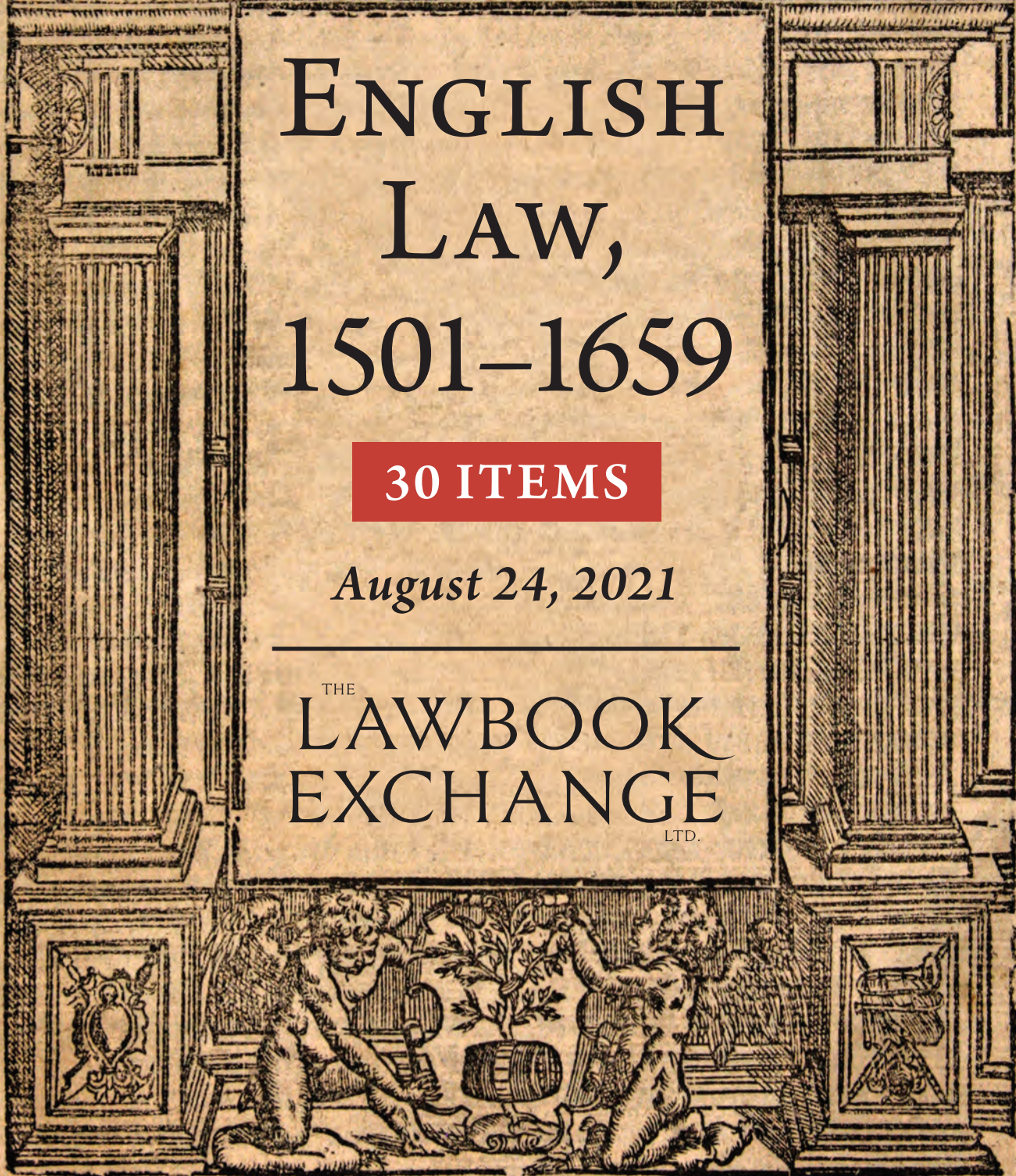


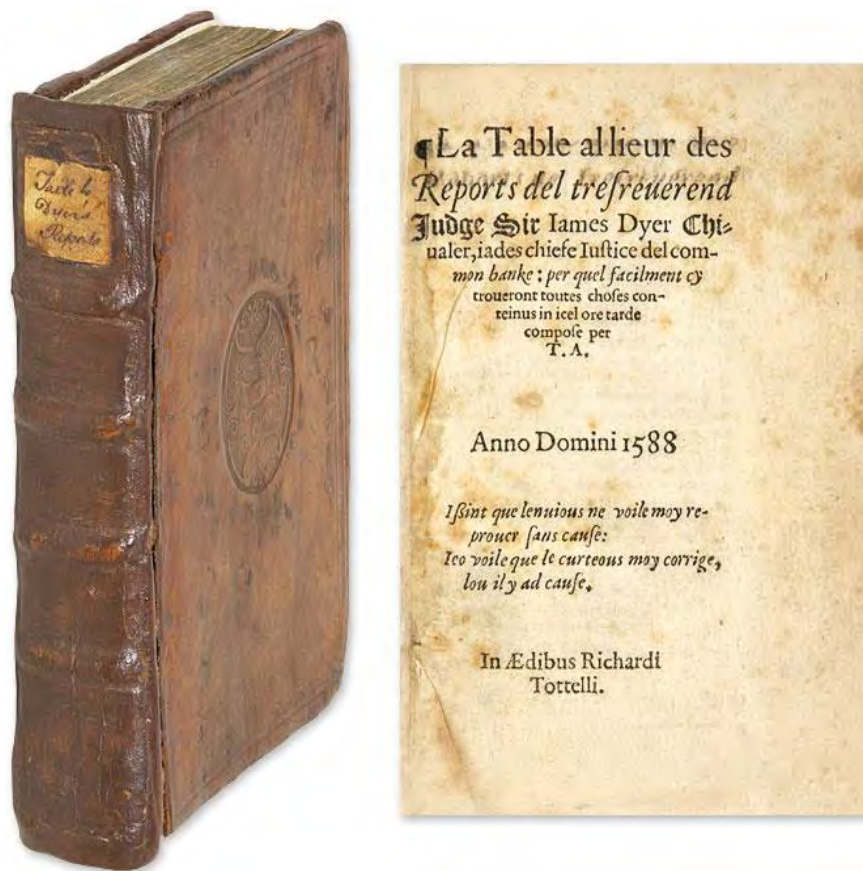
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An Early Guide to Dyer's Reports

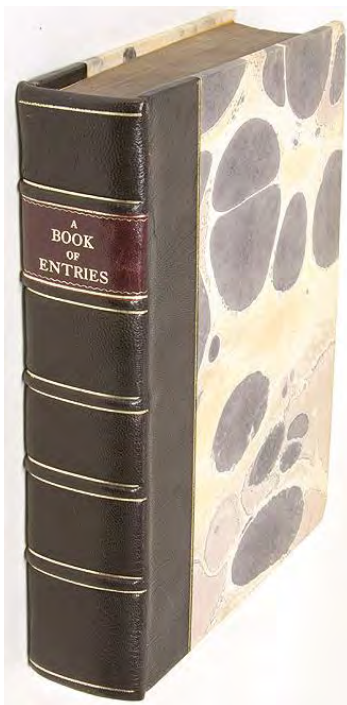
1. A[sh], T[homas] [c.1556-1618].

[Dyer, Sir James (1510-1582)].

La Table al Lieur des Reports del Tresreverend Judge Sir Iames Dyer Chivaler, Iades Chiefe Iustice del Common Banke. Per Quel Facilment cy Troveront Toutes Choses Conteinus in Icel Ore Tarde Compose per T.A. London: In Aedibus Richardi Tottelli, 1588. [viii], 167, [1] ff. Octavo (5" x 3-1/2").

Contemporary calf, rebacked retaining spine, blind rules central blind arabesques and initials "E R" to boards, raised bands and later hand-lettered title label to spine, endpapers renewed, bookplates retained. Moderate rubbing to extremities, corners bumped, later armorial bookplate of William Hopkinson to front pastedown, presentation bookplate from Hopkinson to the County Magistrates, Lincoln, and another plate listing previous owners of the book to rear pastedown. Moderate toning to text, light foxing in a few places, internally clean. \$950.

* First edition. Ashe was highly regarded for his treatises and indexes of reporters. Issued two years after the first edition of Dyer's *Reports*, this 1588 table was Ashe's first publication. Later editions were published in 1602 and 1609. A bookplate on the rear pastedown traces part of this book's ownership history to 1636, when it belonged to George Viscount Chaworth of Armagh, Chief Justice of Common Pleas in Ireland. OCLC locates 8 copies of the first edition in North America, 5 in law libraries (Columbia, Georgetown, Harvard, Library of Congress, Yale) and 1 copy in Great Britain (British Library) and 1 copy in Ireland (Trinity College). The *ESTC* adds 2 more copies in North America (Folger Library, University of Minnesota) and 6 more copies in the British Isles (Cambridge, Cashel Cathedral, National Library of Wales, Bodleian Library, Oxford, Peterborough Cathedral). *English Short-Title Catalogue* S100017. Beale, *Bibliography of Early English Law Books* R482a. [Order This Item](#)



Pleading During the Commonwealth and Restoration

2. A[ston], R[obert].

Placita Latine Rediviva: A Book of Entries; Containing Perfect and Approved Precedents of Counts, Declarations, Barrs, Avowries, Replications, Pleas in Abatement, Issues, Judgments, As Well in Actions Real as Personal, And Sundry Other Entries; Useful for All Clerks, Attorneys, And Practisers in the Courts at Westminster, And Inferiour Courts. Not Heretofore Published in Print. Collected in the Times, And Out of Some of the Manuscripts, Of Those Famous and Learned Protonotaries. Richard Brownlow, John Gulston, Robert Moyl, and Thomas Cory, Esquires; Digested Into an Exact Method, With a Table. Corrected and Amended. London: Printed for H. Twyford, John Place, And T. Basset, 1673. [viii], 144, 177-332, 369-520, [16] pp. Text continuous despite pagination.

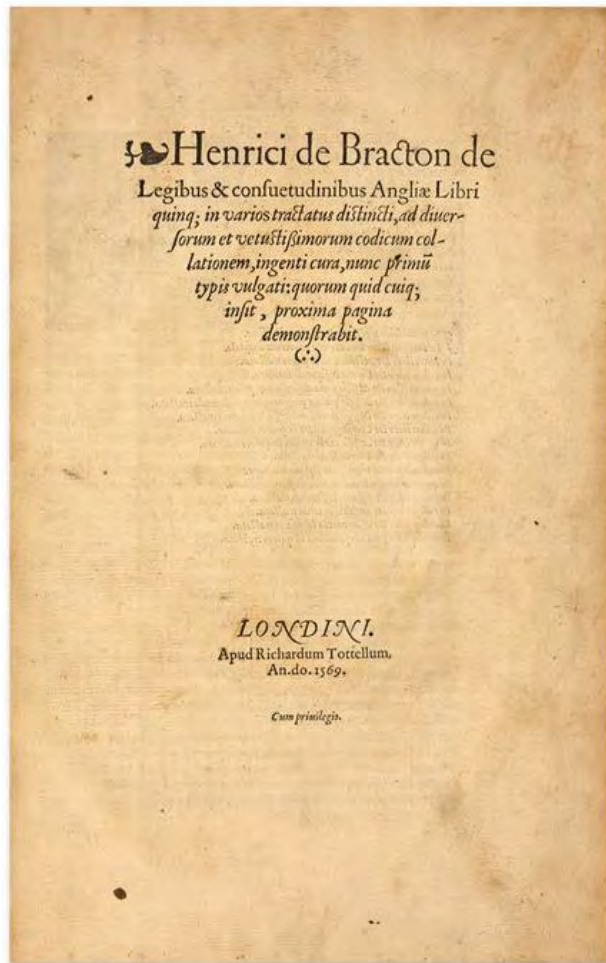
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S[mall], W[illiam].

An Exact Collection of Choice Declarations, With Pleas, Replications, Rejoinders, Demurrers, Assignement of Errours: And the Entries of Judgments Thereupon Affirmed. Collected by W.S. One of the Clerks of the Upper Bench Office: In the Reignes of Queene Elizabeth, King James, And the Late King Charles. Diligently Perused, And Translated into English, For the Benefit and Helpe of Young Clerkes. With an Exact Table, Wherein May be Found the Principall Matters Contained in the Whole Book. London: Printed by T.W. and T.R. for John Place, 1653. [iv], 52, 56, 65-112, 107, [13] pp. Text continuous despite pagination.

Quarto (8-1/4 x 6-1/4"). Recent period-style quarter morocco over marbled boards, gilt-edged raised bands and lettering piece to spine. Negligible light rubbing to extremities, corners lightly bumped. Moderate toning to text, occasional faint dampspotting. Woodcut head-pieces, tail-pieces and decorated initials. Two nice copies in a handsome binding. \$1,000.

