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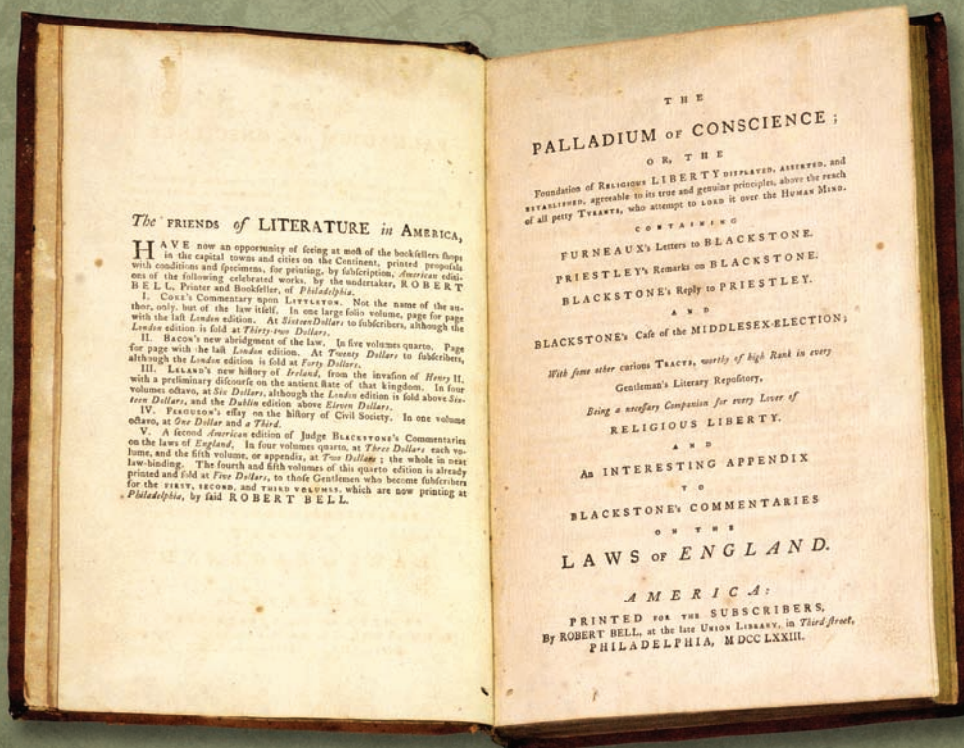
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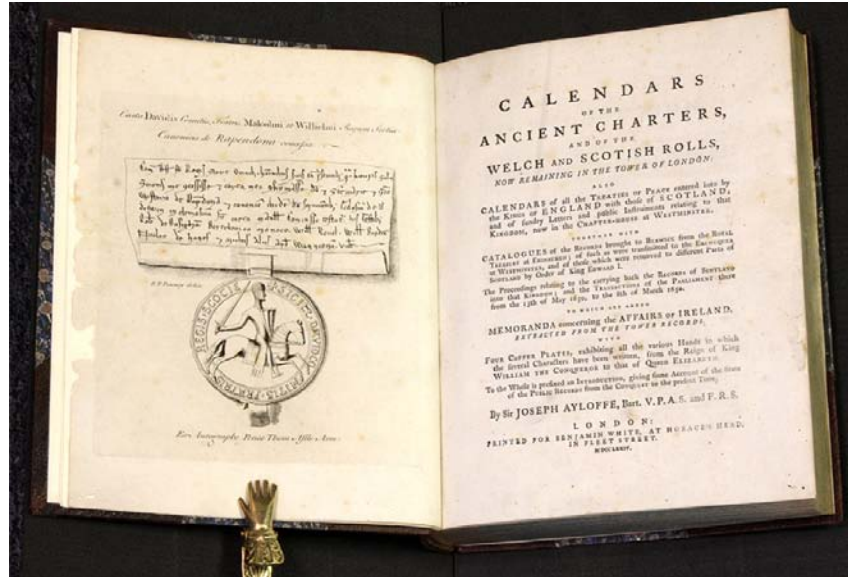
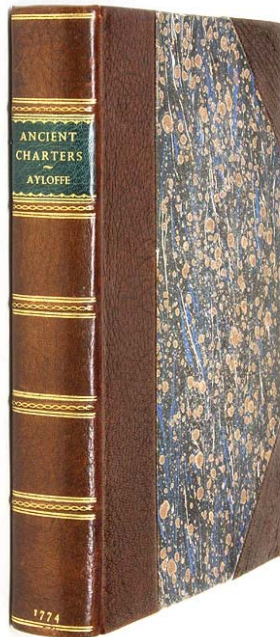
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A Notable Collection of Early English Records

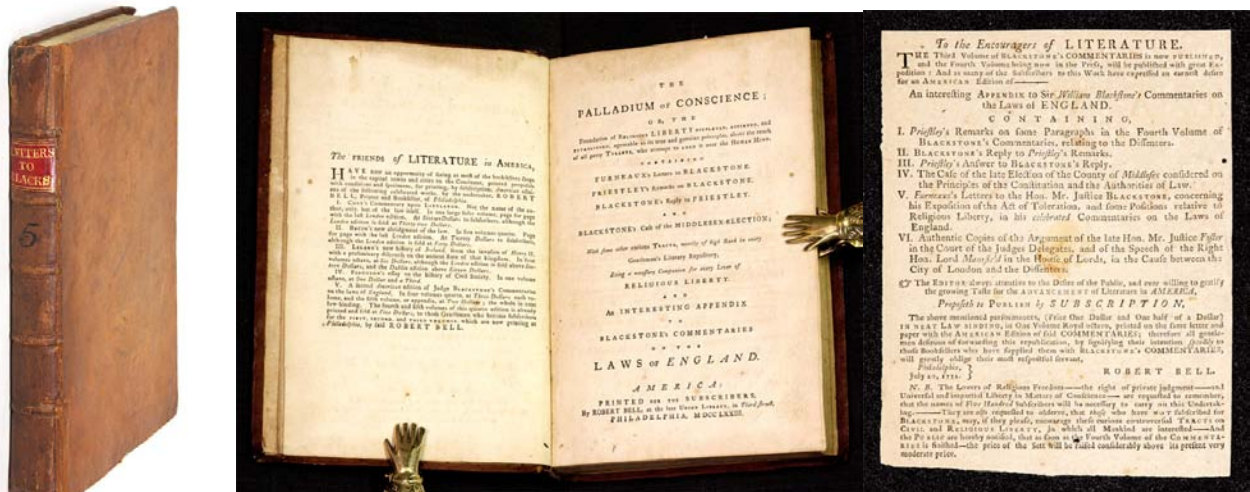
1. Ayloffe, Sir Joseph [1709-1781].

Calendars of the Ancient Charters, And of the Welch and Scotch Rolls Now Remaining in the Tower of London: Also Calendars of All the Treaties of Peace Entered Into by the Kings of England with Those of Scotland; And of Sundry Letters and Public Instruments Relating to that Kingdom, Now in the Chapter-House at Westminster. Together With Catalogues of the Records Brought to Berwick from the Royal Treasury at Edinburgh: Of such as were Transmitted to the Exchequer at Westminster, And of Those which were Removed to different Parts of Scotland by Order of King Edward I. The Proceedings Relating to the Carrying Back the Records of Scotland into that Kingdom; And the Transactions of the Parliament There from the 15th of May 1639, To the 8th of March 1650. To Which Are Added Memoranda Concerning the Affairs Of Ireland, Extracted From The Tower Records. With Four Copper Plates, Exhibiting all the Various Hands in which the Several Charters have been Written, From the Reign of King William the Conqueror to that of Queen Elizabeth. To the Whole is Prefixed an Introduction, Giving Some Account of the State of the Public Records from the Conquest to the Present Time.

London: Printed for Benjamin White, 1774. [ii], lxx, [2], 462, [32] pp. Four copperplates facsimiles of documents, one a frontispiece, four woodcut facsimiles of seals on pp. 348 and 349. Quarto (10-1/2" x 8-1/4").

Recent period-style three-quarter morocco over marbled boards (by Bayntun Binder, Bath), lettering piece and gilt-decorated raised bands to spine. Light rubbing to extremities. Light toning to text, occasional minor worming to margins, light foxing in a few places, some edgewear and a few chips to frontispiece, just touching edge of image, a few minor tears to title page. A handsome copy. \$200.

* Second edition, a reissue of the first edition, 1772, with a cancel title page. Praised in Cooper's *Account of the Most Important Public Records of Great Britain* (1832), this notable collection has an interesting introduction on the history of the public records and four handsome copperplate facsimiles of documents. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T10598.



Handsome Copy of the *Palladium of Conscience* with a Rare Laid-in Advertisement

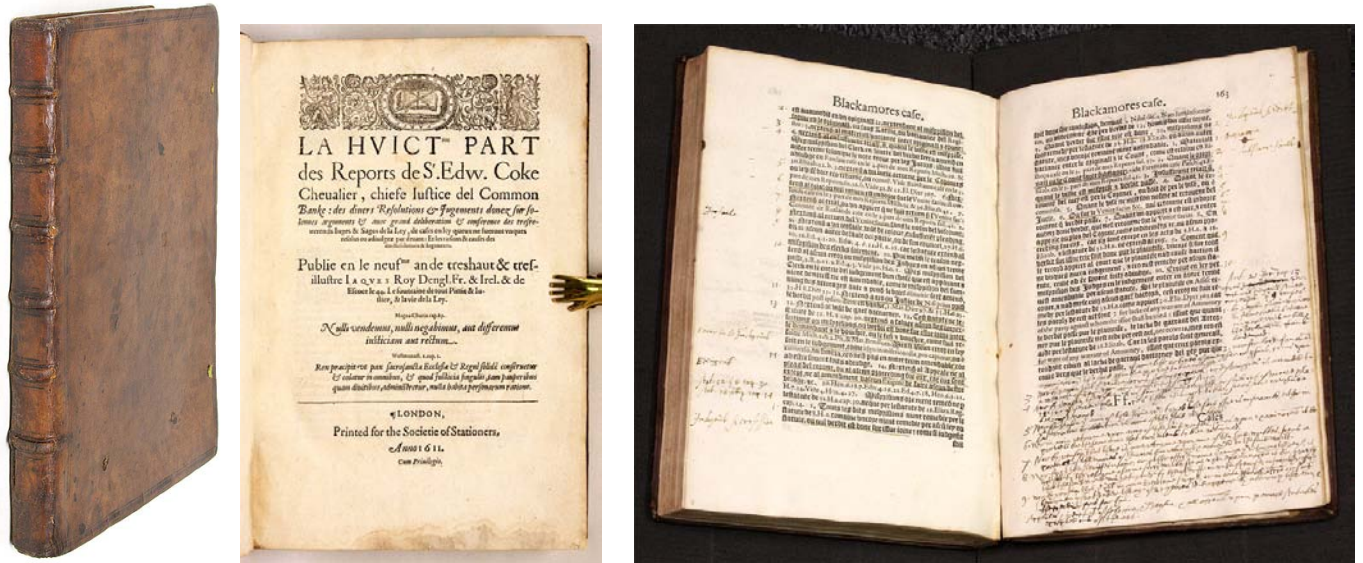
2. [Blackstone, Sir William (1723-1780)].
 Priestley, Joseph [1733-1844].
 Furneau, Philip [c.1726-c.1783].

