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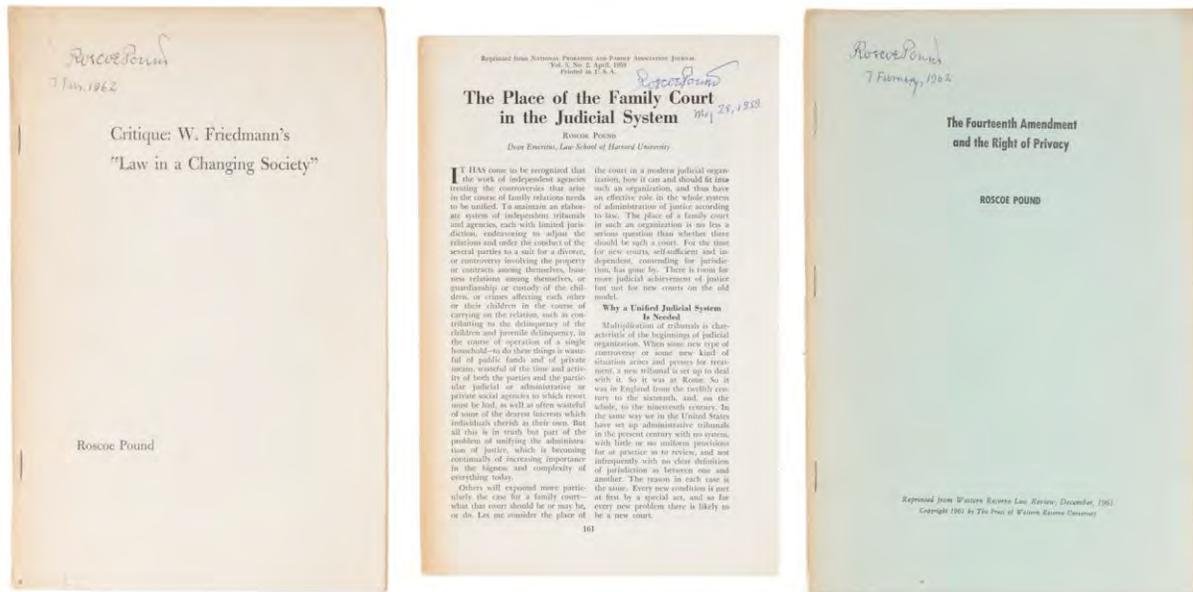
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Archive of Offprints, Addresses and Pamphlets by Roscoe Pound

1. [Archive].

Roscoe Pound [1870-1964].

[Offprints, Addresses and Pamphlets, 3 of Them Signed by Pound]. Various places and publishers, 1908-1961.

27 items, comprising 19 offprints, three of them signed and dated by Pound, 6 addresses, a duplicate of a one address, and 1 pamphlet, sizes range from 8" x 5-1/4" to 10" x 6-3/4." Light to moderate toning, fold lines, minor wear and soiling, a few items neatly split at spine ends. \$1,500.

* Roscoe Pound was a pre-eminent legal educator, scholar and prolific author. A professor at Harvard Law School for most of his career, and its dean from 1916-1936, he taught throughout the world in his later years. Contents:

Offprints

- "La Filosofia nel Diritto Costituzionale Americana" (1922).
- "Preventive Justice and Social Work" (1923).
- "The Theory of Judicial Decision" (1923).
- "Classification of Law" (1924).
- "Jurisprudence" (1925).
- "The Prospects of the American University" (1925).
- "Introduction to Sayre's Cases on Criminal Law" (1927).
- "What Can Law Schools Do for Criminal Justice?" (1927).
- "Comparative Law in the Formation of American Common Law" (1928).
- "The Revival of Comparative Law" (1930).
- "Law and Morals" (1945).
- "Introduction" (to *The American Journal of Comparative Law*, Volume I, Number 1, 1952).
- "Juristic Theory in the Atomic Age" (1954).
- "Comparative Law in Space and Time" (1955).

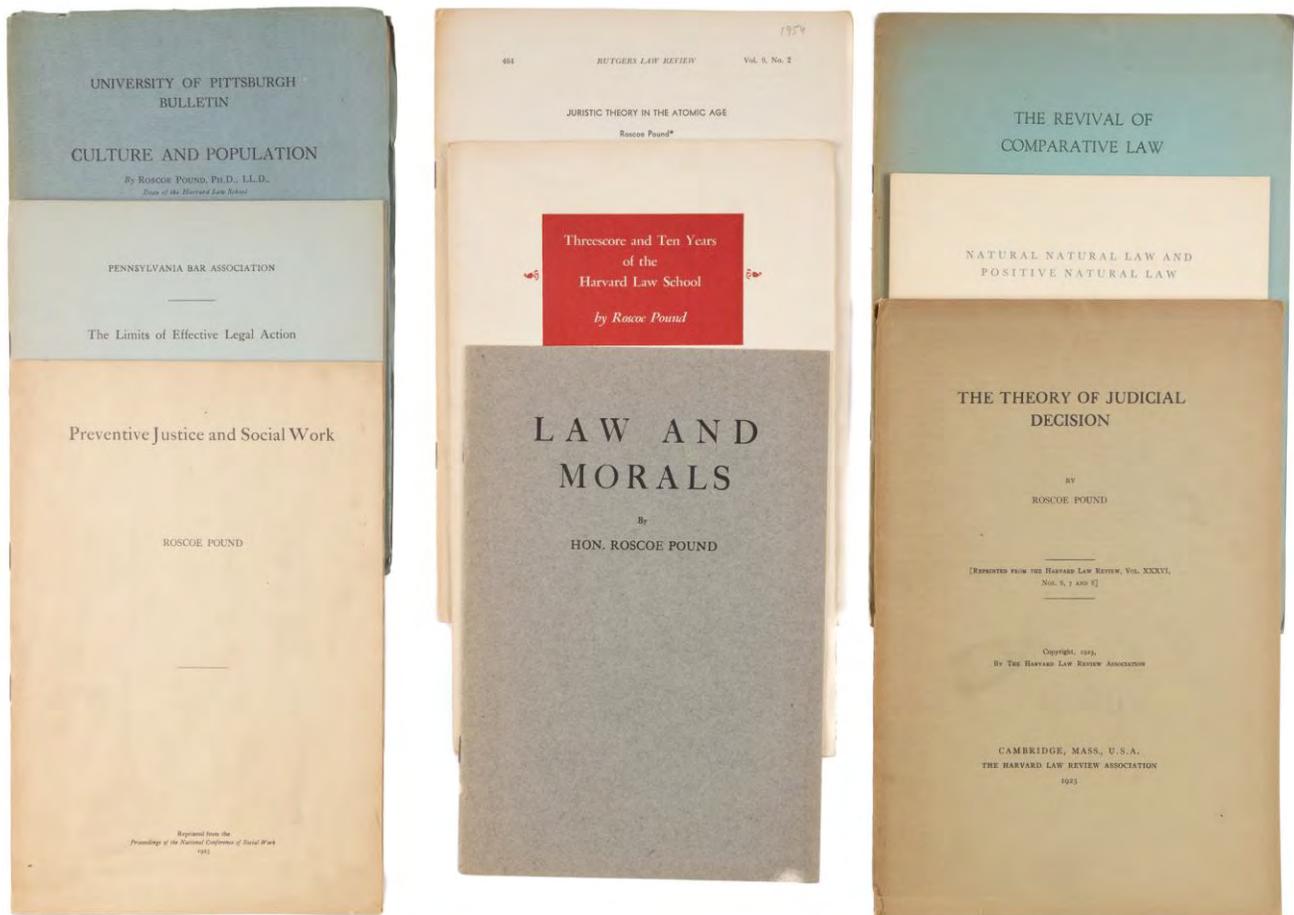
- "The Lawyer as a Social Engineer" (1955).
- "The Place of the Family Court in the Judicial System" (1959).
- "Natural Natural Law and Positive Natural Law" (1960).
- "The Fourteenth Amendment and the Right of Privacy" (1961).
- "Critique: W. Friedmann's 'Law in a Changing Society'" (1962).

Addresses

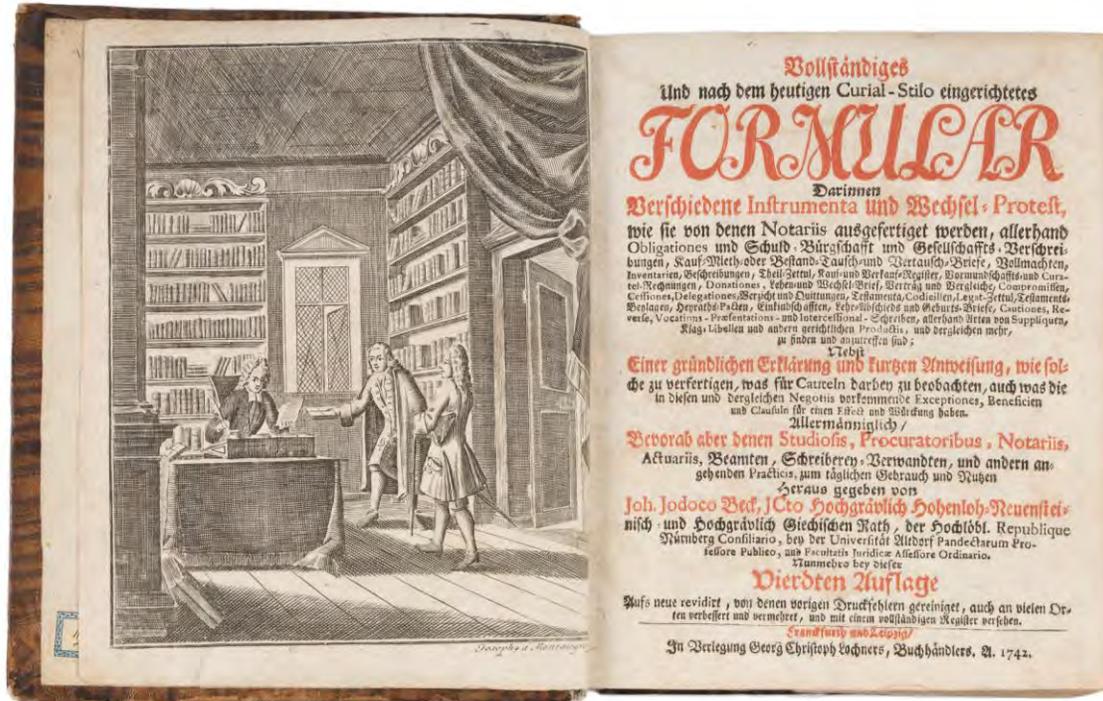
- "The Etiquette of Justice" (1908).
- "The Limits of Effective Legal Action" (1916). Two copies.
- "Canons of Procedural Reform" (1926).
- "Culture and Population" (1926).
- "Enforcement of Law" (1926).
- "Threescore and Ten Years of the Harvard Law School" (1961).

Pamphlets

- *The Harvard Law School* (c.1919).



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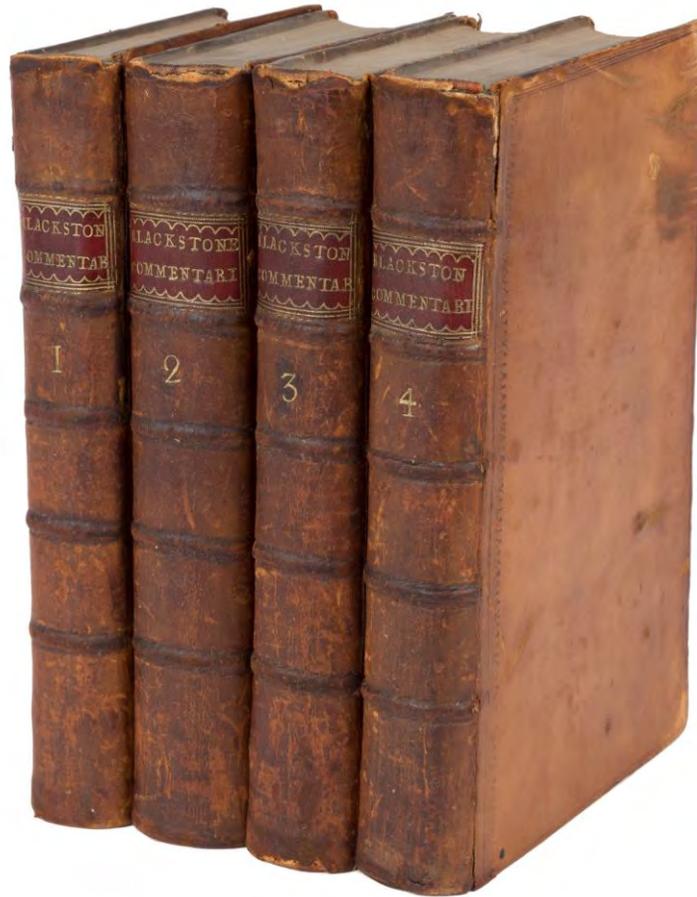
**Long-Lived Eighteenth-Century
Notarial Handbook for German Businessmen**

2. Beck, Johann Jodocus [1684-1744].

Vollständiges und nach dem heutigen Curial-Stilo Eingerichtetes Formular darinnen verschiedene Instrumenta und Wechsel-Protest, Wie sie von Denen Notariis Ausgefertiget Werden, Allerhand Obligationes und Schuld-Bürgschaft und Gesellschafts-Verschreibungen... Und Dergleichen Mehr zu Finden und Anzutreffen Sind; Nebst Einer Gründlichen Erklärung und Kurtzen Anweisung, Wie Solche zu Verfertigen... Frankfurt und Leipzig: In Verlegung Georg Christoph Lochners, Buchhändlers, 1742. [viii], 1266, [36] pp. Copperplate pictorial frontispiece. Without the folding table included in some copies. 12-1/4" x 7-1/4" manuscript document (a will based on an example in the text) dated 1759 laid in. Quarto (7-3/4" x 6-1/2").

Contemporary sheep, blind rules to boards, raised bands to spine, lettering piece lacking. A few minor nicks and worm holes and faint stains to boards, which are beginning to separate but secure, notable scuff to foot of front board, rubbing to extremities with wear to spine ends and corners, some chipping to spine along joints, some wear along spine bands, a few cracks to text block. Title page printed in red and black. Moderate toning, light browning in places, occasional faint dampstaining to margins, early repair to verso of frontispiece. Tiny shelf label (?) to front pastedown, owner inscription dated 1781 to front free endpaper. \$1,000.