* Aston: second and final edition; Small: only edition. The collections by Aston and Small are fine examples of seventeenth-century pleading manuals. Sometimes attributed incorrectly to William Sheppard, Small's manual reflects changes introduced during the Commonwealth. As suggested by its title, Aston's, first issued at the beginning of the Restoration in 1661, aimed to revive aspects of pleading that were discarded during the Civil War and Commonwealth. Small's manual is scarce. OCLC locates 6 copies in North American law libraries (Harvard, LA County, Library of Congress, University of Minnesota, Northwestern, University of Pennsylvania). *English Short-Title Catalogue* R27666 (Aston), R10408 (Small). [Order This Item](#)



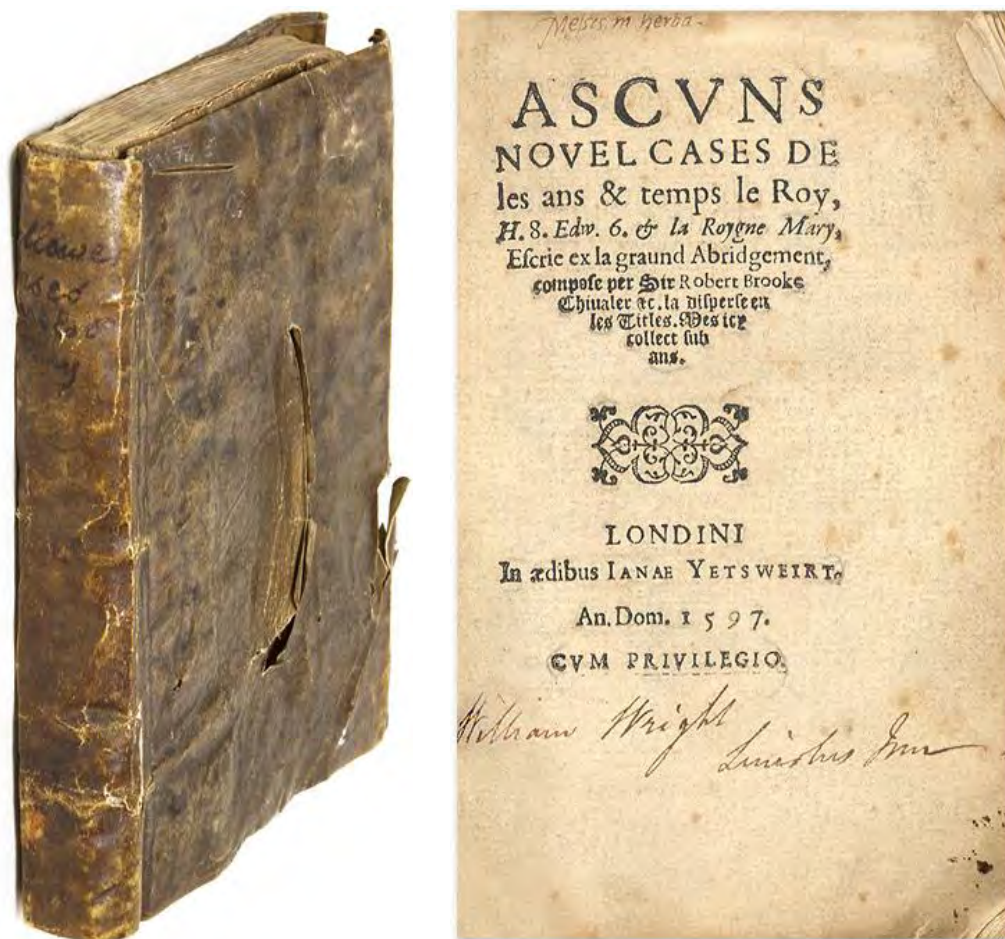
Printing and the Mind of Man 89: The "Crown and Flower of Medieval Jurisprudence"

3. Bracton, Henry de, [d. 1268].

De Legibus et Consuetudinibus Angliæ, Libri Quinq; In Varios Tractatus Distincti, ad Diuersorum et Vetustissimorum Codicum Collationem, Ingenti Cura, Nunc Primū Typis Vulgati; Quorum Quid Cuiq; Insit, Proxima Pagina Demonstrabit. London: Apud Richardum Tottellum, 1569. [xvi], 444 [i.e. 442] ff. Folio (11-1/4" x 7-3/4").

Nineteenth-century diced calf, gilt rules to boards, gilt fillets, ornaments and title to spine, gilt rules to board edges, gilt inside rules, marbled endpapers, ribbon marker. Light rubbing to boards, faint dampstain to front board, moderate rubbing to extremities, front joint just starting at head, corners bumped and somewhat worn, armorial bookplate to front pastedown. Attractive large woodcut decorated initials. Light toning to text, somewhat heavier in places, light foxing and finger smudges to some leaves, some fading to text of ff. 1 and 2. A handsome copy of a landmark work. \$10,000.

* First edition. Written between 1250 and 1256, *De Legibus et Consuetudinibus Angliæ* [*The Laws and Customs of England*] is the first treatise on English law. A systematic work, it emphasizes the separation of procedural and substantive matters and also cites cases as sources of at least intellectual, if not formal, authority. The principles formulated in this work and its use of precedents determined the development of English law and established the method adopted by Littleton and Coke. In Maitland's words, it is "the crown and flower of English medieval jurisprudence" and "by far the greatest of our medieval law books.": Maitland, *Collected Papers* II:43. Beale, *Bibliography of Early English Law Books* T323. *Printing and the Mind of Man* 89. *English Short-Title Catalogue* S122159. [Order This Item](#)



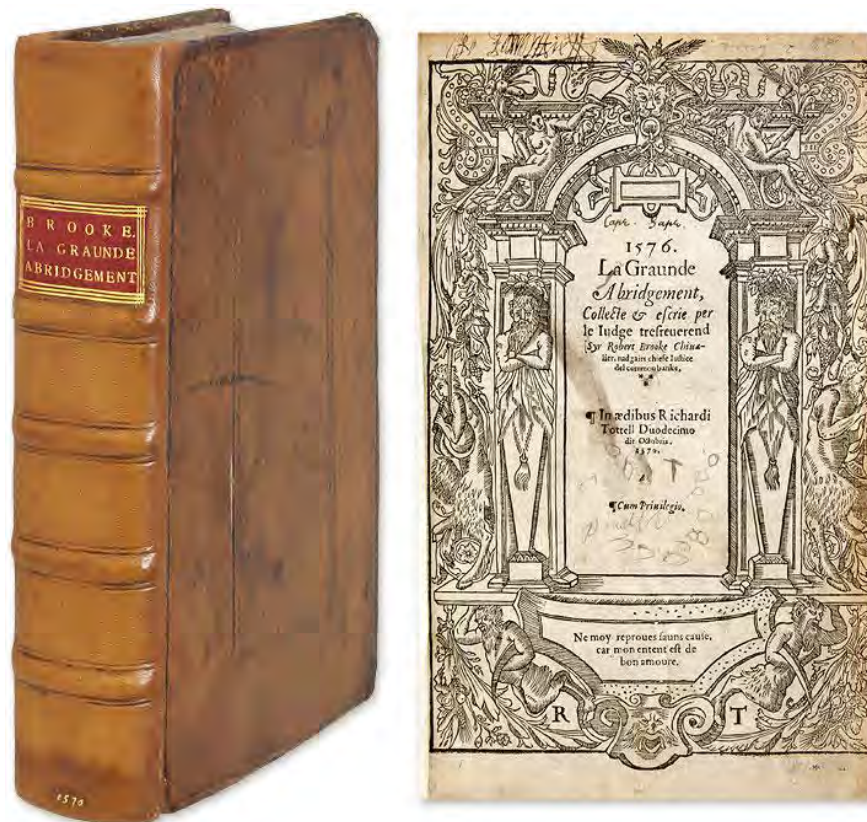
A Selection from Brooke's *Abridgement*

4. [Brooke, Sir Robert (d.1558)].
[Bellew, Richard, Editor].

Ascuns Novel Cases de les Ans & Temps le Roy, H. 8. Edw. 6. & La Roygne Mary, Escric en la Graund Abridgement, Compose per Sir Robert Brooke Chivaler &c. La Disperce en les Titles. Mes Icy Collect Sub Ans. London: In Aedibus Ianae Yetsweirt, 1597. [i], 116, [3] ff. Octavo (5-1/2" x 3-3/4").

Contemporary limp vellum with lapped edges, recased, blind rules to covers, later hand-lettered title to spine, ties lacking. Spine and front cover darkened, some rubbing to extremities, a few cuts to front cover and fore-edge, a few small cracks to spine, most of front pastedown and free endpaper removed, front endleaf soiled, edgeworn and torn. Text printed with wide margins. Moderate toning to interior, light spotting in a few places, tiny inkspots and spark burns to a few leaves, light soiling to title page. Front endleaves filled with contemporary doodles, a tiny contemporary and a later signature to title page, early underlining to a few passages of text. \$1,000.

* Third edition. Also known as *Brooke's New Cases*, *Petit Brooke* or *Belleve Temp. Henry VIII*, this book is a selection of cases from 1514-1558 taken from Brooke's great *Abridgement* (1568), a digest of more than 20,000 cases and notes from the Year Books, Fitzherbert's *Natura Brevium*, and other sources. First published in 1578, it went through later editions in 1587, 1597, 1604, 1624, 1625, 1628 and 1651. All of these are scarce. Concerning the third edition, OCLC locates 2 copies, 1 in North America, both in law libraries (Huntington Library). *English Short-Title Catalogue* S106975. Beale, *Bibliography of Early English Law Books* R480a. [Order This Item](#)



"A Worthy and Painful Work"

5. Brooke, Sir Robert [?-1558].

La Graunde Abridgement, Collecte & Escrite per le Iudge Tresreverend Syr Robert Brooke Chivalier, Nadgairs Chiefe Justice del Common Banke.

[And]

La Secounde Part du Graunde Abridgment....

London: In Aedibus Richardi Tottell, 1576. Two parts in one. [ii], 351; [i], 328 ff. Collates complete. Small folio (9-1/4" x 6").

Contemporary calf with recent rebacking, blind panels with large corner fleurons to boards, raised bands and lettering piece to spine. Moderate rubbing to board edges, a few minor scratches and scuffs, corners bumped and somewhat worn, hinges starting. Titles printed within woodcut architectural borders, woodcut decorated initials. Moderate toning to text, faint dampstaining to foot of text block, minor loss to fore-edges of title pages due to trimming. Tiny early owner signatures to title page of first part, interiors otherwise clean. An attractive copy. \$1,000.

* Second edition. Sir Robert Brooke was renowned for his great learning as a scholar and his probity as a judge. Holdsworth notes that Brooke's *Abridgement* "is based on Fitzherbert's *Abridgement*, but it contains much new material. In particular it abridges fully the Year Books of Henry VII's and Henry VIII's reigns." Brooke abridged nearly 21,000 cases under 404 alphabetical headings. He proceeded with great care and accuracy, and is understood to have had access to the original records of the Year Books. Coke calls the *Abridgement* "a worthy and painful work and an excellent repertory or table for the Year Books of the Law." It was first issued in 1573. Coke cited in Marvin, *Legal Bibliography* 151. Holdsworth, *History of English Law* II:545. *English Short-Title Catalogue* S106717. Beale, *A Bibliography of Early English Law Books* R471, R472. [Order This Item](#)



Printing and the Mind of Man 126

"Not the Name of a Lawyer Onely, But of the Law It Selfe"

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

The First Part of the Institutes of the Lawes of England. Or, A Commentarie vpon Littleton, Not the Name of a Lawyer Onely, But of the Law It Selfe. London: Printed for the Societie of Stationers, 1628. [viii], 395, [1] ff. Lacking folding woodcut table of consanguinity. leaf Ggg4 (fol. 212) supplied as a bound-in facsimile. Folio (10-3/4" x 7-1/2").

Recent calf, raised bands and gilt title to spine, endpapers renewed. A few minor nicks and scuffs to boards, corners bumped, a few partial cracks to text block. Title page printed within woodcut architectural border. Moderate toning, faint dampstaining and soiling in a few places, edgewear to preliminaries, leaves K2 and K3 (fols. 38-39) and final four leaves of text, a few leaves with recent repairs, brief early annotations and markings in a few places. \$1,000.

* First edition. Coke *Institutes*, which eventually comprised four volumes, are thought to be the first textbooks on the modern common law. Taken together, they form a virtual encyclopedia of the law as it stood in Coke's lifetime. Moreover, it "firmly established itself as the basis of the constitution of the realm" (Carter and Muir). The first *Institutes*, better known as *Coke on Littleton*, contains the text of Sir Thomas Littleton's *Tenures* with extensive commentary. It was a standard work for decades and was often used as a textbook. The annotations in our copy are brief summaries or elucidations. Carter and Muir, *Printing and the Mind of Man 126*. *English Short-Title Catalogue* S113366. [Order This Item](#)



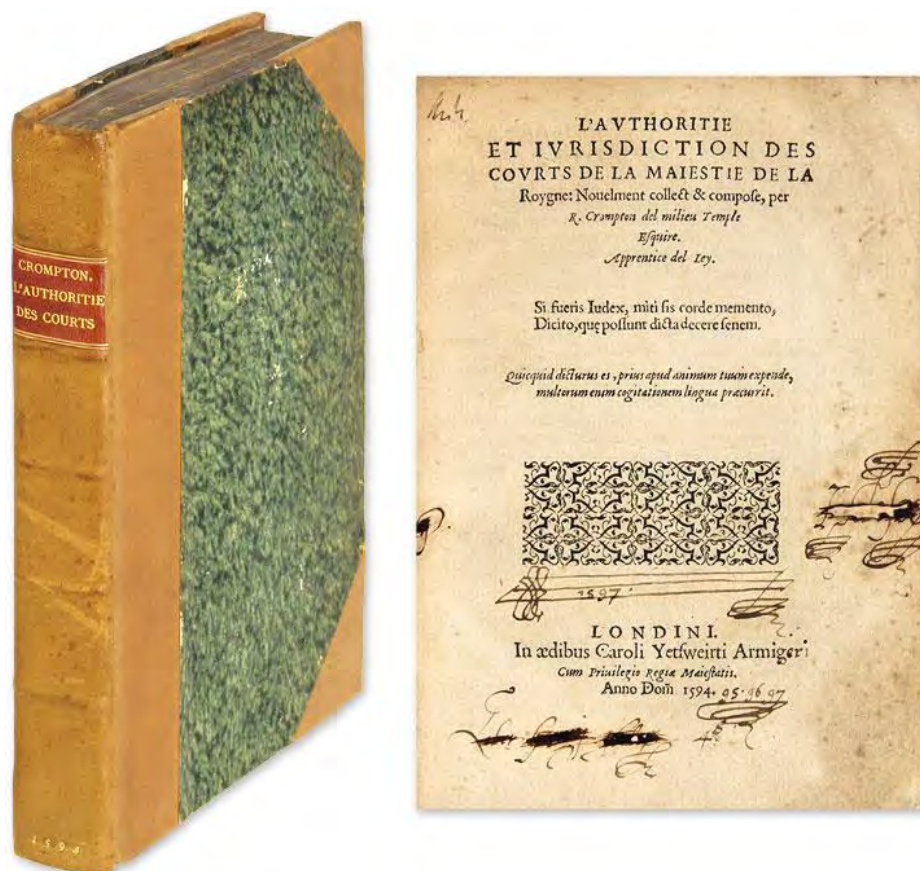
**First Edition of Coke's Landmark
Commentary on Magna Carta and "English Liberties"**

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

The Second Part of the Institutes of the Lawes of England. Containing the Exposition of Many Ancient, And Other Statutes; Whereof you May See the Particulars in a Table Following. London: Printed by M. Flesher, and R. Young, for E[phraim] D[awson], R[ichard] M[eighen], W[illiam] L[ee] and D[aniel] P[akeman], 1642. [xii], 745, [3] pp. Copperplate portrait frontispiece. Colophon leaf gives full names of publisher, pages 28 and 29 numbered correctly. Folio (10-3/4" x 7").

