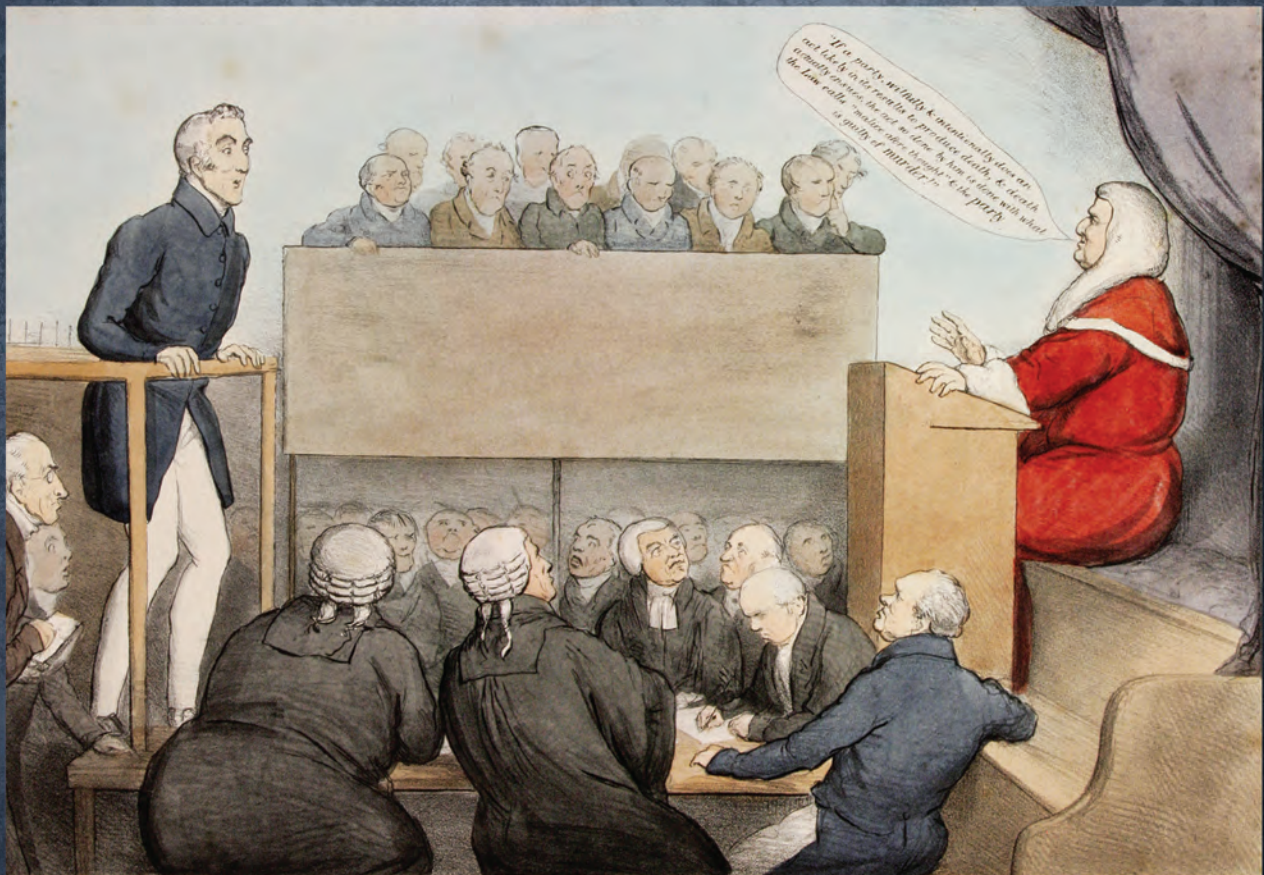


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Parliamentary Documents Relating to the Penal Colony of Van Dieman's Land and New South Wales, 1839-1855

1. [Australia].

[Transportation].

Van Dieman's Land.

Van Dieman's Land. Copies of Despatches from the Lieutenant-Governor of Van Dieman's Land, Relative to Transportation and the Assignment of Convicts. [London]: Ordered, By the House of Commons, To be Printed, 12 August 1839. 4 pp.

[With]

An Act for the Government of New South Wales and Van Dieman's Land [30th July 1842]. [Running title]. London: Printed by George E. Eyre and Andrew Spottiswoode, 1842. [833]-850 pp.

[And]

An Act to Explain and Amend the Act for the Government of New South Wales and Van Dieman's Land [6th August 1844]. [Running title]. London: Printed by George E. Eyre and Andrew Spottiswoode, 1842. [577]-580 pp.

[And]

South Australia. Convicts (Van Dieman's Land). Copies of All the Correspondence Between Any Person or Persons Interested in South Australia and the Colonial Office, Respecting the Effect Upon that Province of the Official Notice of the Comptroller General of Van Dieman's Land, Of the 21st Day of June 1845, Relative to Convicts in that Colony Who were Holders of Conditional Pardons. [London]: Ordered, By the House of Commons, To be Printed, 26 August 1846. 9. [1] pp.

[And]

Transportation. (Van Dieman's Land.) Copy of a Communication upon the Subject of Transportation, Addressed to Earl Grey by the Lord Bishop of Tasmania. (Viscount Mabon.) [London]: Ordered, By the House of Commons, To be Printed, 23 July 1847. 11, [1] pp.

[And]

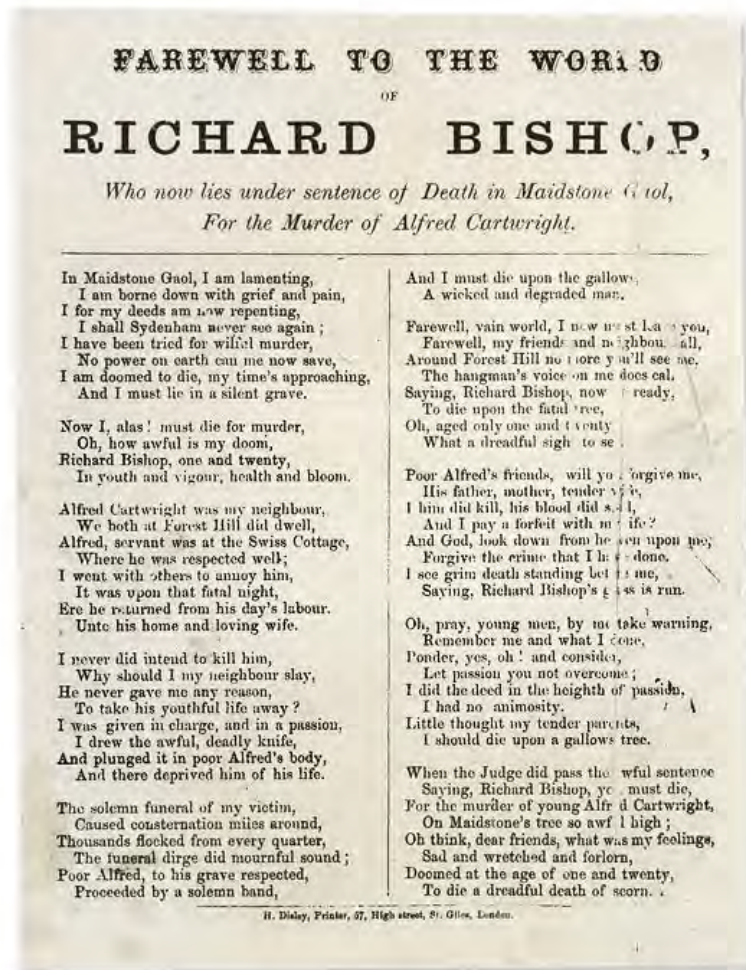
Van Dieman's Land. Copies of Despatches, With Their Enclosures, Relating to the Cases of Mr. Justice Montagu and Chief Justice Pedder, With Other Documents. [London]: Ordered, By the House of Commons, To be Printed, 29 July 1848. 112, [2] pp.

[And]

An Act to Enable Her Majesty to Assent to a Bill, As Amended, Of the Legislature of New South Wales, "To Confer a Constitution on New South Wales, And to Grant a Civil List to Her Majesty [16th July 1855]. [Running title]. London: Printed by George E. Eyre and Andrew Spottiswoode, 1855. [401]-422 pp.

7 items in all ranging in size from 12" x 7-1/2" to 13" x 8." Disbound, moderate toning, occasional edgewear, 4 items have small library marking of the Netherlands Foreign Office, *Van Dieman's Land* (1848) bound into recent cloth with gilt spine title. An interesting collection. \$1,500.

* The penal colony of Van Dieman's Land (present-day Tasmania) was established in 1803 and received its last group of convicts in 1853. This was Australia's second penal colony. The first was established in New South Wales in 1788. Transportation to that colony ended in 1850. The seven items in the present collection are from a period when these two colonies were evolving into tradition colonies of the British Empire. This transition is most apparent in the latest item in our group, which concerns the establishment of a constitution for New South Wales. [Order This Item](#)



Annoyed to Death

2. [Broadside].

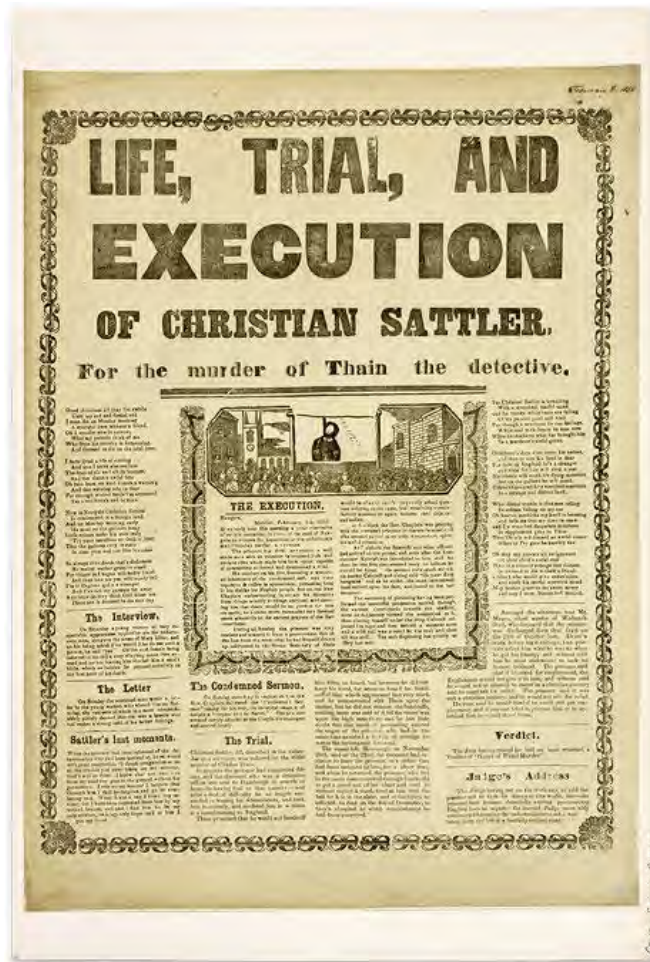
[Execution].

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](#)



Murder at Sea

3. [Broadside].

[Execution].

Sattler, Christian [d. 1858].

Life, Trial, And Execution of Christian Sattler, For the Murder of Thain the Detective. [London: S.n., 1858].

19-3/4" x 14-1/2" broadside mounted to 22-1/2" x 25" frame. Text in four columns within woodcut border, large woodcut vignette of execution, featuring a superimposed "close up" of the hanged man, within woodcut border near center of text below headline. Main text preceded by four stanzas of verse. Some toning, minor creases to margins, "February 8: 1858" in small early hand to upper right corner above border. \$1,950.

* Sattler was a German man who stole a bag of valuables belonging to a London stockbroker from an inn in Cambridgeshire (shortly after his release from jail). After stealing the bag Sattler fled to the continent and was tracked down and arrested in Hamburg by two London detectives, Charles Thain and William Jarvis. On the journey back to England, Thain left Sattler alone in his cabin where he found a pistol, which he used to murder Thain when he returned to Sattler's cabin. Sattler was found guilty and hanged at the Old Bailey on February 8, 1858. This broadside includes an eight-stanza ballad about the crime and eight additional sections titled The Interview, The Letter, Sattler's Last Moments, The Condemned Sermon, The Trial, Verdict, Judge's Address, and The Execution. OCLC locates 2 copies (British Library, UNC-Chapel Hill). [Order This Item](#)



**Broadside with Portraits of the
"Edgeware Road Murderer" and His Female Accomplice**

4. [Broadside].

[Murder].

