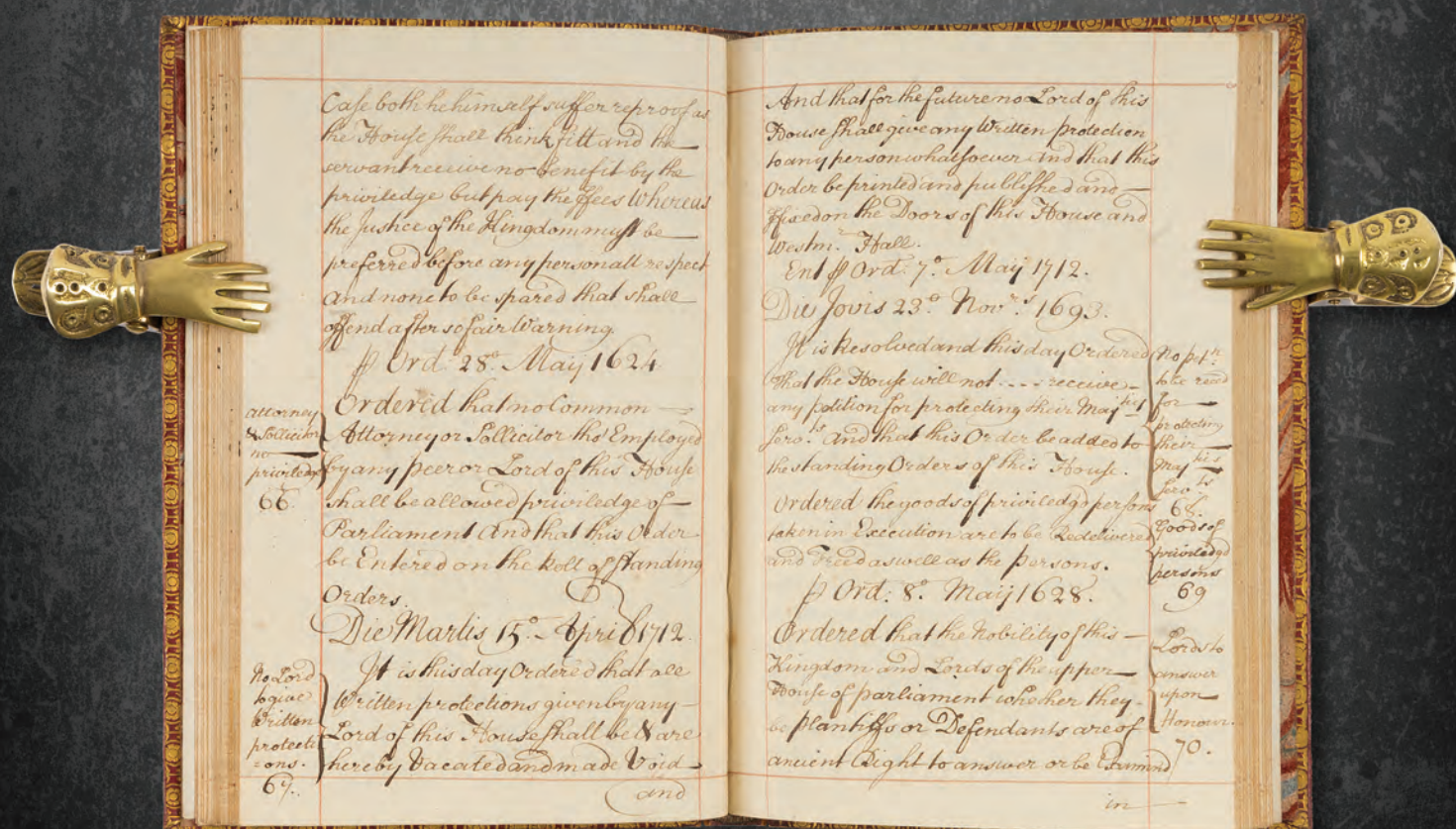


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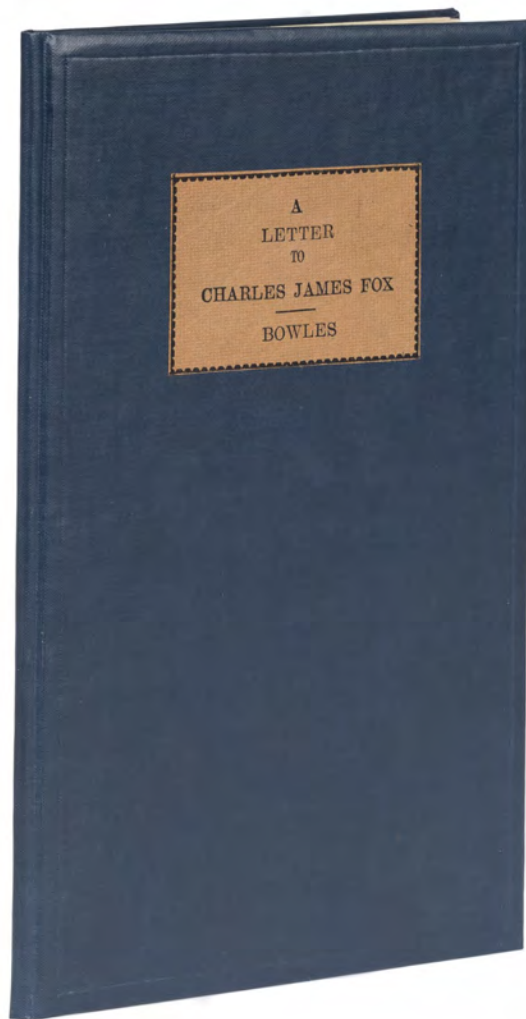
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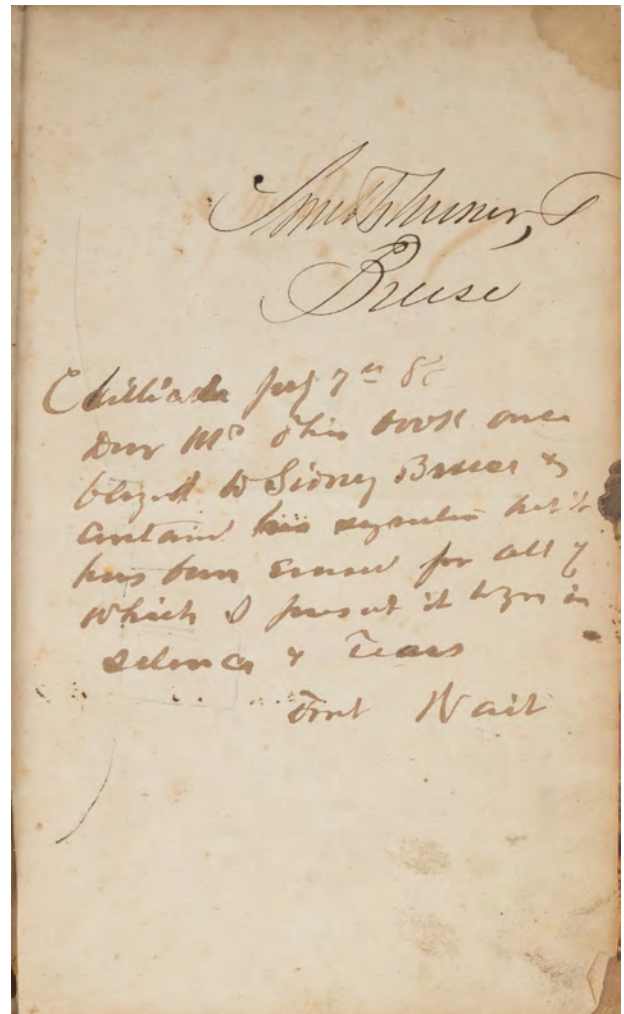
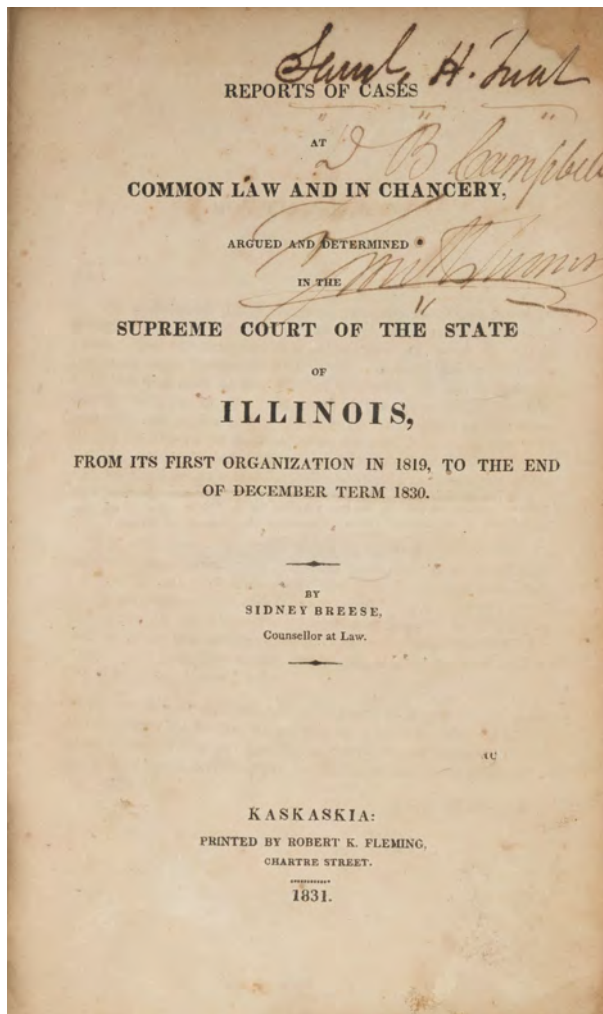
1. Bowles, John [1751-1819].

A Letter to the Right Hon. Charles James Fox; Occasioned by His Motion in the House of Commons Respecting Libels: And Suggesting the Alarming Consequences Likely to Ensnue, If the Bill Now Before the Legislature Upon that Subject Should Pass into a Law. London: Printed for Whieldon and Butterworth, J. Debrett and J. Sewell, 1792. [iv], 34 pp. Half-title lacking. Octavo (8-1/4" x 4-3/4").

Stab-stitched pamphlet bound in recent buckram, blind rules to boards, paper title label to front board. Light toning to interior, occasional light foxing, faint dampstains in several places, moderate soiling and spotting to title page, along with small ink library stamp. \$350.

* Second edition. Written in opposition to what would become the Libel Act of 1792, which restored the right to decide libel cases to juries. Pitt had previously stripped juries of this right, according it to judges instead in a wave of other similar reforms meant to stem the tide of the French Revolution.

Our pamphlet argues that juries may not be capable of understanding libel cases and that the knowledge of a judge is needed. An earlier edition was published in 1791. OCLC locates 10 copies of this edition in North America, none in law libraries. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T84415. [Order This Item](#)



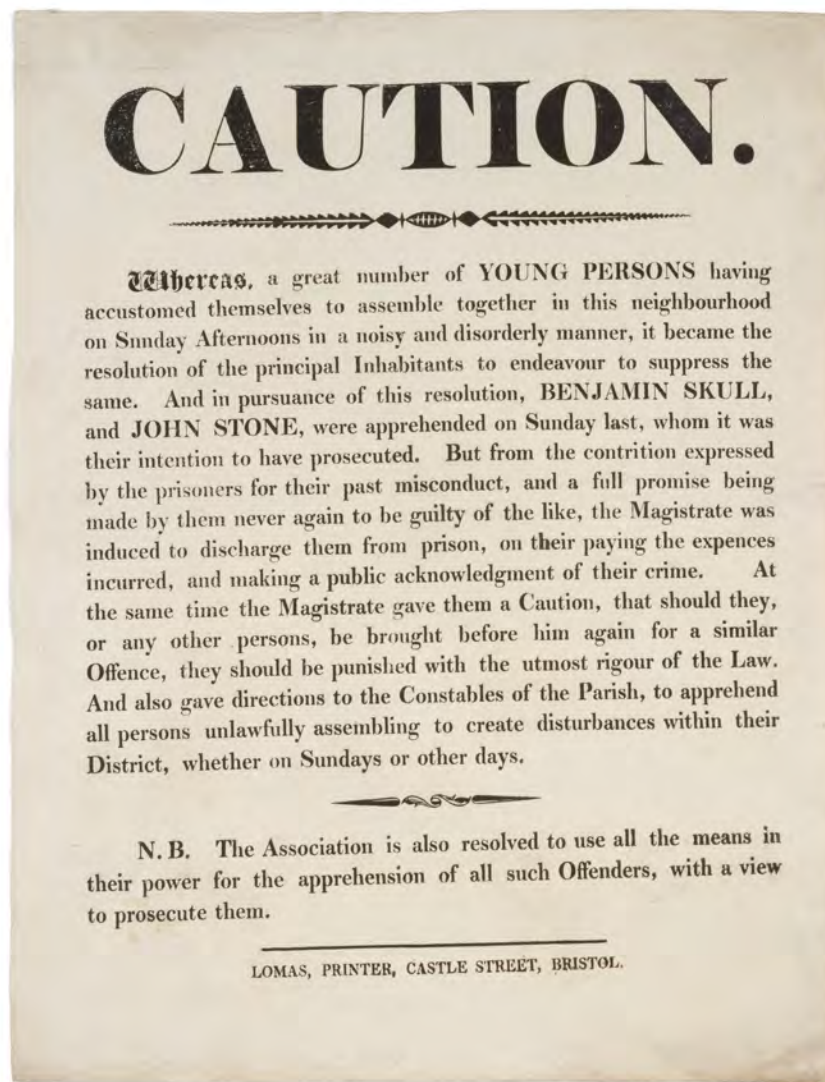
The First Compilation of Illinois Supreme Court Cases

2. Breese, Sidney [1800-1878].

Reports of Cases at Common Law and in Chancery, Argued and Determined in the Supreme Court of the State of Illinois, From its First Organization in 1819, To the End of December Term 1830. Kaskaskia: Printed by Robert K. Fleming, 1831. xii, [4], 333, 39 pp. Octavo (9" x 5-1/2").

