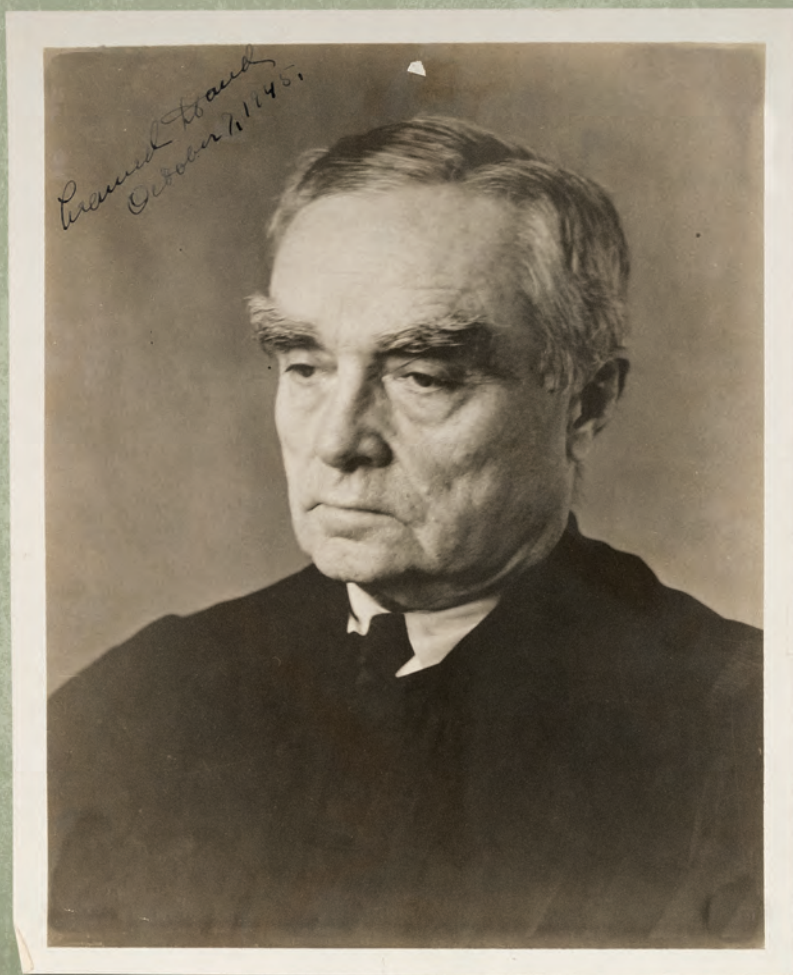


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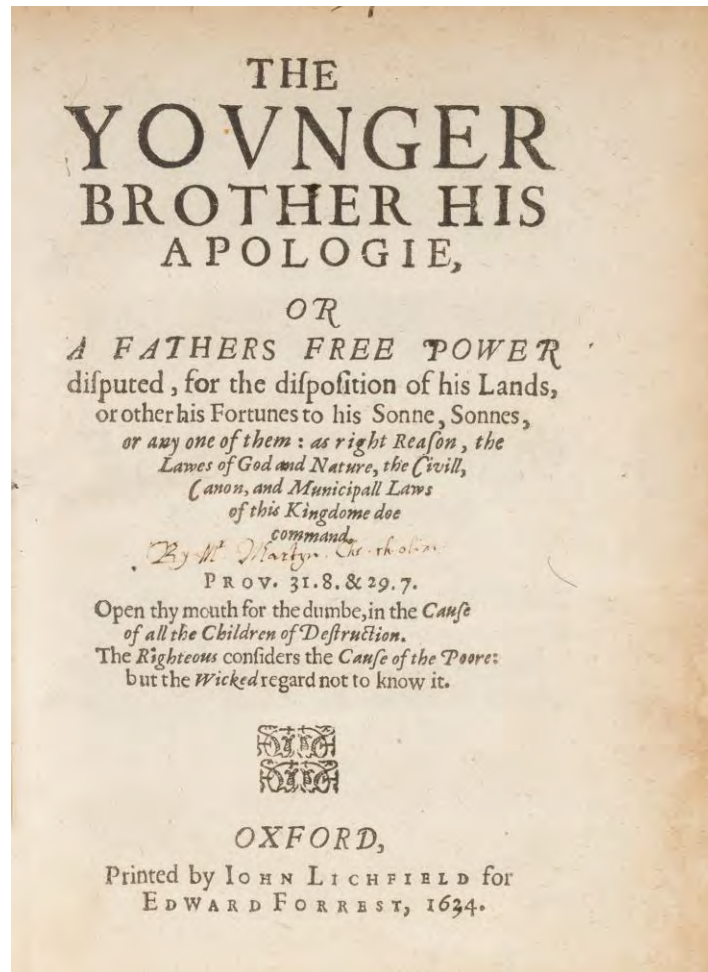
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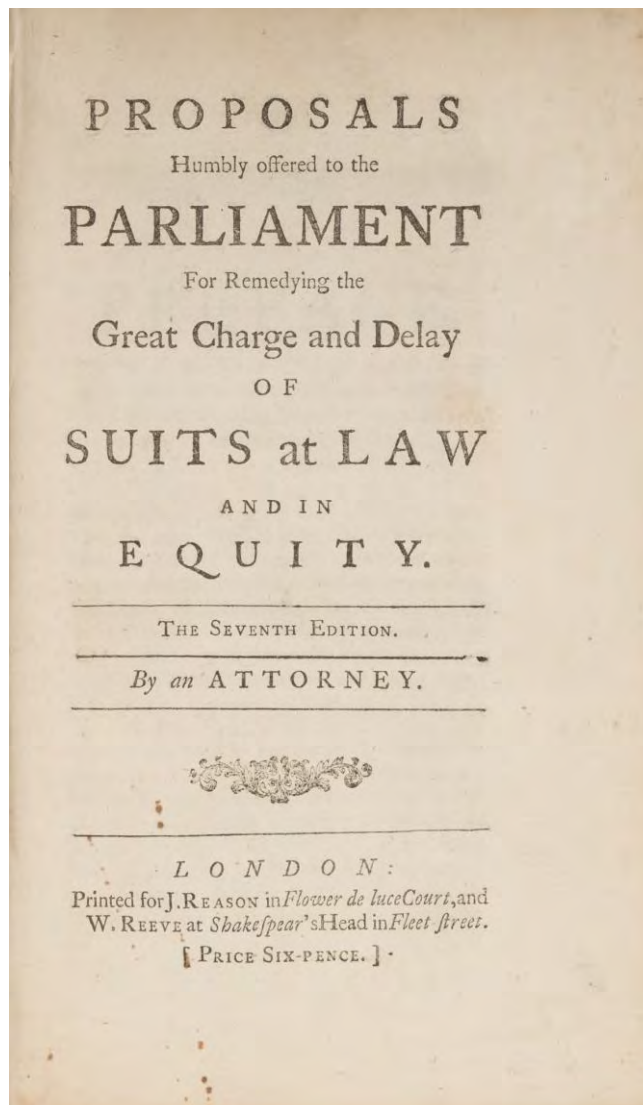
A Seventeenth-Century Argument Against Primogeniture

1. [Ap-Robert, John].

The Younger Brother His Apologie, Or a Fathers Free Power Disputed, For the Disposition of His Lands, Or Other His Fortunes to His Sonne, Sonnes, Or Any One of Them: As Right Reason, The Lawes of God and Nature, The Civill, Canon, And Municipall Laws of this Kingdome doe Command. Oxford: Printed by Iohn Lichfield for Edward Forrest, 1624 [i.e. 1634]. [x], 56, [2] pp. Quarto (7" x 5-1/4").

Stab-stitched pamphlet bound into recent quarter morocco over marbled boards, gilt title (with incorrect author name) and raised bands to spine. Light rubbing to extremities, corners lightly bumped, bookplate residue to front pastedown. Moderate toning, light browning and some chipping to fore-edges of several leaves, occasional marks and brief annotations in early hand to text and title page. \$500.

* Second issue. First published in 1618 with a title beginning *The Yonger Brother His Apology by It Selfe*, this pamphlet argues that the law of primogeniture may be overruled due to a father's desire or family circumstances. Later issues were published in 1635 and 1671. Like many copies of the 1634 issue, the date on the title page has a correction in a contemporary hand. All issues are scarce. OCLC locates 5 copies of the 1634 issue in North American law libraries (Harvard, Library of Congress, San Francisco Law Library, University of Minnesota, Yale). *English Short-Title Catalogue* S100213. [Order This Item](#)



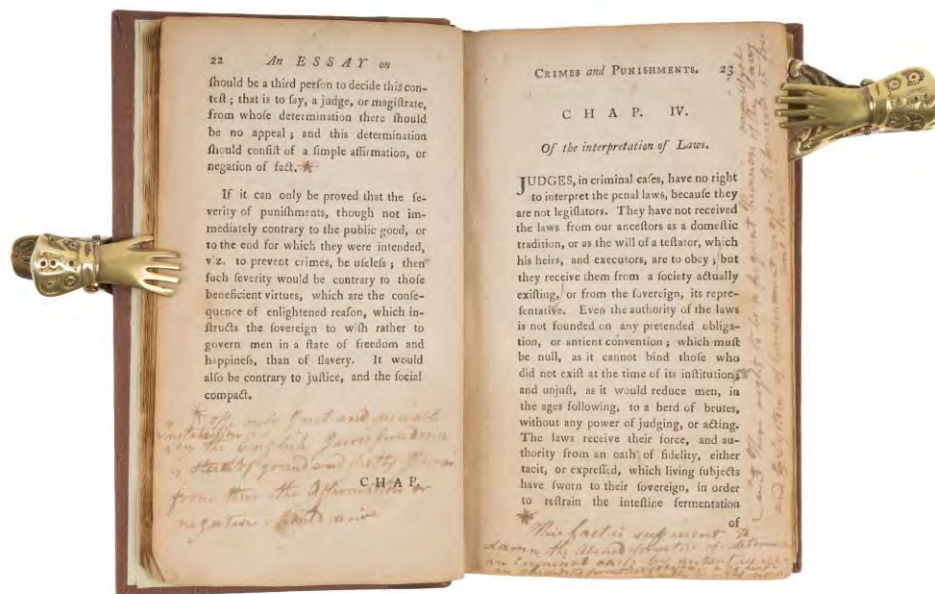
Proposals for Chancery Reform

2. An Attorney.

Proposals Humbly Offered to the Parliament for Remedying the Great Charge and Delay of Suits at Law and in Equity. London: Printed for J. Reason and W. Reeve, [1730?]. [ii], iv, 42 pp. Octavo (8" x 4-3/4").

Stab-stitched pamphlet in recent plain wrappers, ink title and date to front wrapper. Light toning to interior, negligible light foxing to a few leaves, later annotations in pencil to pp. 31 and 39 with light offsetting to facing pages. \$450.

* Seventh edition. Chancery reform was a perennial topic in Great Britain, beginning in the early seventeenth century until the court's dissolution as an independent body in 1875. The length of the debate is reflected in our pamphlet's numerous editions, the first of which appeared in 1707. The reforms suggested here primarily encompass the elimination of waste, such as reducing the number of offices and carrying out an audit of staff salaries. The preface gives a brief overview of the issue of judicial reform, with a notably anti-Semitic digression discussing the role of the "Infidel Jews" in the problems plaguing the English system. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T42985. [Order This Item](#)



"No Man Who Reads This Book Will Be a Tyrant"

3. Beccaria, [Cesare Bonesana, Marchese di] [1738-1794].

Sharpe, Granville [1735-1813].

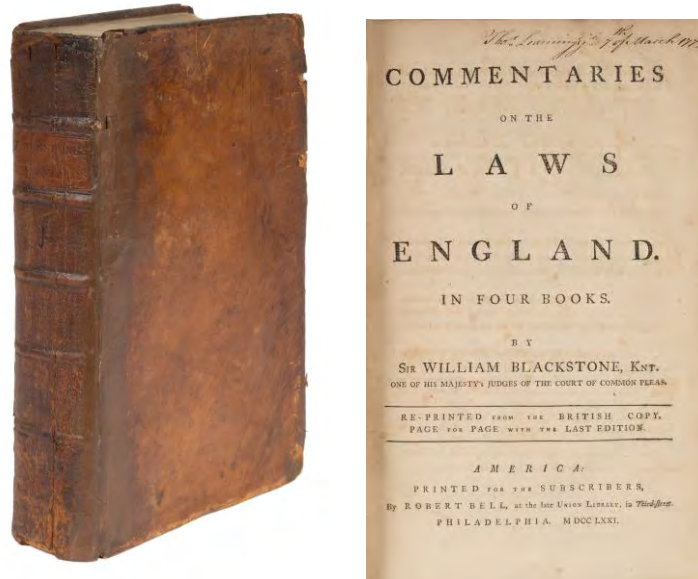
Rousseau, Jean-Jacques [1712-1778].

An Essay on Crimes and Punishments. Written by the Marquis Beccaria of Milan. With a Commentary Attributed to Monsieur De Voltaire. Philadelphia: Printed by R. Bell, 1778. [iv], 352, [4] pp. Includes one-page publisher list. Three works in one with continuous pagination. The second work, preceded by a half-title and title page is Sharpe's *Remarks on the Opinions of Some of the Most Celebrated Writers on Crown Law, Respecting the Due Distinction Between Manslaughter and Murder*, the third, with a drop-head title, is J.J. Rousseau, *Citizen of Geneva, His Opinion on Duelling*. Octavo (7-1/2" x 4-1/4").

Recent period-style quarter calf over cloth, blind tooling to calf edge, gilt-edged raised bands, blind fillets, lettering piece and date to spine, endpapers and endleaves renewed. Moderate toning to interior, occasional light foxing, faint dampstaining in a few places, a few folded corners, small wormhole to gutter of first few leaves, light edgewear and chipping to half-title and title pages, small tear to top-edge of leaf E6 (pp. 43-44). Ownership signature of a Richard Randolph dated 1796 to half-title and title pages, early annotations (possibly Randolph's) throughout *Crimes and Punishments*. \$3,500.

