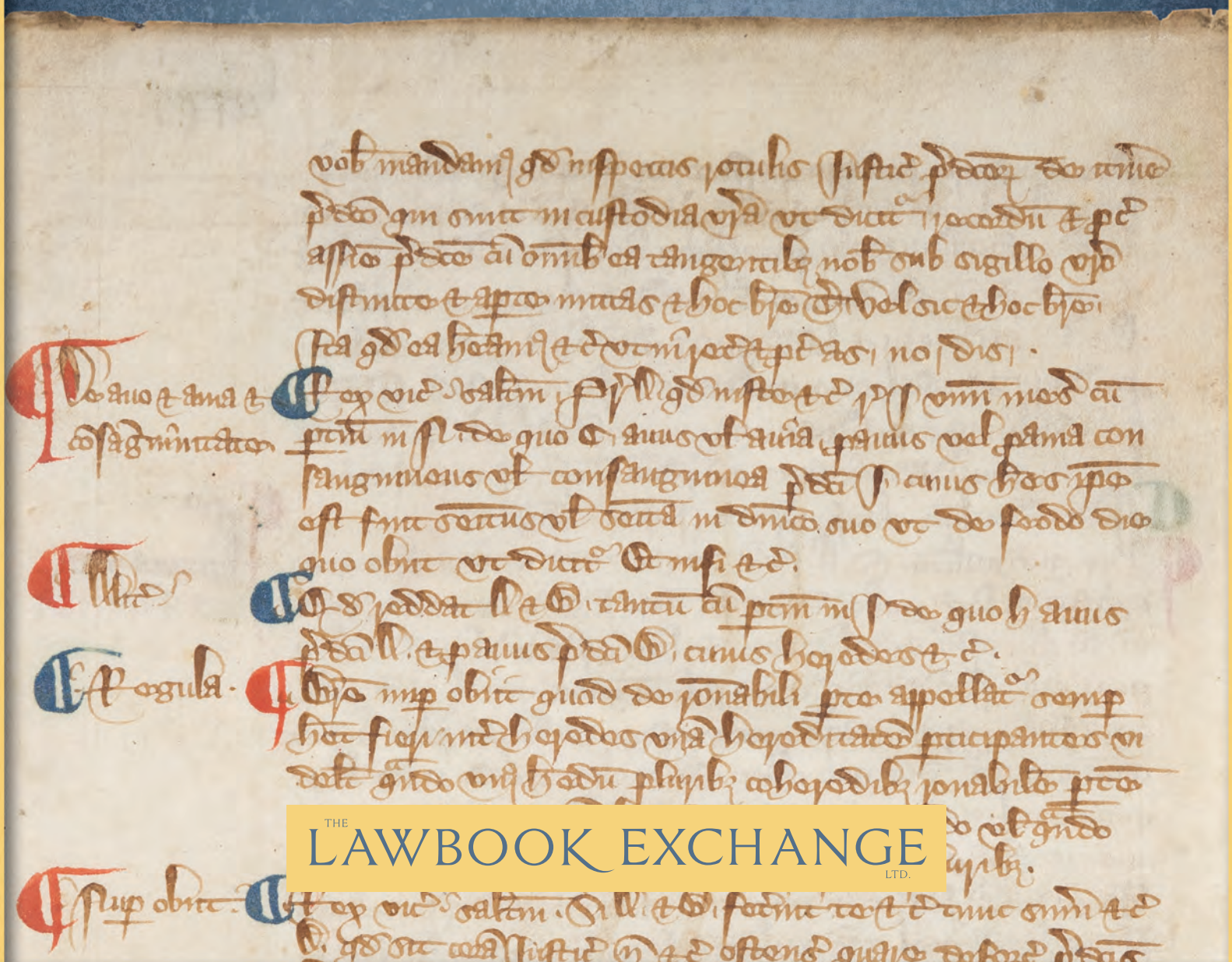


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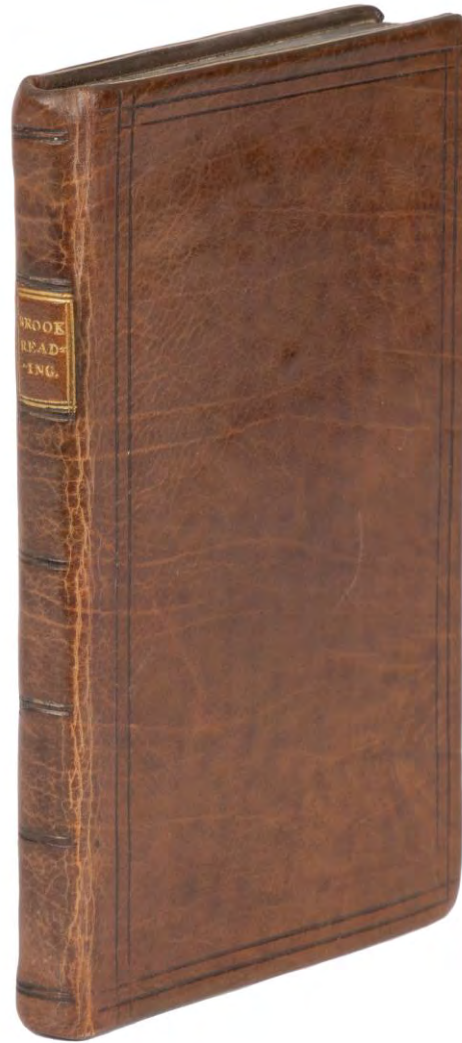
"Nobilitie of the Realme"

1. [Bird, William].

Judge Dodaridge, His Law of Nobility and Peerage. Wherein the Antiquities, Titles, Degrees, And Distinctions; Concerning the Peeres and Nobility of this Nation, Are Excellently Set Forth. With the Knights, Esquires, Gentlemen, And Yeomen; And Matters Incident to Them, According to the Lawes and Customes of England. London: Printed for L. Chapman, 1658. [vi], 56, 65-114, 139-170, 105-158 pp. Pagination irregular. Lacking final leaf, a blank. Leaf with unidentified copperplate coat of arms added before title page as frontispiece. Woodcut text illustrations of genealogical relationships. Octavo (6-1/4" x 4").

Recent period-style quarter calf over cloth, raised bands and lettering piece to spine, endpapers renewed. Moderate toning to text, occasional light foxing, faint dampstaining to a few leaves, moderate edgewear, early signatures (Marmaduke Lawson, others illegible) and doodles to preliminaries and final leaves of text, another (illegible) early owner signature to head of p. 17. \$450.

* Only edition, a revised and expanded version of Bird's *Treatise of the Nobilitie of the Realme* (1642). The occasion for this treatise was a contemporary controversy regarding the legitimacy of Edward Nevill's claim to the title of Lord Bergavenny. His claim is the starting point for a general review of peerage law. Another edition, with additions by Sir John Doddridge, was published later in 1642 as *The Magazine of Honour; Or, A Treatise of the Severall Degrees of the Nobility of this Kingdome*. Bird's 1658 edition draws on this work, which is why its title refers to Dodderidge and "his law." OCLC locates 7 copies in North American law libraries (Columbia, Harvard, Library of Congress, Nova Scotia Legislative Library, University of Cincinnati, University of Minnesota, University of Pennsylvania). The frontispiece in our copy appears to be a later addition. It falls outside of the book's collation, is not called for in the *ESTC* record and does not match the copies listed on OCLC. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R11125. [Order This Item](#)



Brooke on the Limitation of Actions

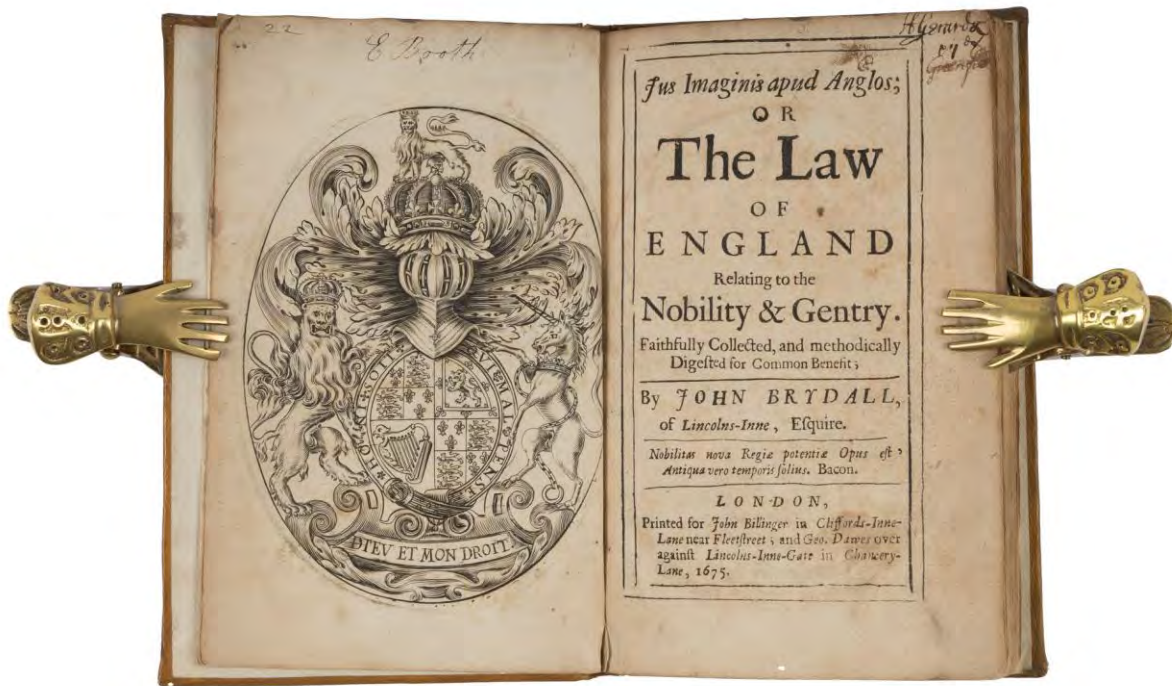
2. Brooke, Sir Robert [d. 1558].

The Reading of that Famous Lawyer Sr. Robert Brook Kt. upon the Statute of Limitations, 32. H.8. Cap. 2. London: Printed for Hen. Twyford, 1647. [2], 182 pp. Octavo (5-1/2" x 3-1/4").

Recent period-style calf, blind rules to boards, gilt rules to board edges, lettering piece and blind fillets to spine, endpapers renewed. Moderate toning to interior, light foxing and minor worming in a few places, faint library stamp and early owner signature ("Richard Powell: Inner Temple") to title page, another library stamp to head of following leaf. A nice copy in a handsome binding. \$1,250.

* Only edition. This is the published version of a lecture on the limitation of actions presented at the Middle Temple. As Holdsworth notes, these presentations were an important part of a law student's education. They usually addressed recent statutes, narrow topics or complicated legal points. Brooke was renowned for his great learning as a scholar and his probity as a judge. His great achievement was *La Graunde Abridgement* (1st ed. 1573), an updated and expanded version of Fitzherbert's *Abridgement* (1st ed. 1516). Holdsworth, *A History of English Law* V:393. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R24091.

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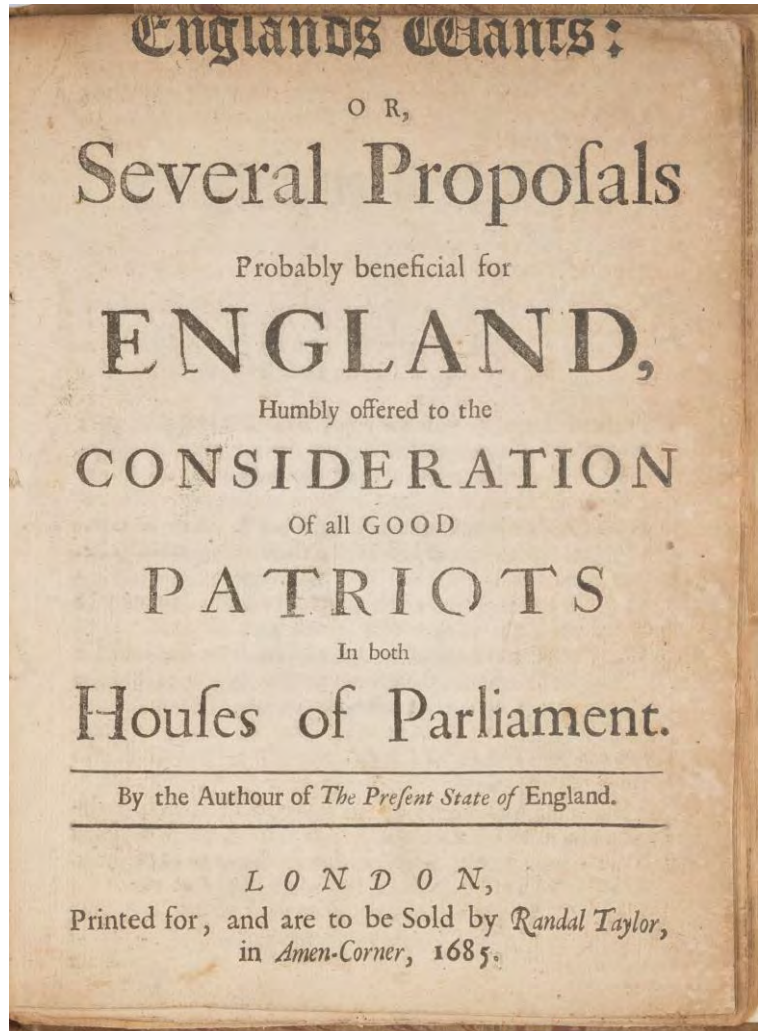
Laws Relating to the Stuart-Era Nobility

3. Brydall, John [b.1635?].

Jus Imaginis Apud Anglos; Or the Law of England Relating to the Nobility & Gentry. Faithfully Collected and Methodically Digested for Common Benefit. London: Printed for John Billinger, 1675. [xvi], 76, [1] pp. Copperplate frontispiece (arms of Great Britain). Folding table. Octavo (6-1/2" x 4-1/4").

