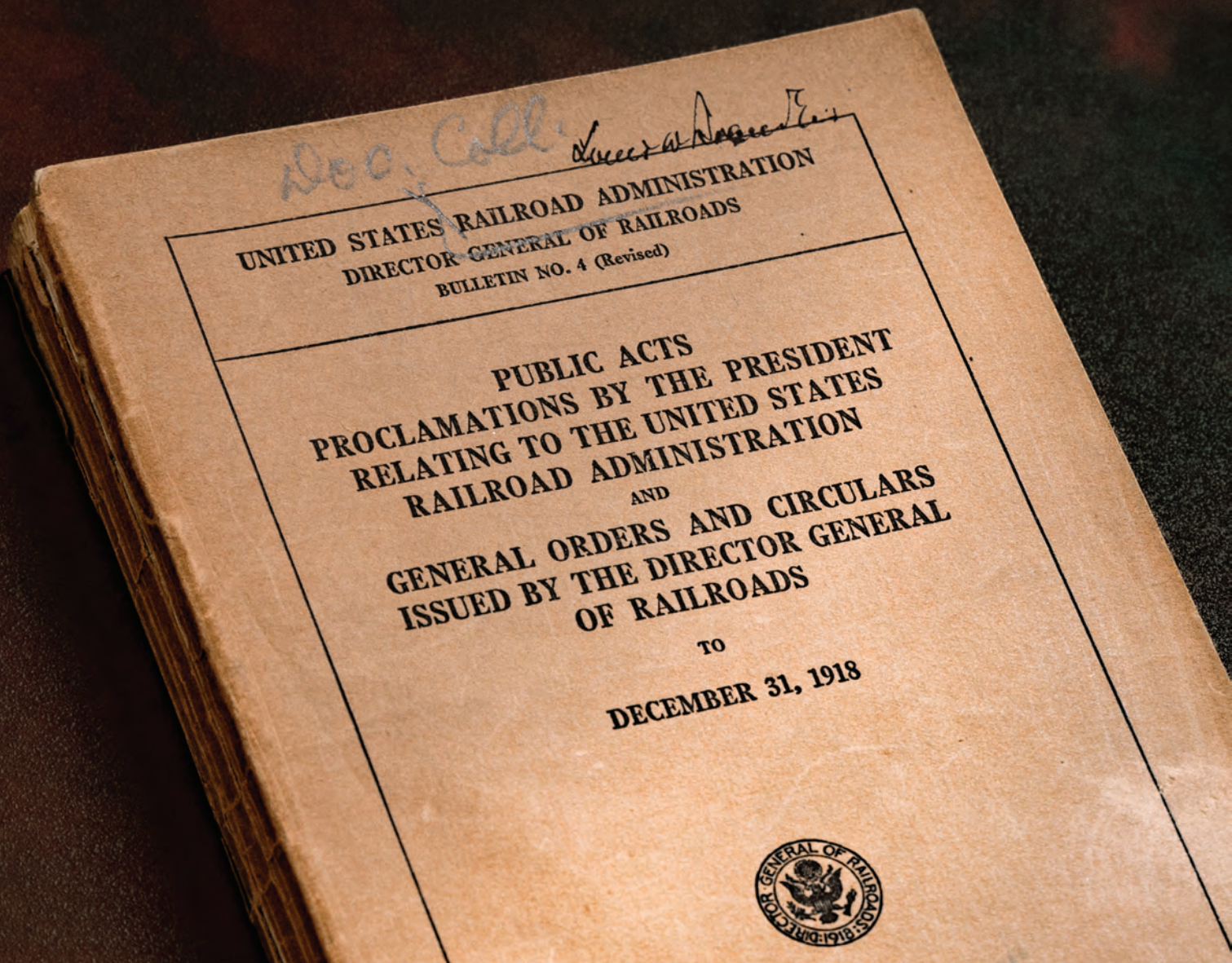
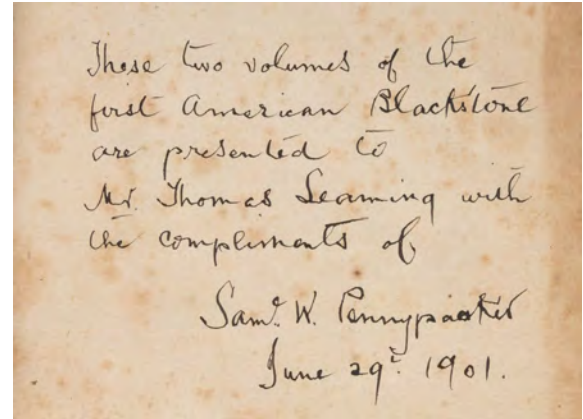
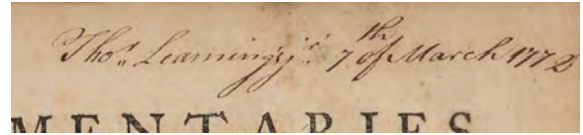
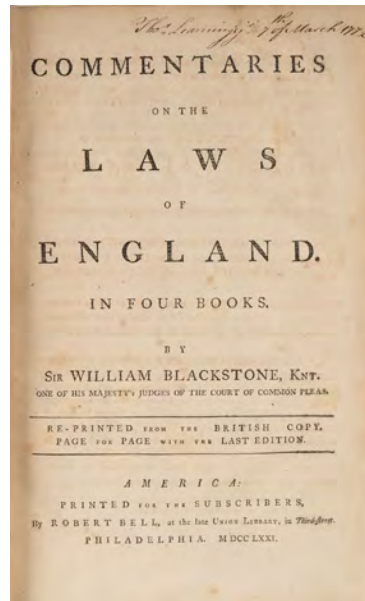


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**Copy of Volume I of the First American Edition  
of Blackstone Owned by Thomas Leaming, A Subscriber**

**1. Blackstone, Sir William [1723-1780].  
[Leaming, Thomas (1748-1797)].**

*Commentaries on the Laws of England. In Four Books. Re-Printed From the British Copy, Page for Page with the Last Edition.* [Philadelphia]: Robert Bell, 1771. Volume I [ONLY]. [iv], [iv], ii, [ii], [iv], 485 pp. Title page preceded by 4-page publisher advertisement. Octavo (8-3/4" x 5-1/2").

Contemporary sheep, blind fillets to boards, raised bands and blind-stamped volume number to spine, lettering piece lacking, blind tooling to board edges, front hinge mended. Light rubbing to boards, light gatoring along fore-edges, moderate rubbing to extremities with wear to spine ends and corners, partial crack to spine near foot, rear board beginning to separate but secure. Light browning and occasional light foxing to text, occasional marks in pencil to margins, owner signature of Thomas Leaming dated March 7, 1772 to head of title page, presentation inscription to Thomas Leaming (a descendant) from Samuel W. Pennypacker dated June 29, 1901 to front free endpaper. \$1,850.

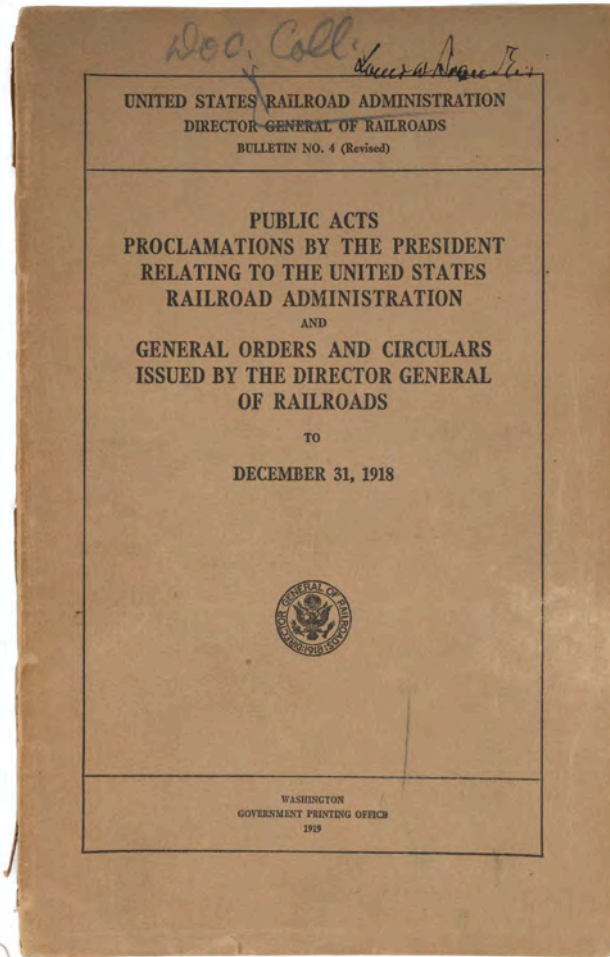
\* First American edition, a reprint of the fourth Oxford edition (1770). This was a significant contribution to early American law and a landmark in the history of American publishing. The subscribers to this edition included John Adams, John Jay, John Dickinson, several colonial governors and many other leaders of colonial America. Sixteen of these were signers of the Declaration of Independence who went on to serve as members of the Continental Congress.

Leaming was a lawyer in Cape May, New Jersey, when he subscribed to this edition. He was a member of the fifth session of the Provincial Congress of New Jersey (June-August 1776), which ordered the arrest of royal governor William Franklin, approved the Declaration of Independence and produced New Jersey's first state constitution (1776). He played important roles in the Revolution by raising a battalion of militia, serving as an officer and contributing funds to build and outfit privateers.

Samuel W. Pennypacker [1843-1916] was a Pennsylvania politician, judge and historian. Governor of Pennsylvania from 1903 to 1907 and a long-serving judge of the court of common pleas, he published several books and articles on various aspects of Pennsylvania history. His inscription indicates that he presented Leaming with two volumes from this set.

Eller, *The William Blackstone Collection in the Yale Law Library* 80. Laeuchli, *A Bibliographical Catalog of William Blackstone* 131.

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From the Library of Louis D. Brandeis

2. [Brandeis, Louis D. (1856-1941)].

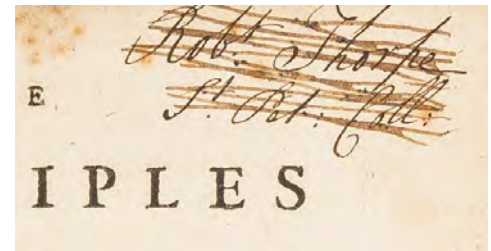
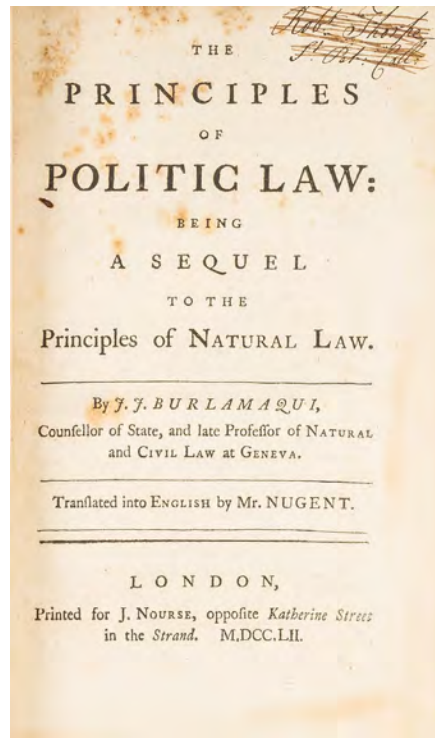
**United States Railroad Administration.**

*Public Acts Proclamations by the President Relating to the United States Railroad Administration and General Orders and Circulars Issued by the Director General of Railroads.* At head of title page: *United States Railroad Administration Director General of Railroads Bulletin No. 4 (Revised)*. Washington, DC: Government Printing Office, 1919. 452 pp. With two folding tables and an index.

Stiff printed wrappers. Light toning and soiling to wrappers, front wrapper detaching at foot but secure, illegible mark in ink to rear wrapper, which is starting at head, chipping to spine ends, small note in pencil and ownership signature of Louis D. Brandeis in ink to head of front wrapper. Moderate toning to interior, light soiling in a few places, cracks to text block between pp. 160-161, 176-177, 336-337, all signatures secure, small faint stain to p. 333. \$650.

\* Only edition. Brandeis's ownership of this title, a list of internal and external acts relating to railroad administration from 1917-1918, typifies the deep and broad legal research made famous by the Brandeis brief. Railroad administration was a hot-button issue of the early twentieth century, touching on various aspects of the federal government's commercial and military authority. It was also a topic close to Brandeis's heart after his successful actions against J.P. Morgan's New Haven railroad monopoly in 1914.

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**First English Edition of Burlamaqui's *Politic Law*  
Owned by a Notable Cleric and Newton Scholar**

**3. Burlamaqui, J[ean] J[acques] [1694-1748].**

**Nugent, [Thomas] [1700?-1772], Translator.**

*The Principles of Politic Law: Being a Sequel to the Principles of Natural Law.* Translated into English by Mr. Nugent. London: Printed for J. Nourse, 1752. [viii], 372 pp. Octavo (8" x 5").

