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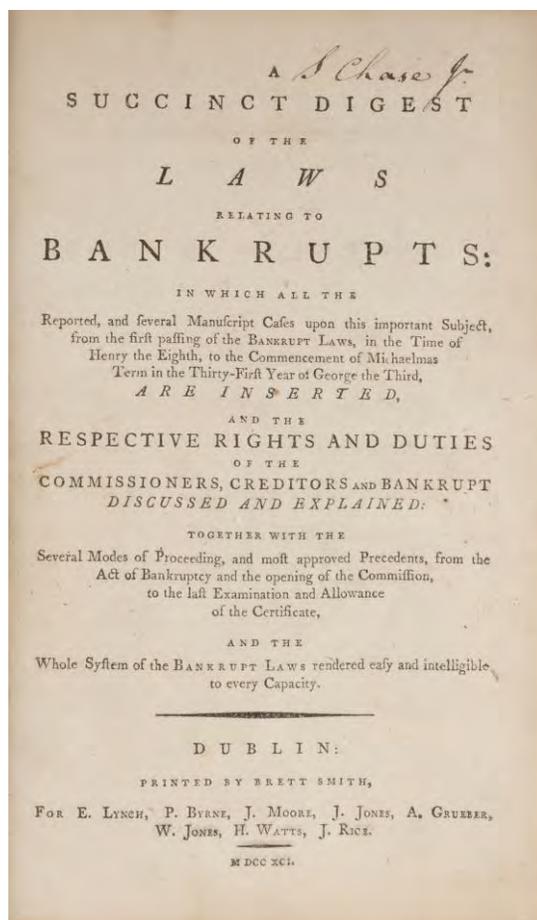
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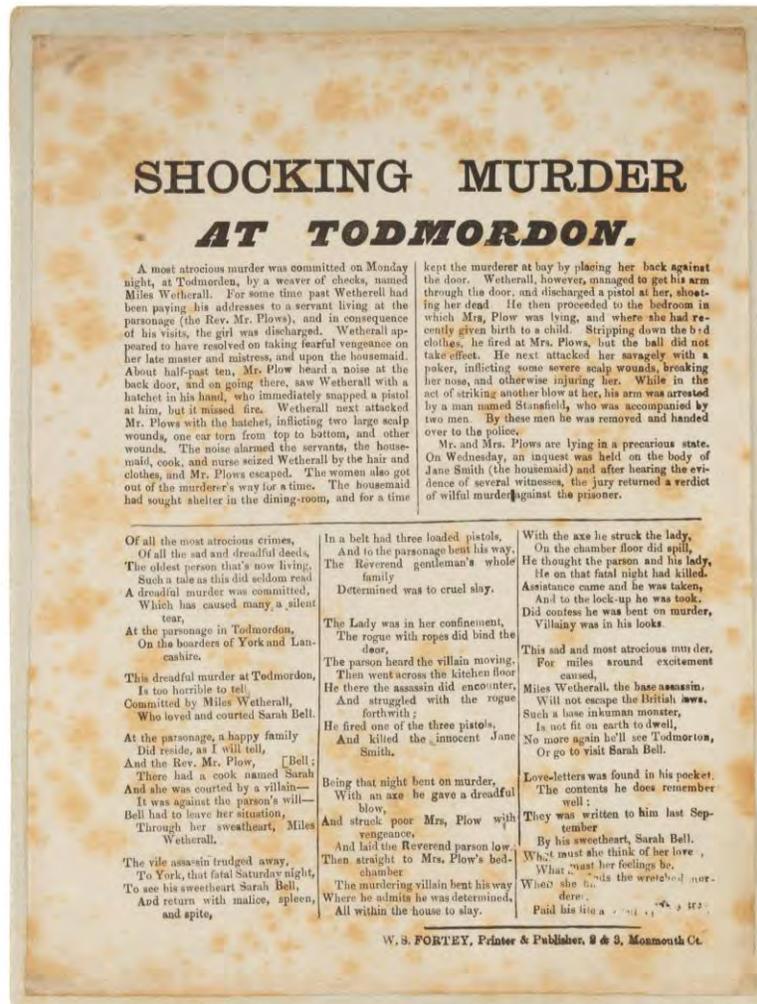
A Summary of Bankruptcy Law for "Merchants and Traders"

1. [Bankruptcy]. [Great Britain].

A Succinct Digest of the Laws Relating to Bankrupts: In Which All the Reported, And Several Manuscript Cases Upon this Important Subject, From the First Passing of the Bankrupt Laws, In the Time of Henry the Eighth, To the Commencement of Michaelmas Term in the Thirty-First Year of George the Third are Inserted, And the Respective Rights and Duties of the Commissioners, Creditors and Bankrupt Discussed and Explained: Together with the Several Modes of Proceeding, The Most Approved Precedents, From the Act of Bankruptcy and the Opening of the Commission, To the Last Examination and Allowance of the Certificate, And the Whole System of the Bankrupt Rendered Easy and Intelligible to Every Capacity. Dublin: Printed by Brett Smith, 1791. [xvi], 192, lxxii, [26] pp. Octavo (8" x 5").

Contemporary calf, raised bands and lettering piece to spine. Moderate rubbing and a few small scuffs, wear to spine ends and corners, which are bumped, front board just beginning to separate, rear joint cracked. Moderate toning to interior, light soiling to endleaves, light foxing to a few leaves, early owner signature of Edward Pendleton to front free endpaper, signature of Samuel Chase, Jr. to head of title page, his stamp to head of following leaf. \$750.

* Reissue of the first edition, London, 1791. As indicated in the preface, this book was intended for "merchants and traders" rather than "professors of the law." The contents are accordingly "divested, as much as it is possible, of technical expressions and profession idioms, and arranged in such order, that the several parts may become perspicuous and familiar to every capacity" ([xiv]-[xvi]). Edward Pendleton was likely a member of the prominent Virginia-based Pendleton family. Samuel Chase, Jr. [1773-1841] was likely the son of Supreme Court Justice Samuel Chase [1741-1811]. *English Short-Title Catalogue* N24533. [Order This Item](#)



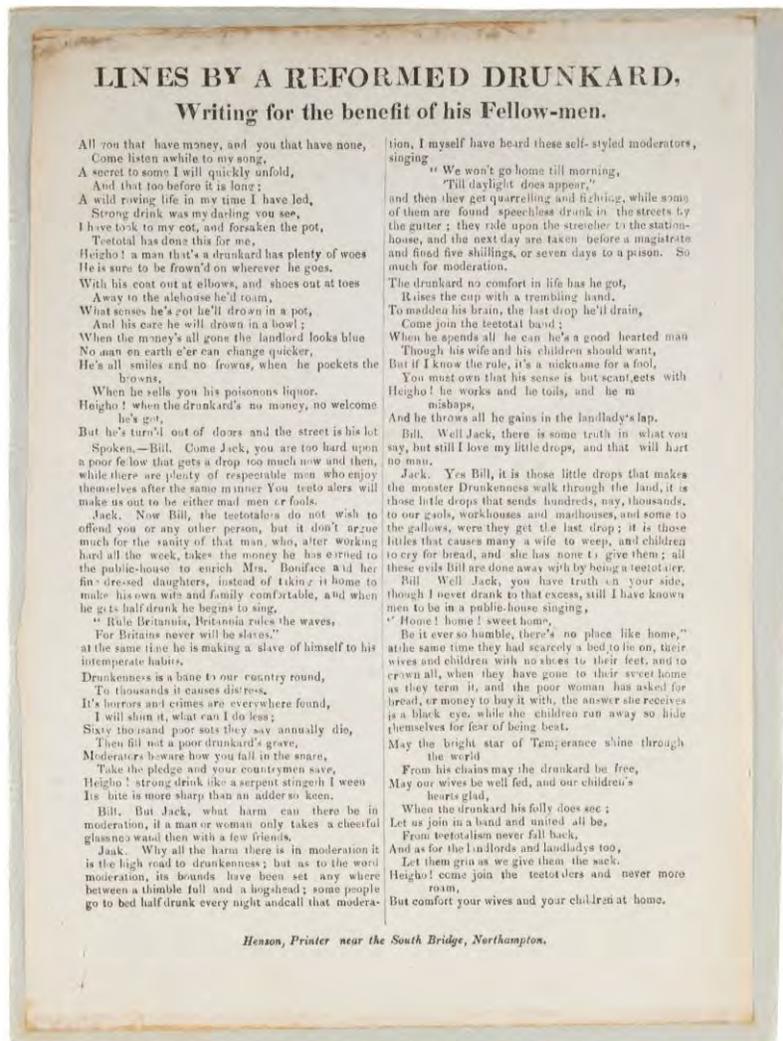
A Gruesome Revenge Murder in Lancashire

2. [Broadside].
 [Murder].
 [Weatherill, Miles (d.1868)].

Shocking Murder at Todmorden. [London]: W.S. Fortey, Printer & Publisher, 2 & 3, Monmouth Ct., [1867].

10" x 7-1/2" broadside mounted on 10-1/2" x 8" sheet, summary of case in two columns and verse text in three columns below headline, columns and headline separated by rules. Light browning and foxing, minor loss to text at lower right-hand corner due to printer error. \$1,250.

* Weatherill, sometimes spelled Wetherell or Wetherall, was a 22-year old textile worker from Todmorden, Lancashire who began to date the 16-year-old Sarah Bell in 1867. She was the cook for the Reverend Mr. Anthony Plow, the vicar of Christ Church, Todmorden. Plow did not approve of the relationship due to Sarah's age and tried to end it, first by forbidding Weatherill to call on her at the vicarage and then by dismissing Sarah after she continued to see him. Infuriated, Weatherill broke into the vicarage and murdered Plow with an axe and a servant, who he thought was partially responsible for Sarah's dismissal, with a pistol. After attempting to shoot Mrs. Plow, he bludgeoned her with a fire poker; she died from her wounds a year later. Plow was arrested shortly afterwards, tried, and sentenced to hang. This appears to be an unrecorded imprint. No copies listed on OCLC or Library Hub. [Order This Item](#)



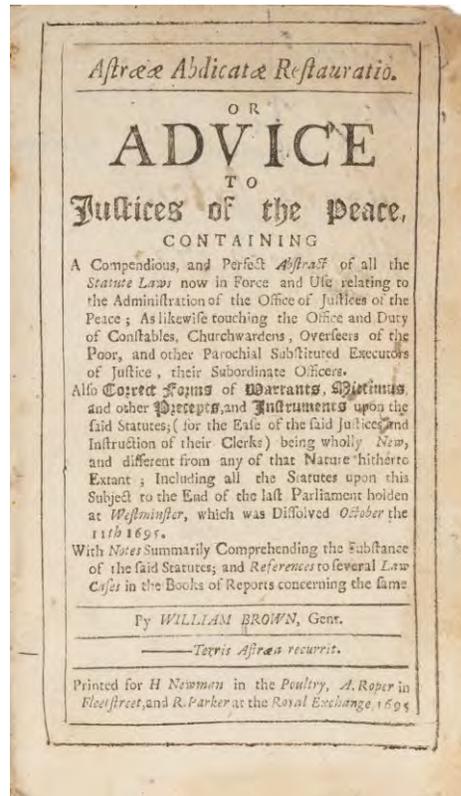
"May the Bright Star of Temperance Shine Through the World"

3. [Broadside].
[Temperance].
[Great Britain].

Lines by a Reformed Drunkard, Writing for the Benefit of His Fellow-Men. Northampton, England: Henson, Printer, [c.1850].

10" x 7-1/4" broadside mounted on 10-1/2" x 8" sheet, verse text, with prose sections in dialogue, in two columns below headline, columns separated by rules. Light toning, light browning to top and bottom edges. \$500.

