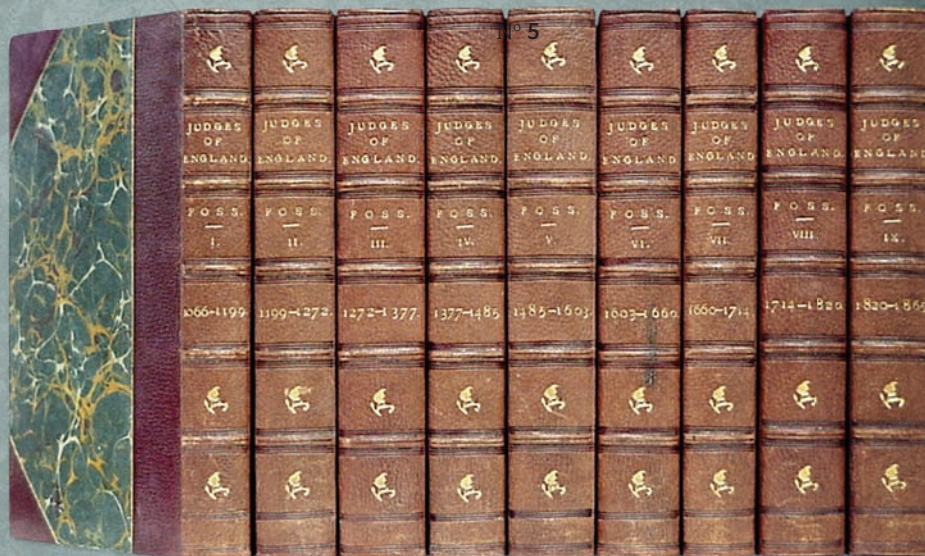
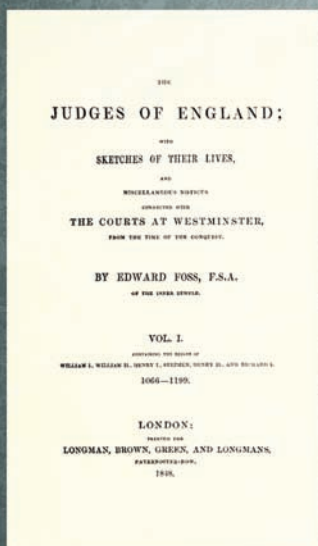

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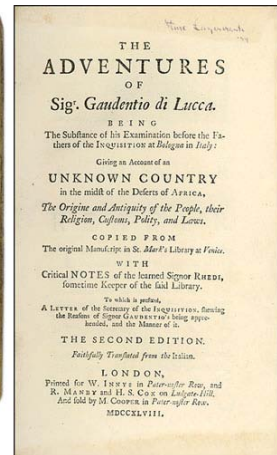
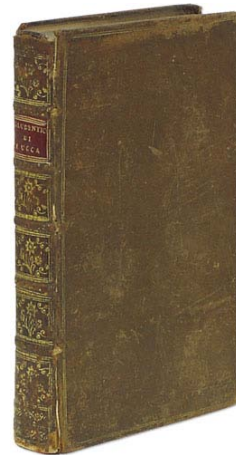
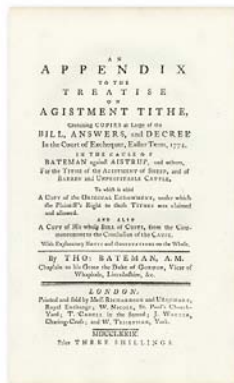
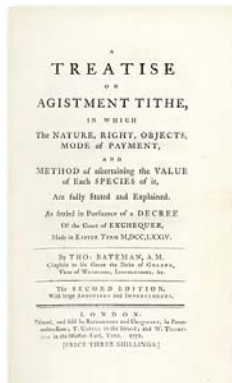
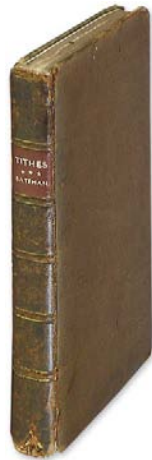
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A Selection of 30 Antiquarian Titles



Item 1

Item 2

Two English Works on Agistment Tithes

1. Bateman, Tho[mas].

A Treatise on Agistment Tithe, In Which the Nature, Right, Objects, Mode of Payment, and Method of Ascertaining the Value of Each Species of It, Are Fully Stated and Explained. London: Printed, and Sold, by Richardson and Urquhart, 1778. xxiii, [1], 102, [1] pp.

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Bateman, Thomas.

An Appendix to the Treatise on Agistment Tithe... London: Printed and Sold by Richardson and Urquhart, 1779. xv, [1], 133, [2] pp.

Octavo (8-1/4" x 5"). Contemporary sheep, later lettering piece, gilt-edged raised bands. Wear to corners, joints cracked but secure, some chipping to spine ends, shallow diagonal slash and minor scuff to rear board. Hinges repaired, offsetting to margins of endleaves. Early annotation to front free endpaper, interior notably fresh. \$300.

* *Treatise*: second edition, one of two issues from 1778, "With Large Additions and Improvements"; *Appendix*: only edition. The *Treatise* deals with agistment tithe, a church-levied charge on grazing land. The *Appendix* is a collection of source records, including records relating to a suit involving the author. According to *Black's Law Dictionary* (Seventh Edition), the tithe was paid by the occupier of the land rather than the person whose cattle grazed on the land (1493). Bateman was chaplain to the Duke of Gordon and Vicar of Whaplode in Lincolnshire. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T27889, T14299.

Utopian Scheme for a Patriarchal Government

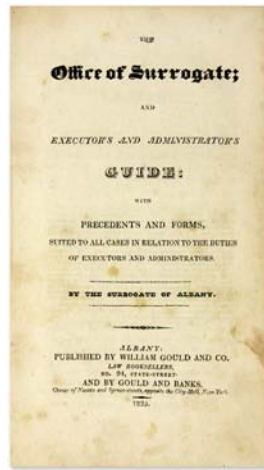
2. [Berington, Simon (1680-1755)].

[Berkeley, George (1685-1753), Presumed Author].

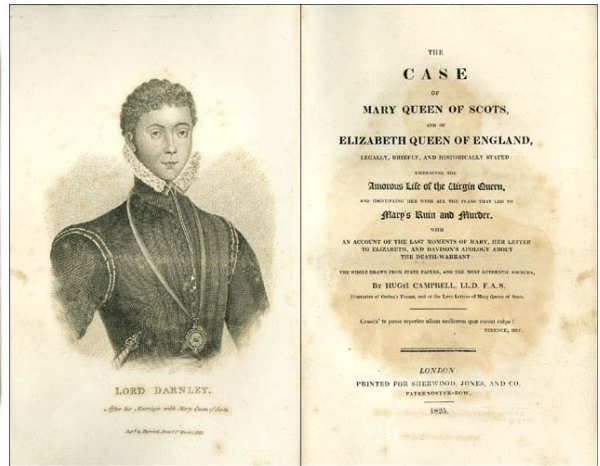
The Adventures of Sig. Gaudenzio di Lucca. Being the Substance of His Examination before the Fathers of the Inquisition at Bologna in Italy: Giving an Account of an Unknown Country in the Midst of the Deserts of Africa, The Origine and Antiquity of the People, Their Religion, Customs, Polity, and Laws. London: Printed for W. Innys, 1748. xx, 291 pp. Octavo (8" x 5").

Contemporary calf, gilt spine with raised bands, gilt double rules to boards. Moderate rubbing with wear to spine ends and corners, boards partially detached but secure. Offsetting to margins of endleaves. Early and later annotations to front board, small later owner signature to title page, interior otherwise clean. \$350.

* Second edition. First published in 1737, this utopian novel relates the travels of a prisoner of the inquisition named Gaudentio de Lucca to the country of Mezzorania in Africa, a patriarchal (and socialistic) society where competition and egoism are banned and all enjoy equal property and a spirit of community. Written by a Catholic priest, the novel was originally attributed to George Berkeley. A popular work, it went through several editions and was translated into French and German. "This admirable work is partly a romance and partly a scheme of patriarchal government: the incidents are well contrived and most agreeably related." : Lowndes, *Bibliographer's Manual of English Literature* 868 (citing an earlier edition). *Goldsmiths' Library of Economic Literature* 8370.



Item 3



Item 4

Duties of the Surrogate Courts

3. [Bridgen, T. Attwood (d.1833)].

The Office of Surrogate; and Executor's and Administrator's Guide: With Precedents and Forms, Suited to All Cases in Relation to the Duties of Executors and Administrators. By A Surrogate of Albany. Albany: Published by William Gould and Co., 1825. [iv], [5]-192 pp. Octavo (8" x 5").

Contemporary quarter sheep over paper boards, blind rules and lettering piece to spine. Some rubbing with wear to spine ends, joints and corners, a few tiny ink spots to boards, front hinge cracked but secure, clean tear to fore-edge of a leaf. Light foxing in a few places, interior otherwise clean. \$75.

