

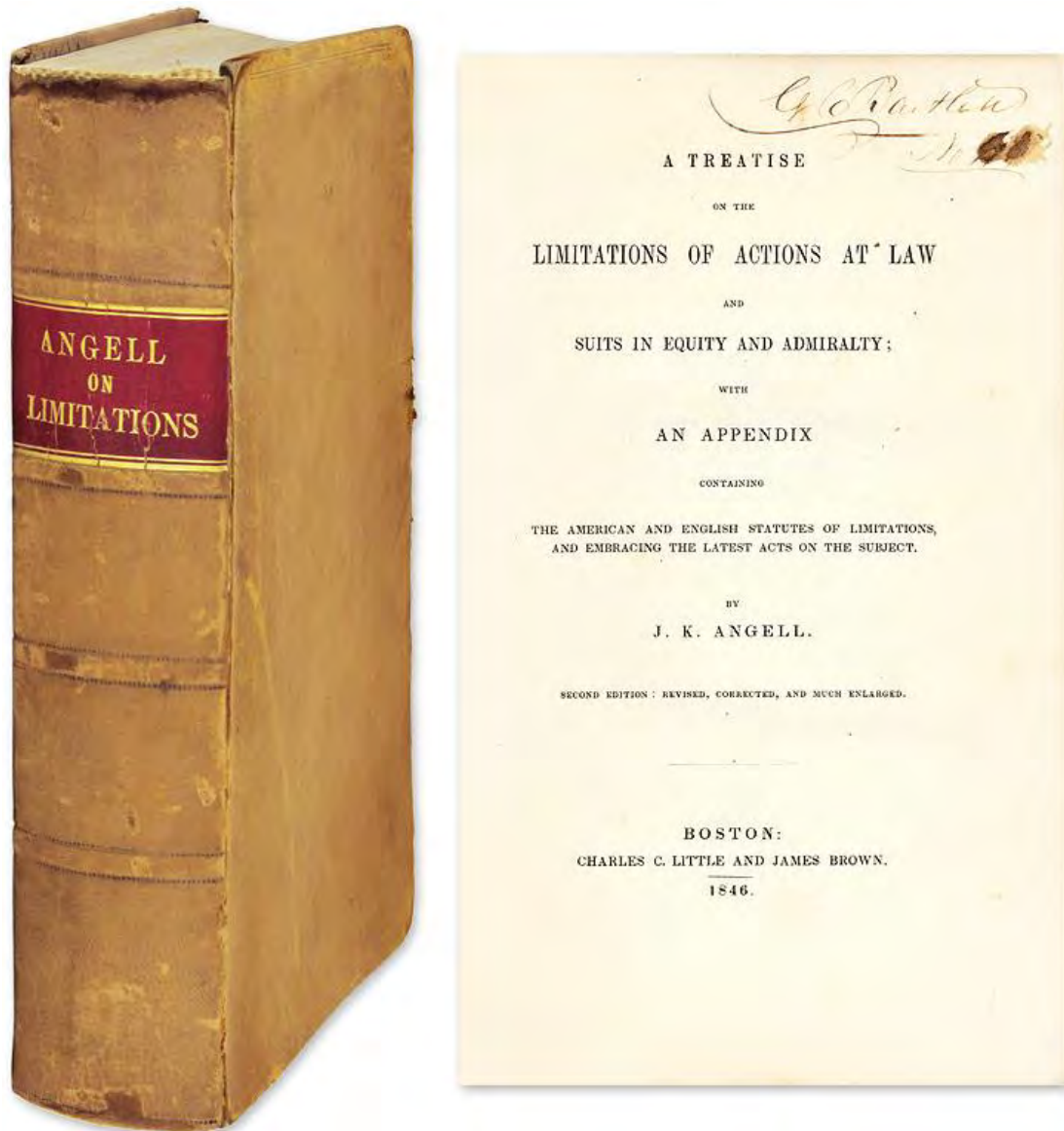
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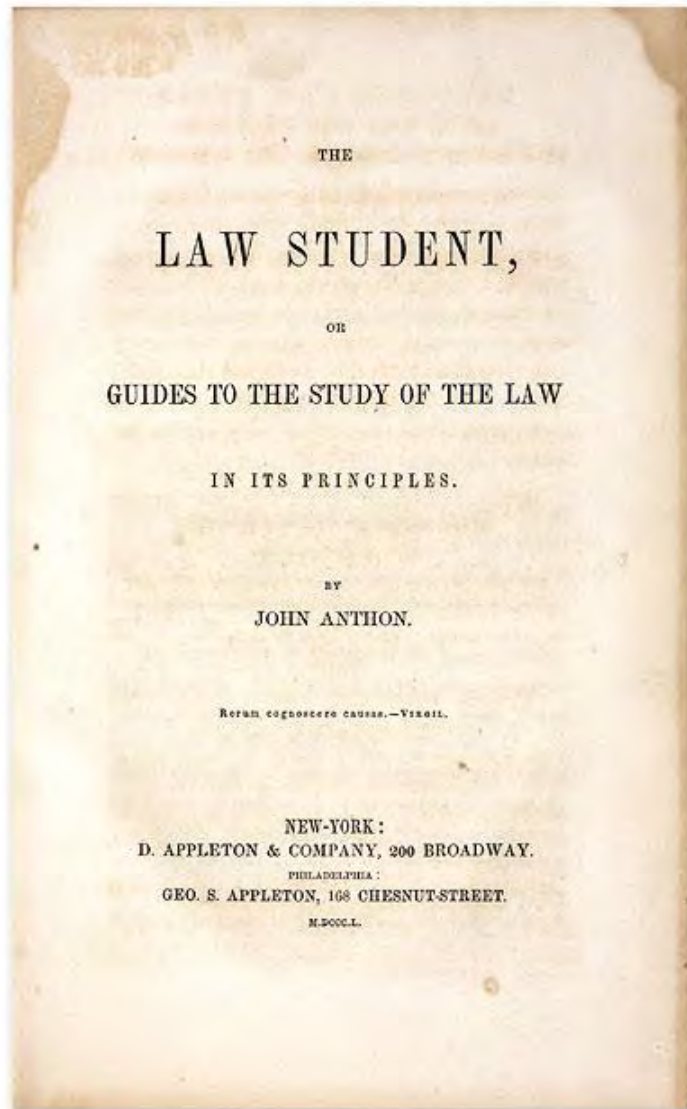
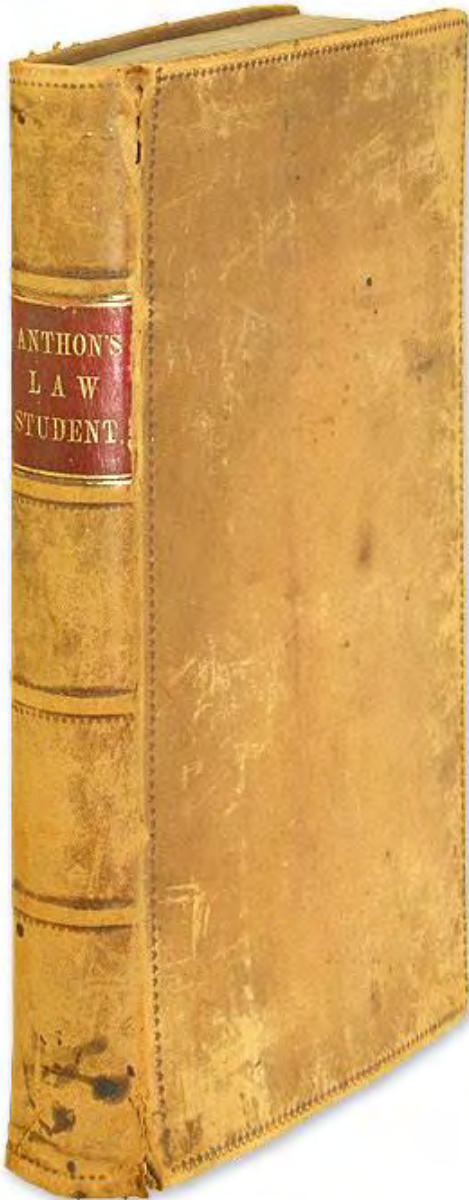
### Angell's Notable Treatise on Limitation of Actions

**1. Angell, J[oseph] K. [1794-1857].**

*A Treatise On The Limitations Of Actions At Law And Suits In Equity And Admiralty; With an Appendix: Containing the American and English Statutes of Limitations, And Embracing the Latest Acts on the Subject.* Revised, Corrected, And much Enlarged. Boston: Little, Brown, 1846. xxxiv, 536, cl, [685]-707, (1) pp. Octavo (9" x 5-1/2").

Contemporary sheep, blind fillets and lettering piece to spine. Moderate rubbing to extremities, corners bumped and somewhat worn, chipping to head of spine, joints starting at ends, early owner bookplate (of Greenleaf C. Bartlett) to front pastedown, his signature to head of front free endpaper and title page, light toning to text. \$250.

\* Second edition. According to the author this edition is "in all respects a new, as well as much enlarged work." The first edition was published in 1829, the third and final edition, edited by John W. May, was published in 1854. Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 9071. [Order this Item](#)



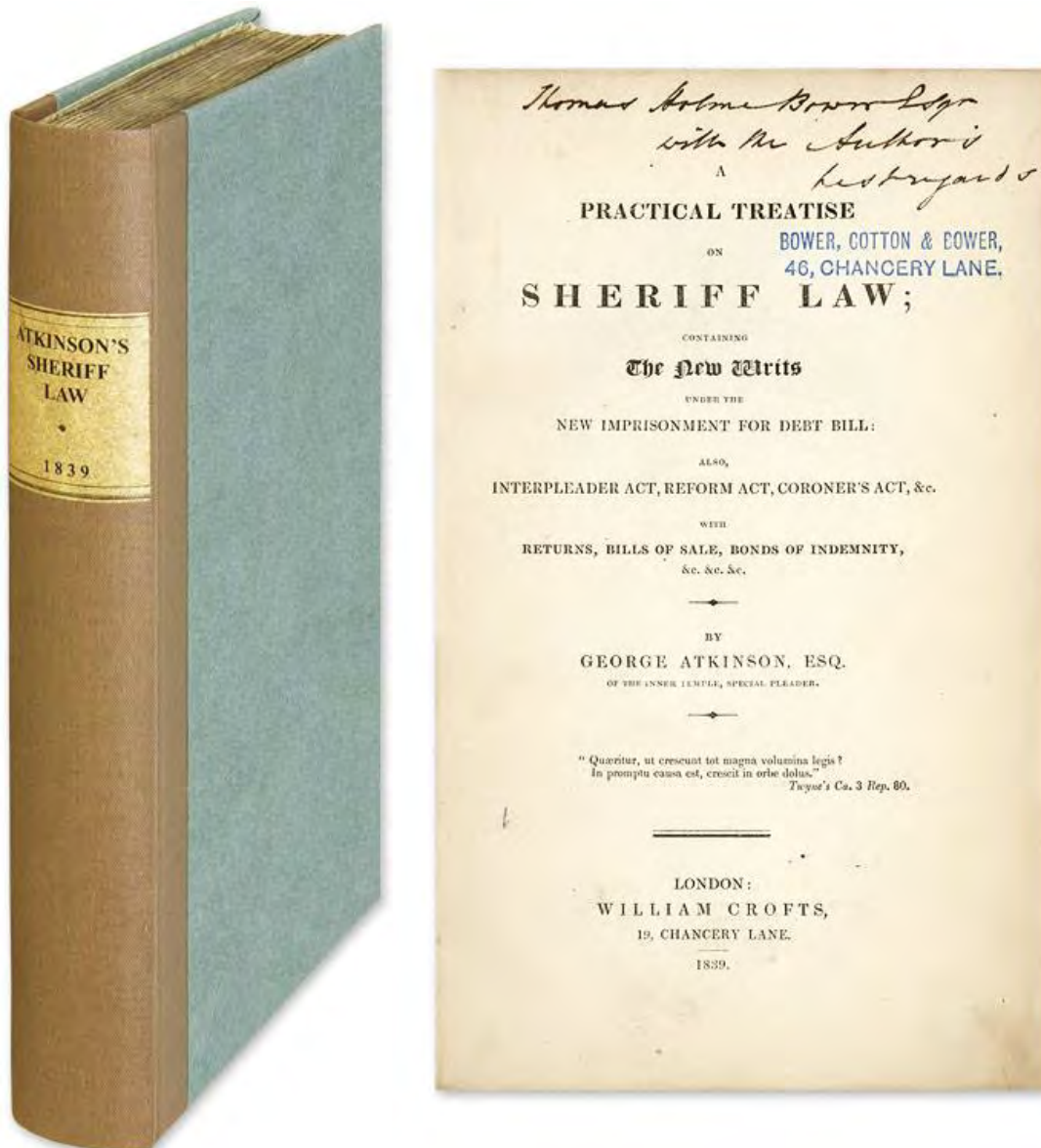
### An 1850 Handbook for Aspiring Lawyers

#### 2. Anthon, John [1784-1863].

*The Law Student, Or Guides to the Study of the Law in Its Principles.* New York: D. Appleton & Company, 1850. [ii], [3]-384 pp. Includes two-page publisher's catalogue of "Important New Law Books." Octavo (9-1/2" x 6").

Contemporary sheep, blind fillets to boards, raised bands and lettering piece to spine. Moderate rubbing, boards slightly bowed, minor worming to front joint, foot of spine bumped. Moderate toning to text, light foxing in a few places. Early owner signatures, of Benjamin Waterhouse, dated Trenton, 1877, to endleaves, interior otherwise clean. A nice copy. \$500.