* Fourth edition. First published in 1716, this is a combination handbook and formbook for businessmen who wish to transact legal business without the services of notaries. Its final edition, the seventh, was published in 1765. The text alternates between subject matter and forms. The frontispiece depicts activity in the office of a busy notary. This was a popular book that was generally used until it fell to pieces; copies are scarce today. Like many copies, ours does not have the folding table including in some copies (between pp. 8-9). It outlines how documents are dated in different parts of the Holy Roman Empire. However, this content is described, with more detail, in the text. OCLC locates few copies of any edition. It locates 8 copies worldwide of our edition, 1 in North America (University of Michigan Law School). This edition not in the *Verzeichnis der im Deutschen Sprachraum Erschienenen Drucke des 18. Jahrhunderts*. [Order This Item](#)



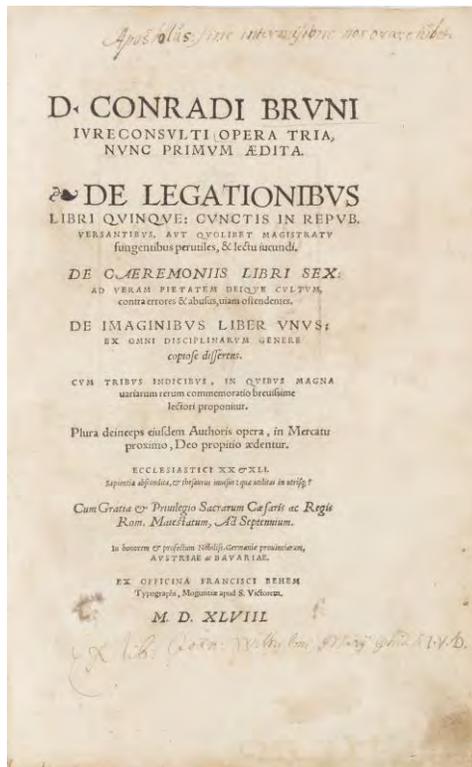
Early Octavo Edition of Blackstone's Commentaries

3. Blackstone, Sir William [1723-1780].

Commentaries on the Laws of England. In Four Books. Oxford: Printed at the Clarendon Press, printed for William Strahan, Thomas Cadell, and Daniel Prince, 1773. Four volumes. Volume II has copperplate "Table of Consanguinity" and fold-out "Table of Descents." Octavo (8" x 5").

Contemporary calf, blind rules to boards, blind fillets along joints, raised bands, lettering pieces and gilt volume numbers to spine, blind tooling to board edges. Light rubbing and some minor nicks and shallow scuffing to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, mild creasing to spines, wear to heads of spines, joints, and a few hinges, partially cracked, boards secure, corners bumped and somewhat worn. Moderate toning, some offsetting, soiling and staining to endleaves, light offsetting to title pages, light soiling to a few leaves in each volume, light foxing and edgewear to Table of Descents. \$1,000.

* Fifth edition, the first Oxford edition published in octavo format and the first edition with the "Table of Precedence" (Volume I, p. 405). The most influential publication in the history of modern Anglo- American law, the Commentaries on the Laws of England was based on a course of lectures delivered at Oxford University. Because it was not intending for aspiring practitioners, the Commentaries provided a general, easily comprehensible overview of the English legal system and its history. Though written for laymen, it soon became the standard introductory textbook for law students. Eller, *The William Blackstone Collection at Yale University* 7. Laeuchli, *A Bibliographical Catalog of William Blackstone* 10. [Order This Item](#)



Works on Diplomacy and Church Customs by an Influential German Canonist

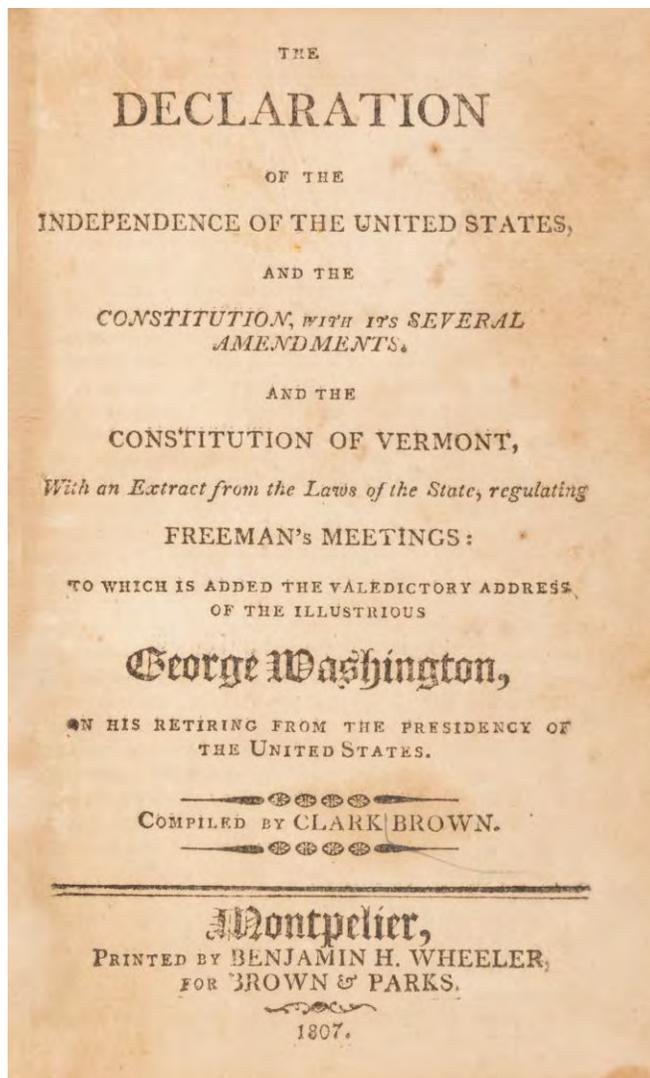
4. Braun, Konrad [c.1491-1563].

[Cochlaeus, Johannes (1479-1552), Editor].

Opera Tria Nunc Primum Aedita. De Legationibus Libri Quinque: Cunctis in Repub. Versantibus, Aut Quolibet Magistratu Fungentibus Perutiles, & Lectu Incundi. De Caeremonis Libri Sex, Ad Veram Pietatem Deique Cultum, Contra Errores & Abusus, Viam Ostendentes. De Imaginibus Liber Unus: Ex Omni Disciplinarum Genere Copiose Disserens. Cum Tribus Indicibus, In Quibus Magna Variarum Rerum Commemoratio Brevisime Lectori Propponitur. Plura Deinceps Eiusdem Auctoris Opera, In Mercatu Proxima, Deo Propitio Aedentur. Mainz: Ex Officina Francisci Behem, 1548. Three parts. [xxx], 242, [xviii], 223, [xix], 154 pp. Parts I and II have divisional title pages. Large woodcut printer devices to verso of final leaf of each section. Thumb-tabbed. Folio (12-3/4" x 8-1/4").

Contemporary paneled pigskin, elaborate blind tooling to boards, raised bands, faint early hand-lettered title and faint later library shelf marks to spine, thong ties lacking. Moderate soiling, rubbing and a few minor stains, boards slightly bowed, corners bumped and somewhat worn, vellum beginning to crack through front pastedown, moderate edgewear and soiling to preliminaries. Moderate toning, occasional light foxing and dampstaining to lower margins. Early owner inscriptions to title page, contemporary underlining, marks and brief annotations to several leaves. \$1,850.

* Only edition. One of the most influential men in Southern Germany, Braun was a influential Catholic canonist, theologian, law professor and state official. His fame rests on his reform-oriented works on the customs and practices of the Church. *Opera Tria* collects three his most important works. The largest of these is *De Legationibus Libri Quinque*, a treatise on diplomacy with an emphasis on the rights and duties of ambassadors. It was one of the first significant works on the subject. The other two works, *De Caeremonis Libri Sex* and *De Imaginibus Liber Unus*, discuss Church ceremony and the role of images in worship. OCLC locates 1 copy in North America (UC-Berkeley Law School). *Verzeichnis der im Deutschen Sprachbereich Erschienenen Drucke des 16. Jahrhunderts* B7197. [Order This Item](#)



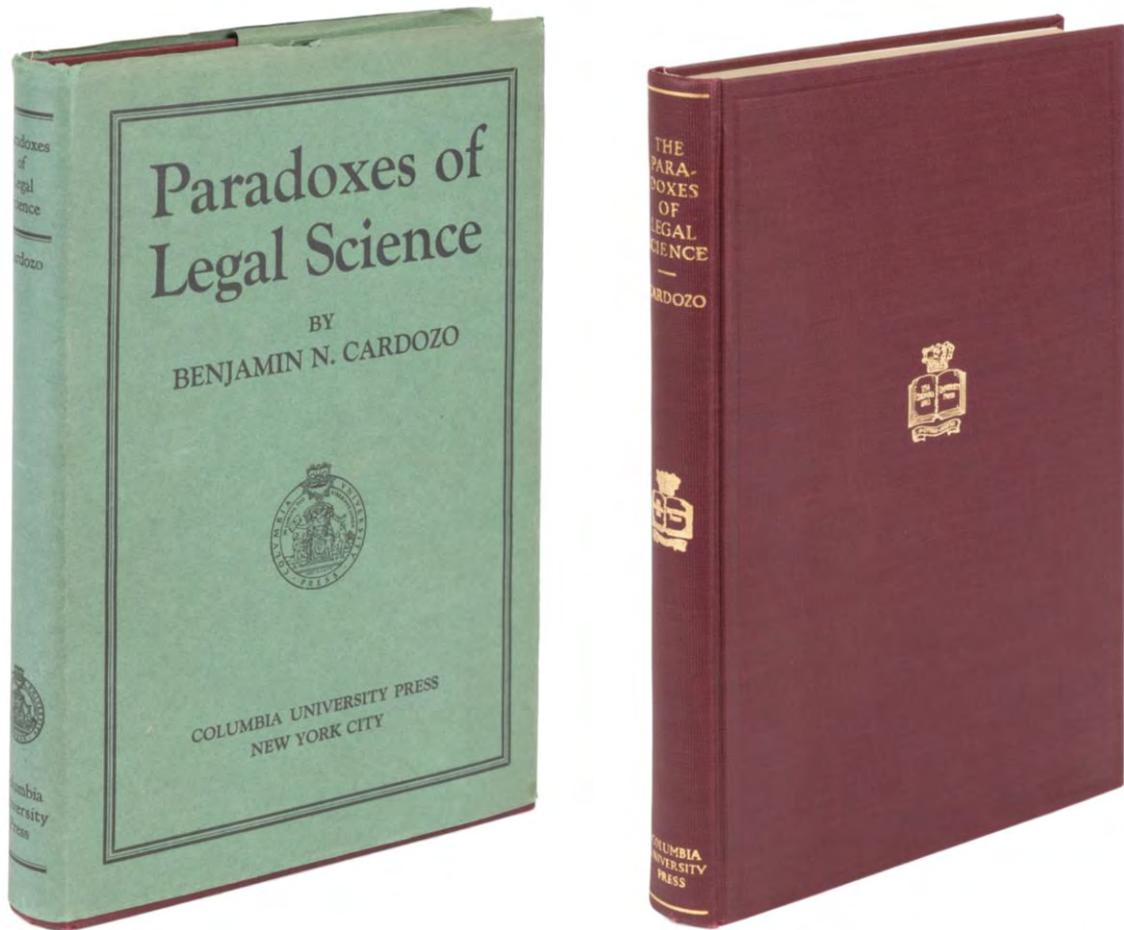
For the Voters of Vermont

5. Brown, Clark, Compiler.

The Declaration of the Independence of the United States, And the Constitution, With its Several Amendments: And the Constitution of Vermont, With an Extract from the Laws of the State, Regulating Freeman's Meetings: To which is Added, The Valedictory Address of the Illustrious George Washington, On His Retiring from the Presidency of the United States. Montpelier, VT: Printed by Benjamin H. Wheeler, for Brown & Parks, 1807. 76 pp. Octavo (6" x 3-1/2").

Cotemporary quarter calf over paper-covered boards. Light soiling and a few minor scuffs and worm holes to boards, rubbing to extremities with some wear to spine ends and corners, hinges cracked, moderate toning and light foxing to interior. \$500.