Nineteenth-century calf, blind rules to boards, lettering piece and gilt fillets to spine, endpapers renewed. Light rubbing to extremities, boards slightly bowed. Moderate toning to interior, faint dampstaining to margins in a few places, a few creases to folding table, light soiling and tiny (illegible) early owner signature to title page, early annotations to front endleaves, later owner signature and annotation in ("22" "E Booth") to head of frontispiece. An attractive copy of a scarce title. \$500.

* Only edition. Brydall was a fellow of Queen's College, Oxford, and a bencher of Lincoln's Inn. A remarkably prolific writer, he published 36 legal treatises, and left 30 others in manuscript at the time of his death. All of these are brief, synthetic works. Holdsworth says they are good summaries that are "clearly arranged and based on the leading authorities." OCLC locates 12 copies in North American law libraries. Holdsworth, *A History of English Law* VI:605. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R251. [Order This Item](#)



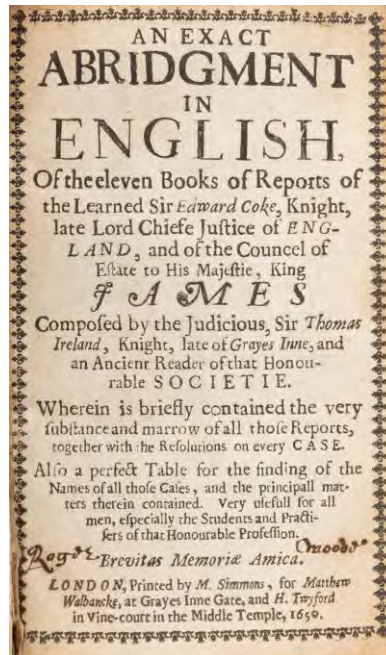
A Seventeenth-Century Plan to Reform English Law

4. [Chamberlayne, Edward (1616-1703)].

Englands Wants: Or, Several Proposals Probably Beneficial for England, Humbly Offered to the Consideration of All Good Patriots in Both Houses of Parliament. By the Author of The Present State of England. London: Printed for, And Are to be Sold By, Randal Taylor, 1685. 38 pp. Quarto (7-1/4" x 5-1/4").

Stab-stitched pamphlet bound into recent period-style three-quarter calf over marbled boards (by Philip Dusel), raised bands and lettering piece to spine. Light browning to interior, head of text block trimmed with minor loss to head of title page and occasional loss to headlines. A handsomely bound copy. \$450.

* Second edition. First printed in 1667, Chamberlayne's pamphlet proposed seventy-five reforms to the legal system, most notably in property law. Chamberlayne, an English nobleman and diplomat, is best known as the author of *The Present State of England* (1669). He held an LL.D. from Cambridge and a D.C.L. from Oxford. *Goldsmiths' Library of Economic Literature* 2590. [Order This Item](#)



First Edition of a Notable Abridgment of Coke's Reports

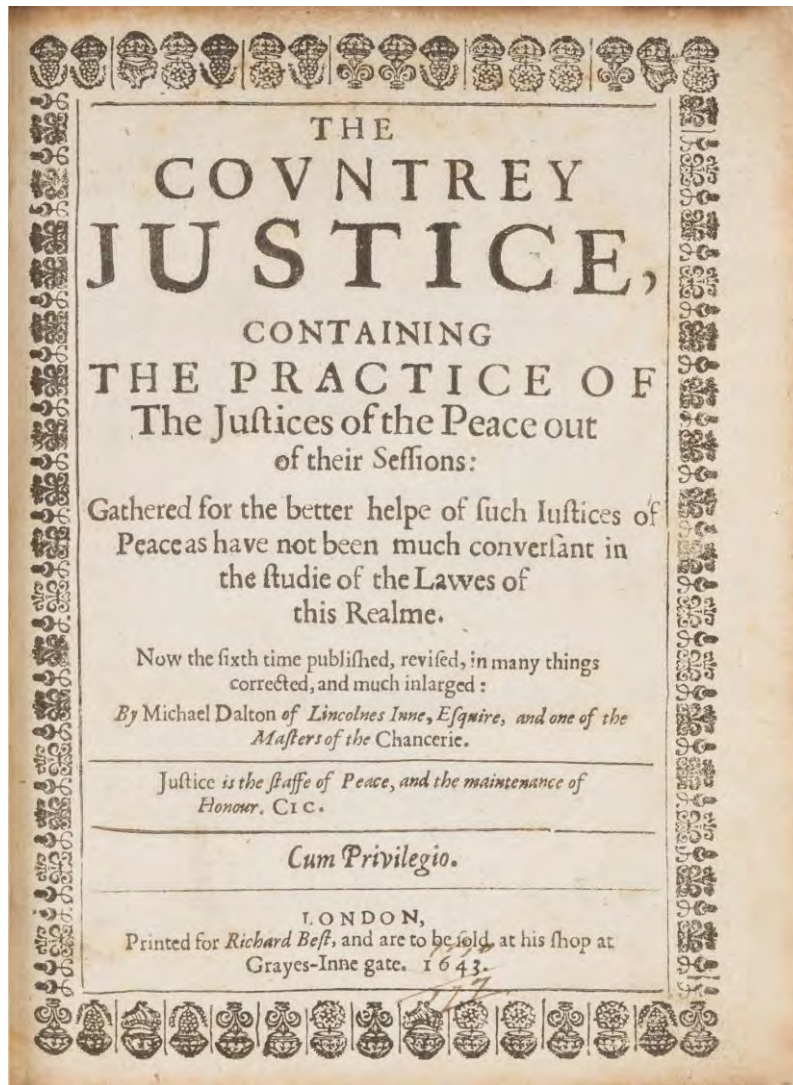
**5. Coke, Sir Edward [1552-1634].
Ireland, Sir Thomas, Editor.**

An Exact Abridgment in English, Of the Eleven Books of Reports of the Learned Sir Edward Coke, Knight, Late Lord Chiefe Justice of England, and of the Council of Estate to His Majestie, King James. Composed by the Judicious, Sir Thomas Ireland, Knight, Late of Grayes Inne, And an Ancient Reader of that Honourable Societie. Wherein is Briefly Contained the Very Substance and Marrow of All Those Reports, Together with the Resolutions on Every Case. Also a Perfect Table for the Finding of the Names of All Those Cases, And the Principall Matters Therein Contained. Very Usefull for all Men, Especially the Students and Practisers of that Honourable Profession. London: Printed by M. Simmons, For Matthew Walbancke, At Grayes Inne Gate, and H. Twyford, 1650. [xxii], 427 [i.e. 443], [53] pp. (p.443 misnumbered 427). Octavo (5-3/4" x 3-1/2").

Contemporary calf, rebaked in period style, blind rules to boards, lettering piece and blind fillets to spine, corners mended, existing endpapers retained. Moderate rubbing and edgewear and some staining to boards, a bit of rodent (?) damage to lower outside corner of front board. Moderate toning to text, faint dampstaining in a few places, early owner signature (Roger Moodo) in tiny hand to foot of title page, recent owner signature (Diane Parker-Spear 1985) to head of front pastedown. \$650.

* First edition, one of two issues from 1650. Written between 1572 and 1616, Coke's reports are not reports in the conventional sense but highly detailed anthologies of precedents organized by topic. In each instance Coke assembled a large body of cases, outlined their arguments, and explained the reasons for the judgment, using it as a basis for a statement of general principles. They are, in effect, a series of treatises on the points of law adjudged. A work of immense authority, it was often cited as *The Reports*, there being no need to mention the author's name. His accounts, especially of pleadings, were esteemed for their clarity and usefulness as stylistic models for students. And his selection of cases, cited frequently in subsequent years, has served as the starting point for numerous decisions. Ireland's well-regarded digest went through later editions in 1651, 1656, 1657 and 1666. An American edition was published in 1813. Counting both issues, OCLC locates 9 copies of the first edition in North American law libraries. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R26030.

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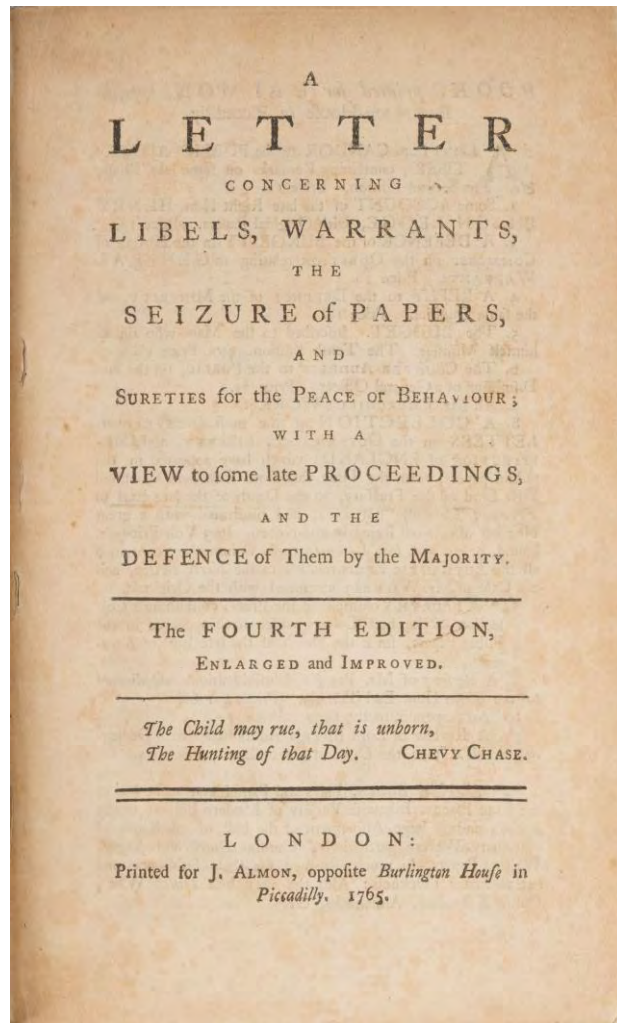
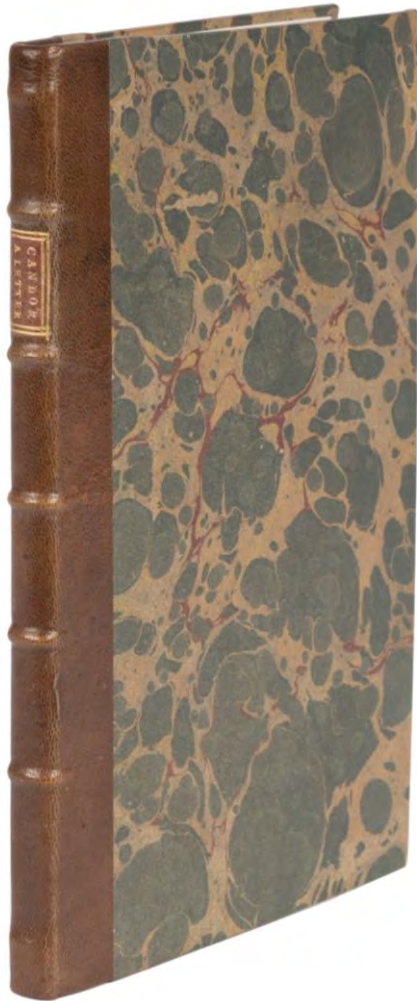
A Landmark Treatise on Justices of the Peace

6. Dalton, Michael.

The Country Justice, Containing the Practice of the Justices of the Peace Out of Their Sessions: Gathered for the Better Helpe of Such Iustices of Peace as Have Not Been Much Conversant in the Studie of the Lawes of This Realme: Now the Sixth Time Published, Revised, In Many Things Corrected, And Much Enlarged. London: Printed for Richard Best, 1643. [viii], 496, [8] pp. Quarto (7-1/4" x 5-3/4").

Recent period-style calf, blind rules to boards, raised bands and lettering piece to spine, early hand-lettered author name to fore-edge of text block, endpapers renewed. Moderate toning to interior, some offsetting and edgewear to final leaves of text block, tiny inkspots to a few laves, light soiling to title page, illegible early markings in early hand to publication date. A handsome copy. \$500.

* Sixth edition, one of three issues, the others from 1635. This venerable justice of the peace manual went through some twenty editions between 1618 and 1746. This work is also significant because it firmly established the alphabetical topical structure adopted in later texts. Rooted in Crompton, Fitzherbert and Lambard, *The Country Justice* offers advice on such matters as buggery, customs, highways, prisons, riots, soldiers, murder, felonies, rogues and vagabonds, wool, and high treason. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R41330. [Order This Item](#)



An Important Argument for Freedom of the Press Inspired by the Wilkes Libel Case

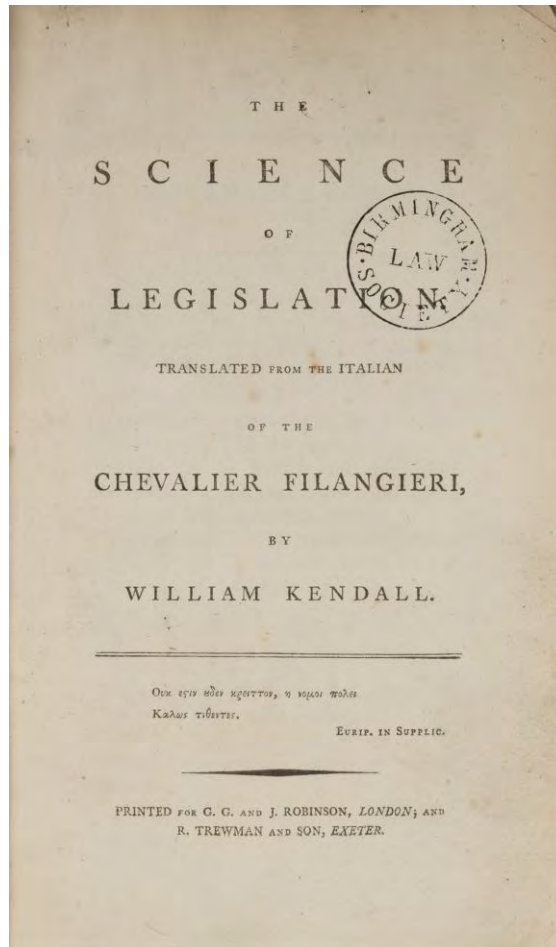
7. [Father of Candor].

