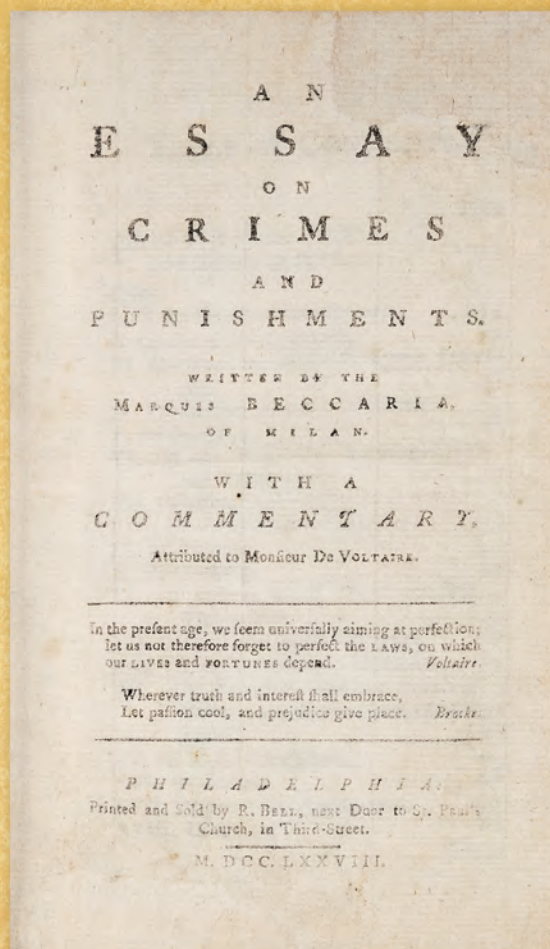
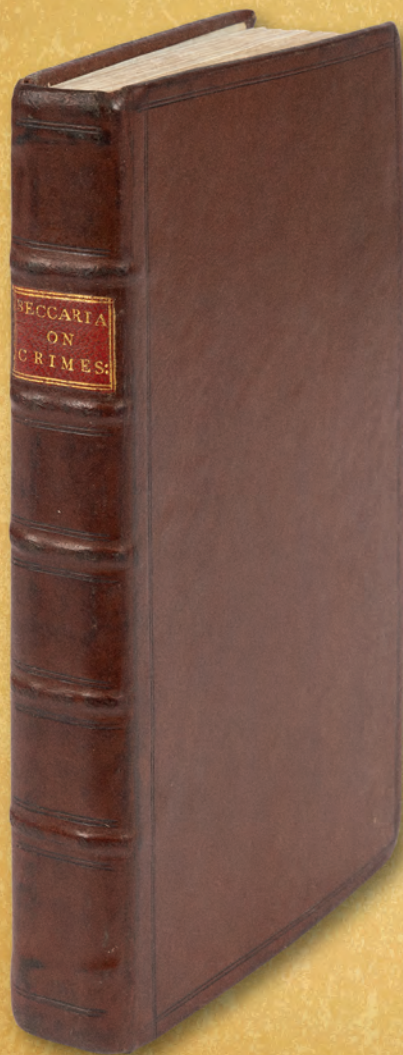


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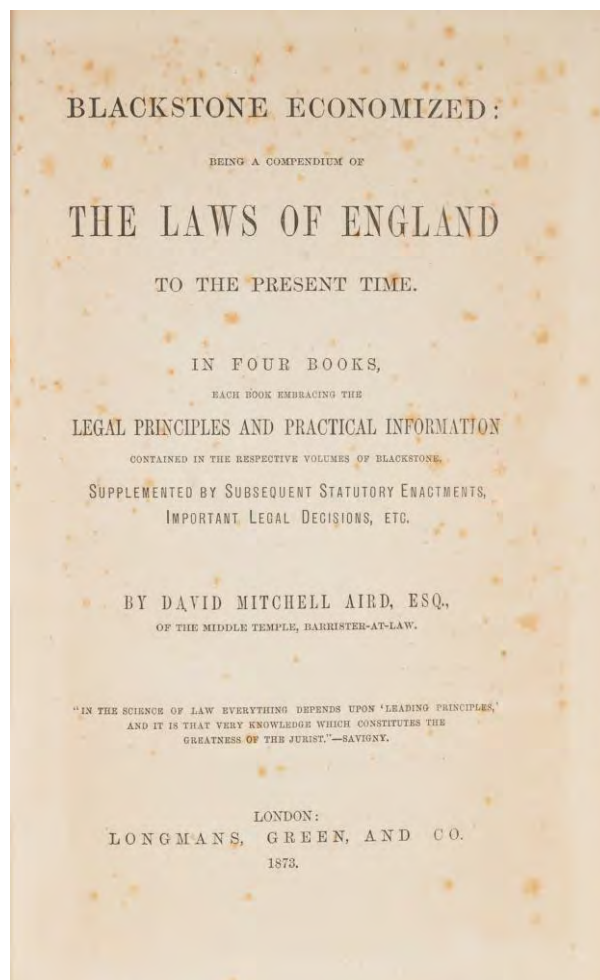
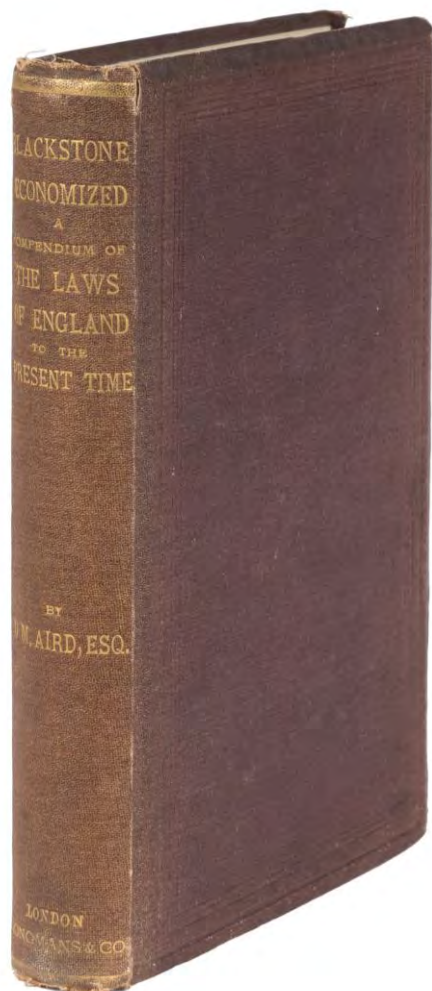
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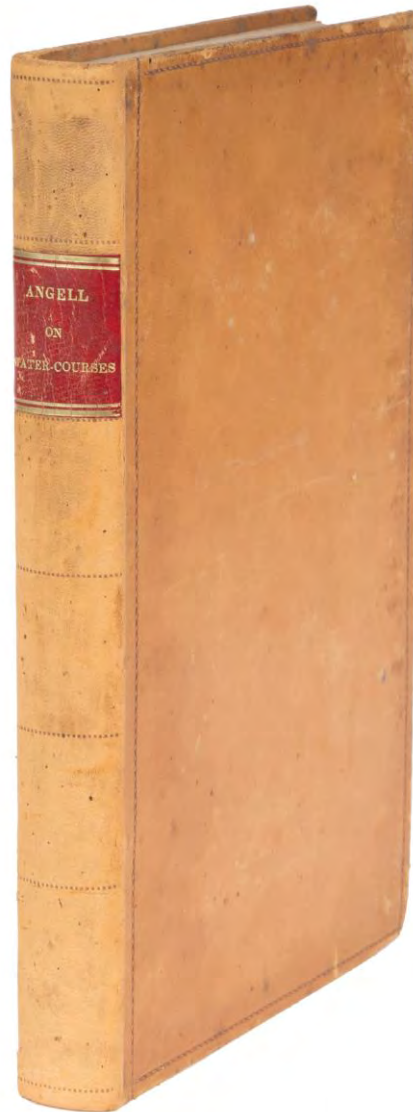
#### 1. Aird, David Mitchell.

[Blackstone, Sir William (1723-1780)].

*Blackstone Economized: Being a Compendium of the Laws of England to the Present Time. In Four Books, Each Book Embracing the Legal Principles and Practical Information Contained in the Respective Volumes of Blackstone, Supplemented by Subsequent Statutory, Important Legal Decisions, Etc.* London: Longmans, Green, and Co., 1873. xxiv, [2], [29]-352 pp. Folding table (of Descents). Octavo (7-3/4" x 5").

Original pebbled cloth, blind frames to boards, gilt title to spine. Light rubbing to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities with some wear to spine ends and corners, hinges starting, early hand-lettered shelf number to front board, later small typewritten shelf label to front free endpaper, small library stamp to verso of title page. Moderate toning, faint dampspotting in a few places, along with edges of text block. \$450.

\* First edition. The book is arranged as a series of questions followed by answered derived from the *Commentaries*. In the preface, Aird says: "My object is to place before the student the PRINCIPLES OF THE LAWS OF ENGLAND, adapted to the present state of the law, in the simplest form...." ([v], vi). Eller, *The William Blackstone Collection in the Yale Law Library* 46. Laeuchli, *A Bibliographical Catalog of William Blackstone* 59. [Order This Item](#)



### Angell's Classic Treatise on Watercourses

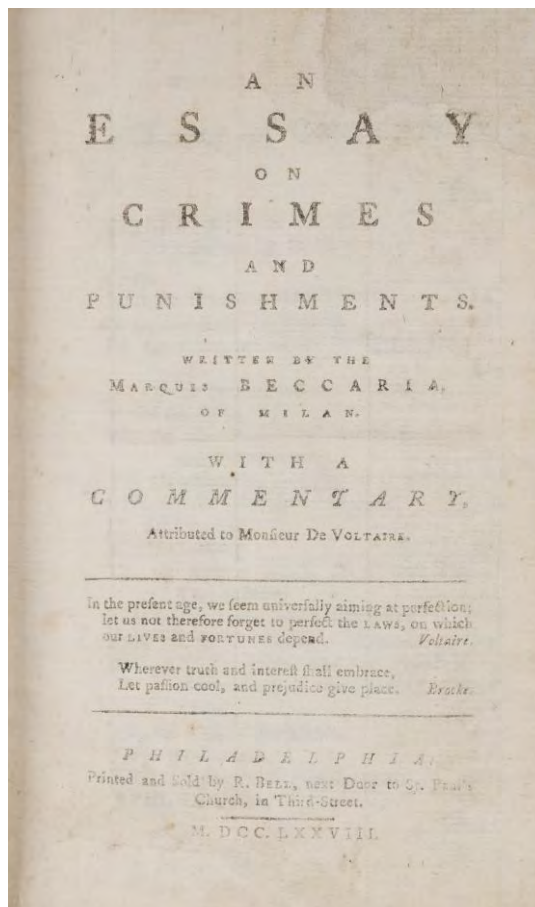
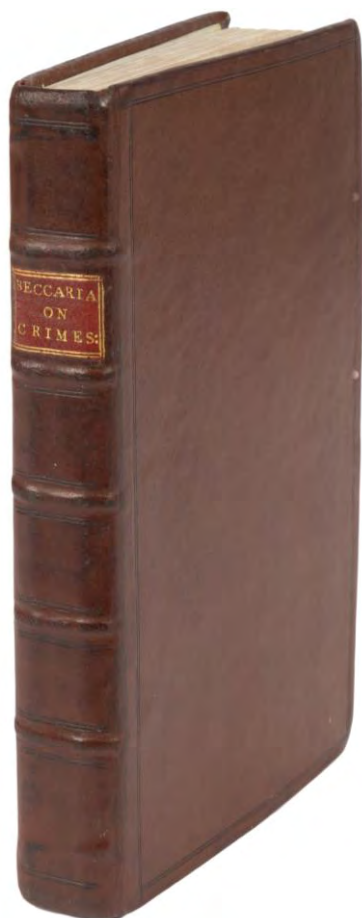
#### 2. Angell, Joseph K. [1794-1857].

*A Treatise on the Law of Watercourses. With an Appendix, Containing Statutes of Flowing, And Forms of Declarations. Revised, And Containing References to New Adjudged Cases.* Boston: Charles C. Little and James Brown, 1840. xxvi, 224, 31 pp. Octavo (8-3/4" x 5-1/4").

Contemporary sheep, blind fillets to boards, blind fillets and lettering piece to spine. Light rubbing and some minor stains and nicks to boards, moderate rubbing to spine and extremities, corners bumped and lightly worn, early owner stamp (A.H. Ware) and signature (J.T. Leavitt) to front free endpaper and title page, owner inscription (J.T. Leavitt's 1845) to head of p. ix, light toning to text. An attractive copy. \$200.

\* Third edition. The first edition of this classic treatise was published in 1824. Its final edition, the seventh, appeared in 1877. "No intelligent lawyer can well practice without Mr. Angell's treatise on water courses.": Kent, Commentaries on American Law III:453 cited in Marvin, *Legal Bibliography* 62. Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 7933.

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### Exceptional Copy of an Early American Edition of Beccaria

#### 3. Beccaria, [Cesare Bonesana, Marchese de] [1738-1794].

Sharpe, Granville [1735-1813].

Rousseau, Jean-Jacques [1712-1778].

*An Essay on Crimes and Punishments. Written by the Marquis Beccaria of Milan. With a Commentary Attributed to Monsieur De Voltaire.* Philadelphia: Printed by R. Bell, 1778. [iv], 352, [4] pp. Includes one-page publisher list. Three works in one with continuous pagination. The second work, preceded by a half-title and title page is Sharpe's *Remarks on the Opinions of Some of the Most Celebrated Writers on Crown Law, Respecting the Due Distinction Between Manslaughter and Murder*, the third, with a drop-head title, is *J.J. Rousseau, Citizen of Geneva, His Opinion on Duelling*. Octavo (7-1/2" x 4-1/2").

Recent period-style calf by Philip Dusel, blind rules to boards, raised bands and lettering piece to spine, endpapers renewed, upper corner and chip to foot of title page restored, leaves washed. Light toning, slightly heavier in places, faint spotting to a few leaves. An exceptional copy. \$4,500.