* Only edition. This pocket guide was produced as a reference for a Vermont freeman, a man entitled to vote and hold office. (Since 1777, this status was granted to all males regardless of property ownership.) Included with the text of the US Constitution in this compilation is the Bill of Rights and the Eleventh Amendment. OCLC locates 18 copies, 1 in a law library (US Supreme Court). McCorison, *Vermont Imprints, 1778-1820* 902. [Order This Item](#)



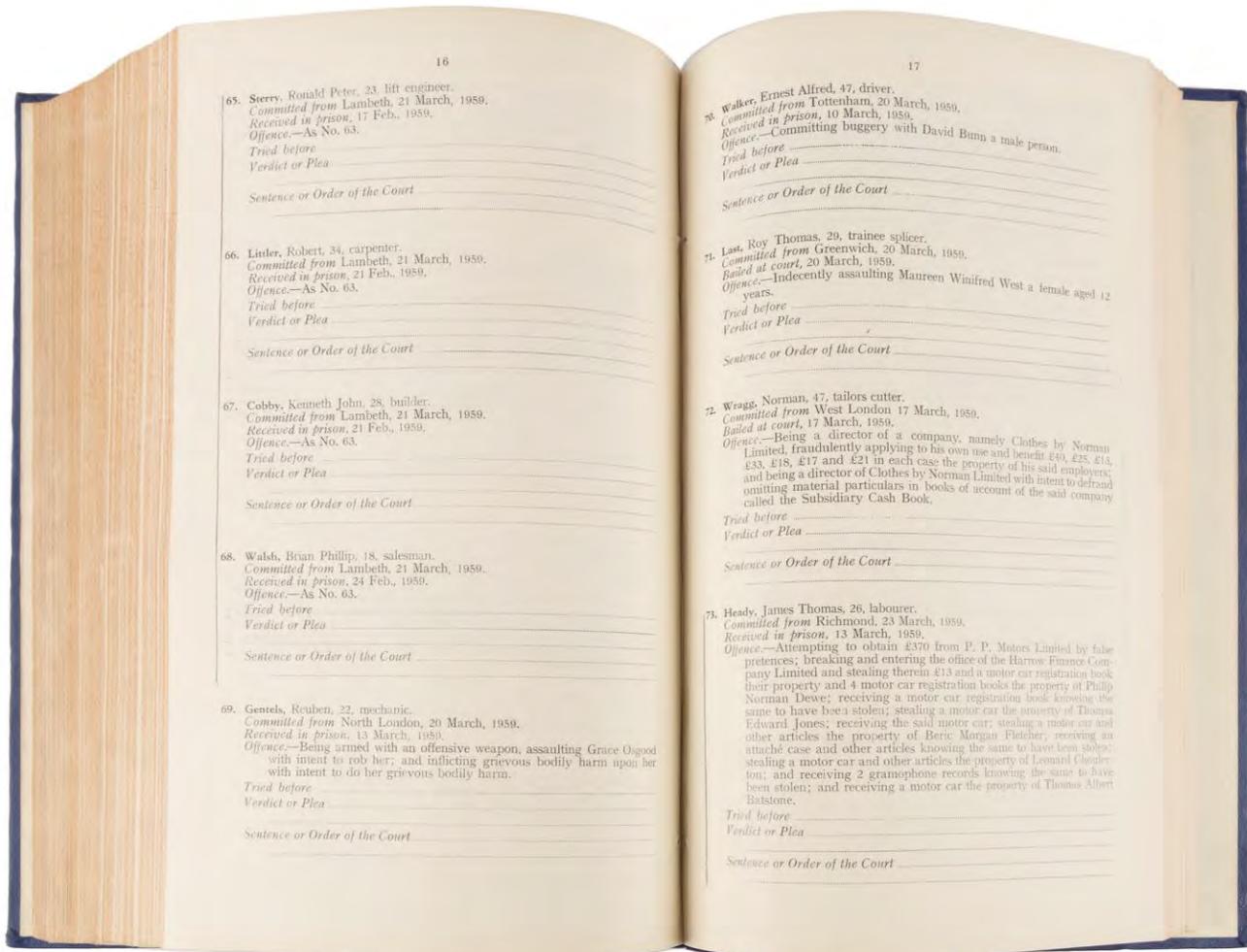
**Exceptionally Well-Preserved First Edition, With
Dust Jacket, of One of Cardozo's Most Important Books**

6. Cardozo, Benjamin N. [1870-1938].

The Paradoxes of Legal Science. New York: Columbia University Press, 1928. v, 142, [1] pp.

Near-fine cloth with bright gilt-stamped title in very lightly edgeworn dust jacket, negligible light toning to interior, owner inscription of Arthur P. Rugg to front free endpaper. An exceptionally well-preserved copy. \$1,000.

* First edition. One of Cardozo's most important books, *The Paradoxes of Legal Science* is a classic statement of juristic pragmatism. As Goodhart points out, it also reveals the non-legal sources that informed his work. "His many references in these lectures to Greek philosophy show how great a part his early classical training played in the formation of his ideas; in relating his general principles to the concrete cases which, in his words, he used as a kind of legal litmus paper, he was a true Aristotelian." Rugg [1862-1938] was a justice of the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court from 1906 to 1911 and its chief Justice from 1911 to 1938. Goodhart, *Five Jewish Lawyers of the Common Law* 59-60. [Order This Item](#)



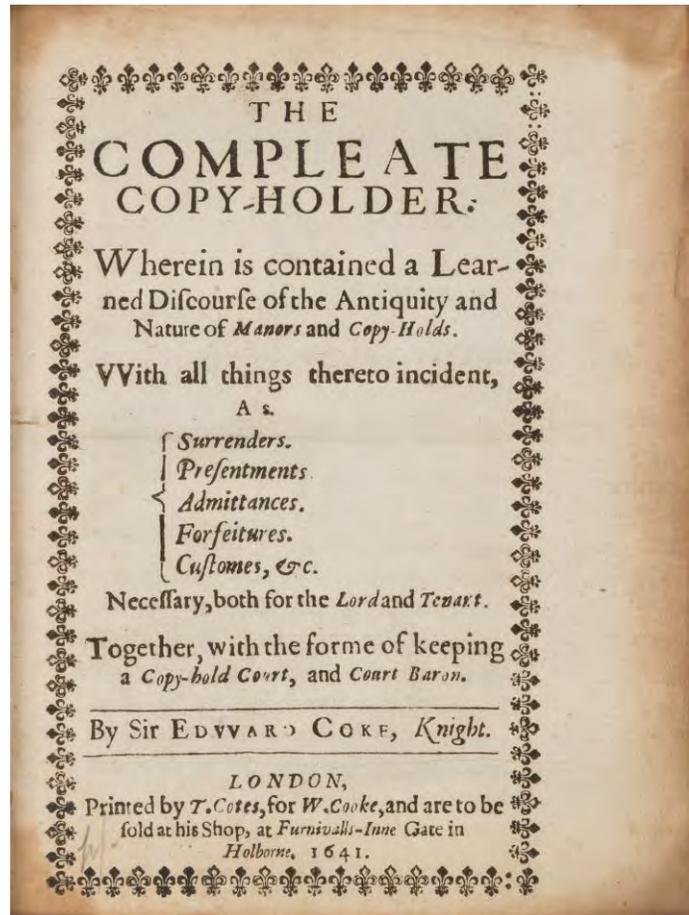
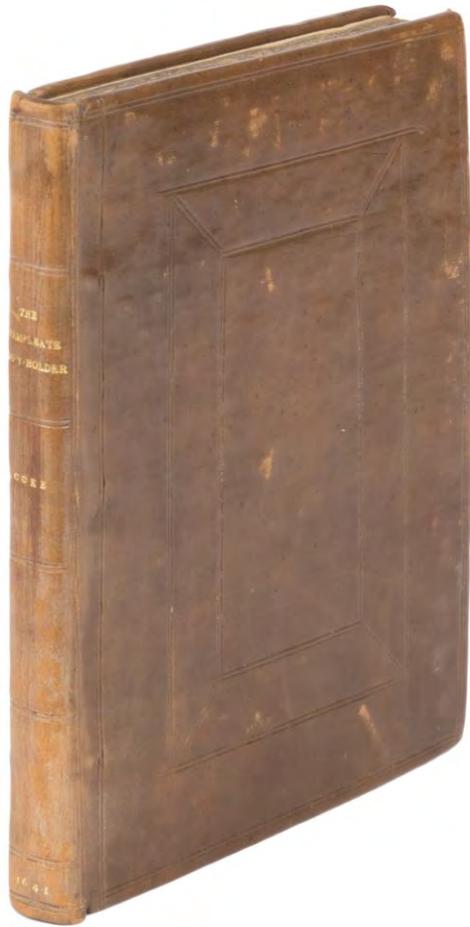
Cases on the Docket of the Old Bailey, 1924-1970

7. Central Criminal Court of England and Wales.

Calendar of Prisoners, For the Session Commencing on Tuesday, The 8th of January, 1924 [complete through December 1970]. London: Printed by Merser & Sons, 1924-1970.

Calendars through 1959 bound into 11 books in pebbled cloth, gilt titles to spines. Moderate shelfwear, some fading to bindings of first 6 books, remaining calendars unbound, as issued. Moderate toning to most calendars, some have light browning. Ex-library. Stamps and other library marks to title page, bookplates to pastedowns of bound volumes. \$2,500.

* A rare, continuous, almost half-century run of Old Bailey session calendars, each with an index of names, listing nearly 50,000 accused persons. The entries include names, ages, occupations and charges, most described in detail. It is a remarkable record of criminal activity. Theft, Bigamy, assault, fraud and homosexual acts (illegal until July 1967) are common offenses. The unbound calendars were stamped and bundled into paper wrappers by year. They were clearly intended to be bound, as were the calendars for the earlier sessions. OCLC locates a single 1922 calendar at Harvard Law School, but no extensive collections like ours. [Order This Item](#)



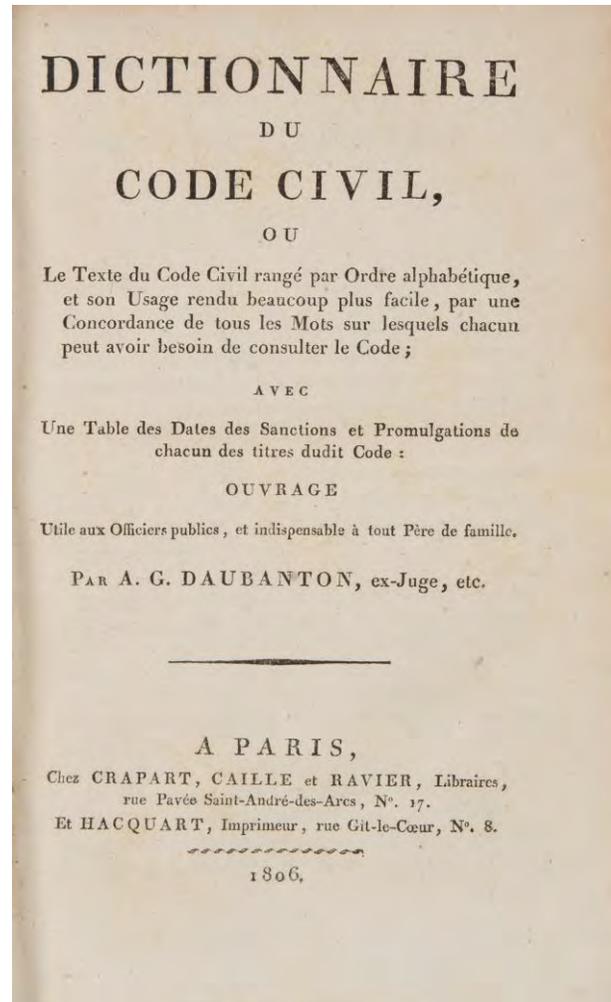
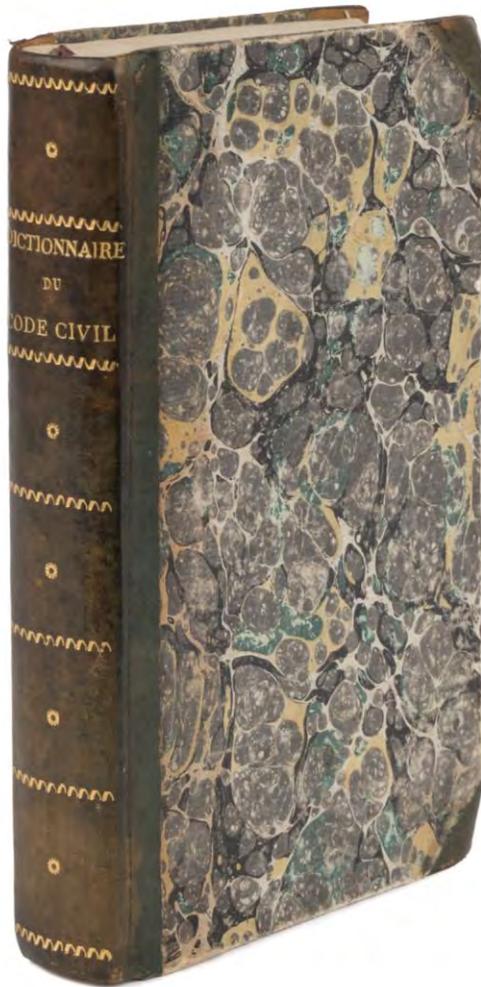
First Edition of "A Book of First Class Importance"

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

The Compleate Copy-Holder. Wherein is Contained a Learned Discourse of the Antiquity and Nature of Manors and Copy-Holds. With all Things Thereto Incident, As. Surrenders. Presentments. Admittances. Forfeitures. Customes, &c. Necessary, Both for the Lord and Tenant. Together, With the Forme of Keeping a Copy-Hold Court, And Court Baron. London: Printed by T. Cotes, for W. Cooke, 1641. [iv], 179 pp. Quarto (6-3/4" x 5-1/4").

Later calf by Zaehnsdorf, blind panels and rules to boards, blind fillets and gilt title to spine, endpapers renewed. Light rubbing to boards and extremities, light fading to spine, corners bumped. Title printed within typographical border. Moderate toning to text, faint offsetting to margins of preliminaries and final leaves of text. A handsome copy. \$750.

* First edition. A "book of first class importance" according to Jenks, it marks the final triumph of the King's Courts over the feudal courts, virtually putting an end to feudal jurisdiction in England. It was regarded, together with Coke's edition of Littleton, as one of the leading text-books on land law and conveyancing during the 17th and 18th centuries. Jenks, *History of English Law* 73, 82. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R1843. [Order This Item](#)



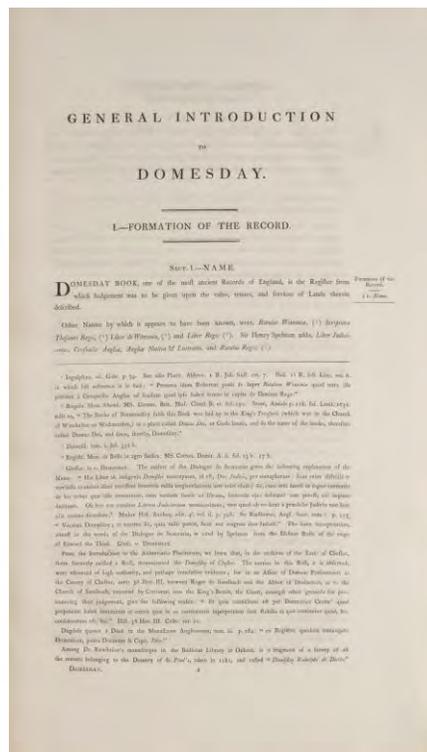
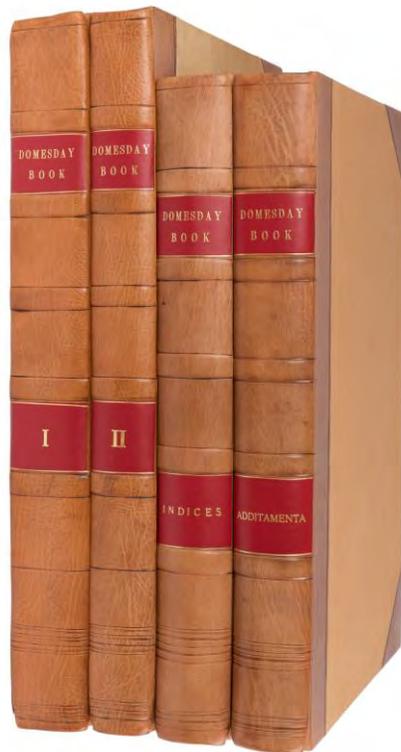
A Dictionary and Digest of the Code Napoleon

9. Daubanton, A[ntoine]-G[regoire] [1752-1813].

Dictionnaire du Code Civil, Ou, Le Texte du Code Civil Rangé par Ordre Alphabétique, Et son Usage Rendu Beaucoup plus Facile, Par une Concordance de Tous les Mots sur Lesquels Chacun peut Avoir Besoin de Consulter le Code; Avec une Table des Dates des Sanctions et Promulgations de Chacun des Titres Dudit Code: Ouvrage Utile aux Officiers Publics, Et Indispensable à tout Père de Famille. Paris: Chez Crapart, Caille et Ravier, 1806. vi, 479 pp. Main text in parallel columns. Octavo (7-1/2" x 5-1/4").