Contemporary reversed calf, rebacked in calf, blind rules to boards, raised bands and lettering piece to spine, date gilt-stamped to foot, endpapers renewed with marbled paper, early hand-lettered title to fore-edge of text block. Some minor scuffing to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities with some wear to spine ends and corners. Title printed within woodcut architectural border, typographical head-pieces, woodcut tail-pieces. Light toning to text, minor worming to margins of the first few leaves below text. An appealing copy. \$3,500.

* First edition. *The Second Part of the Institutes*, an exposition of "many ancient and other statutes" including Magna Carta, was published by order of the House of Commons after the author's death. It is a landmark work because it offered a novel interpretation of Magna Carta. Reflecting contemporary struggles between the king and Parliament, Coke presented the charter as the ancient constitution of England, one that established the fundamental rights of Englishmen and placed royal power under the laws of the land. Perhaps the most famous section is Coke's commentary on the 29th chapter, in which he traced the origins of trial by jury and the right of habeas corpus. According to the *ESTC*, this edition has two states: "state 1 has pages 28-29 misnumbered 38-39; state 2 has the pages numbered correctly." Yet another issue is listed in a separate record, R231698, but it is believed to be a ghost. The last copy of the first edition seen at auction was in 2005. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R12887. [Order This Item](#)



First Edition of Crompton's Survey of the Courts

8. [Crompton, Richard (d. 1599)].

L'Autoritie et Iurisdiction des Courts de la Maiestie de la Royne: Noulement Collect & Compose, Per R. Crompton del Milieu Temple Esquire, Apprentice del Ley. Si Seuris Index, Mitis Corde Memento, Dicito, quae Possunt Dicta Decere Senem. London: In Aedibus Caroli Yetsweirti, 1594. [iv], 232 ff. Quarto (7-1/4" x 5-1/4").

Later three-quarter calf over marbled boards, raised bands and lettering piece to spine. Light rubbing to extremities, a few minor nicks to boards, hinges cracked. Woodcut head-pieces and decorated initials. Moderate toning to text, somewhat heavier in places, some leaves have faint dampspotting or edgewear. Small early owner initials and struck-through signatures to title page, one with burn-through, early annotations and underlining to a few leaves, interior otherwise clean. An appealing copy. \$1,000.

* First edition. Crompton was a bencher of the Middle Temple during the reign of Henry VIII and the author of several notable juristic works. *L'Autoritie et Iurisdiction* is considered to be his principal work. It is essentially a digest of the Year Books and other cases applicable to the subject. Turning to William Fulbecke's *A Direction or Preparative to the Study of the Lawe* (1600), we see that its value was recognized almost immediately: "Master Crompton has taken great paynes in this study, and his books are in every man's hands, which prooveth their generall allowance, his cases are very profitable, and apt for the title to which they are applyed, and so compendiously collected, that a man may by them in a few howers gaine great knowledge" (cited in Holdsworth). On a broader scale, Crompton offers legal justification for the creation of a rigidly hierarchical "natural" society governed by a powerful monarch. This attitude, articulated by Bodin among others, was shared by several conservatives in England and Europe during the Late Renaissance. Holdsworth, *History of English Law* IV: 212. *English Short-Title Catalogue* S109077. Beale, *A Bibliography of Early English Law Books* T328. [Order This Item](#)



First Tottell Edition of the Book that "Made the Common Law"

9. Fitzherbert, Sir Anthony [1470-1538].

La Graunde Abridgement Collecte par le Iudge Tresreverend Monsieur Anthony Fitzherbert, Dernierment Conferre Ouesque la Copy Escript et per Ceo Correct: Aueques le Nombre del Sueil, Per Quel Facilement Poies Trover les Cases cy Abridges en les Livres Dans, Novelment Annote: Iammais Devaunt Imprimee. London: In Aedibus Ricardi Tottell, 1565. Three parts in two books [i], 379; [ii], 128; 207 ff. First and second parts have title pages, second part has title beginning: La Secounde Part du Grand Abridgment. Tipped-in cancel slip to verso of leaf M2 in third part. Folio (13-1/2" x 9-1/4").

Contemporary calf, rebacked in period style, blind rules to boards, raised bands and lettering piece to spine, endpapers renewed with carefully matched antique paper. Moderate rubbing and light gatoring to boards, heavier rubbing to board edges with wear to corners. Title pages printed within woodcut architectural borders. Moderate toning, faint dampstaining to foot of text block, light soiling to title page of first part, "W" in small later hand to upper right-hand corner. An impressive copy. \$4,000.

* First Tottell edition. Arguably one of the most imposing volumes in the history of English law, Fitzherbert abridged 13,485 cases under 263 titles in alphabetical order. First published in 1514 (or 1516), it was the first serious attempt to arrange the common law in a systematic manner and was a model for such writers as Brooke and Rolle. According to Boersma, Fitzherbert accomplished "nothing less than to abridge all notes of significant cases at common law." A standard work in Great Britain, it was equally important in the American colonies. Thomas Jefferson, for example, owned a copy from 1577. Graham and Heckel refer to this work as the "book that 'made' the common law." Beale's record for the second part differs from our copy, which matches that in the ESTC. The most notable difference is that the Beale copy does not include the first 128 leaves of the second part. Boersma, "Sir Anthony Fitzherbert: A Biographical Sketch and Short Bibliography," Law Library Journal 71 (1978) 395. Graham and Heckel, "The Book That 'Made' the Common Law," Law Library Journal 51 (1957) 101. Sowerby, Catalogue of the Library of Thomas Jefferson 1776. Beale, A Bibliography of Early English Law Books R463, R464. English Short-Title Catalogue S122166. Order This Item



Highly Esteemed by Coke and Blackstone

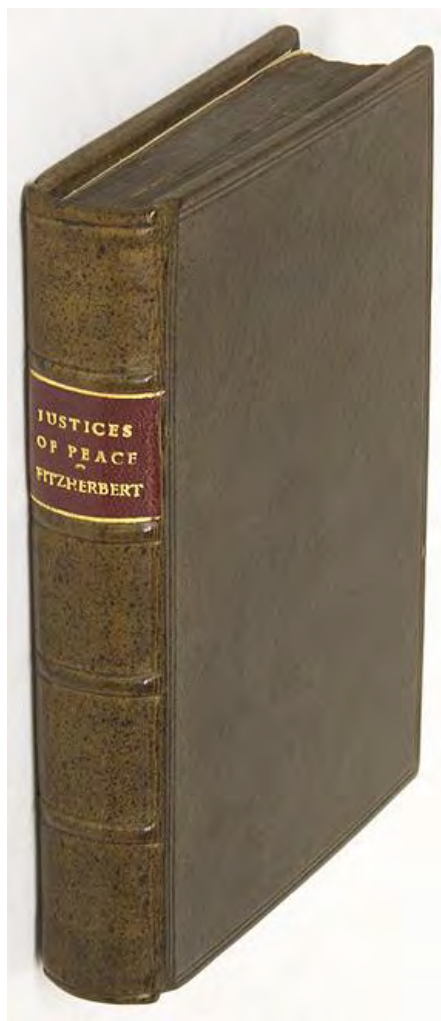
10. [Fitzherbert, Sir Anthony (1470-1538)].

[Rastell, William (1508?-1565)].

La Nouvelle Natura Breviu[m] du Iudge Tresreuerende Monsieur Anthony Fitzherbert, Denierement Renue & Corrigee per Lauteur, Avecques un Table Parfaite des Choses Notables Contenus en Ycell, Nouelment Compose per Guiliaulme Rastell, & Iammais per Cydenaunt Imprimee. London: In Aedibus Richardi Tottelli, 1567 [i.e. 1576, date on colophon]. [xxxii], 271 ff. Octavo (6-1/2" x 4-1/2").

Contemporary paneled calf, blind fleurons and central arabesques to boards, raised bands and blind rules to spine, ties lacking. Some rubbing to extremities, minor nicks to boards, a few small worm holes, corners bumped and somewhat worn, spine ends bumped and lightly chipped, joints starting at head, front pastedown loose, a few cracks to text block. Title printed within woodcut architectural border. Moderate toning to text, occasional discoloration to outer margins in a few places, soiling to some leaves. Early owner signature to front free endpaper, brief annotations in early hand to head of title page and some text leaves, along with some underlining, rear endleaf filled with notes. A nice copy. \$2,000.

* First published in 1534, the *Nouvelle Natura Brevium* is a manual of procedure written by a Judge of the Common Pleas during the reign of Henry VIII. Winfield notes that "Coke put it among the books which he considered most necessary and of greatest authority and excellency"; Blackstone considered it an authority as well. Compiled from the earlier *Natura Brevia* and the *Registrum Brevium*, it includes several original observations on the form and function of writs. Rastell's revisions include the addition of a table. A popular work, it went through numerous editions in Law French and English, the final appearing in 1794. It remains significant to this day for its descriptions of writs that were becoming obsolete in the early sixteenth century. Winfield, *Chief Sources of English Legal History* 303. Beale, *Bibliography of Early English Law Books* T348. *English Short-Title Catalogue* S4100. [Order This Item](#)



1554 Edition of Fitzherbert's Important JP Manual

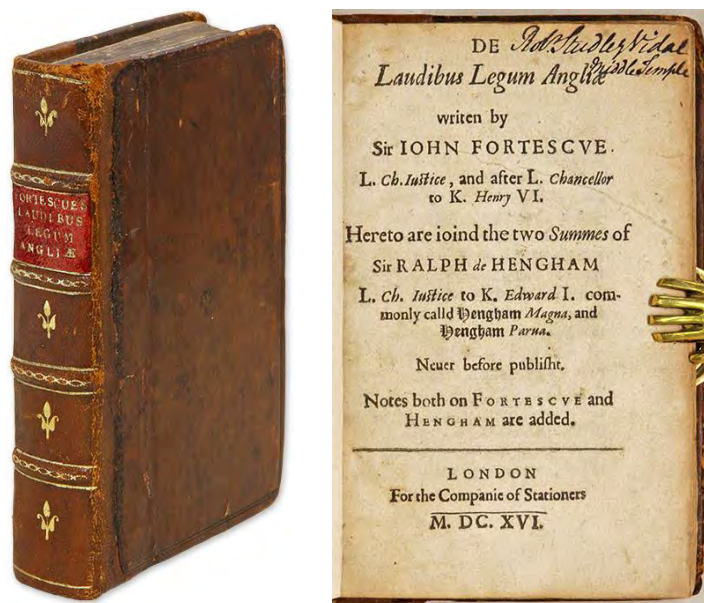
11. Fitzherbert, Sir Anthony [1470-1538].

The Newe Booke of Iustices of Peace Made by Antonie Fitzherbard Iudge, Lately Translated Out of Fre[n]ch Into Englishe and Newly Corrected, the Yere of Our Lorde 1554. [(London): Imprinted at London in Fletestrete Within Temple Barre, at the Signe of the Hande and Starre, by Richarde Tottyll, 1560]. 173, [3] ff. Title page supplied as a laid-in facsimile. Pages 97 and 103 mis-numbered as 82 and 88. Octavo (5-1/4" x 3-1/2").

Recent period-style calf, raised bands and lettering piece to spine. Moderate toning to text, occasional faint dampstaining to fore-edges, light soiling to a few leaves. Early underlining and brief annotations to most leaves, some notes affected by trimming. A unique copy in a handsome binding. \$1,500.

* First printed in 1538, Fitzherbert's manual was issued eight more times; its final edition was printed in 1617. Editions beginning in 1583 were edited by Richard Crompton. Despite his efforts, this work was eventually superseded by William Lambard's *Eirenarcha* (1581). The annotations are mostly glosses and other signs of careful study. *ESTC* locates 6 copies in the UK, 5 in North America (Georgetown Law School, Harvard Law School, The Newberry Library, University of Michigan Law School, University of Minnesota Law School). OCLC adds the Library of Congress and University of Pennsylvania Law School. *English Short-Title Catalogue* S4295. Beale, *A Bibliography of Early English Law Books* T342.