* First edition. "[I]t is the sole design of the author to endeavour to produce a due estimation and duties of the SURROGATE COURTS: and to render familiar to a large class of the community the responsible duties of their office of Executors and Administrators.": Preface, [iii]. Cohen, *Bibliography of American Law* 4602.

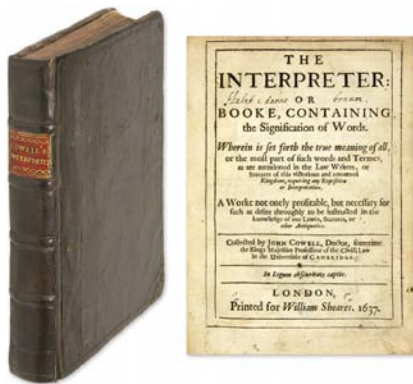
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4. Campbell, Hugh.

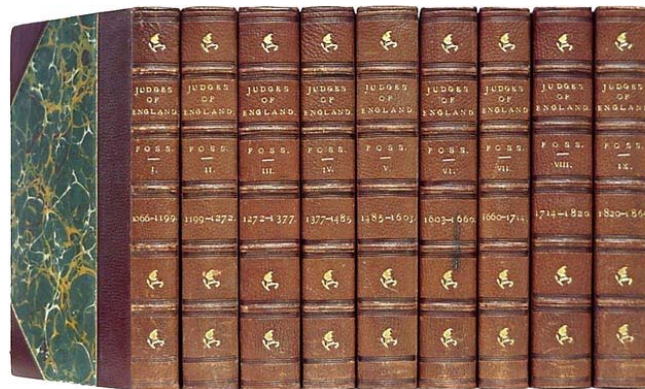
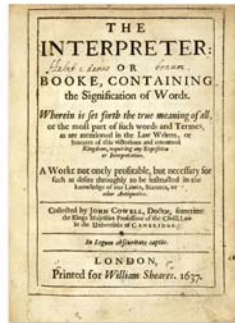
The Case of Mary Queen of Scots, and of Elizabeth Queen of England, Legally, Briefly, and Historically Stated: Embracing the Amorous Life of the Virgin Queen, and Identifying Her with All the Plans that led to Mary's Ruin and Murder. With an Account of the Last Moments of Mary, Her Letter to Elizabeth, and Davison's Apology About the Death-Warrant: The Whole Drawn from State Papers, and the Most Authentic Sources. London: Printed for Sherwood, Jones, and Co., 1825. xxiii, 391 pp. Lithographed portrait frontispiece. Octavo (8-3/4" x 5-1/2").

Original quarter cloth over paper boards, paper spine label, untrimmed edges. Moderate rubbing with some wear to extremities, front joint just starting at ends, a few minor stains to boards, corners bumped. Offsetting from frontispiece to title page, occasional light foxing, interior otherwise clean. \$500.

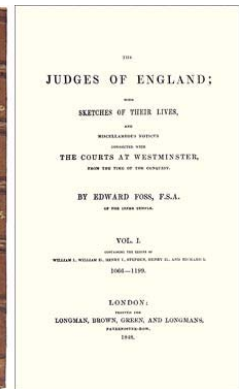
* Only edition. "I Promised in 'The Love Letters to Bothwell' to prove that Elizabeth was unkind, cruel, and unmerciful to Mary; and in this volume I Redeem my pledge. (...) In this Work I have selected proofs from a host of Authors, that Elizabeth was either directly in person, or indirectly through her Ambassadors, the *primum mobile* of all the intrigues, plots, and plans, which led to involve Mary, first in difficulties, then in dangers, and, subsequently, in ruin.": Preface v-vi. *British Museum Catalogue* (Compact Edition) 4:1081.



Item 5



Item 6



**The Best English Law Dictionary
of the Seventeenth and Early Eighteenth Centuries**

5. Cowell, John [1554-1611].

The Interpreter: Or Booke Containing the Signification of Words. London: Printed for William Sheares, 1637. [584] pp. Text in parallel columns within black-ruled borders. Quarto (7-1/2" x 5-1/2").

Contemporary calf, blind rules to boards, rebacked in period style with raised bands and lettering piece, hinges mended, edges rouged. Moderate rubbing to extremities, a few negligible scuffs to boards, corners bumped. Woodcut head-pieces, tail-pieces and decorated initials. Moderate toning to text, light staining to a few leaves. Early owner annotation to head of title page in small hand, another annotation in minuscule later hand to foot of another leaf, interior otherwise clean. A handsome copy. \$800.

* Second edition, one of two issues from 1637. *The Interpreter* is considered to be the best law dictionary until Jacob's and it is still used by scholars of early English legal documents. Its publication provoked controversy. At a time when Parliament and crown were vying for power, the Commons disapproved of Cowell's royalist sympathies, which were evident in such definitions as "King," "Parliament," "Prerogative," "Recoveries" and "Subsidies." When a joint committee of Lords and Councilors reviewed the work, the ensuing controversy nearly halted the affairs of government. What is more, it contained a quotation that criticized Littleton's scholarship, which angered Sir Edward Coke. James I intervened in fear that his own fiscal interests would not be approved by Parliament. Encouraged by Coke, the king imprisoned Cowell, suppressed the book and ordered all copies burned by a public hangman on March 10, 1610. The present edition contains several changes that were made posthumously to placate the dictionary's enemies. Despite its stormy reception, *The Interpreter* remains a useful gloss to Coke's *Littleton* and other early legal texts. Marke, *Vignettes of Legal History* 309-312. Cowley, *A Bibliography of Abridgments, Digest, Dictionaries and Indexes to the Year 1800* 129. *English Short-Title Catalogue* S108965.

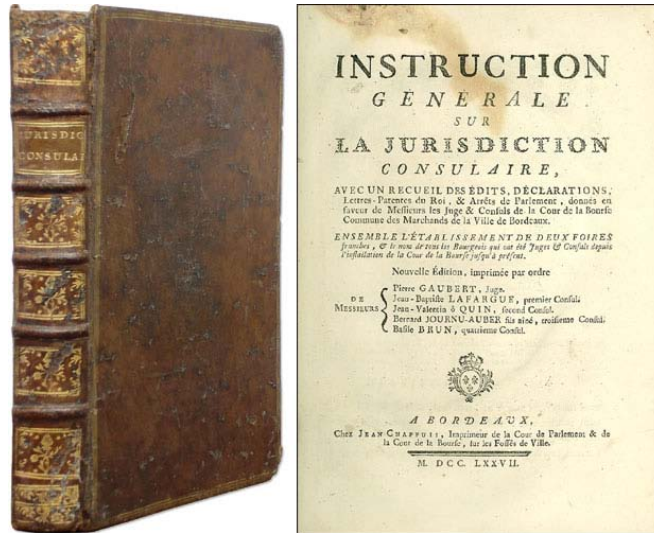
**Handsome Copy
of Foss's Important Judges of England**

6. Foss, Edward [1787-1870].

The Judges of England; with Sketches of Their Lives, and Miscellaneous Notices Connected with the Courts of Westminster, from the Time of the Conquest. London: Longman, Brown, Green, and Longmans, 1848-1864. Nine volumes. Complete. Octavo (8-1/2" x 5-1/2").

Contemporary three quarter morocco over marbled boards, raised bands, gilt ornaments to spines, marbled edges and endpapers. Minor rubbing to spine ends and corners, light fading to spines. Small scuff to front board of Volume I, tiny stain to spine of Volume VI, partial split near center of text block of Volume VIII. Interiors clean and bright. A handsome set. \$2,200.

* Authoritative biographies of 1,589 chancellors, masters of the rolls and judges of the courts are provided for each reign, from the time of the Norman Conquest through the reign of Queen Victoria, 1066-1864. Based on original sources, it is an important reference work for legal historians. Considered "the standard authority" in its field by J.C. Robertson in the (cited in the *Dictionary of National Biography*), it is frequently cited by Holdsworth in *A History of English Law*. "A" rated in the American Association of Law Schools, *Law Books Recommended for Librarians*. Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 1:127.



**Guide to the Pre-Revolutionary
Commercial Court of Bordeaux**

7. [France].

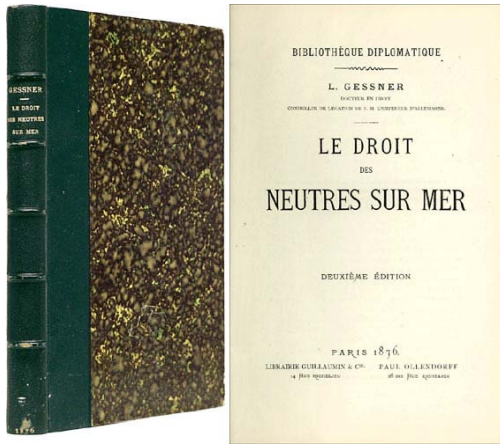
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[**Chappuis, Jean, Compiler**].

