

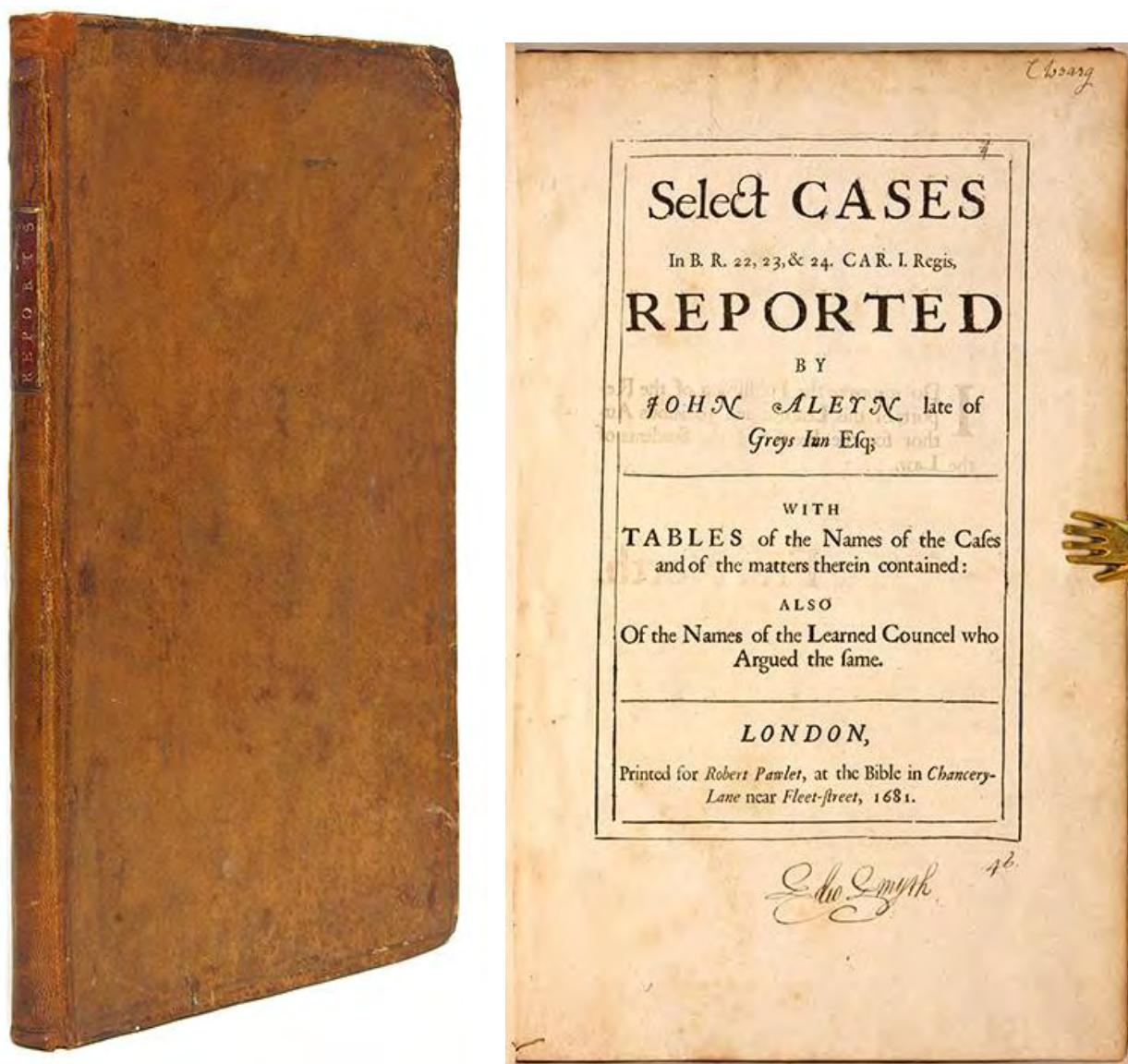
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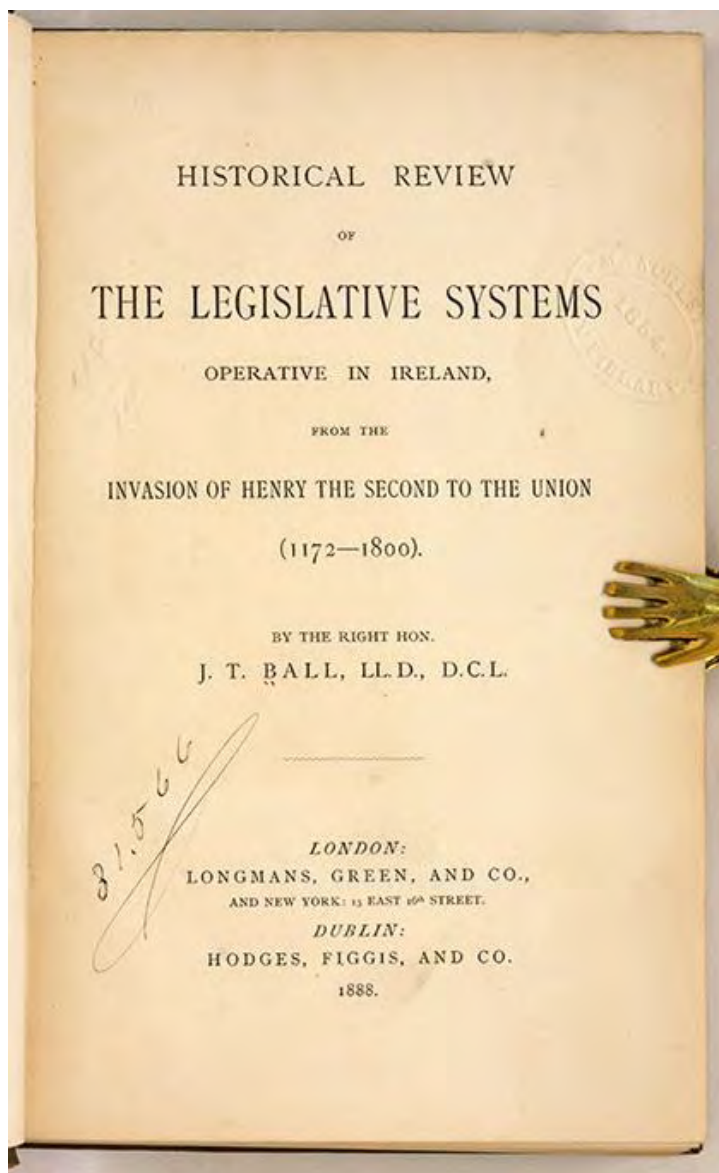
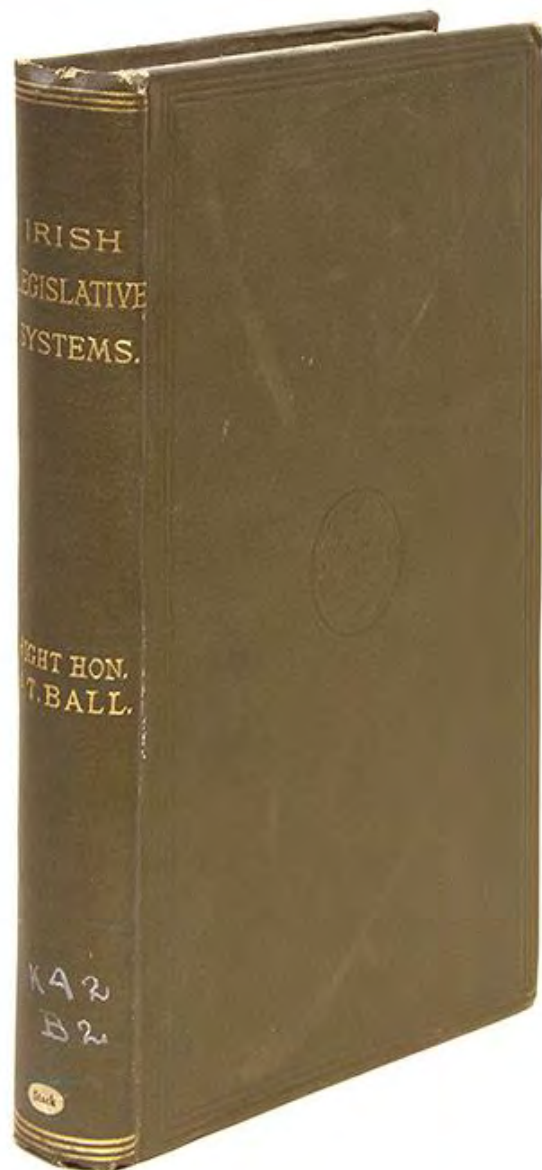
Includes a Landmark Contract Case

1. Aleyn, John, Reporter.

Select Cases In B.R. 22, 23, & 24. Car. I. Regis, Reported by John Aleyn Late of Greys Inn Esq; With Tables of the Names of the Cases and of the Matters Therein Contained: Also of the Names of the Learned Council Who Argued the Same. London: Printed for Robert Pawlet, 1681. [viii], 95, [13] pp. Title page preceded by license leaf. Folio (11-3/4" x 7-1/2").

Contemporary calf, rebacked retaining spine, blind rules to boards, lettering piece to spine, neat early repair to head of spine. Light rubbing and a few minor nicks and scuffs to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, corners bumped and somewhat worn, early armorial bookplate to front pastedown, hinges partially cracked. Moderate toning to text, somewhat heavier in places, brief early annotations to several leaves, early owner signatures to head of title page. \$350.

* First edition. Covers the Upper Bench 1646-1649. Wallace says this is a good set of reports and notes that it includes the landmark contract case of *Paradine v. Jane*, which established the principle of holding a contractor to a non-conditional obligation. A second edition of this reporter was published in 1688. Wallace, *The Reporters* 292f. [Order This Item](#)



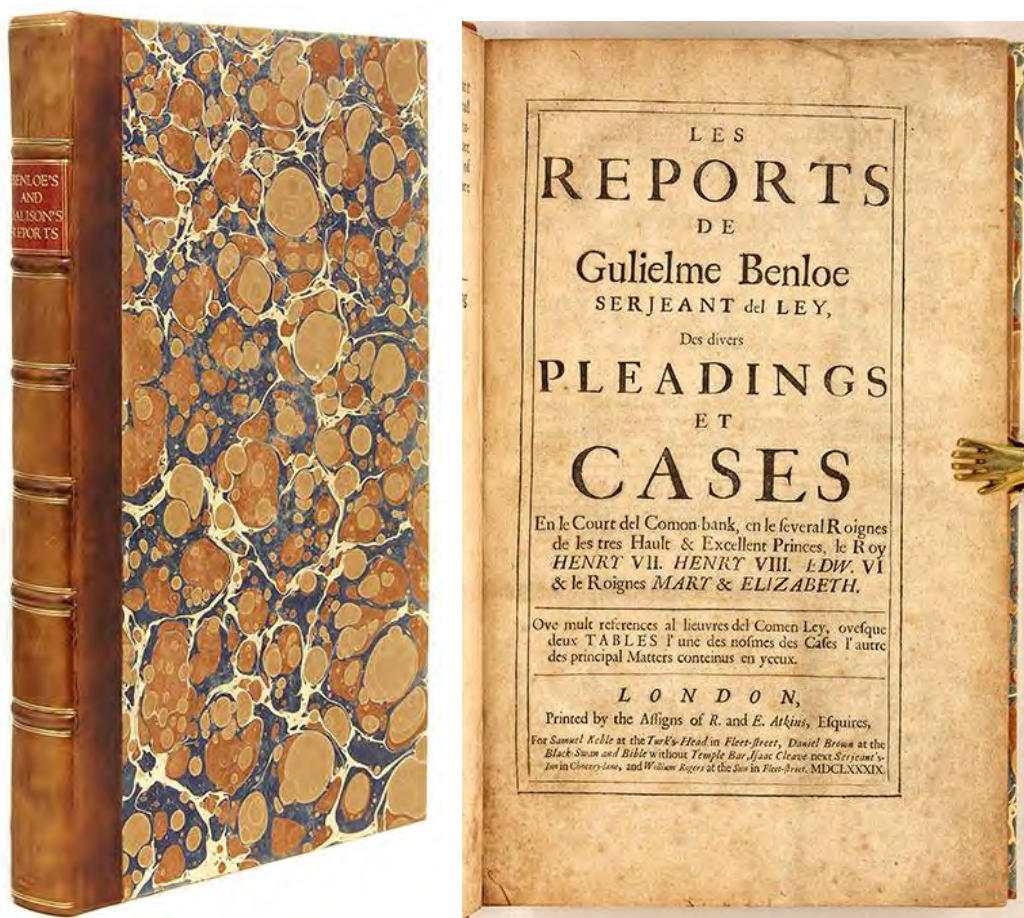
Irish Legislative Systems, 1172-1800

2. Ball, J[ohn] T[homas] [1815-1898].

Historical Review of the Legislative Systems Operative in Ireland from the Invasion of Henry the Second to the Union (1172-1800). London: Longmans, Green, And Co., 1888. vii, 256 pp.

Moiré cloth, blind frames and central ornaments to boards, gilt title and fillets to spine. Rubbing with minor wear to spine ends and corners, rear hinge starting, a few cracks to text block. Light toning to text, early owner mark to title page. Ex-library. Shelf mark to foot of spine, small embossed stamp to title page. \$20.

* First edition. Ball was an Irish barrister, judge and politician. He served in the UK Parliament and served terms as the Irish solicitor general, attorney general and lord chancellor. [Order This Item](#)



Two Well-Respected Reporters

3. Benloe, William [1515-1584], Reporter.

Les Reports de Gulielme Benloe Serjeant del Ley, Des Divers Pleadings et Cases en le Court del Common-Bank, En le Several Roignes de les tres Hault & Excellent Princes, Le Roy Henry VII. Henry VIII. Edw. VI. & le Roignes Mary & Elizabeth. Ove Mult References al Lieuvres del Comen Ley, Ovesque deux Tables l'Une des Nosmes des Cases l'Autre des Principal Matters Conteinus en Yeeux. London: Printed by the Assigns of R. And E. Atkins, 1689. [xii], 160, 177-319, [13] pp. Text continuous despite pagination. Text in Law-French, English and Latin.

