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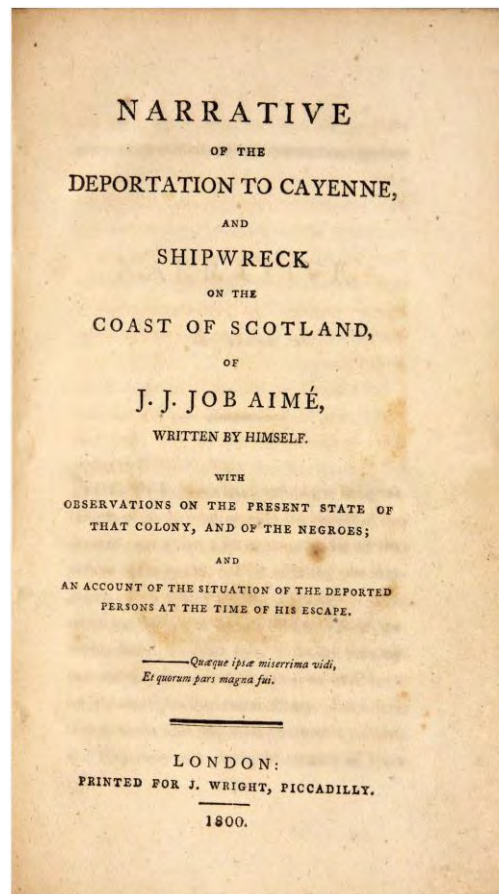
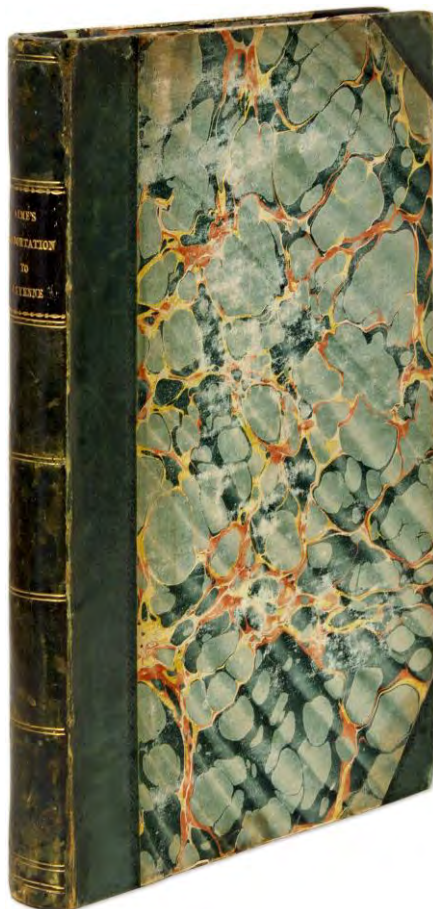
1. Ardemans, Teodoro.

Ordenanzas De Madrid, Y Otras Diferentes, Que se Practican en las Ciudades de Toledo, Y Sevilla, Con Algunas Advertencias à los Alarises, Y Particulares, Y Otros Capítulos Añadidos à la Perfecta Inteligencia de la Materia, Que Todo se Citra en el Gobierno Politico de las Fabricas. Madrid: En la Imprenta, Y Libreria de Don Antonio Mayoràl, 1765. [viii], 183 pp. P. 131 has woodcut cross-section of the bull fighting arena of Madrid. Quarto (8" x 6").

Contemporary limp vellum, faint early hand-lettered title to spine, fragments of thong ties, upper corner of front board repaired. A few minor stains, spine slightly darkened, rubbing to extremities with light wear to spine ends and corners, hinges cracked through, text block loose, rear free endpaper lacking. Light to moderate toning, foxing, some wear to corners of text block, edgewear and insect damage to front free endpaper, small early embossed seal to title page. \$300.

* Later edition. First issued in 1719 under a slightly different title, this review of the codes established by the Gobierno Politico de las Fabricas and related regulations was an important reference work for builders and architects in Spain. A valuable work, it went through eight editions, the last one in 1798. Copies of any edition are scarce. OCLC locates 9 copies of the 1765 edition, 1 in North America (University of Michigan). Palau, *Manual del Librero Hispano-Americano* 15759.

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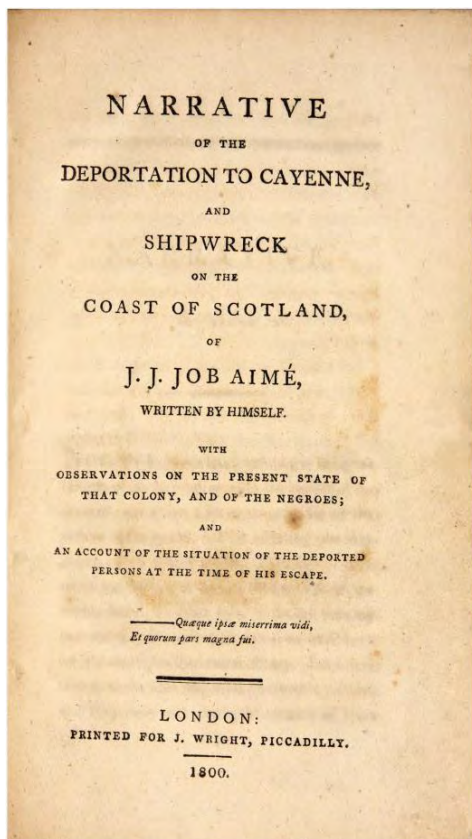
Intended to Expose the Brutality of the French Revolution

2. Aymé, Jean-Jacques.

Narrative of the Deportation to Cayenne, And Shipwreck on the Coast of Scotland, Of J. J. Job Aimé, Written by Himself. With Observations on the Present State of that Colony, And of the Negroes; And an Account of the Situation of the Deported Person at the Time of His Escape. London: Printed for J. Wright, 1800. [ii], 282, [12] pp. Lacking half-title and final publisher advertisement leaf. Octavo (8-1/2" x 5-1/4").

Contemporary three-quarter calf over marbled boards, lettering piece and gilt fillets to spine, marbled edges. Light rubbing to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, front hinge starting, three early library bookplates to front pastedown. Moderate toning to text, occasional light foxing. \$950.

* Second and final English edition. First published in English in 1799, this book was first published earlier that same year as *Déportation et Naufrage de J. J. Aymé, Ex-Législateur*. Aymé was a member of the Directory who was arrested after the Coup of 18 Fructidor and sent to the penal colony in Cayenne commonly known as Devil's Island. He managed to escape and eventually made his way to England. His narrative details the inhuman behavior of the colony's masters towards their prisoners and slaves. Produced to promote opposition to the Revolution in Great Britain, the English translation was intended to expose the brutality of the Directory and the hollowness of its stated commitment to political freedom and human rights. The second edition was also issued in a composite volume with two other books critical of the French Revolution titled *History of the Revolution of the 18th Fructidor*. Sabin, *A Dictionary of Books Relating to America* 545. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T87787. [Order This Item](#)



A Landmark in the Development of German Law

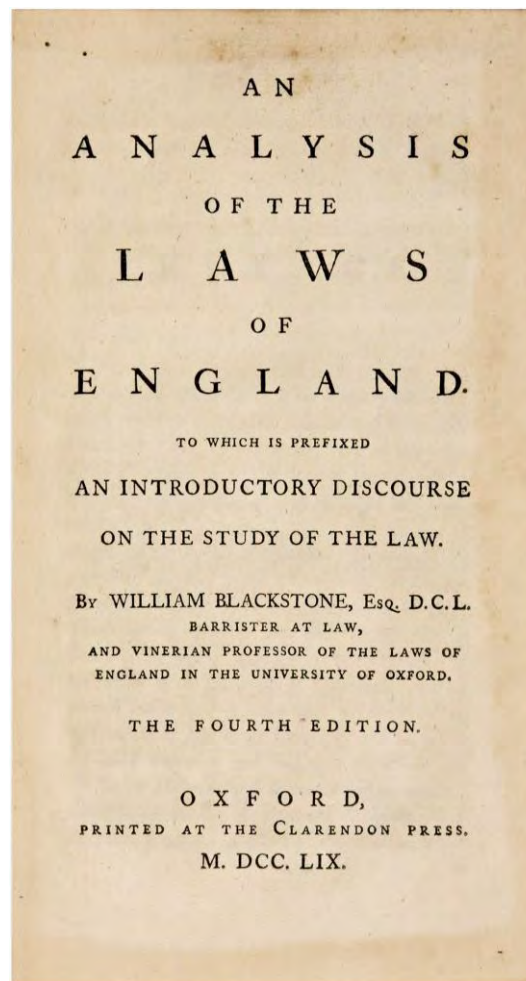
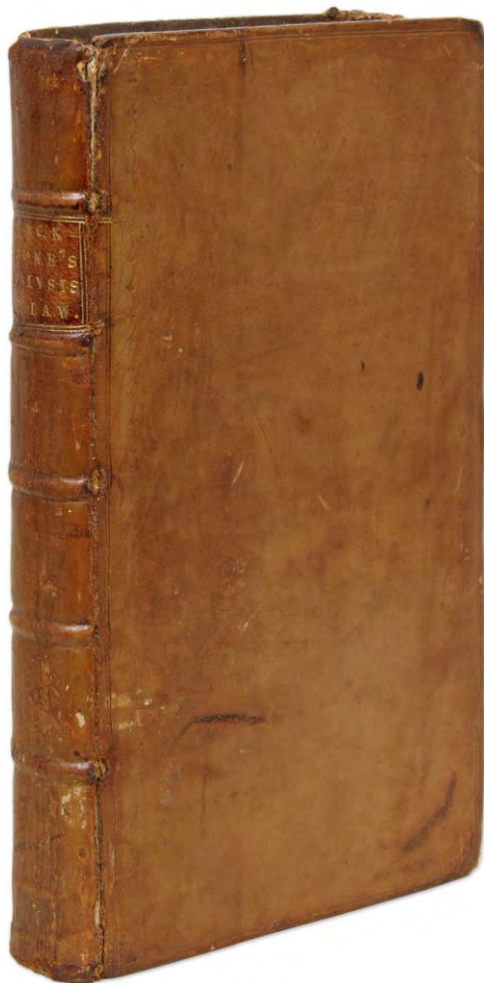
3. Berlich, Matthias [1586-1638].

Schwendendörffer, Bartholomäus Leonhard [1631-1705], Editor.

Conclusiones Practicabiles Secundum Ordinem Constitutionum Augusti Saxoniae Electoris, Discussae, Omnibus In Academiis, Camera Imperiali, Aliisque Judiciis, Inprimis Vero in Foro Saxonico Versantibus, Utilissimae & Summe Necessariae, Judicialia Continentes, Vereque & Solide Juris Communis & Saxonici, & Utriusque Processus, Differentia Demonstrantes. Nova Editio Multis Supremi Appellationum Judicii Dresdensis, Judiciorum Curialium, Facultatum Juridicarum, Scabinatum & Aliorum Judiciorum Decretis, Responsis, & Observationibus fori Quotidianis Plurimum Aucta & Locupletata. Cum Privilegio Seren. & Potent. Electoris Saxonicae. Leipzig: Sumtibus Johannis Grosii Viduae & Haeredum, 1693. [xxiv], 600; 450; 340; 218; [2], 187, [121] pp. Five parts (and index), each with divisional or drop-head title and individual pagination. Without the 18 pp. "Conclusiones Notae & Observationes" found in some copies. Main title page preceded by copperplate allegorical title page. Main text in parallel columns. Folio (13-1/2" x 8-1/4").

Contemporary vellum, blind frames and large central arabesques to boards, raised bands, calf lettering piece and fragment of paper label to spine. Light soiling, spine ends and corners bumped, vellum partially cracked through pastedowns. Main title page printed in red and black. Moderate toning and light foxing to text, faint dampstaining in a few places, light edgewear to preliminaries and final few leaves. \$2,500.

* Later edition. Along with Carpvov, Berlich refined Saxon law, systematized it and made it a model for the legal systems of the northern and central German states. Saxon law would later be an important influence on the German Civil Code (enacted 1900). The five-part *Conclusiones Practicabiles* is Berlich's main contribution to the development of Saxon law. First published in 1614, this comprehensive restatement went through several issues and editions into the eighteenth century. *Das Verzeichnis der im Deutschen Sprachraum Erschienenen Drucke des 17. Jahrhunderts* 23:677533T. [Order This Item](#)



The Outline of Blackstone's *Commentaries*

4. Blackstone, Sir William [1723-1780].

An Analysis of the Laws of England. To Which Is Prefixed an Introductory Discourse on the Study of the Law. Oxford: Printed at the Clarendon Press, 1758. lxx, [6], 189, [15] pp. Copperplate Table of Descents. Folding Table of Consanguinity. Octavo (8" x 4-3/4").

Contemporary calf, blind rules to boards, blind fillets along joints, raised bands and lettering piece to spine, blind tooling to board edges. Light rubbing and a few minor scuffs to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, chip to foot of spine, boards beginning to separate from spine, but secured by cords, corners bumped and lightly worn, early armorial bookplate (of Thomas Grimston Estcourt) and later bookplate (of P.R. Glazebrook) to front pastedown. Light toning, somewhat heavier in places, a few worm holes at head of text block near gutter, recent brief annotations and marks in pencil in a few places, spot of early wax to foot of p. 109 below text with faint offsetting to adjacent leaf. \$750.

* Fourth edition. First published anonymously in 1756, the *Analysis* was originally the outline for Blackstone's *Commentaries on the Laws of England* (1765-1769). Later editions, such as this one, provided a digest of the published work. This edition was the last issued by Blackstone. The preface and arrangement of the text follows the third edition. The first chapter, A Discourse on the Study of the Law, was Blackstone's introductory lecture as Vinerian professor of law at Oxford. This edition also contains an appendix of precedents, forms and an alphabetical index. Eller, *The William Blackstone Collection in the Yale Law Library* 220. Laeuchli, *A Bibliographical Catalog of William Blackstone* 523. [Order This Item](#)



A Rare Seventeenth-Century Guide to Legal Study

5. Brucksilber, Georg.

Cothmann, Ernst [1557-1624].

Everaerts, Nicolas [1462-1532].

Memoriale Juridicum Novum. Quo Continentur Totius Juris Civilis Constructio, Series Nexufque Librorum Corporis Juris Utriusque, Ut & Indices Titulorum cum Locorum Similibus Collatione, Index Praeterea Rubricarum Universi Juris, Caesarei & Pontificii Absolutissimus. Ut et Memoriale Juridicum Georgi Brucksulbergi, Cum Ern. Cothmanni et Everardorum Libellis. Amsterdam: Apud Viduam ADR. Gasbequi, 1687. [xii], 336 pp. 12mo. (5-1/4" x 3").

