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### An Influential Spanish Work Addressing the Relationship Between Church and State

#### 1. Alvarez de Abreu, Antonio [1683-1756].

*Victima Real Legal, Discurso Unico Juridico-Historico-Politico, Sobre que las Vacantes Mayores, Y Menores de las Iglesias de las Indias Occidentales, Pertenece a la Corona de Castilla, Y Leon, Con Pleno, Y Absoluto Dominio.* Madrid: En la imprenta de Antonio Marin, 1726. [xl], XXIV, [8], 365, [27] pp. Folio (11-1/4" x 8").

Contemporary flexible vellum, fragments of thong ties, faint early hand-lettered title to spine. Light rubbing and a few minor scuffs and stains to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities with some wear to spine ends, pastedowns beginning to detach, front hinge cracked. Title printed in red and black within typographical border. Light toning to text, slightly heavier in places, early repair to hole near foot of title page with no loss to text. \$2,500.

\* First edition. Abreu, a member of the Spanish nobility, spent much of his career as a colonial official and law professor in Caracas, Havana and Veracruz. Returning to Spain in his later years, he held a series of posts in the royal finance ministry. *Victima Real Legal* argues that rents and moneys accruing to vacant positions in the churches of the Spanish Empire belong to the king, a concept known as regalism. An influential work on church-state relations, it also addresses other topics, such as freedom of the seas, marriage, estates, war and hegemony. It had a second edition in 1769. Both editions of this work are scarce. OCLC locates 2 copies of the first edition in North American law libraries (Harvard, UC-Berkeley). Palau, *Manual del Librero Hispano-Americano* 9444. [Order This Item](#)



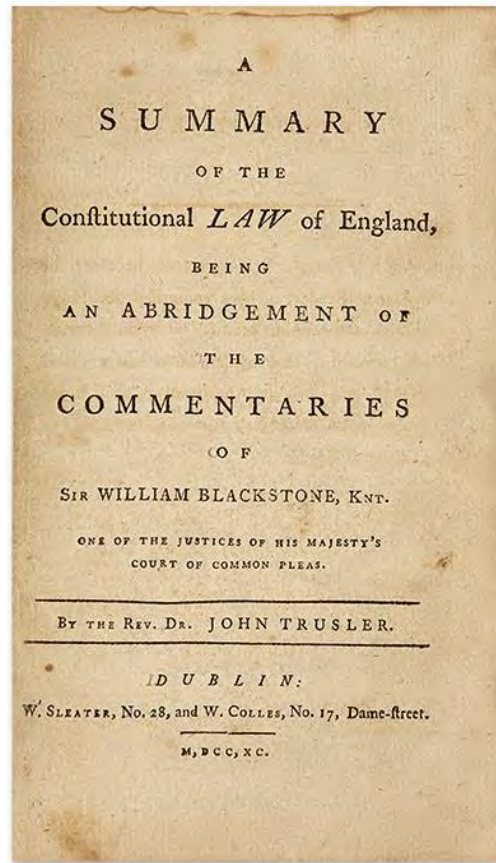
### Scarce Commentary on Saxon Game and Forest Law

#### 2. Bilderbeck, Christoph Lorenz [1682-1740].

*Gründliche Deduction Gegen die Vermeintliche Regalitt derer Jagden und die Daraus Hergeleitete Fehlsame Doctrinen und Folgen, Auf Geschehenes Veranlassen Ausgefertigt u. Zum Druck Befördert. Mit Verschiedenen Additionibus Vermehrte Auflage. Worinnen nebst Vielen Andern zu Obigem Themate Gehörigen Materien auch die Frage: Ob ein non Usus Jurium et Privilegiorum den Verlust Derselben nach sich Ziehe des Mehrern Erläutert Wird.* [Celle]: Zu Finden in der Deetzischen Buchhandlung, 1741. [ii], 17, [9], 458, [12] pp. Folio (13" x 8-1/2").

Contemporary vellum, gilt title to spine, edges rouged, pastedowns renewed. A few minor stains, boards slightly bowed, vellum beginning to crack tough pastedowns, recent owner bookplate to front pastedown, rear hinge cracked, moderate toning to text. \$1,500.

\* Second and final edition. Early game and land laws record the earliest attempts to preserve the environment. They also offer fascinating insights into social history due to their relevance to topics ranging from class structure to foodways. First published in 1723, Bilderbeck's treatise deals mostly with Saxon law, with comparative commentary on Roman law. Both editions of this title are scarce. OCLC locates no copies of either edition in North America. Not in *VD18*. *British Museum Catalogue* (Compact Edition) 3:429. [Order This Item](#)



### The First Abridgement of the Commentaries

#### 3. Blackstone, Sir William [1723-1780].

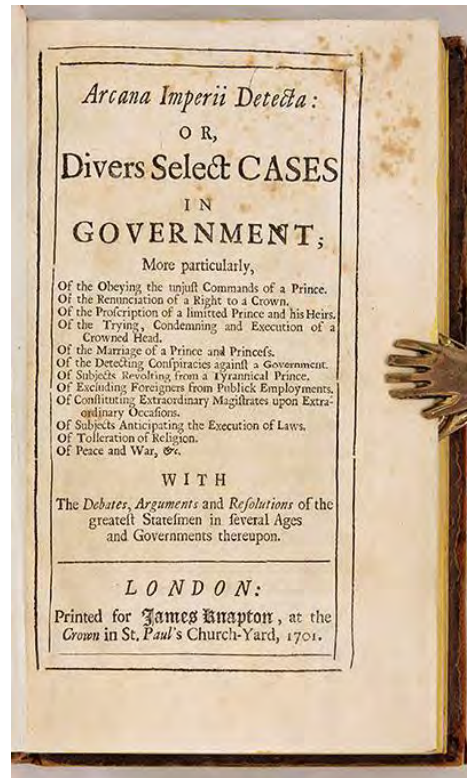
Trusler, John [1735-1810], Editor.

*A Summary of the Constitutional Law of England, Being an Abridgement of Blackstone's Commentaries.* Dublin: W. Sleater, No. 28, And W. Colles, No. 17, Dame-Street, 1790. [iv], 228, [8]. 12mo. (7" x 4-1/2").

Contemporary calf, lettering piece and gilt fillets to spine, joints reinforced. Light rubbing and scuffing to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities with wear to spine ends and corners, front hinge starting, crack in text block between second and third front endleaves. Light browning to text, (illegible) owner signature dated 1860 to front free endpaper, another (of Z.C. Lee, dated 1828) to following endleaf. \$750.

\* Only Dublin edition, a reprint of the London edition, 1788. According to Laeuchli, "this appears to be the earliest abridgment of Blackstone's *Commentaries*." It was the work of the Rev. John Trusler, a remarkably prolific author of popular books on a variety of subjects ranging from etiquette and gardening to finance and law. His most famous works are *The Way to be Rich and Respectable* (1780) and *Hogarth Moralized* (1768). His legal writings include *Useful and Legal Information to Purchasers & Possessors of Estates*, a treatise on real property, and the present work. According to the book's Advertisement, it offers "every thing in Blackstone necessary for the general reader [with] nothing omitted but what is peculiarly adapted to the profession of a Lawyer" (iii). The book went through two more editions in 1790 and 1796. All three editions are scarce. OCLC locates 4 copies in North American law libraries (Harvard, Library of Congress, Trial Court Library of Worcester, MA, Yale). Not in Eller. Laeuchli, *A Bibliographical Catalog of William Blackstone* 123.

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**Interesting Essays on Government and  
Parliament by a Notable Seventeenth-Century Dutch Scholar**

**4. [Boxhorn, Marcus Zuerius (1612-1653)].**

*Arcana Imperii Detecta: Or, Divers Select Cases in Government; More Particularly, Of the Obeying the Unjust Commands of a Prince. Of the Renunciation of a Right to a Crown. Of the Proscription of a Limited Prince and his Heirs. Of the Trying, Condemning and Execution of a Crowned Head. Of the Marriage of a Prince and Princess. Of the Detecting Conspiracies Against a Government. Of Subjects Revolting from a Tyrannical Prince. Of Excluding Foreigners from Publick Employments. Of Constituting Extraordinary Magistrates upon Extraordinary Occasions. Of Subjects Anticipating the Execution of Laws. Of Tolleration of Religion. Of Peace and War, &c. With The Debates, Arguments and Resolutions of the Greatest Statesmen in Several Ages and Governments Thereupon.* London: Printed for James Knapton, 1701. [xvi], 366, [2] pp. Includes two-page publisher list at rear of text; another one-page list opposite p.1. Octavo (7-1/2" x 4-1/2").

Nineteenth-century tree calf, gilt spine with lettering piece, "189" gilt-stamped to foot, endleaves renewed, ribbon marker. Moderate rubbing to extremities, some wear to spine ends and corners, front board beginning to separate but secured by cords, partial crack between final leaf of text and adjacent endleaf, recent owner bookplate to front pastedown, small recent image of Boxhorn affixed to front free endpaper. Light toning to text, light foxing in a few places. \$650.

\* Only edition. Compiled posthumously, this book is a fine introduction to the political and legal scholarship of one of the most interesting thinkers of the seventeenth century. Boxhorn, a prominent linguist, historian and political theorist, was a professor at the University of Leiden. A remarkably prolific scholar, his work stands on the cusp of late-Renaissance humanism and the early-Enlightenment thought epitomized by such philosophers as Hobbes and Pufendorf. He admired England's Parliament and had a keen interest in the history and institutions of English law and government. OCLC locates 9 copies in North American law libraries. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T116021.

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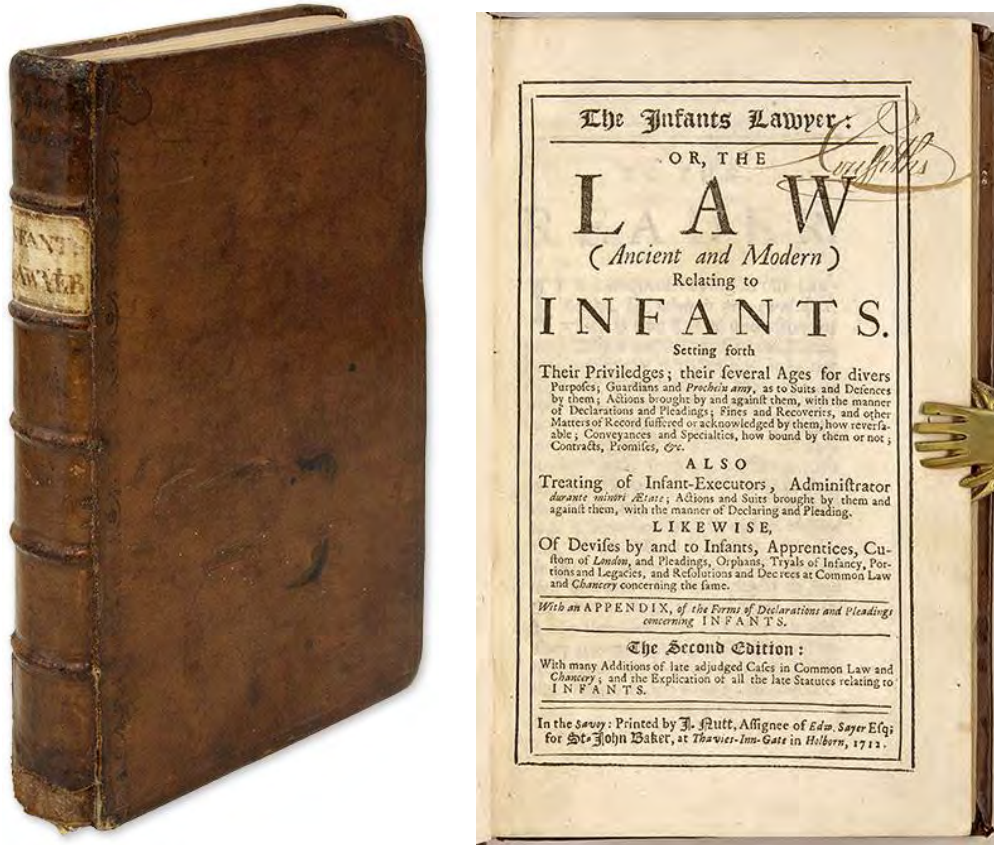
### Scarce Eighteenth-Century Peruvian Court Decisions

#### 5. Bravo de Lagunas y Castilla, Pedro Jose [1704?-1765], Editor.

*Colección Legal de Cartas, Dictámenes y Otros Papeles en Derecho*. Lima: En la Oficina de los Huerfanos, 1761. [lxiv], 300 [i.e. 352], [16], 161, [4] pp. Quarto (7-3/4" x 6").

