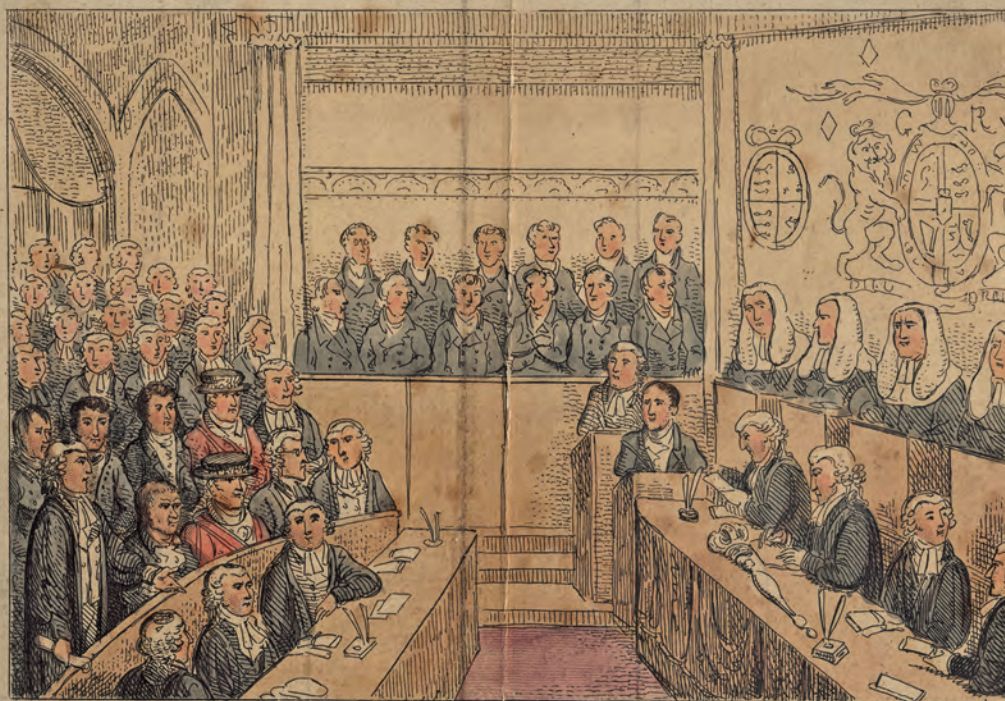


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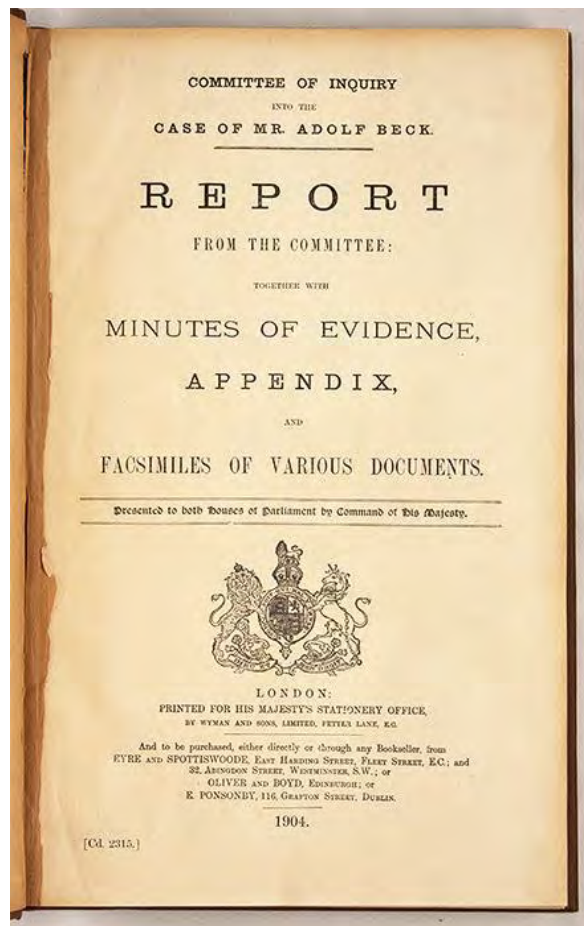
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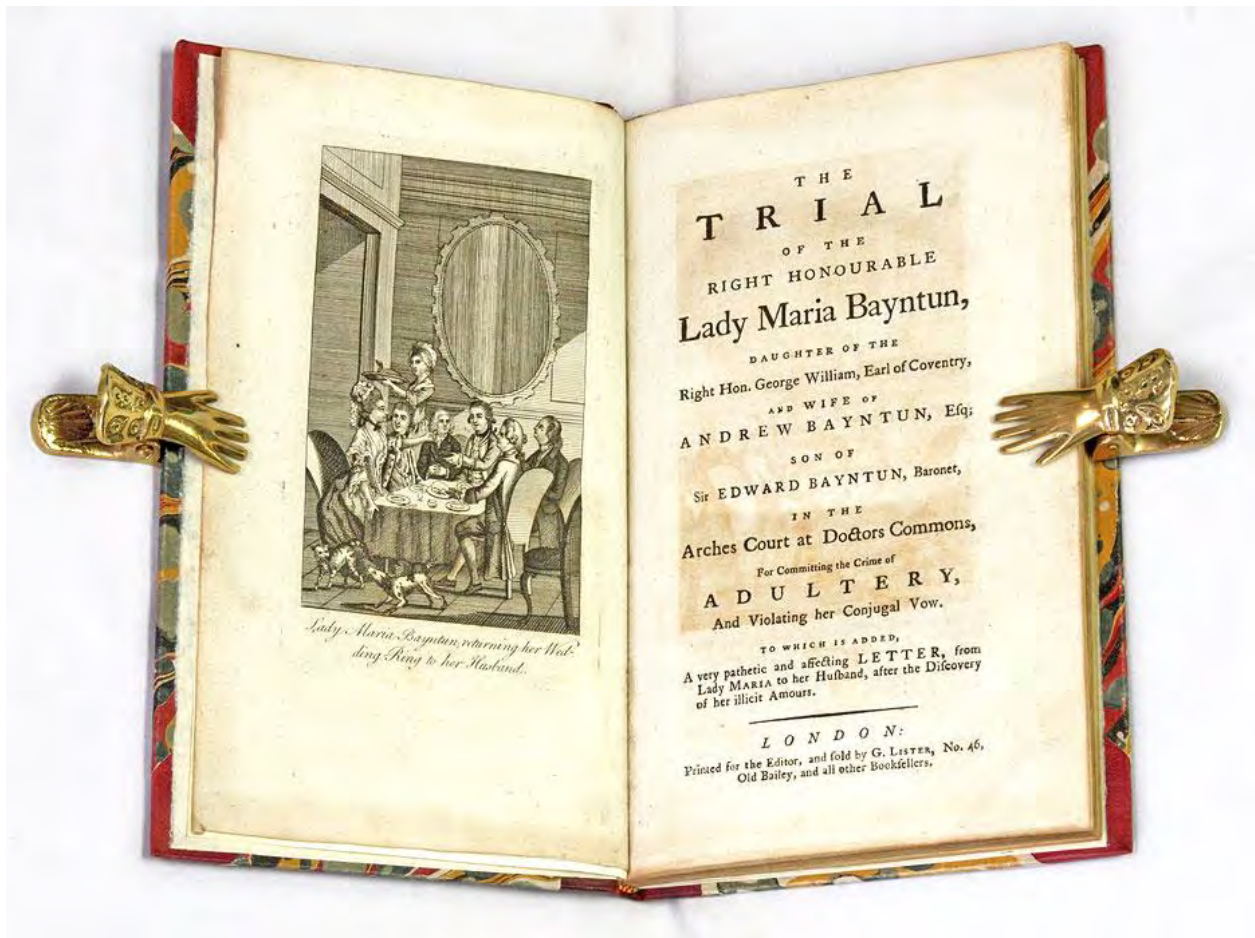
1. [Adolf Beck Case].

Committee of Inquiry into the Case of Mr. Adolf Beck. Report from the Committee; Together with Minutes of Evidence, Appendix, And Facsimiles of Various Documents. Presented to Both Houses of Parliament by Command of His Majesty. London: Printed for His Majesty's Stationary Office, 1904. xix, [5], [7]-334 pp. 4 folding tables of facsimile documents. Complete.

Contemporary library buckram, red and black calf lettering pieces and gilt library name to spine, faint embossed library stamp to front board, endleaves added, and later removed. Light rubbing to extremities, light scuffing to lettering pieces, faint binder (?) stamp to front pastedown, hinges partially cracked, light toning to text, a few minor creases and tears to folding tables. \$1,500.

* Adolf Beck was twice the victim of wrongful conviction (on two related cases) due to mistaken identity. The efforts of the judge who presided over his second trial led to the establishment of a committee of inquiry chaired by the noted jurist and Master of the Rolls Sir Richard Henn Collins [1842-1911]. The committee determined that Beck was convicted twice through unreliable methods of identification, erroneous eyewitness testimony and a rush to convict the accused. Along with its influence on police procedure, the committee's report led to the creation of the English Court of Criminal Appeal in 1907. OCLC locates 4 copies in North America, 2 in law libraries (University of Michigan, Yale). Other copies located at Harvard Law School and the Library of Congress. *Catalogue of the Library of the Harvard Law School* (1909) II:1014.

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"Violating Her Conjugal Vow"

2. Bayntun-Rolt, Maria Alicia Coventry, Lady.

The Trial of the Right Honourable Lady Maria Bayntun, Daughter of the Right Hon. George William, Earl of Coventry, And Wife of Andrew Bayntun, Esq; Son of Sir Edward Bayntun, Baronet, In the Arches Court at Doctors Commons, For Committing the Crime of Adultery, And Violating Her Conjugal Vow. To Which is Added, A Very Pathetic and Affecting Letter, From Lady Maria to Her Husband, After the Discovery of Her Illicit Amours. London: printed for the editor, and sold by G. Lister, [1781?]. 103, [1] pp. Includes one-page publisher list. Copperplate frontispiece. Octavo (8-1/4" x 5").

Stab-stitched pamphlet bound into recent period-style three-quarter calf over marbled boards, gilt title and gilt-edged raised bands to spine, endpapers renewed. Light toning to text, somewhat heavier in places, light foxing to a few leaves. \$1,850.

* Only edition. A colorful account, with ten supporting depositions, of Lady Maria Bayntun-Rolt's unfaithfulness to her husband, Andrew Bayntun-Rolt. Andrew's nephew, John Allen Cooper, a recent veteran of the American Revolution, had moved into the Bayntun Household and, soon after, Lady Bayntun-Rolt's bed, when Mr. Bayntun was away. The servants conspired to reveal the affair and Mr. Bayntun-Rolt sued for divorce. OCLC locates 4 copies in North America, 2 in law libraries (Osgoode Hall, University of Minnesota). *English Short-Title Catalogue* T95762. [Order this Item](#)



"The Murder of Mrs. Sarah Stout, A Quaker"

3. Cowper, Spencer [1669-1728], Principal Defendant.

The Tryal of Spencer Cowper, Esq; John Marson, Ellis Stevens, And William Rogers, Gent. Upon an Indictment for the Murther of Mrs. Sarah Stout, a Quaker. Before Mr. Baron Hatsell, At Hertford Assizes, July 18, 1699. Of Which They were Acquitted. With the Opinions of the Eminent Physicians and Chyrurgeons on Both Sides, Concerning Drowned Bodies, Delivered in the Tryal. And the Several Letters Produced in Court. London: Printed for Isaac Cleave in Chancery-Lane, Matt. Wotton in Fleet-street, and John Bullord, 1699. [ii], 22 [i.e.46] pp. Folio (11-1/2" x 7").

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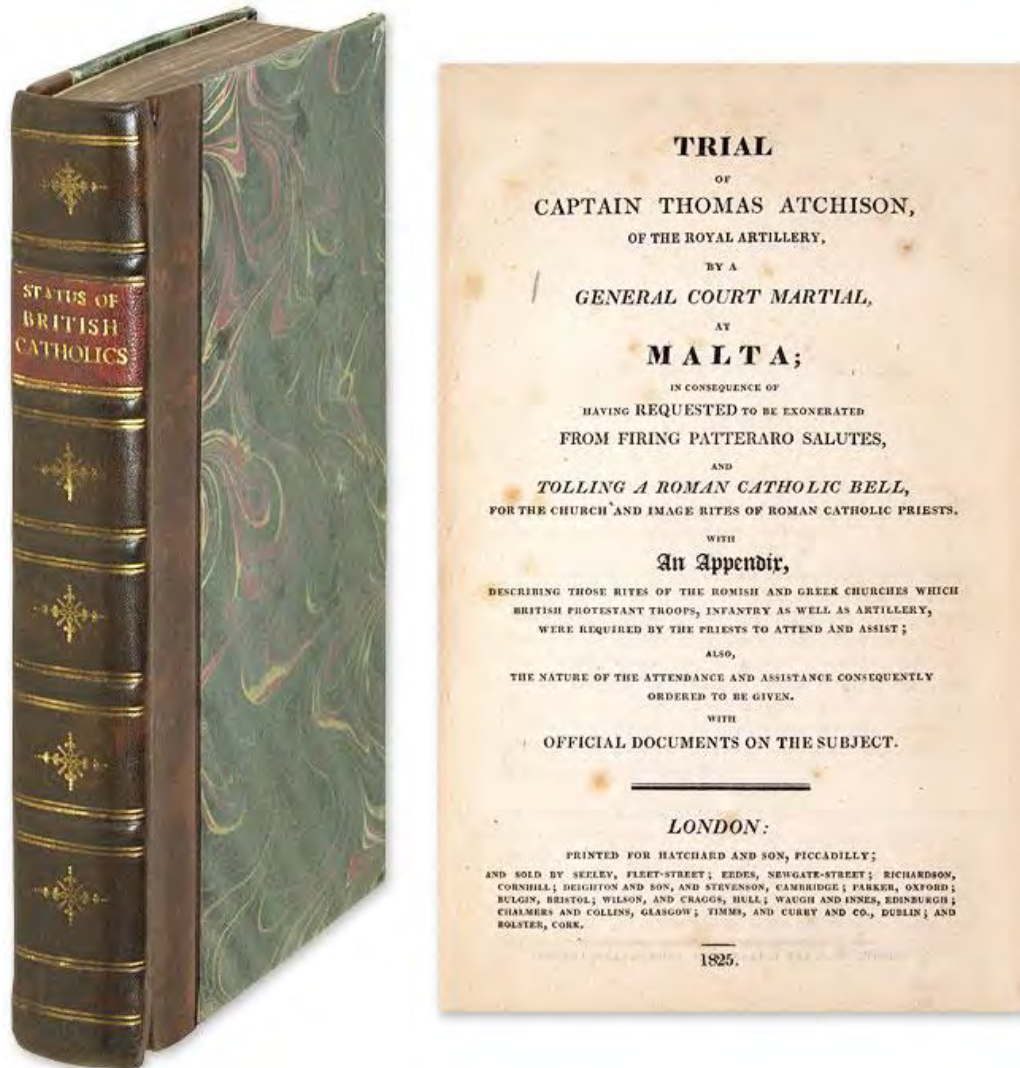
The Hertford Letter: Containing Several Brief Observations on a Late Printed Tryal, Concerning the Murder of Mrs. Sarah Stout. London: Printed and Sold by the Booksellers of London, and Westminster, 1699. 16 pp. Octavo (8-1/2" x 5").