\* With a table of authorities and cases. *Dei Delitti e Delle Pene* (1764) was the first systematic study of the principles of crime and punishment. Infused with the spirit of the Enlightenment, its advocacy of crime prevention and the abolition of torture and capital punishment marked a significant advance in criminological thought, which had changed little since the medieval era. It had a profound influence on the development of criminal law. It was especially influential among American thinkers, who saw Beccaria as a source of enlightened ideas to reform English common law. Though a matter of some debate, the first American edition was published in Charleston, SC, in 1777. (Earlier American imprints, including one printed in New York in 1773, are ghosts). Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 4233. [Order This Item](#)



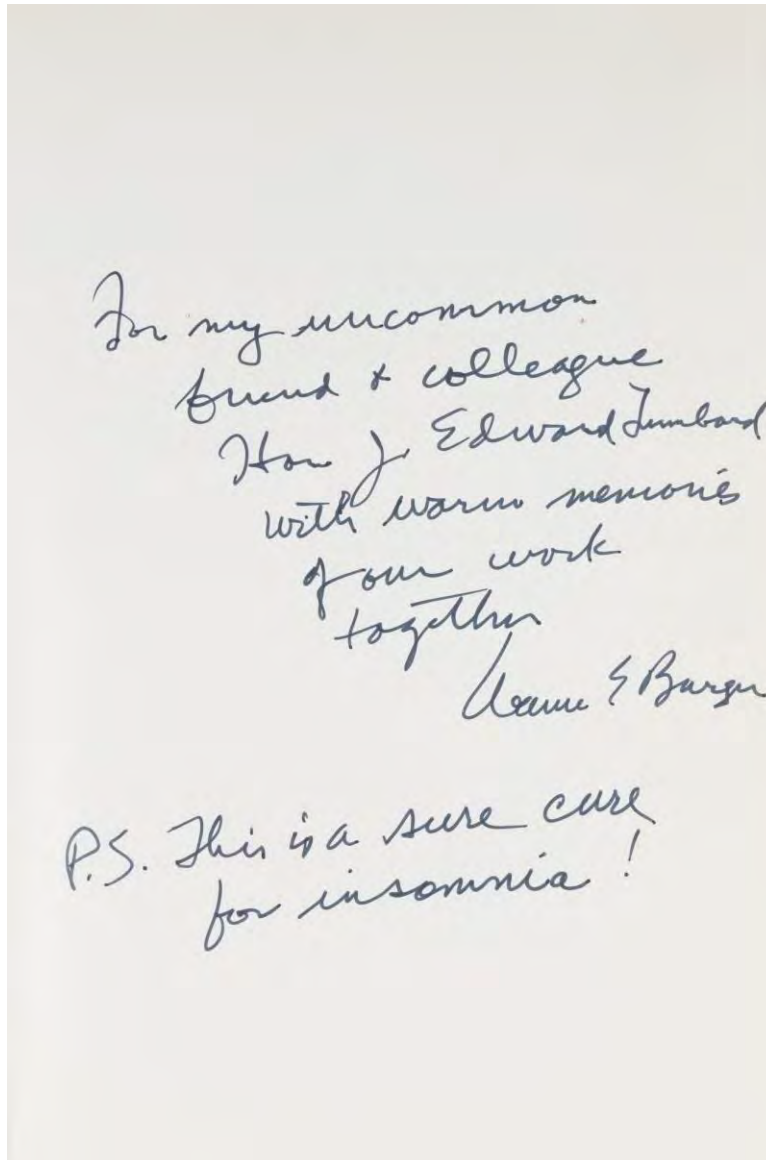
### Prisoners Awaiting Trial in Newcastle, February, 1831.

#### 4. [Broadside]. [Criminals]. [Great Britain].

*A Calendar of the Prisoners Confined in His Majesty's Gaols at Durham, Newcastle, and Morpeth, For Trial at the Assizes, February, 1831, Before the Honourable Sir Joseph Littledale, Knight, And the Honourable Sir James Parke, Knight, Justices of the King, Assigned to Hold Pleas Before the King Himself.* Newcastle: Douglas, Printer, 50, Quayside, 1831.

15" x 10" broadside, text in two columns below headline, columns and headline divided by rules. Moderate toning and edgewear, a few minor chips and tears, horizontal fold line through center, annotation in early hand to verso. \$850.

\* The crimes include larceny, housebreaking and assault. Many of the men and women listed, ranging in age from 13 to 69, would have been sentenced to transportation to New South Wales or Van Dieman's Land. [Order This Item](#)



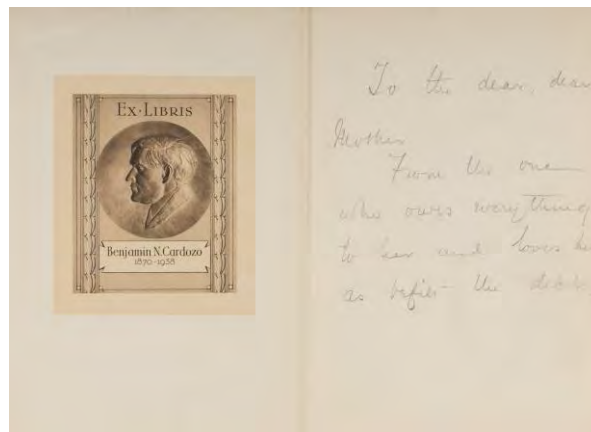
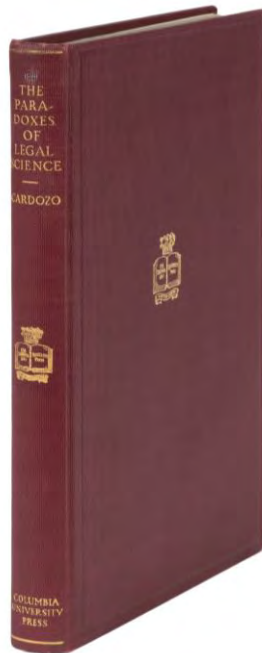
**With a Warm Inscription by Burger**

**5. Burger, Warren E. [1907-1995].**

*Significant Supreme Court Opinions of the Honorable Warren E. Burger, Chief Justice of the United States.* Manila: The Philippine Bar Association, 1984. [x], 875 pp. Portrait frontispiece.

Original cloth, light rubbing to extremities, faint crease to front board, presentation inscription by Burger to J. Edward Lumbard to front free endpaper, comment by Burger to preface. \$450.

\* Only edition. The inscription reads: "For my uncommon/ friend & colleague/ Hon. J. Edward Lumbard/ with warm memories/ of our work/ together/ Warren E Burger/ P.S. This is a sure cure/ for insomnia!" A line in the preface stating that Burger selected the contents of the book is followed by a manuscript comment in the margin by Burger: "No. A committee did it!" Burger was the 15th Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court, serving from 1969 to 1986. Lumbard [1901-1999], a distinguished politically connected lawyer and prosecutor, was a judge, later chief judge and senior judge, of the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit from 1955 until the end of his life. [Order This Item](#)



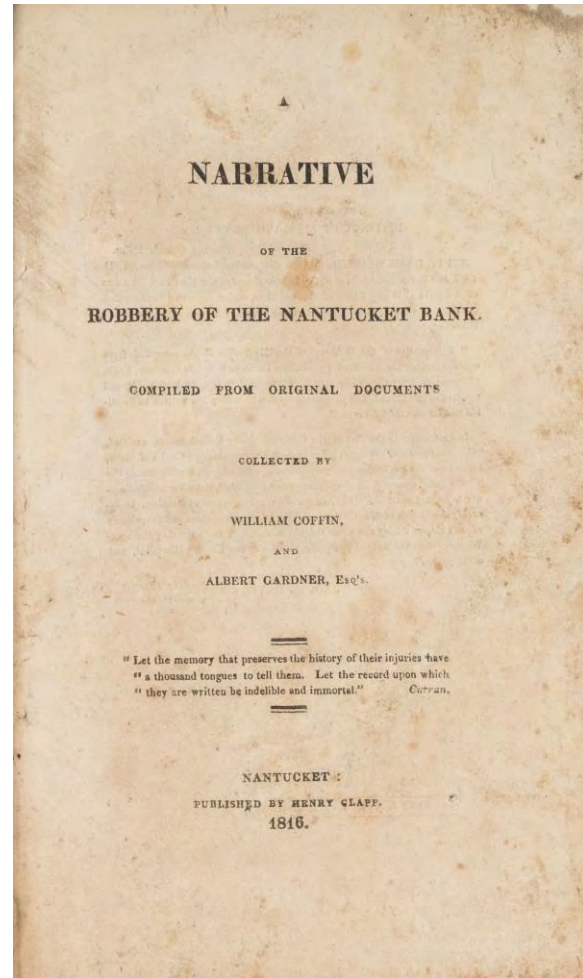
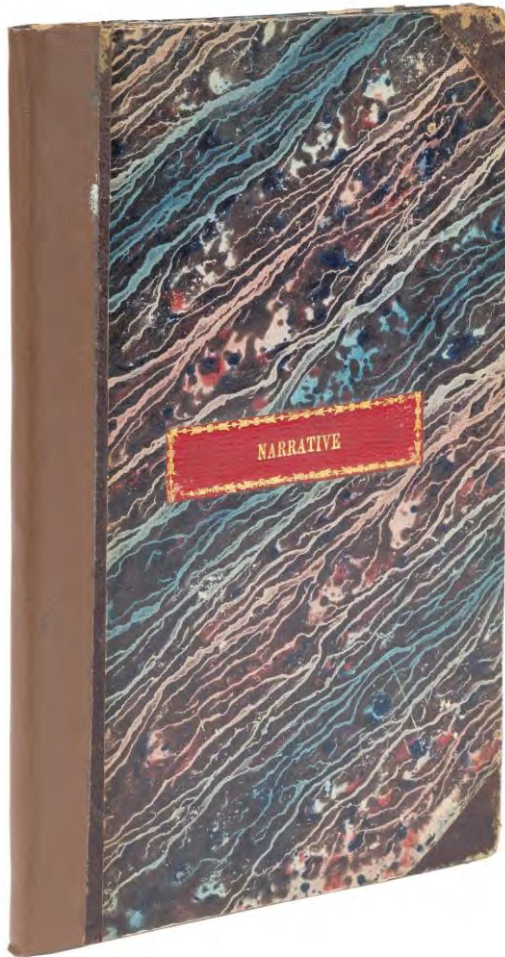
### Cardozo's Copy of One of His Most Important Books

#### 6. Cardozo, Benjamin N. [1870-1938].

*The Paradoxes of Legal Science*. New York: Columbia University Press, 1928. v, 142, [1] pp.

Original cloth, gilt title to spine, blind frames to boards, gilt Columbia University Press crest to center of front board. Light rubbing to extremities, Cardozo memorial bookplate to front pastedown, unsigned inscription in pencil, apparently in Cardozo's hand, to front free endpaper, light toning to text. \$2,500.

\* First edition. One of Cardozo's most important books, *The Paradoxes of Legal Science* is a classic statement of juristic pragmatism. As Goodhart points out, it also reveals the non-legal sources, such as Greek philosophy, that informed his work. The bookplate was commissioned by Judge Irving Lehman, Cardozo's executor and close friend, to mark the books from Cardozo's library that were bequeathed to him. The inscription reads: "To the dear, dear Mother From the one who owes everything to her and loves her as befits the debt." The handwriting appears to be Cardozo's, but we cannot identify the "dear, dear Mother." It cannot be Cardozo's mother; she died when he was a child. See Lehman, *Benjamin Nathan Cardozo: A Memorial* 18. Goodhart, *The Jewish Lawyers of the Common Law* 59-60. [Order This Item](#)



### Written to Clear the Names of Suspected Nantucket Bank Robbers

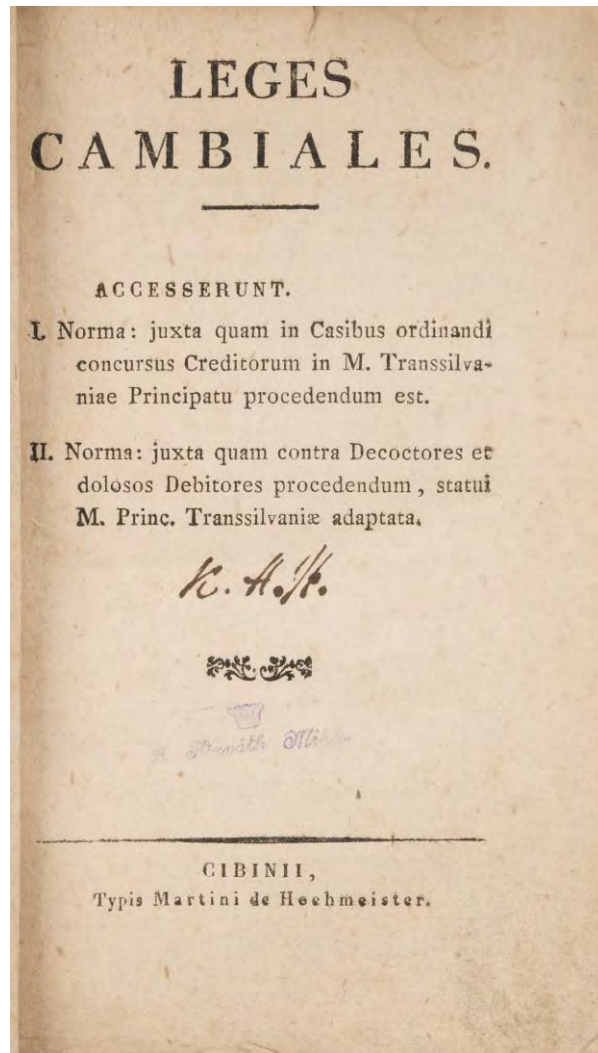
#### 7. Coffin, William. Gardner, Albert.

*A Narrative of the Robbery of the Nantucket Bank. Compiled from Original Documents.* Nantucket, MA: Printed by Henry Clapp, 1816. 69 pp. Octavo (8-1/4" x 4-3/4").

