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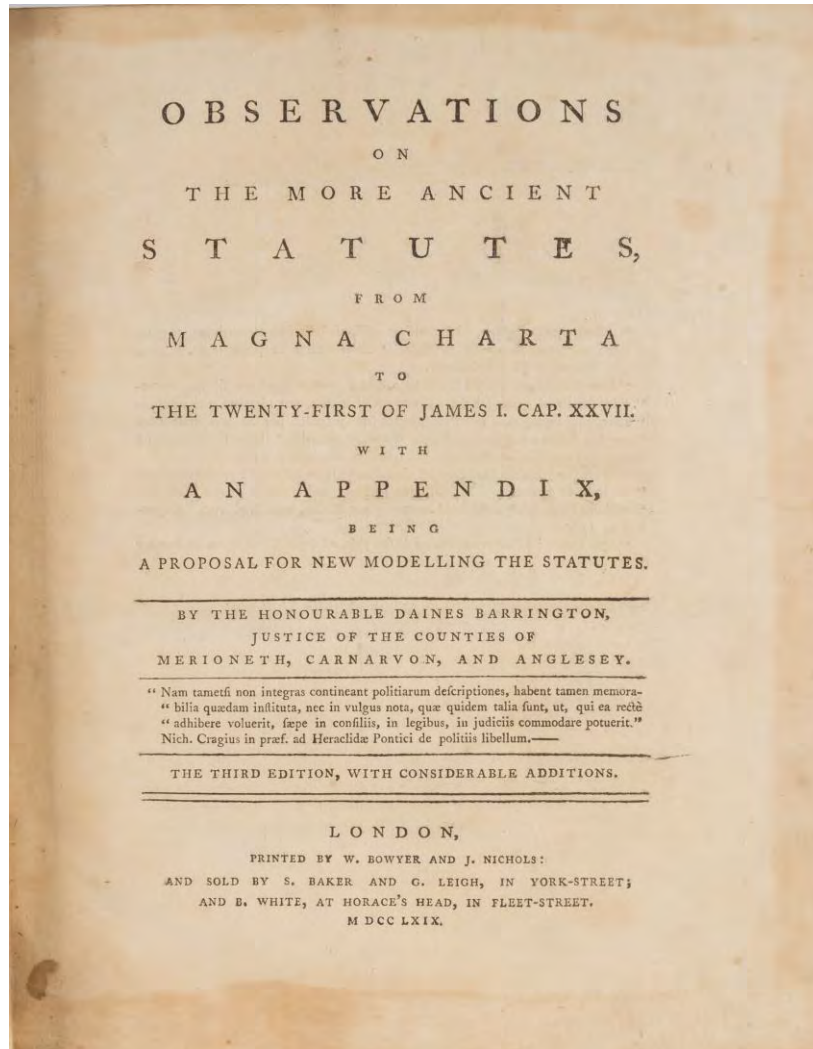
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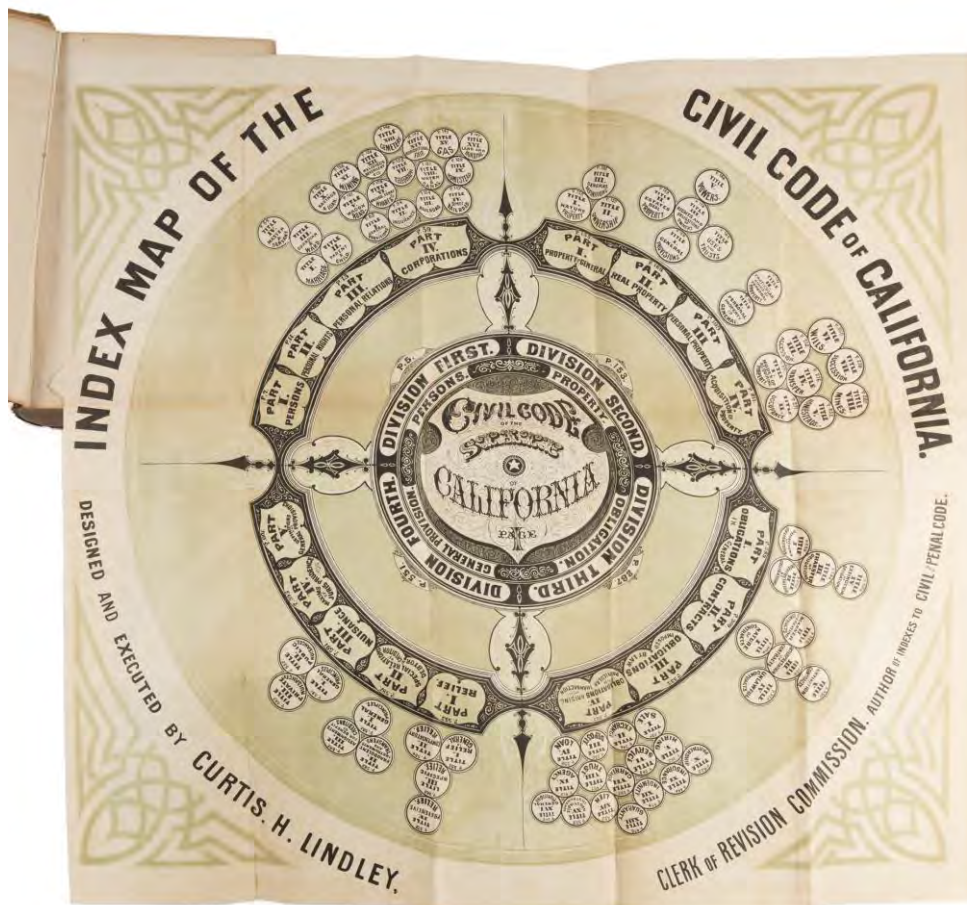
**"Contributed Very Much to the  
Elucidation of the More Ancient Laws"**

**1. Barrington, Daines [1727-1800].**

*Observations on the More Ancient Statutes, From Magna Charta to the Twenty-First of James I. Cap. XXVII. With An Appendix, Being A Proposal For New Modelling The Statutes. With Considerable Additions.* London: Printed by W. Bowyer and J. Nichols, 1769. xii, 516 pp. Quarto (10-1/4" x 8").

Contemporary calf, raised bands and lettering piece to spine, blind tooling to board edges. Light rubbing and a few minor nicks and scuffs to boards, which are beginning to separate but secure, moderate rubbing to extremities with wear to spine ends and corners, which are bumped, later owner annotation and signature (of C. Gray Witherspoon, dated 1871) to front pastedown, another signature (R Jameson, dated 1893) to following endleaf. Moderate toning to interior light foxing and minor inkstains to margins in a few places. \$300.

\* Third edition. First published in 1766, and reaching its fourth and final edition in 1775, this book "contributed very much to the elucidation of the more ancient laws of England, by introducing historical illustrations to the times during which the statutes were enacted. The volume abounds in curious, learned, and valuable information.": Marvin, *Legal Bibliography* 96. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T80835. [Order This Item](#)



California's Civil Code of 1872, With the Striking Folding Table

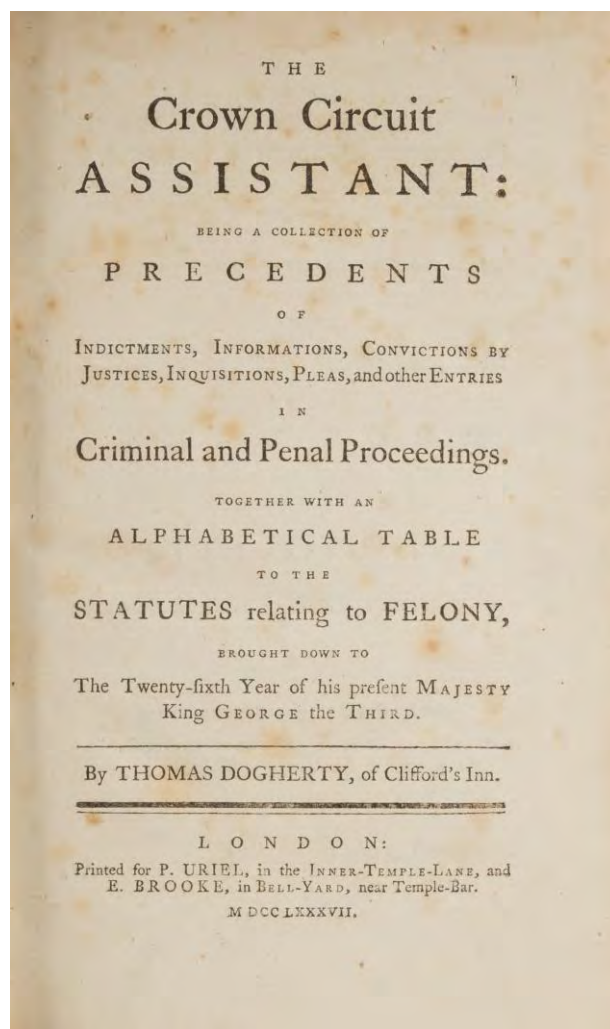
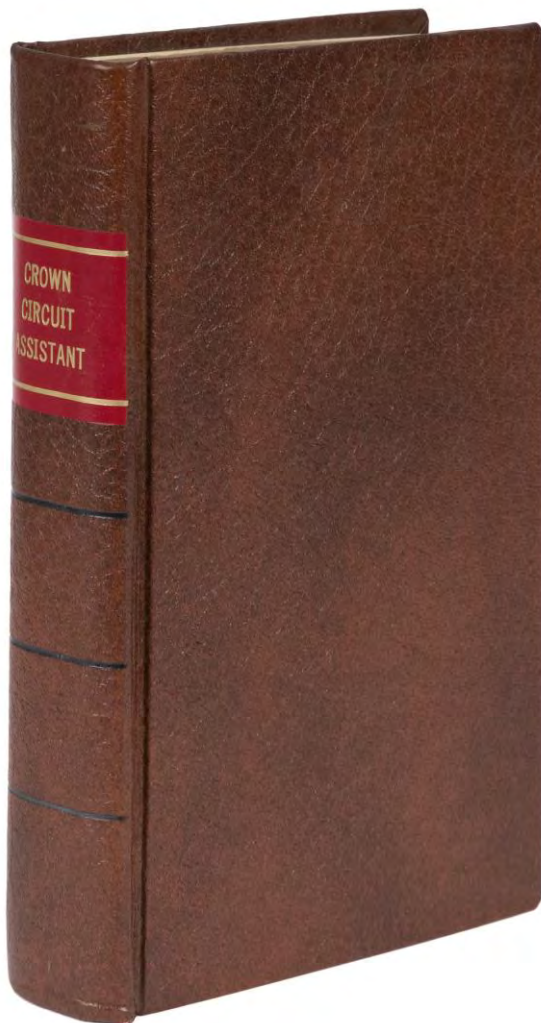
2. [California].  
 [Haymond, Creed (1836-1893)].  
 [Burch, John C. (1826-1885)].  
 [Lindley, Charles, Schematic Table].

*Revised Laws of the State of California; In Four Codes: Political, Civil, Civil Procedure And Penal. Civil Code.* Sacramento: D.W. Gelwicks, State Printer, 1871. Volume II. xcvi, [2], 781, [1] pp. With a 19" x 21" folding table printed in green and black, a schematic overview of the civil code entitled *Index Map of the Civil Code of California*. Octavo (8-3/4" x 5-1/2").

Contemporary three-quarter sheep over marbled boards, raised bands and red and black lettering pieces to spines. Moderate rubbing and scuffing to boards, which are detached but secured by cords, heavier rubbing to extremities with wear to spine ends and corners, endleaves detached and lightly edgeworn. Moderate toning to interior, negligible light foxing in a few places, slight crease to gutter of title page, faint offsetting to folding plate, which has a small clean tear to its inner edge, and its preceding and following pages. \$1,250.

\* First edition. Based on David Dudley Field's New York Field Codes, *Revised Laws* comprises the proposed code of laws for the state of California. The codes were adopted in 1872. The Political Code is no longer in force, but the other three remain the fundamental basis of California law. Our volume, the Civil Code, includes a graphic, innovative circular chart of the proposed revisions. Widener and Weiner, *Law's Picture Books* 3.13. Babbitt, *Hand-List of Legislation Sessions and Session Laws* 25. [Order This Item](#)





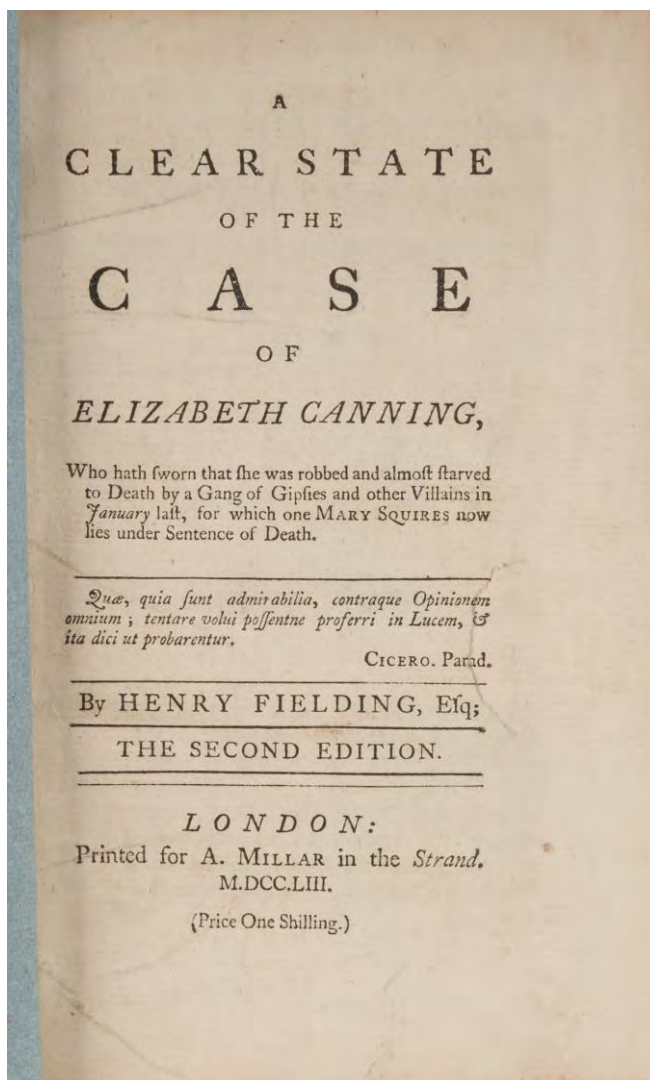
**Designed to Accompany the *Crown Circuit Companion***

**3. Dogherty, Thomas.**

*The Crown Circuit Assistant, Being a Collection of Precedents of Indictments, Informations, Convictions by Justices, Inquisitions, Pleas, And Other Entries in Criminal and Penal Proceedings, Together With an Alphabetical Table to the Statutes Relating to Felony, Brought Down to the Twenty-Sixth Year of His Present Majesty King George the Third.* London: Printed for P. Uriel... and E. Brooke, 1787. vii, [1], 551, [1] pp. Octavo (8-1/4" x 5-1/4").