Contemporary sheep, blind fillets and lettering piece to spine, "Smith Turner/ Mason County/ State of Illinois" in bold hand, along with some faint illegible contemporary markings, to front board. Light rubbing and faint dampstaining to boards, moderate rubbing to spine and extremities with wear to corners, front hinge cracked. Moderate toning to interior, faint dampstaining to head of text block, early signatures and annotations to preliminaries, one on front free endpaper stating this book belonged to Breese. \$850.

* First edition. This is the first compilation of Illinois Supreme Court cases. Though not authorized, the state sanctioned the publication by subscribing to 150 copies. It was reprinted with additions in 1861 and 1877. An important figure in the history of Illinois, Breese was a jurist who gained national prominence for his decision in *Munn v. Illinois*, upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court, favoring the regulatory power of the state over business corporations. His fifty-year career spanned the legal and political development of Illinois. Smith Turner was a lawyer, later a judge, in Mason County, Illinois from 1838 to 1861. The annotation regarding Breese states incorrectly that his signature is written above. (It reads "Smith Turner, Breese.") Wallace, *The Reporters* 573. [Order This Item](#)



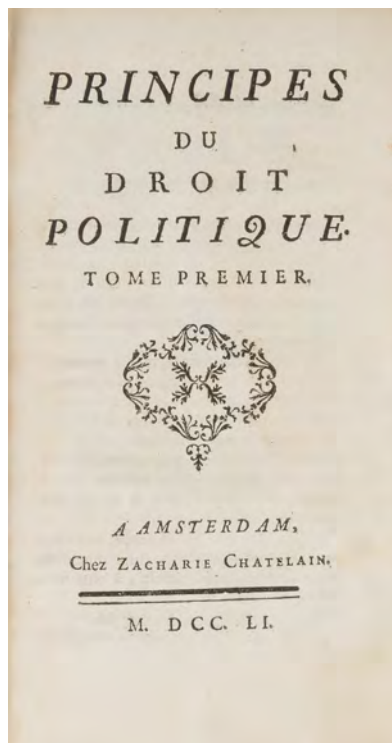
A Warning to Juvenile Delinquents

3. [Broadside]. [Bristol].

Caution. Whereas, A Great Number of Young Persons Having Accustomed Themselves To Assemble Together in This Neighbourhood on Sunday Afternoons in a Noisy and Disorderly Manner, It Became the Resolution of the Principal Inhabitants to Endeavour to Suppress the Same. Bristol: Lomas, c.1817.

9-1/2" x 7-3/4" broadside. Light toning, light soiling to corners, faint creasing near top-edge, small blind-embossed ownership stamp (of Terence Bryant) dated 1980 to lower left corner. \$250.

* An attractive broadside issuing a stern warning to "noisy and disorderly" youths, who will be "punished with the utmost rigour of the Law" should they continue to disturb the peace, whether on Sundays or weekdays. Two such youths, Benjamin Skull and John Stone, are held up as a cautionary tale to would-be troublemakers. They were arrested and forced to pay a fine and publicly acknowledge their wrongdoing. No date or location is given, but the paper is watermarked 1817 and lists a Bristol printer. [Order This Item](#)



Early Edition of Burlamaqui's *Principles of Political Law*

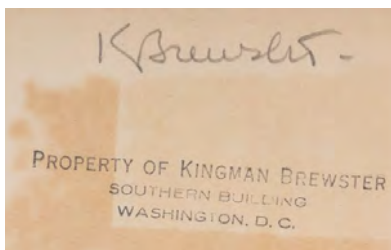
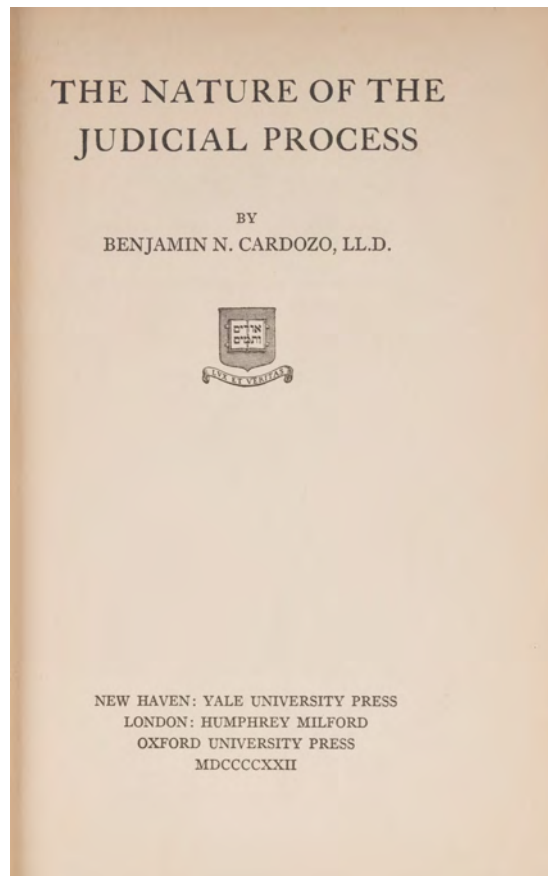
4. [Burlamaqui, Jean Jacques (1694-1748)].

Principes du Droit Politique. Amsterdam: Chez Zacharie Chatelain, 1751. 2 vols. in 1. [vi], 304, [1]; [ii], 220, [4] pp. Octavo (6-1/4" x 3-1/2").

Contemporary mottled calf, blind rules to boards, raised bands, lettering piece and gilt ornaments to spine, gilt rules to board edges, edges rouged, marbled endpapers, green ribbon bookmark. A few small scuffs, nicks and scratches to boards, which are bowing slightly, moderate rubbing and light wear to extremities, two small holes to head of front joint, which is secure, corners bumped, front hinge just starting at head. Light toning to interior, light foxing and soiling in a few places, faint dampstain to preliminaries and first few leaves, small hole to upper right margin of approximately last 40 leaves, text not affected. An appealing copy. \$500.

* Early edition. The sequel to *Principes du Droit Naturel* (*Principles of Natural Law*), his other major work, *Principes du Droit Politique* (*Principles of Political Law*) develops his thesis that international law is based on natural law and examines the principles of sovereignty with respect to considerations such as foreign rights, the necessity of war, the concept of absolute power, public treaties and economic factors. Burlamaqui, a Swiss jurist and professor of civil and natural law at Geneva, outlined a constitutional system based on principles similar to those of the American founding fathers. "Burlamaqui formulated the principles of popular sovereignty, of delegated power, of a constitution as a fundamental law, of a personal and functional separation of powers into three independent departments...and finally, he provided for an institutional guardian of the fundamental law" (Harvey). Burlamaqui's other great achievement was to put Pufendorf's theories into systematic form. Some sources, including the BMC, incorrectly describe this edition as a 12mo. Harvey, *Jean Jacques Burlamaqui: A Liberal Tradition in American Constitutionalism* 178-179. *British Museum Catalogue* (Compact Edition) 4:249.

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Cardozo's Most Influential Work

5. Cardozo, Benjamin N. [1870-1938].

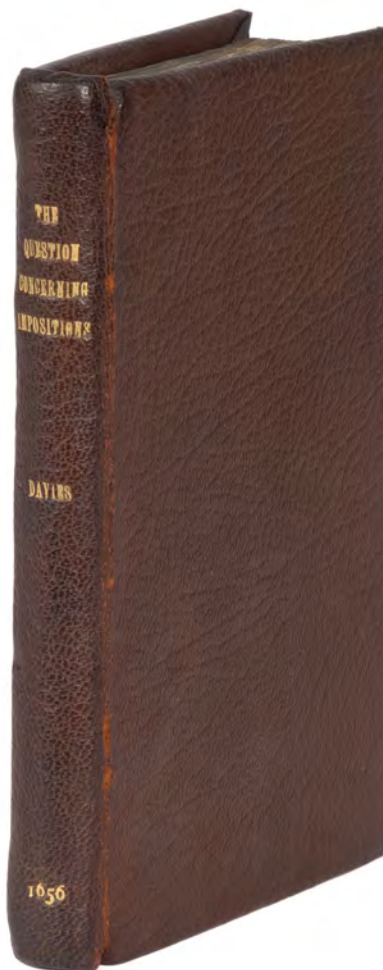
The Nature of the Judicial Process. New Haven: Yale University Press, 1922. 180 pp.

Original publisher cloth, gilt title to spine, untrimmed edges. Light rubbing to spine ends and corners, which are lightly bumped, bookseller ticket to front pastedown, signature of Kingman Brewster and stamp reading "Property of Kingman Brewster, Southern Building, Washington, DC" to front free endpaper. Moderate toning to text, crack in text block between front free endpaper and half-title, some discoloration to endleaves. An attractive copy. \$350.

* First edition, third printing. One of the most important legal works of the twentieth century, *The Nature of the Judicial Process* argued that judges create law. Along with Holmes' *The Common Law*, this book is one of the seminal works that helped the American bar to move beyond the formalism (and conservatism) of nineteenth-century jurisprudence.

Brewster [1882-1957], a successful Washington, DC lawyer, was the father of Kingman Brewster, Jr. [1919-1988], the influential president of Yale University, later U.S. ambassador to Great Britain and master of University College, Oxford.

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By a Respected Elizabethan Jurist

6. Davies, Sir John [1569-1626].

The Question Concerning Impositions, Tonnage, Poundage, Prizage, Customs, &c. Fully Stated and Argued, From Reason, Law, And Policy. Dedicated to King James in the Latter End of His Reign. By Sir John Davies, His then Majesties Attourney Generall. London: Printed by S[arah] G[riffin] for Henry Twyford and Rich: Marriot, 1656. [xvi], 166, [2] pp. Publisher advertisements to final leaf. Octavo (6-1/2" x 4").

Recent morocco, gilt title and date to spine, endleaves renewed, library bookplate to front pastedown. Light rubbing to joints, light offsetting to endleaves. Light toning to interior, occasional light foxing, light worming to upper margins affecting text block in a few places without loss to legibility, crack in text block between pp. [iv] and [v], upper corners of last two leaves lacking without loss to text. Several annotations in ink in a small early hand, mostly case citations. A sound copy. \$950.

* First edition. Davies, or Davys, was a highly respected lawyer, poet and politician. A favorite of Queen Elizabeth and later King James, he held several Irish offices, culminating in the position of attorney-general. His reports and other works were well-regarded and played an important role in the development of British colonial legal policy. The present work deals with royal prerogative in matters of taxation. It was reissued under a different title in 1659. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R1608. [Order This Item](#)



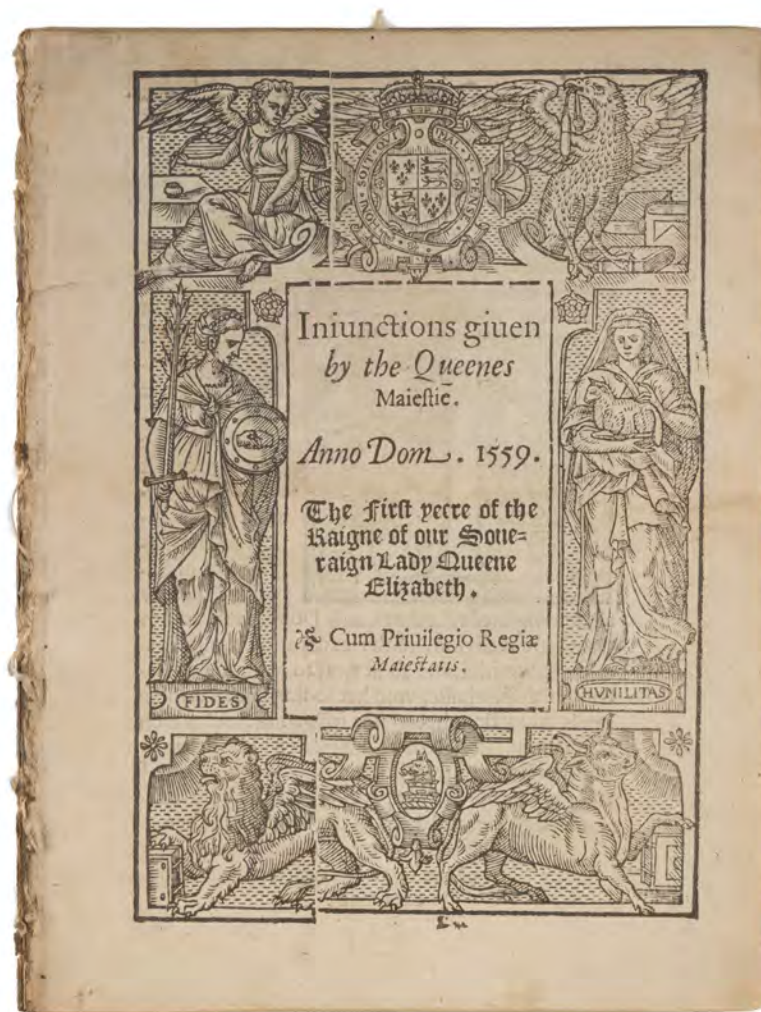
Annotated Collection of Scottish Criminal Cases from 1536 to 1730

7. Dreghorn, John Maclaurin, Lord [1734-1796].

Arguments, And Decisions, In Remarkable Cases, Before the High Court of Justiciary, And Other Supreme Courts, in Scotland. Collected by Mr. Maclaurin. Edinburgh: Printed for J. Bell, 1774. xv, [iv], xviii-xl, 776, [8] pp. Quarto (10-1/2" x 8-1/2").

Later paneled calf, rebaked retaining existing spine with raised bands, blind rules and lettering piece, endpapers renewed. Light rubbing and some minor nicks and scratches to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities. Moderate toning to interior, light foxing in a few places, three small later library stamps to title page. \$350.

* Only edition. Maclaurin intended this collection for law students, those "who are called upon the constitution to serve as jurymen" and general readers seeking amusement. "[C]riminal cases, few of which are unintelligible to any person of education, may justly claim a more general attention: for no sum of money, no portion of land, can give rise to a judicial context, equally interesting with that in which the life or liberty of a man is at stake" (iii). *English Short-Title Catalogue* T94367. [Order This Item](#)



Injunctions Given by Elizabeth I at the End of the Reformation

8. [England].

