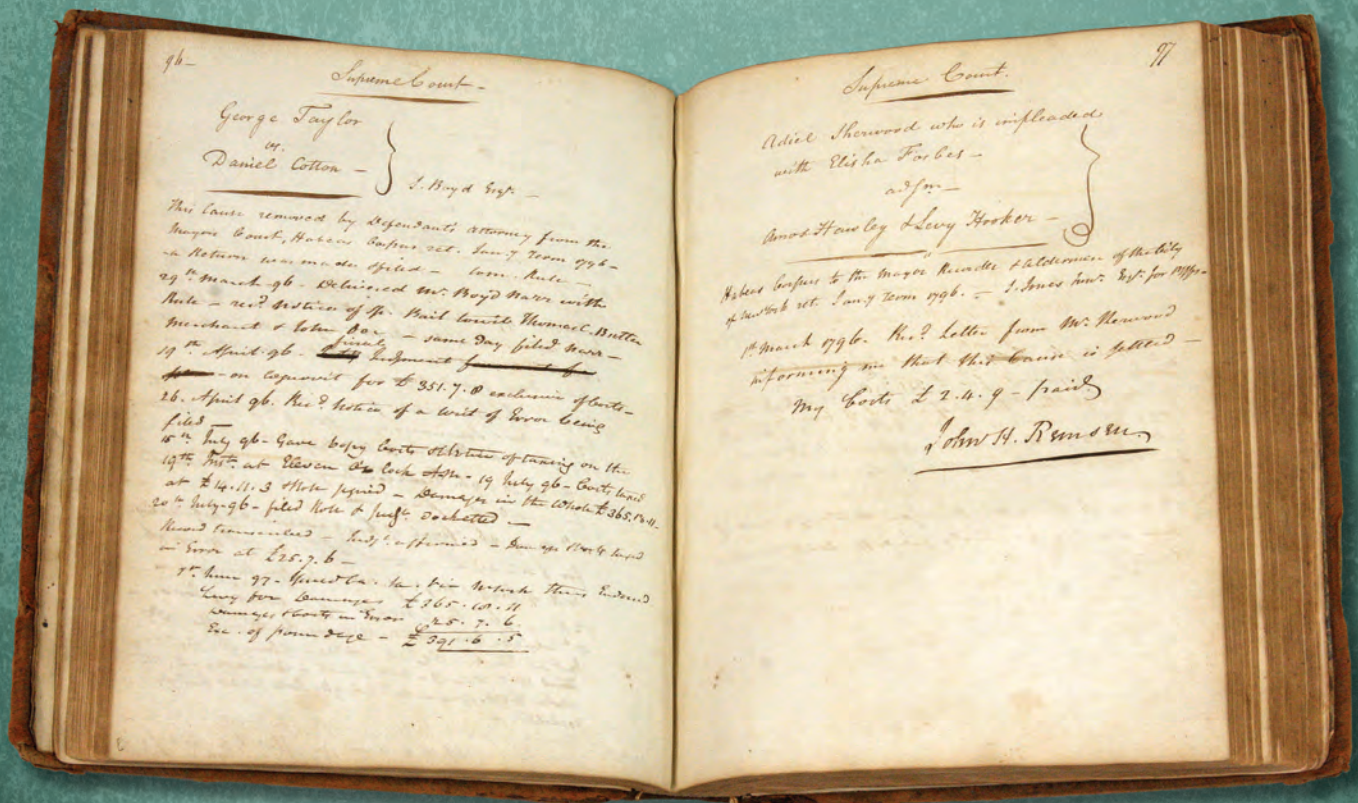


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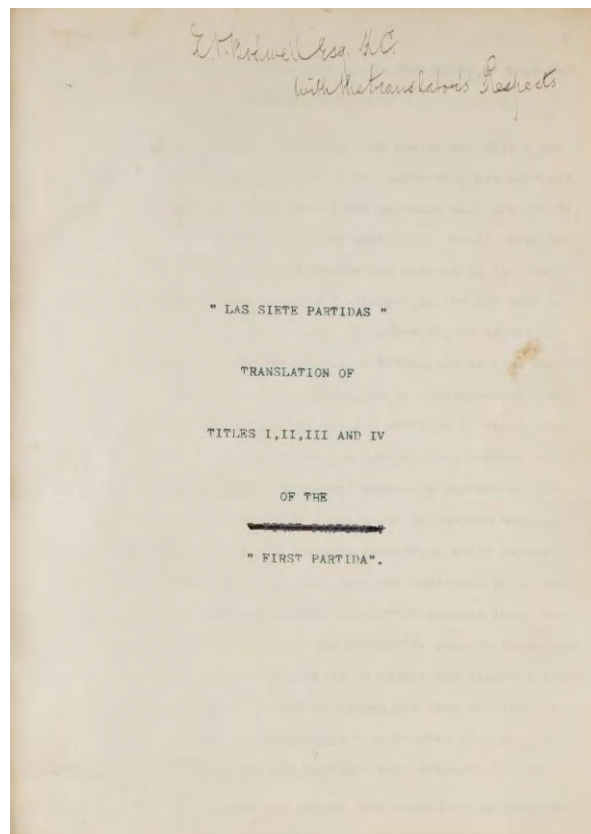
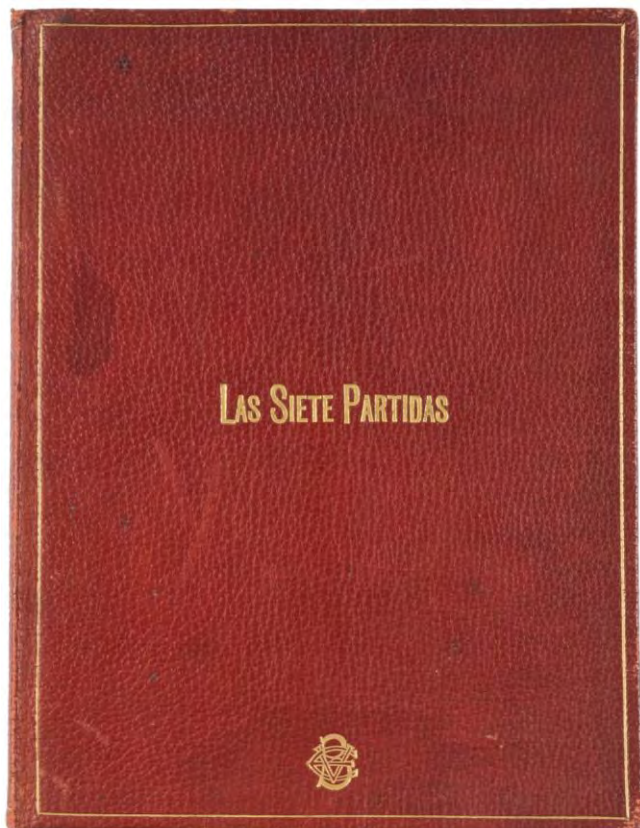
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**Presentation Copy of a Section of  
Scott's Landmark Translation of *Las Siete Partidas***

1. [Alfonso X (1221-1284), King of Castile and Leon].

[Scott, Samuel Parsons (1846-1929), Translator].

"*Las Siete Partidas*," *Translation of Titles I, II, III and IV of the "First Partida."* [Hillsboro, OH?, c.1913]. 101 ff.

Carbon-copy typescript with occasional manuscript corrections bound into contemporary flexible pebbled calf, gilt frames to boards, gilt title and small gilt monogram of Ernest Victor Bodwell to front board. Light rubbing and a few minor scuffs and stains to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities. Light toning to interior, "E.V. Bodwell Esq. KC/ with the translator's Respects" to head of title page. Likely unrelated, unsigned hand-written Christmas card with two photographs, each of an unidentified woman, laid in. \$1,500.

\* Scott, a lawyer, banker and independent scholar, published the well-regarded *History of the Moorish Empire in Europe* (1903) and a translation of the *Lex Visigothorum* (1910). His translation of the *Corpus Juris Civilis* was published posthumously in 1932. Completed in 1913 and also published posthumously, his translation of *Las Siete Partidas* was produced for the Comparative Law Bureau of the American Bar Association, of which he was a member. However, its publication was delayed until 1931. Considered his finest work, it remains in print today (with later editorial additions). Bodwell [1856-1918] was a prominent lawyer and judge in Victoria, British Columbia. We have not been able to establish his connection to Scott. He may have been a fellow member of the Comparative Law Bureau. See Kearley, "The Enigma of Samuel Parsons Scott," *The Roman Legal Tradition* 10 (2014) 1-37. [Order This Item](#)



### Early Nineteenth-Century Manuscript Account Book of Pennsylvania Lawyers

2. [Barnard, James (1755-1806)].

[Barnard, Isaac D. (1791-1834)].

[Barnard, Thomas D. (1793-1873)].

[*Acct. of Money Recd. for the Estate of James Barnard, Esq. Decd. in the Office, Etc.*]

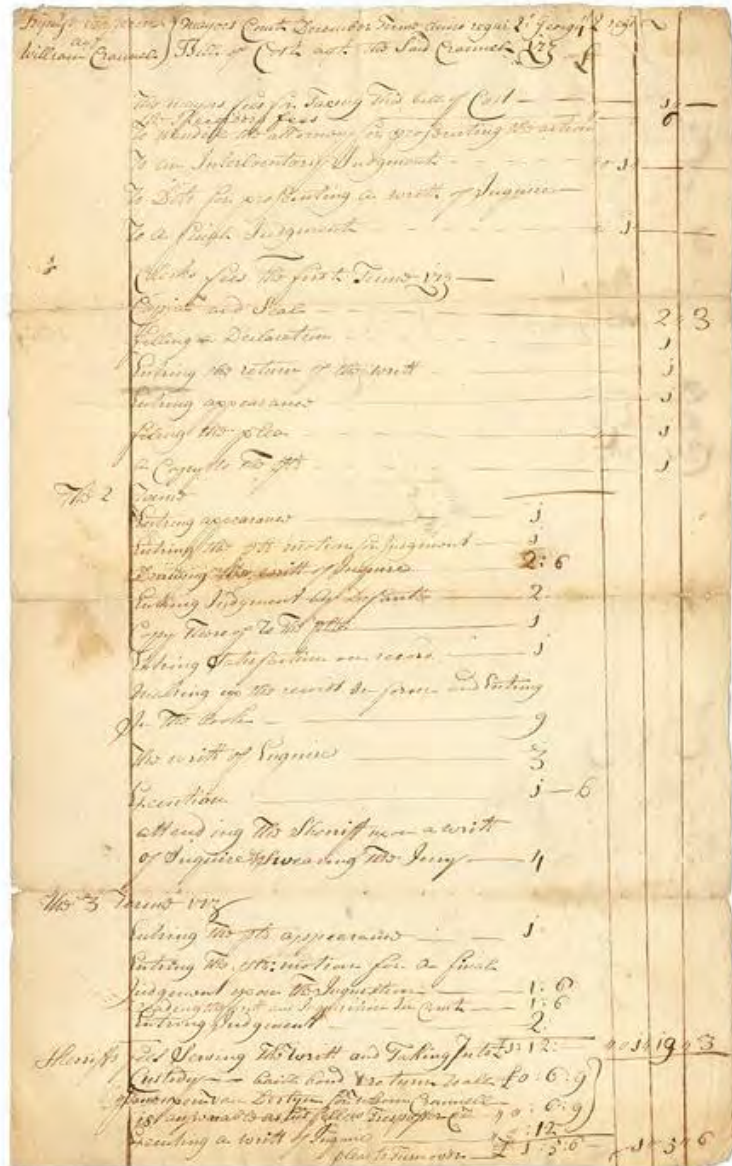
[And]

[*Acct. of Money Recd. by Isaac D. Barnard Belonging to His Late Father's Estate*]. Chester, PA, February, 26 1806-August 22, 1845. Content in fine hand filling 23 pp. followed by several blank leaves, final six excised. Oblong octavo (8" x 5-1/2").

Stiff marbled sewn wrappers. Moderate rubbing to exterior, some wear to spine and corners, light toning to interior. \$650.

\* James Barnard of Chester, Pennsylvania, was married to Susannah Dutton. James served as sheriff, registrar, recorder, prothonotary and clerk of the courts in Delaware County, Pennsylvania. The Barnards had eight children. The eldest son, James Day Barnard, a lawyer, died at 25, a few months after his father's death. Upon his father and brother's death, the eldest surviving male Barnard, Isaac, received, or perhaps he personally recorded, his brother's outstanding legal fees and his father's estate assets and accounts recorded in this manuscript notebook. Like his deceased elder brother, Isaac studied law and was admitted to the Pennsylvania bar in 1816, after notable service as a major in the War of 1812. He served terms in the Pennsylvania State Senate and U.S. Senate.

The accounts are notable as the first segment records all of the monies collected for various legal work performed by Isaac's older brother, James, from recording judgments, estate administration, vendue matters, for certificates for naturalization of citizenship, or for fees earned for specific cases (*Gibbons v. Riley*, *Miles v. Adams*, *McElroy v. Hibbard*, etc.). These accounts span 1806-1807 and suggest that the fees within must have been collected posthumously by Isaac for services performed before his brother's death. The notebook's second segment records moneys earned by the father in office, primarily for recording deeds. Again, the chronology suggests a similar scenario as the notebook's first segment. There are also several leaves of entries with much later dates recording monies received by Thomas Barnard. All accounts are clearly legible and amounts of fees charged for all legal services are provided. In all, this record provides a fine image, in microcosm, of legal costs on Pennsylvania during the early nineteenth century. [Order This Item](#)



1728 Receipt for Fees in the Albany Mayor's Court

3. Bleecker, Rutger [1675-1756]. [Crawells, William].

[Receipt for Court Fees, Signed]. Albany, NY, January 9, 1728. Single 13" x 8" leaf.

