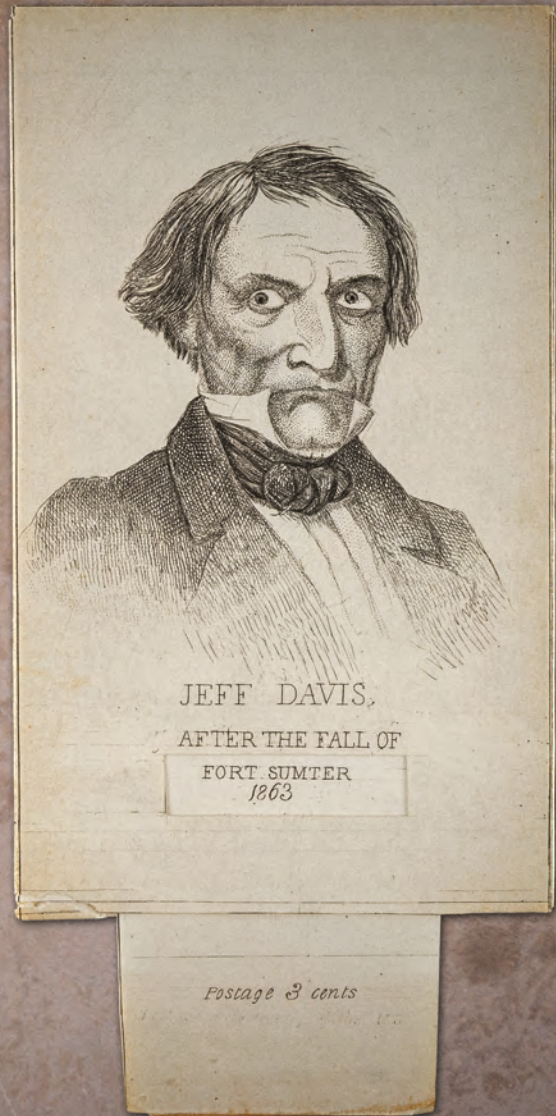
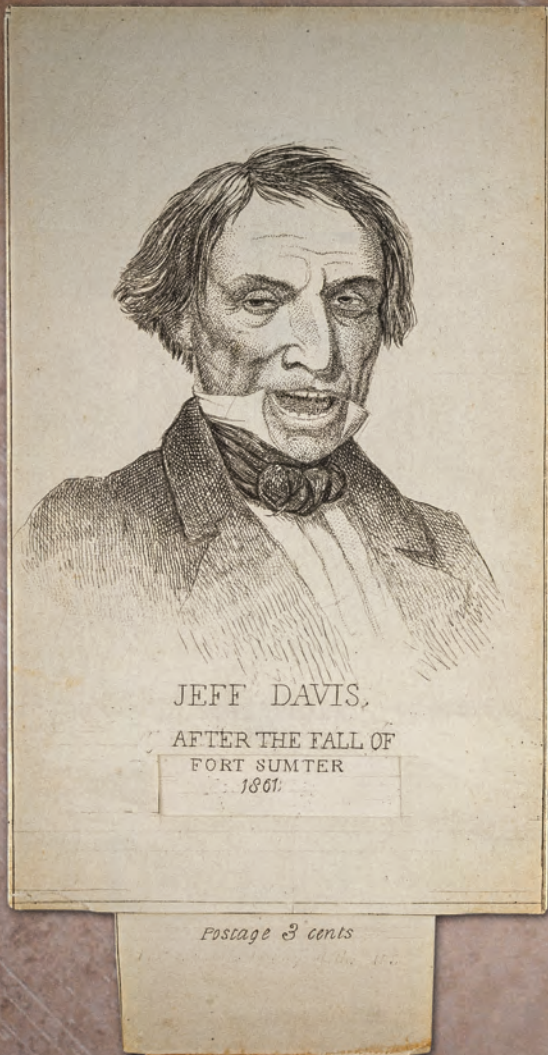


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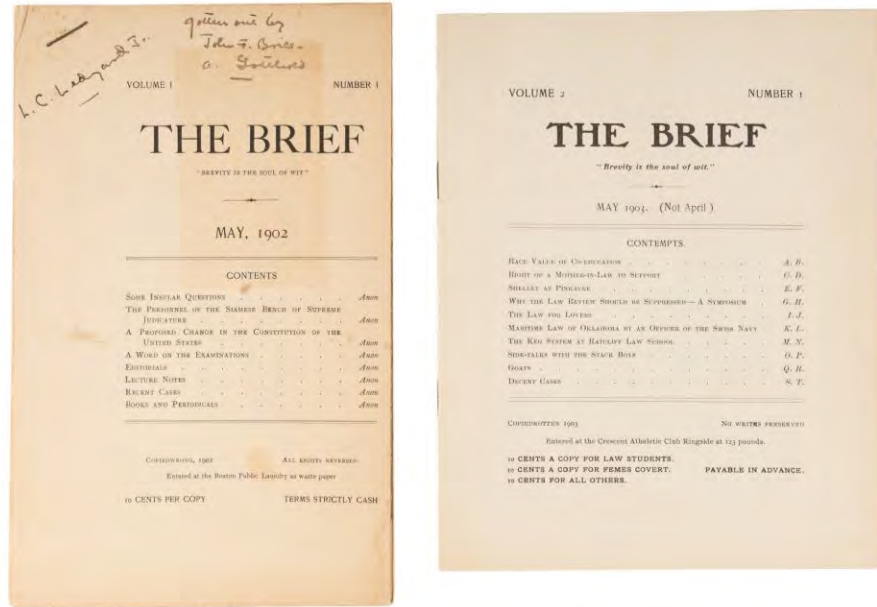
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**"Brevity is the Soul of Wit"**

**1. [Brice, John Francis].**

**[Gotthold, Arthur Frederick].**

*The Brief*. "Brevity is the Soul of Wit." Volume 1, Number 1, May 1902. Copiedwrong, 1902. All Rights Reserved. Entered at the Boston Public Laundry as Waste Paper. 10 Cents Per Copy. Terms Strictly Cash. [Cambridge?: S.n., 1902]. [6] frenchfold leaves forming 12 pages, all numbered 444 printed within black (mourning?) borders. Octavo (9-1/2" x 6").

[With]

*The Brief*. "Brevity is the Soul of Wit." Volume 2, Number 1. May 1903. (Not April). Copiedrotten 1903. No Writes Preserved. Entered at the Crescent Athletic Club Ringside at 123 Pounds. 10 Cents a Copy for Law Students. 10 Cents a Copy for Femes Covert. 10 Cents for All Others. [Cambridge?: S.n., 1903]. [16] pp., numbering irregular. Advertisements to rear wrapper. Octavo (8-3/4" x 7").

Stapled pamphlets in self-wrappers. Light to moderate toning, light rust to staples, faint offsetting to front wrapper of Vol. 1, which has "L.C. Ledyard, Jr." and "gotten out by John F. Brice- A. Gotthold" inscribed at head, faint stains in a few places, small tears to surface of rear wrapper of Volume 2 affecting legibility of advertisements. \$500.

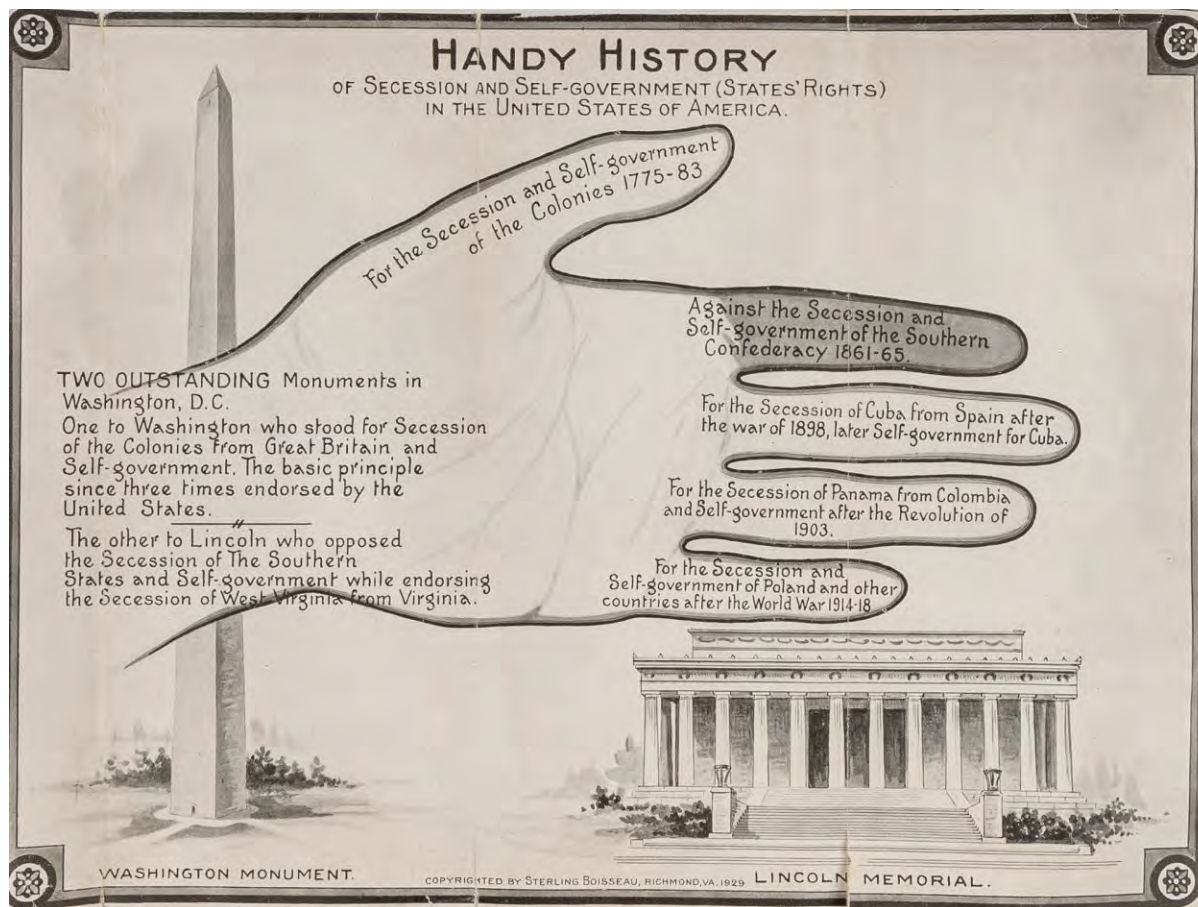
\* A fine example of wry law-school humor of the early 1900s by two Harvard law students (both Class of 1902) with time on their hands. Publication of the periodical was taken up by their successors and issues were published annually until 1905. Articles include "The Personnel of the Siamese Bench of Supreme Judicature," "Why the Law Review Should be Suppressed-A Symposium," "The Law for Lovers" and "Side-Talks with the Stack Boys."

Lewis Cass Ledyard, Jr. [1880-1936], a 1903 graduate of Harvard Law School, was a socially prominent New York City lawyer and philanthropist.

OCLC locates 2 copies of Volume 1 (Cornell, Harvard Law School) and 2 copies of Volume 2 (Purdue, Harvard Law School). "L.C. Ledyard Jr. Dies of Pneumonia; Noted as Lawyer Long Active in Philanthropic Work." *Brooklyn Daily Eagle*, May 2, 1936 (<https://bklyn.newspapers.com/newspage/52641496/>)

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### A Curious Example of "Lost Cause" Propaganda

#### 2. [Broadside].

**Boisseau, Sterling.**

*Handy History of Secession and Self-Government (States' Rights) in the United States of America.* Richmond, VA: Sterling Boisseau, 1929.

9" x 12" pictorial broadside on glossy paper, text on image of outstretched hand below headline, images of the Washington Monument and Lincoln Memorial in background. Light edgewear, three vertical fold lines with short tears at ends, a few other tiny tears to edges. \$450.

\* A curious example of "Lost Cause" propaganda. Boisseau shows, through an example on each finger, that opposition to the Confederacy was hypocritical because Americans and the Federal government have supported it in all other cases, from "Secession and Self-government of the Colonies 1775-83" to the "Secession and Self-government of Poland and other countries after the World War 1914-1918."

The caption to the Washington Monument and Lincoln Memorial reads: "Two outstanding monuments.... One to Washington who stood for secession of the Colonies from Great Britain and Self-government. (...) The other to Lincoln who opposed the Secession of the Southern States and Self-government while endorsing the Secession of West Virginia from Virginia."

OCLC locates 1 copy (The Library of Virginia).

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"The Very Important Verdict of the Honest Jury"

3. [Broadside].  
[Coldbath Fields Riot].

*An Authentic Account of the Proceedings of the Coroner's Inquest on the Body of Robert Culley, A Policeman, With the Very Important Verdict of the Honest Jury.* London: Smeeton, Printer, Tuesday, May 21, 1833.

