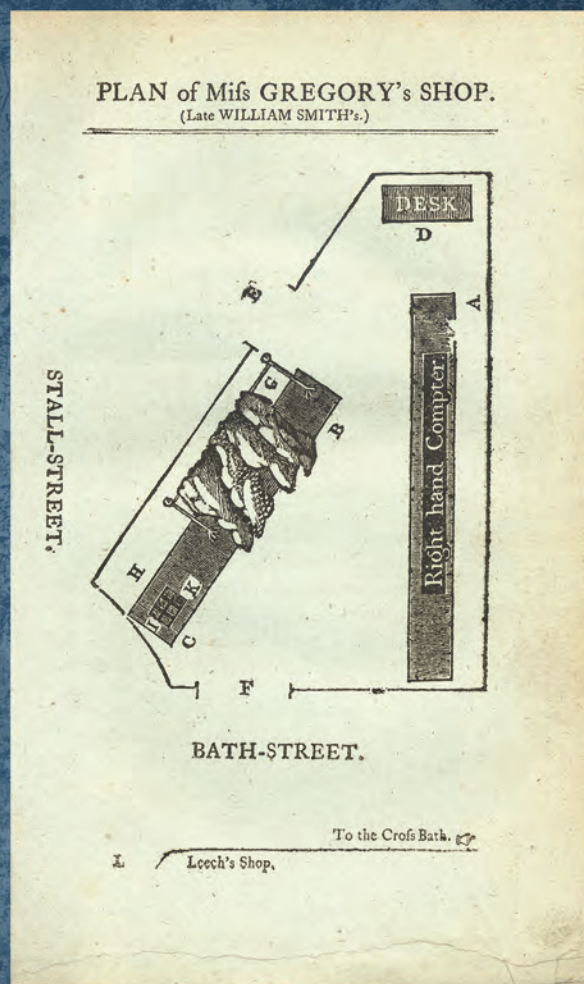
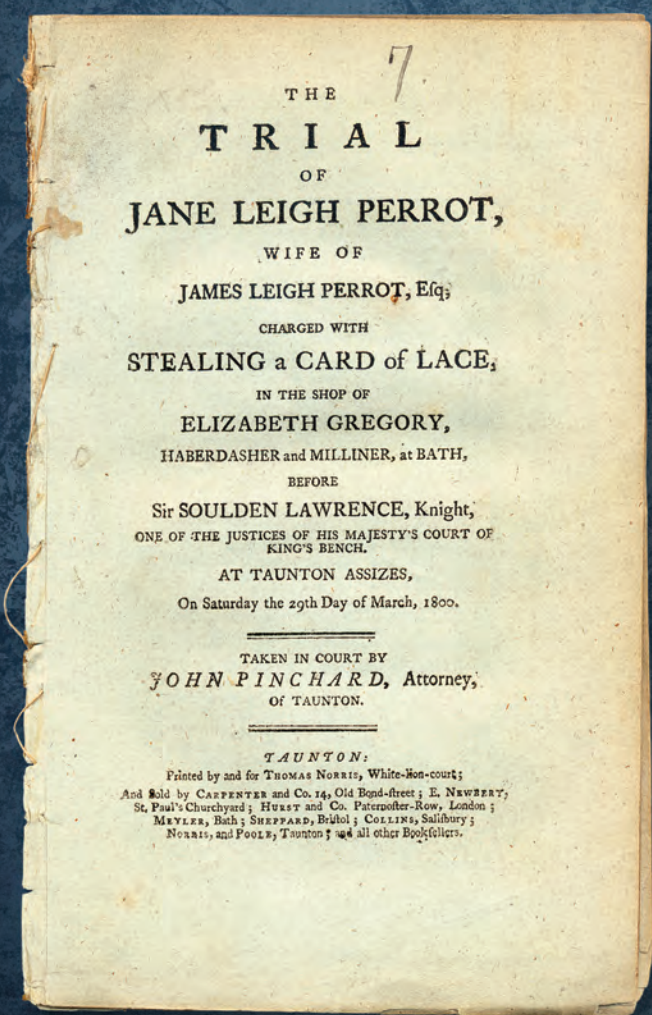


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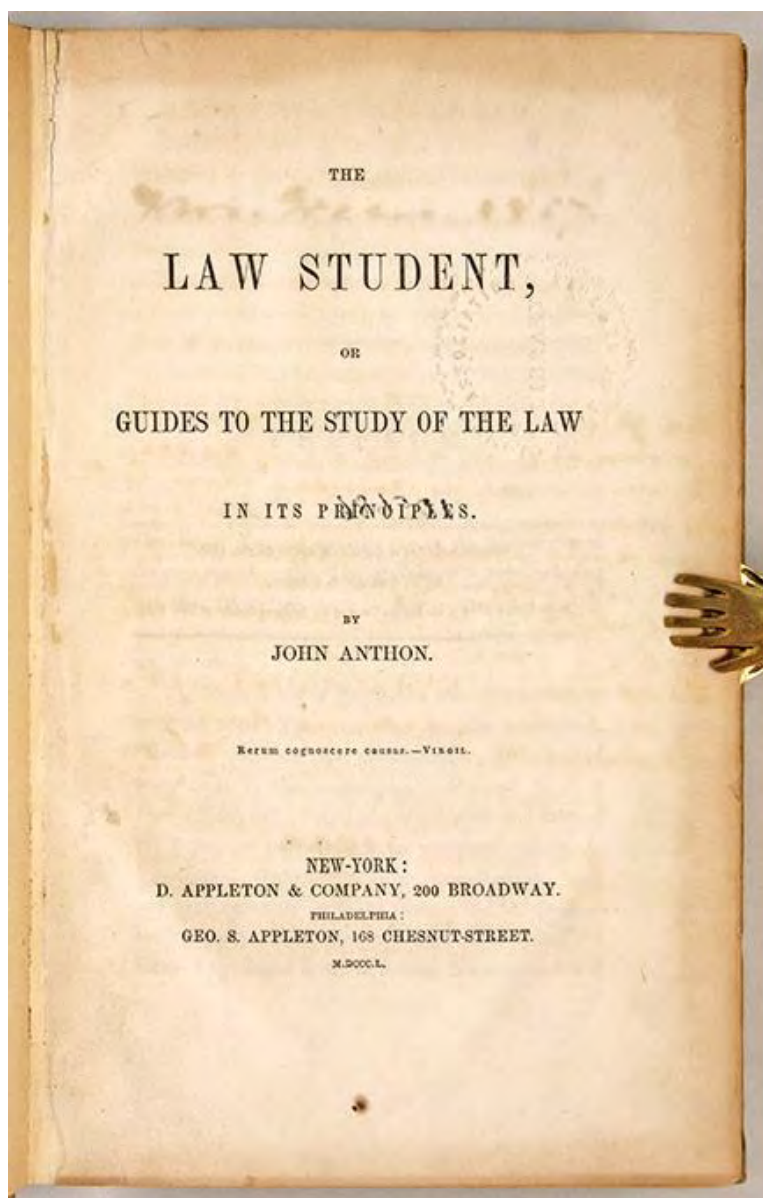
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### An 1850 Handbook for Aspiring Lawyers

#### 1. 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. Octavo (9-1/2" x 6").

Later library cloth, red and black lettering pieces and paper shelf label to spine. Some soiling, light shelfwear and a few tiny stains, some rubbing and chipping to lettering pieces, front free endpaper, title page and following leaf just beginning to detach. Moderate toning to exterior, occasional contemporary annotations and underling in ink, some with bleed-through or burn through, faint embossed library stamp to title page, a few library marks to verso. \$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](#)

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## Regulating the Sale of Salt in Saxony During the 30 Years' War

2. [Broadside].

Johann, Georg I [1611-1656], Elector of Saxony.

[Decree on the Sale of Salt]. Dresden: 24 November, 1631.

13" x 15" broadside, untrimmed edges, wax seal near bottom margin. Light browning, four vertical fold lines, small holes to top and bottom margins. \$400.

\* This decree establishing controls on the sale of salt was a response to its scarcity due to the Thirty Years' War and the need to reserve large amounts of salt for the Saxon Army. [Order This Item](#)



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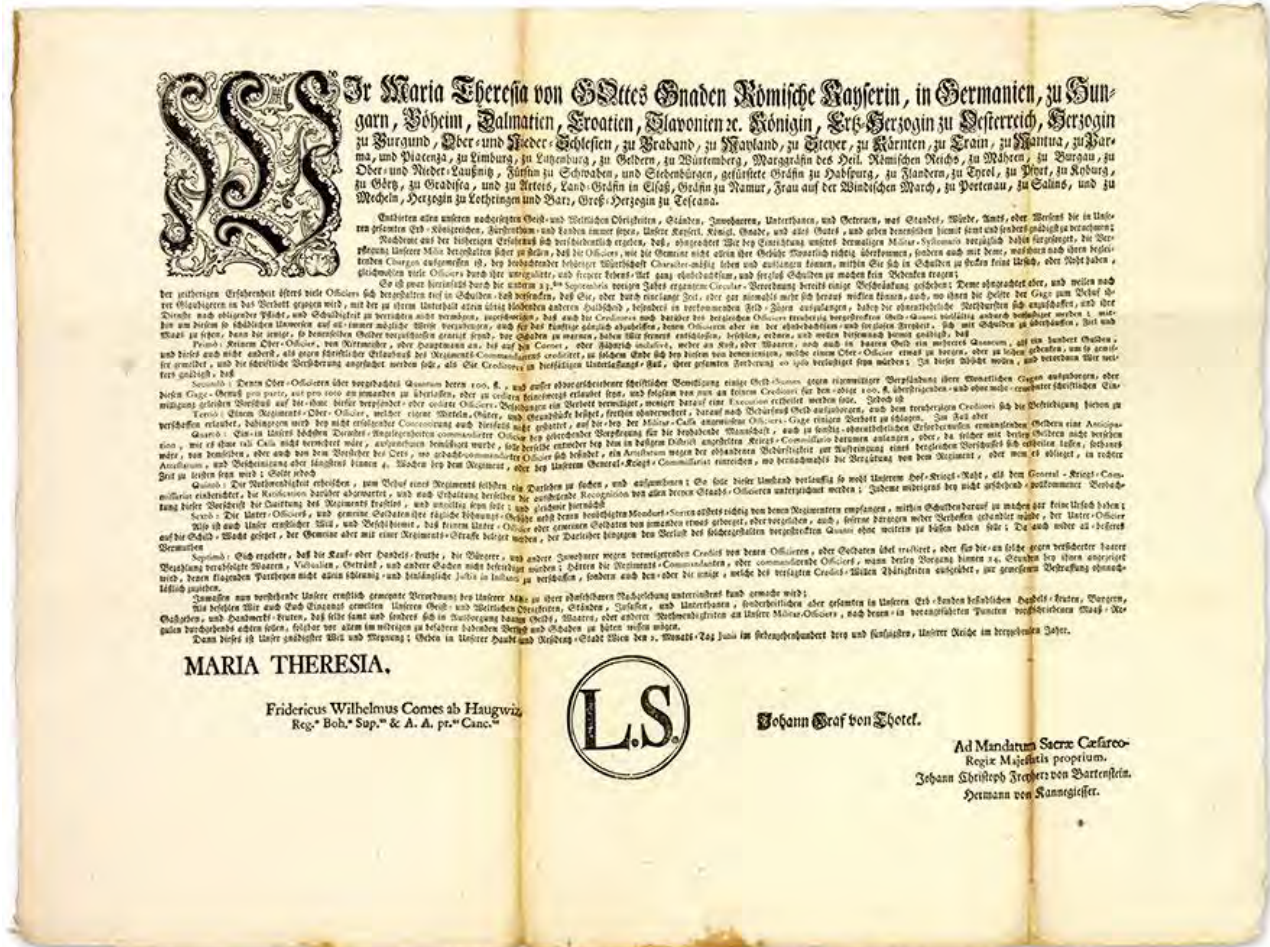
Settle your Accounts or Lose Your Credit

**3. [Broadside].  
[Maine].**

*Notice! Persons Having Accounts at This Store, Are Requested to Settle Them Before the First Day of January Next.* North Harpswell, [ME], Nov. 13th, 1868.

9" x 12" broadside. Light browning, foxing and faint dampstaining, vertical and horizontal fold lines, one at center of top edge with a very short tear. \$150.

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# Maria Theresa Limits Money Lending Among Officers and Soldiers in Her Army

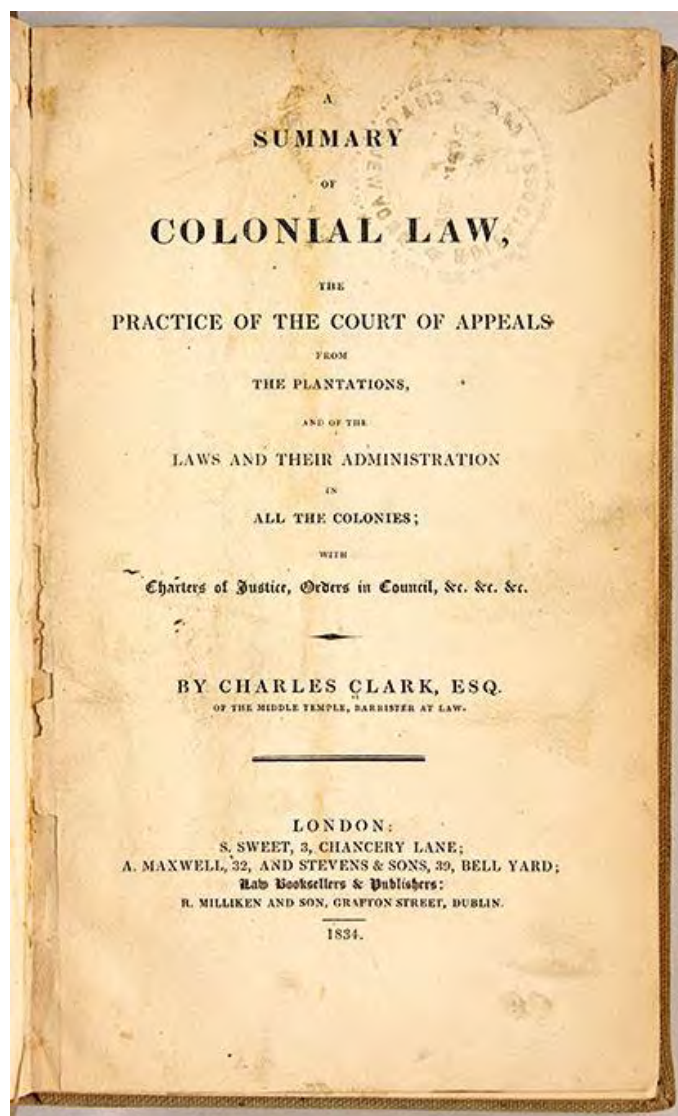
## 4. [Broadside].

