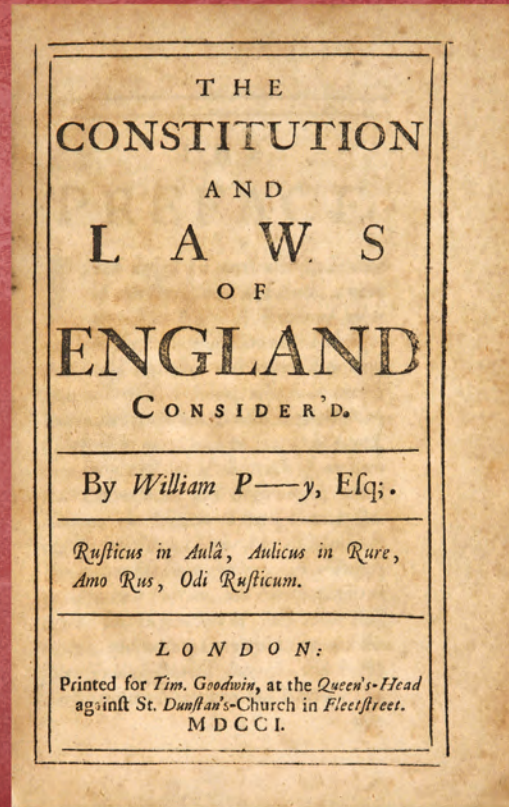
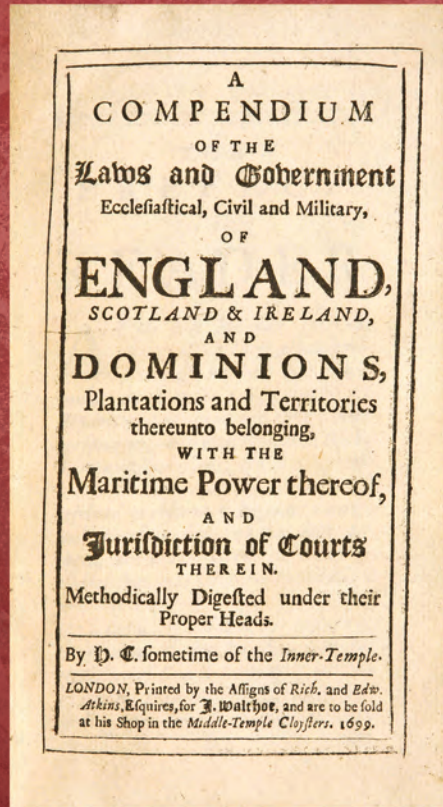


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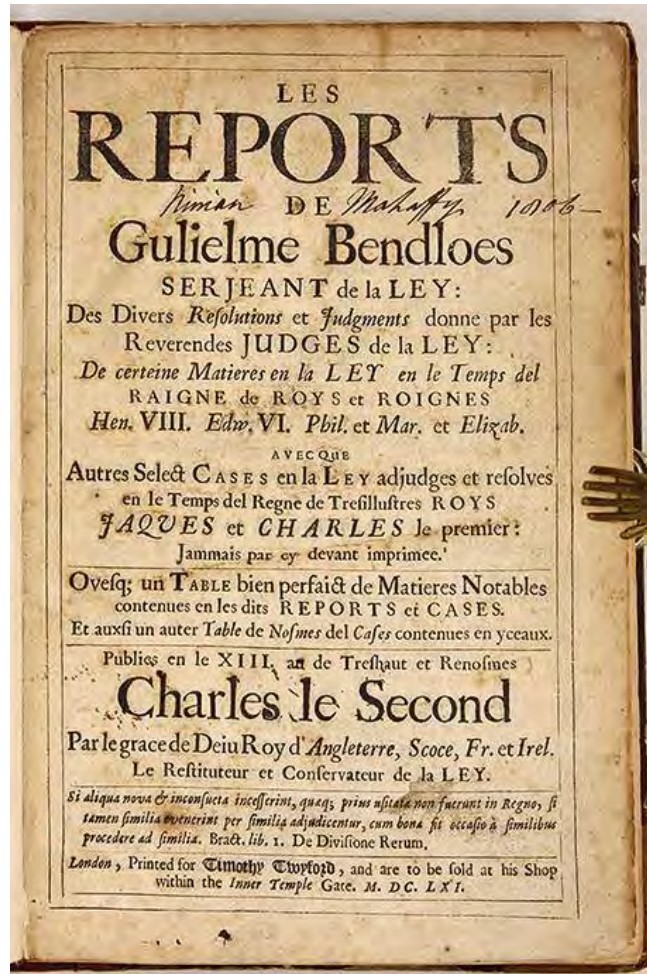
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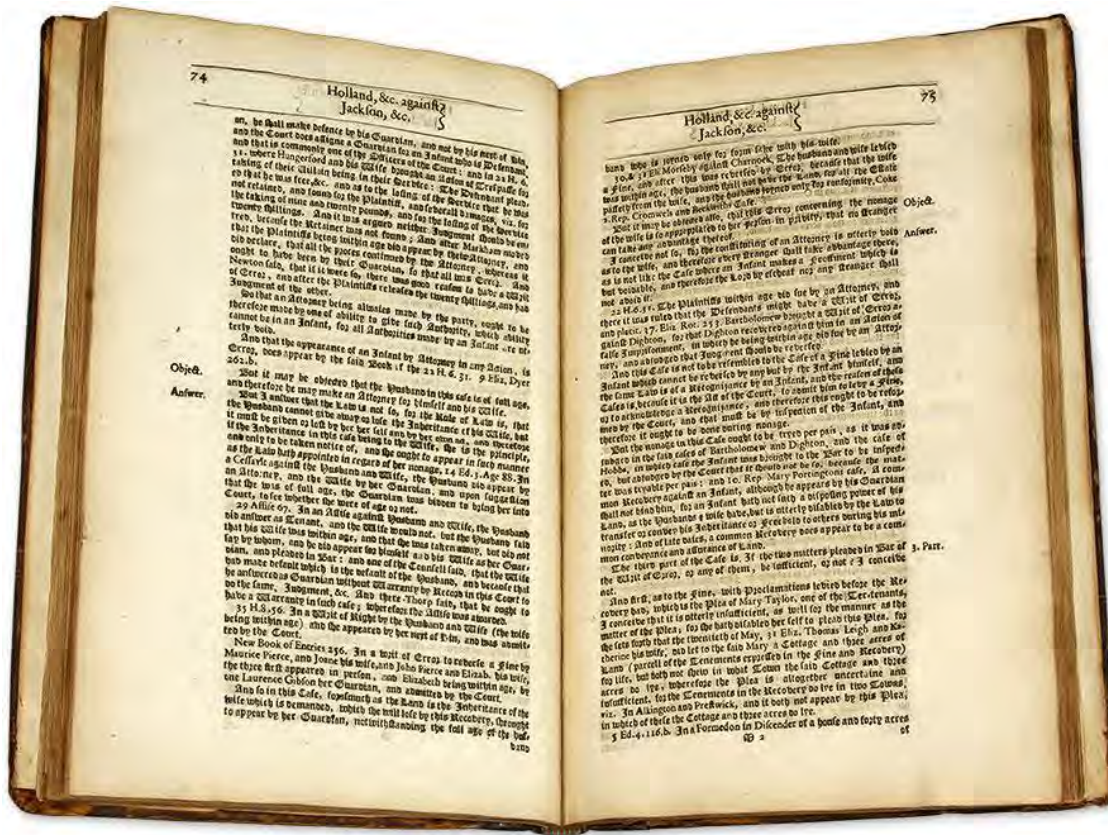
"New Benloe"

1. Benloe (Bendlowes), William [1516-1584], Reporter.

Les Reports de Gulielme Bendloes, Serjeant de la Ley: Des Divers Resolutions et Judgments Donne par les Reverendes Judges de la Ley: de Certaine Matieres en la Ley en le Temps del Raigne de Roys et Roignes Hen. VIII. Edw. VI. Phil. et Mar. et Eliزاب. Avecque autres Select Cases en la Ley Adjudges et Resolves en le Temps del Regne de Tresillustres Roys Jaques et Charles le Premier: Jammais par cy Devant Imprimee. Ovesq; Un Table bien Perfaict de Matieres Notables Contenues en les Dits Reports et Cases. Et Auxsi un Autre Table de Nosmes del Cases Contenues en Yceaux. Publies en le XIII. An de Treshaut et Renosmes Charles le Second par le Grace de Dieu Roy d'Angleterre, Scoce, Fr. et Irel. Le Restituteur et Conservateur de la Ley. London: Printed for Timothy Twyford, 1661. [x], 304 [i.e. 179], [10] pp. Lacking final blank leaf. Pagination irregular. Text complete. Folio (10-1/2" x 7").

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* Only edition. Wallace says Benloe was an accurate reporter. Our 1661 reporter covers the years 1509-1649. It is known as "New Benloe" to distinguish it from another reporter by Benloe published in 1689. Known as "Old Benloe," it records cases from 1486 to 1580. Wallace, *The Reporters* 116. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R37091. [Order This Item](#)



A Lawyer of "Great Learning and Profoundness"

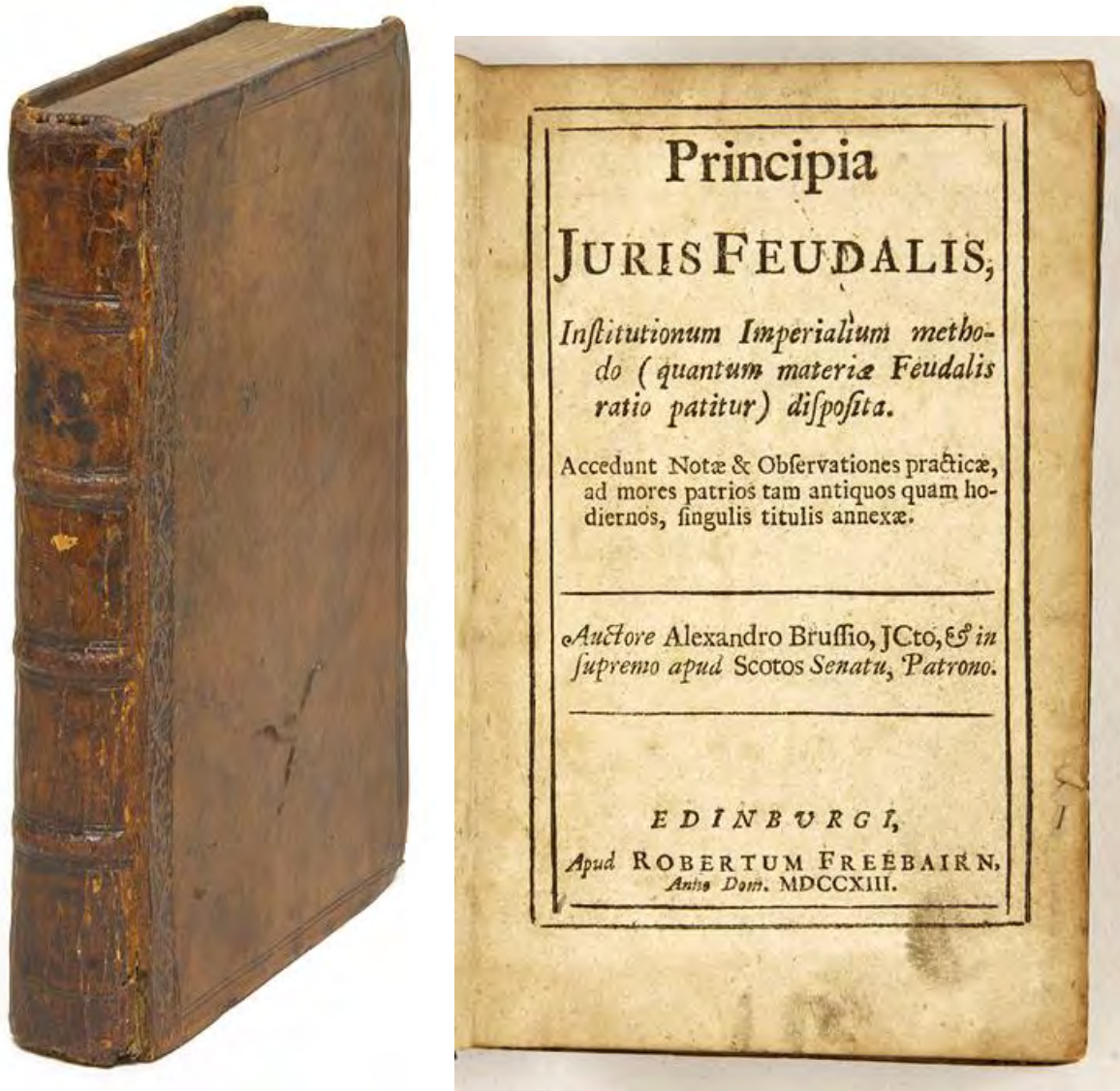
2. Bridgman, Sir John.

Reports of that Grave and Learned Judge, Sir John Bridgman, Knight; Serjeant at Law, Sometime Chief Justice of Chester. To Which are Added Two Exact Tables, The One of the Cases, And the Other of the Principal Matters Therein Contained. London: Printed by Tho. Roycroft for H. Twyford [et al.], 1659. [vi], 142, [6] pp. Folio (11" x 7 1/4").

Contemporary calf, rebaked in period style with gilt-edged raised bands, blind ornaments and retained contemporary lettering piece, endpapers renewed, hinges mended. Light rubbing and a few minor scuffs to boards, moderate rubbing to board edges with wear to corners, library bookplate to front pastedown, small embossed library stamps to front free endpaper, title page and following three leaves. Moderate toning to text, early underlining and annotations in a few places. \$450.

* Second edition. Reports cases in the Court of Common Pleas 1613-1621. Marvin describes Bridgman as a lawyer of "great learning and profoundness in the knowledge of the laws of England." A case on page 35, Townley v. Sherbourne, is cited as a leading case on the doctrine of how far a person is liable for the acts and receipts of a co-trustee. Williams [1777-1861] was the chief justice of Connecticut. Marvin, Legal Bibliography 148. Wallace, The Reporters 248.