\* Only edition. Anthon was a lawyer in New York and the author of several widely used treatises, including *American Precedents of Declarations* (1802), *The Law of Nisi Prius* (1809) and *An Analytical Abridgment of the Commentaries of Sir William Blackstone* (1809), an introductory "nutshell" for students. Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 8583. [Order this Item](#)



"A Useful and Convenient Book" on Sheriffs

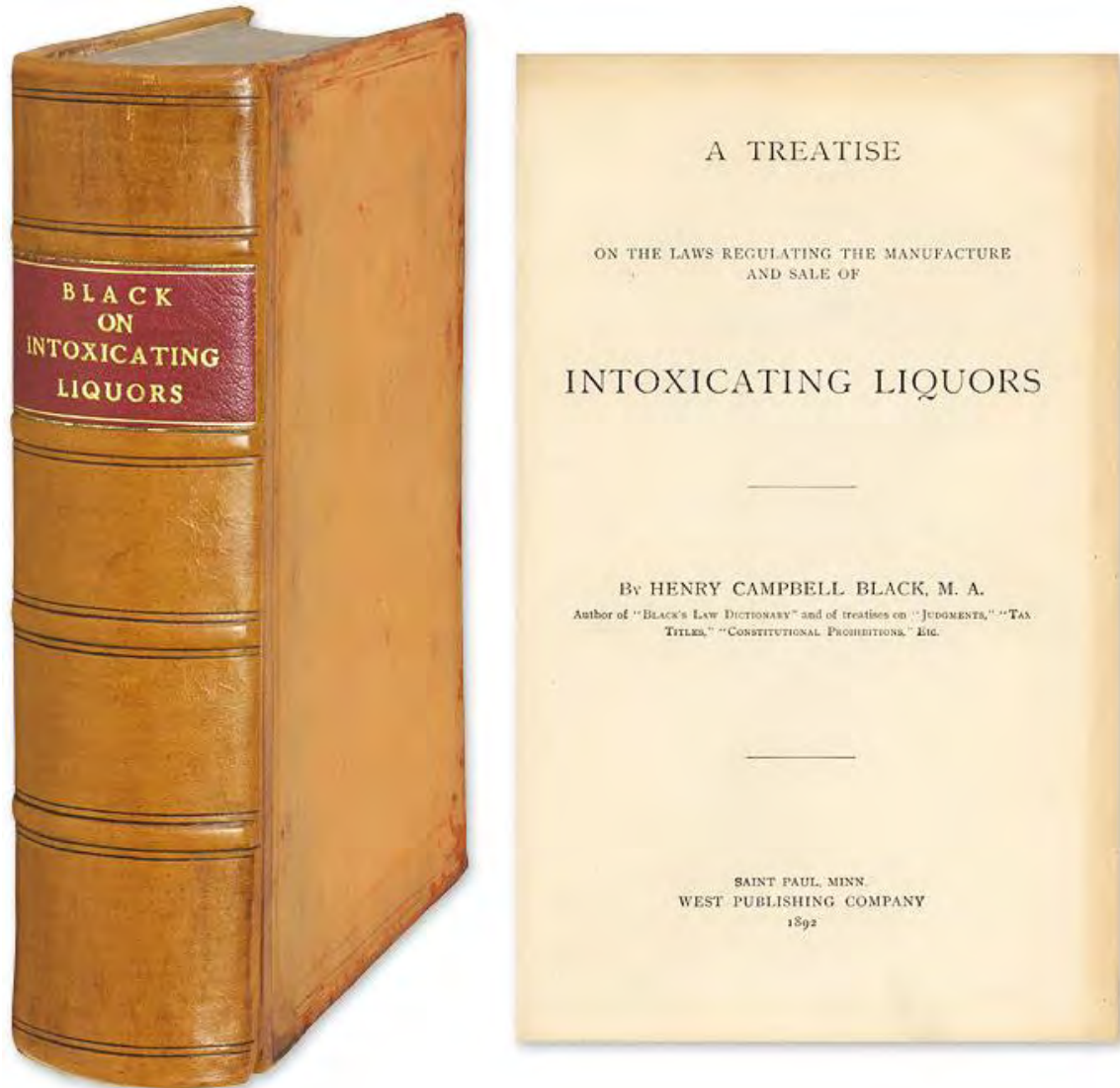
**3. Atkinson, George [1809-1891].**

*A Practical Treatise on Sheriff Law: Containing the New Writs Under The New Imprisonment for Debt Bill; Also, Interpleader Act, Reform Act, Coroner's Act, &c., With Returns, Bills of Sale, Bonds of Indemnity, &c. &c. &c.* London: William Crofts, 1839. xviii, 498 pp. Octavo (9" x 6").

Recent period-style paper-covered boards, printed paper title label, endpapers renewed. Some toning to margins. Author presentation inscription and later owner stamp to title page, interior otherwise clean. \$300.

\* First edition. According to Marvin, this "is said to be an unequal performance," but "is a useful and convenient book." It was certainly a durable title; it reached its sixth and final edition in 1878. OCLC locates 11 copies of the first edition, 6 in North American law libraries. Marvin, *Legal Bibliography* 76. Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 2:14. [Order this Item](#)

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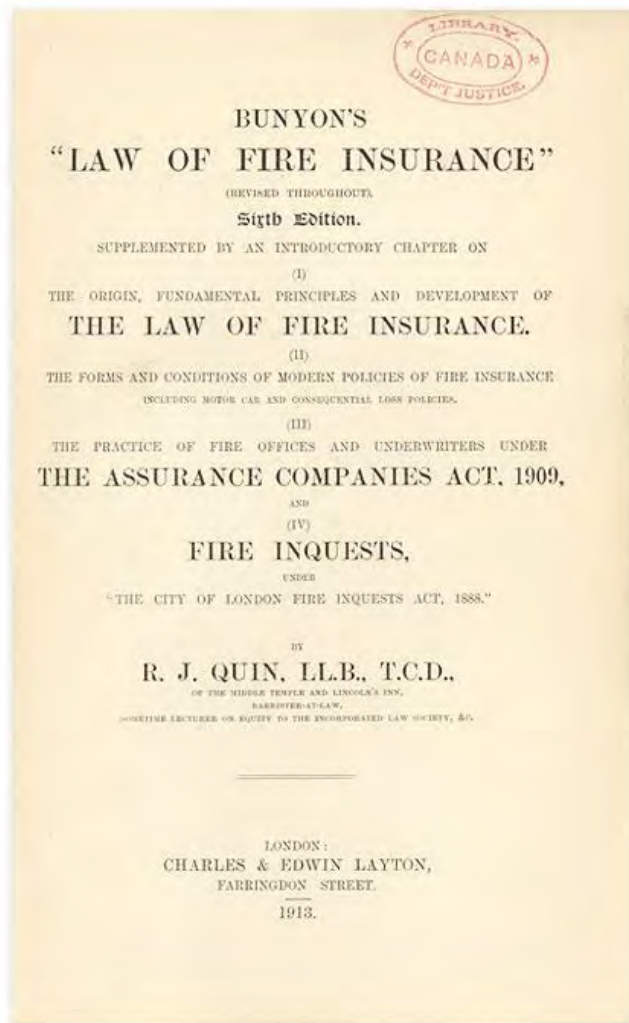
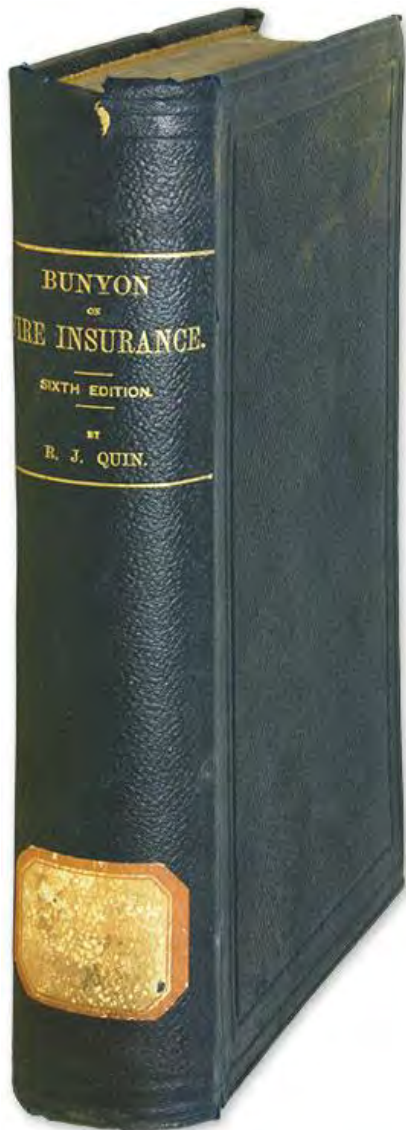
**The First American Treatise on the Law of Alcoholic Beverages**

**4. 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](#)



### Bunyon on Fire Insurance

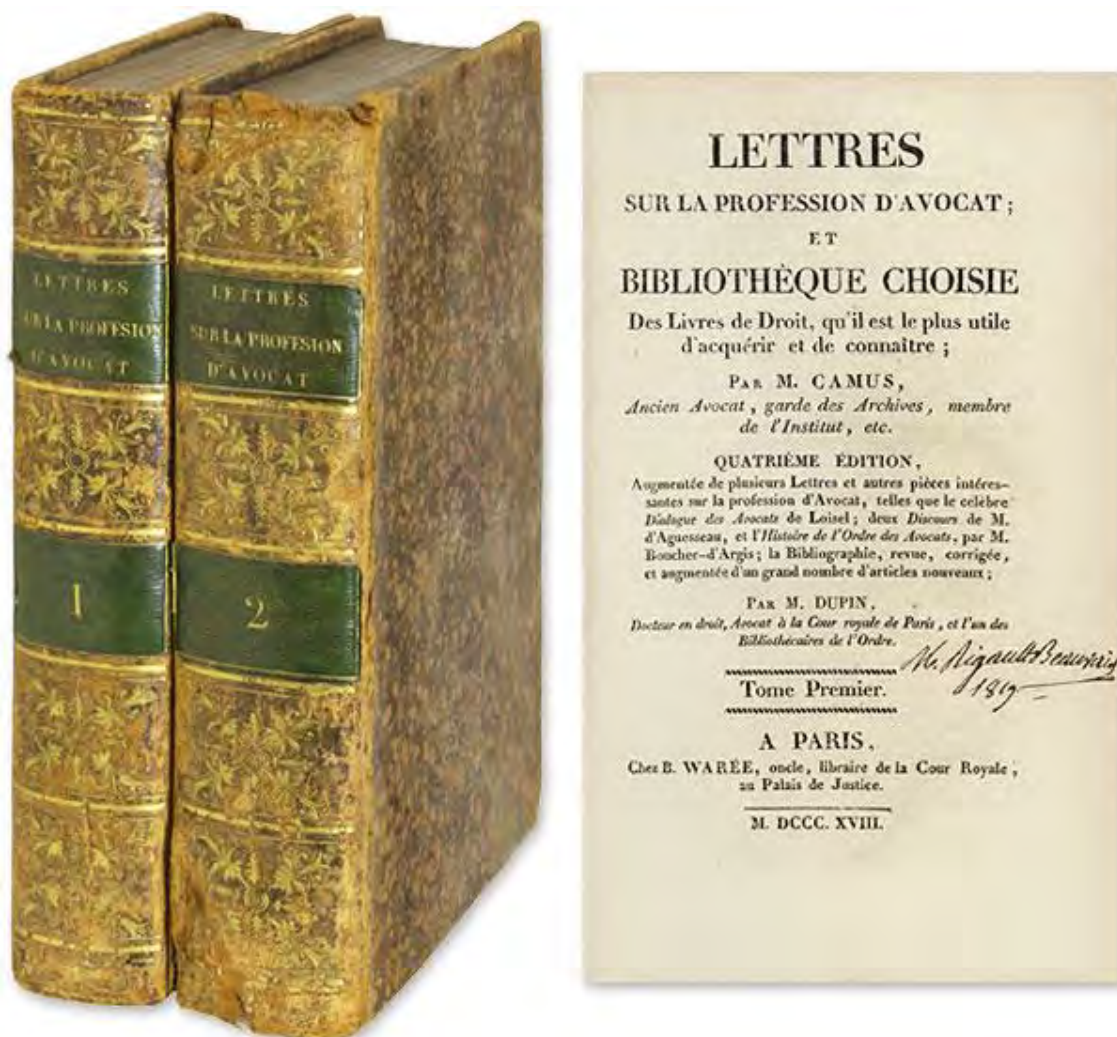
#### 5. Bunyon, Charles John.

Quin, R[ichard] J[ames], Editor.

*Bunyon's "Law of Fire Insurance" (Revised Throughout). Sixth Edition. Supplemented by an Introductory Chapter on I. The Origin, Fundamental Principles and Development of the Law of Fire Insurance. II. The Forms and Conditions of Modern Policies of Fire Insurance Including Motor Car and Consequential Loss Policies. III. The Practice of Fire Offices and Underwriters Under the Assurance Companies and IV. Fire Inquests Under "The City of London Fire Inquests Act, 1888."* London: Charles & Edwin Layton, 1913. lxxxv, 424, cxxvii pp.

Original textured cloth, blind frames to boards, gilt title to spine. Some shelfwear, front free endpaper detached, rear hinge cracked but secure, internally clean. Ex-law library. Location label to foot of spine, stamps to endleaves and title page. \$125.

\* Sixth edition. First published in 1867, this venerable treatise reached in seventh and final edition in 1923. Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 2:49. [Order this Item](#)



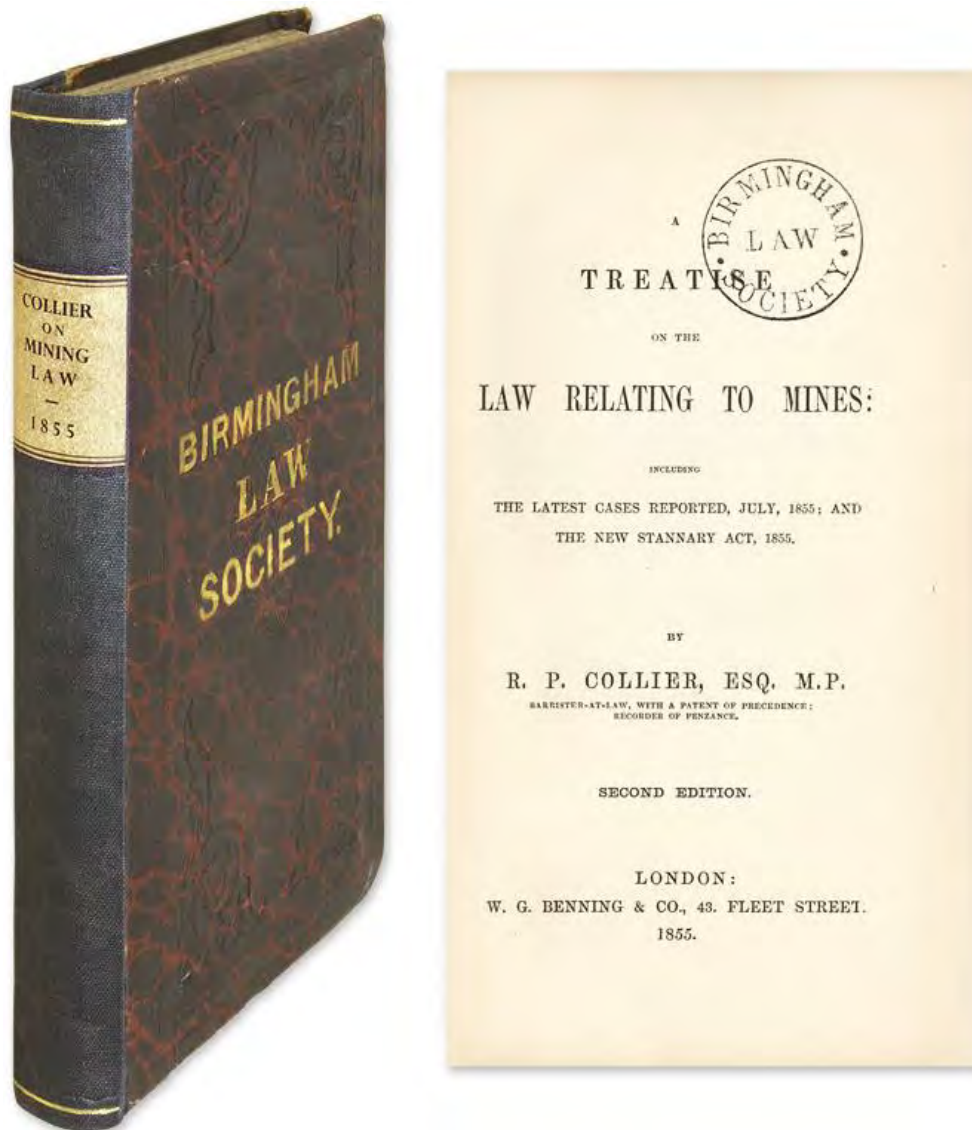
**Handsomely Bound Copy of an Important French Legal Reference**

**6. Camus, [Armand Gaston] [1740-1804].  
Dupin, [Andre-Marie-Jean-Jacques] [1783-1865], Editor.**

*Lettres Sur La Profession D'Avocat; Bibliothèque Choisie des Livres de Droit Qu'il est le Plus Utile d'Acquérir et de Connaître. Quatrième Édition. Augmentée de Plusieurs Lettres et Autres Pièces Intéressantes sur la Profession d'Avocat, Telles que le Célèbre "Dialogue des Avocats" de Loisel; Deux "Discours" de M. d'Aguesseau, et l'Histoire de l'Ordre des Avocats," Par M. Boucher d'Argis; La Bibliographie Revue, Corrigée et Augmentée d'un Grand Nombre d'Articles Nouveaux.* Paris: Chez B. Waree, 1818. 2 volumes. xlviii, 535; xii, 690 pp. Octavo (8-3/4" x 5").