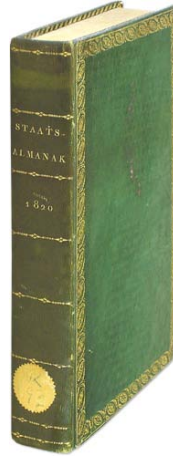
Instruction Generale sur la Jurisdiction Consulaire, Avec un Recueil des Edits, Declaration, Lettres-Patentes du Roi, & Arrets de Parlement, Donnes en Faveur des Messieurs les Juge & Consuls de la Cour de la Bourse Commune des Marchands de la Ville de Bordeaux. Bordeaux: Chez Jean Chappuis, 1777. [iv], 537, [11] pp. Quarto (9-1/2" x 7-1/4").

Contemporary tree calf, gilt frames to boards, raised bands, gilt ornaments and lettering piece to spine, marbled edges and endpapers. Moderate rubbing to extremities with wear to spine ends and corners, joints just starting. Several light scuffs and some worm holes to calf covering boards, occasional worming to margins with negligible loss to text, crack to text block between front free endpaper and following leaf. Attractive woodcut head-piece and tail-pieces. Occasional dampstaining to head and foot of text block, early annotations to front endleaves, interior otherwise clean. A solid copy of an uncommon title. \$250.

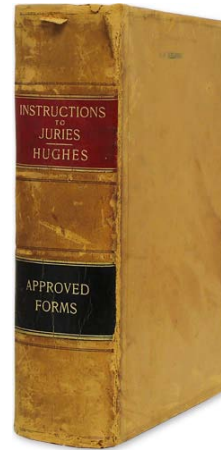
* Later edition. Published by order of the Commercial Court of Bordeaux, this book is a collection of laws relating to its jurisdiction compiled from the Coutume of Bordeaux (completed 1527), legislation of the local Parlement and royal edicts. Texts of related documents are included as well. Also a procedural guide, it is an invaluable guide to the regulation of trade in one of France's most important commercial centers during the final decade of the Bourbon monarchy. This appears to be a reissue of a book published in 1710. No copies of this edition on OCLC. This edition not in Goldsmiths' or the *British Museum Catalogue*.



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Item 9



Item 10

Comprehensive 1876 Treatise on the Rights of Neutrals

8. Gessner, L[udwig] [1828-1890].

Le Droit des Neutres Sur Mer. Paris: Librairie Guillauman & Cie/Paul Ollendorff, 1876. xvi, 444 pp. Octavo (9" x 6").

Contemporary quarter morocco over marbled boards, raised bands, marbled endpapers. Light rubbing with minor wear to corners, a few negligible tiny scuffs to spine, internally fresh. A nice copy. \$125.

* Second edition. Written by a German diplomat, this treatise is a comprehensive summary of the contemporary law of neutrality as it stood in the mid-nineteenth century. Written in French to read the broadest educated audience possible, it is international in scope and lays particular emphasis on the contributions of German-speaking jurists, which Gessner believes are not as well known. After a general history of the field, Gessner devotes individual sections to contraband of war, blockade, the rights of neutrals when trading with belligerent nations, prize law and right of search and seizure. This edition not in the *British Museum Catalogue*.

Holland in the Aftermath of the Napoleonic Wars

9. [Holland].

Staats Almanak Voor den Jare 1820. The Hague: Gebroeders van Cleef, [1820]. 502 pp. Octavo (8" x 5").

Contemporary morocco, gilt fillets to boards and spine, inside dentelles, all edges gilt. Light rubbing, negligible wear to spine ends and corners, small location label to foot of spine. Faint dampstaining to the top edges of a few leaves, interior otherwise fresh. An appealing copy of an uncommon work. \$150.

* This political almanac contains a collection of interesting statistical information about Holland in the immediate aftermath of the Napoleonic wars. Not in the *British Museum Catalogue*.

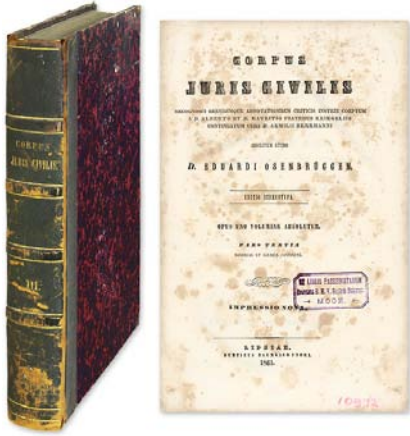
Jury Instructions

10. Hughes, Charles.

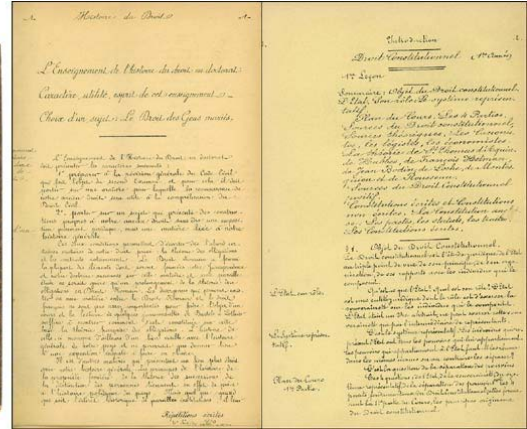
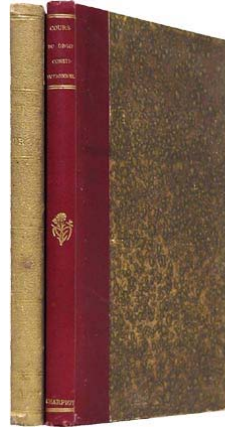
The Law of Instructions to Juries in Civil and Criminal Actions and Approved Forms With References to Analogous Precedents. Indianapolis: The Bobbs-Merrill Company, 1905. cliii, 1011 pp.

Original law calf, red and black lettering pieces to spine. Light rubbing to boards, moderate rubbing with wear to joints and spine ends, hinges cracked but secure, small early owner stamp to front board and pastedown. Offsetting to margins of front and rear endpapers, text notably fresh. \$250.

* "In the first division of the book the rules and principles of the common law and under statutory enactment, which govern the preparation and presentation, and the giving and refusing of instructions, have been and classified. The second division of this work, it will be observed, presents a body of forms of instructions for both civil and criminal cases, classified and arranged in chapters.": Preface, iii. Marke, *A Catalogue of the Law Collection at New York University* (1953) 322.



Item 11



Item 12

Part of an Important Edition of the *Corpus Juris Civilis*

11. Justinian I [483-565 CE], Emperor of the East.

Osenbruggen, Eduard, Editor.

Novellas et Reliqua Continens. Leipzig: Sumptibus Baumgaertneri, 1861. [xvi], 893, [3] pp. Main text in two columns. Quarto 10-1/2" x 7").

Contemporary three-quarter morocco with raised bands over marbled boards, moderate rubbing with some wear to extremities, hinges cracked but secure. Offsetting to margins of endleaves, light foxing to most of text. Small early owner stamp to title page, interior otherwise clean. \$75.

* Later printing. With indexes. Volume III of the pioneering three-volume Leipzig edition of the *Corpus Juris Civilis* edited by Hermann, Albert and Moritz Kriegel and Osenbruggen.

**c.1875 French Lecture
Notes on Family and Constitutional Law**

12. [Legal Study].

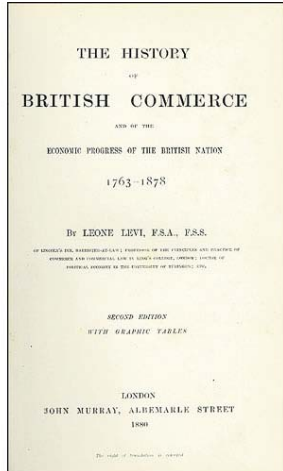
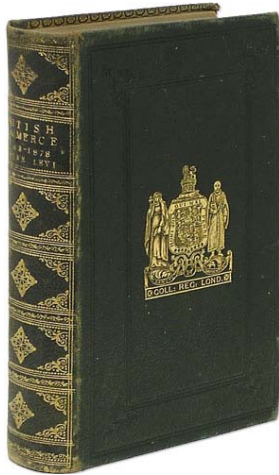
L'Enseignement de L'Histoire du Droit en Doctorat: Caractere, Utilite, Esprit de cet Enseignement. Choix d'un Sujet: Le Droit des Gens Maries. various paginations. n.p.: s.n., c.1875.

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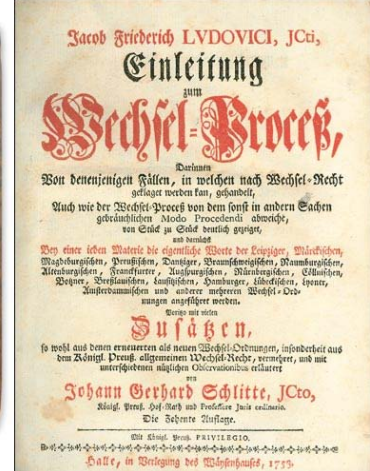
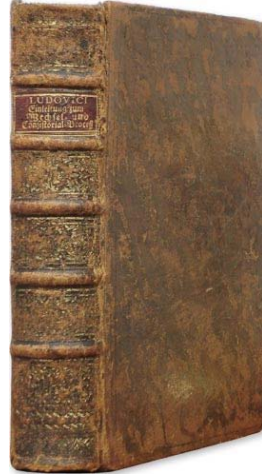
Droit Constitutionnel (1re Annee). 247 pp. n.p.: s.n., c.1875.