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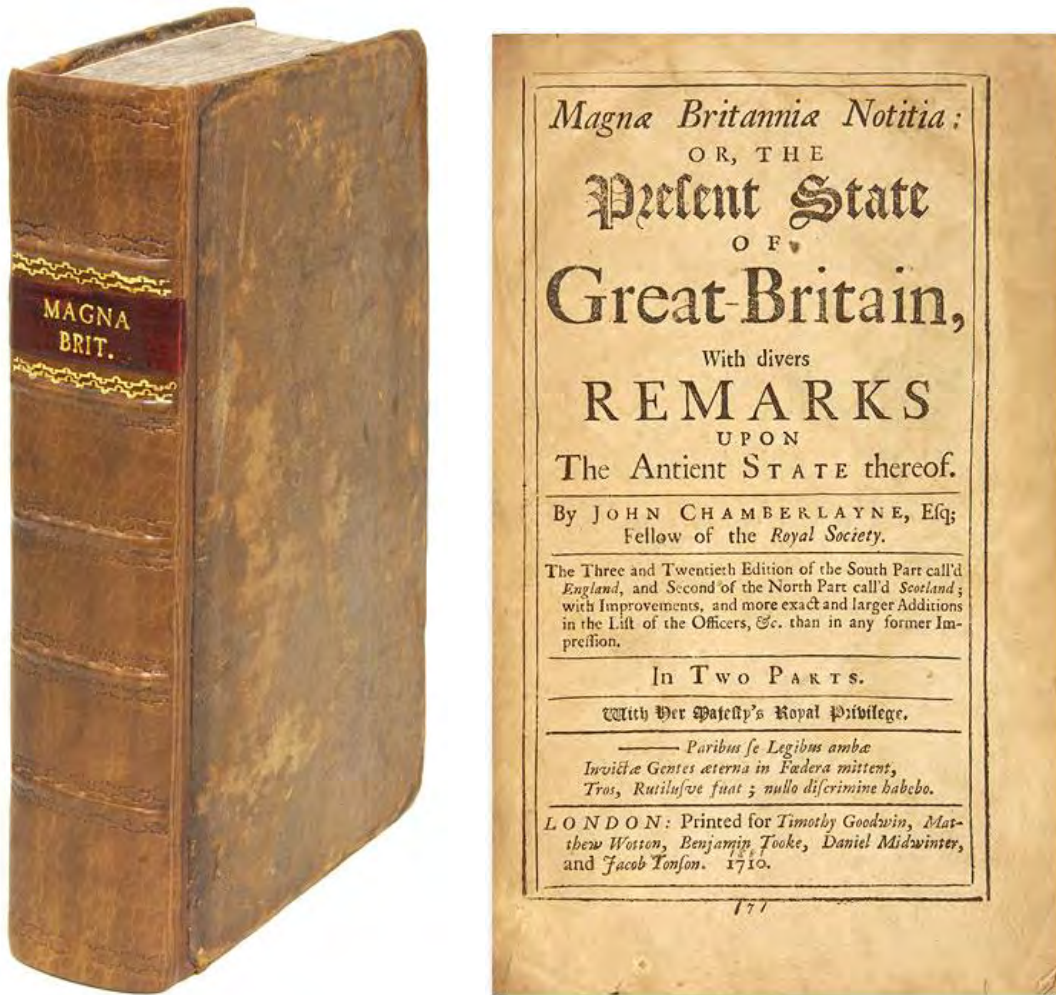
A Treatise on Scots
Feudal Law Patterned on Justinian

3. Bruce, Alexander [d. 1729].

Principia Juris Feudalis, Institutionum Imperialium Methodo (Quantum Materiae Feudalis Ratio Patitur) Disposita. Accedunt Notae & Observationes Practicae, ad Mores Patrios Tam Antiquos Quam Hodiernos, Singulis Titulis Annexae. Edinburgh: Apud Robertum Freebairn, 1713. [viii], xix, [5], 352 pp. 12mo. (6" x 4").

Contemporary calf, blind rules to board, blind fillets along joints. A few minor nicks and worm holes to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, joints just starting, chipping to spine ends, corners bumped and somewhat worn, front hinge cracked, later private-library bookplate to front pastedown. Very light browning to text, faint dampstaining in places, light foxing to some leaves, light soiling and a few finger smudges to title page. \$450.

* Only edition. Intended for students and laymen, this is an summary of feudal law in the manner of Justinian's *Institutes*. OCLC locates 13 copies in North American law libraries. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T116092. [Order This Item](#)



Great Britain in 1710

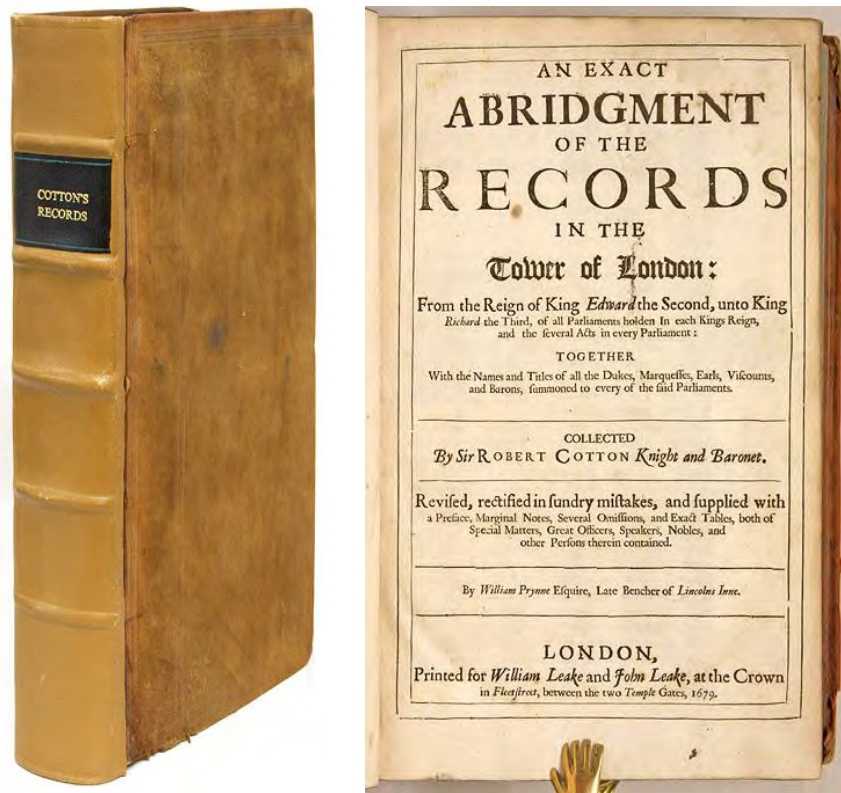
4. Chamberlayne, John [1666-1723].

[Chamberlayne, Edward (1616-1703)].

Magnæ Britanniae Notitia: Or, The Present State of Great-Britain, With Divers Remarks Upon the Antient State Thereof. And More Exact and Larger Additions in the List of the Officers, &c. Than in Any Former Impression. With Her Majesty's Royal Privilege. London: Printed for Timothy Goodwin, Matthew Wotton, [et al.], 1710. [xvi], 304, 301*-304*, 305-656, 657*-668*, 657-708, [20] pp. Pagination irregular, text complete, portrait frontispiece lacking. Octavo (7-1/2" x 5").

Contemporary calf, rebaked in period style, raised bands and lettering piece to spine, endpapers renewed. Some rubbing to boards and extremities with light wear to corners. Moderate toning to text, some leaves have faint dampstaining and foxing, light soiling to title page. \$100.

* Later edition. This fascinating work describes Great Britain's resources, currency, weights and measures, laws, customs, faith and inhabitants. It also lists the current holders of various courtly, judicial and religious offices. The first editions were produced by John Chamberlayne's Father, Edward, the first in 1669. 35 editions followed, the last in 1755. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T54585. [Order This Item](#)



A Notable Abridgment of the Parliament Rolls

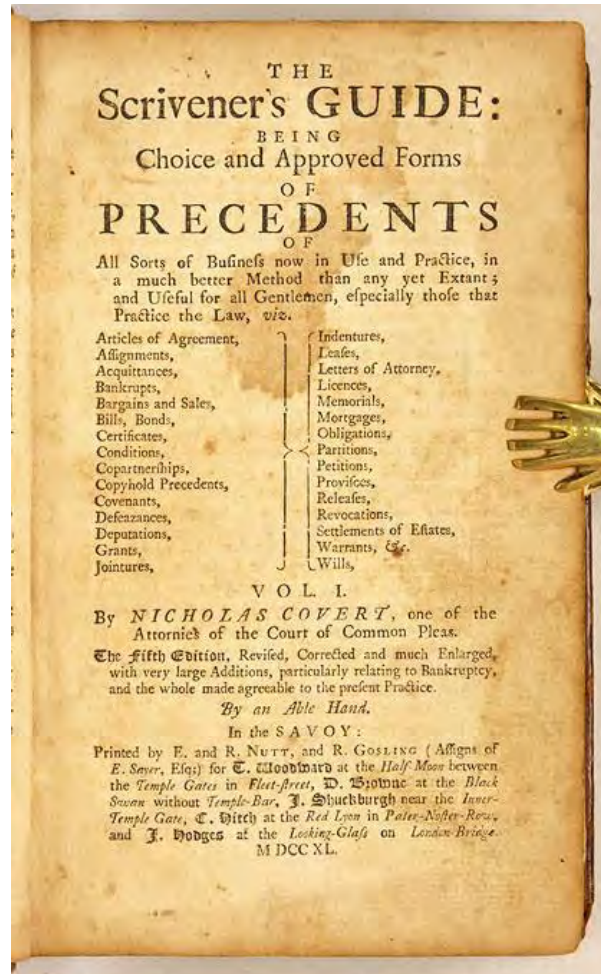
5. Cotton, Sir Robert [1570/1-1631].

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 Severall 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, Knight and Baronet. Rev., 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. London: Printed for William Leake, 1679. [xxxii], 716 (i.e. 588), [142] pp. Folio (11-1/2" x 7").

Contemporary reversed calf, recent period-style spine, blind rules and corner fleurons to boards, raised bands and lettering piece to spine, hinges reinforced. Moderate rubbing and a few minor stains and scuffs to boards, heavier rubbing to board edges with wear to corners. Light toning to text, somewhat heavier in places, some leaves have light foxing, recent marks in light pencil to a few leaves. \$500.

* Reissue of the first edition, 1657, the final version of this work. "In the seventeenth century the importance of the Parliament Rolls was so great that transcripts were made for private use, and published by private enterprise" (Holdsworth). The most important of these editions was produced by Prynne using a manuscript originally credited to Cotton. It is now believed to have been compiled by 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. One of the most notable and colorful figures of the period, Prynne was a contentious, erudite Puritan attorney, legal antiquarian and prolific author. In 1660, he became the Keeper of Records in the Tower of London, a post he held until the end of his life. Holdsworth, *A History of English Law* II:423. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R473630. [Order This Item](#)



A Popular, Long-Lived Formbook

6. Covert, Nicholas.

The Scrivener's Guide: Being Choice and Approved Forms of Precedents of All Sorts of Business Now in Use and Practice, In a Much Better Method than any Yet Extant; And Useful for All Gentlemen, Especially Those that Practice the Law, Viz. Articles of Agreement, Assignments, Acquittances, Bankrupts, Bargains and Sales, Bills, Bonds, Certificates, Conditions, Copartnerships, Copyhold Precedents, Covenants, Defeazances, Deputations, Grants, Jointures, Indentures, Leases, Letters of Attorney, Licences, Memorials, Mortgages, Obligations, Partitions, Petitions, Provisoes, Releases, Revocations, Settlements of Estates, Warrants, &c. Wills. Revised, Corrected and Much Enlarged, With Very Large Additions, Particularly Relating to Bankruptcy, And the Whole Made Agreeable to the Present Practice. By an Able Hand. [London]: Printed by E. and R. Nutt, and R. Gosling, 1740. Two volumes. [viii], 518, [2]; [iii], 1018, [32] pp. Volume I has a two-page publisher catalogue; Volume II has a one-page publisher catalogue. Octavo (7-3/4" x 5-3/4").

Contemporary calf, rebaked in period style, blind rules to boards, blind fillets to spine, raised bands and retained contemporary lettering pieces to spines. Light rubbing to boards, faint early owner signatures to rear boards, moderate rubbing to board edges, corners bumped and somewhat worn, hinges mended. Moderate toning and occasional light foxing to text, early annotations to endleaves. \$350.

* Fifth and final edition. First published in 1695, this popular formbook was addressed to the needs of professionals and laymen. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R171570. [Order This Item](#)



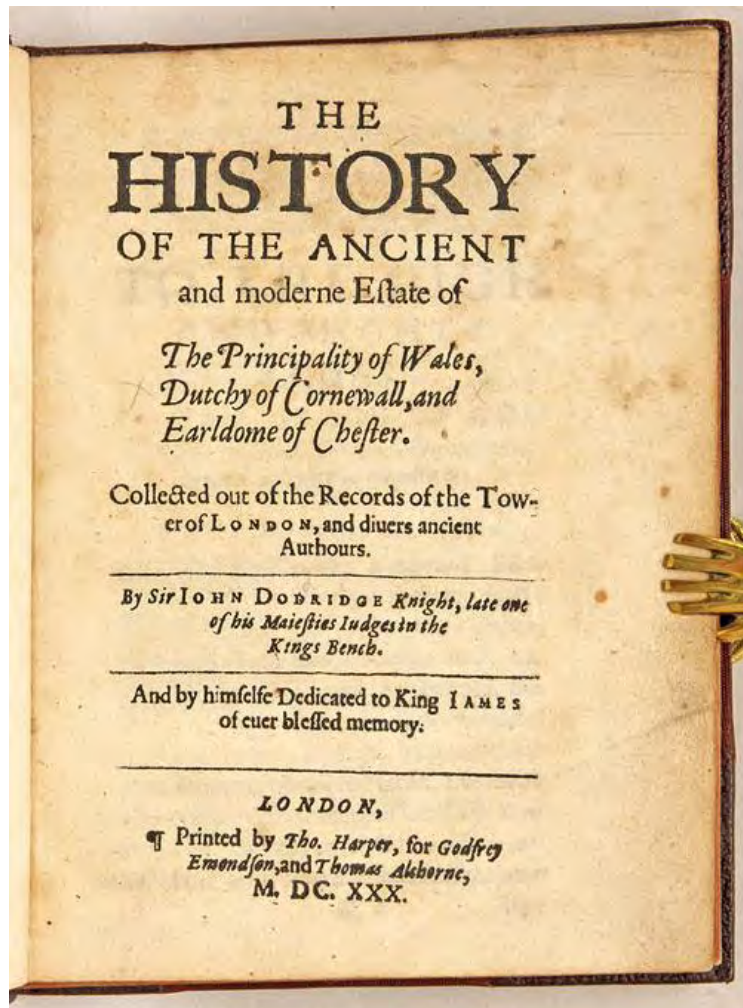
With Interesting Notes on England's Colonies

7. [Curson, Henry].

A Compendium of the Laws and Government Ecclesiastical, Civil and Military, of England, Scotland & Ireland, And Dominions, Plantations and Territories Thereunto Belonging, With the Maritime Power Thereof, and Jurisdiction of Courts Therein: Methodically Digested Under Their Proper Heads. London: Printed by the Assigns of Rich. And Edw. Atkins, Esquires, for J. Walthoe, 1699. [xvi], 642, [14] pp. Four parts, each with title page. Variant cancel title page with horizontal chain lines. Title preceded by publisher advertisement. Final leaf is a blank. 12mo. (6-1/2" x 4-3/4").

