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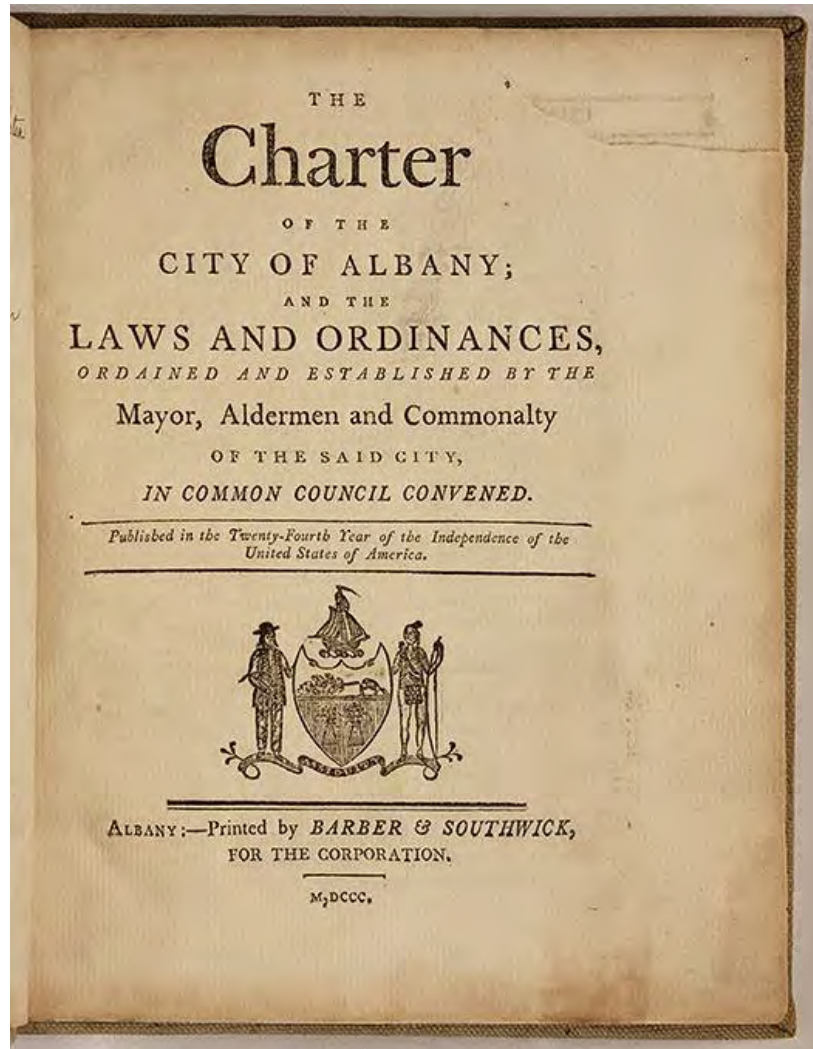
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Albany, New York in 1800

1. [Albany]. [New York].

The Charter of the City of Albany; And the Laws and Ordinances, Ordained and Established by the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the Said City, In Common Council Convened. Albany: Printed by Barber & Southwick, For the Corporation, 1800. 158, [2] pp. Folding table. [4] pp. manuscript list in contemporary hand titled "Mayors and Recorders of the City of Albany from the Commencement of the Charter" bound before title page. Quarto (7-1/2" x 6-1/4").

Later library cloth, red and black lettering pieces to spine. Light soiling and shelfwear, a few minor stains to boards, chipping to edges of lettering pieces. Moderate toning to text, minor tear to folding table, lower corner lacking from foot of Leaf Q1 (pp. 121-122) and upper corner lacking from title page, both with no loss to text, library stamp to head of manuscript list, which is just beginning to detach, library mark to verso of title page. \$500.

* Only edition. This volume contains the text of Albany's 1686 Dongan Charter, which remained in force until 1998, and later laws and ordinances. It offers an interesting perspective on New York's second-oldest city. Not in Cohen.

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

2. [Broadside].
[New York].

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

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

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

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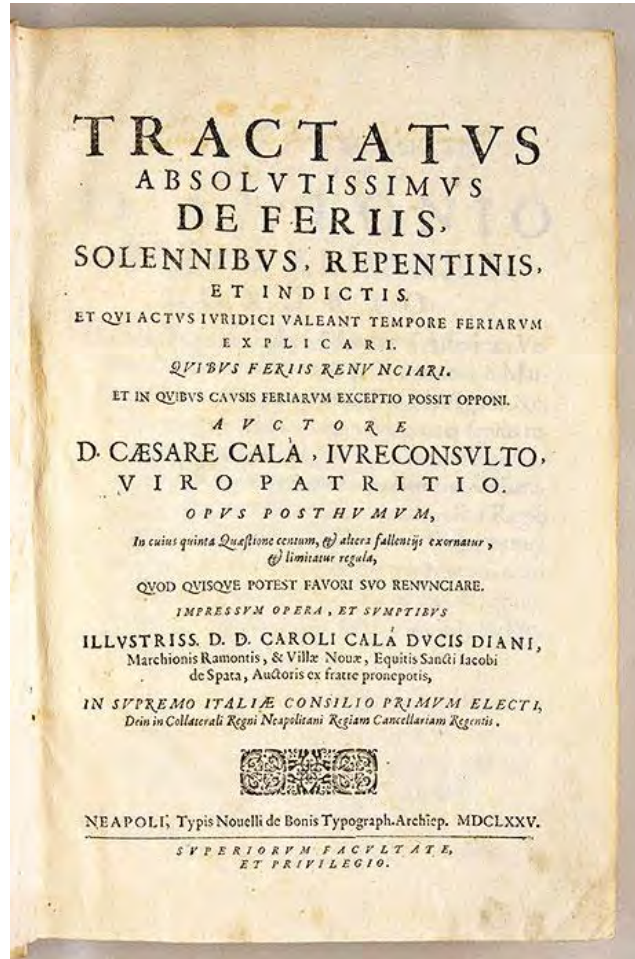
The Last Decapitated Head Displayed On London Bridge

3. [Broadside]. Stayley, William.

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

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

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



1675 Treatise on Laws Governing the Church Calendar

4. Calà, Cesare.

Calà, Carlo, Editor.

Tractatus Absolutissimus de Feriis, Solemnibus, Repentinis, Et Indictis. Et qui Actus Iuridici Valeant Tempore Feriarum Explicari. Quibus Feriis Renunciari. Et in Quibus Causis Feriarum Exceptio Possit Opponi. Opus Posthumum, In Cuius Quinta Quaestione Centum, & Altera Fallentijs Exornatur, & Limitatur Regula, Quod Quisque Potest Favorsi Sui Renunciare; Impressum Opera, Et Sumptibus Illustriss. D.D. Caroli Calà. Naples: Typis Novelli de Bonis Typograph. Archiep., 1675. [xviii], 590, [66] pp. Folio (12-1/4" x 8").

Contemporary vellum, raised bands and faint early hand-lettered title to spine. Light rubbing to extremities, a few minor scuffs to boards, corners bumped, scattering of tiny worm holes to spine, minor worming to front pastedown, early owner inscription to front free endpaper. Light toning to text, occasional light foxing, moderate toning and light browning in places. \$1,850.

* Only edition. The work of a Neapolitan lawyer, this curious canon-law treatise examines the laws governing the liturgical year. It covers such topics as the punishment of illegal acts committed during holidays and the authority to set the dates of liturgical events. OCLC locates 7 copies, 1 in North America (Library of Congress). Not in Camus or the *British Museum Catalogue*. [Order This Item](#)



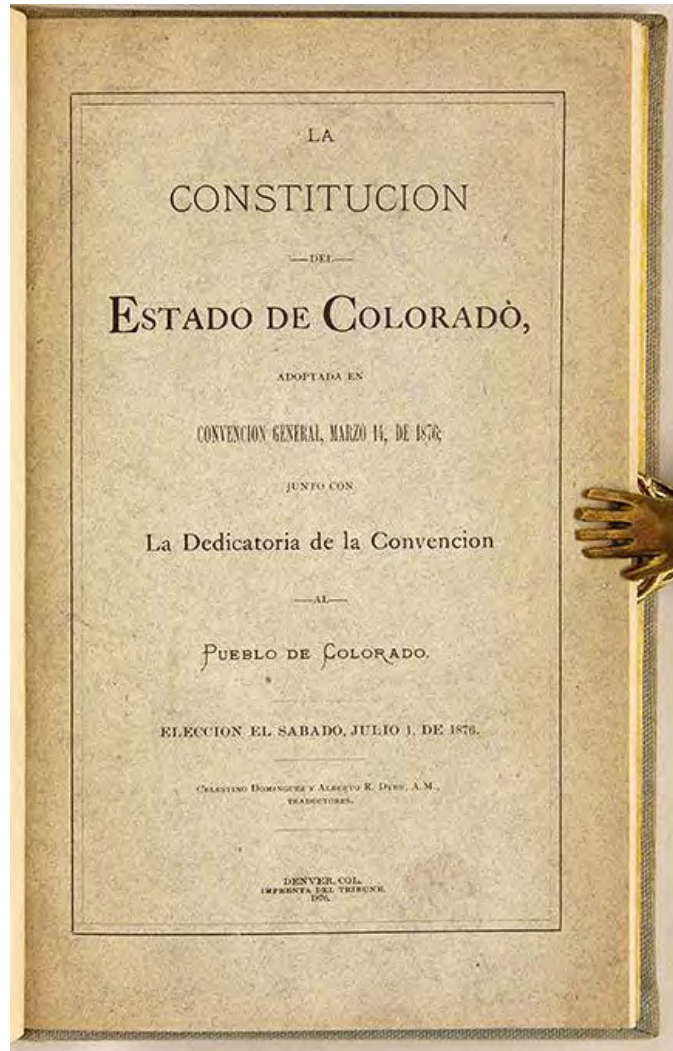
With An Important
Statements on Capital Punishment

5. Christian, Sir Edward [d. 1823].

Charges Delivered to the Grand Juries in the Isle of Ely, Upon Libels, Riots, Vagrants, Alehouses, Criminal Law, Blasphemy, Religion, Sunday Newspapers, National Schools, Constitutional Associations, &c. &c. For the Use of Magistrates and Students of the Law. Considerably Enlarged. London: J. & W.T. Clark, 1821. vii, [1], [iii]-515 pp. Octavo (8-1/4" x 5-1/4").

Later library cloth, red and black calf lettering pieces to spine, endpapers added. Light shelfwear, moderate soiling, title page detached with edgewear along inner margin. Moderate toning, library stamp to title page, library markings to its verso. \$100.

* Third and final edition, first published in 1819. Christian, chief justice of the Isle of Ely and professor of law at Cambridge University, is remembered today as a distinguished editor of Blackstone's *Commentaries*. The most notable of his charges are those dealing with criminal law. A supporter of the movement to reduce the number of capital crimes, Christian emphasizes the use of alternative punishments. Not in Sweet & Maxwell. *Catalogue of the Library of the Harvard Law School* I:383. [Order This Item](#)



**Spanish-Language
Edition of the Colorado Constitution**

6. [Colorado].

