

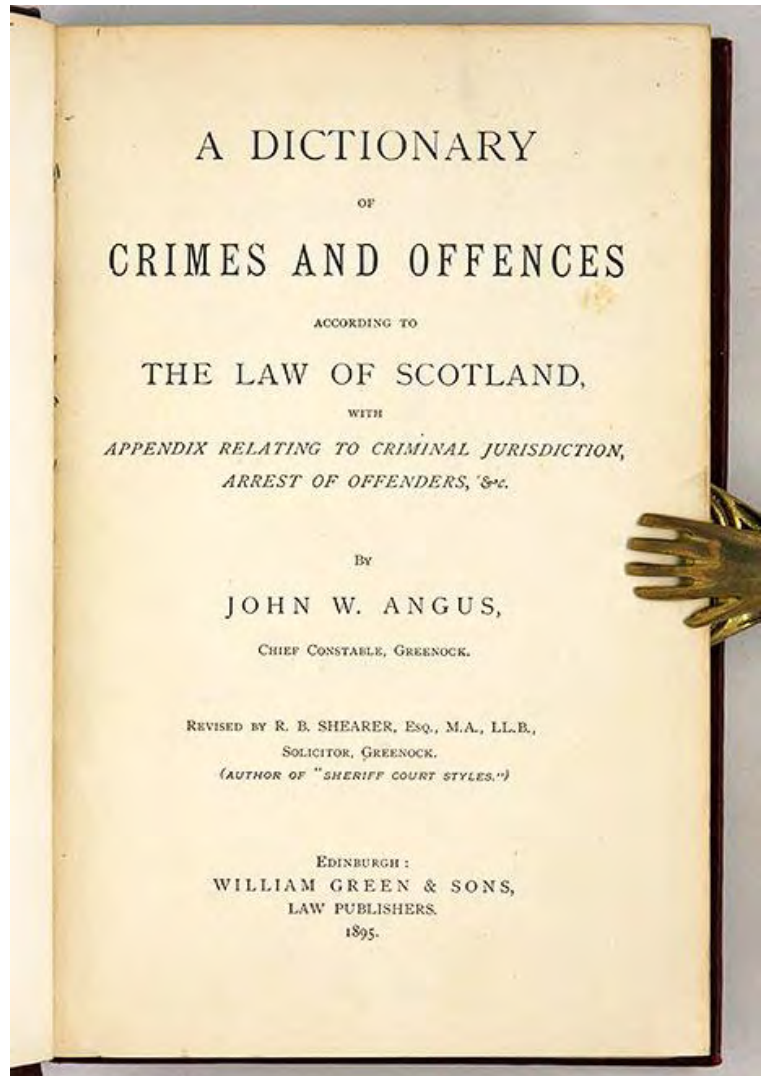
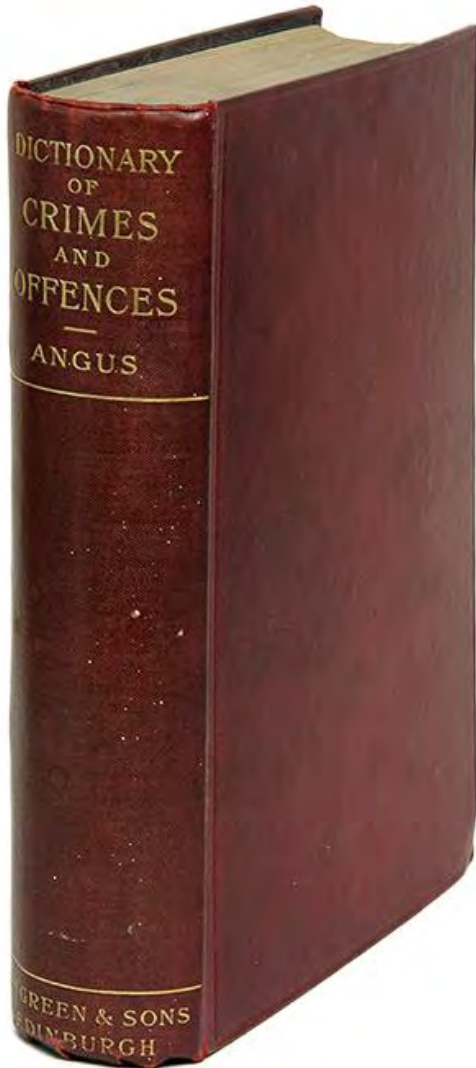
# 30 Recent Acquisitions

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**A Rare Scottish Dictionary on Criminal Law**

**1. Angus, John W.  
Shearer, R.B., Editor.**

*A Dictionary of Crimes and Offences According to the Law of Scotland, with appendix relating to criminal Jurisdiction.* Edinburgh: William Green & Sons, 1895. 538, [1] pp. Octavo (7-1/4" x 4-3/4").

Cloth, blind rules to boards, gilt title to spine, black coated endpapers. A few tiny spots to spine, binding slightly cocked, light toning to text, embossed owner stamp to front free endpaper. \$500

\* First edition. "Mr. Angus' publication possesses high merits, and will be of great utility. There is a large number of police burghs that have not yet availed themselves of their powers to erect local police courts. As this is done, the newly-elected magistrates and the assessors who have to guide them will seek for information both reliable and in handy form for rapid reference. The present work will give them light on almost all the ordinary cases that come before police courts.": J.B. Baxter, *The Juridical Review* 7 (1894) 193-194. A third edition was published in 1936. All editions are rare. OCLC locates 2 copies of the first edition in North America (Northwestern University Law School, Osgoode Hall). Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 5:6. [Order This Item](#)



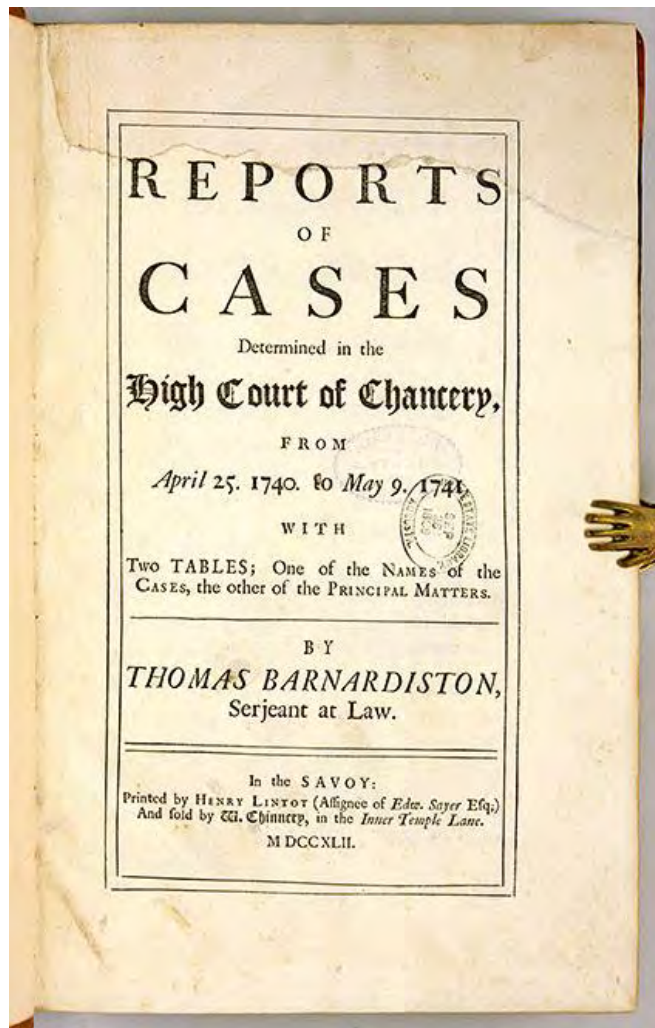
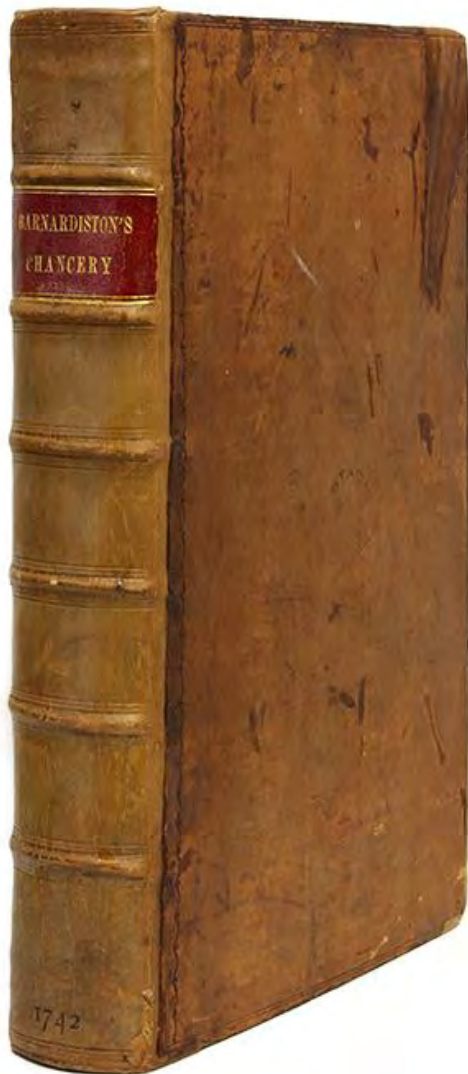
**An East India Company Official  
on Chinese History and Anglo-Sino Relations**

**2. Auber, Peter [1770-1866].**

*China: An Outline of Its Government, Laws, And Policy, And of the British and Foreign Embassies to and Intercourse with that Empire.* London, Parbury, Allen and Co., 1834. viii, 419 pp. Folding color frontispiece, a map of the Pearl River. Octavo (8-3/4" x 5-1/2").

Later library cloth, calf lettering piece and paper location label to spine. Moderate soiling, front joint just starting at head, wear to lettering piece, faint stain to center of spine, front endleaves and frontispiece neatly detached. Light toning to text, a few clean tears and light edgewear to frontispiece, library ink and embossed stamps to title page, a few library marks to verso. \$850.

\* Second edition. Secretary to the directors of the East India Company, Auber wrote several books about English colonial policy and its history. First published in 1831, his study of China combines history, a review of English policy and an account of English travel and exploration in China and neighboring states. It is a fascinating work. *British Museum Catalogue* 1:1135. [Order This Item](#)



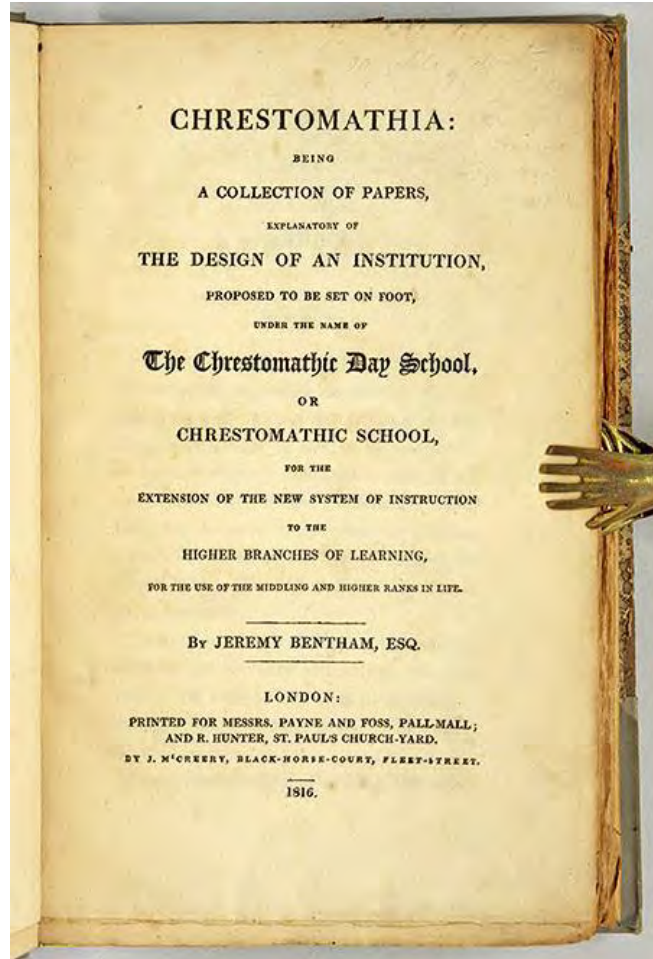
**"His Reports Have a Peculiar Value"**

**3. Barnardiston, Thomas [d. 1752], Reporter.**

*Reports of Cases Determined in the High Court of Chancery, From April 25, 1740. to May 9, 1741. With Two Tables; One of the Names of the Cases, The Other of the Principal Matters.* [London]: Printed by Henry Linton, 1742. [8], 502, [46] pp. Folio (11-3/4" x 7-1/2").

Contemporary calf, rebacked in period style, blind fillets to boards, raised bands and lettering piece to spine, endpapers renewed, repairs to corners of boards. Some rubbing and scuffing to boards, moderate rubbing to board edges, corners bumped and somewhat worn, hinges cracked, library bookplate to front pastedown. Light toning to text, occasional faint dampstaining, with dampspotting in places, to head of text block, repair to upper section of title page, which has two small library stamps. An attractive copy. \$300.

