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TAKE ME TO COURT.
I AIN'T GONNA ROT IN
DIS HOLE! (At least not for
peddlin' without a permit)

I GOT IT?
I'm supposed to ask to
be taken to district
court, so a judge can
set bail!
Uncommon Commercial Law Dictionary by Azuni

Ricci, Giuliano, Editor.

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* Fifth and final edition. An authority on mercantile law, Azuni was an Italian jurist and a writer who later became a French citizen, president of the appeal court at Genoa and judge of the Commercial Court at Cagliari. He is best-known for his *Maritime Law of Europe* (1806), which was a standard authority in the United States. Adapted in part from Baldasseroni’s *Dizionario* (1807), it is more an encyclopedia or essay collection than a dictionary. Both synthetic and critical, it refers often to the leading treatises of commercial law. Marvin found it useful because it “contains the results of many authors, not readily accessible.” Useful for its definitions, it is equally interesting because it has detailed criticism of the literature by a contemporary expert. The first edition was published in 1786-1788.
All editions are scarce; OCLC locates 3 copies of the fifth edition, one in North America (Harvard Law School).

Marvin, *Legal Bibliography* 81-82.

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Bacon's "Profound" Reading on Conveyancing

2. Bacon, Sir Francis [1561-1626].
Rowe, William Henry, Editor.

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* Final edition. Bacon, one of the great intellectuals of the age, held the posts of solicitor general, attorney general and lord chancellor during the reign of James I. The Learned Reading collects his thoughts on conveyancing. According to Hargrave this is "a very profound treatise on the subject as far as it goes, and shows that he had the clearest conception of one of the most abstruse parts of our law." First published in 1642, it was reissued in 1785 and 1804. It was also incorporated into his Law Tracts.


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* This group of pamphlets deals with the controversy surrounding Richard Bentley's tenure at Cambridge as Master of Trinity College and Regius Professor of Divinity. Though renowned for his work as a critic and classical scholar, Bentley managed to antagonize many of his colleagues with his heavy-handed leadership. Several of his initiatives, such as imposing a fee for new doctors, led to extensive litigation with fellow Conyers Middleton and, when that litigation stalled, a vicious pamphlet war. Our volume collects pamphlets from both Bentley's supporters and his critics, providing a thorough look at an academic cause célèbre. Many are scarce. Alan Noel Latimer Munby [1913-1974], one of the volume's former owners, was an English author, librarian and bibliophile.
Contents:
2. [Middleton, Conyers]. A Second Part of the Full and Impartial Account of all the Late Proceedings in the University of Cambridge against Dr. Bentley. By a Member of the University. London: Printed for J. Bettenham, 1719. [iv], 43, [1] pp. ESTC T47341.
3. [Middleton, Conyers]. Some Remarks upon a Pamphlet, Entitled, The Case of Dr. Bentley Farther Stated and Vindicated, &c. Wherein the Merit of the Author and his Performance, And the Complaint of Proctor Laughton are Briefly Considered. By the Author of the Full and Impartial Account, &c. London: Printed for James Bettenham, 1719. 24 pp. ESTC T111134.
4. [Sykes, Arthur Ashley (1683-1756)]. The Case of Dr. Bentley Regius Professor of Divinity Truly Stated. Wherein Two Late Pamphlets, Entituled The Proceedings of the Vice-Chancellor and the University, &c. And a Full and Impartial Account of the Late Proceedings, &c. Are Examined. London: Printed for James Roberts, 1719. 40 pp. ESTC T20014.
6. A True Copy of the Articles against Dr. Bentley, Exhibited to the Right Reverend Father in God, John, Lord Bishop of Ely, By Many of the Fellows of Trinity-College in Cambridge. Together with the College-Statute de Amotione Magistri, And Several Other Clauses of the College Statutes, With References to the Articles. London: Printed and Sold by John Morphew, 1713. 48 pp. Second edition. ESTC T174812.
8. [Byrom, John (1692-1763)]. A Review of the Proceedings against Dr. Bentley, In the University of Cambridge: In Answer to a Late Pretended Full and Impartial Account, &c. With Some Remarks upon Sergeant Miller’s Account of that University, Wherein the Egregious Blemishes of that Gentleman are Briefly Set Forth. By N.O. M.A. of the Same University. London: Printed for E. Moore, 1719. [ii], 82 pp. ESTC T44903.
Handsome Pre-Tridentine Lyon Printing of the *Liber Sextus Decretalium*

