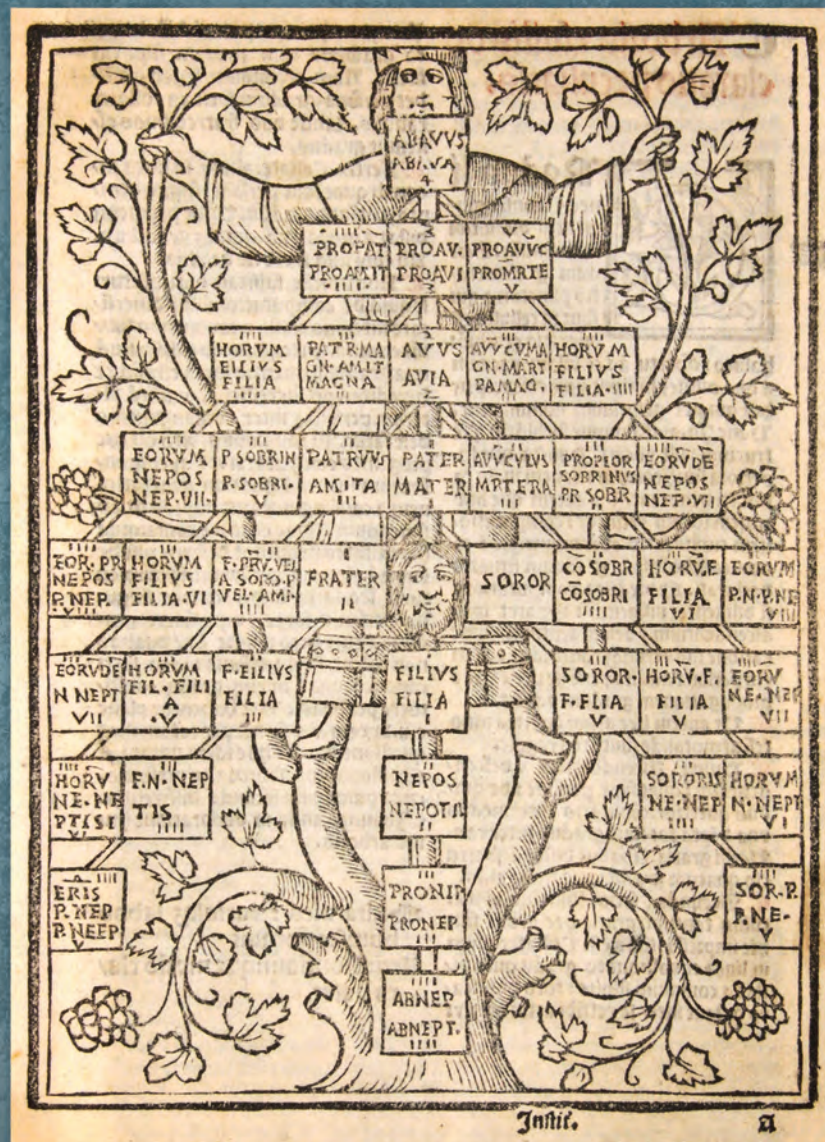


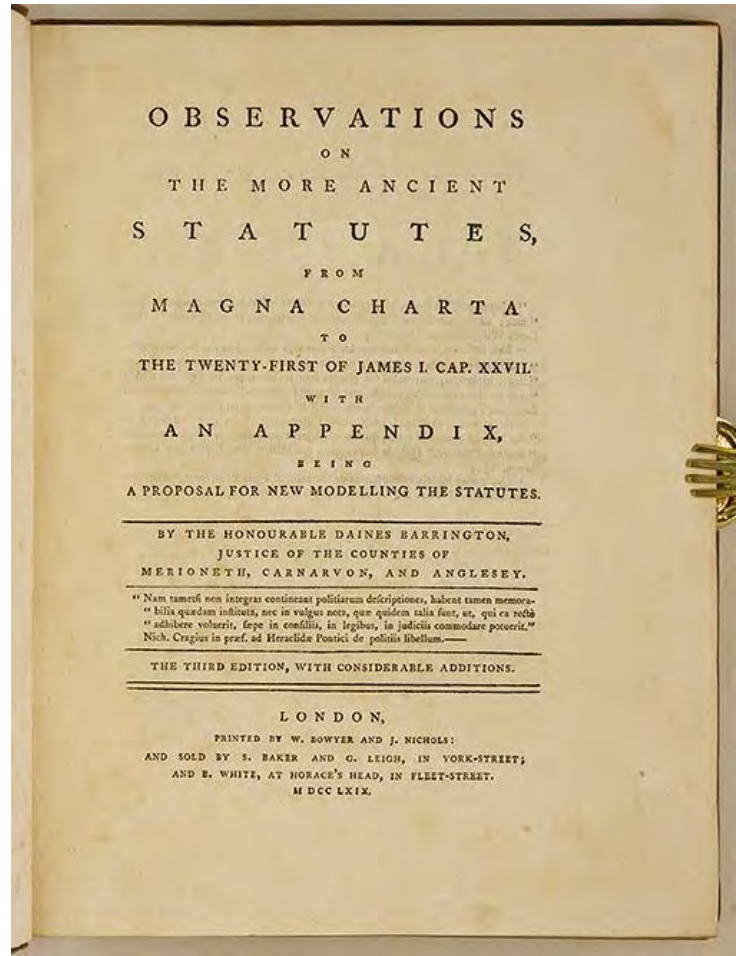
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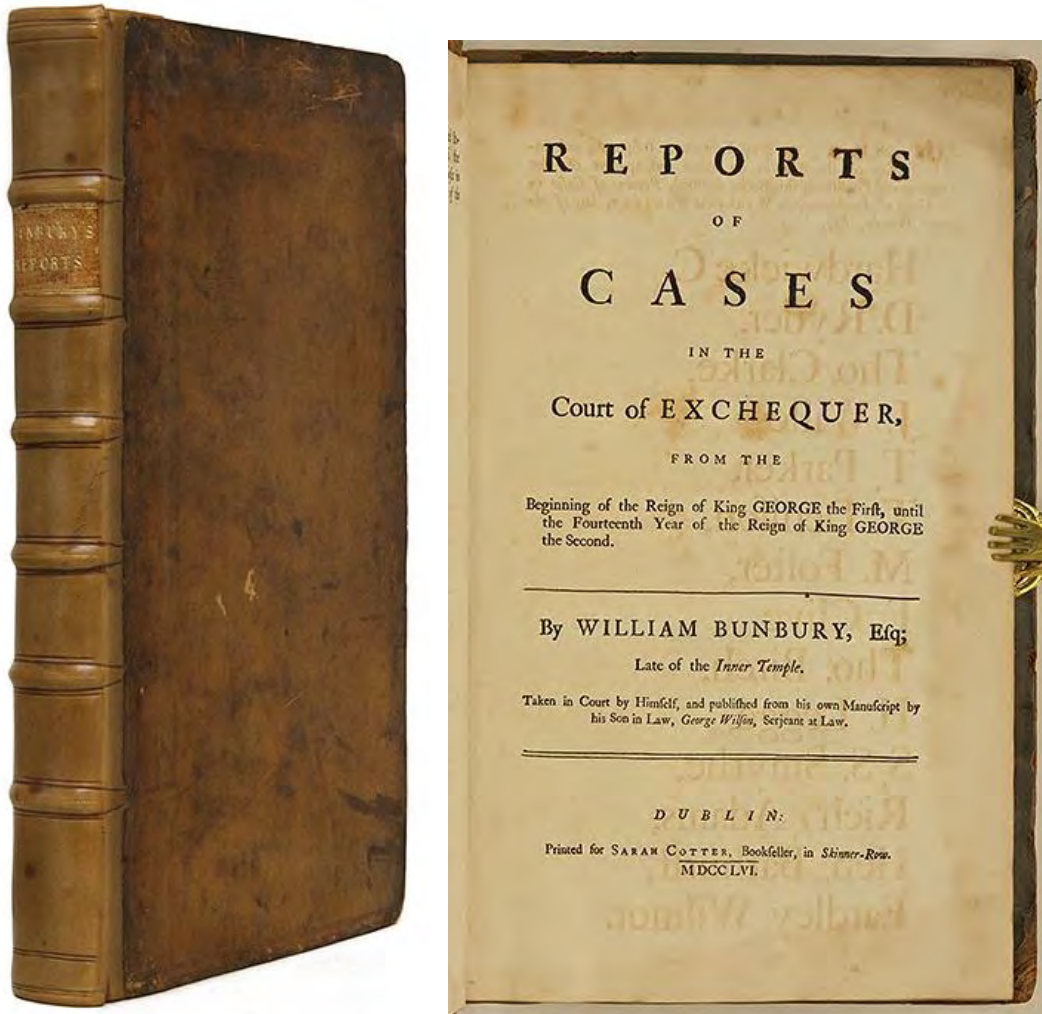
**"Contributed Very Much to the
Elucidation of the More Ancient Laws"**

1. Barrington, Daines [1727-1800].

Observations on the More Ancient Statutes, From Magna Charta to the Twenty-First of James I. Cap. XXVII. With An Appendix, Being A Proposal For New Modelling The Statutes. With Considerable Additions. London: Printed by W. Bowyer and J. Nichols, 1769. xii, 516 pp. Quarto (10-1/2" x 8-1/2").

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*Third edition. First published in 1766, and reaching its fourth and final edition in 1775, this book "contributed very much to the elucidation of the more ancient laws of England, by introducing historical illustrations to the times during which the statutes were enacted. The volume abounds in curious, learned, and valuable information.": Marvin, *Legal Bibliography* 96. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T80835. [Order This Item](#)



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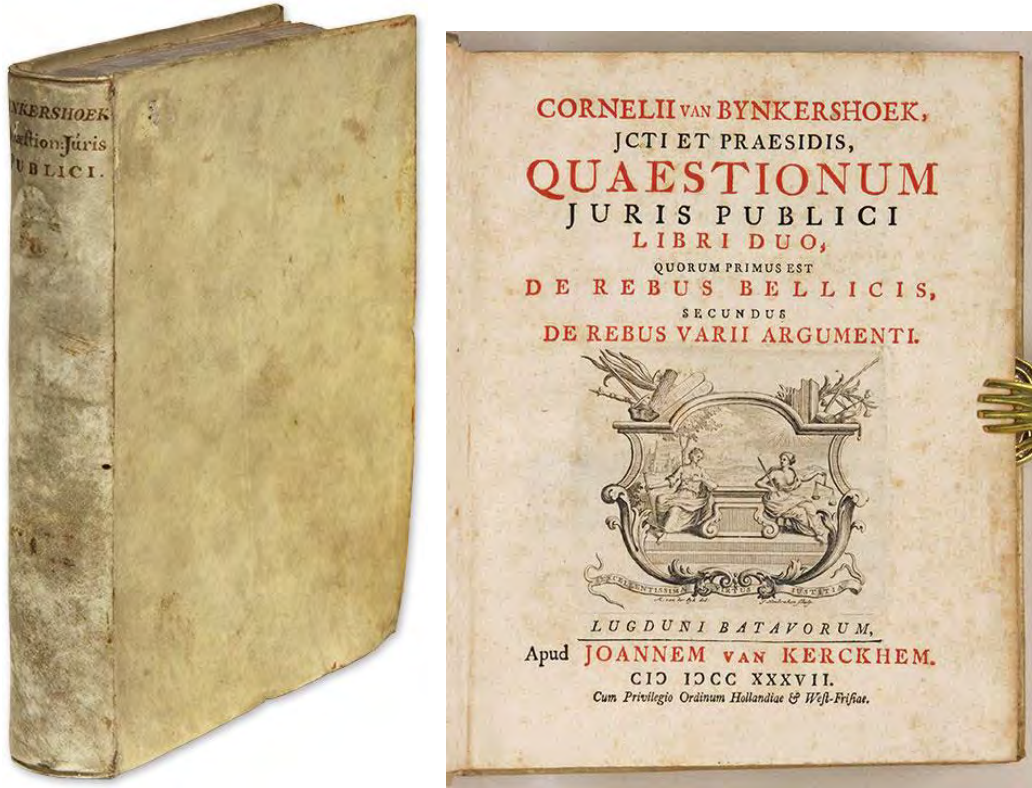
**2. Bunbury, William, Reporter.
Wilson, George, Editor.**

Reports of Cases in the Court of Exchequer, From the Beginning of the Reign of King George the First, Until the Fourteenth Year of the Reign of King George the Second. By William Bunbury, Esq; Late of the Inner Temple. Taken in Court by Himself. And Published from His Own Manuscript by His Son in Law, George Wilson, Serjeant at Law. Dublin: printed for Sarah Cotter, 1756. viii, 348, [40] pp. Final leaf is publisher advertisement. Folio (12-1/4" x 7-1/2").

Contemporary calf, rebaked in period style retaining existing lettering piece, hinges mended. Some negligible nicks and small scuffs to boards, moderate rubbing to board edges, corners bumped and somewhat worn, later armorial bookplate of William Paine Sheffield to front pastedown. Moderate toning to text, light foxing in a few places. \$450.

* Reissue of the first edition, London, 1755. Lord Mansfield thought these reports merely loose notes. "But Mansfield, in this as in other cases, was rather too ready to decry a set of reports because they contained a decision which was contrary to his own view of the law in the particular case before the court...Against Mansfield's condemnation we can set the opinions of Platt and Parker who recognized these reports as authoritative in 1853" (Holdsworth). A member of a distinguished New England family, Sheffield [1820-1907] was a United States Representative and Senator from Rhode Island. Holdsworth, *History of English Law* XII:137-138. Wallace, *The Reporters* 419-420. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T176392.

