

19th-Century Law Books

30 UNCOMMON ITEMS

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Rare Portuguese Treatise on Water Law

1. Almeida e Sousa de Lobao, Manuel de.

Tratado Pratico e Compendiario das Aguas dos Rios Publicos, Fontes Publicas, Ribeiros e Nascentes d'Ellas: Obra Apurada, Em que se Adopta o Mais Racionavel da Legislaçao Romana, Cortado o que Hoje e Reprovado Pelo uso Moderno das Nacoes. Com Dois Indices, Um dos Capitulos, Outro das Conclusoes mais Notaveis e com Duas Dissertacoes Analogas Primeira Sobre as Aguas Pluviaes Segunda Sobre as Aguas Subterraneas. Lisbon: Imprensa Nacional, 1861. xxiv, 195 pp. Octavo (8" x 5-1/2").

Contemporary sheep treated to look like tree calf, lettering pieces and gilt ornaments to spine, marbled endpapers. A few shallow scuffs to boards, some rubbing to extremities with wear to spine ends and corners, front joint starting at ends, boards somewhat bowed, rear hinge cracked but secure, small worm hole to front free endpaper and title page. Some toning to text, light foxing to a few leaves. Early owner name to fore-edge of text block, internally clean. Ex-library. Fragment of shelf label to spine, fragment of bookplate to front free endpaper. A solid copy of a rare title. \$1,250.

* This appears to have been a respected work. It was cited by jurists in Portugal and Brazil and reprinted in 1911. It is quite rare today, however. OCLC locates one copy in North America (at Yale Law School). Other copies located at UC-Berkeley Law School and Harvard Law School, which has the 1911 edition. Not in the *British Museum Catalogue*.

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A Scarce Cuban Textbook on the Philosophy of Law

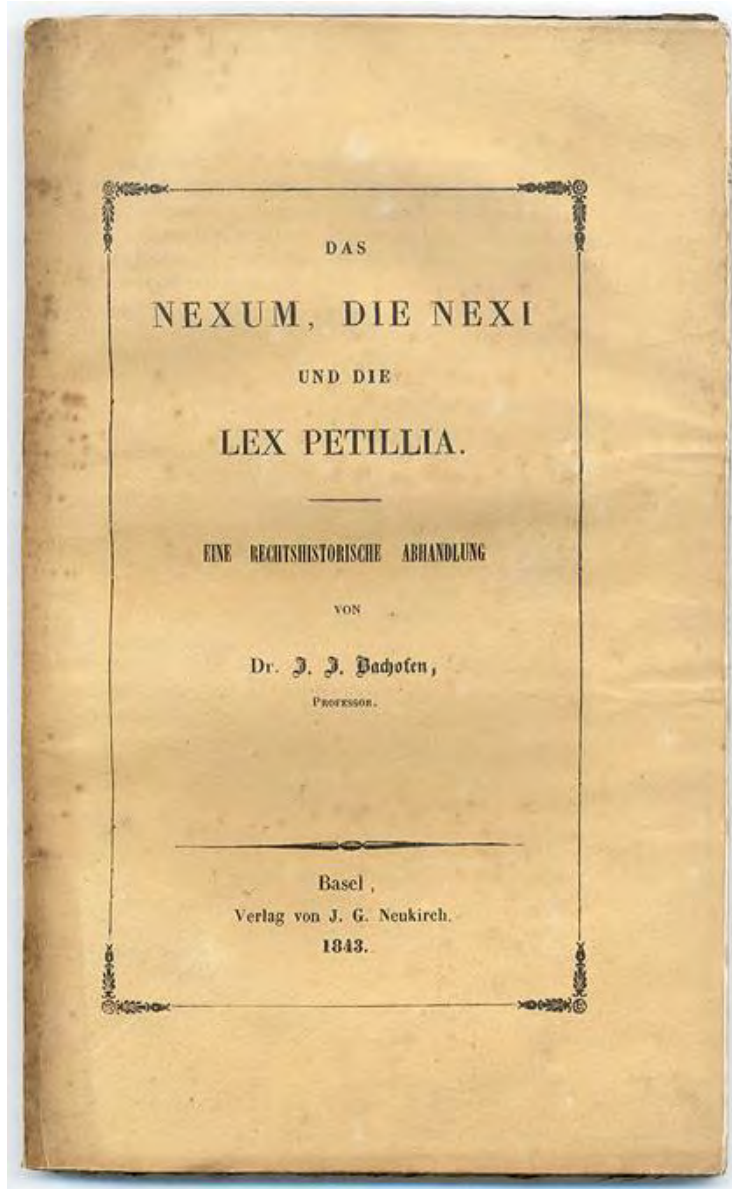
2. Bachiller y Morales, Antonio [1812-1889].

Elementos De La Filosofía Del Derecho O Curso De Derecho Natural. Havana: Imprenta del Tiempo, 1857. xiii, 164, [2] pp. Octavo (9" x 6").

Contemporary tree sheep, raised bands, gilt ornaments and red and black lettering pieces to spine, marbled endpapers. Light rubbing to extremities, minor wear to spine ends and corners, a few minor scuffs to boards, faint tape residue near foot of spine, front hinge cracked. Moderate browning and light foxing to text, internally clean. A nice copy. \$950.

* Only edition. This is a thirty-lesson course on the philosophy of law by an essential figure in Cuban culture and Cuban bibliography (Cuba's Librarian Day is celebrated on his birthday). He studied at the Seminary of San Carlos and earned degrees in civil and canon law at the University of Havana, where he became dean of the Faculty of Philosophy. Jose Marti wrote that talking to Bachiller y Morales was like having access to the library in Alexandria. OCLC locates 13 copies, 8 in North America, 2 of them in law libraries (Harvard and Notre Dame). Not in the *British Museum Catalogue*.

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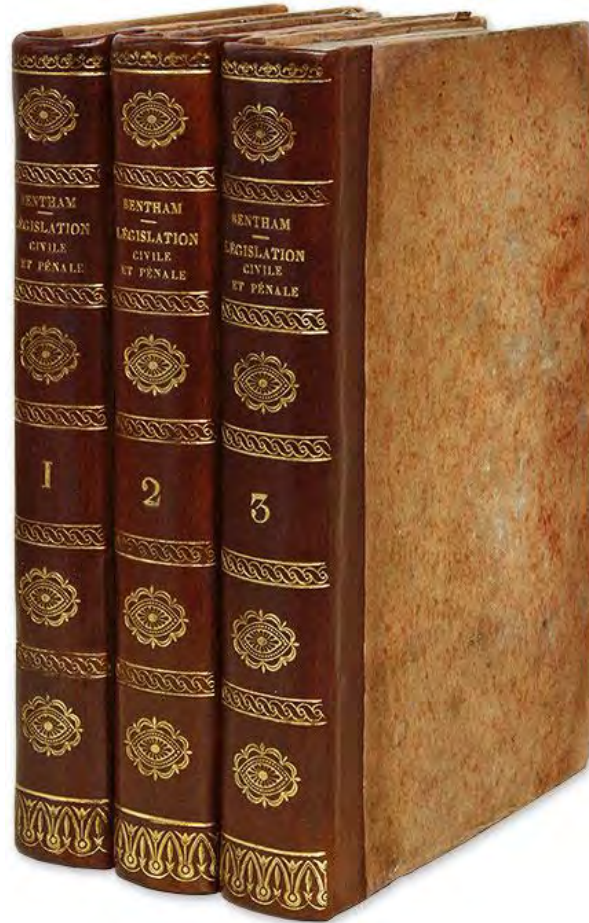
The Roman Law of Parent and Child

3. Bachofen, Johann Jakob [1815-1887].

Das Nexum, die Nexi und die Lex Petillia: Eine Rechtshistorische Abhandlung. Basel: Verlag von J.G. Neukirch, 1843. [ii], 160 pp. Octavo (8-1/2" x 5").

Original printed publisher wrappers, unopened signatures. Some rubbing to edges, light soiling and faint dampspotting, spine darkened. Moderate toning and occasional light foxing to text. \$1,250.

* First edition. Bachofen, a founder of the German Historical School, is best-known as the author of *Das Mutterrecht* (1861), a ground-breaking history of the family as a social institution. An early example of his work in this field, *Das Nexum* deals with the Roman law of parent and child. OCLC locates no copies in North America. *British Museum Catalogue* (Compact Edition) 2:79. [Order This Item](#)



First Edition of Bentham's *Theory of Legislation*

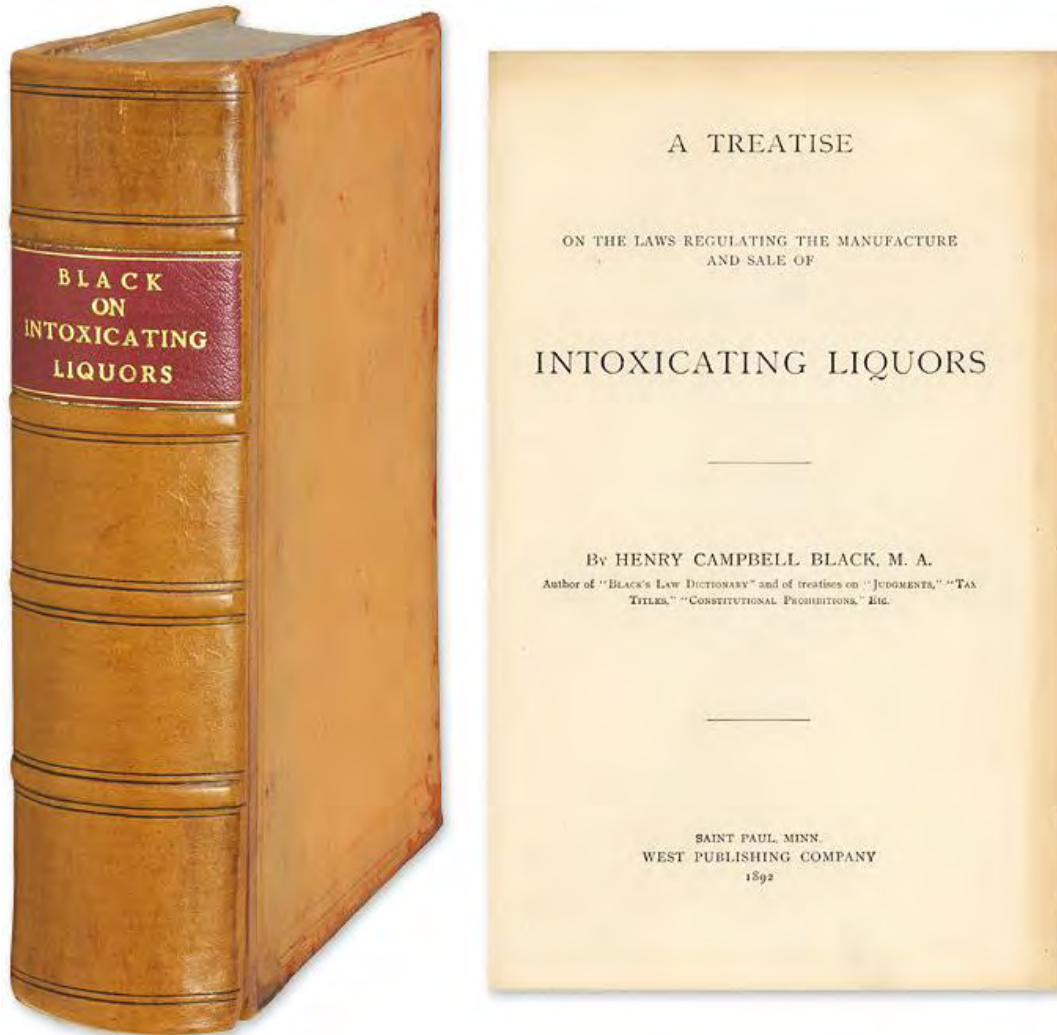
4. Bentham, Jeremy [1748-1832].

Dumont, Pierre Étienne Louis [1759-1829], Editor and Translator.

Traité de Législation Civile et Pénale, Précédés de Principes Généraux de Législation, Et d'une Vue d'un Corps Complet de Droit: Terminés par un Essai sur l'Influence des Terms et des Lieux Relativement aux Lois. Paris: Chez Bossange, Masson et Besson, 1802. 3 volumes. xlii, 370; xx, 434; viii, 452 pp. Each volume has half-title. Complete set. Octavo (7-3/4" x 5").

