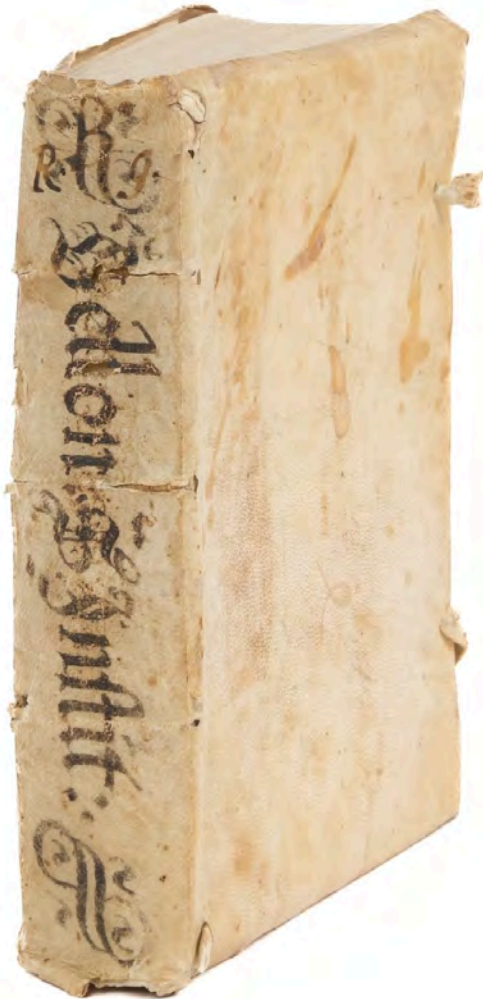


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# THIRTY POCKET-SIZED ITEMS



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### A Rare Commentary on Selections from the *Institutes*

#### 1. Belloni, Niccolò [d.1552].

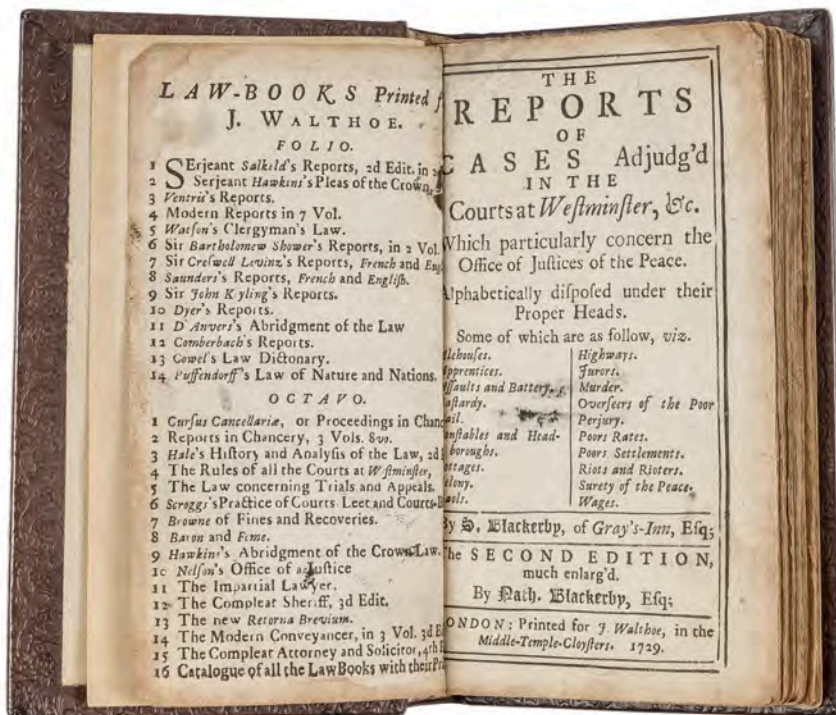
*Super Utraque Parte Institutionum Locubrationes, Quarum Rubricas, Ac Titulos, Sequens Pagina Demonstrat.* Venice: Apud Fabium, Et Augustinum Zopinos, Fratres, 1583. 240 [i.e. 238], [26] ff. Octavo (6" x 4").

Contemporary limp vellum with yapp-style fore-edges, early hand-lettered title to spine, remnants of thong ties to fore-edges. Light soiling and a few faint stains, light rubbing to extremities, a few small holes to spine and joints, front hinge starting, early (illegible) ownership signatures to front free endpaper. Light toning to interior, occasional faint dampstaining to last fifty or so leaves, early underlining to several leaves. \$850.

\* Later edition. First published in 1544, this is a commentary on selections from Books 2 and 3 of the *Institutes* and the "Item Serviana," a discussion of actions in land law, from Book 4. Belloni was a university lecturer in Pavia who later became a senator in Milan.

OCLC locates 5 copies of the 1583 edition, 2 in North America (Library of Congress, University of Kansas). *Censimento Nazionale Delle Edizioni Italiane del XVI Secolo* CNCE 4949.

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**A Digest of Cases for Justices  
With a Section About Witchcraft**

**2. Blackerby, S[amuel].**

**Blackerby, Nath[aniel], Editor.**

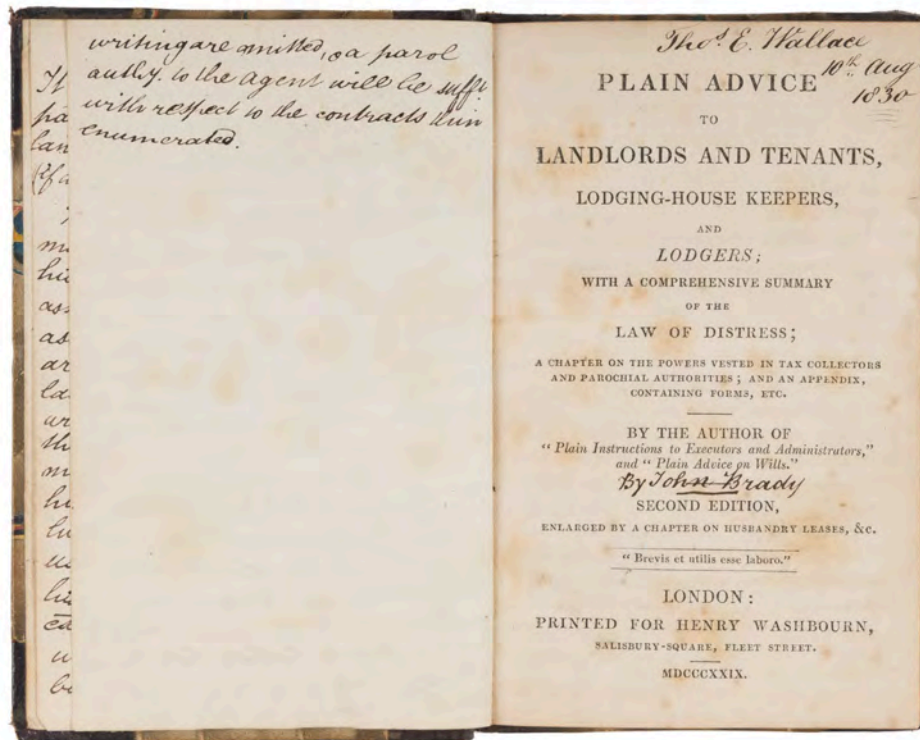
*The Reports of Cases Adjudg'd in the Courts at Westminster, &c. Which Particularly Concern the Office of Justices of the Peace. Alphabetically Disposed Under Their Proper Heads. Some of Which are as Follow, Viz: Alehouses, Apprentices, Assaults and Battery, Bastardy, Bail, Constables and Headboroughs, Cottages, Felony, Gaols, Highways, Jurors, Murder, Overseers of the Poor, Perjury, Poors Rates, Poors Settlements, Riots and Rioters, Surety of the Peace, Wages.* By S. Blackerby.... Much Enlarg'd By Nath. Blackerby, Esq. London: Printed for J. Walthoe, 1729. [ii], xxiv, 312 pp. With an initial publisher advertisement leaf. 12mo. (5-1/4" x 3-1/4").

Recent period-style calf, blind rules and panels to boards, raised bands and lettering piece to spine, blind tooling to board edges, blind inside dentelles, endpapers renewed. Moderate toning to text, small cellotape repair to head of p. 283 with offsetting to facing page, light soiling to title page, a tiny bit of bleed-through from ink marking on verso, which is covered by Wite-Out. A nice copy in a handsome binding. \$500.

\* Second and final edition. Edited by the author's son, Nathaniel, the *Reports of Cases* is an alphabetically arranged abridgment. The topics it covers, such as Apprentices, Bastardy, Gaming Houses, Overseers of the Poor, Papists and Popish Recusants and Witchcraft, offers a unique perspective on rural English society during the early 1700s. This book was re-published in 1734 as *The Second Part of the Justice of Peace, His Companion; Or Cases in Law*, a companion volume to Blackerby's *The Justice of the Peace, His Companion* (1711).

OCLC locates 3 copies of the 1729 edition of the *Reports of Cases* in North American law libraries (Harvard, LA County, Library of Congress). *English Short-Title Catalogue* T118060.

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### An Unrecorded Layman's Guide to Landlord and Tenant with Lengthy Contemporary Annotations

#### 3. [Brady, John Henry].

*Plain Advice to Landlords and Tenants, Lodging-House Keepers, And Lodgers; With a Comprehensive Summary of the Law of Distress; A Chapter on the Powers Vested in Tax Collectors and Parochial Authorities; And an Appendix, Containing Forms, Etc. By the Author of "Plain Instructions to Executors and Administrators" and "Plain Advice on Wills." Second Edition, Enlarged by a Chapter on Husbandry Leases, &c.* London: Printed for Henry Washbourn, 1829. 103, [1] pp. 12mo. (5" x 3").

Contemporary three-quarter sheep over marbled boards, gilt decorations and title to spine. Light rubbing and a few nicks and scratches to boards, moderate rubbing and light wear to extremities, including corners, which are bumped, front joint just starting at foot, light foxing to endleaves. Light toning to interior, light foxing in a few places. Ownership signature (of Thomas E. Wallace) dated August 1830 to head of title page, with notes in the same hand to endleaves and pp. 17 and 101. \$650.

\* Second edition. Part of a series of concise manuals on various legal topics, this work provides a practical and accessible overview of the law of landlord and tenant. These guides were notable for being advertised to laymen and not lawyers, but were popular among both groups given their accuracy and affordability.

Our copy has manuscript notes titled "On Leases" and a sample rent due notice to its blank leaves. The annotations to the main text are brief glosses. The annotator is likely Thomas Edward Wallace [1813-1868], a Norfolk solicitor.

This edition appears to be unrecorded. No copies located by OCLC or Library Hub, though OCLC locates 4 copies of the first edition (none in North America). Not in Sweet & Maxwell.

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**A Rare Three-Part Pocket-Sized Breton *Coutumier* from the Library of Rémi Chardey**

**4. [Brittany].**

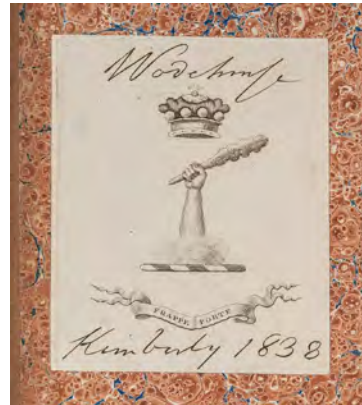
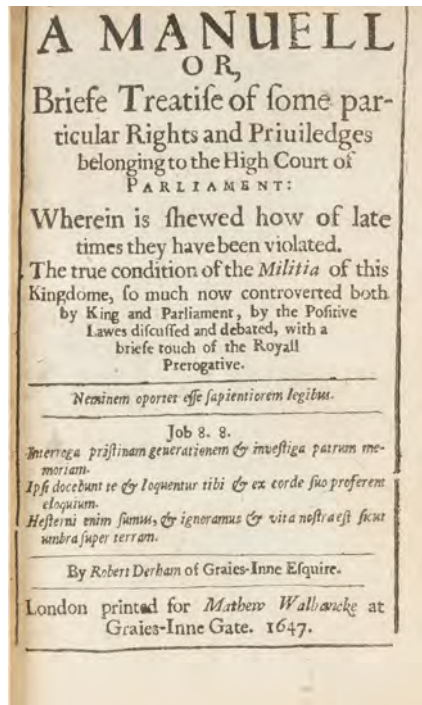
*Les Coutumes Générales des Pays et Duché de Bretagne: Naguères Réformées, Et Publiées aux Estats Tenus à Ploërmel.* Rennes: Et se Vendent, Chez Iean Vatar Marchand Libraire, 1651. 303, [2]; 111, [1]; 122, [6] pp. Three parts each with title page and individual pagination, collation register continuous. Second part titled: *Les Nobles Coutumes ou Guidon, Stille et Uzances des Marchands qui Mettent a la Mer*, third part titled *Traicté de la Nature et Usage des Marches Separantes des Provinces de Poictou, Bretagne, & Anjou* "par M. Gabriel Hullin." 16mo. (3-1/4" x 2").

Contemporary calf, gilt rules to boards, gilt spine with raised bands, speckled edges. A few minor nicks, light rubbing to extremities, early (?) owner signature ("Cte. Alphonse de la Guere") and later owner bookplate (of R[émi]. Chardey, Havre) to front pastedown. Moderate toning to interior, crack in text block between front free endpaper and title page of first part, which is soiled and has a small faint stain and an (illegible) early owner signature. A well-preserved copy in a handsome binding. \$7,500.