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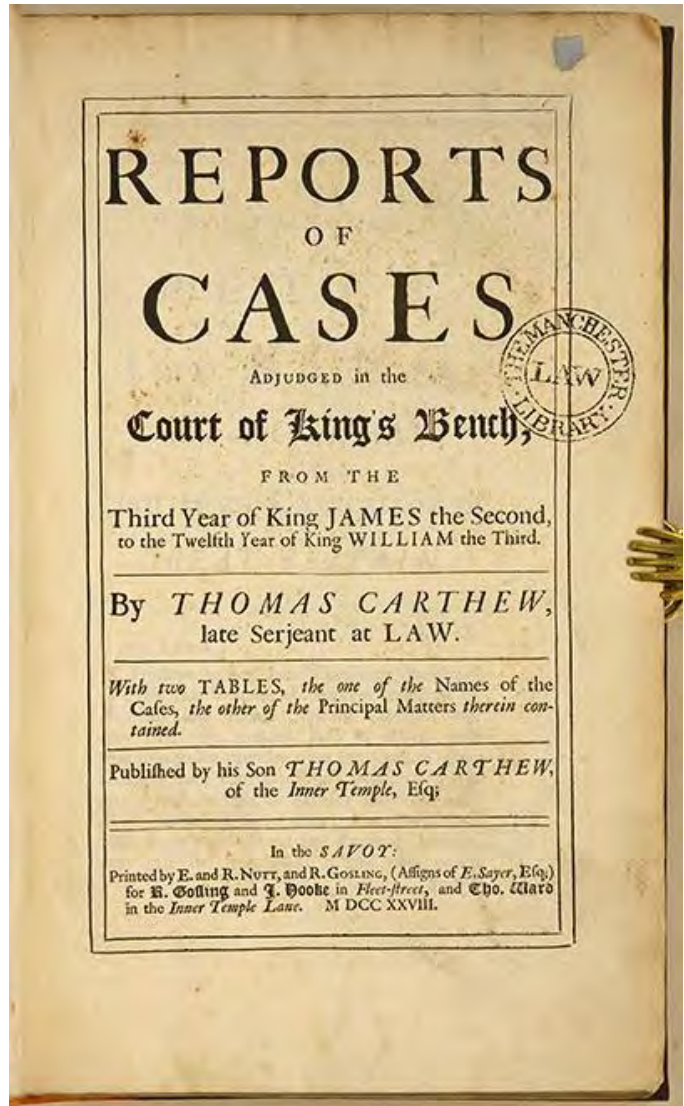
**First Edition of a Classic Study of
International Law and the Laws of Armed Conflict**

3. Bynkershoek (Bijnkershoek), Cornelis van [1673-1743].

Quaestionum Juris Publici, Libri Duo, Quorum Primus Est de Rebus Bellicis, Secundus de Rebus Varii Argumenti. Leiden: J.V. Kerckhem, 1737. [xxiv], 384, [31] pp. Quarto (7-3/4 x 6").

Contemporary vellum, early hand-lettered title to spine. Light soiling to spine, corners and spine ends lightly bumped, front pastedown loose. Title page with attractive copperplate allegorical vignette printed in red and black, woodcut head-pieces tail-pieces and decorated initials. Light to moderate toning, light foxing in places, early owner annotations and faint recent marks in pencil to a few leaves. A handsome copy. \$1,500.

* First edition. One of the most important jurists and international lawyers of his time, Bynkershoek was a Dutch jurist who founded the positive school of international law, which favored principles drawn from usage and practice over theorems drawn from natural law. He was also the first to propose the "three-mile limit" rule, which states that a nation may claim sovereignty over adjacent waters to a distance of three miles, the maximum distance of a cannonball fired from a shoreline. *Quaestionum Juris Publici* is one of his most important works international law. The first and most important part, "De Rebus Bellicus," is one of the first modern assessments of the laws of war. Bynkershoek accepts that war encompasses violence against civilians and non-military targets. As Neff observes, he "candidly pronounced war to be an 'attempt to subjugate the enemy and all that he has by seizing all the power that the sovereign has over the state, that is to say, by exercising complete dominion over all persons and all things contained in that state. (...) [T]he whole state is placed in the legal attitude of a belligerent toward another state, so that every member of the one nation is authorized to commit hostilities against every member of the other, in every place and under every circumstance." Having acknowledged these facts, he goes on to condemn actions against civilians and advocates the fair treatment of prisoners of war. Beginning with Lord Mansfield, scholars have considered this to be Bynkershoek's greatest work. It was reissued in 1930 as a title in the Carnegie Classics of International Law series. Neff, *War and the Law of Nations* 204-205. Walker, *Oxford Companion to Law* 163. Dekkers, *Bibliotheca Belgica Juridica* 16. [Order This Item](#)



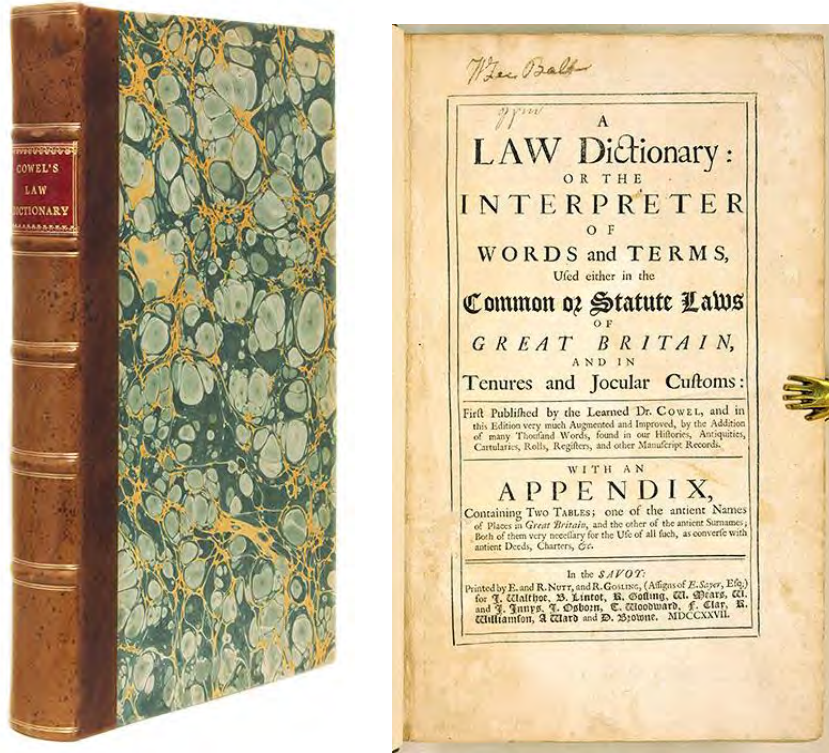
"A Reporter of Acknowledged Accuracy."

4. Carthew, Thomas.

Reports of Cases Adjudged in the Court of King's Bench, From the Third Year of King James the Second, To the Twelfth Year of King William the Third. [London]: Printed by E. and R. Nutt, and R. Gosling, 1728. [xiv], 520, [30] pp. Includes one-page advertisement leaf. Folio (12-1/4" x 7-1/2").

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* First edition. That the *Reports* "passed to a second edition at a period when every new book was most closely scrutinized, would seem to show that the volume was in considerable favor with the profession generally" (Marvin). The second and third editions were published in 1741 and 1743. Wallace notes that Carthew was a "reporter of 'acknowledged accuracy.'" Marvin, *Legal Bibliography* 176-177. Wallace, *The Reporters* 397-398. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T97364. [Order This Item](#)



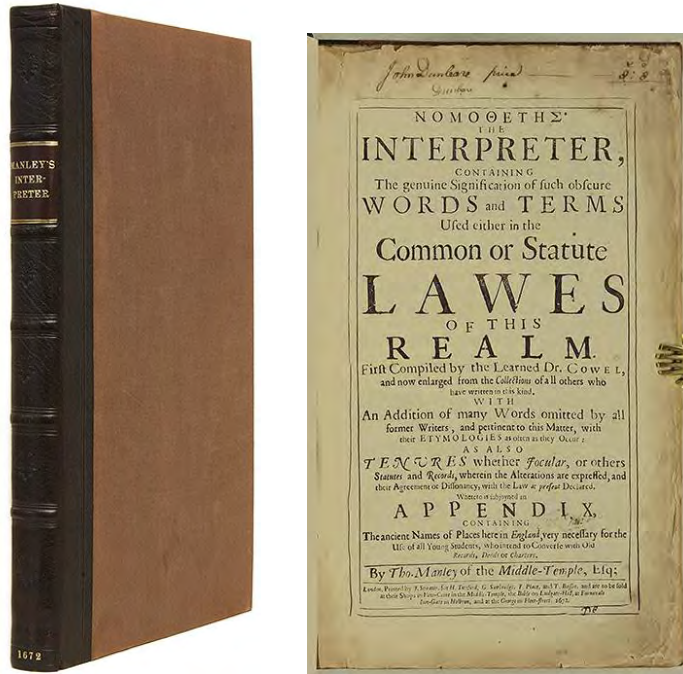
Final Edition of Cowell's Law Dictionary

5. Cowell[1], John [1554-1611].

A Law Dictionary: Or the Interpreter of Words and Terms, Used Either in the Common or Statute Laws of Great Britain, And In Tenures and Jocular Customs: First Published by the Learned Dr. Cowel, And in This Edition Very Much Augmented and Improved, By the Addition of Many Thousand Words, Found in Our Histories, Antiquities, Cartularies, Rolls, Registers, And Other Manuscript Records. With An Appendix, Containing Two Tables; One of the Antient Names of Places in Great Britain, And the Other of the Antient Surnames; Both of Them Very Necessary for the Use of All Such, As Converse with Antient Deeds, Charters, &c. [London]: Printed by E. and R. Nutt and R. Gosling, 1727. [484] pp. Lacking final two leaves of appendix. Main text printed in parallel columns. Verso of final leaf is a publisher catalogue. Folio (12-1/2" x 7-1/2").

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* Eighth and final edition, with an excellent preface that discusses the dictionary's colorful the publication history. The *Interpreter* was considered to be the best law dictionary until Jacob's, and was, and still is, used by scholars of early English legal texts. Its publication in 1607 provoked intense controversy. At a time when Parliament and James I were vying for power, the House of Commons was angered by Cowell's royalist sympathies, which were evident in such definitions as "King," "Parliament," "Prerogative," "Recoveries," and "Subsidies." When a joint committee of Lords and Councilors reviewed the work, the ensuing controversy nearly halted the affairs of government. The king intervened in fear that his own fiscal interests would not be approved by Parliament, and ordered a proclamation that imprisoned Cowell, suppressed the book and ordered all copies burned by a public hangman on March 10, 1610. Moreover, the *Interpreter* contained a quotation critical of Littleton's scholarship that angered Sir Edward Coke. It comes as no surprise that he was instrumental in the book's suppression and in Cowell's persecution. It remained in use, however, and it went through several editions. Later enlarged editions, such as this one, are used today by scholars of early English legal texts. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T132904. [Order This Item](#)



First Edition of Cowell's *Interpreter* Edited by Manley

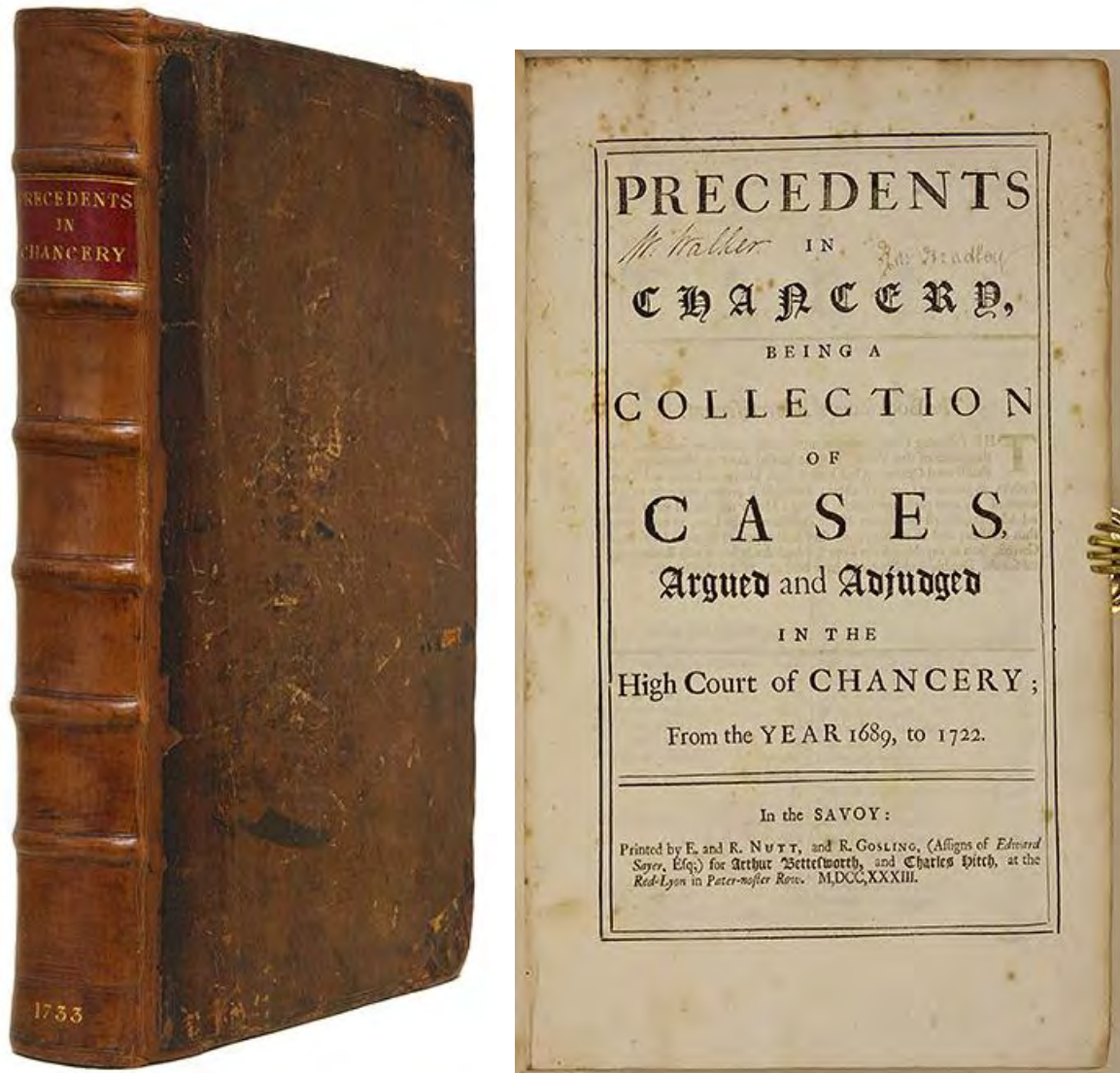
6. Cowell, John.

[Manley, Thomas, Editor].

NOMOTHETES. *The Interpreter, Containing the Genuine Signification of Such Obscure Words and Terms Used Either in the Common or Statute Lawes of This Realm. First Compiled by the Learned Dr. Cowel, And Now Enlarged From the Collections of All Others Who Have Written in this Kind. With an Addition of Many Words Omitted by All Former Writers, And Pertinent to This Matter, With Their Etymologies as Often as They Occur: As Also Tenures Whether Jocular, or Others Statutes and Records, Wherein the Alterations are Expressed, And Their Agreement or Dissonancy, With the Law at Present Declared. Where to is Subjoyned, An Appendix, Containing the Ancient Names of Places Here in England, Very Necessary for the Use of all Young Students, Who Intend to Converse with Old Records, Deeds or Charters.* London: Printed for J. Streeter [et al.], 1672. [296] pp. Lacking half-title and final blank leaf. Folio (12-1/4" x 7-3/4").

Recent quarter morocco over cloth, blind tolling along joints, raised bands, lettering piece and blind ornaments to spine, endpapers renewed. A few tiny stains, light fading to upper sections of rear board. Light browning to text, inkstains to fore-edges of several leaves near center of text block, moderate edgewear to preliminaries, early owner signature and annotation to head of title page, small hole (from erasure) near foot. \$500.

