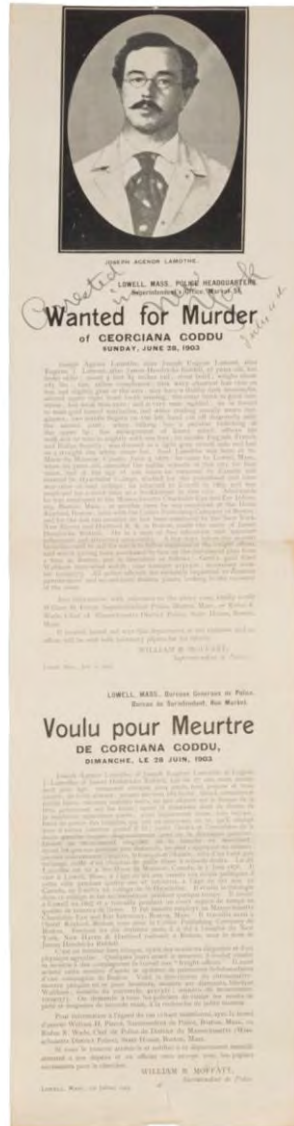


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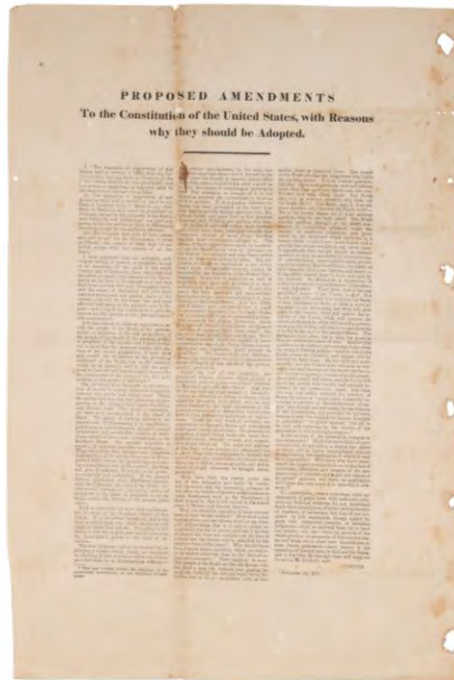
**A Lowell, Massachusetts  
Wanted Poster in English and French**

**1. [Criminals].  
[Lamothe, Joseph Agenor].**

*Wanted for Murder of Georgiana Goddu.* Lowell, MA: Lowell Police Department, Sunday, June 28, 1903.

6" x 23" broadside, single column text below photograph of the fugitive, Joseph Agenor Lamothe, and headline, bottom half of text, also with a headline, is a French translation. Moderate toning, horizontal fold lines, a few with minor tears, tiny stain to left-hand margin near center of text, small chip and tear to center of bottom edge, contemporary manuscript note near top of text stating that Lamothe was arrested on July 4 in New York City. \$750.

\* Lamothe was dating Georgiana's sister, Alexandrine. Georgiana disapproved, so he shot her. The broadside has an unusually detailed description Lamothe's upbringing, education, employment, personality, habits and physical appearance. (Records show that Lamothe was shot during his arrest. He died from his wounds on July 6.) [Order This Item](#)



**A Man "Of the Border States" Proposes  
Constitution Amendments to End the Civil War**

**2. "Curtius"**

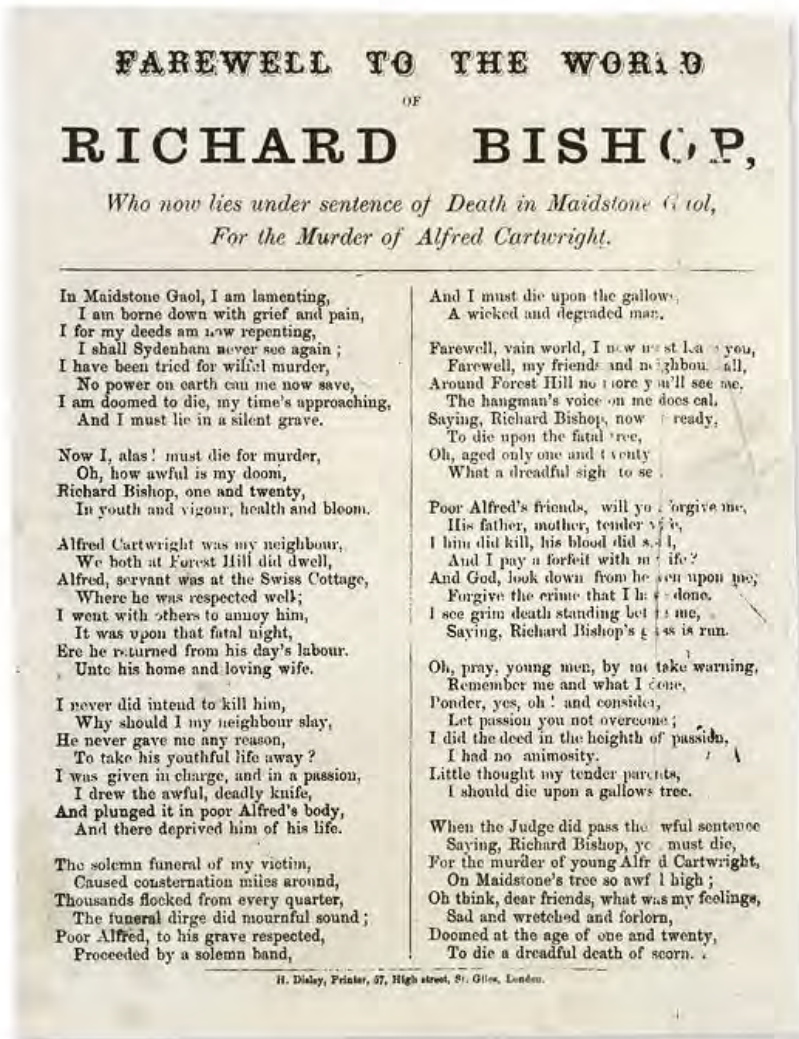
*Proposed Amendments to the Constitution of the United States, With Reasons Why They Should be Adopted.* [Np: S.n., 1861].

17" x 11" broadside, untrimmed left-hand margin, text in three columns below headline. Signed in type, at end of text by "Curtius."

Moderate toning and light foxing, vertical and horizontal fold lines, several small holes to left-hand margin, splits along folds expertly repaired, repair to vertical split through center of text with minor loss to text, legibility not affected. \$3,500.

\* An apparently unrecorded broadside written by a man "of the Border States" before the adoption of the provisional Confederate constitution in February 1861. Hoping to avert "the coercion of States Hoping to avert "the coercion of States by arms," Curtius offers several constitutional amendments which will "thoroughly eradicate the causes of discontent" that now rend the Union. Curtius's amendments prohibit the international importation of slaves into any state, permit the migration of slaves from one state or territory into another, "except by authority of the States, each within its own jurisdiction," authorize Congress to pass any legislation necessary for the effectuation of these amendments and prohibit their repeal except by the States's unanimous vote. He argues that slavery would thus disperse itself out of the nation over time: "Leave slavery to the operation of natural laws, to God and the States, and in due time He through them will work out its end as He thinketh meet."

Curtius was unlikely to draw anti-slavery support: Congress had already prohibited the international importation of slaves in 1808, most slave-owners and slave-sellers were interested in reviving the international slave trade, and few people believed slavery would be eliminated by geographical dispersion. This broadside is rare. No copies listed on OCLC or in the online catalogues of the American Antiquarian Society, Huntington Library, New York Public Library, Newberry Library, Columbia University, Harvard University, Yale University, UC-Berkeley, University of Michigan or University of Texas. Not in Nevins, Bartlett, Eberstadt, Parrish & Willingham, Crandall or Sabin. [Order This Item](#)



### Annoyed to Death

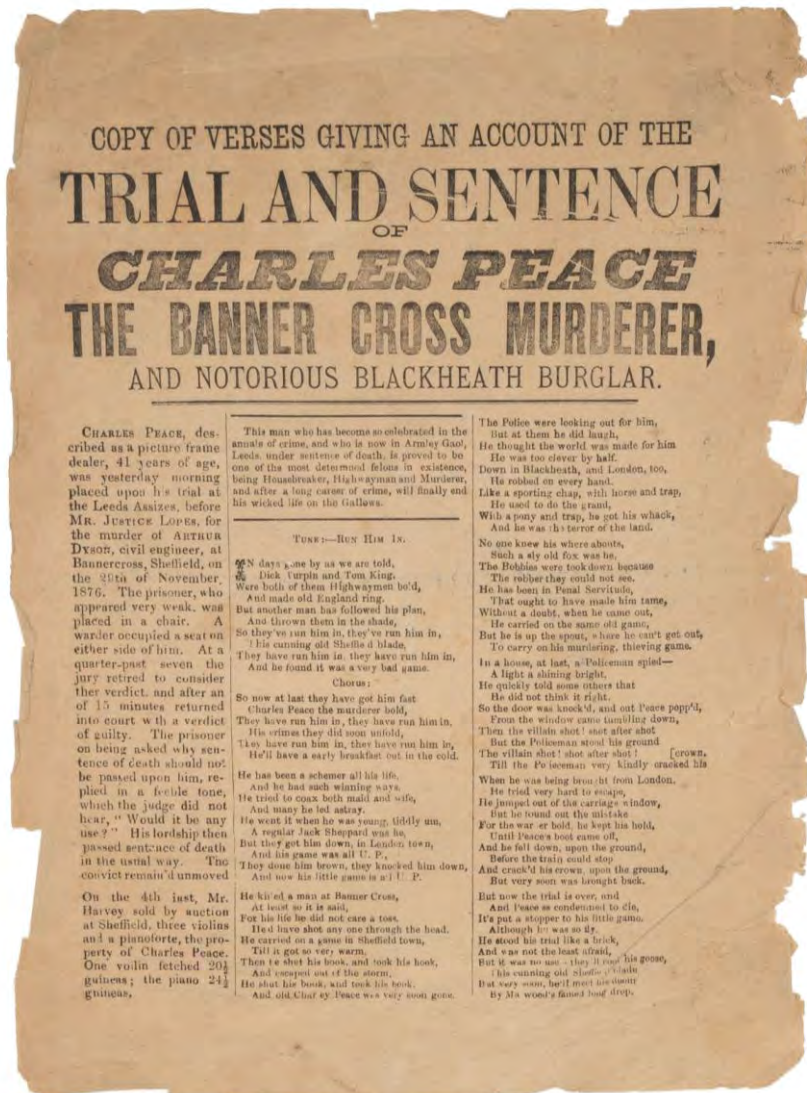
#### 3. [Execution].