Contemporary vellum, early hand-lettered title to spine, speckled edges. Corners and spine ends lightly bumped, small early owner markings to front and rear free endpapers. Light toning to text, somewhat heavier in places. A notably well-preserved copy. \$1,500.

* Later edition. Intended for students, this handbook contains a title-by-title summary of the *Corpus Juris Civilis* and parts of the *Corpus Juris Canonici*, an alphabetical index of topics in Roman law, a guide to legal study by Cothmann and a guide to legal terminology. Little is known about Brucksilber, sometimes spelled Bucksilber or Brucksulberg, or his book. He appears to have been a lawyer, but the title page of our copy doesn't list any professional or academic affiliations. We located seven editions of the book, the earliest from 1640, the latest from 1725. OCLC locates a few copies of each edition and 2 copies in North America: a 1685 edition at Harvard Law School and a 1725 edition at the University of Alberta. Our 1687 edition is not listed in OCLC. Not in Dekkers, which refers to a 1676 edition in its entry on Everaerts, or the *British Museum Catalogue*, which lists a 1658 edition. [Order This Item](#)



Three Primary Volumes of Canon Law

6. Boniface VIII [1235-1303], Pope.

John XXII [1244-1334], Pope.

[d'Andrea, Giovanni [c.1270-1348], Glosses].

Liber Sextus Decretalium D. Bonifacii Papae VIII, Suae Integritati una cum Clementinis & Extravagantibus, Restitutus; & Notis Passim Glossulisque Doctissimorum Virorum Locupletatus & Illustratus. Frankfurt: Excudebat Ioannes Wechelus, Impensis Sigismundi Feyrabendii, Henrici Thacqui & Petri Vischeri, 1586. [xvi], 622, [2] pp.

[Bound With]

Clement V [1264-1314], Pope [and Other Popes].

Matthieu, Pierre [1563-1621], Compiler.

Septimus Decretalium Constitutionum Apostolicarum post Sextum, Clementinas & Extravagantes Usque in Hodiernum Diem Editarum, Continuatio Universi Corporis Canonici Libris, Titulis & Canonibus Accurata Locorum & Materiarum Distinctione Respondens. Opus Novum & Necessarium. Additus Etiam Index est Germinus, Unus Titulorum, Alter Rerum & Verborum in Primis Memorabilium. Frankfurt: [H. Tackii & P. Fischeri], 1590. [xxiv], 655, [77] pp.

Contemporary paneled pigskin, raised bands to spine, clasps lacking, buckles present, colored edges. A few minor worm holes, rubbing with wear to rear board and extremities, heavier wear to spine, which has exposed cords, a few small pieces missing between the cords, and chipping to spine ends, front board beginning to separate, but secure, a few cracks to text block, tiny shelf label (?) to front pastedown. Moderate toning, faint dampspotting in places, early underlining in a few places, lower corners removed from title pages with no loss to text. \$1,500.

* This volume collects three books from the *Corpus Juris Canonici*, a collective title first used in 1441: the *Liber Sextus* of Boniface VIII (1298), the *Liber Septimus Decretalium*, better known as the *Constitutiones Clementis V*, or *Clementinae* of Clement V (1317) and the *Extravagantes* of John XXII (1325). All of these texts were edited in 1582 in response to the reforms authorized by the Council of Trent. In this form the *Corpus Juris Canonici* remained in force until it was replaced in 1917 by the *Codex Juris Canonici*. Though often catalogued independently, our volumes are part of an edition of the *Corpus Juris Canonici* published by Feyerabend, Dack and Fischer between 1586 and 1590. *Verzeichnis der im Deutschen Sprachbereich Erschienenen Drucke des 16. Jahrhunderts* C5181. [Order This Item](#)



**A Well-Regarded, Long-Lived
Treatise on Inheritance and Succession**

**7. Godelelin (Godelinus), Pierre [1550-1619].
Wittebort, Maximilian [1586-1624].**

Commentariorum De Jure Novissimo Libri Sex, Optimâ Methodo, Accuratè ac Eruditè Conscripti, Additis Harum Vicinarumque Regionum Moribus. Opus ut Diu Avidèque Expetitum, Ita Scholis Foroque Utilissimum, Cum Indicibus. Accessit Clarissimi viri Maximiliani Wittebort, J.U.D. in Authoris Obitu Oratio Funebris, Habita Exequiis 22. Octob. MDCXIX. Arnheim: Typis Jacobi Biesius, 1661. [xxiv], 367, [32] pp. Main text in parallel columns. Full-page copperplate portrait of author facing preface. Quarto (7-1/2" x 6").

Contemporary vellum, early hand-lettered title to spine, speckled edges. A few minor stains to spine, light wear to corners and spine ends, which are bumped, vellum just beginning to crack through pastedowns, moderate toning to text, faint dampstaining in a few places, faint early owner inscription (?) to front pastedown, early owner initials (?) to rear pastedown. \$1,500.

* Later edition. Educated at the University of Louvain, Godelelin commenced practice as an advocate at Malines in 1572. In 1582 he became a professor of law at his alma mater. First published in 1620, his *Commentariorum* is a study of inheritance and succession according to Roman and canon law. A well-regarded, long-lived treatise, it went through several editions into the nineteenth century. This edition includes a funeral oration in honor of Godelelin by Wittebort. All editions of this treatise are uncommon in North American libraries. For the 1661 edition, OCLC locates 6 copies, 3 in law libraries (Harvard, Library of Congress, University of Minnesota). This edition not in Dekkers. [Order This Item](#)



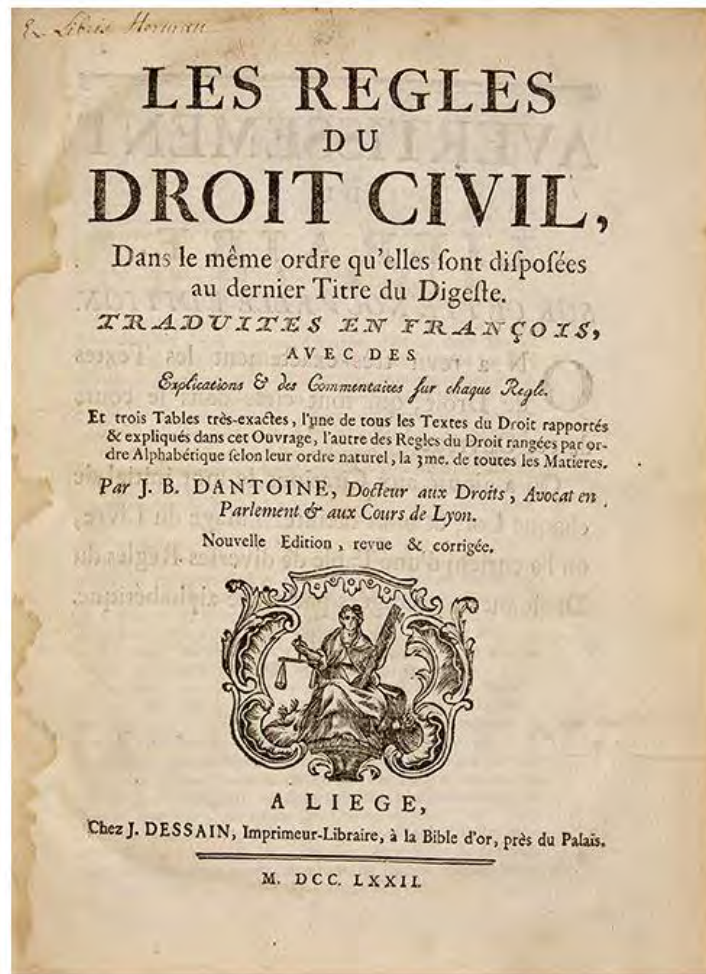
A Compact Gentleman's Law Library

8. [Great Britain].

A Compendious Library of the Law: Necessary for Persons of All Degrees and Professions. In Two Parts. Part I. Containing, I. The Laws Relating to Parish-Officers, Viz. Church-Wardens, Overseers of the Poor, Constables, Scavengers, Surveyors of the Highways, &c. II. The Laws Relating to the Game. III. The Laws Relating to Landlords, Tenants, &c. IV. The Laws Relating to Juries. V. Precedents for Vestry-Clerks, Justices Clerks, &c. VI. A Summary of the Laws in Force Against Idle and Disorderly Persons, Rogues, Vagrants, &c. Part II. Containing, I. The Forms of Bonds, Or Obligations, Conditions, Agreements, &c. II. Articles of Apprenticeship, For Leases, Compositions, &c. III. Assignments of Bonds, Judgments, Leases, Policies, &c. IV. Awards, Deeds of Bargain and Sale, Bottomree, Charter-Party, &c. V. Deeds of Composition, Declarations of Trust, Defeasances, Feoffments, &c. VI. Deeds Relating to Fines, Leases, Mortgages, &c. VII. Letters of Attorney, Letters of Licence, &c. VIII. Forms of Deeds of Copartnership, Deeds Relating to Recoveries, Releases, Warrants of Attorney, &c. IX. Precedents for Last Wills and Testaments, And Codicils. X. Forms of Acquittances, Affidavits, Certificates of Different Kinds. XI. Promissory Notes, Bills of Exchange, And Protests Thereon, Protections, &c. XII. Petitions of Apprentices on Bad Usage, Of Debtors, For Suing Out Commissions of Bankruptcy, For the Sole Use of an Invention, &c. XIII. Recognizances of Various Kinds. XIV. The Manner of Recording and Inrolling Deeds, And Account of the Four Terms and Their Returns, &c. [London]: Printed by E. and R. Nutt, And R. Gosling, 1740. Two parts. [ii], 196, [8]; 192, [8] pp. 12mo. (6-1/2" x 4").

Contemporary calf, blind rules to boards, blind fillets along joints, raised bands to spine. Light rubbing and a few minor scuffs and faint stains to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, spine ends worn away, boards beginning to separate but secure, corners bumped and somewhat worn, front free endpaper lacking. Light toning, two signatures detached, light soiling to title page. \$950.

* First edition. This handbook covered the most common civic obligations and legal matters that occurred in a life of a gentleman or businessman. A well-received work, it went through two more editions in 1743 and 1757. All editions are scarce today. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T76148. [Order This Item](#)



A Notable French Edition of the *Digest*, Book 50

9. [Justinian I (483-565CE), Emperor of the East].

Dantoine, J[ean] B[aptiste], Editor.

Les Règles du Droit Civil, Dans le Même Ordre Qu'Elles sont Disposées au Dernier Titre du Digeste; Traduites en François, Avec des Explications & Des Commentaires sur Chaque Règle. Et Trois Tables Très-Exactes, l'Une de Tous les Textes du Droit Rapportés & Expliqués dans cet Ouvrage, l'Autre des Regles du Droit Rangées par Ordre Alphabétique Selon leur ordre Naturel, La 3me. de Toutes les Matieres. Nouvelle Édition, Revue & Corrigée. Liege: Chez J. Dessain, 1772. [lxiv], 502, xxxii pp. Quarto (10" x 8-3/4").

Nineteenth-century three-quarter calf over paper-covered boards, lettering piece and gilt fillets to spine. Some rubbing and faint dampstaining to boards, heavier rubbing to extremities with wear to spine ends and corners, joints cracked, faint crack through center of spine, chipping to edges of lettering piece, two small later bookplates to front pastedown. Moderate toning to text, somewhat heavier in places, faint dampstaining to margins of preliminaries. \$500.

* Penultimate edition. The final title of the *Digest*, "De Diversis Regulis Juris Antiqui (Concerning Different Rules of Ancient Law)," is a collection of 211 maxims derived from Ulpian and other jurists. Dantoine's edition presents the maxims in the original Latin with translations and extensive commentary. First published in 1710, it went through six editions the, last in 1775. All are scarce. OCLC locates 3 copies of the 1772 edition in North America (Bibliothèque et Archives Nationales du Québec, McGill University, UC-Berkeley Law School). Camus, *Bibliothèque Choisie des Livres de Droit* 658. [Order This Item](#)



A Collection of Texts from the *Corpus Juris Civilis*
in Handsome Uniform Contemporary Paneled Pigskin Bindings

10. Justinian I [483-565 CE], Emperor of the East.

Accorso, Francisco (Accursius) [c.1182-c.1260], Glossator.

Gaius [Active 130-180 CE].

Institutionum D. Iustiniani Sacratissimi Imperatoris Libri Quatuor: Ad Vetustissimorum Simul et Emendatissimorum Exemplarium Fidem Summa Diligentia Recogniti, Emendati. Cum Scholiis Accursii. Adiecit Pluribus Locis Annotationes ex Doctissimorum Hominum Commentariis, Ex Quibus non Parum Lucis ac Dignitatis his Iuris Civilis Elementis Accedit. Accessit Corpus Legum, Antea non Impressum, Ac Caii Institutionum Libri Duo. Lyon: Apud Hugonem à Porta, 1553. Pp. [24], 290, [2] pp. Large woodcut image of Justinian surrounded by his court. Main text in parallel columns with linear gloss.

[Bound with]

Justinian I, Emperor of the East.

Accorso, Francisco (Accursius), Glossator.

Volumen hoc Complectitur (Sic Enim Peculiari Vocabulo Vocant) Novellas Constitutiones Iustiniani Principis Post Repetitam Codicis Praelectionem Aeditas: Authentica Vulgò Appellant. Tres Item Posteriores Libros Codicis; Feudorum seu Beneficiorum Duos; Constitutiones Friderichi Secundi Imperatoris; Extravagantes duas Henrici Septimi Imperatoris; & Tractatum De Pace Constantiae. Omnia ad Vetustissimorum Simul & Emendatissimorum Exemplarium Fidem Recognita, Emendata. Accesserunt nunc Primum, & Nunquam Antebac Aediti, Iustiniani Novellarum Constitutionum Libri Duo, Cum Multis Annotationibus ex Doctissimorum Hominum Commentariis, Quae non Parum Lucis ac Dignitatis Huic Volumini Afferunt. Lyon: Apud Hugonem à Porta, 1553. [xvi], 276, 148, 99, [1] pp. Woodcut table of descents (in the form of a tree). Main text in parallel columns with linear gloss.

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Justinian I, Emperor of the East.

Accorso, Francisco (Accursius), Glossator.

Infortiatum, Pandectarum Iuris Civilis Tomus Secundus: Quartae Partis Reliquum, Itemque Quintam Digestorum Partem, Ac Sextae Partis: Libros Continens, Ex Pandectis Florentinis Ita in Universum Recognitus ac Emendatus, Ut Nihil Praeterea, Quod ad Puram Eorum Librorum Lectionem Attinet, Desiderari Possit. Lyon: Apud Hugonem à Porta, 1556. [xxxvi], 923, [1] pp. Main text in parallel columns with linear gloss.

