

JANUARY 3, 2023

# RECENT ACQUISITIONS

English & American Law, 1600–1857

30 ITEMS

OF BOSTON.

aving been requested,  
the Promotion of Tem-  
o the effects of ardent  
that men in health are  
—that, on the contrary,  
ase and death, and often  
causes, more difficult of

D. Osgood,  
William Bradford,  
J. F. Flagg,  
Edward Reynolds, Jr.,  
Thomas W. Parsons,  
J. G. Stevenson,  
John D. Fisher,  
Winslow Lewis, Jr.,  
George B. Doane,  
Chandler Robbins, Jr.,  
Samuel Morrill,  
Charles T. Hildreth,  
Jerome V. C. Smith,  
D. Humphrey Storer,  
Joshua B. Flint,  
Jonas H. Lane,  
Joseph W. McKean,  
Fredk. A. Sumner, Jr.,  
E. J. Davenport,  
N. C. Keep,  
Calvin Ellis,  
Marshall S. Perry,  
Abm. A. Watson,  
Thomas H. Thompson,  
J. Wilson,  
George Bartlett,  
Edward Warren,  
Benjamin F. Wing,  
A. Seaton,  
Samuel H. Smith,  
L. B. Gale,  
Albert Williams,  
W. G. Hannaford,  
Paul Simpson, Jr.,  
John Bliss Stebbins,  
Ezra Palmer, Jr.,  
J. B. S. Jackson.

## A VOICE FROM LEVERETT STREET PRISON, OR THE

Life, Trial and Confession of Simeon L. Crockett.  
Who was Executed for Arson, March 16, 1836.

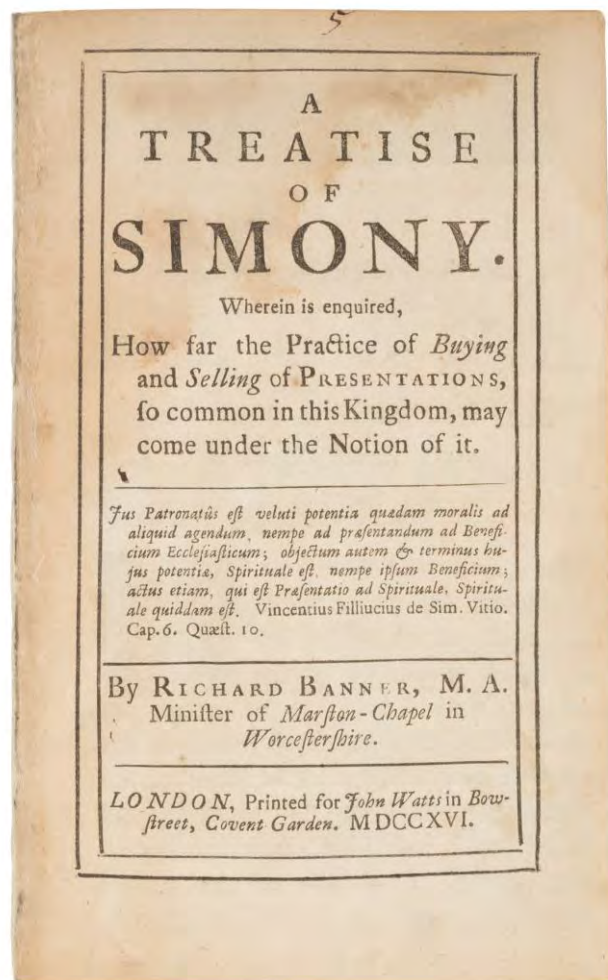


"We stopped at a bar room and got some brandy!"

SIMEON L. CROCKETT was born at Lisbon, in the State of Maine, in January, 1809. He commenced learning the trade of a wheelwright, with a brother, but did not continue at it regularly, for, at seventeen years of age, he followed farming with his father, and, at times, worked at the trade he had partly learnt. Before he was of age, he met with an accident in shipping from a very high load of hay, which was fatal to him. He was wholly recovered, but his health was never wholly restored.

THE  
LAWBOOK EXCHANGE  
LTD.





### A Legal and Spiritual Condemnation of Simony

#### 1. Banner, Richard [1679 or 1680-1750].

*A Treatise of Simony. Wherein is Enquired, How Far the Practice of Buying and Selling of Presentations, So Common in this Kingdom, May Come Under the Notion of It.* London: Printed for John Watts, 1716. [iv], 42, [2] pp. Final leaf blank. Octavo (6-1/2" x 4").

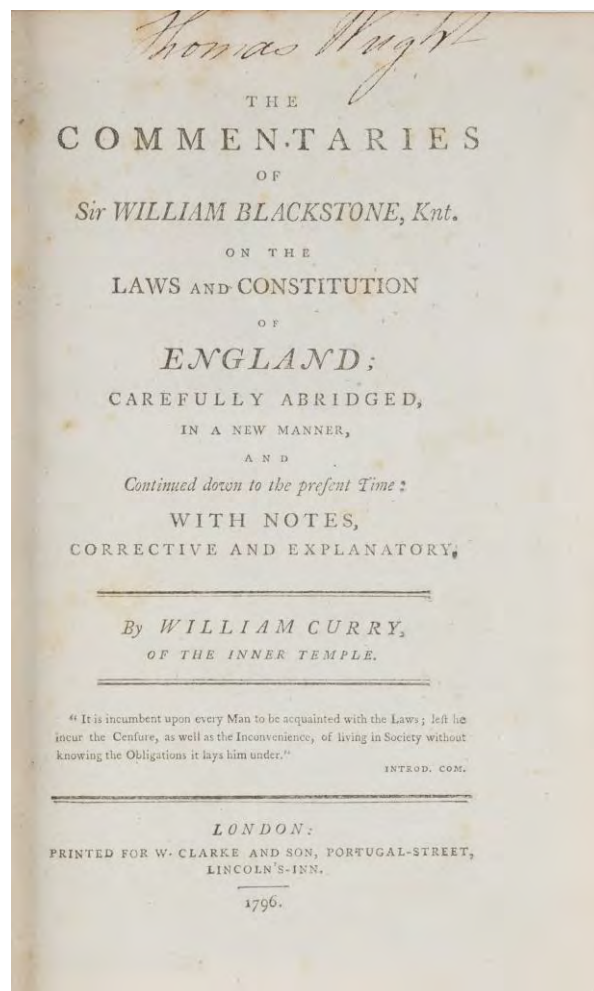
Stab-stitched pamphlet, disbound and recently resewn and repaired. Moderate toning, margins trimmed closely, just touching headline of a few leaves without loss, occasional faint staining, underlining in pencil to several leaves, small ink "5" to head of title page. Rare. \$650.

\* Only edition, one of two 1716 imprints. This tract condemns simony, the practice of buying and selling church offices, on both spiritual and legal grounds. The extensive discussion of simony in common law cites Coke, Noy, Gibson and Lyndwood, among others. Banner was the minister of Marston Chapel in Worcestershire. Both imprints of this title are scarce; our imprint is rare. OCLC locates 3 copies, 1 in North America (New York Public Library). The *ESTC* adds 1 copy (Folger Shakespeare).

*English Short-Title Catalogue (ESTC)* N45462.

[Order This Item](#)

Tel: (800) 422-6686 or (732) 382-1800 | Fax: (732) 382-1887 | [law@lawbookexchange.com](mailto:law@lawbookexchange.com) | [www.lawbookexchange.com](http://www.lawbookexchange.com)



### First Edition of an Early Abridgment of Blackstone

#### 2. Blackstone, Sir William [1723-1780].

##### Curry, William, Editor.

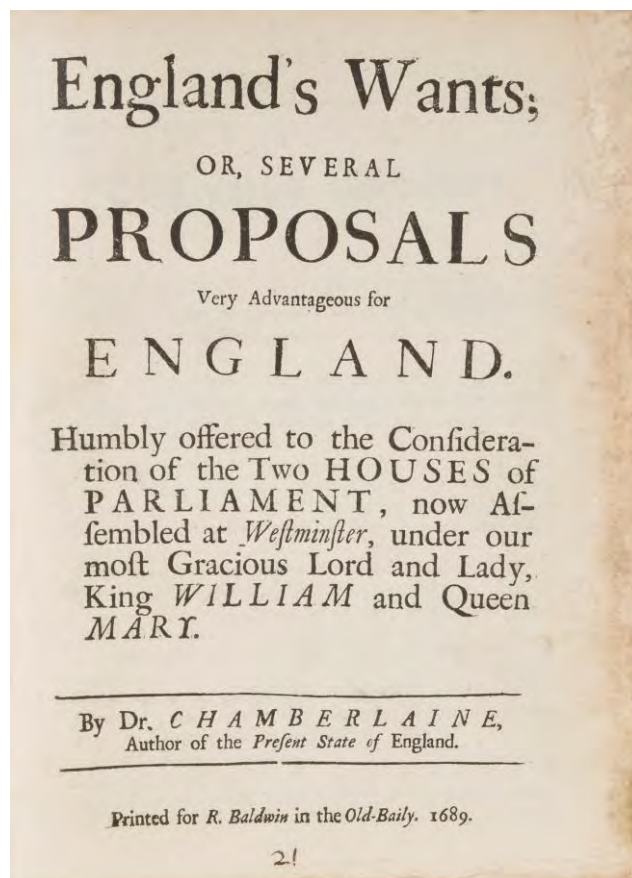
*The Commentaries of Sir William Blackstone, Knt. on the Laws and Constitution of England; Carefully Abridged, In a New Manner, And Continued Down to the Present Time: With Notes, Corrective and Explanatory.* London: Printed for W. Clarke and Son, 1796. viii, [8], 566, [2] pp. Octavo (8-1/4" x 5-1/4").

Contemporary three-quarter calf over marbled boards, gilt title and ornaments to spine, speckled edges. Moderate rubbing to boards, extremities and spine, front joint starting at foot, corners bumped and somewhat worn, hinges cracked. Moderate toning, light foxing in places, chips to fore-edges of leaves gg5-6 (pp. 457-460), early owner signature (Thomas Wright) to head of title page). \$650.

\* First edition. This was the second abridgment of Blackstone's *Commentaries*. A well-conceived work, it combines extracts from Blackstone with notes by Curry, which draw heavily on Edward Christian's notes to the 12th edition of the *Commentaries* (1793-1795).

Eller, *The William Blackstone Collection in the Yale Law Library* 49. Laeuchli, *A Bibliographical Catalog of William Blackstone* 66.

[Order This Item](#)



### A Seventeenth-Century Plan to Reform English Law

#### 3. Chamberlayne, Edward [1616-1703].

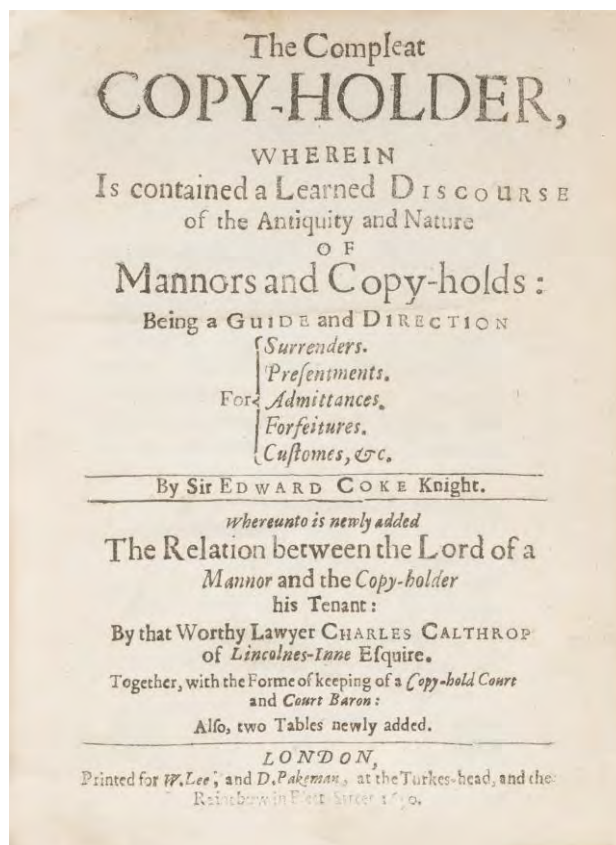
*England's Wants; Or, Several Proposals Very Advantageous for England. Humbly Offered to the Consideration of the Two Houses of Parliament, Now Assembled at Westminster, Under Our Most Gracious Lord and Lady, King William and Queen Mary. By Dr. Chamberlayne, Author of The Present State of England.* [London]: Printed for R. Baldwin in the Old-Baily, 1689. 38 pp. Quarto (8" x 5-3/4").

Stab-stitched pamphlet bound into recent period-style quarter speckled calf over marbled boards, gilt title to spine. Moderate toning to interior, light soiling to margins, last two leaves lightly edgeworn and reinforced at margins without loss, small ink "21" to foot of title page. A nice copy. \$650.

\* Third and final edition. First printed shortly after the Restoration of Charles II in 1667, Chamberlayne's pamphlet proposed seventy-four reforms to the legal system, most notably in property law. A postscript to the work advocates the creation of a general register for titles and deeds, wading into what would become a spirited and lengthy public debate not fully resolved until 1925. Chamberlayne, an English nobleman and diplomat, is best known as the author of *The Present State of England* (1669). He held an LL.D. from Cambridge and a D.C.L. from Oxford. OCLC locates 4 copies of the third edition, 1 in North America (Johns Hopkins). The ESTC adds 3 North American copies (Library of Congress, Folger Shakespeare, California State Library).