[Almon, John (1735-1773), Attributed].

A Letter Concerning Libels, Warrants, The Seizure of Papers, And Sureties for the Peace of Behaviour; With a View to Some Late Proceedings, And the Defence of Them by the Majority. Enlarged and Improved. London: Printed for J. Almon, Opposite Burlington-House in Piccadilly, 1765. 112 pp. Lacking half-title. Publisher advertisement to verso of title page. Octavo (8" x 5-1/4").

Stab-stitched pamphlet bound into recent period-style quarter calf over marbled boards (by Philip Dusel), raised bands and lettering piece to spine. Moderate toning to interior, somewhat heavier in places, light foxing to some leaves, light browning to title page. \$450.

* Fourth edition. Originally issued in 1764 after John Wilkes fled to Europe after his condemnation by Parliament for seditious libel in 1764, this pamphlet contains one of the most famous defenses of freedom of the press. Notable for emphasizing the distinction between words and deeds, it anticipated Erskine's unsuccessful defense of Thomas Paine, who was charged with seditious libel after the publication of his *Rights of Man* (1791). This pamphlet had five editions: the first two and a Dublin reprint in 1764, the other three in 1765. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T87692. [Order This Item](#)



Admired by Benjamin Franklin

8. Filangieri, Gaetano [1752-1788].

Kendall, William, Translator.

The Science of Legislation. Translated from the Italian of the Chevalier Filangieri. London: Printed for G.G. and J. Robinson; And Exeter: R. Trewman and Son, [1792]. viii, 210 pp. Octavo (8-1/2" x 5-1/4").

Nineteenth-century pebbled cloth, gilt-stamped library name to front board and foot of spine, gilt library insignia to rear board. Moderate rubbing to extremities with some wear to spine ends and corners, joints cracked, corners bumped, front hinge partially cracked, library bookplate and small shelf label to front pastedown. Moderate toning, occasional faint dampstaining to margins, light edgewear to preliminaries, small library stamps to title page, p.1 and p.183. An uncommon title. \$750.

* Only edition in English, one of two issues, the other dated 1791. Filangieri was an internationally famous Italian jurist and philosopher. One of his admirers was Benjamin Franklin, who corresponded with him from 1780 to 1788. First published in 1780, *La Scienza della Legislazione* attacked abuses of the legislative process and offered an exposition of how legislation should proceed. It went through several editions in Italy. The date of the English translation is based on the date at the end of the Advertisement. The other Robinson issue has identical pagination and an Advertisement dated 1791. OCLC locates 2 copies (University of Minnesota, Cambridge), both dated 1792; the *ESTC* adds 3 more, without specifying the date (Harvard, Library Company of Philadelphia, Oxford). *English Short-Title Catalogue* N21110.

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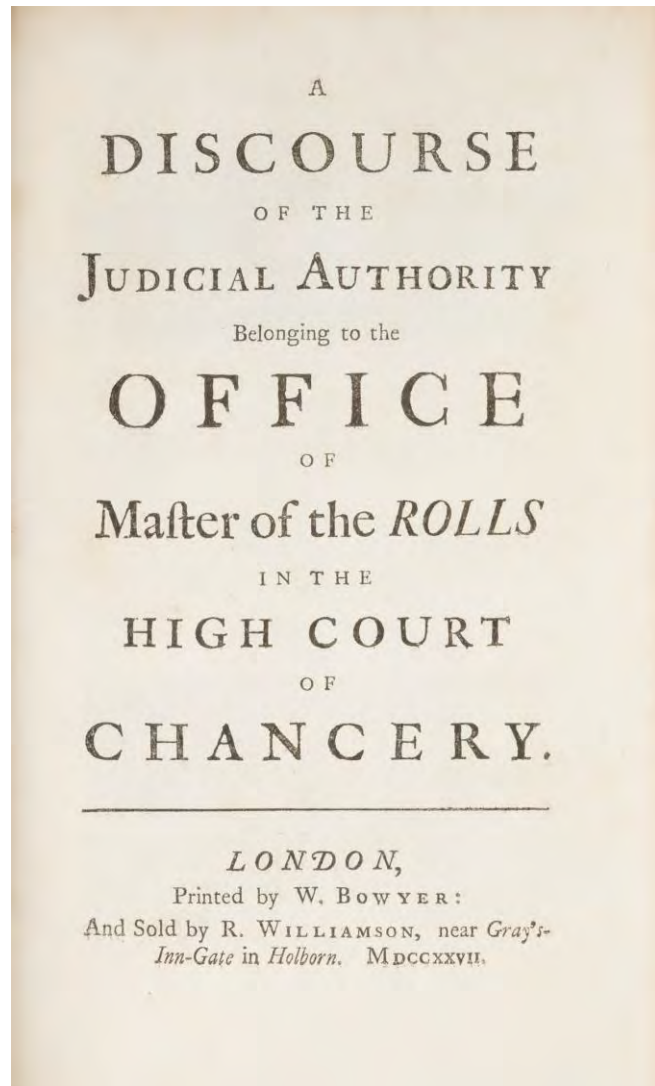
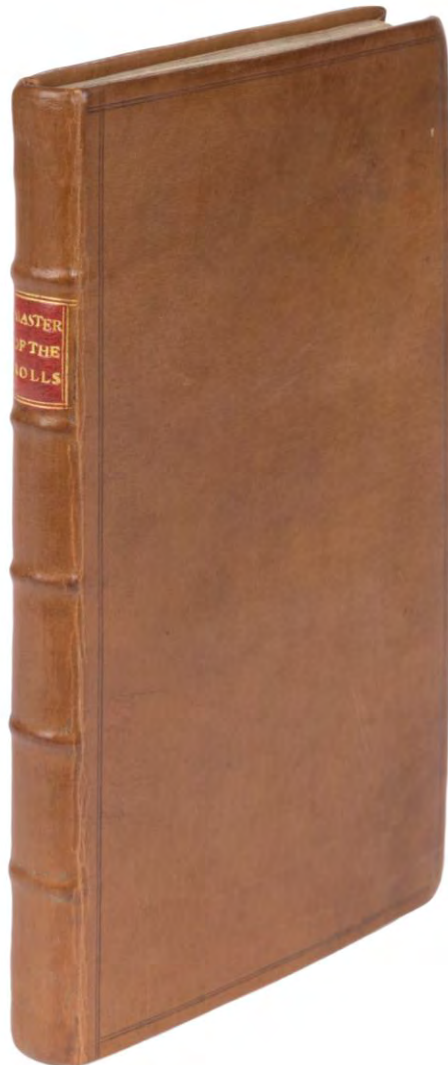
The First Work in English on Hindu Law

9. [Halhed, Nathaniel Brassey (1751-1830), Translator and Editor].

A Code of Gentoo Laws, Or, Ordinations of the Pundits: From a Persian Translation, Made from the Original, Written in the Shanscrit Language. London: [S.n.], 1776. lxxiv, 61, [1], 322 pp. 8 copperplates. Quarto (9-1/4" X 6-3/4").

Recent period-style speckled calf (by Philip Dusel), blind rules to boards, gilt spine, blind tooling to board edges, endpapers renewed. Light browning to interior, light foxing and faint dampspotting in a few places, annotations in early hand to a few leaves, two tiny stamps (a star and "inv. 1898") to head of title page, faint marks in pencil to parts of title. A nice copy in a notably handsome binding. \$750.

* First edition. This is the first work in English describing the principles of Hindu jurisprudence. It is a translation from the *Vivadarnavasetu*, a digest of Hindu law in 21 sections (taranga). This work was compiled for Warren Hastings, the governor-general of the East India Company. The pandits (pundats) are Banesvara, Kriparama, Rama Gopala, Krishnajivana, Viresvara, Krishnacandra, Guarikanta, Kalisankara, Syamasundara, Krishnakesava and Sitarama. The plates depict examples of the original Sanskrit texts. Later editions were published in 1777 and 1781. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T112179. [Order This Item](#)



Handsome Copy of a Scarce Treatise on the Office of the Master of the Rolls

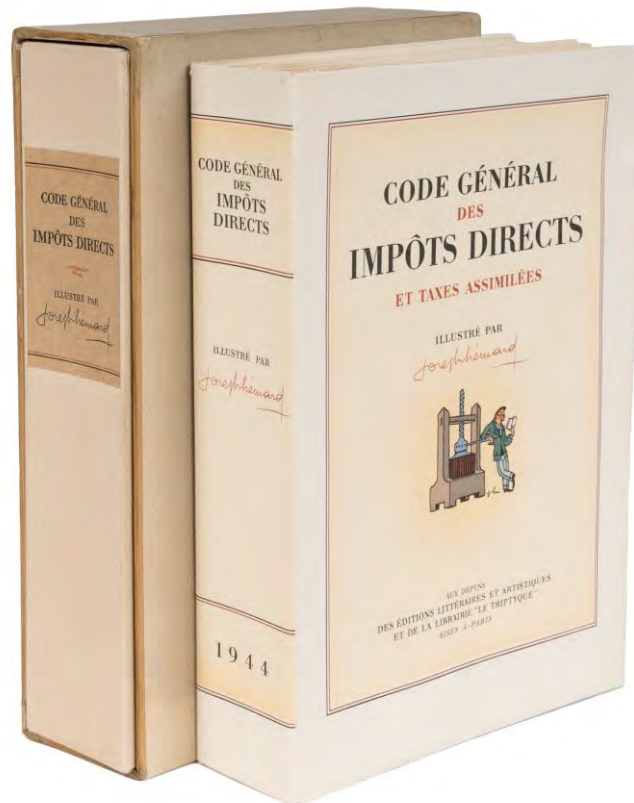
10. [Hardwicke, Philip Yorke, Earl of (1690-1764)].

A Discourse of the Judicial Authority Belonging to the Office of Master of the Rolls in the High Court of Chancery. London: Printed by W. Bowyer, And Sold by R. Williamson, 1727. 151, [1] pp. Octavo (7-3/4" x 4-3/4").

Recent period-style calf (by Philip Dusel), blind rules to boards, raised bands and lettering piece to spine, endpapers renewed. Light to moderate toning to interior, light browning to outer edges of margins, somewhat heavier browning to margins of final four leaves. A nice copy in a handsome binding. \$850.

* First edition. The third most senior judge in England and Wales after the President of the Supreme Court of the United Kingdom and the Lord Chief Justice, the Master of the Rolls is the presiding officer of the Civil Division of the Court of Appeal and head of Civil Justice. A second edition was published in 1728. Both editions are scarce. According to the *ESTC*, 1050 copies of the first edition were printed, 50 in large-paper format. *English Short-Title Catalogue* TT95694.

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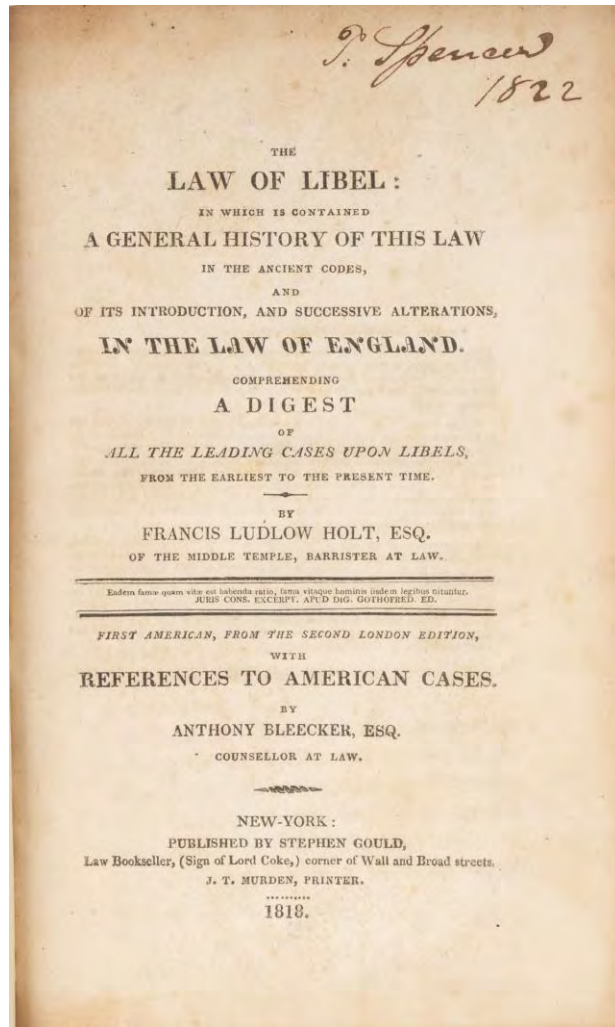
Hémard's Illustrated French Tax Code

11. Hémard, Joseph [1880-1961], Illustrator.

Code Général des Impôts Directs et Taxes Assimilées. Texte Inégréal des Lois, Décrets, Décrets-Lois, Décret de Codification, Suivi d'un Formulaire Administratif. Paris: Editions Littéraires et Artistiques/Librairie "Le Triptyque", [1944]. x, 330, [1] pp. 183 illustrations, 62 of them in color. 8 pp. addendum of changes to the code, titled *Rectificatif*, laid in, Quarto (9-1/4" x 6-1/2").

Uncut, unbound in signatures, as issued, copy in publisher's wrappers housed in publisher's chemise and slipcase. Light soiling and edgewear to slipcase and spine of chemise, careful repairs to joints of slipcase beginning to crack. Negligible light toning to text, images vivid. \$950.

