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Ashe's Law of Obligations and Conditions

1. [Ashe, Thomas (Active 1600-1618)].

The Law of Obligations and Conditions, Or An Accurate Treatise, Wherein is Contained the Whole Learning of the Law Concerning Bills, Bonds, Conditions, Statutes, Recognizances and Defeasances; As also Declarations on Special Conditions, And the Pleadings Thereon, Issues, Judgments and Executions, With many Other Useful Matters Relating Thereunto, Digested Under their Proper Titles. To Which is Added a Table of References to All the Declarations and Pleadings upon Bonds, &c. Now Extant. Also another Table to the Forms of Special Conditions which Lie Scattered in Our President Books. Being a Work Necessary for All that Study the Law, Or Follow the Practick Part Thereof. With an Index of the Principal Matters Therein Contained. By T.A. of Grays-Inn Esq. London: Printed for J. Walthoe, 1693. [32], 320, 343-566, 565-578, [2] pp. Includes one-page publisher advertisement. Pagination and collation irregular. Text complete. Octavo (6-3/4" x 4").

Contemporary paneled calf, raised bands and blind-stamped title (gilding rubbed away) to spine, blind tooling to board edges. Light rubbing and a few minor nicks and scuffs to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, joints starting at ends, a few chips to spine ends, corners bumped and somewhat worn, hinges cracked, rear pastedown beginning to detach. Moderate toning to text, faint dampstaining to margins in a few places, lower corner lacking from Leaf li2 (pp. 473-474) with minor loss to text. A nice copy of a scarce title. \$2,500.

* Only edition. Ashe was highly regarded for his treatises and indexes of reporters. His lucidly written treatise on obligations and conditions is an excellent introduction of these aspects of contract law as they existed in the seventeenth-century. The books listed in the Table of Pleadings were printed five and six decades after Thomas Ashe's death in 1618. There is some confusion about the author's identity. The Title page has a stylized T that looks like a J and the epistle is signed "J.A." It is likely that "J.A.", perhaps a relative of the author, was the editor of this book. OCLC locates 12 copies in North American law libraries. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R9431. [Order This Item](#)



With a Section on Canon-Law Jurisprudence

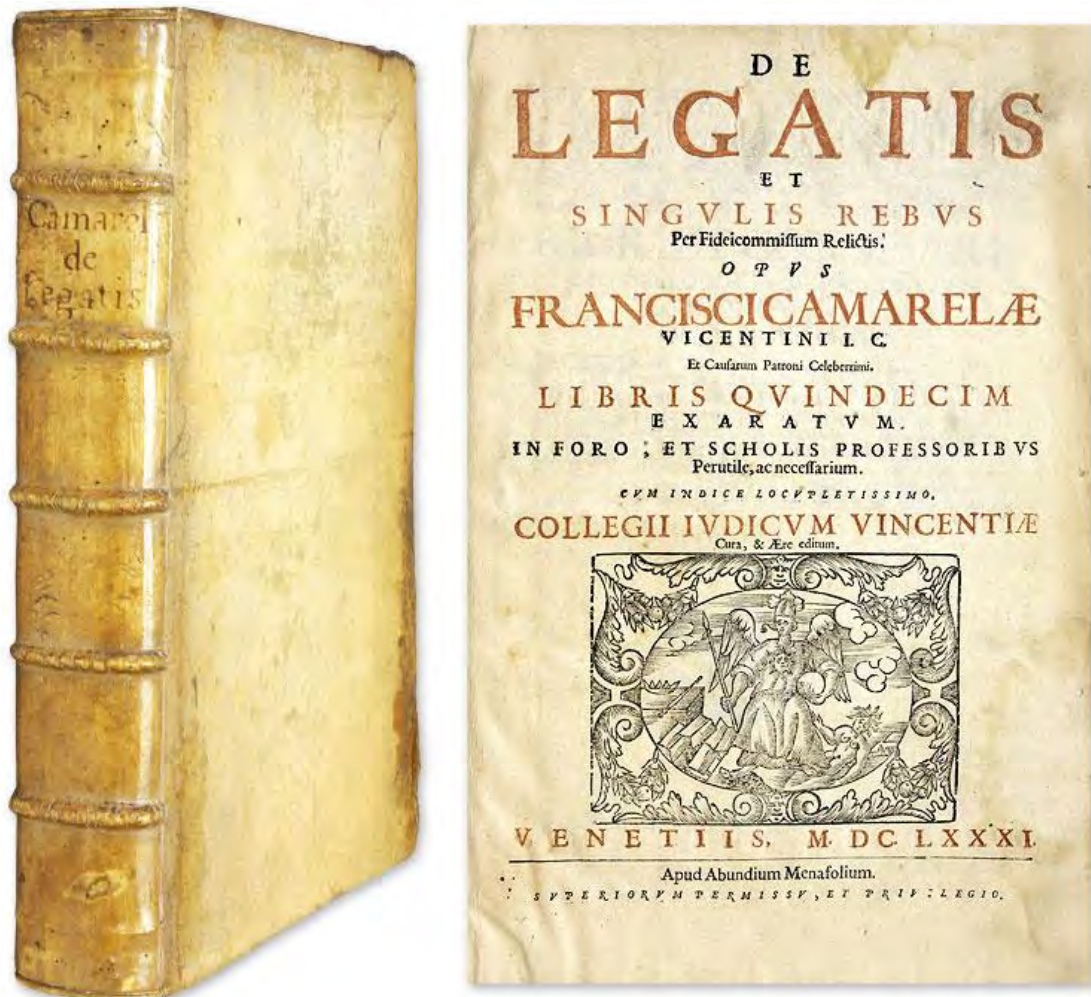
2. Bonacina, Martino [1585-1631].

Tractatus Tres de Legibus, De Peccatis, Et de Praeceptis Decalogi: In Quorum Primo Agitur de Legibus in Genere, & in Specie, & de iis Que Pertinent ad Legem Praeceptivam, & Poenalem, & ad eius Cessationem Agitur Etiam de Dispensationibus, & de Privi Egis. In Secundo Vero Copiose Agitur de Peccatis. In Tertio Denique Plura de Praeceptis Decalogi, Deque Duobus Ecclesiae Praeceptis, Videlicet, Ieiunio, & Decimis; Solertissime Disputatur. In Hac Vero Nostra Postrema Editione non Solum Omnes Errores qui in Priori Irrepserant Omni Diligentia Correcti & Emendati Sunt, Verum Etiam Quamplura Loca ab Ipso Autore Perpolita, & Illustrata. Venice: Sumptibus Disiunctae Societatis, 1629. [x], 916, [88] pp. Main text in parallel columns. Quarto (8" x 6").

Contemporary vellum, speckled edges. Some soiling and a few minor stains, a few tiny worm holes, small chip to upper corner of rear board, front hinge cracked but secure, rear hinge starting, minor worming to pastedowns. Large woodcut device to title page, woodcut head-pieces, tail-pieces and decorated initials. Edges trimmed with negligible loss to text in first and final gatherings. Toning, faint dampspotting and stains in a few places, internally clean. \$650.

* Final edition. Bonacina was one of the foremost moralists of his age and an influential church official. A fine introduction to his work on law and theology, *Tractatus Tres* was first published in 1622. Other editions followed in 1627, 1625 and 1629. As its subtitle indicates, the first of the three *tractati* discusses the jurisprudence of canon law. The other sections discuss sin and the Ten Commandments from the viewpoints of law and theology. All editions are scarce. OCLC locates 5 copies of the 1629 edition, 1 in North America (St. Bonaventure University). Not in the *British Museum Catalogue*.

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A Durable Concept in Roman Law

3. Camarela, Francisco.

De Legatis et Singulis Rebus per Fideicommissum Relictis. Libris Quindecim Exaratum in Foro, Et Scholis Professoribus Perutile, Ac Necessarium, Cum Indice Locupletissimo, Collegii Iudicium Vincentiae Cura, & Aere Editum. Venice: Apud Abundium Menafolium, 1681. [xl], 628, [68] pp. Main text in parallel columns. Folio (13" x 8-1/2").

Contemporary vellum, raised bands and early hand-lettered title to spine. Light rubbing and some staining to boards, spine slightly darkened, spine ends and corners bumped, a few minor chips to fore-edges. Title page, with large woodcut vignette, printed in red and black, woodcut head-pieces, tail-pieces and decorated initials. Moderate toning, faint dampstaining and worming in a few places (with no loss to legibility), internally clean. Ex-library. Bookplate to front pastedown. \$850.

* Only edition. One of the most durable concepts in Roman law, *fideicommissum* involves situations in which something is committed to somebody's trust. It is central to the law concerning testators. This treatise by a practicing attorney from Vicenza, reconciles received Roman law with practice in the Republic of Venice. OCLC locates 5 copies in North America, 4 in law libraries (Harvard, Library of Congress, UC-Berkeley, Yale). Not in the *British Museum Catalogue*.

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**Scarce Treatise on the Roman Law of
Usufruct by a Distinguished Spanish Canonist**

4. Castillo Sotomayor, Juan del [1560-1640].

Tractatus Controversiarum Iuris Quotidianarum de Usufructu in Quo Singulariter tam Theorice, Quam Practice Universa Eiusdem Materia, Quaestiones, & Dubia Traduntur, Enucleantur, & Resoluntur. Additis in Fine CCLX. Assertionibus Iuris, Et Totidem Altercationum Seu Quaestionum Resolutionibus Verioribus. Et in hac Veneta Impressione Novissima Accesserunt Additiones in Corpore Eiusdem Tractatus Insertae, Cum Novo Elencho Argumentorum. Cum Suo Indice Locupletissimo, & Speciosissimo Rerum, & Materialium. Venice: Apud Turrinum, 1645. [xii], 348, [28] pp. Folio (12" x 8-1/2").

Contemporary vellum, raised bands, early hand-lettered title to spine. Minor staining and rubbing to extremities, repairs to corners, boards slightly bowed, minor worming to gutter near head of text block, partial crack between front endleaf and title page. Title page with large device printed in red and black, woodcut head-pieces, tail-pieces and decorated initials. Toning in a few places, rest of interior notably fresh. Early owner signature in fine hand to title page. A nice copy of a scarce title. \$500.