Dyer, Celestino Dominguez y Alberto R., Translator

La Constitucion del Estado de Colorado, Adoptada en Convencion General, Marzo 14, de 1876; Junto con la Dedicatoria de la Convencion al Pueblo de Colorado. Eleccion el Sabado, Julio 1, de 1876. Denver: Imprenta del Tribune, 1876. [1], 67 pp. Octavo, (9" x 5-3/4").

Pamphlet in printed wrappers bound into later library cloth, calf lettering piece and paper location label to spine. Light soiling, chipping to lettering piece, light soiling to wrapper, light toning to text, library stamp and markings to verso of title page. \$1,000.

* Only edition located. Colorado was one of the states established in land ceded by Mexico in the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo, which concluded the Mexican-American War in 1848. This Spanish edition of the constitution adopted when Colorado became a state indicates the survival of that language among its residents some 30 years later. OCLC locates 7 copies, 2 in law libraries (Harvard, University of Washington). Not in Babbitt. [Order This Item](#)



A Distinguished Commentary on Maxims and Phrases in the *Liber Sextus Decretalium*

7. **Dinus de Mugello [1254-c.1300].**

Bohier, Nicolas de [1469-1539].

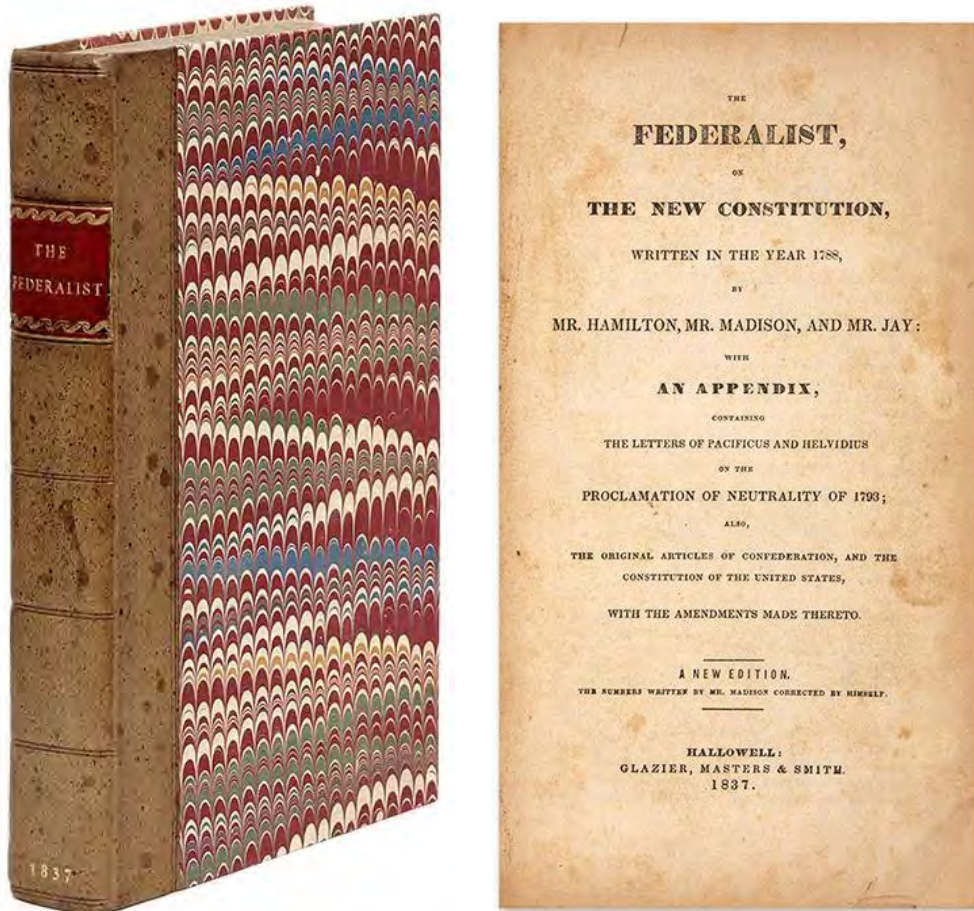
Du Moulin, Charles [1500-1566].

Dynus de Regulis Juris, Commentarius Mirabilis Super Titulo De Regulis Iuris Praecipui Sui Seculi Iurisconsulti Do. Dyni Muxellani Insignis I.U. Doctoris: Multo Plus Quam Unquam Annotationibus Auctus, & Recognitus: Ubi Praeter Do. Nicolai Boërij, & Et Celsi Hugonis Cabilonen[sic] Additiones Multa Novissime per Doctorem Anonymum Sunt Addita, Pleraque Depravata in hac Ultima Impressione Restituta, & Omnia cum Repertorio Castigatissimo ad Unguem & Feliciter Emendata. Lyons: Venundantur Lugduni per Jacobum Giuncti, 1533. cxxxii, [20] ff. Main text in parallel columns with linear annotations. Octavo 6" x 4."

Recent calf, blank lettering piece to spine, endpapers renewed. Moderate rubbing to extremities, corners bumped, front hinge starting, a few cracks to text block, later armorial bookplate (of George Baron Ferrers of Chartley) to front endleaf. Title page, with large woodcut Giunta device, printed in red and black within woodcut architectural border, woodcut decorated initials, woodcut colophon. Moderate toning, occasional faint dampstaining, minor edgewear to a few leaves, worming to final leaves with minor loss to text of final two leaves. Early annotations to margins of sixty-three leaves, some affected slightly by trimming. A scarce title. \$1,650.

* Dinus's distinguished commentary on *De Regulis Juris*, a collection of 88 maxims and phrases in Book 5, Title 12 of the *Liber Sextus Decretalium*, was first published around 1472. It went through several editions into the sixteenth century. Each *Regula* is followed by Dinus's commentary. The additions and commentary by Bohier and Moulin flanks or surrounds the main text. This edition, identical to editions published in Lyon in 1533 by Jacques Myt and in 1535 by Giunta, is not listed in Adams, Baudrier or the *Universal Short-Title Catalogue*. No copies of this imprint located on OCLC.

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1837 Printing of *The Federalist*
in a Handsome Period-Style Binding

8. Hamilton, Alexander [1755-1804].

Madison, James [1751-1836].

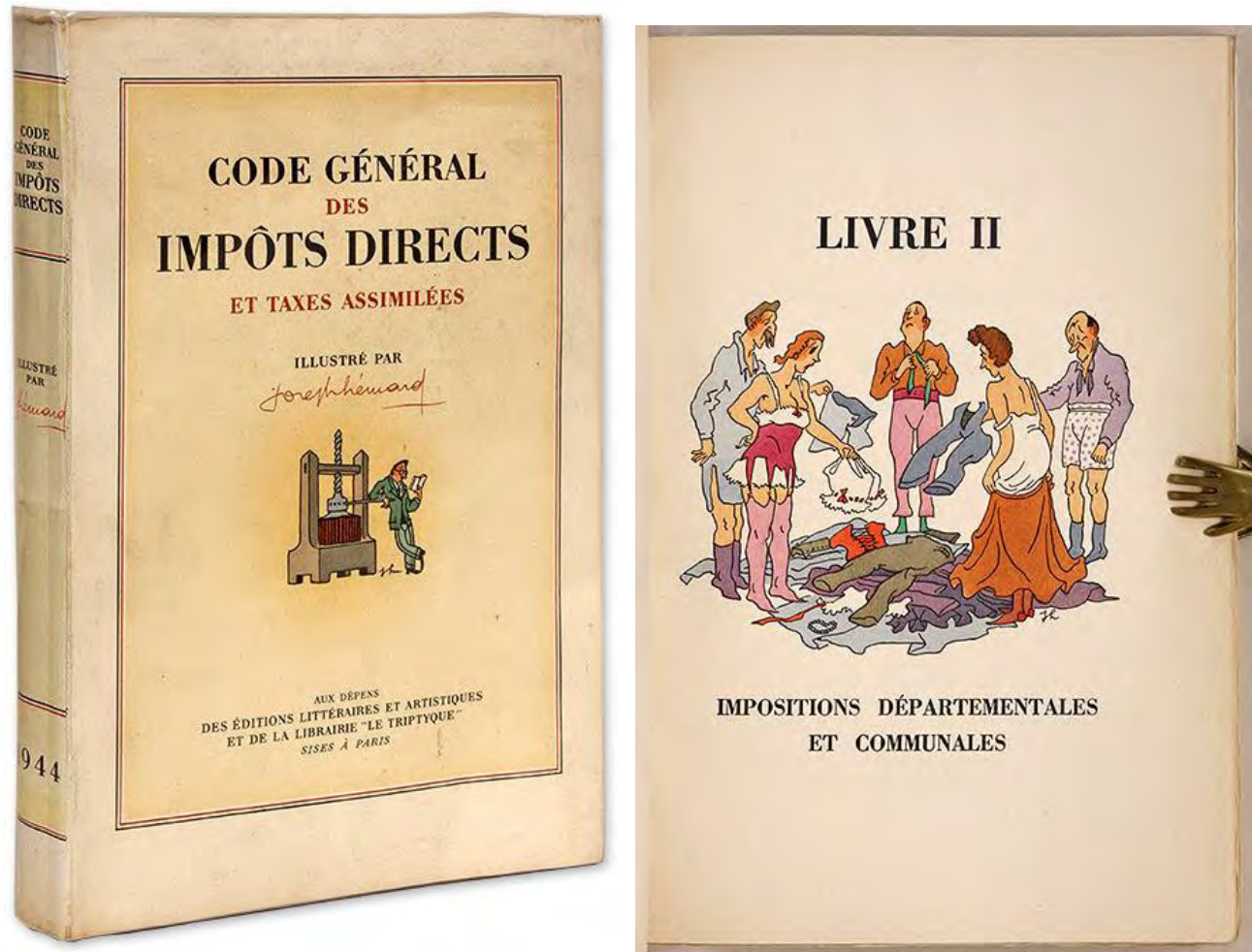
Jay, John [1745-1829].

The Federalist, Or the New Constitution, Written in the Year 1788, by Mr. Hamilton, Mr. Madison, and Mr. Jay: With an Appendix, Containing the Letters of Pacificus and Helvidius on the Proclamation of Neutrality of 1793; Also, The Original Articles of Confederation, and the Constitution of the United States, With the Amendments Made Thereto. A New Edition. The Numbers Written by Mr. Madison Corrected by Himself. Hallowell, ME: Glazier, Masters & Smith, 1837. 500 pp. Octavo (9" x 5-1/4").

Recent period-style quarter calf over marbled boards, lettering piece and blind fillets to spine, endpapers renewed. Light browning to text, light foxing to a few leaves, light edgewear and faint dampstaining to title page and following leaf. \$1,250.