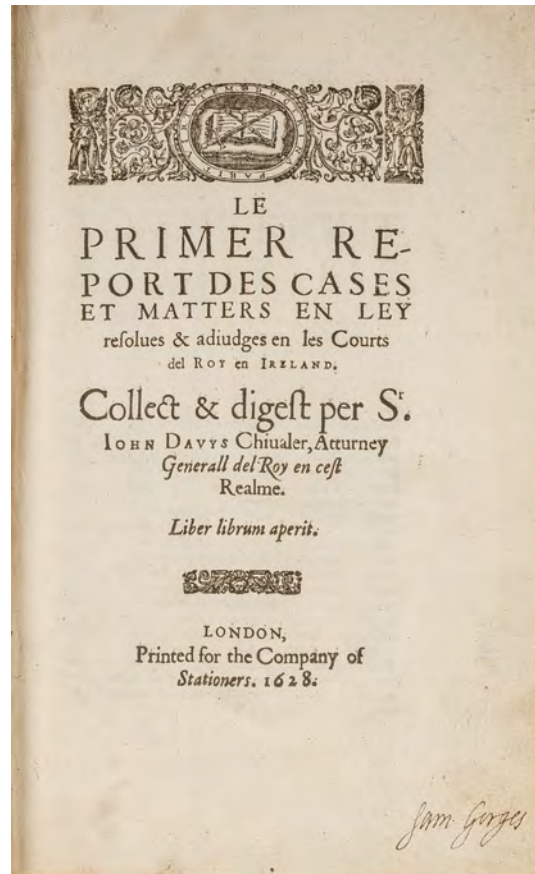
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\* First edition in English. The sequel to *The Principles of Natural Law*, his other major work, *The Principles of Politic Law* develops his thesis that international law is based on natural law and examines the principles of sovereignty with respect to considerations such as foreign rights, the necessity of war, the concept of absolute power, public treaties and economic factors. Burlamaqui, a Swiss jurist and professor of civil and natural law at Geneva, outlined a constitutional system based on principles similar to those of the American founding fathers. "Burlamaqui formulated the principles of popular sovereignty, of delegated power, of a constitution as a fundamental law, of a personal and functional separation of powers into three independent departments...and finally, he provided for an institutional guardian of the fundamental law" (Harvey). Burlamaqui's other great achievement was to put Pufendorf's theories into systematic form.

Thorpe [1736-1812] held several clerical posts in northern England and was a notable scholar of Sir Isaac Newton. His published an exposition of his work, *Excerpta Quaedam e Newtoni Principiis Philosophiae Naturalis* (1765), and was a translator of the *Principia*.

Harvey, *Jean Jacques Burlamaqui: A Liberal Tradition in American Constitutionalism* 178-179. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T112807.

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**A Copy of Davies's Reports Owned by a Notable Judge in Ireland**

**4. Davies, Sir John [1569-1626].**

*Le Primer Report des Cases et Matters en Ley Resolues & Adiudges en les Courts del Roy en Ireland. Collect & Digest per Sr. Iohn Davys Chivaler, Atturney General del Roy en Cest Realme.* London: Printed [by Adam Islip] for the Company of Stationers, 1628. [16], 84, 84-99 ff. Complete. No other volumes issued. Folio (11" x 6-3/4").

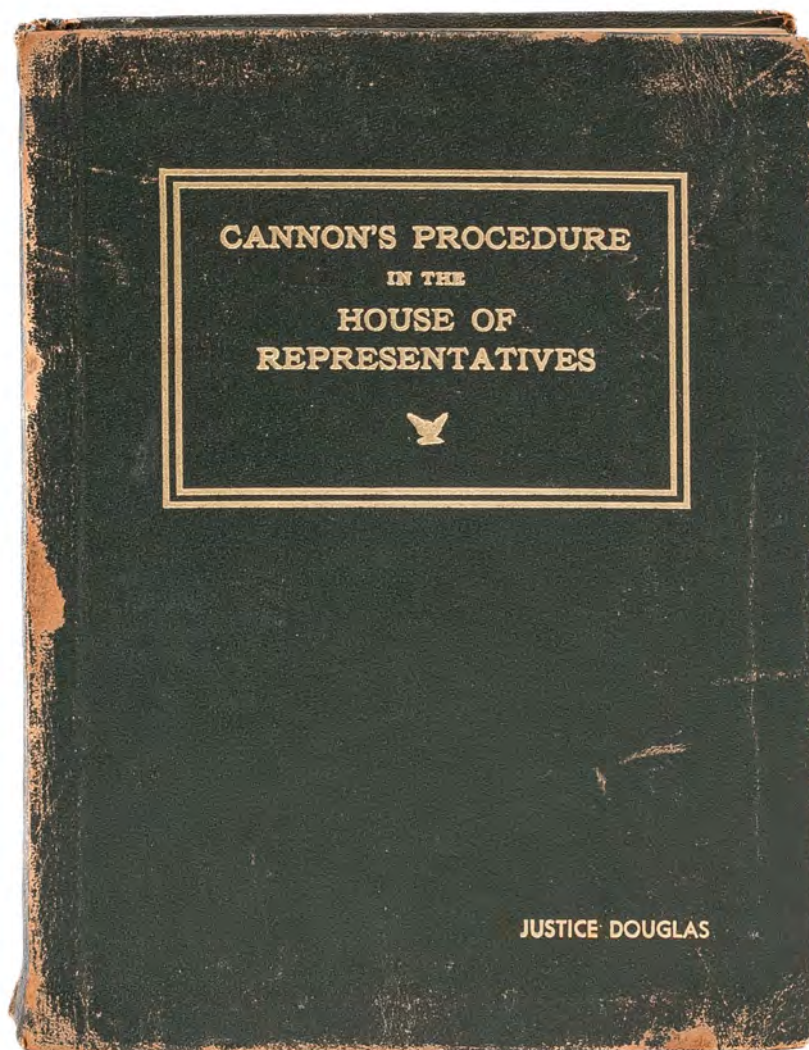
Contemporary sheep, blind rules to boards, rebaced in period-style calf, raised bands, lettering piece and blind ornaments to spine, early hand-lettered title to fore-edge of text block, hinges mended. A few shallow scuffs to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, corners bumped. Large woodcut devices to title page, woodcut head-pieces and decorated initials. Moderate toning to text, small chip to fore-edge of fol. 68, small early owner signature of Samuel Gorges to foot of title page. A handsome copy. \$1,000.

\* Second edition (and the first published in England). Davies, or Davys, was a highly respected lawyer, judge, statesman and man of letters. First issued in Dublin in 1615, Davies's *Reports* covers cases from 1604 to 1612. Selected "principally for the use and benefit of our practisers here in Ireland," it soon became an oft-cited authority in England; It was praised by Willes, Lee and Lords Kenyon and Tindal. The first edition was published in Dublin in 1615.

Our copy was likely owned by Samuel Gorges [1635-1686], an English lawyer who spent most of his career in Ireland. He was second justice, or master of the rolls, of the Duke of Ormonde's feudal court, the Palatine Court of Tipperary from 1682 to 1684, afterwards a justice of Ireland's Court of Common Pleas.

Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 1:299 (42). *English Short-Title Catalogue* S123364.

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**William O. Douglas's Copy of  
the U.S. House of Representatives Parliamentary Manual**

**5. [Douglas, William O. (1898-1980)].  
Cannon, Clarence [1879-1964].**

*Cannon's Procedure in the House of Representatives*. Washington, DC: United States Government Printing Office, 1951. ix, 498 pp. Thumb-tabbed.

Flexible calf, gilt title to center of front cover, "Justice Douglas" gilt-stamped near lower outside corner. Light rubbing and a few minor scratches to covers and spine, moderate rubbing to extremities, small Library of Congress deaccession stamp to front free endpaper, minor creases and edgewear to thumb-tabs. \$450.

\* Known for his strong progressive views, Douglas was an associate justice of the U.S. Supreme Court from 1939 to 1975. Cannon's manual was first published in 1928, its last edition was issued in 1963.

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### Exton's Defense of the Admiralty Courts, A Copy with Two Notable Associations

#### 6. Exton, John [1600?-1668].

*The Maritime Dicaeologie; Or, Sea-Jurisdiction of England. In Three Books. I. Setting Forth the Antiquity of the Admiralty in England, Proving the Same to Have Been Settled Before Edward the Third's Time, Shewing the Beginning of the Sea Laws. The Laws of Oleron. The King of England's Dominion over the British Seas. The Sea Laws of the Grecians, Romans, &c. And the Power of the Admiral of Scotland. II. Proving the Ports, Havens, and Creeks of the Sea to be Within the Jurisdiction of the Admiralty, From the Rhodian Laws, The Laws of Oleron, and Several Antient Records and Adjudications as well in England as in Other Nations. III. Shewing that All Contracts Concerning Maritime Affairs are Within the Jurisdiction of the Admiralty, And There Cognizable, From the Antient Statutes of the Admiralty, The Laws of Oleron, Several Antient Records in the Tower, Chancery, &c. And Arguments to the Contrary Drawn from Several Statutes, &c. Answered.* London: Sold by J. Worrall, 1755. xvi, vi, 404 pp. Octavo (8" x 5").

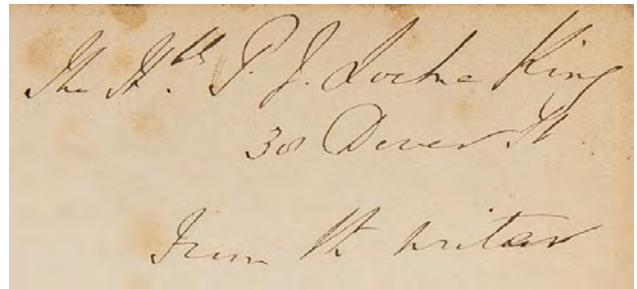
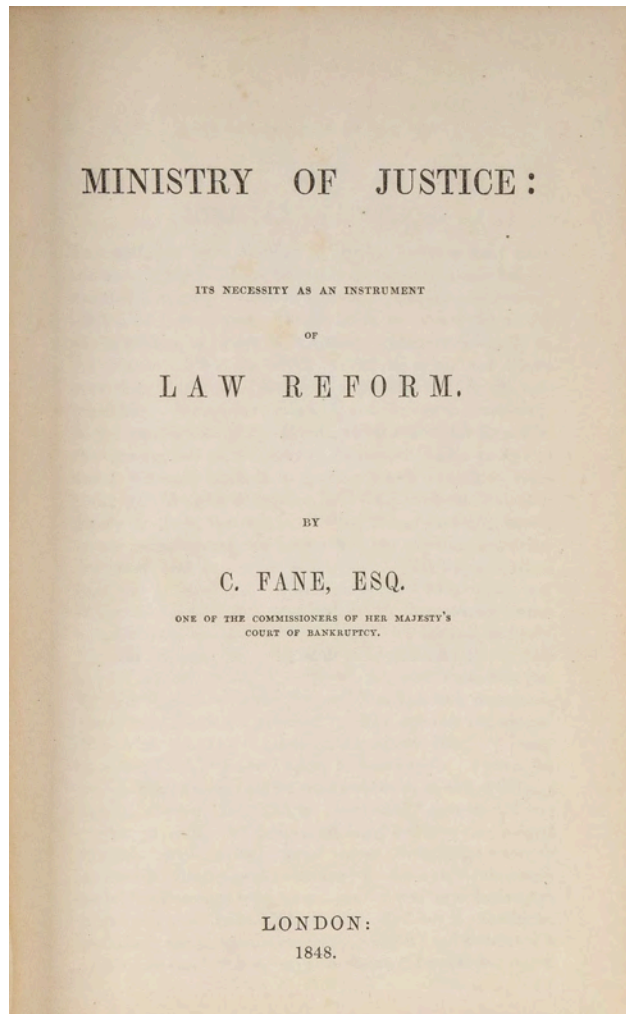
Recent period-style calf, blind rules and corner fleurons to boards, raised bands and lettering piece to spine, endpapers renewed, retained armorial bookplate of William Curtis Noyes and bookseller ticket to front pastedown. Light toning to text, early owner signature of John Matson to head of title page. \$1,500.

\* "Second edition," actually the fourth and final edition, a reissue of the sheets of the 1746 edition with a cancel title leaf and the addition of six pages following p. xvi. First published in 1664, this book, though ostensibly descriptive, was written chiefly to maintain the jurisdiction of the Admiralty court in the new government. Beyond its political interest, it offers a detailed analysis of seventeenth-century maritime law and admiralty jurisdiction at the time when Great Britain was emerging as a major maritime and colonial power. Exton was educated at Cambridge, earning the LL.D. in civil law in 1634. He was appointed president of the High Court of Admiralty by Parliament in 1649, and was reappointed by the Duke of York after the Restoration.

Our copy has two notable former owners. Matson [1746-1805] was chief justice of the eastern Caribbean colony of Dominica and also, at one point, its president/acting governor. This treatise would certainly have been useful to him as a senior official of an island colony. Noyes [1805-1864] was a leading New York lawyer and a member of the commission to codify the state's laws, which resulted in the Field Codes. A man of extensive learning, he owned one of the finest law libraries in the United States.

*English Short-Title Catalogue* T130727.

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#### Inscribed by the Author

#### 7. Fane, [Robert George] C[ecil] [1796-1864].

*Ministry of Justice: Its Necessity as an Instrument of Law Reform*. London: [Spottiswoode and Shaw], 1848. 23, [1] pp. Octavo (8" x 5-1/2").

Recent stiff wrappers, printed paper title panel to front. Light toning, light foxing to a few leaves, author presentation inscription to "the Hble P.J. Locke King" to front head of half-title. \$450.