*English Short-Title Catalogue (ESTC)* R32612.

[Order This Item](#)



**"A Book of First Class Importance"**

**4. Coke, Sir Edward [1552-1643].**

*The Compleat Copy-Holder, Wherein is Contained a Learned Discourse of the Antiquity and Nature of Mannors and Copy-Holds: Being a Guide and Direction for Surrenders, Presentments, Admittances, Forfeitures, Customes, &c. Whereunto in Newly Added the Relation Between the Lord of a Mannor and the Copy-Holder his Tenant: By that Worthy Lanyer Charles Calthrop of Lincolnes-Inne Esquire. Together, With the Forme of Keeping of a Copy-Hold Court and Court Baron: Also, Two Tables Newly Added.* London: Printed for W. Lee and D. Pakeman, At the Turkes-Head, And the Rainebow, 1650. [8], 179, [3], 76, [6], 51, [1] pp. *The Relation Between the Lord of the Mannor and the Copy-Holder* and *The Order of Keeping a Court Leet and Court Baron* have title pages and separate paginations. Quarto (7" x 5-1/4").

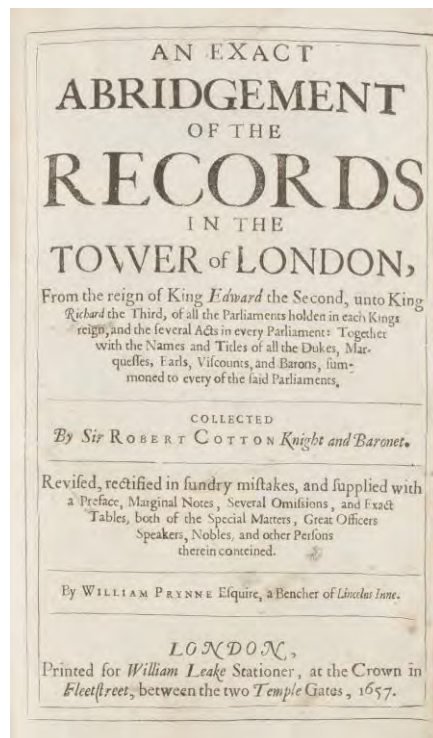
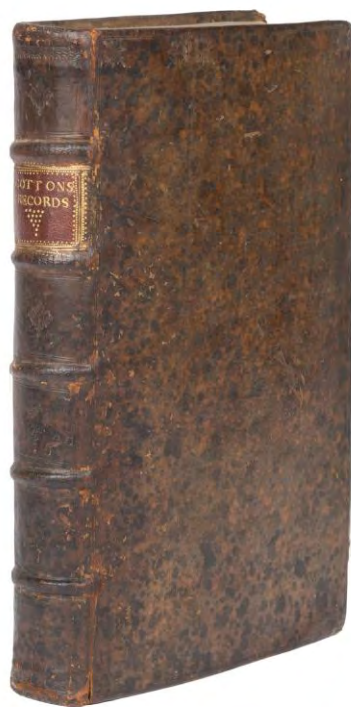
Contemporary sheep, blind rules to boards, blind fillets and lettering piece to spine. Moderate rubbing to boards and extremities, a few scuffs and nicks to boards, light wear to spine ends, small vertical crack to foot of spine, chip to lettering piece, joints starting at head, corners bumped and worn, hinges cracked. Light toning to interior, light soiling in a few places, faint staining to pp. 108-109, minor worming to gutter from p. 109 of first part through p. 6 of second part just touching a few letters of text without loss to legibility. \$850.

\* Third edition. A "book of first class importance" according to Jenks, it marks the final triumph of the King's Courts over the feudal courts, virtually putting an end to feudal jurisdiction in England. It was regarded, together with Coke's edition of Littleton, as one of the leading textbooks on land law and conveyancing during the 17th and 18th centuries.

Jenks, *History of English Law* 73, 82. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R893.

[Order This Item](#)





### A Notable Abridgment of the Parliament Rolls

#### 5. Cotton, Sir Robert [1570/1-1631].

#### Prynne, William [1600-1669], Editor.

*An Exact Abridgment of the Records in the Tower of London, From the Reign of King Edward the Second, unto King Richard the Third, Of All the Parliaments Holden in Each Kings Reign, And the Several Acts in Every Parliament: Together With the Names and Titles of All the Dukes, Marquesses, Earls, Viscounts, And Barons, Summoned to Every of the Said Parliaments. Collected by Sir Robert Cotton. Revised, Rectified in Sundry Mistakes, And Supplied with a Preface, Marginal Notes, Several Omissions, And Exact Tables, Both of the Special Matters, Great Officers, Speakers, Nobles, And Other Persons Therein Contained by William Prynne.* London: Printed for William Leake, 1657. [xxxiv], 204, 281-444, 449-483, [1], 533-716, [144] pp. Pagination irregular. Text complete. Folio (11-1/2" x 7").

Eighteenth-century mottled calf, blind rules to boards, raised bands, blind ornaments and lettering piece to spine, marbled edges, blind tooling to board edges. A few minor scuffs to boards, light rubbing to extremities, joints just starting at foot, corners bumped and somewhat worn, front hinge cracked, later armorial bookplate (of Sir Frederick Evelyn) and twentieth-century bookplate (JE) to front pastedown. Light toning to interior, light foxing to a few leaves, light soiling and a few minor stains to title page. \$650.

\* First edition. As Holdsworth notes, the importance of the Parliament Rolls was so great during the seventeenth century that "transcripts were made for private use, and published by private enterprise." He adds that the most important of these was produced by Prynne. It is based on a manuscript that is now attributed to William and Robert Bowyer. It records the substance of Acts of Parliament and other particulars, that are not extant in print, among the statutes or the Parliament Rolls, and supplies the purpose of a useful index to the Rolls of Parliament. It was reissued in 1679 and 1689.

Holdsworth, *A History of English Law* II:423. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R1629.

[Order This Item](#)

Tel: (800) 422-6686 or (732) 382-1800 | Fax: (732) 382-1887 | [law@lawbookexchange.com](mailto:law@lawbookexchange.com) | [www.lawbookexchange.com](http://www.lawbookexchange.com)



### Catalogue of Noble Families by a Renowned English Historian

#### 6. Dugdale, William [1605-1686].

*The Antient Usage in Bearing of Such Ensigns of Honour as are Commonly Call'd Arms. With a Catalogue of the Present Nobility and Baronets of England. To Which is Added, A Catalogue of the Present Nobility of Scotland & Ireland, &c.* Oxford: Printed at the Theater for Moses Pitt, And Sold by Samuel Smith at the Prince's Arms in St. Paul's Church-Yard, London, 1682. [iv], 64, [6], 67-78, [4], 79-(156), [2], (165)-170, (157)-(164), 171-(210) pp. Pagination irregular; pp. (165)-170 bound out of order; text complete. With a folding table and 15 pp. printer catalogue. Octavo (5-3/4" x 3-3/4").

Contemporary sheep, blind rules and corner fleurons to boards, edges rouged, pastedowns loose. Rubbing and scuffing to boards, somewhat heavier rubbing and light wear to extremities, a few small holes to joints, front joint starting at foot, corners slightly bumped, hinges cracked, armorial bookplate to front pastedown. Moderate toning to interior, light foxing and soiling in a few places, partial cracks in text block before leaf G and after leaf F7 (due to insertion of folding plate leaf), all leaves secure, small tear to bottom of leaf H8 (pp. 107-108) not affecting text. \$150.

\* Second edition. A brief compilation of arms with an extensive catalogue of noble families, including sections devoted to Scotland and Ireland. The work went through six editions, all in 1682. A historian of high repute who wrote many works on heraldry and nobility, Dugdale is mentioned by name at the beginning of Jane Austen's novel *Persuasion*. Our copy has the "Second Edition Corrected" statement and the corresponding imprint, but is paginated differently than the ESTC record for the second edition; the text is complete.

*English Short-Title Catalogue (ESTC)* R231444.

[Order This Item](#)



### Three Readings on Property Law

**7. Dyer, Sir James [1512-1582].**

**Brograve, Sir John [d.1613].**

**Risden, Thomas.**

*Three Learned Readings Made Upon Three Very Usefull Statutes: The First, By that Great and Eminent Sage of the Law, Sir James Dyer, Of the Middle Temple, Upon the Statute of 32.H.8.Chap.I. Of Wills, And 34. & 35. Hen.8.Chap.5. For the Explanation of that Statute. The Second, By Sir John Brograve, Of Grayes Inne, Sometime His Majesties Attourney of the Dutchy of Lancaster, Upon the Statute of 27.H.8.Chap.10. Concerning Jointures. The Third, By Thomas Risden Esquire, Of the Inner Temple, Upon the Statute of 8.Hen.6. Chap.9. Of Forcible Entry.* London: Printed for W. Lee, M. Walbancke, D. Pakeman, And G. Bedell, 1648. [iv], 12 [i.e. 123], [1] pp. Quarto (7-1/4" x 5-1/2").

Recent quarter calf over marbled boards, gilt title to spine, endpapers renewed. Moderate toning, occasional light foxing, light browning and soiling to first and final leaves not affecting legibility, first and final two leaves lightly edgeworn and lacking corners without loss to text, lower corner of penultimate leaf folded and untrimmed, early underlining and brief annotations to several leaves. \$1,250.

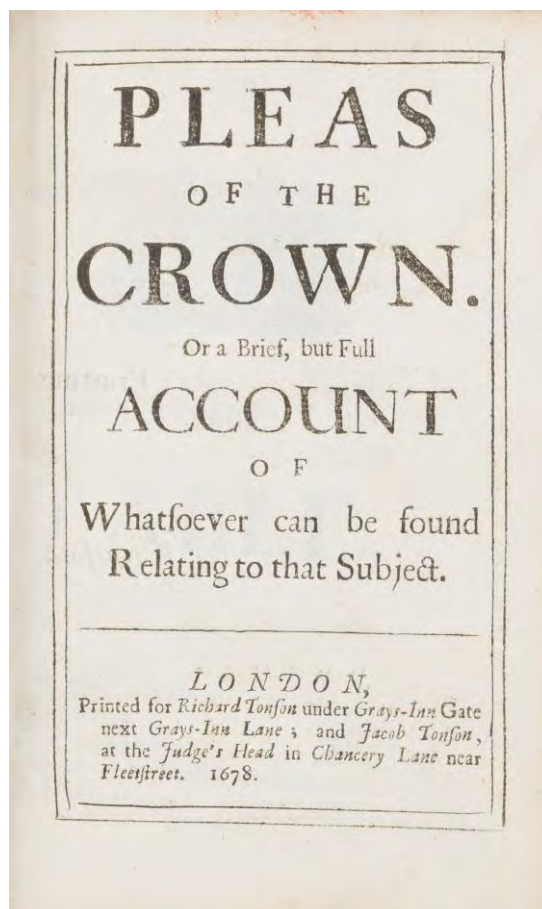
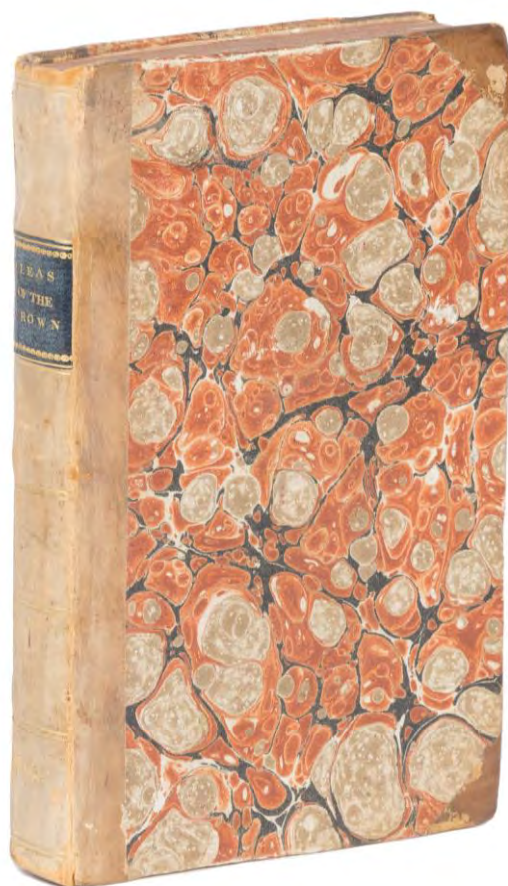
\* Only edition. This well-received group of legal readings by three "grave Sages of that Profession" focuses on property law, including Dyer on land inheritance, Brograve on jointures and a reading by Inner Templar Thomas Risden on landlord and tenant and forcible entry. The group is notable for its representation of three different Inns of Court (Gray's Inn and the Inner and Middle Temples). The annotations to our copy are one to two-word glosses.

*English Short-Title Catalogue* R204745.