* Later edition. First published in 1609, this treatise on the Roman law on the right to use the property of another (usufruct) went through several editions and issues in Italy, Spain, France and Germany. According to the title page, this Venetian imprint has unique additions. Complete in itself, this became the first part of a two-volume set when an additional volume was published by Turrinum in 1646. Castillo Sotomayor was a distinguished Spanish canonist. Not in the *British Museum Catalogue*. [Order This Item](#)



Davenport's Synopsis of Coke on Littleton

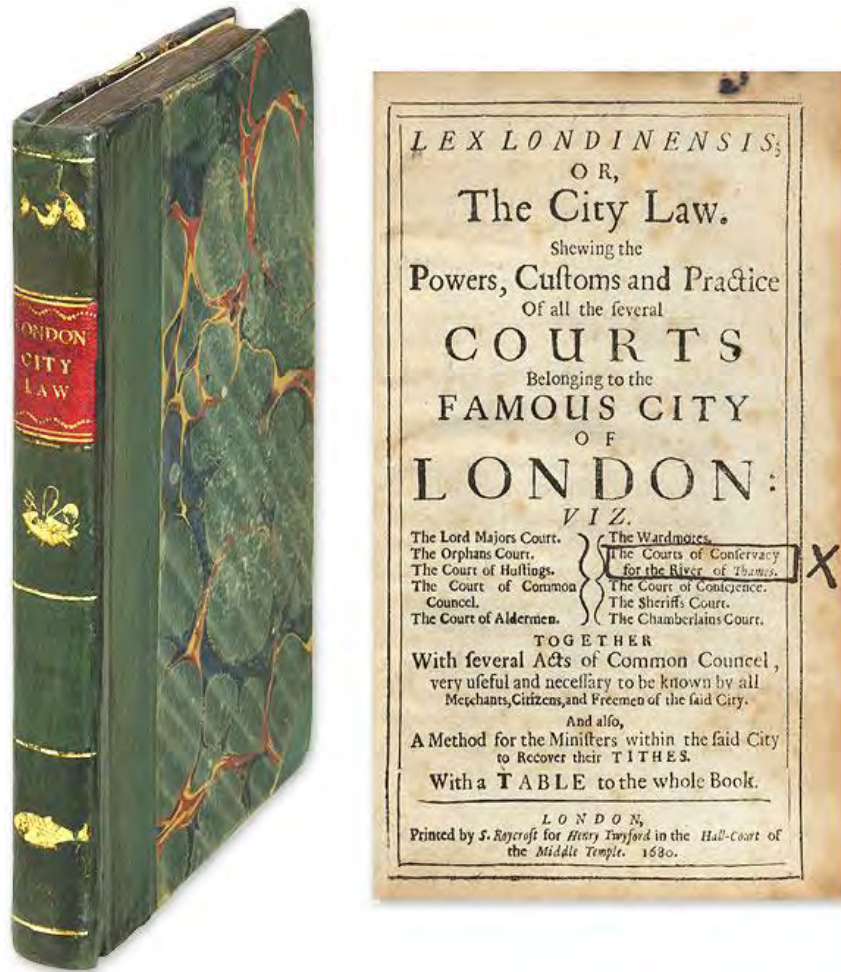
5. Coke, Sir Edward [1552-1634].

Davenport, Sir Humphrey [1566-1645].

Synopsis or, An Exact Abridgement of The Lord Cokes Commentaries upon Littleton: Being A Briefe Explanation of the Grounds of the Common Law. Composed by that Famous and Learned Lawyer, Sir Humphrey Davenport Knight, Heretofore Reader of that Honourable Society of Grayes Inne, And Afterwards Lord Chief Barron of the Honourable Court of Exchequer, at Westminster. With a Perfect Table Poynting out the Most Remarkable Things Therein Contained. London: Printed by E.G. for Matthew Walbancke at Grayes Inne Gate, 1652. [vi], 32, 53-68, 79- 238, 243-450, 457-465, [31] pp. Text continuous despite pagination. Copperplate portraits of Coke, facing title page, and Littleton, facing p. 1. Complete. Octavo (5-3/4" x 3-1/2").

Later speckled calf with later rebacking, blind frames to boards, raised bands and gilt title (reading Davenport's Synopsis) to spine, endpapers renewed, early hand-lettered title to edges of text block. A few minor nicks to boards, corners lightly bumped, recent owner bookplate to front pastedown. Light toning to text, slightly heavier in places, some leaves have faint dampstaining, endleaves have early annotations, signatures and doodles, a few marks and tiny inkstain to frontispiece, another early signature to head of title page, brief annotation to head of p. 1. A nice copy in a handsome binding. \$500.

* Second edition. *Coke on Littleton*, or *First Institutes*, is one of the cornerstones of the common law and a primary legal text for generations. Several abridgements of this work were produced. Davenport's *Synopsis* is one of the best. First published in 1651 as *An Abridgement of Lord Coke's Commentary on Littleton*, its final edition, the third, was published in 1685. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R217265. [Order This Item](#)



The City Law

**6. [Corporation of London].
[Court of Common Council].**

Lex Londinensis; Or, The City Law. Shewing the Powers, Customs and Practice of All the Severall Courts Belonging to the Famous City of London: viz. The Lord Majors Court. The Orphans Court. The Court of Hustings. The Court of Common Council. The Court of Aldermen. The Wardmoates. The Courts of Conservacy for the River of Thames. The Court of Conscience. The Sheriffs Court. The Chamberlains Court. Together with Severall Acts of Common Council, Very Useful and Necessary to be Known by All Merchants, Citizens, And Freemen of the Said City. And also, A Method for the Ministers Within the Said City to Recover Their Tithes. With a Table to the Whole Book. London: Printed by S. Roycroft for Henry Twyford, 1680. [viii], 260, [12] pp. Octavo (6-1/2" x 4").

Later three-quarter calf over marbled boards, rebaked retaining spine, which has gilt ornaments and later lettering piece, endpapers renewed. Some rubbing to boards and extremities, corners bumped and lightly worn. Light browning and occasional light foxing to text. Early owner underlining to title page, which has some edgewear, interior otherwise clean. An appealing copy. \$750.

* Only edition. This book was the first digest of the London's laws and guide to its courts after the revisions of the city laws from 1647 and 1658. A useful work that gathered a great deal of disparate information, it is a valuable resource today for students of seventeenth-century London and its legal system. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R2792.

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Rare Seventeenth-Century Treatise on Remedies

7. Costa, Giovanni Battista (Juan Battista) [16th/17th c.].

Tractatus de Remedijs Subsidiarijs. Primae Sedis Antecessoris; In quo Methodice Explicantur Variarum, Atq[ue]; Multiplices Materiae, Tam Canonicae, Quam Civiles, Criminales Quoq[ue]; & Aliqua Theologicae, Ex Iphis Legum, Canonum, Bullarum, Statutorum; Ac Constitutionum Fontibus Exhaustae, Necnon Indicati Consignantur Complures Casus Conciliares, Quatenus in Subsidium Dumtaxat Prodita Remedia Utrinque Comperiuntur, Quae Postea ad Quotidianam Praxim pro Ultimo Praesidio, Ac Refugio Frequentius Revocantur. Cum Indice Rerum, Atq[ue]; Sententiarum Fatis Copioso Iuxta Seriem Alphabetica Disposito. Pavia: Ex Typographia Petri Bartoli, 1608. [xxx] 365, [2] pp. Main text in parallel columns. Copperplate portrait (to verso of title page). Folio (12" x 8").

Contemporary limp vellum with lapped edges, early hand-lettered title to spine, ties lacking. Light rubbing to extremities, faint staining to boards, minor worming to hinges and pastedowns. Title page, with large copperplate arms, printed in red and black, woodcut head-pieces, tail-pieces and decorated initials. Moderate toning to text, somewhat heavier on places, faint dampstaining to preliminaries and a few other leaves, early owner signature partially excised from foot of title page, internally clean. \$950.

* First edition. This treatise deals with civil and criminal remedies in Roman, canon and feudal law. Little is known about Costa. The title page identifies him as a highly placed canon lawyer attached to the Vatican. The presence of a portrait frontispiece, with a cartouche bearing his arms, indicates that he was an important man. Costa is not to be confused with the French jurist Jean Lacoste (de la Coste) [1560-1637]. Costa's treatise went through two later editions in 1629 and 1630. All three are rare. OCLC locates 2 copies in North America, both 1629 editions (at the Library of Congress and UC-Berkeley Law School). Not in Camus, Roberts or the *British Museum Catalogue*. [Order This Item](#)



First Edition of the First English Treatise on Sheriffs

8. Dalton, Michael [d.ca. 1648].

Officium Vicecomitum: The Office and Authoritie of Sheriffs, Written for the Better Incouragement of the Gentry (Upon Whom the Burthen of This Office Lyeth) to Keepe Their Office, And Undersherife, In Their Houses; That so by Their Continuall Care of the Businesse, And Eyeover Their Officeres, They May the Better Discharge Their Dutie to God, Their Prince, And Countrey, In the Execution of This Their Office. Gathered Out of the Statutes, And Bookes of the Common Lawes of this Kingdome. London: Printed for the Companie of Stationers, 1623. [iv], 194, [6] ff. The first leaf and last leaves are blank. Folio (11-1/4" x 7-1/2").

Contemporary calf, blind rules to boards, raised bands and later gilt-stamped title to spine, endpapers renewed. Light rubbing, recent repairs to spine ends and adjacent corners of boards, front joint partially cracked, corners bumped and lightly worn. Title printed within woodcut architectural border, woodcut head-pieces, tail-pieces and decorated initials. Light toning, faint dampstaining to upper corners of margins, bookplate residue to front pastedown. Early owner signature, interior otherwise clean. An appealing copy. \$1,500.

* First edition. This is the first English treatise on sheriffs. As its title suggests, it is a remarkably comprehensive work. Holdsworth, who cites it several times, says "in spite of a growing number of rivals, it continued to be a standard authority until the beginning of the eighteenth century.": *History of English Law* IV:119. *English Short-Title Catalogue* S107284.

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**Handsome Copy of a Rare
Seventeenth-Century Treatise on Ecclesiastical Benefices**

9. Delvaux (Del Vaulx), Andre [1569-1636].

De Beneficiis Libri IV. Quibus Tum ea Quæ Theoriam Concernunt, Tum Maxime Quæ in Iudicijs Practicantur, Solide Enucleantur. Cum Indice Omnium Rerum & Materiarum Locupletissimo. Opera Iuris-Consultis, Iudicibus, Advocatis, Ac Aliis Curiarum Utriusque Fori Practicis, & Theologis Utilissimum. Mechelen: Typis Roberti et Viduae Henrici Iaye, 1646. [xxxiv], 612, [84] pp. Copperplate pictorial title page, full-page coat-of-arms and author portrait. Quarto (7-1/2" x 5-3/4").

Contemporary vellum with lapped edges, hand-lettered spine (with later retouching), edges rouged, recent thong ties. Some darkening to spine, light spotting to boards, some wear to board edges and corners, rear pastedown just starting to detach along edges. Light toning to text, internally clean. A handsome copy. \$1,500.

* First edition. Andre del Vaulx, also known as Vallensis, taught canon Law at the University of Louvain. *De Beneficiis* is a treatise on ecclesiastical benefices. A second edition was published in 1758. Both editions are rare. Concerning the first edition, OCLC locates 4 copies, 1 in North America (at UC-Berkeley Law School). Not in Ferreira-Ibarra.

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Four Scarce *Coutumiers* from Northern France

10. [France].