* A verse ballad on the horrors of drink and the virtues of temperance written in the voice of a "reformed drunkard." Final stanzas: "May the bright star of Temperance shine through the world/ From his chains may the drunkard be free,/ May our wives be well fed, and our children's hearts glad,/ When the drunkard his folly does see;/ Let us join in a band and united all be,/ From teetotalism never fall back,/ And as for the landlords and landlady's too,/ Let them grin as we give them the sack./ Heigho! come join the teetotlers and never more roam,/ But comfort your wives and your children at home." OCLC locates 1 copy at UCLA; Library Hub locates 1 at the National Library of Scotland. We located a 3rd copy at the Bodleian Library, Oxford. *Roud Folk Song Index* V16156. [Order This Item](#)



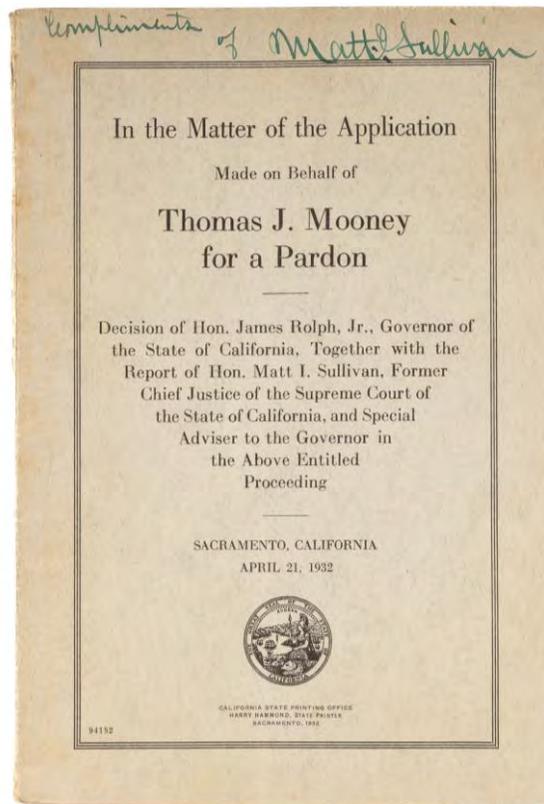
"The Whole Contexture of the Design is Regular and Uniform"

4. Brown, William [fl c.1680].

Astræe Abdicatæ Restauratio. Or Advice to Justices of the Peace, Containing a Compendious, And Perfect Abstract of All the Statute Laws Now in Force and Use Relating to the Administration of the Office of Justices of the Peace; As Likewise Touching the Office and Duty of Constables, Churchwardens, Overseers of the Poor, And Other Parochial Substituted Executors of Justice, Their Subordinate Officers. Also Correct Forms of Warrants, Mittimus, And Other Precepts, And Instruments Upon the Said Statutes; (For the Ease of the Said Justices and Instruction of Their Clerks) Being Wholly New, And Different from Any of that Nature Hitherto Extant; Including All the Statutes upon this Subject to the End of the Last Parliament Holden at Westminster, Which was dissolved October the 11th 1695. With Notes Summarily Comprehending the Substance of the Said Statutes; And References to Several Law Cases in the Books of Reports Concerning the Same. [London]: Printed for H. Newman in the Poultry, 1695. [viii], 377 [i.e. 397], [27] pp. 12mo. (6" x 3-3/4").

Contemporary calf, blind rules to boards, raised bands and blind fillets to spine, which is lightly varnished. A few minor nicks, scuffs and stains to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities with wear to head of spine, corners bumped, hinges cracked, rear endleaves reinforced and rehinged. Moderate toning to interior, spark burns and tiny inkspots in a few places, doodles and signatures (of G. Barnes, Henry Axford and a few illegible) to endleaves. \$750.

* Only edition. In the preface, Brown says this book was written to replace the many error-riddled manuals published since Lambard and Dalton. He ends with the following promise: "I do Avow, and am able to justifie to the World against all opposers, that the Presidents are no only so, but that the whole Contexture of the Design is Regular and Uniform, One part of it depending Methodically upon another without Chasm or Saltus; And that the Abstracts of the Statutes, Notes and Observations thereupon, are proper for the illustrating and Explaining the Meaning of the Whole" [viii]. Brown was clerk of the Court of Common Pleas and the author of several manuals and treatises. This is a scarce title. OCLC locates 3 copies in North American Law Libraries (Harvard, Library of Congress, University of Cincinnati). English Short-Title Catalogue R2058. [Order This Item](#)



A Wrongfully Convicted Bomber?

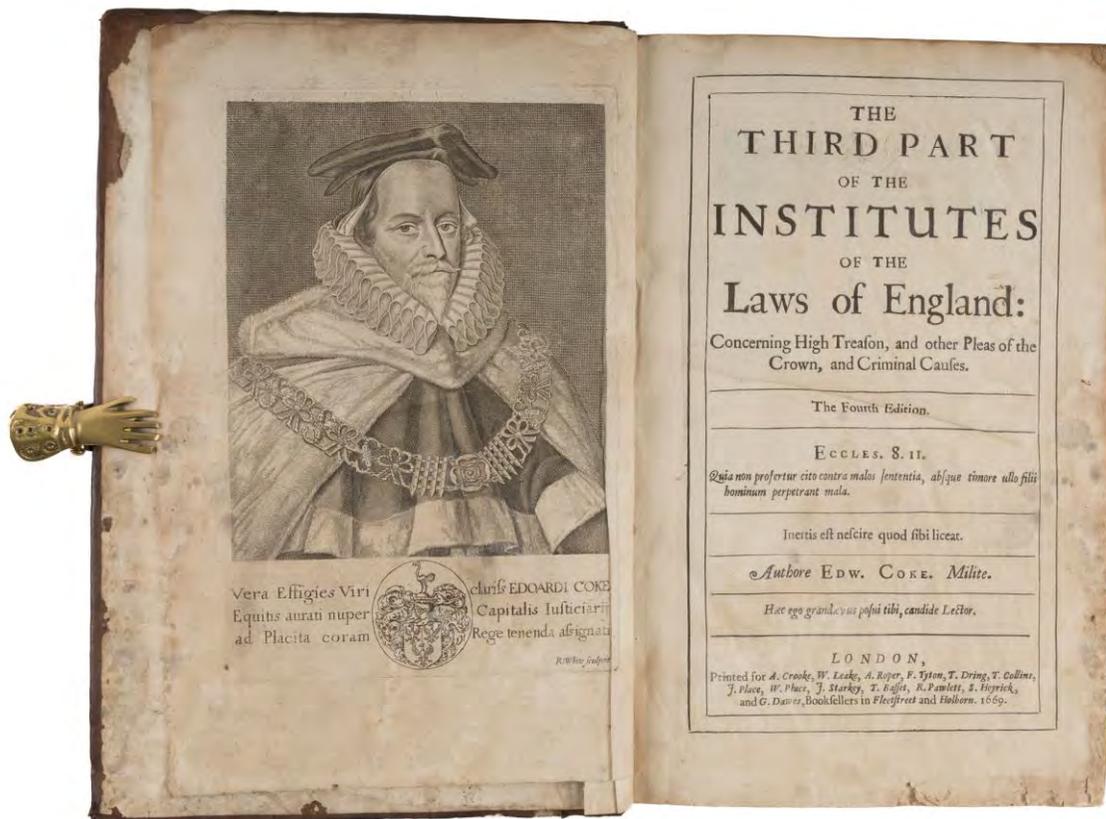
5. [California].

[Mooney, Thomas J. (1882-1942)].

In the Matter of the Application Made on Behalf of Thomas J. Mooney for a Pardon: Decision of Hon. James Rolph, Jr., Governor of the State of California, Together with the Report of Hon. Matt I. Sullivan, Former Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of California, And Special Adviser to the Governor in the Above Entitled Proceeding. Sacramento: California State Printing Office, 1932. 93 pp.

Stapled pamphlet in printed wrappers. Light toning and negligible light soiling to wrappers, bold inscription "Compliments of Matt I. Sullivan" to head of front wrapper, hinges cracked, staples just starting to rust. Light toning to interior, very slight vertical fold line. \$300.

* Only edition. Mooney was a socialist activist and labor leader who was convicted of bombing the San Francisco Preparedness Day parade in 1916. The parade was held by the Preparedness Movement, which advocated American participation in World War I to the disdain of many isolationist and anti-militarist radical groups. Ten people were killed in the bombing and forty more were injured. Mooney and an associate were arrested, tried and sentenced to death despite a notable lack of clear evidence implicating the two. President Wilson commuted their death sentences to life in prison, but public outcry over their convictions, particularly Mooney's, continued. Mooney campaigned extensively to overturn his conviction or secure a pardon. This report, compiled by three prominent California jurists on behalf of Governor James Rolph, Jr., concludes that Mooney's conviction was fair and that without compelling new evidence, which he had not provided, his pardon should be denied. Rolph followed their recommendation and denied the pardon. Mooney was eventually pardoned seven years later by a more liberal governor. Our copy is signed by Matt I. Sullivan [1857-1937], Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of California from 1914-1915 and one of the authors of the report. [Order This Item](#)



The Macclesfield Copy of Coke's *Third* and *Fourth Institutes*

6. Coke, Sir Edward [1552-1643].

The Third Part of the Institutes of the Laws of England: Concerning High Treason, And Other Pleas of the Crown, And Criminal Causes. London: Printed for A. Crooke, W. Leake [et al.], 1669. [viii], 243, [19] pp. Copperplate portrait frontispiece.

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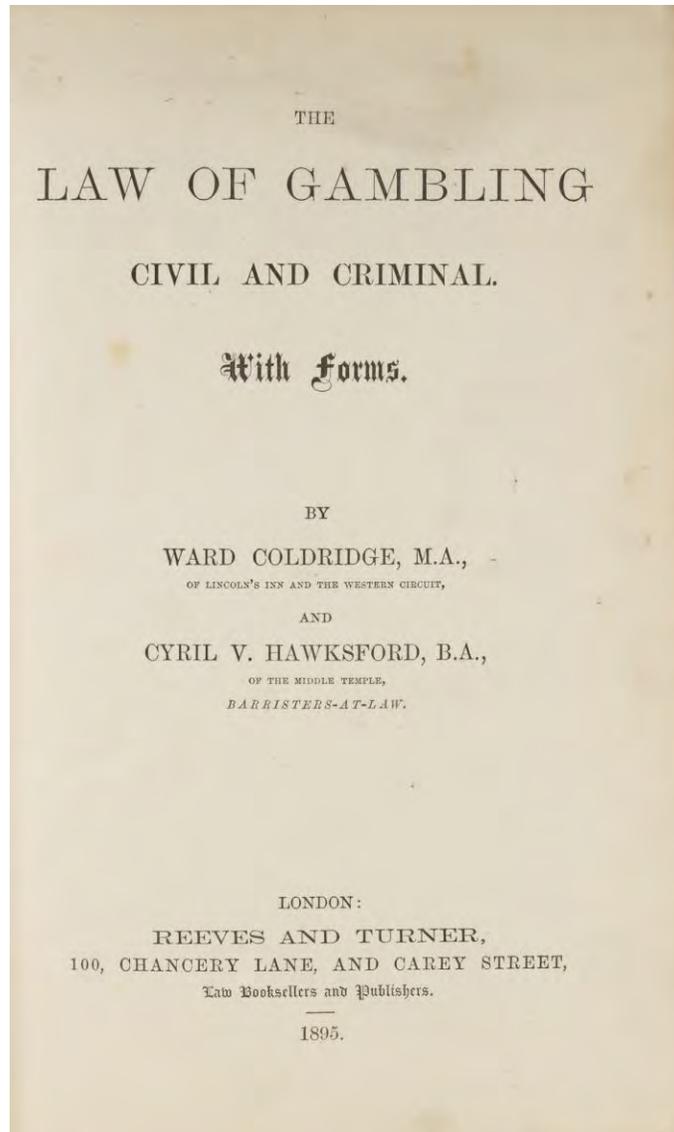
Coke, Edward.

The Fourth Part of the Institutes of the Lawes of England; Concerning the Jurisdiction of Courts. With an Alphabetical Table, Not Heretofore Printed. London: Printed by A. Crooke, W. Leake [et al.], 1669. [x], 364, [36] pp.

Folio (11-1/2" x 7-1/2"). Contemporary paneled calf, raised bands, blind ornaments, lettering piece and two tiny early shelf labels to spine, gilt rules to board edges. Minor nicks and scuffs to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, joints just starting, a few minor chips to spine ends, corners bumped and worn, hinges cracked, front free endpaper neatly removed, armorial bookplate of the Earls of Macclesfield to front pastedown, small embossed Macclesfield stamps to preliminaries. Moderate toning, faint dampstaining and dampspotting to lower half of text block, some edgewear and worming to margins of preliminaries of *The Third Part*, 1/4" strip removed from bottom edge of frontispiece. \$850.

* Fourth editions. The *Third Institutes* is devoted to criminal law, with important sections that address how far the Crown can act alone and where it requires the assistance and joint power of Parliament. The *Fourth Institutes* outlines the authority and jurisdictions of several courts, among them the Court of Star-Chamber, Kings Court, Chancery, the Court of Common Pleas and Arches Court. Housed in Shirbirn Castle, near Watlington, Oxfordshire, the library of the Macclesfields was one of the finest private libraries in Great Britain. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R26617, R35651.

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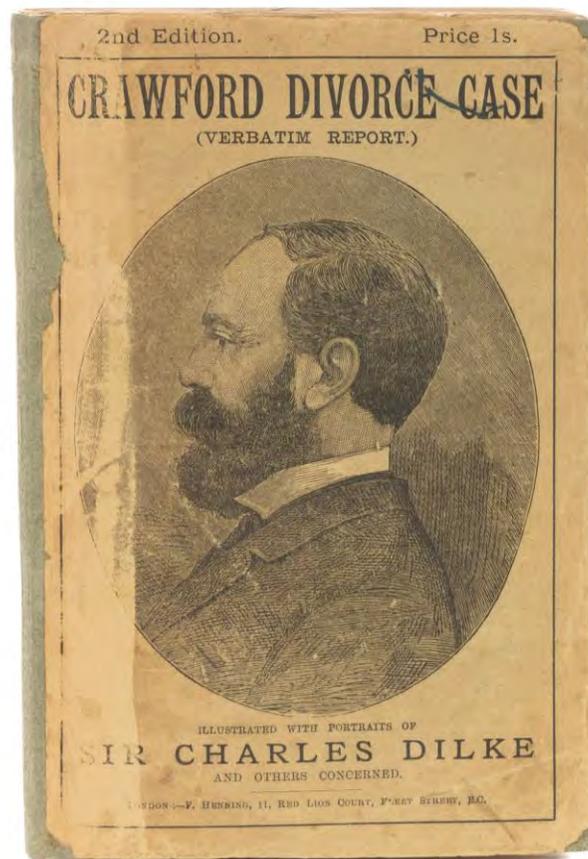
A Rare English Treatise on Gambling Law

**7. Coldridge, Ward.
Hawksford, Cyril V.**

The Law of Gambling Civil and Criminal: With Forms. London: Reeves and Turner, 1895. xxiii, 378 pp. Upper section lacking from leaf a2, pp. iii-iv, with loss to text, replacement supplied as a laid-in facsimile. Publisher advertisements to endleaves. Octavo (8-1/2" x 5-1/2").