[Order This Item](#)

Tel: (800) 422-6686 or (732) 382-1800 | Fax: (732) 382-1887 | [law@lawbookexchange.com](mailto:law@lawbookexchange.com) | [www.lawbookexchange.com](http://www.lawbookexchange.com)





### First Edition of the First Analytical Study of English Criminal Law

#### 8. [Hale, Sir Matthew (1609-1676)].

*Pleas of the Crown. Or a Brief, But Full Account of Whatsoever can be Found Relating to that Subject.* London: Printed for Richard Tonson Under Grays-Inn Gate Next Grays-Inn Lane; And Jacob Tonson, At the Judge's Head in Chancery Lane near Fleetstreet, 1678. [xvi], 238, [2] pp. Includes 2 pp. publisher catalogue. Title page preceded by imprimatur leaf. Octavo (6-3/4" x 4").

Later three-quarter calf over marbled boards, morocco lettering piece and gilt fillets to spine, edges rouged, endpapers renewed. Light rubbing to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, light fading to spine, corners bumped and lightly worn, front hinge starting at ends, minor worming at foot of gutter of final two leaves and rear hinge. Notably light toning to interior, tiny spark burns to a few leaves. An appealing copy. \$1,250.

\* First edition, first issue. This landmark study went through seven editions and was revised and reissued, as a much-expanded work, in 1736. "Hale was able to suggest a methodical arrangement of English law, which was at once scientific and practical. (...) Historically [*Pleas of the Crown*] is interesting as the first attempt to introduce some order into this branch of the law" (Holdsworth). The second issue of this title, also from 1678, has a different pagination and identifies Hale as the author.

Holdsworth, *A History of English Law* VI:590-91. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R30719.

[Order This Item](#)

Tel: (800) 422-6686 or (732) 382-1800 | Fax: (732) 382-1887 | [law@lawbookexchange.com](mailto:law@lawbookexchange.com) | [www.lawbookexchange.com](http://www.lawbookexchange.com)



### Guidance for Land Stewards

#### 9. Jacob, Giles [1686-1744].

*The Compleat Court-Keeper: Or, Land Steward's Assistant. Containing, First, The Nature of Courts-Leets and Courts-Baron; With a General Introduction to Every Thing Incident to Them, According to Law and Custom. Secondly, The Manner of Holding Courts-Leet, Courts-Baron, And Courts of Survey, With the Charge to the Juries; And the Forms of Entering Those Courts in the Minute-Books and in the Court-Rolls; With Precedents of Great Variety of Presentments, Amerciaments, Estreats, Copies of Court-Roll for Life, And in Fee; Grants, Surrenders, Admittances, Licences, Forfeitures, and all Other Proceedings of that Nature. Thirdly, The Manner of Keeping the Court-Baron for Trying of Actions; The Nature and Kinds of Actions, And of Pleadings; And Precedents of Declarations and Pleadings, And of Process, From the Precept or Original to the Distress or Execution....* London: Printed by E. And R. Nutt, And R. Gosling, 1724. viii, 480, [24], [28] pp. Includes 29 pp. publisher catalogue. Octavo (7-1/2' x 4-1/2").

Contemporary calf, blind rules to boards, blind fillets along joints, raised bands to spine, gilt tooling to board edges. Light rubbing and a few minor nicks and scuffs to boards, which are beginning to separate but still quite secure, moderate rubbing to extremities, chipping to head of spine. "No." in small early hand to front pastedown, minor worming to pastedowns and preliminaries. Moderate toning to interior, small faint stains and soiling to margins of a few leaves. \$450.

\* Third edition. First published in 1713, this comprehensive treatise on landlord and tenant was a standard work for many years. (Its final edition, the eighth, was issued in 1819.) A practical book designed mainly for the use of stewards, it reflects the author's experience with court keeping. Holdsworth includes this title among his list of notable works on land law and holds it in high regard.

Holdsworth, *A History of English Law* XII:380-381. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T136991.

[Order This Item](#)



### Early Edition of Keilwey's *Reports* with Contemporary Annotations

10. Keilwey, Robert [1497-1581].

[Caryll, John, Reporter].

Croke, Sir John [1553-1620], Editor.

*Relationes Quorundam Casuum Selectorum ex Libris Rob: Keilwey Ar: Qui Temporib[us] Foelicissimae Memoriae Regis Henrici Septimi, & Inclitissimi Regis Henrici Octavi, Emerserunt, & In Prioribus Impressionibus Relationum de Terminis Illorum Regum non Exprimuntur: in Lucem Editae, An. 44. Illustrissimi Regni Serenissimae Reginae Elizabethae. Necnon, Relationes Nonnulloru[m] Casuum per Reverendum Judicem Gulielmum Dalison, Unum Justiciariorum de Banco Regis, Tempore Regni Reginae Elizabethae, & Per Gulielmum Bendloes Servientem ad Legem, Tempore dictae Reginae: Quorundam Statutorum per Aequitatem Constructionem Continentes. Cum Indice Locupletissimo Alphabeticâ serie Disposito.* London: Excusum per Assignationem Johannis Moore Armigeri, 1633. [iv], 215, [13] ff. Folio (11" x 7-1/2").

Contemporary calf, blind rules to boards, raised bands and recent lettering pieces to spine, recent repair to head of spine, endleaves added, "Keilw" and "771" in early hand to fore-edge of text block. Light rubbing and a few minor nicks and scratches to boards, moderate rubbing to board edges, joints starting at foot, corners bumped and somewhat worn. Moderate toning to interior, faint dampstaining to sections of text block, mostly at foot of gutter, offsetting and some edgewear to preliminaries and final few leaves of text, brief contemporary annotations to preliminaries and several leaves of text, "Wl: Jones de Graies Inn" and "Wi. Jones" in same hand to front endleaf and head of title page, armorial bookplate of Richard Jones, dated 1710 to verso. \$750.

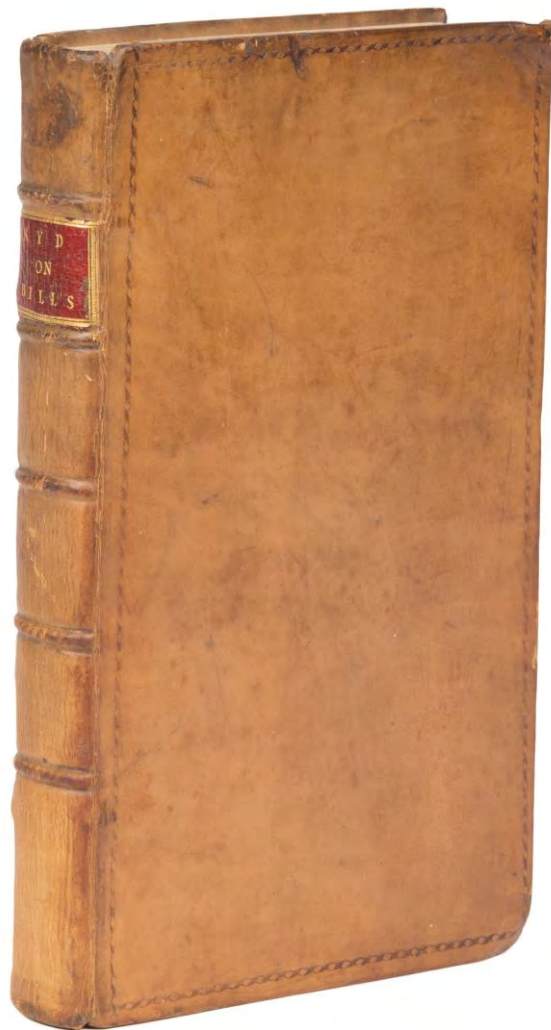
\* Second edition. First published in Latin 1602, this collection "from the library of Rob. Keilway" reports cases from 1495 to 1531. It includes "many decisions in these reigns [12 Hen. VII-22 Hen. VIII], not printed in any prior reports, and contains, in addition, some cases *incerti temporis*, and some *temp. Ed. III*" (Wallace). Most of these cases were reported by John Caryll. Sir William Jones [1631-1682] was a lawyer, judge and politician renowned for his wisdom and legal acumen. Posts he held included member of Parliament, solicitor-general and attorney-general. Richard Jones was his nephew. The annotations are mostly case and statutory references. Some are citations to other reporters and treatises.

*Dictionary of National Biography* X:1060. Wallace, *The Reporters* 119. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R4204.

[Order This Item](#)

Tel: (800) 422-6686 or (732) 382-1800 | Fax: (732) 382-1887 | [law@lawbookexchange.com](mailto:law@lawbookexchange.com) | [www.lawbookexchange.com](http://www.lawbookexchange.com)





**A Notable Treatise on the Law of Negotiable Paper**

**11. Kyd, Stewart [d.1811].**

*A Treatise on the Law of Bills of Exchange and Promissory Notes. With Considerable Additions.* London: Printed for J. Johnson, St. Paul's Church-Yard [et al.], 1795. [xvi], 284, [8] pp. Octavo (8" x 5").

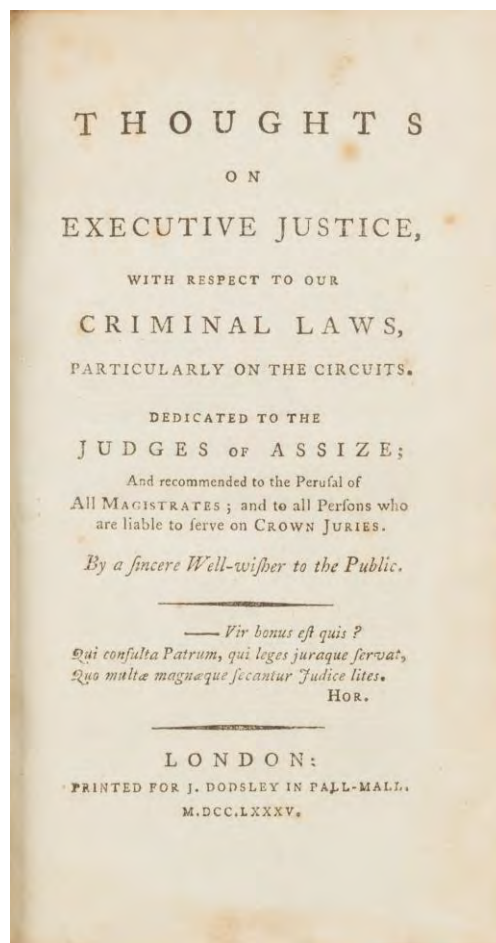
Contemporary calf, blind fillets to boards, raised bands and lettering piece to spine. Light rubbing to boards and extremities, small stain to head of spine, corners bumped. Moderate toning to interior, light soiling to endleaves and a few other places, early owner signature (Fred Hearle/ Holcomb Cornwall) to head of title page. \$250.

\* Third edition. Kent called this early treatise on bills of exchange "a very valuable digest to the practicing lawyer." First published in 1790, this book remained an authority into the early nineteenth century. Its final edition, the second American, was published in Albany in 1800.

Kent, *Commentaries on American Law* III:128. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T69630.

[Order This Item](#)

Tel: (800) 422-6686 or (732) 382-1800 | Fax: (732) 382-1887 | [law@lawbookexchange.com](mailto:law@lawbookexchange.com) | [www.lawbookexchange.com](http://www.lawbookexchange.com)



### An Important Contribution to the Literature on Capital Punishment

#### 12. [Madan, Martin (1726-1790)].

*Thoughts on Executive Justice, With Respect to Our Criminal Laws, Particularly on the Circuits. Dedicated to the Judges of Assize; And Recommended to the Perusal of All Magistrates; And to All Persons Who are Liable to Serve on Crown Juries. By a Sincere Well-Wisher to the Public.* London: Printed for J. Dodsley, In Pall Mall, 1785. [iv], 170, [2] pp. Octavo (6-1/4" x 3-3/4").

Contemporary tree calf with recent period-style rebacking, raised bands, blind fillets and lettering piece to spine, gilt publication date to foot of spine, corners and hinges mended. A few minor nicks to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, later bookplate (of George Drewy Squibb) and hand lettered shelf number to front pastedown. Moderate toning to interior, light foxing to title page and a few other leaves, offsetting to margins of endleaves. An appealing copy. \$750.

\* First edition. An important part of the literature on capital punishment, Madan's essay argued that too many pardons and reprieves are granted. This work prompted an anonymously-published response in 1786 from a young Samuel Romilly, which marked the beginning of the public debate on the death penalty in Great Britain. Madan published a second edition and an appendix volume later in 1785.

*English Short-Title Catalogue* T50196.

[Order This Item](#)



First Edition of Malynes's *Lex Mercatoria*

### 13. Malynes, Gerard [fl. 1586-1641].

*Consuetudo, Vel Lex Mercatoria, Or the Ancient Law-Merchant. Divided Into Three Parts: According to the Essentiall Parts of Trafficke. Necessarye for All Statesmen, Iudges, Magistrates, Temporall and Civile Lanyers, Mint-Men, Merchants, Marriners, And All Others Negotiating in All Places of the World.* London: Printed by Adam Islip, 1629. [xvi], 501, [1] pp. Folio (11" x 7").