14-3/4" x 10" broadside, double-column text below headline. Light toning, moderate edgewear, folds to corners, left-hand margin backed with strip of paper, possibly part of a hinge from an album. A well-preserved copy. \$2,000.

\* Fourth edition. Held on May 16, 1833, the Coldbath Fields Riot began as a public meeting of the National Union of the Working Classes at Coldbath Fields in Clerkenwell, an area of central London. Batons drawn, the police marched on the 1,000 attendees at the meeting. In the violence that followed three policemen were stabbed. One of them, Robert Culley (or Cully), died from his wounds. The subsequent inquest showed that the protestors were overwhelmed in number by the police. More important, no officer issued a call to disperse. Based on those facts, the jury returned a verdict of lawful homicide.

OCLC locates 1 copy (at Harvard Law School); no copies listed on Library Hub.

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**LEEK DIVISION OF THE COUNTY OF STAFFORD.**

LIST OF CASES to be heard at the COURT HOUSE Leek on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of Nov 1872

Justices Present

No.	Complainant	Defendant	Offence	Fine		Costs		Constables' proportion	If previously convicted	Remarks
				s	d	s	d			
✓	Ray Weston	Wm Phillips	Mistake damage							not present
	Margaret Nolan	Geo Redford	Bastardy							
✓	Charles Phillips	Jane Bullcock	Drunk & riotous	10						
	Jane Mackin	Thos Robinson	Bastardy							
✓	Henry Manscote	Tom & Robt Lee	Riding on Railway	10						not present
✓	"	Henry Redburn	without ticket	2	6					
✓	John Rushton	Brook Fisher	Assault							not present
✓	Robert Tarrow	Joseph Barber	causing obstruction	5						
✓	"	James Hudson	"	6						
✓	"	John Hudson	"	1						
✓	"	John Clark	"							committed on behalf of Govt
	Charles Needham	Abraham Gibson	Assault							
✓	George Nagmall	Thos. Caldwell	"	3						not present
✓	George Boulton	John Mackin	"							not present
✓	"	"	Drunk & riotous							
✓	Joseph Mackin	Richd Harrison	Assault							not present
✓	"	George Boulton	"							
✓	Chas Phillips	Richd Robinson	Drunk & riotous							
✓	"	Thos Lewis	Refusing to leave Prem	1						not present
✓	"	Isaac Robinson	Drunk & riotous							
✓	"	J.P. Spadley	"	1						not present
✓	Henry Penlth	Colman Miller	Assault							
✓	William Turner	Joseph Redford	Proper game	2						not present
✓	"	John Lewis	"	1						not present

**The Fates of 24 Criminals in Staffordshire**

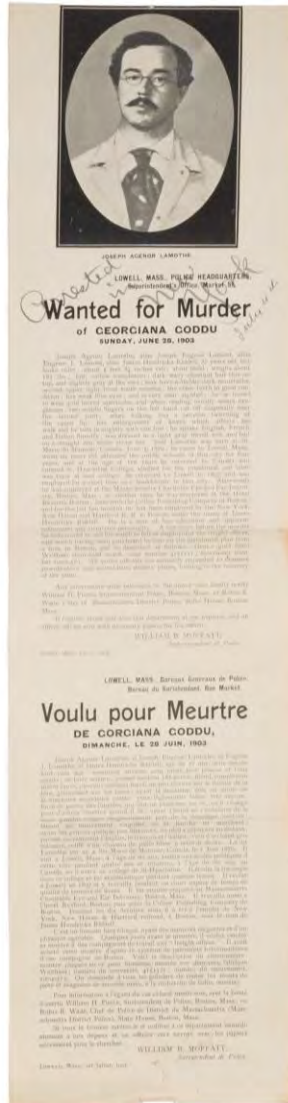
4. [Broadside].  
[Criminals].  
[Great Britain].

Leek Division of the County of Stafford. List of Cases To Be Heard At The Court House [Leek] on the [6th] Day of [Nov.] 187[2].  
Leek, Staffordshire, 1872.

16-1/2" x 13" part-printed broadside completed in manuscript. Light toning, horizontal and vertical fold lines, negligible light foxing, two small holes along main horizontal fold with no loss to text. \$350.

\* List of twenty-four criminal cases held at the Leek Petty Sessions Court, Staffordshire. Each entry lists the complainant of the case, the defendant, the offence and the fine, with spaces for costs, constables' proportion, prior convictions and other remarks. Listed offenses range from bastardy to causing obstruction to riding on a railway without a ticket, with many citations for "drunk & riotous" conduct (four from the same complainant). An interesting look at day-to-day justice of the period.

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A Lowell, Massachusetts Wanted Poster in English and French

5. [Broadside].

[Criminals].

[Lamothe, Joseph Agenor].

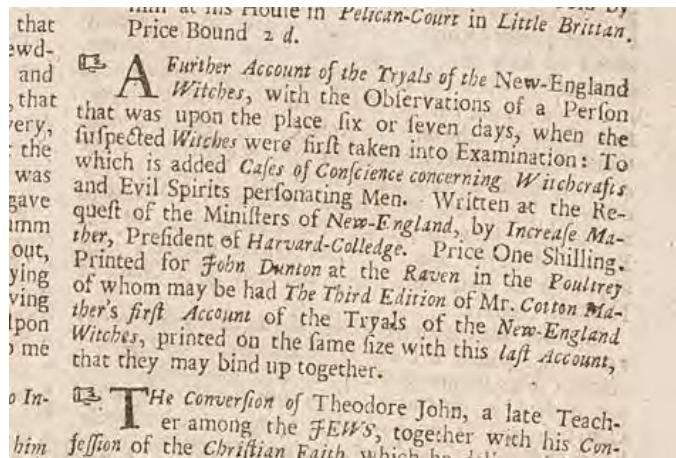
*Wanted for Murder of Georgiana Goddu.* Lowell, MA: Lowell Police Department, Sunday, June 28, 1903.

6" x 23" broadside, single column text below photograph of the fugitive, Joseph Agenor Lamothe, and headline, bottom half of text, also with a headline, is a French translation. Moderate toning, horizontal fold lines, a few with minor tears, tiny stain to left-hand margin near center of text, small chip and tear to center of bottom edge, contemporary manuscript note near top of text stating that Lamothe was arrested on July 4 in New York City. \$750.

\* Lamothe was dating Georgiana's sister, Alexandrine. Georgiana disapproved, so he shot her. The broadside has an unusually detailed description of Lamothe's upbringing, education, employment, personality, habits and physical appearance. (Records show that Lamothe was shot during his arrest. He died from his wounds on July 6.)

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With an Advertisement for Cotton Mather's Infamous Account of the Salem Witch Trials

6. [Broadside].

Dunton, John [1659-1733], Editor in Chief.

The Athenian Mercury. Saturday, July 8. 1693. Vol. 10. Numb. 30. London: Printed for John Dunton at the Raven in the Poultry, 1693. 2 pp. Folio (12-1/4" x 7-1/2").

Disbound broadsheet, text in double columns below headline. Moderate toning, light wear to left edge from disbinding, small chip to right edge. \$1,000.

\* The Athenian Mercury was published from March 17, 1690 [i.e. 1691] to June 14, 1697 by bookseller and author John Dunton. Each issue consisted of a series of questions submitted by readers and answers generated by "expert" members of Dunton's Athenian Society; the magazine is considered to have pioneered the advice column format. The questions ranged widely in nature, with readers seeking advice on matters of philosophy, law, natural science, politics and love. The magazine provides interesting insight into various cultural aspects of late Stuart England, such as gender relations and political issues.

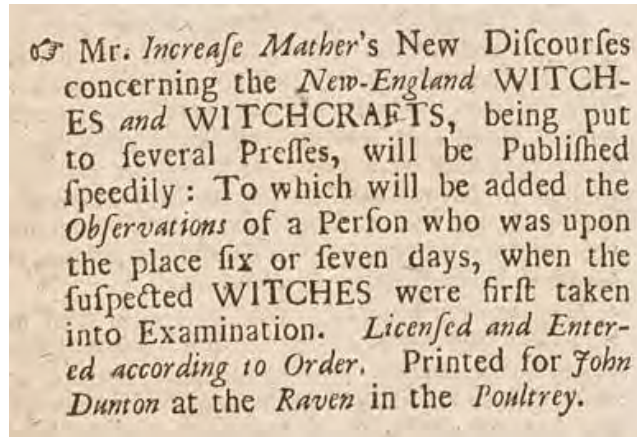
An interesting feature of this issue is an advertisement for two titles concerning the Salem Witch Trials. Dunton was the English publisher of Cotton Mather's infamous The Wonders of the Invisible World (1693), described here as "Mr. Cotton Mather's first Account of the Tryals of the New-England Witches." Probably in an attempt to capitalize on witch trial sensationalism, Dunton also published a compilation volume of related material, A Further Account of the Tryals of the New-England Witches (1693). The advertisement notes that the two titles, available separately, are "printed on the same size...that they may bind up together."

English Short-Title Catalogue P1742 (all issues).

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With an Advertisement for "New Discourses Concerning the New-England Witches and Witchcrafts"

7. [Broadside]. Dunton, John [1659-1733], Editor in Chief.

The Athenian Mercury. Saturday, June 6. 1693. Vol. 10. Num. 21. London: Printed for John Dunton at the Raven in the Poultry, 1693. 2 pp. Folio (12-1/4" x 7-1/2").

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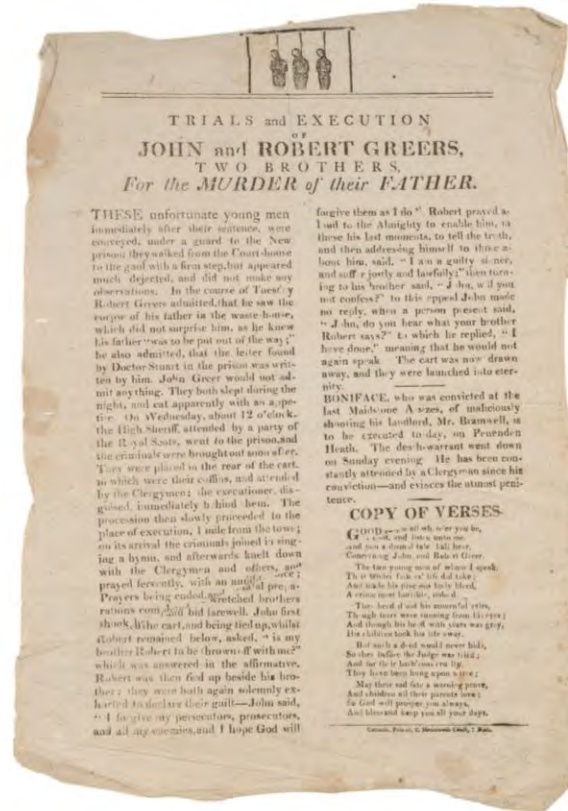
An interesting feature of this issue is an advertisement for "Mr. Increase Mather's New Discourses Concerning the New-England Witches and Witchcrafts." This was a reprint of Mather's Cases of Conscience, first published in Boston in 1693, with an added narrative of personal observations by Deodat Lawson, "a Person who was upon the place six or seven days, when the suspected witches were first taken into Examination." Dunton published it later in 1693 under the title A Further Account of the Tryals of the New-England Witches. An enthusiastic proprietor of witch trial-related material, he was also the English publisher of Cotton Mather's infamous The Wonders of the Invisible World (1693).

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"Will You Not Confess?"

8. [Broadside].  
[Execution].  
Greers, John.  
Greers, Robert.

*Trials and Execution of John and Robert Greers, Two Brothers, For the Murder of Their Father.* [London]: Catnach, Printer, 2, Monmouth Court, 7 Dials, [c.1800].

14" x 10" broadside, on thin paper, text in two columns below woodcut vignette of execution and headline, five stanzas of verse at end of second column, untrimmed edges. Moderate toning, light soiling, several light creases, a few small faint stains to margins. \$2,000.

\* This broadside says nothing about the circumstances of the crime. It describes the behavior of the two brothers on the day of their execution. Robert was penitent, John defiant. When "solemnly exhorted to declare their guilt" after the nooses were placed around their necks, John said "'I forgive my persecutors, prosecutors, and all my enemies, and I hope God will forgive them as I do.' Robert prayed aloud to the Almighty to enable him, in these last moments, to tell the truth, and then addressing himself to those around him, said, 'I am a guilty sinner, and suffer justly and lawfully;' then turning to his brother said, 'John, will you not confess?' to this appeal John made no reply, when a person present said, 'John, do you hear what your brother Robert says?' to which he replied, 'I have done,' meaning he would not again speak. The cart was now drawn away, and they were launched into eternity."

This broadside is rare and appears to be unrecorded. No copies located on OCLC or Library Hub.

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**A Contemporary Verse  
Account of the Mannings and Their Crime**

9. [Broadside].

[Murder].

Manning, Frederick George [1820-1849].

Manning Marie DeRoux [d. 1849].

*Execution of the Mannings.* [London: S.n., 1849].

