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"AN AUTHORITY IN MERCANTILE CUSTOMS": KENT

1. BEAWES, WYNDHAM.
MORTIMER, THOMAS, EDITOR.

Lex Mercatoria Rediviva: Or, The Merchant's Directory.

London, 1783.

OFTEN CITED IN COURT, its authority formed the basis of several decisions. According to Kent, it was "an authority in mercantile customs.": Kent, *Commentaries on American Law* III:126. \$500.



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Opuscula Varii Argumenti.

Halle, 1729.

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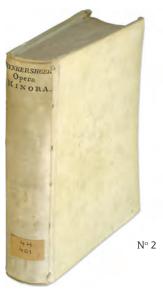
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[Running Title]. Mexico City, 1820.

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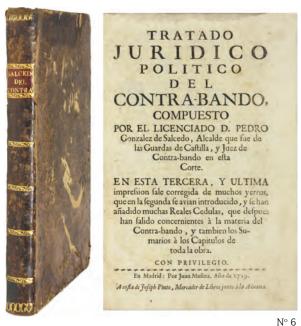
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Opera Omnia in Pluros Tomos Distributa.

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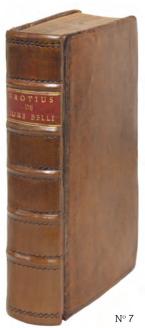
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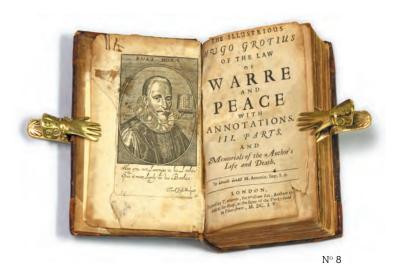
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London, 1655.

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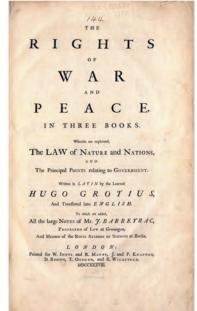
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The Rights of War and Peace, In Three Books.

London, 1738.

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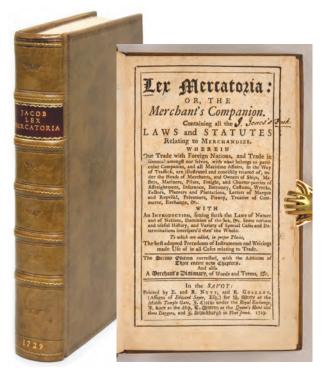
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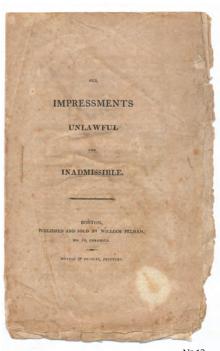
12. [JACOB, GILES].

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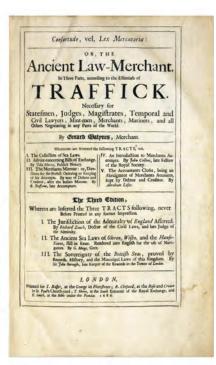
13. [IMPRESSMENT].

All Impressments Unlawful and Inadmissible.

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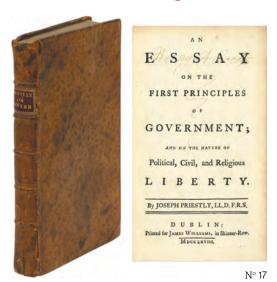
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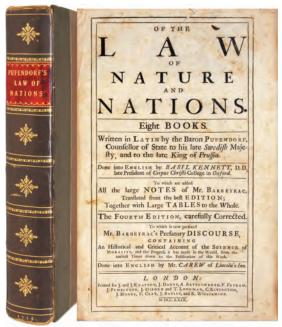
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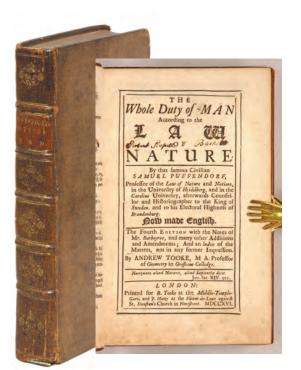
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18. PUFENDORF, SAMUEL VON. BARBEYRAC, JEAN, PREFATORY DISCOURSE.

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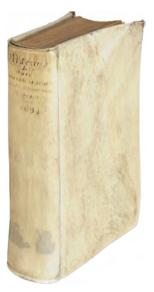
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De Jure Naturali et Gentium, Juxta Disciplinam Ebraeorum, Libri Septem.

Leipzig and Frankfurt, 1695.