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First Selden Edition of Fortescue's *De Laudibus*

12. Fortescue, Sir John [1394?-1476?]

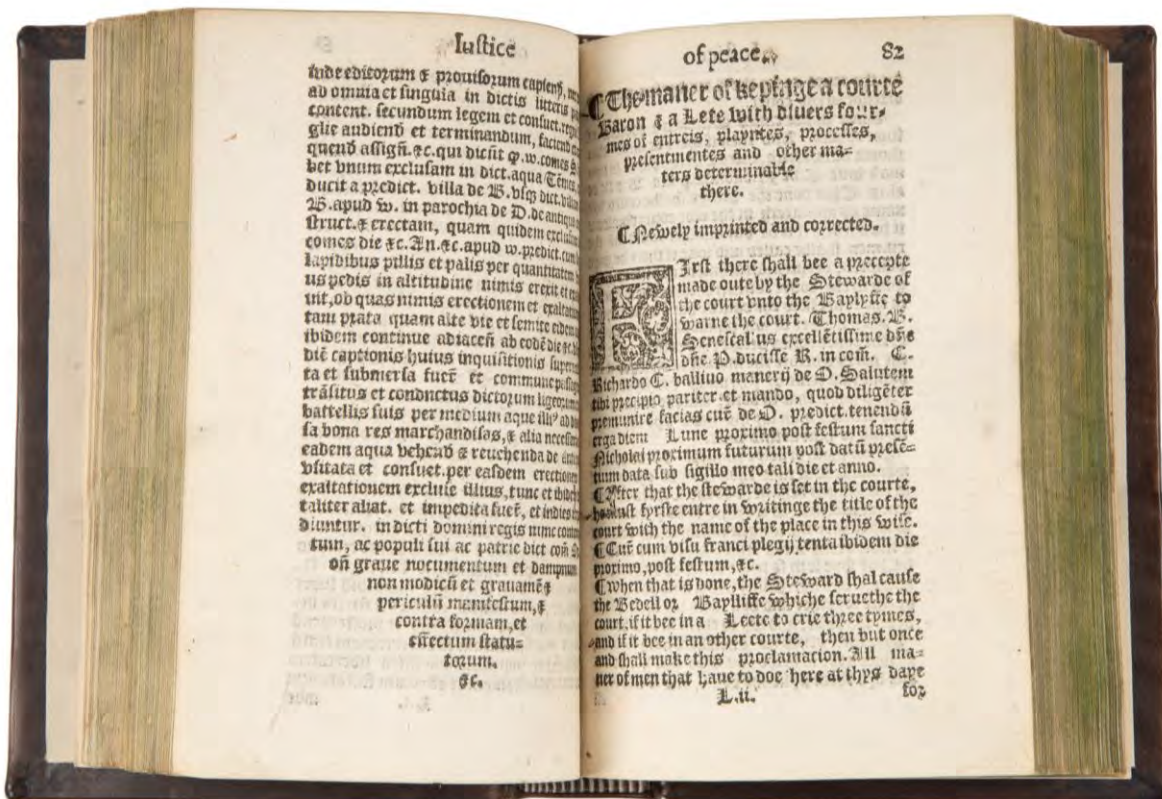
[Selden, John (1584-1654), Editor].

[Mulcaster, Robert, Translator and Editor].

De Laudibus Legum Angliae Written by Sir Iohn Fortescue L. Ch. Iustice, and After L. Chancellor to K. Henry VI. Hereto are Ioid the Two Summes of Sir Ralph de Hengham L. Ch. Iustice to Nene Boke of Iustices of Peace Made by Anthonie Fitzherbard K. Edward I. Commonly Calld Hengham Magna, And Hengham Parua. Never Before Publisht. Notes Both on Fortescue and Hengham are Added. London: Printed [by Adam Islip] for the Companie of Stationers, 1616. [viii], 132, [3] ff.; 56, [12], 35, 34-159, [1] pp. Lacking first leaf, blank except for a small paragraph symbol on the recto, and the last leaf, a blank. Two parts, each with title page and individual pagination. First part in parallel columns; Latin with running English translation. Texts of *Summes* in Latin with notes in English. Octavo (5-1/2" x 3-1/2").

Contemporary calf with later rebacking, blind rules to boards, blind fillets along joints, gilt-decorated raised bands, gilt ornaments and gilt title to spine, endpapers renewed. Light rubbing, corners bumped and somewhat worn, armorial bookplate to front pastedown, front hinge partially cracked. Light toning to text, somewhat heavier in places, faint stains and light edgewear to a few leaves. Early owner signature in tiny hand to head of title page, brief early annotations to a few leaves. \$950.

* First Selden edition. *De Laudibus Legum Angliae*, a history of English law, was written for the instruction of Edward, the young Prince of Wales. Cast in dialogue form, it demonstrates that the common law was the oldest and most reasonable legal system in Europe. It also compares the common and Roman systems and extols the superiority of a constitutionally limited monarchy. *De Laudibus* was written around 1470 and first printed in 1567. Selden's was the first critical edition of this work, perhaps the first critical edition of an early English legal work. Aside from their value to the elucidation of Fortescue's text, Selden's notes interrogate aspects of Fortescue's text and offer rich insights into jurisprudence and the nature of the English constitution. As noted by Christianson, his conclusions disputed "the concept of immemorial custom argued by [Sir John] Davies and the anachronistic historical interpretations displayed by [Sir Edward] Coke." It was reissued in 1660, 1672 and 1737 with various additions. "Fortescue was a favorite among the old lawyers, and will be read with profit in modern times by those who are interested in the origin and progress of the Common Law.": Marvin, *Legal Bibliography* 321. Christianson, *Discourse on History, Law, and Governance in the Public Career of John Selden* 63. *English Short-Title Catalogue* S102544. [Order This Item](#)



"The Booke That Teacheth"

13. [Great Britain].
[Justices of the Peace].
[Courts Leet and Baron].

The Contentes of This Booke. Fyrst the Booke for a Iustice of Peace. The Booke that Teacheth to Kepe a Courte Baron, Or a Lete. The Boke Teachynge to Kepe a Courte Hundred. The Boke Called Returna Brevium. The Boke Called Carta Feodi, Conteynyng the Forme of Dedes, Releases, Indentures, Obligacions, Acquitaunces, Letters of Atturney, Letters of Permutacion, Testamentes, And Other Thynges. And the Boke of the Ordinaunce to be Observed by the Offycers of the Kynges Eschequer for Fees Takinge. [London: In Fletestreete within Temple barre, At the Signe of the Hande and Starre, by Richard Tottill, The XIII. Daye of Maye. Anno Domini 1559]. 195, [11] ff. Lacking Final two blank leaves. Octavo (5-1/4" x 3-1/2").

Recent period-style calf, blind rules to boards, raised bands to spine, endpapers renewed, blank interleaves added in a few places. Moderate toning, edges trimmed, touching headlines in a few places, worming with occasional minor loss to text, repairs to corners of a few leaves. Faint stain and faint fragment of an annotation to final leaf, early (illegible) owner signatures to title page. \$2,500.

* First printed in 1505 by Richard Pynson, this is a handy anthology of treatises for justices of the peace, sheriffs, bailiffs. It includes the Carta Foedi and exchequer ordinance. It is sometime attributed erroneously to Sir Anthony Fitzherbert. OCLC locates 5 copies of this edition in North American law libraries (Columbia, Harvard, LA County, Library of Congress, University of Minnesota). *English Short-Title Catalogue* S102175. Beale, *A Bibliography of Early English Law Books* T154. [Order This Item](#)



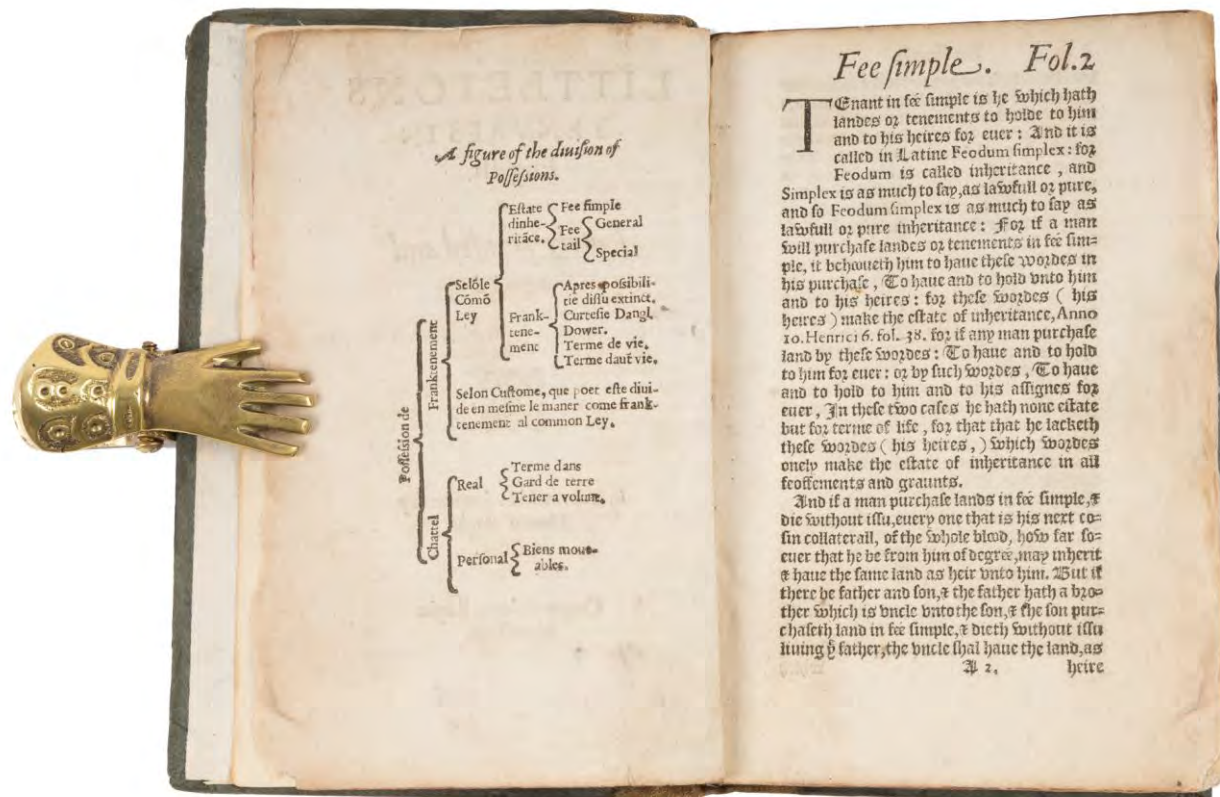
An Interesting Perspective on Elizabethan England

14. Lambard(e), William [1536-1601].

Eirenarcha: Or of the Office of the Iustices of Peace, In Two Bookes: Gathered 1579. And Now Revised, And First Published, In the 24. Yeere of the Peaceable Reigne of Our Gracious Queene Elizabeth. London: Imprinted by Ra. Newbery, And H. Bynnean, 1582. [vii], 511, [15] pp. Octavo (6-1/4" x 4-1/2").

Recent period-style paneled calf, blind fleurons to inside panels, raised bands and blind ornaments to spine, early hand-lettered title to fore-edge of text block. Title printed within woodcut architectural border, woodcut head-pieces, tail-pieces and decorated initials, woodcut arms of dedicatee, Sir Robert Bromley, facing dedication leaf, large woodcut device to verso of final leaf. Light toning to text, some edgewear to endleaves and title page. Brief early annotation to front endleaf, interior otherwise clean. An appealing copy. \$1,500.