Contemporary quarter calf over marbled boards, gilt title and ornaments to spine. Negligible light rubbing to boards and extremities, corners bumped and lightly worn, small chip to rear board of Volume II near upper corner, early owner bookplate to front free endpaper of Volume I, small institution inkstamps to half-titles of Volumes I and III and title page of Volume II. Moderate toning, light foxing in a few places in each volume. A handsome set. \$1,500.

* First edition. Not published in English until the Boston 1840 American edition, Bentham's seminal work on penal reform and legislation established his reputation. The first of Bentham's works edited by Dumont, it consists partly of papers by Bentham, some of which were originally written in French and partly of a digest by Dumont of Bentham's ideas, including a memoir in French on the Panopticon. Dumont, a Swiss writer and journalist, had met Bentham at the house of Lord Shelburne in 1788. There followed an enduring relationship in which Dumont translated and edited many of Bentham's works, acting at the same time as Bentham's informal literary agent. The first British edition was published in 1864. Harrison, *Bentham* xvii. Muirhead, *A Jeremy Bentham Collection* 17. [Order This Item](#)



The First American Treatise on the Law of Alcoholic Beverages

5. Black, Henry Campbell [1860-1927].

A Treatise on the Laws Regulating the Manufacture and Sale of Intoxicating Liquors. St. Paul: West Publishing Company, 1892. lii, 711 pp. Octavo (9" x 6").

Contemporary law calf, rebacked in period style. Blind frames to boards, raised bands and lettering piece to spine, hinges mended. Light rubbing to board edges, corners lightly bumped, light toning to text, offsetting to margins of endleaves. Small early bookseller stamp to front pastedown, interior otherwise clean. A handsome copy. \$950.

* Only edition. Black is best known as the author of the great law dictionary that bears his name, but he also wrote several highly regarded treatises. His treatise on alcoholic beverages, the first published in the United States, was a response to contemporary debates about prohibition, which were gaining in intensity in the late 1800s. Given this background it is not surprising that Black declared his neutrality at the end of his preface: "This book is not a plea for any particular system of liquor legislation. It is purely and solely a legal treatise. The law-writer has no more to do with the wisdom, justice, or expediency of the statutes whose legal effect he discusses than has the court which is called upon to administer them" (iv). *Catalogue of the Library of the Harvard Law School* (1909) I:183. [Order This Item](#)



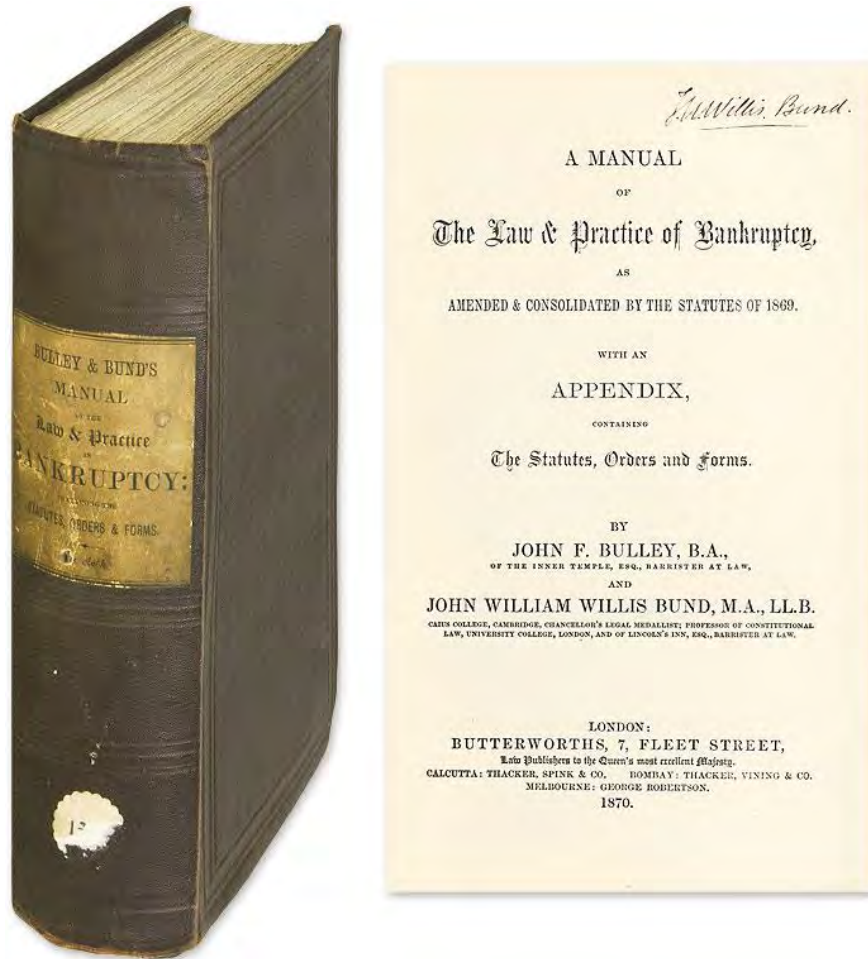
A Scarce 1804 English Guide to Legal Study

6. Bridgman, Richard Whalley.

Reflections on the Study of Law. In Two Parts. Addressed First, to the Nobility and Gentry, as the Hereditary and Elective Senators of the Nation. And Secondly, to those Gentlemen who Propose to Study The Law, with a View to Professional Practice. London: Brooke and Clarke, Bell Yard, Temple Bar, 1804. [iv], vi, [viii], 143 pp. Octavo (7-1/2" x 5").

Recent period-style quarter calf over cloth, lettering piece and gilt fillets to spine, endpapers renewed, title page and following leaf re-hinged. Moderate toning, library inkstamp and faint embossed stamp to title page, two brief library marks to verso. An appealing copy of a scarce title in a handsome binding. \$1,250.

* Only edition. Bridgman's handbook was addressed to the gentry, law students and "every man of letters." It discusses methods of legal study, worthwhile books and such topics as civil and canon law, inns of courts, wills, classical learning, elocution and wit. OCLC locates 13 copies, 6 in North American law libraries (Harvard, University of Cincinnati, UC-Davis, University of Moncton, University of Tulsa, U.S. Supreme Court). Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 2:42. [Order This Item](#)



**Scarce 1870 English Treatise on
Bankruptcy, With Co-Author's Signature and Annotations**

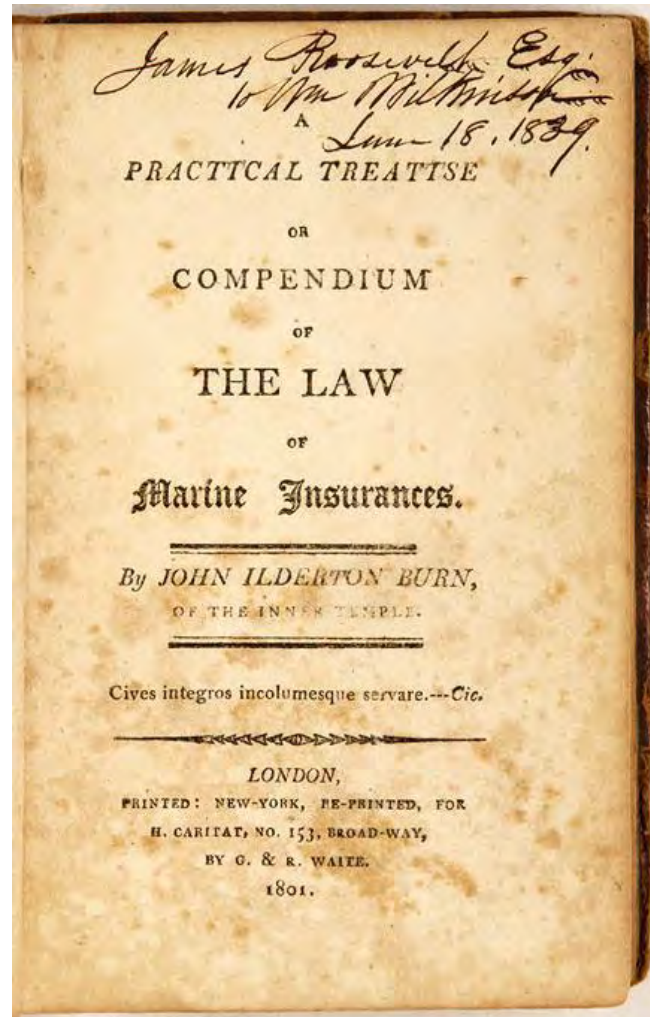
7. Bulley, John F.

Bund, John William Willis

A Manual of the Law & Practice of Bankruptcy, As Amended & Consolidated by the Statutes of 1869. With an Appendix, Containing the Statutes, Orders and Forms. London: Butterworths, 1870. xvii, 275, cclxxxvii, 46, [2] pp. Includes 48-page publisher catalogue. Octavo (7-1/2" x 4-1/2").

Original textured cloth, blind frames to boards, blind rules and printed paper title label to spine. Some rubbing to extremities, light title label darkened, corners bumped, hinges starting, partial crack near center of text block. Light toning to text. Signature of Bund to head of title page, annotation, presumably in his hand, to a few leaves. An appealing copy. \$350.

* Only edition. With forms. "The following pages are an attempt to place before the profession and the public an outline of the new Law of Bankruptcy, and to provide rather a practical than a theoretical treatise upon so difficult a subject. An historical sketch of the legislation, prior to 1869, has been consequently compressed within the limits of a single chapter; and for the same reasons the cases cited are comparatively few" (Preface). OCLC locates 6 copies. Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 2:48. [Order This Item](#)



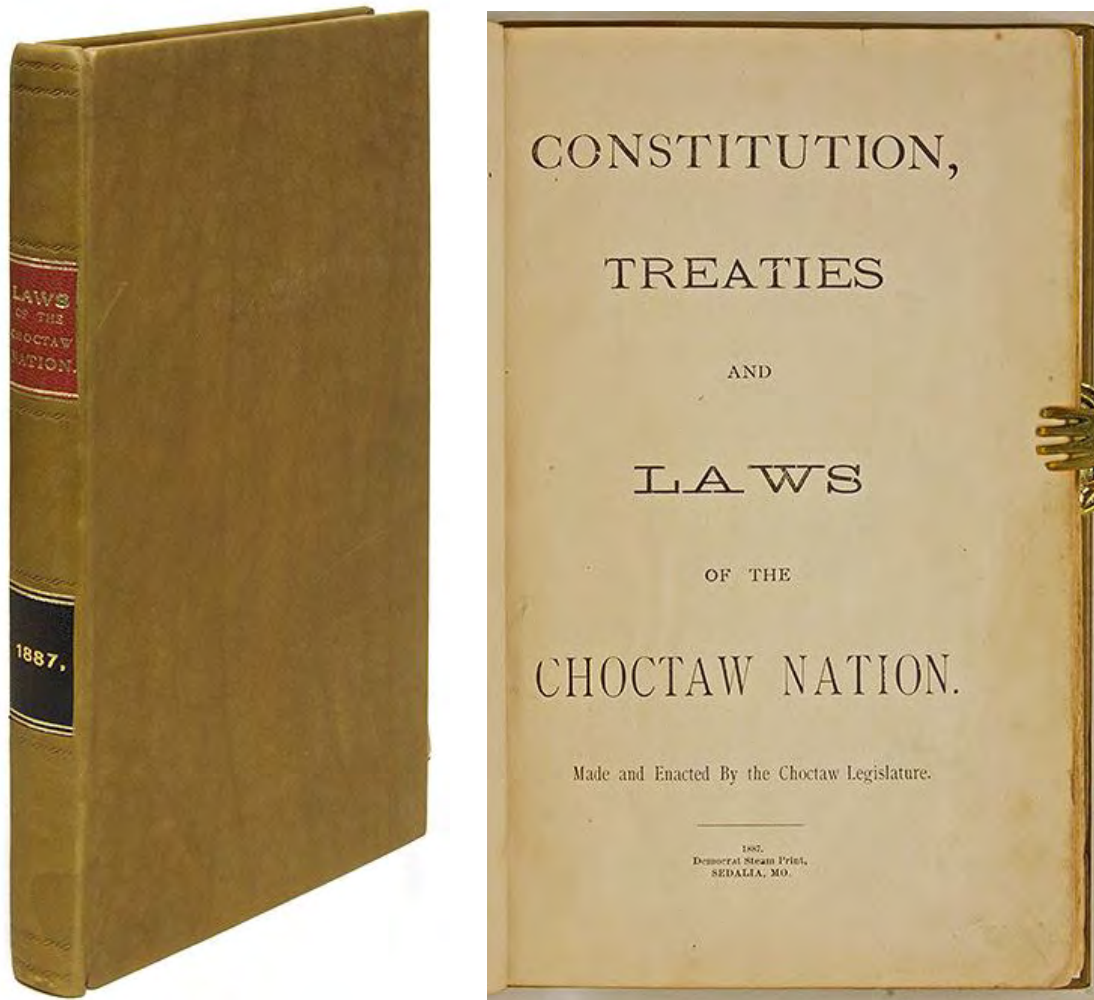
Burn's *Marine Insurances*, A Roosevelt Family Association Copy

8. Burn, John Ilderton [1774?-1848].

A Practical Treatise or Compendium of the Law of Marine Insurances. London, Printed: New-York, Re-Printed, for H. Caritat by G. & R. Waite, 1801. xiv, [2], 235 pp. 12mo. (6-1/4" x 4").

