

# 30 Law Dictionaries & Encyclopedias (1564 – 1983)

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**Law**, (In Sax. *Lag*, Lat. *Lex*, from *Lego* or *Legendo*, choosing, or rather *à Ligando*, binding) Is the Rule and Bond of Men's Actions: Or 'tis a Rule for the well governing of a Civil Society, to give to every Man that which doth belong to him. According to *Braeton*, *Lex est Sanctio justa, jubens Honesta & prohibens Contraria*: And the Divine Schoolman says, *Lex Humana est quoddam dictamen rationis, quo diriguntur humani actus*. The Law is *Rectum*, as it discovers that which is crooked or wrong; and these three Qualities are incident to the Law, *viz.* It must be *Justa*, *Jubens Honesta*, *Prohibens Contraria*: And *Justa* requires five Properties; *Possibilis*, *Necessaria*, *Conveniens*, *Manifesta*, *nullo privata commodo*. 2 *Co. Inst.* 56, 587. Laws are said to be *Arbitrary*, or *Natural*

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### Dictionary of Roman Law and Legislation with 24 Plates

**1. Agustín, Antonio [1517-1586].**

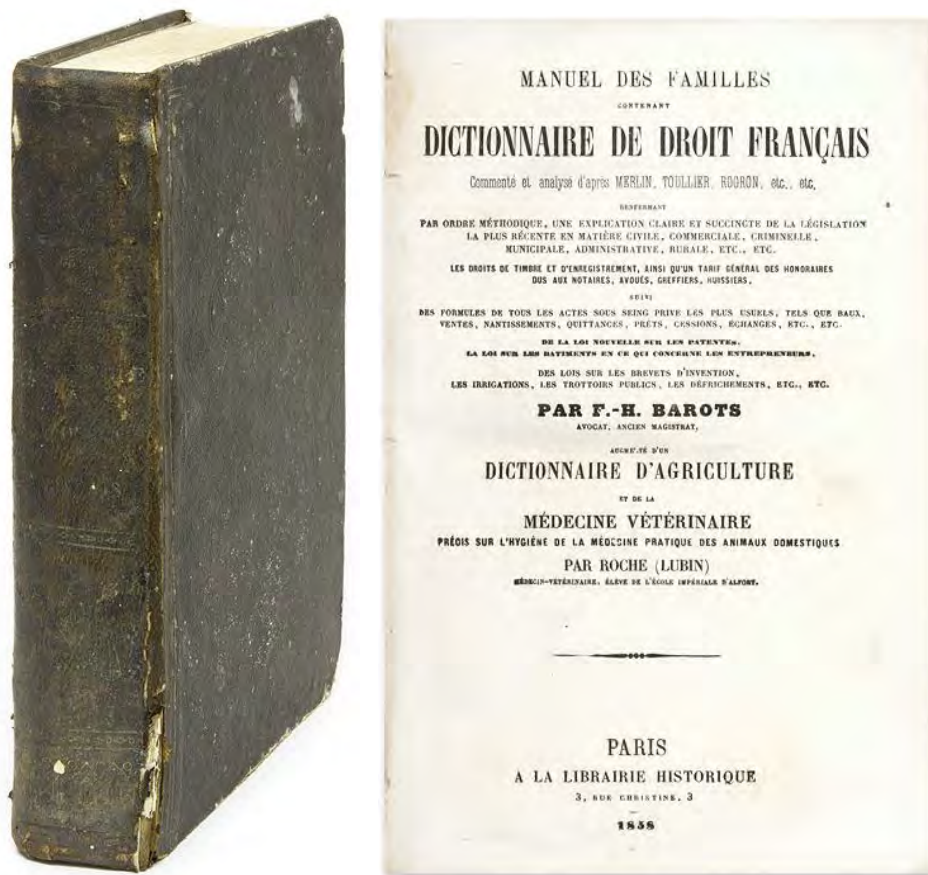
**Orsino, Fulvio [1529-1600], Editor.**

**Lipsius, Justus [1547-1606].**

*De Legibus et Senatusconsultis Liber: Adiunctis Legum Antiquarum & Senatusconsultorum Fragmentis, Cum Notis Fulvii Ursini, Multo Quam Antea Emendatius, Additis Etiam Locorum Quorundam Notis: Cum Duobus Indicibus Locupletissimis: Adiectus est Iusti Lipsii Libellus de Legibus Regiis & X. Viralibus.* Paris: Apud Ioannem Richerium, via Diui Ioannis Lateranensis, sub signo Arboris Virescentis, 1584. [xvi], 221, [1], 46 pp., [24] leaves of tipped-in bifolium plates (numbered [cross]1-[cross]35). Folio (14" x 9").

Contemporary limp vellum (colored green) with lapped edges, later gilt ornaments to spine, ties lacking. Rubbing to boards and extremities, some wrinkling to corners, minor worming to front board, small chip to front joint, spine ends bumped, corners worn, hinges cracked, front pastedown renewed, other endleaves lacking. Large woodcut printer device to title page, woodcut decorated initials, head-pieces and tail-pieces. Moderate toning to text, a bit heavier in places, occasional faint dampstaining, early annotations to a few leaves. An appealing copy. \$1,950.

\* Second edition. Agustín, a Spanish cleric and jurist, was Archbishop of Tarragona. He was a leading member of the group of antiquarians in mid-sixteenth century Rome who were involved in the study of ancient Roman institutions. First published in 1583, *De Legibus* is a dictionary of Roman law with an emphasis on legislation. The final section, a set of plates preceded by a half-title reading *Leges et Senatusconsulta Quae in Veteribus cum ex Lapide tum ex Aere Monumentis Reperiuntur*, is a collection of transcribed documents. *De Legibus* went through four editions, the last in 1694. All editions are scarce. OCLC locates 4 copies of the second edition in North America (Emory Theological Seminary, Library of Congress, St. Louis University, University of King's College, Nova Scotia). Adams, *A Catalogue of Books Printed on the Continent of Europe* A2231. [Order This Item](#)



A Scarce French Law Dictionary for Farmers

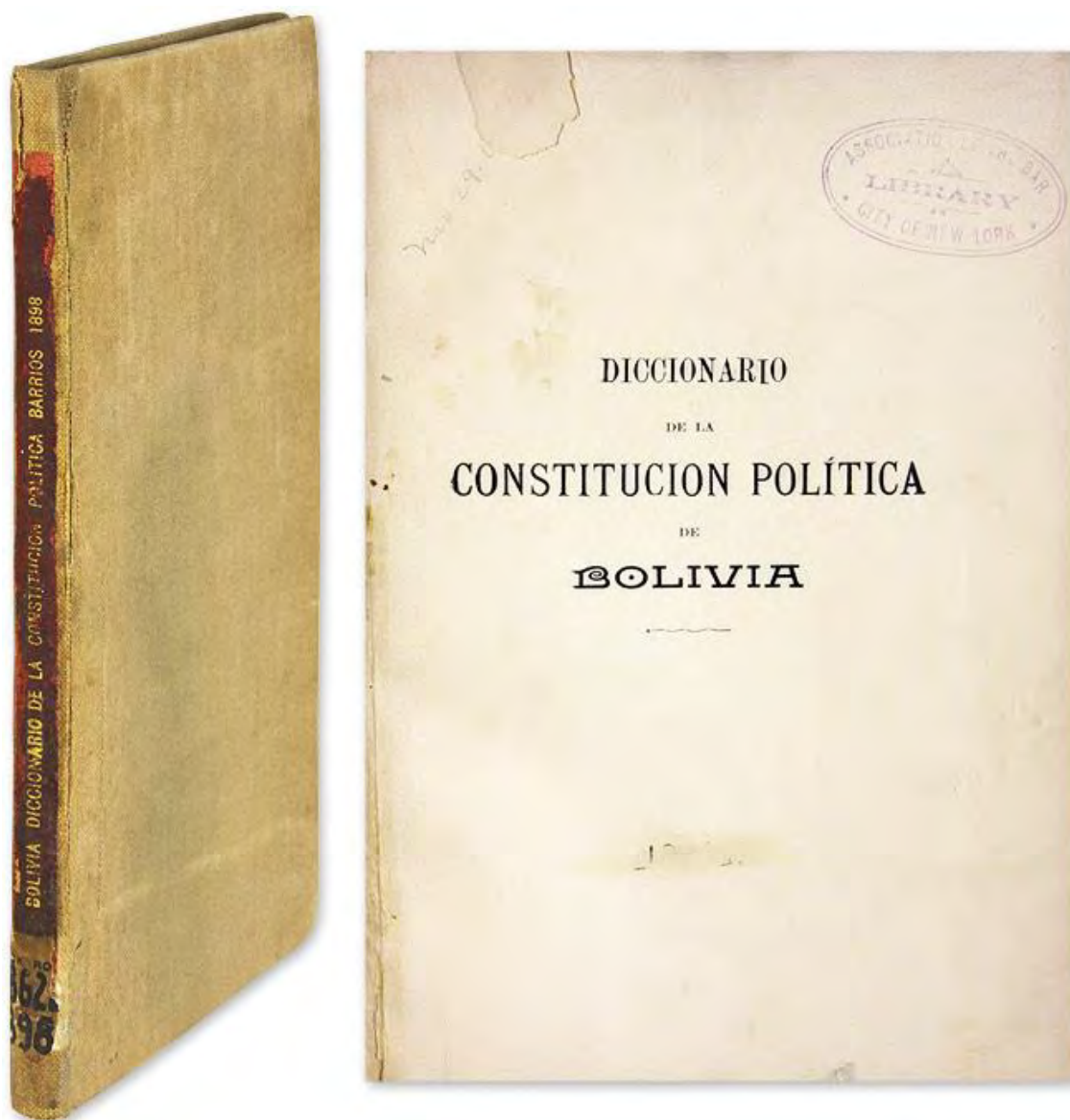
## 2. Barots, F-H.

[Lubin, Roche].

*Manuel des Familles Contenant Dictionnaire de Droit Français Commenté et Analysé d'Après Merlin, Toullier, Rogron, Etc., Etc. Renfermant par Ordre Methodique, Une Explication Claire et Succincte de la Législation la Plus Récente en Matière Civile, Commerciale, Criminelle, Municipale, Administrative, Rurale, Etc., Etc. Les Droits de Timbre et d'Enregistrement, Ainsi Qu'Un Tarif General des Honoraires dus aux Notaires, Avoués, Greffiers, Huissiers Suivi des Formules de Tous les Actes Sous Seing Privé le Plus Usuels, Tels que Baux, Ventes, Nantissements, Quitances, Prêts, Cessions, Echanges, Etc., Etc. De la Loi Nouvelle sur les Patentes, La Loi sur les Batiments en ce Qui Concerne les Entrepreneurs, Des Lois sur les Brevets d'Invention, Les irrigations, Les Trottoirs Publics, Les Defrichements, Etc., Etc. Augmente d'un Dictionnaire d'Agriculture et de la Medecine Veterinaire Precis sur L'Hygiene de la Medecine Pratique des Animaux Domestiques par Roche.* Paris: A l'Administration de la Jurisprudence de France, 1858. [viii], 664 pp. Main text in parallel columns. Octavo (9" x 6").

Contemporary quarter calf over textured cloth, blind frames and decorative stamping to boards, marbled endpapers. Moderate rubbing with some wear to extremities, a few small scuffs, gilt title and ornaments on spine rubbed away, joints and hinges just starting at ends. Light toning to text, foxing in a few places, edgewear to a few leaves. \$150.

\* First published in 1850, this useful household dictionary aimed at the rural consumer went through at least six subsequent editions. (The latest imprint we located is from 1868; Some issues, identical in contents, have a slightly different title beginning with *Manuel des Familles Contenant Dictionnaire...*) All editions are scarce. OCLC locates no copies of any edition in North America, but we found copies at George Washington University law library (1863) and the Library of Congress (1866). No copies located at the law libraries of Harvard Law School or UC-Berkeley Law. *British Museum Catalogue* (Compact Edition) 2:415. [Order This Item](#)



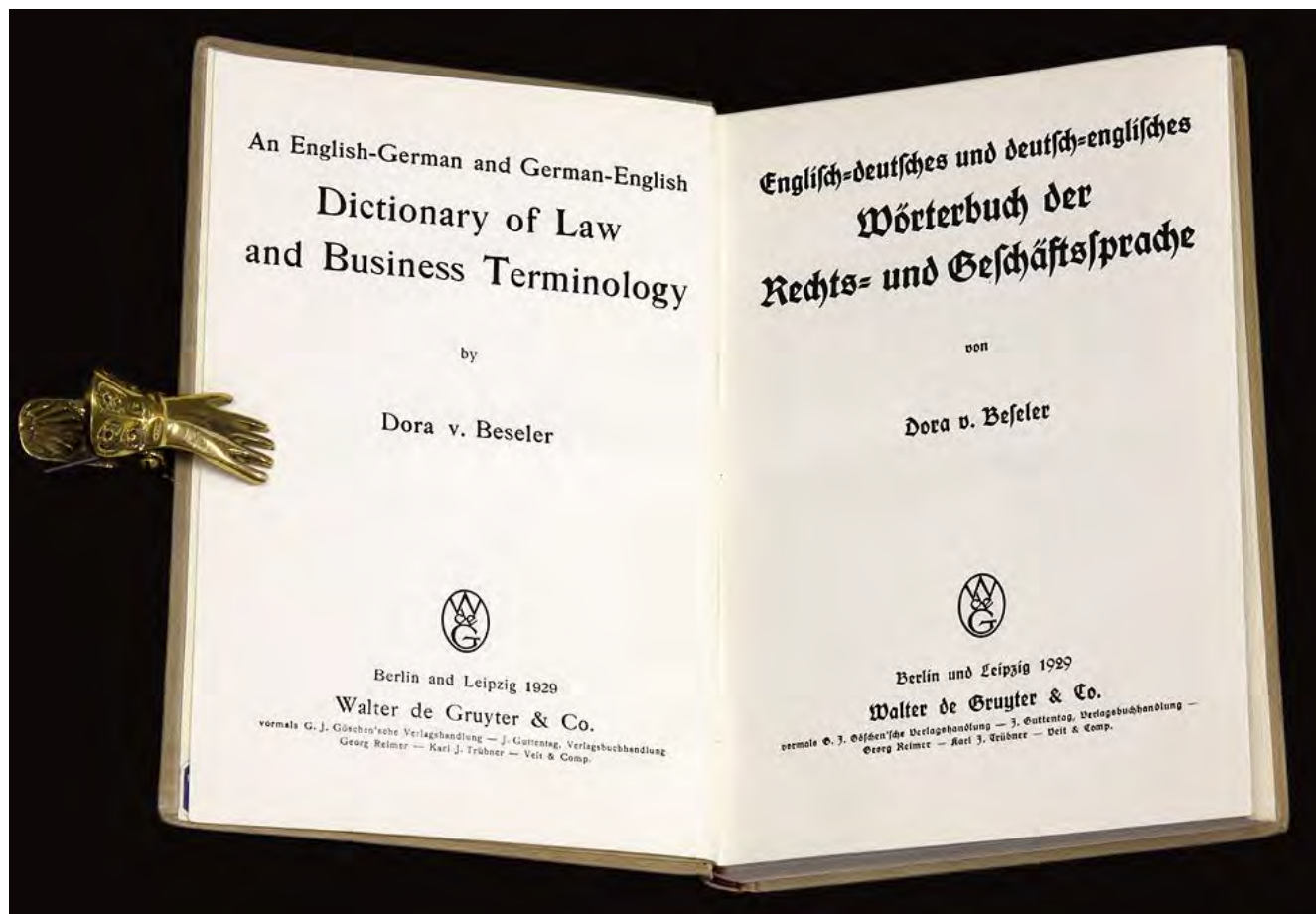
**Rare 1898 Glossary of Terms in the Constitution of Bolivia**

**3. Barrios, Claudio Q.**

*Diccionario de la Constitucion Politica de Bolivia.* [La Paz: Imprenta y Lit. de "El Nacional," 1898]. [iv], v, 63, xiv pp. Quarto (8" x 5-3/4").