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Justinian I, Emperor of the East.

Accorso, Francisco (Accursius), Glossator.

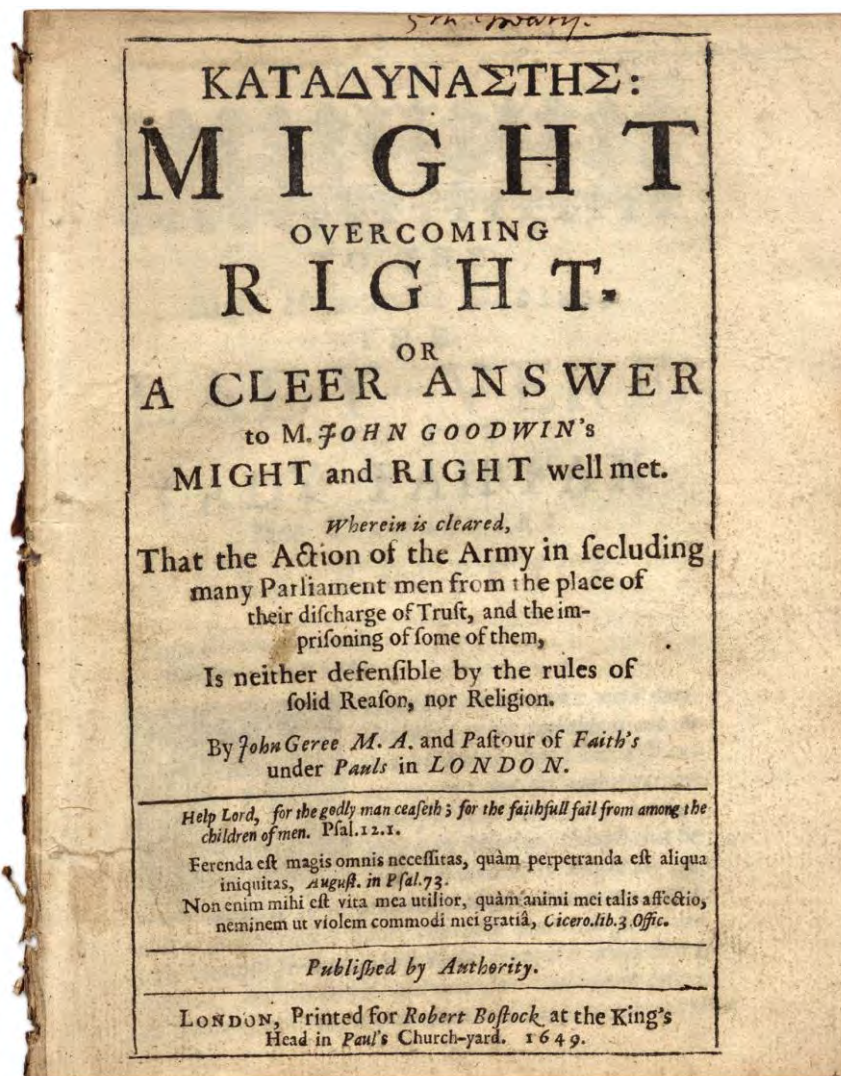
Digestum Novum: Pandectarum Iuris Civilis Tomus Tertius Sextae Partis Reliquum, Ac Septimam, Eandemque Novissimam Digestorum Partem Continens, Ex Pandectis Florentinis Ita Universum Recognitus, Ac Emendatus: Ut Nihil Praeterea, Quod ad Puram Putam Eorum Librorum Lectionem Attinet, Desiderari Possit. Lyon: Apud Hugonem à Porta, 1556. [lvi], 866 pp. Main text in parallel columns with linear gloss.

Folio (15-3/4" x 11"). Contemporary paneled pigskin over beveled boards with elaborate blind tooling, Crest (of Adam Mockel) in oval frame to center of each board, brass clasps, colored edges. Moderate soiling, moderate rubbing to extremities, some rubbing, scuffing and minor stains to boards and spines, a few chips to spine ends of *Digestum Novum*, minor worming to hinges and pastedowns, early owner signature ("P. Lieber") to front pastedowns. All volumes printed throughout in red and black. Light toning, faint dampstaining in places, margins trimmed with occasional minor loss to headlines, neat early underlining and brief annotations to some leaves, a minor inkstains in a few leaves, light soiling to title pages, substantial ink staining to leaves aa7 and aa8 of "Index Materiarum Digesti Novi," legibility not affected. \$9,500.

* Commissioned by the Emperor Justinian in 530 CE, the body of writings known collectively as the *Corpus Juris Civilis* reformed, restated and preserved early Roman law. Its subsequent influence on European jurisprudence is difficult to underestimate. Our volumes contain every part except the *Digestum Vetus*. They also contain several related works, such as the pre-Justinian *Institutes* of Gaius, *Liber De Pace Constantiae*, *Epitome Feudorum* and *Authentica*. The texts used in this edition, along with the gloss by Accursius, were the standard versions from the high middle ages until 1583, when they were supplanted by Godefroy's seminal critical edition. Baudrier, *Bibliographie Lyonnaise* VII:329-336.



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A Criticism of the New Model Army's Actions Against Parliament in 1648

11. Gereë, John [1601?-1649].

Katadynastes, Might Overcoming Right, Or a Cleer Answer to M. John Goodwin's Might and Right Well Met. Wherein is Cleared, That the Action of the Army in Secluding Many Parliament Men from the Place of Their Discharge of Trust, And the Imprisoning of Some of Them, Is Neither Defensible by the Rules of Solid Reason, Nor Religion. By John Gereë M.A. And Pastour of Faith's Under Pauls in London. Published by Authority. London: Printed for Robert Bostock, 1649. [vi], 41, [1] pp. First word of title in Greek letters. Quarto (7" x 5-1/4").

Disbound stab-stitched pamphlet. Light soiling to exterior, moderate toning, finger smudges and light foxing to a few leaves, early signature to head of title page, early annotation to its verso, and headlines of several leaves affected by trimming, loss to legibility of final lines of six leaves from trimming, short tear to final leaf with minor loss to text. \$250.

* Only edition. Gereë rejects Goodwin's endorsement of the New Model Army's actions after its purge of Parliament's moderate members on December 6, 1648 in his pamphlet *Right and Might Well Mett* (1649). *English Short-Title Catalogue* R18662. [Order This Item](#)



Collection of Writings about Civil War, Including an Essay by Grotius

12. Lucan [39-65 CE].

Grotius, Hugo [1583-1645].

Farnaby, Thomas [1575?-1647].

Schrevel, Cornelus [1608-1664].

Petronius Arbiter [c. 27-66 CE].

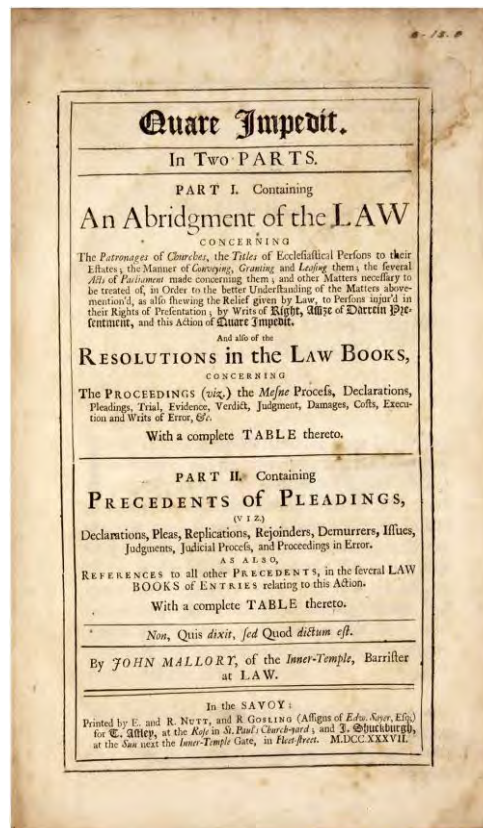
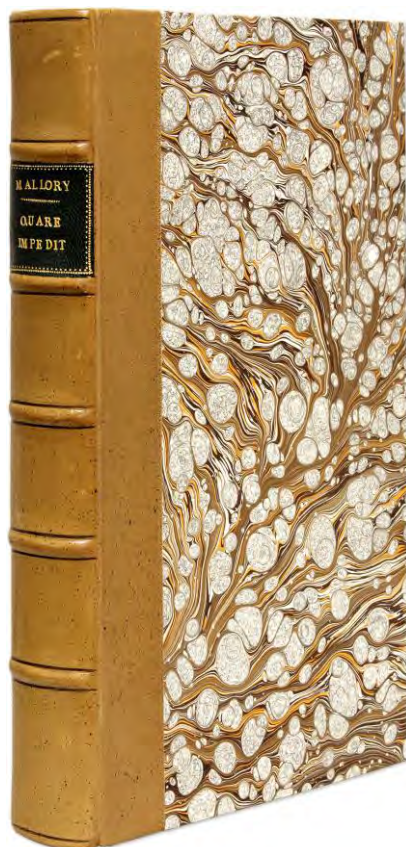
May, Thomas [1595-1650].

De Bello Civili, Cum Hug: Grotii, Farnabii Notis Integris & Variorum Selectiss. Accurante Corn: Schrevelio. Leiden: Ex Officina Hackiana, 1669. [xvi], 614, [146] pp. Copperplate pictorial title page. Folding copperplate map. Octavo (7-3/4" x 4-1/2").

Contemporary vellum, gilt rules and frames with corner fleurons to boards, gilt fillets, ornaments and early hand-lettered title to spine. Light soiling, spine ends and corners lightly bumped. Light toning to text, light soiling and small faint stain to title page, minor dampspotting to a few leaves, repair to lower corner of final leaf with no loss to text. A handsome copy. \$450.

* Hackius issue of the second Elzevier edition, also printed in 1669. First published in 1658, this is a collection of essays on the civil wars of ancient Rome and Greece. It was intended to demonstrate the horrors of such conflicts through historical examples. This volume also includes *Specimen Belli Civilis* by Petronius. May's contribution is a continuation of Lucan's *Pharsalia*, a poetic account of the Roman Civil War (49-45 BCE) between Pompey and Julius Caesar. Willems notes that the Hackius issues were printed by Elzevier. Willems, *Les Elzevier: Histoire et Annales Typographiques* 1413.

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An Interesting Companion to Gibson's *Codex Juris Ecclesiastici Anglicani*

13. [Mallory, John].

Quare Impedit: In Two Parts. Part I. Containing an Abridgment of the Law Concerning the Patronages of Churches, The Titles of Ecclesiastical Persons to their Estates; The Manner of Conveying, Granting and Leasing Them; The Several Acts of Parliament Made Concerning Them; And Other Matters Necessary to be Treated Of, In Order to the Better Understanding of the Matters Above-Mention'd, As Also Shewing the Relief Given by Law, To Persons Injur'd in Their Rights of Presentation; By Writs of Right, Assize of Darrein Presentment, And This Action of Quare Impedit. And Also of the Resolutions in the Law Books, Concerning the Proceedings (viz.) The Mesne Process, Declarations, Pleadings, Trial, Evidence, Verdict, Judgment, Damages, Costs, Execution and Writs of Error, &c. With a Complete Table Thereto. Part II. Containing Precedents of Pleadings, (viz.) Declarations, Pleas, Replications, Rejoinders, Demurrers, Issues, Judgments, Judicial Process, And Proceedings in Error. As Also, References to All Other Precedents, In the Several Law Books of Entries Relating to this Action. With a Complete Table Thereto. [London]: Printed by E. and R. Nutt, and R. Gosling, 1737. [ii], vii, [3], 255, [43]; [ii], 160, [16] pp. Two parts, each with title page and index. Folio (12-1/2" x 8").

Recent period-style quarter speckled calf over marbled boards, raised bands and lettering piece to spine, endpapers renewed. Light toning to text, somewhat heavier toning to a few leaves, occasional faint dampstaining to head of text block, light foxing in a few places, light soiling and a few minor stains to title page. \$650.

* Only edition. Holdsworth discusses this book in his chapter on eighteenth-century legal literature. He points out that the preface "contains an argument controverting some of the theories as to the ecclesiastical jurisdiction and as to other matters which had been put forward by Bishop Gibson in his *Codex Juris Ecclesiastici Anglicani*." This work is a companion volume to Mallory's *Modern Entries in English* (1734-1735). Bibliographically distinct, *Quare Impedit* is often catalogued as its third volume. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T100674. [Order This Item](#)



"I Am Getting to be a Regular Scold"

14. [Manuscript].

Darrow, Clarence [1857-1938].

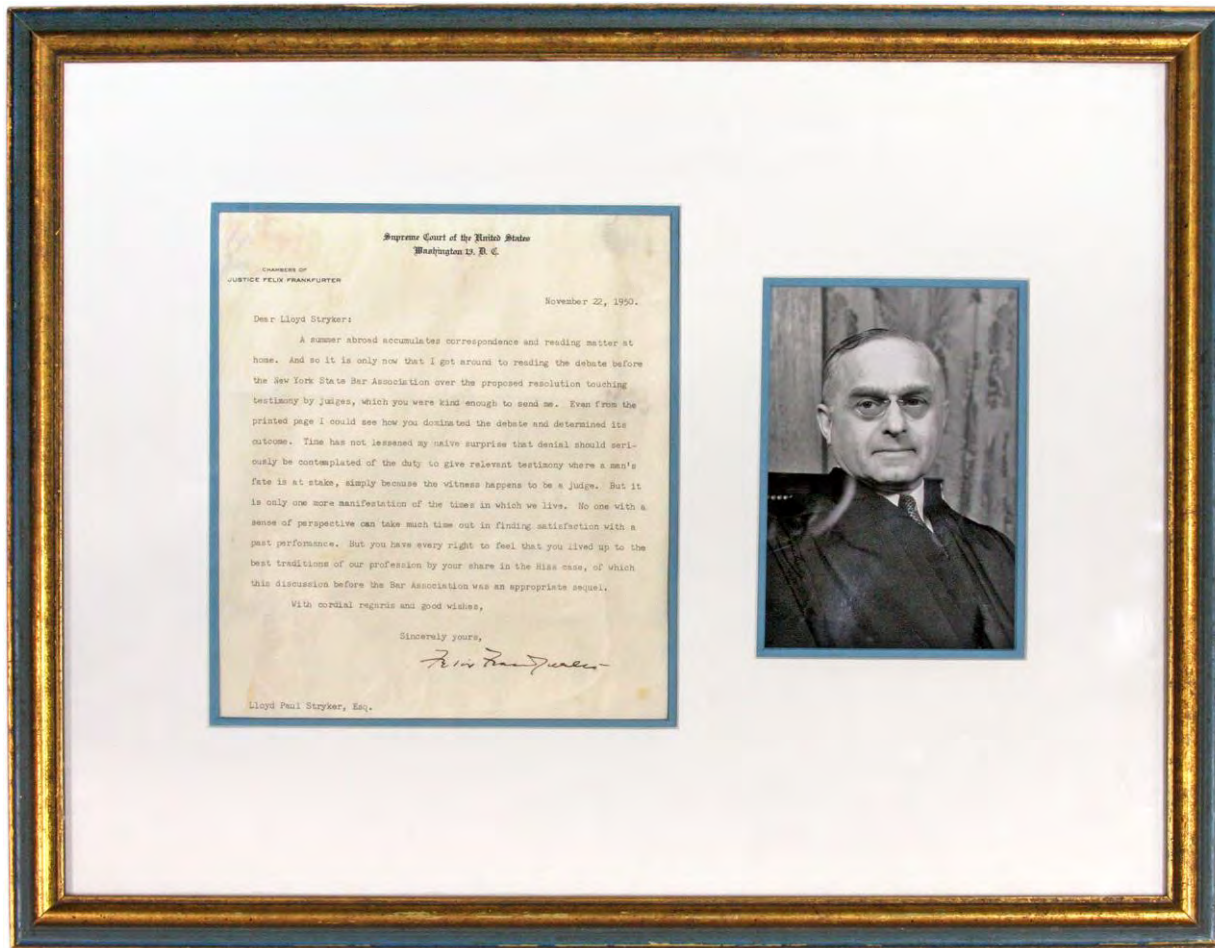
Darrow, Ruby [1870-1957].