* With a table of authorities and cases. *Dei Delitti e Delle Pene* (1764) was the first systematic study of the principles of crime and punishment. Infused with the spirit of the Enlightenment, its advocacy of crime prevention and the abolition of torture and capital punishment marked a significant advance in criminological thought, which had changed little since the medieval era. It had a profound influence on the development of criminal law. It was especially influential among American thinkers, who saw Beccaria as a source of enlightened ideas to reform English common law. Though a matter of some debate, the first American edition was published in Charleston, SC, in 1777. (Earlier American imprints, including one printed in New York in 1773, are ghosts).

The Randolphs were an elite Virginia family. Our copy likely eventually belonged to Richard Kidder Randolph [1781-1849], although it may have had a previous Randolph owner. The frequent annotations show an engaged reader at work. The comments include "no man who reads this book will be a tyrant" and "How many Lives have depended on the composition of a Judge's Dinner!" Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 4233. [Order This Item](#)



**Copy of Volume I of the First American Edition
of Blackstone Owned by Thomas Leaming, A Subscriber**

**4. Blackstone, William [1723-1780].
[Leaming, Thomas (1748-1797)].**

Commentaries on the Laws of England. In Four Books. Re-Printed From the British Copy, Page for Page with the Last Edition. [Philadelphia]: Robert Bell, 1771. Volume I [ONLY]. [iv], [iv], ii, [ii], [iv], 485 pp. Title page preceded by 4-page publisher advertisement. Octavo (8-3/4" x 5-1/2").

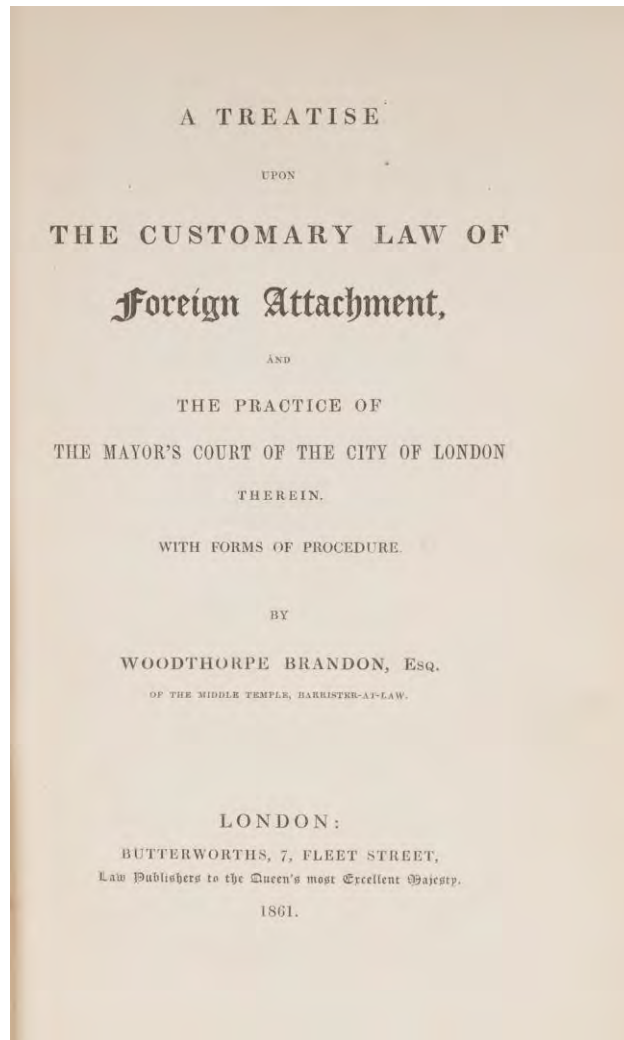
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* First American edition, a reprint of the fourth Oxford edition (1770). This was a significant contribution to early American law and a landmark in the history of American publishing. The subscribers to this edition included John Adams, John Jay, John Dickinson, several colonial governors and many other leaders of colonial America. Sixteen of these were signers of the Declaration of Independence who went on to serve as members of the Continental Congress.

Leaming was a lawyer in Cape May, New Jersey, when he subscribed to this edition. He was a member of the fifth session of the Provincial Congress of New Jersey (June-August 1776), which ordered the arrest of royal governor William Franklin, approved the Declaration of Independence and produced New Jersey's first state constitution (1776). He played important roles in the Revolution by raising a battalion of militia, serving as an officer and contributing funds to build and outfit privateers.

Samuel W. Pennypacker [1843-1916] was a Pennsylvania politician, judge and historian. Governor of Pennsylvania from 1903 to 1907 and a long-serving judge of the court of common pleas, he published several books and articles on various aspects of Pennsylvania history. His inscription indicates that he presented Leaming with two volumes from this set. Eller, *The William Blackstone Collection in the Yale Law Library* 80. Laeuchli, *A Bibliographical Catalogue of William Blackstone* 131.

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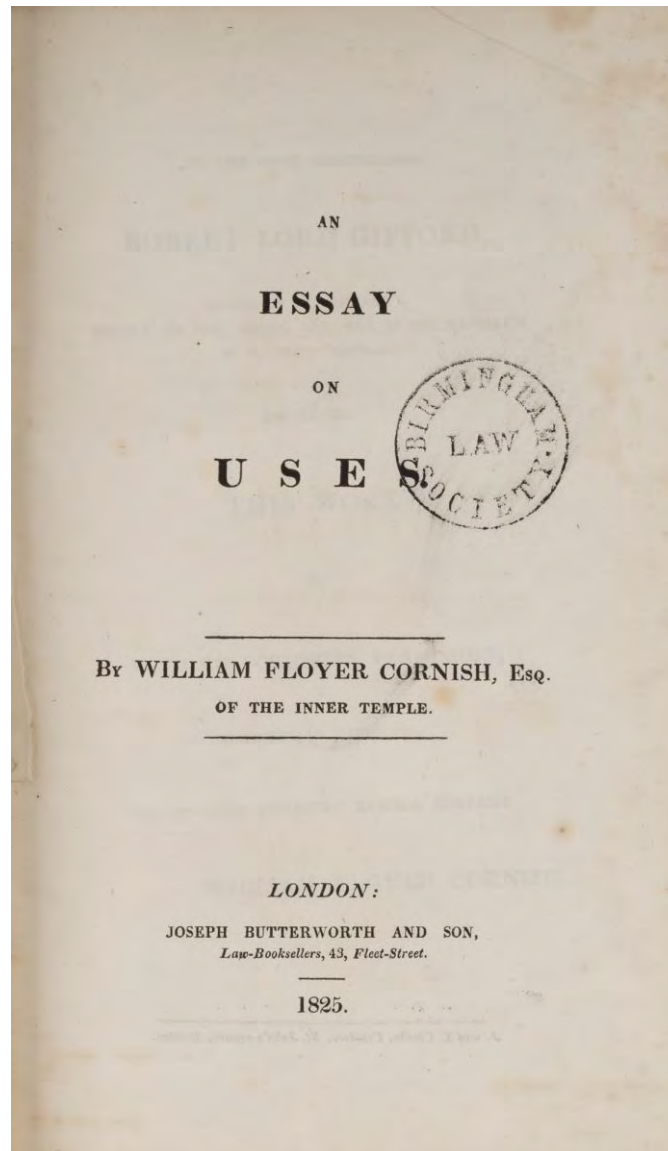
Foreign Attachment in the Mayor's Court of London

5. Brandon, Woodthorpe [1813-1887].

A Treatise Upon the Customary Law of Foreign Attachment, And the Practice of the Mayor's Court of the City of London Therein. With Forms of Procedure. London: Butterworth's, 1861. xix, 243 [1]; 21, [3] pp. Main text followed by publisher catalogue. Octavo (8-1/2" x 5-1/2").

Contemporary textured cloth, blind frames to boards, blind fillets and gilt title to spine, untrimmed edges, several signatures unopened. Light rubbing and few minor stains to boards, light fading near top-edge of rear board, moderate rubbing to extremities, spine ends and corners bumped, rear joint just starting at head, early owner signature (C.W. Brandon) to front free endpaper, moderate toning to interior. \$450.

* Only edition. This treatise addresses the legal process by which a third party, rather than the creditor, attaches a debtor's property according to the practice of the Mayor's Court of London. Brandon was an authority on the Mayor's Court and the customary laws of London. OCLC locates 11 copies in North American law libraries. Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 2:40. [Order This Item](#)



Highly Regarded by Kent and Hoffman

6. Cornish, William Floyer [1801?-1830].

An Essay on Uses. London: Butterworth, 1825. xxiii, 199 pp. Octavo (8-1/2" x 5-1/4").

Near-contemporary pebbled cloth, recently rebacked, gilt institution name to front board, gilt institution insignia to rear board, lettering piece to spine, endpapers renewed. Light rubbing to board edges, corners bumped and somewhat worn. Moderate toning to interior, light foxing in a few places, faint inkstamps to title page and a few other leaves. \$350.

* First edition. This essay on uses in conveyancing was written by a author held in high regard by Kent and Hoffman. It was reprinted in Philadelphia in 1834 as a title in the *Law Library* series. The London edition is scarce. OCLC locates 8 copies in North American law libraries (Columbia, Harvard, Library of Congress, NY State Appellate Division, Social Law, University of Connecticut, University of Pennsylvania, University of Washington). Marvin, *Legal Bibliography* 229. Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 2:79. [Order This Item](#)

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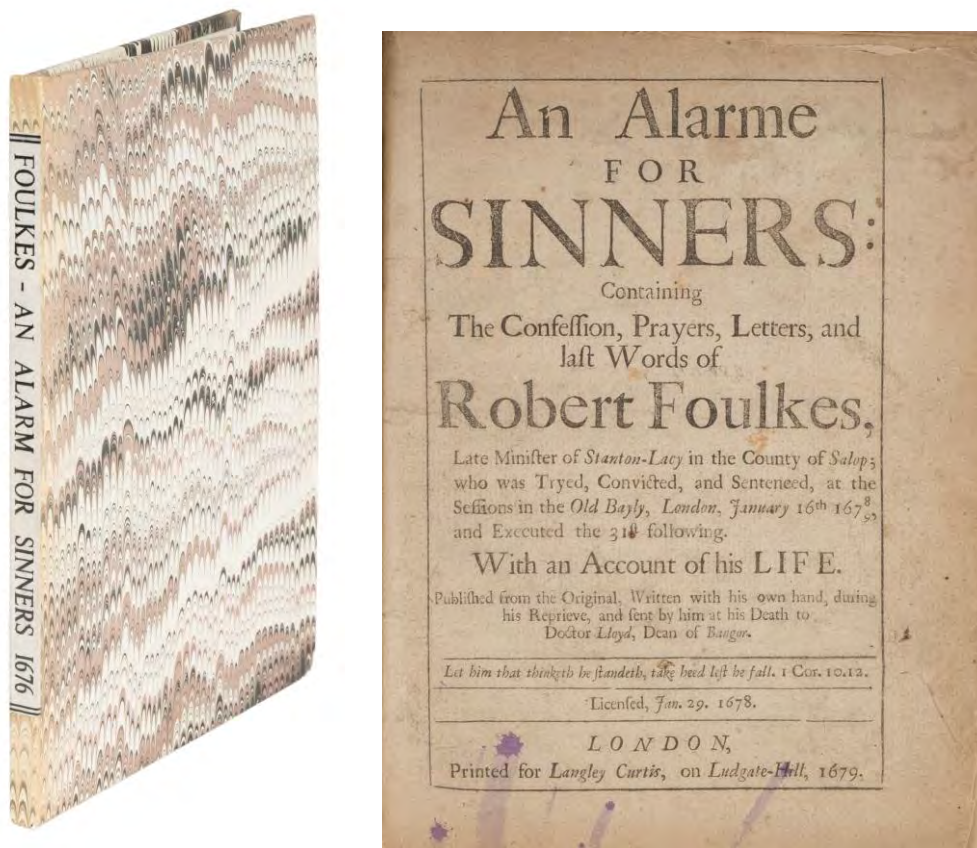
7. Darrow, Clarence [1857-1938].

[8-1/2" x 6" Black-and-White Portrait Photograph of Darrow, Signed by Darrow]. Associated Press, c.1926.

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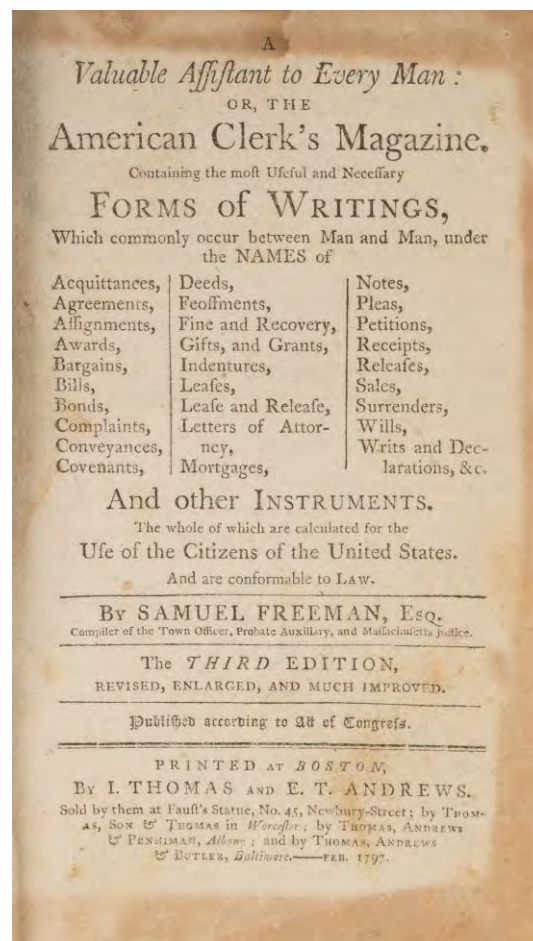
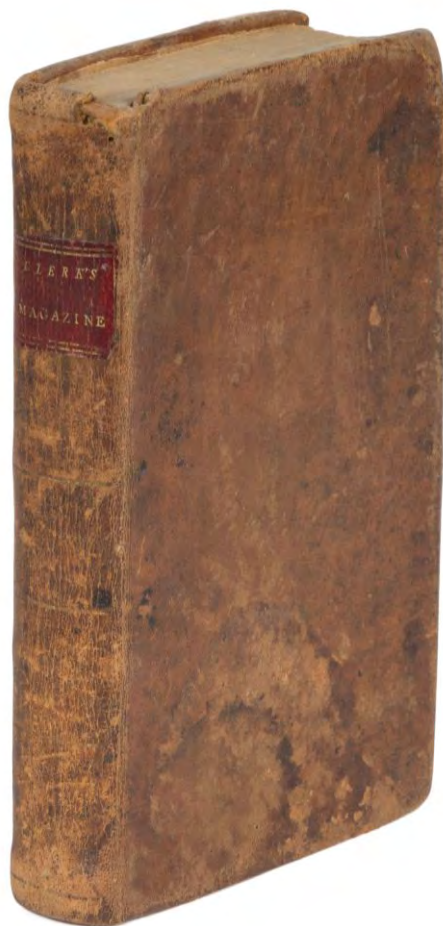
8. Foulkes, Robert [bap.1634-1679].