Contemporary cloth, blind frames to boards, gilt title to spine. Binding slightly cocked, light rubbing and a few minor creases to boards, light fading to spine, moderate rubbing to extremities, corners and spine ends bumped, a few cracks to text block, binding secure. Light toning to interior, light soiling to endleaves and title page. \$300.

* First edition. A remarkably comprehensive study that covers topics ranging from cock fights to stock speculation, as well as offenses related to gambling, such as the abuse of racehorses. A second edition was published in 1913. Both editions appear to be rare. OCLC locates 4 copies of the first edition, 2 in North America (Queens University, Ontario, Yale Law School). Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 2:71. [Order This Item](#)



A Rare Account of a Career-Ending Divorce Case

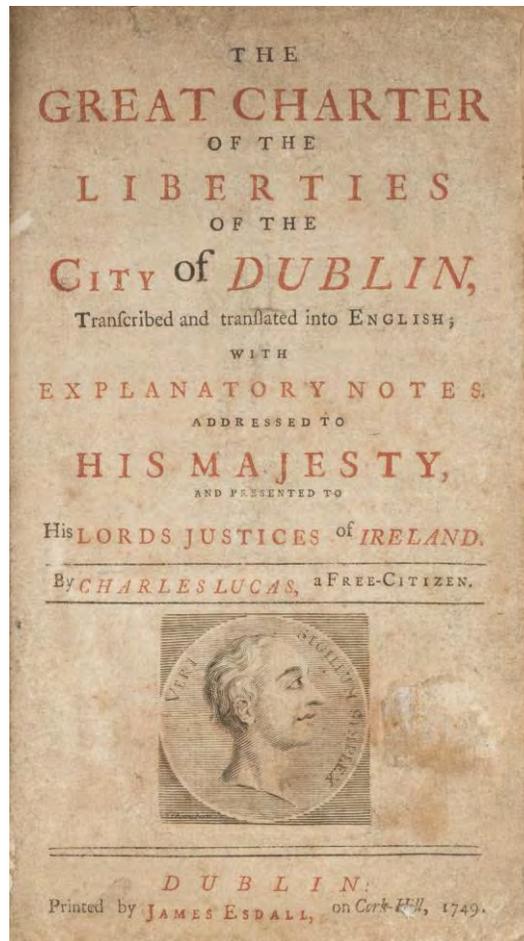
8. [Divorce].

Crawford v. Crawford and Dilke.

The Crawford Divorce Case (Second Edition.) Containing Important Facts Disclosed Since the Trial. Illustrated with Portraits. London: F. Henning, 1886. [146] pp. Woodcut portrait frontispiece and a few small portrait vignettes. Octavo (7-1/4" x 4-3/4").

Recent stiff wrappers, edgeworn and lightly rubbed original pictorial front and rear wrappers laid down, loss to text of rear wrapper, which has a publisher advertisement, at upper and lower left corners. Light toning to interior, light foxing to margins in a few places, slight creasing to a few leaves, occasional underlining, brief notes to margins and manuscript page numbers in pencil, manuscript table of contents tipped onto inner rear wrapper. Rare. \$650.

* Second edition. The Crawford divorce case concerned a series of affairs carried on by Sir Charles Dilke [1843-1911], an MP and prominent member of the Liberal Party. In addition to an affair with Ellen Smith, wife of a Liberal politician and the mother-in-law of Dilke's brother, he was accused of seducing Smith's nineteen-year-old daughter Virginia and continuing the affair after she was married. Virginia's husband, Donald Crawford, sued for divorce with Dilke as a party to the suit. This trial resulted in a decree nisi for the Crawfords but an unclear verdict on Dilke's responsibility for the affair. Dilke sought to reopen the case in order to clear his name, with devastating consequences—he was humiliated in court and the flood of subsequent accusations of adultery ended his political career. Our account, sympathetic to Dilke, appears to have gone through at least five editions with the fifth appearing in 1887. OCLC and Library Hub locate 5 physical copies of all editions worldwide and no physical copies of the second edition; we located 1 at the University of Minnesota Law School. [Order This Item](#)



Rights, Privileges and Liberties of Dublin

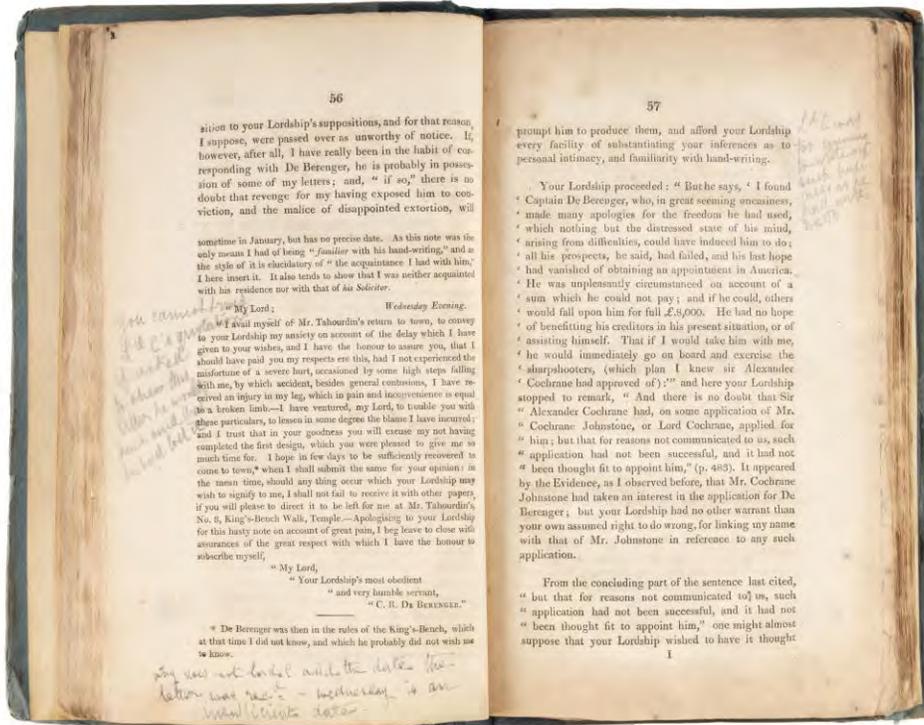
9. [Dublin].

Lucas, Charles [1713-1771].

The Great Charter of the Liberties of the City of Dublin, Transcribed and Translated into English; With Explanatory Notes. Addressed to His Majesty, And Presented to His Lords Justices of Ireland. By Charles Lucas, A Free-Citizen. Dublin: Printed by James Esdall, On Cork-Hill, 1749. vi, xlv, 31, [1], 36, [2] pp. With a final errata leaf and several woodcut vignettes. Octavo (8" x 4-3/4").

Recent quarter cloth over plain boards, ink title to spine, endpapers renewed. Light rubbing and minor light soiling to boards, moderate rubbing to spine ends, corners lightly worn. Title page printed in red and black; Latin text and English translation have separate title pages, also in red and black. Moderate toning to interior, occasional light foxing, light soiling in a few places, somewhat heavier to general title page, which is very lightly edgeworn, slight creasing to first several leaves not affecting text, crack in text block between pp. 28-29 of English translation, leaves O2-3 (pp. 31-34) loosening at foot but secure. Rare. \$1,850.

* First edition, first issue. The Latin text and English translation of the charter for the city of Dublin as granted by King Edward IV in 1483. Lucas, an Irish politician and Dublin native, published *The Great Charter* in the midst of his campaign for one of Dublin's parliamentary seats, along with two tracts on the political constitutions of Great Britain and Ireland. His outspoken Irish nationalism, evident in the introduction to the present work and his other writings, ultimately resulted in his exile from political life for several years. *The Great Charter* was reissued in 1749 under the same imprint but without the errata leaf; another edition appeared in 1770. OCLC and the ESTC locate 2 copies of this issue in North America, both at the University of Illinois. *English Short-Title Catalogue (ESTC)* T200365. [Order This Item](#)



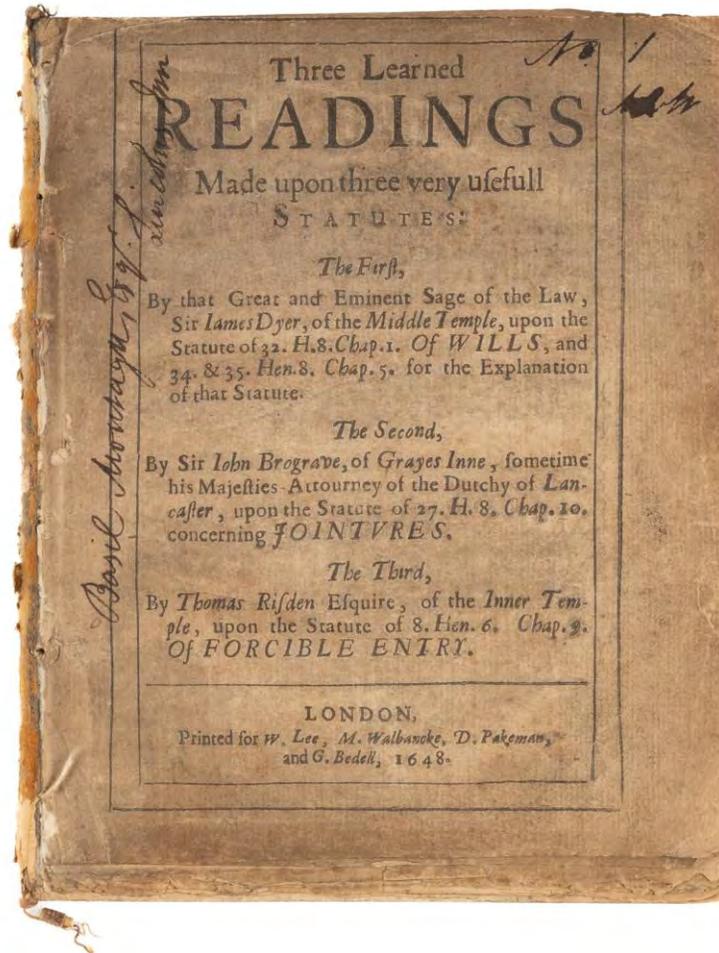
Annotated by One of Ellenborough's Descendants

10. Dundonald, Thomas Cochrane, Earl of [1775-1860].

A Letter to Lord Ellenborough from Lord Cochrane. London: Sold by T. Hughes, 1815. 138, [38] pp. Octavo (8-3/4" x 5-1/2").

Later quarter pebbled cloth over plain boards, handwritten title ("Letter to Lord Ellenborough") to front board, fragments of paper labels to spine, endpapers renewed, edges untrimmed. Light rubbing to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, corners bumped and worn. Moderate toning to interior, occasional light foxing, ownership signatures of "E.D. Law," most likely Edward Downes Law, 5th Baron Ellenborough, to title and first pages, annotations in the same hand throughout in pencil and ink. \$750.

