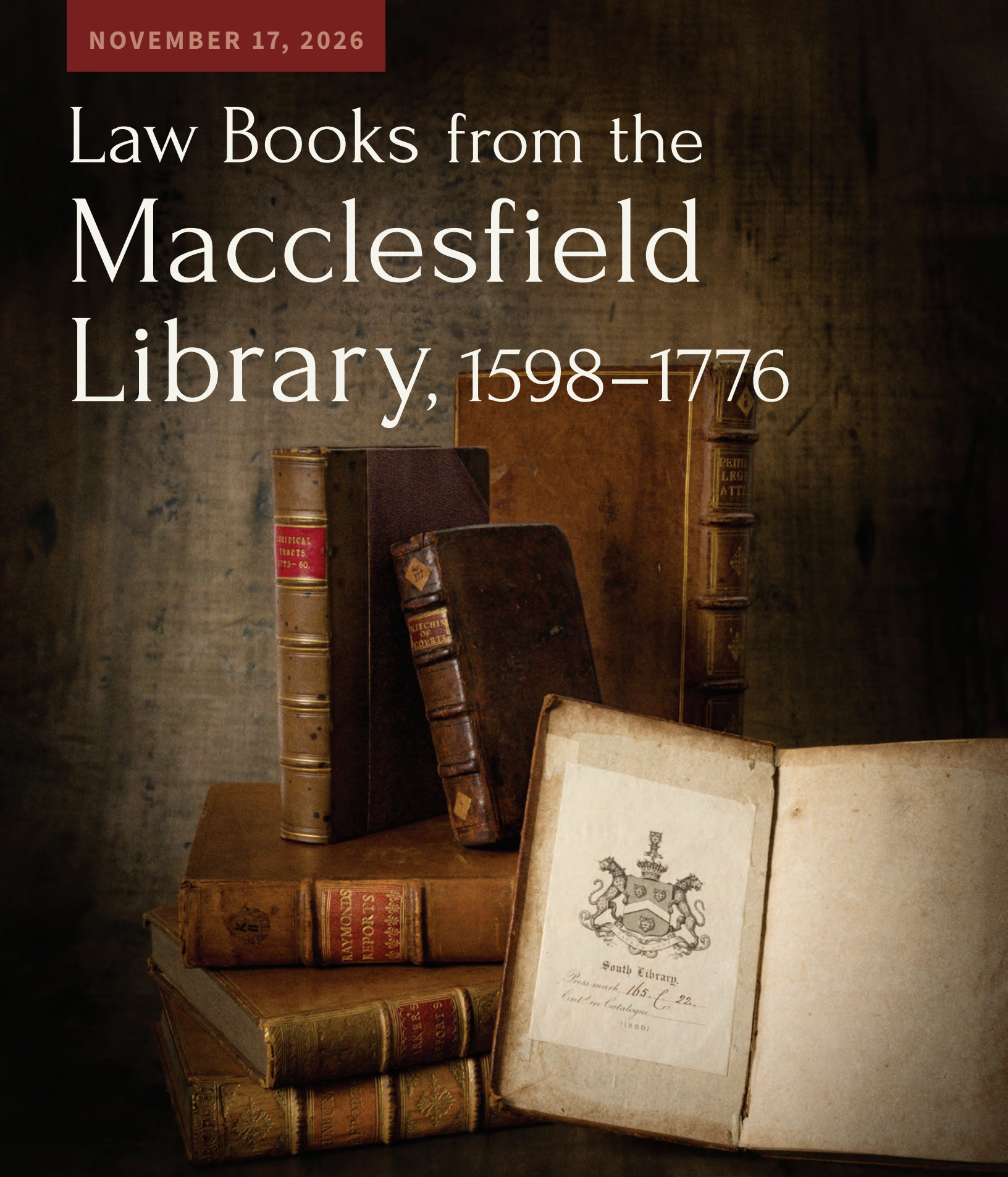
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Law Books from the Macclesfield Library, 1598–1776



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The Macclesfield Library: A Distinguished Legacy of English Law

Among the great private libraries of Britain, few possess a more compelling association with the history of English law than the library of the Earls of Macclesfield, preserved for generations at Shirburn Castle in Oxfordshire. Formed principally during the late seventeenth and eighteenth centuries, this remarkable collection reflected the intellectual interests of one of England's most distinguished legal families. Its dispersal at Sotheby's between 2004 and 2008 was a landmark event in the history of the antiquarian book trade.

The library's principal architect was Thomas Parker (1666–1732), First Earl of Macclesfield, one of the leading English jurists of his generation. Called to the bar in 1691, Parker rose rapidly through the legal profession, becoming Lord Chief Justice of the King's Bench in 1710 and Lord Chancellor in 1718. His career spanned a formative period in British constitutional history, encompassing the aftermath of the Glorious Revolution, the consolidation of parliamentary government, and the development of English commercial law. His extensive library reflected both the practical requirements of his profession and his broader scholarly interests.

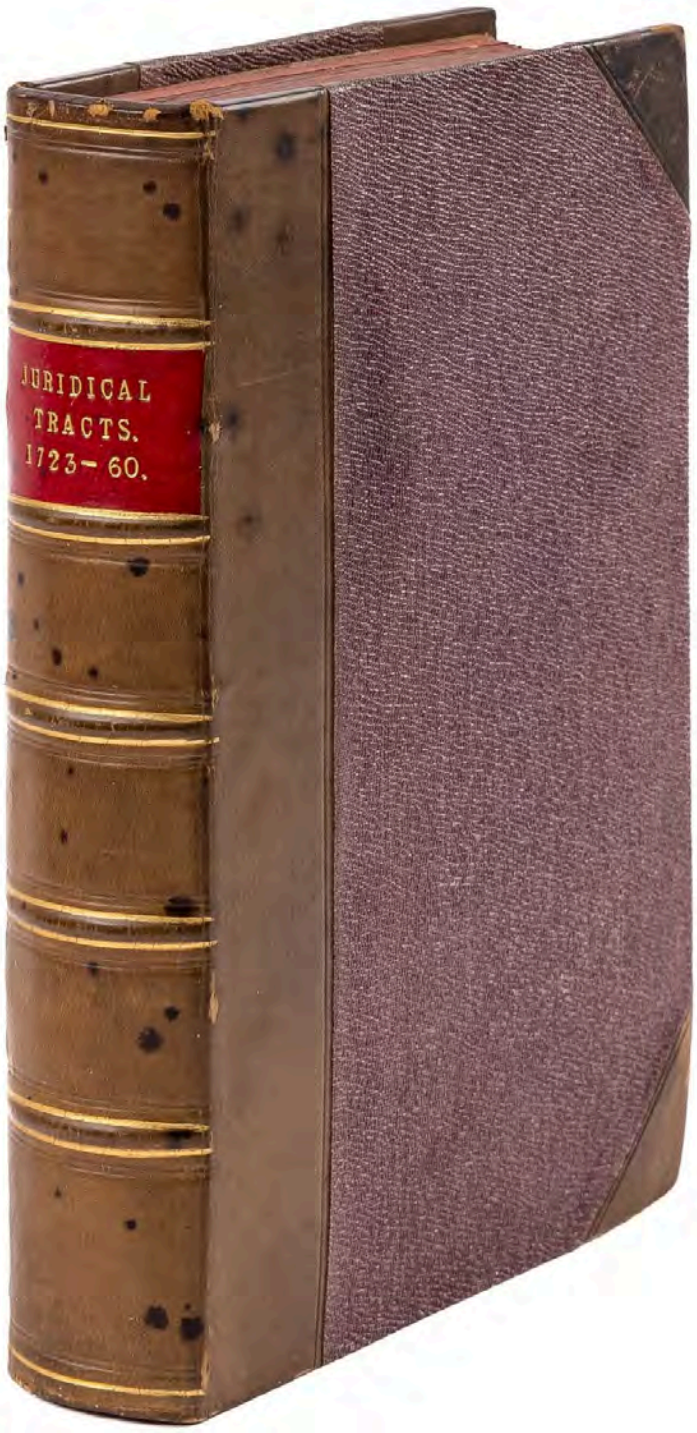
The collection was subsequently enriched and preserved by succeeding generations of the Parker family. Although particularly celebrated for its scientific and mathematical holdings, the Macclesfield Library also contained an extraordinary assemblage of English and Scottish legal literature, including early editions of the Year Books, law reports, treatises on pleading and procedure, constitutional writings, and works on the administration of justice. Many volumes retain their contemporary bindings, manuscript shelfmarks, engraved armorial bookplates, and the distinctive blind-embossed Macclesfield crest.

The twenty-five items offered in this catalogue, published between 1598 and 1776, illustrate the breadth and historical importance of these legal holdings. Among them are early editions of the reports of Keble, Raymond, Salkeld, and other leading authorities; important works on common-law pleading and procedure; a critical edition of the medieval treatise *Fleta*; and writings concerning the relationship between law, equity, and royal authority. Particularly noteworthy are volumes associated with Sir Thomas Clarke (1703–1764), Master of the Rolls and a close protégé of the First Earl, as well as copies bearing contemporary presentation inscriptions and earlier distinguished provenance.

These books are significant not merely as examples of early legal printing, but as surviving components of a working library assembled and used within the highest circles of the English judiciary. Their provenance establishes a tangible connection between the printed authorities of the common law and the judges and lawyers who interpreted, applied, and developed it.

We are pleased to offer this selection of twenty-five books from the Macclesfield Library. Together they provide an uncommon opportunity for collectors and institutions to acquire works of enduring legal and historical significance from one of Britain's most celebrated private libraries.

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Six Scarce Titles on the Legal Profession, Religious Persecution, and Bankruptcy From the Library of the Earls of Macclesfield

1. [Sammelband]. [English Law].
Barlow, Thomas (1607-1691), et al.
Juridical Tracts. 1723-60. London: [Various publishers], 1723-1760.

Six titles bound in one volume, various paginations. Octavo (7-1/4" x 4-1/2" to 7-1/2" x 5", trim sizes vary). Nineteenth-century three-quarter calf over pebbled cloth, gilt-edged raised bands and lettering piece to spine ("Juridical Tracts 1723-60"). Minor dampspotting and intentional mottling to calf, light rubbing to extremities with negligible wear to spine ends, joints and corners. Armorial bookplate of the Earls of Macclesfield and small binder's ticket of nineteenth-century bookbinder and poet, George Hatton ("Hatton/ Binder/ Manchester") to front pastedown. Light to moderate toning, browning and light foxing in a few places. Occasional annotations to margins of *Proposals*, markings to a few other leaves elsewhere, additional manuscript title page with thumb-tab added to *Friendly Hints*, interiors otherwise clean. A clean, crisp, unique legal sammelband from the celebrated library of the Earls of Macclesfield. $3,000.

This volume contains six scarce titles on topics relevant to legal professionals, including heretics and religious freedom, bankruptcy, law reform, and the proper conduct of lawyers. It comes from the library of the Earls of Macclesfield, who clearly took an interest in the contents. Given the dates of the pamphlets and the brief annotations in *Proposals*, they were likely acquired and read by the 1st and/or 2nd Earls, Thomas and George Parker. The pamphlets were then assembled into our sammelband, possibly by the 4th, 5th, or 6th Earls.

The titles included are:

1. [Barlow, Thomas (1607-1691)].
A Discourse Concerning the Laws, Ecclesiastical and Civil, Made Against Hereticks, By Popes, Emperors and Kings, Provincial and General Councils, Approved by the Church of Rome: Shewing I. What Protestant Subjects May Expect to Suffer Under a Popish Prince Acting According to Those Laws. II. That No Oath or Promise of Such a Prince Can Give Them Any Just Security That He Will Not Execute these Laws Upon Them. With A Preface Against Persecuting and Destroying Hereticks. By a Cordial Friend to the Protestant Religion Now by Law Established in These Realms. Now Re-Published, With an Introduction. London: Printed for John Wyat, 1723. xviii, [6], 128 pp. Third edition. Octavo (7-1/4" x 4-1/2"; 18.4 x 11.4 cm). ESTC T31931.

[Bound with]

2. An Attorney.
Proposals Humbly Offered to the Parliament for Remedying the Great Charge and Delay of Suits at Law and in Equity. The Sixth Edition. London: Printed for James Roberts, 1730. [ii], iv, 42 pp. Sixth and final edition. Octavo (7-1/4" x 5"; 18.4 x 12.7 cm). ESTC N12389.

[And]

3. *The Statutes at Large Concerning Bankrupts, Containing A Compleat Collection of All Such Acts of Parliament as in Any Wise Relate to Bankrupts. To Which is Added, A Table by Way of Abstract, Of All the Aforesaid Acts, Digested Under Proper Heads.* London: Printed by J. Baskett, 1735. [iv], 143, [27], 4, [2] pp. With 2 pp. of publisher's advertisements. Third edition. Octavo (7-1/2" x 5"; 18.4 x 12.7 cm). ESTC T225267.

[And]

4. [Fobton, John].
Friendly Hints to Young Gentlemen, Who Are or Intend to be Bound by Articles to Attorneys or Solicitors. [London?: S.n.], 1754. 15 pp. Second edition? Octavo (7-1/2" x 5"; 19.1 x 12.7 cm). Not located in ESTC, recorded editions include 1751 and 1758.

[And]

5. *Observations on the Duty of an Attorney and Sollicitor [sic], Submitted to the Publick Consideration, But Addressed More Especially to Young Practisers of the Law.* London: Printed for J. Shuckburgh, 1759. Only edition. Octavo (7-1/2" x 4-3/4"; 19.1 x 12.1 cm). ESTC T63402.

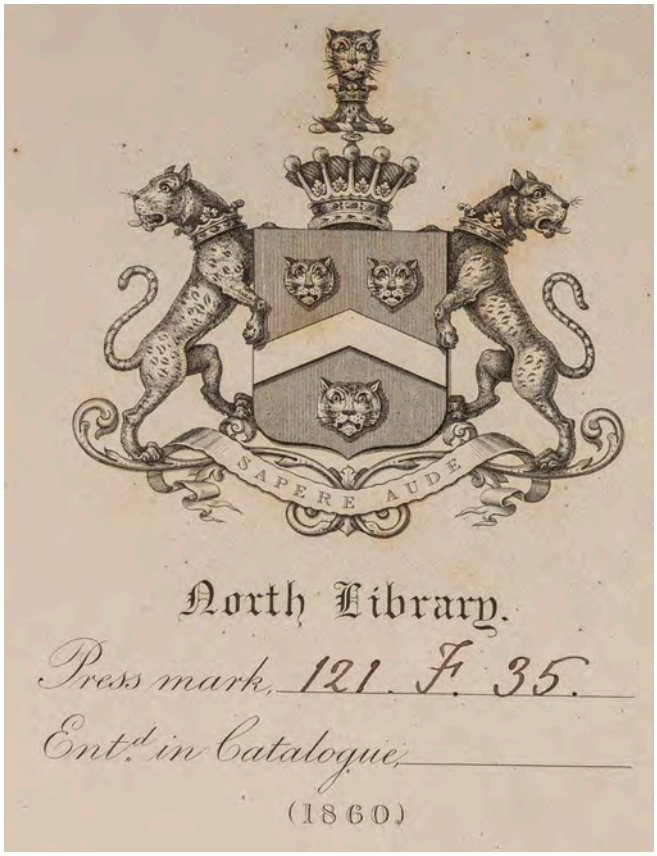
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6. An Attorney.
A Serious Address to All Gentlemen of the Law, Who Are Zealous for Promoting the Honour of Their Profession. London: Printed for the Author: And Sold by M. Withers [et al.], 1760. v, 35, [1] pp. Only edition. Octavo (7-1/2" x 4-3/4"; 19.1 x 12.1 cm). ESTC N38086.

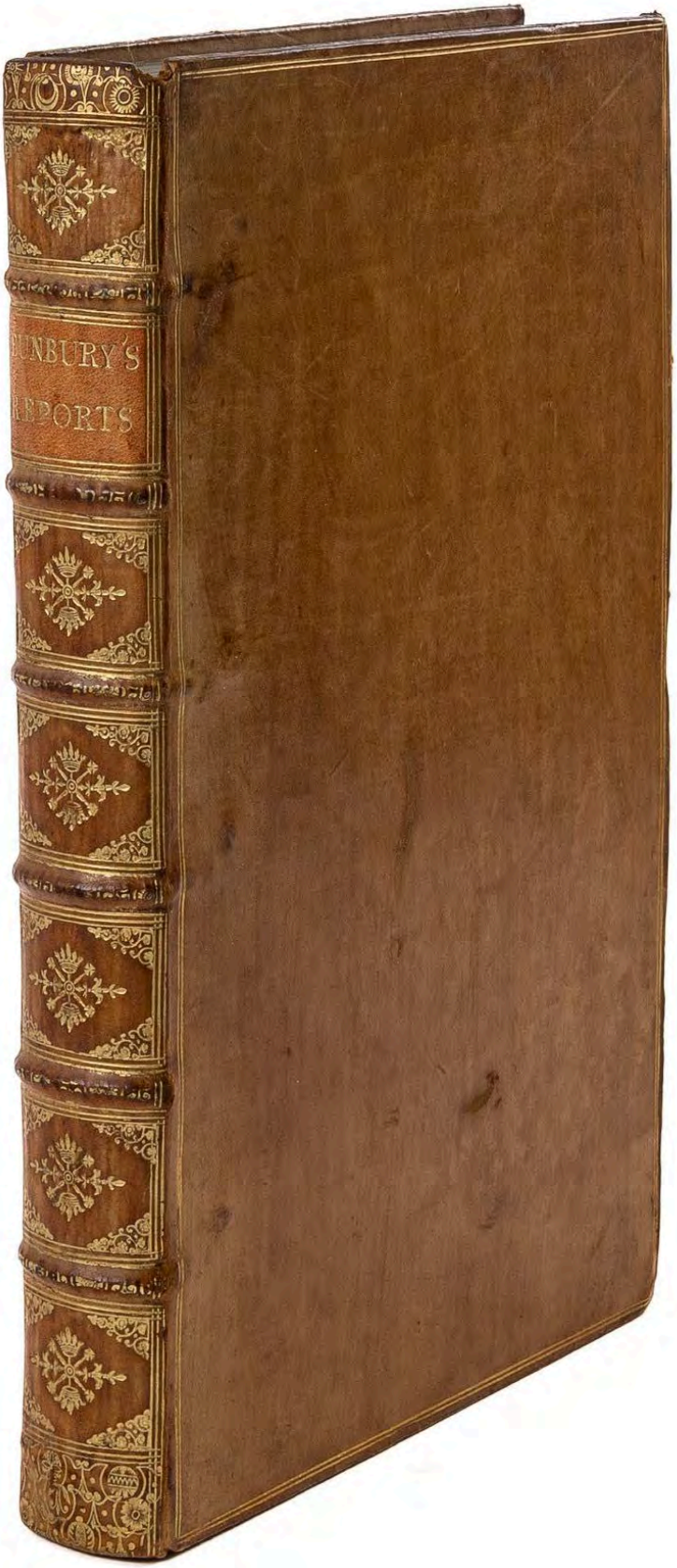
* Barlow's *Discourse*, first published in 1686 on the eve of the Glorious Revolution, is an anti-Jacobite tract. It was republished in 1723 and 1744, the years of two Jacobite threats: the Atterbury Plot and the ill-fated French invasion of 1744. The first edition of the *Statutes at Large Concerning Bankrupts* appeared in 1728. It offers an interesting perspective on the legal ramifications of the South Sea Bubble and other financial failures associated with Great Britain's transformation into a market society based on overseas trade and colonization. Later editions appeared in 1733, 1735, 1756 and 1765. *Proposals* was originally published in 1707. It offers reforms to expedite lawsuits, which could go on for decades in eighteenth-century England. The final three items deal with the legal profession. *Friendly Hints* and *Observations* deal with professional conduct. *A Serious Address* outlines a proposal to establish a fund for widows and children of indigent lawyers.

This volume comes from the library of the Earls of Macclesfield. Housed in Shirburn Castle, near Watlington, Oxfordshire, the Parker family's private library was one of the finest in Great Britain, and one or more of the Parkers clearly took an interest in our volume's contents. Given the dates of the pamphlets and the brief annotations in *Proposals*, they were likely acquired and read at various times by the 1st and/or 2nd Earls, Thomas Parker [1667-1732] and George Parker [c.1697-1764]. The pamphlets were then assembled into our sammelband. This was likely done in the early nineteenth century, possibly by the 4th or 5th Earls. Like other volumes from the Macclesfield library, it has the 1860 bookplate commissioned under the 6th Earl, Thomas Augustus Wolstenholme Parker [1811-1896].

All editions of *Bankrupts* are scarce, as are copies of *Friendly Hints*, *Observations* and *A Serious Address*. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T31931, N12389, T225267, T63402, N38086. *Friendly Hints* not in the *ESTC*, which lists editions from 1751 and 1758.



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Item 2

A Handsome 1755 First Edition of Bunbury's *Reports of the Court of Exchequer*
From the Celebrated Macclesfield Library

2. Bunbury, William.
Wilson, George, Editor.
Reports of Cases in the Court of Exchequer, From the Beginning of the Reign of King George the First, Until the Fourteenth Year of the Reign of King George the Second. By William Bunbury, Esq; Late of the Inner Temple. Taken in Court by Himself, And Published from His Own Manuscript by His Son in Law, George Wilson, Serjeant at Law. [London]: Printed by Henry Lintot, 1755.

First edition. Folio (12-1/2" x 7-1/2"). viii, 348, [48] pp. Contemporary full calf, boards bordered with gilt rules, gilt-tooled board edges; spine with raised bands, elaborately gilt-tooled compartments, and contrasting morocco lettering piece. Marbled endpapers. Armorial library bookplate of the Earls of Macclesfield to front pastedown; shelf marks in pencil and ink to verso of front free endpaper and front endleaf. Faint blind-embossed Macclesfield crest to the first three leaves. Binding lightly rubbed, with minor scuffing and a few small nicks to the boards; extremities lightly worn, spine uniformly faded. Internally clean, with light, even toning and occasional minor foxing. A handsome, remarkably well-preserved copy with distinguished provenance. $750.

