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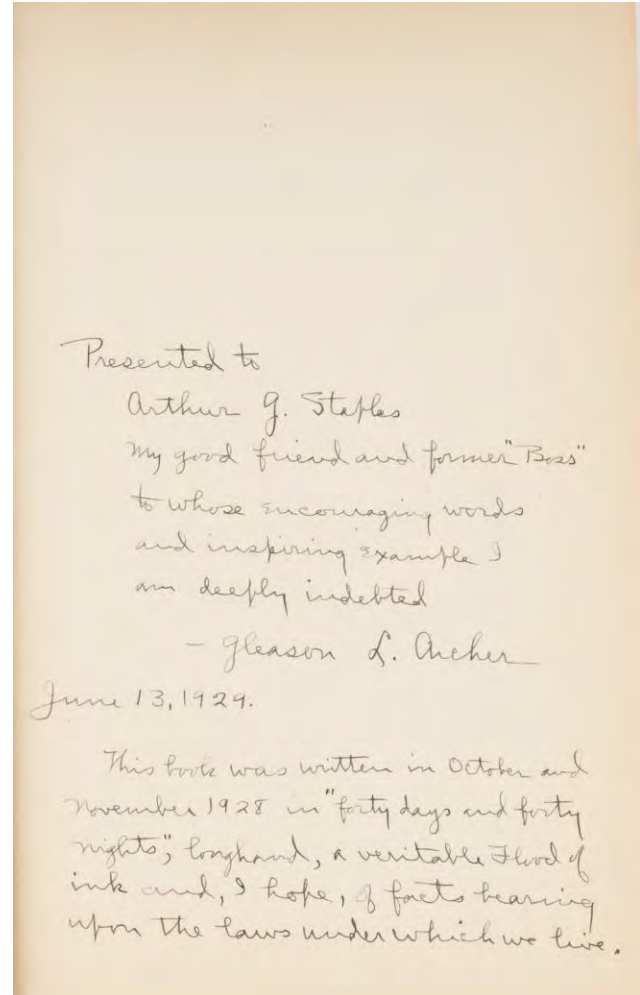
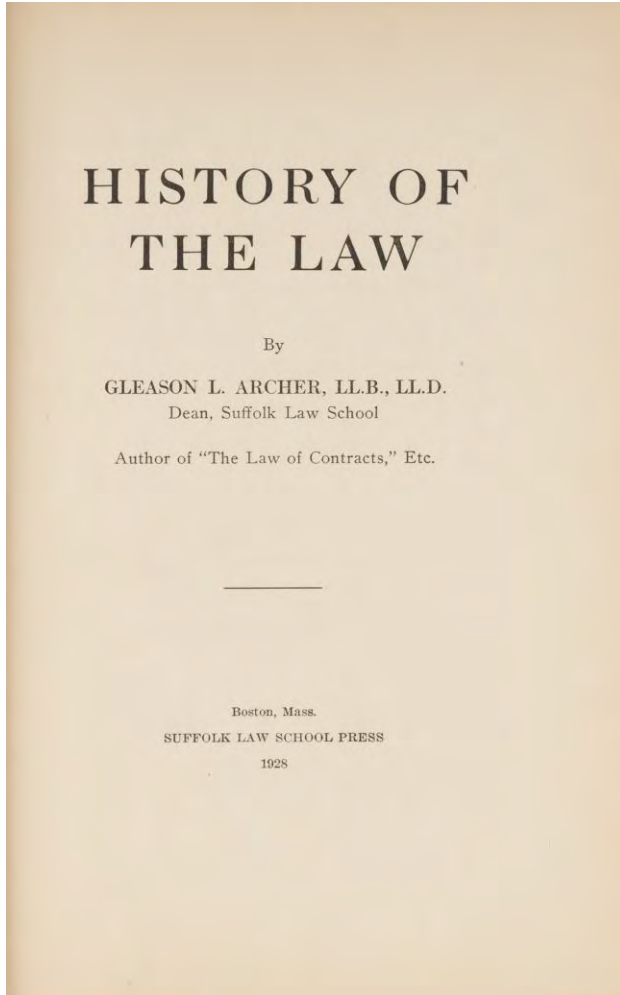
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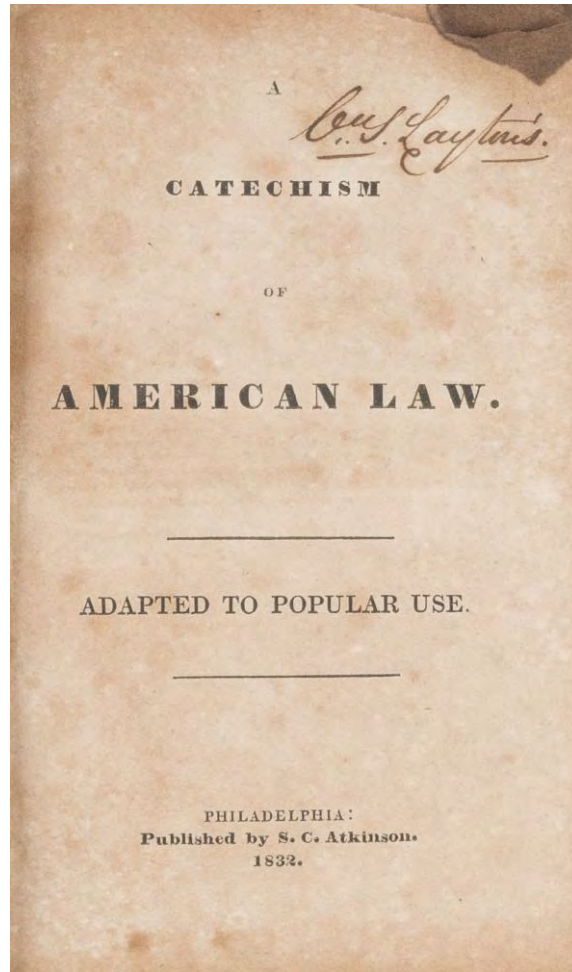
1. Archer, Gleason L. [1880-1966].

History of the Law. Boston: Suffolk Law School Press, 1928. 442 pp.

Original textured cloth, gilt fillets and title to spine. Light rubbing and shelfwear, faint dampstaining to front board, moderate toning to interior, small tears to bottom-edges of pp. 5-10, internally clean. Lengthy presentation inscription dated June 13, 1929 to front free endpaper. \$650.

* Only edition. Archer, an author and popular radio broadcaster for NBC, was the founder and first president of Suffolk University and Suffolk Law School in Boston, Massachusetts. *History of the Law* represents the "story of the development of legal principles" and covers topics in ancient law, English common law and the development of American law and legal institutions (Preface). Archer presented this copy to Arthur G. Staples, whom he describes in the inscription as "my good friend and former 'Boss' to whose encouraging words and inspiring example I am deeply indebted." Staples is likely Arthur Gray Staples [1861-1940], a Maine journalist and author who lived and worked near Archer before the latter left Maine for Boston.

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A Defense of the Common Law Endorsed by James Kent

2. [Atkinson, Samuel Coate].

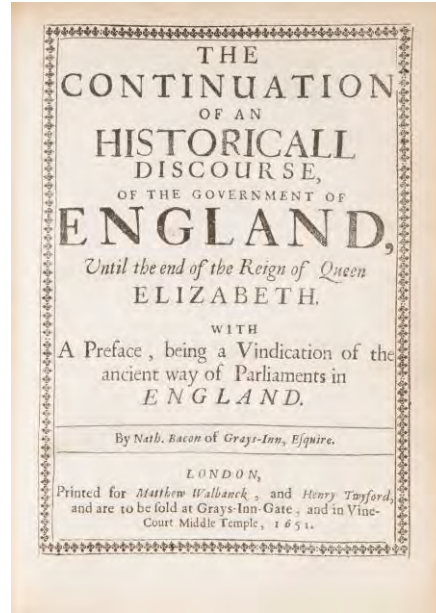
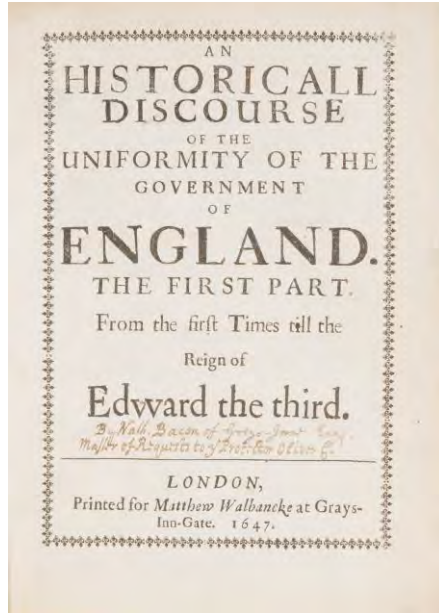
A Catechism of American Law: Adapted to Popular Use. Philadelphia: S.C. Atkinson, 1832. viii, 256 pp. 12mo. (5-1/2" x 3-1/2").

Original cloth, paper spine label lacking. A few faint dampstains, inkstain to head of front board and top-edge, moderate rubbing to extremities with some wear to corners. Moderate toning and light foxing to interior, browning to sections of text, gradually diminishing inkstains to upper corner of text block from front endleaves to p. 36, early owner signature (of Charles S. Layton) to front pastedown, front free endpaper and title page. \$300.

* Only edition. A guide to all aspects of the common law for laymen. The publisher believed that the public was familiar with the Constitution, but required further education about the common law. Considering the controversy over the common law and the move toward codification at the time of its publication, the work can also be viewed as a defense of the common law. "I have perused the greater part of the MSS. of [this book]...and it appeared to me to be executed with judgment, precision and accuracy, and to be extremely well calculated for the useful purposes intended.": James Kent, testimonial on page viii. This work was reissued in 1838 and 1839 without any changes other than the imprint date.

Cohen, *Bibliography of American Law* 5383.

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A Controversial Work that Opposed Claims of Royal Prerogative

3. [Bacon, Nathaniel (1593-1660), Attributed].

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

An Historicall Discourse Of The Uniformity Of The Government Of England. The First Part. From the First Times Till the Reigne of Edward the Third. London: Printed for Mathew Walbancke at Grays-Inn-Gate, 1647 [i.e. 1672]. [xii], 323, [13] pp.

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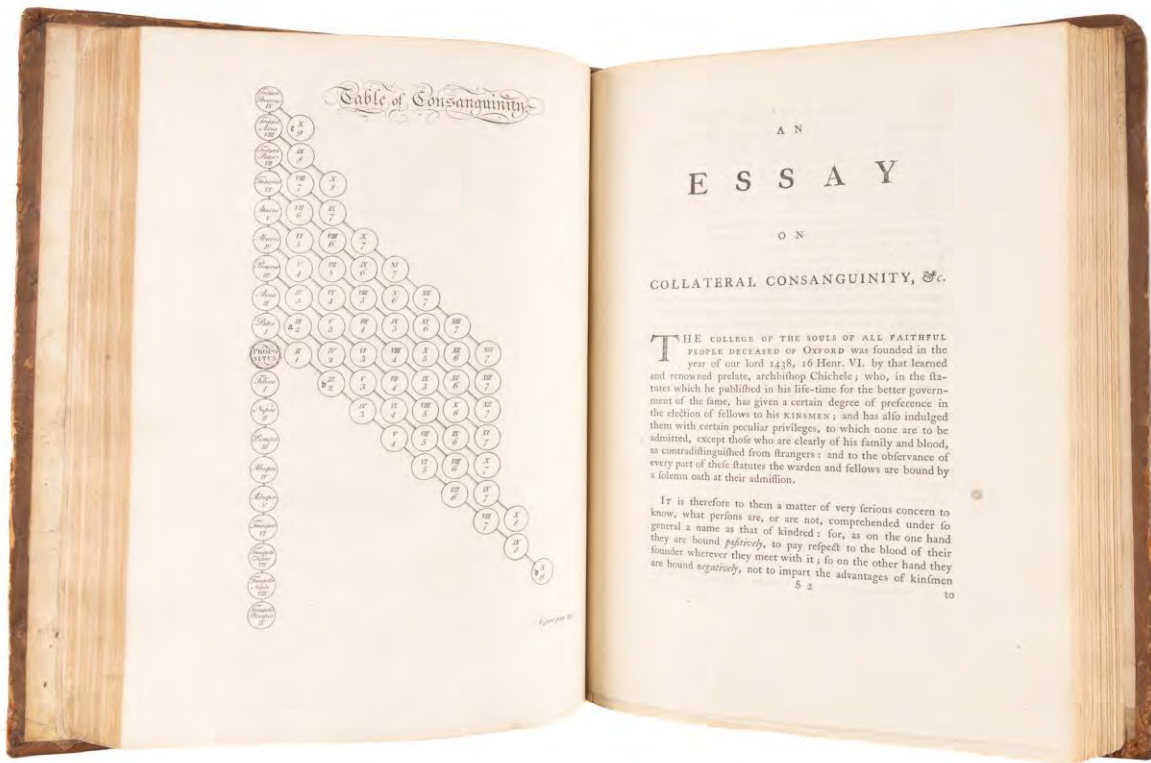
The Continuation of an Historicall Discourse, Of the Government of England.... London: Printed for Matthew Walbanck, And Henry Twyford, And are to be Sold at Grays-Inn- Gate, And in Vine-Court Middle Temple, 1651 [i.e. 1672]. [xxiv], 307, [9] pp.