Contemporary three-quarter calf over marbled boards, gilt title, ornaments and fillets to spine, ribbon marker. Light rubbing to boards and extremities, corners bumped, early owner bookplate (Guicciardi Francesco) to front pastedown. Moderate toning, minor chips and tears to fore-edges of a few leaves. A handsome copy. \$500.

* Only edition. This book was published two years after the enactment of the Code Napoleon. Intended to familiarize readers with the new code of laws, the book contains a comprehensive dictionary of its terms, each citing the appropriate paragraph. This is followed by a tabular outline summary of the code. This is a scarce title. OCLC locates 3 copies in North America (George Washington University Law School, Library of Congress, Supreme Court of Canada). We located another copy at UC-Berkeley Law School. [Order This Item](#)



The First Printed Edition of the Domesday Book

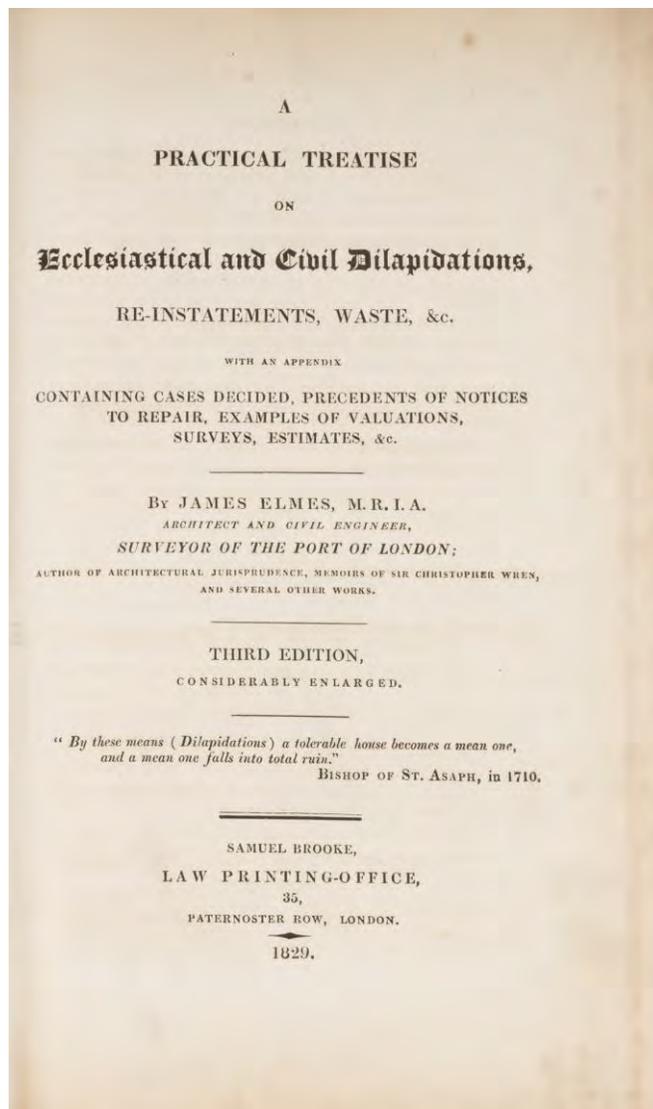
10. [Domesday Book].

[Farley, Abraham (d.1791), Editor].

[*Domesday-Book, Seu Liber Censualis Willelmi Primi Regis Angliae, Inter Archivos Regni in Domo Capitulari Westmonasterii Asservatus: Jubente Rege Augustissimo Georgio Tertio Praelo Mandatus Typis*]. [London: George Eyre and Andrew Strahan, 1783, 1783, 1816 (i.e. 1811), 1816]. Four volumes: 382 ff.; 450 pp.; [xiv], cvii, [1], 570 pp.; [vi], [iii]-xvii, [4], 635 pp., 4 copperplate facsimile leaves, 2 with hand-coloring. As usual, Volume I and II do not have their title pages and table of contents. (People often neglected to add them to their copies because they were issued 33 years later with Volume IV.) Folio (20" x 12-1/2," Volumes I and II, 18" x 11-1/2," Volumes III and IV).

Recent three-quarter morocco over cloth, raised bands and lettering pieces to spine, endpapers renewed, untrimmed edges. Light rubbing to extremities, light fading to spines and sections of boards, which are lightly soiled. Small embossed library stamps to preliminaries of each volume, moderate toning, light foxing in a few places in each volume, offsetting from plates in Volume IV. A handsome set. \$2,500.

* Only edition. A remarkable achievement produced over a 33 year period, this was the first printed edition of William the Conqueror's unprecedented survey. Completed in 1086, it provides an unparalleled view of medieval England, including its legal system. Volume III in our set has the valuable General Introduction by Henry Ellis (pp. [i]-cvii) that does not appear in all copies. This project was initiated by an act of Parliament in 1770. It was co-directed by Charles Morton, the principal librarian of the British Museum, and Farley, who, as deputy chamberlain of the Exchequer, was responsible for the public records at the Chapter House of Westminster Abbey, which included a copy of the Domesday Book. He became the editor of the edition. Sir Henry Ellis [1777-1869], a bibliophile and antiquarian, was a librarian at the British Museum and its principal librarian from 1827 to 1856. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T97297 (Volumes I & II). *British Museum Catalogue* (Compact Edition) 7:527. [Order This Item](#)



**Laws Concerning the Construction and
Maintenance of Churches and Other Structures**

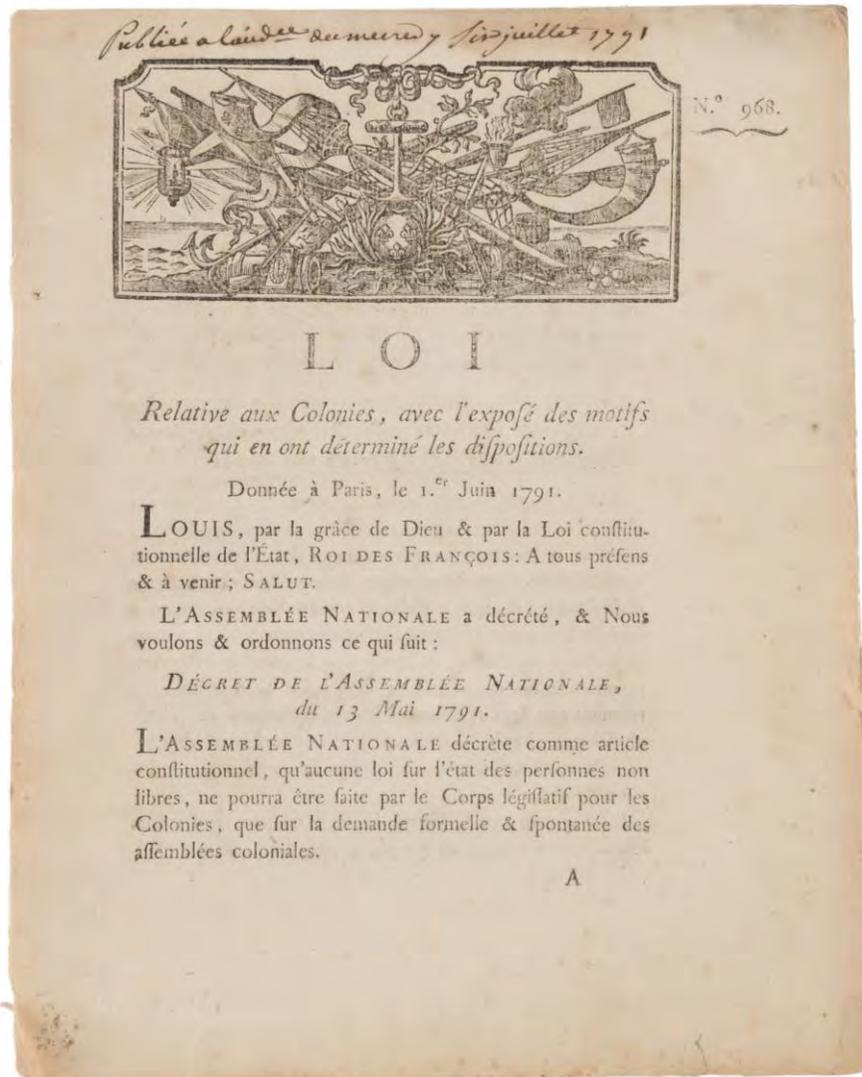
11. Elmes, James [1782-1862].

A Practical Treatise on Ecclesiastical and Civil Dilapidations, Re-Instatements, Waste, &c. With an Appendix Containing Cases Decided, Precedents of Notices to Repair, Examples of Valuations, Surveys, Estimates, &c. Third Edition, Considerable Enlarged. London: Samuel Brooke, 1829. xxiv, 288, cxxi, [28] pp. Forms Octavo (10" x 6").

Original quarter-cloth over paper-covered boards, rebacked retaining existing spine with printed paper title label, untrimmed edges. Moderate rubbing and light staining to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities with wear to corners, spine darkened. Moderate toning to text, faint dampspotting in a few places. \$100.

* Last and best edition. This work addresses legal aspects of architecture, construction and maintenance, with a particular focus on churches, with comparisons drawn to Roman and French law and much reliance on Lord Coke. The first two editions were published in 1820 and 1823. Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 2:110.

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France Grants Suffrage to People of Color Born to Free Parents

12. [France].

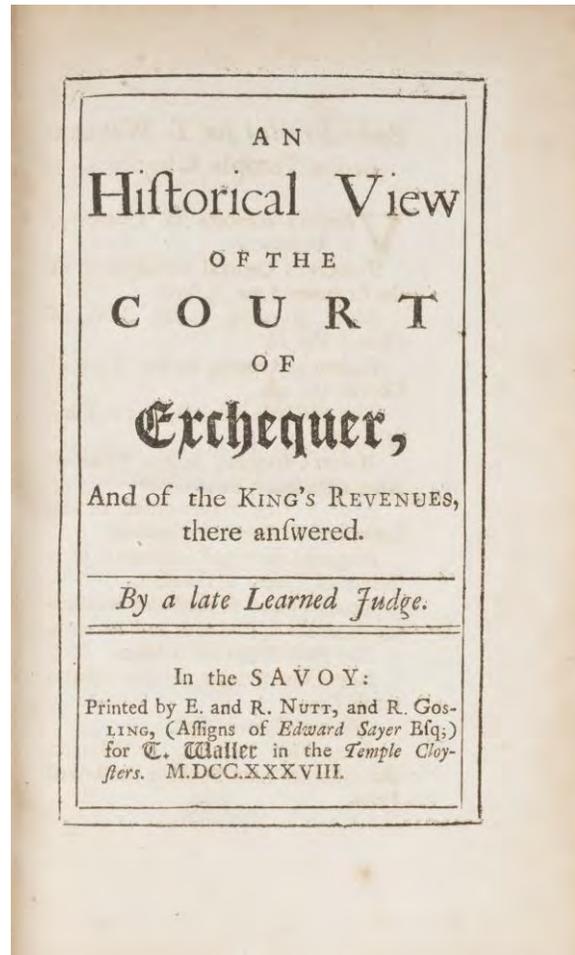
[Assemblée Nationale Constituante].

Loi Relative Aux Colonies, Avec l'Exposé des Motifs qui en ont Déterminé les Dispositions. Donnée à Paris, Le 1.er Juin 1791. [Drop-Head Title]. [Paris: De l'Imprimerie Royale, 1791]. [12] pp. Quarto (9-3/4" x 7-3/4").

Disbound, single-column text, large woodcut vignette above title, stamps of National Assembly in red ink and stamped signature of Marguerite-Louis-François Duport-Dutertre, minister of justice, at end of text. Moderate toning, light edge wear and soiling, first and final leaves detached, annotation in early hand above vignette. \$450.

* Grounded in the liberalizing spirit of the French Revolution, this act granting the right of membership in colonial assemblies to people of color born to free parents. OCLC locates 9 copies of this imprint, 3 in North America (American Philosophical Society, Hagley Museum, Northwestern University, University of Michigan). Not in Bissainthe.