Maria, Theresa [1717-1780], Holy Roman Empress.

[Decree Regulating Money Lending in the Army]. Vienna: 2 June 1753. 17" x 22-1/2" broadside, untrimmed edges. Light toning, two vertical and one horizontal fold lines, all lightly browned, tiny stain to bottom edge. \$350.

\* This broadside regulates the conduct of army officers who lend and borrow money too freely. The decree forbids senior officers from lending more than 100 florins; junior officers and all lower ranks are not allowed to lend or borrow any amount. [Order This Item](#)





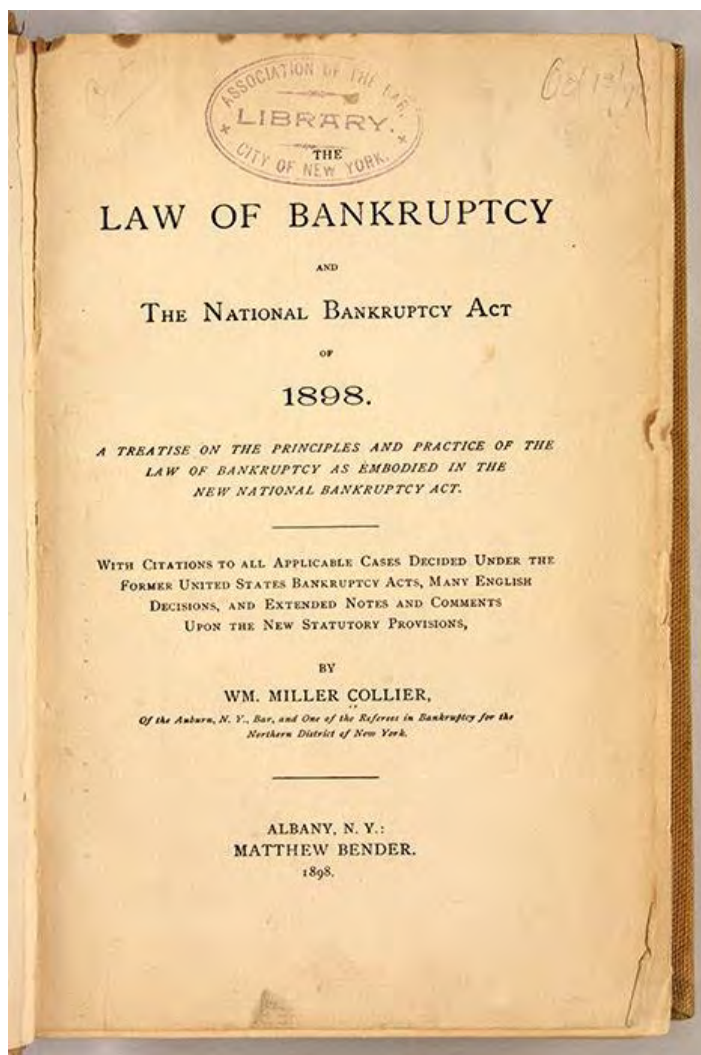
**An Important Work for the  
Study of Britain's Colonial System**

**5. Clark, Charles [d. 1881].**

*A Summary of Colonial Law, The Practice of the Court of Appeals from the Plantations, And of the Laws and Their Administration in All the Colonies: With Charters of Justice, Orders in Council, &c. &c. &c.* London: S. Sweet [et al.], 1834. viii, 746 pp. Octavo (8" x 5-1/2").

Later library cloth, red and black lettering pieces and paper location label to spine. Light soiling, some rubbing to lettering pieces, crack in text block between front free endpaper and title page, which is partially detached and lightly edgeworn. Some toning to text, light soiling and faint embossed library stamp to title page, two small library markings to verso. \$750.

\* Only edition. This thorough treatise is an important resource for students of the legal organization of Britain's colonial system. It is also notable as one of the first books to discuss Australian law. "An invaluable legal work": Ragatz, *A Guide for the Study of British Caribbean History, 1763-1834* 377. Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 2:66. [Order This Item](#)



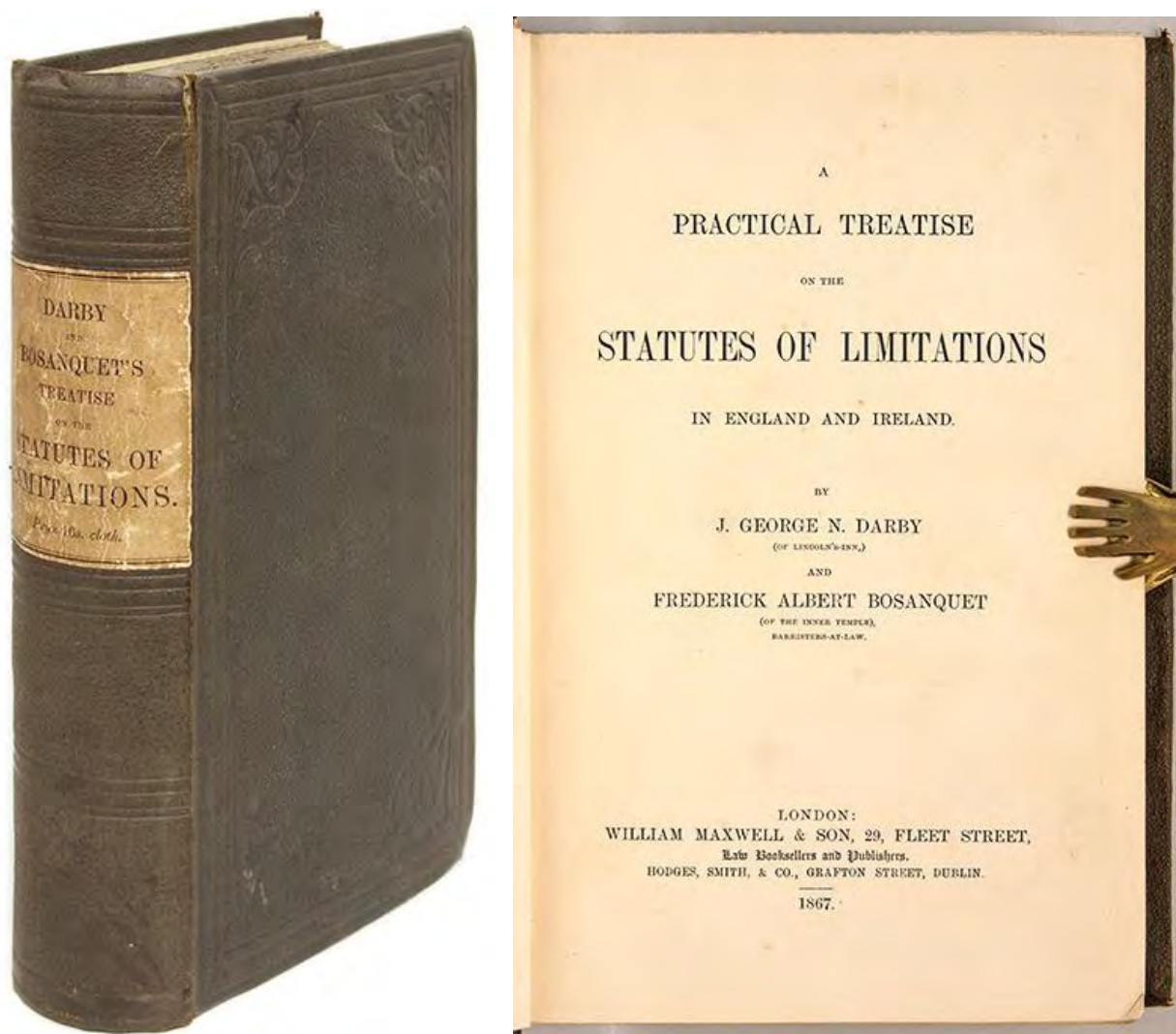
**First Edition of One of  
America's "Great Textbooks" on Bankruptcy**

**6. Collier, W[illia]m. Miller [1867-1956].**

*The Law of Bankruptcy and the National Bankruptcy Act of 1898. A Treatise on the Principles and Practice of the Law of Bankruptcy as Embodied in the New National Bankruptcy Act. With Citations to All Applicable Cases Decided Under the Former United States Bankruptcy Acts, Many English Decisions, And Extended Notes and Comments Upon the New Statutory Provisions.* Albany, NY: Matthew Bender, 1898. xxx, 586 pp. Octavo (9" x 6").

Later library cloth, red and black calf lettering pieces and fragment of paper location label to spine. Light soiling, moderate rubbing to lettering pieces, crack to text block between front endleaf and title page, which is detached and lightly edgeworn. Moderate toning to text, faint library inkstamp to title page, a few library marks to verso, light edgewear to fore-edge of following leaf. \$450.

\* First edition. *Collier on Bankruptcy* is perhaps the most authoritative and comprehensive treatise on the subject. Vanderbilt considers it one of America's "great textbooks" in which the "history of American law might well be traced." Now in its revised fifteenth edition, *Collier on Bankruptcy* remains a highly-respected standard authority. Vanderbilt, *Men and Measures in the Law* 21 cited in Marke, *A Catalogue of the Law Collection at New York University* (1953) 442. [Order This Item](#)



**A Standard English  
Treatise on Statutes of Limitations**

**7. Darby, J. George N. [1829-1870].**

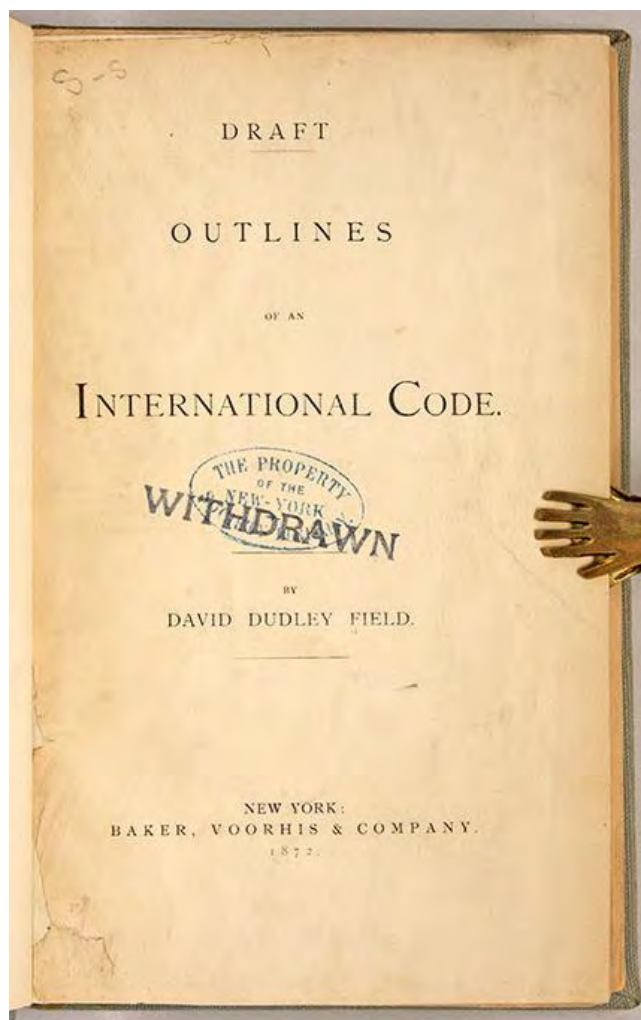
**Bosanquet, Frederick Albert [1837-1923].**

*A Practical Treatise on the Statutes of Limitations in England and Ireland.* London: William Maxwell & Son, 1867. xxiv, 508, 32 pp. Includes 32-page publisher catalogue, addition publisher advertisements to endleaves. Octavo (8-1/2" x 5-1/2").

Original pebbled cloth, blind frames and ornaments to boards, printed paper title label and blind fillets to spine. Light rubbing, spine ends and corners bumped, front joint just starting at head, rear hinge cracked, light toning to text, brief annotations in pencil to a few leaves. \$200.

\* First edition. This was, for many years, the standard English textbook on this subject. A second edition was published in 1893 (and a supplement in 1899). Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 2:91. [Order This Item](#)





**Field's Influential  
Draft for a Code of International Law**

**8. Field, David Dudley [1805-1894].**

*Draft. Outlines of an International Code. Book First: Relations of Nations and Their Members in Time of Peace.* New York: Baker, Voorhis & Company, 1872. Two volumes. iii, [5]-463, [1]; [iv], [35]-670 pp. Complete. Octavo (9" x 6").

Later library cloth, red and black calf lettering pieces and paper shelf labels to spines. Light soiling, light wear to lettering pieces, corners bumped. Moderate toning, chips and minor tears to edges of some leaves, title page of Volume I mounted, library stamps to Volume I title page and a few other leaves, library marks to versos of title pages of both volumes, early owner inscription to half-title of Volume II. An uncommon work in the trade. \$750.