Photo-reproduced autograph lecture notes bound in contemporary quarter cloth over marbled boards. Moderate shelfwear, front hinge of first volume cracked but secure, fading to spines, light browning to texts. Occasional underlining and a few annotations, interior otherwise clean. \$250.

* These are two volumes from the series *Repetitions Ecrites*, which offered general lecture notes on various academic topics to university and professional school students. The second volume's subtitle states: "Summary: Object of constitutional law. The state. Its role in the representative system. Course plan. Four parts: Sources of constitutional law, theoretical sources, the canonists, the legists, the economists. The theories of St. Thomas Aquinas, Hobbes, Francois Hotman, Jean Bodin, Locke, Montesquieu and Rousseau. Sources of positive constitutional law. Written and unwritten constitutions. The British constitution: compacts, statutes, treaties. Written constitutions" (2) Valuable guides to the general state of these areas in France at the time, these volumes will reward further research.



Item 13



Item 14

**By a Pioneering Scholar of
Commercial and International Law in a Prize Binding**

13. Levi, Leone [1821-1888].

The History of British Commerce and of the Economic Progress of the British Nation 1763-1878. London: John Murray, 1880. 19, [1], 579 pp. Ten tables, two fold-out. Octavo (8-1/2" x 5-1/2").

Contemporary morocco prize binding, gilt spine with raised bands blind frames to boards, large gilt arms of King's College, London, to front, inside dentelles, all edges gilt. Some rubbing to extremities with minor wear to spine ends and corners, front hinge starting. Presentation bookplate to front pastedown. Light toning and foxing to a few leaves, interior otherwise fresh. \$300.

* Second, and best, edition. Levi, an internationally prominent theorist and reformer of commercial practice, was Professor of Commerce and Commercial Law at King's College, London. He was one of the pioneers in the field of comparative law. First published in 1872, *The History of British Commerce* is a brilliant summary of his work. *British Museum Catalogue* (Compact Edition) 15:218.

Notable German Treatises on Bills of Exchange and Ecclesiastical Law

14. Ludovici, Jacob Friederich [1671-1723].

Schlitte [1683-1748], Johann Gerhard, Editor.

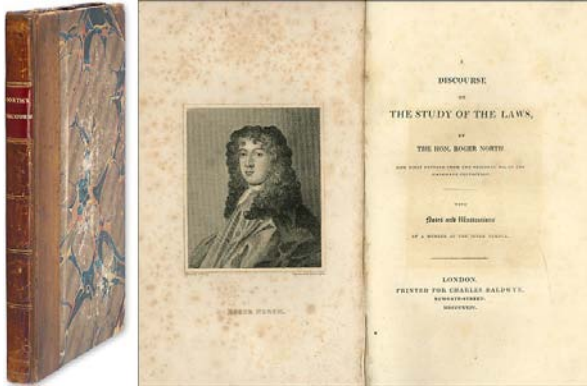
Einleitung zum Wechsel-Process, Darinnen von Denenjenigen Fällen, in welchen nach Wechsel-Recht geklagt werden kan, gehandelt... Halle: In Verlegung des Waysenhauses, 1753. [xxiv], 420, [28] pp.

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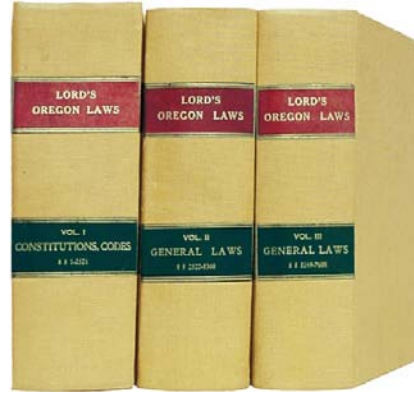
Einleitung zum Consistorial-Process, Darinnen, die Solcher Consistorial-Process von dem Sonst in Anderen Sachen Gebrauchlichen Modo Procedendi Abweiche, von Stuck zu Stuck Deutlich Gezeiget... Halle: In Verlegung des Waysenhauses, 1762. [xx], 182, 14 pp.

Quarto (8" x 6-1/2"). Contemporary mottled sheep, blind frames to boards, raised bands, lettering piece and gilt ornaments to spine, rouged edges, marbled endpapers. Rubbing with wear to extremities, joints starting at ends, scuff to front board. Title page of first work printed in red and black, attractive woodcut head-pieces, tail-pieces and decorated initials. Light foxing to most of text, occasional light browning. Later owner signature to verso of front free endpaper, interior otherwise clean. \$500.

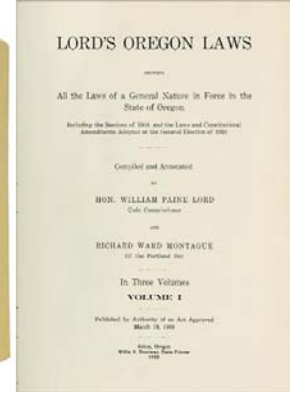
* Later editions. Professor of Law at the University of Halle and an authority on civil law, Ludovici was the first jurist to write a legal treatise in German. A prolific author, he published works on a wide variety of legal topics. His work is notable for its clarity, well-crafted syntheses and elegant prose style. The first title is a comprehensive treatise on the laws and legal procedure relating to bills of exchange. The second title deals with ecclesiastical law and church discipline. Both have notes by Schlitte, a Privy Counselor to the Emperor of Prussia. *Stintzing/Landsberg, Geschichte der Deutschen Rechtswissenschaft* III/1:136.



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Item 16



Thoughts on Legal Education by Roger North

15. North, Roger [1653-1734].

A Discourse on the Study of the Laws. Now Printed From the Original MS. in the Hargrave Collection. London: Printed for Charles Baldwyn, 1824. xv, 105, [5] pp. Copperplate portrait frontispiece. Includes four-page publisher catalogue. Octavo (7-1/4" x 4-1/2").

Contemporary three-quarter calf over marbled boards, lettering piece and gilt fillets to spine, speckled edges. Rubbing with some wear to extremities, chipping to lettering piece. Early armorial bookplate and small bookseller ticket to front pastedown. Offsetting from frontispiece to title page, foxing to preliminaries, occasional light foxing to text. Early owner signature to front free endpaper, annotation to following endleaf, interior otherwise clean. \$650.

* Sole edition. This classic treatise is an incomparable guide to English legal education during the last quarter of the seventeenth century. Written at a time when formal English legal education had reached a low point, it prescribed a self-directed course of study based on reading, compiling commonplace books, attending courts, speaking with lawyers and attending an office or chambers. North, a member of a powerful political family, was a respected member of the Middle Temple and an important chronicler of the restoration-era legal community. Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 2:258.

Annotated 1910 Compilation of Oregon Laws

16. [Oregon].

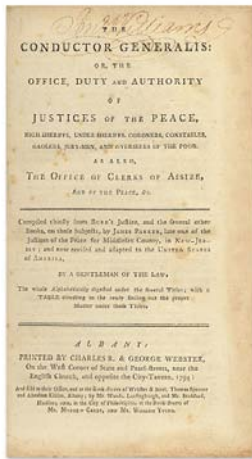
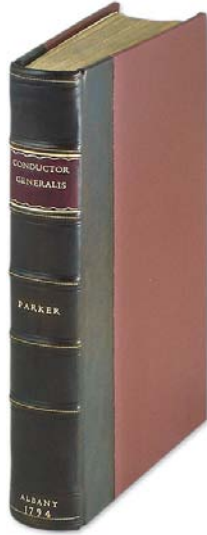
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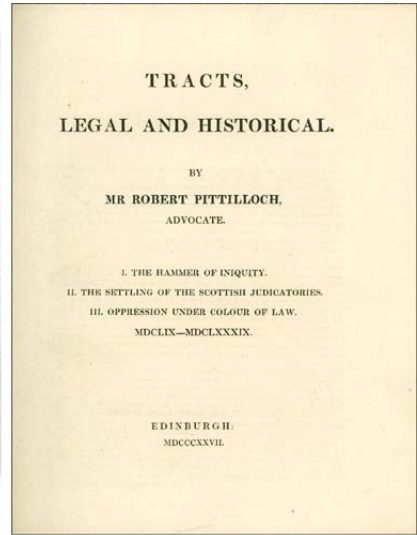
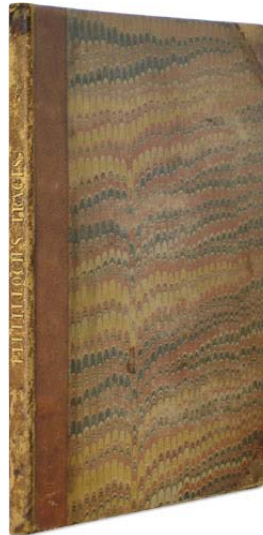
Lord's Oregon Laws Showing All the Laws of a General Nature in Force in the State of Oregon Including the Sessions of 1909, And the Laws and Constitutional Amendments Adopted at the General Election of 1910. Salem: Willis S. Duniway, State Printer, 1910. Three volumes. lxxiii, 1054, 281; lxxiii, [1055]-1996, 281; lxxiii, [1997]-2708, 281 pp.