Contemporary calf, blind rules to boards, blind fillets along spine, raised bands and recent lettering piece to spine, gilt fillets along board edges. A few minor scratches and a few inkspots to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, small chip to head of spine, front hinge cracked. Light toning to text, somewhat heavier in places. An attractive copy. \$1,500.

* First edition, one of two issues from 1699. This compendium of English law during the early years of the Restoration is perhaps most notable for its three appendices: "A Compendium of the Laws and Government of Scotland, With the Islands Thereunto Belonging", "A Compendium of the Laws and Government of Ireland, With the Islands Thereunto Belonging" "A Compendious Description of the English Plantations in Asia, Africa and America" and "Addenda, Or, A Supplement of Things Omitted in the Impression of the Book." A second edition was published in 1732. This is a scarce title. OCLC locates 7 copies of the first edition in North American law libraries (Columbia, Furman, Harvard, Library of Congress, University of Cincinnati, University of Michigan, University of Pennsylvania). Sabin, *A Dictionary of Books Relating to America* 15046. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R9670. [Order This Item](#)



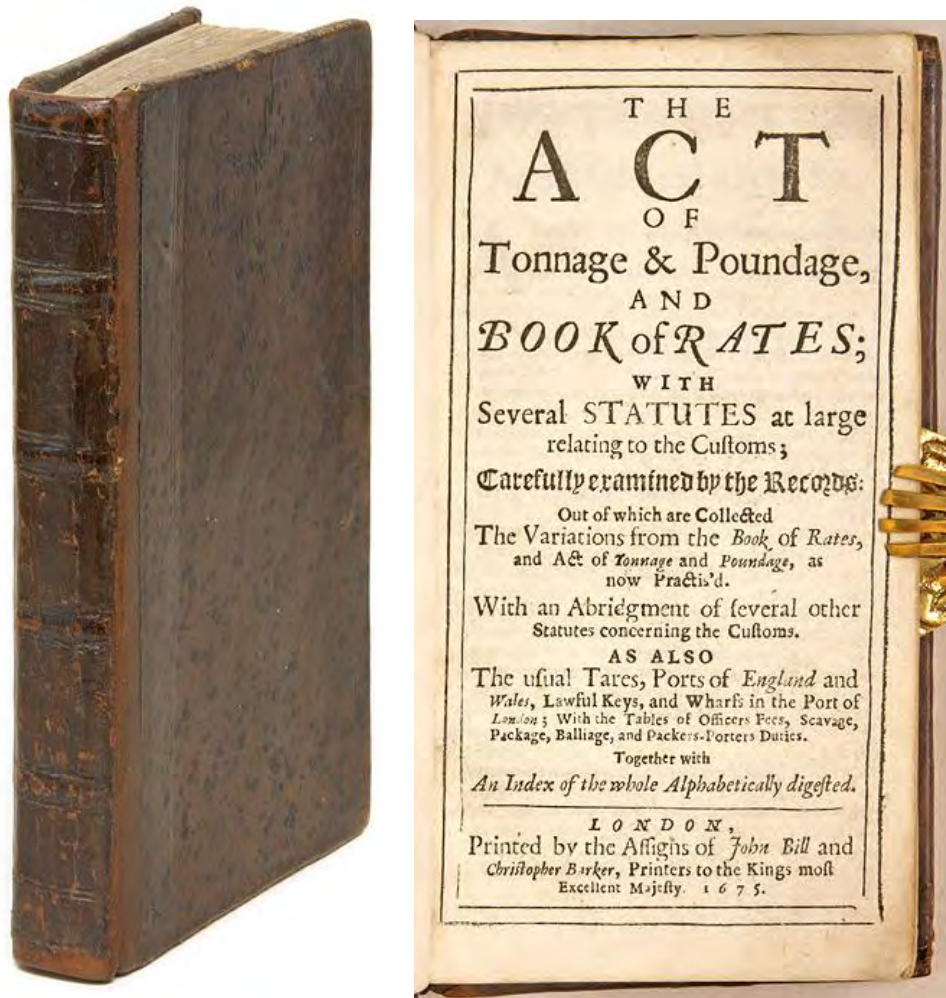
A Treatise Urging the Revival of Wales as a Principality

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

The History of the Ancient and Moderne Estate of the Principality of Wales, Dutchy of Cornewall, And Earldome of Chester. Collected Out of the Records of the Tower of London, And Divers Ancient Authours. By Sir Iohn Doddridge Knight, Late One of His Maiesties Iudges in the Kings Bench. And by Himselfe Dedicated to King Iames of Ever Blessed Memory. London: Printed by Tho. Harper, For Godfrey Emondson, And Thomas Alchorne, 1630. [xvi], 142, [2] pp. Final leaf blank. Quarto (7" x 5-1/2").

Recent three-quarter morocco over cloth, blind fillets along edges of morocco, gilt title and fillets to spine, endpapers renewed. Some rubbing to extremities with light wear to spine ends and corners, recent owner bookplate to front pastedown. Moderate toning to text, faint dampspotting in a few places, light soiling to title page, a few faint early doodles to p. 142. A nice copy. \$450.

* First edition. Sir John Doddridge, or Dodderidge, a judge of King's Bench, was a formidably learned jurist who was both a common lawyer and a civilian who held a D.C.L. from Cambridge. His work is held in high esteem by Holdsworth. The *History* was written during the early part of the reign of James I to urge the revival of Wales as a principality. After a period of decline, the principality was abolished by Parliament in 1641. (It was revived during the Restoration before being finally abolished in 1689.) A second edition was published in 1714. *English Short-Title Catalogue* S109765. [Order This Item](#)



Customs Administration During the Restoration Era

9. [England and Wales].

The Act of Tonnage & Poundage, And Book of Rates; With Several Statutes at Large Relating to the Customs; Carefully Examined by the Records: Out of Which are Collected the Variations from the Book [o]f Rates and Act of Tonnage and Poundage, As Now Practis'd. With an Abridgment of Se[ve]ral other statutes concerning the customs. As also the Usual Tares, Ports o[f] England and Wales, Lawful Keys, And Wharfs in the Port of London; With the Tables of Officers Fees, Scavage, Package, Balliage, And Packers-Porters Duties. Together with an Index of the Whole Alphabetically Digested. London: Printed by the Assigns of John Bill and Christopher Barker, 1675. [x], 325, [1] pp. 12mo. (6-1/4" x 3-1/2).

Contemporary calf, rebaced retaining spine with raised bands, blind rules to boards, gilt dentelles to board edges, endpapers renewed. Light rubbing to boards and extremities, minor wear to corners, recent owner bookplate to front pastedown. Light toning to text, early owner signature to front endleaf. An attractive copy. \$300.

* Later edition. This handbook offers an excellent perspective on the practical application of customs regulation by clerks, collectors and other dockside officials. Like many books of this kind, they are valuable sources of detailed information that is difficult to find elsewhere. The first edition was published in 1660. It went through several editions, the last appearing in 1737. It incorporates the various acts granting the Crown taxes on imports of wines, tobacco and linen and silk. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R23868. [Order This Item](#)



Kent Admired Its "Ability and Perspicuity"

10. Fearne, Charles [1742-1794].

An Essay on the Learning of Contingent Remainders and Executory Devises. In this Treatise the Doctrine of the Judgment Delivered by the Court of King's Bench in the Case of Perrin versus Blake, (Since Reversed in the Exchequer Chamber, Which Reversal is Now Before the House of Lords), And the Principal Authorities for and Against it are Fairly Considered. N.B. In this Edition the General Grounds of that Judgment are More Fully Entered into and Examined. Greatly Improved and Enlarged, By the Addition of Many Useful Cases, Distinctions and Explanatory Observations. London: Printed by W. Strahan and M. Woodfall, 1773. xv, [1], 178, [2] pp. Includes one-page publisher catalogue. Octavo (8" x 5").

Later quarter calf over cloth, lettering piece to spine, endpapers renewed with marbled paper. Light rubbing to extremities with minor wear to corners, light toning to interior. \$250.

* Second edition. "Fearne's *Essay on Contingent Reminders*...is a performance of a very superior character. It is eminently distinguished for the ability and perspicuity with which it unfolds and explains the principles of the most intricate parts of the law": Kent, *Commentaries on American Law* I:514. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T140190. [Order This Item](#)



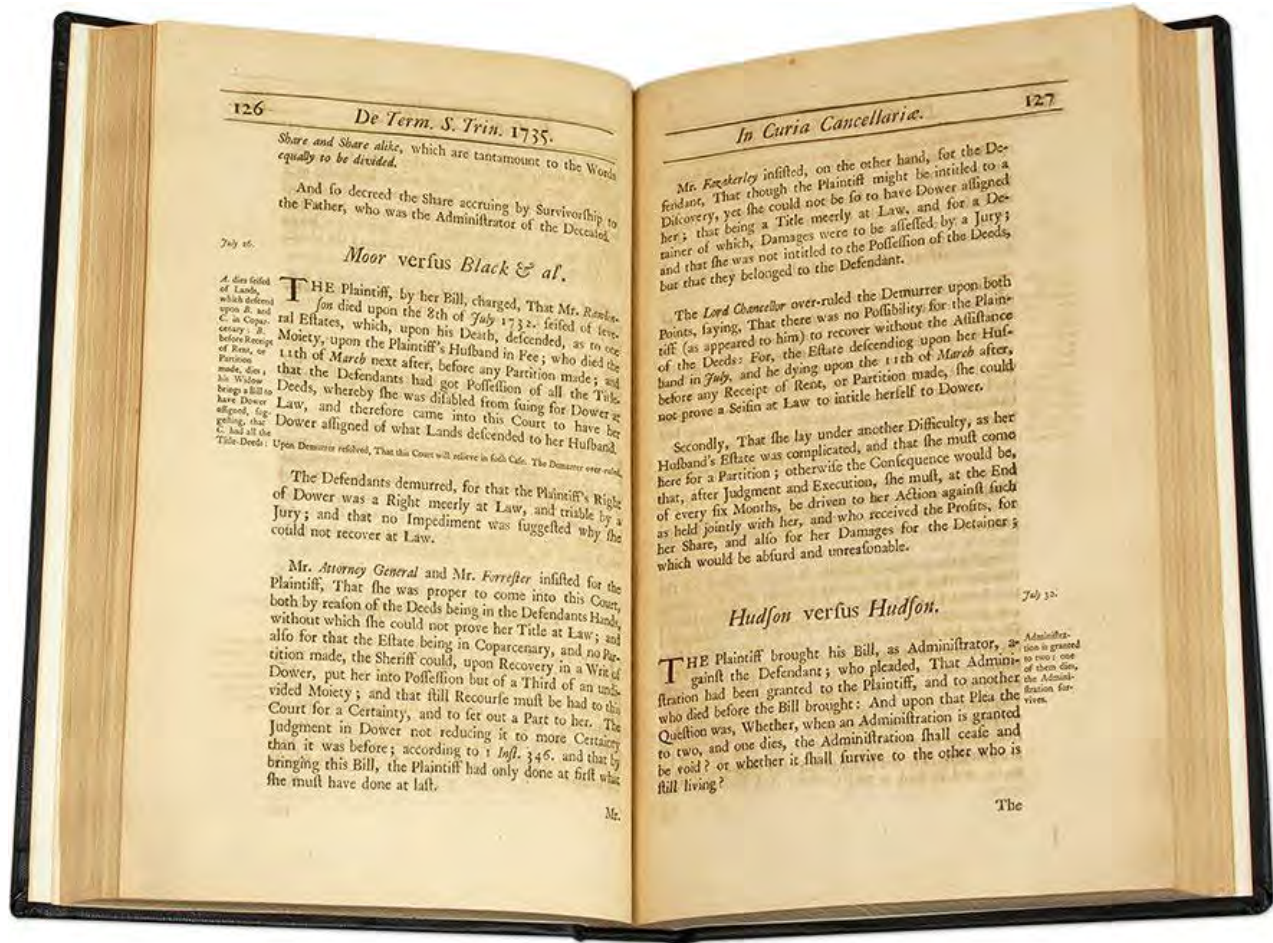
Well-Annotated Copy of a Work
Highly Esteemed by Coke and Blackstone

**11. Fitzherbert, Sir Anthony [1470-1538].
Rastell, William [1508?-1565].**

La Novel Natura Brevium du Iudge Tresreverend Monsieur Anthony Fitzherbert Dernierement Reviu & Corrigeé per Lancteur, Avecques un Table Perfect, Des Choses Notables Contenus en Ycel, Novelment Compose per Guillaulme Rastall. London: In Edibus Thomae Wight, & Bonhami Norton, 1598. [xxxii], 271, [1] ff. Final leaf, a blank, lacking. Octavo (6-1/2" x 4").

Recent period-style paneled calf, raised bands and blind ornaments to spine, endpapers renewed. Negligible light fading to spine. Title printed within woodcut architectural border. Moderate toning to text, early owner annotations to title page in neat small hand, early annotations to margins in several places, some slightly affected by trimming, but legible. A handsome copy. \$2,000.

* First published in 1534, the *Nouvelle Natura Brevium* is a manual of procedure written by a Judge of the Common Pleas during the reign of Henry VIII. Winfield notes that "Coke put it among the books which he considered most necessary and of greatest authority and excellency"; Blackstone considered it an authority as well. Compiled from the earlier *Natura Brevia* and the *Registrum Brevium*, it includes several original observations on the form and function of writs. Rastell's revisions include the addition of a table. A popular work, it went through numerous editions in Law French and English, the final appearing in 1794. It remains significant to this day for its descriptions of writs that were becoming obsolete in the early sixteenth century. The annotations range from a few words to single sentences. They are mostly summaries of legal points. Most of the others are bibliographical references and case citations. Winfield, *Chief Sources of English Legal History* 303. *English Short-Title Catalogue* S102179. Beale, *A Bibliography of Early English Law Books*: T351. [Order This Item](#)



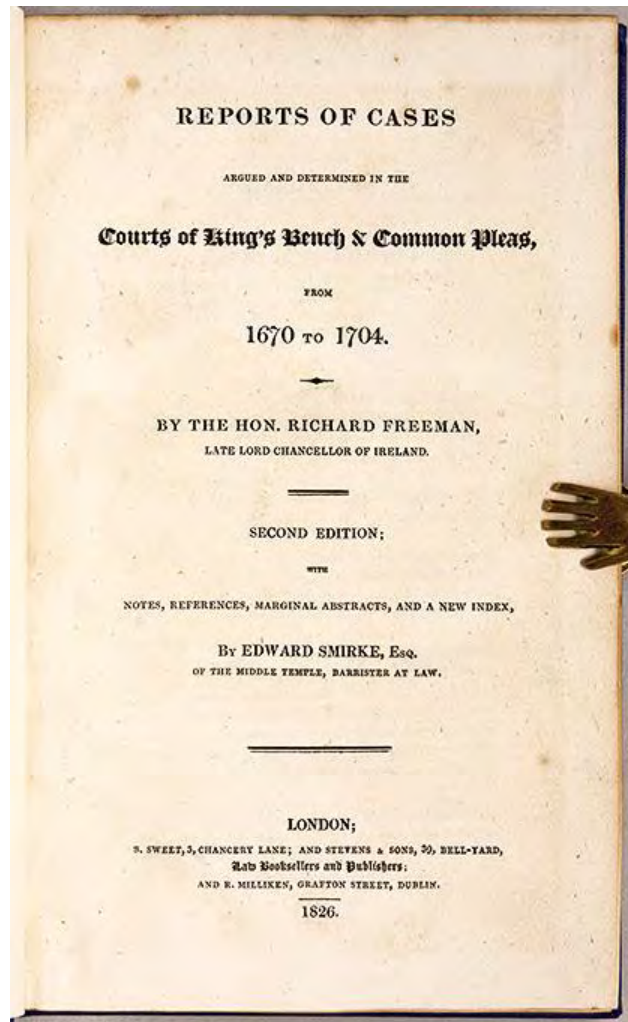
"Cases Tempore Talbot"

12. [Forrester, Alexander].