[Customary Law].

Costumes Du Bailliage De Vermandois en la Cite, Ville, Baillieue & Prevoste Foraine de Laon... Reims: Chez Simon De Foigny, 1616. [iv], 108, [4] ff.

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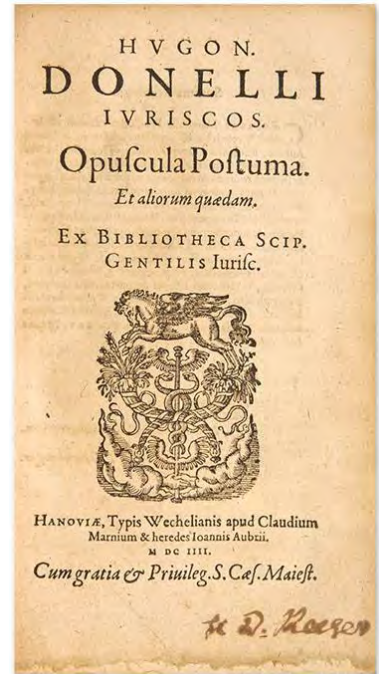
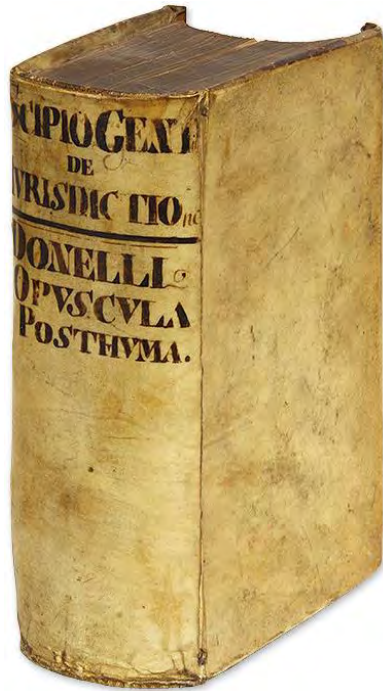
Costumes de Chaalons, & Ressort Du Siege Dudit Lieu, En Ce Qui Est du Bailliage de Vermandois.... Rheims: Chez Simon de Foigny, 1615. 33, [1] ff.

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Les Costumes du Bailliage de Vitry en Pertois... Reims: Chez Simon & Iean de Foigny Imprimeurs, 1618. 40, [2] ff.

Quarto (9" x 6"). Contemporary calf, gilt rules to boards, raised bands, gilt ornaments and title (reading *Costume De Verman*) to spine, faint hand-lettered title to head of text block. Light rubbing and staining to boards, extremities bumped and rubbed with some loss to spine ends and corners, a few small pieces lacking from edges, front hinge starting, fragment of early bookplate to front pastedown. Light toning, minor foxing to top margins, light soiling to title pages, small strips cut from bottom margins of two leaves of *Laon* (for bookmarks?), no loss of text, faint dampstaining in a few places, minor tears and chips to margins of a few leaves, internally clean. \$2,750.

* Composed in 1448 and revised in 1556, the Vermandois *coutume* governed much of the Ile-de-France and Picardy, lands that included four of the six French ecclesiastical peerages: the Archbishopric of Rheims, and the Bishoprics of Laon, Chalons and Noyon. Rheims's, which applied to areas beyond ecclesiastical control, was written in 1481 and first published in 1615. The *coutume* of Chalons, written in 1571, applied also to parts of Vitry and Barrois, that of Vitry-en-Pethois was issued in 1509 and first printed in 1618. Caswell & Sipkov, *The Coutumes of France in the Library of Congress* 398, 388, 347, 486. [Order This Item](#)



Two Scarce Titles on Roman Law

11. Gentili, Scipione [1563-1616].

De Jurisdictione Libri III. Ad Sereniss. Principem Fridericum IV. Electorem; Cum Indice Gemino. Frankfurt: Apud Haeredes Claudii Marnii, 1613. [xvii], 475, [28] pp.

[Bound with]

Doneau, Hugues [1527-1591].

[Gentili, Scipione, Editor].

Opuscula Postuma. Et Aliorum Quaedam. Ex Bibliotheca Scip. Gentilis. Iurisc. Hanover: Typis Wecheliani apud Claudium Marnium & Heredes Ioannis Aubrii, 1604. [xx], 484, [4] pp.

Octavo (6-1/2" x 3-3/4"). Contemporary vellum with lapped edges, early hand-lettered titles to spine. Light soiling, spine ends bumped, light wear to corners, vellum beginning to crack through pastedowns, residue from bookplate to front pastedown, crack in text block between front endleaf and title page of *De Jurisdictione*. Moderate toning to text, contemporary annotations in a few places, later annotations dated 1811 to endleaves, recent owner signature to front endleaf. \$1,650.

* *Jurisdictione*, second and final edition; *Opuscula*, first edition. This volume collects two scarce titles on Roman law. Gentili, a brother of Alberico Gentili, was an eminent law professor and legal scholar. Held in high esteem all over Europe, his fame probably surpassed that of his brother during his lifetime. As indicated by its title, *De Jurisdictione* is a study of jurisdiction, more specifically, legal authority and power. Its first edition was published in 1601. Doneau, or Donellus, was a French humanist jurist and scholar. An antagonist of Cujas, his only real peer, he applied the latest philological methods to Roman law and attempted to organize its texts in a systematic fashion. Derived by a manuscript owned by Gentili, Doneau's *Opuscula* is a collection of writings. Most of these deal with the *Codex Justinianus*. Later editions were published in 1609, 1766 and 1768. OCLC locates 2 copies of the 1613 edition of *Jurisdictione* in North America (Harvard Law School, Yale Law School), 2 copies of the 1613 edition of *Opuscula* (Boston College Law School, Stanford University). *Das Verzeichnis der im Deutschen Sprachraum Erschienenen Drucke des 17. Jahrhunderts* 1:059186R, 23:315652U.

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Studies of Feudal Law by a Notable Humanist Scholar-Jurist

12. Giffen, Hubert van [1534-1604].

Olemann, Konrad [Active 1578-1587].

Antinomiae Iuris Feudalis, Sive Disputationes XI. Ex Huberti Giphanii IC. Summi, Sacr. Caesar. Maiestat. Consilarii, &c., Praelectionibus Desumptae. Quibus Artificiose Methodo Medulla Totius Iuris Feudalis Continetur: Additis Ex Toto Iure Obiectionibus, Solutionibus & Explicationibus, Iisdemque Certum in Ordinem Redactis Ab Eximio D. Conrado Olemanno IC. S. Opus Iurium Studiosis, Respondentibus, Opponentibus ac in Foro Versantibus, Utilissimum & Apprime Necessarium. Accessit Demum Tractatus Feudalis D. Huberti Giphanii IC. Elegantissimus, Brevi & Succincta Methodo Ius Omnesfeudorum & Controversia Dilucide Explicans. Frankfurt: Typis Nicolai Hoffmanni, Impensis Iohannis Iacobi Porsii, 1606. [iv], 195, [9]; 99, [5] pp. Two parts, each individual pagination. Quarto (7-3/4" x 6").

Contemporary paneled pigskin over beveled boards, raised bands and faint later hand-lettered title to spine, early owner initials and date (1618) black-stamped to front board, edges rouged, clasps lacking, catches present. Light soiling and a few minor stains, moderate rubbing to spine ends and corners, a few partial cracks to text block. Light browning to text, negligible faint dampstaining to head of text block above text, minor worming to foot of title page. A handsome copy. \$1,500.

* Second edition. Giffen was an important Dutch humanist, philologist, jurist and authority on Roman law who taught at the universities of Altdorf, Ingolstadt and Prague. *Antinomiae Iuris Feudalis* was first published in 1605. It is a collection of 11 essays on feudal law topics, such as inheritance and contracts based, presumably, on earlier research by Olemann. Later editions were published in 1647 and 1666. All are scarce. OCLC locates 4 copies of the second edition in North American law libraries (Harvard, Library of Congress, UC-Berkeley, Yale). *Das Verzeichnis der im Deutschen Sprachraum Erschienenen Drucke des 17. Jahrhunderts* 3:309631N. [Order This Item](#)



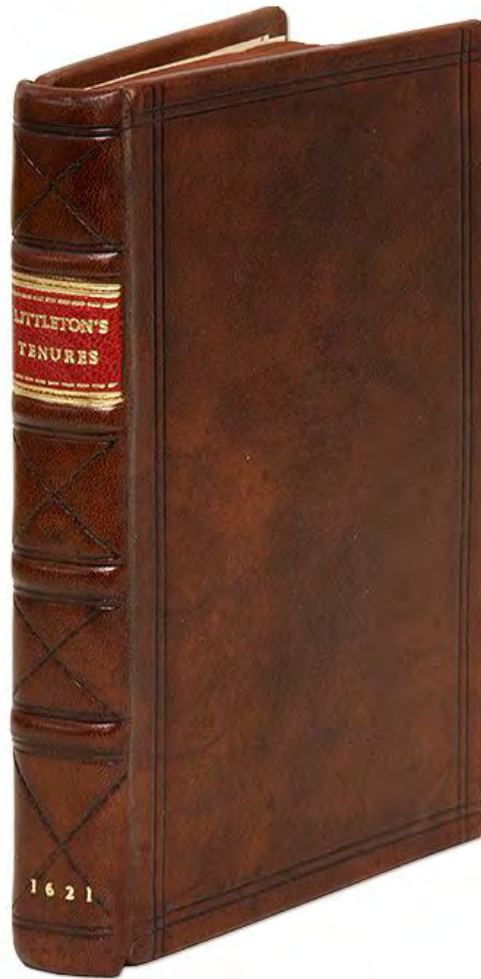
Elegant Essays on Roman Law by Noted Dutch Jurist

13. Huber, Ulrich [1636-1694].

Digressiones Justinianae: In Partes Duas, Quarum Altera Nova, Distinctae: Quibus Varia & Imprimis Humaniora Juris Continentur: Insertus Est De Jure in Re & Ad Rem Quod Dicitur Tractatus: & Adjecta De Ratione Discendi Atque Docendi Juris Diatribe, Per Modum Dialogi: Cum Indice Rerum & Verborum. Franeker: Apud Johannem Gyselaar, Henricum Amama, & Zachariam Taedama, 1688. [xxx], 632 [i.e. 528], [4], 63, [17] pp. Each section preceded by divisional title page. Quarto (7-3/4" x 6").

Contemporary vellum, early hand-lettered title to spine. Light soiling, spine somewhat darkened, corners and spine ends bumped, vellum just beginning to crack through pastedowns, text block just beginning to detach, but still quite secure, a few gatherings slightly loose. Title page printed in red and black. Large woodcut printer device to title page, woodcut head-pieces, tail-pieces and decorated initials. Ex-library. Bookplate to front pastedown, small stamps and markings to endleaves and verso of title page. A solid copy. \$500.