\* First edition. This highly influential study, which was later translated into French, Italian, and Chinese, is considered by many to be Field's greatest achievement. "He, first, we believe, among jurists, brought out into light the fact that numerous treaties and conventions which have been adopted by civilized nations, two by two, already form, when taken together, a complete network of international legislation on many subjects, which only requires to be seen in its entirety and reduced from a multiplicity of special agreements between two parties, to a single general principle affecting each and all in their relation to each other, to form the basis of what would truly be International Law." Marke, *A Catalogue of the Law Collection at New York University* (1953) 596. *Catalogue of the Library of the Harvard Law School* (1909) I:683. [Order This Item](#)



A Complicated Issue in  
the Roman Law of Quasi-Contract

9. Förster, Carl Günther

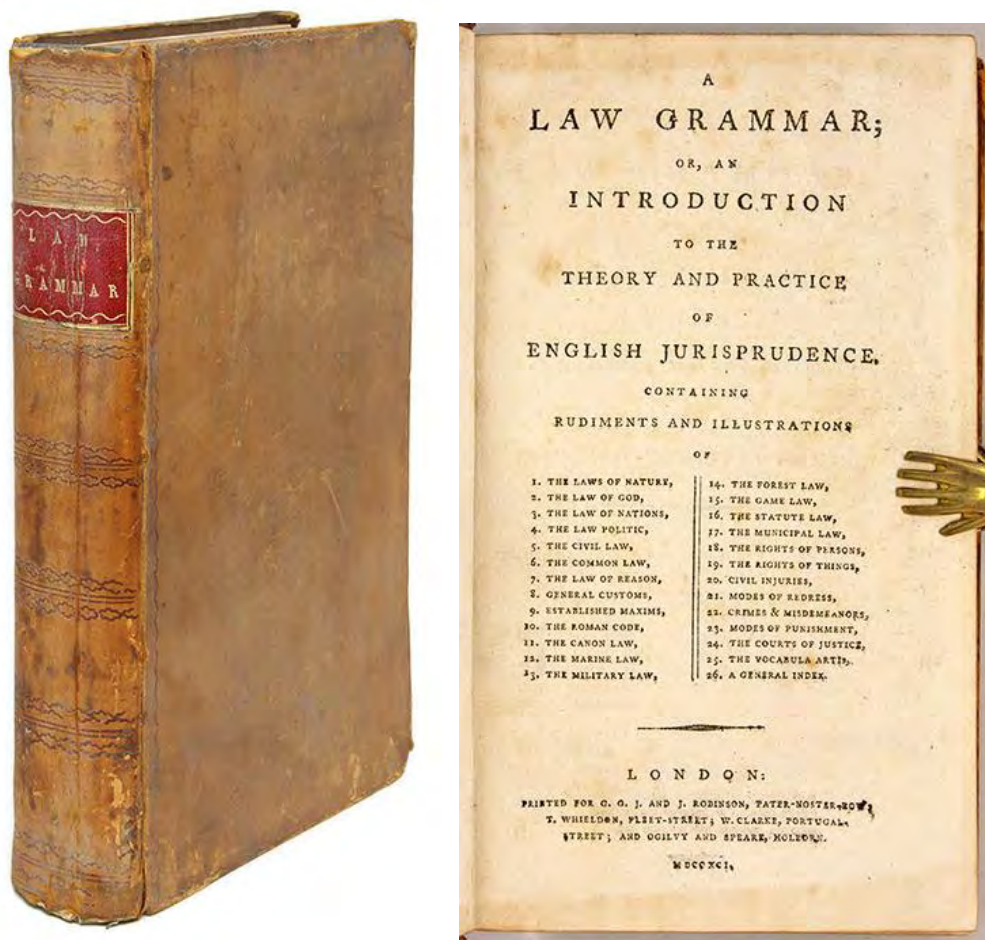
[Prüschenk von Lindenhofen, Zacharias].

*Disputatio de Condictione Furtiva, Quam Decreto & Permissu Magnifici Nobilissimi & Amplissimi JCTorum Ordinis in Incluta Jenensi Academia Sub Praesidio Viri Amplissimi, Excellentissimi & Consultissimi Dn. Zachariae Prüeschenck, JCTI, Antecessoris & Professoris Hujus Academiae, Publici, Consiliiarii Saxonici, Curiae Provoncialis & Scabinatus Assessoris Gravissimi; Praeceptoris & Promotoris Sui Honoratissimi, Publicae Disquisitioni Submittet in Ictorum Auditorio ad d. 10. Martii Carolus Güntherus Förster, Arnstadiô Thuringus.* Jena: Typis Descripsit Blasius Lobenstein, 1638. [20] pp. Quarto (7" x 5-1/2").

Stab-stitched pamphlet bound into later paper-cover boards. Light rubbing to spine ends and corners, moderate toning to text. \$250.

\* Only edition. This is a doctoral thesis defended at the University of Jena. It concerns issues arising from an action in quasi-contract for the recovery of a specific stolen thing from a thief or a thief's heirs, or recovery of its value if it is no longer available. OCLC locates 3 copies, none in North America. *Das Verzeichnis der im Deutschen Sprachraum Erschienenen Drucke des 17. Jahrhunderts* 7:699175C. [Order This Item](#)





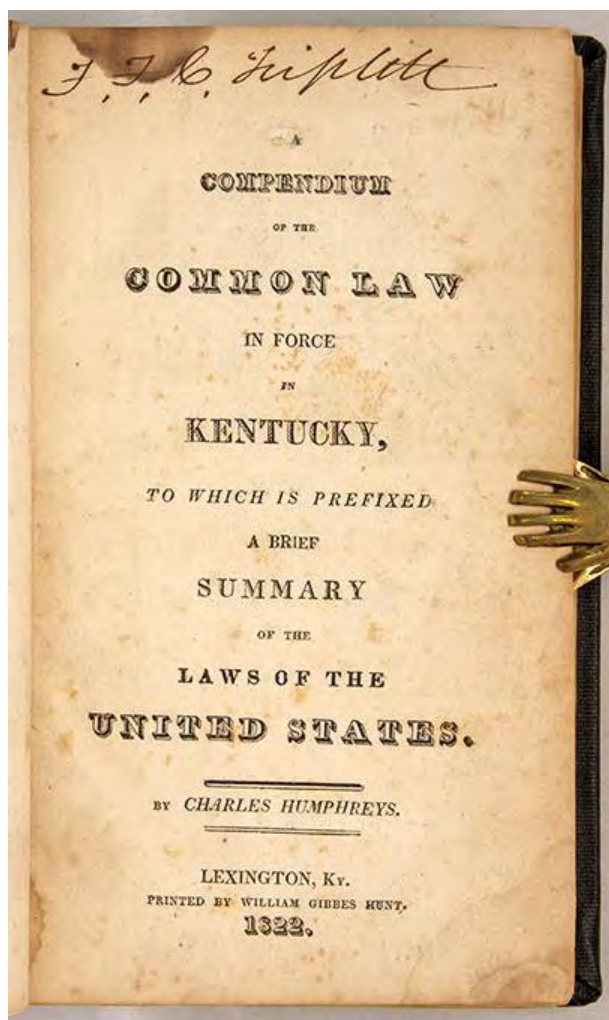
**An Ambitious and Sophisticated  
English Layman's Guide from 1791**

**10. [Great Britain].**

*A Law Grammar: Or, An Introduction to the Theory and Practice of English Jurisprudence. Containing Rudiments and Illustrations of 1. The Laws of Nature, 2. The Law of God, 3. The Law of Nations, 4. The Law Politic, 5. The Civil Law, 6. The Common Law, 7. The Law of Reason, 8. General Customs, 9. Established Maxims, 10. The Roman Code, 11. The Canon Law, 12. The Marine Law, 13. The Military Law, 14. The Forest Law, 15. The Game Law, 16. The Statute Law, 17. The Municipal Law, 18. The Rights of Persons, 19. The Rights of Things, 20. Civil Injuries, 21. Modes of Redress, 22. Crimes & Misdemeanors, 23. Modes of Punishment, 24. The Courts of Justice, 25. The Vocabula Artis, 26. A General Index.* London: Printed for G. G. J. and J. Robinson, 1791. [ii], 544, [8] pp. Bound without half-title present in some copies. Octavo (8-1/2" x 5").

Contemporary calf, blind fillets to boards, blind fillets and lettering piece to spine. Light rubbing and a few minor scuffs, moderate rubbing to extremities with wear to head of spine, faint vertical crease through spine, rear joint cracked (but secure), crack in text block between final two leaves of index. Light toning to text, light foxing to preliminaries and a few other leaves. \$750.

\* First edition. More ambitious and sophisticated than a typical layman's guide, this anonymous work was clearly intended for a well-educated reader or aspiring lawyer. It provides an overview of common, Roman and other legal systems, a chapter-length law dictionary and an annotated collection of 158 maxims. It is side-noted throughout to passages in books by such authors as Blackstone, Coke, Hawkins, Littleton, Montesquieu and Pufendorf. This book was also reissued in Dublin in 1791. It is star-paged to the London edition. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T112675. [Order This Item](#)



**A Kentucky Digest Based on Blackstone**

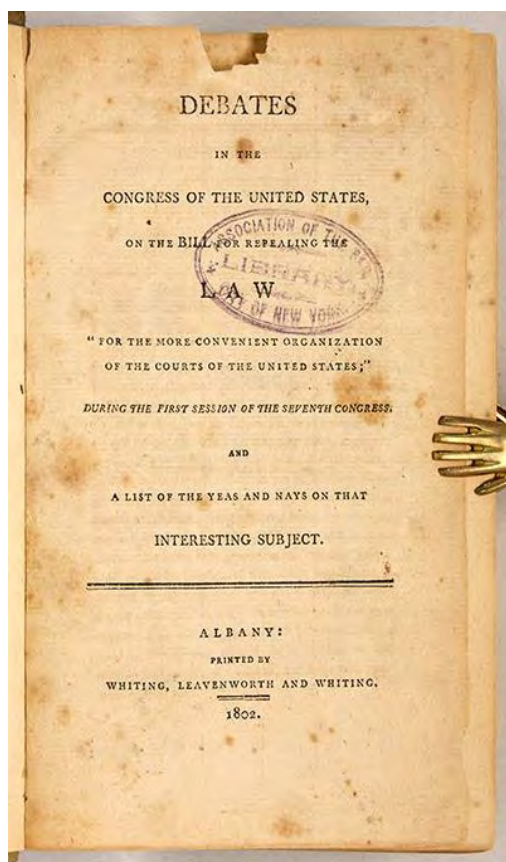
**11. Humpheys, Charles [1775-1830].  
[Blackstone, Sir William (1723-1780)].**

*A Compendium of the Common Law in Force in Kentucky, To Which is Prefixed a Brief Summary of the Laws of the United States.* Lexington, KY: Printed by William Gibbes Hunt, 1822. [ii], xi, [1], 548, [1], 542-594, [2] pp. Pagination irregular, text complete. Octavo (7-3/4" x 4-3/4")

Later library buckram, gilt title, library name and location number to spine. Negligible light shelfwear and soiling. Foxing to text, moderate toning, browning in places, faint dampstaining to margins of a few leaves, section torn from fore-edge of leaf A2-3 (pp. 193-194) with some loss to text, facsimile leaf supplied. Early owner signatures and annotations to front free endpaper, another early owner signature to head of title page, library markings to verso. \$1,000.

\* Only edition. "In his introduction (p. [vii]) the author writes: 'I propose to go through the volumes of Blackstone and some other leading works that treat more copiously on subjects slightly touched by him; and to select what appears to be in force in this country....' He further notes: 'Where practicable, his [Blackstone's] words will be preferred, from a conviction that he has, generally, selected the expressions that best convey the ideas intended.' Citations are made to Blackstone's *Commentaries*, volume and page" (Laeuchli). Humpheys was a law professor at Transylvania University and later a Federal circuit judge. Not in Eller. Laeuchli, *A Bibliographical Catalog of William Blackstone* 472. [Order This Item](#)





### A Watershed in the History of the Federal Judiciary

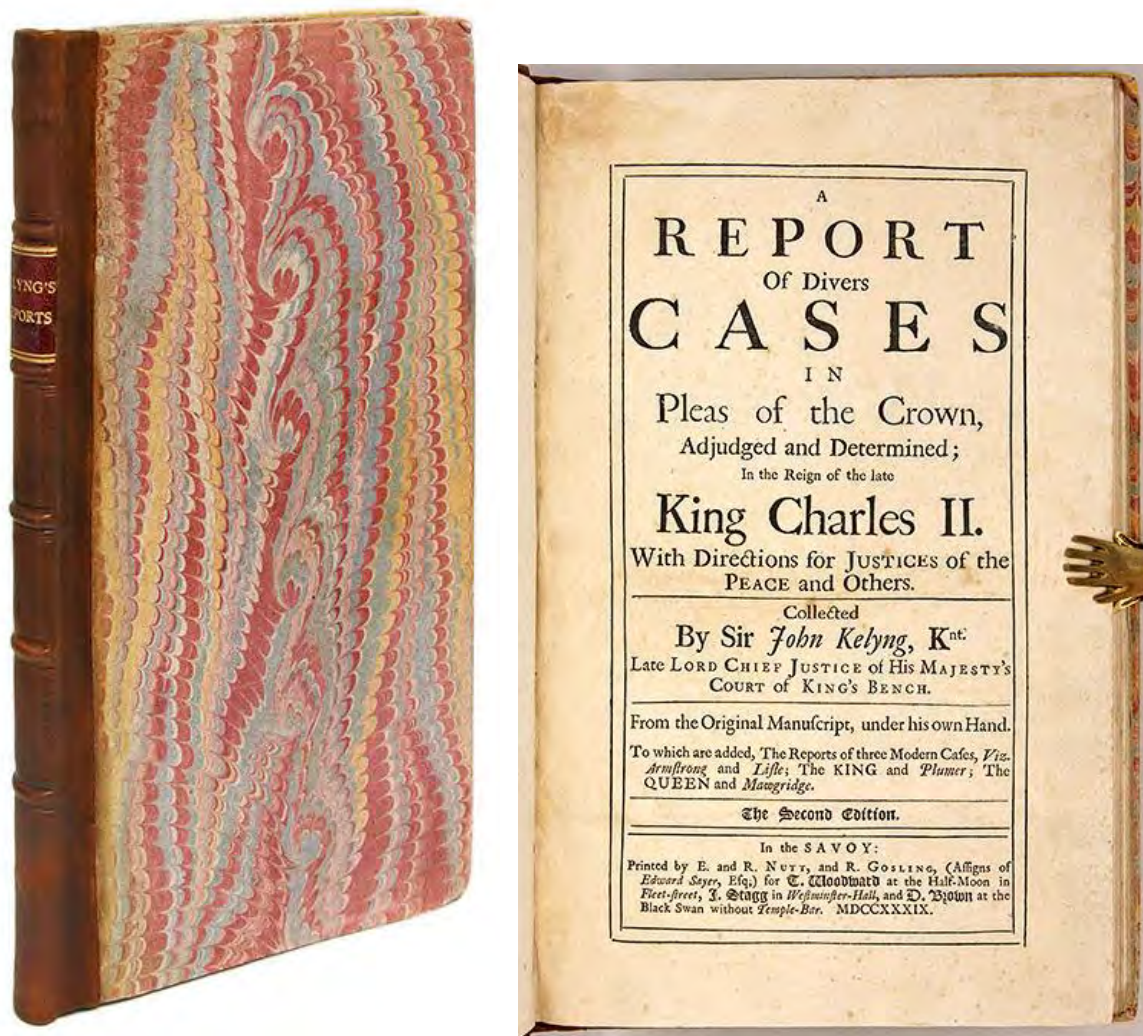
#### 12. [Judiciary Act of 1801]. [Congress, United States].