[And]

A Reply to the Hertford Letter: Wherein the Case of Mrs. Stout's Death is More Particularly Considered; And Mr. Cowper Vindicated from the Slandorous Accusation of Being Accessory to the Same. London: Printed; And Sold by the Booksellers of London, and Westminster, 1699. 8 pp. Octavo (8-1/2" x 5").

Three titles in an 11-1/2" x 7-1/2" binding. Three-quarter cloth over paper-covered boards, gilt title to spine. Light soiling, dampspotting and offsetting to boards, some rubbing to extremities, early owner bookplate top front pastedown. Light browning and foxing to interior, internally clean. \$3,000.

* Only editions. Spencer Cowper, a judge, was indicted for the murder of Sarah Stout. He was at her house late on the evening before she was found drowned in a river. Cowper's alleged motivations were a desire to end an illicit love affair and avoid payment of a debt. Cowper's lawyers argued that Stout's parents wanted to hide the fact that their daughter committed a suicide, a heinous act among Quakers. The defence also suggested a political motivation: a desire by local Tories to harm the career of a rising Whig. Cowper had been at the woman's house late on the evening before she was found drowned in the river, but there was little material evidence against him. Also, his lawyers benefited from expert medical testimony from three leading physicians, Samuel Garth, Hans Sloane and William Cowper." He was acquitted. The trial attracted a good deal of attention and generated several pamphlets, including post-verdict pamphlets that attempted unsuccessfully to reopen the case. Our volume collects three examples. The *Tryal of Spencer Cowper* is one of the standard accounts of the trial. *The Hertford Letter* and *A Reply to the Hertford Letter* reflect the post-trial debates about the verdict. The *Tryal* and *The Hertford Letter* are scarce; *A Reply* is rare and apparently unrecorded. No copies are found on OCLC. The *ESTC* lists a pamphlet with the same title, but it has a different imprint and a much-different collation. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R226805 (Tryal), R493540 (Letter). [Order this Item](#)



**Eight Scarce Titles Concerning the
Status of Catholics in Early Nineteenth-Century Britain**

4. [Catholics].
[Great Britain].

Atchison, Thomas, Defendant.

Trial of Captain Thomas Atchison, Of the Royal Artillery, By a General Court Martial, At Malta; In Consequence of Having to be Exonerated from Firing Patteraro Salutes, And Tolling a Roman Catholic Bell, For the Church and Image Rites of Roman Catholic Priests. With an Appendix, Describing Those Rites of the Romish and Greek Churches which British Protestant Troops, Infantry as Well as Artillery, Were Required by the Priests to Attend and Assist; Also, The Nature of the Attendance and Assistance Consequently Ordered to be Given. With Official Documents on the Subject. London: Printed for Hatchard and Son, 1825. viii, 91 pp.

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[Atchison, Thomas].

Some Particulars Relative to the Co-Operation Required of the British Troops in Malta, In the Superstitious Ceremonies of the Romish Church, With a Statement of the Chief Reasons which Occasioned the Remonstrance of Captain Atchison, Addressed to his Friends. [London: J. And T. Clarke, Printers (1826)]. 15 pp.

[And]

Wix, Samuel.

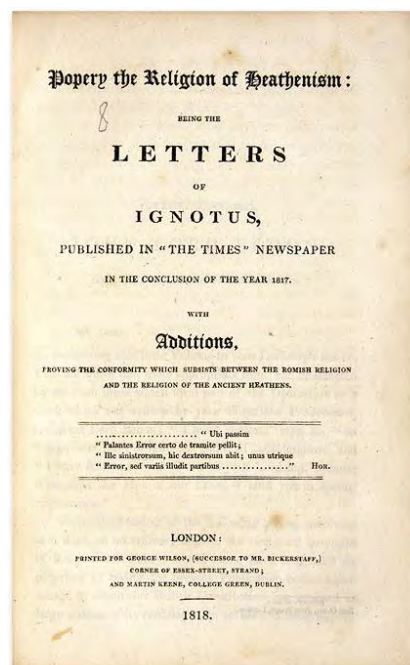
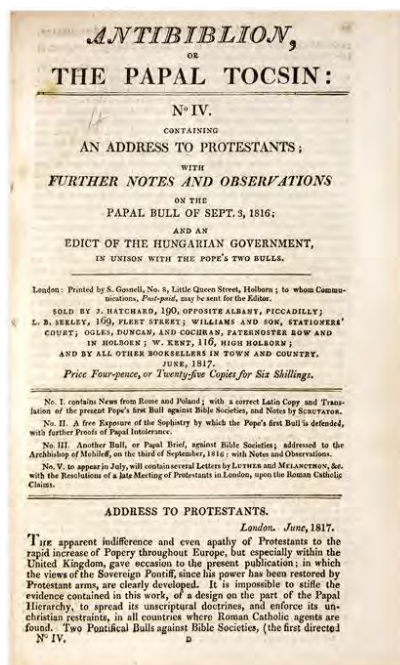
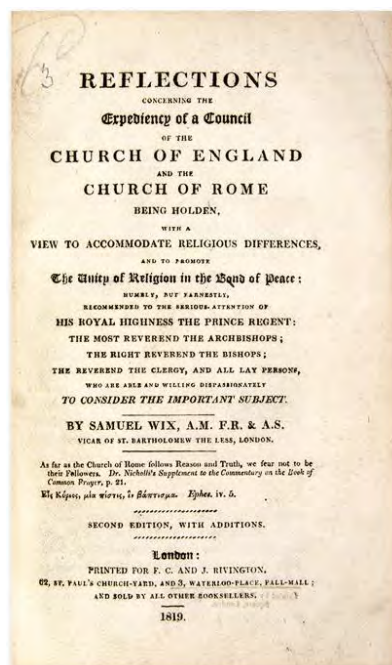
Reflections Concerning the Expediency of a Council of the Church of England and the Church of Rome Being Holden, With a View to Accommodate Religious Differences, And to Promote the Unity of Religion in the Bond of Peace: Humbly, But Earnestly, Recommended to the Serious Attention of His Royal Highness the Prince Regent: The Most Reverend the Archbishops; The Right Reverend the Bishops; The Reverend the Clergy, And All Lay Persons, Who are Able and Willing Dispassionately to Consider the Important Subject. Second Edition, With Additions. London: Printed for F.C. And J. Rivington, 1819. [xxix], 108 pp.

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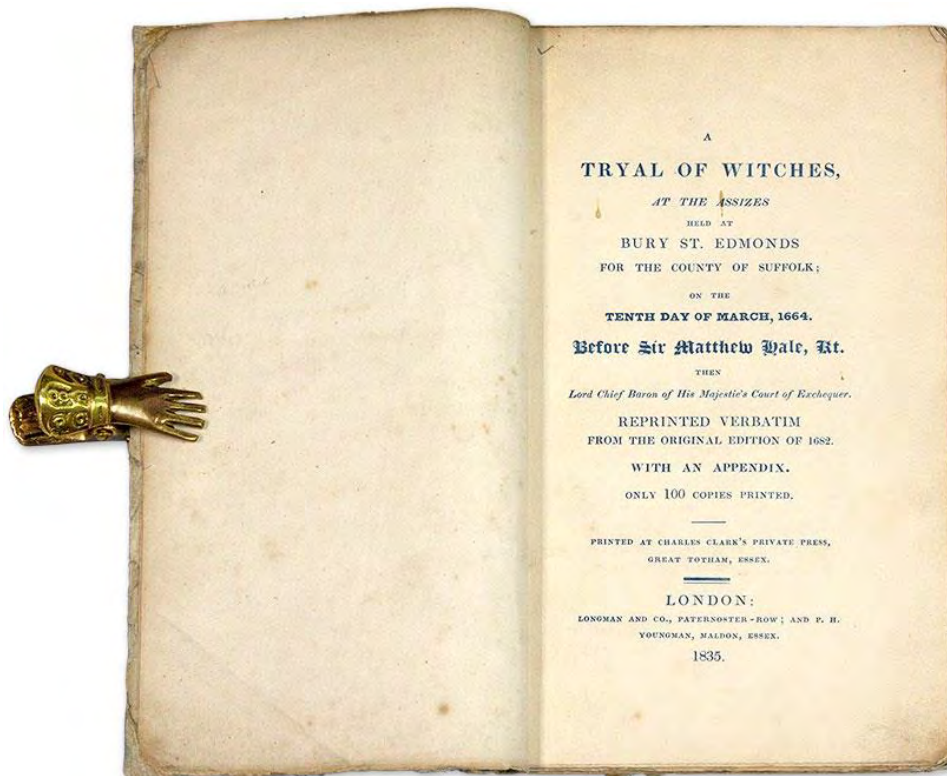
[Five Pamphlets Relating to Catholicism in Great Britain].

Octavo (8" x 5"). Recent period-style quarter calf over marbled boards, raised bands, gilt ornaments and lettering piece to spine. Moderate toning, light foxing to a few leaves. Early manuscript table of contents to front free endpaper, item numbers in same hand at head of each title. \$1,250.

* This volume collects eight scarce items concerning British and Irish Catholics during the second phase of Catholic Emancipation. The other titles are numbers 4-8 of the periodical *Antibiblion, Or the Papal Tocsin* (1817, 1818), *A Correspondence Which Arose out of the Discussion at Carlrow Between a Protestant and a Roman Catholic Clergyman, To Which are Annexed, Notes and Observations by the Rev. Robert Daly* by Robert Daly and Richard Clowry (1825), *Faith, Hope, And Charity: The Substance of a Sermon Preached at the Dedication of the Catholic Chapel at Bradford, in the County of York, On Wednesday, July 27, 1825* by Peter Augustine Baines (1825), Number II of a periodical, *Supplement to the Roman Catholic Expositor, And Friend of Ireland* (1824) and *Papery the Religion of Heathenism: Being the Letters of Ignotus Published in "The Times" Newspaper in the Conclusion of the Year 1817. With Additions, Proving the Conformity Which Subsists Between the Romish Religion and the Religion of the Ancient Heathens* by John Pynder (1818).



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Inspiration for the Salem Witchcraft Trial?

5. Cullender, Rose [d. 1665], Defendant.

Duny, Amy [d. 1665], Defendant.

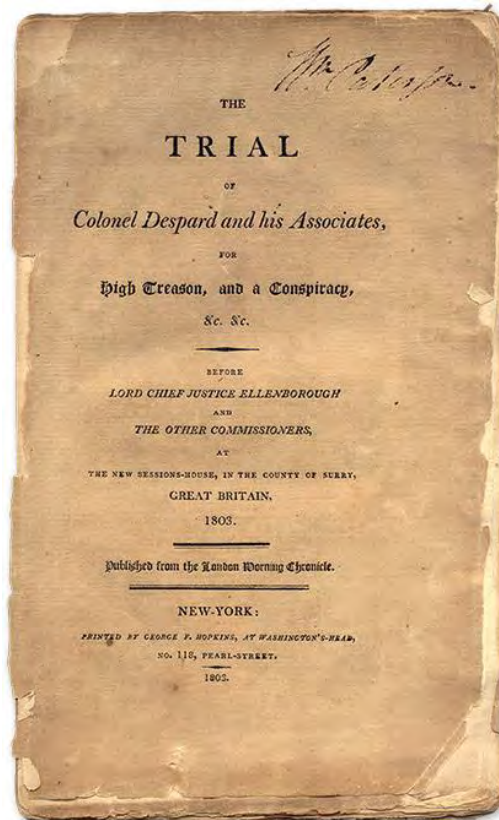
Hale, Sir Matthew [1609-1676], Judge.

A Tryal of Witches, At the Assizes Held at Bury St. Edmonds for the County of Suffolk; On the Tenth Day of March, 1664. Before Sir Matthew Hale Kt. Then Lord Chief Baron of His Majesty's Court of Exchequer. Reprinted Verbatim from the Original Edition of 1682. With an Appendix. Only 100 Copies Printed. Printed at Charles Clark's Private Press, Great Totham, Essex. London: Longman and Co., Paternoster-Row; And P.H. Youngman, Maldon, Essex, 1835. 29, [1] ff. Text followed by advertisement leaf. Octavo (9" x 5-3/4").

Stab-stitched pamphlet in printed blue stiff wrappers, spine reinforced with cloth tape, corners restored. Moderate rubbing and some creases to wrappers. Title printed in blue, advertisement leaf printed in red, text printed on versos of leaves. Light toning to text, light wear to corners of text block, faint dampspotting to a few leaves. \$500.

* *A Tryal of Witches* is an account of the Lowestoft Witchcraft trial conducted at Bury St. Edmonds. Cullender and Duny who were two elderly widows who lived in Lowestoft. They were accused of witchcraft by their neighbors and faced thirteen charges of the bewitching of several young children. They were tried under the Witchcraft Act of 1603 by the eminent judge Sir Matthew Hale. Found guilty of all the charges, the women were hanged in Bury St. Edmunds a week after the trial. Well-known in its day, this remains the most famous English witchcraft trial because it was, thanks to this account, well-documented. Also, it involved many leading jurists and experts of the day, most notably Thomas Browne, a physician who presented one of the earliest examples of psychiatric testimony as an expert witness. Some experts believe this account inspired the Salem Witchcraft trials. Indeed, Browne's testimony was quoted at that trial by Cotton Mather. OCLC locates 4 copies, 1 in North America (Yale Law School). *British Museum Catalogue* (Compact Edition) 6:693.

