

THE REMARKABLE CIVIL LAW LIBRARY OF JUDGE JOHN PURVIANCE

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Judge John Purviance (1773-1854) was born into a prominent Baltimore Huguenot family.¹ His father, Samuel Purviance, Jr. (17-1788), emigrated from Ireland to the United States in 1754. He and his brother, Robert Purviance (1733-1806), relocated to Baltimore in 1763 and established what became a successful maritime trading business or “commercial house”. Samuel was active in the colonial opposition to the Stamp Tax imposed on the colonies by the British. During the Revolutionary War, Robert was appointed by President George Washington (1732-1799) to serve as the Naval Officer of the Port of Baltimore and in 1794, Robert was also appointed as the Collector of the Port of Baltimore, a lucrative and politically important position. He remained in that position until he died in 1806. Samuel was killed in 1788 in a conflict with Native Americans on the Ohio River. John Purviance was the son of Robert Purviance and, thus, was born into a wealthy and prominent family in Baltimore.

John Purviance graduated from Dickinson College in Carlisle, Pennsylvania and then entered the law office of Robert Smith, a prominent attorney, as a clerk. In 1793, he was admitted to the Baltimore Bar. Until he was appointed a judge in 1833, Purviance built up a significant law practice, focused on commercial law, insurance, and shipping. A number of his cases were published and are evidence of his sophistication as a lawyer. From 1833 until 1851, Purviance sat as a judge of the Sixth Judicial District of Maryland.

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¹ Biographical and family details are taken from J. E. P. Boulden, *The Presbyterians of Baltimore: Their Churches and Historic Graveyards* (1875), pp. 102-103; see also M. H. Hoeflich, *Legal Publishing in Antebellum America* (2010), pp. 113-114.

In John Boulden's words "there never was judge who was held in higher esteem by his judicial brethren and the Bar generally than John Purviance."²

In fact, John Purviance enjoyed substantial political connections and was involved as counsel in international law cases that achieved national attention. Among these was one of the multiple cases involving the notorious pirate and privateer Joseph Almeida (1777-1832).³ This case involved complex international law, foreign law, maritime law, and the laws of piracy, and attracted some of the best legal minds that the United States had to offer. Throughout his career at the Bar, Purviance was considered amongst the best of lawyers in Baltimore, especially in cases involving transatlantic trade and maritime insurance. As will become apparent, this interest and expertise was reflected in the contents of his library.

Judge Purviance's library was sold on 16 October 1855 by Gibson & Company in Baltimore. The library was so large that the auctioneer published two catalogues, dividing the books into those that were legal and those that he considered "miscellaneous": (1) *Catalogue of Judge Purviance's Common and Civil Law Library*, and (2) *Catalogue of the Miscellaneous Library (Theological, Classical, Etc.)*.⁴ The auctioneers well understood that the Judge's library was far from that of an ordinary American lawyer or judge and that it presented special challenges for the auction house, but great opportunities for buyers. The catalogue of the law library begins with an introduction by the auctioneers to explain why they

² Ibid.

³ On Almeida and his connection to Judge Purviance, see, J. Orenstein, "Portrait of a Privateer, Pirate, and Plaintiff. Part II, *Green Bag*, XII (2d series; 2008), pp. 43-47. Another lawyer in the case was David Hoffman, the first law professor at the University of Maryland and author of the highly influential *Course of Legal Studies* (1836; 2^d ed., 1846); see, B. Sleeman, *David Hoffman: Life, Letters and Lectures at the University of Maryland 1821-1837* (2010); M Bloomfield, "David Hoffman and the Shaping of a Republican Legal Culture", *Maryland Law Review*, XXXVIII (1979), p. 673ff.

⁴ Although it was not common for auctioneers to issue more than one catalogue of an individual's library, it was also not unheard of, the same treatment being accorded to the library of the great antebellum lawyer, Rufus Choate (1799-1859).

had appended prices drawn from booksellers' catalogues for many of the volumes in the auction catalogue:

The administrator of Judge Purviance's estate, at the close of his active and useful life, at the ripe age of eighty years, found himself in the possession of a library of law and miscellaneous books, say of six or seven thousand volumes the joint accumulation during about 60 years, of the good judgment and liberal tastes, (which all who knew him best will freely concede to him,) and which books must have cost him at least THIRTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS.⁵

Indeed, although a large number of the common law volumes listed in the auction catalogue do have appended a price drawn from contemporary law booksellers' catalogues, virtually none of the civil law (including the law of nations) books have such a price. The only conceivable reason for the absence of booksellers' prices for the civil law volumes in the auction catalogue is that neither the administrator of Judge Purviance's estate nor the auctioneers were able to locate copies of these books for sale in any booksellers' catalogues which they researched.⁶ This attests to the rarity in the United States of the civil law books contained in Judge Purviance's library.