Stab-stitched pamphlet bound into nineteenth-century three-quarter calf over marbled boards, small calf title panel to front board, spine covered in later cloth tape. Light rubbing to boards, moderate rubbing to board edges with wear to corners, bookplate of Benjamin DeForest Curtiss to front pastedown and verso of front free endpaper, rear hinge cracked, another crack between front endleaf and title page, which is soiled. Moderate toning to text, occasional dampstaining to margins, light foxing to a few leaves. \$1,250.

\* Only edition. This pamphlet concerns the case *Rice et Al. v. Commonwealth of Massachusetts*. "Compiled to clear the names of Rice and several other citizens of Nantucket who had been tried for the bank robbery and acquitted, but who were still under suspicion by fellow townsmen. Page vii refers to the trial, but the court in which it took place is not given. Randall Rice was one of the defendants named in the narrative. Also mentioned are three defendants who were arrested but escaped from prison before being tried: John Clark, Jr., Zebulon Witherby, and one Johnson" (Cohen). Curtis [1851-1922] was a distinguished Americana collector. OCLC locates 16 copies, none in law libraries. Shaw & Shoemaker, *American Bibliography* 37286. Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 14045. [Order This Item](#)





### The Law of Debtor and Creditor in Eighteenth-Century Transylvania

#### 8. [Debtor and Creditor].

#### [Principality of Transylvania].

*Leges Cambiales. Accesserunt, I. Norma: Juxta Quam in Casibus Ordinandi Concursus Creditorum in M. Transsilvaniae Principatu Procedendum Est. II. Norma: Juxta Quam Contra Decoctores et Dolosos Debitores Procedendum, Statui M. Princ. Transsilvaniae Adaptata.* Sibiu: Typis Martini de Hochmeister, [1773]. 112, [4] pp. Octavo (8" x 5-1/4").

Contemporary thick-paper wrappers, untrimmed edges, recent cloth reinforcement to spine and repairs to lower corner of front wrapper and upper corner of rear wrapper. Light soiling and a few minor stains, early illegible owner signature in tiny hand to head of front wrapper. Moderate toning and light foxing to interior, faint dampstaining to foot of text block from p. 45 to end of text, early owner initials in tiny hand and later small owner stamp to title page. \$950.

\* Only edition located. This digest from the Principality of Transylvania, a realm of the Hungarian Crown, details laws governing bills of exchange and the legal process for the management of debtors and creditors with reference to Hungarian law. Special attention is given to legal remedies against defaulters and evasive debtors. It includes a detailed index and systematic discussion of procedure. This is a rare title. OCLC locates 1 copy in North America (University of Minnesota Law Library). [Order This Item](#)



### 1859 Licence Granted to a Female Bookseller in Meung-sur-Loire, France

#### 9. [France].

#### [Female Booksellers].

[Bookseller Licence Granted to Thérèse Grizon During the Reign of Napoleon III]. Paris, February 14, 1859.

13-3/4" x 17-3/4" part-printed parchment document, text within woodcut architectural border, imperial crest at head of document. Vertical and horizontal fold lines, contemporary inkstands and endorsements in small neat hands. \$650.

\* Established by decree on February 5, 1810, the Directorate of Printing and Bookstores established France's first modern system to regulate printed materials and their distribution. People in the trade were required to hold a licence, which was granted after a formal investigation into an applicant's personal, political and financial background and the taking of an oath to observe censorship laws.

Our licence was granted to Thérèse Grizon, "the widow Trousseau." Born in 1806, she ran a bookstore in Meung-sur-Loire. A former grocer, she was 53 when her licence was granted. She was active as a bookseller, specializing in religious and educational publications, to around 1879. The document is signed by the Head of the Printing, Bookstore and Press Division. It bears the stamp of the printing office, the Orleans district court and the imperial stamp. Obtaining the patent was followed by an oath. A note in the right corner of the document that: "The lady Grizon (Thérèse) widow Trousseau took the oath prescribed by law at the public civil academy of the chamber of vocations of the court of first instance of Orleans on September 24 1859." [Order This Item](#)



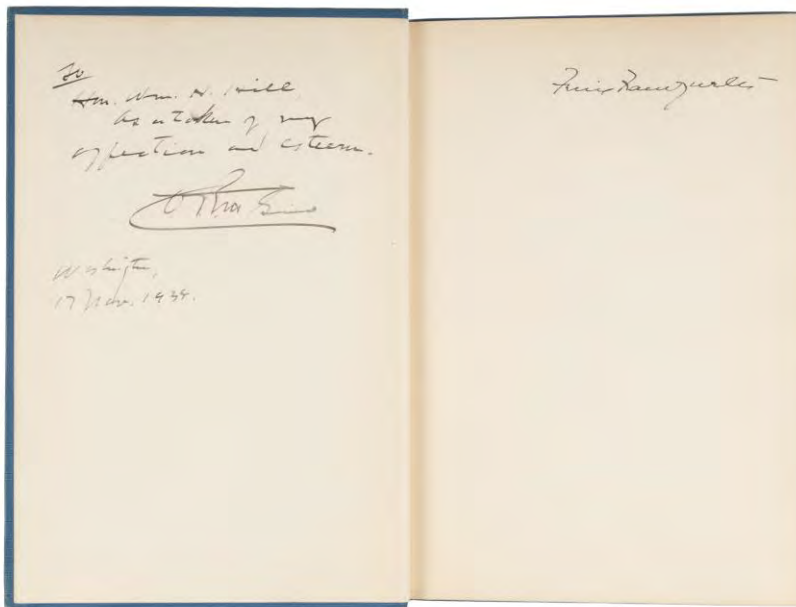
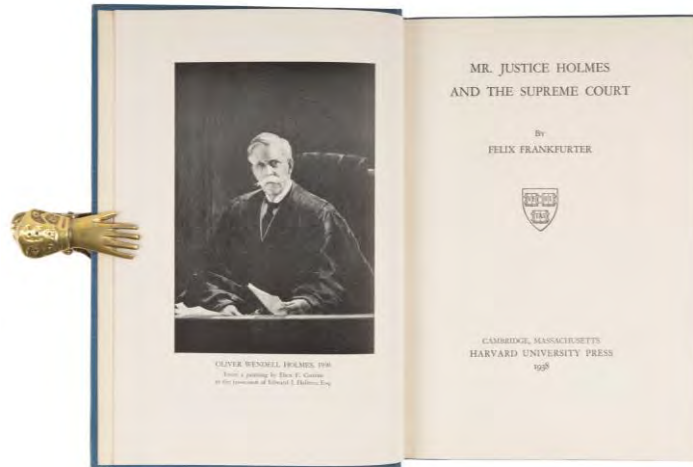
### A Scarce Sixteenth-Century Treatise on Suretyship

#### 10. Francus, Valentin.

*Tractatus de Fideiusoribus, Tum ad Ius Commune, Tum Saxonicum Accommodatus: Unà cum Indice Omnium Materiarum Scitu Dignarum Locupletissimo.* Leipzig: Impensis Henningi Grosii Bibliopolae, 1594. [8] Bl., [xvi], 510, [59] pp. Quarto (7-1/4" x 6").

Contemporary paneled pigskin, raised bands and early hand-lettered title to spine, bronze clasps and catches. Light soiling, some worm holes and a few minor gouges to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities with some wear to corners, front joint just starting at head, cracks in text block between front free endpaper and title page and rear free endpaper and final leaf of text. Light browning to text, occasional faint dampstaining to text block, mostly to margins, minor worming and light edgewear to preliminaries, final leaves of text and rear endleaves, some soiling and struck-through early owner signature to title page, bookplate residue to verso. \$2,000.

\* First edition. This treatise examines suretyship (guarantee by a third party) in Roman, canon and Saxon contract law. Little is known about Francus. The book appears to have been well-received because it had two more editions in 1599, 1600. All are scarce. OCLC locates no copies of any edition in North America. *Das Verzeichnis der im Deutschen Sprachbereich Erschienenen Drucke des 16. Jahrhunderts* F2256. [Order This Item](#)



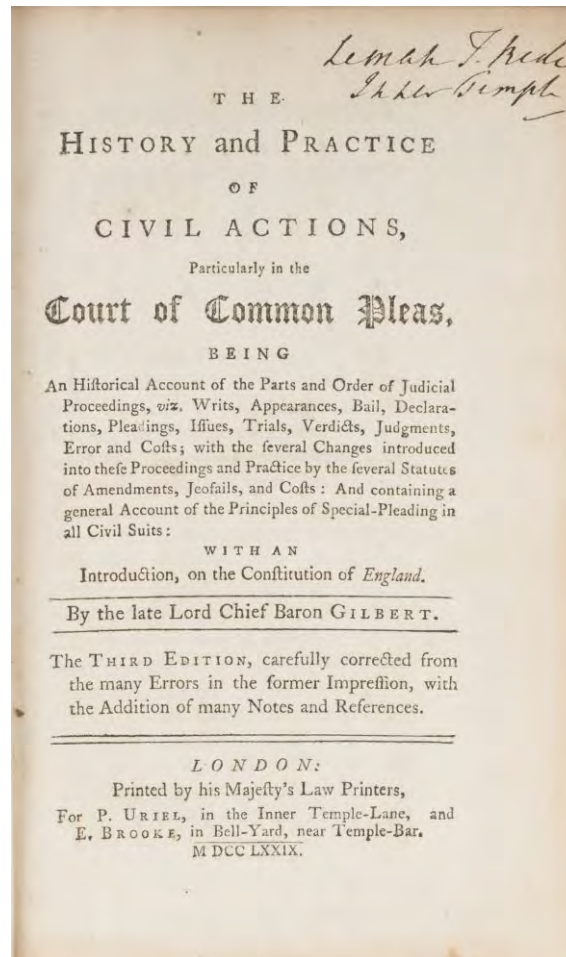
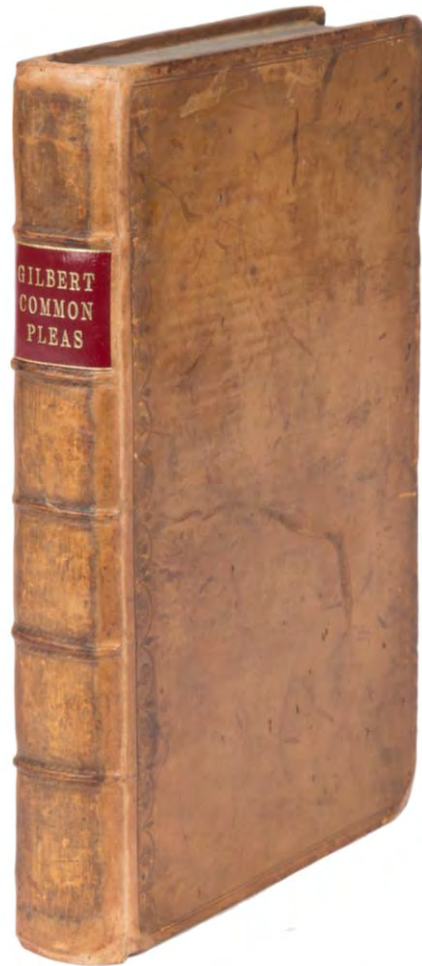
### Signed by Frankfurter

#### 11. Frankfurter, Felix [1882-1965].

*Mr. Justice Holmes and The Supreme Court*. Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 1938. [viii], 137 pp. Portrait frontispiece.

Original cloth, blind frames to boards, gilt title to spine. A few minor scratches to boards, light rubbing to extremities, light toning to interior. "Felix Frankfurter" in bold hand to front free endpaper, presentation inscription "To Hon. Wm. H. Hill" in someone else's hand, signed with an illegible signature, to front pastedown. \$750.

\* *Mr. Justice Holmes* is Frankfurter's finest statements of his admiration for Holmes. This and other books did much to establish Holmes's posthumous reputation. The "Hon. Wm. H. Hill" is probably William Henry Hill [1876-1972], a prominent New York Republican politician and newspaper publisher. [Order This Item](#)



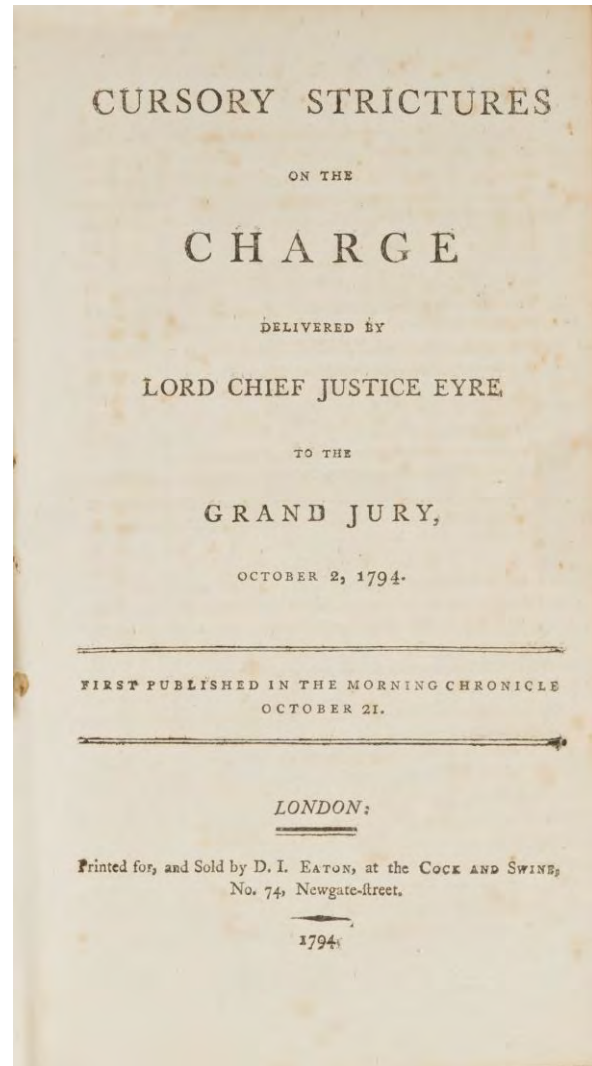
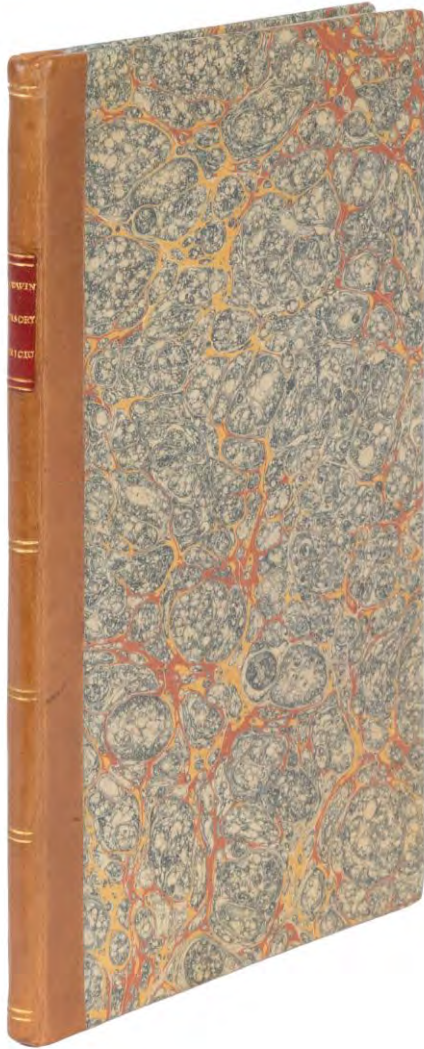
### Gilbert on Civil Actions and the English Constitution