4. Bonifacius VIII, Pope [c.1235-1303]
D’Andrea, Giovanni [c.1270-1348], Glossator. 


Recent period style paneled calf, hand-lettered paper title label to spine, pastedowns renewed. A few light scratches to boards, negligible light fading to spine. Large woodcut image of Gregory IX receiving the *Decretals*, text printed throughout in red and block in parallel columns with linear gloss and side-notes. Moderate toning, light foxing to margins of a few leaves, light soiling to preliminaries, a few minor stains and repair to lower outside corner of title page, repair to foot of leaf aa8 (pp. [xv-xvi]) with no loss to text. $300.

* Issued in 1298, the *Liber Sextus* of Boniface VIII is one of the primary collections of canon law. It is one of the writings known collectively as the *Corpus Juris Canonici*. Andrea was an Italian canonist and professor of canon law at the University of Bologna. An eminent figure, his principal writings circulated widely in manuscript and were among the earliest printed works on canon law. His glosses were first published in 1472. Our 1559 Lyon imprint is interesting because it was issued before the revisions ordered in 1582 by the Council of Trent.

*Universal Short-Title Catalogue* 125056.

Order This Item
Final and Best Edition of Brisson’s Legal Dictionary

5. Brisson, Barnabae [1531-1591].
[Heineccius, Johann Gottlieb (1681-1741), Editor].
[Bohmer, Justus Henning (1674-1749)].

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* Final and best edition. Brisson was a renowned French jurist and philologist. Widely respected, he was appointed president of the Parliament of Paris in 1588. In 1591, however, he was hanged by The Sixteen, a group of insurgents who captured Paris in a bizarre coup. First published in 1557, Brisson’s *Verborum* was the standard legal dictionary of its day and remained an authoritative source for hundreds of years. In this edition, the definitions are preceded by a useful digest of Roman and French laws and interesting sections on marriage, adultery and the feudal system. Edited and corrected by Johann Gottlieb Heineccius, an important German jurist and scholar at Halle, this edition is much larger than its predecessors. It includes more notes and entries and a section on the interpretation of Latin grammar by Bohmer, the director of the Halle Royal Academy.


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"His Appearance was Very Repulsive"

6. [Broadside].
[Execution].
Smith, John [d.1849].
An Account of the Trial and Execution of John Smith, Who Suffered the Severe Sentence of the Law at Fisherton Anger, Near Salisbury, Wilts, On Tuesday Last for the Wilful Murder of Eleanor Lawrence, At Collingbourn Ducis. Salisbury: Printed for the Vendors, [1849].

19-3/4" x 7-1/2" broadside, text in single column below woodcut of gallows flanked by two small woodcut portraits. Moderate toning, horizontal and vertical fold lines, light soiling at top and bottom edges. Rare. $1,800.

* Smith, "a wretched-looking object," beat Eleanor Lawrence to death and was arrested after assaulting several others. He put up an insanity defense at trial, which was unsuccessful; the jury convicted him of murder and he was executed on March 27, 1849. This broadside appears to be unrecorded. No copies located on OCLC or Library Hub.

Order This Item
Carpzov's Great Treatise on Saxon Criminal Law


Contemporary sheep, raised bands, gilt tooling (mostly rubbed away) and lettering piece to spine, blind tooling to board edges, edges of text block rouged. Moderate rubbing and light scuffing to boards, repair to head of spine, a few tiny wormholes near its foot, joints just starting at foot, corners bumped and lightly worn, armorial bookplate and small monogram bookplate ("V.") to front pastedown. Moderate toning and light foxing to interior, light browning in places. $1,000.