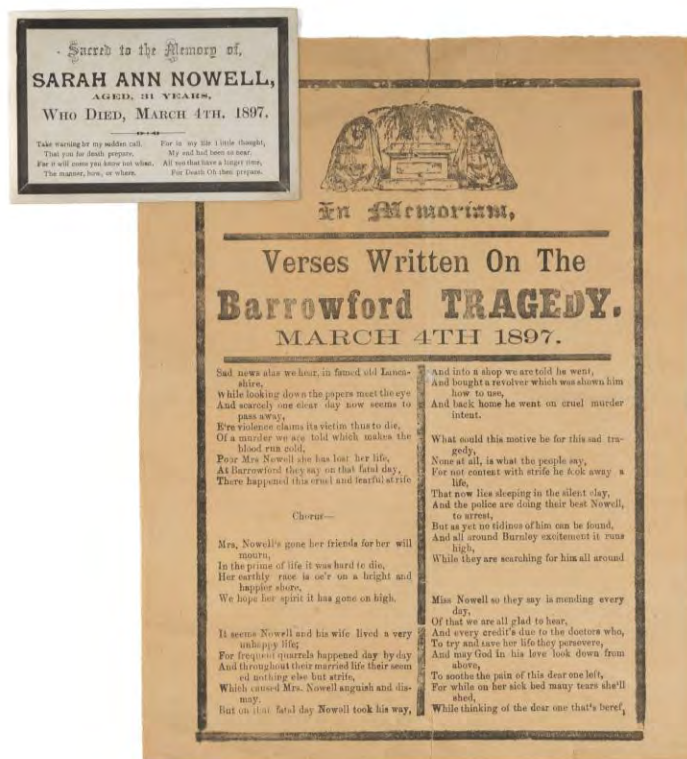
10" x 7-1/4" broadside. eight-stanza verse text in two columns separated by typographical rule below headline and woodcut execution scene surrounded by single-column text. Light browning, minor edgewear, small stain near upper right corner, "13 Nov. 1849" in early penciled hand near lower right corner. \$750.

\* This broadside relates to a notable nineteenth-century murder case in London. O'Connor, a domestic servant, was the former lover of Marie DeRoux Manning. He was murdered by Marie and her husband, Frederick George Manning. The motivation was greed; O'Connor was a successful moneylender and investor. The case attracted a good deal of public attention and became known as the "Bermondsey Horror." Eventually apprehended, the husband and wife were hanged on November 13, 1849. This execution was the first time a husband and wife had been executed together in England since 1700. Dickens witnessed the execution and wrote an account of it that was published in *The Times*. He based a character on Marie Manning, Mademoiselle Hortense, Lady Dedlock's maid in *Bleak House*. The upper part of this broadside describe the execution and reprint the texts of the final letters exchanged by the Mannings. The verses recount the events of the crime and execution.

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**"Not Content With Strife, He Took Away a Life"**

10. [Broadside].  
[Murder].  
[Nowell, Sarah Ann].

*In Memoriam, Verses Written on the Barronford Tragedy, March 4th 1897.* [Barrowford, Lancashire (?): S.n., 1897].

11-1/4" x 8-1/4" broadside, woodcut vignette of a tomb above large headline, main text printed in parallel columns, thick black rules enclosing text and image. Light browning, a few short clean tears and minor creases to edges.

[With]

Sacred to the Memory of, Sarah Ann Nowell, Aged, 31 Years, Who Died, March 4th. 1897.

3" x 4-1/2" card, text in two columns below headline, thick black rules along margins. Light soiling, minor wear to corners.

Together two items. \$750.

\* The main texts of the broadside and card are in verse. They relate to the murder of Sarah Ann Nowell by her husband. The broadside reports that the Nowells "lived a very unhappy life/ For frequent quarrels happened day by day/ And throughout their married life their [sic] seemed nothing else but strife/ Which caused Mrs. Nowell anguish and dismay." One day the husband purchased a gun. "Not content with strife, he took away a life." The card appears to be a souvenir from her funeral. It has eight lines of verse urging the reader to prepare for death.

Both items appear to be unrecorded. No copies listed on OCLC or Library Hub.

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Mr Perkins had this money in his house when a fire broke out in the village which he went to see, carrying the money in his pocket for safe keeping.

**\$200**

**REWARD!**

Lost in this village on Tuesday evening the 21st instant, a roll of *Bank Bills*, containing about \$1,700.

The above Reward will be given to any person who will return the same to the subscriber, or deposit the money to his credit in the Livingston County Bank. Or a liberal reward will be given to any person who will give information where the contents of said Roll can be found.

**E. H. PERKINS.**  
Geneseo, 22d January, 1840. *The loss of this money caused his failure in business.*

With Poignant Manuscript Notes

11. [Broadside].

Perkins, E.H.

*\$200 Reward! Lost in This Village on Tuesday Evening the 21st Instant, A Roll of Bank Bills, Containing about \$1,700.* Geneseo, NY: January 22, 1840.

7-3/4" x 10-3/4" broadside, text in single column below headline. Light browning and a few tiny light stains, horizontal and vertical fold lines through center, minor tears beginning to form on folds, annotations in contemporary hand to upper and lower margins. \$350.

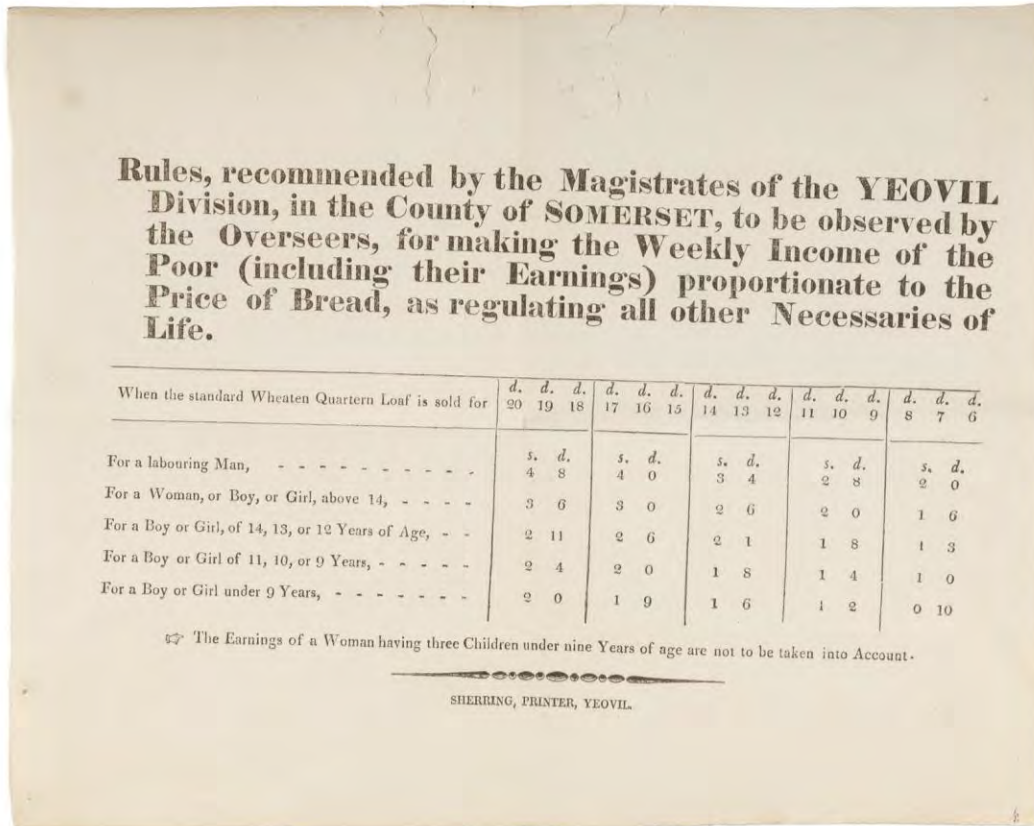
\* The annotations read: "Mr. Perkins had this money in his house when a fire broke out in the village which he went to see, carrying the money in his pocket for safe keeping" and "The loss of this money caused his failure in business." "E.H. Perkins" is probably Elijah Harvey Perkins [1787-1862], a Geneseo hatter.

Perkins, *The Descendants of Edward Perkins of New Haven, Conn.* 37

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**A Georgian-Era Program to Alleviate Rural Poverty**

**12. [Broadside].  
[Poor Laws].  
[Great Britain].**

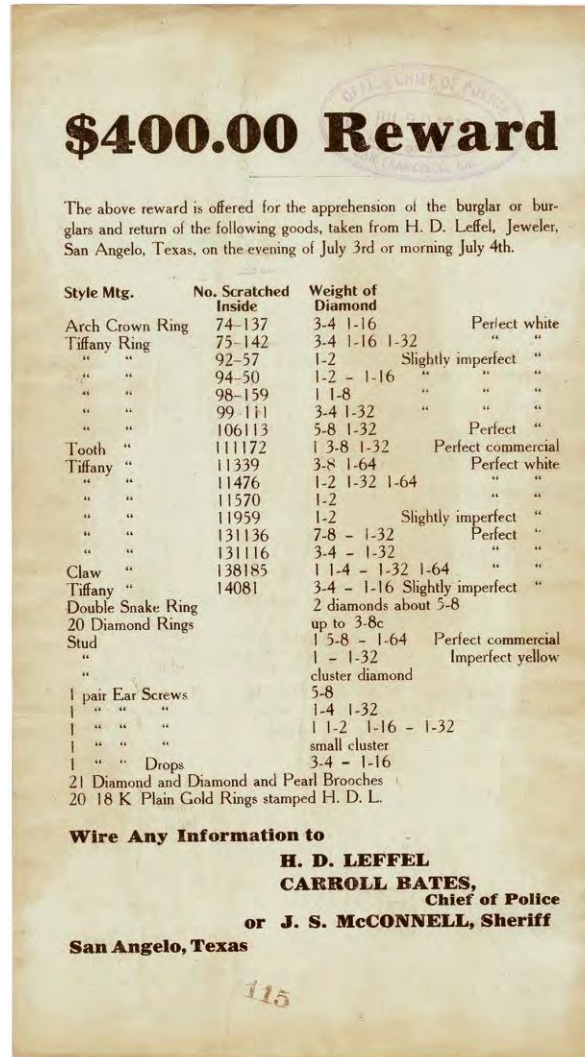
*Rules, Recommended by the Magistrates of the Yeovil Division, In the County of Somerset, To be Observed by the Overseers, For Making the Weekly Income of the Poor (Including Their Earnings) Proportionate to the Price of Bread, As Regulating All Other Necessities of Life.* Yeovil: Sterling, Printer, c.1795.

7-1/2" x 9-1/2" broadside, text, with table, in single column below headline.

Moderate toning, vertical and horizontal folds, light creasing and a few minor tears near center of top-edge, a few negligible light spots to margins. \$350.

\* This is a broadside outlining the Speenhamland system, a form of rural poor relief devised by a group of magistrates at a meeting in Speenhamland, Berkshire in 1795. A response to a sharp increase in grain prices due to a series of bad harvests and Britain's involvement in the French Revolution and Napoleonic wars, it established a system of price subsidies based on income. The costs associated with this program, and evidence that was not especially successful, created the political pressure that led to the 1834 Poor Law, which restricted poor relief to the occupants of workhouses. No copies listed on OCLC or Library Hub.

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**Texas Reward Poster Seeking the Capture of Jewelry Thieves and the Recovery of Stolen Jewelry**

13. [Broadside].

[Theft].

[San Angelo, Texas].