* Fourth edition, and the first edition by Manley. *The Interpreter* is considered to be the best law dictionary published before Jacob's *New Law-Dictionary* (1729). Though its significance was recognized almost immediately, it was not approved by all. At a time when Parliament and crown were vying for power, the House of Commons was angered by Cowell's royalist sympathies, which were evident in such definitions as "King," "Parliament," "Prerogative," "Recoveries," and "Subsidies." When a joint committee of Lords and Councilors reviewed the work, the ensuing controversy nearly halted the affairs of government. James I intervened in fear that his own fiscal interests would not be approved by Parliament, and ordered a proclamation that imprisoned Cowell, suppressed the book and ordered all copies burned by a public hangman on March 10, 1610. Moreover, *The Interpreter* contained a quotation critical of Littleton's scholarship that angered Sir Edward Coke. It comes as no surprise that he was instrumental in the book's suppression and in Cowell's persecution. It remained in use, however, and it went through several editions. Later enlarged editions, such as this one, are used today by scholars of early English legal texts. Marke, *Vignettes of Legal History* 309-312. Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 1:7 (18). Sowerby, *Catalogue of the Library of Thomas Jefferson* 1812 (citing 1672 edition). [Order This Item](#)



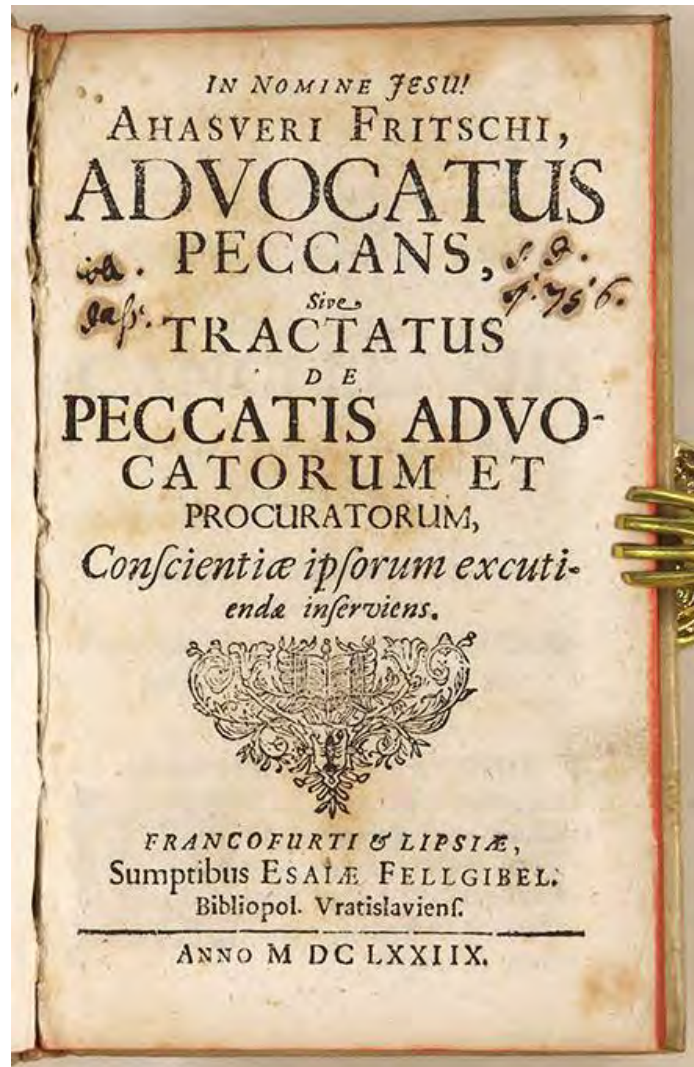
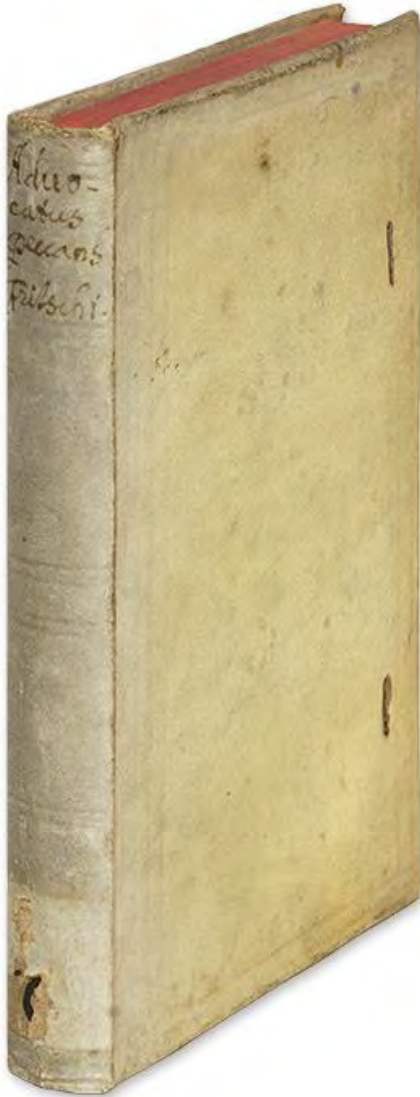
"Of Respectable Authority"

7. [Finch, Thomas, Reporter].

Precedents in Chancery, Being a Collection of Cases Argued and Adjudged in the High Court of Chancery; From the Year 1689, To 1722. [London]: Printed by E. And R. Nutt, And R. Gosling, 1733. [viii], 356, 367-598, [40] pp. Pagination irregular, text complete. Folio (12-1/4" x 8").

Contemporary calf, rebacked in period style, blind rules to boards, raised bands and lettering piece to spine, corners mended, endpapers renewed. Light rubbing and some minor scuffs to boards, moderate rubbing to board edges, corners bumped, hinges cracked. Moderate toning to text, light foxing in places, occasional faint dampstaining and dampspotting and light soiling to head of text block, early owner annotations to a few leaves, two early owner signatures to title page. \$450.

* First edition. Often referred to as *Finch's Precedents*, this durable work went through five editions, the last in 1792. "The cases are briefly reported, but are of respectable authority" (Marvin). Marvin, *Legal Bibliography* 586. Wallace, *The Reporters* 498. *English Short-Title Catalogue* N12348. [Order This Item](#)



Crimes Committed by Lawyers and Officials

8. Fritsch, Ahasver [1629-1701].

Advocatus Peccans, Sive Tractatus de Peccatis Advocatorum et Procuratorum, Conscientiae Ipsorum Excutiendae Inserviens. Frankfurt and Leipzig: Sumptibus Esaiae Fellgibel, Bibliopol. Vratislaviens., 1678. [x], 154, [20] pp. Octavo (6-1/4" x 3-3/4").

Contemporary vellum, blind rules to boards, blind fillets, early hand-lettered title and fragment of paper shelf label to spine, edges rouged, ties lacking. Light soiling to spine and edges, corners lightly bumped, cracks in text block between front free endpaper and title page and final index leaf and rear endleaf. Moderate toning, light foxing in places, two tiny wormholes at beginning of text block, early owner signature to title page. A nice copy of a scarce title. \$1,500.

* First edition. Fritsch, a lawyer and state official, was a highly regarded and versatile writer who published several works on Roman and German law, as well as a volume of consilia. *Advocatus Peccans* addresses punishments for crimes committed by lawyers, legal officials and government officials under Roman Law. A second edition was published in 1687. Both editions are scarce. OCLC locates 2 copies of the first edition in North America (Library of Congress, Notre Dame Law School), no copies of the second. *Das Verzeichnis der im Deutschen Sprachraum Erschienenen Drucke des 17. Jahrhunderts* 1:002121S.

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9. [Great Britain].

[Court of Chancery]

[Johnson, William Samuel (1727-1819)].

[Verplanck, Gulian C. (1786-1870)].

Cases Argued and Decreed in the High Court of Chancery. Carefully Corrected from the Many Gross Errors of the Former Impression. To Which are also Added Proper References to the Ancient and Modern Books of the Law. London: Printed by the Assigns of Richard and Edward Atkins Esqs., 1707. [viii], 312, [24] pp.

[Bound with]

The Second Part of Cases Argued and Decreed in the High Court of Chancery, Continued from the 30th Year of King Charles II. to the 4th Year of King James II. London: Printed by the Assigns of Rich. and Edw. Atkins Esquires, 1701. [viii], 251, [21] pp.

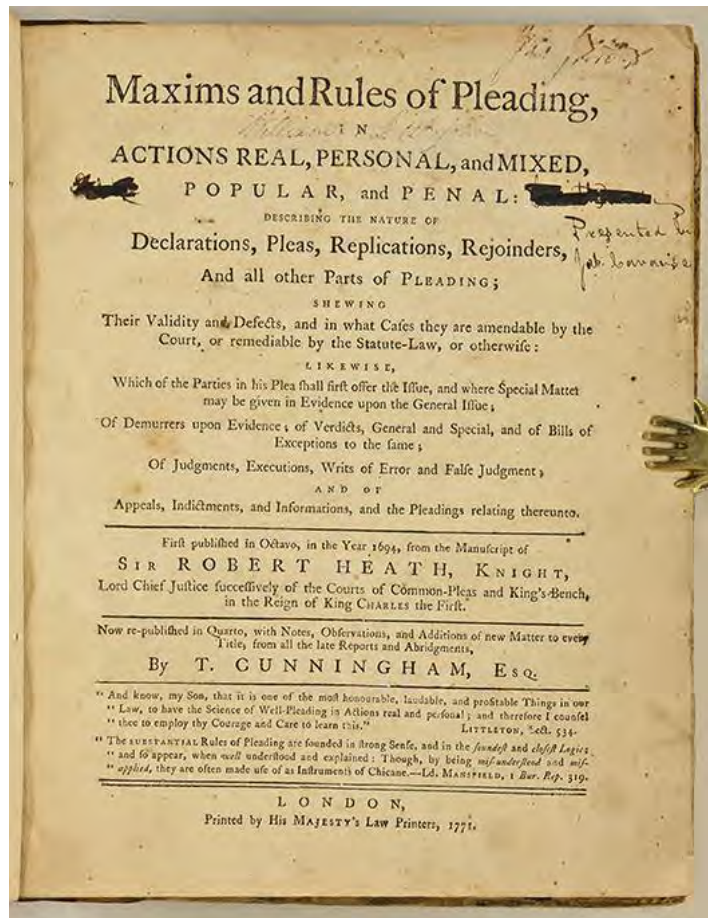
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Select Cases in the High Court of Chancery, Solemnly Argued and Decreed, By the Late Lord Chancellor: With the Assistance of the Judges. With an Exact Table to the Whole. [London]: Printed by J. Nutt, 1715. [viii], 136 pp.

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* *Cases* and *Select Cases*: second edition; *Second Part*: first edition. These reports contain cases from 12 Charles II. to 4th James II. (1660-1697). According to Wallace, Kent criticized these reports, but were impressed with several reports of cases decided by Lord Chancellor Cowper. Our copy has two notable associations. A prominent lawyer and sometime judge, William Samuel Johnson played a key role in the framing of the United States Constitution and was one of Connecticut's signers. He went on to represent that state in the United States Senate. He was also the fifth president of King's College, now Columbia University. Gulian Verplanck was the son of Johnson's son-in-law, Daniel Verplanck. He was an attorney, politician and man of letters who served in both houses of the New York State legislature and the U.S. House of Representatives. He published poetry and fiction in the *North American Review* and was one of the founders of the American Academy of the Fine Arts. Wallace, *The Reporters* 481. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T96119, N21838, T96122.

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"A Work of Great Authority" for Special Pleders

10. Heath, Sir Robert [1575-1649].

Cunningham, Timothy [d.1789], Editor.

Maxims and Rules of Pleading, In Actions Real, Personal, and Mixed, Popular and Penal: Describing that Nature of Declarations, Pleas, Replications, Rejoinders, And All Other Parts of Pleading; Shewing Their Validity and Defects, And in What Cases They Are Amendable by the Court, Or Remediable by the Statute-Law, Or Otherwise: Likewise, Which of the Parties in His Plea Shall First Offer the Issue, And Where Special Matter May be Given in Evidence Upon the General Issue; Of Demurrers Upon Evidence; Of Verdicts, General and Special, And of Bills of Exceptions to the Same; Of Judgments, Execution, Writs of Error and False Judgment; And of Appeals, Indictments, and Informations, and Pleadings Relating Thereunto. First Published in Octavo, in the Year 1694, From the Manuscript of Sir Robert Heath. Now Re-Published in Quarto, With notes, Observations, and Additions of New Matter to Every Title, From All the Late reports and Abridgments. London: Printed by His Majesty's Law Printers, 1771. x, 252 [8] pp. Quarto (10" x 8").

Recent quarter calf over original marbled boards, lettering piece and gilt fillets to spine, marbled endpapers, hinges mended. Rubbing to boards with some wear to edges and corners. Some toning to text, light foxing to a few leaves, minor rodent damage to fore-edges of final twenty leaves with no loss to text. Early owner signatures to head of title page and head of preface, interior otherwise clean. An appealing of a scarce title. \$750.

* Second and final edition, one of two issues from 1771. "[Heath] compiled this volume for his own use in practice. It is a work of great authority, and has been a guide to all special pleaders since its publication. Viner frequently cites it in his Abridgment. "The best editions are by T. Cunningham.": Marvin, *Legal Bibliography* 379. *English Short-Title Catalogue* N34974.