Contemporary sheep with later rebacking, blind rules to boards, lettering piece and blind fillets to spine. Moderate rubbing to spine, heavier rubbing to board edges with some wear to corners, hinges cracked, front free endpaper lacking. Moderate toning and foxing to text. Presentation inscription from James Roosevelt dated 1839 to head of front free endpaper, interior otherwise clean. \$850.

* Only edition, published the same year in London and New York. The inscription reads: "James Roosevelt Esq./ to Wm Wilkinson/ June 18, 1839." James John Roosevelt [1795-1875], known as James I, was a businessman, lawyer and politician. He was a member of the Roosevelt branch that produced President Theodore Roosevelt. James I was a member of the New York State Assembly and the U.S. House of Representatives. He was also a justice of the New York Supreme Court. Burn was a barrister of the Inner Temple who published several law treatises. The appendix contains summaries of two recent English decisions, and the form of an insurance policy for a ship or goods. Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 7055. [Order This Item](#)



The Standley Code of the Choctaw Nation

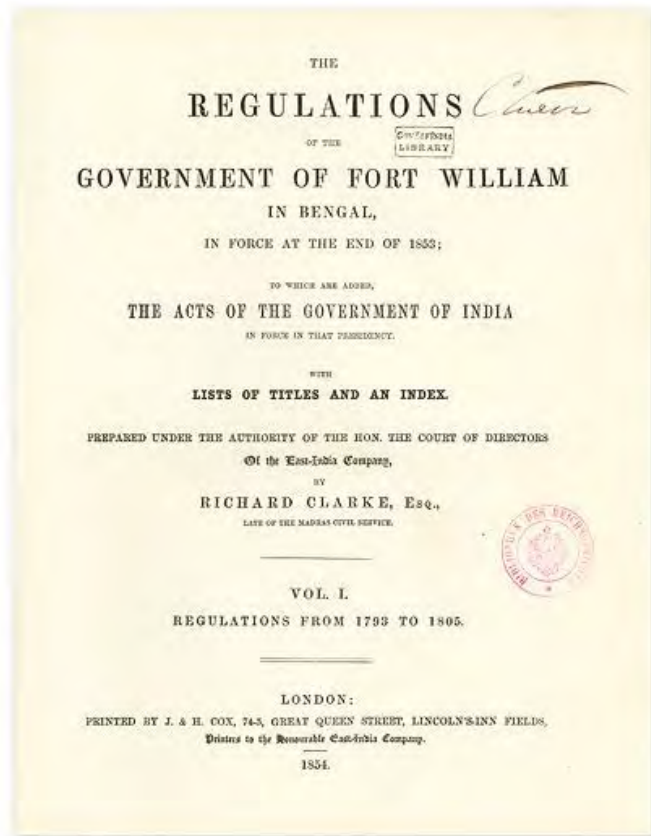
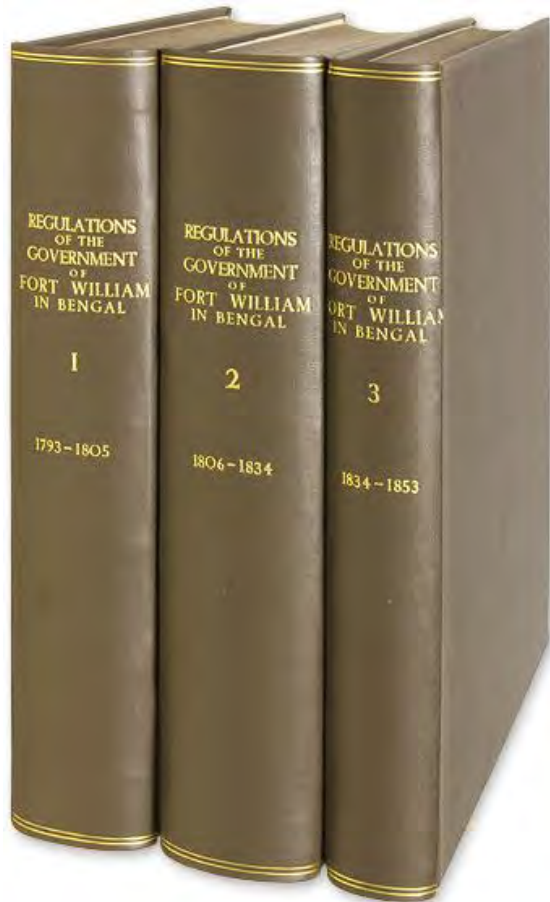
9. [Choctaw Nation].

[Standley, James Stirman (1841-1904), Compiler].

Constitution, Treaties and Laws of the Choctaw Nation Made and Enacted by the Choctaw Legislature, 1887. Sedalia: Democrat Steam Print, 1887. 200, iv pp. Octavo (8-3/4" x 5-3/4").

Recent period-style calf, blind fillets and red and black lettering pieces to spine, original endpapers retained, hinges mended. Moderate toning to text, occasional finger smudges to margins, light foxing and minor edgewear to a few leaves, light soiling and inkblots to endleaves, recent owner signatures to front pastedown and free endpaper. \$1,500.

* Known as the Standley Code, this was the final comprehensive compilation of Choctaw laws and legislation published before the passage of the Oklahoma Organic Act of 1890, which merged the Oklahoma and Indian territories into the State of Oklahoma. (Independent Choctaw government ended in 1906.) It contains texts of the constitution and an amendment of 1883, revised statutes and treaties with the United States of 1837, 1855 and 1866. Standley was a lawyer and newspaper publisher. "A latecomer (1873) from Mississippi, Standley had little Choctaw blood, but enough to establish tribal citizenship" (Hargrett). OCLC locates 13 copies, 4 in law libraries (Harvard, Library of Congress, LA County, Yale). Hargrett, *A Bibliography of the Constitutions and Laws of the American Indians* 140. [Order This Item](#)



Compiled Regulations of the British East India Company

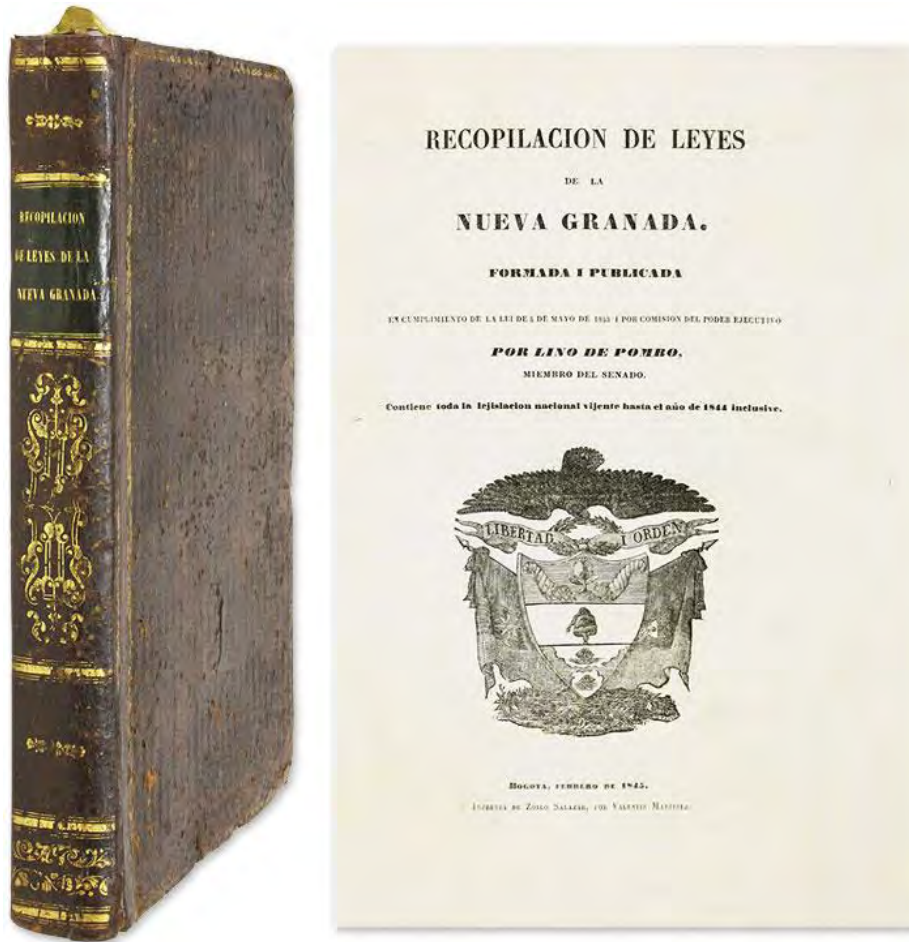
10. Clarke, Richard, Compiler.

The Regulations of the Government of Fort William in Bengal, In Force at the End of 1853; To Which are Added, the Acts of the Government of India in Force in that Presidency. With Lists of Titles and an Index. Prepared Under the Authority of the Hon. The Court of Directors of the East-India Company. London: Printed by J.H. Cox, 1854. Three volumes. Quarto (8-1/2" x 10-1/2").

Recent cloth, gilt titles to spines, endpapers renewed. Brief annotations in a few places, interior otherwise clean. Ex-library. Small inkstamps to title pages. \$2,500.

* Only edition. With a detailed analytical digest. Established by a Royal Charter in 1600, the British East India Company was granted a 21-year monopoly on all trade in the East Indies. Based in a series of fortified manufacturing and trading centers, most notably Fort William in Bengal, Fort St. George in Madras and the Bombay Castle, the company evolved from a commercial venture to one that virtually ruled India as it acquired governmental, legal and military functions. It was dissolved in 1858. Produced as an official record, these volumes are a compilation of all regulations from 1793 to 1853 in force at Fort William. OCLC locates 6 copies. *Catalogue of the Library of the Harvard Law School* I:395.

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The "Celebrated" First Digest of the Laws of Colombia

11. [Colombia].

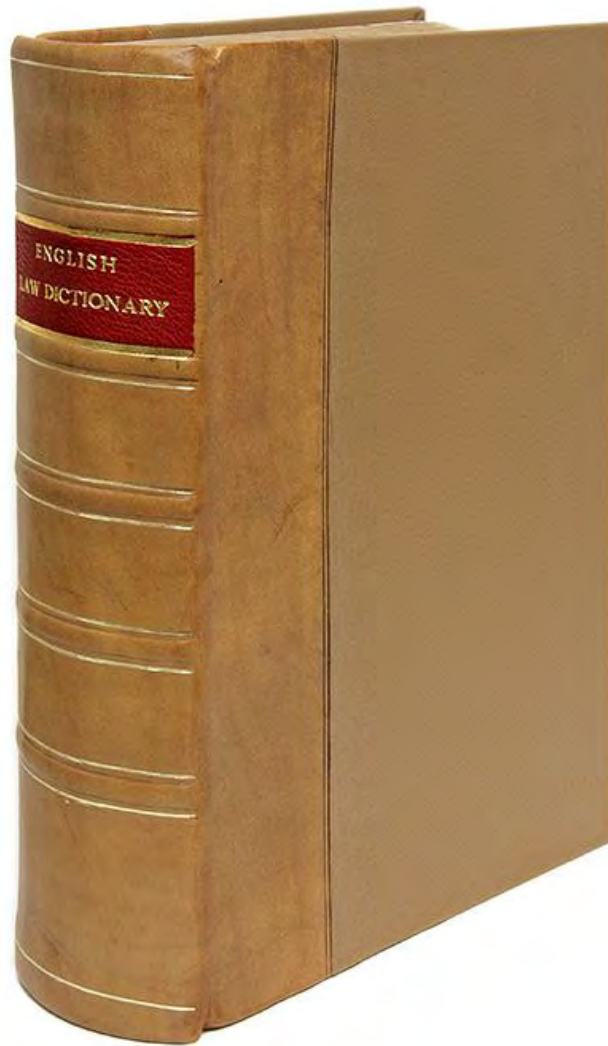
Pombo, Lino de [1797-1862], Editor.