*\$400.00 Reward. The Above Reward is Offered for the Apprehension of the Burglar or Burglars and Return of the Following Goods, Taken from H.D. Leffel, Jeweler, San Angelo, Texas, On the Evening of July 3rd or Morning July 4th. San Angelo, TX: S.n., c.1901.*

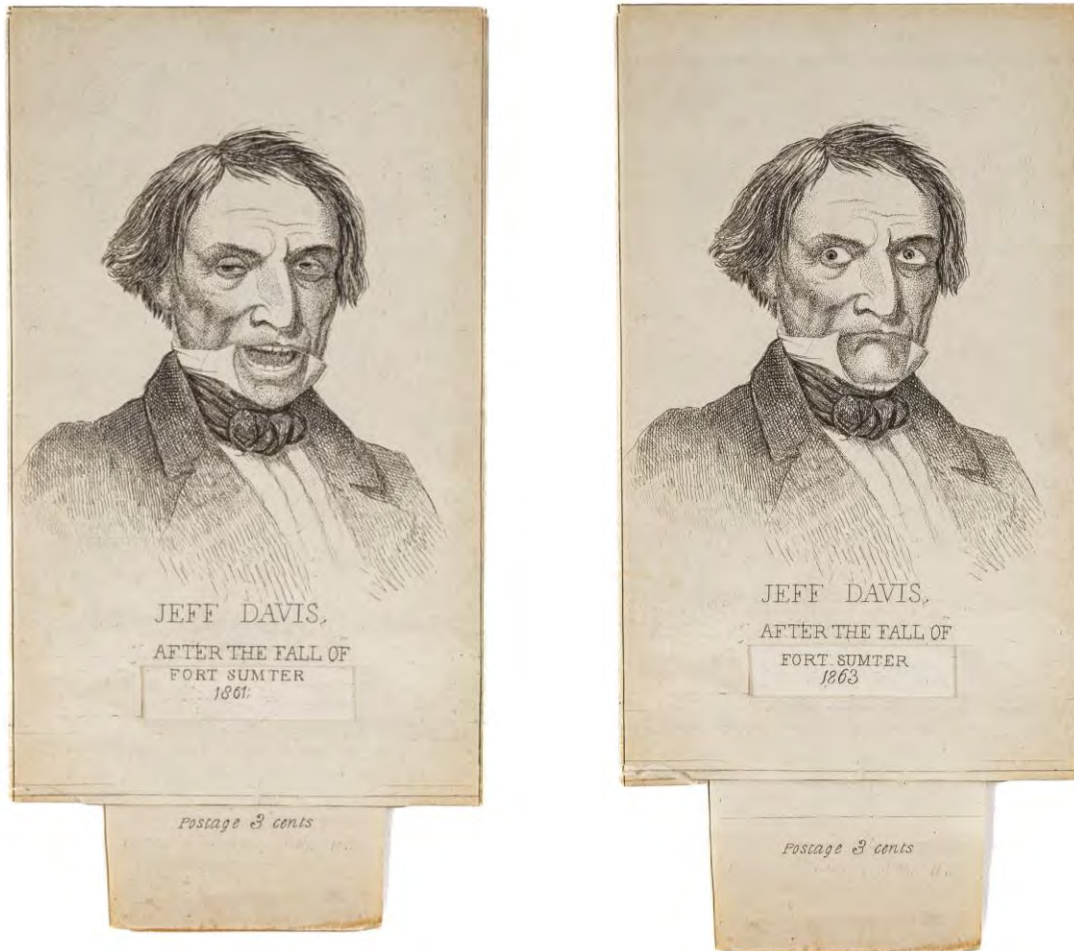
10" x 5-1/2" broadside, main text in parallel columns below headline. Light toning and soiling, faint fold lines, a few minor creases, faint stamp of the San Francisco chief of Police to head, another stamp reading "115" to foot. \$450.

\* Signed in type by H.D. Leffel, Carroll Bates, Chief of Police, and J.S. McConnell, Sheriff, this wanted poster lists the stolen items and their identification numbers. Some of the stolen items were produced by Tiffany. The San Francisco stamp shows that San Angelo Police Department established a broad search area for this case.

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Jefferson Davis in 1861...And 1863

14. [Davis, Jefferson (1808-1889)].

Johnson, D[avid] C[laypoole] [1799-1865].

*Jeff Davis, After the Fall of Fort Sumter, 1861 / Jeff Davis After the Fall of Fort Sumter 1863.* Boston: Designed and Published by D.C. Johnston, Studio Building, Tremont St., [1863].

4-1/2" x 2/4" lithographed mechanical (metamorphic) slide card. Negligible light soiling, tiny tear to lower outside corner without loss. A well-preserved piece of Civil War ephemera. \$950.

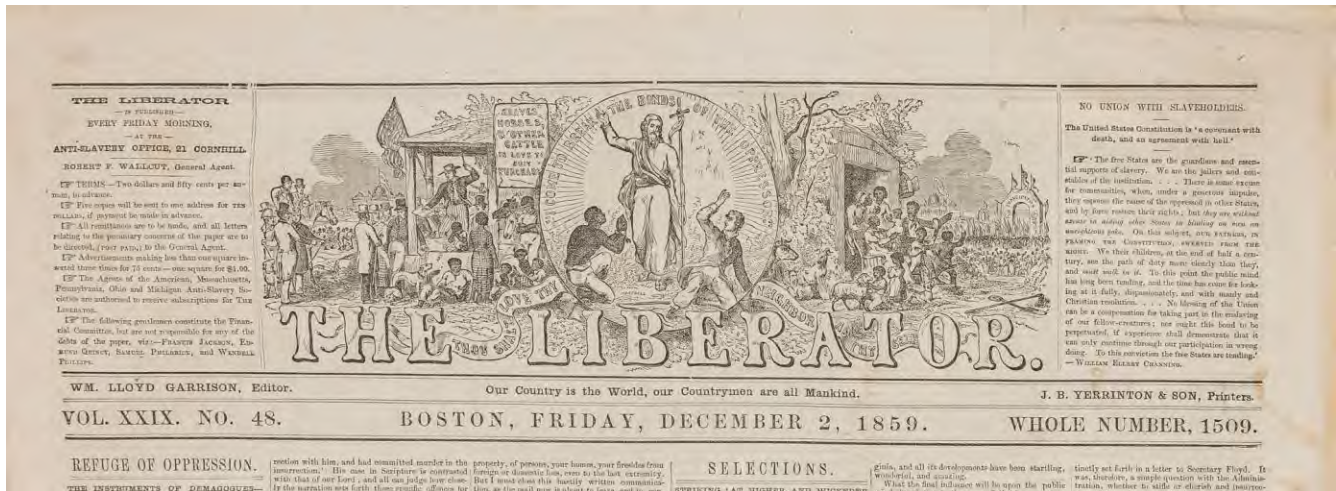
\* One image shows a smiling Jefferson Davis "After The Fall of Fort Sumter, 1861." A slight pull of the slide tab at the bottom of the card transforms Davis's face into a scowling grimace with the caption: "After The Fall of Fort Sumter, 1863." The card is not entirely accurate, which suggests it was printed before Union forces attacked the fort on September 8, 1863. It was reduced to rubble, but it wasn't recaptured.

Johnson was an important American cartoonist, printmaker, painter and actor. Along with mechanical cards, he is known for his caricatures, cartoons, portraits of notable American and British actors.

This is a rare item. OCLC locates 4 copies (Miami University, Syracuse University, University of Michigan, University of Virginia).

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**Published on the Morning of John Brown's Execution,  
A Poignant Record of the Abolitionist Community's Response**

**15. Garrison, William Lloyd [1805-1879], Editor.**

*The Liberator*. Boston, Friday, December 2, 1859. Vol. XXIX. No. 48. Whole Number, 1509. Boston: J.B. Yerrinton & Son, Printers, 1859. 4 pp. Oversized folio (25" x 18").

Bifolium newspaper, text printed in six columns below triple-column masthead with the text "No Union With Slaveholders" and a woodcut illustration depicting scenes of slavery and emancipation with Christ at the center. Light toning, horizontal fold lines, light foxing in places, light edgewear and small tears to top and fore-edges, tiny vertical tear to center of third column affecting text without loss to legibility. A well-preserved copy of an important issue. \$1,500.

\* The Liberator, an abolitionist weekly published by William Lloyd Garrison, was a central organ of the American abolitionist movement. Though it maintained a relatively modest circulation of around 3,000 subscribers, it gained national influence (and notoriety) through its uncompromising commitment to the immediate, universal abolition of slavery. It inspired many abolitionists, such as Frederick Douglass, and recruited others to the cause, such as Angelina Grimké.

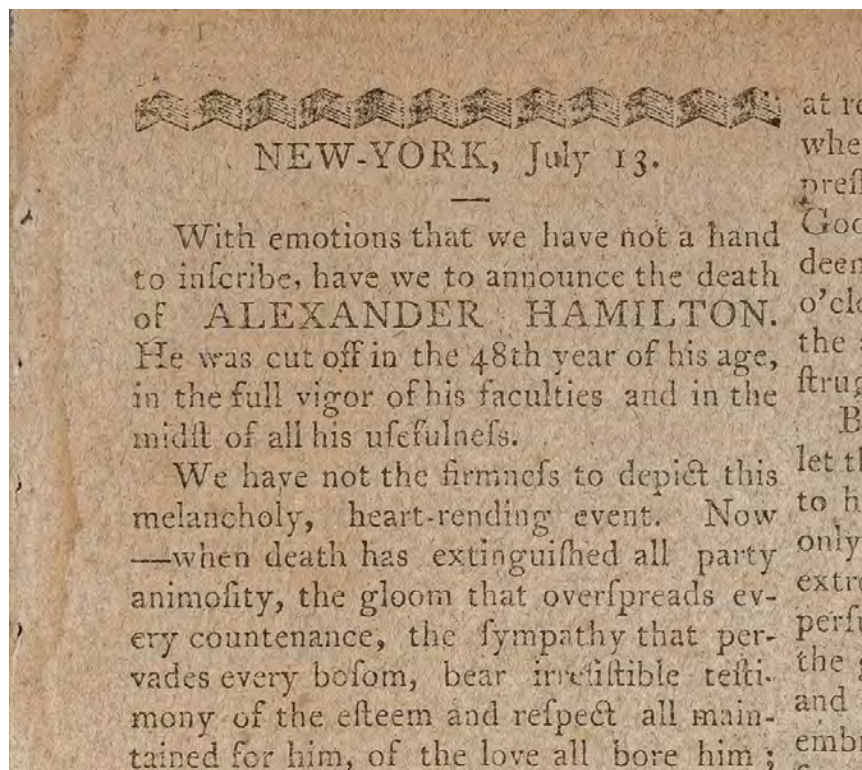
The paper was important for its editorials and original content. It also functioned as a digest of content of interest to the abolitionist community, including columns from other papers, advertisements and other notices. The present issue is dedicated almost entirely to John Brown, hanged for treason in Virginia that day. Both Brown's raid at Harpers Ferry and his swift prosecution received nationwide coverage, as this issue attests. Garrison himself disagreed strongly with Brown's methods, but he and The Liberator were just as committed to Brown's cause. An unsigned column remarks: "You have done your worst, but John Brown 'still lives'!"

The issue contains a number of interesting advertisements and notices. One is for a public meeting on December 2, where Garrison would deliver his speech "John Brown and the Principle of Nonresistance." Two poignant notices document prayer, fasting and labor stoppages among "the colored citizens" of Worcester and Montreal in Brown's honor. Other notices record the fates of fugitive enslaved people, advertise lectures (including one on "civil and political equality for women") and note marriages and deaths. Also included are advertisements for a new edition of Uncle Tom's Cabin, a Life of Capt. John Brown and a lithographic portrait of Brown. Rich in detail, the issue provides a glimpse into the hearts and minds of the abolitionist community on a pivotal day for the movement.

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#### An Early Report of the Death of Alexander Hamilton

**16. [Hamilton, Alexander (1757-1804)].**

*The Connecticut Courant*. Wednesday, July 18, 1804. Vol. 40. Num. 2060. 4 pp. Folio (19-1/2" x 12").

Disbound bifolium reinforced at left edge, text in five columns below masthead. Light browning and foxing, faint dampstaining to foot of both leaves, moderate edgewear and a few minor tears, faint horizontal fold line. A well-preserved item. \$1,500.

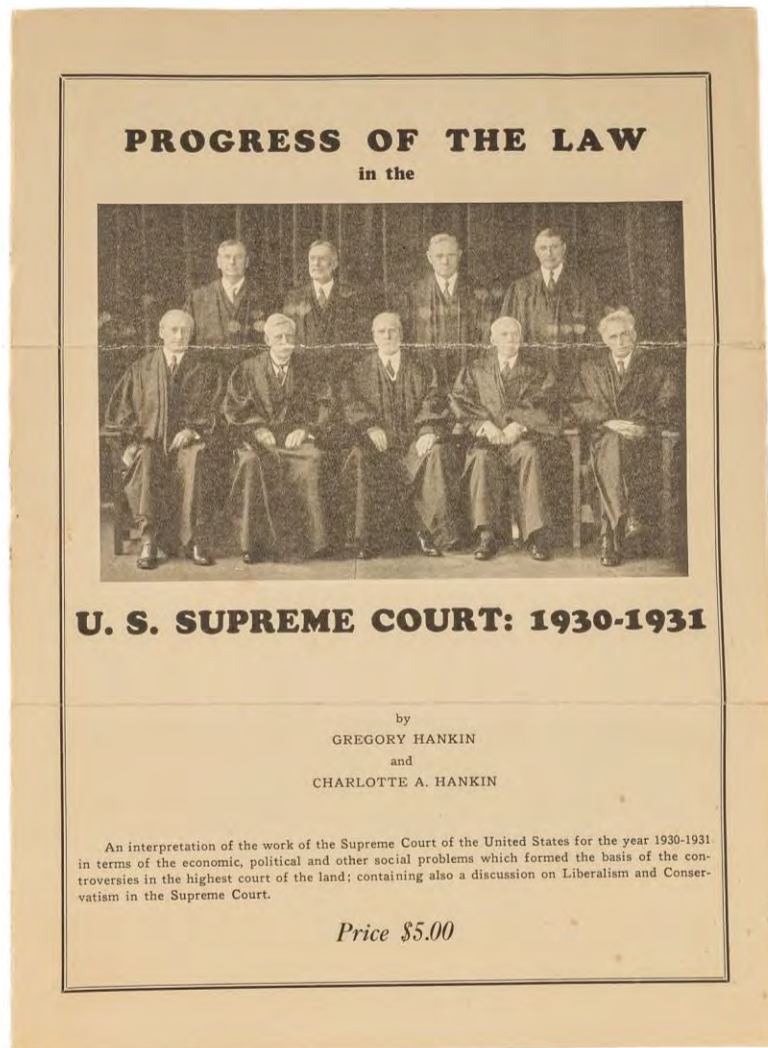
\* The *Connecticut Courant* was a pro-Federalist Hartford newspaper. Its July 18, 1804 issue is notable for its heartfelt notice of the death of Alexander Hamilton, the leader of the Federalist Party, on July 12, one day after his duel with Aaron Burr. This was one of the earliest reports of this event. It reads (in part): "With emotions that we have not a hand to inscribe, have we to announce the death of ALEXANDER HAMILTON. He was cut off in the 48th year of his age, in the full vigor of his faculties and in the midst of all his usefulness. [quoting clergyman Benjamin Moore upon visiting Hamilton after the duel:] 'Should it please God to restore you to health, Sir, will you never be again engaged in a similar transaction? and will you employ all your influence in society to discountenance this barbarous custom?' His [Hamilton's] answer was, 'That Sir, is my deliberate intention.'... Do you sincerely repent of your sins past; have you a lively faith in God's mercy through Christ, with a thankful remembrance of the death of Christ? And are you disposed to live in love and charity with all men? He [Hamilton] lifted up his hands and said, 'With the utmost sincerity of heart I can answer those questions in the affirmative - I have no ill-will against Col. Burr. I met him with a fixt resolution to do him no harm - I forgive all that happened.'"