* From an edition of 800, this number 156. Hémard presents the official text of the French Tax Code with witty, often racy illustrations, colored (*au pochoir*) by E. Charpentier. It is a sequel to his *Code Civil: Livre Premier, Des Personnes* (1925) and *Code Penal: Commentaires Images* (c. 1940). Hémard, a prolific artist, illustrator, designer and author, is best-known for his humorously illustrated editions of serious non-fiction books. The *Code Général* was issued in several forms. The first 145 copies of the 800-copy edition were issued with an original sheet of text illustrations and a sheet of their original sketches. This title was also issued in a trade edition of 1000 copies. There is also a signed and numbered edition of 160 printed on Arches paper (*papier vélin*), an edition of 40 non-commercial copies intended for friends and associates (*bors commerce*) and 60 portfolios of the images alone. [Order This Item](#)



An Important English Treatise on Slander and Libel

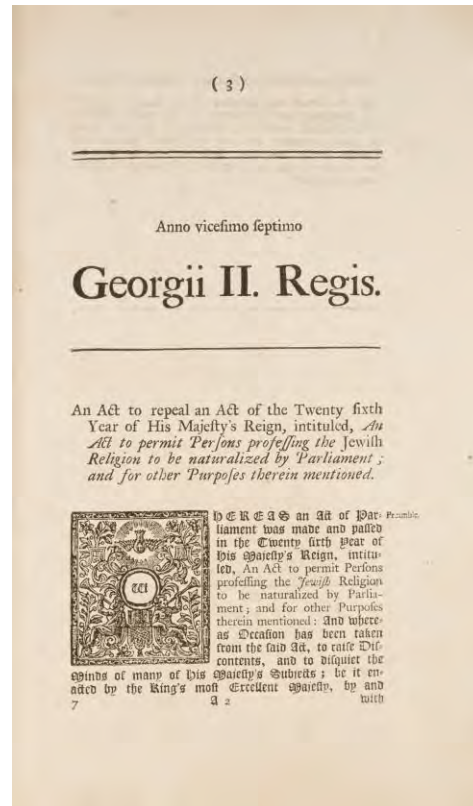
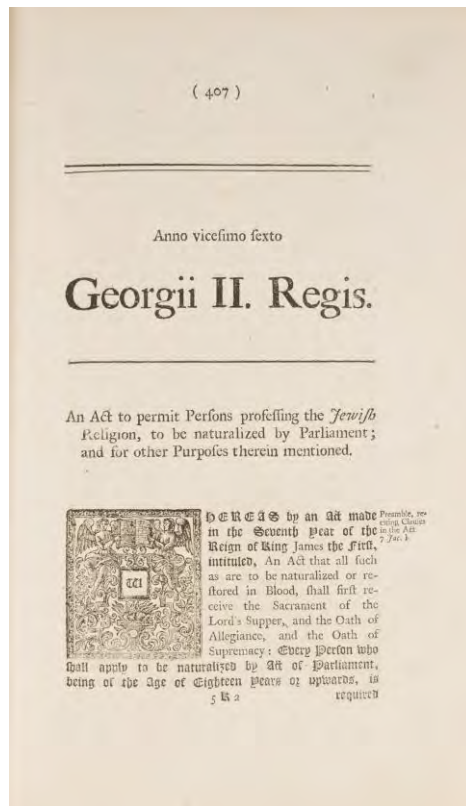
12. Holt, Francis Ludlow [1780-1844].

[Bleeker, Anthony, Editor].

The Law of Libel: In Which is Contained a General History of This Law in the Ancient Codes, and of Its Introduction, and Successive Alterations, in the Law of England. Comprehending a Digest of All the Leading Cases Upon Libels, From the Earliest to the Present Time. First American, From the Second London Edition, With References to American Cases. New York: Published by Stephen Gould, 1818. xii, [13]-328 pp. Octavo (8-3/4" x 5-1/4").

Recent period-style quarter calf over cloth, raised bands, blind ornaments and fillets and lettering piece to spine, endpapers renewed. Moderate toning to interior, faint dampstaining to upper outside corner of text block, light foxing in a few places, early owner signature ("T Spencer 1822") to head of title page. \$450.

* First American edition, from the second London edition, 1816. First published in 1812, this was the standard English treatise on slander and libel in the opening decades of the nineteenth century. Though it was eventually superseded, it remained an authoritative history of the subject. With its intelligent discussion of sources and cases it is just as valuable today. Holt was a member of the Inner Temple. Also the author of treatises on nisi prius, bankruptcy, admiralty law and Parliament, his work was held in high esteem by Kent. Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 10934. [Order This Item](#)



First Printings of the Jewish Naturalization Act of 1753 and the Act That Repealed It

13. [Jews].

[Great Britain].

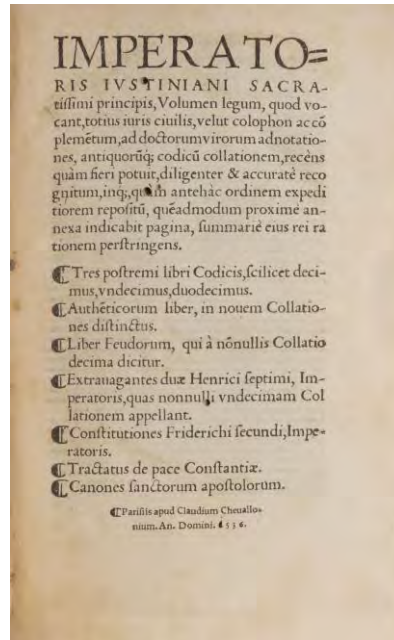
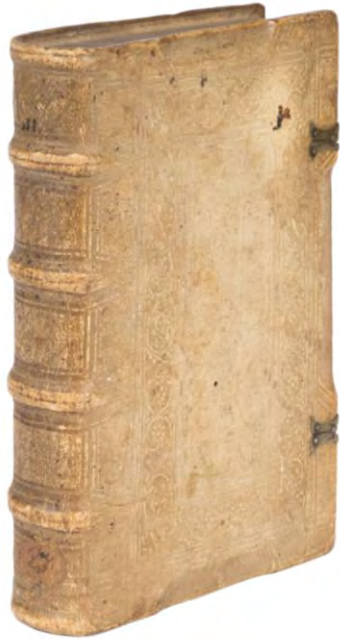
An Act to Permit Persons Professing the Jewish Religion, To be Naturalized by Parliament; And for Other Purposes Therein Mentioned [Drop-Head Title]. At head of drop-head title: *Anno Vicesimo Sexto Georgii II. Regis.* London: Printed by Thomas Baskett, 1753. [ii], 407-410 pp.

[Bound with]

An Act to Repeal an Act of the Twenty Sixth Year of His Majesty's Reign, Intituled, An Act to Permit Persons Professing the Jewish Religion, To be Naturalized by Parliament; And for Other Purposes Therein Mentioned [Drop-Head Title]. At head of drop-head title: *Anno Vicesimo Septimo Georgii II. Regis.* London: Printed by Thomas Baskett, 1753 [i.e. 1754]. 4 pp.

Folio (11-3/4" x 7-1/4"). Stitched pamphlets bound into recent stiff-paper folder. A few minor stains to folder, negligible light toning to pamphlets, which are remarkably well preserved. \$2,500.

* First editions. The Act of Expulsion of 1290 forced Jews to leave England. Under Cromwell, in 1656, Jews were allowed to return. Since then, they lived, worked and worshipped openly, but were excluded from political life. Despite this handicap, England's Jewish community was loyal to the government and provided it with valuable assistance during the Jacobite rising of 1745. Partly as a reward, and partly as a recognition of Jewish contributions to English society, Prime Minister Henry Pelham proposed legislation that resulted in the Jewish Naturalization Act 1753 (26 Geo. II, c. 26), which allowed Jews to become naturalized by application to Parliament. This bill provoked a remarkably broad wave of Anti-Semitic backlash, which led to its repeal in 1754 (27 Geo 2, c. 1). The first issues offered here were published serially. They are distinguished by their use of gothic type. Acts such as these were compiled over the course of a session and bound afterwards. They were issued with general title pages, which were usually discarded. *English Short-Title Catalogue* N52871, N53600. [Order This Item](#)



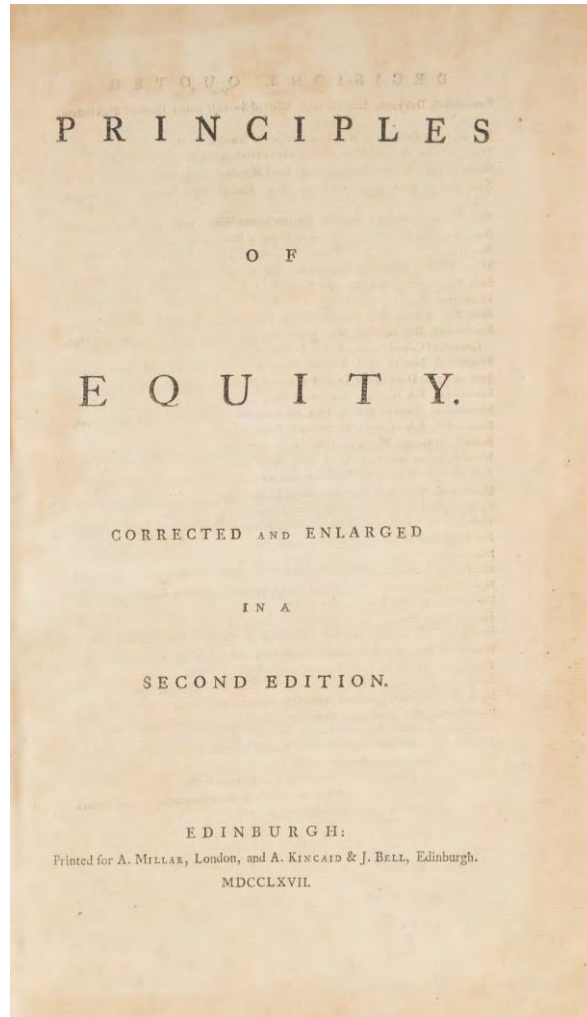
A Handsome Collection of Texts from the *Corpus Juris Civilis*

14. Justinian I [483-565 CE], Emperor of the East.
 [Mameranus, Nicolaus (1500-1567)], Editor.
 [Ualdi, Angelo Degli (d.1492?)], Commentary.
 [Ualdi, Baldus degli (1327?-1400)], Commentary.
 [Bartolo of Sassoferrato (1313-1357)], Commentary.

Imperatoris Iustiniani Sacratissimi Principis, Volumen Legum, Quod Vocant, Totius Iuris Civilis, Velut Colophon ac Co[m]pleme[n]tum, Ad Doctorum Virorum Adnotationes, Antiquorum; Codicvm Collationem, Recens Quam Fieri Potuit Diligenter & Accurate Recognitum, Inq[ue]; Quam Antehac Ordinem Expeditionem Repositum, Que Admodum Proxime Annexa Indicabit Pagina, Summarie Eius Rei Rationem Perstringens. Tres Postremi Libri Codicis, Scilicet Decimus, Undecimus, Duodecimus. Authen[tic]orum Liber, In Novem Collationes Distinctus. Liber Feudorum, Qui a Nonnullis Collatio Decima Dicitur. Extravagantes Duae Henrici Septimi, Imperatoris, Quas Nonnulli Undecimam Collationem Appellant. Constitutiones Friderichi Secundi, Imperatoris. Tractatus de Pace Constantiae. Canones Sanctorum Apostolorum. Paris: Apud Claudium Chevallonium, 1536. [xvi], 296 pp. Octavo (6-3/4" x 4-1/4").

Contemporary elaborately blind-tooled paneled vellum, beveled edges, raised bands and fragment of small early shelf label to spine, brass clasps. Light soiling and a few worm holes to boards, light rubbing to extremities, corners and spine ends bumped, early annotation, probably a shelf number, in small early hand to front pastedown. Attractive woodcut and metal-cut initials throughout. Moderate toning, some worm holes to pastedown and text block (with no loss to legibility). A handsome copy. \$4,500.

* Only edition. Intended for state officials, this book contains the following selections from the *Corpus Juris Civilis*: the *Authentica*, a portion of the *Novels* that was believed to be a set of laws intended for Italy, and the final three books of the *Code*, the legal system established by Justinian. These deal with aspects of administrative law. It also has three texts often included in early editions of the *Corpus Juris Civilis*: the *Consuetudines Feudorum*, an institute of feudal law compiled around 1170 under the direction of Holy Roman Emperor Frederick I (Frederick Barbarossa), the *Constitutiones Friderichi Secundi Imperatoris*, a selection of edicts of Holy Roman Emperor Frederick II and *De Pace Constantiae* (Edict of Milan), the act of Emperor Constantine that recognized the legitimacy of Christianity in the Roman Empire. OCLC locates 3 copies, none in North America. Renouard, *Imprimeurs & Libraires Parisiens du XVIe Siècle* V:121. [Order This Item](#)



"Order, A Beauty in Every Composition, Is Essential in a Treatise on Equity"

15. [Kames, Henry Home, Lord (1696-1782)].

Principles of Equity. Corrected and Enlarged in a Second Edition. Edinburgh: Printed for A. Millar, London; And A. Kincaid & J. Bell, Edinburgh. 1767. x, [2], 375, [17] pp. Folio (12-1/2" x 8").

Recent period-style three-quarter morocco over marbled boards, raised bands and lettering piece to spine, endpapers renewed. Moderate toning to text, offsetting to margins of preliminaries and final six leaves of text. An attractive copy. \$1,500.

* Second edition. The leading Scottish jurist of his day and an important figure of the Scottish Enlightenment, Lord Kames was an influence on David Hume, James Boswell and Adam Smith. Kames's commitment to Enlightenment principles influenced the design of his treatise on equity in Scottish law. Declaring that "order, a beauty in every composition, is essential in a treatise on equity," he restated this complex subject as a orderly system. The main text is prefaced by a "Preliminary Discourse" with the following chapters: "The Moral Sense," "Laws of Nature that Regulate Our Conduct in Society," "Principles of Duty and of Benevolence," "Rewards and Punishments," "Reparation" and "The Laws of Society Considered with Respect to Their Final Causes." This work was first published in 1760; its final authorial edition, the third, was published in 1778. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T67126. [Order This Item](#)



Class Portrait of the University of the Michigan Law School Class of 1893

16. [Law Schools].