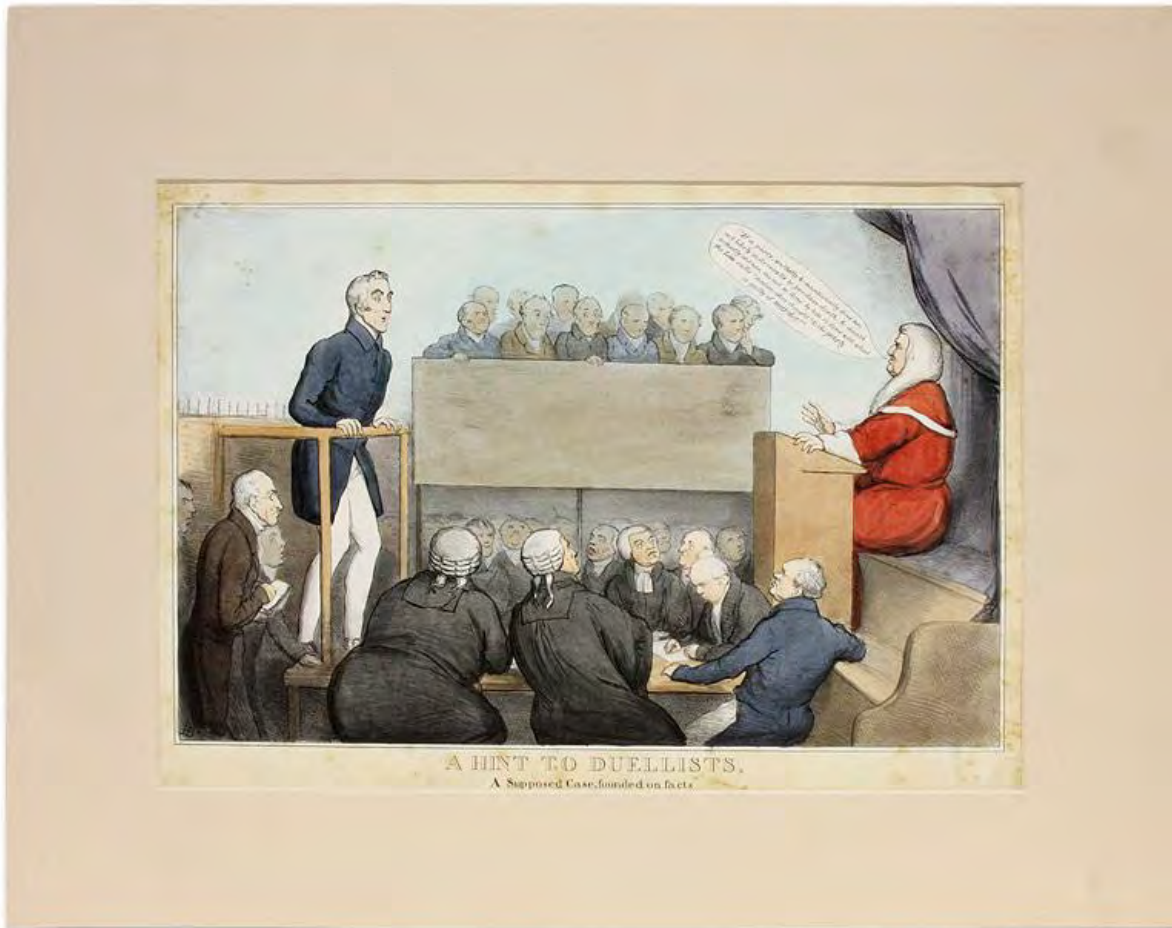
[Greenacre, James (1785-1837)].

[Gale, Sarah (d. 1837)].

James Greenacre and Sarah Gale, Charged with the Murder & Mutilation of Hannah Brown. Sketched from Life, At the Bar of the Old Bailey, 12th April 1837. Warranted Written Only 10 Minutes Before Sentence Was Passed! [London]: Sold by Knight, Sweetings Alley, Cornhill, [1837].

11" x 7-1/2" broadside. Lithographed images of Greenacre and Gale above reproductions of their signatures, text to left of signatures and below. Moderate toning, light edgewear, a few faint dampstains and few creases. \$350.

* Known as the "Edgeware Road Murderer," Greenacre planned to marry Hannah Brown for her money. However, his mistress, Sarah Gale, convinced him to kill her, dismember her, and hide her body parts in various places. They would then take her money and escape to America. This plan fell apart after police found her head in Regent's Canal. The case of Greenacre and Gale generated a good deal of popular interest. His execution was attended by an enormous crowd. No copies located on OCLC. [Order This Item](#)

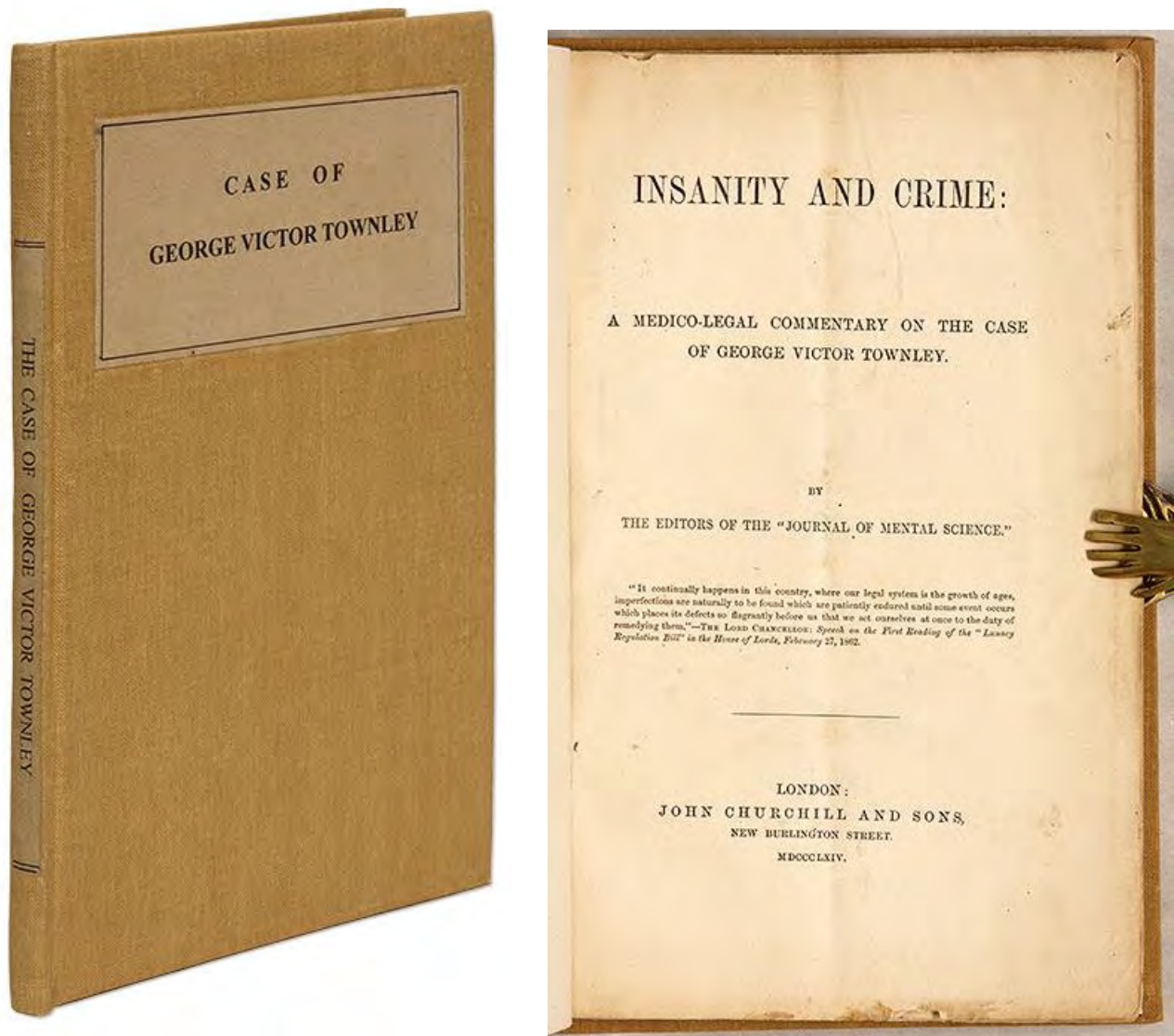


You're Not Supposed to Kill Your Opponent

5. Doyle, John [1797-1868].

A Hint to Duellists, A Supposed Case, Founded on Facts. [London]: Published by Thomas McLean, 1830. 15-1/2" x 11" hand-colored lithograph in 20-1/2" x 16" hinged matte. Light soiling to matte, some toning and light foxing to margins, a bit of light foxing to image, colors vivid. \$350.

* Doyle moved English caricature from the ridiculous, grotesque and sometimes bawdy style of Thomas Rowlandson and James Gillray to the more witty and genteel manner developed further by later cartoonists, such as those associated with *Vanity Fair*. Doyle's pictures appeared anonymously in the *London Times* and a series of books, *Political Sketches*, between 1830 and 1851 under the signature H.B. They were commentaries on recent events and were sometimes accompanied by explanatory essays. *A Hint to Duellists* is a commentary on a recent trial of R.W Lambrecht, who was tried for manslaughter as the result of a duel. The title, personified by the substitution of The Duke of Wellington [1769-1852] for Lambrecht in the dock, alludes to an event the previous year in which Wellington and his opponent went through the motions of a duel with no intention of drawing blood. Lambrecht was ultimately acquitted due to a hung jury. Stephens and George, *Catalogue of Political and Personal Satires in the British Museum* XI:1954. [Order This Item](#)



A Curious 1864 Case Involving Murder and Insanity

6. Editors of the Journal of Mental Science.

Insanity and Crime: A Medico-Legal Commentary on the Case of George Victor Townley. London: John Churchill and Sons, 1864. 47, [1] pp. Octavo (8-3/4" x 5-1/2").

Stab-stitched pamphlet with untrimmed edges bound into recent cloth, printed paper title labels to front board and spine, endpapers added. Moderate toning to text, faint vertical crease through center, small inkspots to a few leaves. \$500.

* Only edition. In this unusual trial Townley was found sane and guilty of the murder of his fiancee, but insane afterwards, and thus incapable of execution. The discussion of this case in the interesting pamphlets examines, among other related topics, partial, impulsive, and "moral" insanity. OCLC locates 13 copies in North America, 1 in a law library (U.S. Supreme Court). [Order This Item](#)



Cromwell Refused to Grant a Pardon

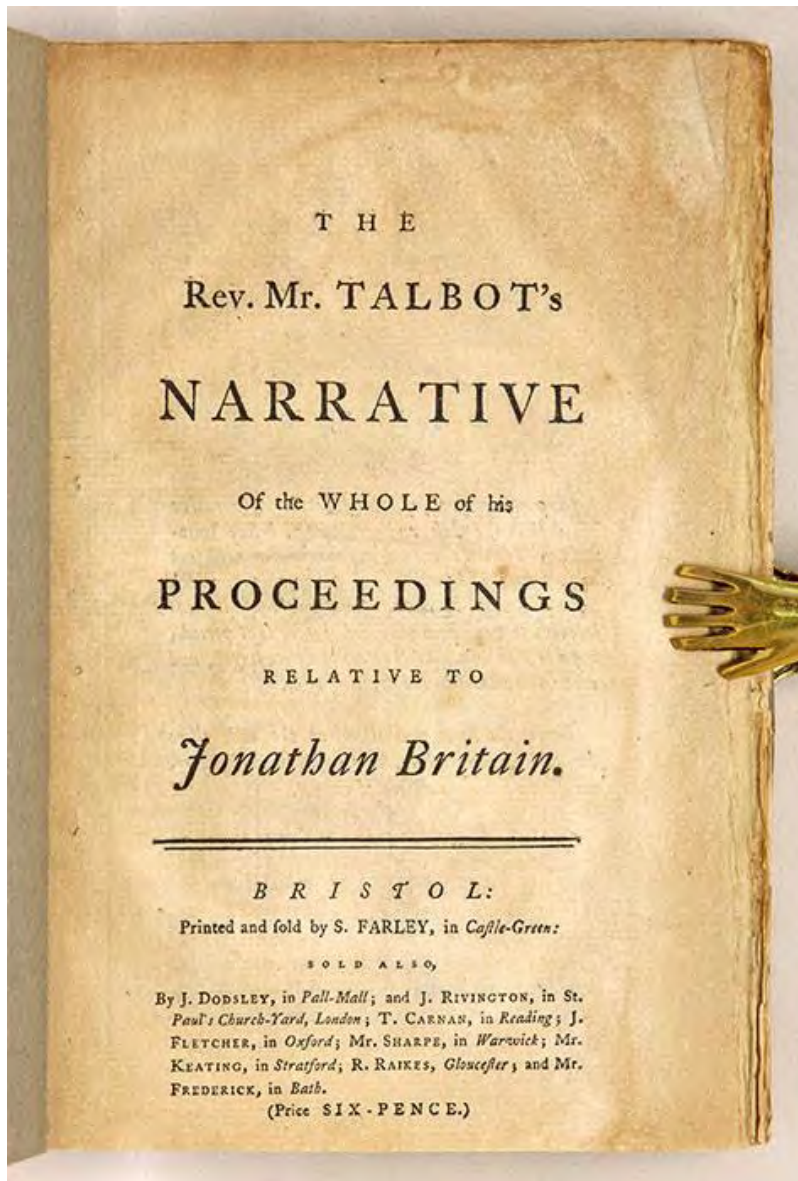
7. H[all], J[ohn] [1627-1656].

[Hinde, John, Attributed].

A Gagg to Love's Advocate: Or, An Assertion of the Justice of the Parliament in the Execution of Mr Love. London: Printed by William Du-Gard, Printer to the Council of State, 1651. [iv], 22 pp. Quarto (7" x 5-1/2").

Stab-stitched pamphlet bound into later three-quarter calf over marbled boards. Light rubbing to extremities with negligible wear to spine ends and corners. Large copperplate arms of the Commonwealth to title page, woodcut head-pieces and decorated initials. Moderate toning to text, dampstaining to head of text block, title page soiled and edgeworn, worming to lower margin of text block, edgewear to a few leaves at beginning and end of text, small chips to heads of final three leaves with minor loss to text. Two miniscule annotations in later hand to head of title page, small recent owner stamp to rear pastedown, interior otherwise clean. A solid copy of a scarce title. \$950.