Contemporary speckled calf, blind rules to boards, "TS" blind-stamped to centers of boards, raised bands, blind fillets and faint hand-lettered title to spine. Light rubbing and a few minor nicks, scratches and stains to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, front board beginning to separate, but still quite secure, corners bumped and lightly worn, pastedowns loose and lightly edgeworn and soiled, brief annotation, "'Inner 0-27," to verso of front board, owner inscription, "Thomas Stone his Booke/ An:o 1637," to recto of pastedown sheet, another similar owner inscription to verso of following endleaf and an illegible annotation to a rear endleaf. Title printed within woodcut architectural border. Moderate toning to interior, faint dampstaining to preliminaries and first few leaves of main text, minor dampstaining to fore-edges of a few other leaves. An appealing copy. \$3,500.

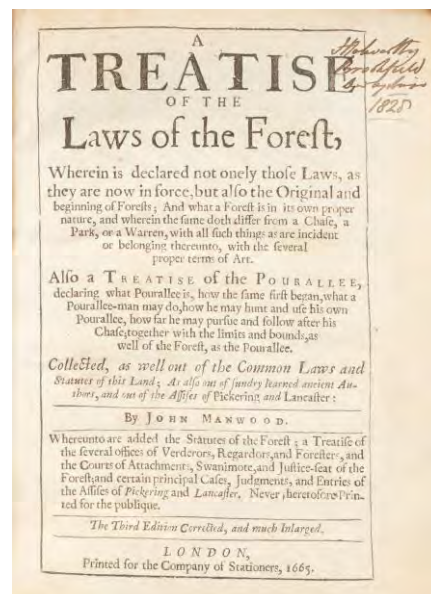
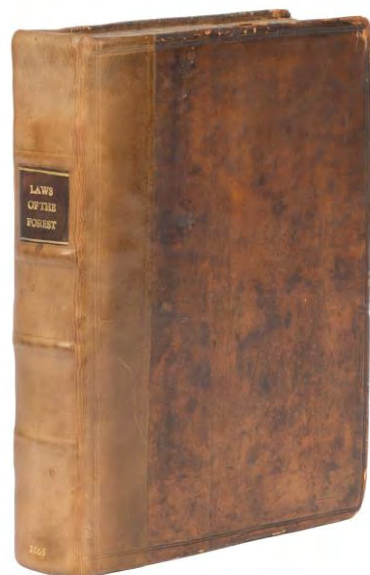
\* First edition, second issue; identical, excepting the date on the title page, to the first issue, 1622. Also known as the law merchant, consuetudinary law or, somewhat anachronistically, commercial law, *lex mercatoria* is a system of customary law that developed in Europe during the Middle Ages to regulate the dealings of mariners and merchants. The earliest significant compilations are the eleventh-century Rules of Oleron, the Laws of Wisby and the Hanseatic Laws of the Sea. Although *lex mercatoria* fell out of use during the seventeenth century, many of its principles were incorporated into the common law. They would later provide the foundation of the (U.S.) Uniform Commercial Code. Malynes's *Consuetudo* was the final significant contribution to this field. (Beawes's *Lex Mercatoria Rediviva* (1752) was an attempt to revive it.)

Malynes was a commissioner of trade in the Low Countries and was frequently consulted by the Privy Council during the reigns of Elizabeth and James, a dynamic period of commercial expansion and colonization. He was one of the first writers on business practice, economic affairs and foreign exchange. These interests are explored at length in this popular book. Later editions and issues were published in 1636, 1656 and 1685. With the exception of a cancel title page dated 1629, the first two issues are identical. Both are scarce. OCLC locates no copies of the first issue in North American law libraries, 2 of the second (Harvard, Library of Congress).

*English Short-Title Catalogue* S102746.

[Order This Item](#)





### The First Work on the Law of the King's Forest

#### 14. Manwood, John [d.1610].

*A Treatise of the Laws of the Forest, Wherein is Declared Not Only Those Laws, As They are Now in Force, But Also the Original and Beginning of Forests; And What a Forest is in its Own Proper Nature, and Wherein the Same Doth Differ from a Chase, A Park or a Warren, With All Such Things as are Incident or Belonging Thereunto, With the Several Proper Terms of Art. Also a Treatise of the Pourallee, Declaring what Pourallee is, How the Same First Began, What Pourallee May Do, How he May Hunt and Use his Own Pourallee, How Far he May Pursue and Follow After His Chase; Together with the Limits and Bounds as Well of the Forest, As the Pourallee. Collected, As Well Out of the Common Laws and Statutes of this Land; As also Out of Sundry Learned Ancient Authors, And Out of the Assises of Pickering and Lancaster by John Manwood. Whereunto are Added the Statutes of the Forest; A Treatise of the Several Offices of Verderors, Regardors and Foresters, and the Courts of Attachments, Swanimote and Justice-seat of the Forest, And Certain Principal Cases, Judgments, And Entries of the Assises of Pickering and Lancaster. Never Heretofore Printed for the Publique. Corrected, And Much Enlarged.* London: Printed for the Company of Stationers, 1665. [xxiv], 552 pp. Quarto (7-1/4" x 5-1/4").

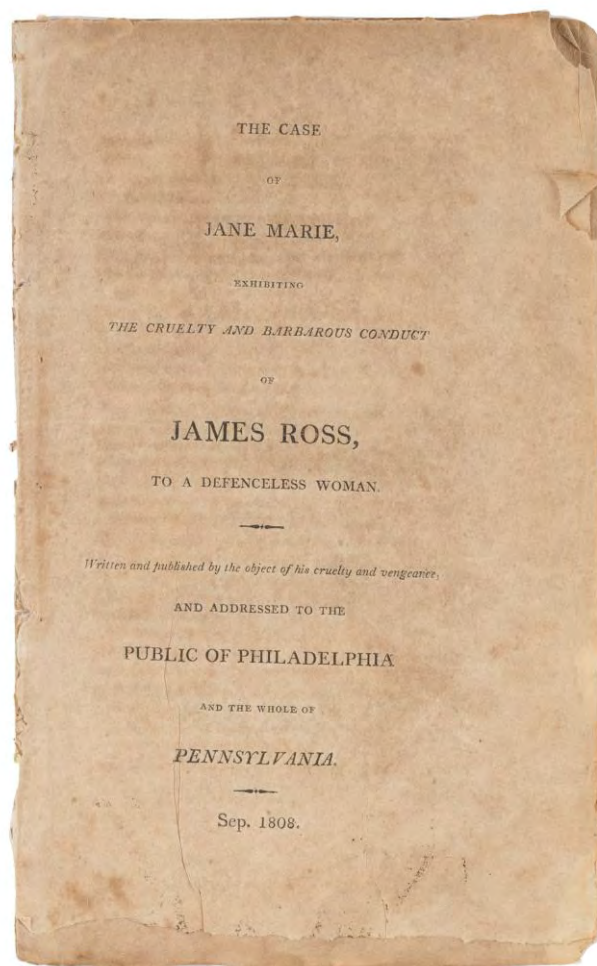
Contemporary calf, blind rules to boards, rebacked in period style, raised bands, lettering piece and gilt publication date to spine, blind tooling to board edges, early hand-lettered title to fore-edge of text block, hinges mended. Light rubbing and a few minor nicks and stains to boards, moderate rubbing to board edges with wear to corners, early owner markings to front pastedown, early owner signature (Matthew Fetherston Haugh) and later bookplate (John Francis Neylan) to front free endpaper. Moderate toning to interior, light foxing and faint dampspotting in places, light soiling and a bit of edgewear to title page, (illegible) owner signature (dated 1828) to head of title page. \$750.

\* Third edition, one of two issues, both in 1665. Forests were central to England's economy from the time of the conquest to the mid-seventeenth century. Originally printed privately in 1592, then published in 1598, Manwood's treatise remained a standard work into the twentieth century. The 1665 edition is much larger and includes a great deal of information that does not appear in earlier editions. A member of Lincoln's Inn, a barrister, gamekeeper of Waltham Forest and a justice of the New Forest, Manwood was eminently qualified to write it. Both a history and guide, it contains lengthy extracts from the *Carta de Foresta* and other ancient statutes and charters.

*English Short-Title Catalogue* R235229.

[Order This Item](#)

Tel: (800) 422-6686 or (732) 382-1800 | Fax: (732) 382-1887 | [law@lawbookexchange.com](mailto:law@lawbookexchange.com) | [www.lawbookexchange.com](http://www.lawbookexchange.com)



### **Cruelty Against a Woman, Or a Political Hatchet Job?**

#### **15. Marie, Jane.**

*The Case of Jane Marie, Exhibiting the Cruelty and Barbarous Conduct of James Ross, To a Defenceless Woman. Written and Published by the Object of His Cruelty and Vengeance, And Addressed to the Public of Philadelphia and the Whole of Pennsylvania.* [Philadelphia: William Duane], 1808. 28 pp. Octavo (9" x 5-1/2")

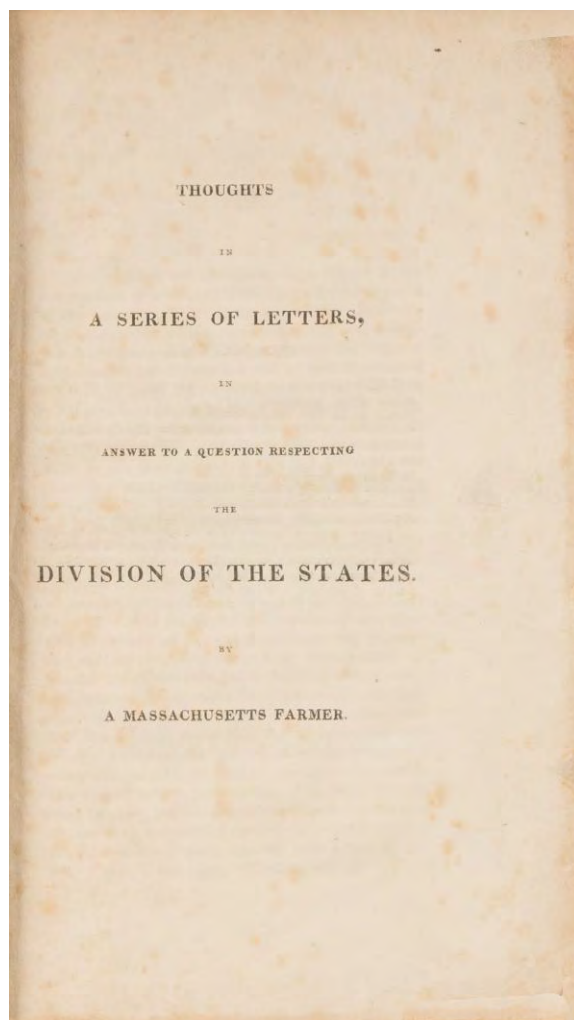
Disbound stab-stitched pamphlet, untrimmed edges. Light browning, light foxing to most of text, two small chips to title page. \$250.

\* Duane, a staunch Philadelphia Anti-Federalist newspaperman, published (and probably wrote) this pamphlet to discredit the Pennsylvania Federalist gubernatorial candidate James Ross, who was well-known as the negotiator who ended the Whiskey Rebellion [1791-1794]. It accused Ross of tricking Marie into transferring her home to him, then hiring "a gang of ruffians" to evict her "with sticks and whips," an event described in salacious detail. Ross denied the allegations, but lost the election. OCLC locates 7 copies, none in law libraries.

Sabin, *A Dictionary of Books Relating to America* 44560.

[Order This Item](#)

Tel: (800) 422-6686 or (732) 382-1800 | Fax: (732) 382-1887 | [law@lawbookexchange.com](mailto:law@lawbookexchange.com) | [www.lawbookexchange.com](http://www.lawbookexchange.com)



### A Radical Response to the Louisiana Purchase

#### 16. Massachusetts Farmer.

[Lowell, John, Jr. (1769-1840)].

*Thoughts in a Series of Letters, In Answer to a Question Respecting the Division of the States.* [Boston?]: S.n., [1813]. 24 pp. Octavo (9-1/4" x 5-3/4").

Stab-stitched pamphlet in plain blue (sugar paper) wrappers, untrimmed edges. Light soiling and a few minor stains "(1)" in early hand to front wrapper, spine perished, wrappers secure, moderate toning and light foxing to interior. \$500.

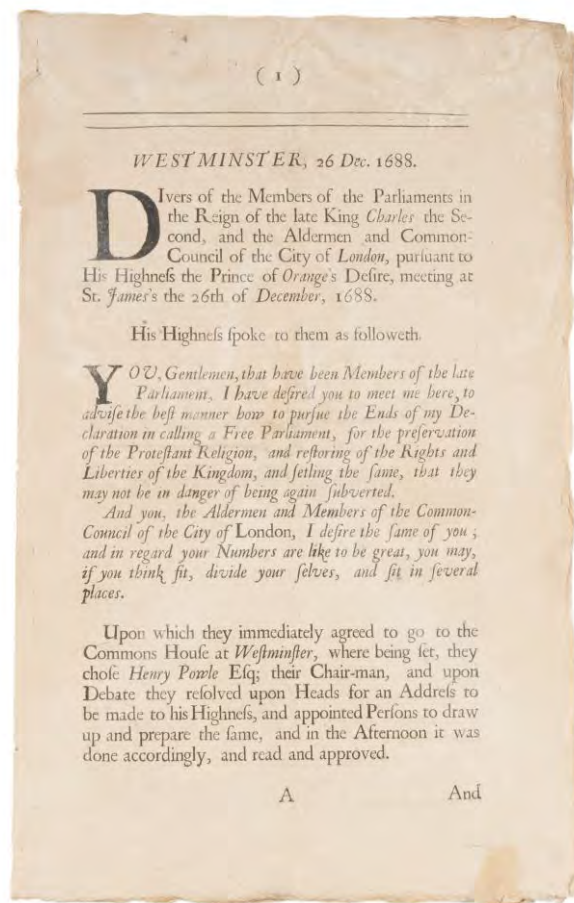
\* Only edition. The "Massachusetts Farmer" calls for the secession of the original states from "the illegitimate states beyond the Allegheny Mountains and Louisiana." An act of preservation, succession will prevent a nation too large and diverse to govern. Several sources, such as Sabin, attribute this pamphlet to Lowell. A member of a Boston Brahmin family, he was a lawyer and influential member of the Federalist Party.