*Debates in the Congress of the United States, On the Bill for Repealing the Law "For the More Convenient Organization of the Courts of the United States;" During the First Session of the Seventh Congress. And a List of the Yeas and Nays on that Interesting Subject.* Albany: Printed by Whiting, Leavenworth and Whiting, 1802. iv, [5]-796 pp. Octavo (8" x 5").

Later library cloth, red and black calf lettering pieces to spine. Light soiling, a few minor chips to lettering pieces, crack in text block between title page and following leaf. Light browning to text, light foxing in places, light edgewear, tiny chip and library stamp to title page, library marking to verso. \$300.

\* First edition, one of the two Albany imprints published the same year as the Philadelphia edition. In a final attempt to impose a Federalist philosophy on the U.S. government after their defeat in the election of 1800, Congress passed the Judiciary Act of 1801, which expanded the role of the federal courts and enhanced the power of the Supreme Court. Under its terms the Supreme Court was reduced from six to five members, circuit court duties were eliminated and six new circuit courts with sixteen new judgeships were created. President Adams nominated sixteen new Federalist judges to fill these benches. Sometimes called the "midnight judges," all 16 were confirmed by the Senate just before the inauguration. The act was repealed in 1802 after extensive debate, which is contained in the present volume. It canvassed the issue of judicial review, outlined the Federalist theory of judicial independence, set forth the Jeffersonian theory of legislative supremacy and furnished the political setting for *Marbury v. Madison*. This edition was also issued with the imprint: Albany: Printed by Whiting, Leavenworth and Whiting, 1802. Unlike the Philadelphia printing, it includes both the Senate and House debates. Its preface also betrays an anti-Federalist viewpoint. Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 1203.

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**"A Learned, Faithful and Resolute Judge."**

**13. Kelyng, Sir John [d. 1671], Reporter.**

*A Report of Divers Cases in Pleas of the Crown, Adjudged and Determined; In the Reign of the Late King Charles II. With Directions for Justices of the Peace and Others. Collected by Sir John Kelyng, Knt. Late Lord Chief Justice of His Majesty's Court of King's Bench. From the Original Manuscript, Under His Own Hand. To Which are Added the Reports of Three Modern Cases, Viz. Armstrong and Lisle; The King and Plumer; The Queen and Mawgridge.* [London]: Printed by E. and R. Nutt, And R. Gosling, 1739. [vi], 138, [14] pp. Folio (11-1/2" x 7").

Contemporary marbled boards, rebacked in period-style quarter-calf with raised bands and lettering piece, existing endpapers retained. Light rubbing to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, corners bumped and somewhat worn, front hinge cracked, rear hinge starting. Moderate toning to text, somewhat heavier in places, occasional light foxing and dampstaining to margins. \$200.

\* Reissue of the only edition. Covers 1662-1669. These reports were collected after Kelyng's death and published by Justice Holt in 1708. Kelyng, a judge of the King's Bench in 1663 was made Chief Justice of that court in 1665. Wallace says he was considered "a learned, faithful and resolute judge." A second reissue was published in Dublin in 1789. Wallace, *The Reporters* 328. *English Short-Title Catalogue* N12838. [Order This Item](#)





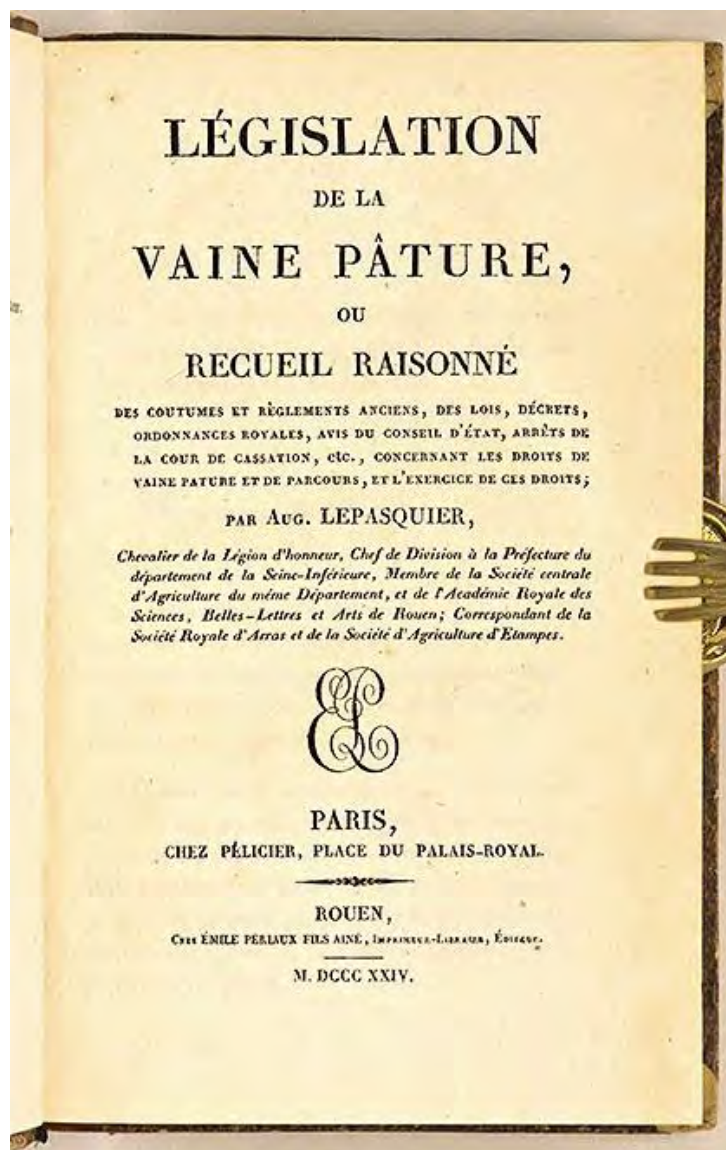
**A Treatise Praised by Holdsworth**

**14. Kyd, Stewart [d. 1811].**

*A Treatise on the Law of Awards. Revised and Corrected; With Very Considerable Additions.* London: Printed for J. Johnson, G. G. & J. Robinson, & J. Butterworth; And B. C. Collins, Salisbury, 1799. [v], viii-xvii, [1], 583, [1] pp. Octavo (8-1/4" x 5-1/2").

Contemporary calf, blind fillets to boards, lettering piece and blind fillets to spine. Light rubbing and some minor nicks and scuffs to boards and spine, moderate rubbing to extremities, small tear to head of spine, corners bumped and lightly worn, early owner bookplate (of R.W. Clarke) to front pastedown, moderate toning to text. An attractive copy. \$500.

\* Second and final edition. "The best book on [awards] was published by Stewart Kyd in 1791. It is a learned book, which describes historically the growth of the rules on this topic from the Year Books downwards, and discusses intelligently the modern cases both legal and equitable. The author knows a good deal of Roman law, and makes an effective use of some of its rules, which, he thinks, may have influenced the growth of the parallel English Rules" (Holdsworth). The second edition was reissued in Philadelphia in 1808 as the "First American Edition." Holdsworth, *History of English Law* XII:399. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T71520. [Order This Item](#)



### Rights to Uncultivated Pasture in France

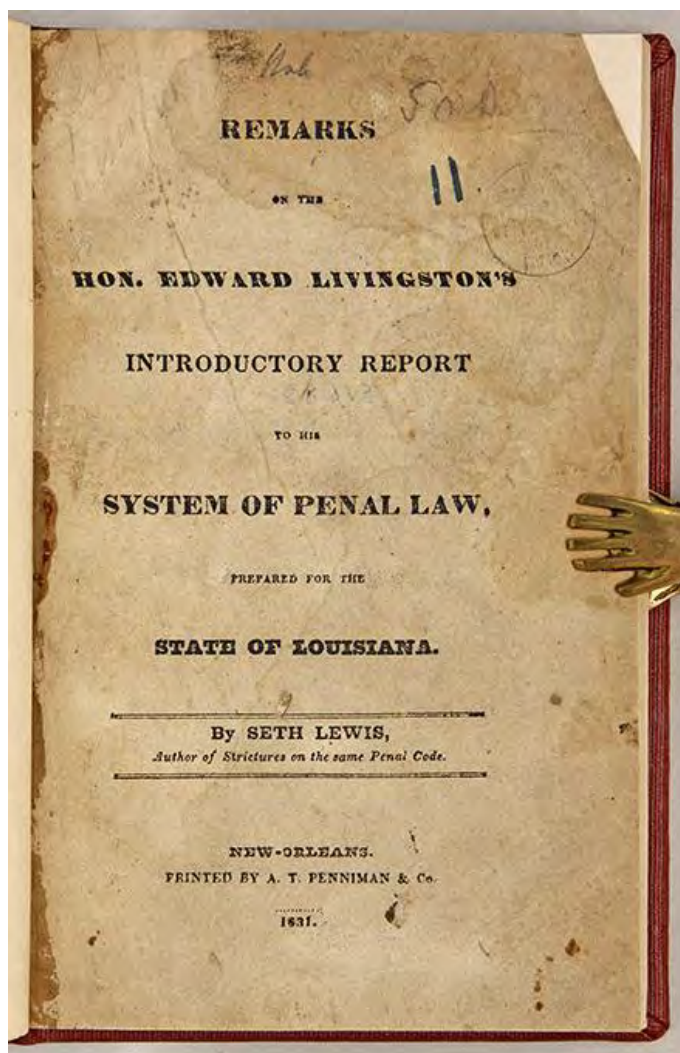
#### 15. Lepasquier, Ambroise Auguste [1788-1839].

*Législation de la Vaine Pâture, Ou, Recueil Raisonnné des Coutumes et Règlements Anciens, Des Lois, Décrets, Ordonnances Royales, Avis du Conseil d'État, Arrêts de la cour de Cassation, Etc., Concernant les Droits de Vaine Pâture et de Parcours, Et l'Exercice de ces Droits.* Paris: Chez Pélicier; Rouen: Chez Émile Periaux, 1824. [vi], 358, [iv] pp. Octavo (7-3/4" x 4-3/4").

Contemporary quarter calf over marbled boards, gilt fillets and title to spine, ribbon marker. Some rubbing to boards and extremities, corners bumped and somewhat worn. Moderate toning to text, light foxing to a few leaves, (illegible) early owner signature to head of half-title. \$200.