\* Scholars are unsure when the coutume of Brittany was compiled, or the names of its authors, but it was first cited officially in 1341. Its final codification was issued in 1580. It deals primarily with civil and criminal procedure and is original in many respects. It also incorporated some aspects of English law, especially in matters concerning succession of certain fiefs, and a good deal of canon law, more so than any other coutumiers. The first part of our pocket-sized edition is the text of the coutume. The second and third parts address parts of the coutume dealing with maritime law, commercial law and territorial jurisdiction. These three parts were also issued separately. Rémi Chardey [d.1900] was an important French book collector, primarily of maps and city documents.

OCLC locates 1 copy in a North American law library identical to ours (George Washington University). Not in Caswell & Sipkov. Gouron & Terrin, *Bibliographie des Coutumes de France* 731.

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### Who Should Control the Militia?

#### 5. Derham, Robert.

*A Manuell or, Briefe Treatise of Some Particular Rights and Priuiledges Belonging to the High Court of Parliament: Wherein is Shewed How of Late Times They have been Violated. The True Condition of the Militia of this Kingdome, So Much Now Controverted Both by King and Parliament, By the Positive Lawes Discussed and Debated, With a Briefe Touch of the Royall Prerogative.* London: Printed for Mathew Walbancke, 1647. [xiii], 128, 8 pp. Octavo (5-1/2" x 3-1/4").

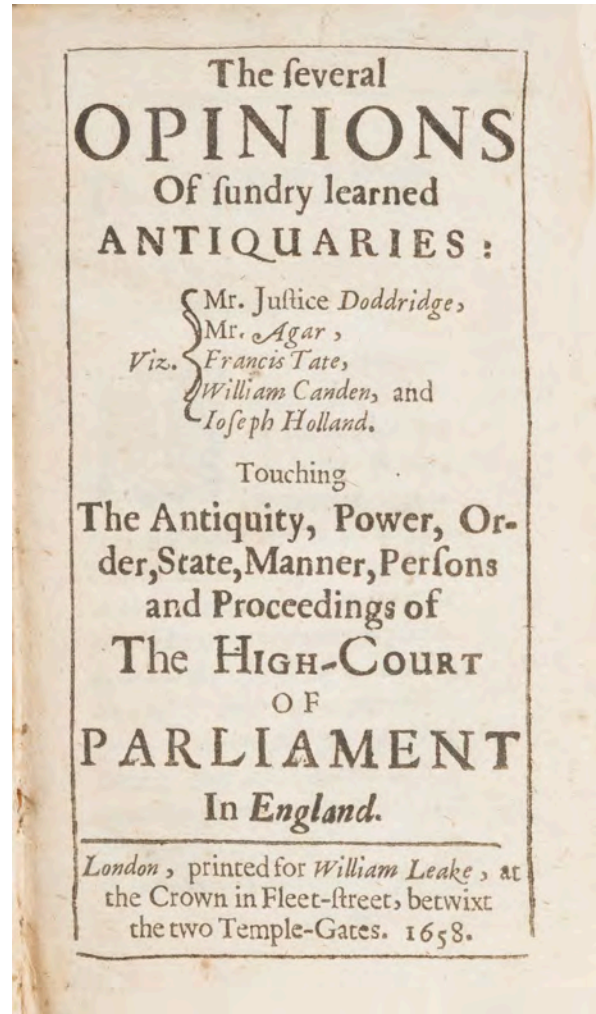
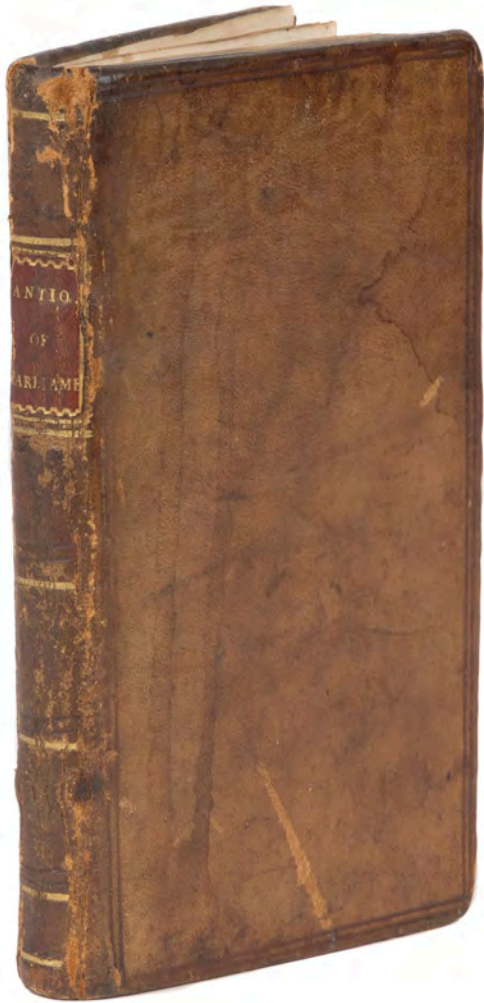
Later (nineteenth-century) calf, gilt rules to boards, gilt title to spine, gilt tooling to board edges, edges rouged, marbled (renewed) endpapers. Light rubbing and fading to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, corners just bumped, front hinge just starting at head, later armorial bookplate (signed "Wodehouse/ Kimberley 1838," likely of John Wodehouse [1826-1902]) to front pastedown, brief recent annotations in pencil to later front endleaves, brief early annotation to contemporary front endleaf. Light toning to interior, light foxing and soiling in a few places, occasional later brief annotations and marks in pencil. \$850.

\* Only edition. A discussion of the respective privileges of Parliament and the Crown, published in light of the heated debate over control of the militia instigated by the Militia Ordinance of 1642. Passed by the Long Parliament in March, the ordinance gave Parliament the right to appoint military commanders without the king's approval. It was enforced by Parliament despite Charles's refusal to grant it royal assent. This caused the already-tenuous relationship between Charles I and Parliament to degrade further and was one of the primary causes of the outbreak of war in August of that year.

This copy was most likely owned by John Wodehouse, 1st Earl of Kimberley. A long-serving Liberal politician, he held office in Liberal administrations from 1852-1895, primarily dealing with foreign policy and colonial administration. This simple armorial bookplate differs from a bookplate Wodehouse used later in life and may have been inherited from a family member.

OCLC locates 7 copies of this title in North American law libraries (Harvard, University of Minnesota, Columbia, University of Michigan, Ohio Northern University, Library of Congress, LA County). *English Short-Title Catalogue* R16744.

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### Seventeenth-Century Study of the High Court of Parliament

#### 6. [Doddridge, Sir John (1555-1628), Primary Author and Editor].

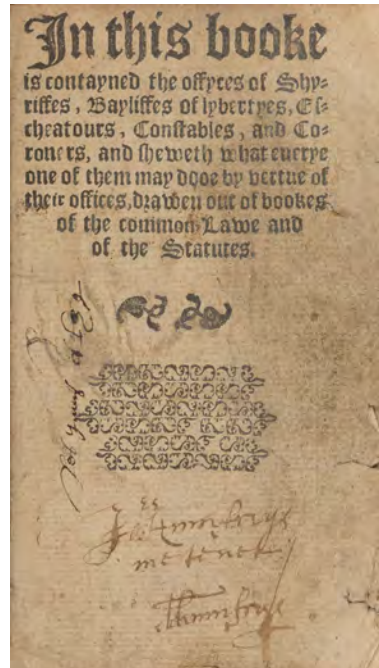
*The Several Opinions of Sundry Learned Antiquaries: Viz. Justice Doddridge, Mr. Agar, Francis Tate, William Canden [sic], and Ioseph Holland. Touching the Antiquity, Power, Order, State, Manner, Persons and Proceedings of the High-Court of Parliament in England.* London: Printed for William Leake, 1658. [xlviij], 96, [2] pp. Final leaf is a publisher advertisement. Octavo (5-1/2" x 3-1/4").

Later calf, blind rules to boards, lettering piece and gilt-edged raised bands to spine, blind tooling to board edges. Faint staining to boards, a few minor scuffs to front board, large scuff to rear board, moderate rubbing to extremities, corners bumped, rear hinge cracked, partial crack to text block between p. 96 and following leaf, moderate toning to interior. \$850.

\* First edition. This interesting study aims to define the jurisdiction of Parliament when it sits as a judicial body. It includes a lengthy introduction by Doddridge. A second edition was published in 1679. A judge during the reign of Charles I, Doddridge, sometimes spelled Dodderidge, was a formidably learned jurist who was both a common lawyer and a civilian who held a D.C.L. from Cambridge. A fairly prolific author and editor, his works are held in high esteem by Holdsworth.

*English Short-Title Catalogue* R210130.

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#### Unrecorded Variant Printing of an Early Work on Sheriffs

#### 7. [Fitzherbert, Sir Anthony (1470-1538)].

*In This Booke is Contayned the Offyces of Shyriffes, Bayliffes of Lybertyes, Escheatours, Constables, And Coroners, And sheweth What Everye One of Them May Dooe by Vertue of Their Offices, Drawen Out of Bookes of the Common Lawe and of the Statutes.* [Imprynted at London: by Thomas Marshe, 1579?]. [112] pp. Octavo (5-1/4" x 3").

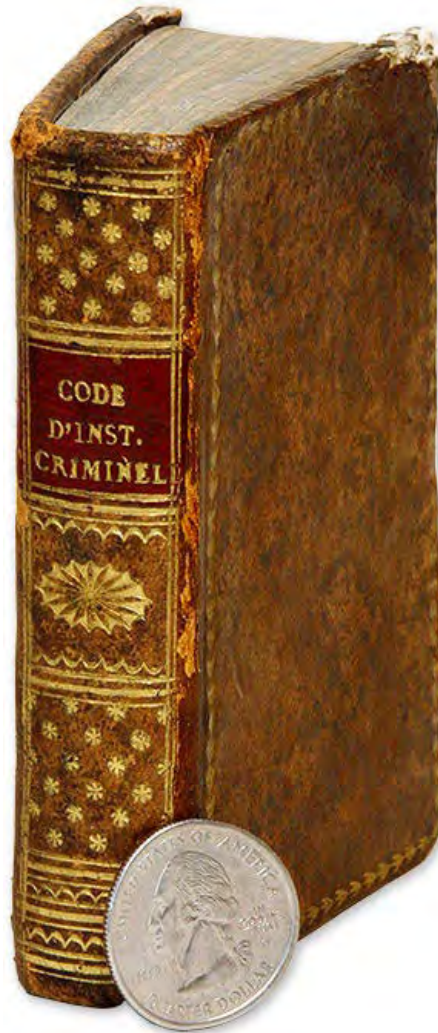
Later period-style calf, black-stamped rules to boards, black-stamped tooling across joints, raised bands and lettering piece to spine, blind inside dentelles, endleaves renewed, edges rouged. Light rubbing to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, corners bumped, front hinge cracked, faint offsetting to endleaves, later bookseller description and bookplate (of Donald C. Bain) tipped onto front pastedown, later notes laid in. Moderate toning to interior, light soiling and edgewear to first and final few leaves, clean tears to leaf C3 and C5 mended on versos with cellotape, no loss to text, faint dampstaining to margins of last several leaves, lower right corners of last 8 leaves lacking and worn, just touching catchwords, small holes to pp. [109]-[112] with minor loss to legibility on p. [109], early owner signatures (Robert Young and John Humfreys) to title page. \$5,500.

\* One of at least five issues printed by Marshe. An extract from Fitzherbert's JP manual *Loffice et Auctoryte des Justyces de Peas* (first edition 1538) translated into English from the original Law French, this was one of the earliest treatises to discuss the offices of sheriff, coroner and other local officials. The provisional date is assigned by the *ESTC* based on a dated ownership signature in the extant copy; the later bookseller record tipped into our copy suggests a date of 1537 based on the date of the last ruling quoted. Our copy has variant spellings in the title ("sheweth" for "shewed" and "dooe" for "doe") compared to the *ESTC* record, but an identical collation formula and colophon. All headlines in our copy are in black letter and not Roman type. Donald Bain, a recent owner, is a prominent Denver lawyer, philanthropist and bibliophile specializing in English history and Western Americana.

This is a rare imprint. OCLC and the *English Short-Title Catalogue (ESTC)* locate 1 copy of this issue worldwide (Library of Congress) and no copies of our variant printing. See *ESTC* S4009. Not in Beale, which lists four other printings of *The Offices of Sberiffs* from Marshe, three undated and one from 1562. Not at Harvard or the British Library.

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**Attractive, Scarce Pocket-Sized 1810 Printing of the French Code of Criminal Procedure**

**8. [France].  
[Criminal Law].**

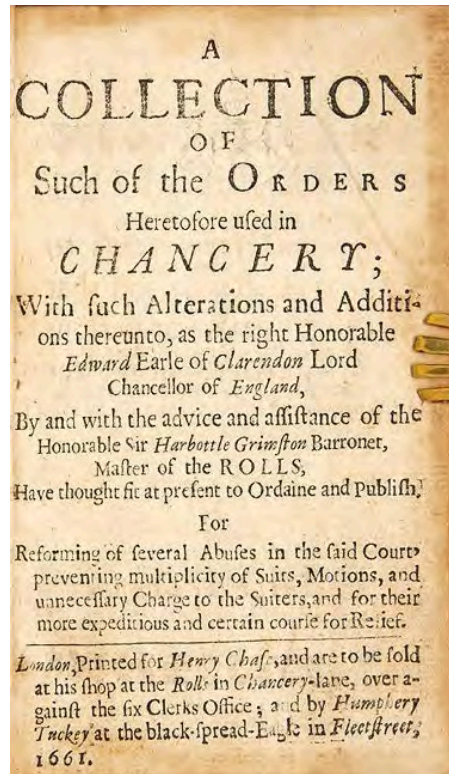
*Code d'Instruction Criminelle. Édition Originale et Seule Officielle.* Paris: De l'Imprimerie Impériale, 1810. [iv], 323 pp. 16mo. (3-3/4" x 2-1/4").