[Autograph Letter, Signed, With Long Postscript by Ruby Darrow, Signed, [Chicago?] May 29, [1927].

Single-page letter on 10-3/4" x 7" sheet and 6-1/2" x 4-3/4" portrait photograph of Clarence Darrow in attractively matted and glazed 20" x 21-1/2" frame. Light toning to letter, some fading to ink, "June 2" in different hand to upper left corner, a few minor nicks to frame. \$2,500.

* Addressed to "My Dear Blair," this warm personal letter offers belated thanks for a birthday card and a tribute that was read aloud at Darrow's 70th birthday party on April 19, a gala event at Chicago's Palmer House (that took place the day after Darrow's birthday). He explains why he couldn't reply sooner: he was working to fulfill a "book contract," which was for *The Ordeal of Prohibition* (1927), and preparing for a series of debates with Will Durant, on "mechanism," Clifton Daggett Gray, on "the same subject" and Wayne Wheeler, on Prohibition. At the end of his letter he says: "I am getting to be a regular scold." Ruby's note thanks Blair for his "very fine remembrance of HIM on the big birthday" and says she sent "papers which gave only faint idea of the glowing event." Clarence and Ruby both express regret that Blair could not attend the party. This letter is not included in Randall Tietjen's edition of Darrow's letters, *In the Clutches of the Law*.

Note: Letter not examined out of the frame. [Order This Item](#)



Frankfurter Letter to a Distinguished Lawyer Concerning Alger Hiss

15. [Manuscript].

Frankfurter, Felix [1882-1965].

[Stryker, Lloyd Paul (1885-1955)].

[Typed Letter, Signed (With Full Signature), On U.S. Supreme Court Letterhead, Washington, DC, November 29, 1950].

Single-page letter on 10" x 8" sheet and 7"x 5" portrait photograph of Frankfurter in judicial attire in attractively matted and glazed 15-1/2" x 19-1/2" frame. Light toning to letter, four related clippings affixed to rear of frame. \$2,500.

* Alger Hiss [1904-1996], one of Frankfurter's protégés, was an American government official who was accused in 1948 of spying for the Soviet Union during the 1930s. Because the statute of limitations for espionage had expired by 1948, he was indicted for perjury. He was tried twice, once 1949 and again in 1950. His first trial ended with a hung jury, his second with a conviction. To this day, Hiss's guilt remains a matter of debate. In the first trial, Stryker, arguably the most famous American defense lawyer since Clarence Darrow, was Hiss's lead counsel; Frankfurter was one of several notable character witnesses for testified on Hiss's behalf. In his letter, Frankfurter notes, "Time has not lessened my naïve surprise that denial should seriously be contemplated of the duty to give relevant testimony where a man's fate is at stake, simply because the witness happens to be a judge." He goes on, "But you have every right to feel that you lived up to the best traditions of our profession by your share in the Hiss case." Note: Letter not examined out of the frame.

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A Well-Regarded Commentary on the *Institutes*

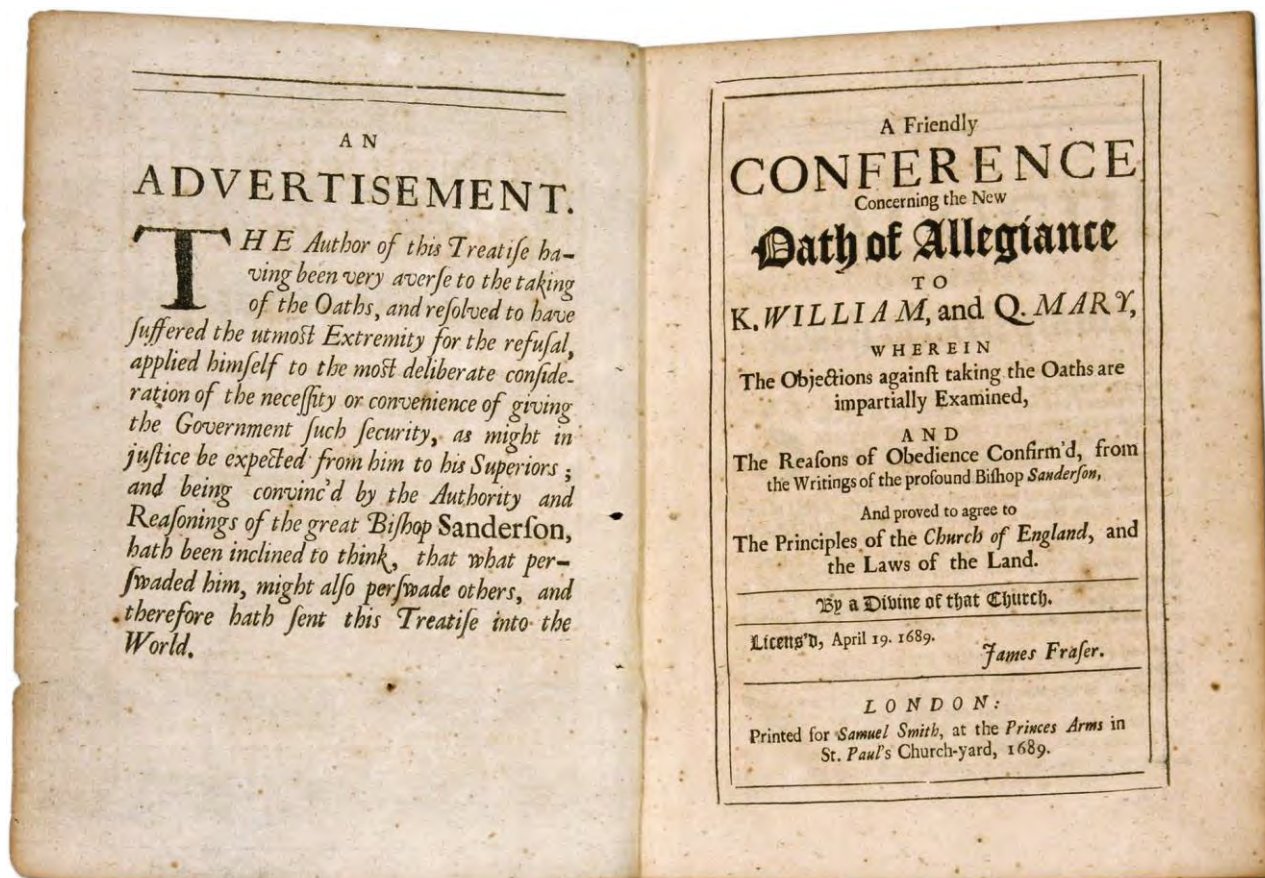
16. Matthaeus, Antonius [1564-1637].

Mommerius (Mommer), Aegidius [c.1510-1570].

Notae & Animadversiones in Libros IV. Institutionum Juris Imper. Justiniani: Praefixa est Epistola Aegidii Mommerii, De Ratione Legendi Discendique Iura, Antebac Nunquam Excusa; Subjuncta Synopsis Institutionum Iuris, Qua Illae ad huc Hodie Sunt in Usus. Amsterdam: Impensis Ioannis Ianssonii Iunioris, 1657. [xiv], 407, [9] pp. Main title page preceded by copperplate pictorial title page, copperplate coat of arms of page facing dedication. 12mo. (5" x 2-3/4").

Contemporary vellum with lapped edges. Light soiling and some spotting, spine ends lightly bumped, pastedowns loose, some edgewear and crinkling to endleaves. Moderate toning to text block, faint dampstaining to its lower half, pictorial title page affected slightly by trimming, early owner signature to front endleaf. \$450.

* Later edition. Matthaeus was a jurist, professor of law at the University of Marburg and the father of the distinguished Roman-Dutch jurist, Antonius Matthaeus (II). Originally published in 1600, *Notae et Animadversiones* is a commentary on the *Institutes* of Justinian. A well-regarded work, it went through seven subsequent editions, the last in 1784. OCLC locates 2 copies of this edition in North America, one in a law library (UC-Berkeley). Dekkers, *Bibliotheca Belgica Juridica* 110. [Order This Item](#)



"The Reasons of Obedience Confirm'd"

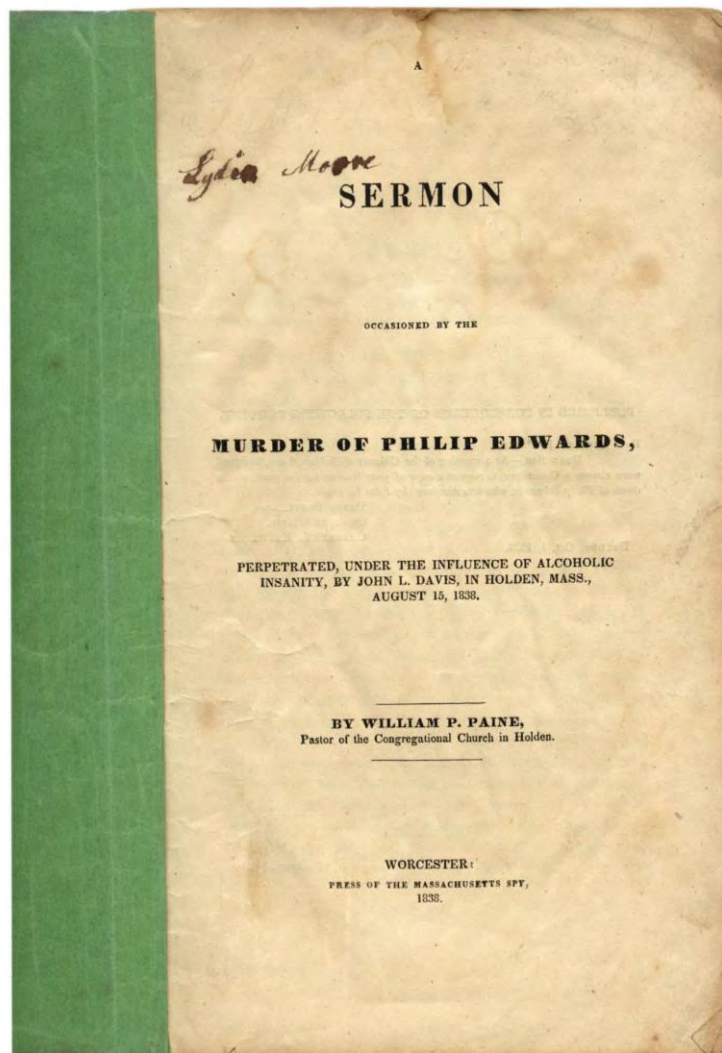
17. [Oaths].
[Great Britain].

A Friendly Conference Concerning the New Oath of Allegiance to K. William, And Q. Mary, Wherein the Objections Against Taking the Oaths are Impartially Examined. And the Reasons of Obedience Confirm'd, From the Writings of the Profound Bishop Sanderson, And Proved to Agree to the Principles of the Church of England, And the Laws of the Land. By a Divine of that Church. Licens'd, April 19. 1689. James Fraser. London: Printed for Samuel Smith, 1689. [iv], 35, [1] pp. Author advertisement to verso of first leaf, bookseller advertisement to verso of final leaf. Quarto (7-3/4" x 6").

Disbound stab-stitched pamphlet. Moderate toning, somewhat heavier in places, faint spotting, final signature just beginning to detach. \$750.

* Only edition. "This anonymous tract, licensed for publication on 19 April 1689, directly addresses the new requirement that office holders, both civil and ecclesiastical, must subscribe to an oath of loyalty to King William and Queen Mary. To ease the consciences of the scrupulous, the new oath asked only for loyalty. It deftly sidestepped the issue of legitimacy and read: 'I do sincerely promise and swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to their majesties King William and Queen Mary.' Nevertheless with King James still alive many individuals with troubled consciences were unclear what obligation they still owed King James. They were anxious not to violate their sworn oath to him and wondered whether William and Mary were usurpers like Cromwell. Office holders had six months during which to swear to the oath or lose their posts." Malcolm, Ed., *The Struggle for Sovereignty* II:944-945. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R17117.

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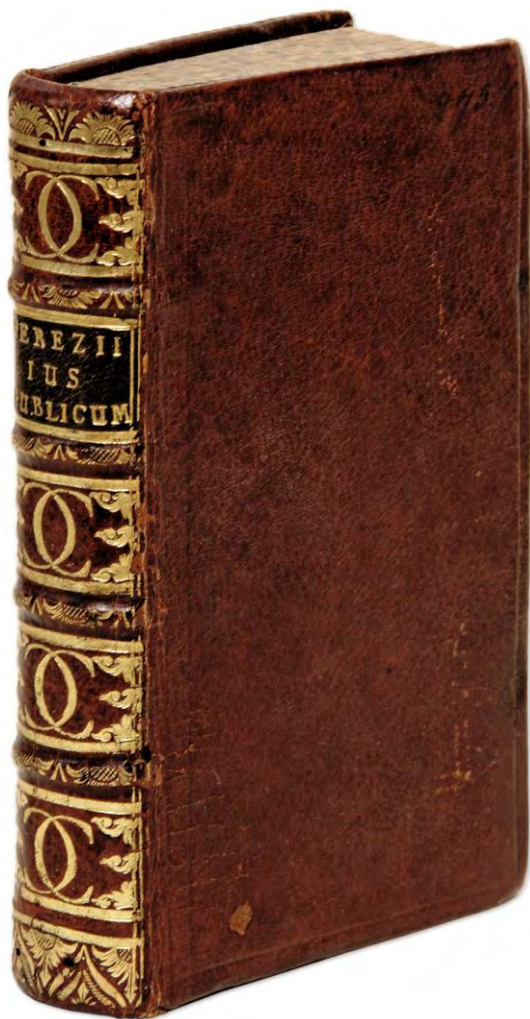
18. Paine, William P. [1802-1876].