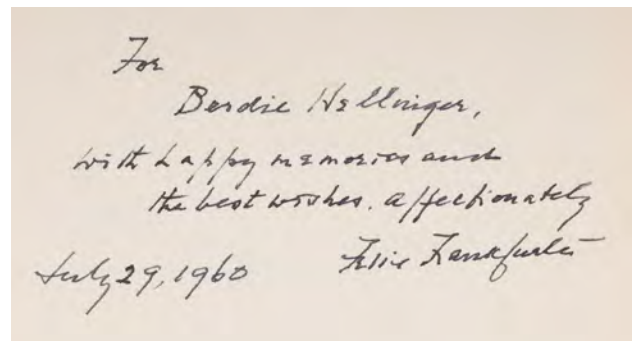
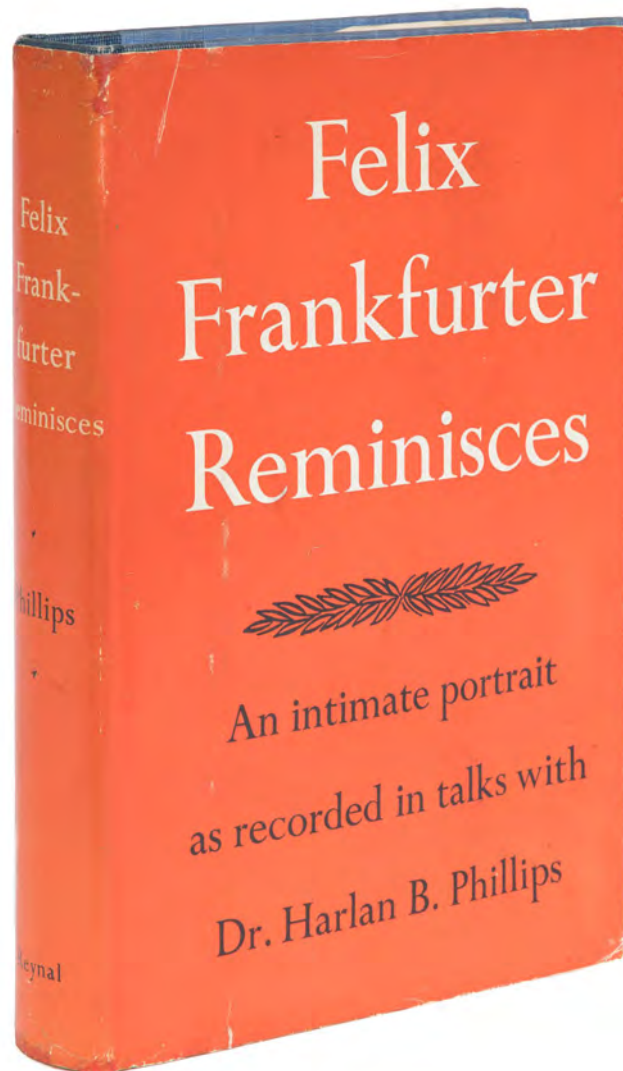
Elizabeth I [1533-1603], Queen.

Injunctions Given by the Queenes Maiestie. Anno Dom. 1559. The First Yeere of the Raigne of our Soueraign Lady Queene Elizabeth. Cum Priuilegio Regiae Maiestatis. [London: Printed by assignment of Robert Barker, 1600]. [32] pp. Quarto (7-1/4" x 5-1/4").

Disbound stab-stitched pamphlet. Title printed within woodcut border, several woodcut initials. Light toning, light soiling in a few places, small tear to gutter of first leaf (no loss to text), light creasing and small tear to leaf D3 (pp. 29-30) mended on verso (possibly by printer) affecting text without loss. \$450.

* Final edition. A list of injunctions issued by Queen Elizabeth I to the clergy and laity of England and Ireland in 1559 as part of the Elizabethan Settlement at the end of the Reformation. The injunctions were meant to provide clarity in the wake of the Reformation and establish a blueprint for clergy. Notably, they condemned many church images and icons as idolatry and changed the vestments for clergy. The reforms were implemented slowly, when they were implemented at all, but parishes largely began to comply by the mid-seventeenth century.

The first edition was published c.1573. Our 1600 edition and the 1583 edition were originally issued with a related title with separate pagination and register, *Articles to be Enquired of in the Visitation, In the First Yeere of the Raigne of Our Most Dread Soueraign Ladie Elizabeth.* *English Short-Title Catalogue* S121266. [Order This Item](#)



A First Edition Inscribed by Frankfurter

9. Frankfurter, Felix [1882-1965].

Felix Frankfurter Reminiscences: An Intimate Portrait as Recorded in Talks with Dr. Harlan B. Phillips. New York: Reynal & Company. [1960]. [ix], 310 pp.

Cloth in lightly rubbed, price-clipped dust jacket with some edgewear to extremities. Light toning to interior, presentation inscription from Frankfurter to front free endpaper. \$750.

* First edition, first printing. The inscription reads "For Berdie Hellinger,/ With happy memories and/ the best wishes. Affectionately, Felix Frankfurter/ July 29, 1960." This incisive and fascinating memoir was transcribed from a series of interviews with Phillips conducted for the Columbia University Oral History Research Department. The only commercially published oral history conducted with a Supreme Court justice, it traces his life, career and his thoughts on such topics as religion and the function of judges. Berdie Hellinger was probably the wife of Samuel Hellinger, a notable New York City lawyer who studied with Frankfurter at Harvard Law School. [Order This Item](#)



Public and Private Acts of Parliament, 1747-1750

10. [Great Britain].

George II [1683-1760], King.

Anno Regni Georgii II. Regis Magnae Britanniae, Franciae, & Hiberniae, Vicesimo Tertio. At the Parliament Begun and Holden at Westminster the Tenth Day of November, Anno Dom. 1747, in the Twenty First Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Second, By the Grace of God, of Great Britain, France, and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, &c. And From Thence Continued by Several Prorogations to the Sixteenth Day of November, 1749, Being the Third Session of this Present Parliament. London: Printed by Thomas Baskett, 1749 [i.e. 1750]. 695, [9] pp. Same general title page preceding each act, Acts XII-XL dated 1750.

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An Act for Vesting the Several Estates of James Late Earl of Derwentwater, And Charles Radcliffe, Deceased, Comprized in Several Settlements Therein Mentioned, In Trustees, For an Absolute Estate of Inheritance for the Benefit of the Royal Hospital at Greenwich; And for Raising Certain Sums of Money out of Part of the Said Estates, For the Relief of the Children of the Said Charles Radcliffe. London: Printed by Thomas Baskett, 1749 [i.e. 1750]. 62 pp.

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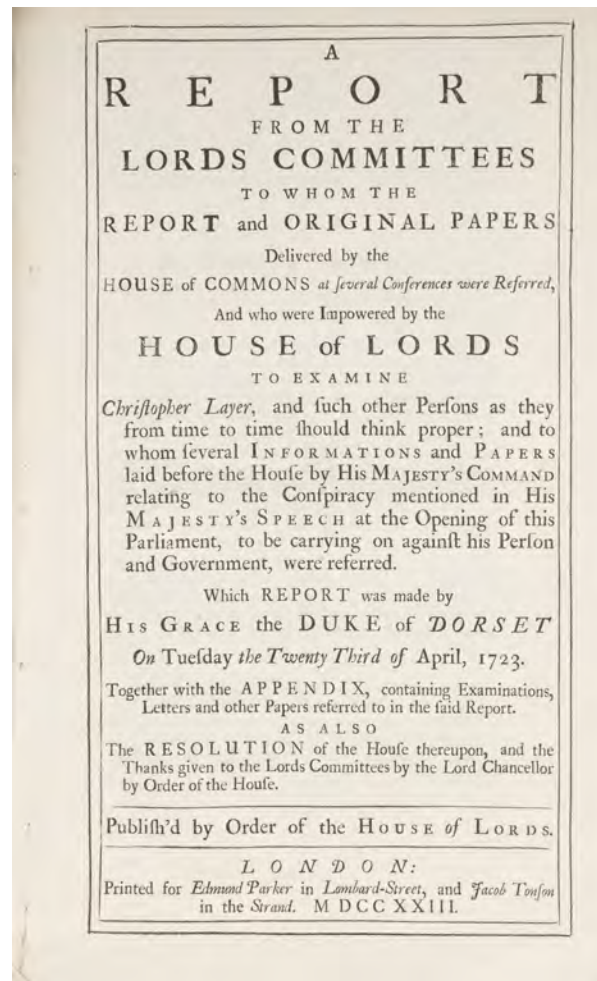
An Abstract of an Act Passed in the Second Session of the Tenth Parliament of Great Britain, And in the Twenty Second Year of the Reign of Our Most Gracious Sovereign Lord King George the Second. London: Printed by Thomas Baskett, 1749. 10 pp.

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An Abstract of All the Acts Passed in the Third Session of the Tenth Parliament of Great Britain, And in the Twenty Third Year of the Reign of Our Most Gracious Sovereign Lord King George the Second. London: Printed by Thomas Baskett, 1750. 120 pp.

Folio (12" x 7-1/2"). Contemporary paneled calf, gilt royal arms to boards, rebaked in period style with raised bands and blind fillets to spine, original lettering piece retained, blind tooling to board edges, edges rouged. Light rubbing to boards, a few small scuffs, nicks and scratches, moderate rubbing and light wear to board edges and corners, which are bumped, hinges cracked, faint offsetting to preliminaries. Light toning to interior, somewhat heavier in places, light foxing in a few places. An appealing copy. \$600.

* A collection of 40 acts passed in the third session of the tenth Parliament of Great Britain, with tables listing the titles of the public acts and summaries of 34 private acts. The volume begins with the Derwentwater Estate Act, a private act from the previous parliamentary session that was later declared a public act and printed in full alongside the acts issued in the new session. (The Estate Act also has its own abstract.) Several of the public acts deal with commercial trade with British colonies, including the 1750 Iron Act, designed to restrict American manufacture of iron and prevent competition with British iron foundries. *English Short-Title Catalogue* N53001, N53002, T150511, T150482. [Order This Item](#)



The Investigation of a Jacobite Conspirator

11. [Great Britain].

Layer, Christopher [1683-1723].

A Report from the Lords Committees to Whom the Report and Original Papers Delivered by the House of Commons at Several Conferences were Referred, And who were Impowered by the House of Lords to Examine Christopher Layer, And Such Other Persons as they from Time to Time Should Think Proper; And to Whom Several Informations and Papers Laid Before the House by His Majesty's Command Relating to the Conspiracy Mentioned in His Majesty's Speech at the Opening of this Parliament, To be Carrying on Against his Person and Government, Were Referred. Which Report was Made by His Grace the Duke of Dorset on Tuesday the Twenty Third of April, 1723. Together with the Appendix, Containing Examinations, Letters and Other Papers Referred to in the Said Report. As Also the Resolution of the House Thereupon, And the Thanks Given to the Lords Committees by the Lord Chancellor by Order of the House. Publish'd by Order of the House of Lords. London: Printed for Edmund Parker and Jacob Tonson, 1723. [iv], 16, [4], 32 pp. Folio (12-3/4" x 7-3/4").

Disbound stab-stitched pamphlet. Light soiling to first and final leaves, slight crease to gutter of final leaf, which is starting to detach at foot. Internally fresh. \$150.

* First edition. Layer, a dedicated Jacobite, was a leading member of the so-called Atterbury Plot to restore the Stuarts. This was the second significant restoration attempt and proved as unsuccessful as the first. Our title, issued as a parliamentary paper, relates to the investigation of the plot by the House of Lords. Its appendix reproduces several of the incriminating documents in full. It was reissued in Dublin in 1723. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T122577. [Order This Item](#)



"This Collection of Statutes is Much Esteemed"

12. Hawkins, William [1673-1746], Compiler.

The Statutes at Large, From Magna Charta to the Seventh Year of King George the Second, Inclusive. In Six Volumes. London: Printed by John Baskett, Printer to the King's Most Excellent Majesty; And by E. and R. Nutt, and R. Gosling, assigns of Edward Sayer Esquire, 1735. Six volumes. The collective titlepage is in Volume I only. Each volume has an individual titlepage, those of Volumes 1, 3 and 6 dated 1734.

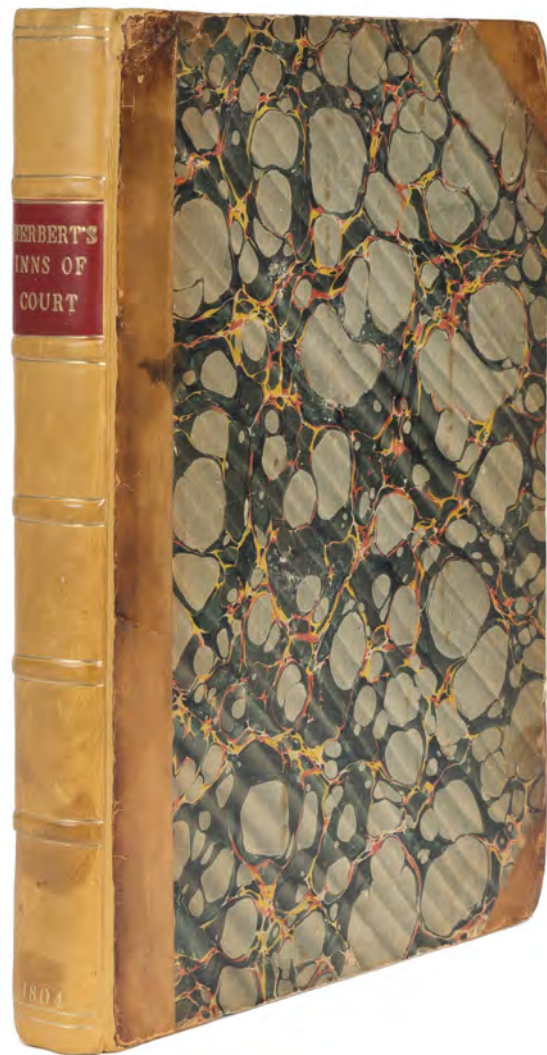
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The Statutes at Large, Containing All the Publick Acts of Parliament from the Seventh Year of the Reign of His Present Majesty King George the Second, To the Fourteenth Year of His Present Majesty's Reign Inclusive. To Which is Prefixed, A Table of the Titles of All the Publick and Private Statutes During that Time. Volume the Seventh.