* Later edition. With indexes. Considered to be the founder of German legal science, Carpzov did much to systematize German law, and his work did much to secure a wide recognition of German law and custom. First published in 1635, his magisterial treatise on Saxon criminal law was the first systematic study of its kind. It discusses major crimes, including murder, counterfeiting, blasphemy, perjury and witchcraft, lesser crimes, such as robbery, and the criminal process, including procedure and torture. It had a profound influence on the development of criminal law in the Holy Roman Empire and went through numerous editions into the late eighteenth century.


Order This Item
Heavily Annotated Eighteenth-Century Collection of Decisions of the Parlement of Toulouse

8. Catellan, Jean de [1617-1700]
Catellan, François de, Editor.
Catellan, Jacques de, Editor.


Contemporary sheep, gilt spines with raised bands, gilt tooing to board edges. Moderate rubbing, scuffing to boards, wear to spine ends, corners bumped and somewhat worn, joints of Volume I starting, front hinge of Volume II cracked, small early armorial bookplate to front pastedowns, frontispiece partially detached but secure. Moderate toning to interiors, light foxing and faint dampstaining in places, annotations in neat contemporary hands to several leaves. $2,500.

* Second edition. This collection of rulings by the Parlement of Toulouse was first published in 1705 and went through four later editions, the last one in 1756. As indicated by the numerous annotations in several hands, our copy was a valuable resource. Most of the annotations are substantial. Many update or expand on passages in the text; some are glosses or cross-references. Taken together, they give a vivid impression of the types of questions that arose in everyday legal practice.

Order This Item
A Prospective Marriage for Charles II

Hyde, Edward [1609-1674], 1st Earl of Clarendon.  

Disbound stab-stitched pamphlet, spine reinforced. Moderate toning, occasional light foxing, light soiling in a few places, lower corner of first leaf lacking without loss to text, small "2" to title page, early handwritten page numbers to rectos. $350.

* Only edition. Speeches by Charles II and Edward Hyde, his Lord Chancellor, given at the opening of the first session of the Cavalier Parliament. Both speeches address Charles's prospective marriage to Catherine of Braganza, the daughter of the king of Portugal, in order to cement an alliance with Portugal. Since Catherine was a Roman Catholic, the marriage was controversial, but the two wed in May of 1662.

*English Short-Title Catalogue R35487.*

Order This Item
Influential English Treatise on Tithes and Tithing

10. Degge, Sir Simon [1612-1704].
Ellis, Charles, Editor.

Later morocco, gilt title and date to spine, endleaves renewed. Light rubbing to joints, front joint just starting at head, library bookplate and small circular shelf label to front pastedown. Light toning to interior, occasional light foxing, ink library stamp to title page and several other leaves. $150.

* Seventh and final edition. This influential and oft-cited treatise was first published in 1676. It is divided into two books. The first addresses the procedures parson and vicars must follow to obtain a preferment, the duties imposed by a preferment and various regulations clergymen must observe. The second outlines various tithes, offerings, mortuaries and other church duties, relevant canon, common and statute laws and courts and suits involving tithes.


Order This Item

Text to recto of 5-3/4" x 3-3/4" sheet of Frankfurter's personal stationery with transmittal envelope addressed to "Mrs. Garson Kanin." A few tiny chips to top-edge of letter, moderate toning to envelope, which has a later annotation to its verso.

[With]
Baruch, Bernard [1870-1965].  

Typed letter on 9-3/4" x 7-3/4" sheet of stationery. Moderate toning, two horizontal fold lines.

[And]
Remarks by Mr. Bernard M. Baruch at Memorial Services for Herbert Bernard Swope At Freedom House - 9/17/58 [Caption Title]. 2 ff.

Carbon-copy typescript on 11" x 8-1/2" sheets. Light toning, two horizontal fold lines.

Together three items, housed in handsome cloth clamshell case with morocco lettering piece ("Frankfurter & Bernard Baruch and Herbert Bayard Swope") and bookplate of Donald Scott Carmichael. $850.

