law Books* S130. [Order This Item](#)



**Collected Writings and Speeches of
a Notable Eighteenth-Century English Lawyer**

22. Hargrave, Francis [1741?-1821].

Juridical Arguments and Collections. London: Printed for G. G. and J. Robinson, 1797. [vi], xv, 570, liii pp. Volume I of a two-volume set. Quarto (10-3/4" x 8-1/2").

Later buckram, red and black lettering pieces to spine, endpapers renewed. Light soiling, moderate shelfwear, corners and spine ends bumped. Moderate toning, light foxing in a few places, internally clean. Ex-library. Bookplate to front pastedown. \$50.

* Only edition. Hargrave, a notable English lawyer and antiquary, is remembered today as the most prominent of the five advocates who defended James Somersett in the 1772 case that determined the legal status of slaves in England. *Juridical Arguments* is a collection of tracts, opinions and courtroom speeches on marriage, equity, writs of error in criminal cases and other topics. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T146969. [Order This Item](#)



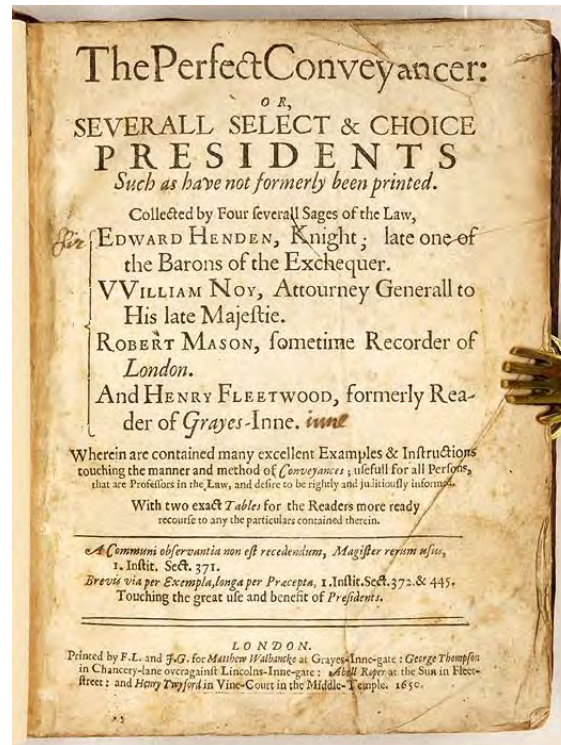
A Handy Collection of Precedents for English Justices of the Peace

23. Harvey, James.

A Collection of English Precedents, Relating to the Office of a Justice of Peace, Consisting of Summonses, Orders, Warrants, Recognizances, Informations, Examinations, Passes, Settlements, And Other Instruments; With References to the Statutes, And Other Authorities, On Which they are Founded. In an Alphabetical Order. With Large Additions: To Which are also Added Some Observations on the Commission, And an Abstract of the Late Acts of the Fifth and Eighteenth of George II. Containing the Qualifications of a Justice of Peace; With Great Variety of New Warrants, &c. On Such Statutes as Have Been Made Since the First Impression. [London]: Printed by Henry Lintot, And Sold by J. Shuckburgh, 1751. vi, 371, [31] pp. 12mo. (6-1/2" x 4").

Contemporary calf, blind rules to boards, blind fillets along joints, raised bands to spine. A few minor scuffs to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, wear to head of spine, joints just starting at ends, corners bumped, hinges starting. Some toning to text, light foxing to a few leaves. A handsome copy. \$150.

* Third and final edition. First published in 1730 as *A Collection of Precedents Relating to the Office of a Justice of Peace* this is a useful collection of precedents organized alphabetically by topic. The preface and following chapter offer a good deal of interesting detail about justices and their place in the English judicial system. All editions of this title are scarce. OCLC locates 5 copies of the third edition in North American law libraries (Harvard, University of Michigan, University of Minnesota, Yale). *English Short-Title Catalogue* N5614. [Order This Item](#)



"Many Excellent Examples & Instructions," Several Relating to Women

24. Hendon, Edward.

Noy, William.

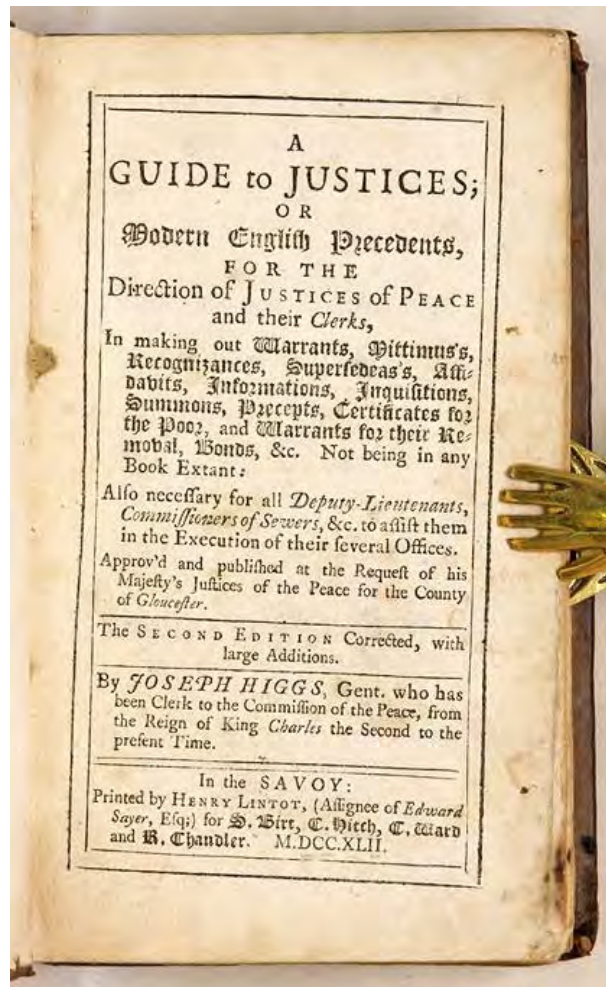
Mason, Robert.

Fleetwood, Henry.

The Perfect Conveyancer: Or, Severall Select & Choice Presidents Such as Have not Formerly Been Printed. Collected by Four Severall Sages of the Law, Edward Henden, Knight; Late One of the Barons of the Exchequer. William Noy, Attourney Generall to His late Majestie. Robert Mason, Sometime Recorder of London. And Henry Fleetwood, Formerly Reader of Grayes-Inne. Wherein are Contained Many Excellent Examples & Instructions Touching the Manner and Method of Conveyances; Usefull for All Persons, That are Professors in the Law, And Desire to be Rightly and Judiciously Informed. With Two Exact Tables for the Readers More Ready Recourse to Any the Particulars Contained Therein. London: Printed by F.L. and J.G. for Matthew Walbancke at Grayes-Inne-gate [et al.], 1650. [xii], 280, [4], 319, 1 pp. Quarto (7-1/2" x 5-1/2").

Contemporary calf, rebaked, blind rules to boards, lettering piece and blind fillets to spine, endpapers renewed. A few scuffs to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, a few chips to edges, corners bumped and worn. Very light browning to text, corners of some leaves have fold lines, faint dampstaining to preliminaries and final leaves, light soiling and edgewear to title page. Brief annotations to title page and a few other leaves in small early hand, early doodles to rear endleaf. A nice copy. \$750.

* First edition. More comprehensive than other works of this kind, *The Perfect Conveyancer* features examples from four "star" lawyers. (One of these, Mason, was the compiler of this book.) Several entries relate to women, such as "An Indenture for the Assurances of Lands in Marriage, for the jointure of the Wife" (56) and "An Assignment of Dower by the Heire unto the Fem" (215). A second edition was issued four times in 1655, another edition, also designated the second, in 1663. All of these are scarce. OCLC locates 4 copies of the first edition in North American law libraries (Emory, Library of Congress, University of Minnesota, Yale). *English Short-Title Catalogue* R203542. [Order This Item](#)



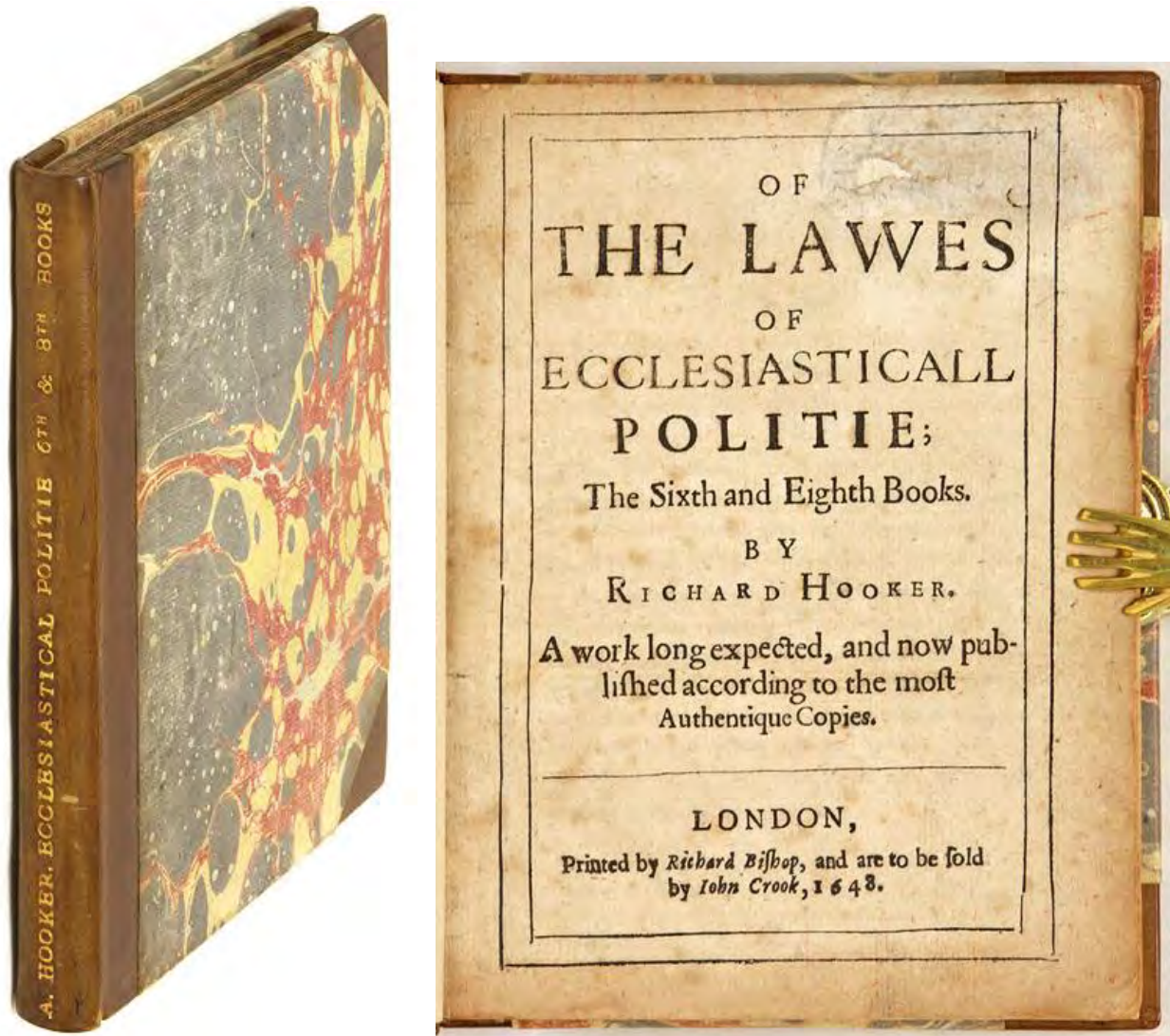
A Scarce Eighteenth-Century English JP Manual

25. Higgs, Joseph.

A Guide to Justices; Or Modern English Precedents, For the Direction of Justices of Peace and Their Clerks, In Making Out Warrants, Mittimus's, Recognizances, Supersedeas's, Affidavits, Informations, Inquisitions, Summons, Precepts, Certificates for the Poor, And Warrants for their Removal, Bonds, &c. Not Being in Any Book Extant: Also Necessary for All Deputy-Lieutenants, Commissioners of Sewers, &c. To Assist Them in the Execution of Their Several Offices. Approv'd and Published at the Request of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County of Gloucester. Corrected, With Large Additions. By Joseph Higgs, Gent. Who has been Clerk to the Commission of the Peace, from the Reign of King Charles the Second to the Present Time. [London]: Printed by Henry Lintot, 1742. [vi], 347, [19] pp. 12mo. (6-1/2" x 3-3/4").

Contemporary calf, blind rules to boards, blind fillets along joints, raised bands to spine, front board discreetly re-attached at an early date. Light rubbing to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, chipping to spine ends, joints partially cracked, front hinge cracked. Light toning to text, occasional faint dampstaining to margins, some edgewear to endleaves, which have early annotations and owner signatures. A nice copy of a scarce title. \$200.