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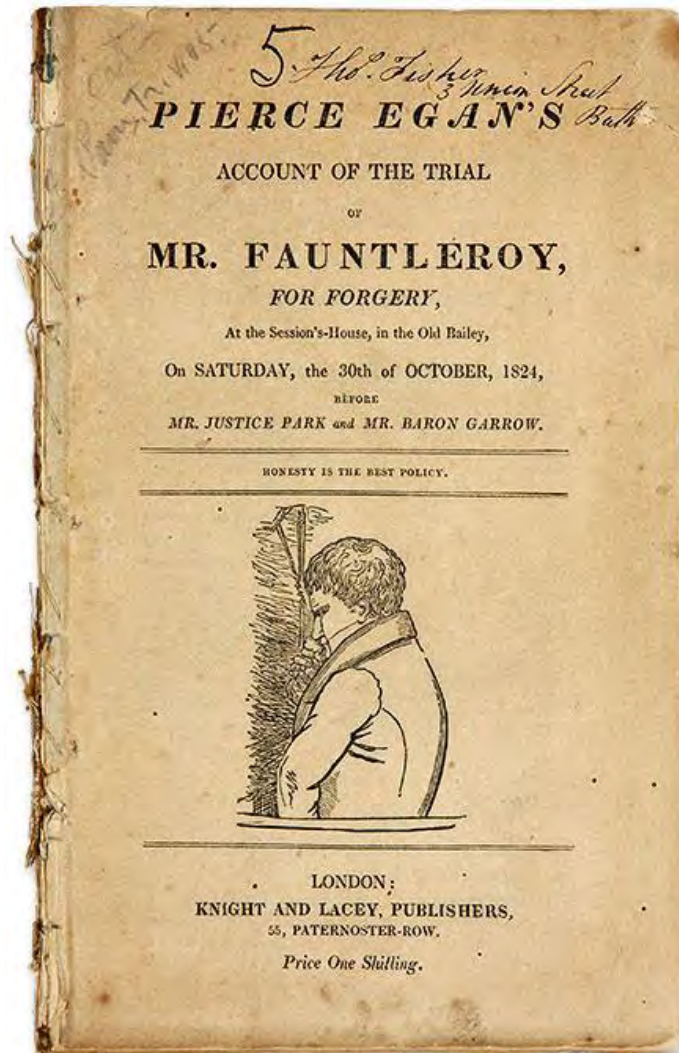
**Lord Admiral Nelson
Testified as a Character Witness**

6. Despard, Edward Marcus [1751-1803], Primary Defendant.

The Trial of Colonel Despard and His Associates, For High Treason, And a Conspiracy, &c. &c. Before Lord Chief Justice Ellenborough and the Other Commissioners, At the New Sessions-House, In the County of Surry [sic], Great Britain, 1803. Published from the London Morning Chronicle. New York: Printed by George F. Hopkins, at Washington's-Head, no. 118, Pearl-Street, 1803. 56 pp. Octavo (9-1/4" x 5-1/2").

Stab-stitched pamphlet in self-wrappers, untrimmed edges. Light browning, title page detached, lightly soiled and moderately edgeworn with loss to corners, early owner signature to head, moderate edgewear and light soiling to final leaf, light foxing to a few leaves. \$250.

* Only American edition. After a brilliant military career in the West Indies, where his achievements impressed Lieutenant, later Lord Admiral, Nelson, Colonel Despard was recalled from his command and dismissed on frivolous charges. He tried to clear his name and seek compensation, but his complaints led to imprisonment without trial for two years. Financially ruined and bitter, he came to resent the establishment. He joined the radical London Corresponding Society and revolutionary United Irishman and took part in a plot to organize uprisings in London and Ireland, the latter with support from French revolutionaries. After the plot was foiled Despard and six others were convicted of treason. A highlight during the trial was Lord Admiral Nelson's testimony as a character witness on Despard's behalf. Despard and his co-conspirators share the dubious distinction of being the last men in Great Britain sentenced to be hanged, drawn, and quartered. However, the king commuted their sentences to death by hanging followed by decapitation. Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 14127. [Order this Item](#)



**One of the Last People
Executed for Forgery in Great Britain**

7. Fauntleroy, Henry [1785-1824], Defendant.

Egan, Pierce [1772-1849], Reporter.

Pierce Egan's Account of the Trial of Mr. Fauntleroy, For Forgery, At the Session's-House, In the Old Bailey, On Saturday, The 30th of October, 1824, Before Mr. Justice Park and Mr. Baron Garrow. London: Knight and Lacey, Publishers, [1824]. 67 pp. Octavo (8-1/4" x 5-1/4").

Disbound stab-stitched pamphlet. Light soiling and edgewear, moderate toning to text, minor chips and tears to a few leaves, early owner signature and "5" to head of title page. \$750.

* Only edition. Fauntleroy was an English banker convicted of forgery. He admitted his guilt, but pleaded that he forged documents in order to access funds to pay his firm's debts. Several bankers and merchants stepped forward to defend his integrity during the trial, but he was sentenced to death. He appealed his case twice without success. Appeals for clemency followed, but they were not successful. He was hanged in November 1824, one of the last people executed for forgery before it ceased to be a capital crime in 1836. *British Museum Catalogue* (Compact Edition) 9:70. [Order this Item](#)



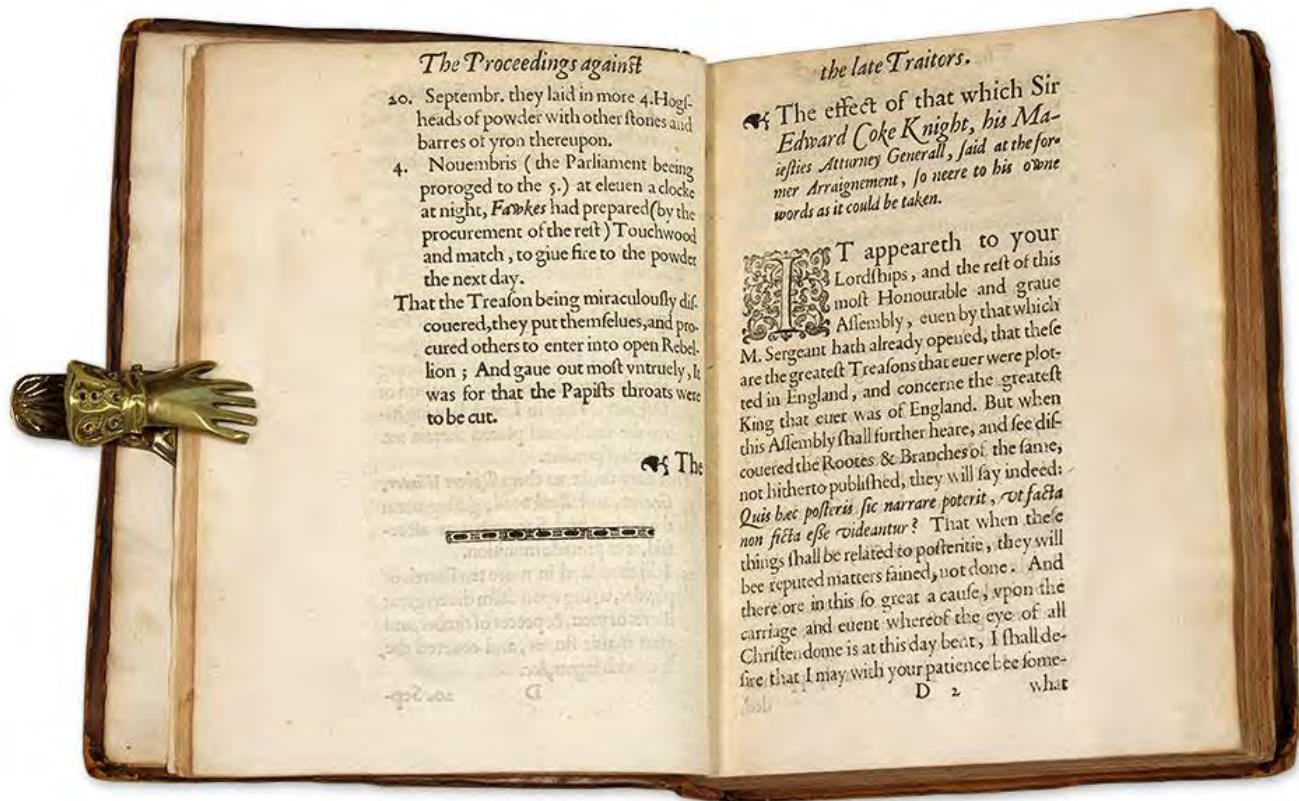
"Murdered by the Contrivance of His Own Brother"

8. Foote, Samuel [1720-1777].

Memoirs of the Life of Sir John Dineley Goodere, Baronet, Who was Murdered by the Contrivance of His Own Brother, On Board the Ruby Man of War, In King's Road, Near Bristol, Jan. 19, 1740-1. Together with [sic] the Life, History, Trial, And Last Dying Words of his Brother Captain Samuel Goodere, Who was Executed at Bristol, With Matthew Mahony and Charles White, Two Sailors, His Accomplices, On Wednesday, April 15, 1741, For the Horrid Murder of the Said Sir John Dineley Goodere, Bart. Worcsster [sic]: J. Butler, James Grundy, [c. 1785?]. 48 pp. Two copperplates, one a frontispiece. 12mo. (6-1/4" x 3-3/4").

Stab-stitched pamphlet in plain wrappers. Light soiling and some edgewear to exterior, moderate toning and occasional light foxing to interior. \$1,950.

* Sir John Dineley Goodere of Charlton, Worcester was murdered on his brother Samuel's orders, on board his brother's ship, the HMS Ruby. Samuel and his two accomplices were hanged at Bristol. ESTC records only one copy of this edition, at the British Library, and estimates the date as 1785; COPAC adds another printed copy at the National Library of Scotland. OCLC locates 6 copies, 2 in North America, none in law libraries. This pamphlet was first published in London c. 1741 with a title beginning *The Genuine Memoirs of the Life of Sir John Dineley Goodere, Bart. Who was Murder'd by the Contrivance of his Own Brother*. It is equally rare. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T232363. [Order this Item](#)



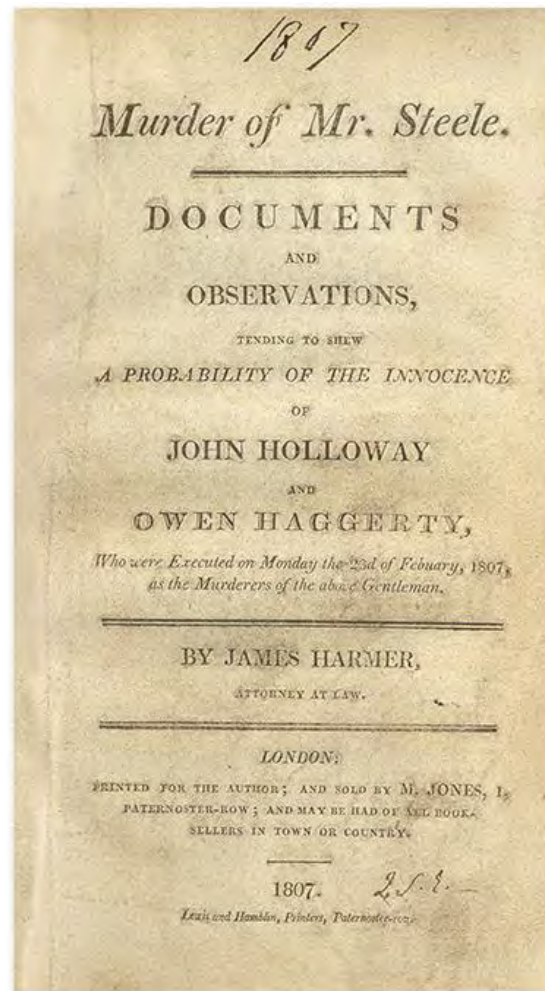
A Leader of the Gunpowder Plot

9. [Garnett, Henry [1555-1606], Defendant.

A True and Perfect Relation of the Whole Proceedings Against the Late Most Barbarous Traitors, Garnet a Iesuite, and his Confederats: Contayning Sundry Speeches Delivered by the Lords Commissioners at their Arraignments, For the Better Satisfaction of Those that Were Hearers, As Occasion was Offered; The Earle of Northampton's Speech Having Bene Enlarged Upon Those Grounds Which are Set Downe. And Lastly all that Passed at Garnets Execution. London: Imprinted by Robert Barker, 1606. [416] pp. Quarto (7" x 5-1/2").

Contemporary speckled calf, blind-stamped crest to center of front board, raised bands, gilt ornaments and lettering piece to spine, endpapers renewed. Light rubbing to boards, heavier rubbing to extremities with wear to spine ends and corners, joints starting at ends, crack in text block between front free endpaper and following leaf, rear hinge starting, ear armorial bookplate to front pastedown, later owner bookplate to rear pastedown. Moderate toning to text, gradually diminishing dampstaining to first quarter of text block, faint dampstaining to upper corners of final few leaves. \$1,250.