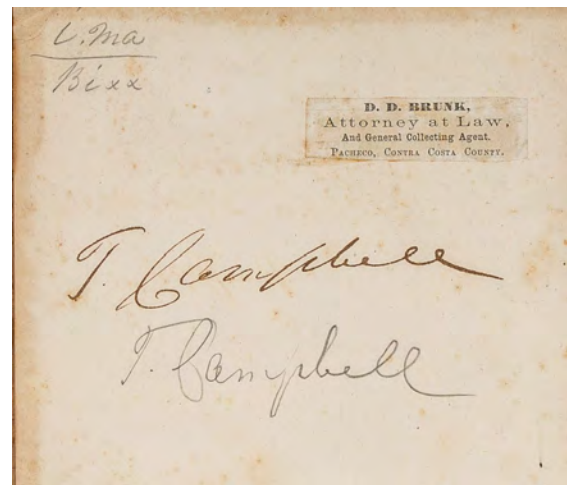
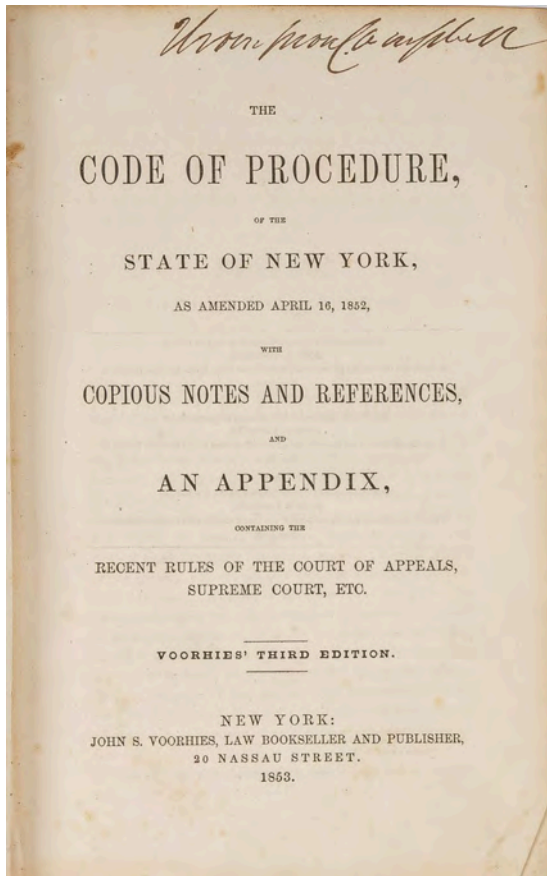
\* Only separate edition. Fane, a bankruptcy commissioner, argues: "The necessity for a Minister of Justice becomes daily more and more evident. Law reform is universally demanded. (...) Turn where you will, you find in the law itself, in the construction of the courts which administer it, and in the construction of the Acts of Parliament which profess to mend, but only botch it, something which everybody complains of. A spirit of inquiry, a thirst for reform, is abroad." Fane's essay was originally printed in the May 1848 issue of the *Law Review*. He inscribed this copy to Peter John Locke King [1811-1885], a Whig MP and advocate of law reform responsible for a number of important pieces of legislation and the repeal of several obsolete laws.

OCLC locates 13 copies, 3 in North America, 1 in a law library (Columbia).

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#### 8. [Field Codes].

##### [Voorhies, John Stevens (1809-1865), Publisher].

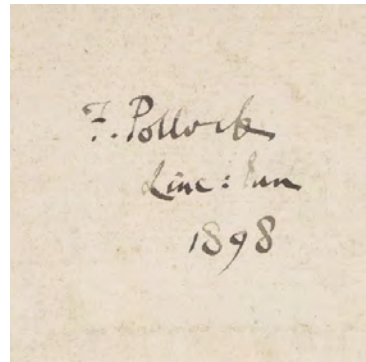
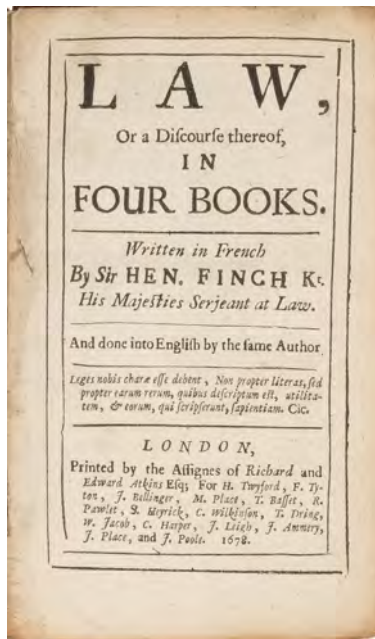
*The Code of Procedure of the State of New York, As Amended April 16, 1852, With Copious Notes and References, And An Appendix, Containing the Recent Rules of the Court of Appeals, Supreme Court, Etc.* New York: John S. Voorhies, Law Bookseller and Publisher, 1853. xv, 582 pp. Octavo (9" x 5-3/4").

Contemporary law sheep, blind fillets to boards, red and black lettering pieces. Moderate rubbing to boards, heavier rubbing to spine and extremities, boards beginning to separate but secure. Owner signature of Thompson Campbell to front pastedown and title page, owner signature (D.D. Brunk) to front with his small bookplate to front pastedown, identifying him as an attorney in Pacheco, Contra Costa County, California, another early owner signature (C.E. Wellmore) to front free endpaper. Light toning to interior, light foxing in places, light soiling to a few leaves. \$250.

\* Third Voorhies edition. This volume contains the entire procedural code, by David Dudley Field, Arphaxad Loomis and David Graham, Jr., as adopted by the legislature in 1848 and amended to 1853. Voorhies published the first annotated edition of the Procedure Code in 1849. Popularly known as "Voorhies' Code," it was a standard work for decades. Its final edition, the tenth, was published in 1873. Thompson Campbell [1811-1868] was a lawyer and businessman who represented Illinois in Congress from 1851-1853 and served in the California State Assembly from 1863-1864. He began his political career in Illinois, where he became acquainted with Abraham Lincoln.

Babbitt, *Hand-List of Legislative Sessions and Session Laws* 358-359 (citing other editions). This edition not in Cohen.

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**From the Library of Sir Frederick Pollock**

**9. Finch, Sir Henry [1558-1625].**

*Law, Or a Discourse Thereof, In Four Books. Written in French by Sir Hen. Finch Kt. His Majesties Serjeant at Law. And Done Into English by the Same Author.* London: Printed by the assignes of Richard and Edward Atkins Esq, 1678. [vii], 496, 499-506, [16] pp. Complete. First leaf blank. With an index and 2-page publisher advertisement. Octavo (6-1/4" x 3-3/4").

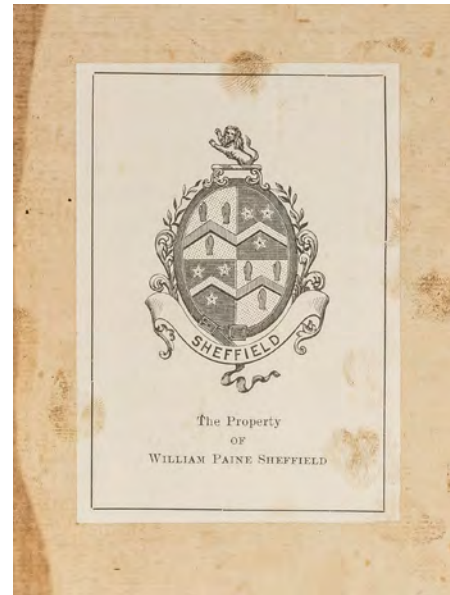
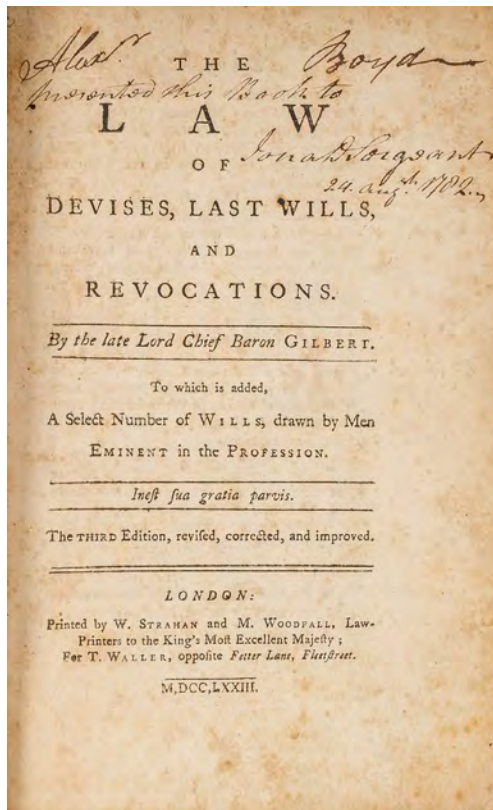
Contemporary calf, blind rules to boards, raised bands and blind fillets to spine, gilt rules to board edges. Worn, boards detached along with front free endpaper and leaves A1-3, some small scuffs, nicks and scratches to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, wear to spine ends and corners, which are bumped, early annotation (and ownership signature?) to rear free endpaper, its upper right corner lacking. Light toning to interior, light soiling in a few places, light edgewear to detached leaves, leaf A4 loosening at head but secure. Ownership signature of Sir Frederick Pollock ("F. Pollock/ Linc: Inn/ 1898") to verso of initial blank. Item housed in archival box. \$750.

\* Fourth edition in English. Originally published in Law-French in 1613 as *Nomotechnia: Un Description del Common Leyes D'Angleterre*, "Finch's Law, till the publication of Blackstone's *Commentaries*, was regarded as the best elementary book to be placed in the hands of the law students. It is one of the few attempts that have been made to reduce the common law into system... [Finch's] definitions were exact, his style concise and nervous, and his illustrations clear and authentic. Most of the valuable parts of Finch are incorporated in Blackstone's *Commentaries*." (Sweet & Maxwell). The first English-language edition was published in 1627. Holdsworth says the English version was the "pioneer book on the institutes of English law" and a model for several writers.

Pollock [1845-1937] was one of the greatest British judges and legal scholars of his day. His treatises on contracts, jurisprudence, the common law and other subjects did much to clarify and systematize English law. Several of these were standard texts that went through several editions. He is also remembered for his collaboration with F.W. Maitland on *The History of English Law Before the Time of Edward I* and his correspondence with Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr., which was published posthumously as *The Holmes-Pollock Letters*.

Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 1:238. Holdsworth, *A History of English Law* V:399-400. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R40596.

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### Gilbert on Wills, A Copy with Notable Associations

#### 10. Gilbert, Sir Geoffrey [1674-1726].

*The Law of Devises, Last Wills, And Revocations. By the Late Lord Chief Baron Gilbert. To Which is Added, A Select Number of Wills, Drawn by Men Eminent in the Profession. Revised, Corrected, And Improved.* London: Printed by W. Strahan and M. Woodfall, 1773. [ii], vi, [8], 255, [9] pp. With a preliminary advertisement leaf. Octavo (8" x 5").

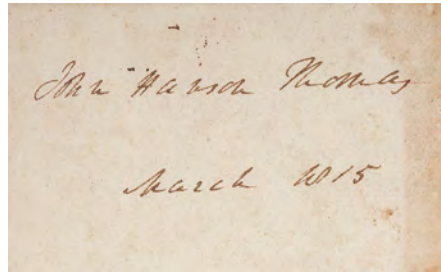
Contemporary sheep, rebaked in period style, blind fillets along joints, lettering piece and blind fillets to spine, hinges mended, front endleaf renewed. Some rubbing and light scuffing to boards, heavier rubbing to extremities with some wear to corners, later bookplate of William Paine Sheffield to front pastedown. Moderate toning and occasional light foxing to text, early owner stamp to head of advertisement leaf, "Alexr. Boyd" followed, in different hand, with, "presented this Book to Jona D Sergeant 24. Augst. 1782" to head of title page. \$500.

\* Third edition. Gilbert was a prolific author, but this is his only work on wills. A well-written work, its scope includes equity rules. Its first edition appeared in 1739, its final edition, the fourth, in 1792.

"Jona D Sergeant" was the prominent lawyer-statesman and founding father Jonathan Dickinson Sergeant [1746-1793]. A member of the Provincial Congress of New Jersey from 1774 to 1776, he was a prominent member of the Sons of Liberty, treasurer to the New Jersey Committee of Safety and a New Jersey delegate to the Second Continental Congress in 1776 and 1777. In 1776 he was a member of the committee that drafted New Jersey's state constitution. He later moved to Philadelphia in 1777 and was Pennsylvania's attorney general from 1777 to 1780. "Alexr. Boyd" may have been Alexander Boyd [b.1703], the notable Pennsylvania Anti-Federalist and correspondent of Thomas Jefferson. Sheffield [1820-1907] was a United States representative and senator from Rhode Island.

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**[Bound With]**

*The Statutes at Large Concerning Elections of Members to Serve in the House of Commons; Containing A Compleat Collection of All the Acts of Parliament Now in Force, Which Relate Thereto, Continued to the End of the Last Session of Parliament, 1734.* London: Printed by John Baskett, Printer to the King's Most Excellent Majesty, And Sold by Him, Robert Gosling in Fleetstreet [sic], and John Stagg in Westminster-Hall, 1734. [vi], 73, 64-109, [17], 10 pp. The text is continuous despite pagination.