Cases in Equity During the Time of the Late Lord Chancellor Talbot: With Tables of the Names of Cases, And Principal Matters. [London]: Printed by H. Lintot, 1753. [ii], vi, 286, [18] pp. Star-paged to the first edition, 1741. Folio (11-1/2" x 7-1/4").

Recent buckram, gilt title to spine, endpapers renewed. Moderate toning to text, light foxing in a few places, stuck-through early signature and small recent perforated library stamp to head of title page, which is rehinged, along with the following leaf. \$250.

* Second edition. Usually cited as "Cases Tempore Talbot," this is a respected collection of cases heard by one of England's greatest judges. "Undoubtedly, everywhere in the Cases Temp. Talbot you see the purest and most steady intelligence, united with affection unflinching for the justice of the case.": Wallace, *The Reporters* 507, 509. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T95705. [Order This Item](#)



Well-Regarded by Mansfield

13. Freeman, Richard [1645 or 46-1710].

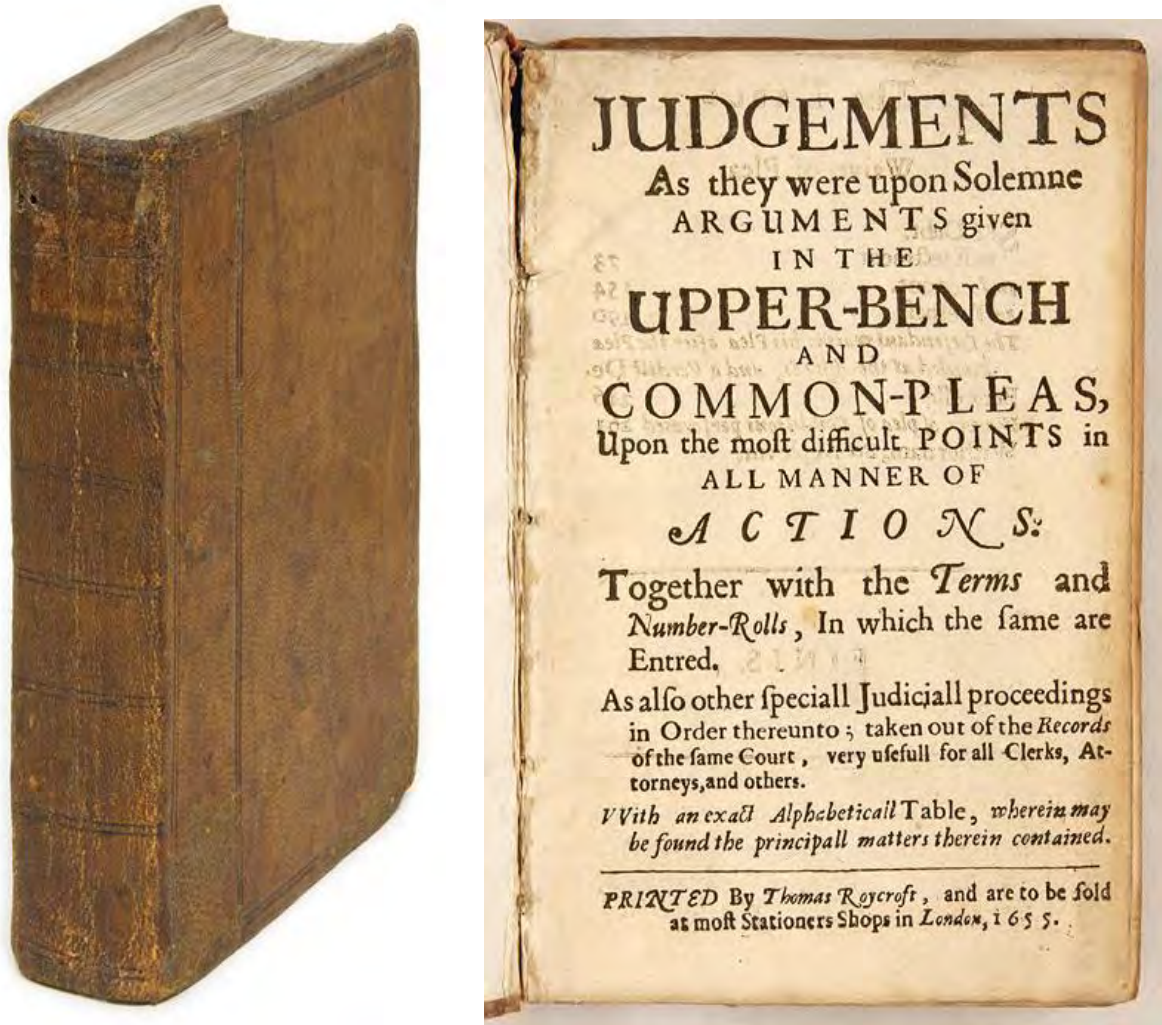
Smirke, Edward [1795-1875], Editor.

[Hovenden, John Eykyn, Editor].

Reports of Cases Argued and Determined in the Courts of King's Bench & Common Pleas, From 1670 to 1704. With Notes, References, Marginal Extracts, And a New Index by Edward Smirke, Esq. London: S. Sweet, 1826. xiv, 542 (i.e. 499), [44] pp. Octavo (9-1/2" x 6").

Recent cloth, gilt title to spine, light toning to text, light foxing in a few places. \$250.

* Second (stated) edition, based on Part I of the only edition, 1742, to which it is star-paged. Mansfield said several of these cases "were very well reported.": Wallace, *The Reporters* 390. Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 1:300. [Order This Item](#)



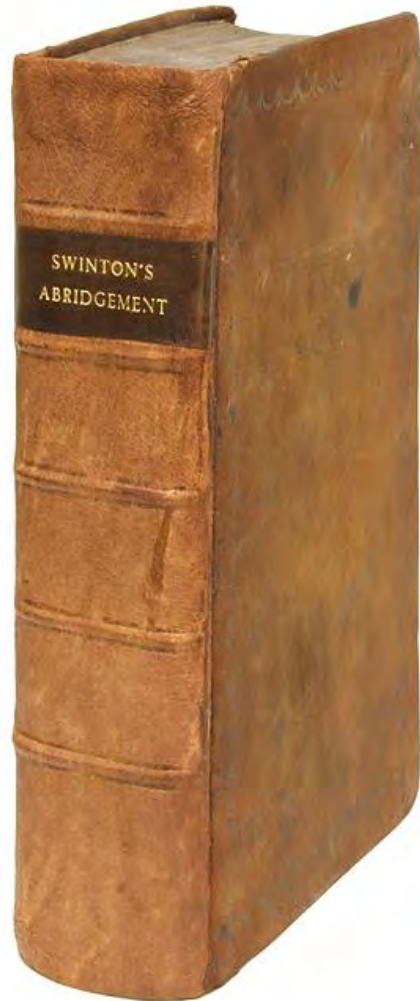
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14. [Great Britain].
[Court of Common Pleas].
[King's Bench].

Judgements as They Were Upon Solemne Arguments Given in the Upper-Bench and Common-pleas, Upon the Most Difficult Points in All Manner of Actions: Together with the Terms and Number-Rolls, In Which the Same are Entred. As also Other Speciall Judicial Proceedings in Order Thereunto; Taken Out of the Records of the Same Court, Very Usefull for All Clerks, Attorneys, And Others. With an Exact Alphabetical Table, Wherein May be Found the Principall Matters Therein Contained. London: Printed by Thomas Roycroft, 1655. [iv], 235, 240-336, 339-344, [22] pp. Pagination irregular, text complete. Octavo (6-1/4" x 4").

Contemporary sheep, blind rules to boards, blind fillets to spine. Moderate rubbing to boards and extremities, corners bumped and somewhat worn, front hinge cracked, front free endpaper lacking, lower section lacking from rear pastedown. Light toning to text, minor worming to upper margins of final eight leaves, just touching headlines. \$450.

* Only edition. Cited as "The First Book of Judgements," this is a collection of cases digested alphabetically by topic. Jefferson owned a copy of this book. OCLC locates 11 copies in North American law libraries. Sowerby, *Catalogue of the Library of Thomas Jefferson* 1922. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R43325. [Order This Item](#)



**Statutes Concerning Scotland
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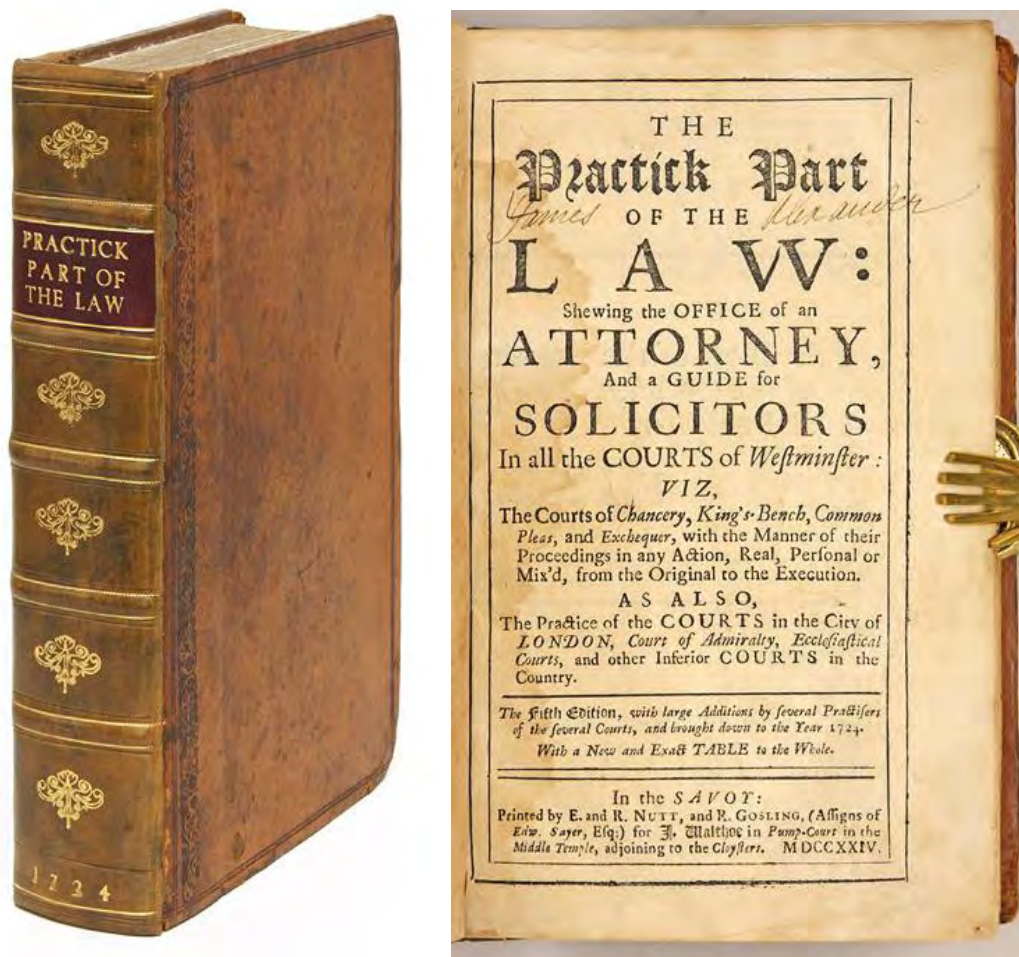
15. [Great Britain].

[Swinton, John, Compiler].

An Abridgement of the Public Statutes in Force and Use Relative to Scotland, From the Union, In the Fifth Year of Queen Anne. To the Twenty-Seventh Year of His Present Majesty King George II. Inclusive. Edinburgh: Printed by Sands, Murray, and Cochran, 1755. Two volumes bound as one, each with title page. Unpaginated. Octavo (8" x 5").

Contemporary reversed calf with recent period-style rebacking, blind fillets to boards, raised bands and lettering piece to spine, hinges mended. Light rubbing and a few minor stains to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, corners bumped and somewhat worn, early armorial bookplate to front pastedown. Light toning to text, slightly heavier in places, light soiling to title page of Volume I. Brief early annotations to preliminaries of Volume I, interior otherwise clean. \$125.

* First edition. A collection of statutes spanning the Act of Union (1707) to 1754. An updated edition was published in 1788. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T78874. Subjects covered include: Admiralty, Bail, Coffee and Tea, Conjuraton and witchcraft, Criminals, Forgery, Insurance, Jews, Libraries, Marriages, Murder, Papists, Pardon, Perjury, Piracy, Plantations, Quakers, Transportation, Treason, Usury. [Order This Item](#)



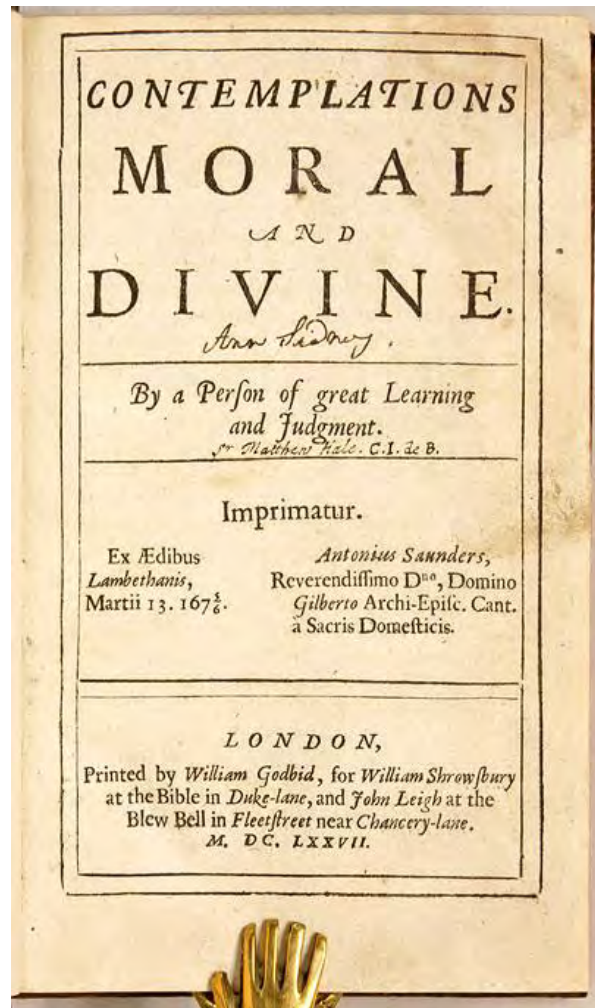
**Final Edition of a Popular Early
Guide to the Daily Practice of English Law**

16. [G.T., Of Staple Inn].