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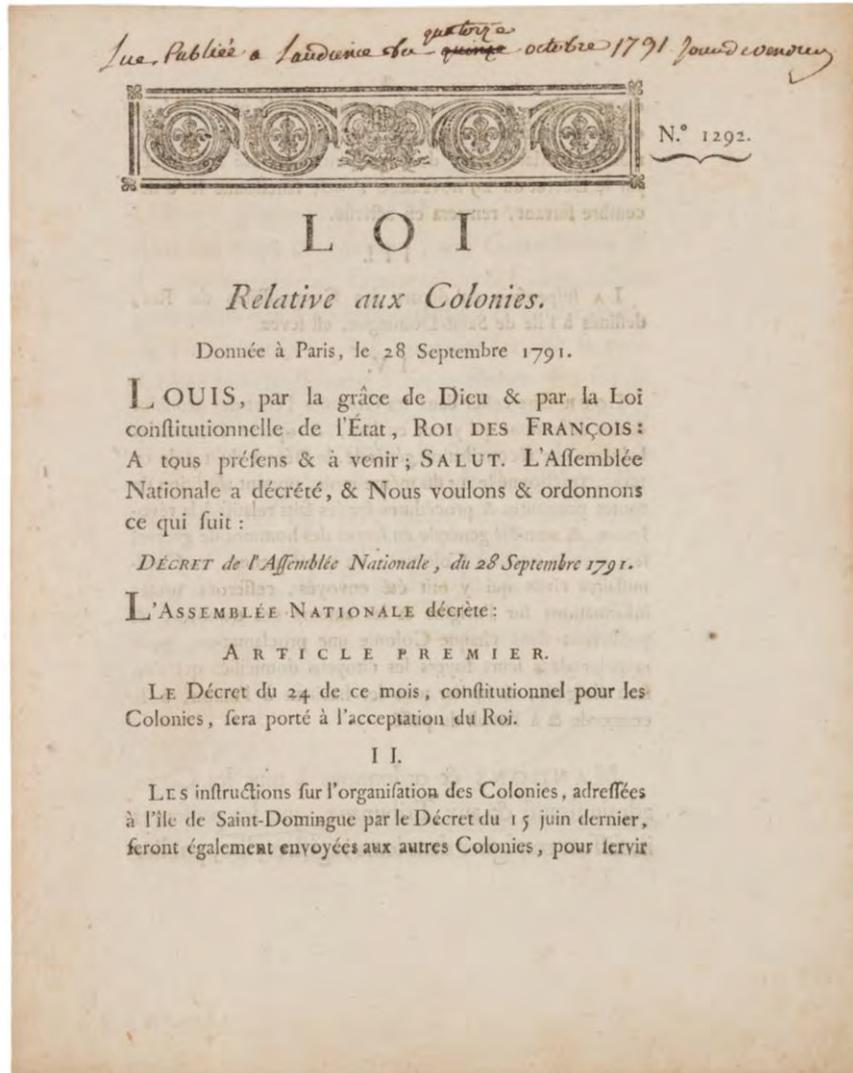
Gilbert on the Court of Exchequer

13. [Gilbert, Sir Geoffrey (1674-1726)].

An Historical View of the Court of Exchequer, And of the King's Revenues, There Answered. [London]: Printed by E. and R. Nutt, And R. Gosling, 1738. [xxiv], 151, [17] pp. Title page preceded by publisher advertisement. Octavo (7-3/4" x 4-3/4").

Contemporary calf, blind rules to boards, blind fillets along joints, raised bands and faint early hand-lettered title to spine. Light rubbing to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, some wear to spine ends, joints just starting at ends, pastedowns loose, later bookplate (of Robert J. Hayhurst) to front inside board. A remarkably well-preserved copy. Moderate toning to text, somewhat heavier toning to margins in places, light soiling to endleaves, early owner initials to front endleaf. \$950.

* First edition. Gilbert was a distinguished Whig judge, puisne baron of the exchequer, fellow of the Royal Society and prolific legal writer. *An Historical View of the Court of Exchequer* is one of two studies he wrote about that court. A well-regarded work, it went through two later editions in 1795 and 1817. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T94192. [Order This Item](#)



France's National Assembly Responds to the Outbreak of the Haitian Revolution

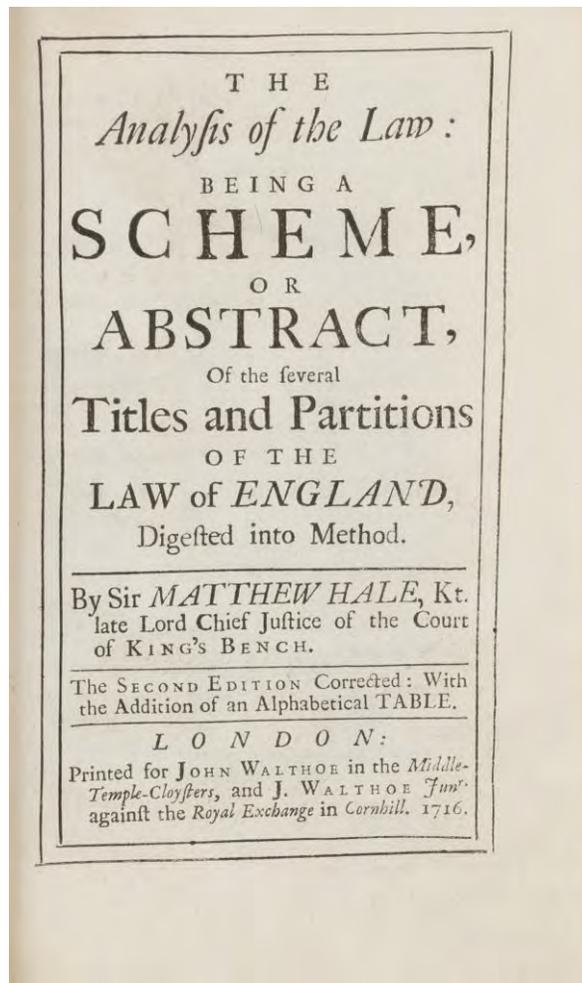
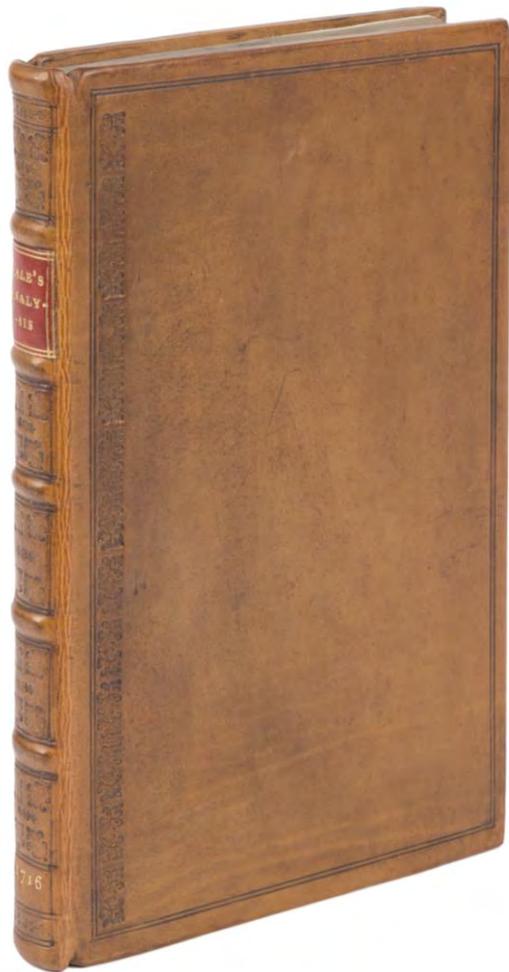
14. [Haiti].

[Assemblée Nationale Constituante].

Loi Relative aux Colonies. Donnée à Paris le 28 Septembre 1791. [Drop-Head Title]. [Paris: De l'Imprimerie Royale, 1791]. [4] pp. Quarto (9-1/2" x 7-1/2").

Disbound bifolium, single-column text to recto and verso of first leaf and recto of second, large woodcut vignette above title, stamps of National Assembly in red ink and stamped signature of Marguerite-Louis-François Duport-Dutertre, minister of justice, at end of text. Moderate toning, faint horizontal fold line through center, annotation in early hand above vignette. \$250.

* This act was a response to the outbreak of the Haitian Revolution, which began on September 24, 1791. It offered amnesty to free persons of color who agreed to lay down their arms. OCLC locates 6 copies of this imprint, 3 in North America (Harvard Law School, University of Minnesota, University of Michigan). Bissainthe, *Dictionnaire de Bibliographie Haïtienne* 6716. [Order This Item](#)



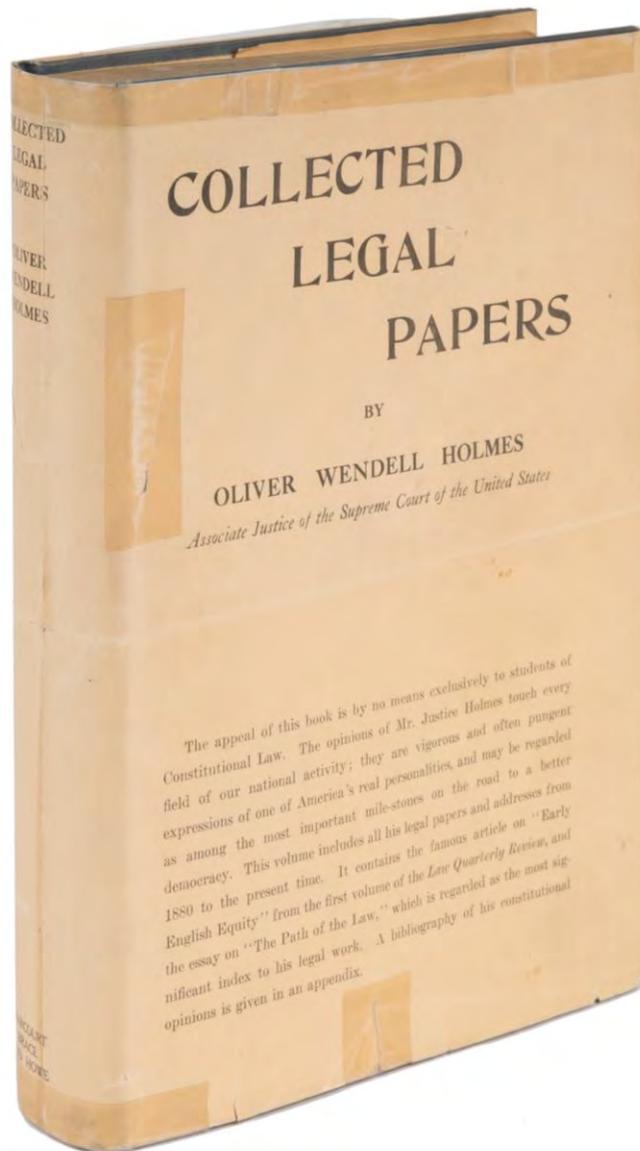
Praised by Blackstone and Holdsworth

15. Hale, Sir Matthew [1609-1676].

The Analysis of the Law: Being a Scheme, Or Abstract, Of the Several Titles and Partitions of the Law of England, Digested into Method. Corrected, With the Addition of an Alphabetical Table. [London]: Printed for John Walthoe, 1716. [xvi], 148, [28] pp. With an initial advertisement leaf and three final advertisement pages. Octavo (7-1/2" x 4-3/4").

Recent period-style calf, blind rules to boards, blind fillets along joints, raised bands, blind ornaments and lettering piece to spine, endpapers renewed. Negligible light toning to text, light soiling, browning and faint dampstaining in a few places. A notably handsome copy. \$750.

* Second edition, one of two issues from 1716. This title was originally the second part of Hale's *History and Analysis of the Common Law of England* (1713). It was then published separately in 1713 and went through several later editions as an independent work. (Its third edition was also issued with the third edition of the *History*). Blackstone's *Commentaries* holds the *Analysis* and *History* in high regard; Holdsworth, speaking of Hale's scholarship, praises his "very wide knowledge of both the legal and historical literature," "historical perspective" and "complete mastery of the law of his own day," which "enables him to detect the remote origins of the important doctrines of later law, to give the history of those doctrines their due weight, and thus, even when dealing with remote periods, to avoid unprofitable antiquarianism.": *History of English Law* VI:586-587. *English Short-Title Catalogue* N14895. [Order This Item](#)



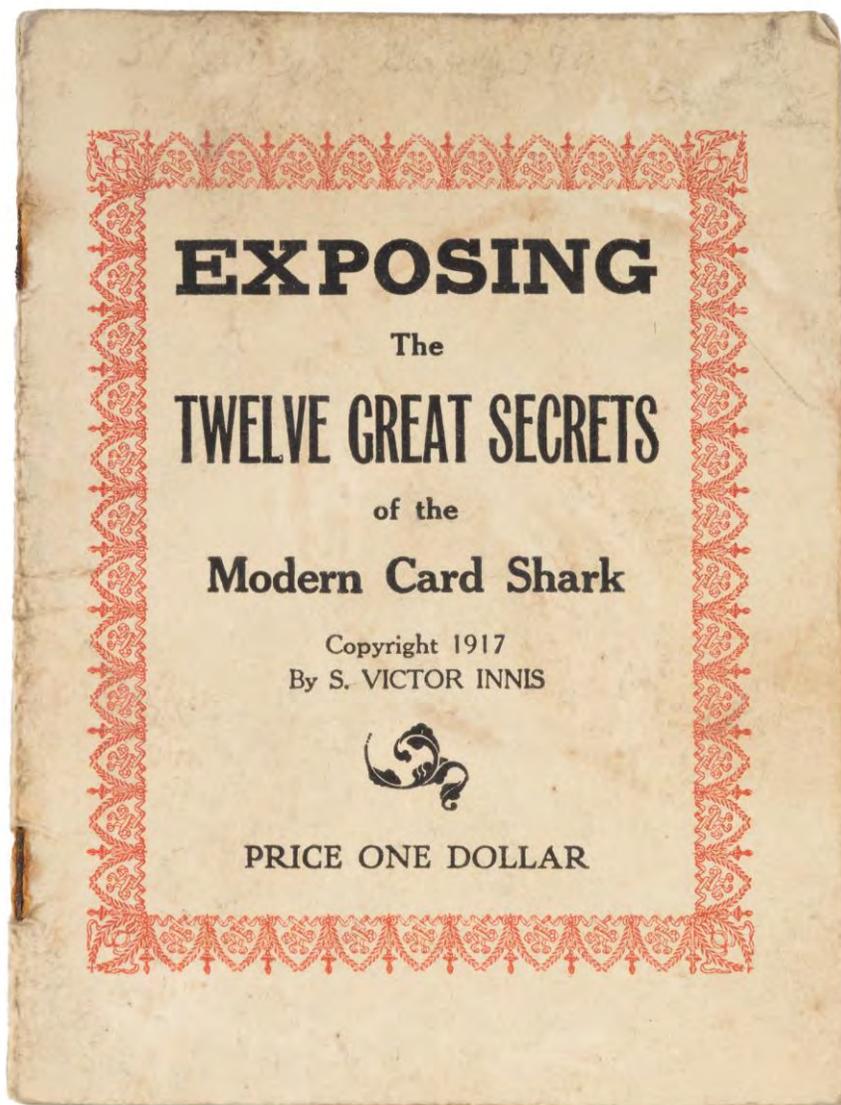
In a Rare Original Dust Jacket

16. Holmes, Oliver Wendell [1841-1935].

Collected Legal Papers. New York: Harcourt, Brace and Howe, 1920. vii, 316 pp.

Cloth in moderately toned and edgeworn dust jacket with cello tape repairs in a few places and horizontal and vertical fold lines, light toning to text. \$500.