\* Only edition. "His reports have a peculiar value, from the fact of containing the decisions of the great Lord Hardwicke, and if the author has occasionally fallen into slight errors, they are neither so glaring or numerous as to detract much from their merits" (Marvin). 94. Barnardiston was a legal reporter and serjeant-at-law. He also published reports on King's Bench cases. Marvin, *Legal Bibliography* 94. Wallace, *The Reporters* 514. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T95793. [Order This Item](#)



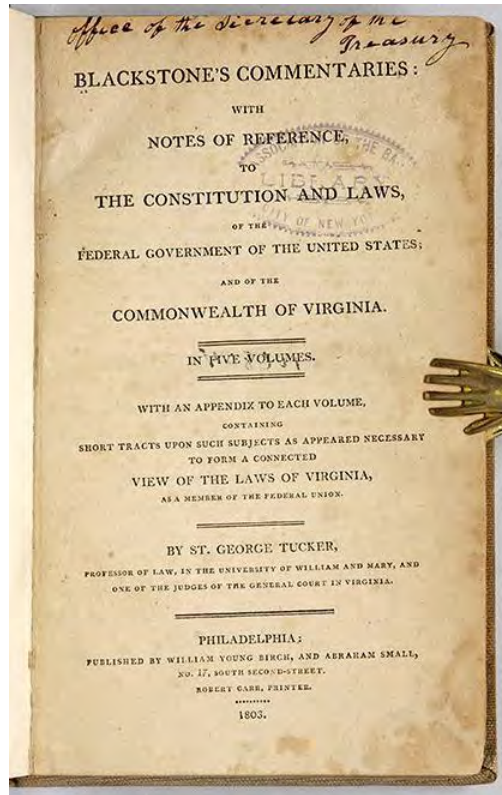
#### Bentham's Main Work on Education

#### 4. Bentham, Jeremy [1748-1832].

*Chrestomathia: Being a Collection of Papers, Explanatory of the design of an Institution, Proposed to be Set on Foot, Under the Name of the Chrestomathic Day School, Or Chrestomathic School, For the Extension of the New System of Instruction to the Higher Branches of Learning, for the Use of the Middling and Higher Ranks in Life.* London: Printed for Messrs. Payne and Foss, 1816-1817. Two volumes. [iv], [iii]-vi, [ii], [ix]-xxi, [iii], ix-x, 68, 24, [69]-98; [v], iv, 99-347 pp. Five folding tables. In Volume I, Contents, pp. ix-x misbound after [ii]; Chrestomathic Tables, Table II, and its table, pp. 1-24, misbound before Appendix to Crestomathia, [69]-98 pp., duplicate half-title bound before ix-x. Text complete. Octavo (8-3/4" x 5-3/4").

Later three-quarter cloth over marbled boards, calf lettering piece to spine, top-edge gilt, deckle fore and bottom-edges. Light rubbing and to boards, small chip to rear board, moderate rubbing to extremities with some wear to corners, hinges just starting at ends. Some toning to text, light foxing in places, a few minor tears and creases to tables, library stamp to verso of title page and margins of a few leaves. \$1,000.

\* First complete edition, preceded in 1815 by a privately printed edition of Part I. "Bentham's main work on education. It was written in order to set out the curriculum and methods to be taught at a new secondary day school for the children of the 'middling and higher ranks in life of society.' The work grew out of the controversy on education including Bell and Lancaster in early nineteenth-century England, and was an attempt to apply the 'monitorial system' to that secondary day school.": Chou University Library, *A Bibliographical Catalogue of the Works of Jeremy Bentham* C1. [Order This Item](#)



**An Important (And Very Rare) American Edition of Blackstone**

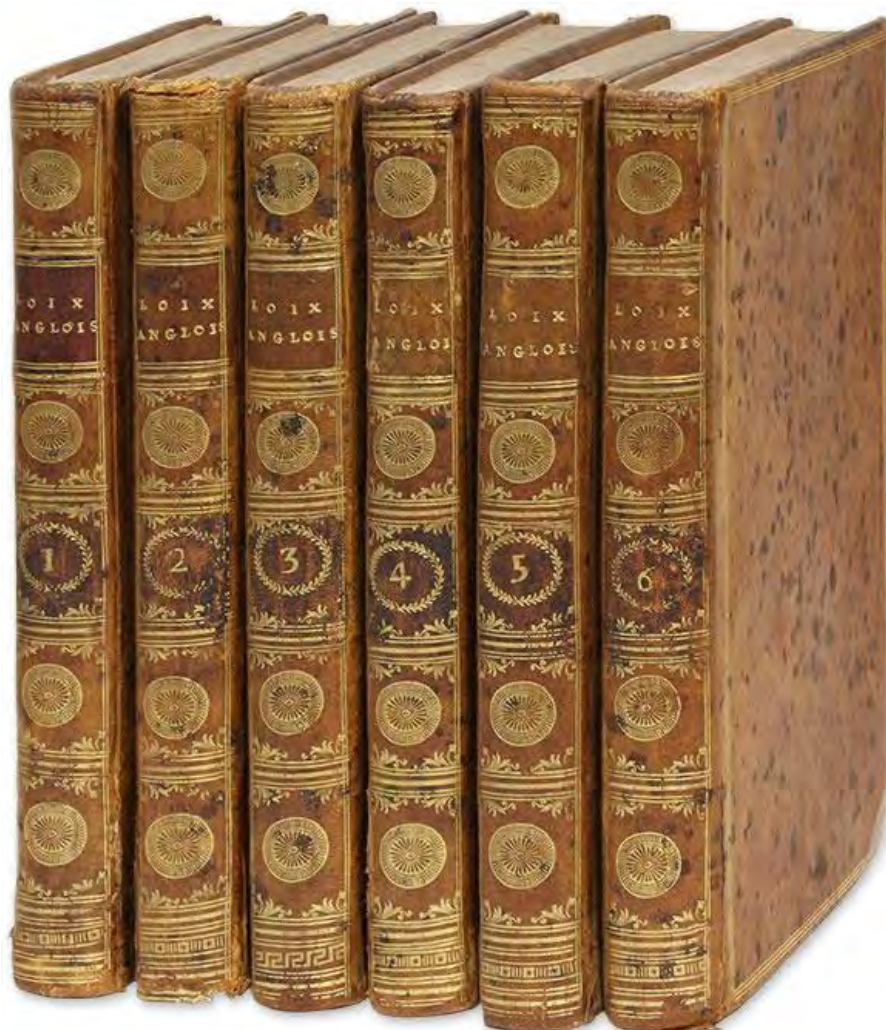
**5. Blackstone, Sir William.**

**Tucker, St. George [1752-1827], Editor.**

*Blackstone's Commentaries: With Notes of Reference to the Constitution and Laws, of the Federal Government of the United States, and of the Commonwealth of Virginia. In Five Volumes, with an Appendix to Each Volume, Containing Short Tracts upon Such Subjects As Appeared Necessary to Form a Connected View of the Laws of Virginia As a Member of the Federal Union.* Philadelphia: William Young Birch and Abraham Small 1803. Five volumes. Volume II has "Table of Consanguinity" and three fold-out "Table[s] of Descents." Complete Set. Book III, pp. 350-354 supplied in facsimile (pp. 350-352 present, but detached and edgeworn with loss to text). Octavo (8" x 5").

Later library cloth, red and black lettering pieces and paper shelf labels to spines. Moderate shelfwear and light soiling to boards, heavier soiling to spines, some chipping and rubbing to lettering pieces. Moderate toning and light foxing to text, text blocks detached from Volumes III, IV and V, text block of Volume IV split into three sections, a few leaves in each volume partially detached and edgeworn, clean tears to a few leaves mended with cellotape, early owner signatures and later library stamps to title pages, library marks to versos. A copy worthy of restoration. \$5,000.

\* First edition. *Tucker's Blackstone* is a key resource for understanding how Americans viewed English common law in the years following the adoption of the Constitution and the Bill of Rights. Based on his lectures at the College of William and Mary, Tucker interprets Blackstone's often anti-democratic viewpoint in the American context. "Tucker's Blackstone became a standard reference work for many American lawyers unable to consult a law library, especially those on the frontier. It is impossible to measure its impact on American law, but it is clear that sales were strongest in Virginia, as could be expected; it was also widely used in Pennsylvania and South Carolina" (Bryson). More recently, Tucker's Blackstone has been cited in numerous constitutional cases by the U.S. Supreme Court relating to "original intent." Bryson, *The Virginia Law Reporter Before 1800* 102. Eller, *The William Blackstone Collection in the Yale Law Library* 87. Laeuchli, *A Bibliographical Catalog of William Blackstone* 137. [Order This Item](#)



**The First Edition of Blackstone's  
*Commentaries in a Foreign Language***

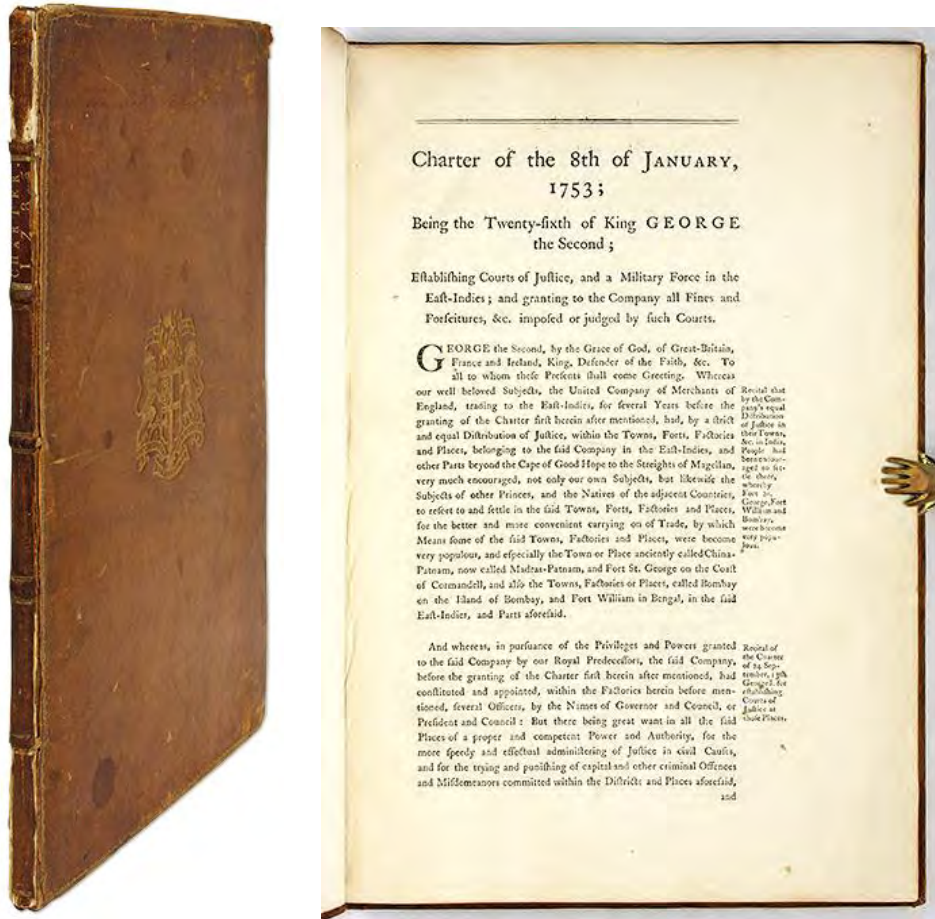
**6. Blackstone, Sir William.**

**[Damiens de Gomicourt, August Pierre, Translator].**

*Commentaires Sur les Loix Angloises, De M. Blackstone. Traduits de l'Anglois par M.D.G.\*\*\*. Sur la Quatrieme Edition d'Oxford.* Brussels: J.L. de Boubers, 1774-1776. Six volumes. Two folding tables (of descent and consanguinity). Table of Contents of Volumes I-IV misbound at rear of texts. Errata leaf from Volume II misbound at end of Volume I. Octavo (7-3/4" x 5").

Contemporary mottled calf, gilt rules to boards, lettering pieces and gilt ornaments to spines, gilt tooling to board edges. Light rubbing and a few shallow scuffs to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, corners bumped and lightly worn, joints of Volumes I, II and VI just starting at ends, small chips to spine heads of Volumes II and IV. Light to moderate toning, light foxing in places. A nice set. \$1,000.

\* First French edition translated from the fourth English edition (1770) by August Pierre Damiens de Gomicourt [1723-1790], who is not credited. The editor claims that the quality of the translation was enhanced by Gomicourt's familiarity "with the laws, the structure of the government, the spirit of the people, and the history of England." This was the first translation of the *Commentaries* into a foreign language. Eller, *The William Blackstone Collection in the Yale Law Library* 179. Laeuchli, *A Bibliographical Catalog of William Blackstone* 413. [Order This Item](#)



### The East India Company Becomes a Colonial Government

#### 7. [British East India Company].

*Charter of the 8th of January, 1753; Being the Twenty-Sixth of King George the Second; Establishing Courts of Justice, And a Military Force in the East Indies* [caption title]. [London, c. 1758]. 50 pp. Folio (14-1/4" x 9-1/2").

Contemporary calf, gilt fillets to board edges, large gilt arms of the British East India Company to centers of boards, raised bands and lettering piece (reading "Charter. 1783") to spine, marbled endpapers. Light rubbing and a few minor stains and shallow scuffs to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, some chipping to spine ends, boards just beginning to separate, but secure. Light toning to text, somewhat heavier in places, light soiling to upper margins of a few leaves. \$5,000.

\* The Honourable East India Company, or British East India Company, was established in 1600 as a trading company. It became the engine that drove the expansion of the British Empire into India and other parts of Southeast Asia. The Charter of 1753 marked the company's transition from a strictly commercial enterprise to a *de facto* government of British colonies in India. The other two other charters in our reflect this transition of power from the crown to the company. They are: Charter of the 19th of September, 1757, Being the 31st of George the Second, Granting to the Company a Moiety of the Plunder and Booty, Taken from the Nabob of Bengal" and "Charter of the 14th of January, 1758, Being the 31st of George the Second, Granting to teh Company booty and plunder, Taken in the East-Indies." Our volume includes an index. There are to be a few versions of this book with different sets of charters. Ours is identical to a copy at the University of Pennsylvania. It is not listed in the ESTC. Pickett's *Bibliography of the East India Company*, Entry 860, cites it as part of a compilation of charters without a title, conjecturally dated 1772, of which one copy is known, at the British Library. [Order This Item](#)







### Land for Sale in Somerset

9. [Broadside].  
[Land Auction].  
[Great Britain].  
Batcombe, Somerset.