* Only edition. Hall was a poet employed as a pamphleteer by Cromwell. He was, in other words, a propagandist for the Commonwealth. *A Gagg to Love's Advocate* defends the recent execution of Christopher Love [1618-1651], a controversial Welsh Protestant preacher and advocate of Presbyterianism. He was convicted of treason when the Commonwealth learned that he was communicating with the exiled Stuart court with the goal of restoring the Stuart monarchy. He went to his death as a martyr of the Presbyterians, who petitioned in vain to secure his pardon. Cromwell denied these petitions because we wished to suppress dissent among the Presbyterians. OCLC locates 6 copies in North America, none in law libraries. A few sources, most notably Wing's *Short-Title Catalogue*, suggest an attribution to John Hinde. The *ESTC* does not offer an attribution, though most scholarship indicates that Hall was the author. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R206702. [Order This Item](#)



Accused of Helping a Notorious Forger

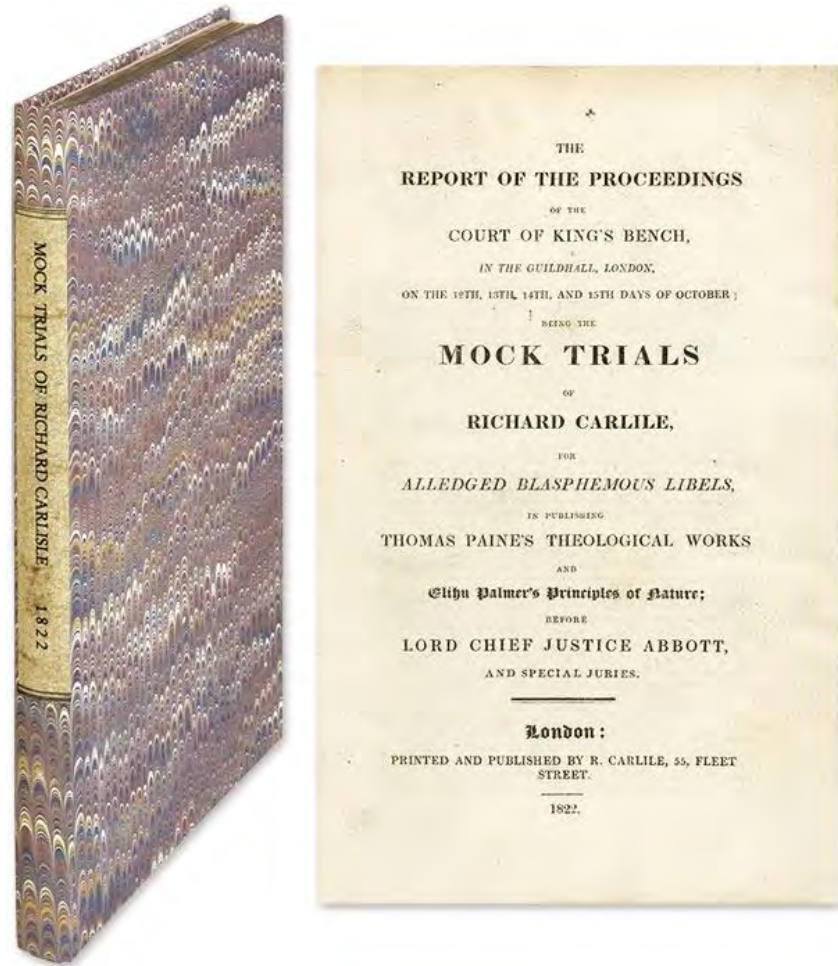
8. Talbot, [William] [1718 or 1719-1774].

The Rev. Mr. Talbot's Narrative of the Whole of His Proceedings Relative to Jonathan Britain. Bristol: Printed and Sold by S. Farley, [1772]. 93, [1] pp. Octavo (8" x 5-1/2").

Stab-stitched pamphlet in recent plain stiff wrappers, untrimmed edges. Moderate toning, occasional faint dampstaining, light dampspotting to a few leaves, light soiling to title page. \$150.

* Only edition. As a prison visitor, Rev. Talbot became involved in the case of the forger Jonathan Britain, executed in 1772. Sympathetic to Britain, and apparently conned by him, he attempted to save him from the gallows and get him a new trial. His efforts on Britain's behalf brought him a great deal of criticism. *The Rev. Mr. Talbot's Narrative* is his reply to the critics. OCLC locates 1 copy in a North American law library (Harvard). *English Short-Title Catalogue* T44853.

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**A Notable Freethinker and Publisher
Of Thomas Paine Reports One of His Blasphemy Trials**

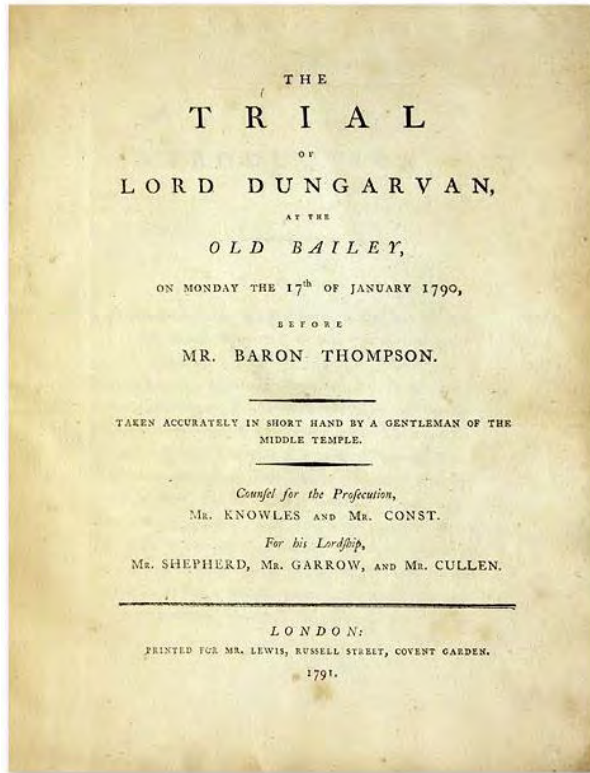
9. [Trial].

Carlile, Richard [1790-1843], Defendant and Reporter.

The Report of the Proceedings of the Court of King's Bench, In the Guildhall, London, On the 12th, 13th, 14th, And 15th Days of October: Being the Mock Trials of Richard Carlile, For Alledged [sic] Blasphemous Libels, In Publishing Thomas Paine's Theological Works and Elisha Palmer's Principles of Nature; Before Lord Chief Justice Abbott, And Special Juries. London: Printed and Published by R. Carlile, 1822. xx, 203 pp. Octavo (8-1/4" x 5-1/4").

Stab-stitched pamphlet (without wrappers) bound into recent marbled boards with paper title label. Toning, light soiling to title page, creases to corners of a few leaves. An appealing copy. \$950.

* Only edition. Carlile was one of the most prolific freethinking journalist-publisher-political activists of his day. As one would suspect, he was often at odds with the government. In 1819 he was fined 1,500 pounds and imprisoned for three years for six counts of "blasphemous libel." He published this account of the first day of his 1819 trial after his release. It deals with the information against him for publishing Thomas Paine's *Age of Reason* and *Examination of the Passages in the New Testament Quoted from the Old and Called prophecies concerning Jesus Christ*, which Carlile issued as *The Age of Reason, Part the Third*. Portions of these were read in court by Carlile with commentary. *Catalogue of the Library of the Harvard Law School* II:1035. [Order This Item](#)



A Cautionary Tale for "Young Gentlemen"

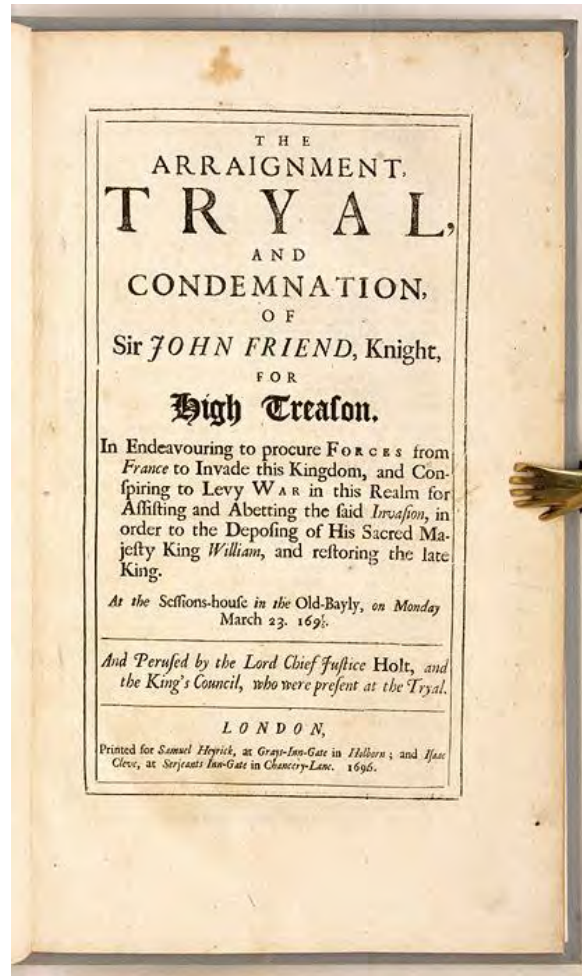
10. [Trial].

Cork, Edmund Boyle, Earl of [1767-1856], Defendant.

The Trial of Lord Dungarvan, At the Old Bailey, On Monday the 17th of January 1790, Before Mr. Baron Thompson. Taken Accurately in Short Hand by a Gentleman of the Middle Temple. Counsel for the Prosecution, Mr. Knowles and Mr. Const. For his Lordship, Mr. Shepherd, Mr. Garrow, and Mr. Cullen. London: Printed for Mr. Lewis, 1791. [6], ii, [3]-38, [2] pp. Includes two-page publisher catalogue. Copperplate portrait frontispiece. Quarto (10" x 8").

Recent three-quarter morocco over cloth, gilt rules to boards, gilt title to spine, untrimmed edges. Moderate rubbing to extremities, some toning to text, light soiling to half-title, which has an owner signature (of William Owen, Trinity College) dated 1794, repairs to corners and fore-edge of frontispiece. Ex-library. Stamps to boards and free endpapers, bookplate to front pastedown. A solid copy of a rare title. \$1,250.

* Only edition. The frontispiece depicts Elizabeth Weldon, the prostitute who initiated the suit. In an attempt to extort money, she threatened Boyle, also known as Viscount Dungarvan due to his Irish properties, with a bogus lawsuit. She said she would claim he took money from her clothing after he purchased her services. However, Cork called her bluff and eventually prevailed in court. Clearly a salacious case, it is presented here as a cautionary tale for "young gentlemen, whose levity may bring them into a familiar situation..." The reporter warns that it "may not always be in the power, even of a man of *fashion*, to refute the plausible tale of an artful woman, (although a prostitute.) It may not always happen that an innocent defendant shall have the same circumstances to protect his honour, as my Lord Dungarvan" (ii). OCLC locates 2 copies, both in law libraries (Columbia, Harvard). *English Short-Title Catalogue* N013878. [Order This Item](#)



Hanged Without Benefit of Counsel

11. [Trial].

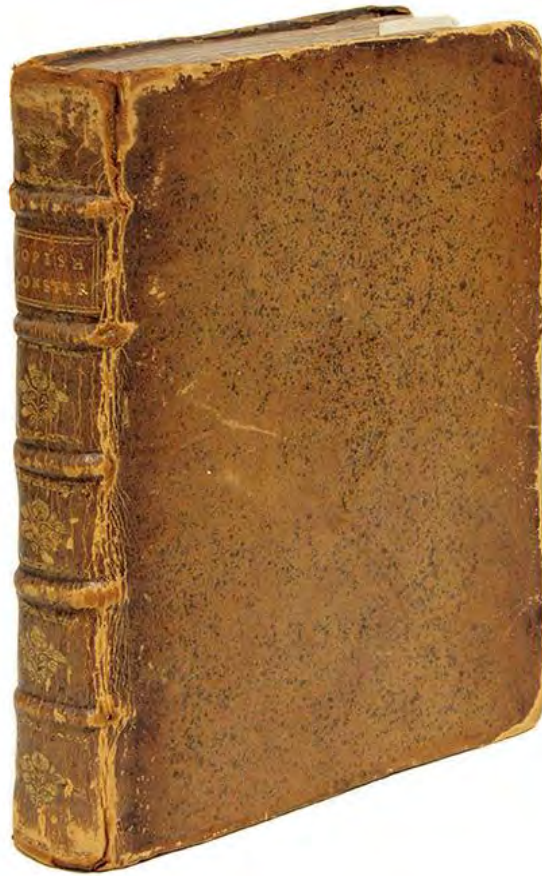
Friend, Sir John [d. 1696], Defendant.

The Arraignment, Tryal, And Condemnation, Of Sir John Friend, Knight, For High Treason, In Endeavouring to Procure Forces from France to Invade this Kingdom, And Conspiring to Levy War in this Realm for Assisting and Abetting the Said Invasion, In Order to the Deposing of His Sacred Majesty King William, And Restoring the Late King. At the Sessions-house in the Old-Bayly, On Monday March 23. 1695/6. And Perused by the Lord Chief Justice Holt, And the King's Council, Who were Present at the Tryal. London: Printed for Samuel Heyrick, at Grays-Inn-Gate in Holborn, 1696. [iv], 44 pp. Main text preceded by "Order to Print" (imprimatur) leaf. Folio (12-1/2" x 8").