Contemporary buckram, red and black lettering pieces. Negligible shelfwear and soiling, hinges starting. Small chip to title page of Volume I, interiors otherwise pristine. A well-preserved set. \$350.

* "In the prosecution of the work a systematic search was made of all session laws and codes from the beginning and the results carefully checked with previous compilations. The laws printed have been carefully read and compared with the original and authentic source, the enrolled bills, thus securing for the first time it is believed, an accurate text. The general order of the Bellinger and Cotton compilation has been preserved, as being most familiar, and therefore most convenient to the bar and public in general, and indeed it has been the plan to make changes from that excellent work only when a clear and plain reason required it....Special pains have been taken to bring the annotations down to date....": Preface, Volume I [iii]. Babbitt, *Hand-List of Legislative Sessions and Session Laws* 414.



Item 17



Item 18

**1794 Albany Edition of the *Conductor Generalis*
Adapted to the Needs of New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania**

17. [Parker, James (1714-1770)].

The Conductor Generalis: Or, the Office, Duty and Authority of Justices of the Peace, High-Sheriffs, Under-Sheriffs, Coroners, Constables, Gaolers, Jury-Men, and Overseers of the Poor. As Also the Office of Clerks of Assize, and of the Peace, &c. Compiled Chiefly from Burn's Justice, and the Several Other Books on Those Subjects, by James Parker, Late One of the Justices of the Peace for Middlesex County, in New-Jersey; And Now Revised and Adapted to the United States of America. By a Gentleman of the Law. The Whole Alphabetically Digested Under the Several Titles; With a Table Directing to the Ready Finding Out the Proper Matter Under Those Titles. Albany: Printed by Charles R. and George Webster, 1794. xv, [1], 17-467, [1] pp. Octavo (8" x 5").

Recent period-style quarter calf over cloth, raised bands and lettering piece to spine, endpapers renewed. Corners lacking from three leaves with no loss to text. Offsetting to endleaves, toning to text block, occasional light foxing, finger smudges to a few leaves. A nice copy in an attractive binding. \$200.

* A popular American legal manual issued by different printers and publishers largely based on English sources, primarily Burn. The first edition by Parker appeared in 1764. The present edition is a reissue of the 1792 edition published in Philadelphia by Robert Campbell without the Ten Pound Act and the sections on military and excise law. The preface says this edition is adapted to the needs of New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. Part II (pages 377-467) contains: *The Office and Duty of Sheriffs; The Office of a Gaoler, and Concerning Escapes; The Office and Duty of the Clerk of Assize and Clerk of the Peace; A Guide to Juries; An Abstract of Magna Charta; Notes on Magna Charta; Of Maxims and General Rules, from Jacob's Law Grammar; Of Actions and Remedies and Of Fictions, Intendments, and Presumptions.* Evans, *American Bibliography* 21358. Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 7962.

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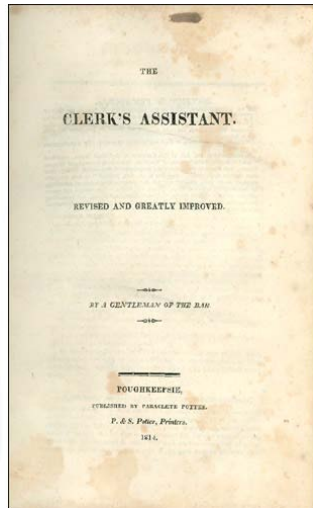
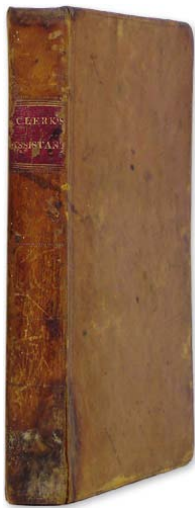
18. Pittilloch (Pittilloh), Robert [1621?-1698].

[Maidment, James, Editor].

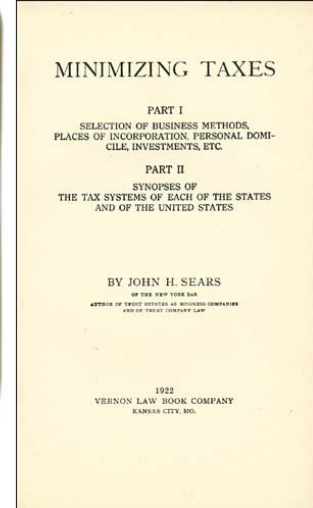
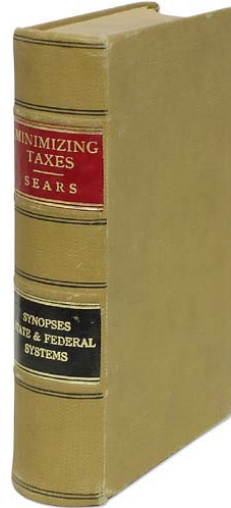
Tracts, Legal and Historical. I. The Hammer of Iniquity. II. The Settling of the Scottish Judicatories. III. Oppression Under Colour of Law. Edinburgh: [Printed by Ballantyne and Co.], 1827. iv, [2], 14, 10, [2], iv, [3]-32 pp. Each section has title page and pagination, first section preceded by general title page. Quarto (8" x 6-3/4").

Contemporary three-quarter calf over marbled boards and endpapers, top edge gilt. Moderate rubbing with some wear to spine ends, joints and corners. Early armorial bookplate to front pastedown, bookplate of Robert Maxtone Graham to front free endpaper, his signature to verso. Light foxing to endleaves. Early annotation to verso of title page, interior otherwise fresh. A nice copy of a rare title. \$350.

* This book reprints three rare pamphlets on political and legal subjects. The first two were originally published in 1659, the third in 1684. Little is known about the author, though he may have been a barrister. According to the editor, "[t]he principal value of the ensuing fugitive pieces consists in the curious and valuable information, both legal and historical, which they contain; and which, although mixed up with much extraneous and tedious matter, will not, on that account, be unacceptable to the few individuals who take an interest in our national history.": Preface [iii]. Robert Maxtone Graham was a notable Scottish book collector. OCLC locates 10 in North America, 5 in law libraries (Harvard, Library of congress, LA County, University of Pennsylvania, University of Virginia). According to Sweet & Maxwell, only 40 copies of this book were printed. See *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 5:93.



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Item 20

Early Poughkeepsie Formbook

19. [Potter, Paraclete (1784-1848), Compiler].

The Clerk's Assistant. Revised and Greatly Improved. By a Gentleman of the Bar. Poughkeepsie: Published by Paraclete Potter, 1814. [1], 357 pp. Octavo (8-1/4" x 5-1/4").

Contemporary calf, lettering piece, blind fillets to boards and spine. Inkstains, Some rubbing and a few scuffs, chipping to edges of lettering piece, light wear to board edges, corners bumped, front joint starting, hinges cracked but secure. Corner lacking from a leaf with no loss to text, light foxing, occasional inkstains. Early annotations to front free endpaper and a few leaves, interior otherwise clean. \$100.

* Second edition. This popular formbook for laymen was first published in 1805 and later expanded and published in 1814 as *The Clerk's and Magistrate's Assistant* with only minor changes in content. A bookseller, journalist and publisher, Potter edited the *Poughkeepsie Journal* for nearly thirty years. Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 8074.

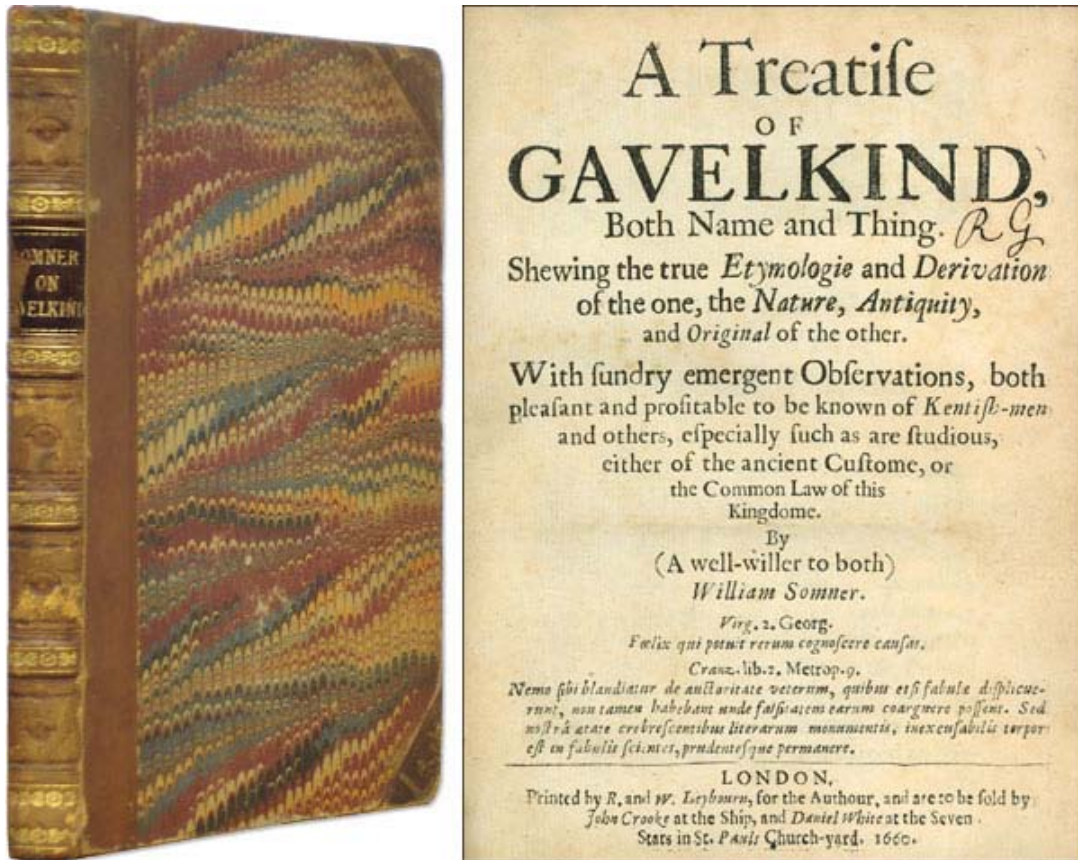
1922 Treatise on Minimizing Taxes in the United States