Recent imitation morocco, lettering piece and blind rules to spine, endpapers added. Moderate toning to interior, light foxing in a few places. \$350.

\* Only edition. Dogherty, a member of Clifford's Inn, designed this book to accompany the popular *Crown Circuit Companion* (first edition 1738). "The work intituled 'The Crown Circuit Companion' had doubtless been of considerable utility, but it is notwithstanding well understood that the gentlemen attending the Circuits and Quarter-Sessions have long been desirous of some further assistance, as to the forms of criminal proceedings. An attempt therefore to be of use in this particular, the compiler trusts, will excuse his presumption in offering the present collection to the public" (v-vi). A Dublin reissue was published in 1788. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T96468. [Order This Item](#)



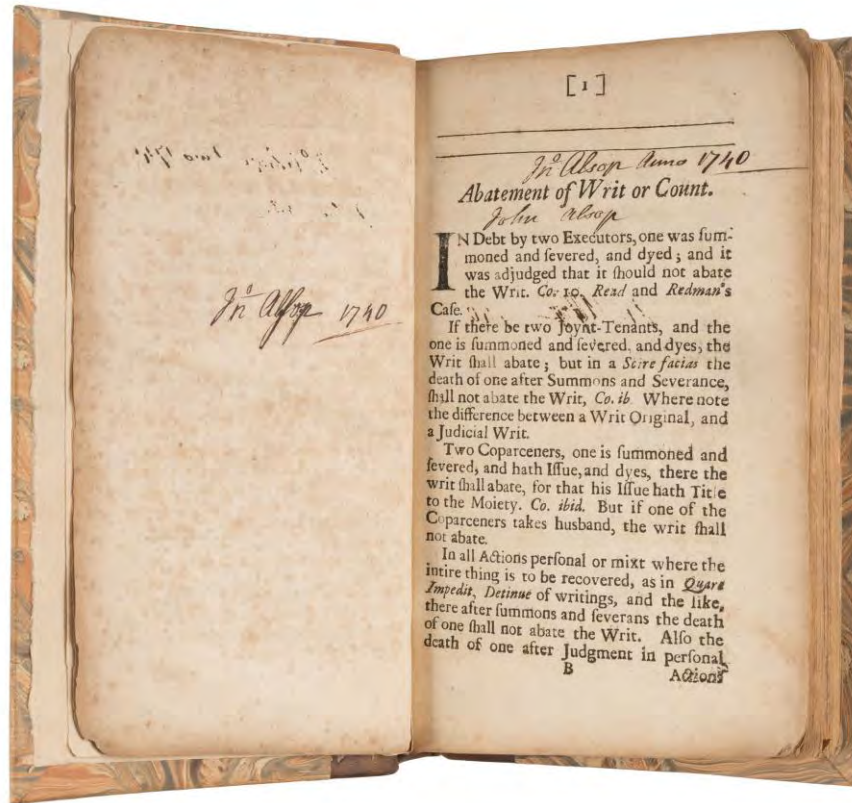
**"Robbed and Almost Starved to Death by a Gang of Gipsies"**

**4. Fielding, Henry [1707-1754].**

*A Clear State of the Case of Elizabeth Canning, Who Hath Sworn that she was Robbed and Almost Starved to Death by a Gang of Gipsies and Other Villains in January Last, For Which One Mary Squires Now Lies Under Sentence of Death.* London: Printed for A. Millar, 1753. [ii], 62 pp. Octavo (7-3/4" x 5").

Stab-stitched pamphlet, resewn into recent plain wrappers. Light rubbing to extremities, a few creases to wrappers, moderate toning to pamphlet, minor tear and negligible light soiling to title page. \$250.

\* Second and final edition, published the same year as the first edition. Two gypsies, Susannah Wells and Mary Squires, were arrested, tried and convicted for the abduction of Elizabeth Canning, but the Lord Mayor was not satisfied with the verdict. Further enquiries uncovered inconsistencies in Canning's testimony, and suspicions arose that she invented a story in order to hide a pregnancy. Wells and Squires were acquitted and Canning was found guilty of perjury. Fielding, then a barrister, was consulted by Canning's solicitor about this case. Fielding seems to have believed Canning's story. There is no evidence that he ever changed his mind. A Dublin re-issue without an edition statement was also published in 1753. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T89860. [Order This Item](#)



### A Scarce Guide to Pleading Owned by a New York Delegate to the Continental Congress

#### 5. G.F. of Gray's Inn.

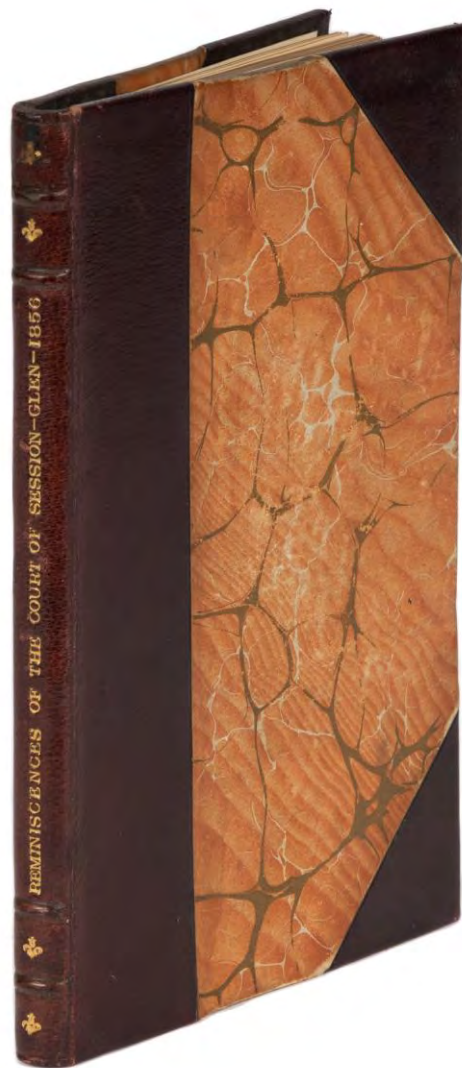
[Alsop, John, Jr. (1724-1794)].

*The Touchstone of Precedents, Relating to Judicial Proceedings at Common Law*, By G.F. of Grayes-Inn, Esquire. London: Printed for Awnsham Churchill, 1682. [vi], 125, 158-379, [23] pp. Lacking first leaf, a blank; text complete despite pagination errors. Octavo (7-1/4" x 4").

Recent quarter calf over marbled boards, raised bands and retained lettering piece to spine, endleaves renewed. Some fading to spine. Light browning to interior, corners of text block bumped, occasional light foxing, light soiling in a few places, light edgewear and chipping to first and final few leaves, including title page, which has a larger chip to its top-edge, clean tear to bottom-edge of first three leaves, text not affected, fold lines to upper corners of a few leaves, part-erased early ownership signature to title page, ownership signatures of John Alsop dated 1740 to pp. [vi] and 1, small early annotation to foot of p. 373. An appealing copy of a scarce title with an interesting association. \$950.

\* Only edition. Written in the style of other popular legal manuals for laymen, this guide provides the reader "most Excellent Directions, to guide him in his Practice through the Difficulties of the several Parts of Pleading" [iv]. Each chapter provides an outline of the rules, principles and precedents that govern a variety of legal topics the reader may encounter. Alsop was a New York City merchant and politician who served as a delegate to the first and second Continental Congress. He was also a signer of the 1774 Continental Association. As a young man, he would have found this work useful in the successful cloth and dry goods business he ran with his brother Richard. OCLC locates 2 copies of this title (Library of Congress, British Library). The ESTC adds 3 North American copies (Folger Shakespeare Library, Library Company of Philadelphia, University of Minnesota). *English Short-Title Catalogue* R14229. [Order This Item](#)





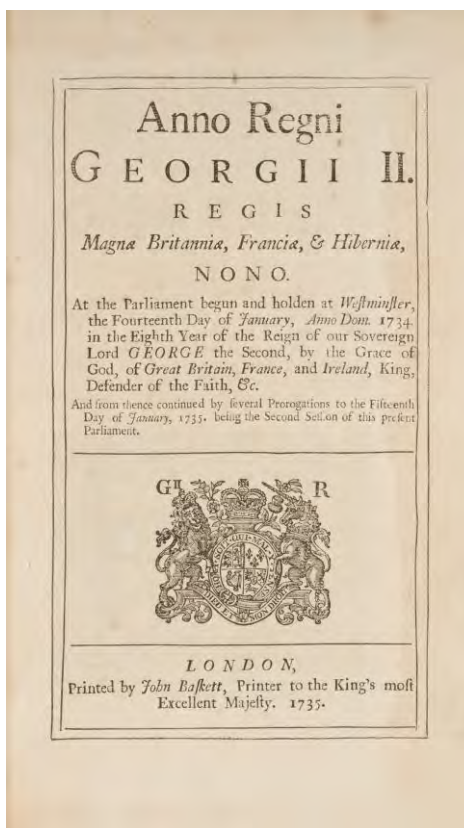
### Charming Portraits of Notable Scottish Jurists

**6. [Glen, William].**

*Reminiscences of the Court of Session, As it was a Few Years Ago.* Edinburgh: Bell and Bradfute; Glasgow: John Smith & Son, 1856. 71, [1] pp. With copperplate pictorial frontispiece, probably depicting Dean Cemetery. Octavo (6-1/4" x 4").

Contemporary three-quarter sheep over marbled boards, raised bands and gilt title to spine, top-edge gilt, marbled endpapers. Light rubbing and a few negligible scuffs to boards and extremities. Light toning to interior, light foxing to preliminaries, faint offsetting from plate to title page, early (illegible) ownership signature to verso of front free endpaper. A handsome copy. \$250.

\* Only edition. These charming anecdotes and character sketches from the Scottish Court of Session were compiled anonymously by William Glen, a Scottish journalist. Jeffrey, Mackenzie and Cockburn are among those portrayed. OCLC locates 8 copies of this title, 2 in North America (University of Michigan Law School, University of Cincinnati Law School). [Order This Item](#)



### Public and Private Acts of Parliament, 1734-1735

#### 7. [Great Britain].

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

*Anno Regni Georgii II. Regis Magnae Britanniae, Franciae, & Hiberniae, Nono. At the Parliament Begun and Holden at Westminster the Fourteenth Day of January, Anno Dom. 1734 in the Eighth Year of the Reign of Our Sovereign Lord George the Second, By the Grace of God, of Great Britain, France, and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, &c. And From Thence Continued by Several Prorogations to the Fifteenth Day of January, 1735. Being the Second Session of this Present Parliament.* London: Printed by Thomas Baskett, 1735 [i.e. 1736]. 567, [7] pp. Same general title page preceding each act, Acts IV-XXXIX dated 1736. Folio (12-1/4" x 7").

Contemporary paneled calf, gilt royal arms to boards, rebacked in period style with raised bands, blind fillets and lettering piece to spine, blind tooling to board edges, edges speckled red. Light rubbing to boards, some scuffs, nicks and scratches, moderate rubbing and light wear to board edges, corners bumped and worn, hinges mended, small later bookseller ticket to front pastedown ("George Gregory, Bookseller to H.M. Queen Alexandra, Bath"). Light toning to interior, somewhat heavier in places, occasional light foxing, faint offsetting to first three leaves, small tear to bottom-edge of leaf 7E (pp. [569-570]). An appealing copy. \$500.

\* A collection of 39 acts passed in the second session of the eighth Parliament of Great Britain, with tables listing the titles of the public acts and summaries of 39 private acts. Some of the more interesting acts involve unsuccessful attempts to curb alcohol consumption by raising excise and manufacturing taxes, including the so-called "Gin Act" of 1736. Also included is the "Witchcraft Act" of 1735, which made it a crime to accuse others of witchcraft and abolished the practice of witch-hunting in Great Britain. (The last legal execution for witchcraft in the British Isles took place in 1727). *English Short-Title Catalogue* N51379. [Order This Item](#)





### The Long Parliament Declares Martial Law

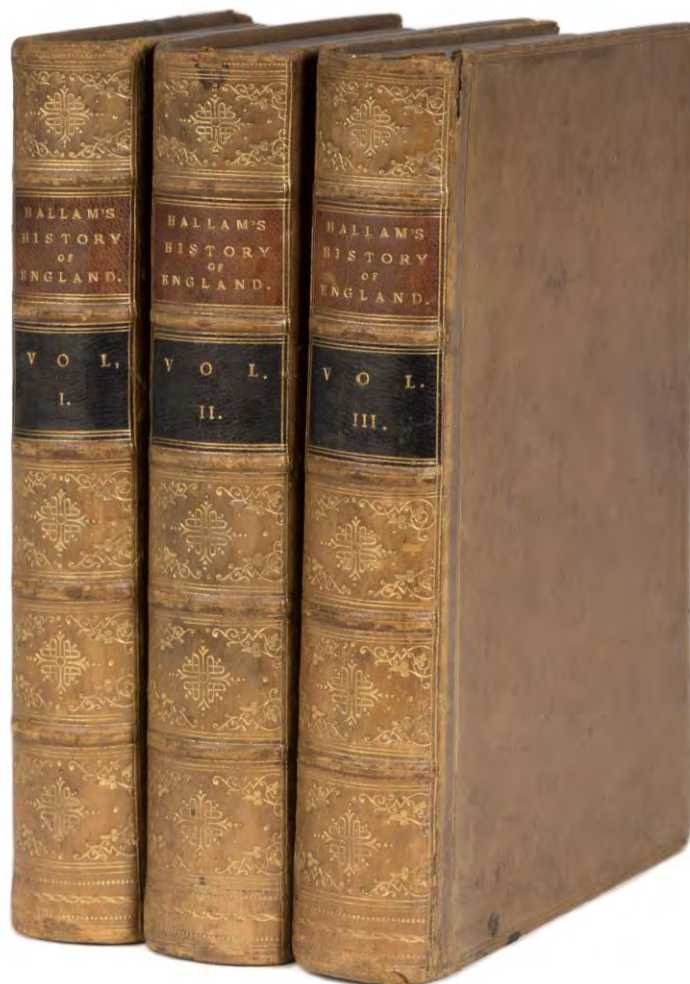
#### 8. [Great Britain].