* First edition. The aftermath of one of the greatest English fraud cases of the nineteenth century. In 1814, Charles de Berenger, a Prussian aristocrat posing as an aide to Britain's ambassador to Russia, announced that Napoleon had been killed by Russian Cossacks. This news caused stock prices to rise. After discovering that Berenger's news was a hoax, which caused prices to drop, investigators discovered that six men had profited substantially from the false information. All were alleged to have been conspirators with Berenger. One of these men was Cochrane, a Member of Parliament, an admiral and one of the greatest naval heroes of the Napoleonic Wars. The case against him was weak and circumstantial, but he was, to the surprise of many, convicted, sentenced to 12 months in prison, fined £1,000. and ordered to stand in the pillory opposite the Royal Exchange for one hour. The judge, Edward Law, 1st Baron Ellenborough, was known to be harsh to criminal defendants, particularly in political trials. In subsequent weeks, Cochrane was dismissed from the Royal Navy, expelled from Parliament and stripped of his knighthood. A month later, however, he was re-elected unopposed and, following a public outcry, his sentence to the pillory was rescinded. Many people questioned Cochrane's guilt at the time, and this question has divided historians to the present day. The present account, written by Cochrane and capitulating on his rising popularity, reiterates the points made by his defense. Edward Downes Law, 5th Baron Ellenborough [1841-1915], a British naval officer and member of the House of Lords. The copious annotations are critical of Cochrane's case, perhaps in defense of Law's ancestor. OCLC locates no copies of this title in a law library. *Goldsmiths'-Kress Library of Economic Literature* 21222. [Order This Item](#)



Three Readings on Property Law

11. Dyer, Sir James [1512-1582].

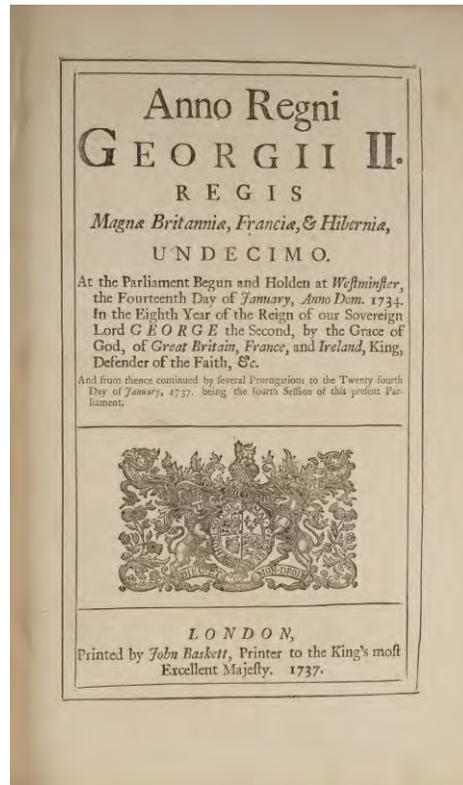
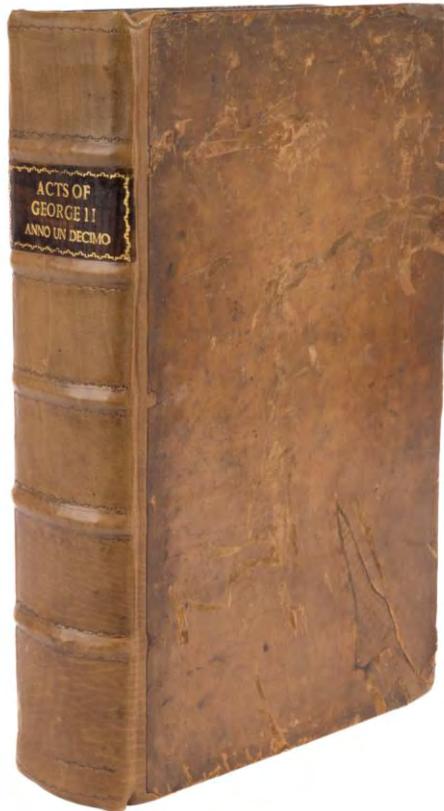
Brograve, Sir John [d.1613].

Risden, Thomas.

Three Learned Readings Made Upon Three Very Usefull Statutes: The First, By that Great and Eminent Sage of the Law, Sir James Dyer, Of the Middle Temple, Upon the Statute of 32.H.8.Chap.I. Of Wills, And 34. & 35. Hen.8.Chap.5. For the Explanation of that Statute. The Second, By Sir John Brograve, Of Grayes Inne, Sometime His Majesties Attourney of the Dutchy of Lancaster, Upon the Statute of 27.H.8.Chap.10. Concerning Jointures. The Third, By Thomas Risden Esquire, Of the Inner Temple, Upon the Statute of 8.Hen.6. Chap.9. Of Forcible Entry. London: Printed for W. Lee, M. Walbancke, D. Pakeman, And G. Bedell, 1648. [iv], 12 [i.e. 123], [1] pp. Quarto (7-1/4" x 5-1/2").

Disbound, edges speckled green. Moderate toning and foxing, light browning and soiling to first and final leaves not affecting legibility, final two leaves detached and lightly edgeworn, lower corner of leaf K4 (pp. 71-72) lacking without loss to text, later ownership signature of "Basil Montagu, Esq. Lincoln's Inn" and brief ms note to title page. \$950.

* Only edition. This well-received group of legal readings by three "grave Sages of that Profession" focuses on property law, including Dyer on land inheritance, Brograve on jointures and a reading by Inner Templar Thomas Risden on landlord and tenant and forcible entry. The group is notable for its representation of three different Inns of Court (Gray's Inn and the Inner and Middle Temples). Our copy was likely owned by Basil Montagu [1770-1851], a notable English legal author and bankruptcy reformer. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R204745. [Order This Item](#)



Public and Private Acts of Parliament, 1737-1738

12. [Great Britain].

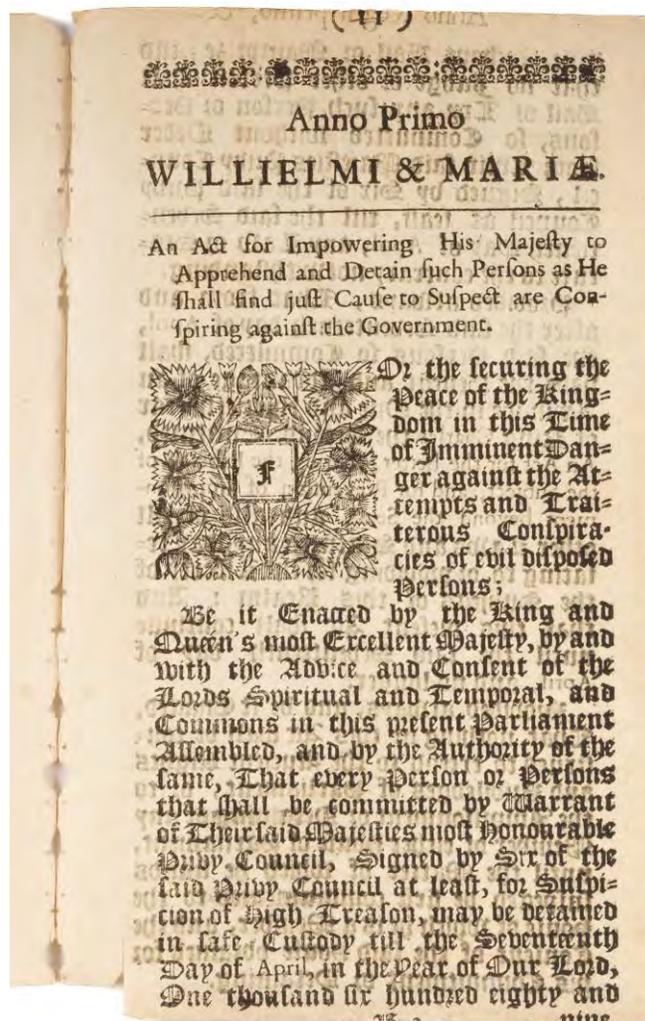
George II [1683-1760], King of Great Britain.

Anno Regni Georgii II. Regis Magnae Britanniae, Franciae, & Hiberniae, Undecimo. At the Parliament Begun and Holden at Westminster the Fourteenth Day of January, Anno Dom. 1734. In the Eighth Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Second, By the Grace of God, of Great Britain, France, and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, &c. And From Thence Continued by Several Prorogations to the Twenty Fourth Day of January, 1737. Being the Fourth Session of this Present Parliament. London: Printed by John Baskett, 1737 [i.e. 1738]. 862, [6] pp. Same general title page preceding each act, Acts V-XXXIX dated 1738. Folio (11-3/4" x 7").

Contemporary calf, blind rules to boards, rebaked in period style with raised bands, blind fillets and lettering piece to spine, gilt tooling to board edges. Rubbing and scuffing to boards, large gouge to lower right corner of front board neatly mended, light rubbing to board edges, corners reinforced, hinges mended, faint offsetting to endleaves, armorial bookplate with autograph signature (of Albany Carrington Bond) to front pastedown. Moderate toning to interior, occasional light foxing, a few corners folded and untrimmed. \$1,000.

* A collection of 39 acts passed in the fourth session of the eighth Parliament of Great Britain, with tables listing the titles of the public acts and summaries of 28 private acts. Some of the more interesting acts involve restrictions on the rights of Catholics and various regulations of infrastructure and trade, including "An Act for punishing such Persons as shall do Injuries and Violence to the Persons or Properties of His Majesty's Subjects with Intent to hinder the Exportation of Corn."

Also notable is an act dealing with the estate of Hugh Naish, whose son (also named Hugh) had been committed to debtors prison in 1731 and found remaining there preferable to paying his debt. When his father tried to obtain his release, it was found that the son had escaped; the Act codified an agreement between Hugh Sr. and his son's creditors to put the son's assets in trust. *English Short-Title Catalogue* N51623. [Order This Item](#)



The First Suspension of Habeas Corpus in England

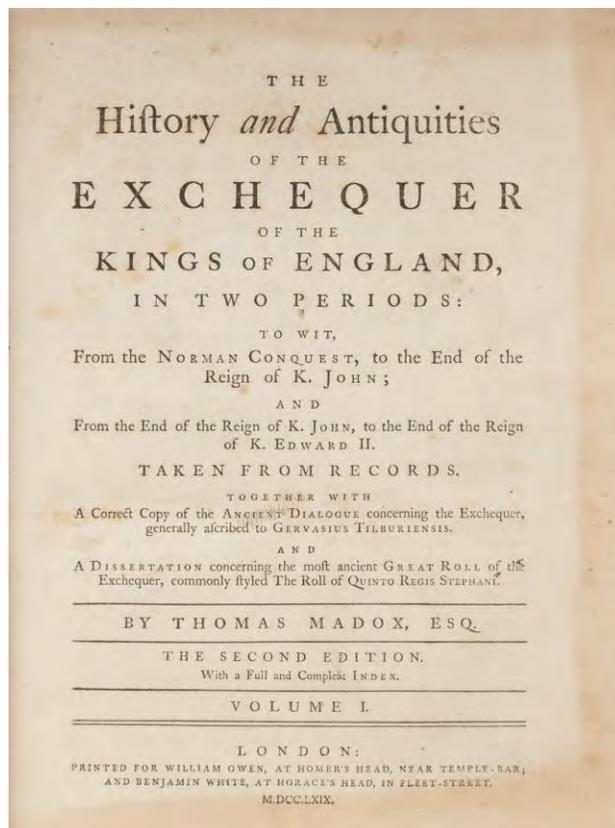
13. [Great Britain].

[Habeas Corpus Suspension Act 1688].

An Act for Impowering His Majesty to Apprehend and Detain Such Persons as He Shall Find Just Cause to Suspect are Conspiring Against the Government [Drop-Head Title]. At head: *Anno Primo Willielmi & Mariae*. London: Printed by Charles Bill and Thomas Newcomb, 1688 [i.e. 1689]. [iv], 11-12 pp. With the general title page. Folio (8-1/2" x 5").

Disbound stab-stitched pamphlet. Light toning, trimming affecting headline, page numbers and catch-words without loss to legibility or main text. \$400.

* First printing of the Habeas Corpus Suspension Act of 1688 (i.e. 1689), the first of three such acts that year to temporarily suspend the right of *habeas corpus* in the wake of the Glorious Revolution. An assertion of parliamentary power, these acts provided that anyone suspected of high treason could be imprisoned without bail or trial by six members of the Privy Council until the Council decided otherwise or the Act expired. The present act expired on April 17, 1689. Notably, members of both houses of Parliament were exempt from imprisonment under this statute. This was the first formal suspension of *habeas corpus* in England after the codification of the right in 1640 and 1679. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R223070. [Order This Item](#)



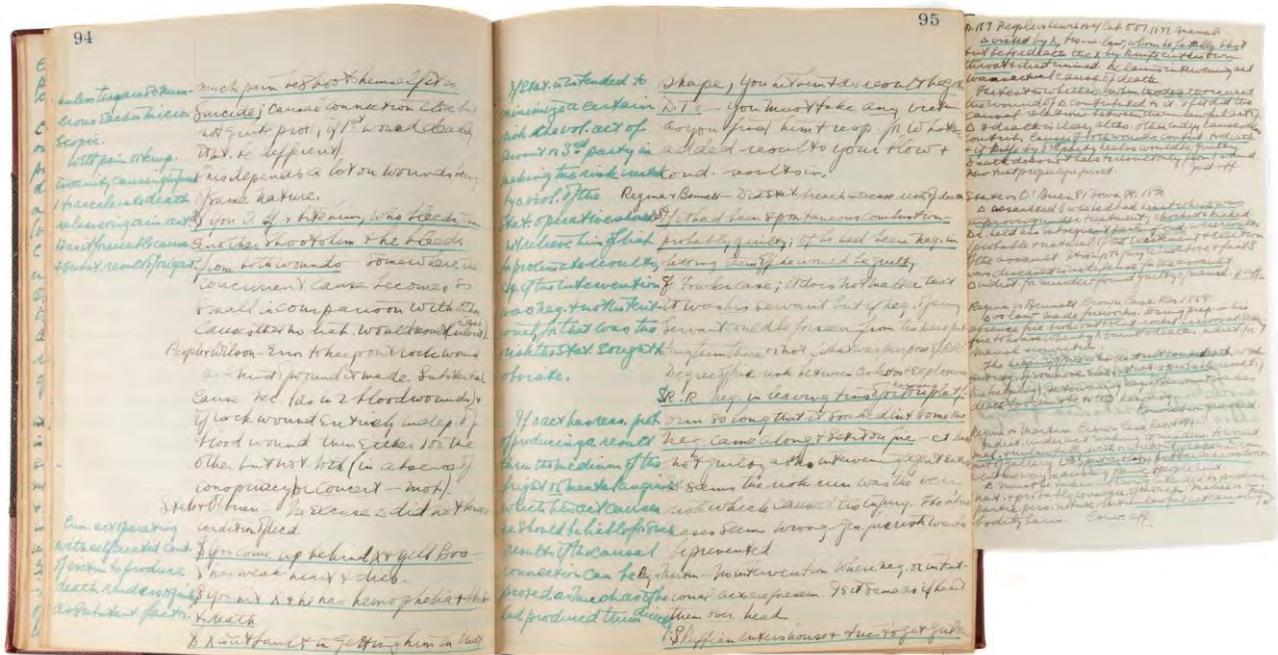
**"Students Still Turn to Its
Pages for Enlightenment and Guidance"**

14. Madox, Thomas [1666-1727].

The History and Antiquities of the Exchequer of the Kings of England, in Two Periods: To Wit, From the Norman Conquest, To the End of the Reign of K. John; And from the End of the Reign of K. John, To the End of the Reign of K. Edward II: Taken from Records. Together with A Correct Copy of the Ancient Dialogue Concerning the Exchequer, Generally Ascribed to Gervasius Tilburiensis; And a Dissertation Concerning the Most Ancient Great Roll of the Exchequer, Commonly Styled the Roll of Quinto Regis Stephani. With a Full and Compleat Index. London: Printed for William Owen, 1769. [ii], xxx, [vi], 801; [iv], 477, [290] pp. 2 copperplate text images, 1 repeated. Quarto (9-3/4" x 7-3/4").

