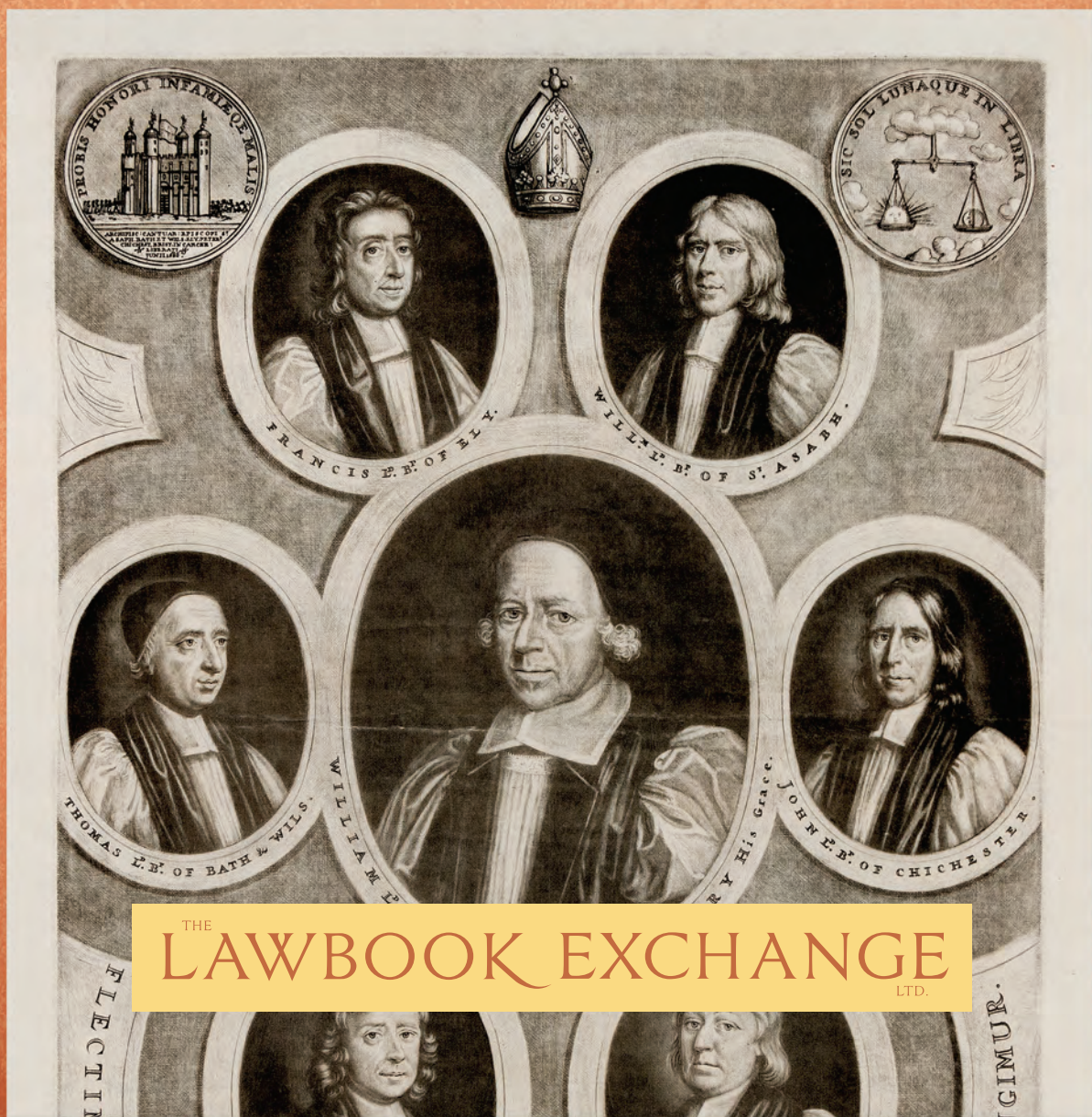


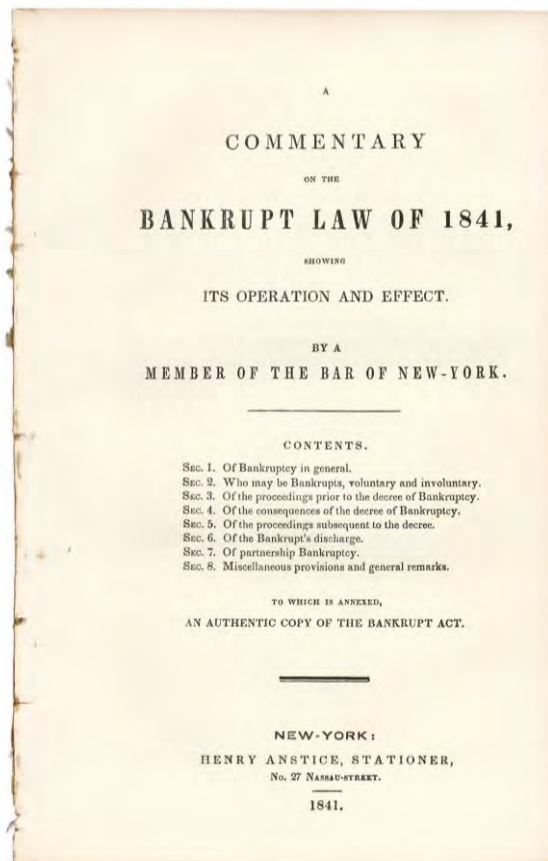
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A Rare Guide to the 1841 Bankruptcy Act

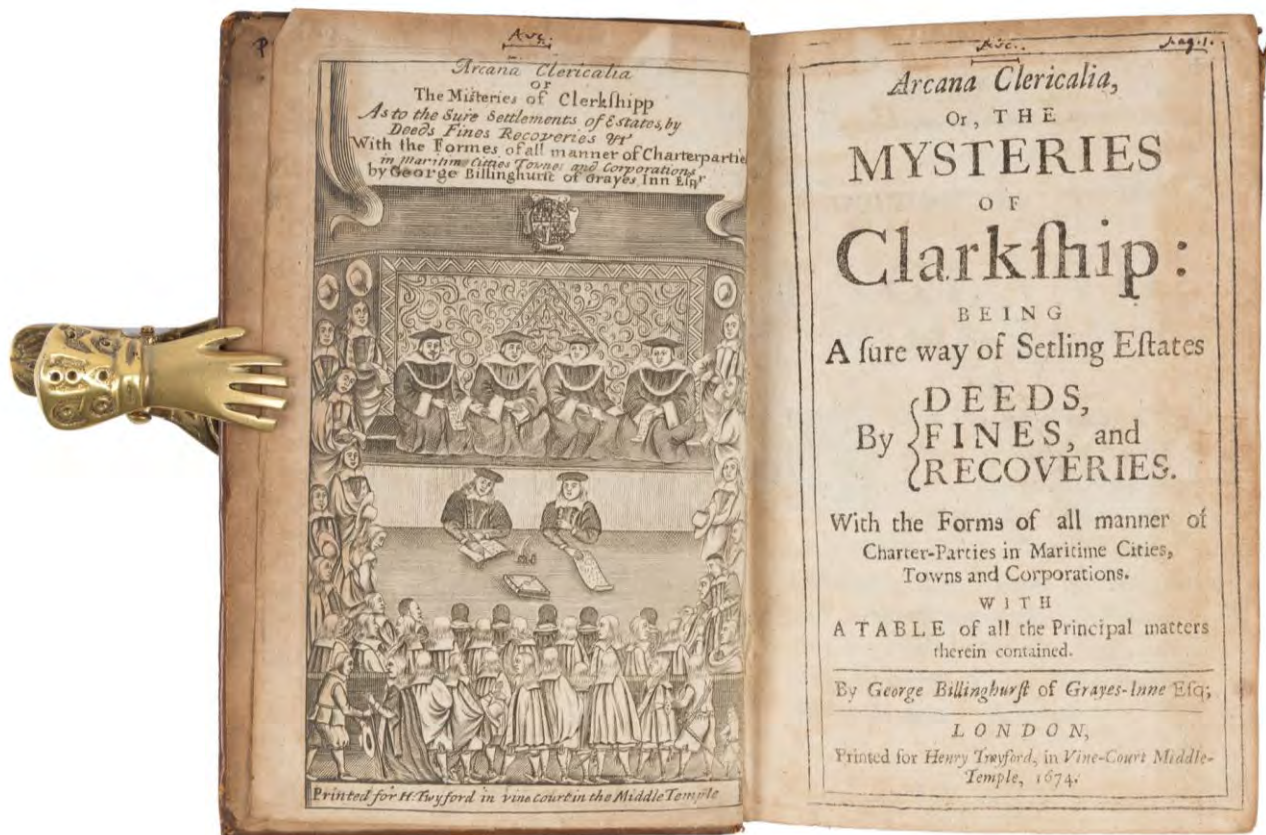
1. [Bankruptcy].

[Bicknell, George Augustus].

A Commentary on the Bankrupt Law of 1841, Showing its Operation and Effect. By a Member of the Bar of New-York. To Which is Annexed, An Authentic Copy of the Bankruptcy Act. New York: H. Anstice, Stationer, 1841. 47; 11 pp. Two parts, each with title page and individual pagination. The second part has title reading (in part): The Bankrupt Law of the United States. Octavo (8" x 5").

Disbound stab-stitched pamphlets, first and second parts divided, light toning, negligible light soiling to exterior, small inkstain to verso of final leaf. \$950.

* First edition. Enacted in 1800, the first Federal bankruptcy act aimed to encourage economic risk and supersede the patchwork of debtor laws in force in the different states. Never a popular law, it was repealed in 1803. Claiming this would retard economic development, supporters of the defeated bill launched a campaign to restore the law or enact a similar one. Support increased after the Panic of 1837 and the five-year depression that followed. These efforts reached fruition in the General Bankrupt Law of 1841. Almost as unpopular as its 1801 predecessor, it was repealed in 1843. Bicknell's pamphlet was one of the first commentaries on this act. A second edition, with the author's name on the title page, was published in 1842. Both editions are rare. No complete copies of the first edition are listed on OCLC, which lists two copies without the text of the act, one at the Hagley Museum, another at Columbia Law School. We located another copy, which has both parts, at the New-York Historical Society. Cohen, who based his record on Columbia's copy, notes the absence of the act in *Bibliography of Early American Law* (2003 Supplement, entry 2467.60). [Order This Item](#)



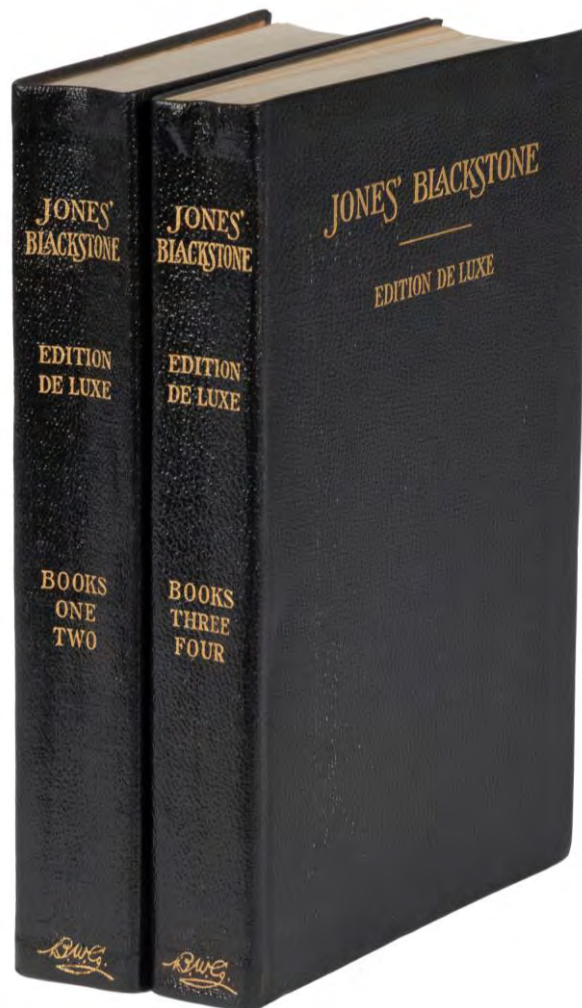
"The Mysteries of Clarkship"

2. Billinghurst, George.

Arcana Clericalia, Or the Mysteries of Clarkship: Being a Sure Way of Setling Estates by Deeds, Fines, And Recoveries. With the Forms of All Manner of Charter-Parties in Maritime Cities, Towns and Corporations. With a Table of All the Principal Matters Therein Contained. London: Printed for Henry Twyford in Vine-Court Middle-Temple, 1674. [xvii], 240, [2], 179-351, [17]; 67, [3], 57, [1] pp. Four parts. The first, second and fourth have title pages, the third has a drop-head title: *Arcana Clericalia: Or, The Mysteries of Clerkship*. The second part, "By T.B. Esq," dated 1673, has title beginning: *The Several Forms of Instruments Relating to the Affairs of Merchants, And Traders*. The fourth has title beginning: *Arcana Clericalia: Or a Treatise of Common Recoveries Upon Writs of Entry in Le Port*. Title page of first part preceded by general copperplate pictorial title page. Text complete. Octavo (6-1/2" x 4").

Contemporary calf, blind rules to boards, raised bands and later hand-lettered paper title label to spine, blind tooling to board edges. Light rubbing and a few minor nicks and scuffs to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, joints starting at ends, corners bumped and moderately worn, hinges cracked. Moderate toning, light foxing and faint dampspotting in a few places. Early owner signature (Dan. Fleming) to front free endpaper, brief early annotations to endleaves, early underlining and other markings to text in a few places. \$1,500.