*Freehold Lands, To be Sold by Auction, By Mr. Wainwright, At the Three Horse Shoes Inn, Batcombe, On Thursday the 22nd. Day of July, 1830.* Shepton-Mallet: Wason & Foxwell, [1830].

17-3/4" x 11" broadside. Text in single column below headline. Moderate toning, light soiling and a few minor stains, faint vertical and horizontal fold lines, a few minor chips and tears to edges, contemporary annotations to recto and verso. \$650.

\* The lots include pasture land, arable land and a farmstead. Most of the annotations discuss the value of specific lots. The one exception is a note on the verso, most likely for filing purposes, states the nature and date of the auction. No copies located on COPAC or OCLC. [Order This Item](#)

**BATCOMBE, LEIGHTON, BUTLEIGH, & BABCARY,  
SOMERSET.**

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**VALUABLE  
FREEHOLD  
LANDS.**

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**To be Sold by Auction.**  
BY  
**MR. WAINWRIGHT,**  
On **MONDAY, the 28th day of APRIL, 1834,**  
At the **GEORGE INN, in SHEPTON-MALLET,**  
*At 3 o'Clock in the Afternoon.*

**The following Desirable  
FREEHOLD  
PROPERTY,**

COMPRISING

**LOT 1.** A Piece of Pasture LAND, called *Bucket Well*, containing by estimation **5 ACRES**, more or less.  
**2.** Two Pieces of Pasture LAND, called *Tee Ground*, and *Four Acres*, containing by estimation **10 ACRES**, more or less.  
**3.** A Piece of Pasture LAND, called *Loxstreet*, containing by estimation **5 ACRES**, more or less.

17 The above Lots are situate at *WATCOMBE*, in the Parish of *BATCOMBE*, and in the Occupation of *Mr. William Perfit*.

**4.** A Close of Pasture LAND in the parish of *Leighton*, containing by estimation **2 ACRES**, more or less, now or late in the occupation of *Mr. George Budgett*. This field contains a celebrated Spring of Water, called *Hotwell Spring*, which has never been known to fail.  
**5.** Two Closes of Pasture LAND, containing together **14A. 1R. 12P.** more or less, situate at *Butleigh*, and in the occupation of *Mr. William Frampton*.  
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17 The respective Tenants will shew the Lots; and further particulars may be had on application of the *AUCTIONEER's* Office, *SHEPTON-MALLET*, or at the Offices of

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"Valuable Freehold Lands"

10. [Broadside].  
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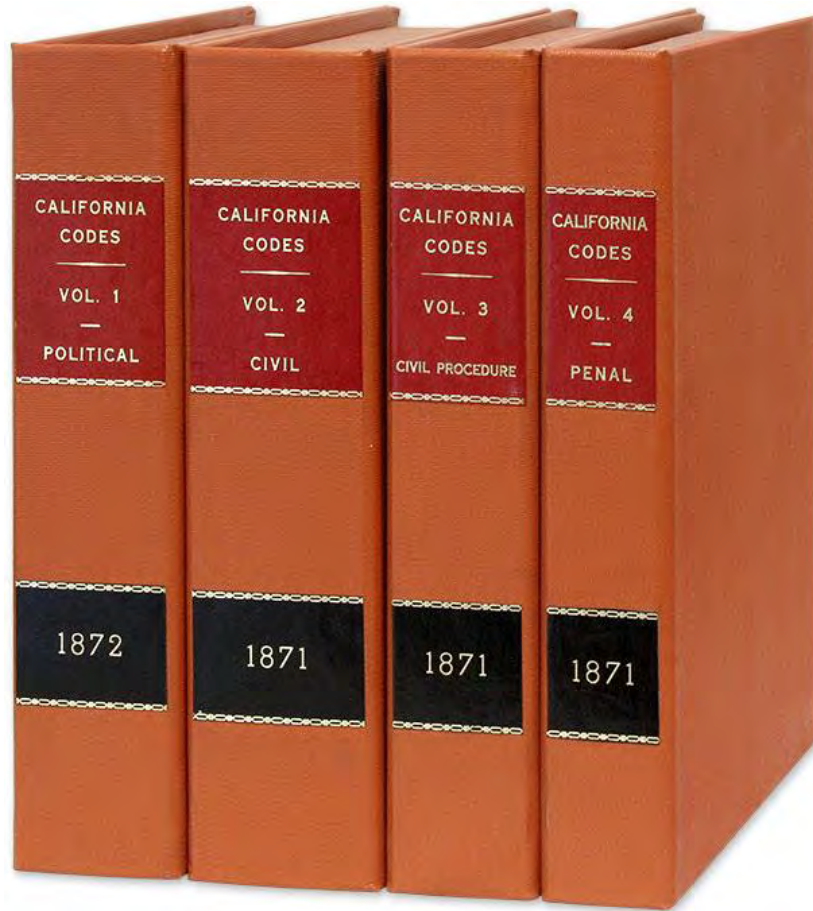
**Batcombe, Somerset, Butleigh and Babcary.**

*Valuable Freehold Lands. To be Sold by Auction, By Mr. Wainwright, On Monday, The 28th Day of April, 1834, At the George Inn, In Shepton-Mallet, At 3 O'Clock in the Afternoon.* Shepton-Mallet: Cary, Printer, [1834].

19-1/4" x 15-1/4" broadside. Text in single column below headline. Moderate toning, light soiling, faint vertical and horizontal fold lines, some wear and a few chips and tears to edges, contemporary annotations to verso. \$650.

\* The lots "were late the property of Harry Russ Grant, Esq. M.D. deceased." They included 9 parcels of pasture land. There are two annotations on the verso. One is an address, along with two postal stamps; this copy was mailed. The other note, most likely for filing purposes, states the nature and date of the auction. No copies located on COPAC or OCLC.

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### California's Field-Based Codes of 1872

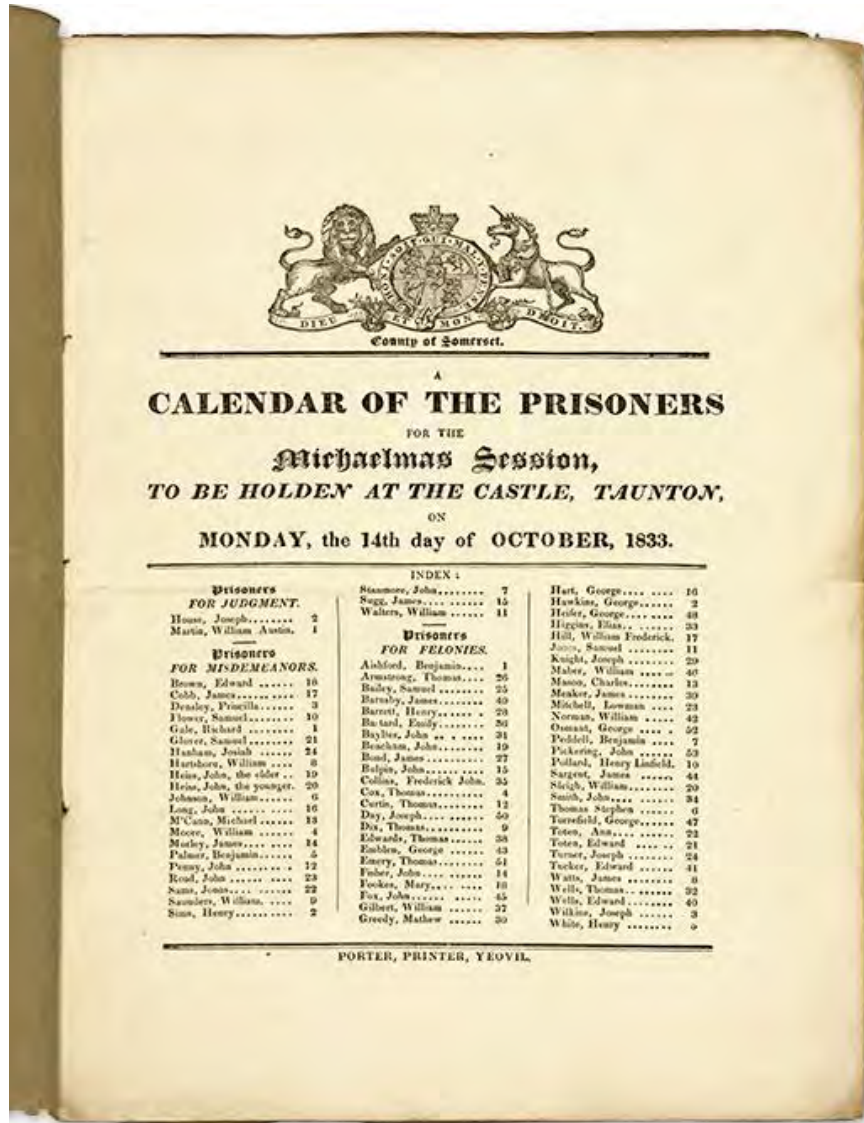
11. [California].  
[Haymond, Creed (1836-1893)].  
[Burch, John C. (1826-1885)].  
[Lindley, Charles].

*Revised Laws of the State of California: In Four Codes: Political, Civil, Civil Procedure, And Penal.* Volume I: Sacramento: T.A. Springer, State Printer, 1872; Volume II-IV: Sacramento: D.W. Gelwicks, State Printer, 1871. Four volumes. Complete set. Lacking the 2 tables (one of consanguinity, the other a schematic overview of the civil code). Octavo (8-3/4" x 5-1/2").

Contemporary three-quarter law calf over marbled boards, raised bands and red and black lettering pieces to spines. Some rubbing and a few minor scuffs to boards, heavier rubbing to extremities with wear to spine ends and corners, boards detached, a few endleaves detached and lightly edgeworn, card-pocket residue to front pastedown of Volume I. Light to moderate toning, a few early owner signatures to front endleaves of Volumes I and II, later library stamps to title pages, other library marks to versos. Volumes housed in recent buckram clamshell cases with red and black lettering pieces. \$3,000.

\* First edition (Volume I was published last). Volume I: Political Code; Volume II: Civil Code; Volume III: Code of Civil Procedure; Volume IV: Penal Code. Based on the New York Field Codes, these volumes comprise the proposed code of laws for the state of California. The codes were adopted in 1872. The Political Code is no longer in force, but the other three remain the fundamental basis of California law. Babbitt, *Hand-List of Legislation Sessions and Session Laws* 25

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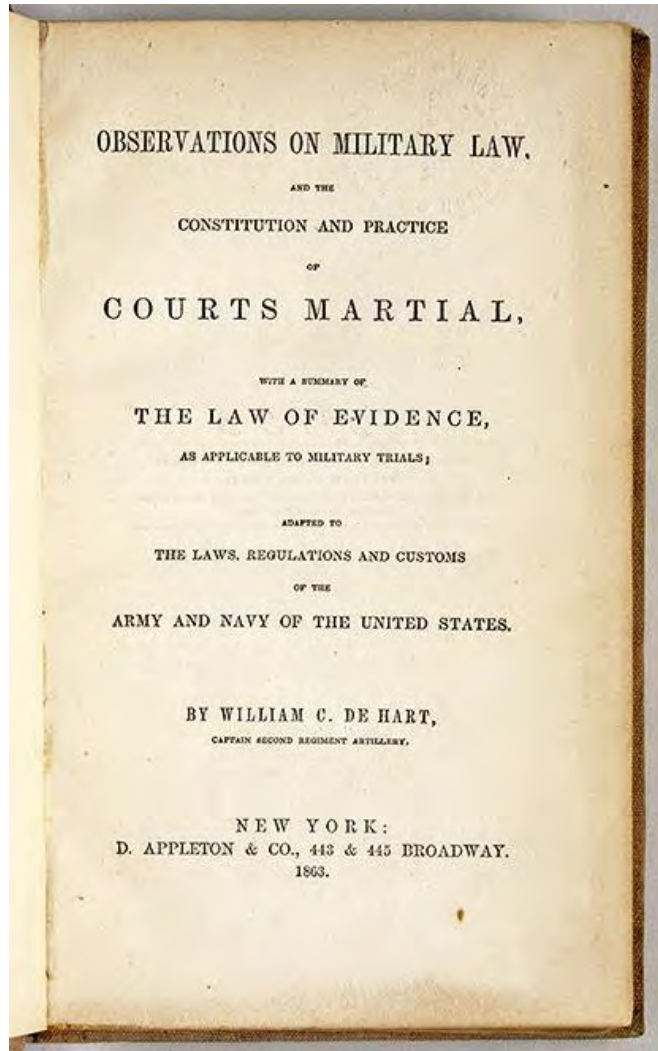
The Fates of 79 Prisoners in Taunton, Somerset on October 14, 1833

12. [Crime and Criminals].  
 [Great Britain].

*A Calendar of the Prisoners for the Michaelmas Season, To be Holden at the Castle, Taunton, On Monday, The 14th Day of October, 1833.*  
 [drop head title]. Yeoville: Porter, Printer, [1833]. [12] pp. Quarto (12-1/2" x 9-1/2").

Stab-stitched pamphlet in plain wrappers. Light soiling and a few minor stains, moderate rubbing and a few minor chips to edges, wrapper just beginning to split along spine, three faint horizontal fold lines. Some toning to text, minor tears in a few places, annotated throughout in contemporary hand. \$850.