* Later edition. With index and the text of the U.S. Constitution. Of the eighty-five essays John Jay wrote numbers 1-5 and 54, Madison wrote numbers 10, 14, and 37-48. Numbers 18-20 were written by all three. The remaining 50 were written by Hamilton. The essays aimed to encourage ratification of the proposed constitution by New York State, but were immediately recognized as the most compelling commentary on the most radical form of government the world had yet seen. The present item follows the text of the 1818 Gideon edition, which was the first to contain Madison's notes and corrections. The author of each essay is indicated. Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 2818.

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Hémard's Illustrated French Tax Code

9. Hémard, Joseph [1880-1961], Illustrator.

Code Général des Impôts Directs et Taxes Assimilées. Texte Inégré des Lois, Décrets, Décrets-Lois, Décret de Codification, Suivi d'un Formulaire Administratif. Paris: Editions Littéraires et Artistiques/Librairie "Le Triptyque", [1944]. x, 330, [1] pp. 183 illustrations, 62 of them in color. 8 pp. addendum of changes to the code, titled *Rectificatif*, laid in, Quarto (9-1/4" x 6-1/2").

Illustrated stiff color publisher wrappers. Negligible light soiling, light rubbing to spine ends, two faint creases through spine, light toning to interior, images vivid. A well-preserved copy. \$750.

* Hémard presents the official text of the French Tax Code with witty, often racy illustrations, colored (*au pochoir*) by E. Charpentier. It is a sequel to his *Code Civil: Livre Premier, Des Personnes* (1925) and *Code Penal: Commentaires Images* (c. 1940). Hémard, a prolific artist, illustrator, designer and author, is best-known for his humorously illustrated editions of serious non-fiction books. The *Code Général* was issued in several forms. The present copy is from a trade edition of 1,000 copies. It was also issued in a limited edition of 800 numbered copies, the first 145 with an original sheet of text illustrations and a sheet of their original sketches. There is also a signed and numbered edition of 160 printed on Arches paper (*papier vélin*), an edition of 40 non-commercial copies intended for friends and associates (*bors commerce*) and 60 portfolios of the images alone. [Order This Item](#)



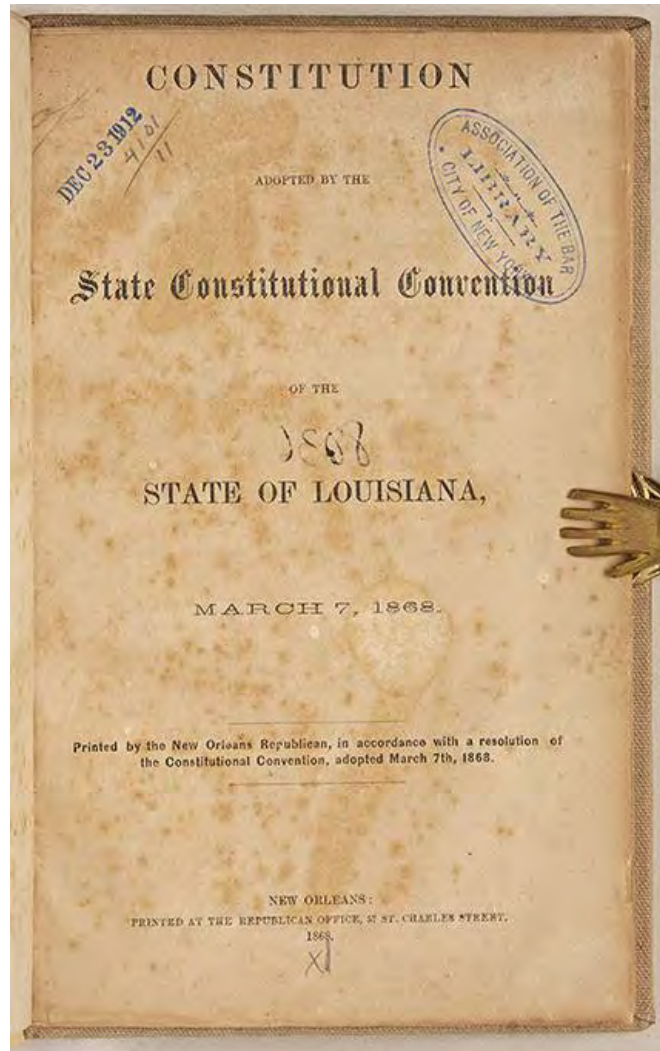
First Printing of the 1870 Louisiana Practice Code

10. [Louisiana].

The Code of Practice of the State of Louisiana. New Orleans: Printed at the Office of the Republican, 1870. 200 pp. Octavo, (9" x 6").

Later library cloth, red and black lettering pieces to spine, endpapers added. Some soiling and light shelfwear, chipping to lettering pieces. Moderate toning to text, minor chips to edges of a few leaves, library stamps to title page, a few library marks to its verso and final page of index. \$100.

* First printing. This code was adopted in the same year as Louisiana's Revised Civil Code. Babbitt, *Hand-List of Legislative Sessions and Session Laws* 149. [Order This Item](#)



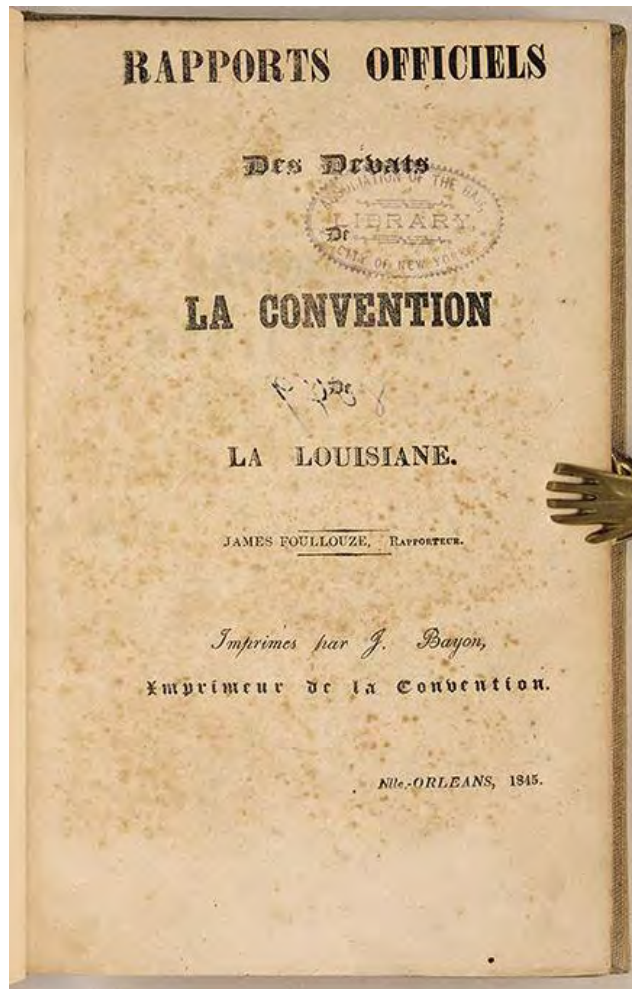
Louisiana's Reconstruction-Era Constitution

11. [Louisiana].

Constitution Adopted by the State Constitutional Convention of the State of Louisiana, March 7, 1868. Printed by the New Orleans Republican [sic], In Accordance with a Resolution of the Constitutional Convention, Adopted March 7th, 1868. New Orleans: Printed at the Republican Office, 1868. 22 pp. Octavo (9-1/2" x 5-1/2").

Stab-stitched pamphlet in plain wrappers bound into to later library cloth. Some soiling, light shelfwear. Moderate toning and light foxing to text, faint dampstaining to margins of a few leaves, library stamps and marks to title page and its verso. \$750.

* Louisiana's 1868 constitution instituted the criteria necessary for readmission to the Union. It eradicated the Black Codes of 1865, removed property qualifications for holding office and disenfranchised former Confederates. Indicating support for the Fourteenth Amendment, which would be ratified on July 9, 1868, the constitution granted full citizenship to African-American men with equal civil and political rights. It also banned segregated public schools and segregated accommodations on public transportation. This constitution was the first in Louisiana's history to include a bill of rights. These rights were severely diminished in Louisiana's 1879 constitution, which followed the end of Reconstruction. Babbitt, *Hand-List of Legislative Sessions and Session Laws* 152. [Order This Item](#)



**French-Language Account of
Louisiana's 1845 Constitutional Convention**

12. [Louisiana].

[Constitution of 1845].

Foulouze (Foulhouze), James, Reporter.

Rapports Officiels Des Débats [sic] *de la Convention la Louisiane*. New Orleans: J. Bayon, Imprimeur de la Convention, 1845. [i], 460, 11 pp. Text in parallel columns. Octavo (9-1/2 x 6-1/4).

Later library cloth, red and black calf lettering pieces and paper location label to spine, endleaves added. Some soiling and light shelfwear, some chipping to edges of lettering pieces. Light browning and foxing to text, early (?) mark sin pencil to a few passages, lower corners lacking from a few leaves with no loss to text, library stamp to title page, "8049" in early hand to its verso. \$1,850.

* Only edition. Louisiana's first constitution was adopted in 1812, its second in 1845. More liberal than its predecessor, it expanded white male suffrage, established public schools and granted the right of appeal to felons sentenced to death or hard labor. The final 11 pages contain a French translation of the 1845 Constitution. Also issued in English, Foulouze's report is not to be confused with the *Official Reports of Debates* (1844), a different account by an anonymous author. The French edition of Foulouze's report is scarce, the English edition in rare. Jumonville, *Bibliography of New Orleans Imprints* 1390. Babbitt, *Hand-List of Legislative Sessions and Session Laws* 150. [Order This Item](#)



Restoring Discipline in the Augustinian Community of Grand Saint Bernard

13. [Manuscript].

