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Catalogue of Police Equipment with Fascinating Miscellaneous Information

1. Bean, E[dward] D.

Hints to Police Officers and Sheriffs. [Boston: Edward D. Bean, 1887]. 133, [7] pp. Woodcut portrait frontispiece. Woodcut text illustrations. 12mo. (6-1/2" x 4-1/4").

Flexible cloth binding, black stamped title to front cover. Light rubbing to extremities with some wear to spine ends and corners, dampstaining to covers at top and fore-edges, hinges cracked, a few other cracks to text block, moderate toning to leaves, light foxing in a few places. \$750.

* Only edition located. This catalogue of police equipment is interspersed with information and advice for police officers and sheriffs, lengthy chapters on first aid and medicine and a law dictionary. A trove of information, it covers such topics as rousing a slumbering drunk, handling an insane person, transporting a prisoner on a train and how to kill an animal in a humane manner. It also contains miscellaneous information, such as tables of distances between cities, the text of the U.S. Constitution and an "Outline of American History from 1492 to 1885." OCLC locates 1 copy (Canada Science and Technology Museum). [Order This Item](#)



Rare 1514 Basel Imprint of
Brant's Classic Guide to Legal Study

2. Brant, Sebastian [1458-1521].

Caccialupi, Giovanni Battista [c. 1420-1496].

[Graf, Urs (c.1485-c. 1513), Title Page Border].

Expositiones Sive Declaratio[n]es Omnium Titulo[r]um Iuris tam Civilis Q[uam] Canonici per Sebastianum B[r]ant Collecte et Revis.

De Modo Studendi in Utroq[ue] Jure. Cum Nominibus Om[ni]um Scribetur[m] in Iure. [Basel: Adam Petri von Langendorf], 1514. [144] ff. Quarto (8" x 5-3/4").

Contemporary morocco incorporating sections of contemporary paneled calf over wooden boards, raised bands and lettering piece to spine, hasps present, one detached, endpapers renewed. Light rubbing and some wormholes to contemporary sections, front hinge cracked. Title page, with woodcut architectural border by Graf, printed in red and black. Light to moderate toning, minor worming in places with no loss to legibility, light soiling to title page, faint dampstaining to margins and some edgewear to title page and following six leaves, dampstaining and a few chips to edges of final two leaves. \$5,000.

* Remembered today as the author of the moral and satirical *Narrenschiff* (*The Ship of Fools*), Brant was also a highly regarded law professor and state official. First published in 1490, and Brant's only original legal work, *Expositiones* was a popular, highly regarded introduction to the *Corpus Juris Canonici* and *Corpus Juris Civilis*. According to Stintzing-Landsberg, it is a useful guide to contemporary legal pedagogy in the Holy Roman Empire. Our edition also includes an equally renowned introductory textbook that Brant held in high regard: Caccialupi's *Tractatus de Modo Studendi in Utroque Jure*, which offers a basic history and outline of Europe's legal systems and advice on study methods. OCLC locates 6 copies, none in North America. Stintzing-Landsberg, *Geschichte der Deutschen Rechtswissenschaft* I:94. *Verzeichnis der im Deutschen Sprachbereich Erschienenen Drucke des 16. Jahrhunderts* B7055. [Order This Item](#)



A Classic Fifteenth-Century Textbook Bound with an Anthology of Writings for Law Students, Two Rare Basel Imprints

3. I. Brant, Sebastian [1458-1521].

Caccialupi, Giovanni Battista [c. 1420-1496].

Expositio[n]es Sive Declarationes Omnium[m] Titulorum[m] Iuris tam Civilis Q[uam] Canonici per Sebastianum Brant Collecte [et] Revisae. De Modo Studendi in Utroq[ue] Iure: Cu[m] Not[i]bus Omnium[m] Scribentium[m] in Iure. [Basel: Gregor Bartholomaeus von Angermünde, 1514]. 239, [16] ff.

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II. Bartolo of Sassoferrato [1313-1357].

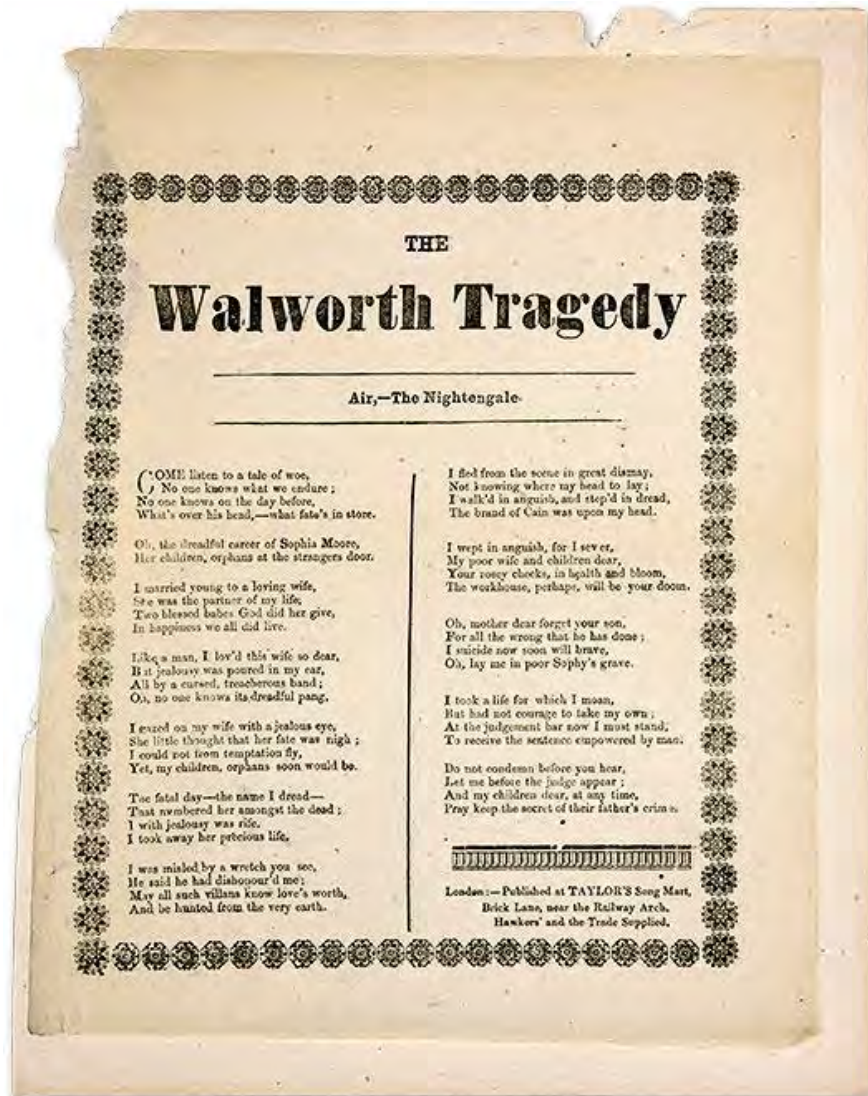
d'Andrea, Giovanni [c.1270-c.1348].

In Utriusq[ue] Juris Libros Introductorium. Tractatus et Processus Diversi, Utriusque Juris: Studiosis Plurimum Accomodati: Modus Legendi Abbreviaturas in Utroque Jure. Tractatus Judiciorum Bartholi Legum Doctoris. Tractatus Renunciationum Beneficiorum in Publicis Instrumentis. Processus Sathana Infernalis Contra Genus Humanum. Ars Notariatus. Summa Joannis Andreae, Super Secundo Decretalium. Summa Joannis Andreae, Super Quarto Decretalium. Arbor Consanguinitatis [et] Affinitatis Joannis Andreae. Arbor Cognationis Spiritualis. Arbor Cognationis Legalis. [Basel: Impensis Petri de Langendorff, 1513]. [122] ff.

Octavo (6" x 4"). Contemporary blind-stamped pigskin, raised bands to spine, brass clasps, endpapers renewed. Soiled, a few minor worm holes, rubbing to extremities with wear to corners and foot of spine, one clasp loose but secure, a few cracks to text block. Moderate toning to text, a few minor worm holes with no loss to legibility, faint staining and light soiling in places, chips to margins of a few leaves, brief early annotations to title page and a few other leaves of *Expositiones*. \$8,500.

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II. First edition. Probably compiled by a law student or layman, *In Utriusque Juris Libros Introductorium* is an anthology of works by two great late-medieval jurists. It includes, among other titles, the *Modus Legendi Abbreviaturas*, a dictionary of abbreviations, the *Ars Notariatus*, a handbook on legal drafting, and *Flores Legum* is a collection of maxims. It also includes, perhaps as a warning, the *Processus Sathana Infernalis Contra Genus Humanum*, a legalistic account of Judgment Day (Satan as prosecutor). A popular work, it went through several editions during the sixteenth century. All are rare today. OCLC locates 5 copies, 1 in North America (Harvard Law School). *Verzeichnis der im Deutschen Sprachbereich Erschienenen Drucke des 16. Jahrhunderts* I165. [Order This Item](#)



A Rare Unrecorded Murder Broadside

4. [Broadside].

[Murder].

[Great Britain].

The Walworth Tragedy. London: Published at Taylor's Song Mart, Brick Lane, Near the Railway Arch. Hawkers and the Trade Supplied, [c. 1840?].

10-1/2" x 7-1/2" verse broadside mounted on backing paper, text in two columns within woodcut typographical border. Light toning, edgewear to left-hand margin, border and text not affecting printed surface. \$500.

* This verse ballad, sung to "The Nightingale," narrates a sad story of rumored infidelity, which led a husband to jealousy and murder. Rare and unrecorded, we have not been able to locate any copies on OCLC or COPAC. (It is not to be confused with the two other broadsides with the same title, one, from 1855, about the case of Thomas Fuller Bacon, who murdered his mother (and possibly his children), the other, from 1860, about William Youngman, who killed his mother, two brothers and girlfriend.) [Order This Item](#)



"On Wicked Ways Her Heart Was Bent"

5. [Broadside].

[Murder].

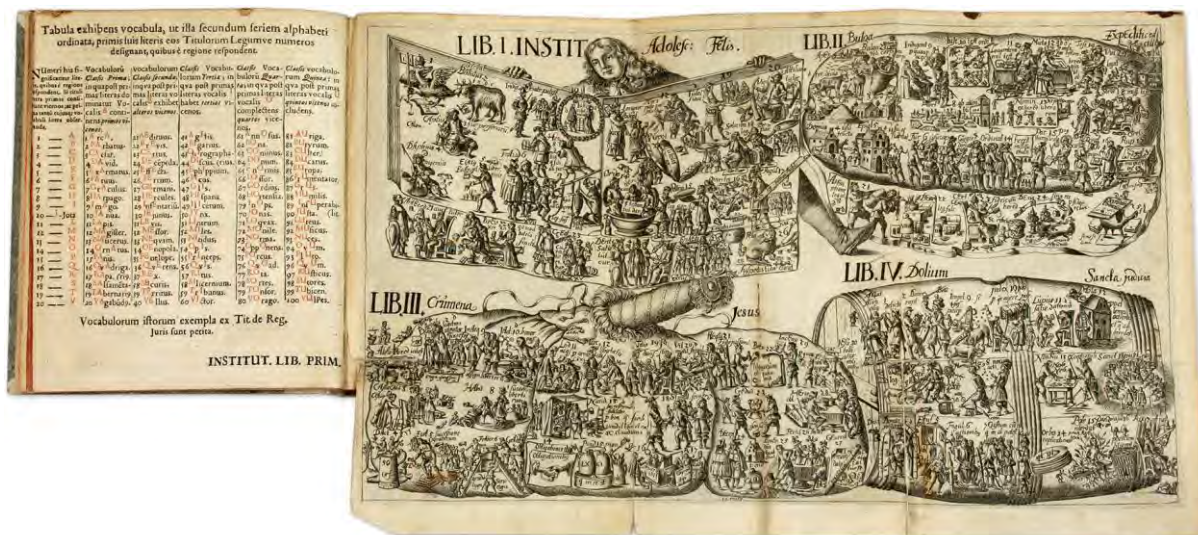
[Great Britain].

A Wonderful Judgment on a Cruel Daughter, Who Was Struck Apparently Dead, While in the Act of Murdering Her Tender Mother, Aged 73 years,

£c. London: Evans, Printer, Long-Lane, May, 1821.

12-1/2" x 8" broadside, text, printed within ornamental typographical border below headline, first section of text, in verse, printed in two columns. Moderate toning and faint spotting, margins trimmed, carefully repaired tear to right-hand margin. \$950.

* The verses, in 48 lines, describe the background of this event: A wealthy widow, Mrs. White, lived with her daughter, Mary. "Her mother nurs'd her tender, as part of her blood, In best of clothing and with richest food; She laugh'd and scoff'd her mother without relief, While on wicked ways her heart was bent." Learning that her mother planned to leave her estate to charity, Mary decided to murder her. At the moment she attempted to take her life, Mary fell into a coma and was filled with "divine revelation": "After twenty-four long hours she lay amain, Her spirit return'd to her body again; After viewing death, Heaven, and Hell, for unbelievers woe, What she had seen and gave them thus to know." This is a rare and unrecorded broadside. No copies located on OCLC or COPAC. [Order This Item](#)



An Innovative Method to Teach the Law Through Pictures

6. Buno, Johannes [1617-1697].

Buno, Conrad, Engraver.