* First edition, one of two issues from 1674. Intended for "practitioners and students," this is a comprehensive practical treatise on the principles and procedures of conveyancing. Forms used in conveyancing are discussed at length. Several examples are given with explanatory side-notes. A second edition, issued twice, was published in 1705. All printings of this book are scarce. Including both issues, OCLC locates 10 copies of the first edition in North American law libraries. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R210634. [Order This Item](#)



"Edition De Luxe" of *Jones's Blackstone*

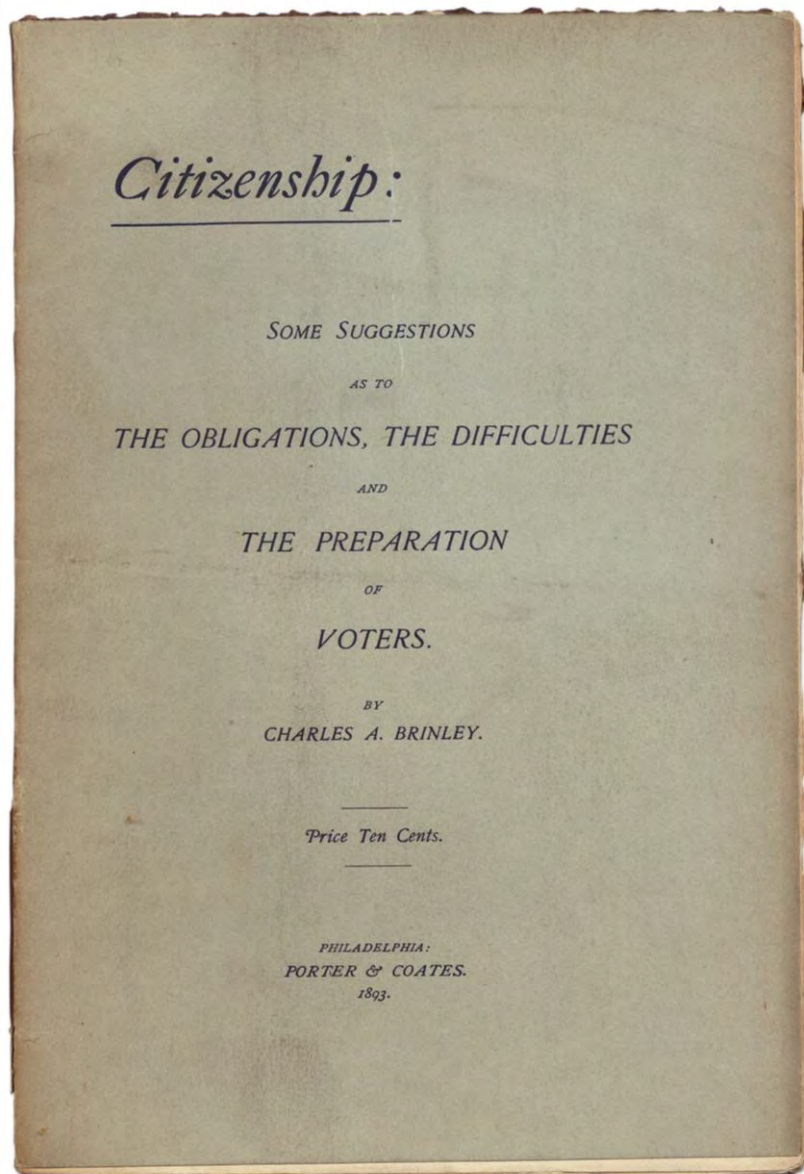
3. Blackstone, Sir William [1723-1780].

Jones, William Carey [1854-1923], Editor.

Commentaries on the Laws of England. San Francisco: Bancroft-Whitney Company, 1916. Four volumes in two books. cxxiv, 1486; lxxxii, 1487-2770 pp.

Morocco-stamped flexible cloth, gilt titles to front covers and spines. Negligible light rubbing to boards, slightly heavier rubbing to extremities. Light toning to interiors, slightly heavier in places, faint offsetting to margins of endleaves. A handsome set. \$450.

* Edition De Luxe, the second and final edition by Jones. Blackstone's text is divided into sections, with bold topical headings; Volume II includes a supplementary chapter by Orrin Kip McMurray, "Conflict of Laws." Jones's introductory essay, "Concerning the Commentaries," includes a biography of Blackstone. Bancroft-Whitney commissioned Jones's edition to replace their eighth edition by William Hammond (1890). This was done in part because the Hammond plates were destroyed in the San Francisco fire of 1906. Jones retained Hammond's useful bibliography of editions of the *Commentaries*, as well as his text and notes, and updated Hammond's citations to reflect developments after 1890. Not in Eller. Laeuchli, *A Bibliographical Catalog of William Blackstone* 257. [Order This Item](#)



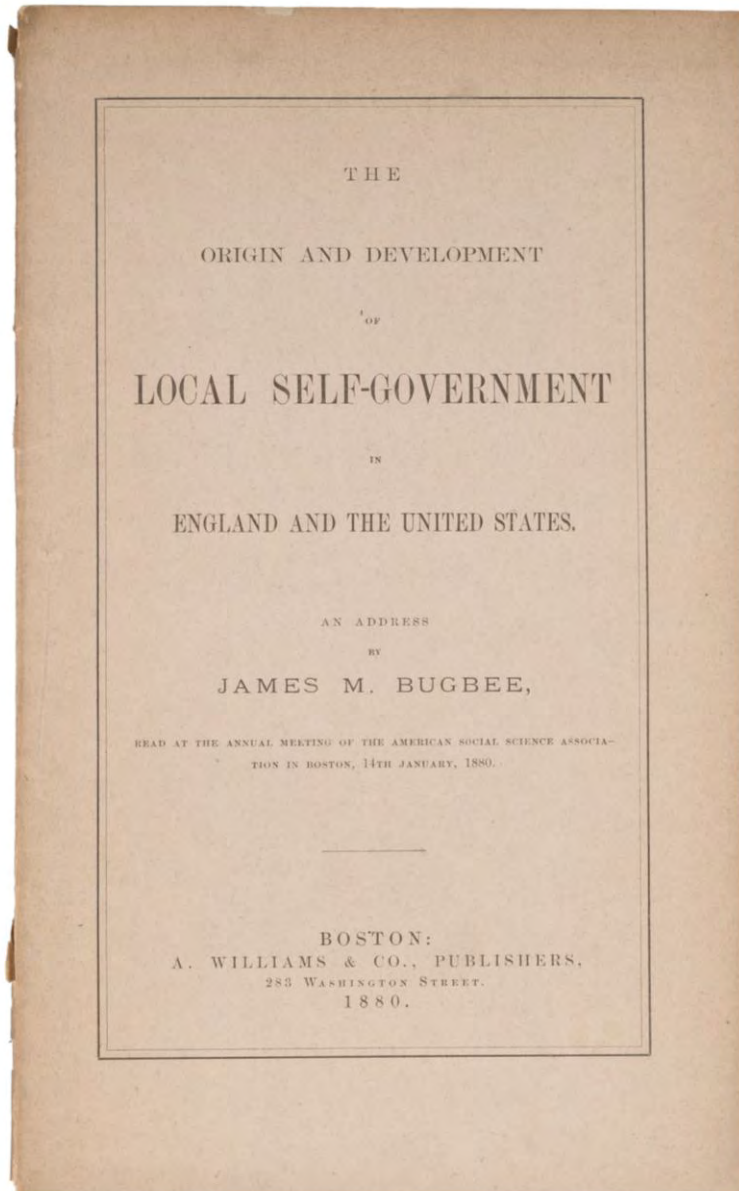
The Preparation of Voters

4. Brinley, Charles A. [1847-1919].

Citizenship: Some Suggestions as to the Obligations, The Difficulties and the Preparation of Voters. Philadelphia, Porter & Coates, 1893. 44 pp. Octavo (9" x 6").

Printed stiff wrappers, deckle edges. Light soiling, a few chips to edges of wrappers, heavier chipping to spine ends, rear wrapper partially detached. Clean tear to front wrapper, mended on verso with archival tape, two other clean tears to half-title and title page, light toning to interior. \$150.

* Only edition. Brinley was a socially prominent Philadelphia businessman and civic leader. Written at a time when the electorate was expanding and women were struggling to gain the right to vote, Brinley's pamphlet outlines a series of practical steps to educate voters and future voters. Though Brinley is free of overt bias, it is clear that he believed that a body of educated voters would bring an end to machine politics. [Order This Item](#)



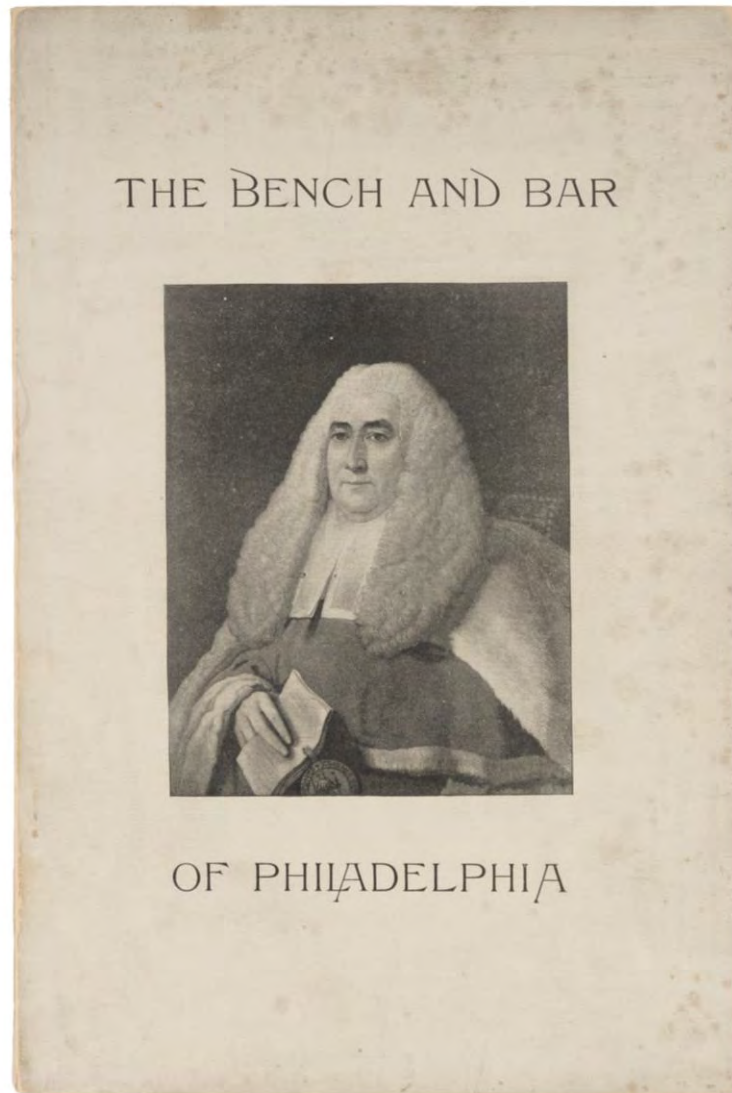
By an Early Expert on Municipal Government

5. Bugbee, James M. [1837-1913].

The Origin and Development of Local Self-Government in England and the United States. Boston: A. Williams & Co., Publishers, 1880. 39, [1] pp. Octavo (8-1/4" x 5-1/4").

Stab-stitched pamphlet in printed wrappers. Some wear to spine ends, small chip to top-edge of rear wrapper, moderate toning to interior. \$150.

* Only edition. This essay, the published version of an address to the American Social Science Association, considers the role of municipal corporations in the development of self-government. Bugbee was an early expert on municipal government. His best-known work is *The City Government of Boston* (1887). [Order This Item](#)



Fascinating Philadelphia Legal Directory from 1893

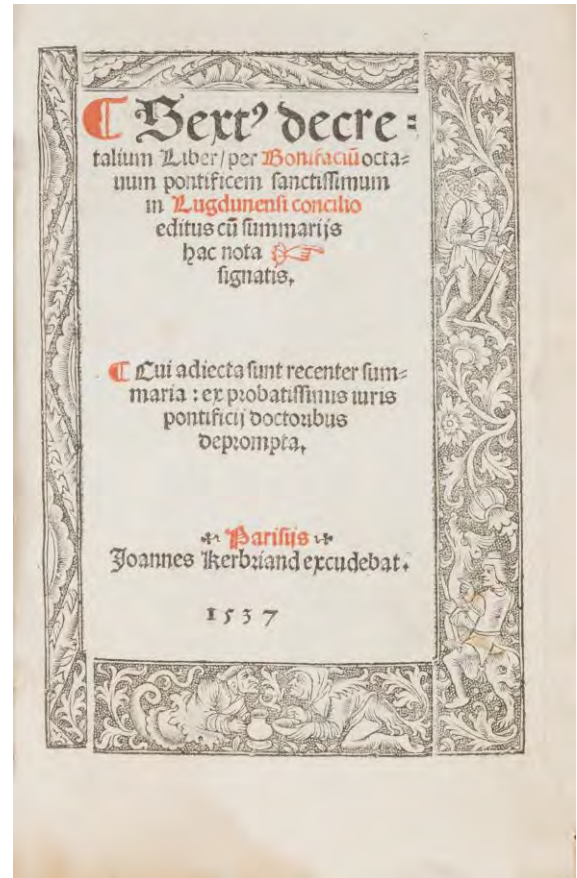
6. Campbell, William J., Law Bookseller, Compiler.

The Bench and Bar of Philadelphia. An Illustrated Chronological and Alphabetical Legal Directory. Philadelphia: [William J. Campbell, Edw. Stern & Co., Printers], 1009 Walnut Street, 1893. 108 pp. Half-tone photographic portraits. Advertisements. Octavo (9" x 6").

Stiff pictorial paper wrappers. Light rubbing to extremities, moderate soiling and faint spotting to wrappers, light toning to interior. \$350.

* Compiled and produced by a notable Philadelphia law publisher and bookseller, which existed from 1850 to 1951, this directory of Philadelphia lawyers and judges is interspersed with advertisements for attorneys and practitioners in related fields and portraits of Philadelphia judges and Pennsylvania appellate judges. It provides a fascinating glimpse of the daily life of the Philadelphia Bar at the end of the nineteenth century. OCLC locates 4 copies (Jenkins Law Library, University of Florida Law School, University of Michigan Law School, Yale Law School). Temple University Libraries, *William J. Campbell Bookstore Records* (accessed online). [Order This Item](#)

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Pre-Tridentine Editions of Four Primary Volumes of Canon Law

7. [Canon Law].

[*Corpus Juris Canonici*].

Boniface VIII [1235-1303], Pope.

Sext[us] Decretalium Liber per Bonifacium Octavum Pontificem Sanctissimum in Lugdunensi Concilio Editus cum Summariis hac Nota [Pointing Hand] Signatis. Cui Adiecta sunt Recenter Summaria: Ex Probatissimis Iuris Pontificii Doctoribus Deprompta. Woodcut table of consanguinity.

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Clement V [c.1266-1314], Pope.

Clementinarum Constitutionum Liber. Ad Maiorem Cuius Elucidationem Adiecta sunt Summaria: Hac Figura [Pointing Hand] Signata.

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[Popes After John XXII].

Extravagantes Communes a Diversis Romanis Pontificibus Post Sextu[s] Edite: Ac Diligenti Cura Castigate: Una cum Summariis hac Figura [Pointing Hand] Signatis.

[And]

John XXII [1244-1334], Pope.

Extravagantes seu Constitutiones Viginti: A Joanne XXII. Edite, Ac Diligenti Cura Castigate: Una cu[m] Summariis Admodum Familiaribus hac Figura [Pointing Hand] Signatis.