* Reissue of the first edition, 1606, one of three reissues from 1606. This anonymous work is a account of Garnet's trial on March 28, 1606 before a special commission at the Guild Hall of London for his participation in the Gunpowder Plot, an assassination attempt by a group of provincial English Catholics against King James I. The plot intended to kill the king, his family, and much of the Protestant aristocracy by blowing up the Houses of Parliament during the State Opening on November 5, 1605. The conspirators also planned to abduct the royal children, who were not present in Parliament, and incite a popular revolt in the Midlands. A spectacular failure, it led to harsh measures against English Catholics. *English Short-Title Catalogue* S2009. [Order this Item](#)



The Model for Mr. Jaggers in Dickens's *Great Expectations*

10. Harmer, James [1777-1853].

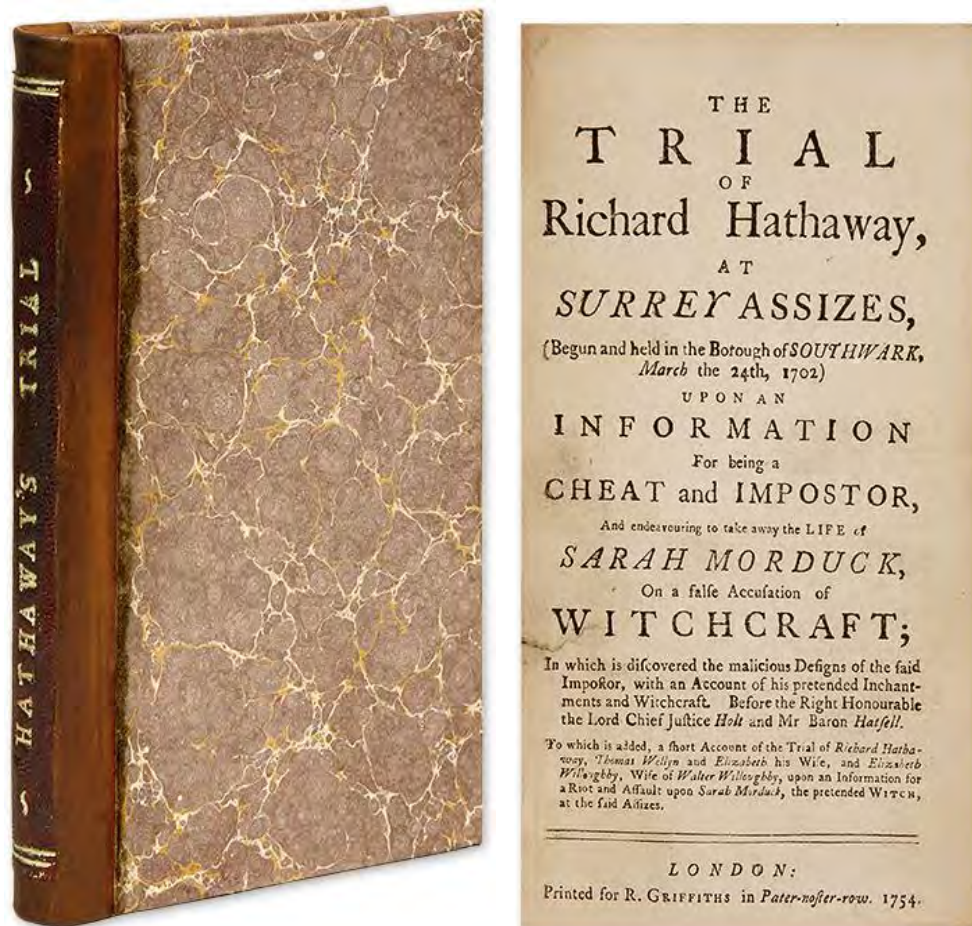
[Holloway, John (d. 1807), Defendant].

[Haggerty, Owen (d. 1807), Defendant].

Murder of Mr. Steele: Documents and Observations Tending to Shew a Probability of the Innocence of John Holloway and Owen Haggerty, Who Were Executed on Monday the 23d of February, 1807, As the Murderers of the Above Gentleman. London: Printed for the Author, 1807. [iv], 89, [1] pp. Octavo (8-1/2" x 5").

Stab-stitched pamphlet bound into later marbled stiff wrappers. Moderate toning, early annotations and marks to margins of several leaves, moderate soiling and early owner initials and "1807" in tiny hand to title page. \$250.

* Only edition. Dickens's model for Mr. Jaggers in *Great Expectations*, Harmer was a lawyer who practiced in the criminal courts. His daily experience led him to expose miscarriages of justice in order to promote reforms in criminal procedure. One such instance was the trial of Holloway and Haggerty, who were convicted through flimsy evidence and the testimony of a witness with questionable motives. It was a controversial trial, so the execution attracted an unusually large crowd of about 40,000 people. About 40 people were trampled to death as the crowd attempted to push closer to the scaffold. OCLC locates 3 copies in law libraries (Harvard University, Stanford University, University of Minnesota). *Catalogue of the Library of the Harvard Law School* (1909) II:1104. [Order this Item](#)



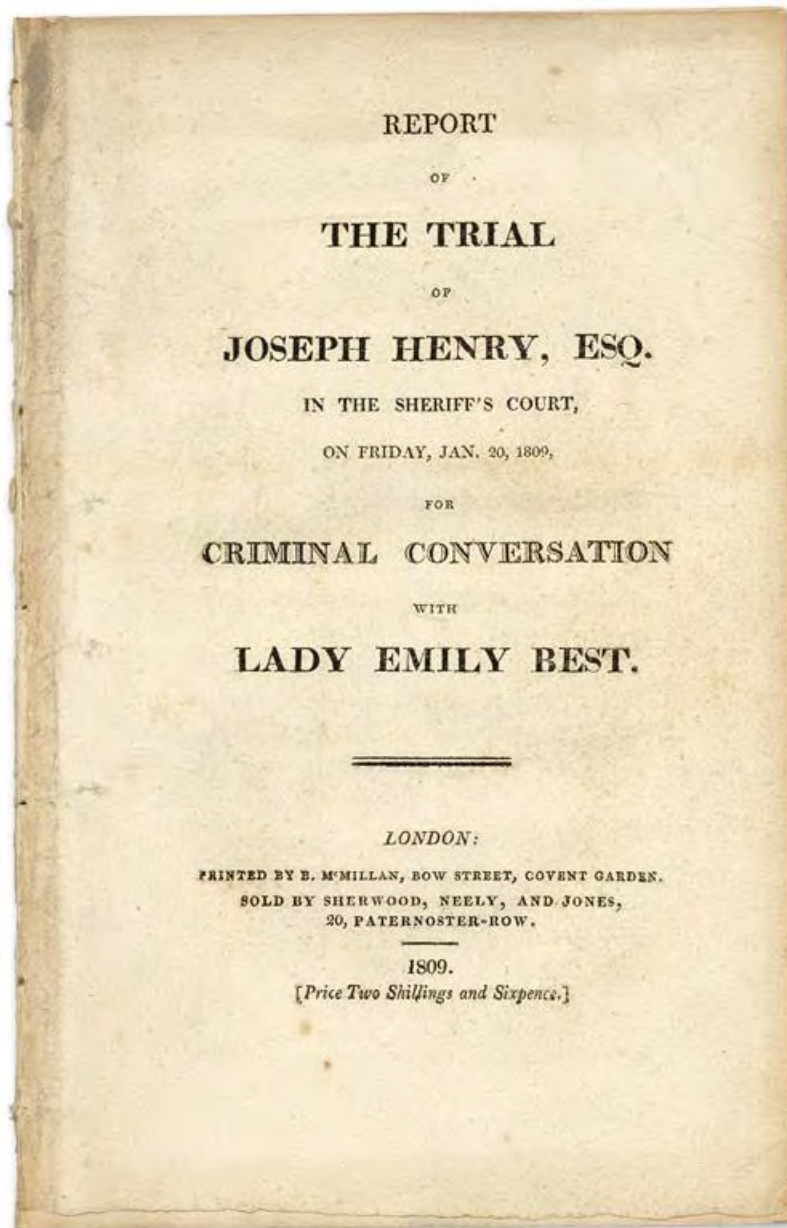
"A False Accusation of Witchcraft"

11. Hathaway, Richard, Defendant.

The Trial of Richard Hathaway, At Surrey Assizes, (Begun and Held in the Borough of Southwark, March the 24th, 1702) Upon an Information for Being a Cheat and Imposter, And Endeavouring to Take Away the Life of Sara Morduck, On a False Accusation of Witchcraft; In Which is Discovered the Malicious Designs of the Said Imposter, With an Account of his Pretended Inchantment and Witchcraft. Before the Right Honourable the Lord Chief Justice Holt and Mr Baron Hatfell. To Which is Added, A Short Account of the Trial of Richard Hathaway, Thomas Wellyn and Elizabeth his Wife, And Elizabeth Willoughby, Wife of Walter Willoughby, Upon an Information for a Riot and Assault upon Sara Morduck, The Pretended Witch, At the Said Assizes. London: Printed for R. Griffiths, 1754. [ii], 92 pp. 12mo. (6-1/2" x 4").

Stab-stitched pamphlet bound into recent period-style quarter calf over marbled boards, gilt title to spine. Light toning to text, light soiling and three minor tears to half-title, light soiling to p. 92., light wear to fore-edges of title page and first couple of leaves of preface, inner margin of final leaf bound close to gutter. \$1,500.

* Reissue of the only edition. "Hathaway's importance, or at least notoriety, continues today: his case is cited frequently in scholarship on English witchcraft as evidence of both judicial skepticism towards the crime of witchcraft and the continued popular belief in it" (Apps). This pamphlet was originally published in 1702 as *The Tryal of Richard Hathaway*. This is a scarce title. The 1754 reissue is rare. OCLC locates 5 copies, 3 in North America (Boston Public Library, Cornell, Harvard). Apps, "Motive Hunting in the Case of Richard Hatchaway," *Preternature: Critical and Historical Studies on the Preternatural* Vol. 1, No. 1 (2012) 72. *English Short-Title Catalogue* N13804. [Order this Item](#)



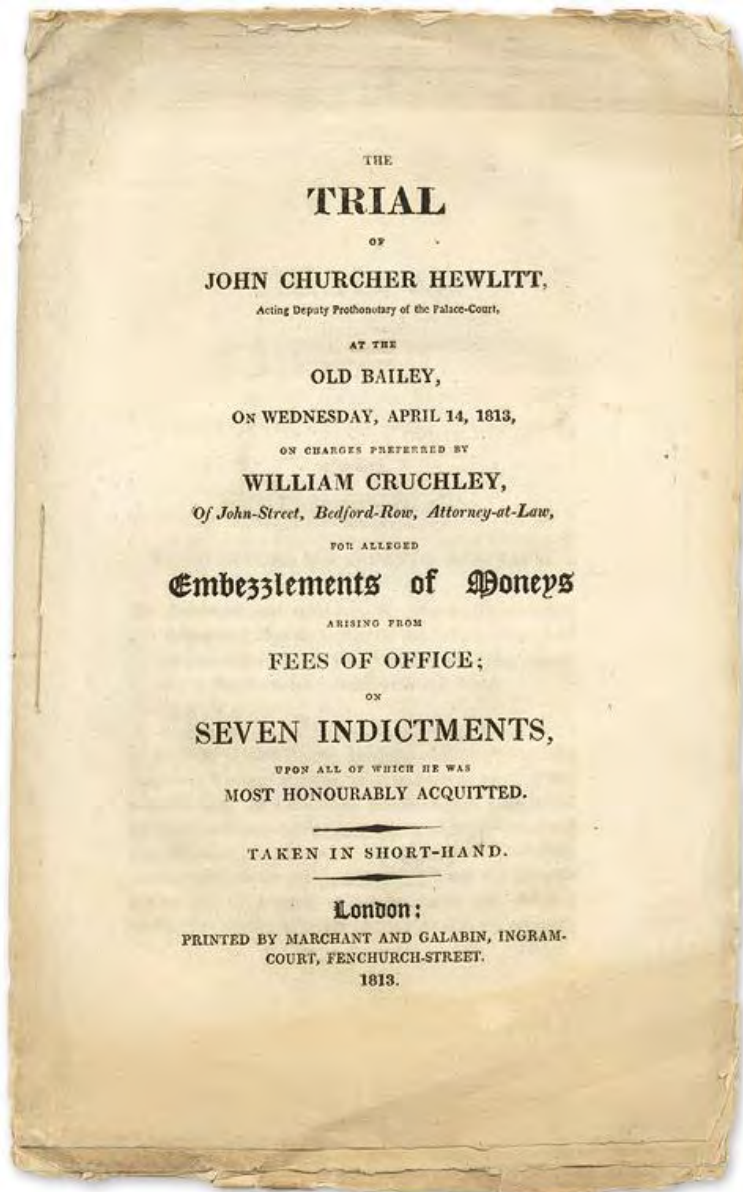
The Lady Deserted Her Husband and Daughter

12. [Henry, Joseph, Defendant].

Report of the Trial of Joseph Henry, Esq., In the Sheriff's Court, On Friday, Jan. 20, 1809, For Criminal Conversation with Lady Emily Best. London: Printed by B. McMillan, 1809. [ii], 50, [1] pp. Includes one-page advertisement. Octavo (8-1/2" x 5-1/2").

Disbound stab-stitched pamphlet. Light soiling to exterior, minor edgewear to first and final leaves, light toning to interior. \$350.

* A report of the inquiry to award damages after Lady Emily Best deserted her formerly wealthy husband, who was currently living in a debtor's prison, and her infant daughter. The trial resulted in an award of £2000. OCLC locates 2 copies (at Cornell and Yale Universities). *Catalogue of the Library of the Harvard Law School* (1909) II:1098. [Order this Item](#)



Scarce English Embezzlement Trial

13. Hewlitt, John Churcher, Defendant.

The Trial of John Churcher Hewlitt, Acting Deputy Prothonotary of the Place-Court, At the Old Bailey, On Wednesday, April 14, 1813, on Charges Preferred by William Cruchley, Of John-Street, Bedford-Row, Attorney-at-Law, For Alleged Embezzlements of Moneys Arising from Fees of Office; On Seven Indictments, Upon All of Which he was Most Honourably Acquitted. Taken in Short-Hand. London: Printed by Marchant and Galabin, 1813. [ii], 16 pp. Octavo (9" x 5-1/2").

Stab-stitched pamphlet. Light browning, several leaves unopened, internally clean. \$450.