* Second edition, one of two issues from 1582. Lambard, or Lambarde, a barrister and legal historian, was the keeper of records at the Rolls Chapel and the Tower of London. First published in 1581, *Eirenarcha* is esteemed for its comprehensive and systematic account of the organization of local government under the justices of the peace at the end of the sixteenth century. It was the standard authority for many years and often reprinted. Like many books of its kind, *Eirenarcha* offers fascinating insights into the society that produced it. This is evident in the detailed indictments for such offenses as murder via witchcraft, raping a child or maid (the age of distinction was ten), hearing a Catholic Mass, practicing usury and operating a bowling alley. Beale, *Bibliography of Early English Law Books* T388. *English Short-Title Catalogue* S108154. [Order This Item](#)



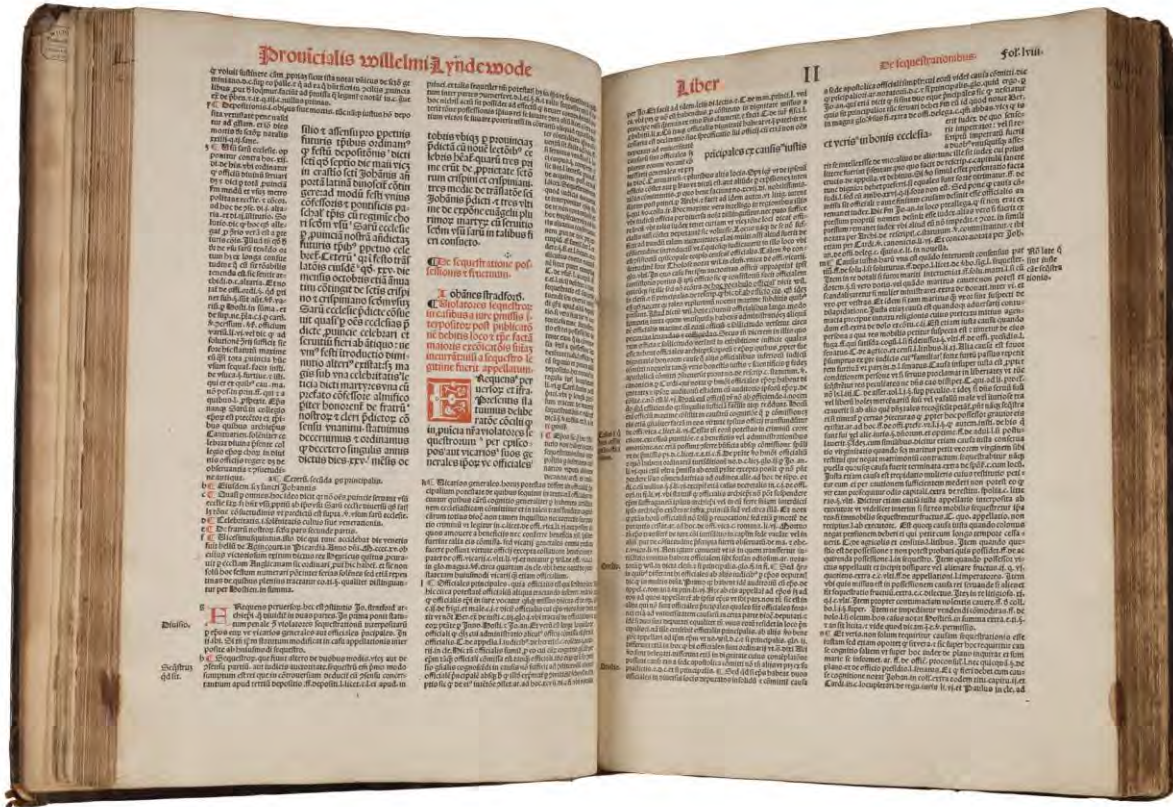
Littleton's *Tenures in English*

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

Littletons Tenures in English. Lately Perused and Amended. London: Imprinted by Thomas White, 1604. 142, [2] pp. Octavo (5-1/4" x 3-1/2").

Recent period-style quarter calf over paper-covered boards, endpapers renewed. Light rubbing to boards, moderate wear to corners, hinges cracked. Moderate toning to text, light edgewear to title page, following six leaves, and final leaf. Brief early inscription and early owner signatures to title page (of Sir William Boys and Charles Peen), a few early doodles to verso of final leaf. \$850.

* Later edition. Written during the reign of Edward IV [1442-1483] and first published around 1481, Littleton's *Tenures* is probably the most revered treatise in the history of the common law. Much admired for its learning and style, it is concerned with tenures and other issues relating to real property. This venerable work, which Coke called "the ornament of the Common Law, and the most perfect and absolute work that ever was written in any humane science," is considered a landmark because it renounced the principles of Roman law (and Latin) in favor of guidelines and doctrines drawn from the Year Books and, when necessary, hypothetical cases. The first dated English translation was published in 1538. OCLC locates 5 copies of the 1604 edition, 3 in law libraries (George Washington University, Library of Congress, University of Pennsylvania). Holdsworth, *A History of English Law* II:573. *English Short-Title Catalogue* S103917. [Order This Item](#)



A Principal English Treatise on Canon Law

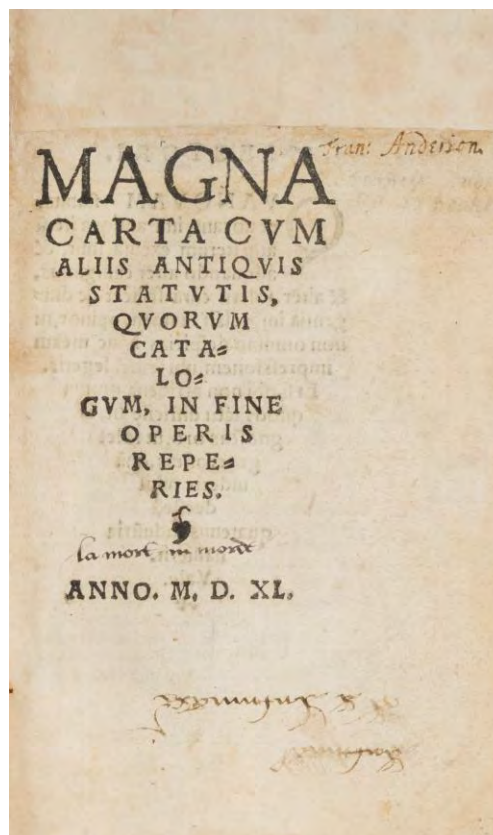
16. [Lyndwood, William (c.1375-1446)].

[Badius, Josse (1462-1535), Editor].

Provinciale seu Constitutiones Anglie cum Summariis Atq[ue] Instis Annotationibus: Honestis Characteribus: Summa[que] Accuratione Rursus Impresse. [Paris: Printed by Andreas Bocard at the University of Paris, May 28, 1501]. Collation: a8 b6, c-g8 h6 i-q8 r6 s-z8 [et]8 [con]6 A-B6 C8-(C8). cxcii, [19] ff. Complete. Main text surrounded by two-column linear gloss. Folio 13-1/2" x 9-1/2" (34 x 24 cm).

Contemporary paneled calf, corner fleurons and large arabesques to boards, recently rebaked, raised bands and lettering piece to spine, endpapers added, early hand-lettered title to fore-edge. A few shallow scuffs to boards, moderate rubbing to their extremities, corners bumped and somewhat worn, hinges cracked, later bookseller ticket, owner bookplate (of Walter Wigglesworth, dated 1934) and two 1930s-era auction or bookseller descriptions affixed to front pastedown. Text printed in red and black gothic type, woodcut decorated initials. Light toning to text, faint dampstaining in places, minor edgewear to leaves at beginning and end of text, some with repairs, inkstains and spark burns to a few leaves. Contemporary annotations to endleaves and portions of text, some with minor loss due to trimming. A nice post-incunable copy of an important title. \$4,500.

* First post-1500 edition. Main text followed by nineteen-page, two-part index (Tabula). Compiled around 1433 and first published around 1483-1485, Provinciale is the main authority for early English canon law. Divided into five books, it is a digest of the synodal constitutions of the province of Canterbury, from the period of Archbishop Stephen Langton [c.1155-1228] to that of Archbishop Henry Chichele [1414-1443], with Lyndwood's gloss. It is considered the law of the Church of England by some authorities. This copy was printed in Paris for the English market. Beale, A Bibliography of Early English Law Books T403. English Short-Title Catalogue S103845. Order This Item



Rare Early Printing of Magna Carta and the *Secunda Pars*

17. [Magna Carta].

Magna Carta Cum Aliis Antiquis Statutis, Quorum Catalogum, In Fine Operis Reperies. [London: Thomas Berthelet], 1540 (dated 1541 on colophon). [i], 2-148, [4]; [iv], 80 ff. Two parts, each with title page, table and individual pagination. Second part, dated 1540 (on title page and colophon), titled *Secunda Pars Veterum Statutorum*. Octavo 5-1/4" x 3-1/2").

Contemporary speckled calf, carefully rebacked in period style, blind rules to boards, raised bands and blind fillets to spine, endpapers renewed with carefully matched antique paper. A few minor nicks and scratches to boards, corners bumped, upper margin of title page replaced with no loss to text. Light toning to interior, occasional faint dampstaining to foot of text block, occasional annotations in early chancery hand to margins (some affected slightly by trimming), later owner signature (Francis Anderson) to title pages, two other brief annotations in chancery hand to title page of *Magna Carta*. A handsome copy housed in a quarter-morocco over cloth clamshell box, gilt title and raised bands to spine. \$7,000.

* The text of Magna Carta is a close reprinting of the 1527 edition by Richard Pynson with additional material. (Pynson printed the first edition around 1508.) It also includes the Charta de Foresta and statutes passed before the reign of Edward III. Among the most notorious statutes are those of Edward I concerning Jews, which condemned them for irreverence and prevented them from practicing usury or acquiring land from Christians through pledges. Other "Antique Statutes" relate to women, wills, forcible entry, "Fraudulent Deedes" and other topics. Annotations are found throughout both parts. Most of them are case references or one of two-word glosses, but some are interpretive notes ranging from one to a few sentences. OCLC locates 3 copies of this imprint in North American libraries (Columbia, Harvard, Library of Congress). Beale, *A Bibliography of Early English Law Books* S12, S22. *English Short-Title Catalogue* S102195. [Order This Item](#)



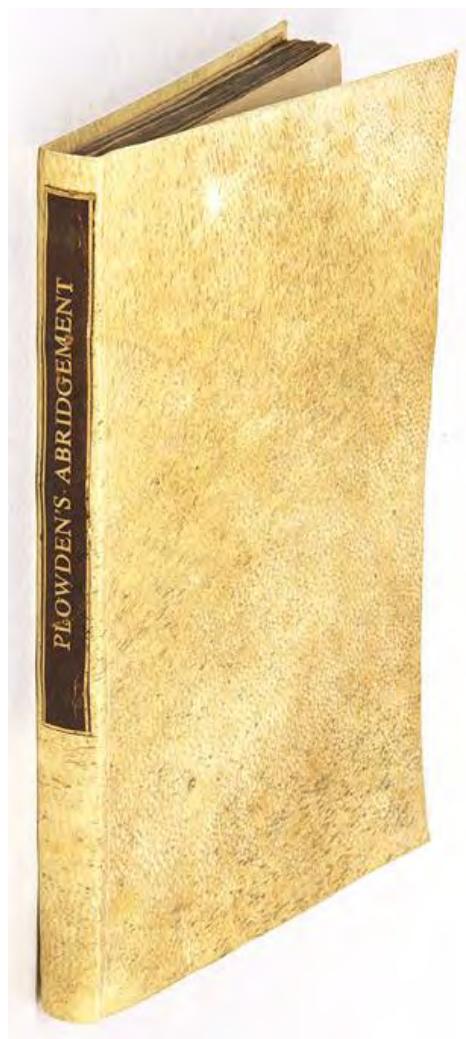
A Scarce *Natura Brevium*, Beale T94

18. [Natura Brevium].

Natura Brevium in French. [London]: In Aedibus Richardi Tottell, 1566 [i.e. 21 January 1567]. 180, [4] ff. Octavo (5" x 3-1/4").

Contemporary paneled calf, blind central ornaments and gilt corner fleurons to inside panels, carefully rebacked, raised bands and later gilt title to spine, ties lacking. Light rubbing to boards, somewhat heavier rubbing to extremities, corners bumped, later armorial bookplate (of Hopetoun) to front pastedown, a few cracks to text block. Moderate toning to text, faint dampstaining in places, occasional underlining and brief annotations to title page and elsewhere, more extensive annotations to front endleaves, all annotations in early hand. An appealing copy. \$1,250.

* With table. Text in Law-French and Latin. A cornerstone of the common law, the *Natura Brevium* is a selection of writs, with commentary, based on the *Registrum Brevium* dating from the reign of Edward III. The first printed edition of the *Natura Brevium* was published in 1494 by Richard Pynson. After Sir Anthony Fitzherbert published his *New Natura Brevium* in 1534 it was referred to as the *Old Natura Brevium*. The actual date for this imprint is stated in the colophon: "Imprinted...1567 Ianuarii vicesimo primo." Most of the annotations are citations to the Year Books. The notes on the front endleaves form a brief index of selected topics. OCLC locates 4 copies. The ESTC locates five copies in the British Isles and five copies in North America. *English Short-Title Catalogue* S113105. Beale, *A Bibliography of Early English Law Books* T94. [Order This Item](#)



An Early Guide to Plowden's Reports

19. Plowden, Edmund [1518-1585].

A[sh]e, T[homas] [fl. 1599-1618].

Abridgement des Touts les Cases Reportes Alarge per Mounsieur Plowden, Onesque les Exceptions al Pleadings, & Leur Responses, Les Resolutions des Matters in Ley, & Touts Auters Principal Matters Surdants sur les Arguments de Mesmes. Composee & Digest per T.A. London: Printed [by Adam Islip] for the Company of Stationers, 1607. 91, [1] ff. Table. Octavo (5-1/2" x 3-1/2").

Recent flexible vellum, calf lettering piece to spine, endpapers renewed. Title printed within typographical border. Moderate toning to text, somewhat heavier in places, faint dampstaining to lower margins of rear third of text block, light browning and some edgewear to preliminaries. Three (indecipherable) eighteenth-century signatures in miniscule hands to title page, brief early annotations and marks to margins of a few leaves. A nice copy. \$650.