London: Printed by John Baskett, Printer to the King's Most Excellent Majesty, 1742. [xxiv], 492, [14] pp.

Large folio (15-3/4" x 10"). Later buckram, raised bands and gilt titles to spines, endpapers renewed. Moderate soiling, moderate rubbing to extremities, spine ends and corners bumped and lightly worn, hinges cracked. Moderate toning, light foxing in places, faint dampstaining to text blocks of Volumes II-VI at lower outside corners, occasional light soiling to upper margins. \$500.

* Only edition. An important edition of statutes covering the years 1215-1740. "This collection of statutes is much esteemed. The compiler...collated the original records to 2 Geo. II., and gave most of the more ancient Statutes in their respective Latin and French texts, with translations of such as had been before translated, and as appeared to be in force or use" (Marvin). Two other volumes were added to this edition in 1758. Marvin, *Legal Bibliography* 375. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T145897, T145896. [Order This Item](#)



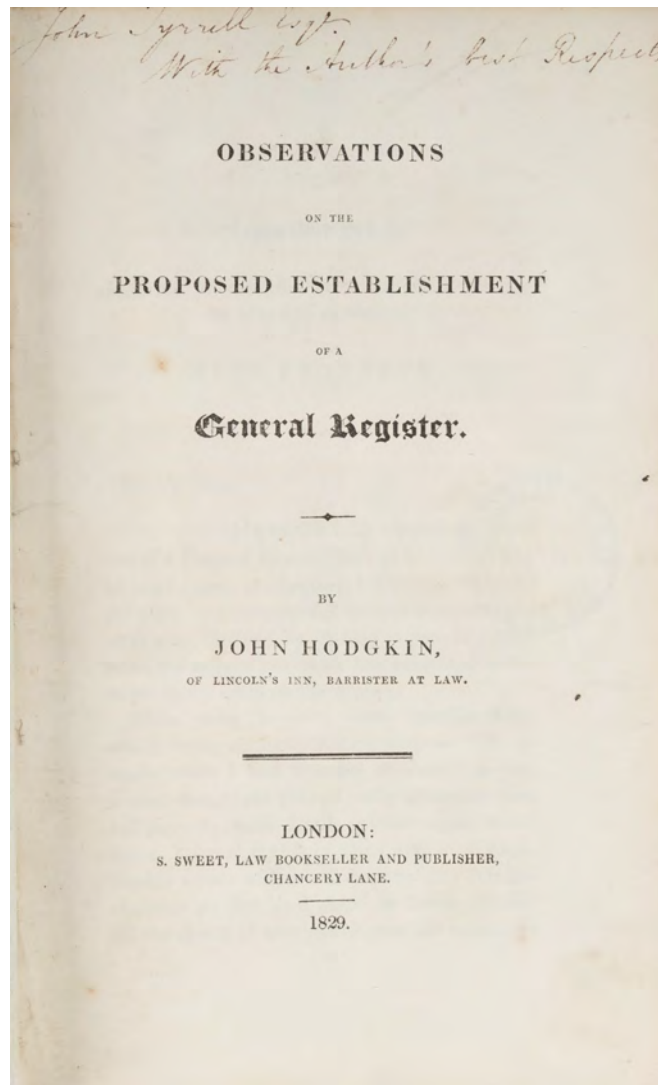
Large-Paper Copy With Twenty-Four Steel-Plate Engravings

13. Herbert, W[illiam] [1771-1851].

Antiquities of the Inns of Court and Chancery; Containing Historical and Descriptive Sketches Relative to Their Original Foundation, Customs, Ceremonies, Buildings, Government, &c. &c. With a Concise History of the English Law. London: Printed for Vernor and Hood; J. Storer and J. Greig, 1804. xii, 377, [10] pp. 24 steel-plate engravings. Large-paper copy. Complete. Folio (11-1/4" x 8-3/4").

Contemporary three-quarter calf over marbled boards, rebaked in period style, lettering piece and gilt-edged raised bands to spine, untrimmed edges, hinges mended. Some rubbing to board edges, corners bumped and somewhat worn. Moderate toning and occasional light foxing, some offsetting from plates. \$450.

* Only edition. Herbert was the librarian of the Guildhall Library. Most of his *Antiquities* was taken from Sir William Dugdale's *Origines Juridicales* (1666). The engravings depict the different Inns of Court and Chancery. [Order This Item](#)



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14. Hodgkin, John [1800-1875].

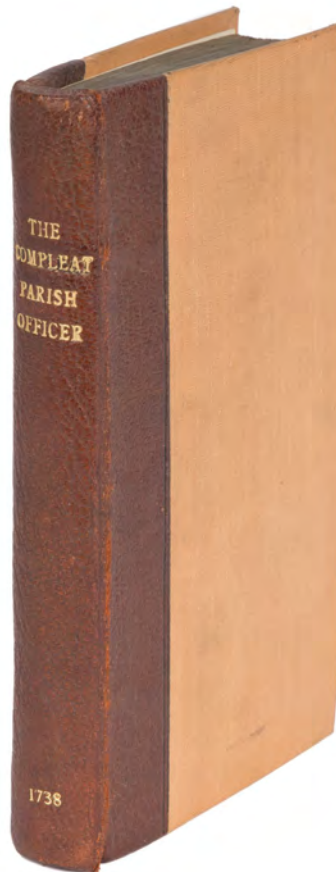
Observations on the Proposed Establishment of a General Register. London: S. Sweet, 1829. [ii], 55, [1] pp. Octavo (8-1/2" x 5").

Stab-stitched pamphlet in recent plain wrappers. Light toning to interior, negligible light foxing in a few places, small library ink stamp to p. 1 with no loss to legibility, faint underlining and marginal marks in pencil to a few leaves, inscription reading "John Tyrrell Esq. With the Author's best Respects" to head of title page. \$450.

* Only edition. Part of the spirited public debate on the establishment of a register of deeds, similar to that created in Ireland in 1822. No such register would be created until the passage of the Land Registry Act in 1862, which created a registry of titles (but not deeds). The system created by the act was largely ineffective, and successive attempts failed until the Land Registration Act of 1925.

Our pamphlet seeks to provide an overview of the issue and ultimately comes down on the side of the register in order to achieve conveyancing security. Hodgkin and Tyrrell were both barristers and members of Lincoln's Inn working in conveyancing and real property.

OCLC locates 4 copies of this title in North American law libraries (Yale, University of Georgia, Harvard, UW-Madison). *Goldsmiths' Library of Economic Literature*, 25799. [Order This Item](#)



Jacob and Bacon on Constables, Police, Churchwardens and Other Officers

15. [Jacob, Giles (1686-1744)].

Bacon, Sir Francis [1561-1626].

The Compleat Parish-Officer; Containing I. The Authority and Proceedings of High Constables, Petty Constables, Headboroughs, And Tithingmen, In Every Branch of their Duties, Pursuant to Acts of Parliament: With the High Constables Precepts, Presentments, Warrants, &c. II. Of Churchwardens, How Chosen, Their Business in Repairing of Churches, Bells, &c. And Assigning of Seats; The Manner of Passing Their Accounts, And the Laws Concerning the Church in All Cases; And an Abstract of the Act for Building Fifty New Churches in London and Westminster. Also of Sidesmen, And their Duty; And Vestrymen, &c. III. Of Overseers of the Poor, And their Office; Their Power in Relieving, Employing, and Settling, &c. of Poor Persons; The Laws Relating to the Poor, And Settlements, And the Statutes Concerning Masters and Servants. IV. Of Surveyors of the Highways, And Scavengers, How Elected; Their Business in Amending the Ways, &c. And the Duty of Others, With the Methods of Taxation, And Laws of the Highways. Together with The Statutes Relating to Hackney Coaches and Chairs, Waterman, &c. With large Additions and Improvements. To Which is Added the Office of Constables, Written by Sir Francis Bacon, Knt. In the Year 1610. Declaring what Power they Have, And How They Ought to be Cherished in Their Office. [London]: Printed by E. and R. Nutt, and R. Gosling, 1738. [iv], 226, [17], 9 pp. 12mo. (6-1/4" x 3-3/4").

Later quarter morocco over cloth, gilt title to spine, endpapers renewed. Light soiling to boards, light rubbing to extremities, recent library bookplate to front pastedown, small library stamp to front free endpaper, title page and a few other leaves, moderate toning to text, occasional light foxing. \$250.

* Eighth edition. First published in 1718, this was one of Jacob's successful books; it reached its final edition, the 16th, in 1772. Bacon's short treatise, written in 1610 and first published in 1641, gives a fine account of the functions of a court-leet. It had a second life as an appendix to Jacob's work. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T146277. [Order This Item](#)



A Rare Account of Sex, Greed and Murder

16. [Jeffries, Elizabeth (1727-1752)].

[Jeffries, Elizabeth].

[Swan, John (d.1752)].

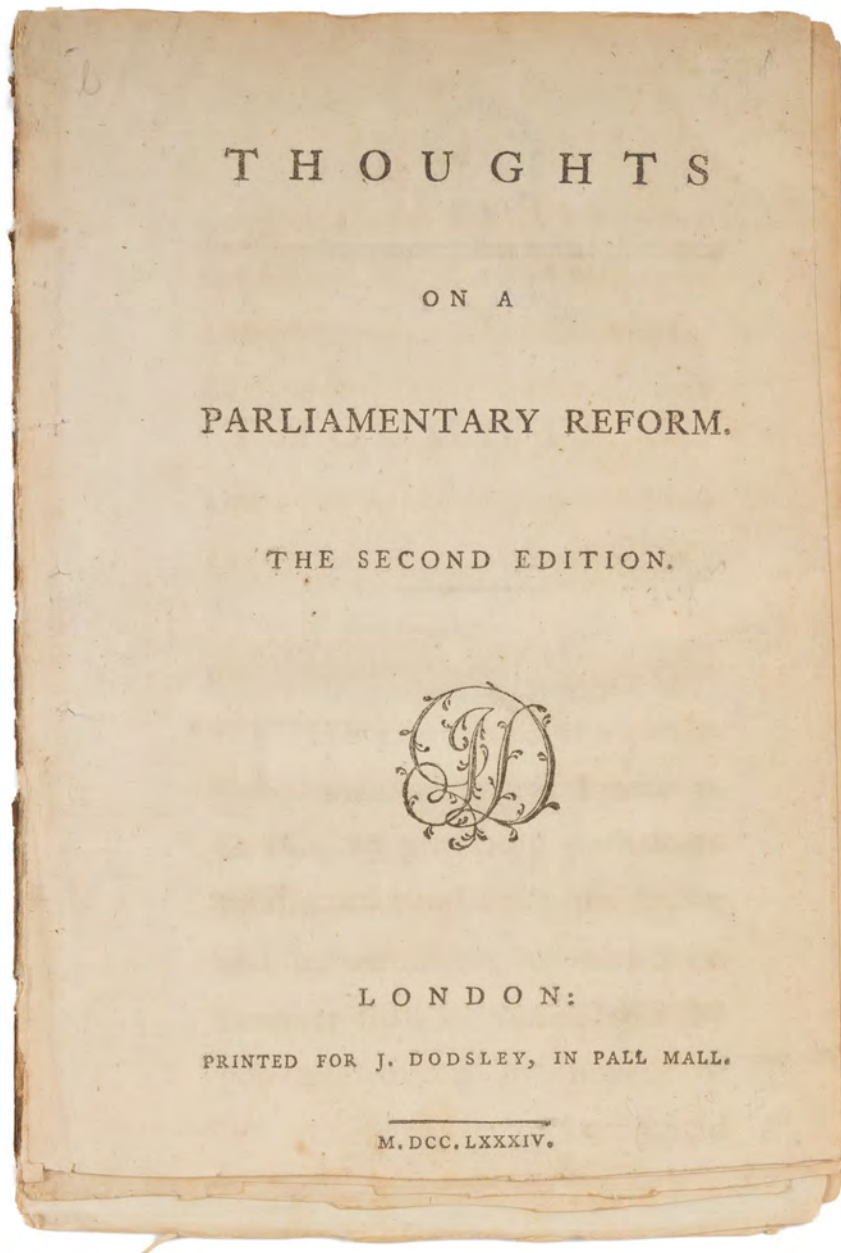
Authentick Memoirs of the Wicked Life and Transactions of Elizabeth Jeffries, Spinster. Who was Executed on Saturday, March 28, 1752, On Epping-Forest, Near Walthamstow. For Being Concern'd in the Murder of Her Late Uncle, Mr. Joseph Jeffries: With The Particulars of Her Behavior, During the Time of Her Confinement, Before Her Tryal; Her Confession after Her Conviction to the Two Reverend Divines, Mr. Tindall and Mr. Griffiths; And of Every Circumstance that Occured from the Time of Her Being Acquainted that the Dead Warrant was Come Down, To the Time of Her Execution. Also a Full Account of the Life, Behaviour, And Confession of John Swan, Who was Executed With Her, For Committing the Said Murder. London: Printed and Sold by T. Bailey, [1752]. [ii], 5-28 pp. Quarto (6-1/2" x 4-1/4").

Disbound stab-stitched pamphlet, expertly bound in recent period-style calf by Philip Dusel, blind rules to boards, blind fillets and lettering piece to spine, gilt tooling to board edges. Moderate toning to interior, light soiling in a few places, trimming to leaves B2 (pp. 7-9) and D2 (pp. 21-22) affecting text block at foot of both leaves and page numbers on B2, fore-edge of leaf C3 (pp. 17-18) neatly mended, no loss to legibility. A handsome copy. \$1,000.