\* First edition. This treatise provides a detailed study of laws concerning uncultivated pasture (*vaine pâture*), as well as open land, what the English call "waste land," and forests. It begins with laws in various *coutumes* and moves on to laws of the 1820s. The final chapter is a proposed code for the use of uncultivated land. A second edition was published in 1826. Both are scarce. OCLC locates 6 copies of the first edition, none in North America. [Order This Item](#)





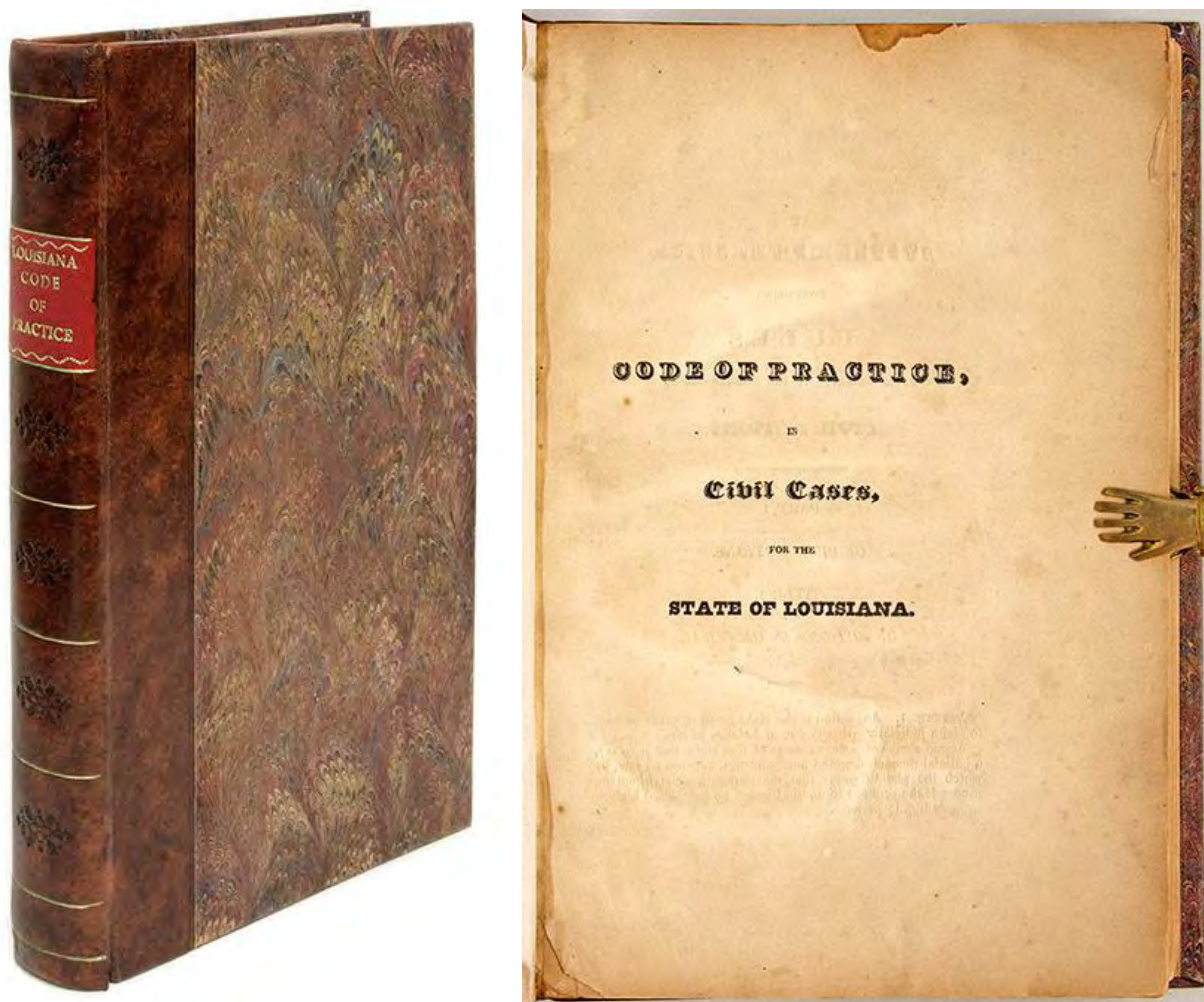
**A Rare Pamphlet Criticizing  
Livingston's Louisiana Penal Code**

**16. Lewis, Seth [1764-1848].**

*Remarks on the Hon. Edward Livingston's Introductory Report to His System of Penal Law, Prepared for the State of Louisiana.* New Orleans: Printed by A.T. Penniman & Co., 1831. 142 pp. Lacking the errata sheet noted by Cohen. Octavo (7-3/4" x 5").

Stab-stitched pamphlet bound into recent library buckram, gilt title, shelf number and library name to spine. Negligible light shelfwear, moderate toning to text, early marks to margins in two places, clean tear to a leaf (containing pp. 59-60), some soiling, early marks, small, faint library stamp to front wrapper, a few library marks to its verso, repair to upper corner of its title page. A rare title. \$1,000.

\* Only edition. Lewis served terms as the chief justice of the Mississippi Territory and attorney general of the Natchez District. He was a Louisiana district judge when he wrote his *Remarks*, a highly critical assessment of Edward Livingston's proposed Louisiana penal code, as outlined in Livingston's *Introductory Report to the System of Penal Law, Prepared for the State of Louisiana* (c. 1824). Lewis's pamphlet appeared at a time when the code was under consideration by the legislature, which declined to enact it. OCLC locates 9 copies, 3 in law libraries (Harvard, Louisiana State University, Social Law). Jumonville, *Bibliography of New Orleans Imprints* 727. Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 10313. [Order This Item](#)



**Livingston's Louisiana Code of Civil Practice**

17. [Louisiana].

[Livingston, Edward (1764-1836)].

[Lislet-Moreau, Louis (1766-1832)].

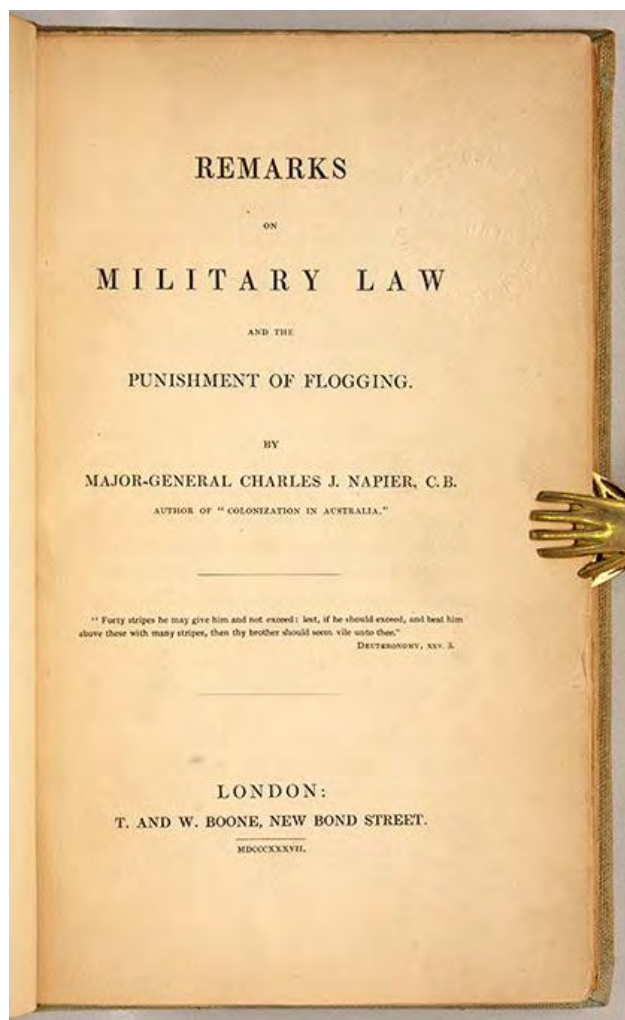
[Derbigny, Pierre (1769-1829)].

*Code of Practice, in Civil Cases, for the State of Louisiana.* [New Orleans: s.n., c. 1824]. 410 pp. English and French on facing leaves. Quarto (10-3/4" x 7-1/2").

Recent period-style quarter calf over marbled boards, lettering piece, gilt fillets and blind ornaments to spine, endpapers renewed. Light browning and faint dampspotting to text, small darker dampstains to upper margins of preliminaries and a few following leaves. A nice copy in a handsome binding. \$2,500.

\* First edition. This important code was one of a series of codes produced for the Louisiana legislature. Principally the work of Livingston, work on the civil practice code began in 1823. Submitted to the legislature and first published in 1824, it went into effect the following year. Like the other codes it was a decisive influence in the codification movement. It was, for example, the main inspiration and source for the 1848 Field Code of Procedure, which incorporated many of its provisions. Not in Cohen. Babbitt, *Hand-List of Legislative Sessions and Session Laws* 148. Jumonville, *Bibliography of New Orleans Imprints* 458. [Order This Item](#)





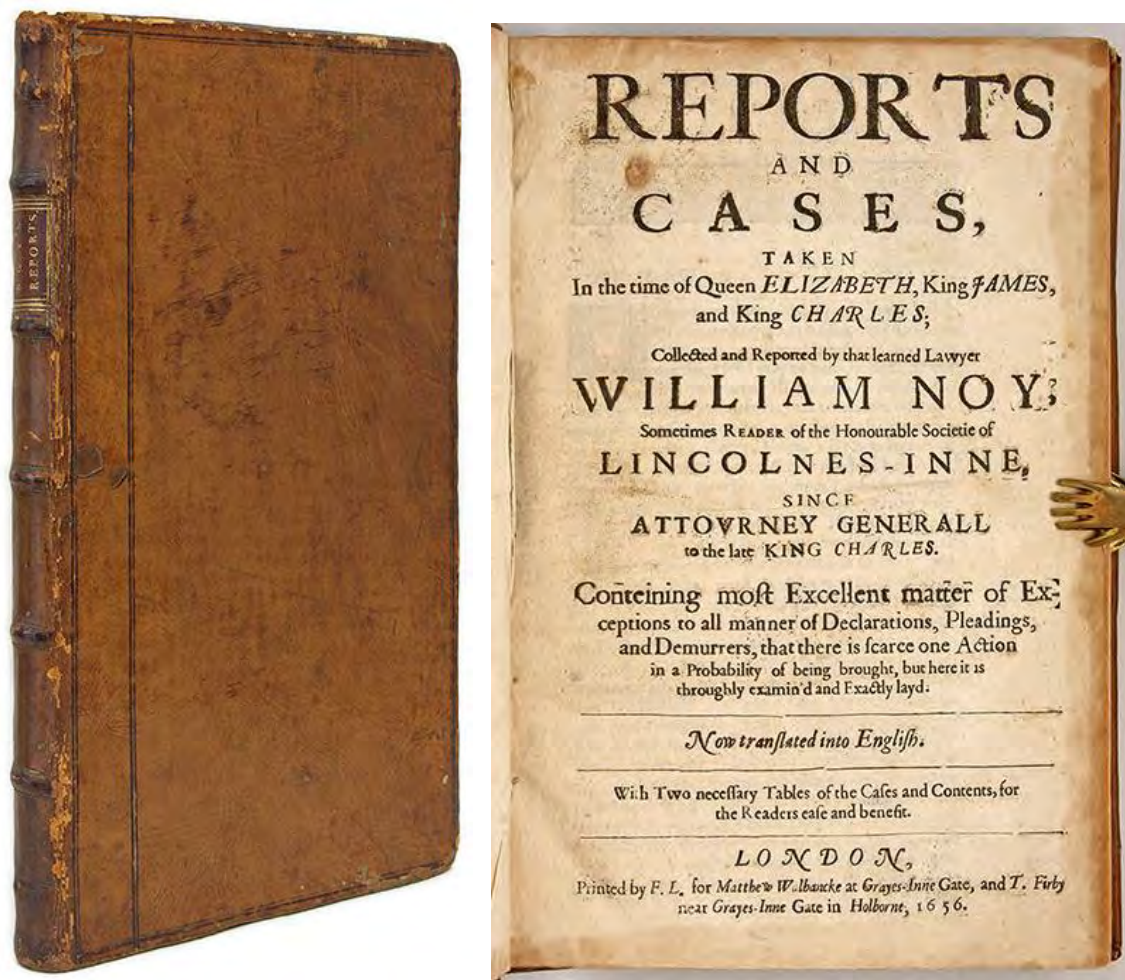
**A Distinguished British General  
Considers the Role of Flogging in Military Law**

**18. Napier, Sir Charles James [1782-1853].**

*Remarks on Military Law and the Punishment of Flogging.* London: T. & W. Boone, 1837. [iv], xii, 276 pp. Octavo (8-1/4" x 5-1/4").

Later library cloth, red and black calf lettering pieces and paper location label to spine. Light soiling and a few minor stains, some rubbing to edges of lettering pieces, corners bumped. Moderate toning to text, faint embossed library stamp to title page, library marks to verso. \$250.

\* Only edition. Sir Charles James Napier played a legendary role as military commander in the pacification of India. The present work was written upon his return from service in Cephalonia, then under British control, where Napier formed a strong relationship with Byron, and became a strong advocate of reform. It is a somewhat conservative but balanced treatment that insists on the necessary differences between social and military law and the absolute importance of keeping them separate, both in Parliament and on the streets. Napier accepts harsh procedure in war, but abhors it in civilian circumstances. At the same time he criticizes many aspects of military law, showing particular concern for better treatment of the private soldier. His humanitarian, indeed democratic, instincts are even more in evidence in his compassion for the lives of ordinary soldiers and their families. *British Museum Catalogue* (Compact Edition) 18:256. [Order This Item](#)