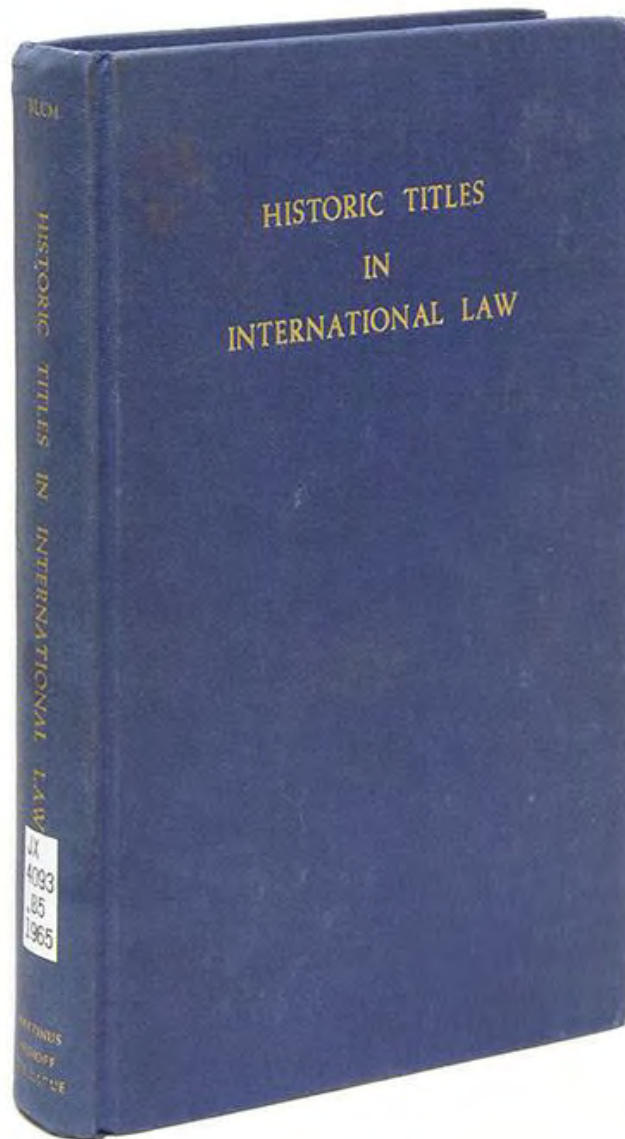
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Dalison, Sir William [d. 1559].

Les Reports des Divers Special Cases Adjudge en le Court del Comon Bank en les Reignes de les tres Hault & Excellent Princes Hen. VIII. Edw. VI. et les Reignes Mar. & Eliz. Colligees par Gulielme Dalison un des Justices del Bank le Roy. Ove Deux Tables, l'Une Conteinant le Nosmes des Cases, l'Autre le Principal Matter en le Dit Livre. London: Printed by the Assigns of Richard and Edward Atkins, 1689. [iv], 117, [11] pp. Text in Law-French, English and Latin.

Folio (12-1/2" x 7-3/4"). Recent period-style quarter calf over marbled boards, gilt-edged raised bands and lettering piece to spine, endpapers renewed. Negligible light rubbing to extremities, light fading to spine. Moderate toning to text, light foxing in a few places. An attractive volume. \$650.

* Only editions. Benloe's *Reports* is often referred to as "Old Benloe," and is usually found (as here) bound with Dalison's *Reports*. Indeed, this copy begins with an added general half-title listing both titles. Wallace refers to Benloe as an accurate reporter; while Dalison's reputation is reinforced by Coke's reference to him on at least three separate instances. Wallace, *The Reporters* 114-118. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R3718, R38837. [Order This Item](#)



**"Definitive" Treatise on
Historical Titles in International Law**

4. Blum, Yehuda Z.

Historic Titles in International Law. The Hague: Martinus Nijhoff, 1965. xxiii, 360 pp.

Cloth, gilt titles to front board and spine. Light shelfwear, internally clean. Ex-library. Location label to spine, bookplate to front pastedown, stamps to endleaves, date-due sheet to rear free endpaper, card pocket to rear pastedown, small security tag to rear board. A nice copy of a title scarce in the trade. \$150.

* "Unlike most previous writers Dr. Blum has seen the problem of historic titles as a whole. He is to be congratulated on the excellence of his treatise. It is timely, definitive, and eminently readable." D. Colwyn Williams, *Canadian Yearbook of International Law* 4 (1966) 321. [Order This Item](#)

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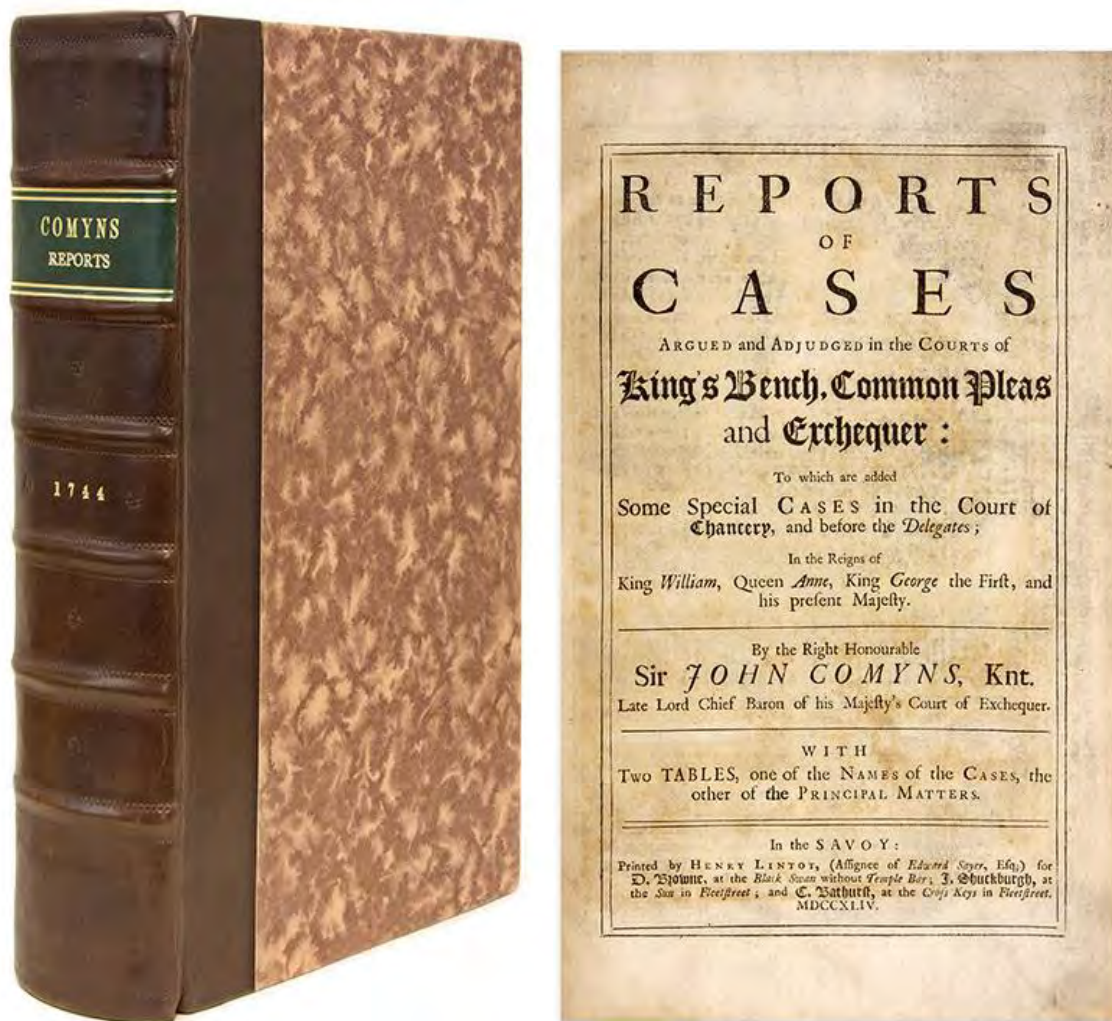
"The Greatest Existing Storehouse...Of Legal Anecdote and Biography"

6. Campbell, John, Lord [1779-1861].

The Lives of the Chief Justices of England. From the Norman Conquest Till the Death of Lord Mansfield. Philadelphia: London: John Murray, 1849. Two volumes. xix, 588; xii, 584 pp. Octavo (8-1/2" x 5-1/2").

Contemporary three-quarter calf over marbled boards, rebaked, gilt-edged raised bands and existing lettering pieces to spine, marbled edges and endpapers, joints reinforced. Light rubbing to boards, moderate rubbing to board edges, corners bumped and lightly worn, early armorial bookplate to front pastedown of each volume. Moderate toning, light foxing in places. A nice set. \$100.

* First edition. "[These volumes] form the greatest existing storehouse, however the contents have been acquired, of legal anecdote and biography. If his jocosity is not always seasonable, or in taste, it seldom fails to amuse.": Marke, *A Catalogue of the Law Collection at New York University* (1953) 151. [Order This Item](#)



A Well-Regarded Eighteenth-Century Reporter

7. Comyns, Sir John [c.1667-1740]. [Comyns, John, Translator, Editor].

Reports of Cases Argued and Adjudged in the Courts of King's Bench, Common Pleas and Exchequer: To Which are Added Some Special Cases in the Court of Chancery, And Before the Delegates; In the Reigns of King William, Queen Anne, King George the First, And His Present Majesty. By the Right Honourable Sir John Comyns, Knt. Late Lord Chief Baron of his Majesty's Court of Exchequer. With Two Tables, One of the Names of the Cases, The Other of the Principal Matters. [London]: Printed by Henry Lintot, 1744. [xii], 757, [31] pp. Includes one-page publisher advertisement. Copperplate portrait frontispiece. Imprimatur on verso of second leaf. Folio (12" x 7-1/2").

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* First edition. Holdsworth says Comyn's are "far fuller and more illuminating" than other contemporary reporters. Later editions followed in 1791 and 1792. Written in Law-French, these reports were translated, edited and published by John Comyn, the reporter's nephew. Holdsworth, *History of English Law* VI: 562-563, XII:130. Wallace, *The Reporters* 412. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T44776. [Order This Item](#)



First Selden Edition of Fortescue's *De Laudibus*

8. Fortescue, Sir John [1394?-1476?]

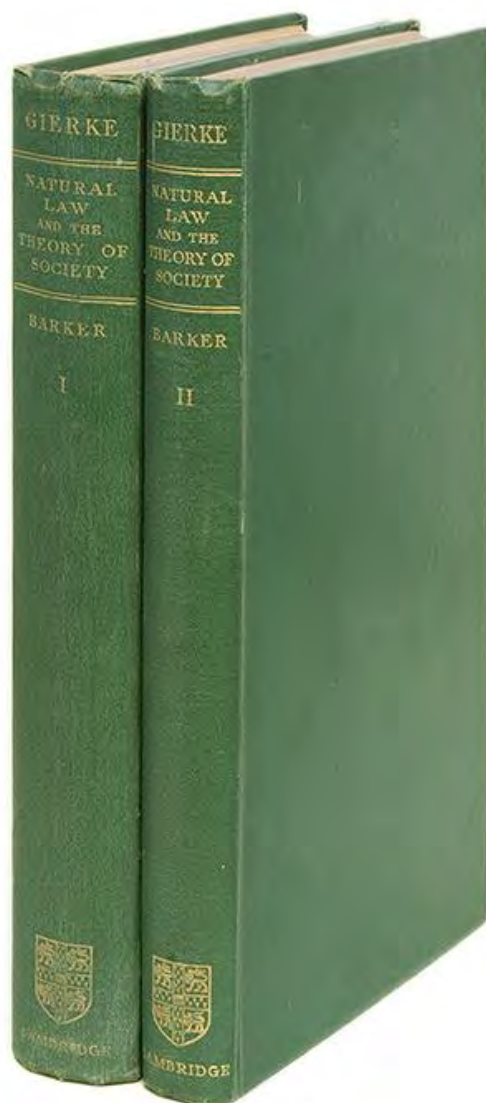
[Selden, John (1584-1654), Editor].

[Mulcaster, Robert, Translator and Editor].

De Laudibus Legum Angliae Writen by Sir Iohn Fortescue L. Ch. Iustice, and After L. Chancellor to K. Henry VI. Hereto are Ioinde the Two Summes of Sir Ralph de Hengham L. Ch. Iustice to K. Edward I. Commonly Calld Hengham Magna, And Hengham Parua. Never Before Publisht. Notes Both on Fortescue and Hengham are Added. London: Printed [by Adam Islip] for the Companie of Stationers, 1616. [ix], 132, [3] ff.; 56, [12], 35, 34-159, [1] pp. Two parts, each with title page and individual pagination. First part in parallel columns; Latin with running English translation. Texts of *Summes* in Latin with notes in English. Octavo (5-1/2" x 3-1/2").

Contemporary vellum, early hand-lettered title to spine, ties lacking. Light soiling, some rubbing to extremities, pastedowns loose, some edgewear to rear pastedown, a few partial cracks to text block. Moderate toning to text, occasional minor worming to margins, mostly along gutter, small faint library stamp to head of p. iii, tiny withdrawal stamp to (blank) verso of final leaf. A nice copy. \$1,250.

* First Selden edition. *De Laudibus Legum Angliae*, a history of English law, was written for the instruction of Edward, the young Prince of Wales. Cast in dialogue form, it demonstrates that the common law was the oldest and most reasonable legal system in Europe. It also compares the common and Roman systems and extols the superiority of a constitutionally limited monarchy. *De Laudibus* was written around 1470 and first printed in 1567. Selden's was the first critical edition of this work, perhaps the first critical editions of an early English legal work. Aside from their value to the elucidation of Fortescue's text, Selden's notes interrogate aspects of Fortescue's text and offer rich insights into jurisprudence and the nature of the English constitution. As noted by Christianson, his conclusions disputed "the concept of immemorial custom argued by [Sir John] Davies and the anachronistic historical interpretations displayed by [Sir Edward] Coke." It was reissued in 1660, 1672 and 1737 with various additions. "Fortescue was a favorite among the old lawyers, and will be read with profit in modern times by those who are interested in the origin and progress of the Common Law." Marvin, *Legal Bibliography* 321. Christianson, *Discourse on History, Law, and Governance in the Public Career of John Selden* 63. *English Short-Title Catalogue* S102544. [Order This Item](#)



Walter Lippmann's Copy of Gierke's *Natural Law and the Theory of Society*

9. Gierke, Otto [1841-1921].

Troeltsch, Ernst [1865-1923].

Barker, Sir Ernst [1874-1960], Translator.

[Lippmann, Walter (1889-1974), Former Owner].

Natural Law and the Theory of Society 1500 to 1800. With a Lecture on the Ideas of Natural Law and Humanity by Ernst Troeltsch. Translated with an Introduction by Ernest Barker. Cambridge: At the University Press, 1934. Two volumes. xci, 226; [vi], 423 pp.

Cloth, gilt titles to spines. Light rubbing, moderate rubbing to extremities, corners bumped and lightly worn, bookplates reading "Centerville Public Library, Gift of Walter Lippmann" to front pastedown of each volume, note in pencil to front free endpaper of Volume I reading "sold to us by Centerville Pub. Lib." Light toning to text, several pages in Volume I have underlining and notes in Lippmann's hand. \$100.