Contemporary mottled sheep, gilt ornaments and lettering pieces to spines, marbled endpapers. Some rubbing to extremities, corners bumped, hinges starting, chipping to head of Volume II, rear joint of that volume starting at foot. Light toning to text, somewhat darker in places, light foxing to a few leaves. Early owner signature to title page of Volume I, interiors otherwise clean. \$300.

\* Fourth edition. Sweet and Maxwell include this in its list of major bibliographies and notes: "the second volume is a descriptive bibliography of French, English, foreign and Roman law, well indexed. The bibliography lists 2,348 books and provides historical, critical and bibliographical notes on several remarkable books of French jurisprudence." Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 1:1-2 (7). [Order this Item](#)



**Scarce Nineteenth-Century English Treatise on Mining Law**

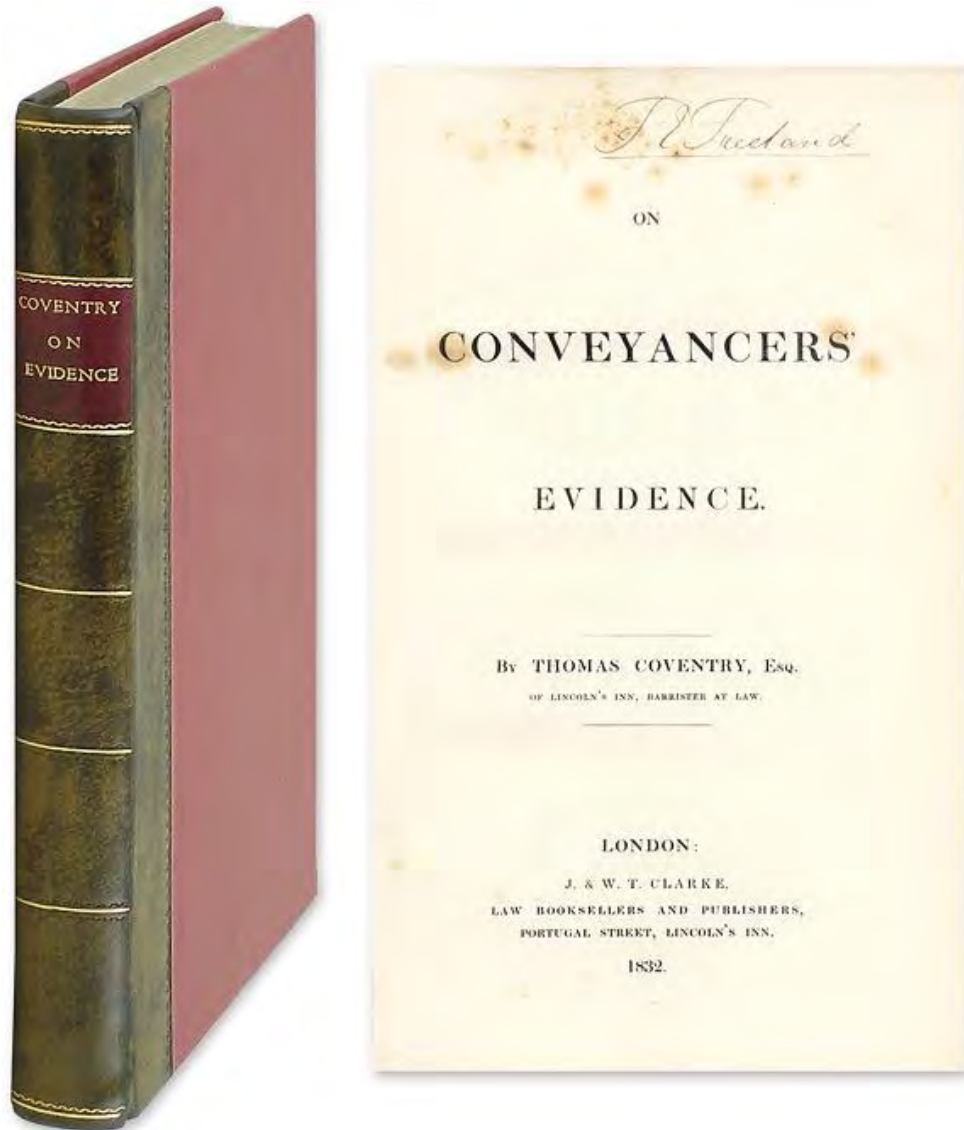
**7. Collier, R.P., Baron Monkswell [1817-1886].**

*A Treatise on the Law Relating to Mines: Including the Latest Cases Reported, July, 1855; And the New Stannary Act, 1855.* London: W.G. Benning & Co., 1855. xv, 281 pp. Forms. Octavo (7-1/2" x 4-1/2").

Contemporary cloth, blind frames to boards, rebacked, printed paper title label to spine, hinges mended. Minor edgewear, corners bumped and lightly worn. Light toning to text, internally clean. Ex-library (Birmingham Law Society). Institution name stamped to front board, small inkstamps to title page and a few leaves. \$195.

\* Second edition. "This treatise is intended to contain a summary of those principles of Law and Equity which govern the acquisition and transfer of property in mines, and the duties, rights, and liabilities of Mine-owners and adventurers, arising out of their relations among themselves and the public" (Preface). Collier's first edition was published in London in 1849, then reissued in Philadelphia in 1853. All editions are scarce. OCLC locates six of the second edition in North American Law Libraries (Columbia, Harvard, Library of Congress, UC-Berkeley and the Universities of Georgia and Pennsylvania. Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 72. [Order this Item](#)





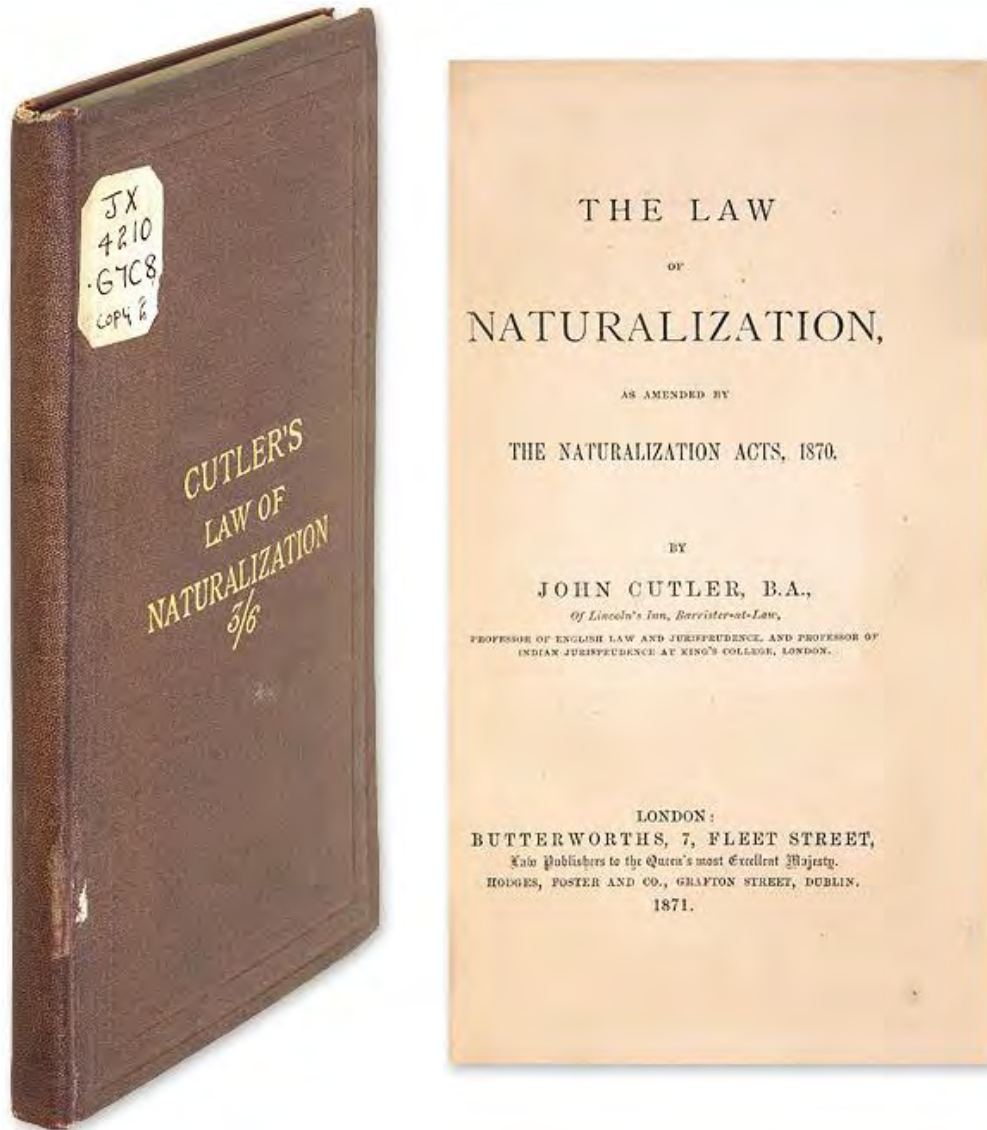
### Evidence in Conveyancing

#### 8. Coventry, Thomas [1797?-1869].

*On Conveyancers' Evidence*. London: J. & W.T. Clarke, 1832. viii, 328, xxii, [8] pp. Octavo (9-1/2" x 6").

Recent period-style quarter calf over cloth, lettering piece, gilt fillets to spine, endpapers renewed. Early owner signature to title page, occasional light foxing, interior otherwise fresh. \$375.

\* Only edition. "The object of [this] treatise is to embody the practice of conveyancers relating to evidence. It is in many cases difficult to define that practice accurately; and a poll of the profession would probably yield a chequered result. In such cases an opinion only can be hazarded; and on points which appear more settled, it is possible for an individual to be mistaken in the usages of a widely diffused and unassociated Body.... [T]he present writer... presumes to offer a record of his limited experience, in the hope that his unassuming tract will at least afford a rallying point for the accumulation of knowledge on a very important topic to the conveyancer.": Preface, iii. Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 2:81. [Order this Item](#)



**Scarce Treatise on Great Britain's 1870 Naturalization Act  
Bound with a 40-Page 1882 Butterworth Catalogue of Law Works**

**9. Cutler, John [1839-1924].**

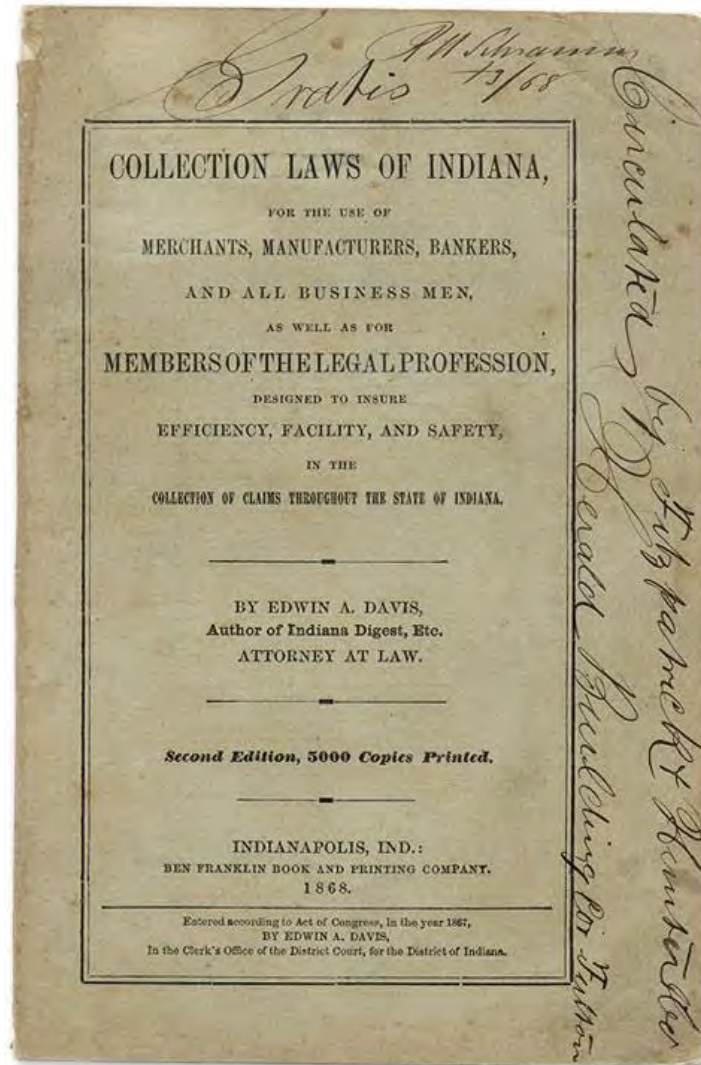
*The Law of Naturalization: As Amended by the Naturalization Acts, 1870.* London: Butterworths, 1871. 74, iv, 39, [1] pp.

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*Catalogue of Law Works Published by Messrs. Butterworth, Law Booksellers and Publishers to the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, And to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales.* London: [Butterworths] 7 Fleet Street, E.C., 1882. 39, [1] pp.

12mo. (7" x 4-1/2"). Original cloth, blind frames to boards, gilt title to front. Light rubbing to extremities, rear hinge starting at end. Light toning to text, internally clean. Ex-library. Shelf label to front boards, bookplate to front pastedown, stamp to verso of title page, card pocket residue to rear pastedown. A nice copy of a scarce title. \$95.

\* Only edition. With an appendix containing the complete text of the 1870 Naturalization Act. OCLC locates 6 copies in North American law libraries. Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 2:89. [Order this Item](#)



### 1868 Indiana Guide With a List of Attorneys

#### 10. Davis, Edwin A.

*Collection Laws of Indiana, For the Use of Merchants, Manufacturers, Bankers, And All Business Men, As Well as for Members of the Legal Profession, Designed to Insure Efficiency, Facility, And Safety, In the Collection of Claims Throughout the State of Indiana.* Indianapolis: Ben Franklin Book and Print Co., 1868. 48 pp. Octavo (8-1/2" x 5-1/2").

Stab-stitched pamphlet in printer wrappers. Light soiling, minor wear to spine ends and corners, some toning and occasional light foxing to text. Annotations and signatures to front wrappers and first leaf of text, interior otherwise clean. \$100.

\* Second edition. First published in 1867, this guidebook includes sections on bankruptcy, divorce law, contracts of married women, bonds, bills, and notes. It also has a valuable list of attorneys arranged by county. It is designated "second edition" with an 1867 copyright. Davis was a United States Commissioner and an Indiana attorney; the first two pages advertise his services as a specialist in bankruptcy law and debt collection. Davis also published a digest and reports of cases of the Indiana Supreme Court and edited a revision of Indiana statutes. OCLC locates 5 copies, 1 in a law library (Harvard).

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Two Well-Preserved  
Studies by a Notable French Humanist Jurist

11. Du Moulin, Charles [1500-1566].

*Extrictio Labyrinthi de Eo, Quod Interest: Cum Nova & Analytica Explicatione, & Conciliatione Legum Omnium Materiae, Multis Iam Saeculis Densissimis Errorum, & Perplexitatum Tenebris Implicatissimae, Praecipue I. Unicae. C. De Senten. Quae Pro eo Quod Interest.* Lyons: Apud Antonium Vincentium, 1555. [xxiv], 302, [10] pp.