The catalogue contains a special note that precedes the civil law lots that emphasizes this point:

Many of them [the civil law books] had been imported by himself [Judge Purviance] at great cost, or procured during long years of judicious accumulation, at the sales and dispersion of other good libraries, which, however, much to be regretted so far as personal considerations are involved, should not be so by persons of right feelings, when they reflect how many valuable books are thereby scattered broadcast among the community. We now speak of the rare books in this department of the library, some of which are not often to be found on booksellers' shelves.

⁵ \$35,000 in 1855 is the equivalent of \$1,058,102.30 according to the online calculator at officialdata.org.

⁶ These are listed by name on page 2 of the introduction to the law library catalogue. Most major antebellum American law booksellers are included.

This note by the auctioneers offers insight into how Judge Purviance was able to build up so large and significant a civil law library, in which the majority of the volumes were published in Europe and uncommon in the United States at the time. Judge Purviance had several advantages in procuring such foreign volumes. First, he lived in Baltimore, one of the most cosmopolitan trading ports in antebellum America. It is not without significance that John Elihu Hall (1783-1829) established one of the first law journals in the United States in Baltimore and included within its pages a substantial number of articles on civil law and even commissioned translations of civil law sources.⁷

Moreover, in addition to all of the common sources from which an antebellum American lawyer might purchase foreign law books [booksellers, auction sales], Judge Purviance had two other possible sources which may well have assisted him obtaining some of the rarer volumes in his library. First, Purviance was a member of one of Baltimore's most prominent merchant families, a family that had been deeply involved in the transatlantic trade since before the American Revolution. One can easily imagine the judge importing hard to find European volumes using his family's vessels. Second, Judge Purviance's cousin, John Henry Purviance (17?-1820) made several trips abroad as secretary to future American President, James Monroe, both to France and to England. Judge Purviance may well have prevailed upon his cousin to obtain books for him while he was on his diplomatic journeys.⁸ We know from John Henry Purviance's extant correspondence that he performed such services for Thomas Jefferson.⁹ Indeed, it was not uncommon for American lawyers interested in the civil law to utilize the assistance of friends and acquaintances going abroad to obtain books for them that they could not obtain at home.¹⁰

⁷ John Hall, *American Law Journal* (Baltimore, 1808-1817).

⁸ See the correspondence between Monroe and Purviance (available online).

⁹ See, Correspondence between Purviance and Jefferson, 12 October 1801 (available online).

¹⁰ Hugh Swinton Legare did this when trying to obtain works by Savigny. See M. H. Hoeflich, *Roman & Civil Law in the United States and England* (1988), pp. 150ff.

Analysis of the Civil Law Library of Judge John Purviance

Although there is separate section in the auction catalogue of Judge Purviance's law library headed: "Judge Purviance's Civil Law Library", a number of volumes that a modern cataloguer would consider to fall within that category are actually listed in the Common law section, as follows:

- 40. Ayliffe's Civil law, folio edition, 2 vols., Lon., 1734
- 75. Brown's Civil and Admiralty Law, 2 vols., 8vo. Lon., 1802
- 130.5 Corpus Juris Civilis, cum notis Gothofredi...and Elsevir edition, Amsterdam, 1664
- 142. Code Napoleon, trans. By Barrett 2 vols., 8vo. Lon., 1811
- 154. Cooper's Institutes of Justinian, with Notes, Phila., 1812
- 209. Civil Code of Louisiana, 2 vols., large 8vo. New Orleans, 1838
- 214. Civil Law, 2 vols. Folio, by Domat, and translated by Strahan... Lon., 1787
- 397. Irving's Study of the Civil Law, Lon., 1837
- 398. Introduction to Code Napoleon, by Barrett and Spence, Lon., 1812
- 411. Johnson on the Civil Laws of Spain, London, 1825