The Practick Part of the Law: Shewing the Office of an Attorney, And a Guide for Solicitors in All the Courts of Westminster: Viz. The Courts of Chancery, King's-Bench, Common-Pleas, And Exchequer, With the Manner of Their Proceedings in Any Action, Real, Personal or Mix'd, From the Original to the Execution. As Also the Practice of the Courts in the City of London, Court of Admiralty, Ecclesiastical Courts, And Other Inferior Courts in the Country. With Large Additions by Several Practisers of the Several Courts, And Brought Down to the Year 1724. With a New and Exact Table to the Whole. [London]: Printed by E. and R. Nutt, And R. Gosling, 1724. [iv], 599, [25] pp. Includes one-page publisher catalogue. Octavo (7-1/2" x 4-3/5").

Contemporary calf, rebaked in period style, blind rules to boards, blind fillets along joints, lettering piece, gilt-edged raised bands, and gilt ornaments to spine, gilt fillets to board edges, hinges mended. A few negligible nicks and scratches to boards, light rubbing to extremities, corners bumped, early armorial bookplate to front pastedown. Light toning to text, faint dampstaining in places, limited mostly to margins, light soiling and early owner signature to title page. An attractive copy. \$500.

* Final edition of a work first published in 1652. This early guide outlines the daily practice of the law in England. A useful and popular work, it went through several editions, the final appearing in 1724. *English Short-Title Catalogue* N112845. [Order This Item](#)



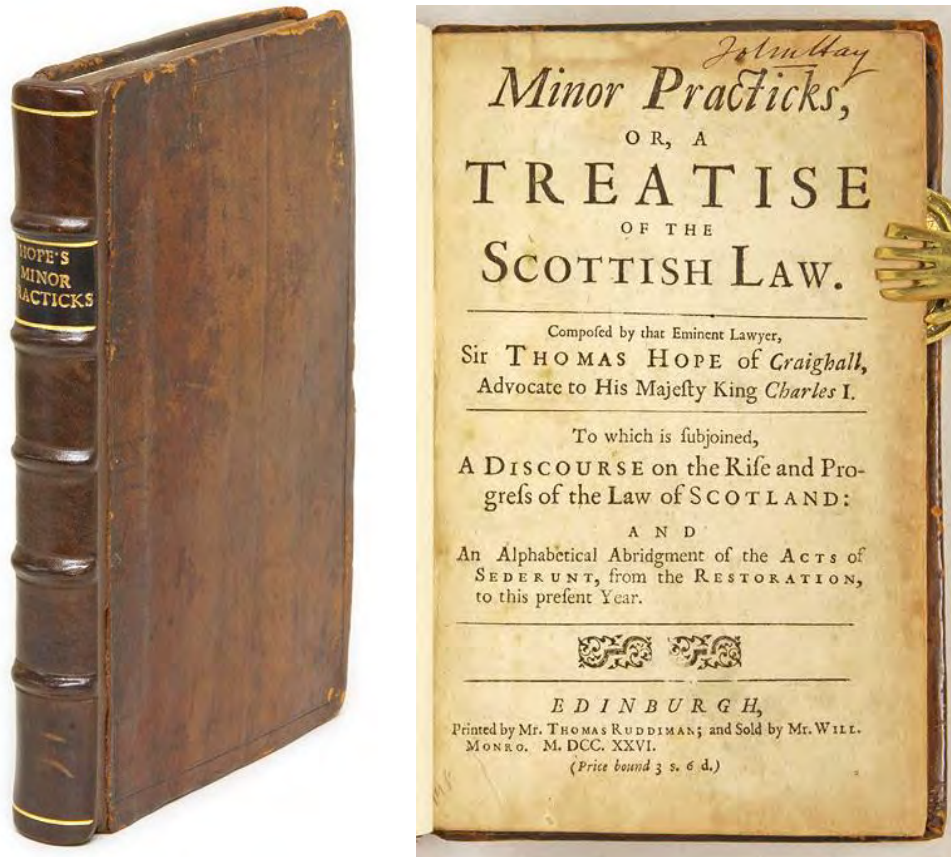
Devotional Writings of Sir Matthew Hale

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

Contemplations Moral and Divine. By a Person of Great Learning and Judgment. Imprimatur. Ex Aedibus Lambethanis, Martii 13. 1675/6. Antonius Saunders, Reverendissimo Dno, Domino Gilberto Archi-Episc. Cant. A Sacris Domesticis. London: Printed by William Godbid, For William Shrowsbury, 1677. [xvi], 528 pp. Octavo (6-3/4" x 4").

Later period-style calf, blind fillets to boards, raised bands, blind ornaments and lettering piece to spine, edges rouged, marbled endpapers. A few minor scratches and nicks to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, spine ends bumped, hinges cracked. Moderate toning to text, occasional faint dampstaining to upper corners of text block, light foxing to a few leaves, title page has brief early annotation (identifying Hale as author) in miniscule hand. \$500.

* Second edition. One of the great English jurists of the seventeenth century, Hale was chief baron of the Exchequer from 1660 to 1666, when he became chief justice of the King's Bench. The *Contemplations*, a collection of spiritual essays and poems, indicate the depth of his religiosity. This is especially evident in such pieces as "Of the Consideration of Our Latter End," "Of the Knowledge of Christ Crucified," "The Victory of Faith Over the World," "The Great Audit" and "Poems Upon Christmas Day." This book is complete in itself and bibliographically distinct. In 1677 Godbid published a companion volume, also bibliographically distinct, titled *Contemplations Moral and Divine. The Second Part.* *English Short-Title Catalogue* R14876. [Order This Item](#)



A Handy Guide to Scots Civil Law Circa 1726

18. Hope, Sir Thomas [1580?-1646].

Minor Practicks, Or, a Treatise of the Scottish Law. To Which is Subjoined, A Discourse On the Rise and Progress of the Law of Scotland: And an Alphabetical Abridgment of the Acts of Sederunt, From the Restoration to this Present Year. Edinburgh: Printed by Mr. Thomas Ruddiman, 1726. viii, 148, [2] pp.

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Bayne, Alexander [d.1737].

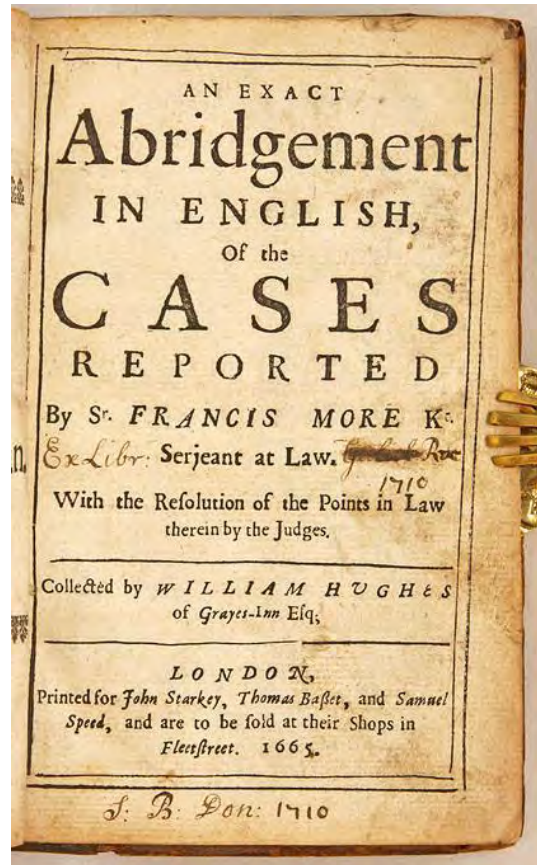
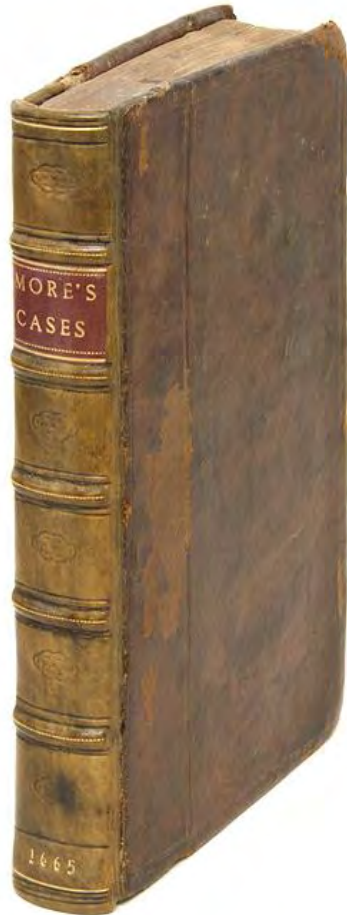
A Discourse on the Rise and Progress of the Law of Scotland, and the Method of Studying It. For the Use of the Students of the Municipal Law. Edinburgh: Printed by Mr. Thomas Ruddiman, 1726. [ii], 151-187, [1] pp.

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An Alphabetical Index and Abridgment of the Printed Acts of Sederunt of the Lords of Council and Session, From June 1661, To January 1726. Edinburgh: Printed by Mr. Thomas Ruddiman, 1726. [iii], 191-245 pp.

Three volumes in one, each with title page. Octavo (6-3/4" x 4-1/4"). Contemporary calf, rebacked, blind rules to boards, raised bands and lettering piece to spine, endpapers renewed. Light rubbing to board edges, somewhat heavier rubbing to edges, corners bumped and somewhat worn. Moderate toning to text, light foxing in a few places, small later signature to head of title page. \$450.

* First edition, and the only edition in this form. A concise manual of the laws of Scotland. Hope became a member of the Scottish Bar in 1605 and became a Joint Lord Advocate in 1626, sole Lord Advocate in 1628. A work based on *Minor Practicks* was published in 1734 with the title *Practical Observations Upon Divers Titles of the Law of Scotland*. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T71745. [Order This Item](#)



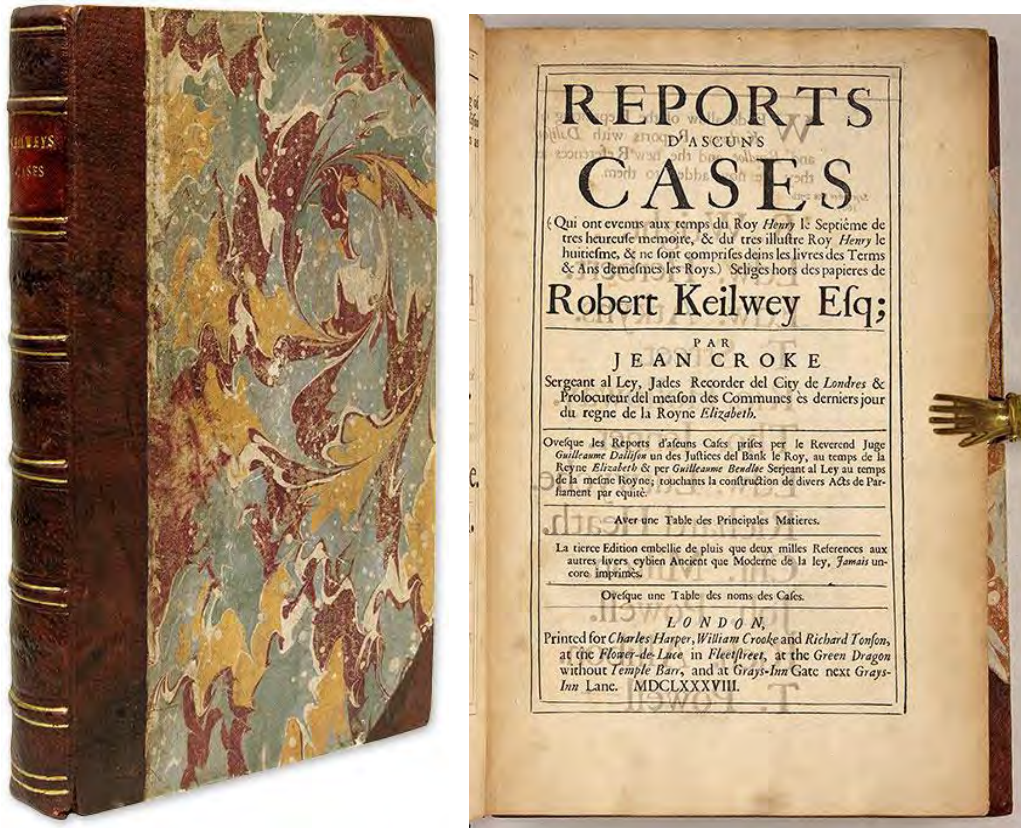
**A Handy Summary of a
Well-Regarded Set of Seventeenth-Century Reports**

**19. Hughes, William [1587 or 1588-1663?].
More, Sir Francis [1558-1621].**

An Exact Abridgement in English, Of the Cases Reported by Sr. Francis More Kt. Serjeant at Law. With the Resolution of the Points in Law Therein by the Judges. London: Printed for John Starkey, Thomas Basset, and Samuel Speed, 1665. [xx], 279, [17] pp. With initial imprimatur leaf. Last leaf blank. Octavo (6-1/2" x 4-1/2").

Contemporary sheep, rebacked in period style, blind rules to boards, raised bands, gilt fillets, lettering piece and blind ornaments to spines, hinges mended. A few shallow scuffs to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, corners bumped and lightly worn. Some toning to text, some leaves have light foxing, a few have early inkstains, light soiling to title page. Two early owner signatures in tiny hand to title page, a few leaves have brief early annotations. \$350.