The Palladium of Conscience; Or, the Foundation of Religious Liberty Displayed, Asserted, and Established, Agreeable To Its True and Genuine Principles Above the Reach of the All Petty Tyrants, Who Attempt to Lord It Over the Human Mind. Containing Furneaux's Letters to Blackstone. Priestley's Remarks on Blackstone. Blackstone's Reply to Priestley. And Blackstone's Case of the Middlesex-Election; with Some Other Curious Tracts, Worthy of High Rank in Every Gentleman's Literary Repository, Being a Necessary Companion for Every Lover of Religious Liberty. And an Interesting Appendix to Blackstone's Commentaries on the Laws of England.

America. [Philadelphia]: Printed for the Subscribers by Robert Bell, 1773. Six parts, each with title page (some divisional). [i], [iv], iv, [5]-119, [1], xii, 155, [1] pp. Publisher advertisement facing title page, another on verso of p. 155. Handbill (?) for the first edition of *Palladium*, titled *An Interesting Appendix* laid in. Text complete. Quarto (8-1/2" x 5-1/2").

Contemporary sheep, raised bands, lettering piece and black-stamped number 5 to spine, early repairs to spine ends. Some rubbing to extremities, a few light scuffs to boards, a bit of chipping to spine ends, hinges partially cracked, early owner bookplate to front pastedown (of John H. White), (very) minor worming to front pastedown and preliminaries. Moderate toning to text, light foxing and minor stains in some places, internally clean. A handsome copy. \$5,000.

* First edition as an independent work. In the last volume of his *Commentaries*, Blackstone classified non-conformity to the Church of England as a crime. Joseph Priestly, the eminent scientist and prominent dissenter, took exception to Blackstone's position and proposed an alternative view based on religious freedom and tolerance. In 1768 John Wilkes [1727-1797], publisher of the controversial paper the *North Briton*, was elected to Parliament by Middlesex County. However, he was imprisoned for seditious libel and expelled. While the legitimacy of his sentence was being debated, Middlesex attempted to reelect him several times without success. Blackstone supported Parliament's position. His position was challenged by Grenville, who noted a discrepancy between his position on the floor and in the *Commentaries*. Blackstone replied with the anonymously published pamphlet titled *The Case of the Late Election*. It initiated a lively pamphlet exchange that involved Samuel Johnson, Sir William Meredith and others. Bell compiled the contents of the *Palladium*. Published originally as *An Interesting Appendix to Sir William Blackstone's Commentaries*, it was produced as a supplemental fifth volume to his four-volume edition of the *Commentaries* (1771-1772). The number five on the spine of our copy indicates it was intended to be added to one of his sets. An interesting feature in our copy, one we've never seen before, is a leaf advertising this book in its original form (*An Interesting Appendix*). It is a smaller-format version of the advertisement in the third volume of Bell's edition, which appears on the verso of p. 455. Eller, *The William Blackstone Collection in the Yale Law Library* 257. Laeuchli, *A Bibliographical Catalog of William Blackstone* 620.



First Edition of the Eighth Part of Coke's Reports Annotated Throughout in Contemporary Hand

3. Coke, Sir Edward [1552-1634].

La Huictme Part des Reports de Sr. Edw. Coke Chevalier, Chiefe Iustice del Common Banke: Des Divers Resolutions & Jugemens Donez sur Solennes Arguments & Avec-Grand Deliberation & Conference des Tresreverends Iuges & Sages de la Ley, De Cases en Ley Queux ne Fueront Unques Resolus ou Adiudgez par Devant: Et les Raisons & Causes des Dits Resolutions & Jugemens. Publie en le Neufme an de Treshaut & Tresillustre Iaques Roy Dengl. Fr. & Irel. & De Escoce le 44. Le Fountaine de Tout Pietie & Iustice, & La Vie de la Ley.

London: Printed for the Societie of Stationers, 1611. [15], 171 [i.e. 173], [1] ff. Text in Law-French and Latin. Folio (11-1/4" x 7-1/4").

Contemporary calf, blind rules to boards, early initials "RB" blind-stamped to centers, raised bands to spine, fragments of cloth ties, early hand-lettered title to head of text block. Moderate rubbing to extremities, minor chipping to spine ends, corners bumped, a few partial cracks to text block. Light toning to interior, faint dampstaining to lower margins of preliminaries, following five leaves and a few more leaves at rear of text, underlining and annotations throughout text in early hand. \$2,500.

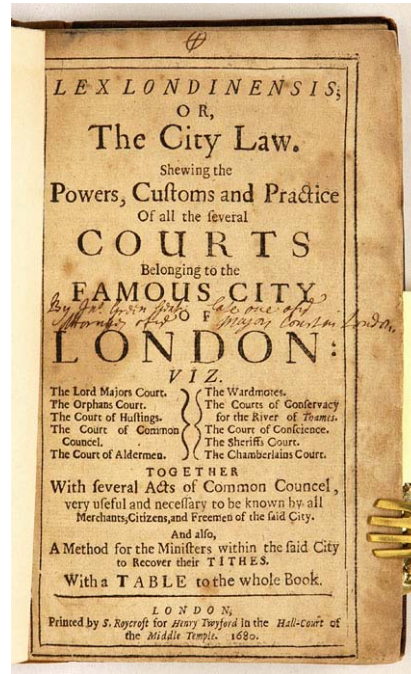
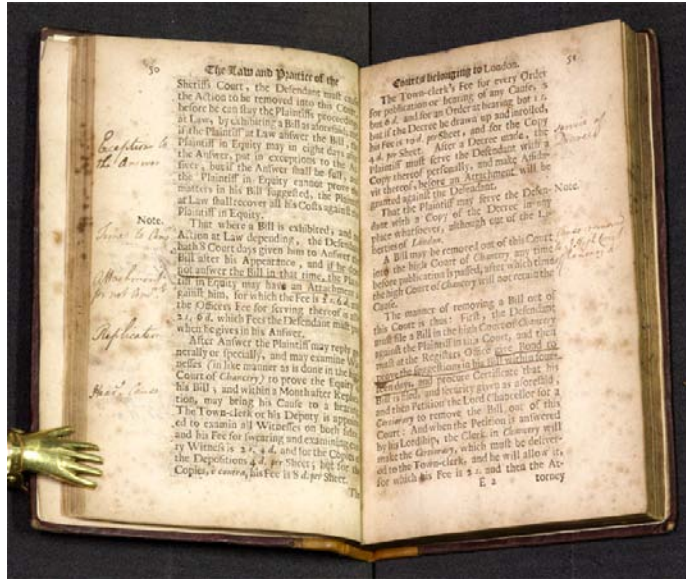
* First edition. Coke's Reports are not reports in the conventional sense; they are highly detailed anthologies of precedents organized by topic. Taken together, it forms the most extensive and detailed treatment of common law pleading that had yet appeared. A work of immense authority, it was often cited as *The Reports*, there being no need to mention the author's name. The annotations in this copy, probably those of a student or practitioner, indicate careful study. Several passages are underlined, there are many brief notes in the margins and several long footnotes keyed to the text. Some of these are case references or glosses; most are interpretive. As a group, the annotations offer valuable insight into a contemporary reader's engagement with this book. *English Short-Title Catalogue* S4190.

The City Law

**4. [Corporation of London].
[Court of Common Council].**

Lex Londinensis; Or, The City Law. Shewing the Powers, Customs and Practice of All the Several Courts Belonging to the Famous City of London: viz. The Lord Majors Court. The Orphans Court. The Court of Hustings. The Court of Common Council. The Court of Aldermen. The Wardmotes. The Courts of Conservacy for the River of Thames. The Court of Conscience. The Sheriffs Court. The Chamberlains Court. Together with Several Acts of Common Council, Very Useful and Necessary to be Known by All Merchants, Citizens, And Freemen of the Said City. And also, A Method for the Ministers Within the Said City to Recover Their Tithes. With a Table to the Whole Book.

London: Printed by S. Roycroft for Henry Twyford, 1680. [viii], 260, [12] pp. Octavo (6-1/2" x 4").



Later quarter calf over moire-cloth boards, lettering piece and raised bands to spine. A few minor stains to boards, light rubbing to extremities, corners bumped and somewhat worn, crack in text block between pp. [vi] and [vii], minor edgewear to a few leaves. Light browning and faint dampspotting to text, annotations to title page and margins of several leaves in an early hand. \$1,350.

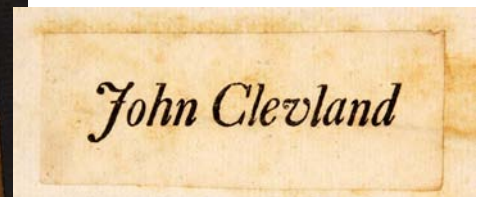
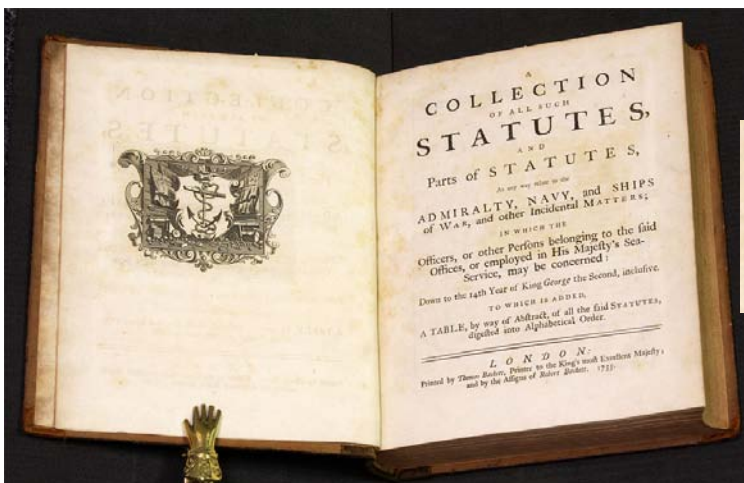
* Only edition. This book was the first digest of the London's laws and guide to its courts after the revisions of the city laws from 1647 and 1658. A useful work that gathered a great deal of disparate information, it is a valuable resource today for students of seventeenth-century London and its legal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

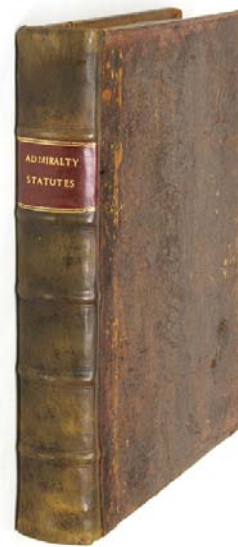
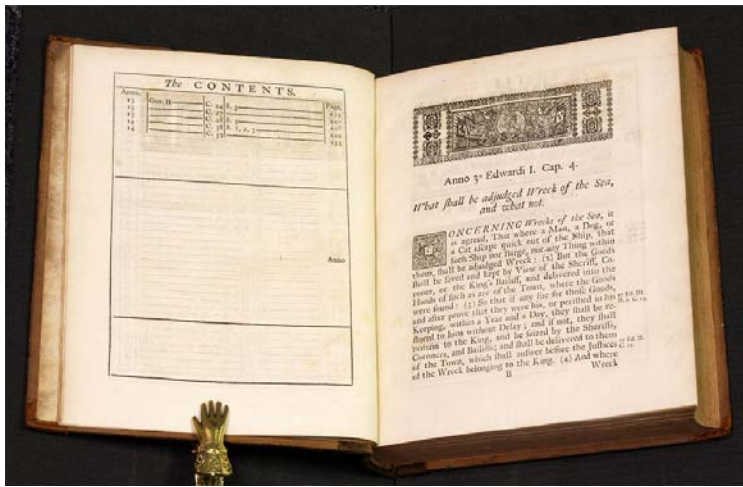
Britannia Rules the Waves — With an Interesting Association

**5. [Great Britain].
[Admiralty Law].**

A Collection of all Such Statutes, and Parts of Statutes, As any way relate to the Admiralty, Navy, and Ships of War, and other incidental matters; in which the officers, or other persons belonging to the said offices, or employed in His Majesty's sea-service, may be concerned: down to the 14th year of King George the second, inclusive. To which is added, a table, by way of abstract, of all the said statutes, digested into alphabetical order.

