

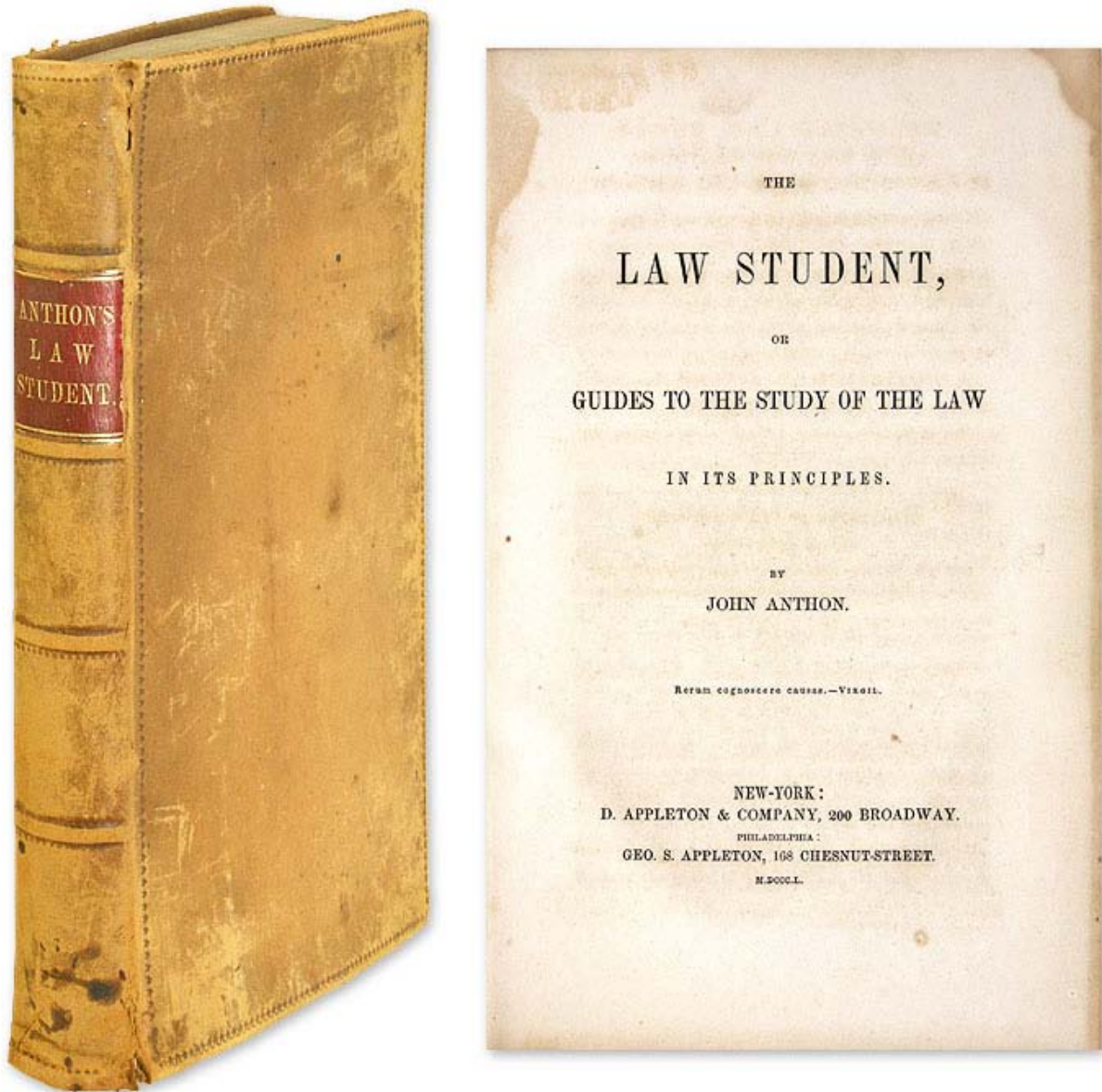
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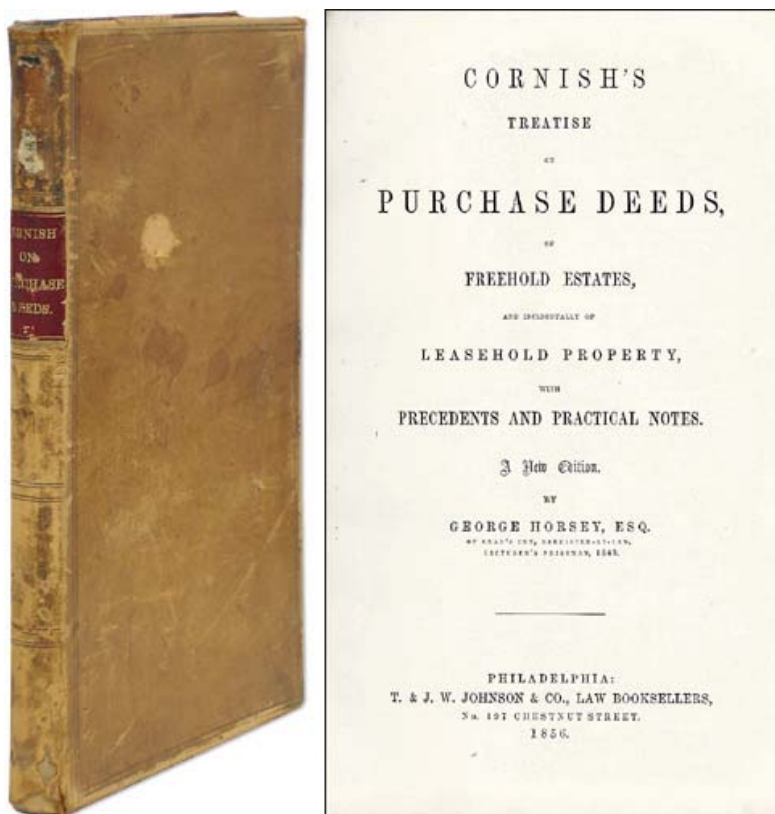
An 1850 Handbook for Aspiring Lawyers

1. Anthon, John [1784-1863].

The Law Student, Or Guides to the Study of the Law in Its Principles. New York: D. Appleton & Company, 1850. [ii], [3]-384 pp. Includes two-page publisher's catalogue of "Important New Law Books." Octavo (9-1/2" x 6").

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* Only edition. Anthon was a lawyer in New York and the author of several widely used treatises, including *American Precedents of Declarations* (1802), *The Law of Nisi Prius* (1809) and *An Analytical Abridgment of the Commentaries of Sir William Blackstone* (1809), an introductory "nutshell" for students. Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 8583. Order this item: <http://www.lawbookexchange.com/details.php?record=63783>



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2. Cornish, William Floyer [c.1801-1830].

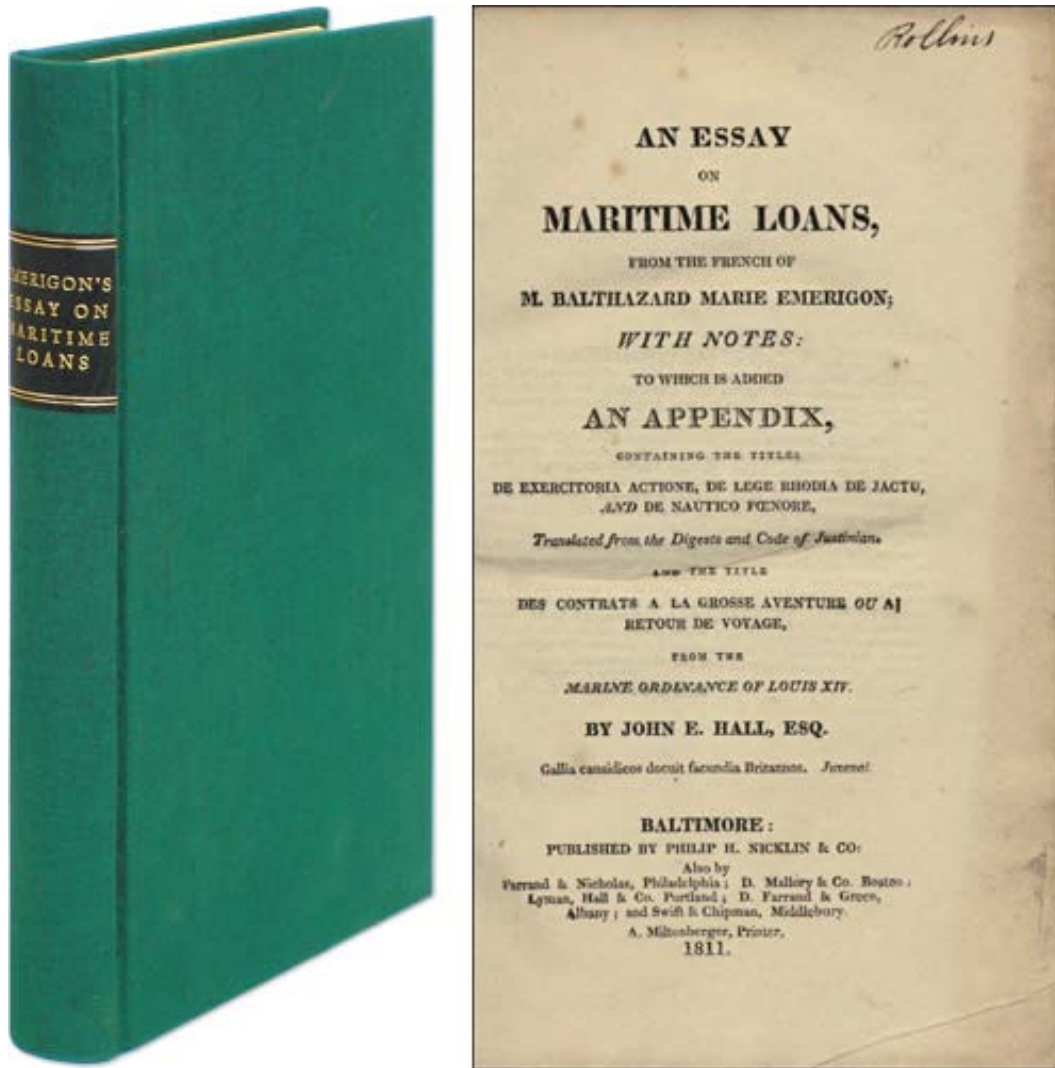
Horsey, George [1819-1899], Editor.

Cornish's Treatise on Purchase Deeds, of Freehold Estates, And Incidentally of Leasehold Property, With Precedents and Practical Notes. Philadelphia: T. & J.W. Johnson & Co., 1856. xxiii, [25]-172, 4 pp. Star-paged. Includes four-page publisher catalogue. Octavo (9" x 5-3/4").

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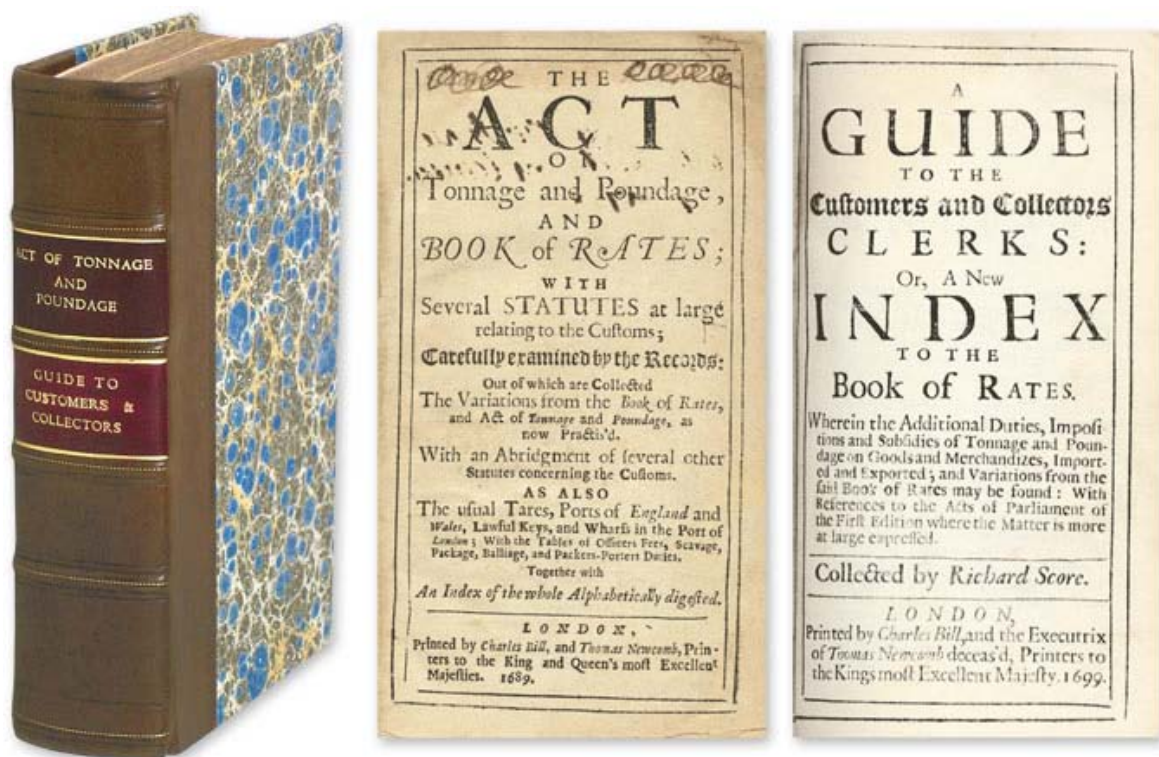
By an "Unrivalled" Authority on Commercial Law

**3. Emerigon, Balthazard-Marie [1716-1785].
[Hall, John E., Translator].**

An Essay on Maritime Loans, From the French; With Notes: To Which is Added an Appendix, Containing the Titles De Exercitoria Actione, De Lege Rhodia de Jactu, and De Nautico Foenore, Translated From the Digest and Code of Justinian. And the Title Des Contracts a la Grosse Aventure ou a Retour de Voyage, From the Marine Ordinance of Louis XIV. Baltimore: Published by Philip H. Nicklin & Co., 1811. xvi, [17]-313, [1] pp. Octavo (8-1/2" x 5-1/4").

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* Only American edition. With notes and references to English and American cases. Emerigon was the leading French authority on commercial law. His work was held in the highest regard by English and American jurists. James Kent observed that "no subject in Emerigon is discussed without being exhausted." Lord Ellenborough said he was an "unrivalled" theorist and practical writer. This treatise on bottomry and respondentia is a useful companion to his treatises on maritime law and maritime insurance. Citations from Marvin, *Legal Bibliography* 293. Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 7060. Order this item: <http://www.lawbookexchange.com/details.php?record=45057>



Two Scarce Seventeenth-Century Titles on English Customs Law

4. England and Wales, Customs Administration.

The Act of Tonnage and Poundage, And Book of Rates; With Several Statutes at Large Relating to the Customs; Carefully Examined by the Records: Out of Which Are Collected the Variations from the Book of Rates, And Act of Tonnage and Poundage, As Now Practis'd. With an Abridgment of Several Other Statutes Concerning the Customs. As Also the Usual Tares, Ports of England and Wales, Lawful Keys, And Wharfs in the Port of London; With the Tables of Officers Fees, Scavage, Package, Balliage, and Packers-Porters Duties. Together With an Index of the Whole Alphabetically Digested. London: Printed by Charles Bill, And Thomas Newcomb, 1689. [xxii], 23-368 pp.