Other events noted in this issue include a report on the legislation naming Napoleon emperor of France and an account the Battle of Vizagapatam, an engagement between British and French warships in the approaches to Vizagapatam harbor in British India.

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### Prospectus for a Book About the Supreme Court

17. [Legal Publishing].  
Legal Research Service.

[Hankin, Gregory and Charlotte A.].

[*Prospectus for Progress of the Law in the U.S. Supreme Court: 1930-1931*]. Washington, DC: Legal Research Service, [1932]. 4 pp.

11" x 8" bifolium leaflet. Light toning, horizontal fold lines, a few faint spots and stains, a few small tears starting along fold lines, text not affected. \$150.

\* This prospectus for Gregory and Charlotte A. Hankin's *Progress of the Law in the U.S. Supreme Court* (1932) includes a brief summary of the work, a list of the work's fifteen chapters with summaries for each, favorable reviews of other books by the Hankins and an order form for the book.

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### Legal Advice from Mr. Natural

#### 18. Legal Self-Defense Group.

*The Legal Self-Defense Group Presents Mr. Natural in Bailed Out.* [Boston: Legal Self-Defense Group, 1971?]. 4 pp.

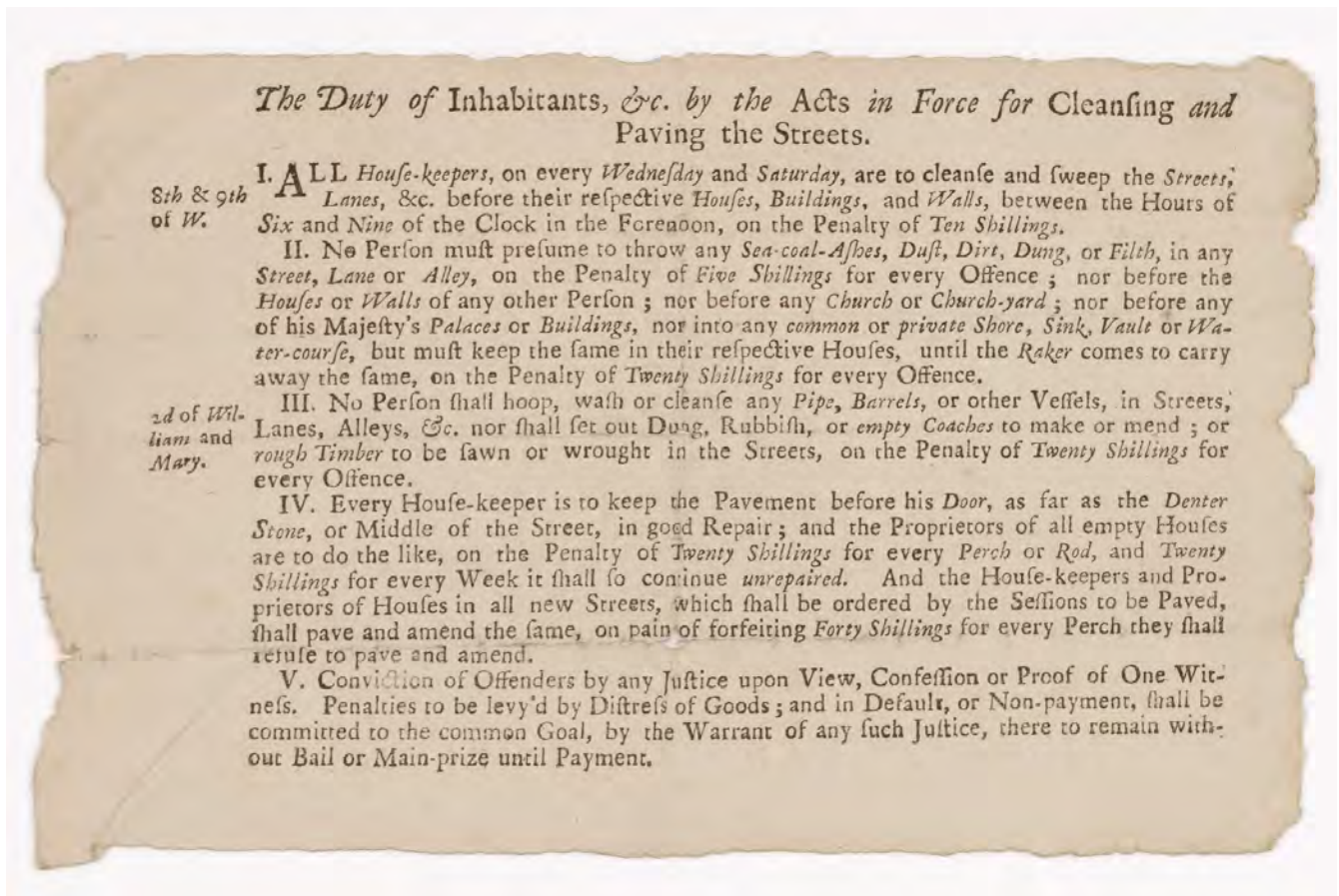
11" x 8-1/2" bifolium, illustrated on colored paper. Fine. \$250.

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

Widener and Wiener, *Law's Picture Books: The Yale Law Library Collection* 8.20.

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**Unrecorded Handbill Issued to "House-Keepers"**

19. [London].  
[Sanitation].

*The Duty of Inhabitants, &c by the Acts in Force for Cleaning and Paving the Streets.* [London: S.n., c.1690].

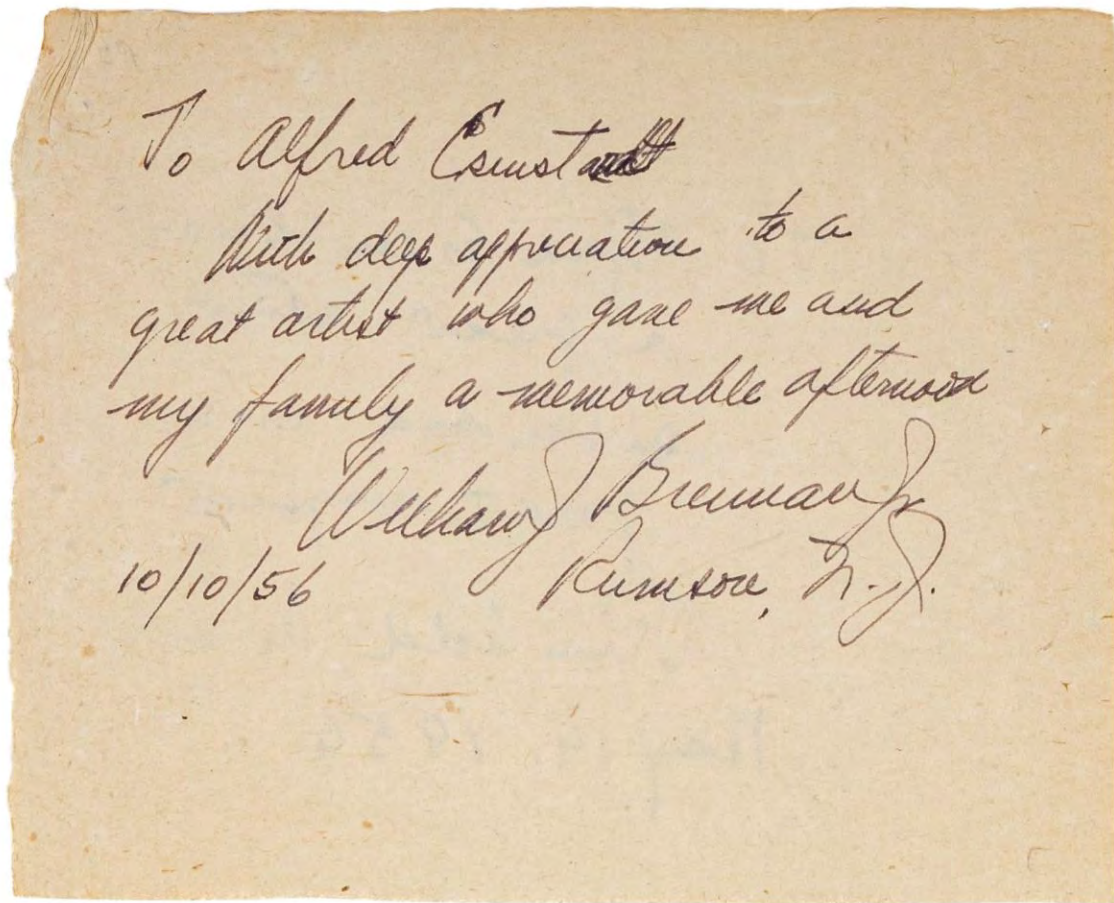
4-1/2" x 7" handbill, untrimmed edges. Light soiling, vertical fold through center, three horizontal folds, a few minor tears along folds. \$1,250.

\* Issued to "house-keepers," this handbill, which appears to be unrecorded, summarizes two laws from 1690 concerning maintenance, trash disposal and sanitation in homes, sidewalks and streets. Divided into five sections, it lists the requirements of these laws and the penalties for violating them.

No copies listed on the *English Short-Title Catalogue*, OCLC or Library Hub.

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Greetings to Alfred Eisenstaedt from U.S.  
Supreme Court Justice Brennan and Reinhold Niebuhr

20. [Manuscript].

Brennan, William J, Jr. [1906-1997].

Niebuhr, Reinhold [1892-1971].

[Eisenstaedt, Alfred (1898-1995)].

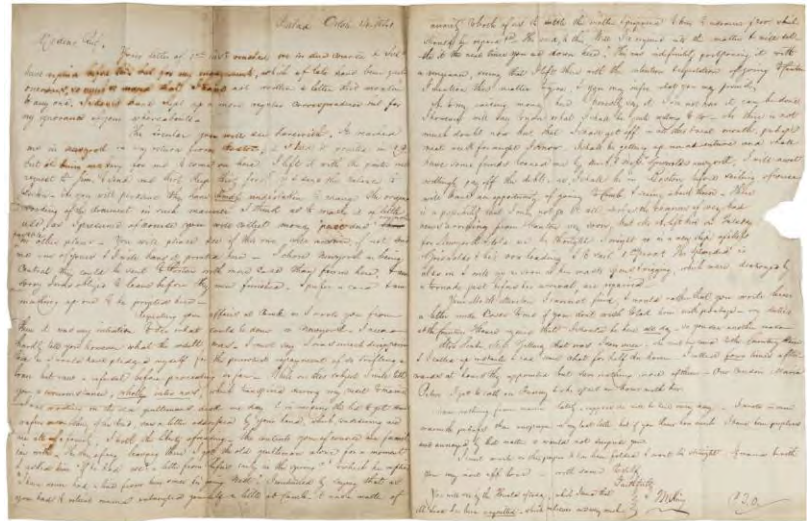
[Leaf from an Autograph Book that Belonged to Alfred Eisenstaedt, Dated October 10 and May 14, 1956].

5" x 6-1/4" removed leaf, untrimmed edges, stab holes to left margin, Brennan inscription to one side, Niebuhr inscription to the other. Light toning, otherwise fine. \$300.