* Only edition. Hughes, a distinguished and versatile legal writer, is best known for his *Grand Abridgment of the Law Continued* (1660-1662), a three-volume supplement to Robert Brooke's *Graunde Abridgement* (1573). He produced several editions of summarized cases, often translated from Law-French, by leading reporters of the day. All include additional editorial material about the legal points elucidated by the cases. First issued in 1663, Moore's reports "enjoyed a reputation for accuracy. They were well known and were cited in MS. many years before their publication...." (Wallace). OCLC locates 7 copies in North American law libraries (Columbia, Georgetown, Harvard, Library of Congress, UC-Berkeley, University of Minnesota, Yale). Wallace, *The Reporters* 122. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R22481. [Order This Item](#)



The Best Edition of Keilwey's *Reports*

20. Keilwey, Robert [1497-1581].

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

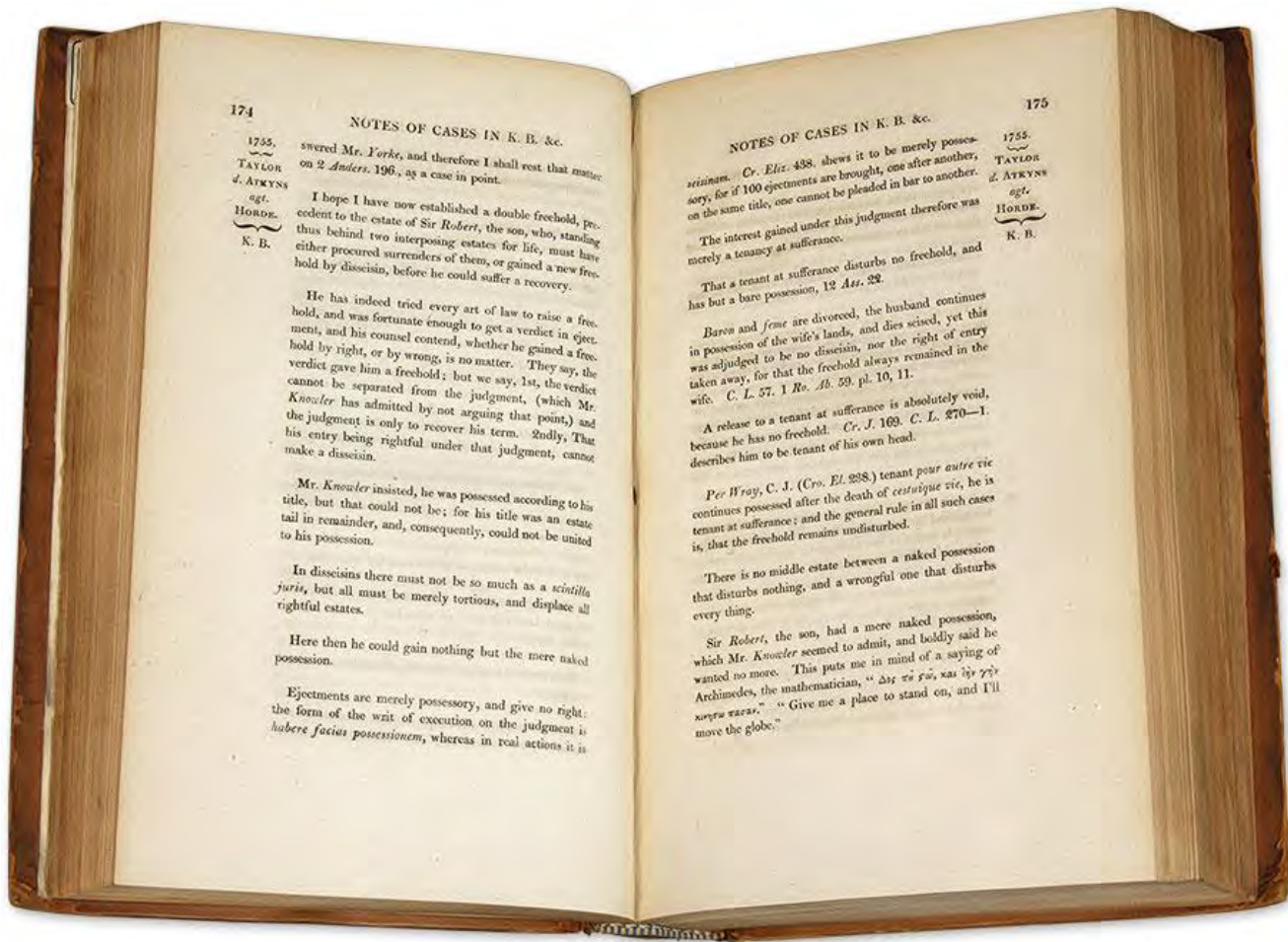
Benloe (Bendlowes), William [1516-1584].

Dalison, Sir William [d. 1559].

Reports d'Ascuns Cases (Qui ont Evenus aux Temps du Roy Henry le Septième de Tres Heureuse Memoire, & Du Tres Illustre Roy Henry le Huitiesme, & Ne Sont Comprises Deins les Livres des Terms & Ans Demesmes les Roys.) Seligès hors des Papiers de Robert Keilwey Esq; Par Jean Croke Sergeant al Ley, Jades Recorder del City de Londres & Prolocuteur del Meason des Communes ès Derniers Jour du Regne de la Royné Elizabeth. Ovesque les Reports d'Ascuns Cases Prises per le Reverend Juge Guillaume Dallison un des Justices del Bank le Roy, Au Temps de la Reyne Elizabeth & Per Guillaume Bendloe Serjeant al Ley au Temps de la Mesme Royné; Touchants la Construction de Divers Acts de Parliament par Equiè. Aver [sic] Une Table des Principales Matieres. La Tierce Edition Embellie de Plus que Deux Milles References Aux Autres Livres Cybien Ancient que Moderne de la Ley, Jamais Uncore Imprimès. Ovesque une Table des Noms des Cases. London: Printed for Charles Harper, William Croke and Richard Tonson, 1688. [vii], 215, [14] ff. Folio (11-3/4" x 7-1/2").

Later three-quarter morocco over marbled boards, gilt-edged raised bands, lettering piece and blind ornaments to boards, endpapers renewed, early hand-lettered title to foot of text block. Negligible light rubbing to boards and extremities, light browning to text, light foxing in a few places, light soiling to title page. A handsome copy. \$500.

* Third, final and best edition, preceded by two editions in Latin (1602, 1633). Reporting cases from 1495 to 1531, this volume "records 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. Appended to the 2d and 3d editions...are some cases by Dalison and Benloe.": Wallace, *The Reporters* 119-121. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R4204. [Order This Item](#)



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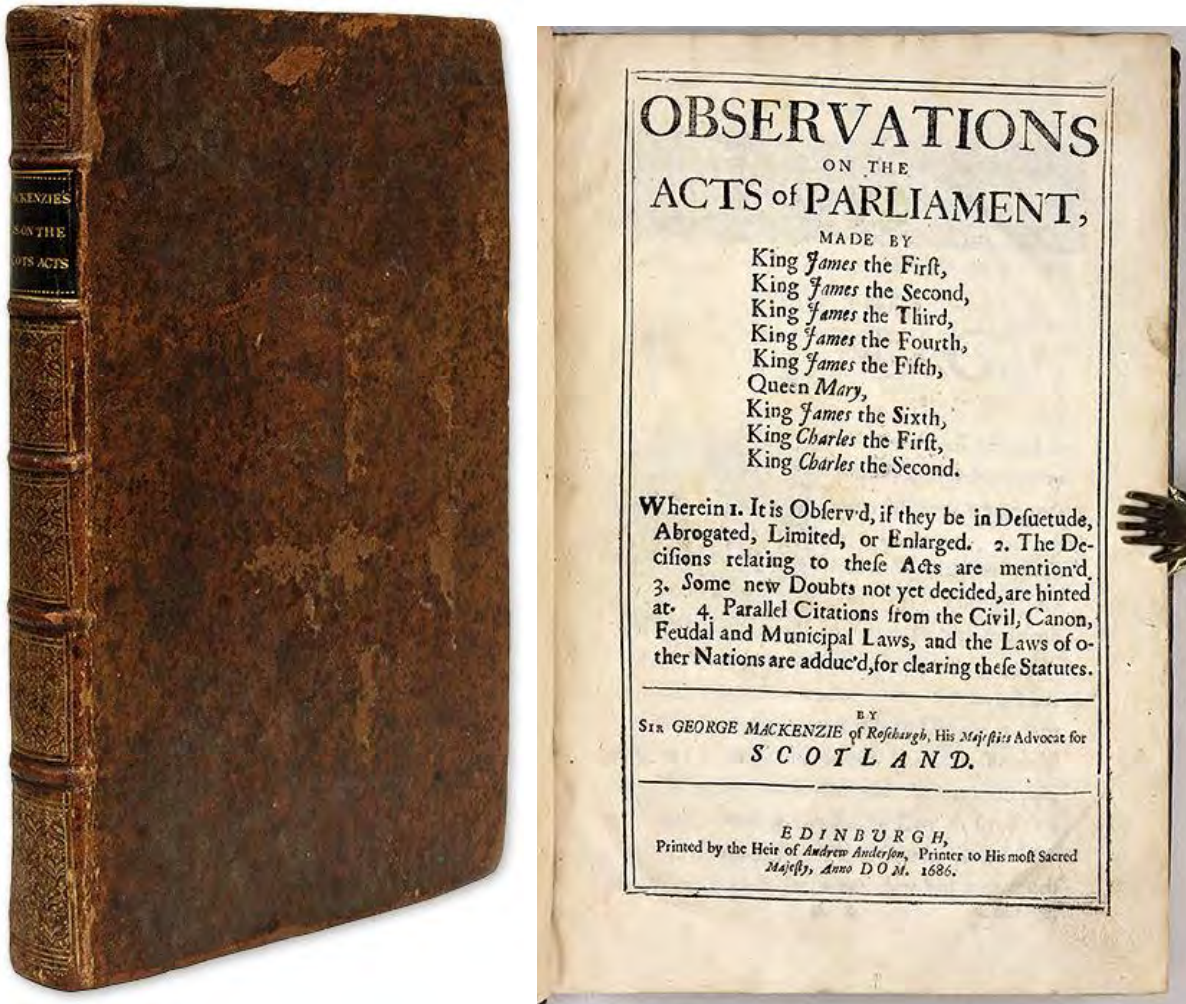
21. Kenyon, Lloyd Kenyon, Baron [1732-1802].

Hanmer, Job Walden, Editor

Notes of Cases Argued, And Adjudged, In the Court of King's Bench, And of Some Determined in the Other High Courts: Taken, And Composed, While at the Bar, By the Late Right Honourable Lloyd, Lord Kenyon, Late Lord Chief Justice of the King's Bench. Published from the Original Mss., And Arranged for the Press, With the Addition of Marginal Notes and References; And an Index; By Job Walden Hanmer, Of Lincoln's-Inn, Esq. Barrister at Law. Volume I: London: Printed for W. Clark and Sons, 1819; Volume II: London: Printed for J. and W.T. Clarke, 1825. Two volumes. ix, [1], 557, [1]; vii, [1], 580, 156 pp. As issued. Complete. Octavo (9" x 5-3/4").

Contemporary calf, blind rules and black-stamped institution name to boards, raised bands, red and black lettering pieces and black-stamped institution name to spines, spine ends and joints of Volume I reinforced. Light rubbing to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, corners bumped and lightly worn, hinges cracked, front hinge of Volume I repaired, library bookplates to front pastedowns, library stamps to title pages, light toning to interiors. \$450.

* Only edition. Covering the years 1753 to 1760, this edition is based on a collection of Kenyon's unpublished manuscript notes. Wallace says the authority of these notes "even during his lifetime, was very considerable in Westminster Hall": Wallace, *The Reporters* 446. [Order This Item](#)



Mackenzie on Acts of the Scottish Parliament

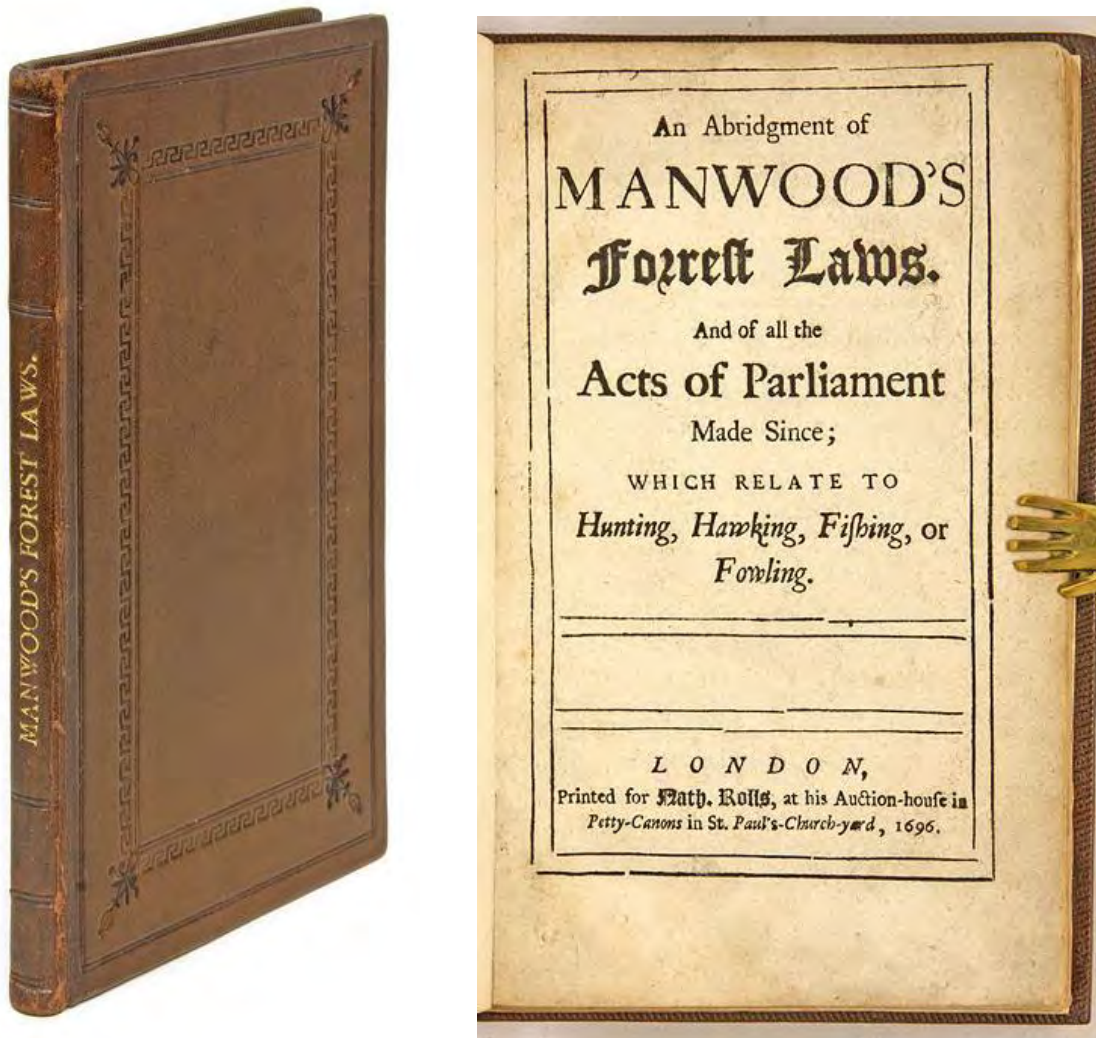
22. Mackenzie, Sir George [1636-1691].