Recopilacion de Leyes de la Nueva Granada, Formada I Publicada en Cumplimiento de la Lei de 4 de Mayo de 1843 I por Comision del Poder Ejecutivo por Lino de Pombo, Miembro del Senado. Contiene Toda la Lejislacion Nacional Vijente Hasta el Ano de 1844 Inclusive. Bogota: Imprenta de Zoilo Salazar, Por Valentin Martinez, Febrero 1845. [iv], xxvi, 541 pp. Text in parallel columns. Folio (12" x 8").

Contemporary calf, gilt fillets to boards, lettering piece and gilt ornaments to spine, ribbon markers, marbled endpapers. Some rubbing with wear to spine ends and corners. Large woodcut arms of Colombia to title page, internally fresh. \$1,850.

* This is the first digest of Colombia's laws since the nation became independent in 1821. It also includes the texts of treaties with England, the United States, France, and the Netherlands (with parallel translations). "By virtue of the laws of May 4, 1843 and June 12, 1844 the Congress of New Grenada [Colombia] specified the statutes then in force and ordered their compilation, a task which was entrusted to senator Lino de Pombo. This celebrated collection, popularly known as the *Recopilacion Granadina*, contained the extant legislation from 1821 to 1844 inclusive, arranged under appropriate headings, and was a work of high merit for its time": Backus and Eder, *A Guide to the Laws of Colombia* 125.

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An Uncommon Nineteenth-Century Law Dictionary

12. English, Arthur.

A Dictionary of Words and Phrases Used in Ancient and Modern Law. Washington, DC: Washington Law Book Co., 1899. [iv], 979 pp. Main text in parallel columns. Small folio (10" x 6-1/2").

Recent period-style quarter calf over cloth, gilt-edged raised bands and lettering piece to spine, endpapers renewed. Light toning to text, faint dampstaining to heads of a few leaves. A handsome copy of a scarce title. \$750.

* Only edition. "In this work the effort has been to make the definitions as short as possible, yet so clear that a man without legal education can understand them. (...) Essays or long discussions of subjects have been avoided because few have time to read such, and fewer care to, while those who have time prefer to investigate for themselves" (Explanatory Statement). This is an uncommon book. OCLC locates 29 copies, a low number for a law dictionary published at the turn of the twentieth century. This is the second (non-reprint) copy we have seen. Not in the *Catalogue of the Library of the Harvard Law School* (1909). [Order This Item](#)



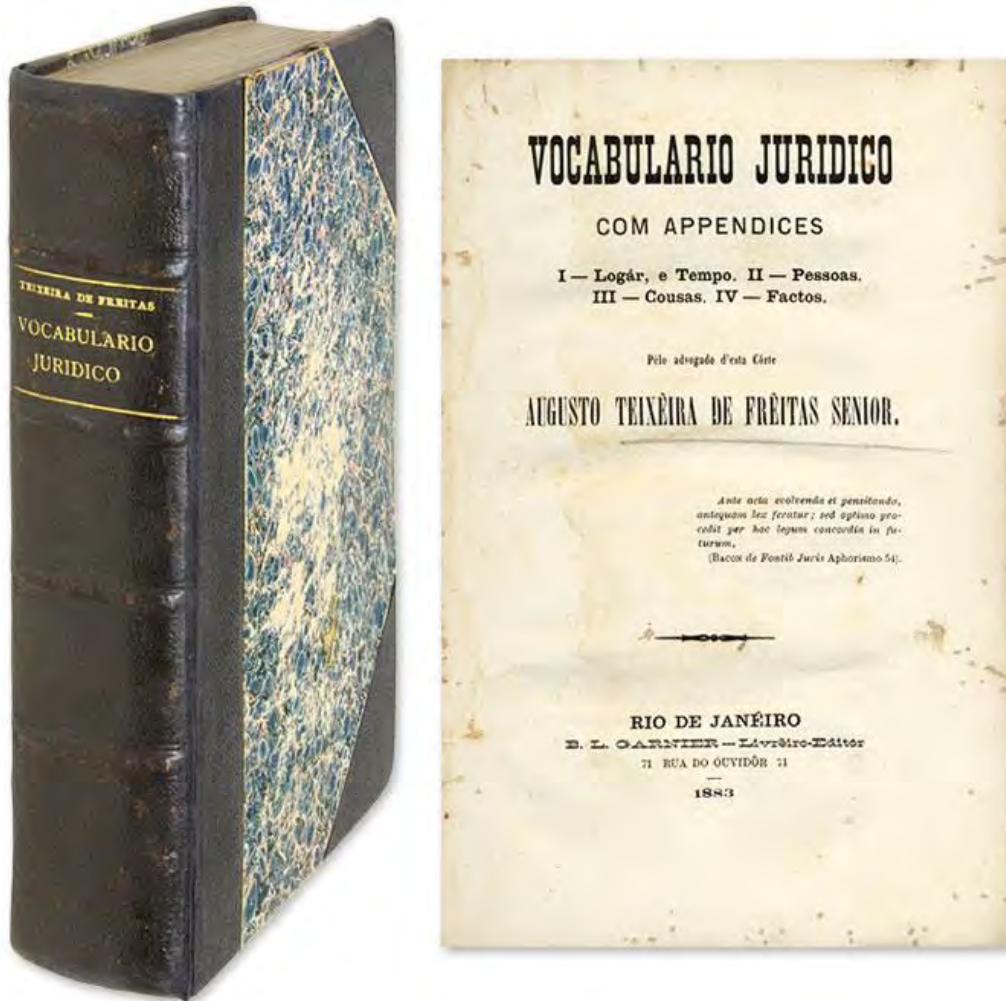
Interleaved With Contemporary Manuscript Annotations

13. [France].

Code d'Instruction Criminelle, Édition Conforme à l'Édition Originale du Bulletin des Lois; Suivi des Motifs Exposés par les Conseillers d'Etat, Et des Rapports Faits par la Commission de Législation du Corps Législatif, Sur Chacune des Lois qui Composent le Code; Avec une Table Alphabétique et Raisonnée, Qui Réunit sur Chaque Matière Toutes les dispositions Relatives, Et qui Indique, à l'Article de Chaque Fonctionnaire ou Officier Public, Toutes les Fonctions qui Lui Appartiennent, Ou Qu'il est Tenu de Remplir, En Matière Criminelle, Correctionnelle ou de Simple Police. Paris: Garnery, Libraire, Rue de Seine, De l'Imprimerie de Mame, 1809. Three parts. [iv], 162, 312, 34 pp. Interleaved through first section to p. 162. 12mo. (6-1/2" x 3-3/4").

Contemporary sheep, gilt frames with gilt corner fleurons to boards, lettering piece and gilt fillets to spine, speckled edges. Light rubbing, scuffing and a few minor stains to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, chip to lettering piece, corners bumped. Light to moderate toning, light foxing in places, early repair to fore edges of title page and following leaf, occasional annotations in neat hand to interleaves, other, briefer, annotations to margins of text, some slightly affected by trimming. \$1,500.

* The 1808 *Code d'Instruction Criminelle*, a code of criminal procedure, was one the four codes of civil and criminal law issued under Napoleon's direction after the Code Napoleon (Code Civil, 1804). Garnery's is one of the unofficial editions produced at the same time as the official edition. Unlike the official edition, it features a second section, *Motifs du Livre Ier, Chapitre I a VIII du Code D'Instruction Criminelle* by "MM. Treilhard, Réal et Faure, Conseillers d'État" and a detailed alphabetical index. The notes, the latest dated 1817, are elucidate points in the text or indicate that an article was amended. This edition not in Camus. [Order This Item](#)



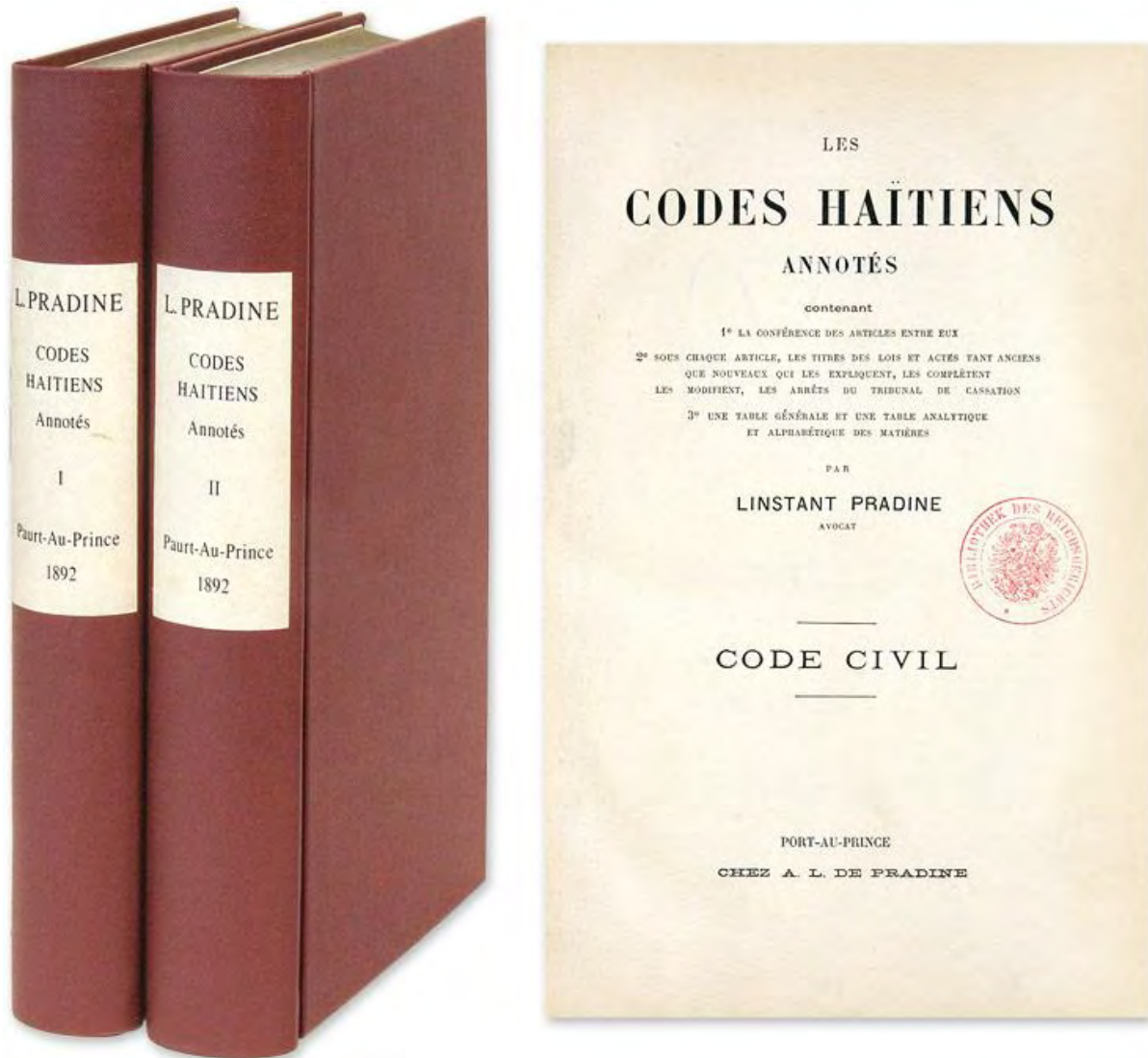
Rare Nineteenth-Century Brazilian Law Dictionary

14. Freitas, Augusto Teixeira de [1816-1883], Compiler.

Vocabulario Juridico: Com Appendices. I-Logar, E Tempo. II-Pessoas. III-Cousas. IV-Factos. Rio de Janeiro: B.L. Garnier, 1883. viii, 771 pp. Octavo (9" x 5-1/2").

Contemporary three-quarter morocco over marbled boards, rebaced retaining original spine with raised bands and gilt title, hinges mended. Some rubbing to extremities, corners bumped. Toning, faint dampstaining and some worming to first few and final signatures, several leaves repaired, legibility not affected, internally clean. A solid copy of a rare title. \$1,500.

