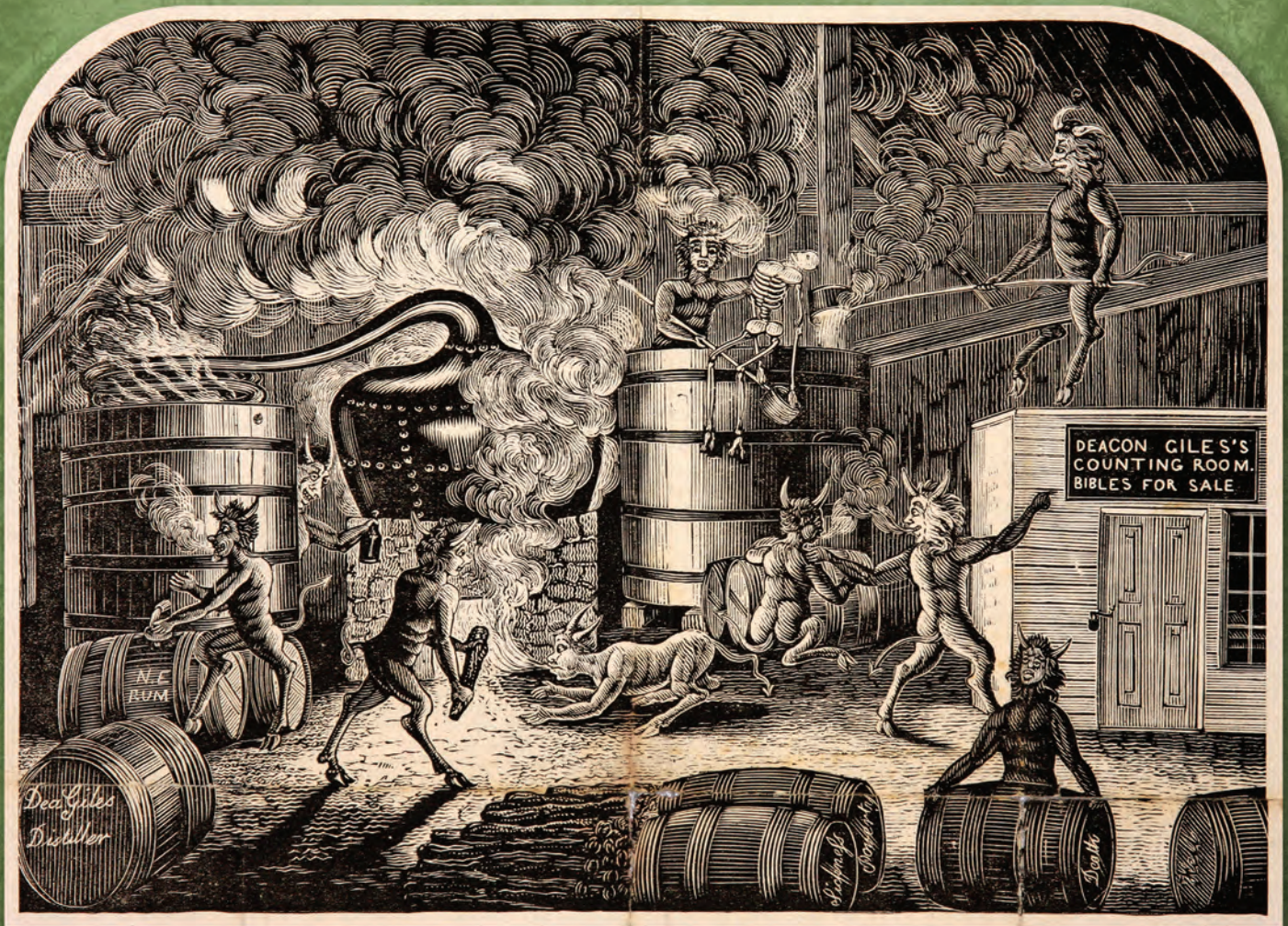


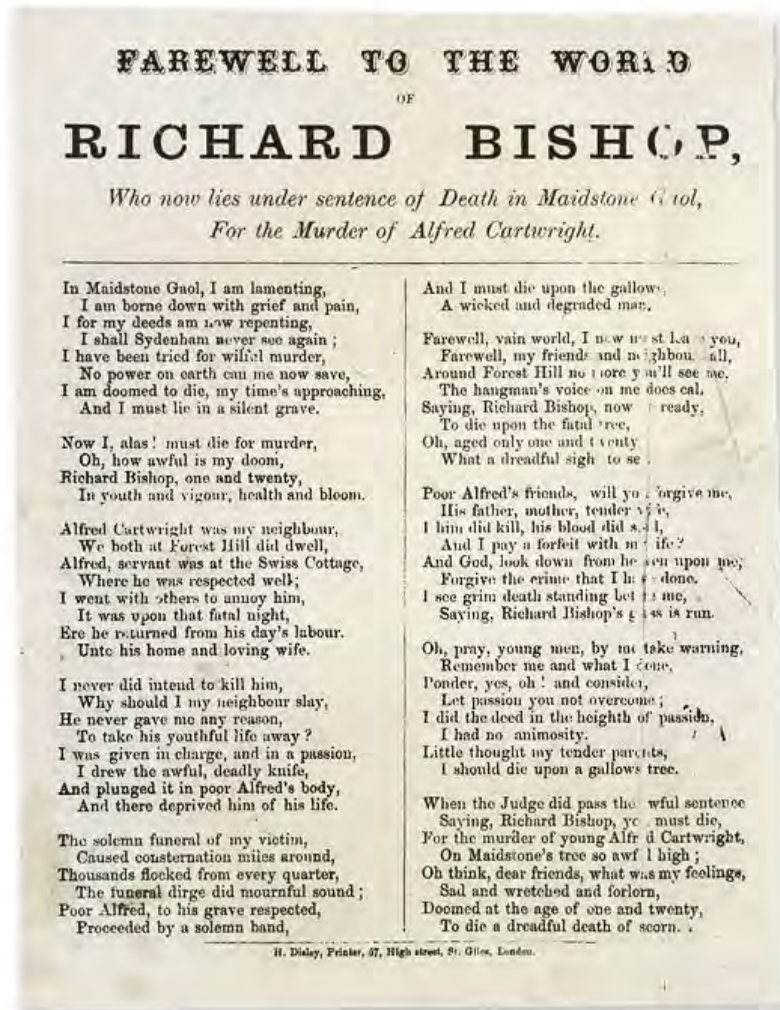
English & American Broadsides

30 ITEMS

September 29, 2020



THE
LAWBOOK EXCHANGE
LTD.



Annoyed to Death

1. [Execution].

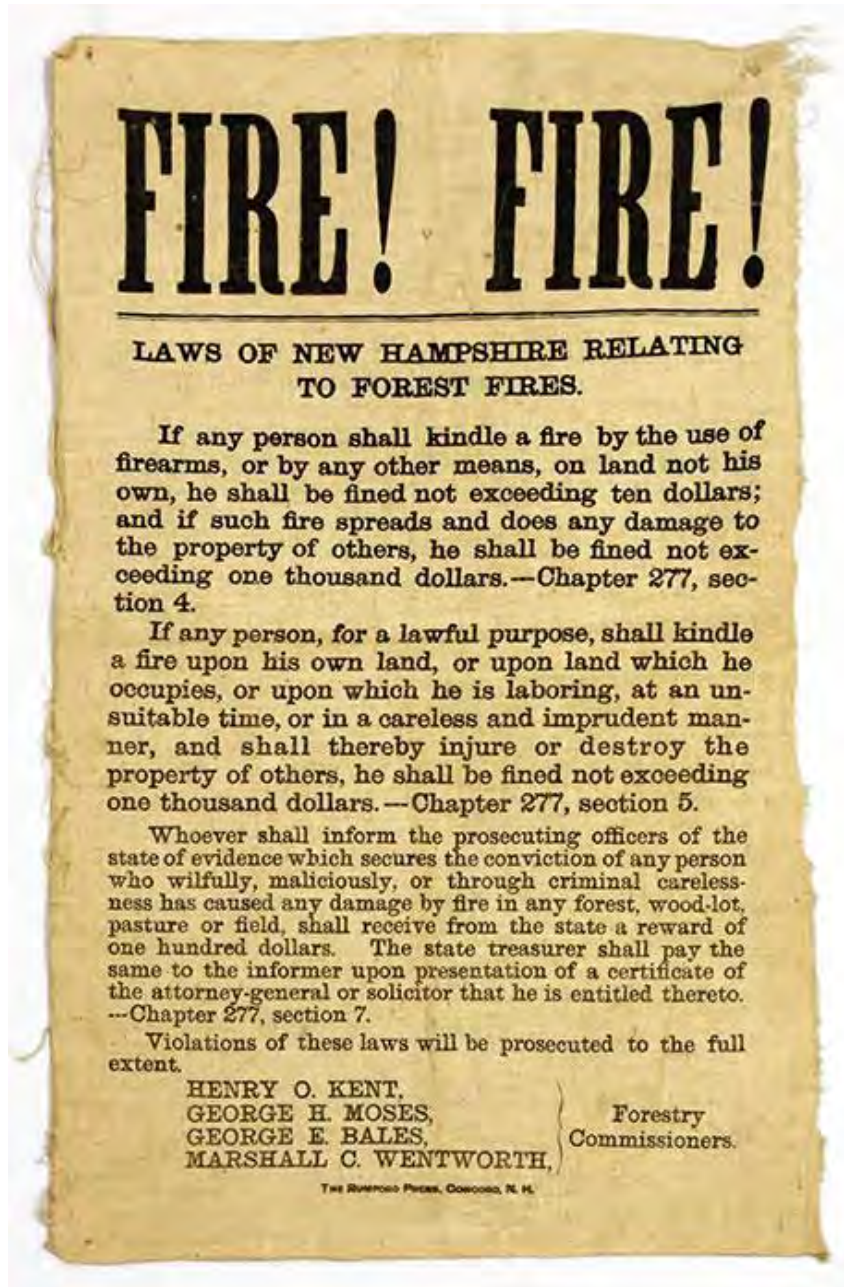
Bishop, Richard.

Farewell to the World of Richard Bishop, Who Now Lies Under Sentence of Death in Maidstone Gaol, For the Murder of Alfred Cartwright.

London: H. Disley, Printer, [1868]. 9-1/2" x 7-1/2" verse broadside. Main text in two columns separated by rules.

Some toning, creasing and a few minor stains, contemporary annotations to verso, otherwise fine. \$500.