Stab-stitched pamphlet, wrappers not present, bound into later buckram, lettering piece to spine, hinges reinforced with cloth. Some soiling and shelfwear, front joint partially cracked, rear joint just starting at head, small chip to head of half-title, a few cracks to text block. Light toning to text, internally clean. Ex-library. Location label to spine, stamps and annotations to half-title. \$500.

\* Only edition. This is a glossary and index of terms in Bolivia's 1880 Constitution, which was replaced in 1938. Each entry has a brief definition and a reference to the relevant article. This appears to be a rare title. OCLC locates 1 copy (at the University of Pennsylvania Law School). We located another copy at the Library of Congress Not in the *British Museum Catalogue*. [Order This Item](#)



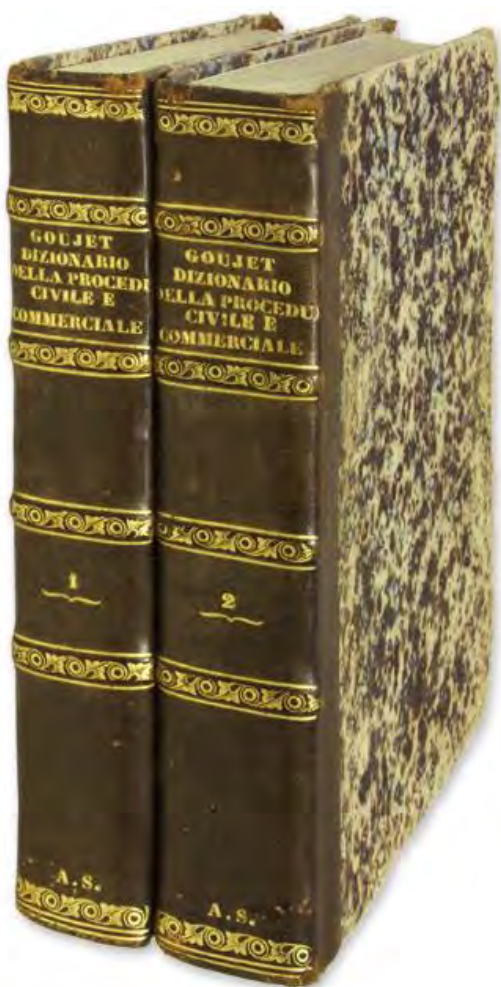
**Weimar-Era  
German-English Law and Business Dictionary**

**4. Beseler, Dora von.**

*An English-German and German-English Dictionary of Law and Business Terminology.* Berlin: Walter de Gruyter & Co., 1929. [vii], 223 [5] pp. Includes four-page publisher catalogue.

Original cloth, some shelfwear and soiling. Owner signature to front free endpaper, internally clean. \$65.

\* First edition. A dictionary published at the end of Weimar Germany's brief period of stability and prosperity. Other editions were published in 1947, 1971, 1975, 1976 and 1986. [Order This Item](#)



### Dictionary of Civil Procedure and Commercial Law

#### 5. Bioche, [Charles-Jules-Armand].

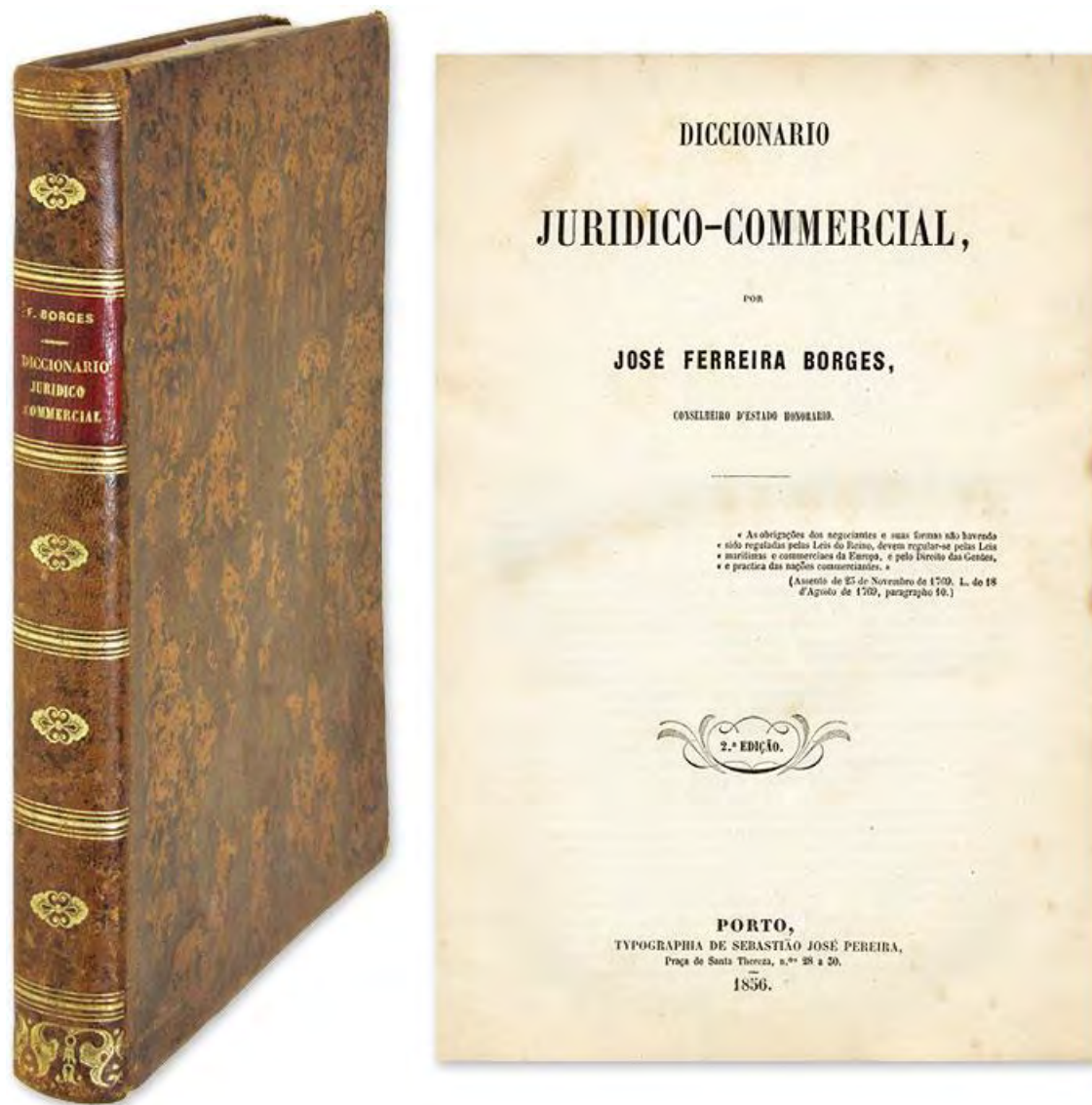
#### Goujet, [Charles].

*Dizionario Generale Ragionato Della Procedura Civile E Commerciale Contenente 1. L'Insieme Delle Regole Sulla Procedura 2. Il Reassunto Delle Opinioni di Tutti Gli Autori. 3. La Giurisprudenza Pin' Recente Intorno a Tutte le Quistioni. 4. I Modelli De Atti Sopra Ciascun Articolo Delle Codice con la Indicazione del Coste di Essi. Con Aggiunta di una Raccolta di Tutte le Leggi Speciali Che Completano O Emendano Il Codice di Procedura e di una Tavola di Paragone con Gli Articoli del Codice. Edizione Accresciuta dalla Legislatzione e Dalla Giurisprudenza del Belgio. Recato Italiano da una Societa' di Avvocati del Foro Napolitano con Annotazione e Confronto Degli Leggi Nostre con Quelle di Francia.* Naples: Tipografia All'Insegna del Salvator Rosa, 1840. Two volumes. vi, 759; 877 pp. Main text in parallel columns. Quarto (10" x 7").

Contemporary quarter calf over marbled boards, raised bands and gilt titles to spines. Light rubbing to extremities, corners bumped and somewhat worn, interiors notably fresh. A handsome set. \$650.

\* First Italian edition. This comprehensive dictionary devoted to civil procedure and commercial law was originally published in Paris in 1834-35. It went through several editions during the nineteenth century. Versions were produced for France, Belgium and the Kingdom of the Two Sicilies, which had a legal system founded on the Code Napoleon. 2 copies located in North America, 1 of this edition (at SMU Law School). This edition not in the *British Museum Catalogue*.

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**Final Edition of a Rare Portuguese Commercial Law Dictionary**

**6. Borges, Jose Ferreira [1786-1838].**

*Diccionario Juridico-Commercial.* Porto: Typographia de S.J. Pereira, 1856. viii, 423 pp. Main text in parallel columns. Quarto (8-1/2" x 6").

Contemporary sheep treated to resemble tree calf, lettering piece, gilt fillets and ornaments to spine, marbled endpapers. Light rubbing to extremities, front hinge cracked, bookseller ticket to front pastedown. Some toning to text, light foxing and negligible dampstaining in places. An attractive copy. \$350.

\* Reissue of the second and final edition (1840). A highly regarded dictionary dealing with commercial law, commerce and political economy. According to the preface, it was intended to be a companion to the author's *Codigo Commercial Portuguez* (1836). It was originally published in 1839. Both editions of this dictionary are rare. OCLC locates 2 copies of the first in North American law libraries (Harvard, UC-Berkeley), 1 of the second (at the Library of Congress). *Catalogo da Livraria de Azevedo-Samodães* 1204. [Order This Item](#)



With a Section on "The Whole Terms of the Law"

7. Botley, Samuel [1642-1696?].

Rich, Jeremiah [d.ca. 1660].

*Maximum in Minimo, Or, Mr. Jeremiah Richs Pens Dexterity Compleated With the Whole Terms of the Law.* London: Printed for John Man, [c.1690]. 31 ff. Content on facing leaves. Two copperplate portrait frontispieces. Octavo (7" x 4-1/2").

Contemporary wrappers bound into later library buckram, gilt title to spine. Some rubbing to extremities with light wear to corners, chipping to spine ends, front joint and hinge partially cracked, library bookplates to front pastedown. Copperplate title page with architectural border, copperplate leaves, all with vignettes. Moderate toning, some foxing to text, light edgewear to preliminaries and final few leaves, embossed library stamp to foot of first frontispiece, later annotation to its verso, other library stamps to verso of title page. A solid copy of a scarce title. \$850.

\* Rich was an English stenographer who published a series of manuals on shorthand writing based on the work of his uncle, William Cartwright. First published in 1659, *The Penns Dexterity Compleated* is the definitive exposition of the Cartwright-Rich system. It was a popular work that went through 20 editions by 1792. Illustrated throughout with religious figures and symbols, Botley's attractive edition has a section on "the whole terms of the law." There were five editions of Botley's work, but their publication dates are not clear. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R24215. [Order This Item](#)





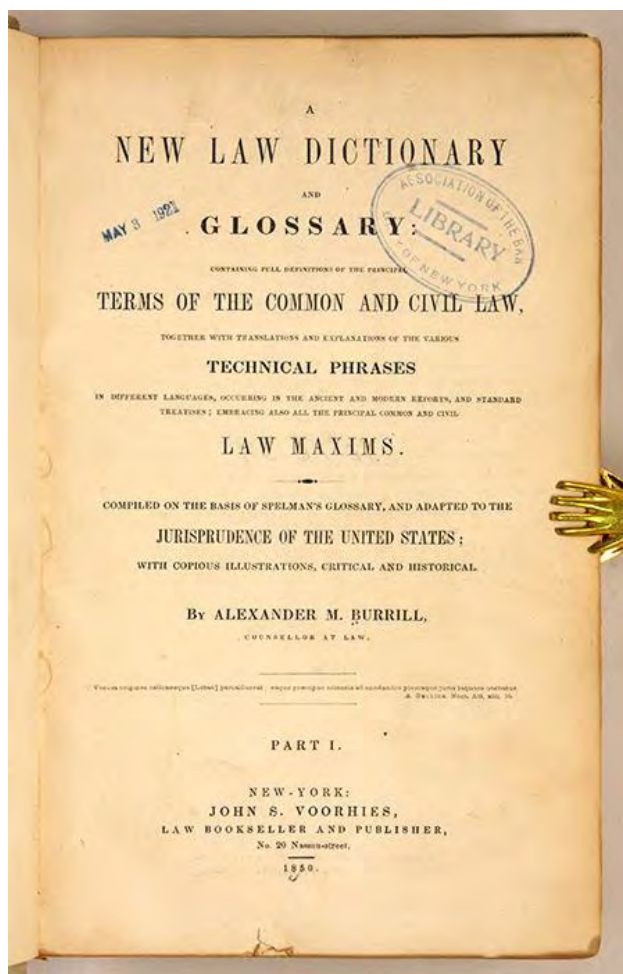
**A Curious Hybrid of Encyclopedia, Treatise and Reform Tract**

**8. [Bretonnier, Barthelemy-Joseph (1656-1727)].**

*Recueil Par Ordre Alphabetique des Principales Questions de Droit, Qui se Jugent Diversement dans les Differens Tribunaux du Royaume. Avec des Reflexions pour Concilier la Diversite de la Jurisprudence, & la Rendre Uniforme dans tous les Tribunaux.* Paris: Chez Emery, 1718. lxxii, 463, [18] pp. Octavo (6-1/2" x 3-3/4").