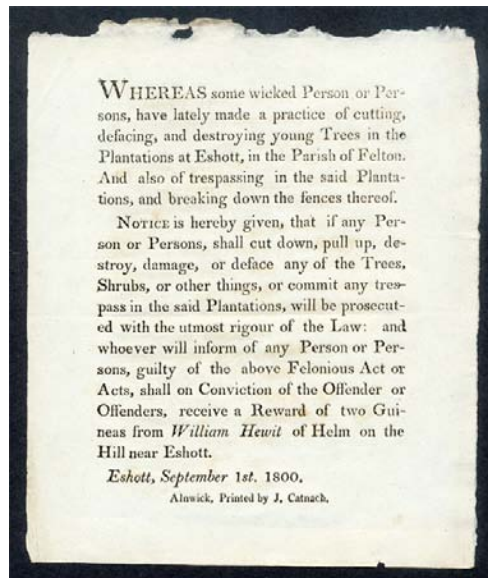
London: 1742. Engraved frontispiece. [8], 456, [44] pp.





Contemporary calf, rubbed and scuffed, rebaked, raised bands with red gilt lettered label. Internally fine. Contemporary bookplate on front pastedown of John Cleveland. A very good copy with an interesting association. \$2,500.

* Second edition, first published in 1742. John Cleveland, (1706-1763), became Clerk of the Acts at the Navy Board in 1744 and Joint Secretary to the Lords Commissioners of Admiralty in 1748 and in 1751 he succeeded Thomas Corbett as Secretary to the Admiralty until his death. Acts included in this volume concern Court Martial, Customs - Running of Goods, Murder, Piracy, American Plantations, prizes, South Sea Company, Tobacco, Wool, and Wrecks and Ships Stranded. OCLC locates 4 copies in North American law libraries, Harvard Law, Columbia Law, Michigan Law, and Jenkins Law Library.



“Cutting, Defacing, and Destroying Young Trees”

6. [Great Britain].

[Broadside].

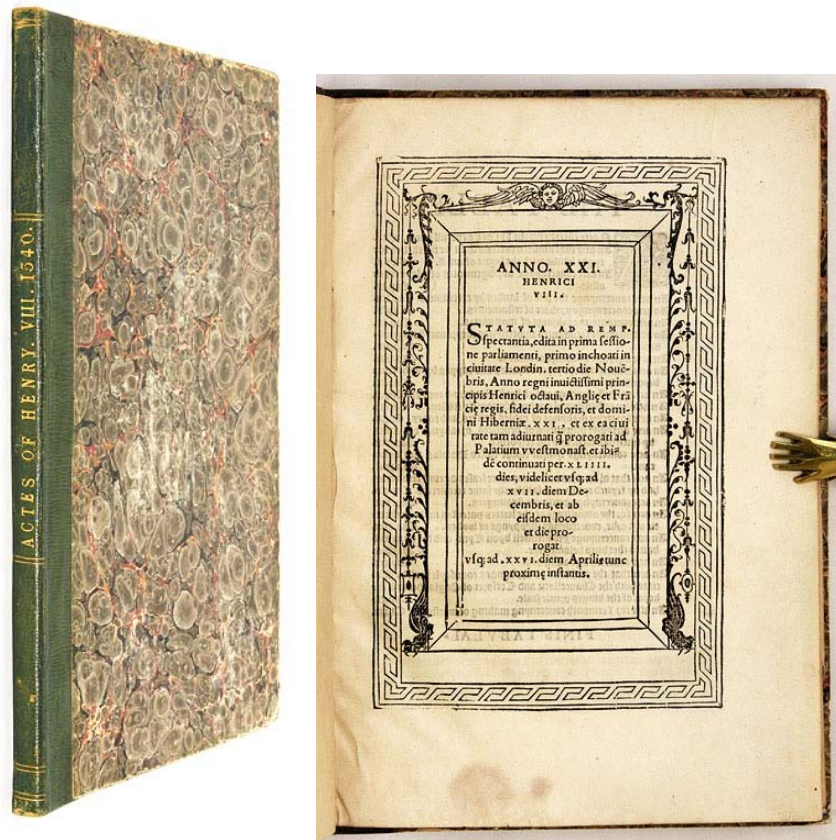
Hewit, William.

Whereas Some Wicked Person or Persons, Have Lately Made a Practice of Cutting, Defacing, and Destroying Young Trees in the Plantations at Eshott, in the Parish of Felton...

Alnwick: Printed by J. Catnach, 1800.

8-1/2" x 6-1/2" broadside, untrimmed edges. Faint horizontal crease through center, otherwise fine. A well-preserved copy. \$450.

* Only known edition. William Hewit, "of Helm on the Hill near Eshott" in the Northumberland town of Alnwick, offers a reward of two guineas on conviction for information concerning anyone responsible for "cutting, defacing, and destroying" his young trees, harming his fences or trespassing on his land. The ESTC locates 1 copy (at the British Library). No copies listed on OCLC. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T505204.



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

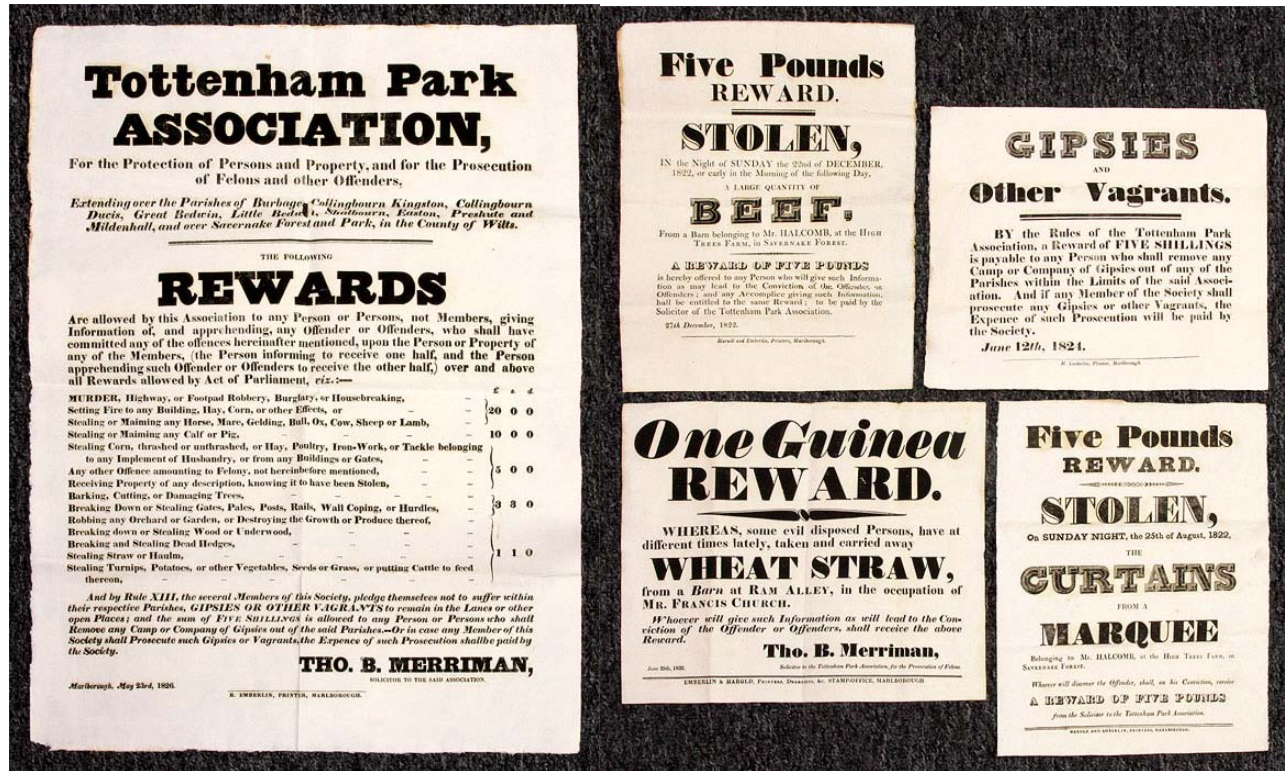
7. [Great Britain].
[Statutes].
[Henry VIII, Sovereign].

Anno. XXI. Henrici VIII. Statuta ad Remp. Spectantia, Edita in Prima Sessione Parliamenti, Primo Inchoati in Civitate Londin. Tertio die Novembris, Anno Regni Inuictissimi Principis Henrici Octavi, Angliae & Franciae Regis, Fidei Defensoris, & Domini Hiberniae. XXI & ex ea Civitate tam Adiurnati Q[uam] Prorogati ad Palatium Westmonast. & Ibidem Continuati per XLIII. Dies, Videlicet Usque ad XVII Diem Decembris, & Ab Eisdem Loco & Die Prorogati [sic] Usq[ue] ad. XXVI. diem Aprilis tunc Proxime Instantisy.

[London: In Aedibus Thomae Bertholeti (i.e. Bertheleti) Regii Impressoris, 1551?]. XXVII, [1] ff. Folio (11-1/4" x 7-3/4").

Later quarter morocco over marbled boards. Light rubbing to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, armorial bookplate of Edwin Freshfield to front pastedown. Title printed within woodcut architectural border, woodcut decorated initials. Some toning to text, faint dampstaining to foot of text block. A handsome copy. \$1,750.

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



18 Broadsides from an Early Nineteenth-Century Association Formed to Prevent Crime in Wiltshire

8. [Great Britain].

[Tottenham Park Association].

[Collection of Printed Broadsides Relating to the Establishment and Activities of the Tottenham Park Association for the Protection of Persons and Property and for the Prosecution of Felons and Other Offenders].

Marlborough, England: Harold and Emberlin, 1819. 18 broadsides, 15 are 11-1/2" x 9", the others are 7-1/2" x 9," 13-1/4" 8-1/2" and 22" x 17."

Light toning, fold lines, some minor tears and stains, all generally in very good condition. An interesting collection comprising 18 well-preserved items. \$2,500.

*This collection traces the initial proposal, founding and development of the Tottenham Park Association for the Protection of Persons and Property, And for the Prosecution of Felons and other Offenders. It was one of several private associations, largely existing between 1780-1850, "made up of local property-owners, who came together to form an organization and raise a fund in order to find, arrest, and prosecute, at common expense, offenders against themselves and their property" (Philips). These associations went into decline with the establishment of formal police forces beginning with the establishment of the Metropolitan Police in 1829, the passing of the 1839 Rural Police Act and finally the County and Borough Police Act of 1856, which made it compulsory for all counties to have a police force. Most of the notices offer rewards for the recovery of stolen property, such as livestock, a set of curtains, a gate and a fence, apprehending offenders and removing "gipsies or other vagrants from the parishes." The other broadsides relate to the establishment, organization and meetings of the association. Philips in Hay and Snyder, eds., *Policing and Prosecution in Britain 1750-1850* 118.