* A broadside ballad issued before the public hanging of Bishop for the murder of his neighbor, Cartwright. The murder was provoked by a shouting match between Bishop and another man on a nearby street that woke Cartwright. Irritated, he called the police. Bishop was arrested and an angry Cartwright followed him and the policemen, proclaiming angrily that he intended to press charges against his noisy neighbor. Angered by his taunting, Bishop broke free of the police and stabbed Cartwright to death. Bishop was sentenced at the Old Bailey but hanged outside Maidstone Prison, Kent, 27 days later. It was the last public execution to take place in Kent, less than a month before the last public execution in England, which occurred in London on May 26, 1868. Our copy is probably a printer's proof. It is printed on scrap paper watermarked 1844 and has an unrelated annotation dated 1848 to its verso. [Order This Item](#)



New Hampshire Broadside Printed on Cloth

2. [Forest Laws].
[New Hampshire].

Fire! Fire! Laws of New Hampshire Relating to Forest Fires. Concord, NH: The Rumford Press, c. 1904.

18" x 11" broadside printed on cloth. Light toning, light fraying to edges. A well-preserved, curious item. \$450.

* This broadside prints the texts of three statutes that set out the fines for setting forest fires. Signed in type by Henry O. Kent, George H. Moses, George E. Bales and Marshall C. Wentworth, Forestry Commissioners. [Order This Item](#)



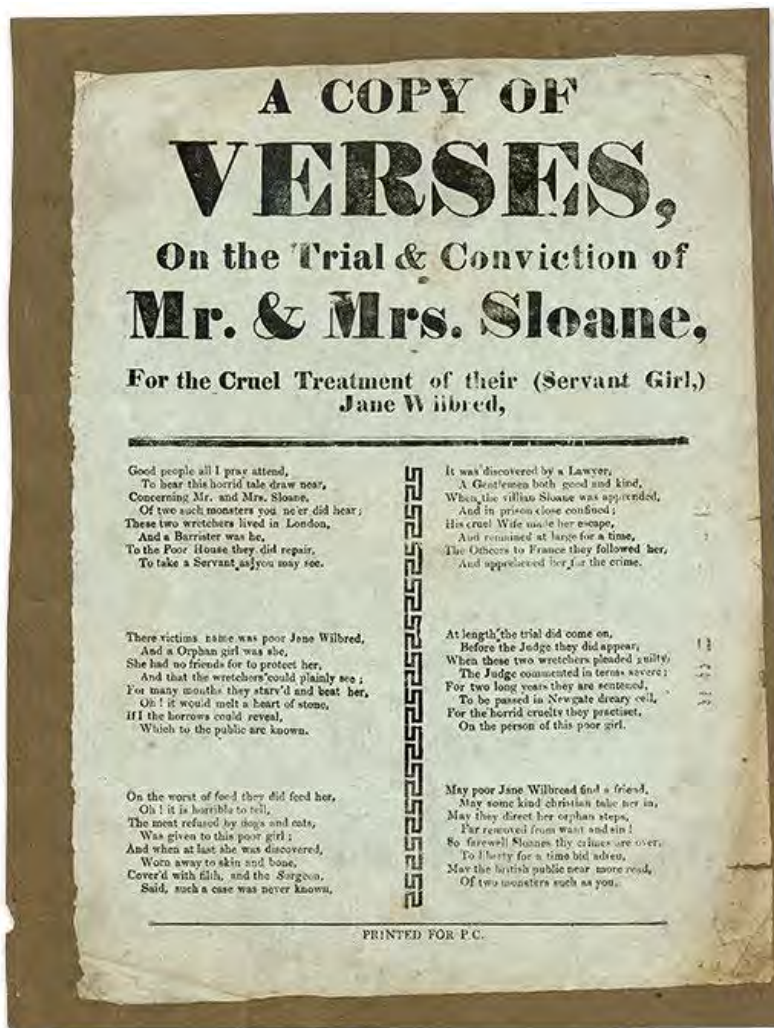
**"Establish Peace Throughout
the Land and Drive King Bacchus Out"**

3. Gork, W.H.

A Convict's Confession. [Johnstown, PA?, 1890?].

12-1/4" x 6" broadside, verse text in two columns below headline. Light brown­ing, three horizontal fold lines, negligible light edgewear, a (tiny) bit of tape residue near top and bottom edges. \$300.

* Gork, born and raised in Johnstown, PA, failed to follow his mother's advice and turned to a life of crime. He blames his failure on alcoholism and calls for prohibition, which will "establish peace throughout our land" by driving "King Bacchus out." Our conjectured date for this piece is based on a reference in the first stanza to the Johnstown flood, which took place in 1889. [Order This Item](#)



**One of the Most Appalling
Examples of the Sadistic Abuse of a Minor**

**4. [Great Britain].
[Child Abuse].**

A Copy of Verses, on the Trial & Conviction of Mr. & Mrs. Sloane, for the Cruel Treatment of their (Servant Girl,) Jane Wilbred. [London?: Printed for P.C., 1851]. 9" x 7" verse broadside, untrimmed, mounted on paper. Main text in two columns separated by rules below boldface headline.

Light soiling and a few minor creases and tears. \$950.

* This broadside records one of the most appalling examples of child abuse in English history. Public outrage at this case was shared at all levels of society. The gratuitous, truly unspeakable cruelties that George Sloane, special pleader of the Middle Temple and officer of the Church of England Assurance Institute, and his wife, an ex-dancer at the Italian Opera, inflicted for two years on their servant girl, who was hired from the work-house at age 15, did not go unpunished. But the Sloanes received only a two-year prison sentence. Their mild punishment outraged the public. This event must have inspired several broadsides and related items, but almost none are recorded in the standard sources. COPAC lists 6 holdings of ours in Great Britain, OCLC locates none in North America. [Order This Item](#)



"Five Pounds Reward"

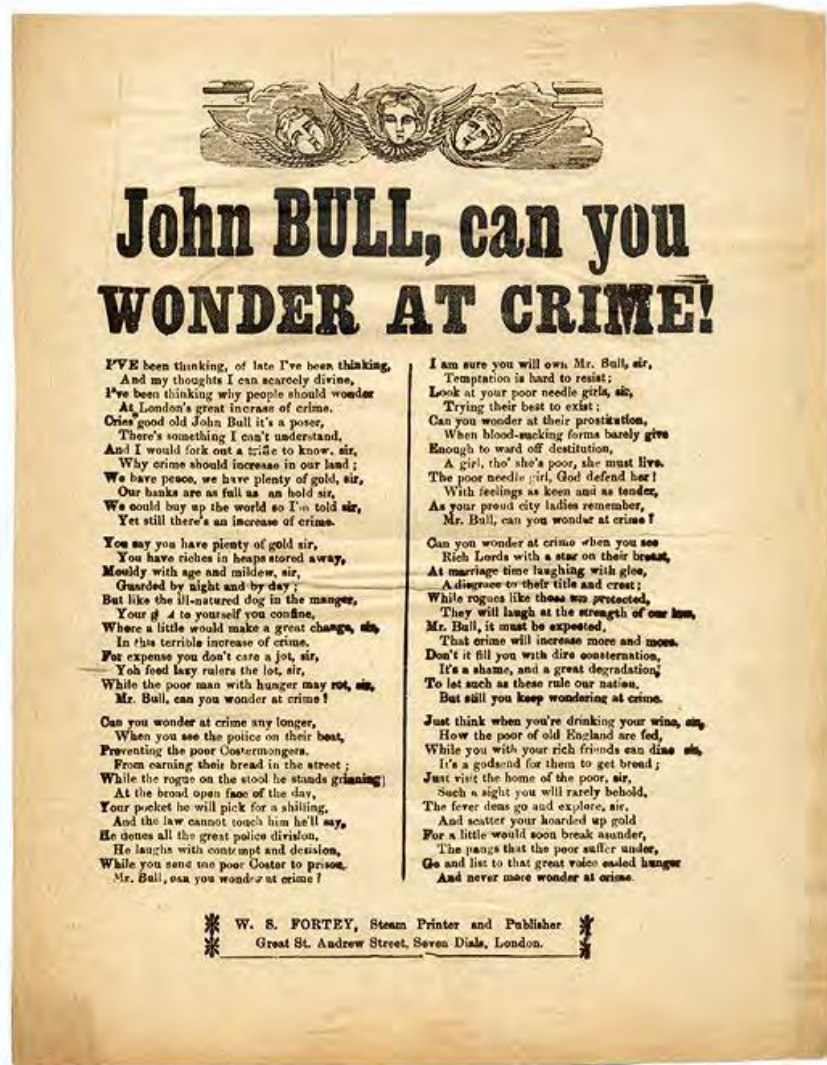
5. [Great Britain].
[Criminals].

Five Pounds Reward. Stolen. Ely, England, January 4, 1836.

11-1/2" x 8" broadside. Text printed in single column below headline. Moderate toning, light foxing, a few minor creases, some rubbing, minor tears and chips to edges.

Light toning, a few small spots near lower right-hand corner. A well-preserved copy. \$450.

* This broadside promises a reward for information that will lead to the apprehension on the thief or thieves who stole "a large copper tea kettle, nearly new, a large copper boiler lid, a pair of boy's high-shoes, and a fur cap" from the "dwelling-house of Mr. John Seaber of Burnt-Fen." [Order This Item](#)



**"I Would Fork Out a Trifle to Know,
Sir, Why Crime Should Increase in Our Land"**

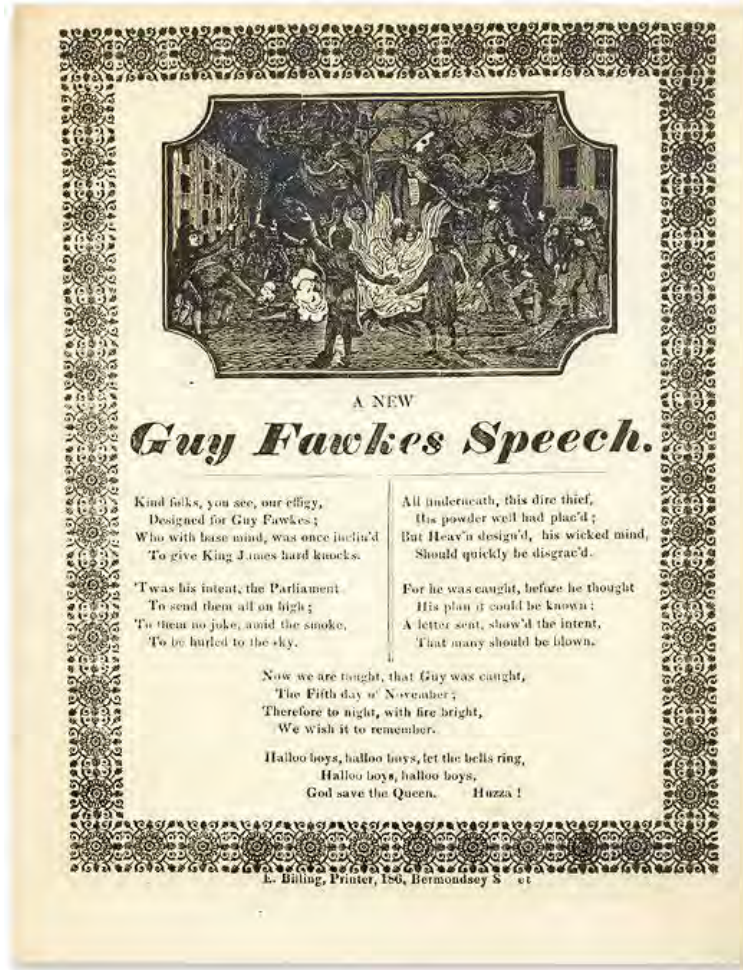
6. [Great Britain].
[Criminals].