* An important first edition of Bunbury's reports of the Court of Exchequer, with distinguished Macclesfield provenance. William Bunbury (1665/66-1748), a barrister of the Inner Temple who practiced for more than forty years, principally in the Court of Exchequer, recorded these cases from his own observations. His son-in-law, George Wilson, Serjeant-at-Law, subsequently edited and published the reports from Bunbury's manuscript.

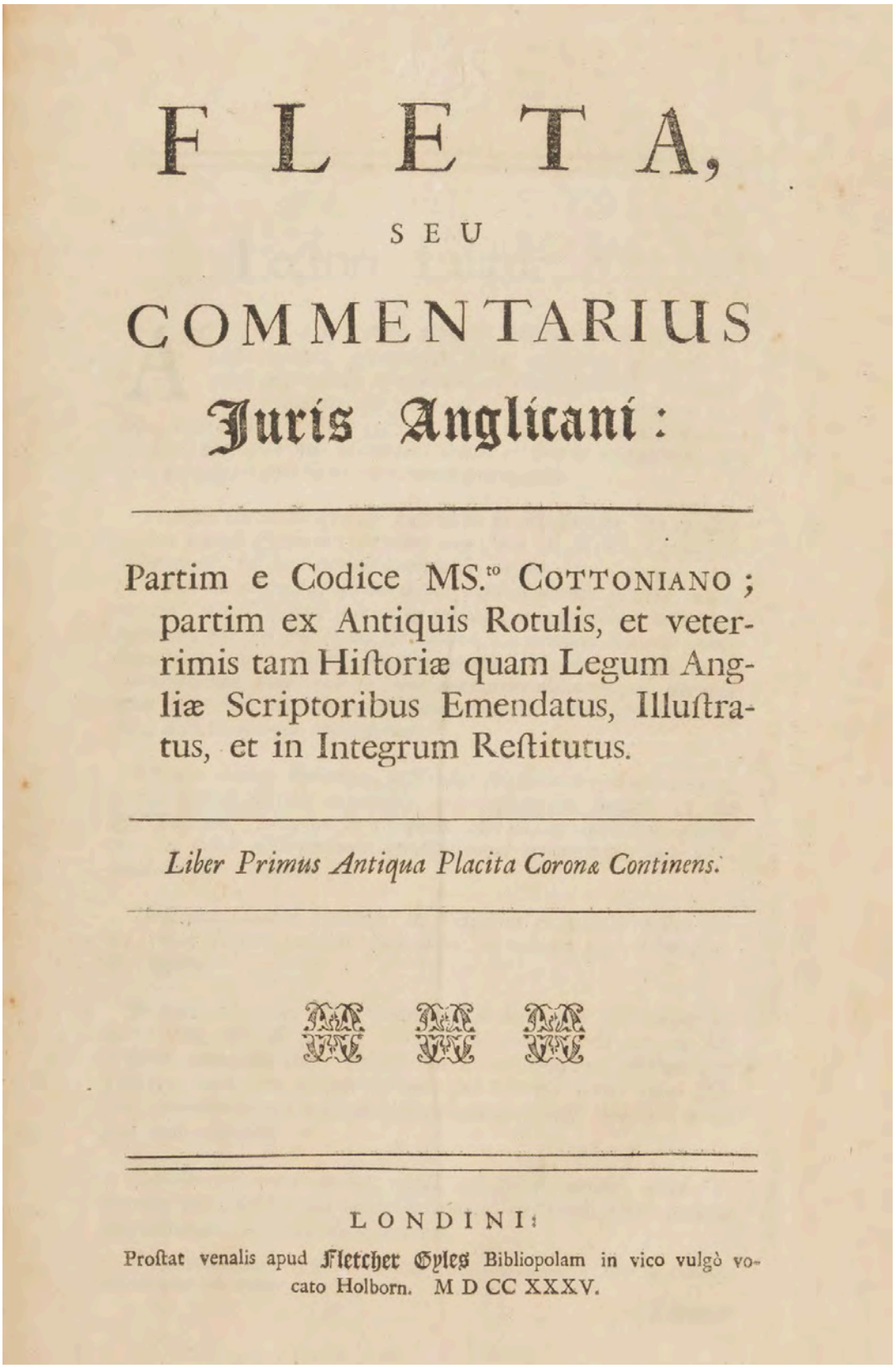
The work occupies an interesting place in the history of English legal reporting. Lord Mansfield famously disparaged Bunbury's reports as little more than "loose notes," apparently influenced by a reported decision that conflicted with his own view of the law. Against Mansfield's criticism, however, William Holdsworth cites the opinions of Baron Platt and Chief Baron Parker, who recognized the reports as authoritative in 1853. Holdsworth accordingly places Bunbury's work within the important tradition of English common-law reporting (*A History of English Law*, XII, 137-138).

The first edition was reissued in Dublin in 1756; a second, revised and corrected edition, incorporating additional references, appeared there in 1793. The present volume is the original London edition.

An especially appealing copy from the library of the Earls of Macclesfield at Shirburn Castle, Oxfordshire. The armorial bookplate, manuscript shelf references, and embossed family crest provide tangible evidence of its distinguished institutional and aristocratic provenance. The Macclesfield library was among the great private collections of Britain, and its dispersal through Sotheby's in the early twenty-first century constituted a landmark event in the antiquarian book trade.

Wallace, *The Reporters* 419-420. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T97032.

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FLETA,

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COMMENTARIUS

Juris Anglicani:

Partim e Codice MS.to COTTONIANO; partim ex Antiquis Rotulis, et veterrimis tam Hiſtoriæ quam Legum Angliæ Scriptoribus Emendatus, Illuſtratus, et in Integrum Reſtitutus.

Liber Primus Antiqua Placita Coronæ Continens.

LONDINI:

Proſtat venalis apud **Fletcher Gyles** Bibliopolam in vico vulgò vocato Holborn. M D CC XXXV.

Item 3

Early Critical Edition of *Fleta*, Book I, From the Macclesfield Library

3. [Clarke, Sir Thomas (1703-1764), Editor].
Fleta, Seu Commentarius Juris Anglicani: Partim e Codice MS. to Cottoniano; Partim ex Antiquis Rotulis, Et Veterrimis tam Historiae Quam Legum Angliae Scriptoribus Emendatus, Illustratus, Et in Integrum Restitutus. Liber Primus Antiqua Placita Coronae Continens. London: Prostat Venalis Apud Fletcher Gyles Bibliopolam, 1735.

Only edition. Folio (11-1/4" x 7-1/2"). [viii], 97 pp. Lacking final blank leaf. Modern period-style quarter calf over marbled boards, spine lettered in gilt. Endpapers renewed. Light toning to text, clean tear to outer margin of final leaf N4 (pp. 96-97) not affecting text. Bookplate of the Earls of Macclesfield to front pastedown, small embossed Macclesfield stamp to title page. A very good, handsome copy with a distinguished provenance. **SOLD**.

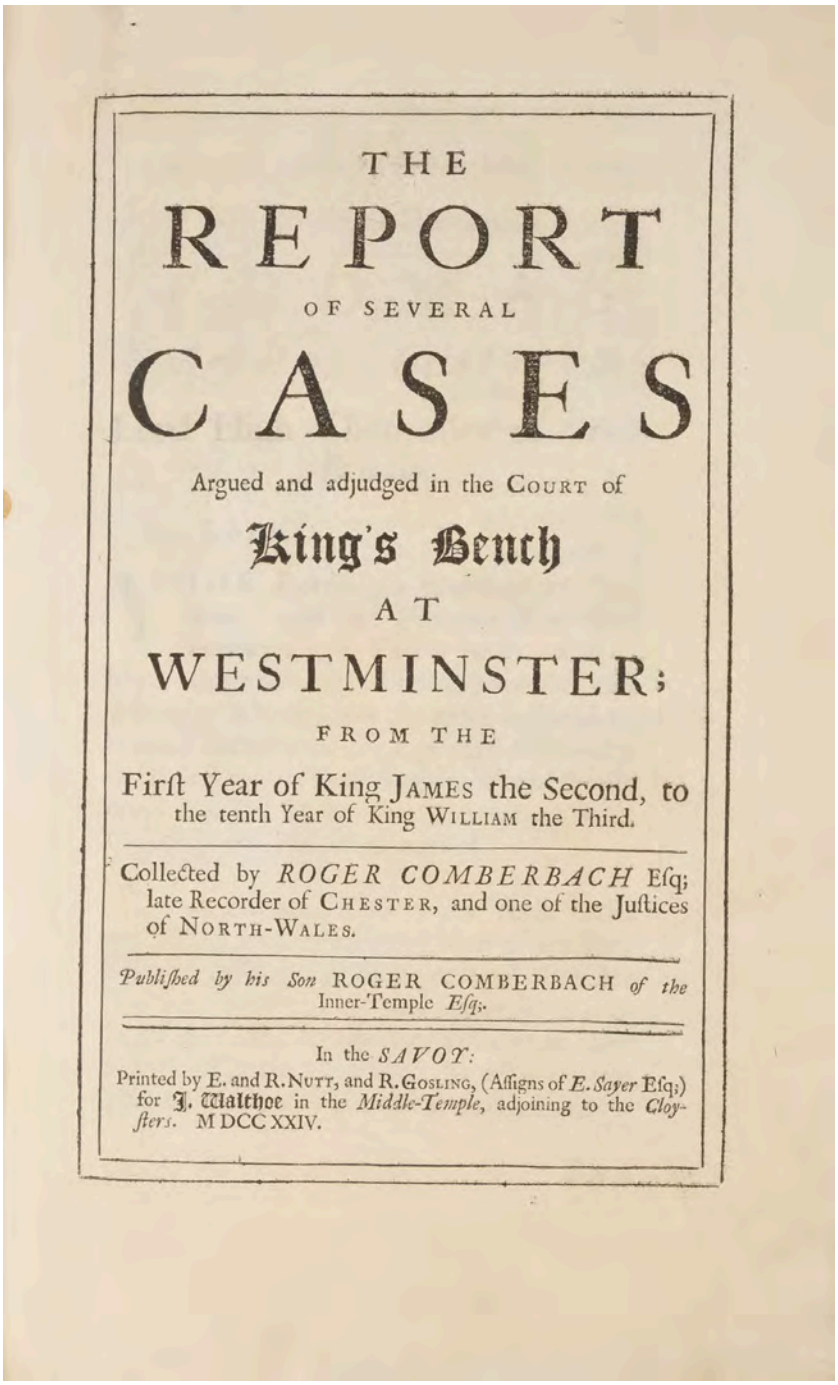
* The medieval legal treatise *Fleta* remains one of the premier primary authorities on late thirteenth-century English common law, royal prerogative, and court procedures under King Edward I. Written by an anonymous author around 1290, reputedly while imprisoned in London's Fleet Prison (hence *Fleta*), the text serves as an indispensable window into the evolution of early English jurisprudence, offering crucial clarity and illustrations on some of the obscurities found in Henry de Bracton's earlier foundational work. This landmark 1735 critical edition represents a major eighteenth-century legal-humanist effort to reconstruct the medieval manuscript housed in Sir Robert Cotton's collection, a vital academic endeavor given that portions of the Cottonian library were devastated by the catastrophic Ashburnham House fire just four years prior in 1731.

This copy is of particular interest greatly elevated by its direct association with its editor and its notable provenance. Sir Thomas Clarke, a distinguished British judge who later served as Master of the Rolls, was a close protégé of Thomas Parker, First Earl of Macclesfield. The presence of the Macclesfield bookplate and the blind-embossed stamp indicates that this volume sat in the esteemed library at Shirburn Castle, one of the finest and most celebrated private collections in Great Britain. The association links the editor with the Macclesfield family and its library as an edition meticulously prepared by Clarke found its ultimate home inside the ancestral library of his closest lifelong patrons, making this an extraordinary association copy linking the editor, the book, and the library itself.

English Short-Title Catalogue T25425.



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THE
REPORT
OF SEVERAL
CASES
Argued and adjudged in the COURT of
King's Bench
AT
WESTMINSTER;
FROM THE
First Year of King JAMES the Second, to
the tenth Year of King WILLIAM the Third.

Collected by *ROGER COMBERBACH* Esq;
late Recorder of CHESTER, and one of the Justices
of NORTH-WALES.

Published by his Son ROGER COMBERBACH *of the*
Inner-Temple *Esq;*.

In the *SAVOY*:
Printed by E. and R. NUTT, and R. GOSLING, (Assigns of *E. Sayer* Esq;)
for J. Walthoe in the *Middle-Temple*, adjoining to the *Cloy-*
sters. M DCC XXIV.

A Contemporary Lord Chancellor's Copy of Comberbach's *Reports*
From the Macclesfield Library

4. Comberbach, Roger.
Comberbach, Roger, [Jr.], Editor.
The Reports of Several Cases Argued and Adjudged in the Court of King's Bench at Westminster; From the First Year of King James the Second, To the Tenth Year of King William the Third. Collected by Roger Comberbach Esq; Late Recorder of Chester, And One of the Justices of North-Wales. Published by His Son Roger Comberbach of the Inner-Temple Esq;. [London]: Printed by E. and R. Nutt, And R. Gosling, 1724.

First edition. Folio (12-1/4" x 8"; 311 x 203 mm). [xiv], 484 pp. One of two issues published in 1724. Contemporary full calf, boards ruled in gilt, spine with raised bands, gilt rules, leather lettering piece, and two small early shelf labels, gilt-tooled board edges. Light rubbing and a few shallow scuffs to boards; moderate rubbing to extremities, corners bumped and lightly worn. Joints starting at ends but holding; hinges cracked. Early manuscript shelfmarks and the armorial bookplate of the Earls of Macclesfield (North Library, Shirburn Castle) to the front pastedown, with a corresponding early manuscript shelfmark to the rear pastedown, and their small embossed crest to the preliminary leaves. Light toning to interior; light browning, offsetting, and minor dampstaining to endleaves. Minor worming near the bottom edges of the final eleven leaves and rear pastedown, entirely touching margin only and not affecting text. $650.

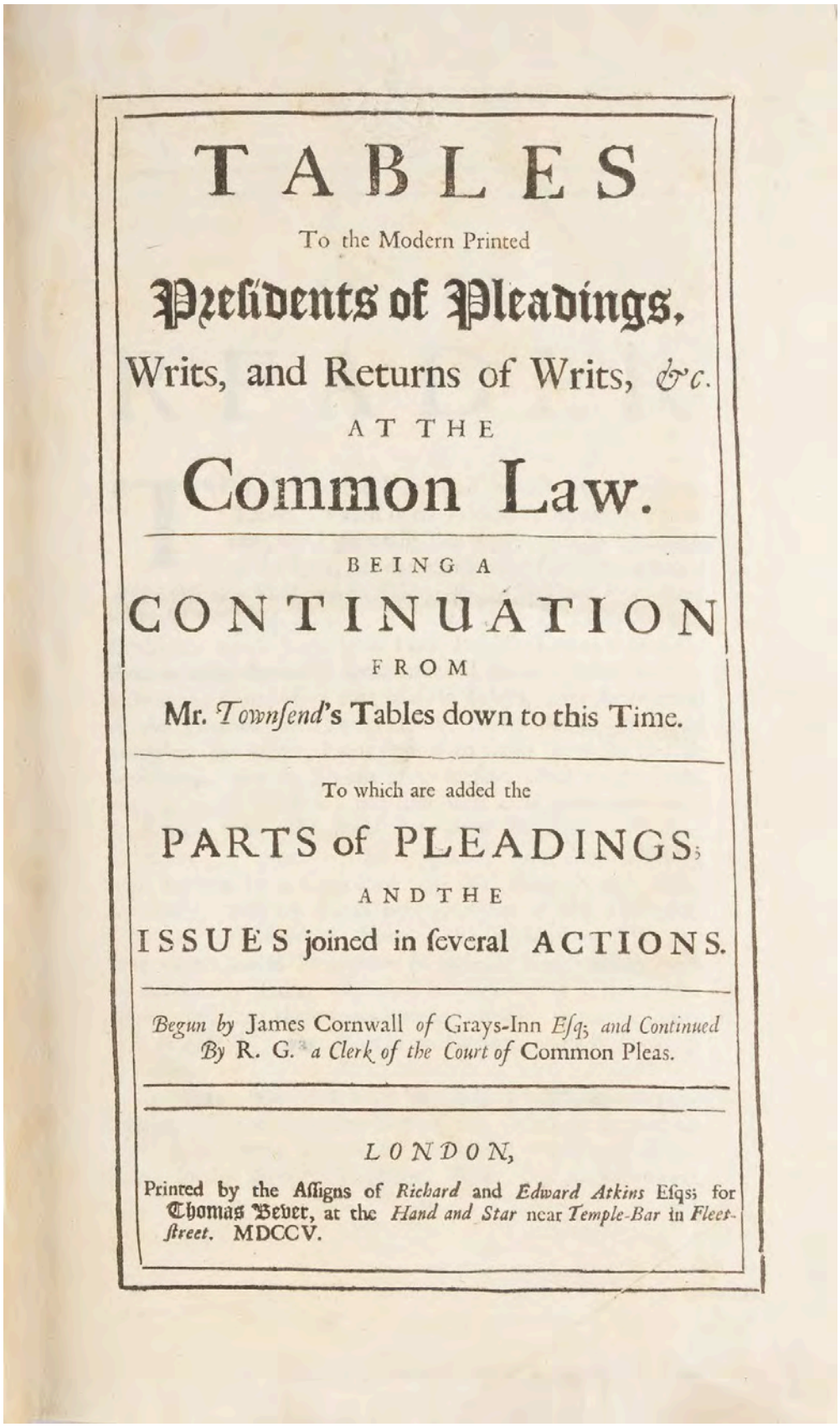
* The only edition of Comberbach's King's Bench reports, offering an important record into a transformative era in English history. Covering the years 1685 to 1699, these records capture the immediate judicial fallout of the Glorious Revolution of 1688, tracking the profound constitutional shift from the absolute royal prerogative of James II to the parliamentary supremacy established under William III. While early legal bibliographers like John William Wallace noted that Comberbach was historically criticized for his loose reporting style, his work remains an important resource. As Wallace notes, Comberbach provides the definitive, and occasionally only, surviving record of several specific cases, which are "better reported [here] than in any other book" (p. 396). The text includes unusual features for a King's Bench volume, such as brief Chancery records (p. 67) and a colorfully detailed family dispute regarding assault and false imprisonment (p. 357).

This copy has an important contemporary legal provenance, originating from the library of the Earls of Macclesfield at Shirburn Castle. The collection was largely built by Thomas Parker, the 1st Earl of Macclesfield, who served as Lord Chief Justice and Lord Chancellor during the exact era this volume was published. Preserved in the Macclesfield Library for generations until the historic Sotheby's dispersals, books bearing the Macclesfield crest represent one of the finest private libraries in Great Britain, making this an ideal association copy for collectors of constitutional law and British history.

Wallace, *The Reporters* 396-397. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T97365.



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TABLES

To the Modern Printed

Presidents of Pleadings,

Writs, and Returns of Writs, &c.

AT THE

Common Law.

BEING A

CONTINUATION

FROM

Mr. *Townsend*'s Tables down to this Time.

To which are added the

PARTS of PLEADINGS;

AND THE

ISSUES joined in several ACTIONS.

Begun by James Cornwall *of* Grays-Inn *Esq; and Continued By* R. G. *a Clerk of the Court of* Common Pleas.

LONDON,

Printed by the Assigns of *Richard* and *Edward Atkins* Esqs; for Thomas Bever, at the *Hand and Star* near *Temple-Bar* in *Fleet-street*. MDCCV.

Item 5

Scarce 1705 Companion Volume to Townesend's *Table of Precedents*
From the Macclesfield Library

5. Cornwall, James.
G[ardiner], R[obert].
Tables to the Modern Printed Presidents of Pleadings, Writs, And Returns of Writs, &c. At the Common Law. Being a Continuation from Mr. Townsend's Tables Down to this Time. To Which are Added the Parts of Pleadings; And the Issues Joined in Several Actions. Begun by James Cornwall of Grays-Inn Esq; And Continued by R.G. A Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas. London: Printed by the Assigns of Richard and Edward Atkins Esqs., 1705.