While it would be tempting to argue that the presence of these clearly civil law volumes in the "Common Law" section of the Purviance law library catalogue indicate that the Civil law had been fully received into American Common Law by 1855, this is certainly not evidence for that proposition. The likeliest explanation is that they were [with one exception] volumes either written in English or translated into English. Indeed, this explanation would seem to be supported by the inclusion of Lot 6 in the "Civil Law" section of the catalogue:

- Lot 6. Code Napoleon. Paris, 1808. 10 vols. 12mo

The cataloguer included the English translation of the Napoleonic *Code* in the “common law” section but the French original of the *Code* in the “civil law” portion of the catalogue. The most logical explanation for this difference in location in the catalogue is that one volume is in English and the other in French. Judging by the frequency and nature of the spelling and grammar errors in the catalogue, it seems reasonable to assume that the cataloguers were not greatly familiar with languages other than their native English.

The inclusion of Lot 130.5 in the “common law” section of the catalogue, the 1664 Elsevir Amsterdam edition of the *Corpus Juris Civilis*, is more puzzling because it is not in English and other editions of the *Corpus Juris Civilis* appear in the “civil law” section.¹¹ Also one English translation of a Civil law volume appears in the “civil law” section:

Lot 78 Harris’ Justinian...translated into English, with Notes,
By George Harris, LLD, Lon., 1756 1 vol. 4to¹²

Given these various inconsistencies in cataloging civilian texts, one must conclude that they were, almost certainly, attributable to the ignorance and sloppiness of the cataloguers.¹³ One might also speculate that the auctioneer was unable to find a cataloguer in Baltimore who was familiar with foreign law texts. This is not surprising. Although there were some Baltimore lawyers of the time who would have been somewhat familiar with foreign law as was Judge Purviance, most would have had only a superficial knowledge of the subject and of foreign language legal texts.¹⁴ Certainly, Judge Purviance’s library was far superior and held far greater numbers of civil law texts than that of any other contemporary Baltimore attorney.

The “civil law” section of Judge Purviance’s law library catalogue contains a total of 169 lots, many of which contained multiple volumes. Although the total number of the catalogued

¹¹ See Lot 51.

¹² See also Lot 118: *A Digest of the Civil Law Now in Force in the Territory of Orleans...New Orleans, 1808.*

¹³ This ignorance and sloppiness is observed in the multiple spelling and grammatical errors in the “civil law” section of the catalogue.

¹⁴ An exception to this would have been David Hoffman, law professor and author whose *Course of Legal Study* (1836; 2^d ed., 1846) contained a detailed bibliography of Civil law texts.

books did not rival the Civil Law contents of the library at Harvard, Judge Purviance's collection was among the largest and most comprehensive civil law collections in the United States. It was also an interesting collection in several ways. First, there were virtually no German civilian texts in Purviance's law library, unlike that at Harvard. This may reflect several factors. First, the judge's miscellaneous library also contained few German books but numerous works in French as well as several French dictionaries and grammars. This may well indicate that Judge Purviance did not, in fact, read German. His miscellaneous books do not contain German dictionaries or grammars. Many German volumes found in other contemporary law libraries with substantial civil law holdings, such as Harvard, were libraries designed for the use of scholars; the assumption would have been that some of these scholars would be able to read German or find others to assist them in doing so.¹⁵ The French were leaders in the field of maritime law and marine insurance as well in the law of international trade. These books would have been essential to Judge Purviance's law practice. The German civil law books owned by such legal scholars as Joseph Story (1779-1845) or Rufus Choate or by university libraries like Harvard's tended to be the product of German jurists writing for academic audiences and would not have been as essential for a lawyer and judge whose primary interests were in practical legal subjects, particularly trade law. Finally, although Judge Purviance had substantial family and business connections in France and thus to books published or sold in France,¹⁶ there is little evidence that he had equal access to Prussia and German books.

¹⁵ Few antebellum American jurists could read German. For instance, Joseph Story depended upon translations and recruited his friend Carl Joseph Anton Mittermaier (1787-1867) to send him translations of contemporary German works; see the brilliant article by the late Gerhard Kegel. G. Kegel, "Story and Savigny", *American Journal of Comparative Law*, XXXVII (1989), pp. 39-66. On the other hand, Story's contemporary, Rufus Choate, was able to read some German; see S. G. Brown, *Life of Rufus Choate* (1881), p. 462.