John Bull, Can You Wonder At Crime! London: W.S. Fortey, Steam Printer and Publisher, [c. 1860].

9-3/4" x 7-1/2" broadside, woodcut vignette at head above large headline, main text printed in parallel columns. Light browning, somewhat darker near edges, neatly mounted on album leaf. \$450.

* A six-verse ballad about a recent increase in crime in London during a time of national prosperity. "I've been thinking, of late I've been thinking/ And my thoughts I can scarcely divine,/ I've been thinking why people should wonder/ At London's great increase of crime./ Cries good old John Bull it's a poser,/ There's Something I can't understand,/ And I would fork out a trifle to know, sir, Why crime should increase in our land." COPAC records 1 copy of this ballad (at the National Library of Scotland) printed with another ballad. OCLC locates 1 copy (at Trinity College Dublin).

[Order This Item](#)



"Kind Folks You See, Our Effigy, Designed for Guy Fawkes; Who With Base Mind, Was Once Incl'in'd to Give King James Hard Knocks"

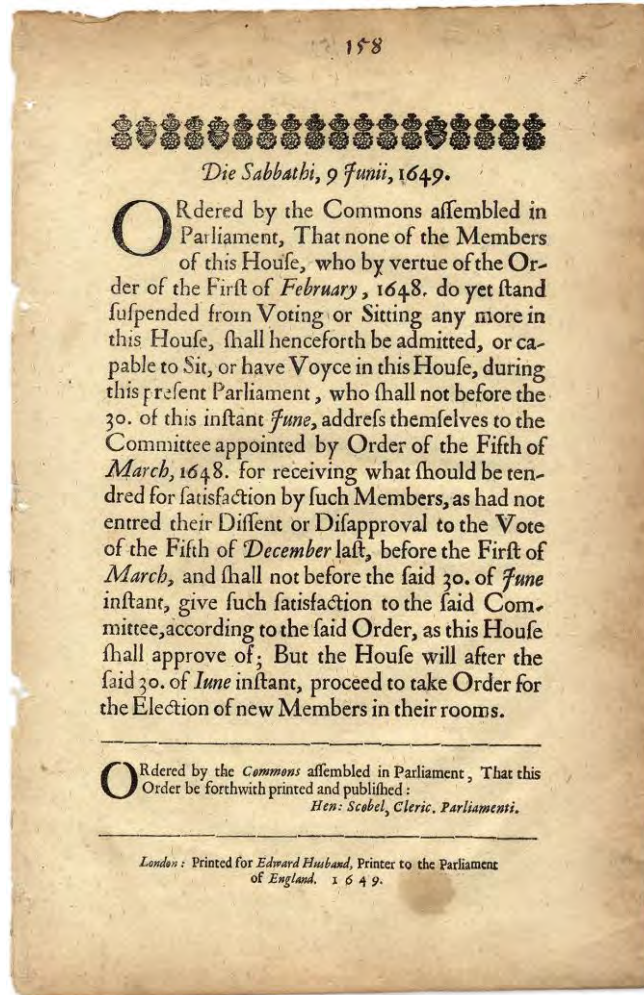
7. [Great Britain].

Guy Fawkes Day.

A New Guy Fawkes Speech. [London]: E. Billing, 186, Bermondsey Street, [c.1840].

9-3/4" x 7-1/2" broadside. Six-stanza verse text within woodcut typographical border, first four stanzas in two columns, separated by woodcut rules below headline and vignette of a group of people burning Fawkes in effigy. Light toning, otherwise fine. A well-preserved rare item. \$650.

* A celebratory broadside commemorating Guy Fawkes Day. Also known as Guy Fawkes Night, Bonfire Night or Firework Night, it is an English national holiday commemorating the failed Gunpowder Plot, an attempt by a group of Catholics to assassinate King James I by blowing up the House of Lords during the State Opening of Parliament. The plot was foiled when Fawkes was discovered with a cache of explosives hidden beneath the House of Lords. The date of our broadside is conjectured from a similar broadside by Billing with a contemporary handwritten date of 1829 held by the National Library of Scotland. The verses on that copy end with "God save the King." Ours ends with "God save the Queen," so we assume it was printed in the early years of Queen Victoria's reign, which began in 1837. OCLC locates no copies. [Order This Item](#)



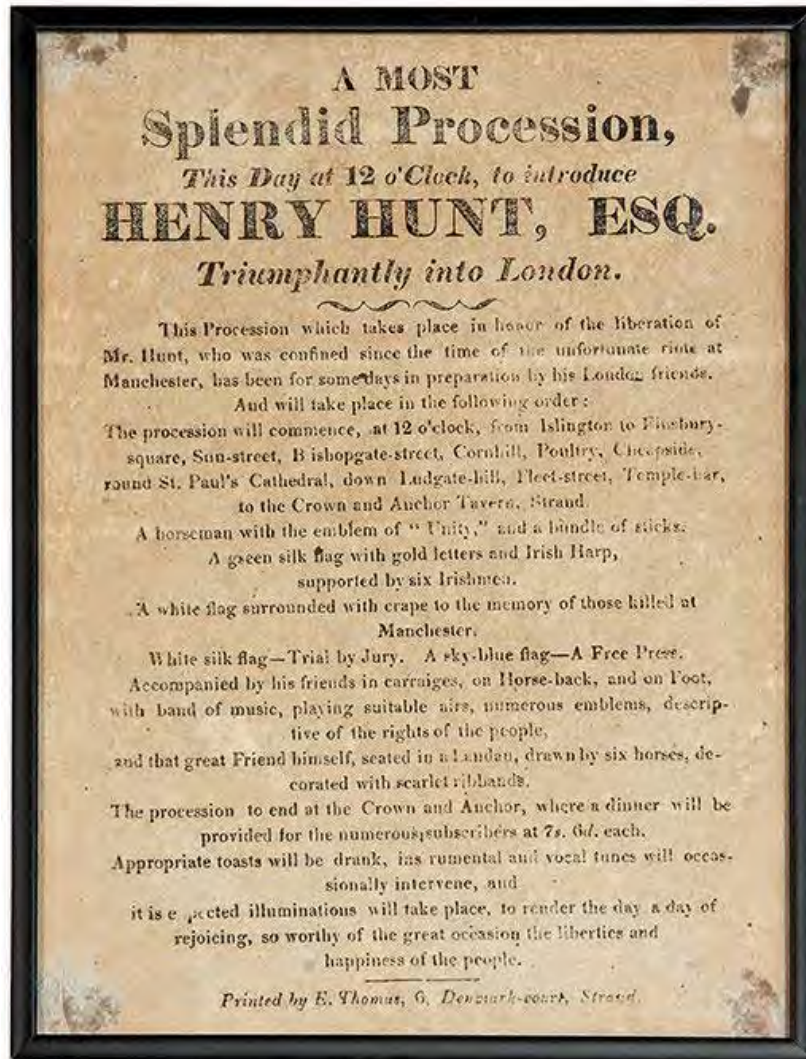
A Dramatic Ordinance Relating to Pride's Purge

8. [Great Britain]. [Parliament].

Die Sabbathi, 1 Junii, 1649. Ordered By The Commons Assembled In Parliament, That None Of The Members Of This House, Who By Vertue Of The Order Of The First Of February 1648. Do Yet Stand Suspended From Voting, Or Sitting Any More In This House, Shall Henceforth Be Admitted.... London: Printed For Edward Husband, Printed To The Parliament Of England, 1649.

10-3/4" x 6-3/4" broadside, text in single column below typographical headpiece of repeated small English rose and crown ornaments & crown and harp ornaments. Moderate toning, minor tears to edges, small spot at foot of text, early hand-lettered numbers at head and to verso, stab holes along left-hand margin. \$500.

* Parliament maintained negotiations with Charles I following the end of the second English Civil War and on the 5th December 1648 voted by a large majority to continue negotiations. Incensed by the result of the vote, members of the New Model Army under Colonel Thomas Pride surrounded Parliament and prevented dissenting members from entering on December 6, 1648. The ordinance requires members to satisfy the requirement of a Parliamentary committee appointed on March 5, 1648 to enter their vote of December 5, 1647 before June 30 or be subject to replacement by new members. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R212633. [Order This Item](#)



**Unrecorded Broadside Advertising
"A Most Splendid Procession" for a Radical Orator**

9. [Hunt, Henry (1773-1835)].

A Most Splendid Procession, This Day at 12 o'Clock, To Introduce Henry Hunt, Esq. Triumphantly into London. London: Printed by E. Thomas, 6 Denmark Court, Strand, [1822].

9-1/4" x 7" broadside. Text in single column below headline. Light toning, small stains to corners from adhesive (?). Item framed and glazed. \$750.

* Hunt was a radical orator who advocated parliamentary reform and the repeal of the Corn Laws. He was convicted and jailed for his participation in the infamous 1819 Manchester rally that became the Peterloo massacre when the police and army intervened. He was released in 1820. This broadside advertises Hunt's triumphal entry into London. It states that the procession will begin in Islington, accompanied by music, flags and banners, and finish at the Crown and Anchor Tavern, where a banquet will be held in Hunt's honor. Readers are invited to join the banquet, which will feature music, toasts and illuminations, for 7s.6d. This appears to be an unrecorded broadside. [Order This Item](#)



A Missouri Judge Responds to His Critics

10. Killen, Thomas J.

To The Public. In A Handbill Dated April 21, 1854, And Signed In Large Capital Letters "John Poynter McMillin," That Gentleman Makes "Three Specific Charges" Against The Rev. Matthias M. Barron [first line of text]. [Hannibal, MO? 1854].

18-1/2" x 8-1/2" broadside. Text in three columns. Moderate toning and light foxing, minor edgewear, fine vertical and horizontal fold lines, contemporary docketing to verso. \$2,500.

* An apparently unrecorded broadside issued by Judge Thomas J. Killen in response to an attack published by a former litigant, John Poynter McMillin, who lost a lawsuit decided by Judge Killen. McMillin then published his version of the trial and his testimony in an attempt to refute the verdict against him. Killen's broadside is a rebuttal of McMillin's "superlatively ridiculous" charges. He also mocks his evident insolvency, suggests he is a deadbeat and assures McMillin: "you may banish fears of sinking to the degraded level of a mere slanderer. Both your tongue and your pen, sir, have lost all power of slander, or detraction; true like the native polecat, they may occasionally offend and disgust the community yet no one blames it because it is the nature of the beast." No copies located on OCLC or the online catalogs of AAS, Harvard or the Library of Congress. [Order This Item](#)

DREADFUL OUTRAGE.