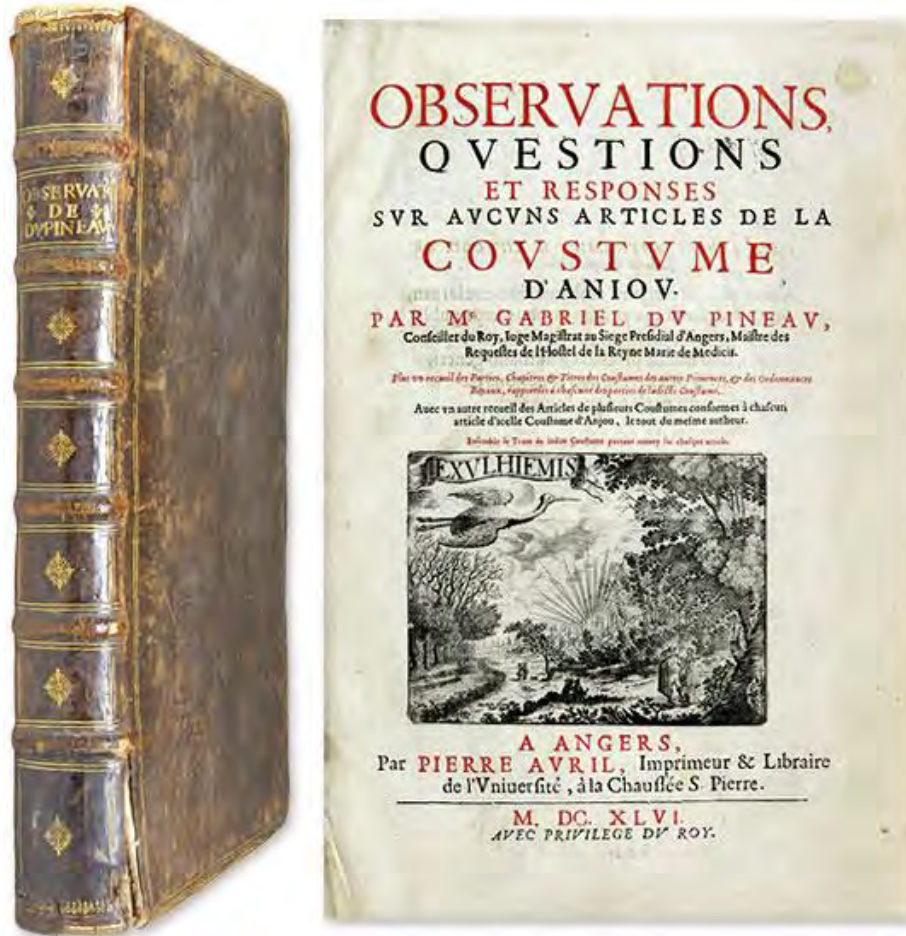
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Du Moulin, Charles.

*Tractatus Duo Analytici. Prior, De Donationibus Factis, Vel Confirmatis in Contractu Matrimonij. Posterior, de Inofficiosis Testamentis, Donationibus, & Dotibus.* Lyons: Apud Antonium Vincentium, 1556. 159, [1] pp.

Octavo (6-1/2" x 4"). Contemporary limp vellum with lapped edges and thong ties, early hand-lettered title to front cover. Light soiling and edgewear, minor horizontal crack to spine, a bit of bookplate residue to front free endpaper, interior notably fresh. A remarkably well-preserved volume containing two scarce titles. \$3,500.

\* Second edition. Du Moulin was a distinguished French humanist lawyer. First published in 1546, *Extrictio Labyrinthi* is a detailed commentary on the Roman law governing loans and interest. The other book is a commentary on marriage contracts, gifts and testaments. *Extrictio*: Baudrier, *Bibliographie Lyonnaise* V:231; *Tractatus*: Adams, *Catalogue of Books Printed on the Continent of Europe* D-1078. [Order this Item](#)



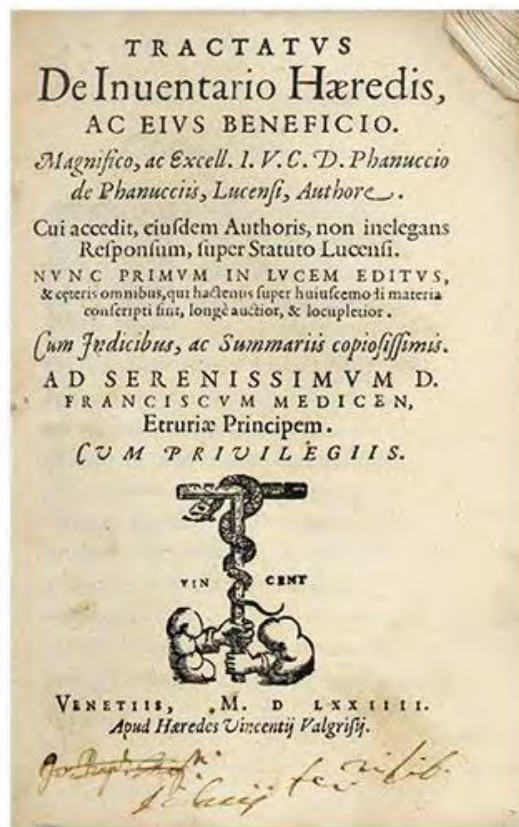
### Scarce Commentary on the Customary Law of Anjou

#### 12. Du Pineau, Gabriel [1573-1644].

*Observations, Questions et Responses sur Aucuns Articles de la Coustume d'Aniou. Plus un Recueil des Parties, Chapitres et Titres des Coustumes des Autres Provinces, Et des Ordonnances Royaux, Rapportees a Chascune des Parties de Ladite Coustume. Avec un Autre Recueil des Articles de Plusieurs Coustumes Conformes a Chascun Article d'Icelle Coustume d'Anjou, Le Tout de Mesme Auteur.* Angers: Par Pierre Avril, 1646. [x], 495, [1], 62, 24 pp. Main text in parallel columns. Copperplate portrait frontispiece lacking, appears never to have been bound into this copy. Folio (13-1/2" x 9-1/2").

Contemporary calf, gilt rules to boards, gilt ornaments and lettering piece to spine. Moderate rubbing with some wear to spine ends and corners, front joint just starting at ends, front free endpaper lacking. Title page, with large engraved allegorical vignette, printed in red and black, woodcut head-pieces, tail-pieces and decorated initials. Moderate toning to title page, light toning to text. Early ownership inscription "Ce livre appartient a Monsieur du Plessix, Brindejon" to front pastedown, interior otherwise clean. \$950.

\* First edition. This commentary on the customary law of Anjou and surrounding vicinity was reprinted in 1725. Pineau was also the author of the posthumous *Coustumes du Pais et Duché d'Anjou* (1698). A native of Angers and a successful lawyer there and in Paris, Pineau was later appointed conseiller au Presidial d'Angers and maître des requêtes de l'Hotel de Marie de Medicis. *Observations* is a scarce title. OCLC locates 4 copies of the first edition in North America, 3 in law libraries (George Washington University, Harvard, UC-Berkeley), no copies on the 1725 reissue. Gouron & Terrin, *Bibliographie des Coutumes de France* 243. [Order this Item](#)



### A Scarce Sixteenth-Century Treatise on the Benefit of Inventory

#### 13. Fanucci, Fanuccio de.

*Tractatus de Inventario Haereditis ac Eius Beneficio. Cui Accedit, Eiusdem Authoris, Non Inelegans Responsum, Super Statuto Lucensi. Nunc Primum In Lucem Editus, & Ceteris Omnibus, Qui Hactenus Super Huiuscemodi Materia Conscripti Sint, Longe Auctior, & Locupletior. Cum Indicibus, Ac Summariis Copiosissimis.* Venice: Apud Haeredes Vincentij Valgrisiij, 1574 (colophon dated 1573). [xxxii], 314 (i.e. 310), [4], [8] pp. Octavo (6" x 4").

Contemporary limp vellum, somewhat later hand-lettered paper title label, early hand-lettered title to foot of text block, ties lacking. Light soiling, some rubbing to extremities, a few small wormholes through covers, pastedowns, endleaves and final leaf of text with negligible damage to legibility (parts of two words), occasional minor worming to margins. Attractive woodcut decorated initials. Light toning to text, early owner signatures to foot of front free endpaper and title page, interior otherwise clean. \$1,250.

\* Only edition. This treatise analyzes benefit of inventory, a concept in Roman (and civil) law concerning an heir's right to commission a legally binding inventory of his ancestor's estate for representatives of the estate's creditors. It also concerns the right to limit debts and legacies to the amount of three fourths of an estate, thus preserving one fourth for the heir. OCLC locates 3 copies in North American law libraries (Columbia, Harvard, Library of Congress). *Censimento Nazionale delle Edizioni Italiane del XVI Secolo* CNCE18578. [Order this Item](#)



Four Scarce *Coutumiers* from Northern France

14. [France].

[Customary Law].

*Costumes Du Bailliage De Vermandois en la Cité, Ville, Bailliue & Preuosté Foraine de Laon: Mises & Redigees par Escrit, Arrestees & Emologuees en Presence des Gens des Trois Estats Desdits Bailliage & Preuosté, par Nous Christofle de Thou President, Barthelemy Faye, & Jacques Viole Conseillers du Roy en sa Cour de Parlement, & Commissaires a ce par Luy Ordonnes, Au Mois de Novembre 1556.* Reims: Chez Simon De Foigny, 1616. [iv], 108, [4] ff.

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*Costumes de la Cité & Ville de Reims, Villes & Villages Regis Selon Icelles: Redigees par Escrit en Presence des Gens des Trois Estats, par nous Christofle de Thou President, Barthelemy Faye, & Jacques Viole Conseillers du Roy en sa Cour de Parlement, & Commissaires par luy Ordonnes.* Reims: Chez Simon de Foigny, 1615. 61 [3] ff.

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*Costumes de Chaalons, & Ressort Du Siege Dudit Lieu, En Ce Qui Est du Bailliage de Vermandois: Redigees par Escrit, En Presence des Gens des Trois Etats, Par nous Christofle de Thou President, Barthelemy Faye, & Jacques Viole Conseillers du Roy en sa Cour de Parlement, & Commissaires par luy Ordonnes.* Rheims: Chez Simon de Foigny, 1615. 33, [1] ff.

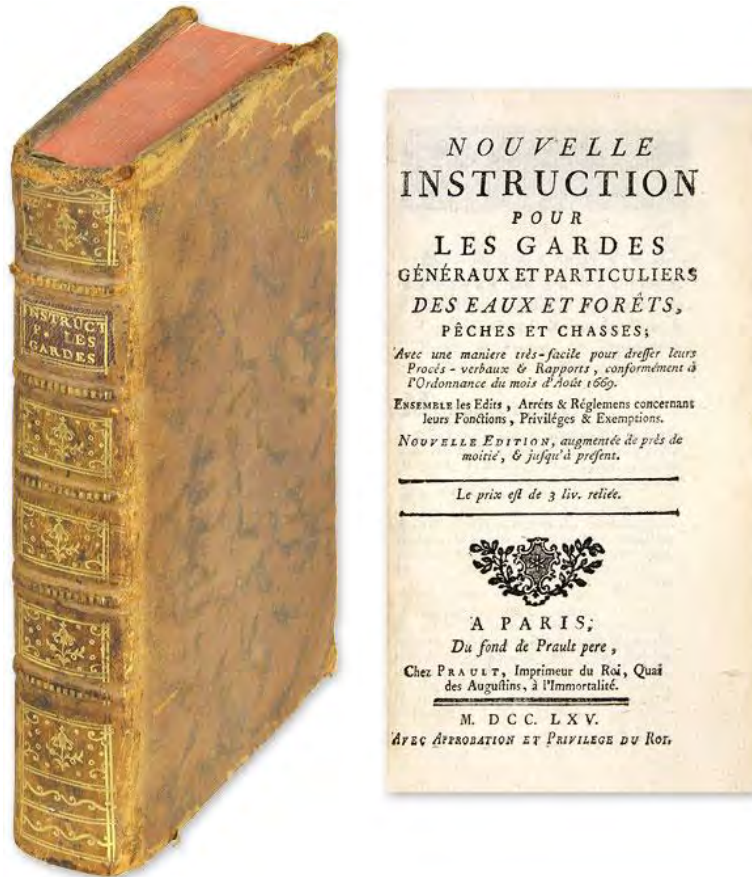
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*Les Coustumes du Bailliage de Vitry en Pertois: Redigees & Emologuees par les Trois Estats, en l'An Mil Cinq Cens & Neuf. Reuenes & Corrigees par Messire Charles du Molin, Docteur es Droits, Iuriconsulte, & Ancien Advocat en la Cour de Parlement a Paris. Plus y Adjousté par Ordre Alphabetique un Catalogue & Indice des Villes, Villages, Terres & Seigneuries Subjectes Audict Bailliage, & Reiglees par Ladite Coustume.* Reims: Chez Simon & Iean de Foigny Imprimeurs, 1618. 40, [2] ff.

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

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

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### An Early Example of Environmental Law

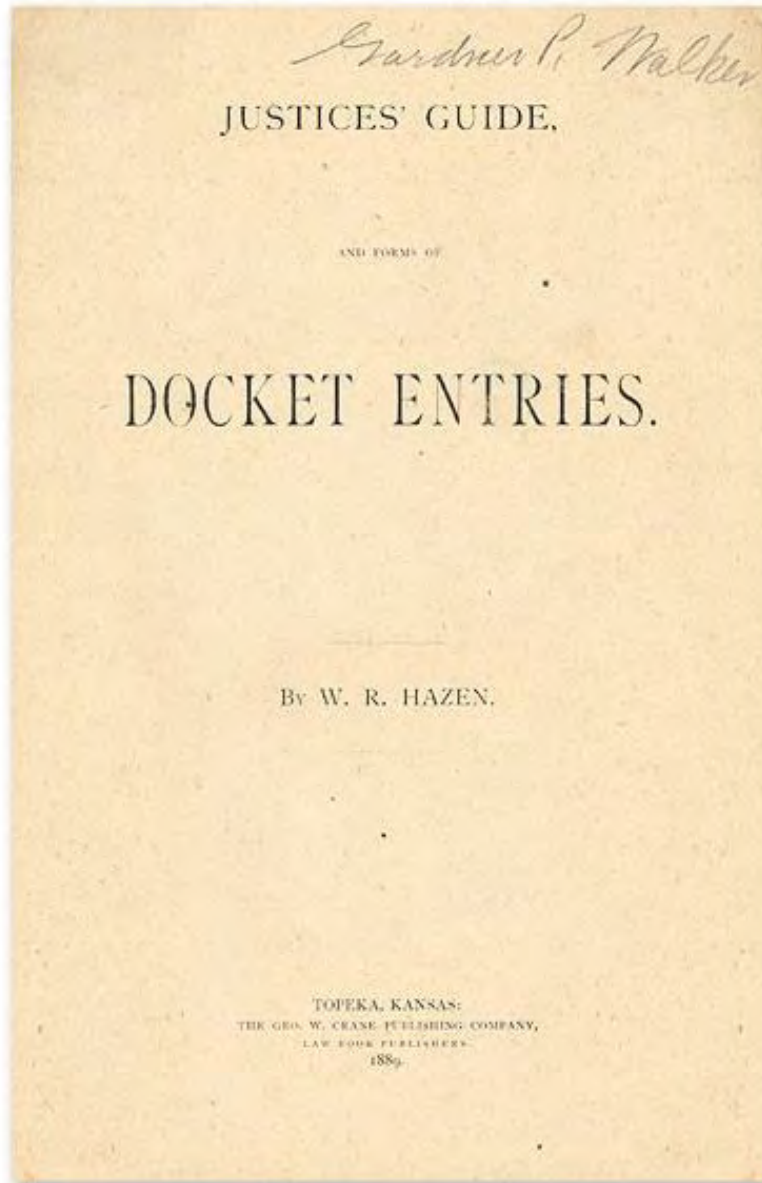
15. [France].  
[Forestry Law].  
[Fish and Game Law].