* Third edition, and the final authorial edition. With indexes. Huber was a well-known Dutch jurist and professor at the Universities of Franeker, Utrecht and Leyden. He was also a judge in Friesland and the author of numerous legal works on Roman and Roman-Dutch law. He was as important in his day as Grotius, and his work remains influential in South Africa. First published in 1664, *Digressiones Justinianae* went through eight editions, the final in 1721. More an essay collection than a treatise, it collects his thoughts on a variety of Roman law topics. He also discusses legal pedagogy and the work of his contemporaries and near-contemporaries, such as Grotius and Hobbes. These latter sections are especially interesting because they show what a learned contemporary thought of their work when it was new. They are similar in many regards to reviews in learned journals or publications like the *New York Review of Books*. Dekkers, *Bibliotheca Belgica Juridica* 86 (4). [Order This Item](#)



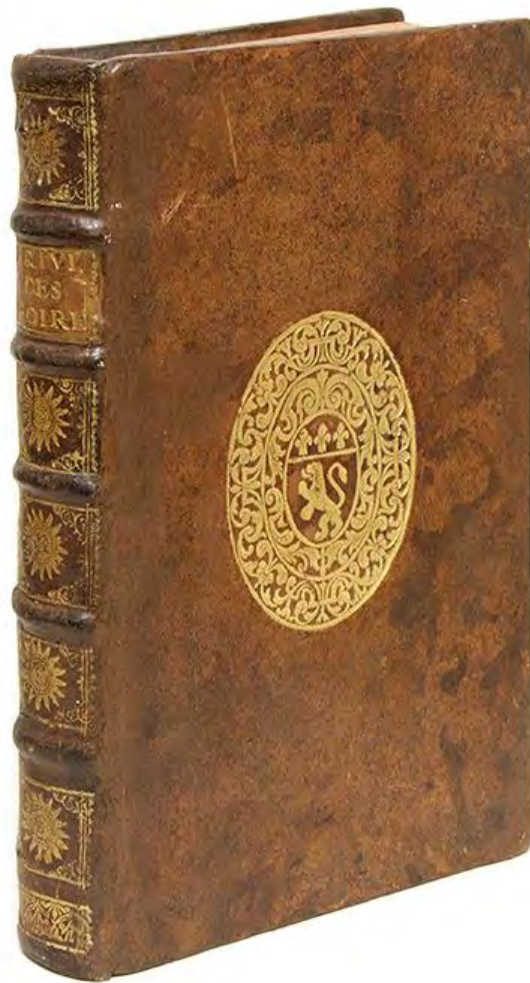
Littleton's *Tenures* in English

14. Littleton, Sir Thomas [1402-1481].

Littletons Tenures in English, Lately Perused and Amended. London: Printed for the Companie of Stationers, 1621. 142, [2] ff. Octavo (5-1/2" x 3-1/2").

Recent period-style calf, blind rules to boards, raised bands, blind ornaments and lettering piece to spine, edges rouged, endpapers renewed. Moderate toning, light browning to margins, early inkstains and annotations to margins of a few leaves, soiling, some edgewear and owner signature (of John Blome/ 2 August 1644) to title page. \$1,250.

* Later edition. Written during the reign of Edward IV [1442-1483] and first published around 1481, Littleton's *Tenures* is probably the most revered treatise in the history of the common law. Much admired for its learning and style, it is concerned with tenures and other issues relating to real property. This venerable work, which Coke called "the ornament of the Common Law, and the most perfect and absolute work that ever was written in any humane science," is considered a landmark because it renounced the principles of Roman law (and Latin) in favor of guidelines and doctrines drawn from the Year Books and, when necessary, hypothetical cases. The first dated English translation was published in 1538. OCLC locates 6 copies worldwide of the 1621 edition, and 3 in law libraries (Yale, University of Pennsylvania, University of Texas). Holdsworth, *A History of English Law* II:573. *English Short-Title Catalogue* S895. [Order This Item](#)



1649 Restatement of Laws Governing the Fair of Lyon

15. [Lyon].

Privileges des Foires de Lyon, Octroyez par les Roys Tres-Chrestiens par les Roys Tres-Chrestiens, Aux Marchands François & Etrangers y Negocians sous Lesdits Privileges, Ou Residens en Ladite Ville. Lyon: Par Guillaume Barbier, 1649. xvi, [8], 398, [8] pp. Quarto (9-1/4" x 6-1/2").

Contemporary sheep, large gilt-stamped arms of Lyons to centers of boards, gilt spine with raised bands and lettering piece. Light rubbing, corners bumped. Woodcut arms of Lyons to title page. Moderate toning, somewhat heavier in places, some leaves have faint dampspotting, a few passages have early marks or underlining. A handsome copy. \$1,500.

* Only edition. Lyon's location in central France at the confluence of two major rivers (the Rhône and Saône) helped to establish the city as a trading center and an ideal location for trade fairs. By the late fifteenth century, fairs produced by Italian merchants made Lyon the banking center of France. Given its economic importance, and the jealousy of other cities and, on occasion, kings of France, the city was careful to record and assert its rights. As much a political statement as it a legal handbook, the *Privileges* is a compilation of laws, orders, privileges and other legislation granted to the fair of Lyon from 1349 to 1563. OCLC locates 3 copies in North American law libraries (George Washington University, UC-Berkeley, Yale). *Goldsmiths' Catalogue of Economic Literature* 1012. [Order This Item](#)



An Important Paduan Jurist

16. Menochio, Giacomo [1532-1607].

De Adipiscenda, Retinenda, Et Recuperanda Possessione, Doctissima Commentaria. Item, Responsa Causae Finariensis, A Multis Italiae Celeberrimis Iurisconsultorum Collegiis Reddita, Eodem Auctore Edita. Omnia nunc Emendatius & Ornatius Quam Antehac Edita. Cum Indicibus Locupletissimis. Venice: Apud Haeredem Hieronymi Scoti, 1606. [lvi], 578, [2] pp. Woodcut genealogical table. Main text printed in parallel columns. Folio (13-1/2" x 9").

Contemporary vellum with somewhat later vellum rebacking and re-corning, raised bands and lettering piece to spine, early hand-lettered title to foot of spine, endpapers renewed. Moderate rubbing to extremities, portions of vellum lacking from front board, a few cracks to vellum covering rear board, front joint starting at foot, some edgewear and wrinkling to preliminaries. Moderate toning to text, browning, minor worming and dampstaining to a few places. Early owner signature to title page, annotations and underlining to a few leaves, interior otherwise clean. Ex-library. Small inkstamp to title page, annotations to verso. \$750.

* Later edition. Highly regarded in his time, Menochio was a professor of law at the University of Padua. First published in 1559, this treatise addresses possession and real property. It is divided into two parts. The first, and largest, part discusses the treatment of these topics in Roman law. The second part is a collection of *responsa*. It went through several editions into the late-seventeenth century. All are fairly scarce, however. OCLC locates 3 copies of this imprint in North American law libraries (Library of Congress, University of Michigan, University of Minnesota). Roberts, *A South African Legal Bibliography* 210. [Order This Item](#)



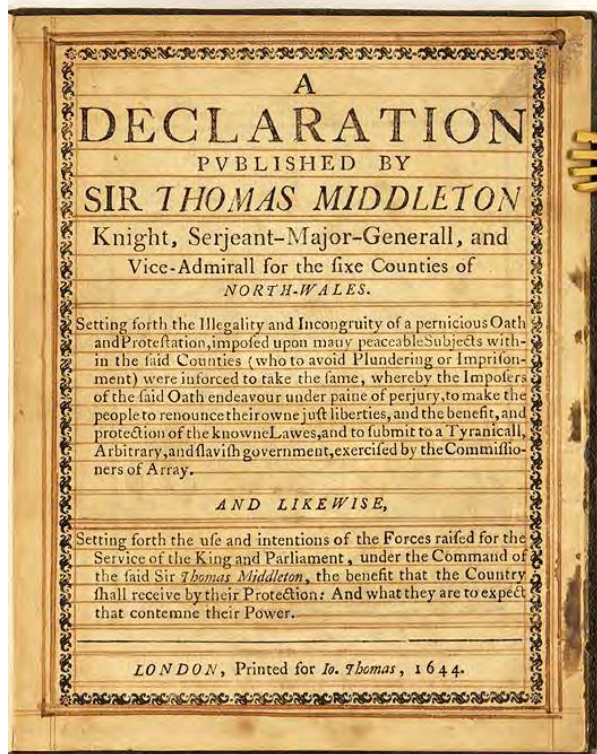
1646 Study of Laws Concerning the Blind, Mute and Deaf

17. Michalorius, Blasius (Micalorio, Biagio).

Tractatus de Coeco, Surdo et Muto. In Quo ipsorum Miseria, Quid Scire, Atque Addiscere Possint, Quos Contractus Celebrare, Num Magistratus Gerere, An in Ultimis Voluntatibus Disponere, Et Plura Alia Huiusmodi Secundum Germanam Variarum Legum, Ac Imperatorum Constitutionum, Quae Adinuicem Pugnare Videntur, Intelligentiam, Subtiliter Discutiuntur. Venice: Apud Guerilios, 1646. [viii], 152, [20] pp. Main text in parallel columns. Quarto (8-1/4" x 6").

Contemporary quarter sheep over marbled boards, gilt fillets, ornaments and title to spine. Moderate rubbing with light wear to extremities, a few scuffs to front board, rear hinge starting. Large woodcut printer device to title page, woodcut head-pieces and decorated initials. Worming to preliminaries and first few text leaves, mostly in the margins but with minor loss a few letters. Small stain and early (institutional?) inkstamp to title page, interior clean and bright. \$650.