£50 Reward.

Whereas early this Morning, Monday the 17th inst. JAMES HAMILTON, Watchman, was found in his Cabin near the Staith of Newbottle Colliery at Bishopwearmouth, weltering in his blood, and his Head dreadfully fractured; and a Person calling himself JOHN KING, and answering the following description, being strongly suspected of committing the above Outrage, a Reward of £50. is hereby offered to any one who will apprehend the said John King, or give any other information that may lead to the Conviction of the Person or Persons who have committed the said act, to be paid on Conviction of the Offender by Mr. W. Hill, at the Newbottle Colliery Office.

Description of the above John King.

Height about 5 feet 6 or 7 inches—rather slender made—lightish complexion—light brown hair, cut short behind—small featured—dimpled on the chin—blue or grey eyes—rather thin in the face—had on a blue short jacket, covered buttons—black cloth or cassimere waistcoat, buttons the same—blue cloth trowsers—coarse yarn stockings, the top of one of which was cut off—half or three-quarter boots, lace holes towards the top, and a large cap on one of the boots—light blue and other intermixed coloured cotton neck handkerchief—hat with small flaps, and a ribbon band tied in a large rose—walks rather lame—his left foot supposed blistered with walking—said his name was John King, that he had been brought up to the sea from 9 years of age, had come from Hull, and was wanting a ship to go to Brighton—said he was 18 or 19 years of age.

James Hamilton had a silver Watch, with the Freemason's Arms marked on the face instead of figures, No. 10,245—the said Watch, as well as a Pistol, a Stick with a Sword in it, and a brown duffle great Coat, are missing out of the Cabin.

Sunderland, May 17th, 1819.

Sunderland, printed by Reed and Son.

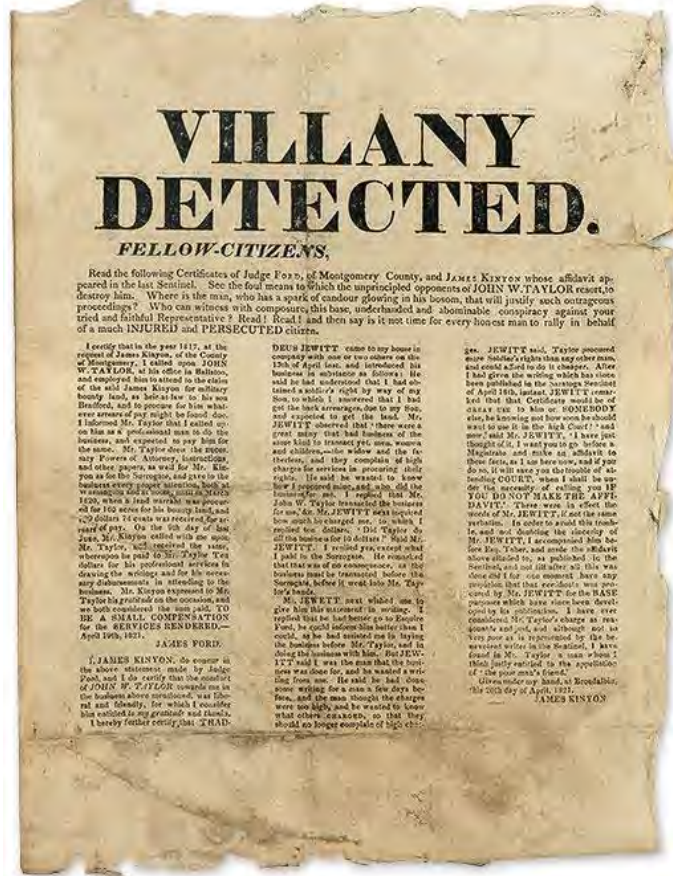
"Dreadful Outrage"

11. [King, John (d. 1819)].

Dreadful Outrage. £50 Reward. Sunderland, England: May 17, 1819.

13-1/4" x 8" broadside, pasted to plain sheet. Text in single column below headline. Moderate toning, faint horizontal and vertical fold lines, a few minor chips and tears and a few tiny holes to sheet, underlining and a few brief annotations in contemporary hand. \$500.

* This wanted poster was issued after the murder of James Hamilton, a watchman at Bishopwearmouth, and the theft of his watch, pistol, swordstick and greatcoat. A detailed description is given of the prime suspect, a mariner named John King. Perhaps owing to the information in this broadside, King was eventually tracked down, tried and executed. COPAC and OCLC locate 1 copy (Durham University). [Order This Item](#)



**"See the Foul Means to Which the
Unprincipled Opponents of John W. Taylor Resort"**

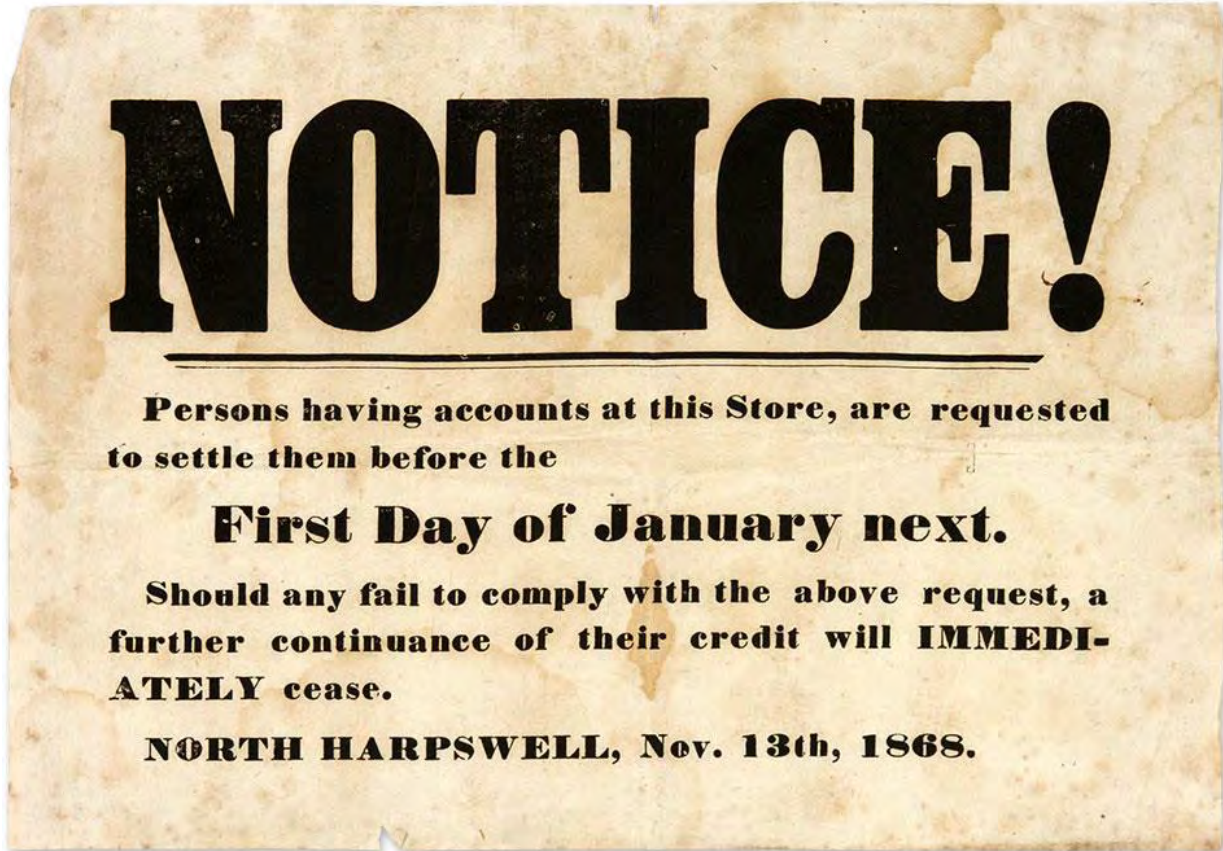
12. [Kinyon, James].

[Taylor, John W. (1784-1854)].

Villany Detected: Fellow-Citizens, Read the Following Certificates of Judge Ford, Of Montgomery County, And James Kinyon Whose Affidavit Appeared in the Last Sentinel. See the Foul Means to Which the Unprincipled Opponents of John W. Taylor Resort, to Destroy Him.... [New York: S.n., 1821].

13" x 9-3/4" Broadside. Text in two columns below headline and one single-column paragraph, untrimmed edges. Moderate soiling, vertical and horizontal fold lines. \$1,250.

* A campaign document, this broadside raises questions about the legal ethics of John W. Taylor, who represented Saratoga County in the U.S. House of Representatives from 1813-1833. It involves a fee Kinyon paid Taylor for legal services regarding a claim for military bounty land. Afterwards Kinyon was approached by one Thaddeus Jewitt who claimed to be investigating high fees charged for such services. Kinyon was persuaded to make an affidavit of the facts in his case claiming he was overcharged. This document was subsequently published in the *Saratoga Sentinel*. Taylor's claim is corroborated by the certificate of Judge James Ford, who rendered assistance in securing Taylor's services. Taylor was served as the speaker of House of Representatives in 1820-1821 and 1825-1827. He was defeated for re-election as Speaker both times, due in part to his outspoken opposition to slavery. While the South never forgave the part he played in the Missouri controversy, the chief opposition came from his own state: the anti-Clintonian faction in 1821 and the Van Buren Democrats in 1827. OCLC locates 1 copy (New-York Historical Society). [Order This Item](#)