Moderate toning and a few light spots, horizontal fold lines, minor edgewear, careful later repairs to tears along fold lines, text in neat hand to recto and verso, docketed on verso. \$350.

\* As part of his penalty in a suit lost in the Albany Mayor's Court, William Crawells was compelled to pay the court costs. These included fees for the preparation and filing of documents, fees for the clerk and other court officers and a tax fee owed the mayor of Albany. Rutger Bleecker was Albany's mayor from 1726 to 1728. The Bleeckers were a prominent family in the region. Three members served as Mayors of Albany. Along with Rutger, they were his father, Jan Jansen Bleecker [1641-1732], and his brother Johannes Bleecker, Jr. [1668-1738]. Order This Item



### "Diabolical and Against the Order of Nature"

#### 4. [Buggery].

#### [Virginia].

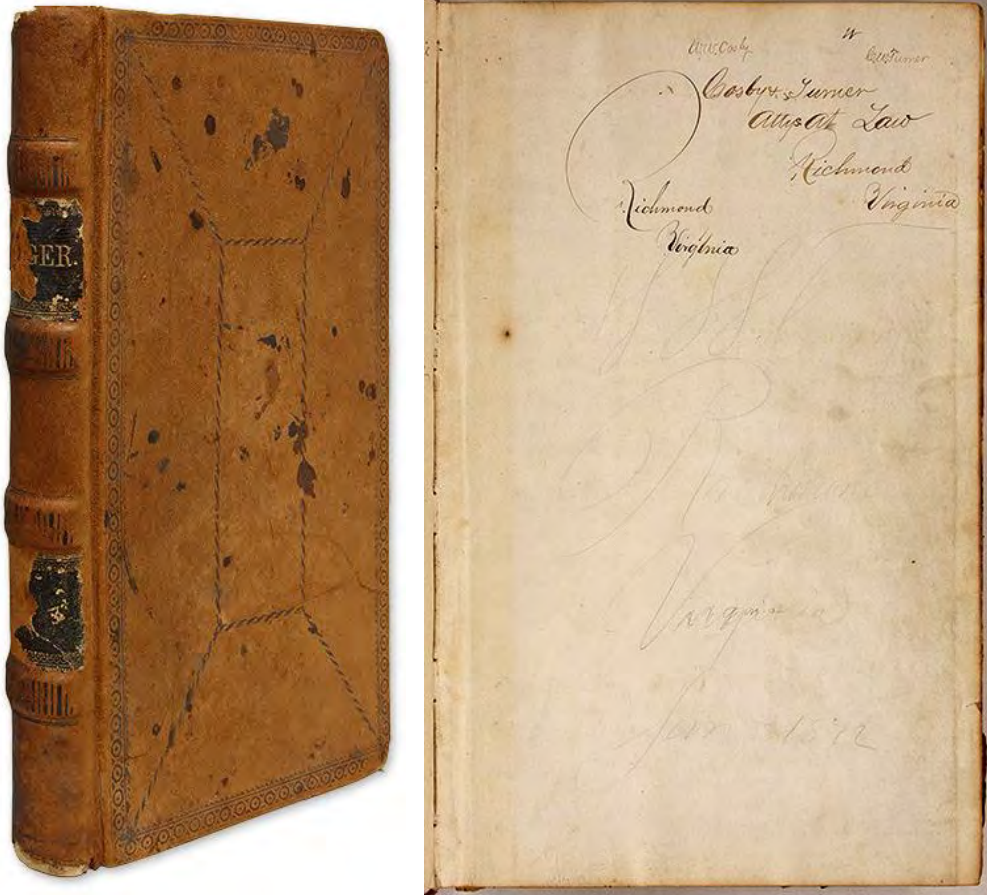
[Documents Relating to an Act of Buggery Between a Man and a Horse].

[Culpepper County, VA, 1846, 1848, 1849]. Bifolium bench warrant, 12-1/2" x 7-1/2", dated October, 28, 1846, docketed on verso of second leaf, two writs of capias, 8" x 6" dated September 14, 1848 and March 13, 1849, both docketed on versos. Three items in all.

Light browning, minor dampstaining and some edgewear, horizontal fold lines, a few with minor tears. Content in neat hand. \$1,500.

\* These documents relate to the indictment and attempted arrest of Joseph Hackley for the "feloniously, wickedly diabolical and against the order of nature, detestable and abominable crime of Buggery" with a "black mare." The bench warrant is signed by Judge Richard H. Field and countersigned "Wm M. Huffman." The verso is docketed 4 times by 3 different people. The docket notations show a committed judge and a clever felon. The first orders his arrest. The second notation reads: "I cannot execute this Warrant the party Joseph having left this County." The third and fourth notations show the warrant was reissued on June 5th and October 23rd, 1848. Annotations to the writs of capias, issued to the sheriff of Culpepper County on September 14, 1848 and March 13, 1849, show that Hackley was never located.

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### Reconstruction-Era Account Book of a Richmond, Virginia Law Firm

#### 5. Cosby, William W.

#### Turner, Charles W.

[*Account Book of Cosby & Turner*]. Richmond, Virginia, 1871-1875. [xxiv], 458 pp. Folio (13-1/2" x 8-1/2")

Reversed calf, black-stamped frames to boards, raised bands and lettering pieces to spine, "Ledger" gilt-stamped to upper piece, marbled endpapers. Light rubbing and a few scuffs and stains to boards, heavier rubbing to extremities with some wear to spine ends and corners, rear joint starting, rear hinge cracked. Moderate toning to interior, "Cosby & Turner/ Attys at Law/ Richmond/ Virginia" to front endleaf, content to recto and versos of most leaves to p. 257, 5 manuscript items (one with entries 1876) laid in, a few annotations (including one dated 1883) and owner to front endleaves. \$950.

\* With a thumb-tabbed index. Cosby and Turner practiced law in Richmond, the former capitol of the Confederacy, which was then recovering from the damage it suffered during the Civil War. Cosby, who was considered one of Richmond's finest attorneys, was also a distinguished Confederate artillery officer. He probably met his partner, Turner, when they were law students at the University of Virginia. The firm's 1871-1875 ledger records fees for an array of legal services to a large number of clients in Richmond and, on occasion, other parts of Virginia, including courts in Powhatan, Chesterfield, and Goochland counties. Clearly a successful firm at this time, it include fees for defense of warrants, writing land assessments and deed conveyances, executing summons in debt, representing collections on claims and providing felony defense and legal services in bankruptcy cases. Overall, this manuscript offers a fascinating daily chronicle of a successful Richmond law firm during the later years of the Reconstruction era. [Order This Item](#)



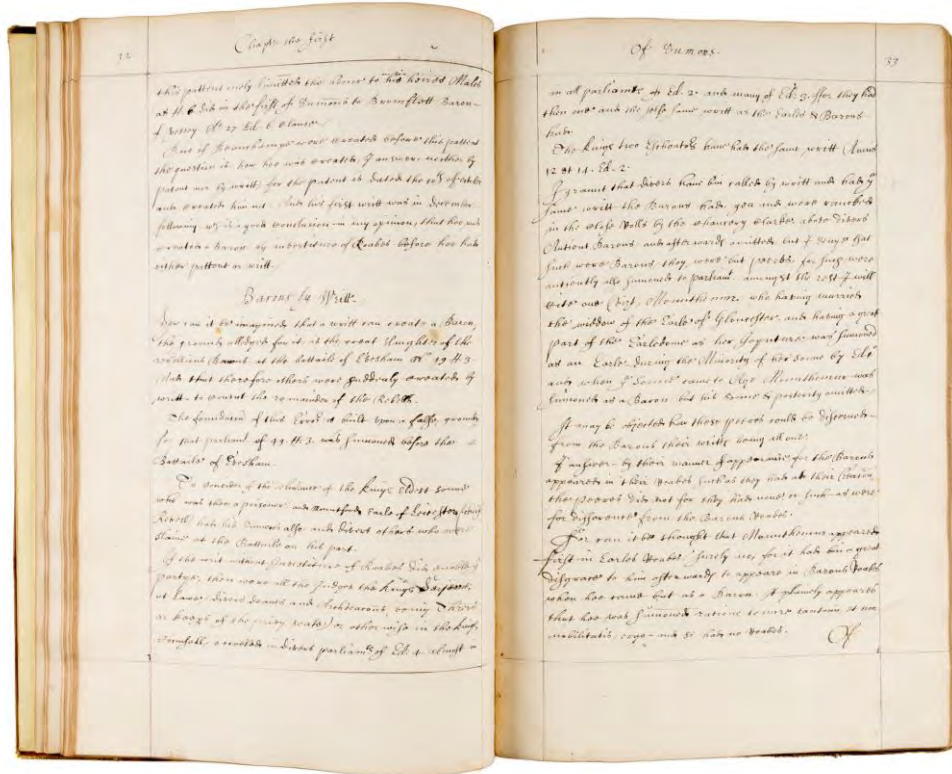
**Letter Regarding a California Trial  
for the 1849 Murder of an African-American**

**6. Dickinson, [D]aniel S. [1800-1866].  
[Sherwood, Winfield S. (1817-1865)].**

*[Draft of Autograph Letter, Signed, to Winfield Scott Sherwood, Washington, DC, U.S. Senate Chamber, 1850].*

Single 10-3/4" x 8" leaf, docketed on verso, some toning, vertical and horizontal fold lines, a few later annotations in tiny hand. Letter accompanied by biographical sketch clipped from a contemporary source and a lithograph portrait plate removed from an unidentified book. \$500.

\* A retained draft of a letter by Daniel S. Dickinson, a U.S. Senator from New York, concerning the trial of Reuben Withers Jr. for the murder in California of an African-American named "Bones." Addressed to former New York politician Winfield S. Sherwood, a signer of the California Constitution of 1849, candidate for governor, and later district judge, the letter introduces Reuben Withers's brother, New Orleans banker Dunham Withers, and asks Sherwood to make sure Reuben receives a fair trial. Reuben Withers Sr. was president of the Bank of New York; his son Dunham was a representative to the southern states for the New York banking firm of Howland & Aspinwall. David Dunham Withers of New Orleans was a noted thoroughbred horseman and president of the racing organization that became the Jockey Club. Senator Daniel S. Dickinson previously served as lieutenant governor of New York and later as its 27th attorney general. Dickinson was a potential candidate in 1864 for vice president to Abraham Lincoln. [Order This Item](#)



**Pre-Publication Manuscript Copy of  
a Classic Manual on Parliamentary Procedure**

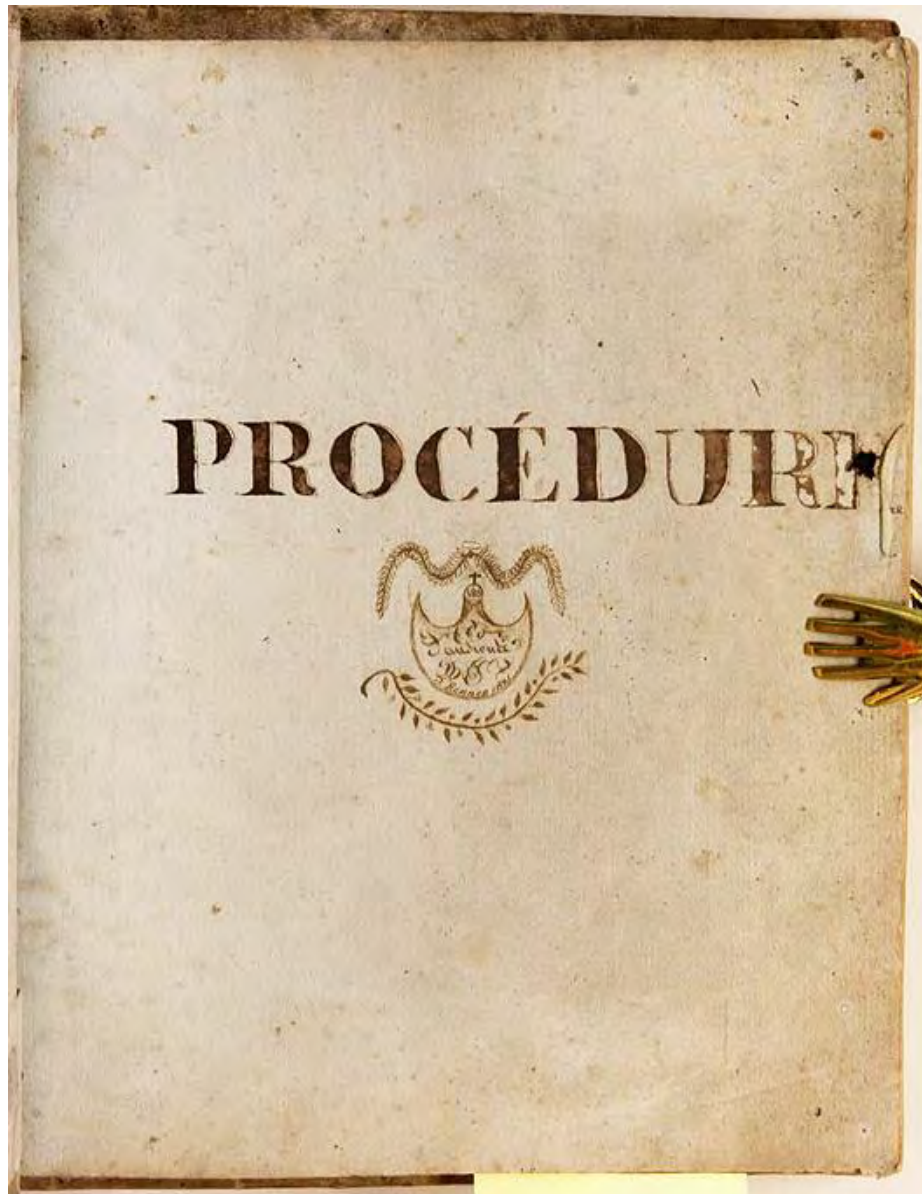
**7. Elsyng, Henry (The Elder).**

*Modus Tenendi Parliamentu[m]*. In Two Bookes. Composed by Henry Elsyng, Esquire, Clerke of the Parliament. The Catalogue of the First Booke-Modus Tenendi Parliamentum Apud Anglos in Two Bookes-The First of the Forme, & All Things Incident-Thirtunto. The Second of the Matters Handled in Parliament. The First Booke Hath Eight Chapters. [London?, c.1626-c.1660]. 82 pp. Folio (13-1/4" x 8-1/2").