* Bernard Baruch was an American financier, statesman and presidential advisor to Wilson and Roosevelt. His letter to Frankfurter encloses a remembrance of Herbert Bayard Swope [1882-1958], an American journalist and editor. Baruch relied heavily on associates like Swope, a journalist and editor, to write his public speeches, as Frankfurter's wry note to long-time intimate friends Garson Kanin and Ruth Gordon suggests: "My Very Dears, And Herbert is one of the items for my aching desire for a long schmoos with youse. I have no doubt that Bernie feels the words that were put on his lips by Herb's "ghost" successor. Ever the best twosest, Felix."
12. [Great Britain].
[Statutes].
Elizabeth I [1533-1603], Queen of England.
Anno XXXI. Reginae Elizabethae. At a Session of Parliament Holden at Westminster the Fourth Day of Februarie, In the One and Thirtieth Yeere of the Reigne of Our Most Gratius Soveraigne Lady Elizabeth by the Grace of God of England, Fraunce and Ireland Queene, Defender of the Faith, &c. And There Continued Vntill the Dissolution Thervof, Being the XXIX. Of March. To the High Pleasure of Almighty God, And the Weale Publique of this Realme, Were Enacted as Followeth.

London: Imprinted...by the deputies of Christopher Barker, 1589. [36] pp. Folio (10-1/2" x 7").

Recent three-quarter calf over marbled boards, blind rules to calf, edges rouged, endleaves added. Title page printed within woodcut border, woodcut initials. Moderate toning to interior, faint stain to upper right corner of text block, light foxing, soiling and faint dampstains to a few leaves, later annotation (ownership signatures?) to verso of leaf A6. $850.

* This volume records 13 (of 16) acts for the Parliament for the thirty-first year of Elizabeth's reign. It would have sat in 1588 (Regnal Year 30), but Elizabeth delayed its opening to February 4, 1589 due to the crisis of the Spanish Armada. At least two acts address that experience. These include "An Act Against Imbeazelling of Armor, Habilliments of Warre, And Victuall" and "An Act Concerning Informers." This variant lists 16 total acts in the table (24 including the private acts, which were not printed) but all known copies only include acts 1-13. OCLC and the ESTC locate 5 copies in North America, 1 in a law library (Harvard).


Order This Item
A Profusely Annotated Copy

13. [Great Britain].
[Statutes].
Charles I [1600-1649], King of England and Scotland.

[Bound with]
Charles I, King of England and Scotland.

Folio (10-1/2" x 6-3/4"). Contemporary calf, gilt rules to boards, rebacked in period style with raised bands and lettering piece to spine, blind tooling to board edges, edges of text block rouged. Moderate rubbing and light scuffing to boards, rubbing and light wear to board edges and corners, which are bumped, hinges cracked, faint offsetting to endpapers, later small ink stamps (of Colin A. Bannatyne) to rear pastedown and free endpaper. Moderate toning to interior, trimming to bottom edge affecting catchwords on a few leaves without loss to legibility, light foxing and soiling in a few places, light edgewear to last few leaves with minor loss to annotations. Early (17th-century) annotations and underlining throughout, 12-page manuscript index to blank leaves bound at rear of text block, closely written with occasional bleeding or show-through impacting legibility slightly. $5,000.
* A collection of 31 Scottish acts from the first Parliament and 110 Scottish acts from the second Parliament of Charles I. The contemporary annotator of our copy, likely Scottish, engages with the text at length. The annotations include underlining and marginal notations, references to past parliamentary sessions, finding aids and cross-references, and brief glosses and commentaries. The most heavily annotated sections (pp. 22-32 of the first collection) deal with "The Kings Generall Revocation", "Anent the Annexation of his Maiesties Propertie", "Of Dissolution", and "Ratification of the Acts of Interruption." Clearly intended to be a working document and reference tool, the annotations also include an extensive manuscript index at the rear. The index details additional statutes from 1612 until Charles I's execution in 1649.

*English Short-Title Catalogue S116972, R33336.