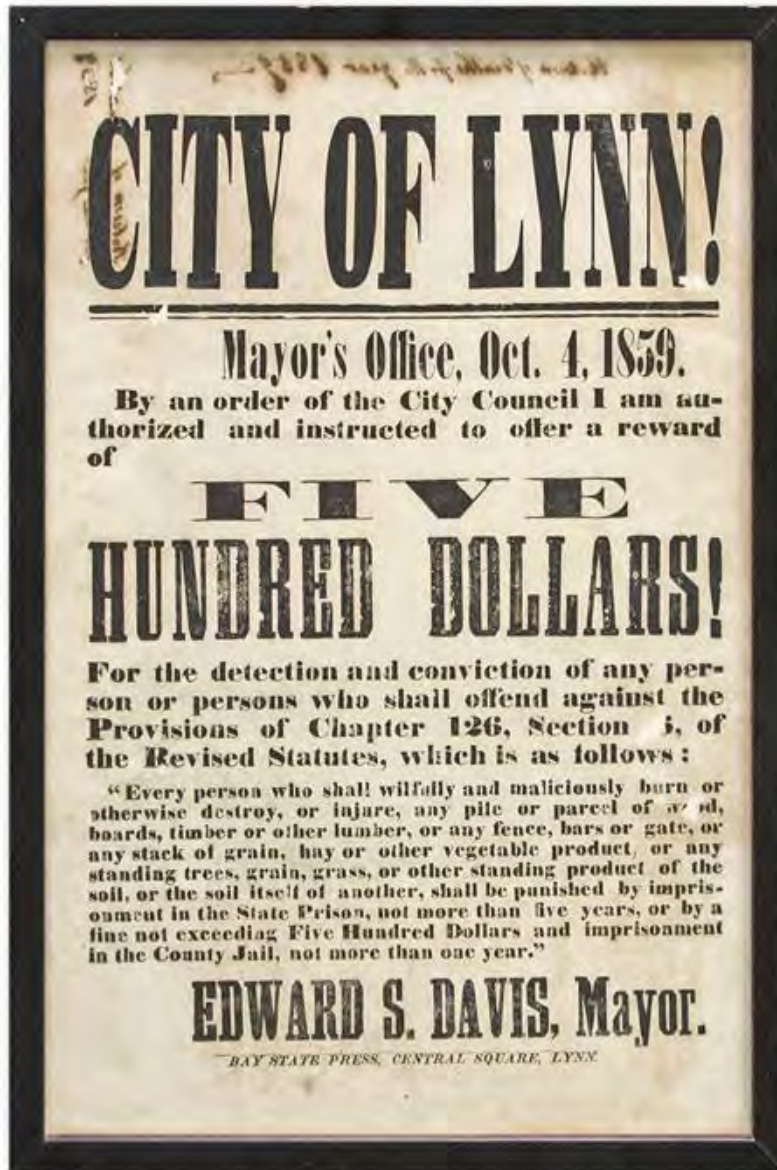
Settle your Accounts or Lose Your Credit

14. [Maine].

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

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

* The text states that the store will cancel the credit accounts of those who fail to pay by January 1. [Order This Item](#)



A Measure to Reduce Incidents of Arson in Lynn, Massachusetts

15. [Massachusetts].

Davis, Edward S., Mayor.

City of Lynn! Mayor's Office, Oct. 4, 1859. By an Order of the City Council I Am Authorized and Instructed to Offer an Award of Five Hundred Dollars!... Lynn, MA: Bay State Press, Central Square, October 4, 1859.

19" x 13" broadside, text below headline. Light toning, some minor chips and tear, faint show-through from early annotations in ink to verso. Item attractively glazed and framed. \$450.

* This notice offers a substantial reward "for the detection and conviction" of people guilty of burning or otherwise harming "any pile or parcel of wood, boards, timber or other lumber, or any fence, bars or gate, or any stack of grain, hay or other vegetable product, or any standing trees, grain, grass, or other standing product of the soil, or the soil itself." This appears to be an unrecorded imprint. No copies located on OCLC. [Order This Item](#)



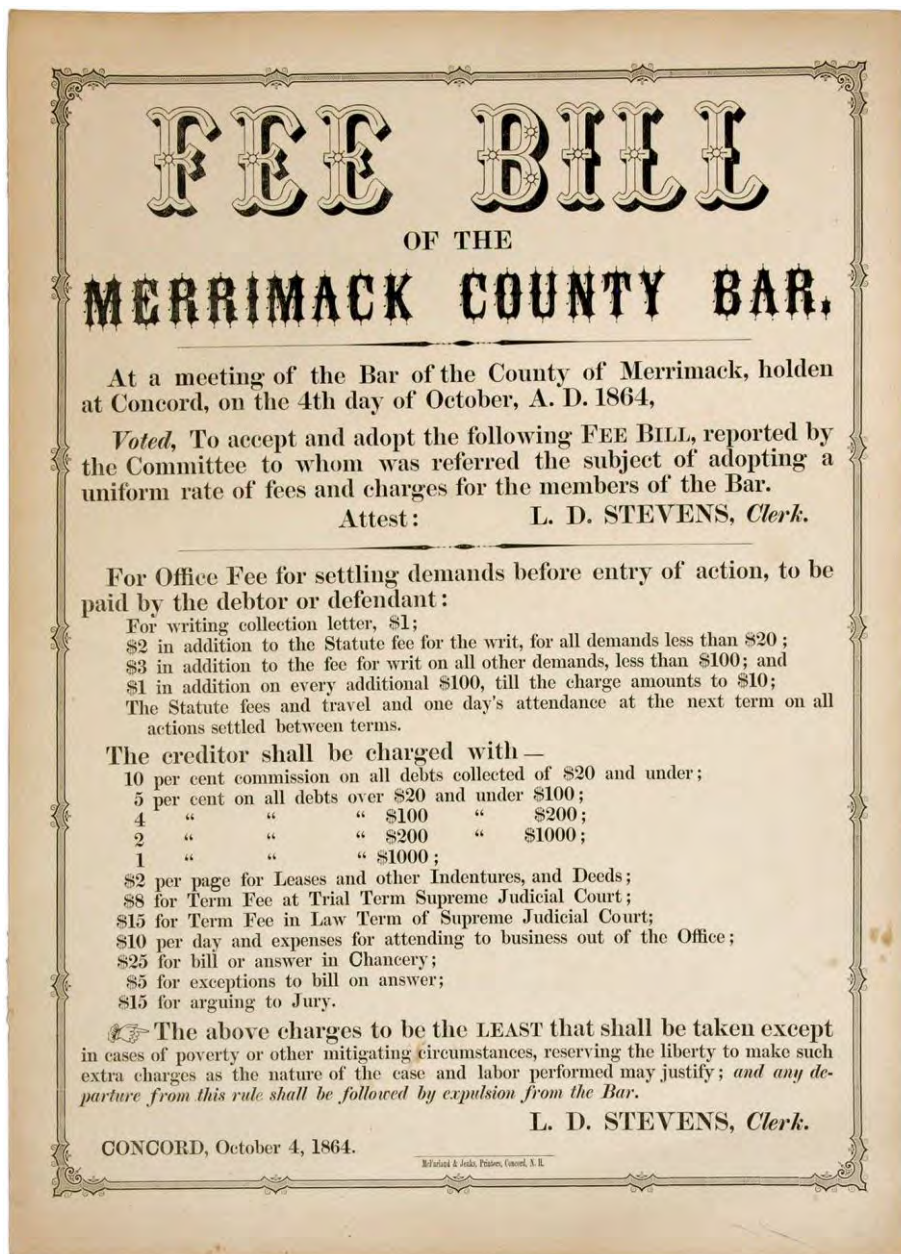
The Deadliest Railroad Disaster of Its Day

16. McDevitt, John.

Disastrous Calamity on the North Pennsylvania Rail Road. Philadelphia: John McDevitt, 1856.

14" x 10" broadside, verse text in four columns below headline with woodcut grave scene, text enclosed by woodcut decorative border. Light browning, a few small ink stains, some wear and several minor tears to edges, some repairs on verso with archival tape, very small burn hole to lower margin. \$950.

* Also known as the Camp Hill Disaster and Picnic Train Tragedy, the Great Train Wreck of 1856 occurred in Whitemarsh Township, Pennsylvania, between Camp Hill Station and Fort Washington Station, on July 17, 1856. It was caused by a collision by two trains traveling on the same track in converging directions. Between 59 and 67 were killed and over 100 were wounded. It was the deadliest railroad catastrophe in the world up to that time. This verse account is rare and apparently unrecorded. OCLC locates 1 copy (at the Hagley Museum). We also located a copy at the Library of Congress. [Order This Item](#)



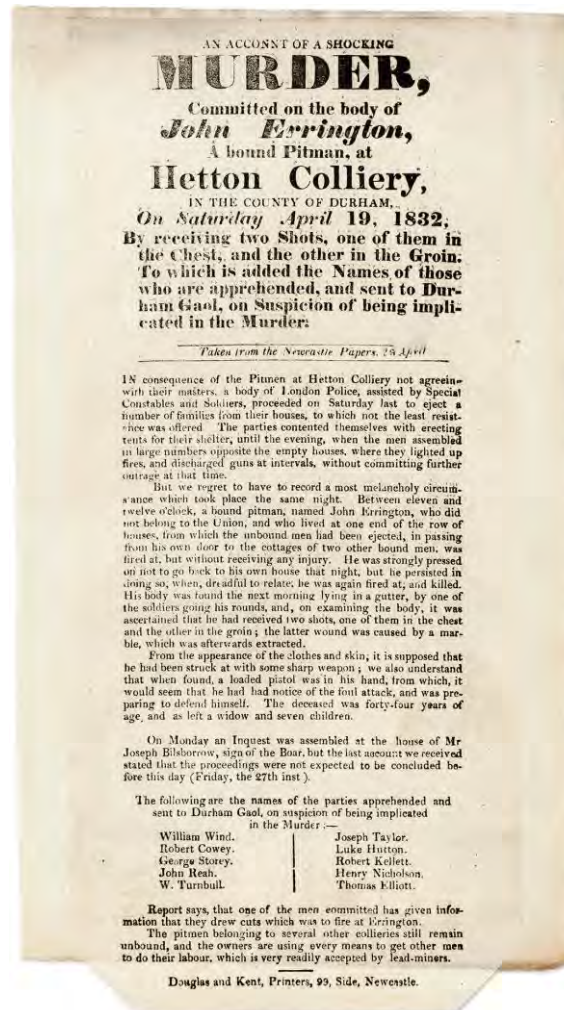
List of Lawyer's Fees, Merrimack County, New Hampshire, 1864

17. Merrimack County Bar.

Fee Bill of the Merrimack County Bar. Concord, NH: October 4, 1864.

13-1/2" x 10-1/2" broadside. Text printed within woodcut border. Light toning, a few small spots near lower right-hand corner. A well-preserved copy. \$650.