Quarto (7-1/2" x 5-3/4"). Contemporary mottled calf, rebaced in later sheep, blind rules to boards, raised bands to spine, hinges mended. A few worm holes to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, rear joint partially cracked, twentieth-century owner bookplate (John Francis Neylan) to front pastedown. Moderate toning to interior, light edgewear to endleaves, annotation in small early hand to title page of *An Historicall Discourse* attributing authorship to Bacon. \$1,000.

* Second editions. Nathaniel Bacon, the half-brother of Francis Bacon, was a supporter of Cromwell and Parliament, and an outspoken foe of royal prerogative. Originally published in 1647 and 1651, "Bacon's *Historicall Discourse* is a sort of constitutional history of England, showing much knowledge of the development of the institutions, civil and ecclesiastical, and pervaded by a strong spirit of hostility to the claims of the royal prerogative and to hierarchical pretensions. (...) The statement [that the present work was composed by Bacon from the manuscript notes of John Selden] seems to have no better foundation than a vague assertion of Chief Justice Vaughan, one of Selden's executors, that the 'groundwork' of the book was Selden's" (*DNB*). Since this work opposed claims of royal prerogative the second edition was printed secretly with false imprint dates. This edition was suppressed, however, and the publishers were prosecuted when they tried to publish it again in 1682. It was finally re-issued without interference in 1689. Its final edition, the fifth, was published in 1760.

Dictionary of National Biography I:836-837. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R209024, R206424.

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Final Edition of an Important Collection of Blackstone Texts

4. Blackstone, Sir William [1723-1780].

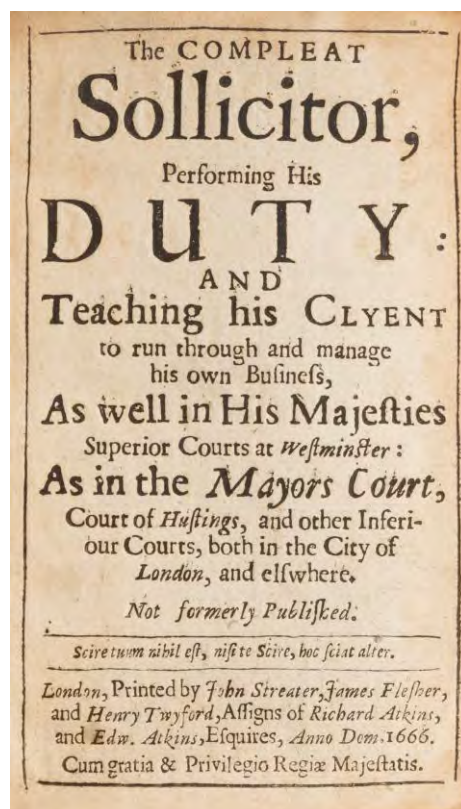
Tracts, Chiefly Relating to the Antiquities and Laws of England. Oxford: Printed at the Clarendon Press, 1771. [iv], 353, [3], lxxx, [20] pp. Six parts, each preceded by divisional title page. Eight copperplate facsimiles (of royal seals), copperplate Table of Consanguinity, two copperplate tail-pieces. Quarto (11" x 8-1/4").

Contemporary calf, rebaked in period style, gilt-edged raised bands, lettering piece and blind ornaments to spine, corners and hinges mended. Light rubbing and a few shallow scuffs to boards, moderate rubbing to board edges, later armorial bookplate (Mirehouse) to front pastedown. Moderate toning to interior, moderate soiling to endleaves, light soiling to title page. \$1,250.

* "Third" and final edition. This is an important collection of six early works, all revised, most of which are quite rare in their original editions. The first edition was published in 1762 with the title *Law Tracts*. There is no evidence that a second edition was published, unless one counts the pirated Dublin reprint of the first edition, which was printed in 1767. The works are: *An Analysis of the Laws of England* (1756), *An Essay on Collateral Consanguinity* (1750, Blackstone's first legal publication), *Considerations on the Question, Whether Tenants by Copy of Court Roll According to the Custom of the Manor, Though Not at the Will of the Lord, Are Freeholders Qualified to Vote in Elections for Knights of the Shire* (1758), *Observations on the Oxford Press* (1757), and *The Great Charter and Charter of the Forest* (1759) and *Magna Carta, Carta de Forest, Etc.* (1759). The contents of the two editions differ. The first does not have *Analysis of the Laws of England* or *Observations on the Oxford Press*; the "third" does not have *Treatise on the Law of Descents in Fee-Simple* (1759).

Eller, *The William Blackstone Collection in the Yale Law Library* 240. Laeuchli, *A Bibliographical Catalog of William Blackstone* 553.

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Notable for Its Insights into Seventeenth-Century Legal Practice

5. [Booth, William, Attributed].

The Compleat Sollicitor, Performing His Duty: And Teaching his Clyent to Run Through and Manage His Own Business, As Well in His Majesties Superior Courts at Westminster: As in the Mayors Court, Court of Hustings, And Other Inferiour Courts, Both in the City of London, And Elsewhere. Not Formerly Published. London: Printed by John Streater, James Fleisher, and Henry Twyford, Assigns of Richard Atkins, and Edw. Atkins, Esquires, 1666. [xxiv], 550 pp. Octavo (5-1/2" x 3-1/2").

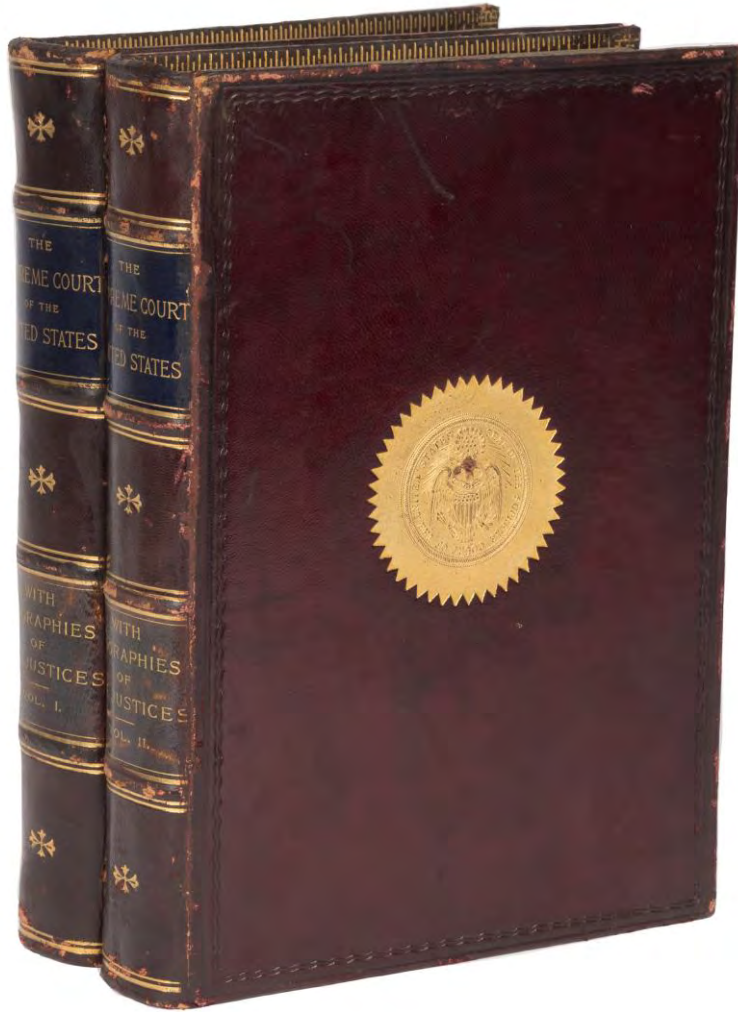
Contemporary sheep, rebacked in period-style calf, blind rules to boards, corners mended, blind fillets to spine, endpapers added. Moderate rubbing to boards and board edges, later armorial bookplate (Exeter Cathedral Library) to front pastedown. Moderate toning to interior, light browning and foxing to a few leaves, offsetting to margins of endleaves. \$1,500.

* First edition. Holdsworth considered this book one of the best of its kind and cited it for its insight into seventeenth-century legal practice. A book of "intensely practical character," it discusses the "process of the different courts, with instructions as to the manner and time of taking the various steps in an action, with the forms of pleading, with the modes of executing, with the fees payable at the different offices of the courts, with the forms of conveyances and other documents which clients would be likely to need."

Later editions, titled *The Compleat Sollicitor*, were published in 1668 (twice), 1672 and 1683. No copies recorded at auction on Rare Book Hub. All editions are scarce. OCLC locates 7 copies of the first in North American law libraries (Columbia, Library of Congress, Northwestern University, University of Minnesota, University of Pennsylvania, University of Washington, Yale).

Holdsworth, *A History of English Law* VI:437 *English Short-Title Catalogue* R211660.

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A Lavish History of the Supreme Court

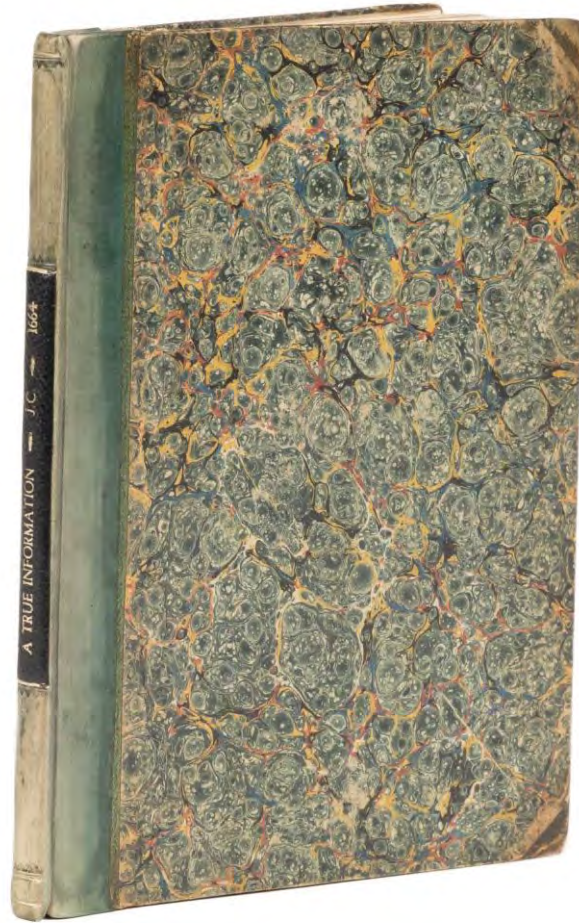
6. Carson, Hampton L.

The History of the Supreme Court of the United States; With Biographies of All the Chief and Associate Judges. Philadelphia: P.W. Ziegler and Company, 1902. Two volumes. xii, 338; [viii], 339-660 pp. 58 plates. Quarto (9" x 6-3/4").

Original sheep dyed black to resemble calf, blind frames and large gilt seal of the Supreme Court to center of front boards, gilt-edged raised bands, gilt ornaments and black and red lettering pieces to spine, all edges gilt, gilt tooling to board edges, gilt inside dentelles, marbled endpapers, cloth-reinforced hinges. Light rubbing and some minor nicks and scuffs to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities with light wear to spine ends and corners, moderate toning to interiors. An attractive set, uncommon in this binding. \$300.

* Second and final edition, enlarged. With accounts of trials and jurisprudential issues engaged by the court and biographies of justices, reporters and clerks. Includes portraits of the justices, from John Jay [1745-1829] to Joseph McKenna [1843-1926], by Max and Albert Rosenthal. The first edition was published in 1891 as *The Supreme Court of the United States: Its History and Its Centennial Celebration, February 4th, 1890.*

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A Plea for Tolerance of Quakers

7. [Crook, John (1617-1699)].

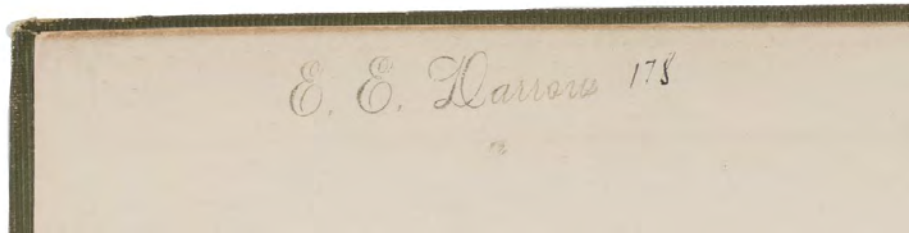
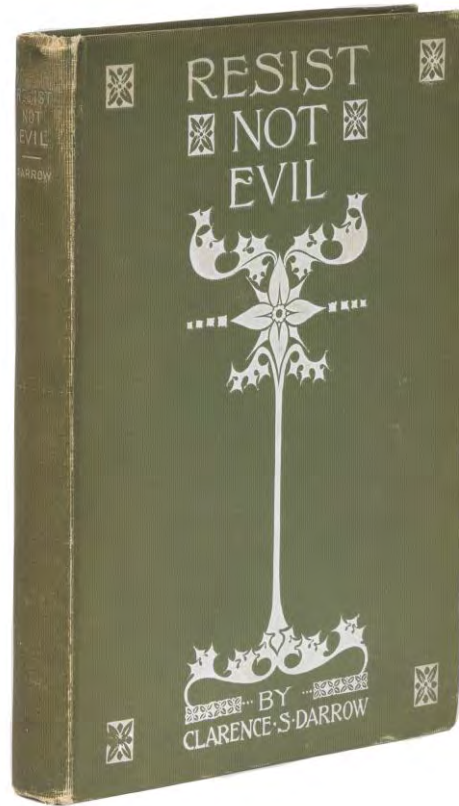
A True Information to the Nation, From the People Called Quakers. Being a Brief Account of the Proceedings of Some of the Magistrates in and about this City of London, Against the Aforesaid People, From the Third Day of the 5th Moneth Called July, To the Last Day of the 6th Moneth Called August, 1664. Composed and Published for Satisfaction of Those Who Desire to be Informed Concerning This Matter. [London: s.n.], Printed in the year 1664. [ii], 14 pp. Quarto (7-1/4" x 5-1/4").