Observations on the Acts of Parliament, Made by King James the First, King James the Second, King James the Third, King James the Fourth, King James the Fifth, Queen Mary, King James the Sixth, King Charles the First, King Charles the Second. Wherein 1. It is Observ'd, if They be in Desuetude, Abrogated, Limited, Or Enlarged. 2. The Decisions Relating to These Acts are Mention'd. 3. Some New Doubts not Yet Decided, Are Hinted at. 4. Parallel Citations from the Civil, Canon, Feudal and Municipal Laws, And the Laws of Other Nations are Adduc'd, for Clearing These Statutes. Edinburgh: Printed by the Heir of Andrew Anderson, 1686. [viii], 468, [4] pp. Folio (11" x 7").

Eighteenth-century speckled calf, gilt spine with raised bands and lettering piece. Light scratches and scuffing to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, corners bumped and lightly worn, hinges cracked, minor worming and large armorial bookplate (of the House of Abercairny) to front pastedown. Light toning to text, light foxing to a few leaves. An appealing copy. \$350.

* Only edition. Mackenzie was Lord Advocate during the reigns of Charles II and James II. He was an important jurist, scholar and author, and the founder of the Advocates Library, which is now the national law library for Scotland. *Observations* considers acts from 1406 to 1685. This work was reissued in 1687. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R32044.

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A Digest of Manwood for Hunters and Fisherman

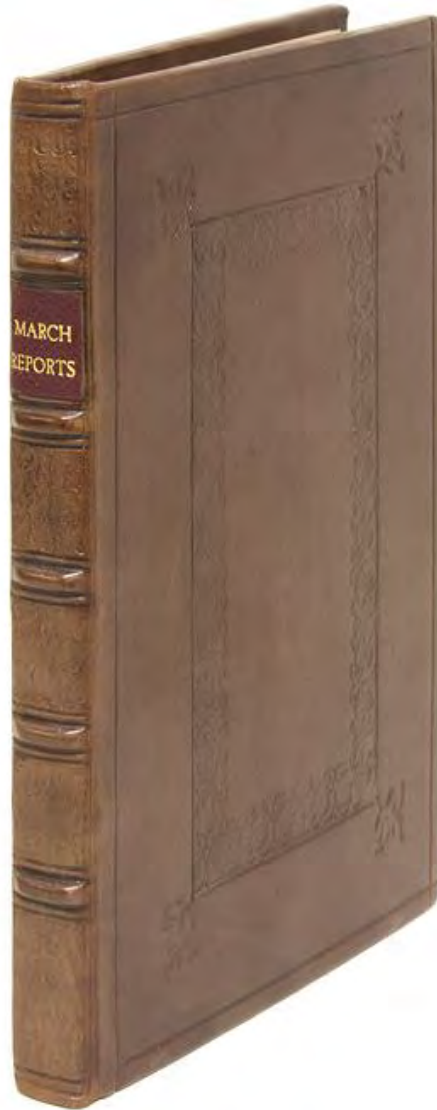
23. Manwood, John [d.1610].

[Cox, Nicholas (fl. 1673-1731), Editor].

An Abridgment of Manwood's Forrest Laws: And of All the Acts of Parliament Made Since, Which Relate to Hunting, Hawking, Fishing, Or Fowling. London: Printed for Nath. Rolls, 1696. [ii], 101 pp. Octavo (7-1/2" x 4-3/4").

Recent period-style paneled calf, gilt title and blind rules to spine, endpapers renewed, blind tooling to board edges. Light rubbing to extremities with negligible light wear to spine ends. Title page printed within ruled border. Moderate toning to text, somewhat heavier in places, light foxing to a few leaves. A nice copy. \$750.

* First edition. A member of Lincoln's Inn, a barrister, gamekeeper of Waltham Forest and a justice of the New Forest, Manwood was a leading authority on forest law. First published in 1598, his *Treatise and Discourse of the Lawes of the Forrest* was a standard text into the twentieth century. Cox's *Abridgment* was issued in two forms: as a section in the fourth edition of his treatise *The Gentleman's Recreation, In Four Parts; (Viz.) Hunting, Hawking, Fowling, Fishing* (1697) and as an independent work. Later editions of the *Abridgment* were published in 1705 and 1721. All editions are scarce. OCLC locates 12 copies of the first edition, 4 in North American law libraries (UC-Davis, University of Minnesota, University of Pennsylvania, Yale). *English Short-Title Catalogue* R2155. [Order This Item](#)



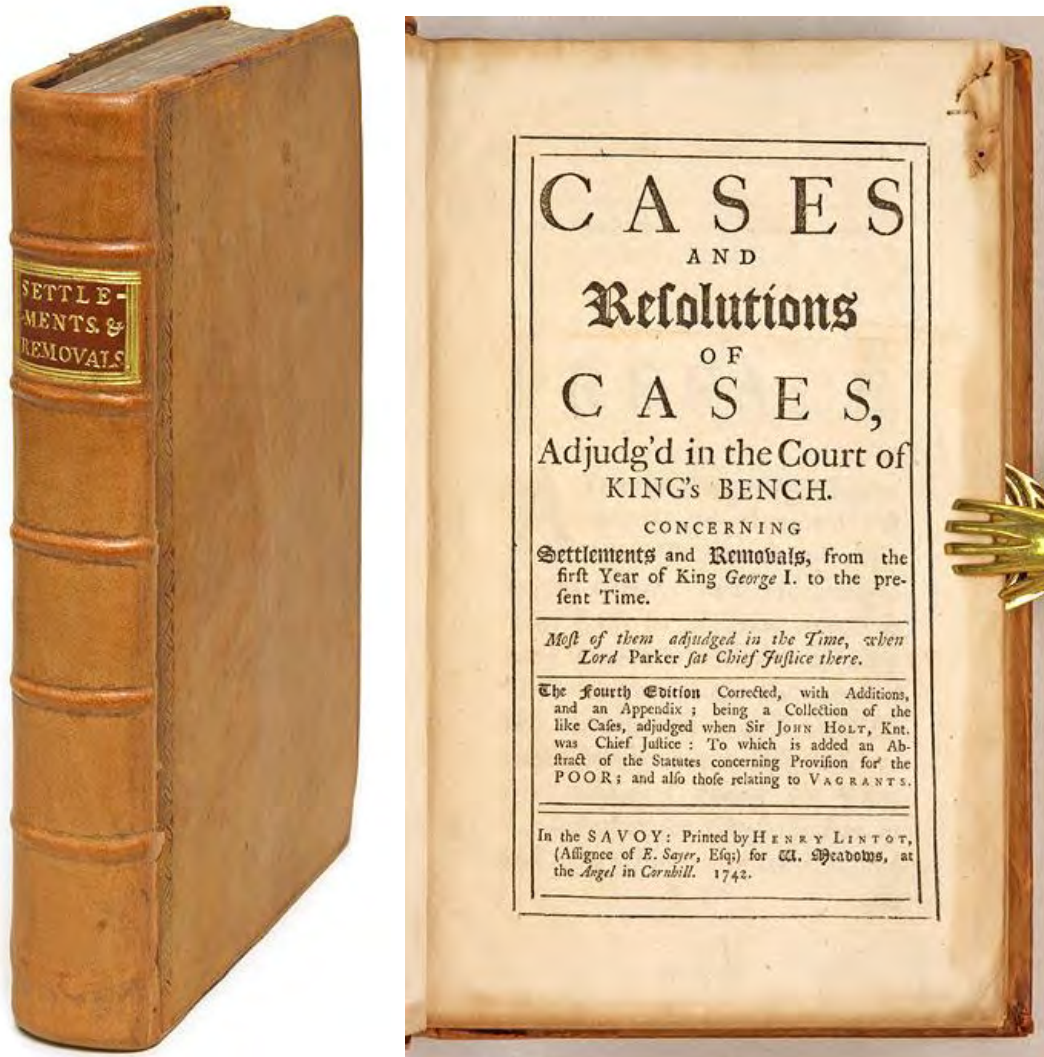
Cases Reported on the Cusp of the Civil War

24. March, John [1612-1657].

Reports: Or, New Cases; With Divers Resolutions and Judgements Given upon Solemn Arguments, And with Great Deliberation. And the Reasons and Causes of the Said Resolutions and Judgements. London: Printed by M.F. For W. Lee, 1648. [ii], 218, [20] pp. Quarto (7" x 5").

Recent period-style paneled calf, raised bands and lettering piece to spine, endpapers renewed, "March" in small hand to fore-edge of text block. Light browning and dampspotting to text, faint dampstaining in a few places, recent repairs to edges of title page and following two leaves. A few brief annotations to title page in miniscule hand, interior otherwise clean. \$400.

* First edition. A collection of 250 cases heard in the Court of King's Bench and the Court of Common Pleas between Easter Term 15 Car. I to Trinity Term 18 Car. I (1639-1643). These dates are notable because they span the outbreak of the English Civil War (1642). A second edition was published in 1675. Both are scarce. OCLC locates 12 copies of the first edition in North American law libraries. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R6440. [Order This Item](#)



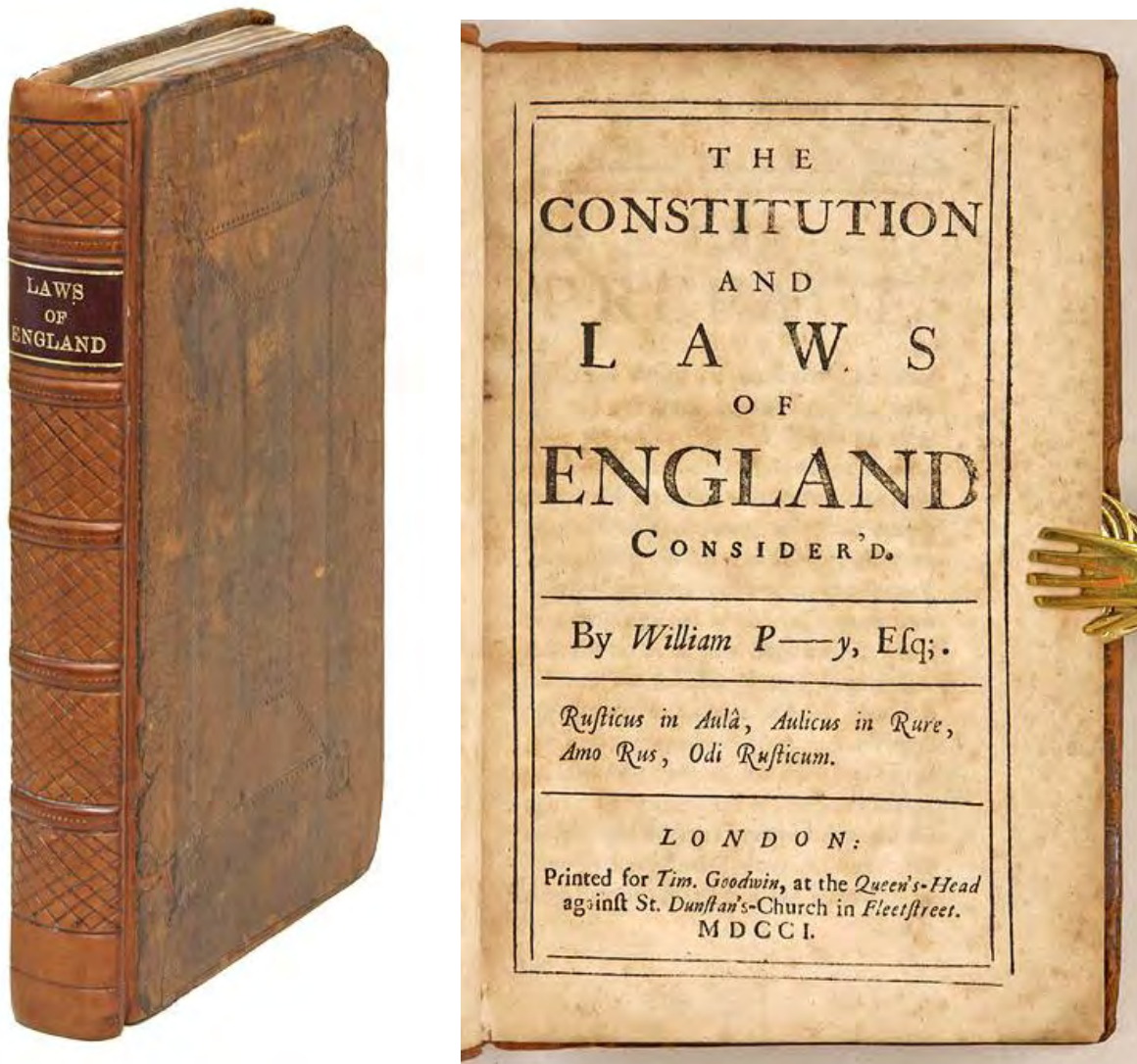
Cases Concerning the Poor, 1727-1742

25. [Poor Laws].
[Great Britain].

Cases and Resolutions of Cases, Adjudg'd in the Court of King's Bench. Concerning Settlements and Removals, From the First Year of King George I. To the Present Time. Corrected, With Additions, And an Appendix; Being a Collection of the Like Cases, Adjudged when Sir John Holt, Knt. Was Chief Justice: To Which is Added an Abstract of the Statutes Concerning Provision for the Poor; And also Those Relating to Vagrants. [London]: Printed by Henry Lintot, 1742. [xxiv], 417, [31] pp. Octavo (7-3/4" x 4-3/4").

Contemporary calf, rebaked in period style, blind rules to boards, blind fillets along joints, raised bands and lettering piece to spine, blind tooling to board edges, hinges mended, recent repair to upper corner of front free endpaper. Light rubbing to boards and extremities, corners bumped and somewhat worn, early armorial bookplate to front pastedown. Light toning to text, minor worming to upper corners of front pastedown and text block. A handsome copy. \$450.