*Nouvelle Instruction pour les Gardes Généraux et Particuliers des Eaux et Forêts, Pêches et Chasses. Avec Manière Très-Facile pour Dresser leur Procès-Verbaux & Rapports, Conformément à l'Ordonnance du Mois d'Août 1669. Ensemble les Édits, Arrêts & Réglemens Concernant Leurs Fonctions, Privilèges & Exemptions. Nouvelle Edition, Augmentée de Près de Moitié, & Jusqu'à Présent.* Paris: Chez Prault Pere, 1765. xvi, 503 pp. 12mo. (6-1/2" x 3-3/4").

Contemporary mottled sheep, gilt spine with raised bands and lettering piece, marbled endpapers, ribbon marker, edges rouged. Moderate rubbing to extremities, light scuffing to boards, corners bumped and somewhat worn, front hinge starting at head, partial crack to text block between front free endpaper and title page, text notably bright. Small recent owner stamp to half-title, interior otherwise clean. A handsome copy. \$750.

\* Second edition. First published in 1741, this is a comprehensive treatise on forest and game law during the *ancien régime*. Much of this book is devoted to the decree of August 1669. A notable early example of environmental legislation, it regulated the use of forests to insure a steady supply of wood for the construction of warships. It also ordered the planting of new trees and the careful management of forest resources. It remained in effect until it was supplanted by the *Code Forestier* of 1827. The other laws discussed in this treatise also aimed to conserve fish and game by restricting the number of people who may fish and hunt legally. A third edition was published in 1692. OCLC locates no copies of any edition in a North American law library. We located 1 copy of the second, however, at George Washington University Law School and a third edition at Harvard Law School. Not in Camus. [Order this Item](#)





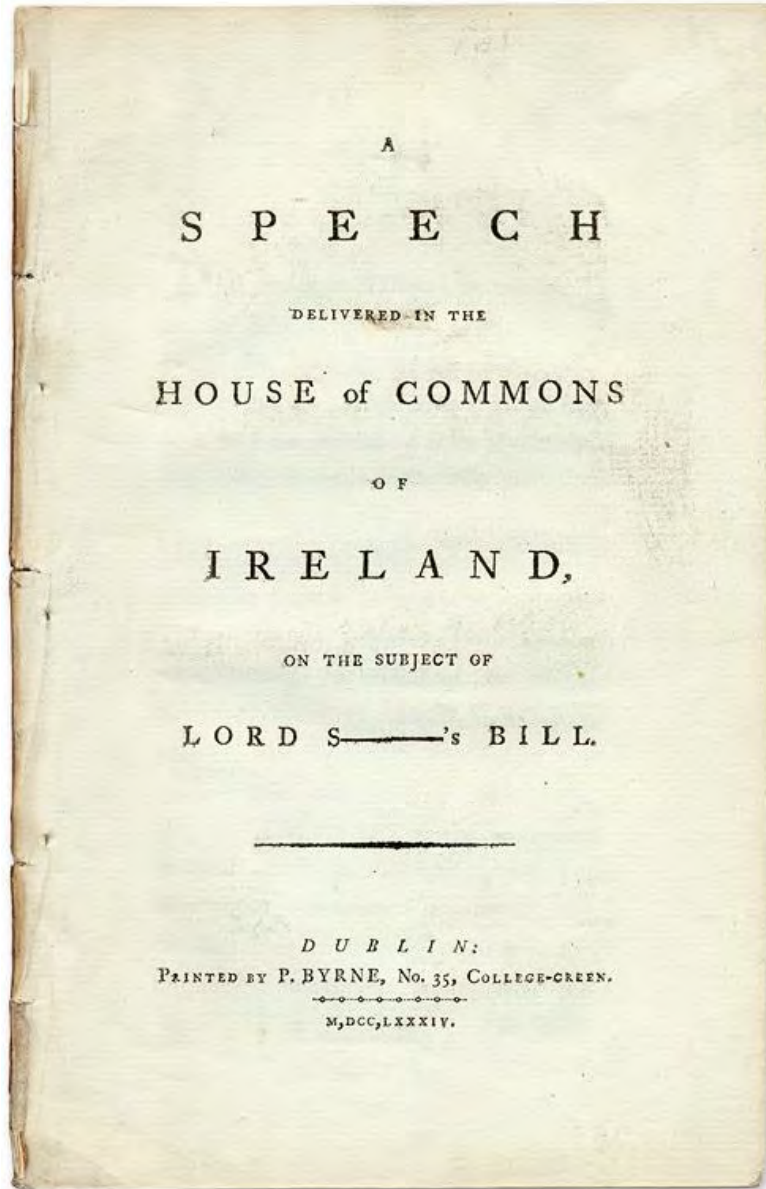
### 1889 Guide for Novice Justices in Kansas

**16. Hazen, W.R.**

*Justices' Guide, And Forms of Entries.* Topeka, KS: The Geo. W. Crane Publishing Co., 1889. 30 pp. Octavo (8-1/2" x 5-1/2").

Stab-stitched pamphlet in printed wrappers. Light rubbing to extremities with minor wear to spine ends and corners, wrappers just beginning to detach at foot, corner cropped from a page with no loss to text. Early owner signature to front free endpaper, interior otherwise clean. \$250.

\* Only edition. This little book was intended "for the justice of the peace who has been elected to office on account of his good common sense and integrity, rather than his knowledge of the law" (1). OCLC locates 1 copy (Pittsburg State University, KS). [Order this Item](#)



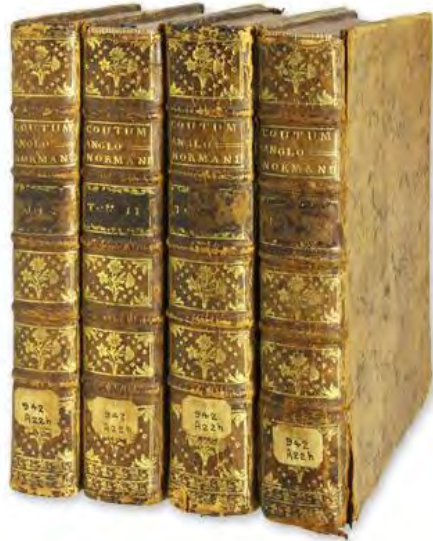
**Argument for an Impeachment in the Irish House of Commons**

**17. [Hely Hutchison, John, Attributed].**

*A Speech Delivered In The House Of Commons Of Ireland, On the Subject of Lord S\_\_\_\_\_'s Bill.* Dublin: P. Byrne, 1784. 31, [1] pp. Octavo (8" x 5").

Neatly disbound, light soiling to title page. Light toning to text, internally clean. \$125.

\* Only edition. A legal-constitutional essay arguing for impeachment by the House of Commons over proceedings by an *ex-post-facto* bill in the House of Lords in a case involving a member of Lords. This speech has been attributed to Hely-Hutchison, an Irish patriot, who supported Irish independence and political liberty for Roman Catholics. He is best known for his *Commercial Restraints of Ireland*, 1779, a strong defense of free trade. See *Dictionary of National Biography*, missing this. *English Short-Title Catalogue* N24430. [Order this Item](#)



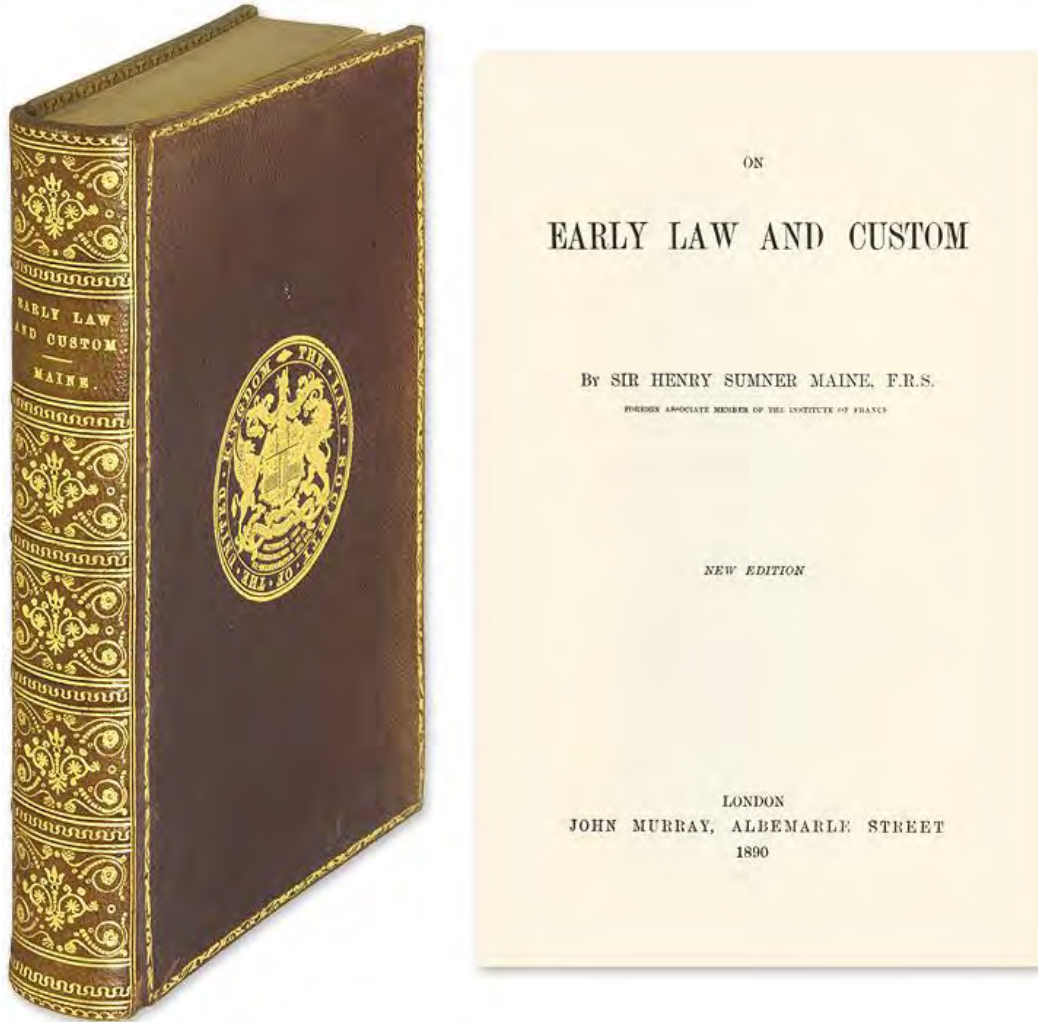
**Notable Comparative  
Study of Early English and French Law**

**18. Houard, David [1725-1802].**

*Traité sur les Coutumes Anglo-Normandes, Publiés en Angleterre, Depuis le Onzième, Jusqu'au Quatorzième Siècle : Ouvrage qui Supplée Aux Monuments de l'Histoire & de la Législation Française qui Nous Manquoient Depuis la Cessation des Capitulaires, Jusqu'aux Premières Ordonnances de nos Rois de la Troisième Race.* Rouen: Le Boucher le Jeune/Paris: Durand Neveu, 1776. Four volumes. Complete set. Quarto (10" x 8").

Contemporary mottled calf, gilt spines with raised bands and lettering pieces, marbled endpapers, edges rouged, ribbon markers. Light to moderate rubbing to extremities, minor scuffing to boards, front joint of Volume III partially cracked, chips and wear to fore-edges, joints of Volume IV starting at ends, nineteenth-century armorial bookplates (of John Beames) to front pastedowns. Attractive woodcut head-pieces and title-page devices. Light toning, negligible foxing in places, internally clean. Ex-library. Old paper location labels to spines, card pockets to rear pastedowns. A solid copy of a scarce set. \$2,000.

\* Only edition. The scope of this massive comparative study is evident in a listing of its contents, which includes original scholarship and editions of primary texts: Preface, Dissertation Préliminaire sur les Variations de la Législation Française et Angloise, Depuis l'Entrée des Saxons dans les Gaules Jusqu'au Onzième siècle, Extraits du Domesday, Loix d'Henry I, Traites sur les Coutumes Angloises, par Glanville, Leges Malcomi Mackenneth, Ejus Nominis Secundi, Regiam Majestatem, Quoniam Attachiamenta, Leges & Consuetudines Burgorum, Curia Quatuor Burgorum, Statuta Gildoe, Assisa Regis David, Iter Camerarii, Brevis, & Succincta Forma Itineris, Statuta Wilhelmi Regis, Leges Forestarum, Statuta Alexandri Secundi, Prima Statuta Roberti Primi, Statuta Secunda Roberti Primi, Assisa & Statuta Davidis Secundi, Statuta Roberti Secundi, Acta Parlamenti Roberti Tertii, Fleta, Liber I-VI, Traité de Britton, Somme de Hornes ou Myrror de Justices. Houard was a respected scholar of the customary law of Normandy who investigated links between Norman early English law. In addition to several studies of Norman *coutumes*, Houard's works include *Anciennes Loix des François, Conservées Dans les Coutumes Angloises* (1766), which argues that Littleton's *Tenures* preserved and developed Norman law dating from the time of the conquest. Camus, *Bibliothèque Choisie des Livres de Droit* 1166. [Order this Item](#)



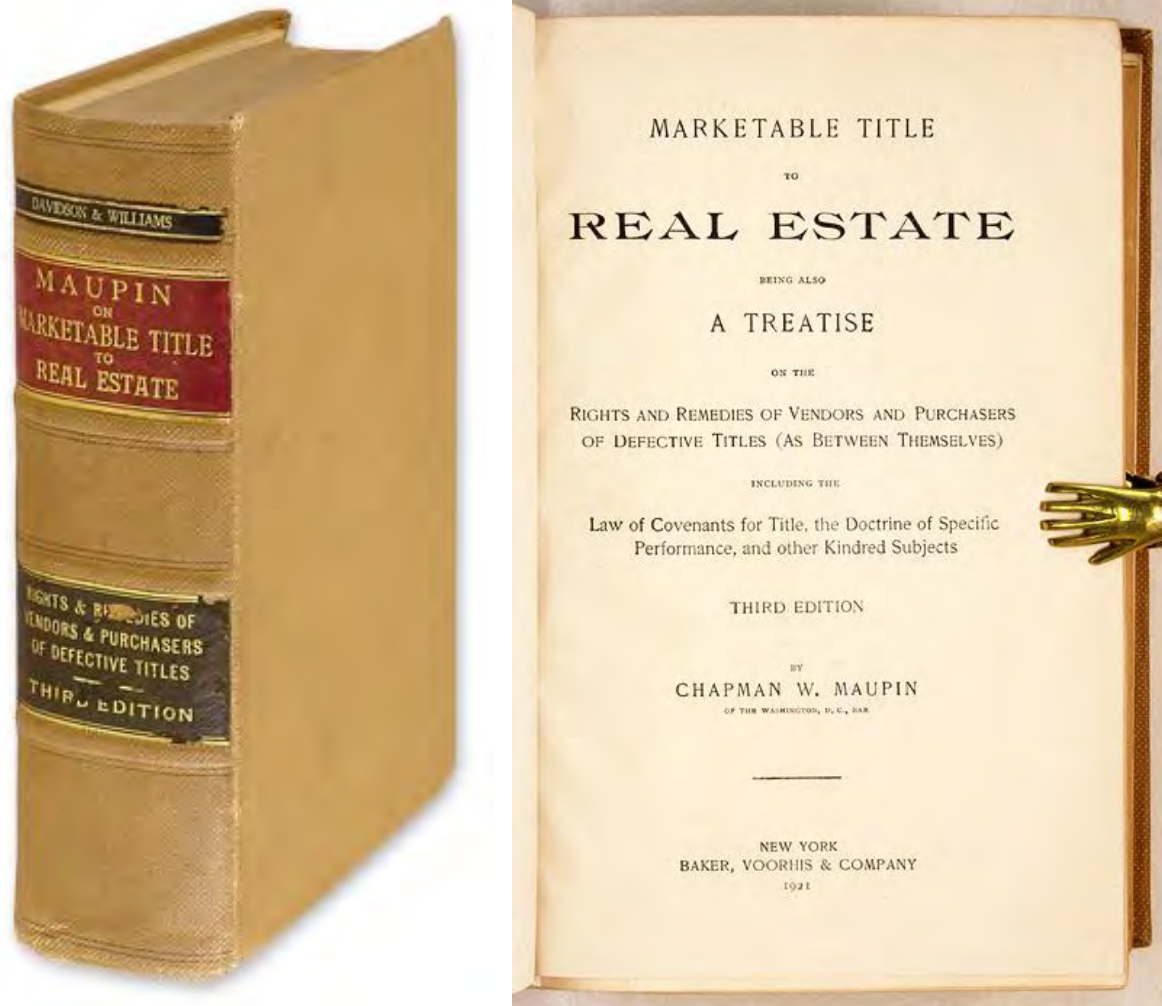
*Early Law and Custom* in a Handsome Prize Binding

**19. Maine, Sir Henry Sumner [1822-1888].**

*On Early Law and Custom*. London: John Murray, 1890. 402 pp. Octavo (8-1/2" x 5-1/2").