An Alarme for Sinners: Containing the Confession, Prayers, Letters, And Last Words of Robert Foulkes, Late Minister of Stanton-Lacy in the County of Salop; Who was Tryed, Convicted, And Sentenced, At the Sessions in the Old Bayly, London, January 16th 1678/9, And Executed the 31st Following. With an Account of His Life. Published from the Original, Written with His Own Hand, During his Reprieve, And Sent by Him at his Death to Doctor Lloyd, Dean of Bangor. Licensed, Jan. 29. 1678. London: Printed for Langley Curtis, 1679. [iv], 39, [1] pp. Quarto (7-1/2" x 5-3/4").

Stab-stitched pamphlet in recent marbled boards, printed title label to spine. Light fading to spine. Light browning to interior, occasional light foxing, light edgewear and chipping to several leaves without loss to text, small blind-embossed stamps to lower corners of a few leaves, early ms. shelf mark to verso of title page and note to verso of final leaf. \$400.

* Only edition. Foulkes was notorious for sexual liaisons with his flock as the vicar of Stanton Lacy. One of these was with Anne Atkinson, the unmarried daughter of his predecessor. When she became pregnant in 1678, the two traveled to London in an attempt to conceal the pregnancy from the parish. After Atkinson gave birth on December 11, Foulkes killed the child and disposed of the body in a privy. He returned to Stanton Lacy without Atkinson, but was arrested when she told the story of the affair and the murder. He was found guilty of murder and sentenced to death, but a leading Anglican divine obtained him a nine-day reprieve, during which he wrote this penitential sermon. The sermon, in which he blames Atkinson (who had already been acquitted) for leading him astray, was popular and well-received, but an early owner of our copy describes it as "40 pages of Cant & Hypocrisy by a Villain." *English Short-Title Catalogue* R14395.

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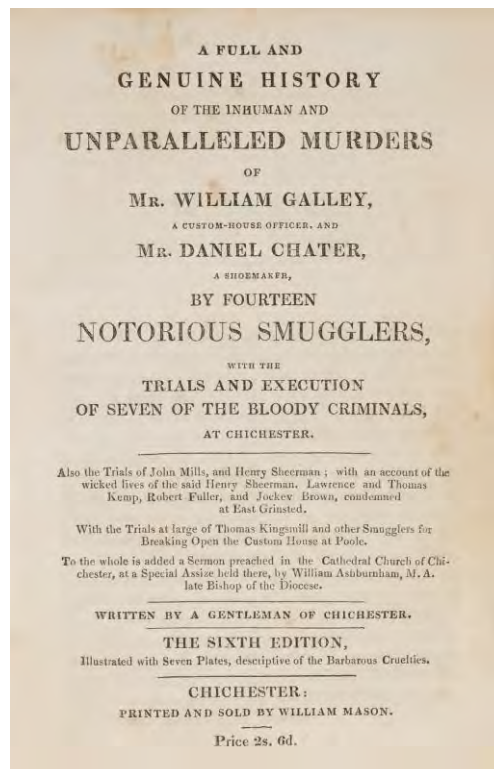
Printed by Isaiah Thomas

9. Freeman, Samuel [1743-1831].

A Valuable Assistant to Every Man: Or, The American Clerk's Magazine. Containing the Most Useful and Necessary Forms of Writings, Which Commonly Occur Between Man and Man, Under the Names of Acquittances, Agreements, Assignments, Awards, Bargains, Bills, Bonds, Complaints, Conveyances, Covenants, Deeds, Feoffments, Fine and Recovery, Gifts and Grants, Indentures, Leases, Lease and Release, Letters of Attorney, Mortgages, Notes, Pleas, Petitions, Receipts, Releases, Sales, Surrenders, Wills, Writs and Declarations, &c. And Other Instruments. The Whole of Which are Calculated for the Use of the Citizens of the United States. And are Conformable to Law. Revised, Enlarged, And Much Improved. Published According to Act of Congress. Boston: Printed by I. Thomas and E.T. Andrews, 1797. iv, [2], [7]-297, [1] pp. Includes a one-page list of legal manuals published by Thomas and Andrews. 12mo. (6-3/4" x 4").

Contemporary sheep gilt fillets and lettering piece to spine. Moderate rubbing, a few minor stains to boards, small chip to head of spine, corners bumped, hinges starting, some offsetting, creases and edgewear to endleaves. Light browning to interior, negligible faint dampstaining and light foxing in a few places. \$450.

* Third edition. Freeman was clerk of courts, a register of probate and a probate judge in Massachusetts. Thomas [1749-1831] was an important early Massachusetts printer, newspaper publisher and author. He was also the founder of the American Antiquarian Society. Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 8013. [Order This Item](#)



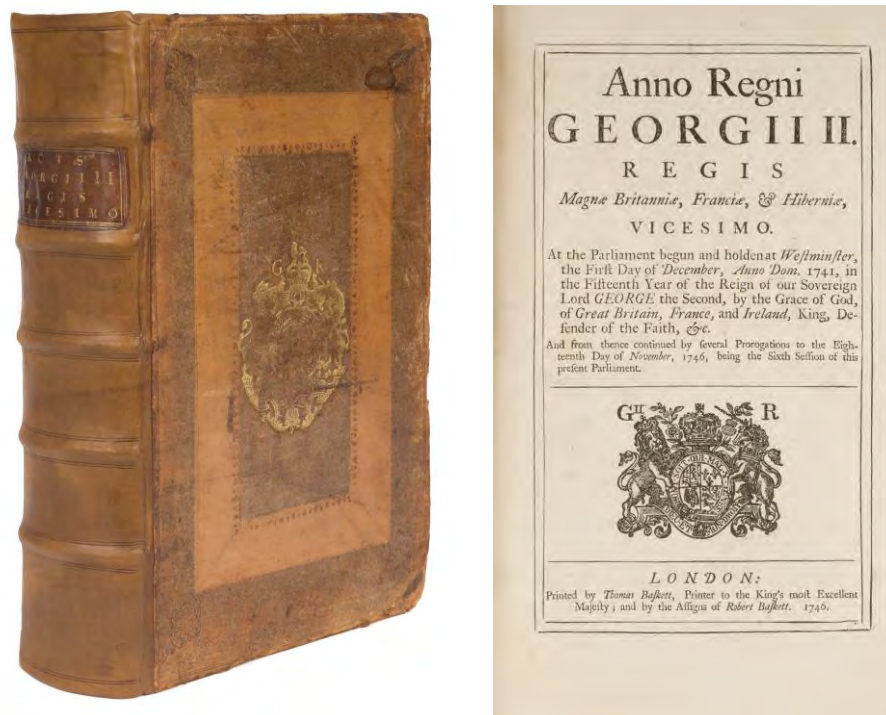
"Inhuman and Unparalleled Murders"

10. A Gentleman at Chichester.

A Full and Genuine History of the Inhuman and Unparalleled Murders of Mr. William Galley, A Custom-House Officer, And Mr. Daniel Chater, A Shoemaker, By Fourteen Notorious Smugglers, With the Execution of Seven of the Bloody Criminals, At Chichester. Also the Trials of John Mills, And Henry Sheerman; With an Account of the Wicked Lives of the Said Henry Sheerman. Lawrence and Thomas Kemp, Robert Fuller, And Jockey Brown, Condemned at East Grinstead. With the Trials at Large of Thomas Kingsmill and Other Smugglers for Breaking Open the Custom House at Poole. To the Whole is Added a Sermon Preached in the Cathedral Church of Chichester, At a Special Assize Held There, By William Ashburnham, M.A. Late Bishop of the Diocese. Chichester: Printed and Sold by William Mason, [c.1820]. 160 pp. With seven copperplate illustrations "descriptive of the barbarous cruelties." Octavo (6-3/4" x 4-1/2").

Contemporary three-quarter morocco over marbled boards, blind rules to morocco edges, gilt fillets and title to spine. Light rubbing to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, front joint just starting at head, front hinge cracked. Light toning to interior, occasional light foxing, marginal tears to plates, the first of which is detaching in middle but secured on ends, images not affected, early ownership signature (of B.S. Smurthwaite, Chichester) dated December 23, 1822. \$650.

* Sixth edition. The Hawkhurst Gang was a group of smugglers based in southeast England from 1735 until the arrest and execution of key members in 1749. The group was notorious for its boldness and willingness to shed blood. The present account details an episode towards the end of the gang's career. Galley, a customs officer, arrested Chater, a gang member, in 1748, and turned him into an informer. Both men were then captured by other members of the Hawkhurst gang and savagely murdered; Galley was beaten, tied to his horse and mutilated, while Chater was tortured and stoned to death. The first edition of our account appeared immediately after the trial of Hawkhurst Gang leaders in 1749, with an eighth and final edition appearing under a different title c.1858. OCLC and *Library Hub* locate 3 copies of our scarce edition (Library of Congress, United States Supreme Court Library, Texas Medical Center Library). [Order This Item](#)



Public and Private Acts of Parliament, 1741-1747

11. [Great Britain].

George II [1683-1760], King.

Anno Regni Georgii II. Regis Magnae Britanniae, Franciae, & Hiberniae, Vicesimo. At the Parliament Begun and Holden at Westminster the First Day of December, Anno Dom. 1741, in the Fifteenth Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Second, By the Grace of God, of Great Britain, France, and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, &c. And From Thence Continued by Several Prorogations to the Eighteenth Day of November, 1746, Being the Sixth Session of this Present Parliament. London: Printed by Thomas Baskett, 1746 [i.e. 1747]. 1031, [9] pp. Same general title page preceding each act, Acts XV-LII dated 1747.

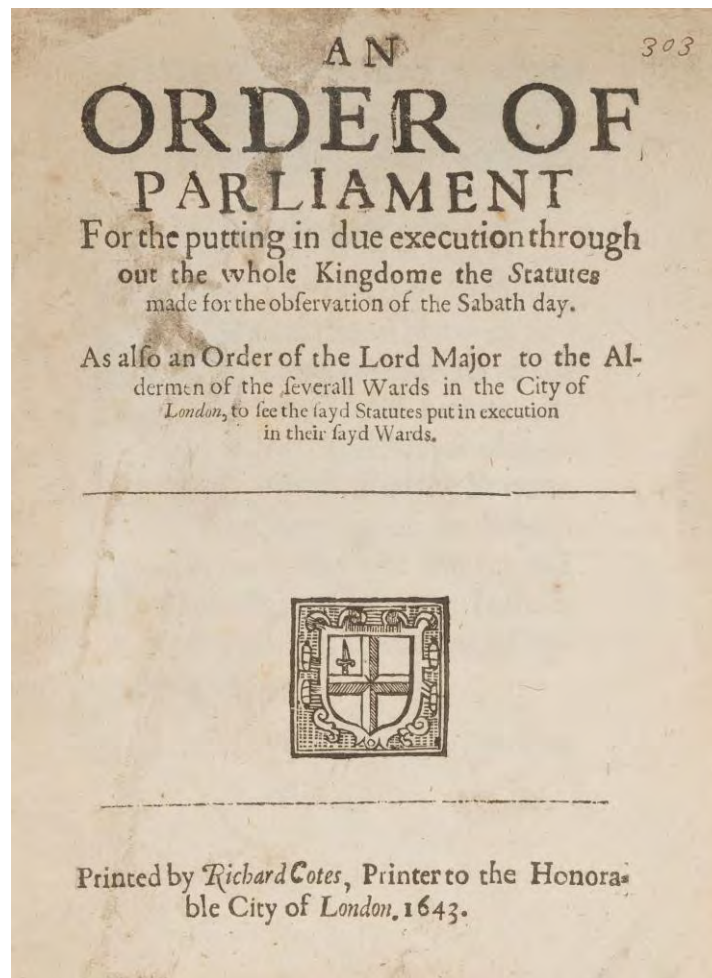
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An Abstract of All the Acts Passed in the Sixth Session of the Ninth Parliament of Great Britain, And in the Twentieth Year of the Reign of Our Most Gracious Sovereign Lord King George the Second. London: Printed by Thomas Baskett, 1747. 180, [2] pp.

Folio (12" x 7-1/2"). Contemporary paneled calf, gilt royal arms to boards, rebaked and recormered in period style with raised bands and blind fillets to spine, original lettering piece retained, blind tooling to board edges, edges rouged. Moderate rubbing to boards, a few small scuffs, nicks and scratches, heavier rubbing and some wear to board edges, corners bumped, hinges cracked, lower corner of rear free endpaper lacking. Light toning to interior, somewhat heavier in places, light foxing in a few places. An appealing copy. \$750.

* A collection of 52 acts passed in the sixth session of the ninth Parliament of Great Britain, with tables listing the titles of the public acts and summaries of 32 private acts. Many of the public acts reflect the Jacobite Rising of 1745 and its aftermath, such as the repeated suspension of *habeas corpus*, an "Act for Vesting the Estates of Certain Traitors in His Majesty" and the "Act for Abolishing the Heretable Jurisdictions in Scotland." The volume also includes a 1747 act extending the provisions of the Plantation Act of 1740, which allowed for the naturalization of Jews and Quakers in America. Appended is the separately-issued volume of abstracts. *English Short-Title Catalogue* N52724, T150475.