* Only edition. This dictionary appeared near the end of the Empire Era (1825-1889) and is thus a useful tool for the study of the legal system of that time. Freitas was a prominent Brazilian jurist and state official. An industrious scholar, he composed the first systematic compilation of Brazilian civil law and produced a draft *Esboço de Código Civil* (1860-64). He never finished it, but it was nonetheless a pioneering work that served as the basis for codifications in Brazil, Argentina and other South American nations. OCLC locates three copies of the *Vocabulario* in North American law libraries (Library of Congress, SMU and the University of Pennsylvania). We located another copy at UC-Berkeley Law School. Not in the *British Museum Catalogue*. [Order This Item](#)



Nineteenth-Century Haitian Codes

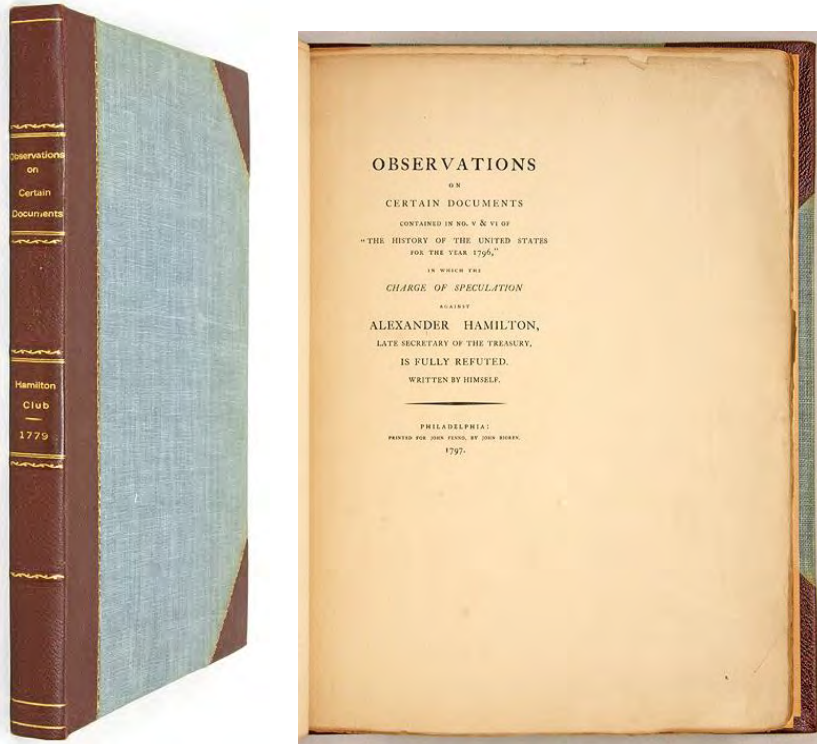
15. [Haiti].

Pradine, Linstant [d. 1884], Editor.

Les Codes Haïtiens Annotés, Contenant 1, La Conférence des Articles Entre Eux, 2, Sous Chaque Article, Les Titres des Lois et Actes Tant Anciens que Nouveaux qui les Expliquent, Les Complètent, les Modifient, Les Arrêts du Tribunal de Cassation, 3, Une Table Générale et une Table Analytique et Alphanébétique des Matières. Port-Au-Prince: Chez A. L. de Pradine [1892]. Two volumes. cvi, 484; lxiv, 279 pp. Complete set. Octavo (9" x 6").

Recent cloth, printed title labels to spines. Light toning to text, internally clean. Ex-library. Stamps to title pages. An attractive set. \$450.

* Later edition. Pradine's were the standard annotated editions of the nineteenth century. Volume I: Code Civile [and] Constitution de la Republique de Haiti; Volume II: Code de Procedure Civile, Code de Commerce. OCLC locates 13 copies in North America, 11 in law libraries. [Order This Item](#)



Limited Fine-Press Edition of Hamilton's "Reynolds Pamphlet"

16. Hamilton, Alexander [1757-1804].

Observations on Certain Documents Contained in No. V & VI of "The History of the United States for the Year 1796,": In Which the Charge of Speculation Against Alexander Hamilton, Late Secretary of the Treasury, Is Fully Refuted. Philadelphia: Printed for James Fenno, 1797. [New York: Printed for the Hamilton Club, 1865]. [x], 157 pp. Page 3 has an announcement for the Hamilton Club's next publication. Quarto (12" x 9-1/2").

Later three-quarter morocco over cloth, gilt fillets along edges of morocco, lettering pieces and gilt-edged raised bands to spine, deckle edges. Negligible light rubbing to spine ends and corners, light toning to text, early cellotape repairs to foot of final text leaf (with no damage to text). An attractive copy. \$1,250.

* From an edition of 25, this number 10. This remarkable work, better known as the "Reynolds Pamphlet," relates to one of the first sex scandals in American political history. While secretary of the treasury, Hamilton had a three-year affair with a woman named Maria Reynolds. This affair was instigated and encouraged by her husband, James, as a way to extort hush money from Hamilton. Jailed for his participation in a shady speculative scheme, Reynolds attempted to implicate Hamilton in exchange for his freedom, through the help of political enemies, believing Hamilton would claim responsibility if he threatened with public exposure of the affair. In the meantime rumors linking Hamilton to the speculative scheme began to circulate and find their way into print, most notably in Callender's *History of the United States*. In a bold move to protect his public reputation, Hamilton addressed the rumors and prevented a political scandal by confessing the truth. Denying any charges of public financial impropriety, he admitted his "amorous connection" with Maria Reynolds with her husband's "privity and connivance." According to Sabin, Mrs. Hamilton tried to buy up all copies of the 1797 pamphlet, but some escaped. A second edition was reprinted in 1800 in the midst of the Jefferson-Burr election by a group of anti-Federalists. As one would expect, a small number of first editions exist today. The Hamilton Club reprint of the first edition was also issued as an octavo in 1865 in an edition limited to 50 copies.

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**Presentation Copy From the
Author to Napoleon's Son in a Superb Binding**

17. Latour Du Moulin, C[élestin] [1823-1888].

[Walewski, Alexander, Count (1810-1868)].

Lettres à un Membre du Parlement d'Angleterre sur la Constitution de 1852 (Les Ministres, le Conseil d'Etat, le Corps Législatif, le Sénat).
Paris: Libraire D'Amyot, 1861. 119, [1] pp. Octavo, (9-1/2" x 6-1/4").

Contemporary signed morocco binding by Despierres, gilt frames enclosing arms of Count Walewski to boards, raised bands, gilt title and gilt Walewski crests to spine, all edges gilt, gilt inside dentelles, moiré-stamped endpapers, later armorial bookplate to front pastedown, woodcut of Walewski from a contemporary periodical laid in. Light rubbing to extremities, corners lightly bumped. Moderate toning, some leaves have light foxing, occasional small inkstamps to bottom margins. An appealing association copy of a scarce title. \$1,750.

* First edition. This interesting comparison between the English and French political systems was through later editions in 1862, 1863 and 1864. Its author was a leading political journalist. Count Alexander Walewski, to whom this book is inscribed, was the natural son of Napoleon I and Marie Walewska. A notable diplomat, he was ambassador to Florence, Naples, Madrid and London. Minister of foreign affairs from 1855 to 1860, he opposed Napoleon III on the Italian question and resigned his position. He went on to become the minister of fine arts. Despierres, the binder of this copy, was also binder to the emperor. All editions of this title are scarce. OCLC locates no copies of any edition in North America. *British Museum Catalogue* 14:931. [Order This Item](#)



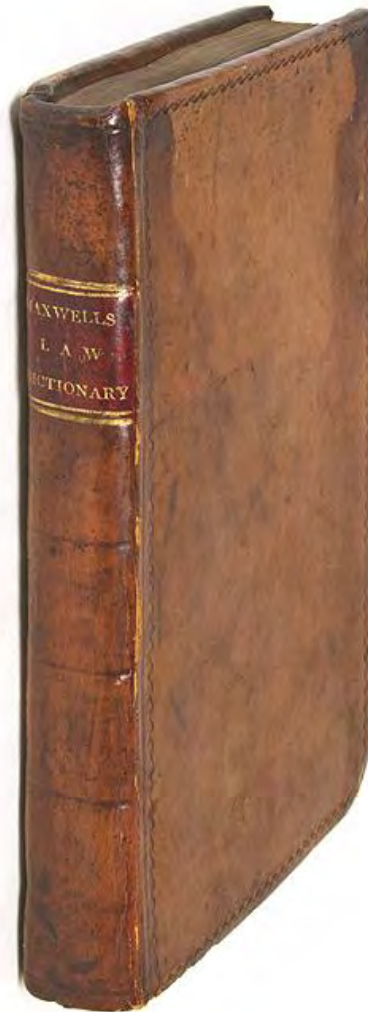
**An Authority on the Criminal
Law of the Kingdom of the Two Sicilies**

18. Lauria, Francesco [1769-1818].

Raccolta di Airinghe Penali. Naples: Stabilimento Letterario-Tipografico dell'Ateneo, 1832. Five volumes. Volume I has portrait frontispiece. Octavo (7-1/2" x 4-3/4").

Contemporary quarter calf over marbled boards, gilt titles and fillets to spines. Light rubbing to extremities, corners lightly bumped. A few contemporary annotations to the title page of Volume I, interiors otherwise clean. \$500.

* Only edition. A title in the series *Opere Diverse* di Francesco Lauria. With a biography of the author, a distinguished professor at the University of Naples. This is a collection of forensic orations and writings on criminal and criminal cases. OCLC locates 1 copy in North America (At UC-Berkeley Law School). [Order This Item](#)



Only American Edition of Maxwell's Commercial Law Dictionary

19. Maxwell, John Irving.

A Pocket Dictionary of the Law of Bills of Exchange, Promissory Notes, Bank Notes, Checks, &c. With an Appendix, Containing Abstracts of Acts and Select Cases Relative to Negotiable Securities, Analysis of a Count in Assumpsit, Tables of Notarial Fees, Stamps, Postage, &c. With Many Additions for the Use of the American Merchant. Philadelphia: Published by William P. Farrand and Co., 1808. [xv], [1], 251 pp. Octavo (7" x 4-1/4").

Contemporary calf, blind fillets to boards, lettering piece and blind fillets to spine. Light rubbing to extremities, corners bumped, recent owner bookplate to front pastedown, negligible faint dampstaining to front board. Moderate toning to text, somewhat heavier in places, minor wormholes near upper corner of preliminaries and a few other leaves, chip to fore-edge of Leaf X4 (pp. 233-234) with minor loss to text, legibility not affected, very faint dampstaining to a few leaves. Early owner signature and annotations to front free endpaper, interior otherwise clean. A nice copy. \$750.

* Only American edition. First published in London in 1802, this is an unusual alphabetical compendium dealing strictly with matters of commerce, such as bills of exchange and promissory notes. Maxwell was also the author of *The Spirit of Maritime Laws* and the delightfully titled *Hints for Protecting the Public Against the Extortion and Insolence of Hackney-Coachmen*. Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 2551. [Order This Item](#)



**Witty Nineteenth-Century Illustrated
Accounts of Trials in the Criminal Courts of Paris**

20. Moinaux, Jules [1825-1895].

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Les Tribunaux Comiques. [2e Série]. Paris: A. Chevalier-Marescq, 1882. [iv], xxx, 395 [1] pp. Frontispiece. Illustrations.

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Moinaux, Jules.

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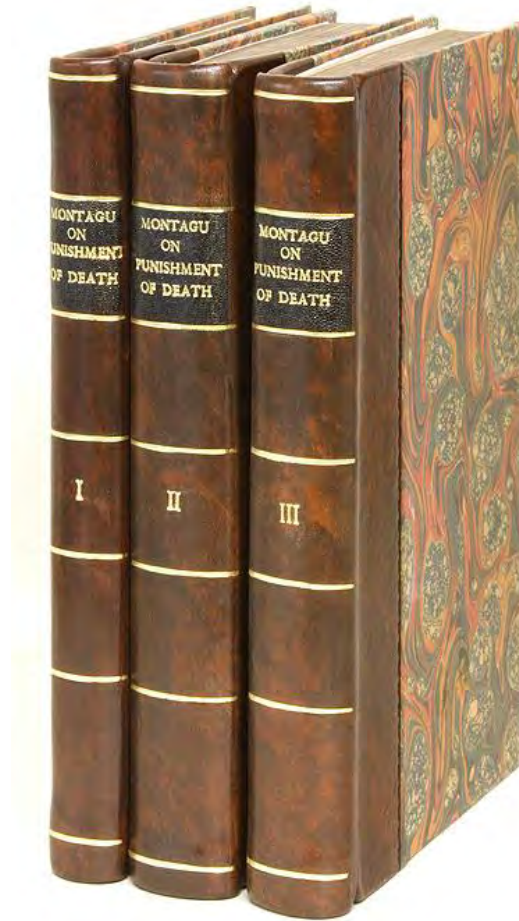
Silvestre, Paul Armand [1837-1901], Introduction.