Sabin, *A Dictionary of Books Relating to America* 95669. Howes, *USiana* L534. *The Celebrated Collection of Americana Formed by the Late Thomas Winthrop Streeter* 1594.

[Order This Item](#)

Tel: (800) 422-6686 or (732) 382-1800 | Fax: (732) 382-1887 | [law@lawbookexchange.com](mailto:law@lawbookexchange.com) | [www.lawbookexchange.com](http://www.lawbookexchange.com)





### William of Orange Decides to Summon the Convention Parliament

#### 17. [Parliament].

#### [William III, King of England (1650-1702)].

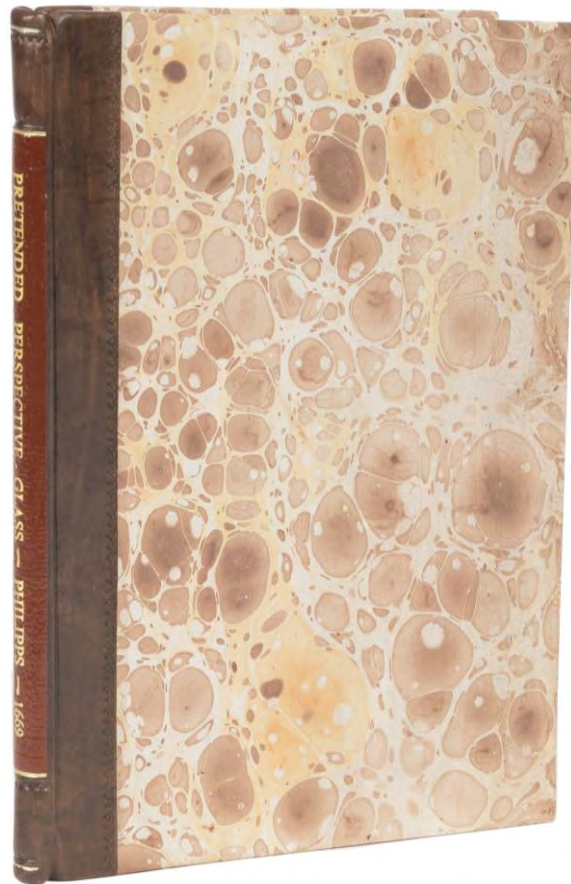
*Divers of the Members of the Parliaments in the Reign of King Charles the Second, And the Aldermen and Common-Council of the City of London, Pursuant to His Highness the Prince of Orange's Desire, Meeting at St. James's the 26th of December, 1688* [Caption Title]. At head of title: *Westminster, 26 Dec. 1688*. [London: Printed by John Starkey, Awnsham and William Churchill, 1688]. 4 pp. Folio (12-1/2" x 8").

Disbound (?) bifolium, edges untrimmed. Moderate toning, faint dampstaining to top half, a few faint stains. \$1,250.

\* Only edition. An account of one of the assemblies of peers after the Glorious Revolution of 1688. By this time, James II had fled to France, and many were advocating for the accession of William of Orange to the throne. This document summarizes the assembly that asked William to summon a convention that would meet in January of the following year. Ultimately, the convention, which became known as the Convention Parliament, decided that James had abandoned the throne and installed William and Mary as King and Queen. OCLC locates 1 copy of this title in a law library (University of Minnesota).

*English Short-Title Catalogue* R25000.

[Order This Item](#)



**"Innovations are More than a Little Dangerous"**

**18. [Philipps, Fabian (1601-1690)].**

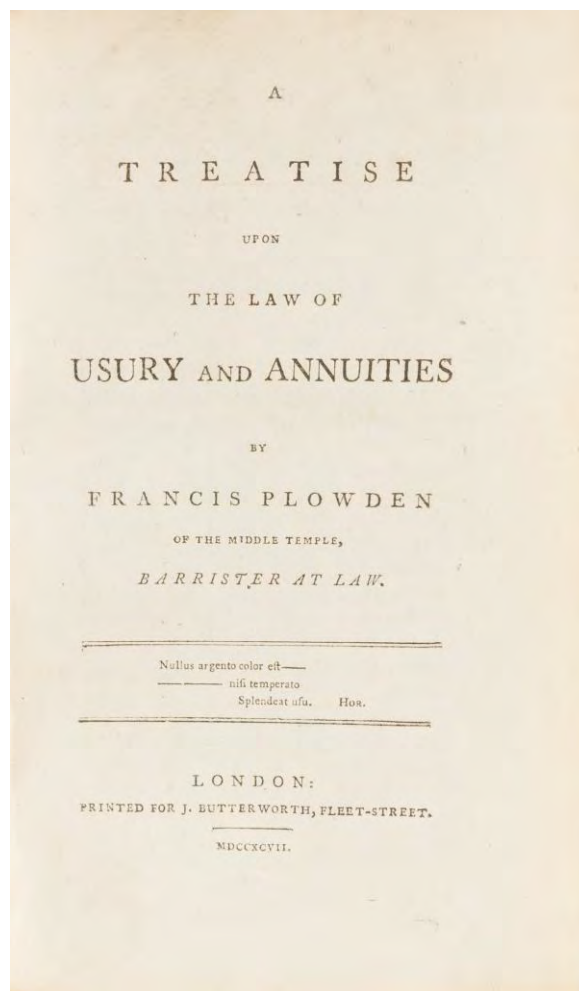
*The Pretended Perspective-Glass; Or Some Reasons of Many More Which Might be Offered, Against the Pretended Registering Reformation.* London: [s.n.], Printed in the year 1669. [ii], 15, [1] pp. Lacking final blank leaf. Quarto (7-1/4" x 5-1/2").

Stab-stitched pamphlet bound in recent quarter calf over marbled boards, blind fillets to calf edges, blind fillets and gilt-edged lettering piece to spine. Moderate toning to interior, light foxing and soiling to a few leaves, publication date corrected to 1671 in ink in an early hand. \$650.

\* First edition. Philipps, a member of an old gentry family educated at inns of chancery, Oxford and Middle Temple, was a notable and prolific legal antiquarian and Royalist. Here, he wades into the debate over the establishment of a general register for titles and deeds. Though the idea was first proposed under Henry VIII, no such register would be created until the passage of the Land Registry Act in 1862, which established a registry of titles (but not deeds). The system created by the act was voluntary and largely ineffective; successive attempts at reform failed until the Land Registration Act of 1925. Philipps warns against the registry on the grounds that it would create public mistrust and cause economic failures by creating opportunities for fraud. Signature C is unsigned in our copy. Two issues of a second edition appeared in 1671, one with signature C signed and one without.

*English Short-Title Catalogue* R9264.

[Order This Item](#)



### A Treatise on Usury Critical of Bentham

#### 19. Plowden, Francis [1749-1829].

*A Treatise Upon the Law of Usury and Annuities*. London: Printed for J. Butterworth, Fleet-Street, 1797. [ii], xx, 570 pp. Octavo (8-1/4" x 5-1/4").

Contemporary calf, rebaked in period style, blind fillets, retained contemporary letting piece and gilt publication date to spine, endpapers renewed. light rubbing and a few shallow scuffs to boards, moderate rubbing to board edges, corners bumped and somewhat worn, some wear to edges of lettering piece, front joint starting at head, partial crack to text block between pp. 566 and 567. Light toning to interior, faint soiling to title page and margins of a few leaves. \$1,500.

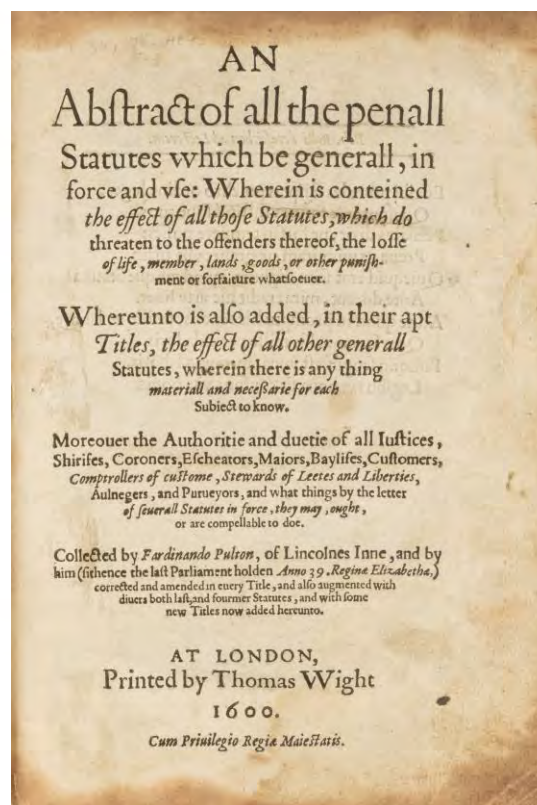
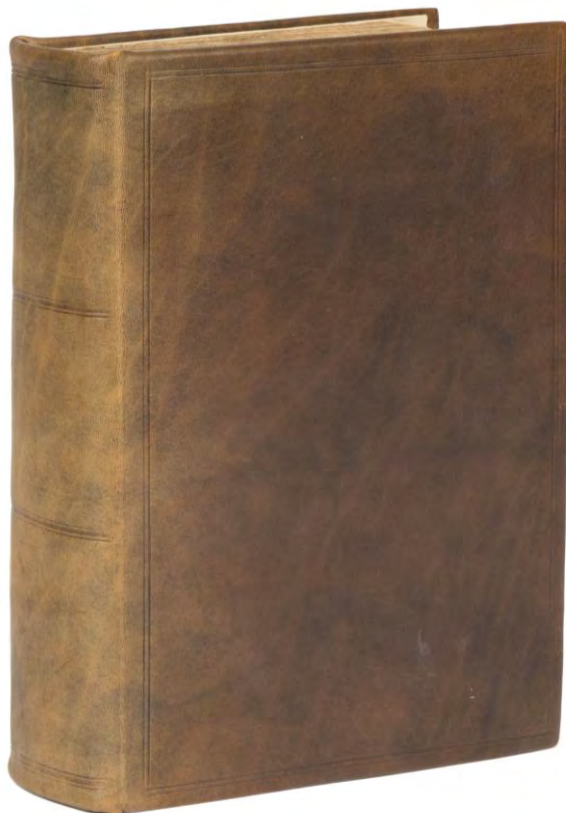
\* Only edition. Holdsworth says this a "very good book" notable for its criticism of "the ingenious Mr. Bentham." Plowden notes that annuities had been used to evade usury laws and offers similar conclusions about stock transactions for time and stock jobbing. This is a rare title. OCLC locates 2 copies in North America, none in law libraries; the ESTC locates 10, 3 in law libraries (Harvard, UCLA, York).

Holdsworth, *A History of English Law* XII:397-398. *English Short-Title Catalogue (ESTC)* T112869.

[Order This Item](#)

Tel: (800) 422-6686 or (732) 382-1800 | Fax: (732) 382-1887 | [law@lawbookexchange.com](mailto:law@lawbookexchange.com) | [www.lawbookexchange.com](http://www.lawbookexchange.com)





### The Leading Elizabethan-Era Authority on Criminal Law

#### 20. Pulton, Ferdinand(o) [1536-1618], Compiler.

*An Abstract of All the Penall Statutes Which be Generall, In Force and Use: Wherein is Contained the Effect of All Those Statutes, Which Doe Threaten to the Offenders Thereof, The Losse of Life, Member, Lands, Goods, Or Other Punishment or Forfeiture Whatsoever. Whereunto is also Added, In Their Apte Titles, The Effect of All Other Generall Statutes, Wherin There is Any Thing Materiall and Necessarie for Eache Subject to Know. Moreover the Authoritie and Duetie of All Iustices, Shirifes, Coroners, Eschetors, Maiors, Baylifes, Customers, Comptrollers of Custome, Stewardes of Leetes and Liberties, Aulnegers, And Purveyours, And What Things by the Letter of Severall Statutes in Force, They May, Ought, Or are Compellable to Doe.* London: Printed by Thomas Wight, 1600. [viii], 404 ff. Quarto (8-1/2" x 5-3/4").