[Justinian I (483-565 CE), Emperor of the East].

*Memoriale Institutionum Juris, Quod Librorum IV in Titulos et Singulos Eorum Paragraphos, Itemque Duorum ex Digestis Copiosissimorum Titulorum de Verborum Significatione, & De Diversis Regulis Iuris Leges Singulas Emblematicis & Imaginibus Ita Efficta Continet, Ut una cum Titulorum Legumque Materiis Eorum Etiam Numeri Facili Negotio Memoriae Imprimantur; Praefationibus Artificii Huius Rationes Explicantur, Ipsiusque Operis Usus Ostenditur Accedit Examen Quo Institutiones Illae, & Duorum Istorum Titulorum de Verb. Signif. & De Divers. Reg. Iuris in Mille Quadringentas & Plures Quaestiones Sunt Resolutae, Ad Quas in Specimine Publice Dato Diversorum Annorum Iuvenes Interrogati Recte & Prompte Responderunt. Ad Minuendos in Studio Iuris Discentium Labores Excogitavit & Communis Boni Causa Edidit Johannes Buno. Ratzeburg: Typis Exscrisit Nicolaus Nissen, 1672. 31, [1], 140, [8]; [24], 52 S. pp. 5 folding copperplate tables. Two parts, second part has title page dated 1670 reading (in part) *Examen Seu Specimen Juris Primum*. Quarto (7-1/2" x 6").*

Recent marbled boards, calf lettering piece to spine, endpapers renewed, edges rouged. Light rubbing to extremities. Printed throughout in red and black. Moderate toning to text, recent repairs to folds on two of the plates, tiny inkstains to margins of a few leaves, a few tiny early markings in pen and later small library stamp to title page, early annotation and later owner signature to front free endpaper. A handsome copy of a scarce title. \$10,000.

* Only edition (second part a reissue of a work issued in 1670 in Lüneburg). Buno, the rector of the St. Michael's *Gymnasium* in Lüneburg, was the inventor of a unique "emblematic teaching method" (ADB) that used allegorical pictures as mnemonic devices, most of them engraved by his brother, Conrad. He produced several textbooks on law, theology, history, geography and German and Latin grammar using this method. *Memoriale Institutionum Juris*, another example, is an outline of the *Institutes* of Justinian, one of the four components of the *Corpus Juris Civilis*. Along with its tables, it teaches the text with 1400 statements arranged in the form of a catechism. OCLC locates 7 copies in North America, 4 in law libraries (Harvard, University of Minnesota, UT-Austin, Yale). We located another law-library copy at UC-Berkeley. *Allgemeine Deutsche Biographie* (ADB) III:541. Widener and Wiener, *Law's Picture Books* 8.07. *Das Verzeichnis der im Deutschen Sprachraum Erschienenen Drucke des 17. Jahrhunderts* 1:013353V. [Order This Item](#)



By the Inventor of the Emblematic Teaching Method

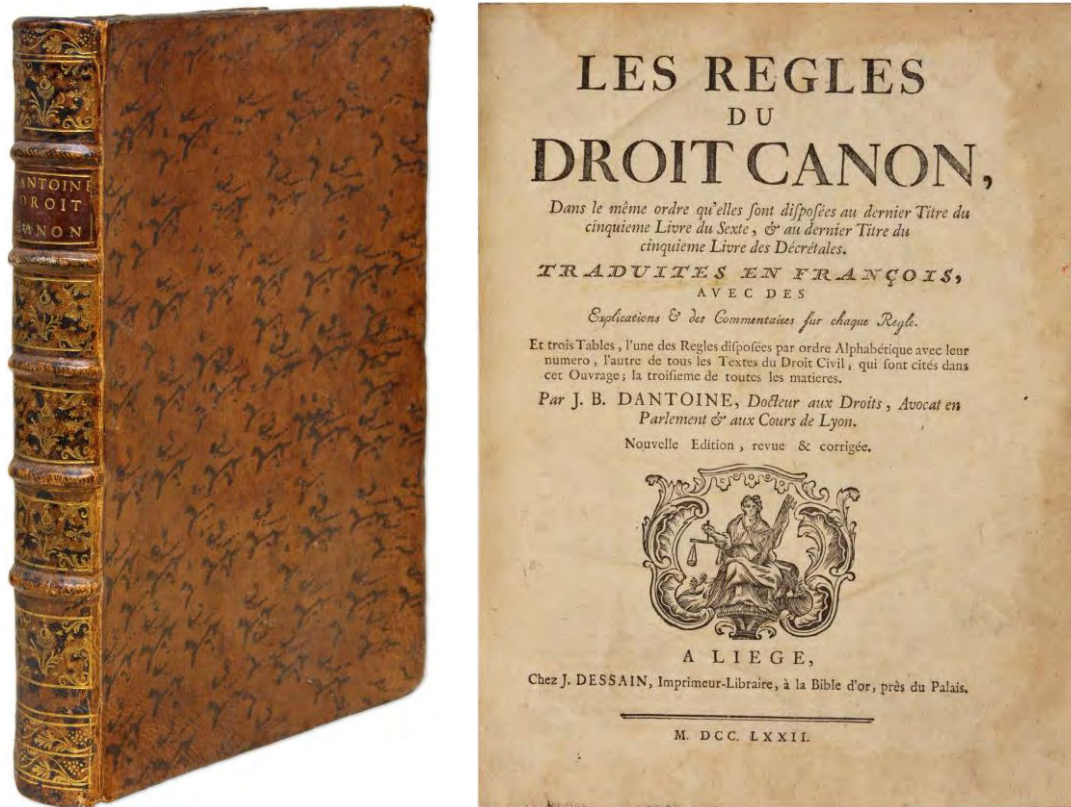
7. Buno, Johannes [1617-1697].

Buno, Conrad, Engraver.

Neues und also Eingerichtetes ABC- und Lesebüchlein, Daß vermittelt der Darinnen Begriiffenen Anleitung, Nicht nur Junge, Sondern auch Erwachsene innerhalb 6. Tagen, Zu Fertigem Lesen so wol Deutscher als Lateinischer, Groß- und kleiner Schriften Durch Lustige Mährlein und Spiele Können Gebracht Werden, Zu Besserer und Zeitiger Ergauung der Allgemeinen Christlichen Jugend Wolmeinend Ausgefertiget. Danzig: Bey Andreas Hünefeld, 1650. [xxiv], 72 pp. Folding engraved copperplate, printed table. (Half-page printed table included in some copies not present, see below). Quarto (7-1/4" x 5-1/2").

Contemporary marbled wrappers. Light rubbing with negligible wear to spine ends and corners. Moderate toning, light foxing in a few places, faint dampstaining and minor worming to foot of text block at rear of text. An Appealing copy of a rare title. \$4,000.

* Only edition. Buno, the rector of the St. Michael's Gymnasium in Lüneburg, was the inventor of a unique "emblematic teaching method" (ADB) that uses pictures and allegories as mnemonic devices, most of them engraved by his brother, Conrad. He produced several textbooks on law, theology, history, geography and German and Latin grammar using this method. As indicated by its title, the *Neues und also Eingerichtetes ABC- und Lesebüchlein* is a method to teach German and Latin to children and adults "within six days" through "amusing props and games"). The folding engraving and the table illustrate aids for reading and speaking properly. Some copies have an additional leaf containing a half-page printed table (with blank verso) illustrating how to paste Latin letters on dice to make a game for learning declensions. Copies without this table may have been intended for Calvinist households, which might have been offended by anything associated with gambling. Graesse does not indicate this plate. In any case, this small table, which was either sewn in or glued in, was susceptible to getting lost. OCLC locates 6 copies, all in German libraries. *Allgemeine Deutsche Biographie* (accessed online). Graesse, *Tresor de Livres Rares and Precieux* I:572. *Das Verzeichniß der im Deutschen Sprachraum Erschienenen Drucke des 17. Jahrhunderts* 23:290437L. [Order This Item](#)



The Rules of Canon Law Stated as Maxims

8. Dantoine, Jean-Baptiste [1693-1720?], Translator and Editor.

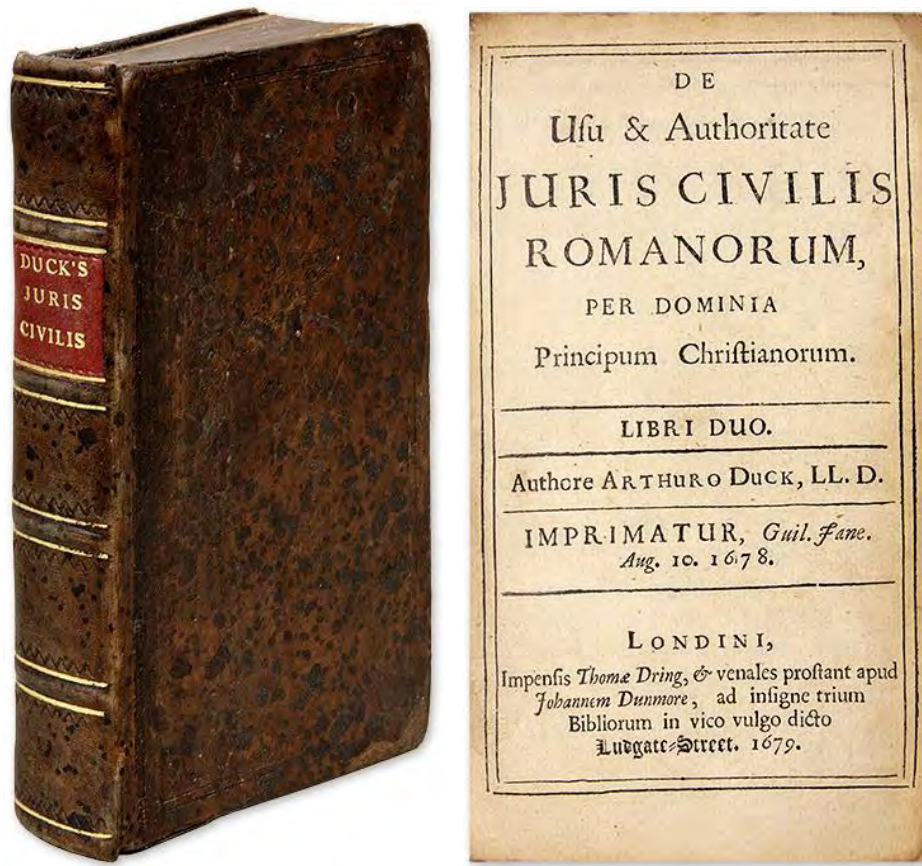
[Gregory IX (1147?-1241), Pope].

[Boniface VIII (1235-1303), Pope].

Les Regles du Droit Canon, Dans le Même Ordre Qu'Elles sont Disposées au Dernier Titre du Cinquieme Livre du Sexte, & Au Dernier Titre du Cinquieme Livre des Décrétales. Traduites en François, Avec des Explications et des Commentaires sur Chaque Règle. Et Trois Tables l'Une des Regles Disposées par Ordre Alphabétique avec Leur Numero, l'Autre de Tous les Textes du Droit Civil, Qui sont Cités Dans cet Ouvrage; La Troisième de Toutes les Matières, l'Une de Tous les Textes du Droit Rapportés & Expliqués dans cet Ouvrage, l'Autre des Regles du droit Rangées par Ordre Alphabétique Selon leur Ordre Naturel, La Troisième de Toutes les Matières. Liège: Chez J. Dessain, 1772. [22], 468, [35] pp. Quarto (10" x 7-3/4").

Contemporary sheep with cat's-paw decoration, gilt spine with raised bands and lettering piece, speckled edges. Boards slightly bowed, rubbing to extremities with minor wear to edges, corners bumped and somewhat worn, moderate toning to interior, some offsetting to margins of preliminaries. A handsome copy. \$1,500.