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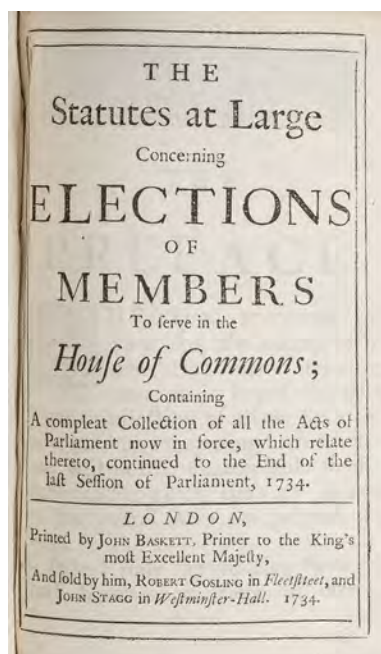
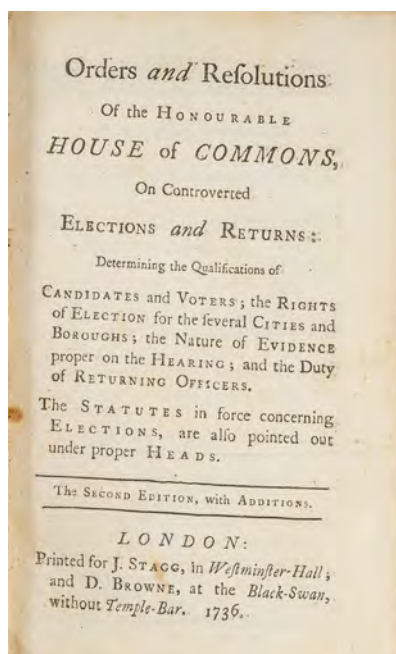
**[Cowley, John, Attributed].**

*The Candidates Guide: Or, The Electors Rights Decided. Shewing the Determination of the Rights of Elections, By the Hon'ble the Commons of Great Britain in Parliament, In All Contraverted Elections for the Counties and Boroughs in South Britain, From the Year 1624 to 1730. Corrected and Improved. To Which is Added, The Like Determinations in Contraverted Elections for North Britain, Since the Union. With Several Resolutions and Standing Orders Relating to Elections, Qualifications, Returns, Petitions, and Proceedings in General. Together with the Head of the Statutes Now in Force Concerning the Same; And Several Adjusted Cases in Disputed Points of Admitting of Evidence on Hearings at the Bar of the House. The Whole Digested into Alphabetical Order, With Proper References and Genuine Quotations.* London: Printed for J. Brindley in New Bond-Street, And Sold by Mrs. Dodd Without Temple-Bar, And by the Booksellers of London and Westminster: Likewise in Most Great Towns in England, 1735. 64 pp.

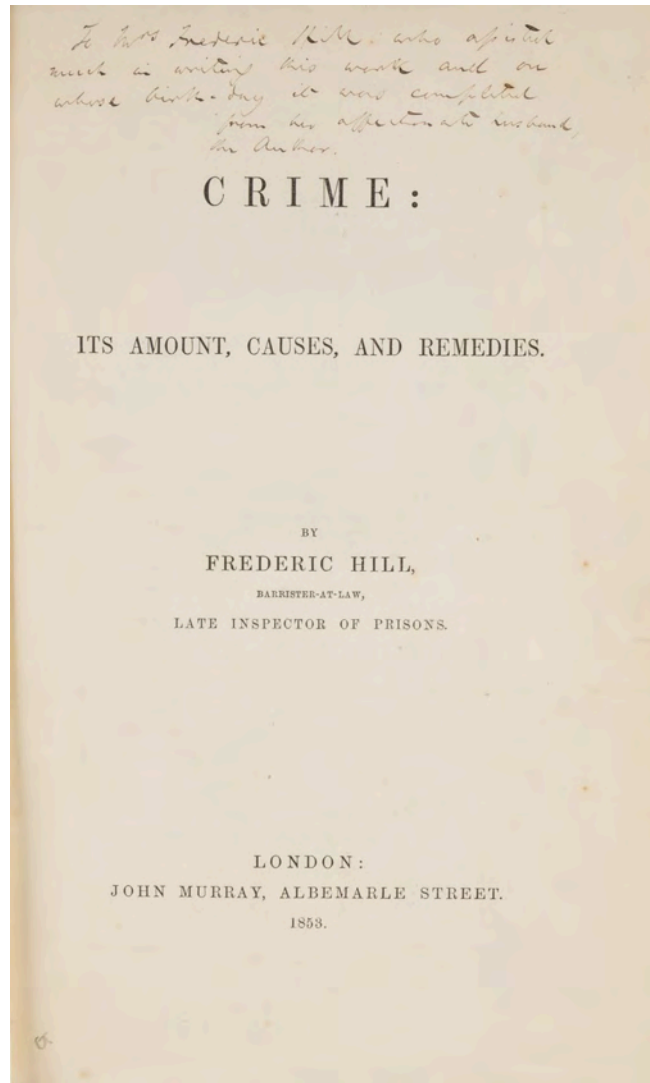
12mo. (6" x 4"). Contemporary calf, gilt spine with raised bands and lettering pieces. Moderate rubbing to extremities with some wear to spine ends, joints starting, some chipping to lettering pieces, one mostly defaced, corners bumped and somewhat worn, eighteenth-century copperplate armorial bookplate of Legh Master of Newhall. Light toning to text, a bit heavier in places. "No 2" and "John Hanson Thomas March 1815" in small early hand to front free endpaper, interior otherwise clean. An appealing volume with an interesting Maryland association. \$1,250.

\* Second editions. An appealing volume with an interesting dual Anglo-American provenance. John Hanson Thomas [1779-1815], eminent Maryland lawyer, acquired this volume two months before his death in 1815, the year in which he was appointed to the U.S. Senate "selected by his party for a seat in the United States Senate. The volume originally belonged to the British aristocrat, Legh Master of Newhall [1717-1796], who came to Maryland in 1773 (other sources say ca. 1765) and established a plantation and pig-iron blast furnace on his estate in Frederick County. The estate was confiscated in 1775 when he was suspected of being a Loyalist. It was later restored to him. He committed a gruesome double murder after the war. "[He] was said to have sexually harassed a Negro slave girl. He became angry when another slave called Sam attempted to help her. He threw Sam into the furnace alive, then killed the girl and disposed of the body by bricking it up in an oven. During renovations of Avandale house in the 1930s, the oven was opened and a human skeleton was found inside."

*Codner & District Local History and Heritage Website, The Master Family* (available online). *English Short-Title Catalogue* T73467, T78250, T73466.



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**Inscribed by the Author to His Wife**

**12. Hill, Frederic [1803-1896].**

*Crime: Its Amount, Causes, And Remedies.* London: John Murray, 1853. xvi, 443 pp. Octavo (8-3/4" x 5-1/2").

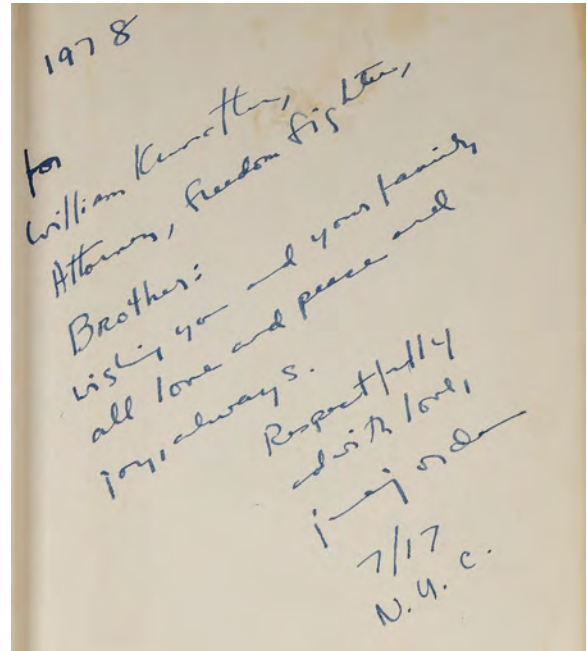
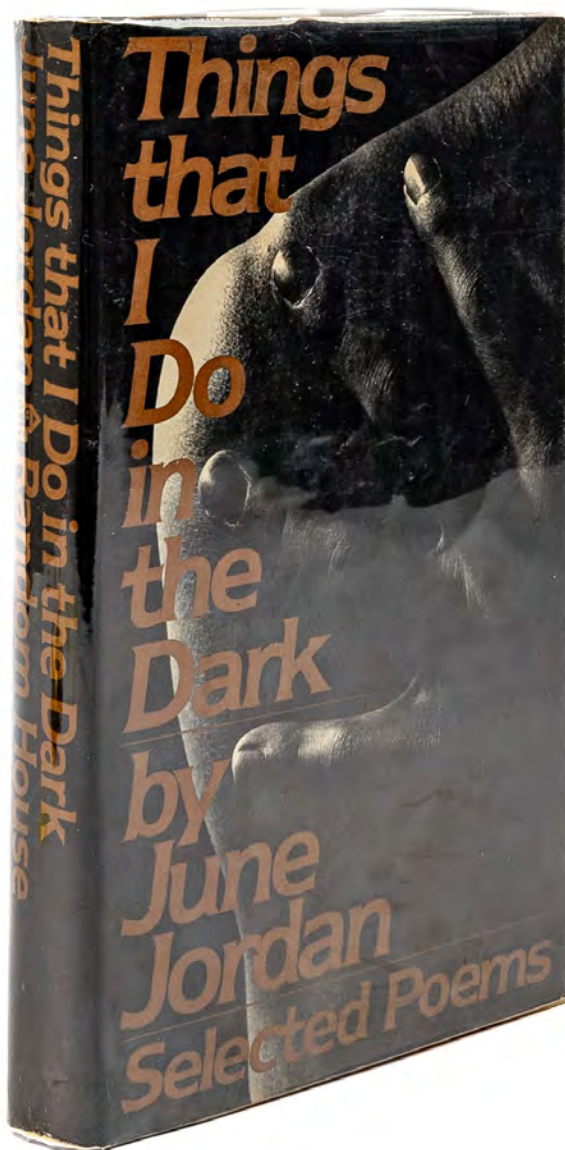
Recent cloth, calf lettering piece to spine, endpapers renewed. Light soiling, light rubbing to lettering piece. Moderate toning to interior, light foxing to a few leaves, presentation inscription from the author to his wife at head of title page. \$400.

\* Only edition. The author was a prison inspector in Scotland who had trained as a lawyer but chosen not to practice. He argues that criminality is not an innate character trait. It is the result of poverty, poor education, addiction and bad laws. These are the beliefs that inform his approach to punishment and imprisonment. The tender inscription from Hill to his wife reads: "To Mrs Frederic Hill who assisted/ much in writing this work and on/ whose birth-day it was completed/ from her affectionate husband/ The Author."

Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 2:166.

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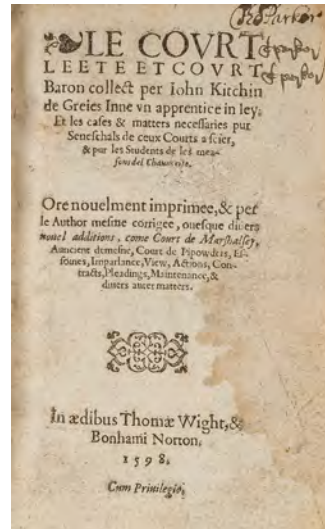
**13. Jordan, June [1936-2002].**

*Things that I Do in the Dark, Selected Poems.* New York: Random House, [1977]. xvii, [1], 203, [2] pp.

Hardcover in lightly edgeworn dust jacket, negligible faint stain to fore-edge of dust jacket, presentation inscription to William Kunstler to front free endpaper. \$350.

\* Jordan was an important African American and LGBTQ poet, essayist, teacher and activist. Her inscription to the distinguished civil-rights attorney, activist (and former poet) Kunstler [1919-1995] reads "1978/ For/ William Kunstler,/ Attorney, freedom fighter, Brother:/ wishing you and your family/ all love and peace and/ joy, always./ Respectfully/ and with love,/ June Jordan/ 7/17/ N.Y.C."

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**Copy of Kitchin's *Court Leete, Et Court Baron* from  
the Library of Thomas Parker, First Earl of Macclesfield**

**14. Kitchin, John [c.1520-c.1590].**

*Le Court Leete et Court Baron Collect per Iohn Kitchin de Greies Inne un Apprentice in Ley. Et les Cases & Matters Necessaries pur Seneschals de Ceux Courts a Scier, & Pur les Students de les Measons del Chauncerie. Ore Novelment Imprimee, & Per le Author Mesme Corrige, Ouesque Divers Novel Additions, Come Court de Marshalsey; Auncient Demesne, Court de Pipowders, Essoimes, Imparlance, View, Actions, Contracts, Pleadings, Maintenance, & Divers Auter Matters.* [London]: In Aedibus Thomae Wight, & Bonhami Norton, 1598. [xii], 289, [3] pp. Octavo (6" x 4").