#### 12. Gilbert, Sir Geoffrey [1674-1726].

*The History and Practice of Civil Actions, Particularly In the Court of Common Pleas. Being an Historical Account of the Parts and Order of Judicial Proceedings, Viz. Writs, Appearances, Bail, Declarations, Pleadings, Issues, Trials, Verdicts, Judgments, Error and Cofts; With the Several Changes Introduced into These Proceedings and Practice by the Several Statutes of Amendments, Jeofails, And Cofts: And Containing a General Account of the Principles of Special-Pleading in All Civil Suits: With an Introduction, On the Constitution of England. Carefully Corrected from the Errors in the Former Impression, With the Addition of Many Notes and References.* London: Printed by His Majesty's Law Printers, 1779. [380] pp. Star-paged to the previous edition (1761). Octavo (8" x 5").

Contemporary calf, blind rules to boards, blind fillets along joints, rebacked retaining existing spine raised bands, recent lettering piece, corners and front hinge mended. Some minor nicks, scuffs and stains to boards, corners bumped, owner signature (F.C.B. Clark, 1884) to front pastedown, illegible later signature to head of title page, moderate toning to text, brief early annotation to rear free endpaper in tiny hand. \$450.

\* Third edition. "[In the *Commentaries*] Sir William Blackstone highly recommends this work to the perusal of the student, which, he says, has traced out the reason of many parts of our modern practice from the feudal institutions, and primitive construction of our courts, in a most clear and ingenious manner.": Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 1:270 (73). *English Short-Title Catalogue* T95565. [Order This Item](#)



### Godwin Denounces the Dangerous Precedent Set by a Recent Sedition Trial

#### 13. [Godwin, William (1756-1836)].

*Cursory Strictures on The Charge Delivered by Lord Chief Justice Eyre to the Grand Jury, October 2, 1794. First published in the Morning Chronicle October 21.* London: Printed for and Sold by D.I. Eaton, 1794. 31, [1] pp. Includes one-page publisher list.

Stab-stitched pamphlet bound into recent period-style quarter calf over marbled boards (by Philip Dusel). Light toning to interior, faint dampspotting to a few leaves. \$950.

\* Only edition, one of three issues from 1794. This pamphlet is a commentary on the recent sedition trial of Maurice Margarot, one of the founding members of the London Corresponding Society, a radical group organized to demand parliamentary reform in the late eighteenth century. Victims of a wave of anti-French hysteria initiated by the French Revolution, he and four other radicals (later known as the "Scottish Martyrs to Liberty") were convicted and transported to Australia in May 1794. Godwin, the notable English social critic and anarchist, denounced these trials and forcefully argued that the prosecution's concept of "constructive treason" allowed a judge to construe any behaviour as treasonous. His pamphlet initiated a response from Francis Buller, a puisne judge of King's Bench and Eyre's subordinate, which Godwin answered in another pamphlet. *English Short-Title Catalogue* N26623. [Order This Item](#)



**A Treatise on Inheritance and Succession**  
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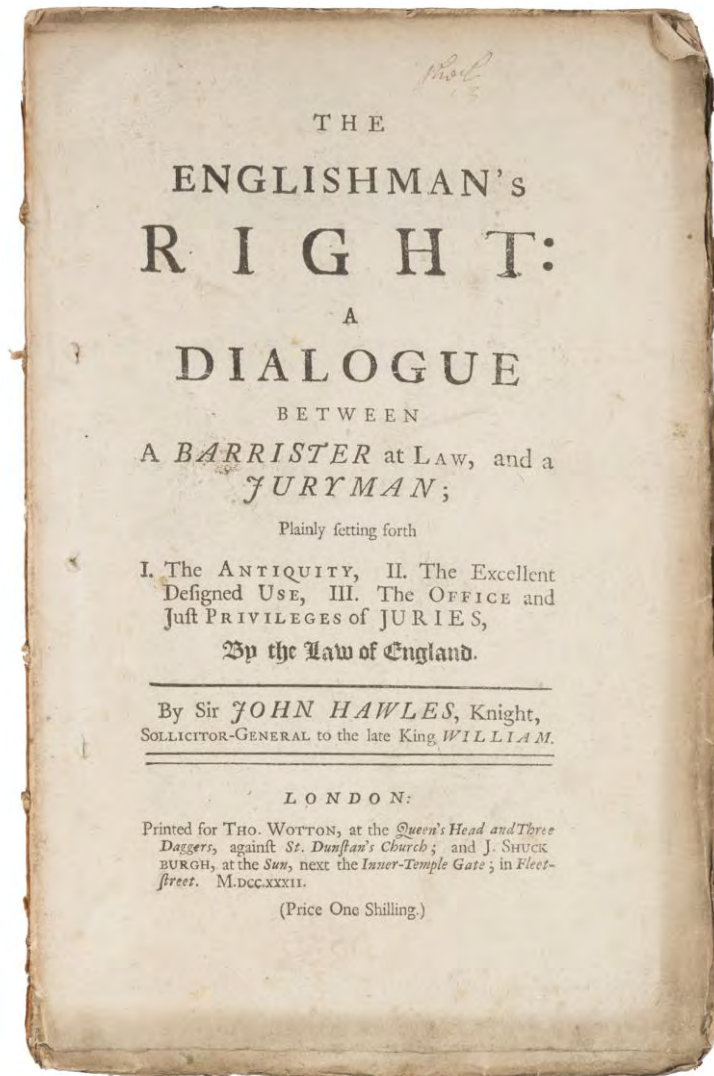
**14. [Hale, Matthew (1609-1676)].**

**[Shower, Sir Bartholomew (1658-1701), Editor].**

*De Successionibus apud Anglos: Or, A Treatise of Hereditary Descents, Shewing the Rise, Progress and Successive Alterations Thereof. And Also the Laws of Descent as They are Now in Use.* London: Printed and are to be Sold by A. Baldwin, 1700. [viii], 104 pp. Folding table (of descents). Octavo (6-1/4" x 4-1/2").

Contemporary speckled calf, rebacked in period style with raised bands and lettering piece. Minor worming and a few minor nicks and scuffs to board, moderate rubbing to board edges with some wear to corners, hinges cracked, some edgewear to preliminaries. Moderate toning, occasional faint spotting and dampstaining. Early owner initials to head of dedication leaf, annotations to front pastedown and a few other leaves. \$850.

\* First edition. This work is derived from the manuscript of Hale's *History of the Common Law of England*, which was first published in 1713. Shower edited the text liberally and added some original material, most notably the folding table, "A Scheme of Pedigrees." With a few exceptions, the manuscript annotations in our copy are references to statutes, cases and Littleton's *Tenures*. The first edition was reissued twice in 1700; a second edition followed in 1735. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R14823. [Order This Item](#)



### A Significant Work on the Right to Trial by Jury

15. Hawles, Sir John [1645-1716].

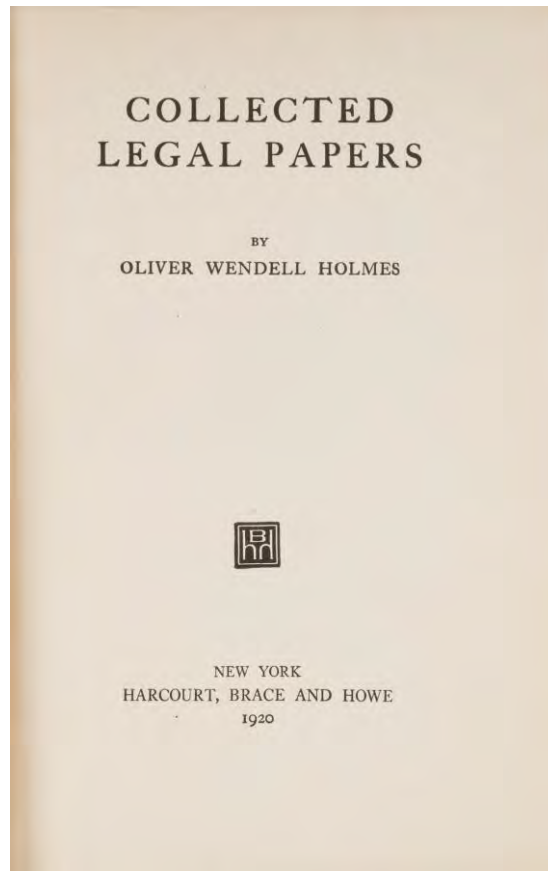
[Bacon, Francis (1561-1626)].

*The Englishman's Right: A Dialogue Between a Barrister at Law, and a Juryman; Plainly Setting Forth, I. The Antiquity, II. The Excellent Designed Use, III. The Office and Just Privileges of Juries, By the Law of England.* London: Printed for Tho. Wotton, 1732. viii, 52 pp. Octavo (8-1/2" x 5-1/2").

Disbound stab-stitched pamphlet, untrimmed edges. Moderate toning, light soiling to exterior, light browning to margins of title page, illegible signature in miniscule hand to head of title page. \$500.

\* Second edition of a work first published in 1680. This edition with a preface 'To The Bookseller' by 'J.K.' A staunch Whig, Hawles wrote *The Englishman's Right* to outline the rights, duties and proper behavior of a jurymen and to promote the jury system as a bulwark against tyranny. Immediately successful among Whigs and others who saw themselves as defenders of English liberties, it was received with great enthusiasm in America, where it was reprinted several times well into the nineteenth century. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T106583. [Order This Item](#)





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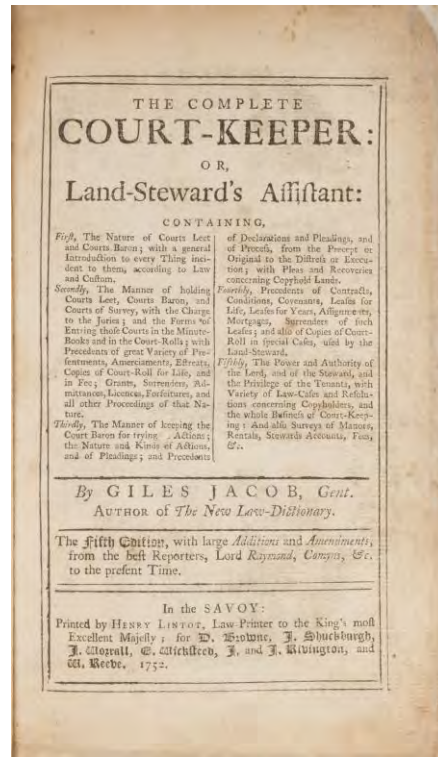
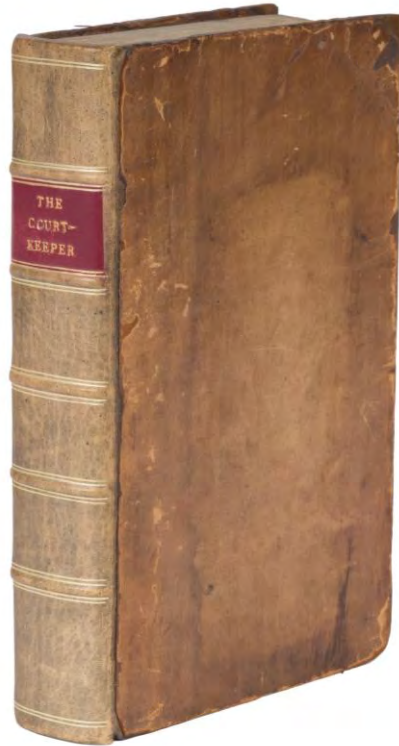
**Signed by Holmes**

**16. Holmes, Oliver Wendell [1841-1935].**

*Collected Legal Papers*. New York: Harcourt, Brace and Howe, 1920. vii, 316 pp.

Original cloth, printed paper title label to spine. Moderate rubbing, faint dampstaining to boards, spine label worn. moderate toning to text, faint dampspotting to endleaves, "Oliver Wendell Holmes March 15, 1927" to head of front free endpaper. \$1,250.