Contemporary sprinkled calf, gilt fillets to boards, gilt spine with lettering piece, speckled edges, marbled endpapers, ribbon marker. A few tiny nicks to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities with some wear to corners, bookseller ticket to verso of half-title, moderate toning to text, light soiling to half-title, small crease to title page. An attractive copy. \$1,500.

\* Only edition in this format, previously issued in quarto and octavo. The 1808 *Code d'Instruction Criminelle*, a code of criminal procedure, was one the four codes of civil and criminal law issued under Napoleon's direction after the Code Napoleon (*Code Civil*, 1804). Because the 16mo. version (labeled 32mo. in some references) was intended for daily use rather than the library shelf, few copies exist today. Copies as well-preserved as ours are rare.

OCLC locates 10 copies, none in North America. Camus, *Bibliothèque Choisie des Livres de Droit* 2310.

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### The Codification of Chancery Practice

#### 9. [Great Britain].

#### [Court of Chancery].

#### [Bacon, Sir Francis (1561-1626)].

*A Collection of Such of the Orders Heretofore Used in Chancery; With Such Alterations and Additions Thereunto, As the Right Honorable Edward Earle of Clarendon Lord Chancellor of England, By and With the Advice and Assistance of the Honorable Sir Harbottle Grimston Barronet Master of the Rolls, Have Thought Fit at Present to Ordaine and Publish. For Reforming of Several Abuses in the Said Court, Preventing Multiplicity of Suits, Motions, And Unnecessary Charge to the Suiters, and for Their More Expeditious and Certain Course for Relief.* London: Printed for Henry Chase, 1661. 61, [i.e. 91], [3] pp. The first leaf bears an order to print. Final leaf, a blank, lacking. Octavo (5-1/2" x 3-1/4").

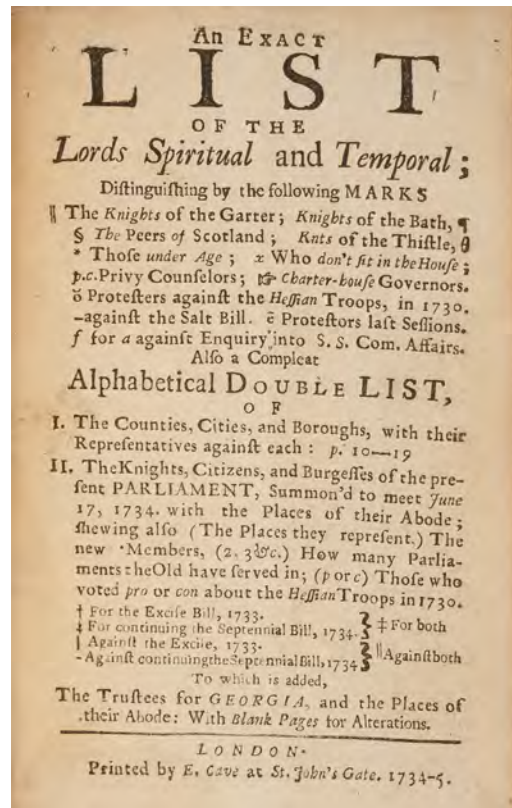
Contemporary sheep, blind rules to boards and spine. Very light rubbing to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, tiny chip to spine near head, endleaves and pastedowns removed, armorial bookplate of the Earls of Macclesfield to verso of front board, small embossed Macclesfield stamps to preliminary leaves. Light toning to text, internally clean. \$500.

\* Second edition. This pocket-sized procedural handbook from the Restoration era was a well-received work that was issued eight times between 1660 and 1688. Written mostly by Francis Bacon, the *Orders*, as Holdsworth notes, "to a large extent, fixed the practice of the court till the reforms [of the nineteenth century]. Throughout his life Bacon was a consistent advocate of the codification of the statute law, and the digesting of case law. This set of Orders was the one piece of codification he was able to effect."

Our copy belonged to the library of the Earls of Macclesfield. Housed in Shirburn Castle, near Watlington, Oxfordshire, it was one of the finest private libraries in Great Britain.

All editions of this title are scarce. Holdsworth, *History of English Law* V:252-253. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R30918.

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Includes a List of the Trustees and Commissioners of the Colony of Georgia

10. [Great Britain].  
[Parliament].

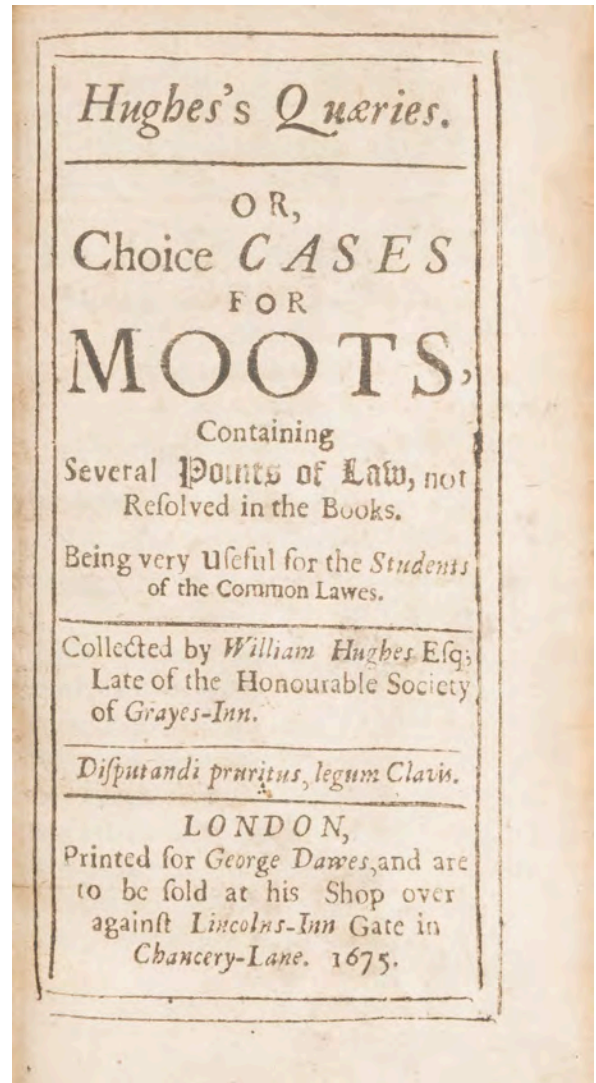
*An Exact List of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal; [...] Also a Compleat Alphabetical Double List, Of I. The Counties, Cities, And Boroughs, With Their Representatives Against Each: P. 10-19 II. The Knights, Citizens, And Burgesſes of the Present Parliament, Summon'd to Meet June 17, 1734, With the Places of Their Abode; Shewing Also (The Places They Represent,) The New Members (2, 3 &c.) How Many Parliaments the Old Have Served In [...] To Which is Added, The Trustees for Georgia, And the Places of Their Abode: With Blank Pages for Alterations.* London: Printed by E. Cave at St. John's Gate, 1734-35. [ii], 37 [i.e. 72], [4] pp. Printed on one side of leaf only, alternating recto and verso. 12mo. (5-1/4" x 3-1/4").

Contemporary sheep, blind rules to boards, rebacked in period style calf with blind fillets, lettering piece and gilt date, blind tooling to board edges, endleaves renewed. Light rubbing to boards, moderate rubbing to board edges, corners bumped and lightly worn. Light toning to interior, light soiling in a few places, faint dampstain to lower gutter of pp. 10-16, light foxing and pencil marks to a few leaves, margins trimmed close affecting headline on last page only without loss to legibility, illegible early owner initials to p. 1. A nice copy of a rare title. \$850.

\* Only edition. A detailed list of the names of those serving in Parliament with additional information about their notable recent votes. An interesting complement is the list of the names and places of abode (in Britain) of the trustees and commissioners for the colony of Georgia, established by royal charter in 1732. These include James Oglethorpe, the colony's founder, and the Earl of Egmont, president of the trustees.

OCLC and the ESTC locate 5 copies of this title, 3 in North America (University of Georgia, University of Virginia, John Carter Brown Library). *English Short-Title Catalogue (ESTC)* N48489.

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### Among the Earliest English Collections of Mooted Cases

#### 11. Hughes, William, of Gray's Inn.

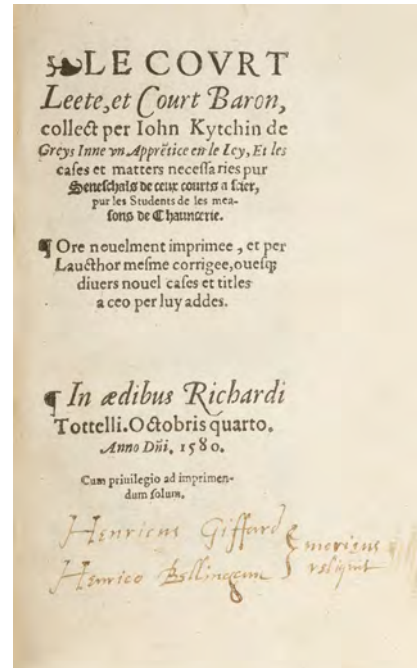
*Hughes's Quæries. Or, Choice Cases for Moots, Containing Several Points of Law, Not Resolved in the Books. Being Very Useful for the Students of the Common Lawes.* London: Printed for George Dawes, 1675. [xxxvi], 136, [8] pp. With initial imprimatur leaf and publisher catalogue to last [8] pp. 12mo. (5-1/2" x 3-1/4").

Recent calf, blind frames to boards, gilt title, fillets and publication date to spine, endpapers renewed. Moderate toning, faint dampstaining, spotting and browning to margins in a few places, small burns to fore-edges of leaves D9-12 (pp. 65-72) with no loss to text. \$675.

\* Only edition, also referred to as *Hughes's Quæries*. Organized alphabetically by topic, this is among the earliest collections of mooted cases. Each example describes the facts, outlines the issues and offers conclusions. As Holdsworth points out, this book aimed to revive a tradition in English pedagogy that predates the Inns of Court.

Holdsworth, *A History of English Law* VI:600. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R32040.

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### An Important Contribution to the Development of Modern Legal Theory

#### 12. Kitchin, John [c.1520-c.1590].

*Le Court Leete, Et Court Baron, Collect per Iohn Kytchin de Grays Inne un Apprentice en le Ley, Et les Cases et Matters Necessarie pur Seneschals de Ceux Courts a Scier, Pur les Students de les Measons de Chaucerie.* [London]: In Aedibus Richardi Tottelli, Octobris Quarto, 1580. [vi], 216 ff. Lacking two preliminary blank leaves counted in collation. Octavo (5-1/2" x 3-3/4").

Contemporary calf, blind rules and large arabesques to boards, raised bands, blind fillets and later lettering piece to spine, endpapers renewed. Negligible light rubbing to boards and extremities, corners lightly bumped, rear hinge starting at head. Moderate toning, slightly heavier in places, brief early annotations to a few leaves, early owner inscription (indicating the book's passage from Henry Giffard to Henry Bellingham) to foot of title page. A fine copy in its original state. \$1,850.

\* First edition as a separate publication, one of three issues. Ours has a preface dated 10 November; the others are dated October 4 and 10 October 1580. By outlining the differences between the previously undivided court, Kitchin, along with Coke, helped lay the foundations of modern legal theory. "In fact," notes Holdsworth, "Kitchin was doing on a small scale what Coke was doing on a grand scale. Both were representatives of that school of literate Elizabethan lawyers...whose great and enduring work was the adaptation of medieval law and institutions to modern needs. Imagination necessarily played some part in this process of adaptation; and thus they are responsible not only for the enunciation of the rules of modern law, but also for legal and historical theories, the soundness of which was considered by many generations of lawyers and historians to be as incontestable as their statements of law."

According to Pollard & Redgrave, this work was originally published as Part II of *Justices of the Peace* and both parts have a variant issue (identical to Beale T369) with a colophon dated 10 April 1580. Our copy was passed from Henry Giffard to Henry Bellingham upon the former's death. Giffard may have been Henry Gifford (d.1592), High Sheriff of Hampshire and an MP for Stockbridge. Bellingham may have been Henry Bellingham [c.1564-1637], a fellow MP for nearby Chichester.

See Pollard and Redgrave, *A Short-Title Catalogue of Books Printed in England, Scotland, & Ireland 14886, 14887*. Holdsworth, *A History of English Law* IV:130. Beale, *A Bibliography of Early English Law Books* T369. *English Short-Title Catalogue* S108037.

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Two Classic Works on the English Law of Real Property

**13. [Littleton, Sir Thomas (1402-1481)].**

*Les Tenures de Monsieur Littleton: Ouesque Certaine Cases Addes per Auters de Puisne Temps, Queux Cases vous Troveres Signes Ouesque Cest Signe \* Al Commencement, & Al Fine de Chescun de Eux: Au Fine Que ne Poies eux Misprennder pur les Cases de Mounseieur Littleton; Pur Quel Inconuenience, Ils Fueront Dernierment Tolles de Cest Lieur; Et Cy vn Foits Plus Admotes al Request des Gentlehomes, Students en le Ley Dengleterre.* London: Imprinted [by Adam Islip?] for the Company of Stationers, 1608. [1], 170, [25] ff.

**[Bound with]**

**Perkins, John [d. 1545].**

*A Profitable Booke of Master Iohn Perkins, Fellow of the Inner Temple. Treating of the Lawes of England.* London: Printed [by Adam Islip?] for the Company of Stationers, 1609. [xxiv], 168 ff.