Contemporary sheep, gilt spine with raised bands and lettering piece, edges rouged. Moderate rubbing to extremities with wear to spine ends and corners, joints starting at ends. Woodcut head and tail-pieces. Some toning to text. Early annotations to verso of front free endpaper, two early struck-through signatures to title page, interior otherwise clean. \$350.

\* First edition. Organized alphabetically, this guide to French law and judicial administration is an encyclopedia, a treatise and a reform tract. As the title indicates, it outlines different jurisdictions in order to advance an argument for a comprehensive uniform court system. The "questions" relate, for the most part, to tricky aspects of family law. Some of the topics it covers are the marriage of wives of absent husbands, dowries, bastards, the passing on of jewelry, the marriage of minors, second marriages, subrogation, wills, and wards. Bretonnier was an avocat of the Paris Parlement. First published in 1718, his treatise went through five editions, the final appearing in 1783. All are scarce in North America. OCLC locates 3 copies of the first edition in North American law libraries (Emory, Harvard, University of Michigan). This edition not in Camus. [Order This Item](#)



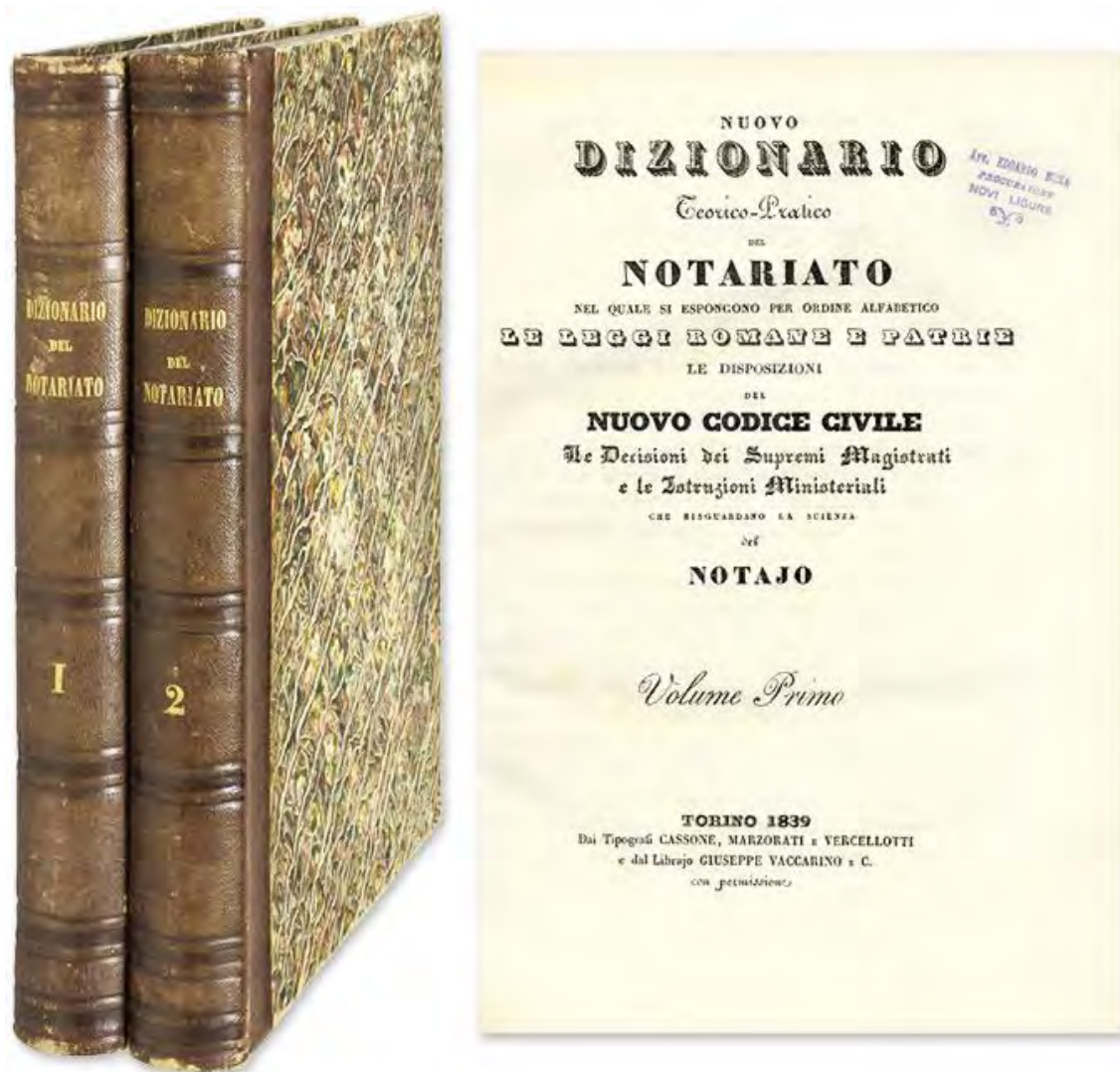
### First Edition of Burrill's Dictionary

#### 9. Burrill, Alexander M. [1807-1869].

*A New Law Dictionary and Glossary: Containing Full Definitions of the Principal Terms of the Common and Civil Law, Together With Translations and Explanations of the Various Technical Phrases in Different Languages, Occurring in the Ancient and Modern Reports, and Standard Treatises; Embracing Also All the Principal Common and Civil Law Maxims. Compiled on the Basis of Spelman's Glossary, and Adapted to the Jurisprudence of the United States; With Copious Illustrations, Critical and Historical.* New York: John S. Voorhies, 1850-1851. Two volumes. xviii, 552; [ii], 553-1099, [1] pp. Main text in parallel columns. Octavo (10" x 6-1/2").

Later cloth, red and black lettering pieces to spines. Light soiling, some rubbing to extremities, corners bumped, some chipping to edges of lettering pieces. Moderate toning to text, chipping to edges of some leaves. Ex-library. Location labels to spines, bookplates to front pastedowns, inkstamps to title pages, annotations to versos, tiny date stamps to rear pastedowns. \$750.

\* First edition. Burrill, a graduate of Columbia College who studied with James Kent, enjoyed a high reputation as a scholarly legal writer. The *Dictionary of American Biography* describes this dictionary as "a work of very high standard, which at once took its place as perhaps the best book of its kind so far produced. All his books were distinguished for their graceful style and a scholarly precision and finish which earned the unstinted commendation of the judiciary. In addition, their accuracy of statement and definition was fully recognized at the time by the profession at large.": *Dictionary of American Biography* 2:325. Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 5442. [Order This Item](#)



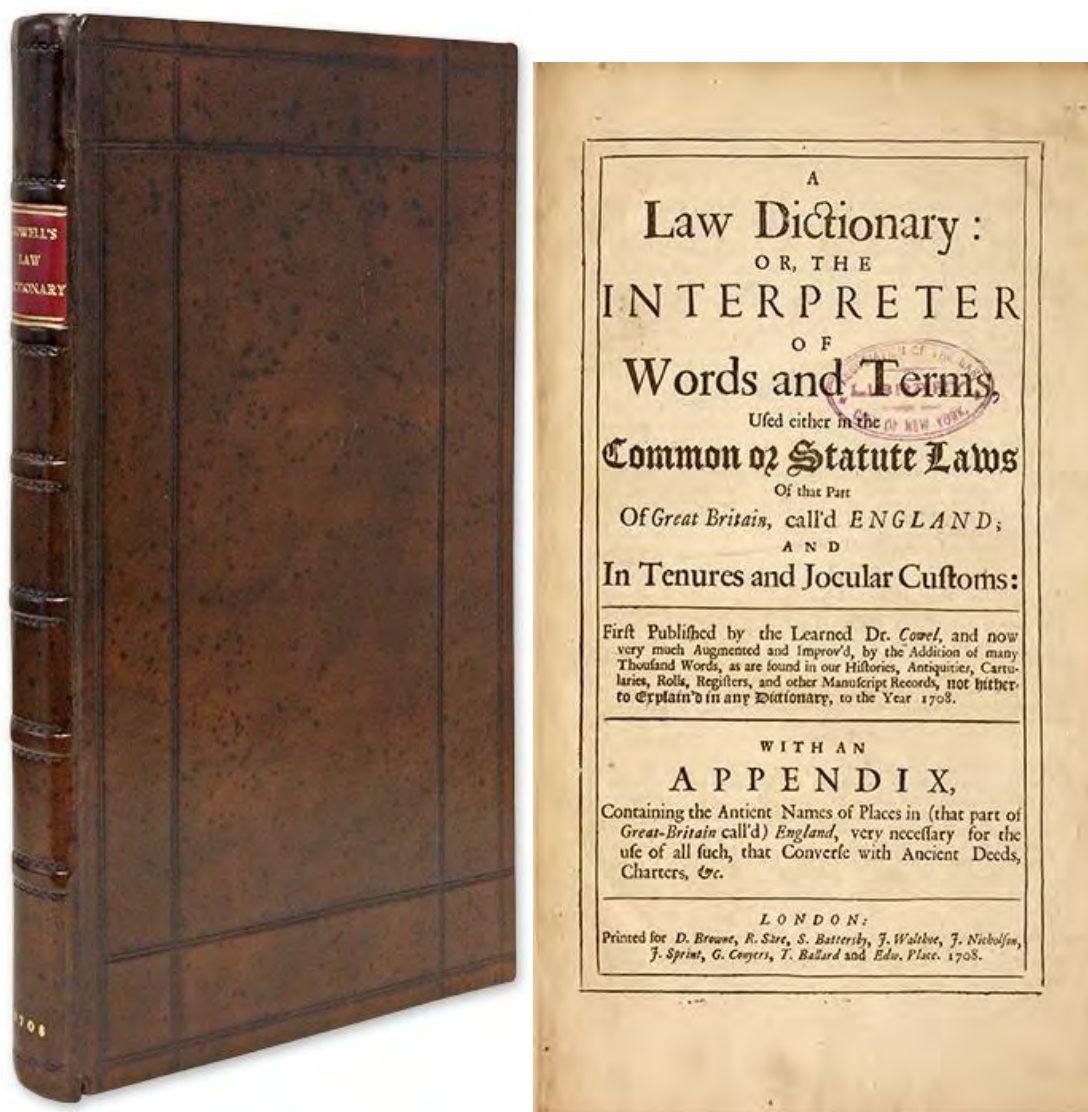
### Rare Dictionary for Notaries in the Kingdom of Piedmont-Sardinia

#### 10. [Calza, Giovanni].

*Nuovo Dizionario Teorico-Pratico del Notariato nel Quale si Espongono per Ordine Alfabetico le Leggi Romane e Patrie le Disposizioni del Nuovo Codice Civile, Le Decisioni dei Supremi Magistrati e le Istruzioni Ministeriali che Risguardano la Scienza del Notajo.* Turin: Dai Tipografi Cassone, Marzorati e Vercellotti, 1839. Two volumes. [iv], 8, 511, [1]; 519, [1] pp. Main text in parallel columns. Quarto (10" x 7").

Contemporary quarter morocco over marbled boards, gilt titles and volume numbers to spines, speckled edges. Some rubbing to boards and extremities with wear to corners. Interior has light to moderate toning and light foxing in places. Early owner stamp to title pages, interior otherwise clean. \$1,250.

\* Only edition. With indexes. Encyclopedic in scope, this is a reference for notaries in the Kingdom of Sardinia (Piedmont-Sardinia). The entries are quite detailed; several entries have sub-divisions and many contain cross-references. A Sardinian notary was an important legal officer with a role analogous to a present-day English solicitor. The Kingdom of Sardinia led the Risorgimento and its legal system was adopted by the states that comprise present-day Italy. One copy found on OCLC (at UC-Berkeley Law Library). Not in the *British Museum Catalogue*. [Order This Item](#)



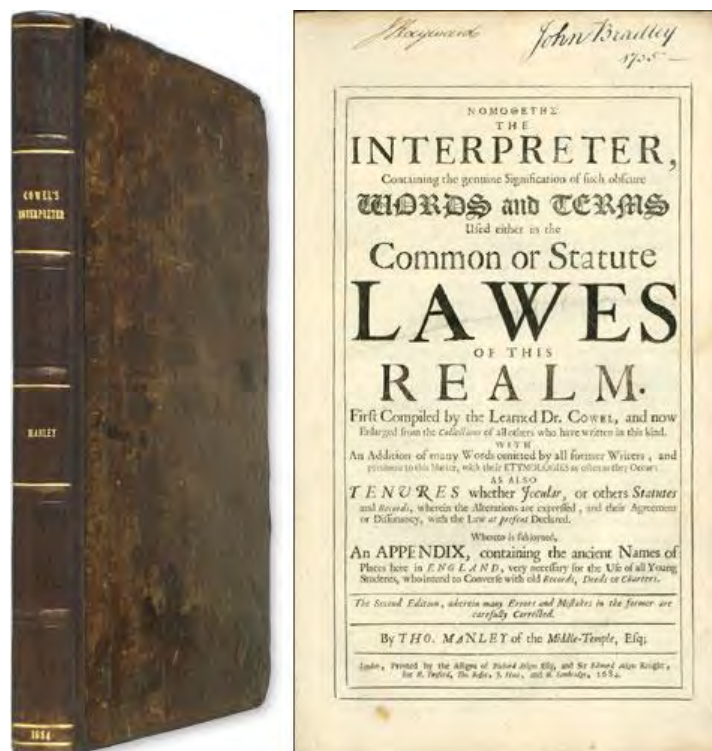
Fine Copy of the 1708 Edition of Cowell's Law Dictionary

**11. Cowel[1], John.  
[Kennett, White, Editor].**

*A Law Dictionary: Or, the Interpreter of Words and Terms, Used Either in the Common or Statute Laws of That Part of Great Britain, Call'd England; and In Tenures and Jocular Customs.* London: B. Browne, R. Sare [et al.], 1708. [352] pp. Main text printed in parallel columns. Title page preceded by one-leaf publisher catalogue. Folio (12-1/2" x 8").