Later cloth, gilt library insignia to front boards, gilt titles to spine, speckled edges, endpapers renewed. Minor nicks and smudges to boards and foot of spine of Volume II, light rubbing to extremities, library stamps and bookplates to front pastedowns, early armorial owner bookplates (of James Hardie Writer) to versos of title pages. Light toning to interiors, light foxing in places, early owner inscription of library along gutter of p. iii of Volume I, a small hole to leaf B2 (pp. 3-4) with minor loss to text, light soiling to title pages, offsetting to margins of title page of Volume I, repair to fore-edge of title page of Volume II. \$750.

* Second and final edition. First published in 1711, this was the first comprehensive study of the Royal Exchequer and English medieval taxation. "Even the present-day reader of Madox is surprised to find out how much English legal history lies embodied in the antiquary's learning as to fines and amerciements.... Most of the other chapters also throw much light upon the earlier history of the Common Law. (...) Madox's great work still serves a double purpose: it is the history of constitutional institutions and it is also an apparatus towards a history of the ancient common law. Legal as well as constitutional students still turn to its pages for enlightenment and guidance.": Hazaltine, "Thomas Madox as a Legal Historian," 32 *Law Quarterly Review* (1916) 285-286. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T97072. [Order This Item](#)



Lecture Notes on Criminal Law Compiled by a Student at Harvard Law School in 1932-1933

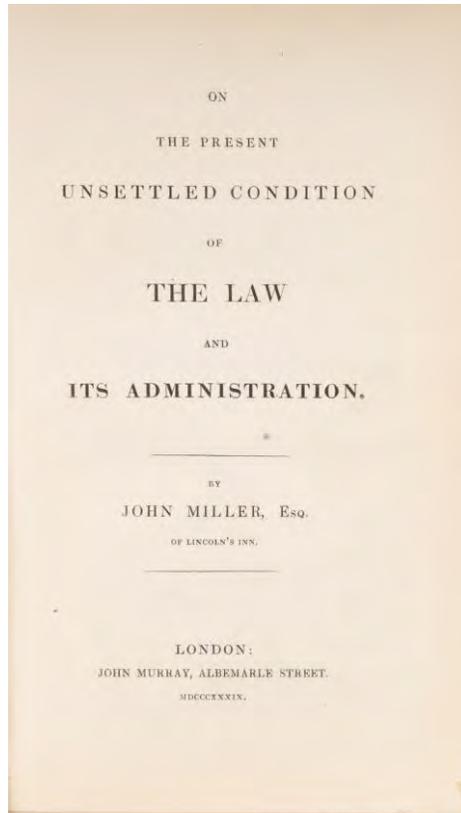
15. [Manuscript].

Van Dusen, Lewis H., Jr. [1910-2004].

[Lecture Notes on a Course on Criminal Law at Harvard Law School]. [Cambridge, 1932-1933]. 288 pp.

Three-quarter cloth over pebbled paper-covered boards. Moderate shelfwear, binding slightly cocked, "Criminal Law/L.H. van Dusen Jr/ 3 Perkins Hall, Cambridge" to front pastedown. Light toning to interior, content in clear hand to rectos and versos of pp. 1-202, 265-270, numerous sheets of notes, some typewritten, tipped in (or laid in) throughout. \$750.

* This notebook offers an opportunity to "audit" the course in criminal law taught to first-year students at Harvard Law School in 1932-1933. The instructor isn't named. Depending on Van Dusen's class assignment, it was either Francis B. Sayre [1885-1972] or Livingston Hall [1903-1995]. Born into a distinguished Philadelphia family, Van Dusen graduated from Princeton at the top of his class in 1932 and attended Harvard Law School during the 1932-1933 academic year. Awarded a Rhodes Scholarship in 1933, he went on to earn a law degree at Oxford, again at the top of his class, in 1935. Upon graduation he joined the old-line Philadelphia law firm Drinker, Biddle & Reath, where he remained for the rest of his professional life, which was interrupted by military service, yet again distinguished, during World War II. In addition to his legal practice, he served as the assistant deputy to the U.S. representative to NATO in 1950, a post in which he helped to negotiate civilian and military treaties. [Order This Item](#)



Scarce Treatise on Law Reform Inscribed by the Author

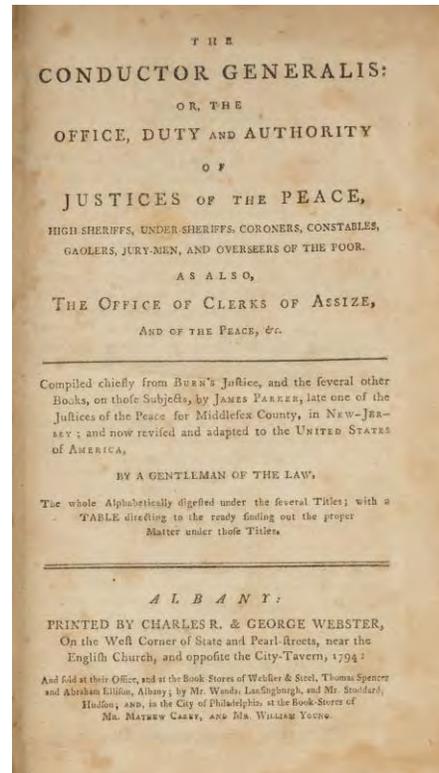
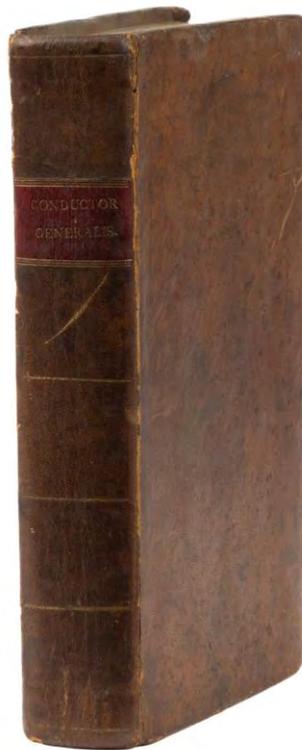
16. Miller, John [d.1837].

On the Present Unsettled Condition of the Law and its Administration. London: John Murray, 1839. iv, 171, [1] pp. Octavo (8-1/2" x 5").

Disbound. Light toning, a few folded corners, presentation inscription "George Spence Esq. with the author's Complimen[ts]" to front free endpaper affected slightly by trimming, occasional manuscript notes and marginal marks in a different early hand, several small slips of paper laid in by the annotator. \$450.

* First edition. Miller was a Scottish jurist and eventual attorney general of the Bahamas. Like his others, reviews of the criminal and civil law of England, this work focuses on the potential for reform of the English system and the "inadequacy of the course hitherto pursued for the improvement of the Law" in a variety of areas. George Spence [1787-1850], the recipient of our copy, was a British jurist and Inner Templar who wrote extensively on chancery reform. His two-volume history of the Court of Chancery was a standard authority for many years, but the strain of its compilation and his unsuccessful advocacy for reform diminished his health and led to his death. The brief annotations, most likely his, are primarily to the portions of the book that deal with chancery reform. OCLC locates 2 copies of this edition in law libraries (Harvard, University of Cincinnati). Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 2:242.

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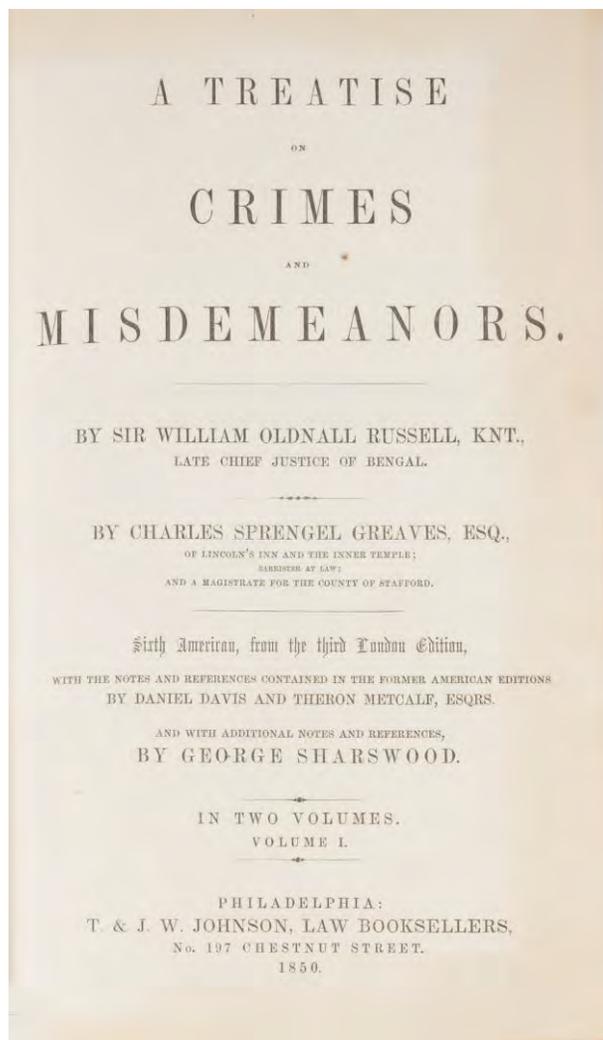
**1794 Albany Edition of the *Conductor Generalis*
"Revised and Adapted to the United States of America"**

17. Parker, James [1714-1770].

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

Contemporary sheep treated to resemble tree calf, lettering piece and gilt fillets to spine. A few minor nicks and scuffs, light rubbing to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, rear joint starting at head, hinges cracked, minor worming to front pastedown. Moderate toning and light foxing to interior, crude repairs to leaf Gg4 (pp. 255-256) with loss to text, some offsetting to p. 257, faint dampstaining to margins of preliminaries, later owner signature (of John Wray) to front and rear endleaves. \$200.

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



A Classic Treatise on Crimes and Misdemeanors

18. Russell, William Oldnall [1785-1833].

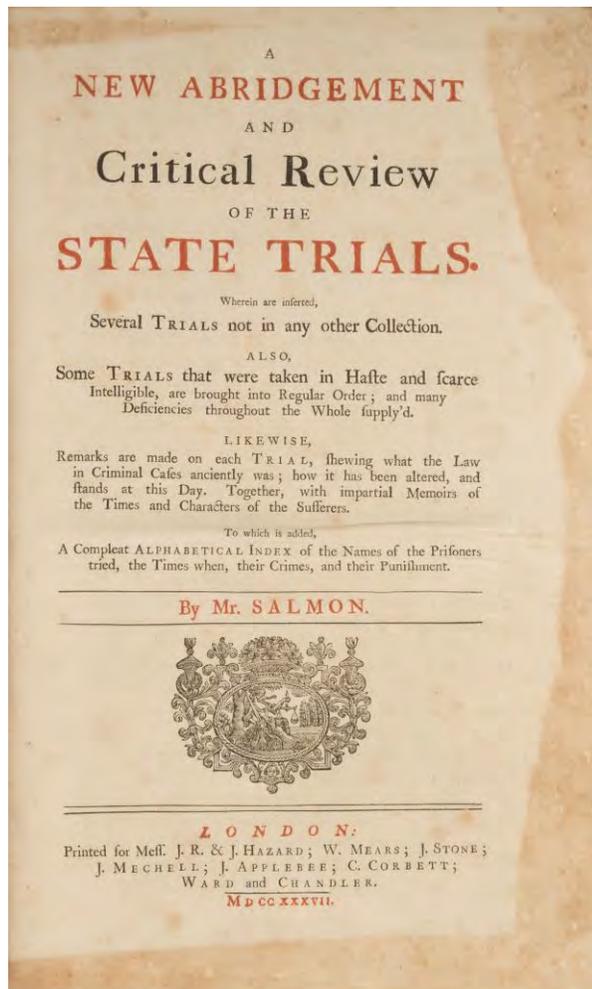
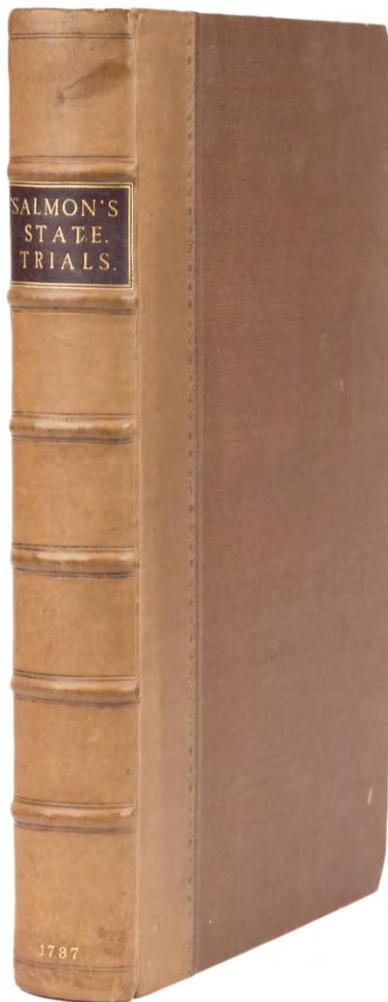
Greaves, Charles Sprengel [1801-1881].