* Only edition, early printing. A valuable compilation, this volume contains Holmes' most famous speeches and papers from 1885 to 1918. Its publication in 1920 was an important event in the legal community, and it was reviewed with great enthusiasm in the major journals and law reviews. This book was not published with edition or issue statements. The publisher imprint on our copy shows that it is an early, possibly first, printing. (Harcourt, Brace and Howe became Harcourt, Brace and Company in 1921.) Copies in Harcourt, Brace and Howe dust jackets are rare. [Order This Item](#)



Secrets of the "Modern Card Shark"

17. Innes, S. Victor.

Exposing the Twelve Great Secrets of the Modern Card Shark. Los Angeles: Published by S. Victor Innes, 311-1/2 East Fifth St., Los Angeles Cal. Home F3275. Press of Sturdevant & McCarrell, 1917. 12 pp.

Stapled pamphlet in stiff printed wrappers. Moderate soiling to exterior, moderate edgewear and a few creases, staples rusted, occasional soiling to margins, a few leaves loose. \$650.

* This pamphlet may have been written by a reformed card shark. Described in detail, the "twelve great secrets" (actually nine, fourteen if you count sub-sections) are "Stacking or Running up Cards," "Controlling any Set of Threes with Riffle," "Controlling Four Aces and Four Kings by Stacking and Bottom Dealing," "False Cuts," "Marked Cards," "Controlling Cards in the Draw," "Second Dealing," "Telling Hole Card in Stud Poker" and "Bottom Dealing." This is a rare item. No copies located on OCLC. [Order This Item](#)



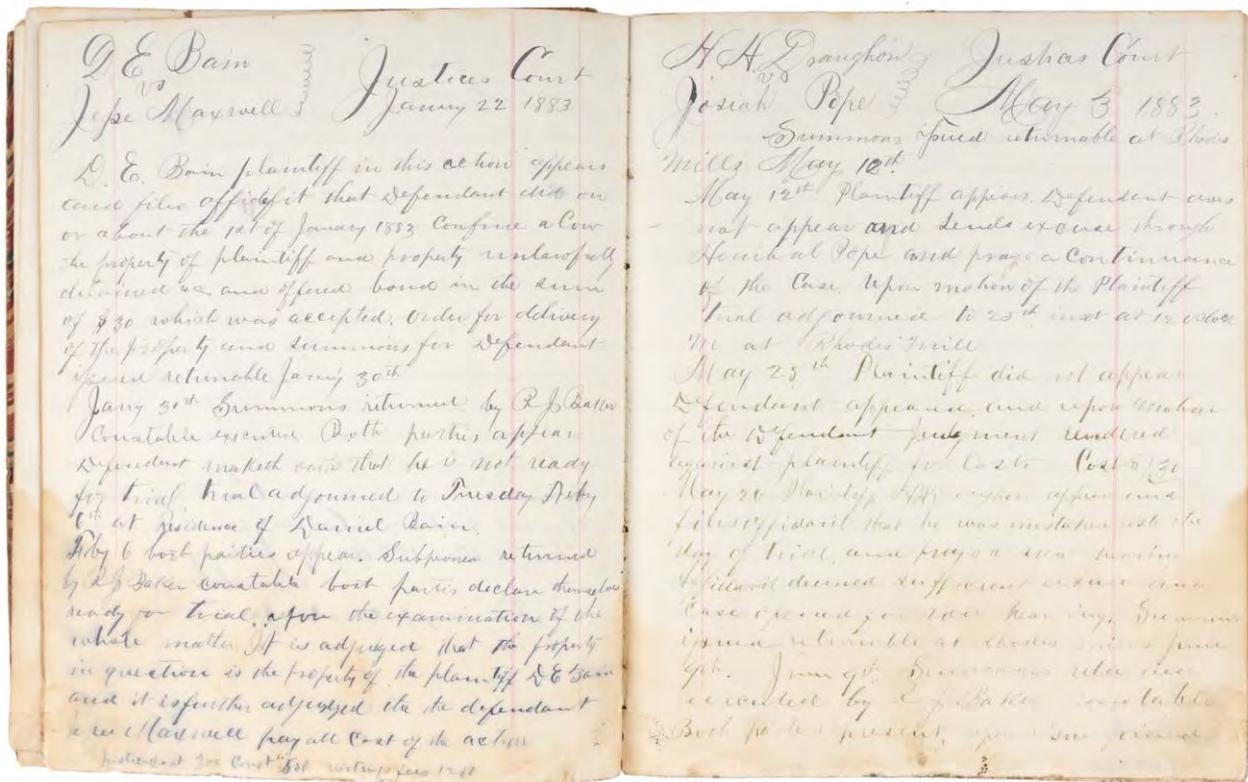
Eighteenth-Century English Manuscript Law Dictionary

18. [Manuscript].

[Law Dictionary]. England, c. 1753. [326] pp. Quarto (8" x 6-1/2").

Contemporary limp reversed calf with yapp edges, raised bands to spine. Moderate rubbing, a few minor scuffs and stains, binding cocked, several leaves, presumably blank, removed from end of text block. Text in neat, legible hand. Light toning to interior, some staining and soiling to endleaves. \$4,500.

* Containing terms arranged alphabetically from "Abatement" to "Variance," this manuscript was probably compiled by a student or practitioner. The text is neatly arranged and has very few corrections, which suggests it was compiled from notes and other sources. The definitions include case examples and references to standard legal works. The entries vary in length, but all are detailed. Some are quite long and divided into sub-sections. A few entries include sample forms. (One of these is dated 1753.) The final 22 leaves are an outline summary of the contents. A carefully crafted work, it must have been a valuable reference tool for its compiler. [Order This Item](#)



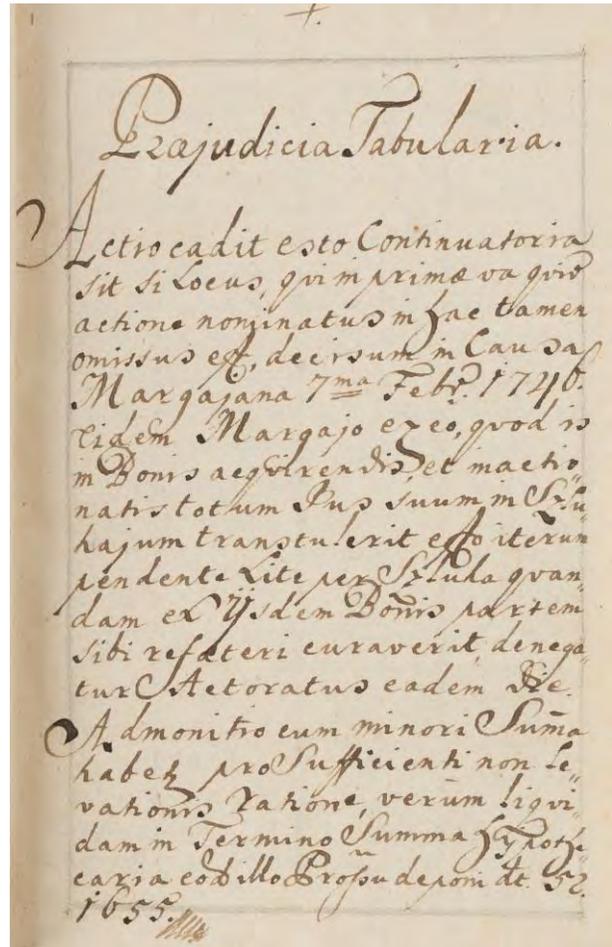
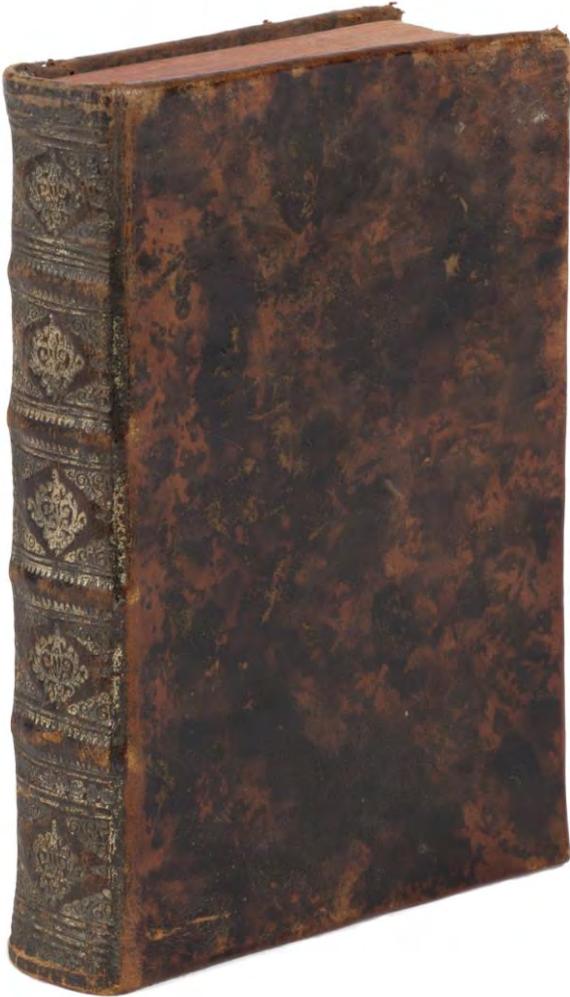
North Carolina Justice's Docket Book, 1875-1882

19. [Manuscript].
 [North Carolina].
 [Hall, H.L.].

[Docket Book, Justice's Court, Cumberland County North Carolina 1875-1882]. [112] pp. Quarto (7-1/2" x 6/5").

Quarter sheep over marbled boards. Moderate rubbing to boards, heavier rubbing to extremities with wear to corners, spine perished, boards partially detached. Moderate toning and faint dampstaining to interior, content in neat hand to rectos and versos of most leaves, additional notes and doodles to endleaves and pastedowns, "Docket H.L. Hall, March 18th, 1877" in bold hand to front free endpaper. \$750.

* This docket book records a variety of often-colorful cases, many of them assault charges and disputes over payment, property and children. In one case, "E.J. Morse esq of Fayetteville sent him in a sealed envelope a bill of pts turpentine together with \$65 in money and said bill and money was entrusted to Henry Smith and that said letter had been broken open and that ten dollars had been taken from it." The accused could offer no explanation. In another case "Adey Jackson complains on oath that G.D. Womble has begotten upon her a child which child when born will be a bastard liable to be chargeable to the county." In this case, after adjourning several times and examining several witnesses, Womble was fined. In a third case, "Calvin Smith complains on oath that Frank Allen jr did go to his home and curse and abuse him and his wife and maliciously pulled down a portion of his fence." [Order This Item](#)



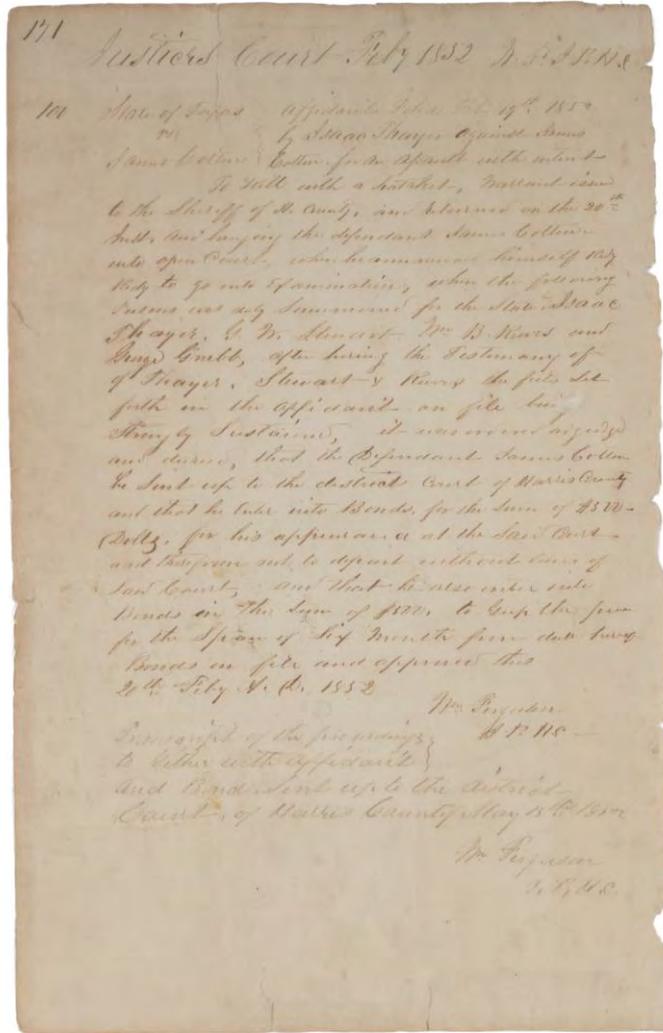
An Eighteenth-Century Manuscript on *Prejudicium*

20. [Manuscript].

[*Praejudicia Tabularia*]. Probably Hungary, c.1760. Each side framed. [284] pp. Octavo (6-1/2" x 4-1/2").

Contemporary mottled calf, gilt spine with raised bands, edges rouged. Light rubbing and a few minor nicks to boards, which are slightly bowed, moderate rubbing to extremities, corners bumped, pastedown excised from verso of front board, which has a later owner bookplate. Light toning, slightly heavier in places, text in neat hand within ruled borders, "Georgij Viercris Jurisc. 1769" to front endleaf. \$1,500.

* A *prejudicium* is type of action (*actio*) in Roman law that establishes a legal relation between two parties and serves as a preliminary to other actions. A fair copy, the eighteenth-century manuscript was probably compiled by a student or lawyer to serve as a reference work. The prevalence of numerous Hungarian names in this manuscript, such as "Nagy" or "Szécheny," and the mention of cities of Buda and Pest in another, supports our assumption that it was compiled in Hungary. The examples are given as dated short entries arranged according to their incipits. The date of each is given; the earliest is dated 1638. [Order This Item](#)



A Hatchet Assault in Texas

21. [Manuscript].

[Texas].

[Cotton, James, Defendant].

[Affidavit Concerning the Case of Texas v. James Cotton]. Harris County, TX, February 19, 1852. Single 12" X 7-1/2" sheet.

Moderate toning, light soiling, rubbing with a few small chips and clean tears to edges. \$450.