Recent period-style sprinkled calf, blind rules to board raised bands and lettering piece to spine endpapers renewed. Title page and text printed within ruled borders. Moderate toning, somewhat heavier in places, light foxing to a few leaves, light edgewear and a few minor chips to edges of preliminaries, tiny hole to center of leaf with publisher catalogue, early and later annotations to (blank) recto of that leaf, small library stamp to title page. An attractive copy.  
\$750.

\* Penultimate edition of a work first published in 1607, edited and enlarged, presumable by Kennett. White added a preface that attacked Cowell's detractors. Later law lexicographers of the following century found Cowell's work essential. *Dictionary of National Biography* IV: 1300. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T132902. [Order This Item](#)



1684 *Interpreter*, The Second Edition by Manley

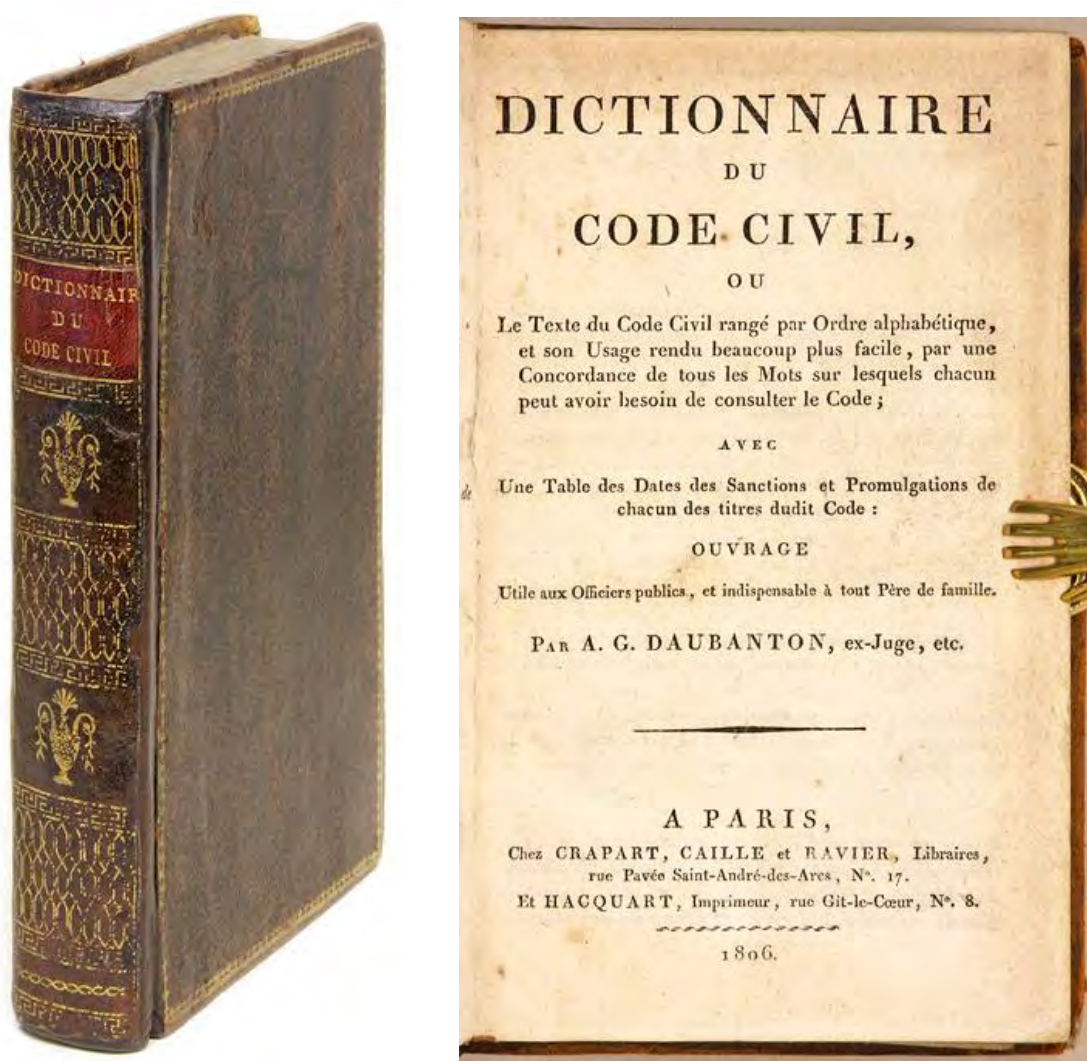
12. Cowel[1], John [1554-1611].

[Manley, Thomas (1628-1690), Editor].

NOMOTHETAS. *The Interpreter, Containing the Genuine Signification of Such Obscure Words and Terms Used Either in the Common or Statute Laws of this Realm. First Compiled by the Learned Dr. Cowel, and Now Enlarged from the Collections of All Others Who Have Written in This Kind. With an Addition of Many Words Omitted by All Former Writers, and Pertinent to This Matter, with Their Etymologies as Often as They Occur: As Also Tenures Whether Jocular, or Others Statutes and Records, Wherein the Alterations are Expressed, and their Agreement or Dissonancy, with the Law at Present Declared. Whereto is Subjoyned, An Appendix, containing the Ancient Names of Places Here in England, Very Necessary for the Use of All Young Students, Who Intend to Converse with Old Records, Deeds or Charters. The Second Edition, Wherein Many Errors and Mistakes in the Former are Carefully Corrected.* London: Printed by the Assigns of Richard Atkins Esq., 1684. [294] pp. Folio (12-1/2" x 7-1/2").

Contemporary calf, rebaked in period style with gilt titles and gilt-edges raised bands, endpapers renewed. Some rubbing and a few scuffs, moderate wear to edges and corners, upper corner of rear board repaired. Some wear to margins of endleaves, early signatures to margin of title page, interior otherwise remarkably fresh. A desirable copy. \$450.

\* Fifth edition, second Manley edition. *The Interpreter* was considered to be the best law dictionary until Jacob's, and was, and still is, used by scholars of early English legal texts. (This is especially true of this and other later editions.) Indeed, Walker describes Cowell as "reputed the most learned civilian of his time." But its publication was not without controversy. At a time when Parliament and crown were vying for power, the Commons disapproved of Cowell's monarchical orientation, which was evident in such definitions as "King," "Parliament," "Prerogative," "Recoveries," and "Subsidies." When a joint committee of lords and councilors reviewed the work, the ensuing controversy nearly halted the affairs of government. James I intervened in fear that his own fiscal interests would not be approved by Parliament, and ordered a proclamation that imprisoned Cowell, suppressed the book and ordered all copies burned by a public hangman on March 10, 1610. Moreover, *The Interpreter* contained a quotation that criticized Littleton's scholarship, which angered Coke. It comes as no surprise that he was instrumental in the book's suppression and in Cowell's persecution. Cowley, *A Bibliography of Abridgments, Digest, Dictionaries and Indexes to the Year 1800* 175. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R634. [Order This Item](#)



A Dictionary and Digest of the Code Napoleon

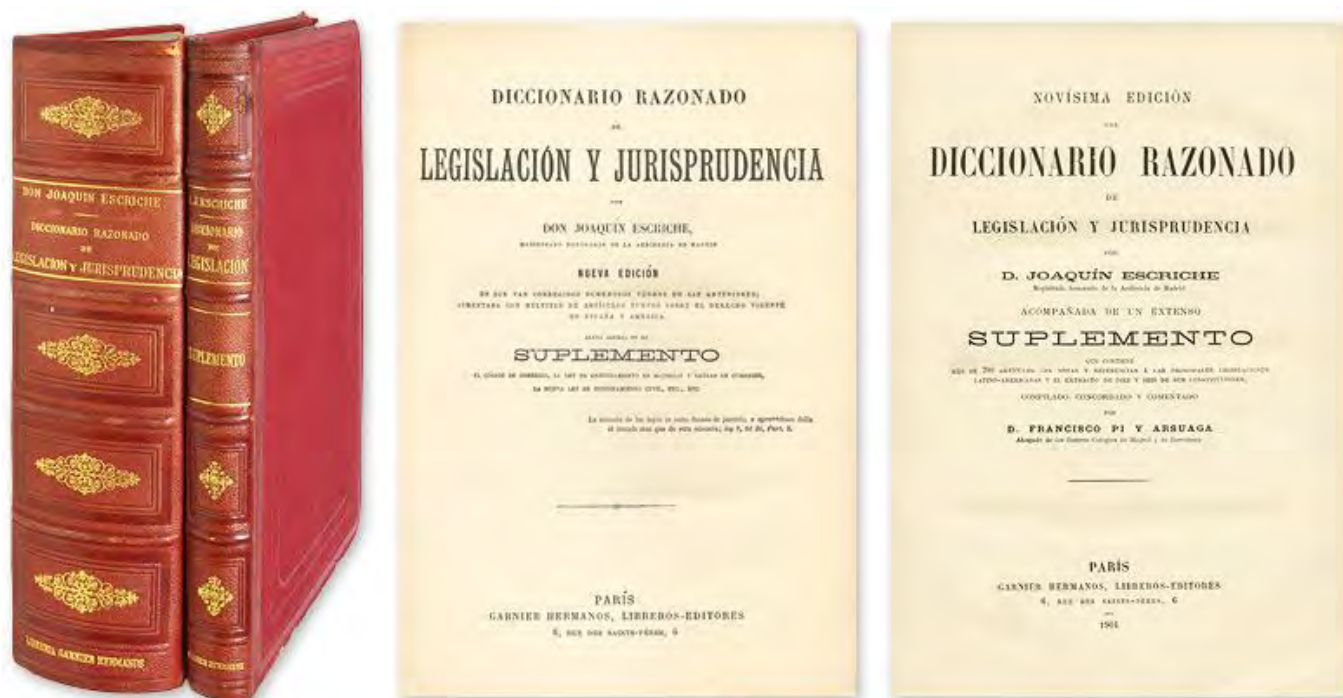
**13. Daubanton, A[ntoine]-G[regoire] [1752-1813].**

*Dictionnaire du Code Civil, Ou, Le Texte du Code Civil Rangé par Ordre Alphabétique, Et son Usage Rendu Beaucoup plus Facile, Par une Concordance de Tous les Mots sur Lesquels Chacun peut Avoir Besoin de Consulter le Code; Avec une Table des Dates des Sanctions et Promulgations de Chacun des Titres Dudit Code: Ouvrage Utile aux Officiers Publics, Et Indispensable à tout Père de Famille.* Paris: Chez Crapart, Caille et Ravier, 1806. vi, 479 pp. Main text in parallel columns. Octavo (7-1/2" x 5-1/4").

Contemporary speckled calf, gilt fillets to boards, rebacked retaining existing spine with lettering piece and gilt ornaments, hinges mended. Moderate toning to text, some leaves have light foxing, light soiling to title page. A handsome copy of a rare title. \$950.

\* Only edition. This book was published two years after the enactment of the Code Napoleon. Intended to familiarize readers with the new code of laws, the book contains a comprehensive dictionary of its terms, each citing the appropriate paragraph. This is followed by a tabular outline summary of the code. This is a scarce title. OCLC locates 8 copies, 1 in North America, at the Library of Congress. Another copy located at George Washington University Law School.

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### Eminent Nineteenth-Century Spanish Law Dictionary

#### 14. Escriche, Joaquin [1784-1847].

*Diccionario Razonado de Legislacion y Jurisprudencia. Nueva Edicion en que van Corregidos Numerosos Yerrores de las Anteriores; Aumentada con Multitud de Articulos Nuevos Sobre el Derecho Vigente en Espana y America. Lleva Ademas en un Suplemento el Codice Comercio, La Ley de Enjuiciamiento en Materias y Causas de Comercio, La Nueva Ley de Enjuiciamiento Civil, Etc., Etc.* Paris: Garnier Hermanos, [1901]. vii, 1787 pp. Main text in parallel columns.