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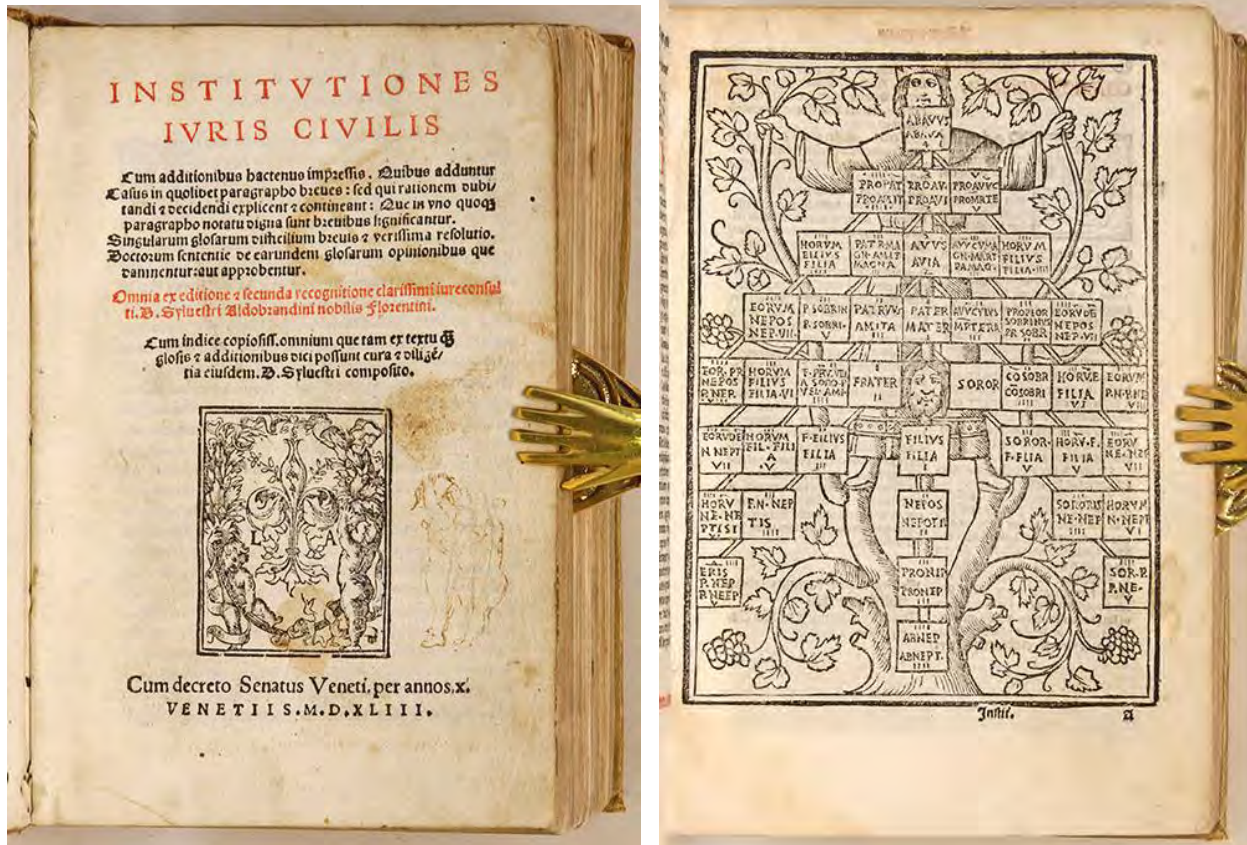
11. [Jodocus of Erfurt, Attributed].

[Caccialupe, Giovanni Battista (d. 1496)].

Vocabularius Perutilis Utriusq[ue] Iuris [Juris] tam Civilis Q[uam] Canonici. [Lyon: Jean Barbier and Jean Petit, September 7, 1507]. [212] ff. Main text in parallel columns. Octavo (6-3/4" x 4-1/4").

Contemporary blind-tooled half-pigskin over wooden boards, pigskin clasp with brass buckle present and intact, faint later location numbers and faint fragment of later paper shelf label, to spine, early vellum thumb-tabs. A few minor spots and worm-holes, light soiling, spine ends bumped, some wear to clasp, later armorial bookplate to front pastedown. Large woodcut Petit device to title page, criblé initials throughout. Light toning to text, a few minor worm holes, annotations in early hand to a few passages, small clear tear to fore-edge of title page. A handsome copy of a scarce imprint. \$7,500.

* First published around 1474 and attributed to Jodocus of Erfurt, this popular legal dictionary went through more than 70 editions over the next 150 years. The definitions are mostly derived from the *Vocabularius Stuttgardiensis* (1432), the *Collectio Terminorum Legalium* (c. 1400), and the *Introductorium pro Studio Sacrorum Canonum* of Hermann von Schildesch (c. 1330). Appended to this edition of the *Vocabularius* is Caccialupe's *Tractatus de Modo Studendi*, an essay on legal study. OCLC locates 1 copy of this imprint (Bibliothèque Nationale de France). This imprint not in Adams. Seckel, *Beiträge zur Geschichte beider Rechte im Mittelalter* 306-322. [Order This Item](#)



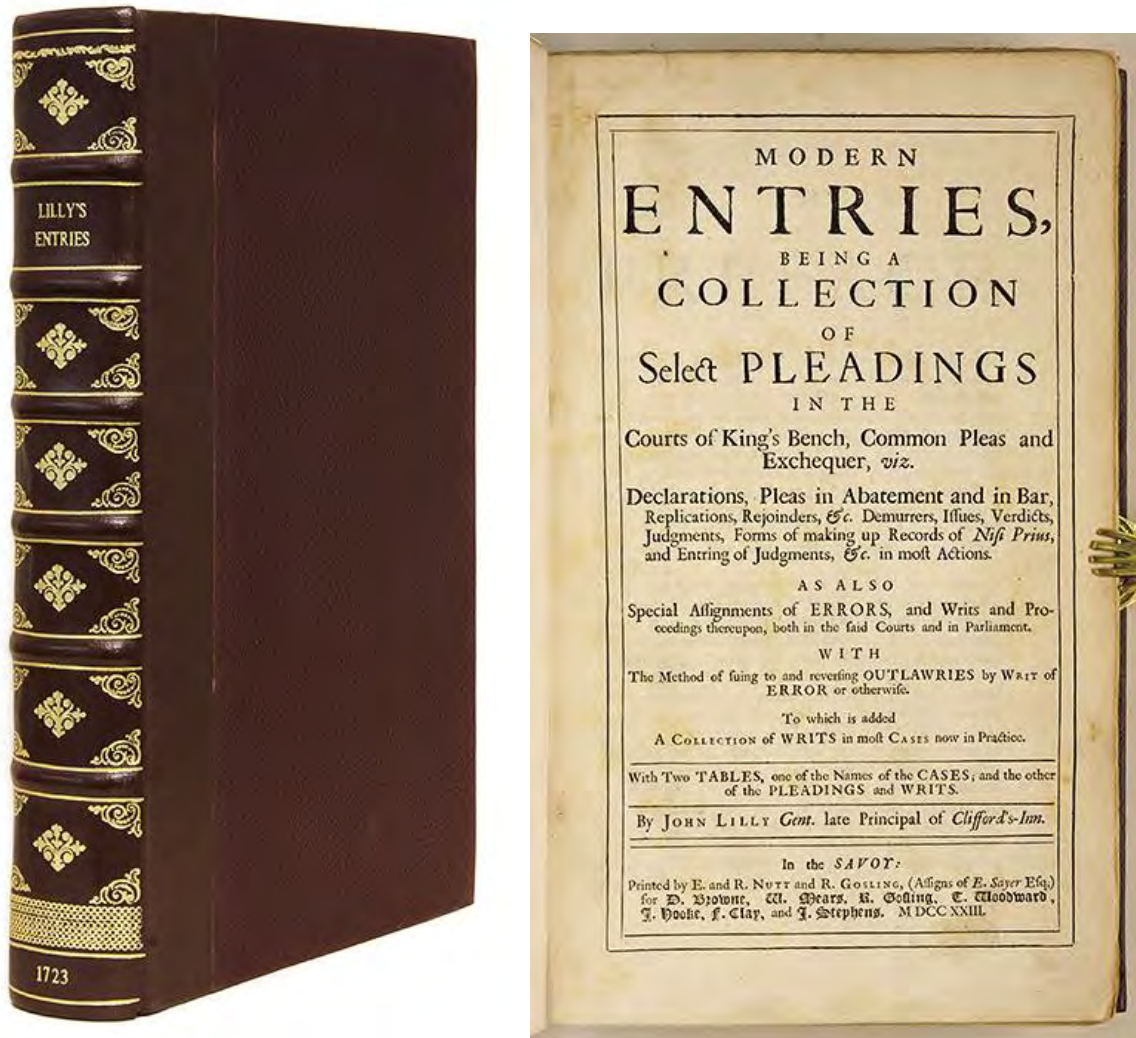
Giunta Edition of the *Institutes* Illustrated with 23 Woodcuts

**12. Justinian [483-565 CE], Emperor of the East.
Aldobrandini, Sylvestro [1499-1558], Editor.**

Institutiones Iuris Civilis. Cum Additionibus Hactenus Impressis. Quibus Adduntur Casus in Quolibet Paragrapho Breves: Sed qui Rationem Dubitandi [et] Decidendi Explicent [et] Contineant. Que in uno Quoque Paragrapho Notatu Digna Sunt Brevibus Significantur.... Omnia ex Editione et Secunda Recognitione Clarissimi Iureconsulti. D. Sylvestri Aldobrandini Nobilis Florentini. Venice: [Apud Heredes Lucantonii Iunte Florentini, Mense Decembri], 1543. [lvi], 366, [2] ff. 23 woodcut text illustrations, 1 full-page. Main text in parallel columns with linear gloss. Octavo (6-1/4" x 4-1/2").

Later vellum. Spine ends lightly bumped, light wear to corners, hinges cracked. Text printed in red and black, large woodcut Giunta device to title page, woodcut decorated initials. Moderate toning, text block loosening in a few places, brief early annotations to a few leaves. \$4,500.

* Commissioned by the Emperor Justinian in 530 CE, the body of writings known collectively as the *Corpus Iuris Civilis* preserved and restated all existing Roman law. It has four books: the *Code*, *Novels*, *Institutes* and *Digest*. Intended for students, the *Institutes* is a synopsis of the reformed legal system. Aldobrandini, who edited this edition and added commentary, was a Florentine juriconsult. First published by Giunta in 1534, Aldobrandini's text went through several editions during the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries. It was one of the most popular and influential early editions of the *Institutes*. The charming woodcut vignettes that appear in the earlier Giunta editions offer visual summaries of the more important titles. Among the images depicted in the woodcuts are court scenes, farmers at work, a battle and the administration of punishments. The full-page woodcut is an ornate table of descents in the form of a man holding up branches of a family tree. All illustrated Giunta editions are rare. OCLC locates no copies of the 1543 edition in North America. *Censimento Nazionale delle Edizioni Italiane del XVI Secolo* CNCE13469. [Order This Item](#)



First Edition of Lilly's *Modern Entries*

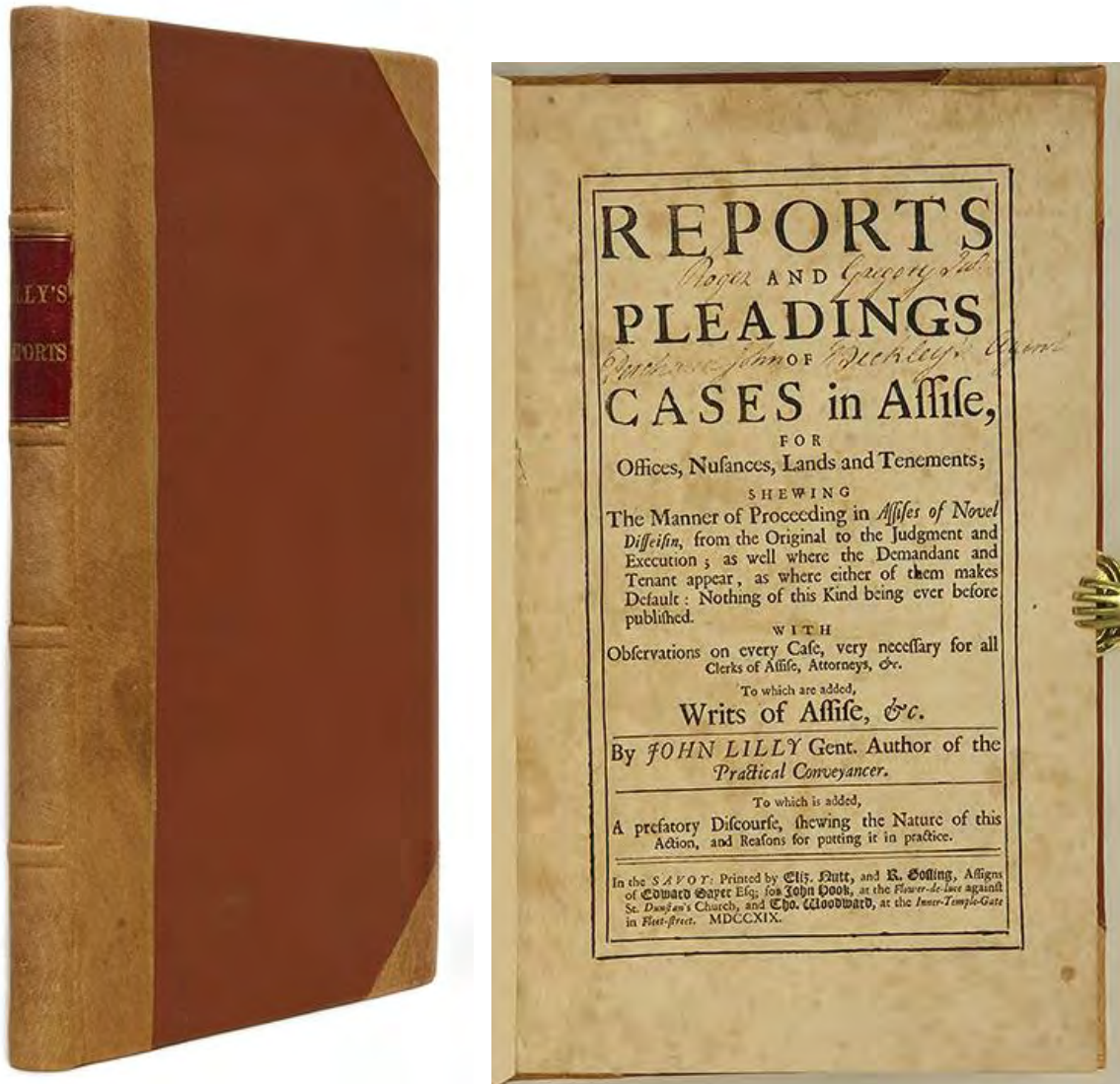
13. Lilly, John.

Modern Entries, Being a Collection of Select Pleadings in the Courts of King's Bench, Common Pleas and Exchequer, Viz: Declarations, Pleas in Abatement and in Bar, Replications, Rejoinders, &c. Demurrers, Issues, Verdicts, Judgments, Forms of Making up Records of Nisi Prius, and Entering of Judgments, &c. In Most Actions. As also Special Assignments of Errors, and Writs and Proceedings Thereupon, Both in the Said Courts and in Parliament. With The Method of Suing to and Reversing Outlawries by Writ of Error or Otherwise. To Which is Added a Collection of Writs in Most Cases Now in Practice. With Two Tables, One of the Names of the Cases; And the Other of the Pleadings and Writs. [London]: Printed by E. And R. Nutt and R. Gosling, 1723. [viii], 676, [32] pp. Final leaf blank. Folio (12-1/2" x 7-1/2").

Recent period-style quarter calf over textured cloth, gilt spine with raised bands and gilt-stamped title, endpapers renewed. Light to moderate toning, light foxing in places, chip to final index leaf with some loss to text. A nice copy in an attractive binding. \$450.

* First edition. Holdsworth discusses this work at length in his chapter on eighteenth century legal literature. First published in 1732 and a standard work for decades, it contains pleadings arranged alphabetically, entries on the rolls of the court and precedents of writs original and judicial. Holdsworth, *A History of English Law* XII:358. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T133313.