**Held in High Regard by Lords Bacon and Hale**

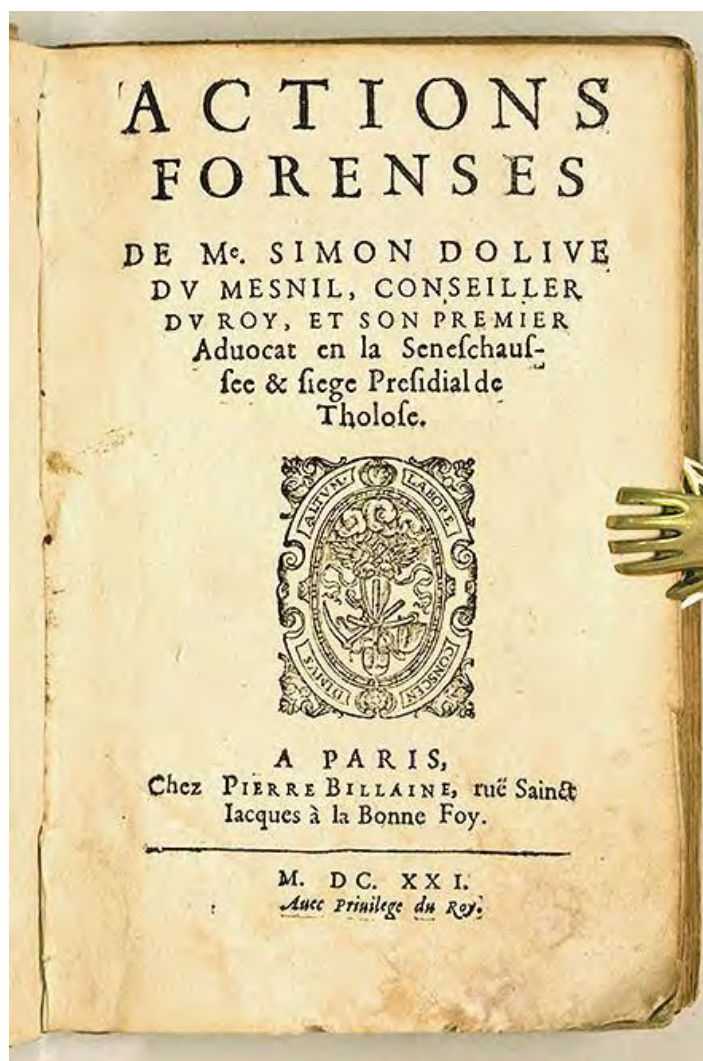
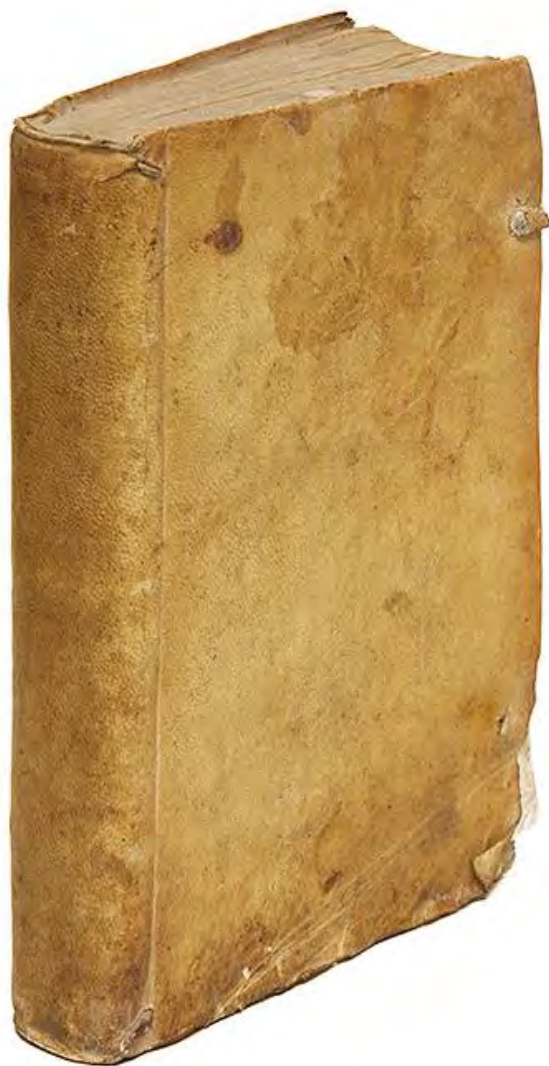
**19. Noy, William, Reporter.**

*Reports and Cases, Taken In the Time of Queen Elizabeth, King James, And King Charles; Collected and Reported by that Learned Lawyer William Noy, Sometimes Reader of the Honourable Societie of Lincolnes-Inne, Since Attourney Generall to the Late King Charles. Containing Most Excellent Matter of Exceptions to All Manner of Declarations, Pleadings, And Demurrers, That there is Scarce One Action in a Probability of Being Brought, But Here it is Thoroughly Examin'd and Exactly Layd. Now Translated into English. With Two Necessary Tables of the Cases and Contents, For the Readers Ease and Benefit.* London: Printed by F[rancis]. L[each]. for Matthew Walbancke, 1656. [xii], 185, [11] pp. Folio (11" x 7").

Contemporary sheep, blind rules to boards, raised bands and lettering piece to spine. A few minor scuffs to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, minor chipping to head of spine, corners bumped and somewhat worn, front pastedown partially detached, crack in text block between front endleaf and title page, rear hinge starting. Moderate toning, somewhat heavier in places, some offsetting to margins of preliminaries. \$350.

\* Second and final edition. These reports are from the Courts of King's Bench and Common Pleas from 1559 to 1649. Wallace says these reports were held in high regard by Lord Bacon and were referred to frequently by Lord Hale, who had a manuscript copy, in his notes to Coke's *First Institutes*. A second edition was published in 1669. The annotations in our copy are one to three-word references to cases in other reporters. Wallace, *The Reporters* 154-158. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R4491. [Order This Item](#)





**A Rare Seventeenth-Century  
Manual on Courtroom Forensics**

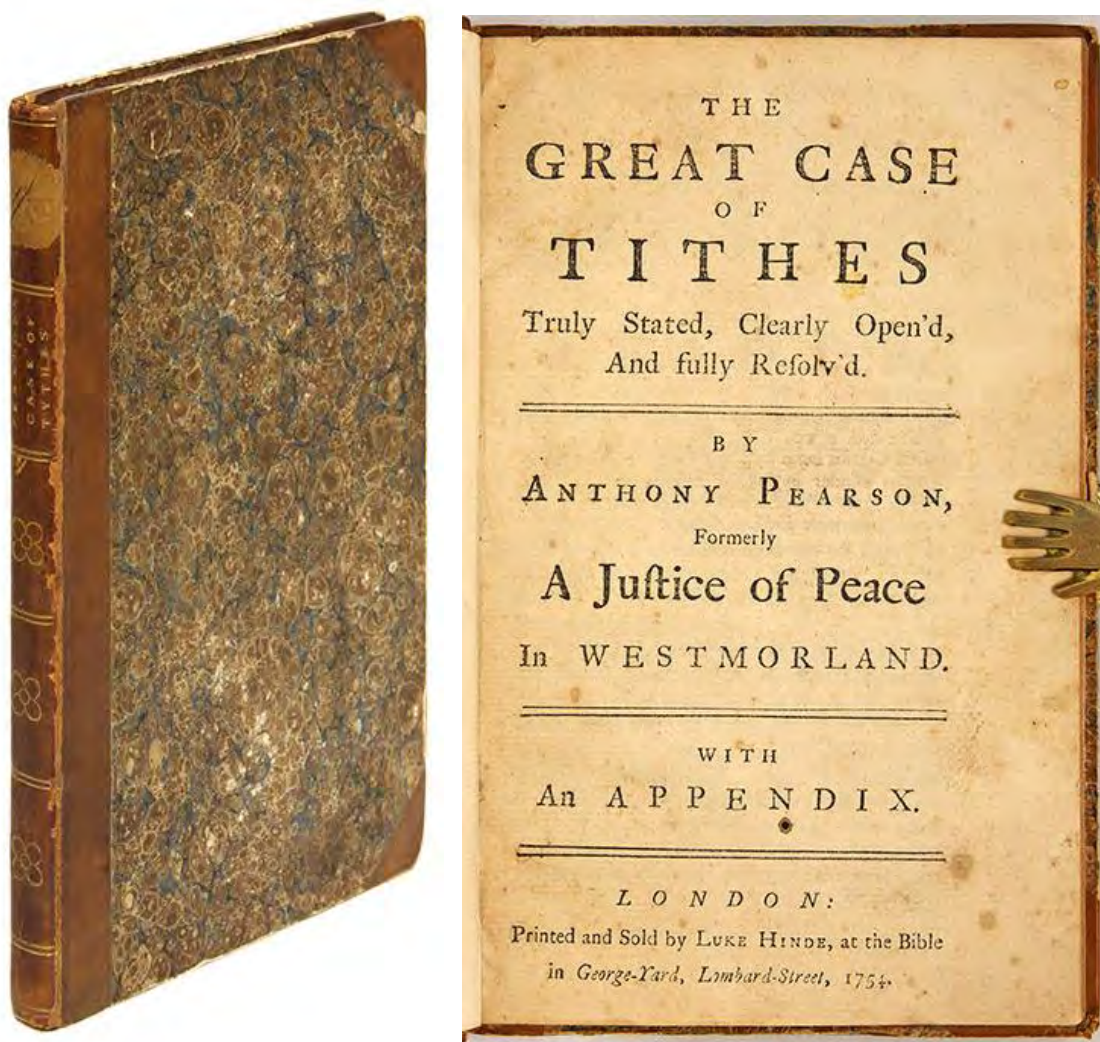
**20. Olive Du Mesnil, Simon d' [1584-1647].**

*Actions Forenses*. Paris: Chez Pierre Billaine, 1621. [viii], 325 pp. Octavo (6-3/4" x 4-1/2").

Contemporary flexible vellum, fragments of thong ties along fore-edges of board. Light soiling and a few faint stains, spine ends bumped, wear to bottom edges and corners, some edgewear to preliminaries. Light toning to text, occasional faint dampstaining to foot of text block. \$350.

\* First edition. This is a practical treatise on rhetorical and procedural techniques useful for the courtroom. Its author was a highly regarded counselor to the king and a member of the *Parlement* of Toulouse. A second edition was published in 1626. Both are rare. OCLC locates 4 copies of the first edition, 1 in North America (College of the Holy Cross). Not in Camus.

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### Disputing the Legality of Tithes

#### 21. Pearson, Anthony [1628-1670?].

[Ellwood, Thomas].

*The Great Case of Tithes Truly Stated, Clearly Open'd, And Fully Resolv'd. With an Appendix.* London: Printed and Sold by Luke Hinde, 1754. xiv, [2], 128 pp. Appendix has drop-head title reading: "The Appendix. An Account of Tithes in General. By Thomas Ellwood." Octavo (7-1/2" x 4-3/4").

Later three-quarter calf over marbled boards, lettering piece, gilt fillets and ornaments and paper shelf label to spine. Light rubbing to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities with some wear to spine ends and corners, front hinge starting. Light browning to text, light foxing to a few leaves, later owner signatures (of Charles Smith) to front free endpaper and verso of title page. An attractive binding. \$250.

\* Later edition. Pearson was a prominent Quaker in the North of England and a justice of the peace. His research into the history and law of tithes derived from the legal treatment of Quakers who refused to pay them. First published in 1657, *The Great Case of Tithes Truly Stated*, the book that resulted from his research, denies the legality of tithes. It includes the bold suggestion that Biblical injunctions, however they may weigh in themselves, had nothing to do with the institution as it existed in eighteenth-century England. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T97513. [Order This Item](#)





### How Many Hail Marys?

#### 22. Peña, Francisco [1540-1612].

**Bariola, Aloysio, Editor.**

*Flores Commentariorum: Opus Sanè Perutile, Doctoribus, Theologis, Confessariis, & Religiosis Omnibus. His Accessit Summarium Bullarum S. Officii Deservientium, Unà cum Disputatione de Auctoritate Extraviagantium, & Utilitate. Addita sunt Notabilia Circa Propositionum Qualitates, & Mulierum Solicitationem in Sacramentum Poenitentiae Aliquando Occurrentum. Novissimè Apposita Fuere Nonnulla Consilia Foro Conscientiae Satis Utilia.* Milan: Apud Hieronymum Bordonum, 1610. [lvi], 312 pp. Octavo (6-3/4" x 4-1/2").

Contemporary limp vellum, early hand-lettered titles to spine and foot of text block. A few minor stains, spines ends bumped, front hinge cracked, light edgewear to front free endpaper, rear pastedown loose. Light toning to text, faint, often very faint, dampstaining to top-edge of text block after p. 183, brief early annotations to foot of title page and a few other places, clean tears to a few leaves, light soiling to title page. A nice copy of a rare title. \$750.

\* Only edition located. A distinguished canonist, Peña was an auditor of the Rota for Spain and a member of the commission that prepared the official edition of the *Corpus Juris Canonici* in 1582. He was also concerned in the canonization of several saints. An expert on criminal law, he was a legal advisor to the Spanish Inquisition. Edited by Bariola, the *Flores Commentariorum* is a penitential manual outlining correct forms of penance. Much of it is devoted to calculating degrees of sinfulness and points where infractions become criminal matters. OCLC locates 4 copies, 1 in North America (George Washington University Law School). Not in the *British Museum Catalogue*. [Order This Item](#)



**A Rare Sixteenth-Century Edition of  
an Important Set of Praetorian Edicts**

**23. Salvius, Julianus [d.c. 169 CE].**

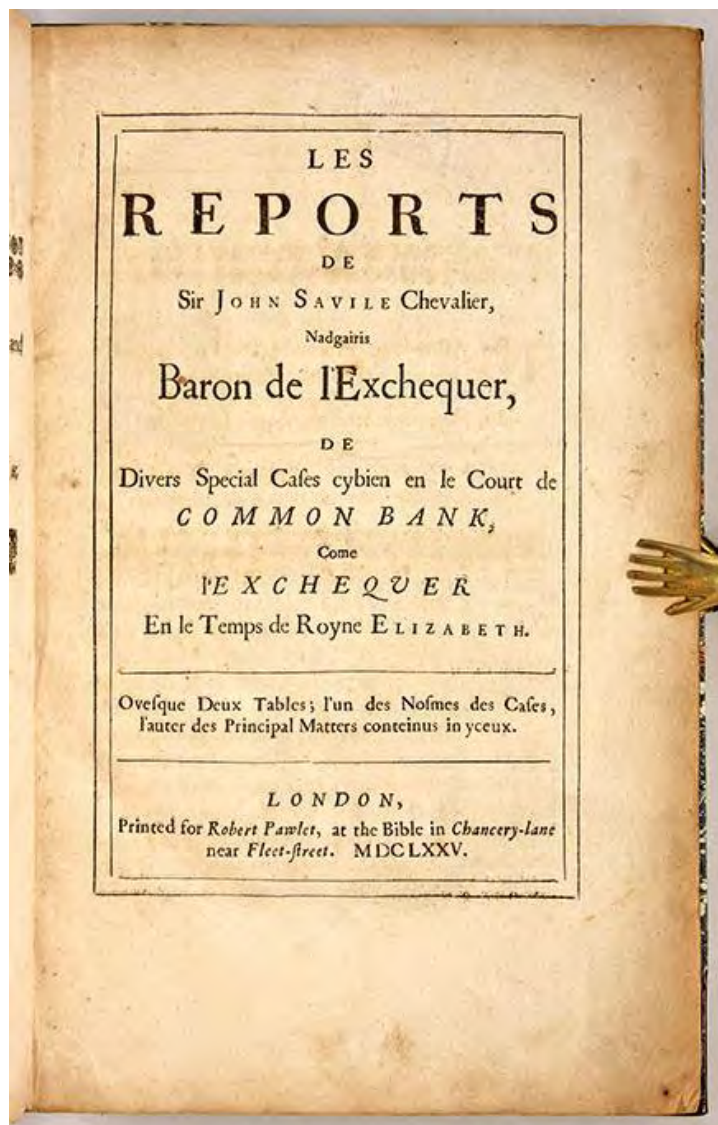
**Ranchin, Guillaume [1559-1605], Editor.**

*Edictum Perpetuum a Salvio Juliano Jurisc. Compositum. A Gulielmo Ranchino in Mospeliensi Schola Antecessore, & In Suprema Subsidiarum Curia Occitana Fisci Advocato, Restitutum.* Paris: In Officina Plantiniana, 1597. [xxviii], 78, [1]; [xii], 88, 80 pp. Two parts in one, the second in two parts, both with title page and individual paginations. Part two is a work by Ranchin titled *Variarum Lectionum Libri Tres*. Octavo (6-1/2" x 4").