* Only edition. As related here, this was a titillating story of sex, greed, murder and capital punishment. Jeffries had been sent at the age of five to live with her uncle, Joseph Jeffries, where she was raised as a daughter and heir to his considerable estate. At the age of 22 she began an affair with Swan, one of her uncle's servants, which eventually led to murder. The pair plotted the crime and Swan carried it out. After her conviction as an accessory, Jeffries claimed to have been "debauched" on several occasions by her uncle when she was 15, by whom she had twice become pregnant, miscarrying once, and aborting the second pregnancy with drugs provided by the uncle. Moreover, she said he had threatened to disinherit her, ironically for "immoral behavior," if she refused to have sex with him. The jury and judge were not moved, and she and Swan were executed.

Also issued individually, this title was issued by T. Bailey as Part 2 of a four-part composite volume: *The Genuine Histories, Of the Life and Transactions, Of John Swann and Eliz. Jeffries, For the Murder of Her Uncle, At Walthamstow in Essex. And Miss Mary Blandy, For the Most Horrid Parricide Committed Upon the Body of Her Own Father*, [...]. (The Blandy case was another sensational 1752 trial.) Each part has a separate title page, pagination and register.

OCLC and Library Hub locate 1 complete copy at the University of Oxford. The British Library holds a copy of Part 1 (*The Whole Tryal of John Swann and Elizabeth Jeffries*) bound after Part 2's title page. Neither the composite volume nor the individual titles are in the ESTC. The Oxford catalogue calls for plates, which are lacking in both our copy and the British Library's and may have been inserted later or only in some copies. [Order This Item](#)



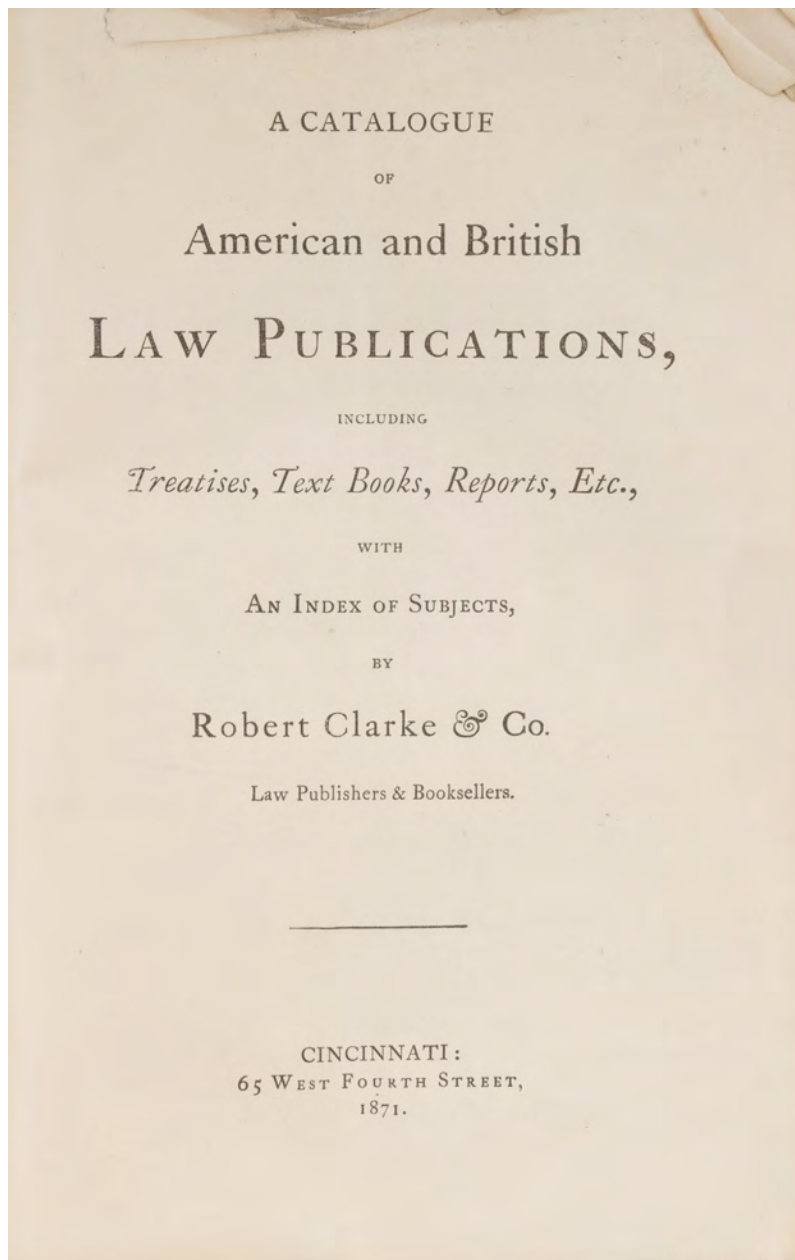
Against Universal Suffrage

17. [Jenyns, Soame (1704-1787)].

Thoughts on a Parliamentary Reform. London: Printed for J. Dodsley, In Pall Mall, 1784. [ii], 26 pp. Lacking half-title. Quarto (7-1/4" x 5").

Disbound stab-stitched pamphlet, edges untrimmed. Light toning, occasional light foxing, light soiling to first and final leaves, some signatures loose, two small ink stamps to verso of title page. \$150.

* Second edition, one of three London issues from the same year. In his last work before his death, Jenyns, first elected to Parliament in 1742, acknowledges the necessity of parliamentary reform but rejects the possibility of universal suffrage. The argument was widely read and sparked several replies. *English Short-Title Catalogue* N14358. [Order This Item](#)



Law Books Available for Sale in Cincinnati in 1871

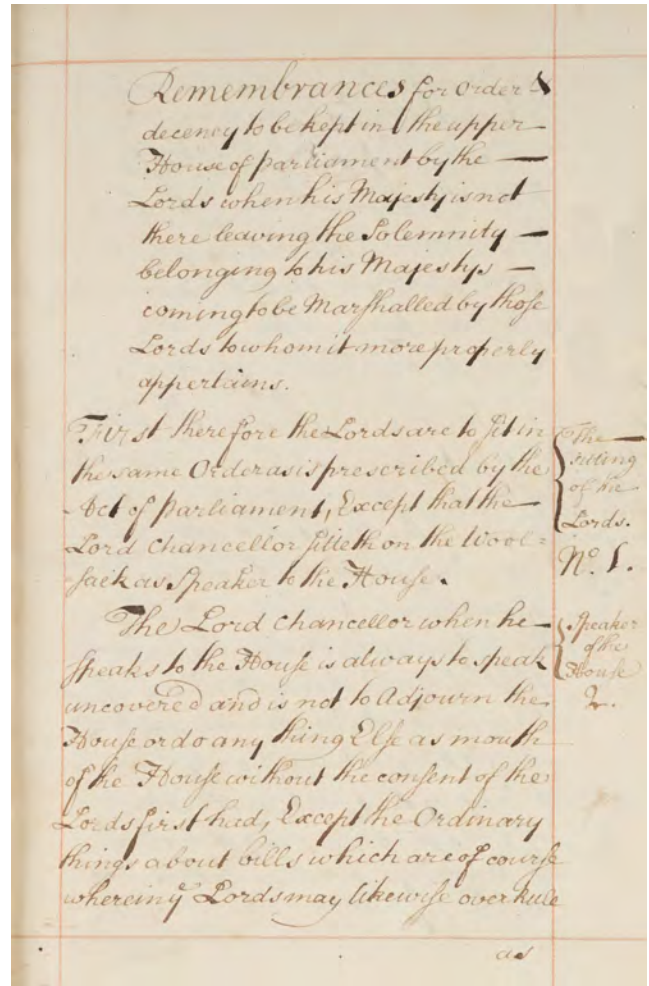
18. [Legal Publishing].

Robert Clarke & Co.

A Catalogue of American and British Law Publications, Including Treatises, Text Books, Reports, Etc., with An Index of Subjects. Cincinnati: 65 West Fourth Street, 1871. 209 pp. Octavo (7-1/2 x 5-1/8").

Printed wrappers, soiled, faint stain to front cover, moderate rubbing to extremities, creases and minor tears to front cover and following three leaves, folds to upper outside corners of several leaves, moderate toning to interior. \$250.

* This catalogue indicates the wide selection of American, English and Canadian titles available in Cincinnati in the later decades of the nineteenth century. OCLC locates 2 copies (University of Colorado Law School, Cincinnati Historical Library & Archives). [Order This Item](#)



From the Library of the Earls of Macclesfield

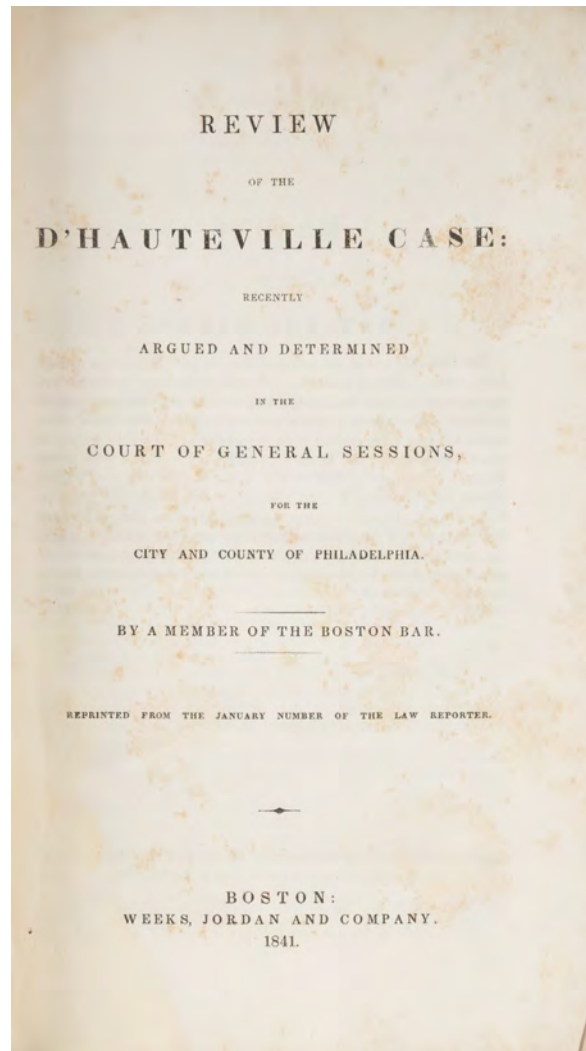
**19. [Manuscript].
[House of Lords].**

[*Standing Orders for the House of Lords, 1660-1726*]. [London]: c.1726. [91], [20] blank, [7] pp. index, [3] blank pp. Octavo (7" x 4-1/2").

Contemporary gilt-paneled morocco, gilt royal arms to boards, raised bands and gilt decoration to spine, gilt tooling to board edges, gilt dentelles to inner boards, gilt edges, marbled endpapers, library bookplate of the Earls of Macclesfield to front pastedown. A few small scuffs, nicks and scratches to boards, light rubbing to extremities, spine lightly sunned, joints starting at foot, rear joint just starting at head. Text with side notes written in two hands within red-ruled borders. Light toning to interior, small blind-embossed Macclesfield arms to first four leaves, light foxing and spotting in a few places. A handsome volume. \$1,250.

* These standing orders, listing a variety of regulations for the proceedings of the House of Lords, are dated from June 9, 1660 to March 29, 1726. Topics include appropriate conduct for members when the king is present and procedures for trials of peers. The orders were read aloud at the beginning of each session, and the clerk produced copies for peers for a fee.

Our copy comes from the library of the Earls of Macclesfield and may have been produced for George Parker, the second Earl, when he succeeded to the title in 1732. [Order This Item](#)



An Early American Custody Battle

20. A Member of the Boston Bar.

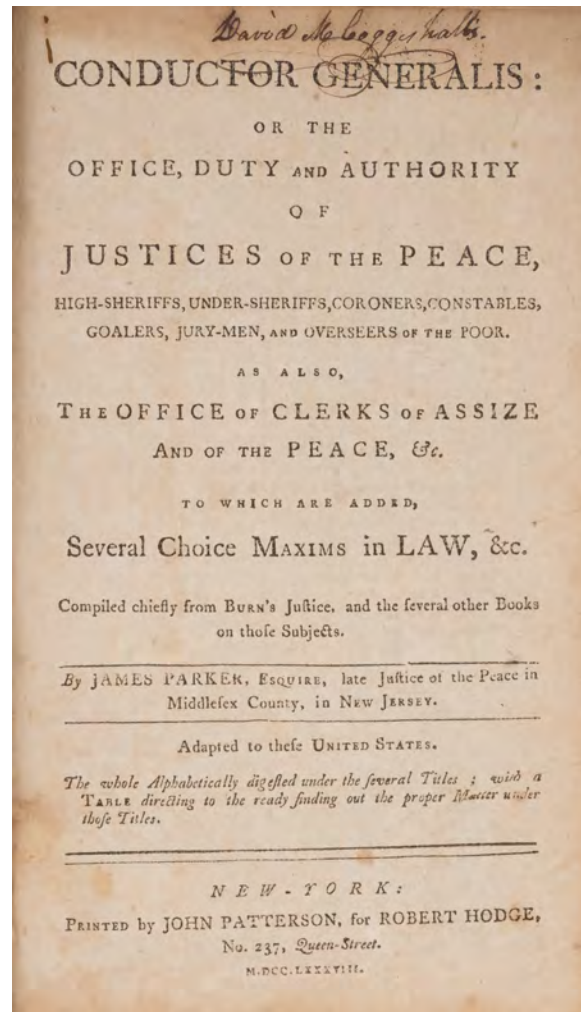
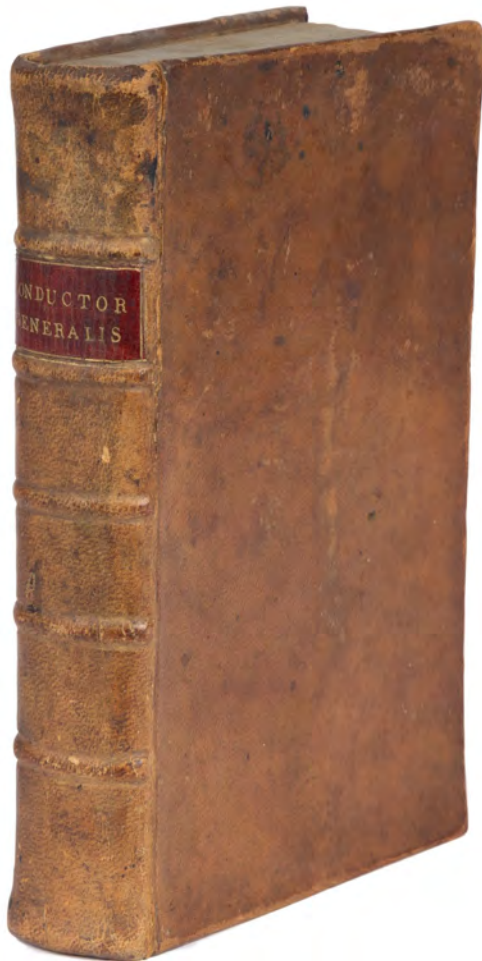
[Chandler, Peleg Whitman (1816-1889)].