Stab-stitched pamphlet bound in later three-quarter morocco over marbled boards, recently rebacked in calf with gilt fillets and lettering piece, a number of blank leaves added after text by binder. Light rubbing to boards, moderate rubbing to board edges, corners just bumped and somewhat worn, hinges mended, front hinge cracked. Moderate toning to interior, light foxing, light soiling to first and final leaves. \$650.

* Only edition. Crook was a prolific Quaker writer and activist who served as a justice of the peace before converting and subsequently losing his seat in a wave of anti-Quaker sentiment. Here, he recounts the "unrighteousness and cruelty" of the enforcement of the Conventicle Act of 1664 against Quakers. The Act forbade religious assemblies of more than five people outside the Church of England; Crook had been imprisoned at Newgate earlier that year under its provisions.

English Short-Title Catalogue R29664.

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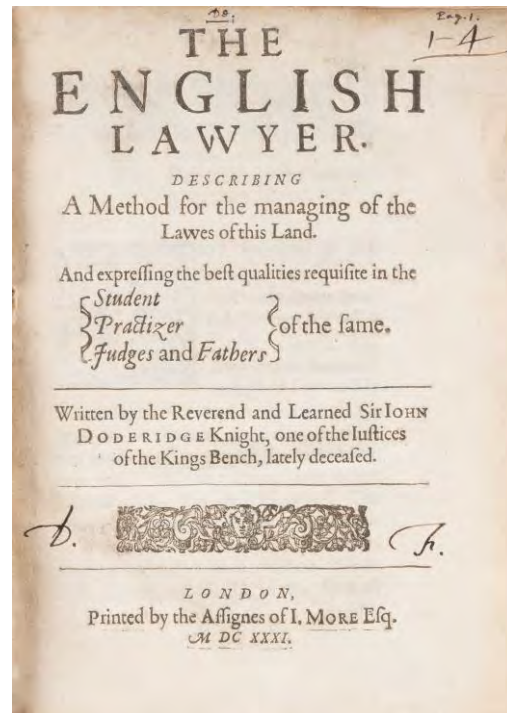
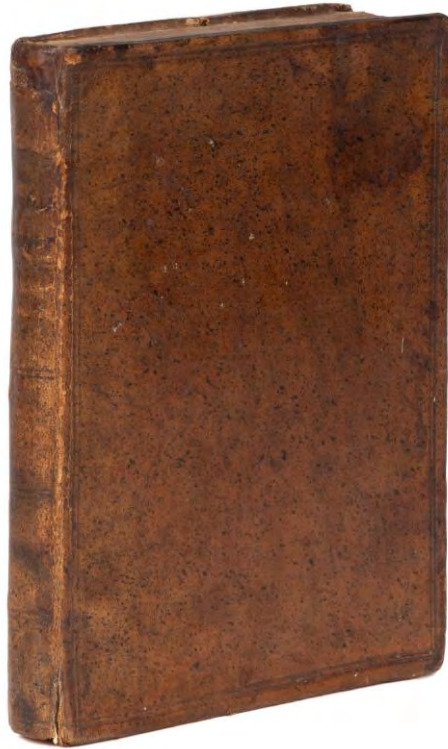
8. Darrow, Clarence [1854-1938].

Resist Not Evil. Chicago: Charles H. Kerr, 1903. 179 pp.

Original green textured cloth, white-stamped title and ornaments to front board, white-stamped title to spine, small ownership stamp of E.E. Darrow to front pastedown. A few negligible stains, some rubbing to extremities, light fading to spine, corners and spine ends bumped and lightly worn. Moderate toning, crack in text block between pp. 142-143, partial crack in text block between pp. 128-129, all leaves secure, internally clean. A nice copy. \$350.

* Second edition. This collection of 16 essays was first published in 1902. Strongly influenced by Tolstoy, it contains his views on pacifism, crime, punishment and the rehabilitation of criminals. Our copy may have been owned by Darrow's brother, Edward Everett Darrow [1846-1927] or another member of the Darrow family. This edition not in Hunsberger.

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Advice for the Seventeenth-Century English Law Student

9. Doddridge, Sir John [1555-1628].

The English Lawyer. Describing a Method for the Managing of the Lawes of this Land. And Expressing the Best Qualities Requisite in the Student, Practizer, Judges and Fathers of the Same. London: Printed by the Assignes of I. More Esq, 1631. [viii], 271, [1] pp. Quarto (7" x 5-1/4").

Contemporary speckled sheep, blind rules to boards, blind fillets to spine, later repair to head of spine. A few minor nicks and scuffs to boards, which are slightly bowed, small stain to upper outside corner of front board, moderate rubbing to extremities, corners bumped and somewhat worn, front joint starting at foot, pastedowns loose, moderately edgeworn and partially detached, front free endpaper lacking, a few early markings to verso of front cover and pastedown, including the signature of Daniel Fleming. Moderate toning to interior, light edgewear to preliminaries and rear pastedown, light soiling and large initials "D.F" to title page, a few marks, most likely shelf marks, in same hand. \$3,500.

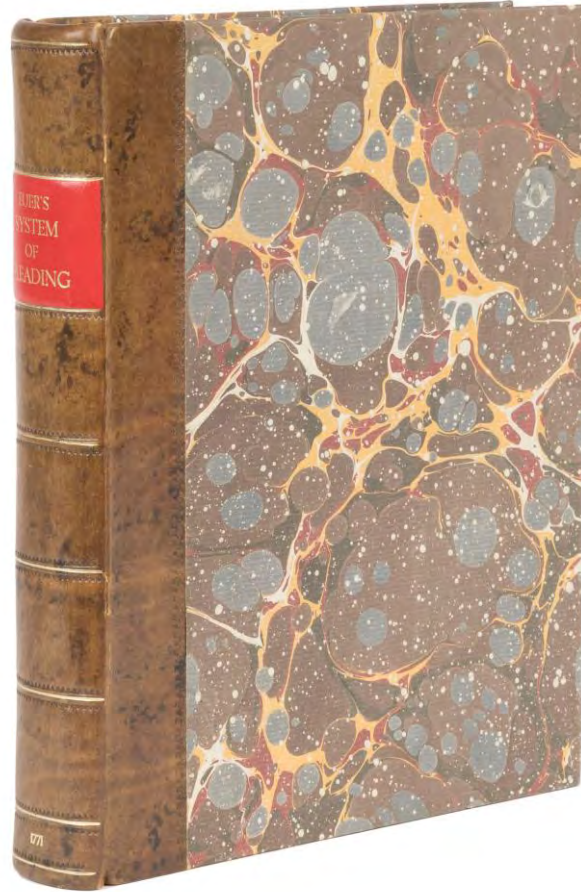
* Only edition. Intended to advise law students, this notable book offers insight into the qualities of a good lawyer and the fundamental nature of law. Regarding the specifics of legal education, he discusses the best methods of study and information on the sources and principles of English law. He also provides reading lists, advice on personal demeanor and education preliminary to legal study. Holdsworth said it was the "most notable" book of its kind.

As distinguished a jurist as Coke and Bacon, Doddridge was a counselor of the King's Bench, a serjeant for Prince Henry, solicitor-general, a member of parliament and the author of five important works, all published posthumously. The "Daniel Fleming," who formerly owned our copy, was probably Sir Daniel Fleming [1633-1701], a notable English antiquarian, bibliophile and politician.

Holdsworth, *A History of English Law* V:397-398. *English Short-Title Catalogue* S109764.

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"The Best of the Old Treatises Upon Pleading"

10. [Euer, Sir Samson (d.1659)].

A System of Pleading, Including a Translation of the Doctrina Placitandi; Or, The Art and Science of Pleading: Originally Written by Samson Euer, Serjeant at Law, And Now First Translated From the Obsolete Norman French. Shewing Where, In What Cases, And by What Persons, Pleas, As Well Personal, Or Mixed, May Be Properly Pleaded; With References to, And Extracts From, The Most Approved Writers on that Subject, Carefully Digested Under Their Proper Titles, And Brought Into One Collective Point of View. Together With an Introduction, Explaining the Different Terms Made Use of in the Proceedings of Each Respective Court; Also a Preface and Table. London: Printed by W. Strahan and M. Woodfall, 1771. xxii, [14], vii, [1], 480 pp. Quarto (9-3/4" x 8").

Recent quarter calf over marbled boards, lettering piece, gilt and blind fillets and gilt publication date to spine, endpapers renewed. Light browning to interior, light dampspotting in places, "Wm Jones 1772" and two later owner signatures ("S. Morel," the other illegible) to title page. \$625.

* First edition. This anonymously edited pleader is based on Euer's *Doctrina Placitandi, Ou L'Art et Science de Bon Pleading* (1677). Marvin says it is "the best of the old treatises upon pleading." A second edition, with content identical to the first, was published in Dublin in 1791. This book may have belonged to Sir William Jones [1746-1794], the important philologist, scholar of early Indian culture and jurist. (He was a student at the Middle Temple from 1770 to 1773.)

Marvin, *Legal Bibliography* 299. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T101144.

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A Royalist Who Inspired Works by Locke and Sidney

11. [Filmer, Sir Robert (d. 1653)].

The Free-Holders Grand Inquest Touching Our Sovereigne Lord the King and his Parliament. [London];, S.n., Printed in the Three and Twentieth Year of the Raign of Our Sovereign Lord King Charles [i.e. 1648]. [viii], [8], 64 pp. Quarto (7-1/4" x 5-1/4").

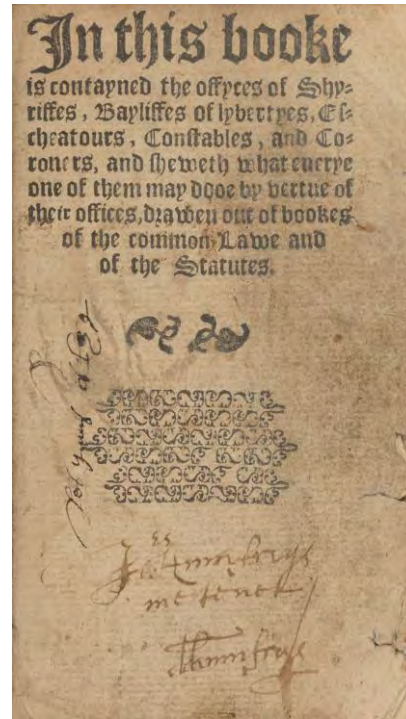
Recent quarter calf over marbled boards, gilt title and fillets to spine. Moderate toning to interior, owner initials in tiny early hand to head of title page. \$1,500.

* First edition. This was the first publication of works by Filmer, a conservative English political theorist who defended the divine right of kings. The *Free-Holder's Grand Inquest* collects four of his principal essays: 1.) "The Free-Holders Grand-Inquest Touching our Sovereign Lord the King, And His Parliament." 2.) "Observations Upon Aristotle's Politiques, Touching Forms of Government, Together with Directions for Obedience to Governours in Dangerous and Doubtful Times." 3.) "Observations Concerning the Original of Government, Upon, Mr. Hobs his *Leviathan*, Mr. Milton against Salmasius, H. Grotius *De Jure Belli*, Mr. Hunton's *Treatise of Monarchy*. 4.) "An Advertisement to the jury-men of England Touching Witches." The first essay is preceded by a seven-page preface. This work had three more editions, the last in 1684.

English Short-Title Catalogue R30452.

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Rare Variant Printing of an Early Work on Sheriffs

12. [Fitzherbert, Sir Anthony (1470-1538)].