* Second edition. First published in 1734, Higgs's alphabetically-arranged guide reflects his long tenure as clerk of the peace in Gloucester. The text emphasizes excise, game, poor and tithes. All editions of this work are scarce. OCLC locates 6 copies in North American law libraries (Baylor, Columbia, Georgetown, Harvard, University of Georgia, University of Minnesota). *English Short-Title Catalogue* T109780. [Order This Item](#)



First Appearance of Books 6 and 8 of Hooker's *Lawes*

26. Hooker, Richard [1554?-1600].

Of the Lawes of Ecclesiasticall Politie; The Sixth and Eighth Books. A Work Long Expected, And Now Published According to the Most Authentique Copies. London: Printed by Richard Bishop, And are to be sold by Iohn Crook, 1648. [iv], 123, [1], 149, 130-160, 171-226 pp. Pagination irregular. Text complete. Quarto (7" x 5-1/2").

Later three-quarter calf over marbled boards, gilt title to spine, endpapers renewed. Negligible light rubbing to extremities, light fading to spine. Light browning and occasional faint dampspotting to text, early repair to upper corner of title page. A nice copy. \$650.

* First edition of Books Six and Eight, one of three issues from 1648. First printed in 1594-1597, Hooker's influential work is concerned with the general principles involved in the Church of England's legal, political and social position. All early editions contain five books (though their title pages always claim to offer six). A seventh book was published in 1662. Many scholars doubt the authenticity of Books Six, Seven and Eight. The three 1648 imprints are scarce. OCLC locates no copies of any of these three in North American law libraries. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R202054.

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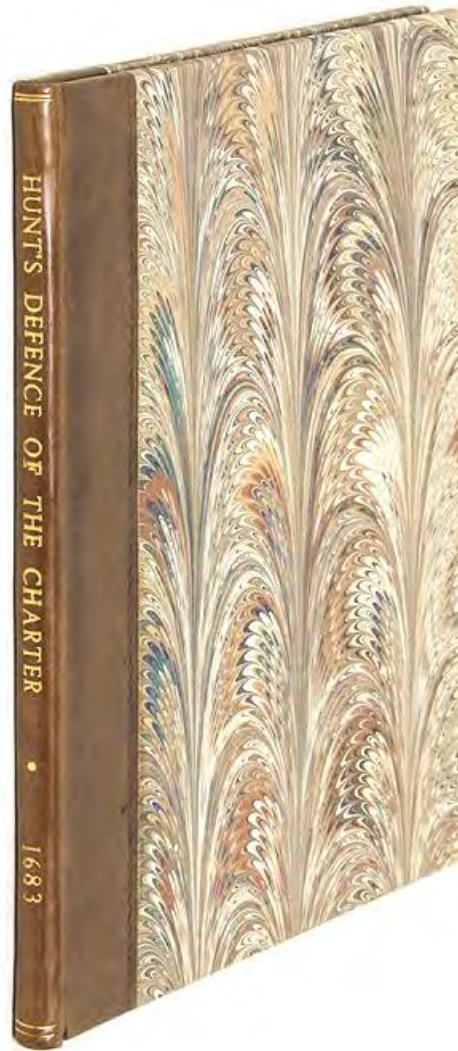
A Blend of Martindale-Hubbell and *Burke's Peerage*

27. H.P., Gent. [Henry Philipps].

The Grandeur of the Law, Or, An Exact Collection of the Nobility and Gentry of this Kingdom: Whose Honors and Estates Have by Some of Their Ancestors Been Acquired or Considerably Augmented by the Practice of the Law or Offices and Dignities Relating Thereunto: the Name of Such Ancestor, Together with the Time in Which he Flourished, the Society in Which he was a Member, and to What Degree in the Law he Arrived, Being Particularly Expressed. London: Printed for Arthur Jones, 1684. [viii], 276, [12] pp. Last leaf blank. Copperplate portrait frontispiece (of Francis, Lord Guilford, Lord Keeper of the Great Seal, to whom the work is dedicated). Octavo (6-1/4" x 3-1/2").

Contemporary sheep, gilt spine with raised bands and later lettering piece and label at foot reading "Lon: 1684." Some rubbing to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities with some wear to joints and spine ends, corners bumped and somewhat worn, front board partially detached, some offsetting to margins of endleaves. Light toning to text. Early owner signature to head of title page, pen doodle to verso, "B" in small early hand to front free endpaper. An appealing copy. \$400.

* First edition. A work that combines elements of the Martindale-Hubbell directory and *Burke's Peerage*, this is a biographical dictionary of eminent lawyers who became members of the nobility, or achieved higher ranks as nobles, due to their legal careers. A second edition was published in 1685. Sowerby, *Catalogue of the Library of Thomas Jefferson* 413. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R30532. [Order This Item](#)



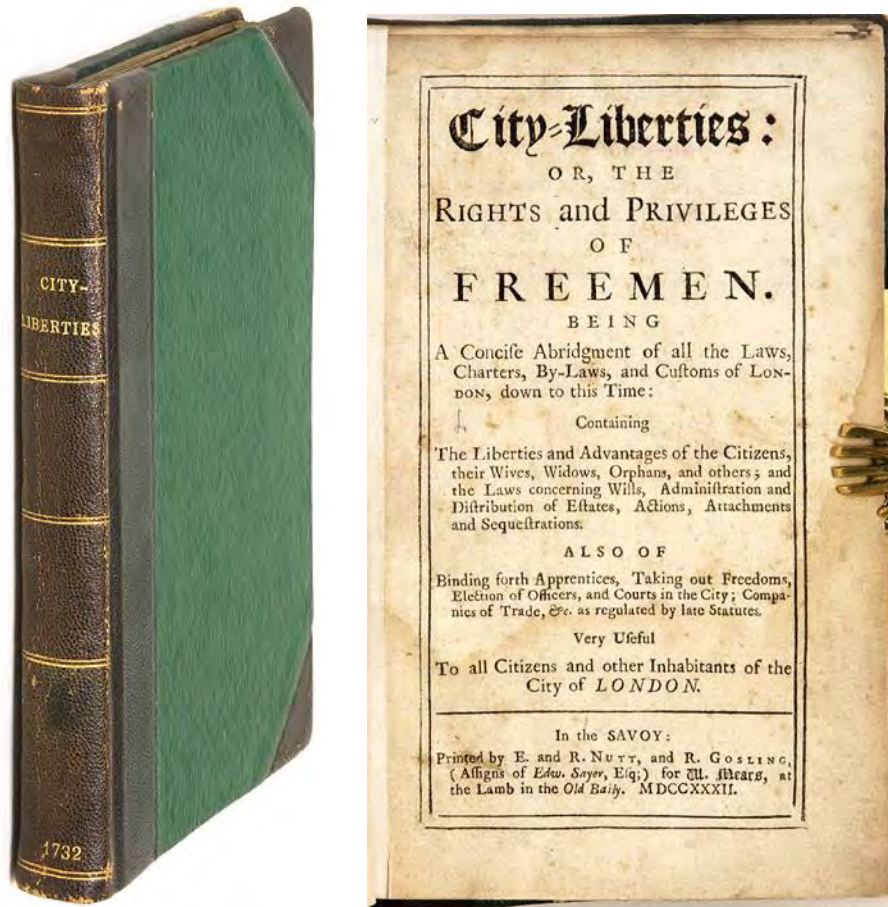
Will A Popish King Suppress City Charters?

28. Hunt, Thomas [1626/7-1688].

A Defence of the Charter, And Municipal Rights of the City of London. And the Rights of Other Municipal Cities and Towns of England. Directed to the Citizens of London. London: Printed and Are to be Sold, by Richard Baldwin, Near the Black Bull in the Old-Bailey, [1683]. [ii], 46 pp. Quarto (7-1/2" x 5-3/4").

Recent period-style quarter calf over marbled boards, gilt title to spine, endpapers renewed. Moderate toning to text, light foxing to a few leaves. Early owner initials and signature to title page, brief annotations to a few leaves. \$250.

* Only edition, one of two issues from 1683. This essay "lashed out against the Duke of York and his minions. Once the popish successor became king, Hunt asserted, the governments of all the once corporate towns, whose charters were lost, would be put in the hands of the papists whose ultimate aim was the extirpation of the Protestant religion" (Zook). The other issue has a title page with the phrase "City of London" in a different typeface, but is otherwise identical. Counting both issues, OCLC locates 3 copies in North American law libraries (University of Michigan, University of Minnesota, University of Pennsylvania). Zook, *Radical Whigs and Conspiratorial Politics in Late Stuart England* 44. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R226384. [Order This Item](#)



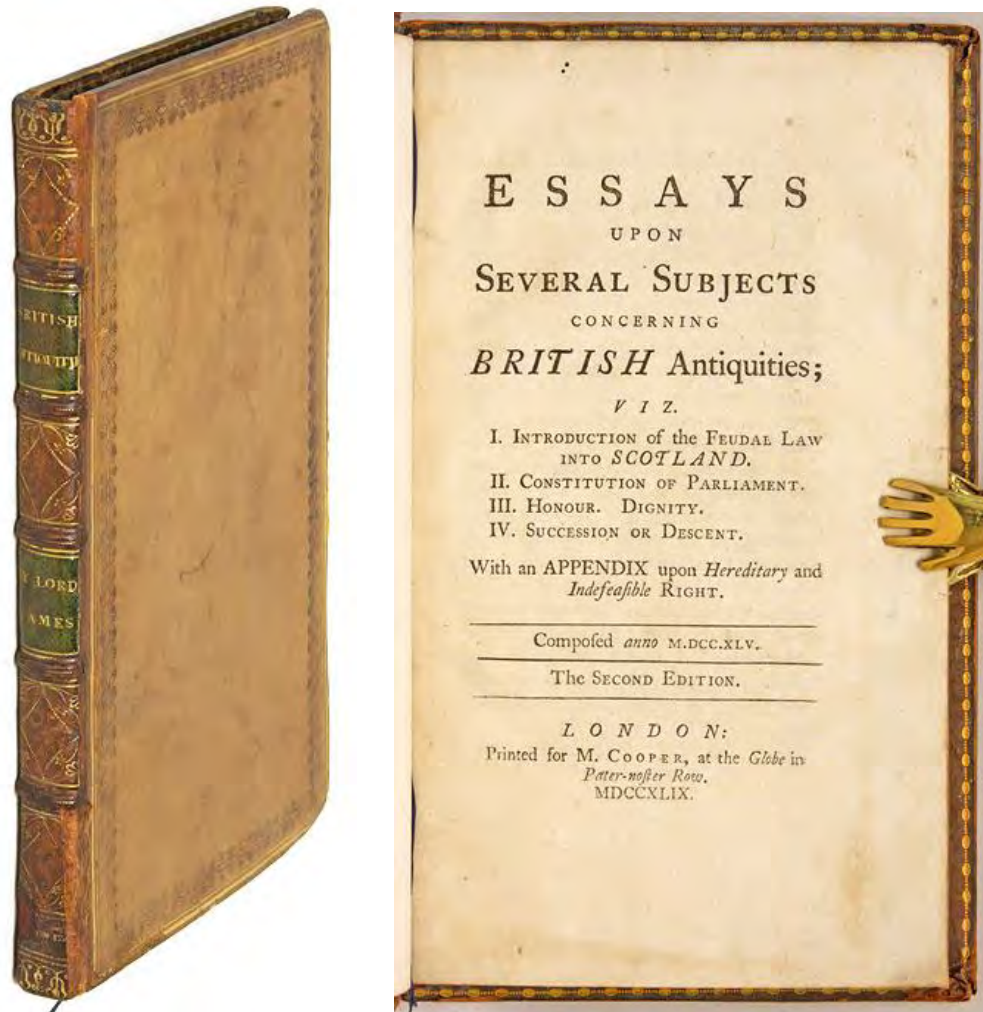
A Handbook for the Freeman of London

29. Jacob, Giles [1686-1744].

City-Liberties: Or, The Rights and Privileges of Freeman. Being a Concise Abridgment of All the Laws, Charters, By-Laws, And Customs of London, Down to this Time: Containing The Liberties and Advantages of the Citizens, Their Wives, Widows, Orphans, And Others; And the Laws Concerning Wills, Administration and Distribution of Estates, Actions, Attachments and Sequestrations. Also Of Binding Forth Apprentices, Taking out Freedoms, Election of Officers, and Courts in the City; Companies of Trade, &c. As Regulated by Late Statutes. Very Useful To all Citizens and Other Inhabitants of the City of London. [London]: Printed by E. and R. Nutt, and R. Gosling, 1732. viii, 168, [8] pp. Two leaves at rear of text, both publisher advertisements, lacking. Octavo (7-1/2" x 4-3/4").

Later three-quarter morocco over textured cloth, gilt fillets and title to spine, title page re-hinged. Some rubbing to extremities, moderate toning and occasional faint dampstaining to text, light soiling to a few leaves, upper corner lacking from leaf I6 (pp. 123-124) with loss to a few words of text. Ex-library. Bookplate to front pastedown, stamps to front endleaf, verso of title page and head of preface. \$350.