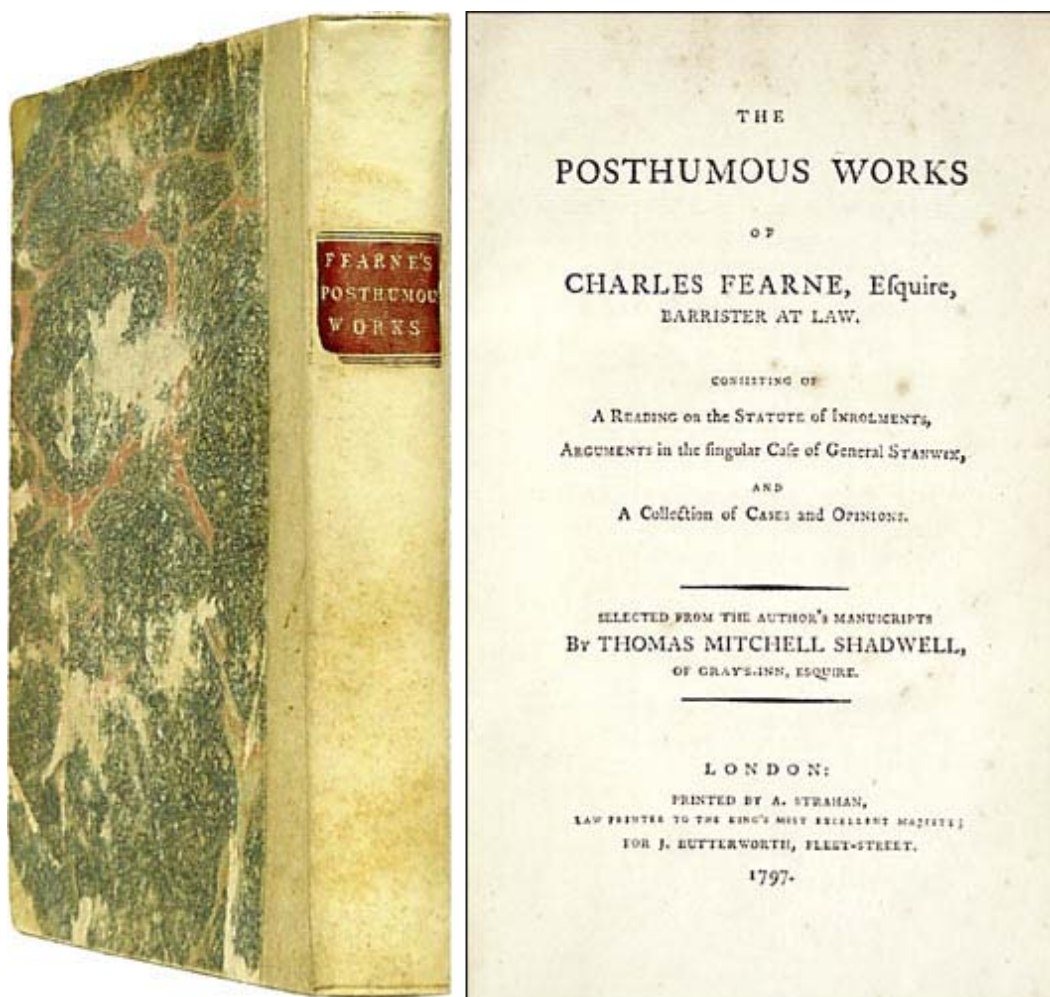
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Score, Richard, Compiler.

A Guide to the Customers and Collectors Clerks: Or, A New Index to the Book of Rates. Wherein the Additional Duties, Impositions and Subsidies of Tonnage and Poundage on Goods and Merchandizes, Imported and Exported; And Variations From the Said Book of Rates May be Found: With References to the Acts of Parliament of the First Edition Where the Matter is More at Large Expressed. London: Printed by Charles Bill, 1699. [x], 232 pp.

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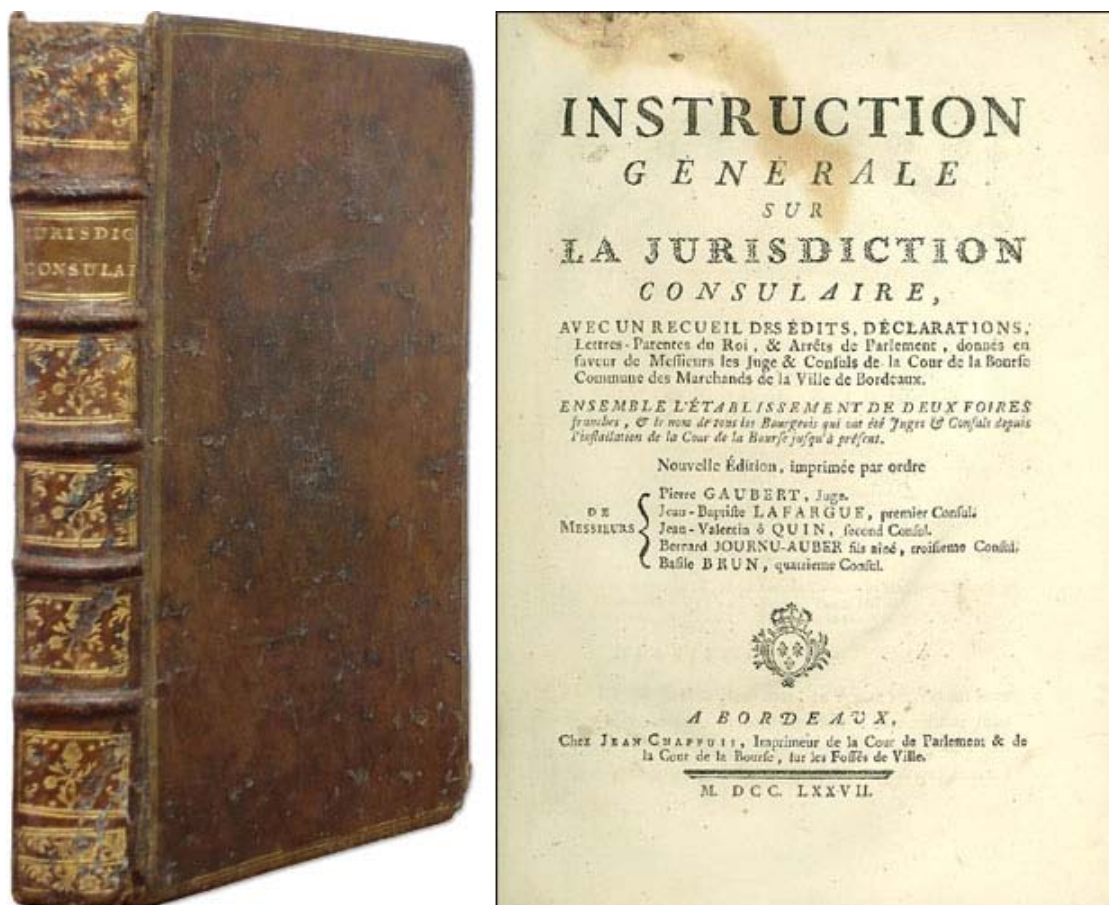
**5. Fearne, Charles [1742-1794].
[Shadwell, Thomas Mitchell, Editor].**

The Posthumous Works, Consisting of a Reading On the Statute of Inrollments, Arguments in the Singular Case of General Stanwix, and a Collection of Cases and Opinions. London: Printed by A. Strahan, 1797. ix, [15], 468, [12] pp. Includes a twelve-page Subscriber list. Octavo (8-1/2" x 5").

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* Fearne wrote an influential treatise on contingent remainders that was praised by Kent and Marvin. The present work was collected from his manuscripts by one of his pupils. Along with cases and opinions, it contains the reading of the Statute of Inrollments delivered in 1778 in Lyons Inn and the interesting case of General Stanwix. "Stanwix and his daughter had perished in the same shipwreck, and the question, as between their representatives, was whether either could be presumed to be the survivor; the case was compromised; but Fearne for his own amusement composed these two arguments for the two claimants." Butler, preface to the seventh edition of *Contingent Remainders* cited in Holdsworth, *History of English Law* XII:374. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T140188.

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Guide to the Pre-Revolutionary Commercial Court of Bordeaux

6. [France].

[Cour de la Bourfe (Bordeaux)].

[Chappuis, Jean, Compiler].

Instruction Generale sur la Jurisdiction Consulaire, Avec un Recueil des Edits, Declaration, Lettres-Patentes du Roi, & Arrêts de Parlement, Donnes en Faveur des Messieurs les Juge & Consuls de la Cour de la Bourfe Commune des Marchands de la Ville de Bordeaux. Ensemble L'Etablissement de Deux Foires Franches, & le Nom de Tous les Bourgeois que Ont ete Juges & Consuls Depuis L'Installation de la Cour de la Bourfe Jusqu'a Present. Bordeaux: Chez Jean Chappuis, 1777. [iv], 537, [11] pp. Quarto (9-1/2" x 7-1/4").

Contemporary tree calf, gilt frames to boards, raised bands, gilt ornaments and lettering piece to spine, marbled edges and endpapers. Moderate rubbing to extremities with wear to spine ends and corners, joints just starting. Several light scuffs and some worm holes to calf covering boards, occasional worming to margins with negligible loss to text, crack to text block between front free endpaper and following leaf. Attractive woodcut head-piece and tail-pieces. Occasional dampstaining to head and foot of text block, early annotations to front endleaves, interior otherwise clean. A solid copy of an uncommon title. \$250.

* Later edition. Published by order of the Commercial Court of Bordeaux, this book is a collection of laws relating to its jurisdiction compiled from the Coutume of Bordeaux (completed 1527), legislation of the local Parlement and royal edicts. Texts of related documents are included as well. Also a procedural guide, it is an invaluable guide to the regulation of trade in one of France's most important commercial centers during the final decade of the Bourbon monarchy. This appears to be a reissue of a book published in 1710. No copies of this edition on OCLC or KVK. This edition not in Goldsmiths' or the *British Museum Catalogue*. Order this item: <http://www.lawbookexchange.com/details.php?record=43273>



1534 Collection of Grenoble Reports

7. La Pape, Guy de [c.1402-c.1487].

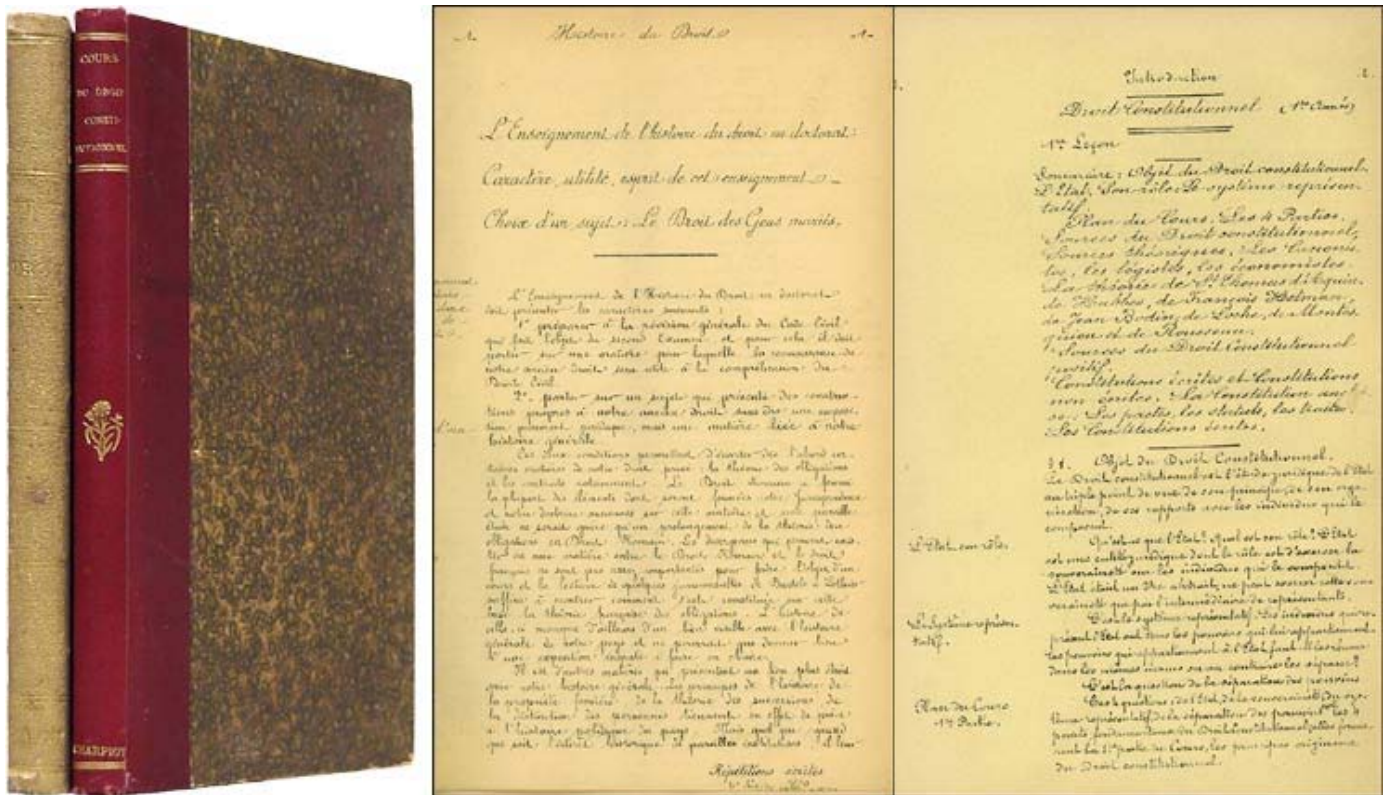
[Ferrandat, Henri, Editor].

Decisiones Parlam[en]ti Dalphinalis Grattonopolis per Excellentissimū J.U. Monarcham d. Guidonem Pape in Curia Eiusde[m] Civitatis Senatore Dignissimum Edite: Alliduum Materiam Continentesitam in Foro Seculari & Ecclesiastico Creb. Esercitatione Versatiles; Cum Summariis Decisivis (Preter Dilligentissima Emendatione) Manus Appositione Notatis Rote Decisiones Capelieg[ue] Tholosane: Novissime Scripta per Euendem Guidone Pape in Tripartito Suo Opere Consiliorum I[m]primim. in Luce Emissio Repertorio/Humeris et Addi. dni. Herici Ferrandi P Pulcre sub hoc Signo Accomodatis. Lyons: Jacobum Hiuncti, 1534. [xxv], 267, [3] ff. Main text printed in double columns. Octavo (6-3/4" x 4-3/4").

Later three-quarter vellum over paper boards, hand-lettered title to spine and top edge. Some soiling, rubbing with minor wear to extremities, three tiny partial worm holes to boards, hinges starting. Title printed in red and black within an ornamental architectural border. Woodcut head-pieces, tail-pieces and decorated initials. Some wear to edges of preliminaries and final few leaves, faint dampstaining to margins, minor worming to final few leaves and rear pastedown with negligible loss to text, light foxing to portions of text. Early owner signature to title page, occasional early annotations, check marks and underlining. An appealing copy. \$500.