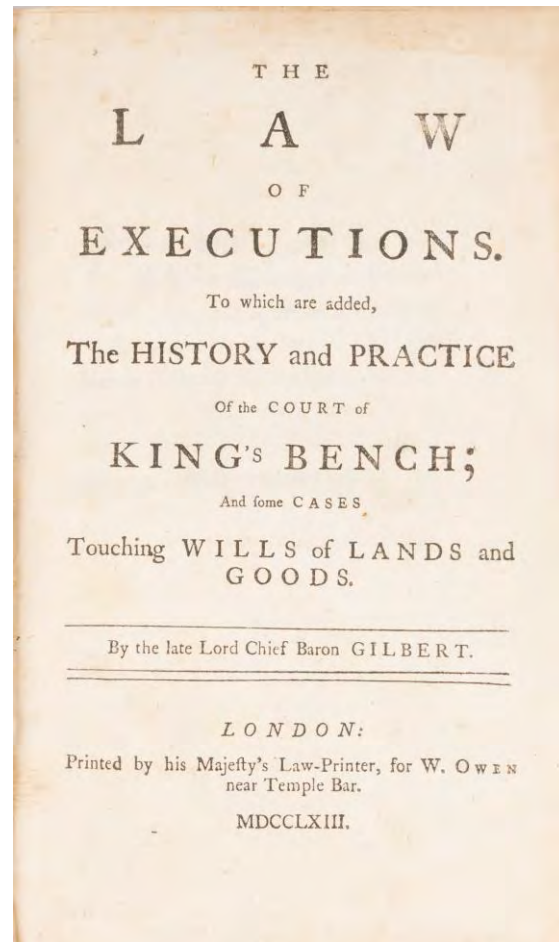
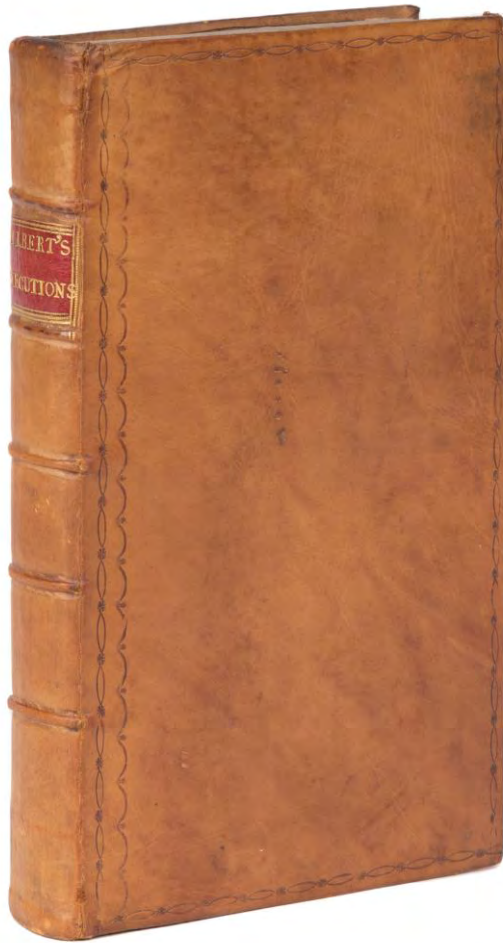
In This Booke is Contayned the Offyces of Shyriffes, Bayliffes of Lybertyes, Escheatours, Constables, And Coroners, And Sheweth What Everye One of Them May Dooe by Vertue of Their Offices, Drawen Out of Bookes of the Common Lawe and of the Statutes. [Imprynted at London: by Thomas Marshe, 1579?]. [112] pp. Octavo (5-1/4" x 3").

Later period-style calf, black-stamped rules to boards, black-stamped tooling across joints, raised bands and lettering piece to spine, blind inside dentelles, endleaves renewed, edges rouged. Light rubbing to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, corners just bumped, front hinge cracked, faint offsetting to endleaves, later bookseller description and bookplate (of Donald C. Bain) tipped onto front pastedown, later notes laid in. Moderate toning to interior, light soiling to first and final few leaves, light edgewear and (illegible) early ownership signatures and notes to title page, clean tears to leaf C3 and C5 mended crudely with cellotape on verso, text affected without loss, faint dampstaining to margins of last several leaves, lower right corners of last 8 leaves lacking and worn, just touching a few catchwords without loss to main text, small hole to text block of last 4 leaves with minor loss to legibility on p. [109] only. Rare. \$5,500.

* One of at least five issues printed by Marshe. An extract from Fitzherbert's JP manual *Loffice et Auctoryte des Justyces de Peas* (first edition 1538) translated into English from the original Law French, this was one of the earliest treatises to discuss the offices of sheriff, coroner and other local officials. The provisional date is assigned by the *ESTC* based on a dated ownership signature in the extant copy; the later bookseller record tipped into our copy suggests a date of 1537 based on the date of the last ruling quoted.

Our copy has variant spellings in the title ("sheweth" for "shewed" and "dooe" for "doe") compared to the *ESTC* record, but an identical collation formula and colophon. All headlines in our copy are in black letter and not Roman type. OCLC and the *English Short-Title Catalogue (ESTC)* locate 1 copy of this issue worldwide (Library of Congress) and no copies of our variant printing. See *ESTC* S4009. Not in Beale, which lists four other printings of *The Offices of Sheriffs* from Marshe, three undated and one from 1562.

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Gilbert on an Important Aspect of Eighteenth-Century Wills

13. [Gilbert, Sir Geoffrey (1674-1726)].

The Law of Executions. To Which are Added, The History and Practice of the Court of King's Bench; And Some Cases Touching Wills of Lands and Goods. By the Late Lord Chief Baron Gilbert. London: Printed by His Majesty's Law-Printer, For W. Owen, 1763. [vi], 427, [5] pp. Octavo (8" x 5").

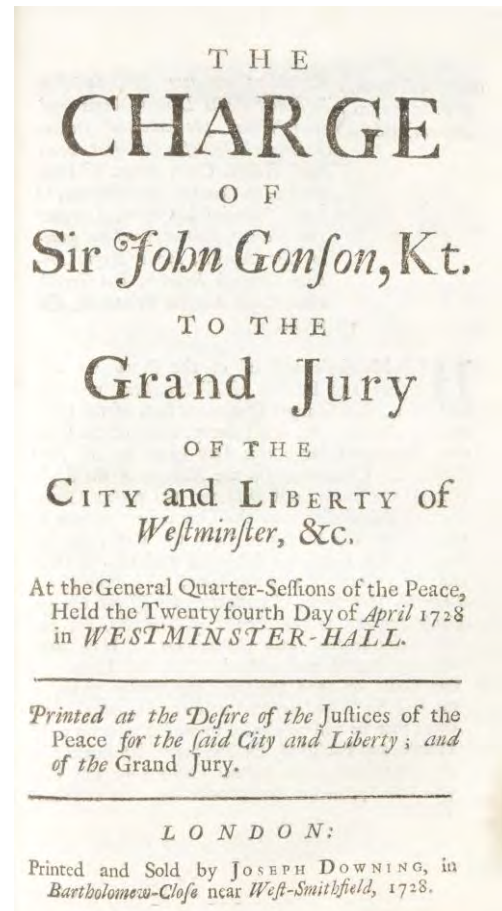
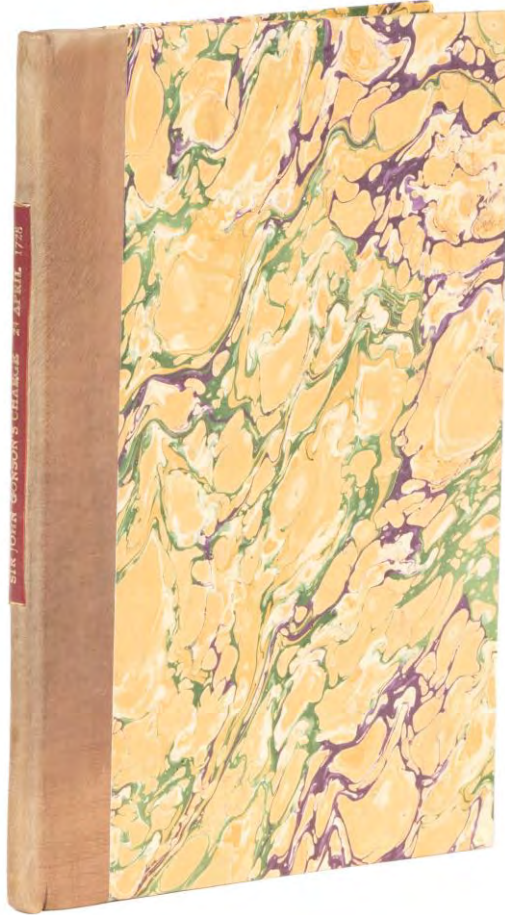
Contemporary calf, blind fillets to boards, raised bands and lettering piece to spine, blind tooling to board edges. Light rubbing to boards and extremities, small nick to front board, corners bumped and lightly worn, front hinge cracked. Moderate toning to interior, negligible faint dampstaining to final few leaves of text, offsetting to margins of preliminaries and rear endleaves, faint spotting to margins of title page. A notably well-preserved copy. \$850.

* Only edition. Gilbert was a distinguished Whig judge, puisne baron of the exchequer, fellow of the Royal Society and prolific legal writer. His books were highly regarded; a few were standard works for decades. His treatise on executions addresses an important aspect of the law concerning wills during the eighteenth century: the different writs of execution under the common law, such as outlawry, certiorari and dower. Holdsworth discusses this book as length and praises it as "a clear account." A Dublin reissue was published the same year as the London edition.

Holdsworth, *History of English Law* XII:355. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T95573.

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The Importance of Grand Juries to English Liberty and Morality

14. Gonson, Sir John [d. 1765].

The Charge of Sir John Gonson, Kt. To the Grand Jury of the City and Liberty of Westminster, &c. At the General Quarter-Sessions of the Peace, Held the Twenty Fourth Day of April 1728 in Westminster-Hall. Printed at the Desire of the Justices of the Peace for the Said City and Liberty; And of the Grand Jury. London: Printed and sold by Joseph Downing, 1728. [iv], 28 pp. Octavo (7-1/4" x 4-1/4").

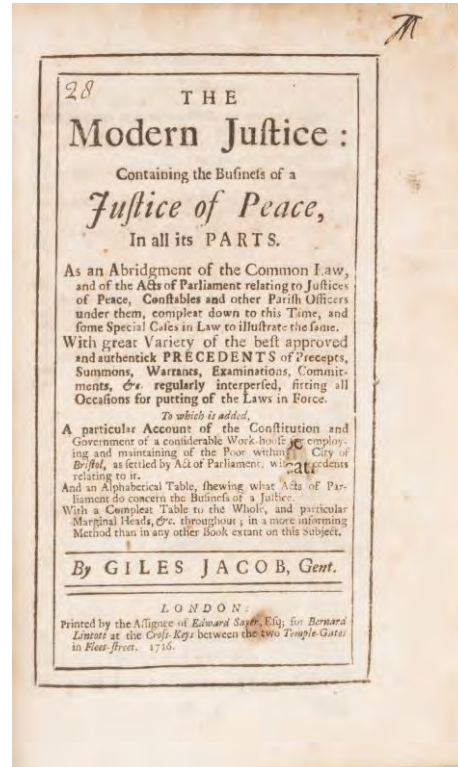
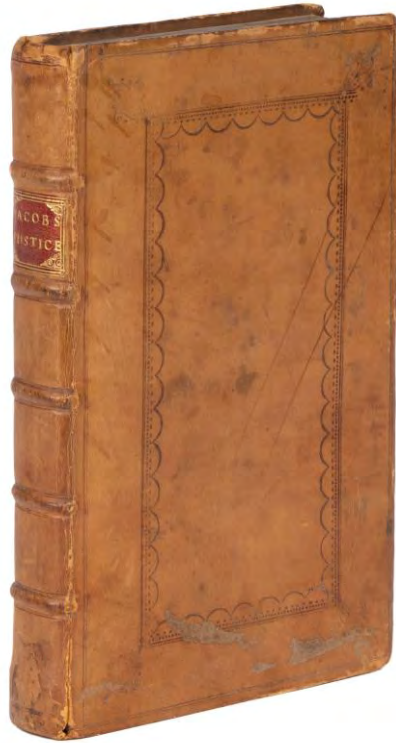
Stab-stitched pamphlet bound in recent quarter calf over marbled boards, lettering piece to spine, edges speckled red. Faint dampstaining to endpapers. Very light toning to interior, negligible light foxing and soiling to a few pages. \$650.

* First edition. Often issued by the chairmen of the Quarter Sessions, grand jury charges of this period were a useful vehicle for the speaker's social, moral and political vision for society. Gonson, a judge and enthusiastic moral reformer commemorated in Hogarth's 1731 *A Harlot's Progress*, frequently took advantage of this platform. Here, he stresses the importance of juries in the preservation of English liberties and the enforcement of stringent religious and moral standards. Second and third editions of this charge appeared later in 1728. The first edition is scarce. OCLC and the *ESTC* locate 5 copies in North America (Boston Athenaeum, McMaster, University of Illinois, University of Kansas, Yale).