Stab-stitched pamphlet bound into recent cloth, gilt title to spine. Light rubbing to extremities, some fading to spine and parts of boards. Moderate toning to text, somewhat heavier in places, faint dampstaining to a few leaves, wear to fore-edge of final leaf. Ex-library. Bookplate to front pastedown. A nice copy. \$150.

* Only edition. Friend was charged with high treason for participation in Jacobite assassination plot 1696 and denied counsel by Chief-Justice Sir John Holt. He was convicted and hanged, one of the last two people condemned before the Treason Act of 1695 came into force. This act, which allowed counsel in cases of treason, may have helped.

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A Leader of the Gunpowder Plot

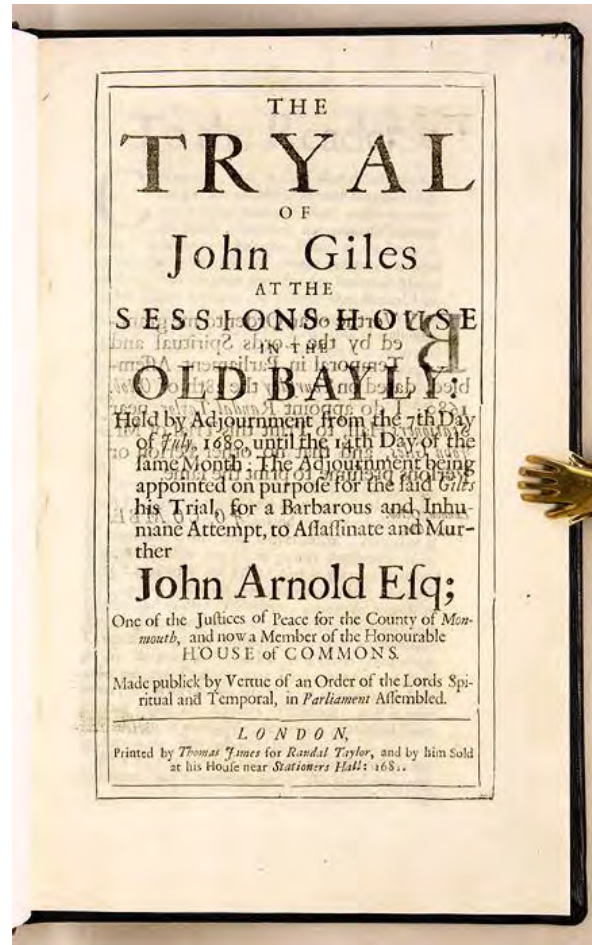
12. [Trial].

[Garnett, Henry [1555-1606], Defendant.

A True and Perfect Relation of the Whole Proceedings Against the Late Most Barbarous Traitors, Garnet a Iesuite, and his Confederats: Contayning Sundry Speeches Delivered by the Lords Commissioners at their Arraignments, For the Better Satisfaction of Those that Were Hearers, As Occasion was Offered; The Earle of Northhamptons Speech Having Bene Enlarged Upon Those Grounds Which are Set Downe. And Lastly all that Passed at Garnets Execution. London: Imprinted by Robert Barker, 1606. [416] pp. Quarto (7" x 5-1/2").

Contemporary speckled calf, blind-stamped crest to center of front board, raised bands, gilt ornaments and lettering piece to spine, endpapers renewed. Light rubbing to boards, heavier rubbing to extremities with wear to spine ends and corners, joints starting at ends, crack in text block between front free endpaper and following leaf, rear hinge starting, ear armorial bookplate to front pastedown, later owner bookplate to rear pastedown. Moderate toning to text, gradually diminishing dampstaining to first quarter of text block, faint dampstaining to upper corners of final few leaves. \$1,250.

* Reissue of the first edition, 1606, one of three reissues from 1606. This anonymous work is a account of Garnet's trial on March 28, 1606 before a special commission at the Guild Hall of London for his participation in the Gunpowder Plot, an assassination attempt by a group of provincial English Catholics against King James I. The plot intended to kill the king, his family, and much of the Protestant aristocracy by blowing up the Houses of Parliament during the State Opening on November 5, 1605. The conspirators also planned to abduct the royal children, who were not present in Parliament, and incite a popular revolt in the Midlands. A spectacular failure, it led to harsh measures against English Catholics. *English Short-Title Catalogue* S2009. [Order This Item](#)



Notable Seventeenth-Century Case of Assault and Battery

13. [Trial].

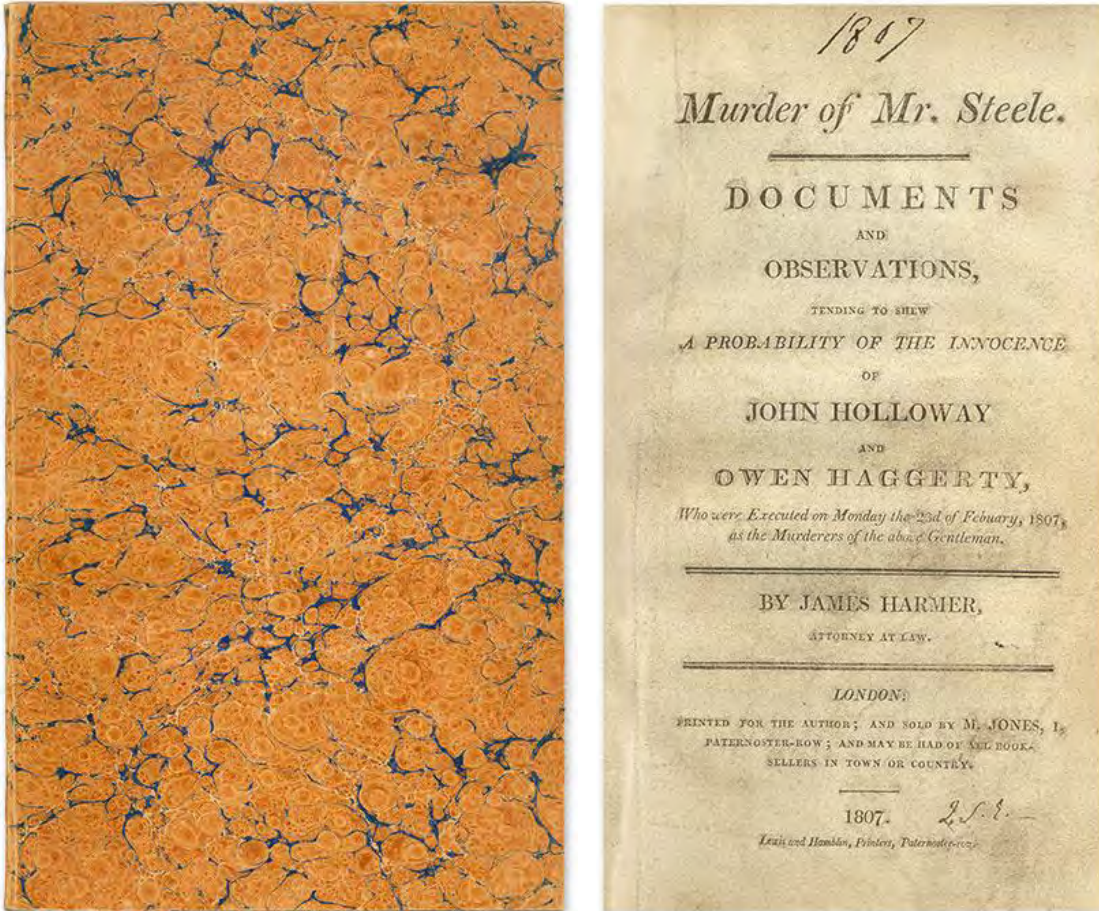
Giles, John, Defendant.

The Tryal of John Giles at the Sessions-House in the Old Bayly: Held by Adjournment from the 7th Day of July, 1680 Until the 14th Day of the Same Month the Adjournment Being Appointed on Purpose for the Said Giles, His Trial for a Barbarous and Inhumane Attempt to Assassinate and Murther John Arnold, Esq. London: Printed by Thomas James for Randal Taylor, 1681. 58 pp. Folio (11-1/2" x 7-1/4").

Stab-stitched pamphlet bound into recent buckram, gilt-stamped title to spine. Negligible light toning to text, light foxing to a few leaves. Early hand-lettered numbers to upper left-hand corners of each leaf, most affected by trimming, interior otherwise clean. \$250.

* Only edition. An account of a sensational case of assault and battery. John Arnold, a justice of the peace from Monmouth, was attacked by a gang of men armed with knives and swords. Stabbed several times, Arnold survived the attack. One of these men, Giles, was apprehended and brought to trial. He was convicted, fined, compelled to offer sureties for good behavior for the rest of his life and sentenced to three hour-long sessions in the pillory over the course of three days, one facing Lincoln's Inn, another facing Gray's Inn and a third "by the May-Pole in the Strand." OCLC locates 13 copies, 3 in North American law libraries (Harvard, Osgoode Hall, Yale). *English Short-Title Catalogue* R24640.

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The Model for Mr. Jaggers in Dickens's *Great Expectations*

14. [Trial].

Harmer, James [1777-1853].

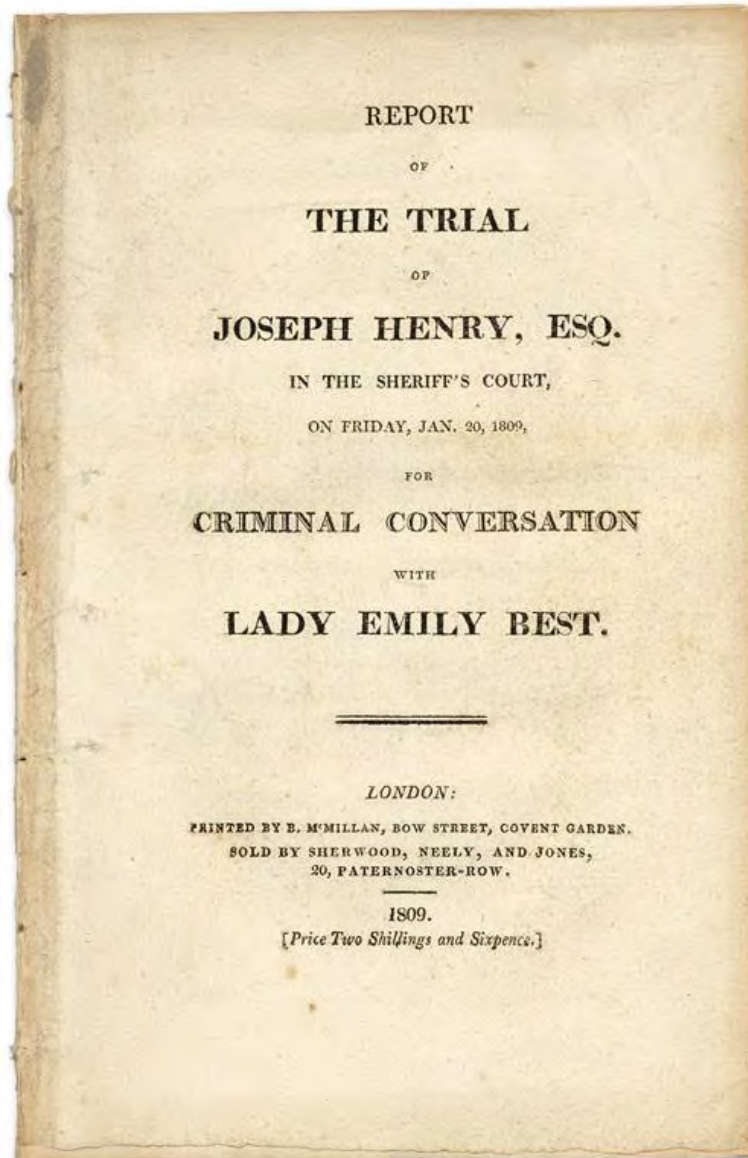
[Holloway, John (d. 1807), Defendant].

[Haggerty, Owen (d. 1807), Defendant].

Murder of Mr. Steele: Documents and Observations Tending to Shew a Probability of the Innocence of John Holloway and Owen Haggerty, Who Were Executed on Monday the 23d of February, 1807, As the Murderers of the Above Gentleman. London: Printed for the Author, 1807. [iv], 89, [1] pp. Octavo (8-1/2" x 5").

Stab-stitched pamphlet bound into later marbled stiff wrappers. Moderate toning, early annotations and marks to margins of several leaves, moderate soiling and early owner initials and "1807" in tiny hand to title page. \$250.

* Only edition. Dickens's model for Mr. Jaggers in *Great Expectations*, Harmer was a lawyer who practiced in the criminal courts. His daily experience led him to expose miscarriages of justice in order to promote reforms in criminal procedure. One such instance was the trial of Holloway and Haggerty, who were convicted through flimsy evidence and the testimony of a witness with questionable motives. It was a controversial trial, so the execution attracted an unusually large crowd of about 40,000 people. About 40 people were trampled to death as the crowd attempted to push closer to the scaffold. OCLC locates 3 copies in law libraries (Harvard University, Stanford University, University of Minnesota). *Catalogue of the Library of the Harvard Law School* (1909) II:1104. [Order This Item](#)



The Lady Deserted Her Husband and Daughter

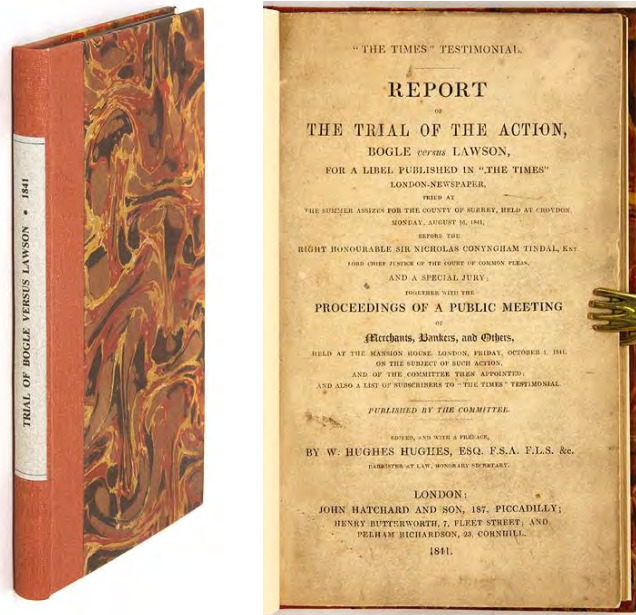
15. [Trial].