Les Tribunaux Comiques. [3e Série]. Paris: A. Chevalier-Marescq, 1884. xii, 383 pp. Frontispiece. Illustrations.

Octavo (7" x 4-1/2"). Illustrated publisher wrappers bound into later mottled calf, gilt fillets and morocco lettering pieces to spines, marbled endpapers. Negligible light rubbing to extremities, light toning and light foxing to text. \$350.

* First issues. Moinaux was a notable French writer, playwright and librettist. Written over several years, his humorous accounts of trials in the criminal courts of Paris appeared in such publications as *La Gazette des Tribunaux* and *Le Charivari*. Embellished with witty illustrations by Stop, *Les Tribunaux Comiques* are illustrated collections of these pieces. He published five volumes, the first in 1882, the last in 1894. Each is complete in itself and bibliographically distinct.

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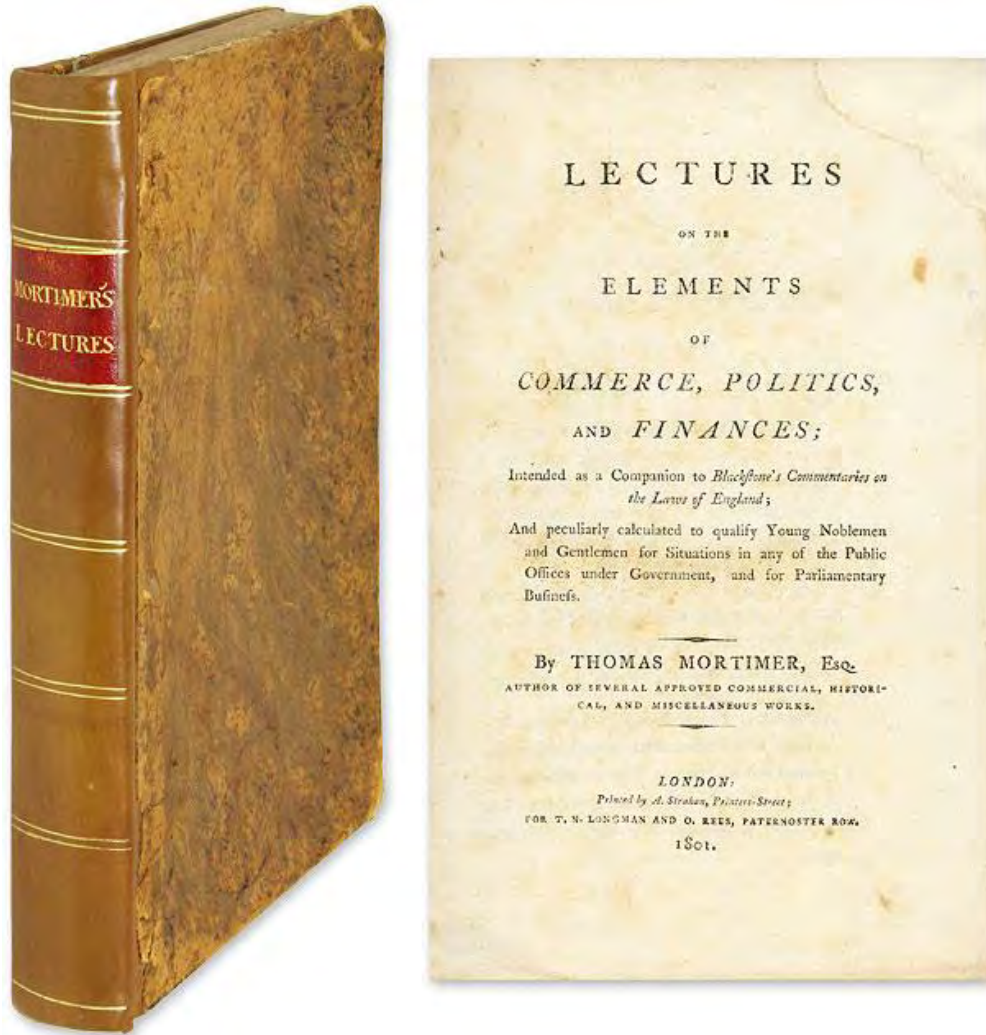
Anthology of Writings on Capital Punishment

21. Montagu, Basil [1770-1851], Editor.

The Opinions of Different Authors Upon the Punishment of Death. London: Published by Longman, Hurst, Rees, Orme, and Brown [imprint varies], 1809, 1812, 1813. Three volumes. vi, [ii], 315; [ii], xxvii, ii, 401, [33]; [ii], ii, ii, 453, [17] pp. Folding table in Volume III. Octavo (8-1/4" x 5").

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* First edition. Lawyer, versatile legal author, philanthropist and reformer, Montagu is best known for his tireless efforts to reform bankruptcy law and abolish capital punishment, work he pursued with considerable success. A remarkable work of research, *Opinions* is an anthology of writings from 62 authors ranging from More to Blackstone, Johnson, Beccaria, Bentham, Mackintosh and Romilly. There are also texts of English and foreign laws relating to capital punishment and crime, including selection from the *Nakaz* of Catherine the Great and Bentham's *Theory of Rewards and Punishments*, Bentham's essay on the Panopticon, excerpts from Parliamentary debates, editorials from periodicals and excerpts from historical works. A second edition of Volume I was issued in 1816. Complete first-edition sets are quite scarce; OCLC locates 9 copies in North American law libraries. Not in Sweet & Maxwell. *Catalogue of the Library of the Harvard Law School* (1909) II:139. [Order This Item](#)



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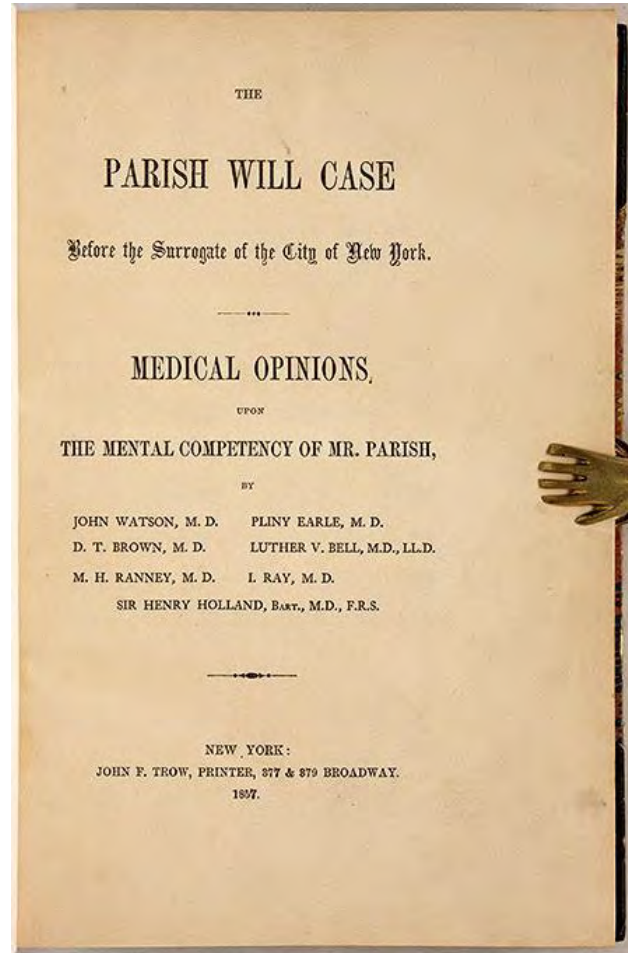
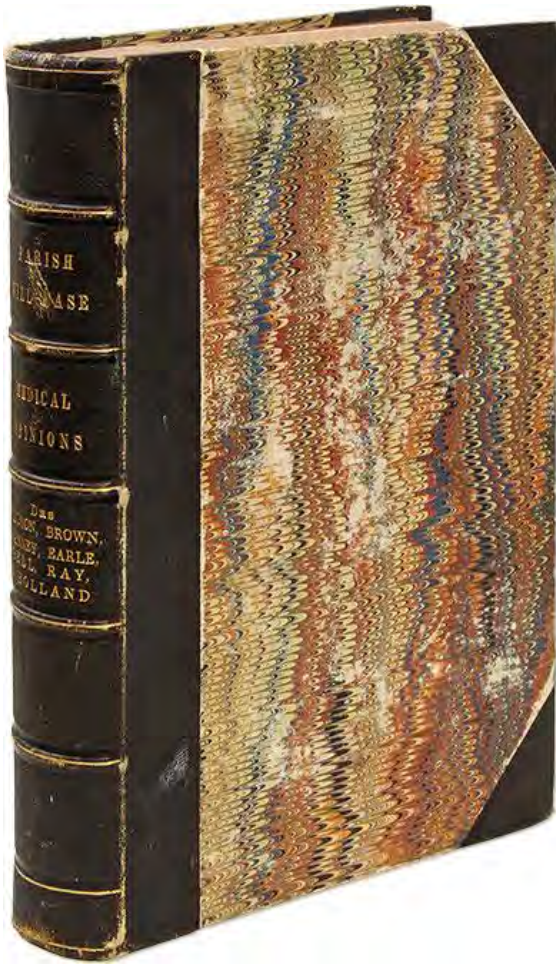
22. Mortimer, Thomas [1730-1810].

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

Lectures on the Elements of Commerce, Politics, and Finances; Intended as a Companion to Blackstone's Commentaries on the Laws of England; And Peculiarly Calculated to Qualify Young Noblemen and Gentlemen for Situations in Any of the Public Offices Under Government, And for Parliamentary Business. London: Published by A. Strahan, 1801. xxviii, 442 pp. Includes six-page subscriber list. Octavo (8-1/4" x 5").

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* First and only edition. Best known as the author of *Every Man His Own Broker* (First edition, 1761), Mortimer was an attorney, diplomat and writer with an interest in commercial law. He believed Blackstone provided an essential component of the nobleman and gentleman's education. His *Lectures* were intended to cover the remaining areas: commerce, politics and finances. Not in Eller. Laeuchli, *A Bibliographical Catalog of William Blackstone* 481. [Order This Item](#)



**Testimony of the Seven Medical Experts in a Notable
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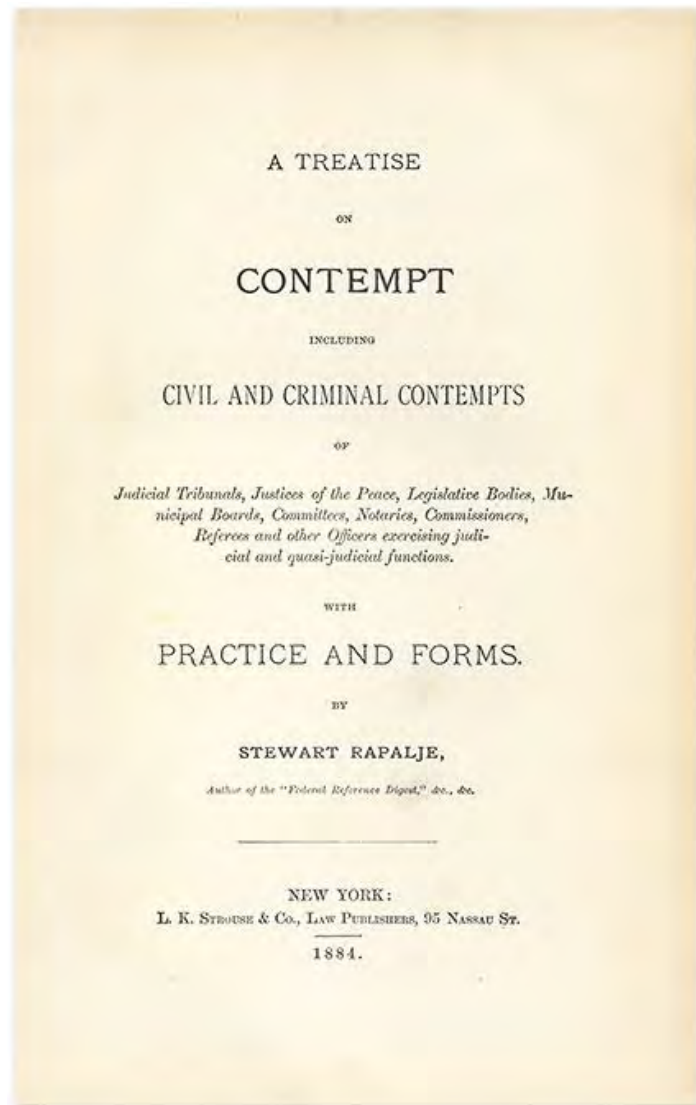
23. [Trial].