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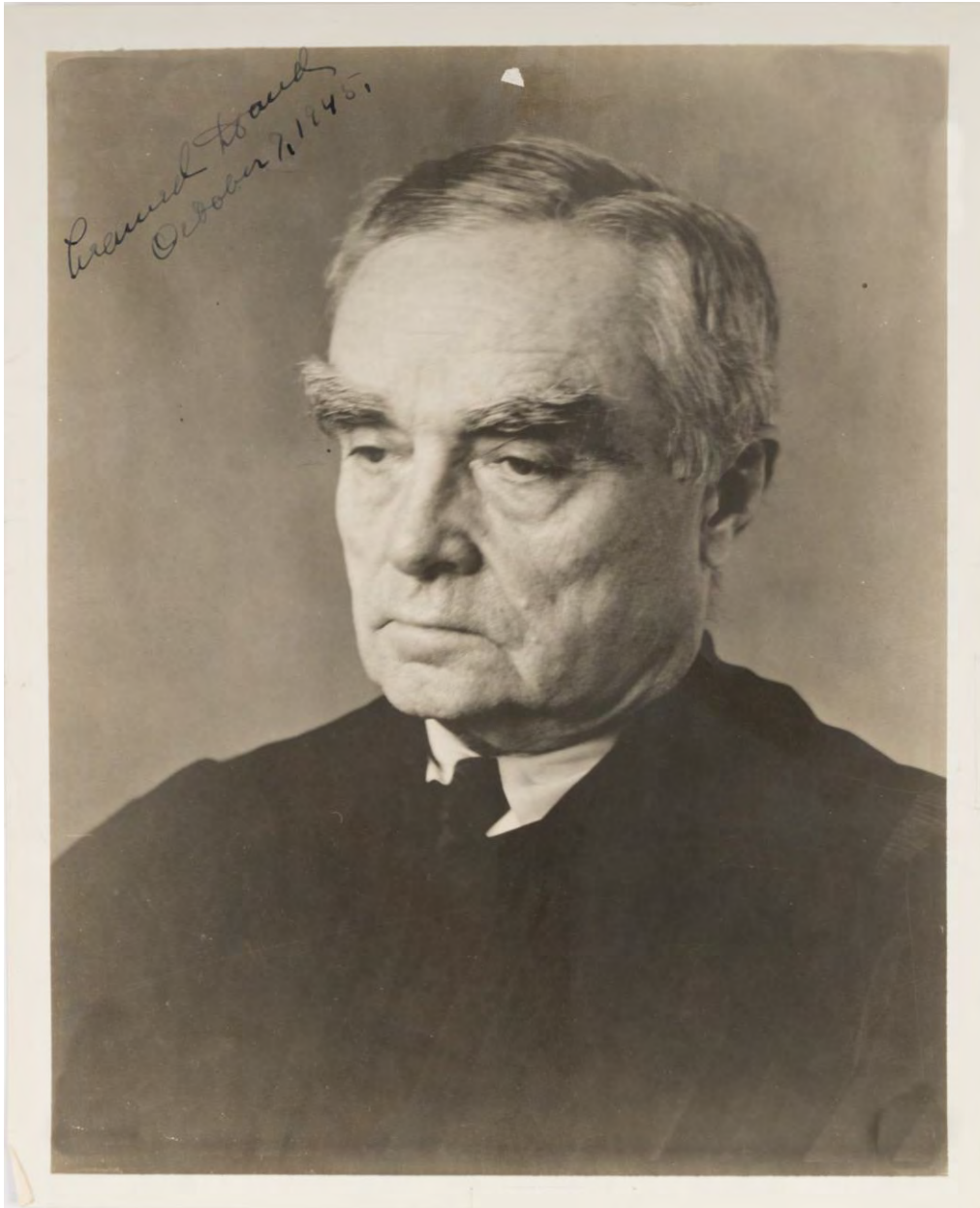
"Unlawfull Games and Pastimes"

**12. [Great Britain].
[Parliament].**

An Order of Parliament for the Putting in Due Execution Through Out the Whole Kingdome the Statutes Made for the Observation of the Sabbath Day. As Also an Order of the Lord Major to the Aldermen of the Severall Wards in the City of London, To See the Sayd Statutes Put in Execution in Their Said Wards. [London]: Printed by Richard Cotes, 1643. [iv], 3, [1] pp., followed by 9 blank leaves (added by binder). Quarto (7-1/4" x 5-1/4").

Disbound stab-stitched pamphlet bound in later (nineteenth-century) three-quarter speckled calf over marbled boards, blind rules to calf edges, gilt fillets and title to spine, marbled endpapers. Light rubbing to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, front hinge cracked, rear hinge starting, small adhesive residue to rear pastedown. Light toning to interior, handwritten page numbers to upper corners, light soiling to first and final leaves. \$350.

* Only edition. Issued to address the issue of Sunday being "much broken and prophaned by a disorderly sort of people, in frequenting Taverns, Alehouses, and the like, and in carrying and putting to sale Victuall, and other things, and exercising unlawfull Games and Pastimes," this pamphlet details a March 1642 order for the enforcement of the Sabbath in London. OCLC locates 3 copies, 2 in North America, Huntington Library and NY Public Library; the ESTC adds Folger Shakespeare and Harvard. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R20058. [Order This Item](#)



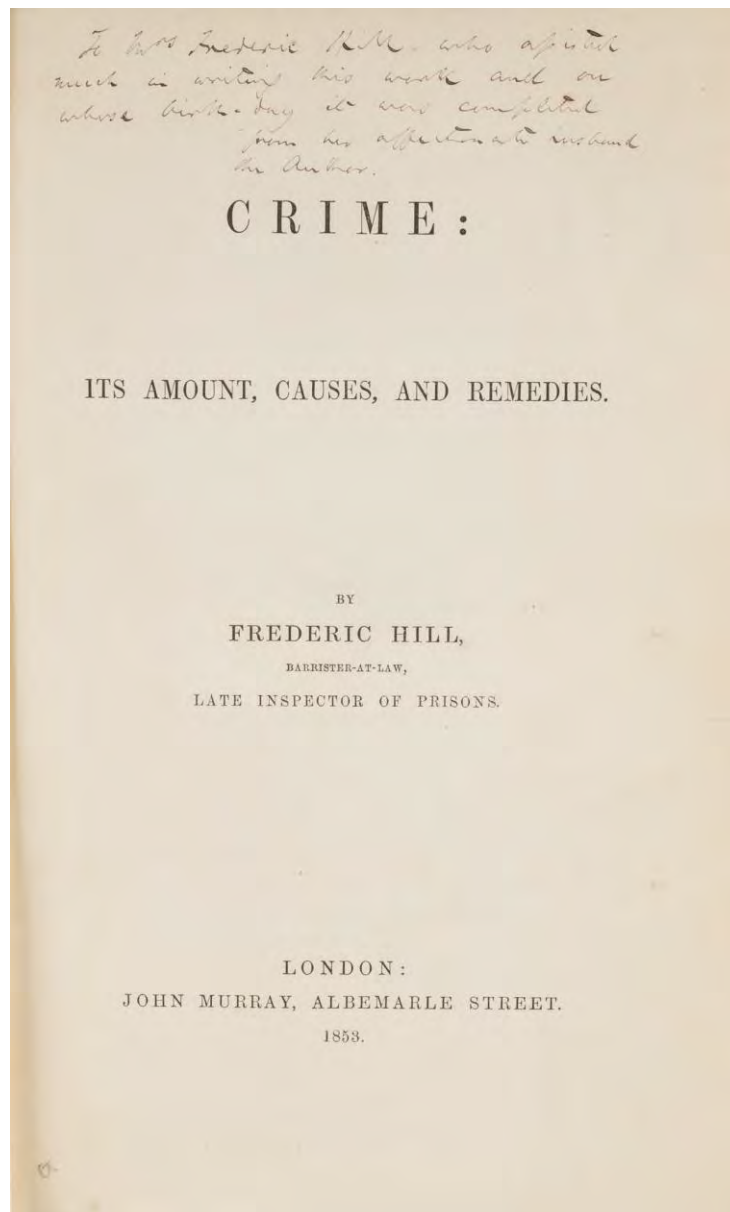
A Handsome Image Signed by Hand

13. Hand, Learned [1872-1961].

[8-1/4" x 10" *Black-and-White Portrait Photograph of Hand, Signed by Hand*]. [New York?, c.1945]. Minor wear to corners, small chip to image near upper margin, "Learned Hand/ October 9, 1945" to upper left-hand corner of image. \$450.

* One of the most important American jurists of the twentieth century, Hand was a judge of the U.S. Southern District of New York from 1904-1924 and a judge of the Court of Appeals, Second Circuit, from 1924 to 1956. His judgments were renowned for their lucidity and elegance. [Order This Item](#)

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Criminality is Not an Innate Character Trait

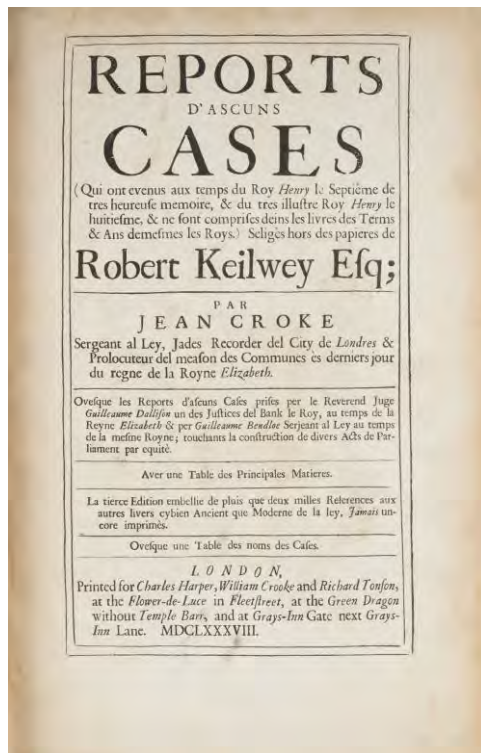
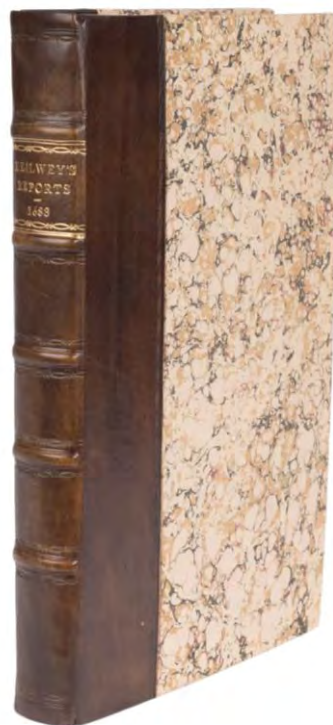
14. Hill, Frederic [1803-1896].

Crime: Its Amount, Causes, And Remedies. London: John Murray, 1853. xvi 443 pp. Octavo (8-3/4" x 5-1/2").

Recent cloth, calf lettering piece to spine, endpapers renewed. Light soiling, light rubbing to lettering piece. Moderate toning to interior, light foxing to a few leaves, presentation inscription from the author to his wife at head of title page. \$400.

* Only edition. The author was prison inspector in Scotland. He argues that criminality is not an innate character trait. It is the result of poverty, poor education, addiction and bad laws. These are the beliefs that inform his approach to punishment and imprisonment. Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 2:166. [Order This Item](#)

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The Best Edition of Keilwey's *Reports*

15. Keilwey, Robert [1497-1581].

Croke, Sir John [1553-1620], Editor.

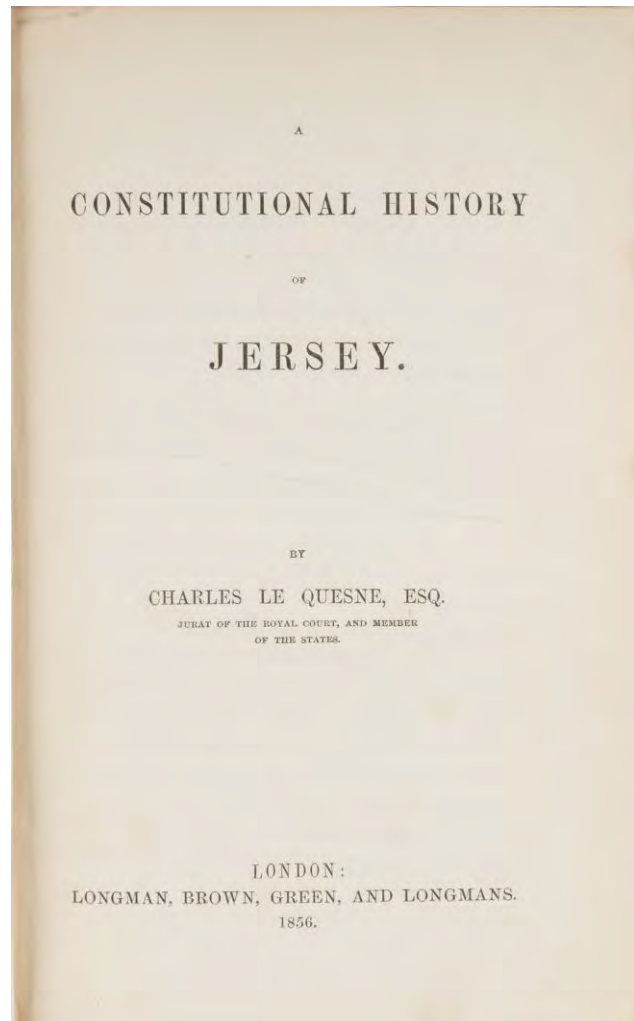
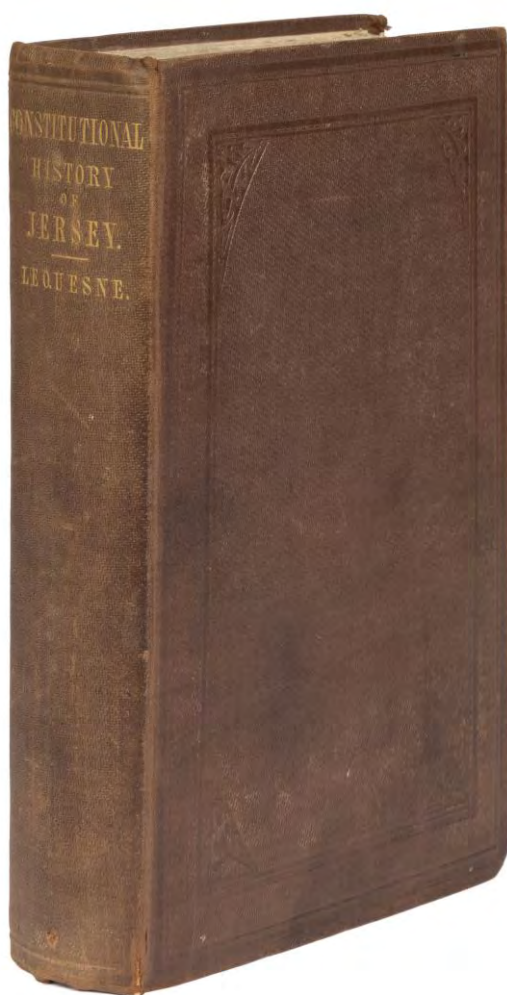
Benloe (Bendlowes), William [1516-1584].