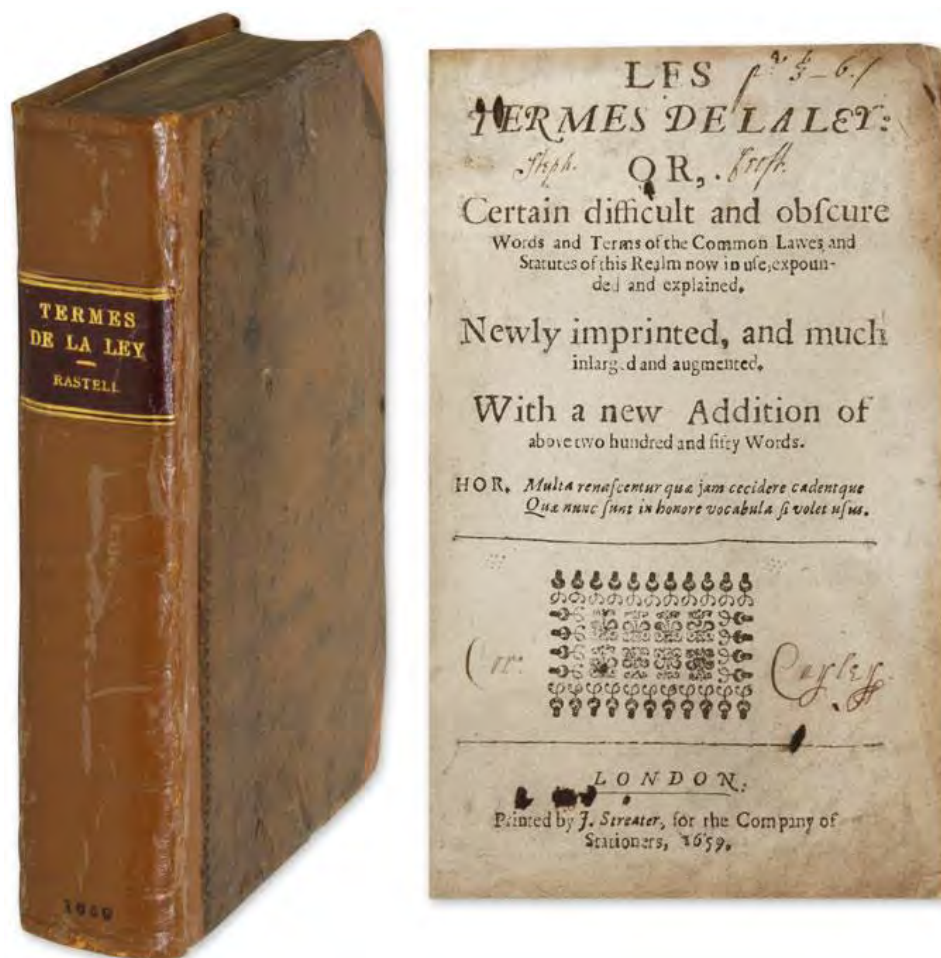
* Second edition. Published around 1597, Ashe's was the first abridgment of Plowden. Well received, it had a second edition in 1607 and was reissued in an English translation in 1650. First published in 1571 and covering the period of 1550-1580, Plowden's *Reports* marks the transition away from the cumulative method of the Year Books to one based on exposition and commentary. In most respects it is a precursor of the modern reporter. *English Short-Title Catalogue* S114927. [Order This Item](#)

Pulton's *Kalender***20. Pulton, Ferdinando [1536-1618].**

A Kalender, Or Table, Compreheding the Effect of All the Statutes that Have Beene Made and Put in Print, Beginning with Magna Charta, Enacted Anno 9. H.3. and Proceeding One by One, Untill the End of the Session of Parliament Holden Anno 7. R. Iacobi: Declaring by Certaine Characters, Which of the Same Statutes or Branches of Statutes, Be Repealed, Which be Expired, Which be Altered in the Whole, or Part, Which be Worne out of Use, Which Were Ordained for Particular Persons, or Places, And Which Being Generall, In Force, And Use, Are Inserted in the Severall Titles of this Abridgement. Whereunto is Annexed an Abridgement of All the Statutes, Whereof the Whole or Any Part is Generall, In Force, And Use, With Certaine Quaeres, Cautions, And Advertisements of Such Things that be Doubtfull, Together with the Authoritie and Duetie of Iustices, Sherifes, Coroners, Escheators, Maiors, Bailifes, Customers, Stewards of Leetes and Liberties, And What Things by Severall Statutes in Force they Must, May, Ought, Or are Compellable to Doe. Editum per Mandatum Domini Regis. Collected by Fardinando Pulton of Lincolns Inne Esquire, And by Him Againe Augmented, Since the Session of Parliament Holden Anno Septimo Regis Iacobi. London: Printed for the Company of Stationers, 1612. [viii], 447, 447-461, [4] ff. Final leaf blank. Lacking initial blank leaf, otherwise complete. Folio (11-1/4" x 7").

Contemporary calf, blind rules to boards, raised bands and recent lettering piece to spine, later repairs near center of backstrip and corners, early hand-lettered title to fore-edge of text block, endpapers renewed. Light rubbing and a few minor scuffs to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, minor chipping to head of spine, small crack to lower section of backstrip. Woodcut vignette to head of title page, woodcut head-pieces. Moderate toning to text, brief early annotations in a few places, light soiling and some edgewear and crinkling to title page, some edgewear to final leaves of text, upper quarter lacking from final (blank) leaf. An attractive copy. \$950.

* Third edition. Pulton was a commoner of Brasenose College, Oxford, a fellow of Christ's College, Cambridge, and a member of Lincoln's Inn. As a Catholic Pulton was not allowed to practice, so he devoted his energies to editing statutes, which he did with great skill and industry. He published the first edition of the *Kalender* in 1606. A successful book, it went through three more editions, the last in 1617. The work has two parts. The first part is a chronological list of statutes from Magna Carta onwards. The second part summarizes the statutes under alphabetical headings. *English Short-Title Catalogue* S121389. [Order This Item](#)



The First English Law Dictionary

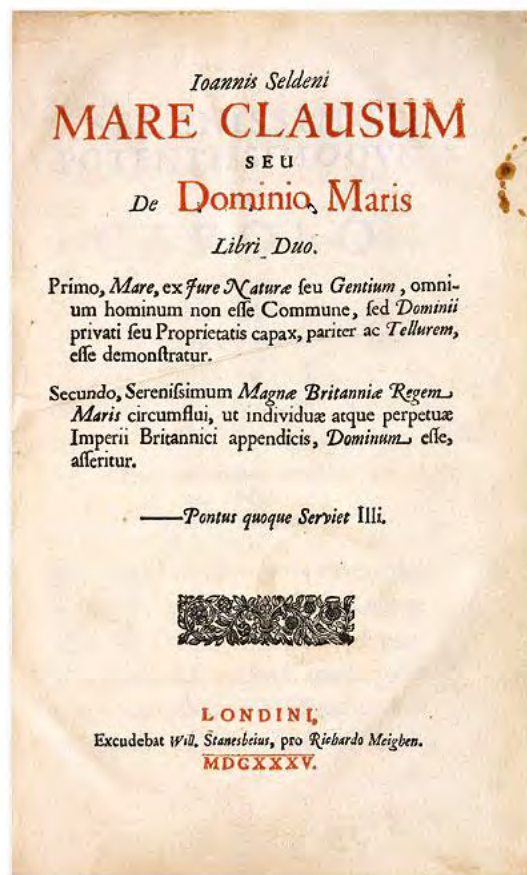
21. [Rastell, John (d.1536)].

[Rastell, William, Editor].

Les Termes de la Ley; Or, Certain Difficult and Obscure Words and Termes of the Common Lawes and Statutes of This Realme Now in Use, Expounded and Explained. Newly Imprinted, And Much Enlarged and Augmented. With a New Addition of Above Two Hundred and Fifty Words. London: Printed by J. Streater, 1659. [vii], 271 ff. Text printed in parallel columns. Octavo (6-1/2" x 4-1/4").

Contemporary sheep with later rebacking and recorning, blind fillets and rules to boards, lettering piece and blind fillets to spine, which is varnished, endpapers renewed. Light rubbing to extremities, a few shallow scuffs to boards, corners bumped and somewhat worn. Some soiling to title page, light toning to text. Early owner signatures and initials to title page, faint drawing in pencil to verso, inkspots to a few leaves. Ex-library. Bookplate to front pastedown. \$500.

* Later edition. English and Law French in parallel columns. First published in 1527 by John Rastell, this was both the first English dictionary and first English law dictionary. It was originally written in Law French with the Latin title *Expositiones Terminorum Legum Anglorum*. Later editions were produced by his son, William. Quite popular with students and lawyers due to its clarity and concision, it went through at least twenty-five editions by 1721. A final reissue appeared in 1819. As Marvin observes, it is a useful dictionary because it "reflects the common law at the close of the year-book period with much fidelity.": *Legal Bibliography* 599. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R38213. [Order This Item](#)



The First Major English Text on International Law

22. Selden, John [1584-1654].

Mare Clausum Seu de Domino Maris Libri Duo. Primo, Mare, ex Jure Naturæ seu Gentium, Omnium Hominum non Esse Commune, Sed Dominii Privati seu Proprietatis Capax, Pariter ac Tellurem, Esse Demonstratur. Secundo, Serenissimum Magnæ Britannie Regem Maris Circumflui, ut Individuæ Atque Perpetuæ Imperii Britannici Appendicis, Dominum Esse, Asseritur. London: Excudebat Will. Stanesbeius, pro Richard Meighen, 1635. [xxvi], 304, [12], [1] pp. Copperplate map, woodcut map, six woodcut text illustrations.

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Selden, John.

De Successionibus in Bona Defuncti, Ad Leges Ebraeorum, Liber Singularis. Editio Altera, Correctior & Multum Auctior. Accedunt Ejusdem De Successione in Pontificatum Ebraeorum, Libri Duo. Prior Historicus Est; Pontificum ab Aharone Usque ad Templi Secundi Excidium Successionem Continens. Posterior est Iuridicus; Legitima, seu Quæ in Successione Pontificali Adeoque in Admissione ad Munus Sacerdotale Apud Ebraeos Juris Fuere Complexus. London: Excudebat Richardus Bishop, 1636. [vi], xxiv, [4], 266 pp.

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Vossius, Dionysius [1612-1642].

Panegyricus Dicitur Frederico Henrico Arausionensium Principi. Ejusdem Fredericus Victor. Amsterdam: Apud Guilielmu Blaeu, 1633. 31 pp.

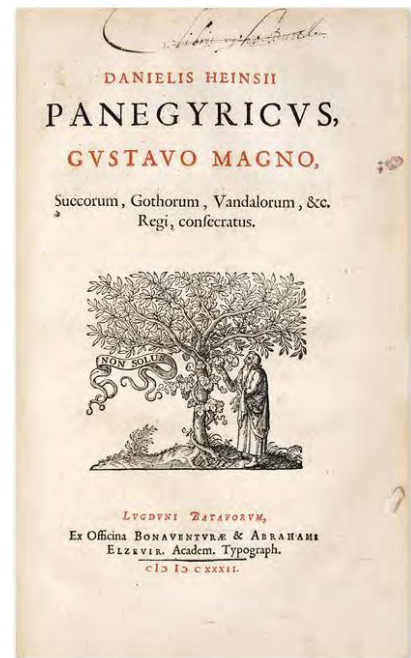
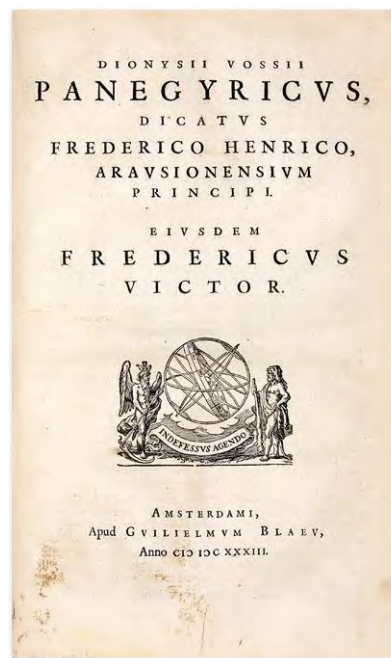
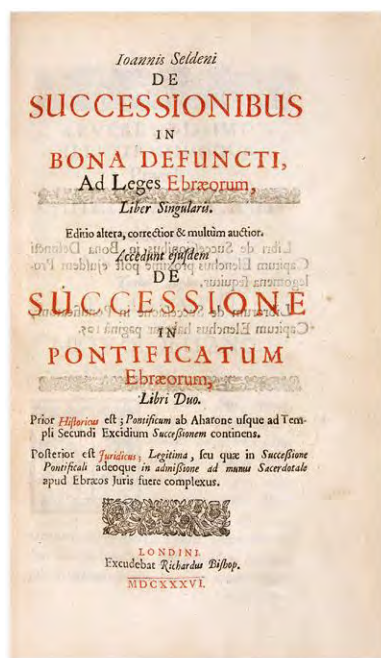
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Heinsius, Daniel [1580-1655].

Panegyricus, Gustavo Magno, Suecorum, Gothorum, Vandalorum, &c. Regi, Consecratus. Leiden: Ex Officina Bonaventurae & Abrahami Elzivir, 1632. [iii], 66, [1] pp.

Folio (11" x 7"). Contemporary calf, blind rules to boards, rebaced in period style with raised bands and retained lettering piece, endpapers renewed, hinges mended. Moderate rubbing to extremities, moderate scuffing to boards, corners bumped and some what worn, small gouge to front board. Title pages of the Selden and Heinsius titles printed in red and black. Woodcut head-pieces, tail-pieces and decorated initials, title pages of works by Vossius and Heinsius have large woodcut printer devices. Light toning to text, somewhat heavier in places, minor stains to a few leaves. Recent owner signature to front free endpaper, early owner signature to head of *Panegyricus, Gustavo Magno*, interior otherwise clean. \$2,500.