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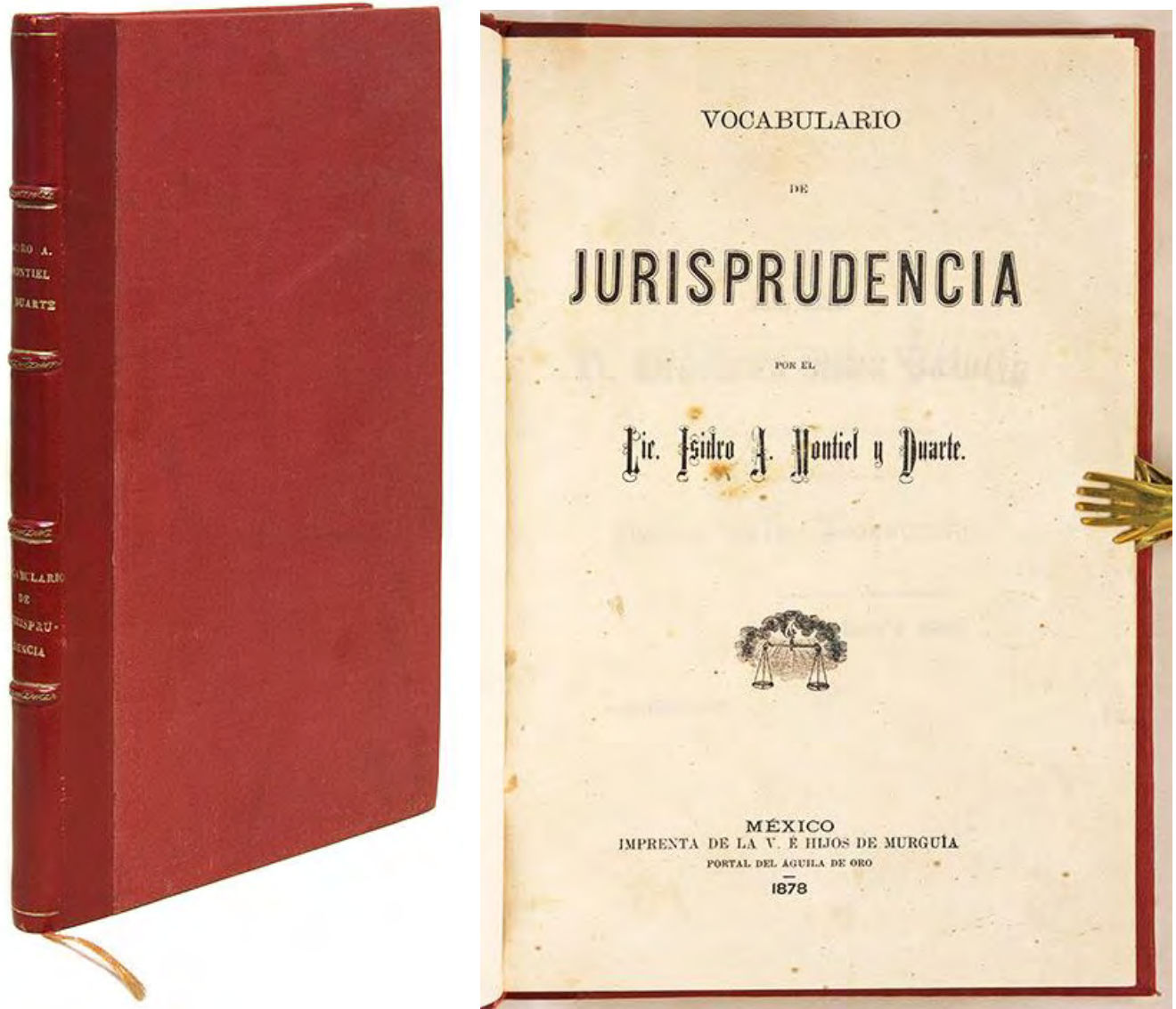
**Assize Cases for "Offices, Nusances,
Lands and Tenements" Reported by a Notable Legal Writer**

14. Lilly, John, Reporter.

Reports and Pleadings of Cases in Assize, For Offices, Nusances, Lands and Tenements; Shewing The Manner of Proceeding in Assizes of Novel Disseisin, From the Original to the Judgment and Execution; As Well Where the Demandant and Tenant Appear, As Where Either of them Makes Default: Nothing of this Kind Being Ever Before Published. With Observations on Every Case, Very Necessary for all Clerks of Assize, Attorneys, &c. To Which are Added, Writs of Assize, &c. To Which is Added, A Prefatory Discourse, Shewing the Nature of this Action, And Reasons for Putting it in Practice. [London]: Printed by Eliz. Nutt, And R. Gosling, 1719. [ii], xxxii, 129, [9] pp. Folio (11-3/4" x 7-1/2").

Recent period-style three-quarter calf over cloth, raised bands and lettering piece to spine, endpapers renewed. Light browning and foxing to text, early owner signatures to title page, later small embossed library stamps to title page and a few other leaves. \$300.

* Only edition. Lilly was the author of two well-regarded works: the *Practical Register: Or, General Abridgment of the Law* (1719) and the *Collection of Modern Entries* (1723). *English Short-Title Catalogue* T133305. [Order This Item](#)



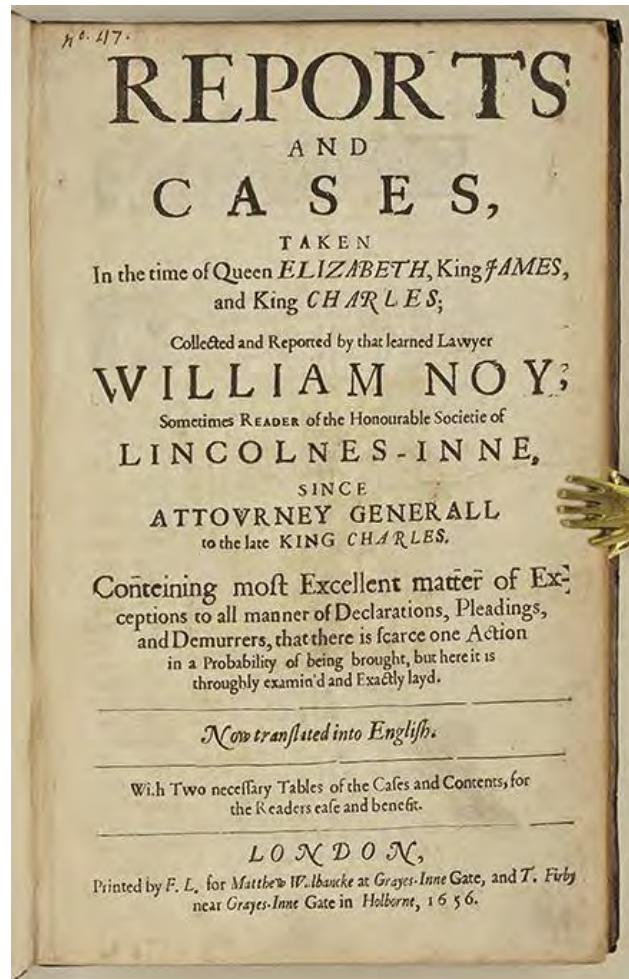
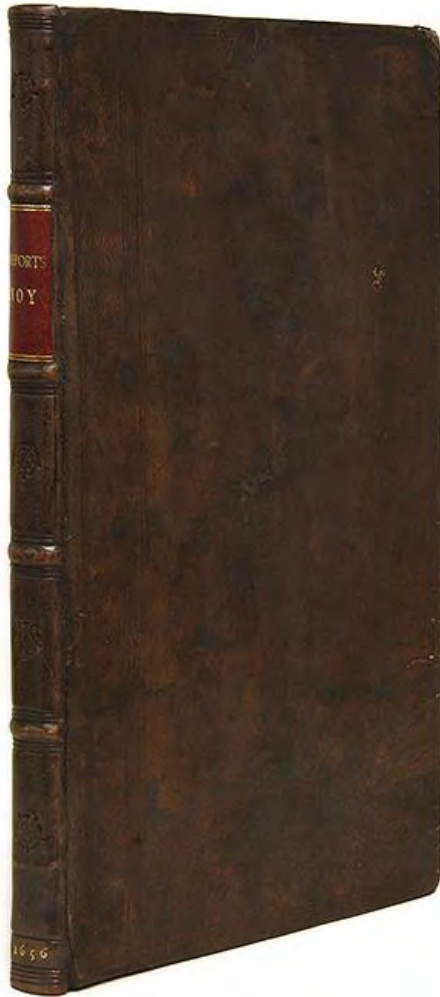
**Law Dictionary by an Important
Nineteenth-Century Mexican Statesman**

15. Montiel y Duarte, Isidro Antonio [1821-1891].

Vocabulario de Jurisprudencia. Mexico City: Imprenta de la v. é. Hijos de Murguía, 1878. 242, [5] pp. Main text in parallel columns. Folio (10-3/4" x 7-1/2").

Later quarter calf over cloth, raised bands and gilt title to spine. Light toning to text, light foxing to a few leaves. A remarkably well-preserved copy of a scarce title. \$950.

* Only edition. Montiel y Duarte was an important statesman and legal author. A practical work, his *Vocabulario* features concise definitions. The main text is followed by a brief bibliography of works consulted (Catálogo de los Códigos y Autores que se Consultaron para Formar este Vocabulario). OCLC locates 13 copies, 8 in North American law libraries (Columbia, Harvard, Library of Congress, LA-County, Tulane, UC-Berkeley, University of Michigan, UT-Austin). Clagett and Valderrama, *A Revised Guide to the Law and Legal Literature of Mexico* 431. [Order This Item](#)



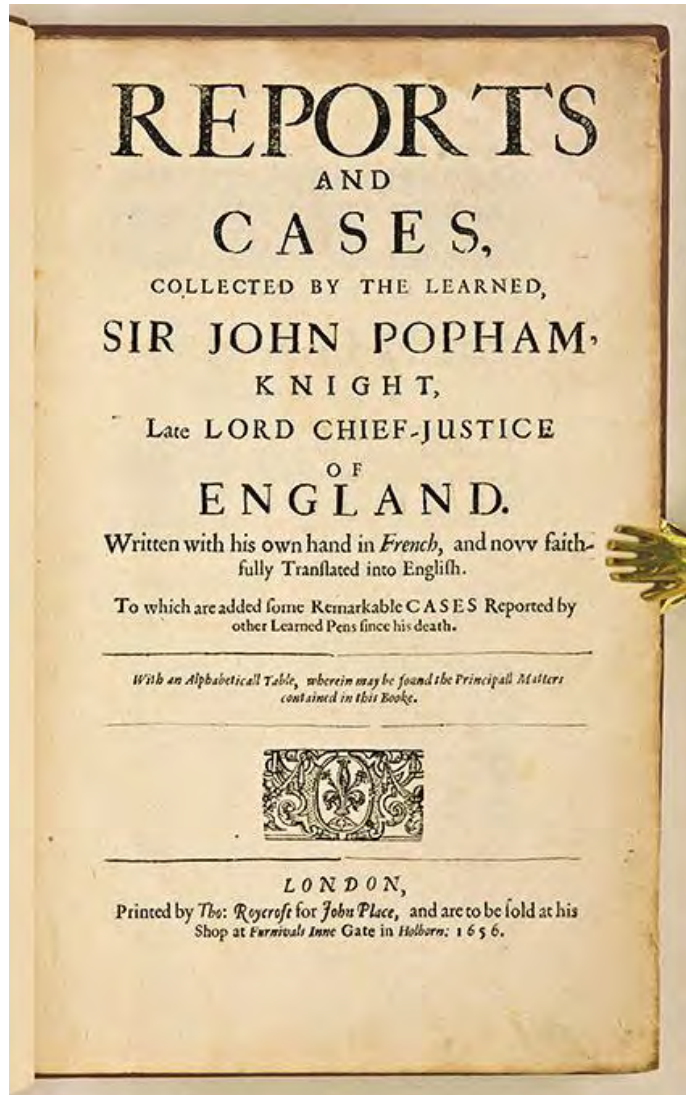
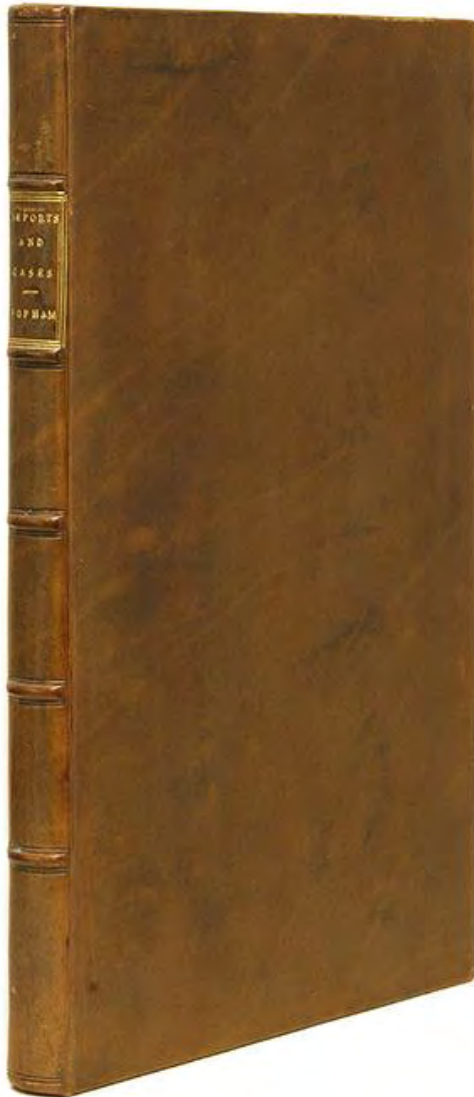
Held in High Regard by Lords Bacon and Hale

16. Noy, William, Reporter.

Reports and Cases, Taken In the Time of Queen Elizabeth, King James, And King Charles; Collected and Reported by that Learned Lawyer William Noy, Sometimes Reader of the Honourable Societie of Lincolnes-Inne, Since Attourney Generall to the Late King Charles. Containing Most Excellent Matter of Exceptions to All Manner of Declarations, Pleadings, And Demurrers, That there is Scarce One Action in a Probability of Being Brought, But Here it is Thoroughly Examin'd and Exactly Layd. Now Translated into English. With Two Necessary Tables of the Cases and Contents, For the Readers Ease and Benefit. London: Printed by F[ran]cis. L[each]. for Matthew Walbancke, 1656. [xii], 185, [11] pp. Folio (11" x 7").

Contemporary sheep with recent calf rebacking, blind rules to boards, raised bands, lettering piece and blind ornaments to spine, "Noy" in early hand to fore-edge of text block. Light scuffing to boards, moderate rubbing to board edges with some wear to corners. Moderate toning, occasional light foxing, occasional brief annotations in an early hand, light soiling to title page, "No. 47" in small early hand to its upper margin, a bit of bookplate residue to its verso. \$350.