* First edition. One of the earliest works of its kind from the early modern era, this is a curious canon-law treatise concerning blind, mute and deaf people. It appears to have been a well-received work; other editions were published in 1667, 1681, 1709, 1710 and 1847. Michalorius was a canon lawyer and member of the Rota Romana. OCLC locates 9 copies in the United States, 2 in law schools (Yale and UC-Berkeley). British Museum Catalogue (Compact Edition) 17:450. [Order This Item](#)



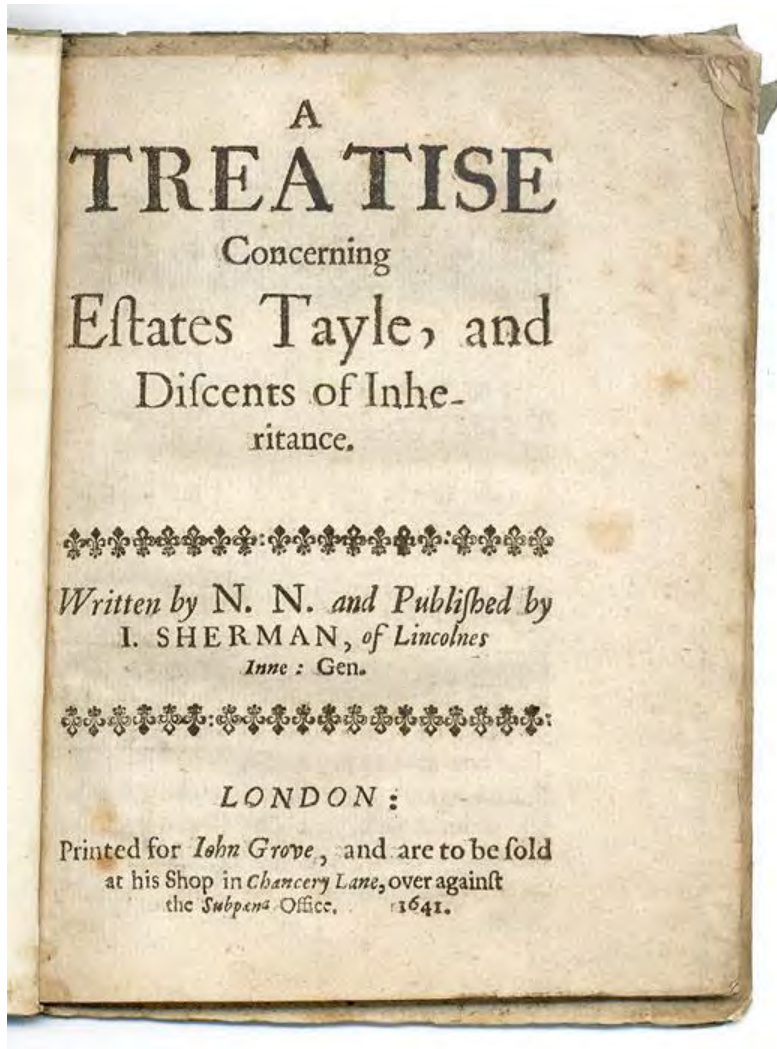
**A Statement of Parliamentary
Principles to the People of North Wales**

18. Middleton (Myddelton), Sir Thomas [1586-1666].

A Declaration Published by Sir Thomas Middleton Knight, Serjeant-Major-Generall, And Vice-Admirall for the Sixe Counties of North-Wales. Setting Forth the Illegality and Incongruity of a Pernicious Oath and Protestation, Imposed upon Many Peaceable Subjects Within the Said Counties (Who to Avoid Plundering or Imprisonment) Were Inforced to Take the Same, Whereby the Imposers of the Said Oath Endeavour Under the Paine of Perjury, To Make the People to Renounce Their Owne Just Liberties, And the Benefit and Protection of the Knowne Lawes, and to Submit to a Tyranicall, Arbitrary, And Slavish Government, Excerised by the Commissioners of Array. And Likewise, Setting Forth the Use and Intentions of the Forces Raised for the Service of the King and Parliament, Under the Command of the Said Sir Thomas Middleton, The Benefit that the Country Shall Receive by Their Protection: And What They are to Expect that Contemme Their Power. London: Printed for Io: Thomas, 1644. [ii], 6 pp. Woodcut portrait of Middleton on horseback to verso of title page, later lithograph portrait of Middleton inserted before title page. Quarto (7-1/2" x 5-3/4").

Stab-stitched pamphlet bound into nineteenth-century pebbled cloth, gilt title to center of front board. A few tiny stains to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities with some wear to spine ends and corners. Title printed within typographical border, title and text ruled in red ink. Moderate toning and light foxing, faint inkstains to margins. A rare title. \$1,750.

* Only edition. Middleton was a politician and general in the Parliamentary army during the Civil War. He was given command of troops in North Wales, where he encountered fierce opposition from Royalist forces for several years. Distributed among local civilians in the region, Middleton's *Declaration* was intended to win loyalty to the Parliamentary cause. It contrasts Parliament's defense of "just liberties and the benefit and protection of the knowne lawes" with the "Tyranicall, Arbitrary, And Slavish Government" of Charles I. OCLC locates 3 copies, 2 in North America (Harvard University, McGill). The ESTC locates 12 copies, adding 4 more locations in North America (Folger Library, Huntington Library, Newberry Library, Yale). *English Short-Title Catalogue* R15187. [Order This Item](#)



**Scarce 1641 Tract Calling for the
Reform of Laws Concerning Inheritance and Succession**

19. N.N.

A Treatise Concerning Estates Tayle, And Discents of Inheritance. Written by N.N. And Published by I. Sherman, of Lincolnes Inne: Gen. London: Printed for Iohn Grove, 1641. [ii], 42, [i.e. 43], [1] pp. Lacking first leaf, a blank. Quarto (6-1/2" x 5-1/2").

Stab-stitched pamphlet with untrimmed edges bound into plain later plain wrappers. Light soiling, a few minor stains, moderate edgewear, tiny spark burn to rear wrapper, small tear to front wrapper near foot of spine. Moderate toning to text, light foxing to a few leaves, light soiling to title page. \$1,500.

* Only edition. The Civil-War inspired several proposals to liberalize and modernize areas of the common law. A fine example of this literature, N.N.'s tract disputes the validity of primogeniture and other "ancient" aspects of inheritance and succession. A contentious piece, it offers a clever argument grounded in classic common-law sources and scripture. OCLC locates 18 copies, 7 in North American law libraries (Harvard, Library of Congress, UC-Berkeley, University of Michigan, University of Virginia, University of Washington, York University-Osgoode Hall). *English Short-Title Catalogue* R32142. [Order This Item](#)



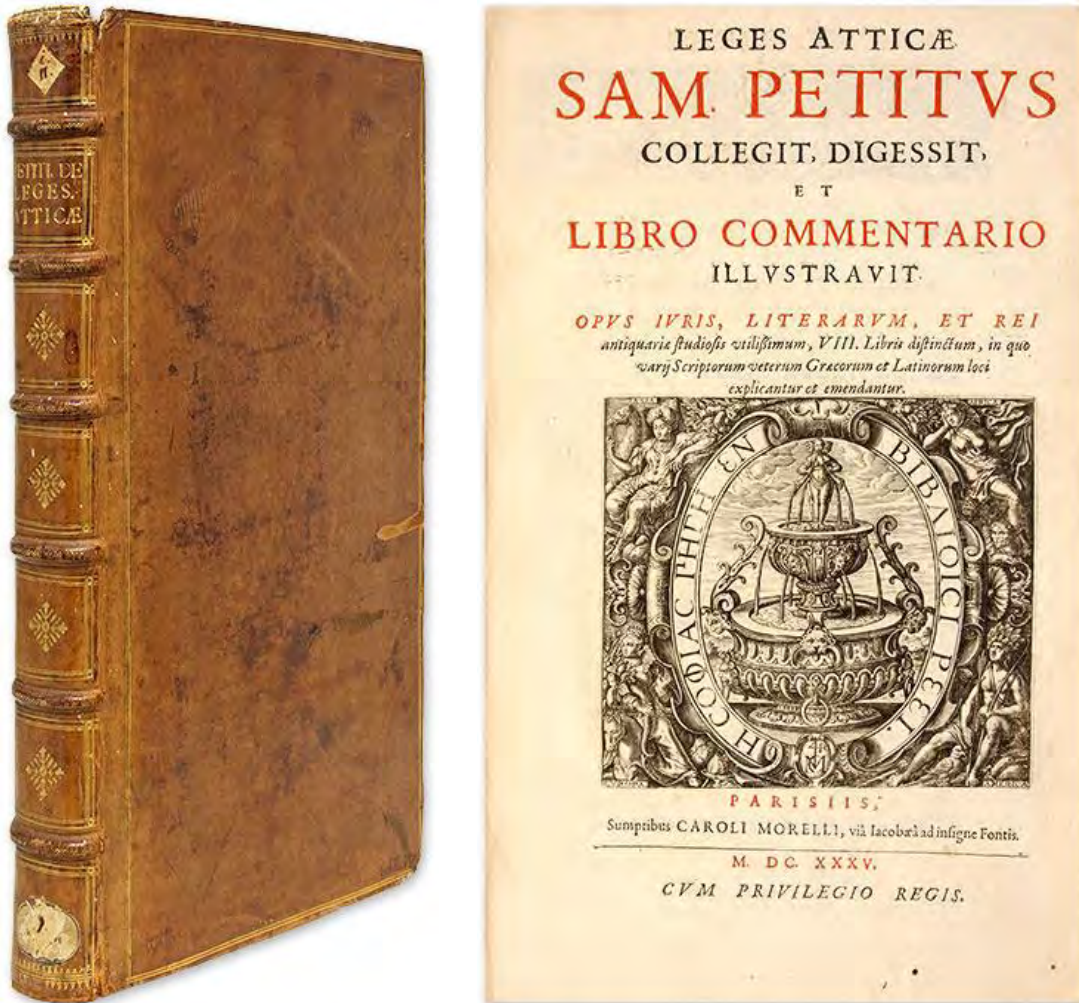
Gambling Under Roman Law

20. Pantoja de Ayala, Pedro.

Commentaria in Tit. de Aleatoribus D. et C. Madrid: Apud Petrum Tazo, 1625. [viii], 272, [12] ff. Copperplate engraved pictorial title page, featuring large female figures representing justice and prosperity. Woodcut table. Quarto (7-3/4" x 5-3/4").

Contemporary limp vellum, traces of early hand-lettered title to spine, ties lacking, endpapers renewed. Light crinkling, spine ends bumped, moderate wear to corners. Moderate toning to text, some places have faint dampstaining. Light edgewear to title page, tiny early owner signature to its top margin, annotation in same tiny hand to its verso. A nice copy of a scarce title. \$2,000.

* Only edition. The work of a Toledo lawyer, this is a closely argued study of laws concerning gambling in the *Digest* and *Code* of Justinian. The book did not have any later editions, but some of its sections were included in Everhard Otto's *Thesaurus Juris Romani* (1741-1744). OCLC locates 7 copies, in North America (UC-Berkeley Law School). Palau, *Manual del Librero Hispano-Americano* 211589. [Order This Item](#)



Important Early Study of Ancient Athenian Law

21. Petit (Petitus), Samuel [1594-1643].

Leges Atticae. Sam. Petitus Collegit, Digessit, et Libro Commentario Illustravit. Opus Iuris, Literarum, Et Rei Antiquariae Studiosis Utilissimum, VIII. Libris Distinctum, In Quo Varii Scriptorum Veterum Graecorum et Latinorum Loci Explicantur et Emendantur. Paris: Sumptibus Caroli Morelli, 1635. [xii], 557, [1] pp. Folio (13-1/2" x 8-3/4").