#### [Parliament].

*An Ordinance of the Lords and Commons Assembled in Parliament, For Execution of Martiall Law, According to the Meaning of this Ordinance, To Continue for the Space of Four Moneths from the Date Hereof. Together with the Names of Such Commissioners as are Appointed for the Execution Thereof. 16. August, 1644. Ordered by the Commons in Parliament, That this Ordinance be Fortbwith Printed & Published: Henry Elsyng, Cler. Parl. D. Com. [London]: Printed for Edward Husbands, August 17 [1644]. 8 pp. Quarto (7-1/4" x 5-1/2").*

Stab-stitched pamphlet bound in later quarter sheep over marbled boards, gilt fillets and title to spine, a number of blank leaves inserted after text block by binder. Light rubbing to boards and extremities, light wear to spine ends and corners, which are bumped. Moderate toning and light foxing to interior, light wear to fore-edge of final three leaves. \$450.

\* Only edition. One of several declarations of martial law issued during the English Civil Wars. By August of 1644, when our title was issued, the Parliamentarians had gained significant ground in the north and were struggling with Royalists for control of southern regions outside London. This ordinance declares martial law in London and Westminster and appoints twelve commissioners to enforce it. The commissioners were to be selected from a larger pool of Parliamentarian officers. OCLC and the ESTC locate 1 copy of this title in a law library (Library of Congress). *English Short-Title Catalogue* (ESTC) R11434. [Order This Item](#)



**Hallam's *Constitutional History* in a Handsome Contemporary Binding**

**9. Hallam, Henry [1777-1859].**

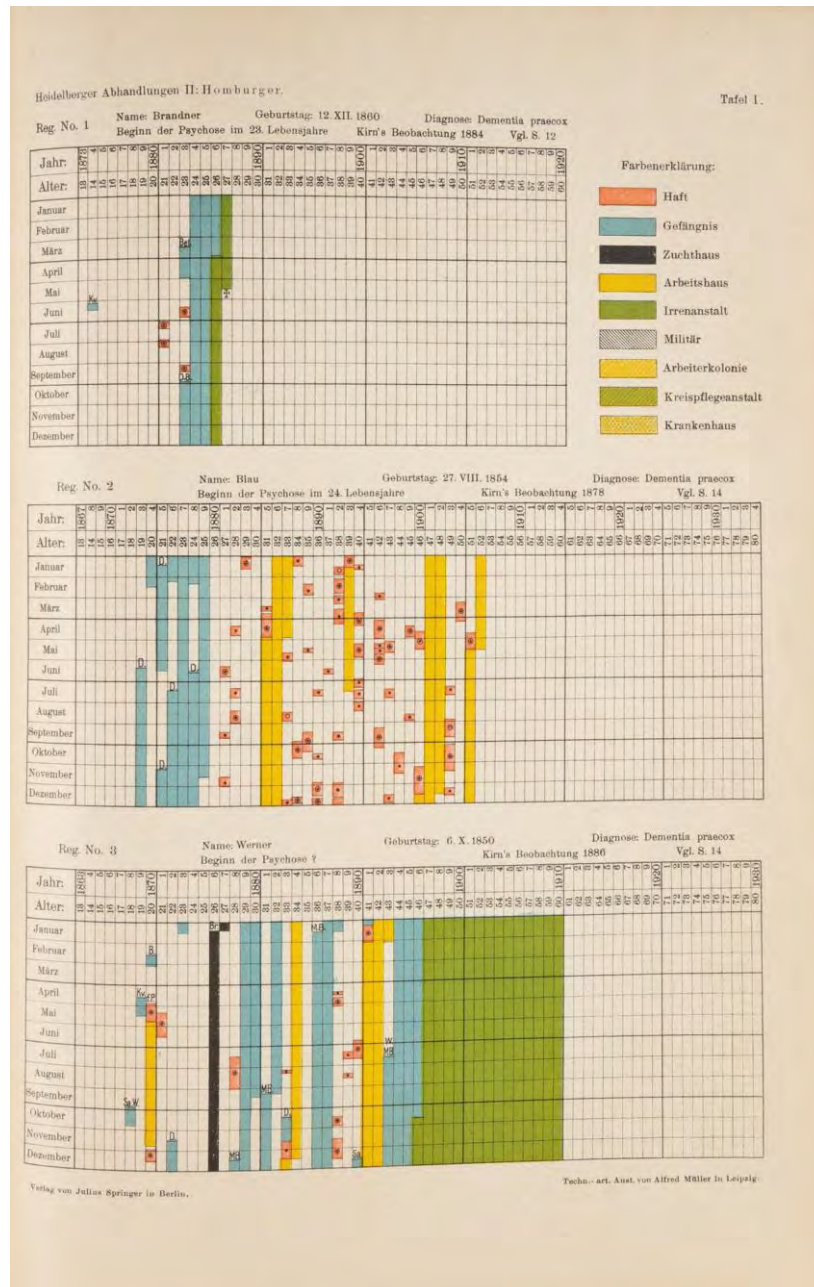
*The Constitutional History of England from the Accession of Henry VII. to the Death of George II.* London: John Murray, 1867. Three volumes. xvi, 419, [1]; viii, 465, [1]; viii, 457, [1] pp. Octavo (8-1/2" x 5-1/2").

Contemporary calf, gilt rules to boards, raised bands, gilt decoration and red and black lettering pieces to spine, blind tooling to board edges, blind inside dentelles, marbled edges and endpapers. Light rubbing and faint dampspotting to boards, faint dampstain to boards of Vol. II, moderate rubbing and light wear to extremities, chipping to spine head of Vol. III and front joint starting at head, corners bumped and lightly worn. Light toning to interior, light foxing to endleaves, light soiling in a few places, a few minor cracks to text block of each volume, all signatures secure, early underlining and marks to margins in a few places in Vols. I and II, very faint ownership signature dated 1873 to front endleaf of Vol. I. A handsome set. \$300.

\* Eighth edition. First published in 1827, Hallam's classic study of the constitutional history of England from 1485 to 1760 was "long the standard work on the subject, and only surpassed one hundred years after its initial publication": Marke, *A Catalogue of the Law Collection at New York University* (1953) 365. *British Museum Catalogue* (Compact Edition) 11:533.

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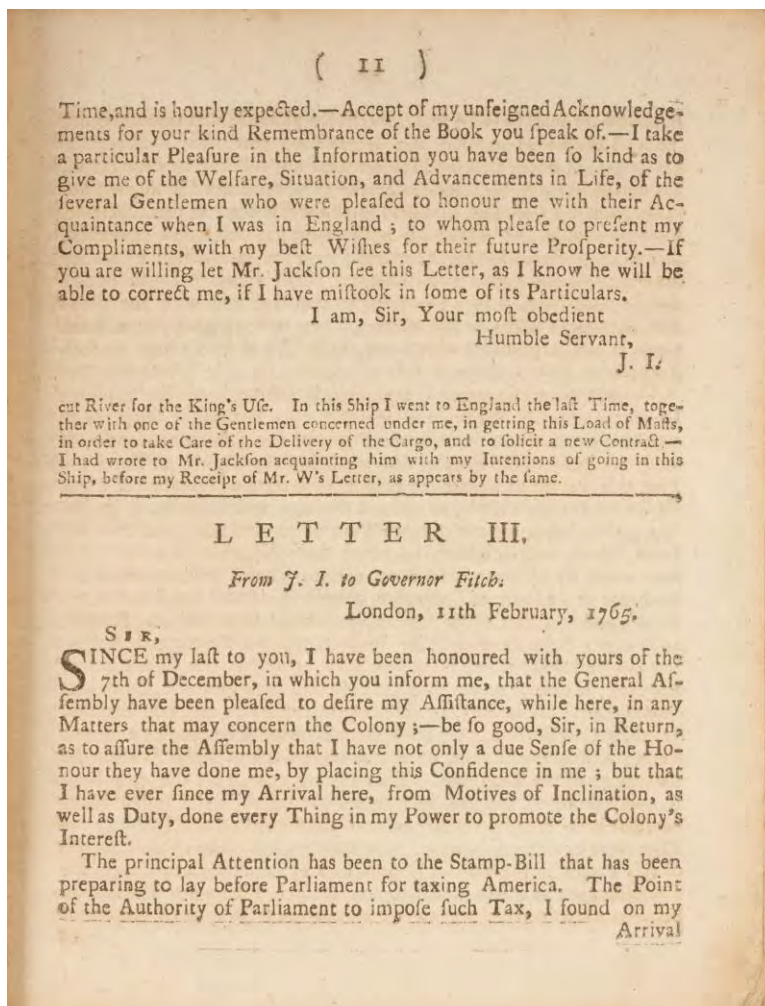
## Incarceration and Mental Illness

### 10. Homburger, August.

*Lebensschicksale Geisteskranker Strafgefangener.* Berlin: Verlag von Julius Springer, 1912. [viii], 207, [1] pp. 12 color tables.

Contemporary cloth, gilt titles to front board and spine. Moderate rubbing to extremities, light toning to interior, minor tear to front endleaf. \$250.

\* Only edition. A fine example of early twentieth-century Continental penology, this is a comprehensive study of mental disorders that occur during incarceration. It is a title in the series *Abhandlung aus dem Gesamtgebiete der Kriminalpsychologie*.  
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### The Most Hated Man in Connecticut

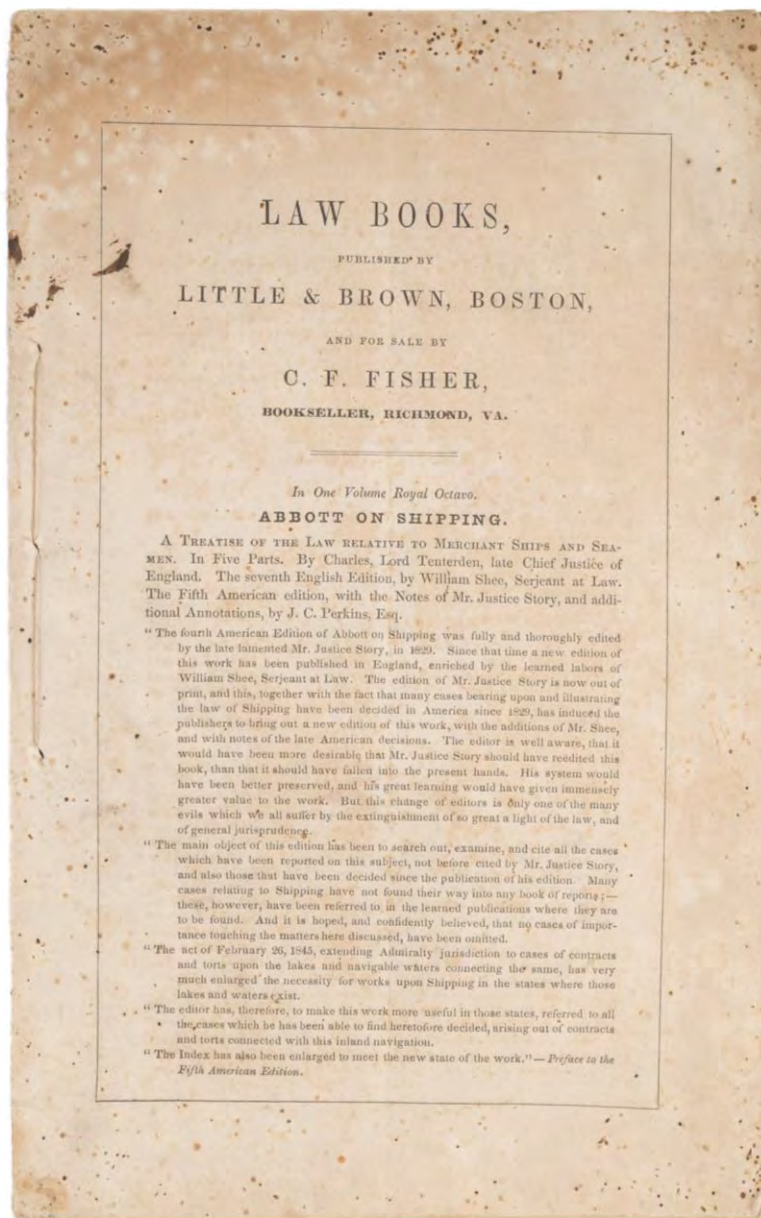
#### 11. Ingersoll, Jared, Sr. [1722-1781].

*Mr. Ingersoll's Letters Relating to the Stamp-Act.* New Haven, CT: Printed and Sold by Samuel Green, 1766. [ii], iv, 68 pp. Title page (and errata statement to its verso) supplied in facsimile. Quarto (7-1/2" x 6").

Stab-stitched pamphlet bound in recent buckram, gilt title to spine. Moderate toning to interior, somewhat heavier in places, occasional light foxing, edgewear and chipping to first and final few leaves with a few (mended) tears and loss to text of final leaf, legibility not affected, faint dampstaining, spotting and soiling in a few places, somewhat heavier to first two leaves. \$550.