\* A list of 79 prisoners. Along with the charge, each entry includes the prisoner's age, trade, date of warrant and the person "by whom committed." The annotations list the sentences, such as "6 Month C. gaol" and "3 wks solitary." (No one was transported to Australia.) Based on the handwriting, these notes appear to be the work of "James Gainie/ Keeper." His name appears at the foot of p. [11], along with the name, in the same hand, "E.H. Sanford Esq M.P." Not listed on OCLC or COPAC. [Order This Item](#)



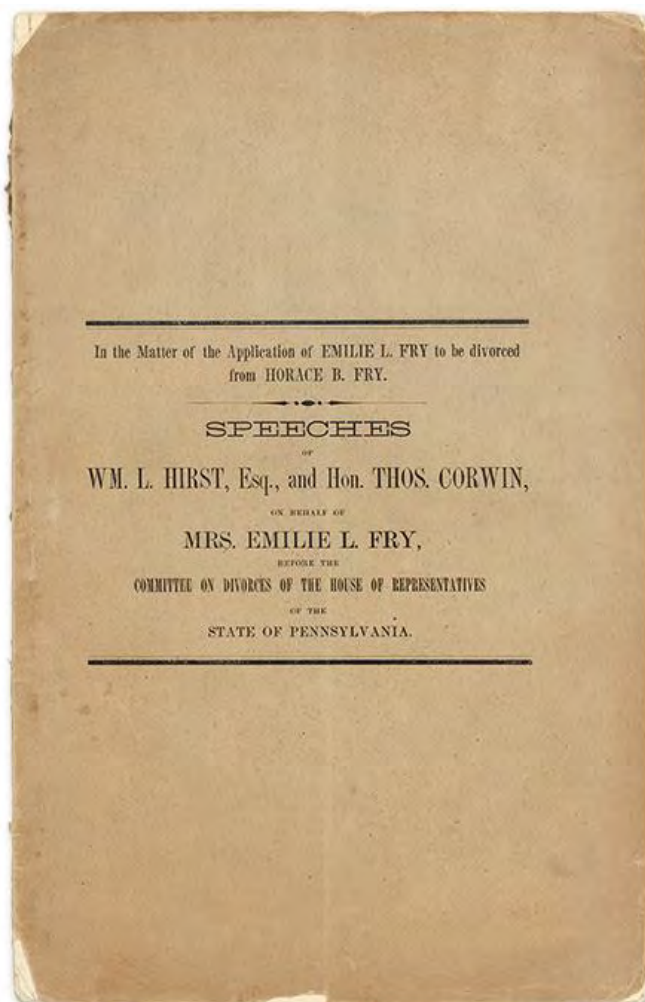
**Civil War-Era Printing of an  
Important American Treatise on Military Law**

**13. De Hart, William C. [1800-1848].**

*Observations on Military Law, And the Constitution and Practice of Courts Martial, With a Summary of the Law of Evidence, As Applicable to Military Trials; Adapted to the Laws, Regulations and Customs of the Army and Navy of the United States.* New York: D. Appleton & Co., 1863. viii, 433, [7] pp. Includes 6-page publisher catalogue. Octavo (9" x 5-3/4").

Later library cloth, red and black calf lettering pieces and fragments of paper shelf label to spine. Light soiling and a few minor stains, a few minor chips to lettering pieces, corners bumped, front free endpaper just beginning to detach. Moderate toning to text, early pencil marks to a few leaves, embossed library stamp to title page, library marking to verso, another embossed stamp to following leaf. \$250.

\* First published in 1846, this was the first American treatise on military law published since the Revolutionary War. (Macomb's 1809 *Treatise on Martial Law* deals exclusively with courts martial.) Reprinted six times between 1859 and 1869, it was the standard work on the subject. De Hart was a graduate of West Point and a captain in an artillery regiment. He served as Acting Judge Advocate of the Army during the Mexican War. Our 1863 printing not in the *Harvard Law Catalogue* (1909) or Sabin. [Order This Item](#)



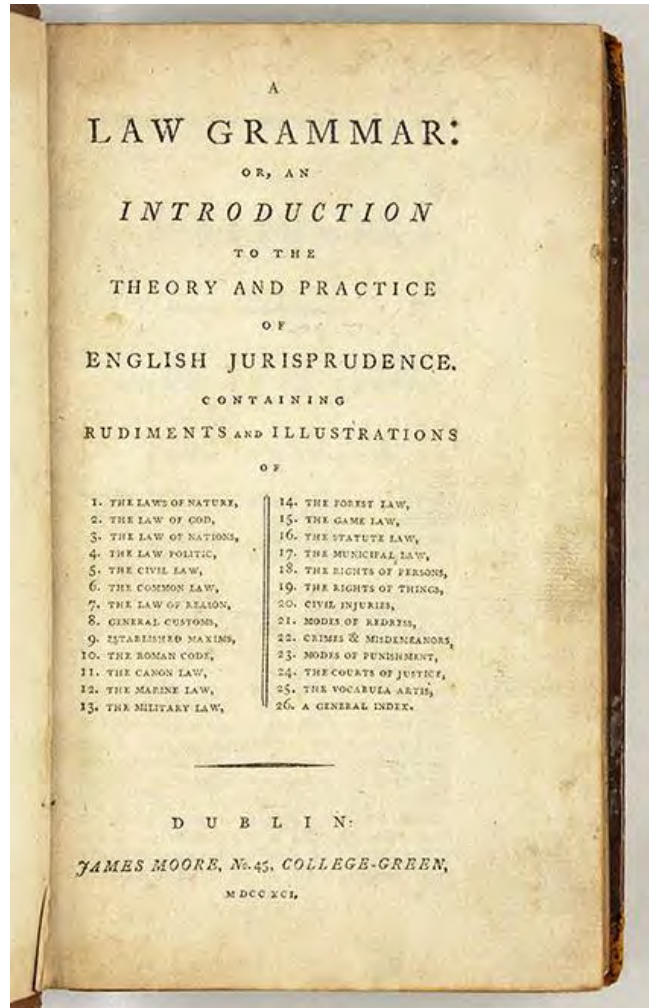
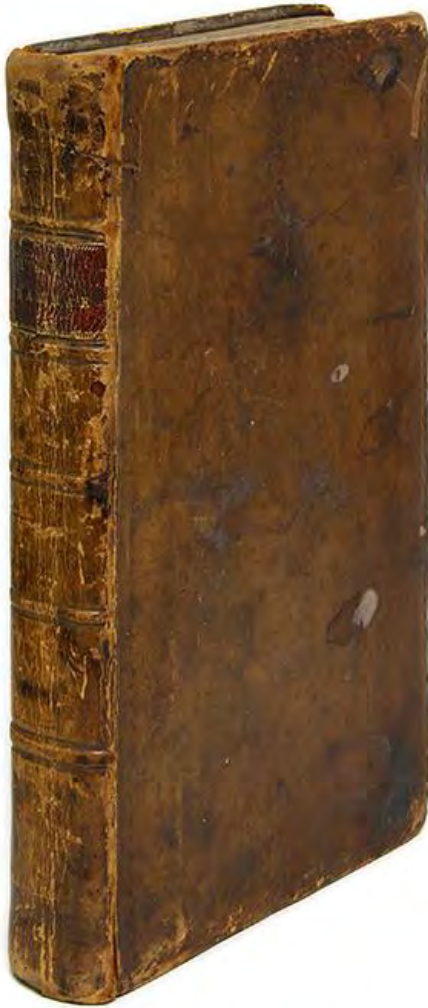
**A Marriage Nullified by the Pennsylvania Legislature**

14. [Divorce].  
[United States].  
[Fry v. Fry]  
Hirst, W[illia]m L.  
Corwin, Tho[mas].

*In the Matter of the Application of Emilie L. Fry to be Divorced from Horace B. Fry. Speeches of Wm. L. Hirst, Esq., And Hon. Thos. Corwin, On Behalf of Emilie L. Fry, Before the Committee on Divorces of the House of Representatives of the State of Pennsylvania.* [Harrisburg: S.n., c.1859]. 40 pp. Octavo (9-1/4" x 6").

Stab-stitched pamphlet in printed wrappers. Light soiling, faint vertical crease through center, some rubbing to edges, spine abraded, wrappers partially detached, light toning to interior. \$500.

\* Only edition. Emilie Grigg married Horace B. Fry on August 2, 1858 and left him on September 11, 1858 due to his violent and abusive behavior. Because Mrs. Fry declined to swear that her life was in danger, the only allowable reason for a woman to sue for divorce in Pennsylvania, the courts were closed to her. For his part, Mr. Fry countered with charges of infidelity and threatened to sue in the courts. The legislative committee that heard the matter declared the marriage contract null and void. OCLC locates 9 copies, 2 in law libraries (Harvard, Library of Congress). Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 1437. [Order This Item](#)



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

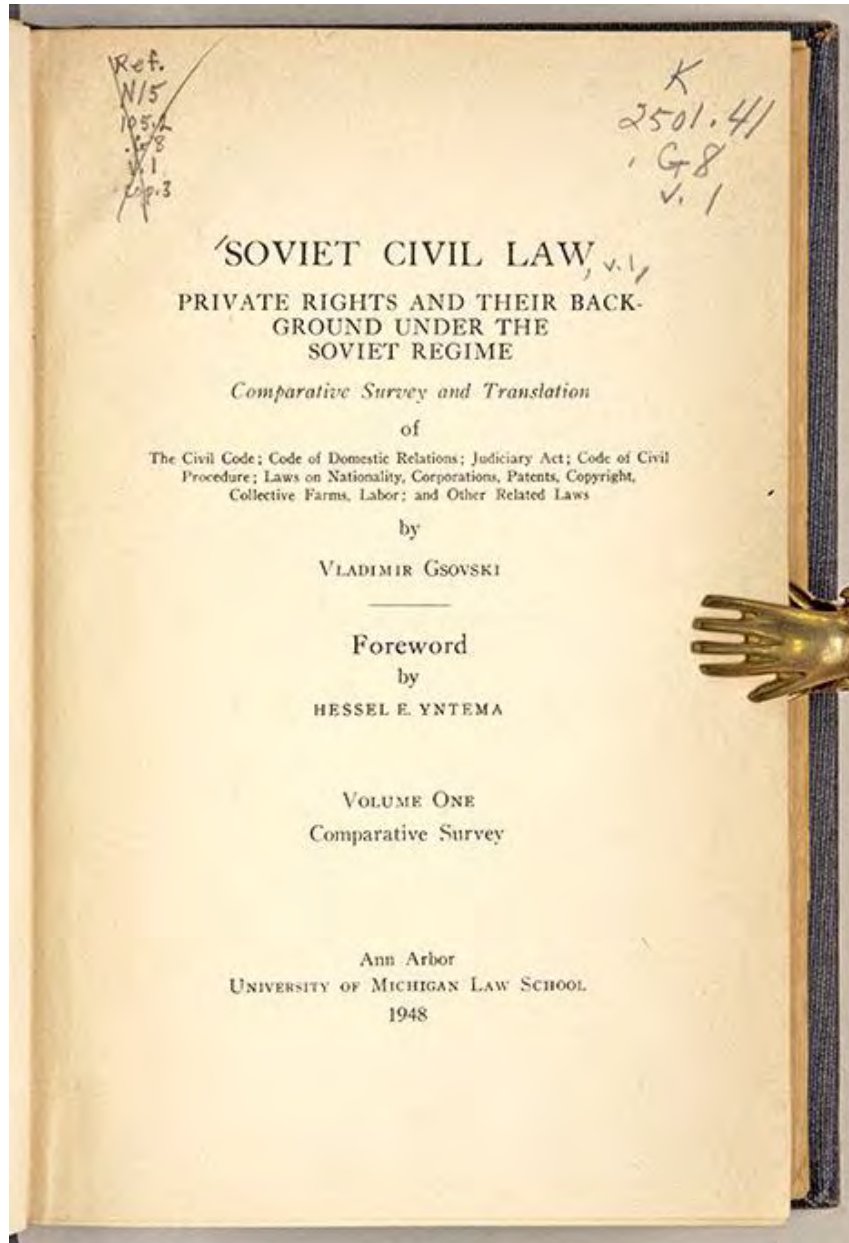
**15. [Great Britain].**

*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.* Dublin: James Moore, 1791. [542] pp. Octavo (8-1/2" x 5").

Contemporary calf, blind fillets to boards, raised bands and lettering piece to spine. Light rubbing and a few minor stains and scuffs to boards, moderate rubbing to spine and board edges, corners bumped and somewhat worn, hinges cracked. Moderate toning, somewhat heavier in places, occasional faint dampstaining to margins, minor chips and edgewear to a few leaves, light soiling to title page. \$750.