20. Sears, John H.

Minimizing Taxes. Part I: Selection of Business Methods, Places of Incorporation, Personal Domicile, Investments, Etc. Part II: Synopses of the Tax Systems of Each of the States and of the United States. Kansas City: Vernon Book Company, 1922. xii, 706 pp.

Original buckram, red and black lettering pieces. Some shelfwear and soiling, binding slightly cocked, corners bumped, internally clean. \$150.

* "It is intended that Part I shall be frank and devoid of that mock patriotism which preaches from the taxing power's vantage point and secretly takes advantage of any loophole in the law. No tricks are advocated or alluded to in this book, except to illustrate the fundamental differences between avoidance and evasion. (...) [I]t is believed that the information gathered, especially in Part II, will be of service to legislators, tax officials, students, and tax experts in making comparisons of our various tax systems.": Preface iii.



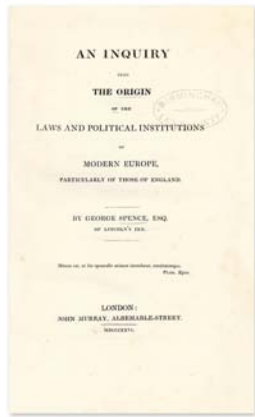
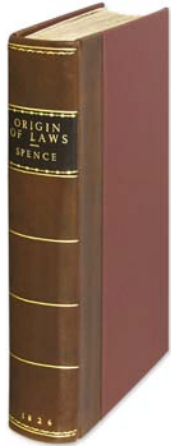
Historic Study of Gavelkind

21. Somner, William [1598-1669].

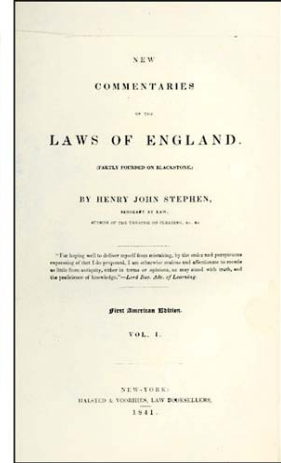
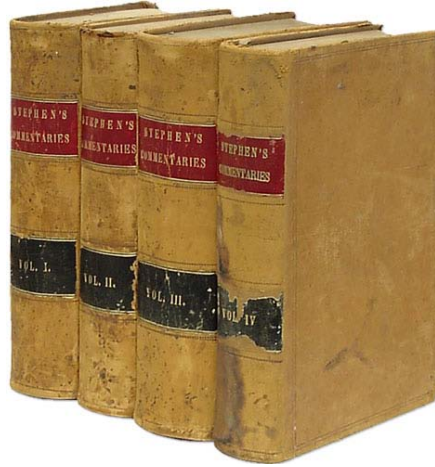
A Treatise of Gavelkind, Both Name and Thing. Shewing the True Etymologie and Derivation of the One, the Nature, Antiquity, and Original of the Other. London: Printed by R. and W. Leybourn, 1660. [xxiv], 216 [8] pp. Quarto (7" x 5-1/2").

Nineteenth-century three-quarter calf over marbled boards, raised bands, gilt fillets and lettering piece to spine, endpapers renewed. Light rubbing to boards, some wear to extremities, joints just starting at ends, front hinge cracked but secure, rear hinge starting, title page partially detached but secure. Armorial bookplate to front pastedown, woodcut head-pieces, tail-pieces and decorated initials. Light toning to text, occasional light foxing. An attractive copy overall. \$1,000.

* First edition, second issue. Gavelkind is a form of land tenure unique to Kent (and its environs) in which land descends equally to the decedent's sons. It was common during the Saxon era, but was gradually supplanted by primogeniture after 1066. Produced during the first wave of modern English legal scholarship, Somner's pioneering work was the first study of gavelkind, and one of the first important studies of early English law. Philological in orientation, it is a history of gavelkind and an analysis of its forms. Texts of significant documents are included. He also goes beyond his subject in one section to discuss the law of succession to chattels. Somner, a pupil of Causubon, was an ecclesiastical lawyer and historian of Anglo-Saxon law and literature who is best known for his pioneering Saxon-Latin-English dictionary (1659). *English Short-Title Catalogue* R20010.



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Item 23

A "Learned" Study of the Origins of Modern Anglo-European Law

22. Spence, George [1787-1850].

An Inquiry into the Origin of the Laws and Political Institutions of Modern Europe, Particularly Those of England. London: John Murray, 1826. xxxvi, 600 pp. Octavo (9" x 5-1/2").

Recent period-style quarter calf over cloth, gilt fillets and lettering piece to spine, endpapers renewed, untrimmed edges. Clean tear to fore-edge of a leaf mended with archival tape. Light foxing to a few leaves, interior otherwise fresh. Ex-institutional library. Small inkstamp to title page, another to a text leaf. A handsome copy of an uncommon title. \$950.

* Only edition. This book is mentioned by Holdsworth, who deems it a "learned book." According to Spence's preface, his work on the translation of the Code Napoleon led him to "look attentively into the civil law of the Romans, where he found that a great proportion of the doctrines of the common law of England, even many of those which are purely artificial, were to be found in the [*Corpus Juris Civilis*]. This induced him to study the civil and criminal code of the Romans with some minuteness, and to compare the political and judicial institutions of modern Europe, and of our own country in particular, with those of ancient Rome, in order to discover to what extent the former might be traced from the latter, their venerable and classical origins." (v). Spence was an English jurist and barrister of the Inner Temple. He was the author of several books, including a translation of the Code Napoleon and an important treatise on chancery law. Not in Sweet & Maxwell. Holdsworth, *A History of English Law* XIII:496. *Catalogue of the Library of the Harvard Law School* (1909) II:637.

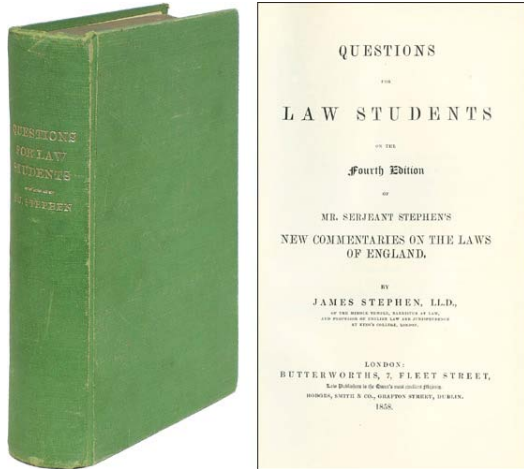
First American Edition of Stephens's *New Commentaries*

23. Stephen, Henry John [1787-1864].

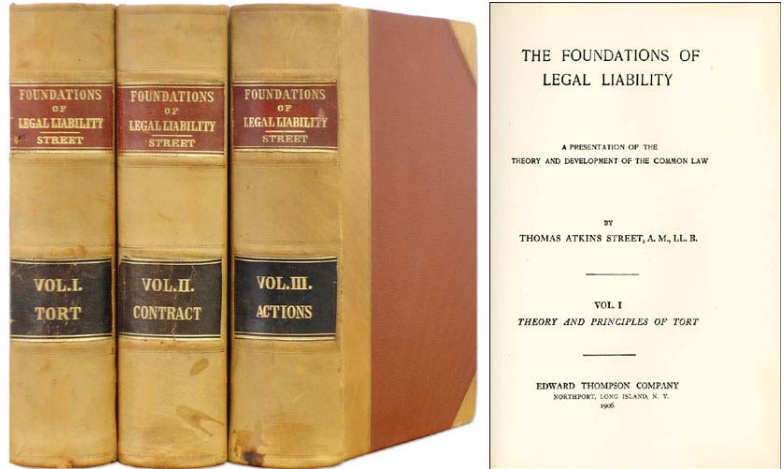
New Commentaries on the Laws of England (Partly Founded on Blackstone). New-York: Halsted & Voorhies, 1841-1846. [Imprint varies: Volumes II-IV state New-York: John S, Voorhies.] Four volumes. Folding tables of descents and consanguinity. Octavo (8-1/2" x 6").