Contemporary calf, gilt rules to boards, raised bands, gilt title and gilt ornaments to spine. A few scuffs to boards, some wear to spine ends and corners. Title page with large copperplate vignette printed in red and black, woodcut head-pieces, tail-pieces and decorated initials. Armorial bookplate of Nicolas-Joseph Foucault to front free endpaper, armorial bookplate of the Earls of Macclesfield to front free endpaper. Toning, minor worming in a few places with no loss to text, internally clean. Ex-Macclesfield library. Small shelf labels to spine ends, small embossed stamps to title page and a few leaves. A very handsome copy. \$1,850.

* First edition. This is an important early study of ancient Athenian law. A distinguished French Orientalist, Protestant minister and principal of the College of Arts in Nimes, Petit was a correspondent with the leading European men of letters and a friend of Selden, Gessendi and Vossius. This book was reissued by K.A. Duker in 1740. *British Museum Catalogue* (Compact Edition) 20:81. [Order This Item](#)



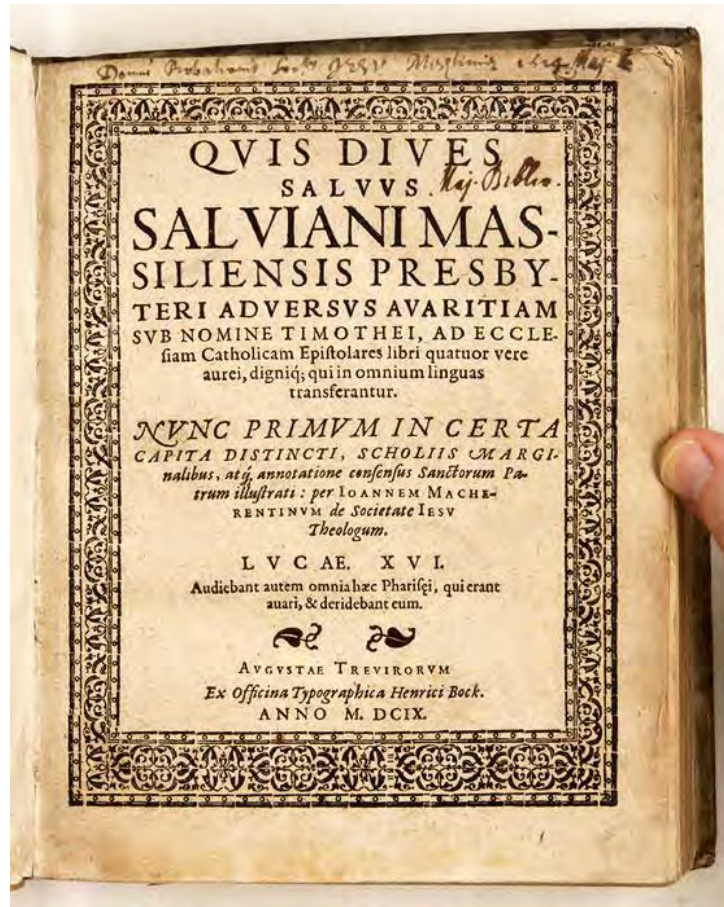
A Historical Review and Defense of the King's Right to Tax His Subjects in Order to Support the Queen

22. Prynne, William [1600-1669].

Aurum Reginae; Or a Compendious Tractate, And Chronological Collection of Records in the Tower, And Court of Exchequer Concerning Queen-Gold: Evidencing the Quiddity, Quantity, Quality, Antiquity, Legality of this Golden Prerogative, Duty and Revenue of the Queen-Consorts of England. The Several Oblations, Fines Out of Which it Springs both in England and Ireland; The Queens Officers in the Exchequer to Receive, Collect, Account to Her for It, with their Patents; The Lands, Tenements, Goods, Chattels, Persons Liable to Satisfie it; The Questions of Law About It; The Kings Title to the Arrears Thereof by the Queens Decease; The Process by Which it is to be Levyed, And What Else Concerns It. London: Printed for the Author by Thomas Ratcliffe, 1668. [viii], 138, [1] pp. With preliminary Imprimatur leaf and final errata leaf. Quarto (9-1/2" x 7-1/4").

Recent marbled boards, calf lettering piece to spine, endpapers added, original endpapers retained. Title printed within typographical border. Moderate toning to text, some edgewear to preliminaries and final leaves of text, wormhole to fore-edges of final 18 leaves, early owner signature of Thomas Manby, dated April 9, 1668 to front endleaf, note in Manby's hand indicting this copy was a gift from the author ("ex dono Authoris") to foot of imprimatur leaf, a few brief annotations in his hand to text, later owner signatures to head of imprimatur leaf and foot of errata leaf. \$1,250.

* Only edition. Broadly a defense of the King's right to impose taxation on his subjects, these essays are a historical review and defense of the *aurum reginae*, or queen-gold, a revenue raised by the king to support the queen and her retainers. Prynne was a contentious and erudite Puritan attorney and legal antiquarian who wrote several books and pamphlets about legal history, religion and politics. He had an unrivalled ability to antagonize others. His personality and choice of targets eventually led to his disbarment, imprisonment, and mutilation (loss of ears) by the Court of Star Chamber. After the Restoration Prynne was appointed Royal Archivist in the Tower of London. The owner who received this copy from Prynne was probably the Thomas Manby who was the lawyer and legal author who edited later editions of Pulton's *Collection of all the Statutes now in Use*. Prynne and Manby were fellow barristers of Lincoln's Inn. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R4976. [Order This Item](#)



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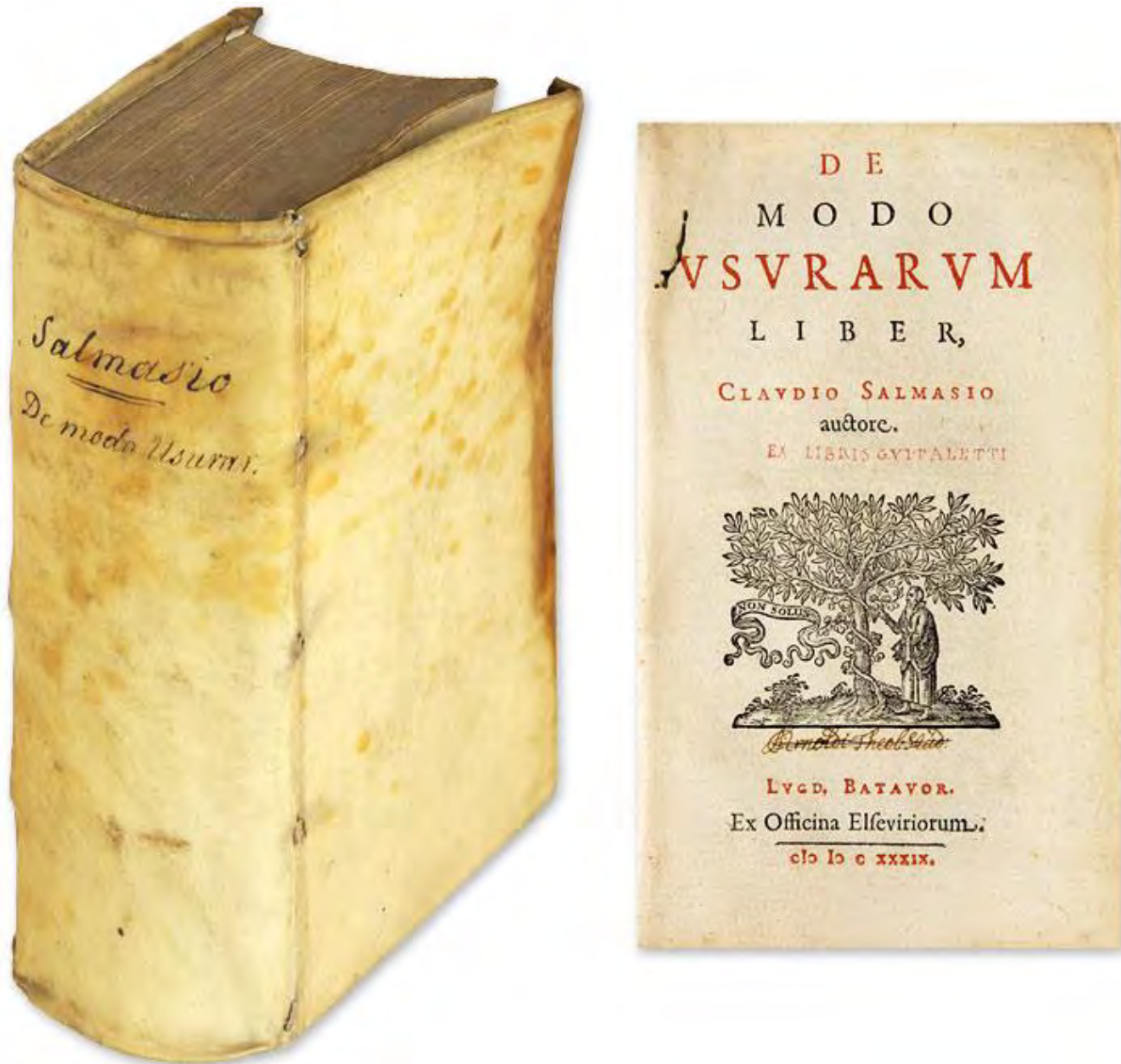
23. Salvian (Salvianus) [c.390-c.484 CE].

Macherentinus, Johannes [1540-1610], Editor.

Quis Dives Salvus. Salviani Massiliensis Presbyteri Adversus Avaritiam Sub Nomine Timothei, Ad Ecclesiam Catholicam Epistolares Libri Quatuor Vere Aurei, Digni[ue] qui in Omnium Linguas Transferantur Nunc Primum In Certa Capita Distincti, Scholiis Marginalibus, Atq[ue] Annotatione Consensus Sanctorum Patrum Illustrati: Per Joannem Macherentinum de Societate Jesu Theologum. Trier: Ex Officina Typographica Henrici Bock, 1609. 28, 226, [10] pp. Quarto (7-1/4" x 6-1/4").

Contemporary flexible vellum, later lettering piece to spine, ties lacking. Light rubbing to extremities, some soiling and spotting, vellum just beginning to crack through pastedowns. Title printed within woodcut typographical border, woodcut head-pieces, tail-pieces and decorated initials. Moderate toning to text, light foxing to a few leaves. Early annotations to endleaves, interior otherwise clean. \$950.

* First edition (by Macherentinus). Salvian of Gaul was an important Christian thinker and canonist of the fifth century. Enhanced with arguments drawn from canon law, his *Adversus Avaritiam* outlines reasons to give alms to the church. More interesting, it says parents should bequeath their estates to the Church rather than their children; it is better for children to suffer want in this world to save their parents from damnation in the next. Salvian also has much to say on the duty of self-denial by priests, nuns and monks. Macherentinus, the editor of this edition, was a Jesuit theologian. OCLC locates no copies of this edition in North America. *Das Verzeichnis der im Deutschen Sprachraum Erschienenen Drucke des 17. Jahrhunderts* 39:129323G. [Order This Item](#)



A Scarce Treatise on the Roman Law of Usury

24. Saumaise, Claude [1588-1653].

De Modo Usurarum Liber. Leiden: Ex Officina Elseviriorum, 1639. [lvi], 891, [93] pp. Octavo (6-1/4" x 4-1/4").