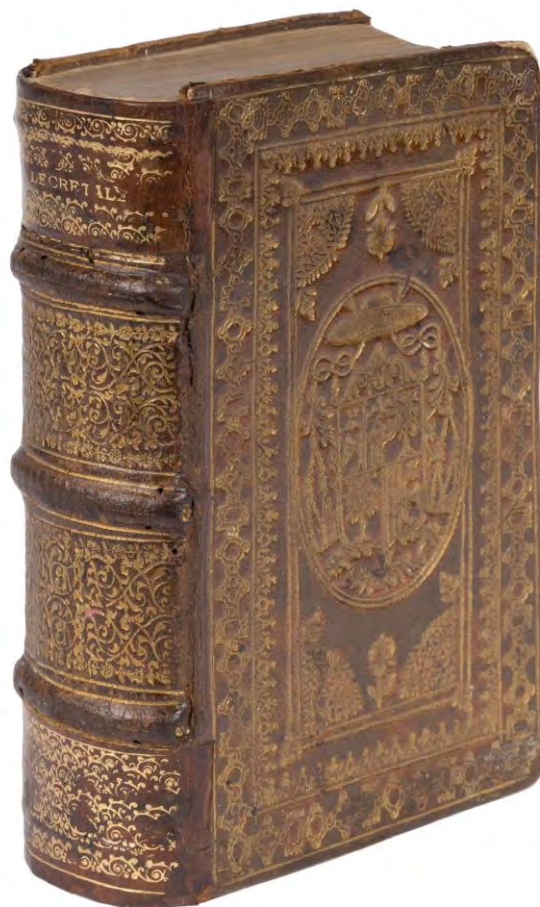
Paris: Joannes Kerbriand Excudebat, 1537. lxxviii-[2]; xxxvi; xliiii; xx. Four parts, each with title page and individual pagination. Final leaf of *Extravagantes Communes*, a blank, lacking. Main texts in parallel columns. Octavo (6" x 4").

Contemporary paneled calf, raised bands and blind fillets to spine, bronze clasps, front endleaves renewed, rear hinge mended. Light rubbing and a few cracks and shallow scuffs to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, wear to spine ends and corners, which are bumped, joints cracked. Text printed in red and black, title pages printed within metal-cut borders, metal-cut initials. Light toning to interior, faint dampstaining at beginning and end of text block near foot of gutter, some discoloration and light wear to fore-edge of title page of *Sextus] Decretalium*, small hole to front free endpaper. \$2,500.

* Second Kerbriand edition, which was first printed in 1531. Enhanced with brief summaries by an anonymous editor, which are indicated by pointing hands (manicules), this volume collects four books from the *Corpus Juris Canonici*, a collective title first used in 1441: the *Liber Sextus* of Boniface VIII (1298), the *Liber Septimus Decretalium*, better known as the *Constitutiones Clementis V*, or *Clementinae*, of Clement V (1317), the *Extravagantes* of John XXII (1325) and the *Extravagantes Communes* of later popes through 1484. These editions are interesting because they were issued before the *Correctores Romani* revision, which was ordered in 1582 by the Council of Trent. Moreau, *Inventaire Chronologique des Éditions Parisiennes du XVI^e Siècle* V:449, 450, 451, 454, 455.



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Plantin Edition of the *Decretals* of Gregory IX in a Notably Handsome Binding

8. [Canon Law].

[*Corpus Juris Canonici*].

Gregory IX, Pope [1227-1241].

[Raymond of Penaforte, Saint (1175?-1275), Compiler].

[Le Conte, Antoine (1517-1586), Editor].

Epistolae Decretales Summorum Pontificum, A Gregorio Nono Pontifice Maximo Collectae. Quid Hac Editione Praestitum Sit, Sequenti Pagella Indicatur. Antwerp: Ex Officina Christophori Plantini, 1570. [xxxii], 911, [1] pp. Octavo (6-1/2" x 4-1/4").

Contemporary ornate gilt-paneled calf, large arms of an unidentified bishop or cardinal to centers of boards, gilt spine with raised bands, all edges gilt, spine ends carefully mended. A few minor nicks and scuffs to boards, a few tiny worm holes to spine, moderate rubbing to extremities, front joint starting, hinges cracked. Plantin device to title page. Moderate toning and light foxing, light soiling to title page, single worm hole through most of text block. A handsome volume. \$1,750.

* Promulgated in 1234, the *Decretals* of Gregory IX is one of the four works known collectively as the *Corpus Juris Canonici*, a collection of papal decisions comprising the law of the Catholic Church and lands governed by the Pope. The *Decretals* is organized into five books dealing with church government, procedure, clerical life, marriage and criminal law. The first printed edition was issued in Strasbourg by Heinrich Eggesteyn in 1470-1472. Edited by the important humanist Le Conte, also known as Contius, our Plantin edition predates the Reformation-inspired *Correctores Romani* (1580-1582), which was the law of the Church until 1917. Adams, *Catalogue of Books Printed on the Continent of Europe* G1227. [Order This Item](#)



Rare Edition of the *Corpus Juris Canonici*

9. [Canon Law].

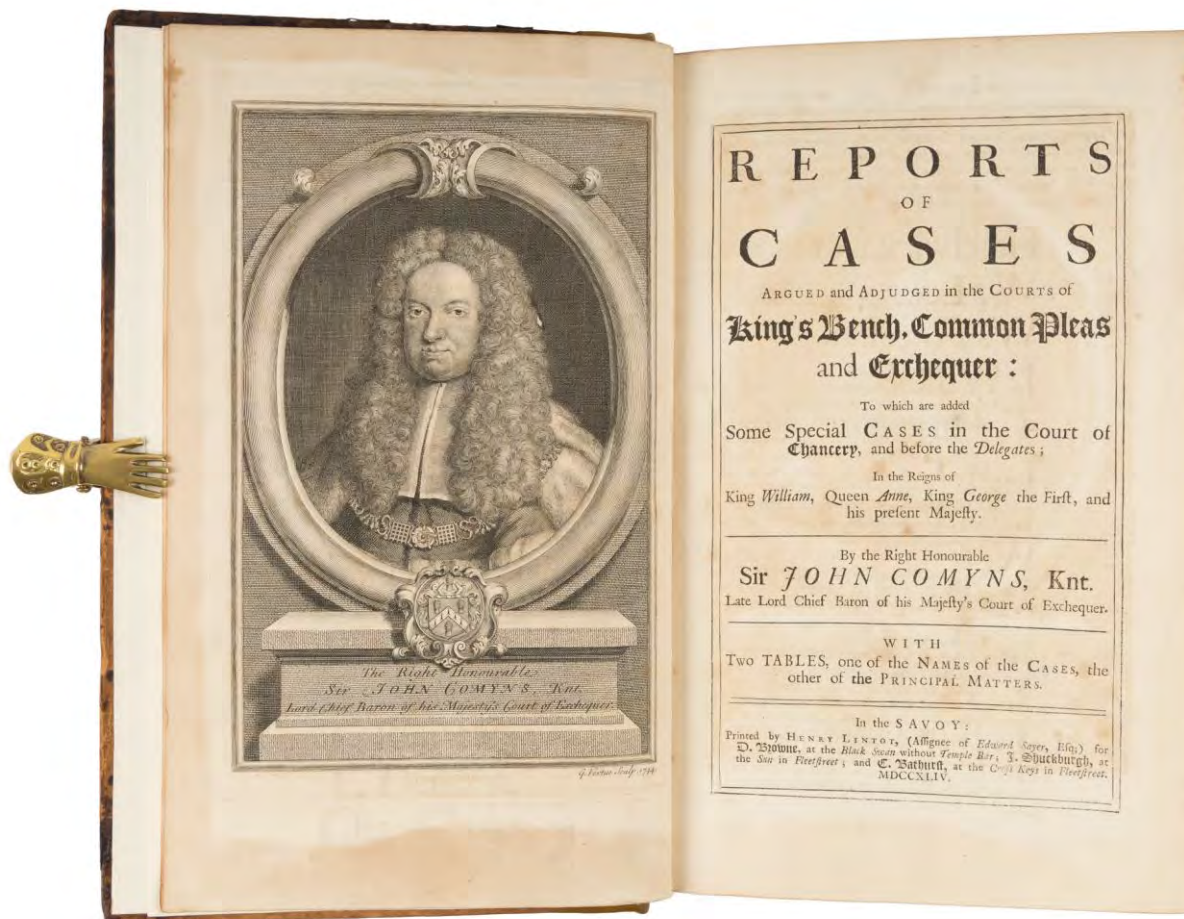
[*Corpus Juris Canonici*].

Lancelotti, Giovanni Paolo [1522-1590], Editor.

Corpus Iuris Canonici Emendatum et Notis Illustratum. Gregorii XIII. Pont. Max. Iussu Editum. Indicibus Variis, Et Novis & Appendice Pauli Lancelotti, Perusini Adnotum: Cuius Partes Indicat Aversa Pagina. Accesserunt Novissimè Loci Communes Uberrimi, Summa Diligentia ex Ipsi Canonibus Collecti, & Ordine ac Methodo Singulari ad Usus Fori Utriusque Fideliter Digesti: Theologis, Politicis, & Practicis Perneccessarii. Lyon: [Thomas Guérin], 1591. Four volumes in one book, each with individual pagination. First book preceded by general title page, other books have drop-head titles. [lxiv] pp, 1273 (i.e. 1272) cols.; [xvii] pp., 754 cols.; [xi] p., 416 cols.; [vi] pp., 158 cols., [42] pp. Quarto (9-3/4" x 6-3/4").

Contemporary blind-stamped pigskin, large central arabesques to boards, raised bands and paper label and hand-lettered title to spine, fragments of cloth ties. Light soiling, moderate rubbing to extremities, boards slightly bowed, front hinge cracked. General title page, with small later library stamp, printed in red and black. Light browning to interior, minor dampstaining and worming to a few leaves, extensive contemporary annotations to two contents pages to first work, later owner signature to front free endpaper. \$1,250.

* Later edition. Attempts to codify the body of canon law began in earnest during the Carolingian Empire. These efforts reached fruition with Gratian's *Concordia Discordantium Canonum* or *Decretum Gratiani*, a watershed compilation that superseded earlier collections. The *Libre Quinque Decretalium* of Gregory IX followed in 1234. Published in 1298, the *Liber Sextus* of Boniface VIII was the last great collection of the pre-Reformation era. John XXII added the final official collection, the *Liber Septimus Decretalium*, better known as the *Constitutiones Clementis V* or simply *Clementinae* (1317). Three more texts were added later: the *Extravagantes* of John XXII (1325) and the *Extravagantes Communes* of other popes to 1484. These works are known collectively as the *Corpus Juris Canonici*. Many editions include the *Appendix Pauli Lancelotti* (1563), an elementary guide to the *Corpus* in the manner of Justinian's *Institutes*. The texts in this volume are drawn from the *Correctores Romani* (1580-1582), an edition commissioned by the Council of Trent. It remained the only authentic legal collection of the Western Church until the promulgation of the Code of Canon Law in 1917. The annotations are additions and corrections to a chronological list of citations (from St. Peter to Gregory XIII). This is a scarce edition. OCLC does not list any complete copies in North America. This edition not in Adams or Ferreira-Ibarra. [Order This Item](#)



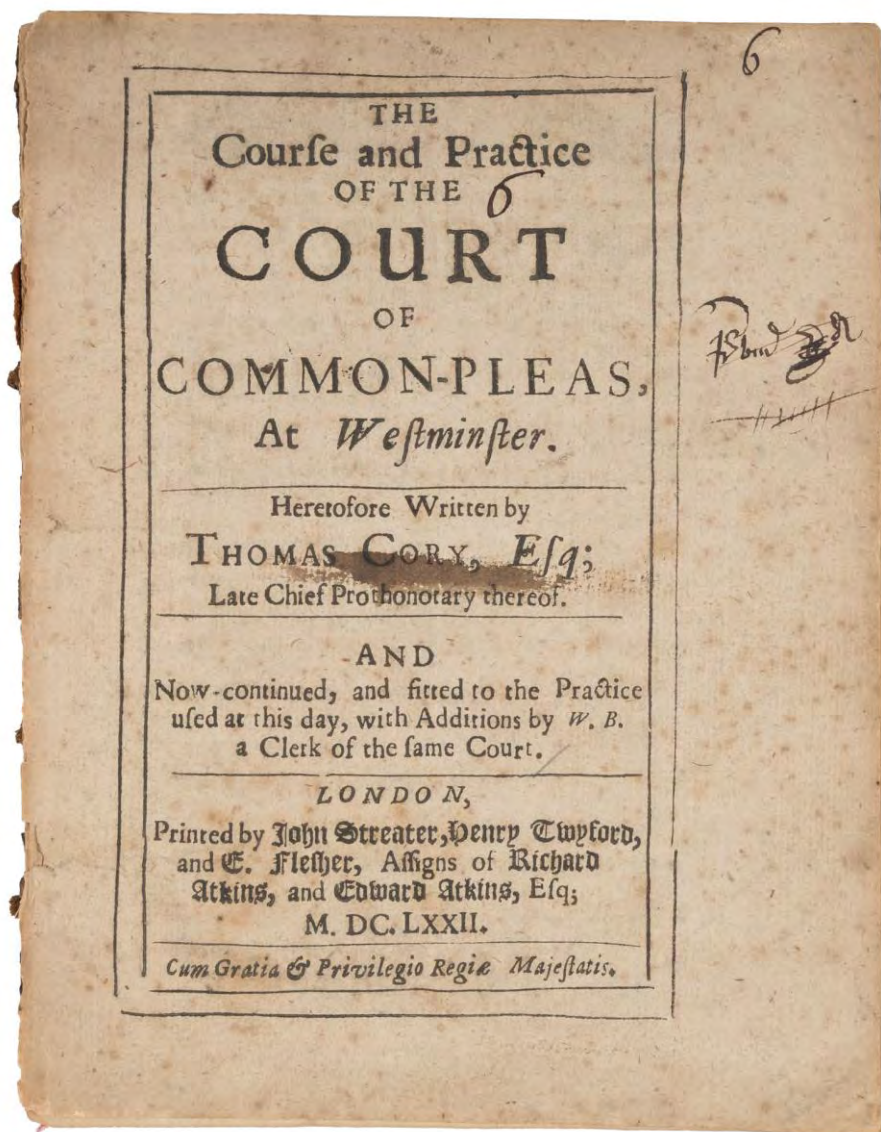
A Well-Regarded Eighteenth-Century Reporter

10. Comyns, Sir John [c.1667-1740]. [Comyns, John, Translator, Editor].

Reports of Cases Argued and Adjudged in the Courts of King's Bench, Common Pleas and Exchequer: To Which are Added Some Special Cases in the Court of Chancery, And Before the Delegates; In the Reigns of King William, Queen Anne, King George the First, And His Present Majesty. By the Right Honourable Sir John Comyns, Knt. Late Lord Chief Baron of his Majesty's Court of Exchequer. With Two Tables, One of the Names of the Cases, The Other of the Principal Matters. [London]: Printed by Henry Lintot, 1744. [xii], 757, [31] pp. Includes one-page publisher advertisement. Copperplate portrait frontispiece. Imprimatur on verso of second leaf. Folio (12-1/2" x 7-1/2").