Contemporary calf, blind rules and small blind-stamped initials "GW" to boards, raised bands and later lettering piece and small hand-lettered shelf labels to spine. Light rubbing to extremities, a few minor scuffs to boards, corners bumped small tears to head of spine, pastedowns loose, later armorial bookplate of the Earl of Macclesfield to verso of front board, small embossed Macclesfield stamp to head of title page. Moderate toning to text, faint dampstaining and soiling to preliminaries, light foxing in a few places. Early owner signature of Thomas Parker to head of title page, markings and brief annotations in his hand to the margins of several leaves. A nice copy with an interesting association. \$1,000.

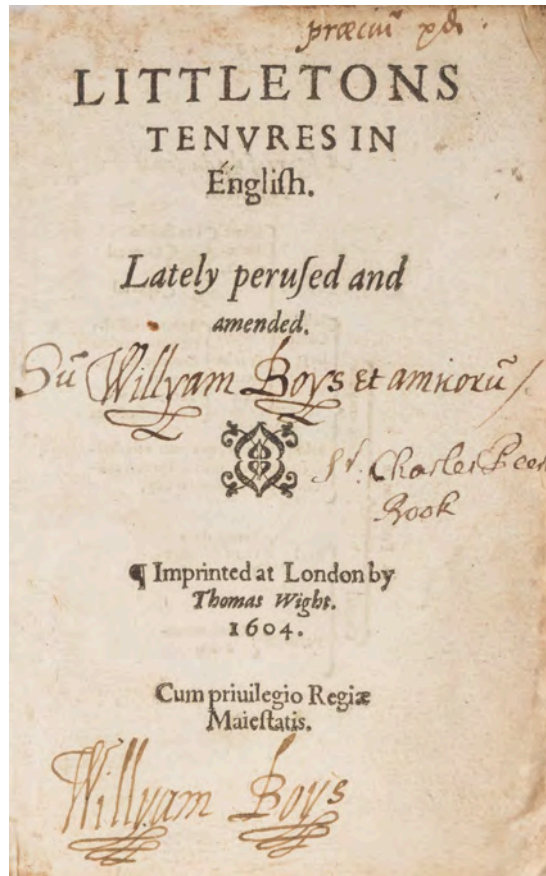
\* Later edition. First published in 1579 Kitchin's work is an important source of information on local courts and government. By outlining the differences between the previously undivided court, Kitchin, along with Coke, helped lay the foundations of modern legal theory. "In fact Kitchin was doing on a small scale what Coke was doing on a grand scale. Both were representatives of that school of literate Elizabethan lawyers...whose great and enduring work was the adaptation of medieval law and institutions to modern needs. Imagination necessarily played some part in this process of adaptation; and thus they are responsible not only for the enunciation of the rules of modern law, but also for legal and historical theories, the soundness of which was considered by many generations of lawyers and historians to be as incontestable as their statements of law."

This copy belonged to Thomas Parker [1666-1732], 1st Earl of Macclesfield, chief baron of the Court of Exchequer and Lord Chancellor from 1718 to 1725. His markings are mostly pointing hands (manicules). Housed in Shirburn Castle, the library of the Earls of Macclesfield was one of the finest private libraries in Great Britain.

OCLC locates 5 copies of this imprint in North American law libraries (Harvard, Library of Congress, University of Michigan, University of Texas, Washington University). Holdsworth, *A History of English Law* IV:130. *English Short-Title Catalogue* S3959. Beale, *A Bibliography of Early English Law Books* T374.

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Owned by a London Official and Chairman of the East India Company

**15. Littleton, Sir Thomas [1402-1481].**

*Littletons Tenures in English. Lately Perused and Amended.* London: Imprinted by Thomas White, 1604. 142, [2] pp. Octavo (5-1/4" x 3-1/2").

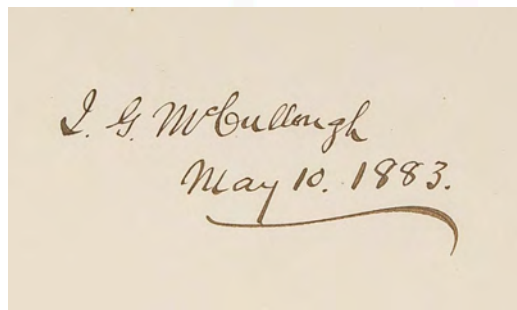
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\* Later edition. Written during the reign of Edward IV [1442-1483] and first published around 1481, Littleton's Tenures is probably the most revered treatise in the history of the common law. Much admired for its learning and style, it is concerned with tenures and other issues relating to real property. This venerable work, which Coke called "the ornament of the Common Law, and the most perfect and absolute work that ever was written in any humane science," is considered a landmark because it renounced the principles of Roman law (and Latin) in favor of guidelines and doctrines drawn from the Year Books and, when necessary, hypothetical cases. The first dated English translation was published in 1538.

Charles Peers [1661-1737] was Sheriff and later Lord Mayor of London. He was also chairman of the East India Company.

OCLC locates 5 copies of the 1604 edition, 3 in law libraries (George Washington University, Library of Congress, University of Pennsylvania). Holdsworth, *A History of English Law* II:573. *English Short-Title Catalogue* S103917.

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From the Library of John Griffith McCullough

#### 16. Martin, John Hill.

*Martin's Bench and Bar of Philadelphia; Together With Other Lists of Persons Appointed to Administer the Laws in the City and County of Philadelphia, and the Province and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.* Philadelphia: R. Welsh & Co., 1883. xvi, [5]-326 pp. Octavo (9-1/2" x 5-3/4).

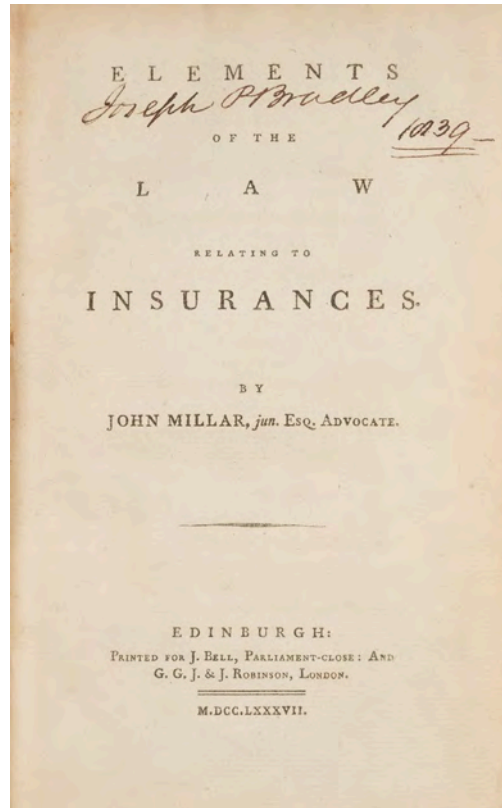
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\* First edition, numbered "89" on verso of title page. A mine of information, this book lists the holders of every public and private legal, appointed and elected office from the colonial period to 1883. More than a collection of lists, this book also contains histories of legal, governmental and political institutions and bibliographical essays about the Pennsylvania Reports and other publications. It even includes a great deal of miscellaneous information, such as a list of the portraits and busts belonging to the Law Association of Philadelphia.

This copy is from the library of John Griffith McCullough (1835-1915). A graduate of the University of Pennsylvania Law School, he trained in the Philadelphia office of St. George Tucker Campbell and was admitted to the bar of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court. (Both McCullough and Campbell appear in *Martin's Bench and Bar*.) He later practiced in California and Vermont before moving into politics and business. He was elected governor of Vermont in 1902 and held a number of positions in railroad corporations and banks.

*National Cyclopaedia of American Biography* Supplement I (1910) XIV:322.

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Owned by Supreme Court Justice Joseph P. Bradley

**17. Millar, John [1760-1796].**

*Elements of the Law Relating to Insurances.* Edinburgh: Printed for J. Bell, 1787. xi, 560, [6] pp. With errata leaf. Octavo (8-1/4" x 5").

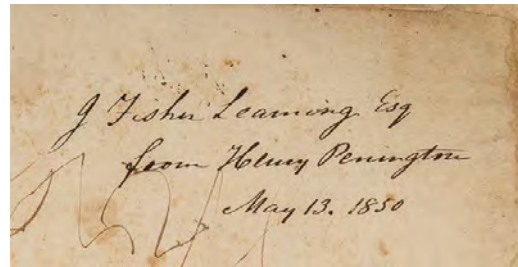
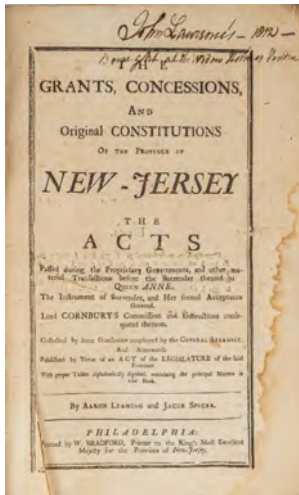
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\* Only edition. "This work furnished, when it first appeared, a good exposition of the then existing Law of Insurance. The author collected what was to be found in Scotch Decisions, relevant to his subject, and examined and commented upon the English authorities with considerable acuteness. 'He appears to have been equally familiar with the Continental Civilians, and to have discussed the principles of Insurance with uncommon judgment and freedom of inquiry.' The volume, however, never obtained a great share of public favor, and is now rarely consulted" (Marvin). Millar was the son of the jurist John Millar [1735-1801].

Joseph P. Bradley [1813-1892], the former owner of our copy, was an associate justice of the U.S. Supreme Court from 1870 to 1892. Admitted to the bar in 1839, Bradley also worked as an actuary for the Mutual Benefit Life Insurance Company and took an interest in patent, commercial and corporate cases during his career.

OCLC locates 8 copies of this title in law libraries. Marvin, *Legal Bibliography* 513 (citing 20 *North American Review* 71). *English Short-Title Catalogue* T112830.

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### The First Retrospective Compilation of New Jersey Law, An Interesting Association Copy

#### 18. [New Jersey]. Leaming, Aaron, Compiler. Spicer, Jacob Compiler.

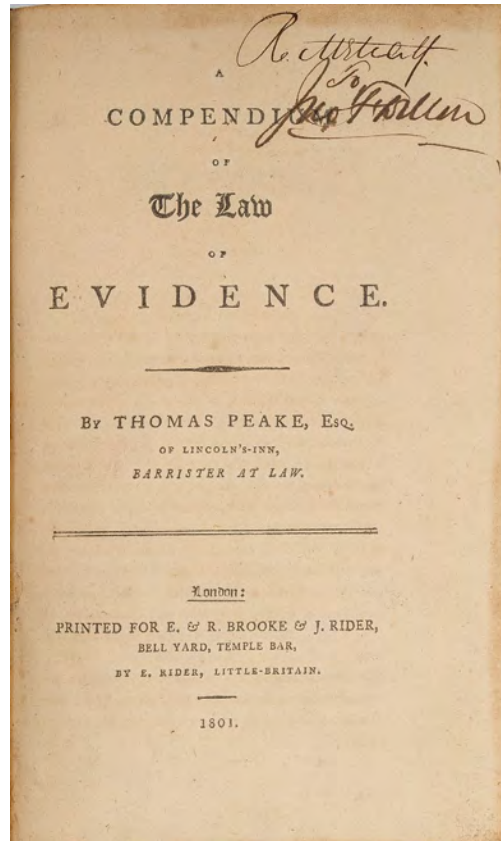
*The Grants, Concessions, And Original Constitutions of the Province of New-Jersey: The Acts Passed During the Proprietary Governments, And Other Material Transactions Before the Surrender Thereof to Queen Anne, The Instrument of Surrender, And Her Formal Acceptance Thereof, Lord Cornbury's Commission and Instructions Consequent Thereon. Collected by Some Gentlemen Employed By the General Assembly, And Afterwards Published by Virtue of an Act of the Legislature of the said Province With Proper Tables Alphabetically Digested, Containing the Principal Matters in the Book.* Philadelphia: Printed by W. Bradford, [1758]. [iv], 763 pp. Folio (11-1/4" x 7").

Contemporary calf, blind rules to boards, blind fillets along joints, raised bands to spine. Moderate rubbing, boards partially detached, crack through center of backstrip, wear to spine ends, corners bumped and worn, later owner bookplate of Robert Leaming Montgomery to front pastedown, front free endpaper detached and somewhat edgeworn. Moderate toning to text, faint dampspotting in places, dampstaining to margins of title page and a few other leaves, "J. Fisher Leaming Esq/ from Henry Pennington/ May 13, 1850" to front free endpaper, tipped-in annotation in early hand (concerning the Monmouth Patent) to following endleaf, later owner inscription (of John Lawrence, dated 1812) to head of title page. Book housed in lightly rubbed recent cloth slipcase, morocco lettering piece to spine. An interesting association copy. \$2,000.

\* First edition. With indexes for East Jersey and West Jersey. The third official compilation of New Jersey law, and the scarcest according to Felcone, it is the first to print fundamental laws, constitutions and documents from 1663 to 1702 and session laws from 1668 to 1702. "This handsome volume, generally known as Leaming and Spicer's Laws, was prepared under the authority of an act of Assembly passed in 1752, and is the largest work issued from the press of Wm. Bradford. Subscribers' names were first solicited in February, 1755, the compilers having spent nearly two years in its preparation. Three more years were consumed in printing, and it was not until May, 1758, that it was ready for delivery. Up to that time 170 copies had been subscribed for, and the editors say, in the Pennsylvania Journal, May 11. 1758, 'a number of copies yet remain not subscribed for,' and 'any person may be supplied' until 'the 17th of July next, after which we will not further extend the sale'" (Tower). Robert Leaming Montgomery and J. Fisher Leaming, both attorneys, were descendants of Aaron Leaming.