Nineteenth-century flexible pebbled calf, gilt rules and fillets to boards, gilt title "Modus Tenendi Parliamentu" to center of front board, gilt fillets to spine, all edges gilt. Light rubbing and minor scratches and nicks to boards, moderate rubbing and light fading to extremities with wear to corners, chipping to spine ends, joints starting at ends, front hinge starting at foot, twentieth-century sheet of typewritten notes tipped-in to front endleaf. Moderate toning, faint dampstaining to first third of text block, light soiling in a few places. Text in a single secretarial hand within ruled borders on wide-margined leaves, main text preceded by table of contents, doodles and penmanship exercises in later hand to front endleaf and foot of p. 82. \$5,000.

\* A pre-publication manuscript copy of the first part of this important manual of Parliamentary procedure. Written in 1626, it originally circulated as manuscript copies. Edited, enlarged by his son, also named Henry Elsyng [1606?-1656], who was clerk to the House of Commons, it was published in 1660 as *The Ancient Method and Manner of Holding of Parliaments in England. Being the Collections of Henry Elsyng, Esq.* A work of great authority, it went through several editions into the eighteenth century. The text of our manuscript consists the first eight chapters, covering among other topics, "Of Summons," "Of Appearance," "Of Parliament Dayes," "Of the Speaker" and "Of Tryors and Receivors of Petitions." Manuscript copies are held by several libraries, but they are rare in commerce No copies have appeared at auction since 2012. [Order This Item](#)





### Handsome French Manuscript on Procedure from 1821

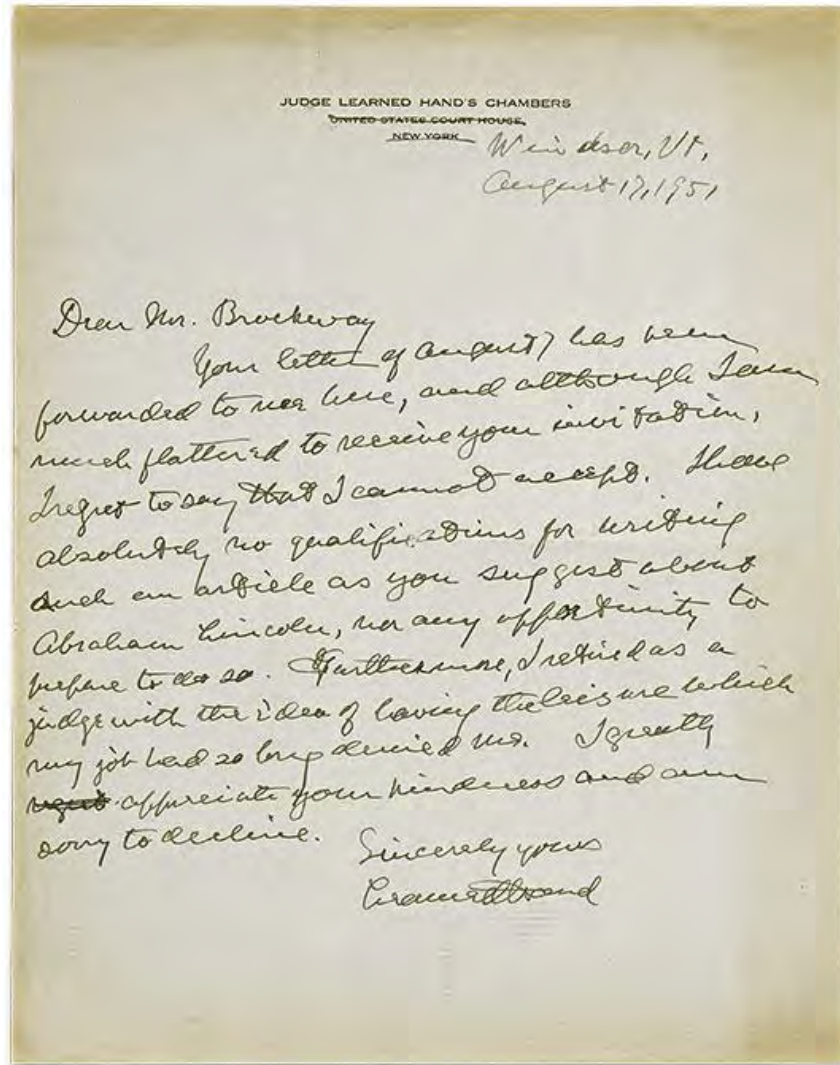
#### 8. [France].

*Procédure*. Rennes, France, 1821. 100 pp. Quarto (8" x 6-1/2").

Contemporary limp vellum with flap, tie lacking. Light soiling and a few minor stains and tiny holes, spine ends bumped, vellum beginning to crack through pastedowns, which have some worming. Light toning to text, some soiling to title page, burn-through from a few letters of title (due to acidic ink). Text in small elegant hand to rectos and versos of 41 leaves, most beginnings and ends of most sections have calligraphic decorations. Handsome. \$750.

\* Carefully organized and written with fine penmanship, this is a fair copy of lecture notes on procedure. It is arranged in three books with chapters (titles) and furnished with side-notes. The final six leaves, in the same hand, are a collection of poems (on non-legal subjects). [Order This Item](#)

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### Learned Hand Declines an Offer to Write an Article About Abraham Lincoln

#### 9. Hand, Learned [1872-1961].

[Autograph Letter, Signed, On Hand's U.S. Court House Letterhead, Address Struck-Through and Corrected, Windsor, VT, August 17, 1951].

11" x 8-1/2" sheet. Some toning, fold lines, two vertical and one horizontal, light offsetting (from corrugated screen?) to verso, with a bit of negligible show-through on recto. \$1,250.

\* One of the most significant American jurists of the twentieth century, Hand was a judge of the U.S. Southern District of New York, later a judge of the Court of Appeals, Second Circuit. He was renowned for his judgments, which were also admired for their lucidity and elegance. This letter is addressed to a "Mr. Brockaway," apparently an editor, who solicited an article from Hand about Abraham Lincoln. Hand declined, saying he had "absolutely no qualifications" to write about Lincoln or time "to prepare to do it." He adds: "Furthermore, I retired as a judge with the idea of having the leisure which my job had so long denied me." At the time of this letter Hand was a retiree, but he would soon return to work. Assuming senior status, he continued to hear special cases for the next ten years. During that time he published two books: *The Spirit of Liberty* (1952) and *The Bill of Rights* (1958). [Order This Item](#)

State of New York: On the 5<sup>th</sup> Day of February  
 1806 before me came Rufus Backus,  
 Isaac Sargent & Solomon Baker of the  
 County of Washington, & severally acknow-  
 -ledged themselves to be in debt to David  
 Richardson in sixteen hundred Dollars to be  
 levied on their respective goods & Chatsels,  
 lands & Tenements if Default be made  
 in the following Condition -

The Condition of the above Recog-  
 -nizance is that if Rufus Backus  
 aforesaid shall prosecute a writ of Habeas  
 from the Supreme Court to the Court for  
 the Trial of Impeachments & the Correction  
 of Errors on a judgment obtained against  
 him in the said Supreme Court in favor  
 of the said David Richardson & shall pay and  
 satisfy, if such judgment shall be affirmed  
 the debt or Damages & Costs to be adjudged  
 upon such judgment & all Costs & Damages  
 to be awarded for the Delay of Execution  
 then the above Recognizance shall be void  
 otherwise to be & remain in full Force

It has been acknowledged  
 before me Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> 1806  
 Wm Kent

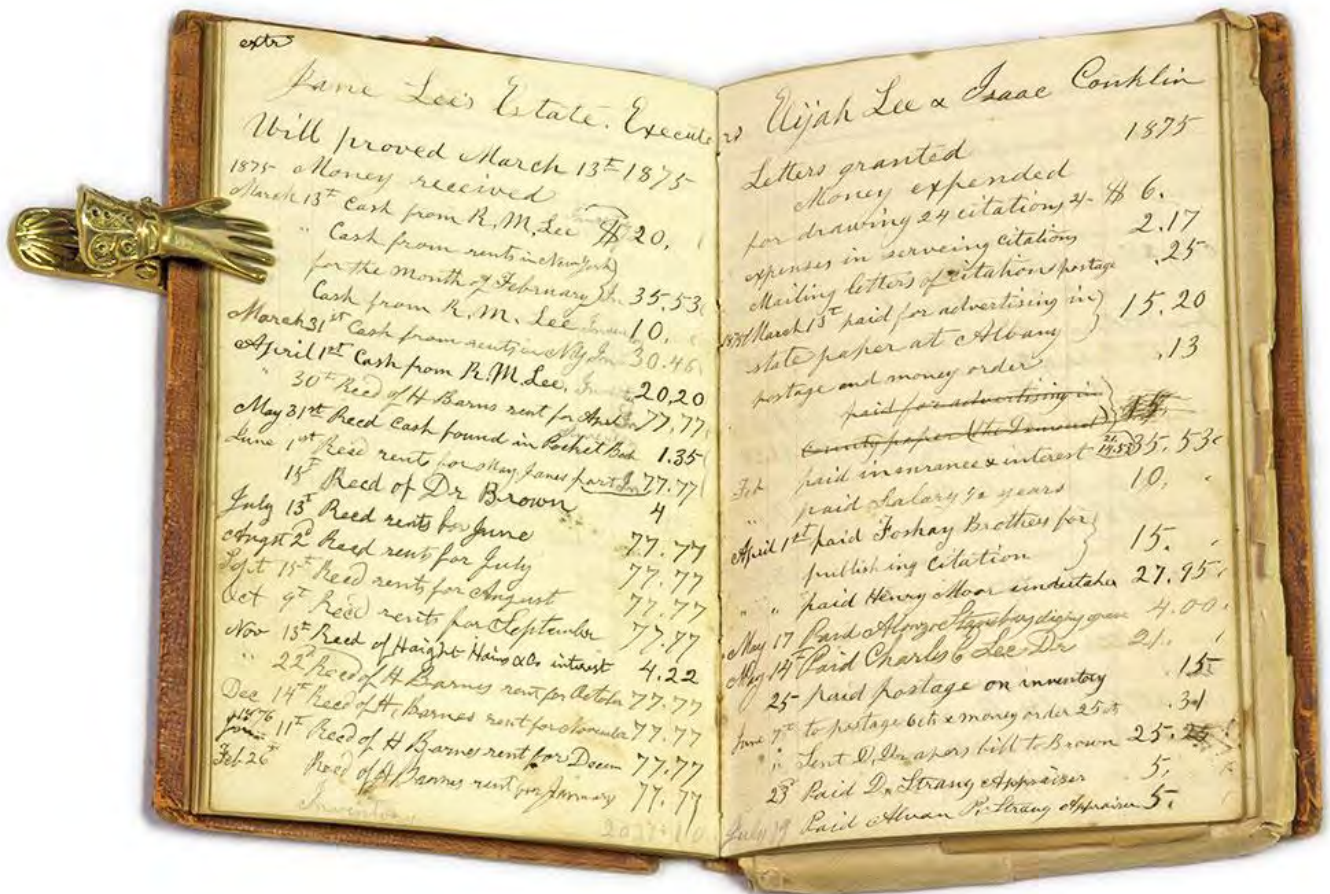
### A Court Document in Kent's Hand, Signed by Kent

#### 10. Kent, James [1763-1847].

[*Court Document in Kent's Hand, Signed by Kent*]. [New York]: February 5, 1806. 4 pp.

12-3/4" x 8-1/4" bifolium, docketed on verso of second leaf. Horizontal fold lines, a few with minor tears, light browning and minor edgewear. Content in small hand filling one page. \$950.