¹⁶ A number of the civilian books in Judge Purviance's library were older editions of Dutch texts and a few were published in Germany. Absent from Judge Purviance's library are German books in Latin published after 1800. This may reflect not only his inability to read

The catalogue of Judge Purviance's Civil law library reveals that he owned many of the texts and authors that one would expect to find in the law library of an antebellum jurist with an interest in Civil and international law.¹⁷ Not surprisingly, he owned multiple volumes by Robert Joseph Pothier (1699-1772), one of the most popular legal authors among nineteenth century American lawyers. The catalogue lists copies of Pothier's *Ouevres Posthumes*, *Traité des Obligations*, *Coutumes des Duches Barrilage*, *Traité du Contrat de Vente*, *Traité du Contrat de Mariage*, *Traité des Fiefs*, *Traités des Contrats de Bienfaisance*, *Traité du Contrat de Louage*, *Traité de Contrat de Constitution de Rente*, *Traité du Droit de Domaine de Propriete*, *Traité du Droit d'Habitation*, *Traité du Contrat d'Assurance*, and the *Traité de la Communauté*. Purviance also owned a significant number of treatises on *ius naturalis* and *ius gentium* by European scholars including those of Christian von Wolff (1679-1754), Emer de Vattel (1714-1767), Jean Jacques Burlamaqui (1694-1748), Hugo Grotius (1583-1645), and Samuel von Pufendorf (1632-1694). These volumes, too, are precisely those found in the libraries of other antebellum American jurists.¹⁸ He also had such standard French texts as Philippe Antoine Merlin, Comte de Douai (1754-1838), *Répertoire Universelle* and the Chancellor Henri François d'Aguesseau, *Oeuvres complètes*.

Given the nature of law practice in the coastal city of Baltimore and what we know of Judge Purviance's law practice, it is not surprising that he also owned a number of standard European works on admiralty law and marine insurance. Among these were Domenico Alberto Azuni (1749-1827), *Systeme Universelle*; Balthazar-Marie Emerigon (1716-1784), *Traité des Assurances*; Giuseppe Maria Lorenzo Casaregis (1670-1737); *Il Consolato del Mare*; the *Codice per la Veneta Mercantile Marina*; the *Encycloedie Methodique, Marine*; and a copy of the *Jus Maritimum Hanseaticum*. Among his holdings on commercial law in addition to the works of Pothier, he owned copies of Jacques Peuchet (1758-

German but also the difficulty of obtaining German books published in Germany during his lifetime.

¹⁷ On this subject see M. H. Hoeflich, *Roman & Civil Law and the Development of Anglo-American Jurisprudence* (1989).

¹⁸ See M. H. Hoeflich and Sydney Buckley, "International Law Texts in American Law Libraries, 1785-1900", *Jus Gentium - Journal of International Legal History*, VI (2021), p. 171.

1830), *Dictionnaire universel de la géographie commerçante*; Juan de Hevia Bolañius, *Labyrinthus*; Benvenuto Stracca (1509-1578), *De Mercatura*; Pierre B. Boucher (1758-18?), *Institutiones Commerciales*; Boucher, *Les Principes du Droit Civil Proprement Dit et du Droit Commercial Comparé*; and a copy of the 1807 Paris printing of the *Code de commerce*, among others.

If the volumes described above had constituted the whole of Judge Purviance's European volumes, his library would have ranked among the best in the antebellum United States on that basis alone. However, in addition to the volumes on admiralty, international law, natural law, commercial law, and French law, Judge Purviance also owned a substantial number of texts on classical and post-classical Roman law which makes his library stand out among other antebellum American libraries.

Among the most significant of Judge Purviance's Roman law holdings listed in the Civil Law catalogue are:

51. *Corpus Juris Civilis*. Edition Nova. Amsterdam, 1669. 1 vol. 8vo. Sheep. Gilt.

55. *Pandectae Justinianae in Novum Ordinem Digestae cum legibus codicis et novellis*. New edition. Lugduni, 1782. 3 vols. folio. Calf.

66. *Gravina – Jani Vincentii Gravinae Jusconsulti Opera, seu originum Juris Civilis Veyice Gotefridus Mascovius*. New edition. Venice, 1758. Vellum. 2 vols. 4to.

78. *Harris' Justinian – The Four Books of Justinian's Institutions, translated into English, with Notes, by George Harris, L.L.D.* Lon., 1756. 1 vol. 4to. Calf.

80. *Hoppius – Joachimi Hoppii Commentatio Succincta ad Institutiones Justinianaeas*. Frankfort on the Maine, 1746. 1 vol. 4to. Calf.