Order This Item
Summaries of Acts Passed in the Fifth Year of George II

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

Stab-stitched pamphlet in recent marbled wrappers. Light rubbing to extremities. Moderate toning to interior, light foxing in a few places, light soiling and a few small stains to title page. $150.

* Separately issued to accompany collections of statutes passed that year, this abstract provides summaries of each public act passed during the fifth year of the reign of King George II. Acts passed that year include several acts dealing with navigation and trade and others dealing with the American colonies, including an act for the recovery of debts in American plantations and an act intended to prevent and control hat production by American colonists, "for the better encouraging the making Hats [sic] in Great Britain."

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Order This Item
A Scarce Sixteenth-Century Commentary on the *Institutes*

15. Gremp von Freudenstein, Ludwig [1509-1583], Editor. [Brederode, Pieter Cornelis van [d. 1593], Attributed.]


Contemporary or near-contemporary paneled pigskin, raised bands and very faint early hand-lettered title to spine. Light soiling and a few small stains to boards, light rubbing to extremities, a few small wormholes near head of spine, corners bumped and lightly worn, early ownership inscription (of Ioannis Bothag.) to front pastedown, small later ink stamp to rear free endpaper. Moderate toning to interior, light foxing and soiling in a few places, early underlining in ink to a few leaves, early ownership signature (of Agidi Ludovic) to title page, which has a tear to its right margin. $1,500.

* Fourth and final edition. Gremp von Freudenstein was a lawyer and state official who spent his professional life in Tubingen and Strassburg. A well-regarded commentary first published in 1567, *Analysis* is a textbook commentary on Justinian's *Institutes* derived from a manuscript by Brederode, a Dutch jurist and diplomat. Cast in question-and-answer form, it follows Justinian's text, paraphrasing, abridging, or adapting the text. It is equally interesting for its insights into the reception of Roman law at the end of the sixteenth century.


[Order This Item]
A Deluxe Copy of the Standard Critical Edition in a Fine Binding

Molhuysen, P.C., Editor.
van Vollenhoven C., Preface.
De Iure Belli Ac Pacis Libri Tres, In Quibus Ius Naturae Et Gentium, Item Iuris Publici Praecipua Explicantur Cum Annotatis Auctoris

Contemporary morocco, blind rules to boards, gilt title to spine, all edges gilt, gilt dentelles, gilt rules to board edges, marbled endpapers, ribbon marker. Light fading, moderate rubbing and a few nicks to spine, some wear to head of spine, negligible light wear to corners, front joint starting, front hinge cracked, rear board just beginning to separate but secure, light toning to text, recent owner inscription to front free endpaper. Book housed in moderately shelfworn pebbled cloth slipcase with marbled-paper interior. $350.

* A deluxe copy of the standard critical Latin edition of Grotius's *magnum opus* of 1625, which established the framework of modern international law. A work of painstaking philological research, this edition is based on the final version edited by the author, which issued posthumously in 1646. Differences between this edition and those of 1632 and 1642 are noted and the author of each text quotation is identified with reference to modern editions. A list of Grotius's citations is also included.

Ter Meulen and Diermanse, *Bibliographie des Écrits sur Hugo Grotius* 615.

Order This Item
A Rare Account of an Interesting 1790 Spanish Inheritance Case

17. Herrera y Zapata, Fausto de.

_Alegación Jurídica por D. Fausto de Herrera y Zapata, Caballero Maestrante de la de Ronda, Señor de la Villa y Dehesa de los Fresnos, vecino de la Ciudad de Badajoz_, num. 39.

EN EL PLEYTO QUE SIGUE CON

DON JUAN ANTONIO ARAUJO,
Teniente Coronel graduado, y Capitan de Cazadores del Regimiento Provincial de la Villa de Pontevedra, vecino de ella. num. 37.

SOBRE

La tenuta y posesion del Mayorazgo fundado por el Capitan Don Pedro Alvarez Mariño Valladares, vecino que fue de la misma Villa, num. 2. con inclusión de la mejor y donacion del tercio, y quinto que á su favor habia hecho Doña Elvira Rosalia Valladares, su madre num. 1.