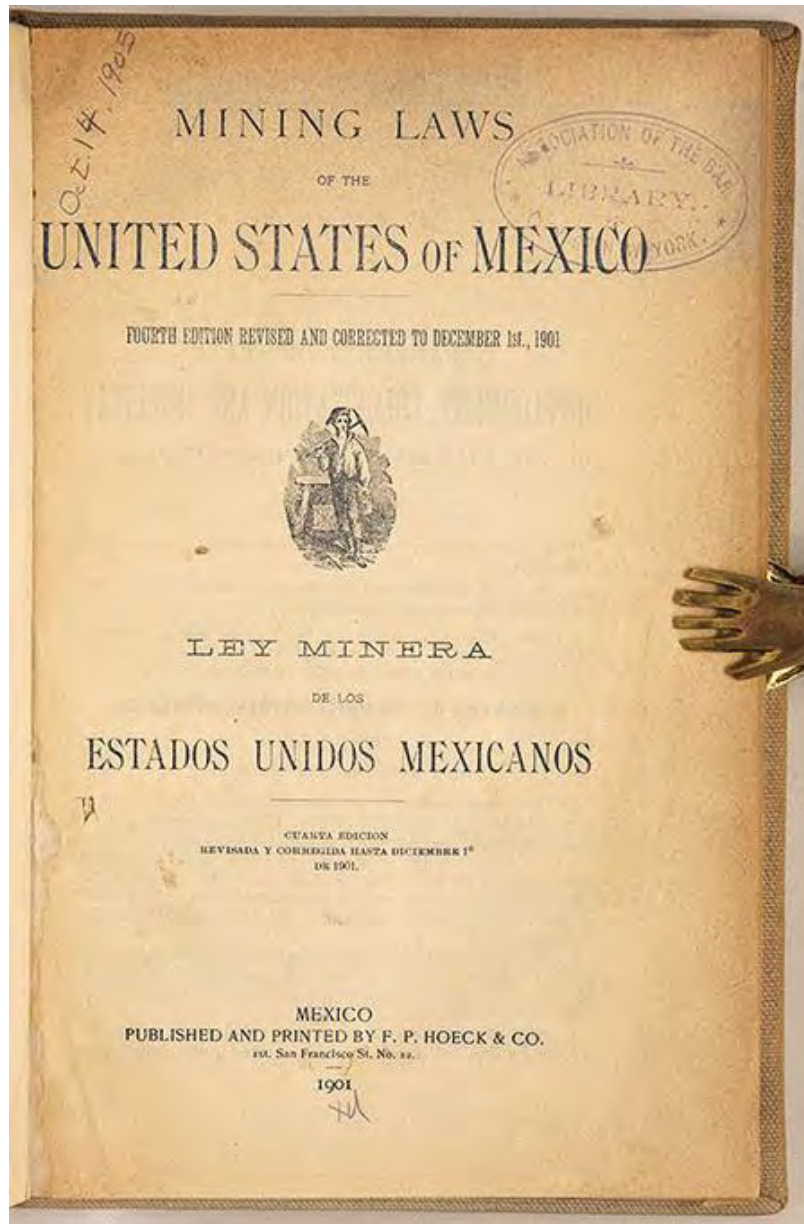
Boniface, Louis.

[Hospice de Grand Saint Bernard].

Opuscula Nonnulla R. Ludovici Bonifacii Canonici Regularis Coadiutoris ad Salutiferam Regularis Disciplinæ Restitutionem. Sparsim Adiunctis Postea Latis à Sacra Episcoporum & Regularium Congregatione Decretis 1718. [Grand Saint Bernard, c.1718]. 304 ff. Quarto (9-1/2" x 7").

Contemporary morocco with decorate blind stamping, stitched down center of spine, which has an early hand-lettered title panel, fragments of tong ties, untrimmed edges. Light rubbing to boards, somewhat heavier rubbing to extremities, early repair to foot of spine. Light toning to interior, text in neat hand, a few laid-in notes. A handsome item. \$5,000.

* This is a collection of canon law writings by Louis Boniface, intended (so the title-page states) to restore discipline at the famous Augustinian community of Grand Saint Bernard in the Swiss Alps, where the author was coadjutor and provost. We understand it to be an official report, later distributed as manuscript copies, which was presented at a synodical meeting of 1718. Much of the study concerns money and property. Other subjects include the officers of the community and a ban on women servants. Showing its high status as a report, other copies are found in the Grand-Saint-Bernard archives. Our copy has a remarkable binding featuring blind-stamped floral designs with red-painted inlay. It was probably made from a wall hanging or wallpaper. The archive of Grand Saint-Bernard has a copy of Boniface's baptism certificate (1664) and several of his papers, which include works on cosmography, geography and history, and a thirty-year travel diary. The archives of Grand Saint Bernard record four other manuscripts with the same author, title and date (AGSB 5056, 5057, 5058, 4049). We located no other copies. [Order This Item](#)



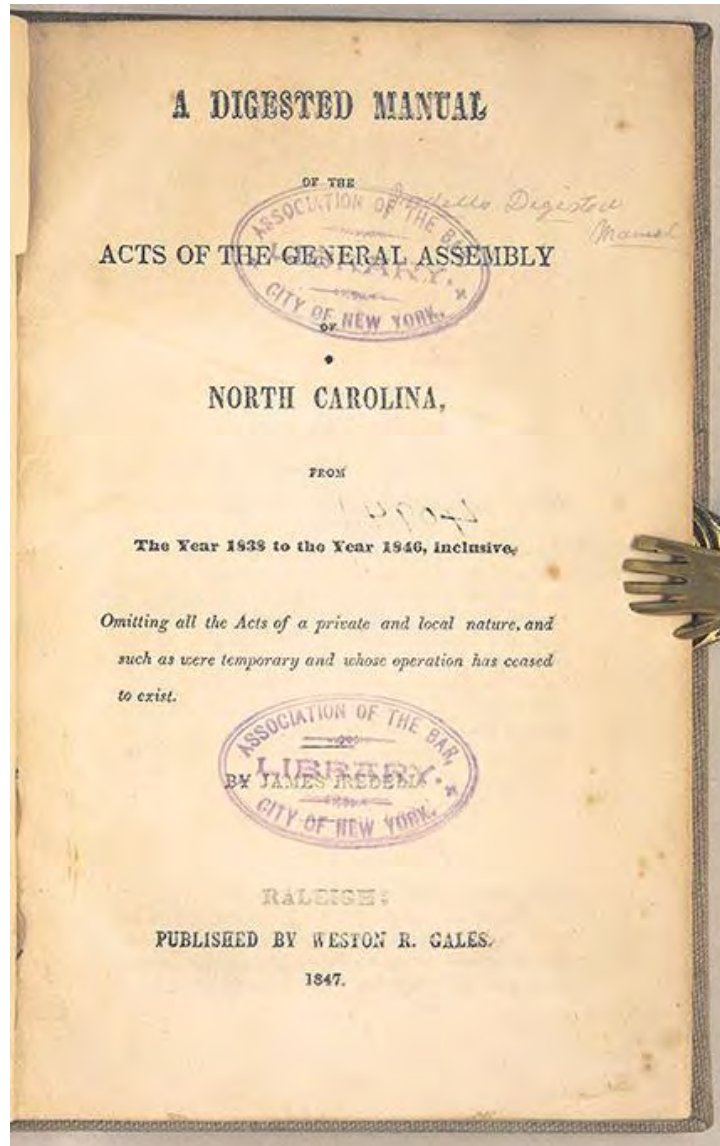
Bilingual Edition of the 1892 Mexican Mining Code

14. [Mexico].

Mining Laws of the United States of Mexico, Fourth Edition Revised and Corrected to December 1st., 1901/Ley Minera de los Estados Unidos Mexicanos, Cuarta Edición Revisada y Corregida Hasta Diciembre 1 de 1901. Mexico City: F.P.Hoeck & Co., 1901. 137 pp.

Contemporary library cloth, red and black calf lettering pieces and fragment of paper location label to spine. Some soiling and shelfwear, small stain to front board, corners bumped. Light browning to text, title page, with small hole near gutter, library stamp and markings, just beginning to detach. \$500.

* Fourth and final edition. English and Spanish on facing pages. The 1892 Code was replaced with a new code in 1909. Clagett and Valderrama, *A Revised Guide to the Law and Legal Literature of Mexico* 275. [Order This Item](#)



Digested North Carolina Acts, 1838-1846

15. [North Carolina].

[Iredell, James, Jr. (1788-1853), Digester].

A Digested Manual of the Acts of the General Assembly of North Carolina, from the Year 1838 to the Year 1846, Inclusive, Omitting all Acts of a Private and Local Nature, And Such as Were Temporary and Whose Operation has Ceased to Exist. Raleigh: Printed by Weston R. Gales, 1847. 223, [1] pp. Octavo (8-3/4" x 5-3/4").

Later library cloth, red and black calf lettering pieces and paper location label to spine, endpapers added. Light soiling and shelfwear, moderate toning to text, light foxing to a few leaves, library stamps to title page, library mark to verso. \$350.

* Only edition. The son of James Iredell, the North Carolina statesman and U.S. Supreme Court justice, James Iredell, Jr. was a distinguished lawyer and governor of North Carolina from 1827 to 1828. Babbitt, *Hand-List of Legislative Sessions and Session Laws* 386. [Order This Item](#)



Digested North Carolina Acts, 1838-1850

16. [North Carolina].
[Iredell, James, Jr., Digester].

A New Digested Manual of the Acts of the General Assembly of North Carolina, From the Year 1838 to the Year 1850, Inclusive. Omitting All the Acts of a Private and Local Nature, And Such as were Temporary and Whose Operation has Expired. Raleigh: Seaton Gales, Publisher, Register Office, 1851. 381, [2] pp. Octavo (9" x 5-3/4").

Later library cloth, red and black calf lettering pieces and paper location label to spine, endpapers added. Light soiling and shelfwear, front hinge cracked, light toning to text, light foxing to a few leaves, library stamp and early owner inscription to title page, library mark to verso. \$350.

* Only edition. Babbitt, *Hand-List of Legislative Sessions and Session Laws* 386. [Order This Item](#)



Revised Laws of North Carolina, 1821-1825

17. [North Carolina].

Taylor, John [1769-1829], Reviser.

A Revision of the Laws of North-Carolina, Passed from 1821-1825 (Both Years Inclusive). With Marginal Notes and References. Raleigh: Printed and Sold by J. Gales & Son, 1827. [ii], 203 pp. Octavo (8-3/4" x 5-3/4").

Later library cloth, red and black lettering pieces and black-stamped publication date to spine, endpapers added. Some soiling and light shelfwear, front hinge cracked. Light toning, light foxing in a few places, library stamps to title page, a few library marks to its verso \$350.

* Only edition. Born in London, Taylor was educated at the College of William and Mary and read law with George Wythe. He was the first chief justice of the North Carolina Supreme Court. Also an author, his works include *The North Carolina Law Repository* (1814-1816) and *On the Duties of Executors and Administrators* (1825). Babbitt, *Hand-List of Legislative Sessions and Session Laws* 386. [Order This Item](#)



Impressive (and Scarce) Collection of Consilia

18. Parisio, Pier Paolo [1473-1545].

Prima [-Quarta] Pars Consiliorum Petri Pauli Parisii Pontificii Caesareique Iur. Consultissimi, Ex Innumeris Quibus Scatebat Mendis, Olim Purgata, Nunc Vero Maiore Cura Pristino Candori Poenitus Restituta, Necnon Argumentis Locupletissimis Illustrata. Ac Praeter Locupletissimum Indicem Elementario Ordine Confectum, Accedunt Multa, Quae in Coeteris Voluminibus non Reperies, None Sine Maxima Studiosorum Utilitate.