\* Reissue of the only London edition, 1791, to which it is star-paged. 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. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T123294. [Order This Item](#)





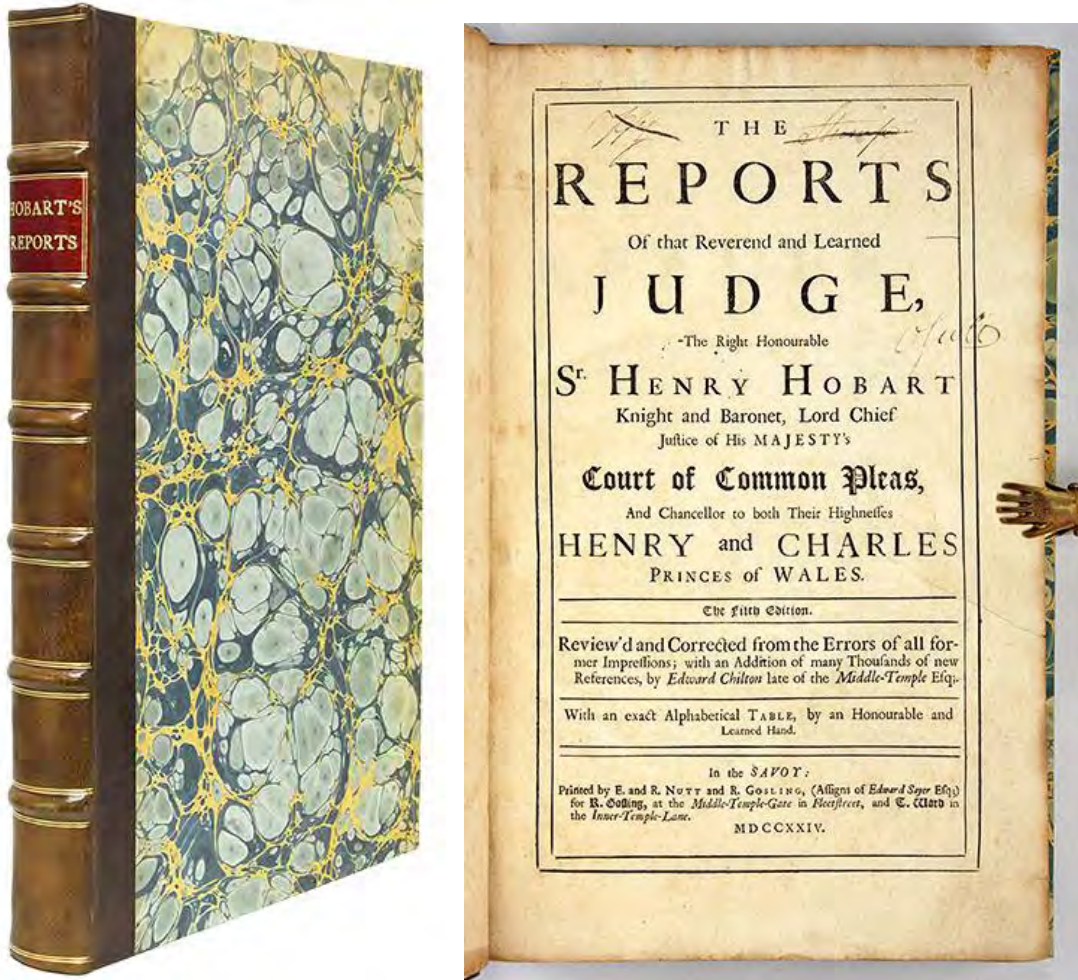
### A Study of Soviet Law from 1948

#### 16. Gsovski, Vladimir.

*Soviet Civil Law: Private Rights and Their Background under the Soviet Regime. Comparative Survey and Translation of The Civil Code; Code of Domestic Relations; Judiciary Act; Code of Civil Procedure; Laws on Nationality, Corporations, Patents, Copyright Collective Farms, Labor and Other Related Laws.* Foreword by Hessel E. Yntema. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Law School, 1948. Two volumes. xxxvii, 909; xx, 907 pp.

Cloth, moderate shelfwear, hinges cracked, internally clean. Ex-library. Location labels to spine and front board, stamps to preliminaries, card pocket to rear pastedown. \$45.

\* A useful summary of Soviet law as it existed at the end of the Stalin era. [Order This Item](#)



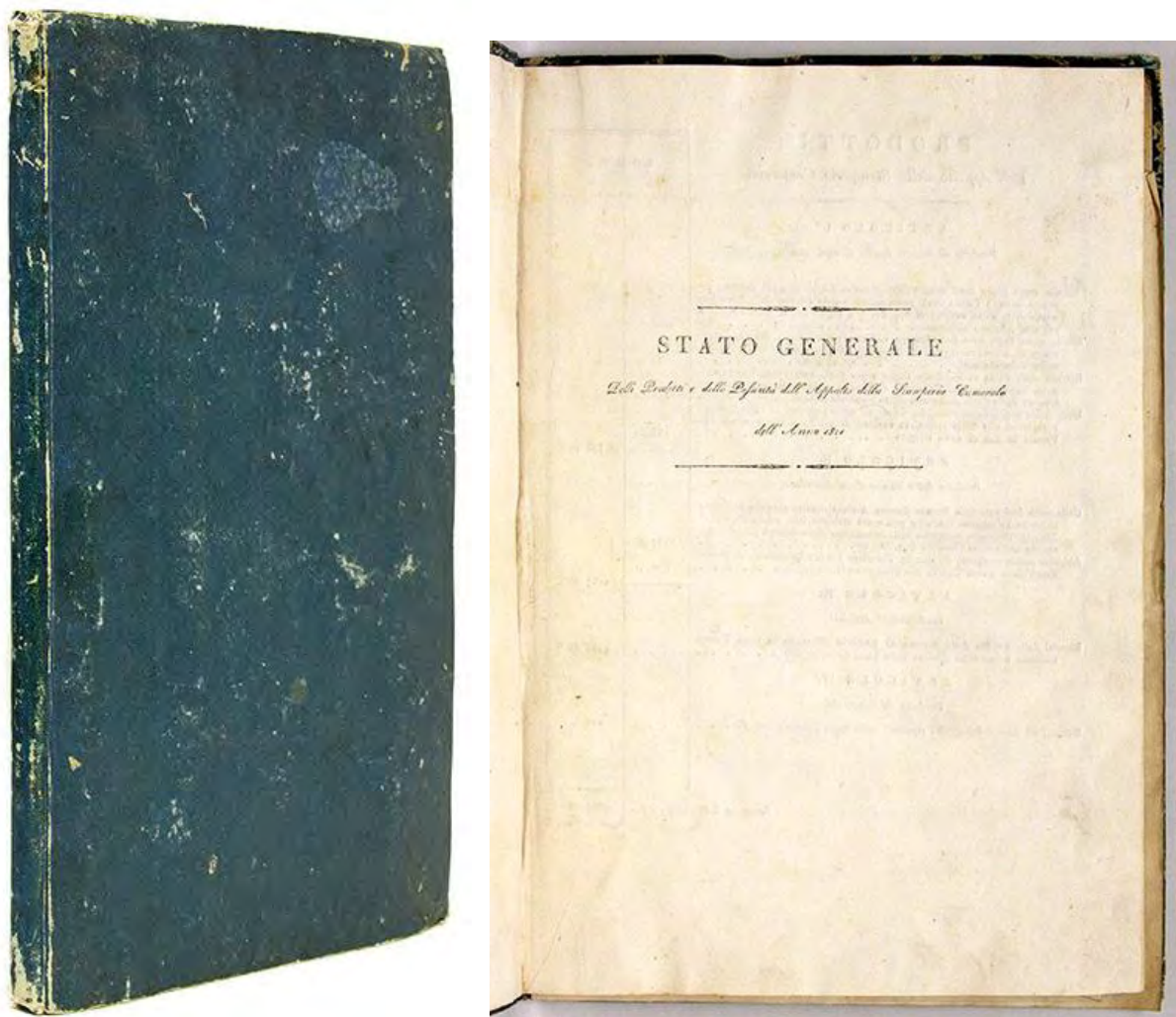
**Final English Edition of Hobart's Reports**

**17. Hobart, Henry [d. 1625], Reporter.  
Chilton, Edward, Editor.**

*The Reports of that Reverend and Learned Judge, The Right Honourable Sr. Henry Hobart Knight and Baronet, Lord Chief Justice of His Majesty's Court of Common Pleas, And Chancellor of Both Their Highnesses Henry and Charles Princes of Wales. Review'd and Corrected From the Errors of All Former Impressions; With an Addition of Many Thousands of New References, By Edward Chilton Late of the Middle Temple Esq;. With an Exact Alphabetical Table, By an Honourable and Learned Hand.* [London]: Printed by E. and R. Nutt and R. Gosling, 1724. [xiv], 350, [64] pp. Folio (13-1/2" x 8-1/2").

Recent period-style quarter calf over marbled boards, lettering piece and gilt-edged raised bands to spine, endpapers renewed. Moderate toning to text, light foxing in a few places, early annotations and underlining to a few leaves, (illegible) early owner signatures to head of title page and p. [vi]. A handsome copy. \$350.

\* Final British edition (followed by an American edition in 1829) and the only British edition to be revised (quite substantially). It passed through six editions, unaltered, from 1641 to 1683. Hobart was Coke's successor as chief justice. These reports (in English), which have long been accepted as the standard source for the period, cover cases in King's Bench, Common Pleas, and the Star Chamber from 1603 to 1625, with some cases from the reign of Queen Elizabeth. The annotations in this copy record the reader's reactions to points in the cases. Wallace, *The Reporters* 229. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T112687. [Order This Item](#)



**Tables of Duties and Other Fees  
and Taxes Collected in the Papal States in 1821**

18. [Italy].

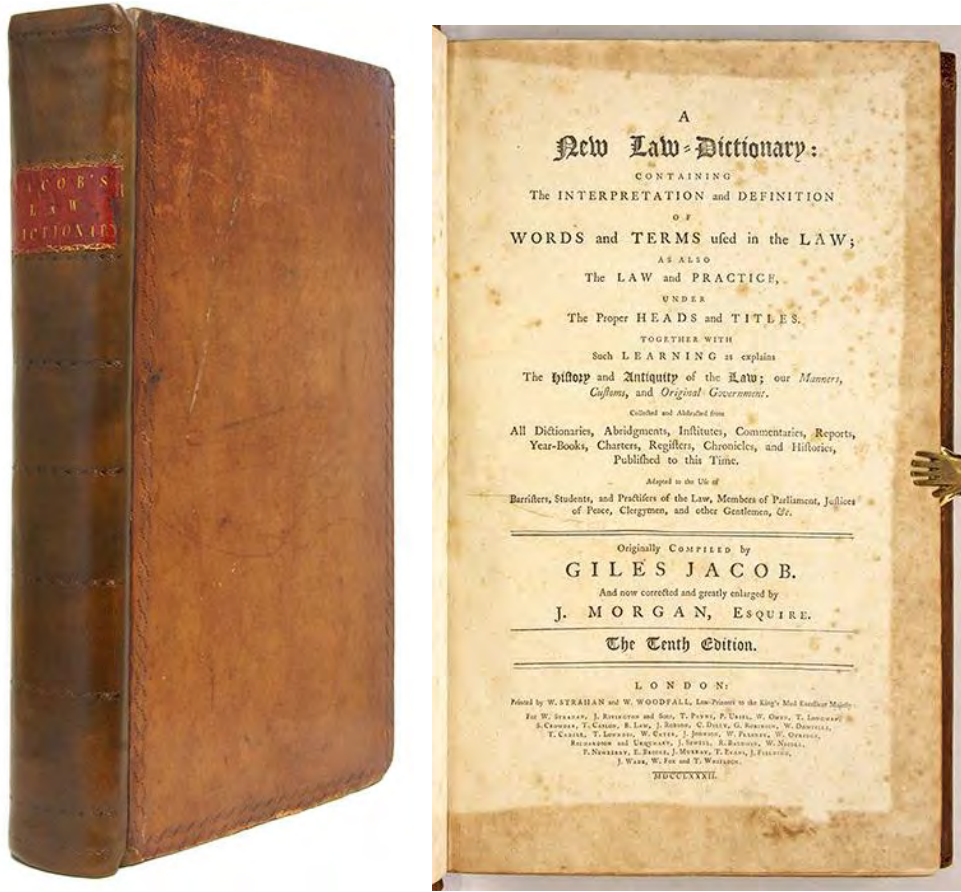
[Papal States].

*Stato Generale Delli Prodotti e Delle Passivita dell' Appalto della Stamperia Camerale dell' Anno 1821*. [Rome: S.n., 1822?]. [iv], 67 pp. Folio (13-1/4" x 9").

Contemporary paper-covered boards. Some rubbing with wear to spine ends and corners. Light toning to text, finger smudges and minor tears to a few leaves, a few brief marks in a contemporary hand to rear endleaves, three hand-lettered tables in a contemporary hand laid in. \$450.

\* This is a report of duties, taxes and other fees collected in the Papal States in 1821. No copies listed on OCLC.

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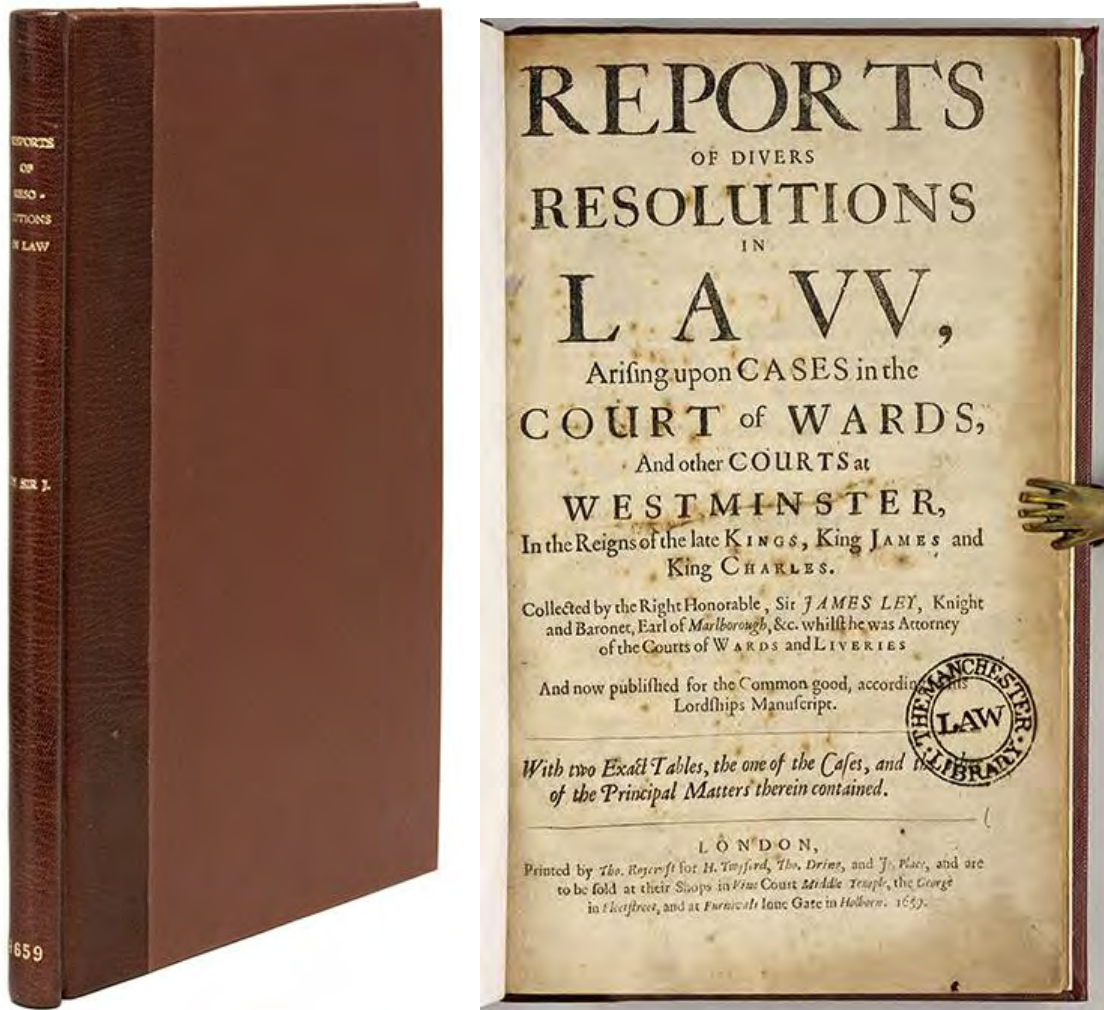
Tenth Edition of Jacob's Great Dictionary

**19. Jacob, Giles [1686-1744].  
Morgan, J[ohn], Editor.**

*A New Law-Dictionary: Containing the Interpretation and Definition of Words and Terms Used in the Law; As Also the Law and Practice, Under the Proper Heads and Titles. Together With Such Learning as Explains the History and Antiquity of the Law: Our Manners, Customs, And Original Government. Collected and Abstracted From All Dictionaries, Abridgments, Institutes, Commentaries, Reports, Year-Books, Charters, Registers, Chronicles, and Histories, Published to This Time. Adapted for the Use of Barristers, Students, and Practisers of the Law, Members of Parliament, Justices of Peace, Clergymen, And Other Gentlemen &c.* London: Printed by W. Strahan and W. Woodfall, 1782. Unpaginated. Main text printed in parallel columns. Folio (13-1/2" x 8-1/2").