\* Only edition. Jared Ingersoll, a New Haven lawyer, accepted the appointment of stamp-agent for Connecticut in 1765 after the Stamp Act came into force. He would quickly come to regret it. The people of New Haven began to harass him, surrounding his house, burning him in effigy and ultimately forcing his resignation on the grounds that he approved of the Act and was secretly advocating the mistreatment of colonists. Once the Act was repealed, he published these copies of his letters to England in an attempt to clear his name. His son, Jared Ingersoll, Jr. became a prominent figure in the Revolution and was a signer of the Constitution. OCLC locates 3 copies of this title in law libraries (New York University, Library of Congress, Faulkner University Jones School of Law). Sabin, *A Dictionary of Books Relating to America* 34744. *English Short-Title Catalogue* W26297. [Order This Item](#)





C.1847 Little & Brown Circular of Recent Publications

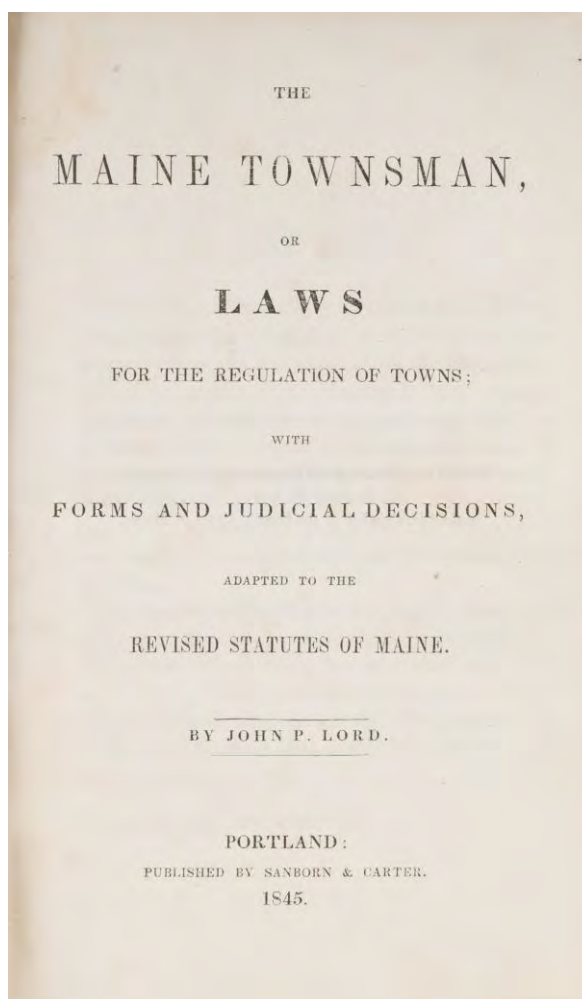
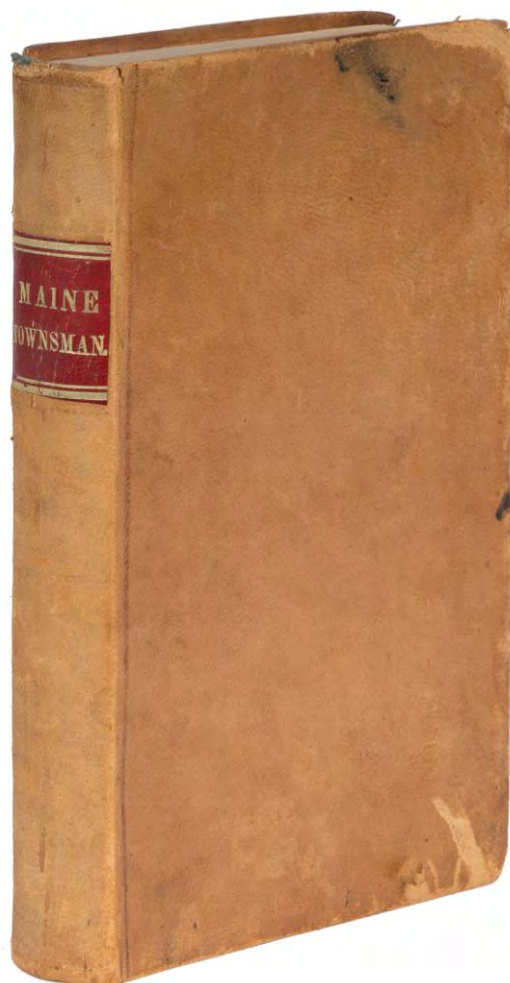
## 12. [Legal Publishing].

### Little & Brown.

*Law Books, Published by Little & Brown, Boston, And for Sale by C.F. Fisher, Bookseller, Richmond, VA.* [Boston: Press of Coolidge & Wiley, c. 1847]. 24 pp. Octavo (9" x 5-3/4").

Stab-stitched pamphlet in self-wrappers. Light browning, light foxing, inkspatters and a few minor stains to first and final leaves, faint vertical crease through center, faint fold lines to corners of a few leaves. \$350.

\* This is a fine example of the catalogues produced for important booksellers by Little & Brown. Entries for several titles feature testimonies by leading jurists of the day, such as James Kent, Simon Greenleaf and Joseph Story. [Order This Item](#)



**A Popular Legal Manual for Local Government in Maine**

**13. Lord, John P. [1786-1877].**

*The Maine Townsman, Or Laws for the Regulation of Towns; With Forms and Judicial Decisions, Adapted to the Revised Statutes of Maine.* Portland, ME: Published by Sanborn & Carter, 1845. viii, [13]-300 pp. Octavo (7" x 4-1/2").

Contemporary sheep, blind fillets and lettering piece to spine. Light rubbing and a few scuffs and stains to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, minor chipping to head of spine, front joint just starting at head, corners bumped and lightly worn, early (illegible) notes in pencil to front pastedown and ownership signature ("W.H. Potter, Phippsburg") dated 1845 to front free endpaper. Very light toning to interior, occasional light foxing, somewhat heavier in places, small inkstain to fore-edge of pp. 143-146. \$200.

\* First edition, second issue. Covers such topics as town meetings, elections, taxes, highways and bridges, parishes, schools, the treatment of apprentices, paupers, bastards and the insane, disorder in the streets, fences, animals, hawkers and peddlers and the duties of town officers. Like many contemporary manuals of its kind, *The Maine Townsman* offers a unique and often fascinating perspective on rural America during the early nineteenth century. The first edition is scarce. OCLC locates 7 copies of this issue, 3 outside Maine (Yale Law School, Loma Linda University, Newberry Library). Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 8270. Shaw and Shoemaker, *American Bibliography* 44-3858. [Order This Item](#)





**"Contains Much That is Valuable"**

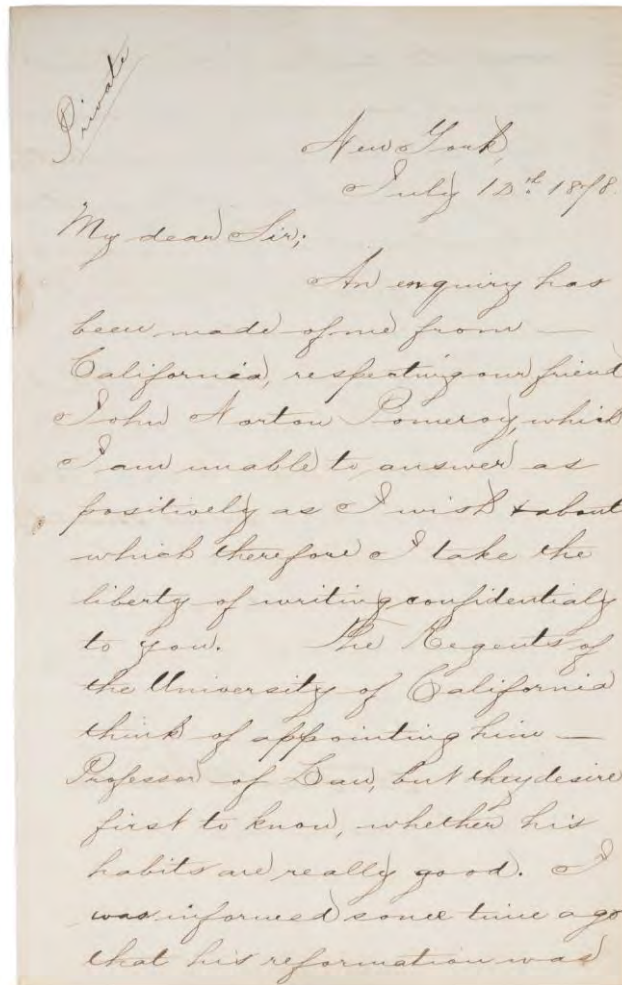
**14. Mackenzie, Sir George [1636-1691].**

*The Institutions of the Law of Scotland. Revised, Corrected and Augmented. With an Appendix of Notes.* Edinburgh: Printed by James Watson, for John Vallange, 1706. [viii], 253, [3] pp. Octavo (6-1/4" x 3-1/2").

Contemporary calf, blind rules to boards, raised bands and lettering piece to spine. Moderate rubbing to boards and extremities, light scratches to boards, corners bumped and somewhat worn, front endleaves lacking, armorial bookplate of Hugh MacLean to verso of front board. Moderate toning, faint dampstaining in places, some edgewear and light soiling to preliminaries and final few leaves, early annotations to rear endleaves, early owner signatures (one illegible, the other "Jas MacLean") to title page. \$250.

\* Fourth edition. First published 1685, this durable work had its final edition in 1758. As Marke points out, Mackenzie's *Institutions* "contains much that is valuable and [it] is still consulted and referred to upon certain points" (Marke). MacLean [1736-1768], 12th Laird of Ardgour, was a military officer from a distinguished Scottish Clan. Marke, *Catalogue of the Law Collection at New York University* 251. *English Short Title Catalogue* N7707. [Order This Item](#)

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*Private*

New York  
July 15<sup>th</sup> 1878.

My dear Sir:

An inquiry has been made of me from — California, respecting our friend John Norton Pomeroy, which I am unable to answer as positively as I wish & about which therefore I take the liberty of writing confidentially to you. The Regents of the University of California think of appointing him — Professor of Law, but they desire first to know, whether his habits are really good. I was informed some time ago that his reformation was

**Field Conducts a Background Check on John Norton Pomeroy**

**15. [Manuscript].**

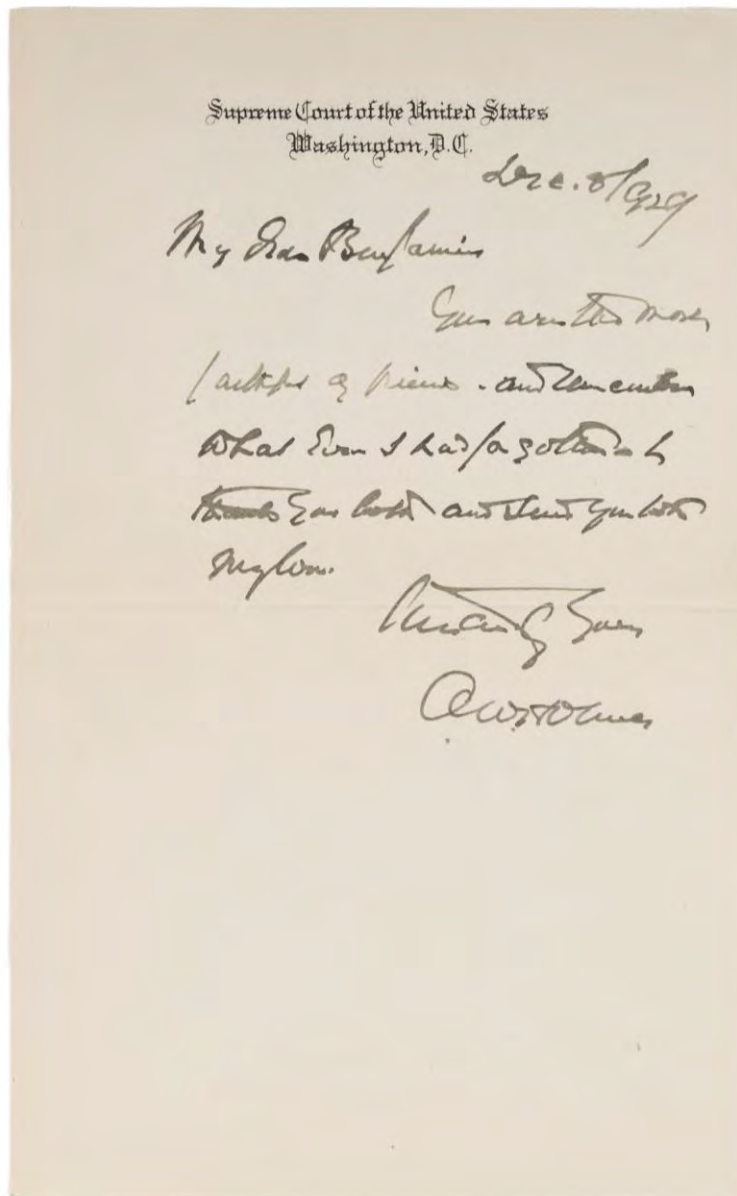
**Field, David Dudley [1805-1894].**

[Autograph Letter, Signed, New York, July 10, 1878].

8-1/2" x 5-1/4" bifolium, content to recto of first leaf, franked on verso of second leaf. Light toning, two horizontal fold lines. \$500.

\* This letter concerns a request from the University of California for a character reference for John Norton Pomeroy [1828-1895], the distinguished legal writer and law professor. It is addressed to Henry Rogers Selden [1805-1885], a Rochester, NY lawyer who was one of Pomeroy's oldest friends (and a former law partner). Field, the great lawyer and legal reformer, says he wants to write a positive reference, but has a concern: "The Regents... think of appointing him Professor of Law, but they desire first to know, whether his habits are really good. I was informed some time ago that his reformation was complete, but whether it be so or not can only be answered by one who sees him constantly." The reference to a completed "reformation" suggests that Pomeroy had an issue with alcohol (or substance) abuse. It appears that Field was able to write a positive reference. Pomeroy was appointed in August and given the task of establishing the University of California Law School, the state's first law school, now the Hastings College of Law. He remained there until his death. [Order This Item](#)





"You Are the Most Faithful of Friends"

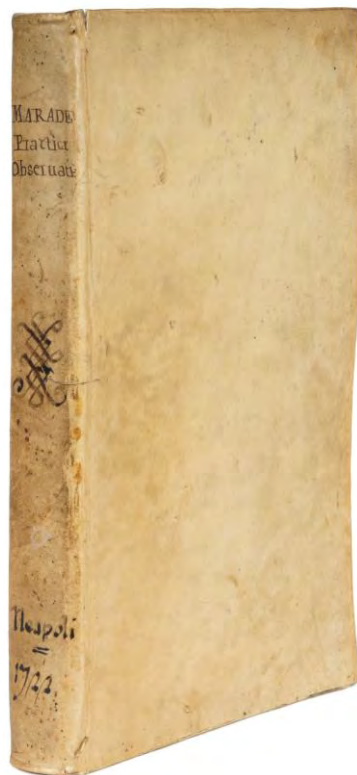
16. [Manuscript].