\* A recognizance composed and signed by Kent when he was chief justice of the New York Supreme Court. It concerned a sum of \$1,600.00 owed to David Richardson by Rufus Backus. This debt was related to land owned in Washington County, NY. Kent, the great judge and legal scholar, is known for his path-breaking *Commentaries on American Law* (1826-1830) and precedent-setting career as chief justice of the New York Supreme Court (1804-1814) and chancellor of New York (1814-1823). [Order This Item](#)



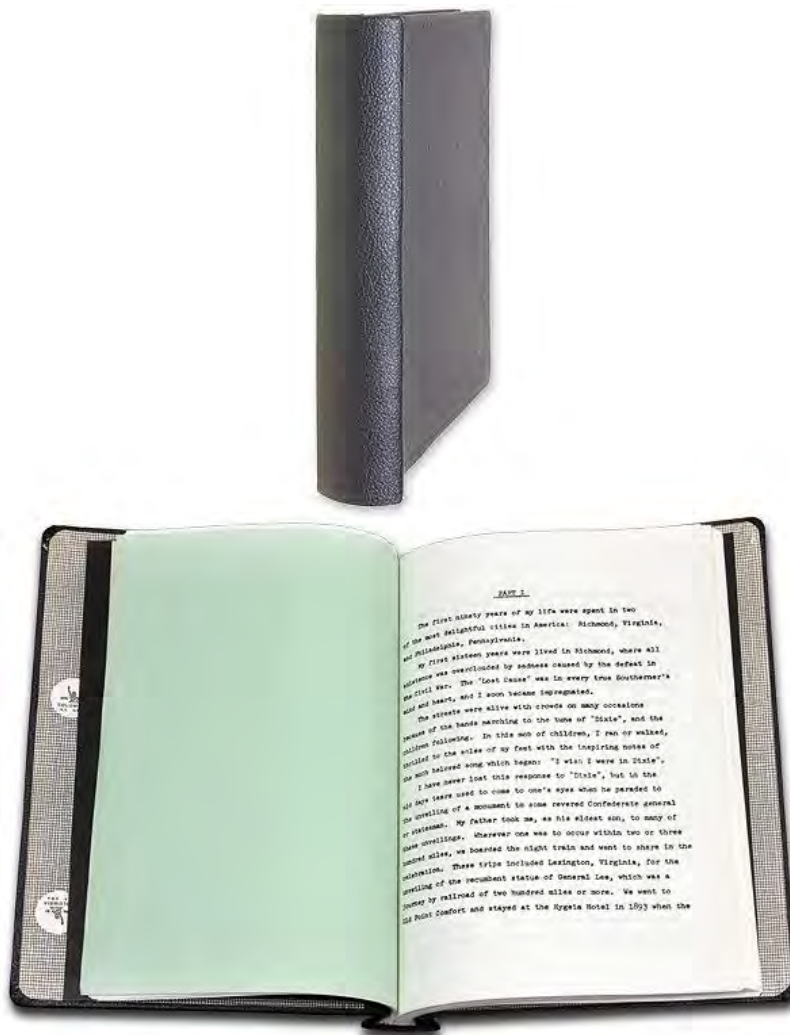
**Details the Management of an Eminent  
Westchester, New York Lawyer-Businessman's Estate**

**11. [Lee, Elijah (1824-1902)].**

*Account Book as Executor of the Estate of Thomas Rathbone Lee* [Cover Title]. [Somers, New York, 1860-1889; 1917-1920]. [150 pp. 5 leaves tipped or pinned in. Octavo (7-1/2" x 4-3/4").

Calf, blind fillets to boards. Moderate rubbing to boards, spine backstrip perished, a few cracks to text block, final gathering detached, some edgewear to tipped-in and laid-in leaves. Small owner stamp of Elijah Lee to front pastedown and verso of front free endpaper, note in later hand identifying the nature of this manuscript to its recto. Light toning, content in neat hand. \$500.

\* This manuscript details the administration of properties owned by the estate of the eminent Westchester County lawyer Thomas Rathbone Lee [1800-1860] of Somers, New York. The entries span a period of 60 years. The entries to 1889 were written Lee's half-brother Elijah Lee. The other entries, in unknown hands, deal with the estates of other members of this prominent family. Thomas Lee was a lawyer with a businessman with many interests. His clients included members of several prominent Westchester families, such as Purdys and Wrights. In addition to his extensive property holding, he had several business interests, such as the ownership of the Croton House hotel in Croton Falls. *History of Westchester County, New York* (1886) II: 534. [Order This Item](#)



### Unpublished Autobiography of a Prominent Philadelphia Lawyer and Judge

#### 12. Lewis, Edwin O. [1879-1974].

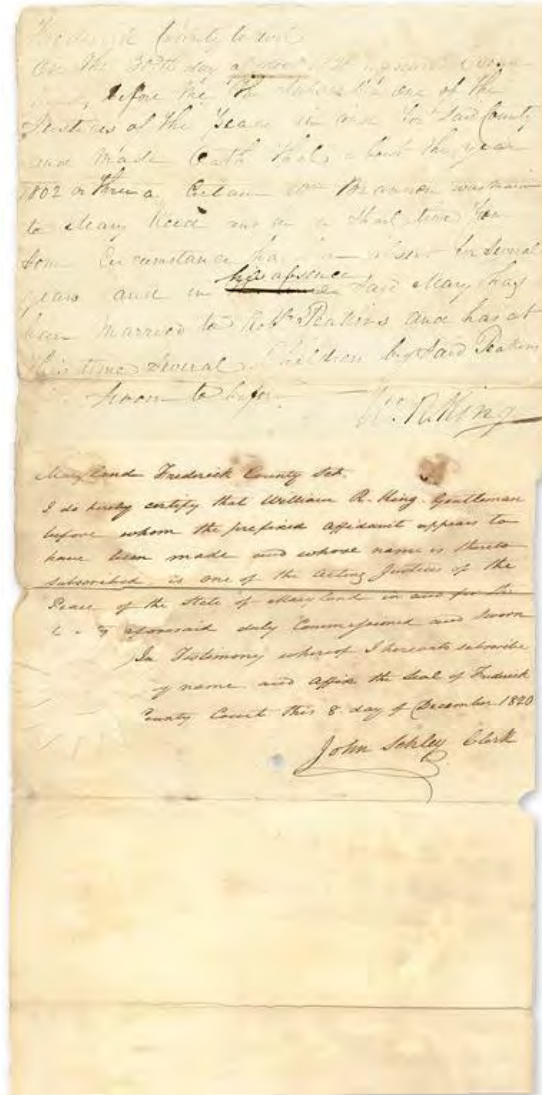
[*Here Lies an Honest Lawyer*]. [Philadelphia, c.1969] 125 pp.

[And]

*The Papers of Judge Edwin O. Lewis: Table of Contents*. [Philadelphia, n.d.] 21 pp.

Photocopied typescripts in bound in calf-stamped cloth dissertation binder, light shelfwear. "Here Lies an Honest Lawyer/ Edwin O Lewis retired/ former President, Judge/ Common Pleas Court # 2/ Philadelphia County/ An Autobiography/ (Typographical Corrections/ by CLW) in pencil to sheet preceding typescript. "For Geoffrey/ LB Walton" to head of *Papers*, photocopied (but signed) 4 pp. letter from Edwin O. Lewis clipped to *Papers*. \$750.

\* Born in Richmond, Edwin O. Lewis attended law school at the University of Pennsylvania and settled in Philadelphia, where he became a prominent lawyer, judge and civic leader. He led the effort to establish Independence National Historic Park. This photocopy of his interesting and rather charming autobiography, never published, bears corrections by his daughter, Caroline Lewis Walton, who seems to have been assigned the role of editor. According to the letter by Lewis, *Papers* is an inventory of papers Lewis donated to the archives of the Independence National Historic Park. Geoffrey Walton was Lewis's grandson. [Order This Item](#)



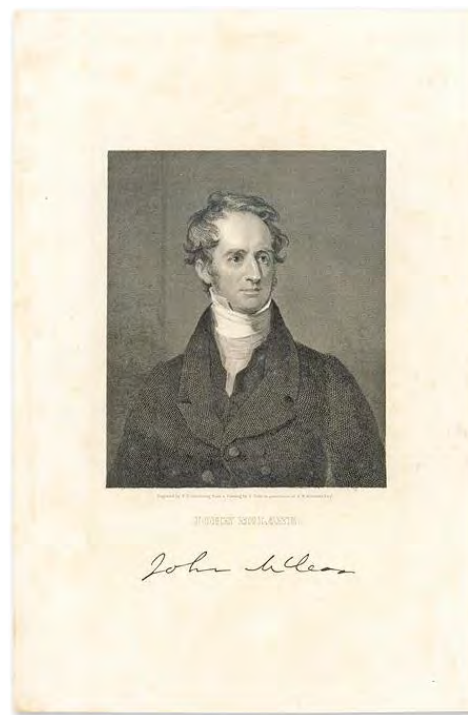
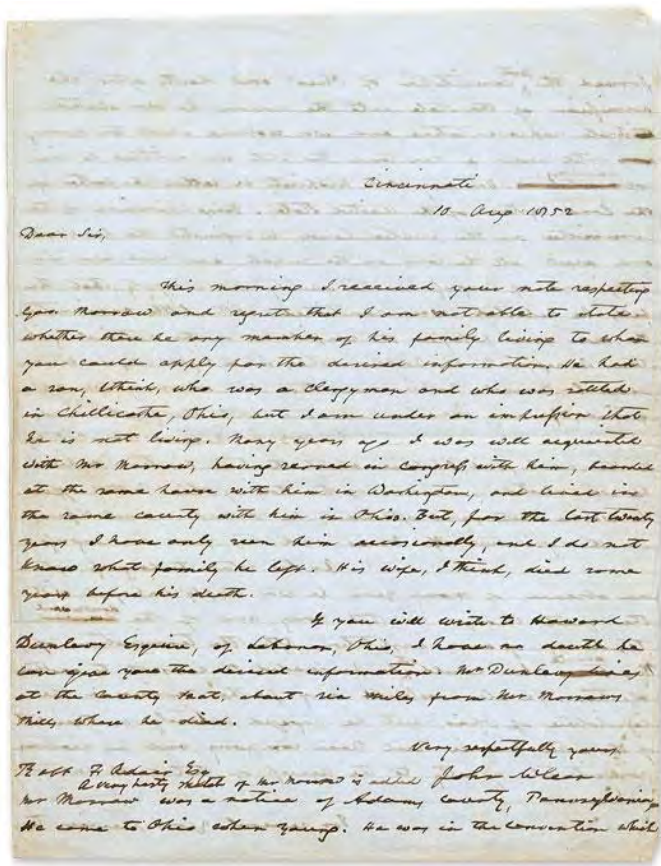
### A Bigamy Case in Maryland

#### 13. [Maryland].

#### King, William R., And John Schley, Justices of the Peace.

*Frederick County to Wit. On the 20th Day of November 1820 Appeared Evem [Evan or Eben] Reed, Before Me the Subscriber One of the Justices of the Peace in and for Said County and Made Oath That About the Year 1802 or Thre a Certain William Brannon was Married to Mary Reed. [Frederick County, Maryland.] December 8, 1820. Two 16-1/2" x 8" leaves sealed together with wax, embossed paper seal. Toning and some light stains, five horizontal fold lines, partial tear near center. \$250.*

\* A curious pair of conjoined documents relating to a bigamy case. One is signed by William R. King, justice of the peace, who attests that an Evem [Evan or Eben] Reed made an oath before him. Reed claimed that in 1802 a man named William Brannon was married to a Mary Reed "and in a short time from some circumstance has been absent for several years. And in his absence said Mary has been married to Robert Peakins and has at this time several Children by said Peakins." The second item is signed and sealed by John Schley, clerk of Frederick County Court, Maryland. It verifies William R. King is a justice of the peace. [Order This Item](#)



### Memories of Ohio Governor Jeremiah Morrow by an Associate Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court

14. McLean, John [1785-1861].

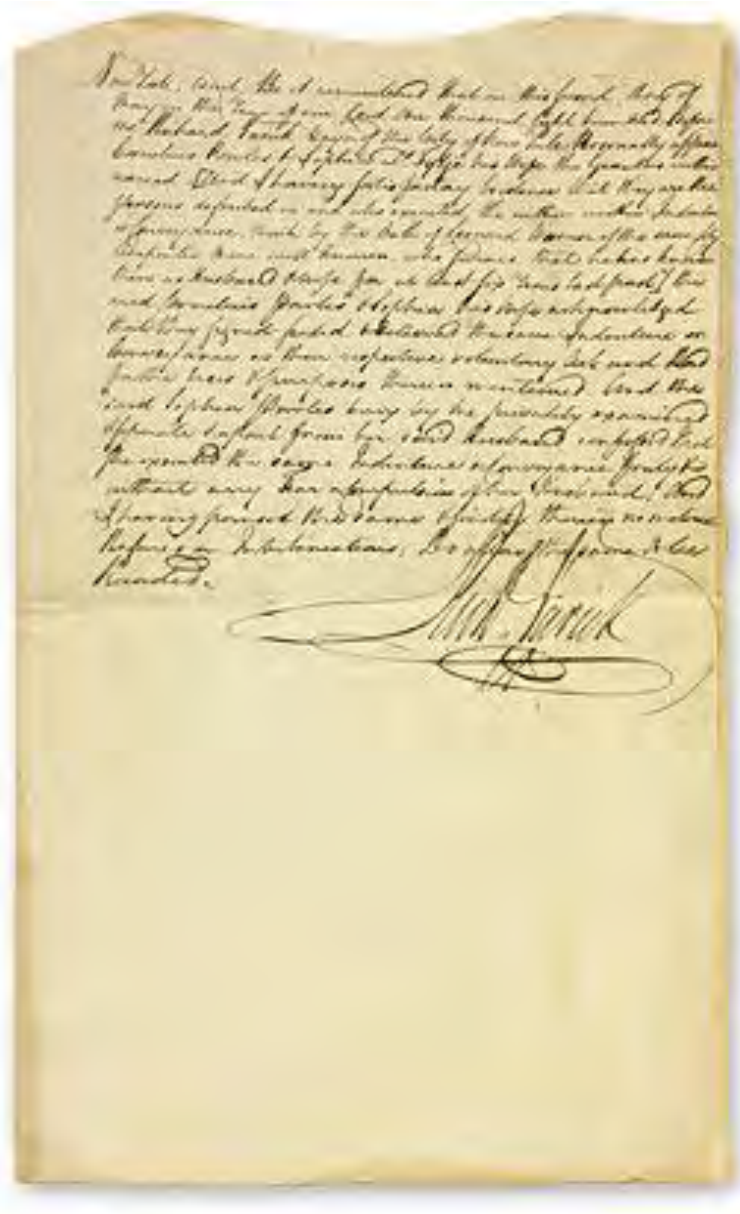
[Adair, Robert F.].