Contemporary law calf, blind rules to boards, red and black lettering pieces to spine. Moderate rubbing with some wear to extremities, some chipping to lettering pieces, some stains and scuffs to boards, hinges cracked or starting. Offsetting to margins of endleaves, occasional light foxing, faint dampstaining to second half of Volume IV. Early owner stamps to each front pastedown, interior otherwise clean. A solid copy of an uncommon set. \$500.

* First American edition, a reprint of the first London edition, 1841-1845, with some minor typographical changes and the omission of the Table of Consanguinity from Volume II. *New Commentaries* is an exposition of English law that preserves Blackstone's topical arrangement and the sections from his text that were still relevant in Stephen's day. (These are set off with square brackets.) A successful work, it went through twenty editions by 1938. In the *Dictionary of National Biography* Dicey observed that "in reality it was an original production, differing essentially in character and merit from his predecessor. (...) Stephen showed the qualities in which Blackstone was comparatively deficient--consummate logical power and singular precision and accuracy of style. Had the work been published as an original treatise, it would have stood upon a level with Blackstone's work" (XVIII:1047). Eller, *The William Blackstone Collection in the Yale Law Library* 204. Laeuchli, *A Bibliographical Catalog of William Blackstone* 488.



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Item 25

An Early Study Guide for Stephen's *New Commentaries*

24. Stephen, James [1820-1894]. Stephen, Henry John .

Questions for Law Students on the Fourth Edition of Mr. Serjeant Stephen's New Commentaries on the Laws of England. London: Butterworth's, 1858. x, 286 pp, c. 200 blank leaves. Octavo (8-1/2" x 5-1/4").

Later cloth, marbled edges, endpapers renewed. Rubbing with some wear to extremities, light toning to text. Notes in pencil to a few leaves, interior otherwise clean. A very nice copy of an uncommon title. \$250.

* Later edition. *New Commentaries* by Henry John Stephens is an exposition of English law partially based on Blackstone that preserves Blackstone's topical arrangement and the sections from his text that were still relevant in Stephen's day. A successful work, it went through twenty editions by 1938. Its status as a standard student textbook led his son James to issue student guides. The first edition of *Questions* was produced in 1849 for the second edition of *New Commentaries* (1849). Others were produced for subsequent editions. The blank leaves following the text in this copy were intended for notes. Not in Sweet & Maxwell or Eller. Not in Sweet & Maxwell or Eller. Laeuchli, *A Bibliographical Catalog of William Blackstone* 514.

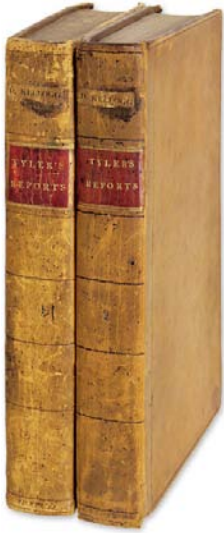
"A Remarkable Historical Study" of Liability

25. Street, Thomas Atkins.

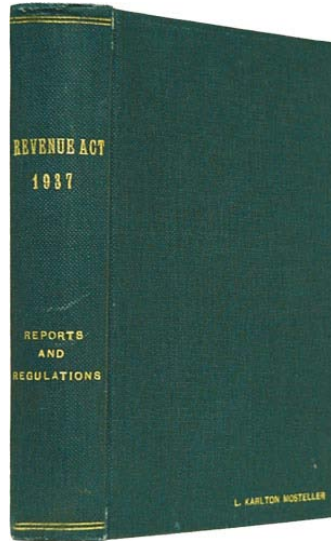
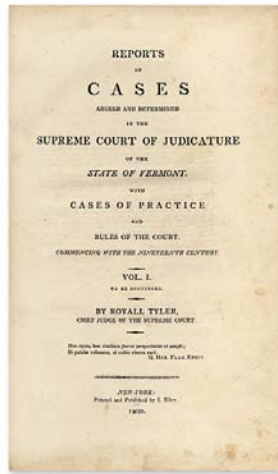
The Foundations of Legal Liability: A Presentation of the Theory and Development of the Common Law. Northport, Long Island: Edward Thompson Company, 1906. Three volumes. xxix, 500; xviii, 559; xi, 572 pp.

Contemporary three-quarter calf over cloth, red and black lettering pieces to spine. Some rubbing with wear to extremities, a few minor stains, corners bumped, front hinge of Volume I starting, small tear to cloth on front board of Volume II. Owner stamps to preliminaries of Volume I, interiors otherwise clean. \$500.

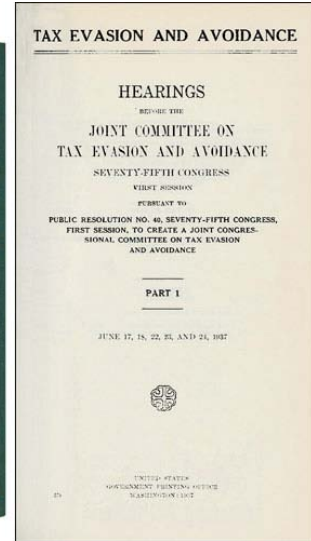
* Second edition. "It is a remarkable historical study of the ideas at the back of delictual and contractual liability, and, as a necessary part of that history, of the law of those actions by the working of which the principles of that liability were ascertained. It is exhaustive without being tedious; it is original and suggestive; and it is based on a thorough understanding of the vast number of decisions in which the law is contained. His account of contracts in general and of consideration, of bailment, and of negotiable instruments from the seventeenth century onwards, are particularly good." Holdsworth, *The Historians of Anglo-American Law* 105.



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Item 27



Tyler's Vermont Reports, 1809-1810.

26. Tyler, Royall [1757-1826], Compiler.

Reports of Cases Argued and Determined in the Supreme Court of Juridicature of the State of Vermont. With Cases of Practice and Rules of the Court. Commencing with the Nineteenth Century. New York: Printed and Published by I. Riley, 1809-1810. Two volumes. vii, [1], 496; vi, 488 pp. Octavo (9-1/4" x 5-3/4").

Contemporary calf, lettering pieces, blind fillets and small paper owner labels to spines. Some rubbing with minor wear to board edges and spine ends, corners bumped, hinges starting, section of front endleaf lacking from Volume II. Dampspotting to boards, light offsetting to margins of endleaves, occasional light foxing. Early owner signatures to front free endpapers, interiors otherwise clean. An appealing set. \$95.

*With subject indexes and tables of cases. Tyler was the chief justice of Vermont when he compiled these volumes. Not in Cohen. *Catalogue of the Library of the Harvard Law School* (1909) II:783.

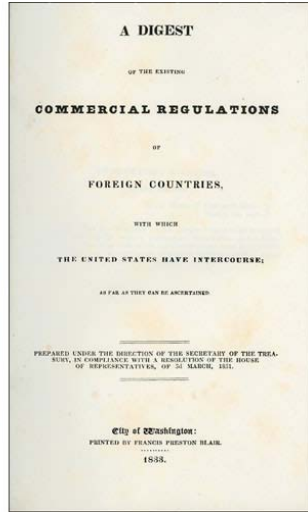
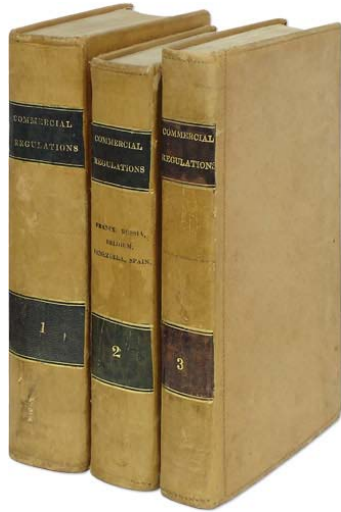
Unique Compilation of Federal Tax Rules and Regulations, 1937.

27. United States Congress.

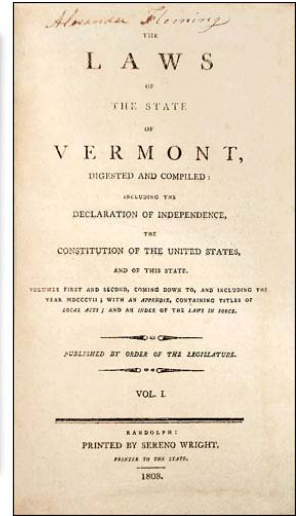
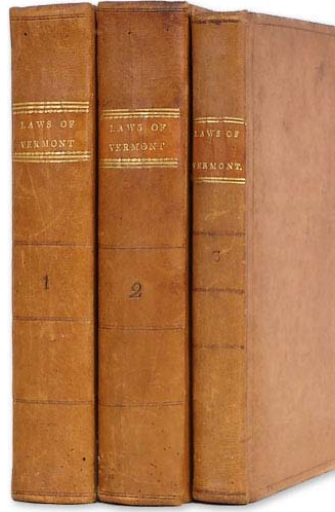
Revenue Act of 1937: Reports and Regulations [spine title]. Washington, DC: Government Printing Office, 1936-1937.