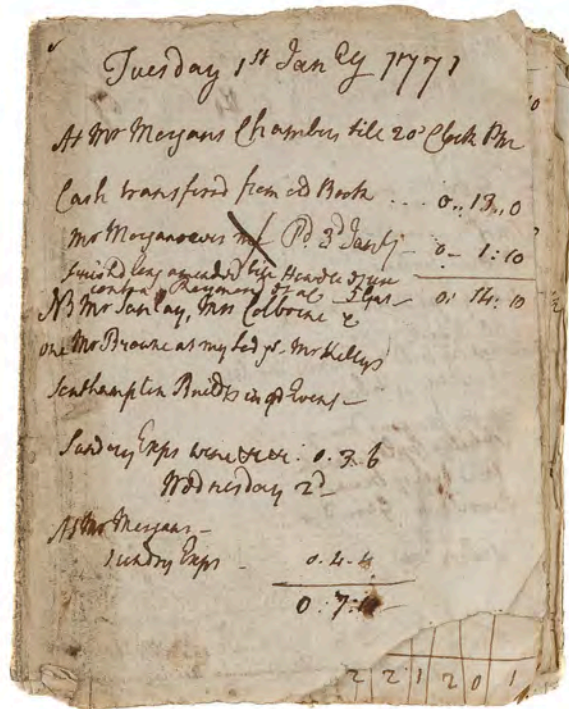
Octavo (4-1/2" x 2-1/2"). Contemporary calf, gilt rules to boards, gilt fillets to spines, fragments of thong ties. Moderate rubbing to spine and extremities with some wear to corners, light scuffing to boards, a few tiny wormholes to spine, pastedowns loose, a few partial cracks to text block, wormhole from preliminaries through first third of text with no loss to legibility, final two signatures of *A Profitable Booke* a bit loose and slightly edgeworn, edges trimmed closely occasionally touching side-notes (with no loss to legibility). Light toning to text, somewhat heavier in places, internally clean. \$1,500.

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

A popular work during the sixteenth and early seventeenth centuries that was held in high regard by Coke, Perkins' *Profitable Booke* was first published in 1528 and went through numerous editions in both English and Law-French. Devoted mostly to the land law as developed in the Year Books, it is divided into the following topics: grants, deeds, feoffments, exchanges, dower, curtesy, wills, devises, surrenders, reservations, and conditions.

Holdsworth, *A History of English Law* II:573, V:388. *English Short-Title Catalogue* S93514, S114287.

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### A Charming Slice of London Legal Life

#### 14. [Manuscript].

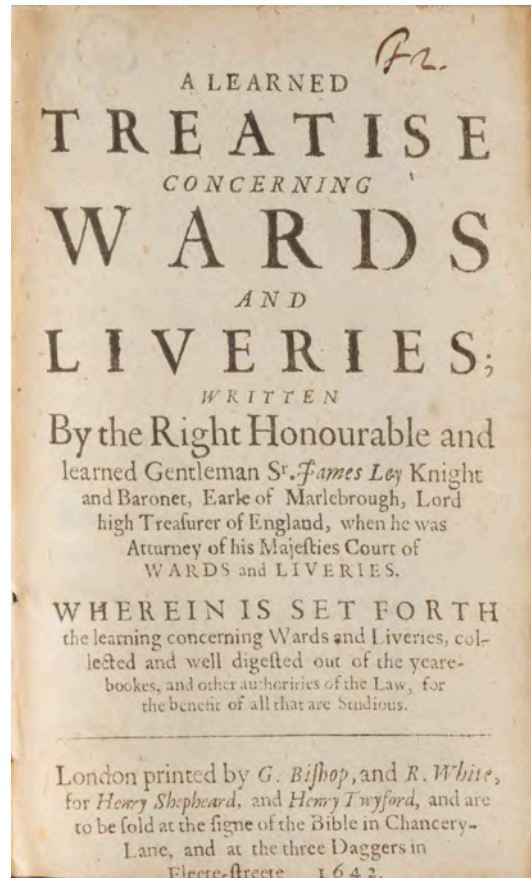
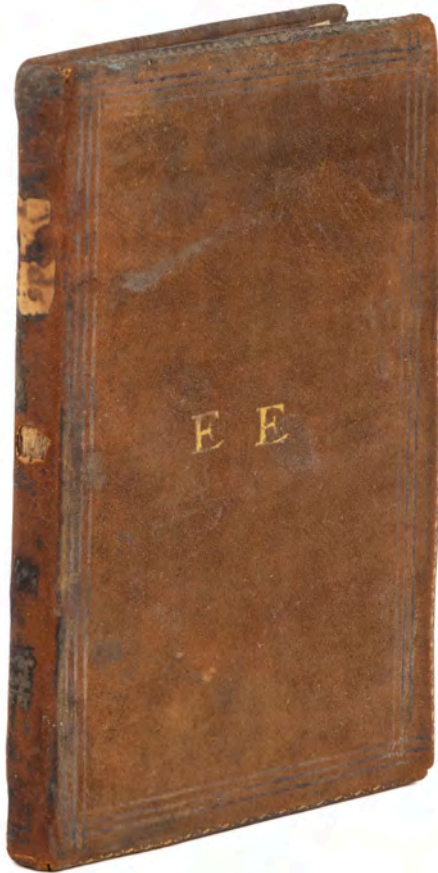
[*Memorandum and Account Book*]. [London], January 1-March 23, 1771. [28] pp.

5" x 4" untrimmed, unsewn bifolia, text in single neat hand. Light toning, light soiling to exterior, small holes or tears to a few leaves affecting text on final leaf only with no loss to legibility. \$950.

\* This manuscript provides a glimpse into the professional and social life of a member of the legal profession. Likely a solicitor's or barrister's clerk, the compiler notes a range of professional activities. "Got up early and walk'd to Mr. Morgan's Chambers- writing Lord Belvedere's Case," "At Common Law work Dr. Dodry, &c at Mr. Morgan's," and "Pd Postage of Letter for Mr. Morgan" are among the descriptions of his job duties, indicating (along with his weekly salary of 1 pound, 10 shillings) that he performed substantive legal work but was most likely not an attorney himself.

Other entries shine light on his personal and social life. Figures in the ruled columns indicate cash received and paid. Many of these note expenses for "sundrys," while others record various sums paid for dining, such as trips to London icons Tom's Coffee House and the Black Jack tavern. The compiler appears to have had a thriving social and professional network. He frequently mentions the names of those with whom he "dined, supped and lay," including, at times, his private views, referring to a Mr. Humm as "a talkative fellow." Some of his social activities seem to be more professional in nature, with the same names appearing at dinner and at business. Others are solely personal ("Jacky B's birthday, 7 year old today"). These entries provide interesting insight into the overlap of professional and social networks. Together, they paint an engaging, intimate portrait of three months in the life of a Georgian legal professional.

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### The Earliest Treatise on Wards and Liveries

#### 15. Marlborough, James Ley, Earl of [1618-1665].

*A Learned Treatise Concerning Wards and Liveries; Written by the Right Honourable and Learned Gentleman Sr. James Ley Knight and Baronet, Earle of Marleborough, Lord High Treasurer of England, When he was Attorney of His Majesties Court of Wards and Liveries. Wherein is set Forth the Learning Concerning Wards and Liveries, Collected and Well Digested Out of the Yeare-Bookes, And Other Authorities of the Law, For the Benefit of All that Are Studious.* London: Printed by G. Bishop, And R. White, For Henry Shepheard, And Henry Twyford, 1642. [xiv], 79, [1] pp. Octavo (5-3/4" x 3-1/2").

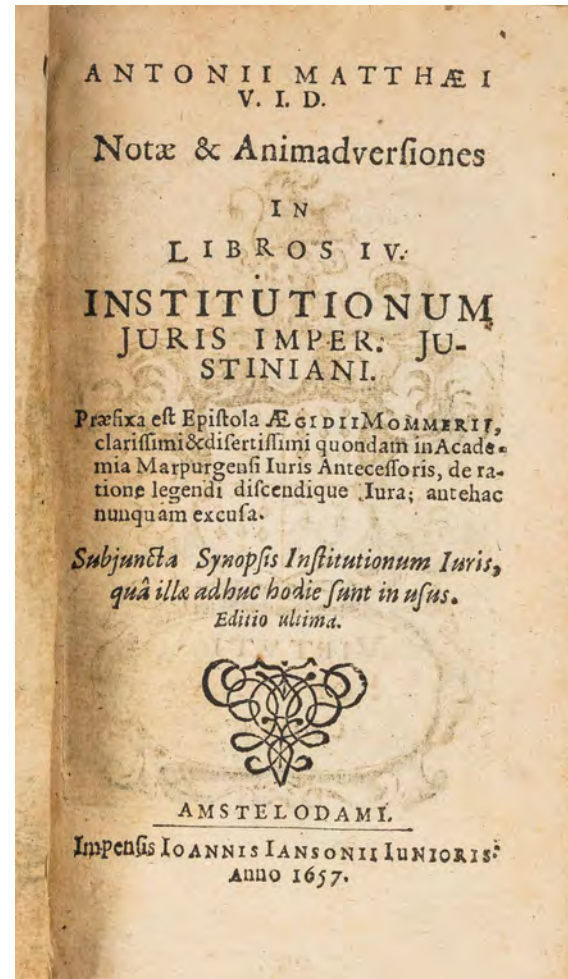
Contemporary reversed calf, blind rules to boards, gilt initials "E E" to center of boards, fragment of paper title label to spine, gilt tooling to board edges. A few minor nicks to boards, small scuff to center of spine, minor wear to foot of spine and corners, pastedowns loose, later armorial bookplate (of Sir Thomas Preston [1767-1823], 1st Baronet of Beeston St Lawrence) to verso of front board. Moderate toning to interior, offsetting and light creases to pastedown and endleaves, "Fr" in small early hand to head of title page. \$750.

\* Only edition. This area of English law was concerned the collection of feudal dues, such as rent from tenants, guardian and wardship and livery issues, such as the right to wear a guild's insignia. Marlborough was the attorney general of the Court of Wards and Liveries and the author of the first treatise on the subject of that court's jurisdiction.

OCLC locates 8 in North American Law Libraries (Columbia, Harvard, Jenkins, Library of Congress, LA County, San Francisco, St. Louis University, University of Pennsylvania); the *ESTC* adds one more (University of Chicago). *English Short-Title Catalogue (ESTC)* R1067.

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A Well-Regarded Commentary on the *Institutes*

16. Matthaëus, Antonius [1564-1637].

Mommerius (Mommer), Aegidius [c.1510-1570].

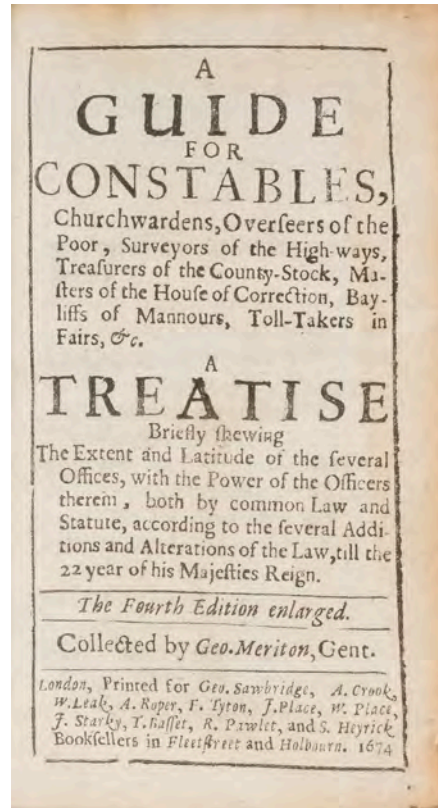
*Notæ & Animadversiones in Libros IV. Institutionum Juris Imper. Justiniani: Præfixa est Epistola Aegidii Mommerii, De Ratione Legendi Discendique Iura, Antehac Nunquam Excusa; Subjuncta Synopsis Institutionum Iuris, Qua Illæ ad huc Hodie Sunt in Usus.* Amsterdam: Impensis Ioannis Iansonii Iunioris, 1657. [xiv], 407, [9] pp. Main title page preceded by copperplate pictorial title page, copperplate coat of arms of page facing dedication. 12mo. (5" x 3").

Contemporary sheep, gilt spine with raised bands and lettering piece. Some rubbing, joints just starting at ends, minor chipping to spine ends. Brief annotations to endleaves, which have offsetting to margins, light toning to text, internally clean. \$600.

\* Later edition. Matthaëus was a jurist, professor of law at the University of Marburg and the father of the distinguished Roman-Dutch jurist, Antonius Matthaëus (II). Originally published in 1600, *Notæ et Animadversiones* is a commentary on the *Institutes* of Justinian. A well-regarded work, it went through seven subsequent editions, the last in 1784.

OCLC locates 2 copies of this edition in North America, one in a law library (UC-Berkeley). Dekkers, *Bibliotheca Belgica Juridica* 110 (3).

