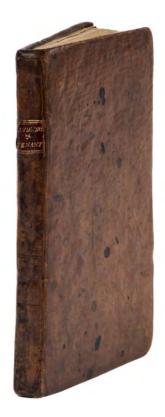
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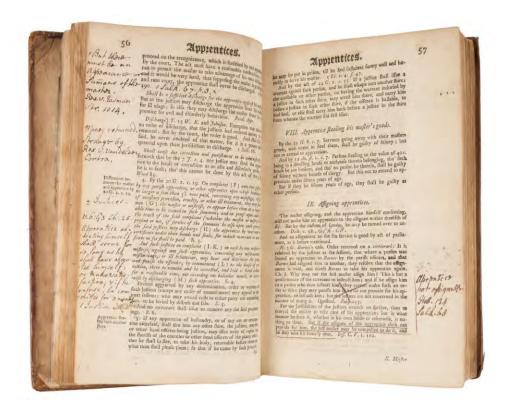
# 1. Bird, James Barry.

The Laws Respecting Landlords, Tenants, And Lodgers, Laid Down in a Plain, Easy, And Familiar Manner; And Free from the Technical Terms of the Law. With Many Practical Directions. Concerning Leases, Assignments, Surrenders, Agreements, Covenants, Repairs, Waste, &c. &c. Demand and Payment of Rent, Distress, And Ejectment, As Collected from the Several Reports and Other Books of Authority, Up to the Commencement of the Present Easter Term, 1794. Containing Also Distinct Treatises on the Various Kinds of Estates, Particularly Estates for Life, For Years, And Copyhold Estates. Dublin: Printed by N. Kelly, For Messrs. P. Byrne [et al.], [1794]. [xii], 157, [11] pp. 12mo. (6-3/4" x 3-3/4").

Contemporary calf, blind rules to boards, blind fillets and lettering piece to spine, blind tooling to board edges, ten 6-1/4" x 3-3/4" sheets loosely sewn into front endleaves. Light rubbing and some small ink spots to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, corners bumped, faint dampstaining to rear endleaves, annotations in a single neat hand to endleaves and sewn-in sheets. Light toning to interior, light foxing in a few places, early annotations to several leaves, upper part of title page excised with loss to first two words, completed on following leaf with "Laws" in manuscript. \$750.

\* Only Dublin edition, published the same year as the first London edition. Bird produced a well-regarded series of handbooks on a broad range of legal topics. Written for both "the general reader" and "the young practitioner," *The Laws Respecting Landlords* was not an exception, and went through many editions with the final edition published in London in 1833. The annotations to our copy, most to sheets sewn into the front endleaves, are statutory references. Primarily related to distress, they update the text for use in Ireland and were likely made by an Irish landlord or practitioner.

OCLC locates 4 copies of the Dublin edition in North American law libraries (DePaul, Ohio State, University of Iowa, Social Law). *English Short-Title Catalogue* N12323.



A First Edition of the Most Popular Work on Justices of the Peace with Contemporary Annotations

# 2. Burn, Richard [1709-1785].

The Justice of the Peace, And Parish Officer. [London]: Printed by Henry Lintot, 1755. Two volumes. xxvii, [1], 541, [3]; [ii], 573, [11] pp. Three-page publisher advertisement at end of Volume I, another one-page advertisement facing title page of Volume II. Octavo (8-1/4" x 5").

Contemporary calf, blind rules to boards, blind fillets along joints, blind tooling to board edges, raised bands and black-stamped volume numbers to spines, hinges mended. Light rubbing and a few minor stains to boards, moderate rubbing to board edges, comers bumped and somewhat worn, contemporary armorial bookplate (of Henry Reveley, above small contemporary signature "Ja. Coles") to each pastedown. Light toning to text, occasional annotations, underlining and other markings in an early hand to both volumes. \$2,000.

\* First edition. A remarkably durable work, Burn's *Justice* went through 30 editions by 1869 and was excerpted often in early American justice manuals, such as Parker's *Conductor Generalis* (1764) and Burn's *Abridgment of Burn's Justice of the Peace and Parish Officer* (1773). It covers such topics as Accessory, Alehouses, Aliens, Assault and Battery, Bail (By Writ of Habeas Corpus), Bankrupt, Bastards, Burglary, Clergy, Dogs, Evidence, Excise and Customs, Forgery, Game, Homicide, Jurors, Libel, Oaths, Insolvent Debtors, Polygamy, Promissory Notes, Rape, Riot, Robbery, Taxes and Vagrants. Holdsworth notes that "a perusal of these headings tells us something of the development of the system of local government" during the time of the book's publication. The annotations in our copy are mostly summaries and elucidations that indicate careful study by a knowledgeable reader.

Holdsworth, A History of English Law X:162. English Short-Title Catalogue T68627.



An Edition of the Coutumes of Chartres with Manuscript Annotations

# 3. [Chartres]. Couart, Jean, Commentary. Du Moulin, Charles [1500-1566], Editor.

Coutumes du Duché, Bailliage et Siege Presidial de Chartres, Pays Chartrain, Perche-Goüet, Baronies & Chastellenies d'Alluye, Brou, Mommiral, Auton & la Bazoche-Goüet, Dites les Cinq Baronies. Commentée par M. J. Couart Conseiller du Roy. & De Monseigneur Fils de France, Duc d'Orléans & de Chartres, Prévost & Juge Ordinaire de la Ville de Chartres. Augmentée des Notes de M. C. du Molin, De la Traduction des Passages Latins, & Du Proæz Verbal de la Coûtume de Chartres. Chartres: De l'Imprimerie d'Estienne Massot, 1687. [viii], 592, [2] pp. Octavo (7" x 4-1/2").

Contemporary mottled calf, gilt spine with raised bands and lettering piece, gilt tooling to board edges, text block edges speckled. Light rubbing and a few minor nicks to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, corners bumped and lightly worn, section of front free endpaper removed. Light toning to text, somewhat heavier in places, early annotations in a small neat hand to several leaves, annotation in same hand to front pastedown dated 28 September 1770, recent annotation in pencil to front free endpaper. \$2,500.

\* As indicated by its famous cathedral, Chartres was a major city, bishopric and pilgrimage site. The first coutume for Chartres was published in 1508, the first Couart edition with Du Moulin's notes in 1630. This is an interesting edition because its contents are cast in the form of a catechism, with questions and answers clarifying the text. Also, as noted in the title, Du Moulin translated all of the content that had appeared in Latin in previous editions and commentaries. Our copy was annotated in the mid-eighteenth century. The notes, from a pool of sources dating from 1600 to 1749, deal mostly with male and female inheritance and include citations to court decisions, new laws, court decisions and observations by authorities. He even included cross-references to his notes. The pencil note on the front free endpaper credit the annotations to a tax lawyer and notary from Gallardon named Moussard.

OCLC locates 9 copies of the third edition in North America, 4 in law libraries (George Washington University, Harvard, Northwestern, University of Michigan). Caswell and Sipkov, *The Coutumes of France in the Library of Congress* 98. Gourin and Terrin, *Bibliographie des Coutumes de France* 886.



With Contemporary Annotations by a French Scholar

# 4. [Corpus Juris Canonici]. Naldi, Antonio [d.1645], Editor. Lancellotti, Giovanni Paolo [1522-1590].

Corpus Iuris Canonici Notis Illustratum: Gregorii XIII. Iussu Editum: Complectens Decretum Gratiani, Decretales Gregorii Papae IX., Sextum Decretalium Bonifacii Papae VIII., Clementinas, Extravagantes Ioannis Papae XXII., Extravagantes Communes. Accesserunt Constitutiones Novae Summorum Pontificum Nunquam Antea Editae, Quae VII. Decretalium Loco Esse Possint, Annotationes Ant. Naldi, Cum Addit. Novis, Et Quae in Plerisque Editionibus Desiderabantur, Petri Lancelotti Institutiones Iuris Canonici; Regulae Cancellariae Apostolicae; Cum Indicibus, &c. De Quibus Singulis Lector Consulet Paginam Praefationi Praefixam. Lyon: Sumptibus Laurentii Anisson, 1661. Two volumes. [lviv] pp., 1264 (of 1272) cols; [xx] pp., 752 cols., [12] pp., 406 cols., [9] pp., 158 cols., [69] pp., 256 cols, [24] pp., 98 cols., [19] pp. Final two leaves of Volume I lacking. Main text in parallel columns. Quarto (9-1/2" x 7-1/4").