* Only edition. Contents arranged alphabetically by topic. Jacob addressed this handbook to the "Freemen of London," even "the most common Readers" (viii). This distinction is significant. Jacob, though certainly interested in boosting sales by attracting the widest audience possible, was an idealist who believed that widespread knowledge of the law would help create a more just society. This is also evident in his other publications, such as the *Treatise of Laws* (1721), *The Common Law Common-Placed* (1726) and *Every Man His Own Lawyer* (1736). OCLC locates 10 copies in North American law libraries. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T137004. [Order This Item](#)



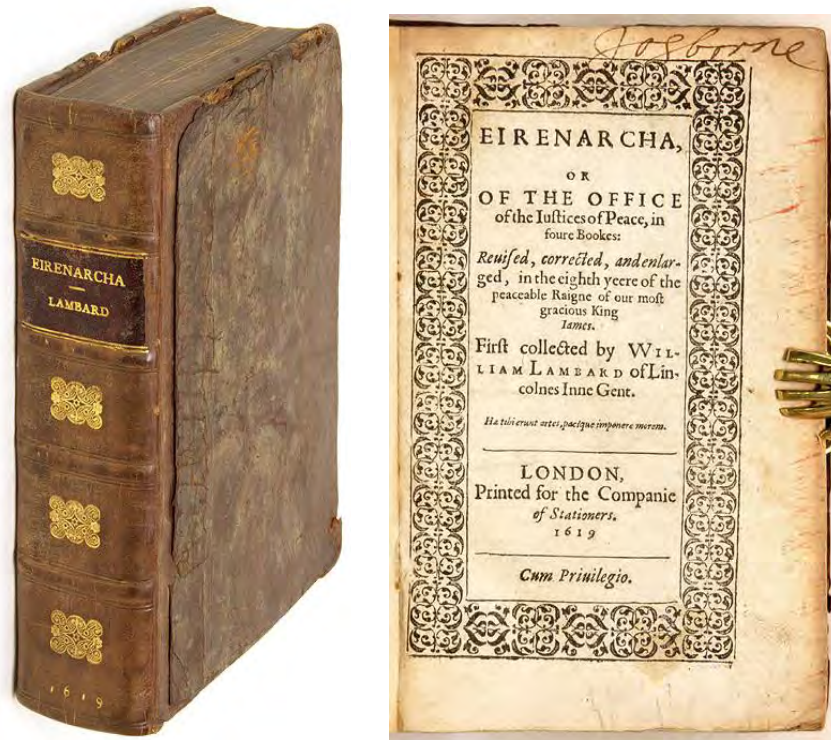
A Distinguished Collection of Essays by Kames

30. [Kames, Henry Home, Lord (1666-1782)].

Essays Upon Several Subjects Concerning British Antiquities; Viz. I. Introduction of the Feudal Law into Scotland. II. Constitution of Parliament. III. Honour. Dignity. IV. Succession or Descent. With an Appendix, Upon Hereditary and Indefeasible Right. Composed Anno M.DCC.XLV. London: Printed for M. Cooper, 1749. [iv], 217, [3] pp. With a final leaf of errata. Octavo (8-1/2" x 5").

Nineteenth-century calf, gilt rules enclosing blind fillets to boards, raised bands, gilt ornaments and lettering pieces to spine, gilt rules to board edges, gilt inside dentelles, marbled endpapers and edges, ribbon marker. A few minor scuffs to boards, some rubbing to extremities, hinges cracked. Light toning to text, faint dampspotting to lower margins of a few leaves, light soiling to title page. A handsome copy. \$450.

* Second edition. One of several distinguished contributions by Kames to legal scholarship--particularly in areas outside the common law tradition--and a successful book which passed through three later 18th century editions. Kames's first book, *Essays Upon Several Subjects in Law* (1732, not to be confused with the present work), revealed a flair for the study of Roman law, and his *Historical Law Tracts* (1758) a notable study in comparative law, assured his scholarly reputation on the Continent. First published in 1747, *Essays Upon Several Subjects Concerning British Antiquities* is a comparative study of the feudal, constitutional, and hereditary law of Scotland, with ample reference to English legal development and, to a lesser extent, Roman law. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T67129. [Order This Item](#)



An Interesting Perspective on Early-Modern England

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

Eirenarcha, Or of the Office of the Iustices of Peace, In Foure Bookes: Revised, Corrected, And Enlarged, In the Eighth Yeere of the Peaceable Raigne of Our Most Gracious King James. London: Printed for the Companie of Stationers, 1619. [ii], 634, [84] pp.

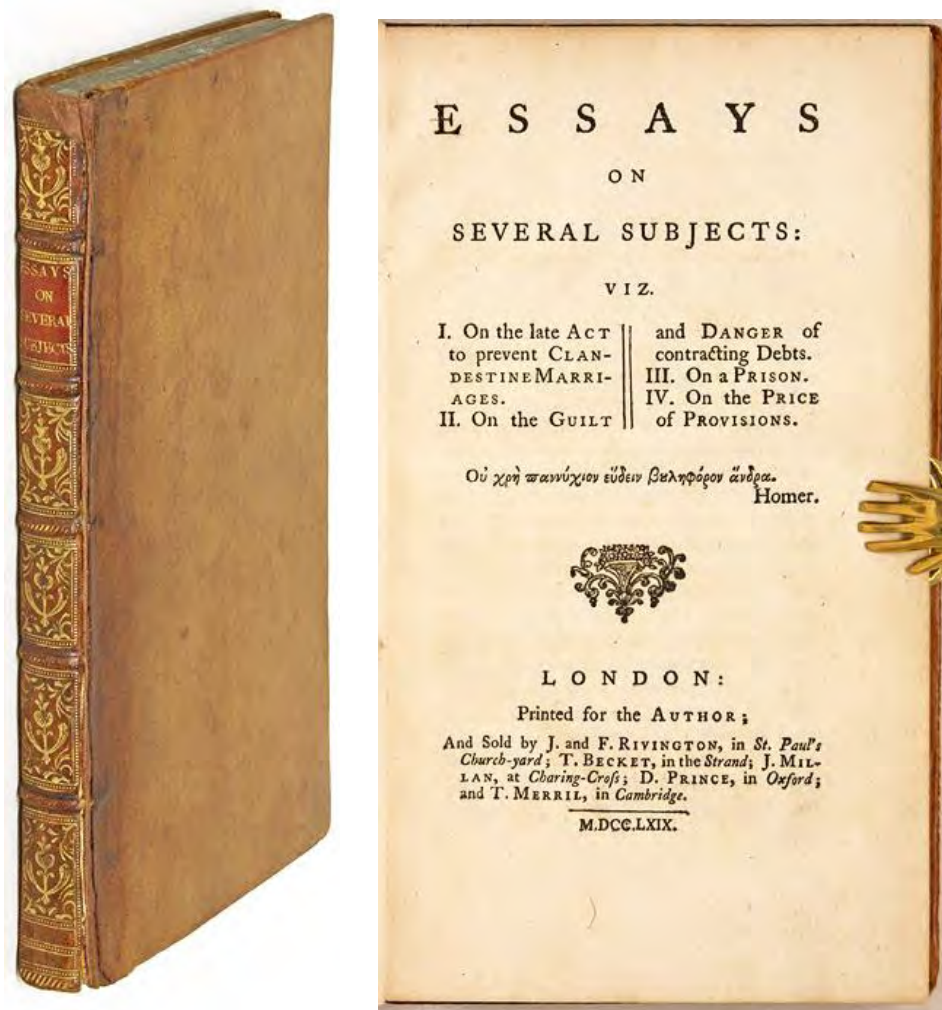
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Lambard(e), William.

The Duties of Constables, Borsholders, Tythingmen, And such Other Low and Lay Ministers of the Peace. Whereunto be Adjoyned the Severall Offices of Church Ministers and Churchwardens, And Overseers for the Poore, Surveyors of the High-Waies, And Distributors of the Provision Against Noysome Fowle and Vermin. London: Printed for the Companie of Stationers, 1619. 94 pp. Last leaf, a blank, lacking.

Octavo (6-1/4" x 4"). Contemporary calf with later rebacking, blind rules to boards, raised bands, gilt ornament and lettering piece to spine, early hand-lettered title to fore-edge of text block, endpapers renewed. Light rubbing and some gatering to boards, edges rubbed with some wear, corners bumped and somewhat worn, early armorial bookplate (of James Burrow) to front pastedown. Moderate toning to text, somewhat heavier in places, minor chips to edges of a few leaves, a few just touching text, a few side-notes in *Duties* affected slightly by trimming. Tick marks in pencil to some leaves, interior otherwise clean. \$950.

* Later editions. 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 local legal and political life. 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. A companion work first published in 1582, *The Duties of Constables* concerns the duties of other lay officers. Taken together, these books offer an interesting perspective on early-modern England. *English Short-Title Catalogue* S108213, S108233. [Order This Item](#)



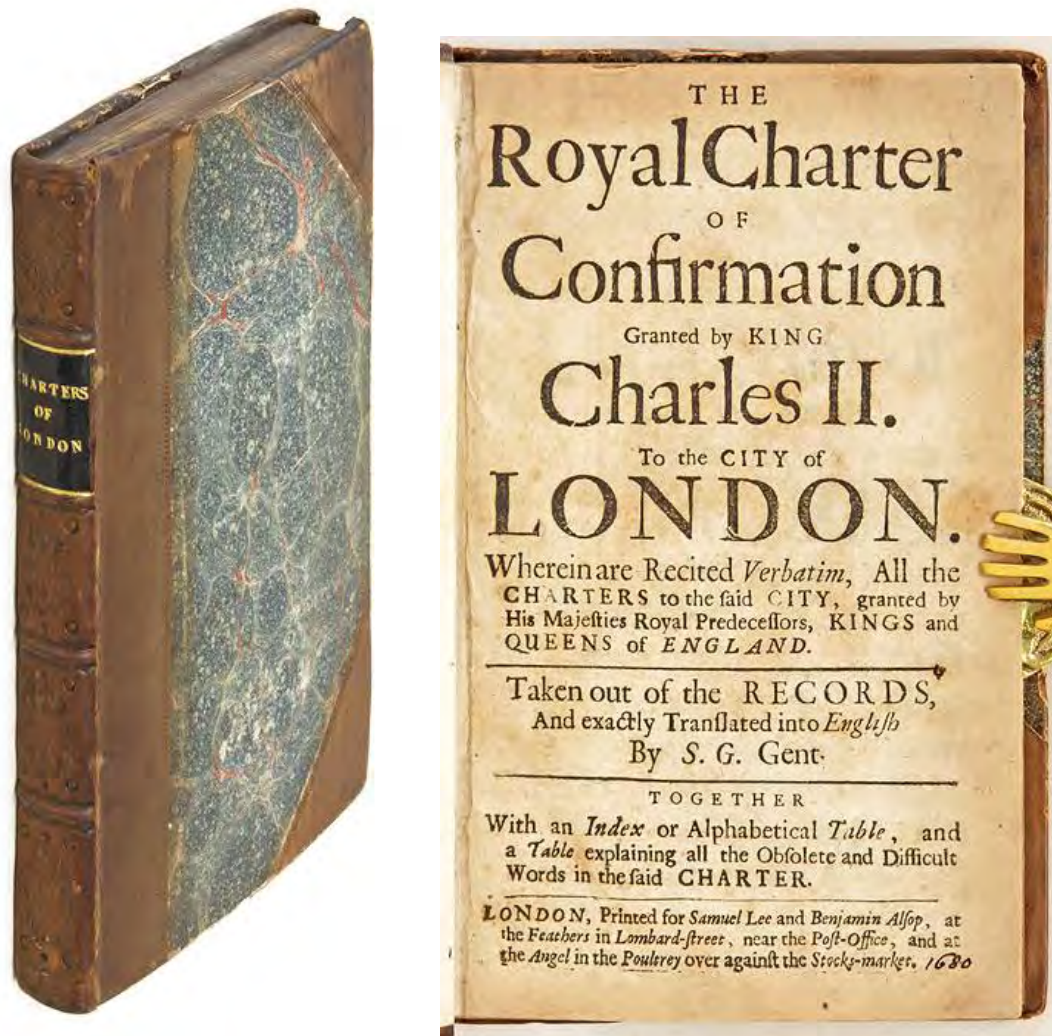
Clandestine Marriage, Prisons and Economic Matters

32. [Lind, Charles].

Essays on Several Subjects: Viz. I. On the Late Act to Prevent Clandestine Marriages. II. On the Guilt and Danger of Contracting Debts. III. On a Prison. IV. On the Price of Provisions. London: Printed for the Author; And Sold by J. and F. Rivington, 1769. [ii], x, 156 pp. Octavo (8-1/4" x 5").

Contemporary speckled calf, gilt spine with raised bands and lettering piece, gilt tooling to board edges. Moderate rubbing to extremities with some wear to corners, front joint starting at ends, front hinge reinforced, rear board just beginning to separate (but quite secure; split in hinge not obvious when book is closed). Light toning to text, light foxing in places, early repair to upper corner of final leaf (pp. 155-156), a few missing letters and words replaced by hand. A handsome copy of a very scarce title. \$750.