85. *Gothofredi – Jacobi Gothofredi Jc. V. Cos. Noous. In titulum Pandectaum de Diversis Regulis Juris Antiqui Commentarius*. Genevae, 1653. Vellum. 1 vol. 4to.

87. *Gravina – Jani Vincentii Gravinae J. C. & Antecessoris Romani Juris Civilis*. Lipsiae, 1708. Vellum. 1 vol. 4to.

97. Ulpiani – *Mosay carum et Romanarum Legum Collatio ex Integris Papioreani Pauli Ulpiani Gay Modestine*. Heidelberg. 1 vol. 12mo. Sheep.

98. Ægidii Menagii *Juris Civilis Amoenitates ad Ludovicum Nublacum*. Frankfort & Lipsiai, 1680. 1 vol. 12mo. Calf.

106. Zouch – *Quaestionum Juris Civilis Centuria in Decem Classes, distributa, Opera, Richardi Zouchei*. Third edition. Lon., 1682. Calf. 1 vol. 12 mo.

107. Gothofredi – *J. Gothofredi Manuale Juris seu Parva Juris Mysteria, Lugduni Batavorum*. Calf. 1 vol. 12mo.

108. Corvini – *Arnoldi Corvini a Belderen J. C. Digesta per Aphorismos*. Amsterdam, 1656. Calf. 1 vol. 12mo.

109. Bronchorst – *Bronchorst's Commentaries*. Calf. 1 vol. 12mo.

113. *Enchiridium seu Prima Elementa Juris Civilis Romani*. New edition. Autoribus Aug. Richond et A. Bayon. Paris, 1812. Paper. 1 vol. 12mo.

121. *Code et Nouvelles de Justinian Nouvelles de L'Empereur Leon Fragmens de Gavis, D'Ulpian et de Paul, par P. A. Tissott*. Metz, 1806. 4 vols. 4to.

123. Dessales – *Dictionnaire du Digeste on Substance des Pandectes Justiennes, par feu M. Thevenot Dessales, Ancien Juris Consulto*. Paris, 1808. 2 vols. 4to.

129. *Arnoldi Vinnii J. C. in quatuor Libros Institutionem Imperialium Commentarius academicus & Forensis*. Jo Gottle Heinneccius J. C. Lugduni. Batavorum, 1726. 4to.

139. Huber – *Ulrici Huberi Supremae Frisiorum Curiae Ex Senatoris Praelectionum Juris Romani et Hodierni*. 2 vols. Franequerae, 1689. 4to. Vellum.

142. *De Ferriere – Nouvelle Traduction des Institutes de l'Empereur Justinian par M. Clude Joseph de Ferriere*. 6 vols. Paris, 1787. – 12mo. Boards.

150. Heinecci Elementa Juris Civilis cum animadversionibus.
Marburg. 12mo.

These volumes listed above and the civil law volumes listed earlier that were sold as part of the judge's common law library could easily have been found in a contemporary French jurist's library, but the fact that they belonged to a trial court judge in antebellum Baltimore is quite astonishing. Unlike elite jurists and law school professors such as Joseph Story or James Kent (1763-1847) or a Southern lawyer, jurist, and legal writer like Hugh Swinton Legaré (1797-1843), Judge Purviance was a practicing lawyer and lower court judge who did not write juristic texts nor did he—so far as we know—need scholarly texts on Roman law for his law practice or his judicial activities. Further, a number of the volumes listed were rare, costly, and difficult to find in the United States at the time he acquired them. These were volumes that one might hope to find in a major university law library or in one of the great private law libraries, but not in an ordinary judge's collection. Indeed, in the introduction to the "civil law" section of the catalogue, the auctioneer states that:

At all events some of these books, an opportunity for the procurement of which rarely occurs in this country, and that only on the breaking up of a large library like the one in question, *should find a place in the library of every law school or law association throughout the Union.* [emphasis added]

There remains the question of why Judge John Purviance spent considerable time and money in acquiring his civil law library. Many of these books—those dealing with commercial law, admiralty, or French law—would have been useful to a lawyer involved in maritime law and insurance and whose family was engaged in trade with France and French merchants on a regular basis. But the same cannot be so easily said of his holdings in classical and post-classical Roman law, in many cases of books designed with sophisticated jurists in mind. Although several educated American lawyers owned copies of English translations of such basic Roman law works as the *Institutes of Justinian* or of Vinnius'