#### Bishop, Richard.

*Farewell to the World of Richard Bishop, Who Now Lies Under Sentence of Death in Maidstone Gaol, For the Murder of Alfred Cartwright.*  
London: H. Disley, Printer, [1868]. 9-1/2" x 7-1/2" verse broadside. Main text in two columns separated by rules.

Some toning, creasing and a few minor stains, contemporary annotations to verso, otherwise fine. \$500.

\* A broadside ballad issued before the public hanging of Bishop for the murder of his neighbor, Cartwright. The murder was provoked by a shouting match between Bishop and another man on a nearby street that woke Cartwright. Irritated, he called the police. Bishop was arrested and an angry Cartwright followed him and the policemen, proclaiming angrily that he intended to press charges against his noisy neighbor. Angered by his taunting, Bishop broke free of the police and stabbed Cartwright to death. Bishop was sentenced at the Old Bailey but hanged outside Maidstone Prison, Kent, 27 days later. It was the last public execution to take place in Kent, less than a month before the last public execution in England, which occurred in London on May 26, 1868. Our copy is probably a printer's proof. It is printed on scrap paper watermarked 1844 and has an unrelated annotation dated 1848 to its verso. [Order This Item](#)



"One of the Most Determined Felons in Existence"

4. [Execution].

Peace, Charles [d.1876].

*Copy of Verses Giving an Account of the Trial and Sentence of Charles Peace, The Banner Cross Murderer, And Notorious Blackheath Burglar.* [Sheffield]: S.n., [1876].

9-1/2" x 7-1/4" broadside, text in two columns below headline, columns and headline separated by rules. Eight stanzas of verse (with chorus). Light browning and soiling, a few small holes, chipping, tears and creases to edges. \$950.

\* Peace, "described as a picture frame dealer," was sentenced to death for the murder of Arthur Dyson, a civil engineer, in Banner Cross, Sheffield. On an earlier occasion he killed a police officer during a robbery attempt in Blackheath, London, and escaped capture. He also engaged in highway robbery. "This man who has become so celebrated in the annals of crime, and who is now in Armley Gaol, Leeds, under sentence of death, is proved to be one of the most determined felons in existence, being Housebreaker, Highwayman and Murderer, and after a long carer of crime, will finally end his wicked life on the Gallows." No copies listed on OCLC or Library Hub. [Order This Item](#)



Legal Broadside from the Ancien Regime

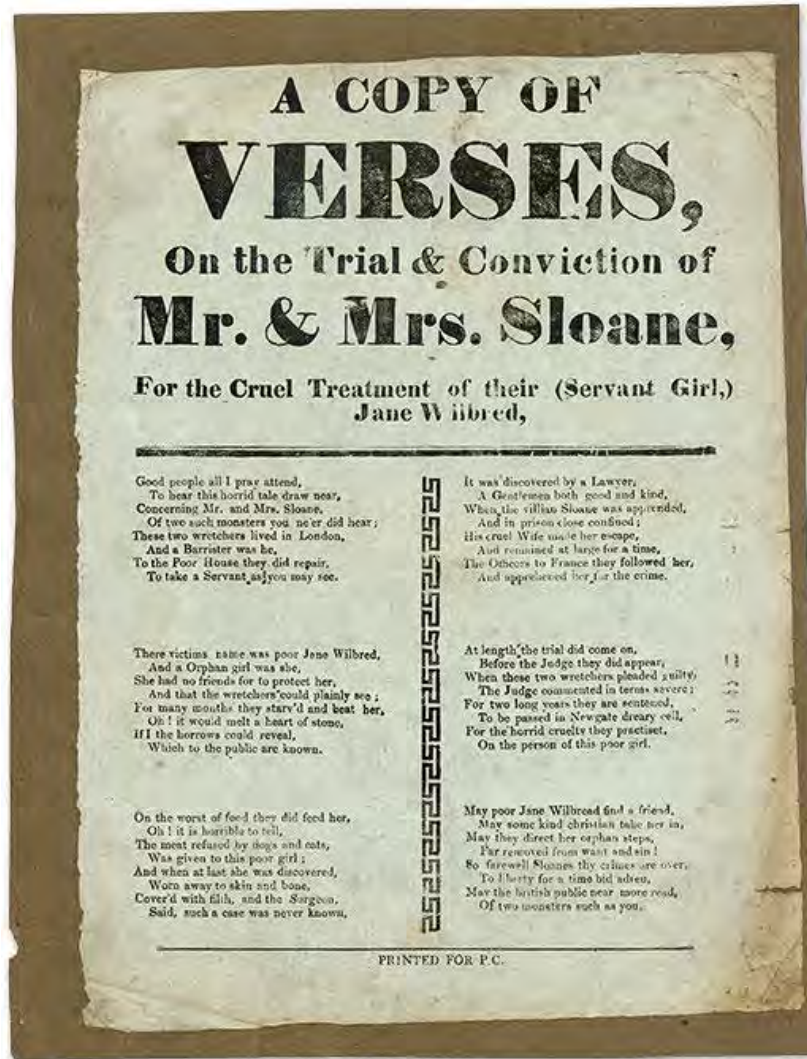
5. [France].

*Arrest du Conseil D'Etat du Roi, Portant Reglement pour la Perception des Droits de Petit-Scel, & De Ceux des Presentations & Defauts des Causes Entre Marchands, Qui Seront Jugees dans les Jurisdictions Ordinaires. Du 23 Avril 1765. Aix: Chez le Veuve de Joseph David & Esprit David, 1765.*

21" x 16-1/2" broadside, untrimmed edges, large woodcut French royal arms at head of text. Light soiling, otherwise fine. A remarkably well-preserved item. \$600.

\* It is remarkable this item exists today. Intended to be posted in market areas, this broadside outlines procedures to settle disputes between merchants. No copies located on OCLC. [Order This Item](#)





One of the Most Appalling Examples of the Sadistic Abuse of a Minor

7. [Great Britain].  
[Child Abuse].

*A Copy of Verses, on the Trial & Conviction of Mr. & Mrs. Sloane, for the Cruel Treatment of their (Servant Girl,) Jane Wilbred.* [London?: Printed for P.C., 1851]. 9" x 7" verse broadside, untrimmed, mounted on paper. Main text in two columns separated by rules below boldface headline.

Light soiling and a few minor creases and tears. \$950.

\* This broadside records one of the most appalling examples of child abuse in English history. Public outrage at this case was shared at all levels of society. The gratuitous, truly unspeakable cruelties that George Sloane, special pleader of the Middle Temple and officer of the Church of England Assurance Institute, and his wife, an ex-dancer at the Italian Opera, inflicted for two years on their servant girl, who was hired from the work-house at age 15, did not go unpunished. But the Sloanes received only a two-year prison sentence. Their mild punishment outraged the public. This event must have inspired several broadsides and related items, but almost none are recorded in the standard sources. COPAC lists 6 holdings of ours in Great Britain, OCLC locates none in North America. [Order This Item](#)





**"I Would Fork Out a Trifle to Know, Sir, Why Crime Should Increase in Our Land"**

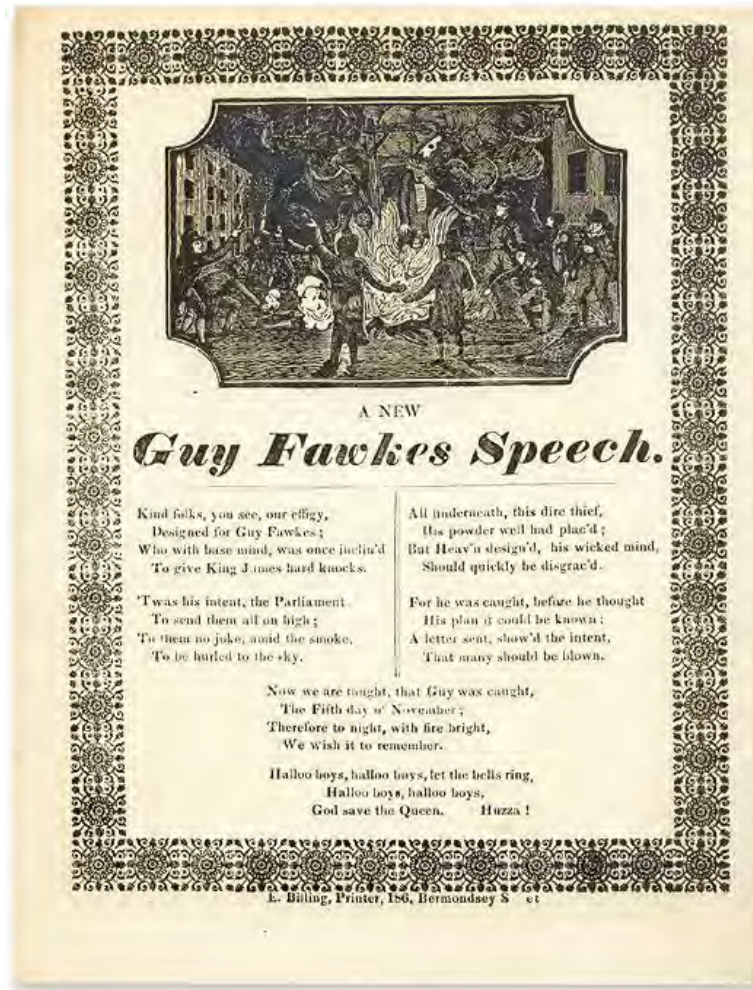
8. [Great Britain].  
[Criminals].