Contemporary calf, gilt spines with raised bands and lettering pieces, marbled edges and endpapers. Moderate rubbing and a few scuffs to boards, heavier rubbing to extremities with wear to spine ends and corners, front boards detached. Title pages printed in red and black. Moderate toning and occasional light foxing to text, inkstains to a few leaves, contemporary manuscript thumb-tabs, extensive contemporary annotations to front endleaves, occasional brief annotations throughout both volumes, struck-through signatures to title pages. \$1,750.

\* This complete edition of the *Corpus Juris Canonici* edited by Naldi is based on the *Correctores Romani*, the official version in force from 1580 to 1917. It includes a related text: Lancellotti's *Institutiones Iuris Canonici*, an elementary textbook. This copy was annotated in French by a teacher, most likely for use in the classroom. They appear to be related to a course on canon law. The notes on the front endleaves of Volume I, which contain general information about the *Corpus Juris Canonici*, have the heading "Notes Préliminaires à la lecture du droit canon." Most of the annotations are dates for specific decrees, such as "10 Juillet 511" and cross-references, such as "555=560." There are also some corrections and underlined passages. A few are interpretive or note historical background. The thumb-tabs mark the books of the *Corpus* and their sub-sections. In all, these notes and tabs would have facilitated quick reference in a lecture hall.

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# The Fates of 79 Prisoners in Taunton, Somerset on October 14, 1833

# 5. [Criminals]. [Great Britain].

A Calendar of the Prisoners for the Michaelmas Season, To be Holden at the Castle, Taunton, On Monday, The 14th Day of October, 1833. [drop head title]. Yeoville: Porter, Printer, [1833]. [12] pp. Quarto (12-1/2" x 9-1/2").

Stab-stitched pamphlet in plain wrappers. Light soiling and a few minor stains, moderate rubbing and a few minor chips to edges, wrapper just beginning to split along spine, three faint horizontal fold lines. Some toning to text, minor tears in a few places, annotated throughout in contemporary hand. \$850.

\* A list of 79 prisoners. Along with the charge, each entry includes the prisoner's age, trade, date of warrant and the person "by whom committed." The annotations list the sentences, such as "6 Month C. gaol" and "3 wks solitary." (No one was transported to Australia.) Based on the handwriting, these notes appear to be the work of "James Gaine/ Keeper." His name appears at the foot of p. [11], along with the name, in the same hand, "E.H. Sanford Esq M.P." Not listed on OCLC or COPAC.



An Authority Second Only to the Year Books

# 6. Dyer, Sir James [1512-1582].

Cy Ensuont Ascuns Novel Cases, Collectes per le Iades Tresreverend Iudge, Mounsieur Iasques Dyer, Chiefe Iustice del Common Banke, Oue Divers Resolutions & Iudgements Dones sur Solempne Arguments & Avec Graund Deliberation, & Le Reasons & Causes des Dits Resolutions & Iudgements. Ore Novelment Imprimes & Publies. London: Imprinted for the Companie of Stationers, 1621. [iv], 62, 65-377, [1] ff. Pagination irregular, text complete. Folio (11-1/2" x 7-1/2").

Contemporary calf, blind rules to boards, raised bands, blind fillets and later typed labels to spine, blind rules to board edges. Light rubbing and a few small scuffs, scratches and stains to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, slightly heavier to joints and raised bands, head of spine mended, small nick near head of rear joint, which is just starting at foot, corners bumped and lightly worn, pastedowns loose exposing printer's waste, extensive manuscript index to rear endleaves (and final leaf of text), creasing, faint offsetting and light soiling to rear pastedown, which has a small tear to its fore-edge. Moderate toning to interior, light soiling in a few places, early underlining and brief annotations throughout, most in a single hand. \$2,000.

\* Later edition. First published in 1585, Dyer's Assums Novel Cases, generally known as Dyer's Reports, contain cases heard in the Courts of Common Pleas, King's Bench, Exchequer and Chancery from 1513 to 1582. One of the first publications of its kind, it was also the first to be referred to regularly as "Reports." A work of great authority (second only to that of the Year Books), it went through six editions in Law-French, the last one in 1688. The annotations to our copy, most in a single early hand, are primarily case citations and references to other reporters with a few brief glosses.

English Short-Title Catalogue S4209.

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First Edition of the Code de Procédure Civile with Early Annotations by a Breton Lawyer

# 7. [Code Napoleon].

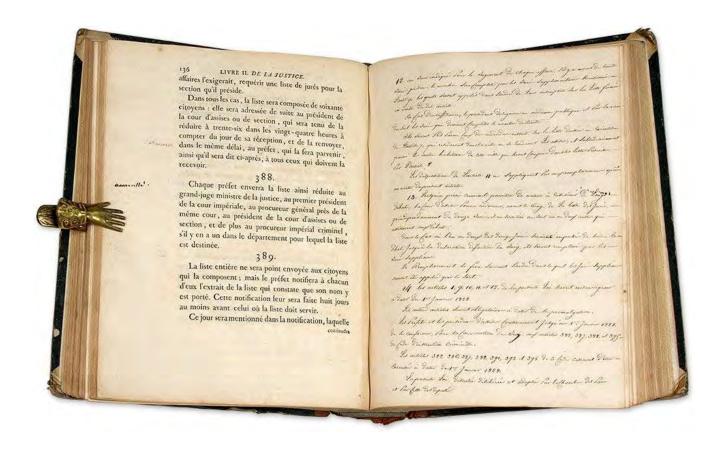
[Lucas de Pesloüan, Eugène Marie (1791-1873)].

Code de Procédure Civile, Édition Originale et Seule Officielle. Paris: De l'Imprimerie Impériale, 1806. [iv], 246 pp. Interleaved. [Bound with]

Table Alphabétique et Raisonnée des Matières Contenues dans le Code de Procédure Civile. Paris: De l'Imprimerie Impériale, 1806. [iv], 108, 4 pp.

Octavo (8" x 5"). Contemporary sprinkled sheep, blind rules to boards, lettering piece and gilt ornaments to spine, edges of text block rouged, blind tooling to board edges. A few scuffs to boards, considerable rubbing to extremities with wear to spine ends and corners, front joint cracked, front board beginning to separate but secure, front free endpaper edgewom and partially detached, minor worming (?) to final text leaf and rear free endpaper at center of hinge. Light toning, annotations to rectos and versos of most interleaves, most likely by Eugène Marie Bonaventure Lucas de Pesloüan, a few manuscript notes in same hand laid in, "Lucas - Pesloüan" to title page of *Code.* \$3,000.

\* First edition. The Code de Procédure Civile was issued two years after the publication of the Code Civil (Code Napoleon). It is one of the main components of the legal system established during the Empire. (The Table Alphabétique et Raisonnée is a companion index volume.) The annotations in our copy date from 1810 to 1820. This period coincides with the career of Eugène Marie Bonaventure Lucas de Pesloüan, an attorney from a notable Breton family that produced several generations of lawyers and notaries. His annotations, which range in length from phrases to several sentences, are notably meticulous. They comment on the articles, give clarifications, pose procedural questions and refer often to laws from the Revolutionary period and early years of the Empire. Several notes are cross-references and there are a number of comments in question-and-answer form. For example, in the section "Proceedings Before the Courts," "The claims directed against undivided successions in the national domain, do they fall under judicial or administrative jurisdiction? "Answer: "They must be prosecuted administratively=Court of Appeal of Paris of 21 Thermidor year 13; Newspaper du Palais 1er Fructidor year 14, p. 164." In all, these annotations offer a fascinating perspective of the early reception of the Code de Procédure Civile, a landmark code that remained in force until 1970.



# Interleaved 1810 Printing of the French Code of Criminal Procedure with Contemporary Annotations

# 8. [France]. [Criminal Law].

Code d'Instruction Criminelle. Édition Originale et Seule Officielle. Paris: De l'Imprimerie Impériale, 1810. [ii], 310 pp. Interleaved. Quarto (10" x 7-3/4").

Contemporary quarter calf over marbled boards, gilt spine with lettering piece. Moderate rubbing with wear to spine ends and corners, joints starting at ends, hinges cracked, front free endpaper lacking. Light toning, somewhat heavier in places, light foxing in a few places, light edgewear to preliminaries and final leaves, light soiling to title page. Annotations to approximately thirty leaves of interleaves and text in neat contemporary hand. \$2,500.