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**Escriche, Joaquin.**

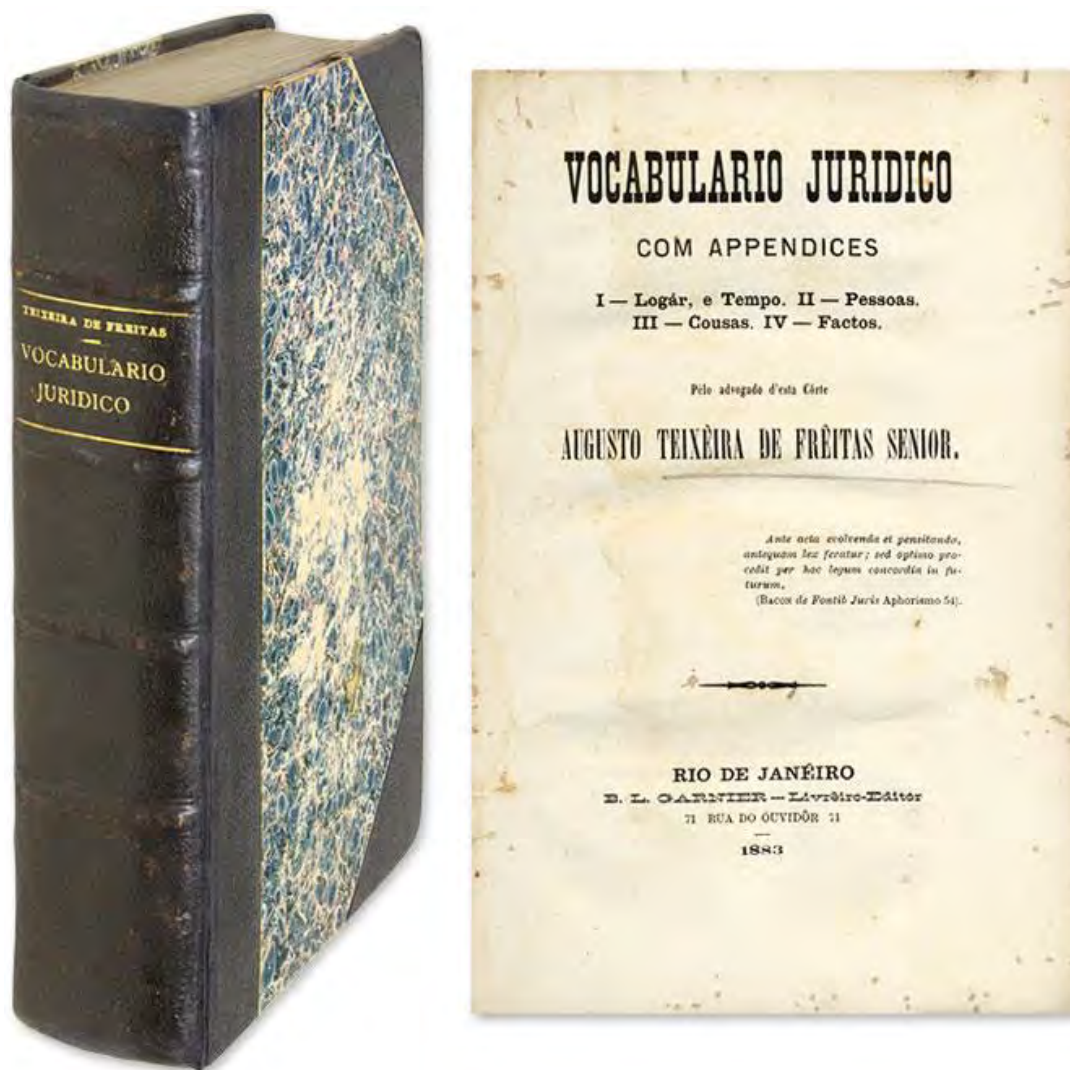
**Pi y Arsuaga, Francisco, Editor.**

*Novisima Edicion del Diccionario Razonado de Legislacion y Jurisprudencia. Acompanada de un Extenso Suplemento que Contiene mas de 700 Articulos con Notas y Referencias a las Principales Legislaciones Latino-Americanas y el Extracto de Diez y Seis de Sus Constituciones, Compilado, Concordado y Comentado por D. Francisco Pi y Arsuaga.* Paris: Garnier Hermanos, 1901. viii, 500 pp. Main text in parallel columns.

Uniform contemporary quarter calf over pebbled cloth, blind frames to boards, raised bands, gilt titles and gilt ornaments to spines, marbled endpapers. Light rubbing to extremities with minor wear, crack in text block between front free endpaper and title page. Toning and occasional light browning to text, early owner signature to front free endpaper of *Diccionario*, interior otherwise clean. \$500.

\* First published in 1831, this eminent dictionary went through several editions in the nineteenth century and reached its latest edition in 1998. Along with imprints issued in Madrid and Paris were several issued by Latin American publishers in Mexico City, Caracas, Valparaiso, Santiago and Bogota. It is a comprehensive work with lengthy descriptions. The *Diccionario* has an appendix that compares the Spanish constitutions of 1869 and 1876. As their titles indicate, our volumes have supplemental material about Latin America. All editions are scarce. OCLC locates 2 copies identical to ours, one in North America (at the University of Michigan Law School). These editions not in the *British Museum Catalogue*.

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### Rare Nineteenth-Century Brazilian Law Dictionary

#### 15. Freitas, Augusto Teixeira de [1816-1883], Compiler.

*Vocabulario Juridico: Com Appendices. I-Logar, E Tempo. II-Pessoas. III-Cousas. IV-Factos.* Rio de Janeiro: B.L. Garnier, 1883. viii, 771 pp. Octavo (9" x 5-1/2").

Contemporary three-quarter morocco over marbled boards, rebacked retaining original spine with raised bands and gilt title, hinges mended. Some rubbing to extremities, corners bumped. Toning, faint dampstaining and some worming to first few and final signatures, several leaves repaired, legibility not affected, internally clean. A solid copy of a rare title. \$950.

\* Only edition. This dictionary appeared near the end of the Empire Era (1825-1889) and is thus a useful tool for the study of the legal system of that time. Freitas was a prominent Brazilian jurist and state official. An industrious scholar, he composed the first systematic compilation of Brazilian civil law and produced a draft *Esboço de Código Civil* (1860-64). He never finished it, but it was nonetheless a pioneering work that served as the basis for codifications in Brazil, Argentina and other South American nations. OCLC locates three copies of the *Vocabulario* in North American law libraries (Library of Congress, SMU and the University of Pennsylvania). We located another copy at UC-Berkeley Law School. Not in the *British Museum Catalogue*. [Order This Item](#)





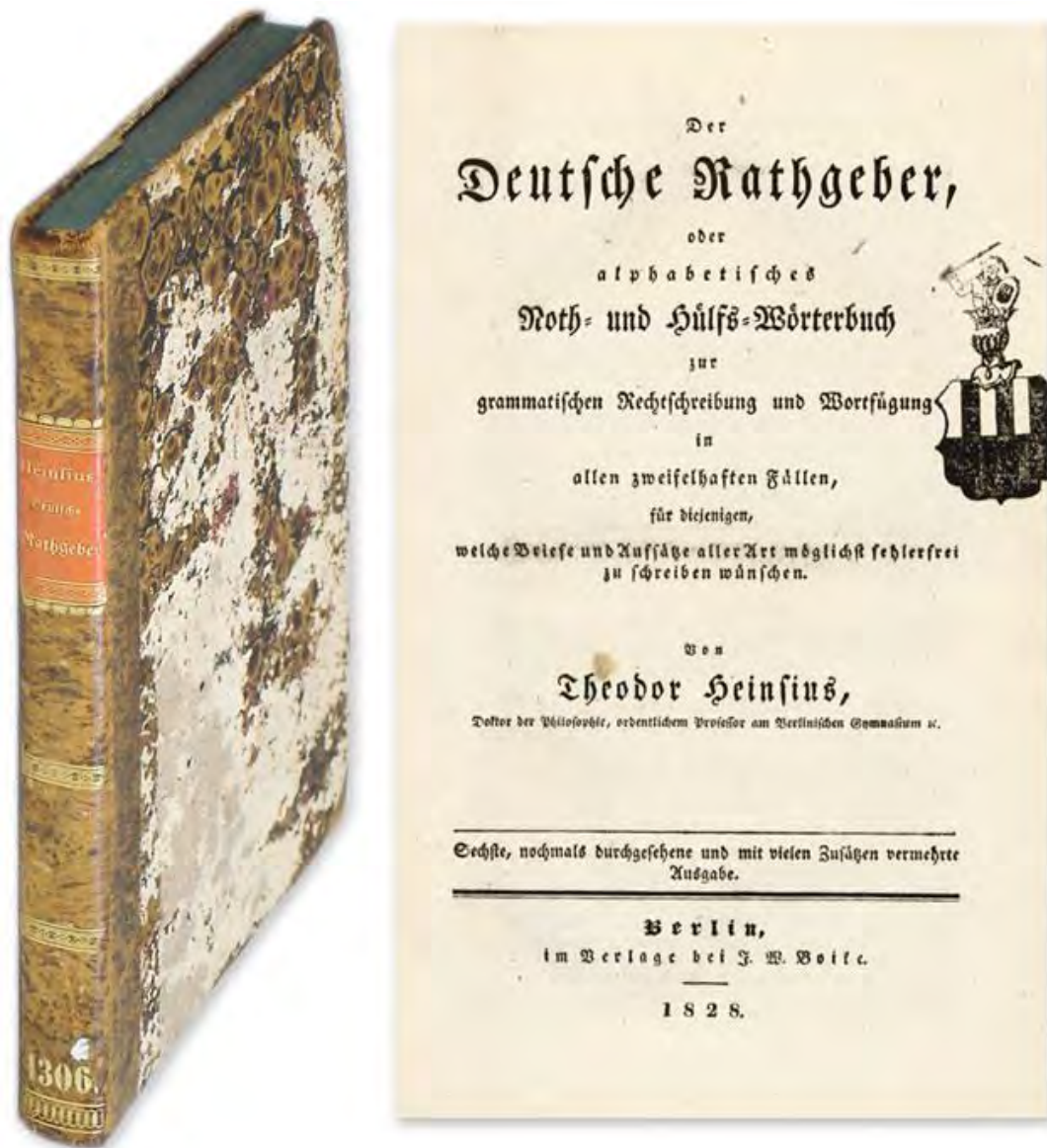
Sixteenth-Century Edition of Three Classic Legal Reference Works

**16. Haloander, Gregor [1501-1531], Editor.  
[Wernherus of Schussenried (15th. C.).  
[Azo, Portius (fl. 1150-1230)].**

*Modus Legendi Abbreviaturas in Utroque Iure tam Civili Quam Pontifico Occurrentes, Nunc Recens Diligentius quam Antehac Recognitus atque in Lucem Aeditus. Cui in Gratiam et Usus Iuris Candidatorum Recenti Studio Accessere Legum Flosculi, Nunc Demum Integritati Suae Restituti. Brocardica Iuris, Seu Verius Communes Iurium Sententia, Serie Alphabetica Digesta, & Repurgata.* Cologne: Apud Petrum Horst, 1577. 163 ff. Three parts with continuous pagination. Octavo (6" x 3-3/4").

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\* This book collects three important early legal reference works. First published around 1476, *Modus Legendi Abbreviaturas* is a dictionary of abbreviations compiled by the fifteenth-century jurist Wernherus of Schussenried. First published in 1497, *Flores Legum* is an anonymous collection of maxims arranged alphabetically. Attributed to Portius Azo, the *Brocardia Iuris* is a legal handbook. These three titles were often published together or bound together by owners. OCLC locates 6 copies of this imprint on North America, 2 in law libraries (Harvard, UT-Austin). *Verzeichnis der im Deutschen Sprachbereich Erschienenen Drucke des 16. Jahrhunderts* M5761. [Order This Item](#)



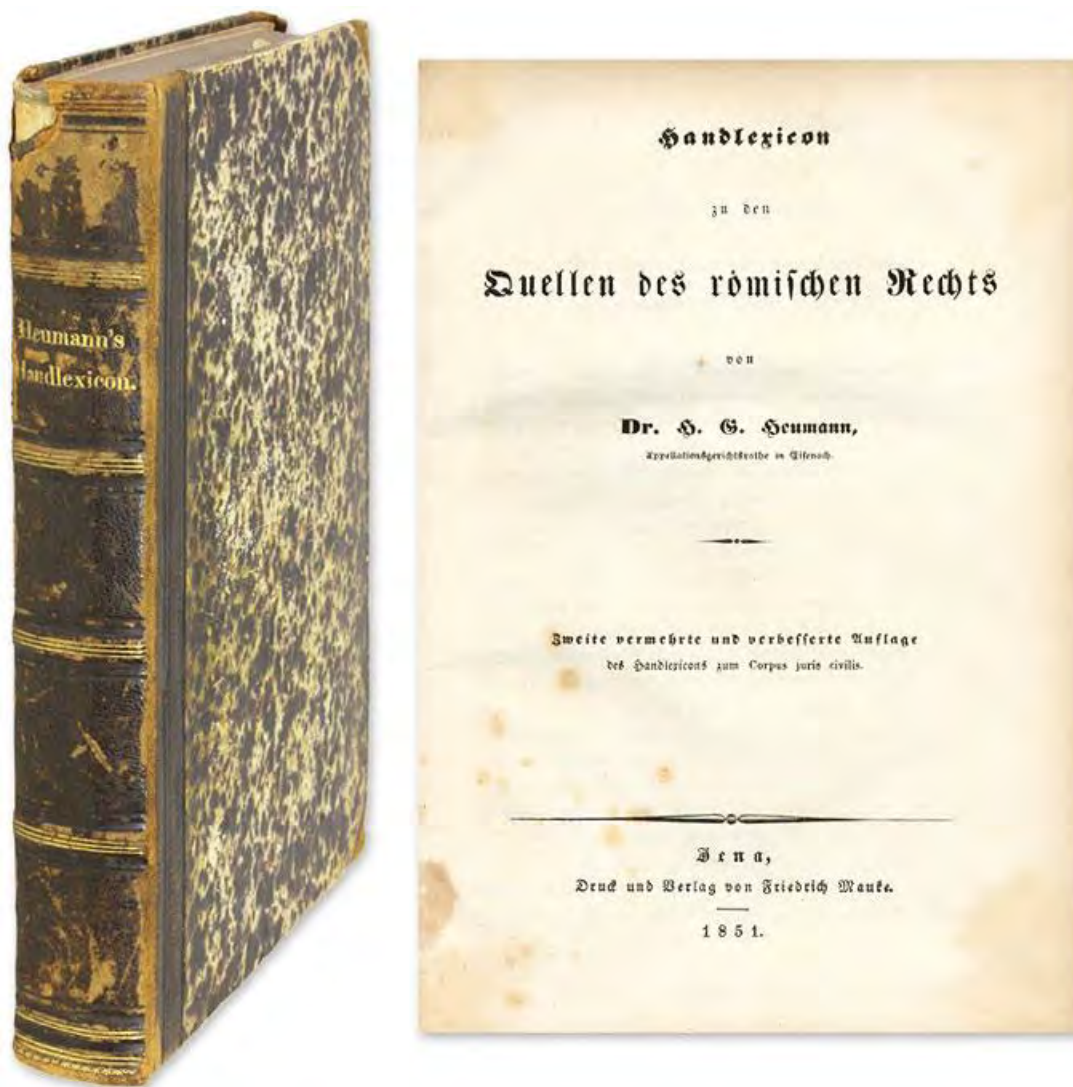
### Popular Nineteenth-Century German Style Manual and Dictionary

#### 17. Heinsius, [Otto Friedrich] Theodor [1770-1849].

*Der Deutsche Rathgeber, Oder Alphabetisches Noth- und Hilfs-Wörterbuch zur Grammatischen Rechtschreibung und Wortsugung in Allan Zweifelhafte Fallen, Fur Diejeniben, Welche Briefe und Aufsätze aller Ort Moglisch Fehlerfrei zu Schreiben Wunschen.* Berlin: Im Verlage bei J.W. Boise, 1828. [ii], 254. Octavo (8" x 5").