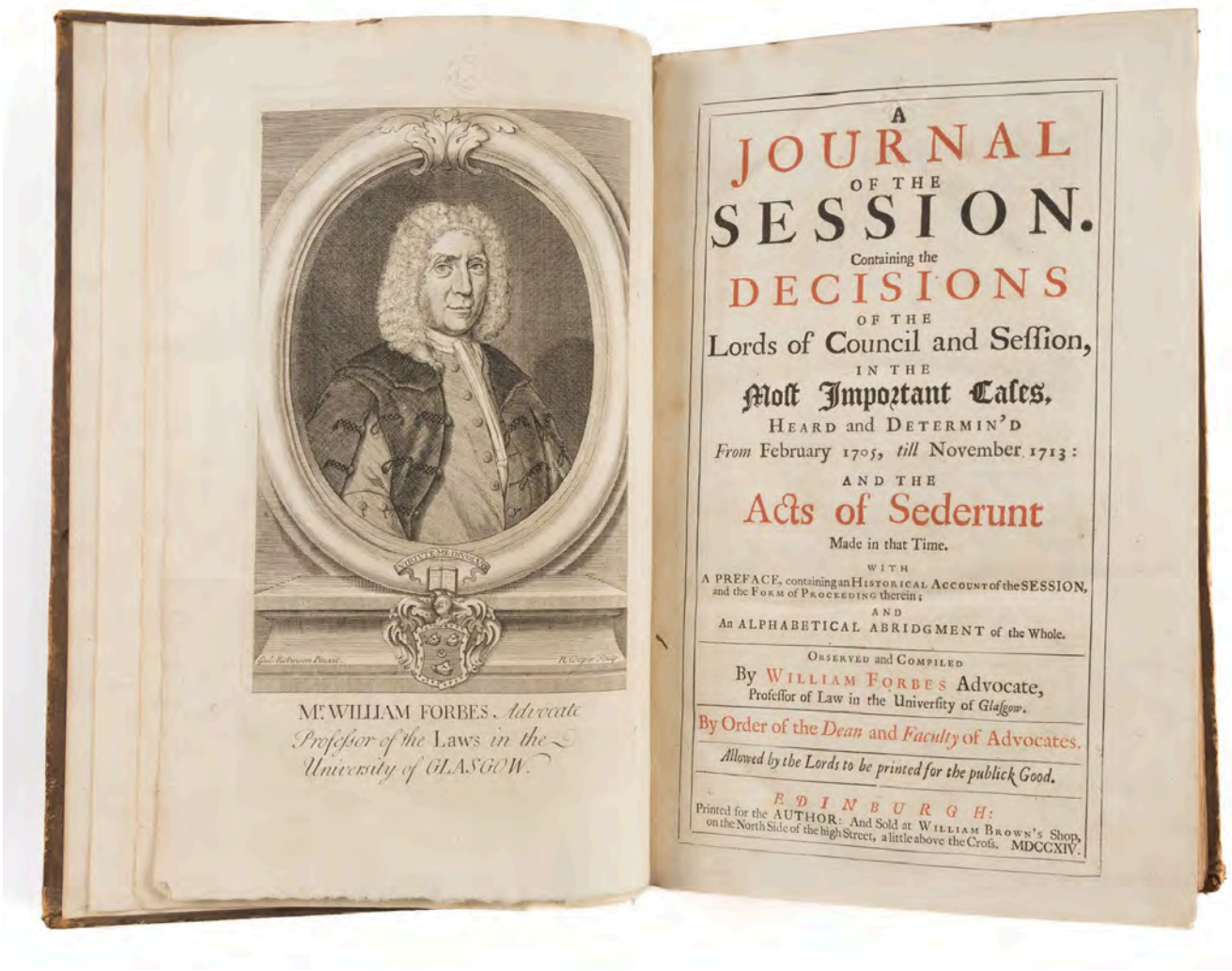
Only edition. Folio (12-1/2" x 7-3/4"). [vi], 392, 401-496 pp. Text is continuous and complete despite irregular pagination. Bound in contemporary calf, with blind rules to boards, blind fillets along joints, raised bands, a leather title label, and a spine gilt-stamped with volume number "II" featuring small early paper shelf labels and gilt tooling to the board edges. The binding exhibits moderate rubbing to extremities, minor nicks and scuffs, and wear to the spine ends; the front joint is starting at the foot, the rear joint is starting at the head, and the corners are bumped and worn. Internally, there is moderate toning with occasional light foxing and offsetting to the endleaf margins. The hinges are starting, and an early ink marking is present on the rear pastedown. This copy features excellent provenance, bearing the early armorial bookplate of the Earls of Macclesfield on the front pastedown and small, blind-embossed Macclesfield crest stamps to the preliminary leaves, tracing it directly back to their celebrated library at Shirburn Castle. A very good, sound copy of a scarce legal reference. $450.

* This work holds significant historical value as a vital piece of early 18th-century law office infrastructure, serving as a comprehensive reference index that allowed attorneys to search complex historical pleadings across foundational texts like Coke, Plowden, and Fitzherbert during a transitional period in English common law. Its imprint, "*Printed by the Assigns of Richard and Edward Atkins*," connects the volume directly to the fiercely contested Law Patent, a powerful royal monopoly on printing common law books that shaped the history of publishing and intellectual property law in England.

Furthermore, this copy has distinguished Macclesfield provenance, amassed largely by Thomas Parker, the 1st Earl of Macclesfield and Lord Chancellor of Great Britain, its landmark dispersal by Sotheby's in the mid-2000s remains one of the most important private library sales of the 21st century.

English Short-Title Catalogue N13874.

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Macclesfield Copy of Forbes's *Journal of the Lords of Council and Session*, 1705-1713

6. Forbes, William [d. 1745].
A Journal of the Session. Containing the Decisions of the Lords of Council and Session, In the Most Important Cases, Heard and Determin'd from February 1705, Till November 1713: And the Acts of Sederunt Made in that Time. With A Preface, Containing an Historical Account of the Session, And the Form of Proceeding Therein; And An Alphabetical Abridgment of the Whole. Observed and Compiled by William Forbes Advocate, Professor of Law in the University of Glasgow. By Order of the Dean and Faculty of Advocates. Allowed by the Lords to be Printed for the Publick Good.

Edinburgh: Printed for the Author, 1714. First edition. Folio (13" x 8-1/2"; 33 cm). [iv], lii, 735, [1], 104 pp. Complete with copperplate portrait frontispiece. Title page printed in red and black.

Contemporary full calf, gilt rules to boards, contrasting leather lettering piece, spine with gilt-edged raised bands and a small early paper shelf label. Rubbing to boards and extremities, wear to spine ends and corners; front joint cracked, rear joint starting but holding secure. Armorial bookplate of the Earls of Macclesfield to front pastedown, with an early shelf number in ink to the front free endpaper and small embossed Macclesfield stamps to the frontispiece, title page, and a few subsequent leaves. Light interior toning, a few minor wormholes to the gutter, occasional light foxing, and minor soiling to the title page. A very good, crisp copy with exceptional provenance. $500.

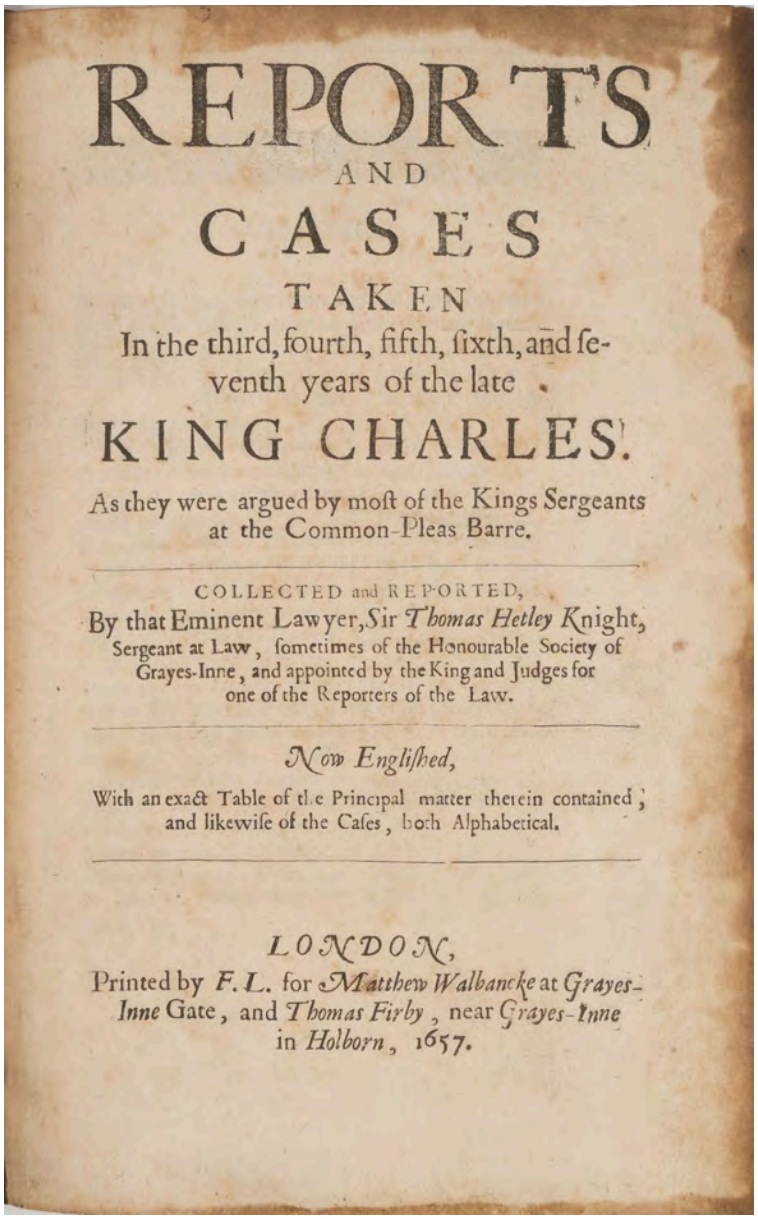
* William Forbes was a pioneering figure in Scottish legal education, serving as the first Regius Professor of Law at the University of Glasgow from 1714 until his death. He holds the distinction of being the first academic to systematically teach Scots Law at the university level, moving legal instruction away from an exclusive reliance on Roman Civil Law. This *Journal* stands as an important contribution to Scottish legal reporting, capturing critical decisions of the Court of Session during a tumultuous decade that witnessed the 1707 Act of Union between Scotland and England. The portrait frontispiece found in this copy represents a noted bibliographical variant, appearing in only a select number of copies from the original print run.

This copy originates from the library of the Earls of Macclesfield, housed at Shirburn Castle, Oxfordshire. Amassed largely during the late 17th and early 18th centuries by the 1st and 2nd Earls, the Macclesfield library was widely regarded as one of the finest and most extensive private scientific, legal, and classical collections in Great Britain. The presence of the Macclesfield bookplate and blindstamps yields a distinguished provenance for this important work of Scottish legal literature.

English Short-Title Catalogue T78865.



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REPORTS
AND
CASES
TAKEN
In the third, fourth, fifth, sixth, and seventh years of the late
KING CHARLES.
As they were argued by most of the Kings Sergeants at the Common-Pleas Barre.

COLLECTED and REPORTED,
By that Eminent Lawyer, Sir *Thomas Hetley* Knight, Sergeant at Law, sometimes of the Honourable Society of Grayes-Inne, and appointed by the King and Judges for one of the Reporters of the Law.

Now Englished,
With an exact Table of the Principal matter therein contained; and likewise of the Cases, both Alphabetical.

LONDON,
Printed by *F. L.* for *Matthew Walbancke* at *Grayes-Inne* Gate, and *Thomas Firby*, near *Grayes-Inne* in *Holborn*, 1657.

Sir Thomas Hetley's *Reports*, "Now Englished" with Distinguished Macclesfield Provenance: "The Fruit of Bacon's Wise Design"

7. Hetley, Sir Thomas.
Reports and Cases Taken in the Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, and Seventh Years of the Late King Charles. As They were Argued by Most of the Kings Sergeants at the Common-pleas Barre. Collected and Reported, By that Eminent Lawyer, Sir Thomas Hetley Knight, Sergeant at Law, Sometimes of the Honourable Society of Grayes-Inne, And Appointed by the King and Judges for One of the Reporters of the Law. Now Englished, With an Exact Table of the Principal Matter Therein Contained, And Likewise of the Cases, Both Alphabetical.

London: Printed by F.L. for Matthew Walbancke at Grayes-Inne Gate, And Thomas Firby, Near Grayes-Inne in Holborne, 1657.

First and only edition. Folio (298 x 190 mm; 11-3/4" x 7-1/2"). 177, [7] pp. Complete, including final three leaves (6 pp.) of tables and a 4-page publisher's catalogue.

Contemporary calf, blind rules to boards, spine with raised bands and a later morocco lettering piece. Early manuscript ink title "Hetley" to fore-edge of text block. Shallow scuffing to boards; rubbing to extremities with wear to spine ends and corners; joints starting but secure. Rear endleaves and pastedown lacking; front pastedown detached and moderately edge-worn; front free endpaper mostly excised. Armorial bookplate of the Earls of Macclesfield to front pastedown; small embossed Macclesfield crest to the first two leaves. Moderate toning to interior, faint dampstaining to upper and lower margins of a few leaves, minor offsetting to preliminaries. Brief annotations in a contemporary hand to a handful of margins. A very good, crisp copy with a distinguished provenance. $450.

* An important seventeenth-century collection of English common-law reports, recording cases argued before the Court of Common Pleas during the third through seventh regnal years of Charles I (1627-1632). Published in 1657, during the Protectorate and more than six years after the King's execution, the volume's reference to the "Late King Charles" reflects the political circumstances of its publication. Its designation "Now Englished" likewise marks the movement toward making established legal reports accessible in English rather than the French and Latin traditionally employed in common-law practice.

The work has particular significance in the history of English legal reporting. Francis Bacon had advocated reviving the ancient office of official law reporter, and Hetley was subsequently appointed by the King and judges to that role. John William Wallace, in *The Reporters* (pp. 270-271), identifies this volume as the sole surviving printed result associated with Bacon's proposed reform.

This copy bears the armorial bookplate and embossed crest of the Earls of Macclesfield, identified by their armorial bookplate and embossed crest. From the library at Shirburn Castle, dispersed through Sotheby's sales between 2004 and 2008, the volume retains its contemporary binding and early marginal annotations.

English Short-Title Catalogue R10743.



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From the Library of Thomas Parker, First Earl of Macclesfield

8. Keble, Joseph (1632-1710).
Reports in the Court of Kings Bench at Westminster, From the XII to the XXX Year of the Reign of our Late Sovereign Lord King Charles II. London: Printed by W. Rawlins, S. Roycroft [et al.] for Thomas Dring, Charles Harper, [et al.], 1685.

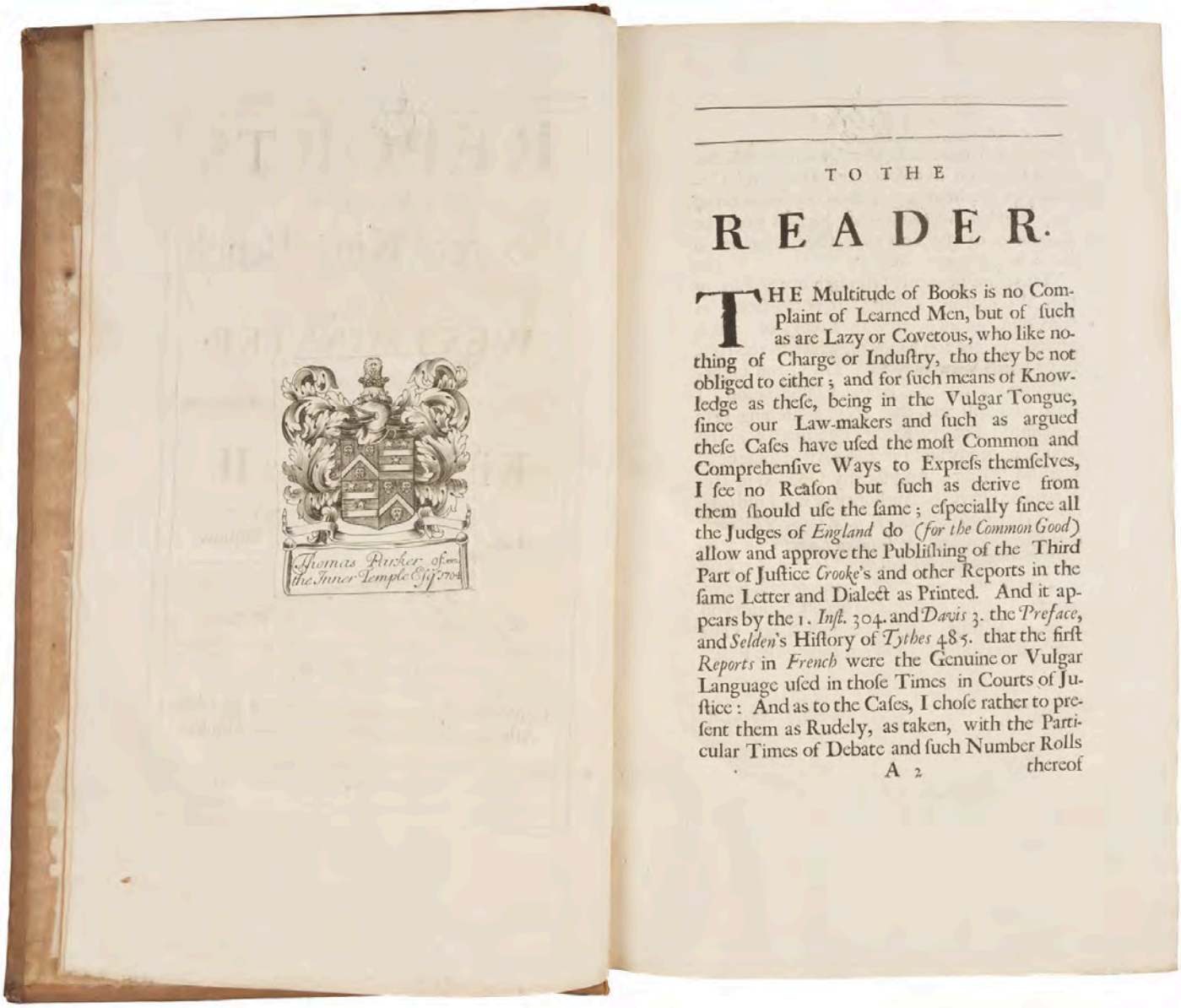
First edition. Three volumes. Folio. 12-3/4" x 8"; 323 x 203 mm. [12], 948, [87]; [14], 883, [90]; [4], 859, [54].

Contemporary calf, blind rules, raised bands and original morocco lettering piece, residue of small hand-lettered shelf labels to spines. Rubbing to extremities, boards scuffed, corners bumped, small tears to head of spine, Volume II joints cracked but secure, later armorial bookplate of the Earl of Macclesfield to verso of front boards, small embossed Macclesfield stamp to head of title pages. Bookplate of Thomas Parker, First Earl of Macclesfield to verso of title pages. Dampstaining to most of Volume III. A good set with an interesting association. $500.

* First edition, with both a Table of Cases and a Table of Matters in each volume.

Burnet referred to Keble as "a tolerable historian of the law," and Hardwicke calls him "a pretty good register." These are qualified assessments, but in truth Keble has never been held in high esteem by his legal brethren. Indeed Wallace reports that "Mr. Justice Park burned his copy, thinking it not worth while to lumber his library with trash." However, Wallace adds that "Keble's Reports help, often, to explain difficulties in contemporary reports of better credit in general," and for this alone they remain valuable. Keble does report some important cases such as Manby v. Scott and Collingwood v. Pace.

Wallace 315-325. Wing K116. Marvin 434. HLC I:1081.



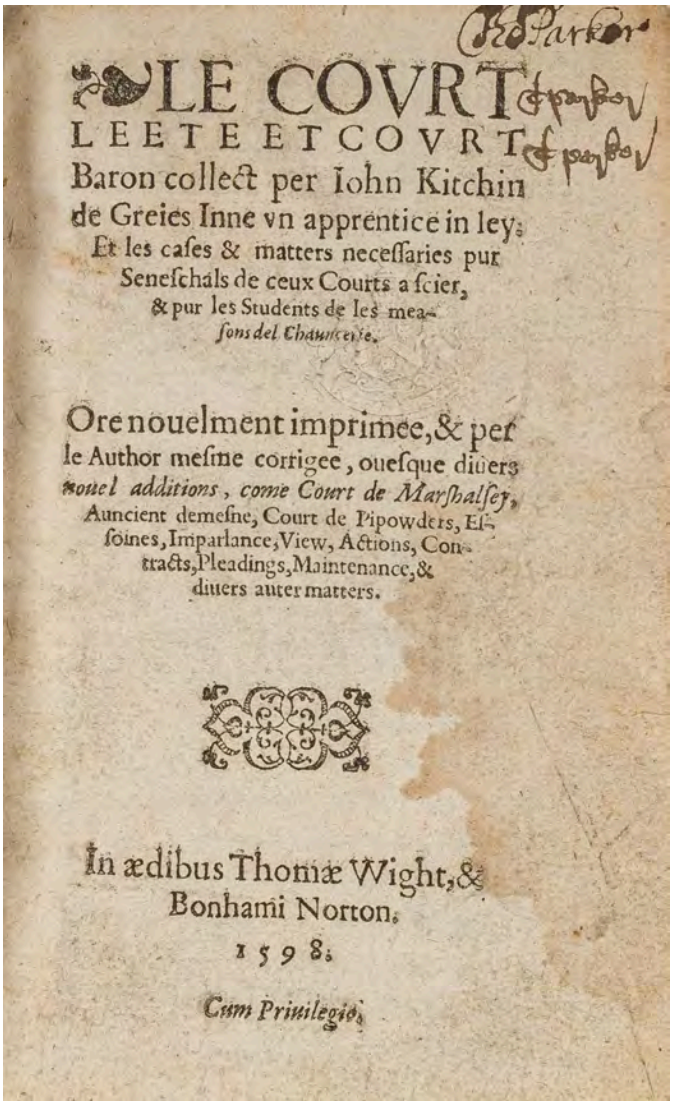
TO THE

READER.

THE Multitude of Books is no Complaint of Learned Men, but of ſuch as are Lazy or Covetous, who like nothing of Charge or Induſtry, tho they be not obliged to either; and for ſuch means of Knowledge as theſe, being in the Vulgar Tongue, ſince our Law-makers and ſuch as argued theſe Caſes have uſed the moſt Common and Comprehenſive Ways to Expreſs themſelves, I ſee no Reaſon but ſuch as derive from them ſhould uſe the ſame; eſpecially ſince all the Judges of *England* do (*for the Common Good*) allow and approve the Publiſhing of the Third Part of Juſtice *Crooke*'s and other Reports in the ſame Letter and Dialect as Printed. And it appears by the 1. *Inſt.* 304. and *Davis* 3. the *Preface*, and *Selden*'s Hiſtory of *Tythes* 485. that the firſt *Reports* in *French* were the Genuine or Vulgar Language uſed in thoſe Times in Courts of Juſtice: And as to the Caſes, I choſe rather to preſent them as Rudely, as taken, with the Particular Times of Debate and ſuch Number Rolls

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LEETE ET COVRT
Baron collect per Iohn Kitchin
de Greies Inne vn apprentice in ley;
Et les caſes & matters neceſſaries pur
Seneſchals de ceux Courts a ſcier,
& pur les Students de les mea-
ſons del Chauncerie.

Ore nouelment imprimee,& per
le Author meſme corrigee, oueſque diuers
nouel additions, come Court de Marſhalſey,
Auncient demeſne, Court de Pipowders, El-
ſoines, Imparlance, View, Actions, Con-
tracts, Pleadings, Maintenance, &
diuers auter matters.

In ædibus Thomæ Wight, &
Bonhami Norton.
1598.

Cum Priuilegio.

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

9. Kitchin, John (c.1520-c.1590).
Le Court Leete et Court Baron Collect per Iohn Kitchin de Greies Inne un Apprentice in Ley. Et les Cases & Matters Necessaries pur Seneschals de Ceux Courts a Scier, & Pur les Students de les Measons del Chauncerie. Ore Novelment Imprimee, & Per le Author Mesme Corrigee, Ouesque Divers Novel Additions, Come Court de Marshalsey; Auncient Demesne, Court de Pipowders, Essoines, Imparlance, View, Actions, Contracts, Pleadings, Maintenance, & Divers Auter Matters.