A Sermon Occasioned by the Murder of Philip Edwards, Perpetuated Under the Influence of Alcoholic Insanity, By John L. Davis, In Holden, Mass., August 15, 1838. Worcester: Press of the Massachusetts Spy, 1838. 22 pp. Octavo (8-1/2" x 5").

Stab-stitched pamphlet in plain wrappers. Light soiling and a few faint stains to exterior, some rubbing to spine ends and corners with mild wear, a few dog-eared leaves at beginning and end of text, which has moderate toning and faint dampstaining, early owner signature (Lydia Moore) to head of title page. \$950.

* Only edition. Overlooked by McDade, this murder took place during a drinking binge. The sermon relates the events of the case, but it is essentially a temperance tract. "If the evil extended no farther than the degradation and misery of merely being a drunkard, the extent of the calamity could not be measured; but what a host of attendant evil follow the demon of intemperance wherever it goes. (...) Official statements, and the testimony of men of the soundest judgment and greatest candor, have been presented before us in the simplest forms, showing the extreme and terrible danger of that which so deranges the nerves and crazes the brain" (13). OCLC locates 10 copies, 1 in a law library (Social Law). Not in McDade.

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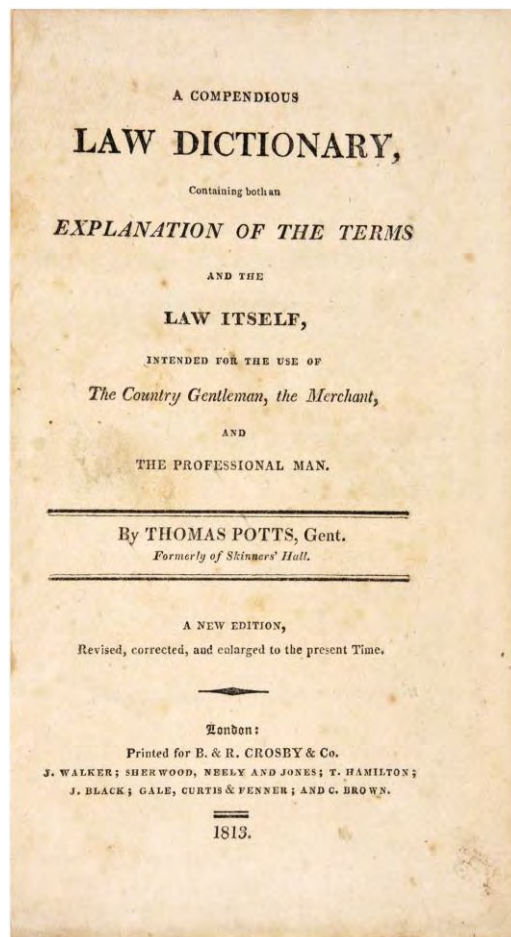
The Legal and Political Constitution of the Holy Roman Empire

19. Perez, Antonio [1583-1673].

Ius Publicum, Quo Arcana & Iura Principis Exponuntur. Amsterdam: Apud Ludovicum & Danielem Elsevirium, 1657. Main title page, with woodcut Elzevier Minerva device, preceded by copperplate pictorial title page. [xvi], 338 pp. 12mo. (5" x 3").

eighteenth-century calf, blind frames to boards, gilt spine with raised bands, blind tooling to board edges, text block edges speckled, marbled endpapers, ribbon marker. Light rubbing, a few minor nicks, corners bumped and lightly worn, front hinge starting, recent owner bookplate to verso of front free endpaper. Light toning to text, "No 3191" in early hand to front endleaf, a few early check marks to table of contents, brief early annotation to p. 2. Book housed in attractive recent slipcase made from early marbled paper. \$500.

* First edition. Perez, a Spanish jurist and statesman, was a professor of law at the University of Louvain, state counselor to Holy Roman Emperor Phillip II and an influential scholar of Roman law. *Ius Publicum* is a textbook on the legal and political constitution of the Holy Roman Empire. A well-regarded work, it went through later editions in 1668, 1669 and 1682. All are scarce today. OCLC locates 2 copies of the first edition in North American law libraries (University of Michigan, Tulane). Dekkers, *Bibliotheca Belgica Juridica* 132. [Order This Item](#)



A Law Dictionary for "The Country Gentleman, The Merchant, And the Professional Man"

20. Potts, Thomas [1778-1842].

A Compendious Law Dictionary, Containing Both an Explanation of the Terms and the Law Itself, Intended for the Use of the Country Gentleman, the Merchant, and the Professional Man. A New Edition. Revised, Corrected, And Enlarged to the Present Time. London: Printed for B. & R. Crosby, 1813. vi, [2], 760 pp. 12mo. (7-1/2" x 4-1/2").

Original publisher plain-paper boards, printed paper title label to spine, untrimmed edges. Moderate rubbing to boards, a few cracks and heavier rubbing to spine with wear to label, spine ends bumped and somewhat worn, boards beginning to separate but secure. Moderate toning to text, light foxing to preliminaries and a few other leaves, brief early owner annotation to rear pastedown. \$500.

* Second edition. This useful dictionary went through three editions in 1803, 1813 and 1815. As the subtitle indicates, Potts' dictionary was intended for the prominent laymen engaged in business and agriculture. He pays special attention to commercial legislation regarding bankruptcy, insurance and bills of exchange, as well as to the nature of tenures and tithes. In addition to definitions, Potts discusses a variety of issues ranging from current regulations for dog muzzles to the legal rights and responsibilities of children. OCLC locates 5 copies of the second edition in North American law libraries (Harvard, Law Library of Virginia, NY State Appellate Division Law Library, NY Supreme Court, University of Georgia). Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 2:286. [Order This Item](#)



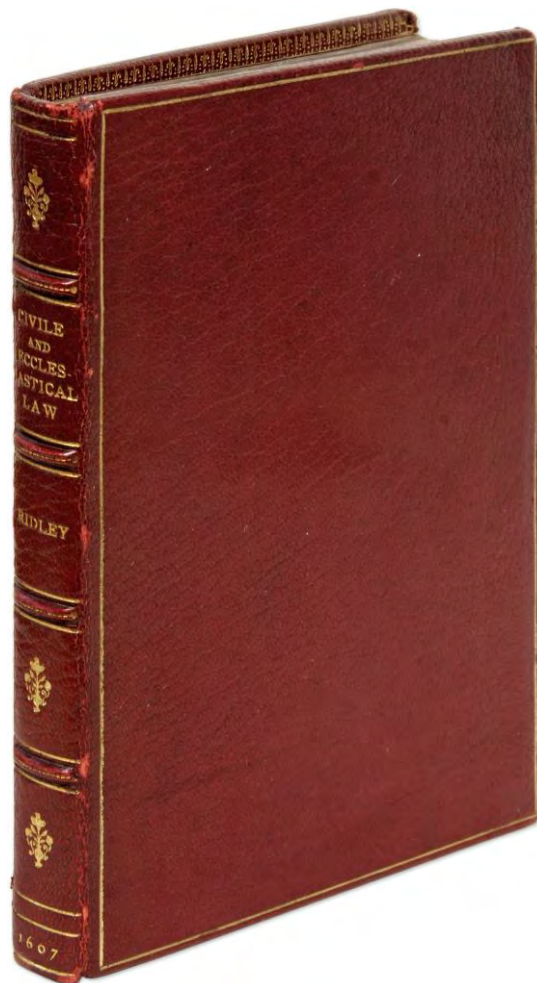
Civil Law of the Electorate of Brunswick-Lüneburg

21. Pufendorf, Esaias [1679-1738].

Introductio in Processum Civilem Electoratus Brunsvico-Lüneburgici Provinciarumque Ei Annexarum Bremensis, Verdensis, Lauenburgensis, Hadelensis, Nec Non Ducatus Brunsvico-Guelphertbytani, Episcopatus Hildesiensis, Et Comitatus Schaumburgensis. Frankfurt and Leipzig: Impensis Ioh. Iac. Foersteri, 1733. [viii], 808, [54] pp. Quarto (8" x 6-1/4").

Contemporary paneled calf, gilt spine with raised bands and lettering piece, sprinkled edges. Light rubbing to extremities, joints just starting at head. Light toning to text, slightly heavier in places, light foxing to a few leaves, light soiling to title page. \$1,950.

* First edition. This is a treatise on the civil law of the Electorate of Brunswick-Lüneburg, the German state ruled by the House of Hanover. At the time of this book's publication, as it was for most of its history, this state was ruled in personal union with Great Britain. Esaias Pufendorf, the father of Samuel Pufendorf [1632-1694], was a member of the Hanoverian judicial council. A second edition was issued in 1769. Both editions are scarce. OCLC locates no copies of either edition in North America. *Verzeichnis der im Deutschen Sprachraum Erschienenen Drucke des 18. Jahrhunderts* 14530678-008. [Order This Item](#)



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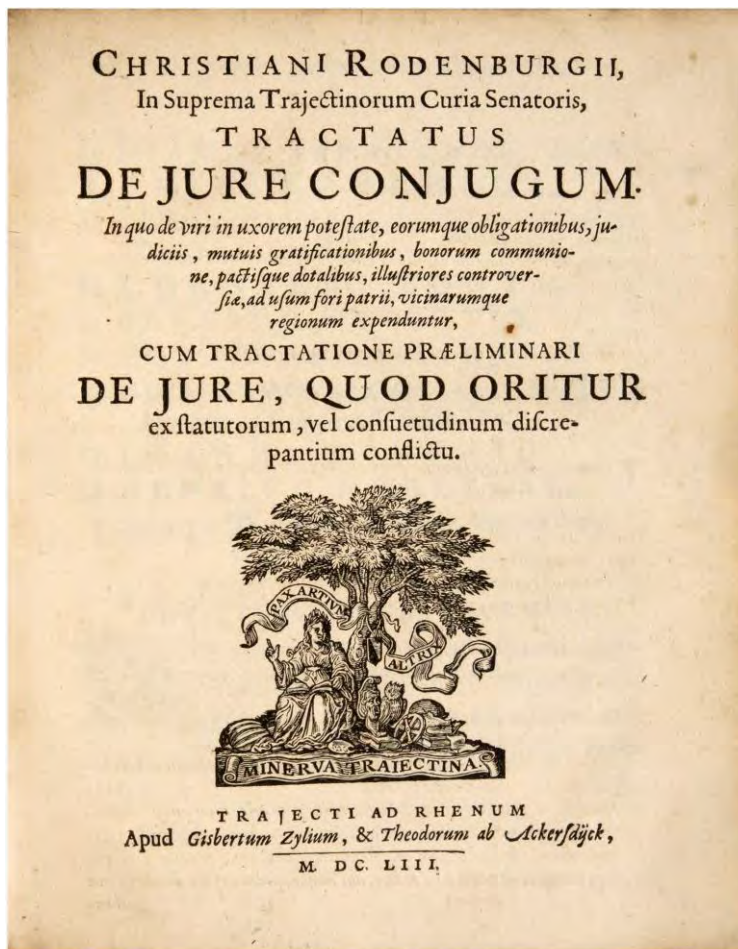
22. Ridley, Sir Thomas [1550-1629].

Gregory, J[ohn], Notes.

A View of the Civile and Ecclesiastical Law, And Wherein the Practice of Them is Streitned, And May be Relieved Within this Land. London: Printed for the Company of Stationers, 1607. [xvi], 230, [2] pp. Last leaf blank. Quarto (7-1/4" x 5-1/4").

Later crimson morocco, gilt rules to boards and board edges, inner gilt dentelles, raised bands, gilt ornaments and gilt title to spine all edges of text block gilt, endpapers renewed. Light rubbing to extremities, corners lightly bumped. Moderate toning to text, faint dampstaining to foot of text block near bottom edge, other minor stains to a few leaves, repair to short tear on leaf CC1 (pp.193-194), light soiling to title page. A handsome copy of a rare edition. \$2,500.

* First edition. This was the of the earliest books on civil and ecclesiastical jurisdiction in Great Britain, which included large areas of admiralty, chancery, family and commercial law and such matters as defamation, divorce, wills and bastardy. Also a prescriptive work, it proposes several reforms, such as a method to simplify the law of executors and intestate succession. Holdsworth describes it as "learned and clearly expressed." Ridley held the post of master in Chancery, chancellor of the Diocese of Winchester and vicar-general for Archbishop Abbot. The first edition is rare. OCLC locates 3 copies in North American law libraries (Harvard, Library of Congress, UC-Berkeley). Holdsworth, *History of English Law* V:13. *English Short-Title Catalogue* S115989. [Order This Item](#)



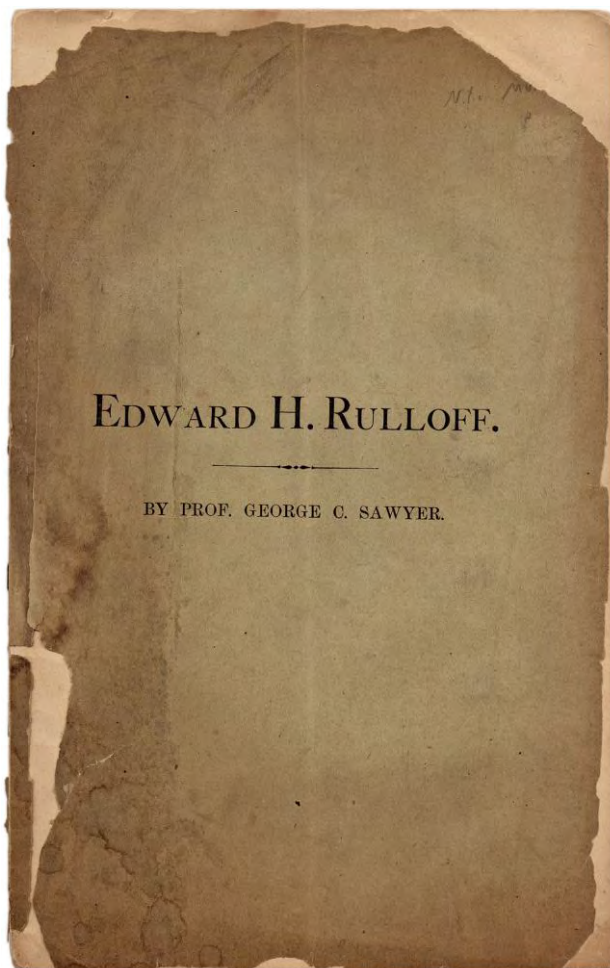
Interesting Seventeenth-Century Dutch Treatise on Marriage Law

23. Rodenburg, Christiaan [1608-1668].

Tractatus De Jure Conjugum. In quo de Viri in Uxorem Potestate, Eorumque Obligationibus, Judiciis, Mutuis Gratificationibus, Bonorum Communione, Pactisque Dotalibus, Illustriores Controversiae, Ad Usus Fori Patrii, Vicinarumque Regionum Expenduntur, Cum Tractatione Praeliminari De Jure, Quod Oritur Ex Statutorum, Vel Consuetudinum Discrepantium Conflictu. Utrecht: Apud Gisbertum Zylum, & Theodorum ab Ackersdijck, 1653. [xxvii], 358, [24] pp. Quarto (7-3/4" x 6").