En Madrid:
Por Ramon Ruiz En la Imprenta de Ulloa.
Año de M. DCC. xc.

Contemporary marbled wrappers. Light rubbing, some wear and creases to spine ends and corners, fold lines and light wear to corners of a few leaves at beginning and end of text, light toning to interior, faint dampspoting in places. $650.

* Only edition located. An interesting report of a Spanish case concerning inheritance law and primogeniture (_mayorazgo_), which established the rule that estates must be passed along to first-born sons. In this case it is explored with reference to the right of a first-born son who was born out of wedlock. OCLC finds 1 copy, in Spain (University of Grenada).
A Scarce Treatise on a Notable Victorian Act Concerning Trustees


   Original paper-covered boards, faint hand-lettered title to spine. Moderate rubbing, spine ends bumped with light chipping, small chip to center of spine, front joint cracked, corners bumped and lightly worn, faint early owner signature and a few tiny ink spots to front board. Light toning to interior, moderate toning to publisher catalogues, early annotations in pencil to endleaves. $350.

   * Only edition. Hunter's scholarship was held in high regard by Holdsworth. In this work on a notable act concerning trustees, which modernized the law considerably, he provides an introduction to each section of the act, followed by the statutory text itself, and then a further gloss. OCLC locates 9 copies, 5 in North America, 3 in law libraries (Library of Congress, LA County, Social Law).


Order This Item
Rare Imprints of Two Important Early Legal Reference Works

19. [Jodocus of Erfurt, Attributed].
Caccialupi, Giovanni Battista [c. 1420-1496].
Alberico Da Rosate [c.1290-1360].
Chambon, François [fl. 1500-1550], Editor.
[Paris]: Apud Claudiu[s] Chevallonu[s] [and Berthold Rembolt, 1520]. [viii], cclix, [1] ff. Main text in double columns.

[Bound with]
Schussenried, Wernher von [15th. c.].

Octavo (6-1/4" x 4-1/4"). Recent calf, blind fillets with gilt corner fleurons and blind central arabesques to boards, raised bands, gilt fillets and blind ornaments to spine, endpapers renewed. Title pages printed in red and black. Moderate toning to interior, light soiling, corner folds, ink spots, underlining and brief somewhat later annotations in a few places, moderate soiling and edgewear, early owner signature and annotations and small later monastery library stamps to title page of Vocabularius, faint ink smudges to Fol. 249. $7,500.
* A work of great authority, the Vocabularius, as it is popularly known, is usually attributed to Jodocus, a jurist associated with the University of Erfurt. First published around 1475, it went through several editions over the following 150 years and was later incorporated into Antonio de Nebrija's Lexicon Juris Civilis (1559), a work that was reissued into the seventeenth century. Our edition by Chambon, who added additional content, includes Caccialupi's Tractatus de Modo Studendi in Utroque Iure, an introductory textbook for law students, and Rosate's Breve Compendiolem de Orthographia, a guide to legal writing. The Modus Legendi Abbreviaturas, issued here with the prefix Preclarus et Insignis Tractatus Docens, is a dictionary of abbreviations first published in 1475.

Both imprints in this volume are rare. The USTC locates 5 copies of the Vocabularius and 7 copies of Preclarus, all in Europe. OCLC locates 2 copies of Preclarus in North America (Library of Congress, George Washington University), none of the Vocabularius.

Universal Short-Title Catalogue (USTC) 184047, 181872.
An Edition Known for Its Excellent Typography, This Copy Has a Hand-Colored Title Page


Contemporary paneled vellum, raised bands to spine, fragments to ties to fore-edges of boards, edges rouged, endpapers renewed. Some darkening, moderate rubbing to extremities, minor scuff to rear board, corners lightly bumped, front hinge cracked, later owner inscription (dated 1923) to front free endpaper. Moderate toning to interior, faint dampstaining to margins in a few places, chips and minor tears to a few leaves, light soiling and edgewear to preliminaries and final few leaves, underlining and annotations to several leaves and endleaves in contemporary and later hands, later hand-coloring to allegorical title page. $500.