[London]: In Aedibius Thomae Wight, & Bonhami Norton, 1598.

Octavo (6" x 4"). [xii], 289, [3] pp. Contemporary calf, blind rules and small blind-stamped initials "GW" to boards, raised bands and later lettering piece and small hand-lettered shelf labels to spine. Light rubbing to extremities, a few minor scuffs to boards, corners bumped, small tears to head of spine, pastedowns loose, later armorial bookplate of the Earl of Macclesfield to verso of front board, small embossed Macclesfield stamp to head of title page. Moderate toning to text, faint dampstaining and soiling to preliminaries, light foxing in a few places. Early owner signature of Thomas Parker to head of title page, markings and brief annotations (mostly manicules) in his hand to the margins of several leaves. A very good copy of a foundational English legal text, featuring an exceptional legal association. $1,000.

* First published in 1579, Kitchin's work is a foundational source of information on early modern local courts and governance. By systematically outlining the differences between the previously undivided court systems, Kitchin—alongside his contemporary, Sir Edward Coke—helped lay the structural groundwork for modern common law theory, turning localized, customary feudal traditions into systematic, literate English law.

This copy boasts an exceptional institutional and legal pedigree, having belonged to Thomas Parker (1666-1732), 1st Earl of Macclesfield, who served as Lord Chief Justice of the King's Bench from 1718 to 1725. Parker's personal engagement with this copy is evidenced by his signature and characteristic marginal manicules (pointing hands). The volume later resided in the celebrated library of the Earls of Macclesfield at Shirburn Castle, widely regarded as one of the finest and most historically significant private scientific and legal libraries in Great Britain.

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



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First and Only Edition of Levinz's *Entries*, From the Library of the First Earl of Macclesfield

10. Levinz, Sir Creswell.
A Collection of Select and Modern Entries of Declarations, Pleadings, Issues, Verdicts, Judgments, &c. Referring to the Cases in Sir Creswell Levinz's Reports; The Judgment of the Court Being Added to Each President [sic]. With Notes and References to the Reports and Entries of the Law.

London: Printed by the Assigns of R. and E. Atkins, for D. Browne [etc.], 1702.

First and only edition. Folio (12-1/4" x 8"). [iv], 1-223 [i.e. 215], [21] pp. Pages 110-117 omitted in numbering, as issued. Copperplate portrait frontispiece. Contemporary calf, blind rules to boards, blind fillets along joints, raised bands, lettering piece and small early paper shelf labels to spine, gilt tooling to board edges. Light rubbing and a few shallow scuffs to boards, some rubbing to extremities, minor tear to head of spine, corners bumped and moderately worn, hinges cracked, shelfmark and armorial bookplate of the Earls of Macclesfield to front pastedown, early manuscript shelfmark to rear pastedown, small embossed Macclesfield crest to preliminaries, armorial bookplate of Thomas Parker, 1st Earl of Macclesfield to verso of title page. Light toning to interior, faint minor stains and underlining in a few places, offsetting to margins of endleaves. A very good, crisp copy. $450.

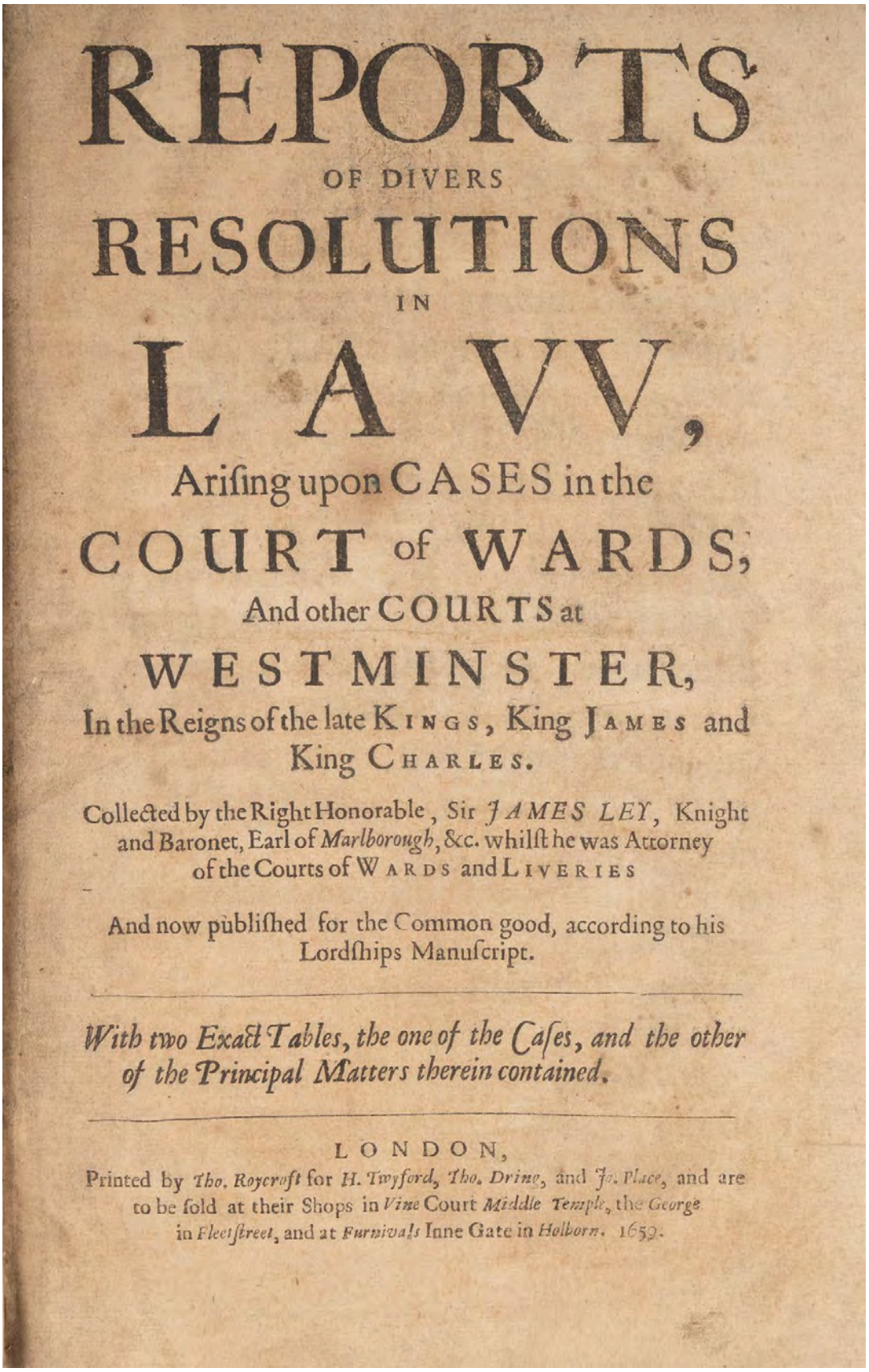
* This copy has important Macclesfield provenance, originating from the celebrated Macclesfield Library at Shirburn Castle in Oxfordshire. As one of the most historically complete and prestigious private aristocratic libraries in Great Britain, its contents remained largely untouched for centuries until its landmark dispersal by Sotheby's in the mid-2000s. The armorial bookplate on the verso of the title page belongs directly to Thomas Parker, 1st Earl of Macclesfield (1666-1732), a foundational figure in English legal history who served as both Lord Chief Justice and Lord Chancellor. This creates an important association copy; Parker was climbing the ranks of the English judiciary just as Levinz's *Reports and Entries* were solidifying into an established authority in English common-law practice.

Bibliographically, this text represents a vital transitional period in common law pleading. Compiled as a practical procedural guide to Les Reports de Sr. Creswell Levinz (1702), this volume served as an essential handbook for lawyers looking to draft formal declarations. Rather than just recording judgments, it provides the precise wording required for writs, verdicts, and issues. These specific forms directly shaped procedural law not only in Great Britain but also across the Atlantic. In the American colonies, where early attorneys lacked formal legal academies, printed English manuals like Levinz's Entries were imported at high cost to serve as templates for constructing colonial legal declarations.

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REPORTS
OF DIVERS
RESOLUTIONS
IN
LAVV,
Ariſing upon CASES in the
COURT of WARDS,
And other COURTS at
WESTMINSTER,
In the Reigns of the late KINGS, King JAMES and King CHARLES.

Collected by the Right Honorable, Sir *JAMES LEY*, Knight and Baronet, Earl of *Marlborough*, &c. whilſt he was Attorney of the Courts of WARDS and LIVERIES

And now publiſhed for the Common good, according to his Lordſhips Manuſcript.

With two Exact Tables, the one of the Caſes, and the other of the Principal Matters therein contained.

LONDON,
Printed by *Tho. Roycroft* for *H. Twyford*, *Tho. Dring*, and *Jo. Place*, and are to be ſold at their Shops in *Vine* Court *Middle Temple*, the *George* in *Fleetſtreet*, and at *Furnivals* Inne Gate in *Holborn*. 1659.

Item 11

Sir Clarke's Copy of the Only Published Volume of Reports of *Divers Resolutions in Law*

11. Ley, Sir James [1550-1629].
Reports of Divers Resolutions in Law, Arising Upon Cases in the Court of Wards, And Other Courts at Westminster, In the Reign of the Late Kings, King James and King Charles. Collected by the Right Honorable, Sir James Ley, Knight and Baronet, Earl of Marlborough, &c. Whilst He was Attorney of the Courts of Wards and Liveries and Now Published for the Common Good, According to His Lordships Manuscript. With Two Exact Tables, the One of the Cases, And the Other of the Principal Matters Therein Contained.

London: Printed by Tho. Roycroft for H. Twyford [et al.], 1659.

First edition. Folio (10-3/4" x 7"). [iv], 83, [9]; 27, [1] pp. Two parts in one volume. Contemporary sheep, blind rules to boards, blind fillets along joints, raised bands and lettering piece to spine, gilt tooling to board edges. Light rubbing to boards, which are beginning to separate but secure, a few minor scuffs to front board, heavier scuffing to rear board, moderate rubbing to extremities, corners bumped and somewhat worn, armorial bookplate of the Earls of Macclesfield to front pastedown, small embossed Macclesfield crest to preliminaries, owner signature of Thomas Clarke to front free endpaper. Moderate toning to text, somewhat heavier in places, soiling to title page. $500.

* First edition of the only published volume of law reports from the Court of Wards and Liveries, a vital prerogative court established under Henry VIII in 1540 to administer feudal wardships, inheritances, and the estates of minors and persons deemed *non compos mentis* ("lunatics" and "idiots"). Compiled from manuscript notes kept by Sir James Ley while serving as Attorney of the Court of Wards (1608-1621)—before his elevation to Chief Justice of the King's Bench, Lord High Treasurer, and Earl of Marlborough-the reports cover landmark rulings from the reigns of James I and Charles I across the Court of Wards, Star Chamber, and King's Bench. Notably, the volume appeared during the final months of the Interregnum, thirteen years after Parliament had effectively abolished the Court of Wards in 1646 (confirmed by the Tenures Abolition Act of 1660), preserving otherwise unrecorded jurisprudence of a defunct feudal institution.

Appended at the rear with separate pagination is Ley's 27-page administrative treatise, *Instructions for Our Master of Our Wards and Liveries, for the Better Authorizing and Directing of Him in the Execution of His Office, And Performance of Our Service.*

This copy has distinguished legal provenance connecting two prominent 18th-century jurists. Sir Thomas Clarke (1703-1764), Master of the Rolls (1754-1764), was a protégé and lifelong friend of Thomas Parker, 1st Earl of Macclesfield (1666-1732), Lord Chief Justice and Lord High Chancellor. Clarke bequeathed his substantial fortune and library to Parker's son, George Parker, 2nd Earl of Macclesfield, integrating this volume into the library at Shirburn Castle, Oxfordshire, until its dispersal at Sotheby's in 2004-2008.

English Short-Title Catalogue R13805.

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Lutwyche's "Valuable and Accurate" 1704 First Edition of *Un Livre des Entries*, with Macclesfield Provenance

12. Lutwyche, Sir Edward [d. 1709].
Un Livre des Entries: Contenant Auxi un Report des Resolutions del Court sur Diverse Exceptions Prises as Pleadings, Et Sur Auters Matters en Ley; Surdant (Pur la Plupart) en le Court de Common-Bank, Enter le 34 An del Roy Charles le Second, & le 2 An del Raigne de sa Present Majesty, La Roigne Anne. Et Ascuns Observations sur Diverse de les Presidents, Cybien ceux Queux ne Fueront Unques Debate en Court, Come sur Plusieurs de les Auters. Oversque Deux Tables, l'Un de les Nosmes des Cases, & l'Auter des Matters Contenus en Yceux. En Deux Volumes.

London: Printed by the Assigns of Richard and Edward Atkins, 1704.

First edition. Two volumes. Folio (12.5" x 8"). [xvi], 912; [ii], 913-1668, [104] pp. With a copperplate portrait frontispiece by Robert White in Volume I. Contemporary calf, blind rules to boards, blind fillets along joints, raised bands, lettering pieces and small early paper shelf labels to spines. Light rubbing and scuffing to boards, some fading to spines, moderate rubbing to extremities, light chipping to spine ends, corners bumped and somewhat worn, a few joints cracked, hinges starting, front board of Volume I beginning to separate but secure. Armorial bookplate of the Earls of Macclesfield to front pastedown, early Macclesfield library annotations to endleaves, small embossed Macclesfield crest to preliminaries. Interiors notably bright, brief notes and underlining to a few places in each volume. A sound, attractive copy with distinguished aristocratic provenance. $500.

* First edition of an important collection of English common-law reports and entries by Sir Edward Lutwyche, a former Justice of the Court of Common Pleas. Covering cases from 1682 through the early years of Queen Anne's reign, the work combines reports of judicial resolutions with detailed pleadings, observations on legal precedents, and examples of entries, including some precedents never argued in court. Two extensive tables, one arranged by case names and the other by subject, make this a particularly useful reference work for the study of early modern English common law and legal procedure.

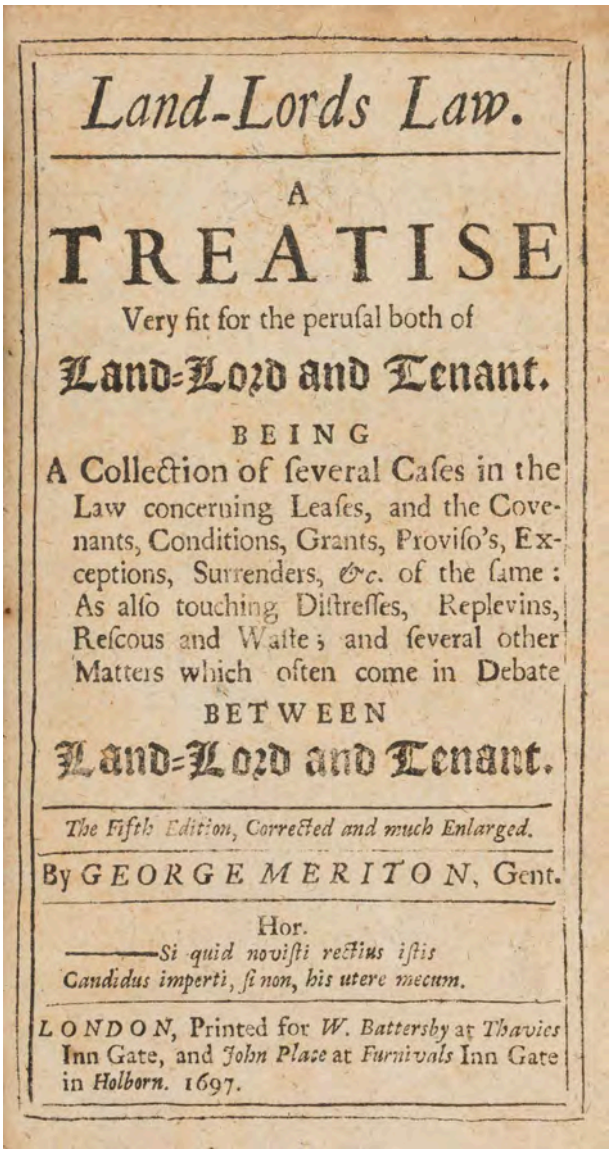
Lutwyche was a respected authority on pleading and practice. John William Wallace, in *The Reporters*, describes his work as "valuable and accurate" (p. 395). Its documentary treatment of pleadings and procedural objections gives it particular importance as a practical record of the development and application of common-law principles during a significant period of English constitutional and legal history.

An especially appealing copy with provenance from the Earls of Macclesfield, whose library was housed at Shirburn Castle, Oxfordshire. The Macclesfield collection was among the most distinguished private libraries in Britain, notable for its substantial holdings in law, history, science, and literature. The armorial bookplate, embossed crest, and early library annotations provide multiple points of evidence for this copy's association with the collection.

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Very fit for the peruſal both of

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——Si quid noviſti rectius iſtis
Candidus imperti, ſi non, his utere mecum.

LONDON, Printed for W. Battersby at Thavies Inn Gate, and John Place at Furnivals Inn Gate in Holborn. 1697.

Active Shirburn Castle Estate Provenance: A Pocket-Sized 1697 Edition of Meriton's Pioneering Land-Lords Law

13. Meriton, George [1634-1711].
Land-Lords Law. A Treatise Very Fit for the Perusal Both of Land-Lord and Tenant. Being a Collection of Several Cases in the Law Concerning Leases, And the Covenants, Conditions, Grants, Proviso's Exceptions, Surrenders, &c. Of the Same: as also Touching Distresses, Replevins, Rescous and Waste; And Several Other Matters Which Often Come in Debate Between Land-Lord and Tenant. Corrected and Much Enlarged. London: Printed for W. Battersby at Thavies Inn Gate, and John Place at Furnivals Inn Gate in Holborn, 1697.

Duodecimo (5-3/4" x 3-1/4"). [viii], 255, [23] pp. Complete. Final section consists of a 20-page index and a final blank leaf. Contemporary sheep, boards framed with blind rules, spine divided by blind fillets and featuring two small early paper shelf labels. Light rubbing and a few shallow scuffs to boards; moderate rubbing to extremities with wear to spine ends. Front joint tender but board remains securely attached; rear joint starting; corners bumped and worn. Armorial bookplate of the Earls of Macclesfield to front pastedown; small embossed Macclesfield crest to the title page and following two leaves. Text block moderately toned; light browning to final eleven leaves; two brief contemporary annotations in a tiny hand to the rear pastedown. A solid copy with compelling evidence of early estate library usage. $850.

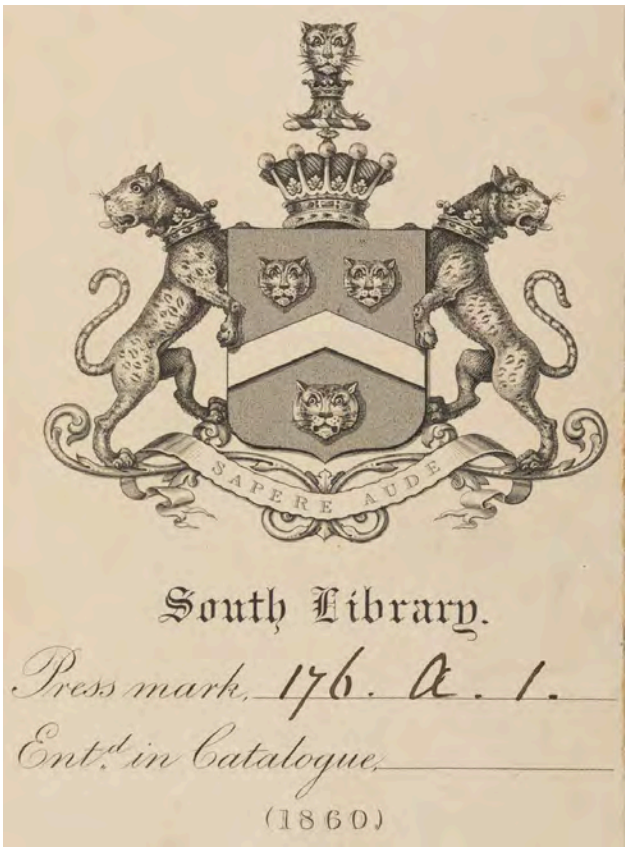
* Fifth and final edition of George Meriton's pioneering work, which stands historically as the very first English legal treatise entirely dedicated to the complex relationship between landlords and tenants. First published in 1665, Meriton's practical handbook was designed to break down the dense, forbidding doctrines of common law into clear, thematic guidance. By addressing everyday real estate mechanics like leases, covenants, distress, and waste, it served both the "young practitioner" and the property-owning gentry.

This final edition represents the text at its most complete, expanded to address the evolving realities of property management in late 17th-century England, an era marked by rapid urban rebuilding and expanding commercial leases following the Great Fire of London. Meriton's structured approach established a generic blueprint for property manuals that would culminate in William Woodfall's landmark 1802 treatise.