Contemporary calf, rebaked in period style, blind fillets to boards, blind fillets and retained contemporary lettering piece to spine, hinges mended. Light rubbing to boards, moderate rubbing to board edges, corners bumped and somewhat worn, early owner bookplates to front pastedown and free endpaper. Moderate toning and faint spotting to text, some offsetting to margins of preliminaries and final text leaves and rear endleaves. A handsome copy. \$450.

\* Tenth edition, "Corrected and Greatly Enlarged." As Cowley has pointed out, *A New Law-Dictionary* was both Jacob's masterpiece and "an entirely new departure in legal literature" that provided a model for several subsequent efforts. In contrast to earlier works, each entry summarizes all of the laws relating to the subject and offers extensive interpretive commentary. Obsolete terms are omitted. It was recognized almost immediately that Jacob created a highly useful legal encyclopedia that was more detailed and concise than any other abridgment of the period. An extremely popular work that went through twelve editions between 1729 and 1800, it offers unparalleled insights into Anglo-American law during the eighteenth century. Cowley, *A Bibliography of Abridgments, Digests, Dictionaries and Indexes to the Year 1800* 217. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T137458. [Order This Item](#)



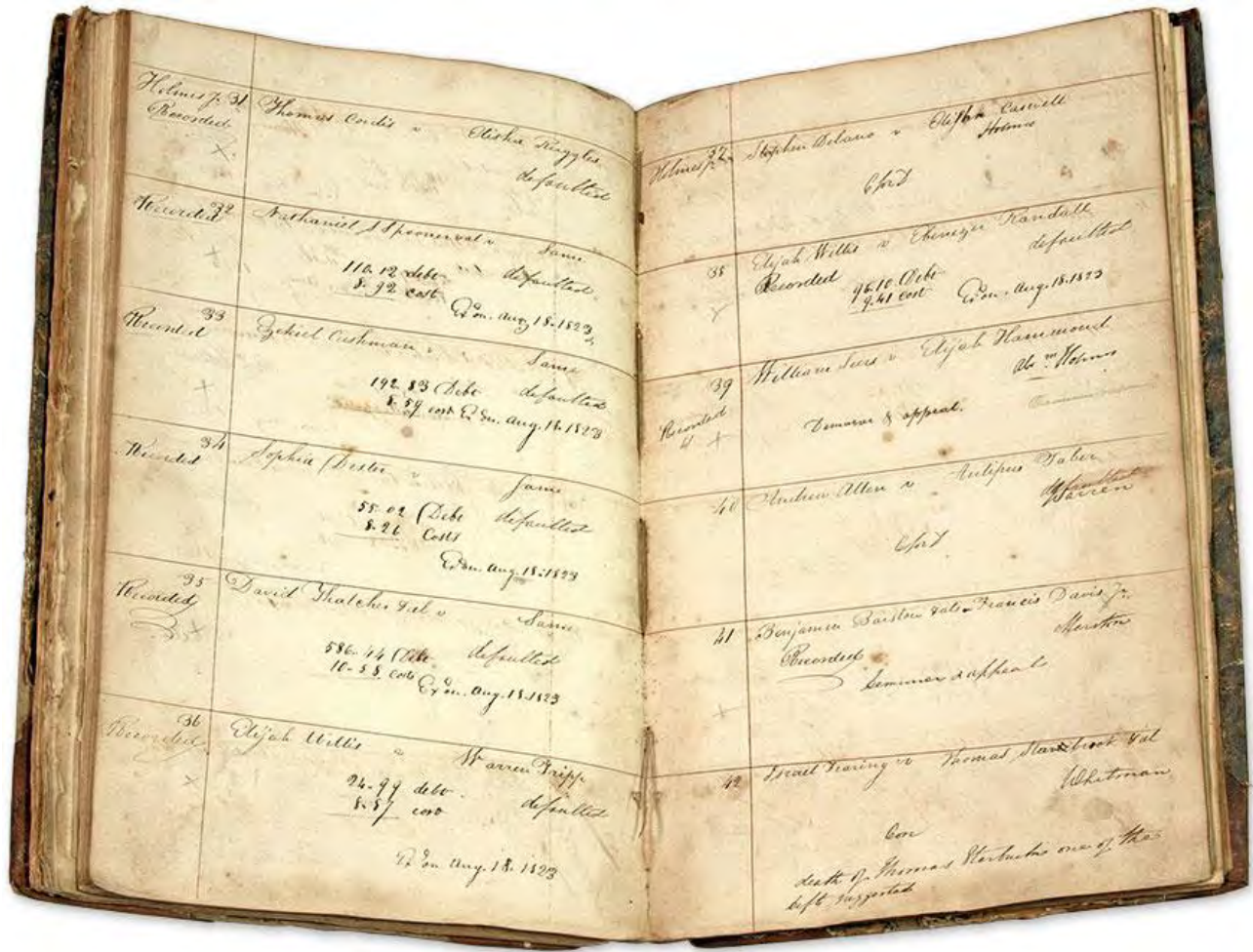
**The Only Published Volume of  
Reports of the Court of Wards and Liveries**

**20. Ley, Sir James [1550-1629].**

*Reports of Divers Resolutions in Law, Arising Upon Cases in the Court of Wards, And Other Courts at Westminster, In the Reign of the Late Kings, King James and King Charles. Collected by the Right Honorable, Sir James Ley, Knight and Baronet, Earl of Marlborough, &c. Whilst He was Attorney of the Courts of Wards and Liveries and Now Published for the Common Good, According to His Lordships Manuscript. With Two Exact Tables, the One of the Cases, And the Other of the Principal Matters Therein Contained.* London: Printed by Tho. Roycroft for H. Twyford [et al.], 1659. [iv], 83, [9]; 27, [1] pp. Two parts in one volume. Folio (10-3/4" x 7").

Recent quarter morocco over cloth, endpapers renewed. Light toning to text, somewhat heavier in places, light browning, foxing and later library stamp to title page, another stamp to lower margin of final leaf. A handsome copy. \$650.

\* First edition of the only published volume of reports of the Court of Wards and Liveries, which dealt with difficult issues relating to the property of minors and the insane. The Court of Wards and Liveries, in which the majority of cases are here reported, was abolished before the book appeared. "The other courts at Westminster" mentioned in the title are The Court of Star Chamber and King's Bench. Ley's 27-page *Instructions for Our Master of Our Wards and Liveries, for the Better Authorizing and Directing of Him in the Execution of His Office, And Performance of Our Service* is appended to the main text. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R13805. [Order This Item](#)



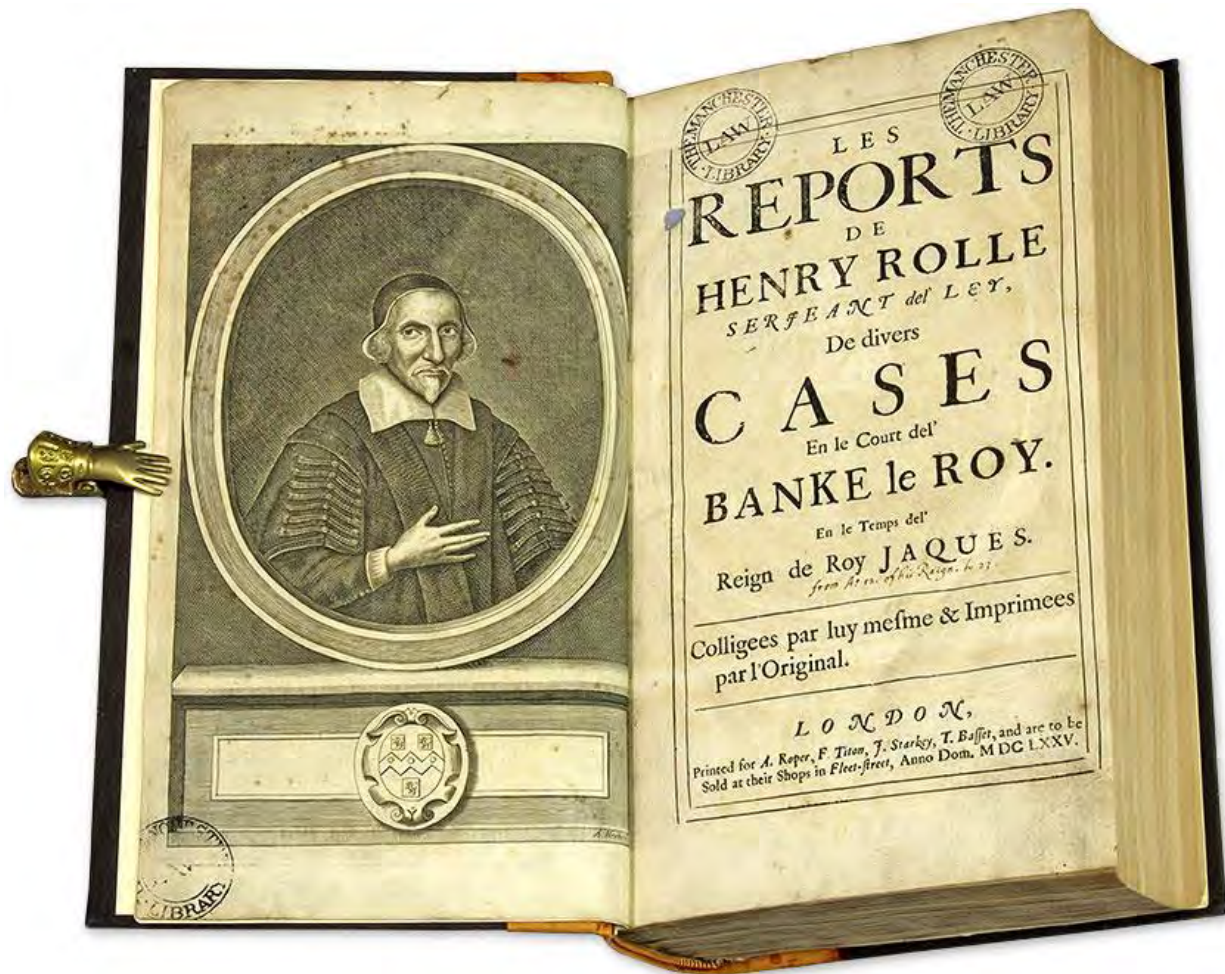
1823 Docket Book from Plymouth, Massachusetts

21. [Manuscript].  
[Massachusetts].

[Docket Book, Court of Common Pleas, Plymouth, Massachusetts, 1823]. [26], [110] pp. Includes 3 thumb-tabbed indexes. Folio (13-1/2" x 8-1/2").

Three-quarter calf over marbled boards, lettering piece reading "Dockets/ 1823" to spine. Worn, about 45% of marbled paper lacking from boards, lower half of backstrip perished, hinges cracked, several signatures loose and lightly edgeworn. Moderate toning, occasional faint dampstaining and light soiling, entries in bold and legible hand. \$750.

\*The presiding judge of this court was John Mason Williams [1780-1869], one of the original four justices appointed to the Court of Common Pleas and its second chief justice. A resident of Taunton, Judge Williams served as justice of the Plymouth Court of Common Pleas until 1839 "when he was appointed to be chief justice, and continued to serve in that capacity until 1844, when he resigned. Judge Williams met the requirements of the statute in every respect. He was a man of abundant learning in the law and of the highest character, of unimpeachable integrity and purity, of great dignity of demeanor, and of unfailing courtesy of manner" (Emery). The three indexes in this docket book correspond to the three court terms in 1823. Several well-known Massachusetts family names appear in this docket, such as Ames, Cushing, Norton, Shaw, Sprague and Washburn. Emery, *History of Taunton, Massachusetts from its Settlement to the Present Time* (1893) 553. [Order This Item](#)



### Rolle's Reports

#### 22. Rolle, Sir Henry [1589-1656].

*Les Reports de Henry Rolle Serjeant del' Ley, De Divers Cases en le Court del' Banke le Roy. En le Temps del Reign de Roy Jacques, Colligees par Lui Mesme & Imprimees par Original.* London: Printed for A. Roper, 1675. [iv], 279, [1], 285-339, [1], 353-477, [51] pp. Lacking final blank leaf. Copperplate portrait frontispiece.