Contemporary calf, blind fillets to boards, gilt tooling to board edges, rebacked in period style, raised bands, blind fillets and lettering piece to spine, endpapers renewed. Light rubbing, scuffing, and staining to boards, moderate rubbing to board edges with wear to corners. Moderate toning, occasional light foxing and dampspotting, faint dampstaining to top-edge of text block in a few places. \$350.

* First edition. Holdsworth says Comyn's are "far fuller and more illuminating" than other contemporary reporters. Later editions followed in 1791 and 1792. Written in Law-French, these reports were translated, edited and published by John Comyn, the reporter's nephew. Holdsworth, *History of English Law* VI: 562-563, XII:130. Wallace, *The Reporters* 412. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T44776. [Order This Item](#)



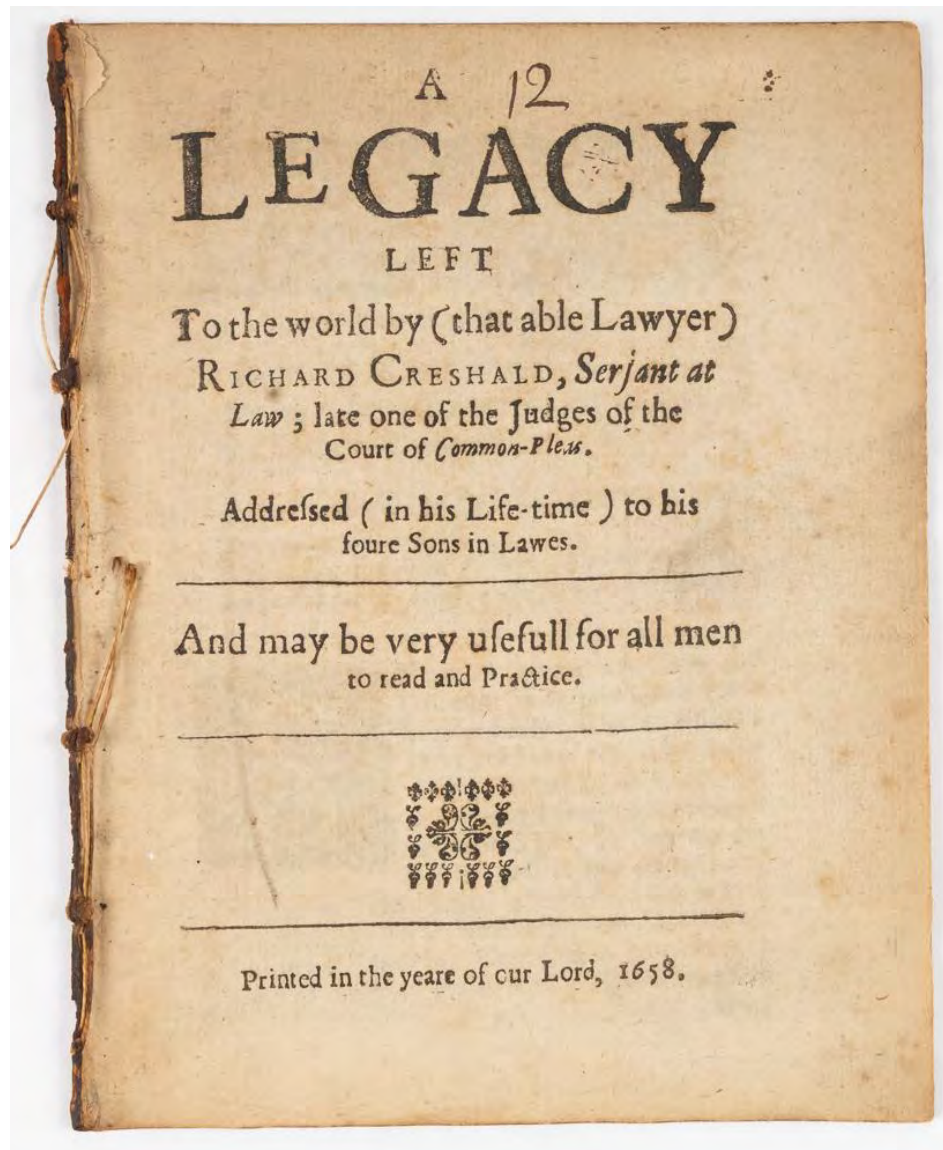
"Fitted to the Practice Used at This Day"

11. Cory, Thomas [d.1656].

The Course and Practice of the Court of Common-Pleas, At Westminster. Heretofore Written by Thomas Cory, Esq; Late Chief Prothonotary Thereof. And Now Continued, And Fitted to the Practice Used at This Day, With Additions by W.B. a Clerk of the Same Court. London: Printed by John Streater, Henry Twyford [et al.], 1672. [iv], 46, [2] pp. Quarto (7" x 5-1/2").

Disbound stab-stitched pamphlet, light browning, occasional faint dampspotting, light soiling to exterior, early inkstains and brief markings to title page, which is neatly detached, a few other leaves partially detached. \$450.

* Only edition. This clearly written guide provides a good overview of everyday practice and procedure in the Court of Common Pleas during the later years of the Restoration period. OCLC locates 8 copies, 3 in North America (Library of Congress, Peabody-Essex Museum, UT-Austin). The ESTC locates 2 additional copies, both in North America (California State Library, Folger Shakespeare Library). *English Short-Title Catalogue* R229402. [Order This Item](#)



"May Be Very Usefull for All Men to Read and Practice"

12. Cresheld (Creshald), Richard [d.1652].

A Legacy Left to the World by (That Able Lawyer) Richard Creshald, Serjant at Law; Late One of the Judges of the Court of Common-Pleas. Addressed (In His Life-time) to His Four Sons in Lawes. And May be Very Usefull for All Men to Read and Practice. London: [S.n.], 1658. [ii], 22 pp. Quarto (7" x 5-1/2").

Disbound stab-stitched pamphlet. Moderate toning, light foxing to a few leaves, light soiling to exterior, "12" in early hand to head of title page. \$450.

* Only edition. Cresheld, sometimes spelled Creshald or Creswell, was a judge, politician and Member of House of Commons. Known for his support of "fundamental laws and liberties," he played an important role in the debates that led to the Petition of Right (1628). OCLC locates 5 copies in North American law libraries (Harvard, Northwestern, San Francisco Law Library, University of Michigan, Yale). *English Short-Title Catalogue* R12417. [Order This Item](#)



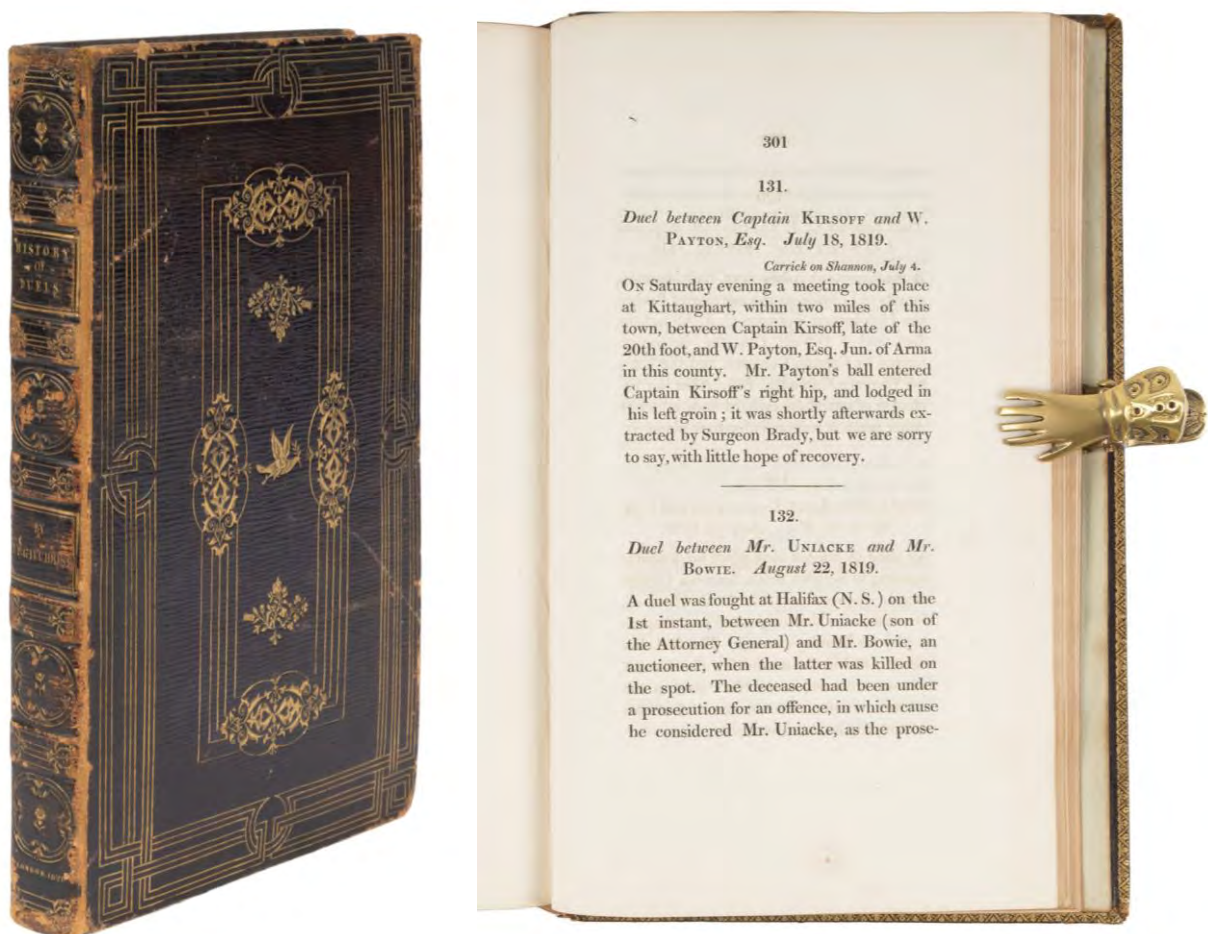
Cecil B. De Mille's Copy of *A Persian Pearl*

13. Darrow, Clarence [1857-1938].

A Persian Pearl And Other Essays. East Aurora, NY: the Roycrofters, 1899. [viii], 9-175 pp.

Original quarter reversed calf over paper boards, gilt title to front board, calf lettering piece to spine. Light soiling and a few minor stains, moderate rubbing to extremities, hinges cracked, fading to rear board, bookplate of Cecil B. DeMille to front pastedown. Title page and text printed in red and black, light toning to interior. \$750.

* First edition, limited to 980 copies, this number 121. *A Persian Pearl* was Darrow's first book. It consists of five essays. "A Persian Pearl" is an appreciation of Omar Khayyam's Rubaiyat. The other essays discuss Walt Whitman, Robert Burns, realism in literature and art and the importance of accepting past mistakes without fear or shame. One of the great film directors of the twentieth century, DeMille was also an avid book collector. His vast library included several rare books on history, costumes and architecture. His striking bookplate, which features a rising phoenix, was designed by Paul Iribe [1883-1935], a distinguished French illustrator and designer who worked in Hollywood during the 1920s. Hunsberger, *Clarence Darrow: A Bibliography* 18. [Order This Item](#)



Handsomely Bound Volume 4th Vivid Descriptions of 173 Duels

14. Gilchrist, James.

A Brief Display of the Origin and History of Ordeals; Trials by Battle; Courts of Chivalry or Honour; And the Decision of Private Quarrels by Single Combat: Also, A Chronological Register of the Principal Duels Fought from the Accession of His Late Majesty to the Present Time. London: Printed for the Author, 1821. xliii, 346 pp. Octavo (9-1/2" x 6").

Contemporary morocco, gilt panels to boards, raised bands, gilt title and gilt ornaments to spine, all edges gilt, gilt rules to board edges, gilt inside dentelles. A few light scratches and scuffs to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, corners bumped, front hinge cracked Faint ink smudge to front free endpaper, light toning to interior, annotation to lower margins of pp. 317-318 in contemporary hand. \$850.

* Only edition. This study explores the history of dueling and trial by single combat, a legal right that existed until 1819. It contains a wealth of curious details about these practices. Most the book is a set of histories, ranging in length from a paragraph to several pages, of 172 duels, mostly English and American, conducted from 1762 to 1821. Among these are some famous examples, such as the Hamilton-Burr duel. The annotation on pp. 317-318 states that a "Fatal Duel Between Mr. Fulliot and Mr. Burrowes, September 17, 1820" was a hoax, according to a conversation between Fulliot and the annotator. *British Museum Catalogue* (Compact Edition) 10:579. [Order This Item](#)



Print Commemorating an Event that Led to the Glorious Revolution

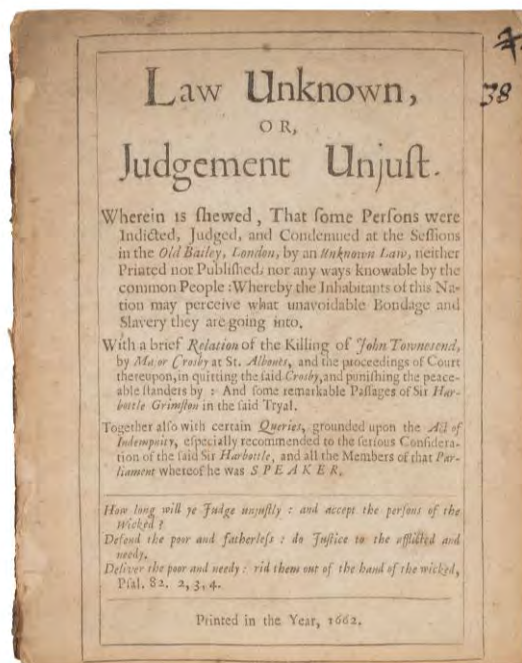
15. Gole, Jacob [1660-1724], Engraver.

De Seven Bisschoppen van Engeland. Amsterdam: [Published by P. Savoret and Jacob Gole], 1689.

18-3/4" x 14-1/2" Mezzotint broadside, image size 14-3/4" x 11." Faint horizontal crease through center, light soiling to lower-right corner. \$750.

* This broadside commemorates an event that led to the Glorious Revolution: the imprisonment of the Seven Bishops of the Church of England who defied the Declaration of Indulgence. Above the bishops are images of a mire, a circular medal depicting the Tower of London, where the bishops were held, and a circular medal depicting and the scales of justice. The image is captioned below the image in Dutch and French. Gole was an early mezzotint engraver and publisher of playing-cards. A French-born Huguenot, he moved to Holland around 1684, shortly before the revocation of the Edict of Nantes.