Review of the D'Hauteville Case: Recently Argued and Determined in the Court of General Sessions, For the City and County of Philadelphia. Reprinted from the January Number of the Law Reporter. Boston: Weeks, Jordan and Company, 1841. [ii], 44 pp. Octavo (9" x 5-1/4").

Stab-stitched pamphlet in printed wrappers. Faint dampstain to lower left corner, no loss to legibility. Light toning and soiling to wrappers, light chipping and edgewear to extremities, wrappers detaching at head but secure. Light toning and foxing to interior, faint dampstain to top-edge of first half of text block. \$450.

* Only edition. An interesting case involving the efforts of Grand D'Hauteville, a Swiss native, to gain custody of his child. The latter was taken to America by his mother and was not allowed to return to Switzerland. D'Hauteville lost the case, and his wife and child moved to Rhode Island, which had recently passed an act "extinguishing the rights of husbands of women in such circumstances" (Cohen). Chandler was a Massachusetts lawyer who served in the state House of Representatives in 1844 and 1862.

OCLC locates 3 copies of this title in North American law libraries (Harvard, Yale, University of Pennsylvania). Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 11426. [Order This Item](#)



"Adapted to These United States"

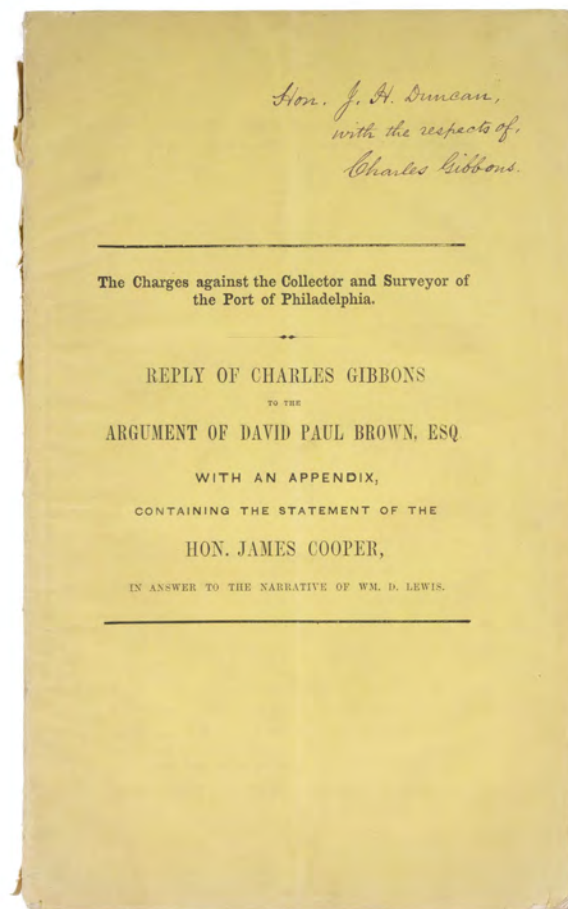
21. Parker, James [1714-1770], Compiler.

Conductor Generalis: Or, the Office, Duty and Authority of Justices of the Peace, High-Sheriffs, Under-Sheriffs, Coroners, Constables, Gaolers, Jury-Men, And Overseers of the Poor. As Also the Office of Clerks of Assize, and of the Peace, &c. To Which Are Added, Several Choice Maxims in Law, &c. Compiled Chiefly from Burn's Justice, and the Several Other Books on Those Subjects. Adapted to These United States. The Whole Alphabetically Digested Under the Several Titles; With a Table Directing to the Ready Finding Out the Proper Matter Under Those Titles. New York: Printed by John Patterson, For Robert Hodge, 1788. xvi, 539 pp. Octavo (7-1/2" x 4-1/2").

Contemporary sheep, lettering piece and raised bands to spine. Light rubbing and a few minor nicks to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, front joint just starting at head. Moderate toning and occasional faint spotting to interior, minor worming to upper inside corner of preliminaries, early owner signature (David M. Coggeshall) to head of title page. \$450.

* A popular American legal manual issued by different printers, the *Conductor Generalis* was based largely on Burn and other English sources. The first by Parker was published in 1764. His 1788 edition, the fourth, is significant because it was the first published after the ratification of the Constitution and "adapted to these United States." Part II contains (with caption titles only): The Office and Duty of Sheriffs; The Office of a Gaoler, and Concerning Escapes; The Office and Duty of the Clerk of Assize and Clerk of the Peace; A Guide to Juries; Of Maxims and General Rules, from Jacob's *Law Grammar*; Of Actions and Remedies; Of Fictions, Intendments, and Presumptions. Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 7959.

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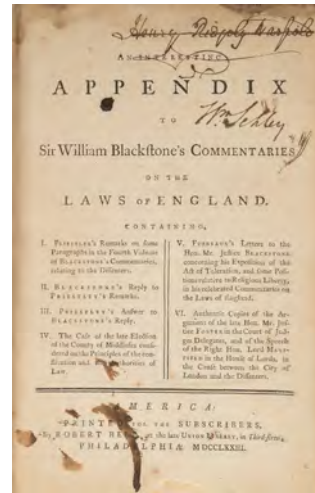
Gibbons, Charles [1814-1884].

The Charges Against the Collector and Surveyor of the Port of Philadelphia. Reply of Charles Gibbons to the Argument of David Paul Brown, Esq. With an Appendix, Containing the Statement of the Hon. James Cooper, In Answer to the Narrative of William D. Lewis. [Philadelphia: s.n., 1851]. viii, 96 pp. Octavo (9" x 5-1/2").

Stab-stitched pamphlet in printed wrappers. Slight horizontal fold line, more noticeable in first half of text block. Light soiling to wrappers, light creasing to edges and chipping to spine, early inscription reading "Hon. J.H. Duncan, with the respects of, Charles Gibbons" to head of front wrapper, corners bumped. Light toning to interior, occasional light foxing. \$350.

* Only edition. Lewis was accused of fraud in his attempts to gain the position of Collector and Surveyor of the Port of Philadelphia, which he allegedly planned on making a lucrative position. The scandal appears to have mostly been a matter of Whig infighting, with several strident tracts issued by both sides. It is unclear from our research how the issue resolved. Both Gibbons and Brown [1795-1872] went on to distinguished legal careers and were known for their abolitionist efforts before and during the Civil War. Duncan may be James Henry Duncan [1793-1869], state senator and eventual Congressional representative from Massachusetts.

OCLC locates 3 copies of this title in North American law libraries (Yale, Jenkins, University of Pennsylvania). Not in Cohen. [Order This Item](#)



**Appendix Volume to Bell's American Blackstone Containing
a Group of Essays on Religious Liberty and Freedom of Speech**

23. Priestley, Joseph [1733-1804].

Blackstone, Sir William [1723-1780].

Furneaux, Philip [1726-1783].

Foster, Sir Michael [1689-1763].

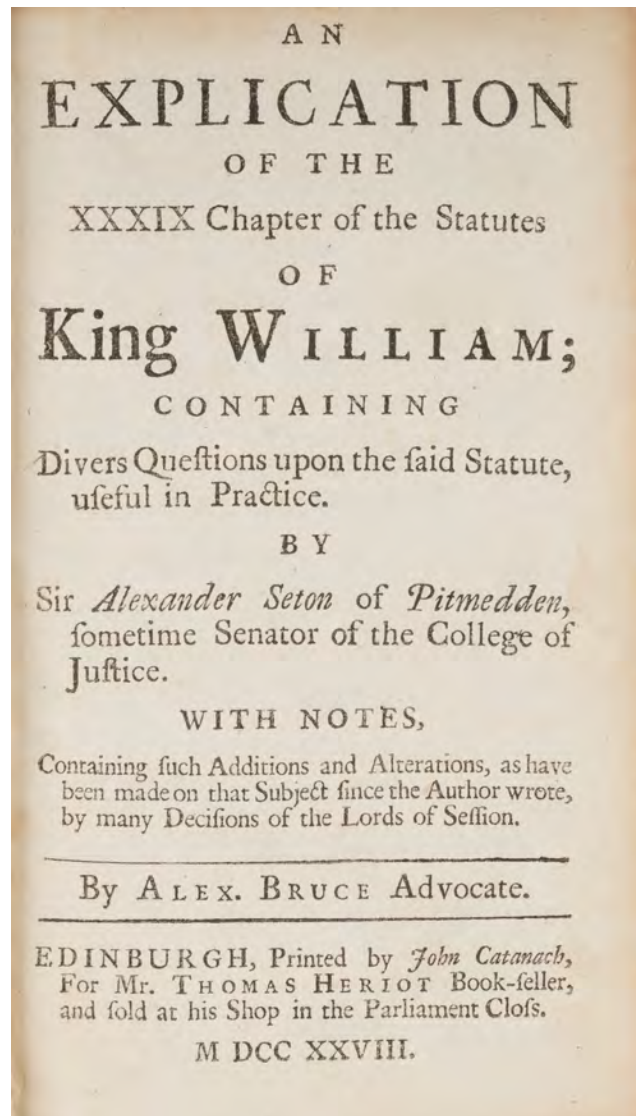
Murray, William, Earl of Mansfield (1705-1793)].

An Interesting Appendix to Sir William Blackstone's Commentaries on the Laws of England. Containing, I. Priestley's Remarks on Some Paragraphs in the Fourth Volume of Blackstone's Commentaries, Relating to the Dissenters. II. Blackstone's Reply to Priestley's Remarks. III. Priestley's Answer to Blackstone's Reply. IV. The Case of the Late Election of the County or Middlesex Considered on the Principles of the Constitution and the Authorities of Law. V. Furneaux's Letters to the Hon. Mr. Justice Blackstone Concerning his Exposition of the Act of Toleration, And Some Positions Relative to Religious Liberty, in his Celebrated Commentaries on the Laws of England. VI. Authentic Copies of the Argument of the Late Hon. Mr. Justice Foster in the Court of Judges Delegates, And of the Speech of the Right Hon. Lord Mansfield in the House of Lords, in the Cause Between the City of London and the Dissenters. [Philadelphia]: Printed for the Subscribers, by Robert Bell, at the Late Union-Library, In Third-Street, Philadelphia, 1773. [iv], iv, [5]-119, [1], xii, 155, [1] pp. Includes one-page publisher advertisement for Bell's 1773 printing of Ferguson's *Essay on the History of Civil Society* and a subscription for a second American edition of Blackstone's *Commentaries*. Each section preceded by divisional title page, first section also preceded by general title page. Octavo (9" x 5-3/4").

Original sheep, raised bands, lettering piece, black-stamped "5" and fragment of later paper shelf label to spine. Moderate rubbing and a few scuffs and stains to boards, deeper scuff to rear board, heavier rubbing to extremities with wear to spine ends and corners, cracks in text block between rear free endpapers and adjacent leaves of text block. Moderate toning to interior, occasional light foxing, faint dampstaining to margins in a few places, small inkstains and two later owner signatures (Henry Ridgely Warfield and William Sehley) to title page. \$1,500.

* The first printing of this influential commentary as an independent work. It was published a year after the first edition, which was an appendix volume to Bell's edition of Blackstone's *Commentaries* (1771-1772). It was reissued in 1774 as *The Palladium of Conscience*. Most of the essays comprise a debate about religious liberty and the separation of church and state in response to Priestley's rebuttal of a passage in Blackstone that classified non-conformity to the Church of England as a crime. Part IV., which concerns freedom of speech, summarizes a debate concerning Blackstone's endorsement of the expulsion of the publisher John Wilkes from Parliament after his conviction for "seditious libel." The creation of this volume by Bell indicates the importance of these issues in colonial America on the eve of the Revolution. Eller, *The William Blackstone Collection in the Yale Law Library* 256. Laeuchli, *A Bibliographical Catalog of William Blackstone* 616.

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Protecting the Property Rights of Minors

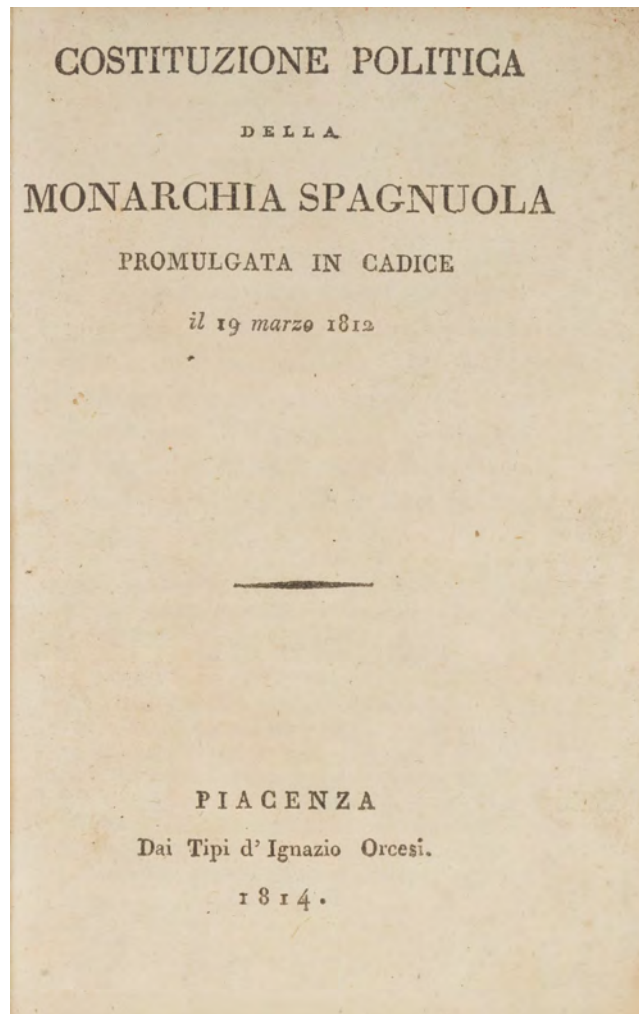
24. Seton, Sir Alexander [1639?-1719].