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First Edition of Jacob's JP Manual

15. Jacob, Giles [1686-1744].

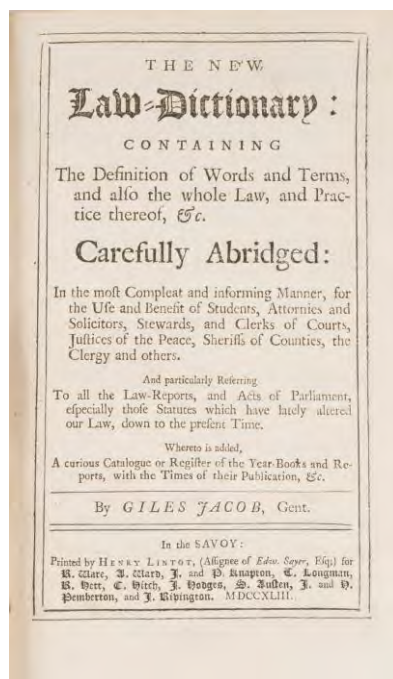
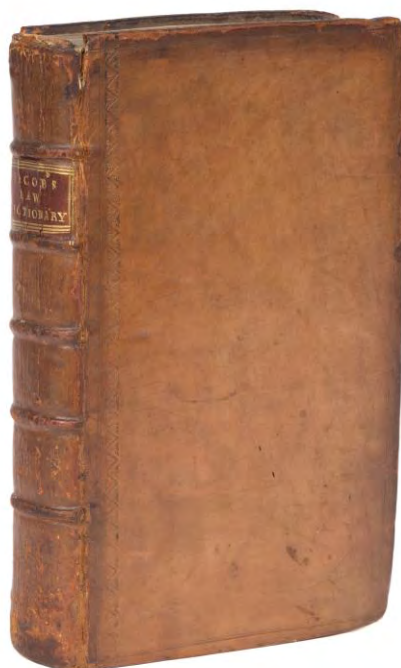
The Modern Justice: Containing the Business of a Justice of Peace, In All its Parts. As an Abridgment of the Common Law, And of the Acts of Parliament Relating to Justices of Peace, Constables, And Other Parish Officers Under Them, Compleat Down to this Time, And Some Special Cases in Law to Illustrate the Same. With Great Variety of the Best Approved and Authentick Precedents of Precepts, Summons, Warrants, Examinations, Commitments, &c. Regularly Interspersed, Fitting all Occasions for Putting of the Laws in Force. To Which is Added, A Particular Account of the Constitution and Government of a Considerable Work-House for Employing and Maintaining of the Poor Within the City of Bristol, As Settled by Act of Parliament, With Precedents Relating to It. And an Alphabetical Table, Shewing What Acts of Parliament do Concern the Business of a Justice. With a Compleat Table to the Whole, And Particular Marginal Heads, &c. Throughout; In a More Informing Method Than in Any Other Book Extant on This Subject. London: Printed by the Assignee of Edward Sayer, Esq; for Bernard Lintott, 1716. [viii], 409, [39] pp. Octavo (7-1/2" x 4-1/2").

Contemporary paneled calf, raised bands, blind fillets and lettering piece to spine, blind tooling to board edges. Light rubbing and a few small scuffs, nicks, scratches and stains to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, front joint just starting at ends, corners bumped, front hinge starting, early bookplate (of Sir Timothy Waldo) to front pastedown, recent pencil notes and early date (17th June 1719) in ink to front free endpaper. Moderate toning to interior, light foxing in a few places, small hole to title page with minor loss to text, residue from removed armorial bookplate to its verso. An appealing copy. \$650.

* First edition. One of the most interesting features of this important JP manual is its detailed five-page description of the workhouse at Bristol. It forms part of a full chapter devoted to the Poor Law (pp. 272-294). Subsequent editions appeared in 1718 and 1720. The first edition is scarce. OCLC locates 8 copies in North American law libraries.

English Short-Title Catalogue T136996.

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Scarce Abridged Edition of Jacob's *Law-Dictionary*

16. Jacob, Giles [1686-1744].

The New Law-Dictionary: Containing the Definition of Words and Terms and Also the Whole Law, And Practice Thereof, &c. Carefully Abridged: In the Most Compleat and Informing Manner, For the Use and Benefit of Students, Attornies and Solicitors, Stewards, And Clerks of Courts, Justices of the Peace, Sheriffs of Counties, The Clergy and Others. And Particularly Referring to All the Law-Reports, And Acts of Parliament, Especially Those Statutes Which Have Lately Altered Our Law, Down to the Present Time. Whereto is Added, A Curious Catalogue or Register of the Year-Books and Reports, With the Times of Their Publication, &c. [London]: Printed by Henry Lintot (Assignee of Edw. Sayer, Esq.) for R. Ware [et al.], 1743. [304] ff. Main text in parallel columns. Octavo (8" x 5").

Contemporary calf, blind rules to boards, blind fillets along joints, raised bands and lettering piece to spine, gilt tooling to board edges. Light scratches and a few minor nicks to boards, a few faint creases to spine, moderate rubbing to extremities, wear to head of spine, corners bumped, joints just starting at head, hinges cracked. Moderate toning to interior, "e/m" in small early hand to verso of title page. A handsome copy. \$950.

* Only abridged edition, derived from the fourth edition, the last published in Jacob's lifetime. As Cowley has pointed out, Jacob's *New Law-Dictionary* was both his 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. Obsolete terms are omitted. It was recognized almost immediately that Jacob created a highly useful legal encyclopedia that was more detailed and concise than any other abridgment of the period. An extremely popular work that went through twelve editions between 1729 and 1800, it offers unparalleled insights into Anglo-American law during the eighteenth century. OCLC locates 4 copies of this edition in North American law libraries (Yale, UT-Austin, Harvard and the University of Maine). Other copies located at the Library of Congress, Georgetown University Law School and Harvard Law School.

Cowley, *A Bibliography of Abridgements, Digests, Dictionaries and Indexes to the Year 1800* xc, 239. *English Short-Title Catalogue* N10100.

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A Controversial Assertion of the Royal Prerogative

17. James I [1566-1625], King of England.

A Booke of Proclamations, Published Since the Beginning of His Maiesties Most Happie Reigne Over England, &c. Untill this Present Moneth of Febr. 3. Anno Dom. 1609. London: Imprinted by Robert Barker, 1610. [xii], 71, [1], 72-122, [1], 123-195, [1], 196-224, [1] pp. First leaf blank. Folio (10-1/2" x 7").

Contemporary sheep, blind rules to boards, rebounded and recormered in period style sheep with raised bands and lettering piece. Moderate rubbing and scuffing to boards, which are slightly bowed, rubbing to extremities, front joint starting at head, hinges cracked, faint offsetting to endleaves, which are lightly edgeworn, later ink notation (shelfmark?) to front free endpaper, lightly foxed 7-1/4" x 4-1/2" publisher's advertisement tipped on rear pastedown, small tear to advertisement affecting text without loss to legibility. Moderate toning to interior, occasional light foxing, minor worming to lower right corner not affecting text, lower corner of leaf B4 (pp. 19-20) lacking without loss to text, light creasing to final leaf, brief annotations in an early hand in several places, many affected by trimming. \$2,250.

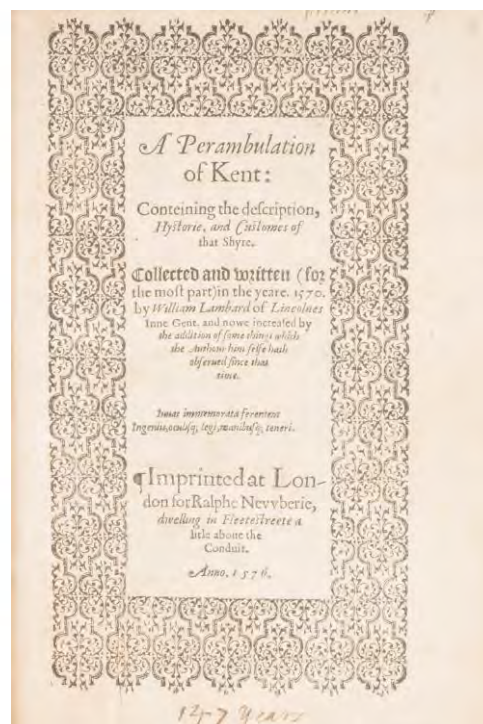
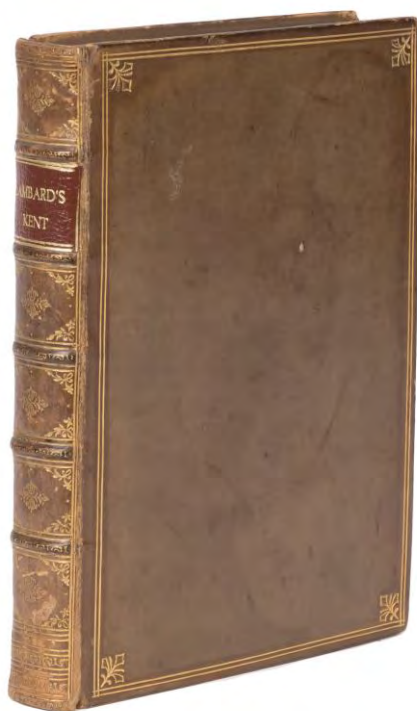
* First edition. Issued in the midst of a struggle between James I and Parliament over James's proposal to impose additional import duties, the *Booke of Proclamations* was an attempt to use the royal prerogative to circumvent Parliament entirely. The proclamations concerned both potential sources of income for the Crown, which ordinarily required parliamentary assent, and issues of everyday governance and royal business. Ultimately, Coke and three other judges ruled that James could not legislate without parliament, an important moment in the development of English constitutional law and the exercise of the royal prerogative. A second edition appeared in 1613.

The placement of the additional publisher's advertisement on the rear pastedown of our copy is unusual. The advertisement is for "Books printed or sold by William Leak, at the sign of the Crown in Fleetstreet, between the two Temple-gates." The separate heading for "Playes" likely dates the advertisement after 1650. OCLC locates 3 copies of this title in North America, 2 in law libraries (Harvard, University of Minnesota).

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Rare Variant of Lambarde's Valuable Guide to Gavelkind and Other Legal Customs

18. Lambarde, William [1536-1601].

A Perambulation of Kent: Containing the Description, Hystorie, And Customes of that Shyre. Collected and Written (For the Most Part) in the Year 1570. By William Lambard of Lincolnes Inne Gent. And Now Increased by the Addition of Some Things Which the Authour Him Selve Hath Observed Since That Time. London: Imprinted for Ralphe Newberie, 1576. [xvii], 58, 58-59, 59-435, [1] pp. Complete, with a 1 pp. engraved map of the Heptarchy. Quarto (7-1/4" x 5").

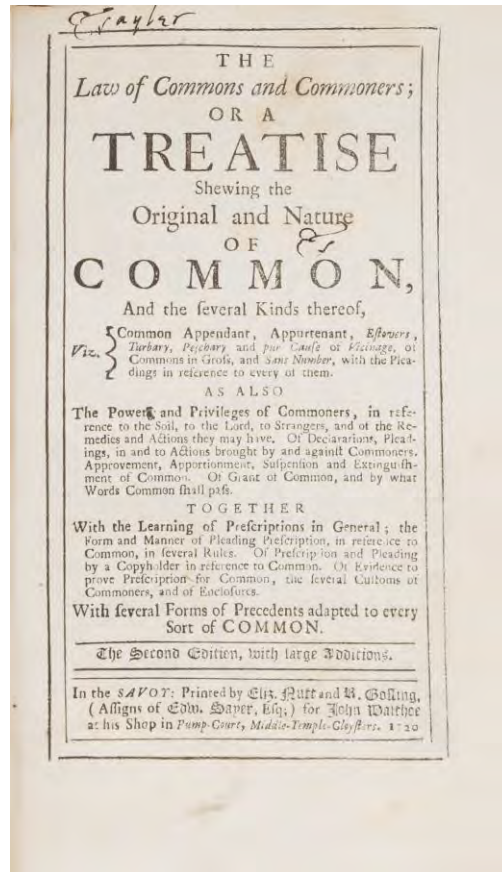
Nineteenth-century calf, gilt rules and corner fleurons to boards, gilt spine with raised bands and (renewed?) lettering piece, blind tooling to board edges, edges speckled red, endleaves renewed. Light rubbing to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, front joint just starting at head, rear joint just starting at ends, front hinge cracked, rear hinge just starting, faint offsetting and recent penciled notes to endpapers, ownership signature (of John Burns) in ink to front free endpaper. Moderate toning to interior, very light foxing and soiling in a few places, faint dampstain to bottom edge of first twenty or so leaves, slight creasing to a few leaves, brief early annotations to a few pages and longer annotation (describing gavelkind) to final blank. A handsome copy. \$3,500.

* First edition. The *Perambulation of Kent* is among the earliest and most famous of English county histories. The section on the county's customs includes much valuable information regarding gavelkind, a form of land inheritance, and other local legal practices. Lambarde is also the author of *Archaeionomia* (1568), an important early work on Anglo-Saxon law, and *Eirenarcha* (1581), one of the great English manuals for justices of the peace.

Our copy of the *Perambulation* was owned by John Burns [1858-1943], an English trade unionist, Liberal politician and enthusiastic historian of London. It is one of two 1576 variants and does not include Henry Middleton's name in the colophon. This variant is rare. OCLC locates 1 copy in North America (Huntington Library); the *ESTC* adds 1 North American copy (Yale). This variant not in Beale.

English Short-Title Catalogue S124785.

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An Ancient English Right

19. [Land Law].

[Great Britain].

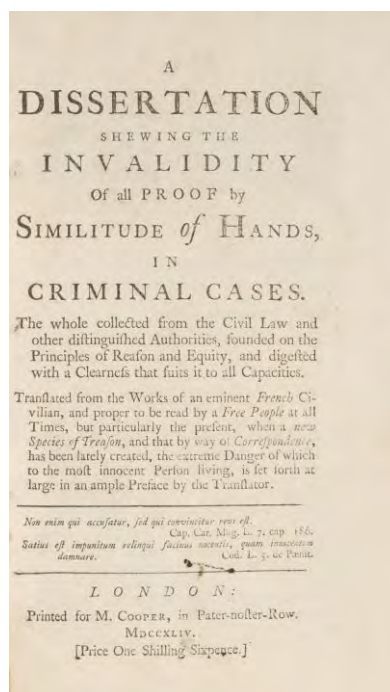
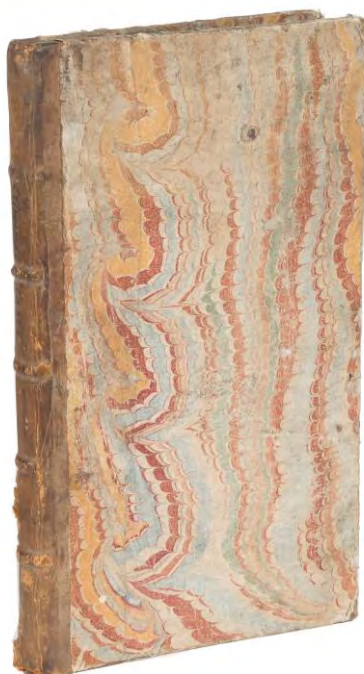
The Law of Commons and Commoners; Or a Treatise Shewing the Original and Nature of Common, And Several Kinds Thereof, Viz: Common Appendant, Appurtenant, Estover, Turbary, Peschary and Pur Cause of Vicinage, Of Commons in Gross, and Sans Number, With the Pleadings in Reference to Every of Them.... [London]: Printed by Eliz. Nutt and B. Gosling, 1720. [xxi], 271, [8] pp. Title page preceded by one-page publisher advertisement. Octavo (7-1/2" x 4-3/4").