* This copy of Gierke's magisterial treatise on the history of the German law of associations belonged to Walter Lippmann. A highly influential writer, reporter, editor and syndicated political commentator, he is considered to be the father of modern journalism. Gierke was one of the principal founders of modern German constitutional law. [Order This Item](#)

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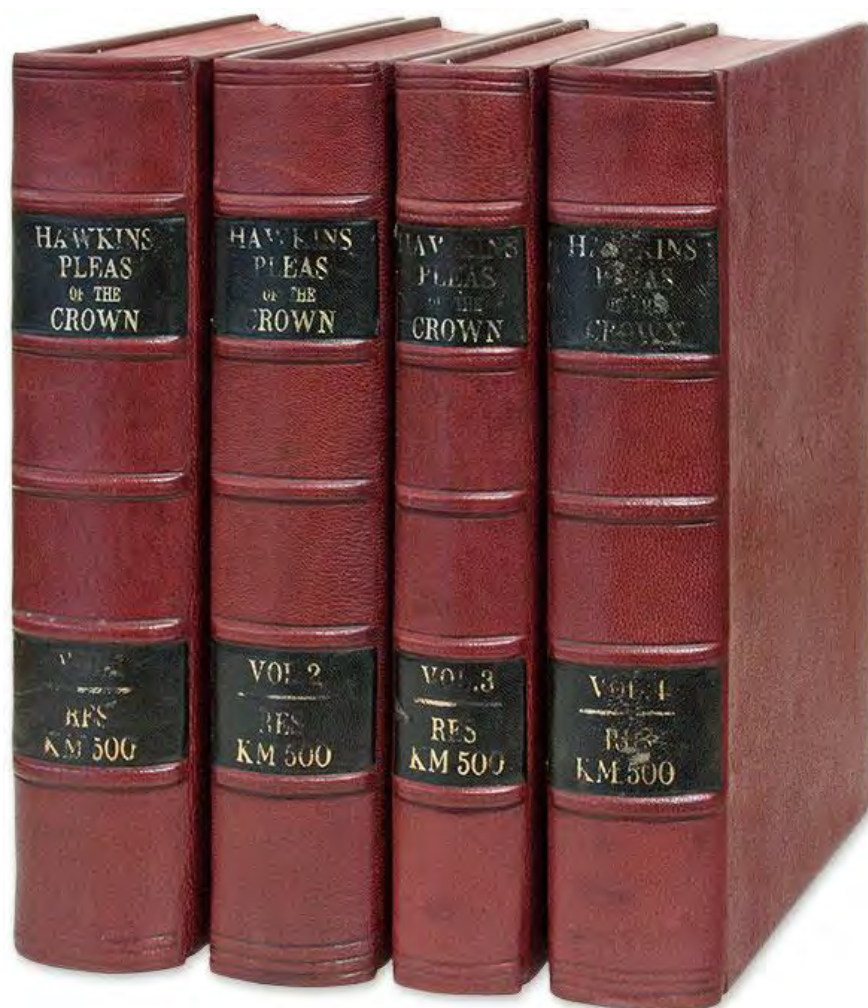
10. Hallam, Henry [1777-1859].

The Constitutional History of England from the Accession of Henry VII. to the Death of George II. London: John Murray, 1832. Three volumes. xxiii, 572; vii, 632; vii, 630 pp. Octavo (8-1/2" x 5-1/2").

Contemporary calf, gilt rules to boards, gilt spine with raised bands and lettering piece, gilt tooling to board edges, blind inside dentelles, marbled edges and endpapers. Moderate rubbing to extremities edges with loss of gilding to top-edges and spine, early armorial bookplate to front pastedown of each volume, light toning to text, light foxing to endleaves. A handsome set. \$300.

* Third edition. First published in 1827, Hallam's classic study of the constitutional history of England from 1485 to 1760 was "long the standard work on the subject, and only surpassed one hundred years after its initial publication": Marke, *A Catalogue of the Law Collection at New York University* (1953) 365. *British Museum Catalogue* (Compact Edition) 11:533.

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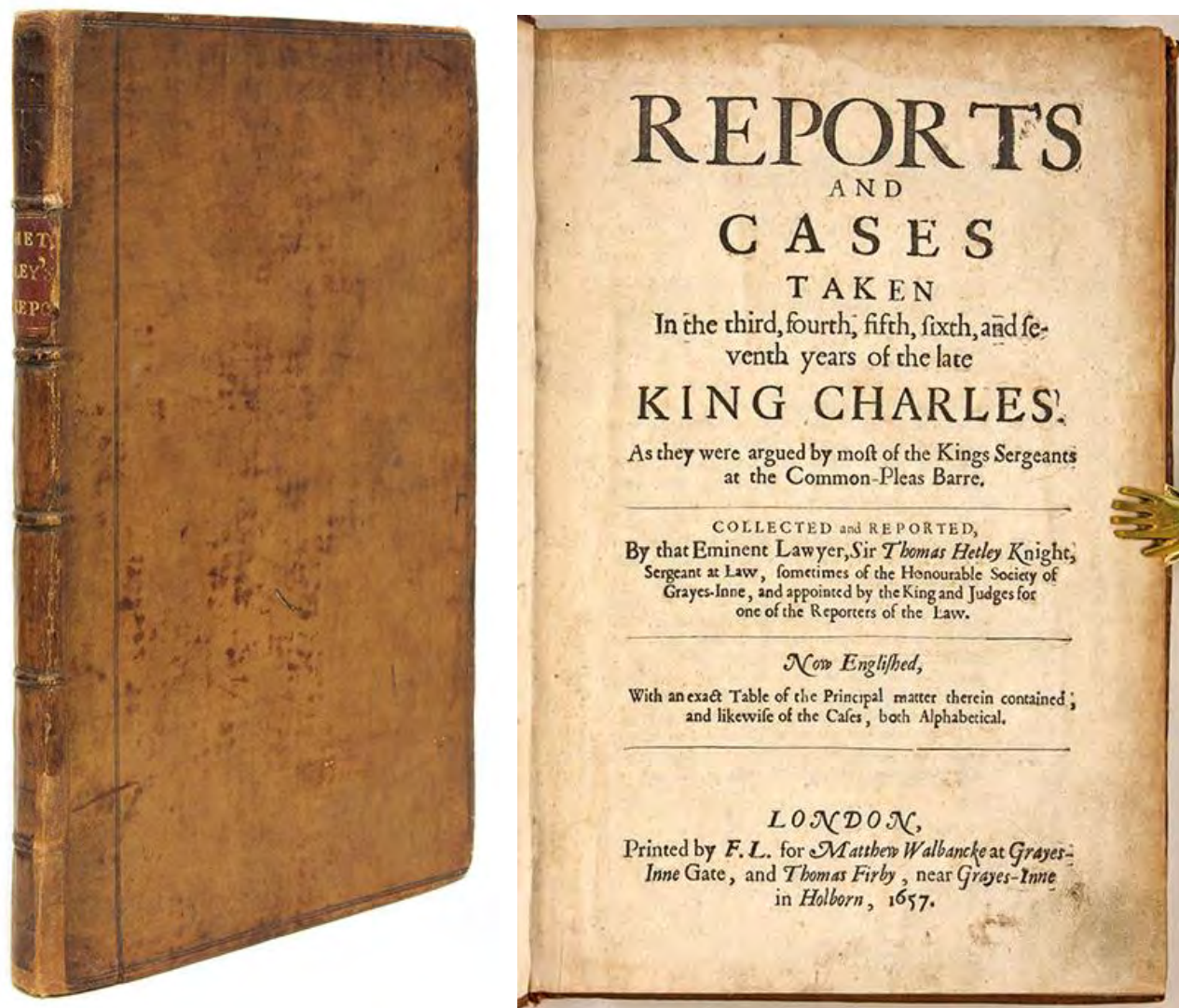
11. Hawkins, William [1673-1746].

Leach, Thomas [1746-1818], Editor.

A Treatise of the Pleas of the Crown: Or, A System of the Principal Matters Relating to that Subject, Digested Under Their Proper Heads. The Seventh Edition: In Which the Text is Carefully Collated with the Original Work; The Marginal References Corrected; New References from Modern Reporters Added; A Variety of Manuscript Cases Inserted; And the Whole Enlarged by an Incorporation of the Several Statutes Upon Subjects of Criminal Law, To the Thirty-Fifth Year of George the Third. To Which an Explanatory Preface is Prefixed, And New and Copious Indexes are Subjoined. London: Printed for G.G. and J. Robinson, 1795. Four volumes. Octavo (5-1/2" x 9-1/2").

Recent period-style calf, raised bands and upper and lower lettering pieces to spines, lower lettering pieces with volume and library shelf numbers, endpapers renewed. A few nicks and scratches, a fair amount of gilding worn away from lettering pieces of each volume, faint residue from removed bookplate to front free endpaper of Volume I. Moderate toning, light foxing in a few places in each volume, light offsetting to margins of title pages. An attractive set. \$500.

* Seventh edition. Considered one of the four major law books of the eighteenth century by Holdsworth, *Pleas* is the first comprehensive English treatise on criminal law. A seminal work in criminal procedure and jurisdiction, it is "deservedly of high authority and still cited. It was the starting-point of modern laborious treatises on the criminal law which are valuable as digests of the subject, but which have no advance on Hawkins plan or style" (Winfield). Holdsworth, *History of English Law* XII:415. Winfield, *Chief Sources of English Legal History* 326. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T114700. [Order This Item](#)



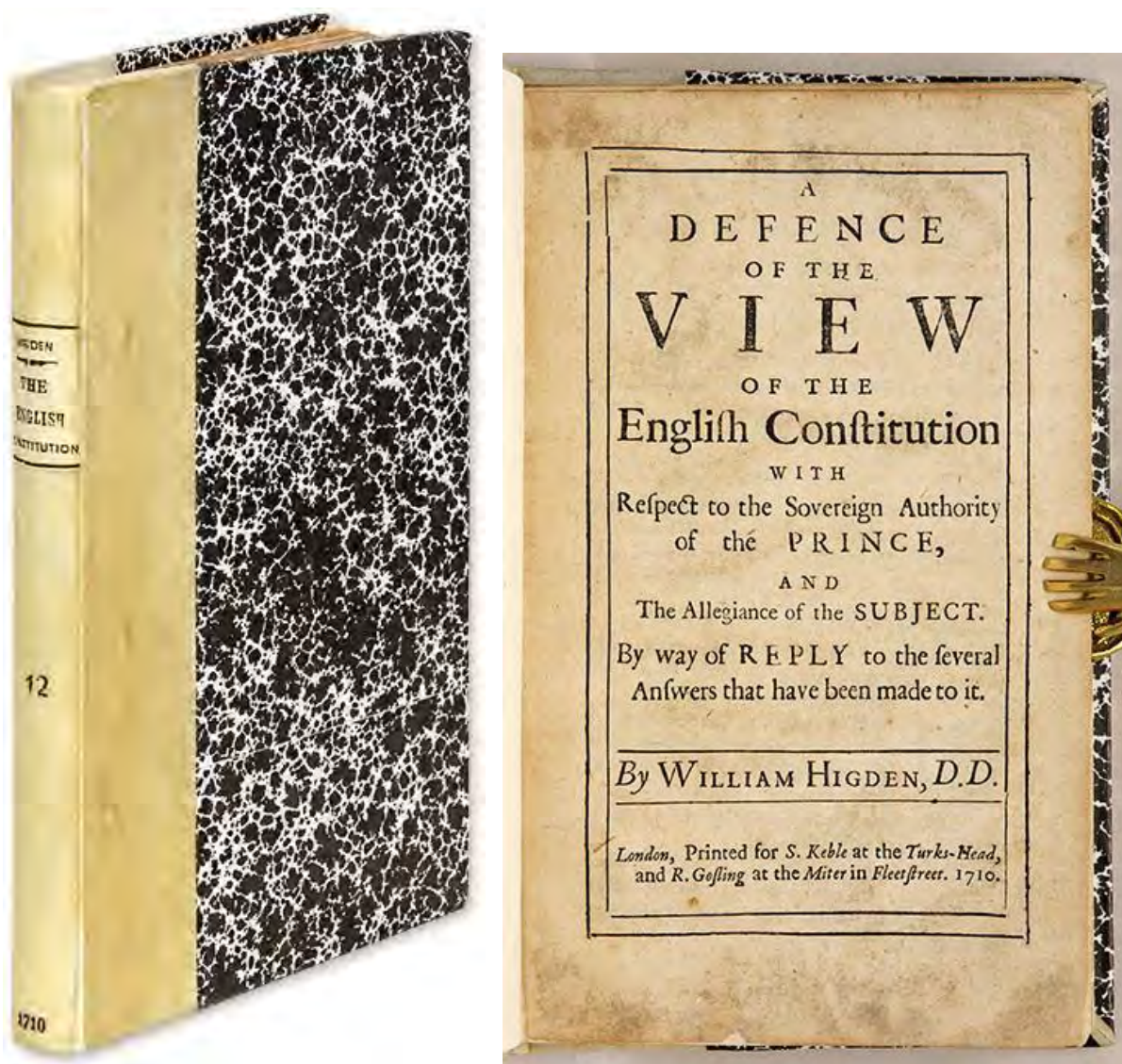
"The Fruit of Bacon's Wise Design"

12. Hetley, Sir Thomas.

Reports and Cases Taken in the Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, and Seventh Years of the Late King Charles [1627-1632]... at the Common Pleas Barre. London: Printed by F.L. for Matthew Walbancke and Thomas Firby, 1657. [xii], 177 pp. Folio.

Contemporary calf, blind rules to boards, raised bands and lettering piece to spine, spine ends and upper and lower sections of joints discreetly reinforced. Light rubbing and a few minor nicks to boards, some rubbing to extremities, corners bumped and somewhat worn, hinges cracked, front free endpaper lacking. Moderate toning, brief annotations to a few leaves, light soiling to title page. \$350.

* First edition. "It is a well-known historical fact, that in the reign of James I, Lord Bacon endeavored to procure the revival of the ancient office of Reporter, which had been dropped by Henry VIII. The title page of Hetley informs us that the author was appointed 'by the King and Judges for one of the reporters of the law.' This volume is the only one that can be so much as referred to as the fruit of Bacon's wise design; though we must note that it is in the time of Charles I., not in that of James I.": Wallace, *The Reporters* 270-271. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R10743. [Order This Item](#)



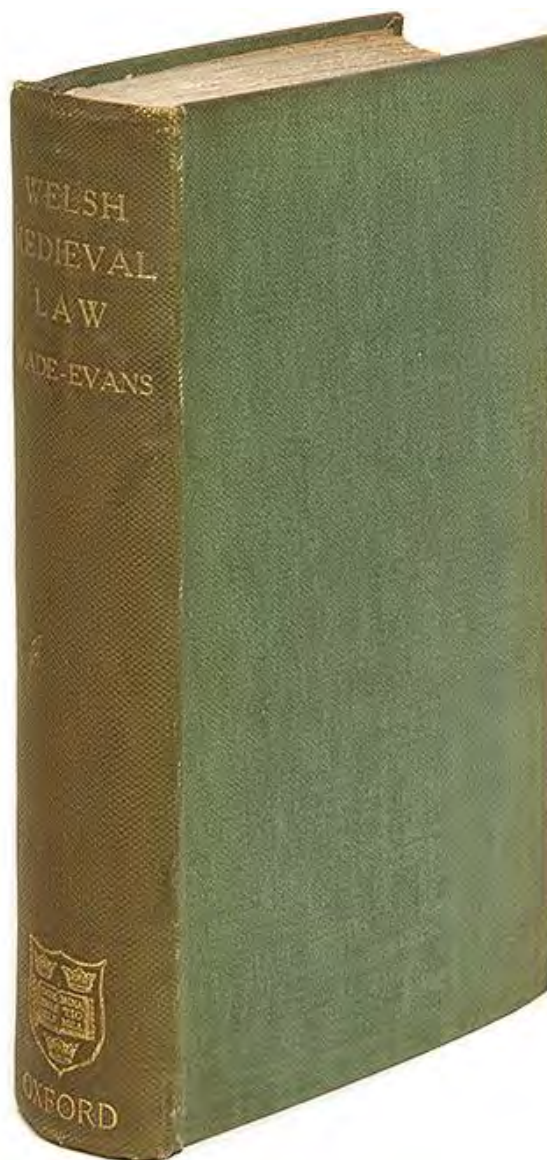
A Vigorous Argument Against the Restoration of the Stuart Monarchy

13. Higden, William [1662 or 1663-1715].

A Defence of the View of the English Constitution with Respect to the Sovereign Authority of the Prince, And the Allegiance of the Subject. By Way of Reply to the Several Answers that Have Been Made to It. London: Printed for S. Keble at the Turks-Head, and R. Gosling at the Miter in Fleetstreet, 1710. [xvi], 192 pp. Octavo (7-1/2" x 4-1/2").