* Later edition. With side notes. This thoroughly annotated volume contains reports of decisions of the Parlement of Grenoble, France. Like many books of this kind, it opens a window on the legal culture and society of the era. First published in 1504, it was reprinted several times well into the seventeenth century. Beyond its legal value, it is significant as the first book published in Grenoble. Guy de la Pape was a legal scholar and statesman who spent most of his career in Grenoble. His best-known work is *Commentaria in Statutum Delphinale*, a study of the Dauphine region. All editions are scarce. OCLC locates 2 copies of the 1534 edition, both in Europe. Not in Adams or Brunet. Baudrier, *Bibliographie Lyonnaise* 4:25. Order this item: <http://www.lawbookexchange.com/details.php?record=44812>

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8. [Legal Study].

L'Enseignement de L'Histoire du Droit en Doctorat: Caractere, Utilite, Esprit de cet Enseignement. Choix d'un Sujet: Le Droit des Gens maries. various paginations. n.p.: s.n., c.1875.

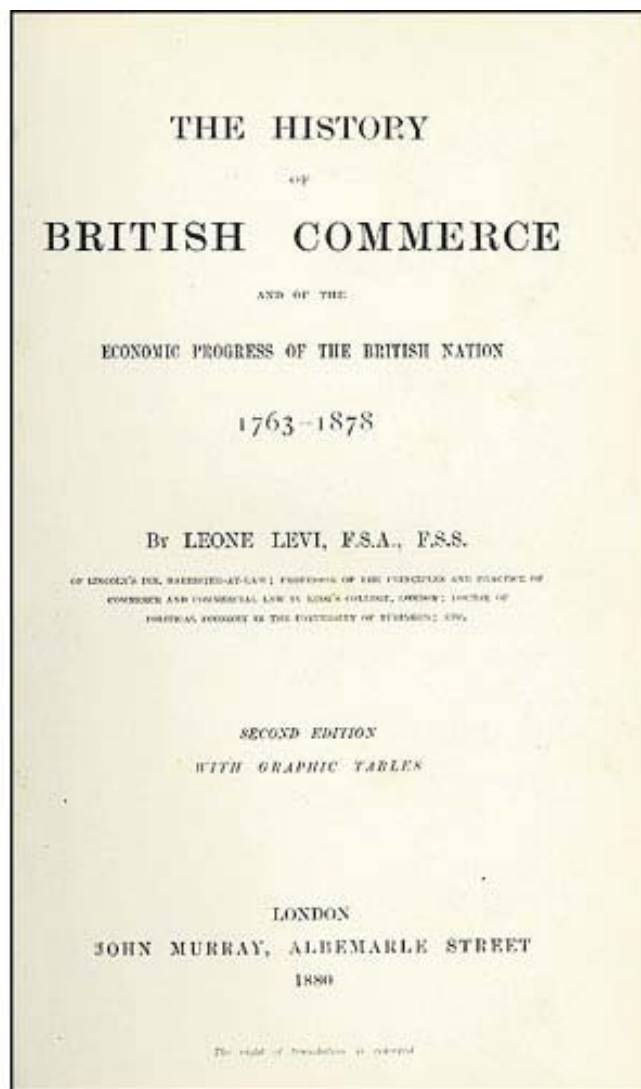
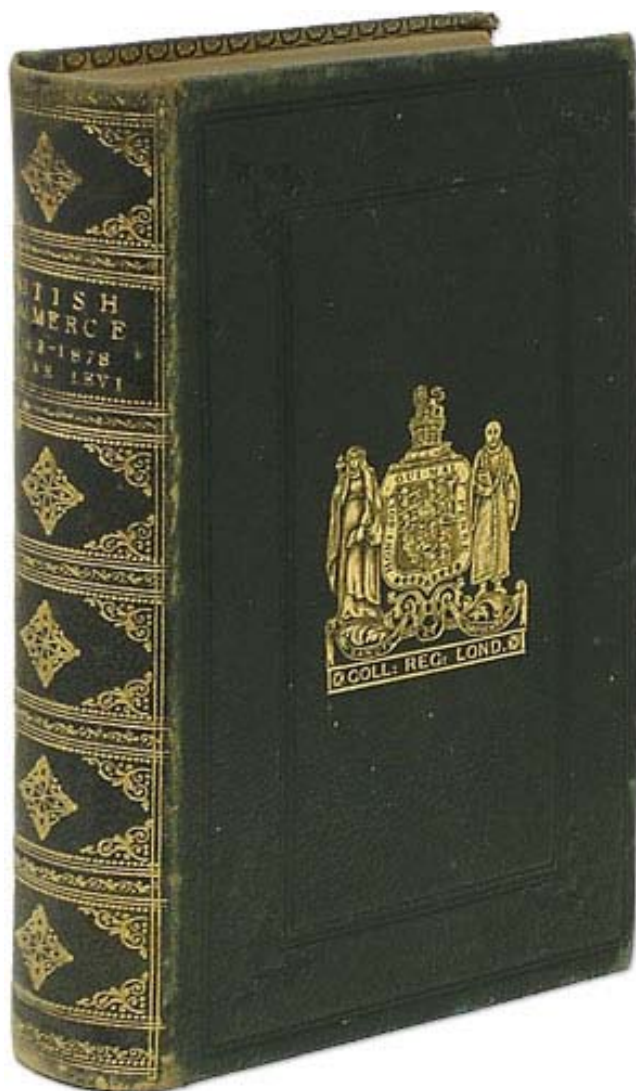
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Droit Constitutionnel (1re Annee). 247 pp.
n.p.: s.n., c.1875.

Photo-reproduced autograph lecture notes bound in contemporary ribbon cloth over marbled boards. Moderate shelfwear, front hinge of first volume cracked but secure, fading to spines, light browning to texts. Occasional underlining and a few annotations, interior otherwise clean. \$250.

* These are two volumes from the series *Repetitions Ecrites*, which offered general lecture notes on various academic topics to university and professional school students. The second volume's subtitle states: "Summary: Object of constitutional law. The state. Its role in the representative system. Course plan. Four parts: Sources of constitutional law, theoretical sources, the canonists, the legists, the economists. The theories of St. Thomas Aquinas, Hobbes, Francois Hotman, Jean Bodin, Locke, Montesquieu and Rousseau. Sources of positive constitutional law. Written and unwritten constitutions. The British constitution: compacts, statutes, treaties. Written constitutions" (2) Valuable guides to the general state of these areas in France at the time, these volumes will reward further research.

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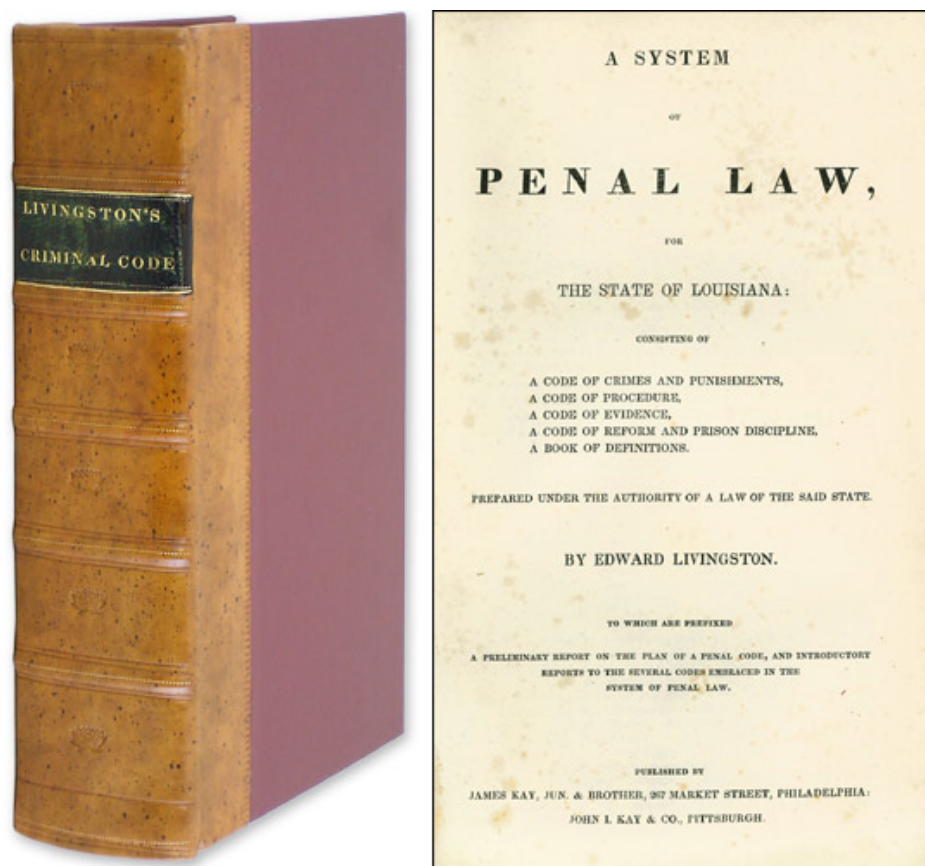
**By a Pioneering Scholar of
Commercial and International Law in a Prize Binding**

9. Levi, Leone [1821-1888].

The History of British Commerce and of the Economic Progress of the British Nation 1763-1878. London: John Murray, 1880. 19, [1], 579 pp. Ten tables, two fold-out. Octavo (8-1/2" x 5-1/2").

Contemporary morocco prize binding, gilt spine with raised bands blind frames to boards, large gilt arms of King's College, London, to front, inside dentelles, all edges gilt. Some rubbing to extremities with minor wear to spine ends and corners, front hinge starting. Presentation bookplate to front pastedown. Light toning and foxing to a few leaves, interior otherwise fresh. \$300.

* Second, and best, edition. Levi, an internationally prominent theorist and reformer of commercial practice, was Professor of Commerce and Commercial Law at King's College, London. He was one of the pioneers in the field of comparative law. First published in 1872, *The History of British Commerce* is a brilliant summary of his work. *British Museum Catalogue* (Compact Edition) 15:218. Order this item: <http://www.lawbookexchange.com/details.php?record=44266>



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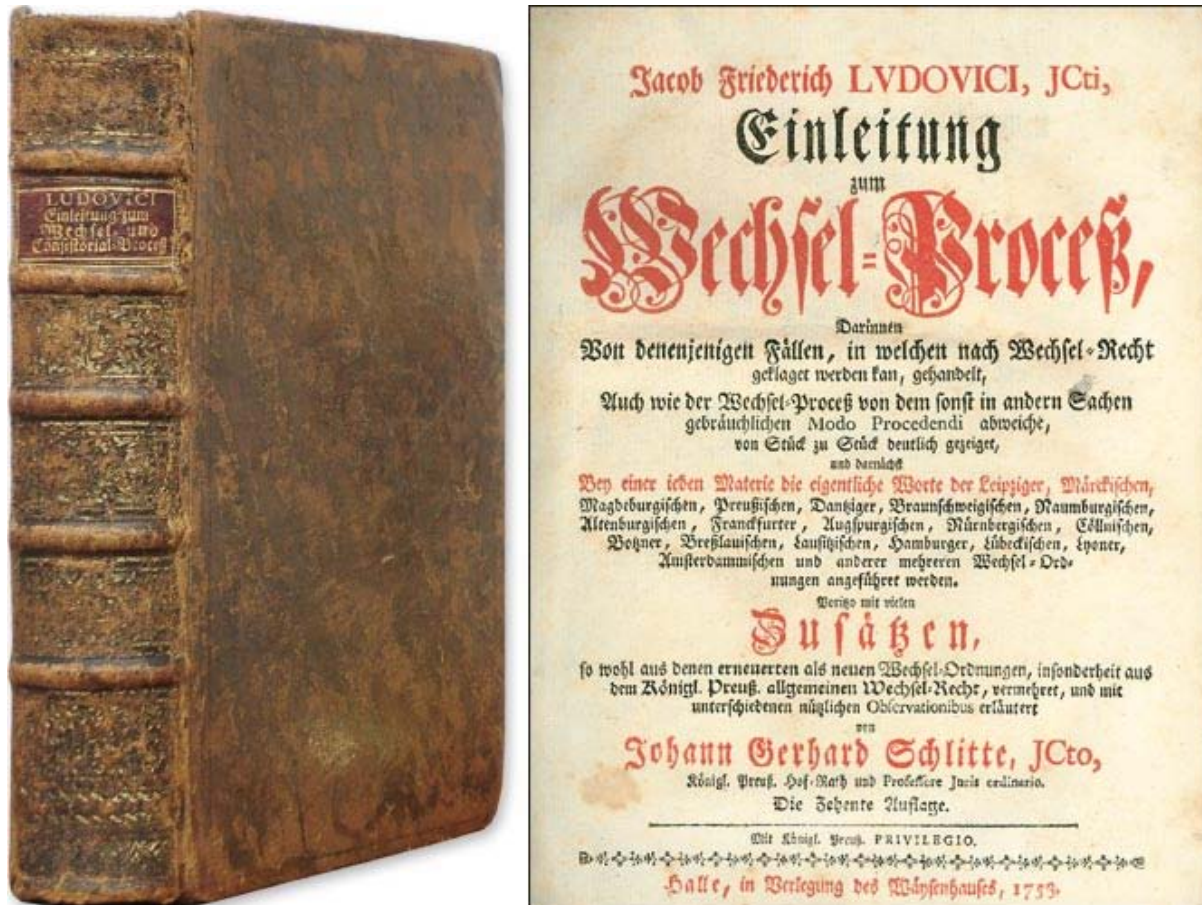
10. Livingston, Edward [1764-1836].

A System of Penal Law, For the State of Louisiana: Consisting of A Code of Crimes and Punishments, A Code of Procedure, A Code of Evidence, A Code of Reform and Prison Discipline, A Book of Definitions. Prepared Under the Authority of a Law of the Said State. To Which are Prefixed a Preliminary Report on the Plan of a Penal Code, and Introductory Reports to the Several Codes Embraced in the System of Penal Law. Philadelphia: James Kay, Jun. & Brother, [1833]. v, 745 pp. Octavo (9" x 5-3/4").

Recent period-style quarter calf over cloth, blind fillets and lettering piece to spine, endpapers renewed. Small chips to margins of two leaves with no loss to text. Negligible light foxing in places, interior otherwise clean. A handsome copy. \$950.

* First edition of the complete code, one of two printings issued in 1833. (The other has the date on the title page.) A comprehensive system of criminal law which, while not adopted in the United States, is still influential today because it is the first complete penal code built on Jeremy Bentham's principles of codification. The first part, Code of Offenses and Punishments, was published in 1824 with the misleading title: *A System of Penal Law, For the State of Louisiana*. The other four sections, containing the Codes of Procedure, Evidence, Reform and Prison Discipline and Book of Definitions were published separately in 1825 and 1826. All five parts appeared together for the first time in the 1833 edition. Hicks marvels at the scope and clear organization of this code and notes that Bentham, Hugo, Lafayette, Story, Marshall, Madison, Kent and Jefferson considered it "the most comprehensive and enlightened system of criminal law that has ever been presented to the world." A notably humane code, it is important for its advocacy of prevention rather than punishment. Livingston was a senator from Louisiana and later a member of Andrew Jackson's cabinet. Hicks, *Men and Books Famous in the Law* 180. Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 10348.

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11. Ludovici, Jacob Friederich [1671-1723].
Schlitte [1683-1748], Johann Gerhard, Editor.