\* Third printing. The 1808 *Code d'Instruction Criminelle*, a code of criminal procedure, was one the four codes of civil and criminal law issued under Napoleon's direction after the Code Napoleon (Code Civil, 1804). The annotations, the latest dated 1827, range from a few words to several interpretive paragraphs. Most of these note modifications to the articles by imperial decrees or court decisions. The most extensive annotations, which fill three full interleaves in a tiny hand, concern juries. They are interleaved with first eleven articles of Chapter V, "Du Jury et la Manière de la Former" (pp.133-136).



An Interleaved and Heavily Annotated Copy of an Important *Ordonnance* of Louis XIV

# 9. [France].

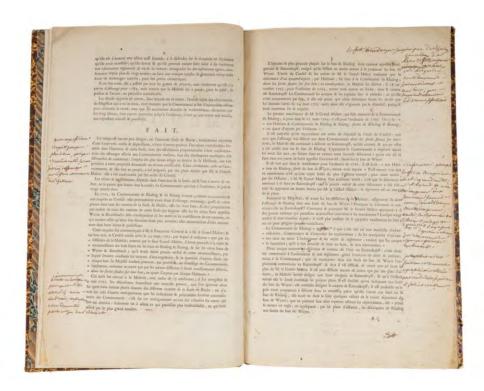
# [Louis XIV [1638-1715], King of France].

Ordonnance de Louis XIV. Roy de France et de Navarre Donnée à Saint-Germain en Laye au Mois d'Avril 1667. Paris: Chez les Associés Choisis par Ordre de sa Maiesté pour l'Impression de ses Nouvelles Ordonnances, 1667. [vi], 222, [24] pp. Lacking final last leaf, which contains most of the imprimatur statement (*Privilege du Roy*), and rear endleaves. Interleaved. Quarto (8-1/2" x 6-1/4").

Contemporary sheep with cat's paw decoration, gilt spine with raised bands and lettering piece. Minor worming and scuffing to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, corners bumped and somewhat worn, most of front joint cracked, rear joint just starting at foot. Light toning to interior, faint, gradually diminishing dampstaining to head and foot of text block, minor worming to pastedowns and foot of first half of text block, final few leaves of text partially detached. Annotations in neat contemporary hand to interleaves, many to rectos and versos, underlining, corrections and annotations to margins of text in several places, "Curlot" in same hand, most likely the annotator to head of first page of text. \$3,800.

\* First edition. Commissioned by Colbert and Louis XIV, this important ordinance was the first to give France a unified system of civil procedure and civil courts. It was one of the many ways the French crown attempted to centralize power and promote bureaucratic efficiency during the seventeenth century. The annotations provide an extensive 18th-century commentary on the Ordinance, providing jurisprudential details and updates through the 1780s.

Goldsmiths'-Kress Library of Economic Literature 01844.2.



An Unrecorded Memorandum on Forestry with Interesting, Detailed Annotations by a Contemporary Reader

# 10. [France].

Mémoire Pour les Officiers de la Maîtrise des Eaux et Forêts de Sarguemines, Défendeurs & Demandeurs: Contre les Maire, Syndic, Habitans & Communauté de Rhaling, Défendeurs & Demandeurs. [Nancy: Chez Pierre Barbier, 1786]. 51, [3] pp. With a folding plate containing 12 diagrams and maps of forest boundaries. Folio (15" x 9-1/2").

Later (nineteenth-century) quarter morocco over marbled boards, raised bands, blind fillets and gilt title to spine, marbled endpapers. Small scuff to front board, light rubbing to extremities, corners bumped and worn, later monogram bookplate to front pastedown. Light toning to interior, light foxing and soiling to a few leaves, faint dampstain to lower gutter of last several leaves, ink owner stamp (of [illegible] Grandjean D'Aireville) to first and final pages, early annotations and corrections throughout (annotations to first 20 pages). \$2,000.

\* This interesting legal memorandum discusses woodcutting and forest management in Sarreguemines and Nassau-Saarbrücken at the present-day border between France and Germany. Forests were of key commercial and political interest to local authorities and the center of many disputes during a period where borders were often in flux. The annotator of this copy clearly possessed deep knowledge of the law relating to surveying and forestry. The annotations provide both corrections to the text and technical, often extensive commentary on points raised. A particularly long annotation gives additional historical information and context for a 1767 boundary marking on a forest spanning two cantons.

This title is rare and appears to be unrecorded. No copies located by OCLC, which finds 1 copy of a similar work (an earlier edition?) with a variant title (National University Library of Strasbourg). Not at the Bibliothèque nationale de France.



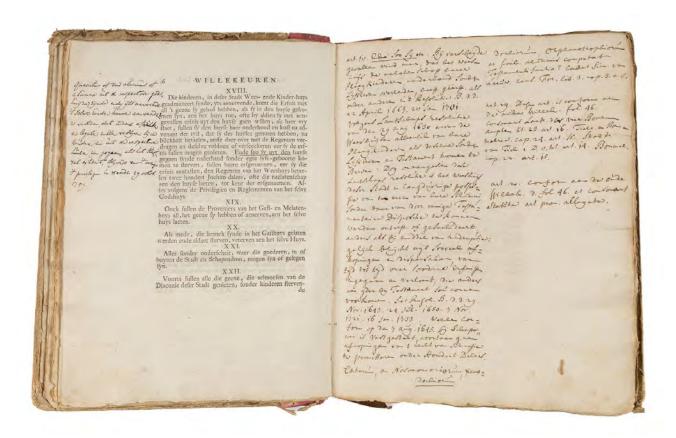
**Interleaved With Contemporary Manuscript Annotations** 

# 11. [France]. [Napoleon I [1769-1821], Emperor].

Code d'Instruction Criminelle, Édition Conforme à l'Édition Originale du Bulletin des Lois; Suivi des Motifs Exposés par les Conseillers d'Etat, Et des Rapports Faits par la Commission de Législation du Corps Législatif, Sur Chacune des Lois qui Composent le Code; Avec une Table Alphabétique et Raisonnée, Qui Réunit sur Chaque Matière Toutes les dispositions Relatives, Et qui Indique, à l'Article de Chaque Fonctionnaire ou Officier Public, Toutes les Fonctions qui Lui Appartiennent, Ou Qu'il est Tenu de Remplir, En Matière Criminelle, Correctionnelle ou de Simple Police. Paris: Garnery, Libraire, Rue de Seine, De l'Imprimerie de Mame, 1809. Three parts. [iv], 162, 312, 34 pp. Interleaved through first section to p. 162. 12mo. (6-1/2" x 3-3/4").

Contemporary sheep, gilt frames with gilt corner fleurons to boards, lettering piece and gilt fillets to spine, speckled edges. Light rubbing, scuffing and a few minor stains to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, chip to lettering piece, corners bumped. Light to moderate toning, light foxing in places, early repair to fore edges of title page and following leaf, occasional annotations in neat hand to interleaves, other, briefer, annotations to margins of text, some slightly affected by trimming. \$1,500.

\* The 1808 Code d'Instruction Criminelle, a code of criminal procedure, was one the four codes of civil and criminal law issued under Napoleon's direction after the Code Napoleon (Code Civil, 1804). Garnery's is one of the unofficial editions produced at the same time as the official edition. Unlike the official edition, it features a second section, Motifs du Livre Ier, Chapitre I a VIII du Code D'Instruction Criminelle by "MM. Treilhard, Réal et Faure, Conseillers d'État" and a detailed alphabetical index. The notes, the latest dated 1817, elucidate points in the text or indicate that an article was amended. This edition not in Camus.



Interleaved and Extensively Annotated by Two Early Readers

# 12. [Harderwijk (Netherlands)].

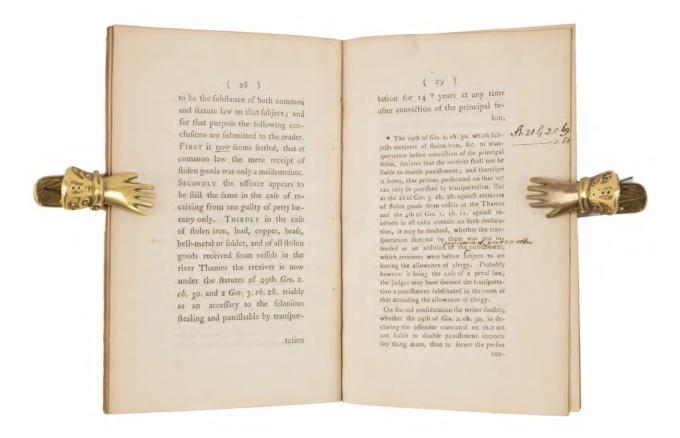
Gereformeerde Willekeuren Ende Stadt-Rechten van Harderwyck. Harderwyck: By de Erv. van Jan Rampen, 1734. [10], 227 pp. Interleaved. Quarto (10-1/2" x 8-1/4").