*John Bull, Can You Wonder At Crime!* London: W.S. Fortey, Steam Printer and Publisher, [c. 1860].

9-3/4" x 7-1/2" broadside, woodcut vignette at head above large headline, main text printed in parallel columns. Light browning, somewhat darker near edges, neatly mounted on album leaf. \$450.

\* A six-verse ballad about a recent increase in crime in London during a time of national prosperity. "I've been thinking, of late I've been thinking/ And my thoughts I can scarcely divine,/ I've been thinking why people should wonder/ At London's great increase of crime./ Cries good old John Bull it's a poser,/ There's Something I can't understand,/ And I would fork out a trifle to know, sir, Why crime should increase in our land." COPAC records 1 copy of this ballad (at the National Library of Scotland) printed with another ballad. OCLC locates 1 copy (at Trinity College Dublin).

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"Kind Folks You See, Our Effigy, Designed for Guy Fawkes; Who With Base Mind, Was Once Inclined to Give King James Hard Knocks"

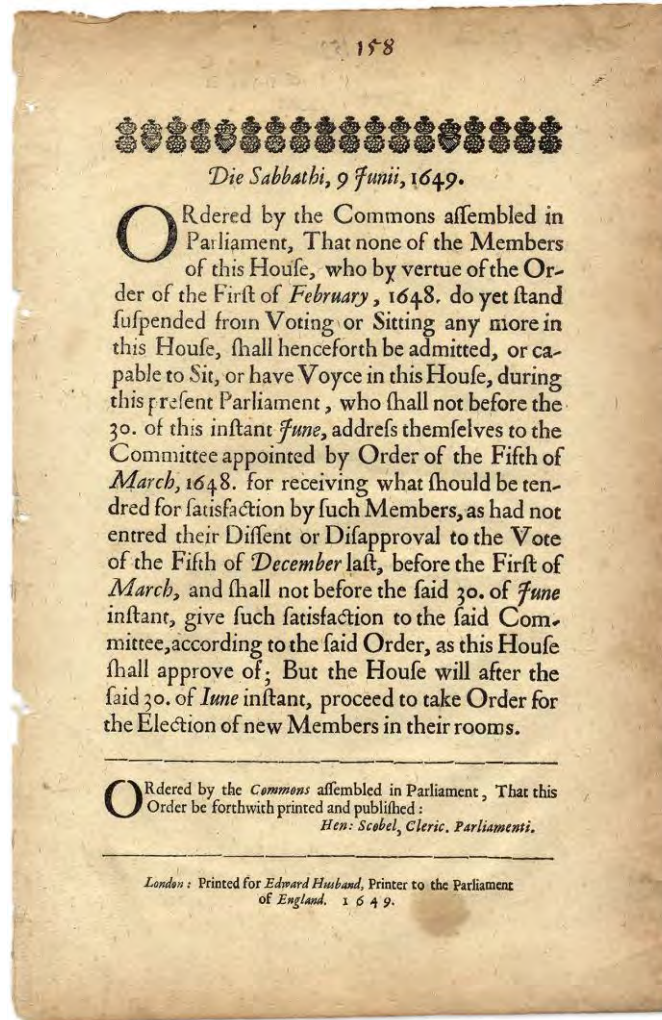
9. [Great Britain].

Guy Fawkes Day.

*A New Guy Fawkes Speech.* [London]: E. Billing, 186, Bermondsey Street, [c.1840].

9-3/4" x 7-1/2" broadside. Six-stanza verse text within woodcut typographical border, first four stanzas in two columns, separated by woodcut rules below headline and vignette of a group of people burning Fawkes in effigy. Light toning, otherwise fine. A well-preserved rare item. \$650.

\* A celebratory broadside commemorating Guy Fawkes Day. Also known as Guy Fawkes Night, Bonfire Night or Firework Night, it is an English national holiday commemorating the failed Gunpowder Plot, an attempt by a group of Catholics to assassinate King James I by blowing up the House of Lords during the State Opening of Parliament. The plot was foiled when Fawkes was discovered with a cache of explosives hidden beneath the House of Lords. The date of our broadside is conjectured from a similar broadside by Billing with a contemporary handwritten date of 1829 held by the National Library of Scotland. The verses on that copy end with "God save the King." Ours ends with "God save the Queen," so we assume it was printed in the early years of Queen Victoria's reign, which began in 1837. OCLC locates no copies. [Order This Item](#)



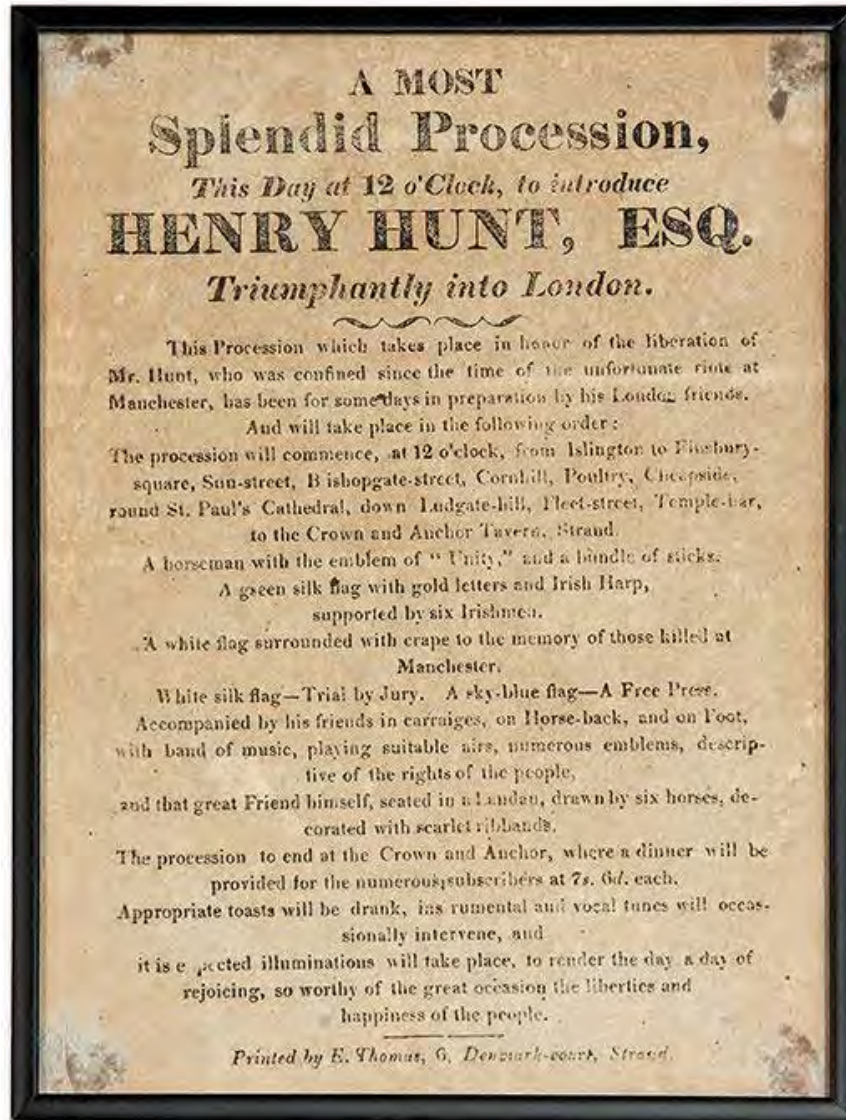
### A Dramatic Ordinance Relating to Pride's Purge

#### 10. [Great Britain]. [Parliament].

*Die Sabbathi, 9 Junii, 1649. Ordered By The Commons Assembled In Parliament, That None Of The Members Of This House, Who By Vertue Of The Order Of The First Of February 1648. Do Yet Stand Suspended From Voting, Or Sitting Any More In This House, Shall Henceforth Be Admitted....* London: Printed For Edward Husband, Printed To The Parliament Of England, 1649.

10-3/4" x 6-3/4" broadside, text in single column below typographical headpiece of repeated small English rose and crown ornaments & crown and harp ornaments. Moderate toning, minor tears to edges, small spot at foot of text, early hand-lettered numbers at head and to verso, stab holes along left-hand margin. \$500.

\* Parliament maintained negotiations with Charles I following the end of the second English Civil War and on the 5th December 1648 voted by a large majority to continue negotiations. Incensed by the result of the vote, members of the New Model Army under Colonel Thomas Pride surrounded Parliament and prevented dissenting members from entering on December 6, 1648. The ordinance requires members to satisfy the requirement of a Parliamentary committee appointed on March 5, 1648 to enter their vote of December 5, 1647 before June 30 or be subject to replacement by new members. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R212633. [Order This Item](#)



Unrecorded Broadside Advertising "A Most Splendid Procession" for a Radical Orator

11. [Hunt, Henry (1773-1835)].

*A Most Splendid Procession, This Day at 12 o'Clock, To Introduce Henry Hunt, Esq. Triumphantly into London.* London: Printed by E. Thomas, 6 Denmark Court, Strand, [1822].

9-1/4" x 7" broadside. Text in single column below headline. Light toning, small stains to corners from adhesive (?). Item framed and glazed. \$750.

\* Hunt was a radical orator who advocated parliamentary reform and the repeal of the Corn Laws. He was convicted and jailed for his participation in the infamous 1819 Manchester rally that became the Peterloo massacre when the police and army intervened. He was released in 1820. This broadside advertises Hunt's triumphal entry into London. It states that the procession will begin in Islington, accompanied by music, flags and banners, and finish at the Crown and Anchor Tavern, where a banquet will be held in Hunt's honor. Readers are invited to join the banquet, which will feature music, toasts and illuminations, for 7s.6d. This appears to be an unrecorded broadside. [Order This Item](#)



An Unrecorded Illinois Broadside?