*The Charlemagne Tower Collection of American Colonial Laws* 165. Felcone, *New Jersey Books* 156.

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**First Edition of a Standard Nineteenth-Century  
Evidence Treatise, Owned by an Influential Jurist**

**19. Peake, Thomas [1771-1838].**

*A Compendium of the Law of Evidence.* London: Printed for E. & R. Brooke & J. Rider, 1801. xiv, 190, [2] pp. Includes 2 pp. publisher advertisement. Octavo (8-1/4" x 5-1/4").

Recent quarter calf over marbled boards, endpapers renewed with old paper. Corners lightly rubbed and bumped, rear hinge starting. Light browning to interior, offsetting to margins of preliminaries and final leaves, early owner inscriptions and signatures to front endleaf (John F. Dillon and A.R. (?) Hirschel, the latter dated 1879) and head of title page (R. Metcalf and John F. Dillon), owner signature ("A.B. Story's 1803") to head of p. 1, shelf-mark in the same hand to head of front free endpaper. An attractive copy with an interesting association. \$650.

\* First edition. Peake's was the standard treatise in the first decades of the nineteenth century, both in England and America. Its final English edition was published in 1822 and the final two American editions in 1824 and 1899. This copy of the first edition had several owners, one of whom was John Forrest Dillon [1831-1914]. Dillon was an influential jurist and correspondent of Abraham Lincoln. He is perhaps best known for his theory of the supremacy of the state legislature over local municipalities, articulated in his well-regarded treatise *Municipal Corporations* (1872) and commonly referred to today as Dillon's Rule.

The first edition of this treatise is scarce. OCLC locates 7 copies in North American law libraries (Dalhousie, Loyola, Notre Dame, Temple, University of Florida, University of Pennsylvania, Yale). Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 2:275 (mis-stating publication date as 1802). *British Museum Catalogue* (Compact Edition) 19:661.

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#### 20. Prynne, William [1600-1669].

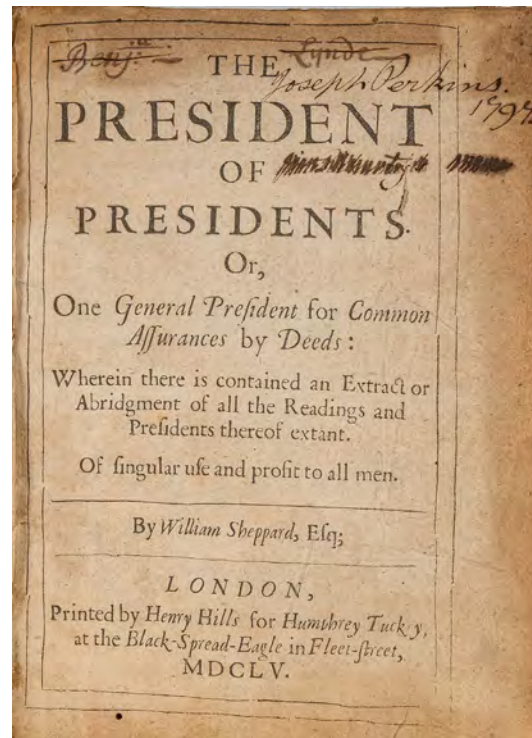
*Aurum Reginae; Or a Compendious Tractate, And Chronological Collection of Records in the Tower, And Court of Exchequer Concerning Queen-Gold: Evidencing the Quiddity, Quantity, Quality, Antiquity, Legality of this Golden Prerogative, Duty and Revenue of the Queen-Consorts of England. The Several Oblations, Fines Out of Which it Springs both in England and Ireland; The Queens Officers in the Exchequer to Receive, Collect, Account to Her for It, with their Patents; The Lands, Tenements, Goods, Chattels, Persons Liable to Satisfie it; The Questions of Law About It; The Kings Title to the Arrears Thereof by the Queens Decease; The Process by Which it is to be Levyd, And What Else Concerns It. With an Addition of Some Records Concerning Our Royal Mines of Gold and Silver, And Four Patents of K. Henry the 6. by Authority of Parliament, For Finding the Philosophers Stone, To Transubstantiate Baser Metals into Solid Real Gold and Silver, To Satisfie All the Creditors of the King and Kingdom in New Years Space.* London: Printed for the Author by Thomas Ratcliffe, 1668. [viii], 138, [1] pp. With preliminary imprimatur leaf and final errata leaf. Quarto (9-1/2" x 7-1/4").

Recent marbled boards, calf lettering piece to spine, endpapers added, original endpapers retained. Title printed within typographical border. Moderate toning to text, some edgewear to preliminaries and final leaves of text, wormhole to fore-edges of final 18 leaves, early owner signature of Thomas Manby, dated April 9, 1668 to front endleaf, note in Manby's hand indicting this copy was a gift from the author ("ex dono Authoris") to foot of imprimatur leaf, a few brief annotations in his hand to text, later owner signatures to head of imprimatur leaf ("Gertrude Larydale/ Houghton Hall/ Yorkshire") and foot of errata leaf ("Jenifer Grenville/ Stowe"). \$1,250.

\* Only edition. Broadly a defense of the King's right to impose taxation on his subjects, these essays are a historical review and defense of the *aurum reginae*, or queen-gold, a revenue raised by the king to support the queen and her retainers. Prynne was a contentious and erudite Puritan attorney and legal antiquarian who wrote several books and pamphlets about legal history, religion and politics. He had an unrivalled ability to antagonize others. His personality and choice of targets eventually led to his disbarment, imprisonment, and mutilation (loss of ears) by the Court of Star Chamber. After the Restoration Prynne was appointed Royal Archivist in the Tower of London. The owner who received this copy from Prynne was probably the Thomas Manby who was the lawyer and legal author who edited later editions of Pulton's *Collection of all the Statutes Now in Use*. Prynne and Manby were fellow barristers of Lincoln's Inn.

*English Short-Title Catalogue* R4976.

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**A Copy of Sheppard's Innovative System of Conveyances  
Owned by a Notable Colonial Massachusetts Judge**

**21. Sheppard, William [fl. 1660].**

*The President of Presidents. Or, One General President for Common Assurances by Deeds: Wherein There is Contained an Extract or Abridgment of All the Readings and Presidents Thereof Extant. Of Singular Use and Profit to All Men.* London: Printed by Henry Hills for Humphrey Tuckey, 1655. [vi], 242, 247-361, [13] pp. Pagination irregular, text complete. (7" x 5-1/4").

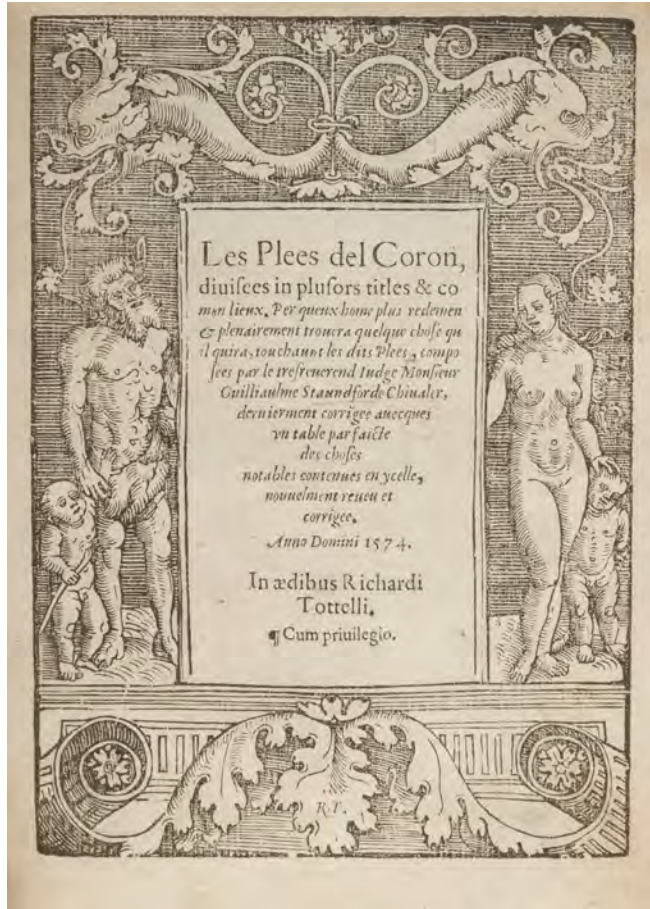
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\* First edition. Active in the Protectorate, where he was Cromwell's legal advisor, Sheppard aimed to reform English common law. Ahead of his time in many ways, many of his proposals anticipate changes that were adopted in the nineteenth century, especially in the Juridicature acts of 1875-78. The *Presidents of Presidents* is a novel guide that proposed a system of conveyances based on a uniform model. Sheppard promotes this standardized plan as a way to better secure property rights by eliminating the ambiguity introduced by local practices. According to his biographer, Nancy Matthews, this work remains "an important contribution to English legal literature."

Benjamin Lynde [1666-1781] was a Salem native educated at Harvard and the Middle Temple. A successful lawyer, he was appointed associate justice of the Massachusetts Superior Court of Judicature, the province's highest court, in 1712 and was its chief justice from 1729 to 1745. (He was the first chief justice of that court who had formal legal training.)

Matthews, *William Sheppard, Cromwell's Law Reformer* 118. Davis, *History of the Judiciary of Massachusetts* 78. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R203548.

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**Sixteenth-Century Edition of Staunford's *Plees*  
Owned by an Important Legal Historian and Barrister**

**22. Staunford, Sir William [1509-1558].**

*Les Plees del Coron, Diuisees in Plusors Titles & Comen Lieux. Per Queux Home Plus Redement & Plenairement Trovera Quelque Chose Queil Quira, Touchant les Dits Plees. Dernierment Corrigee Avecques un Table Parfaicte des Choses Notables Contennes en Ycelle, Nouvelment Revue et Corrigee.* [London]: In Aedibus Richardi Tottelli, 1574. [xiv], 193 [i.e. 198] ff.

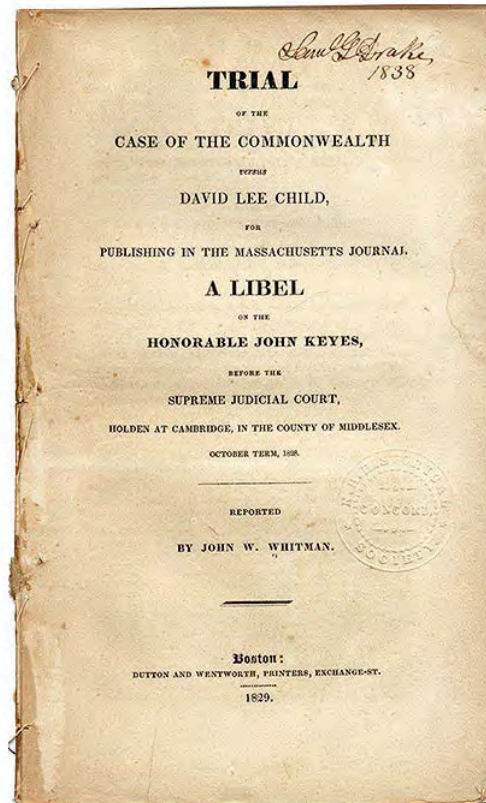
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\* Later edition. Based on Bracton and the Year Books, Staunford's treatise is divided into three parts. The first treats offences, the second jurisdiction, appeals, indictments and defenses. The third deals with trials and convictions. First published posthumously in 1557, *Plees* was written after Staunford was appointed judge of the common pleas in 1554. Walter Ashburner [1864-1936] was a notable legal historian, academic administrator and barrister. He is known for his research into the law of ancient Greece.

Beale, *A Bibliography of Early English Law Books* T489. *English Short-Title Catalogue* S117813.

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**A Trial Concerning Libel and Press Freedom  
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**23. [Trial].**

**Child, David Lee [1794-1874], Defendant.**

**Whitman, John W. [1798-1833], Reporter.**

*Trial of the Case of the Commonwealth Versus David Lee Child, For Publishing in the Massachusetts Journal a Libel on the Honorable John Keyes, Before the Supreme Judicial Court, Holden at Cambridge, In the County of Middlesex, October Term, 1828.* Boston: Dutton and Wentworth, Printers, 1829. 119 pp. Octavo (8-3/4" x 5-1/2").