Contemporary vellum with lapped edges, early hand-lettered title to spine. Light staining to binding, spine ends and corners bumped. Title page with Elzevier Solitaire device printed in red and black. Light toning, faint dampstaining to margins in a few places, worm track near upper corner of preliminaries and following 20 leaves with minor loss to text (legibility not affected). Underlining to some passages in an early hand, later annotations to front free endpaper, interior otherwise clean. Ex-library. Bookplate to front pastedown. \$750.

* Only edition. An interesting treatise of usury and other matters relating to interest rates, principally in Roman and canon law. Saumaise was an *avocat* of the *Parlement* of Paris. OCLC locates 5 copies in North American law libraries (Library of Congress, Social Law, UC-Berkeley, University of Michigan, Yale). Another copy located at George Washington University Law School. Willems, *Les Elzevier: Histoire et Annales Typographiques* 488. [Order This Item](#)



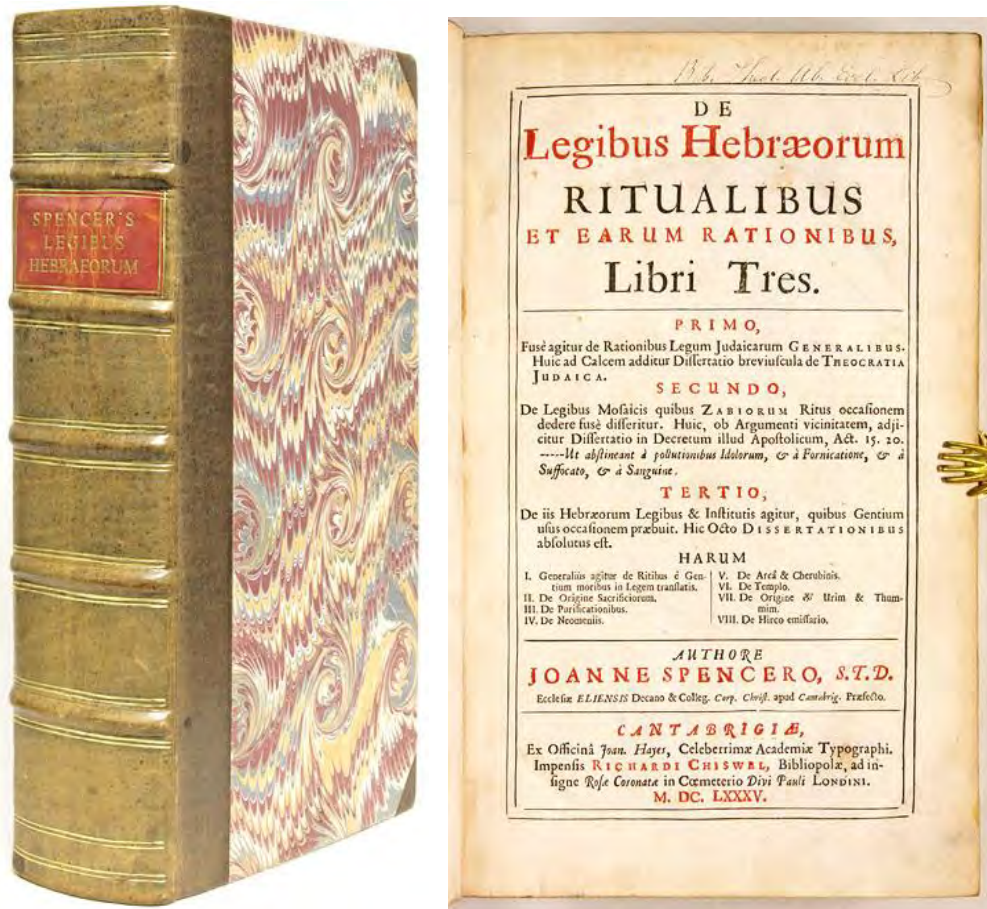
Seventeenth-Century Treatise on Bohemian Mining Law

25. Span, Sebastian.

Speculum Juris Metallici, Oder: Berg-Rechts-Spiegel, Darinnen zu Finden Was Jedweder dem Bergwesen Zugethaner, Hoben, Mittlern und Niedern Person, Als Grund-Herren, Obrist-Munzmeister, Berg-Vorstebern, Berg-Ampis-Leuten, Dienern und Arbeitern, Befehl, Verrichtung und Befugniss Ist; Wie sie sich bey und Gegen Andere, So zum Bergwerck Angenommen, Mit Befehl-Oder Forttreiben, Auch in Gut-Oder Rechtlichen Streit-Handeln Verhalten Sollen;... Dresden: Bey Johann Jacob Wincklern, 1698. [xvii], 422 (i.e. 426), [20] pp. Folio (12-1/2" x 7-3/4").

Contemporary three-quarter calf over speckled boards, raised bands, lettering piece and gilt ornaments to spine, speckled edges, ribbon marker. Some rubbing to boards and extremities, front joint just starting at head. Title page printed in red and black, woodcut head and tail-pieces. Moderate toning to text, light browning in places, part of date lacking from bottom edge of title page due to printer error, early owner stamp to foot of verso, internally clean. Ex-library. Bookplate to front pastedown. \$500.

* Only edition. Central Europe, Bohemia especially, has been an important mining center since the late-middle ages and the source of some of Europe's earliest mining laws. Originally local, Central European mining law became more Germanic over time through the authority of the Holy Roman Empire. Span's treatise summarizes this body of law with an emphasis on the enactments of Holy Roman Emperors, and Kings of Hungary, Bohemia and Croatia, Ferdinand I and Rudolf II. Among other topics, Span considers the demarcation of territory, drainage, ventilation and the division of expenses and profits among investors. OCLC locates 3 copies in North American law libraries (Harvard, UC-Berkeley, Yale). *Das Verzeichnis der im Deutschen Sprachraum Erschienenen Drucke des 17. Jahrhunderts* 1:015512F. [Order This Item](#)



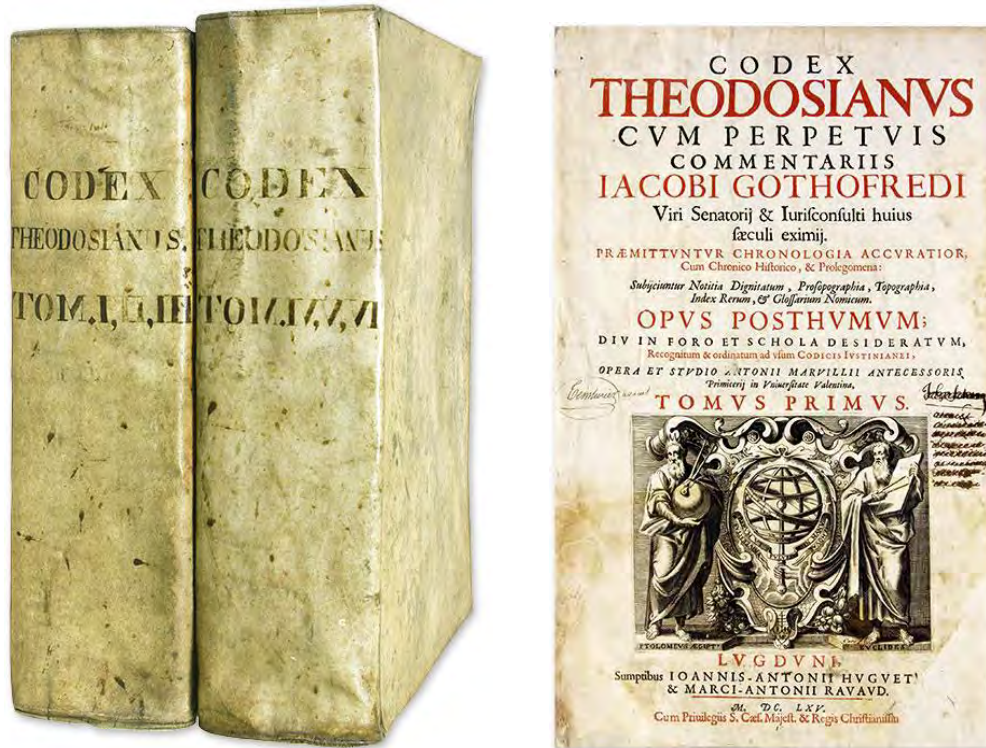
First Edition of Spencer's Pioneering Work of Comparative Religion and Law

26. Spencer, John [1630-1693].

De Legibus Hebraeorum Ritualibus Et Earum Rationibus, Libri Tres. Primo, Fuse Agitur de Rationibus Legum Judaicarum Generalibus. Huic Ad Calcem Additur Dissertatio Breuiuscula de Theocratia Judaica. Secundo, De Legibus Mosaicis Quibus Zabiorum Ritus Occasionem Dedere Fuse Dissertitur. Huic, Ob Argumenti Vicinitatem, Adjicitur Dissertatio In Decretum Illud Apostolicum, Act. 15. 20. Ut Abstineant A Pollutionibus Idolorum, & A Fornicatione, & A Suffocato, & A Sanguine, Tertio, De Iis Hebraeorum Legibus & Institutis Agitur, Quibus Gentium Usus Occasionem Praeuit. Hic Octo Dissertationibus Absolutus Est. Harum I. Generalius Agitur De Ritibus E Gentium Moribus In Legem Translatis. II. De Origine Sacrificiorum. III. De purificationibus. IV. De Neomeniis. V. De Arcâ & Cherubinibus. VI. De Templo. VII. De Origine [ton] Urim & Thummim. VIII. De Hirco Emissario. Cambridge: Ex Officinâ Joan. Hayes, 1685. [xvi], 1051, [1] pp. With a half-title. Three parts, second and third parts preceded by divisional title pages. Folio (12-1/2" x 8").

Recent period-style three-quarter calf over marbled boards, gilt edged raised bands and lettering piece to spine, endpapers renewed. Negligible light rubbing to extremities. Title page printed in red and black. Moderate toning to text, somewhat heavier in places, light spotting to a few leaves, brief later annotation to p. 402, later owner annotation to head of title page. \$1,750.

* First edition. Spencer was the master of Corpus Christi College, Cambridge. His pioneering study outlines the rituals and laws of the Jews and other Semitic peoples and proposes that Judaism was not the earliest of religions. A landmark work, it laid the "foundations of the science of comparative religion.": *Encyclopedia Judaica* XV:261. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R13440. [Order This Item](#)



The Godefroy Edition of the Theodosian Code

27. Theodosius II [408-450 CE], Emperor of the East.

Godefroy, Jacques [1587-1652], Editor.