12. [Illinois].

Twenty-Second General Assembly.

*An Act to Incorporate the Town of Dekalb.* [Springfield, IL, 1861].

25" x 14" broadside, text in five columns. Light browning, fold lines, a few chips to each edge, isolated spots to wear at centerfold touching five words, all easily inferred. A rare item. \$750.

\* As far as we can determine, this broadside printing of the act founding this northern Illinois town, home of Northern Illinois University, is unrecorded. This appears to be an unofficial printing. The anonymous printer ran out of space at the end of the fifth column of text. Omitting the penultimate Article 44, on filling the vacancy of the office of the constable, the printer assigned that number to the final pro-forma two-line article, "This act shall be deemed a public act... &c.," but then omitted the date, "Approved Feb. 21, 1861." No copies listed on OCLC or in the state-wide catalogue of the Illinois State Library. [Order This Item](#)



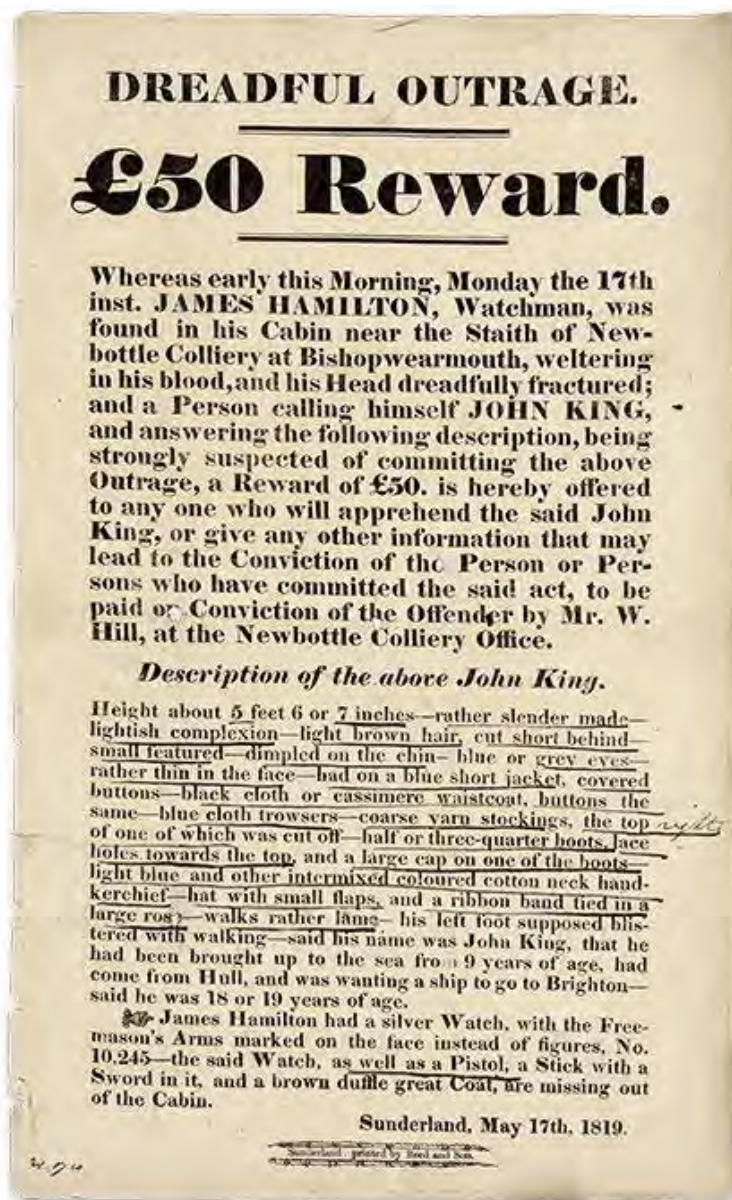
A Missouri Judge Responds to His Critics

13. Killen, Thomas J.

To The Public. In A Handbill Dated April 21, 1854, And Signed In Large Capital Letters "John Poynter McMillin," That Gentleman Makes "Three Specific Charges" Against The Rev. Matthias M. Barron [first line of text]. [Hannibal, MO? 1854].

18-1/2" x 8-1/2" broadside. Text in three columns. Moderate toning and light foxing, minor edgewear, fine vertical and horizontal fold lines, contemporary docketing to page. \$2,500.

\* An apparently unrecorded broadside issued by Judge Thomas J. Killen in response to an attack published by a former litigant, John Poynter McMillin, who lost a lawsuit decided by Judge Killen. McMillin then published his version of the trial and his testimony in an attempt to refute the verdict against him. Killen's broadside is a rebuttal of McMillin's "superlatively ridiculous" charges. He also mocks his evident insolvency, suggests he is a deadbeat and assures McMillin: "you may banish fears of sinking to the degraded level of a mere slanderer. Both your tongue and your pen, sir, have lost all power of slander, or detraction; true like the native polecat, they may occasionally offend and disgust the community yet no one blames it because it is the nature of the beast." No copies located on OCLC or the online catalogs of AAS, Harvard or the Library of Congress. [Order This Item](#)



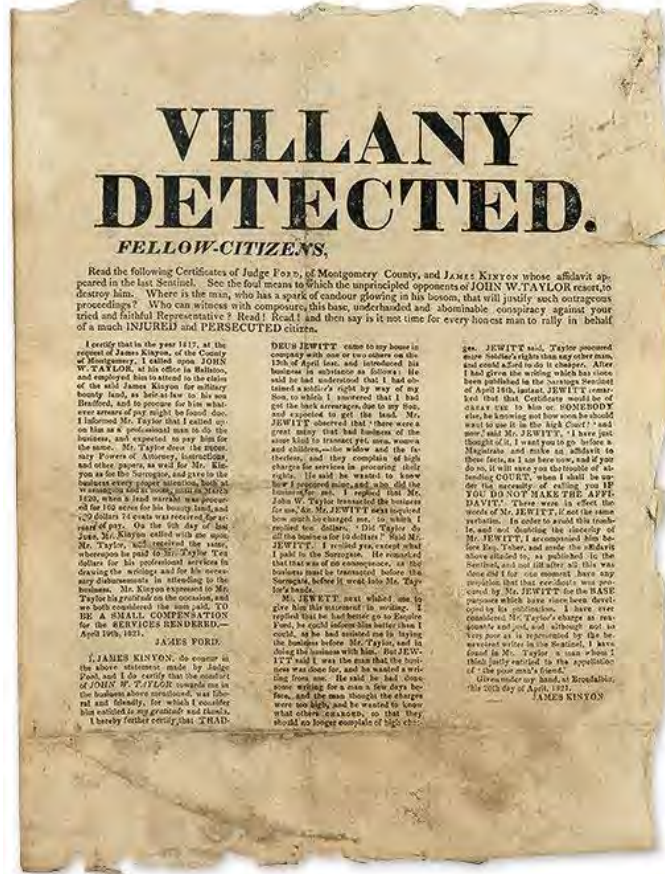
"Dreadful Outrage"

14. [King, John (d. 1819)].

*Dreadful Outrage. £50 Reward.* Sunderland, England: May 17, 1819.

13-1/4" x 8" broadside, pasted to plain sheet. Text in single column below headline. Moderate toning, faint horizontal and vertical fold lines, a few minor chips and tears and a few tiny holes to sheet, underlining and a few brief annotations in contemporary hand. \$500.

\* This wanted poster was issued after the murder of James Hamilton, a watchman at Bishopwearmouth, and the theft of his watch, pistol, swordstick and greatcoat. A detailed description is given of the prime suspect, a mariner named John King. Perhaps owing to the information in this broadside, King was eventually tracked down, tried and executed. COPAC and OCLC locate 1 copy (Durham University). [Order This Item](#)



"See the Foul Means to Which the Unprincipled Opponents of John W. Taylor Resort"

15. [Kinyon, James].

[Taylor, John W. (1784-1854)].

*Villany Detected: Fellow-Citizens, Read the Following Certificates of Judge Ford, Of Montgomery County, And James Kinyon Whose Affidavit Appeared in the Last Sentinel. See the Foul Means to Which the Unprincipled Opponents of John W. Taylor Resort, to Destroy Him....* [New York: S.n., 1821].

13" x 9-3/4" Broadside. Text in two columns below headline and one single-column paragraph, untrimmed edges. Moderate soiling, vertical and horizontal fold lines. \$1,250.

\* A campaign document, this broadside raises questions about the legal ethics of John W. Taylor, who represented Saratoga County in the U.S. House of Representatives from 1813-1833. It involves a fee Kinyon paid Taylor for legal services regarding a claim for military bounty land. Afterwards Kinyon was approached by one Thaddeus Jewitt who claimed to be investigating high fees charged for such services. Kinyon was persuaded to make an affidavit of the facts in his case claiming he was overcharged. This document was subsequently published in the *Saratoga Sentinel*. Taylor's claim is corroborated by the certificate of Judge James Ford, who rendered assistance in securing Taylor's services. Taylor was served as the speaker of House of Representatives in 1820-1821 and 1825-1827. He was defeated for re-election as Speaker both times, due in part to his outspoken opposition to slavery. While the South never forgave the part he played in the Missouri controversy, the chief opposition came from his own state: the anti-Clintonian faction in 1821 and the Van Buren Democrats in 1827. OCLC locates 1 copy (New-York Historical Society). [Order This Item](#)



**BATCOMBE, SOMERSET.**  
**FREEHOLD LANDS.**  
**TO BE SOLD**  
**By Auction,**  
 BY  
**Mr. WAINWRIGHT,**  
*At the Three Horse Shoes Inn, Batcombe.*  
 On THURSDAY the 22nd day of JULY, 1830.  
*Precisely at 5 o'Clock in the Afternoon.*  
 (Subject to such Conditions as will be then Produced.)  
**THE FOLLOWING VERY DESIRABLE**  
**Freehold**  
**LANDS,**  
**AND PREMISES.**

*Joseph Lloyd Esq. Refuse for James - Craddock 162 - 2.17 161 - 1.0.39*

**Comprising;**

*Plan No 299* LOT 1. A Piece of Pasture LAND, containing by estimation 1½ Acre, (more or less); called QUAN PANNOCK, bounded by Lands of -- Ames, and -- Pigot Esqrs. and by the Turnpike Road leading from Batcombe to Frome. *1.0.39*

LOT 2. All those Four Closes of Pasture and Arable Land, containing by estimation 11 Acres, (more or less); called RENSLETS, and NEW CLAPS, bounded by Lands of the Rev. Thomas Goney, Stephen Neale, Esqr, and the late -- Ames Esqr.