* Penultimate edition. Modeled on the final title of Justinian's *Digest*, "De Diversis Regulis Juris Antiqui (Concerning Different Rules of Ancient Law)," the *Regulae Juris* (Rules of Law), are two collections of legal principles in canon law stated as maxims. 88 of these are in the *Liber Sextus Decretalium* of Boniface VIII. 11 were added by Gregory IX to the *Quinque Compilationes Antiquae Decretalium* (Fifth Book of Old Decretals), a collection superseded by the *Decretals* of Gregory IX. (The collections of these two popes are books of the *Corpus Juris Canonici*). Dantoine's edition presents the maxims in the original Latin with translations, extensive commentary and cross-references to similar statements in the *Corpus Juris Civilis*. First published in 1720, it went through six editions the, last in 1775. All are scarce. OCLC locates 3 copies in North American law libraries (Louisiana State University, UC-Berkeley, U.S. Supreme Court). Camus, *Bibliothèque Choisie des Livres de Droit* 658. [Order This Item](#)



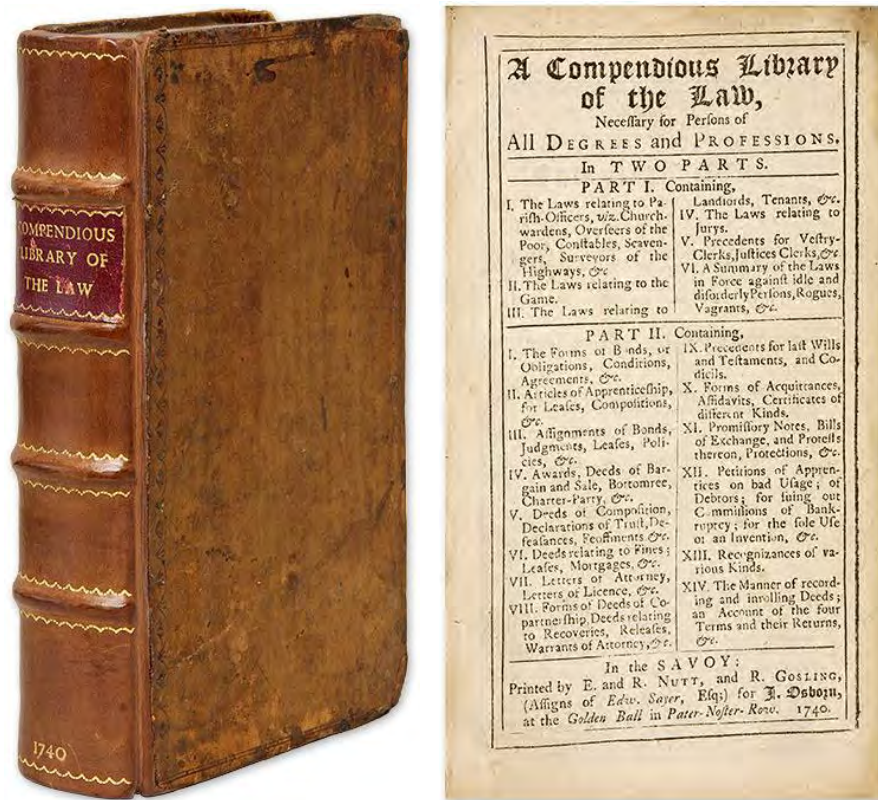
Study of the Civil Law Notable for Its Criticism of the Crown

9. Duck, Arthur [1580-1648].

De Usu & Autoritate Juris Civilis Romanorum, Per Dominia Principum Christianorum. Libri Duo. London: Impensis Thomae Dring, & Venales Prostant Apud Johannem Dunmore, 1679. [xxxiv], 120, 97-120, 145-405, [33] pp. First page of text preceded by publisher advertisement leaf. 12mo (6" x 3-1/2").

Contemporary mottled calf, rebaked in period style with gilt-edged raised bands, blind ornaments and lettering piece, hinges mended. Light gatoring, minor worming and a few nicks and scuffs to boards, some wear to corners. Title printed within ruled border. Light toning to text, clean tear to leaves H11-12 (pp.189-192) with no loss to text. An attractive copy. \$850

* Second edition. On one hand, this book, first published in 1653, is an explanation of the "use and authority" of the civil law in England. On the other, it is a critical appraisal of the English Crown. As Coquillette observes, "[m]ore than half of this little book was dedicated to showing that there was a good deal of 'might makes right' in the early English monarchy, rather questionable legitimacy of succession, and some major institutional dislocations beginning with the 'harsh...yoke of the conquest itself.'" This was an unusual position for a staunch Royalist and member of the Royalist-leaning Doctor's Commons to take. Indeed, fearing punishment, Duck refused to publish this work during his lifetime. It had a lively posthumous history, however. It had two later English editions in 1679 and 1689 and several continental editions, including one by Elzevier. A partial translation was published as an appendix to a translation of Ferriere's *History of the Roman or Civil Law* (1724). Our copy's collation differs slightly from the ESTC record, but matches the collation of another copy we examined and others listed on OCLC. Coquillette, *The Civilian Writers of Doctor's Commons, London 161-163. English Short-Title Catalogue* R35018. [Order This Item](#)



A Compact Gentleman's Law Library

10. [Great Britain].

A Compendious Library of the Law: Necessary for Persons of All Degrees and Professions. In Two Parts. Part I. Containing, I. The Laws Relating to Parish-Officers, Viz. Church-Wardens, Overseers of the Poor, Constables, Scavengers, Surveyors of the Highways, &c. II. The Laws Relating to the Game. III. The Laws Relating to Landlords, Tenants, &c. IV. The Laws Relating to Juries. V. Precedents for Vestry-Clerks, Justices Clerks, &c. VI. A Summary of the Laws in Force Against Idle and Disorderly Persons, Rogues, Vagrants, &c. Part II. Containing, I. The Forms of Bonds, Or Obligations, Conditions, Agreements, &c. II. Articles of Apprenticeship, For Leases, Compositions, &c. III. Assignments of Bonds, Judgments, Leases, Policies, &c. IV. Awards, Deeds of Bargain and Sale, Bottomree, Charter-Party, &c. V. Deeds of Composition, Declarations of Trust, Deceasances, Feoffments, &c. VI. Deeds Relating to Fines, Leases, Mortgages, &c. VII. Letters of Attorney, Letters of Licence, &c. VIII. Forms of Deeds of Copartnership, Deeds Relating to Recoveries, Releases, Warrants of Attorney, &c. IX. Precedents for Last Wills and Testaments, And Codicils. X. Forms of Acquittances, Affidavits, Certificates of Different Kinds. XI. Promissory Notes, Bills of Exchange, And Protests Thereon, Protections, &c. XII. Petitions of Apprentices on Bad Usage, Of Debtors, For Suing Out Commissions of Bankruptcy, For the Sole Use of an Invention, &c. XIII. Recognizances of Various Kinds. XIV. The Manner of Recording and Inrolling Deeds, And Account of the Four Terms and Their Returns, &c. [London]: Printed by E. and R. Nutt, And R. Gosling, 1740. [ii], 196, [8]; 192, [8] pp. Two parts. 12mo. (6-1/2" x 4").

Contemporary calf, rebaked in period style, blind fillets to boards, lettering piece and gilt-edged raised bands to spine, gilt tooling to board edges. Light rubbing and staining to boards, rubbing to board edges with wear to corners, hinges cracked. Moderate toning to text, faint dampstaining to head of text block in a few places, brief early owner annotations to front free endpaper and a few other leaves. \$1,250.

* First edition. This handbook covered the most common civic obligations and legal matters that occurred in a life of a gentleman or businessman. A well-received work, it went through two more editions in 1743 and 1757. All editions are scarce today. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T76148. [Order This Item](#)



Handsome Copy of Gronov's Important Edition of Grotius

11. Grotius, Hugo [1583-1645].

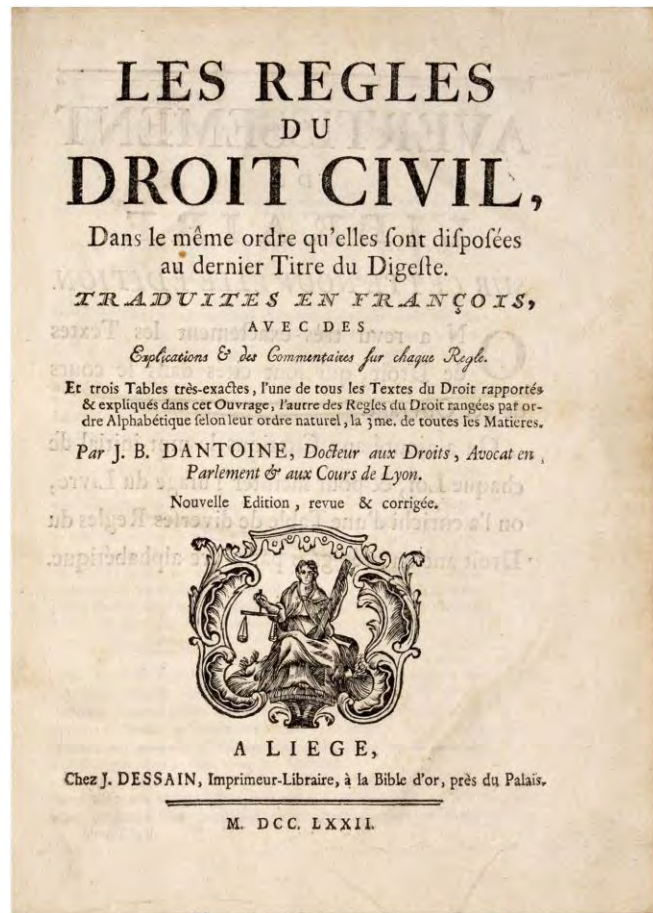
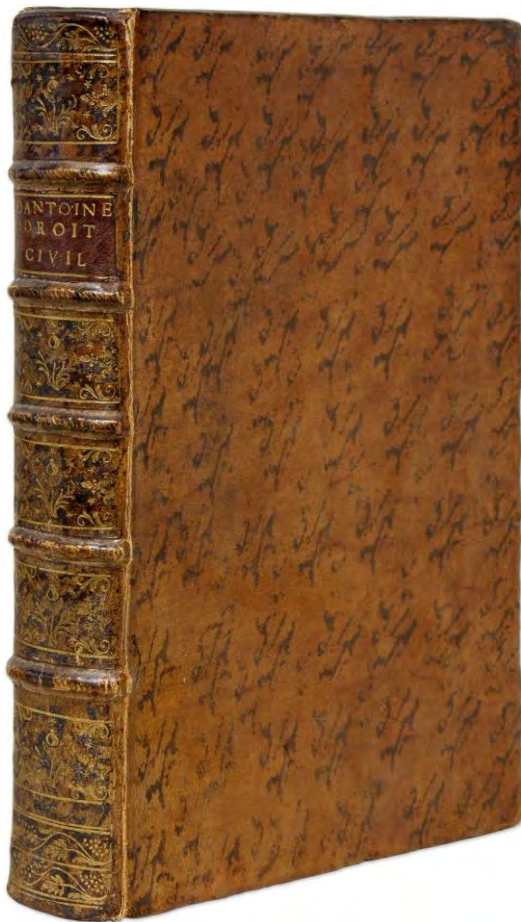
Gronov (Gronow), Johannes, Editor.

De Jure Belli ac Pacis Libri Tres: In Quibus Jus Naturae & Gentium, Item Juris Publici Praecipua Explicantur: Cum Annotatis Auctoris, Ex Postrema Ejus Ante Obitum Cura: Accesserunt Ejusdem Dissertatio de Mari Libero, & Libellus Singularis de Aequitate, Indulgentia, & Facilitate: Nec non Joann. Frid. Gronovii v.c. Notae in Totum Opus De Jure Belli ac Pacis. Amsterdam: Apud Janssonio-Waesbergios, 1712. [xiv], [94], 158; 159-636; 537-946 pp. Complete; divided into three books, index bound before p.1 of first book. Copperplate allegorical frontispiece, copperplate portrait of Grotius. Octavo (7-1/2" x 4-1/2").

Nineteenth-century morocco, gilt rules and corner fleurons to boards, raised bands and gilt titles and compartments to spines, all edges gilt, gilt tooling to board edges, gilt inside dentelles, marbled endpapers, ribbon markers. Moderate rubbing to extremities, corners bumped. Light to moderate toning, light foxing in a few places in each book, early owner inscription to verso of front free endpaper of first book. A handsome set. \$1,250.

* Later Gronov edition. With side-notes and index. Of all his numerous works *De Jure Belli ac Pacis* will always be considered Grotius' *magnum opus*, the work upon which his reputation most solidly rests. "The distinction between religion and law or morality is not clearly made, but Grotius' principle of an immutable law, which God can no more alter than a mathematical axiom, was the first expression of the *droit naturel*, the natural law which exercised the great political theorists of the eighteenth century, and is the foundation of modern international law" (Carter and Muir). The first Gronov edition, one of the most important editions of Grotius, was published in 1663. Our 1712 copy includes *Mare Liberum*, or *Freedom of the Seas* (1609), Grotius's influential treatise on maritime law and the right of free navigation. As indicated by his title, Grotius's study is in three parts, designated "three books" (*Libri Tres*). An owner of this copy took that statement literally and had it bound as a three-book set. The index was also moved to the beginning of the first book. Carter and Muir, *Printing and the Mind of Man* 125. Ter Muelen and Diermanse, *Bibliographie des Ecrits Imprimés de Hugo Grotius* 596.