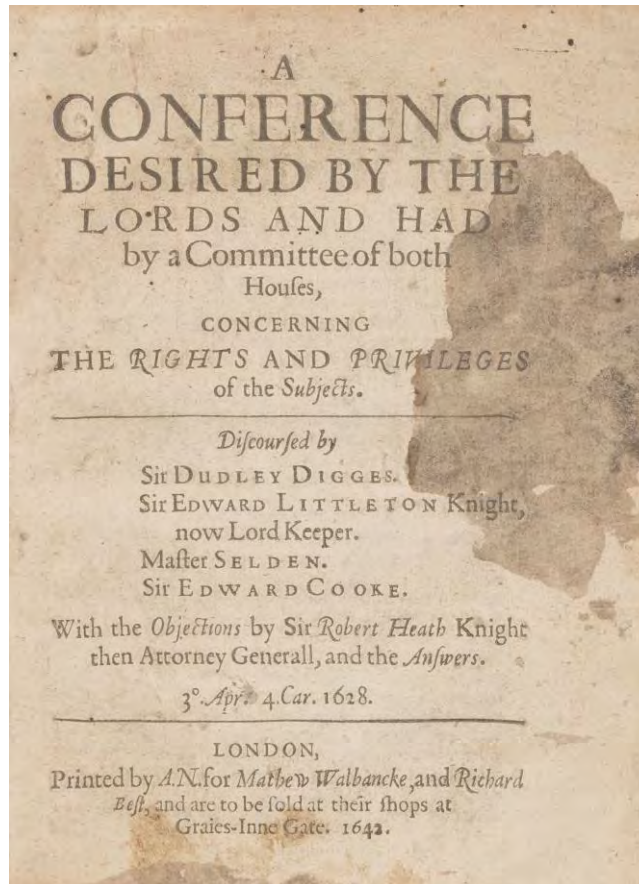
[University of Michigan].

University of Michigan, Law Class of 1893. [Ann Arbor, c.1893].

16" x 21-1/2" class composite photograph on 22" x 26" illustration board with printed text, recently backed with masonite board. Light toning and soiling, a few creases to image, a few stains, cracks and creases to margins, some chipping to edges, a few chips repaired. \$1,500.

* This charming class portrait depicts 11 faculty members, 319 students and the law school. The images of the students are numbered. Each number corresponds to a name on the list of students below the image. Two are female (Eva Jane Akers, Mary E. Benson), six are African-American, all men (C.W. Scrutchin, W.C. Swan, L.C. Jones, S.D. Blair, R.J. Willis, Benjamin F. Lester). For more information about this class see "Directory of the Law Class of 1893," *Yearbooks & Class Year Publications* https://repository.law.umich.edu/class_pubs/42. [Order This Item](#)

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Parliament Debates the "Rights and Privileges of the Subjects" at the Outbreak of the Civil War

17. [Great Britain].

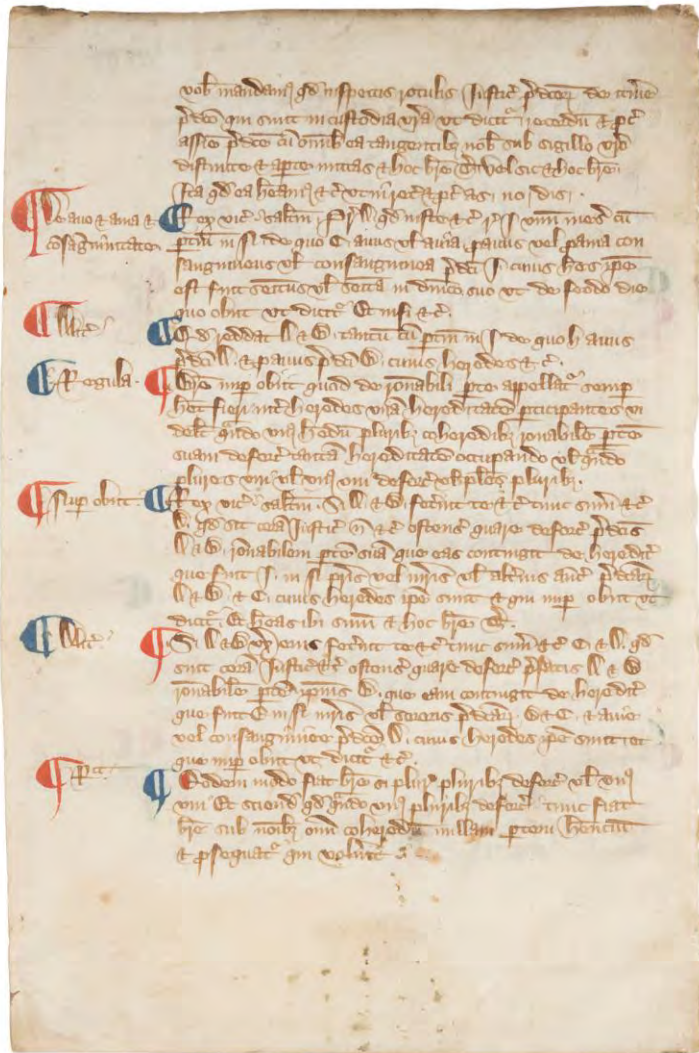
[Parliament].

A Conference Desired by the Lords and Had by a Committee of Both Houses, Concerning the Rights and Privileges of the Subjects. Discours'd by Sir Dudley Digges. Sir Edward Littleton Knight, Now Lord Keeper. Master Selden. Sir Edward Cooke. With the Objections by Sir Robert Heath Knight Then Attorney Generall, And the Answers. 30. Apr. 4. Car. 1628. London: Printed by A.N. for Mathew Walbancke, And Richard Best, 30 April 1642. [ii], 91, [1] pp. Final page blank. Quarto (6-1/2" x 5-1/2").

Stab-stitched pamphlet in recent plain wrappers, printed title to spine. Light edgewear, some fading along spine. Moderate toning to pamphlet, light soiling and some staining to title page. \$500.

* Only edition. A record of the preliminary debates that led to the Petition of Right, this pamphlet was published during the preliminary phase the English Civil War, which began formally when King Charles I raised his standard in Nottingham on August 22. It records (with some editorial polish) a spirited hearing on the rights of the King, Parliament and Subjects with the expert opinions of Sir Dudley Digges [c.1583-1639], Sir Edward Littleton [c.1599-c.1657], John Selden [1584-1654], Sir Edward Coke [1552-1634] and Sir Robert Heath [1575-1625]. It is an exciting document offers a fascinating constitutional and legal perspective on the Civil War. Equally influential in teh North American colonies, the Petition of Right established four principles that inspired the American Revolution and were incorporated into the U.S. Constitution and Bill of Rights: no taxation without representation, no imprisonment without cause, no quartering of soldiers by subjects and no martial law in peacetime. OCLC locates 5 copies in North American law libraries (Harvard Law School, Library of Congress, University of Minnesota, University of Wisconsin, Yale). *English Short-Title Catalogue* R8061.

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Handsome c.1350 Leaf from a *Registrum Brevium*

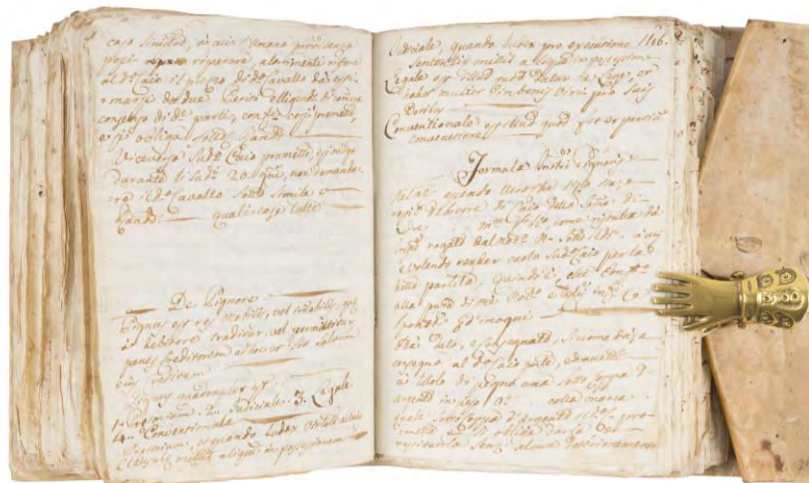
18. [Manuscript].

[Great Britain].

[Leaf from a *Registrum Brevium*]. [Probably London or Westminster, c. 1350]. [2] pp. Octavo (7-1/2" x 5").

Parchment leaf, light soiling, mostly to margins, a few tiny spots, minor edgewear, faint fold crease to lower outer corner. 33-line single-column text in a small and compact anglicana chancery hand, paragraph marks in red or dark blue, with reference words set off outer margin with same, some capitals of these reference words touched in red, original folio no. 'lxxxiii' in upper outer corner of recto. \$5,000.

* This handsome leaf is from a manuscript collections of sample writs, the documents necessary to initiate legal actions. A cornerstone of the common law, these collections were an essential tool for lawyers in medieval England. Some were compiled from several sources or copied from other examples. The source of our leaf appears to be a copy of a widely circulated collection dating from the reign of Edward III [1327-1377]. Known as the *Registrum Brevium*, it was the source of the first printed collection of writs, which was published in 1494 by Richard Pynson. [Order This Item](#)



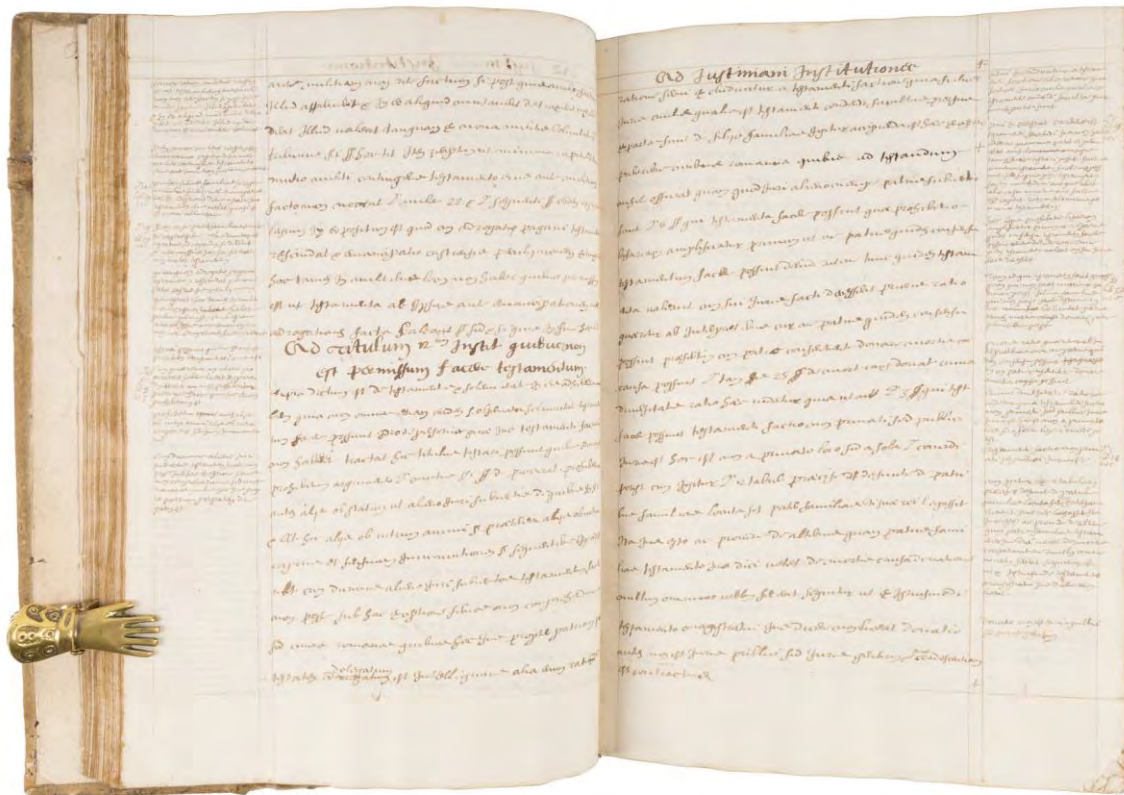
Seventeenth-Century Italian Manuscript Formbook

**19. [Manuscript].
[Italy].**

[Formulary]. Italy, c. 1650. 250 ff., 18 ff. thumb-tabbed index, 25 blank leaves. Octavo (6" x 4-1/4").

Contemporary limp-vellum flap binding, remnants of thong-and-toggle fastener, untrimmed edges. Light soiling and shelfwear, "Formularium Instrorum" to front cover in later hand, along with lists of years 1801-1806 and some other, illegible marks, "1797" to head of spine, perhaps a self number. Light toning to interior, light soiling to a few leaves, text in neat legible hand. \$7,500.

* The front pastedown is signed "Advocado Jo: [Giovanni] Baptista Bonta," who was probably the compiler of this manuscript. It is a fine example of a mid-seventeenth century Italian formulary, a collection of sample legal forms. Its small format, flap binding and index suggests it was a portable reference work. [Order This Item](#)



Annotated Manuscript Copy of the *Institutes* of Justinian

20. [Manuscript].