* Second and final edition. These reports are from the Courts of King's Bench and Common Pleas from 1559 to 1649. Wallace says these reports were held in high regard by Lord Bacon and were referred to frequently by Lord Hale, who had a manuscript copy, in his notes to Coke's *First Institutes*. A second edition was published in 1669. The annotations in our copy are one to three-word references to cases in other reporters. Wallace, *The Reporters* 154-158. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R4491. [Order This Item](#)



"Matter Profound...With Convenient Brevity"

17. Popham, Sir John [1531-1607].

Reports and Cases, Collected by the Learned, Sir John Popham, Knight, Late Lord Chief-Justice of England. Written with His Own Hand in French, And Now Faithfully Translated into English. To Which are Added Some Remarkable Cases Reported by Other Learned Pens Since his Death. With an Alphabetical Table, Wherein May be Found the Principall Matters Contained in this Booke. London: Printed by Tho: Roycroft for John Place, 1656. [viii], 212, [8] pp. One-page publisher advertisement at rear of text. Folio (11" x 7").

Recent period-style calf, raised bands and lettering piece to spine, endpapers renewed. Minor nick to spine, corners lightly bumped. Moderate toning to text, faint dampstaining to head of text block, brief early annotations in a few places, a few minor wormholes to inner margins. An attractive copy. \$300.

* First edition, one of two issues from 1656. Popham reports cases in the Courts of King's Bench and Star Chamber from 1592 and 1627. It isn't an authoritative work, but Marvin states they "contain matter profound, yet with convenient brevity, and are of good authority and use.": *Legal Bibliography* 577. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R22432. [Order This Item](#)



Pufendorf's *Law of Nature and Nations*

18. Pufendorf, Samuel von [1632-1694].

Hertius, Johann Nikolaus [1651 or 1652-1710], Commentary.

Barbeyrac, Jean [1674-1744], Commentary.

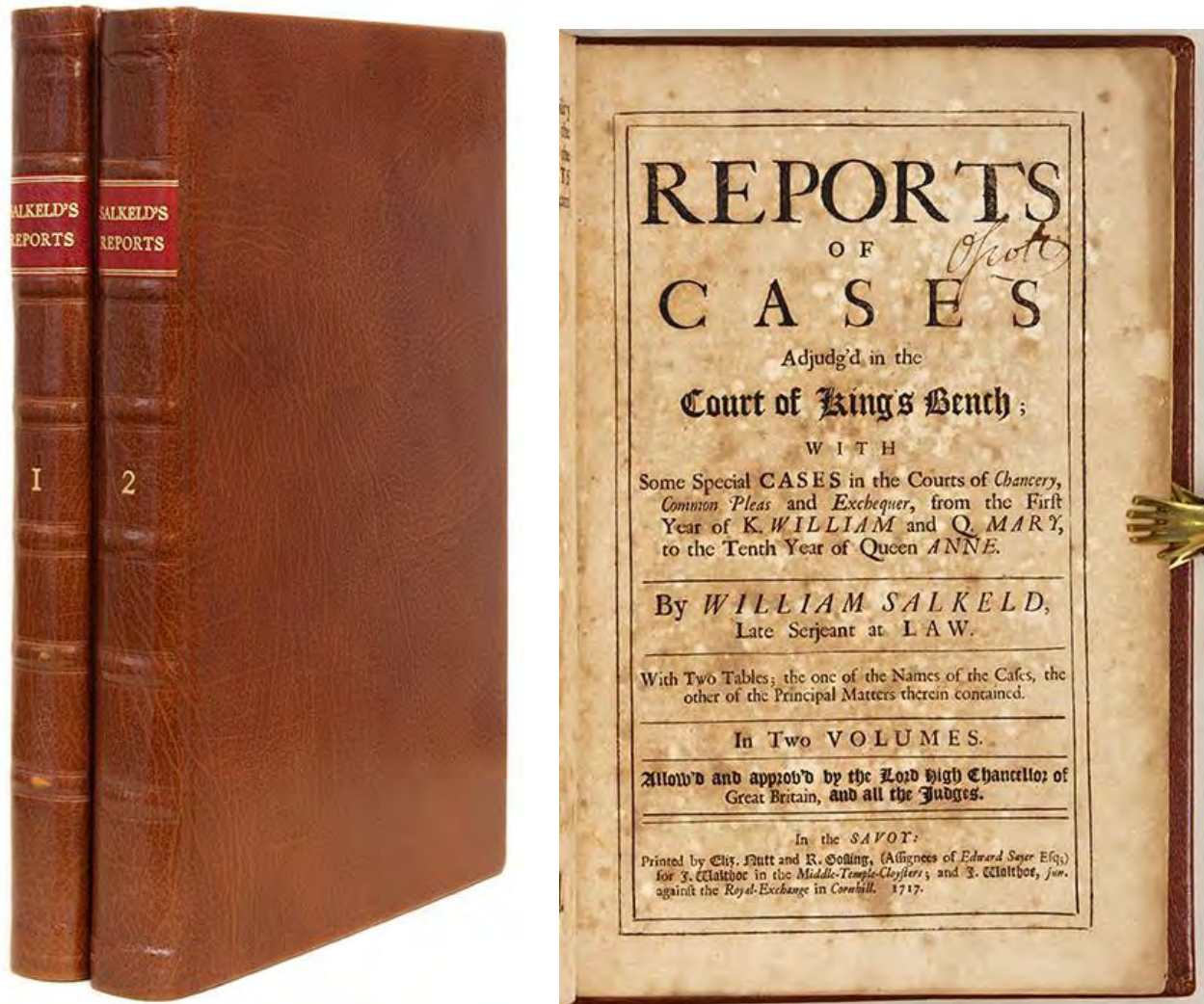
Mascov, Gottfried [1698-1760], Commentary.

De Jure Naturae et Gentium, Libri Octo. Cum Integris Commentariis Virorum Clarissimorum. Jo. Nicolai Hertii, Atque Joannis Barbeyraci, Accedit Eris Scandica. Recensuit & Animadversionibus Illustravit Gottfridus Mascovius. Frankfurt and Leipzig: Ex Officina Knochiana, 1744. Three parts in two volumes. [ii], xxxix, [1], 854; [ii], 500; [xxviii], 372, [4] pp. Volume I has copperplate portrait frontispiece. Main text in parallel columns. Quarto (10-1/4" x 7-3/4").

Contemporary vellum, blind panels framing large central arabesques to boards, raised bands, blind ornaments and early hand-lettered titles to spines. Light soiling and rubbing, boards slightly bowed, corners and spine ends bumped, tiny recent owner bookplates to pastedowns. Title pages, each with small copperplate vignettes, printed in red and black, woodcut head-pieces and tail-pieces. Moderate toning and light foxing, brief annotation in tiny hand to front free endpaper of Volume I. An attractive set. \$750.

* Later edition. In 1662 Samuel Pufendorf was appointed to the first modern professorship in natural law (at the University of Heidelberg). In 1670 he became professor of natural law at the University of Lund in Sweden. *De Jure Naturae et Gentium* is his principal work and a landmark in the history of natural and international law. First published in 1672, it proposed a thorough system of private, public, and international law based on natural law. Beginning with a consideration of fundamental legal ideas and their various divisions, Pufendorf proceeds to a discussion of the validity of customs, the doctrines of necessity and innate human reason. It is significant in part because it develops principles introduced by Grotius and Hobbes. Unlike Hobbes, Pufendorf argued that peace, not war, was the state of nature, and he proposed that international law was not restricted to Christendom. *British Museum Catalogue* (Compact Edition) 20:1074.

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"Their General Accuracy, I Believe, Has Not been Questioned"

19. Salkeld, William [1671-1715]. Reporter.

Reports of Cases Adjudg'd in the Court of King's Bench; With Some Special Cases in the Courts of Chancery, Common Pleas and Exchequer, from the First Year of K. William and Q. Mary, To the Tenth Year of Queen Anne. With Two Tables; The One of the Names of the Cases, The Other of the Principal Matters Therein Contained. Allow'd and Approv'd by the Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain, And All the Judges.

[London]: Printed by Eliz. Nutt and R. Gosling, 1717. Two volumes. [16], 410, [2]; [14], 411-793, [111] pp. Complete. Includes two-page publisher advertisement. Folio (12" x 8").

Recent morocco-stamped calf, raised bands, lettering pieces, and gilt volume numbers to spines, endpapers renewed. Light browning, light foxing and occasional faint dampstaining to text of Volume I, light toning to text of Volume II, early owner signature to title pages, brief annotations in a few places. \$350.

* First edition. Covers the period from 1689-1712. "The first two volumes of Salkeld were published under the supervision of Lord Hardwicke, and their general accuracy, I believe, has not been questioned" (Wallace). Bibliographically distinct, a third volume was added to this set in 1724. Wallace, *The Reporters* 399-340. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T97358.

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A Collection of English Satirical Pamphlets, Many Rare, in a Contemporary Binding

20. [Satire].

[Great Britain].

[*Bound Collection of Satirical Pamphlets on Legal and Political Topics*]. London, 1684-1712. 19 pamphlets (and 3 defective pamphlets). Octavo (6" x 3-3/4").

Contemporary paneled calf, raised bands and early hand-lettered title label (reading "Tracts") to spine. Light rubbing to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, minor chip to head of spine, some chipping to edges of title label, corners bumped and somewhat worn. Moderate toning and light foxing to contents, margins of some pamphlets trimmed closely, just touching text in places, some leaves have light edgewear and dampspotting. \$9,500.

* Based on their viewpoint, this rare collection of satirical pamphlets was probably compiled and later bound by a High Tory. They deal with political, legal and social matters. Several concern the War of the Spanish Succession [1701-1714]. Contents (excluding the three defective pamphlets):

1. [Arbuthnot, John]. *A Complete Key to the Three Parts of Law Is a Bottomless-Pit* (London, 1712). 8pp. This edition with 4 lines of motto on title. *English Short-Title Catalogue* (ESTC) locates 6 copies.
2. [Arbuthnot, John]. *Law is a Bottomless-Pit. Exemplified in the Case of The Lord Strutt, John Bull, Nicholas Frog, and Lewis Baboon. Who Spent All they Had in a Law-Suit* (London, 1712). 16 pp. This edition not in BL.
3. [Arbuthnot, John]. *John Bull In His Senses: Being the Second Part of Law is a Bottomless-Pit* (London, 1712). 16pp.
4. [Arbuthnot, John]. *John Bull Still in His Senses: Being the Third Part of Law is a Bottomless-Pit* (London, 1712). 32 pp.
5. S[peed], R[obert]. *The Counter-Scuffle... Whereunto is Added The Irish Entertainment. Written by W. & G.* (Dublin, 1684). 30 pp. Woodcut royal coat of arms on title, small ink marks on title. ESTC locates 2 copies.
6. [Leslie, (Charles)]. *A Short and Easie Method with the Deists. Wherein the Truth of the Christian Religion is Demonstrated...* (Dublin, 1699) 40pp. ESTC locates 3 copies.
7. *An Account of a Conference Between His Grace George, Late Duke of Buckingham, and Father Fitz-Gerald an Irish Priest: Whom King James II. Sent to His Grace in His Sickness, to Endeavour to Pervert Him to the Popish Perswasion* (Dublin, 1705). 24pp. This edition not in ESTC, ESTC lists editions for 1714 and 1726 only.
8. Hoadly, Benjamin. *The Happiness of the Present Establishment, And the Unhappiness of Absolute Monarchy. A Sermon Preach'd at the Assizes at Hartford, March 22d. 1708* (Dublin, 1708). 16 pp. Small piece of corner torn away from leaf B3 with no loss to text. This Dublin edition not in ESTC.
9. Axford, John. *Hidden Things Brought to Light, For the Increase of Knowledge in Reading the Bible, The Second Edition* (Dublin, 1709). Small piece of corner torn away from Leaf A2 with no loss to text. ESTC locates 2 copies.
10. Beveridge, [W]illiam. *A Sermon Concerning the Excellency and Usefulness of the Common Prayer, The Thirteenth Edition* (Dublin, 1700). 56 pp. ESTC locates 4 copies.
11. *Letter to the French Refugees Concerning their Behaviour to the Government* (Dublin, 1711). 24 pp. ESTC locates 6 copies.
12. [Hare, Francis]. *The History of the Negotiations for a Treaty of Peace, In 1709. In a Third Letter to a Tory Member* (Dublin, 1711). 32 pp.
13. [Oldmixon, John]. *Remarks on a False, Scandalous, and Seditious Libel Intituled, The Conduct of the Allies. And of the Late Ministry, &c.* (London, 1711). 32 pp. ESTC locates 5 copies.
14. D'Assigny, Samuel. *Religion in a Trance: or, the Groans of the Church* (Dublin, 1711). 34 pp. ESTC locates 3 copies.
15. *The Report of the Commissioners for... The Publick Accounts of the Kingdom of Great Britain* (Dublin, 1711). 16 pp. ESTC locates 4 copies.
16. [Defoe, Daniel, Attributed]. *No Queen: or, No General. An Argument, Proving The Necessity Her Majesty was in, as well for the Safety of Her Person, as of Her Authority, to Displace the D... of M... of M...* (Dublin, 1712). 32pp.
17. *A Station List for the City of Dublin* (drophead title). (Dublin, 1711) 4 pp. ESTC locates 5 copies.
18. [Defoe, Daniel, Attributed]. *Peace or Poverty. Being a Serious Vindication of Her Majesty and Her Ministers Consenting to a Treaty for a Peace* (London, 1712). 16 pp. ESTC locates 4 copies.
19. *The Case of the City of Dublin In Relation to the Election of the Lord-Mayor and Sheriffs of the Said City* (drophead title). n.p., n.d. [not before 1711]. 16pp. ESTC lists 5 copies. [Order This Item](#)