[Henry, Joseph, Defendant].

Report of the Trial of Joseph Henry, Esq., in the Sheriff's Court, on Friday, Jan. 20, 1809, for Criminal Conversation with Lady Emily Best. London: Printed by B. McMillan, 1809. [ii], 50, [1] pp. Includes one-page advertisement. Octavo (8-1/2" x 5-1/2").

Disbound stab-stitched pamphlet. Light soiling to exterior, minor edgewear to first and final leaves, light toning to interior. \$350.

* A report of the inquiry to award damages after Lady Emily Best deserted her formerly wealthy husband, who was currently living in a debtor's prison, and her infant daughter. The trial resulted in an award of £2000. OCLC locates 2 copies (at Cornell and Yale Universities). *Catalogue of the Library of the Harvard Law School* (1909) II:1098. [Order This Item](#)



**One of the Most Detailed Accounts of a
Major Nineteenth-Century Financial Swindle**

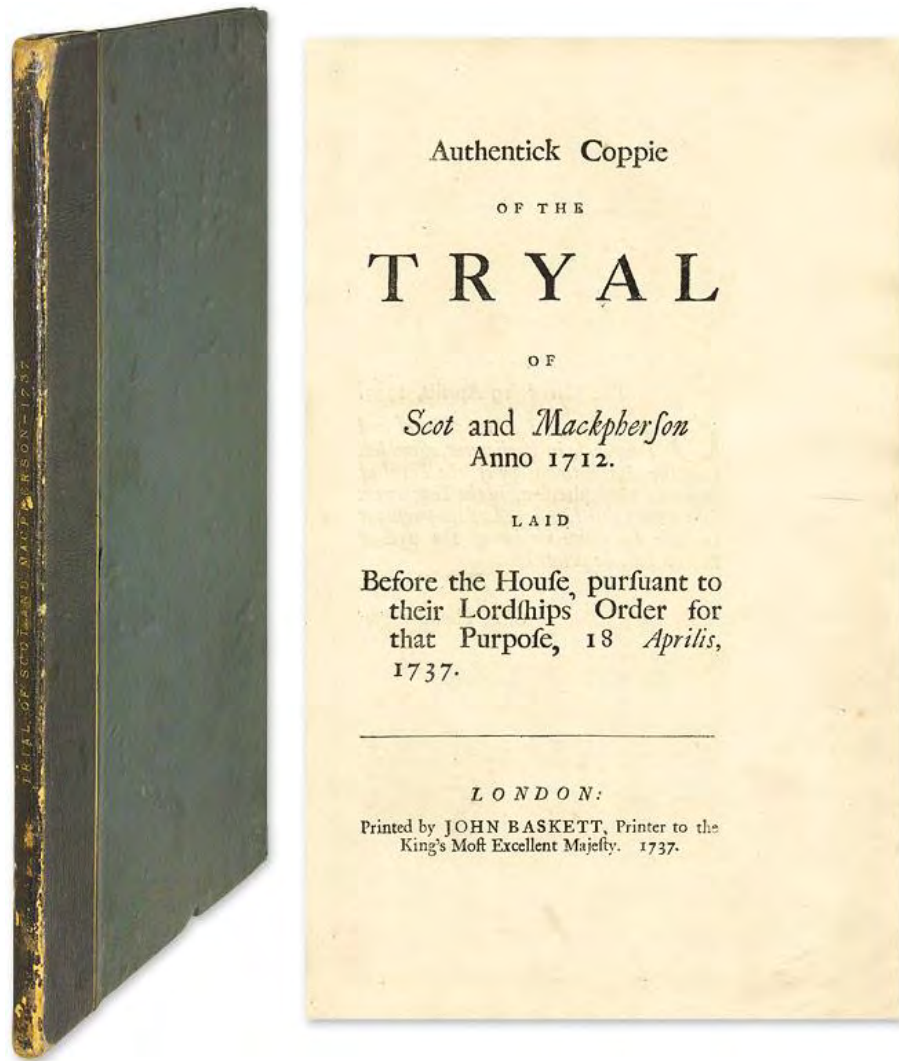
16. [Trial].

Hughes, W. Hughes, Editor.

"The Times" Testimonial: Report of the Trial of the Action, Bogle Versus Lawson, For a Libel Published in "The Times" London-Newspaper, Tried at the Summer Assizes for the County of Surrey, Held at Croydon, Monday, August 16, 1841, Before the Right Honourable Sir Nicholas Conyngham Tindal, Knt. Lord Chief Justice of the Court of Common Pleas, And a Special Jury. London: John Hatchard and Son, Henry Butterworth and Pelham Richardson, 1841. 179, [1] pp. Half-title lacking. Octavo (8-1/4" x 5").

Recent quarter cloth over marbled boards, printed paper title label to spine. Some toning to text, light soiling to title page. A nice copy of a rare title. \$1,250.

* First edition. A sensational case of a million-pound plot to defraud continental bankers by forged letters of credit, or *lettres circulaires*, purporting to have been issued by the bankers Glyn, Hallifax, Mills, & Co. The plot was exposed by a *Times of London* correspondent in a letter, published in the newspaper on 26th May 1840, which referred to "the great forgery company established on the continent lately detected," and naming the co-conspirators. These included the Marquis of Bourbel, "the chief of the gang," the Baron Louis d'Arjuzon, alias De Castel, Pipe "an Englishman who professes to be a solicitor in London," and Cunningham Graham "an anonymous partner in the house of Bogle, Kerrich, and Co." The case was sensational in both social and in banking circles. It exposed the largely unregulated and certainly sloppy banking practices associated with letters of credit (easy to forge and difficult to police) and the almost brilliant ingenuity of an international gang of con men. The naming of Allan George Bogle—who was almost certainly involved—triggered this libel action against John Joseph Lawson, the printer and publisher of the *Times*, and resulted in the award of one farthing damages for Bogle, but enormous expense and the considerable gratitude of bankers and investors for the *Times*. The present report is without much doubt one of the most detailed accounts of a major financial swindle of this period, particularly one involving letters of credit. A second edition was published the same year as the first, the third and final edition in 1842. All three are rare. OCLC locates 6 copies worldwide of the first edition, 2 in North America (Newberry Library, Temple University). COPAC adds a copy at the Society of Antiquaries. This edition not in Kress, which lists the 3rd edition (C.5743). [Order This Item](#)



Highway Robbery

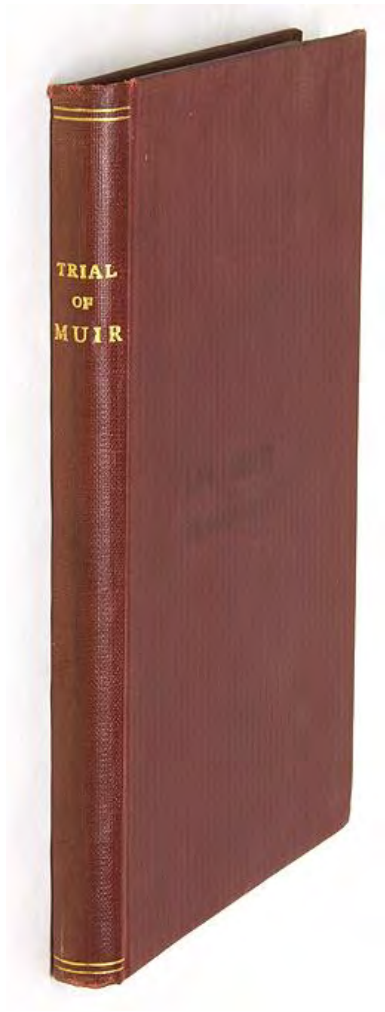
17. [Trial].

Laidly, William, Defendant.

Authentick Coppie of the Tryal of Scot and Mackpherson, Anno 1712: Laid Before the House, Pursuant to Their Lordships Order for that Purpose, 18 Aprilis, 1737. London: Printed by John Baskett, 1737. 33, [1] pp. Folio (12-1/2" x 8").

Later quarter morocco over cloth, gilt title to spine, endpapers renewed. Some rubbing to extremities, minor blistering to boards, partial crack near center of text block. Light toning to text. Later annotations in pencil to endleaves, interior otherwise clean. \$250.

* Trial of William Laidly (alias Scot of Mossphennan) for assault and robbery before the High Court of Justiciary. Laidly, assisted by his brother and three servants, attacked McPherson and stole 5 of 6 of his cattle. During the attack several cattle were driven over a cliff and died. Laidly and his brother were convicted and punished with substantial fines. OCLC locates 13 copies in North America, 3 in law libraries (Yale, Harvard and the University of Washington). *English Short-Title Catalogue* T22795. [Order This Item](#)



An Important Scottish Seditious Trial

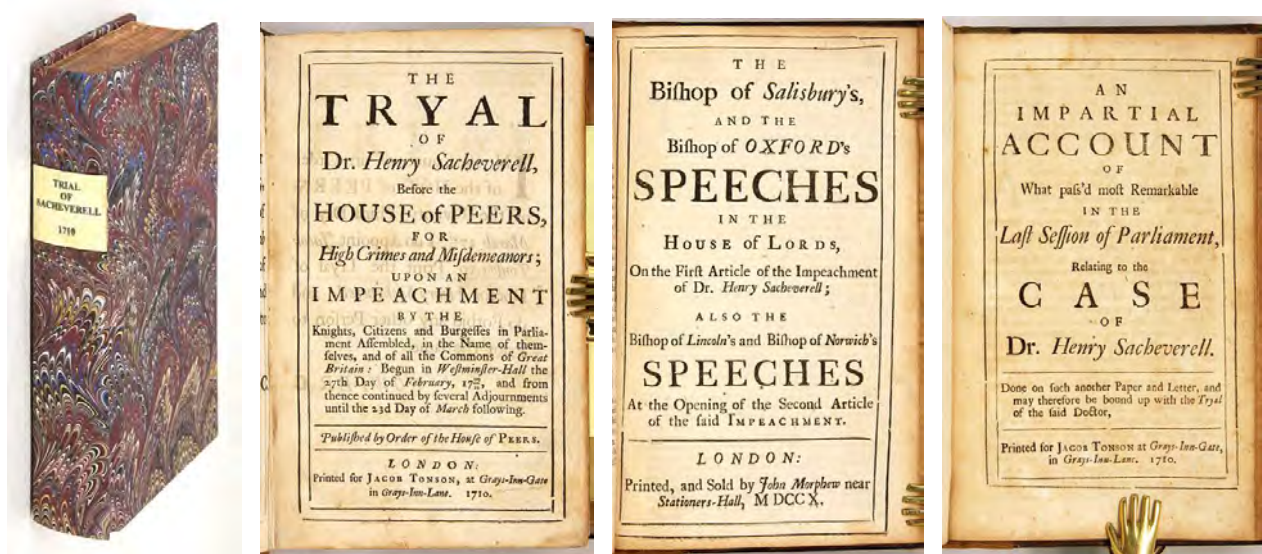
18. [Trial].

Muir, Thomas [1765-1799], Defendant.

Robertson's Edition. An Account of the Trial of Thomas Muir, Esq. Younger, Of Huntershill, Before the High Court of Justiciary, At Edinburgh, On the 30th and 31st Days of August, 1793, For Sedition. Edinburgh: Printed by J. Robertson, And Sold at His Office, No. 4 Horse-Wynd; And by H. D. Symonds, No. 20, Pater-Noster Row; And James Ridgeway, York-Street, St. James's Square, London, [1793]. 160 pp. Complete as issued. Octavo (8-1/4" x 5").

Later cloth gilt fillets and title to spine. A bit of wear to spine ends and corners, very light fading to spine. Moderate toning to text, light foxing to a few leaves, light soiling to title page and verso of final leaf, interior otherwise clean. Ex-library. Stamps to boards, edges and endleaves, bookplate to front pastedown, perforated stamp to title page. \$125.

* First edition, one of four issues from 1793, 3 by Robertson. Muir, a Scottish advocate, was sentenced to transportation to Australia for sedition, in support of the French Revolution and Irish independence, and agitation for parliamentary reform. He is among the five men honored by the Scottish Political Martyrs Monument in Edinburgh. Another monument in Muir's honor stands in Huntershill Village, the site of his estate. Unlike the other 1793 issues, ours was not issued with a portrait frontispiece. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T19436. [Order This Item](#)



A Triumph for Tories and High-Churchmen

19. [Trial].

Sacheverell, Henry [1674-1724], Defendant.