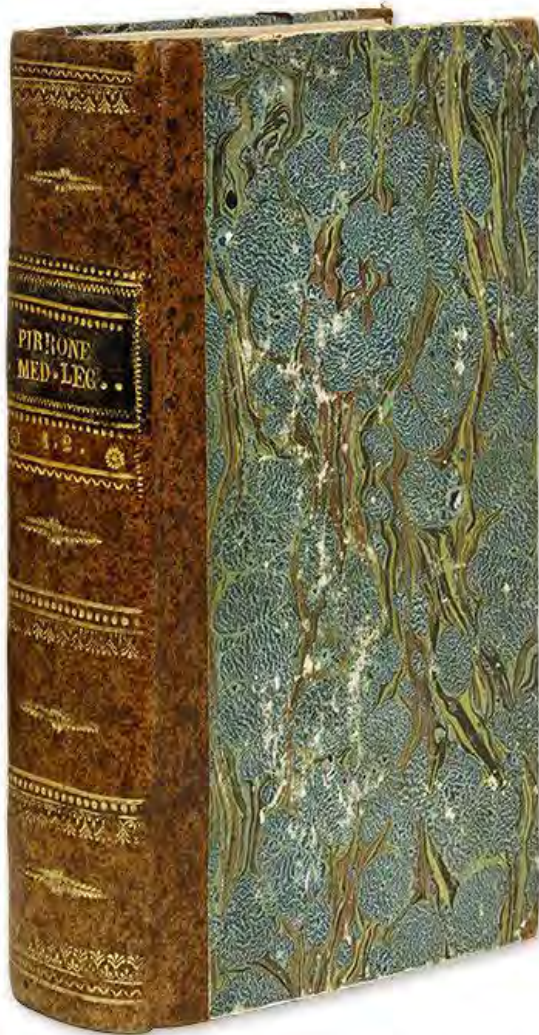
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Repertorium in Quatuor Volumi Consiliorum Petri Pauli Parisii.

Venice: S.n., 1552. 5 volumes, bound in 2 books. Each volume with title page and individual pagination. Main texts in parallel columns. Folio (17" x 11-1/2").

Contemporary vellum, early repairs to spine of first volume using early manuscript leaf, early hand-lettered titles to spine and bottom edges of text blocks. Some soiling, edgewear and worming, pastedowns loose, hinges cracked or starting, a few partial cracks to text blocks. Title pages printed in red and black within impressive woodcut architectural frames, handsome large woodcut vignettes and decorated initials. Light soiling to title pages at beginning of each volume, minor edgewear to following few leaves. Toning, light browning and dampspotting in a few places, internally clean. \$5,000.

* Second edition. Parisio was a professor of law, later the Bishop of Nusco and an influential cardinal. These impressive volumes collect over 500 of his consilia on a variety of topics. Other editions were published in 1543, 1570-71, 1573, 1580 and 1593. All are scarce, especially in North America. OCLC locates copies of the 1543, 1552, 1570 and 1573 editions at Harvard Law School, the University of Alberta, University of Glasgow, and UC-Berkeley Law School respectively. The Library of Congress has copies of the 1543, 1570 and 1593 editions. *Censimento Nazionale delle Edizioni Italiane del XVI Secolo* CNCE 68118. [Order This Item](#)



**A Scarce Nineteenth-Century
Italian Treatise on Medical Jurisprudence**

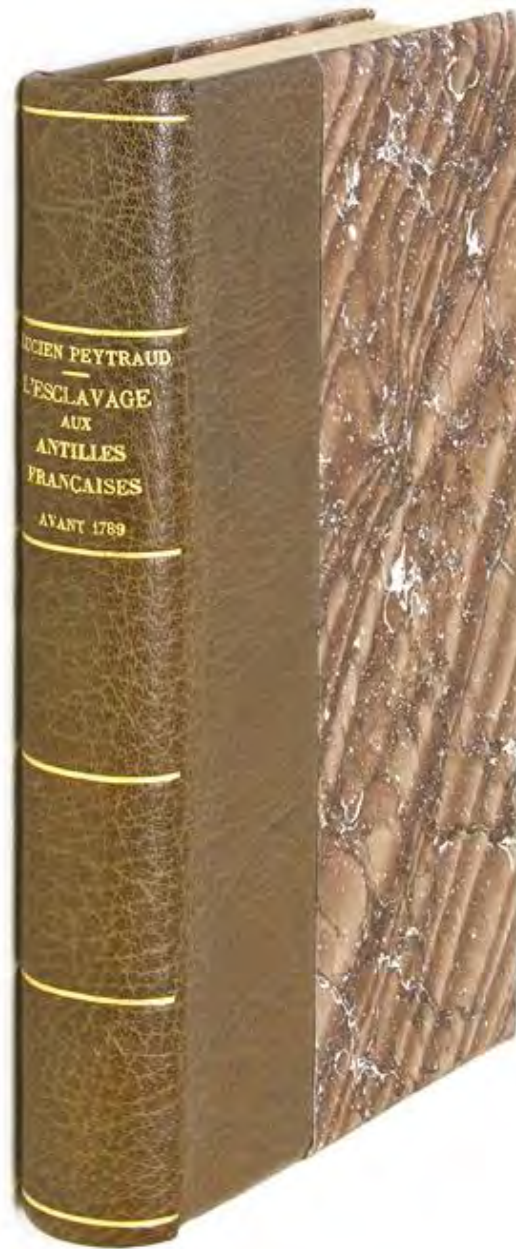
19. Perrone, Pietro.

Trattato Elementare di Medicina Legale Fondato Sopra una Diagnostica e Logica Medico-Giudiziaria Secondo lo Spirito delle Leggi Romane e Vigenti. Corredato di una Raccolta di Rapporti Medico-Legali per Ogni Caso da Riunire la Parte Pratica alla Teoretica; Opera Diretta a Medici Civili, Militari, E Veterinari, Al Magistrati, Agli Avvocati ed Agli Ecclesiastici. Naples: Dalla Tipografia del Sebeto, 1840-1841. Two volumes in one. viii, 279; [ii], 435 pp. Octavo (8-1/2" x 5-1/4").

Contemporary three-quarter speckled calf over marbled boards, lettering piece and gilt ornaments to spine. Light rubbing to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities. Light toning to text, light foxing in places, small early owner signature to title page of Volume I. An attractive copy. \$500.

* Second edition. First published in 1826, Perrone's treatise reached the fifth edition in 1858. As the title indicates, it addresses civil law, canon law, and military law. Volume I addresses civil law; Volume II addresses criminal law. All editions are scarce. OCLC locates 1 copy of the second edition (in France). Not in the *British Museum Catalogue*.

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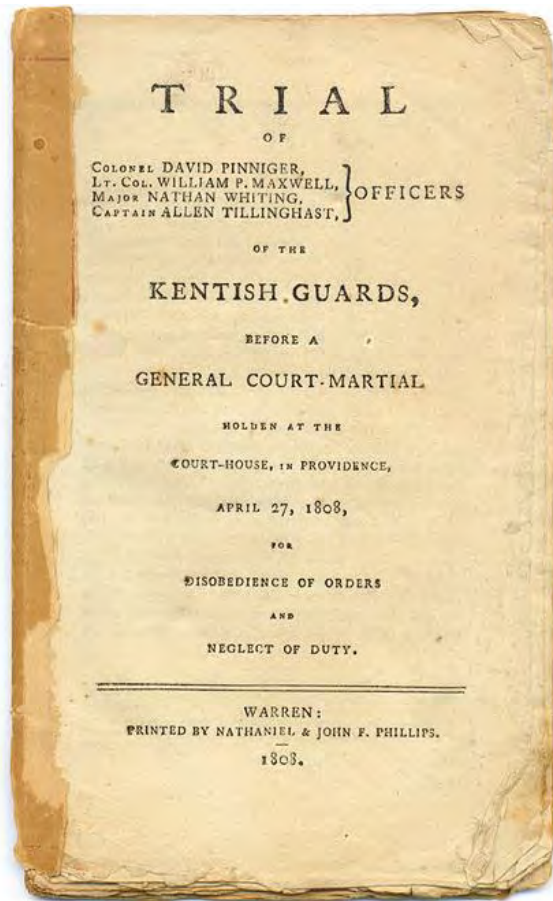
Slavery in the French West Indies Including the Code Noir

20. Peytraud, Lucien Pierre.

L'Esclavage aux Antilles Françaises Avant 1789, D'Après des Documents Inédits des Archives Coloniales. Paris: Librairie Hachette, 1897. xxii, 472 pp. Octavo (9-3/4" x 6-1/2").

Later half morocco over marbled boards, gilt fillets and title to spine. Light toning to text, somewhat heavier in places, author presentation signature to front free endpaper. \$850.

* Second edition. A detailed study of slavery including the Code Noir in the French West Indies based on a close study of archival sources. Originally a doctoral dissertation published in 1877, this work was reprinted several times, most recently in 2012. [Order This Item](#)



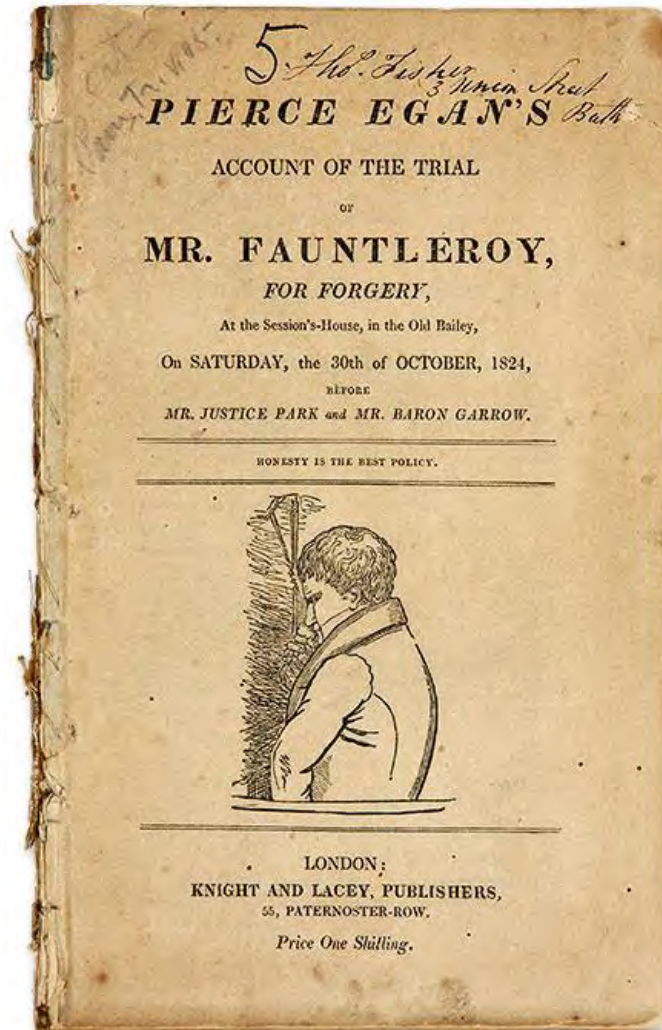
**1808 Court Martial of Rhode Island Militia Officers
Who Refused to Select Six Guardsmen for Federal Service**

**21. [Trial].
[Court Martial].
[Kentish Guards].**

Trial of Colonel David Pinniger, Lt. Col. William P. Maxwell, Major Nathan Whiting, Captain Allen Tillinghast: Officers of the Kentish Guards, Before a General Court-Martial Holden at the Court-House, In Providence, April 27, 1808, For Disobedience of Orders and Neglect of Duty. Warren [RI]: Printed by Nathaniel & John F. Phillips, 1808. 41, [4] pp. Errata slip pasted to verso of p.41. Octavo (7-3/4" x 4-3/4").