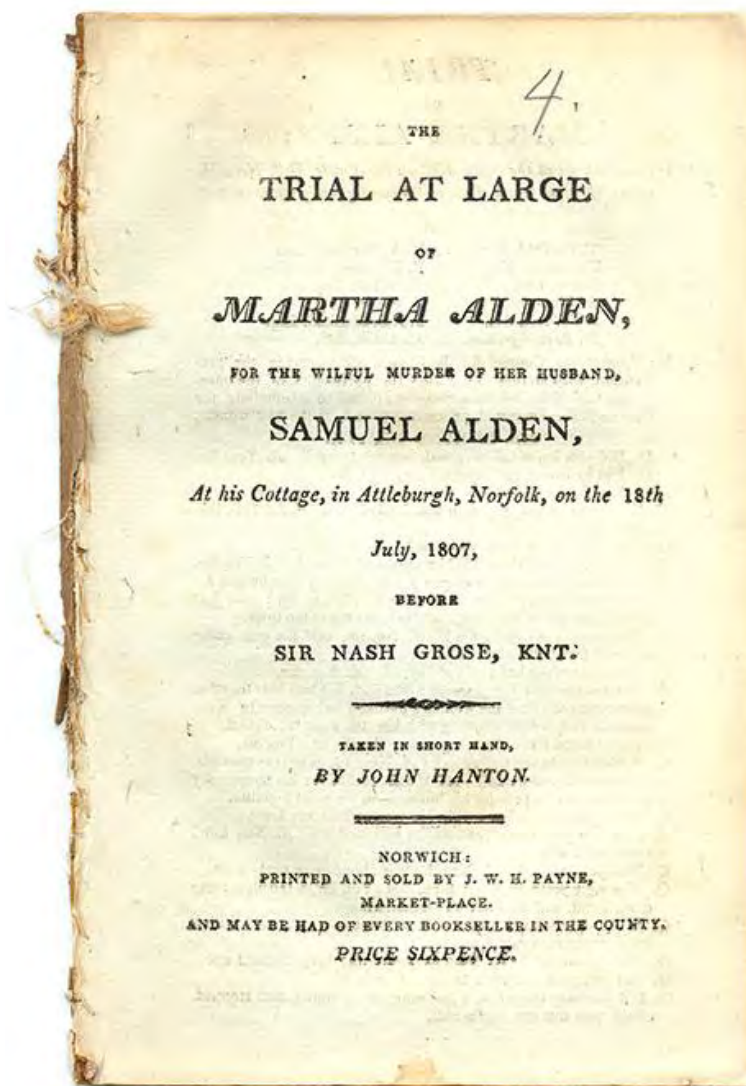
#### [Bound with]

#### Rolle, Sir Henry.

*Un Continuation des Reports de Henry Rolle Serjeant del' Ley, , De Divers Cases en le Court del' Banke le Roy. En le Temps del Reign de Roy Jacques.* London: Printed for Francis Tyton, 1676. [iv], 183, 186-274, 273-509, [55] pp.

Folio (12-1/2" x 7-1/4"). Recent period-style quarter calf over cloth, raised bands and lettering piece to spine, endpapers renewed. Moderate toning to text, somewhat heavier in places, brief annotations in a few places, light soiling, brief annotation and library stamps to title page, other stamps to foot of frontispiece and rear endleaf. A handsome volume. \$500.

\* First editions. Covers the period from 1614-1625. Rolle was a friend of Selden and belonged to his intellectual circle. His reports are of excellent quality and are highly recommended by Matthew Hale. His work "shows not only stupendous industry, but a fine head for analysis and distinction, was partly the work of this season of his life.": Wallace, *The Reporters* 249. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R17382, R23092. [Order This Item](#)



**Murder? Or Self-Defense?**

23. [Trial].

**Alden, Martha, Defendant.**

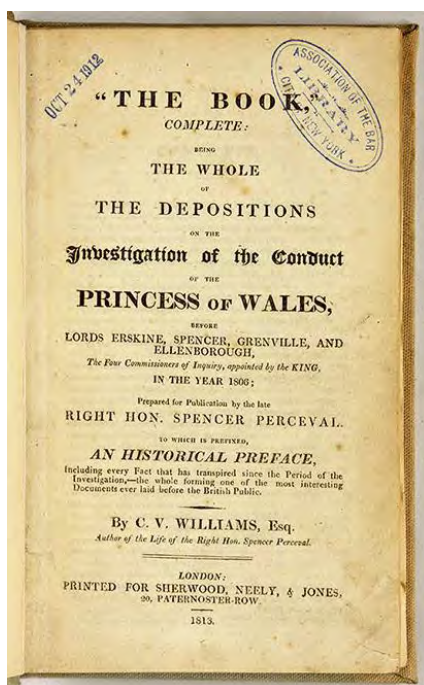
**Hanton, John, Reporter.**

*The Trial at Large of Martha Alden, For the Wilful Murder of Her Husband, Samuel Alden, At His Cottage, In Attleburgh, Norfolk, On the 18th July, 1807, Before Sir Nash Grose, Knt. Taken in Short Hand.* Norwich: Printed and Sold by J.W.H Payne, 1807. pp 16. Octavo (8" x 5").

Disbound stab-stitched pamphlet. Light soiling and edgewear to exterior, moderate toning, light foxing to a few leaves, "4" in early hand to head of title page. \$750.

\* Only edition. Martha Alden was engaged in a drunken argument with her husband. He threatened to beat her. He then lost his balance, fell onto a bed and fell asleep. At that point Martha bludgeoned him to death with a billhook. The court was startled by her lack of remorse and failed to believe that she was acting in self-defense. Avoiding any consideration of alcohol's role in the impairment of her judgment, she was convicted and hanged. OCLC locates 4 copies, 1 in North America (Harvard Law School). *Catalogue of the Library of the Harvard Law School* (1909) II:1000. [Order This Item](#)





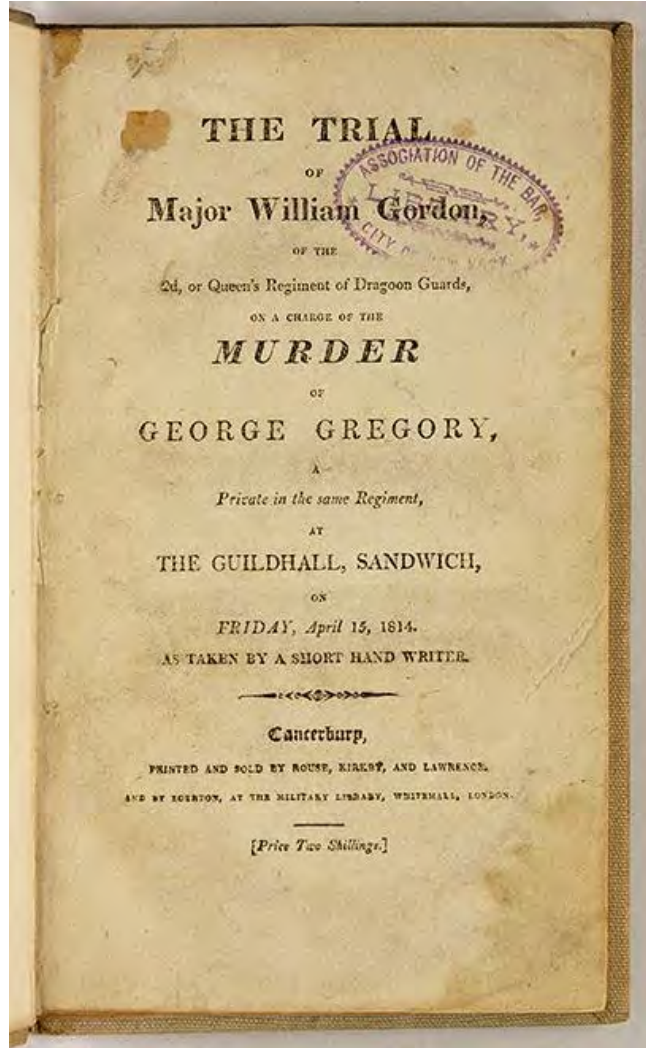
**An Early Investigation into  
the Repudiation of Queen Caroline**

24. [Trial].  
Caroline, Queen, Consort of George IV,  
King of Great Britain [1768-1821], Defendant.  
Percival, Spencer.  
William, C[harles] Verulam.

*"The Book," Complete: Being the Whole of the Depositions of the Investigation of the Conduct of the Princess of Wales, Before Lords Erskine, Spencer, Grenville and Ellenborough, The Four Commissioners of Inquiry Appointed by the King in the Year 1806; Prepared for Publication by the Late Right Hon. Spencer Perceval. To which is Prefixed, An Historical Preface, Including every Fact that Has Transpired Since the Period of the Investigation, The Whole Forming One of the Most Interesting Documents Ever Laid Before the British Public.* London: Printed for Sherwood, Neely and Jones, 1813. iv-lxiv, 260 pp. Octavo (8-3/4" x 5-3/4").

Later library cloth, red and black lettering pieces and paper shelf label to spine. Light soiling, some chipping to lettering pieces and label. Moderate toning and occasional light foxing to text, a few leaves loose and lightly edgeworn, light soiling and library stamps to title page, library markings to verso. \$50.

\* Reissue of a book first published in 1807 as *The Proceedings and Correspondence, Upon the Subject of the Inquiry into the Conduct of Her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales*. The repudiation of Queen Caroline by King George IV was one of the most sensational trials in English history. Estranged soon after their marriage and birth of Princess Charlotte Augusta, Caroline was eventually banished to a private residence in Italy. In 1820 her husband's accession to the throne brought her back to Britain. At that time the King asked his ministers to get rid of her. After she refused a monetary offer, the Earl of Liverpool introduced The Pains and Penalties Bill in Parliament in order to strip Caroline of the title of Queen Consort and dissolve her marriage. (The bill alleged that Caroline had an affair with a commoner, Bartolomeo Bergami, while in Italy.) The bill was approved by the House of Lords, but it was not submitted to the House of Commons, where it would have been defeated. Despite the King's best attempts, Caroline was always a popular favorite. Indeed, her popularity increased during the trial. Although she prevailed in the court of popular opinion, she fell ill and died shortly after the coronation of George IV. She was certain that she was poisoned by one of the King's agents. The trial inspired numerous books, pamphlets and ephemera. [Order This Item](#)



### Manslaughter on the Parade Ground

#### 25. [Trial].

#### Gordon, William, Defendant.

*The Trial of Major William Gordon, Of the 2d, Or Queen's Regiment of Dragoon Guards, On a Charge of the Murder of George Gregory, A Private in the Same Regiment at the Guildhall, Sandwich, On Friday, April 15, 1814. As Taken by a Short Hand Writer.* Canterbury: Printed by Rouse, Kirkby and Lawrence, [1814]. [iv], 145 pp. Octavo (8-5/8" x 5-1/4").

Later library cloth, red and black calf lettering pieces and fragment of paper shelf label to spine. Light soiling, light staining to spine and front joint, which is starting at head, front joint cracked, title page partially detached. Moderate toning, faint dampstaining to corners of a few leaves, moderate soiling, library stamp and a few minor stains to title page, a few library annotations to verso. \$500.

\* Only edition. Gordon fatally impaled Private Gregory on his sword during a review on a parade ground. At first, it appeared that Gordon used excessive force when the private fell out of ranks. The trial showed that Gregory, his reflexes impaired by alcohol, lost his footing and fell into the major's sword. OCLC locates 6 copies in North American libraries (Columbia, Harvard, LA County, Library of Congress, Social Law, University of Georgia). *Catalogue of the Library of the Harvard Law School* (1909) II:1086. [Order This Item](#)



**A Controversial 1815 Court  
Martial of One of Wellington's Generals**

26. [Trial].

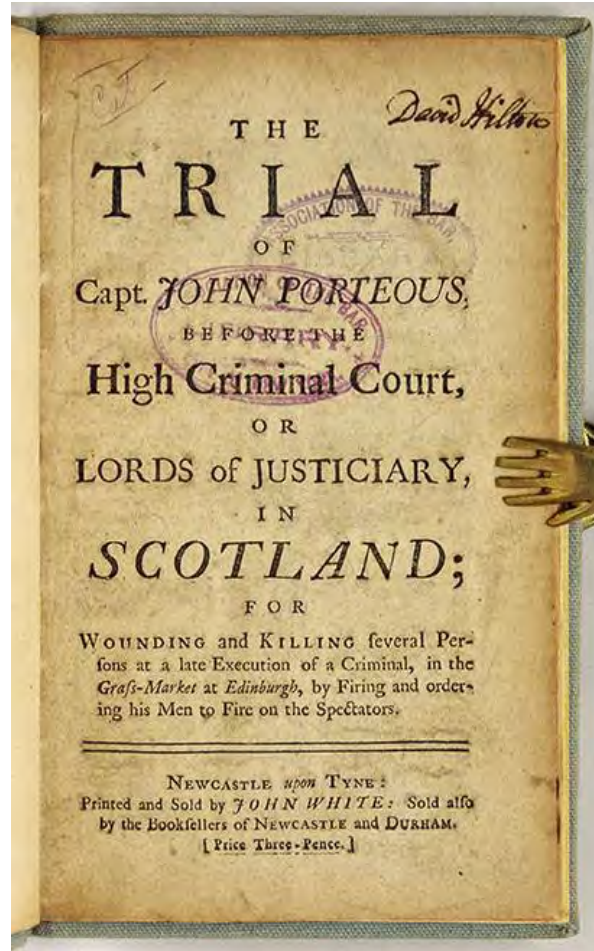
**Murray, John, Defendant.**

**Gurney, W[illiam] B[rodie] [1777-1855], Reporter.**

*The Trial of Lieutenant General Sir John Murray, Bart. By a General Court Martial, Held at Winchester, On Monday the 16th of January, 1815, And Continued by Adjournment, Till Monday the 6th of February, 1815. Taken in Short Hand.* London: Printed for T. Egerton, 1815. vii, 562 pp. Woodcut folding map. Octavo (9-1/4" x 5-7/8").