Bruce, Alexander, Notes.

An Explication of the XXXIX Chapter of the Statutes of King William; Containing Divers Questions upon the Said Statute, Useful in Practice. With Notes, Containing Such Additions and Alterations, As Have been Made on that Subject Since the Author Wrote, By Many Decisions of the Lords of Session. Edinburgh: Printed by John Catanach, For Mr. Thomas Heriot, 1728. xvi, 112 pp. Octavo (6" x 3-1/2").

Recent period-style paneled calf by Philip Dusel, gilt-edged raised bands to spine, blind tooling to board edges, endpapers renewed. Moderate toning to interior, tiny smudge to fore-edge of title page, negligible light soiling to p.112. A handsome copy of a scarce work. \$750.

* Only edition. Seton's essay discusses a statute designed to protect minors from claims against their real property. He offers a detailed study of this act, its application in Scottish cases and its historical background in Scots and Roman law. OCLC locates 2 copies, both in Great Britain. The *English Short-Title Catalogue* locates 13 copies, 4 in North America, 1 in a law library (Harvard). *English Short-Title Catalogue* N9869. [Order This Item](#)



Rare Printing of the Short-Lived but Influential Constitution of 1812

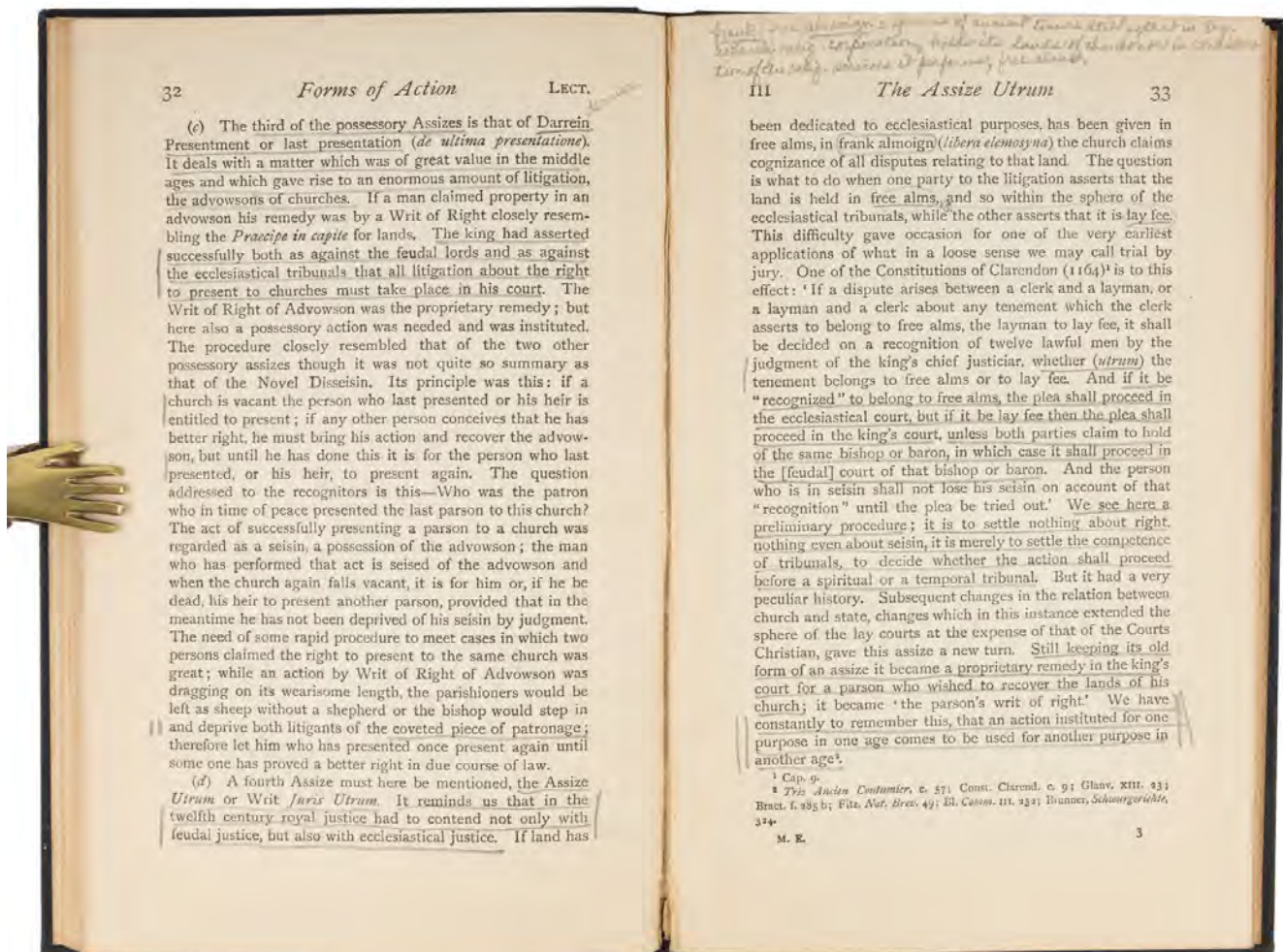
**25. [Spain].
[Constitution].**

Costituzione Politica della Monarchia Spagnuola Promulgata in Cadice il 19 Marzo 1812. Piacenza: Dai Tipi d'Ignazio Orcesi, 1814. 72 pp. Octavo (6" x 4").

Stab-stitched pamphlet bound into recent paper-covered boards, lettering piece to spine. Moderate toning, negligible faint dampstaining to head of text block and upper outside corners in a few places. \$650.

* Very rare Piacenza printing, based on the translation that had appeared in Milan in the same year, of the short-lived but influential Spanish constitution of 1812, one of the first attempts to construct a codified constitutional monarchy, which applied not only to Spain but to the Spanish holdings in South America and the Philippines, and gave Spanish citizenship to the natives of any territory that belonged to the Spanish monarchy (but not necessarily those of African descent, who could acquire citizenship through naturalization).

This constitution was driven by the need to give legitimacy to the newly installed Joseph Bonaparte as king. Although it was repealed shortly after the restoration in 1814 of Ferdinand VII, its influence was widespread. It was the model for the constitutions of Norway in 1814 and Mexico in 1824. A number of Italian printings appeared, in several varying translations, between 1812 and 1814; this is one of the rarest, with no copies located outside Italy. No copies are listed on OCLC. [Order This Item](#)



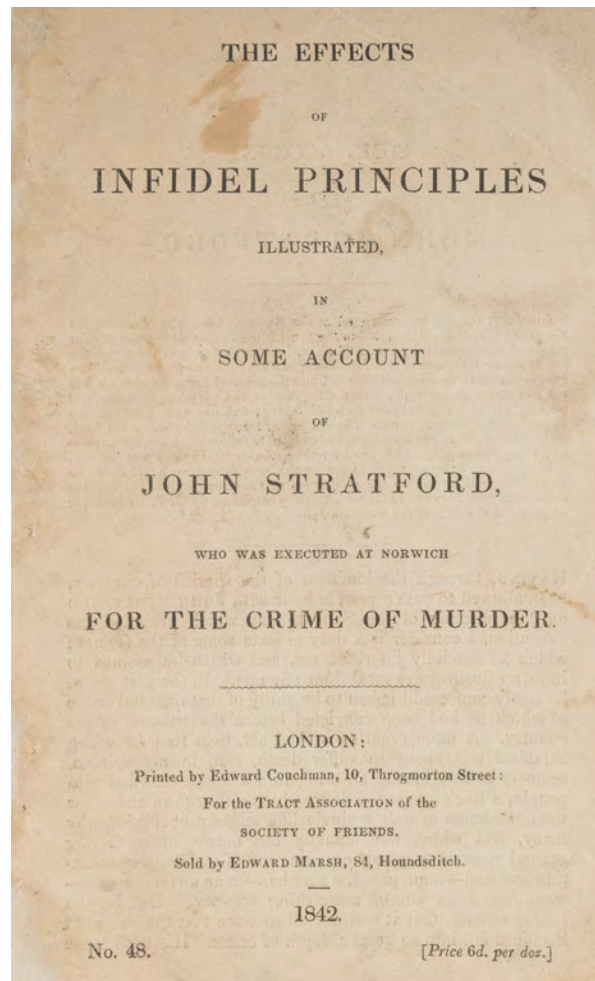
Justice Potter Stewart's Heavily Marked and Annotated Copy

26. [Stewart, Potter (1915-1985)].
Maitland, Frederic W. [1850-1906].

The Forms of Action at Common Law. Cambridge: At the University Press, 1936. xi, [1], 92 pp.

Original cloth, light shelfwear. Moderate toning to interior, "Moot 4/27/37" in pencil to front free endpaper, extensive underlining, marks in margins and annotation to about 75% of text. Supreme Court envelope with "Chambers of Justice Potter Stewart" on flap laid in. \$850.

* Appointed in 1954 by President Eisenhower, Stewart served as an associate justice of the U.S. Supreme Court for nearly 24 years, where he made significant contributions to criminal justice reform and civil rights. He is best known for his statement concerning obscenity, "I know it when I see it," which appeared in his opinion in the free-speech case *Jacobellis v. Ohio*. Stewart annotated his copy of Maitland's *Forms of Action* when he was preparing to participate in Yale's renowned Moot Court during his undergraduate senior year. He won his case, which involved a woman wronged in a divorce. Stewart's performance was impressive, so much so that the annually awarded prize for advocacy in the Moot Court is the Potter Stewart Prize. Stewart did not put his name in his book. It was kept in his home in Washington, DC, where it remained until his widow sold that house in 2012, along with other books in his library. [Order This Item](#)



"The Effects of Infidel Principles"

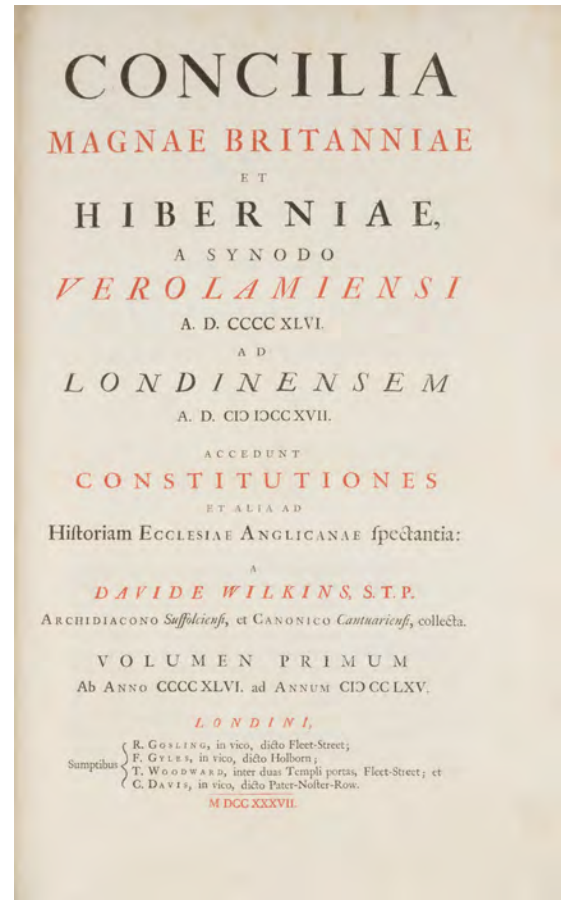
**27. [Gurney, Joseph John (1788-1847)].
[Stratford, John (d.1829)].**

The Effects of Infidel Principles Illustrated, In Some Account of John Stratford, Who was Executed at Norwich for the Crime of Murder. London: Printed by Edward Couchman: For the Tract Association of the Society of Friends, 1842. 12 pp. Octavo (6-1/2" x 4").

Stab-stitched pamphlet in recent plain wrappers. Upper corner of front wrapper curling up, horizontal crease and faint fold line to lower corner of rear wrapper. Light toning to interior, light foxing and soiling in a few places, gutters neatly mended in several places with negligible effect to text on p. 3, no loss to legibility. \$350.

* Early edition. Stratford was having an affair with the wife of Thomas Briggs, a cancer patient living in a Norwich workhouse. In an attempt to dispose of Briggs, he tainted flour being delivered to the workhouse with arsenic. This did not result in Briggs's death, but three men sickened and one died after eating food made with the poisoned flour. Stratford was charged with murder in August of 1829 and executed the same year. He later blamed his transgressions on the reading of "infidel publications" (including Thomas Paine's *Age of Reason*). Our tract expands on this theme and uses Stratford as a cautionary tale about "the mournful consequences of unbelief." It went through at least four editions from 1838-1863. Gurney was a Norwich banker and prominent Quaker with an interest in penology and prison reform.