The Trial of Dr. Henry Sacheverell, Before the House of Peers, For High Crimes and Misdemeanors; Upon an Impeachment by the Knights, Citizens and Burgesses in Parliament Assembled, In the Name of Themselves, And of All the Commons of Great Britain: Begun in Westminster-Hall the 27th Day of February, 1709/10, And from Thence Continued by Several Adjournments Until the 23d Day of March Following. Published by Order of the House of Peers. London: Printed for Jacob Tonson, 1710. 456 pp.

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The Bishop of Salisbury's, And the Bishop of Oxford's Speeches in the House of Lords, On the First Article of the Impeachment of Dr. Henry Sacheverell; Also the Bishop of Lincoln's and Bishop of Norwich's Speeches At the Opening of the Second Article of the Said Impeachment. London: Printed, And Sold by John Morphew, Near Stationers-Hall, 1710. 16; 16; [2], 35-52; 53-63, [1] pp. Four parts, each with title page, first three parts have individual pagination.

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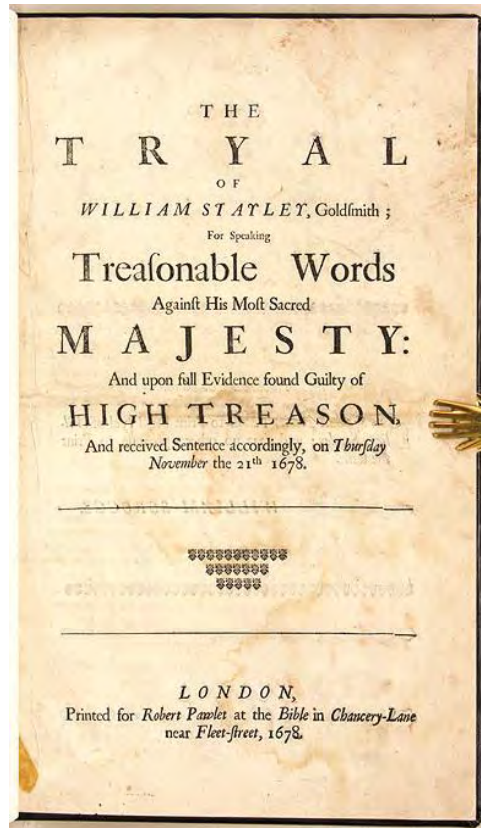
An Impartial Account of What Pass'd Most Remarkable in the Last Session of Parliament, Relating to the Case of Dr. Henry Sacheverell. Done on Such Another Paper and Letter, And May Therefore be Bound up with the Trial of the Said Doctor, [sic] [London]: Printed for Jacob Tonson, at Grays-Inn Gate in Grays-Inn-Lane, 1710. 47, [1] pp.

[And]

A List of the Lords, Who Protested Against Some Proceedings, In Relation to the Case of Dr. Henry Sacheverell, In the House of Peers; with Their Lordships Reasons for Entring Their Protestations. London: [S.n.] Printed in the Year, 1710. 15, [1] pp.

Octavo (7-1/2" x 4-1/2"). Recent period-style marbled boards, printed paper title label to spine, speckled edges. Light toning to text, internally clean. An appealing copy. \$300.

* First octavo editions (each one among several issues from 1710). The volume collects a group of four fundamental documents relating to the ideological controversy between Whigs and Tories. Dr. Henry Sacheverell was impeached for preaching two sermons that advocated the Tory doctrines of non-resistance and passive obedience. His punishment was unique. He was not allowed to preach for three years, but he was allowed to perform other clerical functions and accept preferment during that time. His two sermons were ordered burned by the common hangman. Such a sentence was felt to be a triumph for him and the High-Church and Tory party, and the news of it was received with great enthusiasm throughout the kingdom. See *Dictionary of National Biography* XVIII:569-572. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T176104, T22852, T13225, T75808. [Order This Item](#)



"For Speaking Treasonable Words Against His Most Sacred Majesty"

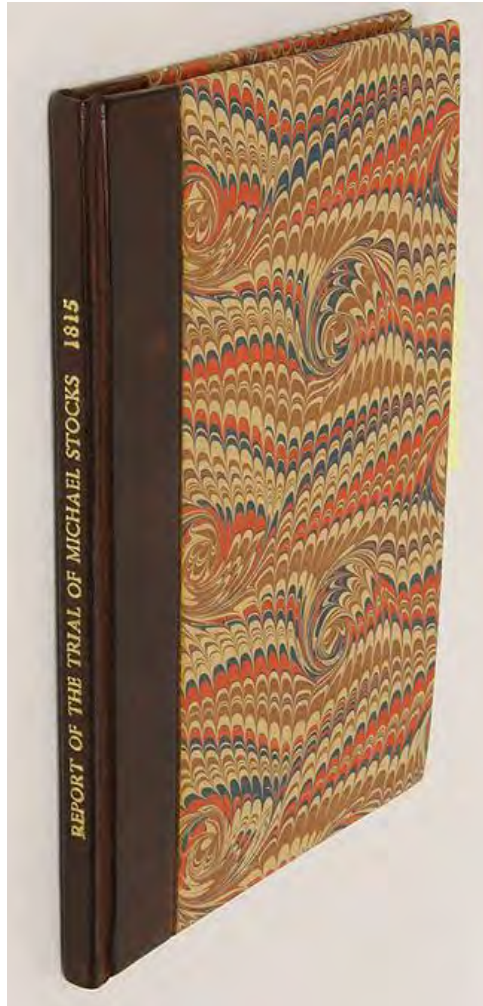
20. [Trial].

Staley, William [d.1678], Defendant.

The Tryal of William Stayley, Goldsmith; For Speaking Treasonable Words Against His Most Sacred Majesty: And Upon Full Evidence Found Guilty of High Treason, And Received Sentence Accordingly, On Thursday November the 21th 1678. London: Printed for Robert Pawlet, At the Bible in Chancery-Lane near Fleet-Street, 1678. 8, 7-10 pp. Main text preceded by imprimatur on verso of title page. Text continuous, and complete, despite pagination. Folio (12-1/2" x 8").

Stab-stitched pamphlet bound into recent buckram, gilt-stamped title to spine. Moderate toning to text, faint dampstain and light soiling to title page, internally clean. \$100.

* Only edition, one of two issues from 1678. William Staley (or Stayley) was one of the victims of the Popish Plot, one of the cruelest 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, Staley 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. This account was reissued in Dublin in 1723. *English Short-Title Catalogue* TR228446. [Order This Item](#)



A Hand in the Scuttle?

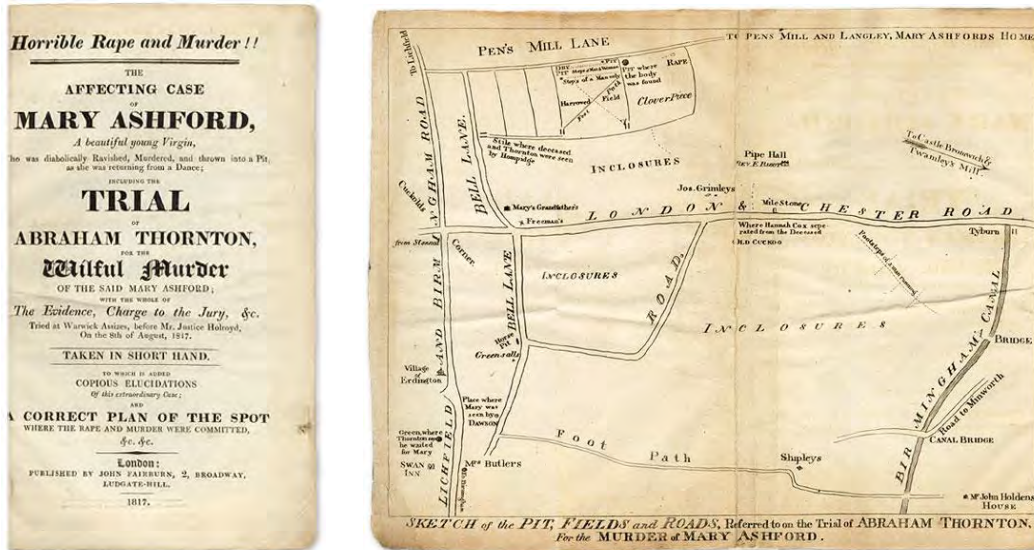
21. [Trial].

Stocks, Michael [d. 1836], Defendant.

Report of the Trial of Michael Stocks, Esq. For Wilful and Corrupt Perjury, At the Yorkshire Lent Assizes, 1815, Before the Honourable Sir Alexander Thompson, Knight, Chief Baron of his Majesty's Court of Exchequer, And a special jury. Huddersfield [England]: Printed for the Editor, By J. Lancashire, 1815. [iv], 109, [1] pp. Octavo (8" x 5").

Recent period-style quarter calf over marbled boards, gilt title to spine. Moderate toning to text, newspaper article, "Last Moments of Jonathan Martin," pasted over errata list, the verso of p. 109, small newspaper clipping pasted to foot of title page. Early owner annotations to title page and following leaf, light soiling and minor edgewear to final two leaves, interior otherwise clean. \$500.

* Only edition, one of two issues, both from 1815. Stocks was accused of stealing and selling 10,000 tons of coal from mines in Northowram, in the West-Riding of Yorkshire, he owned in partnership with two other men. Stocks was not convicted. The trial details the contractual history of the partnership, such contentious matters as the exact legal boundaries of neighboring mines and coal-pits and the nature of written and verbal agreements. Including both edition, OCLC locates 9 copies in North America, 5 in law libraries (Harvard, Library of Congress, Ohio State, University of Georgia, Yale). Not in the *British Museum Catalogue*. [Order This Item](#)



"Diabolically Ravished, Murdered, And Thrown into a Pit"

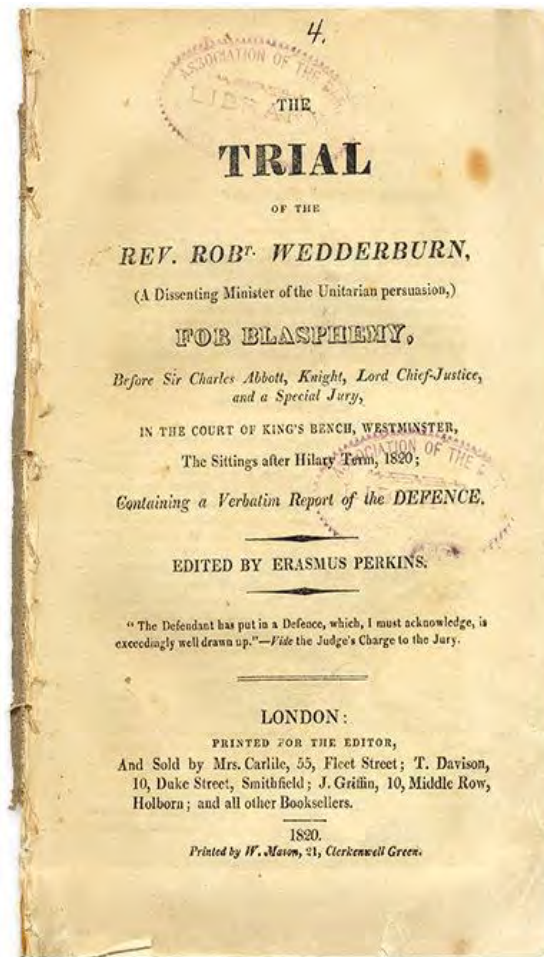
22. [Trial].

Thornton, Abraham [c.1793-1860], Defendant.

Horrible Rape and Murder!! The Affecting Case of Mary Ashford, A Beautiful Young Virgin, Who was Diabolically Ravished, Murdered, And Thrown into a Pit, As She Was Returning From a Dance; Including the Trial of Abraham Thornton, For the Wilful Murder of the Said Mary Ashford; With the Whole of the Evidence, Charge to the Jury, &c. Tried at Warwick Assizes, Before Mr. Justice Holroyd, On the 8th of August, 1817. London: Published by John Fairburn, 1817. [ii], 60 columns (34 pp), 64, [1] pp. Several contemporary newspaper clippings concerning this case pasted to final leaf, rear wrapper and verso of title page. Woodcut folding map of crime scene. Octavo (8-3/4" x 5-1/2").

Stab-stitched pamphlet in printed wrappers, untrimmed edges. Some soiling and edgewear, spine and fold-lines of table reinforced, fore-edge mended, some toning to text. Early owner signatures and annotation to front wrapper and map (not the image side), interior otherwise clean. \$950.

* "Third Edition." Abraham Thornton, a bricklayer, "was accused of rape and murder after attending a dance where he became intimate with a gardener's daughter named Mary Ashford. They left the dance together and her body was found the next morning in a deep pool of water near a local footpath. Thornton was tried at the Warwick assizes on 8 August 1817. Since the marks on Mary's body were not necessarily inconsistent with Thornton's claim that she had consented to sexual intercourse, and since the times on the morning in question when Thornton was seen walking home to Bromwich suggested he could not have been with her when she met her death, the jury found him not guilty. The case aroused much interest and reminded people of a similar murder of a local woman a year earlier. Many were convinced of Thornton's guilt and he was assailed in local and London newspapers. A group collected around the Birmingham solicitor William Bedford invoked the old legal process of 'appeal of murder,' by which a person acquitted of murder could be tried again for the same offense. This process was generally regarded as obsolete, though there had been several instances in the eighteenth century. More controversy arose when Thornton came before the court of King's Bench in November 1817 and demanded ordeal by battle, which was open to the subject of an appeal of murder but had not been claimed since Charles I's reign. After several hearings between November 1817 and April 1818 the court decided that the appellee did have this right. The appeal of murder was dropped. Appeals of murder were abolished in 1819 partly because of this case" (Turner). Unable to lead a normal life, Thornton moved to the United States settled in Baltimore, Maryland. OCLC locates 7 copies of this imprint, 2 in North America, 1 in a law library (Yale). Turner, Michael J., "Thornton, Abraham," *Oxford Dictionary of National Biography* (online edition). [Order This Item](#)



**An English Radical is Charged with
Blasphemy in Defense of a Fellow Radical**

23. [Trial].