Contemporary limp vellum with lapped edges, early hand-lettered title to spine, ties lacking. Negligible rubbing to extremities, faint stain to front board, vellum beginning to crack through pastedowns, text block partially detached, clean tear to front free endpaper. Title page printed with woodcut typographical border, woodcut text ornaments. Light toning to text, internally clean. Ex-library. Bookplate to front pastedown, small inkstamps to title page, annotations to verso. A nice copy of a scarce eighteenth-century Peruvian imprint. \$3,000.

\* Only edition. The editor of this collection of exemplary judicial decisions given in Peruvian ecclesiastical and secular courts was a minister of the Supreme Council of the Indies, Judge of the Royal Court of Lima and a professor of law at the Royal University of San Marcos (in Mexico). These decisions deal with a variety of topics, such as slavery, Indians and the nullification of marriage. OCLC locates 14 copies in North America, 5 in law libraries (Columbia, Harvard, UC-Berkeley, University of Michigan, Yale). Another copy located at the Library of Congress. Not in Sabin. Medina, *La Imprenta en Lima: Epítome, 1584-1810* 1170. [Order This Item](#)



The First English Treatise on the Law of Infants

6. [Carter, Samuel].

*The Infants Lawyer: Or the Law (Ancient and Modern) Relating to Infants. Setting Forth Their Priviledges; Their Several Ages for Divers Purposes; Guardians and Prochein Amy, As to Suits and Defences by Them; Actions Brought by and Against Them, With the Manner of Declarations and Pleadings; Fines and Recoveries, And other Matters of Record Suffered or Acknowledged by Them, How Reversible; Conveyances and Specialties, How Bound by Them or Not; Contracts, Promises, &c. Also Treating of Infant-Executors, Administrator Durante Minori Aetate; Actions and Suits Brought by Them and Against Them, With the Manner of Declaring and Pleading. Likewise, Of Devises by and to Infants, Apprentices, Custom of London, And Pleadings, Orphans, Tryals of Infancy, Portions and Legacies, And Resolutions and Decrees at Common Law and Chancery Concerning the Same. With an Appendix of the Forms of Declarations and Pleadings Concerning Infants. With Many Additions of Late Adjudged Cases in Common Law and Chancery; and the Explication of All the Late Statutes Relating to Infants.* [London]: Printed by J. Nutt, 1712. [xxiv], 380, [28] pp. Octavo (7-1/2" x 4-1/2").

Contemporary calf, blind rules to boards, blind fillets along joints, raised bands and early hand-lettered paper title label and faint early hand-lettered title to spine. A few minor nicks and scuffs to boards. some rubbing to extremities, chip to foot of spine, corners bumped and lightly worn, joints starting, hinges cracked. Light toning to text, light foxing to a few leaves, early owner signature ("Griffiths"?) to head of title page. \$2,500.

\* Second edition. First published in 1697, this is the first English treatise on the subject. Its twenty comprehensive chapters consist of a digest of the case law relating to each topic with explanatory comments. Holdsworth notes that "[i]t was a useful book to practitioners since it covers all the topics connected with its subject." A third edition was published in 1726. All editions are scarce. Holdsworth, *A History of English Law* XII:399-400. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T86178.

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**Early Amsterdam Edition of Catherine's *Nakaz***

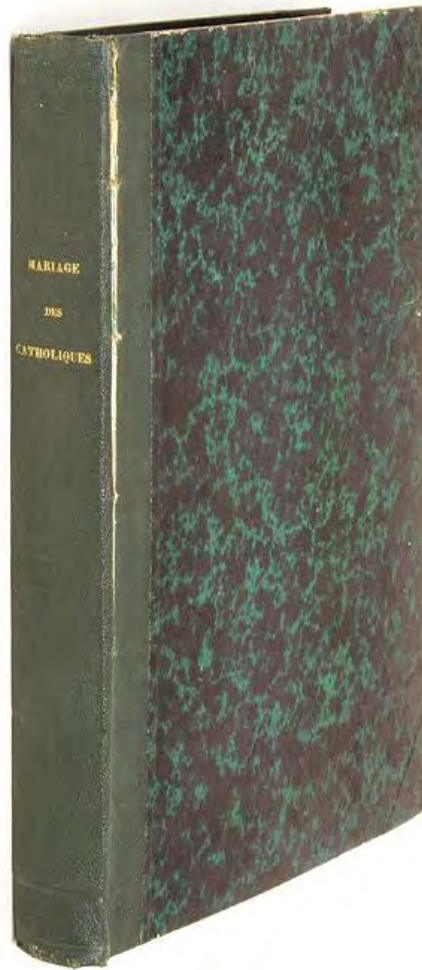
**7. Catherine II [1762-1796], Empress of Russia.**

*Instruction de Sa Majesté Impériale Cathérine II. Pour la Commission Chargée de Dresser le Projet d'un Nouveau Code de Loix.* Amsterdam: Chez Marc Michel Rey, 1771. [vii], 229 pp. Copperplate portrait frontispiece. Octavo (7-3/4" x 4-3/4").

Later patterned-paper covered boards, calf lettering piece to spine, patterned endpapers. Minor wear to spine ends and corners, front joint starting at ends. Negligible light toning to text, dampstaining to bottom and fore-edges of text block, very faint in most places, in preliminaries somewhat darker. A nice copy. \$1,250.

\* Second Dutch edition. This important text, also known as the *Nakaz*, or *Instruction*, is a statement of legal principles written by Catherine II from 1764 and 1766. Permeated with the ideas of the French Enlightenment, and copied mostly from the work of Voltaire, Montesquieu and Beccaria, it was compiled as a guide for the All-Russia Legislative Commission convened by the Empress in 1767 to create a new code to replace the 1649 Muscovite Code. Revised in consultation with Beccaria, Frederick the Great and Voltaire, the *Instruction* proclaimed the equality of all men before the law and disapproved of death penalty and torture. Unfortunately, her proposed code was never completed. Catherine's manuscript was written in French, and she later produced a Russian translation. Editions in German and Russian were published in Moscow in 1767. Several editions followed in nations ranging from Italy to Latvia. The first Dutch edition, in Dutch translation, was published in Amsterdam in 1769. The 1771 Amsterdam edition was the first Dutch edition in French. It is a scarce imprint. OCLC locates 2 copies in North American law libraries (Library of Congress, UC-Berkeley). Butler, *The Nakaz of Catherine the Great* 528 (entry 28). [Order This Item](#)





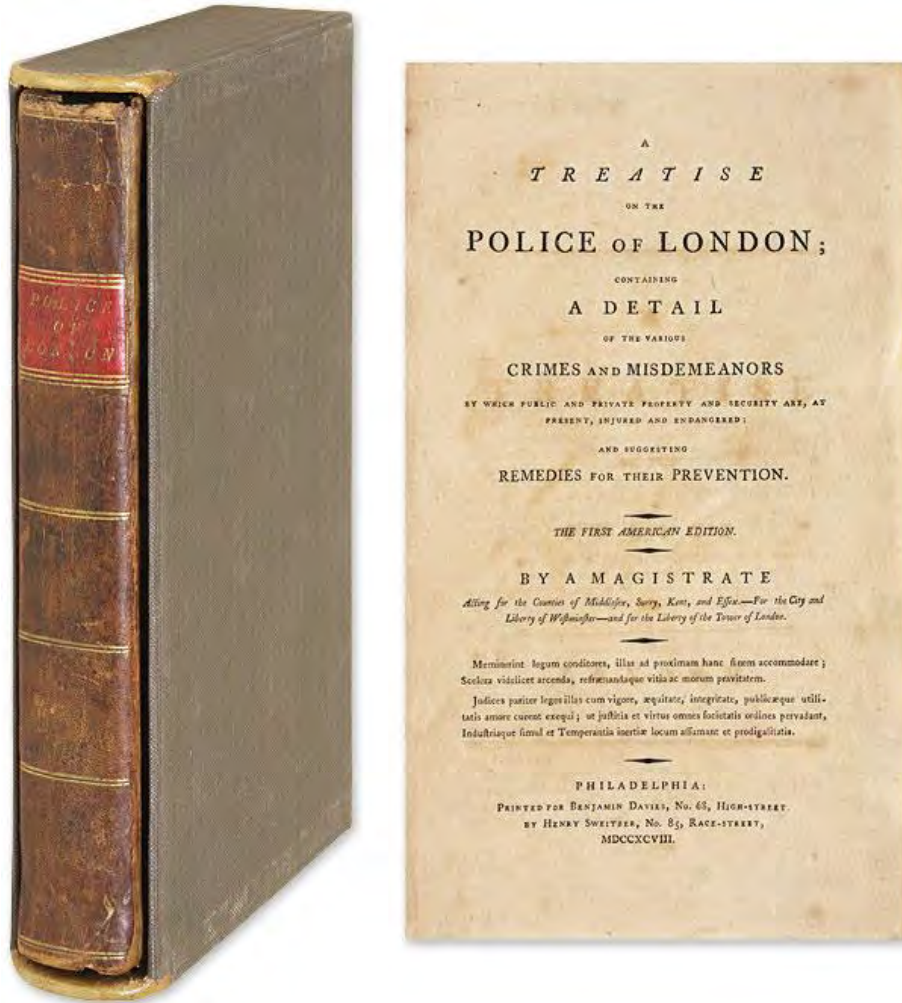
### Controversial Book on Catholic Divorce and Annulment

#### 8. Clémens, Jacques.

*Traité du Pouvoir Irréfragable et Inébranlable de l'Eglise sur le Mariage des Catholiques: Contre le Livre qui à pour Titre Examen de Deux Questions Importantes sur le Mariage Imprimé sans nom d'Autor, l'An M.D.CC.LIII.* Liège: Chez Clement Plomteux, 1768. xii, [2], 368 pp. Quarto (10-1/4" x 8").

Later quarter pebbled cloth over marbled boards, gilt title to spine, endpapers renewed. Some rubbing to extremities, minor wear to head of spine, front joint partially cracked. Light toning to text, somewhat heavier in places. Foxing to title page and a few other leaves. \$1,500.