OCLC and Library Hub locate 1 copy of this edition in the UK (Library of the Society of Friends). See Smith, *A Descriptive Catalogue of Friends' Books* 761 (48). [Order This Item](#)



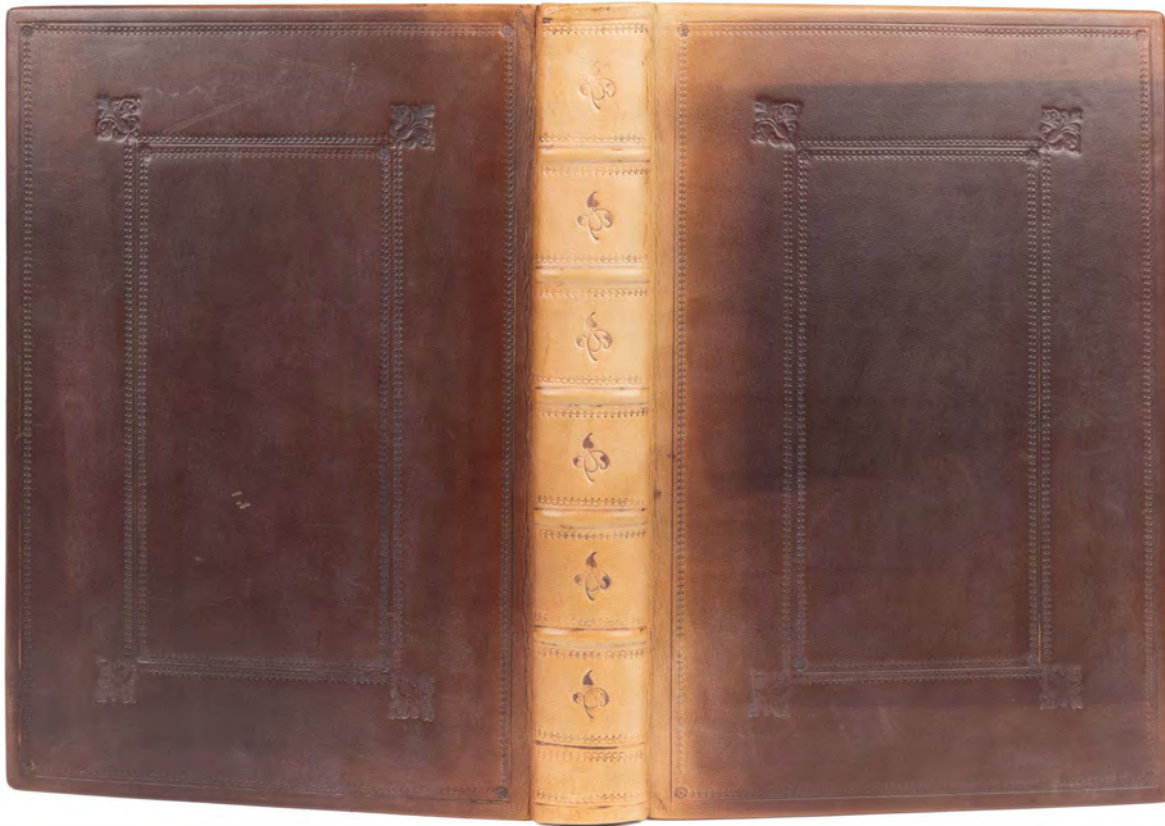
A Landmark Study of the Medieval English Church, One of 500 Copies

28. Wilkins, David [1685-1745].

Concilia Magnae Britanniae et Hiberniae, A Synodo Verolamiensi A.D. CCCC XLVI. Ad Londinensem A.D. M DCCXVII. Accedunt Constitutiones et Alia ad Historiam Ecclesiae Anglicanae Spectantia: A Davide Wilkins, S. T. P. Archidiacono Suffolciensi, Et Canonico Cantuariensi, Collecta. London: Sumptibus R. Gosling, In Vico, Dicto Fleet-Street; F. Gyles, In Vico, Dicto Holborn; T. Woodward, Inter Duae Templi Portas, Fleet-Street; Et C. Davis, In Vico, Dicto Pater-Noster-Row, 1737. Four volumes. Volume I has a general half-title page and a subscriber list. Large folio (16" x 10-1/2").

Contemporary calf with later rebacking, blind rules to boards, red and black lettering pieces, gilt-edged raised bands and gilt ornaments to spines, existing marbled endpapers retained, gilt tooling to board edges, gilt inside dentelles, Volume III has a later calf rear board with gilt rules and plain rear endpapers. Light rubbing and some minor nicks, scuffs and stains to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities with some wear to spine ends and corners, front joint of Volume I partially cracked, most hinges cracked or starting, later owner bookplates of Ragley Hall to front pastedowns. Title pages printed in red and black, small text illustrations, five woodcut, one copperplate, in the appendix in Volume IV. Light toning to interiors, occasional light soiling to upper margins, light foxing to a few leaves. An impressive set. \$600.

* Only edition. A professor of Arabic at Cambridge University and librarian to the Archbishop of Canterbury, Wilkins was an important archivist and historian of early English legal, political and ecclesiastical institutions. According to Douglas, the *Concilia*, a massive collection of original source material and scholarship by Spelman, Wake and others, is "the greatest single work which has ever been produced on the medieval English Church." The *English Short-Title Catalogue* notes that 500 copies of this work were printed. Located near Stratford-Upon-Avon, Ragley Hall is the ancestral seat of the Marquess of Hertford. Douglas, *English Scholars* 285. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T138837. [Order This Item](#)



Year Books of Henry IV, Beale R62

29. [Year Books].

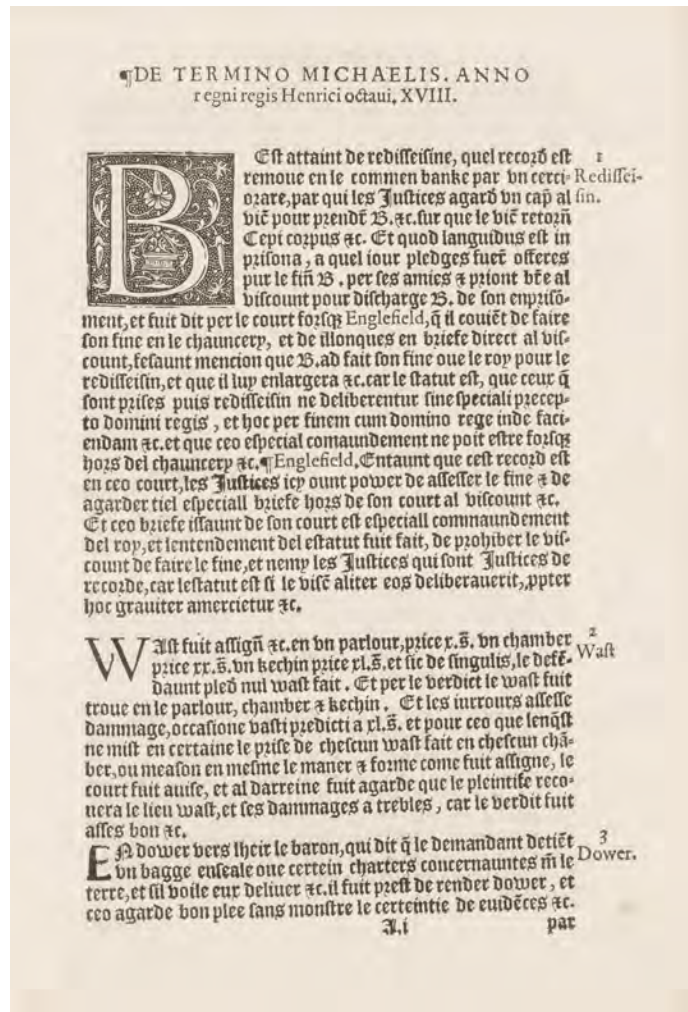
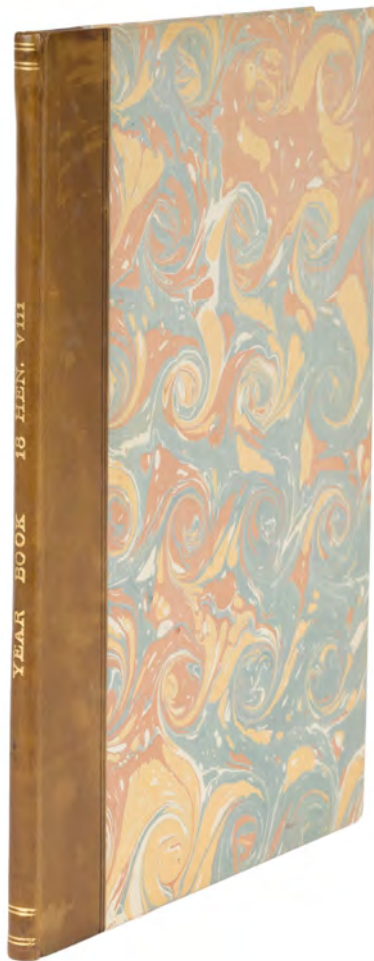
Henry IV [Reigned 1399-1413].

In Hoc Volumine Contine[n]tur Omnes Anni Regis Henrici Quarti ab Anno Primo Usque ad Annum Decimum Quintum, Non Modo Impressorum, Sed Etiam Manu Scriptorum Exemplarium Collatione Eme[n]dati, Et Iam Noviter Impressi Opera & Impensis Richard Tottelli. London: Imprinted...in Fletestrete Within Temple Barre, At the Signe of the Hande and Starre, By Rycharde Tottel, 1576. [i], cccxxviii, [1] ff. Folio (11-1/4" x 7-1/2").

Recent paneled calf, raised bands and blind-stamped decoration to spine, marbled endpapers. A few small nicks to rear board and fading to spine. Light toning to interior, light soiling in a few places, worming to lower right margin without loss to text, neat cello tape repairs to edges of title page. Early ownership signature ("Thomas") to head of title page, with annotations in two small, neat hands throughout, most of which are case citations. \$4,500.

* It is difficult to overestimate the importance of the Year Books. As a series of notes on debates and points of pleadings in Norman England they are of crucial primary sources for our knowledge of medieval common law. They also provide a richly detailed portrait of contemporary English life, customs and manners. The origin of the Year Books is unknown. Some scholars believe they were notes compiled by law students for study while others maintain they were made by lawyers for use in pleading. Though it is not known when the first manuscript volumes were compiled, extant examples date from the 1270s to 1535. Printed editions of the Year Books were first issued by William de Machlinia between 1481 and 1482.

The present volume belongs to the so-called "Quarto Edition." Not a set or edition in the conventional sense, these volumes were issued separately with various dates and impressions between 1522 and 1619. *English Short-Title Catalogue* S120217. Beale, *Bibliography of Early English Law Books* R62. [Order This Item](#)



Year 18, Michaelmas Term, Of Henry VIII, Beale R434

30. [Year Book].

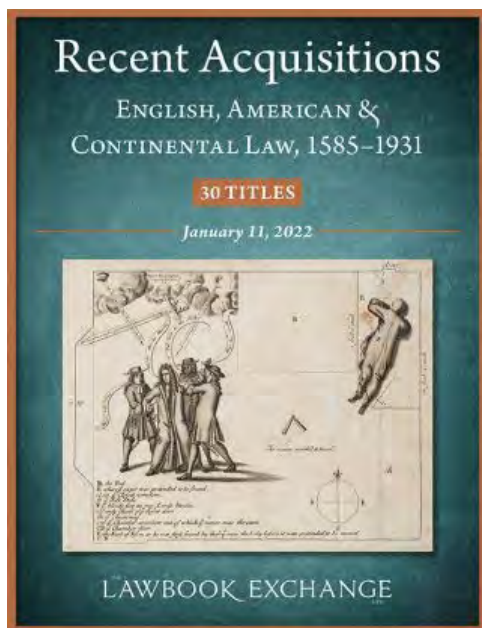
Henry VIII [Reigned 1509-1547].

De Termino Michaelis. Anno Regni Regis Henrici Octavi, XVIII. [Drop Head Title]. London: Imprynted...in Fletestrete Within Temple Barre at the Signe of the Hande and Starre, By Rychard Tottell. Anno., 1569. 18 ff.

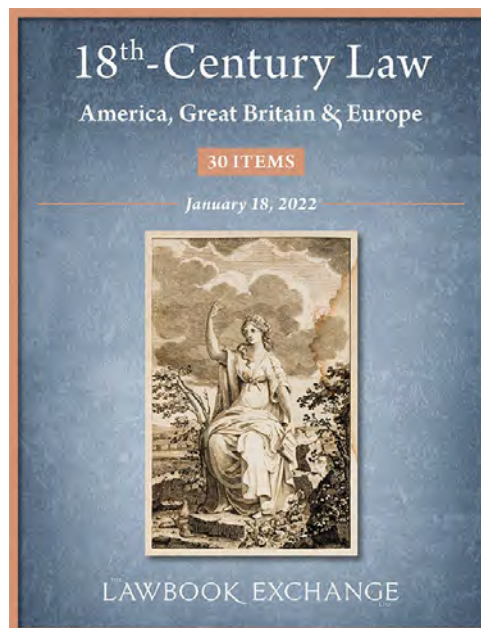
Folio (9-1/2" x 6-1/2"). Recent quarter calf over marbled boards, gilt title to spine, endpapers renewed. Negligible light rubbing to extremities, light toning to interior. A handsome copy. \$1,000.

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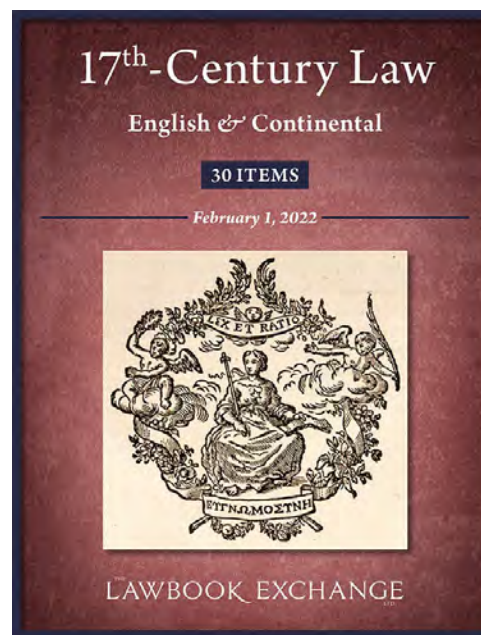
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