Seventeenth-century calf, gilt rules to boards, gilt-edged raised bands, lettering piece and gilt ornaments to spine, speckled edges. A few minor nicks and scuffs, moderate rubbing to extremities, front board just beginning to separate, but quite secure, corners bumped, rear hinge cracked. Light toning to text, foxing to first half of text block. An attractive copy of a rare imprint. \$1,850.

\* First edition. Ordered by Emperor Hadrian, the *Edictum Perpetuum* is the definitive establishment of the praetorian edicts as revised by the second-century Roman jurist Salvius Julianus. This final revision was permanent; the right of the praetors to modify it was abolished. The text of this important first edition was edited by Ranchin, a French jurist and professor of law in Montpellier, who has added his set of comments printed as side-notes. The second part, *Variarum Lectionum Libri Tres*, is a collection of brief essays by Ranchin on various legal themes and classical texts. The first edition of this work is rare. OCLC locates 1 copy in North America (Harvard Law School). We located 2 other copies (Emory University Enoch Pratt Free Library). Walker, *Oxford Companion to Law* 393, 1101. *Universal Short-Title Catalogue* 146571. [Order This Item](#)





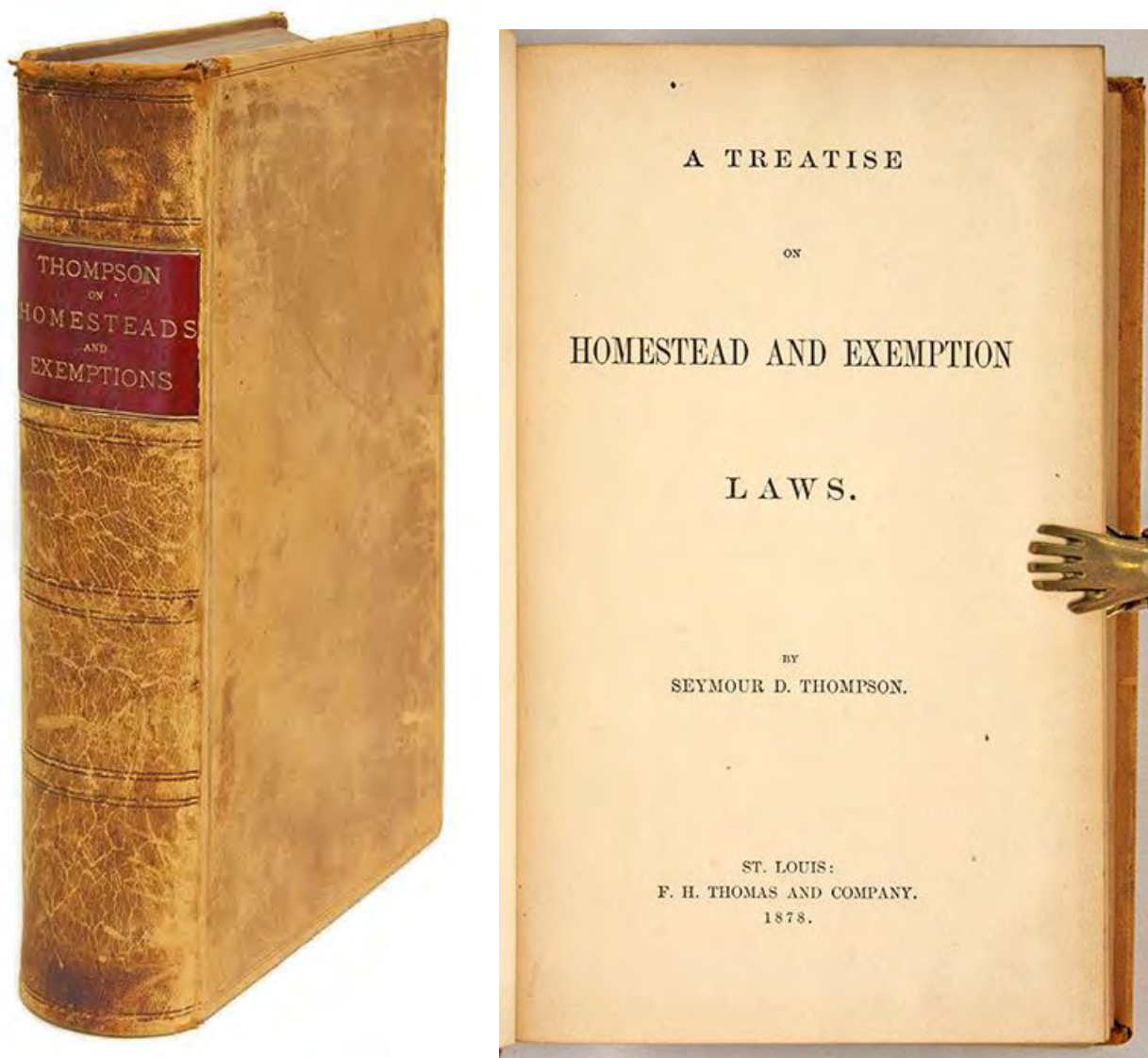
**First Edition of Savile's Exchequer Court Reports**

**24. Savile, Sir John [1545-1607].**

*Les Reports de Divers Special Cases Cybien en le Court de Common Bank Comme L'Exchequer.* London: Printed by George Pawlet, 1675. [i], [vi], 136, [20] pp. Signature "A" misbound at end of text block. Includes two-page printer catalogue. Folio (7-3/4" x 10-1/2").

Recent period-style three-quarter calf over marbled boards, lettering piece, endpapers renewed. Some browning to edges, interior otherwise fresh. Attractive. \$150.

\* First edition. Covers the period from 1580-1594. An intimate friend of Camden, Savile was one of the original members of the Society of Antiquaries. Wood said he wrote "certain things fit for the press," but this is his only published work. *Dictionary of National Biography* XVII:861. Wallace, *The Reporters* 197. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R10172. [Order This Item](#)



**The Sale of Real Property  
in Late Nineteenth-Century America**

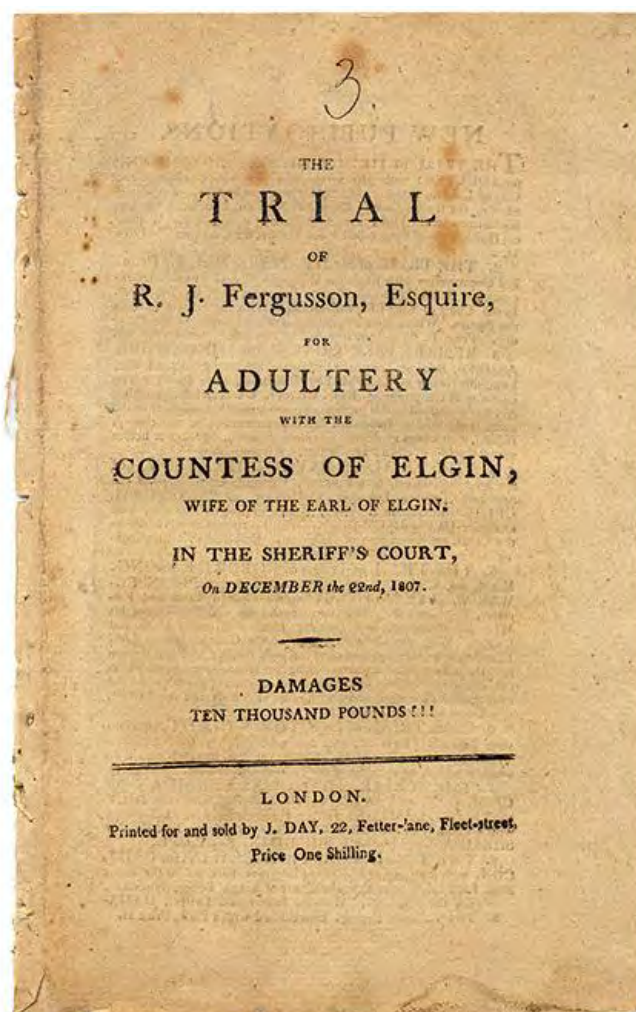
**25. Thompson, Seymour D. [1842-1904].**

*A Treatise On Homestead And Exemption Laws.* St. Louis: F.H. Thomas and Company, 1878. xli, 817 pp. Octavo (9" x 6").

Original law calf, blind rules to boards, raised bands and lettering piece to spine, blind tooling to board edges. Light rubbing and a few minor scuffs to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, a few small tears to head of spine, corners bumped and lightly worn, front hinge cracked, rear hinge starting. Moderate toning to text, offsetting to margins of endleaves, early owner stamp to front pastedown, front and rear free endpapers and a few other leaves. A nice copy. \$350.

\* Only edition. Thompson's treatise was a bold attempt to impose order on the complicated system of laws and statutes governing homeowner and judicial sale of real estate during the late nineteenth-century. It was likely a response to the wave of mortgage foreclosures that followed the Panic of 1873, many of them on farmsteads in the western states and territories. *Catalogue of the Library of the Harvard Law School* (1909) II:740. [Order This Item](#)





**Adultery Trial Involving a Wealthy Heiress, A Member of  
Parliament and the Diplomat Who Acquired the Elgin Marbles**

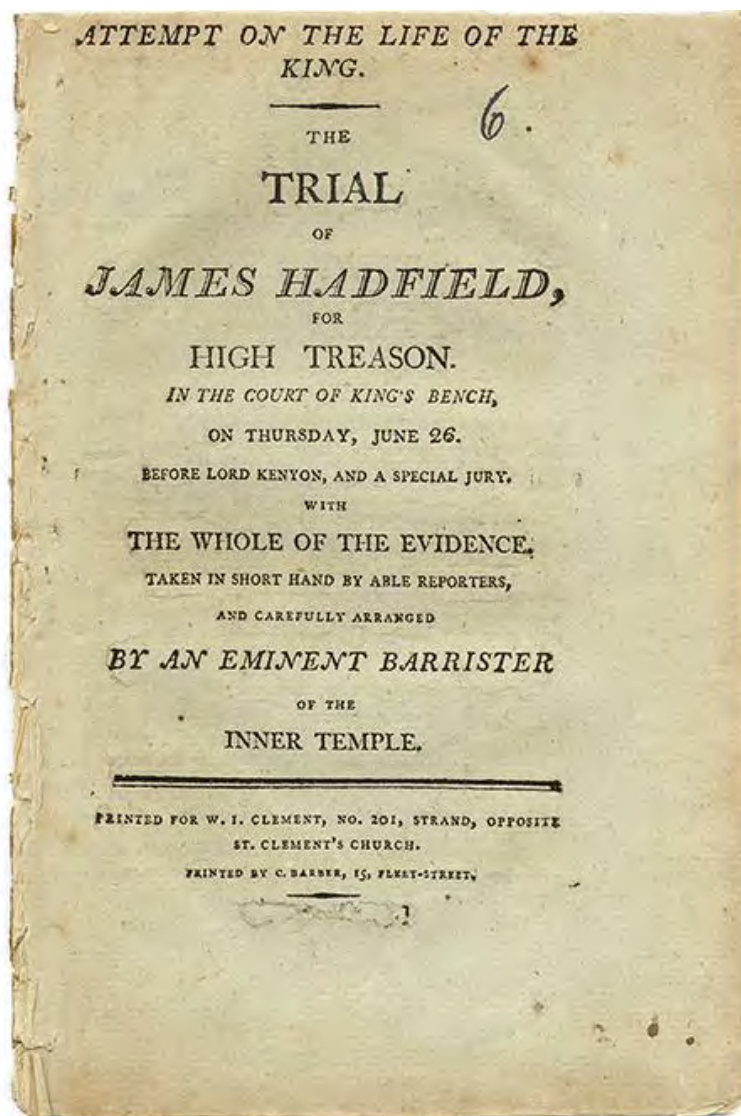
**26. [Trial].**

**Fergusson, R[obert] J., Defendant.**

*The Trial of R.J. Fergusson, Esquire, For Adultery with the Countess of Elgin, Wife of the Earl of Elgin. In the Sheriff's Court, On December the 22nd, 1807. Damages Ten Thousand Pounds!!!* London; Printed and Sold for J. Day, [1807]. 20 pp. Octavo (8-1/2" x 5-1/8").

Disbound stab-stitched pamphlet. Light soiling to exterior, "3." in early hand to head of title page, light browning to text, light foxing and tiny stains to a few leaves. \$850.