\* Only edition. A study criticizing divorce and annulment under canon law. As its title indicates, it takes up the "two questions" in *Examen de Deux Questions Importantes sur le Mariage. Comment la Puissance Civile Peut-Elle Déclarer des Mariages Nuls, Sans Entreprendre sur les Droits de la Puissance Ecclésiastique? Quelle est en Conséquence, l'étendue du Pouvoir des Souverains sur les Empêchemens Dirimans le Mariage*, a work published anonymously by Pierre Le Ridant in 1753. Ridant's work defends the supremacy of canon law and Church authority, Clémens's work argues for the supremacy of local law and sovereigns. A controversial publication, it was banned by Maria Theresa, Empress of the Austrian Empire, which then included Liège (as part of the Austrian Netherlands). Possession of this book would result in a fine of 300 florins. A high-quality facsimile of this edict is laid into our copy. OCLC locates 2 copies in North America (UC-Berkeley Law School, University of Pennsylvania). De Theux, *Bibliographie Liégeoise* 611-612. [Order This Item](#)



**Only American Edition of an Important Work on Crime**

**9. [Colquhoun, Patrick (1745-1820)].**

*A Treatise on the Police of London; Containing a Detail of the Various Crimes and Misdemeanors By Which Public and Private Property and Security Are, At Present, Injured and Endangered: And Suggesting Remedies for Their Prevention.* Philadelphia: Printed for Benjamin Davies, 1798. xii, [7], 342, xxiv pp. Folding table. Octavo (8-1/4" x 5").

Contemporary tree sheep, lettering piece and gilt fillets to spine, neat early repair to head of spine. Negligible light rubbing to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, minor chipping to spine ends, some wear to corners, partial crack in text block between front endleaf and half-title. Moderate toning to text, brief early annotations and struck-thought signature to preliminaries. Item housed in lightly shelfworn cloth slipcase with calf accents at head and foot of opening. An appealing copy. \$750.

\* Only American edition. Colquhoun was a tireless reformer and public-minded citizen. First published in London in 1796, his treatise on criminology offered innovative proposals, such as the appointment of public prosecutors and paid magistrates, productive labor by convicts and a system of preventative police. This Philadelphia imprint was a response to the keen interest in this subject among elite circles of reformers and legislators in America. Their efforts were reflected in Philadelphia's Eastern State Penitentiary, New York's Auburn Prison and Livingston's penal code. Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 1010. [Order This Item](#)



### Important Spanish-Language Edition of the *Consolato del Mare*

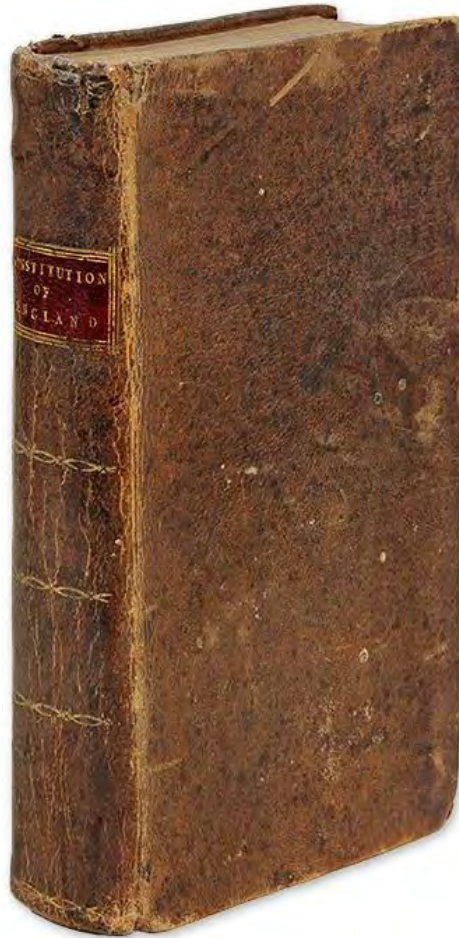
#### 10. [Consolato del Mare].

**Pallejá, Cayetano de, Translator.**

*Consulado Del Mar de Barcelona, Nuevamente Traducido de Cathalan en Castellano por don Cayetano de Pallejá. Y Addicionado de los Autores que Tratan Cada uno de los Capítulos, En el qual se Contienen las Leyes, Y Ordinaciones de los Contratos de Mar, Muy Util, Y Provechoso para Todos los Mercaderes, Negociantes, Patrones, Y Marineros.* Barcelona: En la Imprenta de J. Piferrer, 1732. [xvi], 199, [25] pp. Main text in parallel columns. Folio (11-3/4" x 8").

Contemporary vellum, faint early hand-lettered title and later blank paper shelf label to spine, fragments of thong ties. Light soiling and faint dampstaining to sections of boards and spine, front hinge partially cracked, vellum just beginning to crack through pastedowns. Moderate toning, somewhat heavier in places, occasional faint dampstaining to margins, light foxing and faint inkstains to edges of leaves in a few places, later owner stamp to title page and a few other pieces. \$1,500.

\* First edition by Pallejá. A landmark in the development of maritime law, the *Consolato del Mare* is a digest of the law and practice commonly followed by the commercial judges in the chief ports around the Mediterranean, it became a maritime common law of the Mediterranean and a foundation for subsequent European maritime laws and customs. Its circulation was widest in Italy, especially among the Venetians, but it was also influential in Western Europe. In addition to maritime law, it contains a great deal of information about the day-to-day operations of a ship and practical advice on seafaring. This work was first published in Barcelona in 1484 in Catalan. The first edition in Castilian (standard Spanish) was published in 1539. It was superseded by Pallejá's superior translation, which was the basis of later editions in Spanish. Palau, *Manual del Librero Hispano-Americano* 59534. [Order This Item](#)

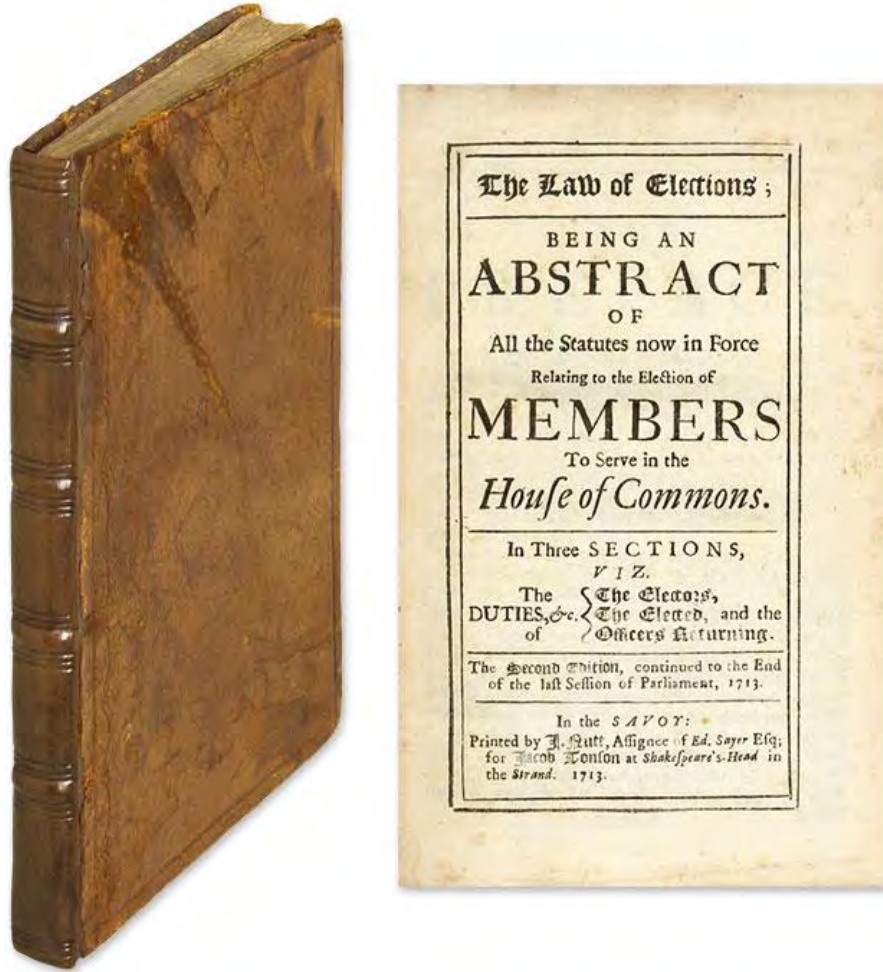


**First American Edition of an  
Important Treatise on English Constitution**

**11. De Lolme, J[ean] L[ouis] [1740-1806].** *The Constitution of England; Or, an Account of The English Government In Which it is Compared Both With the Republican Form of Government, And the Other Monarchies in Europe. A New Edition, Enlarged.* New York: Printed by Hodge & Campbell, 1792. xvi, [1], 26-376, [8] pp. Octavo (7" x 4-1/2").

Contemporary sheep, gilt fillets and lettering piece to spine. Moderate rubbing to extremities, minor chipping to head of spine, corners bumped, moderate toning, some offsetting to margins of preliminaries and endleaves, early owner signature (Jonathan H. Hubbard) to head of title page. \$500.

\* First American edition. First published in 1771, this highly regarded popular exposition of the English constitution by a Swiss jurist went through several editions well into the nineteenth century. It was the first book-length analysis of the "separation of powers" proposed in Book XI of Montesquieu's *Spirit the Laws*, which sketched an institutional distinction between the legislative, executive, and judicial branches of government. As one would expect, it was held in high regard by many of the founding fathers; Hamilton cites it favorably in *The Federalist*. "This work has been held in high estimation from its first publication, and still holds a distinguished place. (...) It has been made the basis of larger works upon the same subject, by Stephens and Western. Judge Story remarks that the author 'has presented a view of English Equity Jurisprudence, far more exact and comprehensive than many of the English text writers on the same subject.'": Marvin, *Legal Bibliography* (1847) 263. Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 2754. [Order This Item](#)



**Scarce Eighteenth-Century English Treatise on Election Law**

**12. [Election Law].  
[Great Britain].**

*The Law of Elections: Being an Abstract of All the Statutes Now in Force Relating to the Election of Members to Serve in the House of Commons: In Three Sections, Viz: The Duties &c. of the Electors, The Elected, And the Officers Returning.* [London]: Printed for J. Nutt, Assignee of Ed. Sayer Esq., for Jacob Tonson, 1713. [vi], 126, [6], 21, [3] pp. Half-title lacking. Octavo (6-1/2" x 4").

Contemporary sheep, blind frames and fillets to boards, raised bands to spine, rebacked retaining original backstrip, hinges mended. Some rubbing with wear to corners, a few large scuffs to boards. Toning to portions of text, light foxing to a few leaves, internally clean. \$650.

\* Second edition, "continued to the end of the last session of Parliament, 1713," which adds an addenda to the first edition of 1708. It was one of the earliest books on the subject. According to Sweet & Maxwell, the first studies were *Freedom of Elections to Parliament* (1680) and *Observations Concerning the Regulation of Elections for Parliament* (1689), a work attributed to the Earl of Shaftsbury). OCLC locates 6 copies, 3 in North America (at the Library of Congress, Harvard Law School and Stanford University). The ESTC locates 9 copies, 8 in Great Britain, 1 in North America (at the University of Indiana). Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 1:151 (20). *English Short-Title Catalogue* T108633.