Sharswood, George [1810-1883], Editor.

A Treatise on Crimes and Misdemeanors. With the Notes and References Contained in the Former American Editions by Daniel Davis and Theron Metcalf, Esqrs. And With Additional Notes and References, by George Sharswood. Philadelphia: T. & J.W. Johnson, 1857. Two volumes. xi, 905; vii, 1096 pp. Star-paged. Octavo (9-3/4" x 6").

Contemporary sheep, blind rules to boards, blind fillets and red and black lettering pieces to spine, . Light rubbing to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, shallow scuffing to spine, light chipping to spine ends, corners bumped and somewhat worn, rear boards beginning to separate but secure. Light toning to interiors, early owner inscription (of J.A. Andrews dated 1856) to front free endpapers, offsetting to margins of preliminaries and final few leaves of each volume. \$100.

* Sixth American edition. Paging irregular, following that of the third London edition (1843), to which it is starred. "[This is] said to be the best general treatise on the criminal law" (Holdsworth). The first American edition was published in 1824, its eighth and final edition in 1857. Holdsworth, *History of English Law* XIII:464. Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 3758. [Order This Item](#)



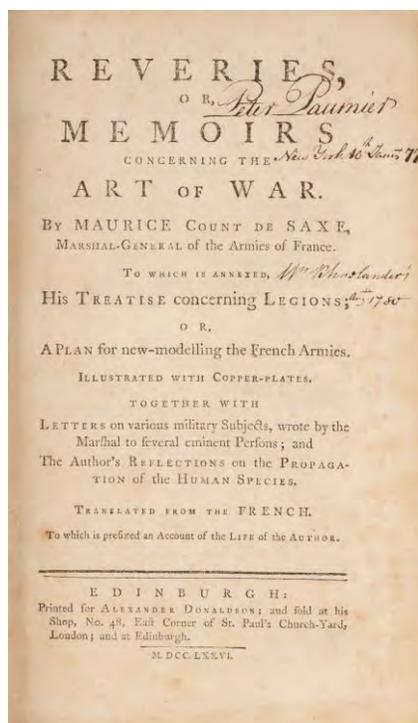
Taken From the First Edition of English State Trials

19. Salmon, Thomas [1679-1767].

A New Abridgement and Critical Review of the State Trials. Wherein are Inserted, Several Trials Not in Any Other Collection. Also, Some Trials That were Taken in Haste and Scarce Intelligible, Are Brought into Regular Order; And Many Deficiencies Throughout the Whole Supply'd. Likewise, Remarks are Made on Each Trial, Shewing What the Law in Criminal Cases Anciently Was; And How it Has Been Altered, And Stands at this Day. Together, With Impartial Memoirs of the Times and Characters of the Sufferers. To Which is Added, A Compleat Alphabetical Index of the Names of the Prisoners Tried, The Times When, Their Crimes, And Their Punishment. London: Printed for Mess. J.R. & J. Hazard [et al.], 1737. iv, 922, [8] pp. Main text in parallel columns. Last page is a publisher catalogue. Folio (14-3/4" x 9-1/4").

Recent period-style quarter calf over cloth boards, blind fillets to calf edges, raised bands and lettering piece to spine, endpapers renewed, edges rouged. A few negligible spots and stains to boards and spine, light rubbing to extremities, corners bumped. Title page printed in red and black. Moderate toning and light foxing to interior, somewhat heavier in places. \$450.

* Second edition. First published in 1735, this is an abridgement by Salmon of the first edition of his four-volume *Compleat Collection of State-Tryals* (1719). Its final edition was published in 1765. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T174071. [Order This Item](#)



Owned by Britain's Deputy Commissary General in Georgia

20. Saxe, Maurice, Comte de [1696-1750].

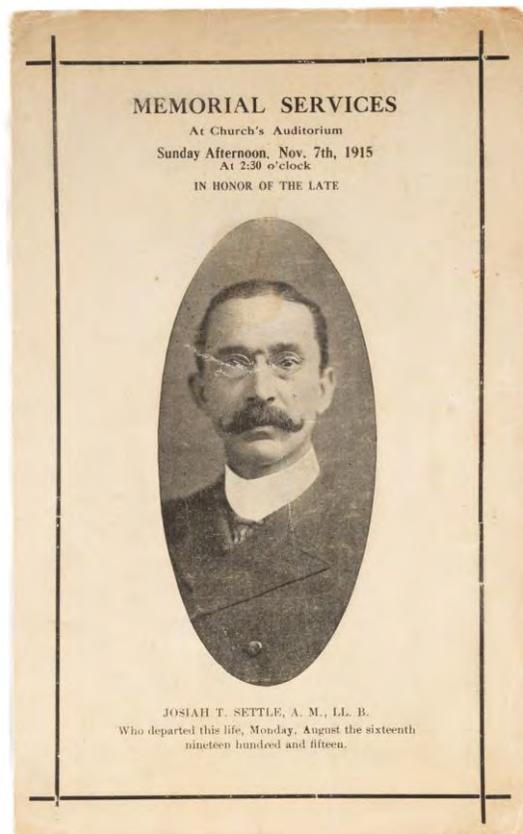
Reveries, Or, Memoirs Concerning the Art of War. By Maurice Count de Saxe, Marshal-General of the Armies of France. To Which is Annexed, His Treatise Concerning Legions; Or, A Plan for New-Modelling the French Armies. Illustrated with Copper-Plates. Together with Letters on Various Military Subjects, Wrote by the Marshal to Several Eminent Persons; And the Author's Reflections on the Propagation of the Human Species. Translated from the French. To Which is Prefixed an Account of the Life of the Author. Edinburgh: Printed for Alexander Donaldson, 1776. xx, 352, [26] pp. With thirteen folding plates. Octavo (8-1/4" x 4-3/4").

Contemporary calf, gilt-edged raised bands and lettering piece to spine, blind tooling to board edges. Light rubbing and a few small spots and scuffs to boards, front board separated but secured by cords, moderate rubbing to extremities, light gatoring to spine, rear joint starting at foot, corners bumped and somewhat worn, rear hinge cracked, faint offsetting to endleaves, recent bookplate (of Robert R. Martin) to front pastedown. Light toning to interior, occasional light foxing, faint offsetting to copperplates, right portion of plate 1 lacking, light edgewear to fore-edges of other plates with minor loss to border of plate 6, faint dampstaining to plate 8. Early ownership signatures of Peter Paumier dated 1777 and William [Rhinelander?] dated 1780 to title page. \$250.

* Third and final edition in English. Saxe was a notable eighteenth-century soldier, officer and eventual military commander best known for his leadership in the War of the Austrian Succession on the side of the French. First published in French in 1756, *Reveries* was praised as an effective systematic study of the art of war. It also called for reform of French military practices, advocating a more nimble, mobile approach to warfare as opposed to the historic focus on fortification.

This prioritization of the battlefield over the fortress was a strategy that gained new relevance during the Revolutionary War. Our copy of Saxe's treatise was owned by Peter Paumier, a senior British commissary officer in New York, though he was subsequently reassigned to Georgia when the British pivoted to the southern colonies. By 1777, the date of Paumier's ownership signature, French military strategy was quickly becoming an urgent question for the British, and a study like Saxe's may have been perceived to offer valuable insight into the inner workings of a growing threat.

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**Unrecorded Program of a 1915 Memorial Service for
a Distinguished Tennessee African-American Lawyer and Politician**

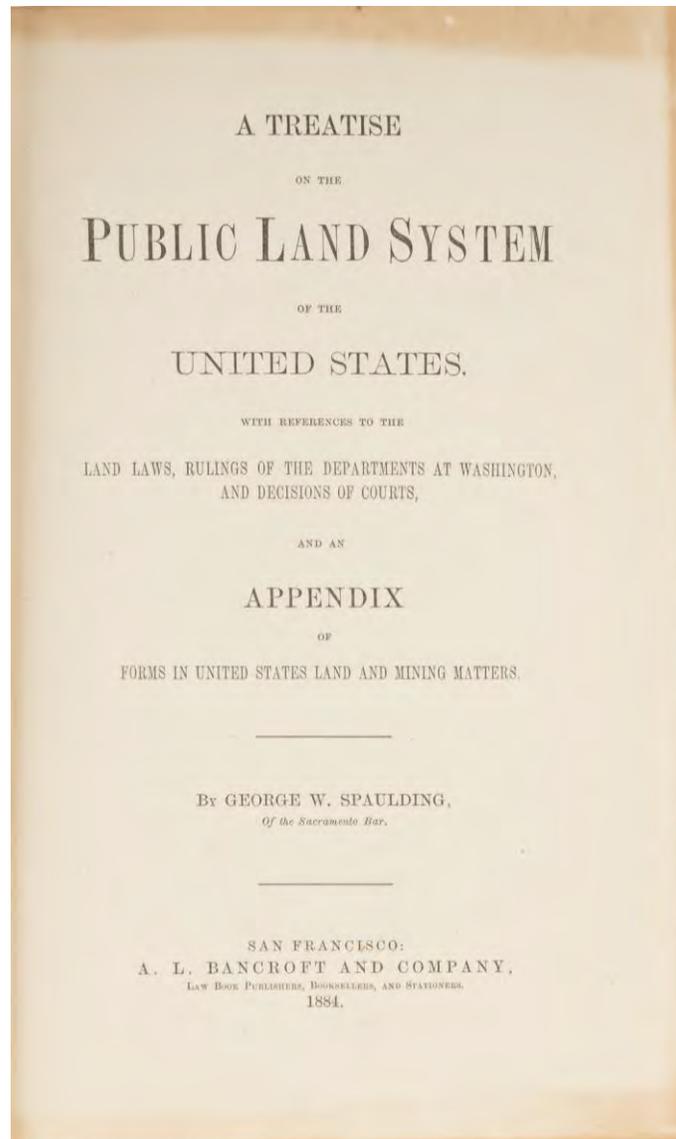
21. Settle, Josiah T. [1850-1915].

Memorial Services At Church's Auditorium, Sunday Afternoon, Nov. 7th, 1915 At 2:30 O'Clock In Honor of the Late Josiah T. Settle, A.M., LL.B., Who Departed This Life, Monday, August the Sixteenth, Nineteen Hundred and Fifteen. [Memphis, TN], 1915. [4] pp. Octavo (8" x 5").

Bifolium pamphlet with printed wrappers, half-tone portrait of Settle on cover. Light edgewear and soiling, a few minor creases and stains. \$450.

* Settle was an African-American lawyer and politician who managed to have a distinguished career in the Jim Crow South. Settle was born in 1850 in East Tennessee to Nancy Graves, an enslaved woman who was owned by Josiah Settle, his father, a white plantation owner. The father cared Nancy and his son. He purchased a home for them in Hamilton, Ohio and eventually manumitted both. Settle attended Oberlin College in 1866 and graduated with a law degree from Howard University in 1872. After a term in the Mississippi Legislature (1883-84), Settle moved to Memphis to serve as Tennessee's assistant attorney general (1886-87). Active in Republican politics, he was elected delegate to the Republican National Convention in 1892, and each convention thereafter.