* This elaborate table of fees is followed by a statement: "The above charges to be the LEAST that shall be taken except in cases of poverty and other mitigating circumstances, reserving the liberty to make such extra charges as the nature of the case and labor may justify; and any departure from this rule shall be followed by expulsion from the Bar. [Order This Item](#)



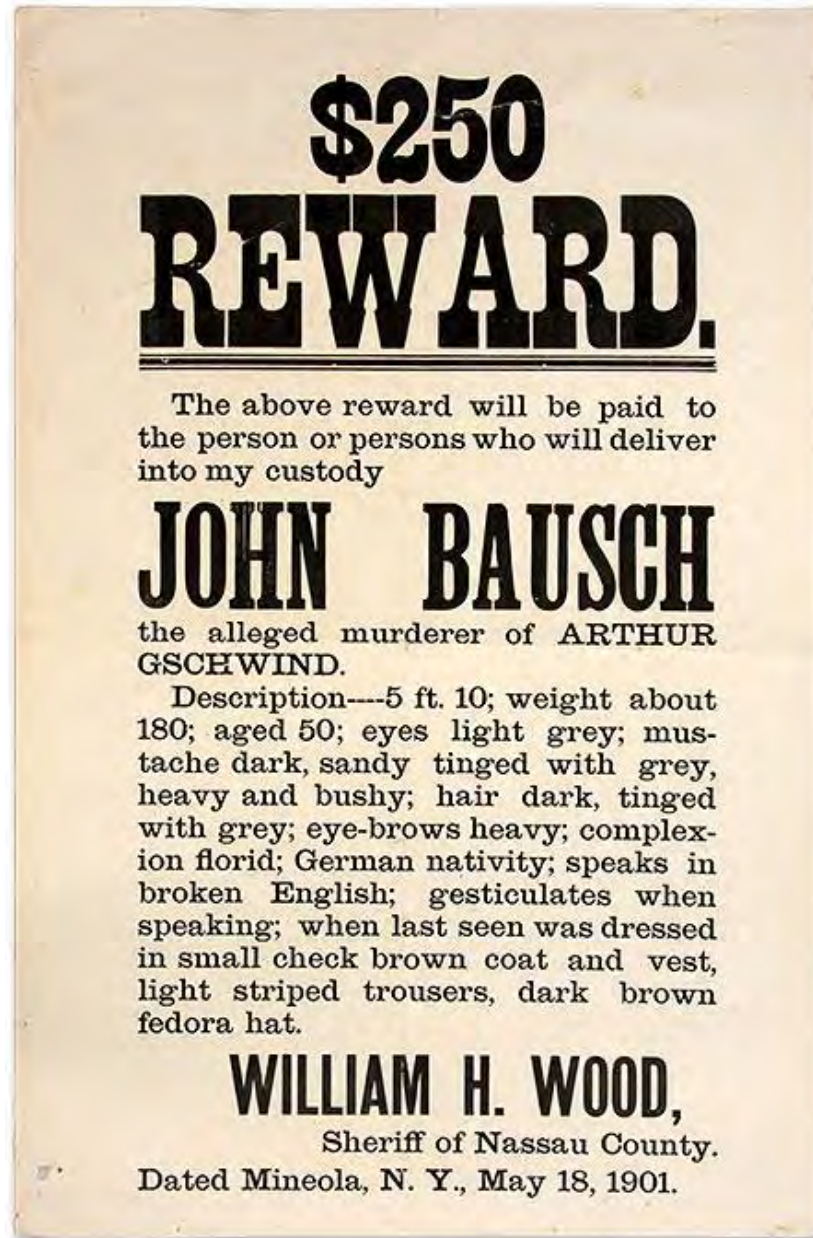
A Murder Related to Labor Unrest in the Newcastle Mines

**18. [Murder].
[Great Britain].**

An Account of the Shocking Murder, Committed on the Body of John Errington, A Bound Pitman, At Hetton Colliery, In the County of Durham, On Saturday April 19, 1832, By Receiving Two Shots, One of Them in the Chest, And the Other in the Groin. To Which is Added the Names of Those Who are Apprehended, And Sent to Durham Gaol, On Suspicion of Being Implicated in the Murder. Newcastle Upon Tyne: Douglas and Kent, Printers, [1832].

13-3/4" x 6-1/4" broadside mounted on 13-1/4" x 8" sheet, bottom inch of broadside folded, lower corners cropped. Single-column text below headline, sections separated by rules. Negligible light toning. A well-preserved copy. \$1,500.

* An account "taken from the Newcastle Papers" of 28th April, during the miner's strike of 1832, an early example of Industrial-Era unrest that resonated throughout Great Britain. At that time a number of strikers, evicted from their homes, gathered in the town, where they lit bonfires, discharged firearms and antagonized their opponents. Errington, a strikebreaker, was found dead in the street with two wounds from a marble-firing musket. Several strikers were charged with his murder and taken to Durham Gaol, which was far enough away from Newcastle to discourage any rescue attempts. In the end the evidence was insufficient and they were released. No copies located on OCLC, Library Hub or at the British Library. [Order This Item](#)



Nassau County Reward Poster from 1901

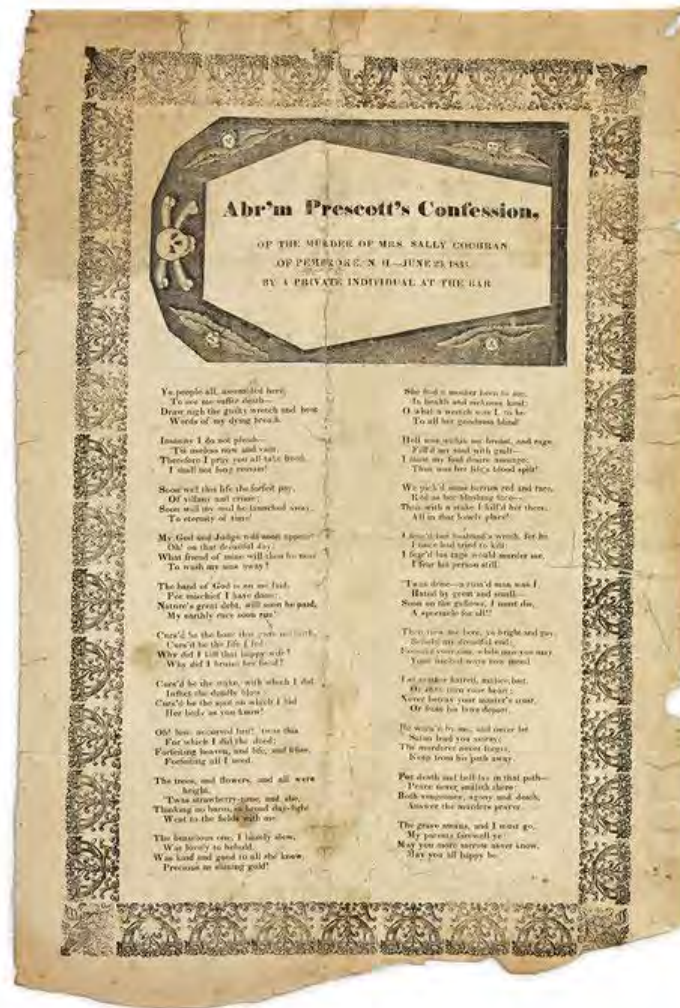
19. [Murder].

[Nassau County, New York].

\$250 Reward. The Above Reward Will be Paid to the Person or Persons Who Will Deliver Into My Custody John Bausch the Alleged Murderer of Arthur Gschwind. Mineola, NY: S.n., May 18, 1901.

19-3/4" x 12" broadside, main text in single column below headline. Moderate toning, a few tiny holes, negligible light spotting near corners, faint fold lines, a few clean tears carefully mended on recto with archival tape. \$500.

* Signed in type by William H. Wood, Sheriff of Nassau County, this wanted poster provides a detailed description of the alleged murderer, a German who speaks broken English and "gesticulates when speaking." [Order This Item](#)



"Oh! Lust, Accursed Lust! 'Twas This for Which I Did the Deed"

20. [Murder].

Private Individual at the Bar.

Abr'm Prescott's Confession of the Murder of Mrs. Sally Cochran of Pembroke, N.H.--June 23, 1833. [Concord, NH.?: S.n., 1836.

17" x 11-1/2" broadside. Two-columns of verse in twenty stanzas within woodcut ornamental border, text headed by large woodcut vignette of a coffin. Light browning and a few minor stains, faint horizontal and vertical fold line, chipping to edges, section lacking from bottom margin, just touching bottom right corner of border, a few tears along fold lines with no loss to text, later repairs to verso. \$2,500.

* Abraham Prescott was found guilty of the murder of Sally Cochran in two separate trials held in Concord in September 1834 and September 1835. Despite a well-crafted insanity defense, he was sentenced to be hanged on December 23, 1835, in Hopkinton, New Hampshire. The execution was postponed to January 6, 1836. The verse account in this broadside presents the murder as a crime of passion: "Oh! lust, accursed lust! 'twas this for which I did the deed; Forfeiting heaven, and life, and bliss, Forfeiting all I need." See McDade, *The Annals of Murder* 769. OCLC locates 7 copies (American Antiquarian Society, Brown, Dartmouth, Harvard, Peabody Essex Museum, University of Michigan, Yale).

[Order This Item](#)



"O What a Horrid Tale to Sound"

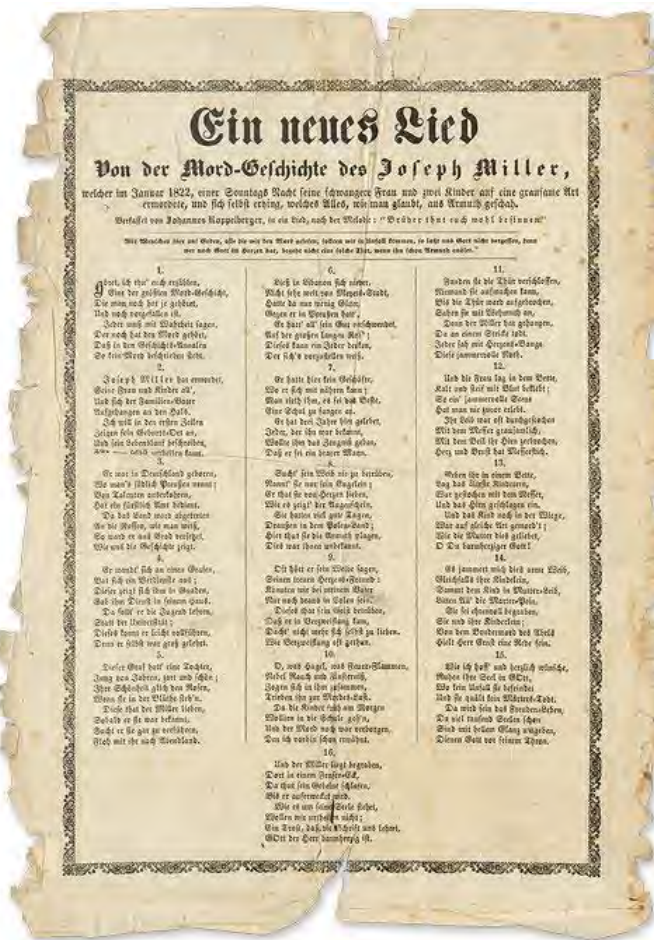
21. [Murder].

[White, Joseph (1747 or 1748-1830)].

Murder of Joseph White: The Following Lines were Written on the Death of Mr. Joseph White of Salem, Who was Found Murdered in His Bed on the Morning of the 7th April 1830, Aged 82 Years. Boston: [L. Deming], 1830.

9" x 5-3/4" broadside, untrimmed edges. Woodcut image of coffin below headline, ten-stanza verse text in two columns. Light browning, light soiling and a few minor stains, three horizontal fold lines, early owner signature and early owner stamp to verso. \$1,250.