\* Only edition, early printing. A valuable compilation, this volume contains Holmes' most famous speeches and papers from 1885 to 1918. Its publication in 1920 was an important event in the legal community, and it was reviewed with great enthusiasm in the major journals and law reviews. This book was not published with edition or issue statements. The publisher imprint on our copy shows that it is an early, possibly first, printing. (Harcourt, Brace and Howe became Harcourt, Brace and Company in 1921.) [Order This Item](#)



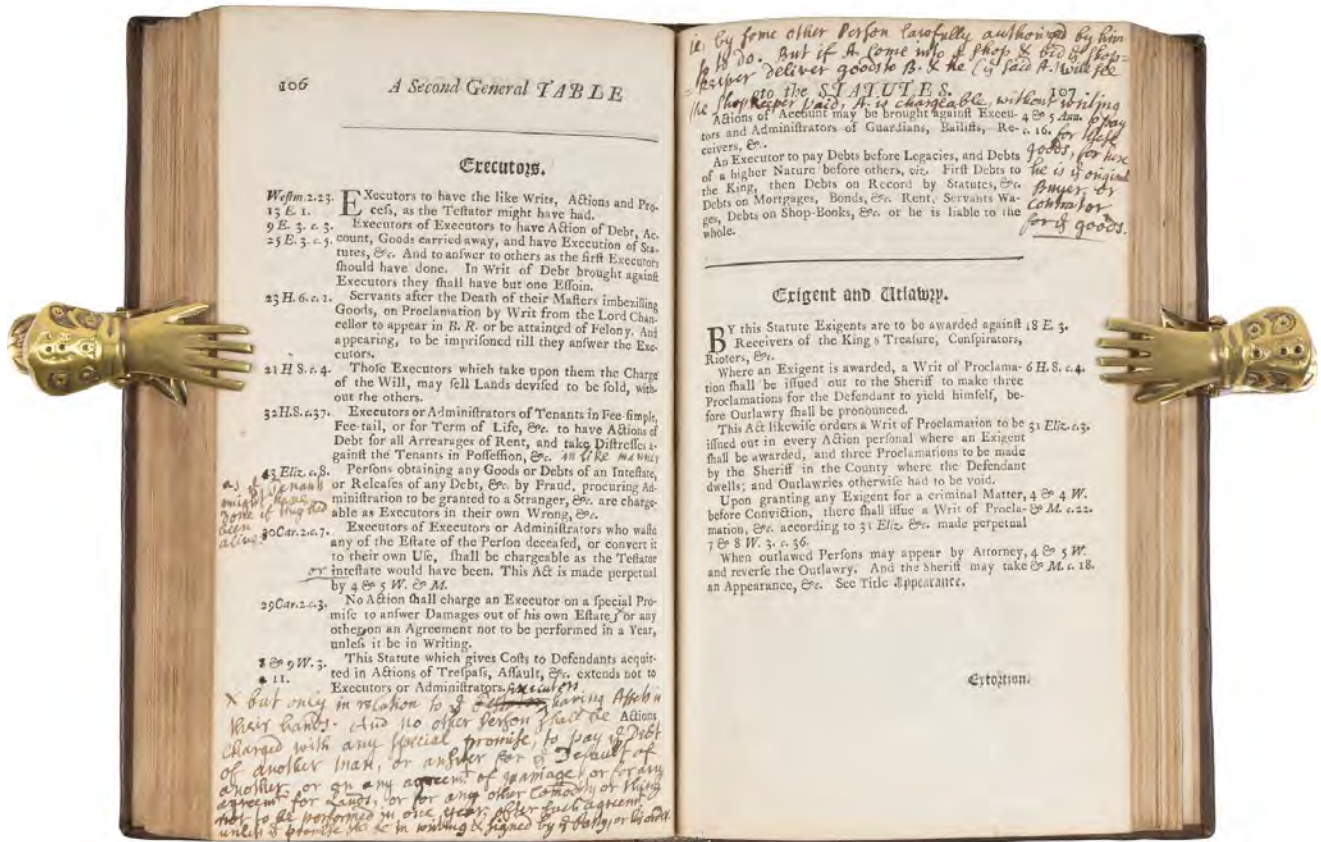
### Jacob's Treatise on Real Property

#### 17. Jacob, Giles [1686-1744].

*The Compleat Court-Keeper: Or, Land Steward's Assistant. Containing, First, The Nature of Courts-Leets and Courts-Baron; With a General Introduction to Every Thing Incident to Them, According to Law and Custom. Secondly, The Manner of Holding Courts-Leet, Courts-Baron, And Courts of Survey, With the Charge to the Juries; And the Forms of Entering Those Courts in the Minute-Books and in the Court-Rolls; With Precedents of Great Variety of Presentments, Amerciaments, Estreats, Copies of Court-Roll for Life, And in Fee; Grants, Surrenders, Admittances, Licences, Forfeitures, and all other Proceedings of that Nature. Thirdly, The Manner of Keeping the Court-Baron for Trying of Actions; The Nature and Kinds of Actions, And of Pleadings; And Precedents of Declarations and Pleadings, And of Process, From the Precept or Original to the Distress or Execution; With Pleas and Recoveries Concerning Copyhold Lands. Fourthly, Precedents of Contracts, Conditions, Covenants, Leases for Life; Leases for Years, Assignments, Mortgages, Surrenders of such Leases; And also of Copies of Court-Roll in Special Cases, Used by the Land-Steward. Fifthly, The Power and Authority of the Lord, And of the Steward, And the Privilege of the Tenants, With Variety of Law-Cases and Resolutions Concerning Copyholders, And the Whole Business of Court-Keeping: And also Surveys of Manors, Rentals, Steward's Accounts, Fees, &c. With Large Additions and Amendments, From the Best Reporters, Lord Raymond, Comyns, &c. to the Present Time.* London: Printed by Henry Lintot; for D. Browne, J. Shuckburgh, J. Worrall, E. Wicksteed, J. and J. Rivington, and W. Reeve, 1754. viii, 518, [26] pp. Octavo (8" x 5").

Contemporary calf, rebaked in period style, hinges and corners mended. A few nicks and scuffs to boards, moderate rubbing around edges, lower corners bumped, early owner mark (shelf number) and later library bookplate to front pastedown. Moderate toning to text, light foxing to a few leaves, faint dampstaining to margins of index, light soiling to title page, recent repair to its fore-edge. \$250.

\* Fifth edition. First published in 1713, this comprehensive treatise on landlord and tenant was a standard work for many years. (Its final edition, the eighth, was issued in 1819.) A practical book designed mainly for the use of stewards, it reflects the author's experience with court keeping. Holdsworth includes this title among his list of notable works on land law and holds it in high regard. See his *History of English Law* XII: 380-381. *English Short-Title Catalogue* N5074. [Order This Item](#)



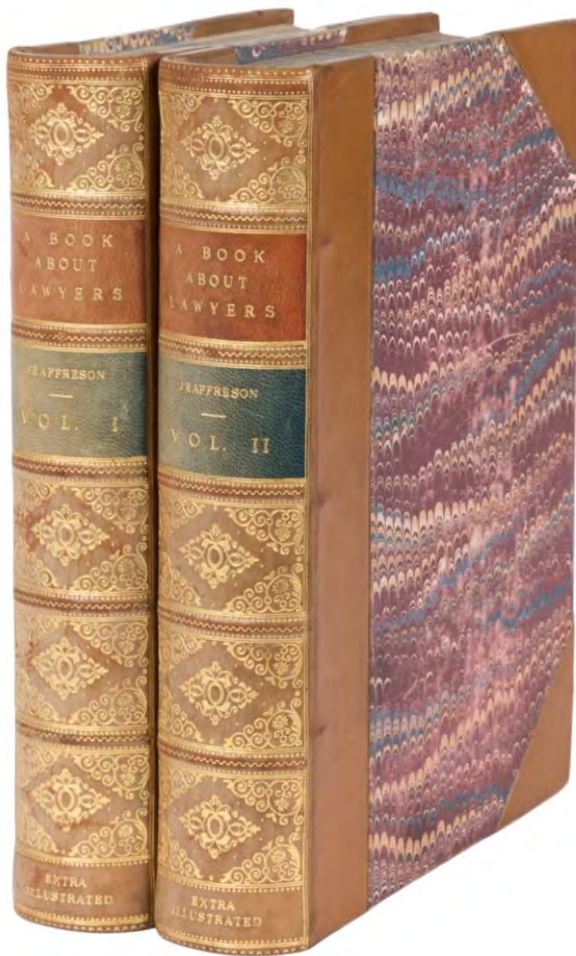
**A Digest of Statute Law for Laymen  
by Giles Jacob with Contemporary Annotations**

**18. Jacob, Giles [1686-1744].**

*The Statute-Law Common-Plac'd: Or, A Second Table to the Statutes. Containing the Purport and Effect of All the Acts of Parliament in Force from Magna Charta Down to the Reign of King George, In a Method Perfectly New and Regular; With the Numerous Proviso's and Additional Clauses Inserted Under Their Proper Titles. The Whole Very Useful to Counsellors, Attornies, Solicitors, Justices of the Peace, Mayors, Sheriffs, Coroners, Clergymen, Merchants, And All Trading Persons.* [London]: Printed by E. and R. Nutt, and R. Gosling, 1730. [xi], v, 220, [4] pp. Octavo (7-1/2" x 4-3/4").

Contemporary paneled calf, raised bands and lettering piece to spine, blind tooling to board edges. Light rubbing and some minor nicks and scuffs to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, rear hinge jut starting at head, small chip to foot of spine, corners bumped and lightly worn, front hinge cracked. Moderate toning to text, contemporary annotations, some quite extensive, to several leaves. \$450.

\* Second edition. Prefaced by an essay on Magna Carta, this book is an alphabetically arranged digest of statutes concerning a wide array of topics, such as bail, bankrupts, baron and feme, courts, dower, gaming, oaths and witchcraft. Reaching its fifth and final editon in 1748, it was first published in 1719 as a companion to his *Review of the Statutes...With an Exact Table to the Whole* (1713). (This is why the title says "A Second Table"). Possibly written by a justice of the peace, the annotations provide additional information, clarify vague points and note modifications from later legislation. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T137467. [Order This Item](#)



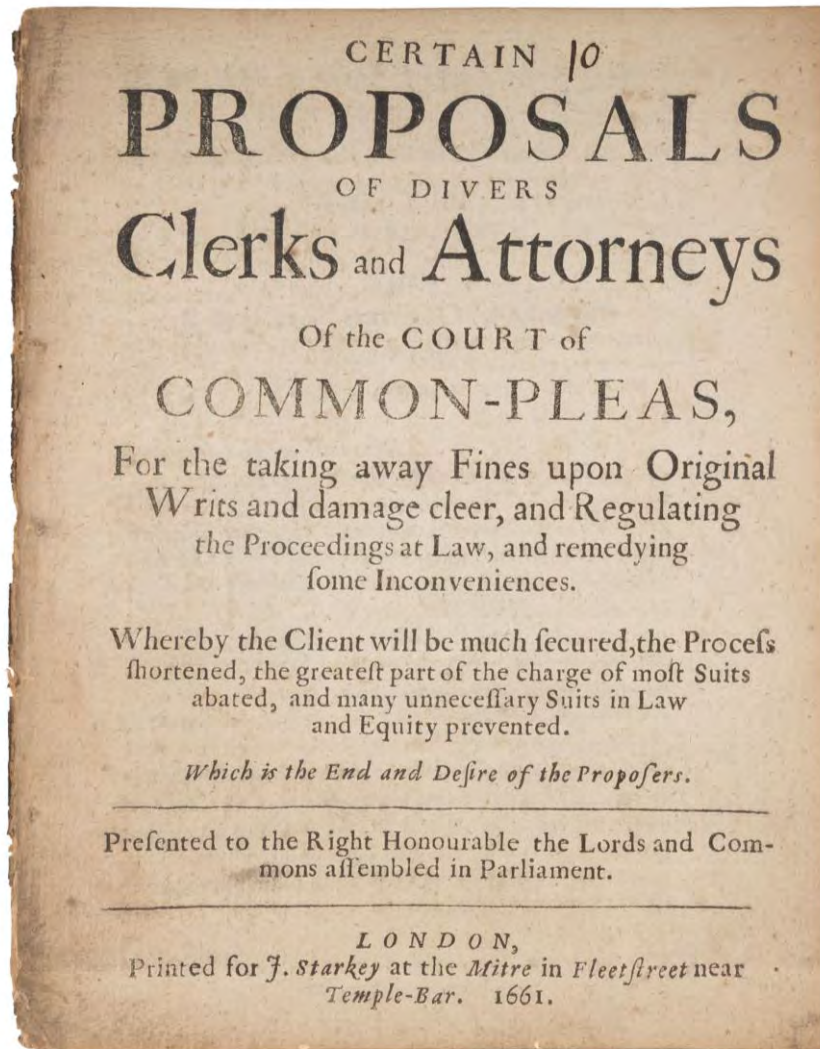
### Handsome Extra-Illustrated Copy

#### 19. Jeaffreson, John Cordy [1831-1901].

*A Book About Lawyers*. London: Hurst and Blackett, 1867. Two volumes. vii, [1], 384; vii, [1], 431 pp. Extra-illustrated with 74 engraved plates, some inlaid to size, 2 inserted as frontispieces. Octavo (8-1/4" x 5-1/4").