Dalison, Sir William [d. 1559].

Reports d'Ascuns Cases (Qui ont Evenus aux Temps du Roy Henry le Septième de Tres Heureuse Memoire, & Du Tres Illustre Roy Henry le Huitiesme, & Ne Sont Comprises Deins les Livres des Terms & Ans Demesmes les Roys.) Seligés hors des Papiers de Robert Keilwey Esq; Par Jean Croke Sergeant al Ley, Jades Recorder del City de Londres & Prolocuteur del Meason des Communes ès Derniers Jour du Regne de la Roynie Elizabeth. Ovesque les Reports d'Ascuns Cases Prises per le Reverend Juge Guilleaume Dallison un des Justices del Bank le Roy, Au Temps de la Reyne Elizabeth & Per Guilleaume Bendloe Serjeant al Ley au Temps de la Mesme Roynie; Touchants la Construction de Divers Acts de Parliament par Equité. Aver [sic] Une Table des Principales Matieres. La Tierce Edition Embellie de Plus que Deux Milles References Aux Autres Livres Cybien Ancien que Moderne de la Ley, Jamais Uncore Imprimés. Ovesque une Table des Noms des Cases. London: Printed for Charles Harper, William Croke and Richard Tonson, 1688. [vii], 215, [14] ff. Folio (12" x 7-1/2").

Recent quarter calf over marbled boards, blind fillets to calf edge, raised bands, blind fillets and gilt title to spine, endpapers renewed, early hand-lettered title to fore-edge of text block. Moderate toning to interior, occasional light foxing, light soiling in a few places, faint adhesive residue to verso of title page, small tears to bottom-edges of leaves Mm3-4 (ff. 207-208) mended with cellotape without loss to text. A handsome copy. \$650.

* Third, final and best edition, preceded by two editions in Latin (1602, 1633). Reporting cases from 1495 to 1531, this volume "records many decisions in these reigns [12 Hen. VII-22 Hen. VIII], not printed in any prior reports, and contains, in addition, some cases *incerti temporis*, and some *temp. Ed. III*. Appended to the 2d and 3d editions...are some cases by Dalison and Benloe." Wallace, *The Reporters* 119-121. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R4204. [Order This Item](#)



The First History of the Laws and Legal Institutions of Jersey

16. Le Quesne, Charles.

A Constitutional History of Jersey. London: Longman, Brown, Green, and Longmans, 1856. viii, 626, 24 pp. Includes 24-page publisher catalogue. Additional publisher advertisements to endleaves. Octavo (8-3/4" x 5-1/2").

Contemporary textured cloth, blind frames, with corner fleurons, to boards, gilt title and blind fillets to spine. Light rubbing and a few minor stains to boards and spine, moderate rubbing to extremities. Moderate toning to interior, light foxing to preliminaries, owner inscription, of J.G. Le Quesne, to verso of front free endpaper. \$650.

* First edition. Jersey, the largest Crown Dependency in the Channel Islands, has a legal system based on Norman customary law, English common law and French civil law. Le Quesne's was the first history of this fascinating legal system. The later chapters provide a great deal of general historical, economic and sociological data. OCLC locates 6 copies, none in North America. This copy was probably owned by one of the author's relatives. Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 2:400. [Order This Item](#)



A Spanish Dissertation on Magna Carta

17. Lopez y Gonzalez de Cano, Ramon.

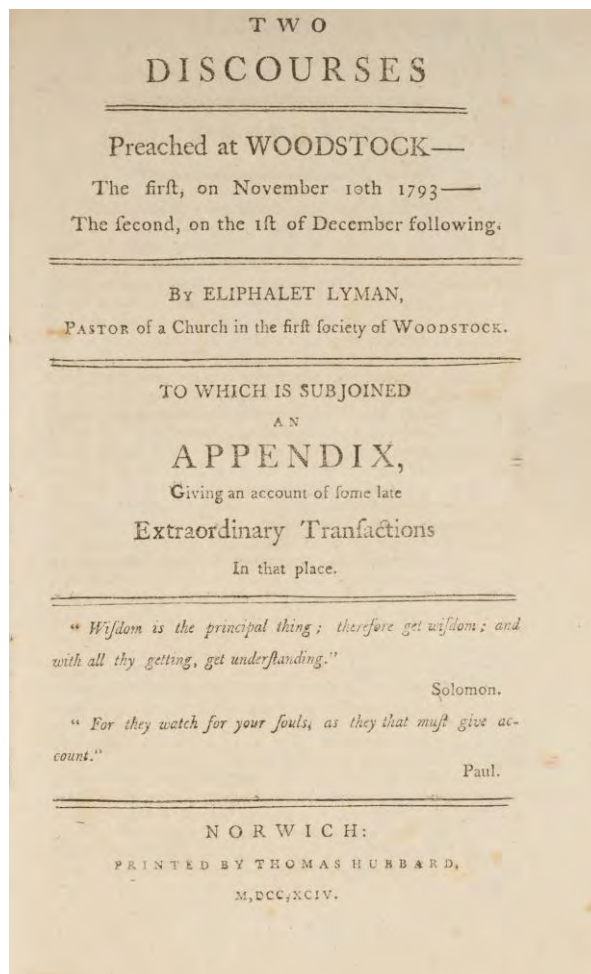
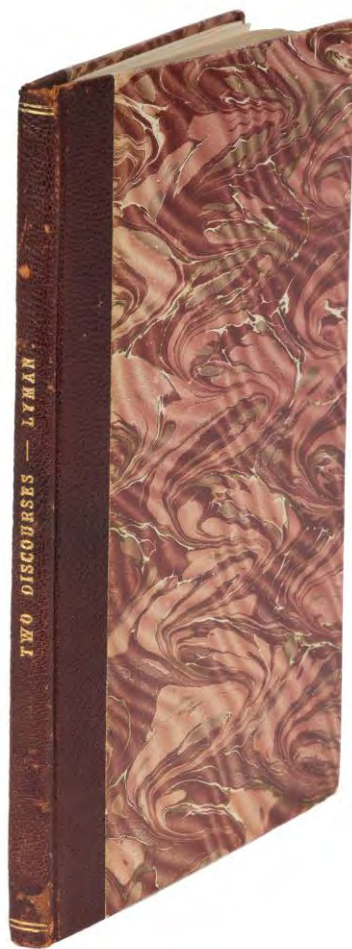
Antecedentes y Exámen de la Carta Magna. Discurso Leido en la Universidad Central por D. Ramon Lopez y Gonzalez de Cano, En el Acto Solemne de Recibir la Investidura de Doctor en la Facultad de Filosofia. (Seccion de Administation.) Madrid: Imprenta y Estereotipia de M. Rivadeneyra, 1859. 15, [1] pp. Quarto (9-1/4" x 6-1/4").

Stab-stitched pamphlet in recent marbled wrappers, paper label with handwritten title to front wrapper. Lower right corner of label loosening slightly. Light toning to interior, small faint stain to title page not affecting text. \$450.

* Only edition. In this interesting speech on the background and implications of Magna Carta, given as part of a doctoral program, Lopez praises the document and suggests its influence and utility beyond Great Britain. OCLC locates 3 copies of this title, all in Spain (National Library of Spain, Complutense University of Madrid, University of Valencia).

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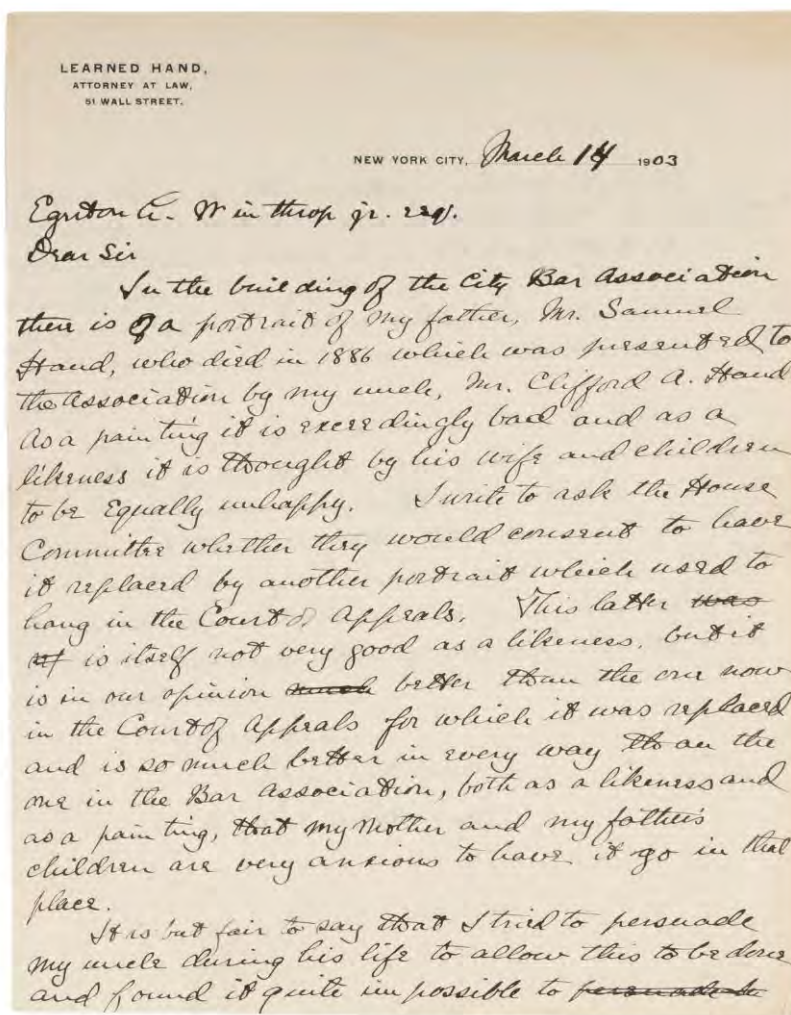
"Extraordinary Transactions" At Woodstock, Connecticut

18. Lyman, Eliphalet [1754-1836].

Two Discourses Preached at Woodstock- The First, On November 10th 1793- The Second, On the 1st of December Following. By Eliphalet Lyman, Pastor of a Church in the First Society of Woodstock. To Which is Subjoined an Appendix, Giving an Account of Some Late Extraordinary Transactions in That Place. Norwich, CT: Printed by Thomas Hubbard, 1794. 65, [1] pp. Octavo (7-3/4" x 4-3/4").

Stab-stitched pamphlet bound in recent quarter morocco over marbled boards, gilt fillets and title to spine, edges rouged, recent bookplate (of the New Hampshire Historical Society) to front pastedown. Light rubbing to boards and extremities, light wear to head of spine and corners. Moderate toning to interior, light foxing to a few pages, recent small faint ink stamp and early ownership signature (of Sarah C. Williams) to p. [3]. \$350.

* Only edition. In 1792, Lyman and an associate disrupted the service of local minister Oliver Dodge, who had been given permission to preach at Lyman's church against Lyman's wishes. After loudly reading a remonstrance against Dodge's character, the two were arrested for disturbing the peace. Lyman's objections to Dodge were borne out in 1799 when Dodge was excommunicated from his own church after giving a drunken, profanity-laden sermon. *English Short-Title Catalogue* W28417. [Order This Item](#)



"As a Painting It is Exceedingly Bad"

19. [Manuscript].

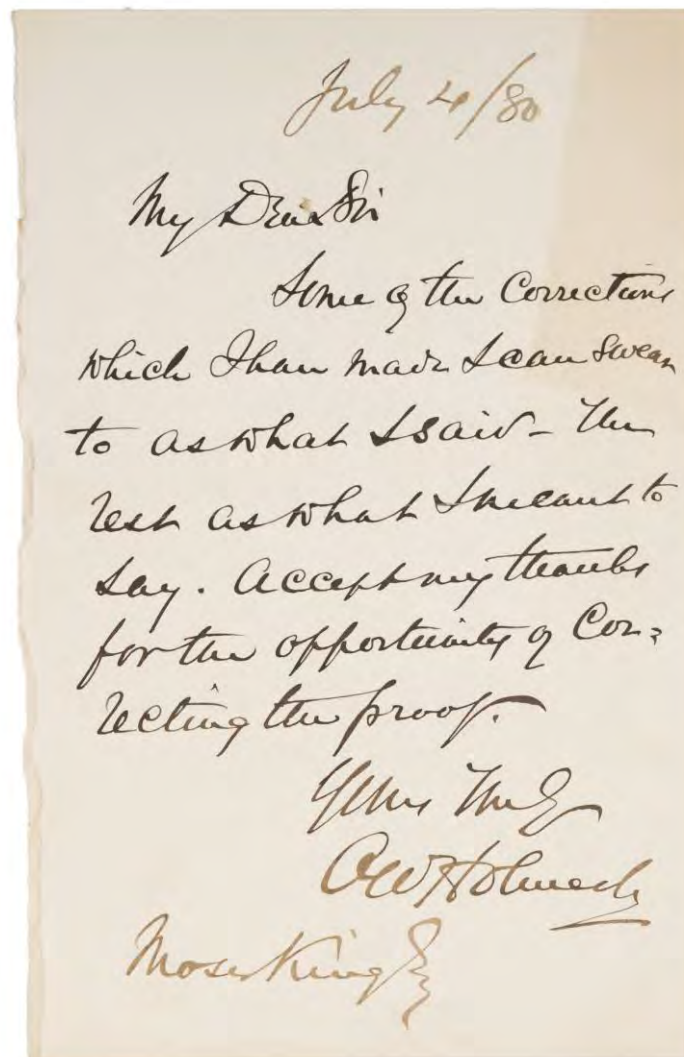
Hand, Learned [1872-1961].