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A Notable French Edition of the Digest, Book 50

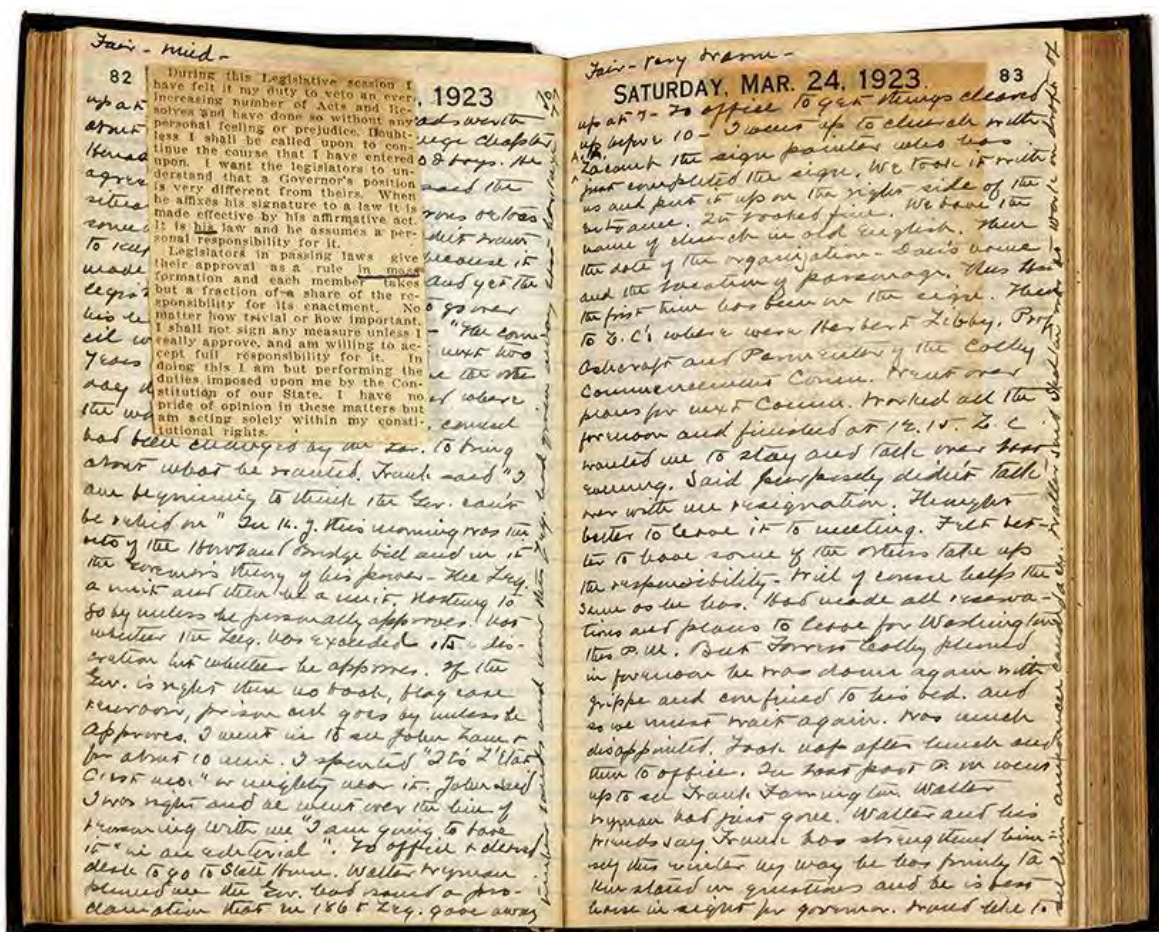
12. [Justinian I (483-565 CE), Emperor of the East].

Dantoine, J[ean] B[aptiste] [1693-1720?], Translator and Editor.

Les Règles du Droit Civil, Dans le Même Ordre Qu'Elles sont Disposées au Dernier Titre du Digeste; Traduites en François, Avec des Explications & Des Commentaires sur Chaque Règle. Et Trois Tables Très-Exactes, l'Une de Tous les Textes du Droit Rapportés & Expliqués dans cet Ouvrage, l'Autre des Règles du Droit Rangées par Ordre Alphabétique Selon Leur Ordre Naturel, La 3me. de Toutes les Matières. Nouvelle Édition, Revue & Corrigée. Liege: Chez J. Dessain, 1772. [lxiv], 502, xxxii pp. Quarto (10" x 8-3/4").

Contemporary sheep with cat's-paw decoration, gilt spine with raised bands and lettering piece, speckled edges. Boards slightly bowed, rubbing to extremities with minor wear to edges, corners bumped and somewhat worn, joints just starting at ends, moderate toning to interior. A handsome copy. \$1,500.

* Penultimate edition. The final title of the *Digest*, "De Diversis Regulis Juris Antiqui (Concerning Different Rules of Ancient Law)," is a collection of 211 maxims derived from Ulpian and other jurists. Dantoine's edition presents the maxims in the original Latin with translations and extensive commentary. First published in 1710, it went through six editions the, last in 1775. All are scarce. OCLC locates 3 copies of the 1772 edition in North America (Bibliothèque et Archives Nationales du Québec, McGill University, UC-Berkeley Law School). Camus, *Bibliothèque Choisie des Livres de Droit* 658. [Order This Item](#)



Detailed Diaries of a Prominent Maine, Lawyer, Judge and Businessman

13. [Manuscript].

Bassett, Norman L. [1869-1931].

[Diary of Norman L. Bassett]. [Augusta, ME, January 1-December 31, 1916, January 1-December 31, 1919, January 1-December 31, 1923]. 400; 400; 400 pp. Several manuscript notes, newspaper clippings and other printed items tipped in or laid in. Each diary measures 6-1/2" x 4."

Quarter calf (imitation calf in 1923) over textured cloth, "Standard Diary, No. 301" and date gilt-stamped to front boards, "Diary" and date gilt-stamped to spines, marbled edges. Moderate rubbing with some wear to extremities, most of spine lacking from 1919 diary, a few cracks to text blocks. Light toning, occasional offsetting from tipped-in and laid-in items, rectos and versos of most leaves filled in small neat hand. \$1,500.

* Born in Winslow, Maine, Bassett was a graduate of Colby College and Harvard Law School. He practiced in Augusta, Maine, initially in partnership with his uncle, Leslie C. Cornish. His practice flourished and he went on to serve as a trustee of Colby College and as a Director, and later president, of the Augusta Savings Bank. In 1925, he was appointed an associate justice of the Maine Supreme Court. Written in a remarkably detailed narrative style, these diaries record everything from the weather, dinners and theatrical performances to accounts of clients, legal cases, trustee and banking matters and thoughts about current events. In all, these diaries offer a granular account of the daily life of one Maine's leading lawyers, businessmen and civic leaders in three years spanning the beginning and end of the U.S. involvement in the First World War and the beginning of the "Roaring Twenties." [Order This Item](#)



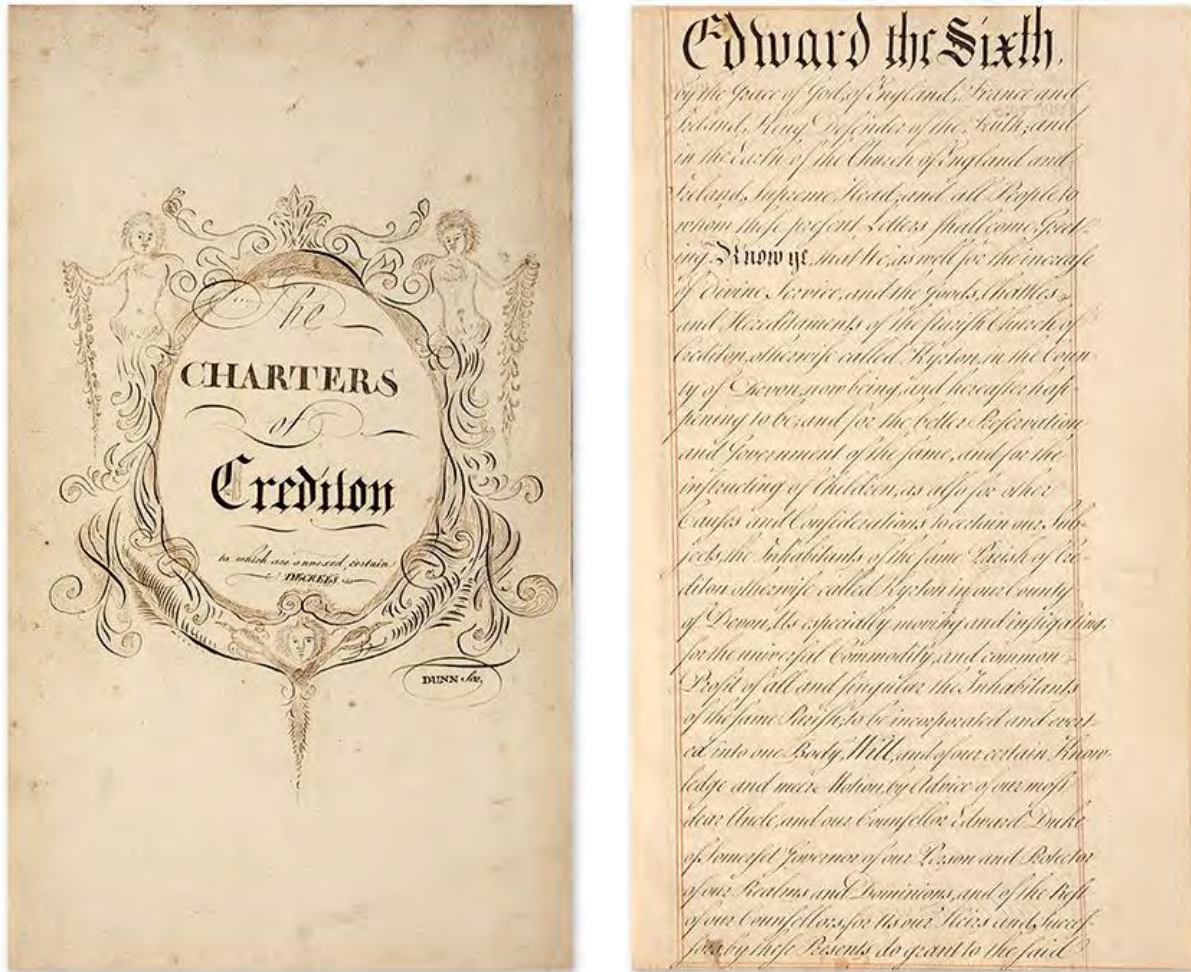
Pre-Publication Manuscript Copy of the Devonshire Chapter of the Domesday Book

14. [Manuscript].
[Domesday Book].

No. 23. V 1.2. *Domesday Book for Devonshire*. London?, c.1714-1783. 73 ff. Folio (15-1/2" x 10-1/2").

Marbled paper-covered limp boards, raised bands to spine, hand-lettered title panel to front cover. Rubbing and soiling to boards, spine and extremities with wear to spine ends and corners, sections of marbled paper rubbed away, chip to lower corner of title panel, minor worming to rear cover, pastedown and endleaves, two tiny stab-holes though rear half of text block. Light toning to leaves, text in neat hand to rectos of leaves, neat contemporary annotations in pencil to margins. \$1,250.

* The Domesday Book is a comprehensive census and survey of English landowners and their property commissioned by William the Conqueror in 1085. It is probably the most remarkable statistical document in the history of Europe. The British government initiated a project to publish the book in 1773. It was eventually appeared as a two-volume set in 1783. (Two more volumes of indexes and related material were added to this set in 1811 and 1816.) Carefully arranged and free of corrections, this faithful transcription of the Devonshire chapter appears to be a fair copy. Most of the annotations in pencil are family names, places and landmarks. The watermark on several leaves bear the cipher "G.R.," which dates the manuscript to the Hanoverian Era, which began with the coronation of King George I in 1714. It is likely this manuscript was produced between that date and the publication of the first printed edition. [Order This Item](#)