* Only edition. Hewlitt was accused of embezzlement by his employer, Cruchley. This appears to be a vindication of Hewlitt's honor and innocence. It may have been published at his expense or urging. OCLC locates 4 copies in North America, 2 in law libraries (Harvard and Social Law). [Order this Item](#)



Trials at Old Bailey, Indexed by Crime

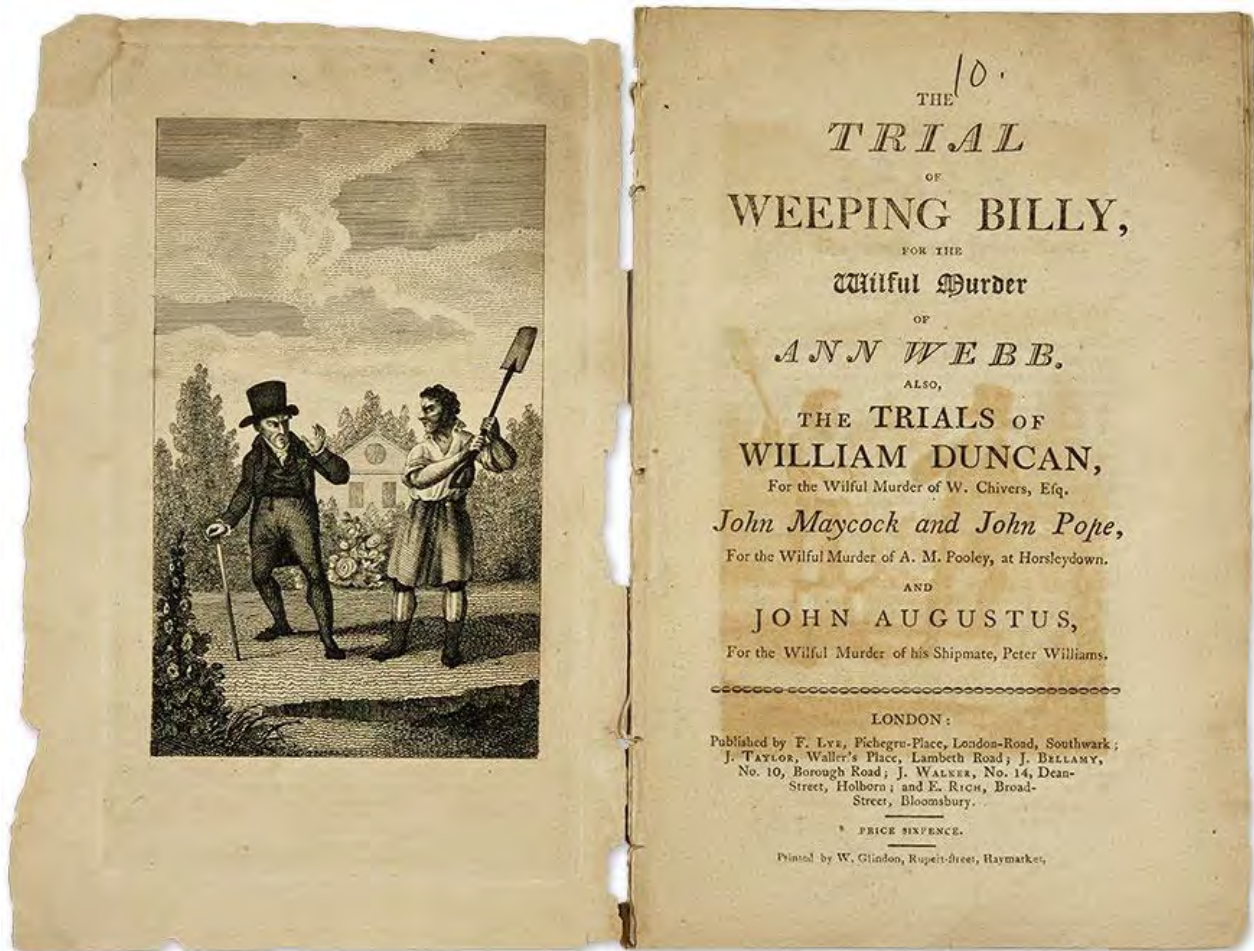
14. [Great Britain].

Select Trials for Murder, Robbery, Burglary, Rapes, Sodomy, Coining, Forgery, Piracy, And Other Offences and Misdemeanours, At the Sessions-House in the Old-Bailey. To Which are Added, Genuine Accounts of the Lives, Exploits, Behaviour, Confessions, And Dying Speeches. Of the Most Notorious Convicts, From the Year 1741 to the Present Year, 1764, Inclusive; Which Completes the Trials from the Year 1720. London: Printed for J. Wilkie, 1764. Four volumes. 12mo. (6" x 4").

Contemporary calf with recent rebacking, gilt fillets to boards, lettering pieces and gilt-edged raised bands to spine, endpapers retained, hinges mended. Moderate rubbing to extremities with some wear to spine ends and corners, light scuffing and some minor gatoring to boards, boards of Volume I just beginning to separate, but secure, a few joints and hinges starting. Some toning to text, light foxing in places, lower corner lacking from pp. 119-120 in Volume I with loss to catchword. pp. 217-165 of this volume have misprinted page numbers corrected in early pencil, interior otherwise clean. A nice set. \$1,750.

* Indexed by crime, this set presents reports of trials held at the "Court of Oyer and Terminer and Gaol Delivery for London and Middlesex," better known as Old Bailey. Contents are arranged chronologically from 1740 to 1764. These accounts were published to amuse, titillate and perhaps instruct, and they are interesting today for their insights into the legal and cultural history of the early Georgian period. This title is the third and final set in a series of multi-volume trial collections, one published in 1734-35, another in 1742. Although these titles were issued by different publishers they have a uniform format and were later re-published as a five-volume work in 1764. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T82548.

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The Trial of "Weeping Billy" (and Others)

15. Greenaway, Thomas ("Weeping Billy"), Defendant.

Duncan, William, Defendant.

Maycock, John, Defendant.

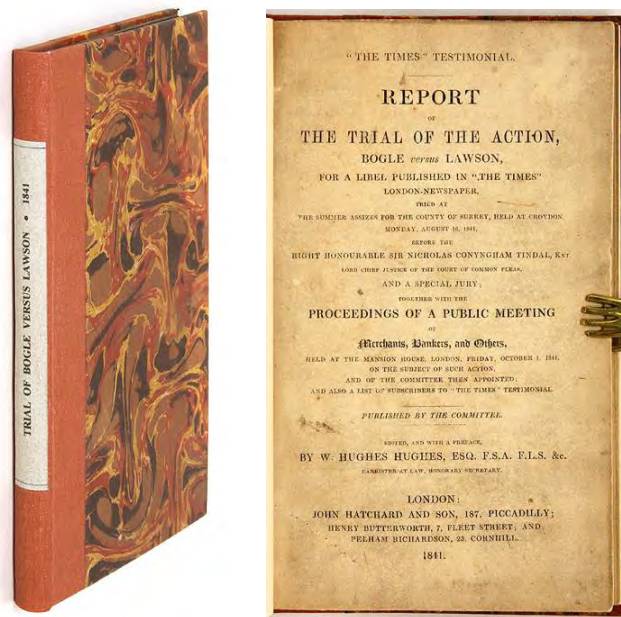
Pope, John, Defendant.

Augustus, John, Defendant.

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

Disbound stab-stitched pamphlet. Moderately toning and light edgewear, all signatures detached from one another, frontispiece detached and edgeworn, "10." in small early hand above image. \$500.

* Only edition. The best-known case in this collection of sensational trials is that of Thomas Greenaway. Known as "Weeping Billy" for his emotional demeanor, he was tried for murder, but ultimately acquitted. OCLC locates 9 copies worldwide, five in US law libraries (Library of Congress, Social Law Library, University of Minnesota, Worcester Trial Court Library, Yale). [Order this Item](#)



One of the Most Detailed Accounts of a Major Nineteenth-Century Financial Swindle

16. Hughes, W. Hughes, Editor.

"The Times" Testimonial: Report of the Trial of the Action, Bogle Versus Lawson, For a Libel Published in "The Times" London-Newspaper, Tried at the Summer Assizes for the County of Surrey, Held at Croydon, Monday, August 16, 1841, Before the Right Honourable Sir Nicholas Conyngham Tindal, Knt. Lord Chief Justice of the Court of Common Pleas, And a Special Jury; Together with the Proceedings of a Public Meeting of Merchants, Bankers and Others, Held at the Mansion House, London, Friday, October 1, 1841, On the Subject of Such Action, And of the Committee then Appointed; And Also a List of Subscribers to "The Times" Testimonial. Published by the Committee. London: John Hatchard and Son, Henry Butterworth and Pelham Richardson, 1841. 179, [1] pp. Half-title lacking. Octavo (8-1/4" x 5").

Recent quarter cloth over marbled boards, printed paper title label to spine. Some toning to text, light soiling to title page. A nice copy of a rare title. \$1,250.

* First edition. A sensational case of a million-pound plot to defraud continental bankers by forged letters of credit, or *lettres circulaires*, purporting to have been issued by the bankers Glyn, Hallifax, Mills, & Co. The plot was exposed by a *Times* of London correspondent in a letter, published in the newspaper on 26th May 1840, which referred to "the great forgery company established on the continent lately detected," and naming the co-conspirators. These included the Marquis of Bourbel, "the chief of the gang," the Baron Louis d'Arjuzon, alias De Castel, Pipe "an Englishman who professes to be a solicitor in London," and Cunningham Graham "an anonymous partner in the house of Bogle, Kerrich, and Co." The case was sensational in both social and in banking circles. It exposed the largely unregulated and certainly sloppy banking practices associated with letters of credit (easy to forge and difficult to police) and the almost brilliant ingenuity of an international gang of con men. The naming of Allan George Bogle—who was almost certainly involved—triggered this libel action against John Joseph Lawson, the printer and publisher of the *Times*, and resulted in the award of one farthing damages for Bogle, but enormous expense and the considerable gratitude of bankers and investors for the *Times*. The present report is without much doubt one of the most detailed accounts of a major financial swindle of this period, particularly one involving letters of credit. A second edition was published the same year as the first, the third and final edition in 1842. All three are rare. OCLC locates 6 copies worldwide of the first edition, 2 in North America (Newberry Library, Temple University). COPAC adds a copy at the Society of Antiquaries. This edition not in Kress, which lists the 3rd edition (C.5743). [Order this Item](#)



Three Items About a Plot to Assassinate King George III with a Poison Dart, One Inscribed by an Alleged Plotter

17. Lemaitre, Paul Thomas [1776-1864], Defendant.

High Treason!! Narrative of the Arrest, Examinations Before the Privy Council, And Imprisonment of P.T. Lemaitre, Accused of Being a Party in the Pop-Gun Plot, or, A Pretended Plot to Kill the King! In Which is Introduced the Correspondence with the Privy Council. London: Printed for P.T. Lemaitre, 1795. [iv], 60 pp.

[Bound with]

[Lemaitre, Paul Thomas].

Petition of Paul Thomas Lemaitre Against the Suspension of the Habeas Corpus Act. Extract from the Journals of the House of Commons. Lmae, 23 die Junii, 1817 (No. 41) [drop-head title]. [(London): Causton, Printer, Birch Lane, Cornhill, (1817)]. 4 pp.

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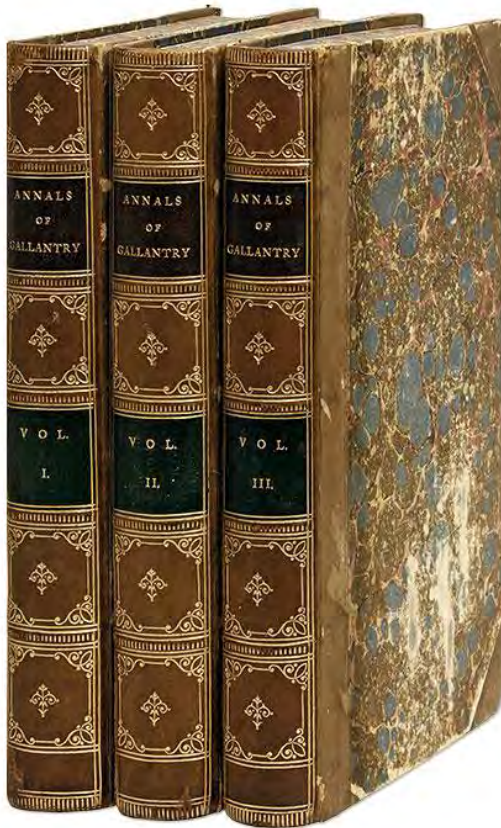
Crossfield, Robert Thomas [1759-1802], Defendant.

Gurney, Joseph [1744-1815], Reporter.

The Trial of Robert Thomas Crossfield, For High Treason, At the Sessions House in the Old Bailey, On Wednesday the Eleventh, And Thursday the Twelfth of May, 1796. Taken in Short-Hand. London: Sold by Martha Gurney, 1796. 328, iii, [5] pp. With two leaves of publisher advertisements.

Octavo (8-1/2" x 5-1/2"); *Petition*, Folio (11" x 7-1/2"), bottom margin trimmed, bound along gutter, and folded twice. Two stab-stitched pamphlets and one bifolium bound into 20th-century cloth, "Pop-Gun Plot" and "1795-96" gilt stamped to spine. Negligible shelfwear, moderate toning to interior, light foxing in a few places, presentation inscription from Lemaitre "to his friend Miss Starling" to half-title of *High Treason!!*. \$1,250.