Morrow, Jeremiah (1771-1852)].

[Autograph Letter, Signed, To Robert F. Adair, Cincinnati, OH, August 10, 1852].

Single leaf folded to form bifolium and a single leaf, all 10-1/2" x 8-1/2," franked on verso of single leaf. Content in neat hand to rectos and versos of bifolium leaves. Light toning, vertical and horizontal fold lines, small losses at wax seal causing very small text loss, but no loss of legibility, minor edgewear and a few short tears to margins. This letter is accompanied by a contemporary 4-1/2" x 3-1/2" copperplate portrait of McLean (on a 9" x 6" leaf). \$950.

\* A substantive 4-1/2 page letter by U.S. Supreme Court Associate Justice John McLean about late Ohio congressman, senator, and governor, Jeremiah Morrow, who died five months earlier. McLean had served in Congress with Morrow. Appointed by President Andrew Jackson, McLean is best remembered today as the senior Supreme Court justice, and one of only two justices, who dissented in *Dred Scott v. Sanford*. During the 1850s, when Chief Justice Roger B. Taney was frequently ill, McLean who presided over the Court. In this letter, McLean replies to a query about Morrow from Robert F. Adair and here appends a four-page memoir of his late friend. Robert F. Adair of Maysville, Kentucky may possibly be silversmith Robert Farriss Adair (1833-1907). Justice McLean writes: "Many years ago I was well acquainted with Mr. Morrow, having served with him in Washington, and lived in the same county with him in Ohio." McLean directs Adair to write to "Howard Dunlevy Esquire" who lived only six miles from Governor Morrow. Almost like a postscript, McLean writes "[a] very hasty sketch of Morrow." Much more than a sketch, it almost four pages in length and includes biographical facts and, more interestingly, personal observations, anecdotes and judgments. [Order This Item](#)



### Land Indenture Signed by Richard Varick

15. [New York City].

[Varick, Richard (1753-1831)].

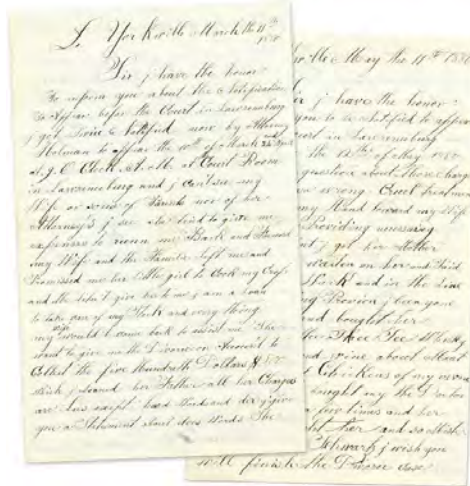
[Indenture for New York City Property Signed by Mayor Richard Varick]. New York City, 8 May 1800.

16" x 21" bifolium, top edge indentured. Toning, fold lines, light wear to edges, a few minor tears along folds. \$300.

\* This indenture (with seals) records the conveyance of a plot of land on Barclay Street, New York City, from "Cornelius Pawles of the City of New York Carpenter and his wife" to "Martin Pawles of Harrington in the county of Bergen and State of New Jersey." The verso has a one-page endorsement by Mayor Richard Varick signed with a bold signature.

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### Documents of a Contentious 1880 Divorce in Indiana

#### 16. [Ober, Anthony].

[*Legal Rant Over a Contentious Divorce and a Personal Summons to Appear in Court*]. Yorkville, IN, 1880.

Two bifolio letters, 8" x 5," manuscript in ink, dated March 11 and May 11, 1880. Letter of May 11 docketed "Yorkville Ind." Light toning, vertical and horizontal fold lines. \$250.

\* Two almost stream-of-consciousness letters concerning Ober's contentious divorce from his wife. Ober's handsome penmanship is a stark contrast to his poor spelling, lack of punctuation and obviously anxious mental state. (Ober's spelling and sentence construction also suggests that German may be his native language.) Ober's letter of March 11 is an unleashed flood of words: "Sir I have the honor To inform you about the Notification To Appear befor the Court in Lawrenceburg [Dearborn County, Indiana] i got. Twice Notified now by Attorney Holman to appear the 10th of March and 24th April at 9 O'Clock. A.M. at Court Room in Lawrenceburg and i can't see my Wife or some of Parents nor of her Attorney's i see she tried to give me expenses to runn me Back and Forward my Wife and the familie Left me and Promised me her Little girl to cook my crop... She want to gve me the Divorce on Account to Collect the five hundred Dollars \$500 which i Loaned her father all the Charges are Lies except hard Words and der [there] i give you a Statement about does [those] words She Smashed the Buckey [buggy] and ruined the Horse She came Home in the Evening vitout [without] a Buckey nor Horse that on one Sunday and several other cases and i Notify that i never will Pay nothing about my wife so long She will Stay outside my House...i Married that woman not on Account her good Look or about her Money because it got none around the intire Familie want to get my Money I took her for to doe My work and to Live Still togeter [together]..."

Ober's second letter appears to assume the form of a personal, rather than court-issued, summons to appear in court. He seems to be reconciled to the divorce. The letter may be addressed to his attorneys, Holman and Schwartz, likely former (and future) Congressman William S. Holman and former mayor of Lawrenceburg and Bavarian immigrant, John Schwartz: "Sir i have the honor to inform you to be Notified to appear befor the court in Lawrenceburg throuh you the 12the of May 1880 to anwser [answer] the question about those charges those Charges are wrong Cruel treatment i never raised my Hand toward my Wife and Neglect for Providing necessairy Care or Treatment...so Mister Holman and Schwartz i wish you will finish the Divorce case to receive the Divorce From my Wife i been praieing [praying] and Talken to her to come Back shee wouldned [wouldn't] doed [do it] She want allways my Money and Put me Now in so deep expences and Shee Brought not one cent in the Marriage so is my will and wish to tak [take] the Divorce from her because we can Live any more Peacefull together [together]... It appears that Anthony Ober wants out, at any cost.

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Early Docket Book from Mifflin County, Pennsylvania

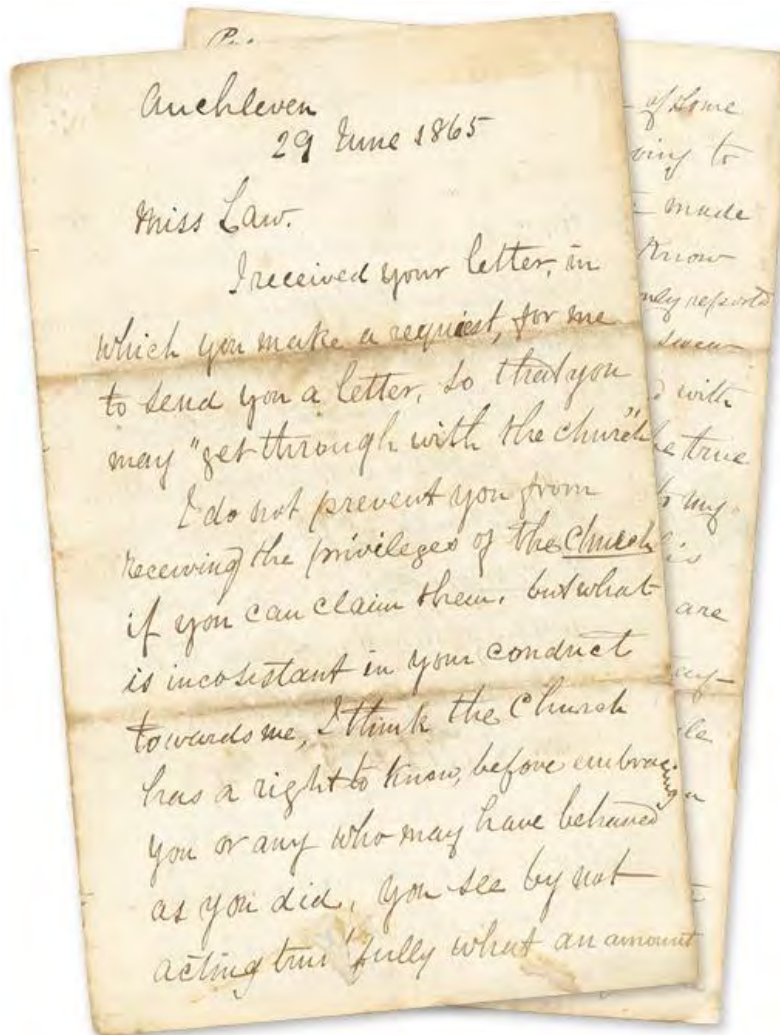
17. [Pennsylvania].

[Commissioners of Mifflin County].

[Docket Book, Mifflin County, Pennsylvania, 1812-1839]. [300] pp. Oblong folio (15-1/2" x 6-1/2").

Three quarter sheep over marbled boards. Light rubbing to boards, heavier rubbing to extremities with some wear to spine ends and corners. Light toning, faint dampstaining, a few partial cracks to text block, text in small neat hand to rectos and versos of 66 pages, later annotations in pencil to endleaves and a few other places. \$500.

\* Apparently a retrospective record, this ledger records court appearance records for Mifflin County, Pennsylvania from 1812 to 1839. This is an early docket book; the county was founded in 1789. The content is related exclusively to cases heard in this central Pennsylvania county, with hundreds of individual names and various institutions, such as the Turnpike Road Company, United States Bank, Juniata Bank and Lewistown Presbyterian Church. The entries include an "indictment for the murder of her child," an "indictment for larceny," and an "indictment for scaring defendants [who were] not guilty." [Order This Item](#)



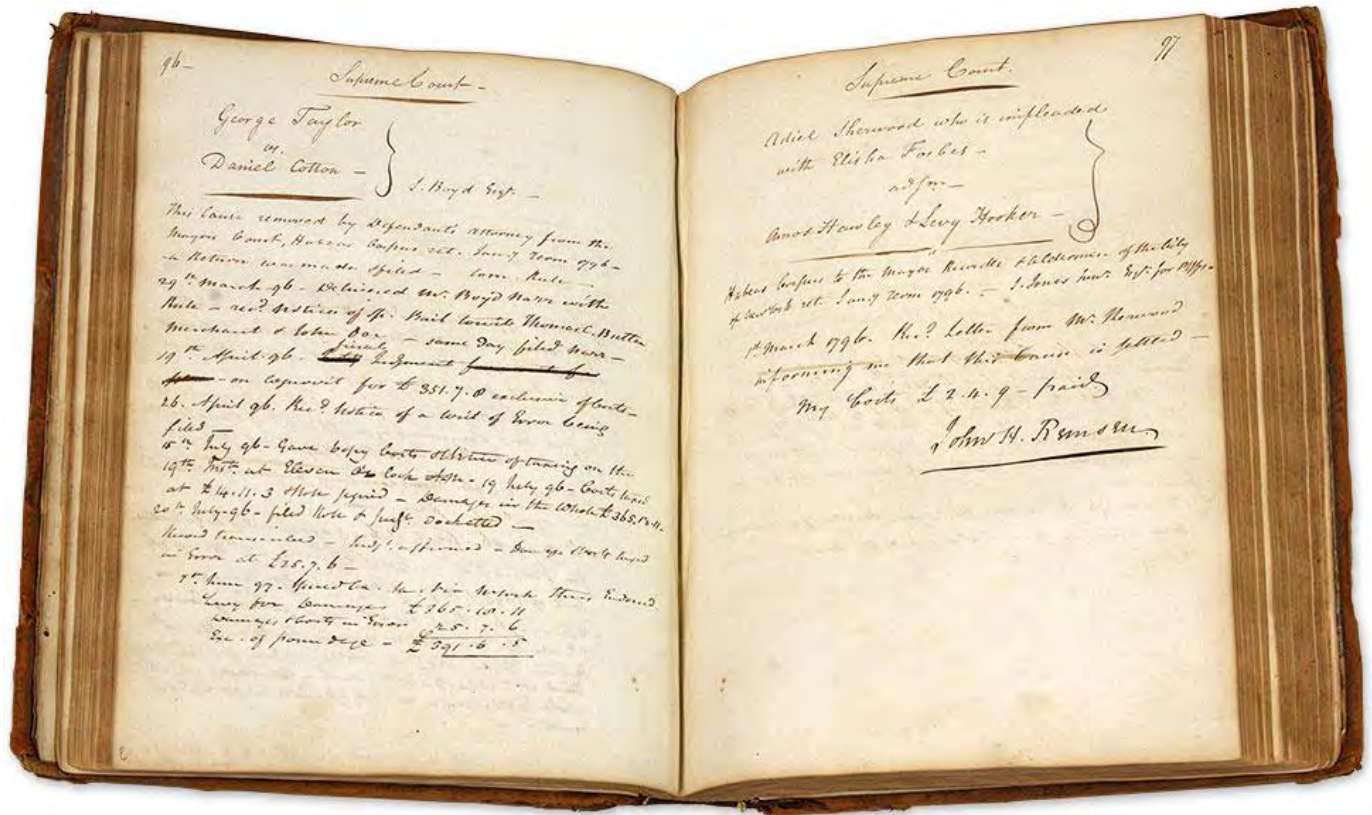
### How Do You Know It's Mine?