\* One of the great photographers and photojournalists of the twentieth century, Eisenstadt was one of Life magazine's staff photographers from 1936 to 1972, where he published such iconic images as "V-J Day in Times Square." William J. Brennan, then about five years into his tenure as an associate justice of the U.S. Supreme Court, and Niebuhr, then at the height of his fame as a theologian and public intellectual, were among the hundreds of notables he photographed for the magazine. The inscriptions (Niebuhr's from May 14 and Brennan's from October 10) are warm and admiring; both refer to Eisenstaedt as a "great artist."

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**A Soon-to-be-Distinguished Ohioan Launches His Law Practice**

21. [Manuscript].

[King, Rufus (1817-1891)].

King, T[homas] W[orthington] [1820-1851].

[Autograph Letter, Signed, to Rufus King on Proof Copy of a Circular for Rufus King's Law Practice, Philadelphia, October 14, 1841].

4 pp.

11-1/2" x 9" bifolium circular, integral address leaf with postmarks and residue from wax seal. Moderate toning, negligible light soiling, horizontal and vertical fold lines, minor chips and tears to fore-edges. \$500.

\* Born and raised in Chillicothe, Ohio, and Harvard graduates, Rufus and Thomas Worthington King were the grandsons of founding Father Rufus King of New York [1755-1827] and Thomas Worthington, Ohio senator and governor. Both had distinguished careers. Thomas was involved in the China trade and wrote a notable travel diary; Rufus was a lawyer, president of the University of Cincinnati, dean of the Cincinnati Law School and author of a history of Ohio.

The circular is a proof copy for Rufus's recently established practice. (He studied at Harvard Law School and was admitted to the Ohio Bar in March 1841.) Thomas, then based in New York, oversaw its production. The first part of the appended letter discusses its final text, print run and distribution. Added in manuscript by William to its list of references, all of them leading lawyers and judges, such as Joseph Story, is William B. Reed of Philadelphia, a lawyer, politician, diplomat and man of letters. Thomas probably received this endorsement of Rufus from Reed while in Philadelphia, where he mailed the circular to his brother. The rest of the letter discusses family matters and recent personal events.

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San Francisco, Cal.  
Nov. 19, 1916

Hon. William D. Stephens,  
Governor of California,  
Sacramento, Cal.

Your Excellency:

You may recall, and the record is now before you, that subsequent to the trial of Thomas J. Mooney, and after an appeal from my order denying his action for a new trial, I addressed a letter to the attorney general, in which I requested him to take such action as would send the Mooney case back to my court to be tried anew.

I believed then that simple justice and fair play demanded such action, and from that position I have never for a moment receded. On the contrary, that stand has been by later developments greatly strengthened, and, if I may, I would trespass upon your valuable time to put before you, as briefly as the circumstances will permit, the reasons why I so firmly believe a new trial of the Mooney case should be had.

In the trial of Mooney there were four witnesses, and four only, who connected him with the explosion which occurred at Stewart and Market Streets. They were John McDonald, Frank G. Oxman, Mrs. Nellie Edeau and her daughter Sadie. Of these, Oxman and McDonald placed Mooney at the scene of the crime, and the Edeaus testified to his presence at 721 Market street, from which point, the prosecution avers, Billings, Weinberg, Mooney and his wife drove in Weinberg's jitney with an unidentified man to the place of the crime.

Oxman was by far the most important of these witnesses. His testimony was unshaken on cross examination, and his very appearance bore out his statement that he was a reputable and prosperous cattle dealer and land owner from the State of Oregon. There is no question but that he made a profound impression upon the jury and upon all those who listened to his story on the witness stand, and there is not the slightest doubt in my mind that the testimony of Oxman was the turning point in the Mooney case and that he is the pivot around which all the other evidence in the case revolves. It was because of the extreme importance of this witness and his naive simplicity on the witness stand that when the disclosure of the letters he had written to Rigall and his mother, which are before you, was made, I deemed it my duty to address the attorney general as I did.

The testimony of Mrs. Nellie Edeau and her daughter, Sadie Edeau, was, that on the day of the Preparedness Parade, Mooney, Mrs. Mooney, Billings and Weinberg were together at 721 Market street, from which point they drove away in the direction of the ferry in Weinberg's automobile jitney. They were the only witnesses who claim to have seen the Mooneys at that point, and their testimony is important in that it corroborates Oxman's statement that the same four people arrived at Stewart and Market streets in the same conveyance a short time after its departure from the Edeaus' observation.

At the trial of Billings the Edeaus did not disclose in their testimony then given that they had seen Mooney and his wife. This in itself was a suspicious circumstance, but as it was developed at Mooney's trial and thus was before the jury for consideration, I do not comment upon it. But the testimony of the Edeaus has now been entirely discredited by Inspector Smith of the Oakland Police Department, Captain Peterson of the United States Army, former Chief of Police of Oakland, and Lieutenant Goff of the San Francisco Police Department. The sworn testimony of these police officials adduced at the trials of the defendants Ross Mooney and Israel Weinberg, before Judge Sewall of Sonoma County, who presided for Judge Dunne, disclosed that immediately after the tragedy at Stewart and Market streets the mother called on the Oakland police officials, claimed then that she and her

### Testimonials on Behalf of a Wrongfully Convicted Bomber

#### 22. [Manuscript].

[Mooney, Thomas (1882-1942)].

[*Typed Correspondence and Testimonials on Behalf of Tom Mooney*]. California, c.1929? [10] ff.

11" x 8-1/2" typed sheets stapled together at upper left corner (5 copies of letters from Franklin A. Griffin, signed in type, 2 quotations from Griffin, 1 copy of letter from Duncan Matheson, 1 copy of letter from Charles Goff, 2 sheets of brief letters and statements from jurors). Moderate toning, horizontal fold line, small stain to lower right corner of first sheet, small chips to edge of final sheet without loss to text. \$500.

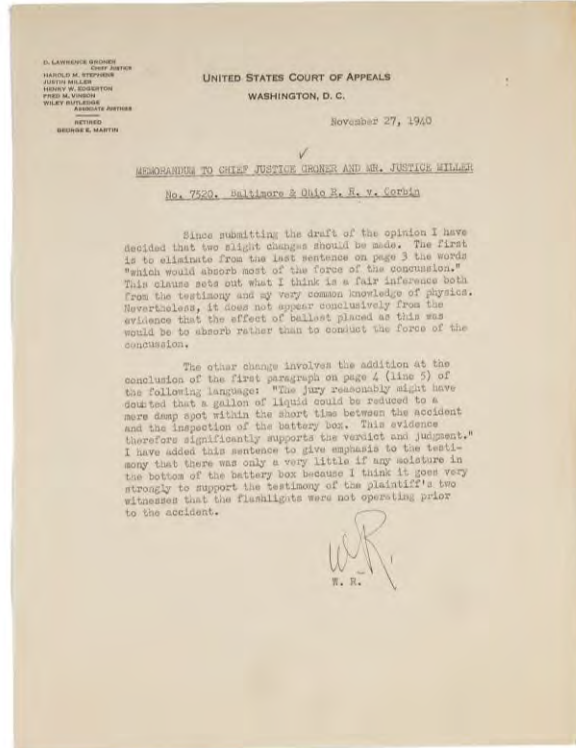
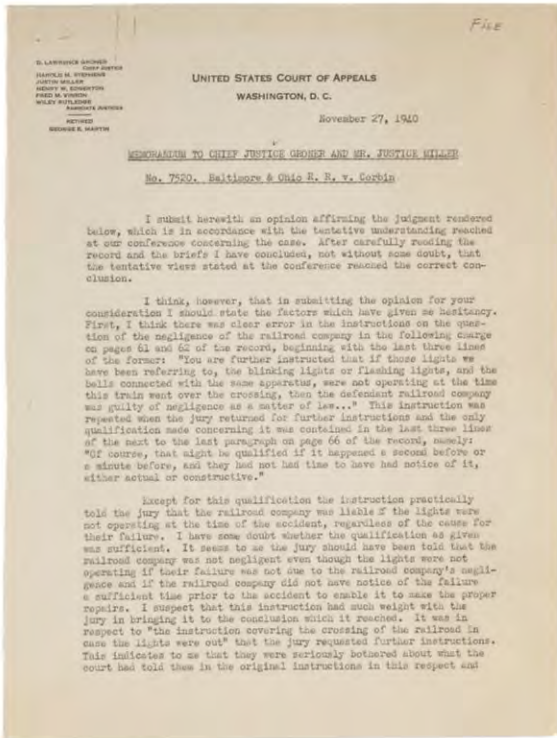
\* Mooney was a labor leader and political activist framed as a murderer after an anarchist's bomb exploded during the San Francisco Preparedness Day parade in 1916. He was sentenced to death and a colleague, Warren Billings, to life imprisonment. Their case became a cause célèbre among liberals, labor activists and defenders of civil liberties, among them Felix Frankfurter and Clarence Darrow. After 22 years of petitioning and publicity, they were released in 1939.

Perhaps compiled during the drafting of a press release or fundraising document, these sheets collect letters and testimonials on behalf of Mooney, including letters to three governors of California written by Franklin A. Griffin, the trial judge in Mooney's original Superior Court case, two quotations from speeches given by Griffin, letters written to Mooney by San Francisco police captains for use in his pardon application, and testimonial from the jurors at Mooney's trial. The letters are dated individually from 1918-1929 and signed in type.

We located a similar correspondence file (29 ff.) at UCLA.

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**Examples of Wiley Rutledge's Work When He was Justice of the U.S. Court of Appeals**

**23. [Manuscript].**

**Rutledge, Wiley [1894-1949].**

*Memorandum to Chief Justice Groner and Mr Justice Miller: No. 7520. Baltimore & Ohio R.R. v. Corbin, November 27, 1940.* 2 pp.

**[With]**

*Memorandum to Chief Justice Groner and Mr Justice Miller: No. 7520. Baltimore & Ohio R.R. v. Corbin, November 27, 1940.* 1 pp.

**[And]**

*Memorandum to Chief Justice Groner: No. 7520. Baltimore & Ohio R.R. v. Corbin, December 2, 1940.* 1 pp.

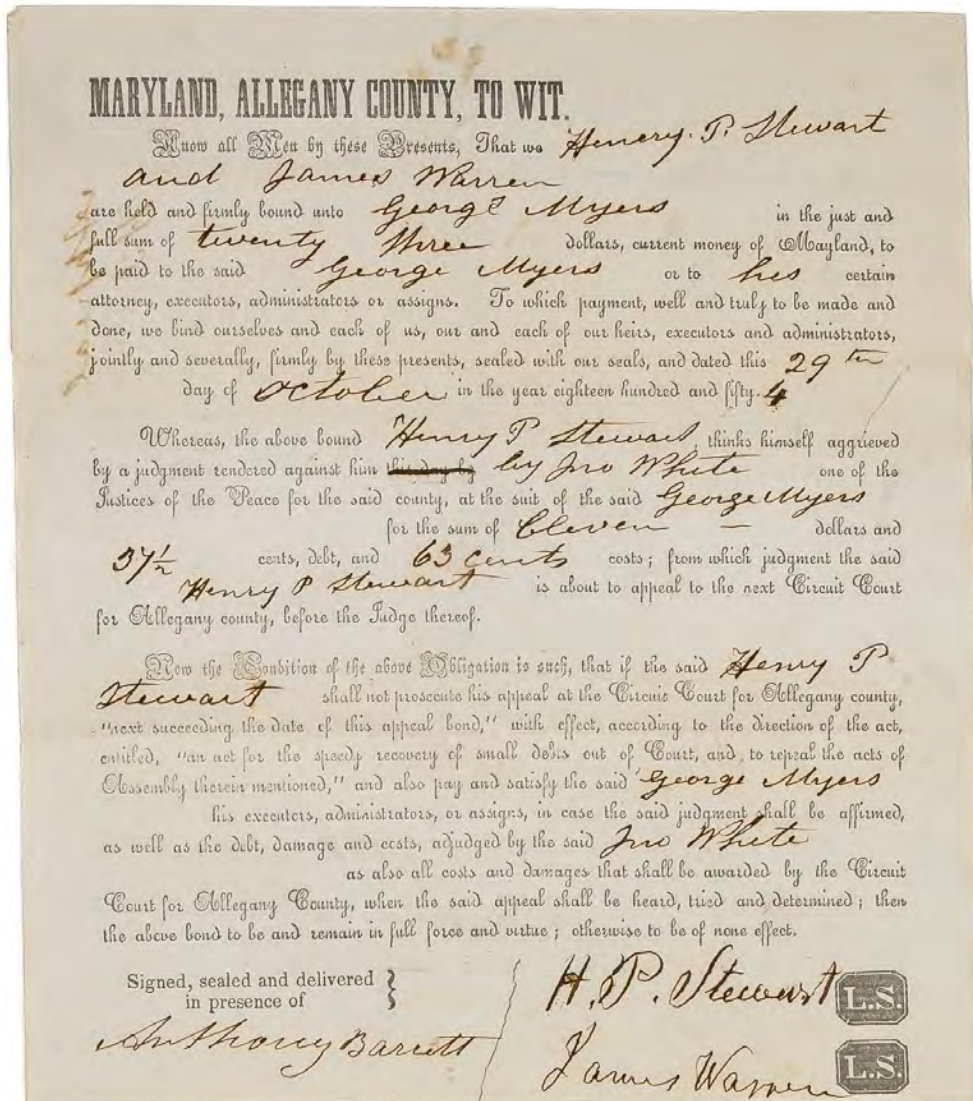
Three single-sided typescript documents on 10-3/4" x 8" United States Court of Appeals, Washington, D.C. letterhead, all initialed "W.R." Moderate toning, negligible light soiling, staple holes to upper-left corner of 2 pp. November 27 Memorandum, "file" in pencil to upper-right corner of its first page, check mark in pencil to head of December 2 Memorandum. \$350.