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### Meriton's Guide for Lay Officers

#### 17. Meriton, George [1634-1711].

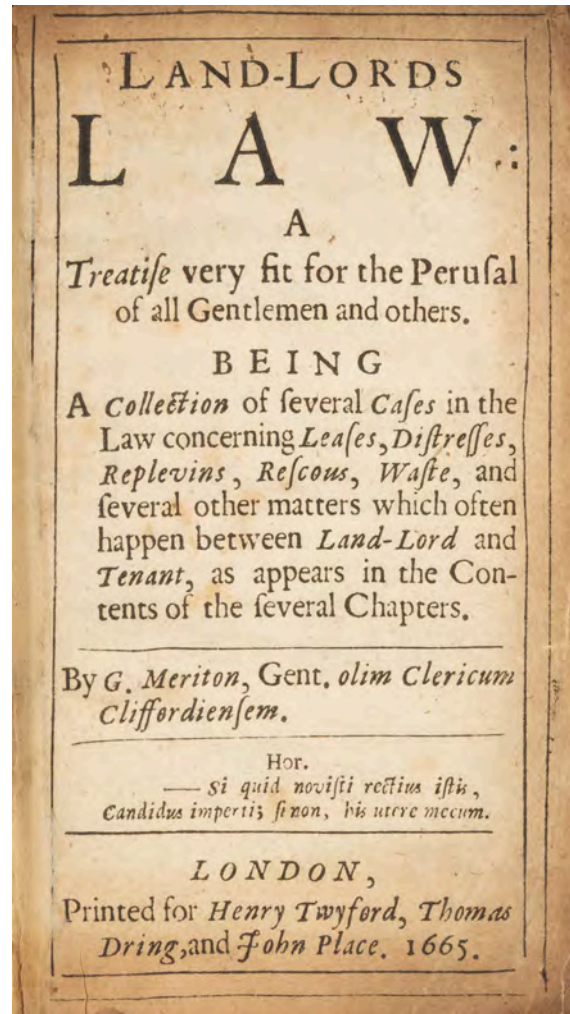
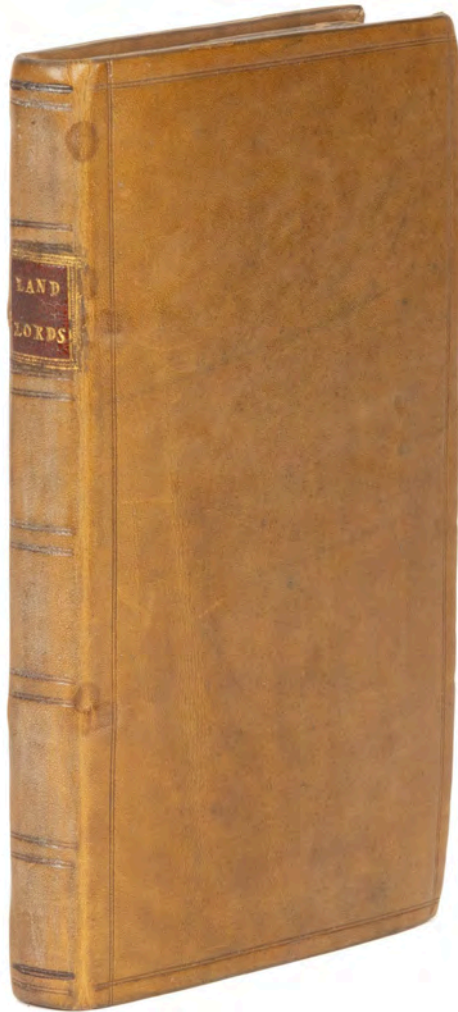
*A Guide for Constables, Churchwardens, Overseers of the Poor, Surveyors of the High-Ways, Treasurers of the County-Stock, Masters of the House of Correction, Bayliffs of Mannours, Toll-Takers in Fairs, &c. A Treatise Briefly Shewing the Extent and Latitude of the Several Offices, With the Power of the Officers Therein, Both by Common Law and Statute, According to the Several Additions and Alterations of the Law, Till the 22 Year of His Majesties Reign.* London: Printed for Geo. Sawbridge [et al.], 1674. [xii], 286 pp. Two parts with continuous pagination, second part preceded by title page dated 1674 and reading (in part) *Conductor Generalis: A Guide for Churchwardens, Overseers of the Poor, Surveyors of High-Ways*. 12mo. (5-1/2" x 3").

Contemporary sheep, blind rules to boards, blind fillets to spine, no pastedowns. Moderate rubbing and a few scuffs, scratches and minor stains to boards, somewhat heavier rubbing to extremities, chip to head of spine, corners bumped and worn, hinges cracked, faint offsetting to endleaves, brief recent pencil annotations to front free endpaper. Moderate toning to interior, light foxing in a few places, partial crack in text block between first and second parts (pp. 122-123), all leaves secure. \$650.

\* Fourth edition. Meriton was a lawyer and a prodigious writer on a wide range of well-received legal and non-legal topics. Born in the North Riding of Yorkshire, he is also remembered for his dialect poem *The Praise of Yorkshire Ale* (1683). First published in 1669, the *Guide for Constables* reviews the legal obligation, rights and limitations of lay officers other than justices of the peace. A durable work, it reached its eighth and final edition in 1685.

All editions are scarce despite its popularity and long publication history. OCLC locates 3 copies of the fourth edition, all in North America (Harvard Law School, Yale, Huntington Library). The *ESTC* adds 3 more (British Library, Carlisle Cathedral, Thomas Plume's Library). *English Short-Title Catalogue (ESTC)* R19540.

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**First Edition of the First English Treatise on the Law of Landlord and Tenant**

**18. Meriton, George.**

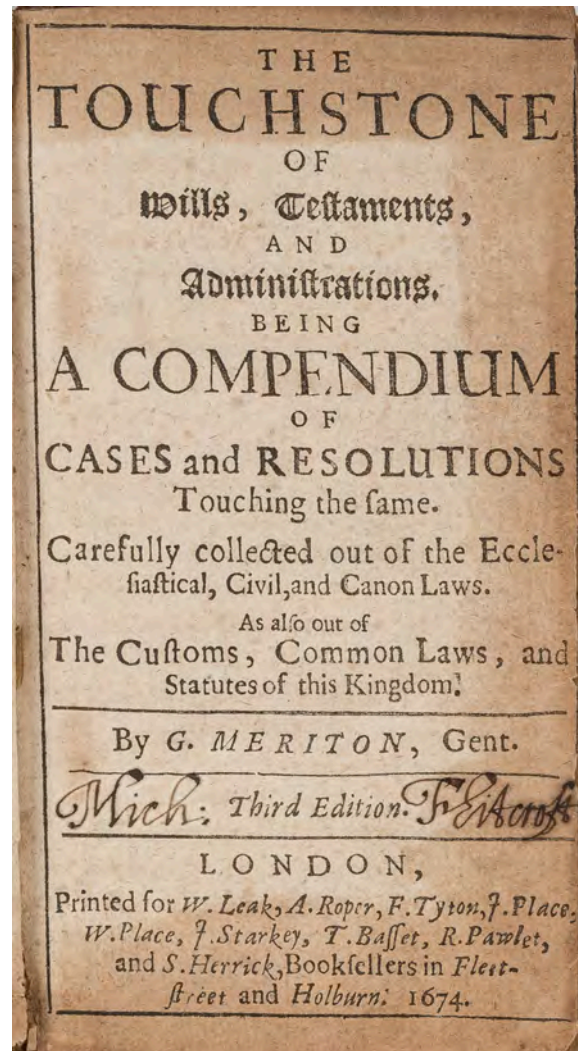
*Land-Lords Law: A Treatise Very Fit for the Perusal of Gentlemen and Others. Being a Collection of Several Cases in the Law Concerning Leases, Distresses, Replevins, Rescous, Waste, And Several Other Matters Which Often Happen Between Land-Lord and Tenant, As Appears in the Contents of the Several Chapters.* London: Printed for Henry Twyford, Thomas Dring, and John Place, 1665. [xviii], 171, [1] pp. Lacking first leaf, a blank. 12mo. (5-1/2" x 3-1/4").

Recent period-style calf by Philip Dusel, blind rules to boards, lettering piece and blind fillets to spine, gilt tooling to board edges. Light browning to interior, some edgewear to title page and following leaf, minor chips and spark burns to a few other leaves. \$750.

\* First edition, one of two issues from 1665. The *Land-Lords Law* was the first English treatise on the law of landlord and tenant. It was a well-regarded work that went through four later editions, the last in 1697.

All are scarce. Including both issues, OCLC locates 7 copies of the first edition in North American law libraries (Harvard, Library of Congress, University of Michigan, University of Minnesota, University of Pennsylvania, Yale, York). *English Short-Title Catalogue* R19512.

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### The First English Treatise on Wills for Laymen

#### 19. Meriton, George.

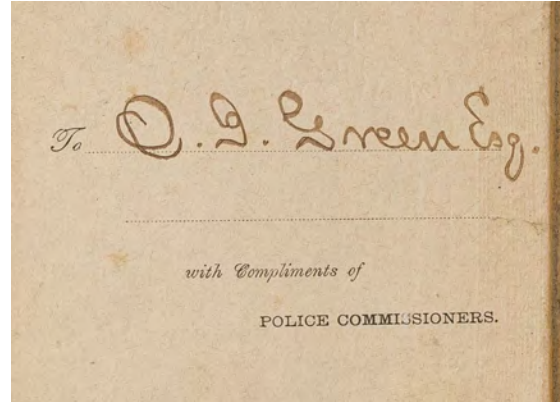
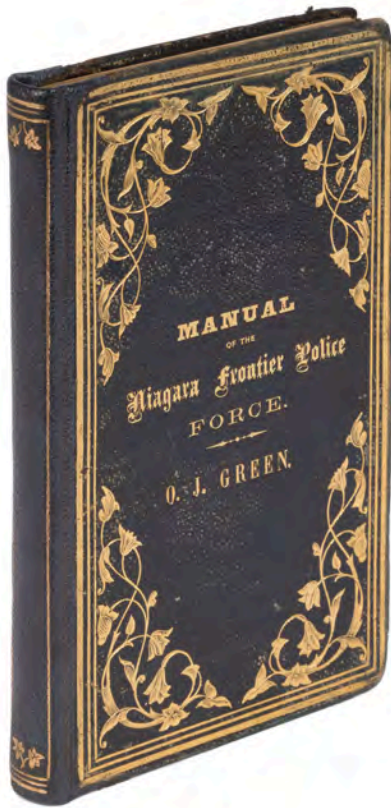
*The Touchstone of Wills, Testaments, And Administrations. Being a Compendium of Cases and Resolutions Touching the Same. Carefully Collected Out of the Ecclesiastical, Civil and Canon Laws. As also Out of the Customs, Common Laws, And Statutes of this Kingdom.* London: Printed for W. Leak, A. Roper, [et al.], 1674. [viii], 257, [11] pp. 12mo. (5-1/2" x 3").

Contemporary sheep, blind rules to boards, blind fillets to spine, blind tooling to board edges. Rubbing to boards and extremities, a few scuffs, nicks and scratches to boards, corners bumped and somewhat worn, rear joint starting at head, armorial bookplate (of Thomas Flitcroft) to inside of front board, hinges cracked, offsetting and edgewear to endleaves and final leaf of text. Moderate toning to interior, somewhat heavier in places, early ownership signature (of Michael Flitcroft) to foot of title page. \$850.

\* Third and final edition. A well-regarded work first published in 1665, with a second edition in 1671, the *Touchstone* was the first English treatise on wills written for laymen.

*English Short-Title Catalogue* R703.

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**A Notably Handsome Presentation Copy of the Manual of the First Formal Police Force of Buffalo, Tonawanda and Wheatfield**

**20. Niagara Frontier Police District.**

*Manual of the Niagara Frontier Police Force of the State of New York.* Buffalo: Thomas, Howard & Johnson, 1867. 181 pp. 12mo. (6-1/4" x 3-3/4").

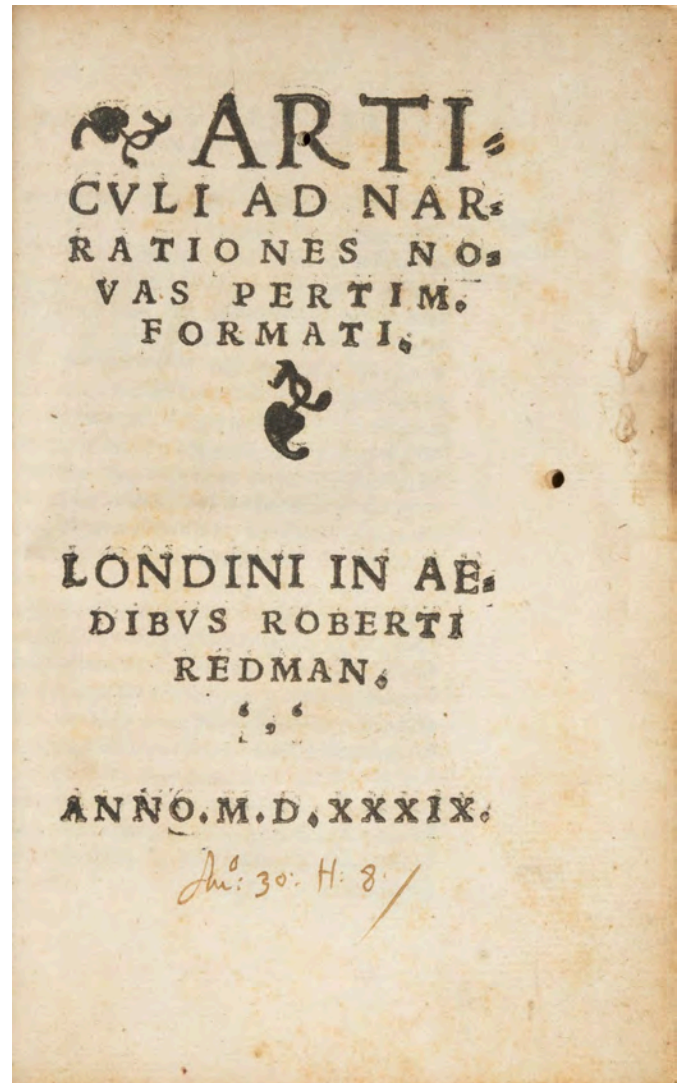
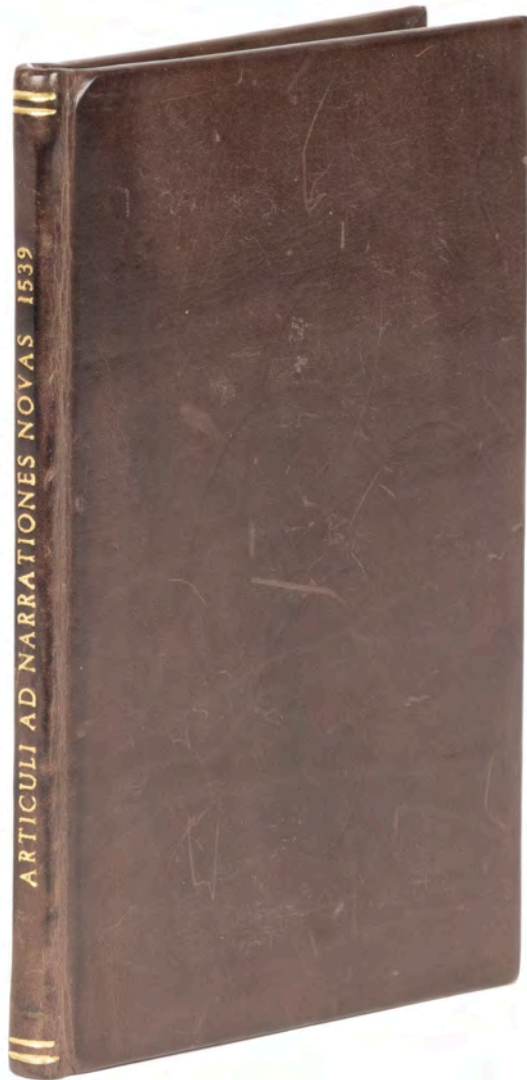
Contemporary morocco, expertly rebacked, gilt frames to boards, gilt title to front board, gilt edges, hinges mended, "O.J. Green" gilt-stamped below title. Moderate rubbing to extremities with some wear to corners, printed presentation inscription ("To [O.J. Green Esq.] with Compliments of Police Commissioners," "O.J. Green Esq." completed in manuscript) to front pastedown. Light toning to text, slightly heavier in places, light toning to a few leaves. A handsome presentation copy of a rare work. \$1,500.