Seventeen softbound pamphlets bound into single green buckram volume with gilt spine lettering. Some shelfwear, occasional notes in pencil to a few leaves. Owner inkstamps to edges and title pages, his name in gilt to foot of front board. A unique volume. \$150.

* Contents: *Revenue Act of 1937*. Public No. 377, 75th Congress, Chapter 815, 1st Session. [H.R. 8234] (20 pp.); *Tax Evasion and Avoidance*. Letter from the Chairman of Joint Committee on Tax Evasion and Avoidance transmitting Report of the Joint Committee on Tax Evasion and Avoidance of the Congress of the United States, pursuant to Public Resolution No. 40. Seventy-fifth Congress (23 pp.); **Committee on Finance**. Report. To Accompany H.R. 8234 (34 pp.); *Revenue Act of 1936* (121 pp.); *Revenue Bill of 1936*. Report of the Subcommittee of the Committee on Ways and Means relative to Proposed Tax Revision (10 pp.); **Committee on Ways and Means**. Report. Rept. No. 2475. To Accompany H.R. 12395 (28 pp.); **Committee on Finance**. Report. Rept. No. 2156. 74th Congress, 2d Session (37 pp.); *Minority Views*. Rept. No. 2156 Part 2 (7 pp.); *Conference Report*. Rept. No. 3068. To Accompany H.R. 12395 (27 pp.); *The Revenue Act of 1935*. Public No. 407, 74th Congress. [H.R. 8974] (16 pp.); **Committee on Ways and Means**. Report. Rept. No. 1681. To Accompany H.R. 8974 (22 pp.); **Committee on Finance**. Report. Rept. No. 1240 (9 pp.); *Minority Views*. Rept. 1240, Part 2 (9 pp.); *Conference Report*. Rept. No. 1885. To Accompany H.R. 8974 (14 pp.); *Tax Evasion and Avoidance*. Hearings before the Joint Committee on Tax Evasion and Avoidance, Part 1 (195, ix pp.); *Tax Evasion and Avoidance*. Hearings before the Joint Committee on Tax Evasion and Avoidance, Part 2 (197-327, viii pp.); *Tax Evasion and Avoidance*. Hearings before the Joint Committee on Tax Evasion and Avoidance. Part 3 (329-423, iv pp.); *Tax Evasion and Avoidance*. Hearings before the Joint Committee on Tax Evasion and Avoidance. Part 4. (425-440 pp.).



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Item 29

**Valuable 1833-1836
Compendium of U.S. Commercial Regulations**

28. [United States].

Department of the Treasury.

A Digest of the Existing Commercial Regulations of Foreign Countries, With Which the United States Have Intercourse; As Far as They Can Be Ascertained. Prepared Under the Direction of the Secretary of the Treasury, In Compliance With a Resolution of the House of Representatives, of 3d March, 1831. Three volumes. Volume I: City of Washington: Printed by Francis Preston Blair, 1833; Volumes II and III: Washington City: Blair & Rives, Printers, 1836. Complete set. Octavo (9" x 5-3/4").

Contemporary sheep, blind fillets to boards, lettering pieces and blind fillets to spines. Some rubbing, some scuffing to boards. Several unopened signatures. Occasional discoloration and foxing, interior otherwise fresh. \$500.

* This is one of 750 sets printed for the use of the House of Representatives. A valuable resource for students of commercial and international law of the period (and students of taxation as well), it contains laws, the texts of treaties and statistical information. These books were published at an important juncture in U.S. history. Having survived the Napoleonic Wars and the devastation of the War of 1812, the United States was beginning to emerge as one of the world's leading commercial powers. Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* (2003 Supplement) 7432.70.

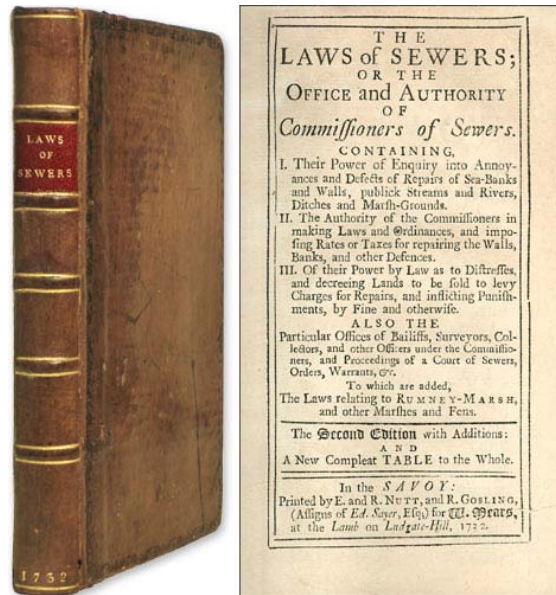
Well-Preserved Early Compilation of Vermont Laws

29. [Vermont].

The Laws of the State of Vermont, Digested and Compiled: Including the Declaration of Independence, The Constitution of the United States, and of this State. Volumes First and Second, Coming Down to, and Including the Year MDCCVII; With an Appendix, Containing Titles of Local Acts; and an Index of the Laws in Force. Published by Order of the Legislature. Volumes I & II: Randolph: Printed by Sereno Wright, 1808; Volume III: Rutland: Published by Fay, Davison & Burd, 1817. Three volumes. Octavo (8-1/2" x 5").

Contemporary sheep, blind frames to boards, lettering piece and black-stamped fillets and volume numbers to spines. A few tiny inkstains and some minor scuffing, minor wear to joints and corners, hinges starting. Offsetting to margins of endleaves, light foxing at ends of each text block, interiors otherwise fresh. Early owner signature to the head of each title page, interiors otherwise clean. A well-preserved complete set. Uncommon. \$200.

* First edition. With an index, side-notes, forms of oaths, sample legal forms, list of repealed laws and an appendix containing titles of local and private acts. This was originally issued as a two-volume set. The third volume is a continuation covering legislation from 1808 to 1816. It contains a cumulative list of titles. OCLC locates 9 copies. Babbitt, *Hand-List of Legislative Sessions and Session Laws* 573.



Uncommon 1732 English Treatise on Watercourses

30. [Water Law].

The Laws of Sewers; Or the Office and Authority of Commissioners of Sewers. Containing, I. Their Power of Enquiry into Annoyances and Defects of Repairs of Sea-Banks and Walls, Publick Streams and Rivers, Ditches and Marsh-Grounds. II. The Authority of the Commissioners in Making Laws and Ordinances, and Imposing Rates or Taxes for Repairing the Walls, Banks, and Other Defences. III. Of Their Power by Law as to Distresses, and Decreeing to be Sold to Levy Charges for Repairs, and Inflicting Punishments, by Fine and Otherwise. Also the Particular Offices of Bailiffs, Surveyors, Collectors, and Other Officers Under the Commissioners, and Proceedings of a Court of Sewers, Orders, Warrants, &c. To Which are Added, the Laws Relating to Rumney-Marsh, and Other Marshes and Fens. With Additions: and a New Compleat Table to the Whole. London: Printed by E. and R. Nutt, and R. Gosling, 1732. [viii], 202, 10 pp. Octavo (7-1/2" x 4-1/2").

Contemporary calf, blind fillets to boards, rebaced in period style with raised bands and lettering piece, endpapers renewed. Some wear to joints and corners, negligible rubbing and a few small inkstains to boards, front hinge starting. Occasional minor worming to text and rear pastedown. Later owner signatures to front pastedown and head of preface, occasional (very) light foxing and toning, interior otherwise fresh. An appealing copy of an uncommon work. \$950.

* Second and final edition of a work first published in 1726. Appointed by the Crown, commissioners of sewers were empowered to levy taxes to support their work and enact and enforce laws relating to watercourses, land reclamation and structures, such as dams. "As there have been in all Reigns, from the earliest Time, many commissions of Sewers issued into the several counties of England, to Gentlemen of Estates and Worth therein, and the Number of the Commissioners and their Clerks, officers and Ministers under them, being great and considerable; it is very much to be admired, and a Thing very uncommon, that no Person hath hitherto attempted a particular Treatise on these laws, with the necessary Business and Practice of the commissioners of Sewers in putting them in execution. (...) And notwithstanding [Callis' *Reading Upon the Statute of 23 H. 8, Cap. 5, of Sewers* (1622)] is an excellent composition, and I am obliged to that Performance for many of my Informations; yet it must be confessed, that [it] is more especially adapted to the Use of lawyers in general, than the Commissioners of Sewers, and it has not the least Precedent throughout, of their various transactions." : Preface [iv-v]. This edition is a reissue of the first edition with a cancel titlepage and the final gathering re-set and extended. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T130362.

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