* *High Treason!!*: second edition; *Trial, Petition*: only edition. The Popgun Plot was an alleged 1794 conspiracy by members of the London Corresponding Society, a British Radical organization, to assassinate King George III with a poison dart fired from a pop-gun (airgun). Lemaitre and Crossfield were two of four men indicted as conspirators and charged with treason. All four were acquitted in May 1796 because the chief witness against them died. The first edition of Lemaitre's account was first published in 1794. Both editions are rare. OCLC locates 16 copies of both editions, 1 in a North American law library (Social Law, which has a first edition). OCLC locates 9 copies of *Trial* in North American law libraries. The *Petition* appears to be unrecorded; no copies are listed on OCLC or COPAC. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T81543 (*High Treason!!*), T80824 (*Trial*). [Order this Item](#)



With Sixteen Hand-Colored
Engraved Plates, Three by George Cruikshank

18. Moore, A.

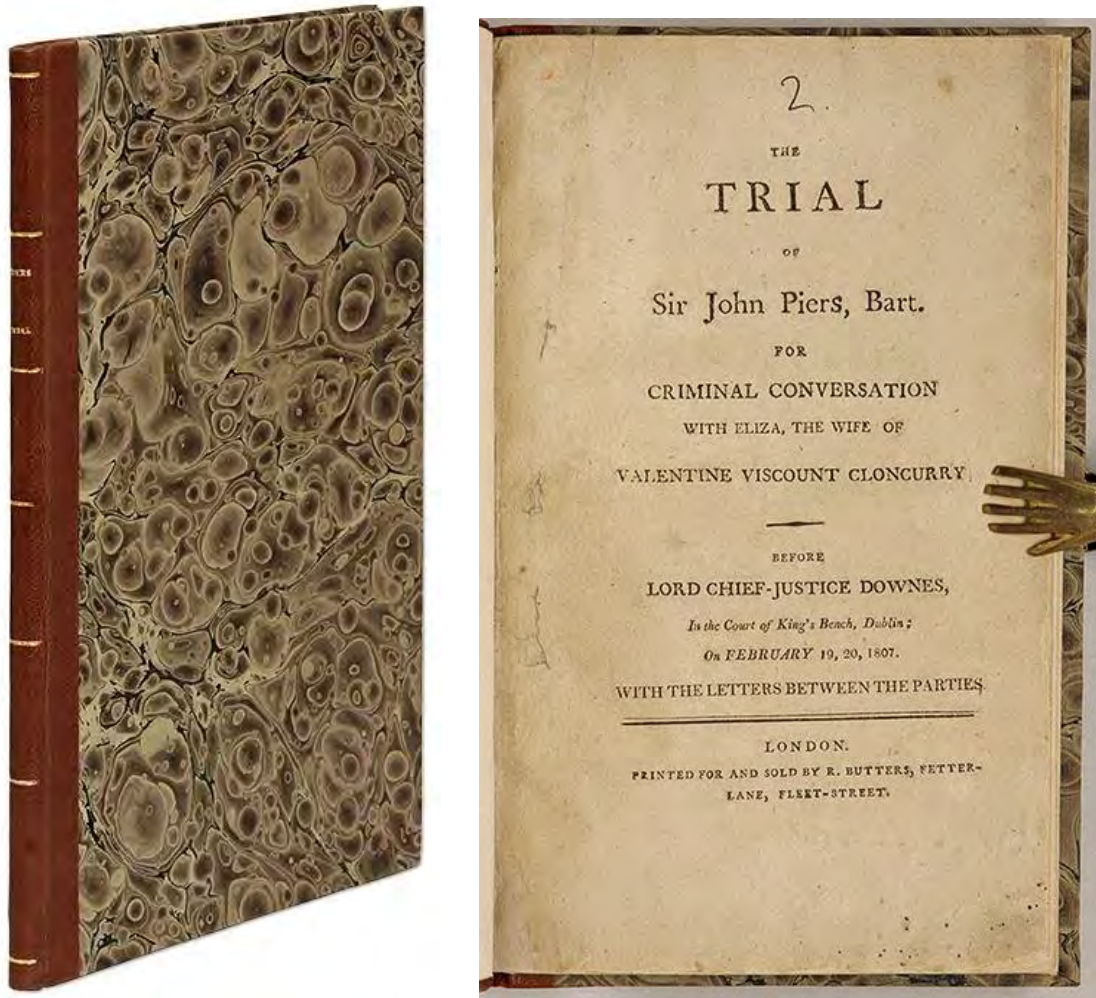
[Cruikshank, George, Illustrator].

[Jenkins, J., Illustrator].

The Annals of Gallantry; Or, The Conjugal Monitor: Being a Collection of Curious and Important Trials for Divorces, And Actions of Crim. Con. During the Present Reign; Accompanied with Biographical Memoirs and Anecdotes, And Illustrated with Notes. London: Printed for the Proprietors, And Sold by M. Jones, 1814-1815. Three volumes. 16 (of 18) hand-colored engraved plates, 1 (of 2) uncolored engraved plates. The 3 color engraved plates by Cruikshank present. Octavo (8" x 5").

Contemporary three-quarter calf over marbled boards, raised bands, lettering pieces and gilt ornaments to spines, marbled edges and endpapers. Moderate rubbing to boards and extremities, corners lightly bumped, front hinges cracked rear hinges starting at ends. Light toning to text, light foxing in a few places, a few leaves have light offsetting from plates. An attractive set. \$2,500.

* Only edition (in this form). *The Annals of Gallantry* was originally issued in 18 monthly parts from March 1, 1814 to August 1, 1815. This book aimed to amuse and titillate. The accounts in these volumes are valuable nevertheless for their accurate reports and vivid background histories. What is more, this collection is a fascinating document of English social and legal attitudes toward adultery and divorce during the age of George IV and Jane Austen. The Plates by Cruikshank, all in Volume I, are "Lady Grosvenor and the Duke of Cumberland Surprised by the Servant," "The Unwelcome Intruders" and "The Elopement of Lady W--- with Lord Paget." Cohn, *A Bibliographical Catalogue of the Printed Works Illustrated by George Cruikshank* 573. [Order this Item](#)



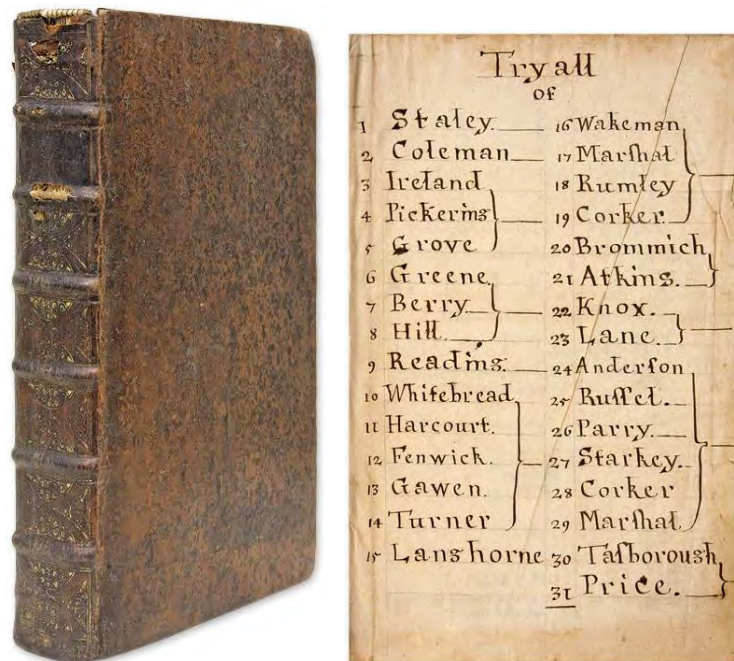
He Seduced Her to Win a Bet

19. Piers, Sir John [1772-1845], Defendant.

The Trial of Sir John Piers, Bart. For Criminal Conversation with Eliza, the Wife of Valentine Viscount Cloncurry Before Lord Chief-Justice Downes, In the Court of King's Bench, Dublin; On February 19, 20, 1807. With the Letters Between the Parties. London: Printed for and Sold by R. Butters, [1807]. 44 pp. Lacking portrait frontispiece. Octavo (8-1/4" x 5-1/4").

Stab-stitched pamphlet bound into period-style quarter morocco over marbled boards, gilt titles and ornaments to spine, endpapers renewed. Disbound stab-stitched pamphlet. Moderate toning to text, light foxing to a few leaves, edgewear and a few minor holes to title page, "2" in early hand to upper margin. \$600.

* Only edition. Piers, 6th Baronet of Tristernagh Abbey, was an Anglo-Irish baronet and a notable rake. His notoriety dates from his 1807 adultery trial involving Elizabeth Georgiana, Lady Cloncurry, the wife of an old school friend (and creditor), Lord Cloncurry. The trial established that Piers seduced Lady Cloncurry as part of a bet. Lord Cloncurry was awarded the enormous sum of £20,000 in damages, the largest award granted in a criminal conversation case. The scandal attracted a great deal of attention and secured Piers a footnote in history. This case was the subject of John Betjeman's poem *Sir John Piers* and a 1978 BBC documentary *The Bold Bad Baronet*. COPAC locates 1 copy (National Library of Scotland). OCLC locates 5 copies, 3 in North America (Temple University, University of Missouri-Columbia, Yale Law School). Not in the *British Museum Catalogue*. [Order this Item](#)



A Contemporary Collection of Twelve Popish Plot Trials and a Related Broadside

20. [Popish Plot].

Stayley, William [d. 1678], Defendant.

The Tryal of William Stayley, Goldsmith; For Speaking Treasonable Words Against His Most Sacred Majesty: And Upon Full Evidence Found Guilty of High Treason, And Received Sentence Accordingly, On Thursday November the 21th 1678. London: Printed for Robert Pawlet, 1678. 8, 7-10 pp. *English Short-Title Catalogue (ESTC)* R228446.

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[Stayley, William].

An Account of the Digging Up of the Quarters of William Stayley, Lately Executed for High Treason, for that his Relations Abused the Kings Mercy. Nov. 30 1678. *Imprimatur, William Scroggs.* London: Printed for Robert Pawlet at the Bible in Chancery-Lane, 1678. 15-1/2" x 11-1/2" broadside. *ESTC* R17181

[And]

[11 Trials of Men (and a Woman) Implicated in the Popish Plot]. [London: Various printers, 1678-1680].

Folio (12-1/2" x 8"). Stab-stitched pamphlets bound into contemporary mottled calf, gilt spine with raised bands and lettering piece (reading Trials), early manuscript index to front free endpaper. Some minor scuffs and scratches to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities with wear to head of spine, small piece of calf lacking below lettering piece, rear joint just starting at head, corners bumped and lightly worn, hinges cracked. Light toning to interior, somewhat heavier in places, faint dampstaining and worming to margins in a few places, inkstains to margins of a few leaves. A unique collection by a contemporary compiler. \$1,750.

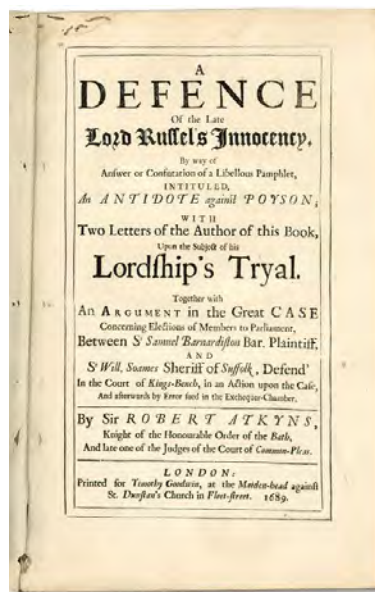
* The Popish Plot was a fictitious conspiracy to assassinate Charles II. It provoked a spasm of anti-Catholic hysteria in England and Scotland that led to the executions of at least 22 men and women between 1678 and 1681 and harsh laws against Catholics. The work of a contemporary compiler, our volume collects 12 trials and a related broadside relating to this horrible event. The other trials are:

- [Edward Coleman] 1678. *ESTC* R4486.

- [William Ireland, Thomas Pickering and John Grove]. 1678. *ESTC* 2719.

- [Robert Green, Henry Berry, & Lawrence Hill]. 1679. ESTC R24642.
- [Nathaniel Reading]. 1679. ESTC 7193.
- [Thomas White, William Harcourt, John Fenwick, John Gavan, And Anthony Turner]. ESTC 232961.
- [The Tryall of Richard Langhorn]. 1679. ESTC R1705.
- [Sir George Wakeman, William Marshall, William Rumley, And James Corke]. 1679. ESTC R13879.
- [Andrew Brommich and William Atkins]. 1679. ESTC 18341.
- [Thomas Knox and John Lane]. 1680. ESTC R21831.
- [Lionel Anderson, William Russel, Charles Parris, Henry Starkey, Thomas Corke and William Marshall]. 1680. ESTC R1255.
- [John Tasborough and Ann Price]. 1680. ESTC R23482.

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The Legality of Lord Russell's Trial

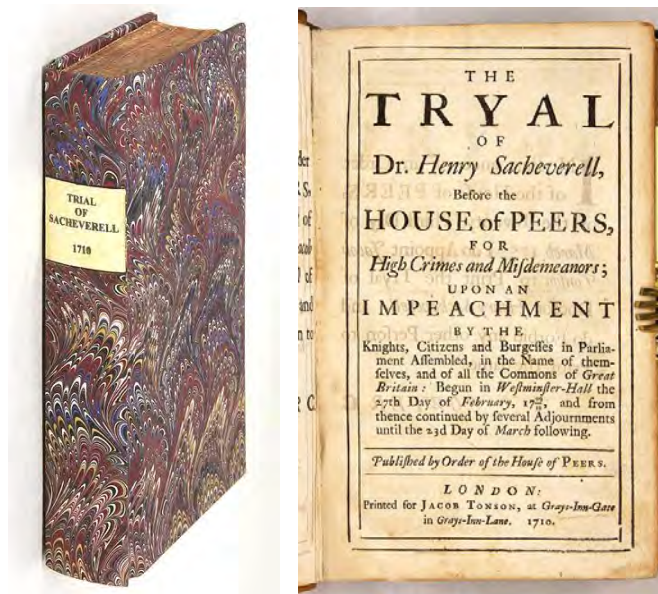
21. [Rye House Plot].

Atkyns, Sir Robert [1621-1709].

A Defence of the Late Lord Russel's Innocency, By Way of An Answer or Confutation of a Libellous Pamphlet, Intituled, An Antidote Against Poyson; With Two Letters of the Author of This Book, Upon the Subject of His Lordship's Tryal. Together with an Argument in the Great Case Concerning Elections of Members to Parliament, Between Sr Samuel Barnardiston Bar. Plaintiff, And Sr Will. Soames Sheriff of Suffolk, Defend' in the Court of King's-Bench, In an Action Upon the Case, And Afterwards by Error Sued in the Exchequer-Chamber. London: Printed for Timothy Goodwin, 1689. [iii], 51 pp. Title page preceded by advertisement leaf. *Argument in the Great Case* preceded by divisional title page. Folio (12" x 7").

Disbound, text secure. Some edgewear and soiling to first and final leaves, worming through upper margins of most leaves with no loss to text. Toning, small faint stains to a few leaves, internally clean. \$250.

* First edition. This is a reply to a pamphlet by Sir Bartholomew Shower that defended the legal position of the Russell trial. Atkyns was Russell's legal advisor. Russell [1639-1683] was implicated in and ultimately executed due to his supposed involvement in the Rye House Plot, a plan to assassinate King Charles II and his brother (and heir to the throne) James, Duke of York devised by a group of Whigs. Some historians believe this plot was largely fabricated by Charles II as a way to destroy the Whigs, most notably Russell and Algernon Sydney [1623-1683], who were convicted and executed on the basis of flimsy evidence. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R4958. [Order this Item](#)



A Triumph for Tories and High-Churchmen

22. Sacheverell, Henry [1674-1724], Defendant.

The Tryal of Dr. Henry Sacheverell, Before the House of Peers, For High Crimes and Misdemeanors; Upon an Impeachment by the Knights, Citizens and Burgesses in Parliament Assembled, In the Name of Themselves, And of All the Commons of Great Britain: Begun in Westminster-Hall the 27th Day of February, 1709/10, And from Thence Continued by Several Adjournments Until the 23d Day of March Following. Published by Order of the House of Peers. London: Printed for Jacob Tonson, 1710. 456 pp.