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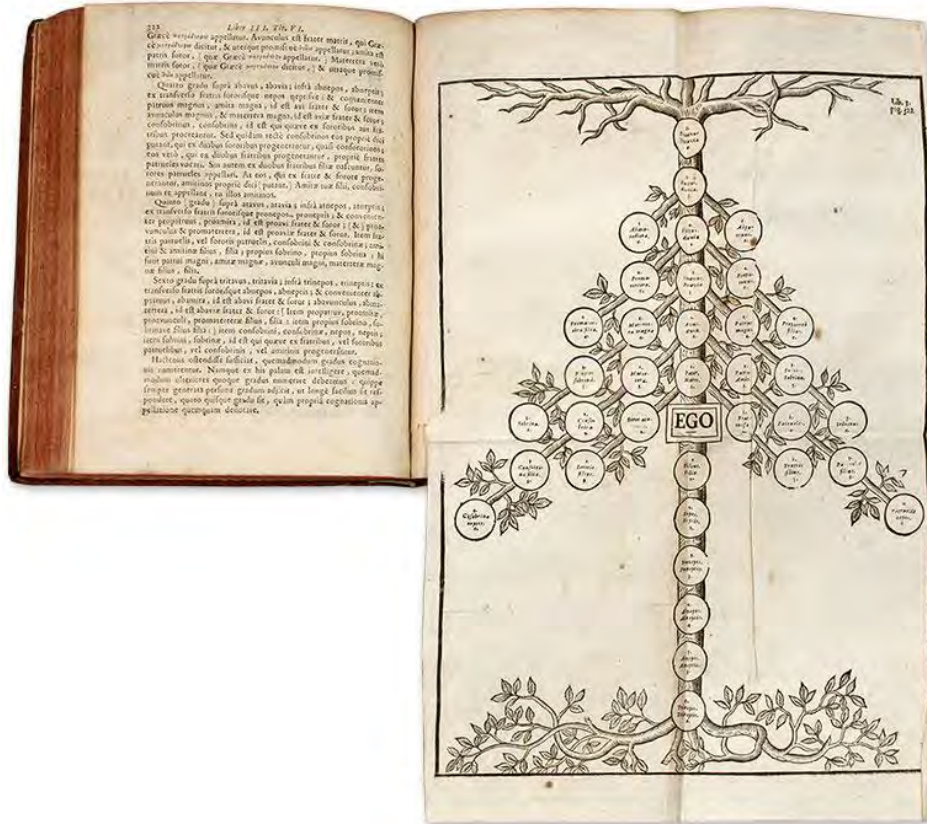
**A Collection of Amusing  
Eighteenth-Century Legal Cases**

**13. [Estienne, Robert (1723-1794), Compiler].**

*Causes Amusantes et Connues*. Berlin (i.e. Paris): S.n., 1769-1770. Two volumes. xii, [4], 420; [ii], 451 pp. Nine copperplate leaves. Complete. 12mo. (6-1/2" x 3-3/4").

Contemporary calf with cats-paw decoration, gilt spines with raised bands, edges rouged, marbled endpapers, ribbon markers. A few minor nicks to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities with some wear to spine ends and corners, which are lightly bumped, hinges cracked, armorial bookplate of Lord Farnham to front pastedowns. Moderate toning to text, light foxing in a few places. An attractive set. \$750.

\* First edition. Published anonymously under a false imprint, this is a collection of unusual or bizarre court cases, many with erotic and humorous elements, such as "Against an Accusation of Seduction," "A Brief in Favor of Turkeys." Several re-issues and adaptations of this work appeared during the next few years. "Lord Farnham" is possibly Barry Maxwell, 3rd Baron Farnham and 1st Earl of Farnham [1723-1800], an Irish lawyer, peer and politician. OCLC locates 3 copies of the first edition in North American law libraries (Georgetown, George Washington University, Harvard). Weller, *Die Falschen und Fingierten Druckorte* II:182. *British Museum Catalogue* 8:1031. [Order This Item](#)



**A Scarce Edition of Theophilus's Paraphrase of the Institutes**

14. Galtier, Daniel de, Editor.

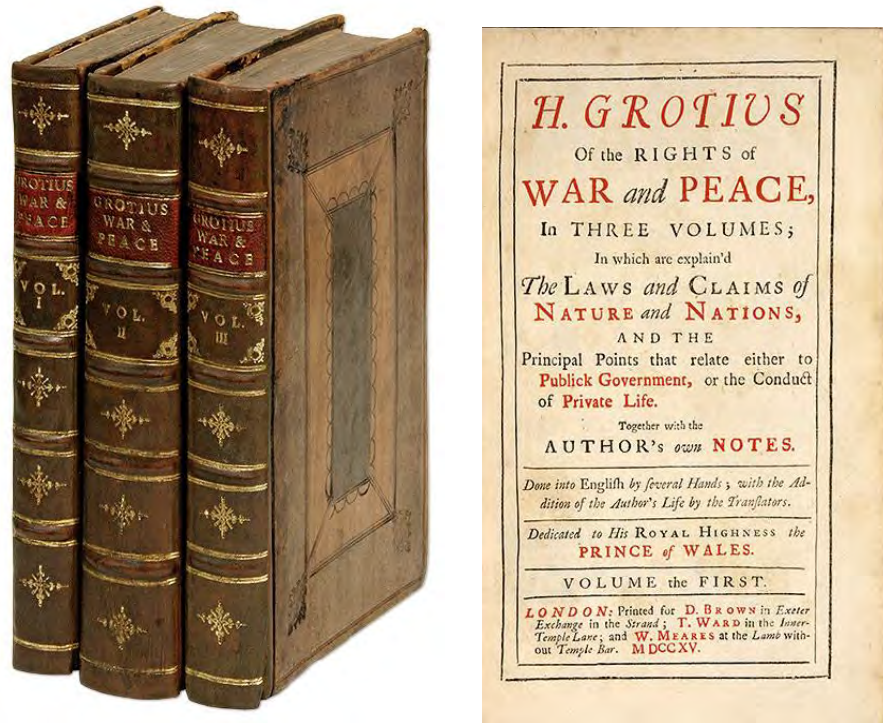
[Theophilus, Antecessor (6th-7th c. CE)].

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

*Theophilus Renovatus, Sive Levis ac Simplex via ad Institutiones Juris Civilis. Cum Duplici Indice. Prior Continet Principia Juris, Suis Auctoritatibus Fulta. Alter Vero est Rerum Notabilium, Quae in hoc Opere Continentur. Editio Novissima, Prioribus Multo Correctior, & Textibus Locupletior.* Toulouse: Impensis Joannis Guillemette, 1726. [xiii], xxiv, 648 pp. Folding table of consanguinity. Quarto (9-1/2" x 7-1/2").

Contemporary sheep, cat's-paw decoration to boards, gilt spine with raised bands and lettering piece, edges rouged. A few shallow scuffs and scratches to boards, moderate rubbing to boards with wear to spine ends, considerable wear to corners, hinges cracked. Light to moderate toning, faint dampspotting in a few places, some edgewear to table, a tear mended with archival tape, minor inkstains to a few leaves. \$950.

\* Later Galtier edition. Compiled around 161 CE, the *Institutes* is an elementary treatise on Roman private law that served as a standard text for 300 years. After its rediscovery during the medieval era it became a staple of European legal education. Along with the *Code*, *Novels* and *Digest*, it is one of the four works known collectively as the *Corpus Juris Civilis*. Theophilus was a professor of law in Constantinople who contributed to Justinian's codifications and the writing of the *Institutes*. His important Greek paraphrase of that work was first issued in 533 CE and was the standard edition in the East. It was a valuable edition for Western jurists as well. Indeed, several passages in the Latin text of the *Institutes* are difficult to understand unless they are compared to Antecessor's version. Galtier's edition was first published in 1672, it went through five more editions, the last in 1728. However, copies of this work are scarce. OCLC locates 4 copies of the 1726 edition, 1 in North America (Harvard Law School). Not in Camus. [Order This Item](#)



Handsome Copy of an Important Early English Translation of *De Jure Belli ac Pacis*

15. Grotius, Hugo [1535-1645].

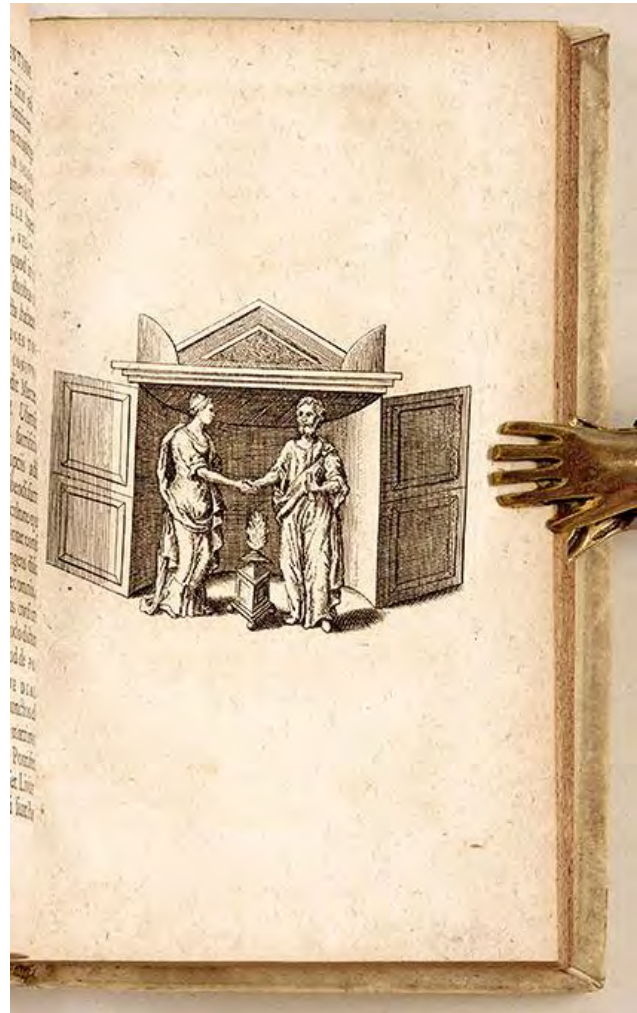
[Morrice, John, Translator and Editor].

*Of the Rights of War and Peace, In Three Volumes; In Which are Explain'd the Laws and Claims of Nature and Nations, And the Principal Points that Relate Either to Publick Government, Or the Conduct of Private Life. Together with the Author's Own Notes. Done into English by Several Hands; With the Addition of the Author's Life by the Translators. Dedicated to His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales.* London: Printed for D. Brown, T. Ward and W. Meares, 1715. Three volumes. [xv], civ, 212; [iii], 648; [iii], 356, [48] pp. Publisher advertisement facing title page in each volume. Octavo (7-1/2" x 4-3/4").

Contemporary paneled calf, rebaked in period style, raised bands, lettering piece and gilt ornaments to spines, hinges mended. A few minor nicks to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, copperplate armorial bookplates of George Baillie to front pastedown of each volume. Title pages printed in red and black. Light to moderate toning, light foxing to a few leaves in each volume, two brief annotations to front endleaves of Volume I. A handsome set. \$2,500.

\* First published in Paris in 1625, *The Rights of War and Peace* established the system of modern public international law. Grotius describes the situations in which war is a valid tool of law enforcement and outlines the principles of armed combat. Though based on Christian natural law, Grotius advanced the novel argument that his system would still be valid if it lacked a divine basis. In this regard he pointed to the future by moving international law in a secular direction. Recognized immediately as an important work, it was translated into the principal languages of Europe. The first English translation, by Clement Barksdale, was published in 1654 and reissued the following year. The second, by William Evats, was published in 1682. According to sources cited in the *ESTC*, the 1715 edition was translated and edited by Morrice with the assistance of Edward Littlehales and John Spavan. The English editions are very interesting to compare because they have significant differences. Baillie [1664-1738] was a Scottish politician who served in the Parliament of Scotland and the Parliament of Great Britain. He held several important posts; he was Commissioner for Trade and Plantations (1711-1714), a Lord of Admiralty (1714-1717) and a junior Lord Commissioner of the Treasury (1717-1725). *English Short-Title Catalogue* T117018. Ter Meulen and Diermanse, *Bibliographie de Grotius* 634. [Order This Item](#)





### The Legal Status of Wives in Roman Law

#### 16. Grupen, Christian Ulrich [1692-1767].

*Tractatio De Uxore Romana: Cum Ea, Quae In Manum Convenit, Farre, Coemtione Et Usu, Tum Illa, Quae Uxor Tantummodo Habebatur.* Hanover: Apud Nic. Foersterum et Fil., 1727. [xxx], 348, [20] pp. Lacking blank leaf following p. [xxx]. 5 engraved copperplates, 1 folding. Octavo (6-1/2" x 4-1/2").