\* Established by the N.Y. State Legislature in 1866, the Niagara Frontier Police Department was the first formal police force in the region. Its jurisdiction encompassed the entire Niagara Frontier, which at the time consisted of Buffalo, Tonawanda and Wheatfield. This manual of rules and regulations was issued to policemen and other officers. It offers an excellent overview of the force and its mission, along with a good deal of information about Buffalo and its neighboring areas in the 1860s.

Our copy, probably one of several bound ornately for presentation, belonged to Obadiah J. Green [1810-1887], a prominent local attorney, politician and member of the Board of Police Commissioners.

OCLC locates 3 copies (Buffalo and Erie County Public Library, Buffalo History Museum, Cornell University).

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### 1539 Printing of an Important Early Guide to Pleading and Practice

#### 21. [Pleading]. [Great Britain].

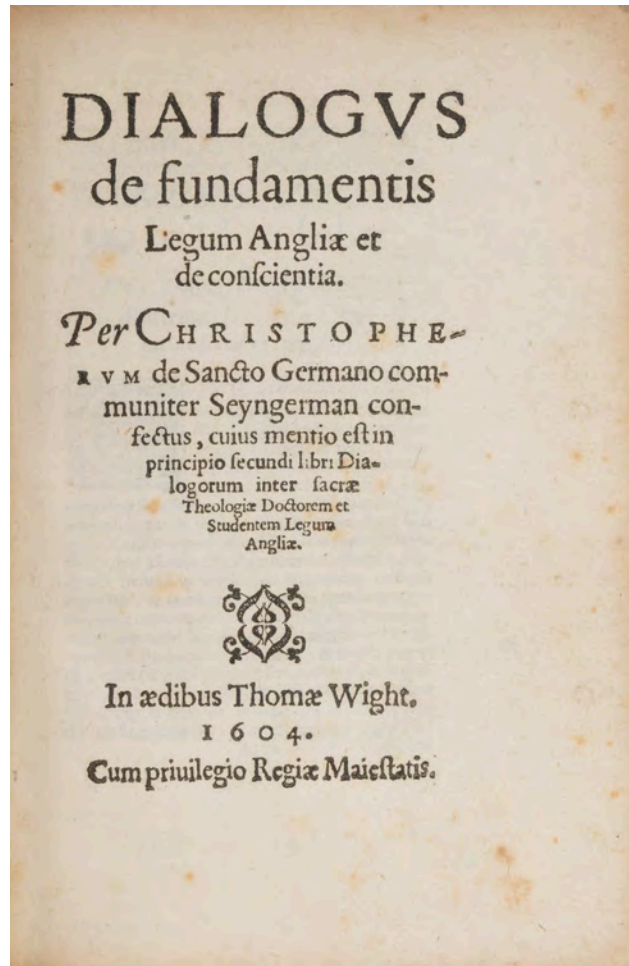
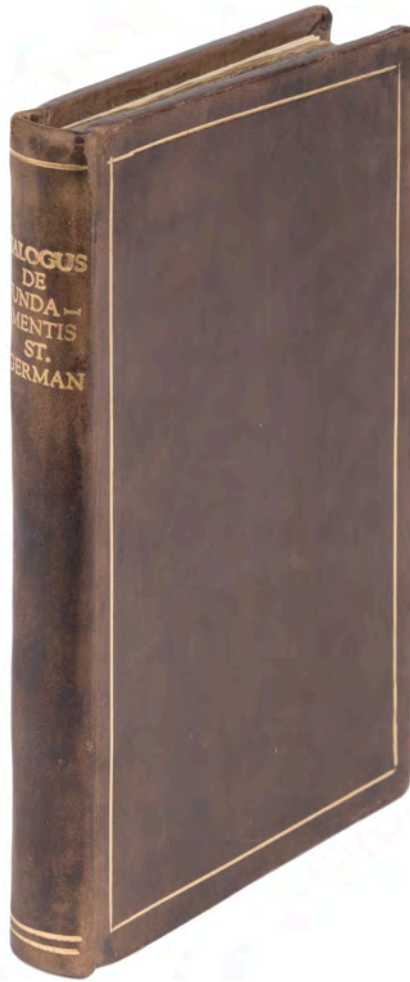
*Articuli ad Narrationes Novas Pertim. Formati.* London: In Aedibus Roberti Redman, 1539. [64] pp. Octavo (5-1/4" x 3-1/2").

Contemporary calf, gilt title to spine. Moderate toning to interior, worm holes through text block with minimal loss to text and no loss to legibility, light foxing to final few leaves, light soiling and brief annotation and marks in small early hand to title page. \$4,000.

\* Final edition by Redman. First printed anonymously around 1525, this medieval tract glosses and complements two central works about pleading and practice in the royal courts written during the early 1300s: the *Natura Brevium*, a selection of annotated writs, and the *Novae Narrationes*, a book dealing chiefly with plaintiffs' statements of claim.

All imprints of this title are scarce. OCLC locates 7 copies of the 1539 in North America, 2 in law libraries (Harvard, University of Pennsylvania). *English Short-Title Catalogue* S112344. Beale, *Bibliography of Early English Law Books* T117.

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Early Latin Edition of *Doctor and Student*

**22. Saint German (Germain), Christopher [1460?-1540].**

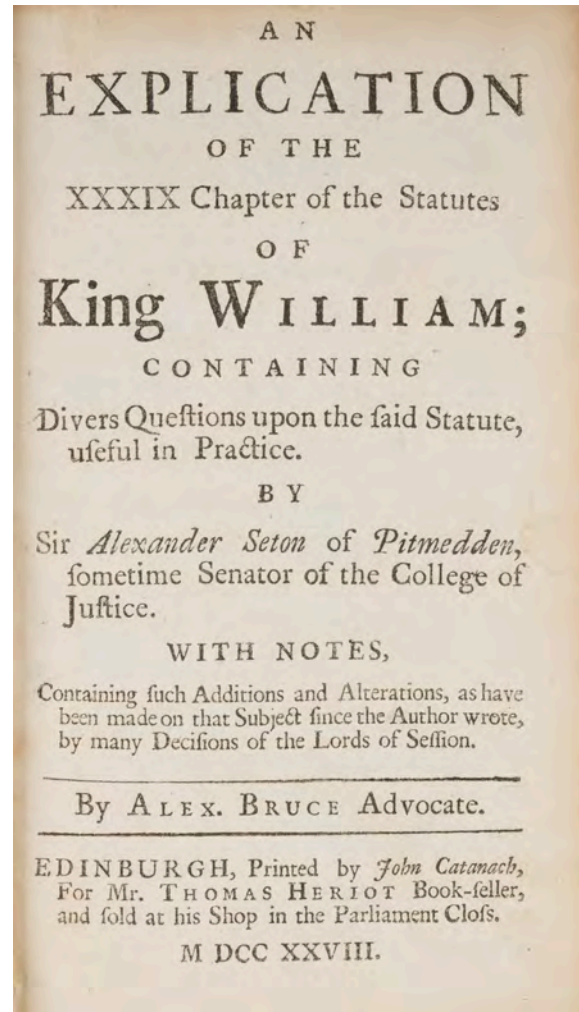
*Dialogus de Fundamentis Legum Angliae et de Conscientia. Per Christopherum de Sancto Germano Communiter Seyngerman Confectus, Cuius Mentio est in Principio Secundi Libri Dialogorum Inter Sacrae Theologiae Doctorem et Studentem Legum Angliae.* [London?]: In Aedibus Thomae Wight, 1604. [iv], 73, [2] ff. Lacking final blank leaf. Octavo (5-1/2" x 3-1/2").

Recent calf, gilt rules to boards, gilt title to spine, endpapers renewed. Light toning to interior, light foxing and soiling in a few places, small notes in pencil to leaves A3-5. A handsome copy. \$650.

\* Second Latin edition. Written originally in Latin in 1528, *Dialogus de Fundamentis Legum Angliae et de Conscientia* is better known in its English version, *Doctor and Student*, first published in 1530. It contains two dialogues between a doctor of divinity and a student of English law. It popularized canonist learning on the nature and object of law, the religious and moral standards of law, the foundations of the common law and issues regarding the jurisdiction of Parliament. It was also a key work in the development of equity law. *Doctor and Student* went through numerous editions. An authority well into the eighteenth century, it influenced several writers, including Blackstone. The 1604 Latin edition contains a biography of Saint Germain and the text of his will.

*English Short-Title Catalogue* S103137.

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### Protecting the Property Rights of Minors

#### 23. Seton, Sir Alexander [1639?-1719].

##### Bruce, Alexander, Notes.

*An Explication of the XXXIX Chapter of the Statutes of King William; Containing Divers Questions upon the Said Statute, Useful in Practice. With Notes, Containing Such Additions and Alterations, As Have been Made on that Subject Since the Author Wrote, By Many Decisions of the Lords of Session.* Edinburgh: Printed by John Catanach, For Mr. Thomas Heriot, 1728. xvi, 112 pp. Octavo (6" x 3-1/2").

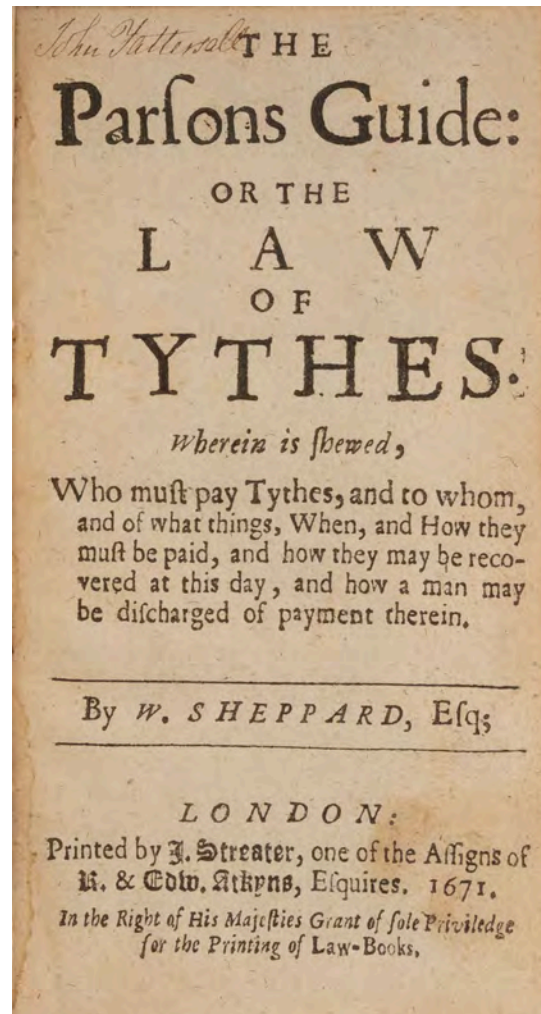
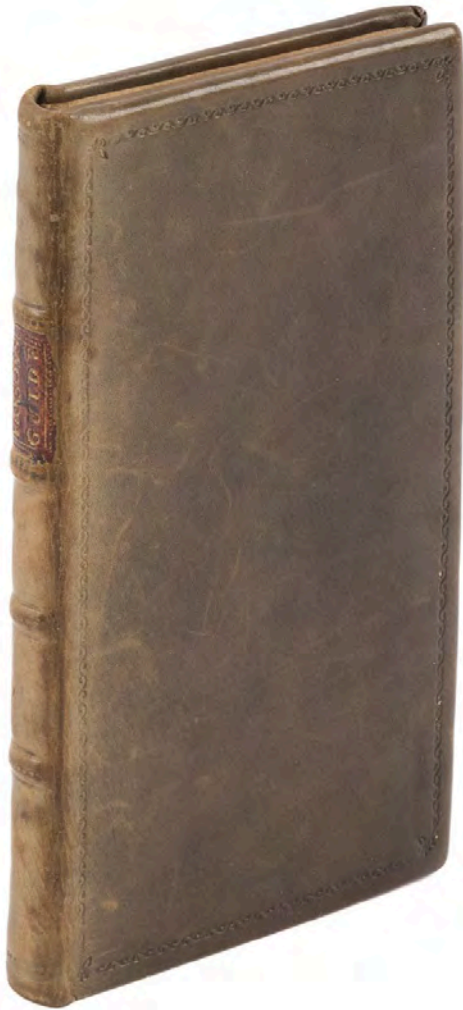
Superb recent period-style paneled calf by Philip Dusel, gilt-edged raised bands to spine, blind tooling to board edges, endpapers renewed. Moderate toning to interior, tiny smudge to fore-edge of title page, negligible light soiling to p.112. A handsome copy of a scarce work. \$750.