Contemporary vellum with lapped edges, early hand-lettered title to spine. Moderate soiling and a few tiny stains, two chips to top-edge of front board. Some rubbing to corners, vellum just beginning to crack through pastedowns, lower section of front endleaf lacking, partial crack in text block between front endleaf and title page. Light toning to text, corners of a few leaves dog-eared, annotations in early hand to endleaves. \$1,500.

* First edition. An interesting treatise on marriage in canon, Germanic, feudal, Roman and Roman-Dutch law. Educated at the Universities and Utrecht, Rodenburg was a state official and a canon of Saint Peter's Church in Utrecht. His *Tractatus de Jure Conjugum* is an interesting comparative treatise on marriage in canon, customary, Roman and Roman-Dutch law. A practical work, Rodenburg pays particular attention to conflicts between these different systems. Two more editions were published in 1676 and another in 1699. All are scarce. OCLC locates 6 copies of the first edition in North American law libraries (George Washington University, Harvard, UC-Berkeley, University of Chicago, University of Michigan, Yale). Dekkers, *Bibliotheca Belgica Juridica* 146. [Order This Item](#)



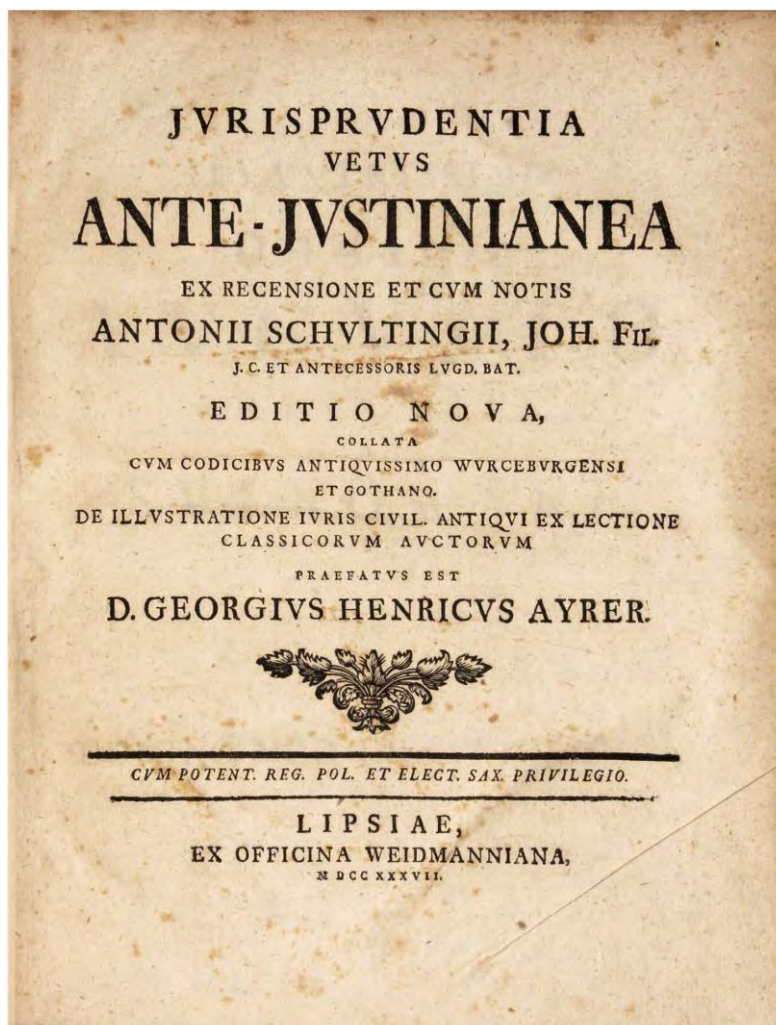
**McDade 841: "One of Those Bizarre
Criminals Who Defy Easy Classification"**

24. Sawyer, George C.

Edward H. Rulloff. Offprint from the *American Journal of Insanity*, April, 1872. 52 pp. Octavo (9-1/4" x 5-3/4").

Stab-stitched pamphlet in printed wrappers. Wrappers detached, chipped around edges and lightly soiled, moderate toning to text, faint dampstining to upper corner of the first half of the text block at gutter, light soiling to title and verso of final leaf. \$750.

* As McDade notes, Rulloff (sometimes spelled Ruloff) was "one of those bizarre criminals who defy easy classification." He began his criminal career in 1856 with the murder of his wife and child. The bodies were never recovered, so he was convicted of a lesser charge and sentenced to jail. Upon release, he was tried again and sentenced to death, but that sentence was reversed on appeal. While in prison Rolloff taught himself several languages and devised a theory of languages. Under an alias, he toured the lecture circuit as a philologist. Far from reformed, he continued to commit burglaries and other crimes with a pair of associates. In 1870, one of these burglaries ended with the murder of two store clerks. The two associates drowned during their escape, but Rolloff was caught, tried and hanged for murder. His brain was later a subject for scientific study. Sawyer's article offers a psychological study of Rulloff and a detailed account of his career. OCLC locates 9 copies, 1 in a law library (Yale). McDade, *The Annals of Murder* 841. [Order This Item](#)



An Important Collection of Early of Roman Law

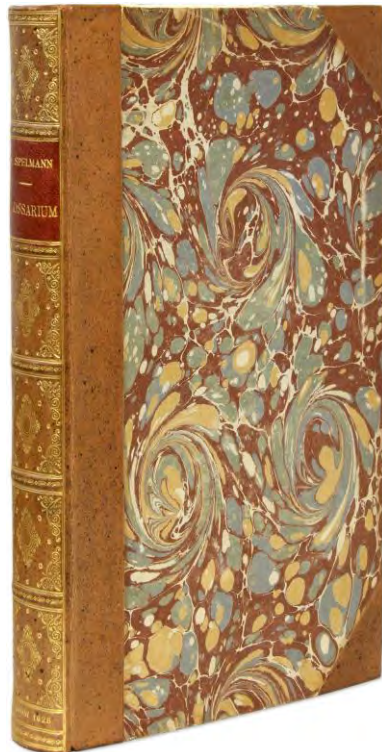
25. Schulting, Anton [1659-1734], Editor.

Ayrer, Georg Heinrich [1702-1774], Preface.

Jurisprudentia Vetus Ante-Justiniana ex Recensione et Cum Notis. Editio Nova Collata cum Codicibus Antiquissimo Wurceburgensi et Gothano. De Illustratione Iuris Civil. Antiqui ex Lectione Classicorum Auctorum. Praefatus est d. Georgius Henricus Ayrer. Leipzig: Ex Officina Weidmanniana, 1737. [lxxxviii], 941, [79] pp. Quarto (9-3/4" x 7-1/2").

Contemporary calf, raised bands, lettering piece and gilt ornaments to spine, sprinkled edges. Light rubbing to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, front joint cracked, rear joint starting at ends, small chip to head of spine, corners bumped and somewhat worn. Moderate toning and light foxing to text, recent owner bookplate (A. Pitlo) to verso of front free endpaper. \$500.

* Second and final edition. Known as the "Cujacius of the Netherlands," Schulting, or Schultingh, was a law professor who taught at the at the Universities of Harderwyk, Leyden and Franeker. First published in 1717, *Jurisprudentia Vetus* is a carefully edited and annotated collection of writings by Gaius, Paulus, Ulpian, Papinian and other pre-Justinianic jurists. Dekkers, *Bibliotheca Belgica Juridica* 159. [Order This Item](#)



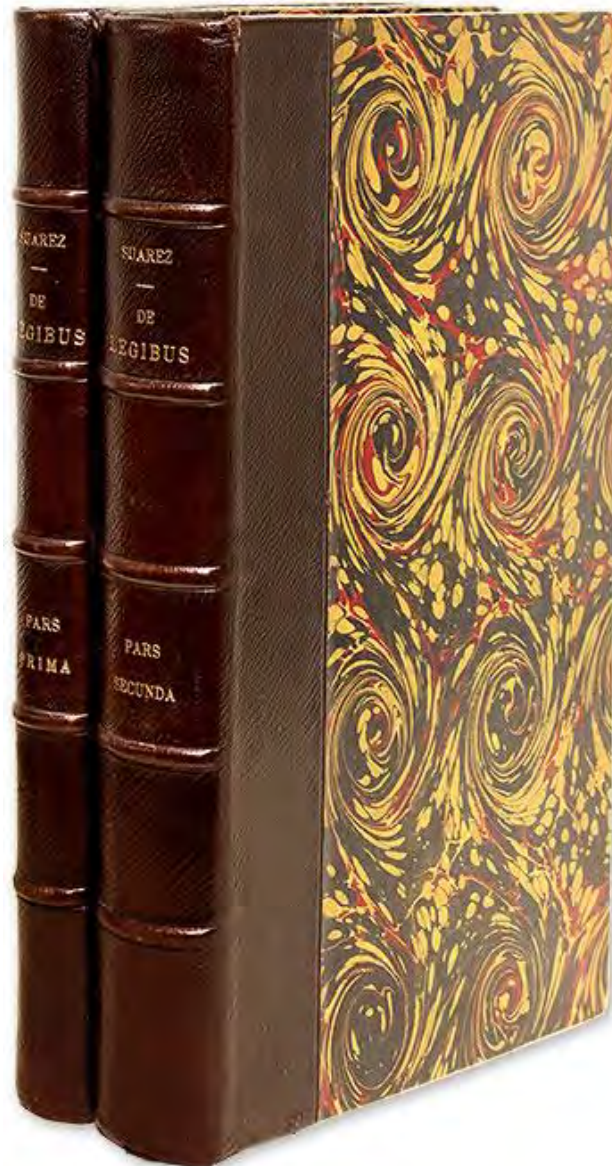
A Landmark in English Legal Lexicography

26. Spelman, Sir Henry [1564-1641].

Archaeologus. In Modum Glossarii ad Rem Antiquam Posteriorem: Continentis, Latino-Barbara, Peregrina, Obsoleta, Et Novatae Significationis Vocabula, Quæ Post Labefactas a Gothis Vandalisq[ue]; Res Europæas, In Ecclesiasticis Profanisq[ue]; Scriptoribus; Variarum Item Gentium Legibus Antiquis, Chartis & Formulâ Occurrunt Scholiis et Commentariis Illustrata, in Quibus Præci Ritus quam Plurimi, Magistratus, Dignitates, Munera, Officia, Mores, Leges, Et Consuetudines Enarrantur. London: Apud Johannem Beale, 1626. [vi], 110 [i.e. 164], 177-194, 193-250, 241-452 pp. Pagination irregular; text complete. Main text in parallel columns. Folio (10-3/4" x 7-1/4").

Recent three-quarter speckled calf over marbled boards, gilt spine with raised bands and lettering piece, speckled edges, endpapers added. Light toning to text, somewhat heavier in places, negligible faint dampstaining to head of text block in a few places, recent repairs to a few leaves, one with minor loss to text, brief early annotations to endleaves, light soiling to title page. \$1,500.

* First edition, one of two issues from 1626. The *Archaeologus* was the earliest English dictionary of legal and historical terms based on philological methods. The product of considerable archival research and consultation with scholars throughout Europe, it superseded all previous attempts at legal lexicography. As Holdsworth observes: "It is a great deal more than a law dictionary, being a dictionary of Latin and other words to be found in all the post-classical authors and documents English and foreign....In fact it is a product of that new school of historians and historically minded lawyers." This point is supported by Winfield, who notes its usefulness when interpreting terms used in the Domesday Book. The first edition, which is designated "Partis Primæ" at the end of the text, contains terms from A to L. Spelman died before he could issue the second part covering M to Z. (The second edition, titled *Glossarium Archaeologicum*, contains both parts. It was edited by William Dugdale.) Holdsworth, *A History of English Law* V:402. Winfield, *Chief Sources of English Legal History* 112. *English Short-Title Catalogue* S123508. [Order This Item](#)



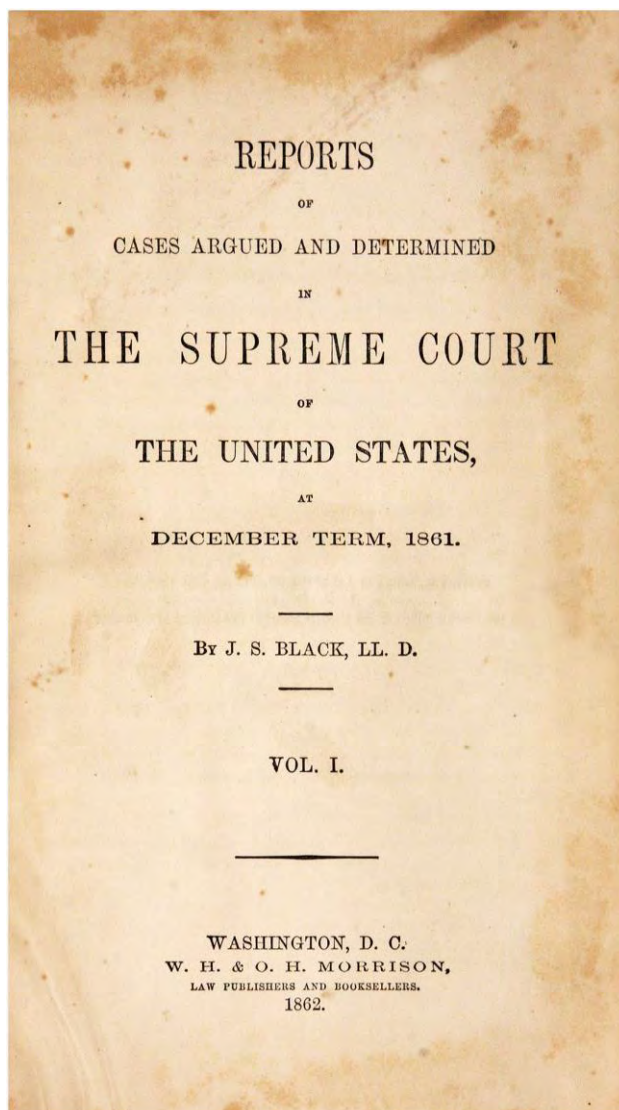
A Handsome Copy of the Great Landmarks of International Law

27. Suarez, Francisco [1548-1617].

Tractatus de Legibus, Ac Deo Legislatore, In Decem Libros Distributus. Naples: Ex Typis Fibrenianis, 1872. Two volumes. [vi], 378; [iv], 680 pp. Main text in parallel columns. Quarto (10-1/2" x 7").