Contemporary quarter vellum over formerly paper-covered boards, edges untrimmed. Paper covering boards abraded, creasing and light wear to spine, which is starting to separate from boards, early hand-lettered title and fragment of paper label to its head, light wear to board edges and corners, which are bumped, pastedowns loose. Light toning to interior, faint dampstaining in a few places, light soiling and faint spotting to a few leaves, clean tear across text leaf L3 (pp. 85-86) affecting text without loss to legibility, early ink underlining and annotations to interleaves throughout in two hands, most in a single hand. \$1,800.

\* Only edition. The Dutch town of Harderwijk, which received city rights in 1231, was a member of the Hanseatic League. It had an economy based on fishing and trade. This account of its ordinances and privileges is interleaved and annotated by two early readers. The bulk of the annotations are in a single hand and consist of citations to other treatises, such as Damhouder's *Praxis Rerum Civilium*, and legal codes. They are highly detailed and often quite extensive, and create an indispensable working reference for the annotator. Some also refer to earlier rulings and statutes dating from the sixteenth century to the year of the work's publication. The annotations in the other hand are later and make note of eighteenth-century updates through September 12, 1774.

OCLC locates 3 copies of this scarce title in North America (Harvard, Harvard Law School, Columbia Law School).

# Order This Item



A Rare Review of the Laws on Stolen Goods with Annotations by the Author

# 13. [Hargrave, Francis (1741?-1821)].

A Review of the Laws Against the Knowingly Receiving of Stolen Goods: And a Proposal for Making a New Law on That Subject. London: [s.n.], 1770. [ii], ii, 47 pp. Octavo (7-1/2" x 4-3/4").

Disbound stab-stitched pamphlet. Moderate toning, light soiling to exterior and a few other leaves, small circular label and early ink annotation to title page, which has a small chip to its upper comer. Brief annotations and corrections in two early hands to several leaves. Rare. \$1,750.

\* Only edition. Hargrave is remembered today as the most prominent of the five advocates who defended James Somersett in the 1772 case that determined the legal status of slaves in England. As Holdsworth attests, he was also a first-class jurist and legal historian, an opinion echoed by later legal historians. Here, he discusses the laws concerning the receiving of stolen goods in light of a parliamentary inquiry into the causes of "the great number of burglaries lately committed within Westminster." He proposes, among other reforms, that authorities should be able to search the possessions of a suspect for tools for jewel theft, rather than only the jewels themselves. This provision was enacted later in 1770, as noted on the title page by an annotator.

The annotations to our copy are in two hands. One, which appears to be authorial, makes corrections and minor additions to the text. The other notes additional statutes and cases in the margin.

OCLC and the ESTC locate 3 copies of this title worldwide (British Library, Manchester Central Library, Harvard Law School). Holdsworth, A History of English Law XII:410. English Short-Title Catalogue (ESTC) T6303.





A Handy 1726 Guide to Scots Civil Law

# 14. Hope, Sir Thomas [1580?-1646].

Minor Practicks, Or, a Treatise of the Scottish Law. To Which is Subjoined, A Discourse On the Rite and Progress of the Law of Scotland: And an Alphabetical Abridgment of the Acts of Sederunt, From the Restoration to this Present Year. Edinburgh: Printed by Mr. Thomas Ruddiman, 1726. viii, 148, [2] pp.

# [And]

# Bayne, Alexander [d.1737].

A Discourse on the Rise and Progress of the Law of Scotland, and the Method of Studying It. For the Use of the Students of the Municipal Law. Edinburgh: Printed by Mr. Thomas Ruddiman, 1726. [ii], 151-187, [1] pp.

### [And]

An Alphabetical Index and Abridgment of the Printed Acts of Sederunt of the Lords of Council and Session, From June 1661, To January 1726. Edinburgh: Printed by Mr. Thomas Ruddiman, 1726. [ii], 191-245 pp.

Three volumes in one, each with title page. Octavo (6-3/4" x 4-1/4").

Contemporary speckled calf, raised bands to spine, lettering piece lacking, blind tooling to board edges, edges of text block speckled red. Light rubbing and a few small stains to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, chip to head of spine, corners bumped, hinges cracked, later armorial bookplate (of Sir John Stewart-Richardson) to front pastedown, early annotation (biography of Fergus King of Scotland) to front free endpaper. Light toning to interior, very light foxing in a few places, two struck-through owner signatures and signature of John Richardson dated 1817 to first title page, 21 leaves with early annotations (copies of "The Nationall Solemn Legue and Covenant" and epitaphs for the Duke of Buckingham and the Duke of Marlborough) bound after text block. An appealing copy. \$500.

\* First edition, and the only edition in this form. A concise manual of the laws of Scotland. Hope became a member of the Scottish Bar in 1605 and became a Joint Lord Advocate in 1626, sole Lord Advocate in 1628. A work based on *Minor Practicks* was published in 1734 with the title *Practical Observations Upon Divers Titles of the Law of Scotland*. Stewart-Richardson [1840-1895], 13th Baronet Richardson, was from a line of baronets who resided at Pitfour Castle, St Madoes, Perthshire, Scotland.

English Short-Title Catalogue T71745.



Interleaved and Annotated First Italian Edition of the 1810 Napoleonic Penal Code

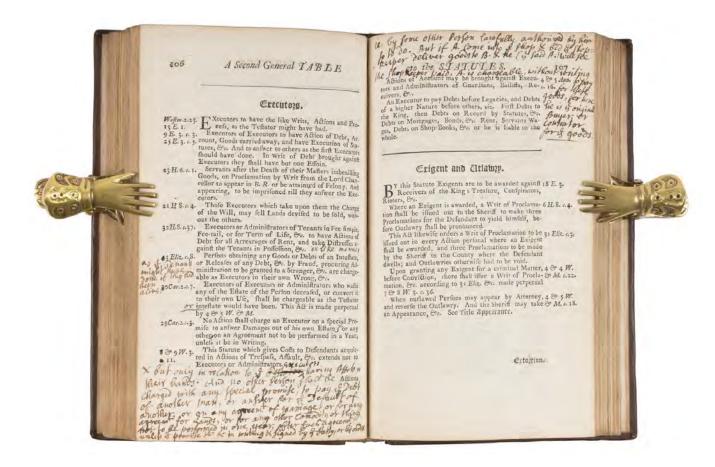
# 15. [Kingdom of Italy]. [Piantanida, Luigi (b.1770)].

Codice dei Delitti e Delle Pene pel Regno D'Italia. Edizione Ufficiale. Milan: Dalla Reale Stamperia, 1810. 176 pp. Interleaved. Octavo (8-3/4" x 6-1/4").

Contemporary paper boards, inked title to spine, ownership signatures ("Piantanida") to front board and front pastedown, edges untrimmed, later (illegible) ownership signature to rear pastedown. Light rubbing to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, corners bumped, stitching of text block loosening slightly but secure. Light toning to interior, occasional very faint dampstaining to top-edge, lower corner of leaf 6a (pp. 81-82) lacking without loss to text. Text block fully interleaved (2 ff. between each page) with ruled paper, 64 pp. of annotations to ruled leaves in an early hand. A wide-margined, uncut copy with interesting contemporary annotations. \$2,000.

\* First edition. The first official Italian translation of the French Penal Code introduced by Napoleon in 1810. The Code came into force in the Kingdom of Italy under Napoleon's personal rule on January 1, 1811. It is divided into four books, with the first two covering criminal responsibility and sentencing, the third defining felonies and misdemeanors against the state and individuals and the fourth enumerating "violations," crimes dealt with strictly on the police level. The 1810 code is notable for its harsh penalties, including extensive use of the death penalty and long prison sentences or a lifetime of hard labor for felonies. It reinstated branding and life imprisonment and gave judges significant discretion in sentencing. It is also of interest for its reliance on the idea of criminal responsibility, independent of contingent circumstances and absolute in its consideration of criminal behavior.