[Winthrop, Egerton Leigh, Jr. (1862-1926)].

[Autograph Letter, Signed, On Hand's Law Office Letterhead, New York, March 14, 1903].

Two 11" x 8-1/2" leaves, lightly toned, vertical and horizontal fold lines, content in neat hand to rectos. \$750.

* Hand asks Winthrop, chair of the New York City Bar Association's House Committee, to consider an offer to exchange the Association's portrait of his father, Judge Samuel Hand [1834-1886], with another one, which he would provide. Hand wanted to do this because he felt the Association's portrait is "[as] a painting exceedingly bad and as a likeness it is thought by his wife and children to be equally unhappy." One of the most important American jurists of the twentieth century, Hand was a judge of the U.S. Southern District of New York from 1904-1924 and a judge of the Court of Appeals, Second Circuit, from 1924 to 1956. His judgments were renowned for their lucidity and elegance. At the time of this letter he was a lawyer on Wall Street. [Order This Item](#)



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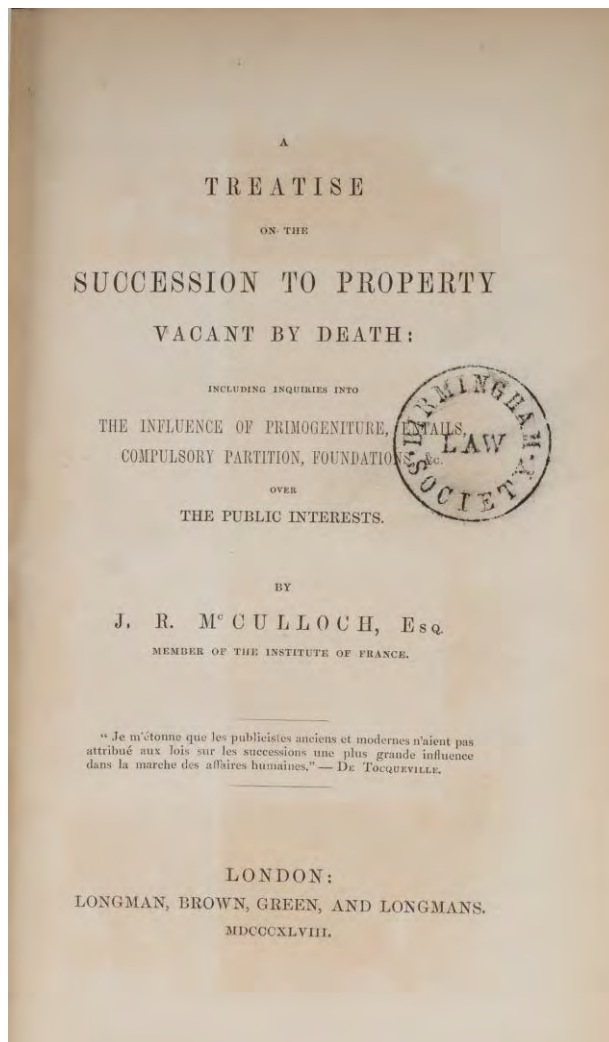
Holmes, Oliver Wendell, Jr. [1841-1935].

[King, Moses (1853-1909)].

[Autograph Letter, Signed "O W Holmes," Boston (?), July 4, 1880].

6-3/4" x 4-1/2" sheet, content to recto. Faint horizontal fold line, negligible offsetting to upper-right corner. Letter accompanied by typed transcription. \$950.

* Holmes's letter dates from the period when he was practicing law in Boston and active as a legal scholar. King, a Harvard graduate, was an editor and publisher who specialized in guidebooks. In this letter Holmes thanks King for allowing him to correct the proof for an un-named publication, possibly the second edition of King's *Harvard and Its Surroundings* (1880), noting "Some of the corrections which I have made I can swear to as what I said - the rest as what I meant to say." [Order This Item](#)



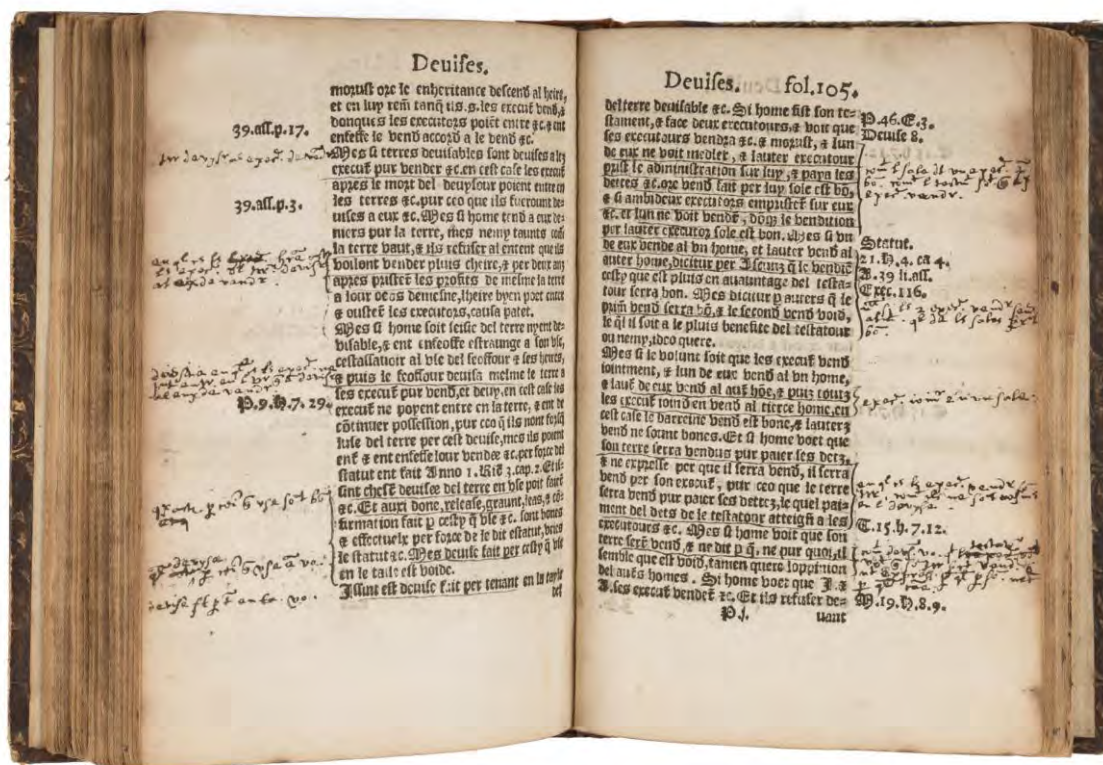
An Expert on Political Economy Defends Primogeniture and Entail

21. McCulloch, J[ohn] R[amsay] [1789-1864].

A Treatise on the Succession to Property Vacant by Death: Including Inquiries into the Influence of Primogeniture, Entails, Compulsory Partition, Foundations, &c. Over the Public Interests. London: Longman, Brown, Green, and Longmans, 1848. vi, [2], 193, [1] pp. Octavo (8-1/2" x 5-1/4").

Near-contemporary pebbled cloth, recently rebacked, gilt institution name to front board, gilt institution insignia to rear board, lettering piece to spine, endpapers renewed. Moderate toning to interior, faint inkstamps to title page and a few other leaves. \$650.

* Only edition. McCulloch was comptroller of the Stationary Office and one of the first experts on public finance. In addition to this work and related articles in the *Scotsman*, *Edinburgh Review* and *Encyclopedia Britannica*, he compiled and annotated the *Literature of Political Economy*, an important reference work. His *Treatise on the Succession to Property Vacant by Death* is a carefully argued defense of the law of primogeniture and entail. *Kress Library of Business and Economics Catalogue* C.7477. Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 2:224. [Order This Item](#)



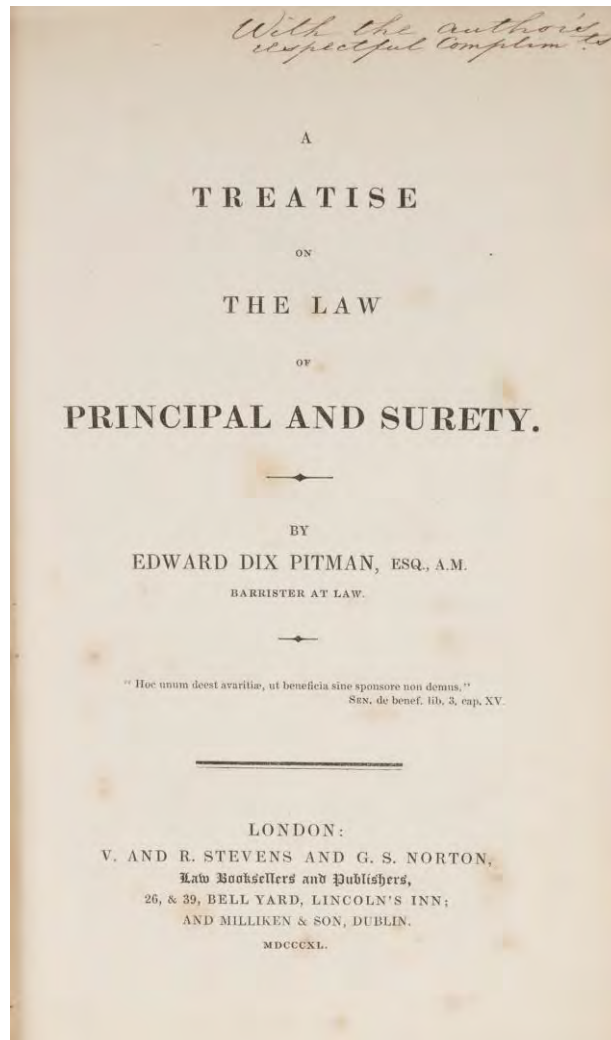
"A Profitable Booke"

22. Perkins, John [d. 1545].

A Profitable Booke of Master John Perkins, Fellowe of the Inner Temple. Treating of the Lawes of Englande. [London]: Apud Richardum Tottell, [1581]. [xx], 168 ff. Octavo (5-1/2" x 3-3/4").

Contemporary calf, blind rules and large central arabesques to boards, rebacked, lettering piece and blind fillets to spine, corners and board edges repaired, blind tooling to inner board edges, endpapers and endleaves renewed. Light wear to boards, some rubbing to joints, front board just starting at head but secure, rear board just starting near foot, both boards secure, corners bumped and somewhat worn, small recent mark in ink to rear pastedown. Moderate toning to interior, minor edgewear to title page, lower corners of a few leaves lacking without loss to text, portion of fore-edge of f. 23 lacking with minor loss to side notes but no loss to main text, light foxing to last few leaves, occasional early annotations and underlining in ink, possible early ownership signatures to title page. \$1,250.

* Later edition of a work first published in 1528. Main text in Law-French, preface in Latin. A popular work during the sixteenth and early seventeenth centuries that was held in high regard by Coke, Perkins' *Profitable Booke* went through numerous editions in both English and Law-French. Devoted mostly to the land law as developed in the Year Books, it is divided into the following topics: grants, deeds, feoffments, exchanges, dower, curtesy, wills, devises, surrenders, reservations, and conditions. The annotations in our copy seem to consist of both case citations and notes on the content. OCLC locates 2 copies of this title, 1 in North America (Yale University). The ESTC adds North American copies at Folger Shakespeare, Harvard Law School, Huntington Library, University of Illinois and University of Minnesota. Holdsworth, *History of English Law* V:388. *English Short-Title Catalogue* S110411. Beale, *Bibliography of Early English Law Books* T423. [Order This Item](#)