* Only edition. This essay collection addresses several topics of interest to the learned English public of the mid-eighteenth century. Two of these address legal matters relating to marriage and prison, the others address economic issues. Some early sources attribute the authorship to James Lind [1716-1794], the important Scottish physician and epidemiologist. OCLC locates 9 copies, 4 in North America (Library Company of Philadelphia, NY Public Library, Northwestern University, University of Minnesota). *Goldsmiths'-Kress Library of Economic Literature* 10591. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T71425. [Order This Item](#)



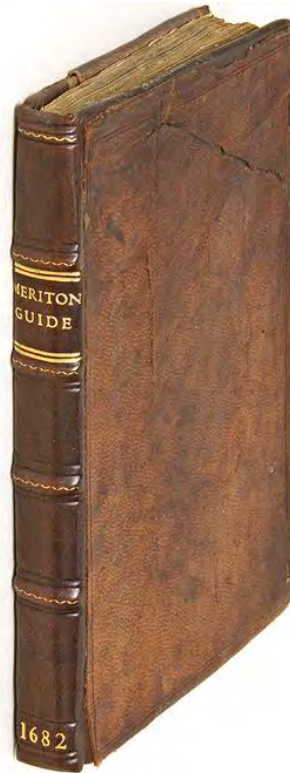
The Charters of London Under Charles II

33. [London].

The Royal Charter of Confirmation Granted by King Charles II. To the City of London. Wherein are Recited Verbatim, All the Charters to the Said City, Granted by His Majesties Royal Predecessors, Kings and Queens of England. Taken Out of the Records, And Exactly Translate into English by S.G. Gent. Together With an Index or Alphabetical Table, And a Table Explaining All the Obsolete and Difficult Words in the Said Charter. London: Printed for Samuel Lee and Benjamin Alsop, [1680]. [xxiv], 247, [1] pp. Octavo (6-1/2" x 4").

Later three-quarter calf over marbled boards, raised bands, blind ornaments and lettering piece to spine, endpapers renewed. A few minor scuffs to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, corners bumped and somewhat worn, front hinge partially cracked, front free endpaper lacking. Light browning and faint dampspotting to text. Faint owner inscription in pencil to front pastedown (dated 1909), interior otherwise clean. \$300.

* Only edition, one of two issues from 1680. This is compilation of London's charters in English translation. It includes the charters granted by King Charles II on October 18, 1662 and September 5, 1664. An interesting feature is its four-page glossary of "obsolete and difficult words" contained in the 1662 and 1664 charters. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R6880. [Order This Item](#)



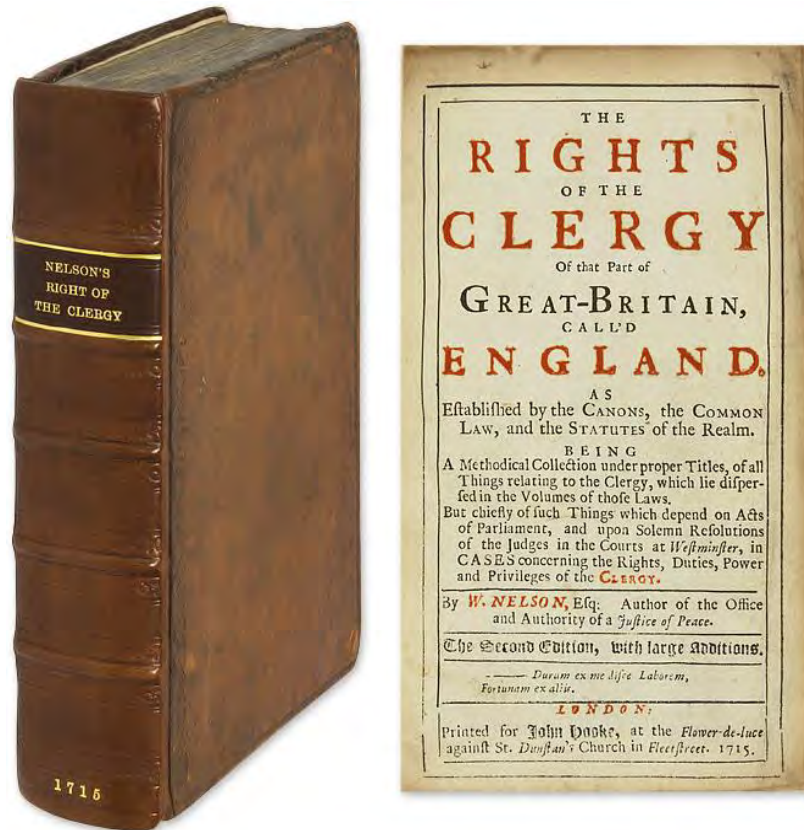
Meriton's Guide for Lay Officers

34. 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 Mannors, 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, To this Present Year 1681. Wherein the Heads of the New Statutes for Burying in Woollen, For Collecting the Maintenance of the Ministers in London, For the Streets, Pavements, Sewers and Dreins in London, And for the Prohibiting of French Goods, Are (Among Others) Inserted Under Their Proper Titles. London: Printed for H. Herringman, H. Sawbridge [et al.], 1682. [xii], 86, [iv], 87-175 pp. Complete. Two-parts with continuous pagination. Second part preceded by title page dated 1682 and reading (in part) *Conductor Generalis: A Guide for Churchwardens, Overseers of the Poor, Surveyors of High-Ways*. 12mo. (5-1/2" x 3-1/4").

Contemporary sheep, blind rules to boards, rebacked in period style, lettering piece and gilt-tooled raised bands to spine, upper corner of front board repaired. Light rubbing to extremities, a few cracks to front board, corners bumped and lightly worn, front hinge mended, margin of rear free endpaper re-margined, pastedowns and front endpapers lacking, early private library bookplate to verso of front board. Moderate toning to text, faint dampstaining to margins in a few places, faint oil stains to a few leaves, minor edgewear to preliminaries and final few leaves of text. Early signature to head of title page, early annotations to endleaves. A nice copy. \$500.

* Seventh 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 5 copies of the seventh edition worldwide, 2 in North American law libraries (Harvard, University of Minnesota). The ESTC adds 3 more (Eton College, Guildhall Library, Library of Congress). *English Short-Title Catalogue* R32425. [Order This Item](#)



The Rights of English Clergymen

35. Nelson, William [b. 1653].

The Rights of the Clergy of that Part of Great-Britain, Call'd England. As Established by the Canons, The Common Law, And the Statutes of the Realm. Being A Methodical Collection Under Proper Titles, Of All Things Relating to the Clergy, Which Lie Dispersed in the Volumes of Those Laws. But chiefly of Such Things Which Depend on Acts of Parliament, And upon Solemn Resolutions of the Judges in the Courts at Westminster, In Cases Concerning the Rights Duties, Power and Privileges of the Clergy. London: Printed for John Hooke, 1715. xii, [4], 578 pp. Title printed in red and black. Two tables of consanguinity (referring to unlawful marriages). Includes a four-page publisher catalogue. Octavo (7-1/2" x 4-1/2").

Contemporary calf, blind rules to boards, blind fillets along joints, rebaked in period style, lettering piece, raised bands and blind ornaments to spine, hinges mended. Light rubbing and a few minor nicks to boards, corners bumped and worn. Early bookseller ticket and armorial bookplate (of William Morris Colles, DD) to front pastedown. Title page printed in red and black. Some toning to text, light foxing in places, signature at end of text block partially detached and lightly edgeworn (but secure), light soiling to title page, marks in light pencil to a few leaves. Ex-library. Faint inkstamp to front pastedown. An appealing copy. \$150.

* Second edition, "With Great Additions." The contents are arranged alphabetically by topic. The subjects discussed range from abbies and adultery, dispensations and excommunication to penance, preaching and visitation. The first edition was published in 1712, the third and final edition in 1732. Nelson was a highly skilled and versatile legal writer. In addition to treatises on evidence, game law, land tenure and a notable JP manual, Nelson produced editions of Dalton's *Country Justice*, Blount's *Nomo Lexicon* and Manwood's *Laws of the Forest*. All three editions are scarce. OCLC locates 3 copies of the second edition in North American law libraries (Columbia, Harvard, Library of Congress). *English Short-Title Catalogue* N12926. [Order This Item](#)



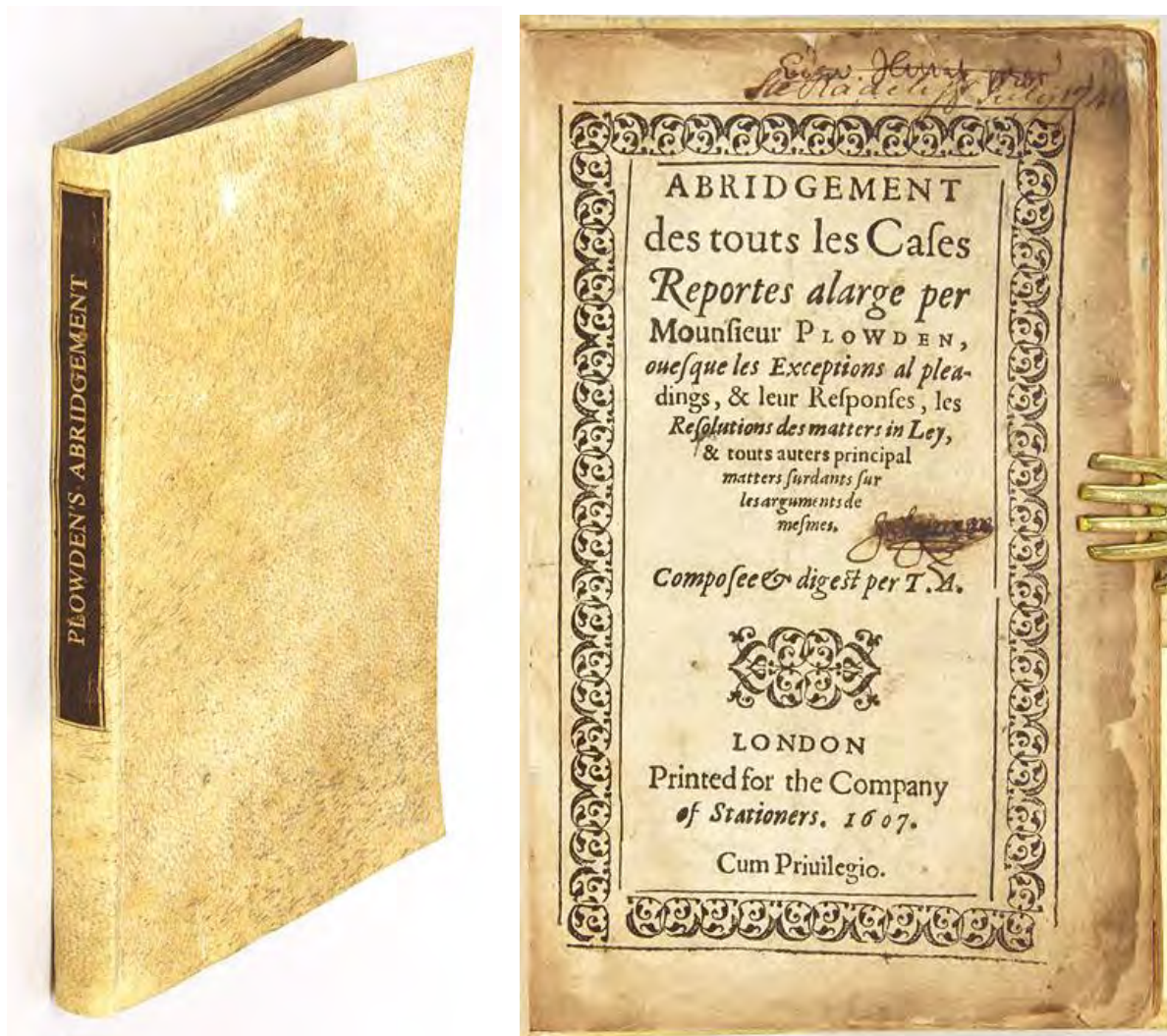
Rare Imprint of *A Profitable Booke* that is Not Listed in Beale

36. Perkins, John [d. 1545].

A Profitable Booke of Maister Iohn Perkins, Felowe of the Inner Temple Treating of the Lawes of Engle lande. [London]: Apud Richardum Totell, [c.1560-1565]. 19, 168 ff., [1] pp. Leaf F7 (Fol. 39) and fore-edge of Leaf N3 (Fol. 91) supplied in facsimile Octavo (5-1/4" x 3-3/4").

Contemporary calf, recently rebaked in period style, blind rules to boards, gilt-edged raised bands and gilt title to spine. A few scratches and creases to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, corners and a few sections of board edges worn, pastedowns removed. Moderate toning, somewhat heavier in places, light edgwear to some leaves. Early owner initials to title page in miniscule hand, annotations in similar hand to margins of a few leaves. An appealing copy of a rare imprint. \$750.