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LOT 4. A Piece of Pasture Land, containing by estimation, 1½ Acre, (more or less); called WAINING MEAN, bounded by Lands of Hugh Rabbits Esqr, Mr. Robert White and Stephen Neale Esqr.

LOT 5. A Piece of Pasture Land, containing by estimation, 3 Acres, (more or less); called WAYS PLOTT, bounded by Lands of Mr. Robert White, George Walter, and the common Meadow.

**The above Premises are situate at Batcombe aforesaid, and in the occupation of Mr. George James.**

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WASON & FOXWELL, PRINTERS, SHEPTON-MALLET.

Land for Sale in Somerset

16. [Land Auction].  
[Great Britain].  
Batcombe, Somerset.

*Freehold Lands, To be Sold by Auction, By Mr. Wainwright, At the Three Horse Shoes Inn, Batcombe, On Thursday the 22nd. Day of July, 1830. Shepton-Mallet: Wason & Foxwell, [1830].*

17-3/4" x 11" broadside. Text in single column below headline. Moderate toning, light soiling and a few minor stains, faint vertical and horizontal fold lines, a few minor chips and tears to edges, contemporary annotations to recto and verso. \$650.

\* The lots include pasture land, arable land and a farmstead. Most of the annotations discuss the value of specific lots. The one exception is a note on the verso, most likely for filing purposes, states the nature and date of the auction. No copies located on COPAC or OCLC. [Order This Item](#)



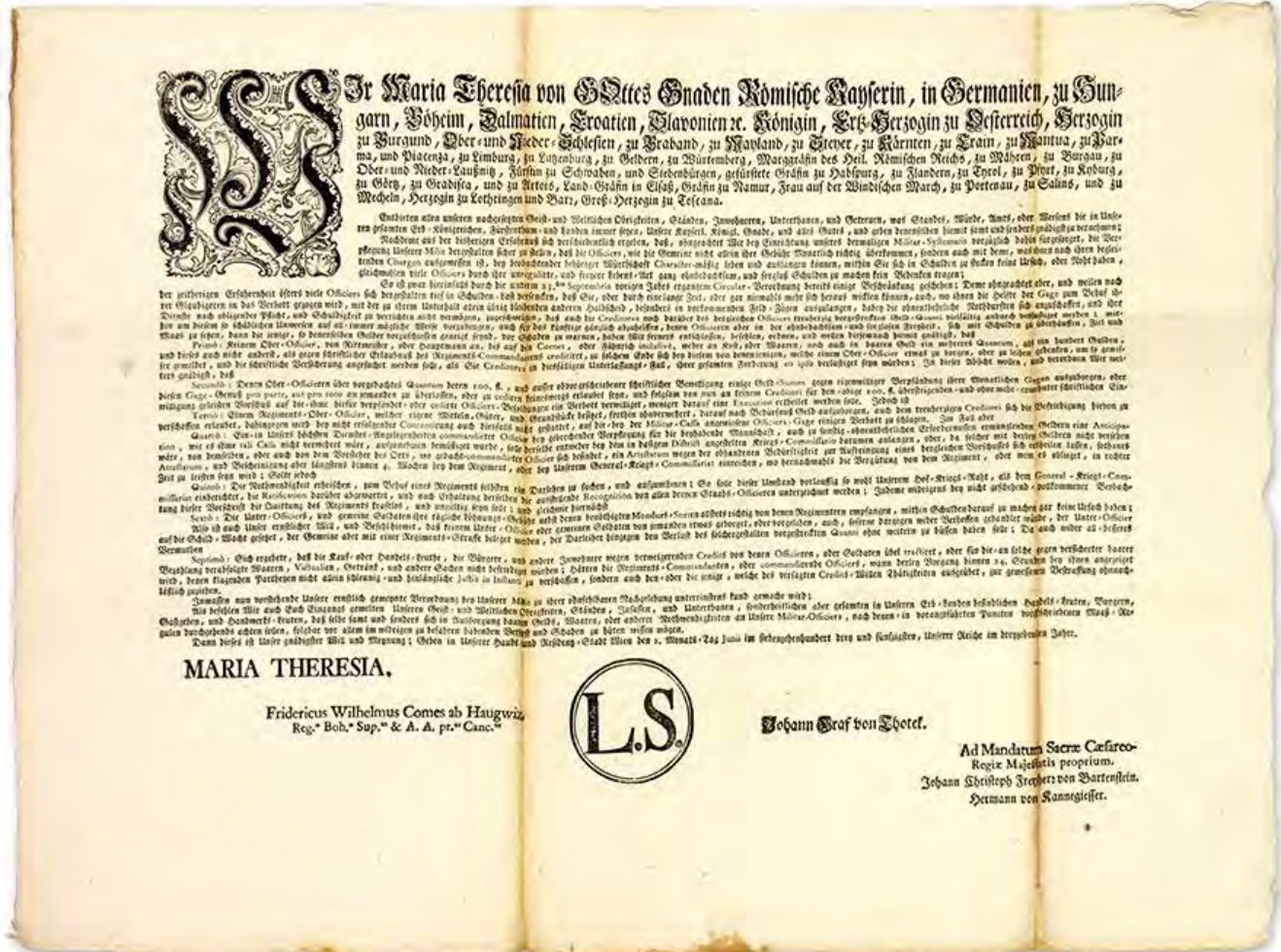
**Will a New Tax be Necessary to Finance the Louisiana Purchase?**

**17. [Louisiana Purchase].**

*Direct Tax.* [New Hampshire: S.n, c.1807].

18" x 11" broadside, untrimmed edges, text in three columns. Light browning and foxing, vertical and horizontal fold lines, few minor tears along folds. \$1,850.

\* Signed in type by "Americanus," this broadside discusses the cost of the Louisiana Purchase. The writer argues the difficulty, if not impossibility, of paying France without a special tax due to the revenue lost to the Embargo Act. The table described the proportionate cost to each New Hampshire county of the \$15 million bill. The author also warns of the threat of European war. No copies listed on OCLC. Shaw and Shoemaker, *American Bibliography* 1983. [Order This Item](#)



Maria Theresa Limits Money Lending  
Among Officers and Soldiers in Her Army

18. Maria, Theresa [1717-1780], Holy Roman Empress.

[Decree Regulating Money Lending in the Army]. Vienna: 2 June 1753. 17" x 22-1/2" broadside, untrimmed edges. Light toning, two vertical and one horizontal fold lines, all lightly browned, tiny stain to bottom edge. \$350.

\* This broadside regulates the conduct of army officers who lend and borrow money too freely. The decree forbids senior officers from lending more than 100 florins; junior officers and all lower ranks are not allowed to lend or borrow any amount. [Order This Item](#)



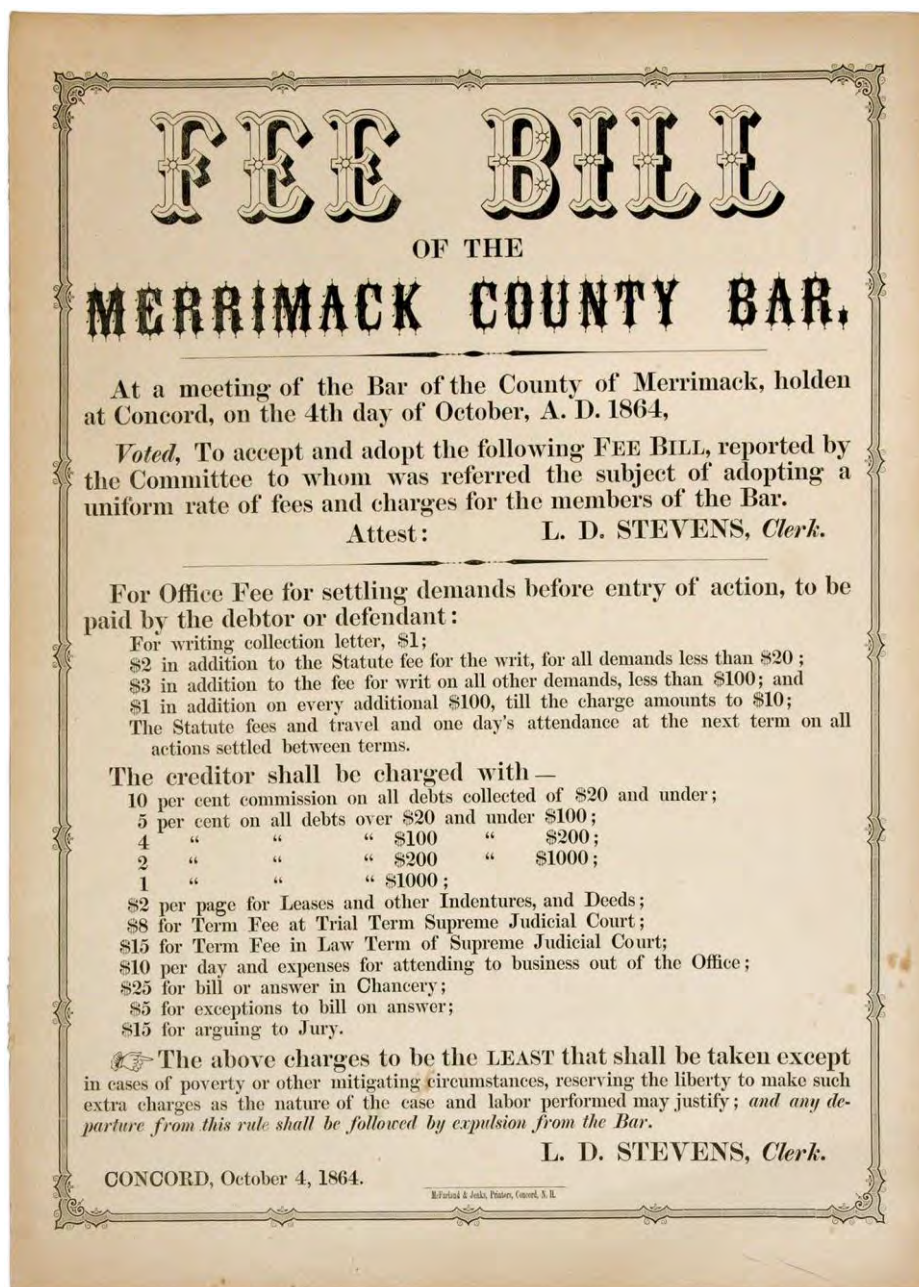
**The Deadliest Railroad Disaster of Its Day**

**19. McDevitt, John.**

*Disastrous Calamity on the North Pennsylvania Rail Road.* Philadelphia: John McDevitt, 1856.