Holmes, Oliver Wendell [1841-1935].

[Autograph Note, Signed, Washington, DC, December 8, 1929].

7-3/4" x 5-1/2" Supreme Court bifolium letterhead, content to recto of first leaf. Light toning, horizontal fold line. \$850.

\* This note was probably addressed to Robert M. Benjamin [1896-1966], Holmes's clerk from 1922 to 1923. It reads: "My Dear Benjamin, You are the most faithful of friends. Another custom (?) that even I had forgotten - I thank you both and send you both my love. Affectionately yours, O.W. Holmes." In 1953 Benjamin was part of the legal team that represented another former Holmes clerk, Alger Hiss. [Order This Item](#)



### A Rare Commentary from a Distinguished Neapolitan Jurist

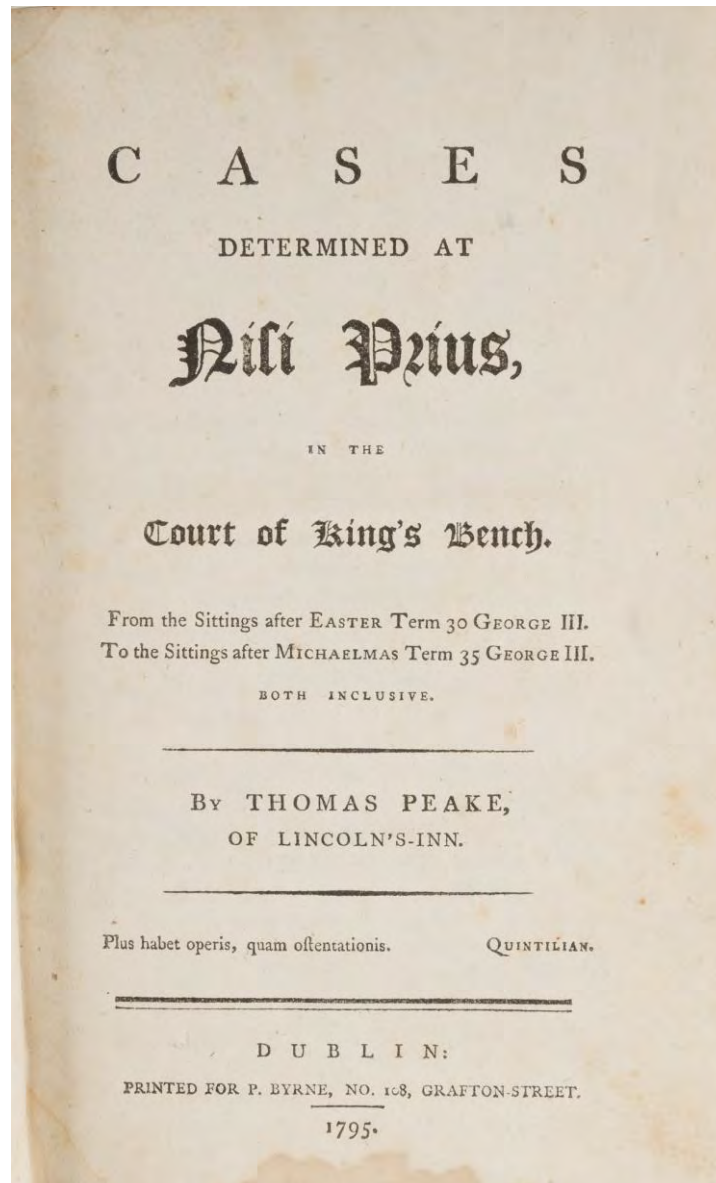
#### 17. Maradei, Francesco. Caimi, Girolamo.

*Practicae Observationes Civiles, Criminales, Et Mixtae. In Quibus Quaestiones in Foro, & in Universo Jure Frequentes, & Valde Controversae Pertractantur, & Enodantur. Illustratis Quoque, & Declaratis Ordine Alphabetico Selectionibus Regis Sanctionibus Regni Neapolitani; Additis Etiam Rebus Judicatis Supremorum Tribunalium, Responsis, & Consultationibus Insignium, & Celeberrimorum Juris-Consultorum, Ac Magistratum, Qui in Eodem Regno Floruerunt. His Accedit Famigeratus Tractatus De Regia Visitatione, Ad Usum Regis Catholici, D. Hieronymi Caymi, Patritii Mediolanensis, Et in Supremo Italiae Consilio Olim Regentis, Cum Luculentissimis Auctoris Adnotationibus, & Observationibus, Cuius Studio, & Diligentia Nunc Primum Publica Luce Posteritati Traditur.* Naples: Typis, Ac Sumptibus Michaelis Aloysii Mutio, 1722. [xiv], 410 pp. With woodcut head and tail-pieces. Text in double columns below headline. Folio (13-1/2" x 8-1/4").

Contemporary vellum, ink title and date to spine, edges speckled. Light soiling to boards, front board bowing slightly, light rubbing to extremities, small horizontal crack across front joint, which is starting at head, front hinge starting at foot, a few small tears to pastedowns. Moderate toning to interior, somewhat heavier in places, occasional light foxing, faint dampstaining to head of first two-thirds of text block, light dampspotting in a few places, crack to text block between pp. 174 and 175, early ownership signature ("Saudi Sulmonen") dated January 1747 to title page. Rare. \$1,250.

\* Second edition. First published in 1704, this commentary on civil and criminal decisions from the Supreme Tribunal of Naples also includes a treatise on royal visitations by Girolamo Caimi. Maradei was a distinguished legal scholar and advocate who published several other commentaries and treatises on Neapolitan law. The third and final edition of *Practicae Observationes* appeared in 1754. OCLC locates 4 copies worldwide of all editions and 1 copy of this edition (George Washington University Law School). [Order This Item](#)





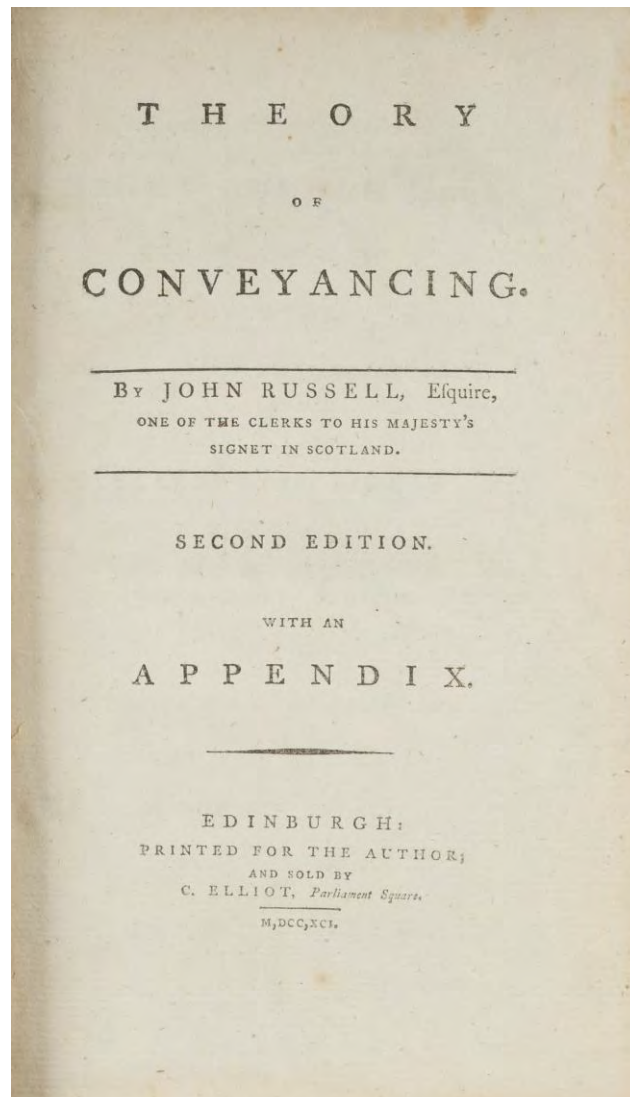
### Civil Cases Tried Before a Jury

#### 18. Peake, Thomas [1771-1838].

*Cases Determined at Nisi Prius, In the Court of King's Bench. From the Sittings After Easter Term 30 George III. To the Sittings After Michaelmas Term 35 George III. Both Inclusive.* Dublin: Printed for P. Byrne, 1795. xii, 243, [5] pp. Octavo (8" x 5").

Contemporary sheep, blind fillets to boards, blind fillets and lettering piece to spine, blind tooling to board edges. A few minor scuffs and stains to boards, moderate rubbing to board edges and joints, corners bumped, wear to spine ends. Moderate toning to interior, light foxing and faint dampstaining in places, early owner signature (John Locke) to half-title and head of p. 113. \$350.

\* Reissue of the first edition, published in London in 1795. This was the first collection of reports of civil cases tried before a jury. Later editions were published in 1810 and 1820, a volume of additional cases in 1829. *English Short-Title Catalogue* N26936. [Order This Item](#)



**Written to Instruct a Son Who Was Planning to Become an Advocate**

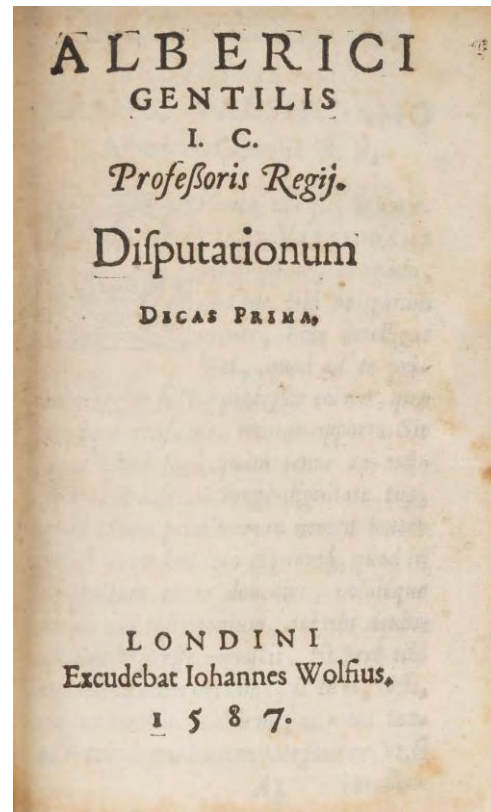
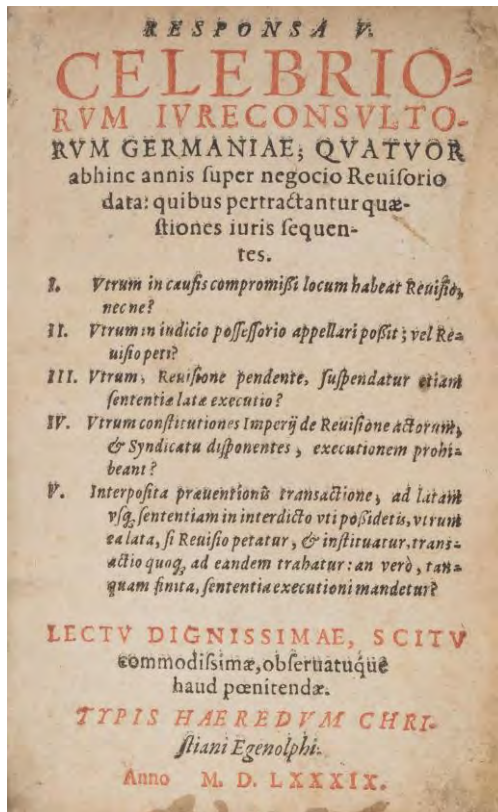
**19. Russell, John [1710-1796].**

*Theory of Conveyancing*. Edinburgh: Printed for the Author; And Sold by C. Elliot, 1791. xxix, [1], 536, 11, [1] pp. Lacking errata leaf. Octavo (8-1/2" x 5").

Contemporary tree calf, lettering piece and gilt-edged raised bands to spine, speckled edges, blind tooling to board edges. Light rubbing to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, boards beginning to separate but secure, corners bumped and somewhat worn, early armorial bookplate (of Sir John J. Scott Douglas) to front pastedown, front free endpaper and title page partially detached but secure. Light toning to interior, light soiling and finger smudges in a few places. \$250.

\* Second and final edition. According to the preface, pp. v-xviii, Russell wrote this treatise, first published in 1788, to instruct a son who was planning to become an advocate. (The preface outlines a course of studies with a reading list.) Both editions of this treatise are rare. OCLC locates 6 copies of the second, 2 in North America (Boston Public Library, University of Maine Law School). The *English Short-Title Catalogue* (ESTC) locates 4 copies, 1 in north America (Harvard Law School). *ESTC* T208130. [Order This Item](#)





### Sammelband of Five Rare Sixteenth-Century Treatises

#### 20. [Sammelband].

##### A. Egenolff, Christian, Heirs of.

*Responsa V. Celebriorum Iureconsultorum Germaniae; Quatuor abhinc Annis Super Negotio Revisorio Data; Quibus Pertractantur Quaestiones Iuris Sequentes...* [Frankfurt]: Typis Haeredum Christiani Egenolphi [Impensis Barbarae, D. Ioannis Cnippii & Mariae Pauli Steinmeyers Viduarum], 1589. 201, [25] pp.

##### [Bound with]

##### B. Gentili, Alberico [1552-1608].

*Disputatum Decas Prima.* London: Excudebat Iohannes Wolfius, 1587. [viii], 143, [1] pp.

##### [And]

##### C. Hattysen, Liborius.

*Analysis Iuris Feudalis, Editain Gratiam Studiosae Inventutis & Rationibus tam Dubitandi, Quàm Decidendi qua Potuit Fieri Brevitate Illustrata.* Frankfurt: Apud Heredes Andreae Wecheli, Claudium Marnium & Ioann. Aubrium, 1589. 133, [3] pp.