Commentaries,¹⁹ many texts owned by Judge Purviance would only have been of interest to lawyers and scholars with a serious interest in Roman law. The evidence that the judge deliberately purchased these books, often at great effort and expense, suggests that he was one of those rare antebellum American lawyers who did have such a serious interest in Roman law, albeit excluding the works of some of the leading German Romanists.²⁰ Judge Purviance must be added to the short list of Americans in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries, like Judge Fred Heinrich Blume (1875-1971) of Montana, who plumbed the depths of Roman legal scholarship not simply to find a principle or passage useful in a courtroom argument, but rather, I would suggest, for the pure joy of doing so, thereby part of a very small group of lawyers and judges outside universities who did so.²¹

Judge Purviance's Civil law library was remarkable in its time and place and stands as evidence of an antebellum American judge's deep interest in Roman law, including the *jus gentium*. It is unfortunate that he left behind no written works on Roman law nor evidence of his knowledge of Roman law in his published cases. Nevertheless, his library stands as a monument to his Roman law interests and provides us with further evidence of the extent of American interest in Roman and civil law.

¹⁹ See M. H. Hoeflich, "Vinnius and the Anglo-American World. A Study in the Distribution and Use of a Dutch Civilian Author in the Common Law World", *Zeitschrift der Savigny-Stiftung für Rechtsgeschichte: Romanistische Abteilung*, CXIV (1997), pp. 345-368.

²⁰ One may speculate that Judge Purviance sought and enjoyed the professional prestige that could be gained from owning such esoteric foreign volumes; see Hoeflich, "Prestige and the Value of Roman Law", in J. Hallebeek, et al., *Inter Cives Nec Non Peregrinos: in Honor of Boudewijn Sirks* (2014), pp. 309-322.

²¹ See T. Kearley, *Lost in Translations: Roman Law Scholarship and Translation in Early Twentieth-Century America* (2018).

*Appendix:
Transcript of the Civil Law Catalogue and
Tentative Identifications²²*

Below is a transcript of the Civil law section of *Catalogue of Judge Purviance's Common and Civil Law Library for Sale at Public Auction in Baltimore, On Tuesday, the 16th of October Next, At Gibson & Co's Auction Rooms...Baltimore...1865*. This transcript is offered because the catalogue is exceptionally rare. WorldCat lists three libraries that own copies: Harvard Law Library, George Washington University Law Library, and the New York Public library. The Robbins Collection at the University of California-Berkeley also owns a copy of the catalogue.

The transcription that follows is verbatim from the catalogue and contains a number of spelling and other errors. These errors are found in the printed version of the catalogue and have been reproduced here so as to provide an accurate transcription of the catalogue as it was printed. The auctioneer's introduction to the "civil law" catalogue explains why these errors are present:

Again, referring to the accuracy of printers, the Administrator cannot hold himself responsible for the mistakes in spelling and grammar, which must occur in the titling of the many hundred foreign and classical books to be found.

Following the transcription of the catalogue as printed is a second list of the books given in the catalogue with full bibliographical details of the volumes as drawn from the WorldCat database.

Transcript of the Purviance Catalogue

1. Dumont's et Rousset's Corps Universel Diplomatique du Droit des Gens. 15 vols. large folio. Calf. Amsterdam. This book marked in B. G. & Co's cat. \$75 A very fine copy.

2. Du Cange's Glossary – Glossarium ad Scriptores mediæ et infinæ Latinitatis. Basilæ, 1762. 3 vols. folio, about 700 pages each. – "This Dictionary is an indispensable aid in studying the

²² Thanks to Riley Schumacher, KU Law Class of 2022, for undertaking the bibliographical descriptions contained herein.

civil law, or in reading the Latin writers and common law.” – Marvin.

3. *Histoire des Anciens traites, on Recueil historique et chronologique des traits repandus dans les auteurs Grecs et Latins et autres monumens de l’Antiquite, depuis les temps les flus recules jusqu’ a l’Empereur Charlemagne.* Folio, well bound. Amsterdam, 1739. This work priced in Bank, Gould & Co’s Catalogue at \$9.

4. *Les Pandectes Francais ou Recuiel Complet de Toutes les Loix en Vigueur* par J. B. D. et P. N. R. C. 20 vols. 12mo. Half-bound.