In addition to a biographical sketch, the program lists the "Order of Service" and the participants, which includes Rev. Jos. W. Livingston, Dr. E.W. Irving, B.F. Booth, Dabney M. Scales, Miss Pearl Crawford, and Dr. C.H. Shelby, Master of Ceremonies. The rear cover has the text of "To Paths Unknown" by John Greenleaf Whittier, which is identified as one of Settle's favorite poems. Outside of an 8-page speech by Settle, published c.1900 and known in one copy, at the Library of Congress, we have not found any other primary source material about this remarkable man. No copies listed on OCLC. Hamilton, *Beacon Lights of the Race* 474. Simmons and Turner, *Men of Mark* 538. [Order This Item](#)



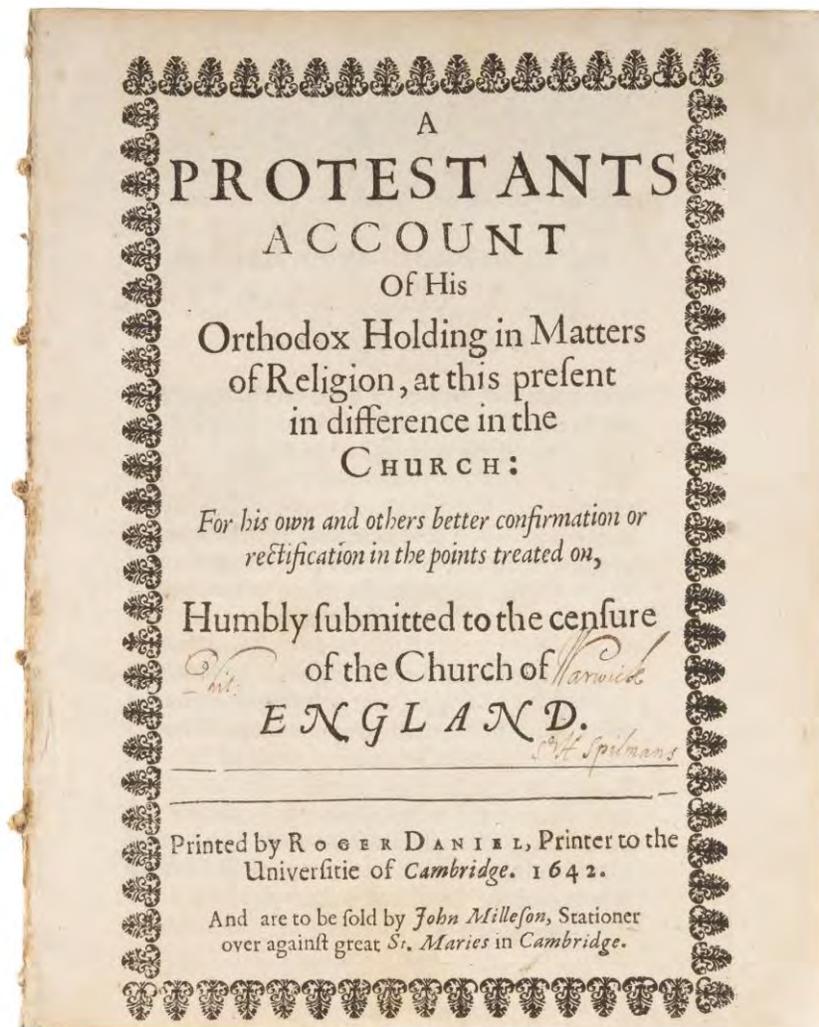
Written During the Final Years of American Westward Expansion

22. Spaulding, George W.

A Treatise on the Public Land System of the United States. With References to the Land Laws, Rulings of the Departments at Washington, and Decisions of Courts, And an Appendix of Forms in United States Land and Mining Matters. San Francisco: A.L. Bancroft and Company, 1884. xxxii, 523 pp. Octavo (9" x 5-3/4").

Contemporary sheep, blind frames to boards, raised bands and lettering piece to spine, library shelf number to foot. Negligible light rubbing and scuffing to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, chip to head of spine, corners bumped and lightly worn, joints starting, hinges cracked, owner bookplate (of Joseph M. Gleason) to front pastedown, library card pocket to rear pastedown. Moderate toning to interior, offsetting to margins of preliminaries and rear endleaves, library markings to verso of title page. \$450.

* Only edition. This treatise was written six years before the superintendent of the census noted the closing of the western frontier, a statement that inspired Frederick Jackson Turner's landmark paper "The Significance of the Frontier in American History" (1893). *Catalogue of the Library of the Harvard Law School* (1909) II:633. [Order This Item](#)



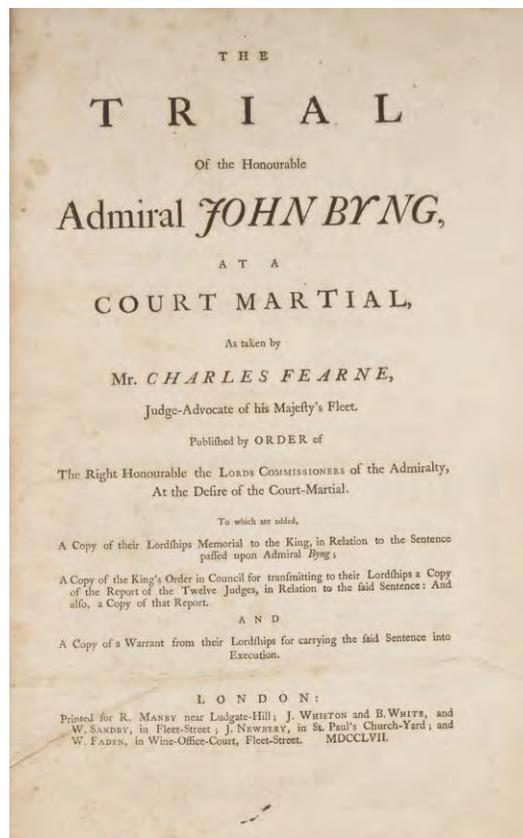
Spelman's Defense of Protestantism

23. [Spelman, Sir Henry (1564?-1641), Attributed].

A Protestants Account of his Orthodox Holding in Matters of Religion, At This Present in Difference in the Church: For his Own and Others Better Confirmation or Rectification in the Points Treated on, Humbly Submitted to the Censure of the Church of England. [Cambridge]: Printed by Roger Daniel and are to be sold by John Milleson, 1642. [ii], 45, [3] pp. Lacking first leaf, a blank; text complete. Quarto (6-3/4" x 5-1/4").

Disbound stab-stitched pamphlet. Light toning, leaves just starting to separate at head, slight creasing and folding to upper corners of first several leaves, trimming to top-edge affecting headline and page numbers in places without loss to legibility, brief underlining, marginal marks and annotations in a few places, ownership signature of Sir Philip Warwick and brief annotation to title page. \$350.

* One of two editions from the same year for which priority has not been established. Commonly attributed to Henry Spelman (but also to his son John Spelman), this work discusses the distinct and superior nature of the Protestant church and advocates the infallibility of Scripture. Sir Henry was an eminent antiquarian, legal historian and member of Parliament. Our copy was owned by Sir Philip Warwick [1609-1683], an English writer, politician and Royalist. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R1499. [Order This Item](#)



The Last Admiral Executed by Firing Squad

24. [Trial].

Byng, John [1704-1757], Defendant.

The Trial of the Honourable Admiral John Byng, At a Court-Martial, As Taken by Mr. Charles Fearne, Judge-Advocate of His Majesty's Fleet. Published by Order of the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, At the Desire of the Court-Martial. To Which are Added, A Copy of their Lordships Memorial to the King, In Relation to the Sentence Passed Upon Admiral Byng; A Copy of the King's Order in Council for Transmitting to their Lordships a Copy of the Report of the Twelve Judges, In Relation to the Said Sentence: And Also, A Copy of That Report. And a Copy of a Warrant from their Lordships for Carrying the Said Sentence into Execution. London: Printed for R. Manby near Ludgate-Hill [et al.], 1757. 130 [i.e. 136]; 19 [i.e. 21], [1] pp. Additional pages *37-8 and *73-6 inserted. Folio (13-1/2" x 8-3/4").

Contemporary quarter calf over marbled boards, raised bands to spine, fragments of paper label to head of joints. Rubbing and scuffing to boards, rubbing and light wear to extremities, chipping to spine ends and joints, boards just separating but secured by cords, corners bumped and worn, later (nineteenth-century) ownership signatures and annotations, mostly relating to a Dixon family, to endleaves, most of rear free endpaper torn away. Light toning to interior, light foxing and soiling in a few places, slight creasing to first several leaves, faint dampstain to a few leaves of appendix, legibility not affected. \$400.

* One of three recorded variant London issues from 1757 for which priority has not been established. Admiral Byng was court-martialed after electing to repair his damaged fleet at Gibraltar rather than relieve a British garrison. The court acquitted him of personal cowardice, but convicted him of failure to "do his utmost to take, seize and destroy the Ships of the French King." Upon the court's recommendation, several members of the Admiralty petitioned George II for clemency, but this was denied. Byng was executed by firing squad, the last of his rank to be executed in this manner. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T20812. [Order This Item](#)



Presentation Copy of a Notable Trial Involving Poisoning and Abortion

25. [Trial].

Hersey, George C., Defendant.

Yerrinton, M.W. James, Reporter.

Report of the Case of Geo. C. Hersey, Indicted for the Murder of Betsy Frances Tirrell Before the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts...
Boston: A. Williams & Co., 1862. 267 pp. Octavo (9-1/2" x 6").

Contemporary sheep, blind fillets to boards, lettering piece and blind fillets to spine, presentation inscription "Hon. Charles Doe. With respects of- Geo.S. Sullivan" to front free endpaper. Light rubbing and a few small scuffs and spots to boards, which are slightly bowed, moderate rubbing to extremities, joints starting, small chips to lettering piece and rear joint, corners lightly worn, faint offsetting to endleaves, light edgewear to rear free endpaper. Light toning to interior, occasional light foxing, most of it negligible.

[With]

Sullivan, George S.

[Doe, Charles (1830-1896)].

[*Autograph Letter, Signed, Boston, October 14, 1862.*]

2 pp. letter to 8" x 5" bifolium monogram stationery. Moderate toning, slight darkening to top-edge, two horizontal fold lines.

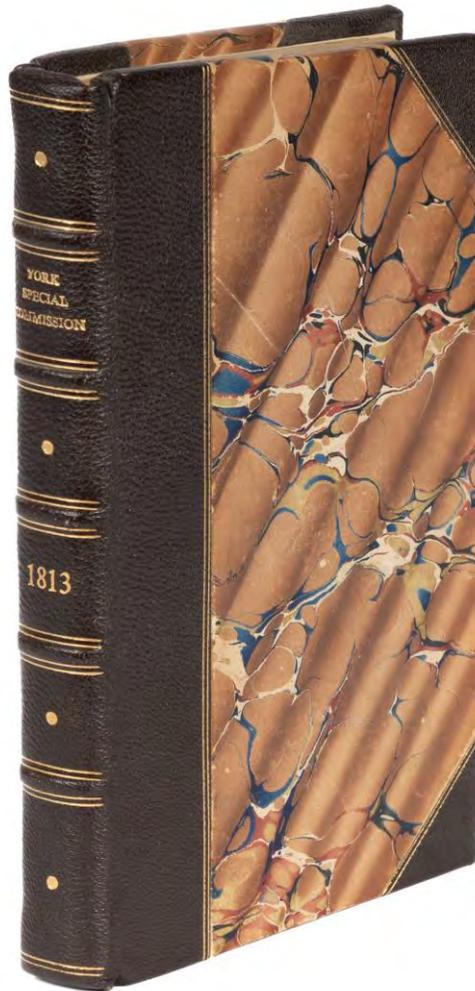
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[*Defendant's Brief in Commonwealth vs. George C. Hersey*]. May 28, 1861. 3 pp. printed document to 9-3/4" x 7-3/4" bifolium, ms docket to verso. Light toning, two horizontal fold lines, negligible light wear to fore-edge, light foxing to verso of final leaf.

Together 3 items. \$450.

* First edition. "Hersey had been living in Weymouth with the Tirrell family since the sudden death four months before of their daughter and his fiancée, Mary Tirrell. A second daughter, Betsy became pregnant by him, and he gave her a drug which he represented would cause an abortion. Actually, it was strychnine which he had obtained in Boston allegedly to poison a dog. He was convicted and hanged. The preface claims this to be the only (in 1862) published trial in which strychnine was detected by analysis in the deceased.": McDade.

Our copy was presented by George S. Sullivan, one of Hersey's defense attorneys, to Charles Doe, then-associate justice on the Supreme Judicial Court of New Hampshire. In the accompanying letter, Sullivan asks a favor of Doe: "that after you have read the Trial (if you do read it) you will write to me and tell me what errors I have made in the management of the case, if any." He remarks that "it is only by the assistance of such friends as you have been to me, that I hope to gain the position in my profession which I desire." The brief, which may have been sent along with the letter and book, is a motion in arrest of judgment written by the defense. McDade, *The Annals of Murder* 472. [Order This Item](#)



An Early Trial of Luddites

**26. [Trials].
[Luddites].**

Gurney, Joseph [1744-1815], Reporter.

Report of Proceedings Under Commissions of Oyer & Terminer and Goal Delivery, for the County of York, Held at the Castle of York, Before Sir Alexander Thomson, Knight, One of the Barons of the Exchequer; And Sir Simon Le Blanc, Knight; One of the Justices of the Court of King's Bench; From the 2d to the 12th of January 1813. From the Short Hand Notes of Mr. Gurney. To which are Subjected Two Proclamations, Issued in Consequence of the Result of Those Proceedings. London: Luke Hansard and Sons, [1813]. xix, [1], 215 pp. Octavo (8" x 5").

Stab-stitched pamphlet in printed wrappers bound into later three-quarter morocco over marbled boards, gilt rules to boards, gilt-edged raised bands and gilt title and ornaments to spine. A few scratches to boards, light rubbing to extremities. Light browning, foxing to most of text, folds to upper outside corners of several leaves at beginning to text, faint dampstaining to preliminaries, mostly to margins, moderate soiling to wrappers. \$150.