Wedderburn, Rob[er]t [1762-1835/36?], Defendant.

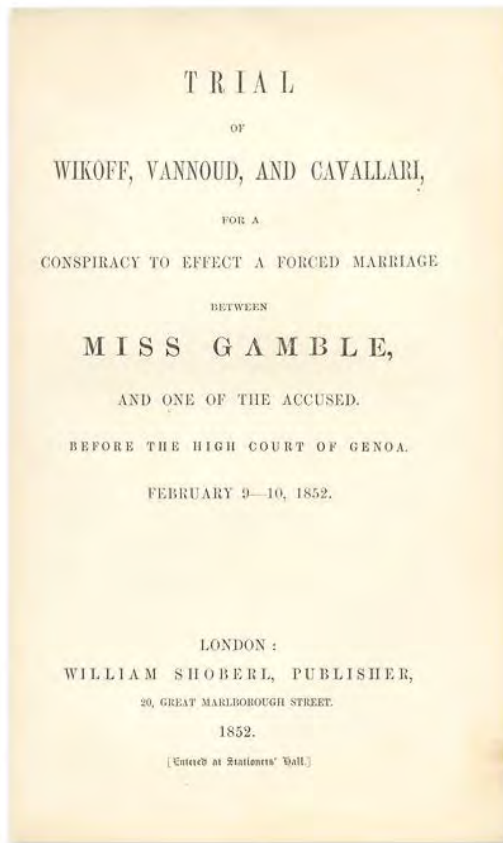
Perkins, Erasmus, Editor.

The Trial of the Rev. Robt. Wedderburn, (A Dissenting Minister of the Unitarian Persuasion,) For Blasphemy, Before Sir Charles Abbott, Knight, Lord Chief-Justice, And a Special Jury, In the Court of King's Bench, Westminster, The Sittings After Hilary Term, 1820; Containing a Verbatim Report of the Defence. London: Printed for the Editor, 1820. 23. [1] pp. Includes 1 pp. publisher advertisement. Octavo (8-1/4" x 5-1/4").

Disbound stab-stitched pamphlet. Light soiling to exterior, a few minor chips and tears to title page, light browning to interior. Two faint library inkstamps to title page, "4" in early hand to upper margin, internally clean. \$500.

* Only edition, one of two accounts of this trial. Wedderburn was a mixed-raced Jamaican-born Unitarian minister, radical leader and anti-slavery advocate. He was convicted for blasphemous comments made about the Bible in connection with the trial of Richard Carlile, a fellow-radical. Wedderburn was found guilty and served a brief term in prison. OCLC locates 12 copies, 2 in North American law libraries (Harvard, Social Law). McCoy, *Freedom of the Press* 107.

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A Sensational Kidnapping Case

24. [Trial].

Wikoff, Henry [1813-1884], Principal Defendant.

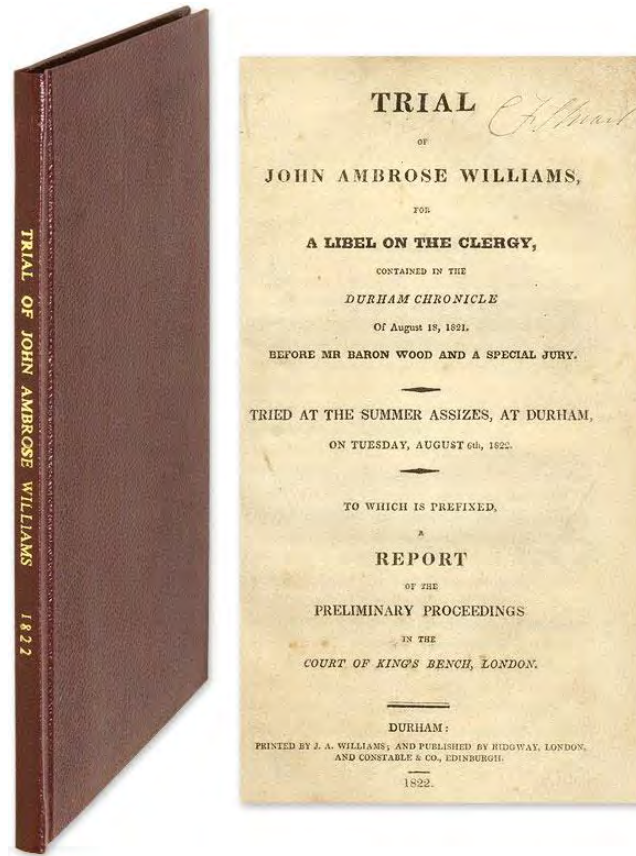
Vannoud, Louis, Defendant.

Cavallari, Luigi, Defendant.

Trial of Wikoff, Vannoud, And Cavallari, For a Forced Marriage Between Miss Gamble and One of the Accused. Before the High Court of Genoa, February 9-10, 1852. London: William Shoberl, 1852. 64 pp. Lithograph portrait frontispiece of Wikoff. Octavo (8-1/2" x 5-1/2").

Stab-stitched pamphlet in printed wrappers. Moderate soiling, rubbing to extremities with some wear to spine ends and corners. Light toning to text, foxing to a few leaves, internally clean. \$750.

* Only edition. An account of one of the sensational trials of the early 1850s. Wikoff, or as he called himself, Chevalier Wikoff, was an American impresario, occasional European correspondent for the *New York Herald* and, possibly, a spy for Lord Palmerston. He was engaged to Jane Catherine Gamble, an English woman. Gamble changed her mind shortly before the wedding and fled to Genoa. Wikoff tracked her down and apparently tricked her into coming along with him to his apartment. Shortly afterwards Gamble filed a complaint of kidnapping that landed Wikoff in an Italian jail for 15 months. He was found guilty in an Italian court and forced to return her letters and "extorted promise of marriage." Ever enterprising, Wikoff responded to the negative publicity with a memoir entitled *My Courtship and Its Consequences* (1855), which became a best-seller. Copies of *The Trial of Wikoff* are scarce. OCLC locates 7 worldwide: 2 in the British Library and 5 in North American law libraries (Harvard, Library of Congress, University of Georgia, University of Minnesota, University of Pennsylvania). [Order This Item](#)



**Notable Libel Trial
With a Defence by Lord Brougham**

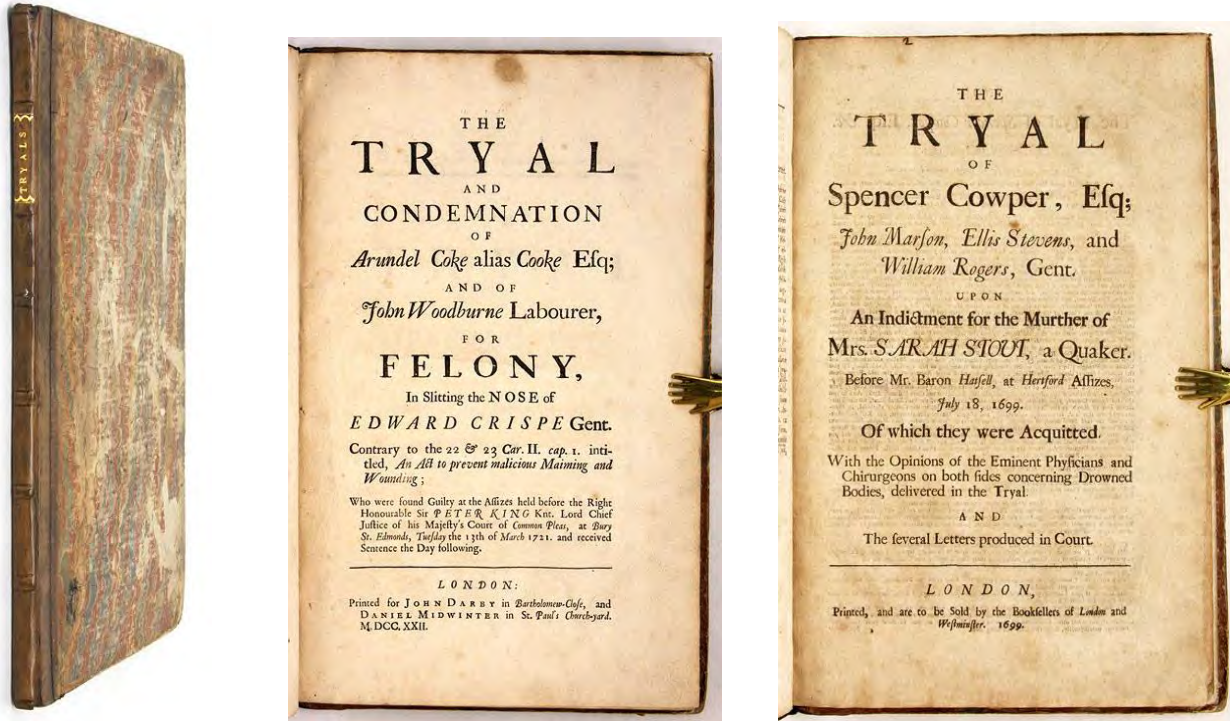
25. [Trial].

Williams, John Ambrose [1793-1854], Defendant.

The Trial of John Ambrose Williams, For a Libel on the Clergy, Contained in the Durham Chronicle of August 18, 1821. Before Mr. Baron Wood and a Special Jury. Tried at the Summer Assizes, At Durham, On Tuesday, August 6th, 1822. To Which is Prefixed, A Report of the Preliminary Proceedings in the Court of King's Bench, London. Durham: Printed by J.A. Williams, 1822. iv, 57 pp. Octavo (8" x 5").

Stab-stitched pamphlet bound into recent cloth, gilt title to spine. Light soiling to title page and verso of final leaf, light browning. Early owner signature to head of title page, interior otherwise clean. \$250.

* First edition. "When [Queen Caroline] died in 1821, the clergy of Durham refused to allow the bells to be tolled. Mr. John Ambrose Williams, who owned the *Durham Chronicle*, published an article in it attacking the conduct of the clergy, who set the law in motion against Mr. Williams in the shape of a criminal information for libel. [The] case came for trial before a special jury at Durham. Mr. Scarlett (afterwards Lord Abinger), a most consummate advocate, conducted the prosecution, and Brougham the defense. Brougham made a magnificent speech, but it was rather a political manifesto than a wise appeal to a jury at Durham, who were not likely to be pleased with torrents of irony addressed to such topics as the revenues and management of their palatinate. The result was that his client was found guilty..." (Archer). This pamphlet was also issued the same year in London and Edinburgh. OCLC locates 2 copies of the Durham issue (at Cambridge and Glasgow Universities). Archer, *William Ewart Gladstone and His Contemporaries* 40. McCoy, *Freedom of the Press* W297. [Order This Item](#)



Scarce English Trials Concerning a Botched Murder Attempt and the Murder of a Quaker Woman

26. [Trials].

Coke, Arundel [d. 1722], Defendant.

Woodburne, John, [d. 1722], Defendant.

The Tryal and Condemnation of Arundel Coke Alias Cooke Esq; And of John Woodburne Labourer, For Felony, in Slitting the Nose of Edward Crispe Gent... London: Printed for John Darby in Bartholomew-Close, And Daniel Midwinter in St. Paul's Church-Yard, 1722. 16, *17-*18, 17-37, [1] pp. With an initial imprimatur leaf; text is continuous (and complete).

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Cowper, Spencer [1669-1728], Principal Defendant.

The Tryal of Spencer Cowper, Esq; John Marson, Ellis Stevens, And William Rogers, Gent. Upon an Indictment for the Murther of Mrs. Sarah Stout, A Quaker... London: Printed and Are to be Sold by the Booksellers of London and Westminster, 1699. 38 pp.

Folio (12-1/2" x 8"). Contemporary marbled boards with recent period-style re-backing, raised bands and lettering piece to spine, endpapers retained, hinges repaired. Moderate rubbing and scuffing to boards, corners bumped and somewhat worn, early armorial bookplate to front pastedown, tiny wormhole through bottom margin of text block. Moderate toning, somewhat heavier in places, some leaves have light foxing or stains. Early owner annotation to front free endpaper, interior otherwise clean. Two scarce trials in a handsome binding. \$1,750.

* Coke: first edition; Cowper: only edition, one of three issues from 1699. Coke, a barrister, lost his money in the South Sea Bubble. He hired Woodburn to kill his brother-in-law, Edward Crisp, aiming to inherit his money. In his failed murder attempt Woodburn managed to cut Edward Crisp's nose. This led to the first convictions under the Coventry Act, which outlawed assault with the intention to maim or mutilate. Both men were convicted and hanged. Spencer Cowper, a judge, was indicted for the murder of Sarah Stout. He was at her house late on the evening before she was found drowned in a river. Cowper's alleged motivations were a desire to end an illicit love affair and avoid payment of a

debt. Cowper's lawyers argued that Stout's parents wanted to hide the fact that their daughter committed a suicide, a heinous act among Quakers. The defence also suggested a political motivation: a desire by local Tories to harm the career of a rising Whig. Cowper had been at the woman's house late on the evening before she was found drowned in the river, but there was little material evidence against him. Also, his lawyers benefited from expert medical testimony from three leading physicians, Samuel Garth, Hans Sloane and William Cowper. He was acquitted. The trial attracted a good deal of attention and generated several pamphlets, including post-verdict pamphlets that attempted unsuccessfully to reopen the case. The *Trial of Spencer Cowper* is one of the standard accounts of the trial. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T136036, R219713. [Order This Item](#)



Nineteenth-Century Scottish Treason Trials

27. [Trials].