* Commissioned by the Emperor Justinian in 530 CE, the body of writings known collectively as the Corpus Juris Civilis reformed, restated and preserved early Roman law. Its subsequent influence on European jurisprudence is difficult to underestimate. According to Willems, this edition is renowned for its excellent typography. Our copy appears to have been annotated by two students. The annotations are mostly glosses of the text or summaries.


Order This Item
A Collection of Texts from the *Corpus Juris Civilis*

La Porte, Hugues de, Compiler.
Vincent, Antoine, Compiler.


Boards lacking, spine intact, but heavily rubbed with wear at ends, speckled edges. Light soiling to title page, moderate edgewear, light soiling and faint dampstaining to final six leaves. Printed throughout in red and black. Moderate toning, faint dampstaining to foot of text block in a few places, early owner signature to title page. A good candidate for re-binding. $250.

* Often purchased individually, these titles are part of an edition of the *Corpus Juris Civilis* in six unnumbered (and bibliographically distinct) volumes compiled and issued by the Lyon printers Hugues de la Porte and Antoine Vincent. The *Volumen* contains the *Authentica*, a selection from the *Novels* that was believed be intended for Italy, the *Code*, the legal system established by Justinian, the *Arboris Feudorum*, a title from the *Novels* concerning consanguinity, and three texts often included in early editions of the *Corpus Juris Civilis*: the *Consuetudines Feudorum*, an institute of feudal law compiled around 1170 under the direction of Holy Roman Emperor Frederick I (Frederick Barbarossa), the *Constitutiones Frederici Secundii Imperatoris*, a selection of edicts of Holy Roman Emperor Frederick II, and *De Pace Constantiae* (Edict of Milan), the act of Emperor Constantine that recognized the legitimacy of Christianity in the Roman Empire.


Order This Item
Legal Advice from Mr. Natural


11" x 8-1/2" bifolium, illustrated on colored paper. Fine. $250.

* Drawn in the style of underground comix artist Robert Crumb and starring his character "Mr. Natural," this leaflet walks readers through a bail hearing and provides legal advice for after an arrest. The Legal Self-Defense Group was an advocacy organization with ties to the Massachusetts Lawyers Guild, incorporated as a branch of the National Lawyers Guild in 1969 by a group of progressive lawyers. OCLC locates 1 copy (Yale Law School).


Order This Item
The Only Published Volume of Reports of the Court of Wards and Liveries

23. Ley, Sir James [1550-1629].

Reports of Divers Resolutions in Law, Arising Upon Cases in the Court of Wards, And Other Courts at Westminster, In the Reign of the Late Kings, King James and King Charles. Collected by the Right Honorable, Sir James Ley, Knight and Baronet, Earl of Marlborough, &c. Whilst He was Attorney of the Courts of Wards and Liveries and Now Published for the Common Good, According to His Lordships Manuscript. With Two Exact Tables, the One of the Cases, And the Other of the Principal Matters Therein Contained. London: Printed by Tho. Roycroft for H. Twyford [et al.], 1659. [iv], 83, [9]; 27, [1] pp. Two parts in one volume. Folio (10-3/4" x 7").

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* Written during the reign of Edward IV [1442-1483] and first published around 1481, Littleton's Tenures is probably the most revered treatise in the history of the common law. Much admired for its learning and style, it is concerned with tenures and other issues relating to real property. It is a landmark because it renounced the principles of Roman law (and Latin) in favor of a set of guidelines and doctrines drawn from the Year Books, and when necessary, hypothetical cases.


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* First published in 1540 as Practica Actionum Forensium Absolutissima, this is a practical textbook on actions in civil law for students. It is a fine example of the reception of Roman law in the German states during the early modern era. A popular work, subsequent editions were published well into the seventeenth century. Oldendorp was a distinguished German jurist and scholar. OCLC locates 5 copies of this edition worldwide, none in North America.


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