Later vellum, faint, mostly erased hand-lettered title to spine, speckled edges, endpapers renewed. A few minor stains to boards, corners lightly bumped, pastedowns just beginning to detach from boards. Title page, with woodcut image of a Roman coin, printed in red and black. Some toning, light foxing in a few places, tiny early owner mark (shelf location number?) to front endleaf. A nice copy. \$750.

\* Only edition. This treatise explores marriage and the legal status and matrimonial responsibilities of women under Roman law. Grupen was a notable legal scholar and historian who served as an advisor to the House of Hanover. He had a particular interest in Woman and issues relating to marriage. His publications include *De Uxore Theoretica* (1748) and *Tractatio Iuridica de Virgine* (1716). *Das Verzeichnis Deutscher Drucke des 18. Jahrhunderts* 10255516-004. [Order This Item](#)



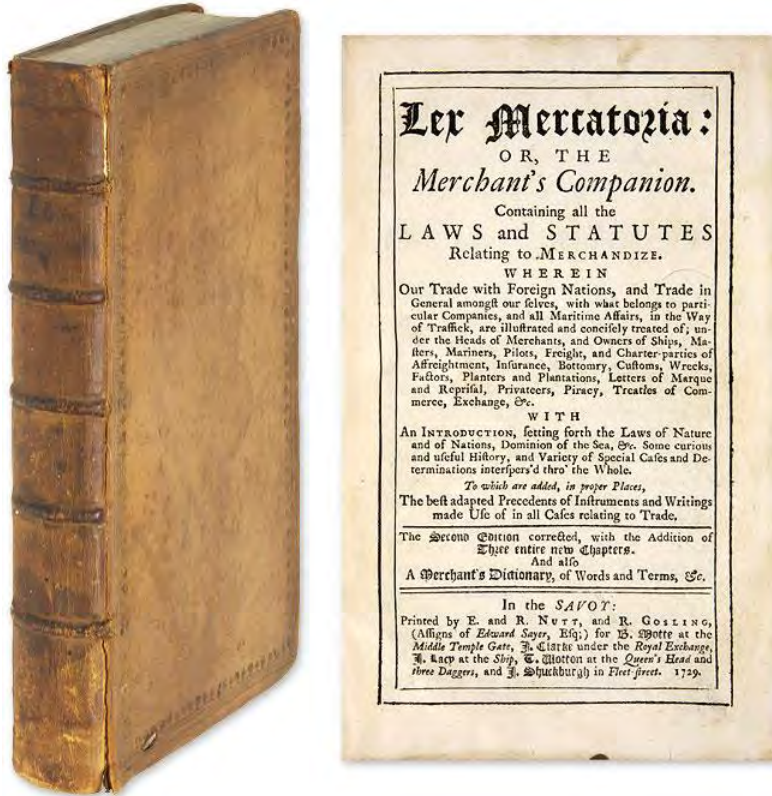
### A Dictionary of Swindlers

#### 17. Hönn, Georg Paul.

*Betrügs-Lexicon: Worinnen die Meisten Betrügereyen in Allen Ständen, Nebst denen Darwider guten Theils Dienenden Mitteln.* Coburg: Verlegts Paul Günther Pfotenhauer, 1721. [xvi], 458, [6] pp. Octavo (6-1/2" x 3-3/4").

Contemporary three-quarter vellum over marbled boards, early hand-lettered title to spine. Binding slightly cocked, rubbing to boards and extremities with wear to spine ends and corners, which are bumped, sections of marbled paper lacking, spine darkened, hinges cracked, front free endpaper lacking, rear free endpaper partially detached. Title page printed in red and black. Moderate toning, minor worming to foot of text block, light soiling to title page, "767" in early hand to front pastedown, marks in later pencil to margins of several leaves. \$1,500.

\* First edition. Arranged alphabetically, this is a taxonomy of swindlers and other criminal types. Some entries are polemical. A few entries, most notably those for "monk" and "nun" bordered on blasphemy and were ordered to be removed from later editions. The book went through seven editions in all, the last in 1761. The first is the most desirable because it is uncensored. All are scarce. OCLC locates 3 copies of the first edition in North America (Columbia, University of Alberta, Yale). *Das Verzeichnis Deutscher Drucke des 18. Jahrhunderts* 10178082-008. [Order This Item](#)



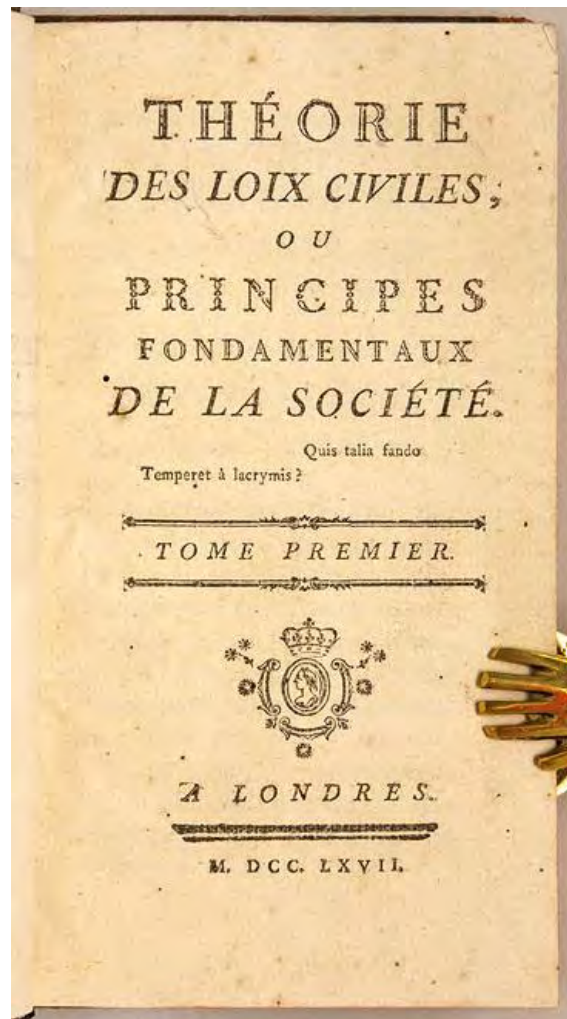
With A "Merchants's Dictionary of Words and Terms"

18. [Jacob, Giles (1686-1744)].

*Lex Mercatoria: Or, The Merchant's Companion. Containing all the Laws and Statutes Relating to Merchandize. Wherein Our Trade with Foreign Nations, and Trade in General Amongst Our Selves, With What Belongs to Particular Companies, And all Maritime Affairs, In the way of Traffick, Are Illustrated and Concisely Treated of; Under the Heads of Merchants, And Owners of Ships, Masters, Mariners, Pilots, Freight, and Charter-Parties of Affreightment, Insurance, Bottomry, Customs, Wrecks, Factors, Planters and Plantations, Letters of Marque and Reprisal, Privateers, Piracy, Treaties of Commerce, Exchange, &c. With an Introduction, Setting Forth the Laws of Nature and of Nations, Dominion of the Sea, &c. Some Curious and Useful History, And Variety of Special Cases and Determinations Interspers'd Thro' the Whole. To Which are Added, in Proper Places, The Best Adapted Precedents of Instruments and Writings Made Use of in All Cases Relating to Trade.* [London]: Printed by E. and R. Nutt [et al.] for B. Motte [et al.], 1729. [xii], 404, [12] pp. Octavo (7-1/2" x 5").

Contemporary calf, blind fillets and rules to boards, raised bands to spine, gilt dentelles to board edges. Light rubbing to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, joints and hinges starting. Light toning to text, negligible foxing to a few leaves, internally clean. A handsome copy. \$1,000.

\* Second and final edition, "Corrected, with the Addition of Three Entire New Chapters, And Also A Merchant's Dictionary, of Words and Terms, &c." Jacob, best-known for his *New Law-Dictionary*, was the most prolific English legal writer of the eighteenth century. Although he was interested in boosting sales by attracting the widest audience possible, Jacob was also an idealist who believed that widespread knowledge of the law would help create a more just society. This is the goal of *Lex Mercatoria* (1718) and several other publications, such as *Every Man His Own Lawyer* (1736) and *Treatise of Laws* (1721). Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 1:522 (46). *English Short-Title Catalogue* T137820. [Order This Item](#)



### An Ideal Form of Government

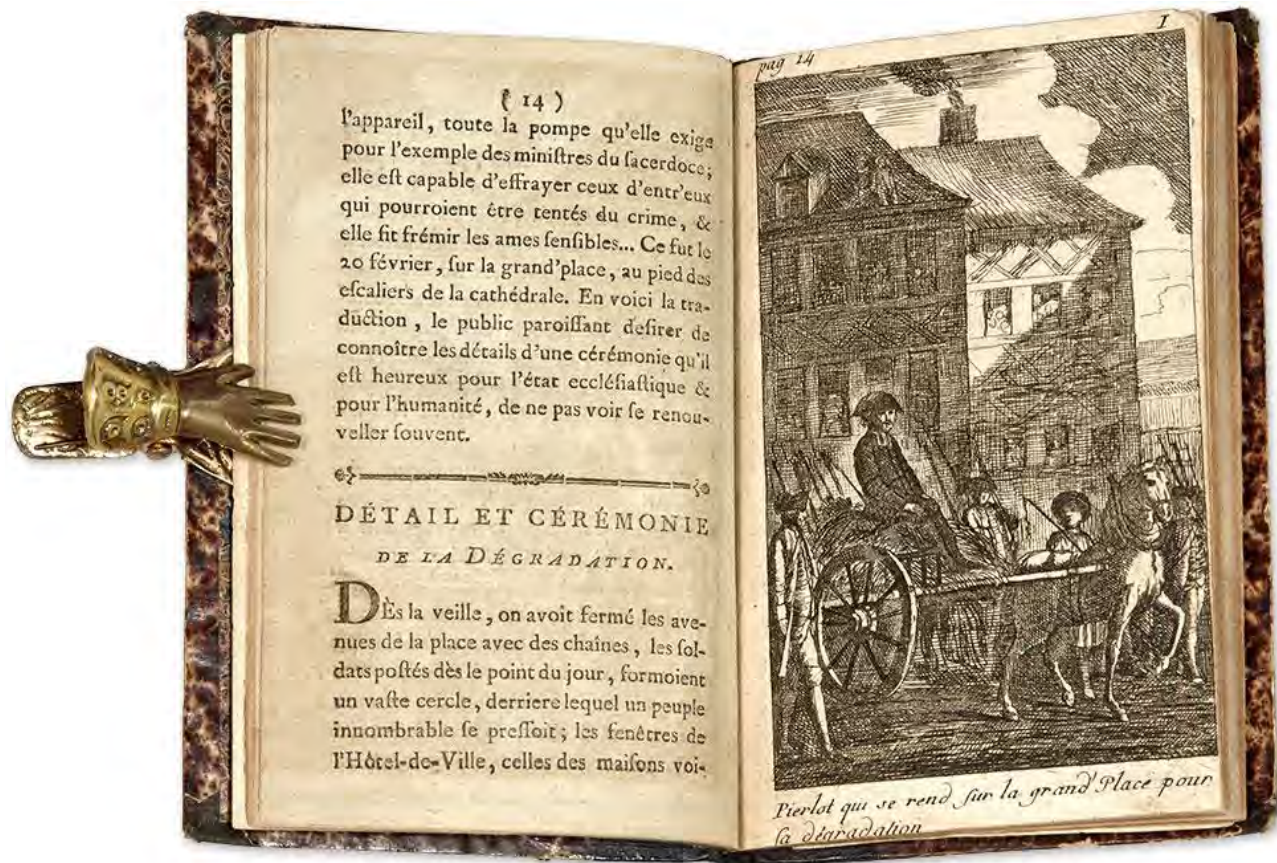
#### 19. Linguet, Simon Nicolas Henri [1736-1794].