[Treason].

Douglas, Niel [1750-1823], Defendant.

An Address to the Judges and Jury, In a Case of Alleged Sedition, On 26th May, 1817, Which was Intended to be Delivered Before Passing Sentence. Glasgow: Printed by D. Mackenzie, 1817. 40 pp.

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Dow, John, Reporter.

The Trial of the Rev. Niel Douglas, Before the High Court of Justiciary, At Edinburgh, On the 26th May 1817, For Sedition. Edinburgh: Printed for John Robertson, 1817. [ii], 50 pp. Portrait frontispiece.

[And]

[Bellingham, John].

An Authentic Account of the Trial and Execution of John Bellingham, For the Assassination of the Right Hon. Spencer Perceval. With a Vindication of the Character of Sir Francis Burdett from the Aspersions of Some of the London Prints. Edinburgh: Printed and Published by D. Schaw and Son, 1812. [ii], [5]-65 pp.

[And]

M'Laren, Alexander, Defendant.

Baird, Thomas, Defendant.

Dow, John, Reporter.

The Trial of Alexander M'Laren, And Thomas Baird, Before the High Court of Justiciary, At Edinburgh, On the 5th and 7th March 1817, For Sedition. Edinburgh: Printed for John Robertson, 1817. vi, 153 pp.

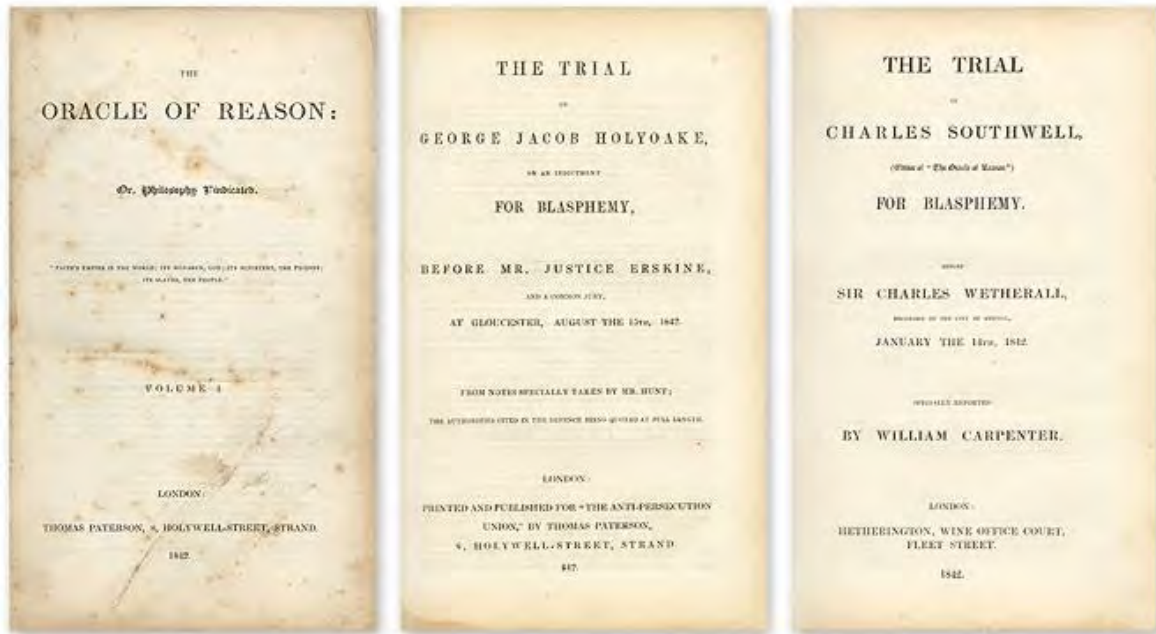
[And]

Account of the Proceedings of the Public Meeting of the Burgesses and Inhabitants of the Town of Kilmarnock, Held on the 7th of December, 1816, For the Purpose of Deliberating on the Most Proper Method of Remedying the Present Distresses of the Country. With a Full Report of the Speeches on that Occasion. Kilmarnock: Printed by H. Crawford, 1816. 45 pp.

Octavo (8-1/2" x 5"); *Account*: Octavo (6-1/2" x 4"). Stab-stitched pamphlets bound into contemporary three-quarter sheep over marbled boards, lettering piece and gilt fillets to spine. Moderate rubbing, a few scuffs to boards, some chipping to spine ends, corners bumped, front hinge cracked. Light to moderate toning, soiling to title page of *Bellingham*, internally clean. \$1,850.

* An exemplary gathering of five tracts, four of them concerning the trials of Douglas and M'Laren, the first trials for sedition held in Scotland during the aftermath of the Napoleonic Wars, a time of acute economic distress and social protest. These took place concurrently with the London trials of William Hone. Douglas, an eccentric non-conformist minister, poet, abolitionist and visionary social reformer was charged with sedition for comments in a sermon that compared the king to Nebuchadnezzar, the prince regent to Belshazzar and the House of Commons to a den of thieves. His counsel brought forth witnesses familiar enough with the preacher's eccentricities to prove his innocence. He was acquitted. M'Laren, a weaver, was charged with sedition for delivering a fiery speech at Kilmarnock in favor of Parliamentary reform. Thomas Baird, a grocer, was charged with printing it. They were fined and sentenced to six months in prison. Bellingham was the only person to assassinate a British Prime Minister. A merchant who had been imprisoned in Russia, he demanded compensation from the British government. Twice refused, he shot the prime minister in the lobby of the House of Commons. *An Address to the Judges*, prepared in advance of the trial, is scarce, more so than accounts of the trial. OCLC locates 6 copies in North America, 1 in a law library (Harvard). *Account of the Proceedings* is the rarest item in this volume. OCLC locates 1 copy (at the National Library of Scotland). Concerning Douglas and M'Laren, see May, *Constitutional History of England Since the Accession of George the Third, 1760-1860* II:192.

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Two Notable British Trials for Blasphemy, And Their Context

28. [Trials].

[Freedom of the Press].

The Oracle of Reason: Or, Philosophy Vindicated. Volume 1. London: Thomas Paterson, 1842. Numbers 1-52 (with Supplements to Numbers 6 and 52). Complete. Text in parallel columns.

[Bound with]

Holyoake, George Jacob [1817-1906], Defendant.

The Trial of George Jacob Holyoake, On an Indictment for Blasphemy, Before Mr. Justice Erskine, And a Common Jury, At Gloucester, August the 15th, 1842. From Notes Specially Taken by Mr. Hunt; The Authorities Cited in the Defence Being Quoted at Full Length. London: Printed for "The Anti-Persecution Union," by Thomas Paterson, [1]842. 68 pp.

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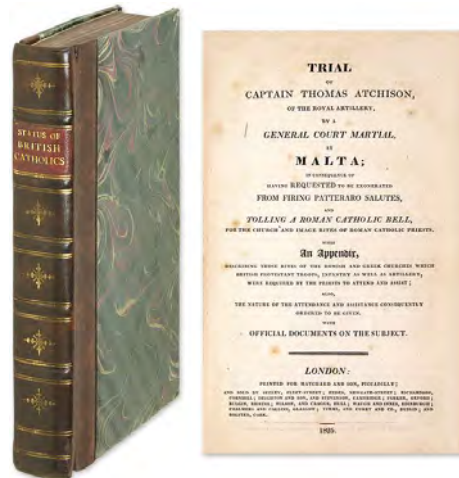
Southwell, Charles, Defendant.

Carpenter, William, Reporter.

The Trial of Charles Southwell, (Editor of "The Oracle of Reason"), For Blasphemy. Before Sir Charles Wetherall, Recorder of the City of Bristol, January the 14th, 1842. Specially Reported. London: Hetherington, 1842. iv, 104 pp.

Octavo (8-1/2" x 5-1/2"). Stab-stitched pamphlets bound into contemporary cloth, gilt title to spine. Some rubbing to extremities with wear to corners and spine ends, faint inkstains and dampstaining to boards. Moderate toning to text, occasional foxing, internally clean. Unique. \$1,950.

* After breaking away from Robert Owen's socialist movement, Southwell opened a free-thought bookshop in Bristol with William Chilton and John Field in 1841. Holyoake joined him the following year. Southwell and Holyoake went on to establish the *Oracle of Reason*, a periodical devoted to atheism. After a year the authorities had enough of their publication, and the two editors were tried for blasphemy. Both were acquitted and their trials stand as landmarks in the history of free speech. In 1851 Holyoake would be the defendant in the last blasphemy trial in Great Britain. Our volume is notable because it combines a complete run of the first year of the *Oracle* with the two trials it provoked. (Publication of the *Oracle* ceased at the end of 1843). Both trial accounts are scarce, individual issues and a complete runs of Volume 1, are rare. [Order This Item](#)



**Eight Scarce Titles Concerning the
Status of Catholics in Early Nineteenth-Century Britain**

29. [Trials].

[Great Britain].

[Catholics].

Atchison, Thomas, Defendant.

Trial of Captain Thomas Atchison, Of the Royal Artillery, By a General Court Martial, At Malta... London: Printed for Hatchard and Son, 1825. viii, 91 pp.

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[Atchison, Thomas].

Some Particulars Relative to the Co-Operation Required of the British Troops in Malta, In the Superstitious Ceremonies of the Romish Church... [London: J. And T. Clarke, Printers (1826)]. 15 pp.

[And]

Wix, Samuel.

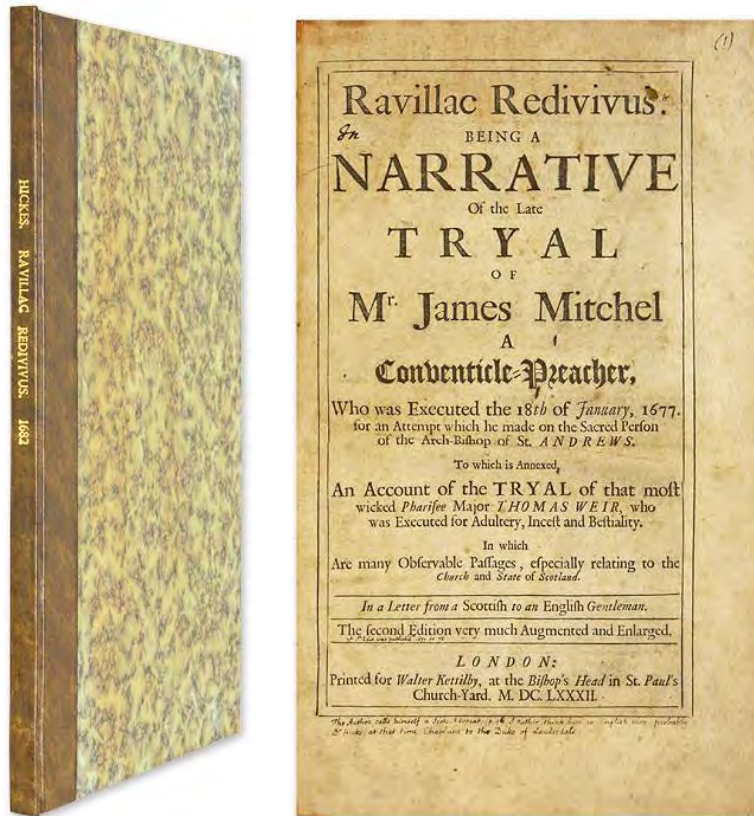
Reflections Concerning the Expediency of a Council of the Church of England and the Church of Rome Being Holden, With a View to Accommodate Religious Differences, And to Promote the Unity of Religion in the Bond of Peace.... London: Printed for F.C. And J. Rivington, 1819. [xxix], 108 pp.

[And]

[Five Pamphlets Relating to Catholicism in Great Britain].

Octavo (8" x 5"). Recent period-style quarter calf over marbled boards, raised bands, gilt ornaments and lettering piece to spine. Moderate toning, light foxing to a few leaves. Early manuscript table of contents to front free endpaper, item numbers in same hand at head of each title. \$1,250.

* This volume collects eight scarce items concerning British and Irish Catholics during the second phase of Catholic Emancipation. The other titles are numbers 4-8 of the periodical *Antibiblion, Or the Papal Tocsin* (1817, 1818), *A Correspondence Which Arose out of the Discussion at Carlow Between a Protestant and a Roman Catholic Clergyman, To Which are Annexed, Notes and Observations by the Rev. Robert Daly* by Robert Daly and Richard Clowry (1825), *Faith, Hope, And Charity: The Substance of a Sermon Preached at the Dedication of the Catholic Chapel at Bradford, in the County of York, On Wednesday, July 27, 1825* by Peter Augustine Baines (1825), Number II of a periodical, *Supplement to the Roman Catholic Expositor, And Friend of Ireland* (1824) and *Popery the Religion of Heathenism: Being the Letters of Ignotus Published in "The Times" Newspaper in the Conclusion of the Year 1817. With Additions, Proving the Conformity Which Subsists Between the Romish Religion and the Religion of the Ancient Heathens* by John Pynder (1818). [Order This Item](#)



Anti-Presbyterian Propaganda

30. [Trials].

[Hickes, George (1642-1715)].

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