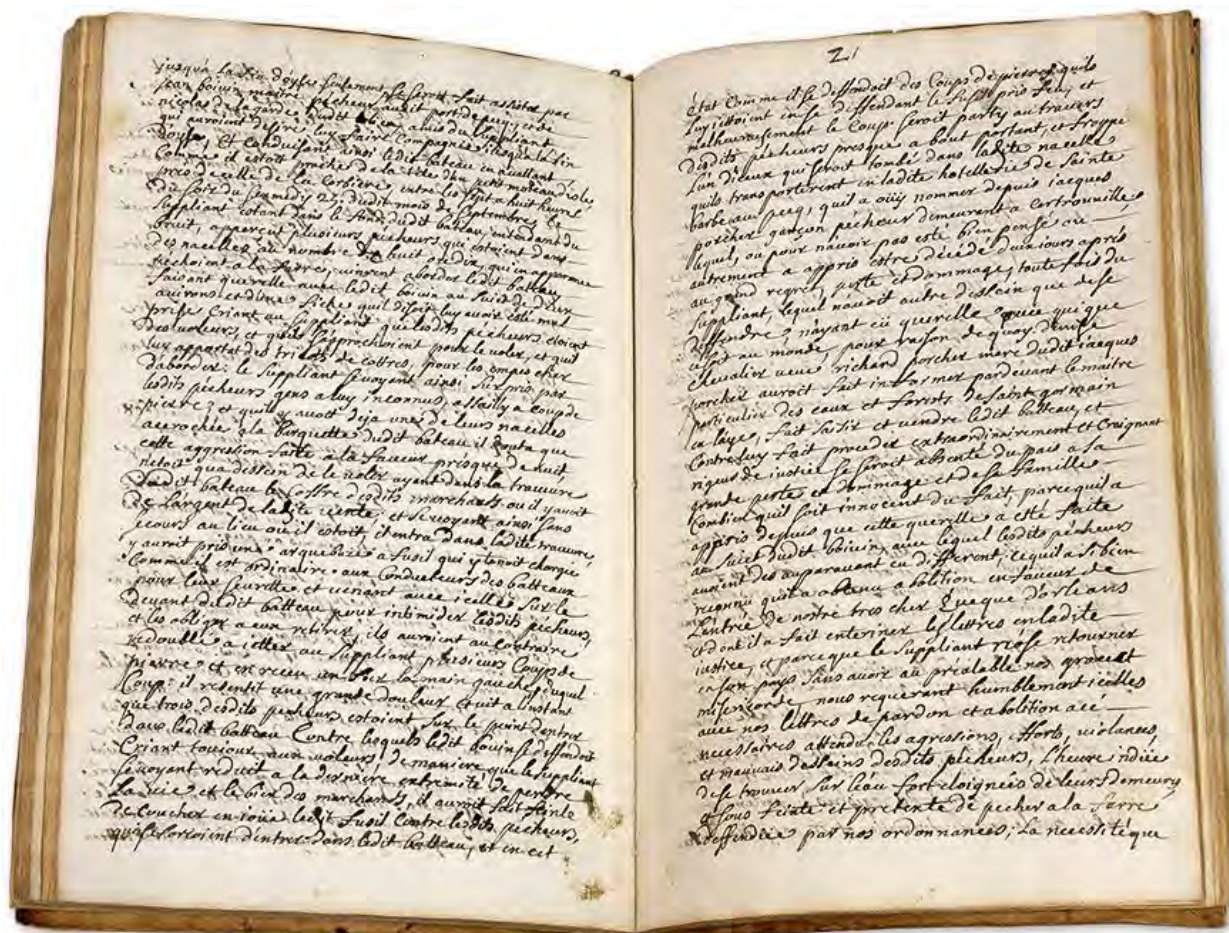
**The Distribution of Tithes
in a Small Town in Devon, England**

**15. [Manuscript].
[Great Britain].**

The Charters of Crediton, To Which Are Annexed Certain Decrees. Crediton, c.1800. [90] ff. Folio (14-1/2" x 9-1/2").

Contemporary diced and mottled calf, gilt frames to boards, gilt spine, marbled endpapers, gilt edges. A few light scuffs and scratches to boards, section of calf worn away from lower corner of rear board, rubbing to extremities with wear to spine ends and corners, joints cracked. Decorated title page and text in elegant calligraphic hand within ruled margins. Light toning to text, light soiling to title page, underlining to a few passages, marks in pencil to margins of a few leaves. \$1,250.

* Crediton is a small town in Devon. It was a bishop's seat from 909CE to 1050. The town flourished from the 13th to mid-18th centuries through the manufacture and trade of wool cloth. Today, it is a suburb of the city of Exeter. At the time this manuscript was compiled Crediton was governed by a body of commissioners. Free from corrections and lightly marked by a user, our manuscript was likely produced for one of these men for a meeting concerning the distribution of tithes. It contains three sixteenth-century town charters, a judgment of the Attorney General's Court from 1624 concerning the distribution of tithes and "A Statement of Facts Concerning the Administration of the Crediton Tithe Trust," which cites documents from the 1624 judgment to 1799. [Order This Item](#)



Manuscript Copy of a Rare 1685 French Treatise on Hunting Laws

16. [Manuscript].

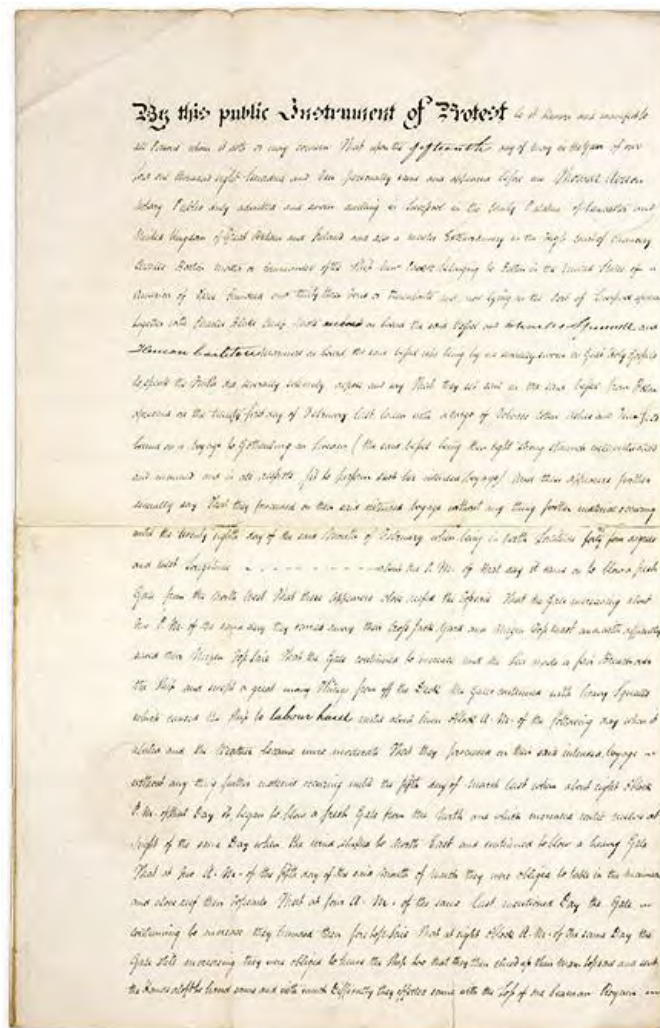
[Laisné, Antoine (active 1685-1737)].

[Novion, Nicolas Potier de (1618-1693)].

La Nouvelle Jurisprudence sur le Fait des Chasses: Contenant l'Explication de l'Ordonnance de 1669, Avec les Arrêts & Jugemens Rendus sur Chaque Article, & Plusieurs Autres Arrêts & Jugemens Particuliers Rendus sur des Cas non Prevenus par le Même Ordonnance Jusqu'à Present: Ensemble les Noms des Capitaines & Officiers de Toutes les Capitaineries & Maistrises du Royaume, Leurs Droits & Gages, Et l'Entenduë de leur Pouvoir & Jurisdiction. Dediée a Monseigneur le Premier President. Tome Premier. "Paris: Chez Gabriel Quinet, 1685." 116 (i.e. 117) ff. Folio (11" x 7-1/2").

Contemporary limp vellum with thong ties. Moderate soiling, faint stain to rear cover, moderate rubbing to extremities. Moderate toning, text in neat hand to rectos and versos, faint stains to some of the leaves at rear of text, a few annotations to foot of title page. \$850.

* This is a carefully written manuscript copy of the first volume of the first edition of a treatise on game laws by Laisné based on a manuscript by Novion. (The copier recorded the publisher and publication date.) It was first published in 1685 with later editions in 1686 and 1688. All three are rare. Of all editions, OCLC locates 1 copy in North America at George Washington University Law School, which has a 1686 edition. We located a copy of the 1685 edition at the New York Public Library. No edition of the published title is listed in Camus, but the 1685 edition is listed in Thiébaud, *Bibliographie des Ouvrages Français sur la Chasse* 549. [Order This Item](#)



The Effects of Jefferson's Non-Intercourse Act

17. [Manuscript].

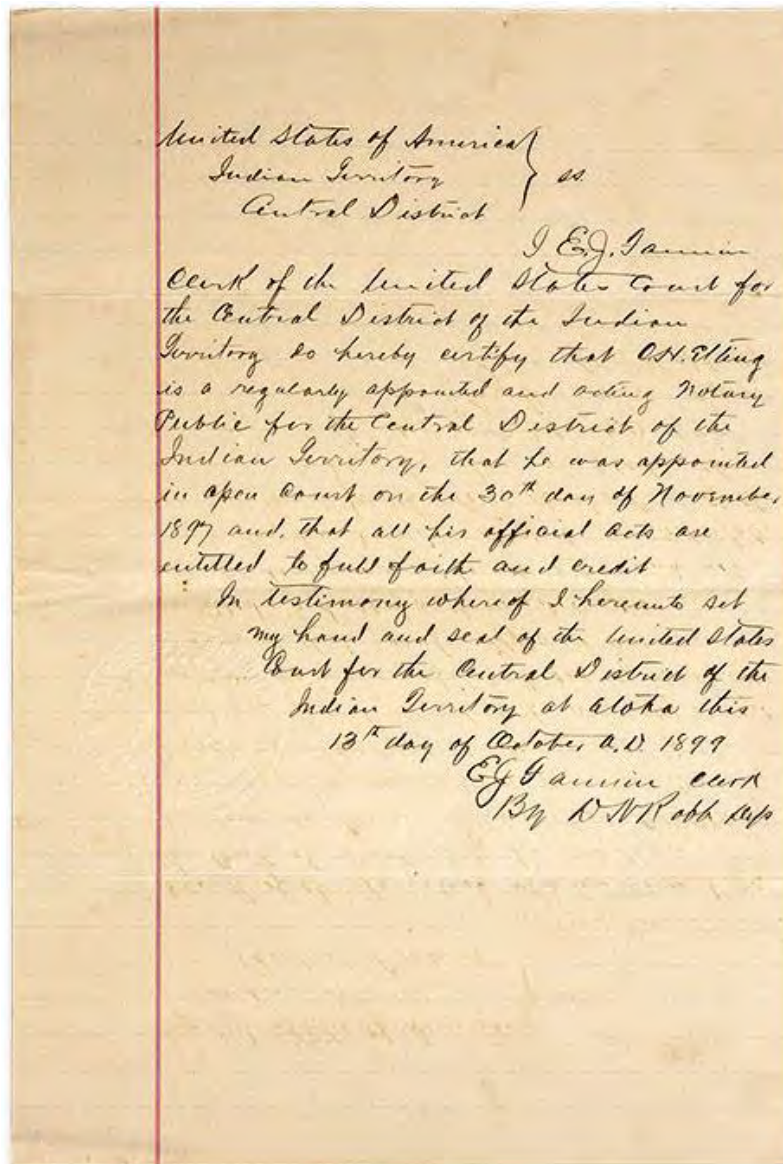
[Maritime Law].

[War of 1812].

[Instrument of Protest]. Liverpool, May 15, 1810.

16-1/2" x 11" bifolium, content in neat secretarial hand, signed and sealed at end of text, franked on verso of second leaf. Light toning, fold lines, folds to corners, some separation along folds, some with old cello tape repairs. \$500.

* Recorded by a notary in Liverpool, this is deposition of around 1200 words by Captain Charles Barton and three mariners of the Boston ship *New Packett*. It describes, in vivid detail, their rough crossing in stormy seas. Forbidden from trading with Great Britain due to the Non-Intercourse Act of 1809, the ship set sail for Sweden with tobacco and other cargo. After several heavy gales, which brought significant damage and the death of sailor, the ship encountered a ship from Baltimore. From this crew Captain Blake learned that the Non-Intercourse Act had recently been repealed. With this knowledge Blake decided to bring his ship to Liverpool, the closest port for repairs. Upon arrival, he made this deposition to deflect possible charges of negligence of duty. Signed by Barton, his first mate Charles Blake, and mariners Charles Spinnell and Heucon Carleton. [Order This Item](#)



Document Appointing a Notary Public in Oklahoma Indian Territory

18. [Manuscript].

[Oklahoma].