*Théorie des Loix Civiles, Ou, Principes Fondamentaux de la Société.* "A Londres" (i.e. Paris): S.n., 1767. Two volumes [iv], 496; [iv], 528 pp. 12mo. (6-1/2" x 3-3/4").

Contemporary mottled calf, red and green lettering pieces and gilt ornaments to spine, edges rouged, marbled endpapers, ribbon markers. Light rubbing and a few tiny scuffs to boards, somewhat heavier rubbing to spine and extremities, corners bumped. Light toning to text, slightly heavier in places, light foxing to a few leaves in each volume, tiny inkspot to title page of Volume II. An attractive set. \$650.

\* From the same year as the first edition with corrections. Linguet was a conservative lawyer and journalist who was executed during the Reign of Terror. *Théorie des Loix Civiles*, perhaps the author's most important work, went through several editions and issues, the last in 1787. It outlines an ideal form of government and proposes reforms in taxation, customs and the law. It also defends absolutism and attacks the politics of Montesquieu. Volume I contains extensive discussion of divorce and the position of women in society. *Catalogue of the Goldsmiths' Library of Economic Literature* 10377.

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**Illustrated Account of a Belgian Priest With a Gambling Addiction Who Committed Several Murders**

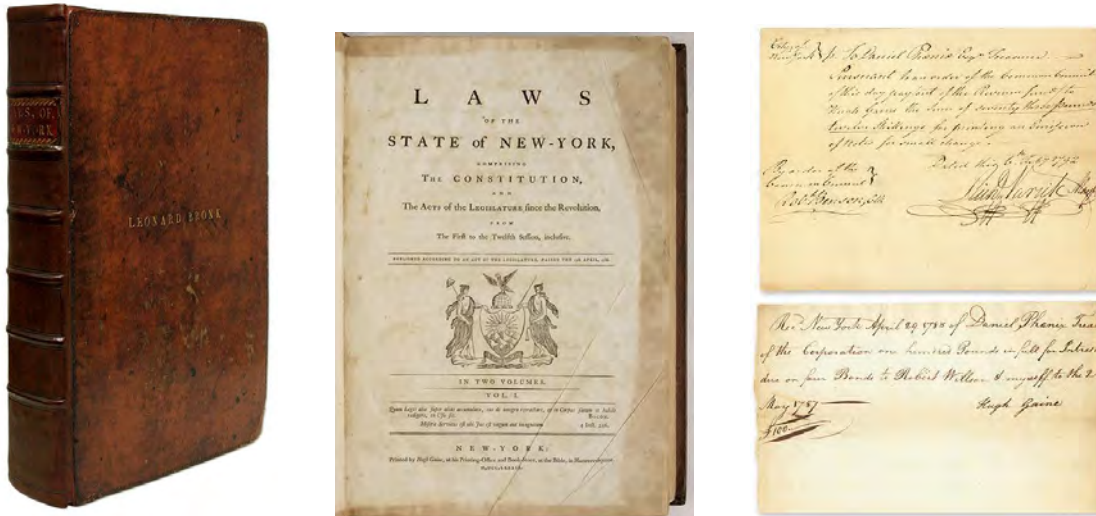
20. [Murder].

[Pierlot, Jacques (1750-1786)].

*La Vie de Jacques Pierlot, Prêtre & Marguillier de la Paroisse de Verrier, Ville de la Principauté de Liège; Avec tous les Détails de son Crime, De sa Dégradation, & De son Supplice.* Liège: Chez Lemarié, 1786. 52 [i.e., 50] pp. Etched portrait frontispiece. Four etched plates. Octavo (6-1/2" x 4").

Nineteenth-century quarter sheep over marbled boards, gilt fillets and title to spine, marbled endpapers. Moderate rubbing to extremities with some wear to spine ends and corners, recent owner bookplate to front pastedown. Moderate toning to text, faint dampstaining to head of frontispiece and title page, clean tear to lower inner corner of title repaired on verso, bottom line of caption cropped on second plate, final two leaves cropped and re-hinged. Laid in is a copy of the 17 March 1786 *Avertissemens de Liège*, a handbill of local publisher advertisements, including one for this publication. \$1,850.

\* Only edition. A sensationalistic chapbook about a Belgian priest with a gambling addiction who murdered a creditor and members of the latter's household. He was sentenced by an ecclesiastical tribunal to degradation (permanent removal from clerical office), which was carried out in a public ceremony, then sentenced by a municipal tribunal to be tortured and strangled. The plates depict his degradation and punishment. Chapbooks such as this one were an expression of the anti-clericalism that was a vital part of Enlightenment Francophone culture in the years preceding the French Revolution. OCLC locates 12 copies, 1 in North America (Library of Congress). Not in the *British Museum Catalogue*. [Order This Item](#)



**Handsome 1789 Folio Edition of New York Laws with Two Interesting Laid-In Manuscript Notes**

**21. [New York].**

**[Jones, Samuel (1734-1819), Compiler].**

**[Varick, Richard (1753-1819), Compilers].**

*Laws of the State of New-York, Comprising the Constitution, And the Acts of the Legislature Since the Revolution, From The First to the Twelfth Session, Inclusive. Published According to an Act of the Legislature, Passed the 15th April, 1786.* New York: Printed by Hugh Gainé, 1789. Two volumes bound as one. [iv], 336, [12], xii, [2]; [ii], 471, [17] pp. Two laid-in manuscript notes, 5-3/4" x 8," 6" x 8." Folio (10" x 15").

Contemporary calf, blind fillets to boards, "Leonard Bronk" gilt-stamped to center of front board, rebacked retaining existing spine with raised bands and lettering piece, spine ends repaired, hinges mended. Light rubbing to boards and extremities, moderate rubbing to board edges, corners bumped. Moderate toning, light foxing in a few places, offsetting to margins of preliminaries and rear endleaves. \$3,500.

\* The first volume of collected New York laws printed after the ratification of the U.S. Constitution and the second issued after the American Revolution, the 1789 compilation contains laws passed 1778 through 1789, regulating such topics as governance, mortgages, debtors, land, slaves, New York City, criminal and marital law, rape, liquor and exports. Also includes an interesting law in King's county (Brooklyn) and Queen's County (Queens) establishing a 40 shilling fine to those carriages traveling from the City of New York that fail to give right of way to carriages going toward the city. Also includes the Constitution of the State of New York, passed April 20, 1777. The laid-in notes are quite interesting. The first is a contract between New York City Mayor Richard Varick and Hugh Gainé dated February 7, 1792. It directs the city treasurer to pay Gainé 73 pounds for "printing an emission of notes for small change." Issued two months before the establishment of the U.S. Mint, this note is essentially an authorization by the State of New York to issue fractional currency. The U.S. Constitution prohibited states from issuing paper money, but it appears that a few states and municipalities issued notes, or at least authorized them, in the early 1790s. Backed by the faith and credit of the issuer, these notes for small change were a response to the scarcity of coinage and the fluctuating value of copper. Such documents are rare, especially ones from New York, and offer important insights into early U.S. banking history and the interplay of federal and state rights. The other document is a note of acknowledgement for interest received on a bond from the N.Y. City treasurer signed by Hugh Gainé. The former owner of this book, Leonard Bronk [1751-1828], was a judge and member of the New York State Assembly. He was descended from Jonas Bronck, the Dutch settler whose estate formed the basis of the present-day New York City Borough of the Bronx. Benedict, *Acts and Laws of the Thirteen Original Colonies and States* 408. Tower, *The Charlemagne Tower Collection of American Colonial Laws* 632. [Order This Item](#)



Three Notable Treatises Useful to a  
Practicing Lawyer or Wealthy Landowner

**22. Oettinger [Oetinger], Johann [1577-1633].**

*Tractatus de Jure et Controversiis Limitum, Ac Finibus Regundis, Oder Gründlicher Bericht Von den Gränzen und Marcksteinen, Wie durch Dieselbe der Königreiche, Landschafften, Fürstenthume, Bisthümer ... Gebiete, Weydreichin, Marckungen, Zwing und Bänn, Nach Ausweisung der Gemeinen Rechten, Und eines Jeden Lands Gewohnheit, Unterschieden, Eingesteint, Und die Daraus Entstehende Nachbarliche Streitigkeiten und Misverstände Erörtert und Beygelegt Werden Sollen.* Hanover: Zu Finden bey Nicolaus Förstern, 1711. [xxxii], 443 pp. Double folded title page. 20 woodcuts illustrating geometrical calculations. Lacking folding map.

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**Stryk, Samuel [1640-1710].**

*Fundamenta Iuris Iustiniani, Ad Ordinem Institutionum Succinctis Aphorismis in Usu Auditorum Proposita. Accesserunt Resolutiones Casuum in Matrimoniiis & Successionibus ut et Memoriale Legum in Foro, Maxime Necessariorum.* Halle: Sumptibus Io. Godofredi Rengeri, 1704. [xviii], 266, [6] pp. Lacking blank leaf before p. 1.

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**Rivinus, Quintus Septimius Florens [1651-1713].**

*Specimen Exceptionum Forensium: Exhibens Dilatorias ad Usu Fori Saxonici Accomodatas. In Gratiam Auditorum Suorum Editum.* Leipzig: Sumptibus Davidis Fleischeri, 1701. [ii], 279, [3] pp.

Octavo (6-1/2" x 4"). Contemporary vellum with lapped edges, early hand-lettered titles to spine, edges rouged. Moderate soiling, minor tear to foot of spine, vellum just beginning to crack through pastedowns, hinges cracked, some worming to boards, endleaves and parts of text block with minor loss to text and no loss to legibility, lower corner lacking from leaf N2 (pp. 193-194) with some loss to text. Title pages printed in red and black. Moderate toning, somewhat heavier in places, occasional faint dampstaining to margins. \$950.

\* Later editions. This volume collects three works that would have been useful to a practicing lawyer or wealthy landowner in Saxony. Oettinger was a distinguished geographer, cartographer and surveyor. First published in 1607, his *Tractatus de Jure et Controversiis Limitum*, deals with legal aspects of surveying and boundaries according to Roman law. A useful study, it went through nine editions by 1729. One of the great German jurists of his time, Stryk was a professor at the University of Halle who was instrumental in the development of German civil law. First published in 1695, *Fundamenta Iuris Iustiniani* is an introductory textbook on Roman law. As indicated by its subtitle, this book has additional sections on marriage and inheritance and succession. It went through six editions by 1714. Rivinus's *Specimen Exceptionum Forensium* is a handbook on pleading and procedure in the courts of Saxony. It was first published in 1686 and reached its tenth edition in 1755. This edition not VD18 or the *British Museum Catalogue. Das Verzeichnis Deutscher Drucke des 18. Jahrhunderts* 10450106-003 (Oettinger), 10406069 (Ravinius).