* Fourth and final edition. Rich in sociological detail, and with a useful index, this book collects cases from 1727-1742 concerning the poor. Several cases concern orphans and children born out of wedlock. The first two editions were published in 1729, the third edition in 1732. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T97043. [Order This Item](#)



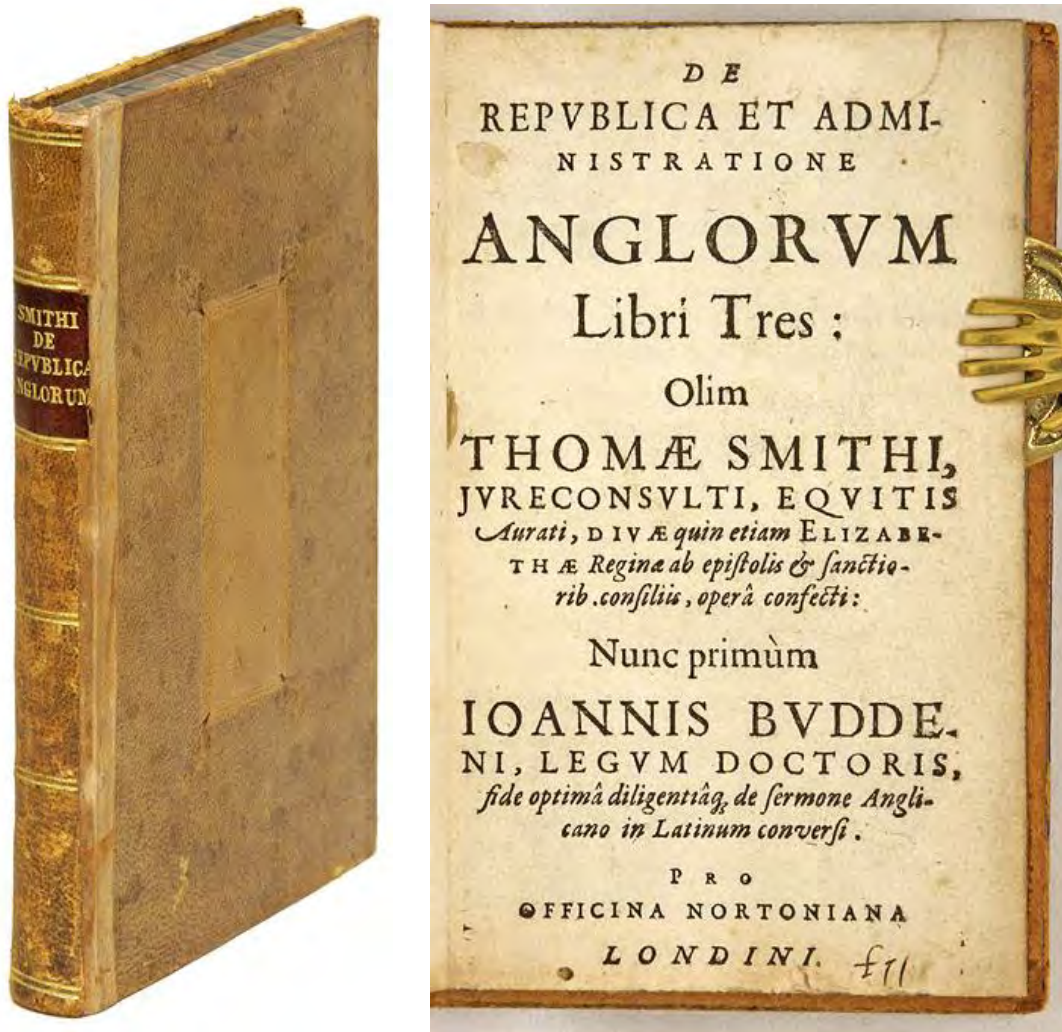
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26. P[udse]y, William.

The Constitution and Laws of England Consider'd. London: Printed for Tim. Goodwin, 1701. [viii], 311, [1] pp. Includes one-page publisher catalogue. Octavo (7-1/2" x 4-3/4").

Contemporary paneled calf, rebacked in period style, diced-calf spine with raised bands and lettering piece, endpapers renewed, early hand-lettered title to fore-edge. Light rubbing to boards, moderate rubbing to board edges, corners worn. Moderate toning, faint dampspotting in places, several leaves at rear of text have faint dampstaining to their lower corners. \$650.

* Only edition. A broad-sided criticism of the various corruptions that have distorted the English Constitution. For many years, this work was ascribed to Sir William Petty [1620-1687], the English economist, scientist and philosopher. Little is known about Pudsey. Probably a lawyer, he was wise to veil his identity, given the critical nature of his book. Jefferson kept a copy at his library in Monticello. Sowerby, *Catalogue of the Library of Thomas Jefferson* 2708. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T31632. [Order This Item](#)



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

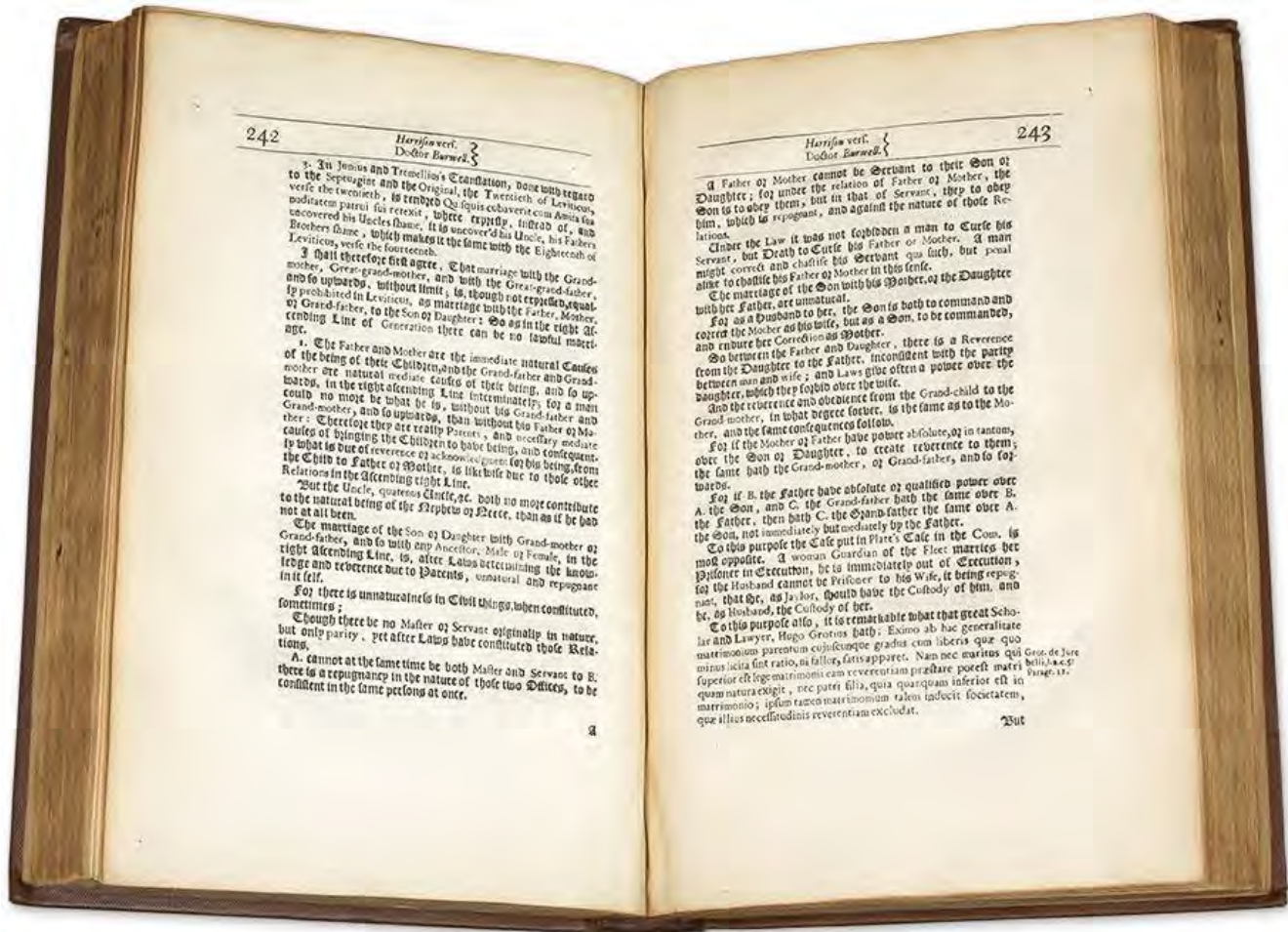
27. Smith, Sir Thomas [1513-1577].

Budden, John [1566-1620], Translator.

De Republica et Administratione Anglorum Libri Tres. London [i.e. Marburg]: [Paul Egenolff] Pro Officina Nortoniana, [c. 1610]. [vi], 3-165, [3] pp. Octavo (5-3/4" x 3-3/4").

Later sheep, rebacked retaining spine, endleaves renewed, marbled edges. Negligible light rubbing to boards, somewhat heavier rubbing to extremities with some wear to spine ends and corners, front hinge cracked. Some toning to text, occasional worming and faint dampstaining to lower margin. \$850.

* First edition (of this Latin translation). *De Republica Anglorum; the Manner of Government or Policie of the Realme of England* was written between 1562 and 1565 and first published in 1583. "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* S117631. [Order This Item](#)



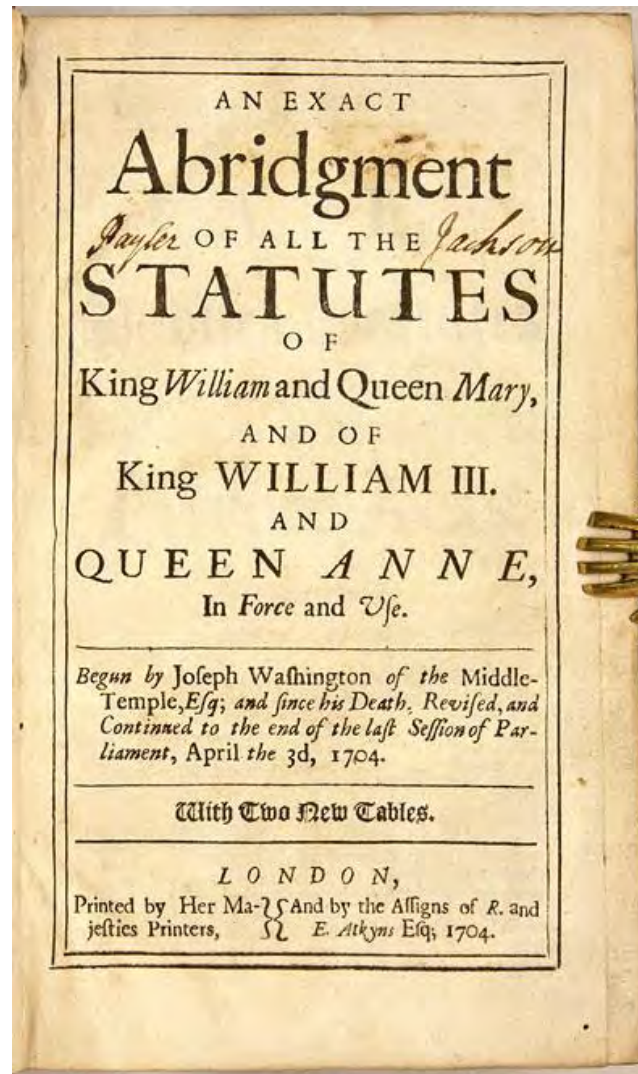
"Distinguished for Accuracy and Sound Learning"

28. Vaughan, Sir John [1603-1674].
Vaughan, Edward [d. 1688], Editor.

The Reports and Arguments of that Learned Judge Sir John Vaughan Kt. Late Chief Justice of His Majesties Court of Common Pleas. Being All of Them Special Cases, And Many Wherein he Pronounced the Resolution of the Whole Court of Common Pleas; At the Time He was Chief Justice There. Published by his Son Edward Vaughan Esq. London: Printed by Thomas Roycroft for Richard Marriott, 1677. [xiv], 420, [56] pp. Portrait frontispiece lacking. Folio (12" x 8").

Later starched buckram, calf lettering piece and gilt publication date to spine, endpapers renewed. Corners and spine ends bumped, a few negligible minor stains to boards, some rubbing to lettering piece. Moderate toning, light foxing in places, worm-track to fore-edges of final 30 leaves (with no loss to text). \$200.

* First edition. Vaughan was a friend of John Selden and Chief Justice of the Common Pleas. These reports cover the period from 1665-1674. Marvin says they are "distinguished for accuracy and sound learning." Later editions were published in 1679 and 1716. The annotations in our copy are references to other reporters and statutes. Marvin, *Legal Bibliography* 707. Wallace, *The Reporters* 43. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R716. [Order This Item](#)



Washington's Digest of Statutes, 1689-1704

**29. Washington, Joseph [d. 1694], Compiler.
[Boulton, Henry, Compiler].**

An Exact Abridgment of All the Statutes of King William and Queen Mary, And of King William III. And Queen Anne, In Force and Use. Begun by Joseph Washington of the Middle-Temple, Esq; And Since his Death, Revised, And Continued to the End of the Last Session of Parliament, April the 3d, 1704. With Two New Tables. London: Printed by Her Majesties Printers, 1704. [lxxxii], 128, 113-661, [87] pp. Pagination irregular, text complete. With a list of statutes and an index. Octavo (7-1/2" x 4-1/2").

Contemporary calf, blind rules to boards, raised bands and later hand-lettered paper title label to spine, gilt tooling to board edges. A few minor stains to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, chipping to head of spine, corners bumped and somewhat worn, hinges cracked, light toning to text, somewhat heavier in a few places, light foxing to a few leaves. Early owner signature to head of title page, later owner signatures to endleaves. \$150.

* The statutes digested in this volumes cover the years 1689-1704. Boulton published a supplement to this book in 1708 covering October 24, 1704 through April 1, 1708, the rest of Queen Anne's regnal years. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T145388. [Order This Item](#)



"Among the Best of the Older Books"

30. Yelverton, Sir Henry [1566-1629].

Les Reports de Sr Henry Yelverton Chevalier et Barrt. Jades un des Justices del Court de Common Bank. De Divers Speciall Cases en le Court del Bank le Roy: Cy bien en le Darrein Temps del Reigne du Roign Elizabeth, Come en le Premier Dix ans del Roy Jaques. Colligees par luy Mesme, Et Imprimee per l'Original South son Maine Propre en François Remanent les Maines de Sir Tho. Twisden Chevalier, Un des Justices del Bank le Roy. Et Ore Publie en Mesme le Langage, Ovesq. Deux Tables Perfaiets, De Matieres Notables, Et Nosmes del Cases Contenues en Yceaux; Par Sir William Wylde Chevalier et Barrt. Jades Serjeant de la Ley a Sa Majestie, Et Recorder del City de Londres; Et ore des Justices del dit Bank le Roy. London: Printed by William Godbid for Edward Powell at the White Swan in Liitle Britain, 1674. [iv], 228, [28] pp. Folio (12" x 7-3/4").

Later library cloth, lettering piece and black-stamped fillets to spine, endpapers renewed. Light soiling and spotting, light wear to spine ends and corners, moderate toning and occasional light foxing to text, early owner signature to head of title page. \$150.

* Second edition, corrected, one of two issues from 1674. First published in 1661, this reporter "has always been esteemed as among the best of the older books both for value of decision and essential accuracy of report" (Wallace). Its final edition, designated the third, was published in 1735. It is an English translation of the second edition. Wallace, *The Reporters* 211. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R22336. [Order This Item](#)