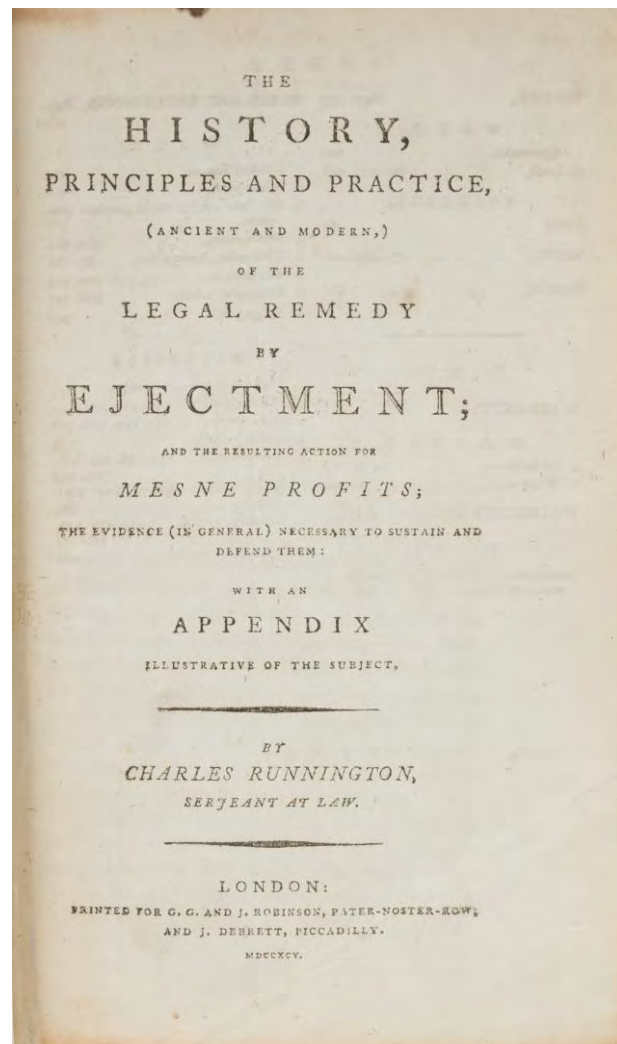
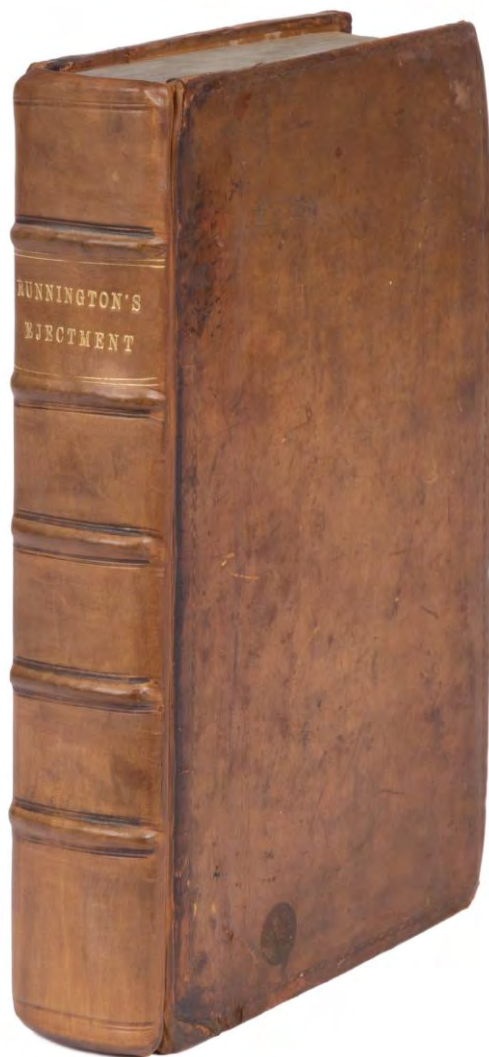
Pitman on Principal and Surety

23. Pitman, Edward Dix.

A Treatise on the Law of Principal And Surety. London: V. and R. Stevens and G.S. Norton, 1840. xxxii, 259 pp. Octavo (8-1/4" x 5-1/4").

Contemporary calf, blind rules and fillets to boards, raised bands, blind fillets and lettering piece to spine. Light rubbing and a few minor nicks and stains to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, some chipping to head of spine, corners bumped, hinges cracked. Moderate toning to interior, negligible light foxing in a few places, presentation inscription from author to head of title page. \$350.

* First edition. "The principal parts of the following pages consist of notes collected by the author in the course of his reading, and for his own use, without any view to publication. [He] (...) thought that these notes, with some additions and alterations, might be made useful as a Summary of the Law on which his book professes to treat (iii). This title was reissued in Philadelphia in 1843. The reissue is fairly common, but the original issue is not; no copies are listed on OCLC. Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 2:282. [Order This Item](#)



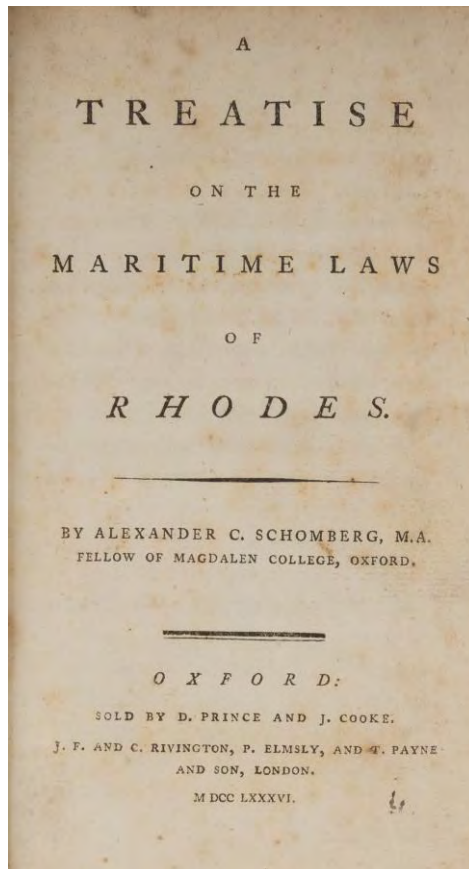
The Last Significant Treatise on Ejectment

24. Runnington, Charles [1751-1821].

The History, Principles and Practice, (Ancient and Modern,) of the Legal Remedy by Ejectment; And the Resulting Action for Mesne Profits; The Evidence (in General) Necessary to Sustain and Defend Them: With an Appendix Illustrative of the Subject. London: Printed for G. G. and J. Robinson, 1795. pp. 11, [7], 537, [23] pp. Octavo (8-1/4" x 5").

Contemporary calf, rebaked in period style, blind fillets to boards, raised bands and gilt title to spine, endpapers renewed. Light rubbing and a few minor scuffs to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, corners bumped and lightly worn. Moderate toning to interior, light foxing to a few leaves, faint crease to lower corner of title page. \$300.

* First edition. The last significant treatise on ejectment, this book was based on the author's highly praised *Treatise on the Action of Ejectment* (1781). It is, in all respects, a complementary work. Its second and final edition was published in 1820. (A reprint of the first edition was issued in New York in 1806.) *English Short-Title Catalogue* N9792. [Order This Item](#)



Studies of Rhodian and Roman Law by a Notable Oxford Poet-Scholar

25. Schomberg, Alexander Croucher [1756-1792].

A Treatise on the Maritime Laws of Rhodes. Oxford: Sold by D. Prince and J. Cooke. J.F. And C. Rivington, P. Elmsly, And T. Payne and Son, London, 1786. 109, [3] pp.

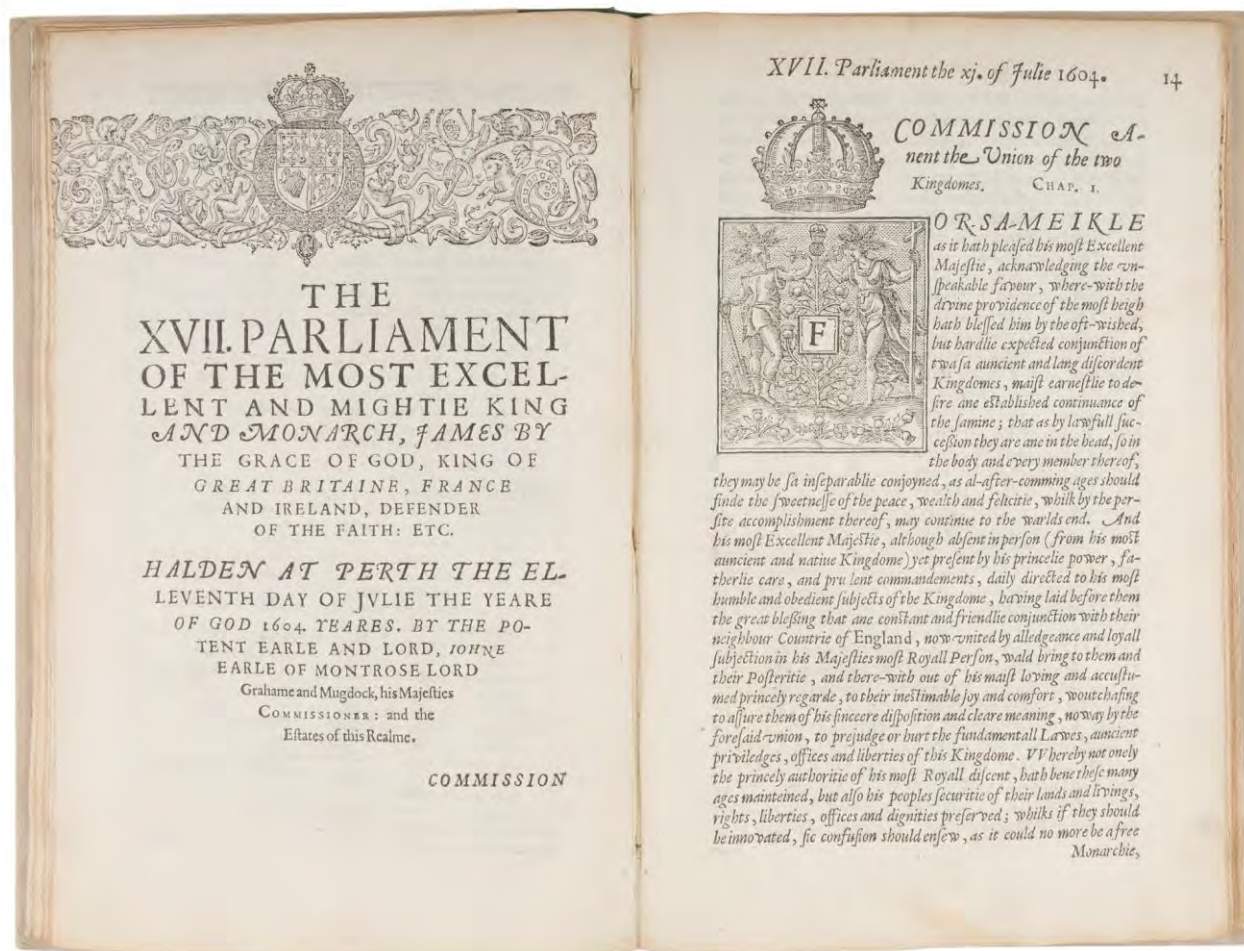
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Schomberg, Alexander Croucher.

An Historical and Chronological View of Roman Law. With Notes and Illustrations. Oxford: Printed for D. Prince And J. Cooke. Sold by J.F. And C. Rivington, P. Elmsly, And T. Payne and Son, London, 1785. [viii], 204, [4] pp.

Octavo (7-1/2" x 4-1/2"). Nineteenth-century morocco by Cedric Chivers of Bath, blind rules to boards, raised bands, gilt fillets and lettering piece to spine, "1786" and "Schomberg" gilt-stamped to foot, edges rouged, marbled endpapers. Moderate rubbing to extremities, front joint just starting at ends, front hinge starting, armorial bookplate to front pastedown. Moderate toning, light foxing in a few places, owner signature, "Arthur Schomberg/ Send, Wilts/ 1895," to verso of front free endpaper, small embossed Chivers stamp to following endleaf. \$850.

* First editions. Schomberg, a fellow of Magdalen College, Oxford, was a notable poet and scholar of law and political economy. Our volume, which was probably compiled by a relative, contains his two principal works on legal history. The study of Roman law was a well-received work that had two editions in French published in Paris in 1793 and 1808. The study of the maritime laws of Rhodes is scarce. OCLC locates 15 copies, 6 in North America, 3 in law libraries (Harvard, Library of Congress, Social Law). It was reprinted in John R. McCulloch, Ed., *A Select Collection of Scarce and Valuable Economic Tracts* (1859). *English Short-Title Catalogue* T116248, T146944. [Order This Item](#)



Scottish Acts from 1600-1609

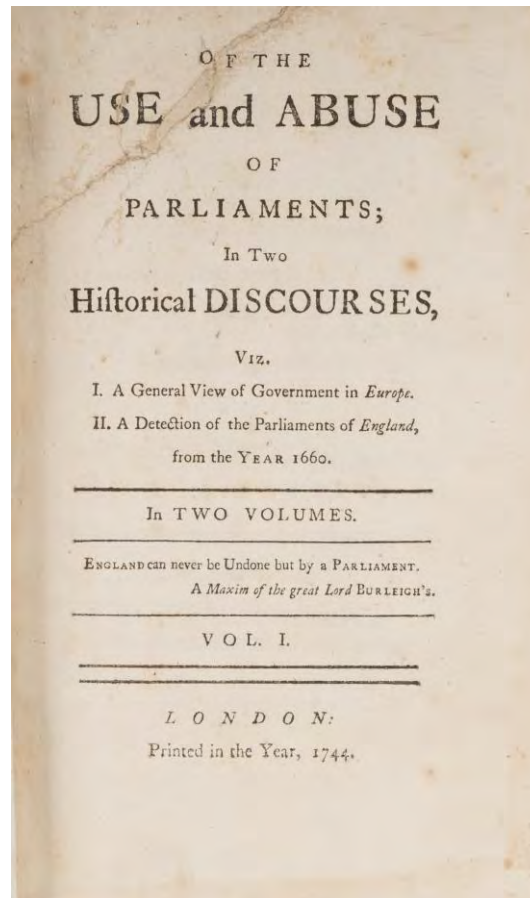
26. [Scotland].

Skene, John [1543?-1617], Compiler.

The Lawes and Acts of Parliament Made be the Most Excellent and Mightie King and Monarch James be the Grace of God, King of Great Britane, France and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, &c. Since His Maiesties XV. Parliament the XIX Day of December 1597. Collected, Revised and Extracted Foorth of the Register of his H. Kingdome of Scotland. With ane Table of the Principall Matters Contained Therein. Edinburgh: Printed be Thomas Finlason, 1611. [i], 40, [2] ff. Folio (10-1/2" x 6-1/2").

Stab-stitched pamphlet bound in recent quarter cloth over plain boards, paper title label to front board, edges rouged. Moderate toning to interior, negligible light foxing and soiling to a few leaves, a few cracks to text block, all signatures secure. \$600.

* Only edition. This compilation of Scottish acts covers the sixteenth through twentieth parliaments of James VI from 1600-1609. He became James I of Great Britain and Ireland and removed to England in 1603. Highlights include acts regulating bishops and other religious leaders and an "Act Against Skandalous Speeches and Lybels." *English Short-Title Catalogue* S116978. [Order This Item](#)



The Use and Abuse of Parliaments

27. [Sidney, Algernon (1622-1683)].