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\* Sixth edition, enlarged. *Der Deutsche Rathgeber* was a standard reference for lawyers, bureaucrats and other professionals. Both a style manual and dictionary, it is a useful resource when dealing with nineteenth-century German texts. Heinsius, a professor at the Berlin Gymnasium, wrote several books on German grammar and literature. *British Museum Catalogue* (Compact Edition) 11:1108. [Order This Item](#)



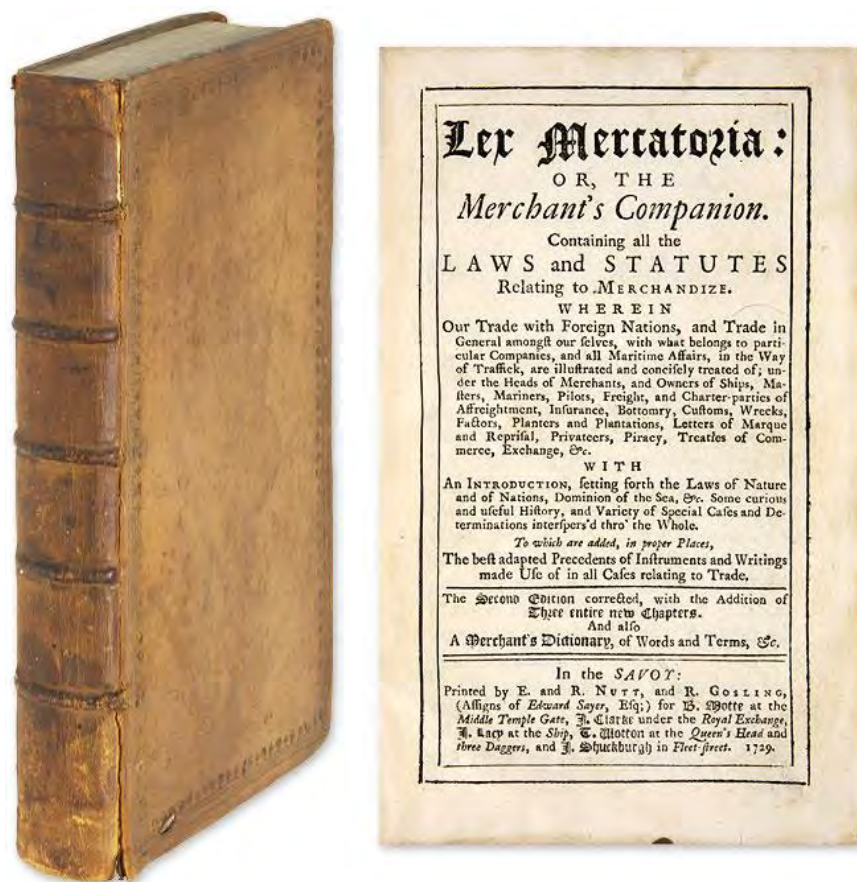
### Scarce German Dictionary of Roman Law Terms

#### 18. Heumann, [H]ermann [G]ottlieb.

*Handlexicon zum zu den Quellen des Römischen Rechts.* Jena: Druck und Verlag von Friedrich Mauke, 1851. [viii], 638, [1] pp. Main text in parallel columns. Octavo (8-1/2" x 6").

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\* Second edition, "expanded and corrected." This useful dictionary of terms in Roman law with references to passages in the *Corpus Juris Civilis* and other sources was first published in 1846 as *Handlexicon zum Corpus Juris Civilis: Nach den Quellen Bearbeitet*. The fourth and final edition was published in 1884. All are scarce, especially in North America. OCLC locates no copies of any edition in North America. This edition not in the *British Museum Catalogue*. [Order This Item](#)



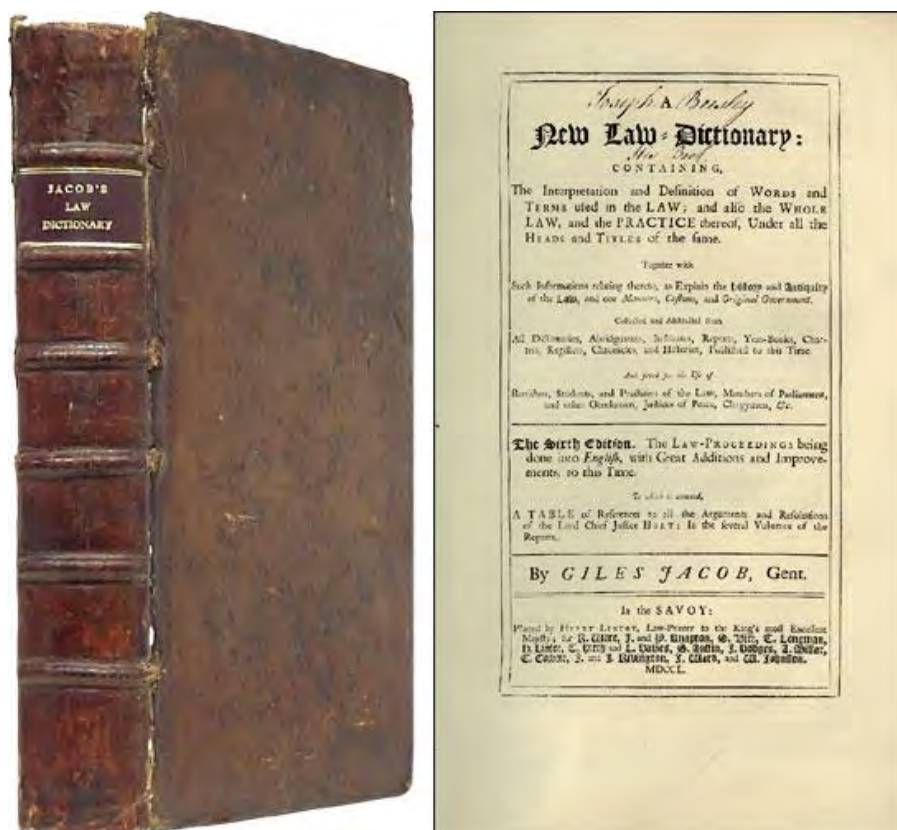
With A "Merchants's Dictionary of Words and Terms"

19. [Jacob, Giles (1686-1744)].

*Lex Mercatoria: Or, The Merchant's Companion. Containing all the Laws and Statutes Relating to Merchandize. Wherein Our Trade with Foreign Nations, and Trade in General Amongst Our Selves, With What Belongs to Particular Companies, And all Maritime Affairs, In the way of Traffick, Are Illustrated and Concisely Treated of; Under the Heads of Merchants, And Owners of Ships, Masters, Mariners, Pilots, Freight, and Charter-Parties of Affreightment, Insurance, Bottomry, Customs, Wrecks, Factors, Planters and Plantations, Letters of Marque and Reprisal, Privateers, Piracy, Treaties of Commerce, Exchange, &c. With an Introduction, Setting Forth the Laws of Nature and of Nations, Dominion of the Sea, &c. Some Curious and Useful History, And Variety of Special Cases and Determinations Interspers'd Thro' the Whole. To Which are Added, in Proper Places, The Best Adapted Precedents of Instruments and Writings Made Use of in All Cases Relating to Trade.* [London]: Printed by E. and R. Nutt [et al.] for B. Motte [et al.], 1729. [xii], 404, [12] pp. Octavo (7-1/2" x 5").

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\* Second and final edition, "Corrected, with the Addition of Three Entire New Chapters, And Also A Merchant's Dictionary, of Words and Terms, &c." Jacob, best-known for his *New Law-Dictionary*, was the most prolific English legal writer of the eighteenth century. Although he was interested in boosting sales by attracting the widest audience possible, Jacob was also an idealist who believed that widespread knowledge of the law would help create a more just society. This is the goal of *Lex Mercatoria* (1718) and several other publications, such as *Every Man His Own Lawyer* (1736) and *Treatise of Laws* (1721). Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 1:522 (46). *English Short-Title Catalogue* T137820. [Order This Item](#)



1750 Edition of Jacob's Seminal Dictionary

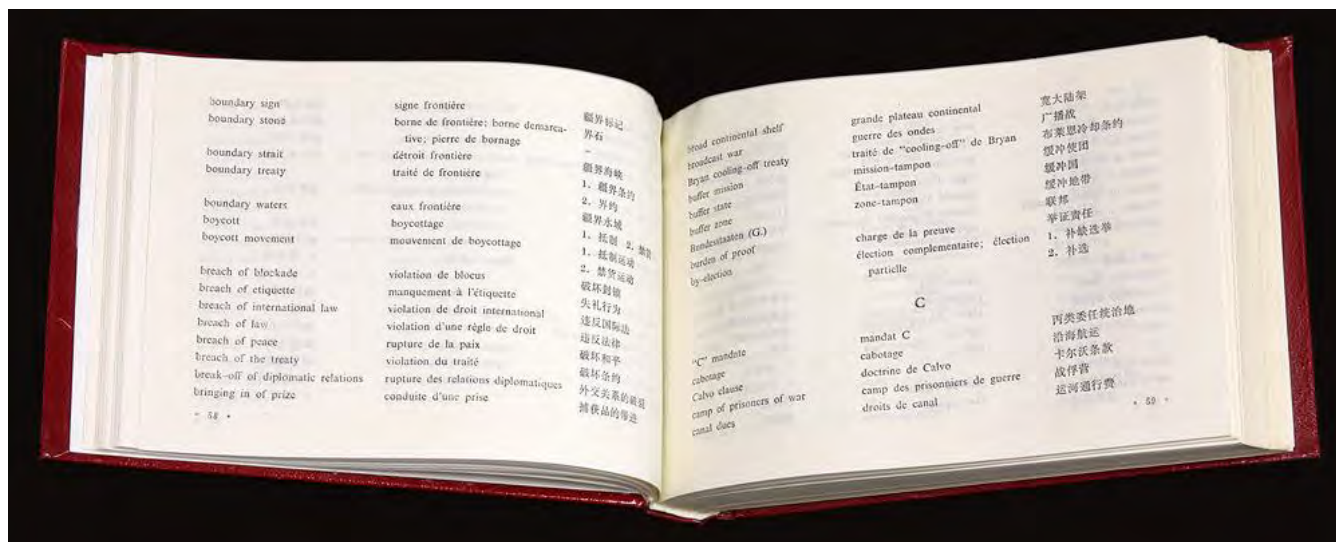
## 20. Jacob, Giles.

[Holt, Sir John (1642-1710)].

*A New Law-Dictionary: Containing, The Interpretation and Definition of Words and Terms used in the Law; and Also the Whole Law, and the Practice Thereof, Under All the Heads and Titles of the Same. Together With Such Informations Relating Thereto, as Explain the History and Antiquity of the Law, and Our Manners, Customs, and Original Government. Collected and Abstracted From All Dictionaries, Abridgments, Institutes, Reports, Year-Books, Charters, Registers, Chronicles, and Histories, Published to This Time. And Fitted for the Use of Barristers, Students, and Practisers of the Law, Members of Parliament, and Other Gentlemen, Justices of the Peaces, Clergymen, &c. The Law-Proceedings Being Done Into English, with Great Additions and Improvements to this Time. To Which is Annexed, a Table of References to All the Arguments and Resolutions of the Lord Chief Justice Holt; in the Several Volumes of the Reports.* London: Printed by Henry Lintot, 1750. Unpaginated. Printed in double columns. Folio (14" x 9").

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\* Sixth edition. According to Cowley, the *New Law-Dictionary* (First edition, 1729) was both Jacob's masterpiece and "an entirely new departure in legal literature" that provided a model for several subsequent efforts. In contrast to earlier works, each entry summarizes all of the laws relating to the subject and offers extensive interpretive commentary. Jacob was also careful to omit obsolete terms. It was recognized almost immediately that Jacob had created a highly useful legal encyclopedia that was both more detailed and concise than any other abridgment of the period. An extremely popular work that went through twelve editions by 1800, it offers unparalleled insights into Anglo-American law during the eighteenth century. Cowley, *A Bibliography of Abridgments, Digests, Dictionaries and Indexes to the Year 1800* xc-xci, 244. Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 1:9 (33). [Order This Item](#)



### Trilingual Dictionary of International Law

21. Jin, Guangming, Compiler.

Qipeng Li, Compiler.

*Ying Fa Han Guo Ji Fa Ci Dian/English, French, Chinese Dictionary of International Law*. Taipei Shi: Wu Zhou Chu Ban She, 1983. 543 pp.

Hardbound, spine ends and corners bumped, internally clean. \$65.

\* The terms are arranged in parallel columns. OCLC locates 7 copies. [Order This Item](#)



Appealing Copy of an Early Law Dictionary with an Interesting Association

22. [Jodocus of Erfurt].