A Later Edition of his Magnum Opus

9. Grotius, Hugo.

De Jure Belli ac Pacis Libri Tres, in quibus Jus Naturae & Gentium, item Juris Publici praecipua explicantur. Cum Annotatis Auctoris, ejusdemque Dissertatione de Mari Libero; ac Libello singularis de Aequitate, Indulgentia, & Facilitate: Nec non Joann. Frid. Gronovii V.C. Notis in totum opus de Jure Belli ac Pacis...

Amsterdam: Apud Janssonio-Waesbergios, 1735. 2 Volumes. Engraved portrait of Grotius in v. 1 on prelim.; added engraved title page on prelim.; [24], xxxix, [5], 534, [2] p. (the last leaf blank); [2], 539-1040, 43 [85] pp. Collated and complete.

Modern vellum over cloth. An attractive, solid, well-preserved copy. \$450.

* Later edition. Latin text. First published in Paris in 1625. Of all his numerous works, this will always be considered Grotius' magnum opus, the work upon which his reputation most solidly rests. It earned him the designation as the "father of international law." The two principle topics treated are the legal obligations of human societies including those that have sovereign power, and the procedure for enforcing such duties and punishing violations of law. War was regarded as a type of law enforcement procedure akin to judicial remedies. Ter Muelen & Diermanse, *Bibliographie des écrits imprimés de Hugo Grotius* 605.

A Watershed Case Concerning Royal Prerogative at the Time of the Glorious Revolution

10. Herbert, Sir Edward [1648?-1698].

A Short Account of the Authorities in Law, Upon which Judgement was Given in Sir. Edw. Hales His Case. Written by Sir. Edw. Herbert. Chief Justice of the Common Pleas, In Vindication of Himself.

London: Printed for M. Clark, 1688. 39, [1] pp.

Quarto (7-1/2" x 6"). Stab-stitched pamphlet with untrimmed edges laid into recent marbled wrappers, printed title panel to front cover. Moderate toning to text, faint dampstaining to margins of a few leaves, light to verso of final leaf and title page, which has a small early private-library shelf label. A nice copy of a scarce title. \$250.

* Only edition. This pamphlet relates to a watershed case concerning royal prerogative. It involved Sir Edward Hales, a Roman Catholic who was convicted in 1686 at the Rochester Assizes for holding a military commission without taking the sacrament and the oaths of allegiance and supremacy of the Church of England, which were required by the Test Act. Hales said he was exempted because he was given a dispensation by King James II, a Catholic. Shortly afterwards, in a test action arranged by opponents of the king, Hales's coachman brought a collusive case against him in the Court of King's Bench,

ostensibly to get a bounty for turning in a non-conformer. The case was argued before Herbert, who threw out the case. Moreover, his decision declared, without qualification, that kings of England are sovereign princes and that the nation's laws are his laws. The King is entitled, then, to dispense with penal laws in particular cases, such as Hales's failure to submit to the laws prescribed by the Test Act. Ultimately, the king himself is the sole judge of the laws of Great Britain. This verdict provoked a wave of controversy, and with it a torrent of pamphlets. A *Short Account* was a response to *An Enquiry into the Power of Dispensing with Penal Statutes* by Sir Robert Atkyns, which pointed out defects in Herbert's legal reasoning. OCLC locates 8 copies in North American law libraries. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R36038.

Two Essential Holmes Titles in Handsome Bindings

11. Holmes, Oliver Wendell [1841-1935].

The Dissenting Opinions of Mr. Justice Holmes. Arranged, With Introductory Notes, by Alfred Lief. With a Foreword by Dr. George W. Kirchwey.

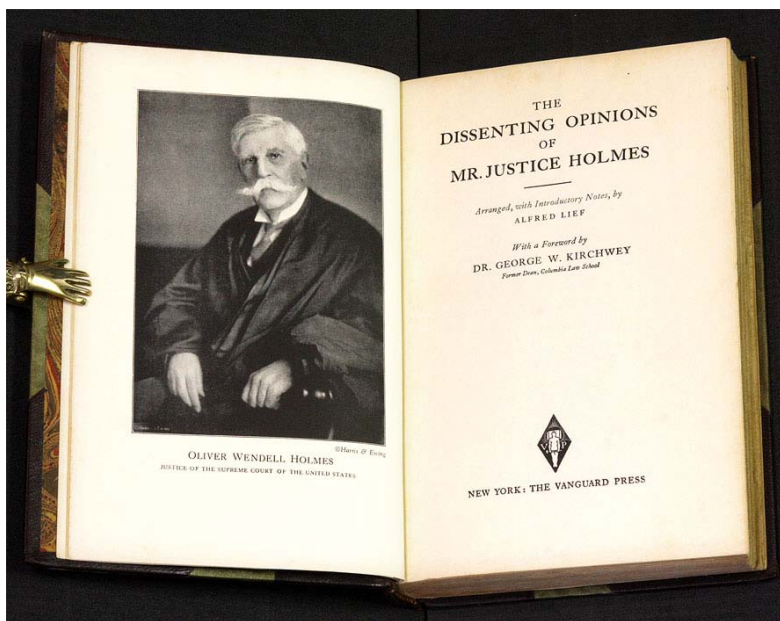
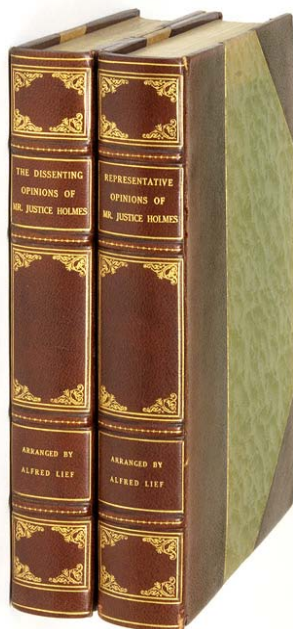
New York: The Vanguard Press, [1929]. Portrait frontispiece. xviii, 314 pp.

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Holmes, Oliver Wendell.

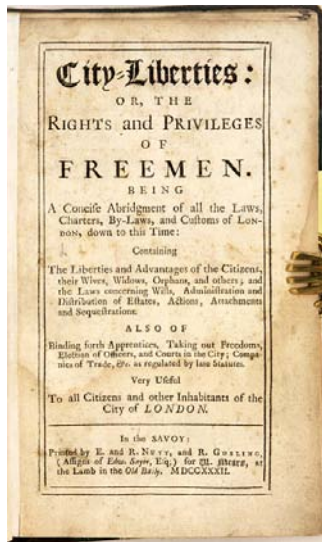
Representative Opinions of Mr. Justice Holmes. Arranged, with Introductory Notes, by Alfred Lief. With a Foreword by Harold J. Laski.

New York: The Vanguard Press, [1931]. v, 319 pp. Frontispiece.

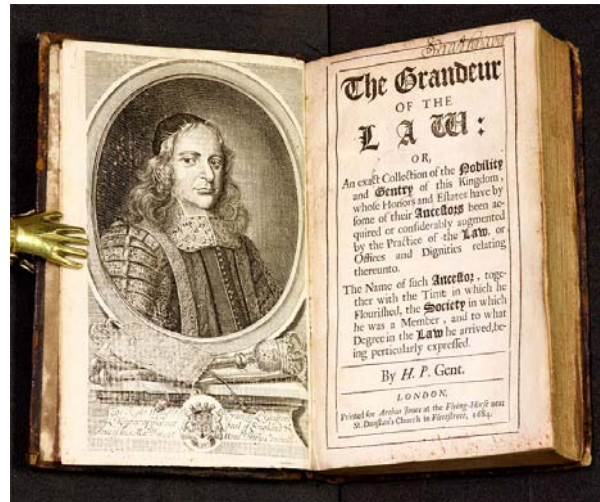


Contemporary three-quarter morocco over moire cloth, gilt rules to boards along morocco panels, raised bands, gilt title and gilt ornament to spine, top edges gilt, marbled endpapers. Light rubbing to extremities with negligible wear to spine ends and corners, light toning to interior. A handsomely bound pair. \$500.

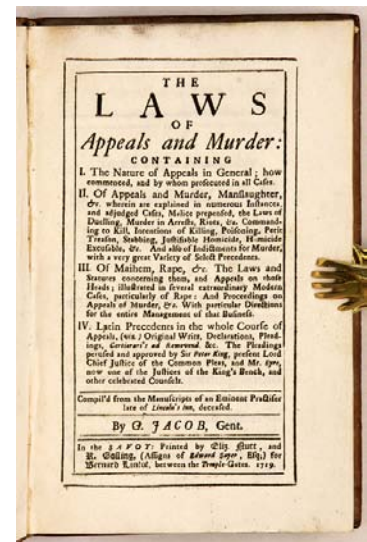
* *Dissenting Opinions*: first edition, third printing; *Representative Opinions*: first edition, first printing. "The whole range of Holmes' penetrating analysis of public problems is here [in the *Dissenting Opinions*]. And as always, the substance is enhanced by the fine flavor of the form.": *The New York Times*, November 29, 1931. "The cases reprinted [in *Representative Opinions*] are chosen with judgment and give a picture of Mr. Justice Holmes' view of the law not easily obtained elsewhere.... It is the work of a man who serves the Democracy which is his sovereign, as the traditional Royalist serves his king.": Arthur D. Hill, *Harvard Law Review* 46:179-180. Both citations from Marke, *A Catalogue of the Law Collection at New York University* (1953) 1093.



Item 13



Item 12



Item 14

A Blend of Martindale-Hubbell and Burke's Peerage

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

The Grandeur of the Law, or, An Exact Collection of the Nobility and Gentry of this Kingdom: Whose Honors and Estates Have by Some of Their Ancestors Been Acquired or Considerably Augmented by the Practice of the Law or Offices and Dignities Relating Thereunto: the Name of Such Ancestor, Together with the Time in Which he Flourished, the Society in Which he was a Member, and to What Degree in the Law he Arrived, Being Particularly Expressed.

London: Printed for Arthur Jones, 1684. [viii], 276, [12] pp. Last leaf blank. Copperplate portrait frontispiece (of Francis, Lord Guilford, Lord Keeper of the Great Seal, to whom the work is dedicated). Octavo (6-1/4" x 3-1/2").

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

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

A Handbook for the Freemen of London

13. Jacob, Giles [1686-1744].

City-Liberties: Or, The Rights and Privileges of Freemen. Being a Concise Abridgment of All the Laws, Charters, By-Laws, And Customs of London, Down to this Time: Containing The Liberties and Advantages of the Citizens, Their Wives, Widows, Orphans, And Others; And the Laws Concerning Wills, Administration and Distribution of Estates, Actions, Attachments and Sequestrations. Also Of Binding forth Apprentices, Taking out Freedoms, Election of Officers, and Courts in the City; Companies of Trade, &c. as regulated by late Statutes. Very Useful To all Citizens and Other Inhabitants of the City of London.

[London]: printed by E. and R. Nutt, and R. Gosling, 1732. viii, 168, [8] pp. Two leaves at rear of text, both publisher advertisements, lacking. Octavo (7-1/2" x 4-3/4").

Later three-quarter morocco over textured cloth, gilt fillets and title to spine, title page re-hinged. Some rubbing to extremities, moderate toning and occasional faint dampstaining to text, light soiling to a few leaves, upper corner lacking from leaf 16 (pp. 123-124) with loss to a few words of text. Ex-library. Bookplate to front pastedown, stamps to front endleaf, verso of title page and head of preface. \$350.

* Only edition. Contents arranged alphabetically by topic. Jacob addressed this handbook to the Freemen of London, even “the most common Readers” (viii). This distinction is significant. Jacob, though certainly interested in boosting sales by attracting the widest audience possible, was an idealist who believed that widespread knowledge of the law would help create a more just society. This is also evident in his other publications, such as the *Treatise of Laws* (1721), *The Common Law Common-Placed* (1726) and *Every Man His Own Lawyer* (1736). OCLC locates 10 copies in North American law libraries. Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 1:440 (60). *English Short-Title Catalogue* T137004.