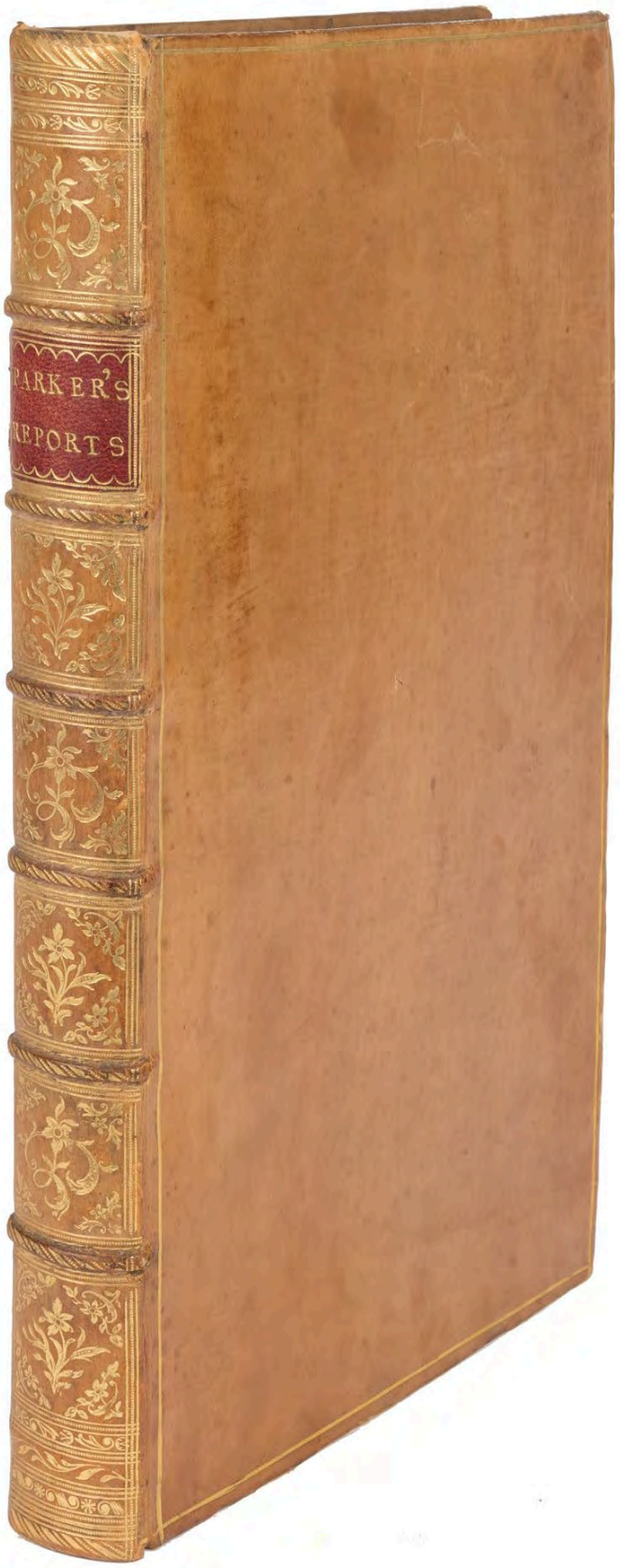
This copy has distinguished Macclesfield provenance, hailing from the library of the Earls of Macclesfield at Shirburn Castle, Oxfordshire. Amassed largely during the late 17th and early 18th centuries, the Macclesfield collection was celebrated for its important holdings in early science, mathematics, and common law. Unlike the grand folios in their library that remained untouched on the shelves, the annotations suggest that this pocket-sized manual was consulted during its time in the collection by the Macclesfields and their estate managers.

OCLC locates 5 copies of the fifth edition in North American law libraries (Harvard, Library of Congress, University of Georgia, University of Pennsylvania, University of Virginia).

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Handsome Presentation Copy of an Uncommon Volume of Exchequer Reports, From the Macclesfield Library

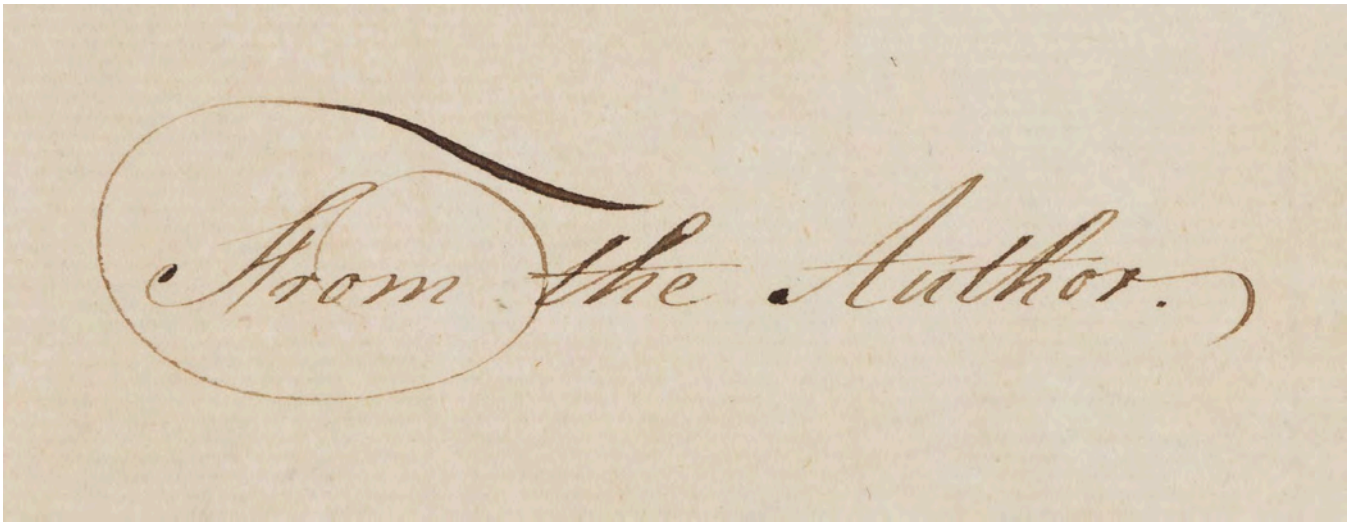
14. Parker, Thomas [1695?-1784], Reporter.
Reports of Cases Concerning the Revenue, Argued and Determined in the Court of Exchequer, From Easter Term 1743, To Hilary Term 1767. With an Appendix, Containing Cases Upon the Same Subject in Former Reigns. With Two Tables; The One of the Names of the Cases, The Other of the Principal Matters. London: Printed by W. Strahan and M. Woodfall, 1776.

First edition. Folio (12-1/2" x 7-3/4"; 318 x 197 mm). v, [iii], 283, [13] pp. Contemporary full sprinkled calf, boards ruled in gilt, spine in six compartments with raised bands, gilt floral tooling, and contrasting morocco lettering piece, gilt roll to board edges, marbled endpapers. Near fine. Exterior with a few minor nicks, light scuffs, and faint staining; negligible rubbing to boards and extremities; corners gently bumped. Interior remarkably crisp with only very light toning, occasional faint foxing, and minor finger smudges to a few leaves. Armorial bookplate of the Earls of Macclesfield (Shirburn Castle, North Library) to front pastedown; small blind-embossed Macclesfield crest to upper outer margin of title page and following leaf; contemporary ink presentation inscription, "From the Author," to verso of front free endpaper. A handsome, notably well-preserved copy. $750.

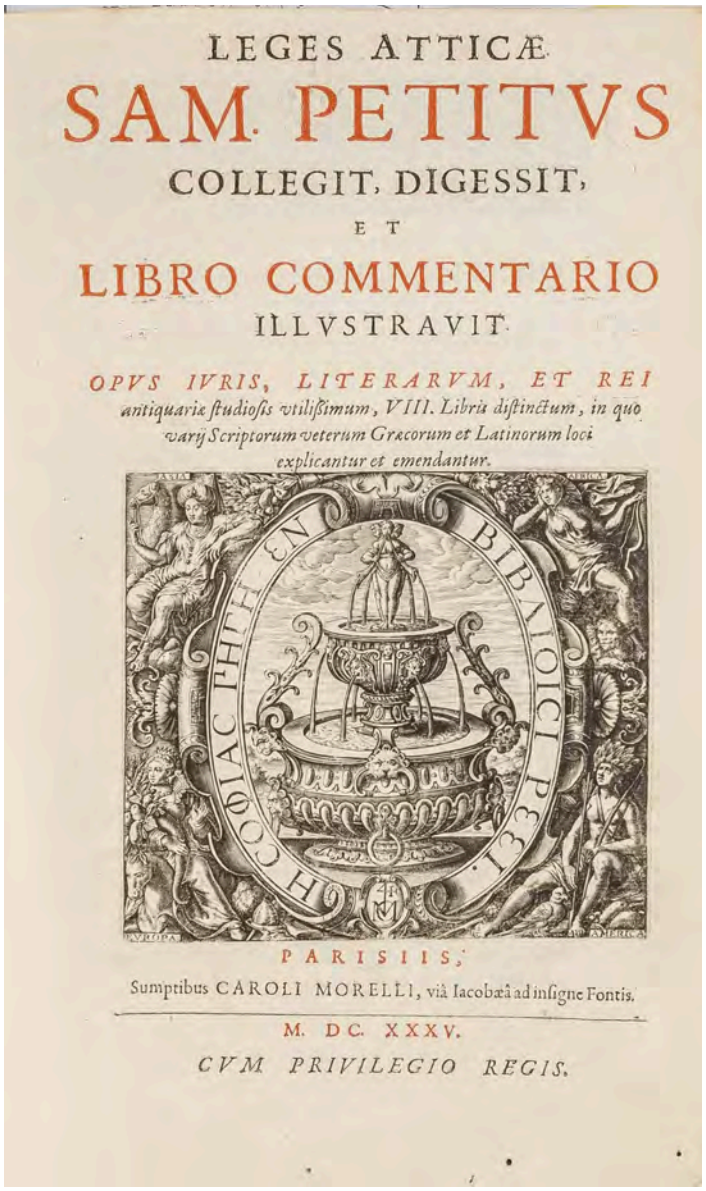
* An important and uncommon first edition of Parker's reports, published following his exceptionally long tenure as Lord Chief Baron of the Court of Exchequer (1742-1772). Addressing the scarcity of published decisions concerning royal revenue, the work covers cases from 1743 to 1767, with an appendix of earlier decisions dating from 1678 to 1718. An important source for the history of British taxation, customs, and Crown revenue administration, it was praised by John William Wallace as "valuable and accurate" and reprinted in 1791 and 1800.

An appealing association copy, bearing the contemporary presentation inscription "From the Author" and provenance from the distinguished library of the Earls of Macclesfield at Shirburn Castle. Parker belonged to the Staffordshire Parker family and was related to Thomas Parker, 1st Earl of Macclesfield (1667-1732), Lord Chancellor. The combination of authorial presentation and distinguished family provenance is particularly desirable.

Holdsworth, *History of English Law* XII:133. Wallace, *The Reporters* 534. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T95680.



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ET

LIBRO COMMENTARIO

ILLVSTRAVIT.

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PARISIIS,

Sumptibus CAROLI MORELLI, viâ Iacobæâ ad inſigne Fontis.

M. DC. XXXV.

CVM PRIVILEGIO REGIS.

A Landmark Reconstruction of Ancient Athenian Law,
From the Libraries of Nicolas-Joseph Foucault and the Earls of Macclesfield

15. Petit (Petitus), Samuel (1594-1643).
Leges Atticae. Sam. Petitus Collegit, Digessit, et Libro Commentario Illustravit. Opus Iuris, Literarum, Et Rei Antiquariae Studiosis Utilissimum, VIII. Libris Distinctum, In Quo Varii Scriptorum Veterum Graecorum et Latinorum Loci Explicantur et Emendantur. Paris: Sumptibus Caroli Morelli, 1635.

First edition. Folio. (13-1/2" x 8-3/4"; 34.3 x 22.2 cm). [xii], 55, [1], 557 [i.e. 567], [1] pp. Contemporary full calf, boards framed with gilt rules, spine with raised bands, gilt title, and gilt-tooled compartments, small early paper shelf labels at head and foot of spine. Light rubbing and a few minor scuffs to boards, moderate wear to spine ends and corners. Title page printed in red and black with a large copperplate vignette; woodcut head-pieces, tail-pieces, and decorated initials throughout. Armorial bookplates of Nicolas-Joseph Foucault and the Earls of Macclesfield to front free endpaper, small embossed Macclesfield crest stamps to title page and a few leaves. Light uniform toning to text, minor worming in a few places without loss to text, otherwise internally crisp and clean. A very handsome copy. **SOLD**.

* An important landmark in the reconstruction of ancient Athenian law and the development of historical jurisprudence. A French Protestant scholar, classical philologist and professor of Greek at Nîmes, Samuel Petit was a prominent figure in the seventeenth-century Republic of Letters and a correspondent of John Selden, Pierre Gassendi and Gerardus Vossius. His Leges Atticae brought together the scattered remains of Athenian legislation preserved in classical Greek and Latin literature, organizing them into eight books with extensive Latin commentary. In the absence of a surviving Athenian legal code, Petit adopted the systematic arrangement of Justinian's Roman-law compilations as a model for reconstructing the laws and legal institutions of ancient Athens. The work represented the culmination of nearly a century of Renaissance scholarship devoted to recovering Greek jurisprudence and became an important reference for subsequent studies of ancient law. Its continuing scholarly importance is demonstrated by the expanded Leiden edition of 1742, incorporating annotations by C.A. Duker, Petrus Wesseling and other scholars.

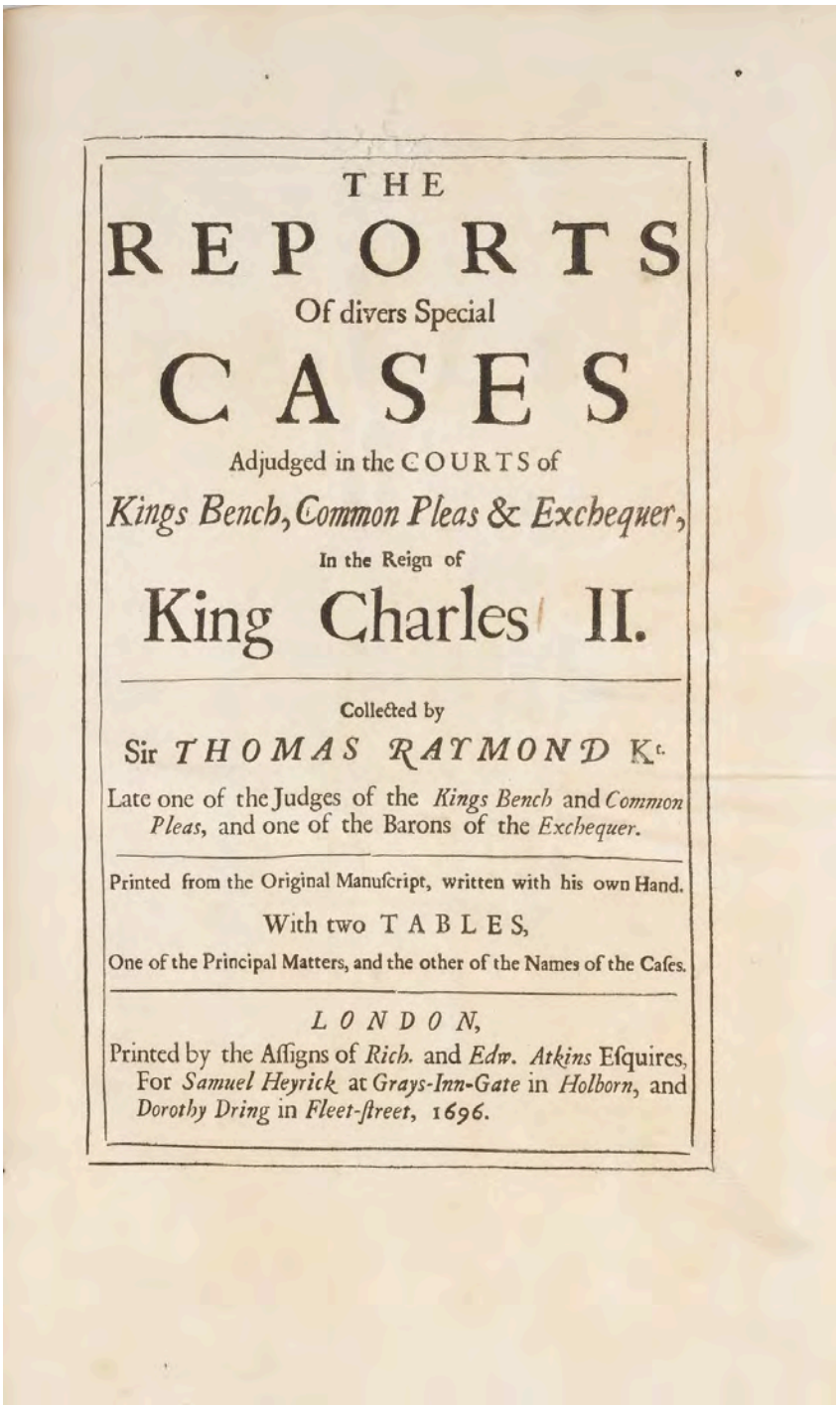
This copy has distinguished French and English provenance. It belonged first to Nicolas-Joseph Foucault (1643-1721), Marquis de Magny, an influential royal administrator, antiquary and honorary member of the Académie des Inscriptions et Belles-Lettres, whose celebrated library was among the finest private collections in France. It subsequently entered the library of the Earls of Macclesfield at Shirburn Castle, Oxfordshire, one of the great English aristocratic libraries, founded by Thomas Parker (1666-1732), 1st Earl of Macclesfield and Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain. Both collections are represented by their armorial bookplates, with additional Macclesfield embossed stamps. This copy was included in Sotheby's dispersal of the Macclesfield Library in 2006.

An example of the first edition was also owned by Thomas Jefferson and is recorded in his 1815 library catalogue, illustrating the work's presence in the libraries of early American intellectuals and statesmen.

Universal Short-Title Catalogue 6028933; Batson, "The Renaissance Reconstruction of Ancient Athenian Law, 1546-1650," *The Historical Journal* 69 (2026), pp. 723-744; Sowerby, *Catalogue of the Library of Thomas Jefferson*, no. 412; Sotheby's, *The Library of the Earls of Macclesfield*, Part Eight: Theology, Philosophy, Law and Economics (2006), lot 2516.



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THE
REPORTS
Of divers Special
CASES
Adjudged in the COURTS of
Kings Bench, Common Pleas & Exchequer,
In the Reign of
King Charles II.

Collected by
Sir *THOMAS RAYMOND* Kt.
Late one of the Judges of the *Kings Bench* and *Common Pleas*, and one of the Barons of the *Exchequer*.

Printed from the Original Manuſcript, written with his own Hand.
With two TABLES,
One of the Principal Matters, and the other of the Names of the Caſes.

LONDON,
Printed by the Aſſigns of *Rich.* and *Edw. Atkins* Eſquires,
For *Samuel Heyrick* at *Grays-Inn-Gate* in *Holborn*, and
Dorothy Dring in *Fleet-ſtreet*, 1696.

First Edition of a Respected Restoration-Era Law Report,
Printed from the Author's Original Manuscript, with Macclesfield Provenance

16. Raymond, Sir Thomas (1627-1683).
The Reports Of Divers Special Cases Adjudged In The Courts Of Kings Bench, Common Pleas, & Exchequer, In the Reign of King Charles II. Printed from the Original Manuscript, Written in His Own Hand. With Two Tables, One of the Principal Matters, And the Other of the Names of the Cases. London: Printed by the Assigns of Rich. & Edw. Atkins, Esquires, for Samuel Heyrick at Grays-Inn-Gate in Holborn, and Dorothy Dring in Fleet-Street, 1696.

First Edition. Folio (12" x 8"; 30.5 x 20.3 cm). [x], 506, [54] pp. Contemporary full calf, boards ruled in blind, blind fillets along joints, spine with five raised bands and gilt-lettered morocco lettering piece; small early paper shelf labels to spine; board edges gilt. Light rubbing and occasional minor scuffing to boards; moderate wear to extremities, with slight chipping to spine ends and bumped corners. Armorial bookplate of Thomas Parker, first Earl of Macclesfield, to verso of title page; additional Macclesfield library bookplate(s) and small blind-embossed library stamps to preliminaries. Early manuscript shelfmarks and annotations to front free endpaper and rear pastedown. Text moderately toned, with occasional light foxing and minor offsetting to endleaf margins. A very good, unsophisticated copy in its contemporary binding, with distinguished legal and aristocratic provenance. $750.

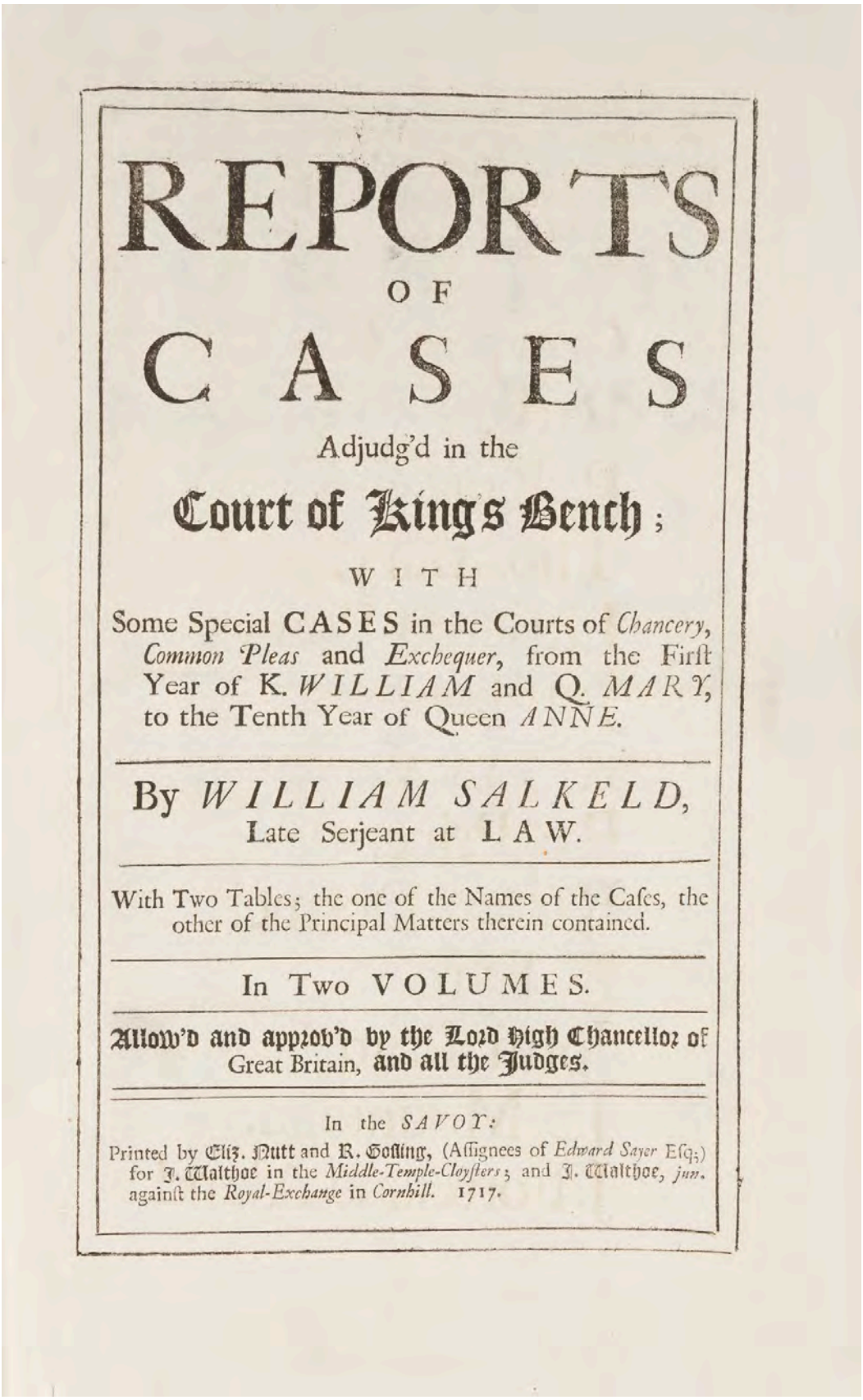
* An important first edition of one of the respected collections of seventeenth-century English common-law reports, published posthumously from the author's own manuscript. Sir Thomas Raymond was called to the bar at Gray's Inn in 1651 and established a substantial legal practice before his appointment to the bench in 1679. He served successively as a Baron of the Exchequer, a Justice of Common Pleas, and a Justice of King's Bench, dying in 1683. His reports preserve the fruits of his earlier practice as a barrister as well as his later judicial experience, documenting the development of English common law during the Restoration and the reign of Charles II. Their publication in 1696, thirteen years after his death, was explicitly based on his autograph manuscript, as the title page emphasizes. The work subsequently earned the regard of leading historians of English law, including William Holdsworth and John William Wallace. (Holdsworth, *A History of English Law*, VI, p. 560; Wallace, *The Reporters*, 4th ed., p. 304.)