Later half-vellum over marbled boards, printed paper title label to spine, black-stamped "12" to center of spine, "1710" to foot, endpapers renewed. Moderate toning to text, somewhat heavier in places, light foxing to a few leaves, light soiling to title page. \$350.

* First edition. This vigorous argument against the restoration of the Stuart succession was preceded by another publication on the same theme: *A View of the English Constitution, With Respect to the Sovereign Authority of the Prince, And the Allegiance of the Subject* (1710). George Harbin responded to these works with the pro-Stuart *Hereditary Right of the Crown of England Asserted; the History of the Succession Since the Conquest Clear'd; And the True English Constitution Vindicated from the Misrepresentations of Dr. Higden's View and Defence* (1713). George Ridpath replied to Harbin with a defense of Higden titled *Parliamentary Right Maintain'd or the Hanover Succession Justify'd* (1714). *English Short-Title Catalogue* T32288. [Order This Item](#)



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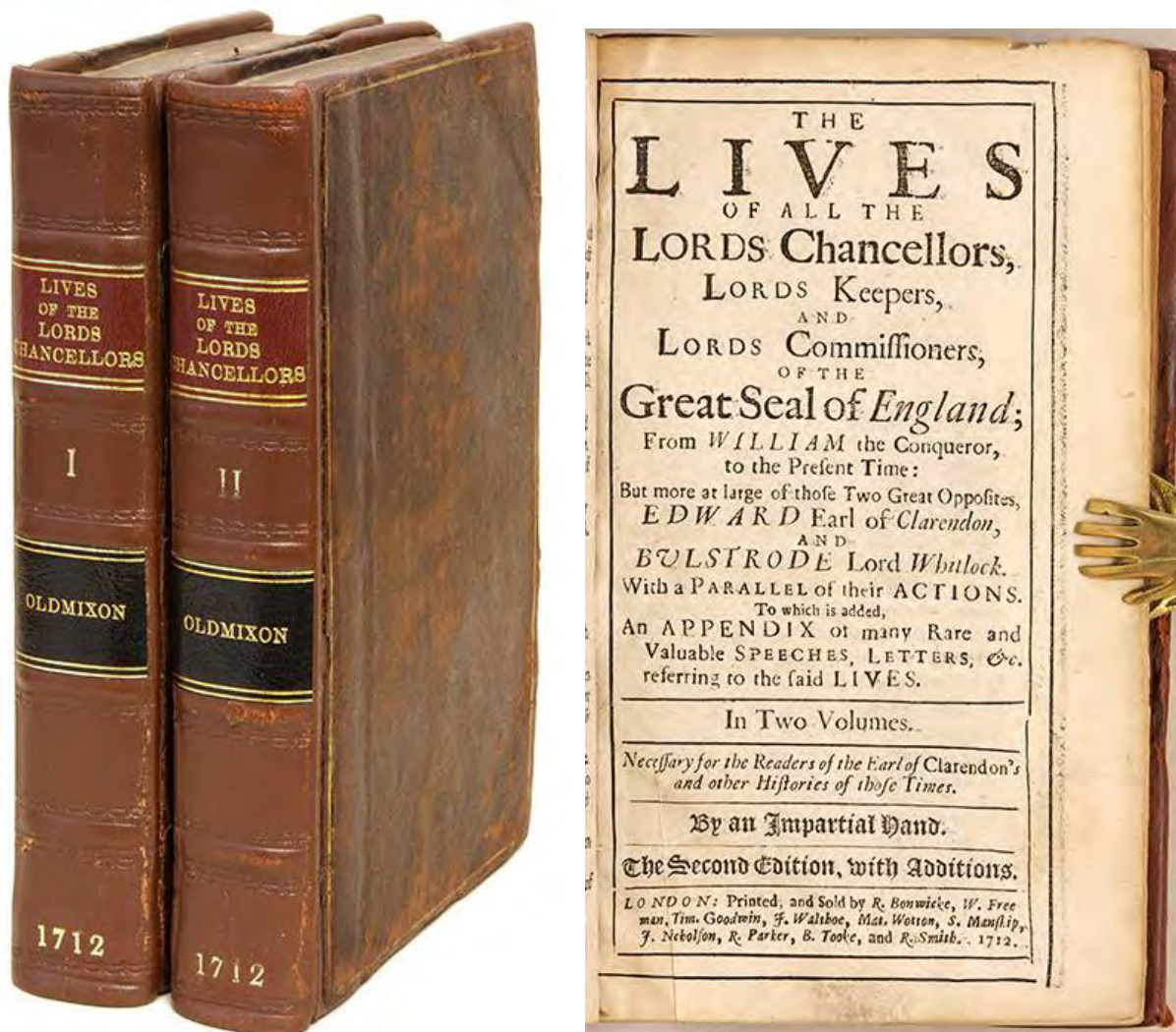
14. Hywel, King of Wales [d. 950].

Wade-Evans, A[rthur] W. [1875-1964].

Welsh Medieval Law: Being a Text of the Laws of Howel the Good, Namely the British Museum Harleian Ms. 4353 of the 13th Century, With Translation, Introduction, Appendix, Glossary, Index, And a Map. Oxford: At the Clarendon Press, 1909. xcvi, 395 pp. Map. Genealogical tables.

Cloth, gilt title to spine. Light rubbing to extremities, light toning to text, foxing to endleaves, early owner signature to front free endpaper, small embossed owner stamps to front free endpaper and title page. \$65.

* First edition. The Welsh King Hywel, or Howel, oversaw the codification of traditional Welsh law. The resulting code was known as the Laws of Hywel Dda (the good). It was unusually fair for its time; it favored correction over punishment and it recognized the rights of women. [Order This Item](#)



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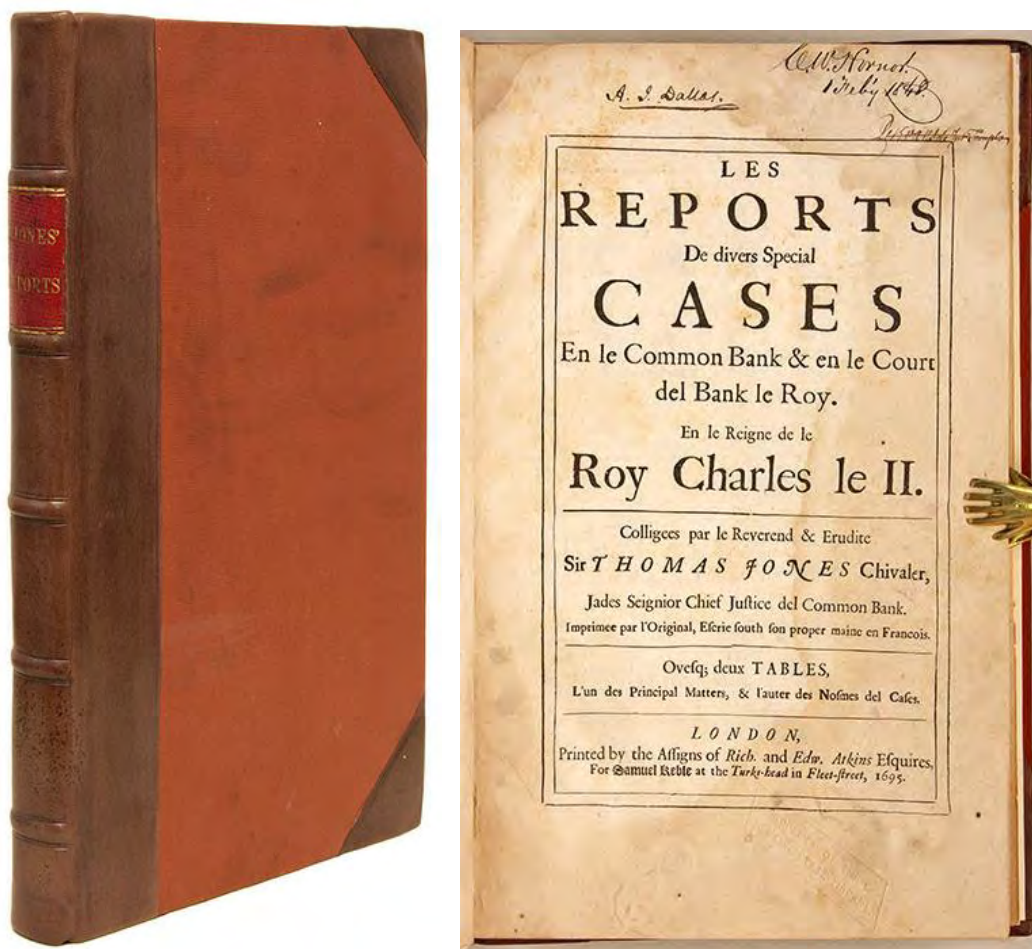
15. Impartial Hand.

[Oldmixon, John, Attributed].

The Lives of All the Lords Chancellors, Lords Keepers, And Lords Commissioners, Of the Great Seal of England; From William the Conqueror, To the Present Time: But More at Large of Those Two Great Opposites, Edward Earl of Clarendon, And Bulstrode Lord Whitlock. With a Parallel of Their Actions. To Which is Added, An Appendix of Many Rare and Valuable Speeches, Letters, &c. Referring to the Said Lives. In Two Volumes. Necessary for the Readers of the Earl of Clarendon's and Other Histories of Those Times. By an Impartial Hand. London: printed, and sold by R. Bonwicke, W. Freeman, [et al.], 1712. Two volumes. [xxvi], 336, 216, [viii]; [ii], 520 pp. Title page of each volume preceded by publisher advertisement. Octavo (7-1/2" x 5-1/2").

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* Second and final edition, "with additions." Attributed in some sources to Oldmixon, this work is, apart from the appendix, derived mostly from Bulstrode Whitelocke's *Memorials of the English Affairs from the Beginning of the Reign of Charles I* (1682). It is a valuable source of contemporary information about law and government during the English Civil War. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T139976. [Order This Item](#)



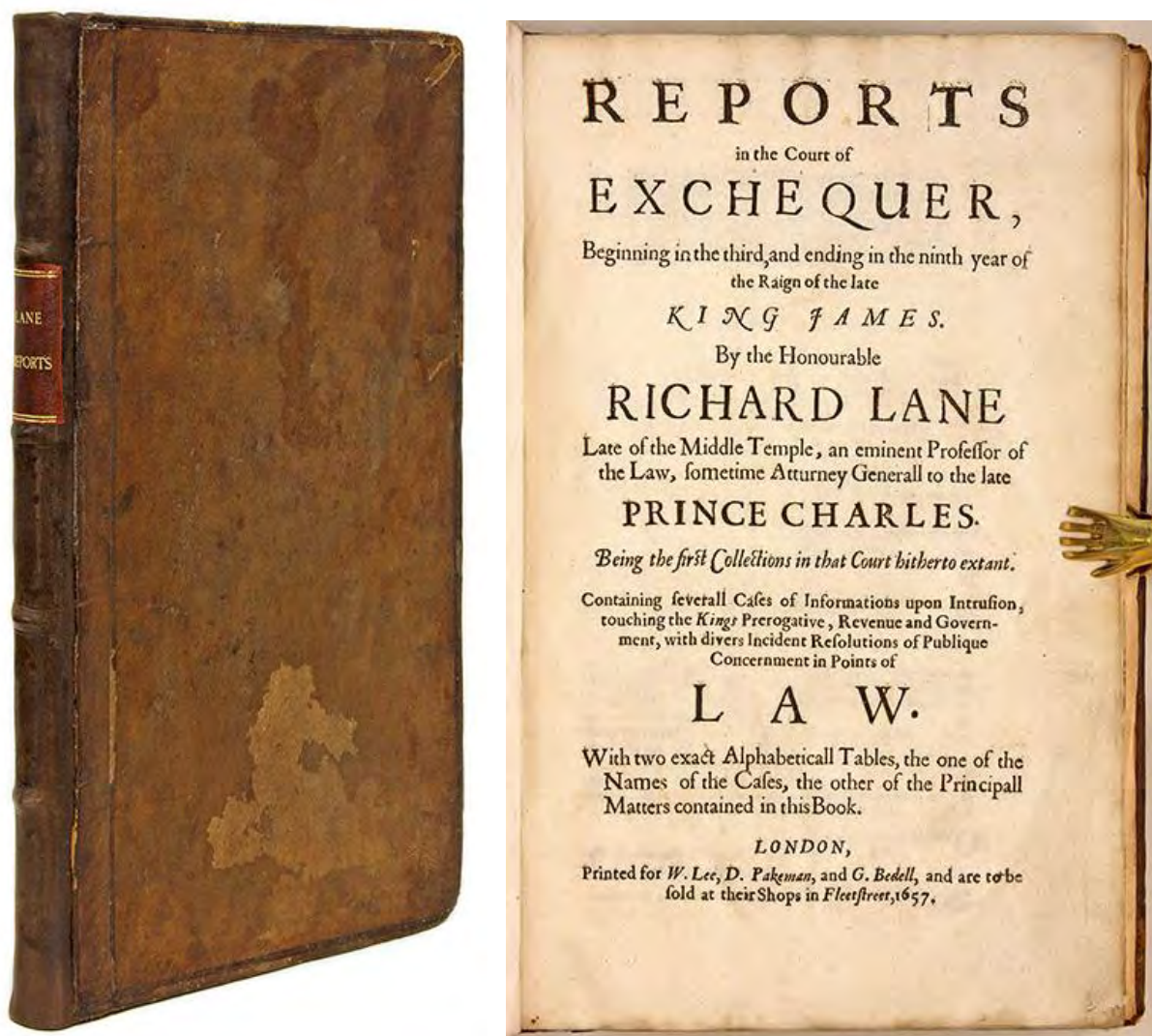
A First-Edition Copy of Sir Thomas Jones's *Reports*
from the Library of the First U.S. Supreme Court Reporter

16. Jones, Sir Thomas [1614-1692].
[Dallas, Alexander J. (1759-1817)].

Les Reports de Divers Special Cases en le Common Bank & En le Court del Bank le Roy. En le Reigne de le Roy Charles le II. Colligees par le Reverend & Erudite Sir Thomas Jones Chivaler, Jades Seignior Chief Justice del Common Bank. Imprimee par l'Original, Escrie South son proper Maine en Francois. Ovesq; Deux Tables, L'un des Principal Matters, & l'Auter des Nosmes del Cases. London: Printed for the Assigns of Rich. and Edw. Atkins, 1695. [viii], 254, [18] pp. Main text preceded by license leaf. Folio (11-3/4" x 7-3/4").