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\* First edition. This lavish book contains detailed accounts of the personal, social and professional lives of British lawyers throughout history, including their households, finances, personal lives, apparel, education, cultural achievements and hobbies. The illustrations include steel engravings, copperplates and lithographs. Most of these are portraits, the others are illustrations of buildings and historical events. [Order This Item](#)



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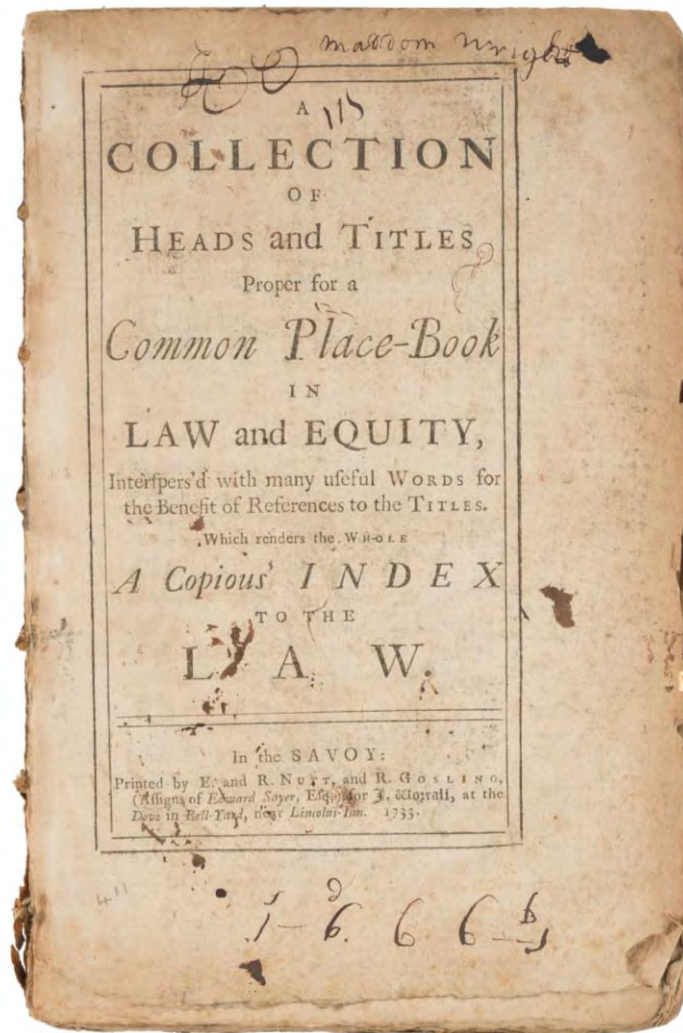
20. [Law Reform].

[Great Britain].

*Certain Proposals of Divers Clerks and Attorneys of the Court of Common-Pleas, For the Taking Away Fines upon Original Writs and Damage Cleer, And Regulating the Proceedings at Law, And Remedying Some Inconveniences. Whereby the Client Will be Much Secured, The Process Shortened, The Greatest Part of the Charge of Most Suits Abated, And Many Unnecessary Suits in Law and Equity Prevented. Which is the End and Desire of the Proposers. Presented to the Right Honourable the Lords and Commons Assembled in Parliament.* London: Printed for J. Starkey at the Mitre in Fleetstreet near Temple-Bar, 1661. [vi], 8 pp. Quarto (7" x 5-1/2").

Disbound stab-stitched pamphlet. Moderate toning, soiling to exterior, light browning to margins, "10" in early hand to head of title page. \$450.

\* Only edition. Produced by a "divers" group of "clerks and attorneys of the Court of Common-Pleas," this pamphlet suggests ways to reform pleading and procedure, and reduce the number of lawsuits, in the civil and equity courts. This is a scarce title. OCLC locates 6 copies, 4 in law libraries (Harvard, Library of Congress, San Francisco Law Library, Yale). *English Short-Title Catalogue* R35481. [Order This Item](#)



A 1733 Guide to Compiling Legal Commonplace Books

21. [Legal Education].  
[Great Britain].

*A Collection of Heads and Titles Proper for a Common Place-Book in Law and Equity. Interspers'd with Many Useful Words for the Benefit of References to the Titles. Which Renders the Whole a Copious Index to the Law.* [London]: Printed by E. And R. Nutt, And R. Gosling, (Assigns of Edward Sayer, Esq;) for J. Worrall, 1733. [vi], 93, [1] pp. Publisher advertisement bound after preface; it is usually bound after p.93. Octavo (8-1/2" x 5-1/2").

Disbound stab-stitched pamphlet, untrimmed edges, several signatures unopened. Light soiling and early doodles and signatures to exterior, light to moderate toning to interior, title page partially detached but secure, light soiling and short tears to margins of a few leaves. \$650.

\* Only edition. "The following collection is design'd to shorten the Labours of Students in the Law, and of other Gentlemen in that Profession, who have not already formed or filled their Common Place-Books to their Satisfaction" (Preface). This is scarce title. OCLC locates 4 copies in North America, 3 in law libraries (Harvard, Social Law, University of Maryland). *English Short-Title Catalogue* T53672. [Order This Item](#)



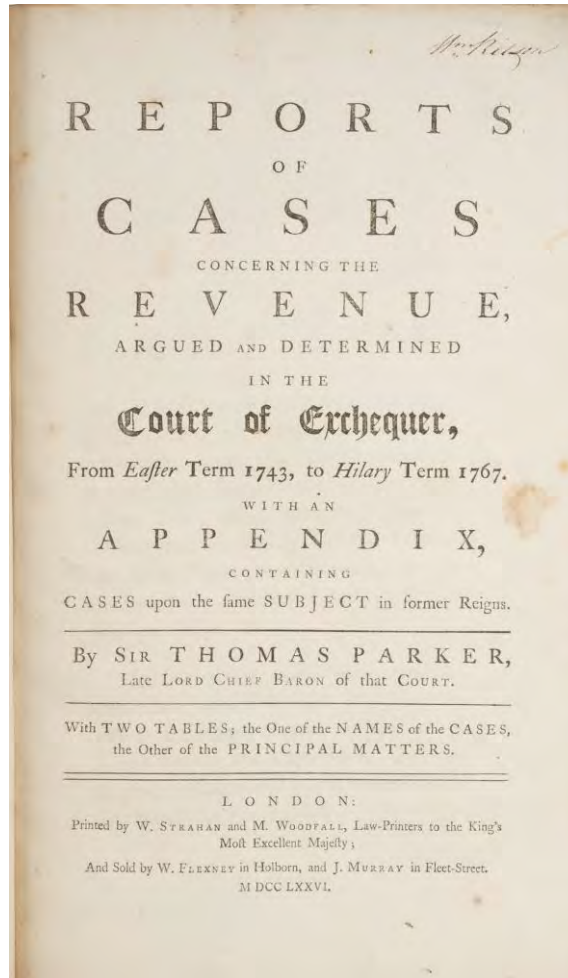
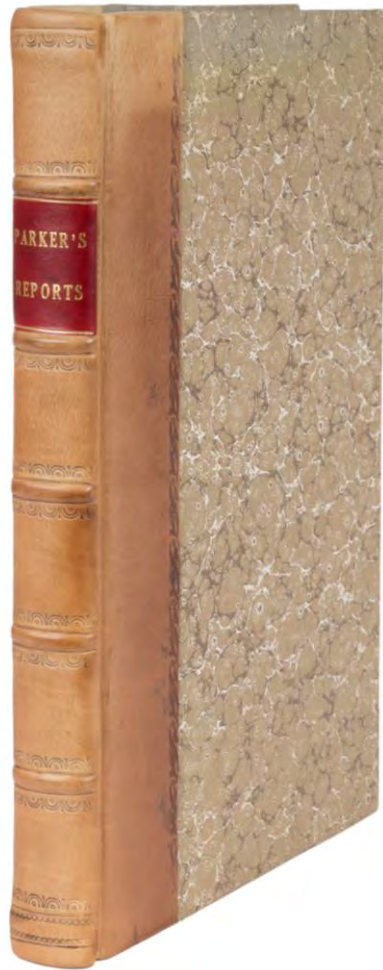
### Annotated Copy of a Notable Work on Medieval Conveyancing

#### 22. [Madox, Thomas (1666-1727)].

*Formulare Anglicanum: or, A Collection of Antient Charters and Instruments of Divers Kinds, Taken from the Originals, Placed Under Several Heads, And Deduced (In a Series According to the Order of Time) from the Norman Conquest to the End of the Reign of King Henry the VIII.* London: Printed for Jacob Tonson and R. Knaplock, 1702. [xii], xxxiv, 209, 212-441, [11] pp. Pagination irregular, text complete. Two folding copperplates, one of seals and one of early hands. Eight tipped-in manuscript leaves, 8-page printed document laid in. Folio (12-3/4" x 7-3/4").

Recent three-quarter calf over marbled boards, raised bands and black and gilt fillets to spine, gilding rubbed away from title, endpapers added, adjacent original endleaves retained. Light rubbing to extremities, some fading to spine, front free endpaper and adjacent endleaf partially detached. Title page printed in red and black. Light toning to interior, faint dampstaining and soiling in a few places, clean tear to leaf zz2 (pp. 179-180) with no loss to text, short tears to plates. Underlining of words and phrases and tick marks to margins, mostly in pencil, throughout text, brief annotations in ink to endleaves and index, all in early hands, recent repair to foot of one of the manuscript leaves, one detached, another partially detached but secure, light soiling to title page, short clean tear to its fore-edge, illegible early owner signature to its upper right-hand corner. \$850.

\* Only edition, one of two issues from 1702. "It is a most valuable collection of mediaeval charters, which is indispensable to historians of mediaeval conveyancing" (Holdsworth). The tipped-in leaves are manuscript copies of declarations of evidence and titles. The laid-in printed document is titled *Brief for the Counsel of John Borthwick, Esq; of Crookston, Claiming the Title and Dignity of Lord Borthwick*. These documents and, presumably, the annotations relate to the Borthwicks. An annotation on the verso of the *Brief* reads "my Father possesses the Land of Crookston-also-Nettlefleet [illegible] and [illegible]." Holdsworth, *The Historians of Anglo-American Law* 42. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T97560. [Order This Item](#)



### An Appealing Copy of an Uncommon Volume of Exchequer Reports

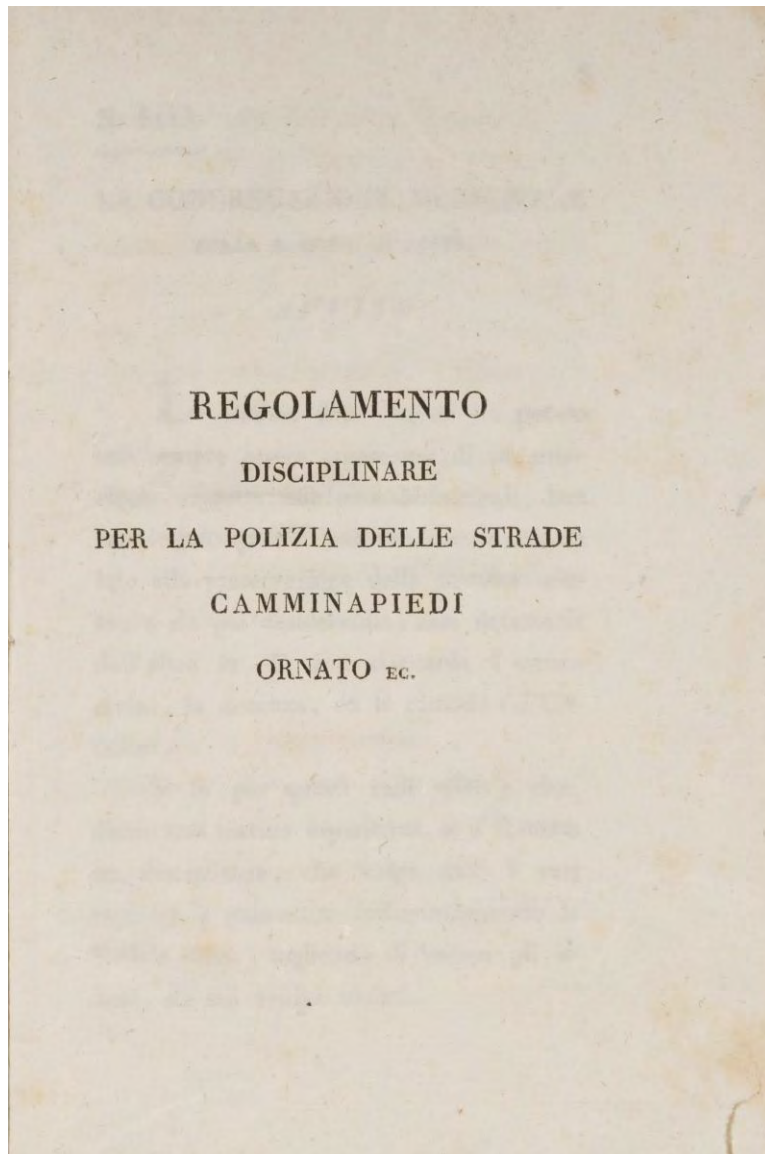
#### 23. Parker, Thomas [1695?-1784], Reporter.

*Reports of Cases Concerning the Revenue, Argued and Determined in the Court of Exchequer, From Easter Term 1743, To Hilary Term 1767. With an Appendix, Containing Cases Upon the Same Subject in Former Reigns. With Two Tables; The One of the Names of the Cases, The Other of the Principal Matters.* London: Printed by W. Strahan and M. Woodfall, 1776. v, [iii], 283, [13] pp. Folio (12-1/4" x 7-3/4").

Recent period-style quarter calf over marbled boards, raised bands and lettering piece to spine, endpapers renewed. Light fading to boards near top-edges, moderate toning to text, light foxing in a few places. Early owner signature (Wm. Ritson) to front endleaf, brief annotations in his hand to a few leaves. \$350.

\* First edition. An important and uncommon set of Exchequer reports. Thomas Parker (not to be confused with Sir Thomas Parker, 1666?-1732, first Earl of Macclesfield and Lord Chancellor) served as chief baron of the Court of Exchequer for some 30 years; these are his own reports of his decisions. "He published these reports he tells us, because there were few cases in print in which the law relating to revenue was explained. To these cases (1743-1767) he added some others decided (...) between 1678 and 1718" (Holdsworth). There were also octavo editions in 1791 and 1800. Wallace says this work is "valuable and accurate." Our copy of this title belonged to the Earls of Macclesfield. Housed in Shirbirm Castle, near Watlington, Oxfordshire, it was one of the finest private libraries in Great Britain. Holdsworth, *History of English Law* XII:133. Wallace, *The Reporters* 534. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T95680. [Order This Item](#)





### Regulating Public Behavior in Nineteenth-Century Verona

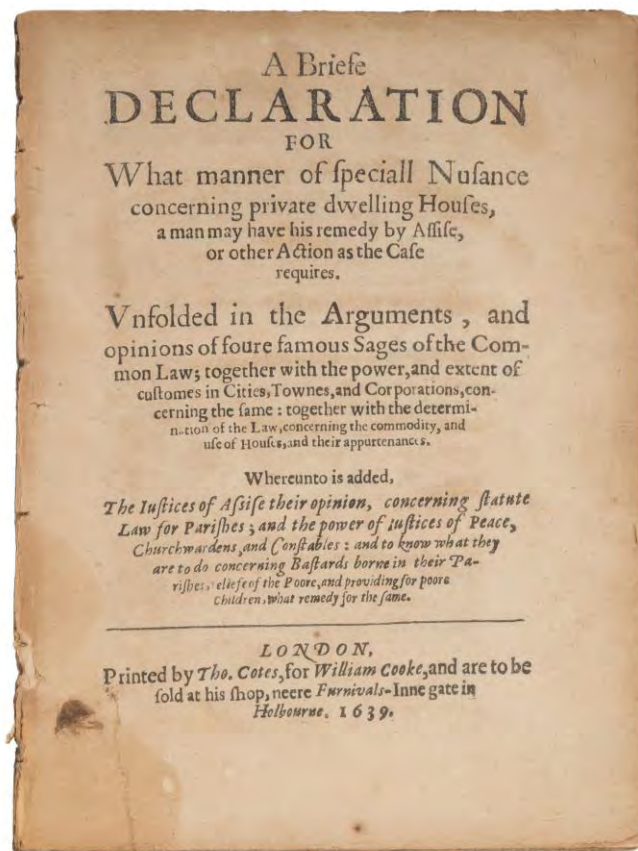
24. [Police].