#### 18. Rae, L.M.

[Autograph Letter Signed, Aberdeenshire, Scotland, June 29, 1865].

Two bifolium 7-1/2" x 4-1/2" sheets, no transmittal envelope. Vertical and horizontal fold lines, some toning and minor soiling. Content in neat hand to rectos and versos of all leaves. \$450.

\* A passionate letter to "Miss Law" alleging infidelity and a birth out of wedlock. Rae also discusses issues of child support and the involvement of church authorities. It seems Miss Law had gotten herself "in the family way" but the timing of the birth of the child and Rae's absence (he may have been a soldier) are not adding up. Reflecting back on the time just before Law told Rae she was pregnant, he remembers how odd it was that she was forcing herself upon him and how "friendly" she was with one William Dick. He continues, hinting at even more lovers she might have had. Rae does not deny he has had sexual relations with Miss Law. He even suggests her father may have encouraged her duplicity and he is adamant that he was absent from her at the time of conception. It is unclear, but Law may have been seeking charity money from the church as an abandoned mother, or perhaps, she may be attempting to garnish Rae's salary with the church's help. In all, the letter records a sad and sordid tale. [Order This Item](#)



**Late Eighteenth-Century Account  
Book of a Notable New York Attorney**

**19. Remsen, John H. [c.1770-1798].**

[Account Book]. New York, 1795-1798. [xxiii], 326 pp. Quarto (9-1/2" x 7-1/2").

Reverse calf, blind fillets and panels to boards, rebacked retaining parts of existing spine, raised bands, blind ornaments and lettering piece (reading "Register") to spine, marbled endpapers. Moderate rubbing with wear to extremities, a few stains and slash marks to boards, hinges cracked, front free endpaper and preliminary leaves loose, one leaf and parts of two others removed. Moderate toning to interior, text in neat hand to rectos and versos of most leaves, a few early manuscript jottings to front endleaf, small library stamp and marks to its verso. \$7,500.

\* With a thumb-tabbed index of cases. John H. Remsen was a New York lawyer and notary public who served as private secretary to New York governor John Jay. This volume records work done and fees charged by Remsen on hundreds of cases in the Mayor's Court, the Federal District Court, and the New York Supreme Court. Most of these cases were initiated from September 1795 to September 1796. Among the more noteworthy cases, Remsen represented the Bank of the United States in a protracted suit against Loyalist publisher James Rivington (pp. 169 and 170). He also represented a group led by John Jay and George Clinton. [Order This Item](#)



Diary of a Prominent Yonkers, New York, Lawyer, Judge and Politician

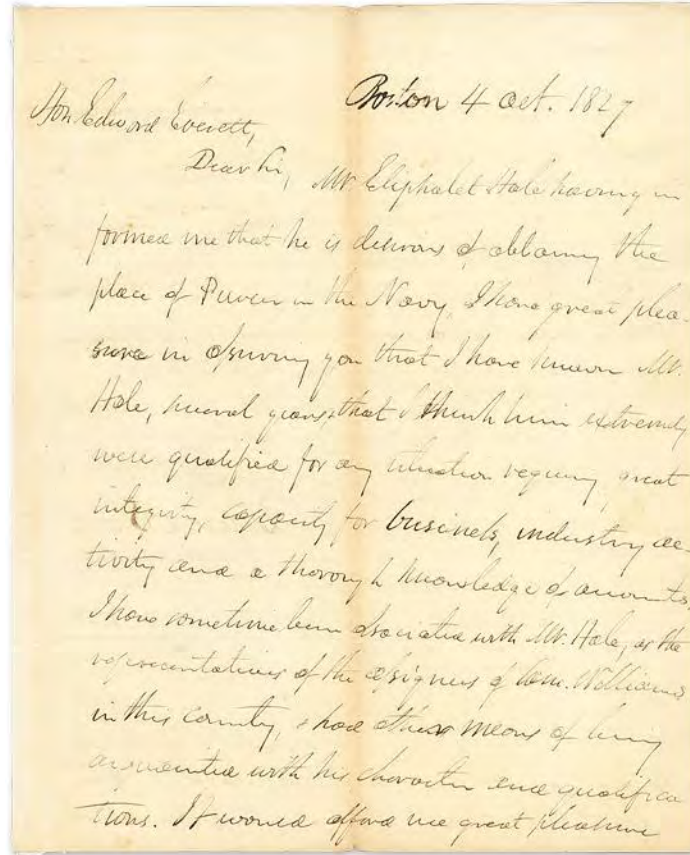
**20. Scrugham, William Warburton [1820-1867].**

[*Diary of William Warburton Scrugham*]. [Yonkers, NY, February 1, 1844--March 31, 1845]. 19, [120] pp. 12mo. (6-1/4" x 3-3/4").

Quarter sheep over marbled boards, printed paper title panel to front board (reading *Diary for 1844*. Published by Jansen & Bell, 158 Nassau-Street, New York). Light rubbing to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities with wear to spine ends and corners, spine abraded, a few cracks to text block. Light toning to text, some leaves have light foxing, a few have faint dampstains. "Scrugham 1844" to front free endpaper, rectos and versos of most leaves filled in small neat hand. \$1,500.

\* Scrugham studied at Columbia College and read law in the office of Samuel E. Lyon, in White Plains, New York, around 1836. When he was accepted to the County Board at White Plains as the supervisor for Yonkers, he was the youngest member, but he was popular and eventually became chairman. He continued to represent Yonkers for several years. In 1848 he was elected District Attorney of the county and in 1849 appointed lieutenant colonel of the 17th Regiment of State Militia, and the following year he was promoted to colonel. He infused new life into the regiment and was soon put in command of the Brigade as a Brigadier General. In 1849 he was nominated for Justice of the Supreme Court of the State, and upon taking his seat on the court, resigned his commission. In politics he was always a Democrat, but sided with the "Free Soilers" in 1848. A businessman and civic leader, he was the founder, Director and Secretary of the Yonkers Gas Light Company, an original trustee of the Yonkers Savings Bank, a director of the First National Bank of Yonkers, a director of the Yonkers and New York Fire Insurance Company, a trustee of the Yonkers Cemetery Association, one of the vestrymen of St. John's Church and a Mason.

The majority of entries in his diary concern his work as an attorney. They cover the time period after he left the office of Samuel E. Lyon in White Plains and set up his own practice. Scrugham's entries concern cases, searching out property records, writing up leases, wills and codicils and meetings with clients. Scrugham mentions several meetings with Lyon. The diary also includes an almost separate manuscript account of two transatlantic crossings. He left for Liverpool, England, on August 6th, 1844, arriving there on the 2nd of September. He visited some local sites but headed to London, where he explored the city until the middle of October. He then traveled to France, visiting Paris. After Paris and stops at other cities, he sailed back to America on November 18th, after spending over three months in Europe. He returned to America in early January, 1845. He describes his sailing voyages in great detail (gale winds, masts breaking, waves washing over the decks, ship is blown off course, becalmed, etc.) as well as the various places he visited and the people he either met, or called upon. The entries for the last couple of months (January-March 1845) resume descriptions of his daily life and law practice. [Order This Item](#)



**Lemuel Shaw Asks Edward Everett  
to Help a Friend Seeking a Naval Commission**

**21. Shaw, Lemuel [1781-1861].**

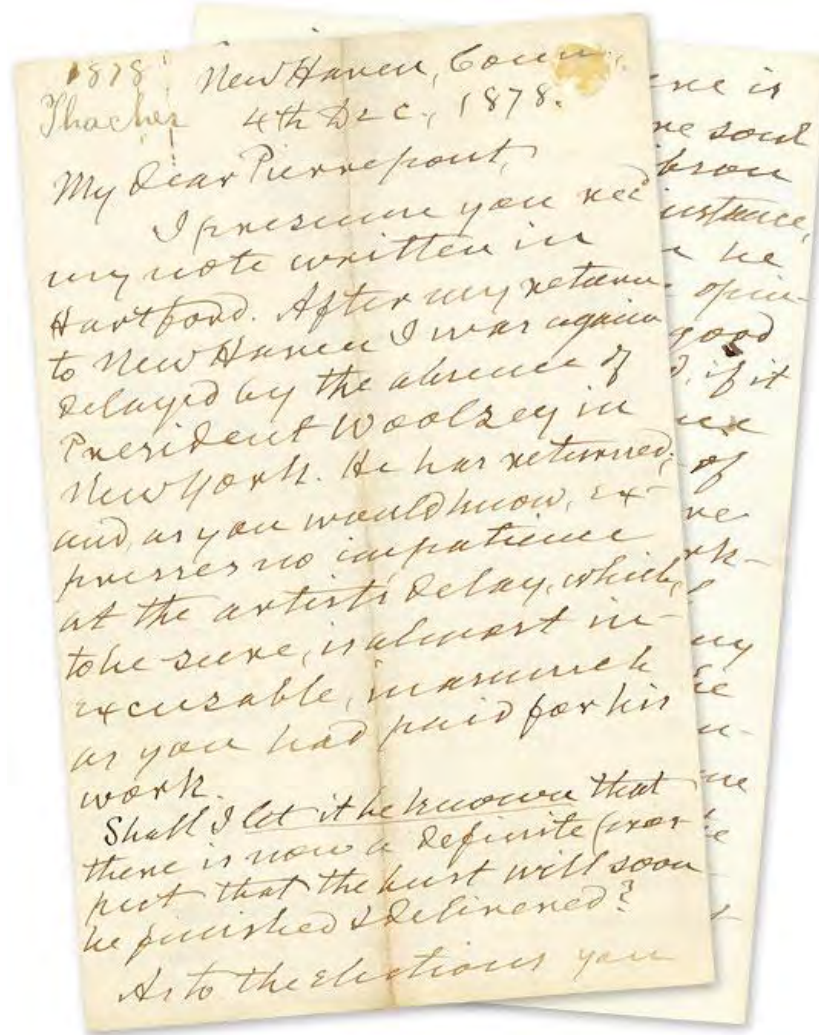
**Everett, Edward [1795-1865].**

[Autograph Letter, Signed, to Edward Everett with Everett's Appended, And Signed, Letter of Transmittal, Boston, October 4, 1827 and October 12, 1827]. Single leaf folded to form 9-3/4" x 7-3/4" bifolium with integral address leaf, franked in red on verso of second leaf.

Some toning, old lines with short tears at ends, some remnants of paper from old mounting on back with no loss of legibility. \$750.

\* This item from future Chief Justice of Massachusetts Lemuel Shaw to then Congressman and future Gettysburg orator Edward Everett contains two letters. It contains Shaw's original letter, requesting help for a friend who was seeking a commission as a purser in the Navy, and Everett's appended letter on behalf of Shaw's friend to the Secretary of the Navy, Samuel L. Southard. In the 19th century, Edward Everett was celebrated as a preacher and public orator. He is most famous for delivering a two-hour oration in 1863 at the dedication of the Gettysburg military cemetery. Everett's speech was subsequently eclipsed by President Abraham Lincoln's immortal, two-minute Gettysburg Address. At the time this letter was written Shaw had already served in both houses of the Massachusetts Legislature and had drafted the first charter of the City of Boston. In 1830, he became the Chief Justice of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. He served on that court for 30 years and participated in such notable cases as the "Parkman-Webster" murder case and in *Commonwealth v. Hunt*, an important labor law precedent establishing that labor unions were not criminal conspiracies.

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**1878 Letter from a Yale Professor to a Notable New York Attorney  
Concerning the End of Reconstruction and a Bust of Yale's President**

22. Thacher, Thomas A. [1815-1886].

[Edwards Pierrepoint (1817-1892)].

[Autograph Letter, Signed, To Edwards Pierrepoint, New Haven, CT, December 4, 1878].

Two 8" x 5" sheets, text to rectos and versos, no transmittal envelope. Moderate toning and a few minor stains, vertical fold lines. \$250.

\* A candid 1878 letter by Yale classics professor Thomas A. Thacher discussing the upcoming Congressional mid-term elections, Louisiana politics, and the "villainy" of the "white people of the slave states." It is addressed to "My Dear Pierrepoint," a Yale College and Yale Law graduate who was one of the most important lawyers and political figures of the later nineteenth century. Thacher gives his negative opinion of the post-Reconstruction South and discusses the former Confederate General Randall L. Gibson, who was then a Democratic Congressman from Louisiana. Thacher's letter also discusses the delay in delivering a bust of Yale College President Theodore Dwight Woolsey by sculptor Augustus Saint-Gaudens that was commissioned by Pierrepoint. [Order This Item](#)

The deposition of Margaret Janson of County Carlow, Ireland, in the County of Carlow given before me Gilbert Fitzgerald Esq. Magistrate of the Peace for the County of Carlow on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of June 1807.