From the library of the Earls of Macclesfield at Shirburn Castle, Oxfordshire, one of the most distinguished historic private libraries in England. The collection was substantially developed by Thomas Parker (1666-1732), first Earl of Macclesfield, the eminent Whig politician and jurist who served as Lord Chief Justice of King's Bench from 1710 to 1718 and subsequently as Lord Chancellor (1718-1725). His career ended in a celebrated parliamentary impeachment and conviction for corruption in 1725. The Macclesfield provenance is especially appropriate for this volume: Parker's own judicial career placed him within the legal tradition documented by Raymond's reports.

Holdsworth, *History of English Law* VI:560. Wallace, *The Reporters* 304. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R9906.



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WITH
Some Special CASES in the Courts of *Chancery*, *Common Pleas* and *Exchequer*, from the First Year of K. *WILLIAM* and Q. *MARY*, to the Tenth Year of Queen *ANNE*.

By *WILLIAM SALKELD*,
Late Serjeant at LAW.

With Two Tables; the one of the Names of the Cases, the other of the Principal Matters therein contained.

In Two VOLUMES.

Allow'd and approv'd by the Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain, and all the Judges.

In the *SAVOY*:
Printed by Eliz. Nutt and R. Gosling, (Assignees of *Edward Sayer* Esq;) for J. Walthoe in the *Middle-Temple-Cloysters*; and J. Walthoe, *jun.* against the *Royal-Exchange* in *Cornhill*. 1717.

Item 17

Salkeld's *Reports* from the Library of the Earls of Macclesfield
"Their General Accuracy, I Believe, Has not Been Questioned"

17. Salkeld, William [1671-1715]. Reporter.
Reports of Cases Adjudg'd in the Court of King's Bench; With Some Special Cases in the Courts of Chancery, Common Pleas and Exchequer, from the First Year of K. William and Q. Mary, To the Tenth Year of Queen Anne. With Two Tables; The One of the Names of the Cases, The Other of the Principal Matters Therein Contained. Allow'd and Approv'd by the Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain, And All the Judges.

[London]: Printed by Eliz. Nutt and R. Gosling, 1717.

First edition. Two volumes. Folio (12 3/4" x 8"; 324 x 203 mm). 410, [2]; 411-793, [111] pp. Complete, including the two-page publisher's advertisement.

Contemporary full calf, boards ruled in gilt, blind-tooled board edges; spines with raised bands, gilt-tooled compartments, morocco lettering pieces, and early paper shelf labels at foot. Moderate rubbing to extremities, light scuffing and shallow scratches to boards, corners bumped and worn; front joint of Volume I cracked, though cords remain sound. Armorial bookplates of the Earls of Macclesfield to front pastedowns, with small blind-embossed Macclesfield library stamps on preliminary leaves. Interiors generally crisp, with light to moderate toning and occasional minor browning and foxing. $650.

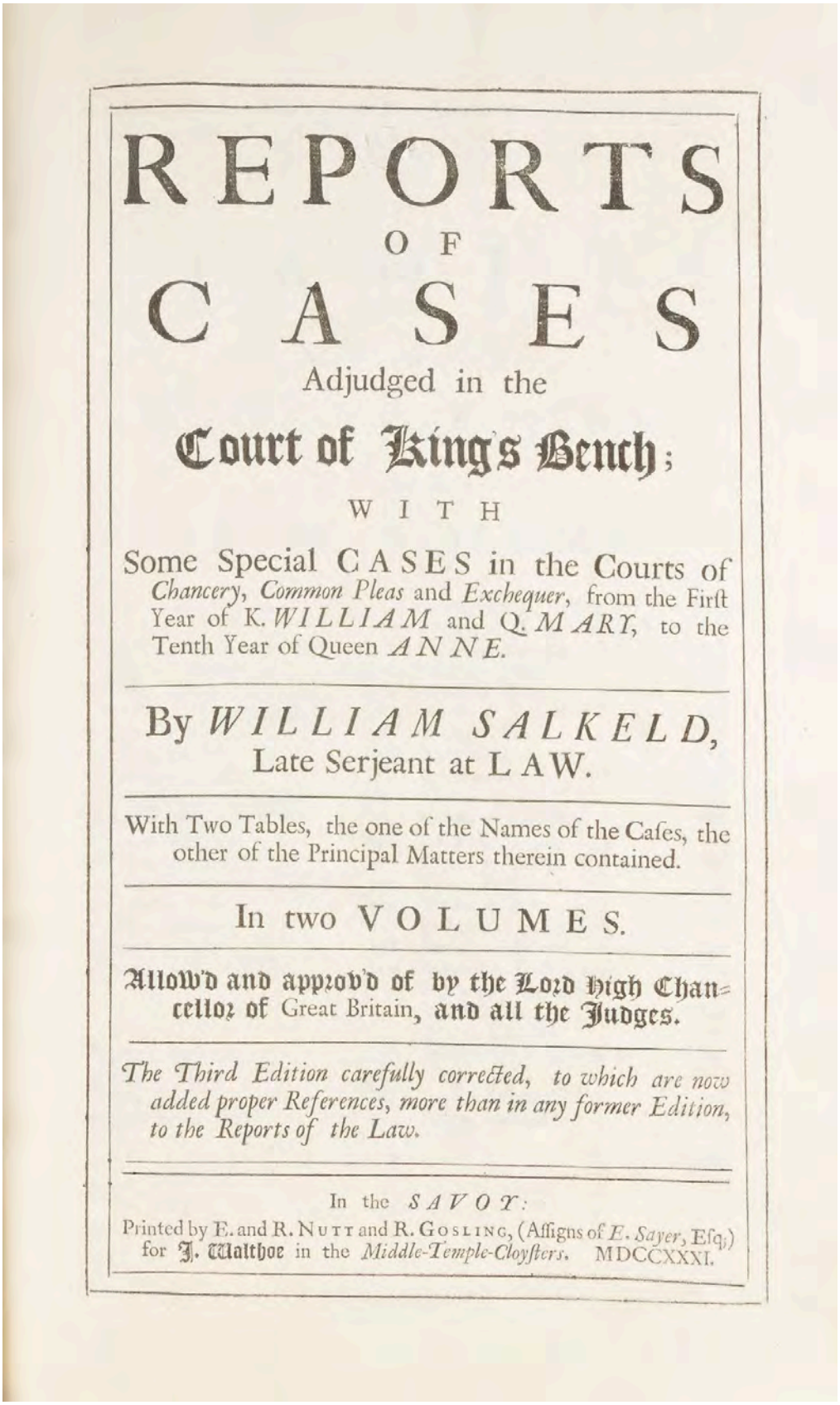
* A distinguished copy from the library of the Earls of Macclesfield, with a particularly compelling association to the history of English jurisprudence. Published posthumously under the editorial supervision of Philip Yorke, later 1st Earl of Hardwicke, Salkeld's Reports became one of the standard authorities for English common law during the late seventeenth and early eighteenth centuries. The cases span the period from 1689 to 1712, encompassing the influential tenure of Sir John Holt as Chief Justice of the King's Bench (1689-1710), and document the development of English commercial and constitutional jurisprudence during a formative period.

The work's authority was recognized from its earliest appearance. John William Wallace, in his *The Reporters* (1882), observed of the first two volumes: "The first two volumes of Salkeld were published under the supervision of Lord Hardwicke, and their general accuracy, I believe, has not been questioned." The reports subsequently became an important source for English legal practice and the transmission of common-law principles to the American colonies. A bibliographically distinct third volume, comprising a less authoritative collection of additional cases and notes, appeared in 1724.

The present copy bears the armorial bookplates and embossed library stamps of the Earls of Macclesfield, identifying it as part of the library at Shirburn Castle, Oxfordshire, one of the great historic private libraries of Britain. Its association is especially appropriate: Thomas Parker (1667-1732), 1st Earl of Macclesfield, served as Lord Chief Justice of the King's Bench from 1710 to 1718, immediately following Holt, and subsequently as Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain (1718-1725). His judicial career thus closely intersects with the period documented in these reports. Although the precise date of this copy's acquisition by Parker is unrecorded, its Macclesfield provenance provides a notable connection between the work and the highest levels of the contemporary English judiciary.

Wallace, *The Reporters* 399-340. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T97358.

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The Third Edition carefully corrected, to which are now added proper References, more than in any former Edition, to the Reports of the Law.

In the *SAVOY*:
Printed by E. and R. NUTT and R. GOSLING, (Assigns of *E. Sayer*, Esq;) for **J. Walthoe** in the *Middle-Temple-Cloysters*. MDCCXXXI.

Item 18

Third Edition of Salkeld's *Reports* from the Macclesfield Library
"Their General Accuracy, I Believe, Has not Been Questioned"

18. Salkeld, William [1671-1715]. Reporter.
Reports of Cases Adjudg'd in the Court of King's Bench; With Some Special Cases in the Courts of Chancery, Common Pleas and Exchequer, From the First Year of K. William and Q. Mary, To the Tenth Year of Queen Anne. With Two Tables; The One of the Names of the Cases, The Other of the Principal Matters Therein Contained. Allow'd and Approv'd of by the Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain, And All the Judges. The Third Edition Carefully Corrected, To Which are Now Added Proper References, More Than in Any Former Edition, To the Reports of the Law. [London]: Printed by E. and R. Nutt and R. Gosling, (Assigns of E. Sayer, Esq;) for J. Walthoe, 1731.

Third edition, carefully corrected, with additional references to the reports of the law. Two volumes in one. Folio (12-1/2" x 7-1/2"). [xiv], 410, [2]; [12], 411-793, [108] pp.

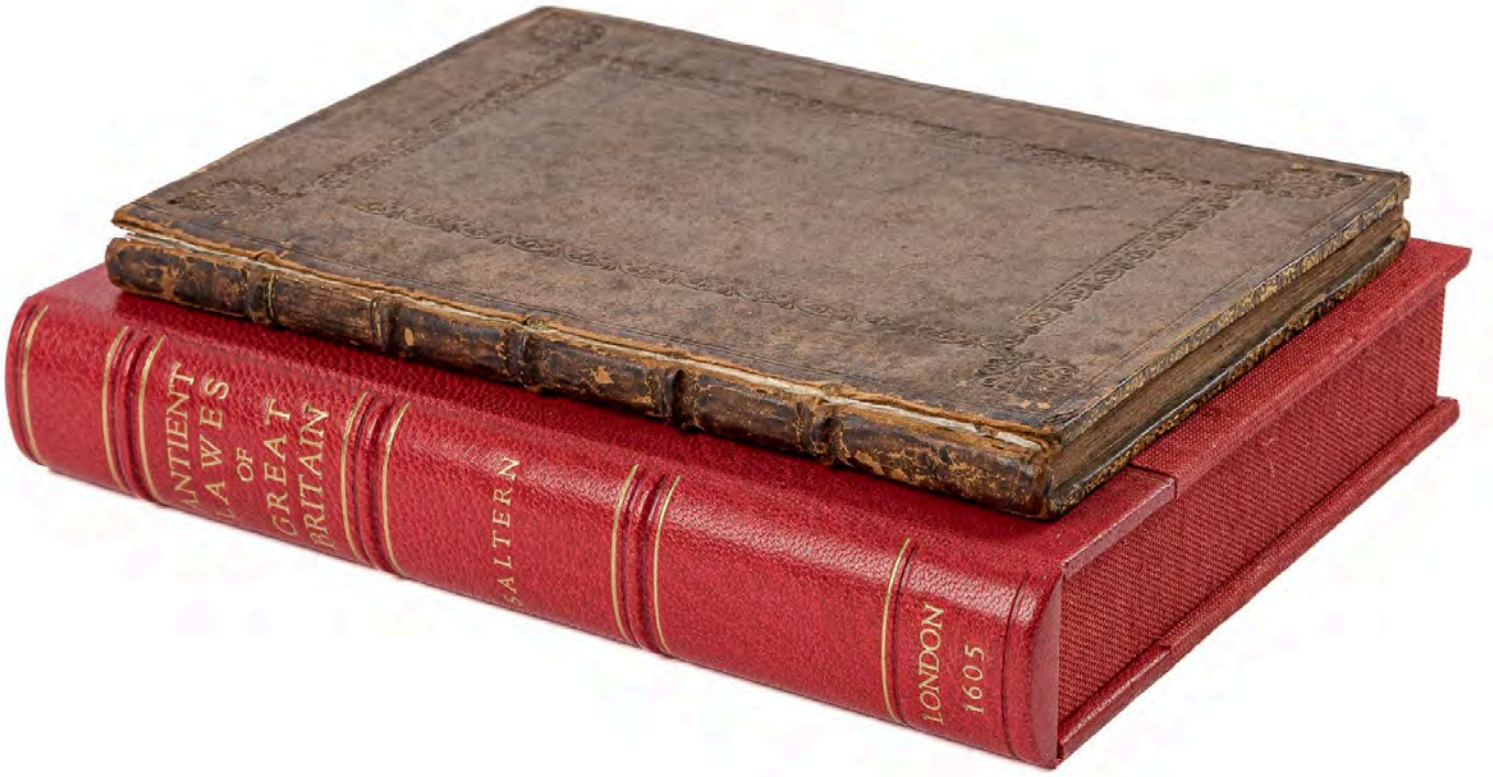
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* Third edition of Salkeld's influential reports of English judicial decisions from 1689 through 1712, first published in two volumes in 1717-1718. Issued posthumously, the reports were published under the supervision of Lord Hardwicke, whose confidence in their reliability is reflected in John William Wallace's assessment: "their general accuracy, I believe, has not been questioned" (*The Reporters*, 1882, pp. 399-400). Covering decisions of the King's Bench, with additional cases from Chancery, Common Pleas, and Exchequer, the work documents an important period in the development of English common law and equity following the Revolution of 1688. A bibliographically distinct third volume, compiled from additional manuscript materials and published in 1724, is not present here and does not form part of this third edition.

An especially interesting legal association copy, bearing the ownership signature of Sir Thomas Clarke (1703-1764), distinguished English jurist and Master of the Rolls from 1754 until his death. Clarke was a close associate of the Macclesfield family and a notable legal bibliophile. The volume subsequently entered the Macclesfield Library at Shirburn Castle, Oxfordshire, as attested by its armorial bookplate, shelfmark, and embossed ownership stamps. The combination of Clarke's ownership and the Macclesfield provenance unites two important eighteenth-century legal and bibliophilic collections.

Wallace, *The Reporters* (1882) pp. 399-400. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T97360.

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An Early Stuart Apologia for Legal Union: Myth, Antiquity, and the Defense of "Ancient Liberties"

19. Saltern (Salteren), George (b.c. 1568, fl. 1605).
Of the Antient Lawes of Great Britaine. London: Printed for Iohn Iaggard, And Are to bee Solde at His Shop in Fleetestreete, at the Signe of the Hand and Starre, 1605.

Quarto (6-3/4" x 5"; 172 x 127 mm). [86] pp. Wanting initial blank A1; text complete.

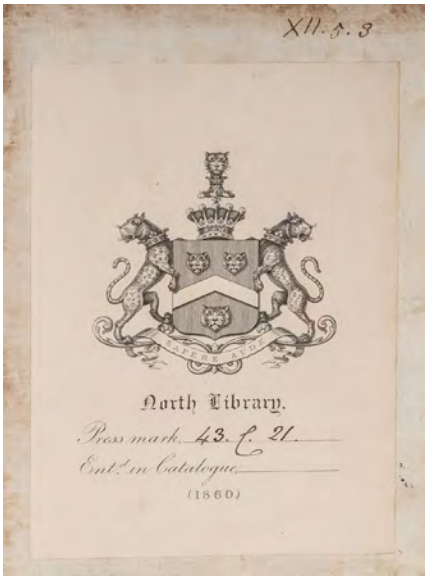
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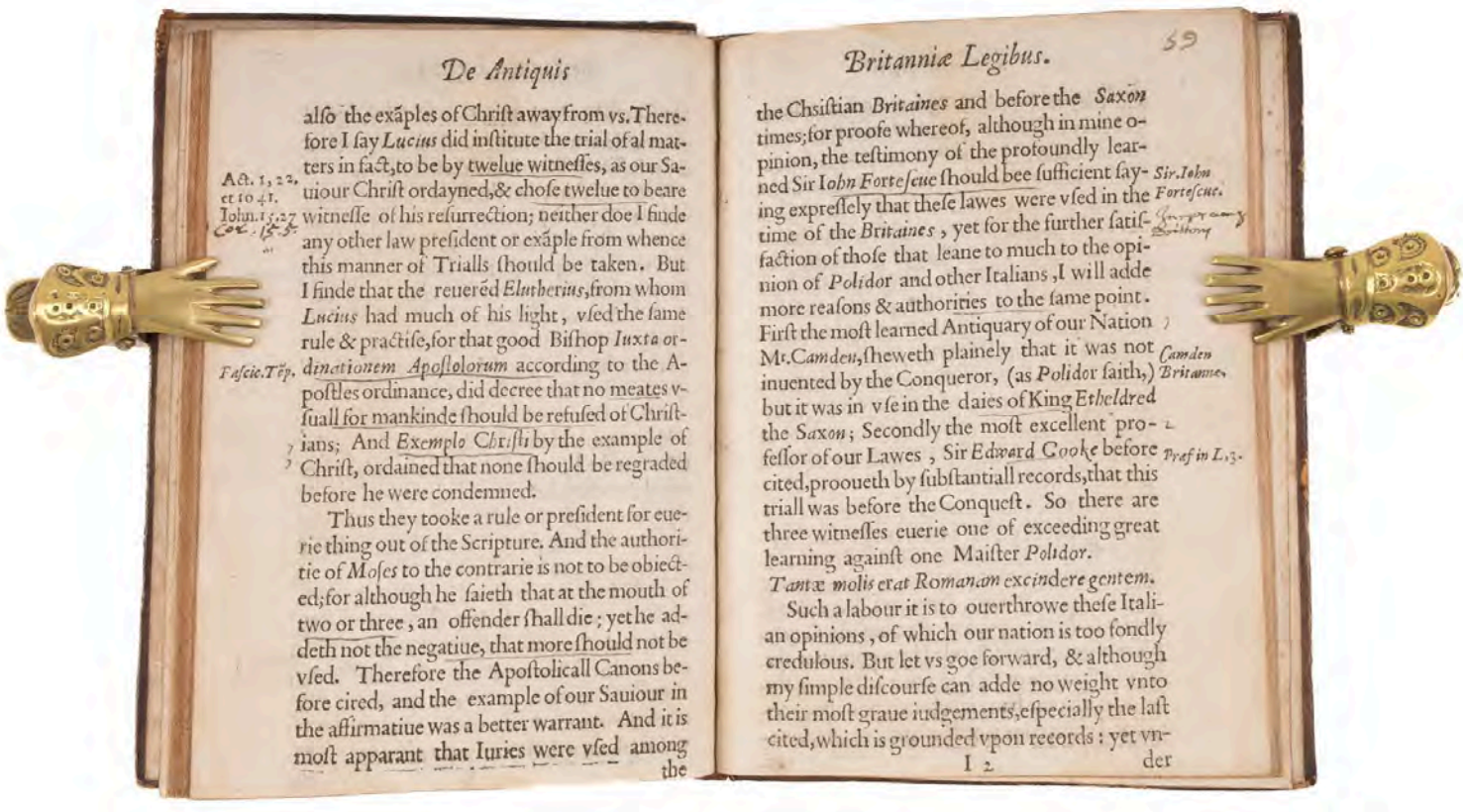
First and only edition. A curious and ambitious contribution to the ideological literature surrounding the proposed Anglo-Scottish Union under James I. Writing at a moment of acute constitutional sensitivity, Saltern seeks to allay entrenched anxieties that incorporation would erode the "ancient liberties" of either realm. His strategy—distinctive among Unionist writers—is to posit not divergence but deep continuity: an inherited body of "antient lawes" shared by both kingdoms, extending (with characteristic early-Stuart antiquarian license) from a pre-Roman past into the present.

The tract thus belongs to that fertile intersection of legal humanism and political propaganda in the early seventeenth century, where history, frequently conjectural, was deployed in aid of present constitutional design. Its argument, though ultimately unpersuasive in its own moment, anticipates later efforts to articulate a common British legal identity prior to the statutory Union of 1707.