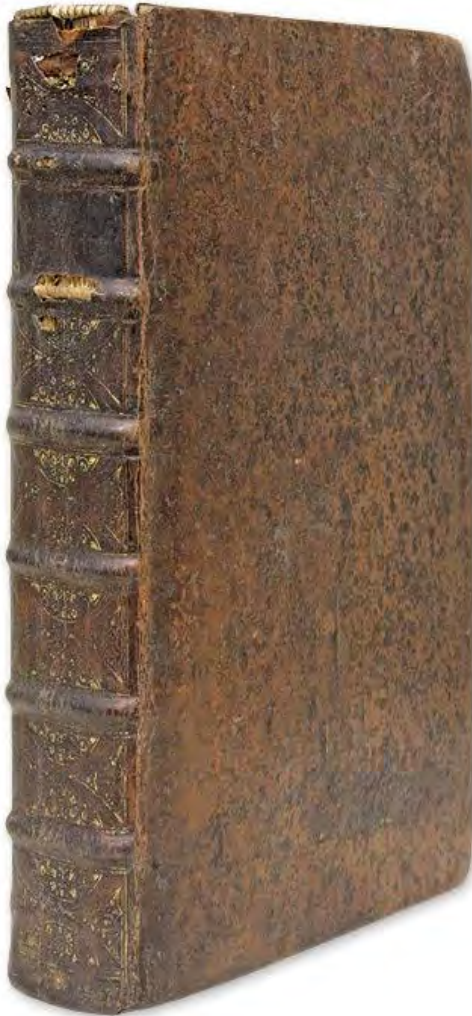
Marville, Antoine [1609-1663], Editor.

Codex Theodosianus: Cum Perpetuis Commentariis Iacobi Gothofredi. Praemittuntur Chronologia Accuratio, Cum Chronico Historico, & Prolegomena: Subiiciuntur Notitia Dignitatum, Prosopographia, Topographia, Index Rerum, & Glossarium Nomicum. Opus Posthumum; Div in Foro et Schola Desideratum, Recognitum & Ordinum ad Usum Codicis Iustiniani, opera et Studio Antonii Marvillii Antecessoris. Lyon: Sumptibus Ioannis-Antonii Hugueta, & Marci-Antonii Rauaud, 1665. Six volumes bound in two books. Main text in parallel columns. Folio (14-1/4" x 9").

Contemporary vellum, early hand-lettered titles to spines, edges colored green. Moderate rubbing and soiling, spine ends bumped, corners bumped and somewhat worn, vellum just beginning to crack through pastedowns, some edgewear to endleaves, lower portion of Volume I half-title and lower corner of title page restored (text not affected). Title pages printed red and black, woodcut head-pieces and decorated initials. Light to moderate toning, occasional foxing, faint dampstaining in places. A few early annotations and signatures to title pages of Volume I and IV, interiors otherwise clean. A desirable set. \$3,000.

* First edition. The Theodosian Code is an official compilation of all laws enacted since the reign of Constantine that was commissioned by Emperor Theodosius II in 429 CE. Completed in 438 CE, and ratified that year by the senate, it was the standard legal text of the empire, one that superseded all earlier codes. It would later exert enormous influence on the barbarians who assumed control of the Western Empire. The Visigoths, Ostrogoths, Franks, Lombards and Burgundians used it as the basis for their legal codes. Godefroy's edition, which includes extensive commentary, was the first modern edition of the *Codex*. It remains a masterpiece of scholarship and erudition. This edition also contains additional notes by Antoine Marville. Graesse, *Tresor de Livres Rares et Precieux* 209. *British Museum Catalogue* (Compact Edition) 21:980.

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A Contemporary Collection of Twelve Popish Plot Trials and a Related Broadside

28. [Trials].

[Popish Plot].

Stayley, 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, 1678. 8, 7-10 pp. *English Short-Title Catalogue (ESTC)* R228446.

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[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. Nov. 30 1678. Imprimatur, William Scroggs. London: Printed for Robert Pawlet at the Bible in Chancery-Lane, 1678. 15-1/2" x 11-1/2" broadside. *ESTC* R17181

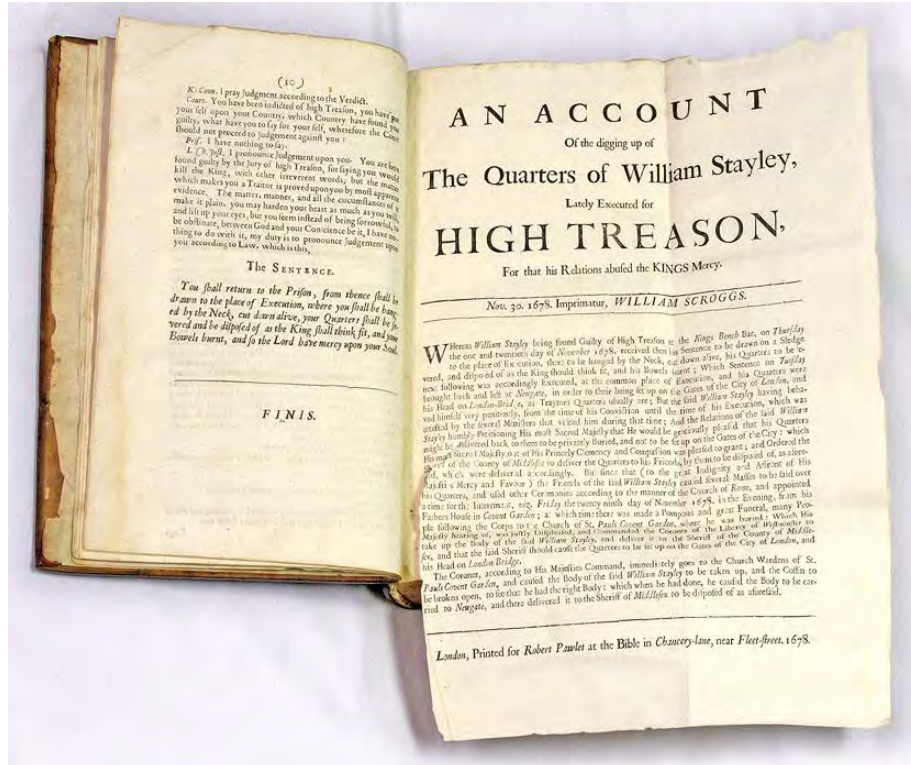
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[11 Trials of Men (and a Woman) Implicated in the Popish Plot]. [London: Various printers, 1678-1680].

Folio (12-1/2" x 8"). Stab-stitched pamphlets bound into contemporary mottled calf, gilt spine with raised bands and lettering piece (reading Trials), early manuscript index to front free endpaper. Some minor scuffs and scratches to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities with wear to head of spine, small piece of calf lacking below lettering piece, rear joint just starting at head, corners bumped and lightly worn, hinges cracked. Light toning to interior, somewhat heavier in places, faint dampstaining and worming to margins in a few places, inkstains to margins of a few leaves. A unique collection by a contemporary compiler. \$1,750.

* The Popish Plot was a fictitious conspiracy to assassinate Charles II. It provoked a spasm of anti-Catholic hysteria in England and Scotland that led to the executions of at least 22 men and women between 1678 and 1681 and harsh laws against Catholics. The work of a contemporary compiler, our volume collects 12 trials and a related broadside relating to this horrible event. The other trials are:

- [Edward Coleman] 1678. ESTC R4486.
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- [Robert Green, Henry Berry, & Lawrence Hill]. 1679. ESTC R24642.
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- [Thomas White, William Harcourt, John Fenwick, John Gavan, And Anthony Turner]. ESTC 232961.
- [The Tryall of Richard Langborn]. 1679. ESTC R1705.
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- [Andrew Brommich and William Atkins]. 1679. ESTC 18341.
- [Thomas Knox and John Lane]. 1680. ESTC R21831.
- [Lionel Anderson, William Russel, Charles Parris, Henry Starkey, Thomas Corcker and William Marshall]. 1680. ESTC R1255.
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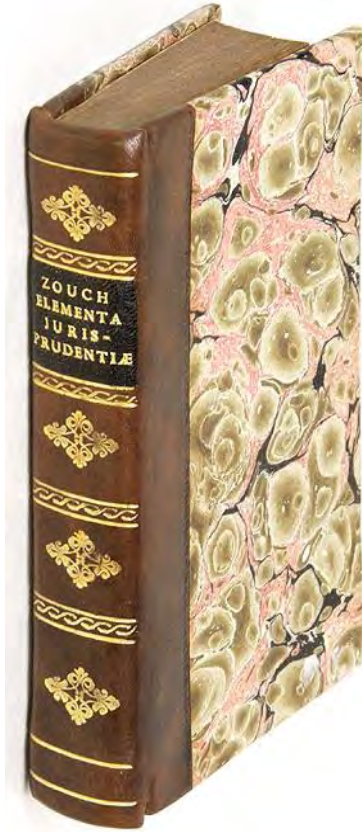
Liar!

29. Zahn, Balthasar Conrad [1616-1665].

Tractatus De Mendaciis Ex Sacris, Juridicis, Ethicis, Politicis, Historicisque Variè Congestus & In Tres Libros Dispositus; Primo, De Variis Mendaciorum Generibus, Secundo, De Illorum Poenis, Tertio, De Mendacio Urato Seu Iuramento Firmato, Quod est Perjurium. Cum Indice Duplici, Uno Capitum, Altero Rerum Memorabilium. Editio Secunda Priore Multis Mendis Castigata & Correctior. Cologne: Apud Wilhelmum & Franciscum Metternich, 1686. [viii], 504, [40] pp. Main text in parallel columns. Quarto (8" x 6-1/2").

Contemporary vellum, raised bands and early hand-lettered title to spine. Some rubbing to extremities, a few minor stains to boards, spine darkened, spine ends bumped, vellum just beginning to crack through pastedowns. Title page printed in red and black, woodcut head-pieces and tail-pieces. Moderate toning to text, browning in places, occasional light foxing. A few annotations to endleaves, internally clean. Ex-library. Small inkstamps to title page. An appealing copy of an interesting and scarce title. \$1,750.

* Second and final edition. First published in 1662, this is an extensive canon-law treatise on various types of lies and the moral and legal consequences of lying. In addition to general issues of truth and falsehood it considers libel, slander and blasphemy. *Das Verzeichnis der im Deutschen Sprachraum Erschienenen Drucke des 17. Jahrhunderts* 12:109106Z. [Order This Item](#)



The First English Writer on Jurisprudence

30. Zouch Richard [1590-1661].

Elementa Jurisprudentiae, Definitionibus, Regulis & Sententiis Selectoribus Juris Civilis, Illustrata; Accesserunt Descriptiones Juris & Judicii, Sacri, Militaris, Et Maritimi. Amsterdam: Sumptibus Joh. Nevilsoni, [1652]. [x], 439 pp. Four parts with continuous pagination and divisional title pages. 12mo. (5" x 2-3/4").

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