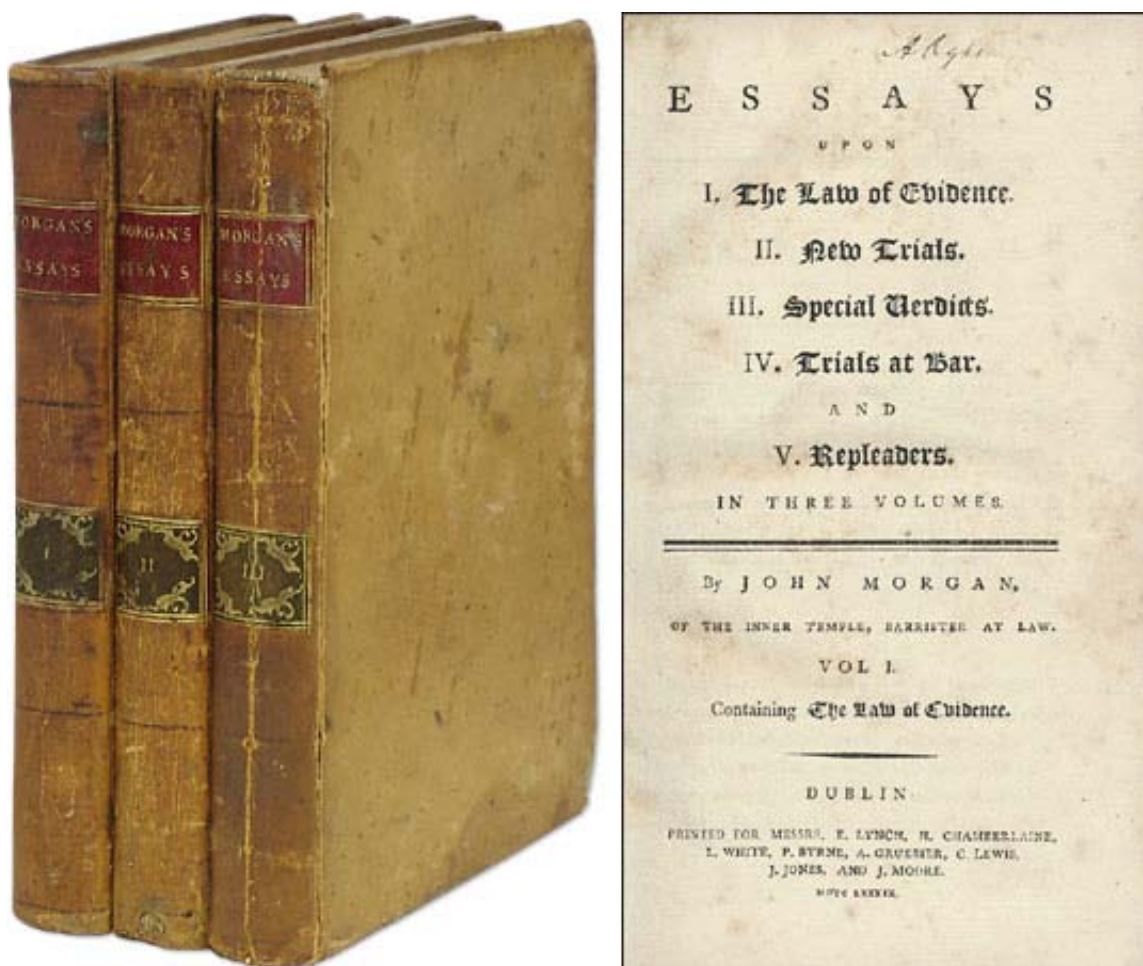
Einleitung zum Wechsel-Process, Darinnen von Denienienigen Fallen, in Welchen Nach Wechsel-Recht Geklagt Werden Kan, Gehandelt. Auch wie der Wechsel-Process von dem Sonst in Anderen Sachen Gebrauchlichen Modo Procedendi Abweiche, von Stuck zu Stuck Deutlich Gezeiget... Halle: In Verlegung des Waysenhauses, 1753. [xxiv], 420, [28] pp.

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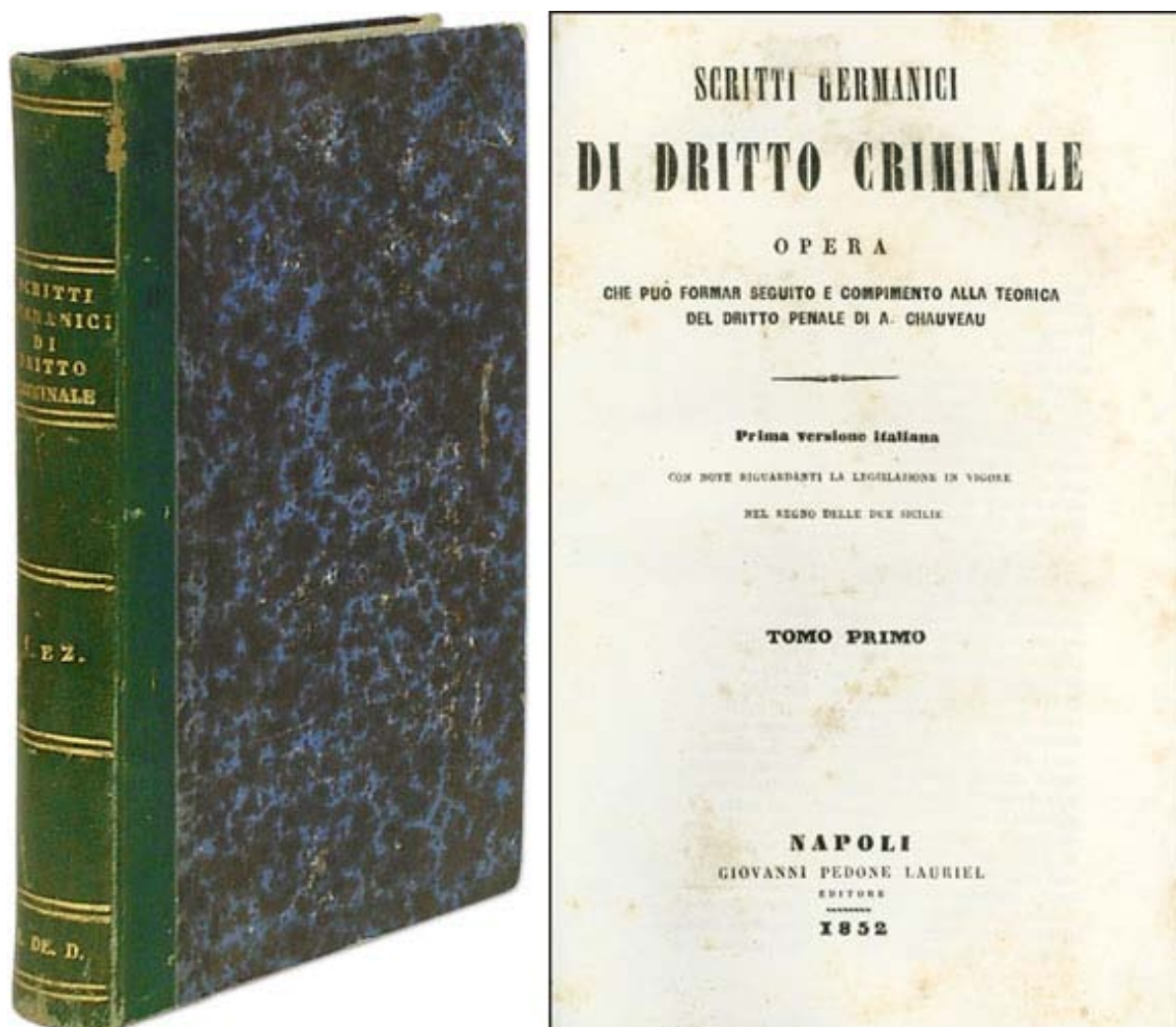
12. Morgan, John.

Essays Upon I. The Law of Evidence. II. New Trials. III. Special Verdicts. IV. Trials at Bar. And V. Repleaders. Dublin: Printed for Messrs. E. Lynch, H. Chamberlaine, [et al.], 1789. Three volumes. Complete set. xlv, 475; lxii, 351; [ii], 493 pp. Octavo (8" x 5").

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* This title was issued in Dublin and London in 1789. No later editions were published. "The following essays, especially the two first, may be considered as nearly related to each other. (...) It is presumed that these Essays will be of great use, not only to the *learned advocate* (much engaged in business), and to the *student of the law*; but that the two first, at least, will be very useful to every *acting magistrate*, who wishes to discharge his duty conscientiously; and which he cannot do, even when acting *ministerially*, much less when acting *judicially*, unless he hath some knowledge of the *Law of Evidence*." Preface iii-iv. The author was a barrister of the Inner Temple. His books include *The Modern Pleader*, *The Attorney's Vade Mecum* and *A Digest of the Common Law*. *English Short-Title Catalogue* N8428.

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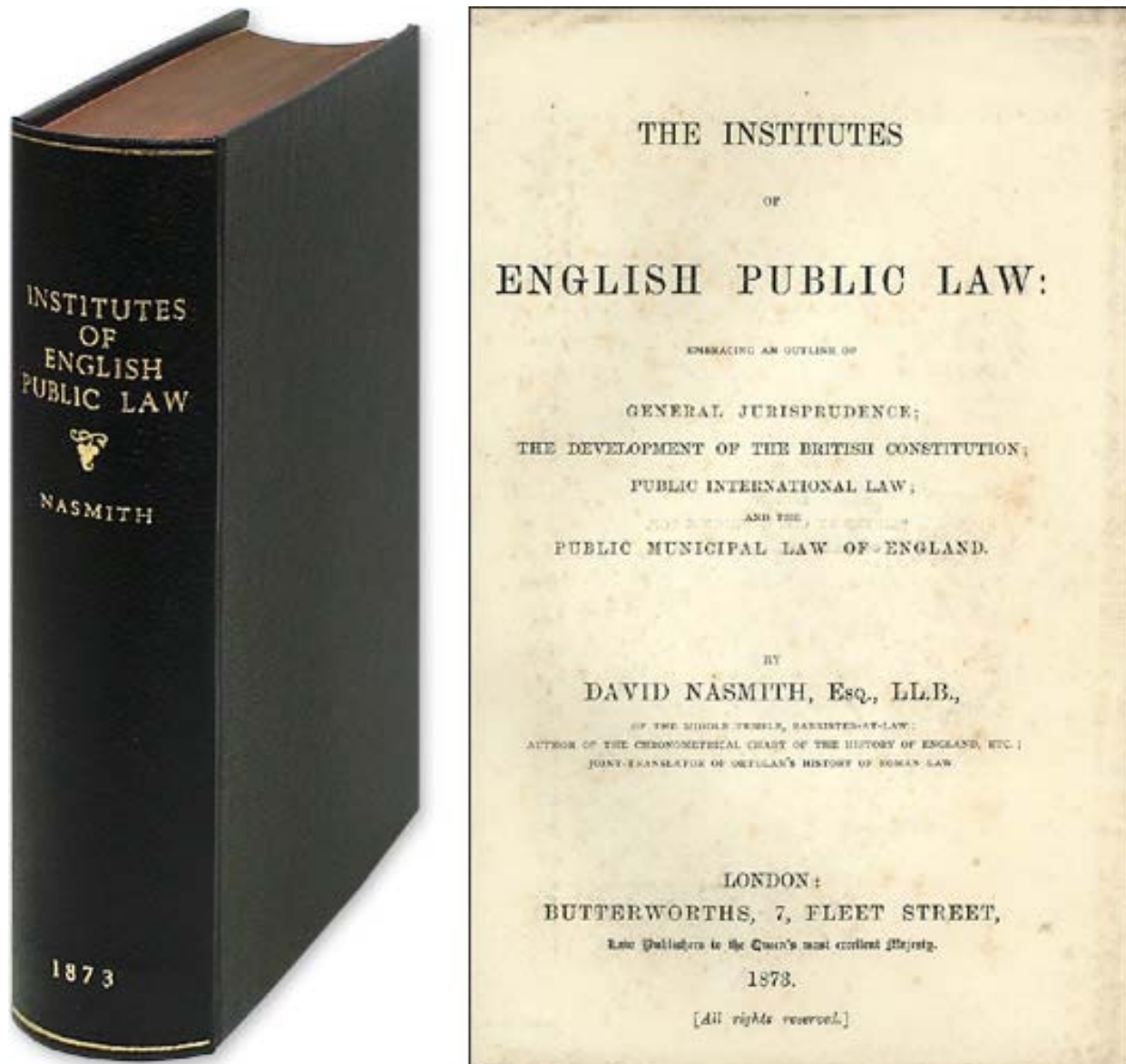
**1852 Italian Anthology of
Translated Writings by German Criminologists**

13. [Mori, Francesco A., Editor and Translator].

Scritti Germanici di Diritto Criminale. Opera Che Puo Formar Seguito e Complimento Alla Teorica del Diritto Penale di A. Chauveau. Prima Versione Italiana con Note Riguardanti la Legislazione in Vigore nel Regno Delle Due Sicilie. Naples: Giovanni Pedone Lauriel, 1852. Two volumes bound as one, each with title page and index. 240; 252 pp. Main text in parallel columns. Octavo (9" x 6").

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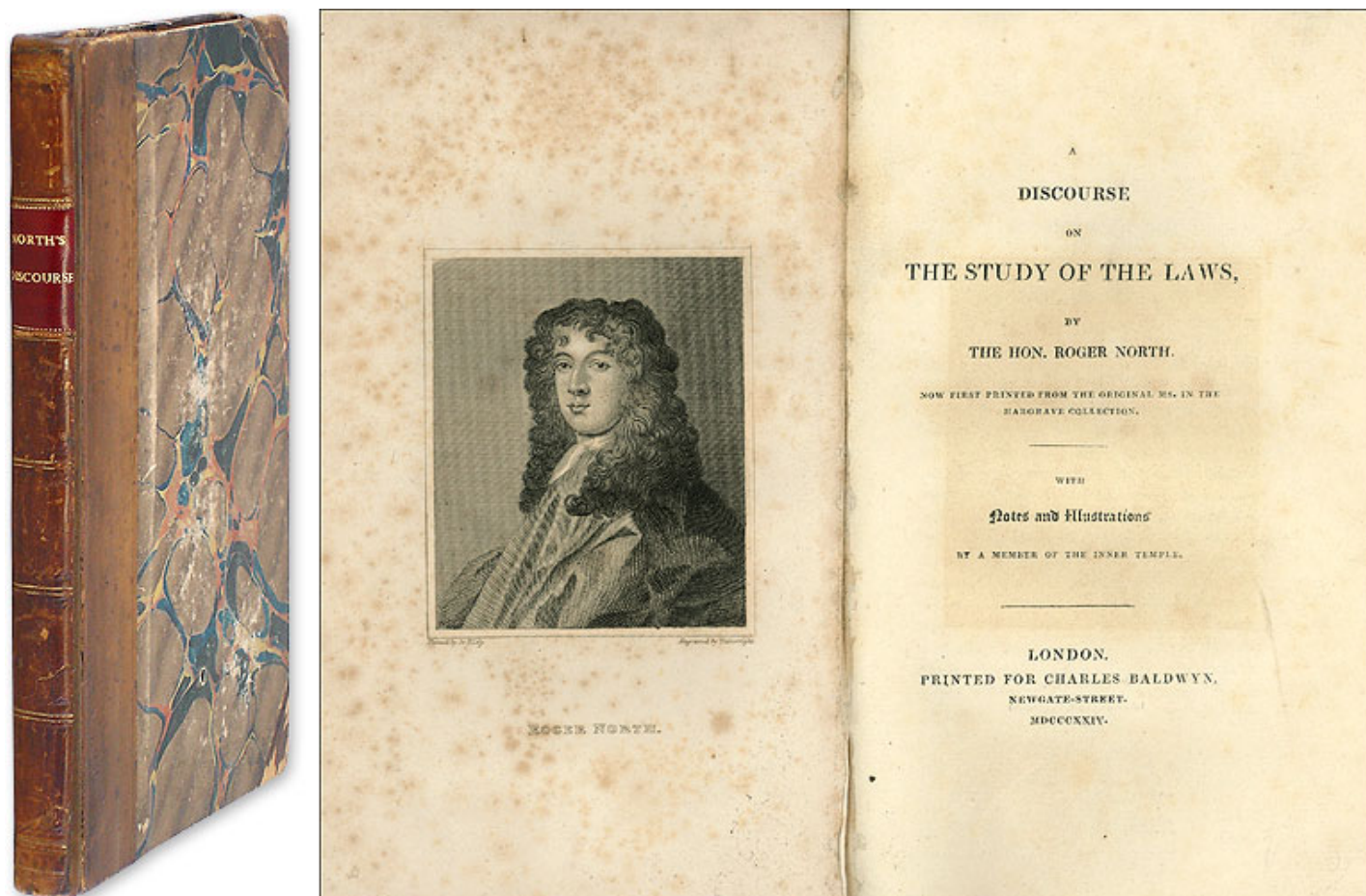
14. Nasmith, David [1829-1894].