* Early 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. This copy does not have a publication date, but its colophon, pagination and printing errors suggest either 1560 or 1565. The colophon reads: "Imprinted at Lon-/ don in fletestrete with-/ in temple barre, at the signe of/ the hande and starre, by/ Richarde Tottle"; leaf 154 is numbered 167. All of the imprints listed in Beale have printed dates. However, Pollard and Redgrave list two undated imprints with the provisional dates of 1560 and 1565. Records on OCLC with an identical colophon, pagination and printing errors of our copy state 1560, except for Harvard, which gives a provisional date of 1559. Our copy thus falls between the 1555 and 1567 Tottel editions. OCLC locates 7 copies. Holdsworth, *History of English Law* V:388. Pollard & Redgrave, *Short-Title Catalogue of Books Printed in England, Scotland and Ireland 1477-1641*. *English Short-Title Catalogue* S4042. [Order This Item](#)



An Early Guide to Plowden's Reports

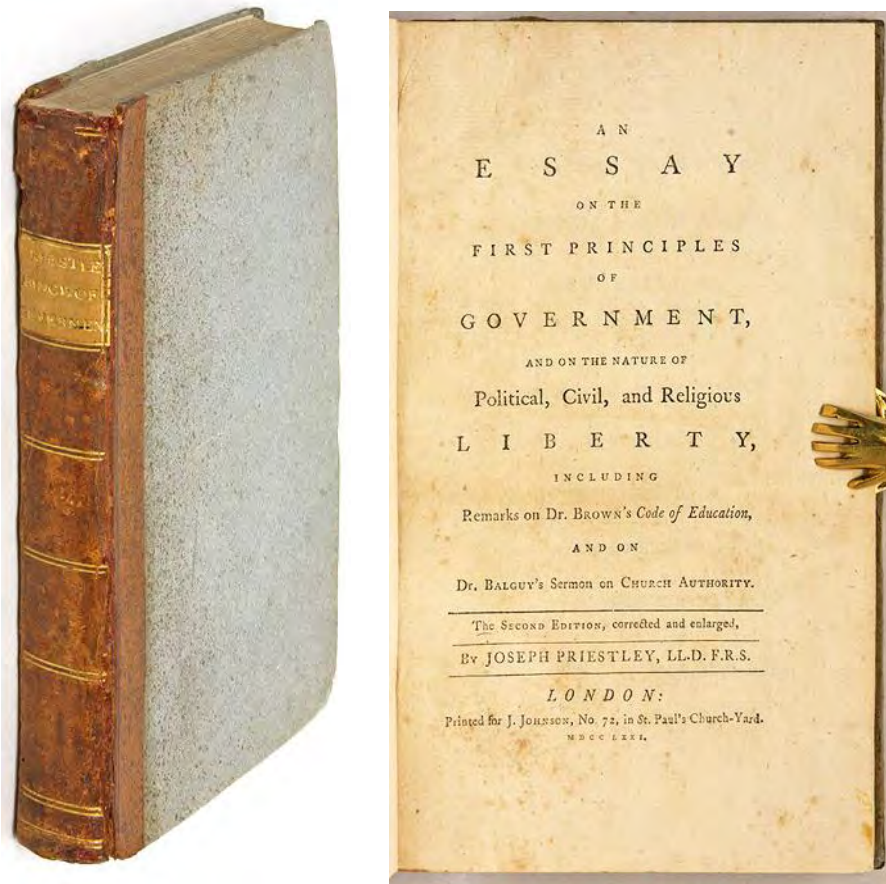
37. Plowden, Edmund [1518-1585].

A[she], T[homas] [fl. 1599-1618].

Abridgement des Touts les Cases Reportes Alarge per Mounseieur Plowden, Ouesque les Exceptions al Pleadings, & Leur Responfes, Les Resolutions des Matters in Ley, & Touts Auters Principal Matters Surdants sur les Arguments de Mesmes. Composee & Digest per T.A. London: Printed [by Adam Islip] for the Company of Stationers, 1607. 91, [1] ff. Table. Octavo (5-1/2" x 3-1/2").

Recent flexible vellum, calf lettering piece to spine, endpapers renewed. Title printed within typographical border. Moderate toning to text, somewhat heavier in places, faint dampstaining to lower margins of rear third of text block, light browning and some edgewear to preliminaries. Three (indecipherable) eighteenth-century signatures in miniscule hands to title page, brief early annotations and marks to margins of a few leaves. A nice copy. \$650.

* Second edition. Published around 1597, Ashe's was the first abridgment of Plowden. Well received, it had a second edition in 1607 and was reissued in an English translation in 1650. First published in 1571 and covering the period of 1550-1580, Plowden's *Reports* marks the transition away from the cumulative method of the Year Books to one based on exposition and commentary. In most respects it is a precursor of the modern reporter. *English Short-Title Catalogue* S114927. [Order This Item](#)



**Priestley's First Substantial Political Work, An Influence
on the Constitutional Thought of the American Founding Fathers**

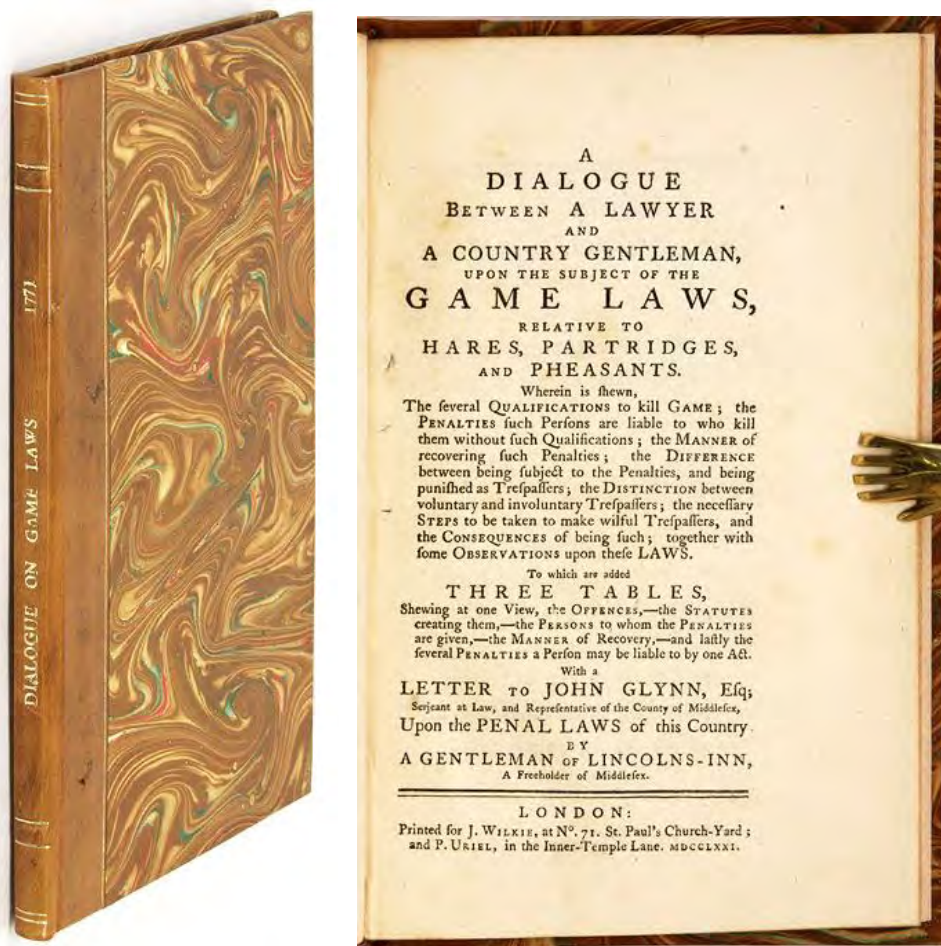
38. Priestley, Joseph [1733-1804].

An Essay on the First Principles of Government, And on the Nature of Political, Civil, And Religious Liberty. London: Printed for J. Johnson, No. 72, In St. Paul's Church Yard, 1771. xvi, 300, [4] pp. Includes two-page publisher advertisement. Octavo (8-1/4" x 5").

Later quarter speckled calf over speckled-paper boards, lettering piece and gilt fillets to spine, endpapers renewed. Very light soiling to boards, a few tiny gouges to board edges, some chipping to spine ends, corners bumped and lightly worn, hinges partially cracked. Moderate toning to text, light foxing in a few places, internally clean. \$500.

* Second (stated) edition, one of two issues from 1772, and the third edition overall if one includes the Dublin reissue of the first edition (1768). First published in London in 1768, Priestley's *Essay* was his first substantial political work, one that influenced several American founding fathers, such as John Adams and Thomas Jefferson. It expands the humanitarian beliefs in his *Essay on a Course of Liberal Education* (1765), which took issue with the authoritarian educational philosophy favored by John "Estimate" Brown in his *Thoughts on Civil Liberty*. Priestley argues for a liberal political philosophy as a matter of morality and a prerequisite for social progress. Adams and Jefferson owned copies of this book. A note in Sowerby says Jefferson often recommended it to others and cites a letter from 1802 in which he says it expressed the principles of the U.S. Constitution and their practical development in many of its articles. Sowerby, *Catalogue of the Library of Thomas Jefferson* 2332 (listing the second edition, London, 1771). www.johnadamslibrary.org/book/?book=241467Adams291.1 (listing the second edition). *English Short-Title Catalogue* T33367.

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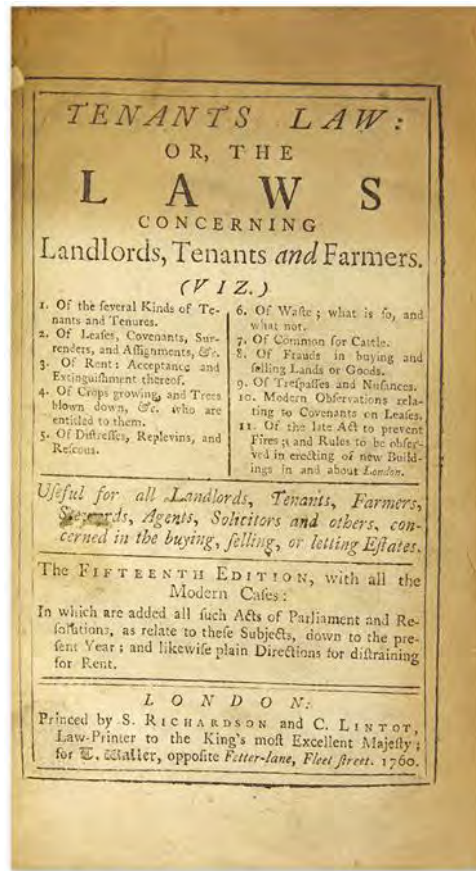
Review of English Game Laws in the Form of a Dialogue

39. [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. xv, [1], 39 pp. Half-title. Three folding tables. Octavo (9" x 5-1/2").

Recent quarter calf over marbled boards, gilt rules to boards, raised bands, gilt rules and gilt title to spine. Light toning to text, tiny inkstains to a few leaves, negligible light foxing in a few places, a few short clean tears to folding tables. A handsome copy of a scarce title. \$350.