The present copy may have belonged to the jurist Luigi Piantanida (1770-?), who was a lawyer in Milan and a great supporter of Napoleon, to whom he dedicated his treatise *Della Giurisprudenza Marittima-Commerciale Antica e Moderna* (1806-1808). The detailed notes appear to concern later updates to the Code and subsequent case law. The latest date in the notes is 1813.



A Digest of Statute Law for Laymen by Giles Jacob with Contemporary Annotations

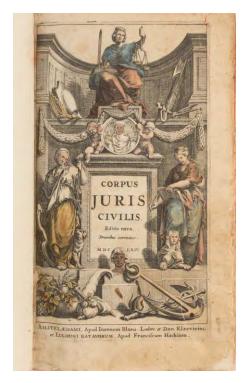
# 16. Jacob, Giles [1686-1744].

The Statute-Law Common-Plac'd: Or, A Second Table to the Statutes. Containing the Purport and Effect of All the Acts of Parliament in Force from Magna Charta Down to the Reign of King George, In a Method Perfectly New and Regular; With the Numerous Proviso's and Additional Clauses Inserted Under Their Proper Titles. The Whole Very Useful to Counsellors, Attornies, Solicitors, Justices of the Peace, Mayors, Sheriffs, Coroners, Clergymen, Merchants, And All Trading Persons. [London]: Printed by E. and R. Nutt, and R. Gosling, 1730. [xi], v, 220, [4] pp. Octavo (7-1/2" x 4-3/4").

Contemporary paneled calf, raised bands and lettering piece to spine, blind tooling to board edges. Light rubbing and some minor nicks and scuffs to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, rear hinge just starting at head, small chip to foot of spine, comers bumped and lightly worn, front hinge cracked. Moderate toning to text, contemporary annotations, some quite extensive, to several leaves. \$850.

\* Second edition. Prefaced by an essay on Magna Carta, this book is an alphabetically arranged digest of statutes concerning a wide array of topics, such as bail, bankrupts, baron and feme, courts, dower, gaming, oaths and witchcraft. Reaching its fifth and final edition in 1748, it was first published in 1719 as a companion to his *Review of the Statutes...With an Exact Table to the Whole* (1713). (This is why the title says "A Second Table"). Possibly written by a justice of the peace, the annotations provide additional information, clarify vague points and note modifications from later legislation.

English Short-Title Catalogue T137467.





An Edition Known for Its Excellent Typography, This Copy Has a Hand-Colored Title Page and Annotations

# 17. Justinian I [483-565 CE], Emperor of the East. [Van Leeuwen, Simon (1628-1682), Editor].

Corpus Juris Civilis. Quo Continentur Institutionum Libri Quatuor, et Digestorum Sive Pandectarum Libri Quinquaginta. Amsterdam: Johannes Blaeu and Louis and Daniel Elzevier, 1663, 1664. Two volumes, each with title page and individual pagination. Volume I preceded by handsome copperplate allegorical title page. [xxiv], 1037, [1]; 820, [2] pp. Main text in double columns. Octavo (7-3/4" x 4-3/4").

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

\* Commissioned by the Emperor Justinian in 530 CE, the body of writings known collectively as the *Corpus Juris Civilis* reformed, restated and preserved early Roman law. Its subsequent influence on European jurisprudence is difficult to underestimate. Edited by van Leeuwen, likely the most prominent Dutch jurist of the late seventeenth and early eighteenth centuries, this volume is based on Godefroy's seminal 1583 edition with additional notes by Jacques Cujas, Denis Godefroy, Antoon Anselmo and other important French and Dutch jurists. According to Willems, this edition is renowned for its excellent typography. Our copy appears to have been annotated by two students. The annotations are mostly glosses of the text or summaries.

Willems, Les Elzevier: Histoire et Annales Typographiques 1323.

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Texts from the Corpus Juris Civilis with Extensive Contemporary Annotations

18. Justinian I [483-565 CE], Emperor of the East.

La Porte, Hugues de, Compiler.

Vincent, Antoine, Compiler.

Volumen: Complectitur hoc Volumen (Sic Enim Peculiari Vocabulo Vocant) Novellas Constitutiones Iustiniani Principis.... Lyon: Apud Hugonem à Porta, & Antonium Vincentium, 1551. [xx], 359, [1], 226, [2], 145, [3] pp. Main text in parallel columns, glosses in margins.

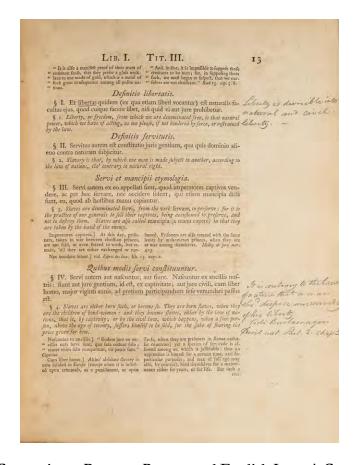
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Institutiones: Imperatoris Semper Maximi Divi Iustiniani Elementa Civilis.... Lyon: Apud Hugonem à Porta, & Antonium Vincentium, 1551. [xxxviii], [2], 383, [1] pp. Woodcut folding table of consanguinity. Main text in parallel columns, glosses in margins.

Folio (9-1/2" x 6-1/2"). Seventeenth-century speckled sheep, gilt spine with raised bands and lettering piece, gilt tooling to board edges, speckled edges to text block, marbled pastedowns. Light rubbing and light scuffing to boards, minor worming to rear board, moderate rubbing to extremities, small chip to head of spine, corners bumped and lightly worn, hinges cracked. Title page and text printed in red and black. Light to moderate toning, occasional faint dampstaining to margins, light foxing to a few places, annotations in miniscule early hand to 40 pp. of *Institutiones*, legibility of some affected by trimming. An attractive volume. \$950.

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

Baudrier, Bibliographie Lyonnaise VII:331.



With Interesting Comparisons Between Roman and English Law, A Copy With Annotations

# 19. Justinian I (483-565 CE), Emperor of the East. Harris, George [1722-1796], Editor and Translator.

D. Justiniani Institutionum Libri Quatuor: The Four Books of Justinian's Institutions, Translated Into English, With Notes. London: Printed for C. Bathurst and E. Withers, 1756. xv, [1], 73, [1]; 121, [1]; 100; 92; 11, [5] pp. Copperplate table of descents. Quarto (11-1/4" x 9").

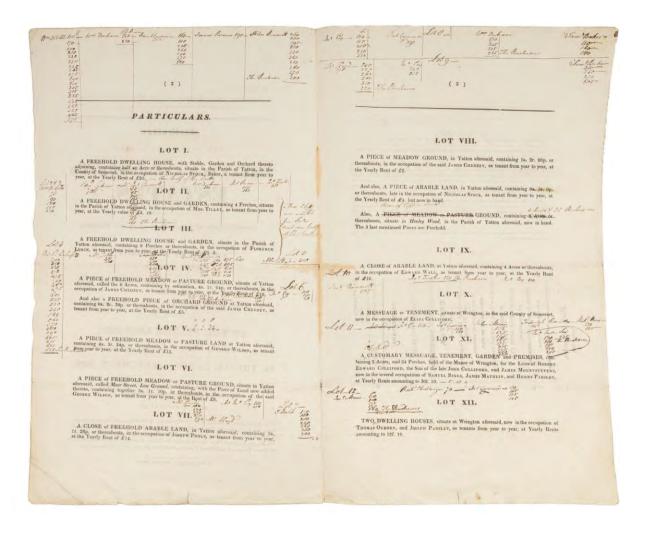
Contemporary paneled calf with early rebacking, raised bands and lettering piece to spine. Light rubbing and some shallow scuffing to boards, heavier rubbing to extremities and spine, wear to spine ends and corners, boards partially detached, owner bookplate of Charles Frost of Hull to front pastedown, title page partially detached but secure. Moderate toning and light foxing to text, early annotations, most likely by Frost, to several leaves, offsetting to margins of preliminaries and rear endleaves. \$450.

\* First edition. This well-respected edition is notable for its elegant parallel translation. Harris, an advocate of Doctor's Commons, provides an interesting historical introduction and notes that compare the rules of Roman and English law. The final section is a translation of "Concerning the Succession of Descendents," Book 118 of the *Novels*. This work was owned by many sophisticated lawyers in Great Britain and America, such as Thomas Jefferson. Second and third editions were published in 1761 and 1811. Frost [1781?-1862], an English lawyer, was a notable legal writer and antiquary. He is known today for his research into the early history of Hull, England.