Scarce Treatise by Jacob with Interesting Material Relating to Women

14. Jacob, Giles [1686-1744].

The Laws of Appeals and Murder: Containing I. The Nature of Appeals in General; How Commenced, And by Whom Prosecured in All Cases. II. Of Appeals and Murder, Manslaughter, &c. Wherein are Explained in Numerous Instances, And Adjudged Cases, Malice Prepensd, The Laws of Duelling, Murder in Arrests, Riots, &c. Commanding to Kill, Intentions of Killing, Poisoning, Petit Treason, Stabbing, Justifiable Homicide, Homicide Excusable, &c. And Also of Indictments for Murder, With a Very Great Variety of Select Precedents. III. Of Maihem, Rape, &c. The Laws and Statutes Concerning Them, And Appeals on Those Heads; Illustrated in Several Extraordinary Modern Cases, Particularly of Rape: And Proceedings on Appeals of Murder, &c. With Particular Directions for the Entire Management of that Business. IV. Latin Precedents in the Whole Course of Appeals, (Viz.) Original Writs. Declarations, Pleadings, Certiorari's ad Removend. &c. The Pleadings Perused and Approved by Sir Peter King, Present Lord Chief Justice of the Common Pleas, And Mr. Eyre, Now One of the Justices of the King's Bench, And Other Celebrated Counsels. Compil'd from the Manuscripts of an Eminent Practiser Late of Lincoln's Inn, Deceased.

[London]: Printed by Eliz. Nutt, And R. Gosling, (Assigns of Edward Sayer, Esq;) for Bernard Lintot, 1719. [viii], 202, [22] pp. Octavo (7-3/4" x 4-3/4").

Contemporary calf, blind rules to boards, blind fillets along joints, raised bands and faint hand-lettered “I” to spine. A few minor nicks to boards, small chip to head to spine, corners bumped and lightly worn, hinges starting, a few partial cracks to text block. Title printed within ruled border, internally fresh. A notably well-preserved copy of a scarce title. \$2,500.

* Only edition, one of two issues, both from 1719. One of the scarcest books by this prolific and versatile writer. The text is particularly noteworthy as it contains a number of interesting features, including substantial sections on rape and the rights of women, as well as special appeals brought by women for murder. Counting both issues, OCLC locates 11 copies worldwide, 7 in North American law libraries (Harvard, LA County, Library of Congress, SMU, University of Cincinnati, University of Minnesota, University of Pennsylvania, Yale). The ESTC locates 5 more (British Library, Cashel Cathedral Library, Dublin Honourable Society of King's Inn, National Library of Ireland, Yale University). *English Short-Title Catalogue* N62271.

First edition of the Magnificent Elsevier edition of *Corpus Juris Civilis*

15. Justinian (483-565 CE).

Van Leeuwen, Simon [1628-1682], Editor.

[Godefroy, Denis (1549-1622)

Jacques Cujas (1522-1590)

Antoon Anselmo (1589-1668) (and Others), Annotations].

Corpus Juris Civilis, Pandectis ad Florentinum Archetypum Expressis, Institutionibus, Codice et Novellis, Addito Textu Graeco, ut & in Digestis & Codice, Legibus & Constitutionibus Graecis, cum Optimis Quibusque Editionibus Collatis. Cum Notis Integris, Repetitae Quintum Praelectionis, Dionysii Gothofredi, Praeter Justiniani Edicta, Leonis & Aliorum Imperatorum Novellas, ac Canones Apostolorum, Graece & Latine, Feudorum Libros, Legis XII. Taul. & Alios ad Jus Pertinentes Tractatus, Fastos Consulares, Indicesque Titulorum ac Legum: & Quaecunque in Ultimus Parisiensi vel Lugdennensi Editionibus Continentur, Huic Editioni Novi Accesserunt Pauli Receptae Sententiae cum Selectis Ntis J. Cujacii et Sparsim ad Universum Corpus Antonii Anselmo, Observationes Singulares, Remissiones & Notae Juris Civilis, Canonici, & Novissimi ac in Praxi Recepti Differentiam Continentes; Denique Lectiones Varias & Notae Selectae Augustini, Bellonii, Goveani, Cujacii, Duareni, Ruffardi, Hottomanni, Contii, Roberti, Raevardi, Charondae, Grotii, Salmasii & Aliorum. Opera & Studio Simonis van Leeuwen.



Amsterdam: Johannes Blaeu and Louis and Daniel Elzevier, 1663. Folio. (16" x 10"). Engraved extra title, [18], 796 pp.; [12], 388, [12], 300, [92], [39] pp. Collated and complete. Four parts in one volume. Volume I preceded by engraved pictorial title page with lady justice, by C. van Dalen. Text printed in double columns.

Contemporary vellum with moderate wear and soiling, blindstamped decorative lozenge at center of front and rear boards, seven raised bands, extra gilt, with red morocco gilt lettering piece in the second compartment, later cloth ties. Front board slightly cracked but secure. Woodcut Elzevier sunrise device to title, woodcut decorated initials. Early owner's vellum tabs to fore edge lettered in ink, a few of the tabs gone. Interior clean and bright. An impressive volume. \$2,000.

* Elsevier edition renowned for its excellent typography. With index. Texts in Latin and Greek. Volume II includes the Twelve Tables and the Consuetudines Feudorum, Constitutiones Frederici II., Extravagantes, Liber De Pace Constantiae, Authentica and Epitome Feudorum. Commissioned by the Emperor Justinian in 530 CE, the body of writings known collectively as the Corpus Juris Civilis reformed, restated and preserved early Roman law. Its subsequent influence on European jurisprudence is difficult to underestimate. The book includes both medieval accretions to Justinian's collection (the Feudal Books, the Authenticum with its later imperial constitutions which were added to Justinian's Novels. Edited by van Leeuwen, this volume is based on Godefroy's seminal 1583 edition with additional notes by important French and Dutch humanist jurists. One of the largest books produced by the Elseviers. Willems notes it is "perhaps the most beautiful book to have left the Elzevier presses in Amsterdam.": Willems, *Les Elzevier: Histoire et Annales Typographiques* 1299.

A Group of Prominent New York City Lawyers Establish a Price-Fixing Cartel

16. [Lawyers].

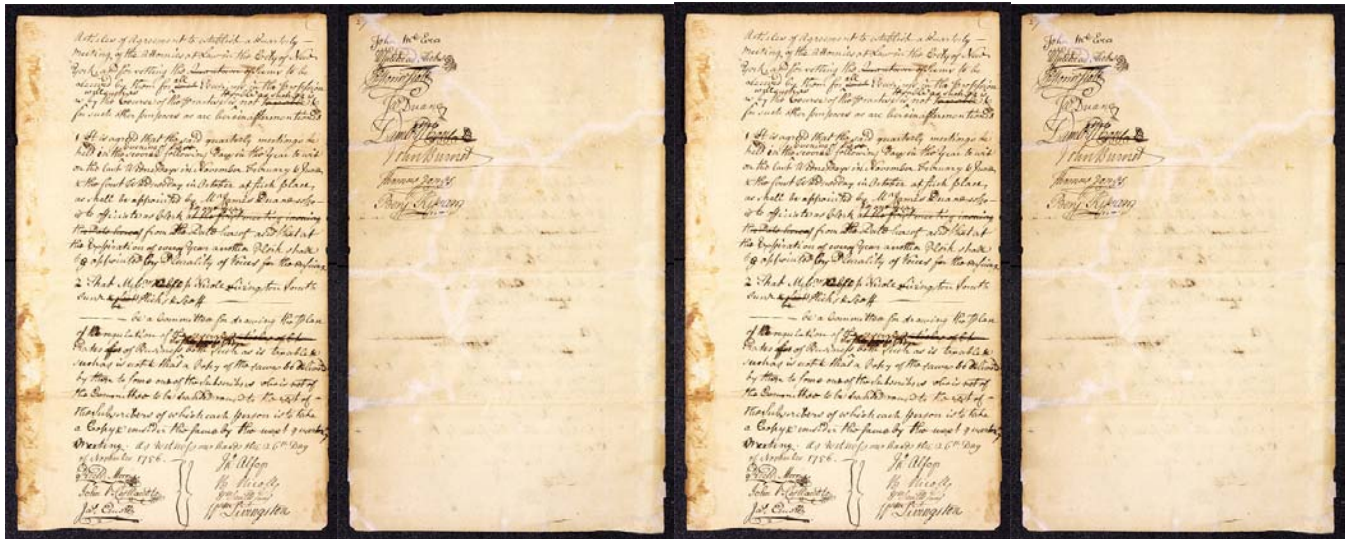
[New York City].

"Articles of Agreement to Establish a Quarterly Meeting of the Attornies [sic] in the City of New York and for Setting the Sum to be Received by Them for All Business in the Profession" [Running Title].

New York, November 26, 1756.

12" x 7-1/4" leaf, text on recto, some signatures on verso. Light browning and moderate edgewear, careful recent repairs to tears. \$9,500.

* In this 1756 document, 15 New York lawyers agree to meet regularly and appoint "a Committee for drawing a plan" for uniform fees and regulations. This was certainly a precursor to formal bar associations, which were not established until the late nineteenth century. James Duane, is named the first clerk of what is, in effect, a cartel of New York lawyers. It is signed by James Duane (mayor of New York, 1784-1789), William Livingston (signer of United States Constitution), William Smith, Jr. (author of the 1756 History of the Province of New-York and co-compiler with Livingston of *The Laws of New York*), John V. Cortlandt, Richard Morris, Benjamin Kissam, Whitehead Hicks (mayor of New York, 1766-1776), and eight others. The ability of lawyers to set fixed fees remained in force for over two centuries until declared unconstitutional by the U.S. Supreme Court in 1975's *Goldfarb v. Virginia State Bar*.



Transcript

“Articles of Agreement to establish a Quarterly meeting of the Attornies [sic] in the City of New York and for setting the Sum to be received by them for all business in the profession as well such as by the Course of the practice is taxable as such as is not for such other purposes as are herein aforementioned.

1. It is agreed that the said quarterly meetings be held in the evening of the several following days in the year to wit on the last Wednesdays in November February & June & the first Wednesday in October at such place, as shall be appointed by Mr James Duane, who is to officiate as clerk for one year....
2. That Messers Alsop Nicole Livingston Smith Junr be Hicks & Scott be a Committee for drawing the plan of regulation of the several Rates of business in the profession both such as is taxable & such as is not & that a Copy of the same be delivered by them to some one of the Subscribers who is not part of the Committee to be handed round to the rest of the Subscribers of which each person is to take a Copy and consider the same by the next quarterly meeting. As Witness our hands the 26th Day of November 1756

Richd: Morris/ Jno. Alsop/ John V. Cortlandt/ B. Nicole/ Jas. Emett [?]/ Wm Smith Junr./ Wm Livingston/ John McEvers/ Whitehead Hicks/ Jno Morris Scott / Ja:s Duane / Lamb: McCool [?]/ John Burnet / Thomas Jones/ Benj: Kissam”

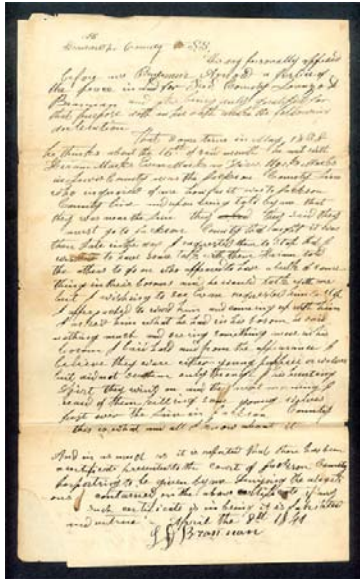
Some of the Most Prominent Signers:

James Duane [1733-1797] was a delegate to the Continental Congress from New York, a state senator, the 44th mayor of New York City (its first after the United States won independence), and a U.S. district judge. He signed both the Continental Association and the Articles of Confederation.