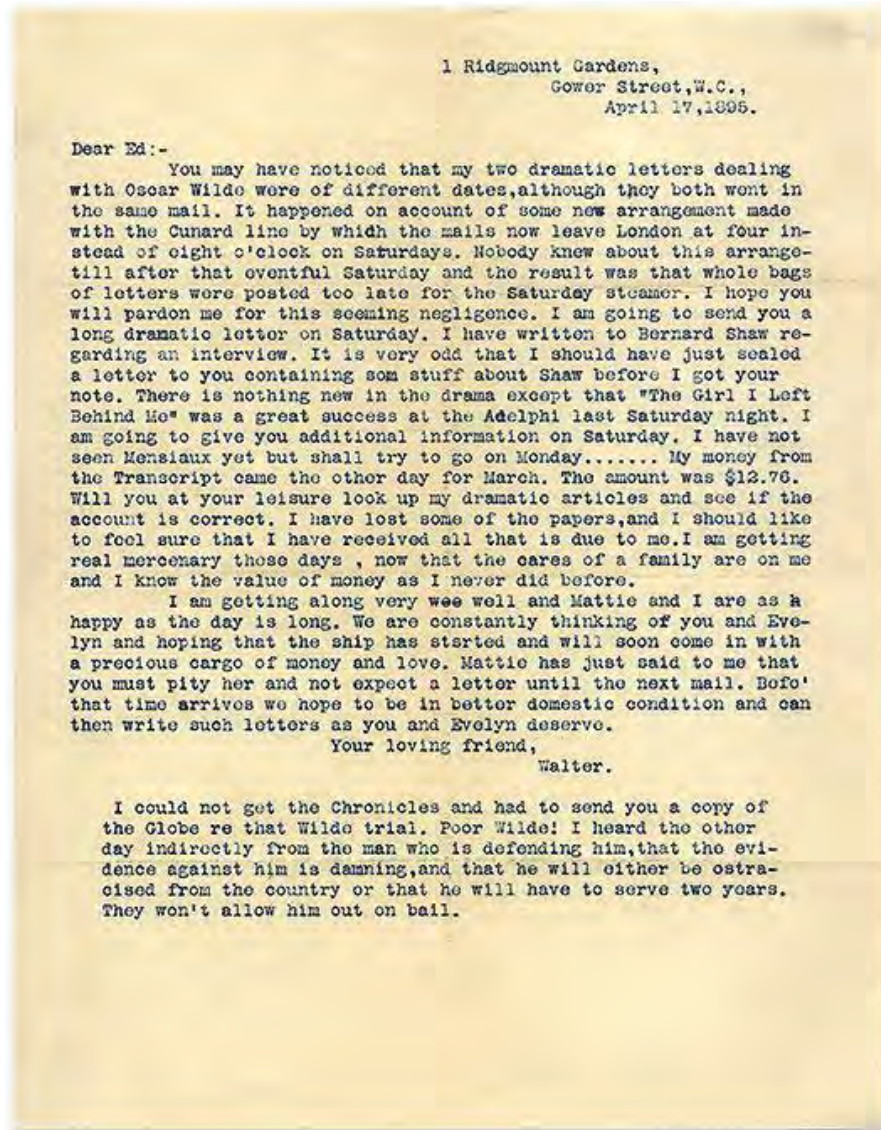
[Indian Territory].

[Document Appointing A Notary Public for the Central District of the Indian Territory]. Atoka, Oklahoma, October 13, 1899. Single 12-1/2" x 8" leaf, embossed seal of the United States District Court in the Central District, Indian Territory.

Light toning, horizontal fold lines, short tear along fold, text in ink on lined paper. \$250.

* Signed by Territorial Clerk, E.J. Tannin, and Deputy Clerk D.N. Robb, this document certifies the appointment of O.H. Etting. Robb, an early white settler and merchant at Atoka, served as Treasurer of the Murrow Indian Orphan Home and established by the American Baptist Mission to care for orphan children of the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations.

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"Poor Wilde!"

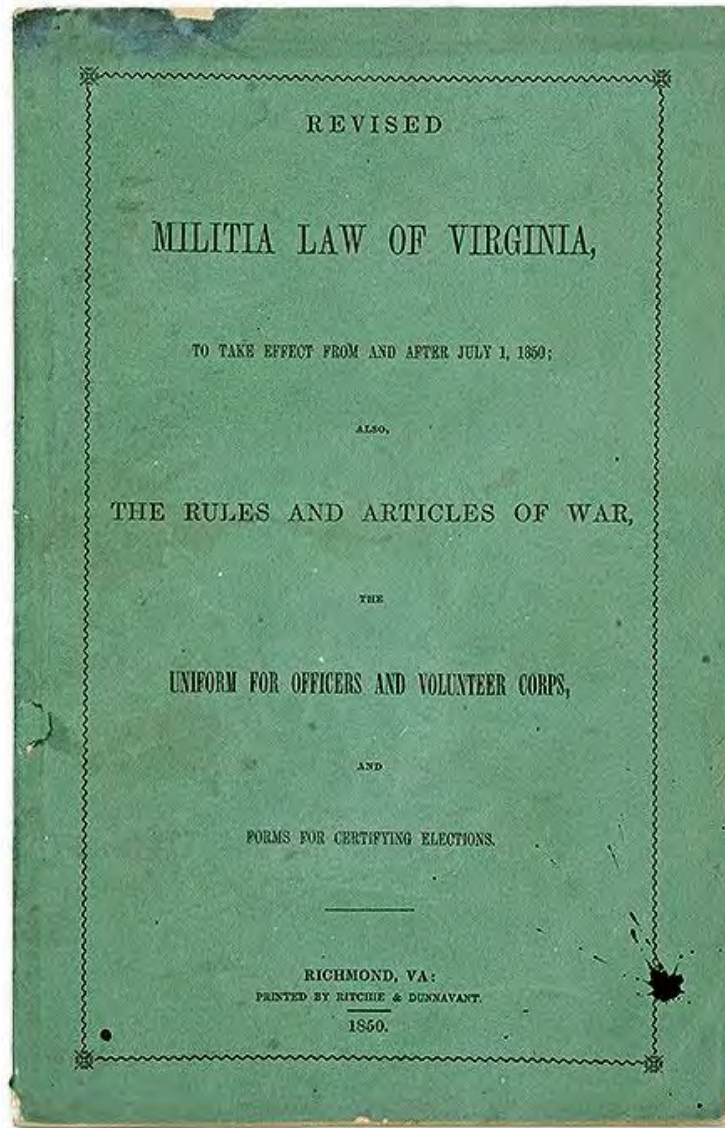
19. [Manuscript].

[Wilde, Oscar (1854-1900)].

[Typed Letter, Signed, Regarding the Trial of Oscar Wilde, London, April 17, 1895].

Single 10-1/4" x 8" sheet and 3-3/4" x 4-3/4" envelope. Some toning to sheet, horizontal and vertical fold lines, minor tear at intersection of lines near top, small crease to upper left corner, light soiling and edgewear to envelope, which has a contemporary pencil annotation "re Wilde" below the address. \$250.

* This letter was written in the days between Wilde's two trials by an unidentified drama critic in London (Walter ?) to Edwin F. Edgett, the theater editor of the *Boston Transcript*. It mentions, among other topics, "two dramatic letters dealing with Oscar Wilde" that he posted recently. The postscript reads (in part): "Poor Wilde! I heard the other day indirectly from the man who is defending him, that the evidence against him is damning, and that he will either be ostracised from the country or that he will have to serve two years. They won't allow him out on bail." [Order This Item](#)



Rare 1850 Collection of Virginia Militia Laws

**20. [Military Law].
[Virginia].**

Revised Militia Law of Virginia, To Take Effect From and After July 1, 1850; Also, The Rules and Articles of War, The Uniform for Officers and Volunteer Corps, And Forms for Certifying Elections. Richmond: Printed by Ritchie & Dunnivant, 1850. 80, [15] pp. Octavo (9-1/4" x 5-3/4").

Stab-stitched pamphlet in printed wrappers. Light soiling, a few small chips to edges of wrappers, small inkspot to front wrapper, light wear to spine ends. Moderate toning to text, faint, gradually diminishing dampstain to top-edges of title page and following eight leaves. \$500.

* Only edition. This was the final Antebellum collection of Virginia militia law. Along with local law, it contains an extract of Federal law concerning militias. The forms are for the election of officers. The information about uniforms and equipment is quite detailed. OCLC locates 5 copies, 3 in Virginia, none in law libraries. Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 9002. [Order This Item](#)



**A Rare Treatise on Notaries Bound to a
Classic Study of Debtor and Creditor in Roman Law**

**21. [Notaries].
[Holy Roman Empire].**

Ars Notariatus Sive Tabellionum Libri Duo. His Accesserunt Tractatus Clausularum, Cum Aliis Utilissimis, Qui de Iuris Apicibus Esse Dicuntur (Quos Sequens Pagella Indicabit) Summa Studio Post Omnes Omnium Editiones Aucti, Recogniti, Ac Exactissima Diligentia Emendati. Indici Locupletiss. Iam Recens Adiuncto. Cologne: Apud Ioannem Birckmannum, & Theodorum Baumium, 1570. [xiii], 402, [1] ff.

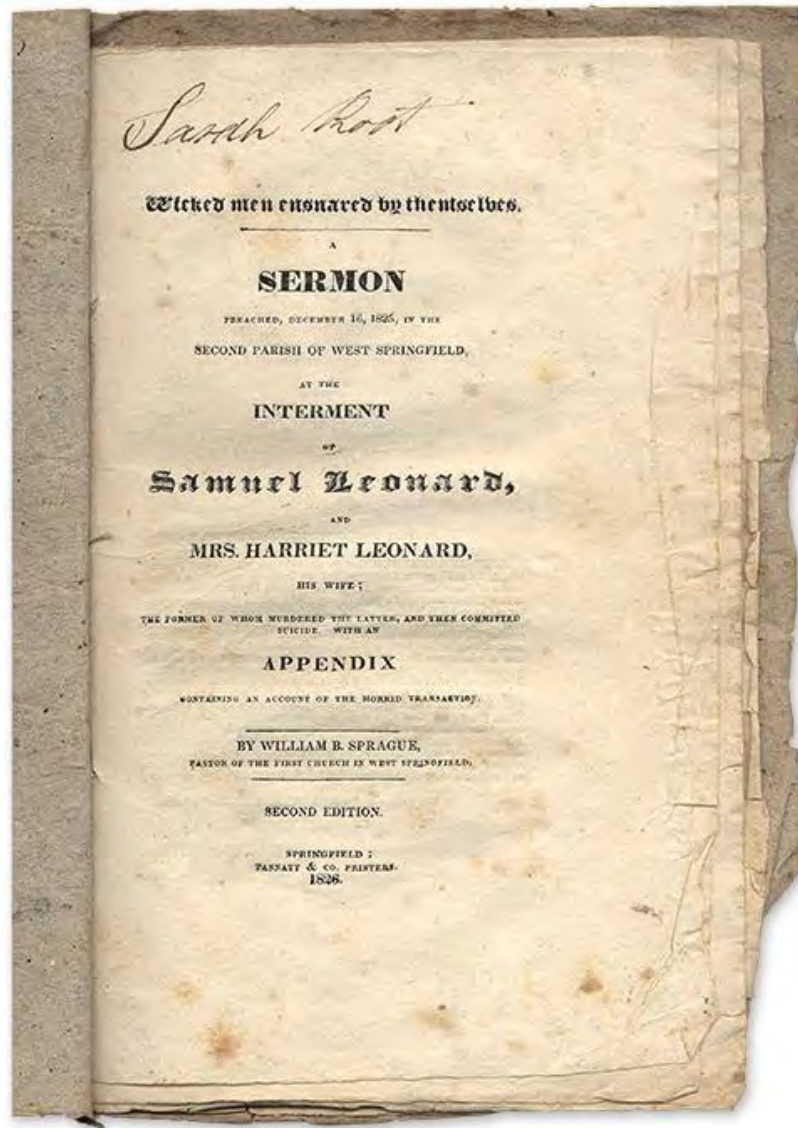
[Bound with]

Peck, Peter [1529-1589].

De Iure Sistendi et Manuum Iniectione Quam Vulgo Arrestationem Vocant Succincta Explicatio. Editio Tertia, Multis Capitibus & Locis Aucta. Cologne: Apud Ioannem Gymnicum, 1581. 263, [1] pp.

Octavo (6-1/4" x 4"). Contemporary paneled pigskin, large images of Lady Justice (front) and Lady Fortune (rear) to center of each board, raised bands and faint hand-lettered titles to spine. Boards slightly bowed, some rubbing and light soiling, spine darkened, corners bumped and somewhat worn, front hinge cracked, front free endpaper lacking, minor worming to rear hinge. Moderate toning to text, light foxing and brief early annotations and underlining to some leaves in each work, title page of *Ars Notariatus* has light soiling, minor edgewear, a few tiny stains and early owner inscription (with offsetting to front pastedown), \$3,500.