\* These memoranda concern the appeal of a wrongful death case against the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad in which a driver was struck in his car at a railroad grade crossing with a broken warning signal. Judged by Chief Justice Groner and Associate Justices Miller and Rutledge, the Court affirmed the judgement on December 9, 1940 in an opinion written by Rutledge, who would later serve as an associate justice of the U.S. Supreme Court from 1943 to 1949.

The memoranda trace Rutledge's final steps when he wrote the Court's opinion. The 2 pp. November 27 Memorandum is a draft of the opinion. The 1 pp. Memorandum shows how he will incorporate a suggestion from Chief Justice Groner. The December 2 Memorandum discusses two changes he will make to its final version. Taken together, these documents are fine examples of Rutledge's working process.

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**An Interesting Judgement Concerning Multiple Financial Claims**

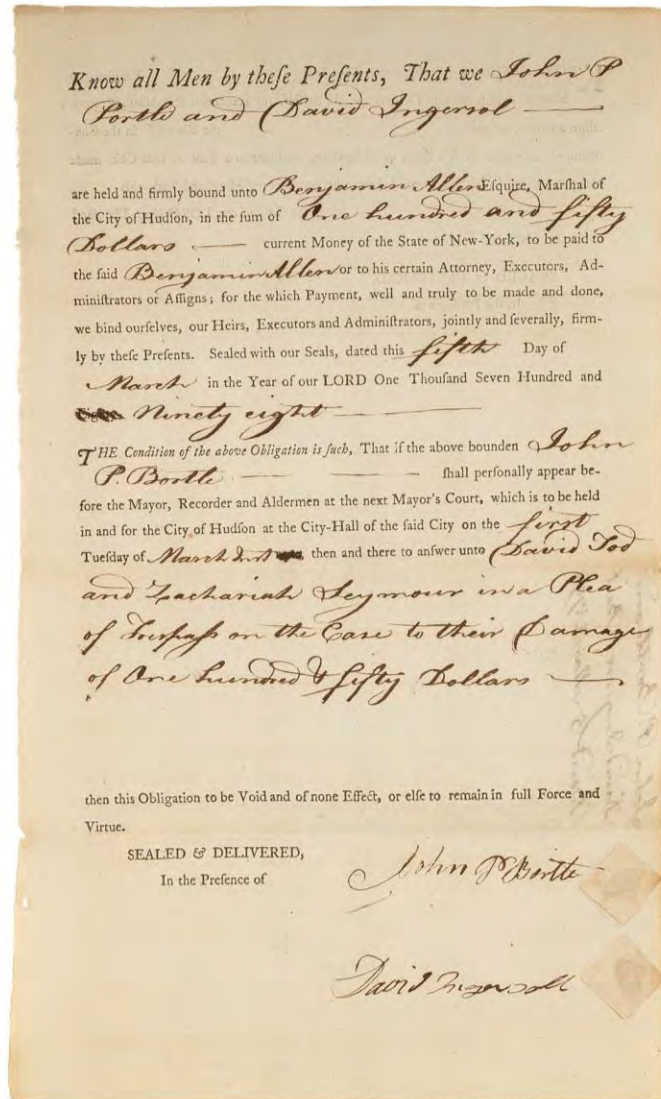
**24. [Maryland].**

[*Obligation and Condition Binding Henry P. Stewart and James Warren For Twenty-Three Dollars*]. Allegheny County, Maryland, October 29, 1854.

8-3/4" x 7-1/2" part-printed document completed in manuscript and signed by Stewart, Warren and Anthony Barrett, before justice of the peace (?) Anthony Barrett, docketed on verso. Moderate toning, horizontal fold lines, two minor tears to edges. A well-preserved item. \$250.

\* An interesting legal judgement concerning multiple financial claims against Stewart and Warren. They are directed to pay George Myers while an existing appeal of a previous claim by the plaintiff against the defendants is already in the courts. This document orders this obligation to take precedence to Stewart and Warren's appeal.

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### A New York Bail Bond from 1798

#### 25. [New York].

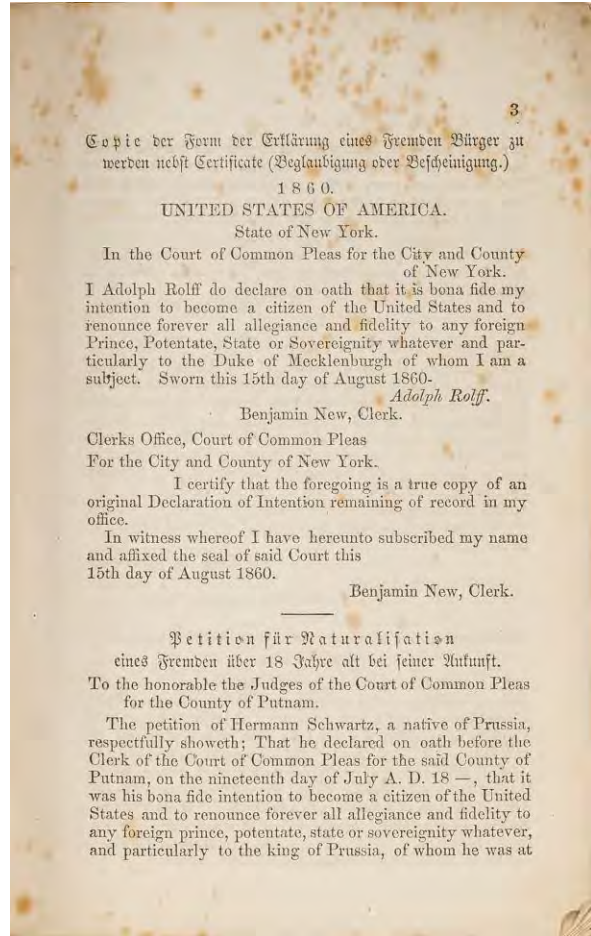
*Know All Men by These Presents, That We [John P. Bortle and David Ingersoll] are Held and Firmly Bound Unto [Benjamin Allen] Esquire, Marshal of the City of Hudson.... Hudson, New York, March 5, 1798. 2 pp.*

12" x 7-1/4" part-printed document with two forms on recto and verso, form on recto completed in manuscript with autograph signatures and seals of John P. Bortle and David Ingersoll, docket to verso. Moderate toning, horizontal fold lines, very small tears along fold lines not affecting text. \$250.

\* This document sets out a bail bond for John P. Bortle and David Ingersoll, residents of Hudson, New York and subjects of a plea of trespass brought by David Tod and Zachariah Seymour. The bond was \$150, a considerable sum equal to the damages Tod and Seymour sought. An interesting feature of this document is the presence of an additional related form on the verso, which is not completed in our example. The document is also dated for the 1780s, but was evidently repurposed well into the following decade.

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### A Civic Guide for German-Speaking Americans

#### 26. Peters, Anton, Publisher.

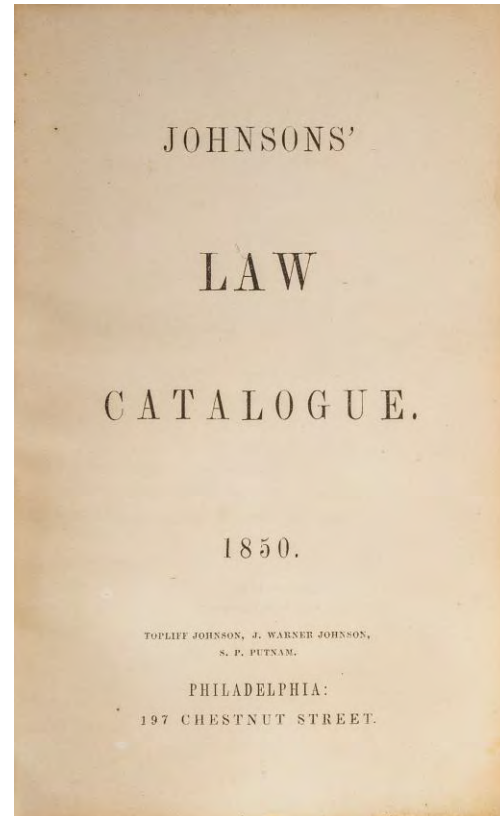
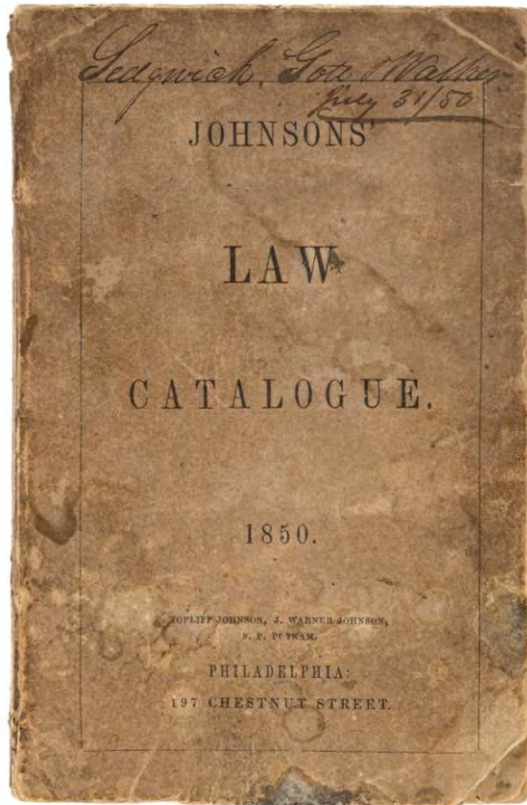
*Der Amerikanische Bürger. Handbuch des Deutschredenden Bürgers der Vereinigten Staaten, Enthaltend in Einfacher und Verständlicher Sprache Einen Umriss Unserer Regierungsform, Und die Gesetze, Wissenswerth Für Jeden Bürger Als Mitglied des Einzel- Und Gesamtstaates, Sowie Als Farmer, Handwerks- Und Geschäftsmann, Nebst den Nöthigen Formen Für Ausfertigung Aller Arten von Documenten und Papieren; Mit Einer Schlusszugabe: "Kurzfassete Geschichte der Vereinigten Staaten."* East New York: Selbst-Verlag von Anton Peters, 1860. iv, 60 pp. Octavo (7" x 4-1/2").

Stab-stitched pamphlet in printed wrappers, text in German and English. Wear and soiling to wrappers, tear to upper front wrapper causing it to separate, its upper and lower corners lacking, crease to front wrapper and title page, early owner signatures (of members of the Diefenbach family, Erie, Pennsylvania) to wrappers, light toning and foxing to interior, small stain to upper corner of pp. 39-42. Rare. \$2,500.

\* Only edition located. Intended for the "German-speaking citizen," this rare pamphlet contains a brief explanation of the function of the American court system and a history of the United States. It also includes various forms in German and English, including citizenship and naturalization oaths, indentures, real estate transactions and other contracts.

OCLC locates 2 copies (UNC-Chapel Hill, German Society of Pennsylvania). Not in Sabin.

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**Copy of an 1850 Catalogue of an Important Law  
Publisher with a Link to Ann Arbor's First Mayor**

**27. [Publisher Catalogue].**

*Johnson's Law Catalogue.* 1850. Philadelphia: Topliff Johnson, J. Warner Johnson, S.P. Putnam, 197 Chestnut Street, 1850. lii, 144 pp. Octavo (6-3/4" x 4-1/2").

Stiff printed wrappers. Soiling, staining and edgewear to exterior, spine abraded, wear to corners of covers, "Sedgwick, Gott & Walker/ July 31/50" to head of front cover. Light toning to interior, light soiling to endleaves, faint dampstaining to head of text block, light foxing, finger smudges and minor stains to a few leaves, check marks in margins of p. 122 (marking two editions of Vesey's Chancery Reports). A rare title with a notable Michigan association. \$500.