* *Mare Clausum, Panegyricus, Gustavo Magno*, first edition; *Successionibus*, second edition; *Panegyricus Dicitus*, only edition. Selden's *Mare Clausum* is the most famous British reply to the argument of Hugo Grotius's *Mare Liberum*, which denied the validity of England's claim to the high seas south and east of England. Selden, argued that England's jurisdiction extends, in fact, to all waters surrounding the isles. His use of legal history and common-law principles to rebut Grotius's philosophical argument is quite impressive. *De Successionibus* is an exposition of rabbinical law and laws of inheritance by a commentator whose "familiarity with rabbinical literature was such as has been acquired by few non-Israelite scholars; and many details of oriental civilization and antiquities were certainly brought to the knowledge of Europeans for the first time in them" (DNB). The other two titles remind us that *Mare Clausum* dates from one of the most turbulent eras in European history. Vossius's piece is a poem commemorating the deeds of Frederick Henry, Prince of Orange [1584-1647], who led Dutch forces to victory, established the independence of the United Provinces and governed them for a large part of its golden age. Heinsius's essay praises Gustavus Adolphus of Sweden [1594-1632]. One of the greatest military commanders in European history, he established Sweden as a leading European power during the Thirty Years War. Two other editions of Heinsius's essay were published in 1633 and 1637. *Dictionary of National Biography* XVII:1157. Selden: *English Short-Title Catalogue* S117048 (*Mare Clausum*), S117055 (*De Successionibus*); Vossius, Heinsius: *British Museum Catalogue* (Compact Edition) 26:402, 11:1107.



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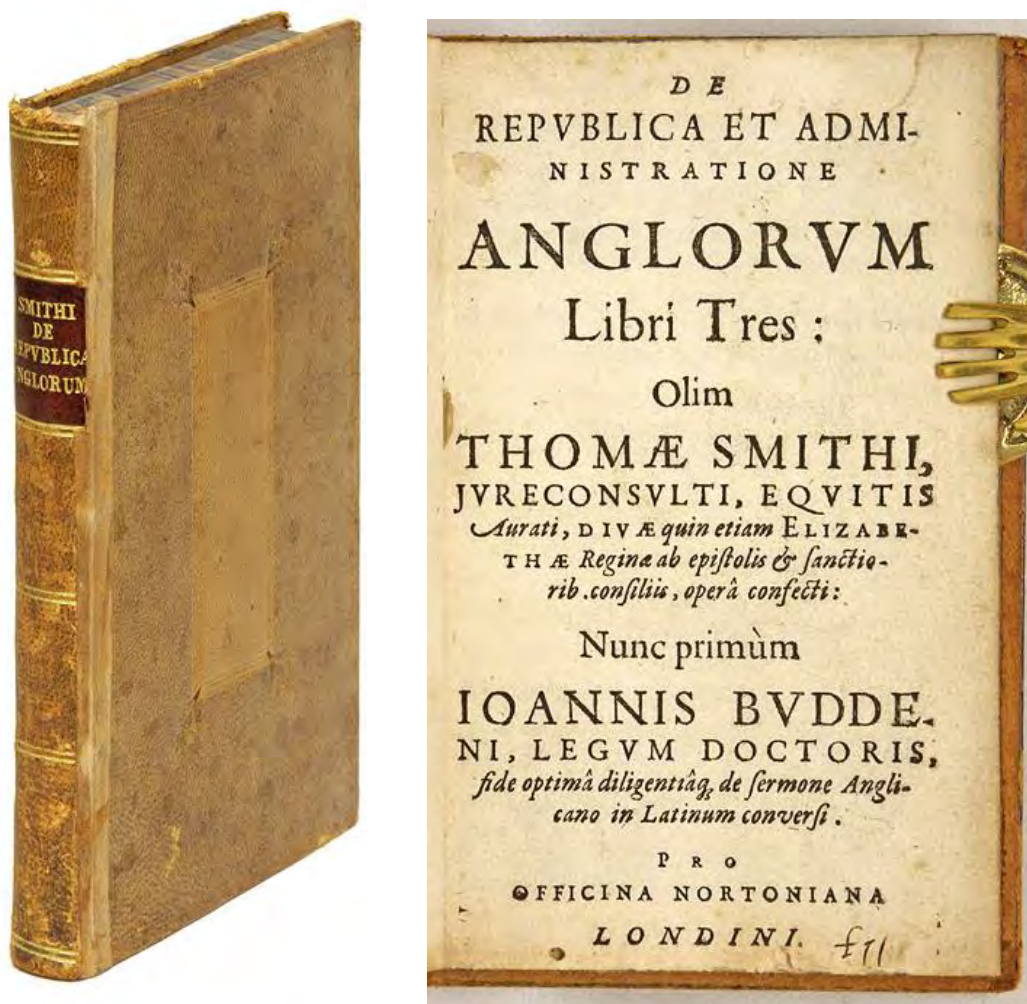
Sheppard's Plan to Reform Conveyancing

23. Sheppard, William [fl. 1660].

The President of Presidents. Or, One General President for Common Assurances by Deeds: Wherein There is Contained an Extract or Abridgment of All the Readings and Presidents Thereof Extant. Of Singular Use and Profit to All Men. London: Printed by Henry Hills for Humphrey Tuckey, 1655. [vi], 242, 247-361, [13] pp. Pagination irregular, text complete. (7" x 5-1/4").

Contemporary sheep, rebaked, blind rules to boards, raised bands to spine, hinges mended, early hand-lettered title to fore-edge of text block. A few minor nicks and stains and some shallow scuffs to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities with some wear to corners, hinges starting. Light browning to text, occasional faint dampstaining to foot of text block, two struck-through early owner signatures and later signature dated 1797 to head of title page, brief manuscript index in hand of 1797 signer to rear free endpaper. \$950.

* First edition. Active in the Protectorate, where he was Cromwell's legal advisor, Sheppard aimed to reform English common law. Ahead of his time in many ways, many of his proposals anticipate changes that were adopted in the nineteenth century, especially in the Juridicature acts of 1875-78. The *Presidents of Presidents* is a novel guide that proposed a system of conveyances based on a uniform model. Sheppard promotes this standardized plan as a way to better secure property rights by eliminating the ambiguity introduced by local practices. According to his biographer, Nancy Matthews, this work remains "an important contribution to English legal literature." Matthews, *William Sheppard, Cromwell's Law Reformer* 118. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R203548. [Order This Item](#)



**"The Most Important Description of the Constitution
and Government Of England Written During the Tudor Age"**

24. Smith, Sir Thomas [1513-1577].

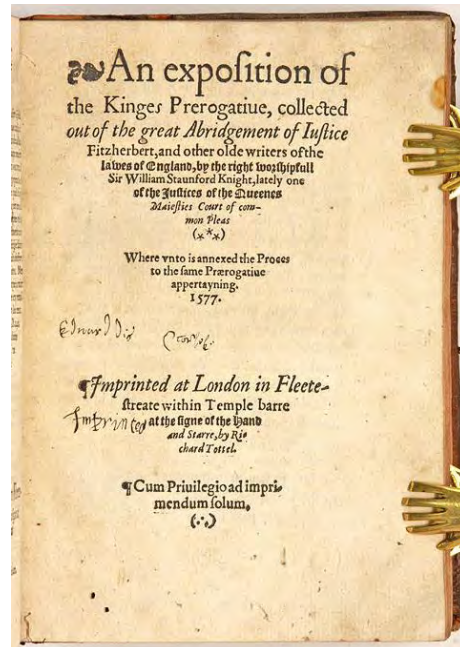
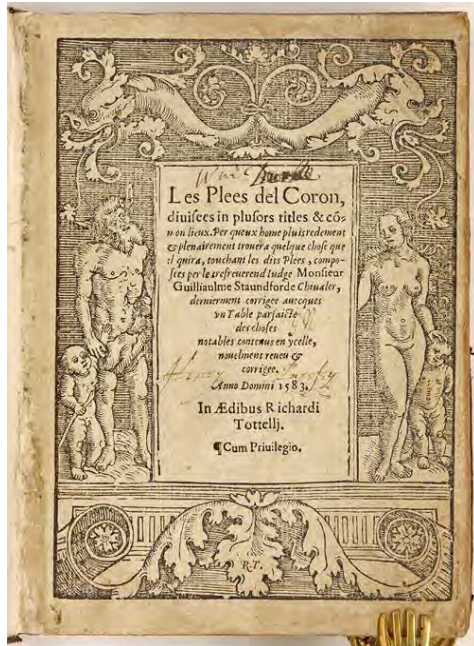
Budden, John [1566-1620], Translator.

De Republica et Administratione Anglorum Libri Tres. London [i.e. Marburg]: [Paul Egenolff] Pro Officina Nortoniana, [c. 1610]. [vi], 3-165, [3] pp. Octavo (5-3/4" x 3-3/4").

Later sheep, rebacked retaining spine, endleaves renewed, marbled edges. Negligible light rubbing to boards, somewhat heavier rubbing to extremities with some wear to spine ends and corners, front hinge cracked. Some toning to text, occasional worming and faint dampstaining to lower margin. \$850.

* First edition (of this Latin translation). *De Republica Anglorum; the Manner of Government or Policie of the Realme of England* was written between 1562 and 1565 and first published in 1583. "It is the most important description of the constitution and government of England written in the Tudor age" (DNB). It went through eleven editions in English between 1584 to 1691. Four Latin editions appeared between 1610 and 1641. Abridged editions in Dutch and German were published in 1673 and 1688. Smith, an English scholar and diplomat, was Regius Professor of Civil Law at Cambridge University. *Dictionary of National Biography* XVIII:535. *English Short-Title Catalogue* S117631. [Order This Item](#)

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The First Printed Work Devoted Solely to Criminal Law

25. Staunford, Sir William [1509-1558].

Les Plees del Coron, Diuisees in Plusors Titles & Comon Lieux. Per Queux Home Plus Redement & Pleinement Trouer a Quelque chose que Il Quira, Touchant les Dits Plees, Composees per le Tres Reuerend Iudge Monsieur Guillaulme Staunforde Chiuale, Dernierment Corrigee Auecques un Table Parfaicte des Choses Notables Contenus en Ycelle, Nouelment Reuen & Corrigee. [London]: In Aedibus Richardi Tottelli, 1583. [xii], 196 [i.e. 198] ff.

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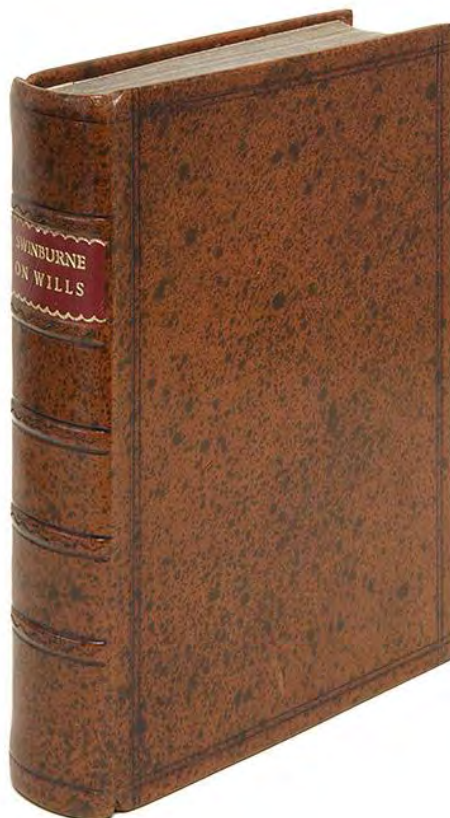
Staunford, Sir William.

An Exposition of the Kinges Prerogative, Collected Out of the Great Abridgement of Iustice Fitzherbert, And Other Olde Writers of the Lawes of England, By the Right Worshipfull Sir William Staunford Knight, Lately One of the Iustices of the Queenes Maiesties Court of Common Pleas Where Unto is Annexed the Proces to the Same Prerogative Appertayning. London: In Fleet-Streate Within Temple Barre at the Signe of the Hand and Starre, by Richard Tottel, 1577. [i], 85 ff.

Quarto (7-1/2" x 5-1/2"). Contemporary sheep, blind rules to boards, raised bands to spine, recent repair to head of spine and scorners, early hand-lettered title to fore-edge of text block. Light rubbing to boards, a few shallow scuffs to rear board, moderate rubbing to extremities, corners bumped. Title of *Plees* printed within woodcut architectural border, woodcut initials. Moderate toning to text, occasional minor worming and faint dampstaining to margins. Early owner signatures to title pages, annotations to a few leaves in each book. Nice copies in a well-preserved contemporary binding. \$1,250.

* Later editions. Based on Bracton and the Year Books, Staunford's treatise is divided into three parts. The first treats offences, the second jurisdiction, appeals, indictments, and defenses. The third deals with trials and convictions. First published posthumously in 1557, *Plees* was written after Staunford was appointed judge of the common pleas in 1554. *Exposition* was first published in 1567. It addresses discretionary rights enjoyed by the monarchy in foreign policy, domestic affairs, legal and governmental administration, religion and economic matters. Holdsworth, *History of English Law* V:394. *English Short-Title Catalogue* S117812, S117820. Beale, *A Bibliography of Early English Law Books* T490, T494.

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First Edition of the First Standard Treatise on Wills

26. Swinburne, Henry [1560?-1623].

A Briefe Treatise of Testaments and Last Willees, Very Profitable to be Understoode of All the Subjects of This Realme of England, (Desirous to Know, Whether, Whereof, And How, They May Make Their Testaments: And by What Meanes the Same May be Effected or Hindered,) And no Lesse Delightfull, Aswell for the Rareness of the Worke, As for the Easines of the Stile, And Method: Compiled of such Lawes Ecclesiasticall and Civill, As be Not Repugnant to the Lawes, Customes, Or Statutes of this Realme, Nor Derogatorie to the Prerogative Royall. In which Treatise Also are Inserted Divers Statutes of this Land, Together with Mention of Sundrie Customes, As Well General as Particular, Not Impertinent Thereunto: Besides Divers Marginall Notes, And Quotations Not to be Neglected, Especially of Iustinianists, Or Young Students of the Civil Law: With Two Tables, The One Analytical, Describing the Generall Order of the Whole Treatise: The Other Alphabetically, Disclosing the Particular Contents Thereof: That in the Beginning: This in the End of the Booke. London: Printed by Iohn Windet, 1590 [colophon date 1591]. [xii], 293, [13] ff. As in many copies, our copy lacks the errata leaf and pasted one-word slip-cancel on Leaf K5r (Fol. 65) (changing "whether" to "where"). Quarto (7-1/2" x 6-1/2").