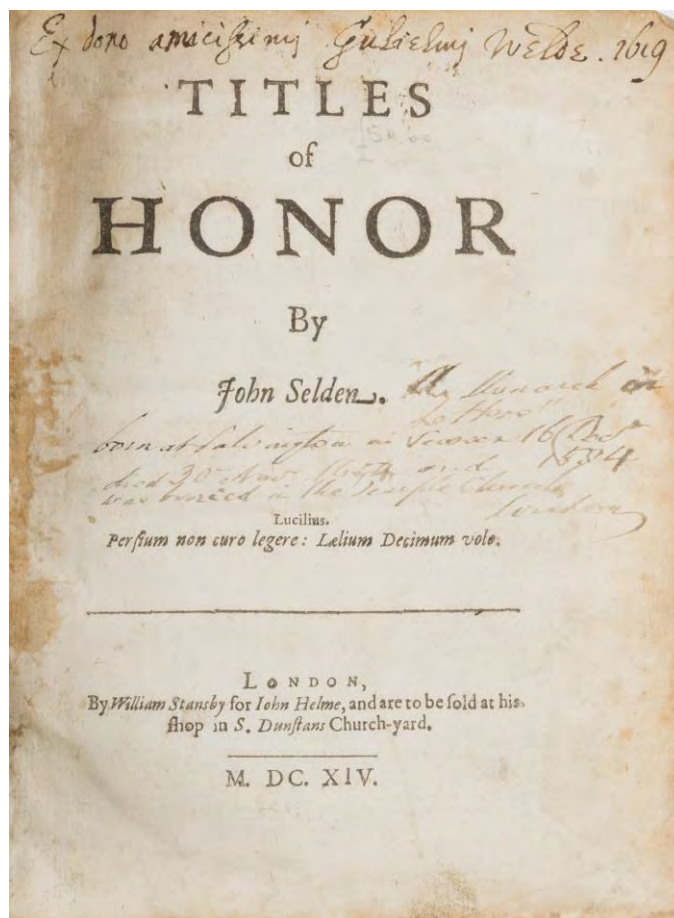
Recent calf, blind rules to boards, blind fillets to spine, endpapers renewed. Some fading to spine. Light toning and soiling to interior, occasional faint dampstaining to lower margin of first quarter of text block and a few other places, faint offsetting and light edgewear to first and final few leaves, small clean tear to bottom-edge of leaf X2 (f. 154) affecting text without loss, tears to fore-edges of ff. 194-196 not affecting text. \$2,000.

\* Final edition. Pulton was the leading authority on criminal law during the Elizabethan era, a status confirmed in 1609 with his great *De Pace Regis et Regni*, in large part based on the *Abstract*. As a Catholic, he was not allowed to practice and devoted his energies to editing the statutes. First published in 1560, this abridgment established Pulton's reputation and went through nine editions.

Holdsworth, *A History of English Law* V:39. *English Short Title Catalogue* S4263.

[Order This Item](#)

Tel: (800) 422-6686 or (732) 382-1800 | Fax: (732) 382-1887 | [law@lawbookexchange.com](mailto:law@lawbookexchange.com) | [www.lawbookexchange.com](http://www.lawbookexchange.com)



### First Edition of Selden's First Major Work

#### 21. Selden, John [1584-1654].

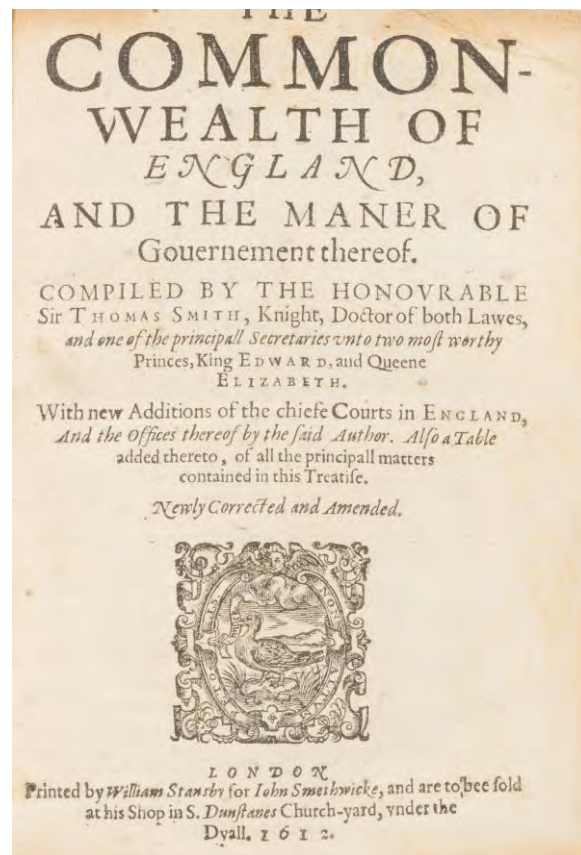
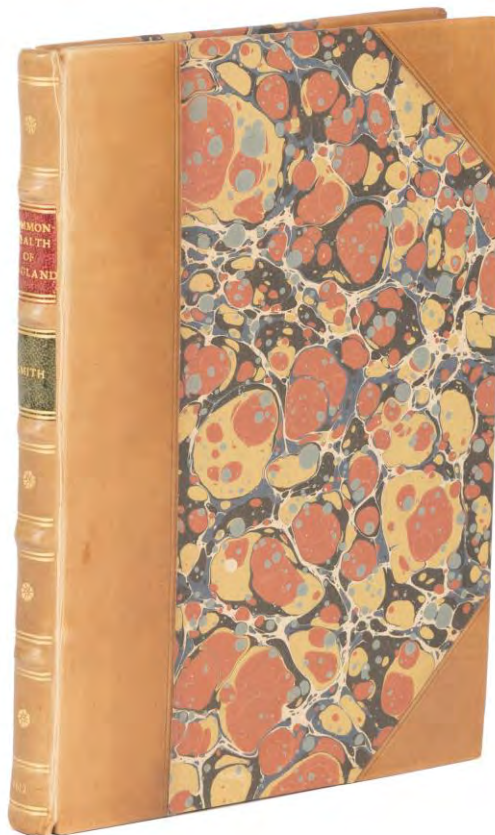
*Titles of Honor*. London: By William Stansby for John Helme, 1614. [xxxviii], 391, [43] pp. As in most copies, lacking blank leaves (\*\*1-\*\*2) between first and second dedications (a4, b1). Quarto (7-1/4" x 5-3/4").

Contemporary limp vellum with lapped edges and holes for thong ties, raised bands and later calf lettering piece to spine. Light rubbing and a few spots to exterior, endleaves removed, later armorial bookplate (of Richard Mullings) to inside front cover. Moderate toning to interior, light foxing in a few places, light edgewear and a few minor stains to preliminaries and final few leaves, early annotations to title page and inside rear cover. \$1,500.

\* First edition. Selden's first major work, this monumental study of peerage law considers genealogy and heraldry in the British Isles, Europe, China, Turkey and the Middle East. It has three major sections: the first addresses the rights, privileges and duties of kings and emperors; the second addresses inferior titles and heirs to thrones; the third concerns feminine titles, honorifics and laws of precedence. As a whole, therefore, the book deals with the rights of nobility, and certainly comprehends the rights of kings over their subjects, including the right of kings to govern. Therefore, the content of the treatise was crucial to the dispute between the English Parliament and the Stuart kings that would result three decades later in the Civil War.

*English Short-Title Catalogue* S117085.

[Order This Item](#)



**"The Most Important Description of the Constitution  
and Government Of England Written During the Tudor Age"**

**22. Smith, Sir Thomas [1513-1577].**

*The Common-Wealth of England, And the Maner of Governement Thereof. Compiled by the Honourable Sir Thomas Smith, Knight, Doctor of both Lawes, And One of the Principall Secretaries Unto Two Most Worthy Princes, King Edward, And Queene Elizabeth. With New Additions of the Chiefe Courts in England, And the Offices Thereof by the Said Author. Also a Table Added Thereto, Of All the Principall Matters Contained in this Treatise.* London: Printed by William Stansby, 1612. [viii], 134 pp. Lacking first leaf, a blank. Quarto (7-1/2" x 5-1/2").

Recent three-quarter calf over marbled boards, lettering piece, gilt-edged raised bands and gilt ornaments and publication date to spine, endpapers renewed. Light browning to interior, top-edge of text block trimmed with minor loss to headlines in a few places and the "The" at head of title page. An attractive copy. \$400.

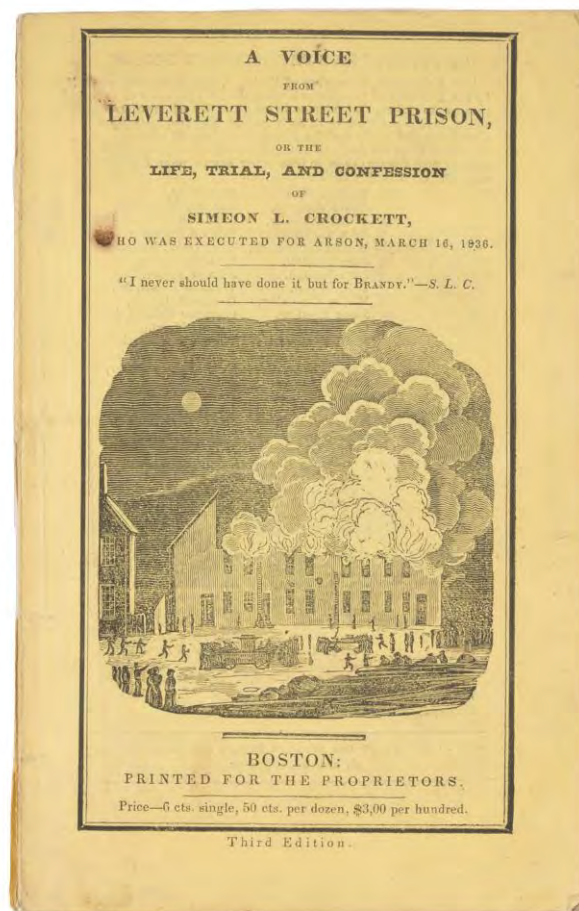
\* Later edition. Written between 1562 and 1565, this work was first published in 1583 as *De Republica Anglorum; The Manner of Government or Policie of the Realme of England*. "It is the most important description of the constitution and government of England written in the Tudor age" (DNB). It went through eleven editions in English between 1584 to 1691. Four Latin editions appeared between 1610 and 1641. Abridged editions in Dutch and German were published in 1673 and 1688. Smith, an English scholar and diplomat, was Regius Professor of Civil Law at Cambridge University.

*Dictionary of National Biography* XVIII:535. *English Short-Title Catalogue* S117648.

[Order This Item](#)

Tel: (800) 422-6686 or (732) 382-1800 | Fax: (732) 382-1887 | [law@lawbookexchange.com](mailto:law@lawbookexchange.com) | [www.lawbookexchange.com](http://www.lawbookexchange.com)





**"I Never Should Have Done it But for Brandy"**

**23. [Temperance].**

**Crockett, Simeon L. [1809-1836].**

*A Voice from the Leverett Street Prison, Or the Life, Trial, And Confession of Simeon L. Crockett, Who was Executed for Arson, March 16, 1836.* Boston: Printed for the Proprietors, [c.1836]. 24 pp. Woodcut illustrations. Octavo (7" x 4-1/2").

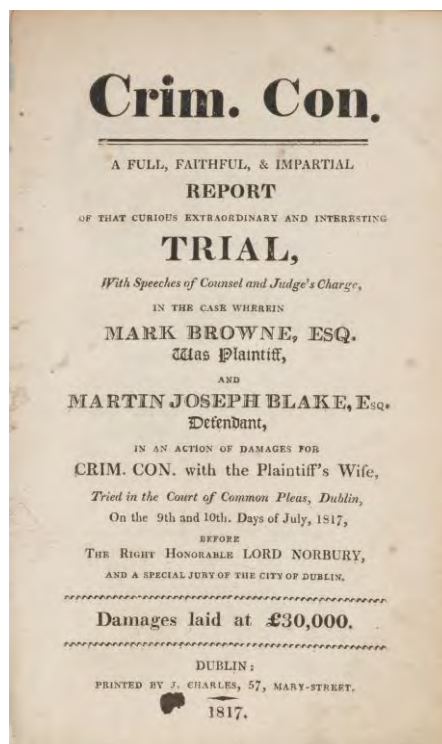
Stab-stitched pamphlet in pictorial wrappers. Light soiling and a few minor stains to exterior, light wear to corners. Light toning and foxing to interior, small chip to lower margin of leaf (containing pp. 3-4) with no loss to text, small tear to rear wrapper. \$450.

\* Third edition. Crockett and Stephen Russell were convicted and hanged for an arson charge after they burned a dwelling house with several occupants. First published in 1836 and reissued several times by the Boston Society for the Promotion of Temperance, *A Voice* outlines Crockett's life and emphasizes the role of alcohol in his downfall. As he puts it in his confession regarding his fateful act: "I never should have done it but for brandy." The striking woodcuts include a debauched tavern scene showing the moment when Crockett and Russell hatched their fatal plan.

Sabin, *A Dictionary of Books Relating to America* 17579. Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 12141.