##### [And]

##### D. Brem (Prem), Peter (Premus, Petrus).

*Aureus Tractatus de Securitatibus Promissionibus, Et Fide Publica.* [Berlin and Frankfurt an der Oder: Typis Nicolai Voltz], 1588 [1595 on colophon]. [ii], 114 [i.e. 113], [13] pp.

##### [And]

##### E. Gail, Andreas [1526-1587].

##### [Meurer, Noe (1545-1583)].

##### Reusner, Elias [1555-1612], Editor.

*Tractatus von Pfändungssachen wie es mit Denselben an dem Keyserliche[n] Cam[m]ergericht, Vermög der Ordnung und des Gerichts Practick Gehalten und Geurtheilt Werde...* [Strasbourg]: Bey Bernhardt Jobin, 1585. [xvi], 284, [2] pp.

Octavo (6" x 3-3/4"). Contemporary vellum with lapped edges, early hand-lettered titles to spine, ties lacking. Light soiling and faint staining, some chipping to spine ends and joints, recent repair to foot of rear joint, hinges cracked. Moderate toning to interior, somewhat heavier in places, occasional faint dampstaining, underlining and brief annotations in a few places. \$4,500.

Sammelband of five rare works on law printed in the cities of Frankfurt am Main (2), London, Berlin and Frankfurt an der Oder and Strasbourg in the years 1585 to 1595. The first work is also interesting as the rare product of the apparently short-lived partnership of two printer's widows.

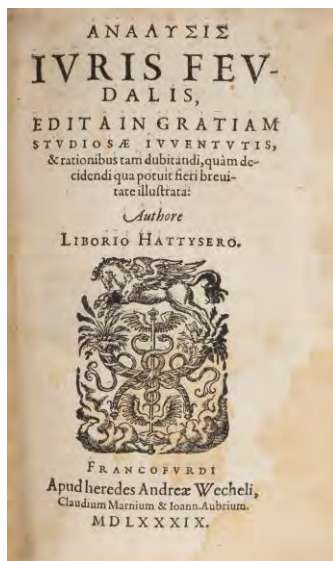
\* A. First edition. Published by the heirs of Christian Egenolff [1502-1555], this is a collection of five treatises on commercial law. It was commissioned by Egenolff's daughter and printed by Barbara Cnippius and Mary Steinmeyer. OCLC locates 1 copy of this edition in North America (University of Toronto). *Verzeichnis der im Deutschen Sprachbereich Erschienenen Drucke des 16. Jahrhunderts* (VD16) R1189.

B. Only edition. This is collection of essays on disputed legal points by the great Italian-English jurist published when he was Regius Professor of Civil Law at Oxford. Gentili is best known as one of the three founders, along with Vitoria and Grotius, of modern international law. *The English Short-Title Catalogue* (ESTC) locates 9 copies, 1 in North America (National Library of Medicine). *ESTC* S117694.

C. First edition. This was a popular introductory textbook on feudal law that went through several editions into the seventeenth century. Liborius Hattysen is probably a pseudonym. OCLC locates 1 copy of this edition in North America (UC Berkeley Law School). *VD16* H757.

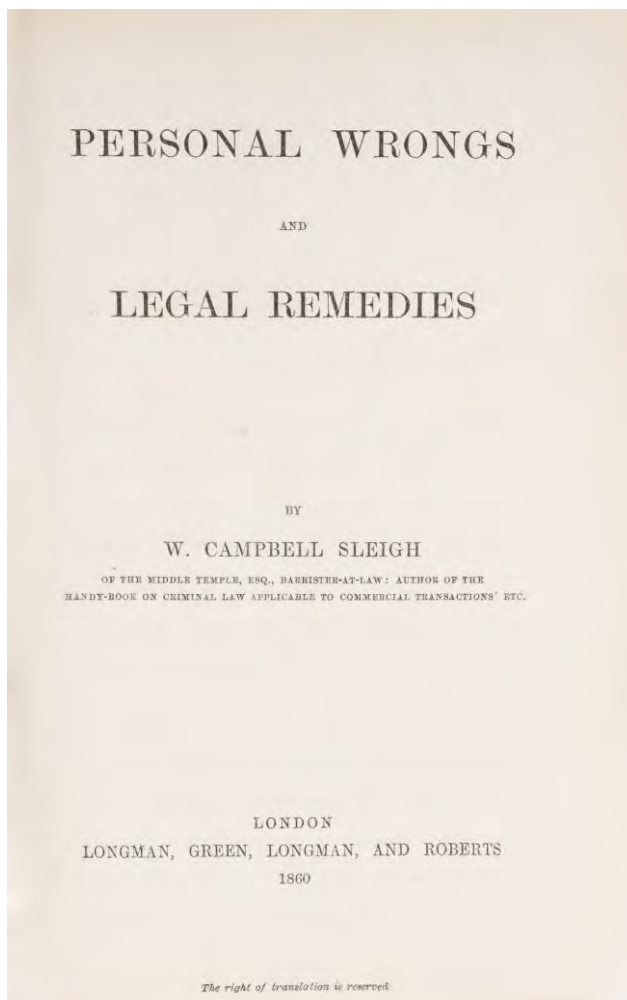
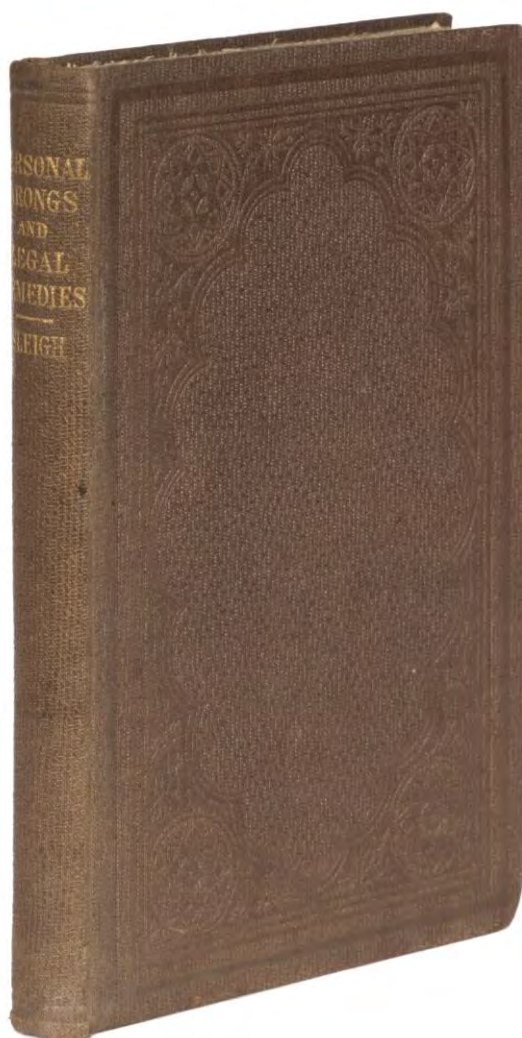
D. Second edition. First published in 1585, Brem's treatise examines suretyship and guaranty in Roman law. Its final edition, the third, was published in 1595. No copies of any edition located in North America by OCLC. *VD16* P4764.

E. Only edition. Gail was one of the leading jurists of the Holy Roman Empire. His treatise on property attachment and seizure as judged by the imperial court of appeals (*Kammergericht*) has an introduction by the editor. It also includes a two-part tract by Meurer: *Kurzer Begriff von Mandaten, So von Pfändungen und Gefangenen Wegen Erkannt Werden*. OCLC locates 11 copies, none in North America. *VD16* G36.



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### An 1860 Treatise on Torts for Laymen

#### 21. Sleigh, W[illiam] Campbell [1818-1887].

*Personal Wrongs and Legal Remedies*. London: Longman, Green, Longman, And Roberts, 1860. viii, 185, [3] pp. Publisher advertisements to final leaf. Octavo (7" x 4-1/2").

Original paneled cloth, blind fillets and gilt title to spine, top-edge untrimmed. A few small inkspots to binding, corners just bumped, small binder's ticket to rear pastedown. Very light toning to interior, negligible light foxing to a few pages, leaves [A]3-4 (pp. iv-viii) unopened. An appealing copy of a scarce title. \$350.

\* Only edition. This treatise on torts for laymen covers topics such as libel, slander, personal injury, "breach of promise of marriage," seduction and marital law. Sleigh was an English barrister and member of the Middle Temple who practiced criminal law and became involved in a number of prominent trials, including the Tichborne case. OCLC locates 5 copies of this title in North American law libraries (Library of Congress, United States Supreme Court, Social Law, Supreme Court of Ohio, York University). Not in Sweet & Maxwell. [Order This Item](#)

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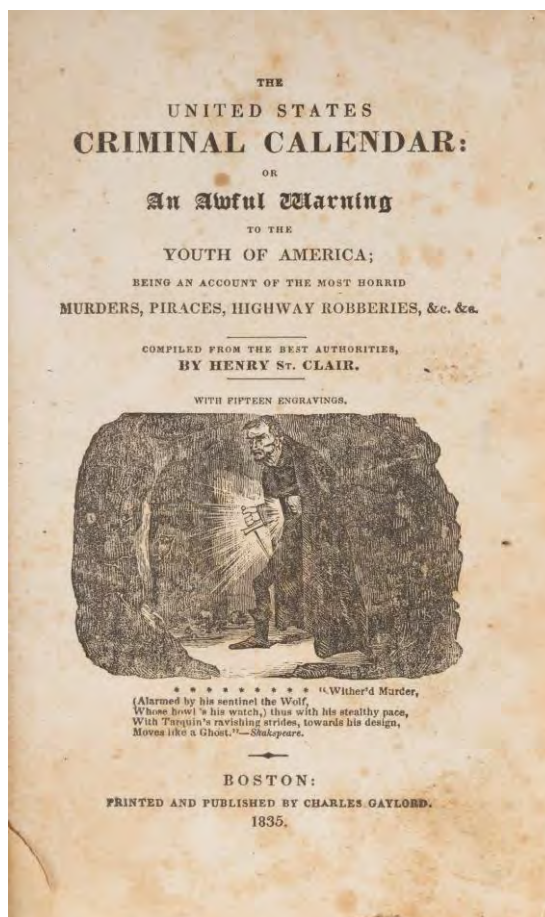
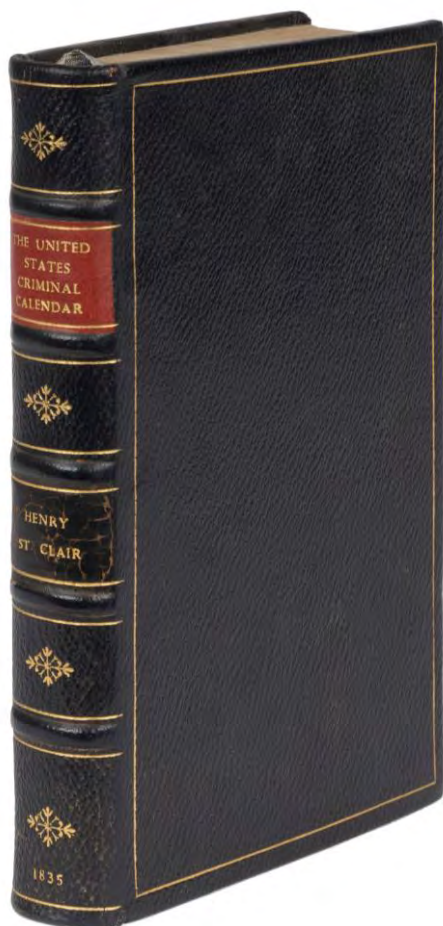
**22. Spilsbury, William Holden [1803-1877].**

*Lincoln's Inn: Its Ancient and Modern Buildings with an Account of the Library.* London: William Pickering, 1850. xvi, 324 pp. Engraved frontispiece.

Contemporary three-quarter morocco over marbled boards by B.M. Pickering, gilt spine with raised bands, gilt rules to boards, top-edge gilt, marbled endpapers, Light rubbing to extremities, front hinge cracked, light toning to interior, later owner stamps to front and rear endleaves. A handsome copy. \$450.

\* First edition. Spilsbury, the librarian of Lincoln's Inn, designed this book for visitors. It describes the main features of the Inn and notable books, manuscripts and objects in the library's collection. A second edition was published in 1873. Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 2:335. [Order This Item](#)





### "An Awful Warning to the Youth of America"

#### 23. St. Clair, Henry.

*The United States Criminal Calendar: or an Awful Warning to the Youth of America; Being an Account of the Most Horrid Murders, Piracies [sic], Highway Robberies, &c. &c.* Boston: Printed and Published by Charles Gaylord, 1835. iii-356 pp. With 12 woodcut illustrations and title vignette; lacking frontispiece ("Sterling shooting Gen. Morgain") but internally complete.

Later morocco, gilt frames to boards, gilt-edged raised bands, red and black lettering pieces and gilt-stamped decoration and date to spine, gilded edges, marbled endpapers, endleaves renewed, silk ribbon bookmark. Negligible light wear to corners. Occasional light foxing and faint dampstaining, light edgewear to bottom-edges of first few leaves, flaws from printing to text block in a few places affecting legibility slightly on p. 99, clean tears to margins of a few leaves not affecting images or text, clean tear to center of first plate affecting image without loss, lower corner of leaf 13d (pp. 283-284) lacking without loss to text, chip to fore-edge of final leaf. A handsomely bound copy. \$250.