* First edition, one of three issues from 1771. This review of the game laws in dialogue form was reprinted in 1775 and incorporated into a later work, *Two Tracts on Game Laws* (1787). 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* T66787. [Order This Item](#)



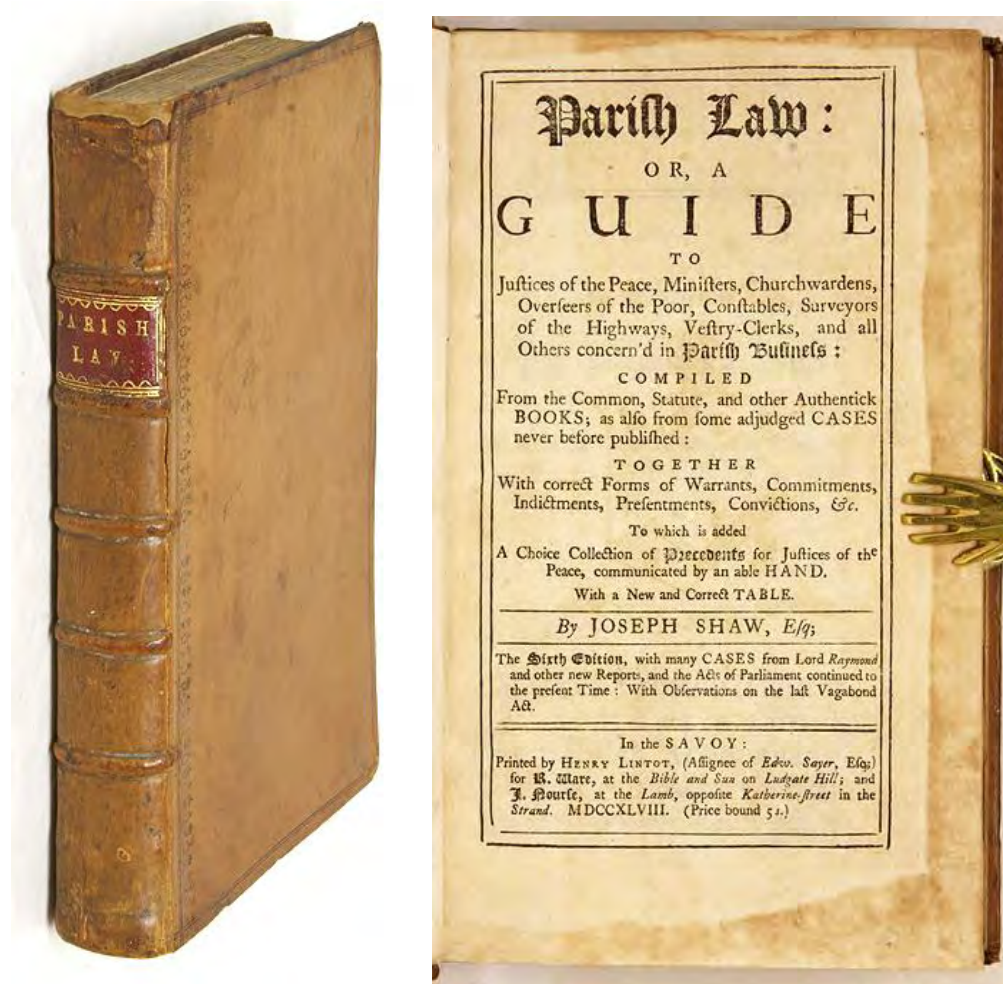
A Classic English Treatise on the Law of Landlord and Tenant

40. R.T., Gent.

Tenants Law: Or, The Laws Concerning Landlords, Tenants and Farmers. (Viz.) 1. Of the several Kinds of Tenants and Tenures. 2. Of Leases, Covenants, Surrenders, And Assignments, &c. 3. Of Rent: Acceptance and Extinguishment Thereof. 4. Of Crops Growing, And Trees Blown Down, &c. Who are Entitled to Them. 5. Of Distresses, Replevins, And Rescous. 6. Of Waste; What is So, And What Not. 7. Of Common for Cattle. 8. Of Frauds in Buying and Selling Lands or Goods. 9. Of Trespasses and Nuisances. 10. Modern Observations Relating to Covenants on Leases. 11. Of the Late Act to Prevent Fires; And Rules to be Observed in Erecting of New Buildings in and About London. Useful for All Landlords, Tenants, Farmers, Stewards, Agents, Solicitors and Others, Concerned in the Buying, Selling, Or Letting Estates. With all the Modern Cases: In Which are Added All such Acts of Parliament and Resolutions, As Relate to These Subjects, Down to the Present Year. London: Princed [sic] by S. Richardson and C. Lintot; for T. Waller, 1760. 334, [38] pp. 12mo. (6-1/2" x 4").

Recent calf, lettering piece to spine, endpapers renewed. Negligible rubbing to extremities, light fading to spine, recent owner bookplate to front pastedown. Moderate toning to text, negligible minor worming to corners of some leaves, browning to title page. Recent owner inscription to front free endpaper, interior otherwise clean. \$300.

* Fifteenth edition. First published in 1666, shortly after the Great Fire of London, this layman's guide was immediately popular. With additions and other modifications at each printing, it went through several editions and issues eighteenth century, the last appearing in 1768. The identity of "R.T." is unknown. In any event, printings after 1684 appeared without attribution. Despite its popularity, printings of this title are scarce. Concerning the fifteenth edition, OCLC locates 5 copies in North American law libraries (Harvard, Library of Congress, Loyola, Osgoode Hall, Southern Methodist University). *English Short-Title Catalogue* T134808. [Order This Item](#)



Important Early Treatise on Parish Law

41. Shaw, Joseph [1671-1733].

Parish Law: Or, A Guide to Justices of the Peace, Ministers, Church-Wardens, Overseers of the Poor, Constables, Surveyors of the Highways, Vestry-Clerks, And All Others Concern'd in Parish Business: Compiled From the Common, Statute, and Other Authentick Books; As Also From Some Adjudged Cases Never Before Published: Together With Correct Forms of Warrants, Commitments, Indictments, Presentments, Convictions, &c. To Which is Added A Choice Collection of Precedents for Justices of the Peace, Communicated by an Able Hand. With a New and Correct Table. With Many Cases from Lord Raymond and Other New Reports, And the Acts of Parliament Continued to the Present Time: With Observations on the Last Vagabond Act. [London]: Printed by Henry Lintot, (Assignee of Edw. Sayer, Esq;) for R. Ware, 1748. [xvi], 378, [22] pp. Octavo (8" x 4-1/2").

Contemporary calf, blind frames to boards, blind fillets along joints, gilt tooling along board edges, raised bands and lettering piece to spine, recent repair to head of spine, rear free endpaper renewed. Light rubbing to boards and extremities, corners bumped and lightly worn, front hinge cracked, early armorial bookplate to front pastedown, crack in text block between final two index leaves. Light toning to text, minor foxing to a few leaves. A handsome copy. \$150.

* Sixth edition. "A more modern and much more important unit of local government--the parish--was made the subject of a book by Joseph Shaw in 1733, which reached a tenth edition in 1763. It is a useful and clearly written summary of a topic which demanded a knowledge both of ecclesiastical law and of the common law enacted and unenacted." Holdsworth, *A History of English Law* XII:338. *English Short-Title Catalogue* N11020. [Order This Item](#)



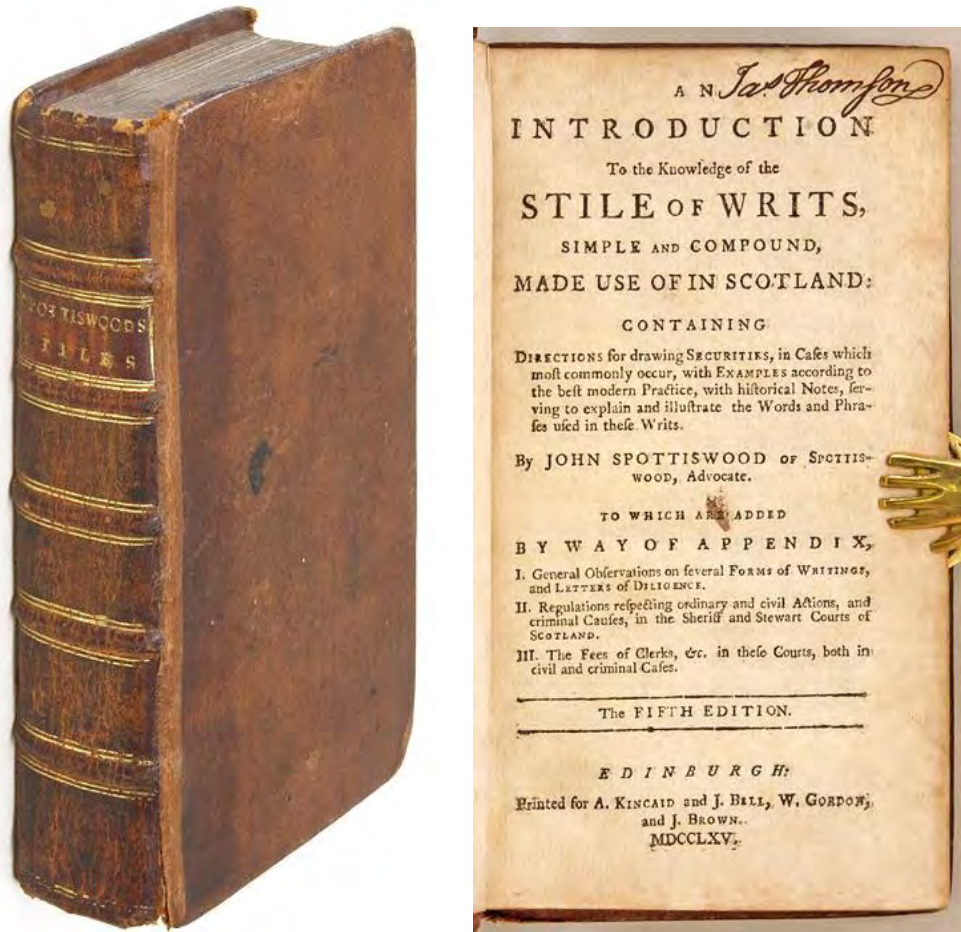
One of the Best Manuals of Its Kind

**42. [Sheriffs].
[Great Britain].**

The Compleat Sheriff: Wherein is Set Forth, His Office and Authority; With Directions, How and in What Manner to Execute the Same, According to the Common and Statute Laws of This Kingdom, Which are Now in Force and Use: And the Judgments and Resolutions of the Judges in Divers Late Cases, In the Several Courts of Westminster, Relating Thereunto. Likewise of Under-Sheriffs and Their Deputies; And Where the High-Sheriff Shall be Answerable for Their Defaults, And Where Not, &c. Together with the Learning of Bail Bonds; With an Explication of Stat. 23 H.6. Cap. 10. And Pleadings Thereon. Returns of Writs, Remedies Against Non Return and Faux Return, Habeas Corpus, Venires, Challenges and Enquiry of Damages. Prisoners and Prisons. Execution by Fieri Fac', Elegit, &c. Escapes, Actions and Pleadings Therein. Fresh Pursuit, And Other Pleas. Attachment, Amercement: Actions, Declarations and Pleadings on the Sheriffs Non-Fesance or Male-Fesance. Customs of London, As to Prisons, Courts, Process, Sheriffs Fees, Extortion, Sheriffs Accompts, &c. To Which is Added, The Office and Duty of Coroners. London: Printed by the Assigns of R. and E. Atkyns, Esquires; For John Walthoe, 1696. [xxiv], 443, [21] pp. With preliminary advertisement leaf. Octavo (7-1/2" x 4-1/2").

Contemporary calf, blind rules to board, blind fillets along joints, raised bands and later lettering piece to spine, early repair to head of spine. Light rubbing and a few faint stains to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, tiny chip to foot of spine, corners bumped and somewhat worn, hinges cracked. Moderate toning to text, faint dampstaining in places, Signature G (pp. 81-95) partially detached with some wear along fore-edge, horizontal tear through rear free endpaper. Early signatures to preliminaries (Gerrit van Schak, 1756), early annotations front pastedown and some leaves, additional annotations in same hand on small slips of paper pasted to edges of a few other leaves. An appealing copy. \$950.

* First edition. One of the most thorough books of its kind, the aptly-titled *Compleat Sheriff* is notably descriptive. It also includes citations of legal cases, bibliographical references and chapters on juries and habeas corpus and a detailed discussion of the law of escapes. A useful and long-lived work, it saw five later editions, the last in 1778. All are scarce. OCLC locates 8 copies of the first edition in North American law libraries (Columbia, Georgetown, Harvard, LA County, Library of Congress, Southern Methodist University, University of Pennsylvania, University of Virginia). *English Short-Title Catalogue* R1060. [Order This Item](#)



**A Classic Scottish Treatise on Writs,
Forms and Other Aspects of Legal Composition**

43. Spottiswood, John.

An Introduction to the Knowledge of the Stile of Writs, Simple and Compound, Made Use of in Scotland: Containing Directions for Drawing Securities, In Cases Which Most Commonly Occur, With Examples According to the Best Modern Practice, With Historical Notes, Serving to Explain and Illustrate the Words and Phrases Used in These Writs. To Which are Added by way of Appendix, I. General Observations on Several Forms of Writings, And Letters of Diligence. II. Regulations Respecting Ordinary and Civil Actions, And Criminal Causes, In the Sheriff and Stewart Courts of Scotland. III. The Fees of Clerks, &c. in These Courts, Both in Civil and Criminal Cases. Edinburgh: Printed for A. Kincaid and J. Bell, W. Gordon, And J. Brown, 1765. [iv], 587, [21] pp. 12mo. (6-3/4" x 4").

Contemporary calf, gilt-edged raised bands and lettering piece to spine, joints mended. Light rubbing and a few minor scuffs to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, small chip to foot of spine, corners bumped and somewhat worn, front hinge cracked, rear hinge starting. Moderate toning to text, (very) faint dampstaining to margins of a few leaves. "3/6" in small early hand to front free endpaper, early owner signature and tiny inkspot to title page. \$200.

* Sixth and final edition. Around 1703, Spottiswood established Spottiswood's College of Law to compensate for the lack of a legal curriculum at The University of Edinburgh. Its main textbook was Sir George McKenzie's *Institutes*. Spottiswood wrote the *Stile of Writs*, along with another book, *The Form of Process*, to cover areas that are not treated in detail by Mackenzie. They were, in effect, supplementary textbooks. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T118684.