[Parish Will Case].

The Parish Will Case Before the Surrogate of the City of New York. Medical Opinions upon the Medical Competency of Mr. Parish, by John Watson, M.D., D.T. Brown, M.D., M.H. Ranney, M.D., Pliny Earle, M.D., Luther V. Bell, M.D., LL.D., M.H. Ranney, M.D., I. Ray, M.D., Sir Henry Holland, Bart., M.D., F.R.S. New York: John F. Trow, 1857. [iii], 573 pp. Each section preceded by divisional title page. Octavo (9-1/2" x 6-1/4").

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* First edition. Henry Parish, a New York merchant, died in 1856, at age 69, having left a will made in 1842 and amended with three codicils signed by him some time after suffering a paralyzing stroke in 1849. Later editions were issued in 1858 and 1860. Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 11386. [Order This Item](#)



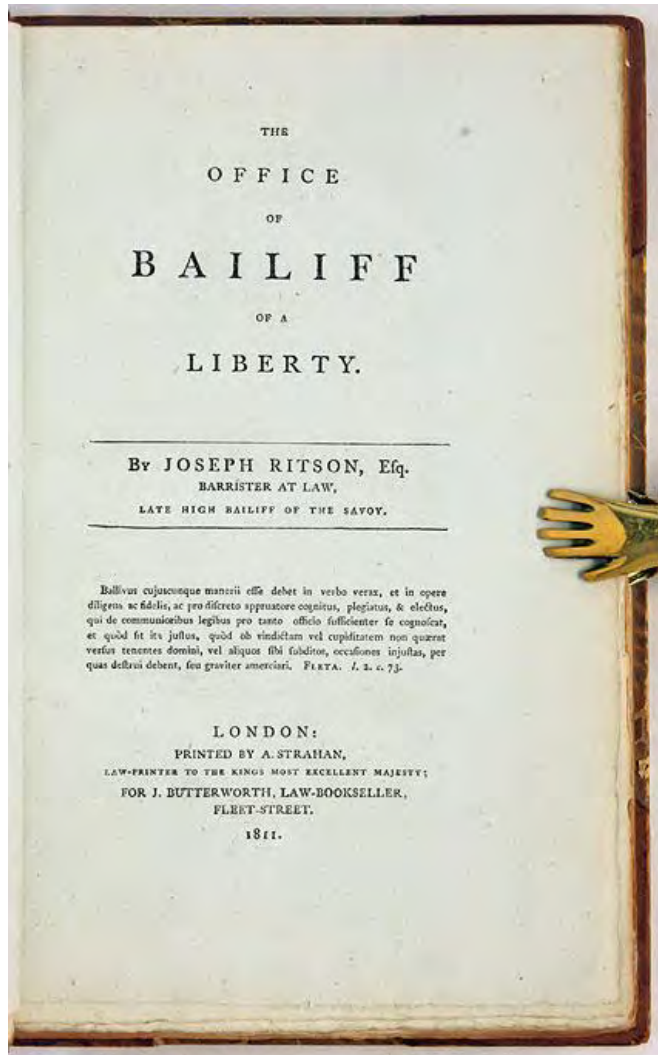
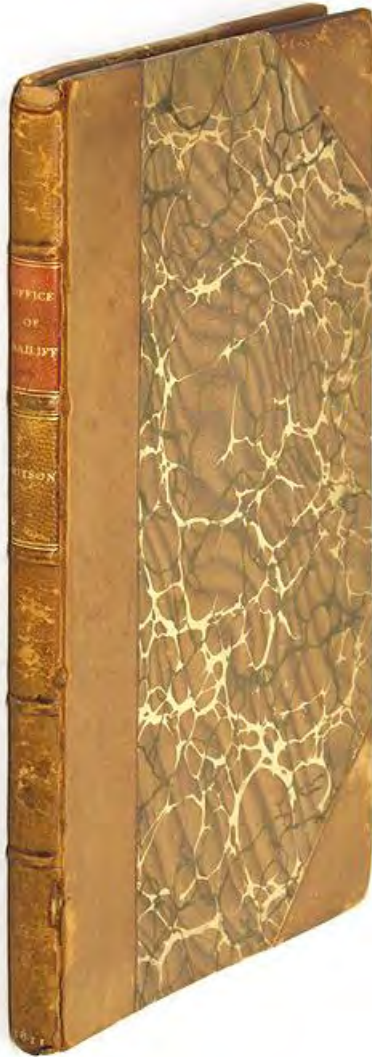
A Notable Treatise on Contempt of Court

24. Rapalje, Stewart [1843-1896].

A Treatise on Contempt Including Civil and Criminal Contempts of Judicial Tribunals, Justices of the Peace, Legislative Bodies, Municipal Boards, Committees, Notaries, Commissioners, Referees and Other Officers Exercising Judicial and Quasi-Judicial Functions. With Practice and Forms. New York: L.K. Strouse & Co., 1884. xlvi, 273 pp. Octavo (9" x 6").

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* First edition. "One of the first comprehensive studies of the subject, still useful as background reference. It covers contempt powers of courts, legislative bodies, administrative groups, and public officials": Swindler, *A Bibliography of Law on Journalism* cited in Marke, *A Catalogue of the Law Collection at New York University* (1953) 415. [Order This Item](#)



Scarce English Treatise on Bailiffs

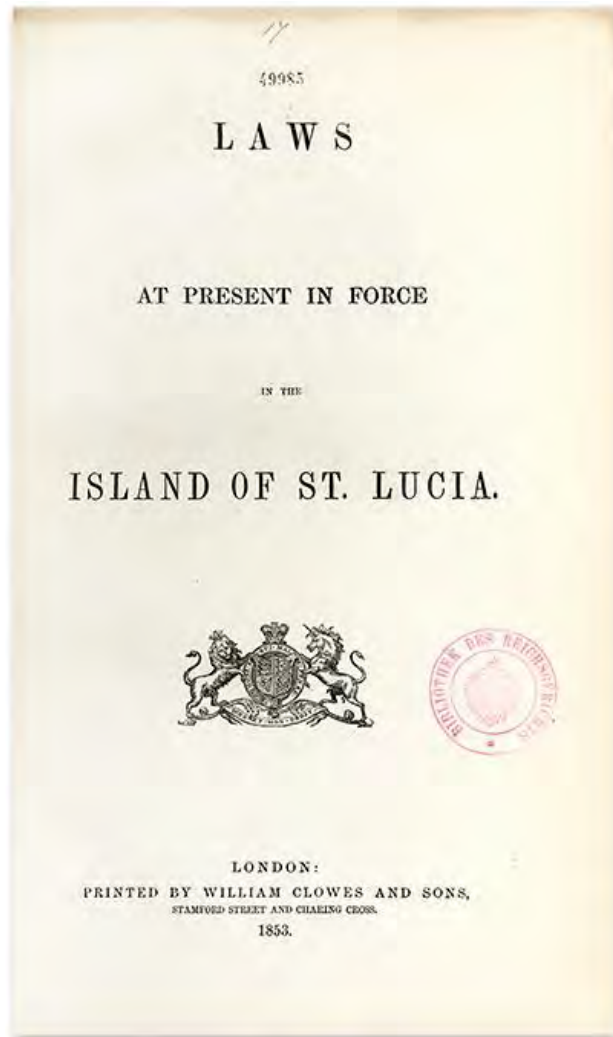
**25. Ritson, J[oseph] [1752-1803].
[Frank, Joseph, Editor].**

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

Contemporary three-quarter calf over marbled boards, raised bands and lettering piece to spine, deckle edges. Moderate rubbing to extremities, joints starting at ends, hinges cracked. Some toning to text, light foxing to a few leaves. A nice copy of a scarce title. \$450.

* First and only 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." OCLC locates 12 copies in North American law libraries. Holdsworth, *History of English Law* XII:337. Not in Sweet & Maxwell. *Catalogue of the Library of the Harvard Law School* (1909) II:474.

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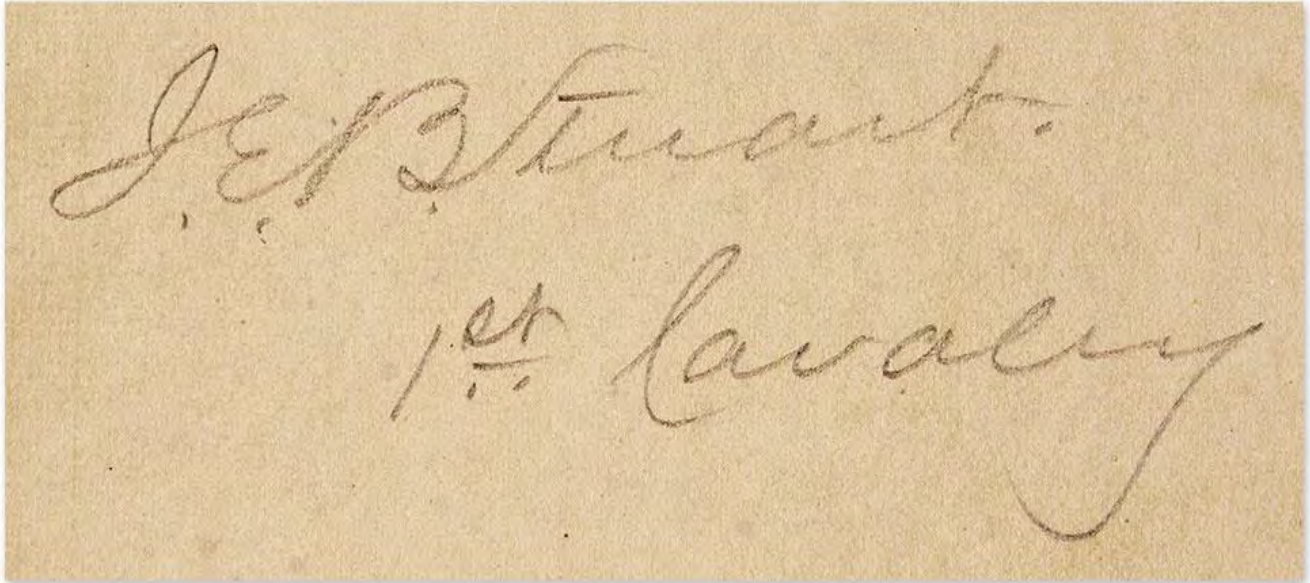
The First Compilation of the Laws of St. Lucia

26. [Saint Lucia].

Laws at Present in Force in the Island of St. Lucia. London: Printed by W. Clowes and Sons, 1853. vi, 388 pp. Octavo (9-1/2" x 6").

Contemporary calf with early rebacking, red and black lettering pieces and small paper location label to spine, upper lettering piece and endpapers renewed. Moderate rubbing to extremities, some scuffing and edgewear to boards, gilt red and black lettering pieces, light toning to text, internally clean. Ex-library. Old shelf label at head of spine, small embossed stamps to boards, inkstamps to title page. A solid copy of a scarce title. \$950.