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

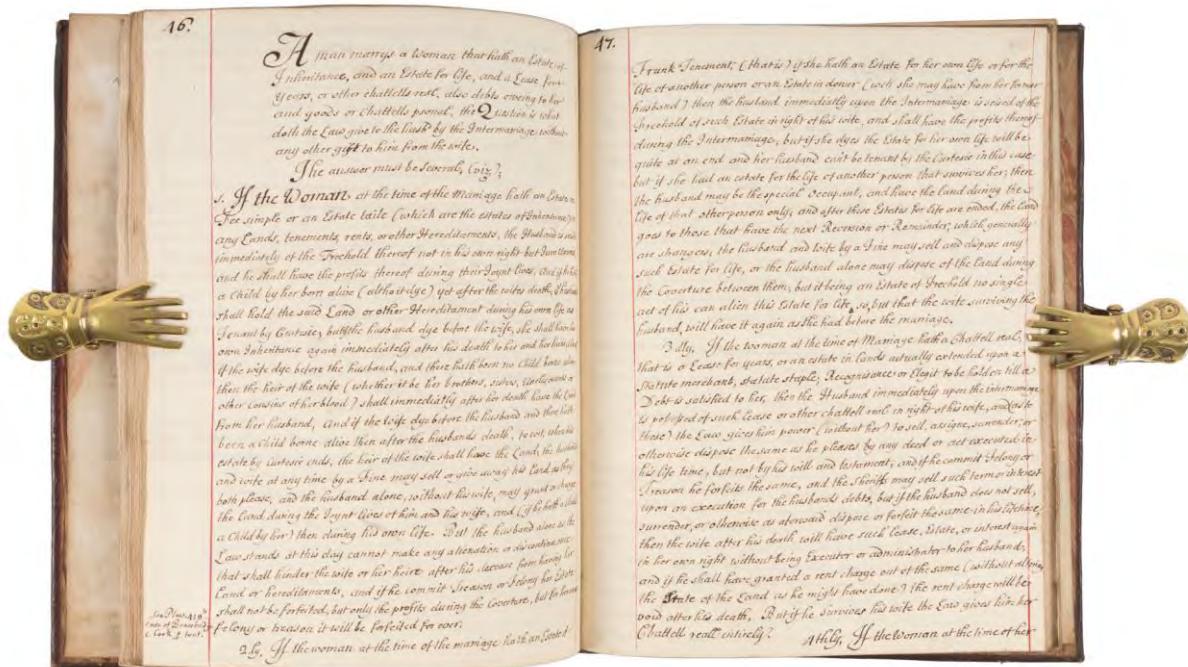
Justinian Institutiones. [France, c.1700]. 144, [142], 63, [322] ff. Folio (11-1/2" x 8").

Contemporary reversed calf, blind rules to boards, raised bands and blind fillets to spine, fragments of thong ties. A few minor worm holes, light rubbing and some scuffs and stains to boards, corners bumped, wear to head of spine, minor worming to rear pastedown. Light toning to interior, minor stains to a few leaves, text in neat hand within ruled borders to rectos and versos of most leaves. \$5,000.

* This is a careful transcription of the *Institutes* of Justinian with detailed notes in ruled columns in the outer margins. Added to about 50% of the text, they are under the headings "Renoardus" or "Bengeus." These are likely the names of law professors, which suggests these are notes taken during lectures. In contrast to Justinian's text, the notes are not as neat and have occasional cross-outs and corrections. Written around 161 CE, the *Institutes* is an elementary treatise on Roman private law that served as a standard text for 300 years.

Justinian's *Code*. (The titles are in Latin, the text in French.) Based on class lectures, the notes are paraphrases of each title. The later notes in the margins are clarifications or statements of main points. The first page has a large Roman numeral "I," which suggests the compiler had another notebook covering the rest of the *Code* (Books 6-12). Also known as the *Codex Justiniani*, the *Code* contains the laws in force during Justinian's reign. It is divided into 12 books. Book 1 deals with ecclesiastical law, the sources of law, and the duties of high officials. Books 2-8 deal with private law. Book 9 deals with criminal law. Books 10-12 deal with administrative law. It is one of the four components of the *Corpus Juris Civilis*.

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"Never Printed But Lent Me to Copy"

21. [Manuscript].

Lowndes, William (1652-1724).

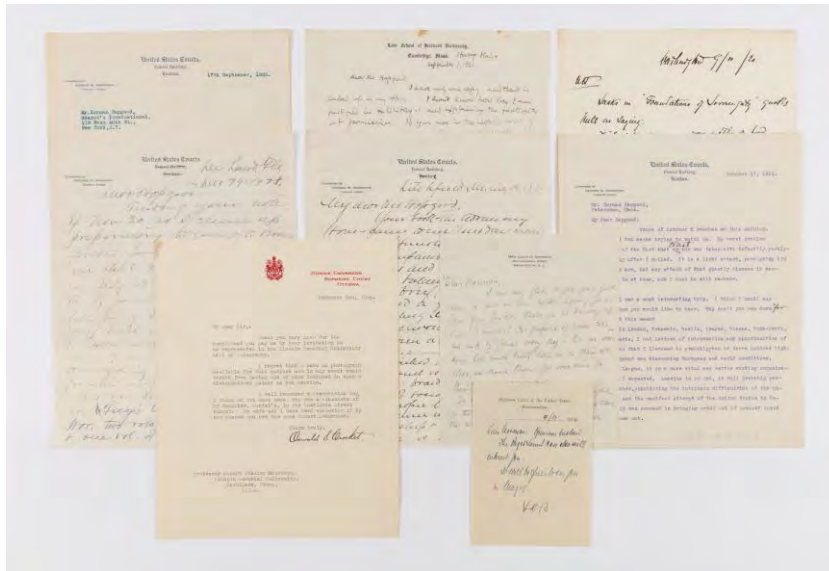
A Treatise of Estates & Conveyances by Wm. Lowndes Esqr. Late Secretary of the Treasury. Never Printed but Lent to Me to Copy. AD 1712....Ends page 49. Cornwall?, 1699-1718. [4], 49, [1], 50-62, [5] pp. 11 blank leaves. Quarto (7-3/4" x 6-1/4").

Contemporary calf, gilt frames to boards, raised bands and recent shelf label to spine, marbled endpapers. Minor nicks and scuffs to boards, a few paint spatters to rear board, moderate rubbing to extremities with some wear to spine ends and corners, moderate toning to interior. Leaves ruled in red ink, text in several small neat hands. \$3,500.

* Lowndes, a Whig politician, was Secretary to the Treasury under King William III and Queen Anne. An effective administrator, he dominated Treasury affairs for thirty years. His unpublished *Treatise on Estates & Conveyances* is divided into six chapters: "Of Several Kinds of Estates in Law," "Concerning Possession, Seisin, Things Lyeing in Livery, & Things Lying in Grant," "Of Reversions and Remainders," "Of Uses," "Of the Severall Kinds of Common Assurances" and "More Concerning Common Assurances. This section is dated 1699. At the end is a final, related question, dated 1704, that asks what a husband gains by marriage to a wife who possesses various forms of estate.

The text of this section is in a neat scibral hand, with a title page and table of contents in a different hand. Following the Lowndes text are several related documents in different hands, including a copy of the marriage settlement of William Dennis and Dorothy Cotton 1696 (by which he gained estates of £5000.), a copy of a document of 1718 attesting to the settlement of a debt from the estate and "An Underlease of part of a B[isho]pps Lease for three Lives."

Francis Luttrell [1683-1740], barrister and son of the book collector Narcissus Luttrell, may have written part of this manuscript. In 1712 Narcissus attempted to secure a place in the Treasury for his son, which would likely have brought them into contact with Lowndes. (Lowndes, incidentally, was not "late Secretary of the Treasury" in 1712, though a joint secretary had been appointed in 1711.) The 1718 document mentions Narcissus Luttrell's sister, Dorothy Wynne, and cousin, Henry Manaton. The manuscript was part of the Pendarves Archive of the Luttrell and Wynne families of Cornwall, which was dispersed at auction in 2013. [Order This Item](#)



Collection of Related Autograph Letters Concerning Brandeis, Henry Ford's Anti-Semitism and Civil Rights

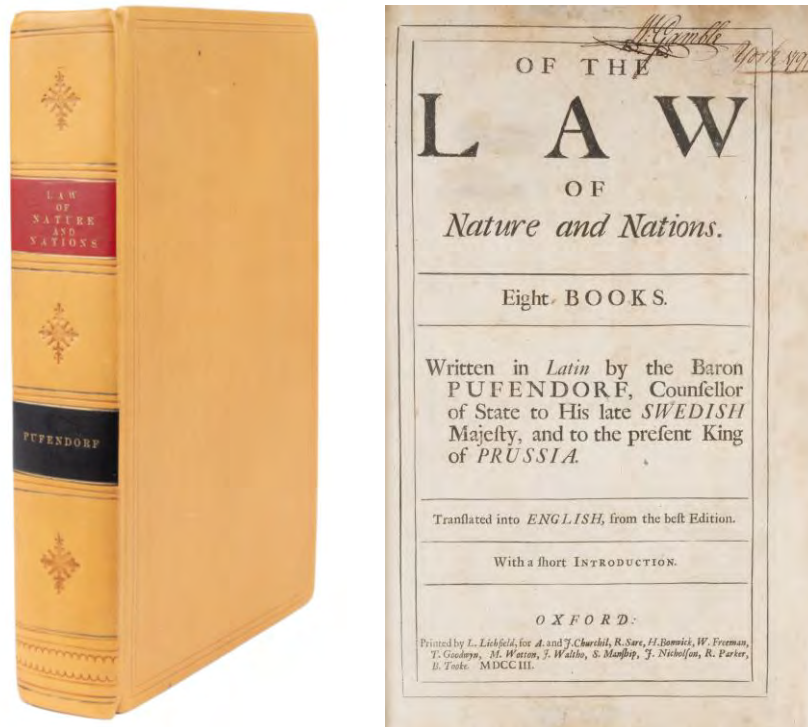
- 22. [Manuscript Archive].
- [Brandeis, Louis D. (1856-1941)].
- [Hapgood, Norman (1868-1937)].
- [Anderson, George W. (1861-1938)].
- [Pound, Roscoe (1870-1964)].
- [Collection of Nine Items Relating to Brandeis, Civil Rights and Other Subjects, 1920-1934].

Single and multi-page autograph and typewritten letters and notes ranging in size from 4" x 5-1/2" to 8" x 10. Faint fold lines, light edgewaer, a few letters have brief annotations to versos. An interesting group. \$2,500.

* These items are addressed to Norman Hapgood, an important journalist, editor, critic and diplomat best known for his expose of Henry Ford's anti-Semitism in his 1922 essay "The Inside Story of Henry Ford's Jew-Mania." Two of these items are in Brandeis's hand and signed "LDB." The first is a note on Supreme Court letterhead dated 11 April 1934. It confirms a meeting date and appears to have been enclosed with an opinion and a document concerning "The Puget Sound case." The second, with "Nor Hapgood" at head and dated 11 September 1920, is a list of quotations from several reference works. There is also an undated autograph letter, signed "affectionately," from Alice Brandeis on her Washington, DC letterhead with excellent "inside" content regarding her family, Dean Acheson, the Supreme Court and Oliver Wendell Holmes, "the grand old man of these U.S.A."

There are four letters from 1920 to 1928 from George W. Anderson, a judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit known for his efforts to promote the cause of civil rights during the "Red Scare" and the 1920s. All four have interesting content; one of these, from 1922, discusses Hapgood's "stuff about Henry Ford's anti-Jew propaganda."

The others offer sharp observations about such subjects as the League of Nations and the U.S. Supreme Court. There is also an autograph letter, signed, by Roscoe Pound, the great legal scholar and Harvard Law School professor, on Harvard Law School letterhead dated 1 September 1921. It is an offer to share sensitive materials with Hapgood, most likely about Harvard President Abbott Lawrence Lowell. This issue may have related to the controversy generated by Lowell's defense of free speech and the right to protest during the Boston Police Strike of 1919. Regarding the press's treatment of Lowell, Pound writes, "there never was a more contemptible bit of pettifoggery--if not worse." The final item is an apparently unrelated letter from Oswald S. Crocket, Justice of Canadian Supreme Court, to Professor Robert Stanley McCordock on Court letterhead, dated 8 February 1938. [Order This Item](#)



First English Edition of Pufendorf's *Law of Nature and Nations*

23. Pufendorf, Samuel von [1632-1694].

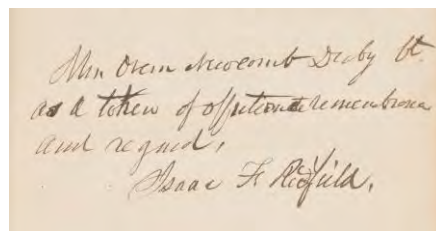
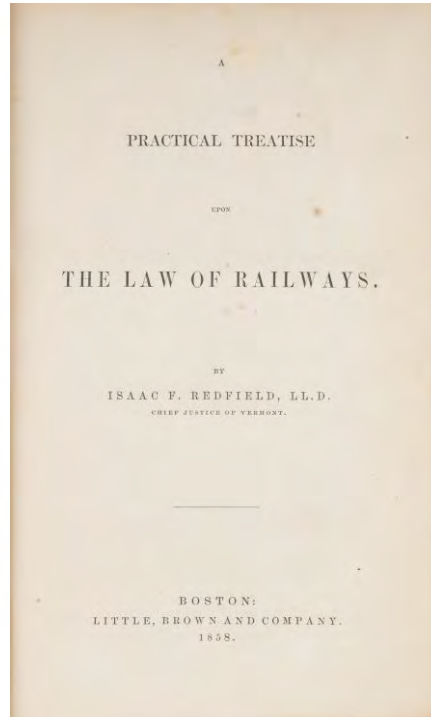
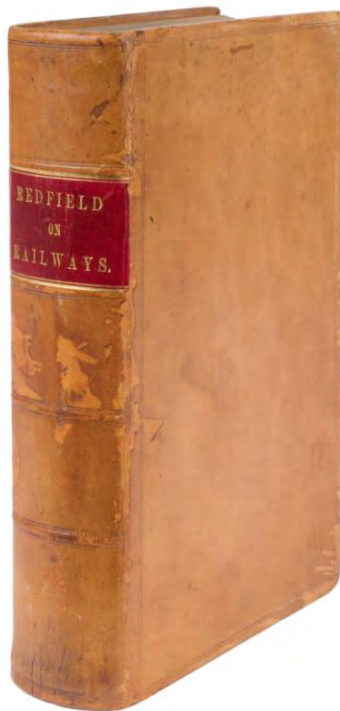
[Kennett, Basil, Translator].