* *Ars Notariatus*: only edition; *De Iure Sistendi*: third edition. From the establishment of the legal profession onward, a notary was an important legal officer in Continental law with a role analogous to a present-day English solicitor. *Ars Notariatus* is a procedural guide, both written and verbal, for junior members of this profession working in the Holy Roman Empire. *De Iure Sistendi* is a comprehensive treatise on security on the Roman law of debtor and creditor. First published in 1564, it went through several editions into the seventeenth century and was one of the titles included in the *Tractatus Universi Iuris* (1584-1586). *Ars Notariatus* is a rare title; all editions of *De Iure Sistendi* are scarce. OCLC locates no copies of *Ars Notariatus* in North America, and 3 copies of the third edition of *De Iure Sistendi* (Columbia Law School, Harvard Law School, Library of Congress). *Verzeichniss der im Deutschen Sprachbereich Erschienenen Drucke des 16. Jahrhunderts* A3855, P1096. [Order This Item](#)



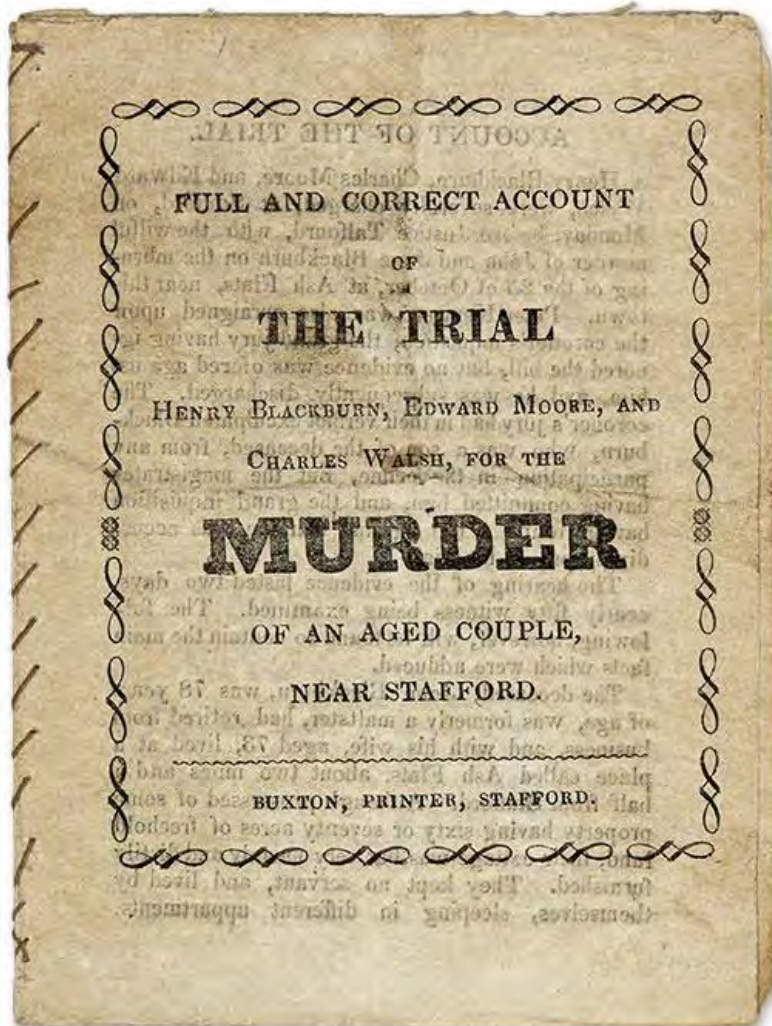
Wicked Men Ensnared by Themselves, McDade 601.

22. Sprague, William Buell [1795-1876].

Wicked Men Ensnared by Themselves: A Sermon Preached, December 16, 1825 in the Second Parish of West Springfield, At the Interment of Samuel Leonard, And Mrs. Harriet Leonard, His Wife; The Former of Whom Murdered the Latter, And then Committed Suicide. Springfield, MA: Tannatt & Co., Printers, 1826. [iii], 4-44 pp. Octavo (9-3/4" x 5-3/4").

Stab-stitched pamphlet in original plain thick-paper wrappers, untrimmed edges. Moderate toning, light foxing to a few leaves, early owner signature (Sarah Root) to head of title page. \$250.

* Second edition. "After threatening several times to do so, Leonard killed his wife with an ax and then cut his own throat" (McDade). The sermon says Leonard's Universalist beliefs encouraged his crime because the doctrine of universal salvation tends "to nullify the threatenings of God" (29). An Appendix (pp. 37-44) provides a summary= review of the case. This pamphlet had three editions, all published in 1826 with identical paginations and formats. McDade, *The Annals of Murder* 601. Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 4169. [Order This Item](#)



Unrecorded Account the Murder "Of an Aged Couple, Near Stafford"

23. [Trial].

Blackburn, Henry, Defendant.

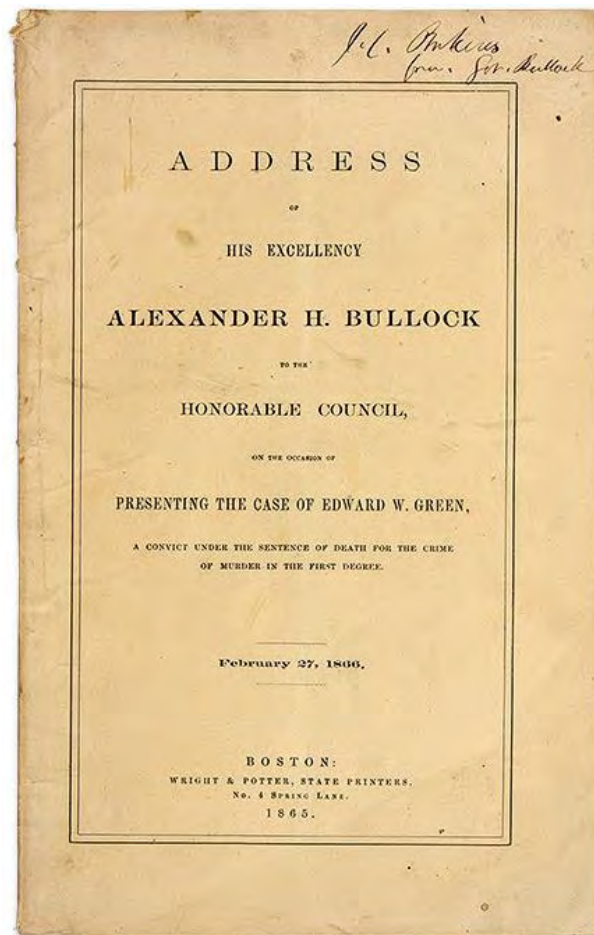
Moore, Edward, Defendant.

Walsh, Charles, Defendant.

Full and Correct Account of the Trial, Henry Blackburn, Edward Moore, And Charles Walsh, For the Murder of an Aged Couple Near Stafford. Stafford [England]: Buxton, Printer, [1853]. 8 pp. 12mo. (5" x 3-1/2").

Whip-stitched pamphlet in self wrappers. Light soiling and edgewear, light toning, ink spot to verso of final leaf. \$750.

* Only edition. An especially gruesome account of the Ash Flats Murder. John and Jane Blackburn were robbed and bludgeoned to death in their home. The criminals tried to hide their crime by burning the house, but the fire was extinguished before the bodies were destroyed. Other evidence of the crime also survived, including blood stains and the murder weapon. Blackburn, Walsh and Moore were tried for the crime. Blackburn was freed and Walsh and Moore were sentenced to death. Moore later confessed that he acted alone, which spared Walsh's life. The final page of our account has a moralizing account of the crime in verse. Our imprint appears to be unrecorded. No copies located on OCLC or COPAC. [Order This Item](#)



The First Bank Robbery in the United States

24. [Trial].

Bullock, Alexander H. [1816-1882].

Green, Edward W. [d.1866], Defendant.

Address of His Excellency Alexander H. Bullock to the Honorable Council on the Occasion of Presenting the Case of Edward W. Green, A Convict Under the Sentence of Death for the Crime of Murder in the First Degree. February 27, 1866. Boston, Wright & Potter, State Printers, 1865 [i.e. 1866]. 29 pp. Octavo (9-1/4" x 5-3/4").

Stab-stitched pamphlet in printed wrappers, recent repair to lower corner of rear wrapper. Light soiling and a few minor spots, light wear to spine ends, faint vertical crease through center, presentation inscription, "J.C. Jenkins from Gov. Gov. Bullock," to head of front wrapper, light toning to interior, a few spots to title page. \$750.

* Only edition. Green, the postmaster of Malden, Massachusetts, is believed to be the first person to rob an American bank. He was "a 'secretly drinking man' and had been short on his post office accounts. On December 15, 1863, finding the bank manned solely by the seventeen-year-old son of the president, he went back for his gun. Entering the bank, he shot the youth twice through the head and carried off \$5,000. in bills. The crime was very quickly traced to him; his confession disclosed where he had hidden the money, and he was condemned to die" (McDade, annotation to 381). Bullock was the governor of Massachusetts. His *Address* discusses his reasons for signing Green's death warrant. OCLC locates 5 copies in North American law libraries (Harvard, Library of Congress, Ohio State University, Worcester Trial Court Library, Yale). McDade, *The Annals of Murder* 382. [Order This Item](#)



**1916 Bombing Case that Became Cause Among
Liberals, Labor Activists and Defenders of Civil Liberties**

25. [Trial].

Mooney, Thomas J. [1882-1942], Defendant.

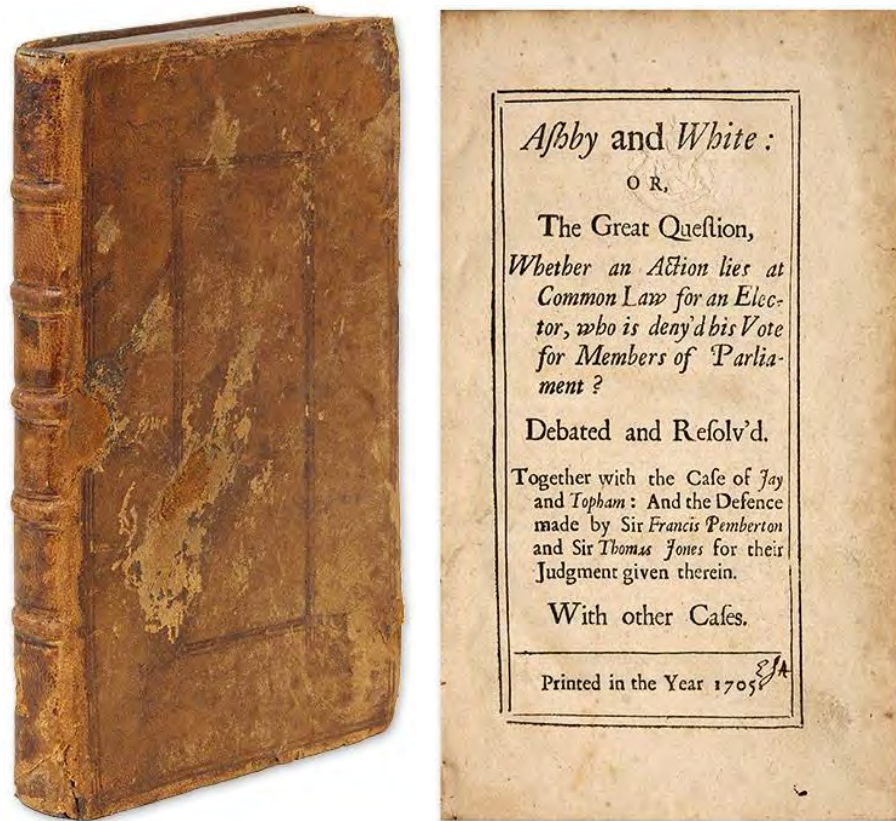
Billings, William K. [1893-1972], Defendant.

Justice Raped in California: Story of So-Called Bomb Trials in San Francisco. San Francisco: Published by the Tom Mooney Molders Defense Committee, [1917]. 47, [1] pp. 64 illustrations.

Stapled pamphlet in self-wrappers, light soiling, light wear to spine ends and corners, internally clean. A well-preserved copy. \$500.

* Fifth edition, revised and enlarged. Mooney and Billings were labor leaders and political activists who were framed as murderers after an anarchist's bomb exploded during the San Francisco Preparedness Day parade in 1916. Mooney was sentenced to death; Billings to life imprisonment. Their case became a cause among liberals, labor activists and defenders of civil liberties, among them Felix Frankfurter and Clarence Darrow. After 22 years of petitioning and publicity, they were released in 1939. Mooney was pardoned that year, Billings in 1961. All editions of *Justice Raped* were issued in 1917. It was re-issued a final time in 1918 with the title *Shall Mooney Hang?: Justice Raped in California*. All editions and the re-issue are scarce. OCLC locates 1 copy in a law library, Yale, which has a fifth edition. Rocq, *California Local History* (2nd ed.) 12501.

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Contemporary Report of a Fundamental
Case in English Constitutional and Tort Law Regarding the Right to Vote

26. [Trial].

[Needham, Culverwell (b.1656), Reporter].

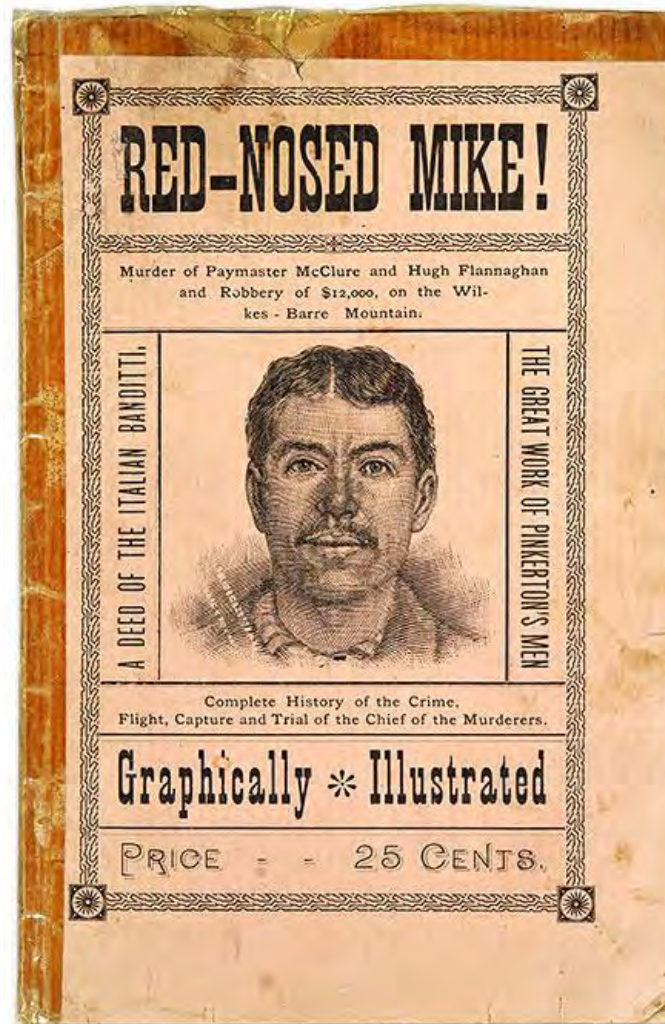
[Ashby, Matthew, Plaintiff].