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* First edition. Wallace calls this reporter, which covers the years 1667 to 1685, "a work of very reputable authority." It is held in equal regard by Holdsworth. Jones was a judge of King's Bench and chief justice of Common Pleas. Dallas was a lawyer and statesman. He held several important posts in the Pennsylvania and Federal governments, such as Treasury Secretary under President Madison, but is most famous as the first U.S. Supreme Court reporter. His four volumes of reports, Dallas 1-4, comprise Volumes 1-4 of *United States Reports*. Wallace, *The Reporters* 343. Holdsworth, *History of English Law* VI:552, 561. [Order This Item](#)



A Special Interest in Questions of Royal Prerogative

17. Lane, Richard [1584-1650], Reporter.

Reports in the Court of Exchequer, Beginning in the Third, And Ending in the Ninth Year of the Raigh of the Late King James. Being the First Collection in that Court Hitherto Extant. Containing Severall Cases of Informations Upon Intrusions, Touching the King's Prerogative, Revenue and Government, With Divers Incident Resolutions of Publique Concernment in Points of Law. With Two Alphabeticall Tables, The One of the Names of the Cases, the Other of the Principall Matters Contained in This Book. London: Printed for W. Lee, D. Pakeman, and G. Bedell, 1657. Folio. [iv], 119, [5], [4] pp. Includes 4-page publisher catalogue. 4-page "Catalogue of Law Bookes and Such as Appertain to the Law" by a different printer laid in. Folio (7" x 11-1/2").

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* First edition. With cases from 3 Jac. I-10 Jac. I. (1605-1612). The first reporter to produce a volume devoted exclusively to Exchequer cases, Lane shows a special interest in questions of Royal prerogative. Most of the annotations are citations to related cases, some are brief glosses. A reprint edition of this book was published in 1884. Wallace, *The Reporters* 237-241. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R6274. [Order This Item](#)



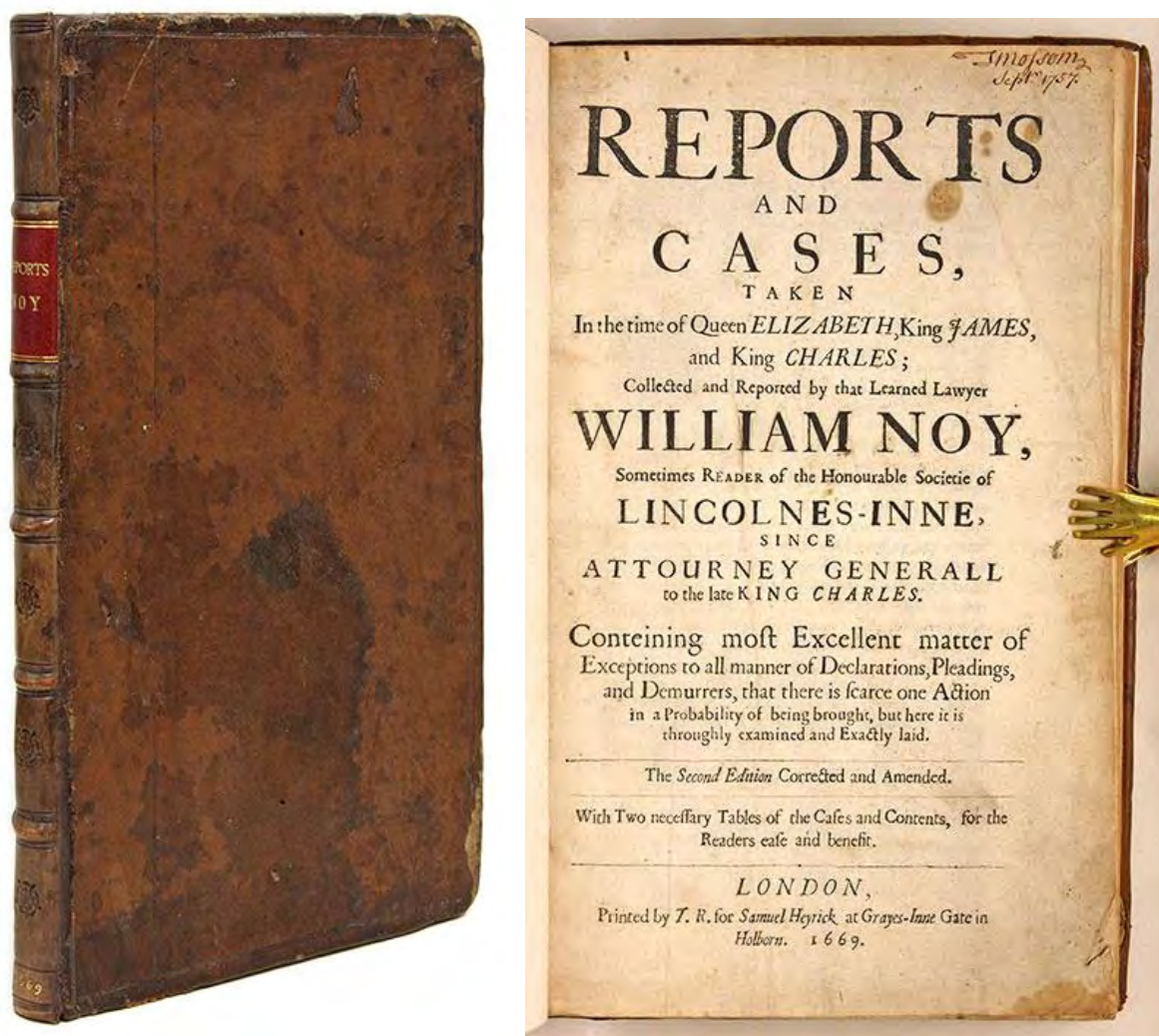
Interesting Seventeenth-Century Treatise on Laws Concerning Clothing

18. Monaco (Monachus), Antonio.

Tractatus de Executione in Vestibus. Cui Iterata hac Editione Varia de re Vestiaria Accessit Disquisitio, Omni Hominum Generi Profutura. Cum Tribus Indicibus Summorum Caputum: Versarum Italice Dictionum: & Materiarum, Locupletissimis. Bologna: Apud Victorium Benatium, 1621. [xvi], 362, [42] pp. Quarto (8-1/2" x 6-1/4").

Contemporary flexible vellum, early hand-lettered title to spine, skillful vellum repairs to joints, fore-edge of front cover, foot of spine and bottom edges of rear cover, front free endpapers renewed. A few minor stains and spots to boards, vellum just beginning to crack through front pastedown. Title page printed in red and black. Moderate toning, faint dampstaining in a few places, light edgewear, dampstaining and early owner inscription to title page. \$1,850.

* Third edition. First published in 1619, Monaco's treatise on sumptuary law discusses, in detail, items of clothing and those entitled to wear them. Its fourth and final edition was published in 1626. All editions of this work are scarce. OCLC locates 8 copies of the third edition, 1 in North America (Harvard Law School). *British Museum Catalogue* (Compact Edition) 17:797. [Order This Item](#)



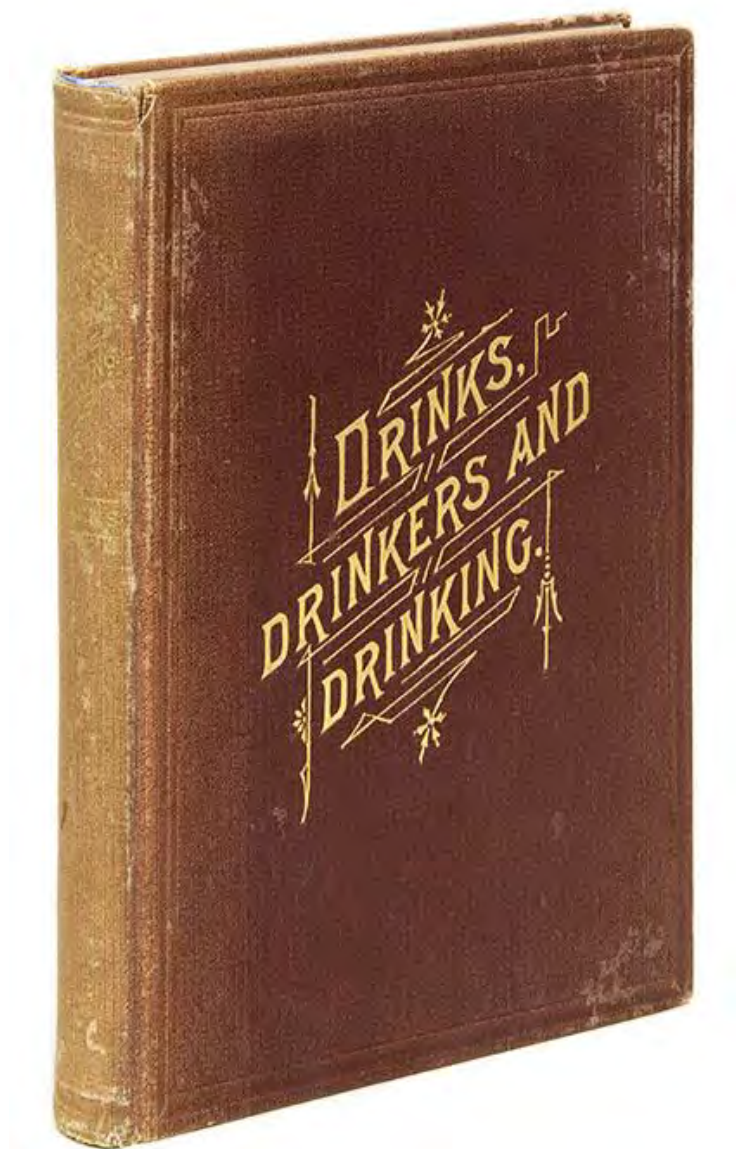
Held in High Regard by Lords Bacon and Hale

19. Noy, William, Reporter.

Reports and Cases, Taken In the Time of Queen Elizabeth, King James, And King Charles; Collected and Reported by that Learned Lawyer William Noy, Sometimes Reader of the Honourable Societie of Lincolnes-Inne, Since Attourney Generall to the Late King Charles. Containing Most Excellent Matter of Exceptions to All Manner of Declarations, Pleadings, And Demurrers, That there is Scarce One Action in a Probability of Being Brought, But Here it is Thoroughly Examined and Exactly Laid. Corrected and Amended. With Two Necessary Tables of the Cases and Contents, For the Readers Ease and Benefit. London: Printed by T.R. for Samuel Heyrick, 1669. [xx], 185, [1] pp. Folio (11-1/4" x 7").

Contemporary sheep with recent calf rebacking, blind rules to boards, raised bands, lettering piece and blind ornaments to spine, hinges mended. Light stains and a few scuffs to boards, moderate rubbing to board edges with some wear to top-edges, corners worn. Moderate toning, faint dampstaining in places, minor tears and chips to edges of a few leaves, light soiling, edgewear and owner signature dated 1757 to title page, brief annotations in same hand throughout text. \$350.

* Second and final edition. First printed in 1656, these reports are from the Courts of King's Bench and Common Pleas from 1559 to 1649. Wallace says these reports were held in high regard by Lord Bacon and were referred to frequently by Lord Hale, who had a manuscript copy, in his notes to Coke's *First Institutes*. Most of the annotations in our copy are one to three-word glosses, some are references to reporters and treatises. Wallace, *The Reports* 154-158. [Order This Item](#)



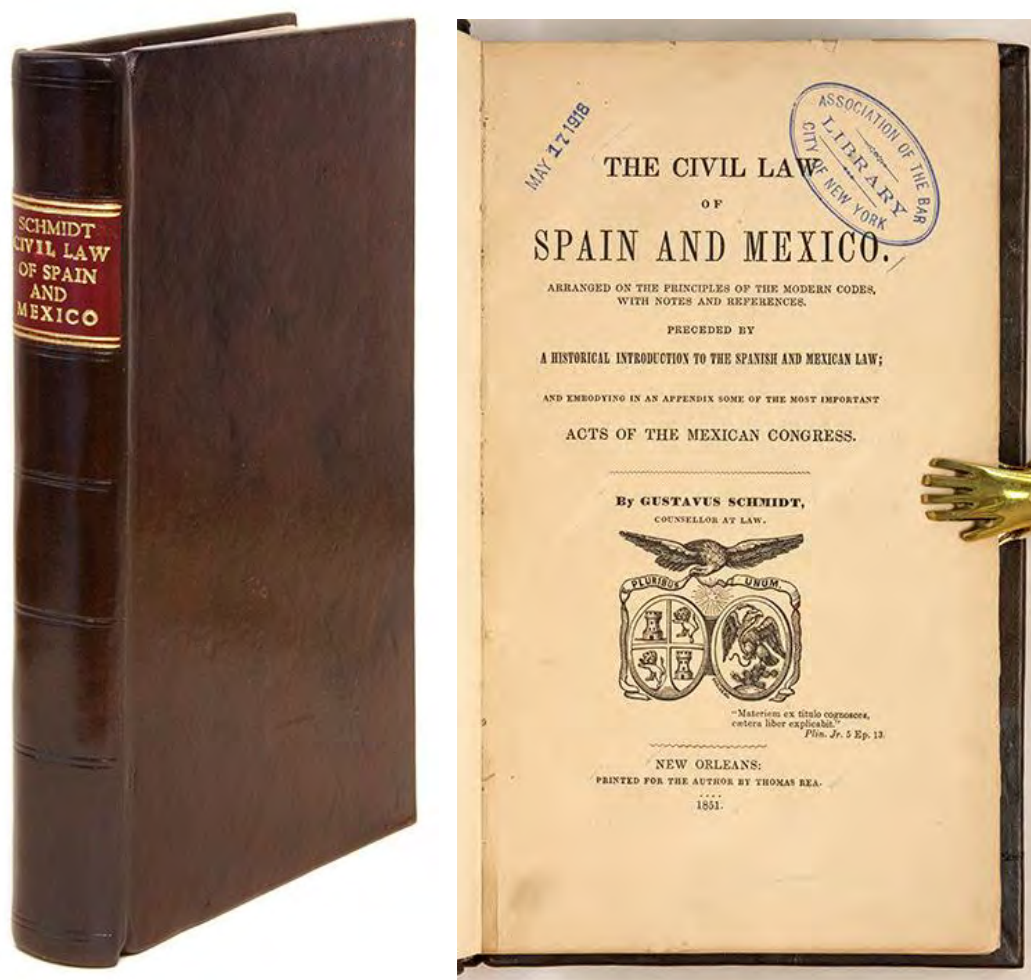
1881 Study on the Social History and Law of Drinking

20. Rogers, R. Vashon.

Drinks, Drinkers and Drinking, Or the Law and History of Intoxicating Liquors. Albany: Weed, Parsons and Company, 1881. iv, 241 pp. Quarto (7-1/4" x 5-1/4").

Cloth, gilt rules and title to front board, gilt title to spine. Light rubbing to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities with minor wear to spine ends and corners, some fading to spine, early owner stamps to pastedowns, front free endpaper detached, light toning to text. \$500.