A victory for Catholics and non-conforming Protestants, the Declaration of Indulgence issued by the Catholic King James II in 1688 granted religious freedom in England by suspending the laws that required membership in the Church of England. It allowed people to worship according to their conscience in their homes or private chapels and, more important, removed the requirement of affirming conformity to the Church of England by oath in order to hold a government job or teaching position. Seven bishops who preached against these reforms were imprisoned and tried for seditious libel. Immediately famous as defenders of Protestantism, they were acquitted at trial. O'Donoghue, *Catalogue of Engraved British Portraits Preserved in the Department of Prints and Drawings in the British Museum* 6. [Order This Item](#)



Miscarriages of Justice

16. [Great Britain].

[Criminal Law].

Law Unknown, Or, Judgement Unjust, Wherein is Shewed, That Some Persons were Indicted, Judged, And Condemned at the Sessions in the Old Bailey, London, By an Unknown Law, Neither Printed nor Published; Nor Any Ways Knowable by the Common People: Whereby the Inhabitants of this Nation May Perceive What Unavoidable Bondage and Slavery They are Going Into. With a Brief Relation of the Killing of John Townesend, By Major Crosby at St. Albones, And the Proceedings of Court Thereupon, in Quitting the Said Crosby, And Punishing the Peaceable Standers By: and Some Remarkable Passages of Sir Harbottle Grimston in the Said Tryal. Together also with Certain Queries, Grounded upon the Act of Indemnity, Especially Recommended to the Serious Consideration of the Said Sir Harbottle, And All the Members of that Parliament Whereof He was Speaker. [London]: S.n., 1662. 11, [1] pp.

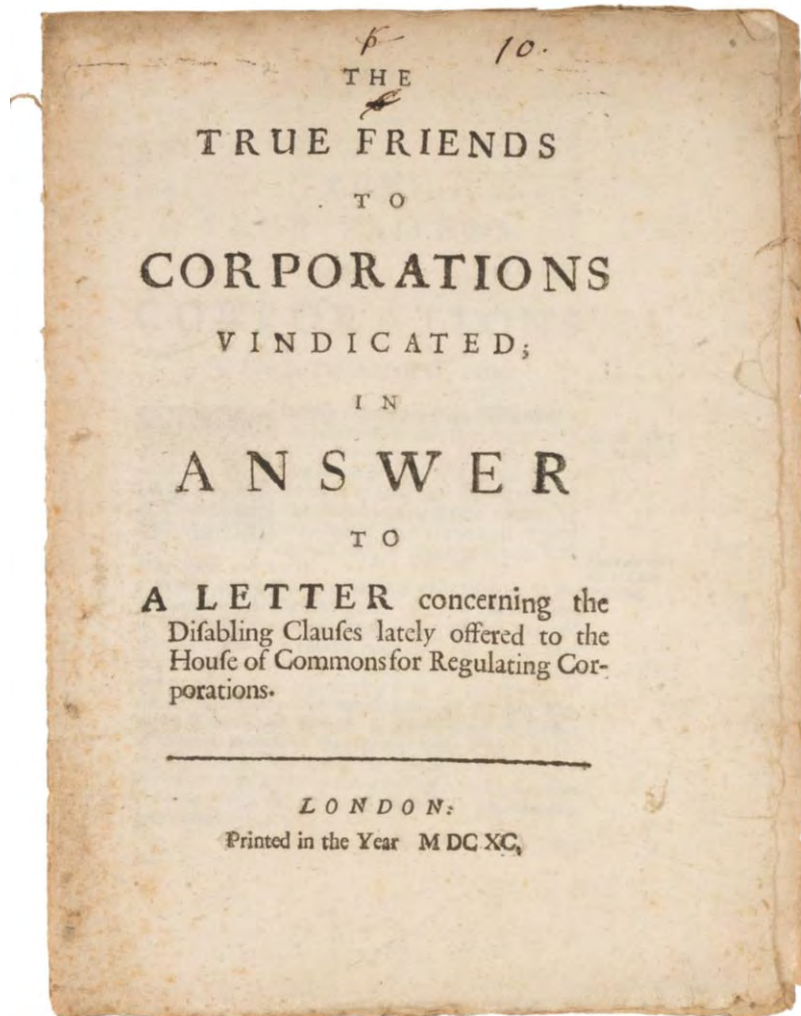
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Leader, Thomas.

The Wounded-Heart; Or, The Jury-Man's Offences Declared, And Ingeniously Acknowledged, For the Satisfaction of Those Who Were Thereby Troubled. London: S.n., 1665. 11, [1] pp.

Quarto (7" x 5-1/2"). Disbound stab-stitched pamphlets. Moderate toning, light foxing, occasional faint dampstaining to margins, light soiling to exterior, headlines of *The Wounded-Heart* affected by trimming in a few places, date correction in coteremporary hand to p.3, "38" and "35" in early hand to heads of title pages, title page of *Law Unknown* and final leaf of *The Wounded-Heart* re-attached. \$850.

* Only editions. These titles concern miscarriages of justice due to procedural irregularities. *Law Unknown* relates to a murder trial. *The Wounded-Heart* discusses the unfair treatment of Quaker defendants in a heresy trial in which the Author was a juror. Both titles are scarce. *Law Unknown*: OCLC locates 1 copy in North America (Yale Law School); ESTC adds 3 more (Folger Shakespeare Library, Harvard Law School, UT-Austin). *The Wounded-Heart*: OCLC locates 9 copies (Brown, Duke, Earlham College, Hamilton College, Haverford College, Huntington Library, Library of Congress, New Bedford Public Library, Yale); ESTC adds 2 more (Folger Shakespeare Library, Harvard). *English Short-Title Catalogue* R36860, R11077. [Order This Item](#)



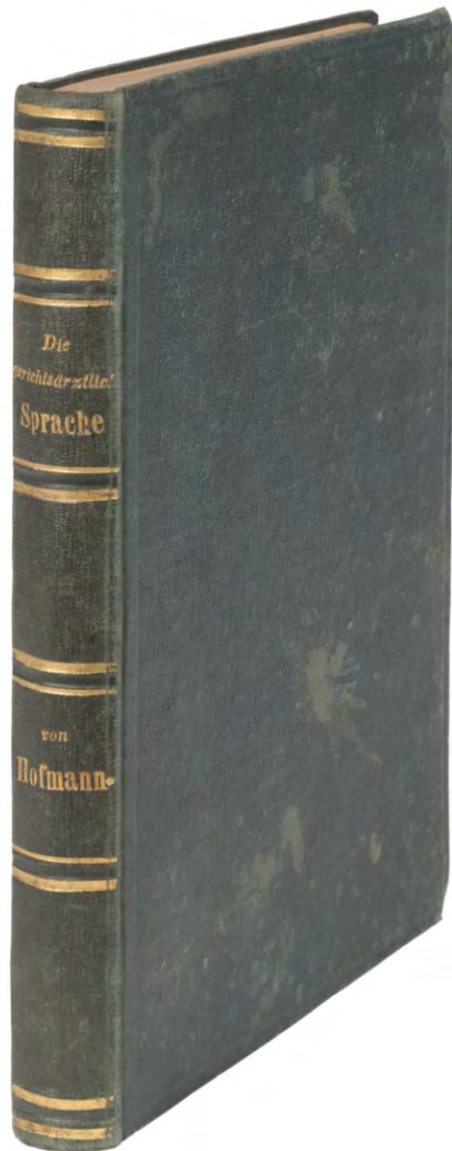
Barred from Municipal Office

**17. [Great Britain].
[Municipal Corporations].**

The True Friends to Corporations Vindicated; In Answer to a Letter Concerning the Disabling Clauses Lately Offered to the House of Commons for Regulating Corporations. London: [S.n.], 1690. 19, [1] pp. Quarto (8-1/4" x 6-1/4").

Disbound stab-stitched pamphlet, untrimmed edges. Moderate toning, moderate soiling to exterior, finger smudges to a few leaves, two tiny scribbles and "10" in early hand to head of title page. \$450.

* Only edition. In their campaign to centralize power, Charles II and James II compelled several municipal corporations to surrender their charters to the Crown. A bill to restore those charters was introduced in 1690, a year after the Glorious Revolution. The bill included a controversial set of disabling clauses that barred men from holding municipal offices if they supported the Crown's efforts or held positions in municipalities that had surrendered their charters. One of the major issues of the day, it sparked a vigorous pamphlet war. *True Friends* is a vigorous attack on an anonymous anti-disabling clauses pamphlet titled *A Letter Concerning the Disabling Clauses Lately Offered to the House of Commons, For Regulating Corporations* (1690). *True Friends* is a scarce title. OCLC locates 2 copies in North American Law libraries (Harvard, Library of Congress). *English Short-Title Catalogue* R12417. [Order This Item](#)



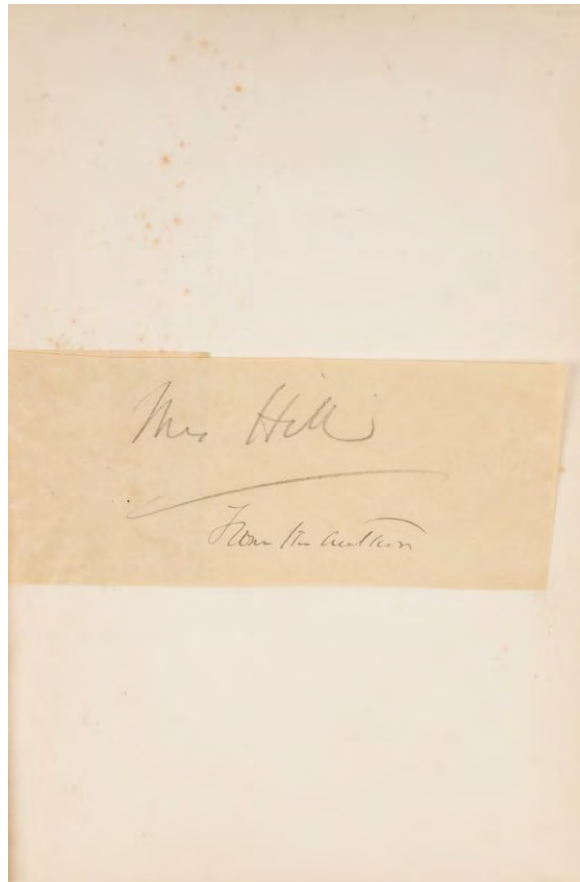
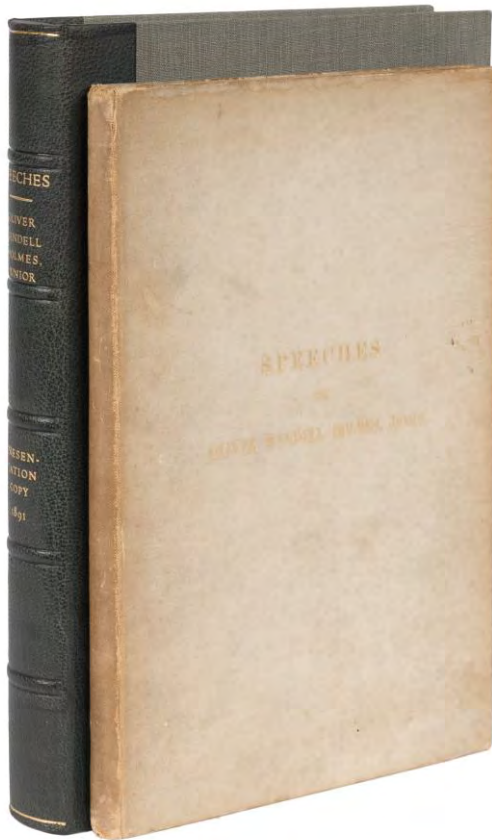
Scarce Nineteenth-Century German Guide to Medical Jurisprudence

18. Hofmann, Josef.

Die Gerichtsärztliche Sprache. Ein Versuch die in Gerichtsärztliche und Praxis Vorkommenden Begriffe Festzustellen, Für Aerzte und Juristen. Munich: Literarisch-Artistische Anstalt, [1860]. xii, 322 pp. Octavo (8-1/4" x 5-1/4").

Contemporary pebbled cloth, blind frames to boards, gilt title and fillets to spine. Light rubbing and faint stains to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, corners bumped. Light toning to interior, light foxing in a few places, negligible faint dampstaining to top-edge of text block through p.16. \$750.

* Only edition. Hofmann, a doctor, defines terms medical terms and concepts so they can be used accurately by lawyers and judges. In each case he is careful to show their legal implications. Among other topics, Hofmann discusses terms relating to wounds, sterility, miscarriages, insanity pleas, quackery and public health. This is a scarce title. OCLC locates 19 copies, 4 in North America, 1 in a law library (Harvard). [Order This Item](#)



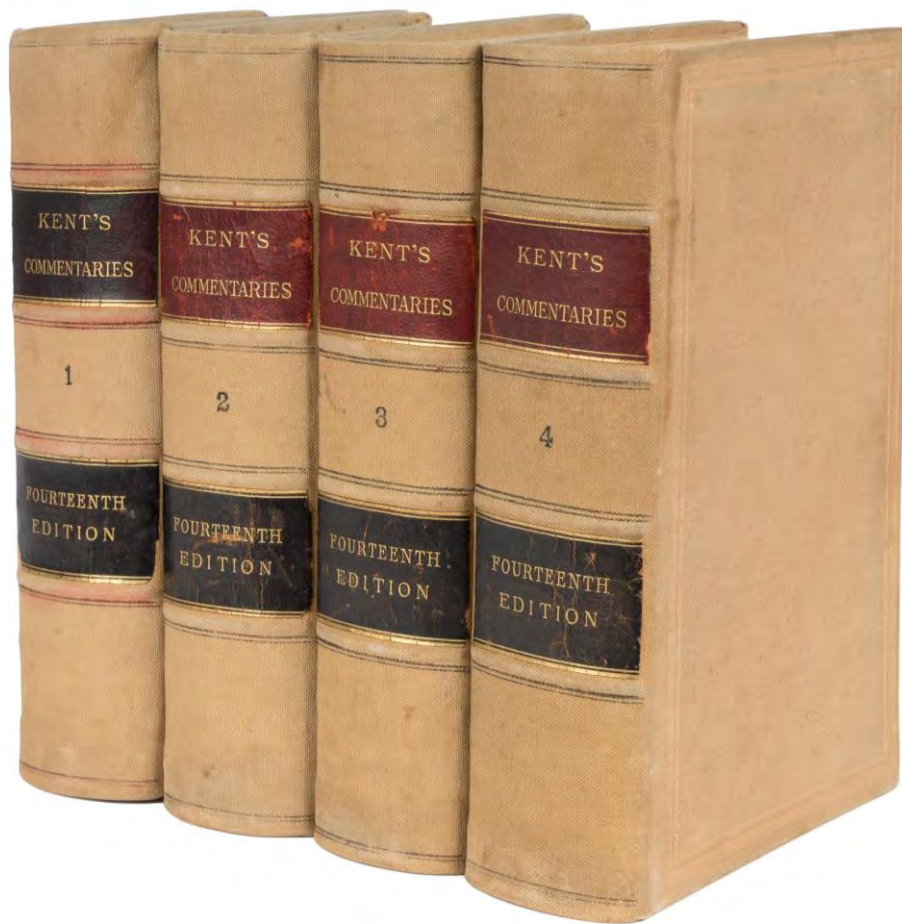
Presentation Copy Inscribed by Holmes

19. Holmes, Oliver Wendell, Jr. [1841-1935].

Speeches. Boston: Little, Brown, and Company, 1891. [v], 55 pp. Octavo (8-1/4" x 5-1/2").