[Order This Item](#)

Tel: (800) 422-6686 or (732) 382-1800 | Fax: (732) 382-1887 | [law@lawbookexchange.com](mailto:law@lawbookexchange.com) | [www.lawbookexchange.com](http://www.lawbookexchange.com)



### Defended By a Distinguished Anglo-Irish Barrister

#### 24. [Trial].

##### Blake, Martin Joseph, Defendant.

*Crim. Con.* A Full, Faithful, & Impartial Report of that Curious, Extraordinary and Interesting Trial with Speeches of Counsel and Judge's Charge, In the Case Wherein Mark Browne, Esq., Was Plaintiff and Martin Jos. Blake, Esq., Defendant, In an Action of Damages for Crim. Con. With the Plaintiff's Wife. Tried in the Court of Common Pleas, Dublin, On the 9th and 10th Days of July, 1817, Before the Right Honorable Lord Norbury and a Special Jury of the city of Dublin; Damages laid at £30,000. Dublin: Printed by J. Charles, 1817. 48 pp.

##### [Bound with]

##### Phillips, Charles [1787?-1859].

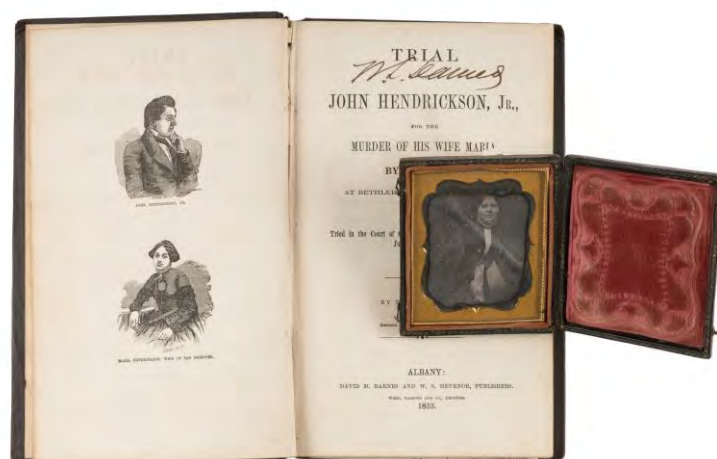
*The Speech of Charles Phillips, Esq. In the Case of Brown Versus Blake for Adultery; Delivered Before Lord Norbury and a Special Jury on the 9th July, 1817.* Dublin: Printed at the Hibernia Press Office, For John Cumming, 1817. 31 pp.

Octavo (8" x 5"). Stab-stitched pamphlet in later plain wrappers. Two vertical fold lines to front wrapper. Moderate toning to interior, light foxing in places, early library stamps to head of p.3 of *Crim. Con.*, verso of title page, head of p. 7 and verso of final leaf of *Speech*. \$650.

\* *Crim. Con.*: First edition; *Speech*: only edition. A second edition of *Crim. Con.* was published shortly after the first in 1817. Although it was a typical adultery trial, *Browne v. Blake* attracted a fair amount of attention because Blake's lawyer was Phillips, who defended him successfully. A leading Anglo-Irish barrister, Phillips was renowned for his oratory and expertise with Adultery cases. Both titles are scarce. OCLC locates 5 copies of *Crim. Con.*, all first editions, 1 in a North American law library (LA County) and no copies of *Speech*.

*Crim. Con.*: *British Museum Catalogue* (Compact Edition) 3:582.

[Order This Item](#)



A Copy of McDade 468 With Related Contemporary Newspaper Clippings a Daguerreotype of the Victim

25. [Trial].

**Hendrickson, John [1832-1854], Defendant.**

**Barnes, David M., Reporter, Compiler.**

**Hevenor, W.S. [d.1909], Reporter, Compiler.**

*Trial of John Hendrickson, Jr. For the Murder of His Wife Maria, By Poisoning, at Bethlehem, Albany County, N.Y., March 6th, 1853: Tried in the Court of Oyer and Terminer, at Albany, N.Y., In June and July, 1853.* Albany: David M. Barnes and W.S. Hevenor, Publishers, 1853. 176 pp. Frontispiece with woodcut portraits of John and Maria Hendrickson. Octavo (8-3/4" x 5-1/2").

Original cloth, gilt title to front board, early owner label (Wm. L. Learn[ed]) to spine. Light rubbing to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities with wear to spine ends and corners, rear hinge partially cracked. Moderate toning to interior, slightly heavier in places, early owner signature (W.L. Learned) to title page, traces of penciled notes to front pastedown, early notes about trial to rear free endpaper, 4 contemporary newspaper clippings about the trial tipped in to front free endpaper and rear endleaves.

**[And]**

[3-1/2" x 3" Daguerreotype of Maria Hendrickson in a 3-3/4" x 3-1/4" hinged leather case with metal clasps]. [Albany?, c. 1850].

Light rubbing to front, moderate rubbing to back and extremities.

Together two items. \$2,500.

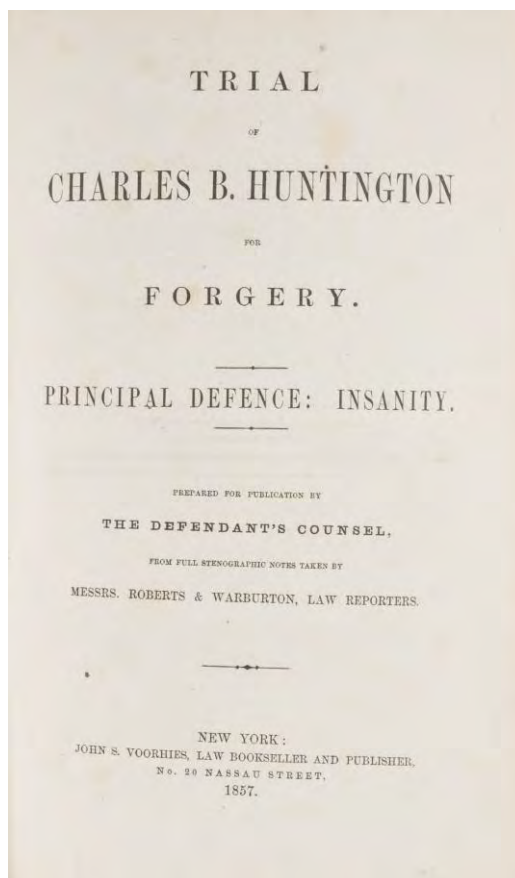
\* Only edition. John Hendrickson was a wastrel who married into the wealthy Van Dusen family of Albany, NY. Unfaithful to his wife and eager to acquire her fortune, he poisoned her with aconite. This is believed to be the first American murder committed with this substance. New ground was broken by the forensic testimony presented in this case by several experts, most notably Benjamin Silliman, the eminent chemist and Yale professor. The Daguerreotype of Maria Hendrickson bears a close resemblance to the woodcut of her in the book's frontispiece, where she is described--oddly--as the "wife of the prisoner." OCLC locates 3 copies, 1 in a law library (Harvard).

McDade, *The Annals of Murder* 468.

[Order This Item](#)

Tel: (800) 422-6686 or (732) 382-1800 | Fax: (732) 382-1887 | [law@lawbookexchange.com](mailto:law@lawbookexchange.com) | [www.lawbookexchange.com](http://www.lawbookexchange.com)





### An Important Defense of the Insanity Plea

#### 26. [Trial].

#### Huntington, Charles B. [b. 1821], Defendant.

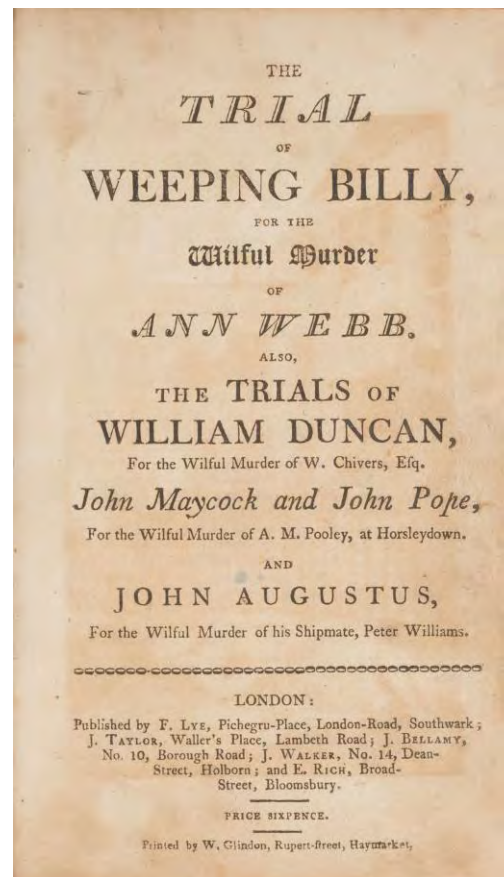
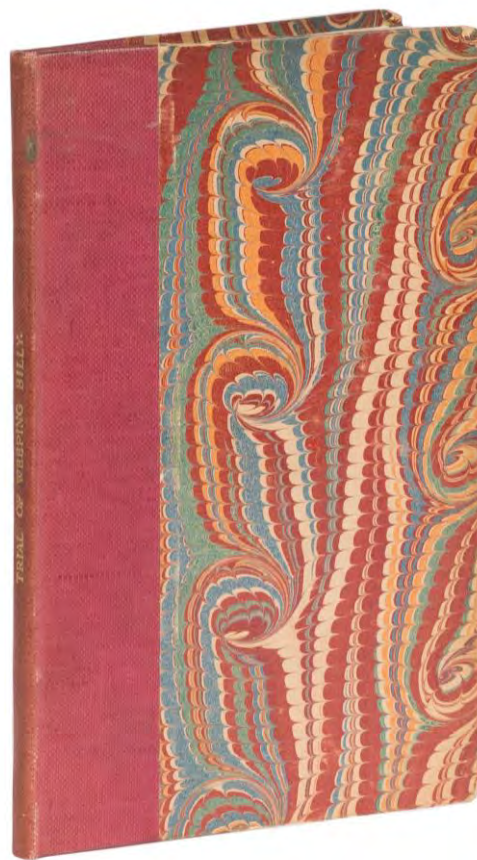
*Trial of Charles B. Huntington For Forgery. Principal Defence: Insanity. Prepared for Publication by the Defendant's Counsel, From Full Stenographic Notes Taken by Messrs. Roberts & Warburton, Law Reporters.* New York: John S. Voorhies, 1857. xii, 480 pp. Octavo (9" x 5-3/4").

Original cloth with decorative blind stamping, gilt title to spine. Negligible light rubbing to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, small chip to head of spine, corners bumped, upper corners worn, early owner bookplate (John Curwen, M.D.) to front pastedown. Moderate toning to interior, light foxing in a few places. \$350.

\* Only edition. An important defense of the plea of insanity, appealing to public and professional opinion alike against the ruling of the trial judge which disallowed "moral insanity" as a defense, and against the ensuing guilty verdict of the jury. This extensive trial record was published by the defense counsel both to vindicate the concept of "moral insanity" as a legal defense and to respond to the vilification heaped upon both counsel and expert witnesses by various members of the legal and medical community. "Huntington, a broker on Wall Street, was convicted of forging a promissory note ... He was sentenced to 4 years and 10 months in prison" (Cohen). A valuable source for the wealth of expert testimony and for the 73-page speech to the jury delivered by the defense counsel James T. Brady.

Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 12253.

[Order This Item](#)



### The Trial of "Weeping Billy"

#### 27. [Trials].

**Greenaway, Thomas, Defendant.**

**Duncan, William, Defendant.**

**Maycock, John, Defendant.**

**Pope, John, Defendant.**

**Augustus, John, Defendant.**

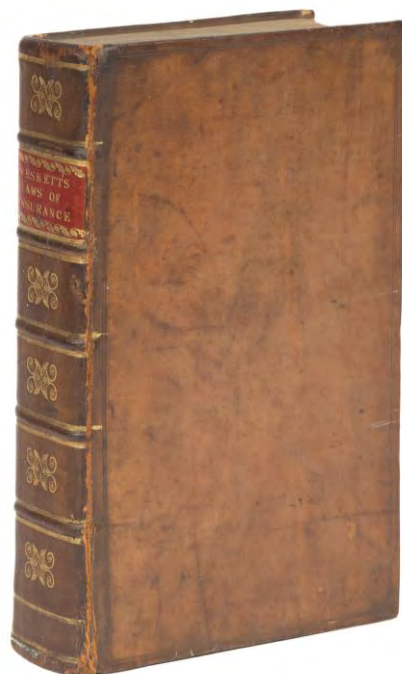
*The Trial of Weeping Billy, For the Wilful Murder of Ann Webb. Also, the Trials of William Duncan, For the Wilful Murder of W. Chivers, Esq., John Maycock and John Pope, For the Wilful Murder of A.M. Pooley, At Horsleydown, And John Augustus, For the Wilful Murder of His Shipmate, Peter Williams.* London: Published by F. Lye, [1807]. 23, [1] pp. Etched pictorial frontispiece of the murdered (and partially naked) Ann Webb. Final page is a publisher advertisement. Octavo (8-1/2" x 5-1/2").

Disbound stab-stitched pamphlet bound into later quarter cloth over marbled boards, gilt title to spine, endleaves added. Moderate rubbing to extremities, corners bumped and somewhat worn, crack in text block between frontispiece and title page. Light browning and foxing to interior. \$500.