Contemporary quarter morocco over marbled boards, raised bands and gilt titles to spines, marbled endpapers. Light rubbing to extremities with negligible wear to spine ends and corners, owner bookplates (of Gilbert Picot) to front pastedowns, light toning to interiors. A handsome set. \$750.

* Suarez, a theologian and jurist who wrote treatises on political philosophy, the state and sovereignty, was one of the greatest thinkers produced by the Jesuit order. First published in 1612, his *Tractatus de Legibus, Ac Deo Legislatore* is a landmark work that proposes a natural law basis for the law of nations. It was a significant influence on the work of Grotius and Pufendorf. [Order This Item](#)



First Edition of Black's Supreme Court Reports

28. [Supreme Court, United States].

Black, J[eremiah] S[ullivan] [1810-1883].

Reports of Cases Argued and Determined in the Supreme Court of the United States, At December Term, 1861 [-1862]. Washington, DC: W.H. & O.H. Morrison, 1862-1863. Two volumes. Complete set. Octavo (9" x 6").

Later buckram, red and black lettering pieces to spines. Light shelfwear, some staining to bindings. Moderate toning to interior of Volume I, light foxing to its title page and a few following leaves, negligible light toning to interior of Volume II. \$450.

* First edition. Later republished as Volumes 66 and 67 of *United States Reports*. Black was the sixth U.S. Supreme Court reporter. Although he only held this position for two terms, his work is held in high regard. According to Carl Swisher, his reporting is "far superior to either Peters or Howard, and...at least the equal of any of his predecessors": *History of the Supreme Court of the United States* (Holmes Devise) V:317. Cohen and O'Connor, *A Guide to the Early Reports of the Supreme Court of the United States* 193-94. [Order This Item](#)



Peters's U.S. Supreme Court Reports

29. [Supreme Court, United States].

Peters, Richard [1779-1848], Reporter.

Reports of Cases Argued and Adjudged in the Supreme Court of the United States. New York: Published by Jacob R. Halstead, 1851. Sixteen volumes. Complete (official) set. Octavo (8-1/2" x 5-1/2").

Uniformly bound in later tan buckram, red and black lettering pieces to spines. Light shelfwear, moderate soiling, light toning to interiors, negligible light foxing and faint dampstaining in a few places. A well-preserved set. \$950.

* Later printing of these volumes, which were first issued from 1829 to 1842. Volume 16 contains the landmark decision of *Prigg v. Pennsylvania*. This great case, the precursor to *Dred Scott*, was an important milestone in fugitive slave law. *Prigg*, a professional slave catcher from Maryland, was indicted for kidnapping Margaret Morgan, a black woman, in York County, Pa., in order to sell her as a slave. In this case, Justice Story, writing for the Court, "held that the power to regulate the rendition of fugitive slaves was exclusively within the prerogative of Congress." The decision in *Prigg* ultimately became an antislavery weapon (Finkelman). Peters produced a 17th volume, but it is not considered part of the official reports. It was superseded by Volume 1 of Howard's *Reports*. The sixteen official volumes by Peters became Volumes 26-41 of *United States Reports*. Finkelman, *Slavery in the Courtroom* 60-61. Cohen and O'Conner, *A Guide to the Early Reports of the Supreme Court of the United States* 147-167. [Order This Item](#)



The "Golden Book of American Law"

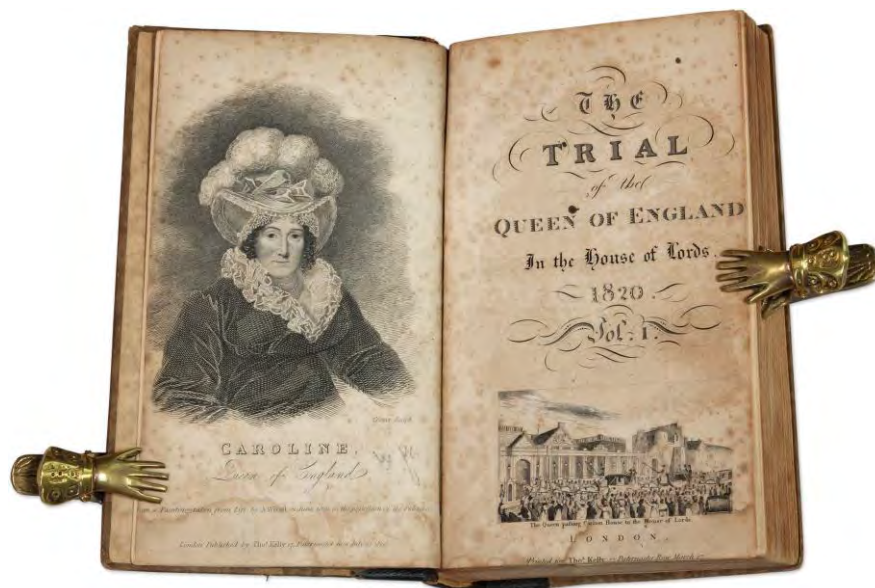
30. [Supreme Court, United States].

Wheaton, Henry [1785-1848], Reporter.

Reports of Cases Argued and Adjudged in the Supreme Court of the United States. Volume 1: Philadelphia: Published by Mathew Carey, 1816; Volumes 2-7, 9-10, 12: New York: Published by Robert Donaldson, 1817-1827. Volumes 8, 11: New York: Banks & Brothers, 1883. Twelve volumes. Complete set. Octavo (8-1/2" x 5-1/2").

Uniformly bound in later tan buckram, with red and black lettering pieces to spines. Moderate shelfwear and soiling, some staining to Volumes 4, 5 and 6. Moderate toning to interiors, somewhat heavier in places, occasional light foxing. \$2,500.

* First editions, except for Volumes 8 and 11, which are fourth editions (edited, with notes, by F.C. Brightly). Later republished as Volumes 14-25 of *United States Reports*. Wheaton's tenure as the Supreme Court's reporter lasted from 1816 to 1827, a remarkable period that witnessed such landmark cases as *Martin v. Hunter's Lessee* (1816), *McCulloch v. Maryland* (1819), *Dartmouth College v. Woodward* (1819), *Cohens v. Virginia* (1821) and *Gibbons v. Ogden* (1824). A more sophisticated Supreme Court reporter than the predecessors, Wheaton enhanced his excellent reports with extensive notes and useful appendices, some containing texts of relevant documents. As noted by Woxland and Ogden, his reports became "a model for judicial reporting in this country—the 'golden book of American law.'" Woxland and Ogden, *Landmarks in American Legal Publishing* 33. Cohen and O'Connor, *A Guide to the Early Reports of the Supreme Court of the United States* 135-146. [Order This Item](#)



**Well-Illustrated Account of One of the
Most Sensational Divorce Trials in English History**

31. [Trial].

Caroline of Brunswick [1768-1821], Defendant.

The Trial at Large of Her Majesty, Caroline Amelia Elizabeth, Queen of Great Britain; In the House of Lords, On Charges of Adulterous Intercourse; Containing a Full and Accurate Detail of the Evidence of the Witnesses, The Speeches of Counsel, And all Other Proceedings in this Extraordinary Trial. The Examination of the Witnesses, And the Documentary Testimony, Printed Verbatim from the Authenticated Journals of the House of Peers, The Whole Illustrated by Explanatory Notes. And Embellished with Faithful and Highly-Finished Portraits, &c. London: Printed by T. Kelly, 1821. Two volumes. [ii], xviii, [2], 664; [iv], 719 pp. Title pages preceded by engraved title pages. Volume I has frontispiece portrait of Caroline of Brunswick. 24 (of 25) engraved or lithographed plates in text. Octavo (8" x 5").

Later quarter morocco over marbled boards, lettering pieces to spines. Moderate rubbing to extremities with some wear to spine ends and corners, which are lightly bumped, light scuffing to spines, hinges cracked. Moderate toning to text, occasional dampspotting, faint dampstaining to a few leaves in each volume. \$450.

* Only edition. The repudiation of Queen Caroline by King George IV was one of the most sensational events in English history. Estranged soon after their marriage, Caroline was eventually banished to Europe after the birth of their daughter, Princess Charlotte Augusta. In 1820 her husband's accession to the throne brought her back to Britain. The King asked his ministers to get rid of her. After she refused a monetary offer to ask for a divorce, the Earl of Liverpool introduced The Pains and Penalties Bill to the House of Lords in July 1820 in order to strip Caroline of her title and dissolve her marriage. (The bill alleged that Caroline had an affair with a servant, Bartolomeo Bergami, while in Italy.) The bill was approved by the House of Lords, but it was not submitted to the House of Commons, where it would have been defeated. Despite the King's best attempts, Caroline remained a popular favorite. Indeed, her popularity increased during the trial. Although she prevailed, she fell ill and died shortly after the coronation of George IV. The trial inspired numerous books, pamphlets and ephemera, such as Kelly's account. The first volume contains evidence in support of the charges, the second evidence and speeches for the defense. Most of the plates are portraits, the others are court scenes. One depicts Caroline's arrival at the House of Lords. (Our set lacks the plate depicting Theodore Majoochi.) *Catalogue of the Library of the Harvard Law School* (1909) II:1037. [Order This Item](#)



"The Great Historical Picture"

32. [Trial].

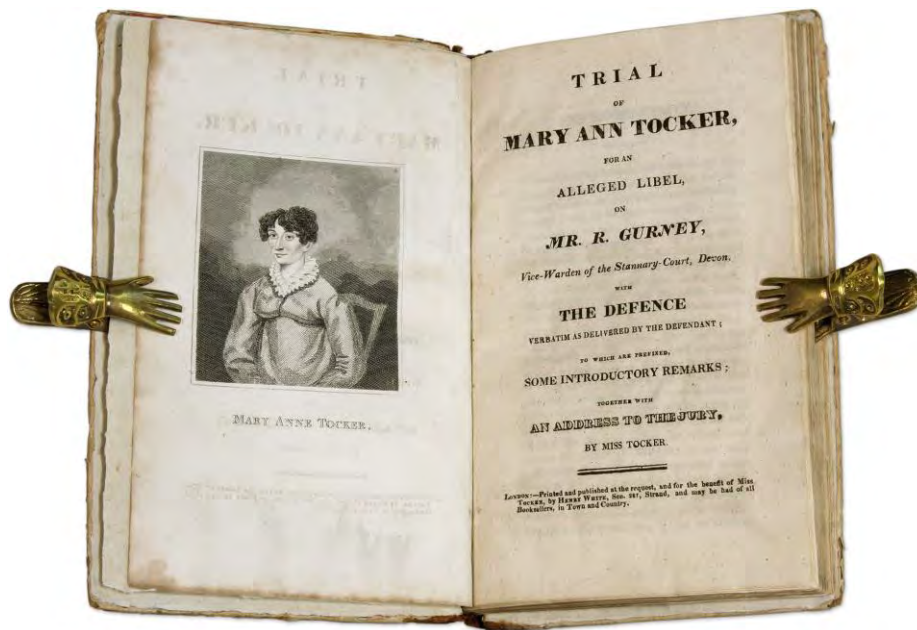
Caroline of Brunswick [1768-1821], Defendant.

[Hayter, Sir George (1792-1871), Artist].

A Descriptive Catalogue of the Great Historical Picture, Painted by Mr. George Hayter, Member of the Academy of St. Luke, &c. &c. &c., Representing the Trial of Her Late Majesty Queen Caroline of England, With a Faithful Interior View of the House of Lords, And One Hundred and Eighty-Nine Portraits; Amongst Which are Included Those Princes of the Royal Family, With Most of the Peers and Distinguished Personages Who Were in the House on that Memorable Occasion and Who did the Artist the Honor to Sit: Containing in the Whole Upwards of Three Hundred Figures: Now Exhibiting at Mr. Canty's Great Rooms, No. 80-1/2 Pall Mall. London: Printed by W. Hersee, 1823. vii, [i], 9-16 pp. Folding title page. 5 etched folding plates. Octavo (8-1/4" x 5-1/4").

Stab-stitched pamphlet in recent plain wrappers. Light toning, slightly heavier in places, a few minor creases and tears to plates. \$300.

* Only edition. Hayter's painting depicted one of the most sensational trials in English history: the repudiation of Queen Caroline by King George IV. After she refused to grant a divorce and renounce her title of Queen Consort, the Earl of Liverpool introduced The Pains and Penalties Bill in Parliament in order to compel the king's demands through legislation. (The bill alleged that Caroline had an affair with a commoner, Bartolomeo Bergami, while in Italy.) The bill was approved by the House of Lords, but it was not submitted to the House of Commons, where it would have been defeated. Despite the King's best attempts, Caroline was always a popular favorite. Indeed, her popularity increased during the trial. Although she prevailed in the court of popular opinion, she fell ill and died shortly after the coronation of George IV. She was certain that she was poisoned by one of the King's agents. OCLC locates 1 copy in a law library (Harvard). Another copy located at Yale Law School. *British Museum Catalogue* (Compact Edition) 11:987. [Order This Item](#)



The First Woman to Represent Herself in a British Court

33. [Trial].

Tocker, Mary Ann [1778-1853], Defendant.

Trial of Mary Ann Tocker, For an Alleged Libel, On Mr. R. Gurney, Vice-Warden of the Stannery-Court, Devon, With the Defence Verbatim as Delivered by the Defendant; To which are Prefaced, Some Introductory Remarks; Together with an Address to the Jury, By Miss Tocker. London: Printed and Published at the Request of, And for the Benefit of Miss Tocker, by Henry White, 1818. viii, 40 pp. Etched portrait frontispiece of Tocker.

[Bound with]

Observations on a Libel; For Which an Indictment was Instituted by Richard Gurney, Esq. Of the Inner Temple, Special Pleader, As Vice-Warden of the Stanneries of Devon, Against Miss Mary Ann Tocker; Of Which the Defendant was Found Not Guilty. Tried Before Mr. Justice Burrough, At Bodmin. The 5th of August, 1818. By the Prosecutor. The Third Edition. London: Published and Sold by Effingham Wilson, [1818]. [iv], 84 pp.