William Livingston [1723-1790] was the scion of the Albany, N.Y., Livingstone family. He served a term in the New York State Assembly, was a delegate to the Continental Congress from New Jersey and later that state’s governor, and signed the U.S. Constitution.

William Smith [1728-1793] co-compiled the *Laws of New-York, From the Year 1691, To 1751* (1752) with Livingston. A loyalist during the Revolution, he was chief justice of New York during the British occupation. He settled in Canada after the war, served as chief justice of Quebec and ended his career as the first chief justice of Lower Canada.

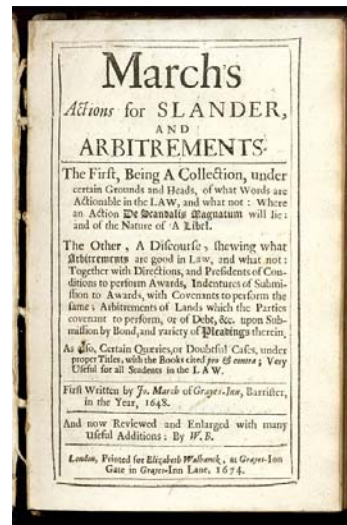
John Van Cortlandt [1721-1786] was born into a prominent New York family. During the years leading up to the Revolution and during the War itself, John Van Cortlandt was active in the political efforts of the patriot cause. He was a member of the Provisional War Committee, elected Deputy to the Provincial Congress, and served in the second, third and fourth Provincial Congresses. John operated a sugar house and a snuff mill, among other ventures.



Item 17



Item 18



Fraudulent Collection of Wolf Bounties in Virginia

17. [Manuscript].

[Virginia].

[Wolf Bounties].

[Autograph Deposition Addressed to J.P. Thomasson and other justices of Jackson County, Signed by Justice of the Peace Benjamin Arnold, Kanawho County, Virginia, April 8, 1841].

4 pp. 12-1/2" x 7-1/2" bifolium, ocketed on verso of second leaf.

Horizontal fold lines, a few with minor tears, tear through most of fold between the leaves, light browning and minor edgewear, a few small chips to edges. Content in neat small hand filling one page and a quarter of another. \$300.

* This deposition says the Marks family from Lewis County was carrying wolf puppies into Jackson county lines in order to kill them there in order to collect wolf-killing bounties awarded by the county.

"What Words Are Actionable in the Law"

18. March, John [1612-1657].

March's Actions for Slander, And Arbitrements. The First, Being a Collection, Under Certain Grounds and Heads, Of What Words are Actionable in the Law, And What Not: Where an Action de Scandalis Magnatum Will Lie: And of the Nature of a Libel. The Other, a Discourse, Shewing what Arbitrements are Good in Law, And what Not: Together with Directions and Presidents of Conditions to Perform Awards, Indentures of Submission to Awards, With Covenants to Perform the Same; Arbitrements of Lands Which the Parties Covenant to Perform, or of Debt, &c. Upon Submission by Bond, And Variety of Pleadings Therein. As also, Certain Quaeries, Or Doubtful Cases, Under Proper Titles, With the Books Cited Pro & Contra; Very Useful for all Students in the Law. First Written by Jo. Marsh of Grayes-Inn, Barrister, In the Year 1648 [sic]. And Now Reviewed and Enlarged with Many Useful Additions: By W.B.

London: Printed for Elizabeth Walbanck, 1674. [8], 219, p. 218, 223-320, 401-476, [18] pp. Text is continuous despite pagination. Octavo (6-1/2" x 4-1/4").

Contemporary calf, blind rules with corner fleurons to boards, raised bands to spine, gilt tooling to board edges. Moderate rubbing to extremities, corners bumped and lightly worn, tiny chips to head of spine and top-edge of front board, hinges cracked, a few cracks to text block. Some toning to text, light soiling and edgewear to endleaves. A handsome copy. \$400.

* Fourth and final complete edition (an abridged version was published in 1649). “There is one book written during this period which is exclusively devoted to the law of tort. That is John March’s little book on actions for slander, published in 1647. Actions for slander had long figured prominently in the reports; and this book is an able attempt to extract some general principles from the cases” (Holdsworth). The second edition is a reissue of the first edition (1647). The second part of the second edition, which is dated 1649 and has its own title page and pagination, is an outline of actions with a collection of forms. Holdsworth, *A History of English Law* V:393. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R217353.



First Edition of the First English Treatise on Wills for Laymen

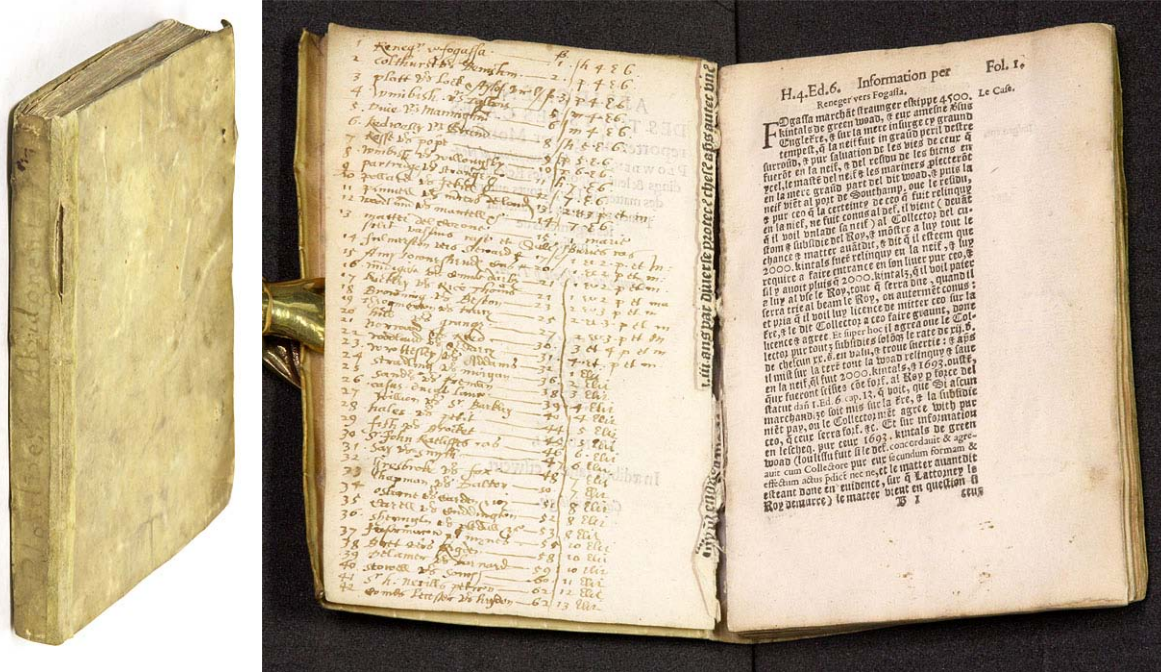
19. Meriton, George [1634-1711].

The Touchstone of Wills, Testaments, And Administrations. Being a Compendium of Cases & Resolutions Touching the Same. Carefully Collected Out of the Ecclesiastical, Civil and Canon-Laws, As also Out of the Customs, Common Laws, And Statutes of this Kingdom.

London: printed for W. Leak, A. Roper, [et al.], 1668. [viii], 244, [10] pp. Octavo (5-1/2" x 3-1/2").

Recent period-style quarter calf over varnished boards, lettering piece and gilt-edged raised bands to spine, title page mounted and re-hinged. Light browning to text, faint dampstaining to foot of text block in a few places, moderate edgewear to final few leaves, fore-edge of first leaf of table lacking with loss to text. Faint later signature to head of p. [iii], interior otherwise clean. \$1,500.

* First edition. Meriton was a lawyer and a prodigious writer on a wide range of legal and non-legal topics. Born in the North Riding of Yorkshire, he is also remembered for his dialect poem *The Praise of Yorkshire Ale* (1683). First published in 1665, the *Touchstone* was the first English treatise on wills written for laymen. It was a well-regarded work that went through two later editions in 1671 and 1674. All editions are scarce. OCLC locates 6 copies of the first edition in North American law libraries (Harvard, Jenkins, Library of Congress, Northwestern, University of Pennsylvania, York University-Osgoode Hall). *English Short-Title Catalogue* R11357.



The First Abridgment of Plowden with Contemporary Annotations

20. Plowden, Edmund [1518-1585].

A[sh], T[homas fl. 1599-1618], Digester.

Abridgment des Touts les Cases Reportez Alarge per Monsieur Plowden, Ouesq[ue] les Exceptions al Pleadings & Leur Responses, Les Resolutions des Matters in ley, & Touts Auters Principal Matters Surdants sur les Arguments de Mesmes, Composee & Digest p[er] T.A.

London: In Aedibus Ianae Yetsweirt, [1597?]. [1], 91, [1] ff. Table. Lacking Signature D (ff. 17-24). Like most copies, this not issued with a preface (as per ESTC). Octavo (5-1/2" x 3-3/4").

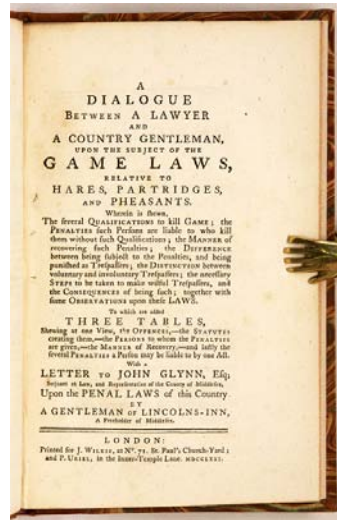
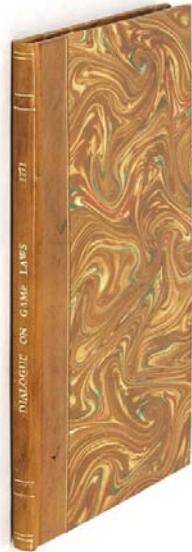
Contemporary limp vellum with lapped edges, early hand-lettered title to spine, front joint reinforced, ties lacking. Light rubbing to extremities, light soiling, somewhat heavier soiling to spine, front joint starting near head, front pastedown loose, a few cracks to text block. Moderate toning to text, faint ink smudges to a few leaves, light soiling to title page, some edgewear to preliminaries and final few leaves. Annotations in early hand filling front pastedown and verso of title page, other annotations in same hand to margins of several leaves. \$1,500.

*First edition. Ashe's was the first abridgment of Plowden. Well received, it had a second edition in 1607 and was reissued in an English translation in 1650. First published in 1571 and covering the period of 1550-1580, Plowden's *Reports* marks the transition away from the cumulative method of the Year Books to one based on exposition and commentary. In most respects it is a precursor of the modern reporter. The annotations in our copy indicate patient study. The notes on the preliminary leaves are case references linked to the text. The notes to the margins are glosses and summaries of key points. Some sources, most notably the Pollard and Redgrave *Short-Title Catalogue*, give a publication date of 1598. OCLC locates 3 copies in North American law libraries (Harvard, Library of Congress, University of Minnesota). *English Short-Title Catalogue* R114904. Beale, *Bibliography of Early English Law Books* R491.