14" x 10" broadside, verse text in four columns below headline with woodcut grave scene, text enclosed by woodcut decorative border. Light browning, a few small ink stains, some wear and several minor tears to edges, some repairs on verso with archival tape, very small burn hole to lower margin. \$950.

\* Also known as the Camp Hill Disaster and Picnic Train Tragedy, the Great Train Wreck of 1856 occurred in Whitmarsh Township, Pennsylvania, between Camp Hill Station and Fort Washington Station, on July 17, 1856. It was caused by a collision by two trains traveling on the same track in converging directions. Between 59 and 67 were killed and over 100 were wounded. It was the deadliest railroad catastrophe in the world up to that time. This verse account is rare and apparently unrecorded. OCLC locates 1 copy (at the Hagley Museum). We also located a copy at the Library of Congress. [Order This Item](#)



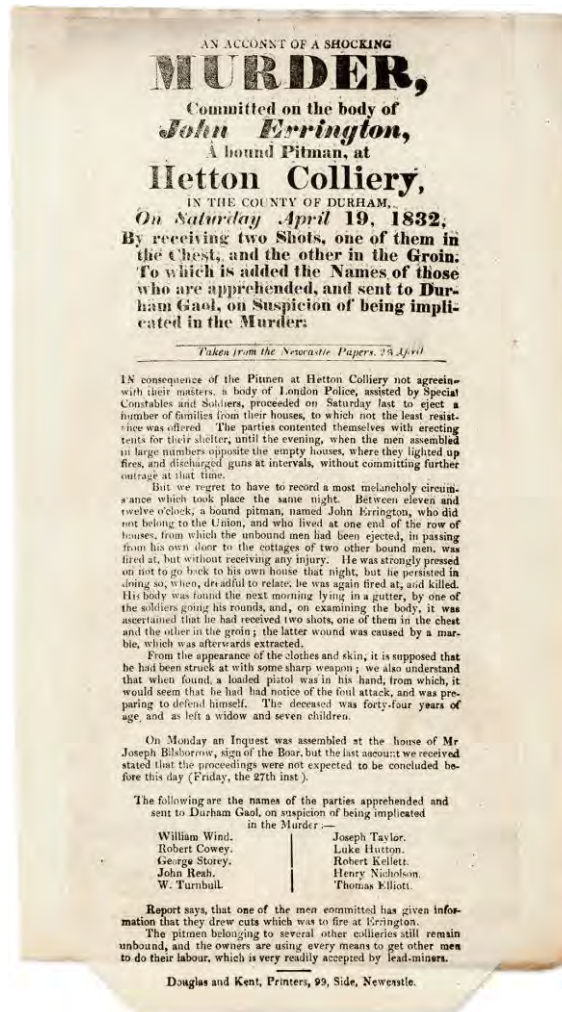
### List of Lawyer's Fees, Merrimack County, New Hampshire, 1864

#### 20. Merrimack County Bar.

*Fee Bill of the Merrimack County Bar.* Concord, NH: October 4, 1864.

13-1/2" x 10-1/2" broadside. Text printed within woodcut border. Light toning, a few small spots near lower right-hand corner. A well-preserved copy. \$650.

\* This elaborate table of fees is followed by a statement: "The above charges to be the LEAST that shall be taken except in cases of poverty and other mitigating circumstances, reserving the liberty to make such extra charges as the nature of the case and labor may justify; and any departure from this rule shall be followed by expulsion from the Bar. [Order This Item](#)



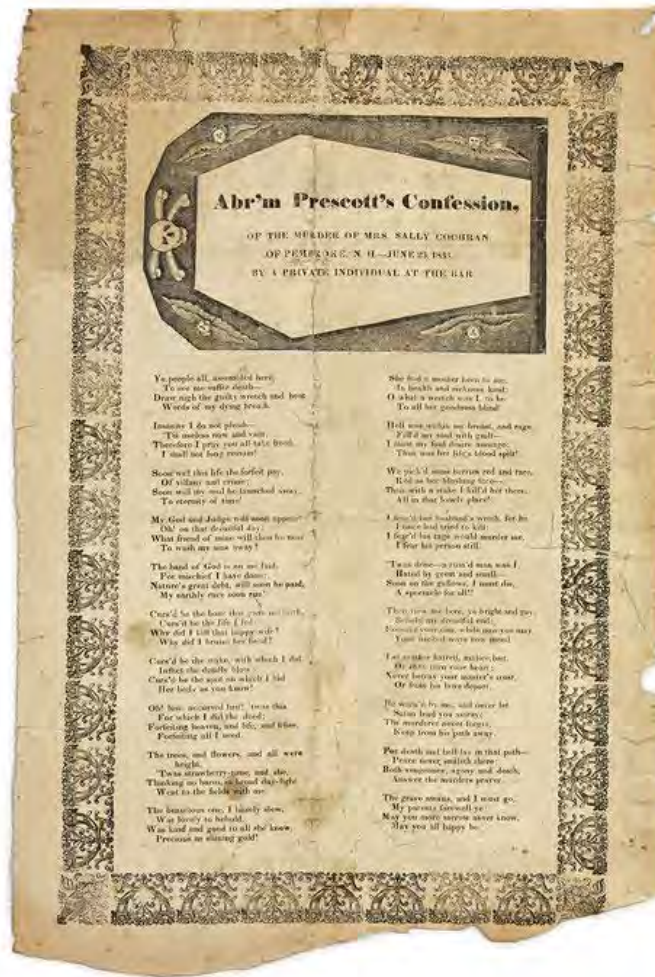
**A Murder Related to Labor Unrest in the Newcastle Mines**

**21. [Murder].  
[Great Britain].**

*An Account of the Shocking Murder, Committed on the Body of John Errington, A Bound Pitman, At Hetton Colliery, In the County of Durham, On Saturday April 19, 1832, By Receiving Two Shots, One of Them in the Chest, And the Other in the Groin. To Which is Added the Names of Those Who are Apprehended, And Sent to Durham Gaol, On Suspicion of Being Implicated in the Murder.* Newcastle Upon Tyne: Douglas and Kent, Printers, [1832].

13-3/4" x 6-1/4" broadside mounted on 13-1/4" x 8" sheet, bottom inch of broadside folded, lower corners cropped. Single-column text below headline, sections separated by rules. Negligible light toning. A well-preserved copy. \$1,500.

\* An account "taken from the Newcastle Papers" of 28th April, during the miner's strike of 1832, an early example of Industrial-Era unrest that resonated throughout Great Britain. At that time a number of strikers, evicted from their homes, gathered in the town, where they lit bonfires, discharged firearms and antagonized their opponents. Errington, a strikebreaker, was found dead in the street with two wounds from a marble-firing musket. Several strikers were charged with his murder and taken to Durham Gaol, which was far enough away from Newcastle to discourage any rescue attempts. In the end the evidence was insufficient and they were released. No copies located on OCLC, Library Hub or at the British Library. [Order This Item](#)



"Oh! Lust, Accursed Lust! 'Twas This for Which I Did the Deed"

22. [Murder].

Private Individual at the Bar.

*Abr'm Prescott's Confession of the Murder of Mrs. Sally Cochran of Pembroke, N.H.--June 23, 1833.* [Concord, NH.?: S.n., 1836.

17" x 11-1/2" broadside. Two-columns of verse in twenty stanzas within woodcut ornamental border, text headed by large woodcut vignette of a coffin. Light browning and a few minor stains, faint horizontal and vertical fold line, chipping to edges, section lacking from bottom margin, just touching bottom right corner of border, a few tears along fold lines with no loss to text, later repairs to verso. \$2,500.

\* Abraham Prescott was found guilty of the murder of Sally Cochran in two separate trials held in Concord in September 1834 and September 1835. Despite a well-crafted insanity defense, he was sentenced to be hanged on December 23, 1835, in Hopkinton, New Hampshire. The execution was postponed to January 6, 1836. The verse account in this broadside presents the murder as a crime of passion: "Oh! lust, accursed lust! 'twas this for which I did the deed; Forfeiting heaven, and life, and bliss, Forfeiting all I need." See McDade, *The Annals of Murder* 769. OCLC locates 7 copies (American Antiquarian Society, Brown, Dartmouth, Harvard, Peabody Essex Museum, University of Michigan, Yale).

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Verse Account of a Murder-Suicide in Pennsylvania

23. [Murder-Suicide].  
[Pennsylvania].  
[Koppelberger, Johannes].