Performant saith that on the Evening of the 26<sup>th</sup> Inst, she was riding upon a horse in the Mountain of Carlow, when she was met by Myles Barin of Tonduloff parish, who took a hold of her and threw her down then opened his small clothes, and asked her what she was going to do to her. She answered he would ride her then extending her legs and endeavouring to force something into her body and struggled with her near an hour. She did not swear, and told him that she would discover his treatment to her Master, upon this he said Myles Barin took her for a while and took her to his house and then seized her by the thighs and laid them across and about her neck and then she gave the pain she suffered at that time and for a long time after she believed that he forced something into her body as she was a long time unable to walk or even to stand, or to breathe between the day and year last when she was taken.

I did not swear Performant to this Information, as she appeared to be entirely ignorant of the nature of an Oath, but the facts are strongly corroborated by other evidence and I am inclined to give credit to her assertions. Gilbert Fitzgerald

**"I Am Inclined to Give Credit to Her Assertions"**

**23. [Trial].**

**[Ireland].**

[Account of a Rape]. [County Carlow, Ireland, June 25, 1807]. 11" x 7" leaf, docketed on verso.

Horizontal fold lines, light browning and edgewear. Annotations by presiding magistrate to foot of recto and sections of verso. \$1,500.

\* Made before magistrate Gilbert Fitzgerald, this appears to be testimony by Margaret Janson against Myles Barin in an apparently It reads, in part: "[Myles Barin] opened his small Barin, informant asked him what he was going to do to her he answered he would ride her then extending her legs and endeavouring to force something into her body and struggled with her near an hour." Fitzgerald notes: "I did not swear Informant to this Information, as she appeared to be entirely ignorant of the nature of an Oath, but the facts are strongly corroborated by other evidence and I am inclined to give credit to her assertions." [Order This Item](#)



August term of Oyer and  
Termin, said Jurors of our  
thousand eight hundred and  
thirty four

Erie County

We the grand jurors of  
said county at the term aforesaid  
would respectfully present, that we  
are not at liberty to separate, without  
performing the duty that in the course  
of a long and careful examination of  
testimony in this case <sup>and testimony</sup>  
the indictment for that found and  
returned, at this term to the court, we  
have become satisfied that the follow-  
ing persons are also guilty of a wicked  
and felonious rape, upon the body of  
Nancy Burns viz. Wm. Harper Lorentine Miller David  
McCummins - James Burns  
and that proper measures be pursued  
for the arrest and punishment of these  
persons, whom we also learn have  
fled the country -

The grand jurors do also further  
present, that ample proof has been given  
before them to show that some persons  
whose names are unknown to them  
have by bribes, threats and alarms,

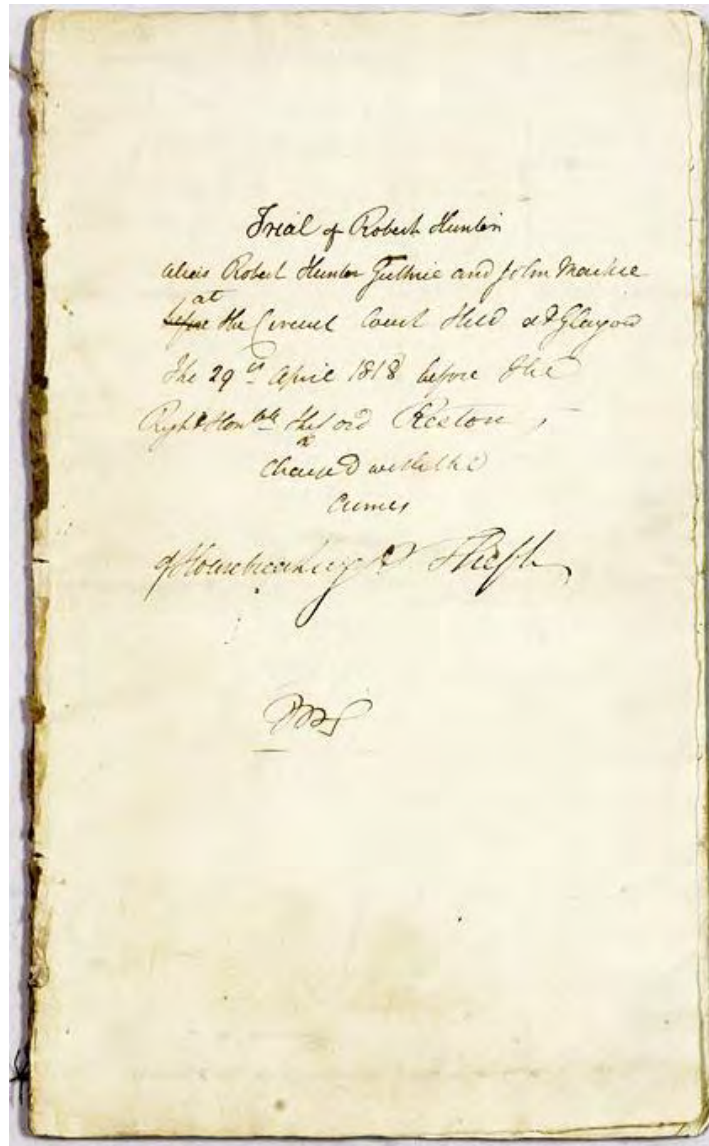
**"Bribes, Threats and Alarms"**

**24. [Trial].  
[Pennsylvania].**

[Grand Jury Presentment Concerning Improprieties in a Rape Case]. [Erie County, PA, August 8, 1834]. 4 pp. 13" x 8" bifolium, docketed on verso of second leaf.

Horizontal fold lines, a few with minor tears, light browning and minor edgewear. Content in small hand filling three pages. Item accompanied by typed transcription. \$1,250.

\* This appears to be a document from an unrecorded rape case. It reads, in part: "We the grand jurors... have become satisfied that the following persons are also guilty of a wicked and felonious rape, upon the body of Nancy Burns viz., Wm. Harper, Lorentine Miller, David McCummins and that proper measures be pursued for the arrest and punishment of these persons, whom we also learn have fled the country. The grand jurors further present, that ample proof has been given before them to show that some persons whose name are unknown to them have by bribes, threats and alarms, spirited away one of two or three very important witnesses in this very important matter..." [Order This Item](#)



### Who Stole My Cheese?

#### 25. [Trial].

#### [Glasgow, Scotland].

*Trial of Robert Hunter, Alias Robert Hunter Guthrie and John Mackie* [Running Title]. [Glasgow: April 29, 1818]. 18 ff. Last leaf partially blank, docketed on verso. Folio (12-1/2" x 7.5").

Disbound, light soiling and edgewear, three horizontal fold lines, lower portion of final leaf lacking with no loss to text. Content in neat hand throughout. \$1,500.

\* A curious collection of court documents involving a pair of men who were stealing and fencing stolen wheels of cheese from a warehouse. Sensing that the police were closing in on them, they fled, one is tempted to say "like mice," but were eventually apprehended. These documents appear to have been given to someone who organized them, added annotations, including the title on the first leaf, and had them bound into a volume. [Order This Item](#)

July 7, 1849		August 1, 1849	
July 7	Keau Williams To attending Jury trial White v. him 500 With fee on same case 50 services attending in drawing Sunday services settling up claim By cash of C. H. W. Co. 1.50 of furniture and down plate 1.00	7.50	
9	Atal Cook To going to Benning hill to see Sam Hopkins 1.00		
10	Orange Carpenter To hand from later By cash 25		
16	John L. Snow To get in Lucius Boyden later from 12 By cash 1.00		
20	Thomas Parker To attending Adultery suit at Mt. Holly At. v. Mrs. Parker & Goodbar By cash 3.00		
26	State of Vermont To services in State of Vermont for settling papers 5.00		
5	State of Vermont To services in State of Vermont for settling papers 2.50		
31	Wendell Winthrop To assisting on trial of same case as above before Underhill 1.00		
Aug 1	Daniel Brown To attending Jury trial him v. White 5.00		
8	Atal Cook To making Co. Ct. West. v. Hopkins 2.00		
10	C. L. Chase To arranging our balancing up By cash 1.00		
11	Alfred Hunt To making Co. Ct. West. v. Easton 2.00		
15	Charles Hopkins To attend our services in case of Ogle to serving subpoena By cash of Franklin and lady expenses 5.00 2.00 5.90		
15	Isaac G. Batehill To get claim deeds to agree between him and Rowland 50 50 75		
22	George W. Child To receive & settlement of Allen suit By cash to bal 2.50		
	Daniel Brown To attendance on appeal to select case to select 1.00		
8	John Jackson To consultation and retention in his suit v. Mrs. Holley 3.00		
24	Atal Cook To making arbitration papers and securing their execution 2.00		

**Mid Nineteenth-Century  
Account Book of a Vermont Lawyer**

**26. [Vermont].**

[Account Book]. Wallingford and Rutland, VT, June 1, 1849-July 3, 1853. [200] pp. Oblong folio (15-1/2" x 6-1/2").

Quarter sheep over marbled boards, blind fillets to spine. Light rubbing to boards, small chip to front board, moderate rubbing to spine and extremities, minor worming to front hinge, rear hinge starting. Light toning to interior, content in notable neat hand to 51 pages, final 18 pages are a thumb-tabbed index. \$500.

\* Produced by an unidentified Wallingford attorney who was often in Rutland to attend the county court, this ledger records his professional activity and occasional personal expenses, such as the purchase of furniture. Each entry has a brief memorandum of the transaction. They show that he provided the wide range of legal services demanded of lawyers in rural nineteenth-century America. He drafted wills and deeds, managed estates, oversaw commercial transactions, settled disputes and tried criminal cases. His clientele was equally diverse, ranging from farmers and tradesmen to substantial business leaders and owners of large estates. Overall, this ledger offer an interesting perspective of daily legal life in southern Vermont in the middle years of the nineteenth century. [Order This Item](#)

16  
 Kanawha County S.S.

Having personally appeared before me Benjamin Arnold a Justice of the Peace in and for said County Kanawha & Brannan and also being duly qualified for that purpose with an oath which the following declaration

That sometime in May 1838 he thinks about the 15<sup>th</sup> of said month he met with Herman Marks a member of said Hpts. Office in Lewis County near the Jackson County line who inquired of me how far it was to Jackson County line and upon being told by me that they was near the line they ~~and~~ they said they must go to Jackson County that night it was then late in the day I requested them to stop that I wished to have some talk with them Herman told the others to go on who appeared to have a bundle of some thing in their bosoms and he would talk with me but I wishing to see what was suspicious about it I approached to ward him and coming up with him I asked him what he had in his bosom he said nothing much and seeing something more in his bosom I laid hold and from the appearance I believe they were either young puppies or wolves but did not ascertain until the night of his meeting I heard of them killing some young wolves kept over the line in Jackson County this is what and all persons about it

And in as much as it is reported that there has been a certificate presented to the Court of Jackson County purporting to be given by me dismissing the allegations contained in the above certificate if and such certificate is in being it is fabricated and untrue.

April the 8<sup>th</sup> 1841  
 J. B. Brannan

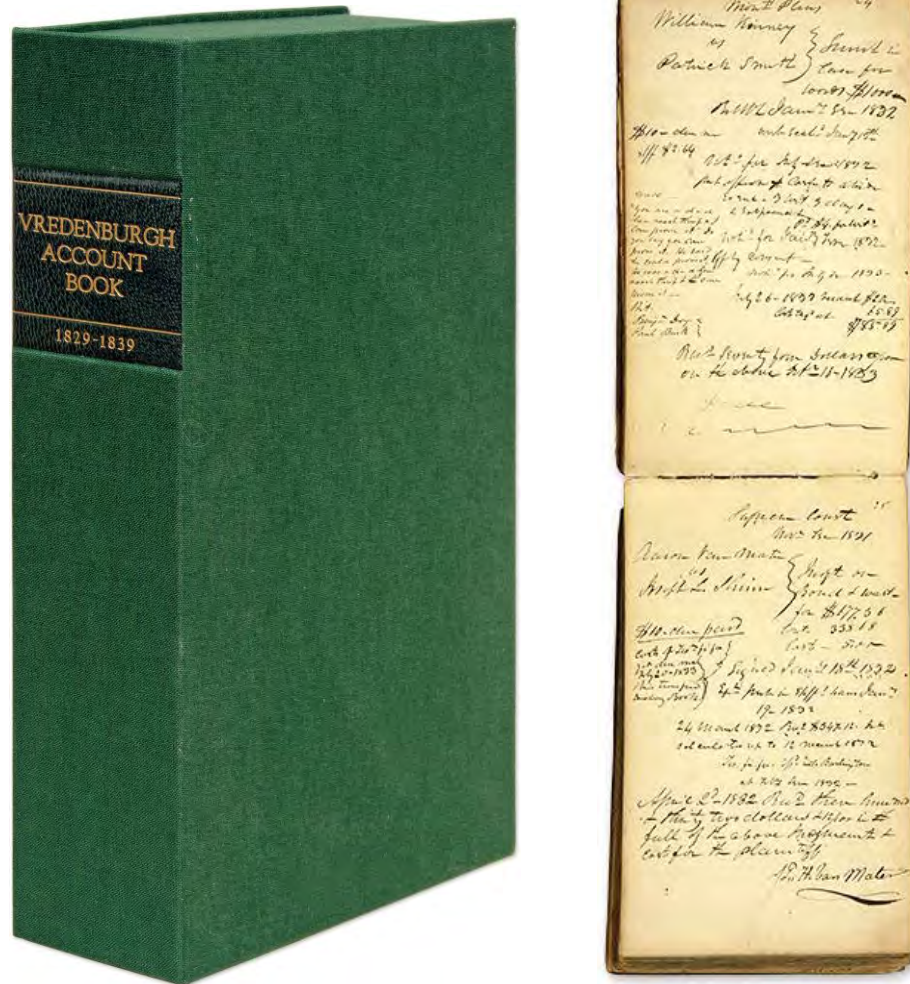
### Fraudulent Collection of Wolf Bounties in Virginia

#### 27. [Virginia]. [Wolf Bounties].

[Autograph Deposition Addressed to J.P. Thomasson and other justices of Jackson County, Signed by Justice of the Peace Benjamin Arnold, Kanawha County, Virginia, April 8, 1841]. 4 pp. 12-1/2" x 7-1/2" bifolium, docketed on verso of second leaf.