5. *Code, Civil.* Paris, 1803. 23 vols. 12mo. Half-bound.

6. *Code, Napoleon.* Paris, 1808. 10 vols. 12mo.

7. *Plaidoyers et Memoires de M. Loyseau de Mauleon.* Lon., 1780. 3 vols. 8vo. Sheep.

8. *Traite du Contrat de Louage et Traite des Chaptels* par M. Pother. Paris, 1806. 1 vol. 8vo. Sheep.

9. *Westerbergus – Joannis Ortwine Westtenbergi Icti & Antecessoris Principia Juris Secundum Ordinum Digestorum seu Pandectarum Handerovici.* 1 vol 8vo. Calf.

10. *Montesquiou – Considerations sur les Causes de la Grandeur des Romains et de leur decadence.* New edition. Lyons, 1805. 1 vol 12mo. Sheep.

11. *Berthelot – Traite de la Communaute* par Pothier. Paris, 1774. 2 vols. 12mo. Calf.

12. *Pothier – Traite de la Communaute* par Pothier. Paris, 1774. 2 vols. 12mo. Calf.

13. *Code, Civil, des Francais.* Paris, 1804. 1 vol 12 mo. Calf.

14. *Touillier – Le Droit Civil Francais Suivant l’Odre du Code* par Mr. C. B. M. Touillier. Paris, 1824. 4th edition. 13 vols. 8 vo. Sheep.

15. Pardessus – Cours de Droit Commercial par J. M. Pardessus. 3d edition. Paris, 1825. 5 vols. 8vo. Sheep.
16. Boulay Paty – Cours de Droit Commercial Maratime par P. S. Boulay Paty. Rennes, 1821. 4 vols. 8vo. Sheep.
17. Wolfius – Jus Naturæ Methodo Scientifica per tractacum, by Christiano Wolfio. New edition. Frankfort, 1761. 8 vols. 4to. Calf.
18. Vattel – Le Droit des Gens ou Principes de La Loi Naturelle par M. De Vattel. Nouvelle edition. Augmentee. Lyons, 1802. 3 vols. 12mo. Calf.
19. Lampredi – Joannis M. Lampredi Florentino in Pisana Academia Antecessoris Juris Publici Universalis sive Juris Natura et Gentium Theoremata. 3d edition. Florence. 3 vols. 12mo. Sheep.
20. Wolfus – Cours Abrege de la Philosophie Wolfienne en Forme de Lettres par Jean des Champs. Amsterdam and Leipsig, 1743. 3 vols. 12mo. Calf.
21. Nouveau Commentaire sur l’Ordonnance de la Marine. Paris, 1803. 3 vols. 12mo. Sheep.
22. Code de Procedure Civile. Stereotype edition. Paris, 1806. 1 vol. 8vo. Boards.
23. Pothier – Œuvres Posthumes de M. Pothier. Paris, 1786. 2 vols. 12mo. Sheep.
24. Pothier – Traite des Obligations Selon les Regles tant du for de la Conscience que du for Exterieur. Nouvelle edition. Paris, 1768. 2 vols. 12mo. Sheep.
25. Pothier – Coutumes des Duché Barlliage et Prevote D’Orleans et Ressort D’Iceux, par M Pothier. Paris, 1776. 2 vols. 12mo. Sheep.

26. Pothier – Traite du Contrat de Vente par Pothier. New edition. Paris, 1781. 3 vols. 12mo. Sheep.

27. Pothier – Traite du Contrat de Mariage, par Pothier. Paris, 1771. 2 vols. 12mo. Sheep.

28. Traites des Fiefs, Censives, Relevoison's et Champarts. Paris, 1776. 2 vols. 12mo. Sheep.

29. Pothier – Traites des Contrats de Bienfaisance par Pothier. New edition. Paris, 1777. 3 vols. 12mo. Sheep.

30. Pothier – Traite du Contrat de Louage par Pothier. New edition. Paris, 1778. Sheep.

31. Pothier – Traite du Contrat de Constitution de Rente par Pothier. Paris, 1773. 1 vol. 12mo. Sheep.

32. Pothier – Traite du Droit de Domaine de Propriete par Pothier. Paris, 1776. 1 vol. 12mo. Sheep.

33. Pothier – Œuvres Posthumes de M. Pothier Contenant le Traites des Donations entre Vifs des Persons and des Choses. Paris, 1777. 6 vols. 12mo. Sheep.

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