Original cloth, title gilt to front board, top-edge gilt, deckle fore and bottom-edges. Light soiling and some discoloration to boards, spine darkened, rubbing to extremities with some wear to spine ends and corners, light toning to interior, faint dampstaining to upper corner of text block and rear board, light foxing to a few leaves. Presentation inscription from Holmes, clipped from shipping envelope, tipped-in to front free endpaper. Book housed in recent clamshell box, quarter morocco over cloth, raised bands and gilt title to spine. \$3,500.

* First edition. The inscription reads: "Mrs. Hill/ From the Author." Holmes dedicated these "chance utterances of faith and doubt" to "a few friends who will care to keep them." One of those friends was Mrs. Caroline Hill, who acknowledged the gift in an October 21, 1891 letter to Holmes. She also expressed thanks "for intellectual suggestion in the old time & more for your interest in my boy in these days." That boy, Arthur Dehon Hill, became a lawyer, a professor of law at Harvard and a member of the State Street firm of Hill, Barlow Goodale & Wiswall. Copies of the first edition of *Speeches* were sealed in shipping envelopes. Holmes inscribed the envelopes of copies intended for presentation and, in many cases, added names of recipients at a later date. This seems to be the case with Mrs. Hill's copy: "Mrs. Hill" is written in pencil in a large hand over a flourish; "From the Author" is in a small hand in ink. A copy of Hill's letter and a brief biography of Arthur Hill are enclosed in a folder in the clamshell box. [Order This Item](#)



The Final Edition of Kent's *Commentaries*

20. Kent, James [1763-1847].

Gould, John M. [1848-1909], Editor.

Holmes, Oliver Wendell [1841-1935], Editor.

Commentaries on American Law. Fourteenth Edition. Boston: Little, Brown & Co., 1896. Four volumes. Octavo (9-1/2" x 6").

Original cloth, blind frames to boards, red and black lettering pieces to spines. Light soiling and shelfwear, a minor stains to boards, light edgewear and a few nicks to lettering pieces, spine ends bumped. Light toning to interiors, light soiling to a few leaves in each volume, a few cracks to text blocks of Volumes I and II, faint dampstaining to margins of Volume I. A handsome set. \$1,500.

* Final edition. Based on the 12th edition by Holmes, all of his notes retained. Kent's *Commentaries* is probably the single most important interpretation of American law. Writing in 1847, Marvin ranked it above Blackstone and observed that it contains "not only a clear statement of the English law, with all the alterations that have taken place since the time of Blackstone, but a full account of the main principles of Equity, also, a review of the modifications engrafted on the English law by the different states of the Union." Marvin's latter observation points to the significance of this landmark work. Published at a time when there was significant opposition to English law, Kent's *Commentaries* established it in a manner that appealed to the majority of influential American jurists and legislators. Marvin, *Legal Bibliography* 438. *Catalogue of the Library of the Harvard Law School* (1909) I:1088. [Order This Item](#)



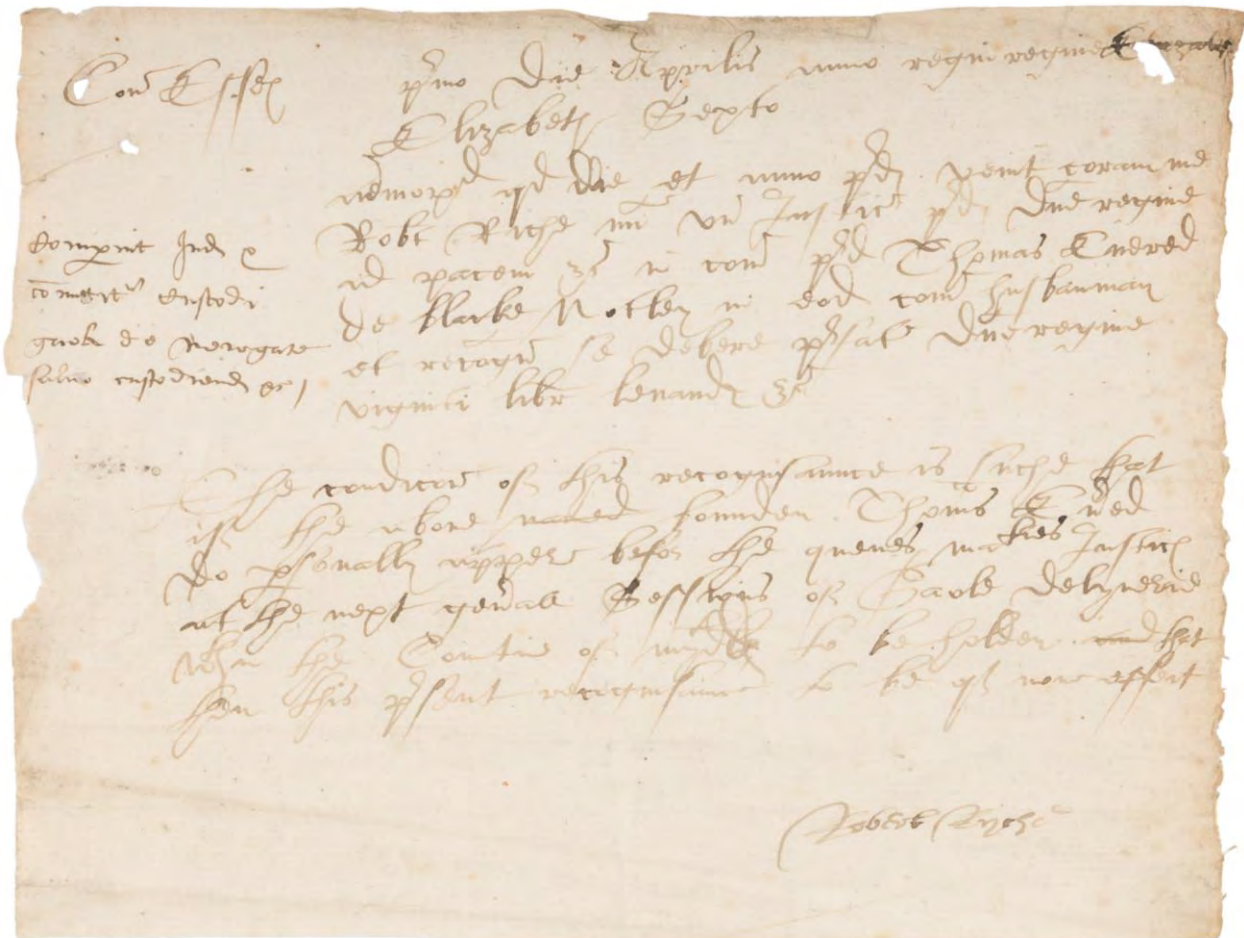
Scarce Treatise on the Hanseatic Laws, Maritime Law and Marine Insurance

21. Kuricke, Reinhold [1610?-1667].

Jus Maritimum Hanseaticum, Olim Germanico Tantum Idiomate Editum, Nunc Vero Etiam in Latinum Translatum, & ad Singulos Titulos Eorumque Articulos Commentariis & Dissertationibus Juridicis, Politicis, Historicisque Illustratum, Nec Minus cum Legibus Antiquis Rhodiorum, Romanorum, Wysbicensium, Caroli V. & Philippi II. Hispaniarum Regum, Variorum Deniq: Regnorum Civitatumq; Statutis, Juribus & Plebiscitis Collatum, ac Firmatum. Accesserunt Diatriba de Assecurationibus: Item Variae Illustres Quaestiones ad Jus Maritimum Pertinentes. Hamburg: Sumptibus Zachariae Herteli, 1667. [viii], 248; 120 pp. Text of Hansa Laws in German with parallel Latin translation. Quarto (7-1/2" x 5-3/4").

Recent period-style calf, blind rules to boards, raised bands and blind rules and ornaments to spine, endpapers renewed. Title page printed in red and black. Light browning to interior, light foxing in places, owner inscription in tiny hand dated 1702 to title page, a small repair to its fore-edge with no loss to text. A handsome copy. \$2,500.

* Only edition. Adopted in 1591, the Hanseatic or (Hanse) laws governed maritime trade among the cities of the Hanseatic League, a group that included, among others, Lübeck, Hamburg, Stockholm, Krakow, Danzig (Gdansk) and Wisby. It was authoritative in northern Europe and an important influence on the development of maritime law in Europe, Great Britain and the Americas. Written by a state official from Danzig, *Jus Maritimum Hanseaticum* provides the text of the laws (in German and Latin) and a thorough treatise on the laws and their history. As noted by the book's title, he compares the Hanse laws to the Rhodian Laws, Roman law, the Laws of Wisby and the laws of Holy Roman Emperor Charles V and Philip II of Spain. This is followed by essays, each with a half title, on marine insurance (*Diatriba de Assecurationibus*) and the resolution of disputes and jurisdictional issues in maritime law *Resolutio Quaestionum Illustrium ad Jus Maritimum Pertinentium*). Kuricke's Latin translation of the Hanse laws was originally published in 1652. *Verzeichnis der im Deutschen Sprachraum Erschienenen Drucke des 17. Jahrhunderts* 1:020124N. [Order This Item](#)



A Tudor-Era Recognizance

22. [Manuscript].

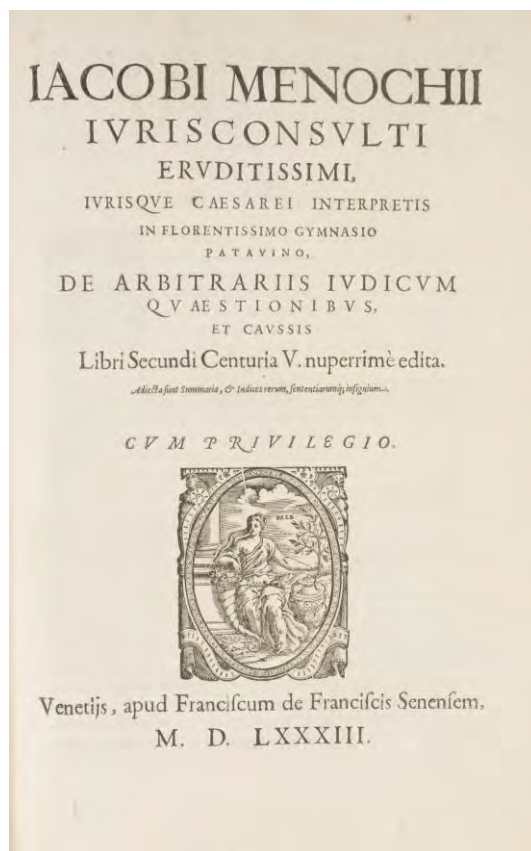
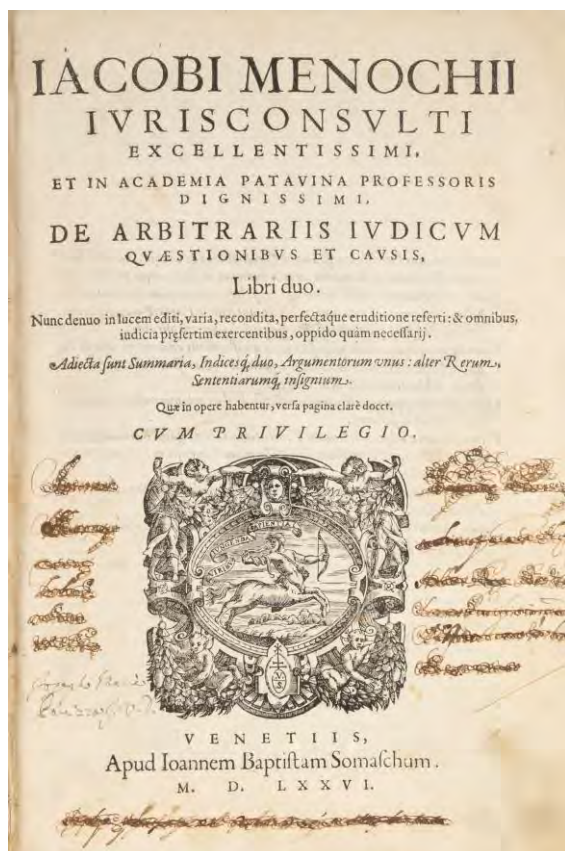
[Great Britain].

[*Tudor-Era Recognizance To Return To Court*]. Essex, UK, 1564. Essex, April, 1, 1564.

6-1/4" x 8" sheet, manuscript text to recto, verso blank. Light soiling, some edgewear, a few tiny holes near upper corners, paper residue at corners of verso from previous mounting. Item accompanied by typescript transcription with notes. \$500.

* This recognizance states that Thomas Evered of Black Notley, Essex, husbandman, appeared before Robert Riche, J.P., and is bound to appear before him at the next Middlesex Sessions of Gaol or pay a fine of £20 to the Queen.

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Judicial Discretion in Arbitration

23. Menochio, Giacomo [1532-1607].

De Arbitrariis Iudicium Quaestionibus et Causis, Libri Duo. Nunc Denuo in Lucem Editi, Varia, Recondita, Perfectaque Eruditione Referti: & Omnibus, Iudicia Praesertim Exercentibus, Oppido quam Necessary. Adiecta Sunt Summaria, Indicesque Duo, Argumentorum Unus, Alter Rerum, Sententiarumque Insignium. Quae in Opere Habentur, Versa Pagina Clare Docet. Venice: Apud Ioannem Baptistam Somaschum, 1576. [lvi], 334 ff. Main text in parallel columns.