* Only edition. In a manner similar to twentieth century sociological jurisprudence, this book presents an interesting history of drinking that blends sociology, law and legislation. The latter chapters examine the current laws of the United States and Canada in theory and practice. Rogers, a Canadian barrister, was the author of several titles in the popular series *Legal Recreations*, which included books on transportation law, hotel law, medical jurisprudence and other subjects. Not in the *Harvard Law Catalogue* or the *British Museum Catalogue*. [Order This Item](#)



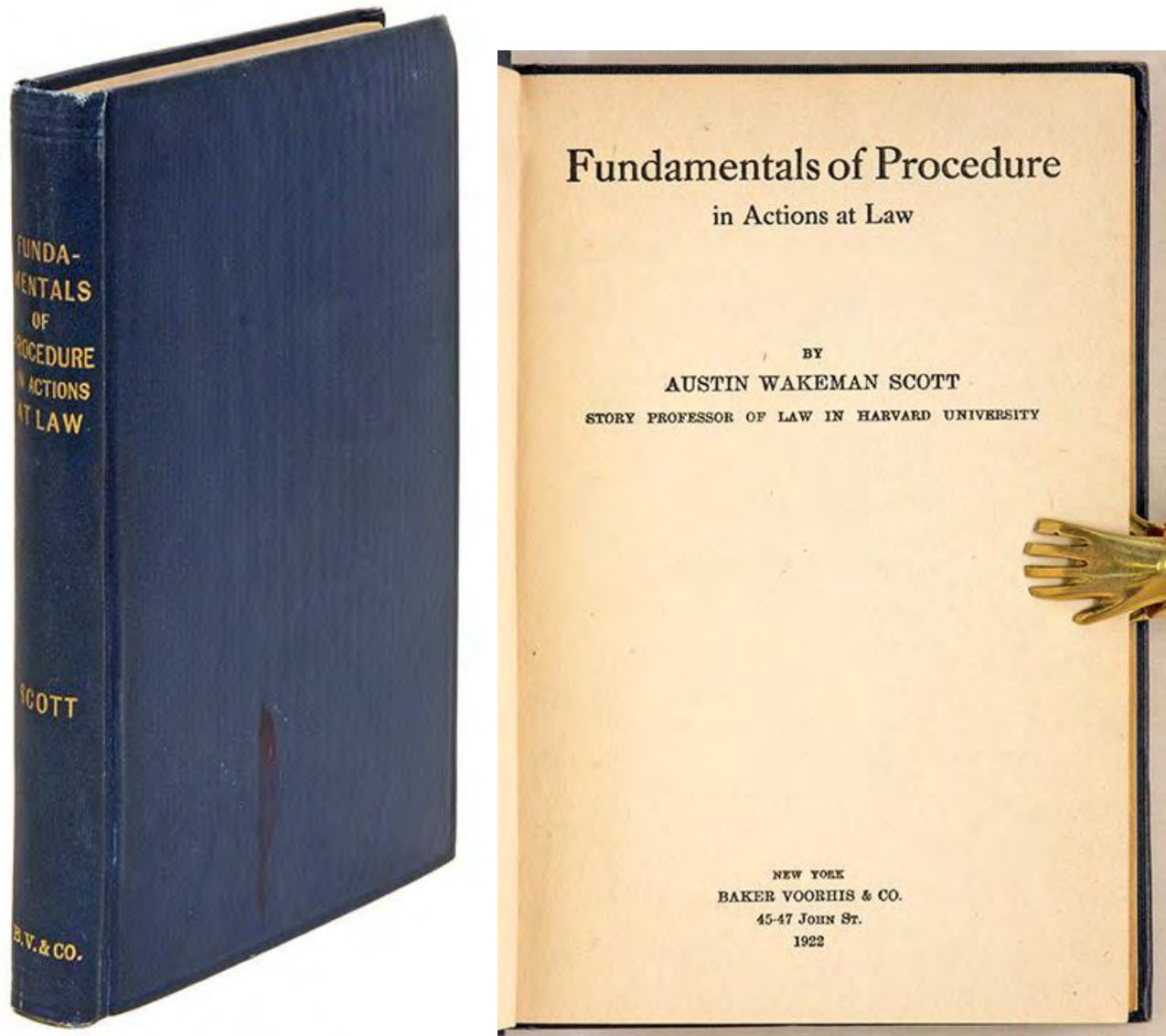
Schmidt's Civil Law of Spain and Mexico: One of the First Treatises on Comparative Law

21. Schmidt, Gustavus [1795-1877].

The Civil Law of Spain and Mexico: Arranged on the Principles of the Modern Codes, with Notes and References. Preceded by a Historical Introduction to the Spanish and Mexican Law; And Embodying in an Appendix Some of the Most Important Acts of the Mexican Congress. New Orleans: Printed for the Author by T. Rea, 1851. [16], 102, 376 pp. Octavo (9" x 5-1/2").

Recent period-style calf, lettering piece and blind fillets to spine, endpapers renewed. Moderate toning to text, somewhat heavier in places, faint marks in pencil to a few leaves, later library stamps to recto and verso of title page. A handsome copy of a title rare in commerce. \$3,500.

* Only edition. Written to address the needs of American lawyers and legislators dealing with territories recently acquired from Mexico in the aftermath of the Mexican-American War (1846-48), this impressive and path-breaking work is one of the very first treatises on comparative law. It was an indispensable work for many years, and it remains an important source in Mexico and other Latin-American nations. The first part provides a comprehensive overview of Spanish legal history. The second part of the book is essentially a civil code based on the laws of Spain and Mexico. An important figure in the legal history of Louisiana, Schmidt was a Swedish-born lawyer who lived in Maryland and Richmond, Virginia. He moved to New Orleans in 1829. Fluent in Spanish, he specialized in cases involving Spain and Mexico. In 1841 he established the *Louisiana Law Journal*, the first publication of its kind in the deep south. In 1844 he established the Louisiana Law School, the first law school in Louisiana. Jumonville, *Bibliography of New Orleans Imprints* 2105. Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 5291.50. [Order This Item](#)



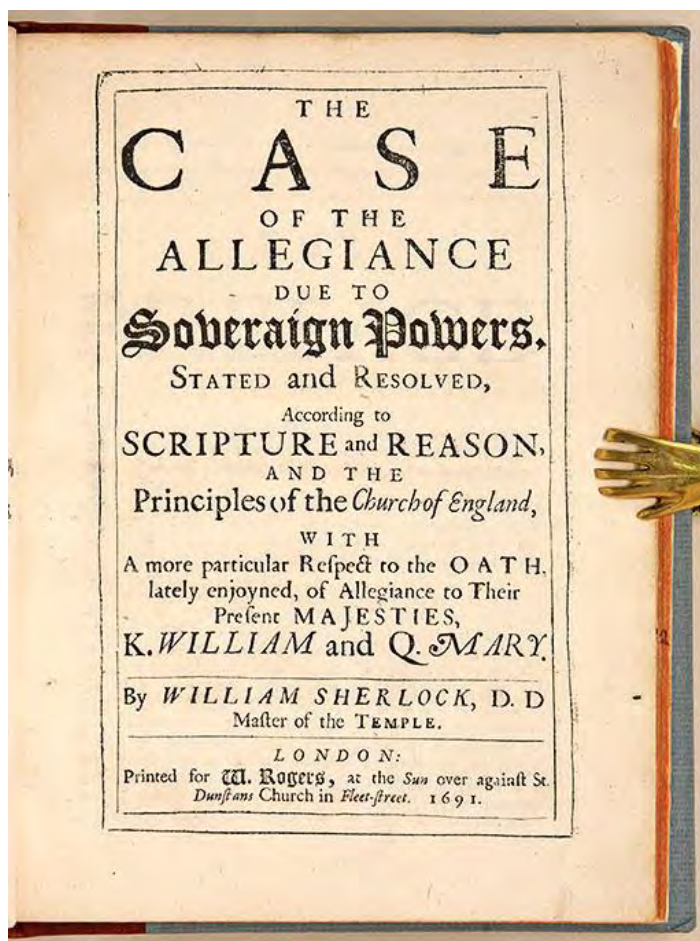
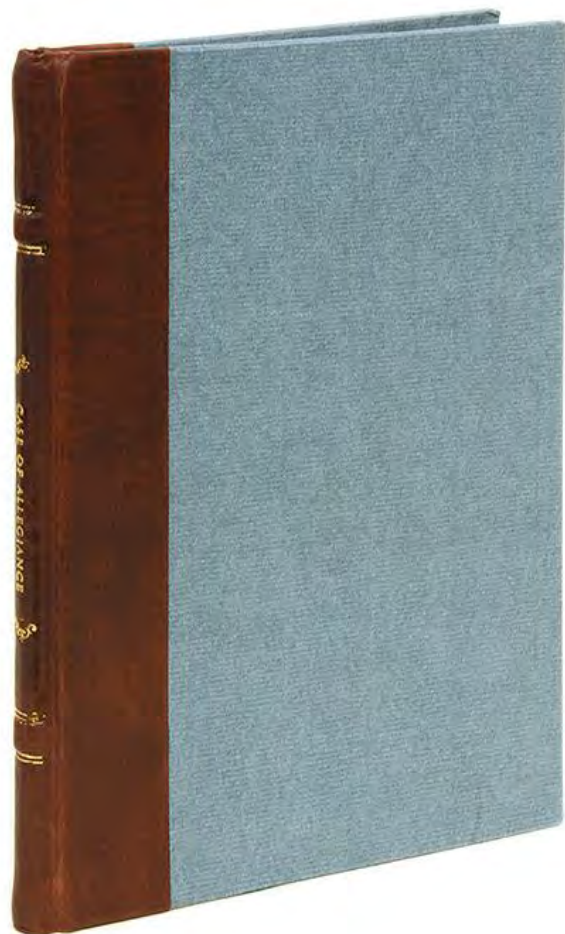
Problematic Issues of Civil Procedure

22. Scott, Austin Wakeman [1884-1981].

Fundamentals of Procedure in Actions at Law. New York: Baker, Voorhis & Co., 1922. xvii, 172 pp.

Cloth, gilt title to spine. Tiny stain to front board, light rubbing to spine ends and corners, toning to text, early owner signature to front free endpaper and rear endleaf, underlining to a few passages. \$15.

* Only edition. Scott was professor at Harvard Law School from 1910 to 1961. His *Fundamentals* is a collection of five essays dealing with problematic issues of civil procedure. They are: I. Venue and Jurisdiction, II. Jurisdiction over Nonresidents, III. Trial by Jury, IV. Excessive and Inadequate Damages and V. Amendments and Jeofails. [Order This Item](#)



Allegiance Due to the Crown

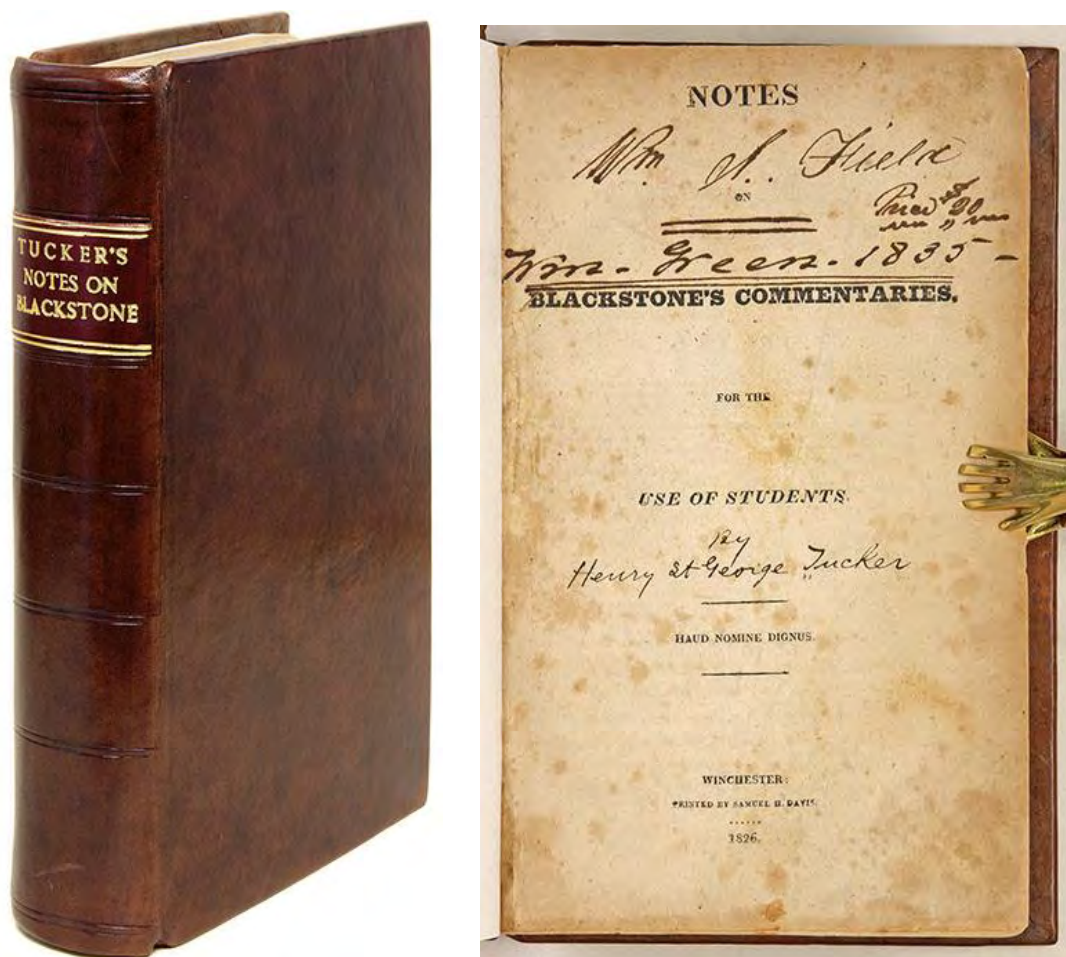
23. Sherlock, William [1641?-1707].

The Case of the Allegiance due to Sovereign Powers, Stated and Resolved, According to Scripture and Reason, And the Principles of the Church of England, With a More Particular Respect to the Oath, Lately Enjoyned, Of Allegiance to Their Present Majesties, K. William and Q. Mary. London: Printed for W. Rogers, At the Sun Over-Against St. Dunstan's Church in Fleet Street, 1691. [xii], 66, pp. With initial imprimatur leaf and final publisher advertisement leaf. Quarto (8" x 6").

Stab-stitched pamphlet bound into recent quarter calf over paper-covered boards, gilt title and gilt-edged raised bands to spine, small recent owner label to foot of front endleaf, light toning to text. A notably fresh copy in a handsome binding. \$350.

* First edition, one of six editions issued in 1691. Sherlock, a leader of the Church of England, was a prominent non-juror, that is, a member of the Anglican clergy who refused to take an oath of allegiance to William III and Mary II because he felt legally bound by his previous oath of allegiance to James II. Sherlock changed his position. *The Case* was written to address the inevitable charges of hypocrisy that followed his change of attitude. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R1604.