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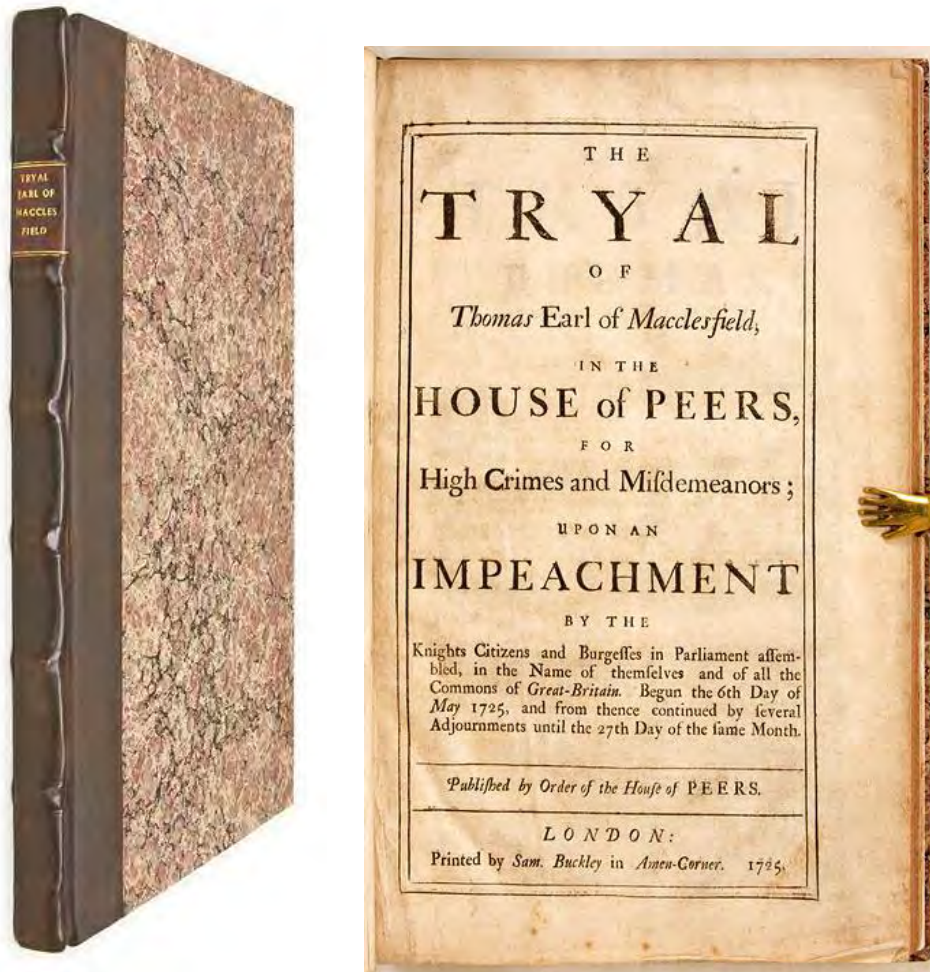
Style's *Practical Register*

44. Style, William [1603-1679].

The Practical Register, Or the Accomplish'd Attorney: Consisting of Rules, Orders, And the Most Principal Observations Concerning the Practice of the Common Law in his Majesties Courts at Westminster. But More Particularly Applicable to the Proceedings in the Kings Bench as Well in Matters Criminal as Civil. Alphabetically Digested Under Several Titles. With a Table Directing to the Ready Finding Out of Those Titles. Very Much Enlarged. London: Printed for Tho. Dring, 1670. [xxxii], 574 [i.e. 490], [2] pp. Includes 4-page publisher catalogue. Numerous errors in pagination. First leaf, a blank, lacking. Text complete. Octavo (6-1/2" x 4-1/2").

Contemporary sheep, rebaked, blind rules to boards, lettering piece and blind rules to spine, endpapers renewed. Moderate rubbing to boards and extremities, corners bumped and worn. Moderate toning to text, light foxing in places, faint dampstaining to lower corner of final 36 leaves, small chips to edges of 2 leaves. Early (?) owner signature to head of title page, interior otherwise clean. \$250.

* Second edition. This popular guide was first published in 1657 with the title *Regestrum Practicale*. (Its early editions are called *Regula Placitandi* in Comyns' *Digest of the Laws of England*). Arranged alphabetically, it contains the rules for practice, together with some basic information regarding the substantive law. John Lilly published a continuation of this book in 1710. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R31009. [Order This Item](#)



The Fall of the Earl of Macclesfield

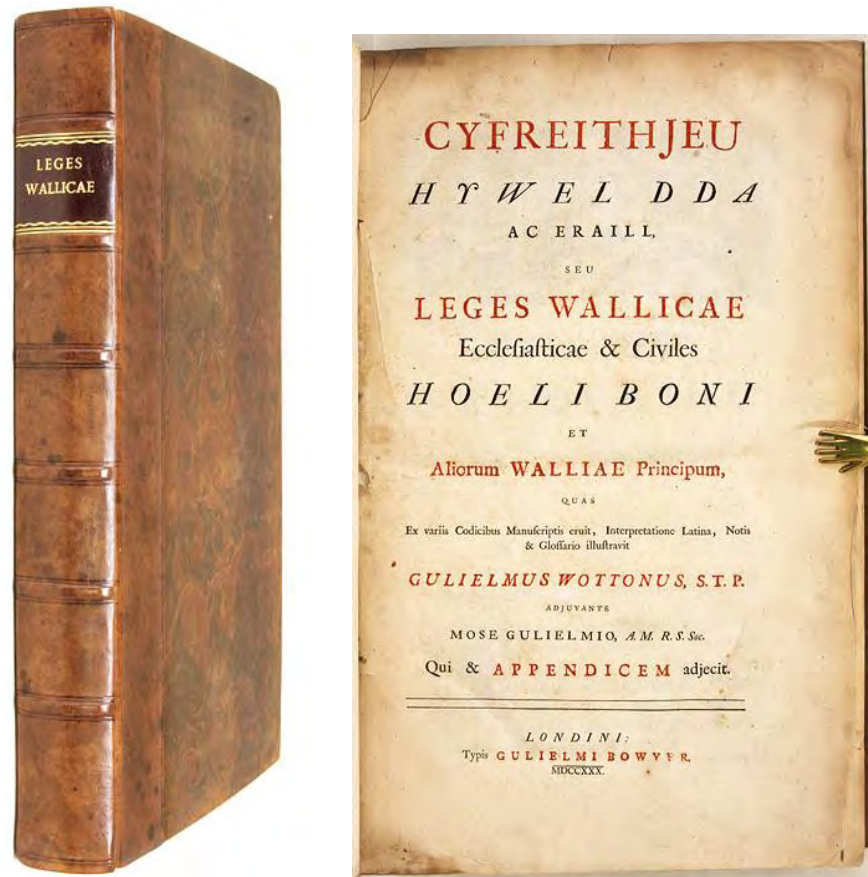
45. [Trial].

Macclesfield, Thomas Parker, Earl of [1666-1732], Defendant.

The Tryal of Thomas Earl of Macclesfield, In the House of Peers, For High Crimes and Misdemeanors; Upon an Impeachment by the Knights Citizens and Burgesses in Parliament Assembled, In the Name of Themselves and of All the Commons of Great-Britain. Begun the 6th Day of May 1725, And from Thence Continued by Several Adjournments Until the 27th Day of the Same Month. Published by Order of the House of Peers. London: Printed by Sam. Buckley in Amen-Corner, 1725. [iv], 284 pp. With an initial imprimatur leaf. Main text in parallel columns. Folio (14" x 9").

Recent period-style quarter calf over marbled boards, raised bands and lettering piece to spine, endpapers renewed. Moderate toning to text, somewhat heavier in places, some leaves have light spotting, mostly to margins. A handsome copy. \$350.

* Only edition. Parker, 1st Earl of Macclesfield, was a lawyer and English Whig politician. Made a Privy Counsellor in 1710, he was Lord Chief Justice from 1710 to 1718 and Lord Chancellor from 1718 to 1725. In 1725 the Earl was impeached for taking bribes and tried in the House of Lords. He convicted by a unanimous vote for taking more than £100,000 in bribes (about £11,000,000 today). He was removed from the Privy Council, required to forfeit £100,000, fined an additional £30,000 and placed in the Tower of London until these sums were paid. Ruined financially, he retired to his home, Shirburn Castle, where spent the rest of his life. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T139466. [Order This Item](#)



Notable Eighteenth-Century
Compilation of Welsh Civil and Ecclesiastical Law

46. [Wales].

[Howel, Welsh King (d. 950CE)].

Clark, William [1696-1771], Editor.

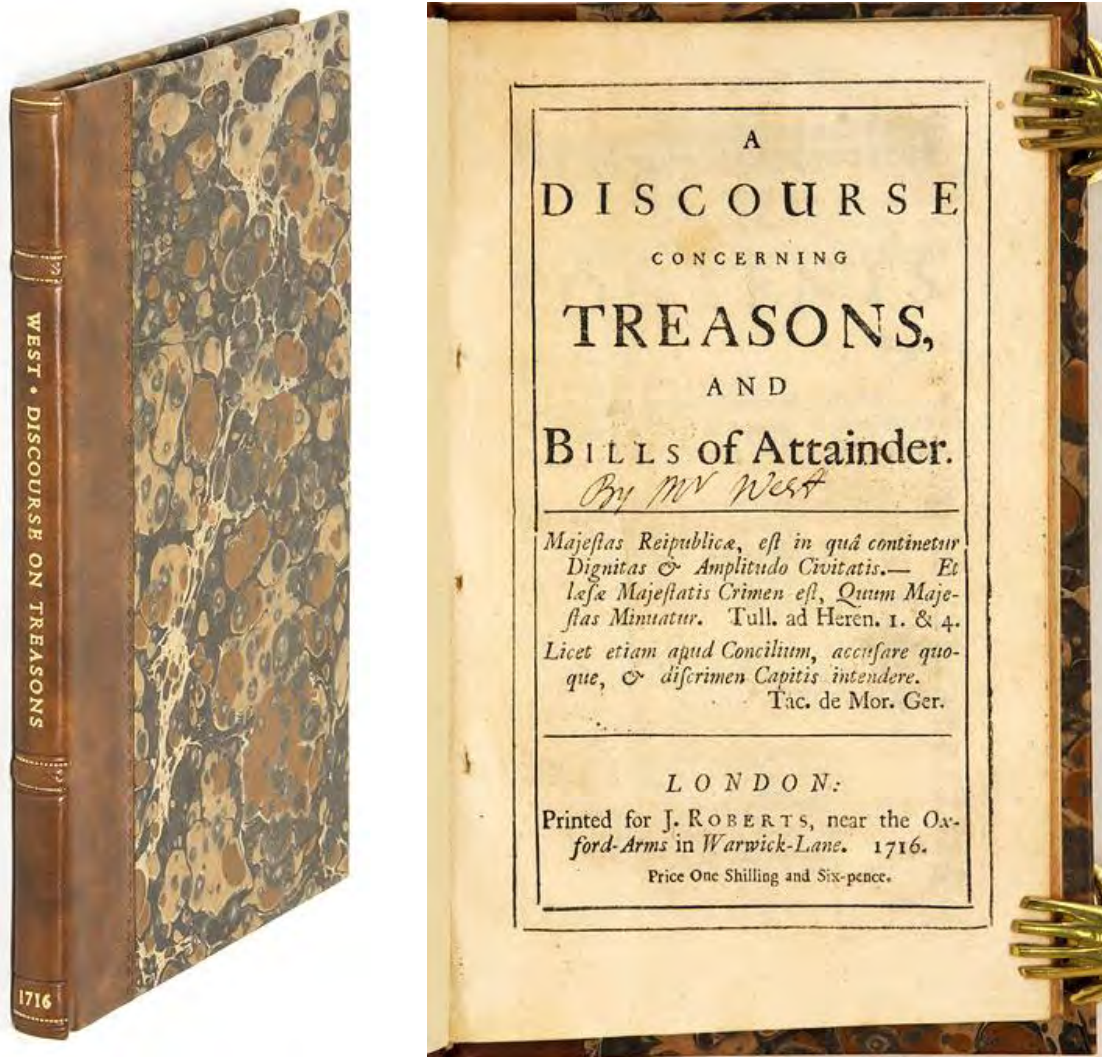
Wotton, William [1666-1727], Compiler of Appendices.

William, Moses [1686-1742], Compiler of Appendices.

Cyfreithjieu Hywel Dda ac Eraill, Seu Leges Wallicae Ecclesiasticae & Civiles Hoeli Boni et Aliorum Walliae Principum, Quas Ex Variis Codicibus Manuscriptis Eruit, Interpretatione Latina, Notis & Glossario Illustravit Guilielmus Wottonus, S.T.P. Adjuvante Mose Guilielmio, A.M.R.S. Soc. Qui & Appendicem Adjecit. London: Typis Gulielmi Bowyer, 1730. [xlii], 586, [20] pp. Lacking half-title. Parallel Welsh and Latin texts. Folio (15-1/4" x 9-1/2").

Recent period-style quarter calf over marbled boards, raised bands and lettering piece to spine, endpapers renewed. Title page printed in red and black, copperplate text vignette in preface, large copperplate vignette to head of dedication, large woodcut vignettes at the beginnings of each section. Very light browning to text, somewhat heavier in places, foxing, stains and edgewear to a few leaves, light soiling and edgewear to title page, internally clean. \$500.