*Ein Neues Lied von der Mord-Geschichte des Joseph Miller, Welcher im Januar 1822, Einer Sonntags Nacht Seine Schwangere Frau unde Zwei Kinder auf eine Grausame Art Ermordete, Und sich Selbst Erhing, Welches Alles, Wie man Glaubt, Aus Armuth Geschah...*[Running Title]. [N.p.: S.n., 1822]. 12-1/2" x 10" broadside. Text in three columns printed within woodcut border and separated by black rules.

Moderate toning and light foxing, fraying and a few chips to edges, tear to bottom edge with negligible loss to text. \$750.

\* This sixteen-stanza "New Song of the Murder-Story of Joseph Miller" is attributed to Johannes Koppelberger. It tells the sad story of a murder-suicide committed by Miller, a German-American. The verses say he eloped from Poland with the daughter of a nobleman in 1817. The couple made their way to Philadelphia and from there to Lebanon, Pennsylvania, where Miller found work as a schoolteacher. The job paid poorly and his wife was increasingly homesick. Depressed, Miller killed his pregnant wife, two children with an ax and himself. It was a grisly affair involving and axe and a knife. This poem was quite popular and issued in a number of different broadside formats. According to Wellenreuter, there were, in all, 16 printings. All are rare. OCLC locates 3 copies of our version (American Antiquarian Society, Library Company of Philadelphia, University of Michigan). Not in Shaw & Shoemaker. Wellenreuther, *Citizens in a Strange Land: A Study of German-American Broadside and Their Meaning for German Americans* 13. [Order This Item](#)





**Rare 1815 New York Broadside  
Concerning Representation in the State Assembly**

**24. [New York].**

*An Act Appointing the Members of Assembly of this State According to the Rule Prescribed by the Constitution.* [Albany]: April 8, 1815.

13" x 8" broadside. Lightly browned, light foxing and a few faint dampstains, fold lines, some edgewear, a few short tears along fold lines, annotations to verso. \$450.

\* Reflecting the growth of New York's population, this act increased the number of assemblymen from 112 to 126. Annotations on our copy show that it was sent to the clerk of the town of Lewiston. No copies listed on OCLC.

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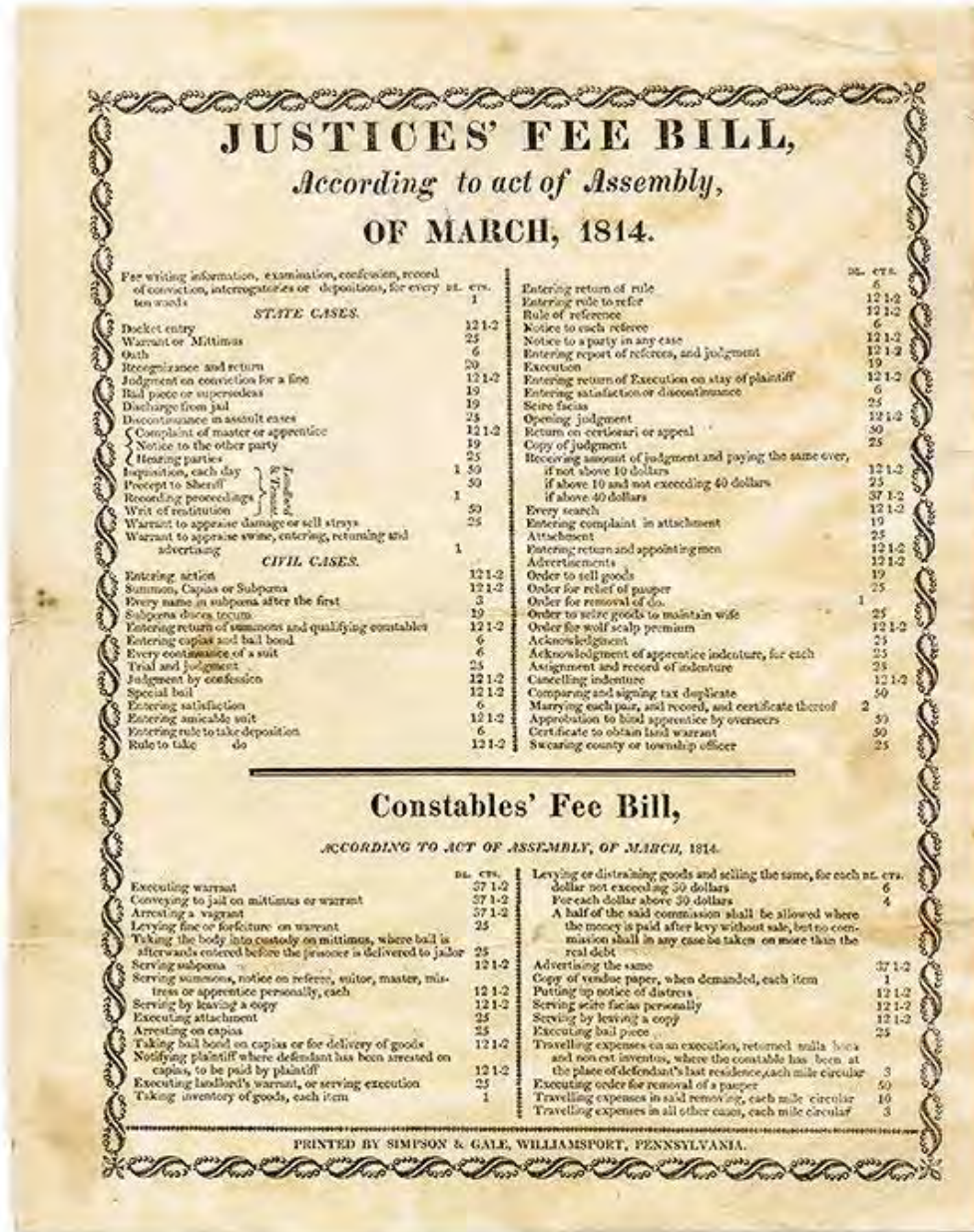
**Broadside Listing the 116 Laws  
Passed by the North Carolina General Assembly in 1802**

**25. [North Carolina].**

*Titles of the Laws Passed by the General Assembly of North-Carolina, At Their Session which Commenced on the 15th of November, And Ended the 18th of December, 1802.* N.p.: S.n., c.1802.

17-1/2" x 10-3/4" broadside, text in four columns divided by rules, illegibly docketed on verso. Light browning and foxing, vertical and horizontal fold lines, a few clean tears and wear at folds, cello tape repairs to verso, several small areas of loss to text (largest about 3/4 inch), left edge trimmed unevenly, faint dampstaining to bottom edge. \$1,750.

\* Intended for public locations, this broadside lists of 116 laws passed in the session which ran from 15 November to 18 December 1802. Highlights are a law "to prevent the vile practice of Duelling," and an act "for the relief of the Tuscarora Nation of Indians." Laws 37, 38 and 100 relate to slave insurrections: levying a tax "for defraying the expences incurred in suppressing the late insurrection of the Negroes"; repealing a law which compensated "the owners of outlawed and executed slaves" of certain counties; and "to prevent conspiracies and insurrections among the Slaves." This appears to be an unrecorded broadside. No copies listed on OCLC. [Order This Item](#)



Pennsylvania Fees for Justices and Constables in 1814

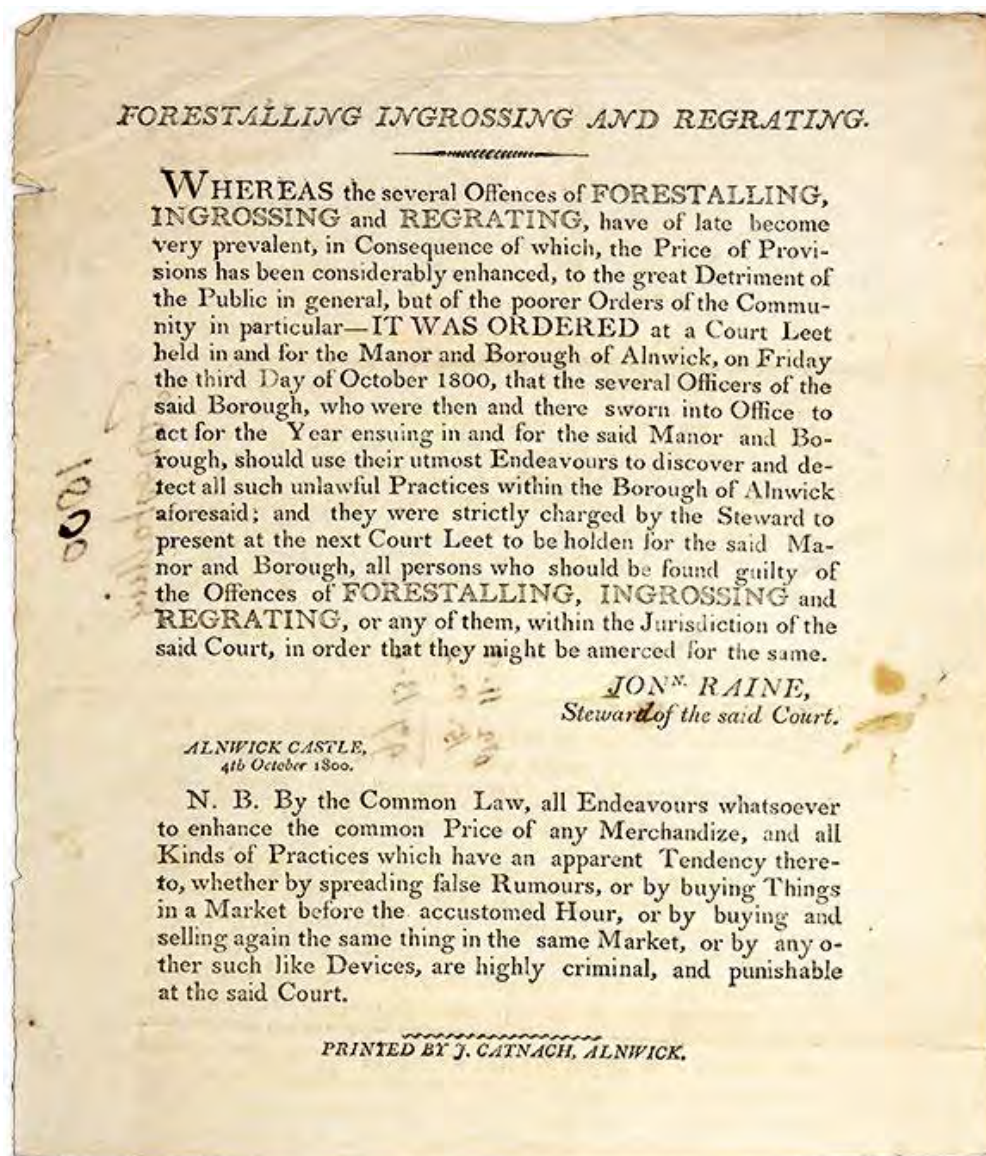
26. [Pennsylvania].