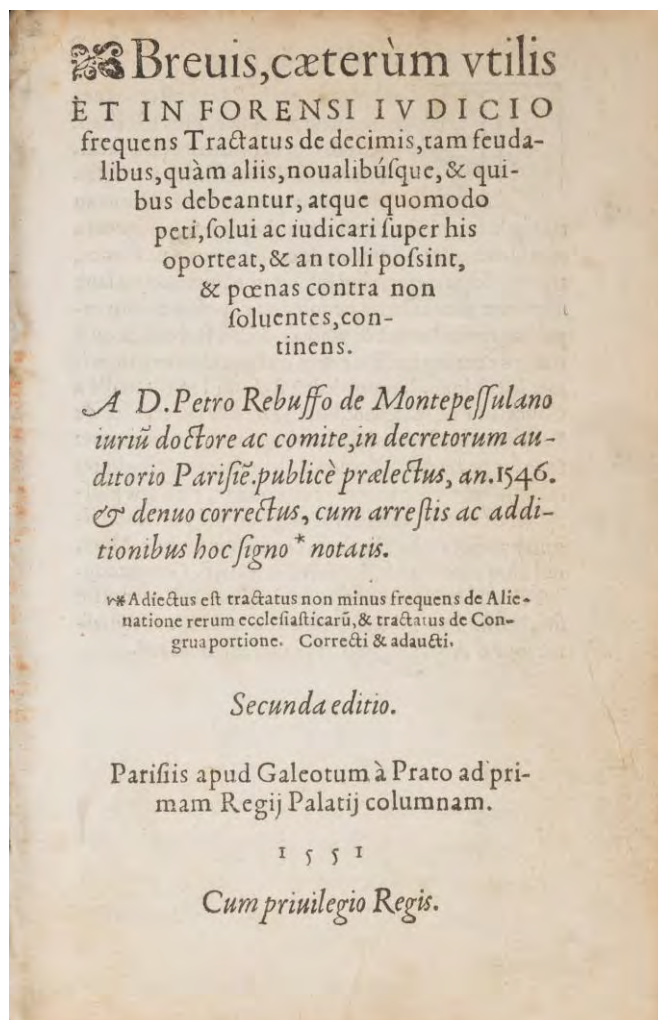
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Menochio, Giacomo.

De Arbitrariis Iudicium Quaestionibus, Et Causis [sic] Libri Secundi Centuria V Nuperrime Editi. Adiecta Sunt Summaria, Et Indices Rerum, Sententiarumque Insignium. Venice: Apud Franciscum de Franciscis Senensem, 1583. [xxxii], 140 pp. Main text in parallel columns.

Folio (12-1/2" x 8-1/2"). Nineteenth-century three-quarter vellum over marbled boards, gilt fillets and calf lettering piece to spine, endpapers renewed, speckled edges. Light rubbing to extremities, corners bumped, lettering piece abraded, front hinge starting. Light to moderate toning, light foxing and faint dampstaining in a few places. Early struck-through owner inscriptions to title page of first title, which is lightly soiled. \$1,950.

* Later, corrected edition of the most influential work dealing with judicial arbitration and legal discretion. It is accompanied by a later edition of a supplementary volume that takes up several topics introduced in the earlier work. The first volume had first appeared in 1575, the second work in 1577. Menochio was an eminent Italian jurist who held professorships at the universities of Pavia, Mondovi and Padua, where he taught for twenty-three years. The King of Spain, Philip II, later appointed him senator, then president of the council of the Duchy of Milan. Not in Adams. *Censimento Nazionale delle Edizioni Italiane del XVI Secolo* CNCE 46962, 28149. [Order This Item](#)



Treatise on Tithes by an Eminent French Canonist

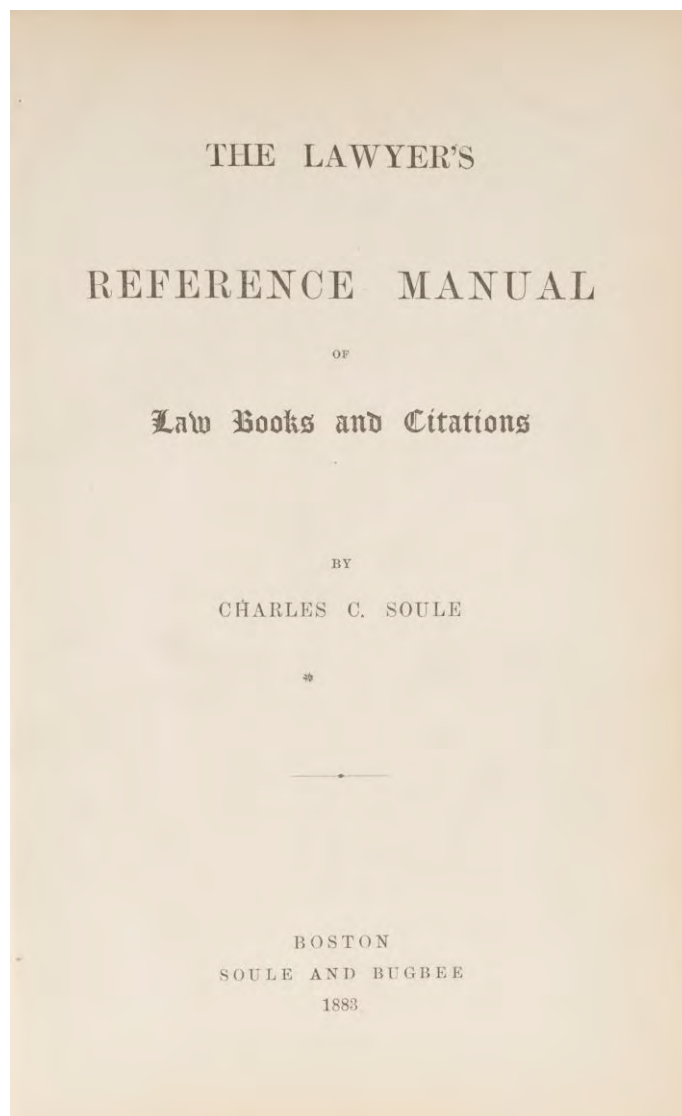
24. Rebuffi, Pierre [1487-1557].

Brevis, Caeterum Utilis et in Forensi Iudicio Frequens Tractatus de Decimis; Tam Feudalibus, Quàm Aliis, Noualibúsque, & Quibus Debeantur, Atque Quomodo Peti, Solui ac Iudicari Super His Oporteat, & an Tolli Possint, & Poenas Contra Non Soluentes, Continens. Adiectus est Tractatus non Minus Frequens de Alienatione Rerum Ecclesiasticarum[m], & Tractatus de Congrua portione, Correcti & Adaucti. Paris: Apud Galeotum à Prato ad Primam Regii Palatii Columnam, 1551. [xvi], 152 ff. Three parts, each with title page. Octavo (6-1/2" x 4-1/4").

Contemporary vellum with lapped edges, fragments of thong ties, traces of early hand-lettered title to spine. Light soiling, spine ends bumped, front joint starting at foot. Moderate toning to interior, light foxing and early underlining in a few places, early doodles and struck-through signature to front endleaves. \$1,500.

* Second edition, enlarged. Rebuffi was the leading French canonist of the period, an auditor of the Rota Romana and the author of several important treatises. First published in 1549, *Brevis* is a treatise on canon law and tithes. The second edition has two additional tracts. The first one is a compendium of arrests, the second deals with the share of benefits and the value of coming to trial. A final edition, which has the same content as the second, was published in 1575. All editions are scarce. OCLC locates no copies of our edition in North American libraries and only two in Europe. Not in Adams.

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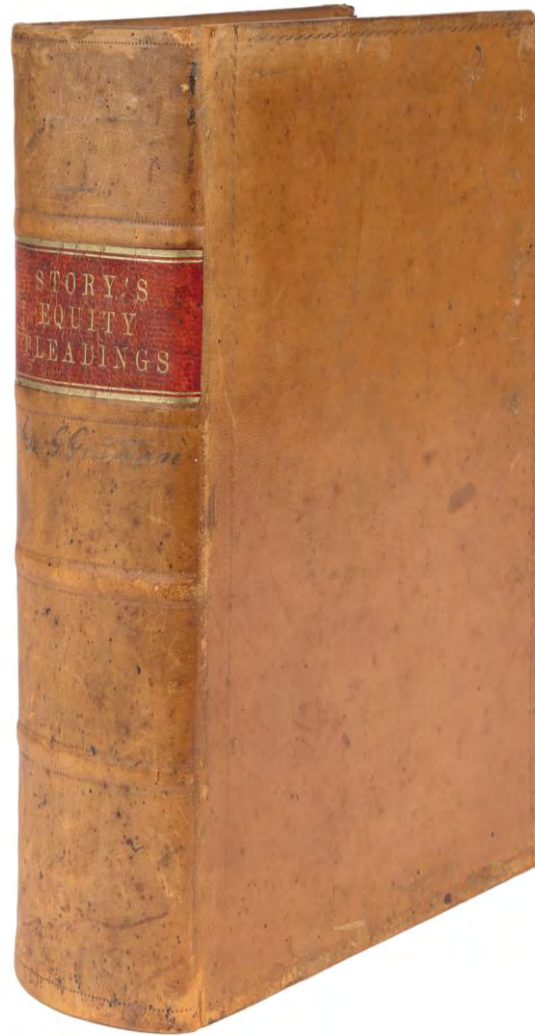
A Classic American Legal Bibliography

25. Soule, Charles C. [1842-1913].

The Lawyer's Reference Manual of Law Books and Citations. Boston: Soule and Bugbee, 1883. x, 497 pp. Octavo (9" x 5-3/4").

Contemporary three-quarter pebbled morocco over pebbled cloth, institutional name (Birmingham Law Society) to front board and foot of spine, institution insignia to rear board, cloth-reinforced hinges, marbled endpapers, thumb-tab added by later owner. Light rubbing to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, moderate toning to interior. A title scarce in the trade. \$450.

* First edition, second printing. The result of painstaking research, Soule's classic bibliography was the first to provide detailed descriptions of American reports and their various editions. It also describes English, Irish, Scotch and British colonial reports. Its other sections are an index of authors and short titles of their works, a subject index and a list of abbreviations. The first page of that section in our copy is marked with a thumb-tab. This book was first published in 1882 and reissued in 1883 and 1884. The section of abbreviations was issued as a separate work in 1897. Taylor and Munroe, *American Law Publishing, 1860-1900* 544. [Order This Item](#)



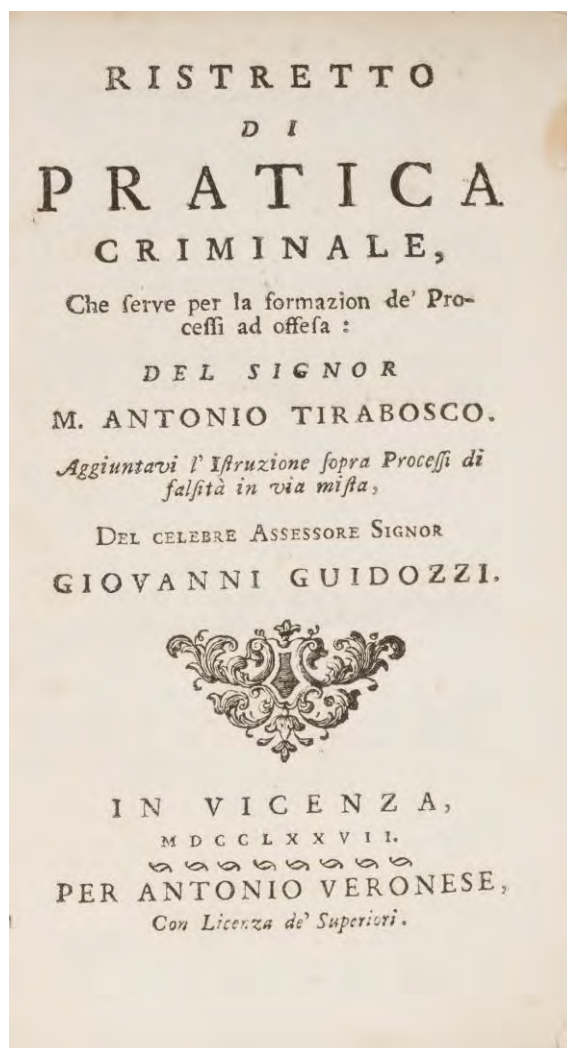
Story on Equity Pleadings, A Standard Work for Many Years

26. Story, Joseph [1779-1845].

Commentaries on Equity Pleadings, and the Incidents Thereof, According to the Practice of the Courts of Equity of England and America. Revised, Corrected and Enlarged. Boston: Charles C. Little & James Brown, 1844. xxii, 923, [1] pp. Octavo (9-1/2" x 6").

Contemporary sheep, blind fillets to boards, blind tooling to board edges, raised bands, lettering piece and early owner signature to spine. Some spotting and minor staining, minor scuffs, nicks and worming to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, corners bumped. Front hinge cracked, rear hinge starting, offsetting to margins of endleaves. Moderate toning, early owner signatures (Jacob K. Shafer, other illegible) to front pastedown. \$750.

* Third edition, and the last edited by Story. This distinguished treatise was first published in 1838. According to Simon Greenleaf, "there are no works in our language, in which the true doctrines and practice of the Law of Equity...are so convincingly taught; and probably no one of his works has been received by the profession with greater thankfulness, or is more frequently consulted, than [this work]" (cited in Marvin). It was one of the five treatises Abraham Lincoln assigned to his law apprentices. A standard work for many years, its final edition (the thirteenth) was issued in 1886. Marvin, *Legal Bibliography* 672. Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 5023. [Order This Item](#)



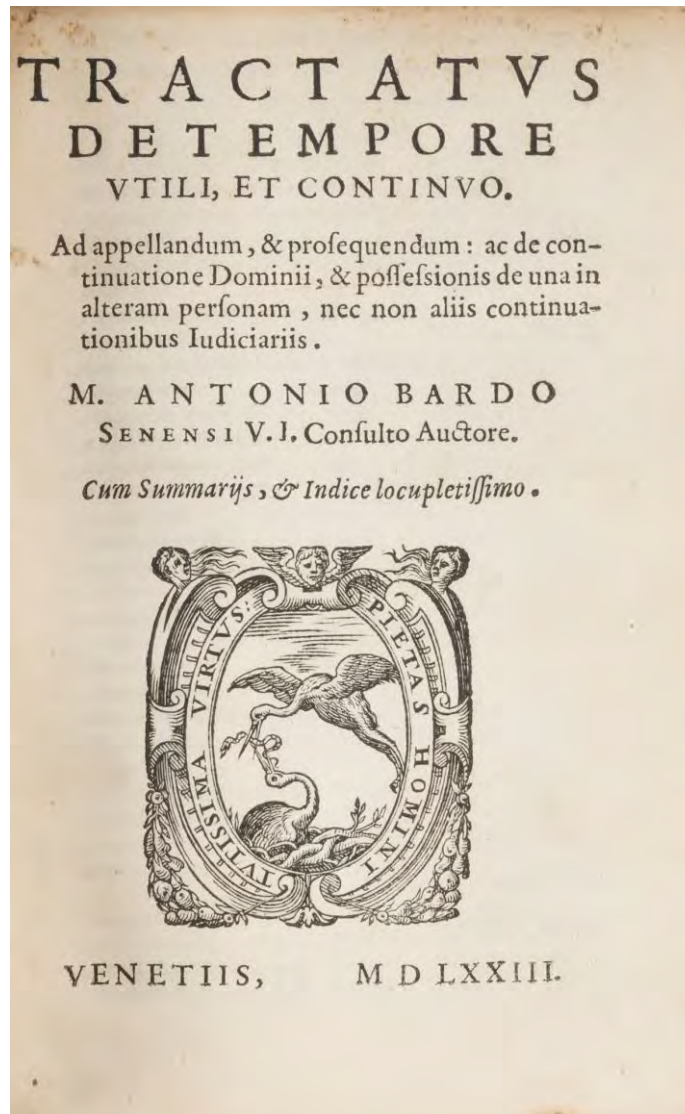
**Rare Handbook on Criminal
Investigation and Procedure in the Republic of Venice**

27. Tirabosco, Antonio.

Ristretto Di Pratica Criminale, Che Serve Per La Formazion De' Processi Ad Offesa. Vicenza: Per Antonio Veronese, 1777. 96 pp. Octavo (6-1/4" x 3-1/2").