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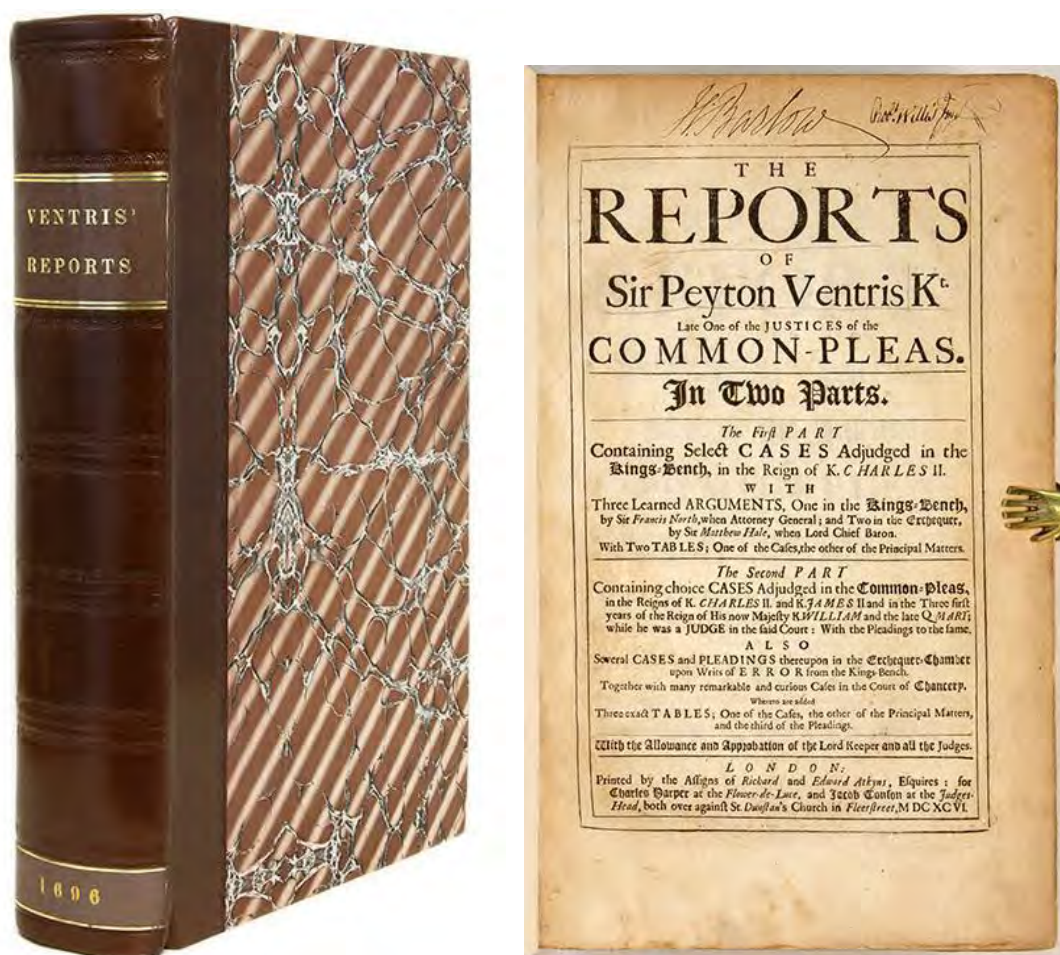
Tucker's *Notes on Blackstone's Commentaries* with Extensive Marginalia by One of Tucker's Students

24. [Tucker, Henry St. George (1780-1848)].

Notes on Blackstone's Commentaries for the Use of Students. Winchester [Virginia]: Printed by Samuel H. Davis, 1826. iv, [7]-14, 2, 426 (i.e. 571) pp. Irregular pagination. Complete copy. Octavo (8-1/2" x 5-1/2").

Recent period-style calf, blind fillets and lettering piece to spine, endpapers renewed. Moderate toning, occasional light foxing, minor edgewear to some leaves. Brief annotations and underlining to most leaves, extensive notes to a few leaves, one bound-in leaf annotated on recto and verso, owner signature of William A. Field in same hand to head of title page, along with another signature and a brief annotation in a third hand identifying Tucker as the author. A unique copy of an uncommon title. \$4,500.

* Sole edition. Designated an "unfinished work" in the preface, this book is a series of notes on books I-III of Blackstone's *Commentaries* that "comprised a considerable portion of a course of lectures delivered by the author to a class of law students" (iii) at his Winchester Law School. As Klafter notes, William Field was a student at that school in 1827 to 1828. Most of the annotations are case references and corrections that appear to be based on comments heard in the classroom. The longer annotations explain specific points. The longest of these, on the bound-in leaf, discuss estates. The pagination of *Notes* is irregular and follows that of his father's edition of Blackstone (Philadelphia, 1803). It is cited erroneously in some records as a two-volume work. This assumption is based on a copy bound as two books recorded in Shaw and Shoemaker (entry 26252). Though some copies were re-bound as two books, often with interleaves, the book was actually issued as a single volume. Klafter, *Reason Over Precedents: Origins of American Legal Thought* 172. Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 5367. Laeuchli, *A Bibliographical Catalog of William Blackstone* 406. [Order This Item](#)



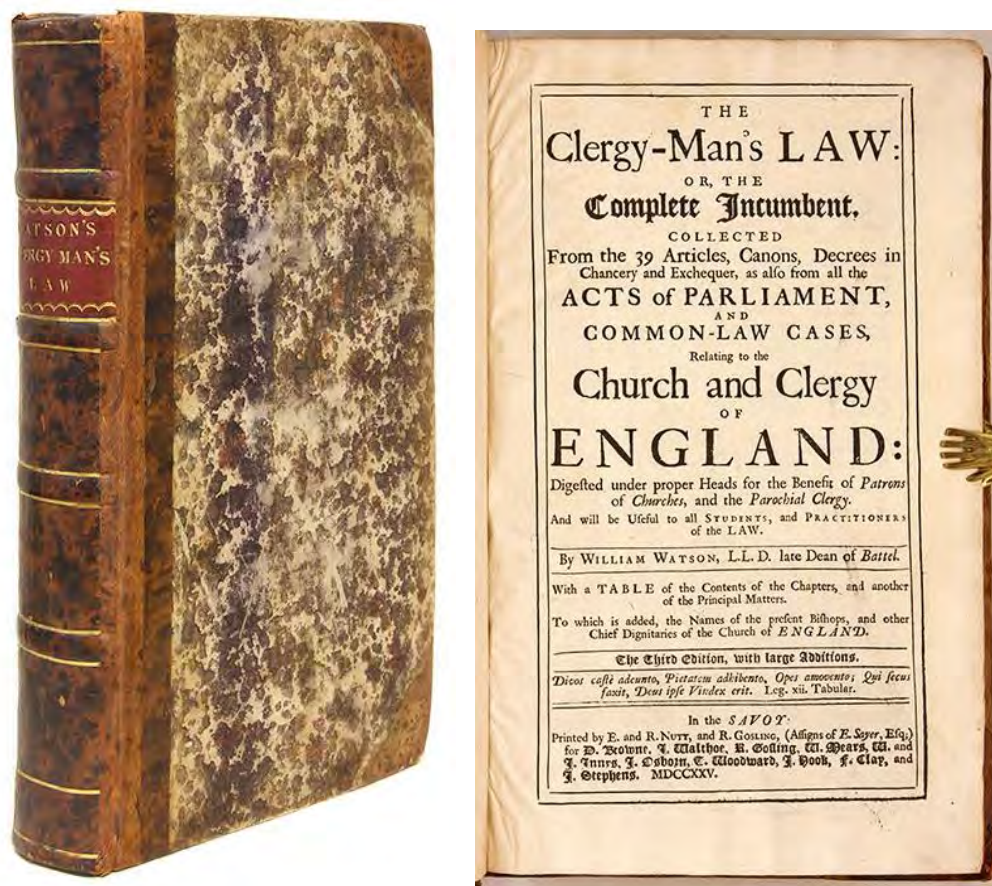
First Edition of Ventris's *Reports*

25. Ventris, Sir Peyton [1645-1691].

The Reports of Sir Peyton Ventris Kt. Late One of the Justices of the Common-Pleas. In Two Parts. The First Part Containing Select Cases Adjudged in the Kings-Bench, In the Reign of K. Charles II. With Three Learned Arguments, One in the Kings-Bench, By Sir Francis North When Attorney General, And Two in the Exchequer, by Sir Matthew Hale, When Lord Chief Baron. With Two Tables; One of the Cases, The Other of the Principal Matters. The Second part Containing Choice Cases Adjudged in the Common-Pleas, In the Reigns of K. Charles II. And K. James II. And in the Three First Years of the Reign of His Now Majesty K. William and the Late Q. Mary; While He was a Judge in the Said Court: With the Pleadings to the Same. Also Several Cases and Pleadings Thereupon in the Exchequer-Chamber upon Writs of Error from the Kings-Bench. Together with Many Remarkable and Curious Cases in the Court of Chancery. Whereunto are Added Three Exact Tables; One of the Cases, The Other of the Principal Matters, And the Third of the Pleadings. With the Allowance and Approbation of the Lord Keeper and All the Judges. London: Printed by the Assigns of Richard and Edward Atkyns, 1696. [xii], 429, [29]; [22], 368, [24] pp. Two parts in one volume, each with title page, individual pagination, license leaves, and (identical) portrait frontispieces, frontispiece lacking from Part I. Folio (12-1/2" x 8").

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* First edition. An important collection of reports covering cases in King's Bench, 1668-1684, and Common Pleas and Chancery 1669-1691. Wallace, *The Reporters* 345. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R7440. [Order This Item](#)



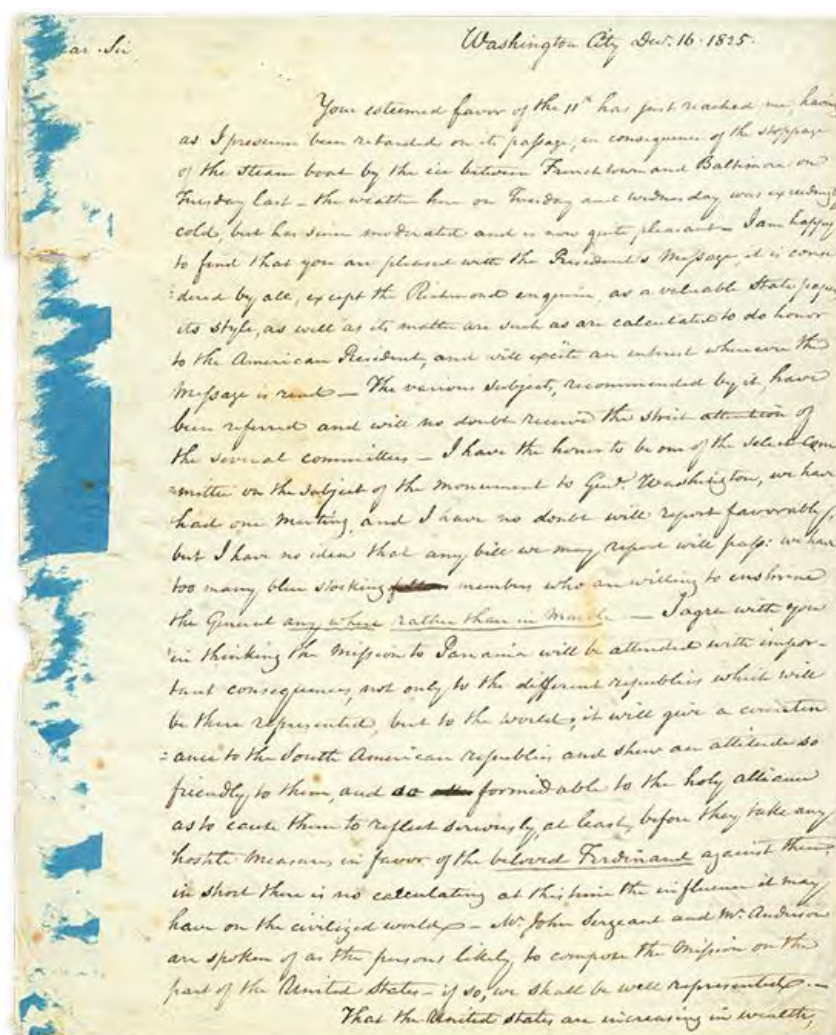
"Most Elaborate" Treatise on English Law and the Clergy

26. Watson, William [1637?-1689].

The Clergy-Man's Law: Or, the Complete Incumbent. Collected from the 39 Articles, Canons, Decrees in Chancery and Exchequer, as Also from All the Acts of Parliament, and Common-Law Cases, Related to the Church and Clergy of England: Digested Under Proper Heads for the Benefit of Patrons of Churches, and the Parochial Clergy. And Will be Useful to All Students, and Practitioners of the Law. With a Table of Contents of the Chapters, and Another of the Principal Matters. To Which is Added, the Names of the Present Bishops, and Other Chief Dignitaries of the Church of England. With Large Additions. London: Printed by E. and R. Nutt, and R. Gosling, 1725. iv, [8], 652, 62 pp. Includes one-page publisher advertisement. Folio (12-1/2" x 8").

Later three-quarter calf over marbled boards, gilt-edged raised bands and lettering piece to spine, joints neatly reinforced. Moderate rubbing to boards and extremities, corners bumped and somewhat worn, armorial bookplate to front pastedown. Light toning to text, light crinkling to head of text block in a few places, brief early annotations to a few leaves. \$300.

* Third Edition. "[During the eighteenth century a] number of books aimed at setting out more or less a summary of those branches of law which would be useful to the clergy. The most elaborate of these books is [the present title], which was first published in 1701 and reached a fourth edition by 1747. The author was a clergyman who held the deanery of Battel; but he had been educated with a view to becoming a practitioner in the ecclesiastical courts, and had taken his degree of doctor of laws. Because he had had a legal education he was, he tells us 'soon apply'd to by his neighbours, as a person able to advise them in the many doubts and difficulties that daily occurred to them.' (...) The book deals clearly and systematically in fifty-nine chapters with the law and practice on all topics which are useful to the clergy. It is a learned book; but, as the title page indicates, it is compiled almost entirely from the English cases, statutes and other authorities, to which the full references are given. Though the author is an LL.D. he is obviously more learned in English law than in the civil or canon law.": Holdsworth, *History of English Law* 12:622-623. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T113385. [Order This Item](#)



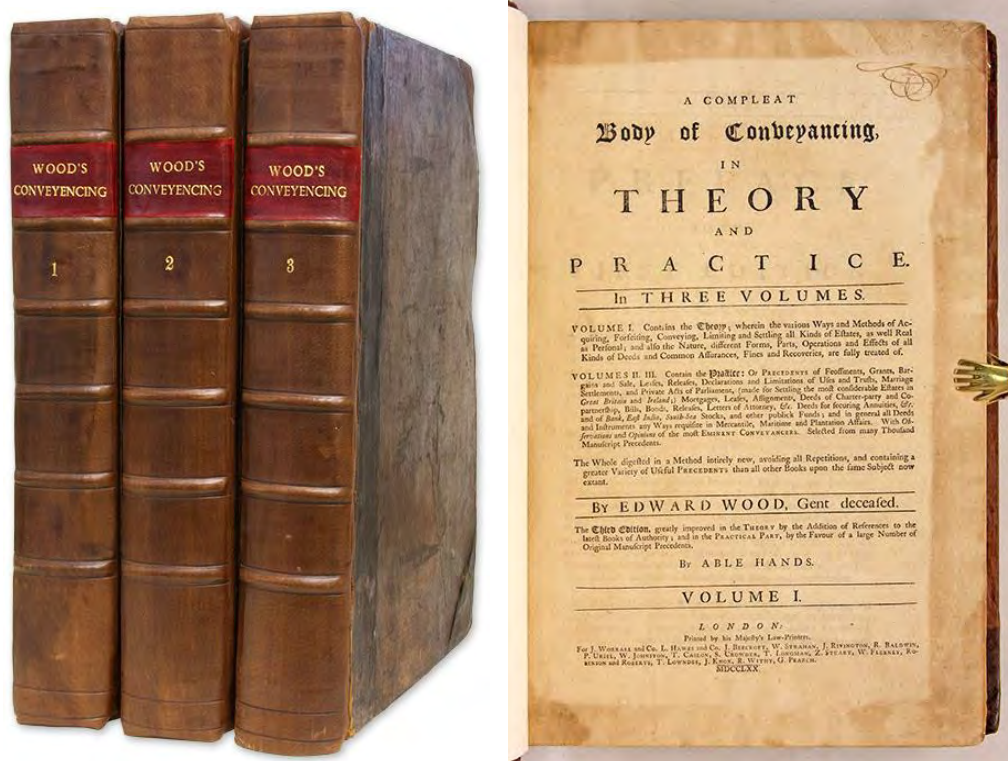
Interesting Letter by a Distinguished
Nineteenth-Century Pennsylvania Lawyer-Politician

27. Wolf, George [1777-1840].

[Autograph Letter, Signed, Washington, DC, December 16, 1825].