\* Only edition. Seton's essay discusses a statute designed to protect minors from claims against their real property. He offers a detailed study of this act, its application in Scottish cases and its historical background in Scots and Roman law.

OCLC locates 2 copies, both in Great Britain. The *English Short-Title Catalogue* locates 13 copies, 4 in North America, 1 in a law library (Harvard). *English Short-Title Catalogue* N9869.

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### Cromwell's Financial Demands on the Clergy

#### 24. Sheppard, William [d.1675?].

*The Parsons Guide: Or the Law of Tythes. Wherein is Shewed, Who Must Pay Tythes, And to Whom, And of What Things, When, And How They Must be Paid, And How they May be Recovered at this Day, And How a Man May be Discharged of Payment Thereof.* London: Printed by J. Streater, 1671. [12], 96pp. 12mo. (5-1/2" x 3").

Recent period-style calf by Philip Dusel, blind fillets to boards, raised bands and lettering piece to spine, existing endpapers retained. Corners lightly bumped, light fading to spine, moderate toning to interior, faint stain to foot of title page, tiny early owner signature (John Tattersall) to head). A nice copy in an attractive binding. \$850.

\* Third and final edition. Originally published in 1654, this brief treatise supporting Cromwell's financial demands on the clergy. Active in the Protectorate, where he was Cromwell's legal advisor, Sheppard aimed to reform English law. Many of his proposals anticipated changes that were adopted in the nineteenth century. *The Parsons Guide* supported Cromwell's reforms of tithing laws, which were drafted by Sheppard.

All editions and issues are scarce. OCLC locates 3 copies of the third edition in North American law libraries (Columbia, Harvard, University of Pennsylvania). *English Short-Title Catalogue* R217585.

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### A Notable Study of German Feudal and Customary Law

#### 25. Stryk, Samuel [1640-1710].

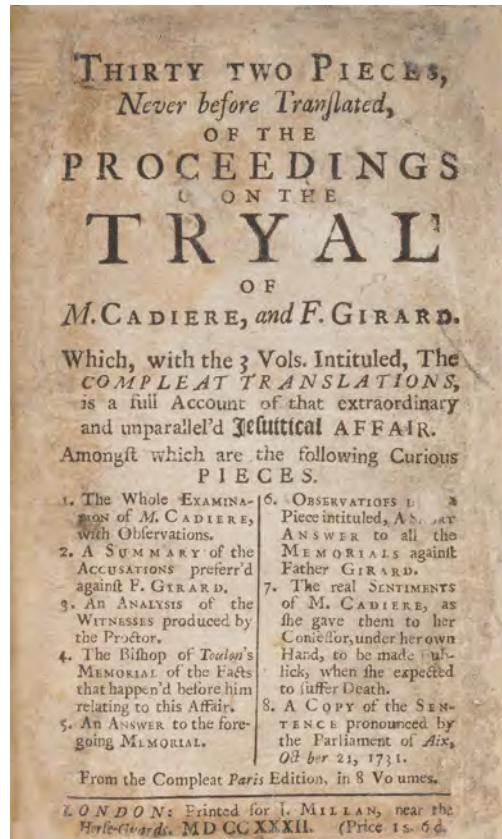
*Examen Juris Feudalis, Ex Novissimis Ejus Interpretibus in Gratiam Auditorum Collectum, Ac Methodo Institutionum Dispositum. Accessit Appendix Solennium, Quibus Hodie Apud Imp. Principes Investiuntur, Subjuncta Taxa Dignitatum in Imperio & Vasallagiis. Editio IX. Multo Auctior. Cum Privilegiis Special. Sereniss. Regum Poloniae et Borussiae.* Frankfurt: Impensis Jeremiae Schrey, & Joh. Christoph. Hartmanni, 1710. [xxi], 530, [46] pp. Title page preceded by copperplate pictorial title page. 12mo. (5-1/4" x 3").

Contemporary calf, gilt spine with raised bands, patterned endpapers. Some rubbing to boards and extremities with wear to corners. Title page printed in red and black facing added pictorial title page featuring a seated monarch, possibly Frederick William I of Prussia, as a figure of justice. Moderate toning, slightly heavier in places, light foxing to a few leaves, "Vi94" in early hand to front pastedown. \$650.

\* Later edition. Stryk was an important German jurist who helped to develop German law from native sources rather than from received Roman law. First published in 1675, the *Examen Juris Feudalis*, a study of Germanic feudal and customary law, is one of his principal works.

*Das Verzeichniss Deutscher Drucke des 18. Jahrhunderts* 10209239.

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### A Victim of Abuse Accused of Witchcraft

26. [Trials].

[Witchcraft].

**Cadière, Marie-Catherine, Defendant [b.1709].**

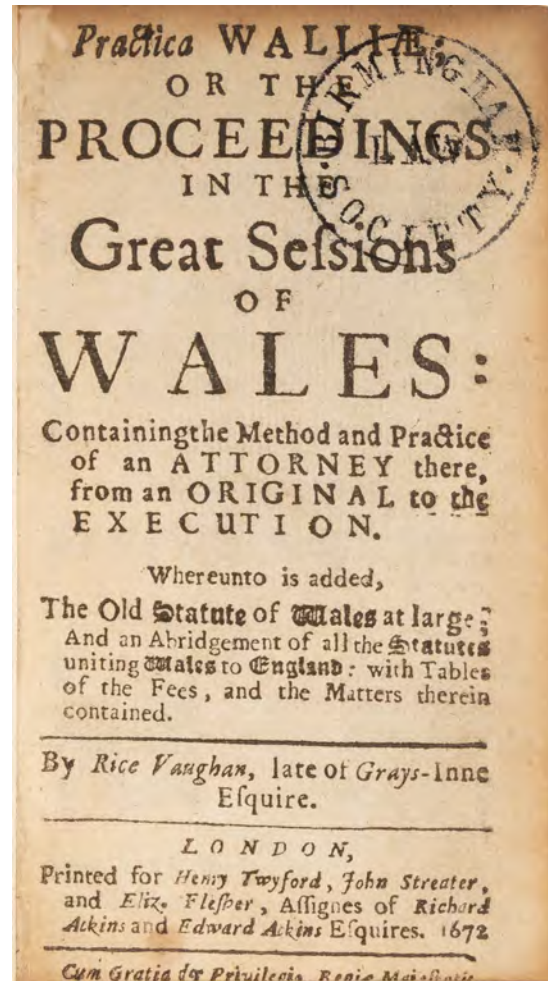
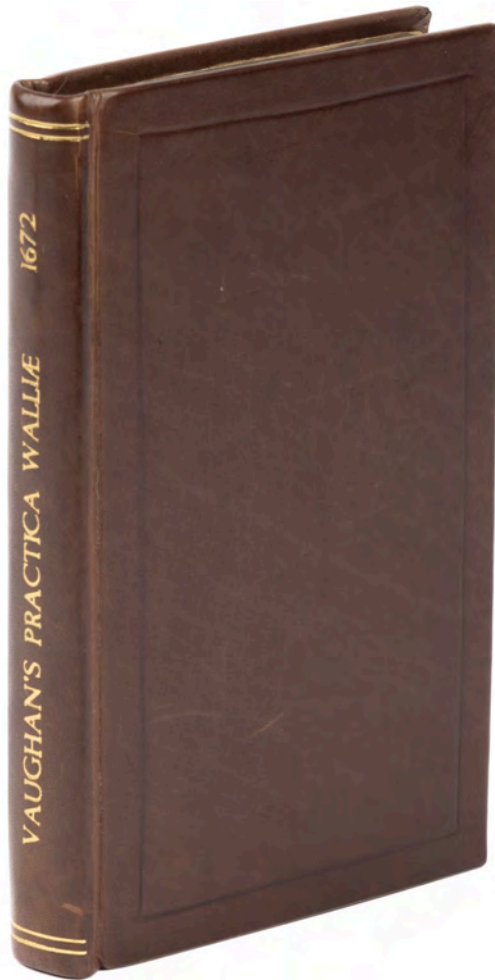
*Thirty Two Pieces, Never Before Translated, Of the Proceedings Upon the Trial, Of M. Cadiere, And F. Girard. Which, With the 3 Vols. Intituled, The Compleat Translations, Is a Full Account of that Extraordinary and Unparallel'd Jesuitical Affair.* London: Printed for J. Millan, 1732. 164, [4] pp., publisher's advertisements to final 4 pp. 12mo (6-1/4" x 3-3/4").

Superb recent period-style speckled calf by Philip Dusel, blind rules to boards, raised bands and lettering piece to spine, blind tooling to board edges. Light toning to interior, light soiling to first half of text block, light foxing and faint dampspotting in a few places, several leaves neatly mended with minor loss to text on title page only, legibility not affected. A handsome copy. \$1,500.

\* Only edition. Cadière was a devotee of the Third Order of St. Theresa in Aix, an unofficial convent-like organization led by the Jesuit priest Jean-Baptiste Girard. She was told by Girard that she was experiencing stigmata and spiritual visions, which he then used as a pretext for frequent visits and probable sexual abuse. In June 1730, the abuse was discovered, and Girard was investigated for corruption while Catherine was accused of witchcraft. Seen as a symbol of Jesuit corruption, the sensational case drew a great amount of public attention. Our title is a translation of charges and evidence given before the Parliament of Aix in 1731, intended to supplement other English-language accounts of the trial issued in three volumes in 1732.

OCLC locates 9 copies, 2 in law libraries (Harvard, Social Law). *English Short-Title Catalogue* T174927.

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### A Significant Early Treatise on Welsh Law

#### 27. Vaughan, Rice.

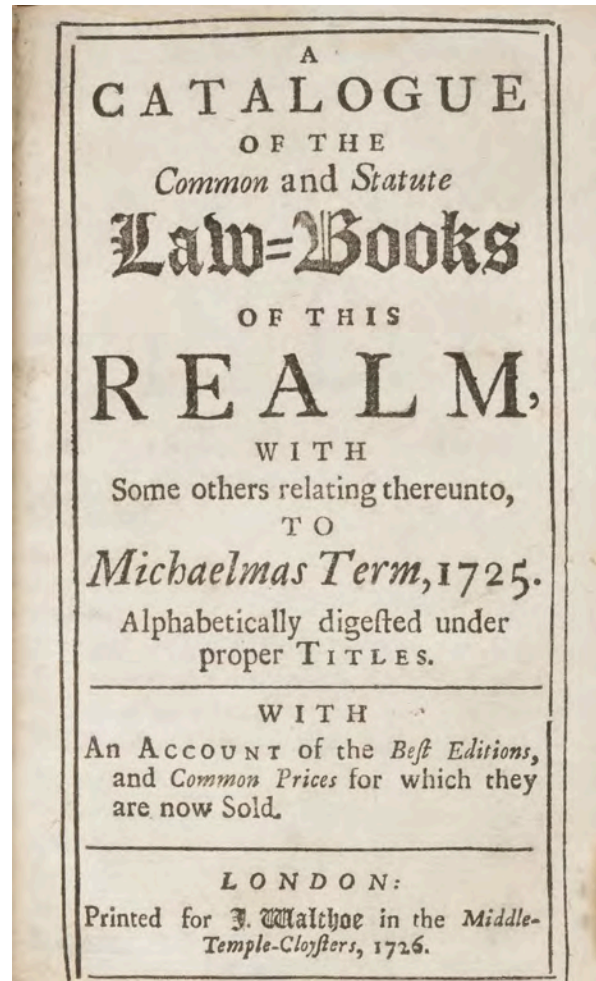
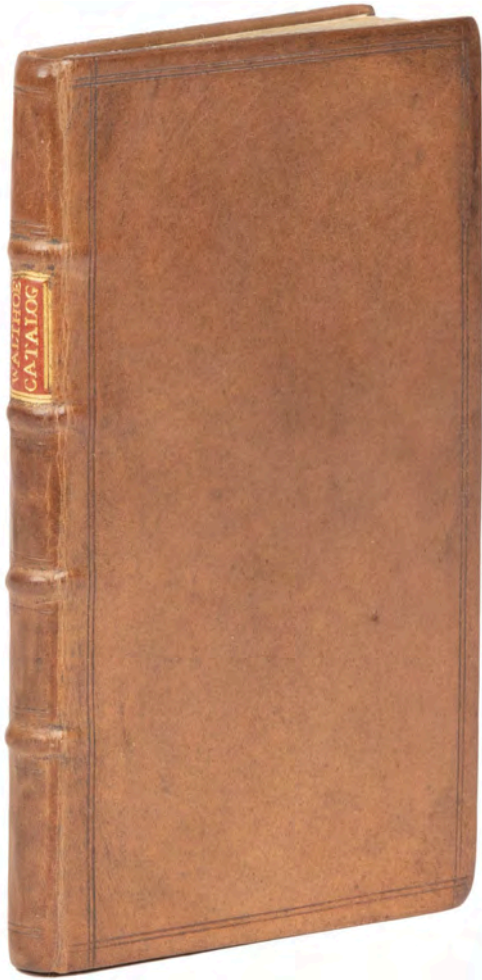
*Practica Walliae; Or the Proceedings in the Great Sessions of Wales: Containing the Method and Practice of an Attorney There, From an Original to the Execution. Whereunto is Added, The Old Statute of Wales at Large; And an Abridgement of All the Statutes Uniting Wales to England: With Tables of the Fees, And the Matters Therein Contained.* London: Printed for Henry Twyford, John Streater, And Eliz. Flesher, 1672. [xii], 203, [13] pp. 12mo. (5-1/4" x 3").