Review of English Game Laws in the Form of a Dialogue

21. [Purlewent, Samuel].

A Dialogue Between a Lawyer and a Country Gentleman, Upon the Subject of the Game Laws, Relative to Hares, Partridges, And Pheasants. Wherein is Shewn, The Several Qualifications to Kill Game; The Penalties such Persons are Liable to Who Kill them Without such Qualifications; The Manner of Recovering such Penalties; The Difference Between being Subject to the Penalties, And being Punished as Trespassers; The Distinction Between Voluntary and Involuntary Trespassers; The Necessary Steps to be Taken to Make Wilful Trespassers, And the Consequences of Being Such; Together with Some Observations upon These Laws. To Which are Added Three Tables, Shewing at One View, The Offences,-- The Statutes Creating Them,-- The Persons to Whom the Penalties are Given,-- The Manner of Recovery,-- And Lastly the Several Penalties a Person May be Liable to by One Act. With a Letter to John Glynn, Esq; Serjeant at Law, And Representative of the County of Middlesex, Upon the Penal Laws of this Country by a Gentleman of Lincoln's-Inn, A Freeholder of Middlesex.



Item 21



Item 22

London: Printed for J. Wilkie, 1771. xv, [1], 39 pp. Half-title. Three folding tables. Octavo (9" x 5-1/2").

Recent quarter calf over marbled boards, gilt rules to boards, raised bands, gilt rules and gilt title to spine. Light toning to text, tiny inkstains to a few leaves, negligible light foxing in a few places, a few short clean tears to folding tables. A handsome copy of a scarce title. \$950.

* First edition, one of three issues from 1771. This review of the game laws in dialogue form was reprinted in 1775 and incorporated into a later work, *Two Tracts on Game Laws* (1787). The three tables summarize the laws relating to hares, partridges and pheasants. OCLC locates 9 copies in North American Law libraries. Not in Sweet & Maxwell. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T66787.

1598 Imprint of *Doctor and Student*

22. St. Germain [German], Christopher [?1460-1540].

The Dialogue in English, Betweene a Doctor of Divinitie, And a Student in the Lawes of England. Newly Corrected and Imprinted, With New Additions.

London: Printed by Thomas Wight and Bonham Norton, 1598. [2]-176, [4] ff. Title page lacking, supplied in facsimile. Octavo (5-1/4" x 3-1/4").

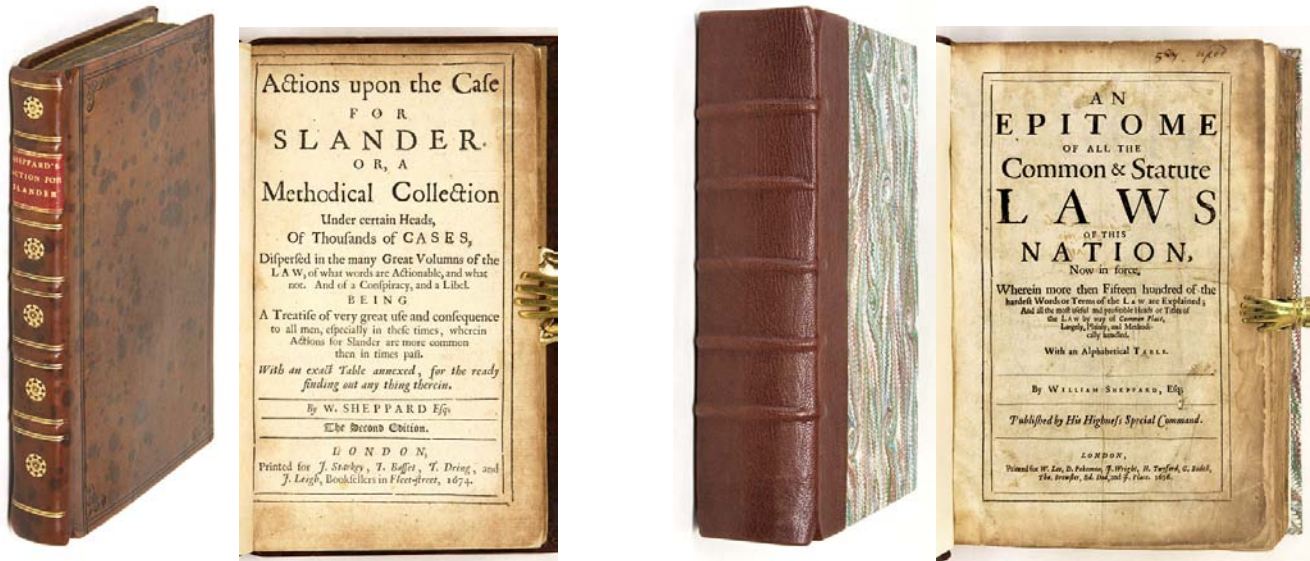
Somewhat later sheep, blind rules to boards, blind rules and raised bands to spine. Moderate rubbing to extremities, small chip to head of spine, corners bumped, endleaves neatly removed. Light toning to text, brief early annotations to a few leaves. \$750.

* Originally written in Latin in 1523, this work contains two dialogues between a doctor of divinity and a student of English law. It popularized canonist learning on the nature and object of law, the religious and moral standards of law, the foundations of the common law and other issues regarding the jurisdiction of Parliament. A very important work in the development of equity, *Doctor and Student* appeared in numerous editions. An authority well into the eighteenth century, it influenced several writers, including Blackstone. *English Short-Title Catalogue* S116373. Beale, *A Bibliography of Early English Law Books* T480.

"Iniquity of the Tongue"

23. Sheppard, William [d. 1675?].

Actions Upon the Case for Slander. Or, A Methodical Collection Under Certain Heads, Of Thousands of Cases, Dispersed in the Many Great Volumes of the Law, Of What Words are Actionable, And What are Not. And of a Conspiracy, And a Libel. Being a Treatise of Very Great Use and Consequence to All Men, Especially in These Times, Wherein Actions for Slander are More Common Then in Times Past. With an Exact Table Annexed, For the Ready Finding Out Any Thing Therein.



Item 23

Item 24

London: Printed for J. Starkey, T. Basset, T. Dring, and J. Leigh, 1674. [viii], 287, [17] pp. Octavo (6-3/4" x 4-1/4").

Recent period-style calf. Blind rules with corner fleurons to boards, raised bands, gilt ornaments and lettering piece to spine. Woodcut headpieces and decorated initials. Moderate toning to text, somewhat heavier in places, faint spotting to a few leaves, some discoloration and minor edgewear to title page. A nice copy in a handsome binding. \$1,500.

* Second and final edition. Sheppard's treatise, originally published in 1662 as *Action Upon the Case for Slander*, was one of the first two books to address the topic. (The other was William March's *Actions for Slander*, 1647.) As indicated by its preface, Sheppard's is especially interesting. "[A]mong the abiding Iniquity of this Age, the iniquity of the Tongue, that little Member, set on fire by Hell, is not the least; And among the evils of the Tongue, is there any more pernicious and deadly, and yet more common and epidemical then Backbiting and Slander? (...) It is true, that in former times, wee finde Actions of the Case for Slanderous words very rarely brought; which speaks this much, that such words were then very rarely spoken. But in these daies they are become almost as natural to men, as their language and discourse; and therefore the disease, so deeply rooted, and over-spreading, calls for the application of the Remedy, which our Law doth abundantly furnish us withall. And hence it is, I have been encouraged to ingage in this work; which is nothing else but a naked and Methodical Collection of the remedies prescribed by the Law against this Malady." OCLC locates 5 copies in North American law libraries (Library of Congress, State of Oregon Law Library, University of Pennsylvania, University of Washington, Yale). *English Short-Title Catalogue* R31192.

A New Departure for the Abridgment

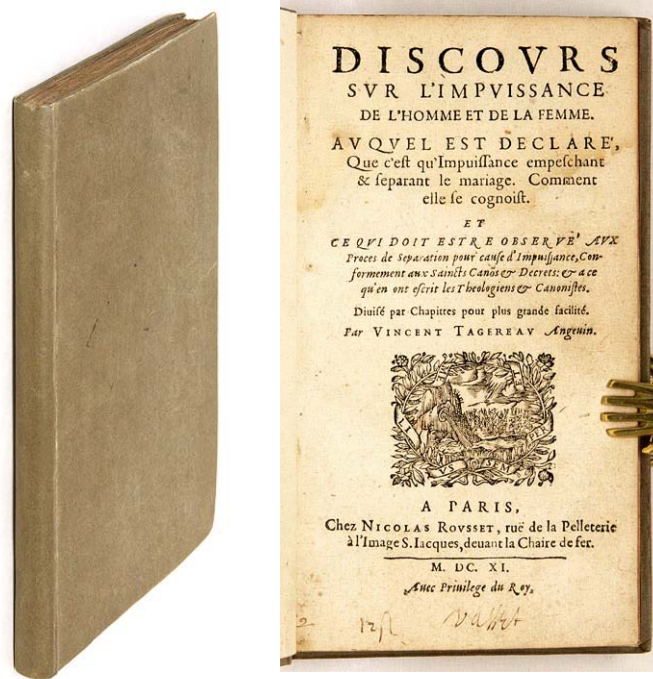
24. Sheppard, William [fl. 1660].

An Epitome of All the Common & Statute Laws of This Nation Now in Force: Wherein More than Fifteen Hundred of the Hardest Words or Terms of the Law are Explained; And All of the Most Useful and Profitable Heads or Titles of the Law by Way of Common Place, Largely, Plainly, and Methodically Handled. With an Alphabetical Table.

London: Printed for W. Lee, D. Pakeman [et al.], 1656. [xxiv], 1131, [1] pp. Folio (11-1/4" x 7-1/2").

Recent period-style quarter morocco over marbled boards, early hand-lettered title to fore-edge of text block, existing front pastedown retained, other endleaves renewed. Moderate toning, somewhat heavier in places, occasional faint dampstaining, light soiling and some edgewear to title page. Owner signature, "Edw: Morgan/ Linolns Inn" to front pastedown, brief annotations in same hand to title page and a few other places. \$1,950.

* First edition. Sheppard's *Epitome* marked a significant change in the nature of abridgments. Unlike other examples, which are collections of notes of cases and statutes arranged loosely under headings and sub-headings, Sheppard's is comprised of entries on all branches of the law. Dedicated to Oliver Cromwell, the *Epitome* is divided into 170 chapters and arranged alphabetically from "Acceptance" to "Words." It was inspired, at least in part, to the reforming spirit of the Commonwealth. Notable works that followed Sheppard's example, and went on to inspire the modern legal encyclopedia, are Bacon's *Abridgement* and Comyn's *Digest*. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R10939.



Divorce Due to Sexual Dysfunction

25. Tagereau, Vincent.

Discours sur l'Impuissance de l'Homme et de la Femme. Auquel est Declaré, Que c'est qu'Impuissance Empeschant & Separant le Mariage.

Paris: N. Rousset [Roussel], 1611, Octavo. Modern boards. [viii], 191, [1] pp. cut short slightly shaving printed marginalia of A3, paper age-toned, some spotting, small tears in margin of quire X. A good copy of a scarce work. \$1,750.