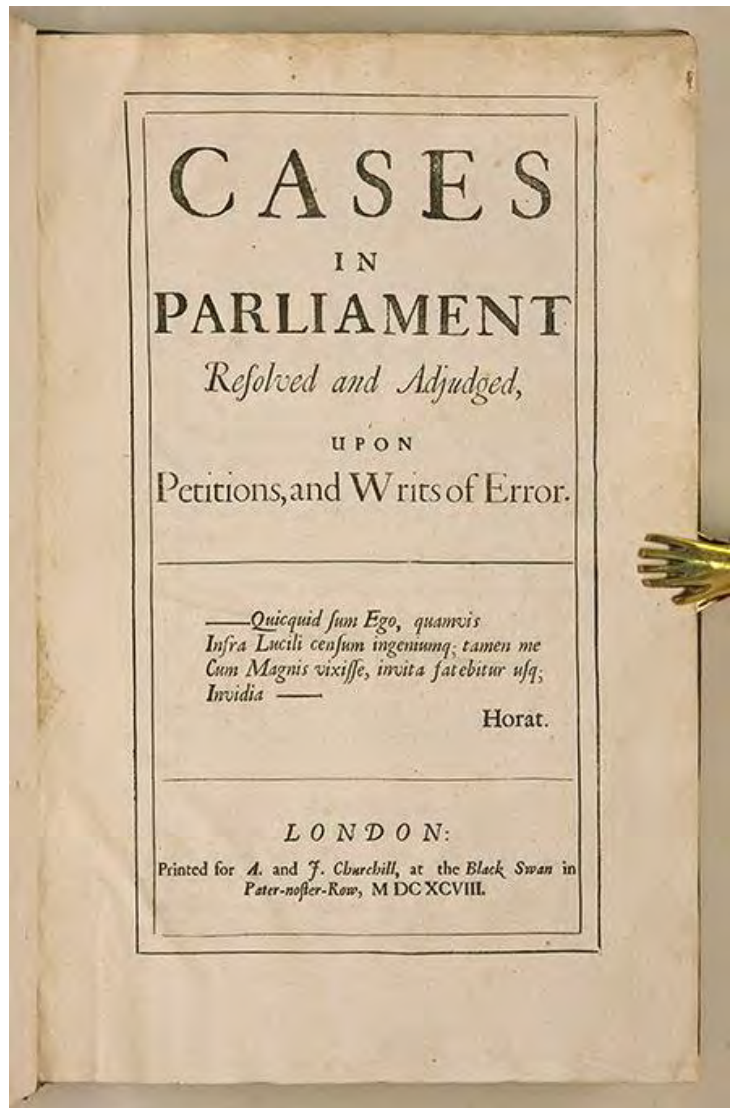
**Selden's Edition of
*Fleta And His Ad Fletam Dissertatio***

21. Selden, John [1584-1645], Editor.

Fleta, Seu Commentarius Juris Anglicani Sic Nuncupatus, Sub Edwardo Rege Primo, Seu Circa Annos ab Hinc CCCXL. Ab Anonymo Conscriptus, Atque e Codice Veteri, Autore Ipso Aliquantulum Recentiori, Nunc Primum Typis Editus. Accedit Tractatulus Veteris de Agendi Excipiendique; Formulæ Gallicanus, Fet Assavoir Dictus. Subjungitur Etiam Joan. Seldeni ad Fletam Dissertatio Historica. London: Typis S.R. Prostant apud H. Twyford, T. Bassett [et al.], 1685. [viii], 64, 63-452, [2], 453-553, [1] pp. Pagination irregular, text complete. Quarto (8-1/2" x 6-1/4").

Eighteenth-century calf, blind rules to boards, blind fillets along joints, raised bands and lettering piece to spine, "Fleta" hand-lettered in early hand to fore-edge of text block. Moderate rubbing and shallow scuffing to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, light chipping to spine ends, chip to lower left corner of lettering piece, joints starting, corners bumped and somewhat worn, cracked in text block between front free endpapers and adjacent endleaves, early armorial bookplate and small recent bookplate to front pastedown. Moderate toning to text, negligible light foxing in places, early owner annotation to front pastedown, two early owner signatures to title page. \$300.

* Second and best edition, "Multis Erroribus Purgata." The work by an anonymous author describes the practice of the courts, the forms of writs and an explanation of law terms as they existed during the reign of Edward I. It was John Selden who first called the attention of the public to this ancient treatise, and was instrumental in procuring its publication. While Bracton earns the highest praise as the father of legal learning, Fleta earns a share of it for the illustrations he offered to some of the obscurities found in Bracton. Selden's appended dissertation (pp.453-553) contains many interesting observations about Bracton, Britton, Fleta, and Thornton "and shows what use was made of the Imperial law in England whilst the Romans governed here, at what time it was introduced into this nation, what use was formerly made of it, how long it continued, and when the use of it totally ceased in the King's Courts at Westminster.": Bridgman, *A Short View of Legal Bibliography* 87. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R37347. [Order This Item](#)



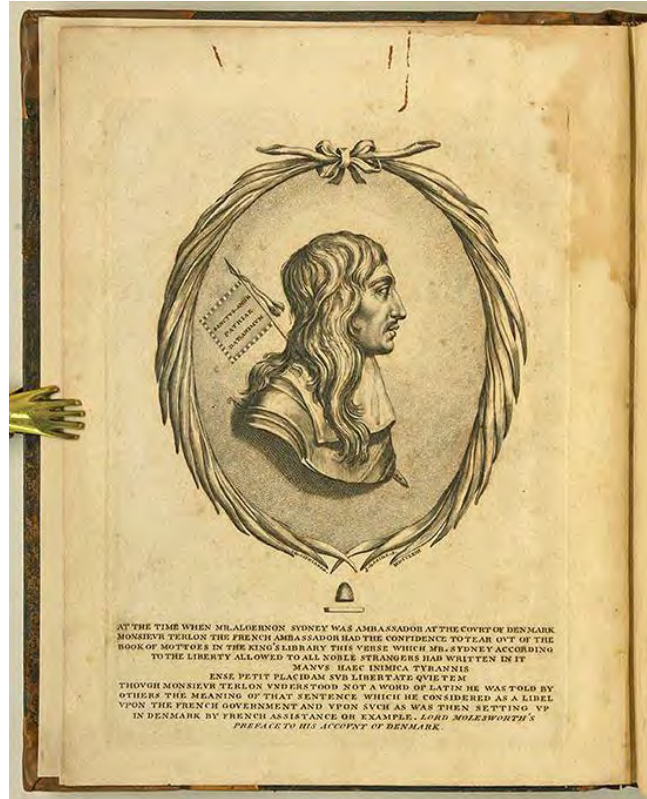
The First Reports of Cases Heard in the House of Lords

22. [Shower, Bartholomew (1658-1701), Reporter].

Cases in Parliament Resolved and Adjudged, Upon Petitions, And Writs of Error. London: Printed for A. and J. Churchill, 1698. [xiii], 224, [2] pp. Folio (12" x 7-1/2").

Contemporary paneled calf, raised bands to spine. Light rubbing and some minor scuffing to boards, heavier rubbing to extremities. Moderate toning to text, faint dampstaining to head of text block, rodent damage (?) to upper margins of final 20 leaves with no loss to text, brief early annotations in a few places. \$200.

* First edition. This is the first collection of cases heard in the House of Lords, at this time the final court of appeal. In the introduction, Shower writes in the introduction that he hopes "these Reports may probably convince the young nobles of this Realm that some knowledge of the laws of England...cannot be unworthy of the ambition of every Noble-man's son." The reports were found to be a breach of privilege, which put an end to other reports for almost a century. Wallace, *The Reporters* 400. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R562. [Order This Item](#)



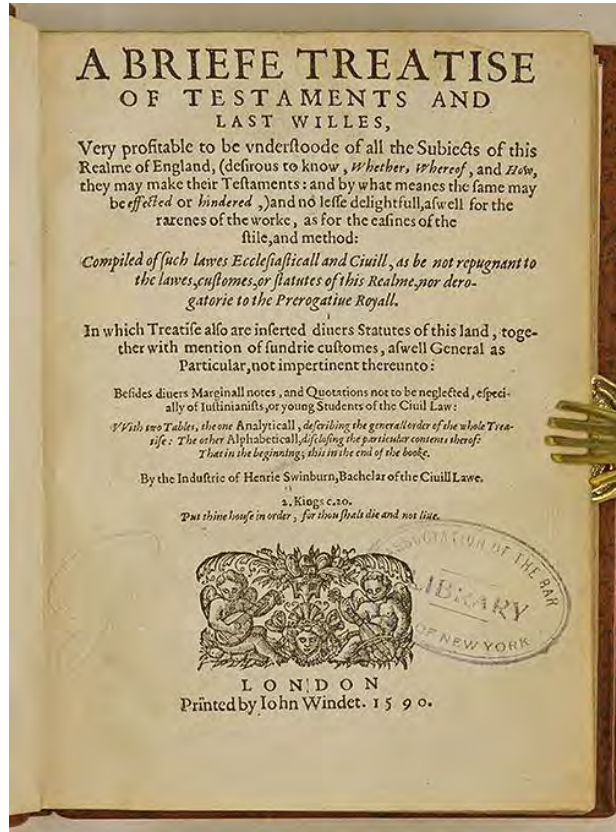
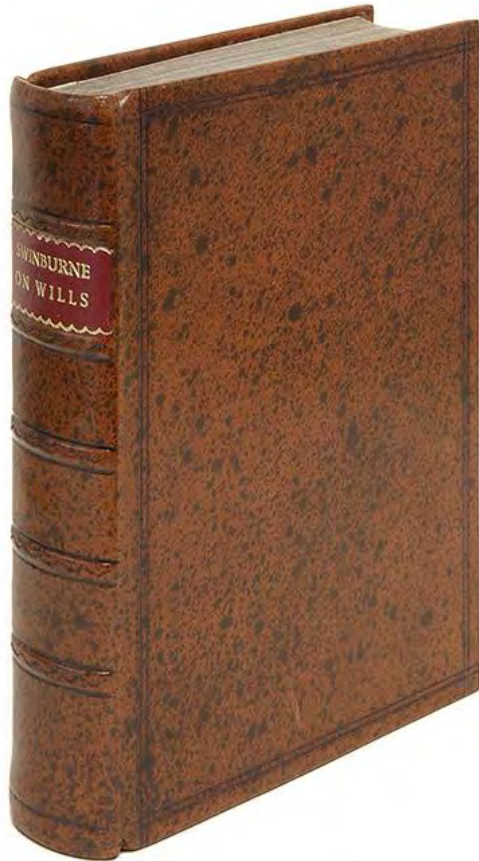
A Landmark in the Philosophy of Republican Government, A Book Admired by Jefferson

**23. Sidney, Algernon [1622-1683].
[Hollis, Thomas (1720-1774), Editor].**

Discourses Concerning Government, By Algernon Sidney, With His Letters, Trial Apology and Some memoirs of His Life. London: Printed for A. Millar, 1763. [v], 46, [1], 64, *64-*71, 65-198, [7], 497 pp. Pagination irregular, text complete, second section ([7], 497 pp.) misbound at rear of text. Copperplate portrait frontispiece. Quarto (11-1/2" x 8-1/2").

Contemporary calf, gilt spine with raised bands and lettering piece, later repairs to joints, spine ends and corners, front endpapers renewed. Light rubbing and a few minor stains and scuffs to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities with some wear to board edges, corners bumped, rear hinge cracked. Phrygian-cap devices, a favorite Hollis image, to foot of frontispiece and p. 198. Moderate toning to text, somewhat heavier in places, occasional light foxing, minor dampstains to a few leaves, marks from paper clip to upper margins of preliminaries, offsetting to title page and frontispiece. A nice copy of a notable edition. \$750.

* First edition by Hollis. The first edition of this important work was published in 1698, fifteen years after Sidney's execution for treason in 1683. A reply to Filmer's *Patriarcha*, the *Discourses* is one of the earliest modern statements of republican ideals. He proposes a doctrine of natural justice and governmental order from which all institutions vary at their peril. More important, Sidney asserts that a king's authority is granted by parliament, which has the additional power to depose him—controversial ideas indeed during the Restoration period. The edition by Thomas Hollis helped to renew this work's popularity during the mid-eighteenth century. A wealthy Whig author and political philosopher, Hollis produced handsome and affordable editions of works by Locke, Milton, Sidney and other seventeenth-century proponents of English liberty, which he distributed to institutions in the British Isles, Europe and the American colonies. Thomas Jefferson was one of several individuals influenced by this text. He described it as "probably the best elementary book of the principles of government, as founded in natural right which has ever been published in any language.": Sowerby, *Catalogue of the Library of Thomas Jefferson*, III:12. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T131336. [Order This Item](#)



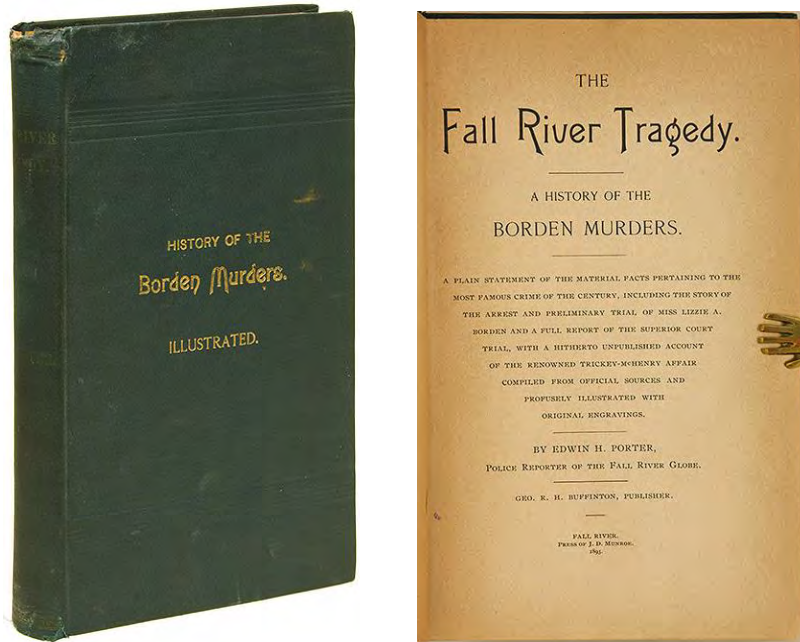
First Edition of the First Standard Treatise on Wills

24. Swinburne, Henry [1560?-1623].

A Briefe Treatise of Testaments and Last Willes, Very Profitable to be Understoode of All the Subjects of This Realme of England, (Desirous to Know, Whether, Whereof, And How, They May Make Their Testaments: And by What Meanes the Same May be Effected or Hindered,) And no Lesse Delightfull, Aswell for the Rareness of the Worke, As for the Easines of the Stile, And Method: Compiled of such Lawes Ecclesiasticall and Civill, As be Not Repugnant to the Lawes, Customes, Or Statutes of this Realme, Nor Derogatorie to the Prerogative Royall. In which Treatise Also are Inserted Divers Statutes of this Land, Together with Mention of Sundrie Customes, As Well General as Particular, Not Impertinent Thereunto: Besides Divers Marginall Notes, And Quotations Not to be Neglected, Especially of Iustinianists, Or Young Students of the Civil Law: With Two Tables, The One Analytical, Describing the Generall Order of the Whole Treatise: The Other Alphabetically, Disclosing the Particular Contents Thereof: That in the Beginning; This in the End of the Booke. London: Printed by Iohn Windet, 1590 [colophon date 1591]. [xii], 293, [13] ff. As in many copies, our copy lacks the errata leaf and pasted one-word slip-cancel on Leaf K5r (Fol. 65) (changing "whether" to "where"). Quarto (7-1/2" x 6-1/2").

Recent period-style speckled calf, blind rules to boards, raised bands and lettering piece to spine, endpapers renewed. Light toning to text, tiny inkspots to a few leaves, small burn hole to Leaf Kk3 (Fol. 247), mended with archival tape, with no loss to legibility, faint small library stamp to title page, brief annotations to verso. An appealing copy in a handsome binding. \$2,000.