\* Only edition. The best-known case in this collection of sensational trials is that of Thomas Greenaway. Known as "Weeping Billy" for his emotional demeanor, he was tried for murder, but ultimately acquitted. The account of his trial ends with the charge to the jury. OCLC locates 9 copies worldwide, 5 in North American law libraries (Library of Congress, Social Law Library, University of Minnesota, Worcester Trial Court Library, Yale).

[Order This Item](#)

Tel: (800) 422-6686 or (732) 382-1800 | Fax: (732) 382-1887 | [law@lawbookexchange.com](mailto:law@lawbookexchange.com) | [www.lawbookexchange.com](http://www.lawbookexchange.com)



### Comprehensive (and Scarce) Eighteenth-Century Treatise on Insurance

#### 28. Weskett, John.

*A Complete Digest of the Theory, Laws, And Practice of Insurance; Compiled from the Best Authorities in Different Languages, Which are Quoted and Referred to Throughout the Work; And Arranged in Alphabetical Order, Under Many Select Heads, With Ample References, And a General Index; Affording Immediate and Full Information, on Every Distinct Matter, Question, Or Point.... With a Preliminary Discourse; Wherein are Delineated the Very Great Disorders which Prevail in Affairs on Insurance; Their Principal Causes Explained; And Methods Proposed for Better Regulation and Prevention.* Dublin: Printed for Elizabeth Lynch, 1783. [vi], lxxxiv, 612, [4] pp. Octavo (8-1/2" x 5").

Contemporary calf, blind rules to boards, gilt-edged raised bands and lettering piece to spine, gilt decoration to compartments. Light rubbing to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, front joint cracked, small hole to rear joint, hinges cracked, faint offsetting to endpapers, signed bookplate (of John Wilkinson) to front pastedown, armorial bookplate (of Henry Collingwood) to rear pastedown. Light toning to interior, occasional very light foxing and soiling. A handsome copy. \$1,250.

\* Dublin issue of the second edition. The book begins with a critical 80-page essay on insurance law that proposes several reforms. The main body is a remarkably comprehensive legal and historical digest concentrating on marine insurance, but also discussing life and fire insurance. There are frequent references to America, and considerable discussion of international law, the laws of war and the work of such important economists and theorists as Cantillon, Child, Cary, Postlethwayt, De Moivre and Price. A second, and final, London edition was published in 1783. Dublin reprints were issued in 1783 and 1794, a German translation in 1782-87. The critical 80-page essay was also published separately in 1789. All of these are scarce. Concerning the 1783 Dublin edition, OCLC locates 10 copies in North American law libraries. This edition not in *Goldsmiths'*.

Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 1:528 (105).

[Order This Item](#)





### A Strong Case for Royal Review of Chancery Courts

#### 29. Williams, Walter.

*Jus Appellandi ad Regem Ipsum à Cancellaria: Or, A Manifestation of the King's Part and Power to Relieve His Subjects Against Erroneous and Unjust Decrees in Chancery. Collected out of the Authorities of Law.* London: [S.n.], 1683. [xiii], 128 [i.e. 136] pp. Octavo (5-3/4" x 3-1/2").

Contemporary sheep, blind rules to boards, gilt spine. Light rubbing and a few minor scratches to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities with wear to spine ends, joints and corners, hinges cracked, front free endpaper lacking, armorial bookplate of the Earls of Macclesfield to front pastedown, small embossed Macclesfield stamp to title page, which has a small chip near its lower outside corner. Light browning to interior, chip to foot of title page, page numbers of final few leaves corrected in tiny early hand, brief annotation in same hand to upper outside corner of title page. **[With] Williams, Walter.** *Jus Appellandi ad Regem Ipsum, &c. Or, A Manifestation of the King's Part and Power to Relieve His Subjects Against Erroneous and Unjust Decrees in Chancery. The Second Part.* London: Printed for the Author, 1684. [xx], 130, [2] pp. With an errata leaf. Octavo (5-1/2" x 3-1/2").

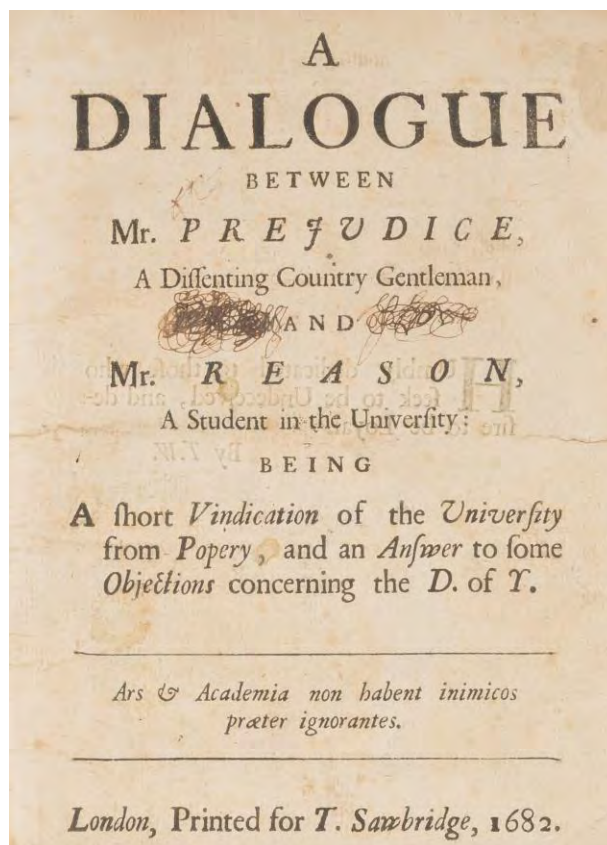
Contemporary sheep with recent rebacking, blind rules to boards, lettering piece, blind fillets and gilt publication date to spine, corners mended, endpapers renewed. Light rubbing and a few minor scuffs to boards, moderate rubbing to board edges, retained armorial bookplate of the Earls of Macclesfield to front pastedown, small embossed Macclesfield stamp to title page. Light browning to interior, faint dampspotting in places, edges of margins trimmed touching headlines of several leaves, offsetting to margins of title page and final leaf of text block. Together two books. Complete set. \$1,250.

\* *Jus Appellandi*: first edition; *Second Part*: only edition. The seventeenth century saw a wave of anxiety over the role of the Court of Chancery, and the topic of chancery reform became increasingly important. *Jus Appellandi* puts forward a strong, historically-grounded case for the King's personal review of chancery. It was reissued in 1684 when the *Second Part* was published. Williams was a Middle Temple benchers and the Keeper of its library in the early eighteenth century. Our copies of these books belonged to the Earls of Macclesfield. Housed in Shirburn Castle, near Watlington, Oxfordshire, it was one of the finest private libraries in Great Britain. Both titles are scarce, especially in North American law libraries. OCLC locates 4 copies of *Jus Appellandi* (Harvard, Columbia, Northwestern, Jenkins), the ESTC adds 1 more (Library of Congress). OCLC locates no copies of *The Second Part*, ESTC locates 1 (Harvard Law School).

*English Short-Title Catalogue (ESTC)* R7919, R7974.

[Order This Item](#)

Tel: (800) 422-6686 or (732) 382-1800 | Fax: (732) 382-1887 | [law@lawbookexchange.com](mailto:law@lawbookexchange.com) | [www.lawbookexchange.com](http://www.lawbookexchange.com)



**"A Short Vindication of the University from Popery"**

**30. [Wood, Thomas (1661-1722)].**

*A Dialogue Between Mr. Prejudice, A Dissenting Country Gentleman, And Mr. Reason, A Student in the University: Being a Short Vindication of the University from Popery, And an Answer to Some Objections Concerning the D. of Y.* London: Printed for T. Sawbridge, 1682. [ii], 24 pp. Lacking final blank leaf. Quarto (7-1/4" x 5-1/4").

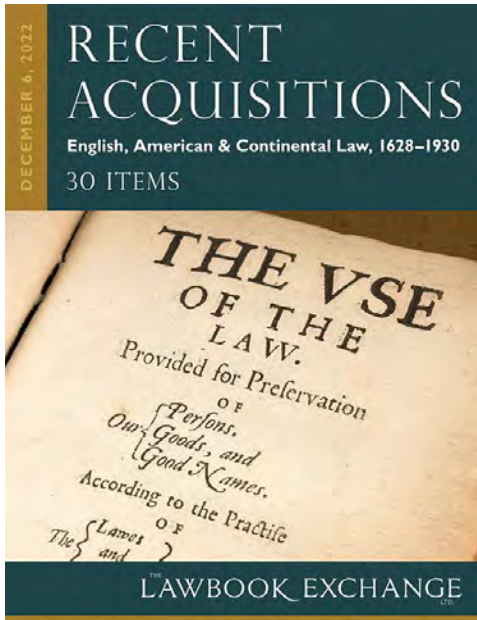
Stab-stitched pamphlet bound in later (nineteenth-century) three-quarter calf over marbled boards, blind fillets to calf edges, gilt fillets, title and date to spine, edges rouged, marbled endpapers. Light rubbing to boards, small shelf label to upper left corner of front board, moderate rubbing to extremities, corners bumped, upper corners very lightly worn, front hinge cracked, adhesive residue and armorial bookplate (of Frederic Morell) to front pastedown. Light toning to interior, light foxing and soiling to a few leaves, light creasing and crossed-out ownership signature to title page, inkstains to pp. 2-3 without loss to legibility, small hole to gutter of final leaf not affecting text. \$750.

\* Only edition. Wood's first work, published when he was a student at Oxford. This strident dialogue features "Mr. Prejudice," an anti-Catholic country gentleman who fears the rise of popery in the universities and the potential accession of James II, to whom he refers as "an Usurper, Impostour, Son of the Whore." The other participant, "Mr. Reason," defends the universities and, to an extent, Catholicism itself from the harsh criticism of Mr. Prejudice. Wood would go on to write several important works on the common law, most significantly *An Institute of the Laws of England* (1720), which was in many ways a predecessor to the work of Blackstone. A second part of the dialogue was published later in 1682.

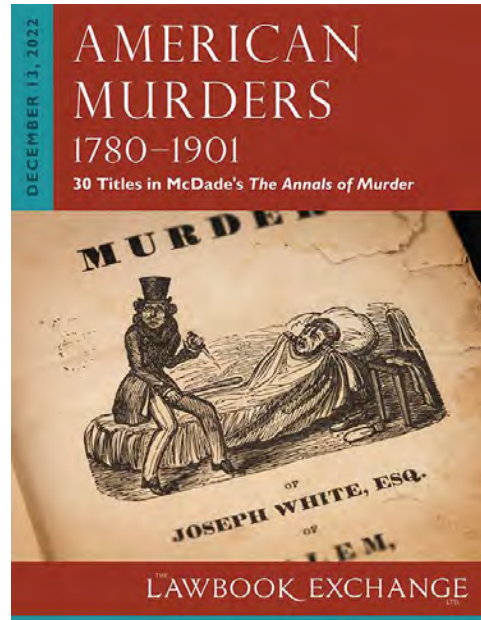
*English Short-Title Catalogue* R26396.

[Order This Item](#)

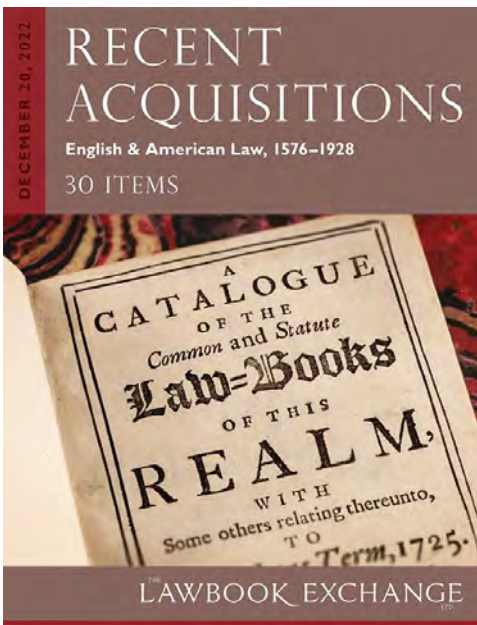
## Recent Weekly E-Lists



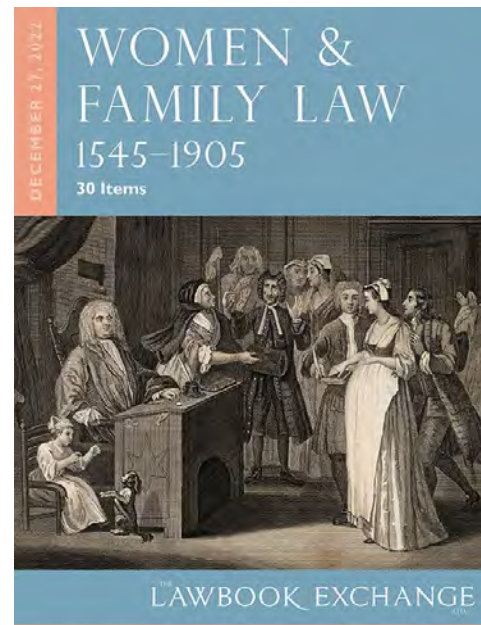
[December 6, 2022](#)



[December 13, 2022](#)



[December 20, 2022](#)



[December 27, 2022](#)

We are happy to hold items for institutional customers who wish to reserve items today and have them invoiced or shipped at a later date