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The Bishop of Salisbury's, And the Bishop of Oxford's Speeches in the House of Lords, On the First Article of the Impeachment of Dr. Henry Sacheverell; Also the Bishop of Lincoln's and Bishop of Norwich's Speeches At the Opening of the Second Article of the Said Impeachment. London: Printed, And Sold by John Morphew, Near Stationers-Hall, 1710. 16; 16; [2], 35-52; 53-63, [1] pp. Four parts, each with title page, first three parts have individual pagination.

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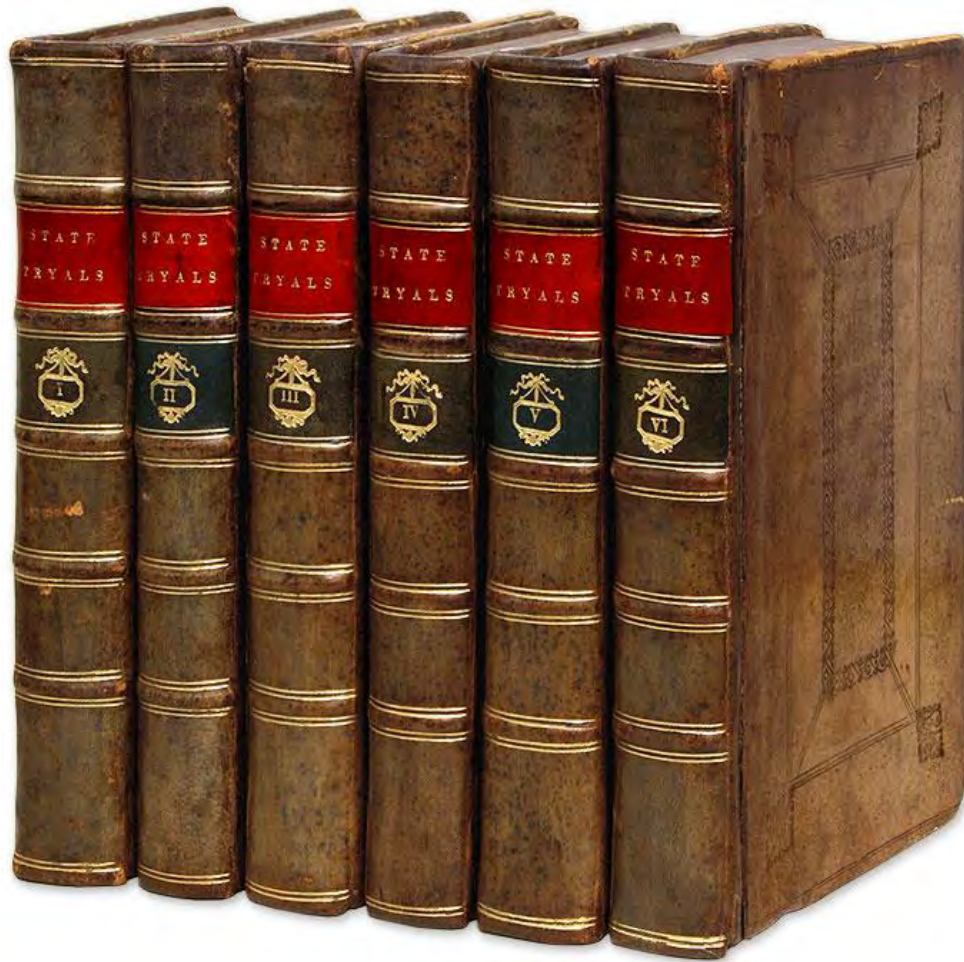
An Impartial Account of What Pass'd Most Remarkable in the Last Session of Parliament, Relating to the Case of Dr. Henry Sacheverell. Done on Such Another Paper and Letter, And May Therefore be Bound up with the Tryal of the Said Doctor, [sic] [London]: Printed for Jacob Tonson, at Grays-Inn Gate in Grays-Inn-Lane, 1710. 47, [1] pp.

[And]

A List of the Lords, Who Protested Against Some Proceedings, In Relation to the Case of Dr. Henry Sacheverell, In the House of Peers; with Their Lordships Reasons for Entring Their Protestations. London: [S.n.] Printed in the Year, 1710. 15, [1] pp.

Octavo (7-1/2" x 4-1/2"). Recent period-style marbled boards, printed paper title label to spine, speckled edges. Light toning to text, internally clean. An appealing copy. \$300.

* First octavo editions (each one among several issues from 1710). The volume collects a group of four fundamental documents relating to the ideological controversy between Whigs and Tories. Dr. Henry Sacheverell was impeached for preaching two sermons that advocated the Tory doctrines of non-resistance and passive obedience. His punishment was unique. He was not allowed to preach for three years, but he was allowed to perform other clerical functions and accept preferment during that time. His two sermons were ordered burned by the common hangman. Such a sentence was felt to be a triumph for him and the High-Church and Tory party, and the news of it was received with great enthusiasm throughout the kingdom. See *Dictionary of National Biography* XVIII:569-572. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T176104, T22852, T13225, T75808. [Order this Item](#)



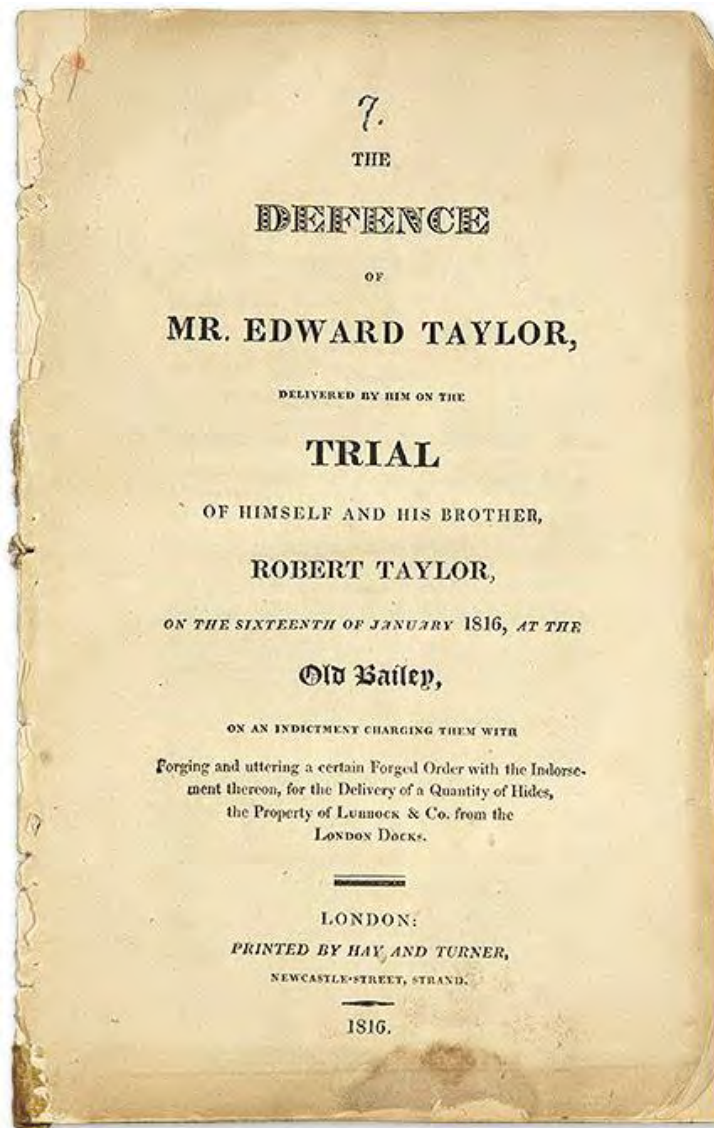
Handsome 1720 Collection of Trials for High Treason and Other Crimes

23. [Salmon, Thomas (1679-1767), Compiler].

Tryals for High-Treason, And Other Crimes. With Proceedings on Bills of Attainder, And Impeachments. For Three Hundred Years Past. To Which are Prefix'd, A Preface, Giving an Account of the Nature and Usefulness of the Work. And an Alphabetical Table of the Respective Persons Try'd, And the Points of Law Debated and Adjudg'd. By the Same Hand that Prepared the Folio Edition for the Press. In Six Parts. London: Printed for D. Browne, G. Strahan, W. Mears, R. Gosling, 1720. Six volumes. Octavo (7-1/4" x 4-3/4").

Contemporary speckled paneled calf, rebaked in period style with lettering pieces and gilt-edged raised bands, speckled edges. A few nicks and scuffs, light rubbing to boards. Somewhat heavier rubbing to extremities, corners bumped and somewhat worn, hinges cracked, front free endpapers of Volumes I, III and VI detached and lightly edgeworn, armorial bookplates of John Laveson-Gower, 1st Earl Gower to front pastedowns, later bookplates of (unknown owner dated 1892) to front free endpapers. Moderate toning to text, somewhat heavier in places, chip to final leaf of Volume VI (due to a spot of glue) with minor loss to text. \$1,250.

* Only edition. This set is an abridged version, with additional trials, of Salmon's *Compleat Collection of State-Tryals* (1719). Three supplemental volumes were added to this set in 1731. Gower [1694-1754] was a British Tory politician, one of the first Tories to enter government after the Hanoverian Succession. He was the Lord Keeper of the Privy Seal from 1742 to 1743. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T69541. [Order this Item](#)



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24. Taylor, Edward, Defendant.

Taylor, Robert, Defendant.

The Defence of Mr. Edward Taylor, Delivered by Him on the Trial of Himself and His Brother, Robert Taylor, On the Sixteenth of January 1816, at the Old Bailey, On an Indictment Charging them with Forging and Uttering a Certain Forged Order with the Indorsement Thereon, For the Delivery of a Quantity of Hides, The Property of Lubbock & Co. from the London Docks. London: Printed by Hay and Turner, 1816. 14 pp. Octavo (8" x 5").

Disbound stab-stitched pamphlet, title page detached, lightly soiled and moderately edgeworn, "7." in early hand to head, moderate toning to text, faint dampstaining to foot of text block. \$500.

* Only edition. Taylor confesses his guilt, explains his actions and asks the court to be lenient with his brother. He also asks the court to consider the two brother's responsibility for their widowed elderly mother. No copies listed on Library Hub Discover or OCLC. [Order this Item](#)



With a Duplicate Colored Frontispiece Annotated by George Cruikshank

25. Thistlewood, Arthur [1770-1820], Defendant.

Watson, James, Defendant.

Preston, Thomas, Defendant.

Hooper, John, Defendant.

[Cruikshank, Isaac (1764-1811), Illustrator].

[Cruikshank, George (1792-1878), Annotation].

High Treason!! The Whole Proceedings on the Trial of Arthur Thistlewood, Gent. James Watson, The Elder, Surgeon, Thomas Preston, Cordwainer, And John Hooper, Labourer: Upon an Indictment Found Against Them for High Treason. Fairburn's Edition. London: [Printed by W. Marchant ; published by John Fairburn, 1817]. 23 parts, comprising 360 numbered columns. Folding frontispiece, two plates. Complete. Octavo (9" x 5-3/4").

Original plain paper-covered publisher boards with contrasting spine, untrimmed edges. Some soiling and staining, moderate edgewear, spine abraded and worn, front board detached, early owner signature (L. Palmer) and later owner bookplate of William Hartmann Woodin to front pastedown. Moderate toning to text, minor oil stains and dampstains to a few leaves. Brief annotations in pencil to front pastedown and verso folding plates, both entry references to Douglas's *Works of George Cruikshank*, interior otherwise clean. Duplicate of folding frontispiece, hand-colored, and with an annotation by George Cruikshank laid in. It is lightly soiled, lightly edgeworn and beginning to tear along fold lines, later reference annotation to Douglas bibliography to top margin. Items housed in a quarter-morocco over cloth slipcase with raised bands and gilt title to spine. Moderate rubbing to extremities. A unique copy of a rare title. \$950.

* Only edition. Thistlewood, Watson, Preston and Hooper were leaders of the Spencians, a group of English radicals who opposed private land ownership. They were indicted for treason when a mass audience at a Spencian rally at Spa Fields, Islington, England on 15 November and 2 December 1816 degenerated into a riotous mob. Watson was acquitted and the other three were released without trial. Fairburn's serialized account features a courtroom scene and portraits of the defendants by Isaac Cruikshank, who is not credited. The colored duplicate frontispiece has an annotation by his son George Cruikshank reading: "Not any of it by me-GCK." This remark illustrates how the work of the two men were often confused. Isaac Cruikshank's work was often mistaken for his. This copy belonged to William Hartmann Woodin [1868-1934], an industrialist who served as a director of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York from 1927 to 1932 and briefly as treasury secretary under Franklin Roosevelt's in 1933. OCLC locates 3 copies (National Library of Australia, Oxford, University of Illinois). [Order this Item](#)



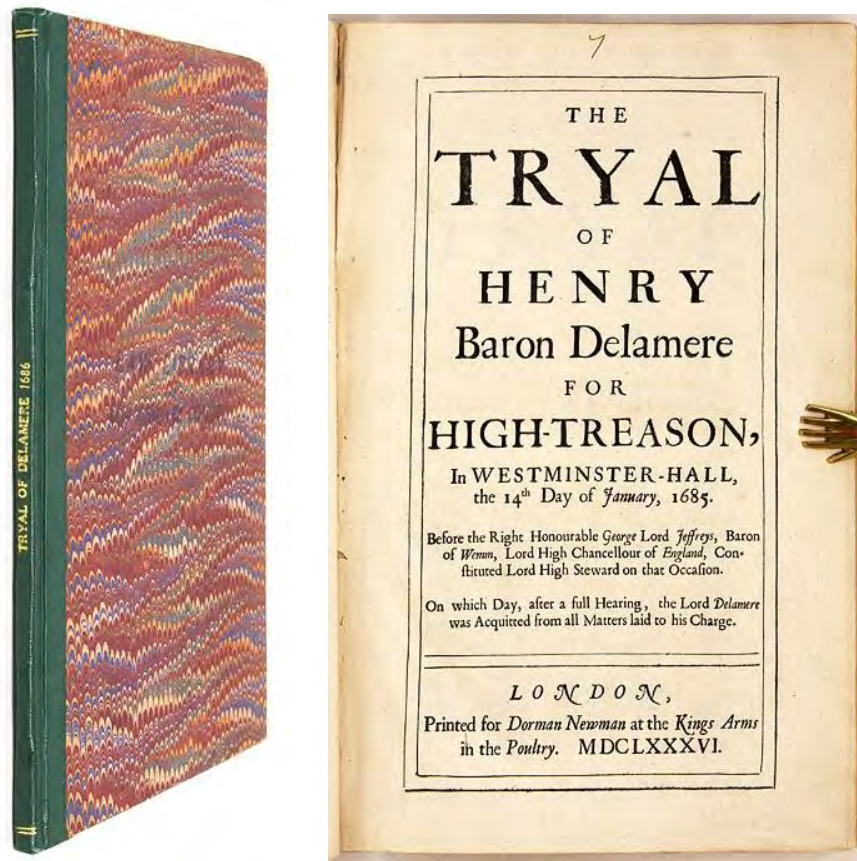
**Trial Notable for
"Dr. Winslow's Analysis of the Convict's Mind"**

26. Townley, George Victor [b. 1838], Defendant.

The Trial and Respite of George Victor Townley for Wilful Murder. With Original Documents and Correspondence Now First Published; Dr. Winslow's Analysis of the Convict's Mind, Portraits, Autographs and Plan. Derby: W. Bemrose & Sons, [1864]. [iii], 6-70 pp. Portraits. Plan. Octavo (7-1/4" x 4-3/4").