Of the Law of Nature and Nations. Eight Books. Written in Latin by the Baron Pufendorf, Counsellor of State to His Late Swedish Majesty, And to the Present King of Prussia. Translated Into English, From the Best Edition. With a Short Introduction. Oxford: Printed by L. Lichfield, For A. and J. Churchil, R. Sare [et al.], 1703. [xxvi], 27, [1], 239, [1], 273-400, 104, 107-231, [1], 143-262, [2] pp. Complete. Errata leaf at end of text, which is continuous despite pagination and register. Main text in parallel columns. Folio (12-1/2" x 8").

Recent calf, blind rules to boards, blind ornaments, blind fillets and red and black lettering pieces to spine, blind inside dentelles, edges of text block shaved, endpapers renewed, interior washed, title page backed and re-hinged. Occasional light foxing to margins, dampstaining to upper right-hand corners of final 53 leaves of text, brief annotations in early hands to several leaves, a few affected by trimming, extensive set of annotations to verso of errata leaf, owner signature ("W: Gamble, York 1797") to head of title page. A handsome copy. \$3,500.

* First edition in English of *De Jure Naturae et Gentium*, one of two issues by the same publishers from 1703. In 1662 Pufendorf was appointed to the first modern professorship in natural law (at the University of Heidelberg). In 1670 he became professor of natural law at the University of Lund in Sweden. First published in 1672, this is his principal work and a landmark in the history of natural and international law. It proposed a thorough system of private, public, and international law based on natural law. Beginning with a consideration of fundamental legal ideas and their various divisions, Pufendorf proceeded to a discussion of the validity of customs, the doctrines of necessity and innate human reason. The work is significant in part because it developed principles introduced by Grotius and Hobbes. Unlike Hobbes, Pufendorf argued that peace, not war, was the state of nature, and he proposed that international law was not restricted to Christendom. As noted by the *ESTC*, the preface, introduction and errata page are arranged differently in some copies. Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 1:597 (72). *English Short-Title Catalogue* N10427.

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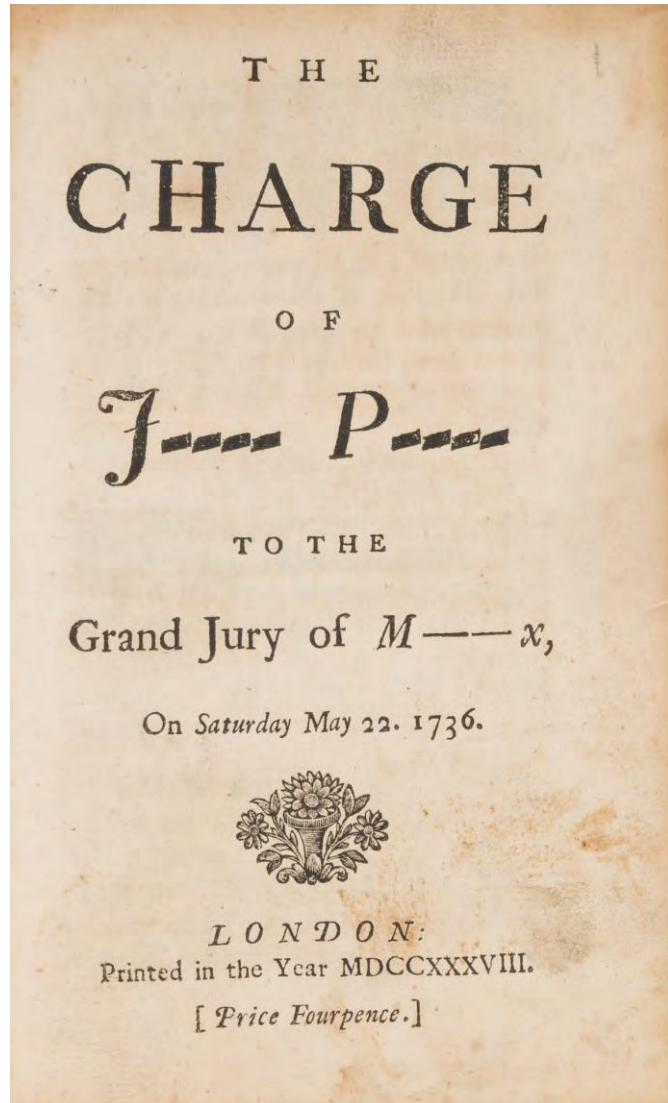
First Edition of the First Standard American Treatise on Railway Law, Inscribed by the Author

24. Redfield, Isaac F. [1804-1876].

A Practical Treatise Upon the Law of Railways. Boston: Little, Brown and Company, 1858. 8, lxxxviii, 736 pp. Main text preceded by 8 pp. publisher catalogue. Octavo (9-1/2" x 5-3/4").

Contemporary sheep, blind rules to boards, lettering piece and raised bands to spine, blind tooling to board edges. A few shallow scuffs to boards, moderate rubbing and some scuffing to extremities and spine, front hinge starting at ends, faint early owner stamp (R.E. Alexander) to front pastedown and free endpaper, which has an author inscription (to "Miss Maria D. Newcomb"), another author inscription (to "Mrs. Orem Newcomb") to front endleaf. Moderate toning to text, light foxing in places, faint dampstaining to fore-edges to upper right-hand corners of preliminaries before title page, final 26 leaves, rear free endpaper and pastedown. A nice copy overall. \$650.

* First edition. Redfield, a justice of the Vermont Supreme Court from 1836 to 1859 and its chief judge 1852-1859, was a notable legal scholar and the first American authority on railway law. Working at a time when the industry was in its infancy, he realized that it opened several new questions relating to corporation law, torts, and constitutional law. These are the main topics addressed in his treatise. One of the very first books on the subject, it soon became a standard work. The final authorial edition, the fifth, appeared in 1873. A final, sixth, edition was published in 1888. The Newcombs were the wife and daughter of Orem Newcomb [1800-1854] a prominent business and civic leader in Derby, Vermont. Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 11065. [Order This Item](#)



A Satirical View of "The Hanging Judge"

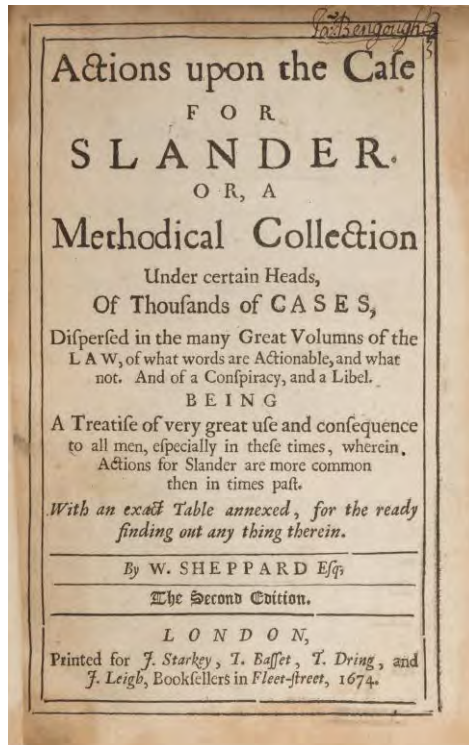
25. [Satire].

[Page, Sir Francis (1661-1741)].

The Charge of J--- P--- to the Grand Jury of M---x, on Saturday May 22, 1736. London: [S.n.], Printed in the Year 1738. 16 pp. Octavo (7-1/2" x 4-3/4").

Stab-stitched pamphlet bound into recent period-style three-quarter calf over marbled boards, raised bands and lettering piece to spine. Moderate toning and light foxing to interior, faint stain to foot of title page. \$650.

* Only edition, one of two issues, both from 1738. Written in a bantering style, this pamphlet deals with two topics: alcoholism and unrepaired highways. "J--- P---" is a reference to Sir Francis Page. Known as "the Hanging Judge," he was known for his insolence, coarse language and severity. He was satirized by Pope, Fielding, Hogarth, Johnson and Savage, over whose trial for murder he presided. (Savage was convicted but pardoned afterwards.) OCLC locates 2 copies in North American law libraries (Harvard, UT-Austin). *English Short-Title Catalogue* T58882. [Order This Item](#)



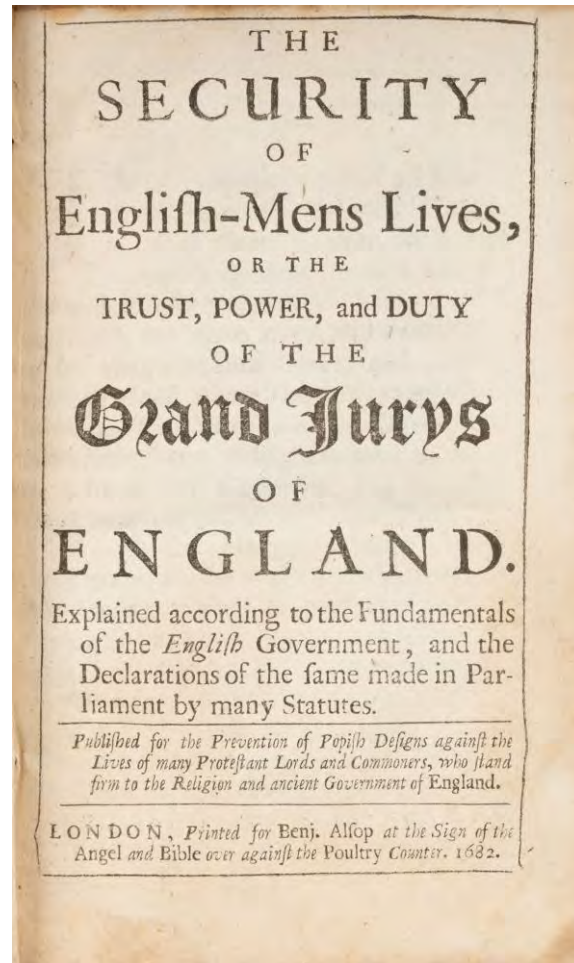
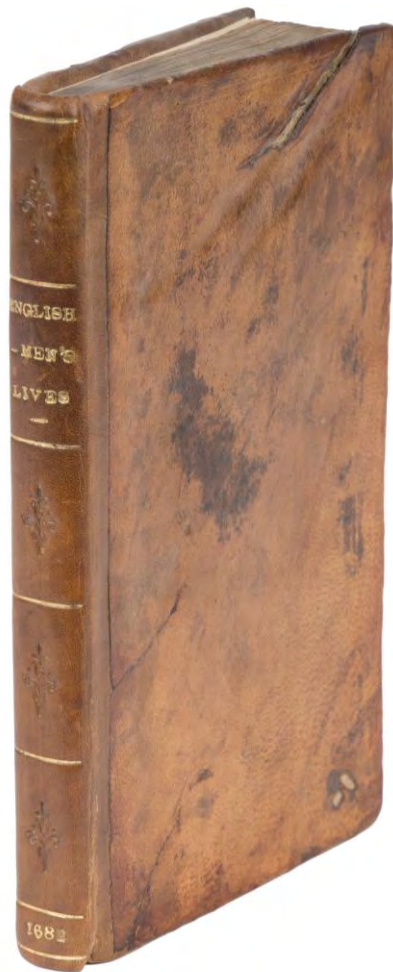
"Iniquity of the Tongue"

26. Sheppard, William [d. 1675?].

Actions Upon the Case for Slander. Or, A Methodical Collection Under Certain Heads, Of Thousands of Cases, Dispersed in the Many Great Volumes of the Law, Of What Words are Actionable, And What are Not. And of a Conspiracy, And a Libel. Being a Treatise of Very Great Use and Consequence to All Men, Especially in These Times, Wherein Actions for Slander are More Common Than in Times Past. With an Exact Table Annexed, For the Ready Finding Out Any Thing Therein. London: Printed for J. Starkey, T. Basset, T. Dring, and J. Leigh, 1674. [viii], 287, [17] pp. Octavo (6-1/2" x 4-1/4").

Contemporary sheep, rebaced retaining existing spine with raised bands and later lettering piece, blind rules to boards, early hand-lettered title to fore-edge of text block, existing endpapers retained. Light rubbing, some scuffing and a few creases to boards, which are slightly bowed, corners worn, moderate rubbing to spine, pastedowns loose and lightly edgeworn. Moderate toning to interior, slightly heavier at end of text, negligible minor worming to margins, lower corner lacking from leaf B3 (pp. 5-6) with no loss to text, (illegible early signatur to head of title page. \$1,500.