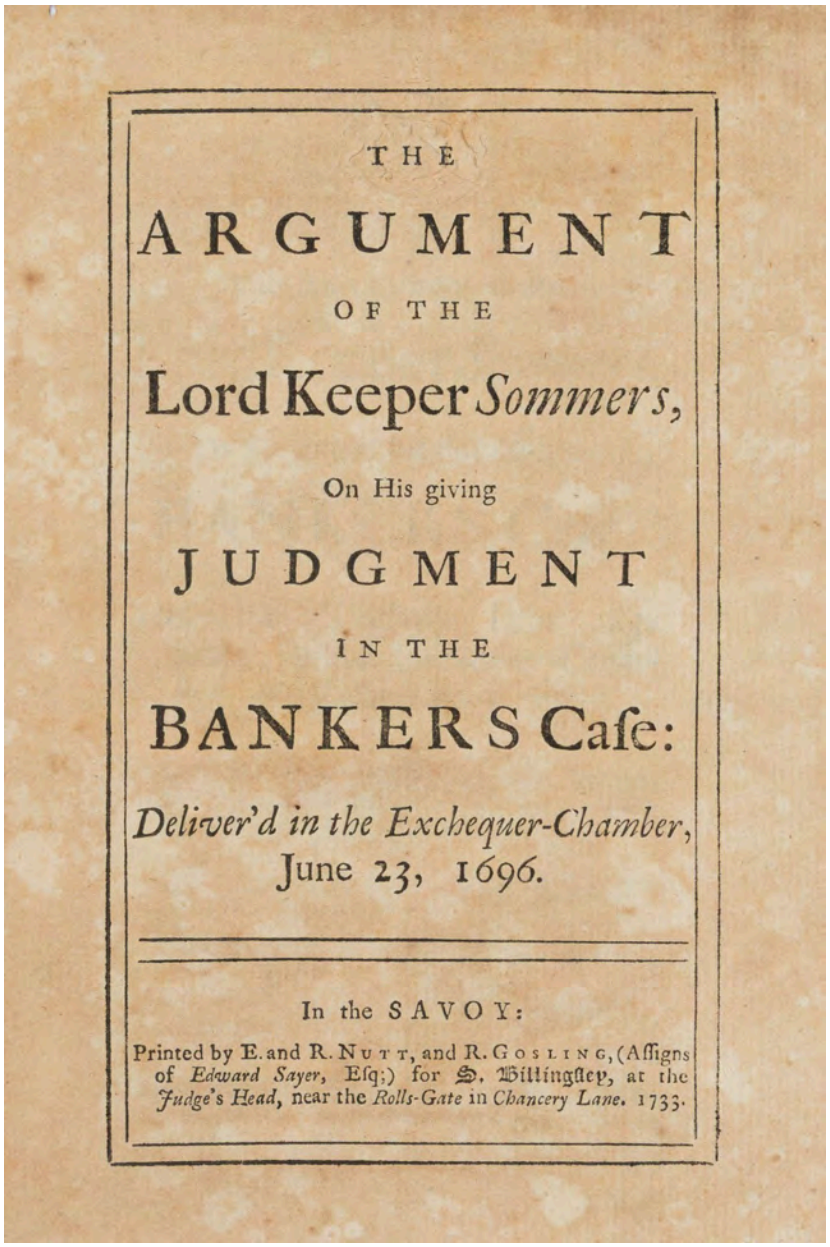
From the Macclesfield Library at Shirburn Castle, one of the great aristocratic collections formed in the eighteenth century and long noted for the strength of its legal holdings.

ESTC S116514. OCLC records copies at a small number of institutional libraries (including Harvard, Yale, the Library of Congress, and others), with *ESTC* adding Columbia.





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THE

ARGUMENT

OF THE

Lord Keeper *Sommers*,

On His giving

JUDGMENT

IN THE

BANKERS Caſe:

Deliver'd in the Exchequer-Chamber,
June 23, 1696.

In the SAVOY:

Printed by E. and R. Nutt, and R. Gosling, (Aſſigns of *Edward Sayer*, Eſq;) for S. Billingſley, at the *Judge's Head*, near the *Rolls-Gate* in *Chancery Lane*. 1733.

Somers's Controversial *Judgment in the Bankers Case* From the Macclesfield Library

20. Somers, John Somers, Baron [1651-1716].
The Argument of the Lord Keeper Sommers, On His Giving Judgment in the Bankers Case: Deliver'd in the Exchequer-Chamber, June 23, 1696. [London]: Printed by E. and R. Nutt, and R. Gosling, 1733.

First and only separate edition. Large-paper copy. Quarto (8-1/2" x 7"; 21.6 x 17.8cm). [ii], 128 pp. Contemporary binding rubbed, with wear to extremities, spine ends, and corners; portion of spine label lacking. Front hinge beginning to crack, with partial separation between front free endpaper and title page. Minor worming to front endleaves. Moderate toning throughout, occasionally heavier, with scattered faint foxing and dampstaining; title page lightly browned with faint dampstaining. Early ink signature of Thomas Parker (1666-1732), 1st Earl of Macclesfield, on front free endpaper; later armorial bookplate of the Earls of Macclesfield, Shirburn Castle, on front pastedown; small blind-embossed Macclesfield library stamp at head of title page. A generally crisp, clean copy with distinguished provenance. $500.

* An important account of a controversial judicial decision in English constitutional history, with distinguished legal and aristocratic provenance. John Somers, Baron Somers, was among the leading Whig statesmen and jurists of the later Stuart period. A close adviser to William III, he served as Lord Chancellor and played a central role in framing the Declaration of Rights (1689), subsequently enacted as the English Bill of Rights. His judicial reputation, however, suffered a serious setback in the celebrated Bankers' Case.

The dispute arose from loans advanced to Charles II by a consortium of London bankers in 1667, secured upon the hereditary excise. After the Crown suspended payments in 1672, the bankers sought recovery of their principal and interest. In 1696, Somers ruled against their claim, holding that the proper remedy was a petition of right rather than proceedings in the Court of Exchequer. The House of Lords reversed his decision on January 23, 1700, restoring the bankers' claim and raising fundamental questions concerning royal prerogative, public debt, and the enforceability of Crown obligations.

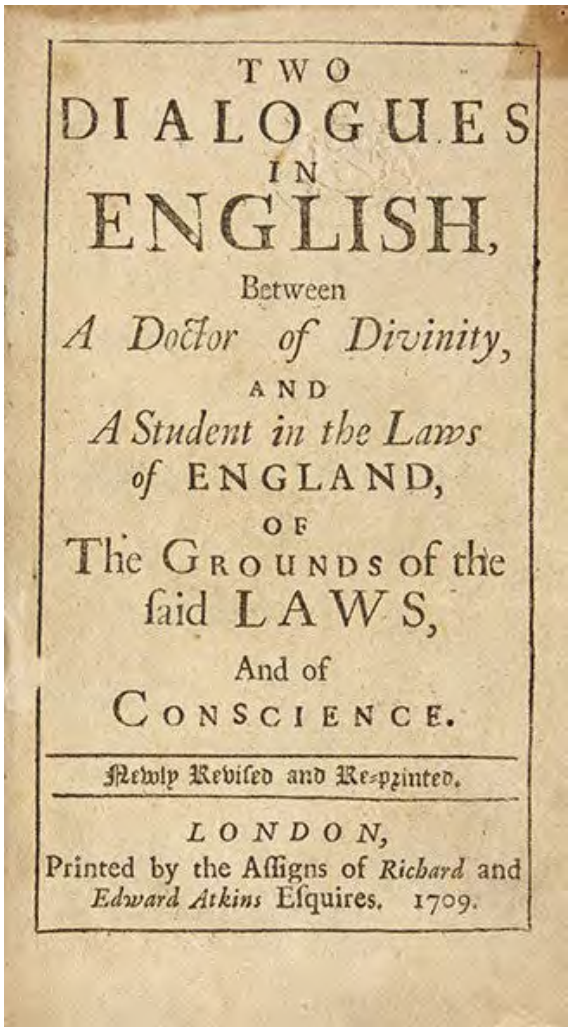
Published posthumously in 1733, this pamphlet preserves Somers's argument and provides an important contemporary perspective on a landmark dispute in English constitutional and financial law.

Our copy belonged to Thomas Parker, 1st Earl of Macclesfield, who succeeded Somers as Lord Chancellor in 1718, having previously served as Lord Chief Justice. A distinguished lawyer and bibliophile, Parker assembled the library at Shirburn Castle. His ownership of this account of his predecessor's controversial judgment provides an appealing association between two successive holders of the Great Seal. The signature, armorial bookplate, and embossed library stamp establish its place in the historic Macclesfield collection.

OCLC locates 7 copies in North American law libraries. *Dictionary of National Biography* XVIII:632. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T79392.



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TWO
DIALOGUES
IN
ENGLISH,
Between
A Doctor of Divinity,
AND
A Student in the Laws
of ENGLAND,
OF
The GROUNDS of the
ſaid LAWS,
And of
CONSCIENCE.
Newly Reviſed and Reprinted.
LONDON,
Printed by the Aſſigns of *Richard* and
Edward Atkins Eſquires. 1709.

Saint Germain's Influential Treatise on English Law, Equity, and Conscience, From the Distinguished Macclesfield Library

21. [St. Germain, Christopher].
Two Dialogues in English Between a Doctor of Divinity, and a Student in the Laws of England, of the Grounds of the Said Laws, and of Conscience. Newly Revised and Reprinted. London: Printed by the Assigns of Richard and Edward Atkins, 1709.

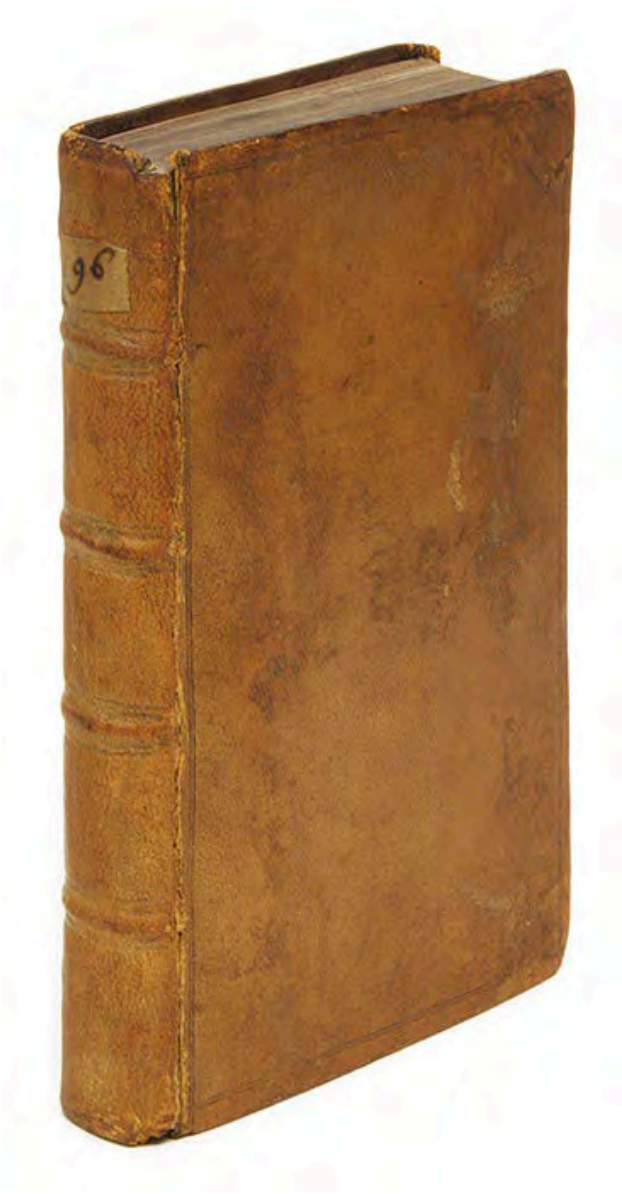
Octavo (6-1/4" x 3-3/4; 15.8 x 9.5cm). [2], 366, [8] pp. Contemporary full sheep, boards ruled in blind, spine with four raised bands and a small early paper shelf label at head. Light rubbing to boards, several small gouges to rear board, moderate rubbing to extremities, joints and hinges partially cracked, but secured by cords, corners bumped and somewhat worn. Early armorial bookplate of the Earls of Macclesfield to front pastedown, small embossed Macclesfield stamps to title page and following leaf. Moderate toning to text, somewhat heavier in places, a few sections have light foxing. A very good copy. $250.

* An important early work in English legal jurisprudence, *Doctor and Student* is one of the earliest systematic examinations of the relationship between common law, equity, reason, and conscience. Written by the Tudor jurist Christopher Saint German (c. 1460-1540), it takes the form of a dialogue between a Doctor of Divinity, representing canon and civil law, and a Student of the Laws of England, representing the common-law tradition. Saint German explores the philosophical foundations of English law and the role of equity and conscience in tempering the rigidity of legal rules, helping establish an enduring theoretical framework for English equitable jurisprudence and the jurisdiction of the Court of Chancery.

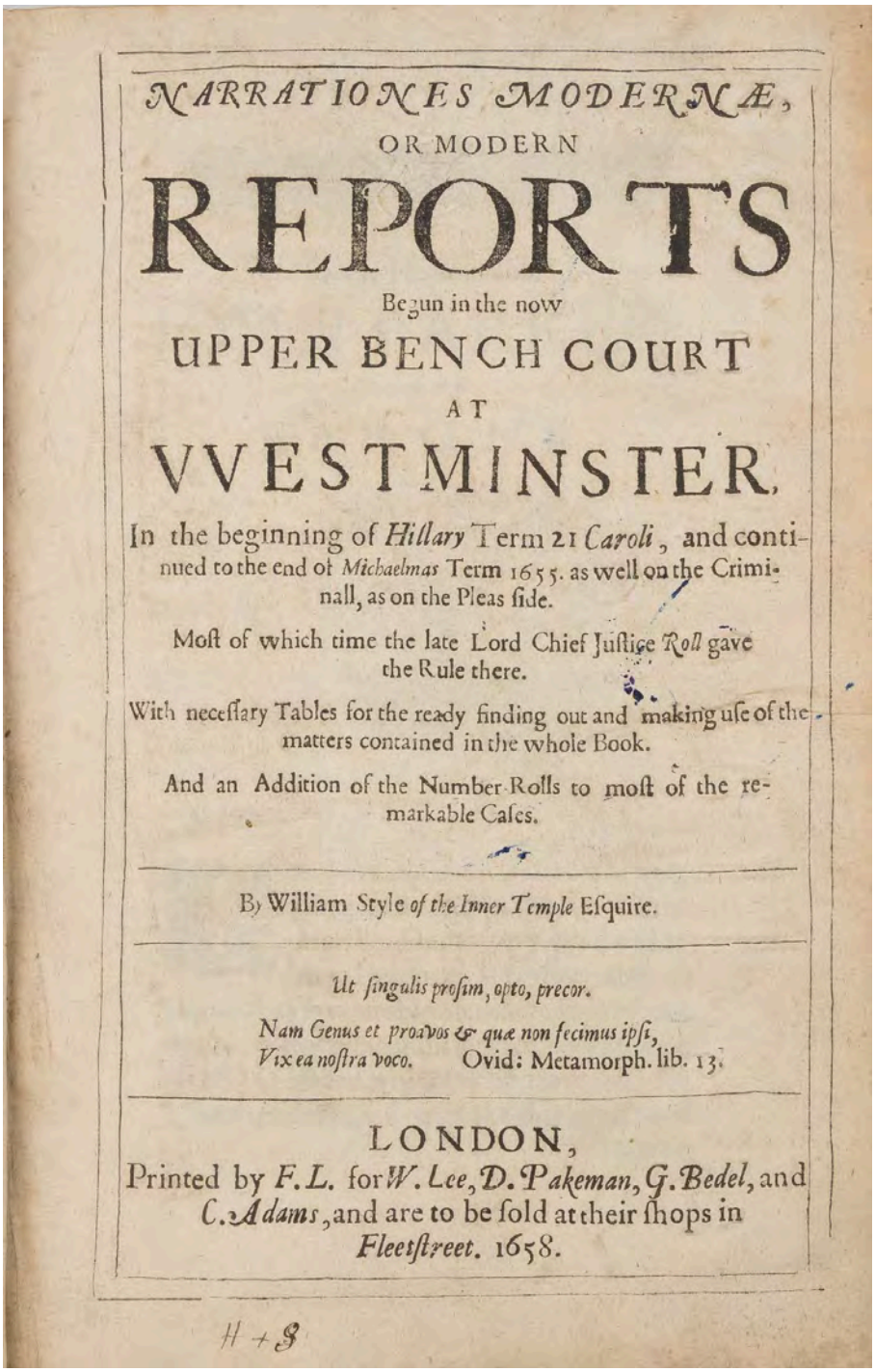
The work also reflects the religious and intellectual controversies of the English Reformation, particularly Saint German's disputes with Sir Thomas More over ecclesiastical jurisdiction and the authority of temporal law. Frequently reprinted and influential for more than two centuries, it remained an important authority for English jurists, including Sir William Blackstone. First published in Latin in 1528, the first English dialogue appeared in 1530, with the two dialogues subsequently published together in 1531. This 1709 edition attests to the work's enduring importance in the English legal tradition.

From the Macclesfield Library at Shirburn Castle, Oxfordshire, with their early engraved armorial bookplate to front pastedown and characteristic small blind-embossed library stamps to title page and following leaf. The historic Macclesfield library was dispersed at auction by Sotheby's, London, between 2004 and 2008.

English Short-Title Catalogue T78054. Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth*, Vol. I, p. 253.



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NARRATIONES MODERNÆ,
OR MODERN
REPORTS
Begun in the now
UPPER BENCH COURT
AT
VVESTMINSTER.
In the beginning of *Hillary* Term 21 *Caroli*, and continued to the end of *Michaelmas* Term 1655. as well on the Criminall, as on the Pleas ſide.
Moſt of which time the late Lord Chief Juſtice *Roll* gave the Rule there.
With neceſſary Tables for the ready finding out and making uſe of the matters contained in the whole Book.
And an Addition of the Number-Rolls to moſt of the remarkable Caſes.
By William Style *of the Inner Temple* Eſquire.
Ut ſingulis proſim, opto, precor.
Nam Genus et proavos & quæ non fecimus ipſi,
Vix ea noſtra voco. Ovid: Metamorph. lib. 13.
LONDON,
Printed by *F.L.* for *W. Lee, D. Pakeman, G. Bedel*, and *C. Adams*, and are to be ſold at their ſhops in *Fleetſtreet*. 1658.

William Style's *Modern Reports*, From the Macclesfield Library
"The Able Chief Justices of Oliver Cromwell"

22. Style, William [1603-1679].
Narrationes Modernae, Or Modern Reports Begun in the Now Upper Bench Court at Westminster, In the Beginning of Hillary Term 21 Caroli, And Continued to the End of Michaelmas Term 1655. As Well on the Criminall, As on the Pleas Side. Most of Which Time the Late Lord Chief Justice Roll Gave the Rule There. With Necessary Tables for the Ready Finding Out and Making Use of the Matters Contained in the Whole Book. And an Addition of the Number Rolls to Most of the Remarkable Cases.

London: Printed by F.L. for W. Lee, D. Pakeman, G. Bedell, and C. Adams, 1658.

First and only edition. Folio (11-1/4" x 7"; 28.5 x 18 cm). [20], 483, [37] pp. Complete.

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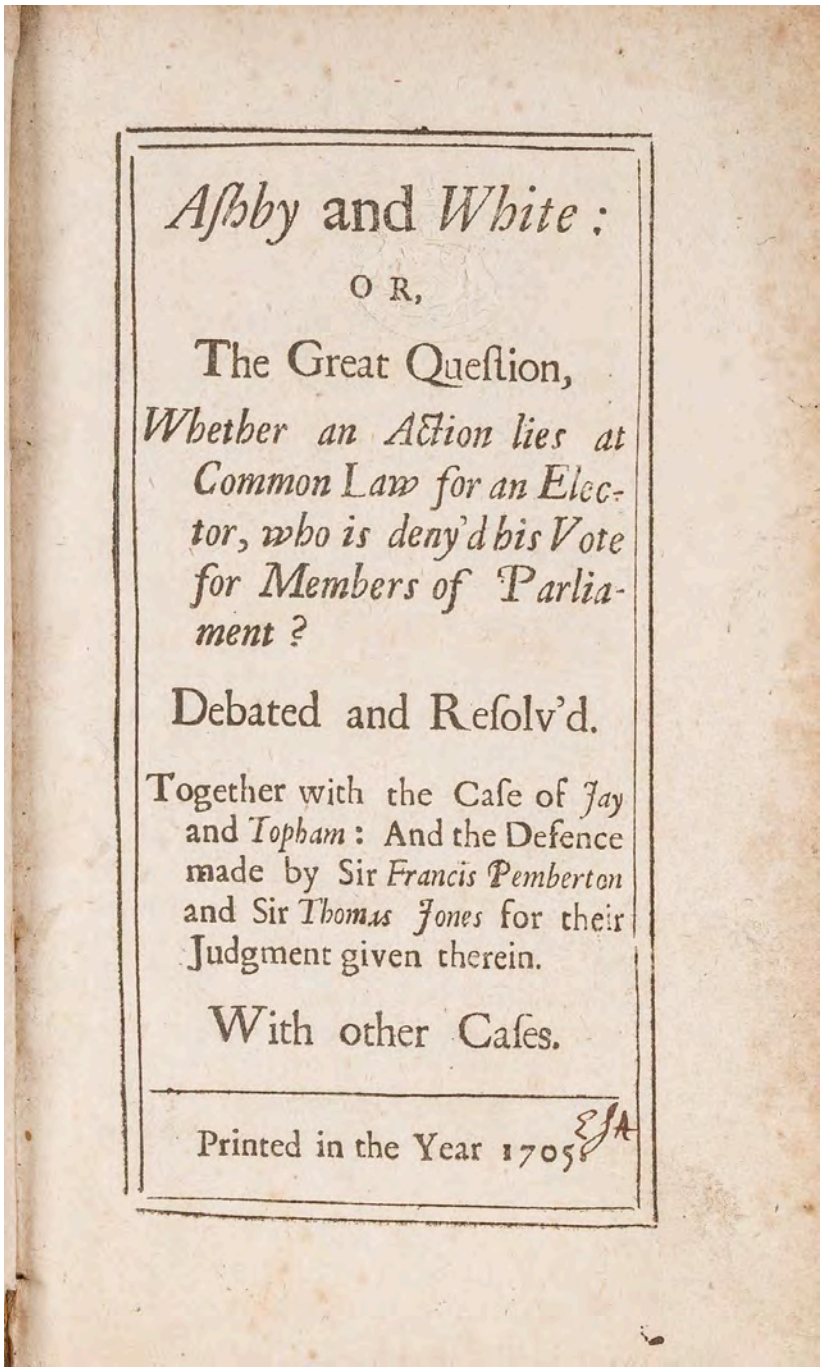
* An important contemporary record of English common-law proceedings during the Interregnum and Protectorate (1646-1655), documenting decisions of the Upper Bench (the Commonwealth designation for the King's Bench) under Chief Justices Henry Rolle and Sir John Glynne. Of particular bibliographical significance, William Style prepared and published the reports himself, distinguishing this work from many seventeenth-century law reports printed posthumously from manuscript collections. As noted by John William Wallace in *The Reporters*, it remains an important source for the jurisprudence of the Commonwealth period.