Contemporary plain stiff-paper wrappers. Light soiling to exterior, tiny stain to front board, light rubbing to extremities. Negligible light toning to text, paper flaw to fore-edge of leaf B4 (pp. 31-32) with no loss to text. \$1,500.

* Second and final edition. This detailed handbook on criminal investigation and procedure in the Republic of Venice was first printed in 1695. It begins with definitions of crime and categories of public and private crimes. The next part discusses how a crime is reported and addressed. The investigation process is described in detail; it describes autopsy procedures the establishment of proof, confessions, witness testimony and final charging. The following sections describe courtroom process, judgement and punishment, with reference to capital punishment. The final section outlines defenses, sentences and a list of criminal offences. This is a rare title. OCLC locates 1 copy of the second edition (at the Bibliothèque nationale de France) and 1 copy of the first edition (at the Biblioteca Casanatense). Not in the *British Museum Catalogue*. [Order This Item](#)



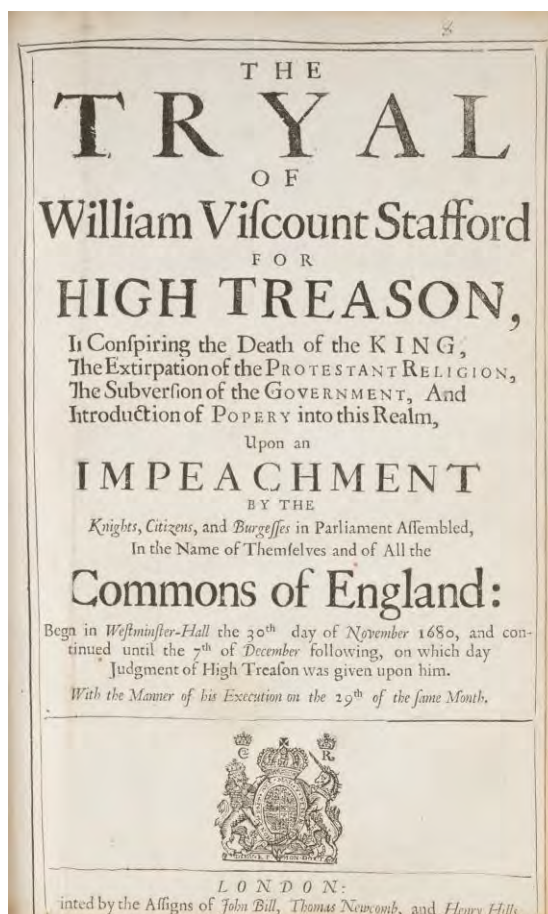
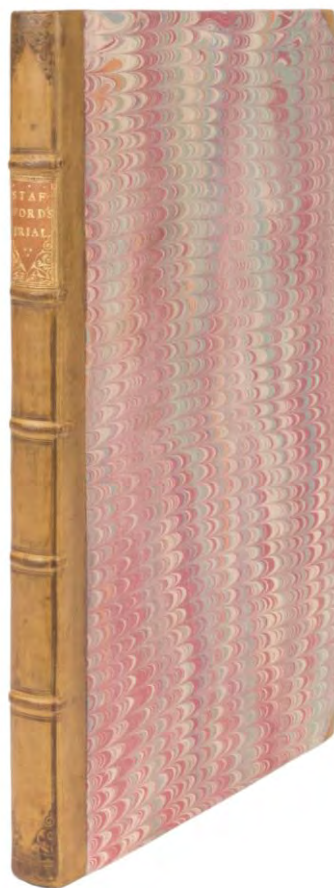
Time and Contracts

28. Bardi, Marco Antonio [fl. 1565].

Tractatus de Tempore Utili, et Continuo. Ad Appellandum, & Prosequendum: Ac de Continuatione Dominii, & Possessionis de Una in Alteram Personam, Nec Non Aliis Continuationibus Iudiciariis. Cum Summariis, & Indice Locupletissimo. Venice: [Apud Ioann. Antonium Bertanum], 1573. [xxxii], 182 pp. Octavo (6" x 4").

Contemporary limp vellum, fragments of leather ties, faint early titles to front cover, spine and foot of text block. Light soiling, spine ends bumped, vellum just beginning to crack through pastedowns. Light toning to text, occasional light foxing to margins. An appealing copy. \$1,250.

* Second edition. First published in 1563, this well-received treatise addresses time and continuity in contracts and other legal documents, including wills. Later editions were published in 1581 and 1673. All are scarce. OCLC locates 5 copies of the second edition, none in North America. Not in Adams. *Censimento Nazionale delle Edizioni Italiane del XVI Secolo* CNCE4194. [Order This Item](#)



A Victim of the Popish Plot

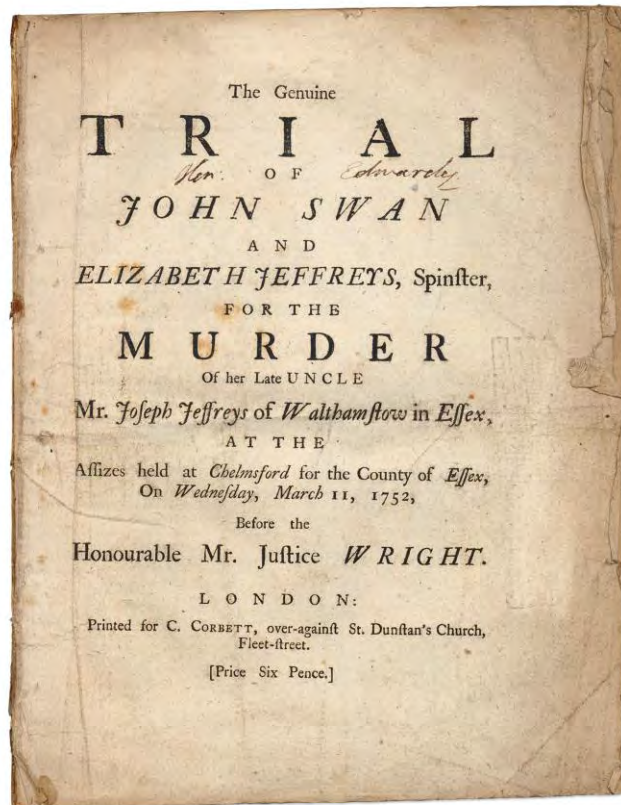
29. [Trial].

Stafford, William Howard [1614-1680], Defendant.

The Tryal of William Viscount Stafford for High Treason, In Conspiring the Death of the King, The Extirpation of the Protestant Religion, The Subversion of the Government, And Introduction of Popery into this Realm, Upon an Impeachment by the Knights, Citizens, And Burgesses in Parliament Assembled, In the Name of Themselves and of All the Commons of England: Begun in Westminster-Hall the 30th day of November 1680, and Continued until the 7th of December Following, On which Day Judgment of High Treason was Given Upon Him. With the Manner of his Execution on the 29th of the Same Month. London: Printed by the Assigns of John Bill, Thomas Newcomb, And Henry Hills, 1680/1. [iv], 218 pp. Final leaf, a blank counted in collation, removed. Folio (11" x 6-3/4").

Recent period-style three-quarter calf over marbled boards, raised bands, lettering piece and blind ornaments to spine, endpapers renewed. Moderate toning, headlines affected in places due to trimming, legibility not affected, occasional light foxing, faint dampstaining to top-edge of text block in few places, "8" in tiny hand to head of title page, its foot affected by trimming with loss to imprint statement, some edgewear and a few holes and minor tears to front endleaf. A handsome copy. \$450.

* Only edition. Stafford was one of several Roman Catholic peers sentenced to death for treason in the wake of the Popish Plot. A fictitious conspiracy to assassinate Charles II, it provoked a spasm of anti-Catholic hysteria in England and Scotland that led to the executions of at least 22 men between 1678 and 1681 and harsh laws against Catholics. One of the victims was Viscount Stafford. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R3413. [Order This Item](#)



Sex + Greed + Murder = A Death Sentence

30. [Trials].

Swan, John, Defendant.

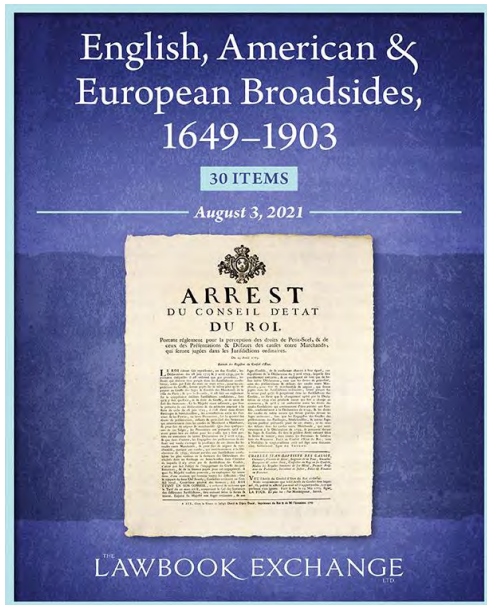
Jeffreys, Elizabeth, Defendant.

The Genuine Trial of John Swan and Elizabeth Jeffreys, Spinster, For the Murder of Her Late Uncle Mr. Joseph Jeffreys of Walthamstow in Essex, At the Assizes Held at Chelmsford for the County of Essex, On Wednesday, March 11, 1752, Before the Honourable Mr. Justice Wright. London: Printed for C. Corbett, [1752]. [ii], 17, 20-24 pp. Text in parallel columns. Quarto (9" x 7").

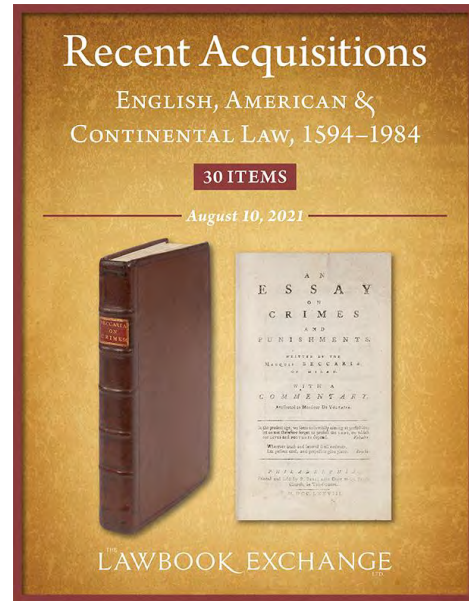
Disbound stab-stitched pamphlet, fore-edge untrimmed. Light browning, some soiling to exterior, and margins of a few interior leaves, early owner signature (Henry Edwards) to title page, a few inkspots to verso of final leaf. \$950.

* First edition. As related here, this was a titillating and wicked story of sex, greed, murder and capital punishment. Jeffreys had been sent at the age of five to live with her uncle, Joseph Jeffreys, where she was raised as a daughter and heir to his considerable estate. At the age of 22 she began an affair with Swan, one of her uncle's servants, which eventually led to murder. The pair plotted the crime and Swan carried it out. After her conviction as an accessory, Jeffreys claimed to have been "debauched" on several occasions by her uncle when she was 15, by whom she had twice become pregnant, miscarrying once, and aborting the second pregnancy with drugs provided by the uncle. Moreover, she said he had threatened to disinherit her, ironically for "immoral behavior," if she refused to have sex with him. In all, the murder was an attempt to escape a sexual predator and begin a new life. The jury and judge were not impressed. She and Swan were eventually executed before "an innumerable multitude of spectators." Our pamphlet account was reprinted in Dublin in 1752 and reissued later by Corbett with the title *The Trial at Large of John Swan and Elizabeth Jeffreys, Spinster...* Both versions are rare. OCLC locates 4 copies of the first edition, 1 in North America (Huntington Library). *English Short-Title Catalogue* T129115. [Order This Item](#)

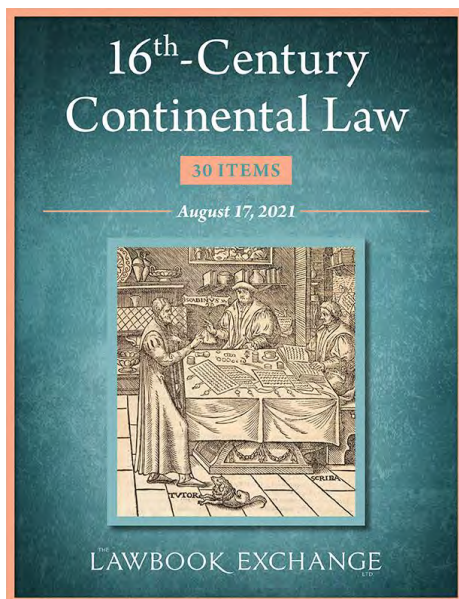
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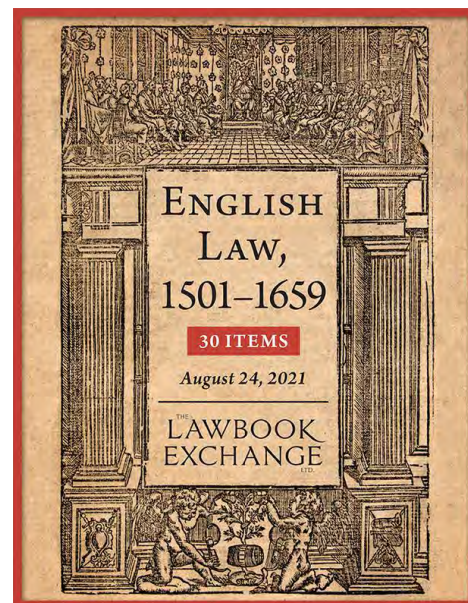
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