Contemporary signed morocco binding (by J. Low), all edges gilt, gilt spine with raised bands, gilt heraldic device of the Law Society of the United Kingdom to front board, presentation bookplate to front free endpaper. Light rubbing to extremities, negligible light fading to spine, boards slightly bowed, crack to text block between front free endpaper and following leaf. Interior notably fresh. \$350.

\* "New Edition." First published in 1883 as, *Dissertations on Early Law and Custom*. Like the equally distinguished *Village Communities in the East and the West* (1871) and the *Early History of Institutions* (1875), this treatise considers aspects of traditional societies to establish and illustrate the normal process of development in legal and political ideas, most notably freedom of contract. "Maine indicates the place in the development of a legal system of such agencies as legal fictions and equity. He explains the history of the concept of a law of nature; and in his account of the contrast between primitive and modern society--between the place which the law of persons occupies in primitive and modern law--he comes to the famous conclusion that the government of progressive societies has been from status to contract.": Holdsworth, *History of English Law* XV: 363-4. *British Museum Catalogue* (Compact Edition) 16:600. [Order this Item](#)



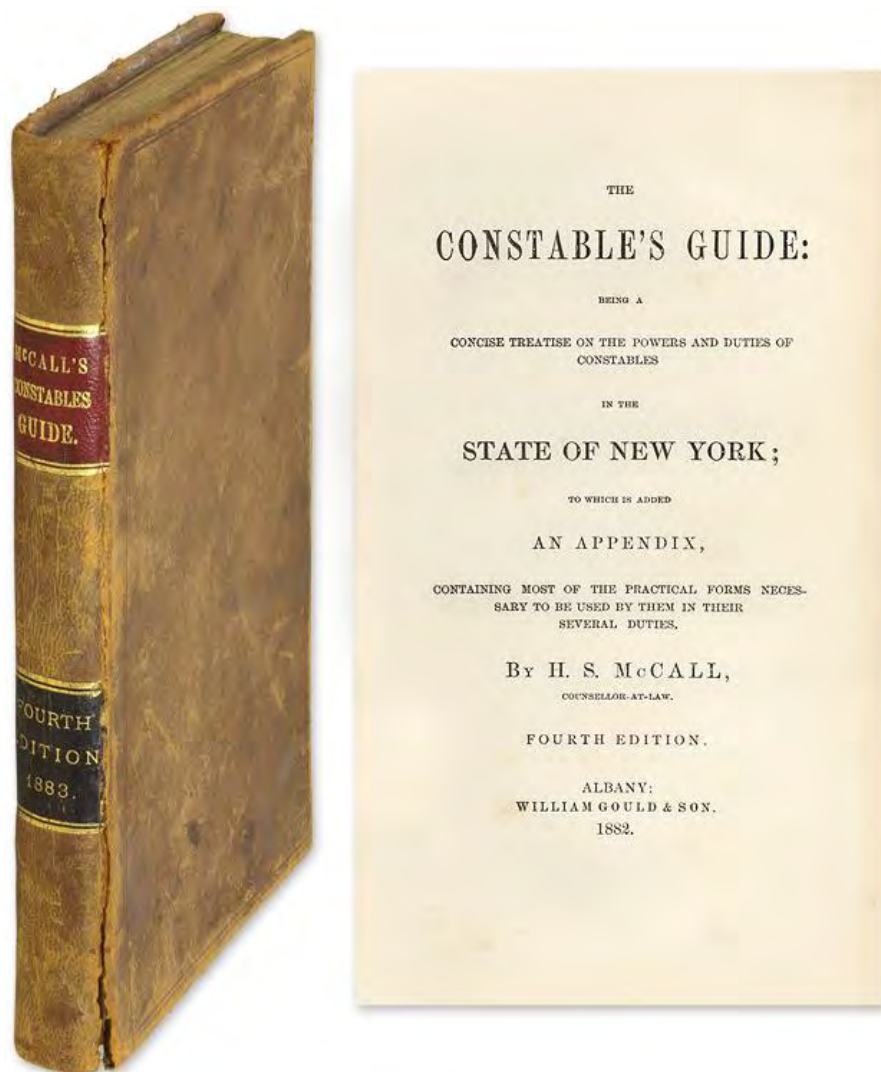
**"Has an Added Claim  
to the Favor of the Profession"**

**20. Maupin, Chapman W.**

*Marketable Title to Real Estate, Being Also a Treatise on the Rights and Remedies of Vendors and Purchasers of Defective Titles (As Between Themselves) Including the Law of Covenants for Title, The Doctrine of Specific Performance, And Other Kindred Subjects.* New York: Baker, Voorhis & Company, 1921. xc, 997 pp.

Original buckram, red and black lettering pieces. Light shelfwear, corners bumped, some scuffing to lettering pieces, internally clean. Ex-law office library. Owner label to head of spine, stamp to front free endpaper. \$125.

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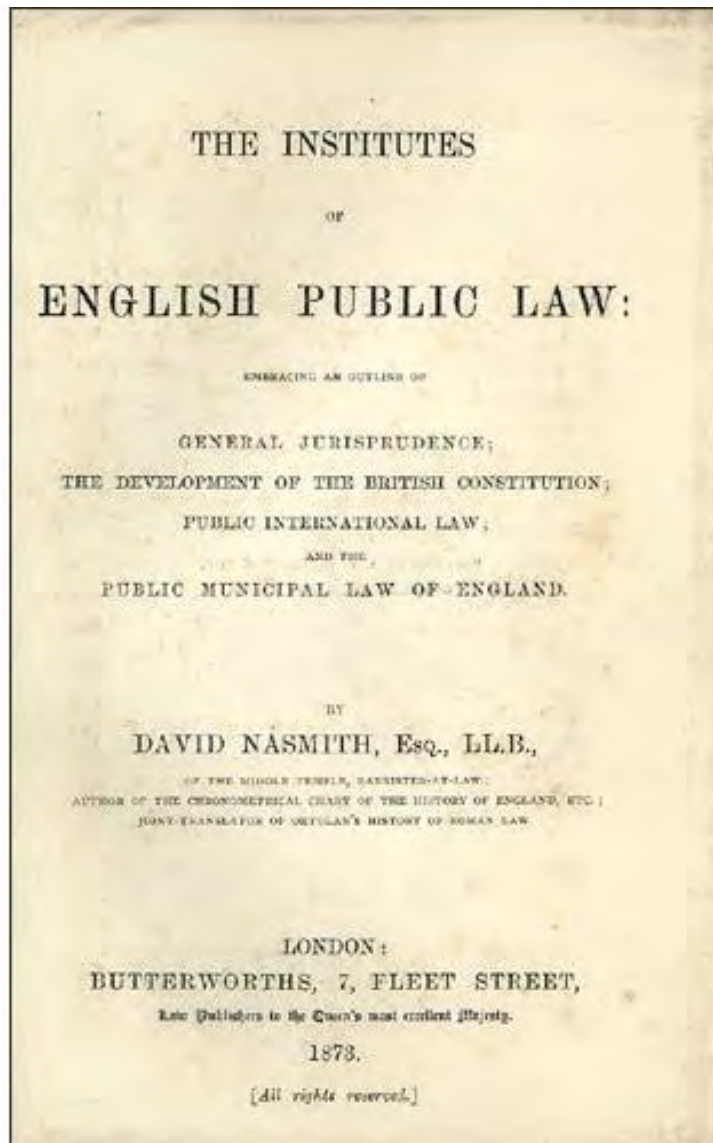
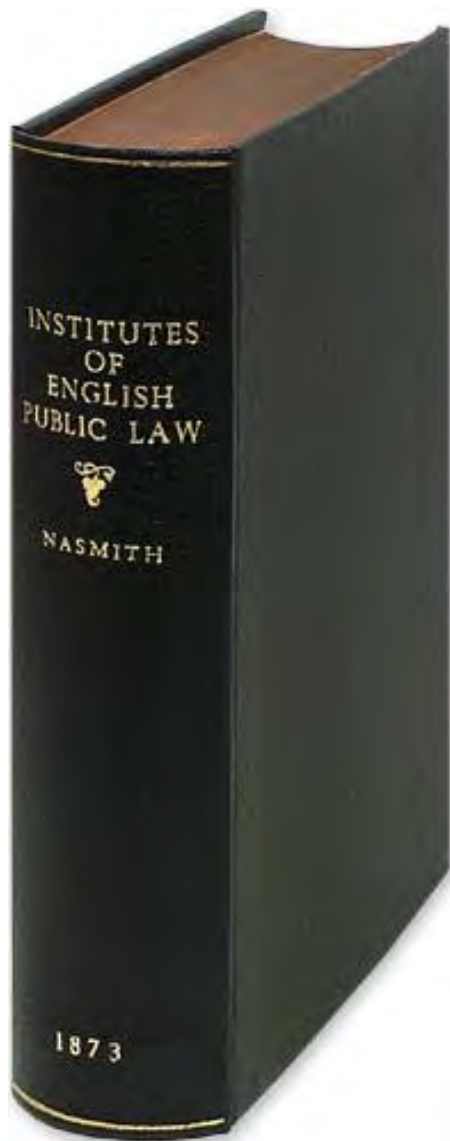
**"All the Instruction Needed"**

**21. McCall, H[enry] S[trong] [1819-1893].**

*The Constable's Guide: Being a Concise Treatise on the Powers and Duties of Constables in the State of New York: to Which is Added an Appendix, Containing Most of the Practical Forms Necessary to be Used by Them in Their Several Duties.* Albany: W. Gould & Son, 1882. viii, 234 pp. Octavo (7-1/2" x 4-1/2").

Original sheep, blind rules to boards, red and black lettering pieces to spine. Some rubbing to extremities, front joint and hinge cracked at ends. Offsetting to margins of endleaves, toning, light foxing in a few places. Gift inscription (from Thomas Campbell to John H. Schmall) to verso of front free endpaper, large pencil sketch of a woman's head to rear free endpaper, large owner signature (of John A. Schmall) to rear pastedown. \$65.

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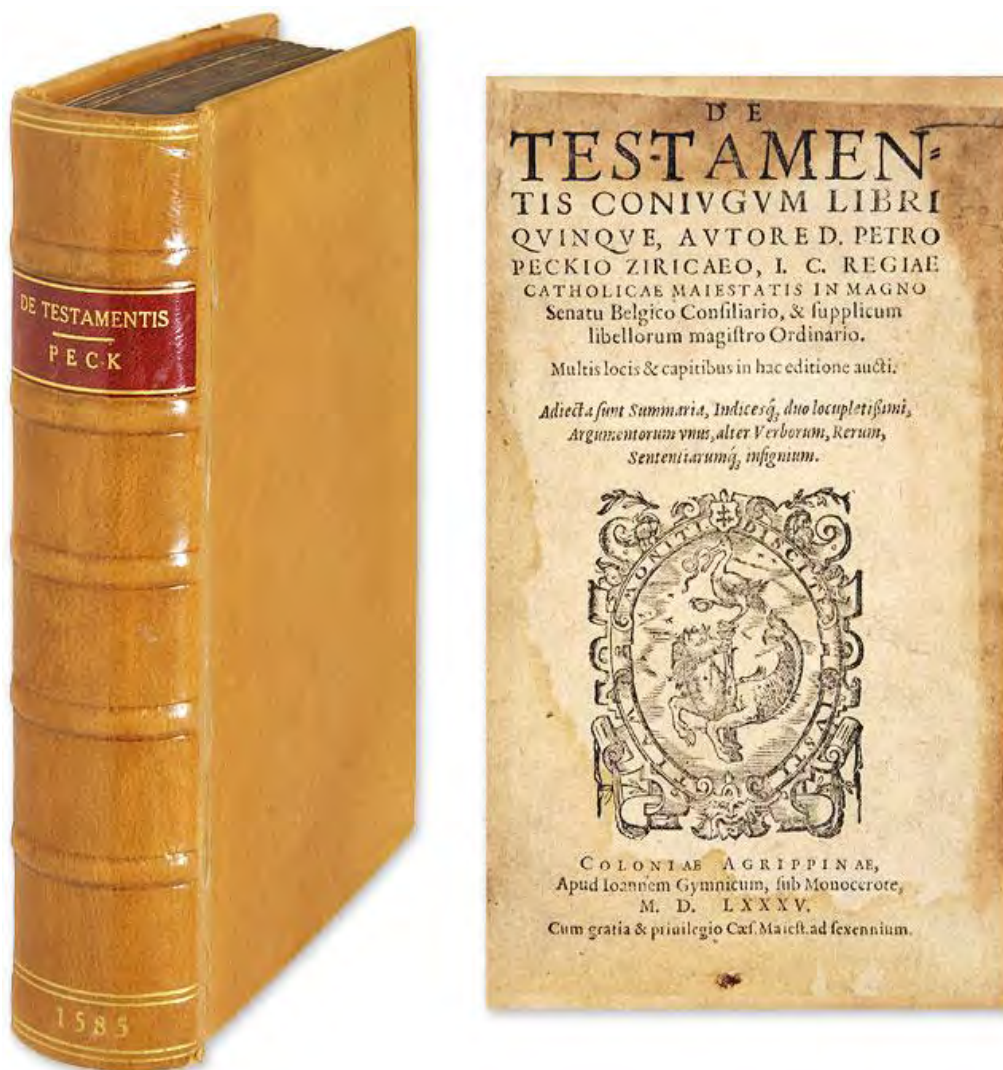
### "Scientific" Study of English Public Law

#### 22. Nasmith, David [1829-1894].

*Institutes of English Public Law: Embracing an Outline of General Jurisprudence; The Development of the British Constitution; Public International Law; and the Public Municipal Law of England.* London: Butterworths, 1873. vi, [xviii], 455, x, [2], 63 pp. With tables and three publisher catalogues. Octavo (8" x 5").