Stab-stitched pamphlet, fragments to wrapper along spine, untrimmed edges. Moderate toning, early owner signature to verso of final leaf. \$650.

* Only edition. Formed in 1774, the Kentish Guards of Rhode Island boasted General Nathanael Greene as an original officer. The Guards distinguished themselves at the Siege of Boston and elsewhere. In 1807 Colonel David Pinniger refused an order to select six guardsmen for federal service, asserting that the Guards's charter permitted the call up of the entire unit, but not individual soldiers. Pinniger's refusal precipitated his court martial and that of the fellow officers who supported him. All were removed from office without further penalty. The guards elected replacement officers; no one went into the U.S. Army. This pamphlet was published by the officers after the "unfavorable result" of the court martial in order to protect their reputations. All aspects of the case are covered. Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 13588. [Order This Item](#)



**One of the Last People
Executed for Forgery in Great Britain**

22. [Trial]

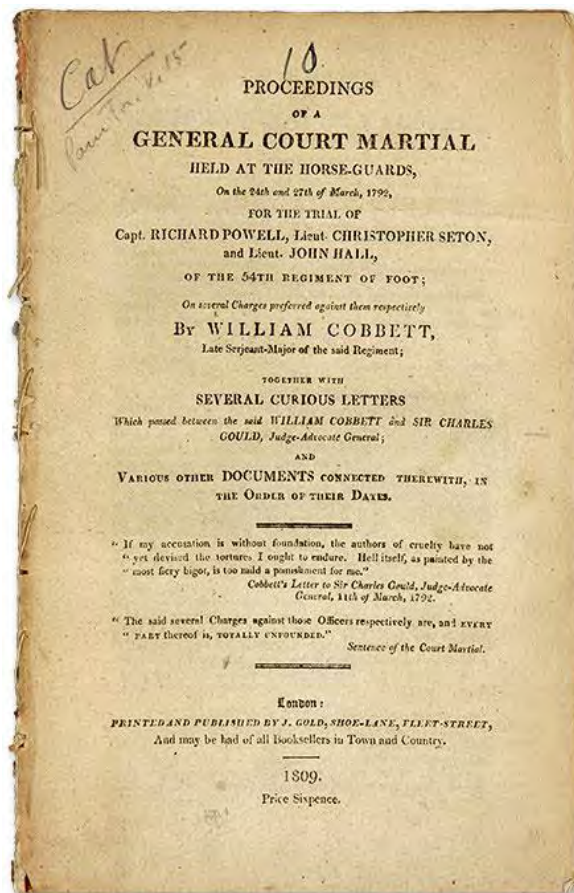
Fauntleroy, Henry [1785-1824], Defendant.

Egan, Pierce [1772-1849], Reporter.

Pierce Egan's Account of the Trial of Mr. Fauntleroy, For Forgery, At the Session's-House, In the Old Bailey, On Saturday, The 30th of October, 1824, Before Mr. Justice Park and Mr. Baron Garrow. London: Knight and Lacey, Publishers, [1824]. 67 pp. Octavo (8-1/4" x 5-1/4").

Disbound stab-stitched pamphlet. Light soiling and edgewear, moderate toning to text, minor chips and tears to a few leaves, early owner signature and "5" to head of title page. \$750.

* Only edition. Fauntleroy was an English banker convicted of forgery. He admitted his guilt, but pleaded that he forged documents in order to access funds to pay his firm's debts. Several bankers and merchants stepped forward to defend his integrity during the trial, but he was sentenced to death. He appealed his case twice without success. Appeals for clemency followed, but they were not successful. He was hanged in November 1824, one of the last people executed for forgery before it ceased to be a capital crime in 1836. *British Museum Catalogue* (Compact Edition) 9:70. [Order This Item](#)



Cobbett's First Attempt to Promote Reform

23. [Trial].

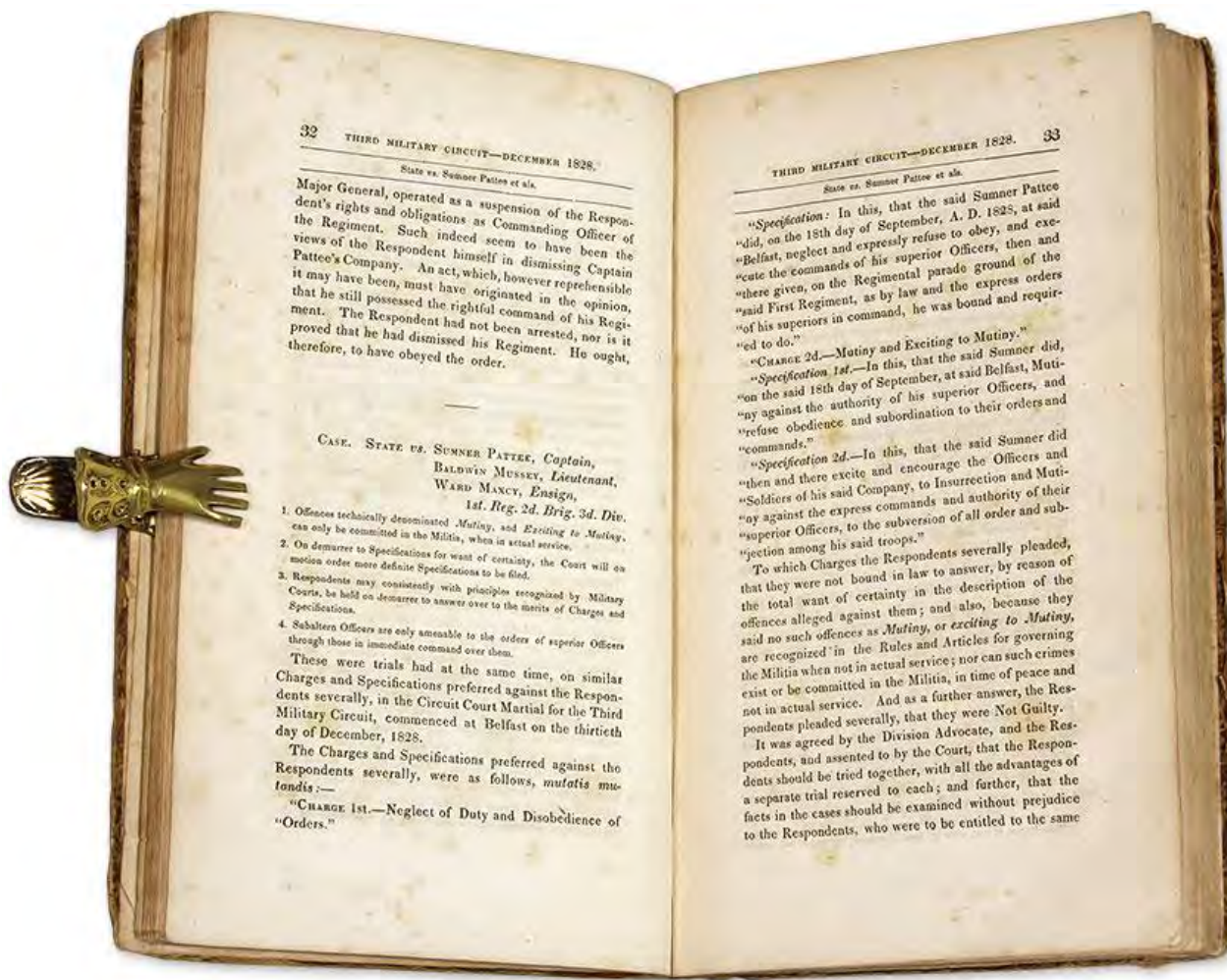
Powell, Richard, Captain, Primary Defendant.

[Cobbett, William (1763-1835), Reporter].

Proceedings of a General Court Martial Held at the Horse-Guards, On the 24th and 27th of March, 1792, For the Trial of Capt. Richard Powell, Lieut. Christopher Seton, and Lieut. John Hall, Of the 54th Regiment of Foot; On Several Charges Preferred Against Them Respectively by William Cobbett, Late Serjeant-Major of the Said Regiment; Together With Several Curious Letters Which Passed Between the Said William Cobbett and Sir Charles Gould, Judge-Advocate General; And Various Other Documents Connected Therewith, In the Order of Their Dates. London: Printed and Published by J. Gold, 1809. 32 pp. Octavo (8-1/4" x 5-1/4").

Disbound Stab-stitched pamphlet. Light soiling and edgewear, moderate toning to text, "10" in early hand to head of title page, which has a small chip near its upper corner. \$150.

* Only edition, one of two accounts published in 1809. Before he launched his career as a reformer through his *Weekly Political Register* and his pamphlets Cobbett was a soldier. It was during this time that he took his first steps toward his future vocation. While stationed in Canada from 1784 to 1791 he found that several officers were stealing provisions. Moreover, their behavior established a system of corruption that influenced the other ranks. Cobbett collected evidence against these officers. After he returned to England and left the army in 1791 he presented his evidence to the Secretary of War. A court-martial of his former officers was convened, but no one appeared to prosecute the case. The charges were dismissed and the defendants acquitted. Fearing reprisals, he fled to France, then the United States. He returned to England in 1800. *Catalogue of the Library of the Harvard Law School* (1909) II:1168. [Order This Item](#)



Notable Collection of Courts Martial

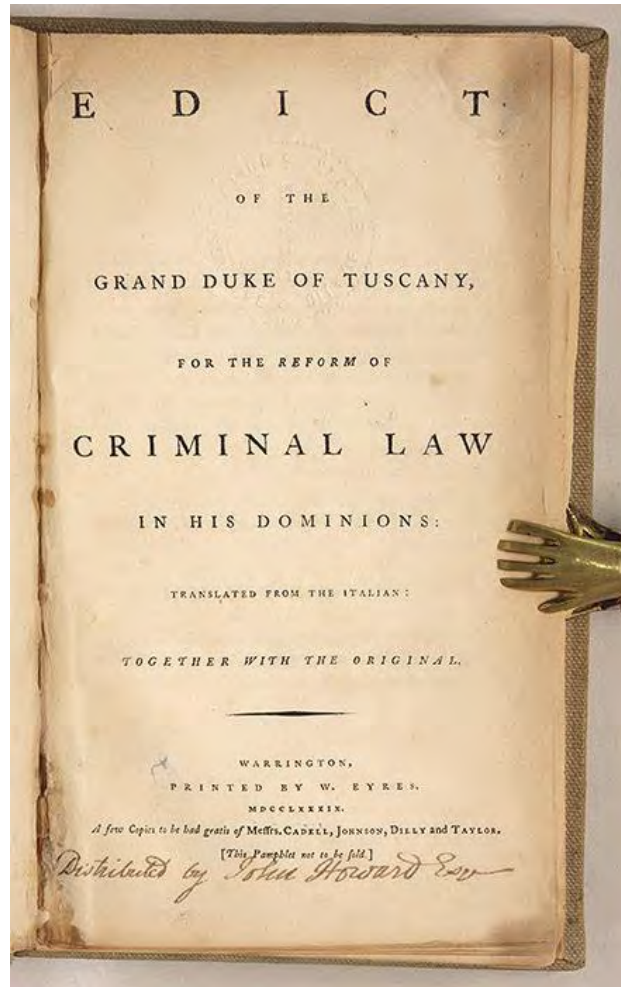
24. [Trials].