\* Later edition. Recounts the stories of forty-one famous murderers, pirates and criminals for the purpose of alerting the youth of America to the pitfalls of criminal life. St. Clair selected only those criminals whose exploits were exceptional: "Of those whose lives and deeds have little interest he has nothing to say" (Preface). Though the title page claims "fifteen engravings," no recorded copies count more than 13 plates and the claim of 15 engravings may include both the title vignette and an image on the original publisher's boards. Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 12114. Sabin, *A Dictionary of Books Relating to America* 75023. [Order This Item](#)





### The "Extraordinary Trial" of a Glasgow Socialite

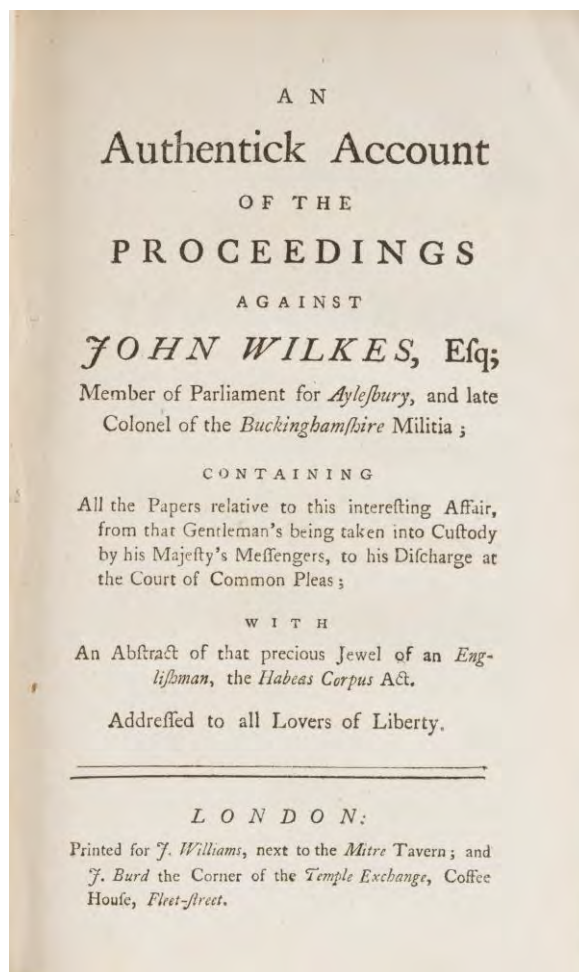
#### 24. [Trial].

##### Smith, Madeleine [1835-1928], Defendant.

*Glasgow Poisoning Case. Unabridged Report of the Evidence in this Extraordinary Trial, With All the Passionate Love Letters Written by the Prisoner to the Deceased, And Numerous Illustrations, Including Portrait of Madeleine Smith.* London: George Vickers, 1857. 77 pp. With 7 plates, 3 folding. Octavo (6-1/2" x 4").

Later three-quarter cloth over plain boards, gilt title and date to spine. Light soiling to boards, light fading to foot of front board and spine, light rubbing to extremities, corners lightly bumped, front hinge cracked. Light toning to interior, light soiling, offsetting, and a few clean tears to edges of first folding plate, two of which are mended on verso, light soiling to title page with no loss to legibility, upper corners of first three leaves lacking without loss to text, interior otherwise clean. \$450.

\* Only edition. In 1855, Smith, a Glasgow socialite, began a passionate love affair with Pierre Emile L'Angelier. When her parents found a more suitable match, she attempted to break the relationship, but he threatened to use their love letters to expose her if she did not marry him. He died from arsenic poisoning a month after making his threat. Smith, who had been seen purchasing arsenic, was arrested and charged with his murder after the pair's love letters were discovered. Although the circumstantial evidence against her was strong, there was some suspicion that L'Angelier had committed suicide. The jury ultimately returned with a verdict of "not proven." OCLC locates 5 copies of this title, 2 in North America (University of Chicago, Bryn Mawr). [Order This Item](#)



**"With an Abstract of that Precious Jewel of an Englishman, The Habeas Corpus Act"**

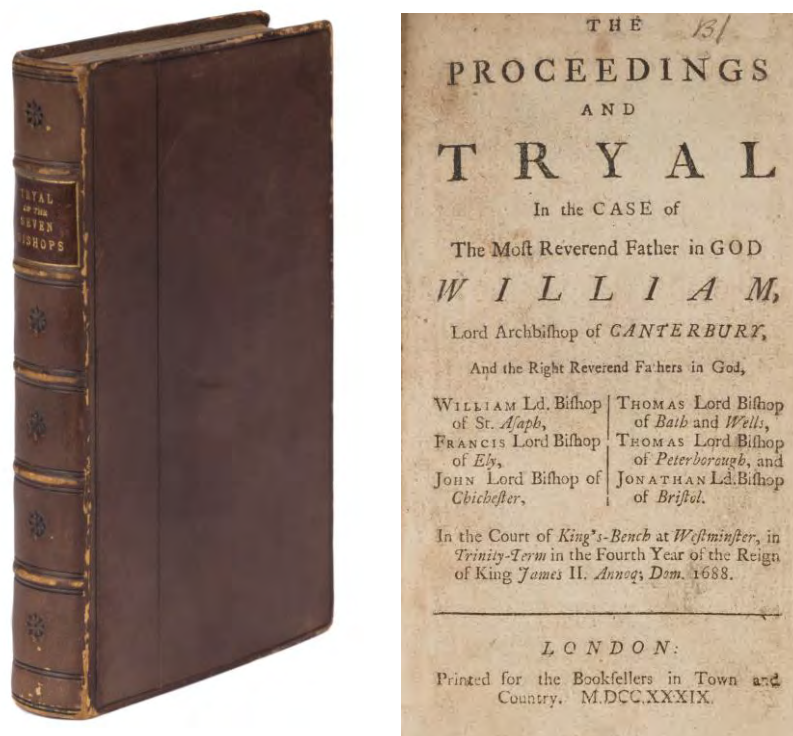
**25. [Trial].**

**Wilkes, John [1727-1797], Defendant.**

*An Authentick Account of the Proceedings Against John Wilkes, Esq. Member of Parliament for Aylesbury, And Late Colonel of the Buckinghamshire Militia; Containing All the Papers Relative to This Interesting Affair, From that Gentleman's Being Taken into Custody by His Majesty's Messengers, To His Discharge at the Court of Common Pleas; With an Abstract of that Precious Jewel of an Englishman, The Habeas Corpus Act. Addressed to All Lovers of Liberty.* London: Printed for J. Williams...And J. Burd, [1763]. [iv], 12, 17-39, [1] pp. Pagination irregular, text continuous. With a half-title. Octavo (7-3/4" x 4-3/4").

Disbound stab-stitched pamphlet, light soiling to exterior, negligible light rubbing to extremities, minor creasing to upper outside corners of several leaves. Moderate toning to interior, light browning and foxing in a few places. \$350.

\* Only edition. In 1763, Wilkes the great radical journalist and politician, was charged with libel and sedition in a general warrant issued by King George III. These charges were a response to Wilkes's critical remarks, in issue 45 of his paper *The North Briton*, about a speech endorsing the recently signed Paris Peace Treaty given by the king at the opening of Parliament on April 23, 1763. Eventually vindicated in the courts, Wilkes's acquittal was seen as a victory for free speech throughout Great Britain and its colonies. This pamphlet, which was reprinted in Philadelphia and Boston in 1763, ends with an abstract of the Habeas Corpus Act of 1689. This important act, still in force today with amendments, requires a trial to determine the legality of a prisoner's detention. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T22793. [Order This Item](#)



### A Litmus Test for Libel Cases, Juries and English Protestantism

#### 26. [Trials].

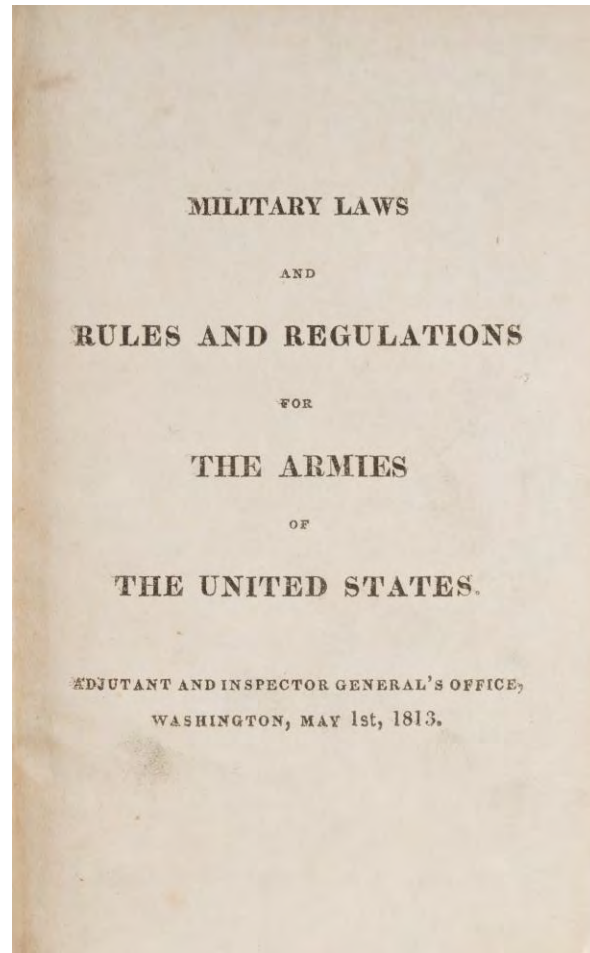
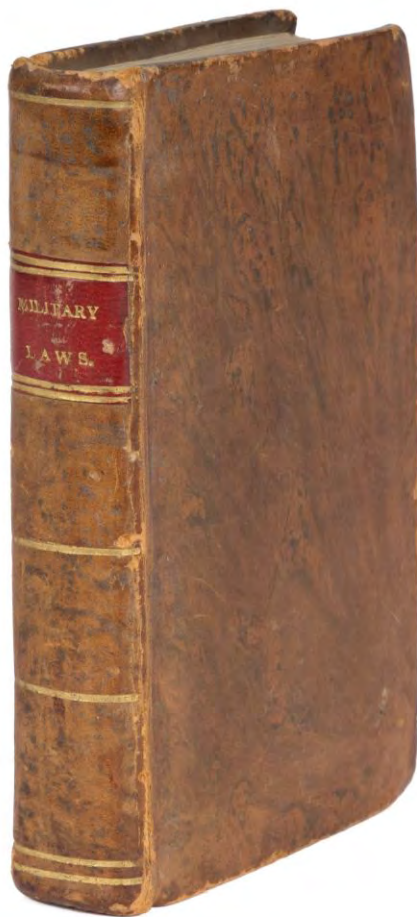
##### Sancroft, William [1617-1693], Et Al. Defendants.

*The Proceedings and Tryal in the Case of The Most Reverend Father in God William, Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, And the Right Reverend Fathers in God, William Ld. Bishop of Asaph, Francis Lord Bishop of Ely, John Lord Bishop of Chichester, Thomas Lord Bishop of Bath and Wells, Thomas Lord Bishop of Peterborough, and Jonathan Ld. Bishop of Bristol. In the Court of Kings-Bench at Westminster, in Trinity-Term in the Fourth Year of the Reign of King James the Second, Annoque; Dom. 1688.* London: Printed for the Booksellers in Town and Country, 1739. 431, [1] pp. Lacking copperplate portrait frontispiece of the seven bishops. Octavo (6-1/2" x 4").

Nineteenth-century calf, blind rules to boards, raised bands, lettering piece and blind ornaments to spine, blind inside dentelles. A few minor scratches to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, front hinge partially cracked, later owner signature (Arthur B. Lloyd-Baker) to front free endpaper. Moderate toning to interior, somewhat heavier in places, margins trimmed with loss to headlines in a few places, light foxing to several leaves, light soiling to title page and verso of final leaf, margins trimmed with minor loss to headlines of a few leaves, offsetting to margins of free endpapers. \$250.

\* Fifth, final and best edition of a work first published in 1689. In 1688 James II reissued his Declaration of Indulgence, which suspended the penal laws enacted against Catholics and dissenters, and ordered the Anglican clergy to read it to their congregations. The Archbishop of Canterbury and six bishops petitioned against this order on the ground that the suspending power had been declared illegal by Parliament. They were indicted in the King's Bench for seditious libel, but were acquitted to great public acclaim. The "Trial of the Seven Bishops," as it came to be known, confirmed the subject's right to petition the crown. Moreover, by assigning the questions of publication and libel to a jury the court set a precedent that was later enacted into law by the Fox Libel Act of 1792. The trial also reflects the antipathy of English Protestants towards Catholicism and the Stuarts. Indeed, this trial was one of the events that led to the Glorious Revolution of 1688. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T100946. [Order This Item](#)





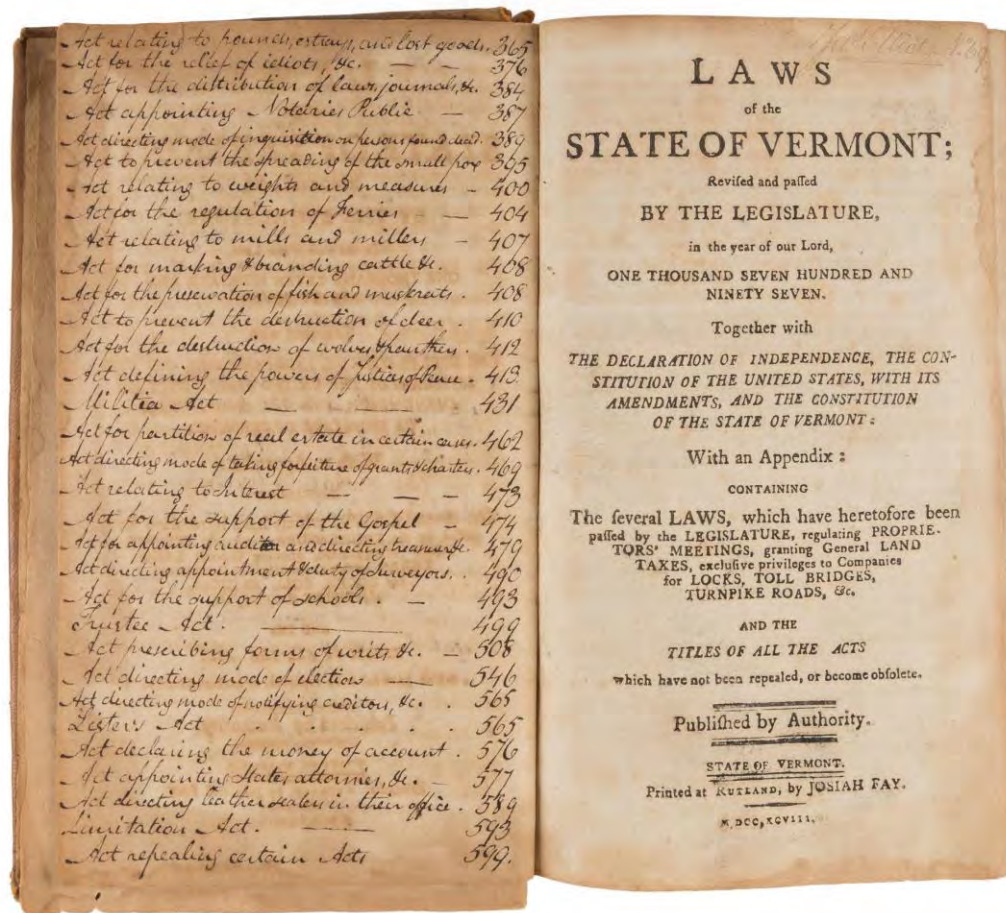
### Digest of U.S. Military Laws From the War of 1812

#### 27. [United States].

*Military Laws and Rules and Regulations for the Armies of the United States.* Washington [DC]: Adjutant and Inspector General's Office, May 1st, 1813. [ii], xix, [3], 247; 249-271 pp. Quarto (5-3/4" x 3-1/2").