* First edition. A treatise on the dissolution of marriage due to sexual dysfunction. The legal procedure, called "épreuve du congres," was humiliating: before a jury of lawyers, judges and witnesses, the man had to show whether or not he was able to fulfill the duties imposed by marriage. Apparently, testimony sufficed when dealing with female disfunction. Later editions were published in 1612 and 1655, with reissues of the 1612 edition in 1887, 1900 and 2013. All editions and reissues are scarce. OCLC locates 7 copies of the first edition, 2 in North America (Harvard Law School, UCLA). Camus, *Bibliothèque Choisie des Livres de Droit* 1489.

A Sermon Celebrating Parliament's Victories in the Fifth Year of the First English Civil War

26. Torshell, Samuel [1604-1650].

The Palace of Justice Opened and Set to Veiw [sic], In a Sermon at Margarets Westminster Before the Honorable House of Commons Assembled in Parliament, Upon the 12th of May, 1646. Being the Day of Their Solemn Thanksgiving, For Regaining and Taking in the Severall Garisons, Of the city of Exeter. Barnstable. Michaels Mount in Cornwall Ruthen Castle. Ilford-Combe. Aberystwyth in Wales. Dunster Castle. Titbury Castle. Woodstock Mannor. Castle of Bridgnorth. Babury Castle. Newarke.

London: Printed by T.R. and E.M. for John Bellamy at the Three Golden Lions in Cornhill, 1646. [viii], 23, [1] pp. Quarto (7-1/4" x 5-1/2").

Stab-stitched pamphlet bound into recent quarter cloth over marbled boards, gilt title to spine. Title printed within double-line border, woodcut head-pieces and decorated initials. Moderate browning to text, faint dampspotting to some leaves. "Torshell" in early hand to front endleaf, interior otherwise clean. \$250.

* Only edition. The text of a sermon delivered before the opening of Parliament offering thanks for a series of recent victories against Charles I. It ends with an exhortation to Parliament: "Honoured Fathers, Renowned Patrots, I have done, when I have onely summed my Discourse in a few words: Be just" (22). OCLC locates 11 copies in North America. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R200826.

“Priapus on a Rampage”

27. [Trial].

Pratt, Annie A., Defendant.

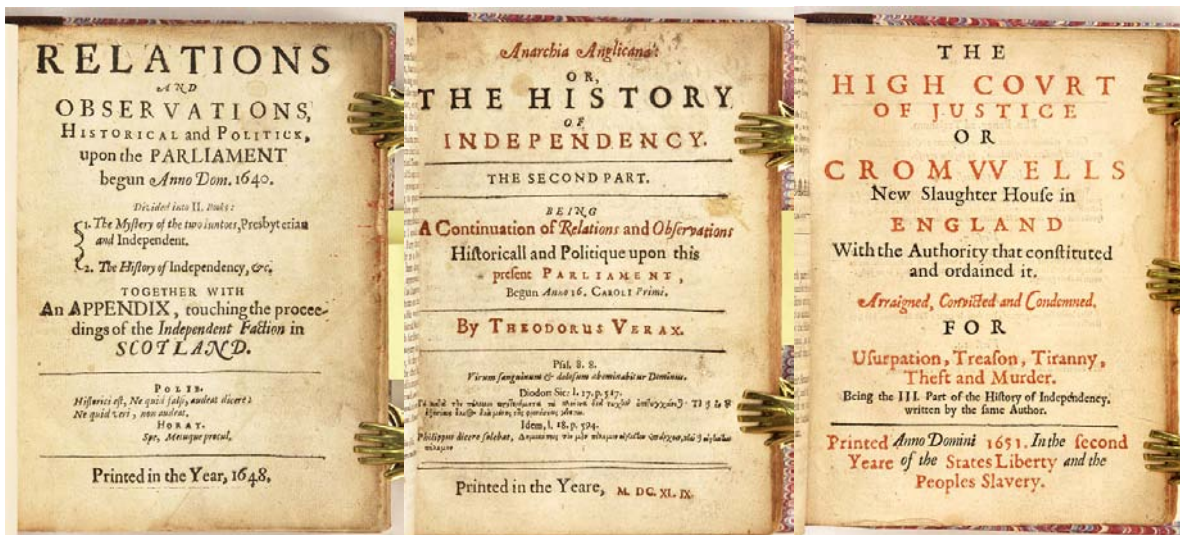
Cohen, Alfred A.

In the District Court of the Fourth Judicial District of the State of California, In and For the County of San Francisco. George W. Tyler, Plaintiff, vs. Annie A. Pratt, Defendant. Argument of Mr. Alfred A. Cohen, Counsel for Plaintiff.

San Francisco: Francis & Valentine, 1877. 61 pp. Octavo (8-3/4" x 5-1/2").

Stab-stitched pamphlet in printed wrappers. Minor discoloration and a few minor chips to wrappers, fold line to lower corner of rear wrapper, darkening to spine, a bit of wear to spine ends, internally fresh. \$150.

* Only edition. Annie Pratt received an enormous divorce settlement of more than \$700,000.00, but failed to pay her divorce lawyer, George W. Tyler. Tyler hired Cohen, a prominent San Francisco attorney, businessman and leader of the city's Jewish community, to recover his fee. In his argument Cohen recalls the unsavory details of the Pratt divorce, which was the result of an affair by the husband. Reviewing the marriage, he says Mr. Pratt, a judge, was, in his private life, like “Priapus on a rampage, or [a] Satyr, capering and whinnying among the fawns.” OCLC locates 10 copies, 1 in a law library (Yale).



A Notable Account of the English Civil War by an Outspoken Opponent of Cromwell

28. [Walker, Clement (1595-1651)].

Relations and Observations, Historical and Politick, Upon the Parliament begun Anno Dom. 1640. Divided into II. Books: 1. The Mystery of the Two Iuntoes, Presbyterian and Independent. 2. The History of Independency, &c. Together with An Appendix, Touching the Proceedings of the Independent Faction in Scotland.

[London]: S.n., 1648. [vi], 18; [8], 27-174; 18 pp. Three parts, first two with title page and individual pagination, title page preceding final part lacking.

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[Walker, Clement].

Anarchia Anglicana: Or' The History of Independency. The Second Part. Being a Continuation of Relations and Observations Historicall and Politique Upon this Present Parliament, Begun Anno 16. Caroli Primi.

[London]: S.n., 1649. [vii], 260 (of 262); 249-256 pp. Portrait frontispiece and final two leaves lacking, pp. 249-256 are final leaves from another issue of this title (ESTC R27579). Title page printed in red and black.

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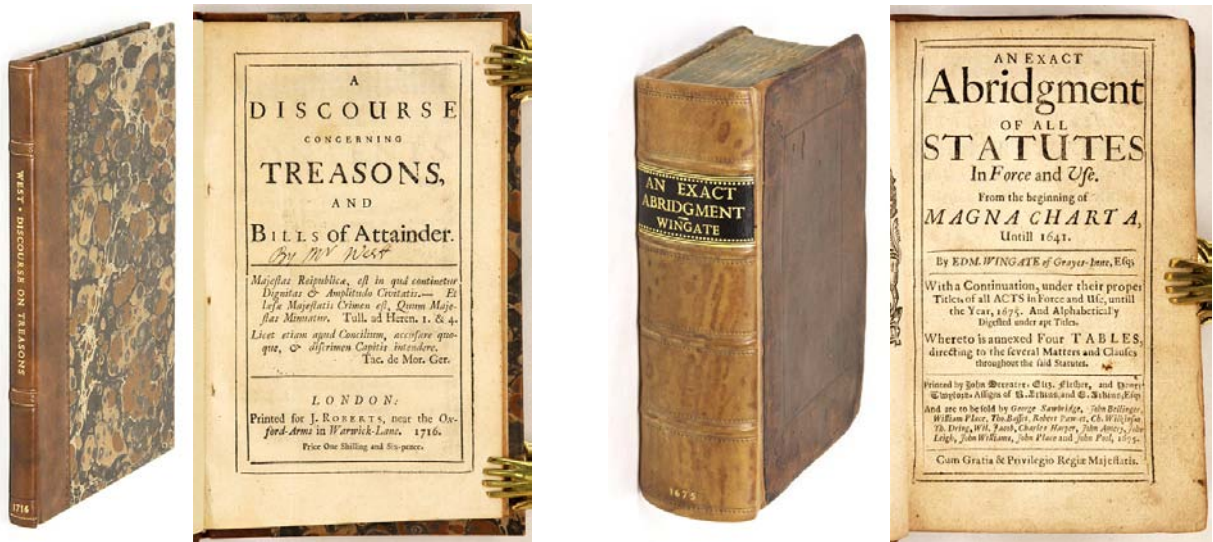
[Walker, Clement].

The High Court of Justice. Or Cromwells New Slaughter-House in England. With the Authoritie that Constituted and Ordained it Arraigned, Convicted, and Condemned; For Usurpation, Treason, Tyrannie, Theft, And Murder. Being the III. Part of the Historie of Independencie: Written by the Same Author.

[London]: S.n., 1651. 71 pp. Title page printed in red and black.

Quarto (7-1/4" x 5-1/2"). Recent quarter morocco over marbled boards, raised bands and gilt title to spine. Moderate toning to text, faint dampstaining in places, light soiling to title pages. \$300.

* First editions. Walker's was the most popular and politically contrived of accounts of England before and during the Civil War. Walker was a member of the Long Parliament and, like William Prynne, a severe critic of Cromwell's regime. He was imprisoned in the Tower of London after he published *Relations*, where he died without a trial in 1651. At this time he wrote the other two parts under the pseudonym Theodorus Verax. Our copy is thus complete as Walker envisaged it. Though published separately, and listed that way in the *ESTC*, these three are often found bound together. There are several issues of the first and second parts. Our first part includes "The Mystery of the Two Juntoes" at the beginning and an appendix at the end. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R27578, R206334, R27580.



Item 29

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Learned 1716 Defense of Attainder

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

A Discourse Concerning Treasons, and Bills of Attainder.

London: Printed for J. Roberts, 1716. [iv], 111 pp. Octavo (7-1/2" x 4-3/4").

Stab-stitched pamphlet bound into recent period-style quarter calf over marbled boards, raised bands and lettering piece to spine. Some soiling to title page and verso of final leaf. "By Mr. West" in fine early hand to title page, interior otherwise fresh. \$650.

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

From *Magna Carta* to 1675

30. Wingate, Edm[und] [1596-1656].

An Exact Abridgment of All Statutes in Force and Use. From the beginning of Magna Carta untill 1641. By Edm. Wingate of Grayes-Inne, Esq; With a Continuation, Under Their Proper Titles, Of All Acts in Force and Use, Untill the Year 1675. And Alphabetically Digested Under Apt Titles. Whereto is Annexed Four Tables Directing to the Several Matters and Clauses Throughout the Said Statutes.

[London]: Printed by John Streater, Eliz. Flesher, and Henry Twyford, 1675. [viii], 512, 517-756, [136] pp. Woodcut of arms of England on leaf facing title page. Octavo (6-3/4" x 4-1/4").

Contemporary calf, blind panels with corner fleurons to boards, rebacked in period style with raised bands and lettering piece, original endleaves retained. Some minor scuffs and scratches to boards, rubbing to board edges with wear to corners, hinges cracked. Moderate toning to text, occasional faint dampspotting, some edgewear to preliminaries, early annotations and pen doodles to endleaves, a few brief figures in tiny hand below arms of England. A nice copy. \$400.

* Fifth edition, revised. First published in 1642, Wingate's *Exact Abridgment* offered a shorter alternative to the lengthy compilations of Rastell and Pulton. A standard work, it was updated and reissued several times. Its final edition appeared in 1708. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R171954.



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