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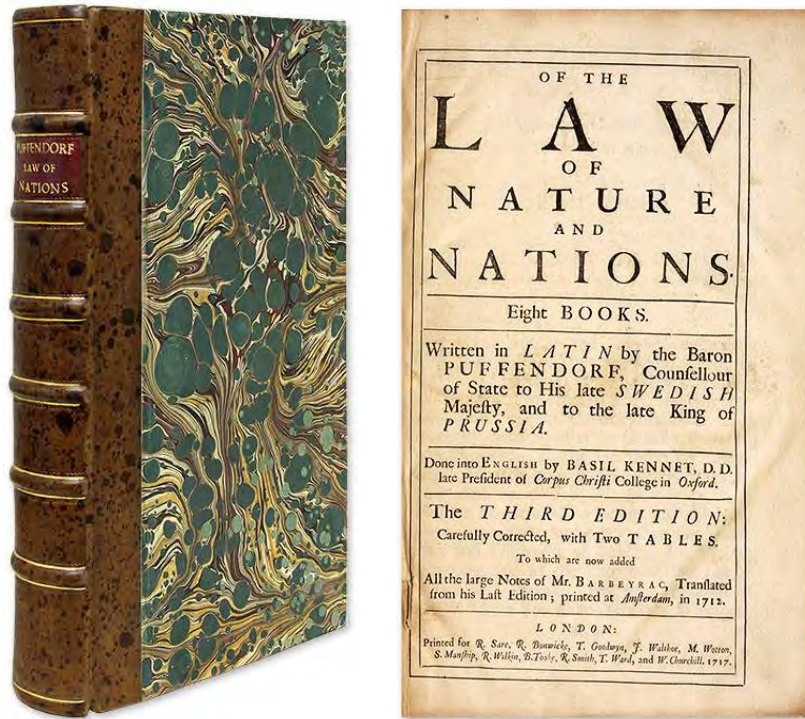
### Rare Compilation on Laws of the Rosicrucians

#### 23. Pongratz, Albert, Editor.

*Manuale Praesidium Confraternitatis SS. Rosarii: Continens Statuta, Indulgentias, Atque Privilegia Eiusdem Confraternitatis, In quo Omnia Fere, Confraternitatem hanc Concernentia, Breviter, Clare, & Solide Declarantur, Declarata Novissimis Romanis Decisionibus Roborantur. Deinde Vero Etiam de Aliis Famosioribus S. Ordinis Praedicatorum Societatibus, & Indulgentiis Tractatur: In Utilitatem tum Sodalium, Cum Praeprimis Praesidium Elaboratum Opera.* Ljubljana: Typis, Adami Frid. Reichhard, [1744]. [viii], 390, [56] pp. Quarto (8" x 6-1/4").

Contemporary vellum, early hand-lettered title to spine. Light rubbing to extremities with minor wear to spine ends and corners, a few minor stains to boards. Woodcut head-pieces, tail-piece and decorated initials. Light toning to text, minor stains to a few leaves, later owner annotation and library label to front pastedown, interior otherwise clean. A nice copy of a rare title. \$1,950.

\* Second and final edition. Rosicrucianism, a philosophical secret society with strong ties to Christian inquiry, originated in medieval Germany. By the eighteenth century Rosicrucians organized into formal groups. Several Rosicrucian lodges had strong ties to Freemasonry. First published in 1742, Pongratz's manual is a compilation of its laws and regulations. The front matter contains several statements in support of Rosicrucianism from secular and Catholic officials, including Pope Urban VIII. The tail-piece is a Jesuit cipher, which indicates Jesuit support. OCLC locates 2 copies, both in Slovakia. Not in the *British Museum Catalogue*. [Order This Item](#)



Early English Edition of Puffendorf

**24. Puffendorf, Samuel von [1632-1694].  
Barbeyrac, Jean [1674-1744], Annotator.  
[Kennet(t), Basil (1674-1715), Translator].  
[Percivale, William, Translator].**

*Of the Law of Nature and Nations. Eight Books. Written in Latin by the Baron Puffendorf, Counsellour of State to His Late Swedish Majesty, And to the Late King of Prussia. Translated Into English by Basil Kennet, D.D. Late President of Corpus Christi College in Oxford. Carefully Corrected, With Two Tables. To Which are Now Added All the Large Notes of Mr. Barbeyrac, Translated from His Last Edition; Printed at Amsterdam in 1712.* London: Printed for R. Sare, R. Bonwicke, T. Goodwyn, [et al.], 1717. [xxiv], 212, 242, 221-356, 359- 390, 453-556, 559-577, [1], 531 [i.e. 131], [23] pp. Main text in parallel columns. Pagination irregular. Text complete. Folio (13-3/4" x 9").

Recent period-style quarter calf over marbled boards, endpapers renewed, title page re-hinged. Moderate toning to text, somewhat heavier in places, faint dampspotting to a few leaves, tiny hole to title page neat foot of gutter. An attractive copy. \$1,250.

\* Third English edition. In 1662 Puffendorf was appointed to the first modern professorship in natural law (at the University of Heidelberg). In 1670 he became professor of natural law at the University of Lund in Sweden. First published in 1672, and first published in English in 1703, *De Jure Naturae et Gentium* is his principal work and a landmark in the history of natural and international law. It proposed a thorough system of private, public, and international law based on natural law. Beginning with a consideration of fundamental legal ideas and their various divisions, Puffendorf proceeded to a discussion of the validity of customs, the doctrines of necessity and innate human reason. The work is significant in part because it developed principles introduced by Grotius and Hobbes. Unlike Hobbes, Puffendorf argued that peace, not war, was the state of nature, and he proposed that international law was not restricted to Christendom. Our copy belonged to the eminent historian Brian Tierney [1922-2019], an expert on the relationship between church and state in medieval Europe. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T118565. [Order This Item](#)



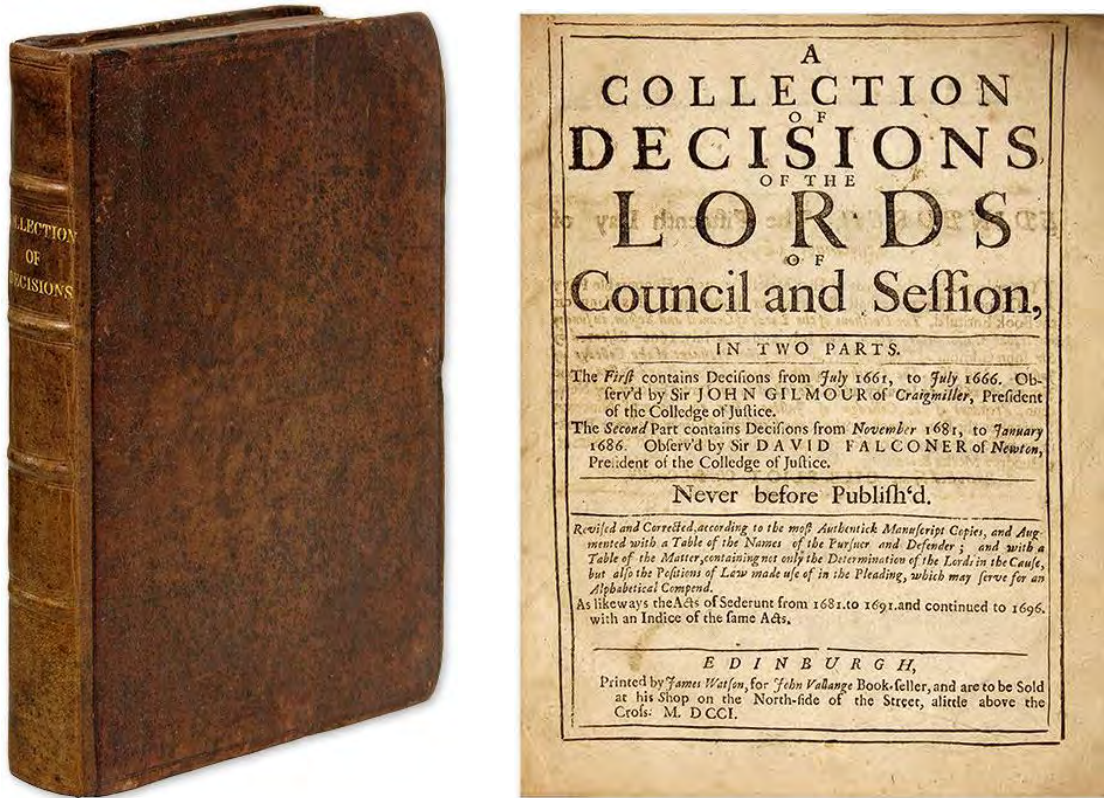
**Scarce 1792 Treatise on Taxation  
And Inheritance Laws in the Viceroyalty of Peru**

**25. Rezabal (Rezabel) y Ugarte, Jose de [d. 1800].**

*Tratado del Real Derecho de las Medias-Anatas Seculares: y del Servicio de Lanzas a que Estan Obligados los Titulos de Castilla. Origen Historico de Este Juzgado en el Reyno del Peru. Reglas con Que se Administran Estos Ramos en Ambas Americas, Conformes en la Mayor Parte a las que Estan Prescritas en Espana Para su Adeudo y Recaudacion. Con Tres Apendices: El Primero Contiene un Catalogo Alfabético de los Titulos Existentes en Aquel Vireynato, Sus Creaciones Respectives y Actuales Poseedores. El Segundo las Reglas Generales de Media-Anata Insertas en la Real Cedula de 3 Julio de 1664. Y el Tercero las Reales Ordenes y Cédulas que se Han Expedido Para el Mejor Regimen y Gobierno de Ambos Derechos.* Madrid: En la Oficina de B. Cano, 1792. [xvi], 252 pp. Folding table. Folio (12" x 8").

Contemporary speckled sheep, lettering piece and gilt fillets to spine, rouged edges, ribbon marker, marbled endpapers. Light rubbing and a few scuffs to boards, heavier rubbing to extremities, some chipping spine ends, insect damage near center of spine, corners bumped and somewhat worn, joints just starting at ends, front hinge partially cracked, early owner bookplate to front pastedown, light toning to interior. An attractive copy. \$1,500.

\* Only edition. Written by a distinguished senior judge and legal scholar in Cusco, this is a treatise on inheritance law in the Viceroyalty of Peru. It includes a history and overview of Peru's court system with comparisons to the Spanish courts and a detailed catalogue of all Spanish titles of nobility in Peru. It also provides a good deal of information relating to native South Americans and people of mixed Spanish-native blood. Indeed, it is an important source for its information on the legal status of these people and is included in the CD-ROM collection *Textos Clasicos de Literatura Juridica Indiana* (Madrid, 1999). OCLC locates 14 copies, 12 in North America, 2 in a law library (Library of Congress, UC-Berkeley). Palau, *Manual del Librero Hispanoamericano* 265986. [Order This Item](#)