* Second and final edition. Sheppard's treatise, originally published in 1662 as *Action Upon the Case for Slander*, was one of the first two books to address the topic. (The other was William March's *Actions for Slaunder*, 1647.) As indicated by its preface, Sheppard's is especially interesting. "[A]mong the abiding Iniquity of this Age, the iniquity of the Tongue, that little Member, set on fire by Hell, is not the least; And among the evils of the Tongue, is there any more pernicious and deadly, and yet more common and epidemical then Backbiting and Slander? (...) It is true, that in former times, wee finde Actions of the Case for Slanderous words very rarely brought; which speaks this much, that such words were then very rarely spoken. But in these daies they are become almost as natural to men, as their language and discourse; and therefore the disease, so deeply rooted, and over-spreading, calls for the application of the Remedy, which our Law doth abundantly furnish us withall. And hence it is, I have been encouraged to ingage in this work; which is nothing else but a naked and Methodical Collection of the remedies prescribed by the Law against this Malady." OCLC locates 5 copies in North American law libraries (Library of Congress, State of Oregon Law Library, University of Pennsylvania, University of Washington, Yale). *English Short-Title Catalogue* R31192. [Order This Item](#)



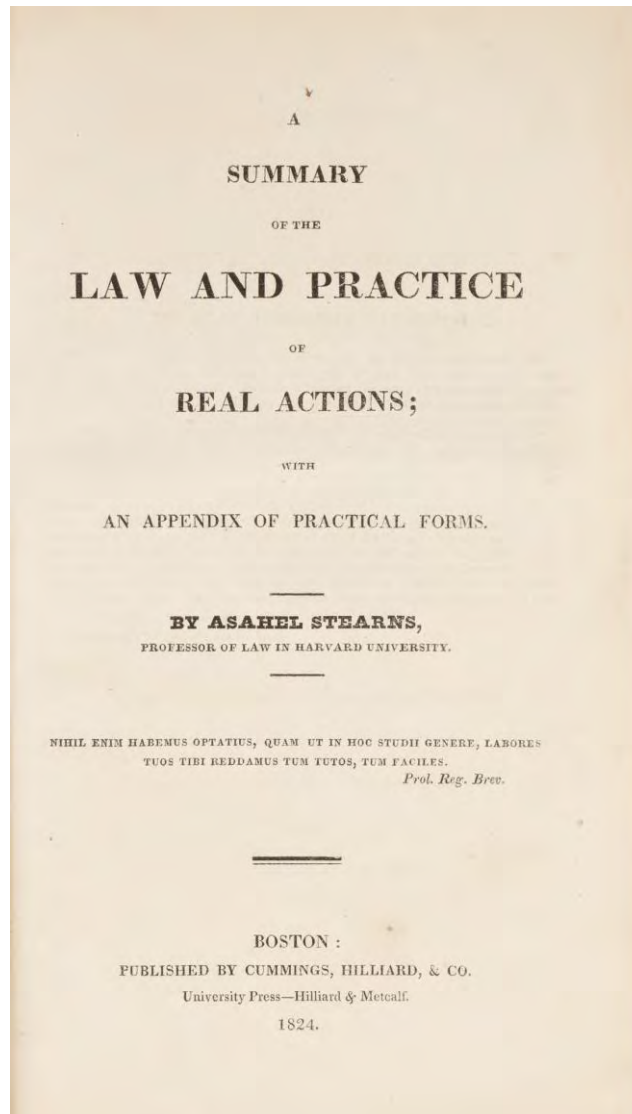
A Landmark Work on a Fundamental English Right

27. [Somers, John Somers, Baron (1651-1716), Attributed].

The Security of English-Mens Lives, Or the Trust, Power, And Duty of the Grand Jurys of England. Explained According to the Fundamentals of the English Government, And the Declarations of the Same Made in Parliament by Many Statutes. Published for the Prevention of Popish Designs Against the Lives of Many Protestant Lords and Commoners, Who Stand Firm to the Religion and Ancient Government of England. London: Printed for Benj. Alsop, 1682. 168 pp. Octavo (6" x 3-3/4").

Contemporary sheep, rebacked in period-style calf with gilt fillets, blind ornaments and lettering piece, endpapers renewed, blind rules to boards. A few stains, scratches and scuffs to boards, which are slightly bowed, wear to lower corner of rear board. Moderate toning to text, occasional light browning to margins, lower right-hand corners lacking from two endleaves, right-hand corner of leaf A2 (pp. 3-4) repaired with minor loss to text, legibility not affected. \$750.

* Second edition. This influential essay defined a hearing before grand jury of peers as a fundamental English right. An assertion of the priority of the law over the English crown, it was written to support the right of a grand jury to reject the bill of indictment against Anthony Ashley-Cooper, First Earl of Shaftesbury, issued by Charles II (a pro-Catholic monarch). Published anonymously, this work is attributed in most sources to Somers. A barrister of the Middle Temple and an important Whig statesman, he was Lord Chancellor of England during the reigns of William and Mary and Queen Anne and presided over the framing of the Bill of Rights (1689). As one would suspect, this book was studied by the American founding fathers. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R10363. [Order This Item](#)



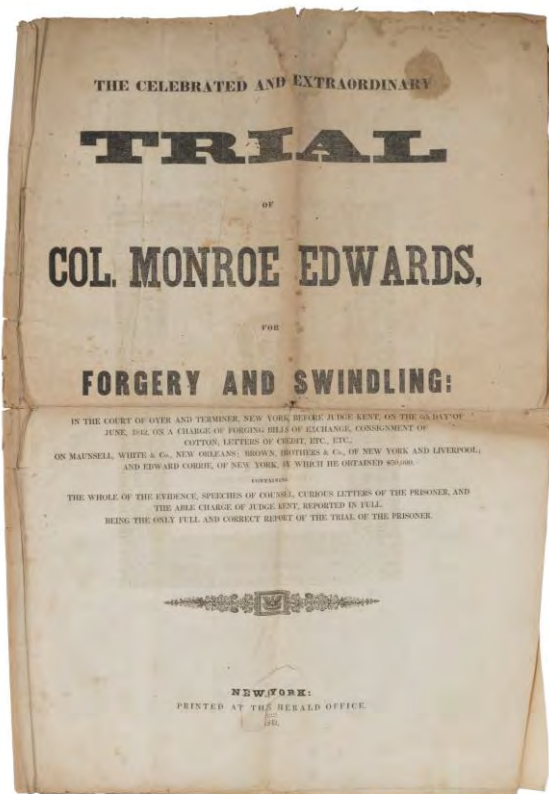
"One of the Notable Early American Law Books"

28. Stearns, Asahel [1774-1839].

A Summary of the Law and Practice of Real Actions; With an Appendix of Practical Forms. Boston: Published by Cummings, Hilliard, & Co., 1824. xxx, [2], 528 pp.

Contemporary sheep, blind fillets to boards, raised bands and lettering piece to spine, blind tooling to board edges. Light rubbing and some faint spotting to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities with some wear to spine ends and corners, which are lightly bumped, light scuffing to spine. Light toning to interior, somewhat heavier in places, light foxing to a few leaves, offsetting to margins of preliminaries and rear endleaves. \$500.

* First edition. This treatise is based on lectures given by Stearns at Harvard Law School, where he was one of its earliest professors. Pound says this work "proved to be one of the notable early American law books and was welcomed by a bar in need of accurate available information on technical procedure." Pound, *The Formative Era of American Law* 141. Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 9502. [Order This Item](#)



A Rare Account of a Forgery and Swindling Case Tried Before James Kent

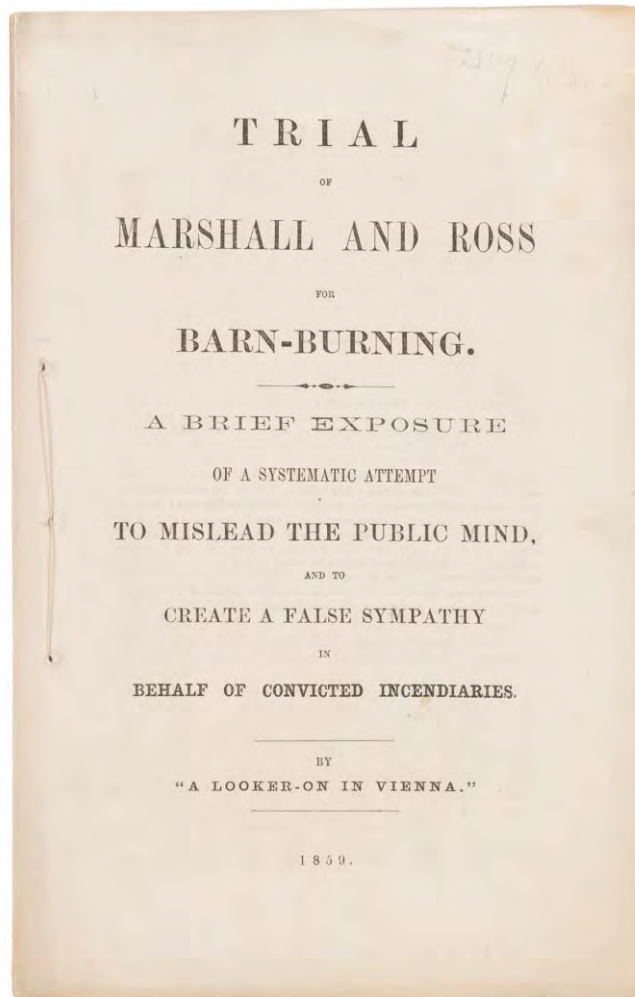
29. [Trial].

Edwards, Monroe [1808-1847], Defendant.

The Celebrated and Extraordinary Trial of Col. Monroe Edwards, For Forgery and Swindling: In the Court of Oyer and Terminer, New York, Before Judge Kent, on the 6th Day of June, 1842, on a Charge of Forging Bills of Exchange, Consignment of Cotton, Letters of Credit, Etc., Etc., on Maunsell, White & Co., New Orleans, Brown, Brothers & Co., of New York and Liverpool; and Edward Corrie, of New York, by which he obtained \$50,000. Containing the Whole of the Evidence, Speeches of Counsel, Curious Letters of the Prisoner, and the Able Charge of Judge Kent, Reported in Full. Being the Only Full and Correct Report of the Trial of the Prisoner. New York: Printed at the Herald Office, 1842. 15 pp. Four-column text. Woodcut portrait frontispiece. Folio (16" x 12").

Stab-stitched folio in self-wrappers, untrimmed edges. Moderate toning, soiling and a few minor stains, vertical and horizontal fold lines, a few short tears and small chips, recent paper repair to place of publication at foot of first leaf. \$1,500.

* Only edition. Edwards began a long career in crime as a slave trader and forger in the Republic of Texas. His activities as a con man, swindler, smuggler, slaver and forger touched on five countries—the Republic of Texas, the United States, Great Britain, Mexico and Cuba. Convicted in Texas in 1840 for defrauding a partner in a slave trade, he fled to the United States, where he committed bank fraud in New York and Philadelphia. Tried and convicted for this crime in the Court of Oyer and Terminer, he was sentenced to ten years in Sing Sing. Edwards died while trying to escape from prison. This is a rare item. OCLC locates four copies (American Antiquarian Society, Fordham University, University of Oklahoma, Yale). Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 12248. [Order This Item](#)



A Case of Arson in Gloucester, Massachusetts

30. [Trial].

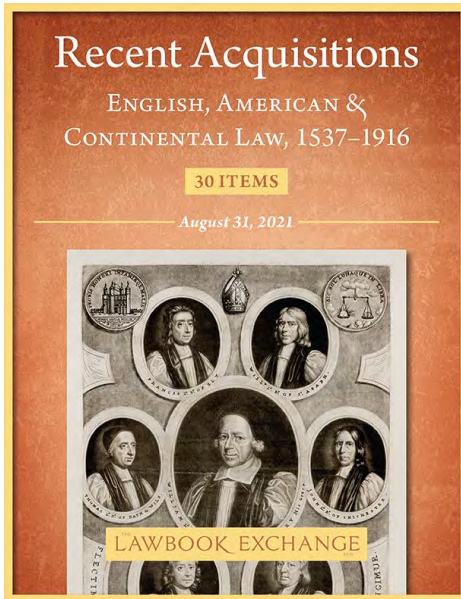
Looker-on in Vienna.

Trial of Marshall and Ross for Barn-Burning: A Brief Exposure of a Systematic Attempt to Mislead the Public Mind, And Create a False Sympathy in Behalf of Convicted Incendiaries. [Gloucester, MA: S.n.], 1859. 20 pp. Octavo (8-3/4" x 5-1/2").

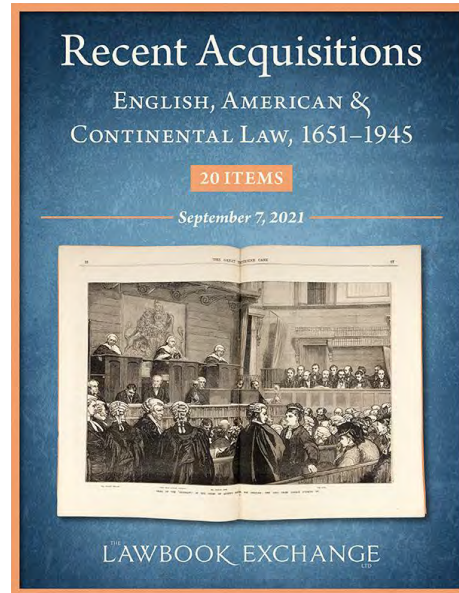
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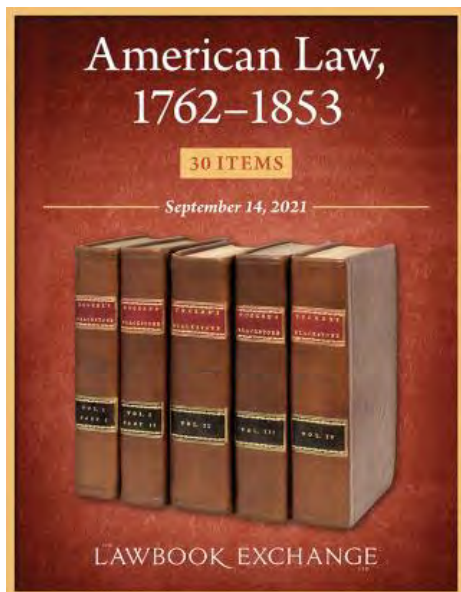
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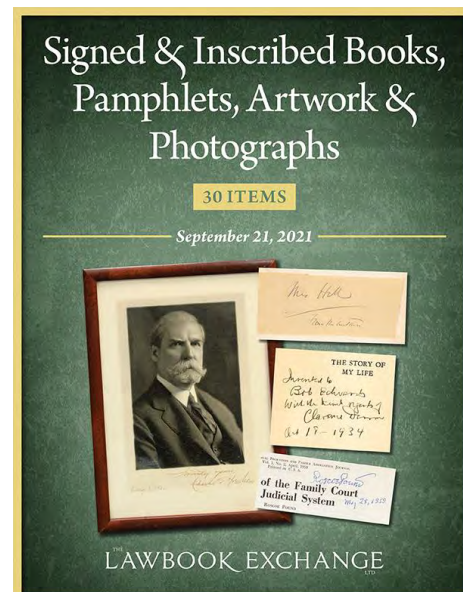
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