Smith, Francis O.J. [1806-1876], Reporter.

Reports of Decisions in the Circuit Courts Martial, Of Questions Arising on Trials had in Said Courts. Compiled from Original Papers in the Office of the Adjutant General, In Conformity to a Resolve of a Legislature of Maine, Passed March 31, 1831. To Which is Added, An Appendix of Practical Forms of Proceedings in Circuit Courts Martial. Portland, [ME]: Printed by Todd & Holden, 1831. [1], 113 pp. Octavo (9-1/4" x 5-1/2").

Later quarter cloth over marbled boards, typewritten title label to spine. Light soiling, light rubbing to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, corners worn, chipping to title label, library bookplate to front pastedown, hinges cracked. Light toning to text, light foxing in places. \$150.

* Only edition. This reporter covers military jurisprudence in Maine from August, 1827 to June 1831. Smith practiced law in Portland and served in the U.S. Congress. He is remembered today as the business partner of Samuel F.B. Morse and later as his opponent in the telegraph litigation. Smith hoped that this carefully organized work, "the first of its kind ever published under any government," would promote uniformity in future military proceedings and case reports. Not in Wallace. Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 9027. [Order This Item](#)



The First Criminal Code Influenced by Beccaria

25. [Tuscany].

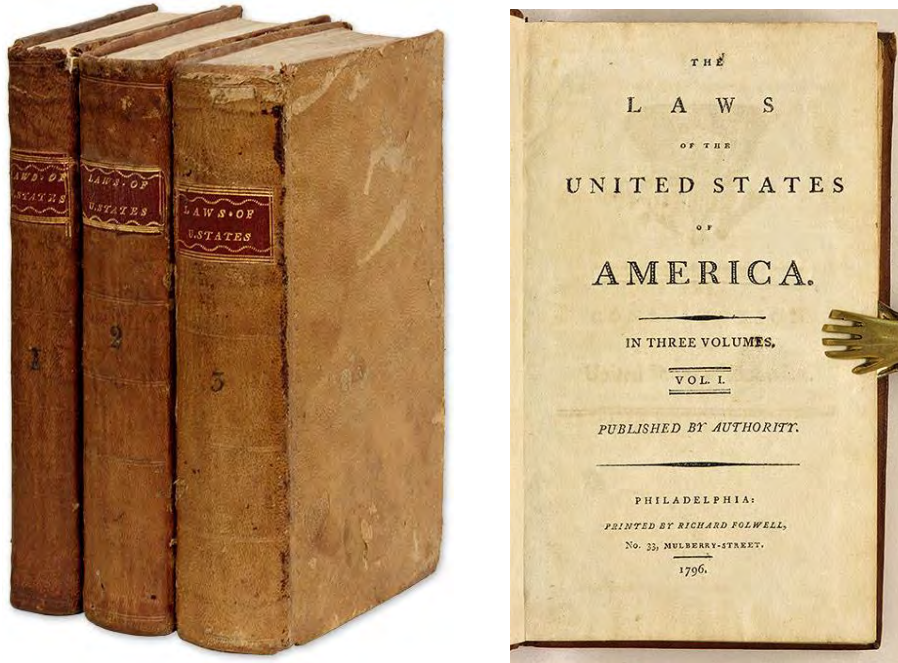
[Pietro Leopoldo, Grand Duke (1765-1790)].

[Howard, John (1726-1790), Attributed Author, Translator].

Edict of the Grand Duke of Tuscany, For the Reform of Criminal Law in His Dominions: Translated from the Italian: Together with the Original. Warrington: Printed by W. Eyres, 1789. x, 67, [1], lv pp. Octavo (8-1/2" x 5-1/2").

Stab-stitched pamphlet bound into later library cloth, red and black calf lettering pieces to spine, endpapers added. Light shelfwear and soiling, a few chips to edges of lettering pieces. Moderate toning to text, preliminaries and first leaf of main text detached and edgeworn, with heavier edgewear and fragments of cello tape along gutter, embossed library stamps to half-title and title page, "Distributed by John Howard Esq." to foot of title page in contemporary hand, a few small library marks to verso. \$1,000.

* Only edition. English translation followed by original Italian text. Attributed to the English penal reformer John Howard, the Tuscan Penal Code of 1786 was the first to apply ideas from Beccaria's *Dei Delitti e delle Pene* (1764). It abolished the death penalty, the use of torture, mutilation and confiscation and embraced a variety of reforms to simplify criminal procedure and make it fairer to the accused. Distributed free of charge, Howard's English edition was intended to promote the code's principles in Great Britain. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T74635. [Order This Item](#)



Complete First Folwell Edition with Swift's Index

26. [United States].

[Congress].

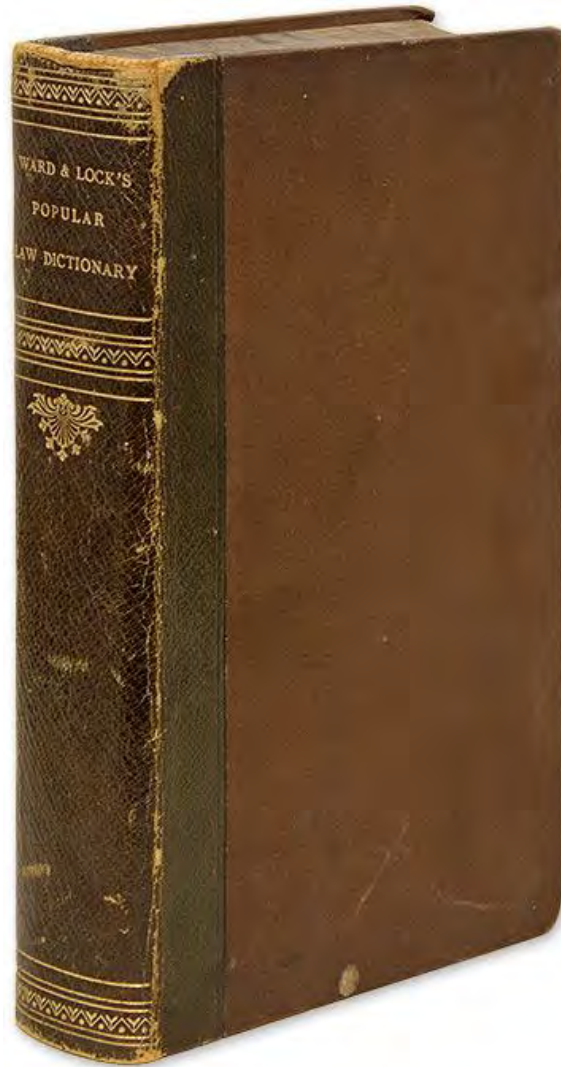
[Folwell, Richard (1768?-1814), Printer].

[Swift, Zephaniah (1759-1823), Compiler of Index].

The Laws of the United States of America. Published by Authority. Philadelphia: Printed by Richard Folwell, 1796-1797. Three volumes. [iv], [5]-494, [iv], [5]-576; [iv], [5]-477, [131] pp. Octavo (7-3/4" x 4-1/2").

Contemporary sheep, blind fillets to boards, lettering pieces, blind fillets and blind volume numbers to spines. Some rubbing to extremities, corners bumped and lightly worn, some shallow scuffing to boards, minor chipping to spine heads of Volumes I and III, inkstain to front joint of Volume III, its rear joint starting at foot, minor worming to rear boards of Volumes II and III, hinges of all volumes starting. Light toning, light foxing in a few places. An attractive set. \$2,500.

* Complete first edition (Volume III, though dated 1796, was not printed before 1797). Includes texts of the Constitution, the Bill of Rights and the Treaty of Paris. A compilation of all acts passed by the first, second, third and fourth Congresses. Among these are the acts that established the War, Postal and Treasury departments, the judicial circuits, the Bank of the United States and the military academy at West Point and the city of Washington, D.C., authorized the census, passed the Copyright law, created the states of Kentucky, Vermont and Tennessee. Other interesting legislation includes the act to build six frigates to combat the Algerian corsairs and acts concerning the Whiskey Rebellion. Indian affairs are treated at length. Legislation includes several Indian treaties, an act establishing the President's right to create "trading houses" with Indian tribes, acts appointing Indian Agents, an act providing for a boundary line between settlers and Indians running west of the new Ohio territories (which settlers were not allowed to cross). Evans observes that this edition enjoys "many peculiar advantages," such as the cumulative 130-page index in Volume III compiled by Zephaniah Swift. This "copious, luminous index [comprises] in itself a complete digest of all the Laws of the United States." Evans notes also that Folwell's Volume I is frequently and erroneously replaced by the 1795 edition by Childs and Swaine. Evans, *American Bibliography* 31356, 32973 (Volumes I-III). Sabin, *A Dictionary of Books Relating to America* 39424. [Order This Item](#)



Scarce Nineteenth-Century English Legal Dictionary

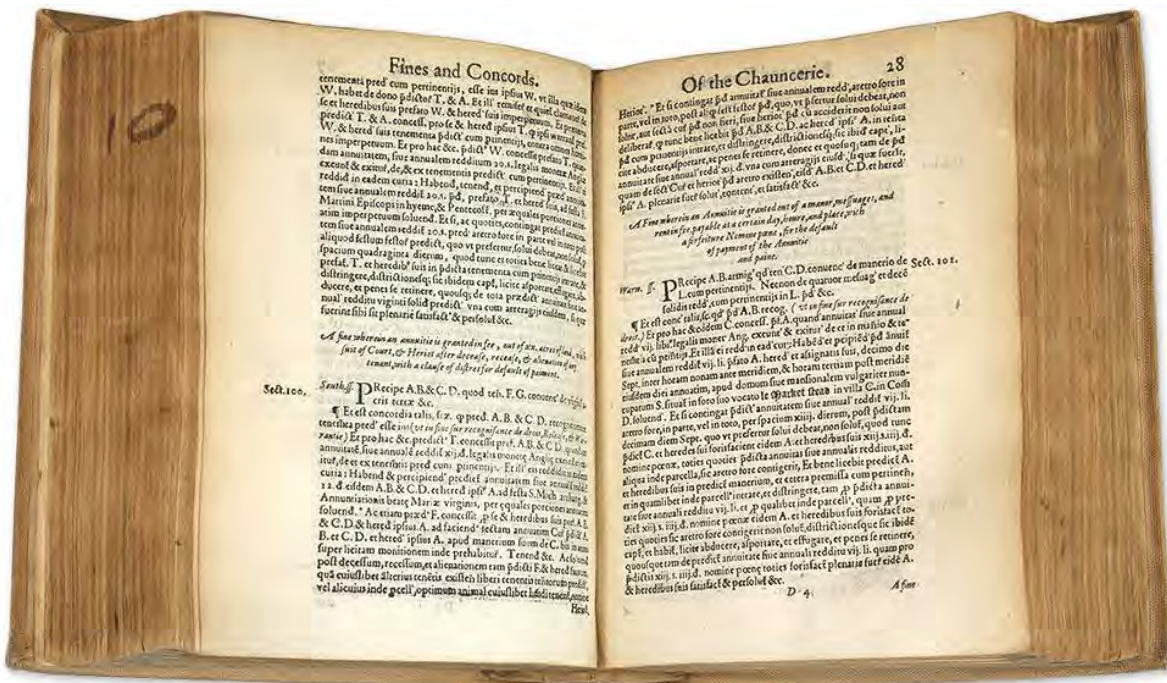
27. Ward, Lock and Company, Ltd.