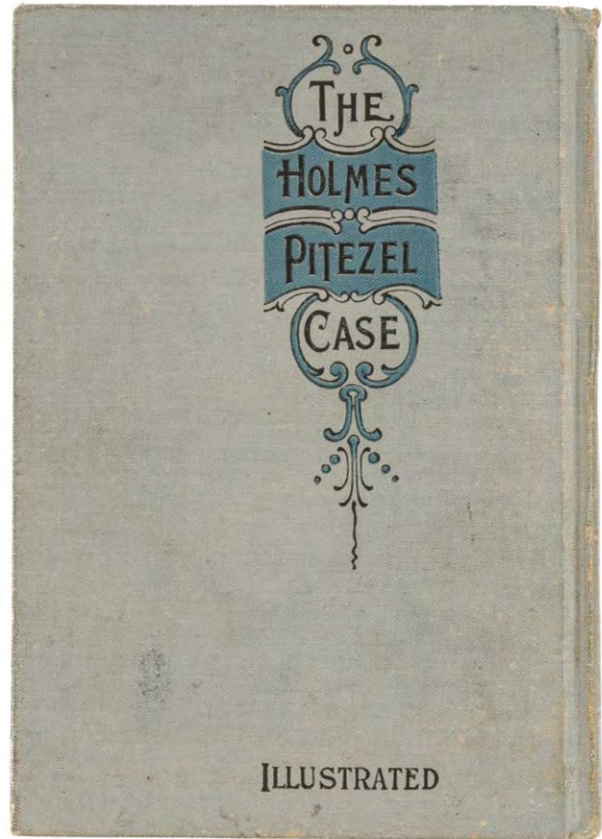
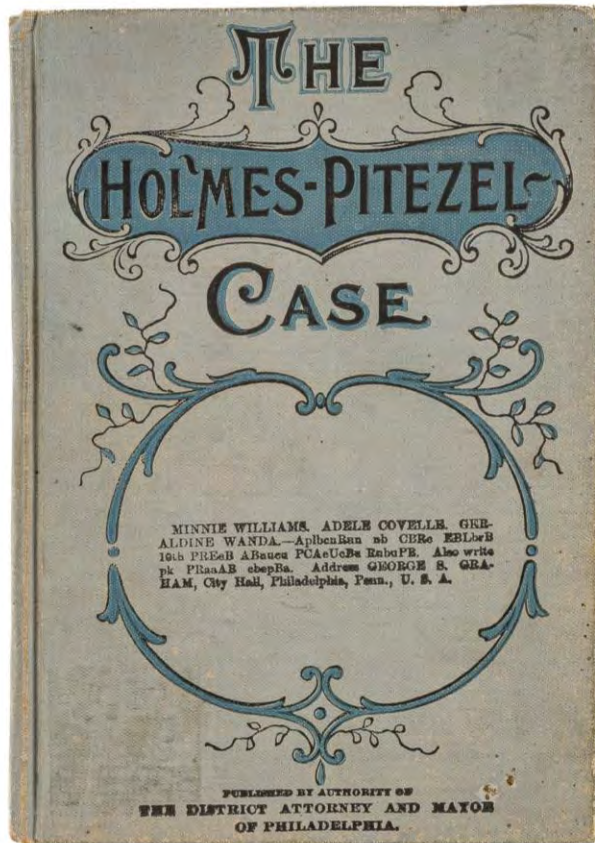
\* Johnson's was one of the leading American law publishers of the nineteenth century. Their extensive catalogue indicates the breadth of their offerings, which included English imports. More important, this is an annotated catalogue. Many entries have descriptions, testimonials and excerpts from contemporary reviews. In this respect it is a valuable guide to the early reception of several important Anglo-American treatises of the period.

Sedgwick, Gott and Walker was one of the first law firms in Ann Arbor, Michigan. George Sedgwick, the principal partner, helped to establish Ann Arbor as a city and was its first mayor. (He was mayor previously when it was a village.)

OCLC locates 4 copies (Harvard Law School, University of Georgia Law School, University of North Carolina Law School, Yale Law School).

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Salesman's Sample Book for an  
Account of the "Greatest Crime of the Century"

28. [Salesman's Sample Book].

Geyer, Frank P., Detective.

*The Holmes-Pitezel Case: A History of the Greatest Crime of the Century and of the Search for the Missing Pitezel Children. A True Detective Story. By Permission of the District Attorney and Mayor of the City of Philadelphia. Fully Illustrated.* [Philadelphia]: Publishers' Union, 1896. Various pagings. Photo illustrations. Octavo (7-1/2" x 5-3/4").

Original cloth, title with decorative frame, blank-stamped agent names and publisher data, some in code (?), to front board, simulation of spine title, also with a decorative frame, to rear board, patterned endpapers. Light soiling and a few minor faint stains, moderate rubbing to extremities, corners and spine ends bumped. Light toning to interior, minor stains and smudges to title page and a few leaves. An interesting piece of law book publishing and marketing history. \$350.

\* This sample book was used to sell copies of Geyer's account of a sensational and somewhat bizarre murderer who tortured, executed and concealed his victims in specially designed rooms in his home. The book is a bulky 508-page octavo. The considerably lighter sample book was carried door to door by salespeople. It includes the front matter, selections from the beginning of many chapters, sample illustrations, a leaf with advertising copy and prices, and 8 pages of ruled leaves for recording subscribers. The binding simulates the appearance of the book's front board and spine.

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### Thou Shalt Steal

#### 29. [Swift, Richard (fl.1765)].

*Dick Swift Thieftaker of the City of London. Teaching His Son the Commandments.* [London]: S.n., 1765.

15-1/2" x 10" (image size 12-1/2" x 9") copperplate etching. Toning, light foxing and soiling, light edgewear and chipping not affecting image, small faint dampstain to lower right corner of caption. \$1,850.

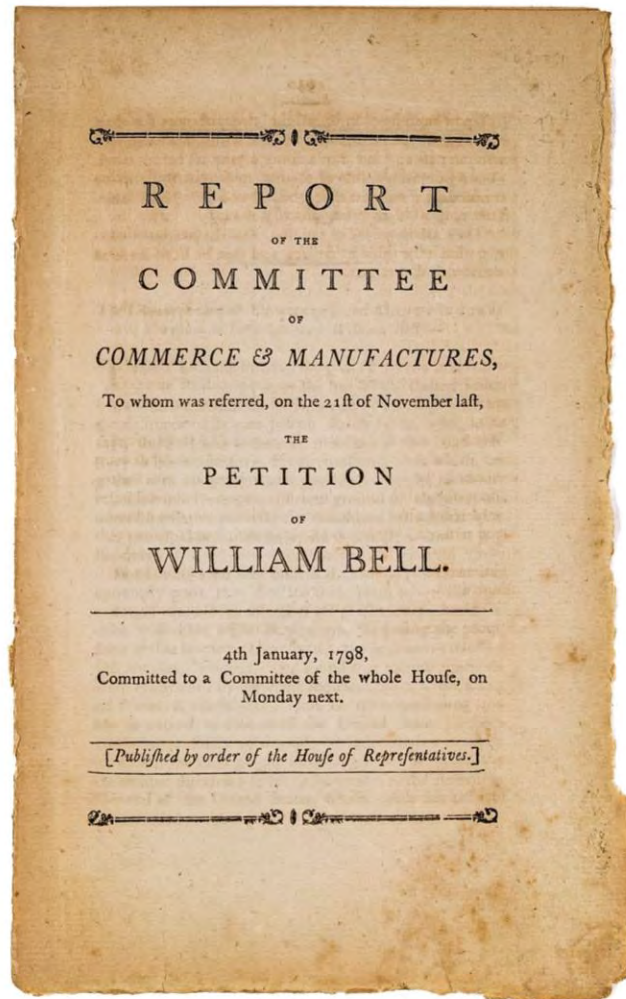
\* "Swift is sitting at a table teaching his young son the Ten Commandments from a damaged volume in which the word 'not' has been torn from the page so that Commandment VIII reads "Thou shalt steal". A print of Beardmore teaching his son [Magna Carta] is pinned to the wall behind Swift; a burglar's mask and pair of pistols protrude from his coat on the back of his chair; a key and pick-locks and an execution broadside hang from the drawer of his table. The boy holds a horn book, from his pocket protrudes a paper reading, "Get you gone / raw Head & / Bloody Bones / Here is a Child / dont fear you"; he picks a robe from his father's pocket and a hangman's noose is suspended above his head" (*BM Satires*).

The composition and caption parody Robert Edgar Pine's *Arthur Beardmore, Common-Council Man of the City of London, Teaching his Son Magna Carta* (1765). Beardmore, who had been arrested for seditious libel in 1762, sued the government for unlawful arrest and won his case in 1765. Pine's engraving of Beardmore with his son at the moment of his arrest was released to commemorate the ruling.

*BM Satires* 4120.

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### Imprisonment for Debt

#### 30. [United States Congress].

##### Bell, William, Petitioner.

*Report of the Committee of Commerce & Manufactures, To Whom was Referred, On the 21st of November Last, The Petition of William Bell. 4th January, 1798, Committed to a Committee of the Whole House, On Monday Next.* [Philadelphia?]: Published by order of the House of Representatives, [1798]. [247]-254 pp. Octavo (8-3/4" x 5-1/4").

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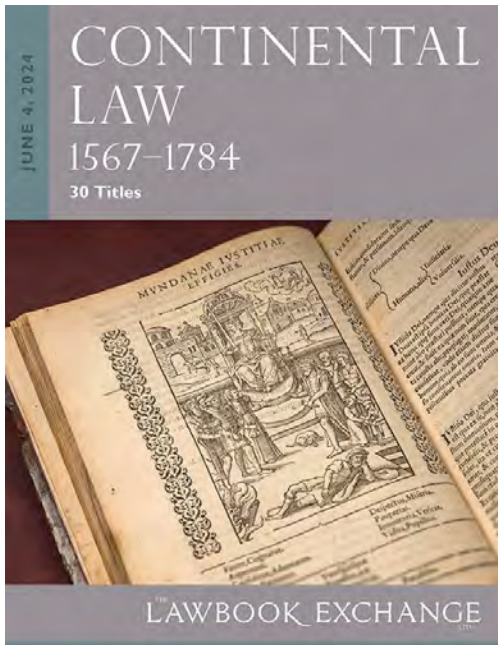
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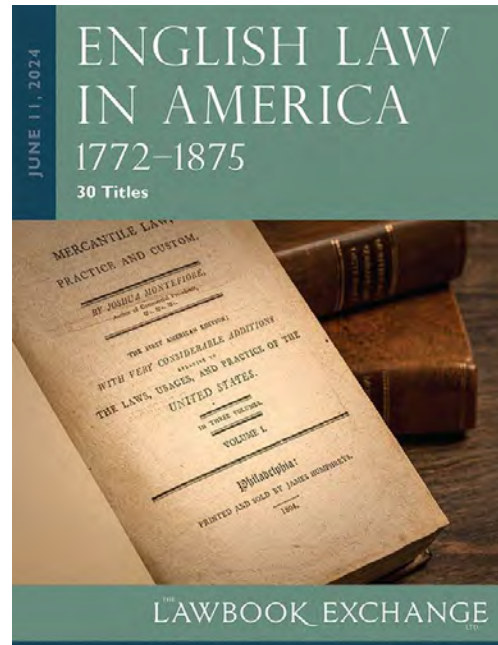
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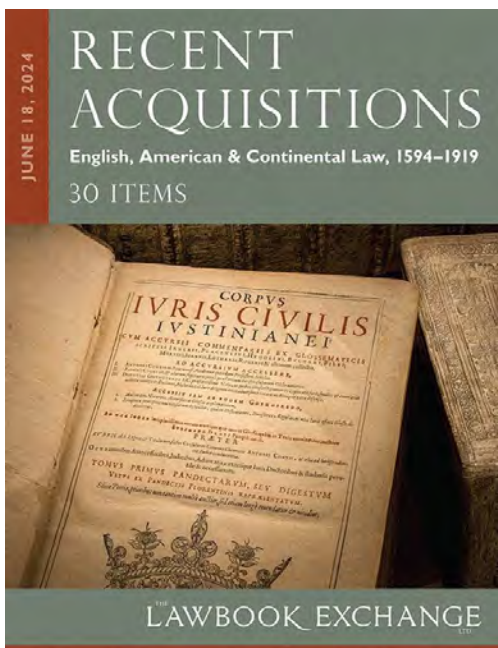
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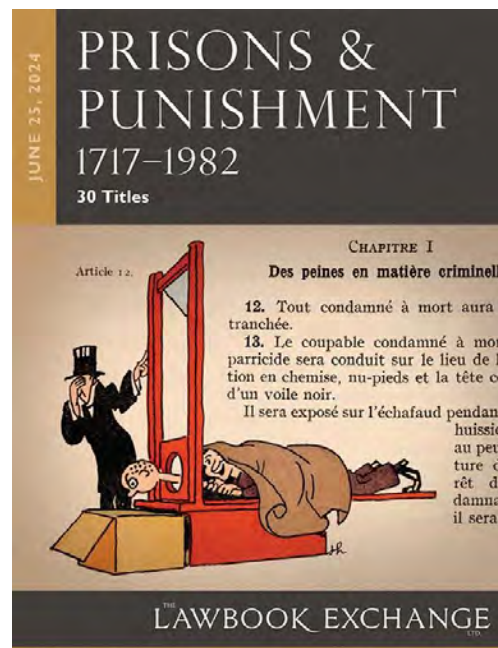
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