Contemporary calf, blind rules to boards, blind fillets along joints, rebacked in period style with raised bands, lettering piece and gilt publication date to spine, gilt tooling to board edges, corners mended, endpapers renewed. Light rubbing and a few shallow scuffs to boards, moderate rubbing to board edges, corners bumped. Light toning to interior, light foxing and soiling to a few leaves, early owner signature (E. Taylor) and initial (E) to title page. \$350.

* Second and final edition. First published in 1698, this was the first work devoted entirely to this important aspect of English land law and social history. Commons is open and uncultivated land or water owned by a lord to which certain occupiers of adjacent enclosed land have certain use rights, such as the right to fish in streams or take fallen tree limbs for firewood. A body of custom and enacted law with origins in the Anglo-Saxon period, commons was long considered a central English right and a cornerstone of the feudal structure. Indeed, the gradual elimination of commons through the series of enclosure acts from 1760 to 1830 triggered widespread social protest.

English Short-Title Catalogue T116196.

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Handwriting Evidence is Not Enough to Convict

20. Le Vayer de Boutigny, Roland [1627-1685].

A Dissertation Shewing the Invalidity of All Proof by Similitude of Hands, In Criminal Cases. The Whole Collected from the Civil Law and Other Distinguished Authorities, Founded on the Principles of Reason and Equity, And Digested with a Clearness that Suits it to all Capacities. Translated from the Works of an Eminent French Civilian, And Proper to be Read by a Free People at All Times, But Particularly the Present, When a New Species of Treason, And That by Way of Correspondence, Has been Lately Created, The Extreme Danger of Which to the Most Innocent Person Living, Is Set Forth at Large in an Ample Preface by the Translator. London: Printed for M. Cooper, 1744. xxvi, 82 pp. Octavo (8" x 4-3/4").

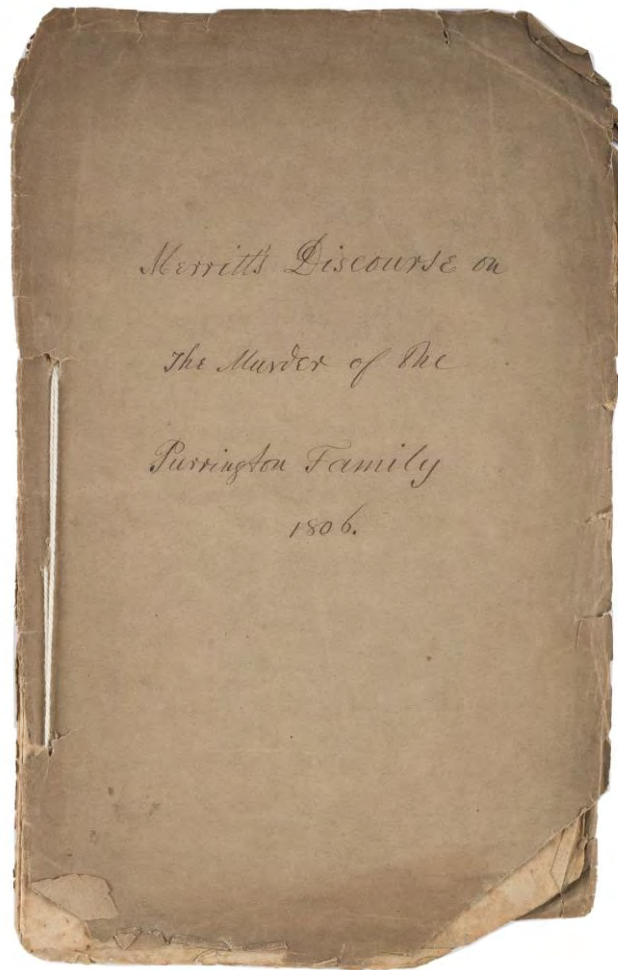
Contemporary quarter calf over marbled boards, raised bands and hand-lettered title to spine, edges rouged. Light rubbing to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, a few small nicks and chips to spine, light wear to board edges and corners, which are bumped, front hinge starting, brief early annotations (shelf-marks) to verso of front endleaf. Light toning, negligible light foxing to margins of last few leaves, upper corner of leaf a1 (pp. iii-iv) lacking without loss to text, internally clean. A nice copy of a scarce title. \$1,650.

* Only English edition. First published in 1666 as *Traité de la Preuve par Comparaison d'Écritures*, this treatise gives a historical overview of the use of handwriting analysis in criminal cases with reference to Greek and Roman law, English common law and French procedure. The discussion of Roman law is particularly extensive. It concludes that handwriting evidence is generally insufficient to secure a conviction and should not be admitted in criminal cases.

Le Vayer was a lawyer in the *parlement* of Paris who wrote extensively on the rights of the accused. Our English translation of his work includes an extensive preface by the (anonymous) translator discussing the uses and abuses of handwriting evidence in English treason trials, including those of Algernon Sidney and Thomas Sprat. OCLC locates 3 copies of this title in North American law libraries (Columbia, Yale, Washington University). (The *ESTC* erroneously locates 2 copies at Harvard Law School, both electronic reproductions.)

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"We Ascribe This Horrible Deed More to Principle Than to Depravity"

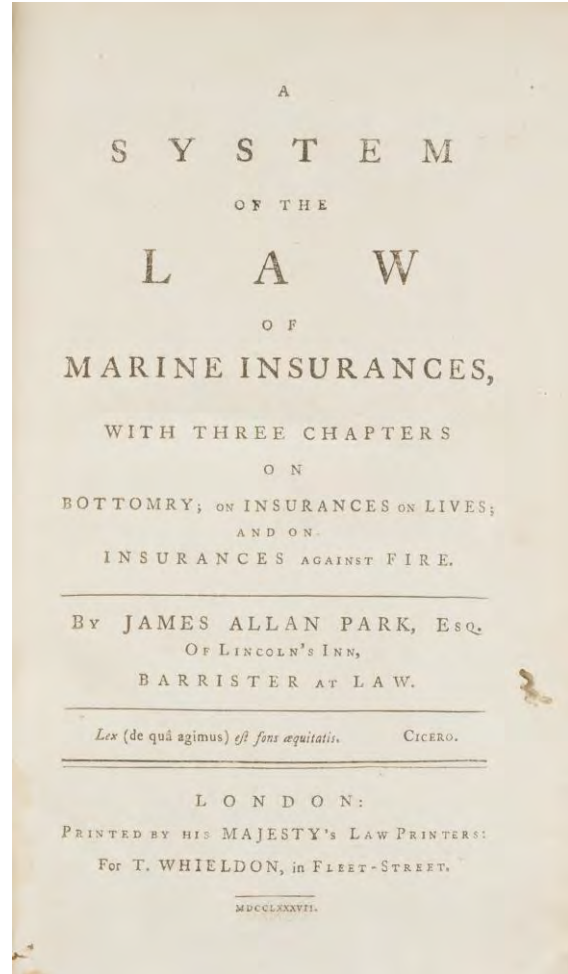
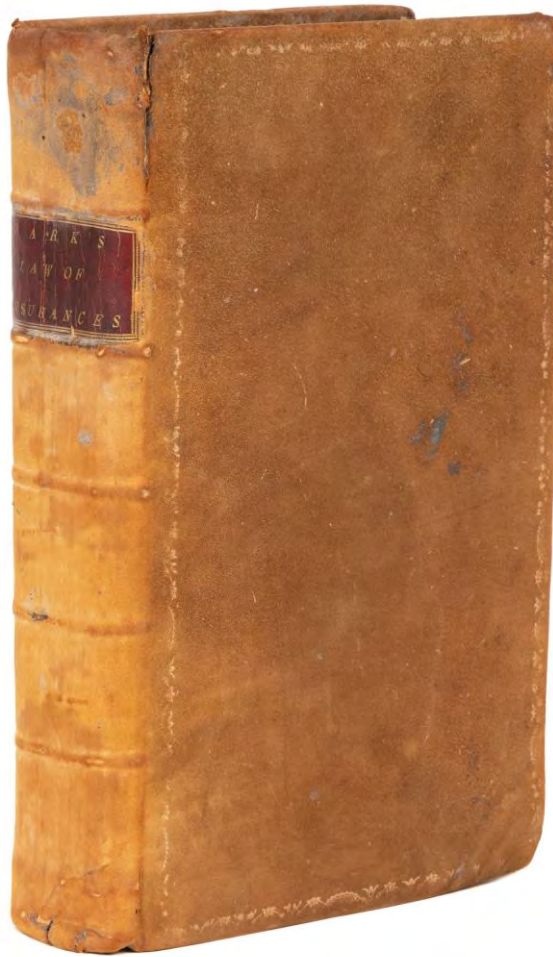
21. Merritt, Timothy.

A Discourse on the Horrid Murder of Capt. James Purrinton's Family, Of Augusta, Delivered in Bowdoinham, July 20, 1806. Augusta, [ME]: Printed...by Peter Edes, 1806. 23 pp. Octavo (9" x 5-3/4").

Stab-stitched pamphlet in plain wrappers, recently resewn, edges untrimmed. Wrappers separated (but secured by thread), lightly soiled and edgeworn, hand-lettered title to front wrapper. Moderate toning and foxing to interior, corners lacking, occasional faint dampstaining, tears to gutters of first two leaves with loss to text on p. 4. \$950.

* Only edition. In despair over a failed harvest on his Maine farm and with his plans to commit suicide discovered by his brother, Purrinton (or Purrington) brutally slaughtered his wife and children before killing himself. Of his eight children, one would survive. Purrinton was a religious man and a strong believer in the doctrine of universal salvation, and it was speculated that he believed killing his family would relieve them of their suffering since their souls would be saved. Our sermon seeks to comfort the community while correcting flaws in Purrinton's theology, particularly universal salvation, to which Merritt attributes other similar murders. Our account is rare. OCLC locates 4 copies (Syracuse University, American Antiquarian Society, Harvard, Princeton Theological Seminary). Not in McDade, which lists 3 other accounts of this case.

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First Edition of the First English Treatise on Insurance

22. Park, James Allan [1763-1838].

A System of the Law of Marine Insurances, With Three Chapters on Bottomry; On Insurances on Lives; And on Insurances Against Fire. London: Printed by His Majesty's Law Printers. For T. Whieldon, 1787. xvi, [8], xlv, 530, [50] pp. Octavo (9" x 5-1/2").

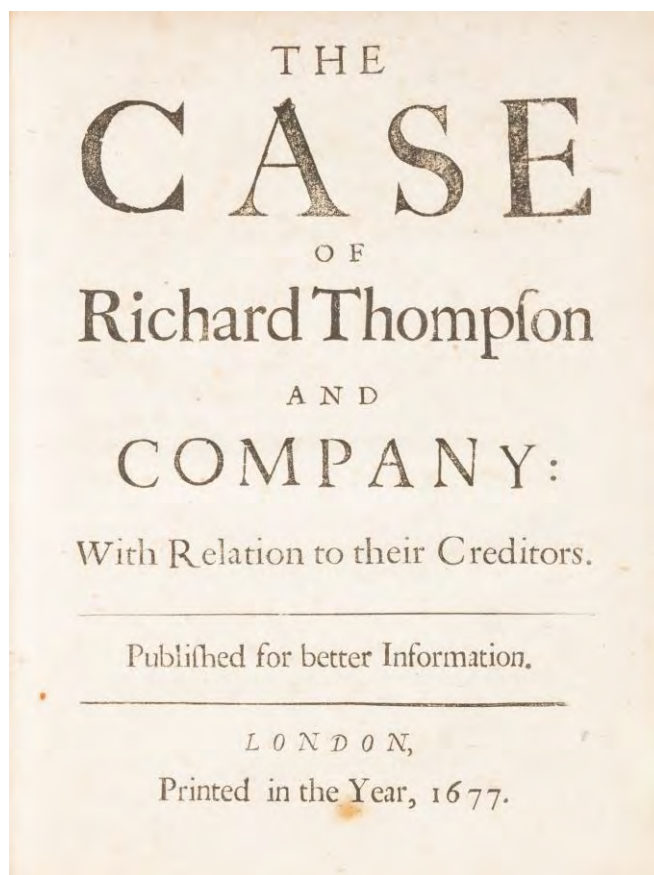
Contemporary reversed calf, blind fillets to boards, raised bands and lettering piece to spine. A few minor nicks and scuffs to boards, faint stains and minor wear to spine ends, a few tiny chips to edges of lettering piece, front joint starting at head, corners bumped and somewhat worn, hinges starting, early owner bookplate (William Eaton) to front pastedown, early owner signature (Thomas Bennis) in pencil to front free endpaper. Moderate toning to interior, minor worming to front hinge, and margins of preliminaries and a few other places, text not affected. An attractive copy. \$850.