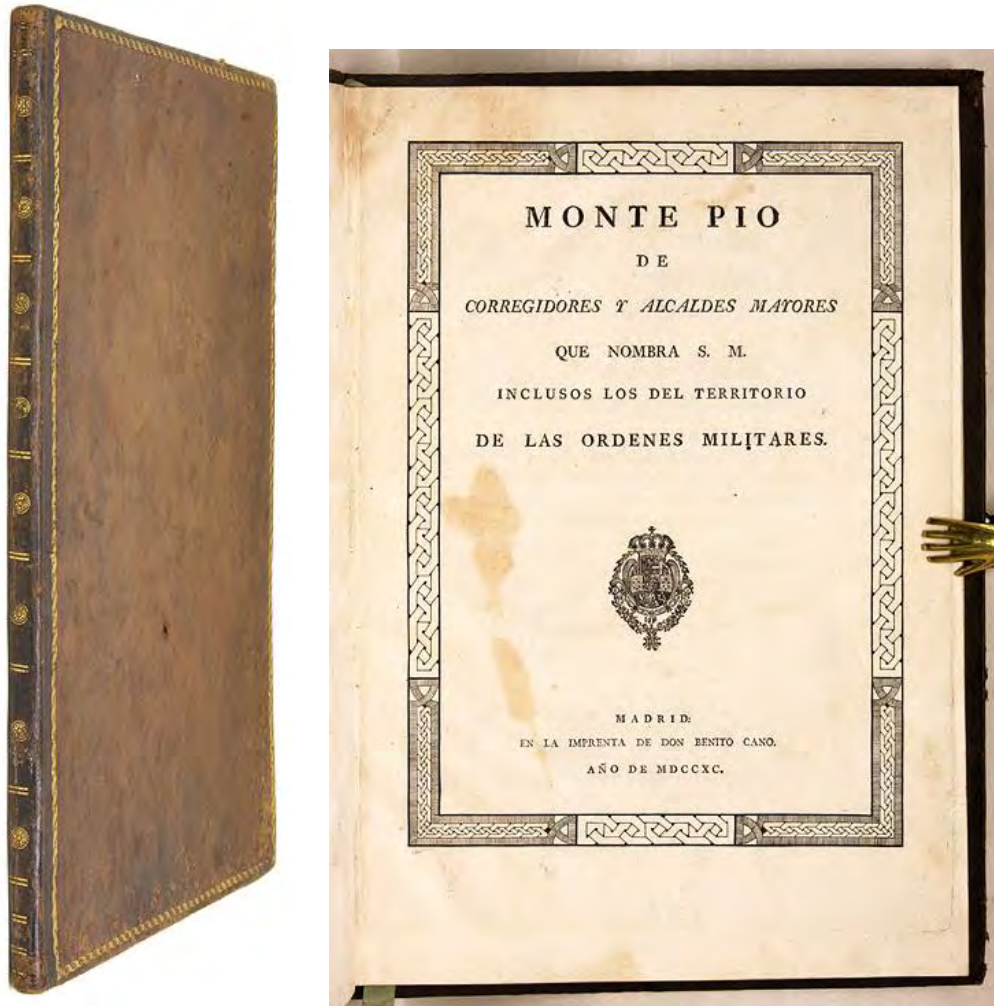
### A Seventeenth-Century Scottish "Case Book"

26. [Scotland].  
[Court of Session].  
[Vallange, John, Editor].

*A Collection of Decisions, Of the Lords of Council and Session, In Two Parts. The First Contains Decisions From July 1661, To July 1666. Observ'd by Sir John Gilmour of Craigmiller, President of the Colledge of Justice. The Second Part Contains Decisions from November 1681, To January 1686. Observ'd by Sir David Falconer of Newton, President of the Colledge of Justice. Never Before Publish'd. Revised and Corrected, According to the Most Authentick Manuscript Copies, And Augmented with a Table of the Names of the Pursuer and Defender; And with a Table of the Matter, Containing not Only the Determination of the Lords in the Cause, But also the Positions of Law Made Use of in the Pleading, Which May Serve for an Alphabetical Compend. As Likeways the Acts of Sederunt from 1681 to 1691. And Continued to 1696. With an Indice of the Same Acts.* Edinburgh: Printed by James Watson, For John Vallange Book-Seller, 1701. 8, [2], 136, [18]; [ii], 80, [16]; [ii], 32; 15, [3] pp. Three parts, each with individual title page, pagination and index. Copyright slip pasted to front endleaf, two errata slips pasted to rear free endpaper. Quarto (8-1/4" x 6-3/4").

Contemporary mottled calf with recent period-style plain-calf rebacking, blind rules to boards, gilt title and raised bands to spine, hinges mended. Light rubbing to board edges, corners bumped. Moderate toning, light foxing in places, final index leaf of Part I partially detached with moderate wear and a few chips to edges. \$950.

\* Only edition. With thorough subject indexes. This collection is notable because each decision is headed by a brief statement outlining its underlying legal principal. In this regard it is a forerunner to a casebook, a point indicated in the title, which says the reports contain "not only the determination of the lords in the cause, but also the positions of law made use of in the pleading, which may serve for an alphabetical compend," that is, a student notebook of exemplary cases. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T78113. [Order This Item](#)



### **Eighteenth-Century Spanish Regulations Concerning Loans to Government Officials**

27. [Spain].

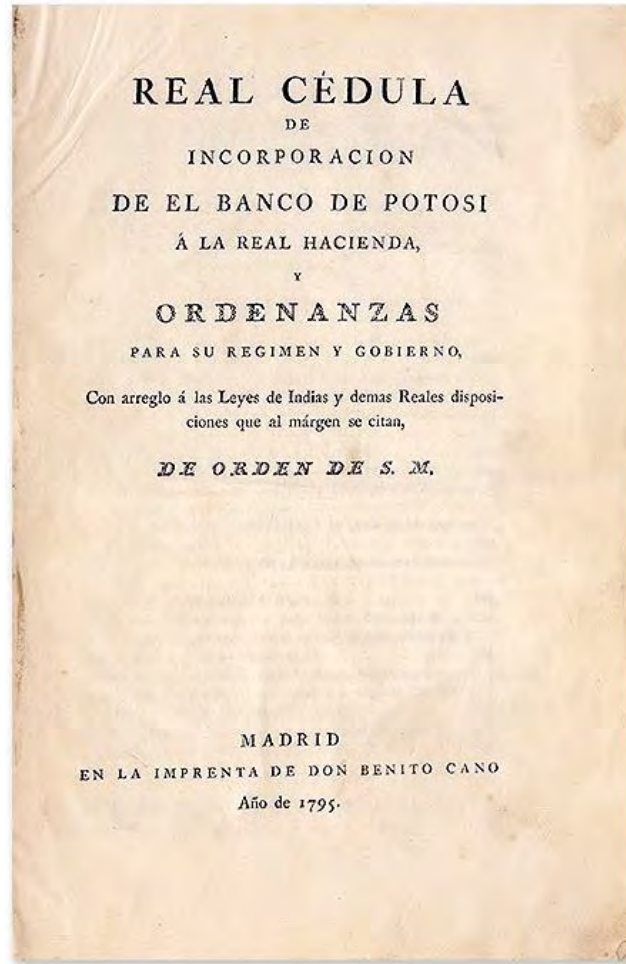
[Loans].

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*Monte Pio de Corregidores y Alcaldes Mayores que nombra S.M. Inklusos los del Territorio de las Ordenes Militares.* Madrid: En la Imprenta de Don Benio Cano, 1790. 467 pp. Folio (11-3/4" x 8-1/4").

Contemporary tree sheep, gilt fillets to boards, gilt fillets and ornaments to spine, gilt tooling to board edges, marbled endpaper, detached ribbon marker laid in. Some minor nicks to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, corners bumped. Very light toning to text, faint dampstaining to a few leaves, a few minor worn holes. A handsome copy. \$750.

\* Only edition. A collection of legislation establishing a system of low-interest loans for aldermen, mayors and the governors of military districts in Spain (and New Spain). This legislation has its roots in the "Mounts of Piety," a system of pawnbrokers run as a charity by the Catholic Church in Europe in the Late Middle Ages to offer low-interest loans to the needy. The regulations in the present volume offered low-interest loans from the state treasury secured against amounts intended to fund the borrower's pension. OCLC locates 1 copy in North America (Duke University). Palau, *Manual del Librero Hispano-Americano* 177.666. [Order This Item](#)



### King Carlos IV Organizes Spain's Lucrative Silver Mines of Potosí

#### 28. [Spain].

##### Real Banco de San Cárlos de Potosí.

*Real Cédula de Incorporacion de el Banco de Potosí á la Real Hacienda y Ordenanzas Para su Regimen y Gobierno: Con Arreglo á las Leyes de Indias y Demas Reales Disposiciones que al Márgen se Citan: de Orden de S.M.* Madrid: En la Imprenta de Don Benito Cano, 1795. [xii], 67, [107] pp. Final 107 un-numbered pages are charts and tables, 4 folding. Folio (11-3/4" x 8").

Contemporary tree sheep, gilt fillets to boards, gilt fillets to spine, recased, endpapers renewed. Moderate rubbing to extremities with some loss to gilding, spine abraded, corners bumped and lightly worn. Light toning to text, somewhat heavier in places, faint dampstaining to preliminaries and a few other leaves, light edgewear to one of the folding tables. A handsome copy \$2,500.

\* Only edition. The Bank of Potosí was organized to manage the network of mines in Potosí, a mountain in present-day Bolivia. Worked by a brutally exploited force of indigenous workers, later supplemented by African slaves, these mines were one of the greatest sources of Spain's wealth for nearly 200 years. The *Real Cédula de Incorporacion* prints the certificate of incorporation granted by King Carlos IV and the charter outlining the bank's purpose, organization and regulation. OCLC locates 12 copies in North America, 1 in a law library (Library of Congress). Sabin, *A Dictionary of Books Relating to America* 68224. [Order This Item](#)



**A Standard Canon-Law Treatise on Punishment**

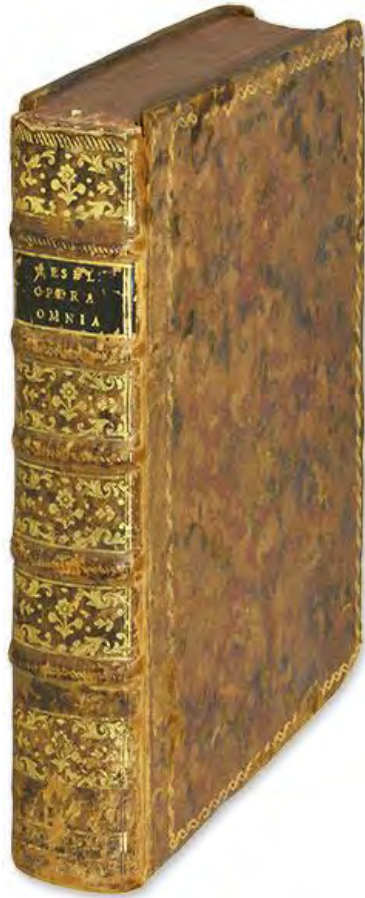
**29. Tesaurus, Carlo Antonio [1587-1655].**

**Giraldi, Ubaldo [1692-1775], Editor.**

*De Poenis Ecclesiasticis Praxis Absoluta, Et Universalis. Nam Primum in Duas Partes Distributa Nunc Notis, & Accessionibus Earumdem Poenarum ab Anno MDCLIII. Ad Currentem MDCCLX. Inflictarum Locupletata ab Adm. R.P. Ubaldo Giraldi a S. Cajetano. Opus Diligenter Revisum, Emendatumque, Ac Propositionibus ab Apostolica Sede Proscriptis Auctum Publicae Commoditati Deferunt.* Rome: Haeredes Jo. Laurentii Barbiellini, 1760. [iv], 524 pp. Main text in parallel columns. Folio (13" x 8-1/2").

Contemporary vellum, raised bands and early hand-lettered title and small early shelf label (reading "63") to spine, speckled edges. Light rubbing, light soiling and a few tiny worm holes to spine, boards slightly bowed, corners bumped and somewhat worn, crack in text block between front free endpaper and title page, which is printed in red and black. Moderate toning to text, somewhat heavier in places, some leaves have light foxing or dampspotting. A handsome copy. \$750.

\* Later edition. First published in 1640, this treatise on punishments by a Jesuit canonist went through at least six editions. It was a standard work into the final decades of the nineteenth century. Not in the Canon Law Collection of the Library of Congress. [Order This Item](#)



### Collected Works of Notable Roman-Dutch Jurist

#### 30. Wesel, Abraham van [1633-1680].

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