Sowerby, Catalogue of the Library of Thomas Jefferson 2191 (second edition). English Short-Title Catalogue N8181.

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# The Lawbook Exchange, Ltd. Annotated Books and Pamphlets May 7, 2024



Annotated Circular of an 1832 Land Auction in Somerset County, England

# 20. [Land Auction].

# [Great Britain].

# Poole and Gamlan.

Particulars and Conditions of Sale, Of Freehold & Copyhold Estates, Situate in the Several Parishes of Yatton, Congresbury and Wrington, In the County of Somerset, Which Will be Sold, (Pursuant to an Order of the High Court of Chancery;) With the Approbation of Sir Giffin Wilson, Knight, One of the Masters of the Said Court: In Twelve Lots, At the Golden Lion Inn, In the Parish of Warrington, And County of Somerset, On Friday, The 28th of September, 1832, At Three of the Clock, In the Afternoon. Islington: W. Pass, Printer, [1832]. [4] pp. Folio (15-1/4" x 9-1/2").

Bifolium pamphlet. Light toning and soiling. Horizontal fold line through center, a few minor chips and tears to edges, annotated throughout in contemporary hand. \$500.

\* This auction featured 12 lots. The annotations are records of the bids and the names of the successful bidders. Another in a different hand on p. [4] reads: "1832. Saml. Baker's Acct. of the Bidding and sale."

No copies located on COPAC or OCLC.

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Annotated Throughout in a Contemporary Hand

# 21. Lane, Richard [1584-1650].

Reports in the Court of Exchequer, Beginning in the Third, And Ending in the Ninth Year of the Raign of the Late King James.... London: Printed for W. Lee, D. Pakeman, and G. Bedell, 1657. [iv], 119, [5] pp.

# [Bound with]

# Hetley, Sir Thomas.

Reports and Cases Taken in the Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, and Seventh Years of the Late King Charles.... London: Printed by F.L. for Matthew Walbancke...and Thomas Firby, 1657. 177, [1], [xii] pp. Table of cases, pp. [i-xii], which includes a one-page publisher catalogue, misbound at end of text.

# [And]

# Winch, Sir Humphrey [1555?-1625].

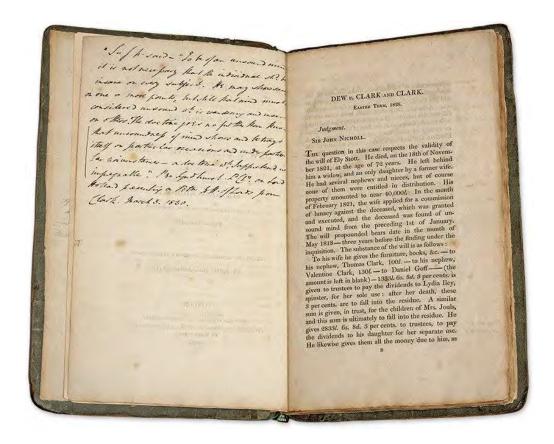
Reports of that Reverend and Learned Judge, Sir Humphry Winch Knight.... London: Printed for W. Lee, D. Pakeman, And G. Bedell, 1657. [viii], 125, [9] pp. Lacking final blank leaf.

Folio (11" x 7"). Recent period-style quarter calf over marbled boards, raised bands and lettering piece to spine, endpapers renewed. Light browning and damp-crinkling to interior, light foxing in places, light soiling to title page. All three titles annotated throughout in a single contemporary hand, several passages underlined. \$1,500.

\* Lane, Hetley: first edition; Winch: Only edition. These reporters addressed the Commonwealth-era demand for reports in English by respected, politically acceptable judges who practiced before the Civil War. Lane's, the first reporter devoted exclusively to Exchequer cases, Lane's reports shows a special interest in questions of Royal prerogative. The annotations, all brief, are mostly glosses; some are references to authorities and cases.

Wallace, The Reporters 237-241, 270-171, 262. English Short-Title Catalogue R6274, R10743, R8405.

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The Case that Established the Concept of Partial Insanity in English Law, A Copy Probably Annotated by the Editor

# 22. Nicholl, Sir John [1759-1838]. Haggard, John [1794-1856], Editor.

A Report of the Judgment of Dew v. Clark and Clark, Delivered by the Honourable Sir John Nicholl, In the Prerogative Court of Canterbury. Eastern Term, 1826. Edited, By Permission, From the Judge's Notes. London: Printed by A. Strahan, 1826. [ii], 99 pp. Octavo (9" x 5-1/2").

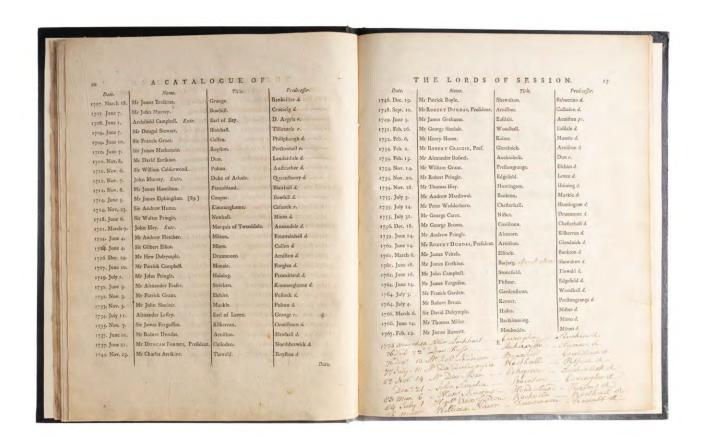
Paper-cover boards with recent calf rebacking, gilt title to spine, hinges mended. Light rubbing to board, heavier rubbing to board edges with wear to corners. Moderate toning to text, extensive annotations to preliminaries and rear endleaves and several corrections and brief annotations to text, most likely by Haggard. \$1,500.

\* Only edition. Dew v. Clark and Clark established the concept of insane delusion, a testator's false conception of reality that may invalidate a will altogether, or one or more of its provisions. In this case a father believed falsely that his daughter was "the devil incarnate" and disinherited her. The court found that his thoughts about her, "did and could only proceed from, and be founded in, insanity," a "partial insanity" that only extended to his thoughts about his daughter, which caused the will to fail. The annotations in our copy, the latest dated March 5, 1830, indicate that Haggard (or another editor) was planning a revised edition of this work.

OCLC locates 7 copies in North American law libraries (Boston University, Harvard, Library of Congress, Social Law Library, University of Minnesota, University of Pennsylvania, York University).

Catalogue of the Library of the Harvard Law School (1909) II:1061.

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Dalrymple's Biographies of the Lords of Session

# 23. [Scotland]. [Court of Session]. [Dalrymple, Sir David (1726-1792), Compiler].

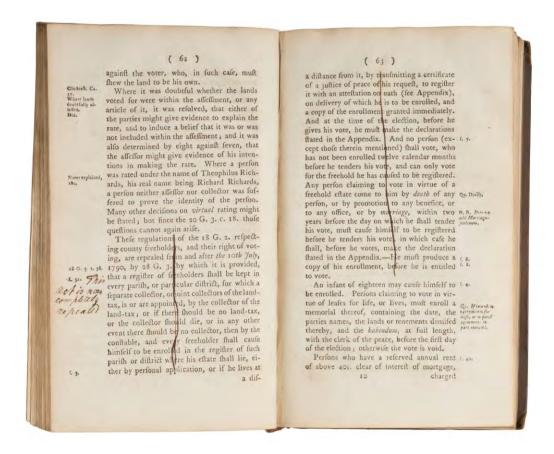
A Catalogue of the Lords of Session, From the Institution of the College of Justice, In the Year 1532. With Historical Notes. Edinburgh: Printed by Sands, Murray, and Cochram, 1767. [iv], 17, [1]; 26 pp. Quarto (10" x 7-3/4").

Stab-stitched pamphlet bound in recent buckram, gilt title to spine, edges rouged. Minor bubbling to rear board, hinges reinforced. Moderate toning to interior, occasional light foxing, mostly to margins, light soiling in a few places, somewhat heavier to title page and final leaf, light creasing to margins of a few leaves. Ownership signature ("David Brown") and early annotation to title page, additional ownership inscription ("Geo: Martin- from a friend-") to head of p. 1, later (and early?) manuscript corrections and additions, some quite extensive, in a few places, affected by trimming on p. 22 of the second section only. \$450.