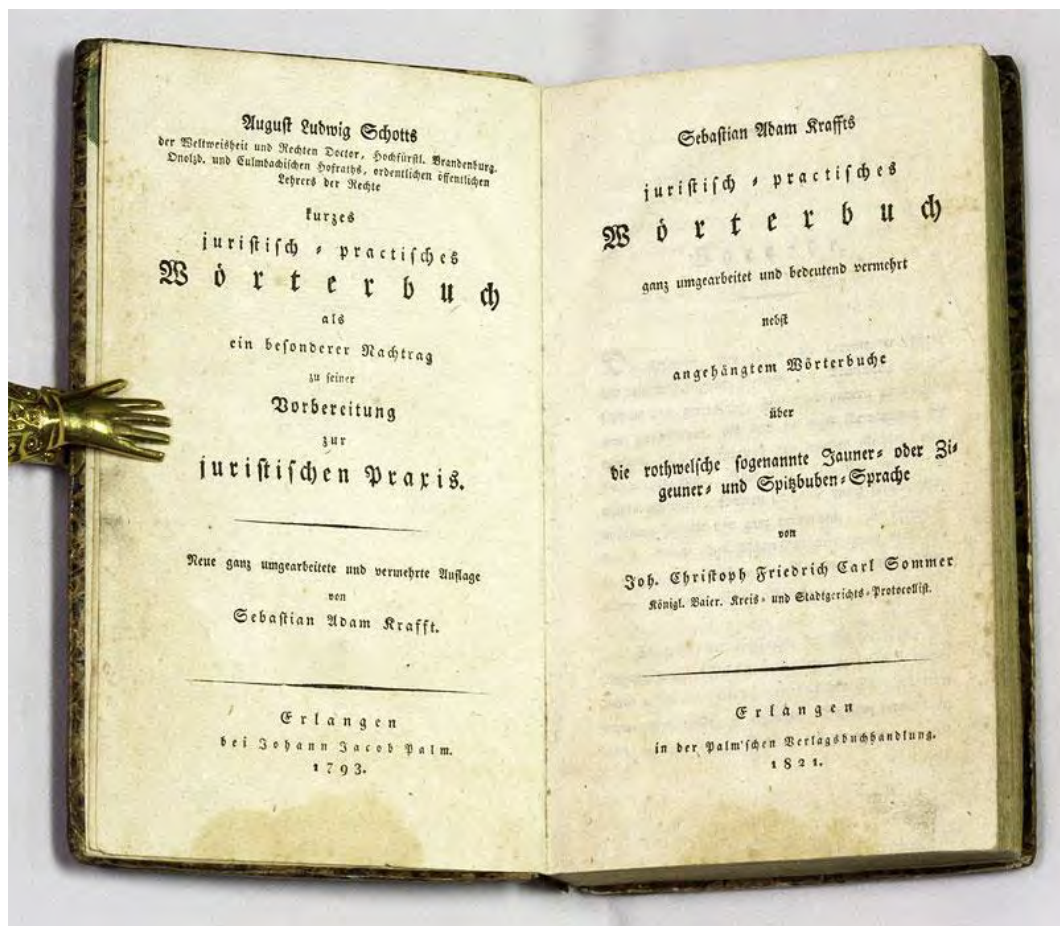
[Abericus de Rosate (1290-1360)].

[Caccialupe, Giovanni Battista].

*Vocabularius Utriusque Iuris Difficillimas Quasque Voces Iuxta Receptos Iuris Interpretes Edisserens. Nunc Demum Exactissima Cura Recognitus. Non Paucis Dictionibus, Ac Vocabulis Elegantissimis hac Ultima Impressione Locupletatus.* Venice: Apud Cominum de Tridino Montisferrati, 1564. 248 ff. Main text in parallel columns. Octavo (6" x 4").

Contemporary paneled vellum, raised bands to spine, ties lacking. Moderate soiling, minor worming to boards, corners bumped, endleaves lacking, hinges cracked, owner bookplate and annotation of Guido Kisch to front pastedown, small bookseller description of this book affixed below. Light toning to text, early owner signatures to title page. Shelf label to foot of spine and tiny inkstamp to title page (of the Carthusian monastery at Buxheim). An attractive copy with an interesting association. \$3,500.

\* A work of great authority, the *Vocabularius*, as it is popularly known, is attributed occasionally to Jodocus of Erfurt. A useful and highly respected reference, it was first published around 1474 in Basel and went through more than seventy editions over the following 150 years. (It had a second life as the first section of the 1559 edition of Elio Antonio de Nebrija's *Lexicon Juris Civilis*, a work that was reissued into the seventeenth century.) The main text is preceded by *Compendiolum de Ortographia*, a short essay on legal orthography by Albericus de Rosate. It is followed by *Tractatus de Modo Studendi*, a longer essay on legal study by Caccialupe. The dictionary was produced for laymen, but it was very popular with law students, which explains the appended essays that are common in all later editions. Kisch [1889-1985] was a prominent jurist and scholar who produced important works on humanism, Jewish law and history, German jurisprudence and the history of German-Jewish relations. OCLC locates 2 copies of this imprint (Harvard Law School, Indiana State University). *Censimento Nazionale delle Edizioni Italiane del XVI Secolo* CNCE24786. [Order This Item](#)



**Rare Nineteenth-Century German Dictionary of Criminal Slang**

**23. Krafft, Sebastian Adam.**

[Schott, August Ludwig].

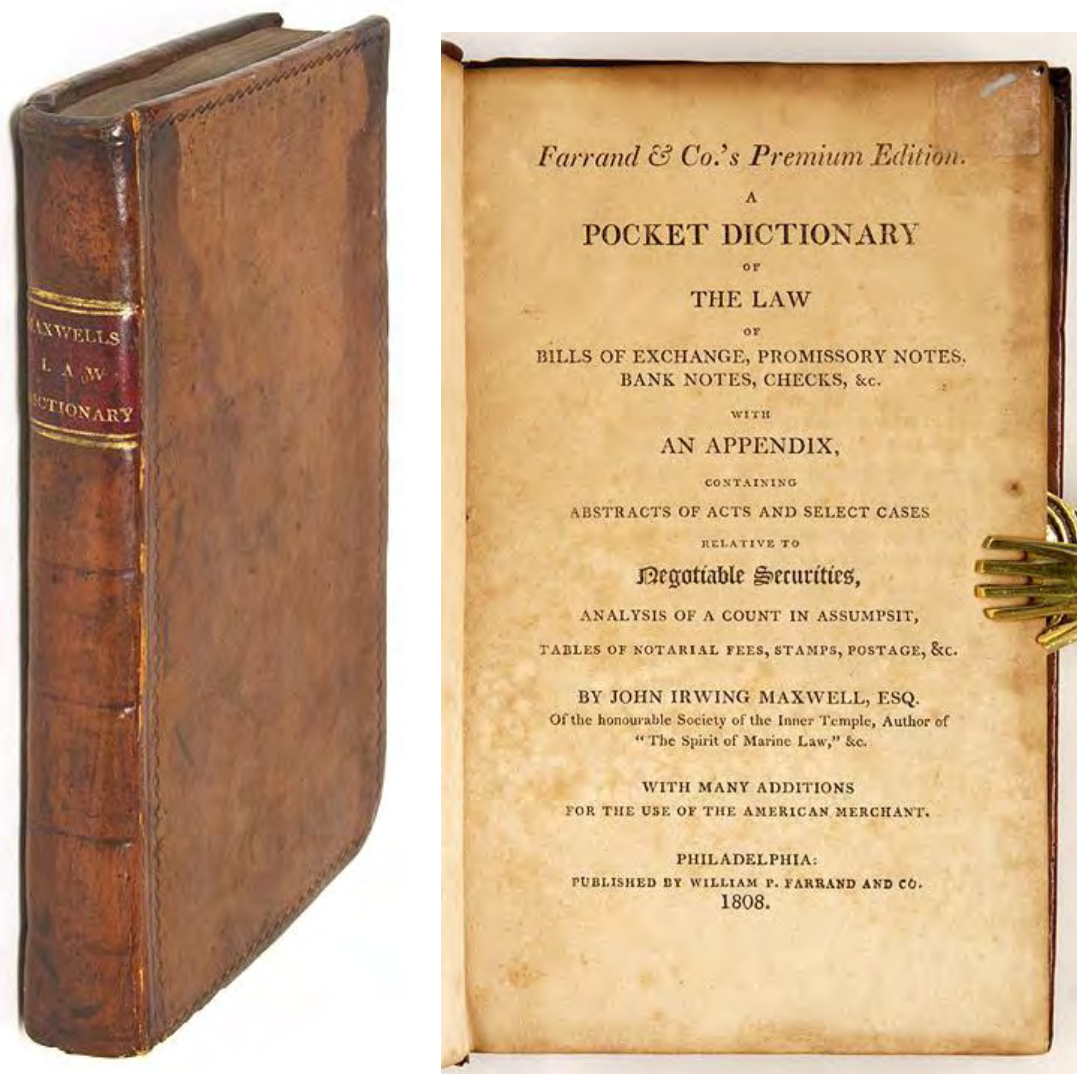
**Sommer, Johann Christoph Friedrich Carl, Editor.**

*Sebastian Adam Kraffts Juristisch-Practisches Wörterbuch, Ganz Umgearbeitet und Bedeutend Vermehrt Nebst Angehängtem Wörterbuche über die Rothwelsche Sogenannte Jauner- oder Zigeuner- und Spitzbuben-Sprache.* Erlangen: In der Palm'schen Verlagsbuchhandlung, 1821. [i], viii, 365, [1] pp. Main text in parallel columns. Octavo (8" x 4-1/2").

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**Only American Edition of Maxwell's Commercial Law Dictionary**

**24. Maxwell, John Irving.**

*A Pocket Dictionary of the Law of Bills of Exchange, Promissory Notes, Bank Notes, Checks, &c. With an Appendix, Containing Abstracts of Acts and Select Cases Relative to Negotiable Securities, Analysis of a Count in Assumpsit, Tables of Notarial Fees, Stamps, Postage, &c. With Many Additions for the Use of the American Merchant.* Philadelphia: Published by William P. Farrand and Co., 1808. [xv], [1], 251 pp. Octavo (7" x 4-1/4").

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\* Only American edition. First published in London in 1802, this is an unusual alphabetical compendium dealing strictly with matters of commerce, such as bills of exchange and promissory notes. Maxwell was also the author of *The Spirit of Maritime Laws* and the delightfully titled *Hints for Protecting the Public Against the Extortion and Insolence of Hackney-Coachmen*. Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 2551. [Order This Item](#)



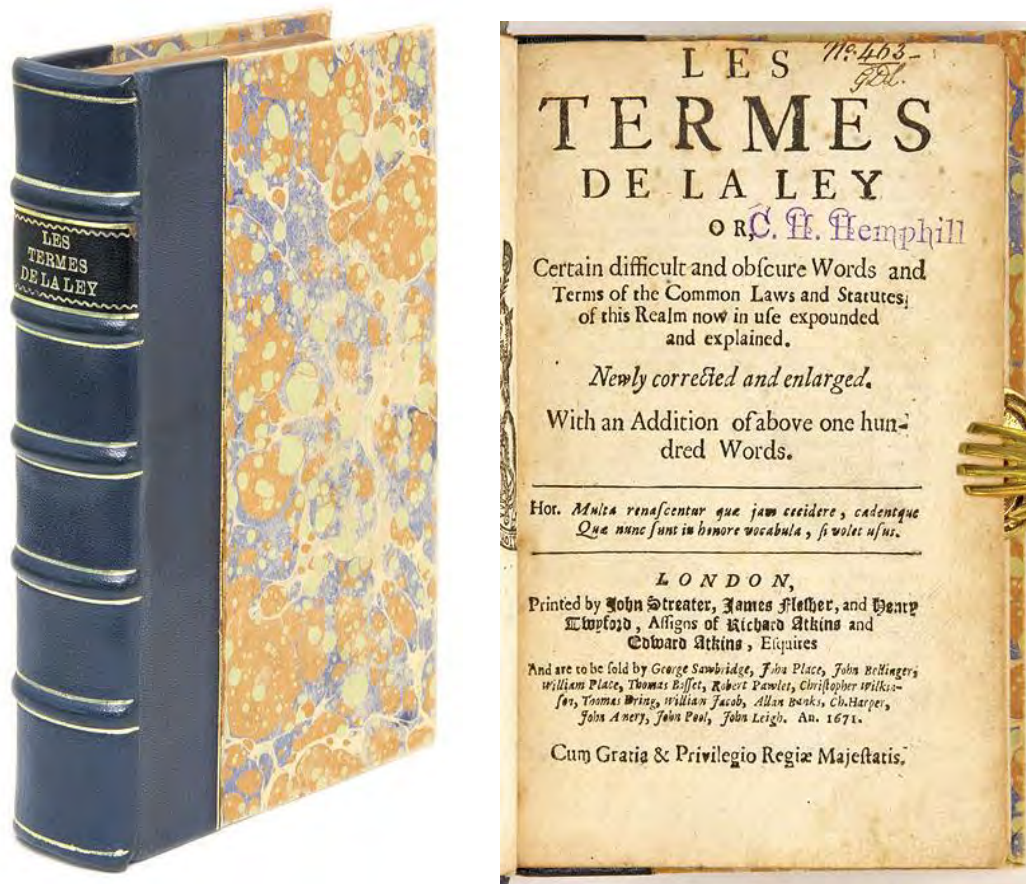
### Rare Nineteenth-Century Italian Law Dictionary

#### 25. Napolitani, Vincentio [1814-1886].

*Lexicon Universi Corporis Juris in Quo Repertorium Sententiarum et Regularum, Relatio Legum, Verborum Significatio, Index Titulorum Omnium, Nec non Legum in Universo Corpore Juris Comprehensarum Continentur.* Naples: Ex Tipographia Androsio, 1853-56. Four volumes in three books. Main text in parallel columns. Quarto (10" x 7-3/4").

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\* Only edition. With indexes. Devoted to Roman and canon law, this work appears to have been produced as an aid for practicing attorneys. It contains definitions, phrase definitions and maxims. Its brief entries refer the reader to passages in the *Corpus Juris Civilis* and *Corpus Juris Canonici*. OCLC locates 3 copies worldwide, 2 in North America (at the law libraries of Harvard and UC-Berkeley). Not in the *British Museum Catalogue*. [Order This Item](#)



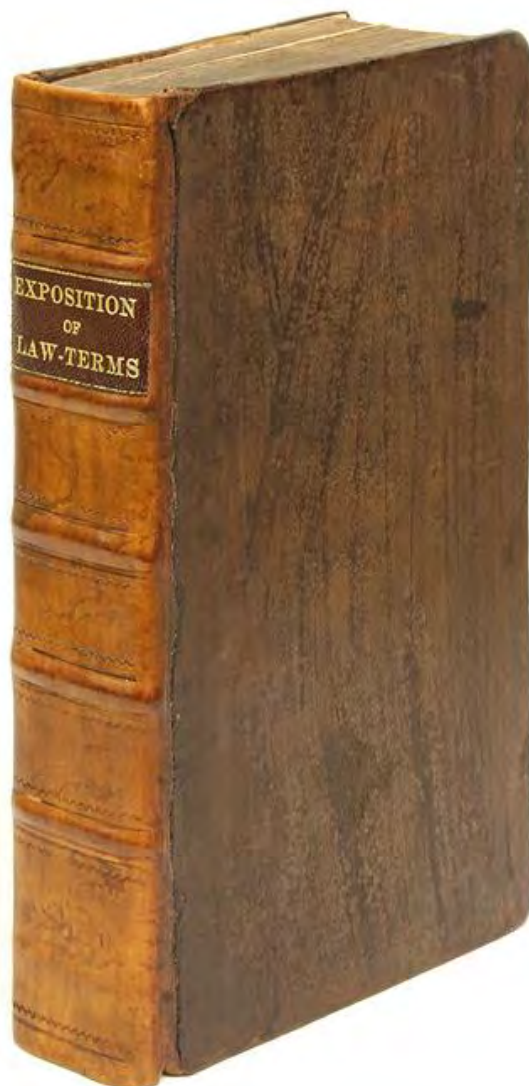
With the Addition of "Above One-Hundred" Words by Thomas Blount

26. [Rastell, John (d.1536)].  
Rastell, William [1508?-1565].  
[Blount, Thomas (1618-1679), Editor].