Institutes of English Public Law: Embracing an Outline of General Jurisprudence; The Development of the British Constitution; Public International Law; and the Public Municipal Law of England. London: Butterworths, 1873. vi, [xviii], 455, x, [2], 63 pp. With tables and three publisher catalogues. Octavo (8" x 5").

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* This book is a companion to Nasmith's treatises on English private and adjective law. Like the others, it emulates the systematic organization of Justinian's *Institutes*. Nasmith provides an overview of the relation in which the State and the English citizen are placed in constitutional and municipal law. It is also a fine example of the jurisprudence produced in Victorian England that approached the law as a science governed by discernible rules. Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 2:253.

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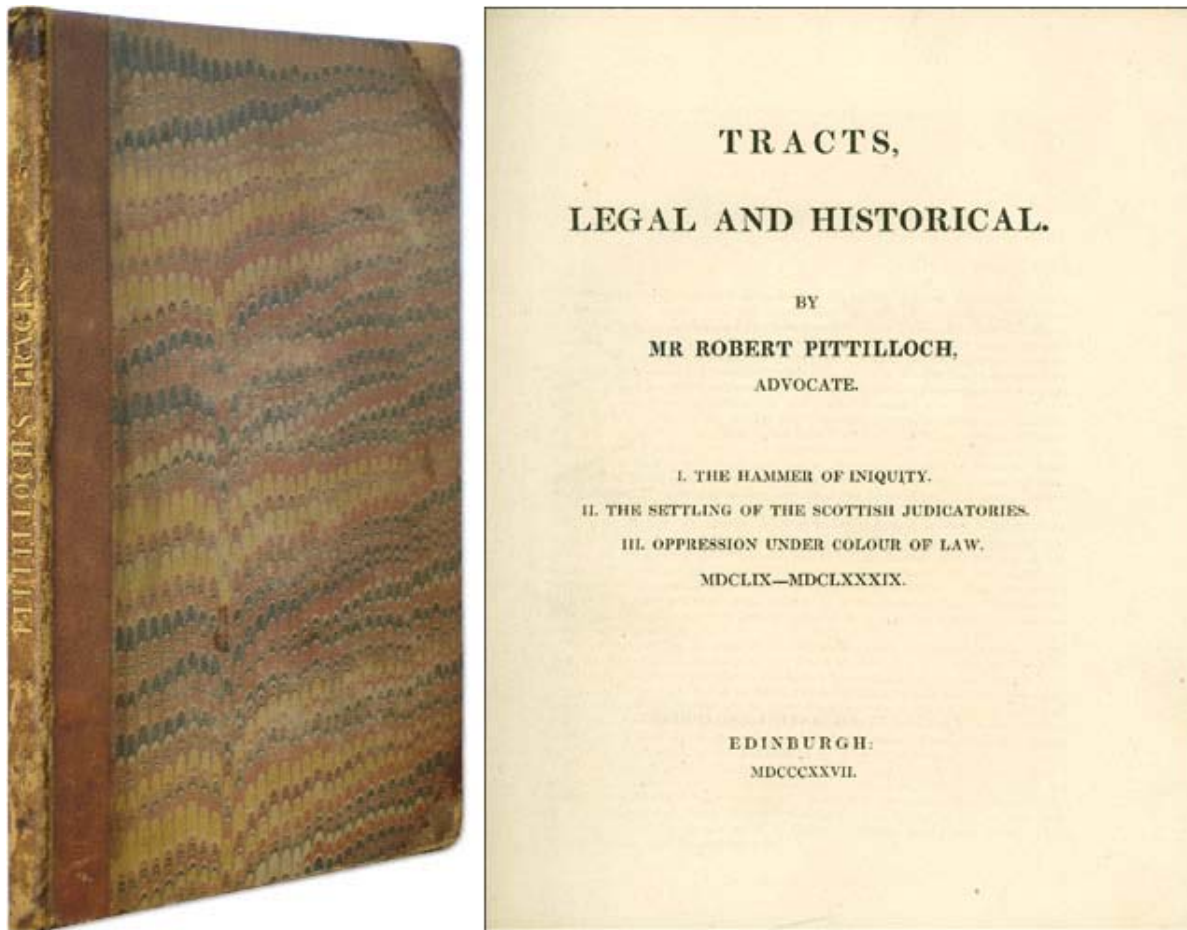
**Thoughts on Legal
Education by Roger North**

15. North, Roger [1653-1734].

A Discourse on the Study of the Laws. Now Printed From the Original MS. in the Hargrave Collection. With New Illustrations by a Member of the Inner Temple. London: Printed for Charles Baldwyn, 1824. xv, 105, [5] pp. Copperplate portrait frontispiece. Includes four-page publisher catalogue. Octavo (7-1/4" x 4-1/2").

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* Sole edition. This classic treatise is an incomparable guide to English legal education during the last quarter of the seventeenth century. Written at a time when formal English legal education had reached a low point, it prescribed a self-directed course of study based on reading, compiling commonplace books, attending courts, speaking with lawyers and attending an office or chambers. North, a member of a powerful political family, was a respected member of the Middle Temple and an important chronicler of the restoration-era legal community. Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 2:258. Order this item: <http://www.lawbookexchange.com/details.php?record=43139>



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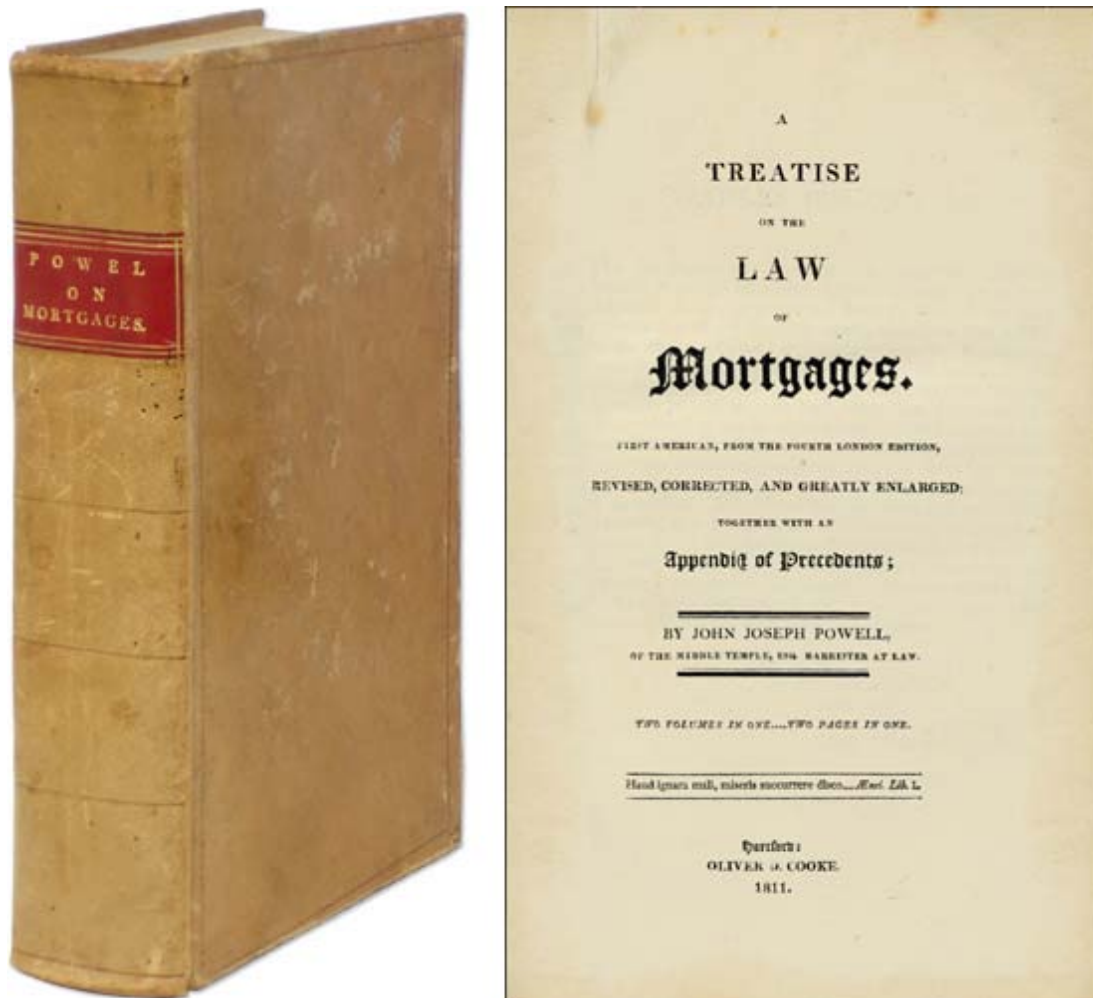
16. Pittilloch (Pittilloh), Robert [1621?-1698].
[Maidment, James, Editor].

Tracts, Legal and Historical. I. The Hammer of Iniquity. II. The Settling of the Scottish Judicatories. III. Oppression Under Colour of Law. Edinburgh: [Printed by Ballantyne and Co.], 1827. iv, [2], 14, 10, [2], iv, [3]-32 pp. Each section has title page and pagination, first section preceded by general title page. Quarto (8" x 6-3/4").

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* This book reprints three rare pamphlets on political and legal subjects. The first two were originally published in 1659, the third in 1684. Little is known about the author, though he may have been a barrister. According to the editor, "[t]he principal value of the ensuing fugitive pieces consists in the curious and valuable information, both legal and historical, which they contain; and which, although mixed up with much extraneous and tedious matter, will not, on that account, be unacceptable to the few individuals who take an interest in our national history." Preface [iii]. Robert Maxtone Graham was a notable Scottish book collector. OCLC locates 10 in North America, 5 in law libraries (Harvard, Library of Congress, LA County, University of Pennsylvania, University of Virginia). According to Sweet & Maxwell, only 40 copies of this book were printed. See *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 5:93.

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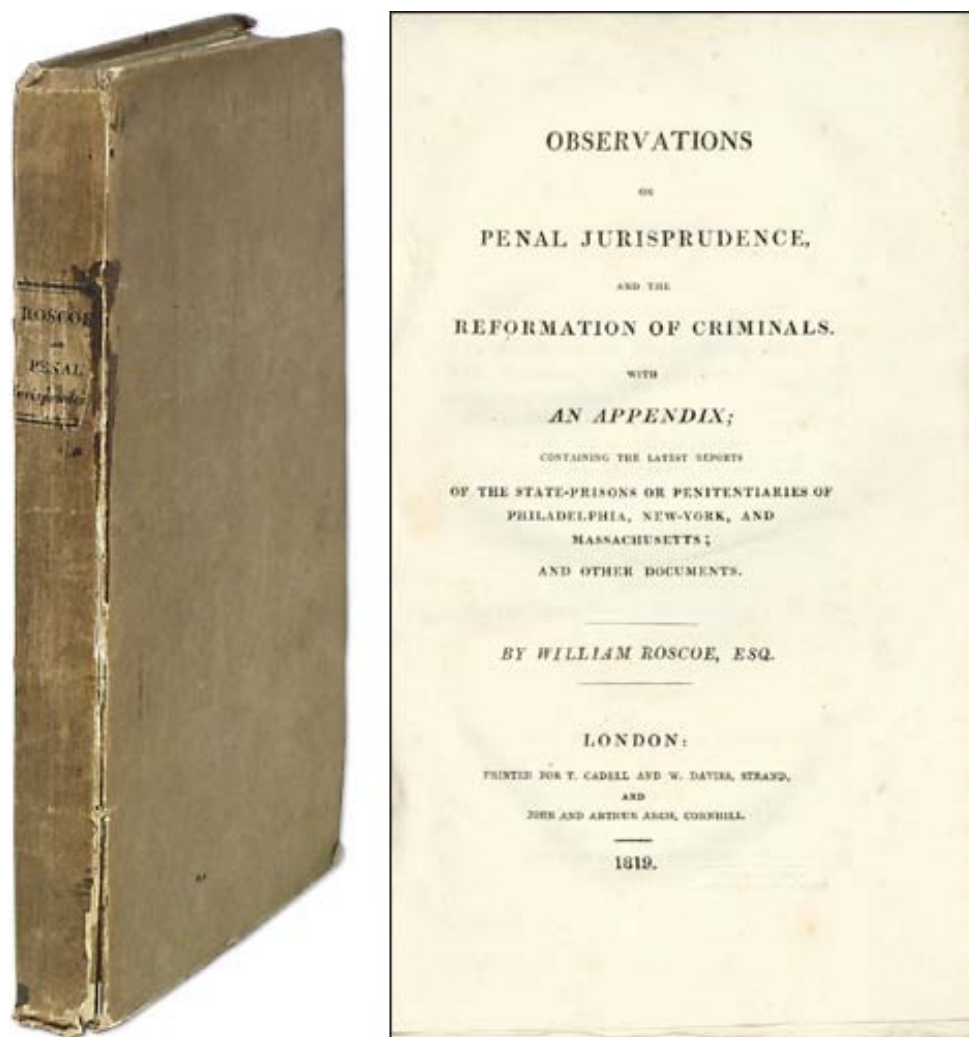
**Well-Preserved Early American
Edition of *Powell on Mortgages***

17. Powell, John Joseph [c.1755-1801].

A Treatise Upon the Law of Mortgages. Hartford: Oliver D. Cooke, 1811. Two volumes in one with continuous pagination. viii, 1199 (i.e. 621) Octavo (8-3/4" x 5-1/4").