* First edition. Printed in December 1786 with a 1787 imprint date, Park's *System of Marine Insurances* was the first legal work on insurance written by an English lawyer. Holdsworth has called it "the best text-book upon the law of insurance." A work of great authority, it went through numerous English and American editions and remained a standard text until the middle of the nineteenth century.

Holdsworth, *History of English Law* XII:390. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T112941.

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A Collapsing Bank Defends its Actions

23. [Richard Thompson and Company].

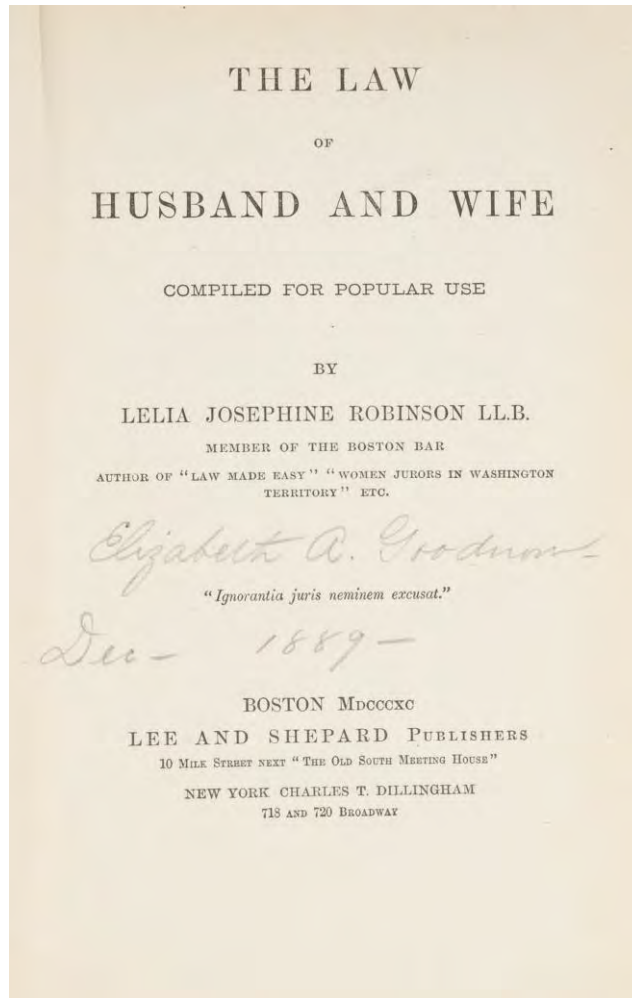
The Case of Richard Thompson and Company: With Relation to Their Creditors. Published for Better Information. London: [s.n.], 1677. [ii], 29, [1] pp. With initial errata leaf. Quarto (7-3/4" x 5-3/4").

Stab-stitched pamphlet bound in later (eighteenth-century?) mottled calf, blind rules to boards, recently rebacked with blind fillets and gilt title and date to spine, endleaves renewed. Light rubbing to boards, which are slightly bowed, and extremities, light fading to rear board. Moderate toning to interior, light foxing, gutters of a few leaves discreetly reinforced not affecting text, corrections from errata leaf made in a later hand. An attractively bound copy. \$750.

* First edition. The bank Thompson and Company was formed in 1671 by merchants and trading partners Richard Thompson, Edward Nelthorpe, John Farrington and Edmund Page. By 1675, the bank, financed by the four's merchant partnerships, began to run into commercial trouble caused by the turbulent economy and competition with the highly favored East India Company. Thompson and Nelthorpe, both religious nonconformists, also faced political headwinds. In 1677, the bank began to collapse. Thompson and Nelthorpe fled their creditors and Farrington was arrested. Written on behalf of Thompson and Company during the subsequent bankruptcy suits, our pamphlet explains the bank's troubles in detail and justifies the company's evasiveness by saying that many of the creditors' claims were opportunistic and fraudulent. A second edition of this title appeared in 1678. Both are scarce. OCLC locates 5 copies of the first edition, 2 in North America (Harvard, Columbia). The *ESTC* adds 2 North American copies (Folger Shakespeare, Yale).

English Short-Title Catalogue (ESTC) R34792.

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**Rare Treatise on Husband on Wife by the First
Woman Admitted to the Suffolk, Massachusetts Bar**

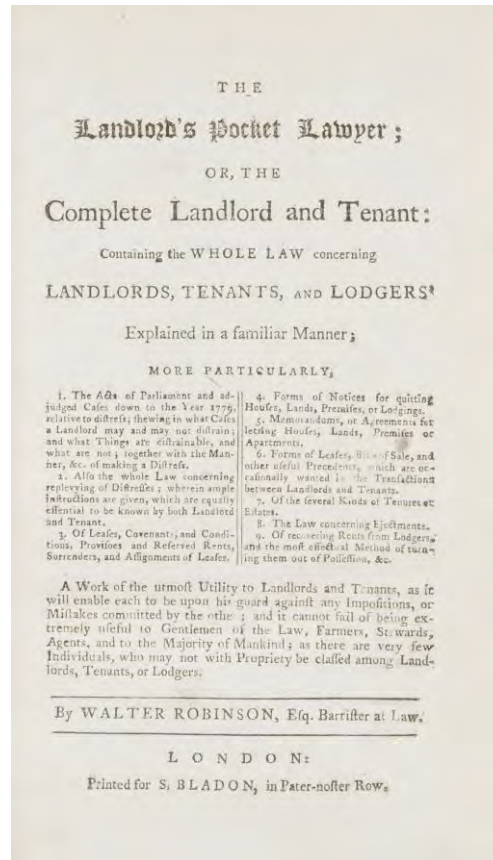
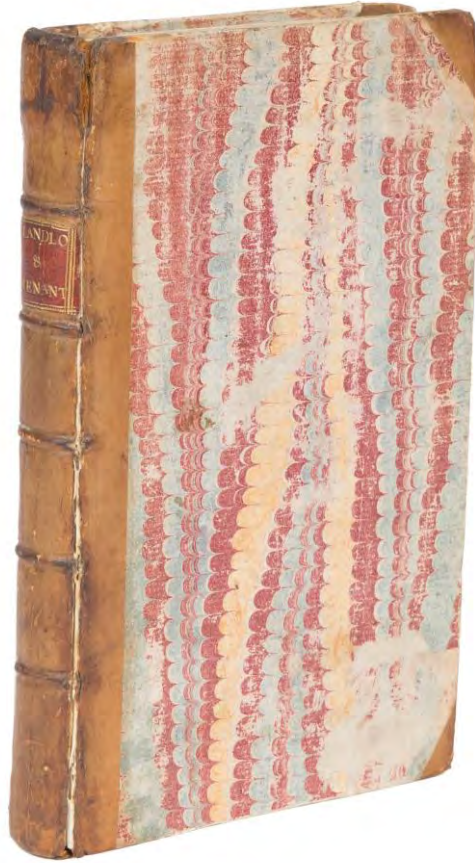
24. Robinson, Lelia Josephine [1850-1891].

The Law of Husband and Wife Compiled for Popular Use. Boston: Lee and Shepard, Publishers, 1890. xvii, [iii], 163 pp. Octavo (7" x 4-3/4").

Original cloth, gilt title to spine, patterned endpapers. Light rubbing, binding slightly cocked, minor wear to spine and corners, which are lightly bumped. Light toning to interior, early owner signature (Elizabeth A. Goodman, dated December 1899) in pencil to center of title page. An attractive copy. \$450.

* First edition, second issue, the final printing of this book. Robinson was the first female graduate of Boston University Law School. After an unsuccessful application to the Suffolk County Bar upon her graduation in 1881 she petitioned the state legislature in support of a law to admit women to the bar. The law was passed in 1882 and she became the first woman to receive a license and admission that year. In 1884 Robinson moved to Seattle and practiced there for several years before returning to Boston. *The Law of Husband and Wife* was first issued in 1889. It is a rare title. OCLC locates 2 copies of the 1890 issue (Temple University, Yale Law School) and 1 of the 1889 (Tuskegee University). Not in the *Harvard Law Catalogue*.

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"A Work of the Utmost Utility," Not in the ESTC

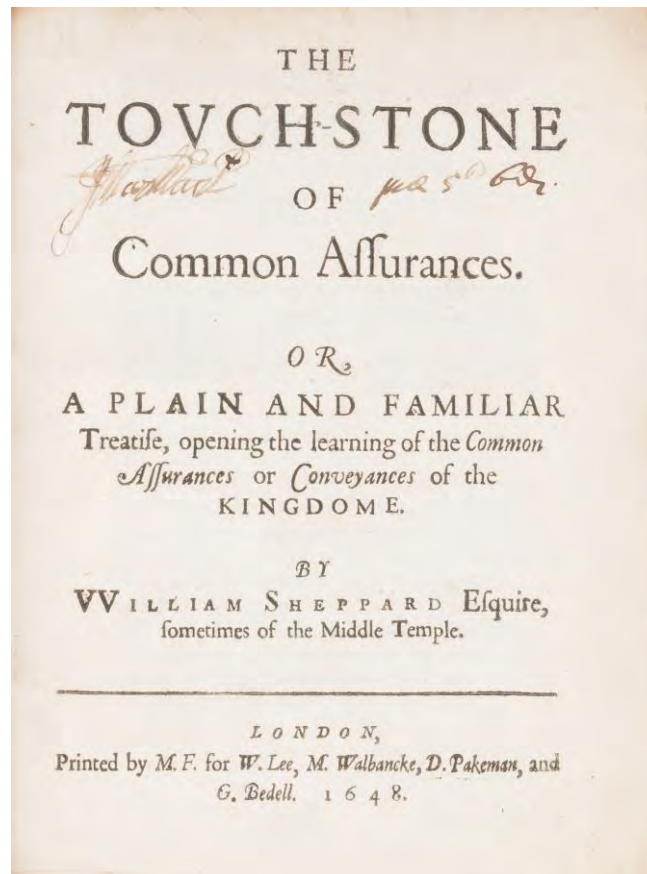
25. Robinson, Walter.

The Landlord's Pocket Lawyer; Or, The Complete Landlord and Tenant: Containing the Whole Law Concerning Landlords, Tenants, And Lodgers, Explained in a Familiar Manner [...] A Work of the Utmost Utility to Landlords and Tenants, As it will Enable Each to Be Upon His Guard Against Any Impositions or Mistakes Committed by the Other; And it Cannot Fail of being Extremely Useful to Gentlemen of the Law, Farmers, Stewards, Agents, And to the Majority of Mankind; As There are Very Few Individuals Who May Not with Propriety be Classed Among Landlords, Tenants, Or Lodgers. London: Printed for S. Bladon, In Pater-Noster Row, [n.d.]. 128 pp. Interleaved. Publisher advertisements to p. 4. Octavo (8-1/4" x 5").

Contemporary three-quarter calf over marbled boards, raised bands and lettering piece to spine. Moderate rubbing and scuffing to boards, somewhat heavier rubbing to extremities, front board detaching at foot, rear joint cracked, corners bumped and lightly worn, rear hinge starting, later (early twentieth century?) armorial bookplate (of the Earl of Annesley) to front pastedown, recent pencil notes to front free endpaper. Light toning, light foxing to several leaves, internally clean. Rare. \$950.

* Unrecorded, possibly first edition. This layman's guide to landlord and tenant covers distress acts to 1779, leases, ejectments, rents and many other pertinent topics, including forms for pleading or giving notice. A third edition was published in 1781, preceded by one without an edition statement in 1780. Both are shorter than our 128 pp. undated edition. All are scarce; the undated imprint is rare. It is not in the ESTC and OCLC and Library Hub locate no copies. For the 1780 edition, see *English Short-Title Catalogue (ESTC)* T100113.

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First Edition of the First Treatise on Conveyancing

26. Sheppard, William [fl. 1660].

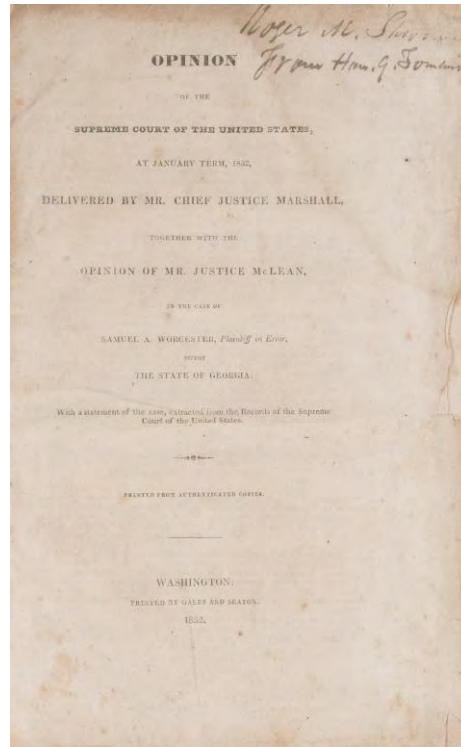
The Touch-Stone of Common Assurances. Or, A Plain and Familiar Treatise Opening the Learning of the Common Assurances, or Conveyances of the Kingdome. London: Printed by M.F. for W. Lee [et al.], 1648. [xii], 529, [6] pp. Quarto (8" x 6-1/2").