* A verse account of the murder of Joseph White, one of the most famous American crimes of the 1830s. White, a wealthy sea captain in his 80s who lived in Salem, was murdered by Joseph Knapp with the assistance of Richard and George Crowninshield. Daniel Webster helped the prosecution by presenting the closing argument. Initially, the jury could not decide whether the defendants had bludgeoned White to death. A second trial convicted Knapp and Richard Crowninshield, who were sentenced to death. OCLC locates 7 copies, 2 in law libraries (Harvard, Yale). Burt, *American Murder Ballads* 87. [Order This Item](#)



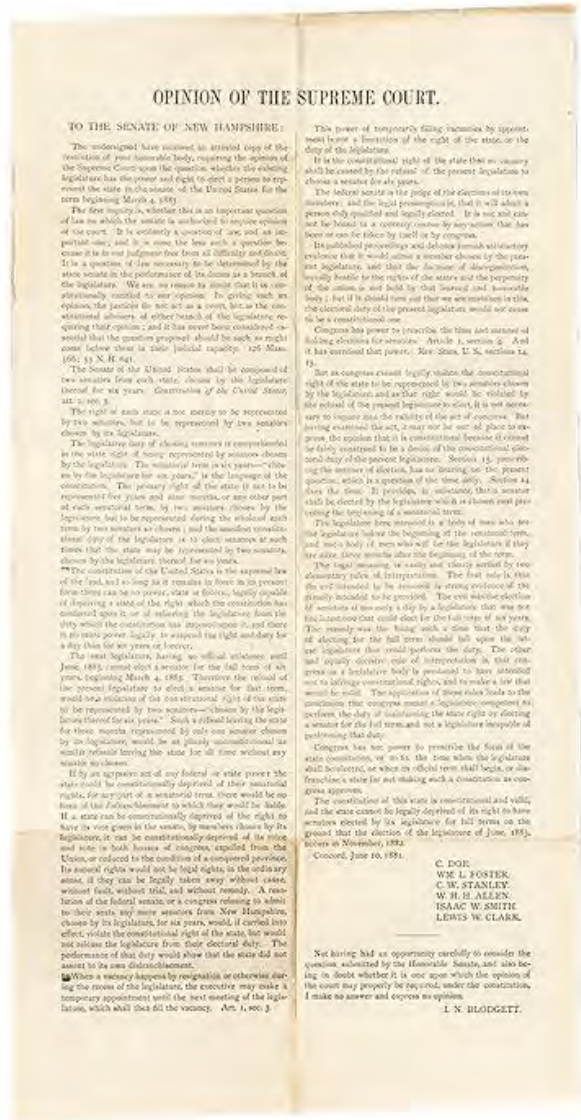
Verse Account of a Murder-Suicide in Pennsylvania

22. [Murder-Suicide].
 [Pennsylvania].
 [Koppelberger, Johannes].

Ein Neues Lied von der Mord-Geschichte des Joseph Miller, Welcher im Januar 1822, Einer Sonntags Nacht Seine Schwangere Frau und Zwei Kinder auf eine Grausame Art Ermordete, Und sich Selbst Erhing, Welches Alles, Wie man Glaubt, Aus Armuth Geschah...[Running Title]. [N.p.: S.n., 1822]. 12-1/2" x 10" broadside. Text in three columns printed within woodcut border and separated by black rules.

Moderate toning and light foxing, fraying and a few chips to edges, tear to bottom edge with negligible loss to text. \$750.

* This sixteen-stanza "New Song of the Murder-Story of Joseph Miller" is attributed to Johannes Koppelberger. It tells the sad story of a murder-suicide committed by Miller, a German-American. The verses say he eloped from Poland with the daughter of a nobleman in 1817. The couple made their way to Philadelphia and from there to Lebanon, Pennsylvania, where Miller found work as a schoolteacher. The job paid poorly and his wife was increasingly homesick. Depressed, Miller killed his pregnant wife, two children with an ax and himself. It was a grisly affair involving an axe and a knife. This poem was quite popular and issued in a number of different broadside formats. According to Wellenreuter, there were, in all, 16 printings. All are rare. OCLC locates 3 copies of our version (American Antiquarian Society, Library Company of Philadelphia, University of Michigan). Not in Shaw & Shoemaker. Wellenreuter, *Citizens in a Strange Land: A Study of German-American Broadside and Their Meaning for German Americans* 13. [Order This Item](#)



**Are New Hampshire's U.S. Senators
Serving Shorter Terms Than Their Fellow Senators?**

23. [New Hampshire].
[U.S. Constitution].

Opinion of the Supreme Court. To the Senate of New Hampshire [Running Title]. Concord, NH, June 10, 1881.

18" x 9-1/2" broadside. Text in parallel columns. Light browning, vertical and horizontal fold lines, some with clean tears at edges. \$350.

* This broadside records an opinion submitted to the U.S. Supreme Court. It states that New Hampshire's election schedule for state offices results in terms for New Hampshire's U.S. Senators that are three months shorter than those of other senators. It questions how to adjust the election cycle to guarantee 6-year terms to New Hampshire's senators, which were then elected by the state senate. Signed in type by C. Doe, Wm. L. Foster, C.W. Stanley, W.H.H. Allen, Isaac W. Smith, Leis W. Clark, I.N. Blodgett. This appears to be an unrecorded broadside. [Order This Item](#)



Rare 1815 New York Broadside
Concerning Representation in the State Assembly

24. [New York].

An Act Appointing the Members of Assembly of this State According to the Rule Prescribed by the Constitution. [Albany]: April 8, 1815.

13" x 8" broadside. Lightly browned, light foxing and a few faint dampstains, fold lines, some edgewear, a few short tears along fold lines, annotations to verso. \$450.

* Reflecting the growth of New York's population, this act increased the number of assemblymen from 112 to 126. Annotations on our copy show that it was sent to the clerk of the town of Lewiston. No copies listed on OCLC.

[Order This Item](#)



**Broadside Listing the 116 Laws
Passed by the North Carolina General Assembly in 1802**

25. [North Carolina].

Titles of the Laws Passed by the General Assembly of North-Carolina, At Their Session which Commenced on the 15th of November, And Ended the 18th of December, 1802. N.p.: S.n., c.1802.

17-1/2" x 10-3/4" broadside, text in four columns divided by rules, illegibly docketed on verso. Light browning and foxing, vertical and horizontal fold lines, a few clean tears and wear at folds, cellotape repairs to verso, several small areas of loss to text (largest about 3/4 inch), left edge trimmed unevenly, faint dampstaining to bottom edge. \$1,500.

* Intended for public locations, this broadside lists of 116 laws passed in the session which ran from 15 November to 18 December 1802. Highlights are a law "to prevent the vile practice of Duelling," and an act "for the relief of the Tuscarora Nation of Indians." Laws 37, 38 and 100 relate to slave insurrections: levying a tax "for defraying the expences incurred in suppressing the late insurrection of the Negroes"; repealing a law which compensated "the owners of outlawed and executed slaves" of certain counties; and "to prevent conspiracies and insurrections among the Slaves." This appears to be an unrecorded broadside. No copies listed on OCLC. [Order This Item](#)

JUSTICES' FEE BILL,		
According to act of Assembly,		
OF MARCH, 1814.		
For writing information, examination, confession, record of conviction, interrogatories or depositions, for every ten words	1	DL. CTS. 6
STATE CASES.		
Docket entry	12 1/2	12 1/2
Warrant or Mittimus	25	6
Oath	6	12 1/2
Recognition and return	20	19
Judgment on conviction for a fine	12 1/2	12 1/2
Bail piece or supersedeas	19	6
Discharge from jail	19	25
Discontinuance in assault cases	25	12 1/2
Complaint of master or apprentice	12 1/2	50
Notice to the other party	19	25
Hearing parties	25	25
Exposition, each day	1 50	12 1/2
Precept to Sheriff	50	12 1/2
Recording proceedings	1	37 1/2
Writ of restitution	50	12 1/2
Warrant to appraise damages sell strays	25	19
Warrant to appraise swine, entering, returning and advertising	1	25
CIVIL CASES.		
Retraing action	12 1/2	12 1/2
Summons, Capias or Subpoena	12 1/2	1
Every name in subpoena after the first	3	25
Subpoena duces tecum	19	25
Entering return of summons and qualifying constables	12 1/2	12 1/2
Entering capias and bail bond	6	25
Every continuance of a suit	6	25
Trial and judgment	25	25
Judgment by confession	12 1/2	12 1/2
Special bail	12 1/2	50
Entering satisfaction	6	50
Entering amicable suit	12 1/2	2
Entering rule to take deposition	6	50
Rule to take do	12 1/2	25
Entering return of rule		6
Entering rule to refer		12 1/2
Rule of reference		12 1/2
Notice to each referee		6
Notice to a party in any case		12 1/2
Entering report of referees, and judgment		12 1/2
Execution		19
Entering return of Execution on stay of plaintiff		12 1/2
Entering satisfaction or discontinuance		6
Seize facias		25
Opening judgment		12 1/2
Return on certiorari or appeal		50
Copy of judgment		25
Recovering amount of judgment and paying the same over, if not above 10 dollars		12 1/2
if above 10 and not exceeding 40 dollars		12 1/2
if above 40 dollars		37 1/2
Every search		19
Entering complaint in attachment		25
Attachment		12 1/2
Entering return and appointing men		12 1/2
Advertisements		19
Order to sell goods		19
Order for relief of pauper		1
Order for removal of goods		25
Order to seize goods to maintain wife		25
Order for wolf scalp premium		12 1/2
Acknowledgment		25
Acknowledgment of apprentice indenture, for each		25
Assignment and record of indenture		25
Cancelling indenture		12 1/2
Comparing and signing tax duplicate		50
Marrying each pair, and record, and certificate thereof		2
Approbation to bind apprentice by overseers		50
Certificate to obtain land warrant		50
Swearing county or township officer		25

Constables' Fee Bill,		
ACCORDING TO ACT OF ASSEMBLY, OF MARCH, 1814.		
Executing warrant	37 1/2	DL. CTS. 6
Conveying to jail on mittimus or warrant	37 1/2	6
Arresting a warrant	37 1/2	4
Levying fine or forfeiture on warrant	25	A half of the said commission shall be allowed where the money is paid after levy without sale, but no commission shall in any case be taken on more than the real debt
Taking the body into custody on mittimus, where bail is afterwards entered before the prisoner is delivered to jail	25	
Serving subpoenas	12 1/2	Advertising the same
Serving subpoenas, notice on referees, tutor, master, mistress or apprentice personally, each	12 1/2	1
Serving by leaving a copy	12 1/2	Copy of venue paper, when demanded, each item
Executing attachment	25	Putting up notice of distress
Arresting on capias	25	Serving seize facias personally
Taking bail bond on capias or for delivery of goods	12 1/2	Serving by leaving a copy
Notifying plaintiff where defendant has been arrested on capias, to be paid by plaintiff	12 1/2	Executing bail piece
Executing landlord's warrant, or serving execution	25	Travelling expenses on an execution, returned miles and non est inventis, where the constable has been at the place of defendant's last residence, each mile circular
Taking inventory of goods, each item	1	3
		Executing order for removal of a pauper
		Travelling expenses in said removing, each mile circular
		3

PRINTED BY SIMPSON & GALE, WILLIAMSPORT, PENNSYLVANIA.