[Verona, Italy].

*Regolamento Disciplinare Per La Polizia Delle Strade Camminapiedi Ornato EC.* [Verona]: S.n., [1822]. 22 pp. Octavo (8" x 5-1/2").

Stab-stitched pamphlet in plain thick-paper wrappers. Light soiling and a few minor stains to exterior, light toning to interior, upper corners of most leaves dog-eared, light foxing to a few leaves. \$500.

\* A curious set of rules for Verona's street police that reflects official anxieties about specific public behavior. Its articles detail actions and penalties for offences ranging from interference with the public lighting system and the addition of unauthorized embellishments to repair work to the disposal of burning embers into a street. This appears to an unrecorded imprint. No copies located on OCLC or other online sources. [Order This Item](#)



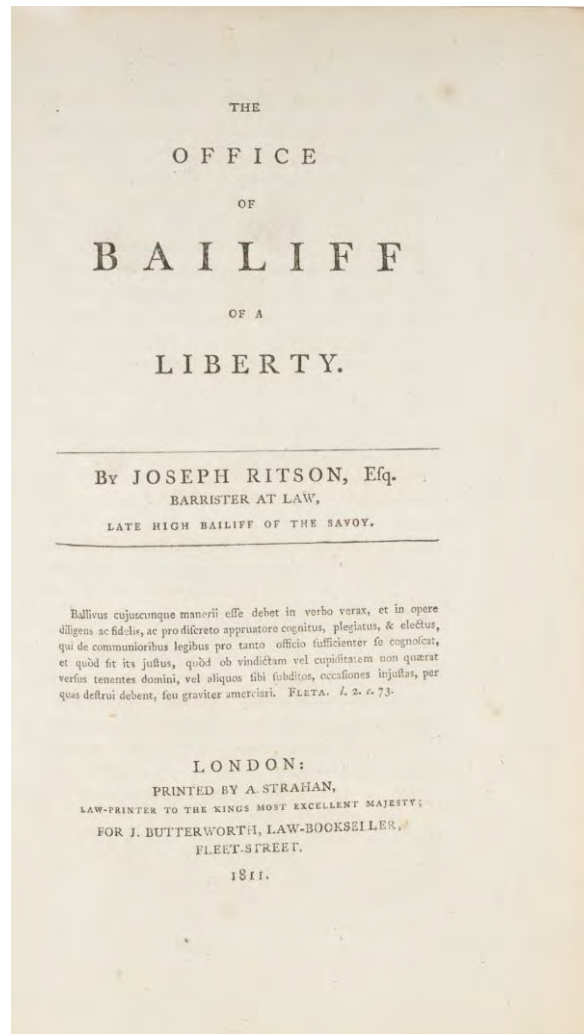
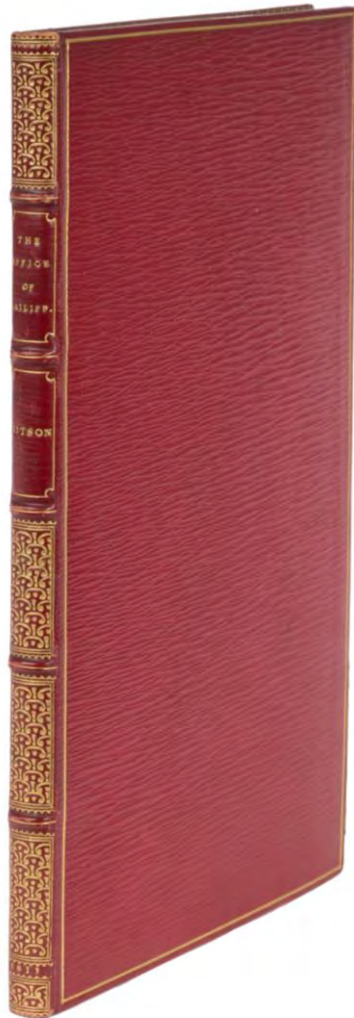
### Quality of Life Issues in Seventeenth-Century London

#### 25. [Real Property]. [Great Britain].

*A Briefe Declaration for What Manner of Speciall Nusance Concerning Private Dwelling Houses, A Man May Have His Remedy by Assise, Or Other Action as the Case Requires. Unfolded in the Arguments, And Opinions of Foure Famous Sages of the Common Law; Together with the Power, And Extent of Customes in Cities, Townes, And Corporations, Concerning the Same: Together with the Determination of the Law, Concerning the Commodity, And Use of Houses, And Their Appurtenances. Whereunto is Added, The Iustices of Assise Their Opinion, Concerning Statute Law for Parishes; And the Power of Iustices of Peace, Churchwardens, And Constables: And to Know What They are to do Concerning Bastards Borne in Their Parishes, Reliefe of the Poore, And Providing for Poore Children, What Remedy for the Same.* London: Printed by Tho. Cotes, For William Cooke, 1639. [ii], 45, [1] pp. Quarto (7-1/4" x 5-1/2").

Disbound stab-stitched pamphlet. Moderate toning, light soiling to exterior, light rubbing to extremities, two small stains to foot of title page, which is detached and lightly edgeworn. \$950.

\* Second and final edition, one of two issues from 1639. A critical review of city life, this rambling essay addresses legal restrictions imposed by building laws, such as the location of windows and drains and the absence of effective laws to reduce urban nuisances, such as smoke, poor drainage and noise. It also questions the relation between the common law and the city laws and customs of London. Turning to social matters, it discusses the indigent, sick and insane, the poor laws and the liabilities and duties of local officials. The "Foure Famous Sages of the Common Law" mentioned in the title are Robert Monson, Edmund Plowden, Sir Christopher Wray and John Manwood. This is a scarce title. Counting both issues, OCLC locates 10 copies of the second edition in North American law libraries. *English Short-Title Catalogue* S109444. [Order This Item](#)



### Scarce English Treatise on Bailiffs in a Handsome Riviere Binding

26. Ritson, J[oseph] [1752-1803].

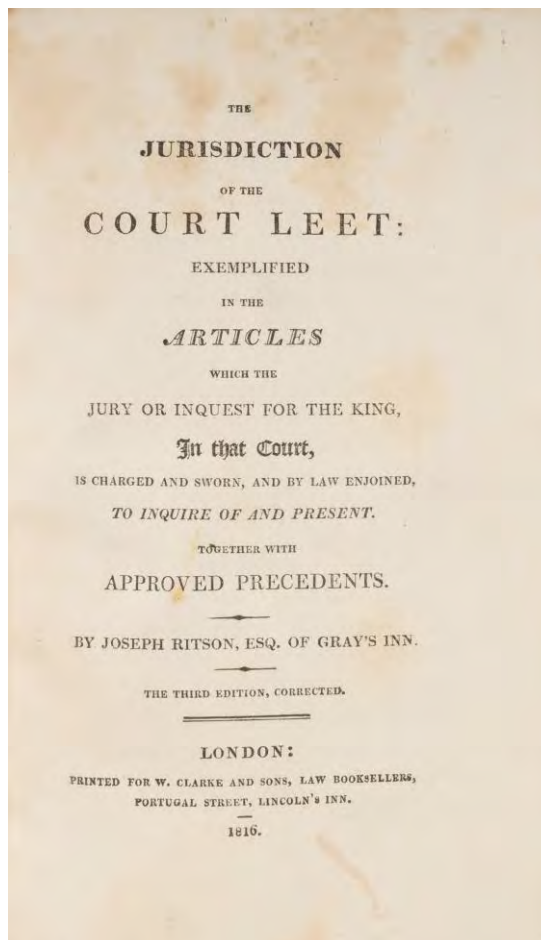
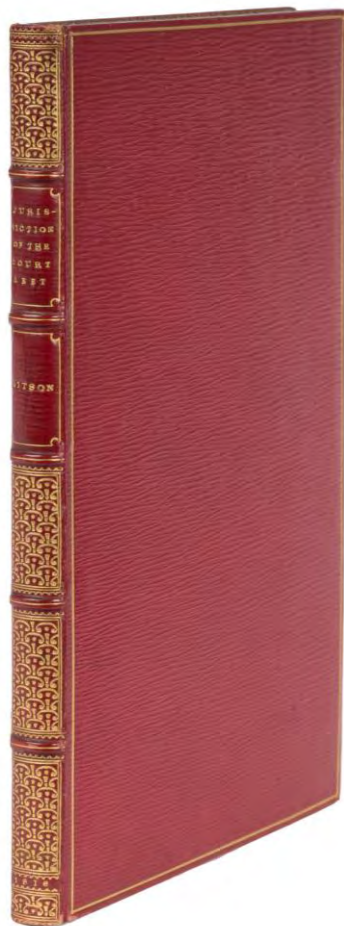
[Frank, Joseph, Editor].

*The Office of Bailiff of a Liberty*. London: Printed by A. Strahan, 1811. [xv], 80 pp. Octavo (9" x 5-1/2").

Later nineteenth-century straight-grain morocco signed binding by Riviere & Son, gilt frames to boards, gilt spine with raised bands, gilt rules to board edges, gilt inside dentelles, marbled endpapers, all edges gilt. Negligible light rubbing and a few minor nicks to extremities, armorial bookplate of John Crichton-Stuart, 3rd Marquess of Bute, to front pastedown. Moderate toning to text, light foxing to a few leaves. A very handsome copy. \$750.

\* First edition. Ritson, a former bailiff, was a member of Gray's Inn and the author of several practical and historical works on legal subjects. Holdsworth says his study of bailiffs of a liberty, that is a court officer who executes process, is a "learned antiquarian tract based mainly on the Year Books and mediaeval statutes, with notes of such later statutes as referred to these bailiffs." Crichton-Smith [1847-1900], an extremely wealthy member of the landed gentry who made an additional fortune as an industrialist, was a notable antiquarian, scholar, bibliophile, philanthropist and architectural patron. Holdsworth, *History of English Law* XII:337. Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 1:236.

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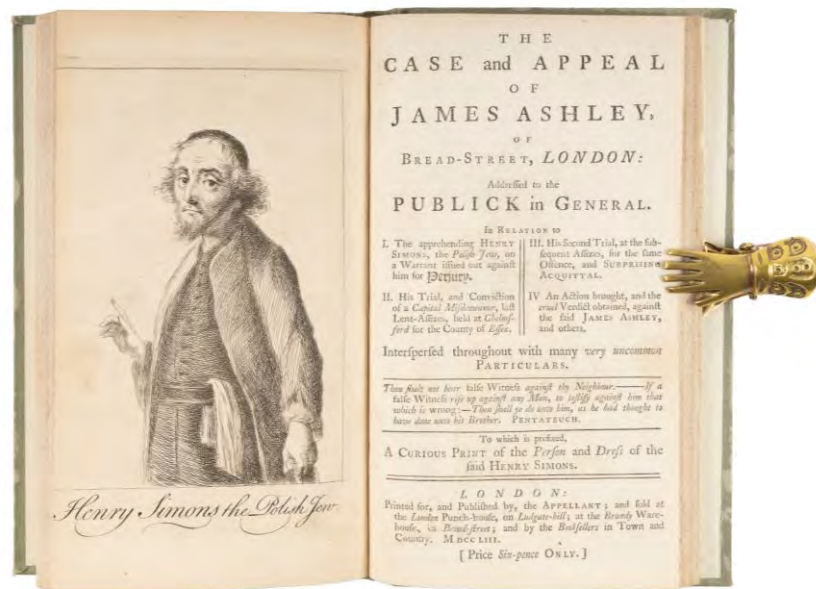
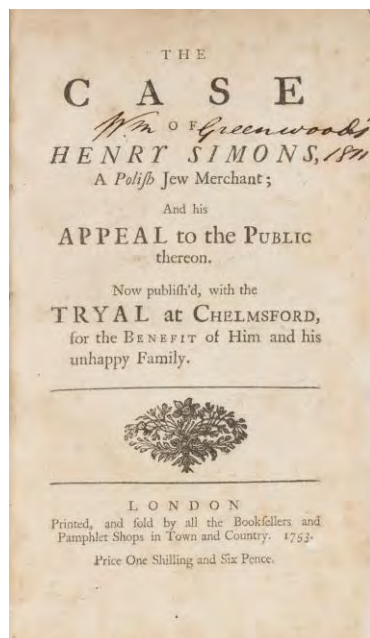
### An Uncommon Treatise on Manorial Courts in a Handsome Riviere Binding

#### 27. Ritson, J[oseph] [1752-1803].

*The Jurisdiction of Court Leet: Exemplified in the Articles Which the Jury or Inquest for the King, In That Court, Is Charged and Sworn, And by Law Enjoined, To Inquire of and Present. Together With Approved Precedents. With Great Additions.* London: Printed for W. Clarke and Sons, 1816. 166, [iv], [6], 8 pp. Includes 8-page publisher catalogue, following 3 unnumbered pages of publisher advertisements. Octavo (8-1/2" x 5-1/2").