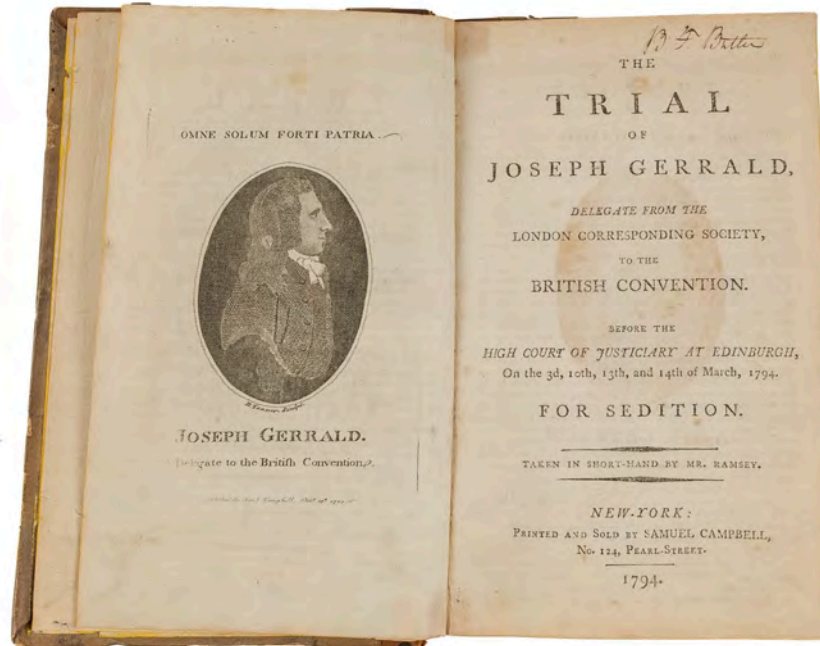
Disbound stab-stitched pamphlet. Negligible light edgewear and soiling to exterior, embossed library stamp and early owner signature (of Samuel G. Drake, dated 1838) to title page. Moderate toning, occasional early marks and notes in pencil to margins, faint dampstaining to margins of title page and a few other leaves. \$500.

\* Only edition. This trial addressed the contested boundary between freedom of the press and the law of libel. In his *Massachusetts Journal* and various handbills, Child accused Keyes of irregularities as chairman of the county Committee of Accounts, bid rigging and animosity toward the administration in power in Washington. Child was found guilty.

Our copy was owned by Samuel Gardner Drake [1798-1875], an important antiquarian bookseller, publisher and prolific historian. The bookstore he operated in Boston specialized in early American history, as Drake himself did; a copy of this title is listed in a catalogue he issued in 1869.

Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 13312. McCoy, *Freedom of the Press* C318. Drake, *Catalogue of Rare, Useful, and Curious Books, Tracts, &c., in American Literature* (1869) V:63.

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**Copy of an Account of an Anti-Radical  
Crackdown that Belonged to Benjamin F. Butler**

**24. [Trial].**

**Gerrald, Joseph [1763-1796].**

*The Trial of Joseph Gerrald, Delegate from the London Corresponding Society, To the British Convention. Before the High Court of Justiciary at Edinburgh, On the 3d, 10th, 13th, And 14th of March, 1794. For Sedition. Taken in Short-Hand by Mr. Ramsey.* New York: Printed and Sold by Samuel Campbell, No. 124, Pearl-Street, 1794. 207, [1] pp. With a frontispiece portrait of Gerrald. Octavo (7-3/4" x 4-3/4").

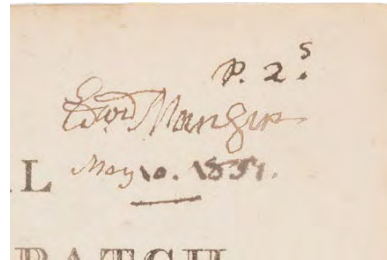
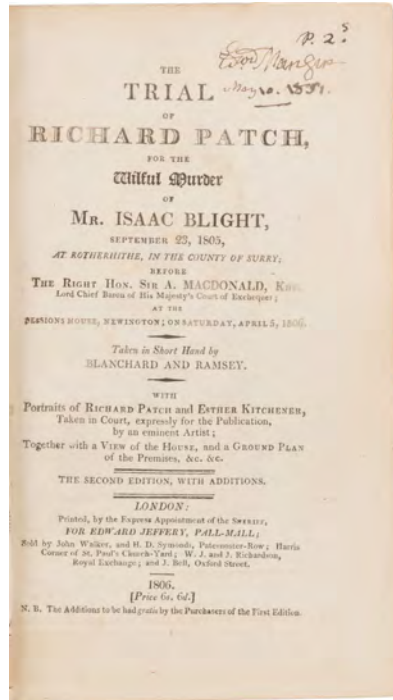
Contemporary quarter calf over plain paper-covered boards, gilt fillets and hand-lettered title to spine, edges dyed yellow. Light rubbing to boards, a few faint stains to front board, moderate rubbing to extremities, front joint starting at head, corners lightly worn, hinges cracked, later pencil notes to front free endpaper, which has a small clean tear at fore-edge affecting annotations, later bookplate (of H. Scofield) to its verso. Moderate toning to interior, light foxing in a few places, faint offsetting from frontispiece, early owner signature of Benjamin F. Butler to head of title page. \$950.

\* First American edition. Gerrald, a radical political activist and reformer, was a member of the Society for Constitutional Information and the London Corresponding Society. During a wave of prosecutions of radical activists after the French Revolution, Gerrald was arrested along with four of his colleagues and tried for sedition. Like others carried out during this time, the trials resulted in guilty verdicts; the group of Scottish activists tried between 1793 and 1794 are often referred to as the "Scottish Martyrs." Gerrald was sentenced to fourteen years' transportation and died in 1796 in Botany Bay. Other American editions were published by Campbell the same year.

Remembered today as a general in the U.S. Army during the Civil War, Butler [1818-1893] was a leading Massachusetts trial lawyer who practiced in Lowell and Boston. Later, he was a member of the U.S. House of Representatives, where he played a central role in the impeachment of President Andrew Johnson, and governor of Massachusetts.

Not in Cohen. Evans, *American Bibliography* 27591.

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With Interesting Manuscript Commentary by a Notable Irish Writer

25. [Trial].

[Great Britain].

Patch, Richard, Defendant [c.1770-1806].

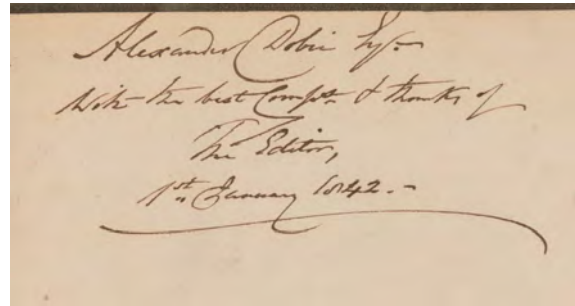
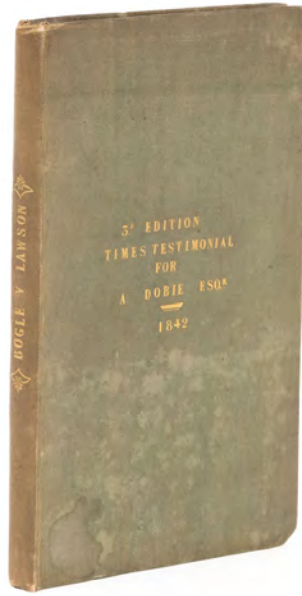
*The Trial of Richard Patch, For the Wilful Murder of Mr. Isaac Blight, September 23, 1805, At Rotherhithe, In the County of Surry; Before the Right Hon. Sir A. Macdonald, Knt. Lord Chief Baron of His Majesty's Court of Exchequer; At the Sessions House, Newington; On Saturday, April 5, 1806.* London: Printed, By the Express Appointment of the Sheriff, For Edward Jeffery, 1806. xvi, 194 pp. With 5 plates, including 3 portraits, a facsimile of a letter, and a folding illustration. Octavo (8-1/4" x 4-3/4").

Marbled wrappers. Light edgewear with slight chipping to top-edge and small tear to fore-edge of rear wrapper. Light toning to interior, light foxing in a few places. Ownership signature to head of title page of Edward Mangin, dated May 10, 1831, annotation in his hand to front free endpaper. An interesting association copy. \$950.

\* Second edition. Patch, the eldest son of a smuggler, had been forced to mortgage his Exeter farm and subsequently fled to London in order to dodge his creditors. While there, he met Blight, a ship-breaker, who proposed that he become a partner in the business. Patch agreed, but lacked the money to pay for his share and killed Blight instead. In passing sentence, the judge told Patch: "you began this practice in fraud, continued it in ingratitude, and completed it by shedding the blood of your friend and benefactor."

This item appears to have been extracted from a bound volume owned by Edward Mangin [1772-1852], an Irish writer, translator and cleric. The lengthy note to the front free endpaper concerns the case of Elizabeth Fenning, a domestic servant accused of murdering her employer whose trial and execution became a national cause célèbre. Many believed Fenning innocent, among them Charles Dickens. Mangin remarks that Fenning was "the victim of the combined wickedness & obscenity of her prosecutors; [...] the brutality and filthy national prejudices of a rabble jury; and the infamous scribbling of a time-serving, prostitute villain, the Editor of the Sunday Observer newspaper." The notes are likely based on a copy of *The Important Results of an Elaborate Investigation into the Mysterious Case of Eliza Fenning* (1815) and reference an article written by Mangin for the *Gentleman's Magazine* in March 1824.

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### Presentation Copy of a Landmark 19th Century Financial Swindle

#### 26. [Trial].

#### Hughes, W. Hughes, Editor.

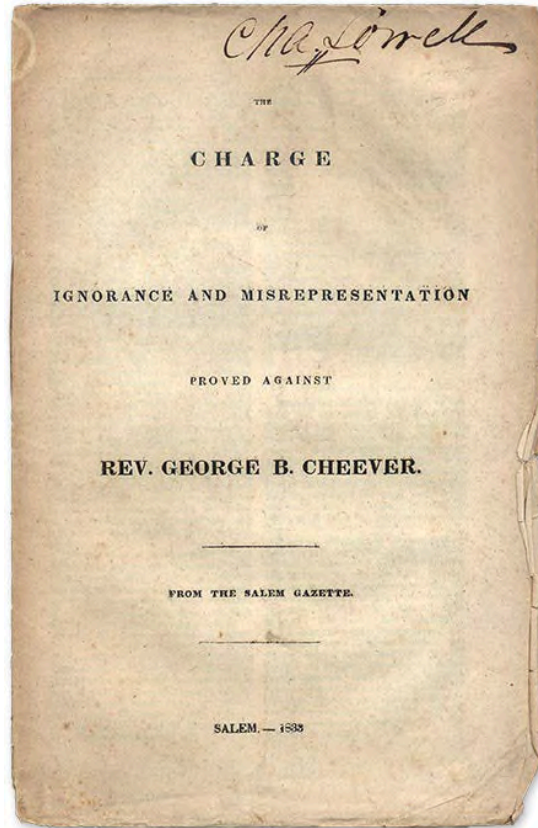
*The Times' Testimonial: Report of the Trial of the Action, Bogle Versus Lawson, For a Libel Published in "The Times" London-Newspaper, Tried at the Summer Assizes for the County of Surrey, Held at Croydon, Monday, August 16, 1841, Before the Right Honourable Sir Nicholas Conyngham Tindal, Knt. Lord Chief Justice of the Court of Common Pleas, And a Special Jury; Together with the Proceedings of a Public Meeting of Merchants, Bankers and Others, Held at the Mansion House, London, Friday, October 1, 1841, On the Subject of Such Action, And of the Committee then Appointed; And Also a List of Subscribers to "The Times" Testimonial. Published by the Committee. London: John Hatchard and Son, Henry Butterworth and Pelham Richardson, 1842. 186 pp. Octavo (8-1/2" x 5").*

Stab-stitched pamphlet bound in contemporary cloth, gilt title to spine ("Bogle v Lawson") and front board ("3d. Edition/ Times Testimonial/ for/ A. Dobie Esqr/ 1842"). Light rubbing, dampstaining to boards, fading to spine, spine ends and corners bumped and lightly worn, front hinge cracked, later owner bookplate (Geoffrey G. Briggs) and bookseller ticket to front pastedown, later (illegible) owner signature dated 1961 to front free endpaper. Moderate toning to interior. Presentation inscription "Alexander Dobie Esq. With the best comps & thanks of The Editor, 1st January 1842." to head of half-title. A remarkable association copy of a landmark case. \$750.

\* Third and final edition, inscribed to Dobie, who is thanked warmly in the preface "for affording [Hughes] access to the original documents in the cause, as well as for correcting the evidence from the notes of the short-hand writer" (40). A sensational case of a million-pound plot to defraud Continental bankers by forged letters of credit. The plot was exposed by a *Times of London* correspondent in a letter published on 26th May 1840. The naming of Allan George Bogle (who was almost certainly involved) triggered this libel action against John Joseph Lawson, the printer and publisher of the *Times*. Bogle won the case, but thanks to Dobie's skilled defense, his victory was costly. The jury granted him a mere farthing in damages and ordered him to pay his own hefty legal expenses. The case exposed the largely unregulated banking practices associated with letters of credit, which were easy to forge and difficult to police, and bankers and investors were deeply grateful to the *Times*. The first and second editions were published in 1841.

All editions are scarce. OCLC locates 5 copies worldwide of the third edition, 2 in law libraries (Harvard, Social Law). *British Museum Catalogue* (Compact Edition) 3:778.

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**A Notable Nineteenth-Century Libel Case  
Owned by a Unitarian Minister and Antislavery Activist**

**27. [Upham, Charles W. (1802-1875)].**

*The Charge of Ignorance and Misrepresentation Proved Against the Rev. George B. Cheever. From the Salem Gazette.* Salem: S.n., 1833. [16] pp. Text in parallel columns. Octavo (9-1/2" x 6").