[White, William, Defendant].

Ashby and White: Or, The Great Question, Whether an Action Lies at Common Law for an Elector, Who Is Deny'd His Vote for Members of Parliament? Debated and Resolv'd. Together with the Case of Jay and Topham: And the Defence Made by Sir Francis Pemberton and Sir Thomas Jones for Their Judgment Given Therein: With Other Cases. [London]: S.n., 1705. [ii], 257, [3] pp. Octavo (7-3/4" x 4-1/2").

Contemporary sheep, blind panels to boards, raised bands to spine. Some scuffing to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, with some wear to spine ends and corners, joints just starting at ends, hinges cracked, armorial bookplate of the Earls of Macclesfield to front pastedown, small embossed Macclesfield device to title page. Moderate toning, faint dampspotting in a few places, a few brief annotations to index, initials in small early hand to foot of title page, lower corner lacking from final index leaf below text. An appealing copy. \$750.

* Only edition. Also known as the Aylesbury Election Case, *Ashby v. White* is a fundamental case in English constitutional and tort law. Ashby was prevented from casting a vote in an Aylesbury election by White, a constable who claimed Ashby was not an established resident of that town. The case was decided in Parliament in Ashby's favor and it established the following rule: the actions of one party may not hinder the rights of another. The present copy once belonged to the library of Shirbirn Castle, the library of the Earls of Macclesfield, one of the finest private libraries in Great Britain. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T84969. [Order This Item](#)



A Rare McDade Item with an Early Discussion of the Mafia

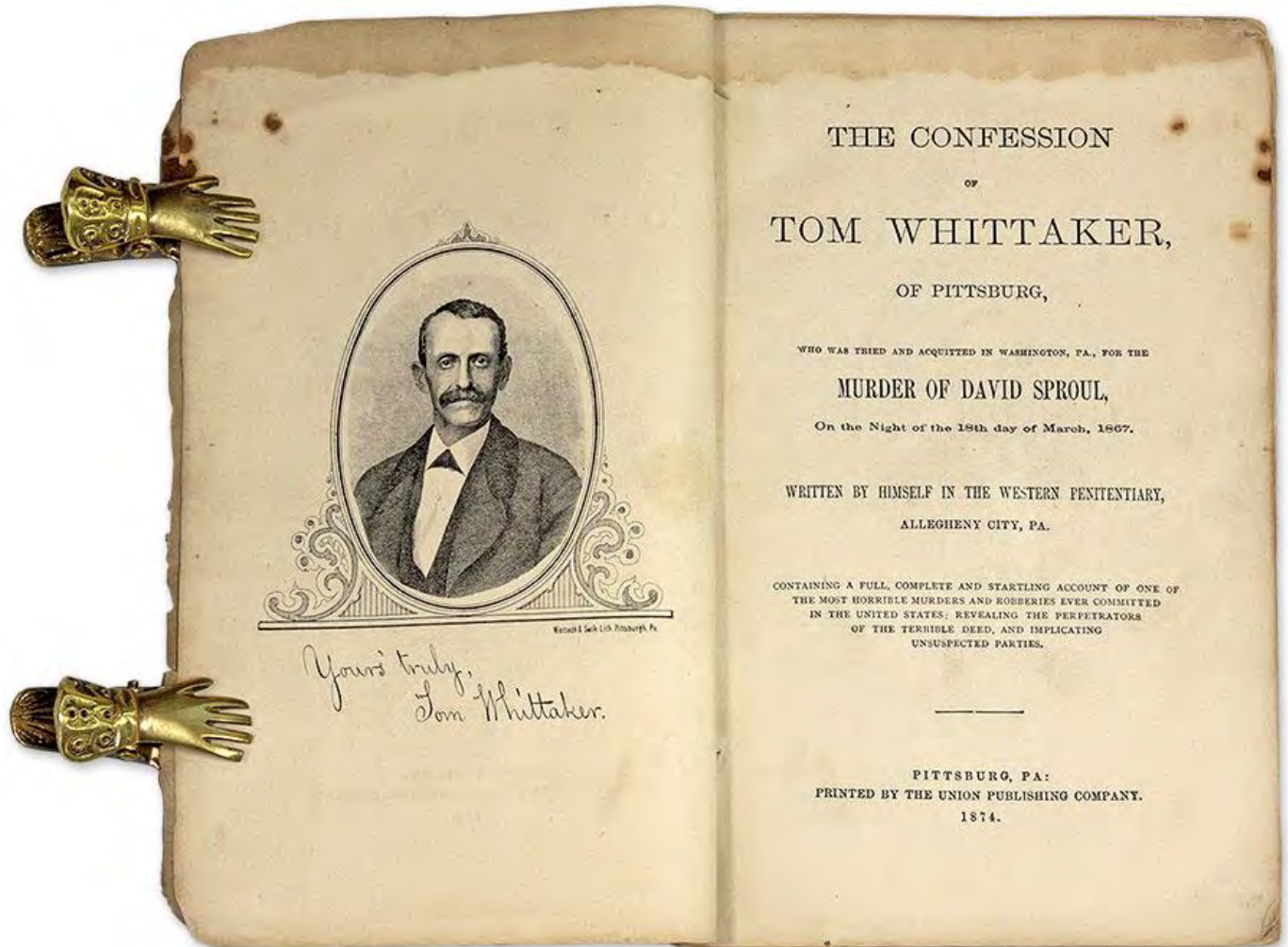
27. [Trial].

Rezzolo, Michael, Defendant.

Red Nosed Mike! Confession of a Terrible Crime, Assassination and Robbery of Paymaster McClure! And Hugh Flannaghan, On Wilkes-Barre Mountain. A History of the Crime! As Exposed by Pinkerton's Men. Wilkes-Barre, PA: Hart and Co., 1889. 43 pp. Main text in parallel columns. 9 woodcut portraits. Illustrations. Octavo (9-1/4" x 5-3/4").

Stab-stitched pamphlet in pictorial wrappers, woodcut portrait of Rezzolo to front wrapper. Light toning, soiling and some edgewear, early cello tape repairs to spine, top-edge of front wrapper and sections of rear wrapper, which is lightly dampstained. Light toning to interior. \$1,000.

* Only edition. This account of Rezzolo and his fellow "Italian Banditti" begins with a headline reading: "An Atrocious Crime. Is It the Work of the Italian Maifa [sic] (1)." This is one of the earliest discussion of the Italian Mafia, which began its activities in the U.S. in the early 1880s. "J. Barney McClure and Flannaghan were shot to death during the robbery of a payroll for the construction gang of the Lehigh Valley Railway, Near Wilkes Barre, October 19, 1888. Rezzolo was condemned to death" (McDade). OCLC locates 5 copies (Harvard, Harvard Law School, NY Public Library, University of Iowa, Wilkes University). McDade, *The Annals of Murder* 798. [Order This Item](#)



A Rare McDade Item

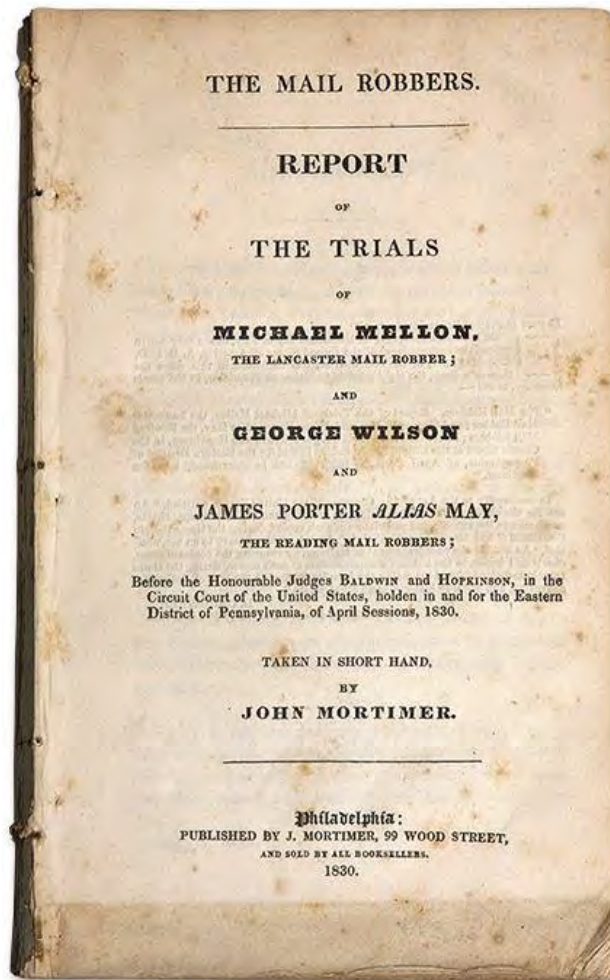
28. [Trial].

Whittaker, Tom, Defendant.

The Confession of Tom Whittaker, of Pittsburgh [sic], Who Was Tried and Acquitted in Washington, Pa., For the Murder of David Sproul, On the Night of the 18th of March, 1867. Pittsburgh: Printed by the Union Publishing Company, 1874. 125, [3] pp. Includes three pages of advertisements. Lithographed portrait frontispiece. Octavo (9" x 5-3/4").

Stab-stitched pamphlet in printed wrappers, advertisements to verso of front wrapper and recto and verso of rear wrapper. Soiling and edgewear to wrappers, light wear to corners of text block, spine perished, wrappers secure. Moderate toning to text block, faint dampstaining to head above text, finger smudges and ink spots to a few leaves. \$750.

* Only edition. "Whittaker was a notorious burglar who was acquitted of a murder in Washington County, but convicted of another robbery. There is much material on the burglars and gangs of that area and time" (McDade). OCLC locates 3 copies (American Antiquarian Society, Newberry Library, University of Missouri Law School). McDade, *The Annals of Murder* 1089. [Order This Item](#)



Mail Robbery in Pennsylvania

29. [Trials].

Mellon, Michael, Defendant

Wilson, George, Defendant.

Porter, James, Defendant.

Mortimer, John, Reporter.

The Mail Robbers: Report of the Trials of Michael Mellon, The Lancaster Mail Robber, And George Wilson and James Porter Alias May, the Reading Mail Robbers, Before the Honourable Judges Baldwin and Hopkinson in the Circuit Court of the United States, Holden In and For the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, Of April Sessions, 1830. 162 pp. Octavo (8-1/4" x 5").

Disbound stab-stitched pamphlet. Light soiling and edgewear, moderate toning to interior, light browning in places, occasional light foxing. \$750.

* Only edition. "The defendants were found guilty of assaulting Simon M'Crea, a mail carrier, and robbing the United States mails. They were sentenced to death, but this preface indicates that Wilson received a presidential pardon" (Cohen). OCLC locates 8 copies in law libraries (Brigham Young University, Harvard, Library of Congress, University of Minnesota, University of Missouri, University of Pennsylvania, US Supreme Court, Worcester Trial Court Library). Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 14036. [Order This Item](#)



Parson Weems on Dueling

30. Weems, M[ason] L[ocke] [1759-1825].

God's Revenge Against Duelling: Or, The Duellist's Looking-Glass; Exhibiting that Gentlemanly Mode of Turning the Corner, In Features Altogether Novel, And Admirably Calculated to Entertain and Instruct the American Youth. Revised and Greatly Improved. Philadelphia: Published by Joseph Allen, 1827. [iii], 4-96 pp. Folding lithographed frontispiece. 12mo. (5-1/2" x 3-1/2").

Stab-stitched pamphlet in plain wrappers. Some wear to spine ends and corners, lower sections lacking from wrappers, which are lightly soiled and dampstained. Moderate toning and faint dampstaining to text, rodent damage (?) affecting final lines of pp. 11-21, legibility not affected, light edgewear to frontispiece. \$350.

* Third (actually fourth) and final edition. Better known as Parson Weems, Mason Locke Weems is best known as the author that invented the legend of young George Washington and the cherry tree. Here Weems attacks the immorality and absurdity of dueling. He makes his case, in part, though biographical vignettes (some invented). The most elaborate of these concerns a duel between two slaves, Cudjo and Mingo. It is written in dialect and is the subject of the frontispiece, which depicts the Cudjo and Mingo on the field of honor, pistols cocked and attended by their seconds. The first three editions of this pamphlet were published in 1820, 1821 and 1822. All are scarce. OCLC locates 7 copies of our copy, none in law libraries. Sabin, *A Dictionary of Books Relating to America* 102472. [Order This Item](#)