\* First edition. An important figure in Scottish law and letters, Dalrymple, Lord Hailes, 3rd Baronet of Hailes, was an advocate, judge and historian. The present work is one of the earliest comprehensive biographies of the members of the Court of Session. It was revised and expanded twice, in 1794 and 1798. The annotations and corrections to our copy, mostly to the Catalogue, both follow the pasted-in errata slip and add some 39 names from 1775-1816.

OCLC locates 4 copies of the first edition in law libraries (Harvard, Yale, University of Cincinnati, University of Virginia). *English Short-Title Catalogue* T117992.

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# Pioneering English Treatise on Election Law, A Copy with Manuscript Corrections by the Author

# 24. Simeon, John [1756-1824].

A Treatise on the Law of Elections, In All Its Branches. London: Printed for T. Payne and Son, 1789. ix, [7], 176, cxxx, [12] pp. Octavo (8-1/4" x 5").

Recent period-style quarter calf over cloth, gilt-edged raised bands, blind fillets and lettering piece to spine, endpapers renewed. Moderate toning to text, occasional faint dampstaining, light soiling to a few leaves. "John Williams Atty. Carmarthen" to head of title page, annotations by Simeon, one of them signed, to a few leaves. \$1,000.

\* First edition. With extensive index containing extracts from election cases. "We have seen that Douglas, the reporter in the court of King's Bench, had also made reports of election cases, which he published in 1775-177, and that other reports of election cases began to appear about the same time. The publication of these reports gave an opportunity for a more logical treatment of the subject, which was provided by Simeon's [book]..." (Holdsworth). A second edition was published in 1795.

John Williams [1757-1810] was a Carmarthen, Wales, barrister and legal scholar who contributed to the tenth and eleventh editions of Blackstone's *Commentaries* and prepared the well-regarded third edition of Saunders's *Reports of Cases and Pleadings in the Court of King's Bench.* The annotations in our copy by Simeon indicate laws that were modified or repealed.

Holdsworth, History of English Law XII:346. English Short-Title Catalogue N14027.

# Order This Item



An Annotated Copy of a Scarce 16th Century Book of Legal Maxims

25. Soccini, Bartolommeo [1436-1507].

Vadi, Benedetto [16th. c.].

Gerlier, Jean.

Petrucci, Federico.

Molinarus, Jacobus.

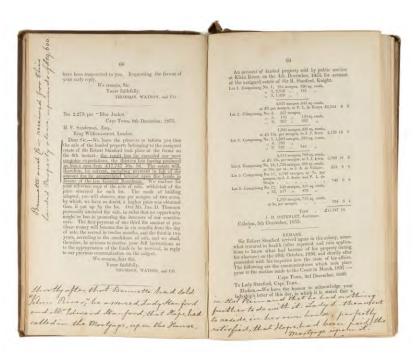
Fallentiae. Regule cu[m] suis Ampliationibus et Fallentiis e Toto Iure Delecte: P[er] P[er] spicacissimum Utriusq[ue] Iuris Docto[r]ez do. Bartholomeum Socinum (...) [et] Co[r] recte: Nuperrimeq[ue] [et] Denuo Emendate Atq[ue] Frequentib[us] (Quibus Scaturiebat) Erro[r]ibus Expurgate. [Lyon: Opera Benoît Bonyn Expensis François Giunta et Jacques Giunta, 1524]. [xvi], 224 ff. Octavo (5-1/2" x 4").

Contemporary paneled pigskin, image of Venus and Cupid to center of front board, image of Hercules and Antaeus to rear, raised bands and fragments of paper labels to spine, faint early hand-lettered title to fore-edge of text block. Moderate soiling, boards slightly bowed, moderate rubbing to extremities, tiny hole near center of front joint, front hinge cracked. Title page, with large woodcut vignette of a professor and students, printed in red and black. Moderate toning, faint dampstaining to foot of text block through fol. [ix], annotations to endleaves and several parts of the text, light soiling and edgewear to preliminaries and endleaves, illegible early owner signature to head of title page, clean tear to fore-edge of leaf G4 (fol. 52). An attractive copy of a scarce title. \$3,500.

\* Later edition. The main part of this work is a collection of legal maxims, mostly relating to the civil law, arranged alphabetically with critical commentary, mostly by Soccini. First published in 1510, it was a popular work that went through several editions into the late sixteenth century with additions by later jurists. It was also included in the *Tractatus Universi Iuris* (1584-1586), the great eighteen-volume anthology commissioned by Pope Gregory XIII. All editions of Soccini's work are scarce in North American law libraries.

OCLC locates 5 copies of the 1524 edition, 1 in North America (Harvard Law School). *Universal Short-Title Catalogue* 145650.

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An Extensively Annotated Copy of an 1859 Work Concerning the Fate of 282 Transported Irish Convicts

# 26. [Stanford, Sir Robert (1806-1877)].

Loyalty and its Reward; Or, Justice Versus Law, At the Cape of Good Hope, In the Nineteenth Century. Cape Town: Mathew, Chevens, And Bryant, Machine Printers, 1859. 255 pp. Leaves B1-3 (pp. 9-14) lacking and supplied in facsimile. Octavo (9-3/4" x 5-3/4").

Publisher's textured cloth, fragment of printed label to spine. Front board detached along with text block, backstrip loose and fraying, light rubbing to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities. Moderate toning to interior, light foxing and soiling in a few places, a few partial cracks to text block, all leaves secure, lower comer of leaf D4 (pp. 31-32) lacking with no loss to legibility. Contemporary underlining, corrections and annotations throughout in a single hand. \$750.

\* Only edition. In September 1849, the *Neptune*, a ship carrying 282 convicts, most of whom were Irish, sailed to Cape Town in an attempt to turn the colony into a penal settlement. The *Neptune* was prevented from docking by the local inhabitants, who did not want to host a penal colony and felt that Irish prisoners were particularly undesirable. The blockade lasted for five months before the captain gave in and transported the prisoners to Tasmania. The crew and prisoners were ferried supplies in the interim by Robert Stanford, a prominent area landowner originally from Ireland who sympathized with the convicts. Stanford and his family were shunned by the community for this advocacy. The immense economic and personal losses Stanford suffered as a result forced him to leave his estate and return to England. He was knighted by Queen Victoria and awarded a compensatory £5,000.

The present volume is a highly sympathetic account of the affair from Stanford's perspective, though it is unclear whether he wrote or compiled it. The copious and interesting annotations were clearly made by someone familiar with the primary documents in the case and Stanford's decision-making process during the affair. We located a copy with very similar (but not identical) annotations, possibly in the same hand, at the British Library.

This title is scarce. In addition to the British Library copy, OCLC locates 6 copies, 1 outside South Africa, none in North America.



Important Early Work on Writs Thoroughly Annotated by an Early Owner

### 27. Theloall, Simon.

Le Digest des Briefes Originals, Et des Choses Concernants Eux. London: In Aedibus Richardi Tottelli, 1579. [viii], 424 ff. Octavo (5-3/4" x 3-3/4").

Seventeenth-century calf, blind rules to boards, raised bands to spine, boards reattached. Moderate rubbing to boards, heavier rubbing to extremities with wear to spine ends and corners, small section lacking from center of spine, a few partial cracks to text block, Signature G (ff. 49-56) trimmed a little shorter than other signatures. Thoroughly annotated by a contemporary owner in Law French in a small, neat chancery hand, notes affected in places by trimming. Contemporary owner inscription to title page (Robbart), along with a few brief contemporary annotations, purchase date to verso of final leaf: "25 May 1580." Preserved in a custom cloth clamshell box with printed paper title label. \$5,000.

\* First edition. Theloall's *Digest* was the accepted register of correctly drafted writs. It owes its origin to the suggestion of Staunford that it would be a good idea if lawyers would write treatises on the other titles of the abridgments similar to his study of the Title "Prerogative." Staunford illustrated his meaning by showing how the Title "Brief" might be treated. Theloall chose this title, and wrote a treatise on it for his own use. The manuscript, having been lent, eventually found its way to a printer. "It deserved to be printed, as it is the most orderly treatise on procedure, founded on the Year Books, that had yet appeared... Historically, it comes between the older commentaries upon writs and the modern books on procedure" (Holdsworth). A second edition was published in 1678. The work of a seasoned practitioner, the annotations in our copy are a collection of case references, cross references and glosses.

Holdsworth, A History of English Law V:381. English Short-Title Catalogue S118369. Beale, A Bibliography of Early English Law Books T499.