* This document appears to be in the hand of William Ferguson [1805-1886], the Harris County justice of the peace. It states that a warrant was issued for James Cotton, who was accused of assaulting merchant Isaac Thayer with a hatchet. Based on the testimony of Thayer and witnesses G.W. Stuart, William B. Reeves and George Gnebb, the case was sent to the District Court of Harris County. A later notation in Ferguson's hand indicates that a transcript was sent to the district on May 13, 1852. This affidavit also lays out the terms and amount of Cotton's bond. The accused man is probably James E. Cotton [1822-1867], a veteran of the Mexican War who served with the First Texas Foot Rifleman. Later, he was among the Texas conscripts drafted into the Confederate Army. Cotton's life ended in violence; he was murdered during a fight with his brother, Thomas, in Grimes, Texas. [Order This Item](#)

Walworth County, Wisconsin Territory ss
William Smith +
Lorna Smith } Astor, Plaintiff.
vs
James Acker
Defendant.
ss
Dyes Read being sworn says that
he is the agent of the above named William
Smith and Lorna Smith plaintiffs in
the above entitled suit and that they
the said plaintiffs have a good cause of
action therein against James Acker
the above named defendant for this
to wit: that on the 16th day of
October instant at Spring Grove in
said County the said James Acker
falsely and maliciously charged the
said Lorna Smith ^{then} being the wife of
the said William Smith, with being
a public whore, and falsely and
maliciously stated in the presence of
a number of persons that the said
Lorna Smith was a public whore,
thereby imputing to her the crime of
adultery &c by reason of which the
said plaintiffs have been greatly
damaged, and they claim damages
to the amount of one thousand dollars
sworn and subscribed before
me this 20th day of October 1845
George Gale
Supreme Court Commissioner

A "Public Whore?"

22. [Manuscript].

[Wisconsin].

[Acker, James, Defendant].

[Accusation of Adultery]. Walworth County, Wisconsin Territory, 1845.

Single 12-1/2" x 7-3/4" sheet.

Moderate toning, two horizontal fold lines, light edgewear. Content in neat hand, docketed on verso. \$450.

* The document pertains to suit filed against James Acker by Dyes Read for William and Lorna Smith. "The said James Acker falsely and maliciously charged the said Lorna Smith, then being the wife of the said William Smith, with being a public whore, and falsely and maliciously stated in the presence of a number of persons that the said Lona Smith was a public whore, thereby imputing to her the crime of adultery to by reason of which the said plaintiffs have been greatly damaged and they claim damages to the amount of one thousand dollars." The case was brought before Supreme Court Commissioner George Gale [1816-1868]. Gale served in the Wisconsin state senate and was the founder of both Gale College and the town of Galesville. The defendant in this action may have been early Wisconsin pioneer James C. "J.C." Acker [1819-1892], who moved to Wisconsin from New York in 1842 and purchased 160 acres in La Fayette Township, where he operated a farm and established a stone quarry. We do not know how this case was decided. [Order This Item](#)



Documents from the Settlement of a New Hampshire Estate

23. [Manuscript Archive].
[New Hampshire].
[Wallace Family].

[Deeds, Receipts, Estate Inventories and Other Legal Documents]. Londonderry, NH, 1766, 1782-1801.

17 documents, 7 are 12" x 7-1/2" bifolia and single sheets, 1 is a 15" x 12" sheet, others range in size from 7" x 7-1/2" to 2" x 7-1/2". Moderate browning, somewhat lighter in places, foxing, some leaves have dampstaining, creases, tears along fold lines, a few small chips (with no loss to legibility), 2 items mended with cello tape on versos. \$500.

* The Wallaces were a prosperous family of farmers with substantial landholdings. Our archive is a collection of documents relating to the settlement of Thomas Wallace's estate in May 1790. Most of the documents are inventories and sale receipts from 1790. The remaining items are receipts for payments owed by the estate, which wasn't fully dissolved until 1801. Those written before 1790, including a lease from 1766, were probably presented to the estate to support a claim against it. Taken together, these documents offer an interesting look at the material circumstances of a wealthy New England farmer at the end of the 18th century. [Order This Item](#)



An Eyewitness Account of the U.S Occupation of Haiti

24. [Manuscript Archive].

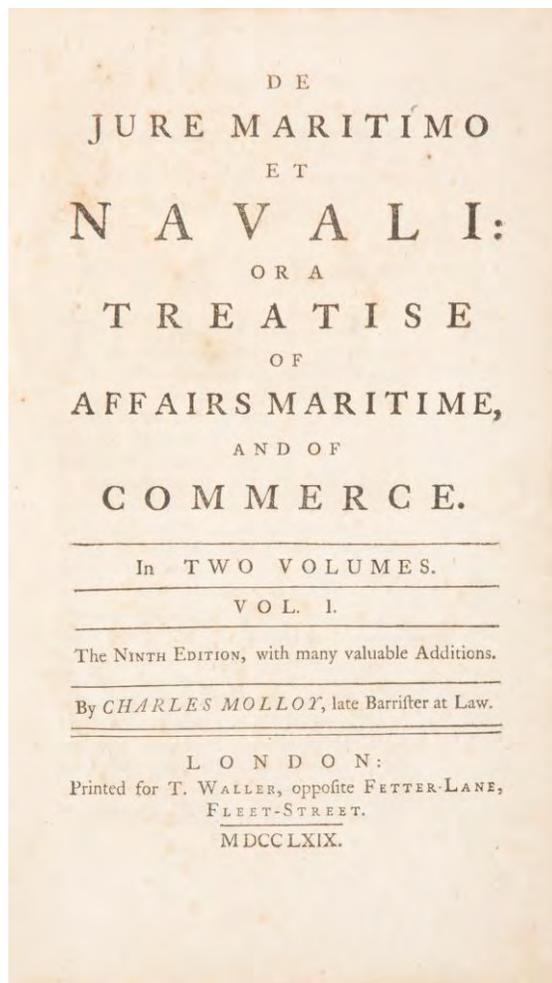
[U.S. Occupation of Haiti].

[Hyde, Donald].

[*Letters Sent by U.S. Marine Sergeant Donald Hyde to His Family*]. Parris Island, SC, Mirebalais and Port-au-Prince, Haiti, Quantico, VA and Washington, DC: 1919-1929.

50 manuscript letters in transmittal envelopes, sizes ranging from 3-1/4" x 5-1/4" to 3-3/4" x 8-3/4." Envelopes in various states of wear, most toned, some browned or dampstained, letters, all with fold line, moderately toned, a few lightly edgeworn, a few letters without envelopes, one letter damaged and partially legible, one letter includes 3 annotated photos of Hyde paddling on the Potomac River. \$1,500.

* Sergeant, later Gunnery Sergeant, Hyde was a career serviceman. From 1920 to 1923 he served in the U.S. occupation of Haiti (1915-1934). the letters in this archive were sent to Hyde's parents, who lived in Lewiston, ME. 19 of them from 1920 to 1923 were sent from Haiti, where he served as a police officer. They describe his life there and his impressions of the landscape, cities, living conditions and people. One letter includes a printed map with annotations showing where he has traveled in the country. Hyde shows great disdain for the Haitians. He mentions bandits frequently and, in one case, commends the cruel treatment of a black Haitian by a Marine. Another letter describes the arrival of a U.S. Senate Committee to investigate the treatment of Haitians and notes that the committee was confronted by a crowd of Haitians along the streets with banners and placards reading "3,000 Haitians Murdered Ask For Justice. We Want To Be Your Friends-But Not Slaves Or Subjects." He thought the Committee would not do much (he was correct). [Order This Item](#)



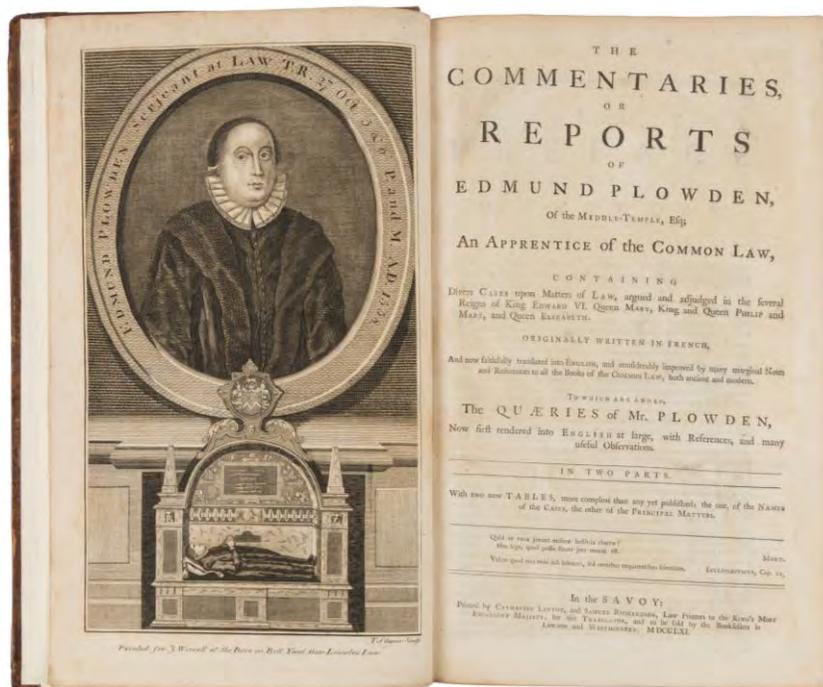
**Penultimate Edition of a Standard
Early English Treatise on Maritime Law**

25. Molloy, Charles [1646-1690].

De Jure Maritimo et Navali: Or a Treatise of Affairs Maritime, And of Commerce. The Ninth Edition, With Many Valuable Additions. London: Printed for T. Waller, 1769. Two volumes. [xvi], 404; [iv], 344, [52] pp. Pages xvii-xxvi, [ii] of Volume I misbound between pp. 402-403. Octavo (8-1/4" x 5").

Contemporary calf, blind rules to boards, lettering pieces and blind fillets to spines. Light rubbing, scuffing and a few minor nicks and stains to boards and spines, moderate rubbing to extremities, corners bumped and moderately worn, chip to foot of spine of Volume I, its front hinge starting. Moderate toning, somewhat heavier in places, occasional light foxing, brief early owner annotation in tiny hand to front pastedown of Volume I. \$950.

* Ninth (and penultimate) edition. For many years this was the standard treatise on international, commercial and maritime law. It went through many editions, the first in 1676, the last in 1778. A Spanish translation was published in 1793. "It was not until 1676 that a man, who had some claims to be called an English lawyer, wrote upon [maritime law]. Charles Molloy who was both a civilian and a member of Lincoln's Inn and Gray's Inn, in the second book of his very successful treatise, *De Jure Maritimo et Navali*, gives us some account of these branches of the law" (Holdsworth). It deals with international as well as maritime and commercial law. Chapters III and IV discuss Privateers and Piracy. Holdsworth, *Sources and Literature of English Law* 210. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T96879. [Order This Item](#)



First Edition in English of the First Nominative Reporter

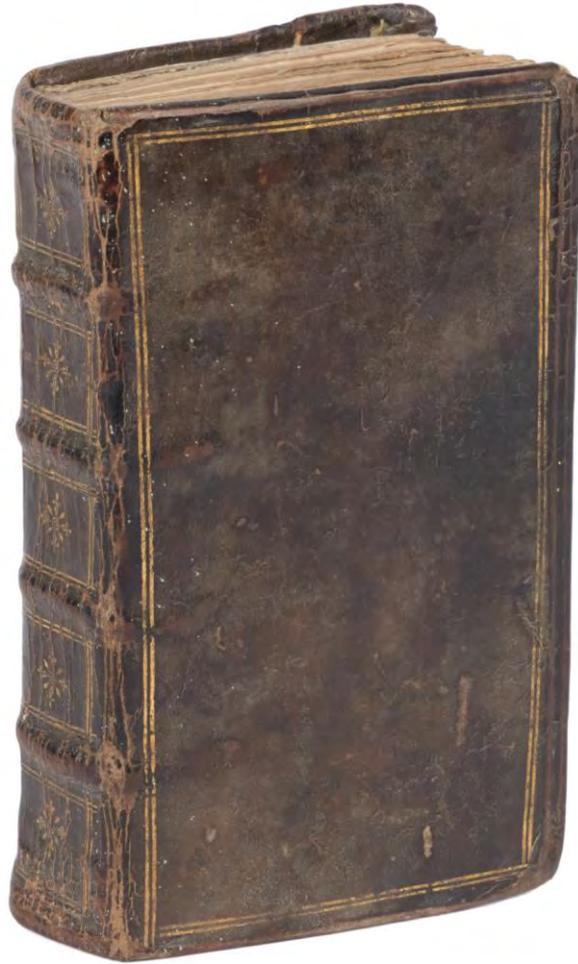
26. Plowden, Edmund [1518-1585].

The Commentaries, Or Reports of Edmund Plowden, Of the Middle-Temple, Esq; An Apprentice of the Common Law, Containing Divers Cases upon Matters of Law, Argued and Adjudged in the Several Reigns of King Edward VI. Queen Mary, King and Queen Philip and Mary, And Queen Elizabeth. Originally Written in French, And now Faithfully Translated into English, And Considerably Improved by Many Marginal Notes and References to All the Books of the Common Law, Both Ancient and Modern. To Which are Added, The Quæries of Mr. Plowden, Now First Rendered into English at Large, With References, And Many Useful Observations. In Two Parts. With Two New Tables, More Compleat than any Yet Published, The One, Of the Names of the Cases, The Other of the Principal Matters. [London]: Printed by Catharine Lintot, and Samuel Richardson, 1761. vi, [2], 401, [3], 403-567, [1]; 15, [1]; [2], 68; [48] pp. Two parts. Part II has a separate title page beginning: *The Second Part of the Commentaries...* with the imprint: "London: Printed for the Translator..., 1761." This is followed by "The Case of Basset and Morgan Versus Manxel. at Serjeant's Inn" and *The Quæries of Edmund Plowden...*, which has separate pagination and a title page with the same imprint and date of *The Second Part*. Last Copperplate portrait frontispiece. Pagination and register continuous. Final leaf of "The Case" (pp. 14-15) misbound at end of *The Quæries*. Text complete. Folio (14" x 9").

Contemporary calf, rebaked in period style, blind rules to boards, blind fillets along joints, raised bands and lettering piece to spine, blind tooling to board edges, endpapers renewed. Light rubbing and a few minor nicks and scuffs to boards, moderate rubbing to board edges, corners bumped and somewhat worn. Light toning to text, somewhat heavier in places, occasional light foxing at rear of text, light soiling and faint offsetting from frontispiece to title page. \$1,000.