Ward and Lock's Popular Law Dictionary: Forming a Concise Compendium of the Common and Statute Law of England and Wales, Including Technical Terms, Historical Memoranda, Legal Points and Practical Suggestions on an Immense Variety of Subjects of General Interest Relating to the Everyday Business and Contingencies of Ordinary Life, Alphabetically Arranged for Ready Reference; With Details on Leading Topics. London: Ward, Lock, and Co., [1884] 487 pp. Octavo (7-1/2" x 5").

Contemporary quarter morocco over brown cloth boards, gilt title to spine, marbled edges, a signed binding by Birdsall and Son of Northampton. A few minor nicks to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, corners bumped, armorial bookplate to front pastedown. Light toning to text, light foxing to endleaves. \$750.

* Only edition. Ward, Locke & Co. published a variety of guide books for the general public. "The title of the work describes its scope: it is a Dictionary of Legal Terms and Phrases, a Compendium of the Existing Law on all subjects likely to affect the interests of persons engaged in the ordinary transactions of everyday life" (Preface). OCLC locates 5 copies worldwide, 1 in North America (at McGill University). *British Museum Catalogue* (Compact Edition) 26:664.

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One of the Earliest English Texts to Address Conveyancing

28. West, William [1568-1594].

The First Part of Symboleography. Which May be Termed the Art, Or Description, of Instruments and Presidents. Collected by William West of the Inner Temple Esquire. And Now Newly Augmented with Divers Presidents Touching Merchants Affaires. London: Printed for the Companie of Stationers, 1622. [648] pp.

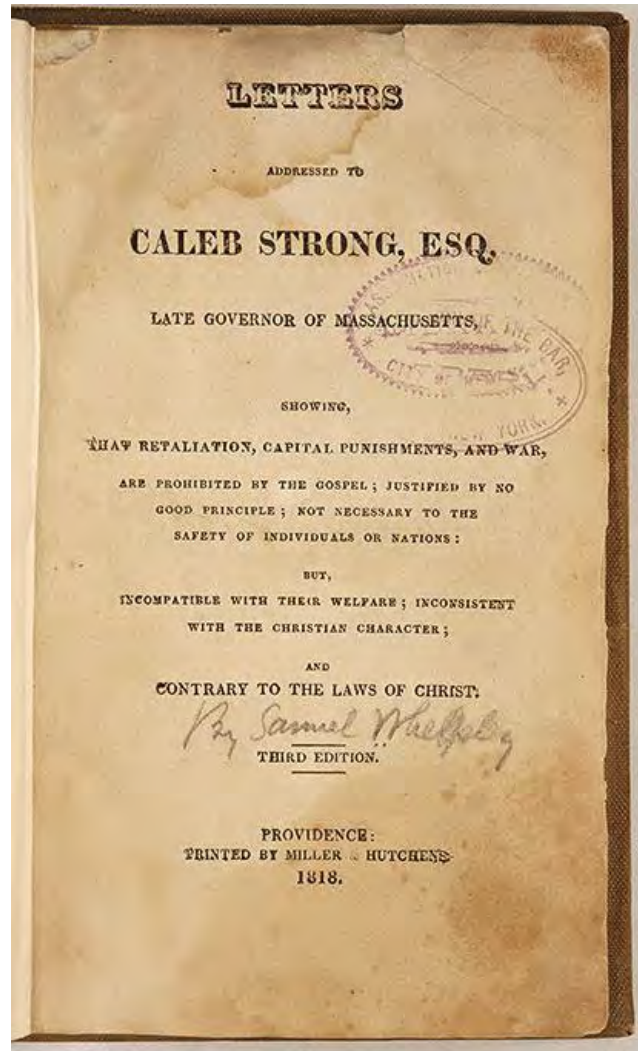
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West, William.

The Second Part of Symboleography, Newly Corrected and Amended, And Verie Much Enlarged in All the Foure Severall Treatises: 1 Of Fines and Concords. 2 Of Common Recoveries. 3 Of Offences and Indictments. 4 Of Compromises and Arbitrements. Whereunto is Annexed Another Treatise of Equitie, The Iurisdiction, And Proceedings of the High Court of Chauncerie; Of Supplications, Bills, And Answers; And of Certaine Writs, And Commissions Issuing Thence, And There also Returnable: Likewise much Augmented with Divers Presidents, For the Same Purpose, Beginning at the 144. Section, And Continuing to the End of Bills and Answers. With an Addition of Some Necessary Exemplars to be Used in his Maiesties Court of Exchequer, Wards and Liveries, And Starre-Chamber, Never Printed Before. Herunto is also Added a Table for the More Easie and Readie Finding of Matters Herein Contayned. London: Printed for The Companie of Stationers, 1618. [ii], 350, [8] ff.

Quarto (8-1/4" x 6-1/2"). Later library cloth, calf lettering piece to spine, "10" in early hand to fore-edge of text block, endpapers added. Light soiling, moderate soiling to spine, corners bumped, front joint partially cracked, crack in text block between title page and following leaf. Moderate toning to text, two later owner signatures and a later library stamp to title page of *First Part*, a small chip to its upper corner, brief library marks to its verso. \$950.

* Later editions. West's *Symboleography* is the most influential works in the history of English law. First published in 1590 and 1593, these two books are complete in themselves and bibliographically distinct. (The volumes were often bound together or bound as sets.) Taken together, they form a general practical treatise on English law. They are historically significant because they are among the earliest texts to address conveyancing. "West's *Symboleographie* has always been esteemed a book of authority...and contains not only precedents in conveyancing, but of indictments, and of proceedings in chancery.": *Legal Bibliography* 726. *English Short-Title Catalogue* S119703, S123422. [Order This Item](#)



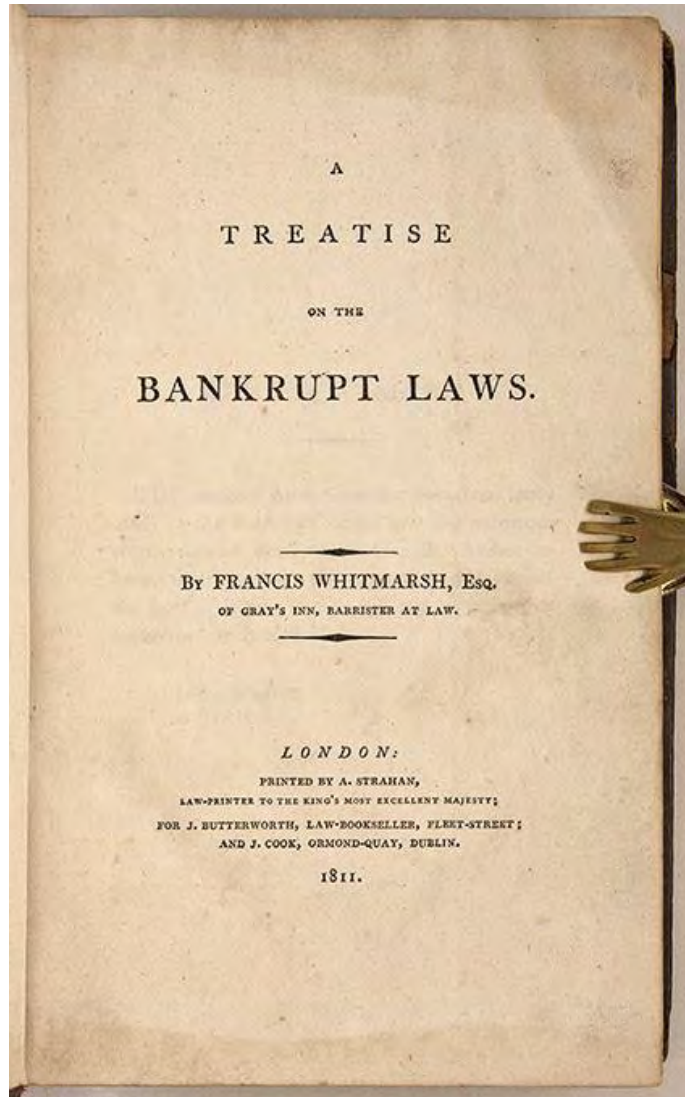
A Christian Argument Against Retaliation and Capital Punishment

29. [Whelpley, Samuel (1766-1817)].

Letters Addressed to Caleb Strong, Esq. Late Governor of Massachusetts, Showing, that Retaliation, Capital Punishments, And War, Are Prohibited by the Gospel; Justified by No Good Principle; Not Necessary to the Safety of Individuals or Nations: But, Incompatible with their Welfare; Inconsistent with Christian Character; And Contrary to the Laws of Christ. Providence: Printed by Miller & Hutchens, 1818. vii, [9]-126, [1] pp. Octavo (8" x 5").

Later library cloth, paper shelf label and residue of calf lettering piece to spine, endpapers added. Moderate shelfwear and soiling, chip to head of spine, front joint starting at ends. Light browning to text, light foxing in a few places, gradually diminishing faint dampstaining to p. 26, light soiling, edgewear and library stamp to title page, library marks to verso. \$500.

* Third and final edition. Whelpley was a Presbyterian preacher, first in Stockbridge, Massachusetts, and later in Green River, New Jersey, who later became a school principal in New York City. First published in 1816, *Letters* argues that retaliation, whether in war or by capital punishment, is un-Christian. It went through three editions. This edition was later reissued in 1819 in Glasgow. Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 3893. [Order This Item](#)



The State of English Bankruptcy Law in 1811

30. Whitmarsh, Francis [1777-1857].

A Treatise on the Bankrupt Laws. London: Printed by A. Strahan, 1811. xi, 83, 330 pp. Octavo (9" x 5-1/2").

Contemporary calf, blind fillets to boards, lettering piece to spine. Light rubbing to boards, rubbing to extremities with wear to spine ends and corners, some gatoring to spine, joints and rear hinge cracked, boards secure. Light toning to text, light offsetting to margins of preliminaries and rear endleaves, finger smudges and creases to a few leaves, early owner signature to front free endpaper. \$1,500.

* First edition. Whitmarsh's treatise is an excellent survey of English bankruptcy law as it stood in 1811. Topics include the act of bankruptcy, petitioning a creditor's debt, assignment by commissioners, imprisonment and proof of debts. Whitmarsh was a barrister of Gray's Inn. A second edition was published in 1817. Both are rare. OCLC locates 6 copies of the first edition (Georgetown Law School, Library of Congress, McGill University Law School, National Library of Scotland, University of Minnesota). Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 1:379.

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