* Only edition, 1 of 2 issues from 1730. With a subscriber list. One of the great achievements of eighteenth-century English legal philology, this is a critical edition of Howel's *Cyfraith Hywel* and other early compilations of Welsh civil and ecclesiastical law. The work concludes with a glossary of Welsh legal terms by Wotton. OCLC locates 9 copies in North America, 5 in law libraries (Case Western Reserve, Harvard, University of Michigan, University of Minnesota, University of Virginia). *English Short-Title Catalogue* T63960. [Order This Item](#)



Learned 1716 Defense of Attainder

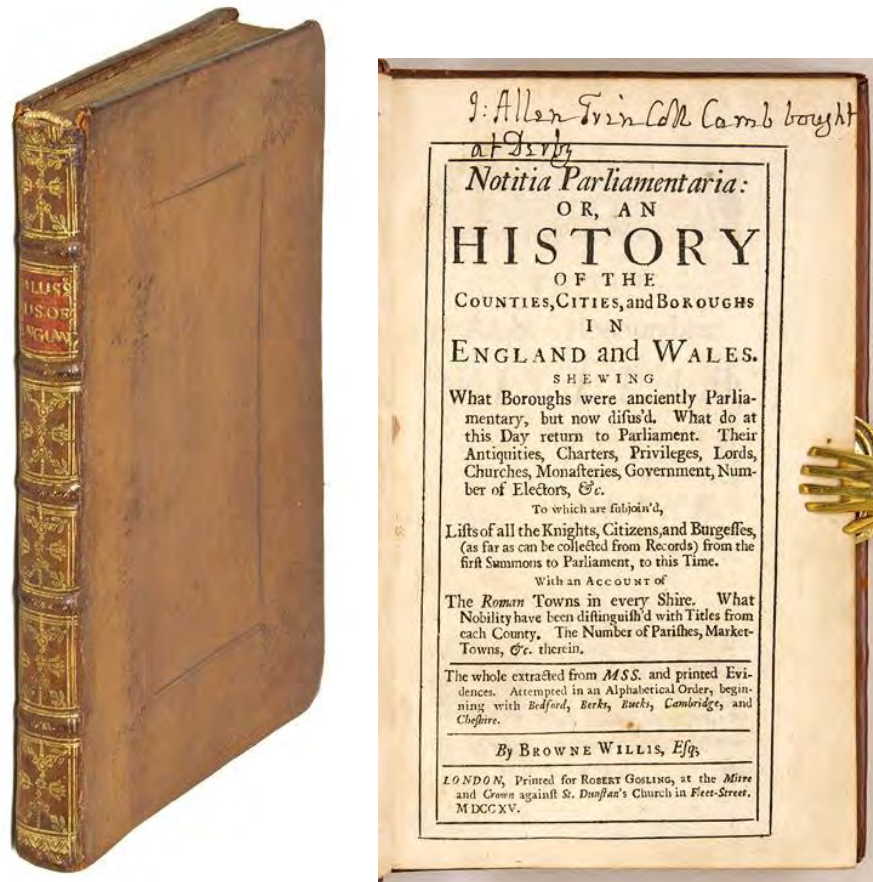
47. [West, Richard (d. 1726)].

A Discourse Concerning Treasons, and Bills of Attainder. London: Printed for J. Roberts, 1716. [iv], 111 pp. Octavo (7-1/2" x 4-3/4").

Stab-stitched pamphlet bound into recent period-style quarter calf over marbled boards, raised bands and lettering piece to spine. Some soiling to title page and verso of final leaf. "By Mr. West" in fine early hand to title page, interior otherwise fresh. \$500.

* First edition. One of the most controversial and feared powers of parliament, attainder was the extinction of the civil rights and powers of people convicted of treason or other grave felony. Its principal consequences were the forfeiture and escheat of lands and disqualification from holding, inheriting or transmitting land, either directly or through descent. Especially popular during the Reign of Henry VIII, bills of attainder were usually employed to punish persons who had displeased the king. (Mostly abolished in 1870, they were still applied to outlaws until 1932, when they were abolished altogether.) Their use as an arbitrary tool of reprisal caused widespread resentment. West appreciates this resentment, but argues that bills of attainder are justifiable in certain situations and defends their use. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T31938.

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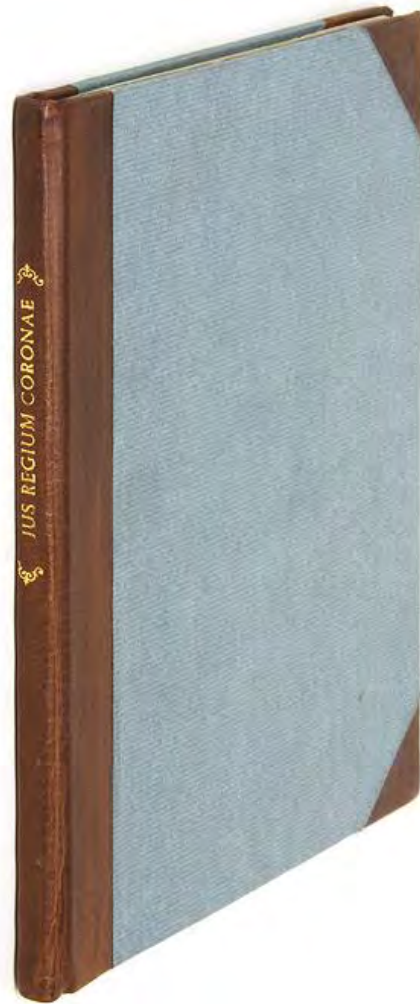
48. Willis, Browne [1682-1760].

Notitia Parliamentaria: Or, An History of the Counties, Cities, And Boroughs in England and Wales. Shewing What Boroughs were Anciently Parliamentary, But Now Disus'd. What do at this Day Return to Parliament. Their Antiquities, Charters, Privileges, Lords, Churches, Monasteries, Government, Number of Electors, &c. To Which are Subjoin'd, Lists of all the Knights, Citizens, and Burgesses, (As Far as Can be Collected from Records) From the First Summons to Parliament, to this Time. With an Account of The Roman Towns in Every Shire. What Nobility have been Distinguish'd with Titles from Each Country. The Number of Parishes, Market-Towns, &c. Therein. The whole Extracted from Mss. And Printed Evidences. Attempted in an Alphabetical Order, Beginning with Bedford, Berks, Bucks, Cambridge, and Cheshire. London: Printed for Robert Gosling, 1715. [viii], xl, 183, [1] pp. Includes 1-page publisher catalogue. Volume I of a two-volume, later three-volume, set. Octavo (7-1/4" x 4-1/2").

Contemporary calf, blind frames with corner fleurons to boards, gilt spine with raised bands, blind tooling to board edges. A few minor nicks and inskips to boards, chip to head of spine, corners bumped and lightly worn joints just starting at head, front hinge cracked, early armorial bookplate to front pastedown, minor worming to rear free endpaper and pastedown. Light toning to text, somewhat heavier in places. Early annotation to head of front pastedown, later owner signature to head of title page, interior otherwise clean. \$200.

* First edition. This notable source for students of Parliamentary registers and political and administrative divisions was published over a 35-year period. Each volume is complete in itself. Volume I covers Bedford, Berks, Bucks, Cambridge and Cheshire. Volume II, published in 1716, covers Cornwall, Cumberland, Derby, Devon, Dorset and Durham. Volume III, published in 1750, covers other towns in England and Wales. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T65476.

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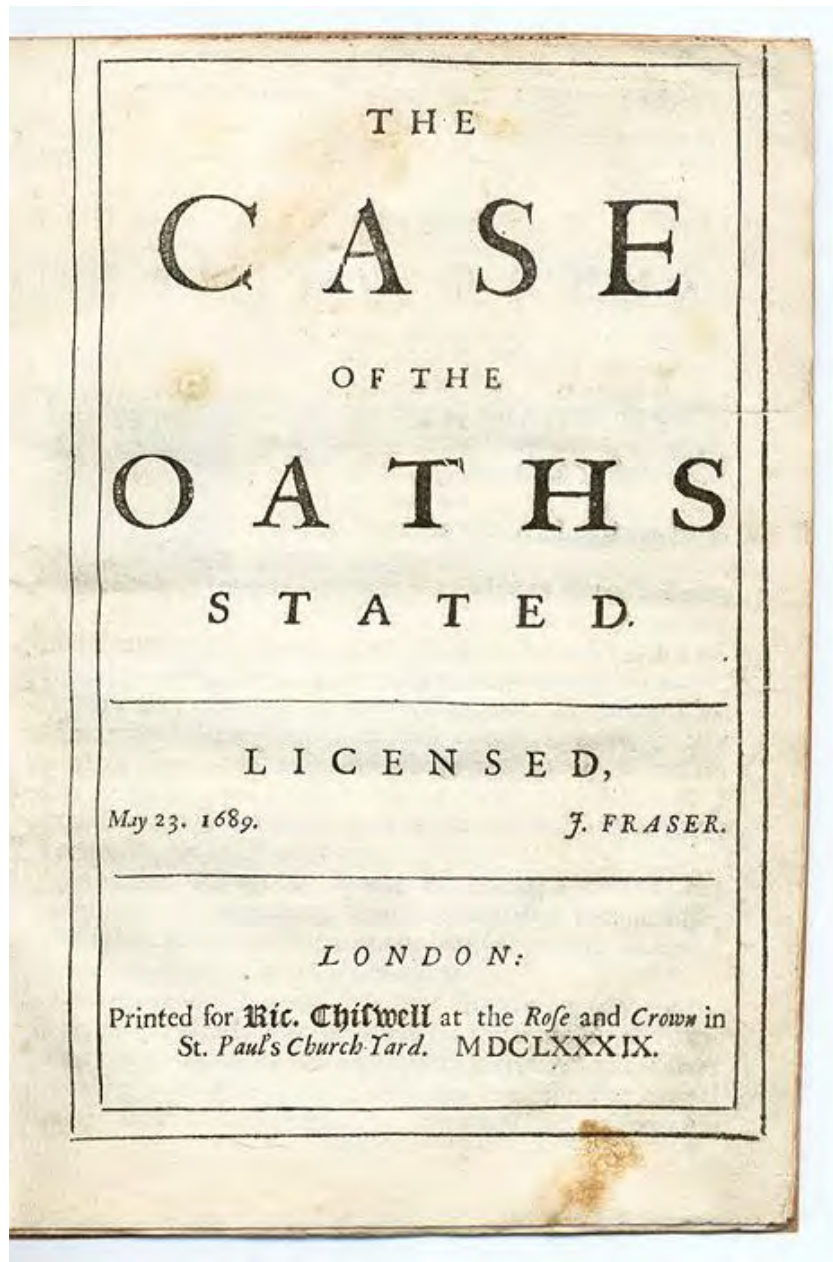
A Defense of the Declaration of Indulgence

49. Wilson, John [1626-1696].

Jus Regium Coronae: Or, The King's Supream Power in Dispensing with Penal Statutes: More Particularly as it Relates to the Two Test-Acts of the Twenty Fifth, And Thirtieth of His Late Majesty, King Charles the Second, Argu'd by Reason, And Confirm'd by the Common, And Statute Laws of This Kingdom. In Two Parts. London: Printed by Henry Hills, Printer to the King's Most Excellent Majesty, For His Houshold and Chappel, 1688. [viii], 79, [1] pp. First part only. No more published. Quarto (7-3/4" x 6-1/4").

Recent three-quarter calf over paper-covered boards, gilt title to spine, endpapers renewed. Some toning to text, first line of title page and some page numbers and catch-words affected by trimming, with no loss to legibility, internally clean. \$650.

* Only edition. Wilson was a royalist, lawyer and notable playwright who enjoyed the patronage of James, Duke of York, later King James II. *Jus Regium Coronae* is a defence of King James's decision to dispense with the penal statutes, which were established to exclude Catholics and Protestant Non-Conformists from political life. Codified in his Declaration of Indulgence (1687), this decision was one of the primary causes of the Glorious Revolution. OCLC locates 3 copies in North America (LA County Law Library, University of Pennsylvania Law School, Yale University). *English Short-Title Catalogue* R43961. [Order This Item](#)



The Question of Loyalty After the Glorious Revolution

50. [Wynne, Robert (1660?-1743)].

The Case of the Oaths Stated. Licensed, May 23. 1689. J. Fraser. London: Printed for Ric. Chiswell, At the Rose and Crown in St. Paul's Church-Yard, 1689. [ii], 18 pp. Quarto (7-1/2" x 5-1/2").

Stab-stitched pamphlet bound into recent plain wrappers. Light toning, foxing to a few leaves, headlines affected by trimming, very light soiling to title page. \$150.

* First edition. Later reissued in 1690, A brief on the nature of oaths leading to a brief on oaths of allegiance to a monarch. This essay was written to address concerns about the settlement that followed the Glorious Revolution and the establishment of the co-monarchs William III and Mary II. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R34102. [Order This Item](#)