* With index and side-notes. Saint Lucia was discovered by Columbus in 1502. The first group of colonists, from England, were massacred by the Caribs, but the French succeeded in colonizing the island in 1642. It passed between France and Great Britain a number of times and became a British possession in 1803. It became independent and joined the Commonwealth in 1979. As one would suspect, traces of French law remain in the island's legal system. OCLC locates 9 copies in North America. Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 7:341. [Order This Item](#)



**Treatise on Courts Martial
Owned by Confederate General J.E.B. Stuart**

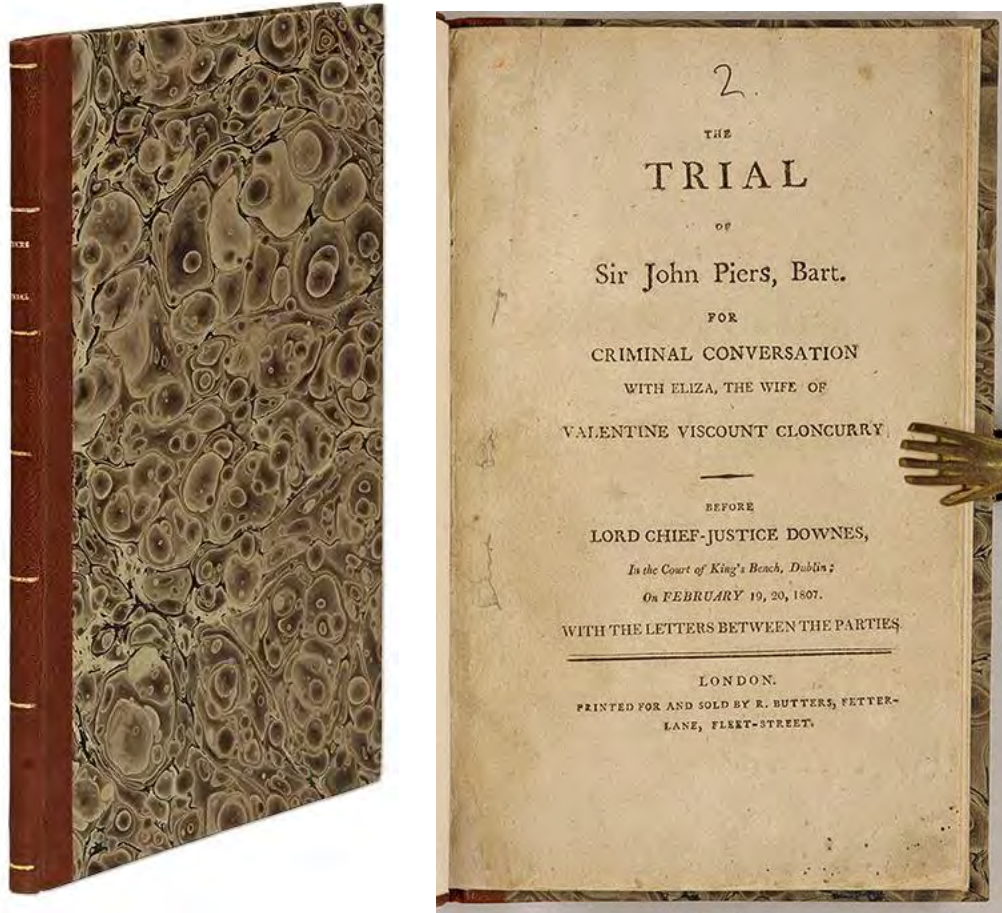
27. [Stuart, J.E.B. (1833-1864)].

Simmons, Thomas Frederick.

Remarks on the Constitution and Practice of Courts Martial; With a Summary of the Law of Evidence, As Connected with Such Courts; Also Some Notice of the Criminal Law of England, With Reference to the Trial of Civil Offences Where There is no Competent Civil Judicature. London: Parker, Furnivall, And Parker, 1852. xvi, 668, [4] pp. Includes 4-page publisher catalogue. Octavo (8-3/4" x 5-1/2").

Original cloth, blind frames to boards, blind fillets and gilt title to spine. Light rubbing, soiling and a few minor dampstains, chipping to spine ends, corners bumped, hinges cracked. "J.E.B. Stuart./ 1st Cavalry" in large penciled hand to front free endpaper. Moderate toning to text, light foxing in a few places, upper corners of a few leaves dog-eared. A copy with an interesting Civil War association. \$3,500.

* Fourth edition. This copy of the standard nineteenth-century British treatise on courts martial belonged to James Ewell Brown "JEB" Stuart, the great Confederate general. The designation "1st Cavalry" dates his ownership of this book to 1855-1861, the period when he was a lieutenant, later Captain, in the U.S. Army. (He went on to lead the 1st Virginia Cavalry for the Confederacy in 1861-1862.) Stuart signatures and signed items are uncommon. The last three to appear at auction (in 2019), an undated clipped signature, a signed 1859 pay receipt and an 1863 letter with military content, received hammer prices of \$2,250.00, \$2,280.00 and \$5,700.00. Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 2:326. [Order This Item](#)



He Seduced Her to Win a Bet

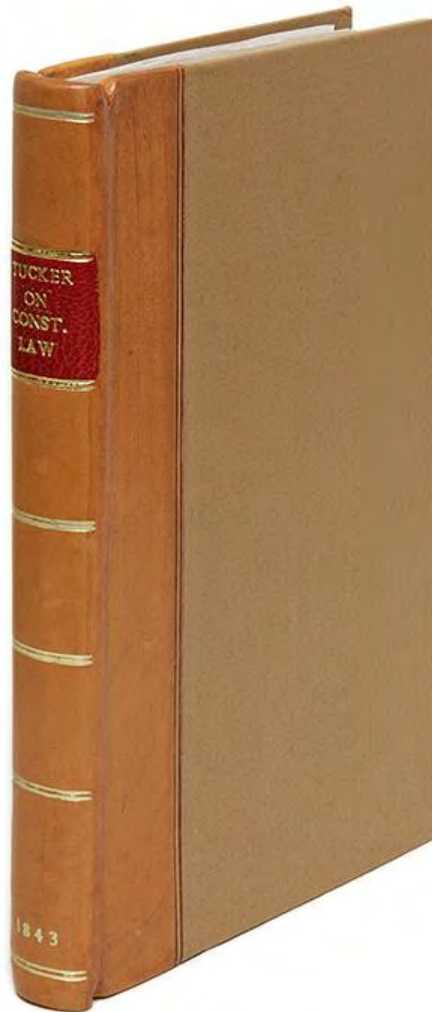
28. [Trial].

Piers, Sir John [1772-1845], Defendant.

The Trial of Sir John Piers, Bart. For Criminal Conversation with Eliza, the Wife of Valentine Viscount Cloncurry Before Lord Chief-Justice Downes, In the Court of King's Bench, Dublin; On February 19, 20, 1807. With the Letters Between the Parties. London: Printed for and Sold by R. Butters, [1807]. 44 pp. Lacking portrait frontispiece. Octavo (8-1/4" x 5-1/4").

Stab-stitched pamphlet bound into period-style quarter morocco over marbled boards, gilt titles and ornaments to spine, endpapers renewed. Disbound stab-stitched pamphlet. Moderate toning to text, light foxing to a few leaves, edgewear and a few minor holes to title page, "2" in early hand to upper margin. \$600.

* Only edition. Piers, 6th Baronet of Tristernagh Abbey, was an Anglo-Irish baronet and a notable rake. His notoriety dates from his 1807 adultery trial involving Elizabeth Georgiana, Lady Cloncurry, the wife of an old school friend (and creditor), Lord Cloncurry. The trial established that Piers had seduced Lady Cloncurry as part of a bet. Lord Cloncurry was awarded the enormous sum of £20,000 in damages, the largest award granted in a criminal conversation case. The scandal attracted a great deal of attention and secured Piers a footnote in history. This case was the subject of John Betjeman's poem *Sir John Piers* and a 1978 BBC documentary *The Bold Bad Baronet*. COPAC locates 1 copy (National Library of Scotland). OCLC locates 5 copies, 3 in North America (Temple University, University of Missouri-Columbia, Yale Law School). Not in the *British Museum Catalogue*. [Order This Item](#)



Tucker's Important Lectures on the Constitution

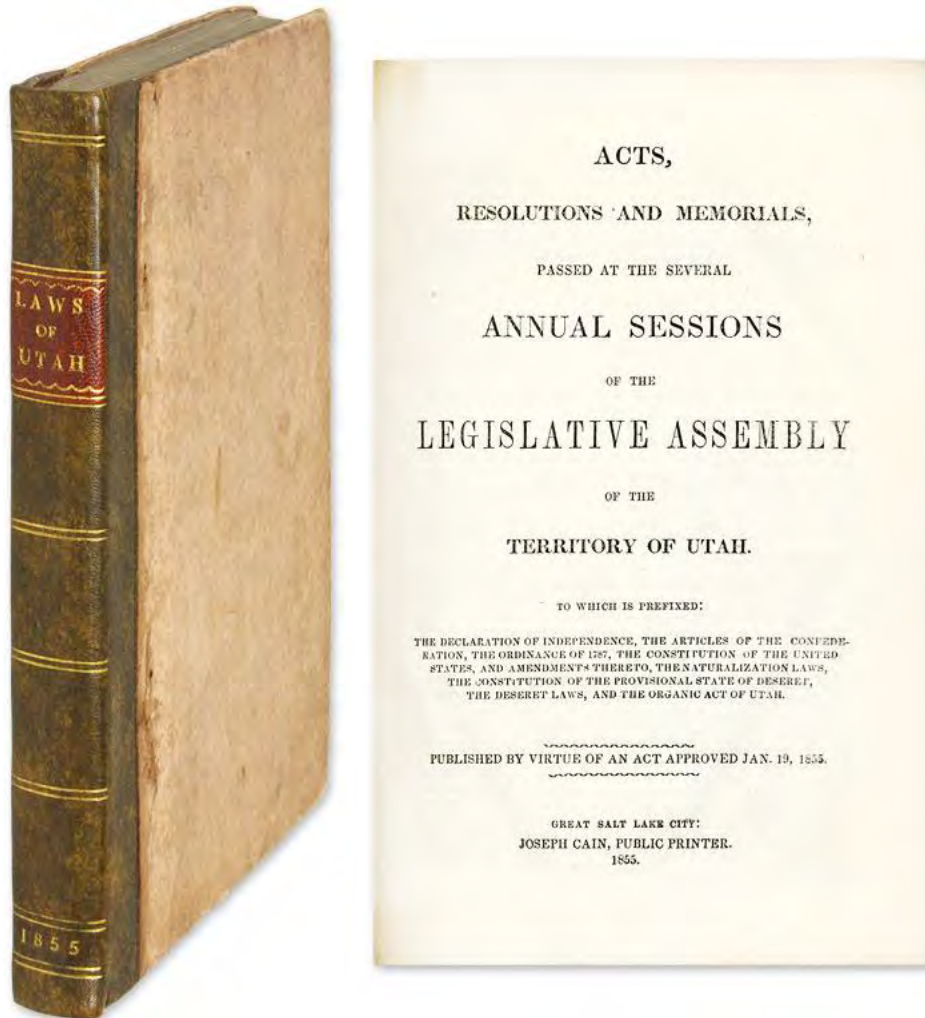
29. Tucker, Henry St. George [1780-1848].

Lectures on the Constitutional Law, for the Use of the Law Class at the University of Virginia. Richmond: Printed for Shepherd and Colin, 1843. 242 pp. 12mo. (7-1/2" x 4-1/2").

Recent period-style quarter calf over cloth, lettering piece and gilt fillets to spine, endpapers renewed. Some toning, light foxing in places, faint, mostly very faint, dampstaining to upper corner of text block, faint embossed library stamp to title page and following leaf, brief annotations (shelf number?) to verso of title page. A nice copy in a handsome binding. \$750.

* Only edition. Tucker proposes a vigorous defense of states-rights principles in the manner of John Taylor of Caroline. A notably sophisticated argument, it balances detailed analysis of the U.S. Constitution with criticism of Joseph Story, Daniel Webster and other proponents of a powerful Federal government. Tucker was a judge of the superior courts of chancery for the Winchester and Clarksburg districts, President of Virginia's Supreme Court of Appeals, the director of a private law school in Winchester and, later in life, Professor of Law at the University of Virginia. Works that grew out of the classroom include *Commentaries on the Laws of Virginia* (1836-1837). Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 2928.

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First Collected Laws of Utah Territory

30. [Utah Territory].

Acts, Resolutions and Memorials, Passed at the Several Annual Sessions of the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Utah. To Which is Prefixed: The Declaration of Independence, The Articles of the Confederation, The Ordinance of 1787, The Constitution of the United States, And Amendments Thereto, The Naturalization Laws, The Constitution of the Provisional State of Deseret, The Deseret Laws, And the Organic Act of Utah. Published by Virtue of an Act Approved Jan. 19, 1855. Great Salt Lake City: Joseph Cain, Public Printer, 1855. 460 pp. Octavo (7-1/2" x 5").

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* With side notes and indices. This volume collects to first laws of Utah Territory, established by Mormon settlers as the State of Deseret in 1849 and organized as Utah Territory by the Federal government in 1850. The laws of the fourth annual session were not printed separately; they only appeared in this compilation. It also contains the first published versions of the constitution of the State of Deseret and the 1851 Ordinances of General Assembly. A few laws concern grants and concessions to Brigham Young, Ezra T. Benson and other early Mormon leaders. Babbitt, *Hand-List of Legislative Sessions and Session Laws* 563, 565, 566. [Order This Item](#)



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