*Les Termes de la Ley, Or, Certain Difficult and Obscure Words and Terms of the Common Laws and Statutes of this Realm Now in Use Expounded and Explained. Newly Corrected and Enlarged. With an Addition of Above One Hundred Words.* London: Printed by John Streater, James Fleisher, and Henry Twyford, Assigns of Richard Atkins and Edward Atkins, 1671. [xvi], 613, [1] pp. Lacking final leaf, a blank. Woodcut frontispiece (royal arms of England). Main text in parallel columns. Octavo (6-3/4" x 4-1/2").

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\* Later edition. With additions by the notable legal lexicographer Thomas Blount, author of the *Nomo-Lexikon* (1670). English and Law French in parallel columns. First published in 1527 by John Rastell, this was both the first English dictionary and first English law dictionary. It was originally written in Law French with the Latin title *Expositiones Terminorum Legum Anglorumae*. Later editions were produced by his son, William, who is believed to be the editor or translator. (Some sources claim, erroneously, that William is the author.) Quite popular with students and lawyers due to its clarity and concision, it went through at least twenty-five editions by 1721. A final reissue appeared in 1819. As Marvin observes, it is a useful dictionary because it "reflects the common law at the close of the year-book period with much fidelity.": *Legal Bibliography* 599. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R203324. [Order This Item](#)



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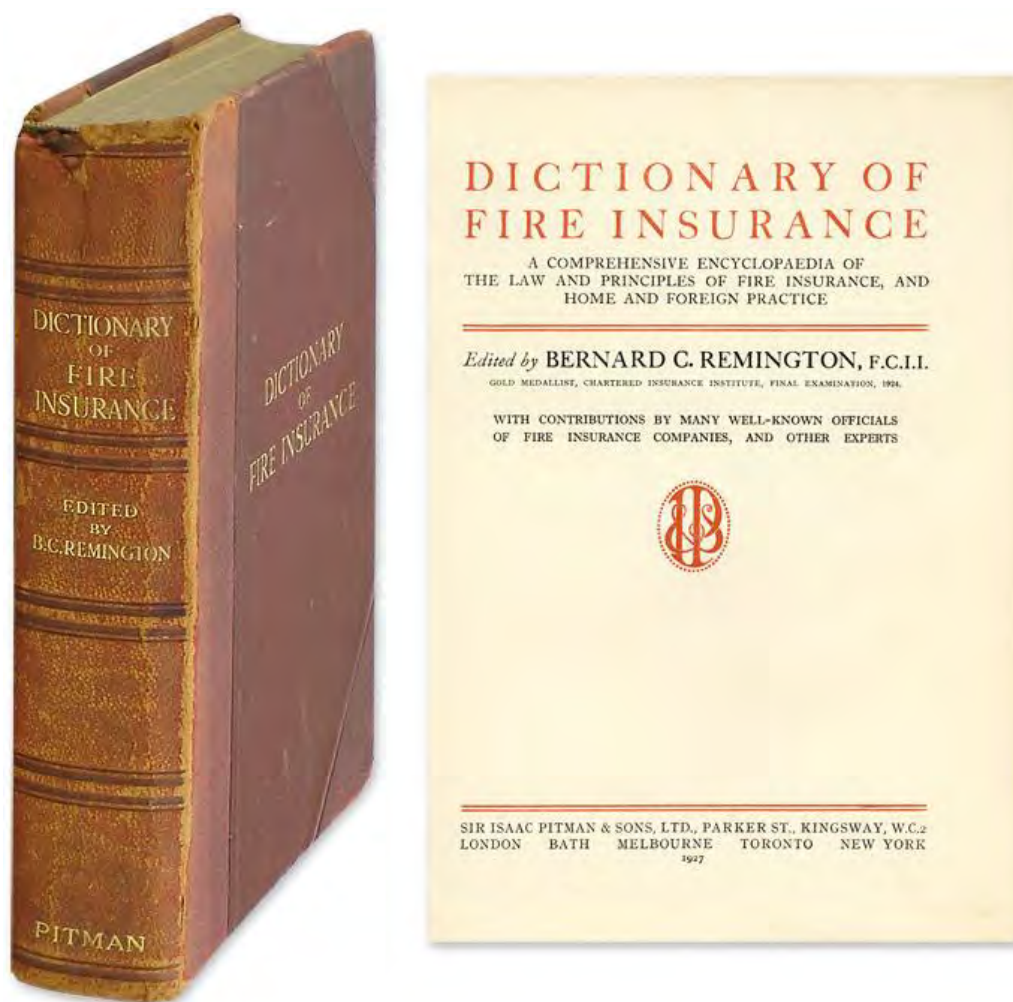
**27. [Rastell, John].**

**Rastell, William.**

*Les Termes de la Ley: Or, Certain Difficult and Obscure Words and Terms of the Common and Statute Laws of This Realm, Now in Use, Expounded and Explained. Corrected and Enlarged, With the Addition of Many Other Words; Particularly of Those Introduced into the Statute Law of Great Britain, Never Printed in Any Other Impression.* [London]: Printed by Eliz. Nutt and R. Gosling, 1721. [iv], 592 pp. French and English texts in parallel columns. Octavo (7-3/4" x 5").

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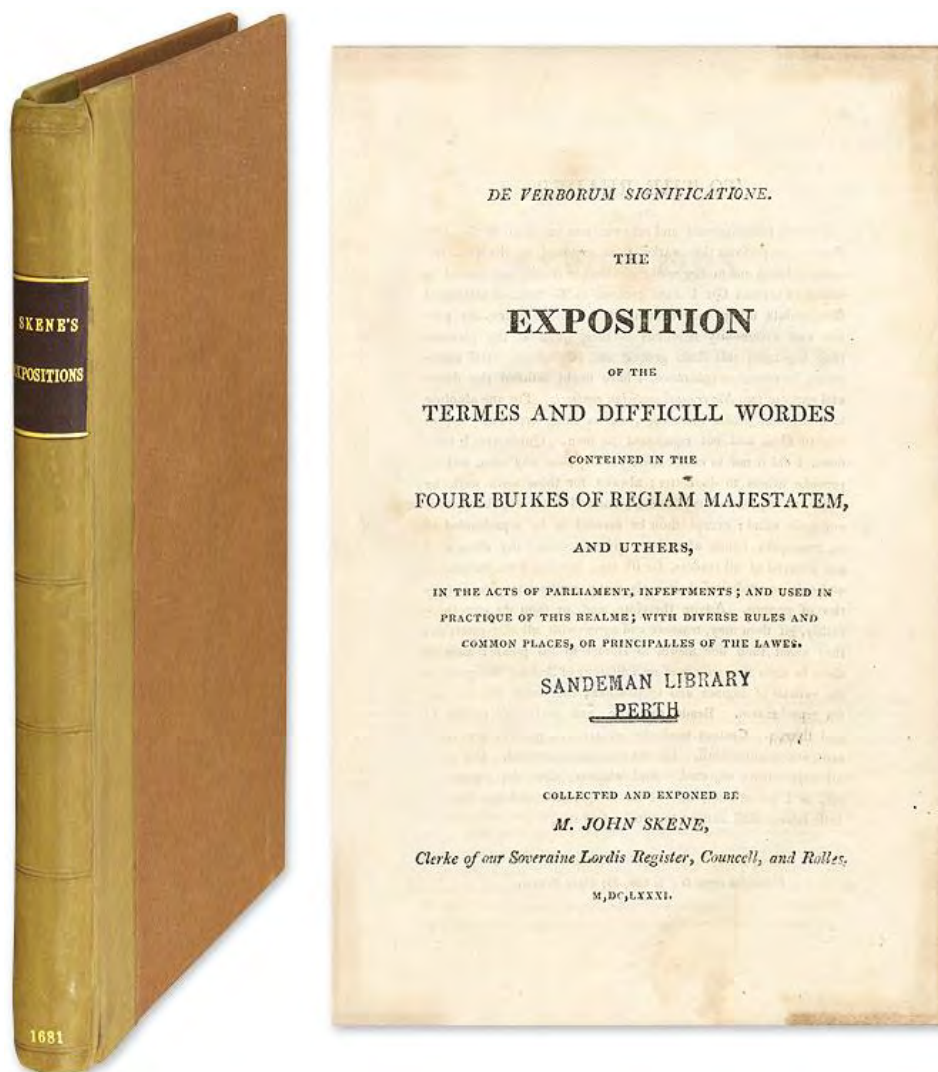
### Dictionary-Encyclopedia on Fire Insurance

#### 28. Remington, Bernard, Editor.

*Dictionary of Fire Insurance: A Comprehensive Encyclopaedia of the Law and Principles of Fire Insurance, and Home and Foreign Practice. With Contributions by Many Well-Known Officials of Fire Insurance Companies, and Other Experts.* London: Sir Isaac Pitman & Sons, Ltd., 1927. [vi], 480, [2] pp.

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\* "This book is an attempt to condense the principles and practice of modern fire insurance into reference form for the company's official, the agent, and the student. It embodies many items of information not previously published, and of these it is hoped that the compendium of law cases and the articles on foreign methods and requirements will be especially useful.": Preface [iv]. [Order This Item](#)



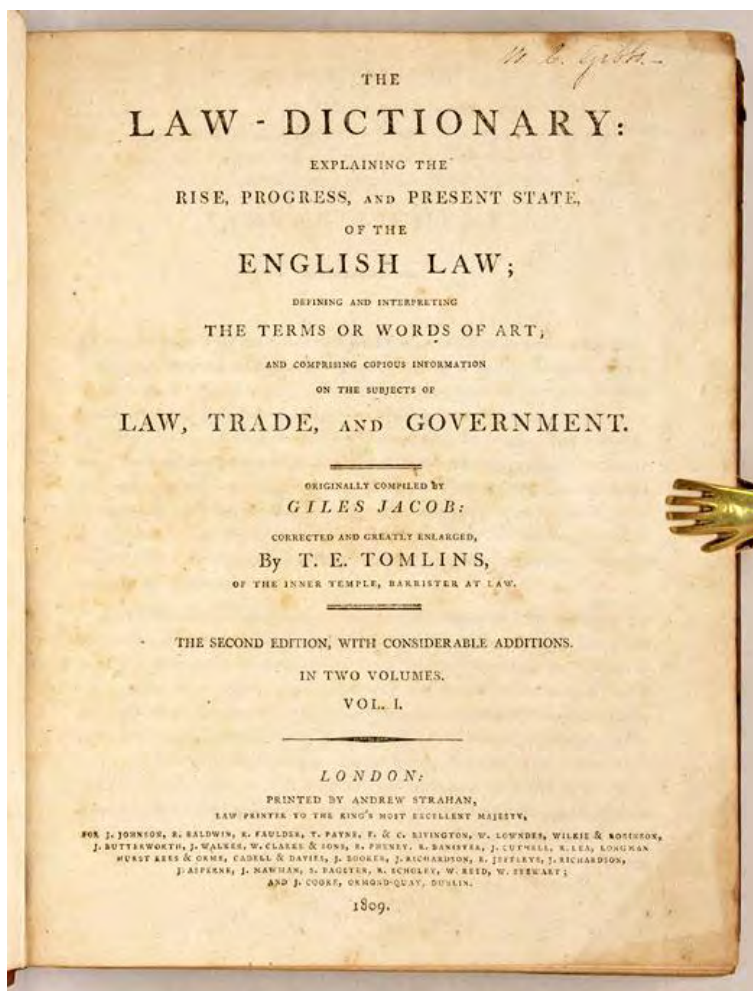
### Ancient Scottish Legal Terms

#### 29. Skene, John [1543?-1617].

*De Verborum Significatione: The Exposition of the Termes and Difficill Wordes, Contained in the Foure Buikes of Regiam Majestatem, and Uthers, In the Acts of Parliament, Infestments; And Used in Practique of this Realme; With Divers Rules, and Common Places, Or Principalles of the Lawes.* 1681. [Edinburgh: Alexander Smellie, Printer, c.1815]. [iii], 4-146 pp. Octavo (8-1/2" x 5").

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\* With side-notes. A useful reprint of this scarce 17th Century dictionary of legal terms in the Scottish dialect. Also published as an appendix to Bell's *Dictionary of the Law of Scotland*, this edition of Skene's dictionary reprints the text of the 1681 edition issued in Edinburgh by David Lindsay. Skene, a Scottish jurist and legal historian, is best known for his magisterial compilation *The Lawes and Actes of Parliament Maid be King James the First and His Successors, Kings of Scotland* (1597). The present volume, which was first published as an appendix to the *Lawes and Actes*, is a dictionary of ancient Scottish legal terms. Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 5:105. [Order This Item](#)



**The "Best Edition" of Jacob's Dictionary (Says Marvin)**

**30. Tomlins, Sir Thomas Edlyne [1762-1841].**

**[Jacob, Giles (1686-1744)].**

*The Law-Dictionary, Defining and Interpreting the Terms or Words of Art, and Explaining the Rise, Progress, and Present State of the English Law; Defining or Interpreting the Terms or Words of Art; and Comprising Copious Information on the Subjects of Law, Trade, and Government.* With Considerable Additions. London: Printed by Andrew Strahan, 1809. Two volumes. Unpaginated. Main text in parallel columns. Quarto (10" x 8-1/4").

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\* Second Tomlins edition. Jacob's venerable dictionary was first published in 1729 and is considered by many to be his masterpiece, one that "constituted an entirely new departure in legal literature" (Cowley). Tomlin's edition, first published in 1797, is a substantial enlargement and revision. According to Marvin, this edition is the best one. Cowley, *A Bibliography of Abridgments, Digest, Dictionaries and Indexes to the Year 1800* xci. Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 2:183. Marvin, *Legal Bibliography* 418. [Order This Item](#)