Single 9-3/4" x 8" leaf. Four fold lines, two vertical and two horizontal, light browning. Content in small neat hand to recto and verso, fragments of paper (from an album) along left-hand margin. \$750.

* A lawyer and Jeffersonian, later Jacksonian politician, Wolf was a member of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives in 1814, a member of the U.S. House of Representatives from 1824 to 1829 and the governor of Pennsylvania from 1829 to 1835. Appointed by President Jackson, served as the first comptroller of the Treasury, a post he held until 1838. He is best known as the governor who oversaw the establishment of Pennsylvania's public school system. Addressed to a John Cooper, an associate judge in Pennsylvania, this letter was written when Wolf was a U.S. Representative. Rich with "inside" information, it touches on several interesting topics: his work as a member of the "select committee on the subject of the monument to Geo. Washington," the annual message of President Adams, a mission to Panama, the prosperity of the United States and the impeachment of Robert Porter, a judge in Northampton, Pennsylvania. Letters by Wolf in the market are rare. We could locate only two auction records, the last at Henkels in 1907 (Lot 354, 3 Letters). [Order This Item](#)



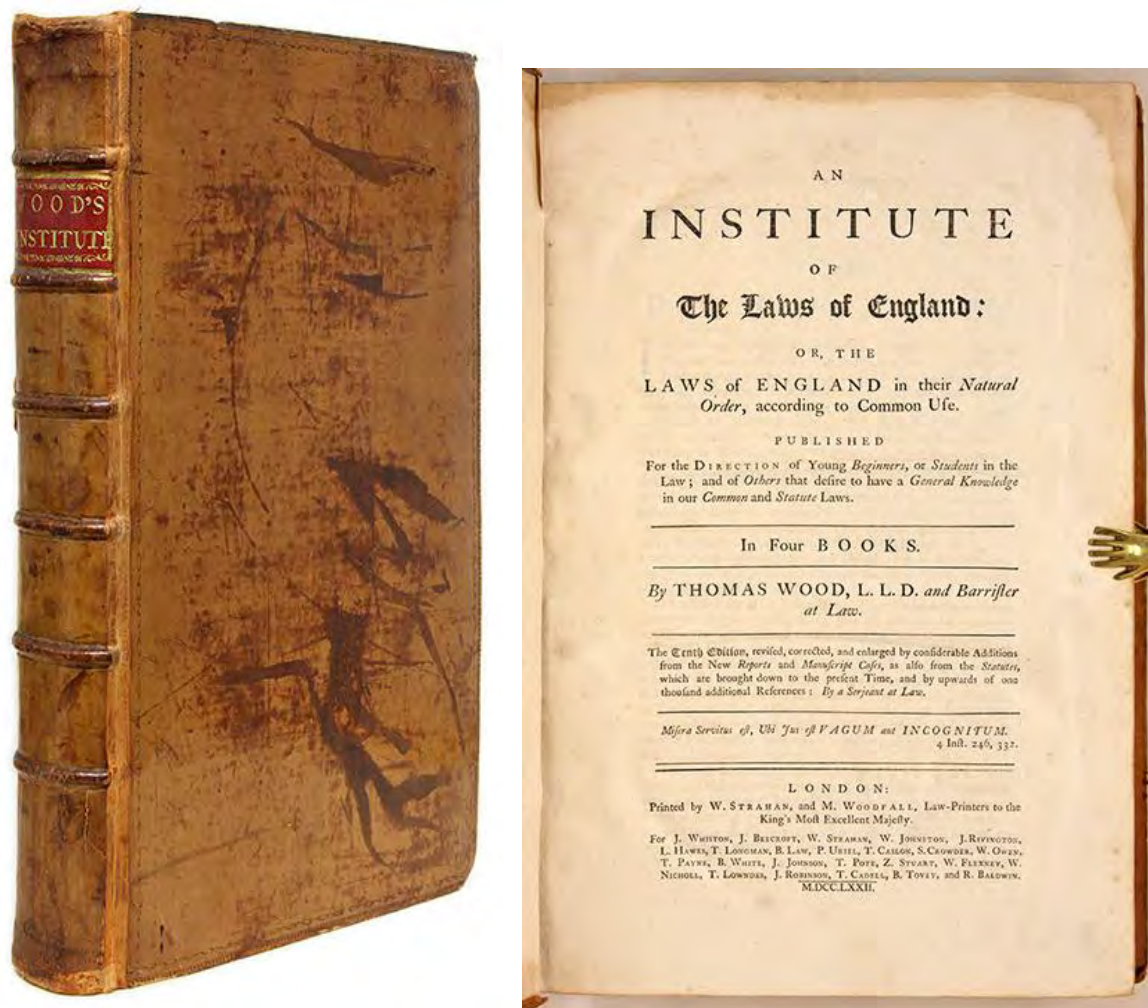
One of the Great Conveyancing Manuals of the Eighteenth Century

28. Wood, Edward.

A Compleat Body of Conveyancing in Theory and Practice. In Three Volumes. Contains the Theory; Wherein the Various Ways and Methods of Acquiring, Forfeiting, Conveying, Limiting and Settling all Kinds of Estates, As Well Real as Personal; And also the Nature, Different Forms, Parts, Operations and Effects of All Kinds of Deeds and Common Assurances, Fines and Recoveries, Are Fully Treated of. Volumes II. III. Contain the Practice: Or Precedents of Feoffments, Grants, Bargains and Sale, Leases, Releases, Declarations and Limitations of Uses and Trusts, Marriage Settlements, And Private Acts of Parliament, (Made for Settling the Most Considerable Estates in Great Britain and Ireland;) Mortgages, Leases, Assignments, Deeds of Charter-Party and Copartnership, Bills, Bonds, Releases, Letters of Attorney, &c. Deeds for Securing Annuities, &c. And of Bank, East India, South-Sea Stocks, and Other publick Funds; And in General all Deeds and Instruments any Ways Requisite in Mercantile, Maritime and Plantation Affairs. With Observations and Opinions of the Most Eminent Conveyancers. Selected from Many Thousand Manuscript Precedents. The Whole Digested in a Method Intirely New, Avoiding all Repetitions, And Containing a Greater Variety of Useful Precedents Than All Other Books upon the Same Subject Now Extant. By Edward Wood, Gent Deceased. Greatly Improved in the Theory by the Addition of References to the Latest Books of Authority; And in the Practical Part, By the Favour of a Large Number of Original Manuscript Precedents. By Able Hands. London: Printed by His Majesty's Law-Printers, 1770. Three volumes. viii, 818, [32]; [6], 828, [50]; [6], 844, [32] pp. Folio (14" x 9-1/4").

Contemporary calf, rebaked in period style, blind rules to boards, early repairs to corners of Volumes I and III, raised bands, lettering pieces and gilt volume numbers to spines, endpapers renewed. Some light rubbing and some nicks and scuffing to boards, moderate rubbing to board edges, corners bumped and somewhat worn, later owner bookplate to front pastedown of each volume. Moderate toning to text, faint dampstaining and foxing in places, light edgewear to preliminaries, light soiling to title pages, signature clipped from upper corner of Volume I, early owner signatures to title pages of other volumes. An impressive set. \$450.

* Third edition. Wood's *Conveyancing* was first published in 1749 under the editorship of J. Worrall, the publisher. "Wood's *Conveyancing* is a much more valuable collection than either Horseman's or Mill's. It is on the same plan as Lilly's *Conveyancer*, but more extensive, and far superior in execution, to that work." Marvin, *Legal Bibliography* 744 (referring to the fifth edition 1790-1793). *English Short-Title Catalogue* N3218. [Order This Item](#)



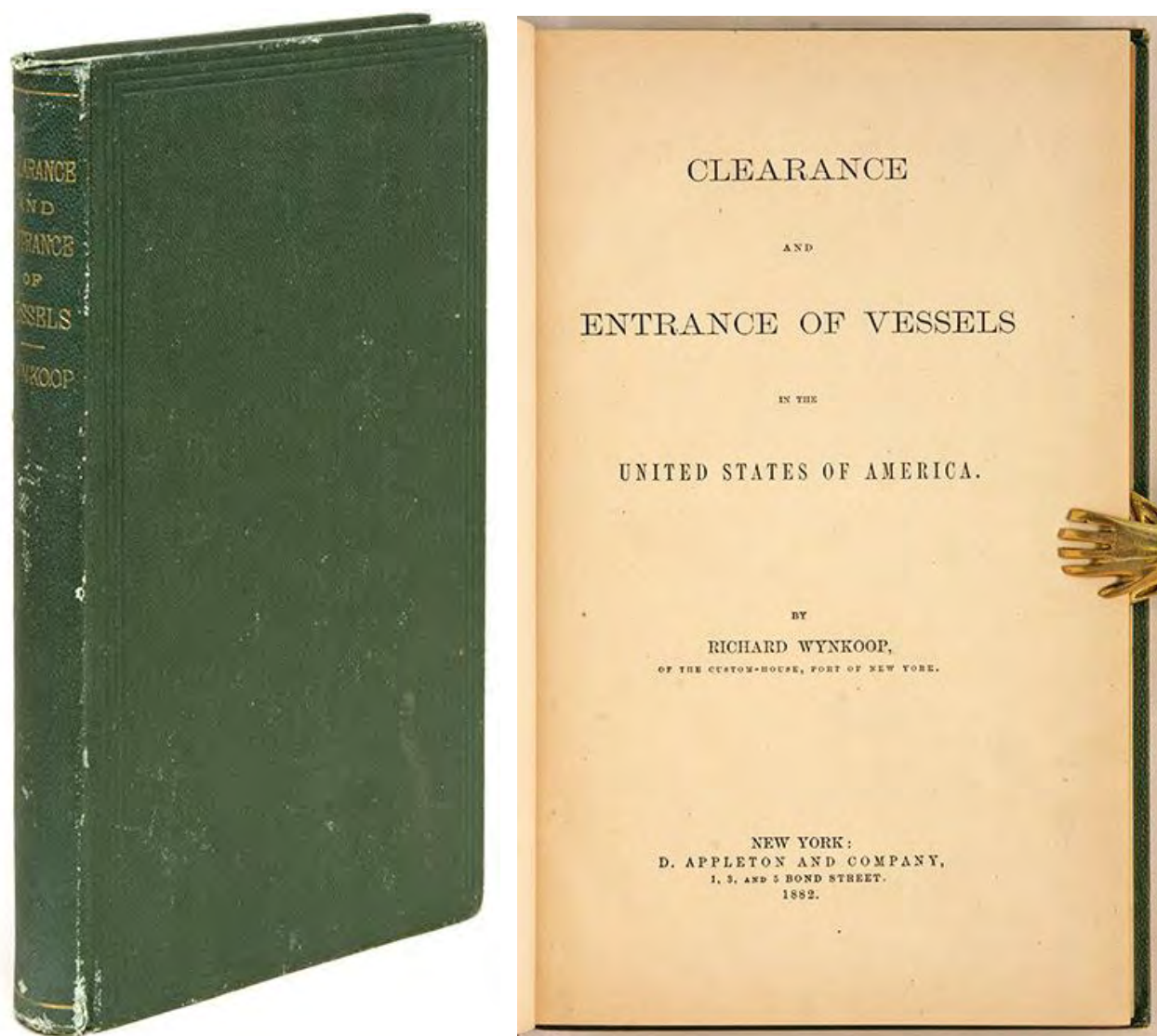
Final Edition of an Admired Forerunner to Blackstone's *Commentaries*

29. Wood, Thomas [1661-1722].

An Institute of the Laws of England: Or, The Laws of England in Their Natural Order, According to Common Use. Published for the Direction of Young Beginners, Or Students in the Law; And of Others that Desire To Have a General Knowledge in Our Common and Statute Laws. In Four Books. Revised, Corrected, And Enlarged by Considerable Additions from the New Reports and Manuscript Cases, As also From the Statutes, Which are Brought Down to the Present Time, And by Upwards of One Thousand Additional References: By a Serjeant at Law. London: printed by W. Strahan, and M. Woodfall, 1772. [ii], x, 657, [41] pp. Folio (14" x 9-1/2").

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* Tenth and final edition. First published in 1720, Wood's *Institute* was the only comprehensive treatise on English law until Blackstone's *Commentaries*. According to Holdsworth, Wood "anticipates Blackstone, just as, in some respects, he anticipates him in the design and execution of his book. In fact, as Blackstone recognized, the book had considerable merits. 'Upon the whole,' he said, 'his work is undoubtedly a valuable performance; and great are the obligations of the student to him, and his predecessor Finch, for their happy progress in reducing the elements of law from their former chaos to a regular methodical science'": Holdsworth, *A History of English Law* XII:419. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T101118. [Order This Item](#)



**Rare Nineteenth-Century American
Treatise on the Clearance and Entrance of Vessels**

30. Wynkoop, Richard [1829-1913].

Clearance and Entrance of Vessels in the United States of America. New York: D. Appleton and Company, 1882. 199 pp.

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Wynkoop, Richard.

Supplement to Clearance and Entrance of Vessels [Running Title]. [New York: D. Appleton and Company], 1883. 46, [viii] pp.
Includes 8-page publisher catalogue.

Octavo (9" x 5-3/4"). Pebbled cloth, blind rules to boards, gilt title to spine. Light rubbing to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities with some wear to spine ends and corners, hinges starting, some toning to text, a few small marks to endleaves. A nice copy of a rare title. \$500.

* Second and final edition. Wynkoop was an officer at the U.S. Customs House of the Port of New York. The first edition of his treatise was published in 1881. OCLC locates no printed copies of either edition or any copies of the *Supplement* in any format. No editions listed in Marke or the 1909 *Harvard Law Catalogue*. [Order This Item](#)