[Ralph, James (1705-1762)].

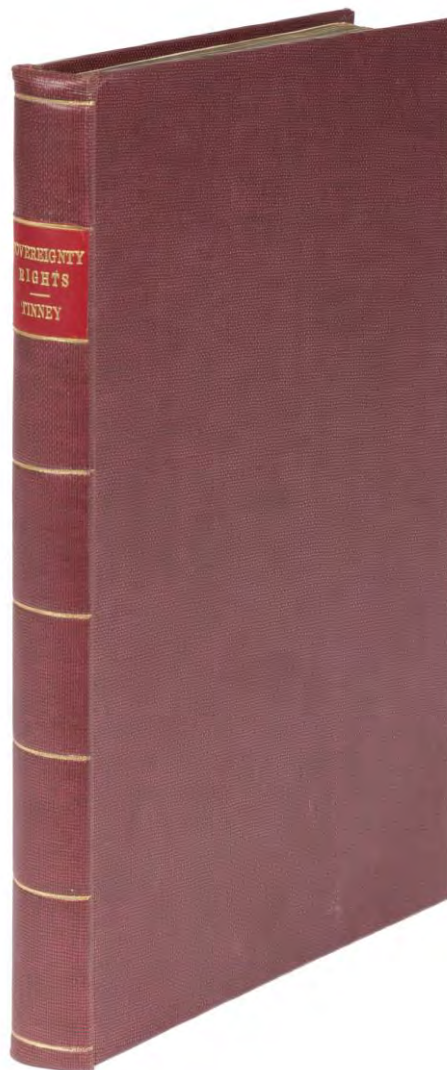
Of the Use and Abuse of Parliaments; In Two Historical Discourses, Viz. I. A General View of Government in Europe. II. A Detection of the Parliaments of England, From the Year 1660. London: S.n., 1744. Two volumes. [iv], 332, *333-338*; [ii], *333-336*, 337-684, 665-718 pp. Pagination irregular but continuous. Lacking half-titles and errata leaf. Octavo (7-3/4" x 4-3/4").

Recent cloth, gilt titles to spines, endpapers renewed. Moderate toning and occasional light foxing to interiors, light soiling in a few places, repair to head of title page of Volume I, note in early hand identifying Sidney as author at foot of p. [iii] of Volume I, library stamp to foot of p. 718 of Volume II. \$200.

* First edition. Sidney was one of England's great republican political theorists. A member of the middle part of the Long Parliament and commissioner of the trial of King Charles I of England, he opposed the king's execution. Sidney was later charged with plotting against Charles II, convicted and executed for treason. His death secured his status as a Whig hero-martyr.

Born in New Jersey, James Ralph was a versatile writer of literary works, histories and political criticism. He began his career in Philadelphia, where he associated with Benjamin Franklin. He traveled with Franklin to London in 1725 and remained there for the rest of his life. An author of some stature, he worked closely with Henry Fielding and was one of the writers satirized in Pope's *Dunciad*. A second edition was published in 1745. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T131624.

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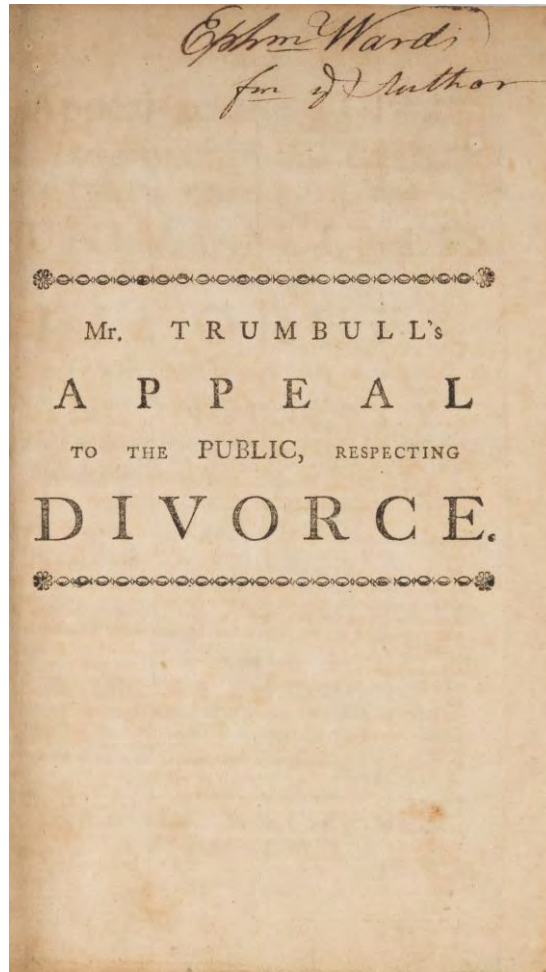
"A Sect of Reformers, Still Militant Among Us"

28. Tinney, John Pern.

The Rights of the Sovereignty Vindicated. With Particular Reference to Political Doctrines of the Edinburgh Review, And of Other Periodical Publications. London: Printed by and for C. and R. Baldwin, And for Brodie and Co., Salisbury, 1809. [viii], 210, [1] pp. Octavo (8-1/4" x 5").

Later library cloth, gilt fillets and lettering piece to spine, endpapers renewed, ribbon marker. Moderate toning to interior, library stamps to title page and a few other leaves. \$250.

* Reprint of the only edition, 1803. Tinney was a conservative journalist and critic. A response to the social movements of the period, *The Rights of the Sovereign* defends, to quote its dedication, "the institutions of society, against a sect of reformers, still militant among us" (5). Including both issues, OCLC locates 20 copies in North America, none in a law library. Not in Sweet & Maxwell or the *British Museum Catalogue*. [Order This Item](#)



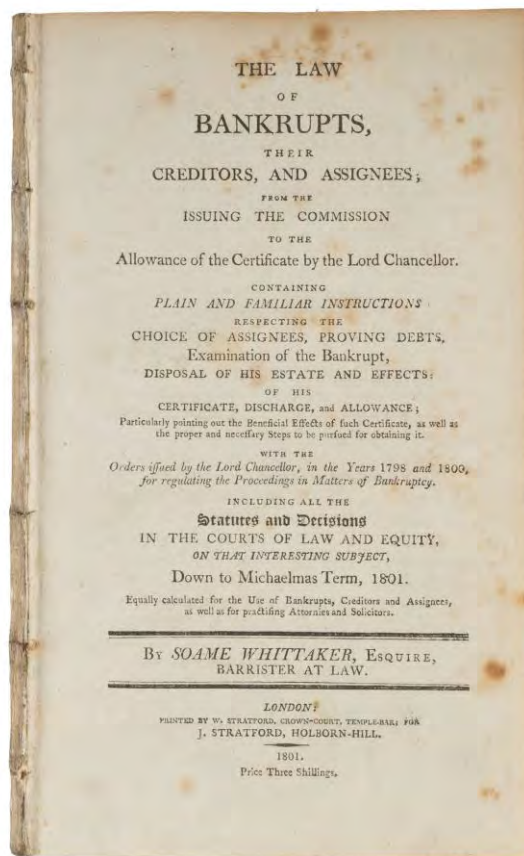
A Post-Revolutionary Critique of Connecticut Divorce Law

29. Trumbull, Benjamin [1735-1820].

An Appeal to the Public, Especially to the Learned, with Respect to the Unlawfulness of Divorces, in All Cases, Excepting Those of Incontinency: The Substance of the Argument Was Pleaded Before the Consociation of the County of New-Haven, December 9th, 1785: to Which an Appendix is Subjoined, Exhibiting a General View of the Laws and Customs of Connecticut, and of Their Deficiency Respecting the Point in Dispute. New-Haven: Printed by J. Meigs, 1788. 53, [1] pp. Octavo (7-1/4" x 5").

Stab-stitched pamphlet in marbled wrappers. Light rubbing to wrappers and chipping to spine. Light toning to interior, light foxing in a few places. Inscription to head of title reading "Ephraim Ward, from the Author." An appealing copy. \$500.

* First edition. Trumbull, a Congregational minister, attacks the leniency of Connecticut's divorce laws and argues for their reform. With an argument based in scripture, Trumbull shows that divorces are "opposed to the authority of Jesus Christ." The text of his sermon is followed by an appendix which reviews contemporary Connecticut divorce laws and compares them to those of the other New England states, ancient Rome, the early Christian church and the Jews of the Old Testament. A second edition was published in 1819 with additional material by Timothy Dwight as *What Therefore God Hath Joined Together, let Not Man put Asunder: An Appeal to the Public with Respect to the Unlawfulness of Divorces*. Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 4788. [Order This Item](#)



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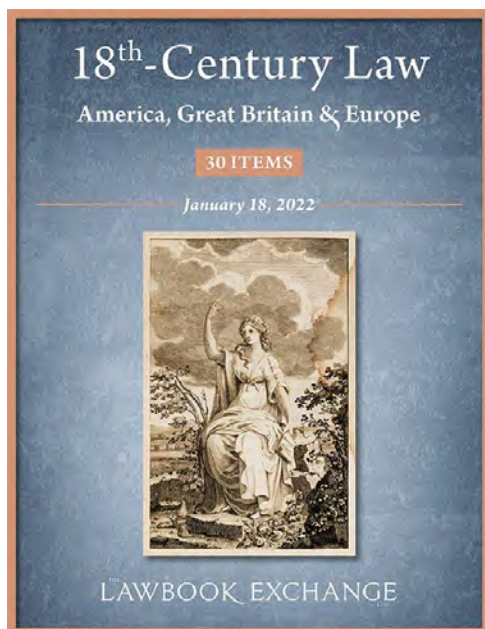
30. Whittaker, Soame.

The Law of Bankrupts, Their Creditors, And Assignees; From the Issuing the Commission to the Allowance of the Certificate by the Lord Chancellor. Containing Plain and Familiar Instructions Respecting the Choice of Assignees, Proving Debts, Examination of the Bankrupt, Disposal of His Estate and Effects; Of His Certificate, Discharge, And Allowance; Particularly Pointing Out the Beneficial Effects of Such Certificate, As Well as the Proper and Necessary Steps to be Pursued for Obtaining It. With the Orders Issued by the Lord Chancellor, In the Years 1798 and 1800, For Regulating the Proceedings in Matters of Bankruptcy. Including All the Statutes and Decisions in the Courts of Law and Equity, On that Interesting Subject, Down to Michaelmas Term, 1801. Equally Calculated for the Use of Bankrupts, Creditors, And Assignees, As Well as for Practising Attornies and Solicitors. London: Printed by W. Stratford; For J. Stratford, 1801. iv, 100, [8] pp. Octavo (8-1/4" x 5").

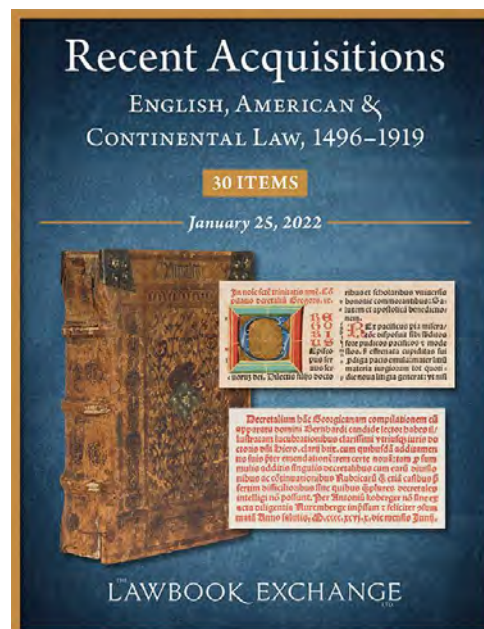
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* First edition. A practical guide to bankruptcy law and procedure written for professional and lay readers. A second edition, published in 1807, was reissued in 1808; a fourth (and presumably final) edition was published in 1817. All editions of this work are rare. OCLC locates copies of the first edition in 4 libraries (Harvard Law School, UC-Berkeley Law School, University of Georgia Law School, British Library). Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* II:379. [Order This Item](#)

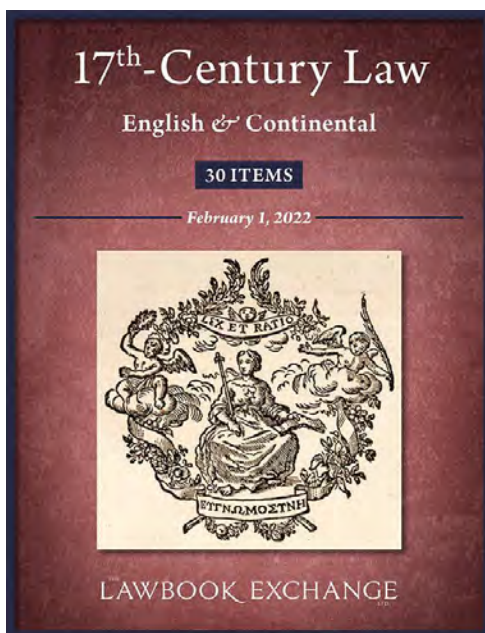
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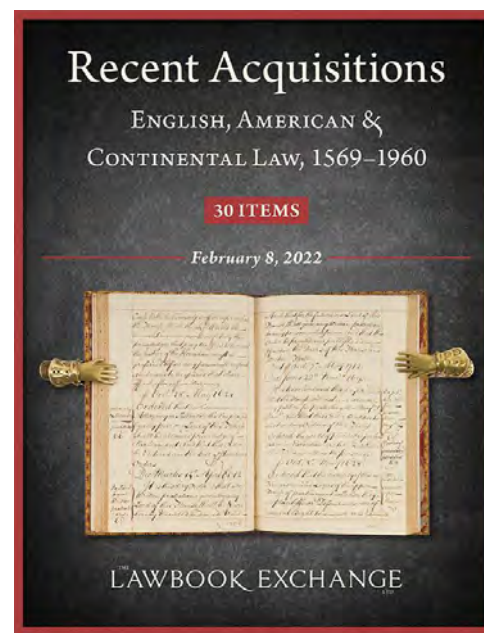
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