Recent period-style speckled calf, blind rules to boards, raised bands and lettering piece to spine, endpapers renewed. Light toning to text, tiny inkspots to a few leaves, small burn hole to Leaf Kk3 (Fol. 247), mended with archival tape, with no loss to legibility, faint small library stamp to title page, brief annotations to verso. An appealing copy in a handsome binding. \$1,500.

* First edition. The testamentary jurisdiction of ecclesiastical law was a separate branch that produced its own literature. From the sixteenth until well into the seventeenth century Swinburne's was the standard treatise on this subject. Holdsworth, who cites it often and considers it "the most practically useful book of [its] period" notes that "it is a very useful summary of the law as to wills and executors as administered in the ecclesiastical courts.": *A History of English Law* V:14. *English Short-Title Catalogue* S118058. Beale, *A Bibliography of Early English Law Books* T498. [Order This Item](#)



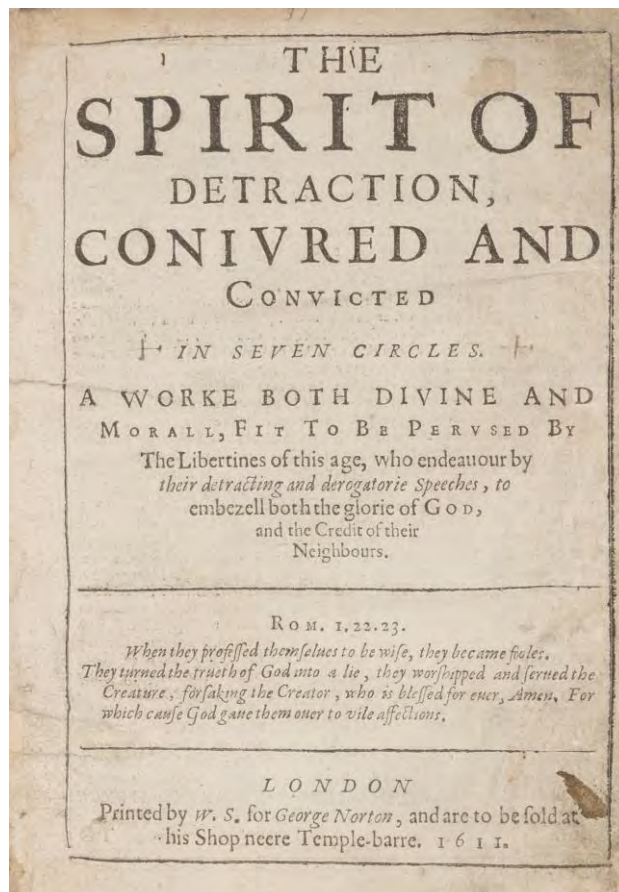
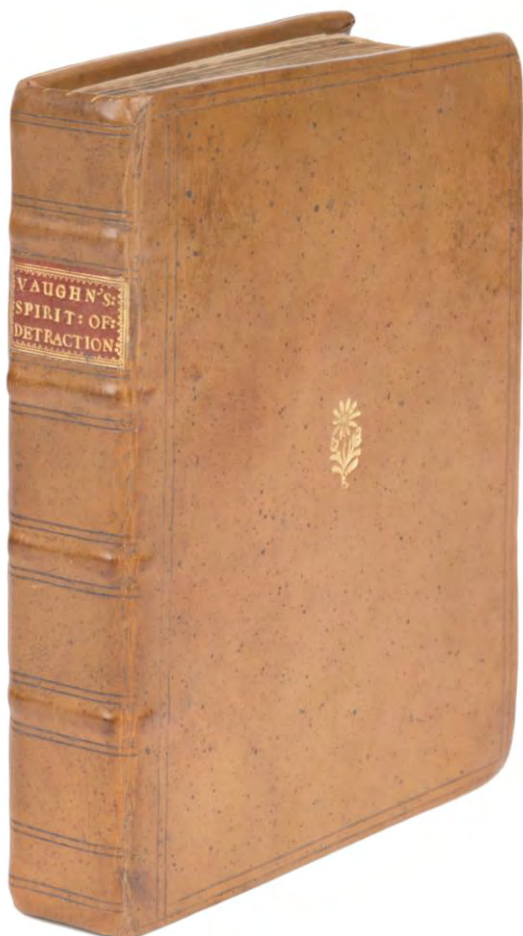
Important Early Work on Writs Thoroughly Annotated by an Early Owner

27. Theloall, Simon.

Le Digest des Briefes Originales, Et des Choses Concernants Eux. London: In Aedibus Richardi Tottelli, 1579. [viii], 424 ff. Octavo (5-3/4" x 3-3/4").

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* First edition. Theloall's *Digest* was the accepted register of correctly drafted writs. It owes its origin to the suggestion of Staunford that it would be a good idea if lawyers would write treatises on the other titles of the abridgments similar to his study of the Title "Prerogative." Staunford illustrated his meaning by showing how the Title "Brief" might be treated. Theloall chose this title, and wrote a treatise on it for his own use. The manuscript, having been lent, eventually found its way to a printer. "It deserved to be printed, as it is the most orderly treatise on procedure, founded on the Year Books, that had yet appeared... Historically, it comes between the older commentaries upon writs and the modern books on procedure" (Holdsworth). A second edition was published in 1678. The work of a seasoned practitioner, the annotations in our copy are a collection of case references, cross references and glosses. Holdsworth, *A History of English Law* V:381. *English Short-Title Catalogue* S118369. Beale, *A Bibliography of Early English Law Books* T499. [Order This Item](#)



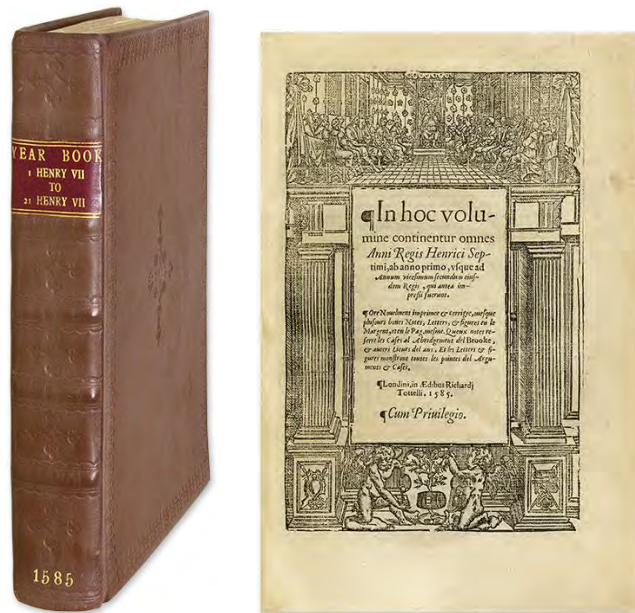
"Fit to be Perused by the Libertines of This Age"

28. [Vaughan, Sir William (1577-1641)].

The Spirit of Detraction Coniured and Convicted in Seven Circles. A Worke Both Divine and Morall, Fit to be Perused by the Libertines of this Age, Who Endeavour by Their Detracling and Derogatorie Speeches, to Embezell Both the Glorie of God, And the Credit of Their Neighbours. London: Printed by W.S. for George Norton, 1611. [xxxii], 248, 245-351, [21] pp. Title page and text enclosed in ruled borders. Quarto (7" x 5-1/2").

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1-16, 20, 21 Henry VII

29. [Year Book].**Henry VII, King.**

In Hoc Volumine Continentur Omnes Anni Regis Henrici Septimi, Ab Anno Primo, Usque ad Annum Vicesimum Secundum Eiusdem Regis, Qui Antea Impressi Fuerunt. Ore Novelment Imprimee & Corrigees, Ouesque Plusours Bones Notes, Letters, & Figures en le Margent, Et en le Pag. Mesme. Queux Notes Referre les Cases al Abridgement del Brooke, [et] Auters Lieurs del Ans. Et les Letters & Figures Monstront Toutes les Pointes del Arguments & Cases. London: In Aedibus Richardi Tottelli, 1585. Colophon dated 1583. xxxi, xix, xv, xviii, xli, ii-xvi, ii-xvi, xliii, ii-xxvi, ii-xxx, ii-xxix, ii-xxix, ii-xxviii, xxxii, xvii, xvii, xlii, xli ff. Collates complete. Folio (10-1/2" x 7-1/2").

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* Covers regnal years 1-16, 20 and 21 Henry VII. With an index of cases, side-notes and cross-references to Brooke, Fitzherbert and other authorities. It is difficult to overestimate the importance of the Year Books. As a series of notes on debates and points of pleadings in Norman England they are of crucial primary sources for our knowledge of medieval common law. They also provide a richly detailed portrait of contemporary English life, customs and manners. The origin of the Year Books is unknown. Maitland believed that the earliest volumes were notes taken by law students in court copied for the use of pleaders in later cases. Holdsworth maintains that they were records of cases made by lawyers for personal use. Though it is not known when the first manuscript volumes were compiled, it is clear that cases can be found to date from the 1270's and the series continues to 1535. Printed editions of the Year Books were first issued by William de Machlinia between 1481 and 1482. The present volume belongs to the so-called "Quarto Edition." Not a set in the conventional sense, these volumes were issued separately with various dates and impressions between 1522 and 1619. OCLC locates two copies of the present imprint in North American law libraries (Harvard, University of Pennsylvania). Holdsworth, *A History of English Law* V: 357-377. *English Short-Title Catalogue* S121423. Beale, *Bibliography of Early English Law Books* R414. [Order This Item](#)



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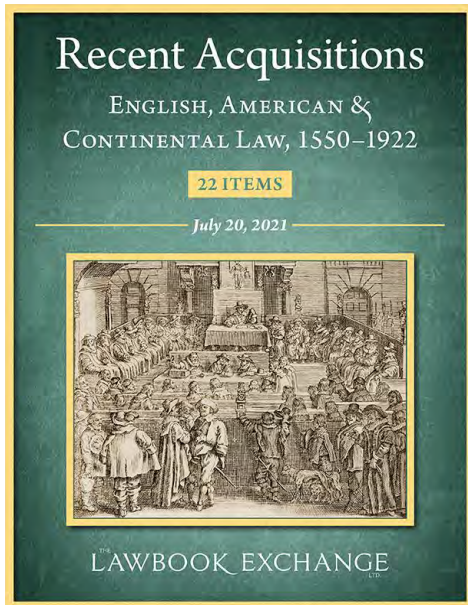
30. Zouch Richard [1590-1661].

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

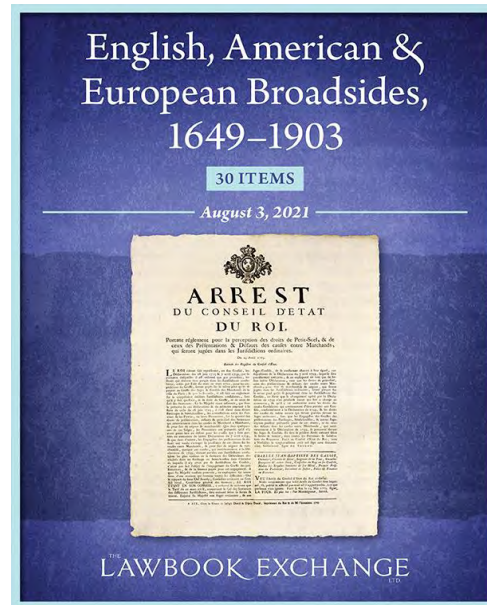
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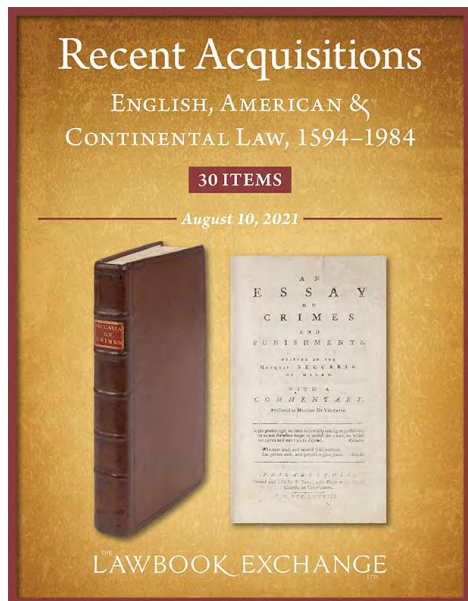
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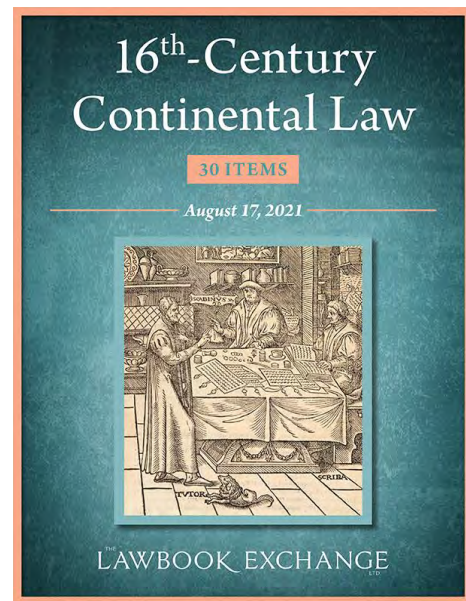
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