Rebound in period-style cloth, endpapers renewed, rouged edges, internally clean. \$250.

\* This book is a companion to Nasmith's treatises on English private and adjective law. Like the others, it emulates the systematic organization of Justinian's *Institutes*. Nasmith provides an overview of the relation in which the State and the English citizen are placed in constitutional and municipal law. It is also a fine example of the jurisprudence produced in Victorian England that approached the law as a science governed by discernible rules. Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 2:253. [Order this Item](#)



**Notable Treatise on the  
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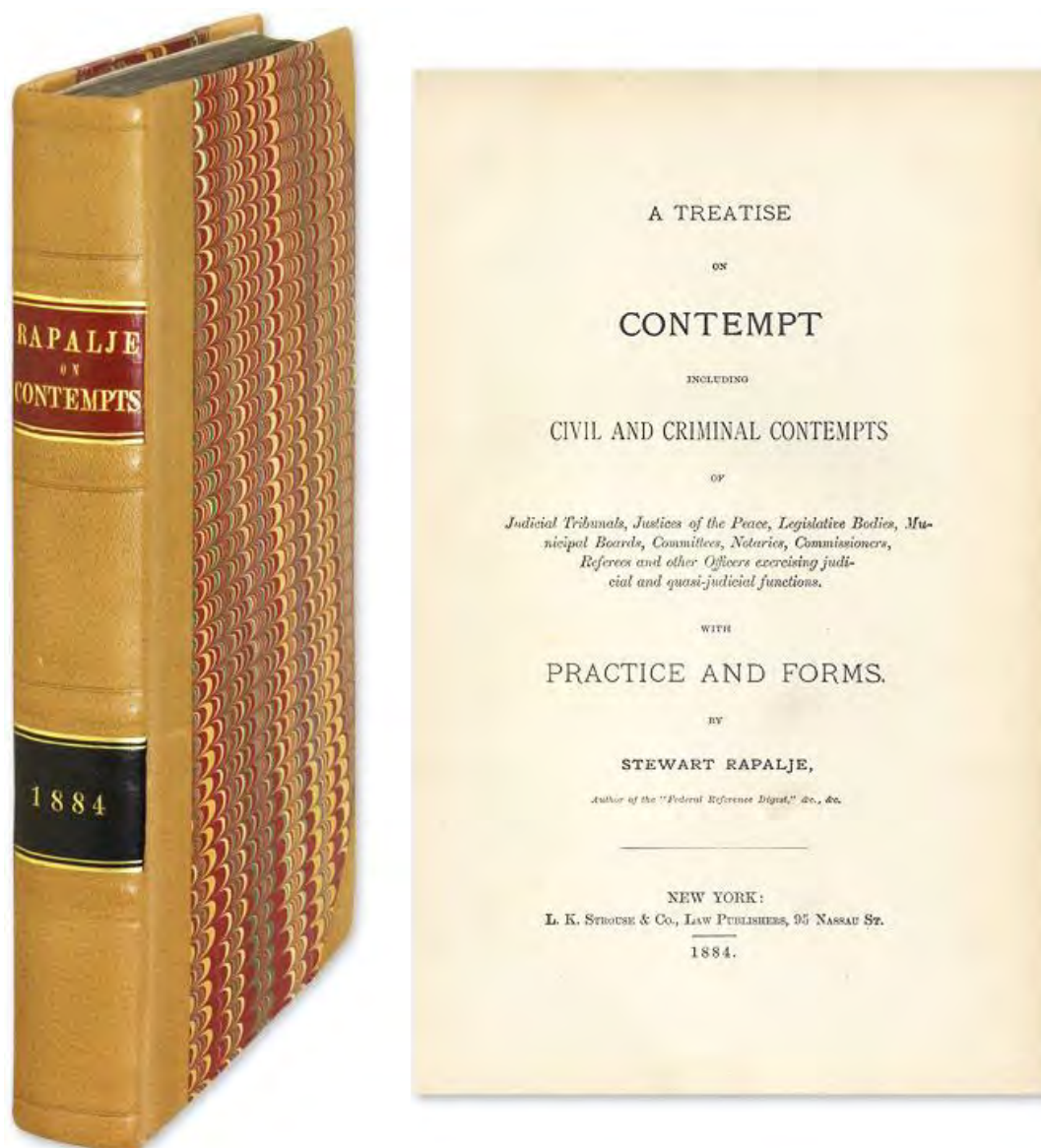
**23. Peck, Pieter [1529-1589].**

*De Testamentis Coniugum Libri Quinque; Adiectae Sunt Summaria Indicesque duo Locupletissimi, Argumentorum Unus, Alter Verborum, Rerum, Sententiarumque Insignium.* Cologne: Apud Ioannem Gymnicum, 1585. [xvi], 514, [88] pp. Octavo (6-1/2" x 4").

Recent polished calf, raised bands and lettering piece to spine, endpapers renewed, early hand-lettered title to fore-edge of text block, title page mounted and re-hinged. Light rubbing to extremities, some toning to text, occasional faint dampstaining to margins, early private-library bookplate to verso of title page, internally clean. Ex-library. Bookplate to front pastedown. A nice copy. \$950.

\* Second (or third) edition, one of two imprints from 1585, the other published in Namur. First published in 1564, *De Testamentis* analyzes the Roman laws that govern property bequeathed to a husband or wife in a will. Educated at the University of Leuven, Peck was a judge of the High Court of Mechelen. Later editions were published in 1599, 1627 and 1665. All are scarce. OCLC locates 2 copies of the 1585 Cologne imprint in North America (at the Morgan Library and the University of Chicago), none of the Namur imprint. This imprint not in Dekkers. *Verzeichnis der im Deutschen Sprachbereich Erschienenen Drucke des 16. Jahrhunderts* P1098. [Order this Item](#)





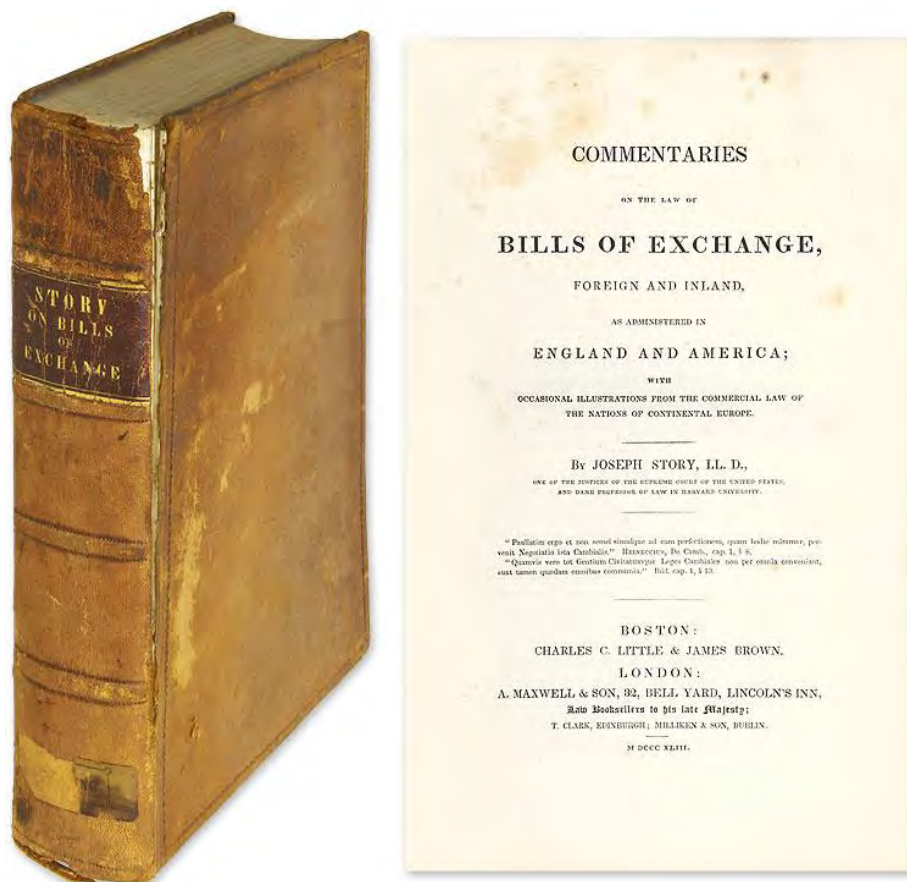
### A Notable Treatise on Contempt of Court

#### 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").

Newly bound in period-style three-quarter tan calf over marbled boards, raised bands and red and black lettering pieces to spine, endpapers renewed. Light toning to text, some soiling to title page, minor edgewear to a few leaves, internally clean. Ex-library. Small inkstamp to verso of title page. A very nice copy. \$750.

\* 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](#)



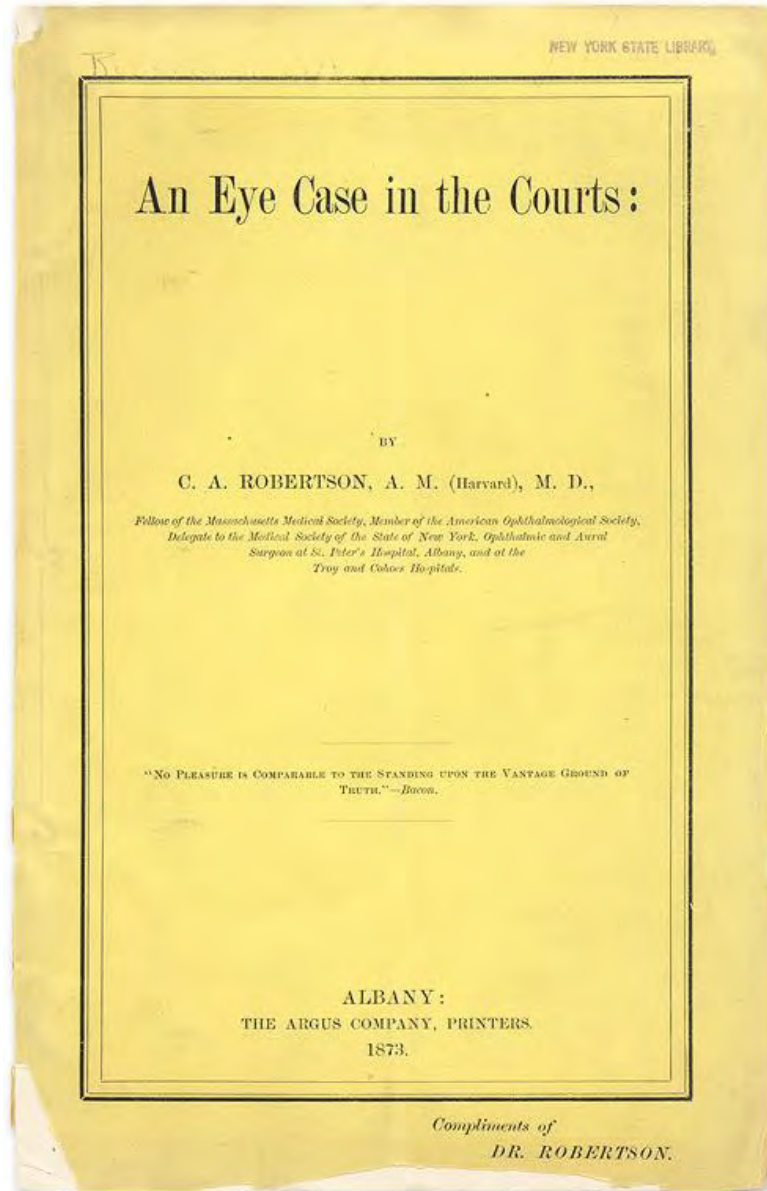
**One of the Standard American Texts of the Nineteenth Century**

**25. Story, Joseph [1779-1845].**

*Commentaries on the Law of Bills of Exchange, Foreign and Inland, as Administered in England and America; with Occasional Illustrations from the Commercial Law of the Nations of Continental Europe.* Boston: Charles C. Little and James Brown, 1843. xxiv, 608 pp. Octavo (9" x 6").

Contemporary sheep, blind fillets to boards, raised bands, lettering piece and fragment of owner label (Eno) to spine. Moderate rubbing to extremities and a few minor scuffs, front board partially detached. "Stephen Eno's Book/ May 16-1843/ Price \$5-" to front free endpaper, "L. Eno" to following endleaf, endleaves filled with annotations, occasional check marks, brief annotations and underlining. Toning, light foxing in a few places. A solid copy with an interesting association. \$250.

\* First edition. In *The Formative Era of American Law*, Pound refers to the *Commentaries on the Laws of Bills of Exchange* as one of the standard texts of the nineteenth century. As Marvin pointed out in 1847, it was certainly the most complete and wide-ranging text of its day. In addition to American and English sources Story draws on the work of Heineccius and other civil-law jurists. Apart from James Kent, no man has had greater influence on American law than Joseph Story. He was Dane Professor of Law at Harvard and an Associate Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court. His many books have been cited extensively in America and in Britain, and he remains an authority today. Stephen Eno [1762-1852] was a prominent lawyer and civic leader in Dutchess County, New York who practiced in Pine Plains, Amenia, and Poughkeepsie. A very wealthy man, he was known for his extreme frugality, which may be why he noted the purchase price in his owner inscription. Several of his descendants were lawyers, including his son (?), "L. Eno." The annotations are statements of legal principles with page references and bibliographical notes. Pound, *The Formative Era of American Law* 140-141. Marvin, *Legal Bibliography* 673. Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 2555. [Order this Item](#)



### Tort Case Involving an Accident on a Steamboat

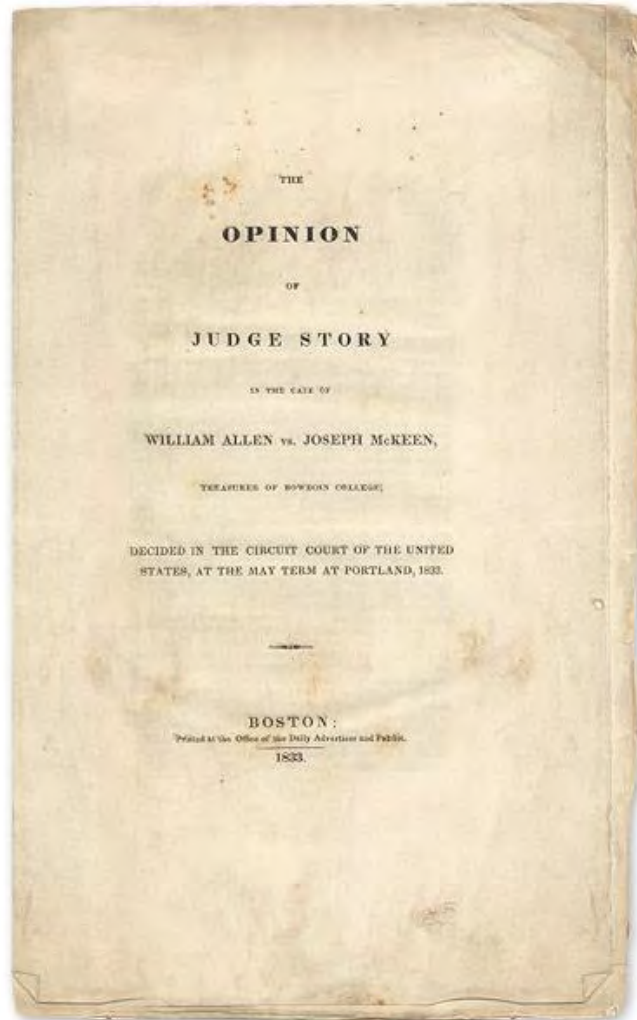
#### 26. [Trial].