Contemporary sheep with later calf rebacking, blind rules to boards, gilt title and blind fillets to spine, early hand-lettered title to fore-edge of text block. Light scuffing to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, front hinge starting at head, corners bumped, pastedowns lacking. Moderate toning to interior, faint dampstaining to margins in a few places, some edgewear and offsetting to endleaves, (illegible) early owner signature to title page. \$2,000.

* First edition. The *Touch-Stone* is the earliest work devoted to the theory and practice of conveyancing. Each chapter opens with a definition of a type of conveyance followed by an outline of the rules, principles and maxims that govern it. Sheppard's comments are supported by textual authorities and case examples, and he includes variations, specific conditions and limitations. Sheppard's claim of authorship has been a point of controversy since the eighteenth century. Many scholars believe that the *Touch-Stone* was written as a manuscript for personal use by Sir John Dodderidge, a judge during the reign of Charles I. According to this theory, Sheppard purchased the manuscript at auction, then edited it for publication. Whether the author was Sheppard or Dodderidge, the treatise was an immediate success when it was published in 1648. It has been esteemed highly ever since. As late as 1925, Holdsworth observed that it "is still regarded as a high authority on this subject."

Holdsworth, *Sources and Literature of English Law* 124. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R203541.

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A Landmark Ruling in Support of Tribal Sovereignty

27. [Supreme Court, United States].

[Worcester v. Georgia].

Marshall, John [1755-1835].

Opinion of the Supreme Court of the United States, At January Term, 1832, Delivered by Mr. Chief Justice Marshall, Together with the Opinion of Mr. Justice McLean, In the Case of Samuel A. Worcester, Plaintiff in Error, Versus the State of Georgia. With a Statement of the Case, Extracted from the Records of the Supreme Court of the United States. Washington: Printed by Gales and Seaton, 1832. 39 pp. Octavo (9-3/4" x 6-1/4").

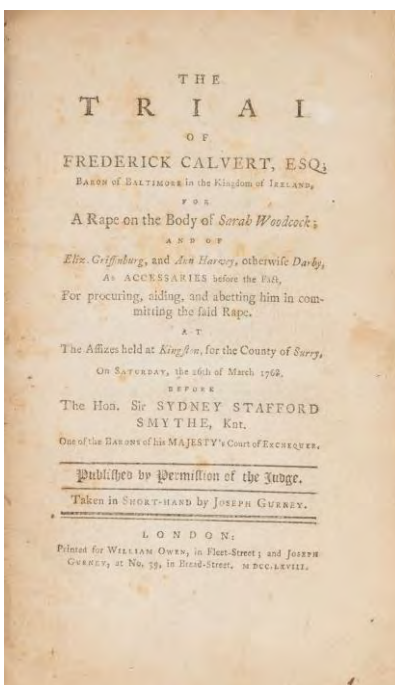
Stab-stitched pamphlet with untrimmed edges bound in contemporary quarter morocco over marbled boards, gilt rules to morocco edges, gilt title and date to spine, marbled endpapers. Light rubbing to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, light wear to spine ends and corners, which are bumped. Moderate toning to interior, faint dampstain to upper right corner of text block affecting text without loss to legibility, occasional light foxing, clean tears to edges of a few leaves not affecting text, early annotation "Roger M. [Sherman?] From Hen. G. Tomlins" to head of title page. \$350.

* Second and final edition. "Samuel Worcester and other missionaries to the Cherokee nation were convicted of violating a Georgia Act which made it unlawful for whites to live in Indian country without taking an oath of allegiance to the state of Georgia and obtaining a license to live there. Their cases were appealed to the United States Supreme Court where the Georgia statute was found unconstitutional and the conviction overruled" on the grounds that states have no jurisdiction on tribal land (Cohen).

Both Georgia and President Andrew Jackson ignored the ruling and proceeded with the expulsion of the Cherokee. Despite this, the case is viewed as a landmark ruling in support of what would become the concept of tribal sovereignty in the United States. The first edition of this title, published the same year, did not include Justice McLean's concurrence.

Howes, *USiana* M-318. Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 13677.

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A Colorful Baron on Trial for Rape

28. [Trial].

Calvert, Frederick, 6th Baron Baltimore [1731-1771], Defendant.

The Trial of Frederick Calvert, Esq; Baron of Baltimore in the Kingdom of Ireland, For a Rape on the Body of Sarah Woodcock; And of Eliz; Griffinburg, And Ann Harvey, Otherwise Darby, As Accessories Before the Fact, For Procuring, Aiding, And Abetting Him in Committing the Said Rape. At the Assizes Held at Kingston, For the County of Surry, On Saturday the 26th of March 1768. Before the Hon. Sir Sydney Stafford Smythe, Knt. One of the Barons of His Majesty's Court of Exchequer. Published by Permission of the Judge. Taken in Short-Hand by Joseph Gurney. London: Printed for William Owen and Joseph Gurney, 1768. 232 pp. Octavo (7-1/4" x 4-1/2").

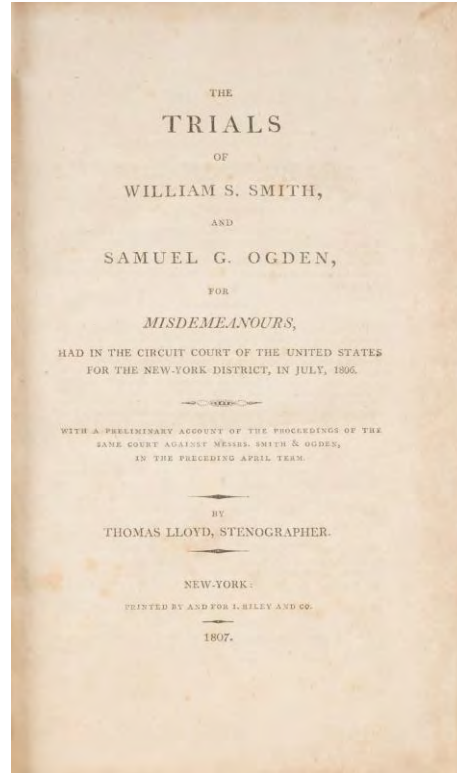
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29. [Trials].

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Lloyd, Thomas [1756-1827], Stenographer.

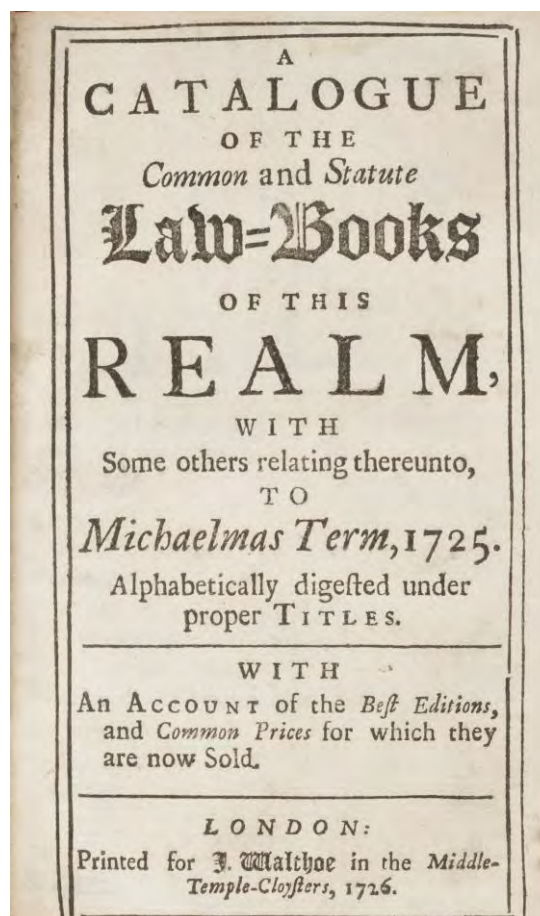
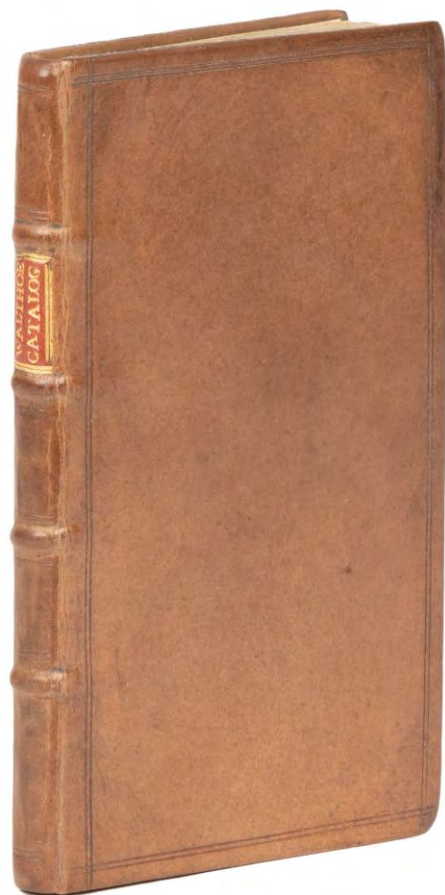
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Sabin, *A Dictionary of Books Relating to America* 84904. Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 13615.

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30. Walthoe, John [1657?-1744], Bookseller.

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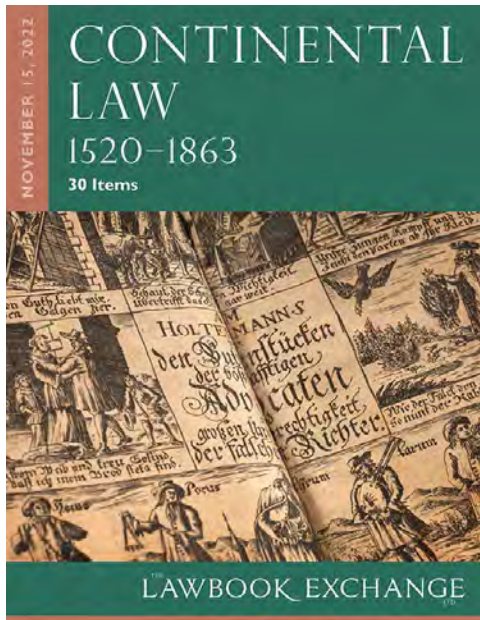
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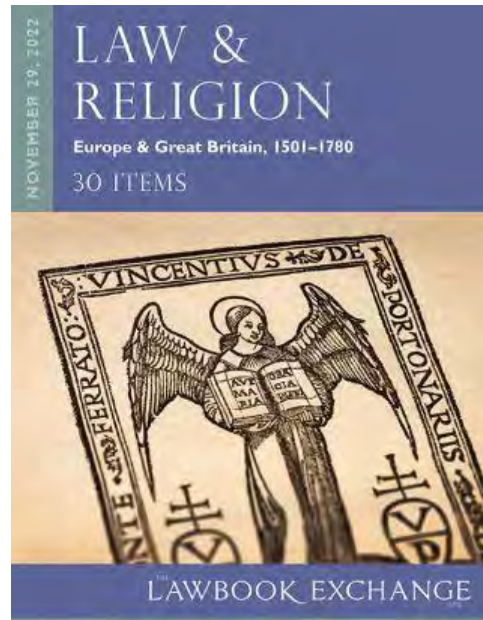
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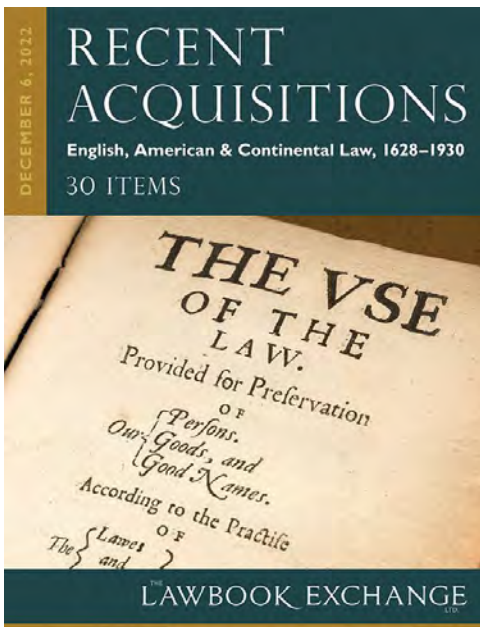
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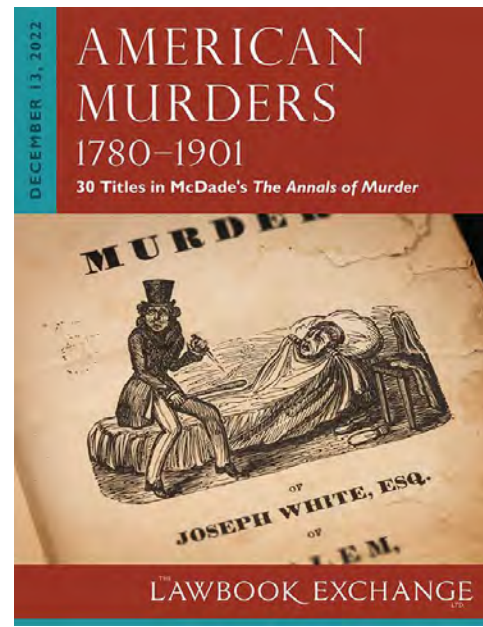
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