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* Second issue of the first American edition (1807), from the fourth London edition (1799). With an index of cases, an index of topics and side-notes. Marvin praises this distinguished treatise for its "skill, learning and sound judgment." Holdsworth agrees, adding that "it is a systematic and well-arranged treatise...which gives a clear account of the law, and able summaries of and comments on the cases. Its merits are proved by the fact that it reached a sixth edition by 1826." Powell's original text was gradually overwhelmed by additions. By 1826, notes Marvin, the work had become "a mere appendage to the notes, and the large collections of the [American and English editors] have rendered it somewhat difficult for the reader to know, without considerable attention, upon what ground he stands." Marvin, *Legal Bibliography* (1847) 581. Holdsworth, *A History of English Law* XII:382. Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 9571 (listing both the 1807 and 1811 imprints). Order this item: <http://www.lawbookexchange.com/details.php?record=45038>



**An Important
English Penal Reformer**

18. Roscoe, William [1753-1831].

Observations on Penal Jurisprudence, And the Reformation of Criminals. With an Appendix; Containing the Latest Reports of the State-Prisons or Penitentiaries of Philadelphia, New-York, and Massachusetts; And Other Documents. London: Printed for T. Cadell and W. Davies, 1819. iv, 179, [1], 144 pp. Three folding tables. Octavo (9" x 5-3/4").

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* Only edition. The early nineteenth century was a watershed period in the history of penology. Many important contributions were made at this time by such luminaries as Bentham, Lieber, Livingston and Tocqueville. Roscoe's work was equally important. Believing that retribution should play no part in criminal jurisprudence, he advocated milder punishments, believing they would reform the criminal. He later published two companion volumes, *Additional Observations on Penal Jurisprudence, And the Reformation of Criminals* (1823) and *Observations on Penal Jurisprudence, And the Reformation of Criminals, Part III* (1825). Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 2:307.

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Companion to Roscoe's *Observations on Penal Jurisprudence*

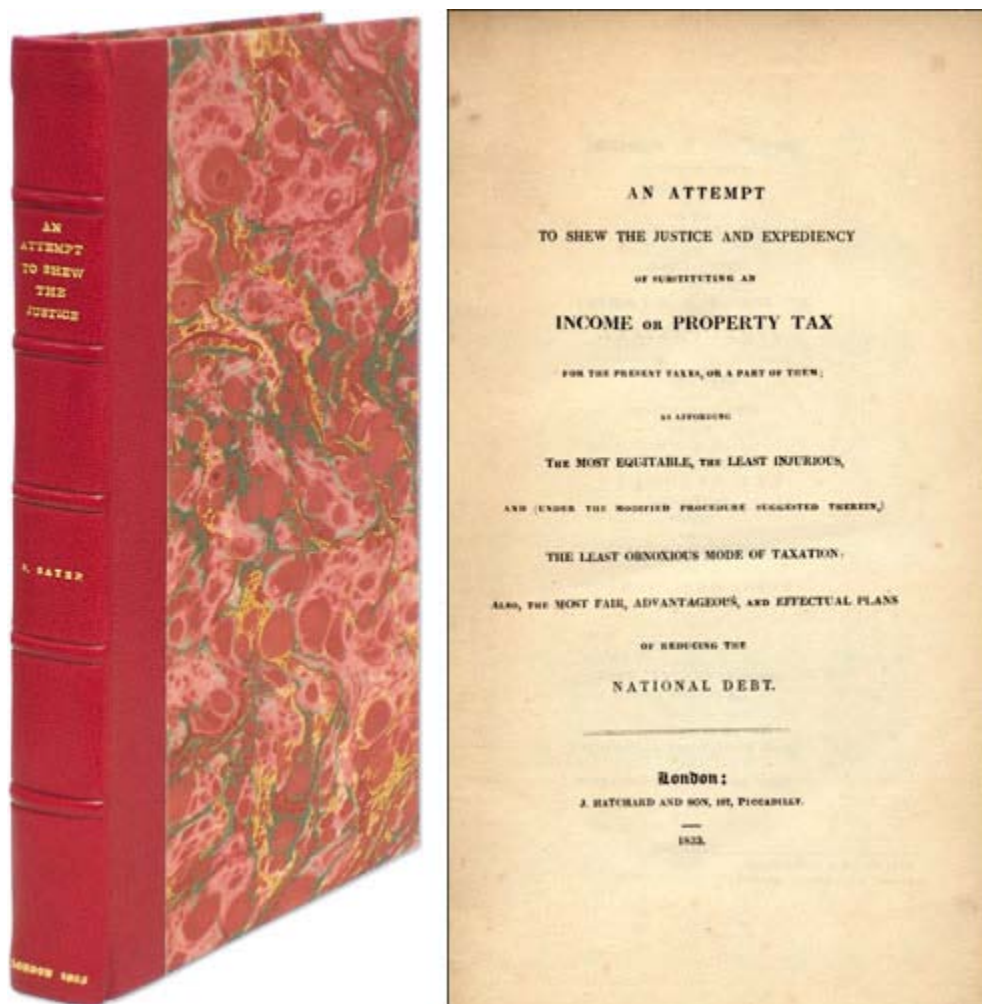
19. Roscoe, William.

Observations on Penal Jurisprudence, And the Reformation of Criminals: Part III. Containing Further Remarks on the Opinions of the Edinburgh Reviewers; On the Society for Prison Discipline; On the General penitentiary at Milbank; And on the State of Prisons in America: Being an Attempt to Demonstrate the Necessity of Adopting an Improved System of Criminal Jurisprudence. With an Appendix, Containing the Latest Reports of the State Prisons at New York &c. London: Printed by J. M'Creary for T. Cadell, 1825. [iv], 119, [1], 91 pp. Octavo (9" x 5-3/4").

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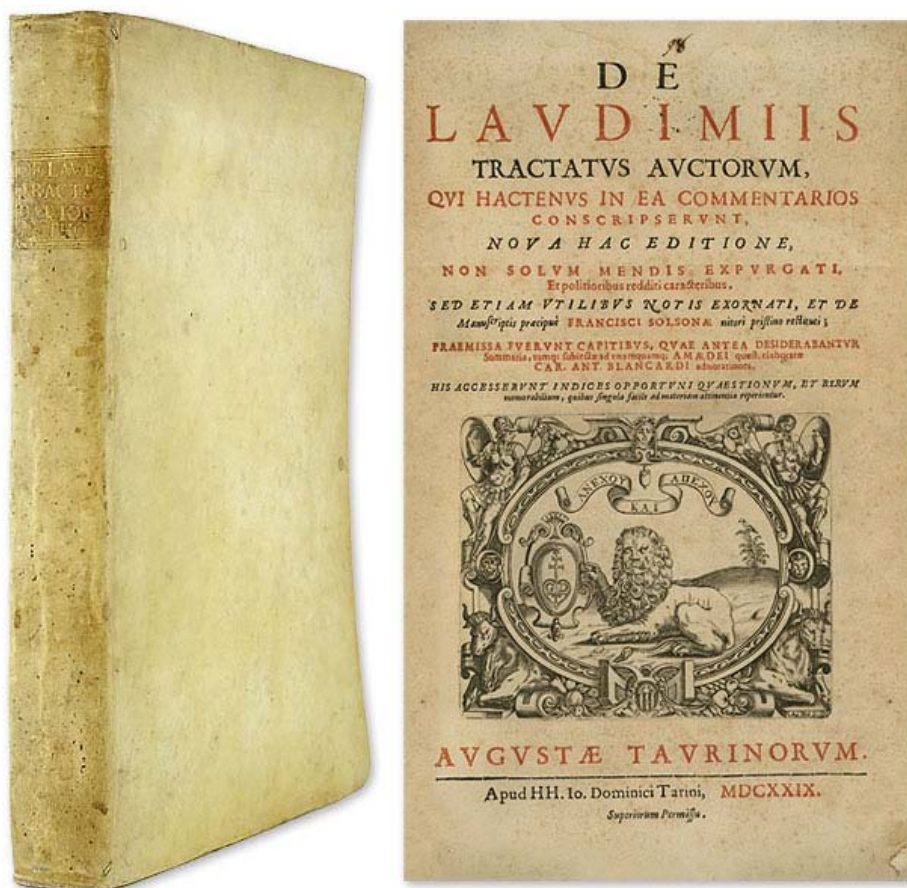
20. [Sayer, Benjamin].

An Attempt to Shew the Justice and Expediency of Substituting an Income or Property Tax for the Present Taxes, Or a Part of Them; As Affording the Most Equitable, The Least Injurious, And (Under the Modified Procedure Suggested Therein), The Least Obnoxious Mode of Taxation: Also, The Most Fair, Advantageous, And Effective Plans on Reducing the National Debt. London: J. Hatchard and Son, 1833. xi, [5], 356, 72 pp. Octavo (9-1/2" x 5-3/4").

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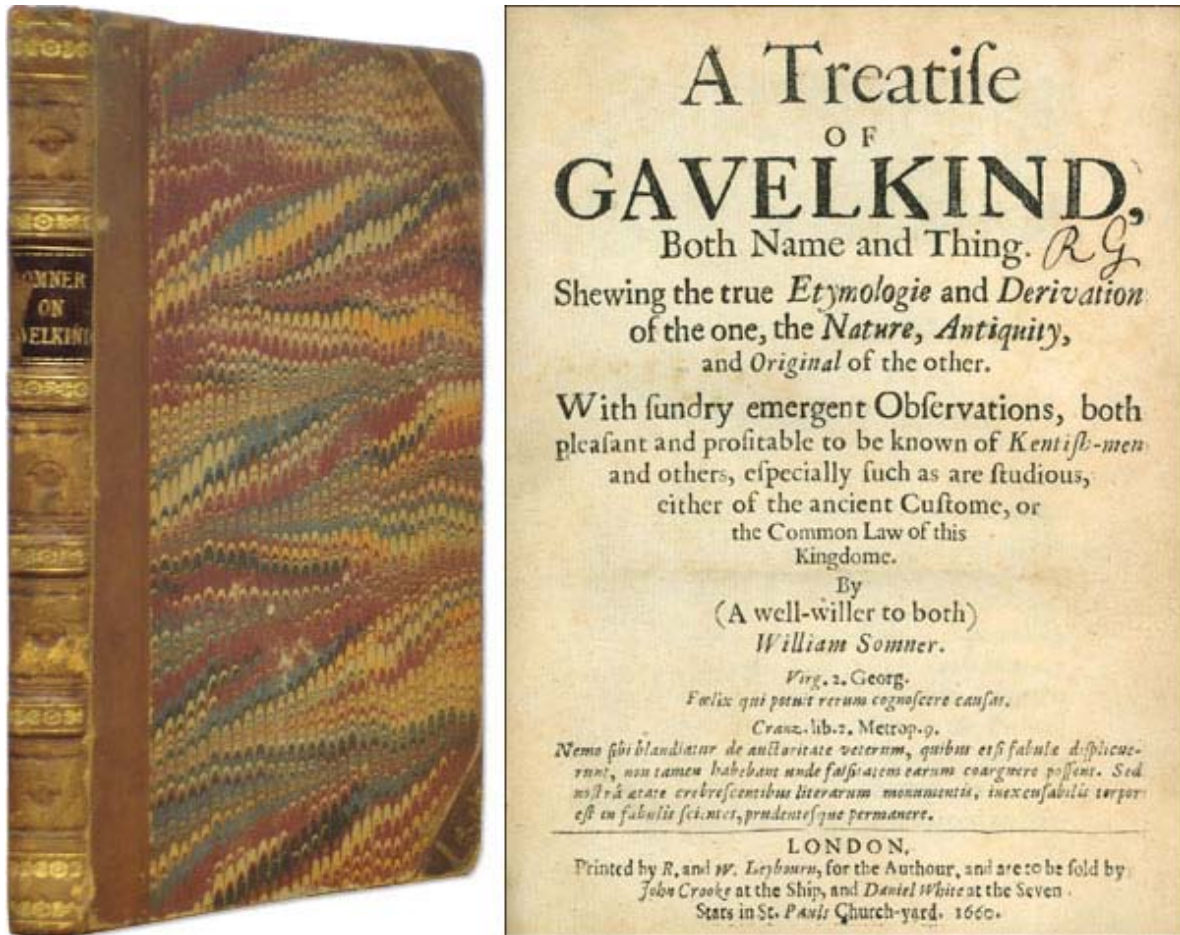
21. Solsona, Francisco de, Editor.

De Laudimiis Tractatus Auctorum, Qui Hactenus in ea Commentarios Conscripserunt, Nova hac Editione, Non Solum Mendis Expurgati, Et Politiioribus Redditi Characteribus, Sed Etiam Utilibus Notis Exornati, Et de Manuscriptis Principue Francisci Solsonae Nitori Pristino Restituti; Praemissa Suerunt Capitibus, Quae Antea Desiderabantur Summaria, Tumq: Subiectae ad Unamquamq; Amaedei Quaest. Elaboratae Car. Ant. Blancardi Adnotationes. His Accesserunt Indices Opportuni Quaestionum, Et Rerum Memorabilium. Quibus Singula Facile ad Materiam Attinentia Reperientur. Turin: Apud H.H. Io. Dominici Tarini, 1629. [vi], 288, [24] ff. Folio (14" x 9").

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* Later edition. This is a collection of tracts on canon, Roman, civil and other legal topics by Amadeus de Ponte, Antonio Faber, Bertrand Argentreus, Camillo Borello, Carlo Antonio Blancardo, Solsona, Hartmann Pistor and Maurice Bourgeois. This volume appears to have been compiled from Solsona's eighteen-volume *Tractatus Universi Juris* (1584-1585), an anthology of contemporary legal writings compiled under the direction of Pope Gregory XIII. OCLC locates 5 copies of this edition, 1 in North America (at UC-Berkeley Law School). Not in the *British Museum Catalogue* or other standard references, but the collation of this copy matches the copies located online.

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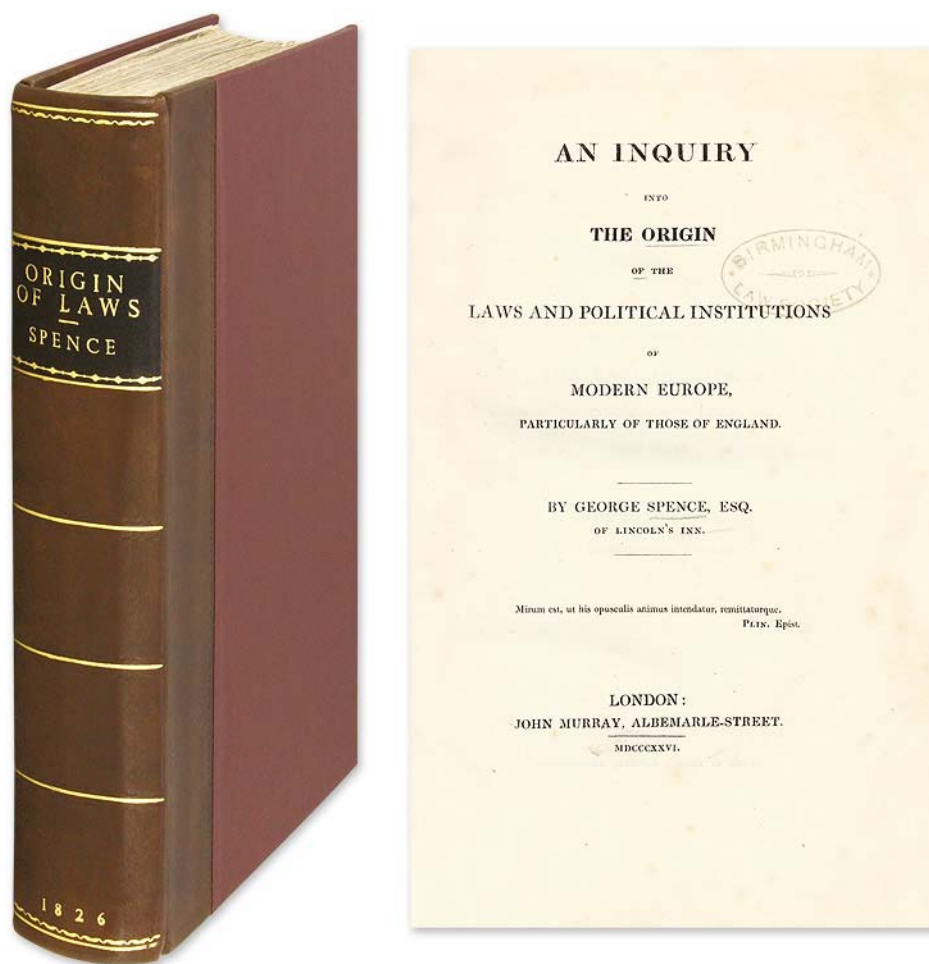
**Historic Study of Gavelkind,
A System Supplanted by Primogeniture**

22. Somner, William [1598-1669].

A Treatise of Gavelkind, Both Name and Thing. Shewing the True Etymologie and Derivation of the One, the Nature, Antiquity, and Original of the Other. With Sundry Emergent Observations, Both Pleasant and Profitable to be Known of Kenting-Men and Others, Especially Such as Are Studious, Either of the Ancient Custome, Or the Common Law of This Kingdome. By (A Well-Wisher to Both). London: Printed by R. and W. Leybourn, 1660. [xxiv], 216 [8] pp. Quarto (7" x 5-1/2").