[And]

Reply of Mary Ann Tocker, To the False and Scurrilous Pamphlet of Mr. R. Gurney, Ex-Vice-Warden of Devon; Comprising the Private Correspondence of the Rev. R. Gurney, The Rev. W.O. Gurney, And Mr. R. Gurney. London: Printed and Published by Henry White, [1818]. 45 pp.

Octavo (8" x 5"). Contemporary quarter cloth over marbled boards, gilt ornaments and "2" to spine, endpapers renewed, hinges reinforced (on versos of free endpapers). Moderate rubbing to boards and extremities with some wear to spine ends and corners, which are bumped. Moderate toning, somewhat heavier in places, faint dampstaining throughout. \$2,750.

* Tocker is believed to be the first woman to represent herself in a British court. Tocker accused a local official, Richard Gurney, of corruption. Prosecuted for a libel by Gurney, she offered an able defence and was exonerated by the jury. Her bravery and ability brought her great fame in radical circles and she became an inspiration for early nineteenth-century feminists. The three pamphlets in our sammelband are rare. OCLC locates 6 copies of the *Trial of Mary Ann Tocker*, none in North America, no copies of the third edition of *Observations on a Libel*, which has more content than the first two editions, and 4 copies of the *Reply of Mary Ann Tocker*, 2 in North America (University of Pennsylvania Law School and Yale Law School). These pamphlets not in McCoy. *British Museum Catalogue* (Compact Edition) 25:221. [Order This Item](#)



Dutch Marine Laws with Interesting Content About the Americas

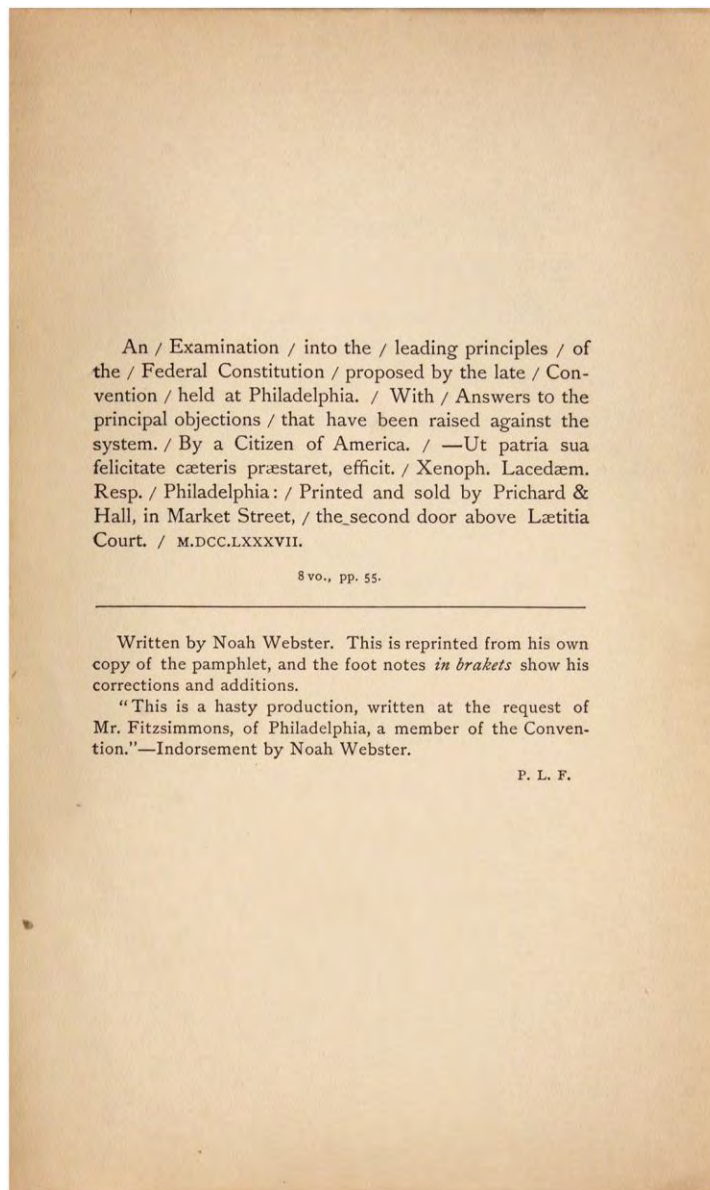
34. Verwer, Adriaen [1654-1720].

Weytsen, Quintyn [1518-1565].

Nederlants See-Rechten; Avaryen; En Bodemeryen: Begrepen in de Gemeene Costuimen Vander See; De Placcaten van Keiser Karel den Vijfden, 1551; en Koning Filips den II. 1563; 't Tractaet van Mr. Quintijn Weitsen van de Nederlantsche Avaryen: Ende Daerenboven in Eene Verhandeling Nopende het Recht der Hollantsche Bodemeryen. Amsterdam: by Jan Boom, 1711. [xii], 242, [2] pp. Quarto (8-1/2" x 6-1/2").

Contemporary quarter vellum over marbled boards, early hand-lettered title to spine, untrimmed edges. Moderate rubbing to boards and extremities, spine darkened, front joint partially cracked, some wear to corners, crack in text block between front endleaf and title page, which is printed in red and black. Light browning, light foxing in places, neat extensive contemporary annotations to margins of several leaves. \$1,500.

* Second edition. Originally published in 1707, this collection of texts provide a vivid historical background for the maritime laws of one of Europe's great sea powers. The work starts with the medieval Laws of Wisby and continues with articles on the Dutch marine laws from the early 16th century up to the time of printing. Some were composed in response, as the title notes, to the cruel customs of the sea expressed in declarations by Emperor Charles V in 1551 and King Philip II of Spain in 1563 and 1565 that were intended to restrict commerce between their colonies and the United Netherlands. Verwer's chapter deals with the laws of navigation and includes a section on Brazil, Cuba, Hispaniola, Jamaica, and references to the voyages of Amerigo Vespucci (p. 33). Weytsen's chapter was originally published in 1617 as *Tractaat van Avaryen*. It addresses the law of average, which requires all parties involved in a shipping enterprise to share the cost of sacrificing some goods in order to save others. Also included are works on bottomry and respondentia (insurance on vessels and cargos, and loans on both), shipwrecks and pirates, among other topics. Dekkers, *Bibliotheca Belgica Juridica* 178. [Order This Item](#)



Noah Webster Promotes Ratification of the US Constitution

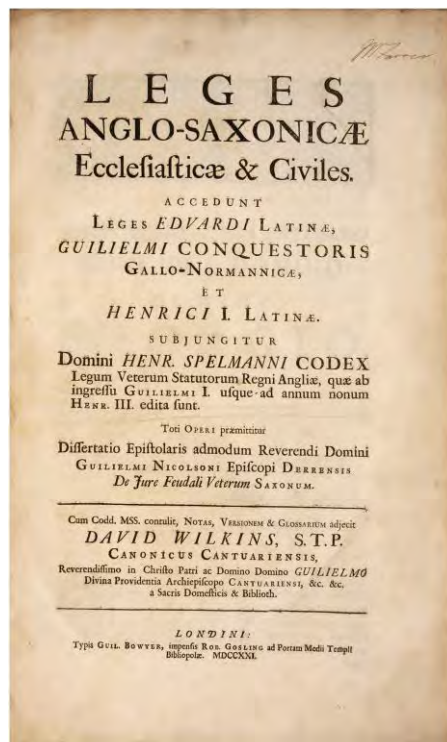
35. [Webster, Noah (1758-1843)].

Ford, Paul Leicester [1865-1902], Editor.

An Examination Into the Leading Principles of the Federal Constitution Proposed by the Late Convention Held at Philadelphia: With Answers to the Principal Objections That Have Been Raised Against the System. Philadelphia: Printed and Sold by Pritchard & Hall, 1787. Reprint. [Brooklyn, NY: S.n., 1888]. 55 pp. Octavo (9-1/2" x 6").

Stab-stitched pamphlet in plain paper wrappers, untrimmed fore and bottom-edges. Some wear to spine ends, light toning to interior. \$150.

* Only edition. "Written by Noah Webster. This is reprinted from his own copy of the pamphlet, and the foot notes in brackets show his corrections and additions" (editor's note). [Order This Item](#)



**Impressive Compilation of Early English Laws Based on
Spelman's *Codex Legum Veterum*, Thomas Jefferson Owned a Copy**

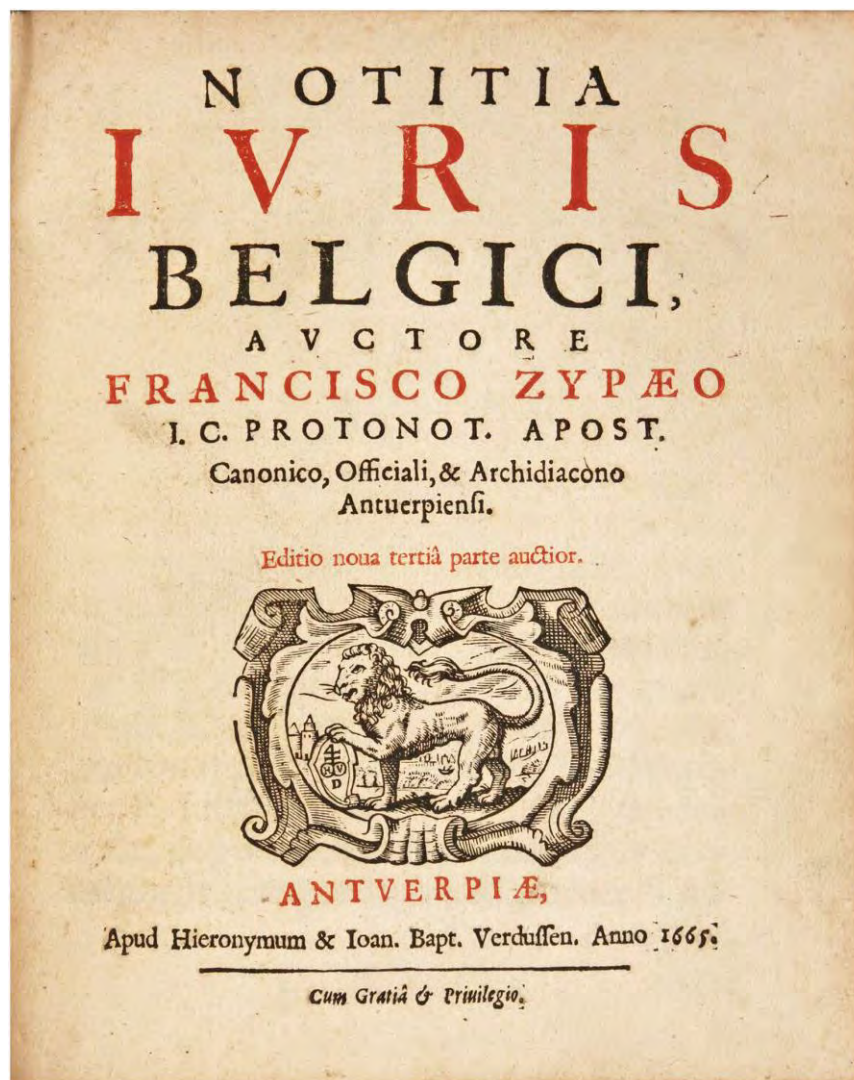
36. Wilkins, David [1685-1745].

Spelman, Henry [1564?-1641].

Leges Anglo-Saxonicae Ecclesiasticae & Civiles. Accedunt Leges Edvardi Latinae, Guilielmi Conquestoris Gallo-Normannicae, Et Henrici I. Latinae. Subjungitur Domini Henr. Spelmanni Codex Legum Veterum Statutorum Regni Angliae, Quae ab Ingressu Guilielmi I. Usque ad Annum Nonum Henr. III. Edita Sunt. Toti Operi Praemittitur Dissertatio Epistolaris Admodum Reverendi Domini Guilielmi Nicolsoni. London: Typis Guil. Bowyer, Impensis R. Gosling, 1721. [xvi], xxiv, 434, [18] pp. Preface and notes in Latin, text in Anglo-Saxon with parallel Latin translation. With a 4 pp. subscriber list, publisher advertisement at foot of final page. Folio (15-1/2" x 9-3/4").

Contemporary paneled calf, early rebacking retaining existing gilt spine with raised bands and lettering piece, early repairs to corners and gouge to rear board, hinges reinforced. Moderate rubbing to boards, corners bumped, joints cracked, faint vertical crack through center of spine. Moderate toning, somewhat heavier in places, occasional faint dampstaining to margins, faint dampspotting, light foxing and recent brief annotations in pencil to a few leaves. \$950.

* Only edition, one of 500 copies in this format. (63 copies were printed in smaller formats.) Research into Anglo-Saxon legal sources began in the seventeenth century with the work of William Lambard, William Somner and Henry Spelman. Their work was the foundation for the work of George Hicks, Robert Kelham and David Wilkins in the eighteenth century. A professor of Arabic at Cambridge University and librarian to the Archbishop of Canterbury, Wilkins was the most distinguished member of this trio. *Leges Anglo-Saxonicae*, which incorporates Spelman's *Codex Legum Veterum*, includes the collections of Anglo-Saxon customs that were made after the Conquest: the laws of Edward the Confessor, the laws of William I and the *Leges Henrici Primi*. According to the *ESTC*, Bowyer's records show three sizes of paper used (demy, 500 copies; royal, 50; writing royal, 13)." Jefferson owned a copy of this book. Sowerby, *Catalogue of the Library of Thomas Jefferson* 1768. Holdsworth, *History of English Law* XII:403. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T138842. [Order This Item](#)



Useful Summary of the Law of the Spanish Netherlands

37. Zype, Francois van den (Franciscus) [c.1578-1650].

Notitia Iuris Belgici. Editio Nova Tertia Parte Auctior. Antwerp: Apud Hieronymum Verdussium, 1665. [24], 358, [60] pp. Quarto.

Contemporary sprinkled calf with early rebacking, gilt spine with raised bands and lettering piece. Some minor nicks and scratches to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, joints starting, chip to foot of spine, corners bumped and somewhat worn. Title page printed in red and black. Moderate toning to text, somewhat heavier in places, light foxing to a few leaves, inkstain to foot of p. 199. \$450.

* Third edition. Zype was a canon lawyer and church official attached to the Bishop of Antwerp. First published in 1635, this useful and summary of the law of the Spanish Netherlands went through at least four more editions and issues into the eighteenth century. Topics include procedure and the law concerning commerce, marriage, the military and other topics. All editions are scarce. OCLC locates no copies of the third edition in North America. Dekkers, *Bibliotheca Belgica Juridica* 198. [Order This Item](#)