Stab-stitched pamphlet in printed wrappers. Negligible light soiling to exterior, early owner signature (St. John Crookes/ Sunderland/ 1864) to head of front wrapper, moderate toning to text, slightly heavier in places. \$950.

* Only edition. In 1863 Townley murdered his girlfriend, Elizabeth Goodwin, after she broke off her engagement to him. An expert witness at Townley's trial was Dr. Forbes Winslow, one of the founders of forensic psychiatry and the author of *The Plea of Insanity, In Criminal Cases* (1843). Despite Winslow's testimony, Townsend was found guilty and sentenced to death. He was granted a reprieve, however, after evidence was produced confirming hereditary insanity and a history of delusional behavior. Public outrage over the reprieve led to a second committee investigation, which judged him to be sane. Our account includes memorials from the public and the committee's report, along with Winslow's account of a visit with Townley in prison. Townley was later transferred to an asylum, where he committed suicide. The portraits are of Townley and Goodwin; the plan shows the scene of the crime. OCLC locates 11 copies in North American law libraries. *Catalogue of the Library of the Harvard Law School* (1909) II:1210. [Order this Item](#)



A Member of a Plot to Depose James II?

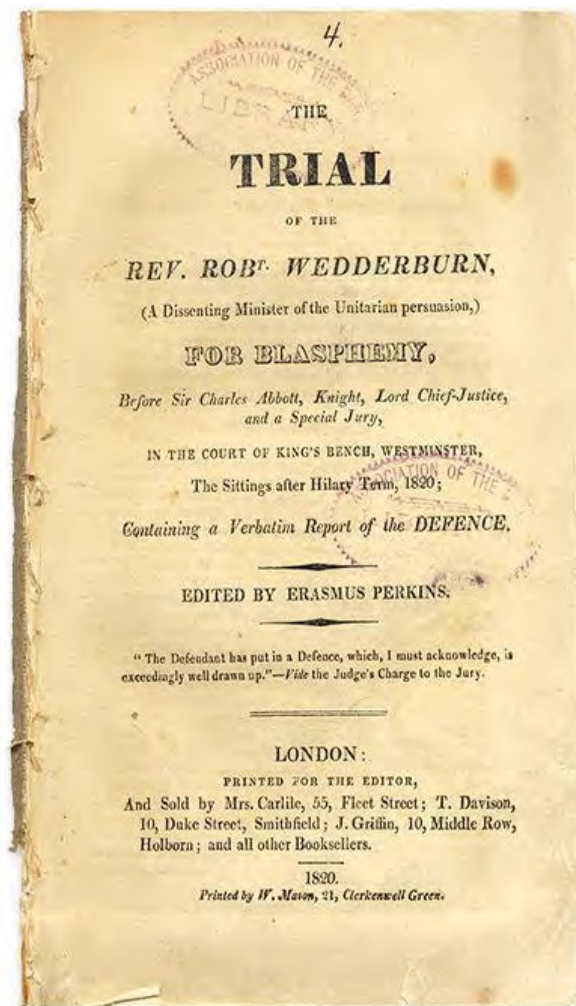
27. Warrington, Henry Booth, Earl of [1652-1694], Defendant.

The Tryal of Henry Baron Delamere for High-Treason, In Westminster-Hall, The 14th Day of January, 1685. Before the Right Honourable George Lord Jeffreys, Baron of Wemm, Lord High Chancellour of England, Constituted Lord High Steward on that Occasion. On Which Day, After Full Hearing, The Lord Delamere was Acquitted from All Matters Laid to His Charge. London: Printed for Dorman Newman, 1686. [iv], 87, [1] pp. Main text preceded by "Order to Print" (imprimatur) leaf. Folio (11-1/2" x 7-1/2").

Stab-stitched pamphlet bound into recent quarter cloth over marbled boards, gilt title to spine. Light rubbing to extremities, corners bumped and somewhat worn. Light toning to text, somewhat heavier in places, light foxing to a few leaves. "7" in early hand to head of title page, interior otherwise clean. Ex-library. Bookplate to front pastedown, stamp and annotation to front free endpaper. A nice copy. \$200.

* Only edition. Warrington was indicted as a participant in Monmouth's rebellion, an attempt by the Duke of Monmouth, an illegitimate son of Charles II, to the claim the throne and depose James II. The special charge against Delamere "was that at the time of Monmouth's rebellion he had gone secretly to Cheshire with the view of inciting a rising in the north of England." While it is nearly certain that Delamere sympathized with Monmouth's designs, he was able to explain his journey as a wish to visit a favorite child who was dangerously ill. "Moreover, Thomas Saxon, the only witness who would positively swear to the correspondence of Delamere and Monmouth, so hopelessly contradicted himself that he was afterwards convicted of perjury." *Dictionary of National Biography* II:842-844. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R23568.

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**An English Radical is Charged with
Blasphemy in Defense of a Fellow Radical**

28. Wedderburn, Rob[er]t [1762-1835/36?], Defendant.

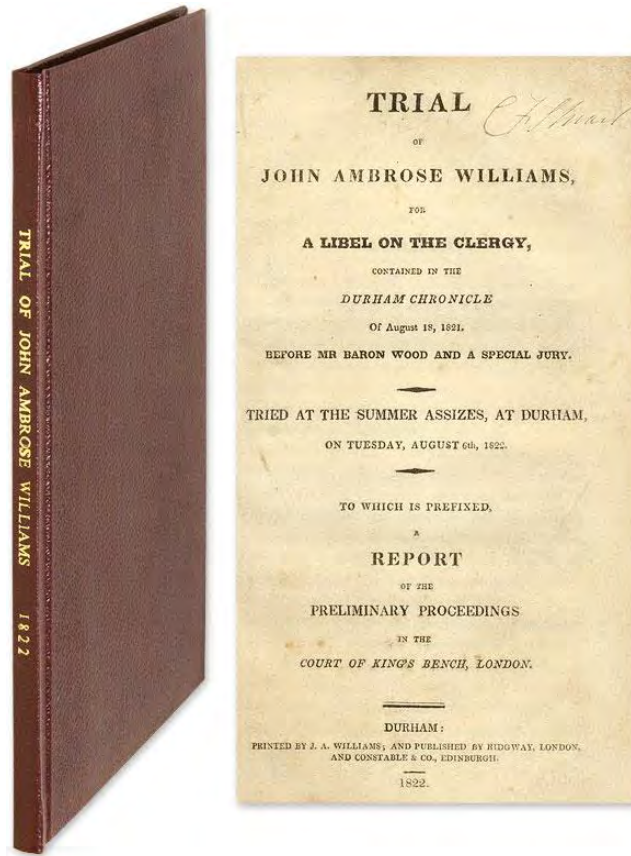
Perkins, Erasmus, Editor.

The Trial of the Rev. Robt. Wedderburn, (A Dissenting Minister of the Unitarian Persuasion,) For Blasphemy, Before Sir Charles Abbott, Knight, Lord Chief-Justice, And a Special Jury, In the Court of King's Bench, Westminster, The Sittings After Hilary Term, 1820; Containing a Verbatim Report of the Defence. London: Printed for the Editor, 1820. 23. [1] pp. Includes 1 pp. publisher advertisement. Octavo (8-1/4" x 5-1/4").

Disbound stab-stitched pamphlet. Light soiling to exterior, a few minor chips and tears to title page, light browning to interior. Two faint library inkstamps to title page, "4" in early hand to upper margin, internally clean. \$500.

* Only edition, one of two accounts of this trial. Wedderburn was a mixed-raced Jamaican-born Unitarian minister, radical leader and anti-slavery advocate. He was convicted for blasphemous comments made about the Bible in connection with the trial of Richard Carlile, a fellow-radical. Wedderburn was found guilty and served a brief term in prison. OCLC locates 12 copies, 2 in North American law libraries (Harvard, Social Law). McCoy, *Freedom of the Press* 107.

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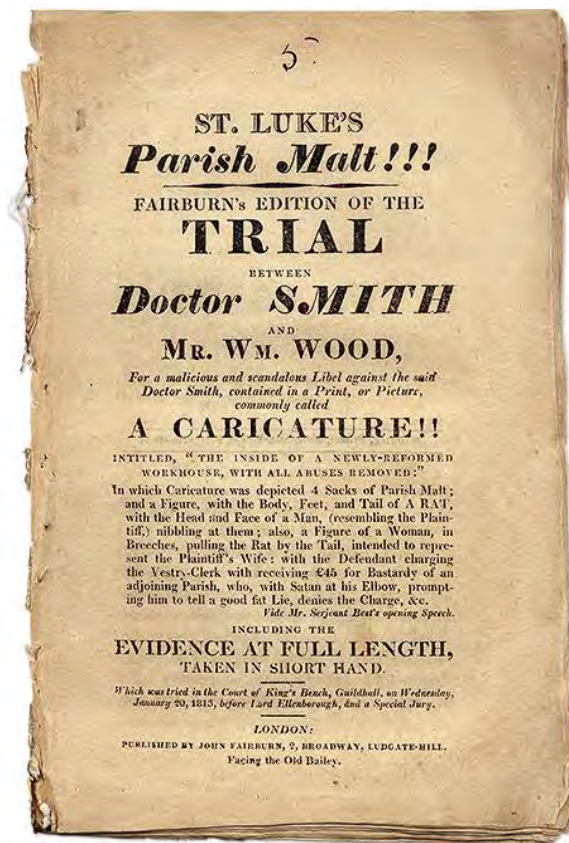
**Notable Libel Trial
With a Defence by Lord Brougham**

29. Williams, John Ambrose [1793-1854], Defendant.

The Trial of John Ambrose Williams, For a Libel on the Clergy, Contained in the Durham Chronicle of August 18, 1821. Before Mr. Baron Wood and a Special Jury. Tried at the Summer Assizes, At Durham, On Tuesday, August 6th, 1822. To Which is Prefixed, A Report of the Preliminary Proceedings in the Court of King's Bench, London. Durham: Printed by J.A. Williams, 1822. iv, 57 pp. Octavo (8" x 5").

Stab-stitched pamphlet bound into recent cloth, gilt title to spine. Light soiling to title page and verso of final leaf, light browning. Early owner signature to head of title page, interior otherwise clean. \$250.

* First edition. "When [Queen Caroline] died in 1821, the clergy of Durham refused to allow the bells to be tolled. Mr. John Ambrose Williams, who owned the *Durham Chronicle*, published an article in it attacking the conduct of the clergy, who set the law in motion against Mr. Williams in the shape of a criminal information for libel. [The] case came for trial before a special jury at Durham. Mr. Scarlett (afterwards Lord Abinger), a most consummate advocate, conducted the prosecution, and Brougham the defense. Brougham made a magnificent speech, but it was rather a political manifesto than a wise appeal to a jury at Durham, who were not likely to be pleased with torrents of irony addressed to such topics as the revenues and management of their palatinate. The result was that his client was found guilty..." (Archer). This pamphlet was also issued the same year in London and Edinburgh. OCLC locates 2 copies of the Durham issue (at Cambridge and Glasgow Universities). Archer, *William Ewart Gladstone and his Contemporaries* 40. McCoy, *Freedom of the Press* W297. [Order this Item](#)



**"A Figure with the Body, Feet, And Tail of a Rat,
With the Head and Face of a Man, (Resembling the Plaintiff)"**

30. Wood, William, Defendant.

St. Luke's Parish Malt!!! Fairburn's Edition of the Trial Between Doctor Smith and Mr. Wm. Wood: For a Malicious and Scandalous Libel Against the Said Doctor Smith, Contained in a Print, Or Picture, Commonly Called a Caricature!! Intituled, "The Inside of a Newly-Reformed Workhouse with All Abuses Removed": In Which Caricature was Depicted 4 Sacks of Parish Malt and a Figure with the Body, Feet, And Tail of a Rat, With the Head and Face of a Man, (Resembling the Plaintiff), Nibbling at Them: Also a Figure of a Women in Breeches, Pulling the Rat by the Tail Intended to Represent the Plaintiff's Wife: With the Defendant Charging the Vestry-Clerk with Receiving £45 for Bastardy of an Adjoining Parish who with Satan at his Elbow, Prompting Him to Tell a Good Fat Lie, Denies the Charge, &c.: Including the Evidence at Full Length, Taken in Short Hand. Which was Tried in the Court of King's Bench, Guildhall, On Wednesday, January 20, 1813, Before Lord Ellenborough, And a Special Jury. London: Published by John Fairburn, [1813]. 24 pp. Octavo (8" x 5-1/4").

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* Only edition. "This was an action brought by John Smith, a surgeon and apothecary, (...) against William Wood, a boot and shoe maker, (...), in the same parish; to recover a compensation in damages for publishing a gross, scandalous, and malicious, libel, in the form of a caricature picture, or print, (...) tending to injure and defame the character of the plaintiff.- The damages were laid at one thousand pounds" (pp. 3-4). The court found for the defendant. OCLC locates 1 copy (Cornell University). *Catalogue of the Library of the Harvard Law School* (1909) II:1191 [Order this Item](#)