Later library cloth, red and black lettering pieces and paper location label to spine. Some shelfwear and soiling with wear to lettering pieces, hinges cracked, front free endpaper detached, partial vertical tear to folding map along fold line. Moderate toning and light foxing to text, marks and annotations in early hand to several leaves, light soiling and two faint library inkstamps to title page. \$350.

\* Only edition. Murray was court-martialed for his mishandling of an engagement with Napoleon's army in Tarragona during the Peninsular War (1807-1814). A highly debated trial, it resulted in Murray's acquittal of all charges except one: abandoning his cannon. That charge was later dismissed. Overall, it seems that Murray's performance was marred by incompetence and cowardice. Many believed so at the time, including Prince Regent George IV, who denied Murray's petition to become a member of the Order of the Bath. OCLC locates 6 copies in North American law libraries (Harvard, LA County, Library of Congress, University of Minnesota, US Army Judge Advocate General's Legal Center and School). *Yale Catalogue of the Library of the Harvard Law School* (1909) II:1149. [Order This Item](#)



**Early Account of a Famous Scottish Murder Trial,  
This Copy Includes Two Pages of Contemporary Manuscript Notes**

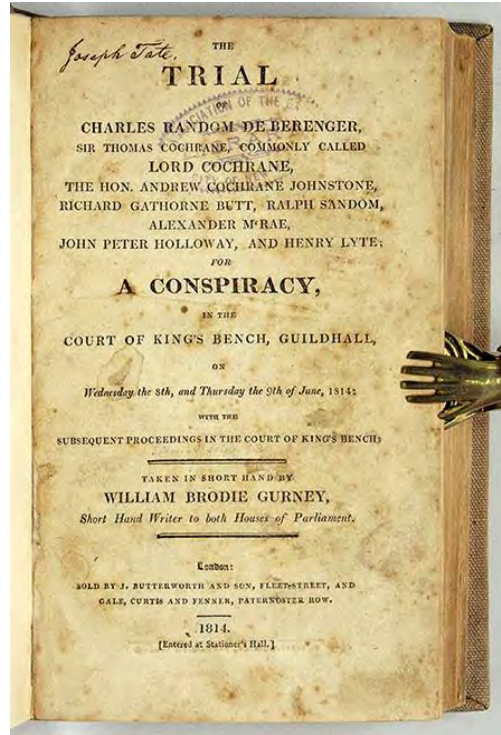
**27. [Trial].**

**Porteous, John [1695-1736], Defendant.**

*The Trial of Capt. John Porteous, Before the High Criminal Court, Or Lords of Justiciary, In Scotland; For Wounding and Killing Several Persons at a Late Execution of a Criminal, In the Grass-Market at Edinburgh, By Firing and Ordering his Men to Fire on the Spectators.* Newcastle upon Tyne: Printed by John White, [1736]. 32 pp. Octavo (8-1/8" x 5-7/8").

Stab-stitched pamphlet and two manuscript leaves in contemporary hand bound into later library cloth, calf lettering piece and paper shelf label to spine. Light soiling, some fading to spine, chipping to edges of lettering piece. Light browning to text, some soiling, library inkstamps and early owner signature (David Hilton) to title page, library marks to verso. \$1,500.

\* This appears to be a reissue of an account published the same year in Edinburgh. Porteous was convicted of murder and sentenced to be hanged after soldiers under his command accidentally killed six people while trying to control a mob during an execution. Under pressure from Prime Minister Walpole, his execution was deferred pending further investigation. Angered at what was perceived as English interference, a mob dragged Porteous from prison and lynched him. More than a murder case, this was a highly charged referendum on Scottish autonomy. The events surrounding this case are treated in the early chapters of Sir Walter Scott's novel *The Heart of Mid-Lothian* (1818). The carefully written manuscript notes appear to have been laid into this pamphlet. It discusses a 1734 Act of Parliament calling for the punishment of the people who lynched Porteous. No print copies located on OCLC. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T174154. [Order This Item](#)



### The Great Stock Exchange Fraud of 1814

#### 28. [Trial].

**Random, Charles, Baron de Bérenger, Principal Defendant.**

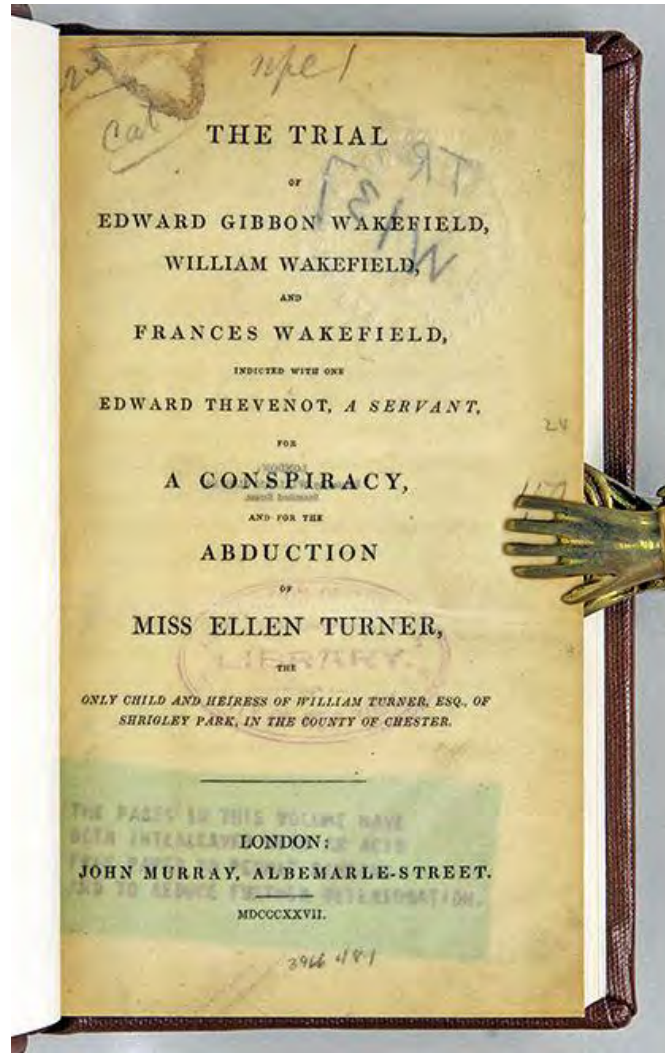
**Dundonald, Thomas Cochrane, Earl of [1775-1860], Principal Defendant.**

**Gurney, William Brodie [1777-1855], Reporter.**

*The Trial of Charles Random de Berenger, Sir Thomas Cochrane, Commonly called Lord Cochrane, The Hon. Andrew Cochrane Johnstone, Richard Gathorne Butt, Ralph Sandom, Alexander M' Rae, John Peter Holloway, And Henry Lyte; For a Conspiracy, In the Court of King's Bench, Guildhall, On Wednesday the 8th, And Thursday the 9th of June, 1814: With the Subsequent Proceedings in the Court of King's Bench; Taken in Short Hand.* London: Sold by J. Butterworth and Son, 1814. 604, [4] pp. Folding table. Includes four-page publisher catalogue. Octavo (8-1/2" x 5-3/8").

Later library cloth, red and black calf lettering pieces to spine. Light shelfwear and some soiling. Light browning and foxing to text, early owner signature (Joseph Tate) and faint library stamp to title page, a few library annotations to verso, another owner signature ("Wm Green. 1843") at head of main text, brief early annotations in a few places. \$850.

\* Only edition. Gurney's is the most detailed account of one of the greatest English fraud cases of the nineteenth century. In 1814 Berenger, a Prussian aristocrat posing as an aide to Britain's ambassador to Russia, announced that Napoleon had been killed by Russian Cossacks. This news caused stock prices to rise. After discovering that Berenger's news was a hoax, which caused prices to drop, investigators discovered that six men had profited substantially from the false information. All were alleged to have been conspirators with Berenger. One of these men was Cochrane, a Member of Parliament, an admiral and one of the greatest naval heroes of the Napoleonic Wars. The case against him was weak and circumstantial, but he was, to the surprise of many, convicted, sentenced to 12 months in prison, fined £1,000. and ordered to stand in the pillory opposite the Royal Exchange for one hour. In subsequent weeks, he was dismissed from the Royal Navy and expelled from Parliament. On the orders of the Prince Regent, Cochrane was humiliated by the loss of his appointment Knight of the Order of the Bath. A month later, however, Cochrane was re- elected unopposed and, following a public outcry, his sentence to the pillory was rescinded. Many people questioned Cochrane's guilt at the time, and this question has divided historians to the present day. *Catalogue of the Library of the Harvard Law School* (1909) II:1016. [Order This Item](#)



**Contemporary Account of  
a Famous English Case of Forced Marriage**

29. [Trial].

**Wakefield, Edward Gibbon, Defendant.**

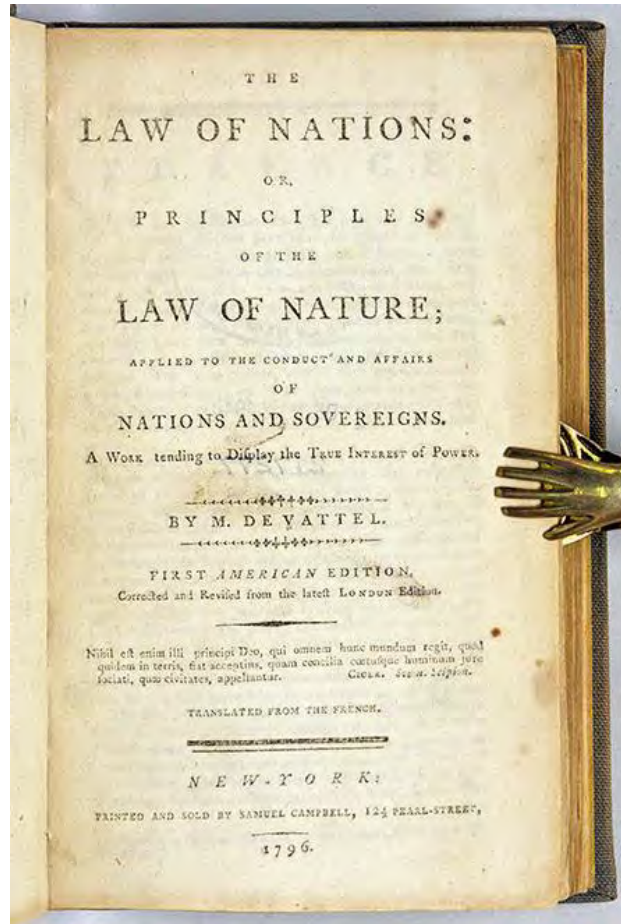
**Wakefield, William, Defendant.**

**Wakefield, Frances, Mrs., Defendant.**

*The Trial of Edward Gibbon Wakefield, William Wakefield, And Frances Wakefield: Indicted with One Edward Thevenot, A Servant, For a Conspiracy and For the Abduction of Miss Ellen Turner, The Only Child and Heiress of William Turner, Esq. of Shrigley Park in the County of Chester.* London: John Murray, 1827. xv, 303 pp. Interleaved with de-acidifying paper. Octavo (7-1/2" x 4-1/4").

Recent library buckram, white-stamped title, shelf number and library name to spine. Text notably fresh, some browning to final leaf and title page, which has library marks and stamps. \$450.

\* Only edition. The first account of the Shrigley Abduction, an 1826 British case of forced marriage by Edward Gibbon Wakefield to the 15-year-old heiress Ellen Turner. The couple was married in Scotland and travelled to France before Turner's father was able to notify the authorities and intervene. The marriage was annulled by Parliament. Wakefield and his brother, William, were convicted and sentenced to three years in prison. *Catalogue of the Library of the Harvard Law School* (1909) II:1217. [Order This Item](#)



**"First" American Edition of Vattel's Classic Treatise**

**30. Vattel, [Emmerich] de [1714-1767].**

*The Law of Nations: Or Principles of the Law of Nature; Applied to the Conduct and Affairs of Nations and Sovereigns. A Work Tending to Display the True Interest of Powers. First American Edition, Corrected and Revised From the Latest London Edition. Translated from the French.* New York: Printed and Sold by Samuel Campbell, 1796. xlviii, [49]-563 pp. Octavo (7-1/2" x 4-1/2").

Later library cloth, red and black lettering pieces and ghost of shelf label to spine. Negligible light shelfwear and soiling, minor edgewear to lettering pieces. Light browning, occasional light foxing, faint dampstaining to margins in a few places, clean tear to Leaf Aaa4 (p. 561-562) carefully mended with no loss to text, early owner annotations and signatures (of John W. Chandler, O.P. Chandler and Barnes Buckminster) to front endleaves, library stamps and marks to verso of title page and rear endleaves. \$750.

\* "First" American edition, actually the second, based on the 1760 London edition. First published in 1758, this is one of the great treatises on international law. It was especially influential in America and was among the earliest law books reprinted there; the first American edition was published in New York in 1787. Jefferson ranked it with the works of Grotius, Pufendorf and Wolff. It was also cited more frequently than any other writer on international law in early U.S. courts. "*Le Droit de Gens* is certainly a work of the first magnitude. It modernized the whole theory and business of International Law, brought it out of the study into the field, the mart, the council chamber, and the palace. (...) He did indeed, much for nations, for he imposed upon them theories of moral rational development up to which it became, in a sense, necessary for them to live.": MacDonnell, *The Great Jurists of the World* 479, 504. Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 7187. [Order This Item](#)