Annotated by the Defendant's Secretary

# 28. [Trial].

# Kingston, Elizabeth Chudleigh

# Hervey, Duchess of [1720-1788], Defendant.

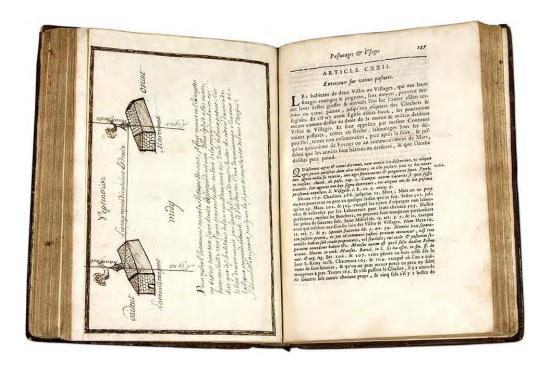
The Trial of Elizabeth Duchess Dowager of Kingston for Bigamy, Before the Right Honourable the House of Peers, In Westminster-Hall, In Full-Parliament.... London: Printed for Charles Bathurst, 1776. [iv], 176 pp. Title page preceded by imprimatur leaf. Folio (15" x 9-3/4").

Later quarter cloth over plain boards, lettering piece to spine, endleaves renewed, edges untrimmed. Light rubbing and scuffing to boards, which are faded, comers bumped and somewhat worn, front board starting but secure. Moderate toning to interior, occasional light foxing and soiling, mostly to margins, light edgewear and clean tears to edges of a few leaves, faint offsetting to upper gutter of pp. 8-9, upper comers of last two leaves lacking, text unaffected. Early ownership signature of Richard Wood to first leaf, early annotations from Wood in several places. \$1,250.

\* Only edition. When she determined to marry the Duke of Kingston, Elizabeth feared the scandal of divorce from her first husband, Augustus Hervey, later Earl of Bristol, who wanted a divorce, so she instituted a suit of jactitation against him. His negative response ignored, she took an oath that she was unmarried, and the court so declared her. She married the Duke of Kingston in 1769, and he died in 1770 and left her a substantial estate on the condition that she remain a widow. The duke's nephew, Mr. Evelyn Meadow, brought suit against her for bigamy shortly after the duke's death, while she was traveling in Italy. She returned to England to stand trial. Found guilty, she would have been "burned on the hand" but she claimed the privilege of her peerage which served to exempt her from corporal punishment. She continued a life of travel and adventure until her sudden death in Paris in 1788.

Our copy of her trial was owned by Richard Wood, who served as the Duchess's secretary throughout the trial. His notes largely clarify points or name persons. An annotation to the Duchess's tearful testimony wearily notes "I exhorted her not to mention this."

Dictionary of National Biography IX:730. Sowerby, Catalogue of the Library of Thomas Jefferson 1957. English Short-Title Catalogue T92941.



Copy of Vitry *Coutumes* with Contemporary Annotations to Several Leaves

# 29. [Vitry-le-François]. Salligny, [Charles de], Notes.

Coutumes de Vitry le François, Avec le Commentaire de Me. Charles de Salligny, Avocat au Parlement. Corrigée & Augmentée d'une Nouvelle Harmonie de Loix, d'Arrests, & Décisions Interpretatives du Droit Coûtumier Curieusement Illustrée de Citations Élegantes. Avec Divers Traitez Separez Touchant le Droit des Juges Conservateurs, De la Navigation, Des Incendies, & Autres. Châlons: Chez Jacques Seneuze, 1676. [xvi], 372, [38] pp. Last page blank. Quarto (10" x 7").

Contemporary tree calf, raised bands, lettering piece and gilt ornament to spine. Light rubbing, some discoloration and light gatoring to boards, which are slightly bowed, moderate rubbing to extremities with some wear to spine ends and corners, which are bumped. Early owner signatures to title page including those of Pierre Hannonet, dated 1696, and André Doyen Delavaux, dated 1767. Moderate toning to text, somewhat heavier in places, annotations in Hannonet's (neat) hand, many quite extensive, to several leaves, letter from Salligny's son to Hannonet tipped in between pp. 218-219, ink sketch tipped-in between pp. 286-287. A work with interesting associations and annotations. \$2,500.

\* Fourth and final edition. Salligny's edition was a work of great authority in Vitry-le-François and the Province of Champagne. Hannonet, the annotator of our copy, was an *Avocat au Parlement* and royal land assessor (*saisies réelles*) who lived in Sainte-Menehould, a town near Vitry-le-François. His annotations are mostly to sections concerning estates and wills. Dated 1713, the tipped-in letter, to Salligny's son, like his father a distinguished legal authority, is a detailed response to a question concerning "Wills with four witnesses." The ink sketch illustrates shared land usage (*entrevours*) in two villages near Sainte-Menehould: Moiremont and La Neuvilleau Pont. The other owner of this copy we were able to identify, Delavaux, was King's lawyer at the bailiwick of Sainte-Menehould.

Gouron and Terrin, Bibliographie des Coutumes de France 2161. Caswell and Sipkov, The Coutumes of France in the Library of Congress 489.



Complete Run of 20 Year Books of Edward IV

# 30. [Year Books].

# Edward IV [1442-1483], King of England.

De Termino Michaelis Anno Primo Eduardi Quarti. [London: Imprinted...In Fleetstrete within Temple Barre at the Signe of the Hande and Starre, by Richard Tottill, Anno. 1556 [i.e. 1571?]]. x ff.

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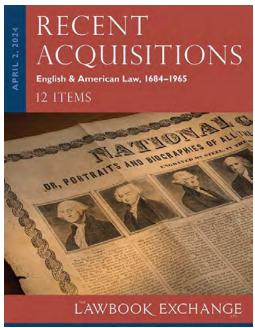
[19 Year Books of Edward IV, Years 2-22]. [London: Richard Tottell, 1556-1572]. All text collates complete; one blank lacking.

Contemporary paneled calf, large central blind arabesques, rebacked and recornered in period style with raised bands, blind fillets and gilt title to spine, endpapers renewed. Light rubbing, scuffing, faint dampstaining and a few small holes to boards, moderate rubbing to board edges, corners bumped, ink annotation (Edw. 4) to fore-edge of text block, front hinge mended, rear hinge cracked, later owner name (William Humfrys) to front pastedown. Light toning to interior, annotations, underlining or minor corrections in ink in a (likely single) early hand to nearly every page, very light foxing and soiling in a few places, small tears or chips to fore-edges of a few leaves, minor loss to annotations on two pages, no loss to text. An impressive complete collection. \$10,000.

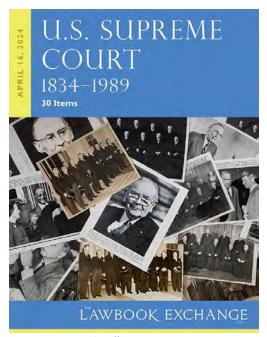
\* It is difficult to overestimate the importance of the Year Books. As a series of notes on debates and points of pleadings in Norman England they are of crucial primary sources for our knowledge of medieval common law. They also provide a richly detailed portrait of contemporary English life, customs and manners. The origin of the Year Books is unknown. Some scholars believe the earliest volumes were notes transcribed by law students for study. Others say they were made by lawyers to use in practice. Though it is not known when the first manuscript volumes were compiled, the cases date from the 1270s to 1535.

Printed editions of the Year Books were first issued by William de Machlinia between 1481 and 1482. The present titles belong to the so-called "Quarto Edition." Not a set or edition in the conventional sense, these volumes were issued separately with various dates and impressions between 1522 and 1619. The extensive annotations to our volume, some brief glosses and others case citations and references to other Year Books, indicate detailed review by an early reader and demonstrate the utility of the Year Books to scholars and practitioners.

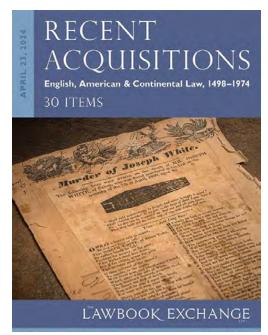
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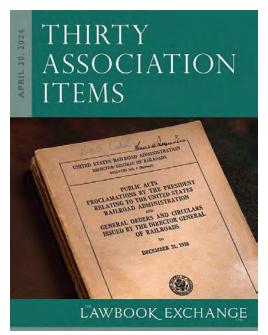
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