\* First edition. Mary Hamilton Bruce [1778-1855], Countess of Elgin, was the wife of British diplomat Thomas Bruce, 7th Earl of Elgin [1766-1841], who is best known for his acquisition of the sculptures from the Parthenon in Athens, the Elgin Marbles. Fergusson, also spelled Ferguson, was a Whig Member of Parliament and an amateur geologist. When the earl discovered his wife's affair with Fergusson, he sued him and won £10,000 (around £5 million today). A divorce followed. Ferguson then married her on 20 April 1808. A second edition of our trial account was published in 1808. Both are rare. Counting both editions, OCLC locates 8 copies of the first edition, 5 in North America, 2 in law libraries (Social Law, Yale). Not in the *British Museum Catalogue*. [Order This Item](#)



### A Notable English Insanity Case

#### 27. [Trial].

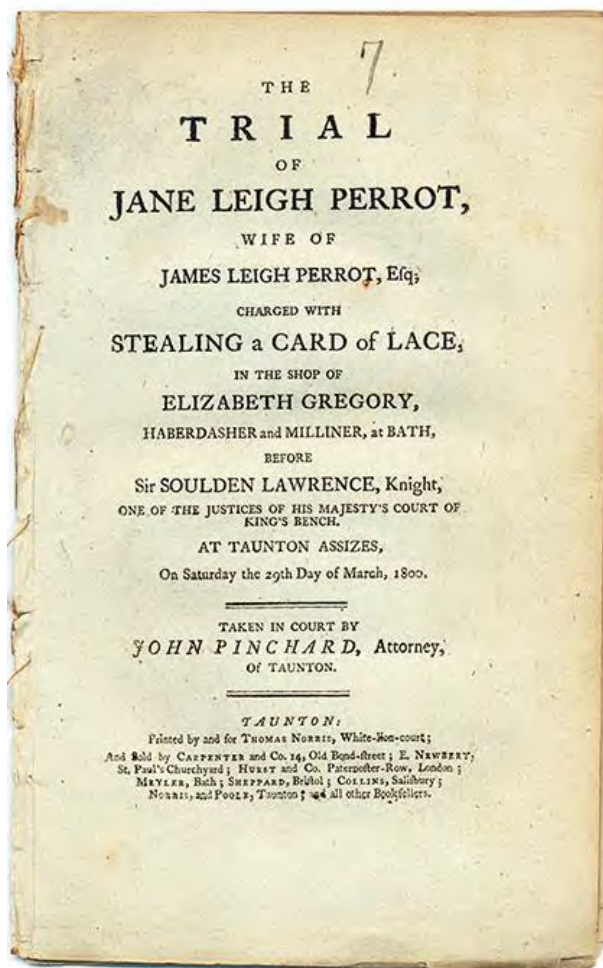
#### **Hadfield, James [c.1772-1841], Defendant.**

*Attempt on the Life of the King. The Trial of James Hadfield, For High Treason. In the Court of Kings Bench, On Thursday, June 26. Before Lord Kenyon, and a Special Jury. With the Whole of the Evidence, Taken in Short Hand by Able Reporters, And Carefully Arranged by an Eminent Barrister of the Inner Temple.* London: Printed for W.I Clement by C. Barber, [1800]. 31 pp. Octavo (7-3/4" x 5-1/4").

Disbound stab-stitched pamphlet, Light soiling and edgewear to exterior, "6." in early hand to head of title page, small hole near its bottom margin, moderate toning to text. A scarce trial. \$1,250.

\* Only edition. Hadfield attempted to assassinate King George III in 1800, but was acquitted by reason of insanity thanks to an able defense by Thomas Erskine. This was a challenging case. Though mentally ill, Hadfield's careful planning to kill the king suggested otherwise. As a result of Hadfield's acquittal, Parliament passed the Criminal Lunatics Act 1800, which called for the indefinite detention of insane criminals. OCLC locates 11 copies in North America, 3 in law libraries (Ohio State, University of Miami, University of Pennsylvania). *English Short-Title Catalogue* N31671. [Order This Item](#)





### Jane Austen's Aunt is Tried for Shoplifting

#### 28. [Trial].

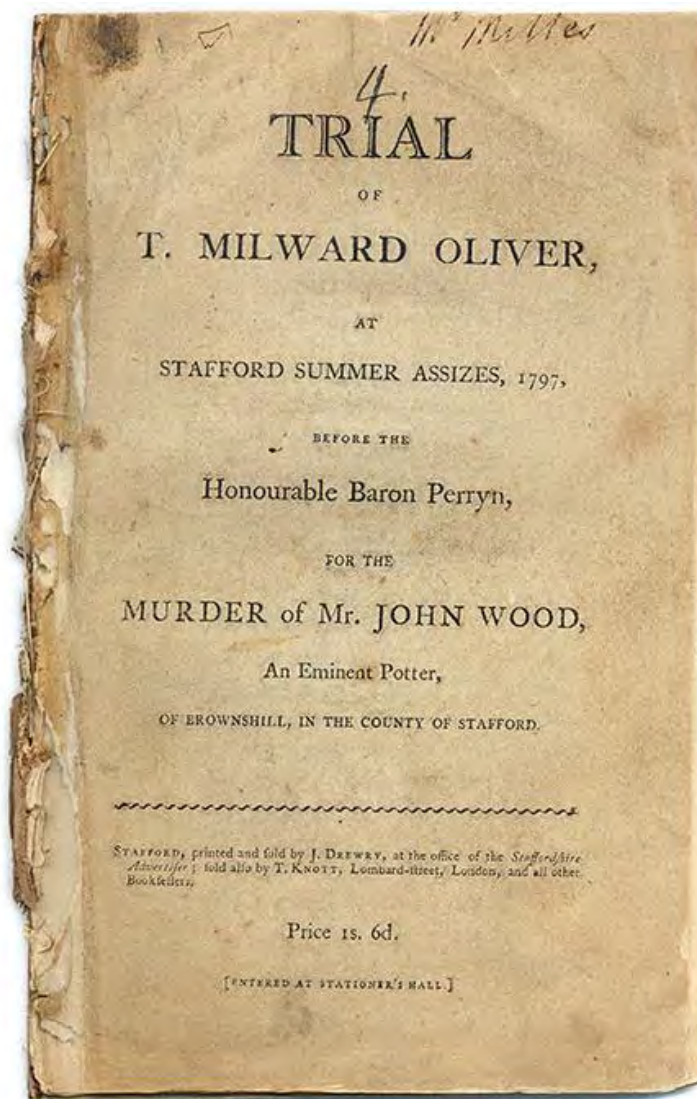
**Leigh Perrot, Jane Cholmeley [1746-1836], Defendant.**

**Pinchard, John, Reporter.**

*The Trial of Jane Leigh Perrot, Wife of James Leigh Perrot, Esq; Charged with Stealing a Card of Lace, In the Shop of Elizabeth Gregory, Haberdasher and Milliner, At Bath, Before Sir Soulden Lawrence, Knight, One of the Justices of His Majesty's Court of King's Bench. At Taunton Assizes, On Saturday the 29th Day of March, 1800. Taken in Court by John Pinchard, Attorney of Taunton.* Taunton: Printed by and for Thomas Norris, [1800]. [vi], 43, [1] pp. Half-title lacking. Woodcut plate. Octavo (8-1/4" x 5").

Disbound stab-stitched pamphlet, light soiling to exterior, "7." in early hand to head of title page, moderate toning to text, faint inkstains to margins of a few leaves. A title rare in the trade. \$2,500.

\* Only edition. This shoplifting trial received a good deal of attention in its day due to the high social standing of the defendant. It remains interesting because this defendant was Jane Austen's aunt, a relative she saw often whenever she visited Bath. Ms. Leigh Perrot was acquitted. Some believe she was framed with a goal of arranging blackmail payments. Others believed she escaped justice because she was from a prominent, wealthy family. The woodcut plate is a floor plan of the shop. Two other accounts, based on the Pinchard's, were published in Bath and London in 1800. All are scarce. OCLC locates 6 copies of the Taunton imprint in North American law libraries (Harvard, Library of Congress, Social Law, University of Minnesota, University of Pennsylvania, University of Virginia). At its last appearance at auction, in 2006, a copy sold for \$2,530.00. Gilson, *A Bibliography of Jane Austen* L2. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T108778. [Order This Item](#)



### Death at the Hands of a Rejected Suitor

#### 29. [Trial].

#### Oliver, T. Milward [d. 1797], Defendant.

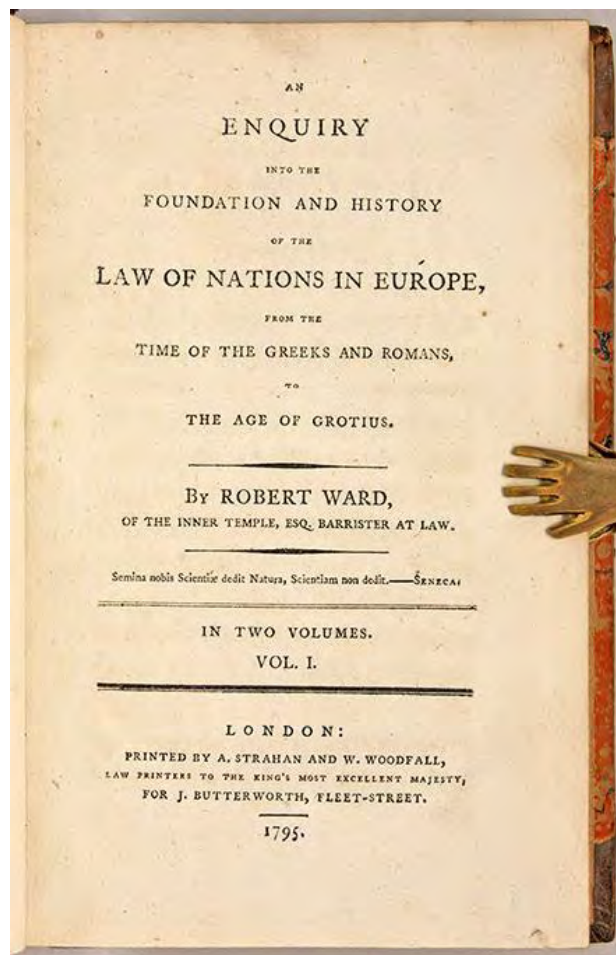
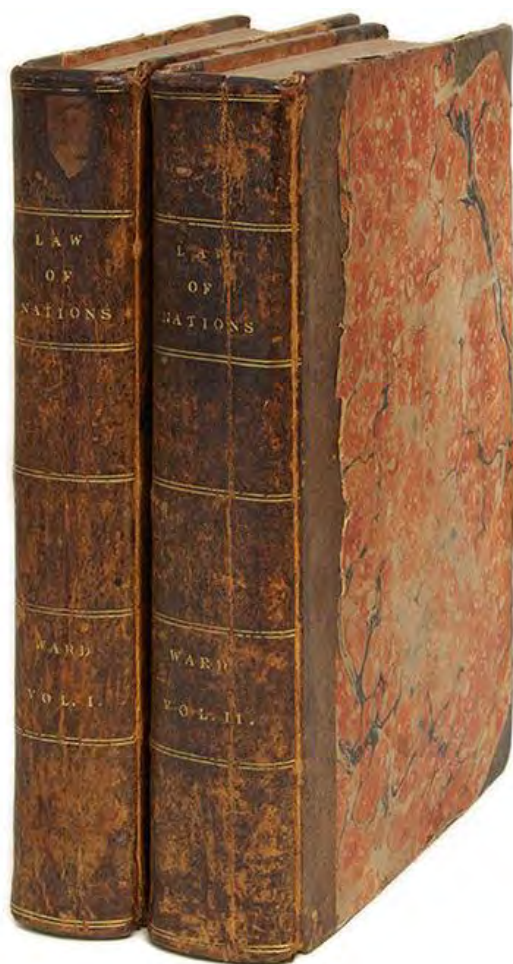
*Trial of T. Milward Oliver, At Stafford Summer Assizes, 1797, Before the Honourable Baron Perryn, For the Murder of Mr. John Wood, An Eminent Potter, Of Brownhill, In the County of Stafford.* Stafford: Printed and sold by J. Drewry, [1797]. 76 pp. Octavo (8" x 5").

Disbound stab-stitched pamphlet. Moderate soiling and some edgewear to exterior, "4." and "W. Miller" to head of title page. Moderate toning to text, early marks and a few brief annotations to text, chip to lower margin of leaf B2 (pp. 7-8) with no loss to text. \$500.

\* Only edition. This trial concerns the murder of John Wood, a member of a prominent family of Staffordshire potters, who was killed by a rejected suitor for his daughter's hand. Oliver was found guilty and hanged. OCLC locates 9 copies worldwide, 4 in North America, 2 in law libraries (Harvard, Social Law). *English Short-Title Catalogue* T81557.

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### The First History of International Law

#### 30. Ward, Robert [1765-1846].

*An Enquiry into the Foundation and History of the Law of Nations in Europe, From the Time of the Greeks and Romans to the Age of Grotius.* Dublin: Printed by P. Wogan, P. Byrne, W. Jones and J. Rice, 1795. Two volumes. cviii, 395, [1]; [iv], 628 pp. Octavo (8" x 5").

Contemporary three-quarter calf over marbled boards, gilt title and fillets to spines, small paper shelf label to that of Volume I. Moderate rubbing and some scuffing to boards, moderate rubbing to spines and extremities. Light toning to interiors, somewhat heavier in places, light foxing to a few leaves. A handsome set. \$1,500.

\* First edition. The first attempt to write a history of the law of nations, it also marked a new approach to the subject. Since the seventeenth century the law of nations was dominated by the theory of natural law, which posited the existence of legal principles shared by all ages, places and peoples. This theory shaped the work of such major jurists as Grotius, Pufendorf and Selden. It was enshrined during the eighteenth century by advocates of the Enlightenment. Ward rejected this theory. A Romantic, he had no use for universal systems. Instead, he appreciated the uniqueness of cultures and the differences between the past and the present. One of the first to apply Romantic ideas to the subject, he treated the law of nations as a malleable concept that changed considerably since antiquity. Lasaffer, "International Law and Its History: The Story of an Unrequited Love" in *Time, History and International Law*, Ed. Craven, Fitzmaurice and Vogiatzi 27. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T117016. [Order This Item](#)