*Justices' Fee Bill, According to Act of Assembly, Of March, 1814.* Williamsport, PA: Printed by Simpson & Gale, [1814].

10" x 8" broadside, text in parallel columns. Moderate toning, light foxing, vertical and horizontal fold lines, light edgewear. \$450.

\* This broadside lists fees for "writing information, examination, confession, record of conviction, interrogatories or depositions, for every ten words" in state and civil cases. The lower third of the broadside, below a double rule, is a Constables' Fee Bill, which lists fees for such actions as serving a subpoena or taking a suspect into custody.

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### Offenses Against Public Trade

#### 27. Raine, J[ohn].

*Forestalling Ingrossing and Regrating.* Alnwick: Printed by J. Catnach, 1800.

10-3/4" x 8-3/4" broadside, text in single column below headline. Signed in type by Raine. Light toning, light soiling, two horizontal fold lines, a few minor stains, contemporary annotations to verso. A very good copy. \$850.

\* Raine, steward of the Court Leet of Alnwick, orders officers to proceed against anyone guilty of "forestalling, ingrossing" or "regrating," that is, manipulating market prices. The broadside states these practices "have of late become very prevalent, in Consequence of which, the Price of Provisions has been considerably enhanced, to the great Detriment of the Public in general, but of the poorer Orders of the Community in Particular." Its final paragraph states, perhaps as a warning, that these actions are, "by common law...highly criminal and punishable." Not in the *English Short-Title Catalogue* or COPAC. [Order This Item](#)



### The Last Decapitated Head Displayed On London Bridge

#### 28. Stayley, William.

*An Account of the Digging Up of the Quarters of William Stayley, Lately Executed for High Treason, For That His Relations Abused the Kings Mercy. Imprimatur Novemb 30. 1678. William Scroggs.* London: Printed for Robert Pawlet at the Sign of the Bible in Chancery-Lance [sic], near Fleet-street. 1678.

11-1/2" x 16" broadside. Light toning, faint vertical and horizontal fold lines, 4-1/2" section excised from foot of left margin, old tear professionally repaired with no loss of printed surface. A well-preserved copy. \$850.

\* William Stayley (or Stayley) was one of the victims of the Popish Plot, one of the cruellest hoaxes in British history and the inspiration for a wave of anti-Catholic violence. It was the invention of Titus Oates, an Anglican clergyman, and his friend, Dr. Israel Tonge, a cleric and passionate anti-Catholic. They pretended to have discovered a Jesuit plot to assassinate the King, massacre Protestants, and set James, Duke of York, the King's Catholic brother, on the throne. Convicted as a conspirator, Stayley was executed and quartered in 1678. "Instead of his quarters being set upon the city gates the king allowed them to be delivered to his relatives. Mass was said over his remains and a 'grand' funeral was arranged from his father's house on 29 November, before his burial in St Paul's, Covent Garden. This incensed the government so much that the coroner ordered the body to be dug up and delivered to the sheriff to be set upon the city gates" [*Oxford Dictionary of National Biography*]. William Stayley's head has a small place in London's history; it was the last to be displayed on London Bridge. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R211806. [Order This Item](#)



**A Tax to Defray the Cost of the Revolutionary War**

**29. [Taxation].  
[Massachusetts].**

*Commonwealth of Massachusetts. (Tax No 3.).* Boston, June, 1783. 16" x 10" broadside, amount of assessed tax and date added in manuscript by Thomas Ivers, treasurer and receiver-general of Massachusetts, his signature, dated October 1, 1783, below text.

Mounted on linen, lightly browned, some edgewear, sections lacking from corners and along fold lines with minor loss to text. A rare item. \$750.

\* This broadside is, in effect, a warrant to collect unpaid taxes. In this particular case, an amount of four pounds and four shillings to be collected by the constable or collector in the town of Leverett, Massachusetts. According to Ford, this broadside was printed in June of 1783, at a time when the Commonwealth was trying to pay down expenses associated with the war. Financial hardship from the war would persist long after the conflict with Great Britain ended, and the Commonwealth applied sustained pressure to collect revenue from its cities and towns. Interestingly, this prophetic broadside foretells Shays's Rebellion, in that just three years later perceived economic and taxation inequities prompted rural central and western Massachusetts such as Leverett to rise up in a series of historic protests against the Commonwealth. No copies listed on OCLC. Ford, *Broadside & Ballads &c. Printed in Massachusetts 1639-1800* 2371.

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The above reward is offered for the apprehension of the burglar or burglars and return of the following goods, taken from H. D. Leffel, Jeweler, San Angelo, Texas, on the evening of July 3rd or morning July 4th.

Style Mtg.	No. Scratched Inside	Weight of Diamond	
Arch Crown Ring	74-137	3.4 1-16	Perfect white
Tiffany Ring	75-142	3.4 1-16 1-32	" "
" "	92-57	1-2	Slightly imperfect "
" "	94-50	1-2 - 1-16	" "
" "	98-159	1 1-8	" "
" "	99-111	3.4 1-32	" "
" "	106113	5-8 1-32	Perfect "
Tooth "	111172	1 3-8 1-32	Perfect commercial
Tiffany "	11339	3-8 1-64	Perfect white
" "	11476	1-2 1-32 1-64	" "
" "	11570	1-2	" "
" "	11959	1-2	Slightly imperfect "
" "	131136	7-8 - 1-32	Perfect "
" "	131116	3.4 - 1-32	" "
Claw "	138185	1 1-4 - 1-32 1-64	" "
Tiffany "	14081	3.4 - 1-16	Slightly imperfect "
Double Snake Ring		2 diamonds about 5-8	
20 Diamond Rings		up to 3.8c	
Stud		1 5-8 - 1-64	Perfect commercial
"		1 - 1-32	Imperfect yellow
"		cluster diamond	
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1 " " "		1-4 1-32	
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1 " " "		small cluster	
1 " " Drops		3.4 - 1-16	
21 Diamond and Diamond and Pearl Brooches			
20 18 K Plain Gold Rings stamped H. D. L.			

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**H. D. LEFFEL**  
**CARROLL BATES,**  
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 or **J. S. McCONNELL, Sheriff**  
**San Angelo, Texas**

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**Texas Reward Poster Seeking the Capture of Jewelry Thieves and the Recovery of Stolen Jewelry**

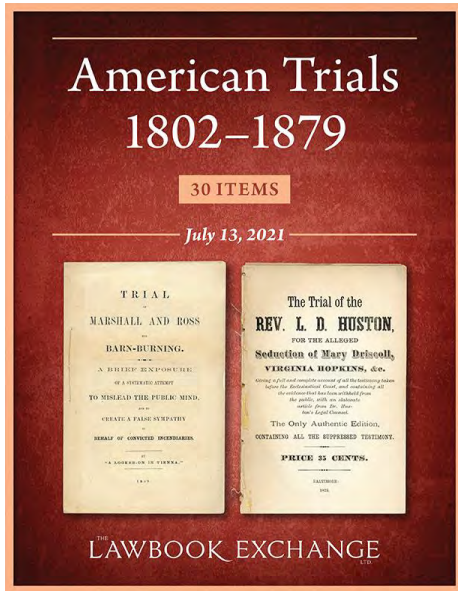
**30. [Theft].  
 [San Angelo, Texas].**

*\$400.00 Reward. The Above Reward is Offered for the Apprehension of the Burglar or Burglars and Return of the Following Goods, Taken from H.D. Leffel, Jeweler, San Angelo, Texas, On the Evening of July 3rd or Morning July 4th. San Angelo, TX: S.n., c.1901.*

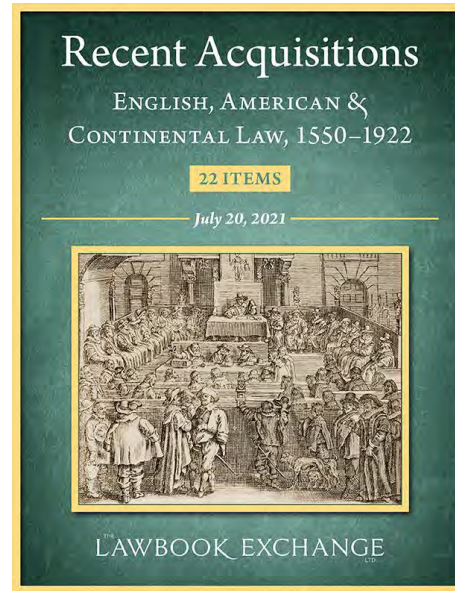
10" x 5-1/2" broadside, main text in parallel columns below headline. Light toning and soiling, faint fold lines, a few minor creases, faint stamp of the San Francisco chief of Police to head, another stamp reading "115" to foot. \$450.

\* Signed in type by H.D. Leffel, Carroll Bates, Chief of Police, and J.S. McConnell, Sheriff, this wanted poster lists the stolen items and their identification numbers. Some of the stolen items were produced by Tiffany. [Order This Item](#)

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