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Wallace, *The Reporters* 288. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R7640.



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* Also known as the Aylesbury Election Case, *Ashby v. White* (1703) is a foundational landmark in both English constitutional law and the law of torts. Matthew Ashby, a cobbler in Aylesbury, was prevented from voting in a parliamentary election by William White, the local constable, on the pretext that Ashby was not a settled inhabitant of the borough. Even though Ashby's preferred candidate won the election-meaning Ashby suffered no tangible loss-he sued White for damages.

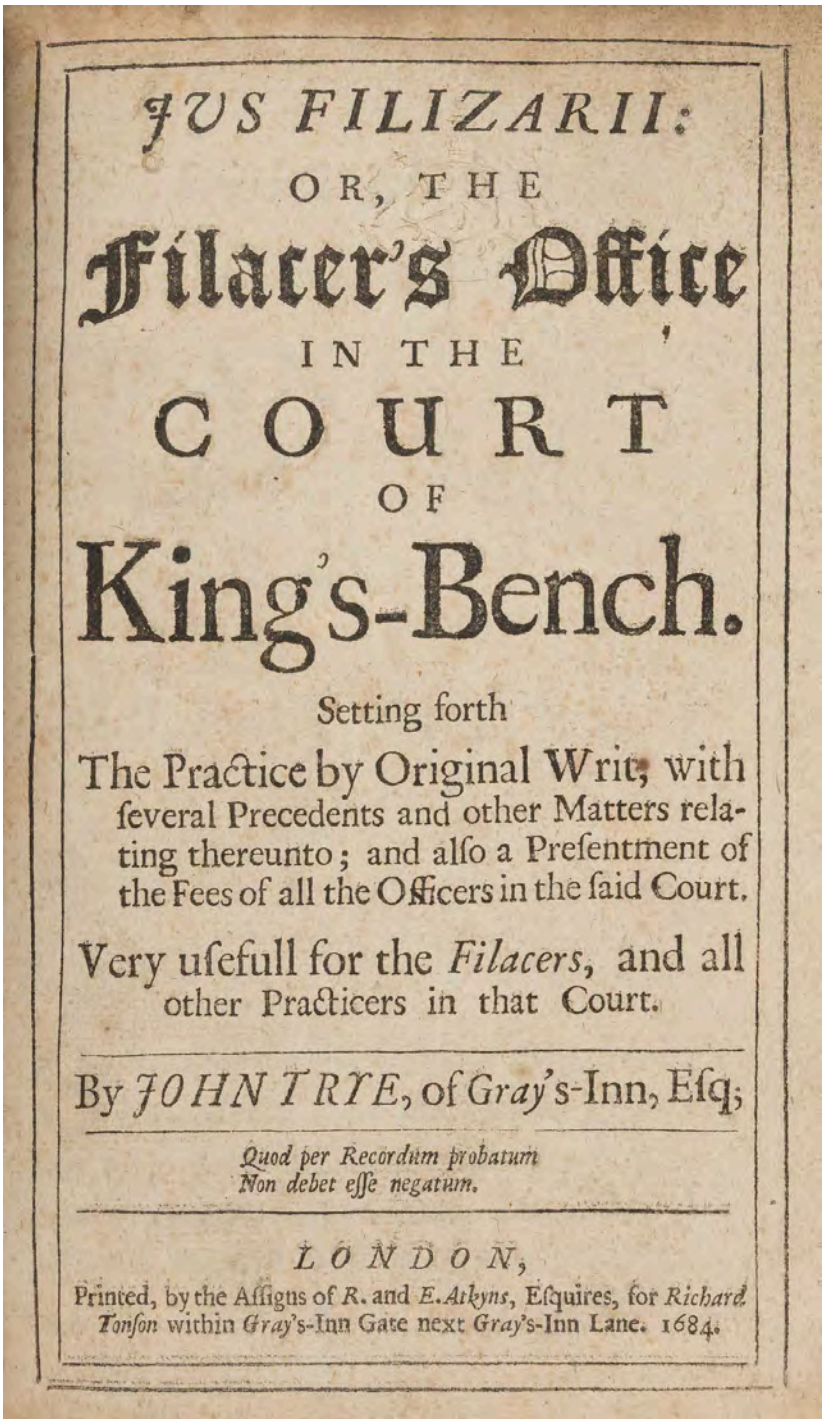
While the Court of Queen's Bench initially ruled against Ashby, Chief Justice Sir John Holt issued a famous dissent arguing that the right to vote was a substantive legal right, and that every violation of a right must carry a remedy (*ubi jus, ibi remedium*). On writ of error, the House of Lords reversed the lower court and ruled in Ashby's favor, establishing that voting is a fundamental legally enforceable right actionable at common law, even without proof of pecuniary damage. The ruling provoked a major constitutional clash between the House of Commons and the House of Lords over parliamentary privilege, ultimately resolved only when Queen Anne prorogued Parliament.

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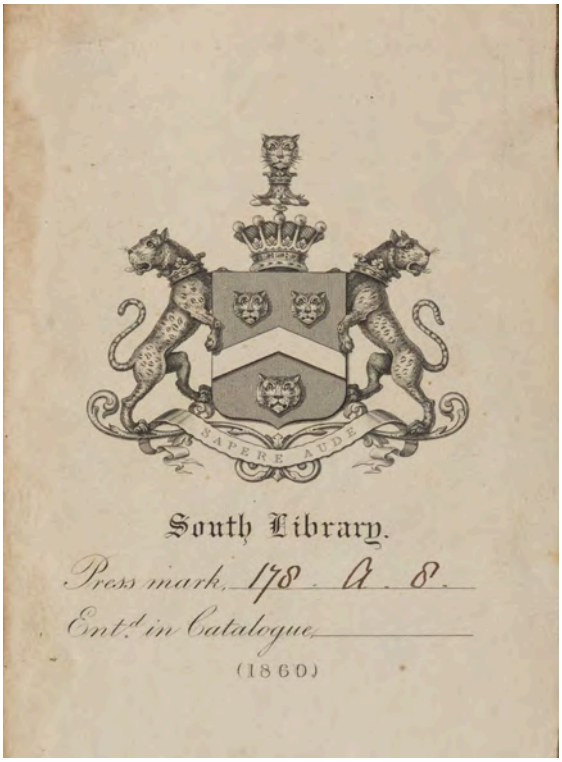
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First and only edition. Octavo (7" x 4-1/2"; 178 x 114 mm). [xxii], 22, 34-274, [12] pp. Text continuous despite pagination. Contemporary sheep, boards ruled in blind, spine with blind-tooled fillets and raised bands. Contemporary binding sound, with light scuffing to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, a small chip at the head of the spine, and bumped and worn corners; pastedowns partially detached. Internally crisp, with light even toning, occasional faint dampstaining, minor corner creasing to a few leaves, and trivial worming to the front free endpaper, not affecting text. Early ink ownership signature of Sir Thomas Clarke (1703/4-1764) to front free endpaper, with contemporary manuscript annotations in his hand to rear endleaf; armorial bookplate of the Earls of Macclesfield (North Library, Shirburn Castle) to front pastedown, accompanied by their small blind-embossed library stamp at the head of the title page. An appealing copy of a scarce title. $1,250.

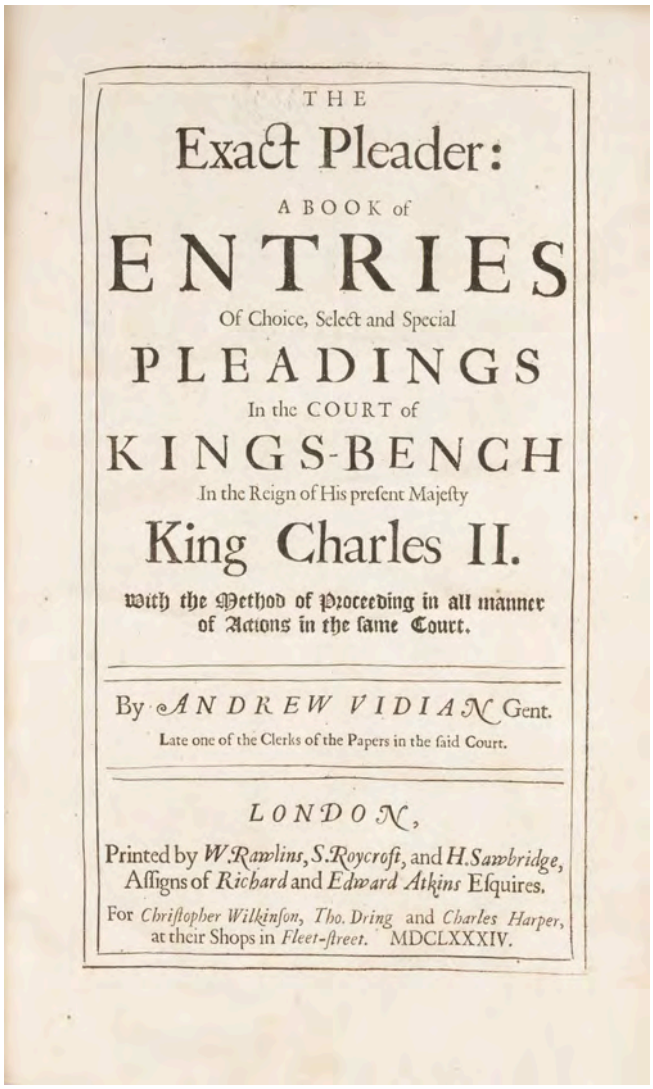
* A scarce seventeenth-century procedural manual detailing the duties of the *filacer* (from the Latin *filum*, thread, referring to the filing of writs on a string or wire). In the English common law courts of King's Bench and Common Pleas, filacers were responsible for filing original writs, issuing mesne process, and collecting associated court fees. This ancient administrative apparatus persisted until its abolition by Parliament in 1837. Written by John Trye of Gray's Inn, the work also preserves a contemporary schedule of fees across all officers of the King's Bench, offering vital primary evidence for the institutional and economic history of Restoration-era English litigation.

This copy has important legal provenance linking two major figures of the eighteenth-century English judiciary. Sir Thomas Clarke-himself a member of Gray's Inn before rising to become King's Counsel, Privy Councillor, and Master of the Rolls (1754-1764)-was the protégé and lifelong confidant of Thomas Parker, 1st Earl of Macclesfield (Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain) and his son, George Parker, 2nd Earl of Macclesfield. Upon his death, Clarke bequeathed the bulk of his considerable legal fortune and estate to the Macclesfield family, through whom this annotated volume entered the library at Shirburn Castle, Oxfordshire.

OCLC locates copies in 9 North American law libraries (Columbia, Harvard, Northwestern, Social Law, UC-Berkeley, University of Pennsylvania, University of Victoria, Yale, York University). Walker, *The Oxford Companion to Law* 470. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R21039.



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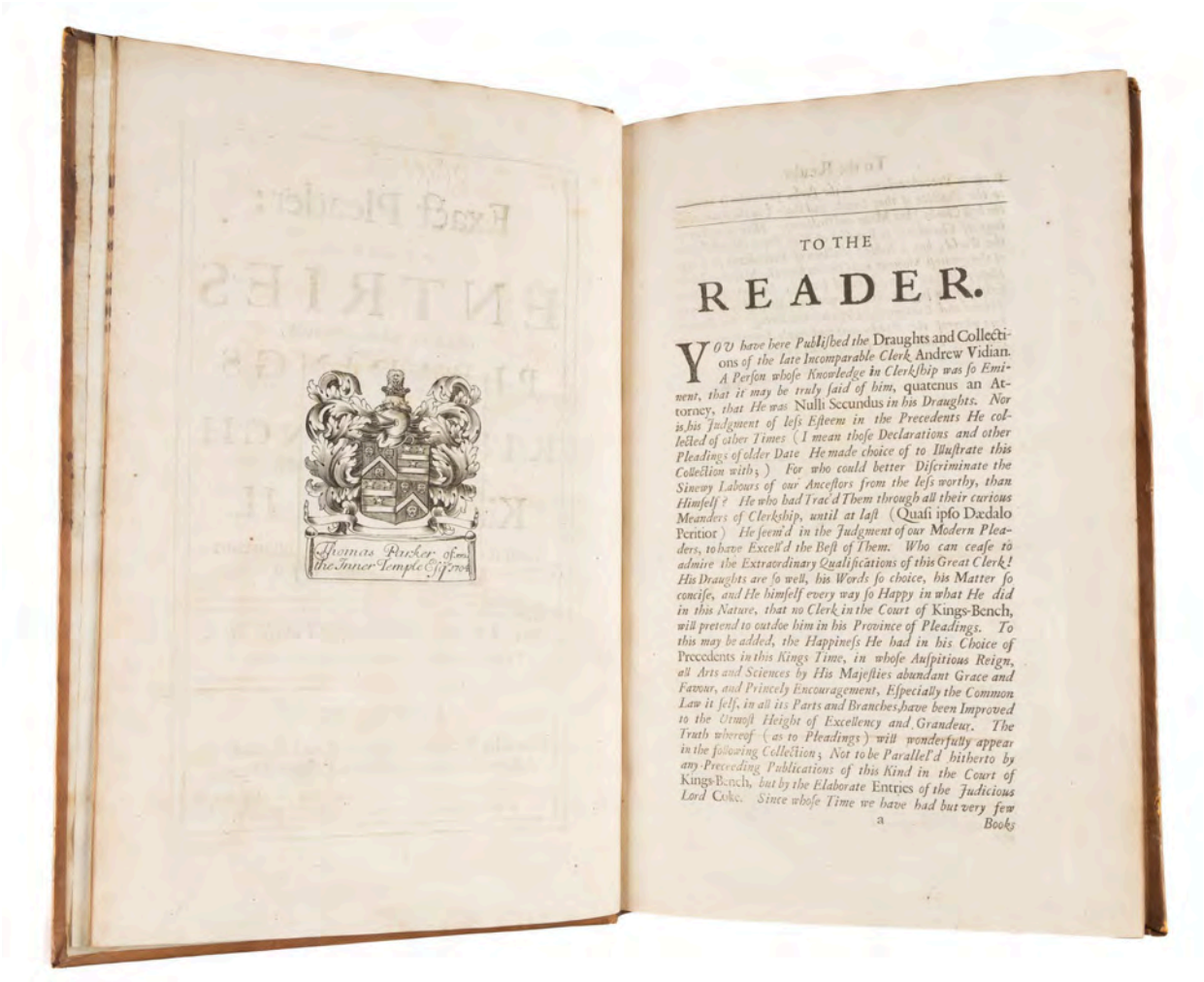
25. Vidian, Andrew.
The Exact Pleader: A Book of Entries of Choice, Select and Special Pleadings in the Court of Kings-Bench in the Reign of His Present Majesty King Charles II. With the Method of Proceeding in All Manner of Actions in the Same Court. By Andrew Vidian Gent. Late One of the Clerks of the Papers in the Said Court. London: Printed by W. Rawlins, S. Roycroft, And H. Sawbridge, 1684.

First and only edition. Folio (12-1/4" x 7-3/4"; 311 x 197 mm). [xx], 266, [24] pp., including a folding/full-page taxonomic table illustrating the rules of pleading. Contemporary full calf, boards ruled in blind with double fillets; spine in six compartments with raised bands, blind fillets, red morocco lettering-piece, and early paper shelf labels at head and foot; board edges gilt. Light rubbing, minor scuffs, and a few small stains to boards; moderate wear to extremities, with bumped and slightly exposed corners; rear joint cracked and front joint starting, though cords remain sound. Internally, moderate age-toning, scattered light foxing and minor soiling, with small burn marks to a few leaves; early paper repair to a marginal tear in B1 (pp. 1-2), affecting a few letters of text. Armorial bookplate of the Earls of Macclesfield to front pastedown. The armorial bookplate of Thomas Parker, 1st Earl of Macclesfield (dated 1716), on the verso of the title-page; small embossed Macclesfield library stamps on the preliminary leaves; and an early manuscript shelfmark on the rear pastedown. A very good copy in its contemporary binding. $650.

* Published posthumously, *The Exact Pleader* compiles procedural forms and special pleadings from the Court of King's Bench during the Restoration era. In the preface, the anonymous editor praises Vidian, who served as one of the Clerks of the Papers in the King's Bench, as "a Person whose Knowledge in Clerkship was so Eminent, that it may truly be said of him, *quatenus* an Attorney, that He was *Nulli Secundus* in his Draughts" (p. [iii]). Notably, the volume includes a detailed branching taxonomic table mapping the structure and rules of common-law pleading, reflecting late seventeenth-century efforts to systematize English legal procedure.

This copy possesses important legal provenance, originating from the library at Shirburn Castle, Oxfordshire. It was acquired by Thomas Parker, 1st Earl of Macclesfield (1666-1732), a prominent Whig politician and jurist who served as Lord Chief Justice of the King's Bench (1710-1718)-the very court whose precedents Vidian recorded-before ascending to Lord Chancellor in 1718. Parker's career ended in scandal in 1725 when he was impeached by the House of Lords for corruption in the sale of Chancery offices, fined £30,000, and imprisoned in the Tower of London. Following his release, he retired to Shirburn Castle, where his legal and scientific holdings formed the foundation of one of Britain's greatest private libraries prior to its dispersal at Sotheby's in 2004-2008.

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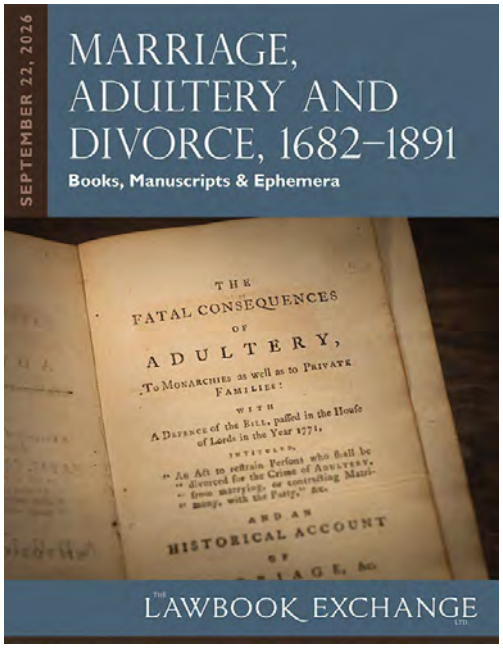
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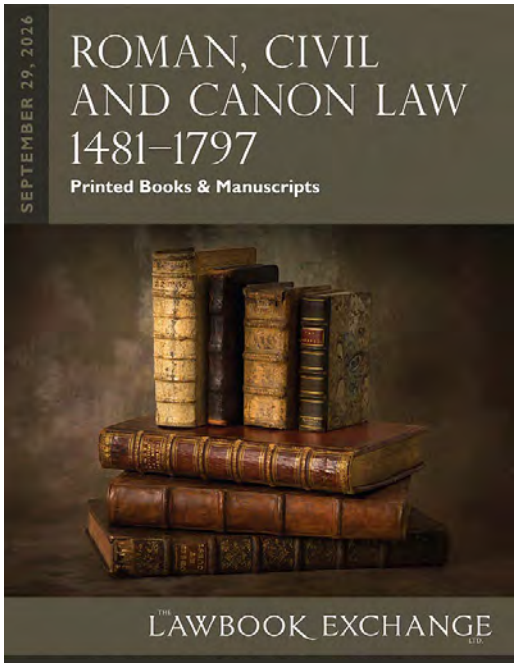
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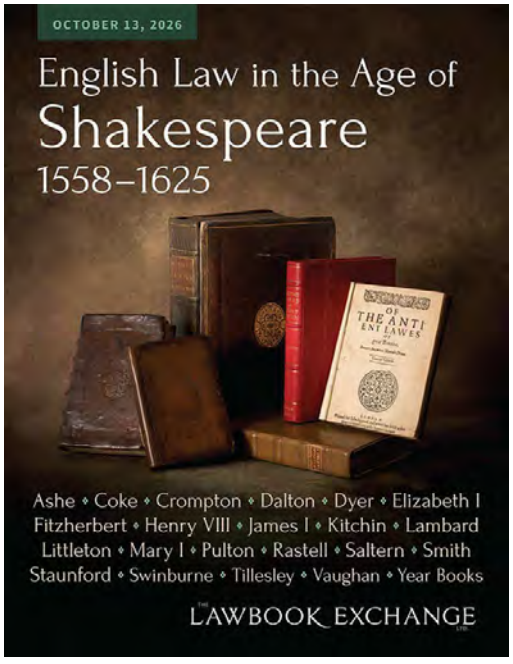
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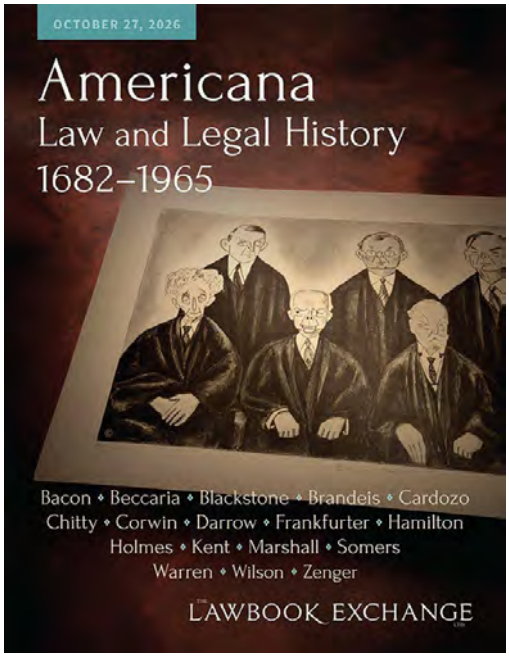
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