Pennsylvania Fees for Justices and Constables in 1814

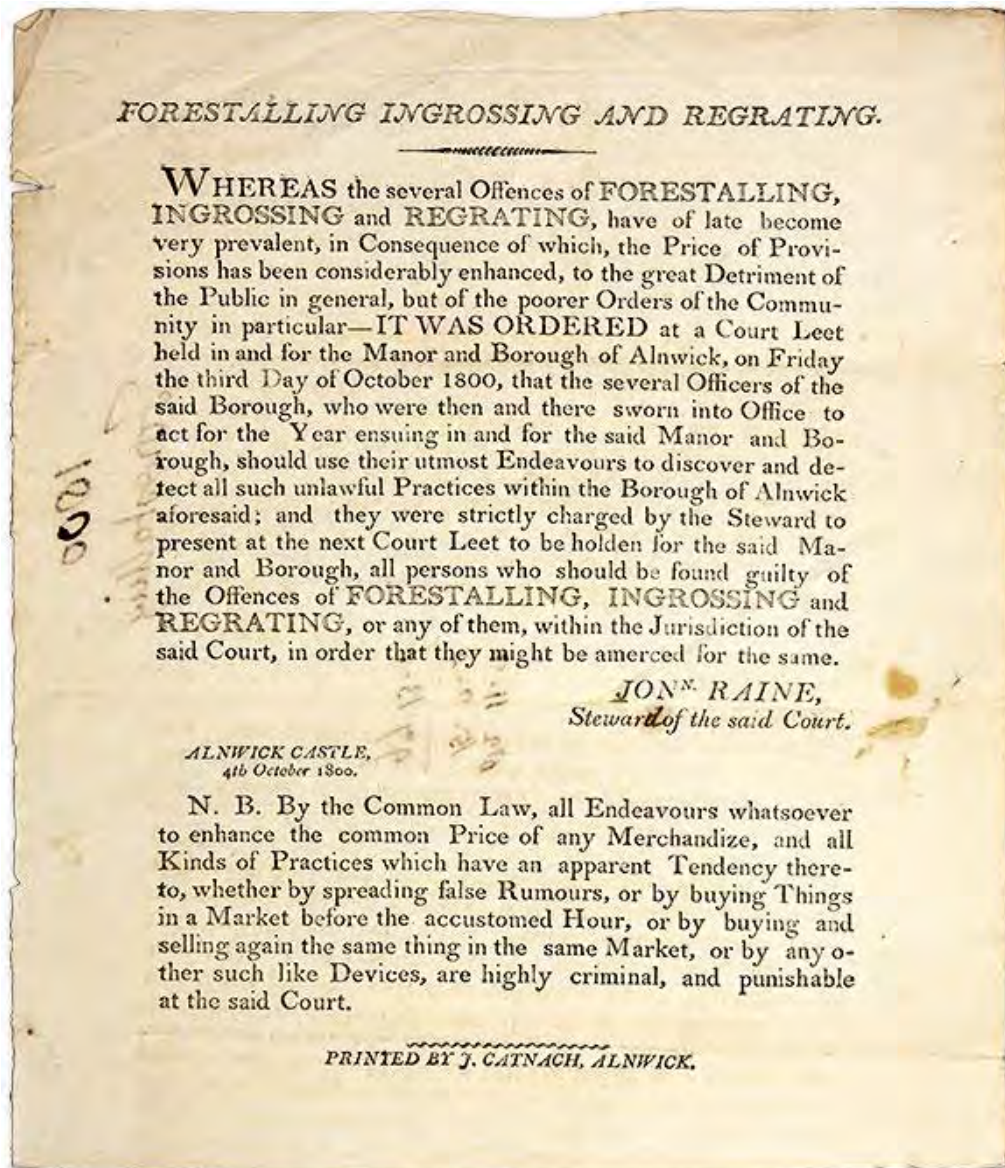
26. [Pennsylvania].

Justices' Fee Bill, According to Act of Assembly, Of March, 1814. Williamsport, PA: Printed by Simpson & Gale, [1814].

10" x 8" broadside, text in parallel columns. Moderate toning, light foxing, vertical and horizontal fold lines, light edgewear. \$450.

* This broadside lists fees for "writing information, examination, confession, record of conviction, interrogatories or depositions, for every ten words" in state and civil cases. The lower third of the broadside, below a double rule, is a Constables' Fee Bill, which lists fees for such actions as serving a subpoena or taking a suspect into custody.

[Order This Item](#)



Offenses Against Public Trade

27. Raine, J[ohn].

Forestalling Ingrossing and Regrating. Alnwick: Printed by J. Catnach, 1800.

10-3/4" x 8-3/4" broadside, text in single column below headline. Signed in type by Raine. Light toning, light soiling, two horizontal fold lines, a few minor stains, contemporary annotations to verso. A very good copy. \$850.

* Raine, steward of the Court Leet of Alnwick, orders officers to proceed against anyone guilty of "forestalling, ingrossing" or "regrating," that is, manipulating market prices. The broadside states these practices "have of late become very prevalent, in Consequence of which, the Price of Provisions has been considerably enhanced, to the great Detriment of the Public in general, but of the poorer Orders of the Community in Particular." Its final paragraph states, perhaps as a warning, that these actions are, "by common law...highly criminal and punishable." Not in the *English Short-Title Catalogue* or COPAC. [Order This Item](#)



The Last Decapitated Head Displayed On London Bridge

28. Stayley, William.

An Account of the Digging Up of the Quarters of William Stayley, Lately Executed for High Treason, For That His Relations Abused the Kings Mercy. Imprimatur Novemb 30. 1678. William Scroggs. London: Printed for Robert Pawlet at the Sign of the Bible in Chancery-Lance [sic], near Fleet-street. 1678.

11-1/2" x 16" broadside. Light toning, faint vertical and horizontal fold lines, 4-1/2" section excised from foot of left margin, old tear professionally repaired with no loss of printed surface. A well-preserved copy. \$850.

* William Stayley (or Stayley) was one of the victims of the Popish Plot, one of the cruellest hoaxes in British history and the inspiration for a wave of anti-Catholic violence. It was the invention of Titus Oates, an Anglican clergyman, and his friend, Dr. Israel Tonge, a cleric and passionate anti-Catholic. They pretended to have discovered a Jesuit plot to assassinate the King, massacre Protestants, and set James, Duke of York, the King's Catholic brother, on the throne. Convicted as a conspirator, Stayley was executed and quartered in 1678. "Instead of his quarters being set upon the city gates the king allowed them to be delivered to his relatives. Mass was said over his remains and a 'grand' funeral was arranged from his father's house on 29 November, before his burial in St Paul's, Covent Garden. This incensed the government so much that the coroner ordered the body to be dug up and delivered to the sheriff to be set upon the city gates" [*Oxford Dictionary of National Biography*]. William Stayley's head has a small place in London's history; it was the last to be displayed on London Bridge. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R211806. [Order This Item](#)



Colorfully Illustrated Broadside Concerning a Notable 19th-Century Libel Case in Salem, Massachusetts

29. [Temperence].

[Cheever, George Barrell (1807-1890)].

Deacon Giles's Distillery. New York: National Temperance Society and Publication House, [c. 1865-1867]. 2 pp.

14" x 10-1/4" broadsheet, 2 pp. text in three columns, 6-1/4" x 8-3/4" woodcut below headline. Moderate toning, horizontal and vertical fold lines, minor staining to margins along horizontal center fold, tears along fold lines near center and foot of sheet with negligible minor loss to image, two of them mended with archival tape. \$1,500.

* Cast in the form of a dream, Reverend Cheever's Temperance tract is a thinly disguised portrayal of John Stone, a well-liked Unitarian deacon in Salem who owned a distillery. It was first published in 1835 as a newspaper article and as an illustrated broadside. Cheever's neighbors were outraged by this slanderous text and he was soon convicted for libel, imprisoned and publicly whipped. A case that attracted a good deal of attention, it brought Cheever fame among the nation's temperance reformers, abolitionists and social reformers and it sparked interest in his tract, which led to several later editions, primarily in pamphlet format. Our example was published by The National Temperance Society and Publication House, founded in 1865, and possibly issued after Cheever's 1867 retirement from the ministry. Its large, half-page wood engraving shows barrels of Deacon Giles's brew in the foreground, labeled "Dea. Giles Distiller," "N[ew] E[ngland] Rum," "Sinfulness," "Poverty," "Death," and "Hell." and "Dea. Giles Distiller." Behind this is an infernal scene of a fiery and steaming distillery tended by nine horned and cloven-hoofed devils; at the right is seen a business office provocatively labeled "Deacon Giles's Counting Room. Bibles for Sale." OCLC locates 2 copies (Harvard Divinity School and Peabody Essex Museum). Not in McCoy. [Order This Item](#)



**Theft of a Horse and Other Property
from a Prominent Citizen of Auburn, NY**

30. [Theft].

[Auburn, New York].

Porter, Lansing [1817-1902].

\$25.00 Reward! Stolen from My Stable Near Auburn, On the Night of March 14th, 1873, A Horse Cutter, &c. Auburn, NY: S.n., 1873.

11-1/4" x 8" broadside on yellow paper. Light soiling, faint staining along right-hand margin, a few small chips to edges, upper left-hand corner lacking, text not affected. \$500.

* An award offered by Porter for the recovery of a horse, tack gear, buffalo robes and an umbrella stolen from Porter's stable. Porter, a prominent citizen of Auburn, was pastor of the Congregational Church who served as a militia captain during the Civil War. [Order This Item](#)



[Annotated Books: 22 Items](#)

[Manuscripts: 30 Items](#)

[Canon Law: 30 Items](#)

[16th-Century Law Books: 30 Items](#)

[17th-Century Law Books: 30 Items](#)

[18th-Century Law Books: 30 Items](#)

[19th-Century Law Books: 30 Uncommon Items](#)

[30 Recent Acquisitions: Civil, Common & Natural Law](#)

[Prints, Portraits, Drawings and Caricatures](#)

[Items Selected for Firsts: London's Rare Book Fair](#)

[30 Recent Acquisitions: Civil, Common & Roman Law](#)

We are happy to hold items for institutional customers who wish to place orders today and have them invoiced or shipped at a later date