Contemporary tree calf with gilt fillets and lettering piece to spine. Light rubbing and a few small scuffs to boards, moderate rubbing and light wear to extremities, corners bumped, front hinge cracked, faint dampstaining to endleaves. Light toning to interior, occasional light foxing, faint fold lines to a few upper corners, signature "a" (pp. 1-8) loosening slightly but secure, ownership signature (of "A. Benjamin") to head of p. i, note dated 23 Oct. 1813 to head of p. 249 affected by trimming. \$650.

\* First edition. This digest of U.S. military laws published during the War of 1812 has two sections. The first contains the Articles of War, the second is a compilation of military laws (and laws relating to the military). Our copy was owned by a member of the 37th Regiment, Infantry consisting of men from Connecticut. No one with the last name Benjamin appears in the list of discharge certificates provided by the National Archives, suggesting that the owner may have been killed in action. Acts and miscellaneous regulations up to August 2, 1813 are appended to our copy with continuous pagination. This addition appears in some copies of the first edition but is lacking in others. See Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 8981. [Order This Item](#)



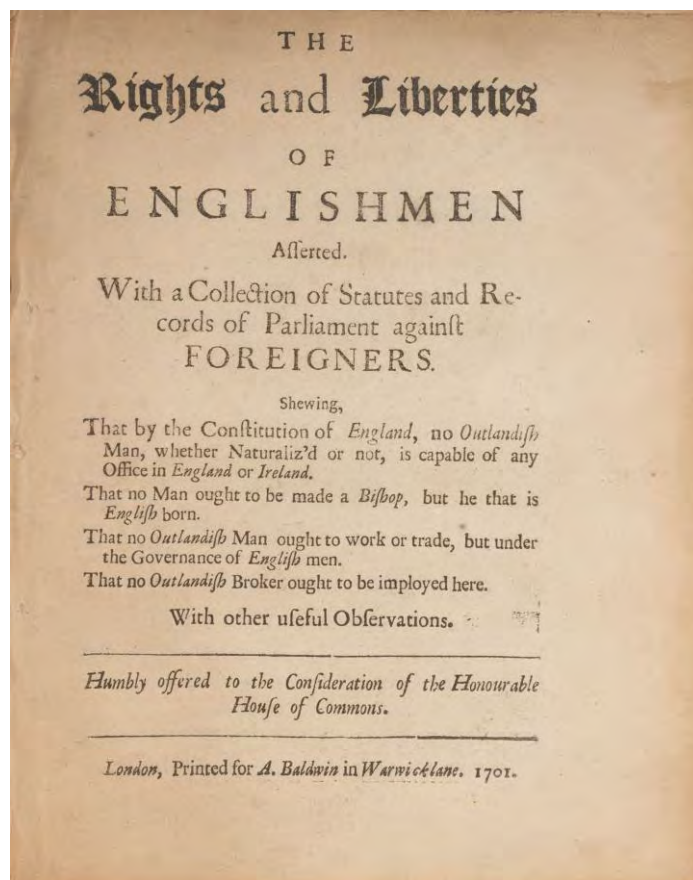
Copy of an Early Compilation of Vermont State Law with an Interesting Association

## 28. [Vermont].

*Laws Of The State Of Vermont; Revised and Passed by the Legislature, In the Year of Our Lord, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety Seven. Together with the Declaration of Independence, The Constitution of the United States, With Its Amendments, And the Constitution of the State of Vermont: With an Appendix: Containing the Several Laws, Which Have Heretofore been Passed by the Legislature, Regulating Proprietors' Meetings, Granting General Land Taxes, Exclusive Privileges to Companies for Locks, Toll Bridges, Turnpike Roads, &c. And the Titles of All the Acts which Have Not Been Repealed, Or Become Obsolete.* Rutland: Josiah Ray, 1798. 621, 205, [2] pp. Octavo (8" x 5").

Contemporary sheep, gilt fillets and lettering piece to spine. Light rubbing to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, boards beginning to separate but are secure, a bit of bookplate residue and brief annotation to front pastedown, another early annotation, "Ignorantia Legis nenimen excusat," and early owner signature (of David Howard) to front free endpaper, which is detached. Light browning and occasional light foxing to interior, faint dampstaining to margins in a few places, early manuscript index to endleaves, owner signature of James Elliot to head of title page. \$400.

\* The second revision of Vermont state law. The previous revision was published in 1791, the year it joined the Union. James Elliot [1775-1839] was a notable Vermont politician, lawyer and author. He held several appointed and elected offices in Vermont and was a member of the U.S. House of Representatives from 1803 to 1809. McCorison, *Vermont Imprints* 507. Babbitt, *Hand-List of Legislative Sessions and Session Laws* 573. [Order This Item](#)



**"How Diligent Our Wise Ancestors Were to Keep Out the French"**

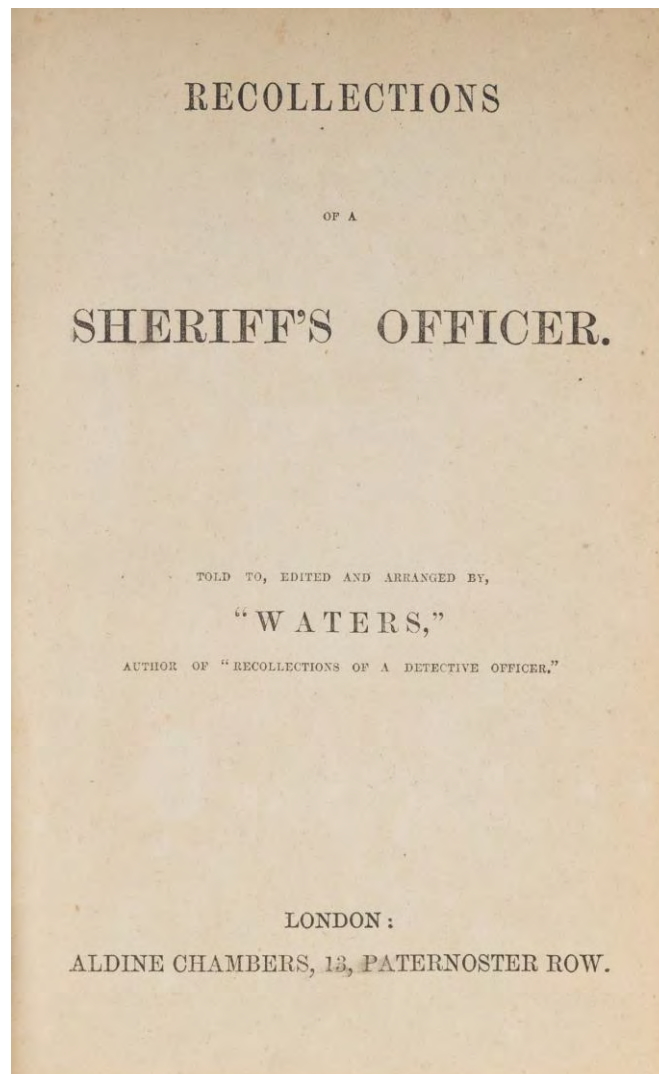
**29. [Wagstaffe, Thomas (1645-1712)].**

*The Rights and Liberties of Englishmen Asserted. With a Collection of Statutes and Records of Parliament Against Foreigners. Shewing, That by the Constitution of England, No Outlandish Man, Whether Naturaliz'd or Not, Is Capable of Any Office in England or Ireland. That No Man Ought to be Made a Bishop, But he that is English Born. That No Outlandish Man Ought to Work or Trade, But Under the Governance of English Men. That No Outlandish Broker Ought to be Employed Here. With Other Useful Observations. Humbly Offered to the Consideration of the Honourable House of Commons.* London: Printed for A. Baldwin, 1701. 26, [2] pp. Publisher's advertisements to final leaf. Quarto (8" x 6-1/2").

Disbound stab-stitched pamphlet housed in plain folder with the embossed library stamp of John Fowles. Light toning, foxing and soiling to folder, which has a small tear to its back. Moderate toning to pamphlet, a few leaves separating along spine but secure, occasional light foxing, light soiling in a few places, upper corner of leaf a4 (pp. 7-8) lacking without loss to text, print signature to the work ("D--f C--d") crossed out in ink on p. 26. \$650.

\* Only edition. Published anonymously but attributed to Wagstaffe, this xenophobic tract maintains that the English constitution bars all foreigners from any office or employment unless "under the governance of English men." It appears to have been written more or less out of an anti-French sentiment, but notably exempts the Irish from "outlandish" status. The author cites a number of legal and historical precedents for the exclusion of foreigners dating back to the Spartans. Fowles [1926-2005] was an important English novelist whose works include *The Collector* (1963), *The Magus* (1965) and *The French Lieutenant's Woman* (1969). He was drawn to historical source material, which often inspired his work. OCLC and the ESTC locate 1 copy of this title in a law library (Harvard). *English Short-Title Catalogue* (ESTC) T61087. [Order This Item](#)





**"Murder Will Out"**

**30. Waters (Russell, William [1806-1876]).**

*Recollections of a Sheriff's Officer*. London: Aldine Chambers, [c.1868]. [iv], 140 pp. Octavo (6-3/4" x 4-1/4").

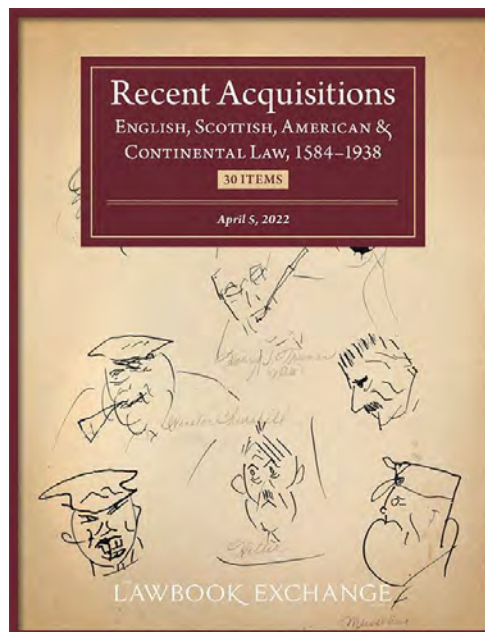
Contemporary cloth, blind fillets and gilt title to spine, speckled edges. Some soiling, faint dampstaining and fading to boards and spine, corners just bumped, hinges cracked, light offsetting to endleaves, contemporary armorial bookplate to front pastedown. Moderate toning to interior, light foxing in a few places, crack in text block between pp. 94 and 95, small tear to lower edge of second leaf not affecting text. Rare. \$450.

\* Second edition. This fine example of the genre of Victorian detective fiction first appeared in 1840 under a different imprint. Short anecdotes narrated by down-on-his-luck sheriff's officer William Sharpe cover murder, abduction and theft. Contents include "Murder Will Out," "Diamond Cut Diamond," "Very Mysterious," "The Dead Alive," "A Writ of Capias" and "Nobs and Snobs." Russell was an early and prolific writer of crime stories and detective fiction, sometimes under his own name and sometimes, as here, under the pseudonym "Waters" or "Thomas Waters." OCLC locates 2 copies of all editions and 1 copy of the present edition (UT-Austin). Hubin, *Crime Fiction, 1749-1980: A Comprehensive Bibliography*, 416. [Order This Item](#)

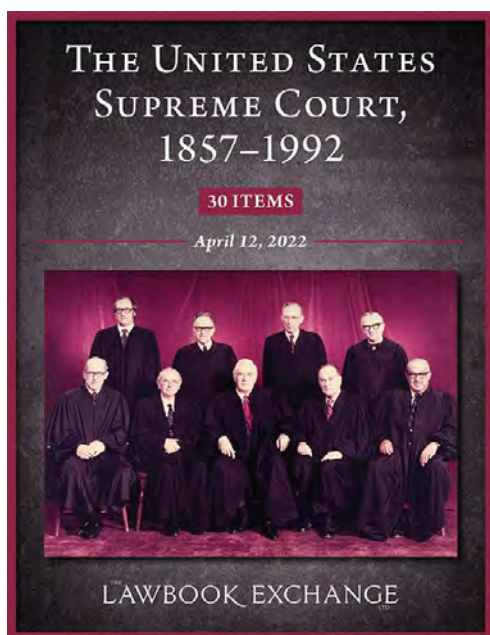
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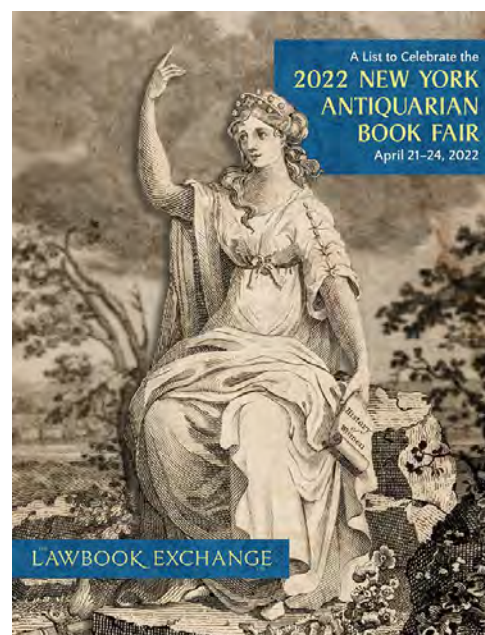
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