* First edition in English. Covering the years 1550-1580, Plowden's Reports was the first nominative reporter and the first to go beyond arguments to deduce points of law. "In every sort of professional excellence [it ranks] among the best reports of any age" (Wallace). The translation has a great number of additional notes and references. Two works are appended to Part II: the case of "Basset and Morgan versus Manxel at Serjeant's Inn" and Plowden's "Quæries." These works have individual title pages and paginations. Wallace, *The Reporters* 143-153. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T144729.

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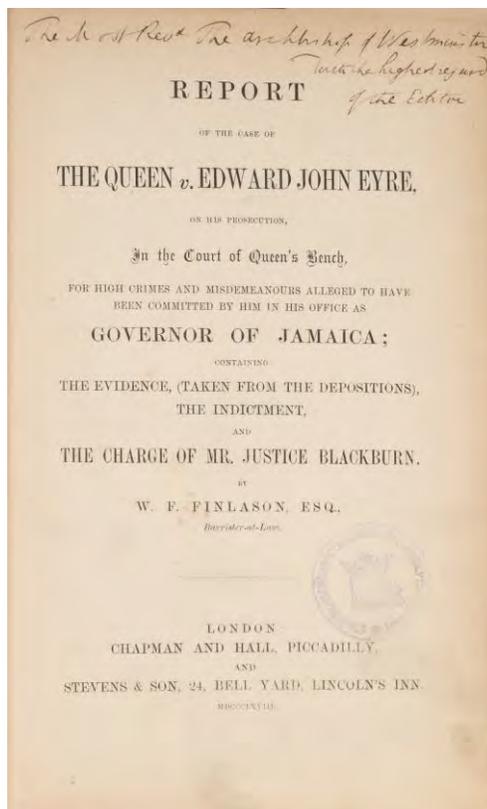
A Rare Edition of the Paris *Coutume*

27. Tournet, Jean, Annotator.

Costumes de la Prevosté et Vicomté de Paris. Augmentée Outre ce Estoit en la Premiere de Nouvelles Observations & Arrests de la Cour sur Chaque Article. Paris: Chez Gervais Alliot, Proche la Chapelle S. Michel, 1627. [xxviii], 610, [56] pp. 12mo. (5-1/4" x 3-1/2").

Contemporary calf, recased, gilt rules to boards, raised bands and gilt ornaments to spine, rear endpapers renewed. Light rubbing and a few minor nicks, light gatoring to rear board, moderate rubbing to extremities, light creasing to spine, corners bumped and somewhat worn, partial crack between front free endpaper and title page, which is printed in red and black. Moderate toning, negligible faint dampstaining and light soiling in a few places, clean tears to margins of a few leaves, early markings to preliminaries and margins of p.1. \$1,250.

* Second edition, one of two issues from 1627 (the other by François Targa). Codified in 1510 and revised in 1580 and 1605, the Paris *Coutume* applied to the city and its neighboring lands. The first edition by Tournet, an "advocat en la cour de Parlement" and a "conseil privé du Roy," was published in 1608. It went through several later editions and issues, the last one in 1668. Our 1627 Alliot imprint is rare. OCLC locates 1 copy (at the University of Minnesota Law School). Not in Gouron & Terrin. Caswell and Sipkov, *The Coutumes of France in the Library of Congress* 148. [Order This Item](#)



**The Trial of Governor Eyre for His
Brutal Suppression of a Rebellion in Jamaica**

28. [Trial].

Eyre, Edward John [1815-1901], Defendant.

Finlason, W.F. [1818-1895], Reporter.

Report of the Case of the Queen v. Edward John Eyre, On His Prosecution, In the Court of Queen's Bench, For High Crimes and Misdemeanours Alleged to Have Been Committed by Him in His Office as Governor of Jamaica; Containing the Evidence (Taken from the Depositions), The Indictment, And the Charge of Mr. Justice Blackburn. London: Chapman and Hall, Piccadily, And Stevens & Son, Bell Yard, Lincoln's Inn, 1868. xl, 111 pp. Octavo (8-3/4" x 5-1/2").

Original textured cloth, blind frames to boards, gilt title to front board, colored endpapers. Light soiling and few minor stains and dampspots, two tiny worm tracks to front board, light chipping to spine ends, rear joint starting, corners bumped and somewhat worn, hinges cracked, a few cracks to text block, early armorial institutional library bookplate (Bayswater) to front pastedown, later signature (Sybil William) and small library inkstamp to front free endpaper. Light browning to text, light soiling to endleaves, presentation inscription from Finlason to the Archbishop of Westminster to head of title page. \$650.

* First and only edition. Eyre, famous as an explorer of Australia, was Governor of Jamaica from 1862 to 1865. He was tried in 1868 for his brutal response to the Morant Bay Rebellion of 1865, an uprising of nonwhite Jamaicans in response to several years of political and economic suppression. His handling of the rebellion was deeply controversial in England and it resulted in his 1868 trial. However, many believed he had acted decisively to restore law and order. *Queen v. Eyre* ended with an acquittal, as did a second civil trial. Our report by Finlason, which includes the evidence taken from court depositions, the indictment and the charge, is scarce. OCLC locates 6 copies in North America, 2 in law libraries (Harvard, University of Windsor). *Catalogue of the Library of the Harvard Law School* (1909) II:1073. [Order This Item](#)



Cobbett's State Trials

29. [Trials].

[Cobbett, William (1763-1835)].

Howell, Thomas Bayly [1768-1815], Editor.

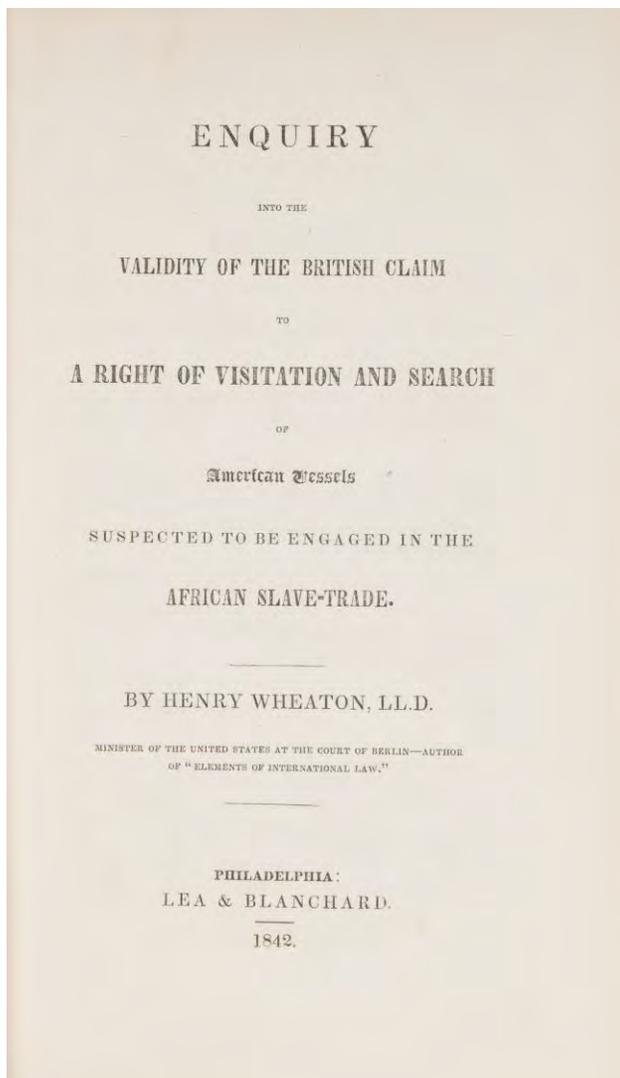
[Howell, Thomas Jones [1793-1858], Editor.

Jardine, David [1794-1860], Compiler of Index.

Cobbett's Complete Collection of State Trials and Proceedings for High Treason and Other Crimes and Misdemeanors from the Earliest Period to the Present Time. London: Printed by T.C. Hansard, Published by R. Bagshaw [and other publishers], 1809-1828. 34 volumes. Volumes 11-33 have title beginning: *A Complete Collection of State Trials...* Volume 34 is an index. Main text in parallel columns. Complete set. Octavo (9-1/4" x 6").

Later quarter calf over cloth, gilt titles and ornaments to spines, endpapers renewed. Light rubbing to boards and extremities, some spines darkened, a few have light nicks and minor scuffs, moderate toning and occasional light foxing to interiors. An attractive set. \$3,500.

* This was the fifth, final and best collection of state trials. Holdsworth, for one, considers it "an invaluable collection of nearly all the important criminal trials and constitutional cases, and of some important civil cases, which have some bearing upon public law." It incorporates Francis Hargrave's *Collection of State Trials*, an eleven-volume collection published between 1776 and 1781. (Hargrave's edition incorporated three earlier collections.) The majority of the cases are from the King's Bench, and many are not reported elsewhere. The coverage is chronological from Thomas Becket in 1163 through 1820. According to Sweet & Maxwell and the *Harvard Law Catalogue*, the first twelve volumes were compiled by William Cobbett. Wallace and Marvin dispute this claim. They say Cobbett was simply a general editor who hired Thomas Howell and his son to do the actual work. (Howell's son completed the project after his father's death.) Holdsworth, *A History of English Law* XII: 130. *Catalogue of the Library of the Harvard Law School* (1909) I:960. Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 1:370. Marvin, *Legal Bibliography* 660-661. Wallace, *The Reporters* 67-68. [Order This Item](#)



**Concerns the Slave Trade,
Right of Search and Sovereignty**

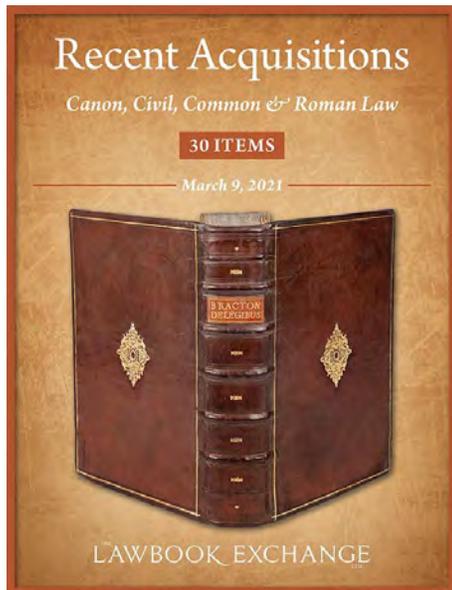
30. Wheaton, Henry [1785-1848].

Enquiry Into the Validity of the British Claim to a Right of Visitation and Search of American Vessels Suspected to be Engaged in the African Slave-Trade. Philadelphia: Lea and Blanchard, 1842. 151, 12 pp. Includes twelve-page publisher catalogue. Octavo (5-1/2" x 9").

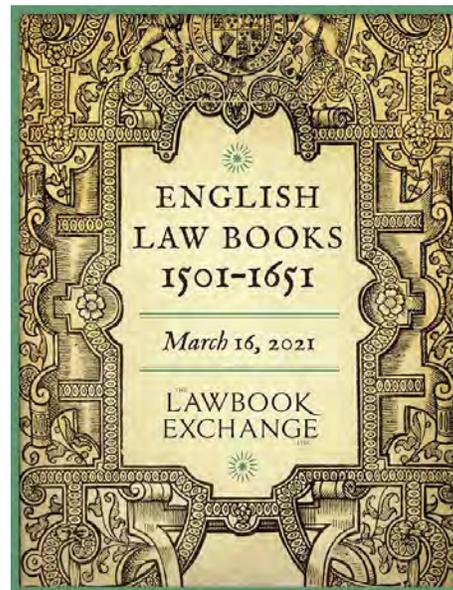
Contemporary ribbed cloth, gilt title to spine. A few tint stains to boards, some wear to spine ends, front joint starting at foot, corners bumped. Light toning to text, light foxing to publisher catalogue and a few other leaves. \$500.

* First edition. Wheaton was America's foremost authority of international law during the nineteenth century. His *Enquiry* criticizes Britain's seizure of American vessels engaged in the Atlantic slave trade. Although the importation of slaves was prohibited at this time under the U.S. Constitution, Wheaton rejected the right of other nations to enforce this American law. Instead of assisting the United States, he reasons, such actions are a violation of its sovereignty. An English edition was published in 1842, a few months after the first edition. It was reissued in 1858. Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 10242. [Order This Item](#)

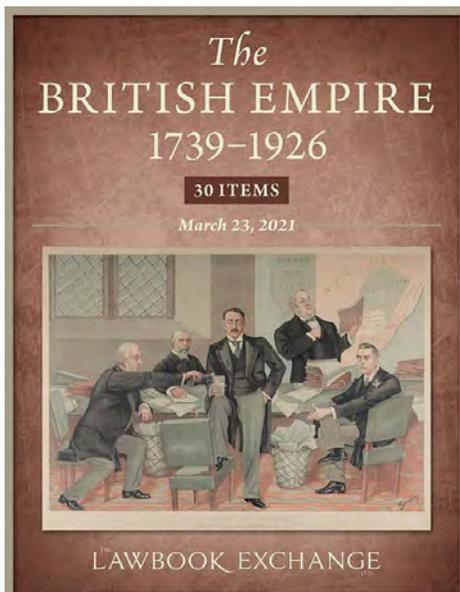
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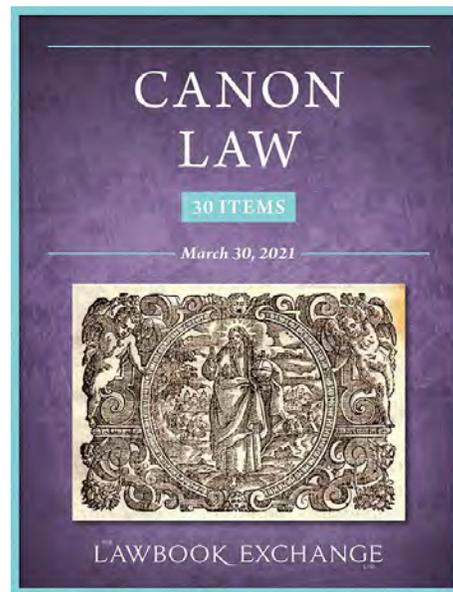
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