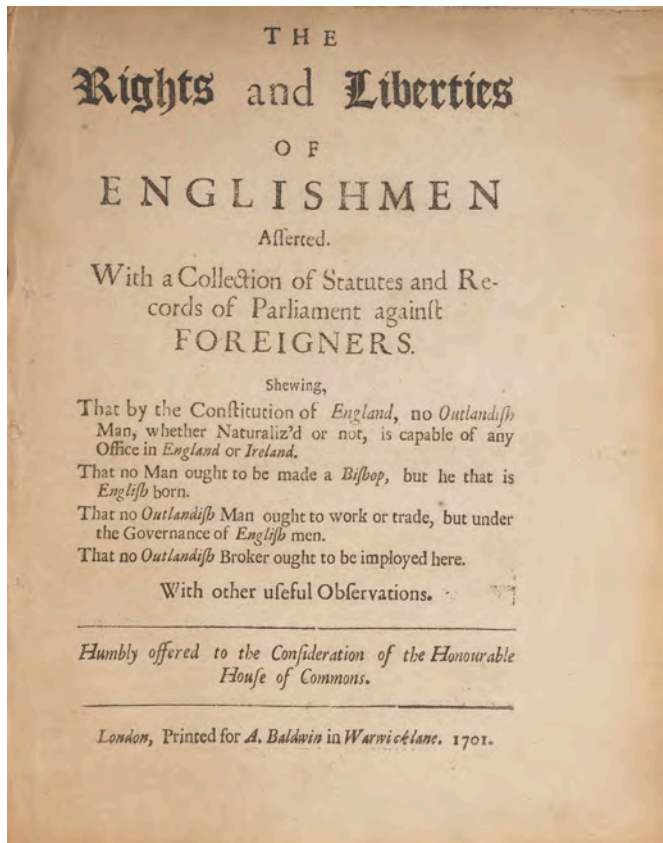
Stab-stitched pamphlet in self-wrappers, untrimmed edges. Light soiling to exterior, minor wear to spine ends, owner signature (of Charles Lowell) to head of front wrapper, light toning to text, faint spotting to a few leaves. \$750.

\* Only edition. Cheever, a Unitarian minister, social reformer and Temperance advocate, published a thinly disguised portrayal of John Stone, a well-liked Unitarian deacon in Salem who owned a distillery. It was first published in 1835 as a newspaper article in Salem and as an illustrated broadside. Cheever's neighbors, one of them Upham, were outraged by this slanderous text and he was soon convicted for libel, imprisoned and publicly whipped. A case that attracted a good deal of attention, it brought Cheever national fame, which led to several job offers and several more editions of his tract.

This copy was owned by Charles Lowell [1782-1861], a fellow Unitarian minister and notable antislavery activist. Renowned as an orator, Lowell spoke alongside Frederick Douglass at a rally protesting the Fugitive Slave Law and raised funds for the Boston Vigilance Committee. He was also a persistent advocate for the participation of clergy in the abolitionist cause.

OCLC locates 11 copies, none in law libraries. Not in McCoy. Sabin, *A Dictionary of Books Relating to America* 98032. Collison, "Anti-Slavery, Blacks, and the Boston Elite: Notes on the Reverend Charles Lowell and the West Church," *The New England Quarterly* 61, no. 3 (1988): 419-29.

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From the Library of John Fowles

28. [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").

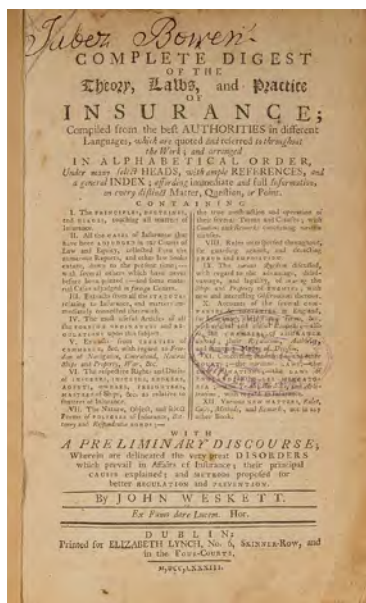
Disbound stab-stitched pamphlet housed in plain folder with the embossed library stamp of John Fowles. Light toning, foxing and soiling to folder, which has a small tear to its back. Moderate toning to pamphlet, a few leaves separating along spine but secure, occasional light foxing, light soiling in 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, exempting 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* T61087.

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**A Comprehensive Eighteenth-Century Treatise on Insurance  
Printed by Elizabeth Lynch, With a Notable Rhode Island Association**

**29. Weskett, John.**

*A Complete Digest of the Theory, Laws, And Practice of Insurance; Compiled from the Best Authorities in Different Languages, Which are Quoted and Referred to Throughout the Work; And Arranged in Alphabetical Order, Under Many Select Heads, With Ample References, And a General Index; Affording Immediate and Full Information, on Every Distinct Matter, Question, Or Point.... With a Preliminary Discourse; Wherein are Delineated the Very Great Disorders which Prevail in Affairs on Insurance; Their Principal Causes Explained; And Methods Proposed for Better Regulation and Prevention.* Dublin: Printed for Elizabeth Lynch, 1783. [vi], lxxxiv, 612, [4] pp. Octavo (8-1/2" x 5-1/4").

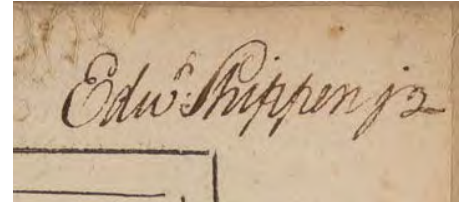
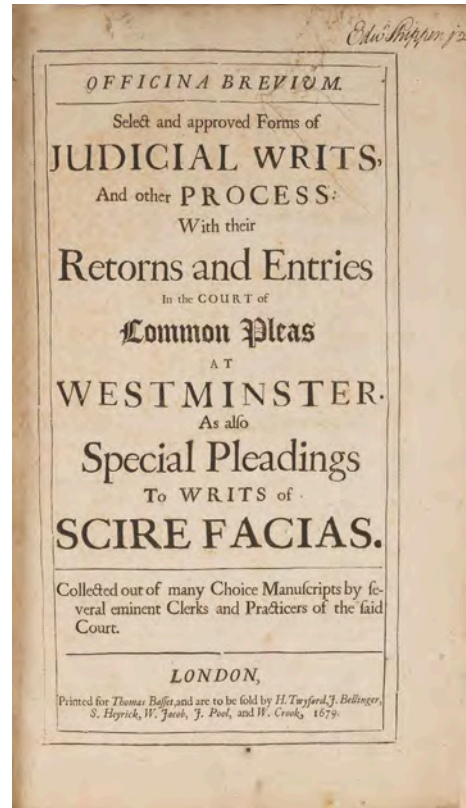
Later library cloth, calf lettering piece and paper location label to spine, endpapers added. Light soiling, corners lightly bumped and worn, front board detached, rear joints and hinge starting, a few partial cracks to text block. Light browning and occasional light foxing, faint dampstaining to margins in a few places, early owner signature of Jabez Bowen and later library stamp to title page, library markings to verso. \$750.

\* Dublin issue of the second edition. The book begins with a critical 80-page essay on insurance law that proposes several reforms. The main body is a remarkably comprehensive legal and historical digest concentrating on marine insurance, but also discussing life and fire insurance. There are frequent references to America, and considerable discussion of international law, the laws of war and the work of such important economists and theorists as Cantillon, Child, Cary, Postlethwayt, De Moivre and Price. A second, and final, London edition was published in 1783. Dublin reprints were issued in 1783 and 1794, a German translation in 1782-1787. The critical 80-page essay was also published separately in 1789. All of these are scarce.

Bowen [1739-1815] was a Rhode Island shipper, slave trader, politician, and judge. A militia colonel during the Revolution, he was later deputy governor of Rhode Island, chief Justice of the state supreme court and the chancellor of Brown.

All editions of this book are scarce, as is the essay. Concerning the 1783 Dublin edition, OCLC locates 10 copies in North American law libraries. This edition not in *Goldsmiths.' Sweet & Maxwell, A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 1:528 (105).

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**Owned by a Member of an Important Pennsylvania Family**

**30. [Writs].**

**[Great Britain].**

*Officina Brevium. Select and Approved Forms of Judicial Writs, And Other Process: With Their Retorns and Entries in the Court of Common Pleas at Westminster. As also Special Pleadings to Writs of Scire Facias. Collected Out of Many Choice Manuscripts by Several Eminent Clerks and Practicers of the Said Court.* London: Printed by George Sawbridge, William Rawlins, And Samuel Roycroft, 1679. [vi], 414, [30] pp. Folio (12-1/4" x 7-1/4").

Recent period-style quarter calf over marbled boards, raised bands and lettering piece to spine, endpapers renewed. Light edgewear and chipping to endleaves. Moderate toning to interior, somewhat heavier in places, small faint dampstain to top-edge of text block, occasional light foxing and spotting, a few folded corners, small chip to top-edge of a few leaves without loss to text, signature of Edward Shippen to head of title page. \$950.

\* Only edition, one of two issues from 1679. A collection of official writs issued by the Officina Brevium, or secretary of the courts, for use in the Court of Common Pleas. "Writs (like Veins and Arteries, which, by conveying the blood and spirits into every part of the body, do thereby give it life and motion, which otherwise would be but an imperfect Lump of flesh, altogether unactive) are of that force and efficacy, that no Proceedings at Law (nay, even Records of the highest nature) can be available without them" (Preface).

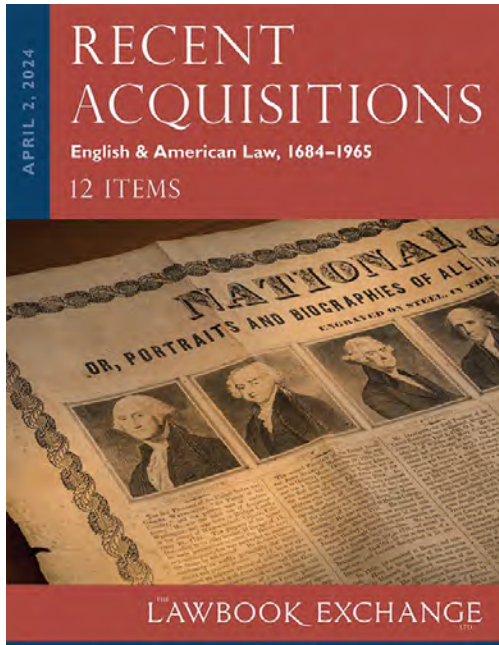
Shippen [1677-1714], a lawyer, was a member of one the most elite families of colonial and post-Revolutionary Pennsylvania. (His father, for example, served terms as mayor of Philadelphia and chief justice of the Philadelphia Supreme Court.)

*English Short-Title Catalogue* R22362.

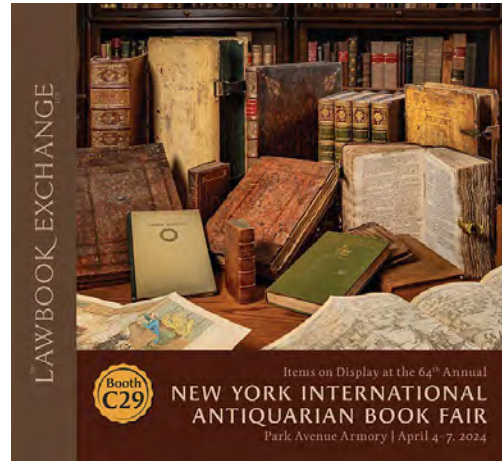
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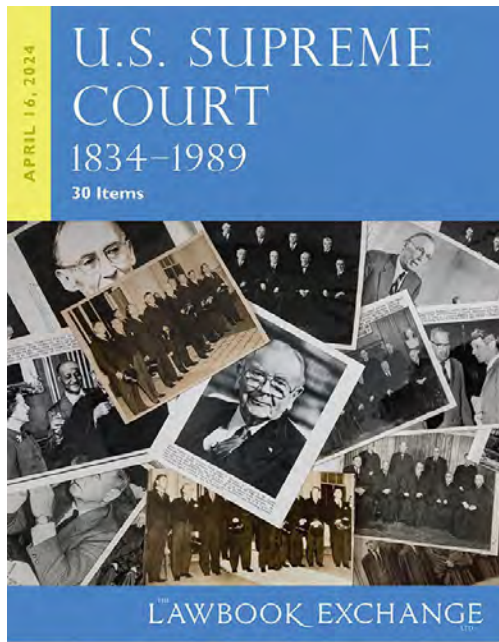
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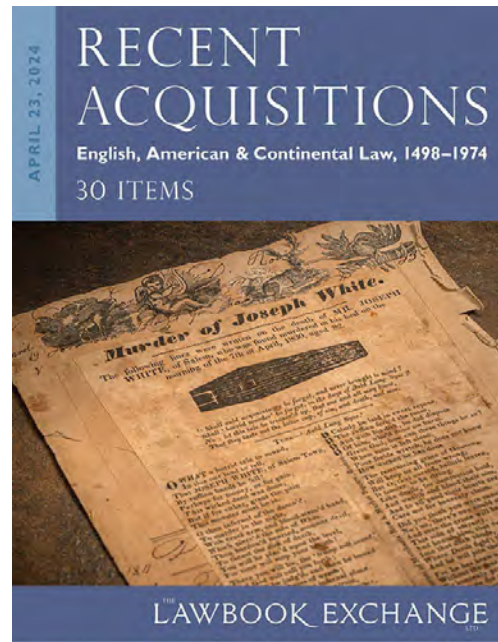
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