Horizontal fold lines, a few with minor tears, tear through most of fold between the leaves, light browning and minor edgewear, a few small chips to edges. Content in neat small hand filling one page and a quarter of another. \$300.

\* This deposition says the Marks family from Lewis County was carrying wolf puppies into Jackson county lines in order to kill them there to collect wolf-killing bounties awarded by the county. [Order This Item](#)



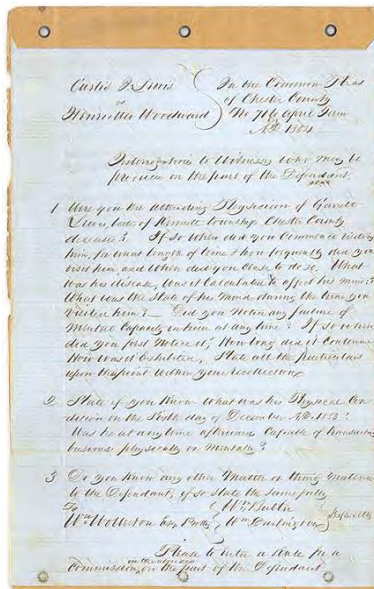
**Account Book of a Distinguished  
Nineteenth-Century New Jersey Jurist**

**28. Vredenburg, Peter [1805-1873].**

[*Account Book*]. Freehold, NJ, 1829-1839. 231, [13] pp. Oblong octavo (5-1/4" x 8-1/2").

Reversed calf, black-stamped frames to boards. Light rubbing and some scuffs and scratches to boards, moderate rubbing to board edges with wear to corners, front board detached, spine perished. Owner signature to front pastedown and following leaf. Moderate toning to interior, first three leaves detached and edgeworn with very minor loss to content, diminishing edgewear to following five leaves, a few manuscript items laid-in. Housed in a custom dark green cloth clamshell box with gilt lettered morocco spine label. \$1,250.

\* With an index. This ledger, which opens with the statement "Opened Office Apl 21 1829," records the early years of the career of a man who would become a prominent New Jersey lawyer, prosecutor and, later, an associate justice of the New Jersey Supreme Court, a post he held from 1854 to 1868. (He was also the father of William H. Vredenburg, judge on New Jersey Court of Errors and Appeals, and Peter Vredenburg Jr. (actually III), a lawyer and distinguished Major during the American Civil War. Camp Vredenburg, which is located near Freehold, is named after him.) The entries record fees collected for legal services. Several prominent local names are listed among the parties, such as Laird and Vandevanter. Taken together, they offer a good idea of the legal activity in an important New Jersey town. [Order This Item](#)



**1854 Interrogatory Concerning the  
Mental Fitness of the Decedent in an Inheritance Case**

29. [Wills].

[Mental Fitness].

Lewis, Garrett.

Skinner, Dr. W.C.

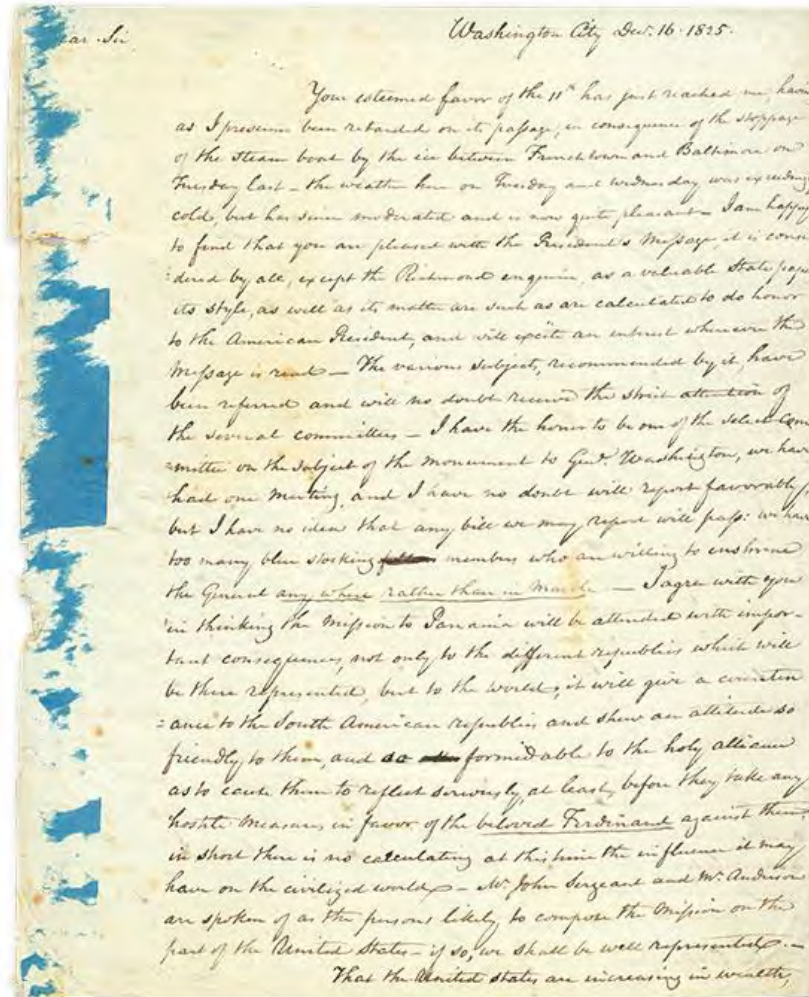
[1854 *Legal Interrogatory of a North Carolina Medical Doctor W.C. Skinner Concerning the Illness, Mental Fitness and Death of Garrett Lewis of Chester County, Pennsylvania*]. [West Chester, Chester County, Pennsylvania, October 23, 1854]. [4] ff. Folio (12" x 8").

Four leaves of lined blue paper, with outer wrapper affixed with grommets along top edge, content to rectos and versos of first two leaves, and recto of third leaf, embossed seal of Court of Common Pleas of Chester County to third leaf. Faint horizontal fold lines, moderate edgewear to wrapper, scattered foxing. A well-preserved item. \$350.

\* Legal interrogatory of North Carolina physician Dr. W.C. Skinner concerning the December 1853 death of his patient, Garrett Lewis of Chester County, Pennsylvania, from consumption. The document reveals a complicated and problematic relationship between a physician and his patient including his patient's financial affairs. Dr. Skinner's answers to the lawyer's questions and the facts he supplied were in aid of the lawsuit *Curtis F. Lewis vs. Henrietta Woodward*. This complicated case appears to concern the deceased's will and the state of his mind when he executed it—a will witnessed by Dr. Skinner.

The 1854 interrogatory is directed to county prothonotary, William Wollerton. The manuscript appears to be an official copy; it is sealed by the Court of Common Pleas and is attested to by Prothonotary Wollerton as being "From the Record."

The interrogatory comprises three multi-part questions posed by the defendant's attorneys, William Butler and William Darlington. It focuses on the deceased's state of mind on December 6, 1853, presumably the date of his will. The third question reveals, troublingly, that Dr. Skinner witnessed the deceased's will. As to the will, Skinner declares: "I believe he knew he was signing his will, but he was incapable of comprehending and provision of said will. In a word I believe he was in such a condition as to readily & unresistingly sign any paper that might have been presented to him." An interesting legal document describing a complicated professional relationship between a physician and his patient, outlining the physician's involvement in his patient's financial and estate affairs. [Order This Item](#)



**Interesting Letter by a Distinguished  
Nineteenth-Century Pennsylvania Lawyer-Politician**

**30. Wolf, George [1777-1840].**

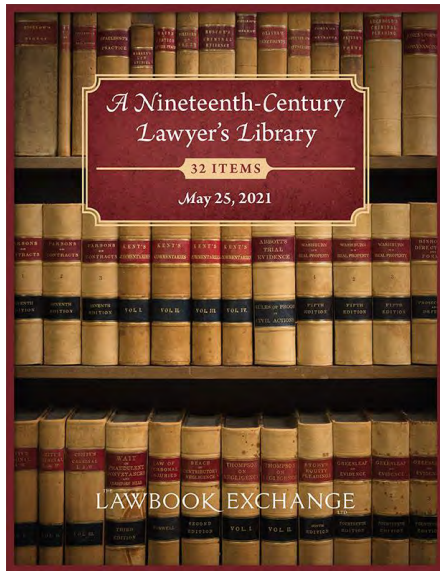
[Autograph Letter, Signed, Washington, DC, December 16, 1825].

Single 9-3/4" x 8" leaf. Four fold lines, two vertical and two horizontal, light browning. Content in small neat hand to recto and verso, fragments of paper (from an album) along left-hand margin. \$750.

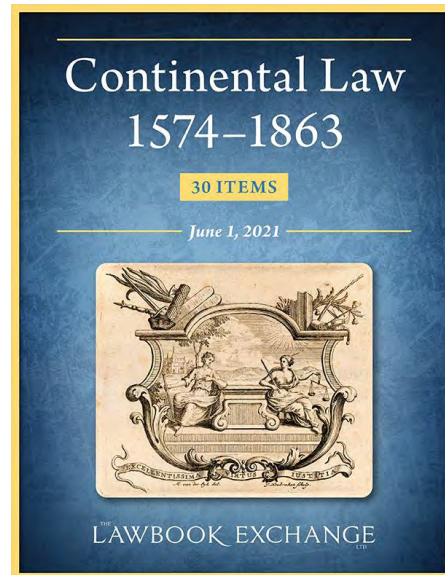
\* A lawyer and Jeffersonian, later Jacksonian politician, Wolf was a member of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives in 1814, a member of the U.S. House of Representatives from 1824 to 1829 and the governor of Pennsylvania from 1829 to 1835. Appointed by President Jackson, served as the first comptroller of the Treasury, a post he held until 1838. He is best known as the governor who oversaw the establishment of Pennsylvania's public school system. Addressed to a John Cooper, an associate judge in Pennsylvania, this letter was written when Wolf was a U.S. Representative. Rich with "inside" information, it touches on several interesting topics: his work as a member of the "select committee on the subject of the monument to Geo. Washington," the annual message of President Adams, a mission to Panama, the prosperity of the United States and the impeachment of Robert Porter, a judge in Northampton, Pennsylvania. Letters by Wolf in the market are rare. We could locate only two auction records, the last at Henkels in 1907 (Lot 354, 3 Letters).

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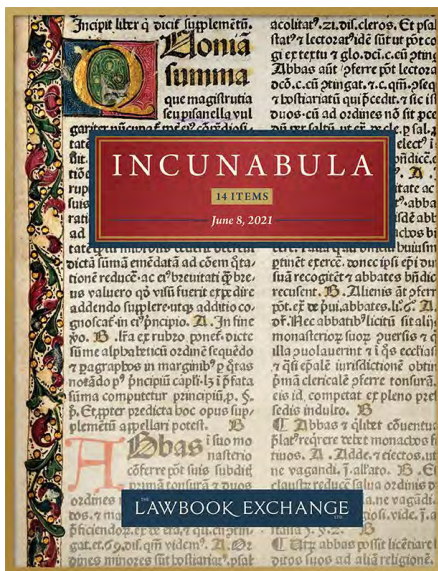
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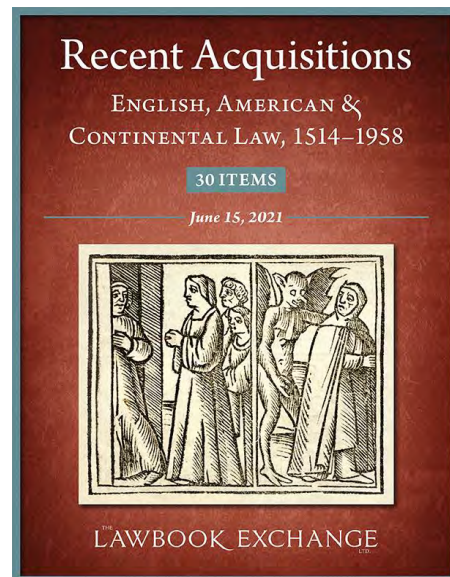
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