#### Robertson, C.A.

*An Eye Case in the Courts.* Albany: The Argus Company, Printers, 1873. 21 pp. Octavo (9" x 6").

Stab-stitched pamphlet in printed wrappers. Light soiling, faint vertical crease through center, a few chips to edges of wrappers and a few leaves, small library stamp to head of front wrapper, some wear to spine ends, light toning to text, internally clean. \$150.

\* Only edition. An interesting tort case involving a man whose eye was injured while traveling on a Hudson River steamboat. Robertson was a medical expert for this case (*John C. Tinny v. The New Jersey Steamboat Company*). No copies located on OCLC. [Order this Item](#)



### Legacy of the Dartmouth College Case

27. [Trial].

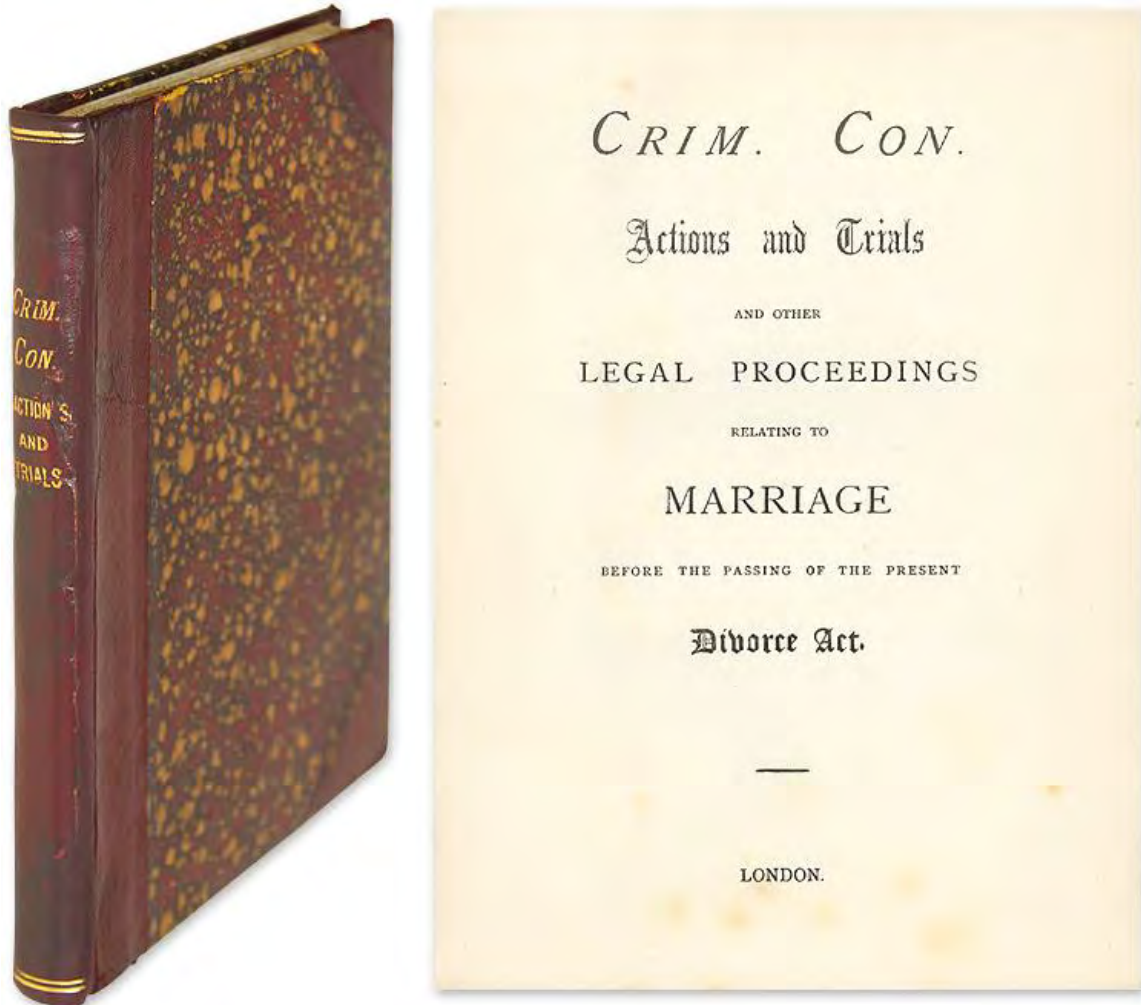
Story, Joseph.

McKeen Joseph, Defendant.

*The Opinion of Judge Story in the Case of William Allen vs. Joseph McKeen, Treasurer of Bowdoin College, Decided in the Circuit Court of the United States, At the May Term at Portland, 1833.* Boston: Printed at the Office of the Daily Advertiser and Patriot, 1833. 21, [1] pp. Octavo (9-3/4" x 6").

Stab-Stitched pamphlet in plain wrappers, untrimmed edges. Minor chipping and chairs to edges, light soiling to title page, internally clean. \$750.

\* Only edition. William Allen's service as President of Bowdoin College was terminated by an act of the Maine legislature in 1831, but he continued to serve because no agreement could be reached on his successor. Allen then sued the college treasurer for payment of his salary. The trial court found for the defendant. Judge Story, drawing on the precedent established by the Dartmouth College Case, reversed the verdict in the U.S. Circuit Court, declaring the Maine law to be an unconstitutional violation of the contract between Allen and the College. OCLC locates 5 copies, none in law libraries. Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 11572. [Order this Item](#)



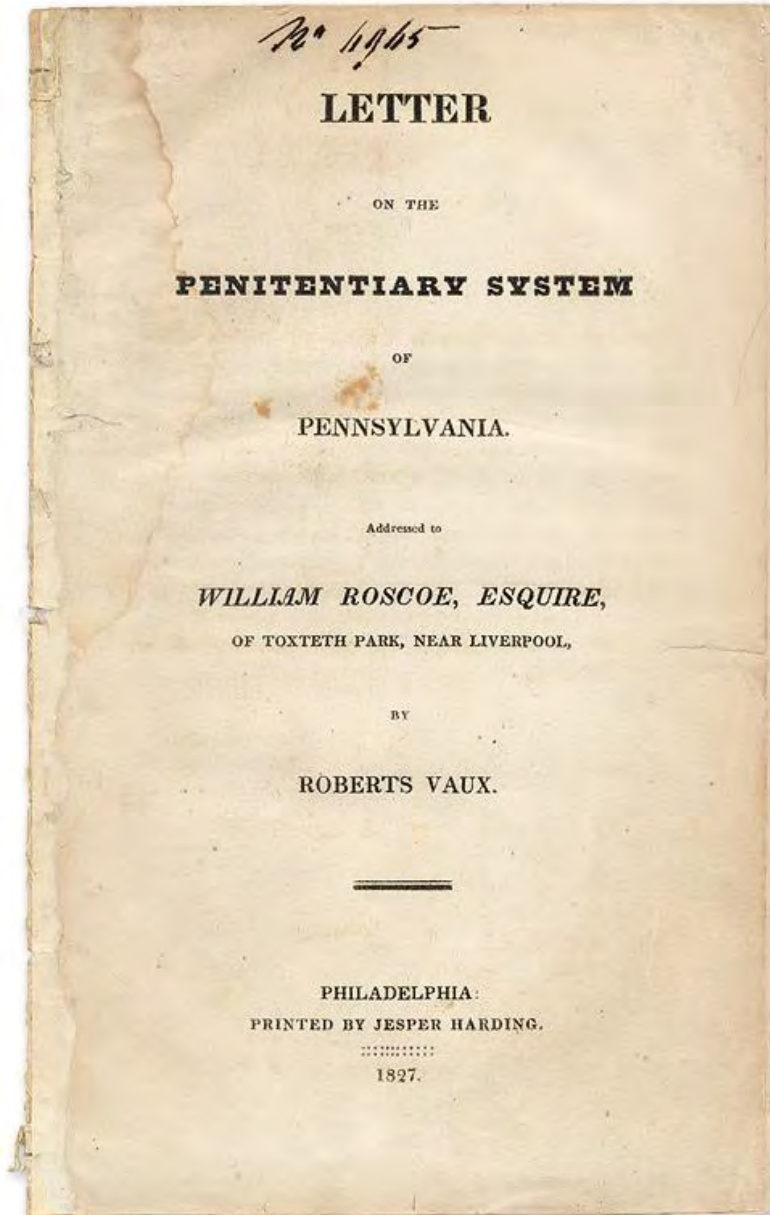
### Criminal Conversation's Influence on Later Divorce Law

#### 28. [Trials]. [Marriage Law].

*Crim. Con. Actions and Trials and Other Proceedings Relating to Marriage Before the Passing of the Present Divorce Act.* London: N.p, c.1857. [iv], 110, [2] pp. Octavo (7-1/2" x 5").

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\* Only edition. With two cases involving Thomas Erskine as counsel. "Actions for what was formerly known...as crim[inal] con[versation] were *nominally* abolished thirty years ago: that they were not *actually* got rid of, as will presently be shewn, is evident from the wording of the Divorce Act.... It is a remarkable fact, however, that in spite of the loose wording of the Act, such actions have become of such a rare occurrence as to be virtually at an end, and what the Act was intended to bring about, while failing to do it technically, has yet to come to pass. The object of the following pages is to show the nature of the legal proceedings formerly in vogue as necessary before an injured husband could clear himself of an adulterous wife and marry again, and a number of interesting cases, which attracted a deal of public attention, in their day, are given, from which it may be readily perceived with what facility conspiracy and fraud could be perpetuated.": Preface [iii]. Not in Sweet & Maxwell or the *British Museum Catalogue*. [Order this Item](#)



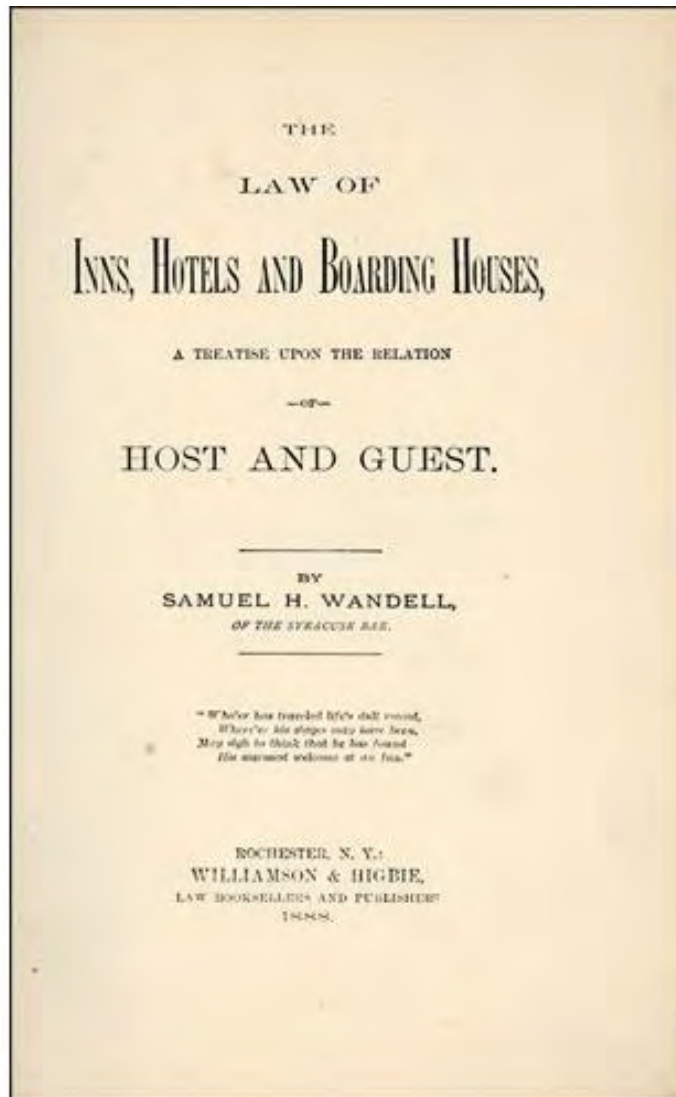
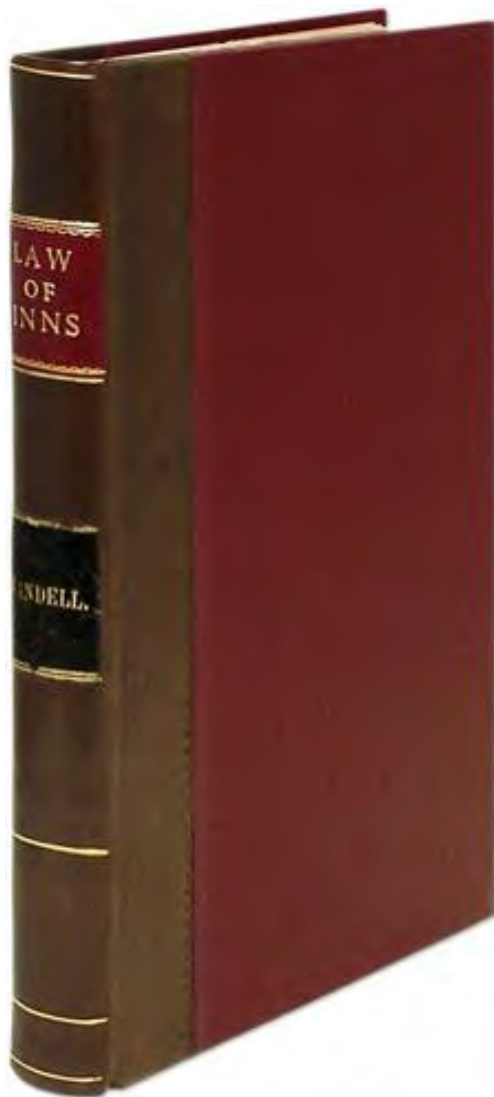
**A Defense of the Pennsylvania System of Penology**

**29. Vaux, Roberts [1786-1836].**

*Letter On The Penitentiary System Of Pennsylvania. Addressed to William Roscoe, Esquire, Of Toxteth Park, Near Liverpool.* Philadelphia: Printed by Jasper Harding, 1827. 15 pp. Octavo (8-1/4" x 5").

Disbound stab-stitched pamphlet. Light soiling, some shelfwear and faint dampstaining. Early annotation to head of title page, internally clean. \$150.

\* Only edition. A defense of the system of separate confinement, written by a leader in the Pennsylvania prison reform movement. Works such as this, together with the writings of foreign observers, helped spread the influence of the Pennsylvania system throughout Europe. Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 4480. [Order this Item](#)



### Engagingly Written Treatise on Hotel Law Illustrated With Anecdotes

**30. Wandell, Samuel H. [1860-1943].**

*The Law of Inns, Hotels and Boarding Houses, A Treatise Upon the Relation of Host and Guest.* Rochester, NY: Williamson & Higbie, 1888. 5, xix, 271 pp. Octavo (9" x 6").

Recent period-style quarter calf over cloth, lettering piece to spine, endpapers renewed. Light toning to text, internally clean. A nice copy. \$350.

\* Only edition. Enjoyable for its engaging prose and skillful use of anecdote, Wandell's comprehensive treatise addresses such topics as theft, fire and damages, as well as such recent developments as civil-rights legislation and the status of railroad sleeping cars. A preliminary chapter traces the legal history of the hospitality industry from the ancients to the late nineteenth century. Wandell, a member of the Syracuse, NY, bar, was the author of *The Law of the Theatre: The Legal Relations of Actors, Managers and Audiences* and a notable biography of Aaron Burr. *Catalogue of the Library of the Harvard Law School* (1909) II:886. [Order this Item](#)