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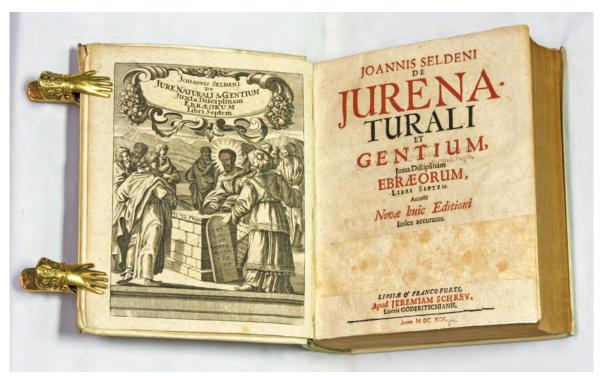
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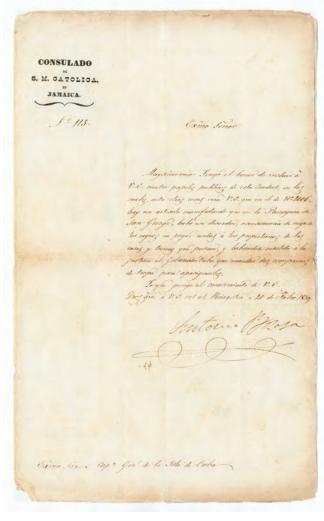
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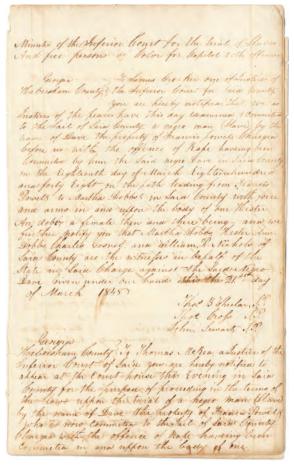
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23. [SLAVERY]. [BROSA, ANTONIO]. [DUQUESNAY, CARLOS].

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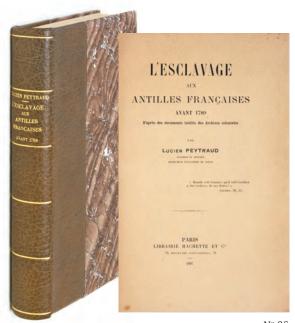
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24. [SLAVERY].

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25. [SLAVERY]. PEYTRAUD, LUCIEN PIERRE.

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Paris, 1897. \$850.

LEGAL FEES CHARGED TO REPRESENT A SLAVE IN COURT

26. [SLAVERY].

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THE FIRST CONVICTED AMERICAN SLAVE TRADER, A WIFE'S PLEA FOR MERCY

27. [SLAVERY]. SMITH, DARCAS (MRS. JOSEPH F.) [DAVIS, JOHN (1761-1847)].

[Autograph Letter, Signed, to Judge John Davis, Baltimore, March 20, 1822].

PLAINTIVE PLEA FOR MERCY addressed to Davis, judge of the United States district court for the district of Massachusetts, by the "disconsolate" wife of 29 year-old Baltimore sea captain Joseph Findley Smith, the first American convicted under the U.S. laws of 1808 and 1818 outlawing the transatlantic slave trade. \$4,500.

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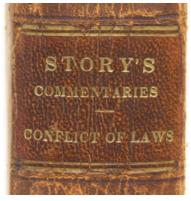
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29. STORY, JOSEPH.

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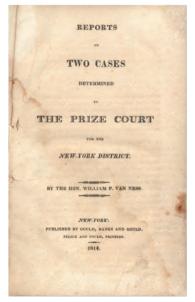
30. [TRIAL].

BOLO, PAUL, DEFENDANT. SEM [GORSAT (GOURSAT), GEORGES].

Affaire Bola-Pacha: 68 Croquis d'Audience par Sem.

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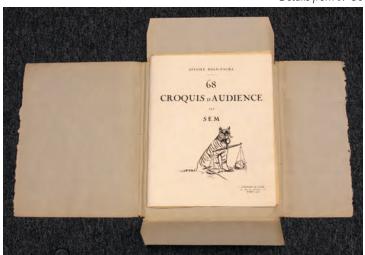
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PRIGG, EDWARD, PLAINTIFF IN ERROR. PETERS, RICHARD [1780-1848], REPORTER.

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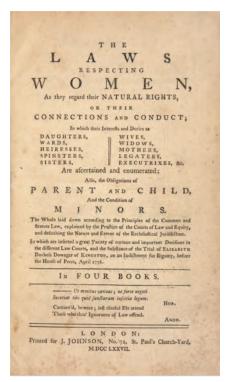
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Institutiones Juris Naturae et Gentium.

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A SUMMARY OF Jus Naturae et Gentium [1740-1749].

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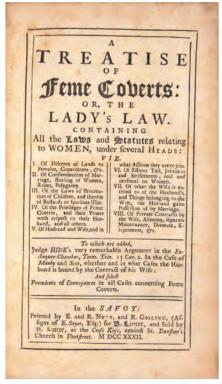
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36. [WOMEN]. [GREAT BRITAIN].

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NAVAL LAW AND CIVIL LAW BY AN IMPORTANT ENGLISH CIVILIAN

37. ZOUCH, RICHARD.

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Leiden, 1652.

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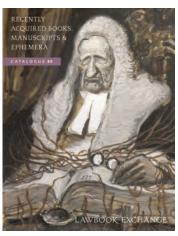




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