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\* Third and final edition. This book is valuable because it is more a history of manorial criminal courts than a practical guide. It is especially useful as a guide to Leet jurisdiction in the thirteenth century. Despite its historical orientation, it provides a good sense of their status and rules of procedure at the dawn of the nineteenth century. Ritson, a member of Gray's Inn and, according to Holdsworth, an "eccentric and pedantic antiquary and man of letters" was the author of several practical and historical works on legal subjects. Crichton-Smith [1847-1900], an extremely wealthy member of the landed gentry who made an additional fortune as an industrialist, was a notable antiquarian, scholar, bibliophile, philanthropist and architectural patron. Holdsworth, *History of English Law* XII:336-337. Sweet & Maxwell, *Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 1:405. [Order This Item](#)



### The First Instance of a New Trial Being Granted in a Criminal Case in England

#### 28. [Trial].

#### Simons, Henry, Defendant.

*The Case of Henry Simons, A Polish Jew Merchant; And His Appeal to the Public Thereon. Now Publish'd, With the Tryal at Chelmsford, For the Benefit of Him and His Unhappy Family.* London: Printed, And Sold by All the Booksellers and Pamphlet Shops in Town and Country, 1753. 115 pp.

#### [Bound with]

#### [Ashley, James, Defendant].

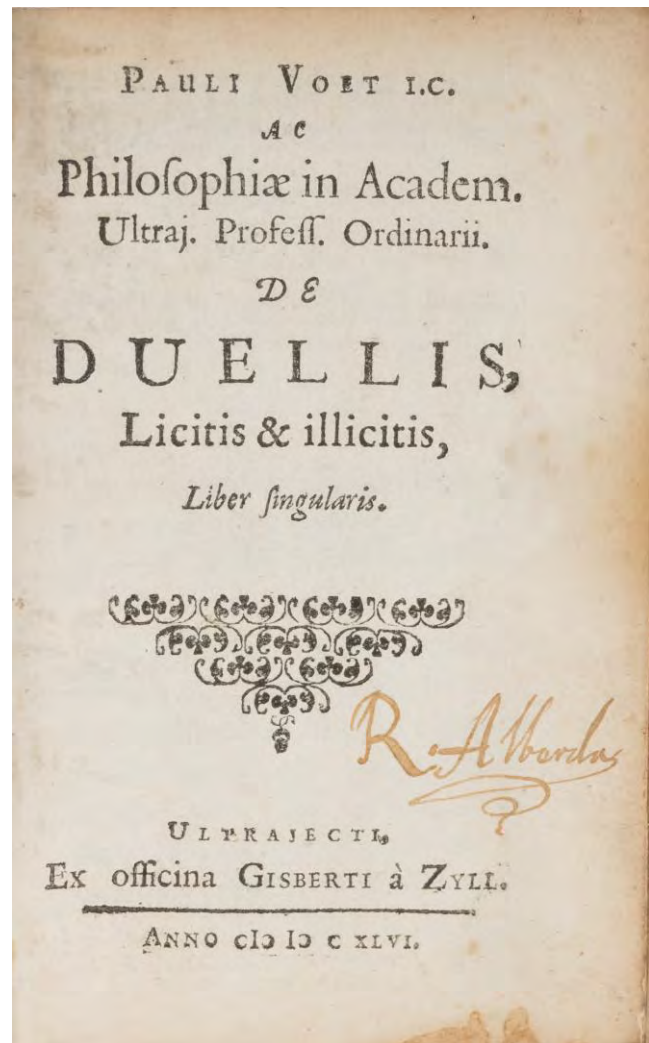
#### [Simons, Henry, Plaintiff].

*The Case and Appeal of James Ashley of Bread-Street, London: Addressed to the Publick in General. In Relation to I. The Apprehending Henry Simons, The Polish Jew, On a Warrant Issued Out Against Him for Perjury; II. His Trial, And Conviction of a Capital Misdemeanor, Last Lent-Assizes, Held at Chelmsford for the County of Essex; III. His Second Trial, At the Subsequent Assizes, For the Same Offence, And*

*Surprising Acquittal; IV. An Action Brought, And the Cruel Verdict Obtained, Against the Said James Ashley, And Others. Interspersed Throughout with Many Very Uncommon Particulars. To Which is Prefixed, A Curious Print of the Person and Dress of the Said Henry Simons.* London: Printed for, And Published by, The Appellant, 1753. [viii], 47 pp. Text printed in double columns. Etched portrait frontispiece of Simons.

Stab-stitched pamphlets bound into recent cloth, calf lettering piece to spine. Light stains to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, small scuff to lettering piece, later owner bookplate (of Geoffrey G. Briggs) to front free endpaper. Moderate toning to both pamphlets, left-hand edge of plate, but not image, affected by trimming, light foxing and owner inscription (W. Greenwood's 1811") to title page of *The Case*, tiny worm hole to lower-right corner of its text block through p. 91. \$3,000.

\* Only editions, *Case and Appeal* one of three issues. This was the first instance of a new trial being granted in a criminal case in England. The affair concerned the robbery of gold coins entrusted to Simons by a group of nobles from his home town. The case resulted in six trials, three pamphlets and a great deal of debate in the daily newspapers, much of it Anti-Semitic. The thief appeared to have been Simons's innkeeper, but it later turned out to be James Ashley, who was first convicted, then acquitted, then convicted again. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T95662, T76809. [Order This Item](#)



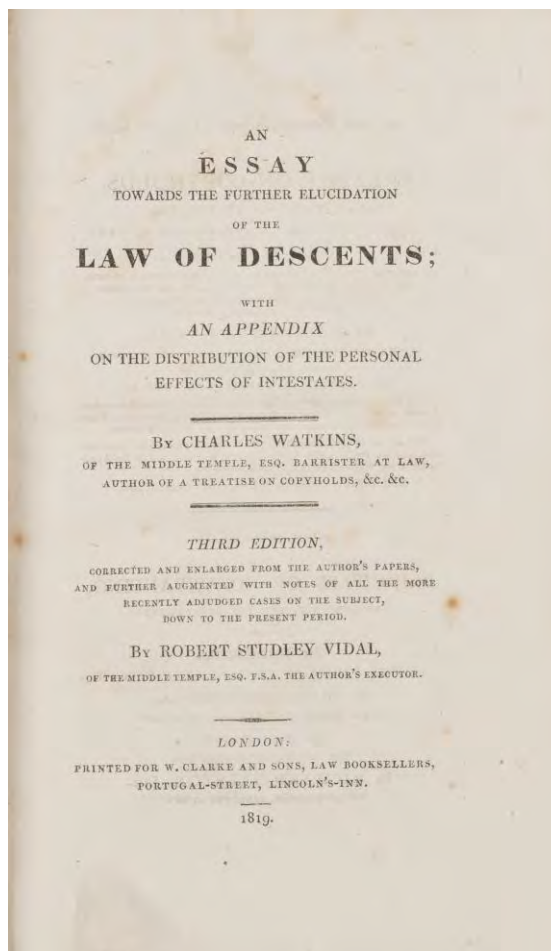
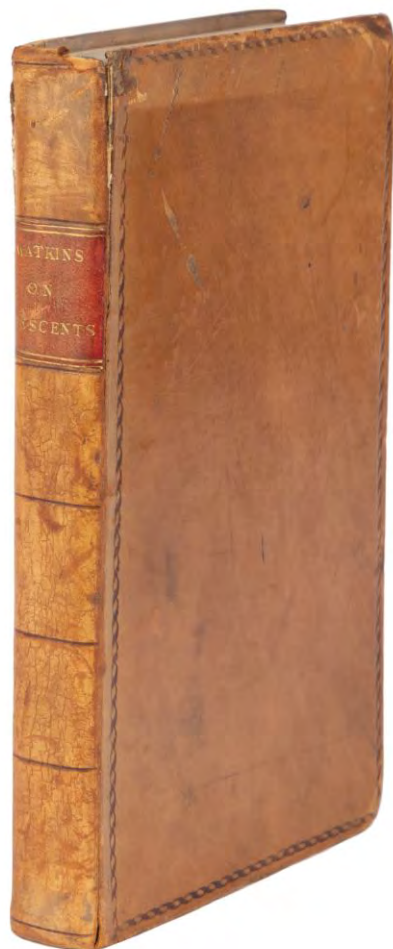
### A Scarce Seventeenth-Century Treatise on Duelling

#### 29. Voet, Paul [1619-1667].

*De Duellis, Licit & Illicitis, Liber Singularis.* Utrecht: Ex Officina Gisberti à Zyll, 1646. [viii], 256 [i.e. 265], [5] pp. 12mo. (5" x 3").

Contemporary vellum with lapped edges. Small cut to front board, spine ends bumped, some wear to corners, vellum beginning to crack through pastedowns, text block a bit loose but secure. Moderate toning to text, later embossed owner signature to front free endpaper, early owner initials to rear pastedown, illegible early owner signature to foot of title page. \$650.

\* First edition. Voet was an important philosopher, judge and legal scholar who taught at the University of Utrecht. He was also the father of the distinguished legal scholar Johannes Voet [1647-1713]. *De Duellis* is a study of dueling that examines cases where the practice is legal or illegal. A second edition was published in 1648. Both editions of this work are scarce. OCLC locates 9 copies of the first edition in North America, 2 in law libraries (Columbia, Harvard). Dekkers, *Bibliotheca Belgica Juridica* 181. [Order This Item](#)



**"A Very Valuable Treatise on that Very Intricate and Important Subject"**

**30. Watkins, Charles [d.1808].**

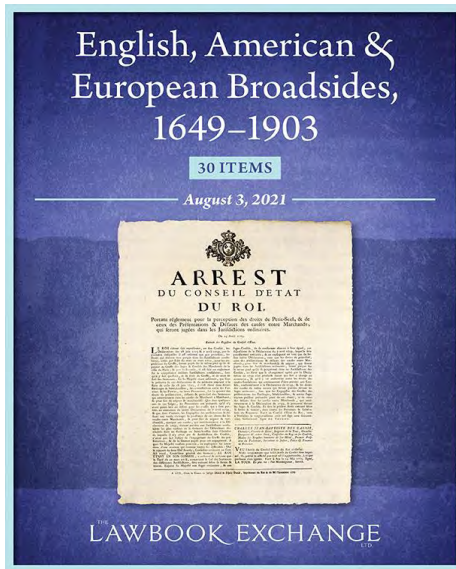
**Vidal, Robert Studley, Editor.**

*An Essay Towards the Further Elucidation of the Law of Descents; With an Appendix on the Distribution of the Personal Effects of Intestates. Corrected and Enlarged from the Author's Papers, And Further Augmented with Notes of All the More Recently Adjudged Cases on the Subject, Down to the Present Period.* London: Printed for W. Clarke and Sons, 1819. [xvi], 331, [1], [4] pp. Includes 4-page published catalogue, publisher advertisement to verso of half-title. Two fold-out engraved copperplate tables (of descents and consanguinity). Octavo (8-1/2" x 5").

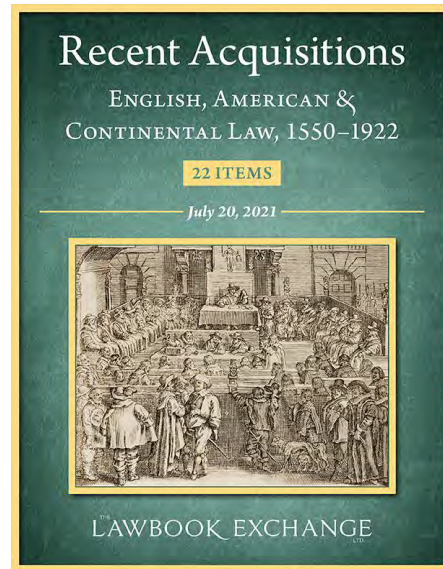
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\* Third edition. This is a useful supplement to Chapter 14, Volume II, of Blackstone's *Commentaries*, "Of Title by Descent". "Mr. Watkins' Essay on Descents is a very valuable treatise on that very intricate and important subject" (Marvin). First published in 1793, this treatise went through four editions, the final in 1837. Marvin, *Legal Bibliography* 721 (Citing Barton, *Modern Precedents in Conveyancing*.) Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 1:478 (35). [Order This Item](#)

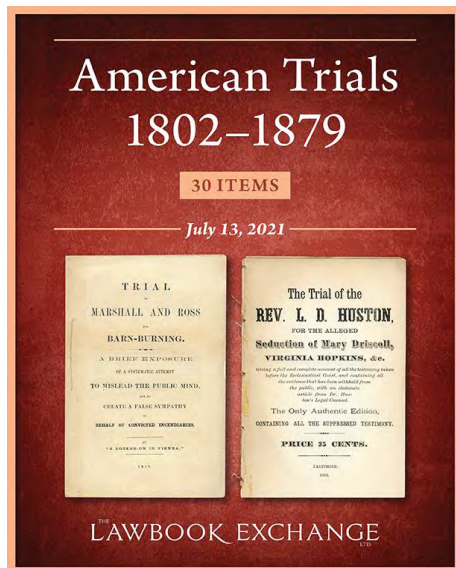
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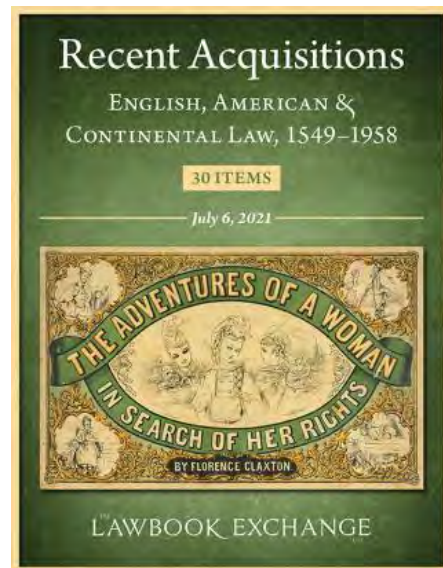
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