* Third edition. This is a detailed report of an early trial of Luddites, the weavers who carried out attacks on the mechanized textile mills that were destroying their livelihood. It has an introduction that provides a definition of the term, a background description of prior Luddite incidents and an indexed list of the 64 prisoners, their occupations and age, their offences and their sentences. Not in the *British Museum Catalogue*. [Order This Item](#)



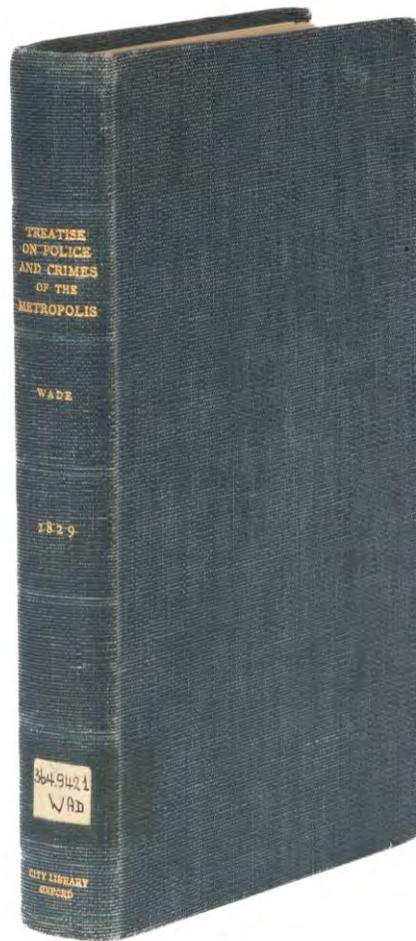
A Group Portrait of the Burger Court

27. [United States Supreme Court].

[9" x 13-3/4" Color Group Photograph of the Burger Court]. [Washington, DC, c.1972-1975].

Photograph with matte finish mounted on 17" x 12" board, signatures of all nine justices below. Light toning to edges of board, light pencil guide marks below signatures. \$1,500.

* The associate justices are Byron White, William J. Brennan, Jr., Potter Stewart, Thurgood Marshall, William H. Rehnquist, Harry A. Blackmun, Lewis Powell and William O. Douglas. Among the landmark rulings of this Court were *Gregg v. Georgia* (1976), which held that the death penalty did not always qualify as cruel and unusual punishment, and *Regents of the University of California v. Bakke* (1978), which upheld the usage of affirmative action in college admissions. [Order This Item](#)



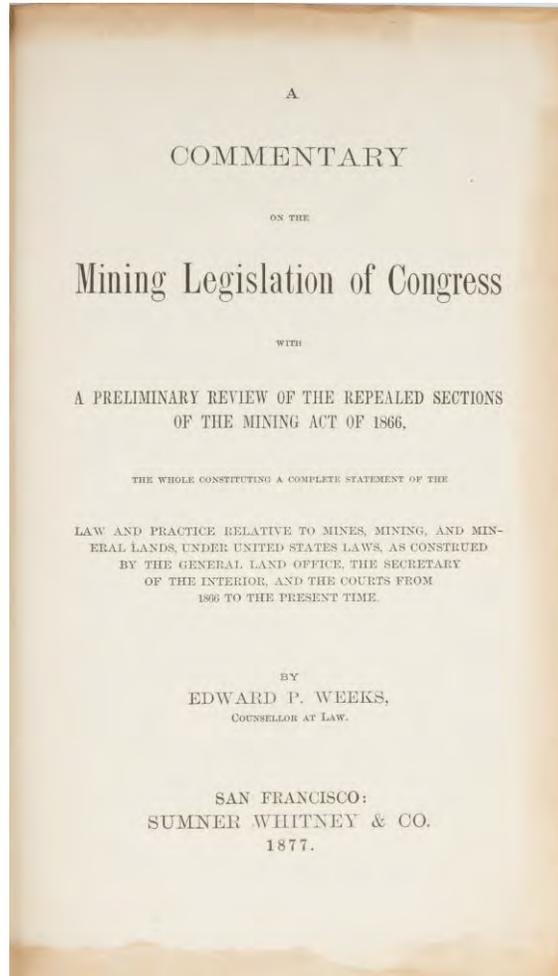
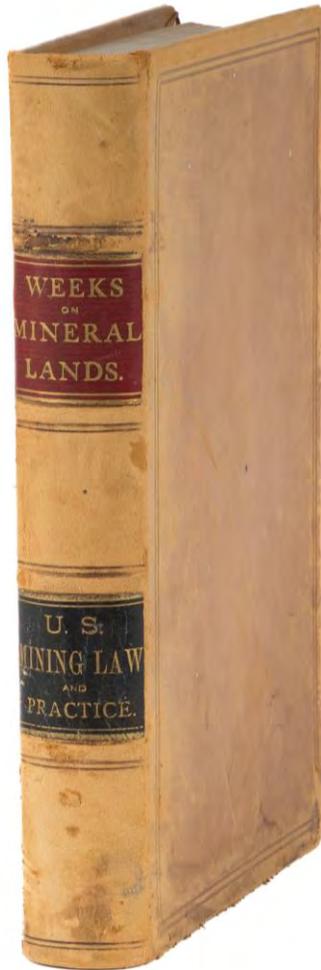
With a Chapter on Female Crime

28. [Wade, John (1788-1875)].

A Treatise on the Police and Crimes of the Metropolis; Especially Juvenile Delinquency, Female Prostitution, Mendicity, Gambling, Forgery, Street-Robberies, Burglary and House-Breaking, Receiving of Stolen Goods, Counterfeiting the Coin, Exhumation, Cheating and Swindling, Adulteration of Food, &c. Also an Account of the Courts of Justice and Prisons of London; And an Inquiry into the Causes of the Increase of Crime; The Tendency of the Debtor Laws; And into the Present State of the Licensed Victualler's Trade: With Suggestions for the Improvement of the Protective Institutions of the Metropolis, And the Prevention of Offences. By the Editor of the "Cabinet Lawyer;" Of "A Digest of Facts and Principles on Banking and Commerce;" Of "An Account of Public Charities," &c. London: Longman, Rees, Orme, Brown, and Green, 1829. xx, 389, [2] pp. Publisher's advertisement to last 2 pp. Octavo (8-3/4" x 5-1/2").

Later buckram, blind fillets, gilt title and paper shelf label to spine, endpapers renewed, edges rouged. Light rubbing to boards and extremities, corners just bumped and lightly worn, library bookplate and borrowing record to pastedowns. Light toning to interior, light foxing and soiling in a few places, embossed library stamp to title page, which has small annotations to both sides, first leaf detached, crack in text block between pp. 382 and 383. \$450.

* Only edition. An interesting work on crime in London, with chapters covering everything from general principles of policing and defects in the force to grave robbery to tavern keepers. Notably included is a detailed discussion of female crime, including the "General Character of Metropolitan Females" (dubious, marked by a "laxity of manners"). OCLC locates 5 copies of this title in North American law libraries (Harvard, Yale, University of Notre Dame, Northwestern, Tulane). Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 2:368. [Order This Item](#)



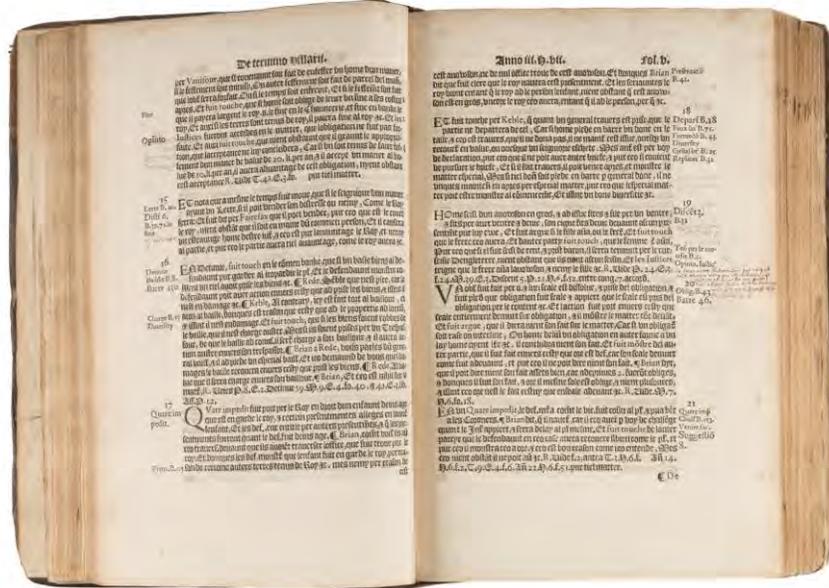
"The Law Relative to the Mineral Lands of the United States," 1866-1877

29. Weeks, Edward P.

A Commentary on the Mining Legislation of Congress, With a Preliminary Review of the Repealed Sections of the Mining Act of 1866, The Whole Constituting a Complete Statement of the Law and Practice Relative to Mines, Mining, And Mineral Lands, Under United States Laws, As Construed by the General Land Office, The Secretary of the Interior, And the Courts from 1866 to the Present Time. San Francisco: Sumner, Whitney & Co., 1877. xvi, 451 pp. Octavo (9" x 5-1/2").

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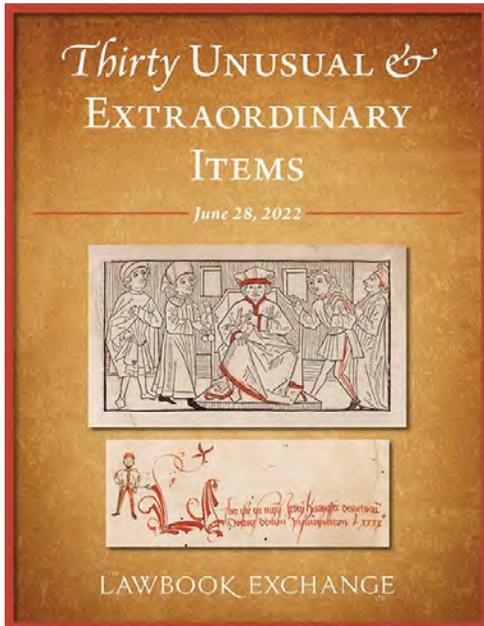
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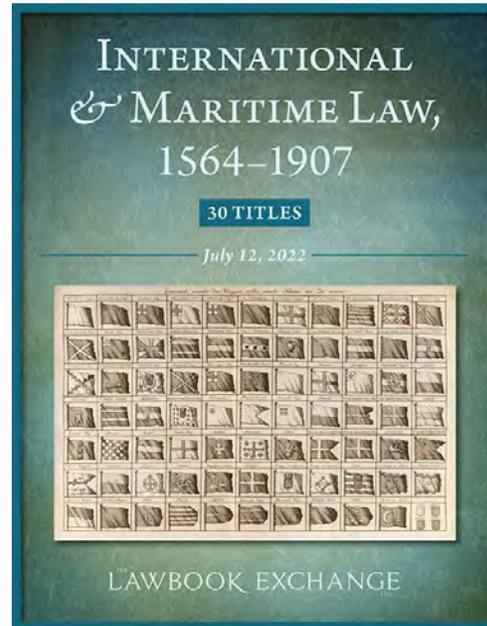


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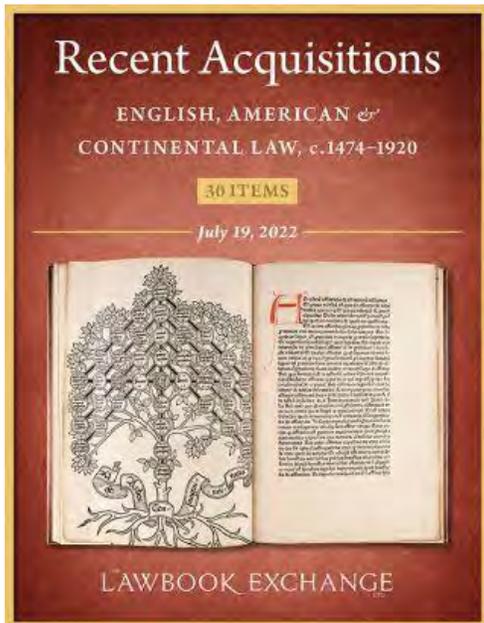
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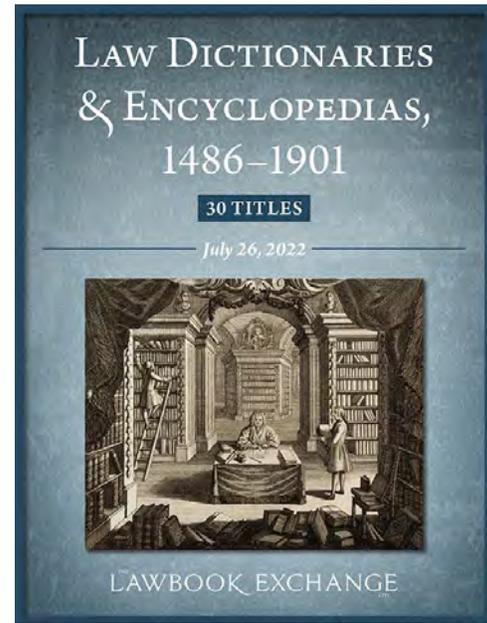
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