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* First edition, second issue. Gavelkind is a form of land tenure unique to Kent (and its environs) in which land descends equally to the decedent's sons. It was common during the Saxon era, but was gradually supplanted by primogeniture after 1066. Produced during the first wave of modern English legal scholarship, Somner's pioneering work was the first study of gavelkind, and one of the first important studies of early English law. Philological in orientation, it is a history of gavelkind and an analysis of its forms. Texts of significant documents are included. He also goes beyond his subject in one section to discuss the law of succession to chattels. Somner, a pupil of Causubon, was an ecclesiastical lawyer and historian of Anglo-Saxon law and literature who is best known for his pioneering Saxon-Latin-English dictionary (1659). *English Short-Title Catalogue* R20010. Order this item: <http://www.lawbookexchange.com/details.php?record=43515>



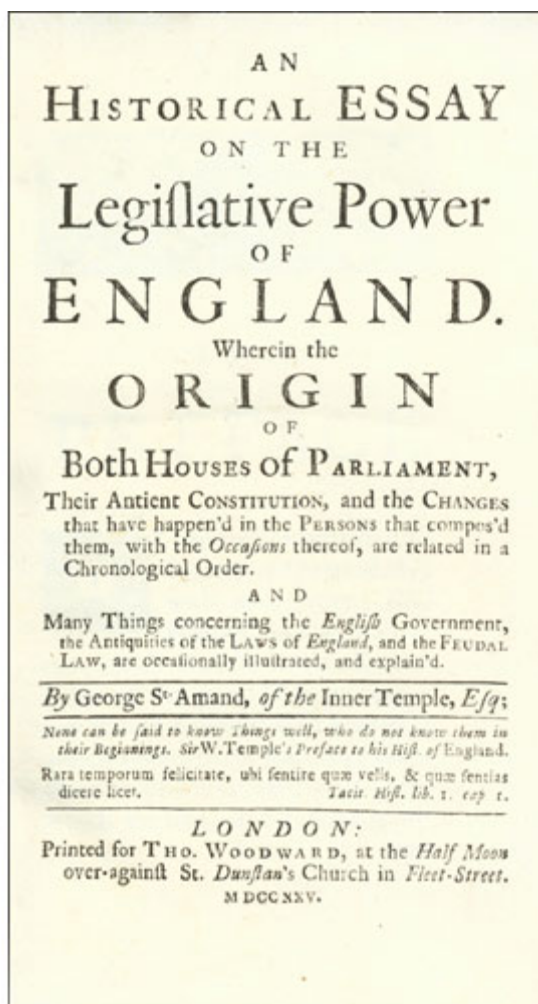
**A "Learned" Study of the
Origins of Modern Anglo-European Law**

23. Spence, George [1787-1850].

An Inquiry into the Origin of the Laws and Political Institutions of Modern Europe, Particularly Those of England. London: John Murray, 1826. xxxvi, 600 pp. Octavo (9" x 5-1/2").

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* Only edition. This book is mentioned by Holdsworth, who deems it a "learned book." According to Spence's preface, his work on the translation of the Code Napoleon led him to "look attentively into the civil law of the Romans, where he found that a great proportion of the doctrines of the common law of England, even many of those which are purely artificial, were to be found in the [*Corpus Juris Civilis*]. This induced him to study the civil and criminal code of the Romans with some minuteness, and to compare the political and judicial institutions of modern Europe, and of our own country in particular, with those of ancient Rome, in order to discover to what extent the former might be traced from the latter, their venerable and classical origins." (v). Spence was an English jurist and barrister of the Inner Temple. He was the author of several books, including a translation of the Code Napoleon and an important treatise on chancery law. Not in Sweet & Maxwell. Holdsworth, *A History of English Law* XIII:496. *Catalogue of the Library of the Harvard Law School* (1909) II:637. Order this item: <http://www.lawbookexchange.com/details.php?record=44533>



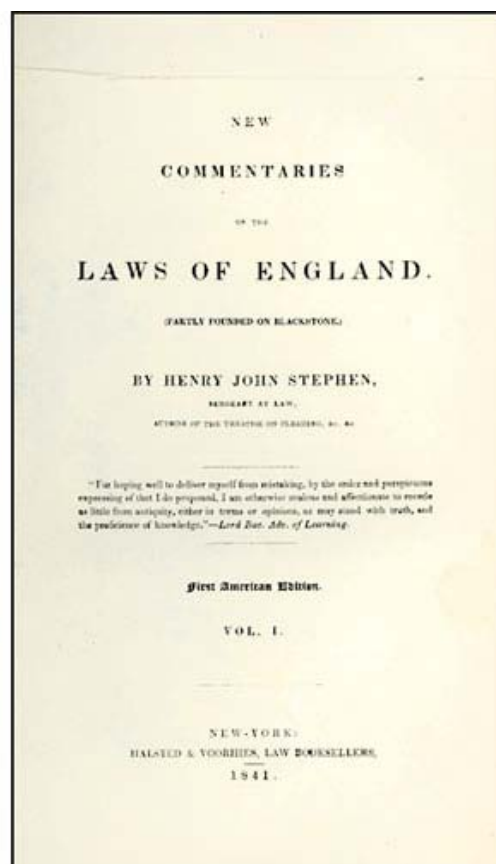
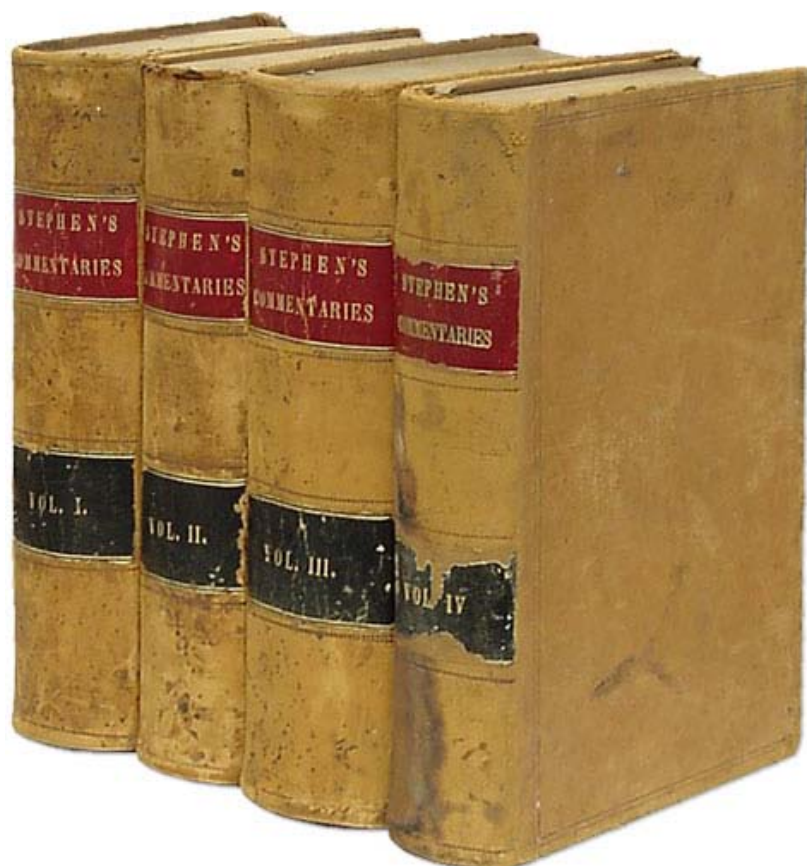
**British Liberty:
A Legacy of "Our Ancestors in Germany"**

24. St. Amand, George.

An Historical Essay on the Legislative Power of England. Wherein the Origin of Both Houses of Parliament, Their Antient Constitution, And the Changes That Have Happen'd in the Persons that Compos'd them, With the Occasions Thereof, Are Related in a Chronological Order. And Many Things Concerning the English Government, The Antiquities of the Laws of England, And the Feudal Law, Are Occasionally Illustrated and Explain'd. London: Printed for Tho. Woodward, 1725. [xvi], 197, 23 pp. includes three-page publisher catalogue. Octavo (7-1/2" x 4-3/4").

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* Only edition. St. Amand locates the origins of British liberty under the law in the political culture of the Saxons. "[O]ur Ancestors in Germany were a free people, and had a right to assent, or dissent to all Laws. And may an uninterrupted exercise thereof (for the right itself can never be extinguish'd) continue 'till Time shall be no more" (iii). A second edition was published in 1767. This work was later included in John Almon's *A Complete Collection of the Lords' Protests* (1767). *English Short-Title Catalogue* T116335. Order this item: <http://www.lawbookexchange.com/details.php?record=46350>



**First American Edition
of Stephens's *New Commentaries***

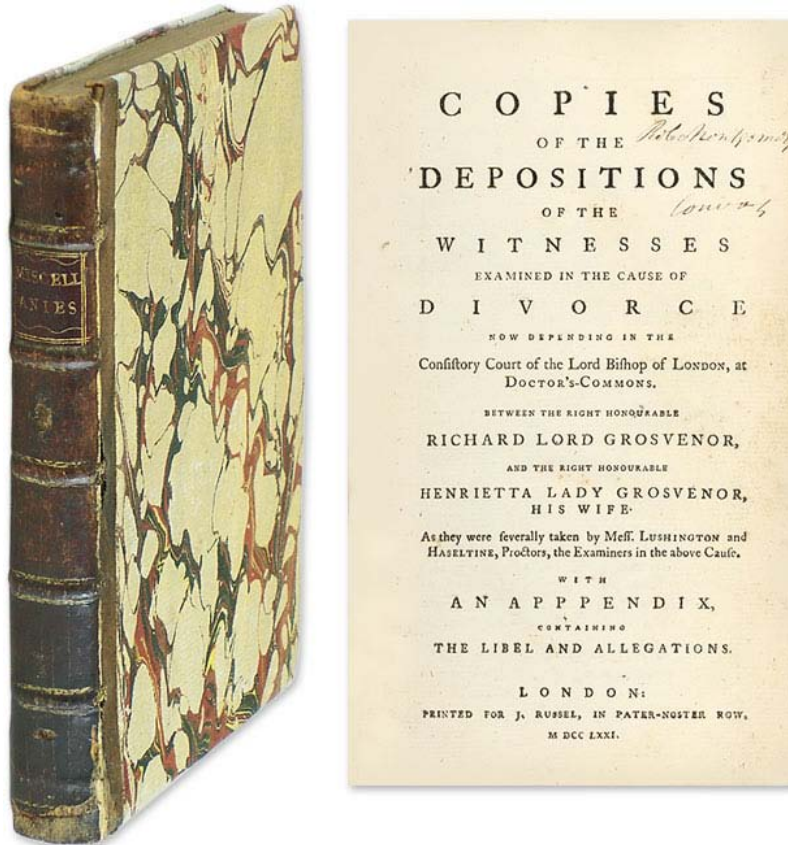
25. Stephen, Henry John [1787-1864].

New Commentaries on the Laws of England (Partly Founded on Blackstone). New-York: Halsted & Voorhies, 1841-1846. [Imprint varies: Volumes II-IV state New-York: John S. Voorhies.] Four volumes. Folding tables of descents and consanguinity. Octavo (8-1/2" x 6").

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* First American edition, a reprint of the first London edition, 1841-1845, with some minor typographical changes and the omission of the Table of Consanguinity from Volume II. *New Commentaries* is an exposition of English law that preserves Blackstone's topical arrangement and the sections from his text that were still relevant in Stephen's day. (These are set off with square brackets.) A successful work, it went through twenty editions by 1938. In the *Dictionary of National Biography* Dicey observed that "in reality it was an original production, differing essentially in character and merit from his predecessor. (...) Stephen showed the qualities in which Blackstone was comparatively deficient--consummate logical power and singular precision and accuracy of style. Had the work been published as an original treatise, it would have stood upon a level with Blackstone's work" (XVIII:1047). Eller, *The William Blackstone Collection in the Yale Law Library* 204. Laeuchli, *A Bibliographical Catalog of William Blackstone* 488.

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Notable Eighteenth-Century Divorce Involving Arbitration

26. [Trial].

[Grosvenor Cause].