* First edition. The testamentary jurisdiction of ecclesiastical law was a separate branch that produced its own literature. From the sixteenth until well into the seventeenth century Swinburne's was the standard treatise on this subject. Holdsworth, who cites it often and considers it "the most practically useful book of [its] period" notes that "it is a very useful summary of the law as to wills and executors as administered in the ecclesiastical courts." *A History of English Law* V:14. *English Short-Title Catalogue* S118058. Beale, *A Bibliography of Early English Law Books* T498. [Order This Item](#)



Lizzie Borden Took an Axe...

25. [Trial].

[Borden, Lizzie (1860-1927), Defendant].

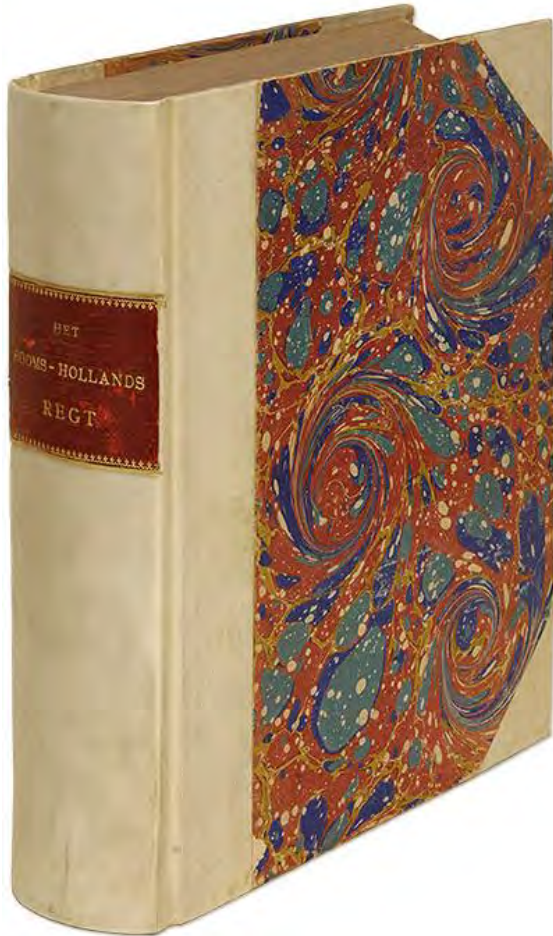
Porter, Edwin, H., Reporter.

The Fall River Tragedy: A History of The Borden Murders. A Plain Statement of the Material Facts Pertaining to the Most Famous Crime of the Century, Including the Story of the Arrest and Preliminary Trial of Miss Lizzie A. Borden and a Full Report of the Superior Court Trial, with a Hitherto Unpublished Account of the Renowned Trickey-McHenry Affair Compiled from Official Sources and Profusely Illustrated with Original Engravings. Fall River, MA: J.D. Munroe, 1893. 312 pp. Photographs and line illustrations. Octavo (9" x 5-3/4").

Original cloth, blind rules to boards, gilt titles to front board and spine, patterned endpapers. Some fraying to spine ends, most of lettering rubbed away from spine, corners bumped, hinges cracked, light browning to text, tiny label to front pastedown, owner stamp and brief annotation to verso of title page. \$450.

* Only edition. McDade says this is "the basic book on the case." Compiled nearly contemporaneously with Borden's sensational trial, the author aims to provide "a connected story of the whole case, commencing with the day of the tragedy and ending with the day that Miss Borden was set free." He touches on such topics as the discovery of the murders, the adjournment of the preliminary hearing and some the many theories that were advanced before any arrests were made. Porter was the police reporter of the *Fall River Globe*. This book is uncommon. Some have speculated that Borden bought and destroyed much of the original print run. McDade, *The Annals of Murder* 117. [Order This Item](#)





A Classic Exposition of Roman-Dutch Law

26. Van Leeuwen, Simon [1625-1682].

Het Rooms-Hollands-Regt, Waar in de Roomse Wetten met het Huydendaagse Neerlands Regt, In Alles dat tot de Dagelijckse Onderhouding kan Dienen, Met een Bysondre Kortheit, So Wel in de Vaste Regts-Stoffen, als in de Manier van Regts-Vordering Over een Gebragt Werden. Met Allerhande Ordonnantien, Placaten, Hand-Vesten, Keuren, Gewoonten, En Genijsden deser en Omleggende Landen Bevestigt. Amsterdam: by Hendrik en de Wed. van Dirk Boom, 1686. [xlvii], [ii] 676, [30] pp. Copperplate portrait frontispiece misbound after final page of index (p. [xlvii]). Copperplate Table of Descents. Quarto (7-1/2" x 6-1/4").

Later three-quarter vellum over marbled boards, calf lettering piece to spine. Light rubbing to boards and extremities, light soiling to spine. Moderate toning to text, light foxing in a few places, brief early annotations to a few leaves. A nice copy. \$250.

* Later edition. Deeply influential, Van Leeuwen was possibly the most widely read Dutch jurist during the late-seventeenth and eighteenth centuries. First published in 1654 as *Paratitula Juris Novissimi. Dat ist, Een Kort Begrip van het Rooms Hollands Regt*, this work is a classic exposition of Roman-Dutch law comparable to Blackstone's *Commentaries*. (Indeed, the first English translation, first published in 1820, is titled *Commentaries on the Roman-Dutch Law*.) Dekkers, *Bibliotheca Belgica Juridica* 98-99. [Order This Item](#)



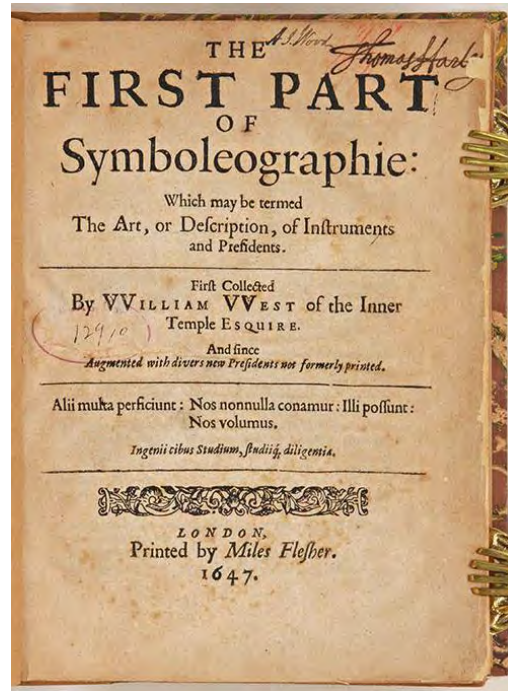
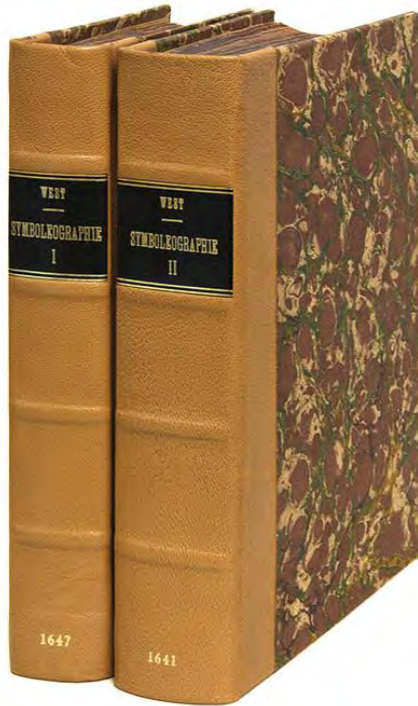
**A Sixteenth-Century "Nutshell"
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27. Wesenbeck (Wesembeke), Matthaeus [1531-1586].

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* Wesenbeck, a leading Belgian humanist jurist who taught at the Universities of Jena and Wittenberg, was a distinguished and prolific scholar of Roman law with a pan-European reputation. A posthumous eight-volume collection of his consilia was published from 1611 to 1624. First published in 1571, *Oeconomia Iuris* is summary of the *Corpus Juris Civilis*, the *Libri Feudorum* and the *Corpus Juris Canonici* with notes and correspondences. Its final edition was published in 1625. *Verzeichnissen der im Deutschen Sprachbereich Erschienenen Drucke des 16. Jahrhunderts* W2131. [Order This Item](#)



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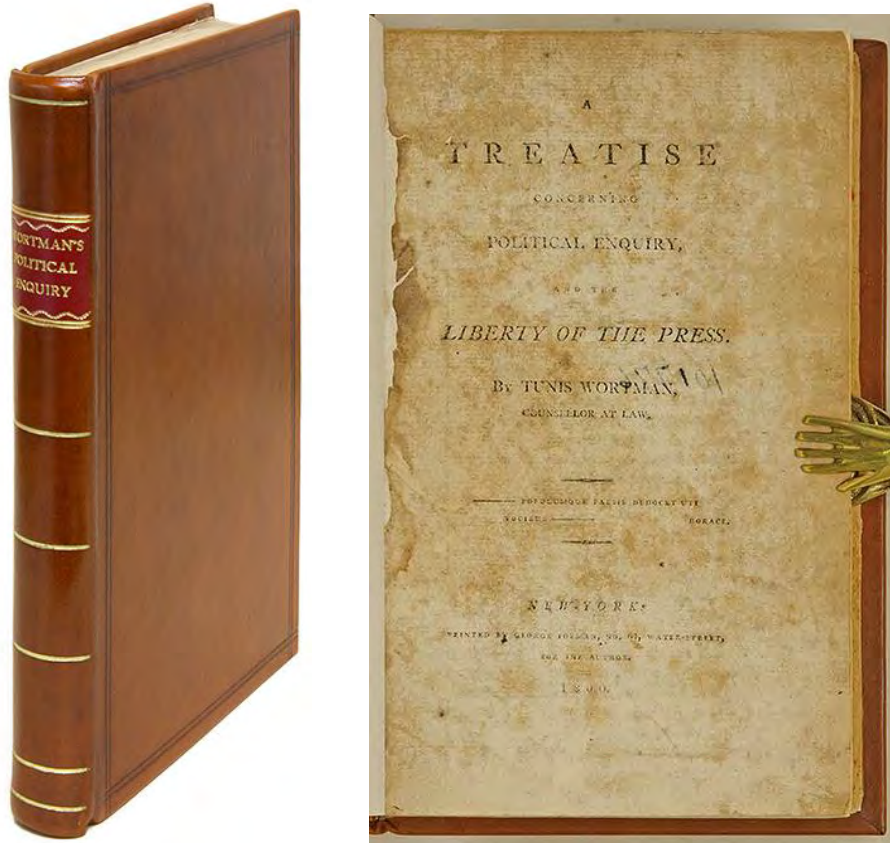
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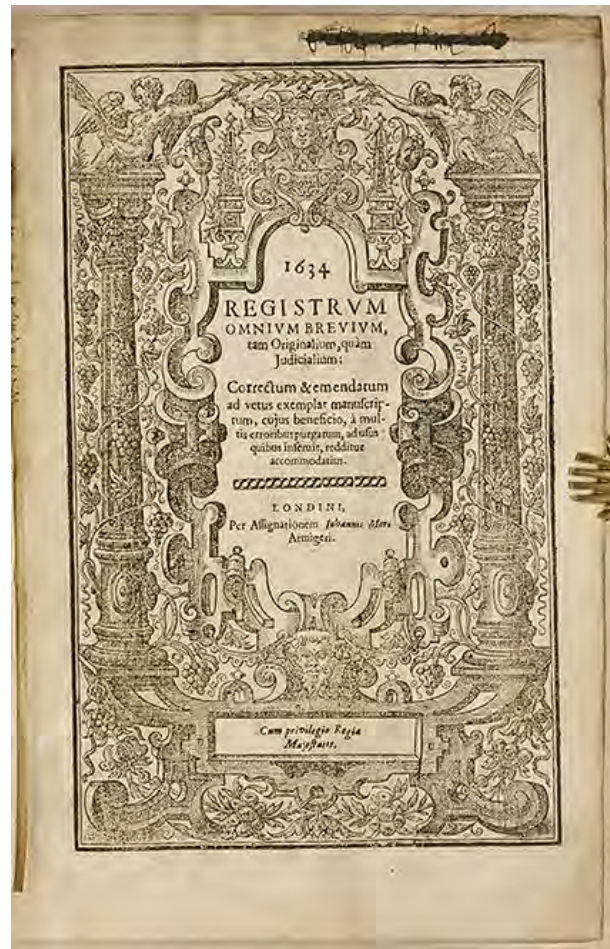
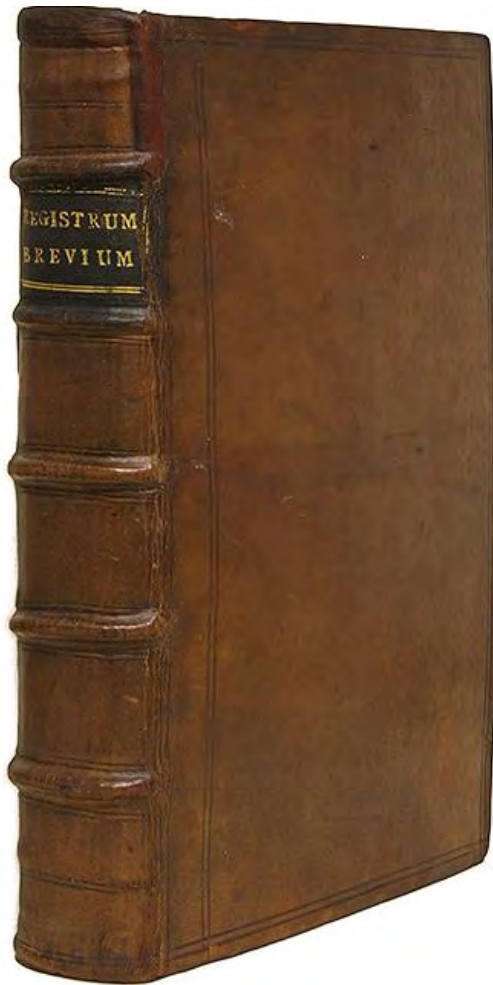
29. Wortman, Tunis [d.1822].

A Treatise Concerning Political Enquiry, and the Liberty of the Press. New York: Printed by George Forman for the Author, 1800. xii, 296 pp. Octavo (8-1/4" x 5").

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* Fourth edition. As Winfield notes, "it is doubtful whether any book used by mediaeval practitioners has greater importance in the history of our law than the collection of writs known as *Registrum Brevium*," an opinion shared by Maitland, Holdsworth and present-day legal historians. An essential companion to the Year Books, the *Registrum* is collects a body of writs dating back to the middle ages. It has its origins in genre that circulated in manuscript. Distilled from several examples, the first printed collection appeared in 1531. A welcome reference, it went through five editions by 1687, all with similar content. Winfield, *Chief Sources of English Legal History* 298. *English Short-Title Catalogue* S102579. [Order This Item](#)