Recent calf, blind frames to boards, gilt title and fillets to spine, endpapers renewed. Moderate toning to interior, light foxing to a few leaves, library stamps to title page and a few other leaves, margins trimmed closely with minor loss in places, light soiling and minor edgewear to title page, following leaf and final two leaves. \$850.

\* Only edition. This was the only early legal treatise on Welsh law following the 1536 Act of Union between England and Wales and the establishment of the Court of Great Session in 1543. It includes, in an appendix, an abridgement of all statutes uniting Wales to England. Vaughan, an Anglo-Welsh lawyer and economist, is known today as the author of *A Discourse on Coins and Coinage* (1675), a seminal study of currency.

This is a scarce title. OCLC locates 1 copy in a North American law library (Harvard). The ESTC adds one more (Library of Congress). *English Short-Title Catalogue (ESTC)* R3656.

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### Eighteenth-Century English Law Bookseller's Catalogue

#### 28. Walthoe, John [1657?-1744], Bookseller.

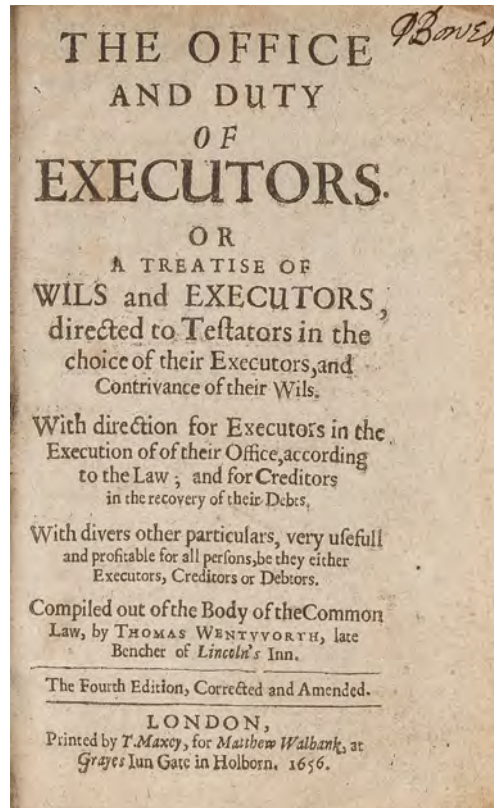
*A Catalogue of the Common and Statute Law-Books of this Realm; And Some Others Relating Thereunto, To Michaelmas Term, 1725. Alphabetically Digested Under Proper Titles. With an Account of the Best Editions, And Common Prices for which They are Now Sold.* London: Printed for J. Walthoe, 1726. [iv], 92 pp. Octavo (5-1/2" x 3-1/4").

Superb recent period-style speckled calf (by Philip Dusel), blind rules to boards, raised bands, blind fillets and lettering piece to spine, blind tooling to board edges, endpapers renewed. Light toning to interior, negligible light foxing to a few leaves, trimming to top and bottom edges just affecting some running heads and catchwords without loss to legibility. A handsome copy. \$1,250.

\* Walthoe was a leading law bookseller in late seventeenth and early eighteenth-century London. Arranged alphabetically by topic and based largely on the pioneering seventeenth-century catalogues of fellow bookseller Thomas Bassett, this catalogue lists books printed for Walthoe and titles he carries in stock or can acquire for clients. It is prefaced by a table of contents. Including the present title, Walthoe published six catalogues between 1714 and 1731.

All are scarce. OCLC and the *ESTC* locate 6 copies of the 1726 edition in law libraries (Columbia, Harvard, University of Michigan, University of Pennsylvania, UCLA, Library of Congress). *English Short-Title Catalogue* T144269.

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**"The Foundation of All Similar Productions of the Kind"**

**29. Wentworth, Thomas [c.1568-1628].**

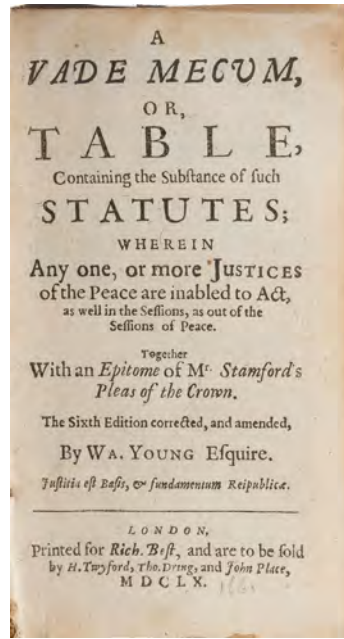
*The Office and Duty of Executors. Or a Treatise of Wills and Executors, Directed to Testators in the Choice of Their Executors, And Contrivance of Their Wills. With Direction for Executors in the Execution of of [sic] Their Office, According to the Law; And for Creditors in the Recovery of their Debts. With Divers Other Particulars, Very Usefull and Profitable for All Persons, Be They Either Executors, Creditors or Debtors. Compiled Out of the Body of the Common Law. Corrected and Amended.* London: Printed by T. Maxey, For Matthew Walbank, 1656. [xxiv], 373, [1] pp. Last page blank. Octavo (5-1/2" x 3-1/2").

Contemporary sheep, blind rules to boards, blind fillets to spine, blind tooling to board edges. Moderate rubbing, a few minor scuffs and stains to boards, corners bumped and worn, pastedowns loose. Moderate toning to interior, faint dampspotting in a few places, light edgewear to preliminaries and rear endleaves, small early owner signature ("P. Bowes," possibly Paul Bowes [d.1702]) to head of title page. \$550.

\* Fourth edition, one of three issues from 1656, all with the same edition statement. First published in 1641, the "authorship of this treatise is ascribed to Mr. Justice Dodderidge, though the work is commonly Known as Wentworth's Executors. It constitutes the foundation of all similar productions of the kind, and has always been regarded as a high authority in these matters" (Marvin). This was a popular and well-received work that went through several editions and issues into the nineteenth century. Our copy may have been owned by Paul Bowes, a lawyer and "enthusiastic antiquary" who amassed a vast personal library later divided between his eldest two sons (ODNB).

OCLC locates 6 copies of the fourth edition in North America, 4 in law libraries (Harvard, Library of Congress, Ohio State, University of Missouri). Marvin, *Legal Bibliography* 724-725. *Oxford Dictionary of National Biography* (ODNB) (accessed online). *English Short-Title Catalogue* R220926.

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#### 30. Yonge, Walter [1581?-1649]. [Stauford, Sir William (1509-1558)].

*A Vade Mecum, Or, Table, Containing the Substance of Such Statutes; Wherein Any One, Or More Justices of the Peace are Inabled to Act, As Well in the Sessions, As Out of the Sessions of Peace. Together with an Epitome of Mr. Stamford's Pleas of the Crown. Corrected, And Amended.* London: Printed for Rich. Best, 1660 [i.e. 1661]. [xxiv], 186, [2] pp. First leaf blank. Two parts with continuous pagination. Second part preceded by title page reading (in part) *A Vade Mecum, And Cornu Copia. An Epitome of Master Stamford's Pleas of the Crown.* 12mo. (5-1/2" x 3").

Contemporary sheep, blind rules to boards, blind fillets to spine, blind tooling to board edges, brass catches to fore-edge of rear board, straps lacking. Light rubbing and a few small stains to boards, chipping to spine ends with large chip to foot of spine, corners bumped and somewhat worn, no pastedowns, binding secured by cords, one of which is broken on rear hinge, armorial bookplate (of Hugh Cecil Lowther) tipped horizontally across inside of front board and first blank leaf, early ownership signature to first blank leaf (of Robert Carleton?, partially obscured by bookplate), early initials "R.C." to rear endleaf, recent bookplate (of William Allen Potter) opposite title page. Light toning to interior, text clean. \$1,250.

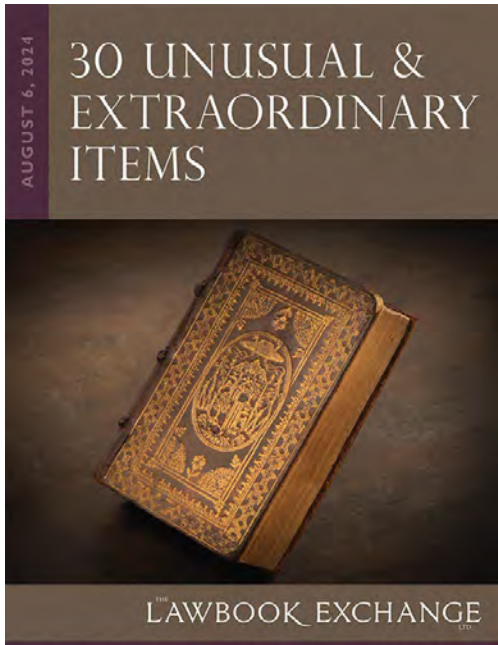
\* Sixth (stated) edition. As suggested by its title, this is a manual for justices of the peace. The first part is arranged in tabular form. Each entry lists an offense, conditions for an action, the number of justices required to hear the case, the appropriate punishment and references to authorities. The second part is a condensed version of Staunford's *Pleas del Coron* (1st. ed. 1557), a standard treatise on criminal law in the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries. Published as the sixth edition, it is actually the third. The first, second and fourth were published in 1643, 1650 and 1663. Sweet & Maxwell list a 1620 edition titled *Justices, Their Vade Mecum and Cornucopia*, but it appears to be a ghost.

Hugh Cecil Lowther [1857-1944], 5th Earl of Lonsdale, was a soldier, traveler and passionate sportsman. Lieutenant-Colonel William Allen Potter [1888-1953] was High Sheriff of Nottinghamshire and an important collector of manuals, almanacs and guidebooks.

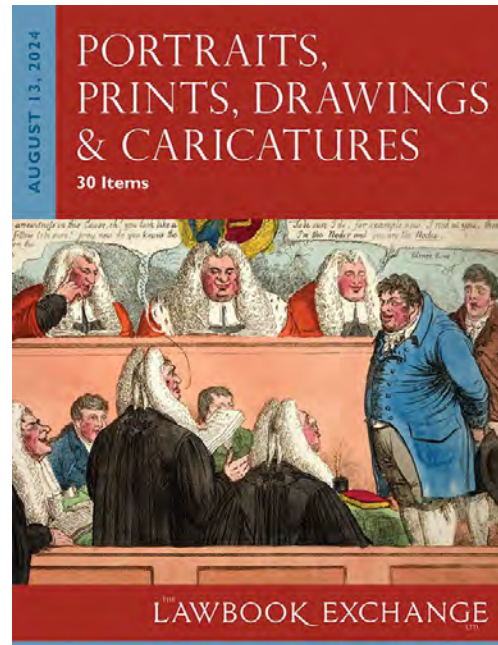
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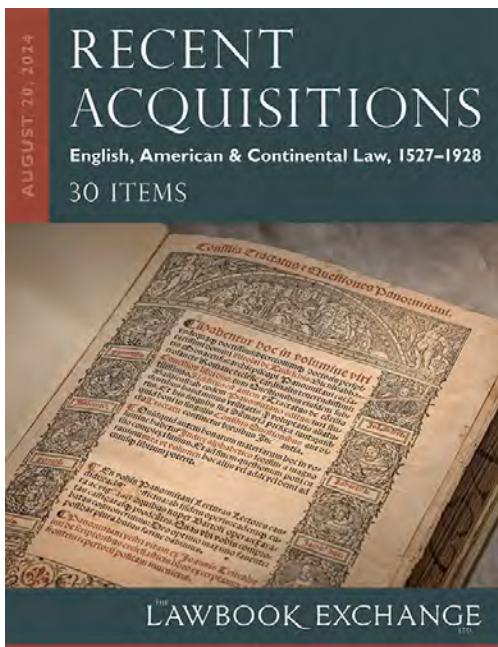
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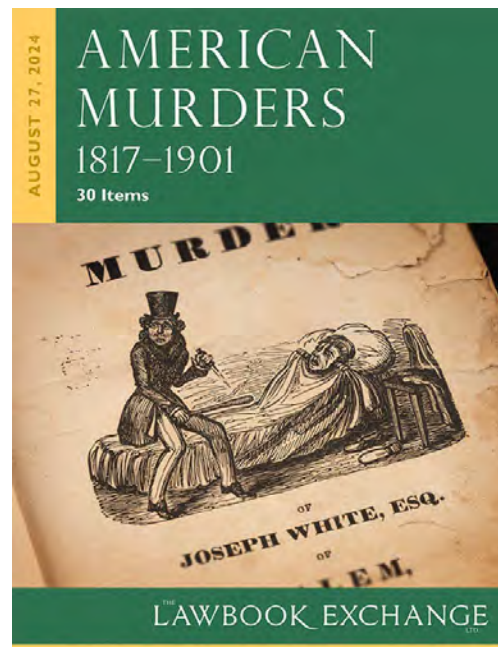
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