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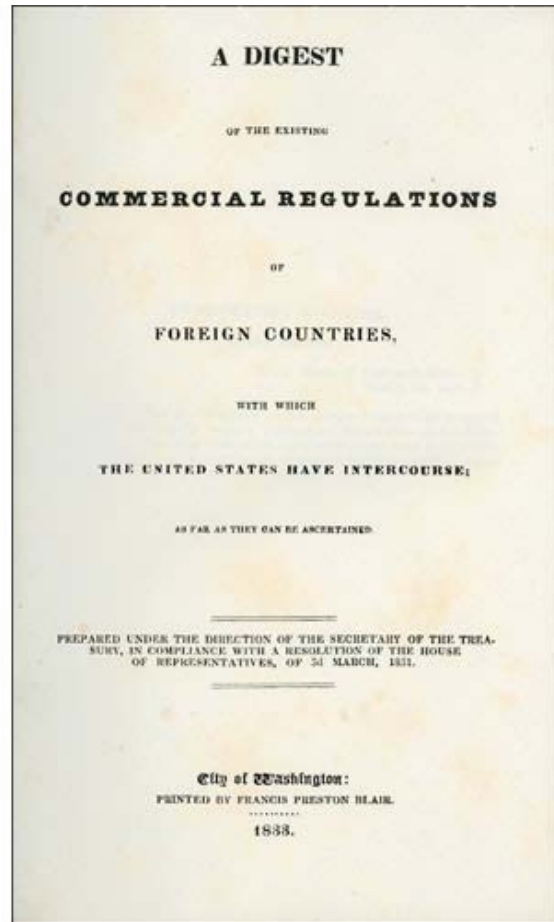
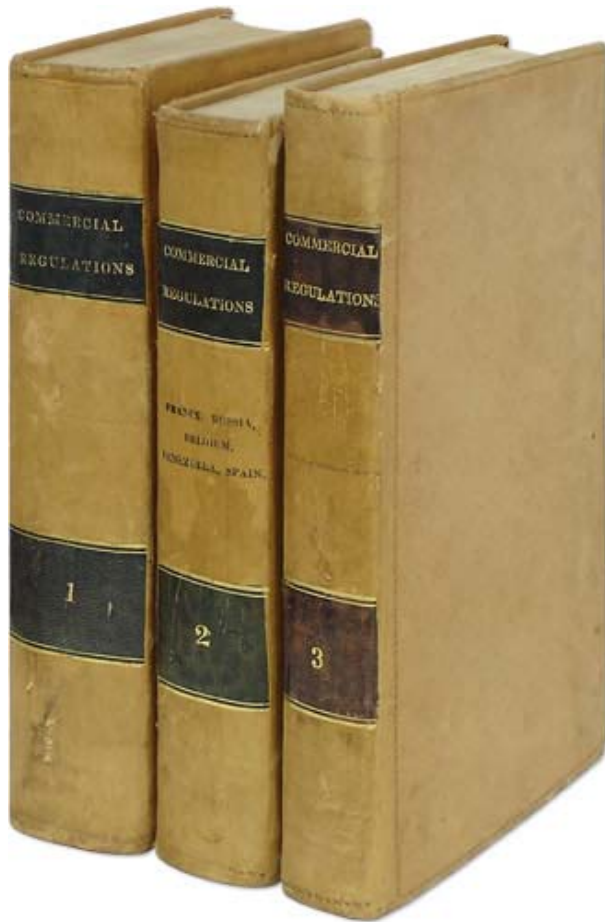
Grosvenor, Henrietta, Countess [d.1828].

Copies of the Depositions of the Witnesses Examined in the Cause of Divorce Now Depending in the Consistory Court of the Lord Bishop of London, At Doctor's-Commons, Between the Right Honourable Richard Lord Grosvenor, And the Right Honourable Henrietta Lady Grosvenor, His Wife As They Were Severally Taken by Mss. Lushington and Haseltine, Proctors, The Examiners in the Above Cause. With an Appendix, Containing the Libel and Allegations. London: Printed for J. Russel, 1771. [viii], [1], 10-240, [8], 249-307 pp. Octavo (8" x 5").

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* Only edition. "Lady Grosvenor is described by Walpole as a 'young woman of quality, whom a good person, moderate beauty, no understanding, and excessive vanity had rendered too accessible' to the attentions of Henry, Duke of Cumberland, brother of George III (*Memoirs*, iv. 164). In an action for criminal conversation brought before Lord Mansfield in July 1770, the jury awarded 10,000*l.* in damages against the prince. In 1772 Lord Grosvenor settled 1,200*l.* a year upon his wife by arbitration." (*DNB*). This book contains the text of documents relating to the arbitration phase of the divorce. *Dictionary of National Biography* VIII:723. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T69357.

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Valuable 1833-1836
Compendium of U.S. Commercial Regulations

27. [United States].

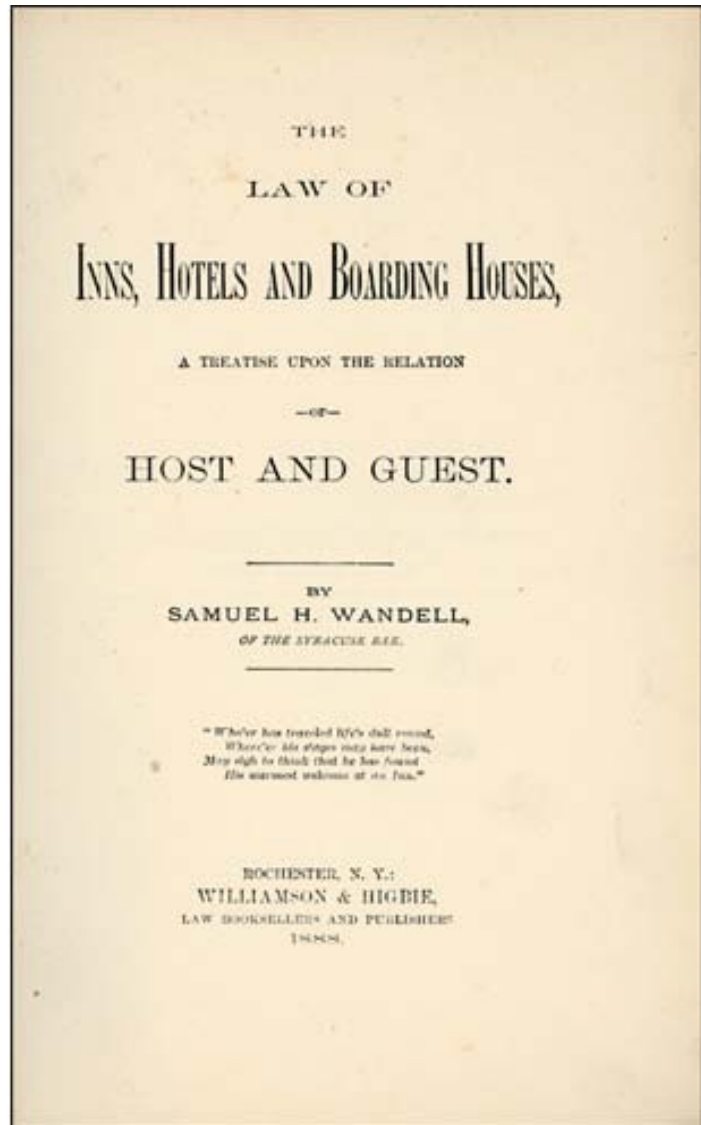
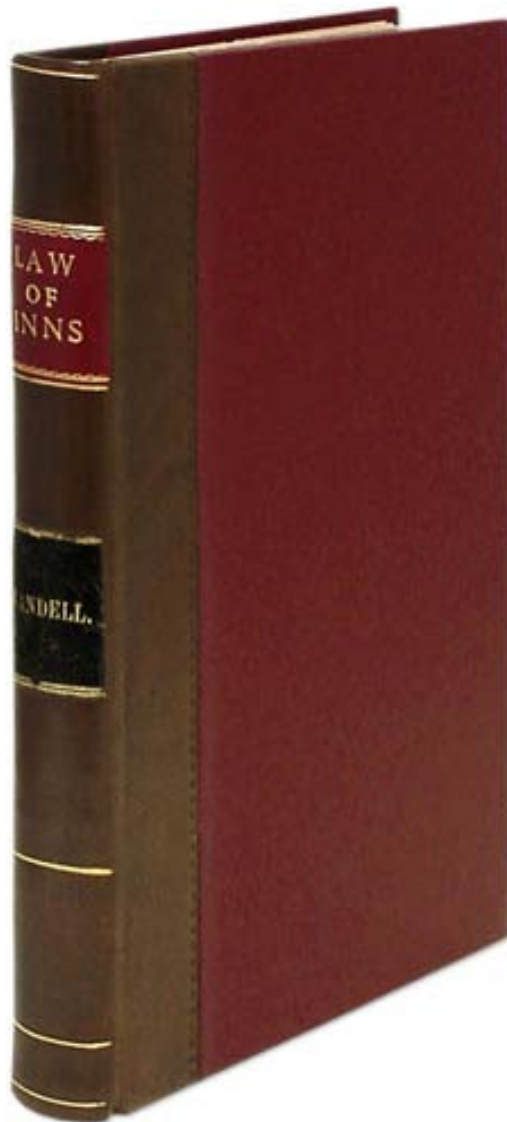
Department of the Treasury.

A Digest of the Existing Commercial Regulations of Foreign Countries, With Which the United States Have Intercourse; As Far as They Can be Ascertained. Prepared Under the Direction of the Secretary of the Treasury, In Compliance With a Resolution of the House of Representatives, of 3d March, 1831. Three volumes. Volume I: City of Washington: Printed by Francis Preston Blair, 1833; Volumes II and III: Washington City: Blair & Rives, Printers, 1836. Complete set. Octavo (9" x 5-3/4").

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* This is one of 750 sets printed for the use of the House of Representatives. A valuable resource for students of commercial and international law of the period (and students of taxation as well), it contains laws, the texts of treaties and statistical information. These books were published at an important juncture in U.S. history. Having survived the Napoleonic Wars and the devastation of the War of 1812, the United States was beginning to emerge as one of the world's leading commercial powers. Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* (2003 Supplement) 7432.70.

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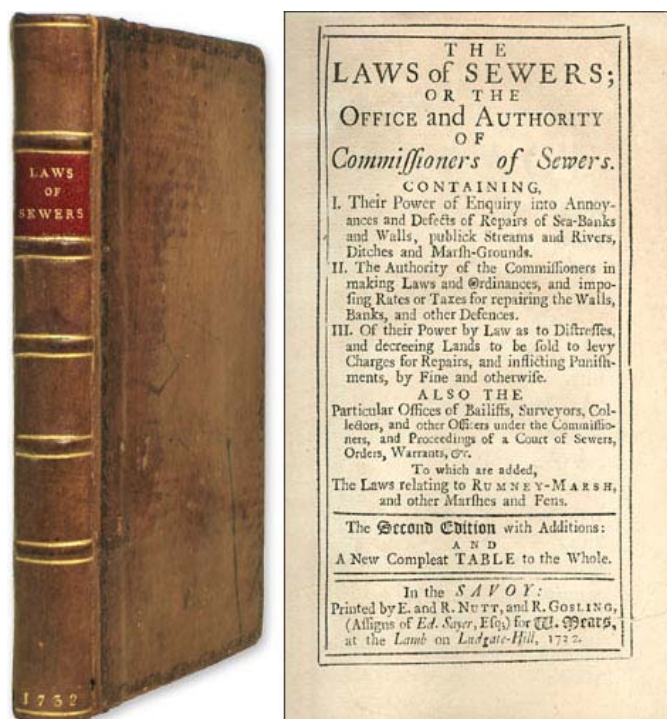
**Engagingly Written Treatise
on Hotel Law Illustrated With Anecdotes**

28. Wandell, Samuel H. [1860-1943].

The Law of Inns, Hotels and Boarding Houses, A Treatise Upon the Relation of Host and Guest. Rochester, NY: Williamson & Higbie, 1888. 5, xix, 271 pp. Octavo (9" x 6").

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* Only edition. Enjoyable for its engaging prose and skillful use of anecdote, Wandell's comprehensive treatise addresses such topics as theft, fire and damages, as well as such recent developments as civil-rights legislation and the status of railroad sleeping cars. A preliminary chapter traces the legal history of the hospitality industry from the ancients to the late nineteenth century. Wandell, a member of the Syracuse, NY, bar, was the author of *The Law of the Theatre: The Legal Relations of Actors, Managers and Audiences* and a notable biography of Aaron Burr. *Catalogue of the Library of the Harvard Law School* (1909) II:886. Order this item: <http://www.lawbookexchange.com/details.php?record=43679>



Uncommon 1732 English Treatise on Watercourses

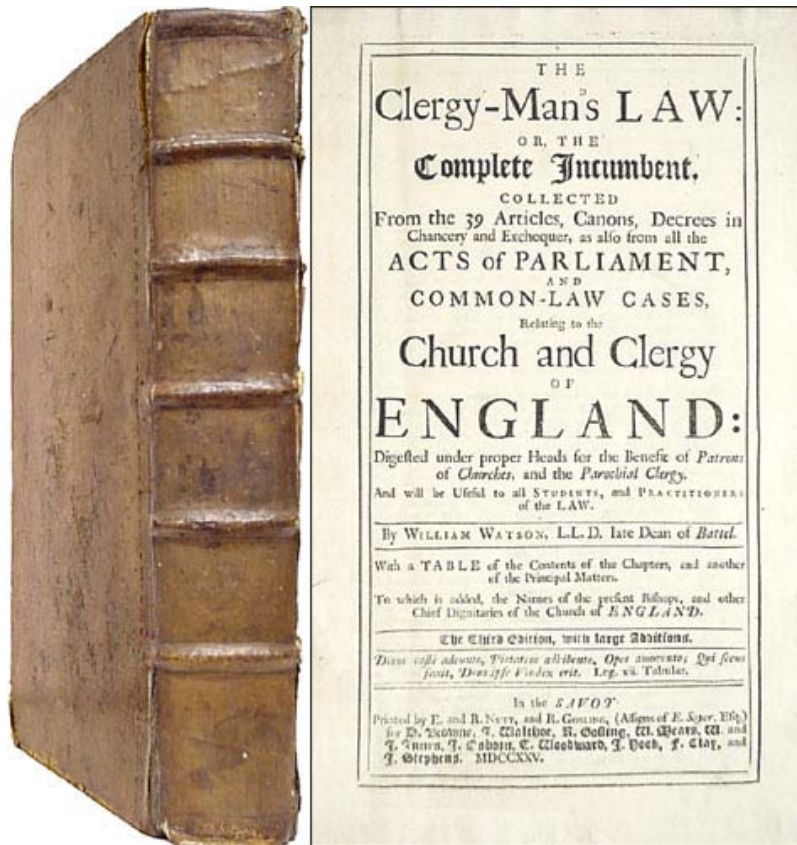
29. [Water Law].

The Laws of Sewers; Or the Office and Authority of Commissioners of Sewers. Containing, I. Their Power of Enquiry into Annoyances and Defects of Repairs of Sea-Banks and Walls, Publick Streams and Rivers, Ditches and Marsh-Grounds. II. The Authority of the Commissioners in Making Laws and Ordinances, and Imposing Rates or Taxes for Repairing the Walls, Banks, and Other Defences. III. Of Their Power by Law as to Distresses, and Decreeing to be Sold to Levy Charges for Repairs, and Inflicting Punishments, by Fine and Otherwise. Also the Particular Offices of Bailiffs, Surveyors, Collectors, and Other Officers Under the Commissioners, and Proceedings of a Court of Sewers, Orders, Warrants, &c. To Which are Added, the Laws Relating to Rumney-Marsh, and Other Marshes and Fens. With Additions: and a New Compleat Table to the Whole. London: Printed by E. and R. Nutt, and R. Gosling, 1732. [viii], 202, 10 pp. Octavo (7-1/2" x 4-1/2").

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* Second and final edition of a work first published in 1726. Appointed by the Crown, commissioners of sewers were empowered to levy taxes to support their work and enact and enforce laws relating to watercourses, land reclamation and structures, such as dams. "As there have been in all Reigns, from the earliest Time, many commissions of Sewers issued into the several counties of England, to Gentlemen of Estates and Worth therein, and the Number of the Commissioners and their Clerks, officers and Ministers under them, being great and considerable; it is very much to be admired, and a Thing very uncommon, that no Person hath hitherto attempted a particular Treatise on these laws, with the necessary Business and Practice of the commissioners of Sewers in putting them in execution. (...) And notwithstanding [Callis' *Reading Upon the Statute of 23 H. 8, Cap. 5, of Sewers* (1622)] is an excellent composition, and I am obliged to that Performance for many of my Informations; yet it must be confessed, that [it] is more especially adapted to the Use of lawyers in general, than the Commissioners of Sewers, and it has not the least Precedent throughout, of their various transactions." Preface [iv-v]. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T130362.

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30. Watson, William [1637?-1689].

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