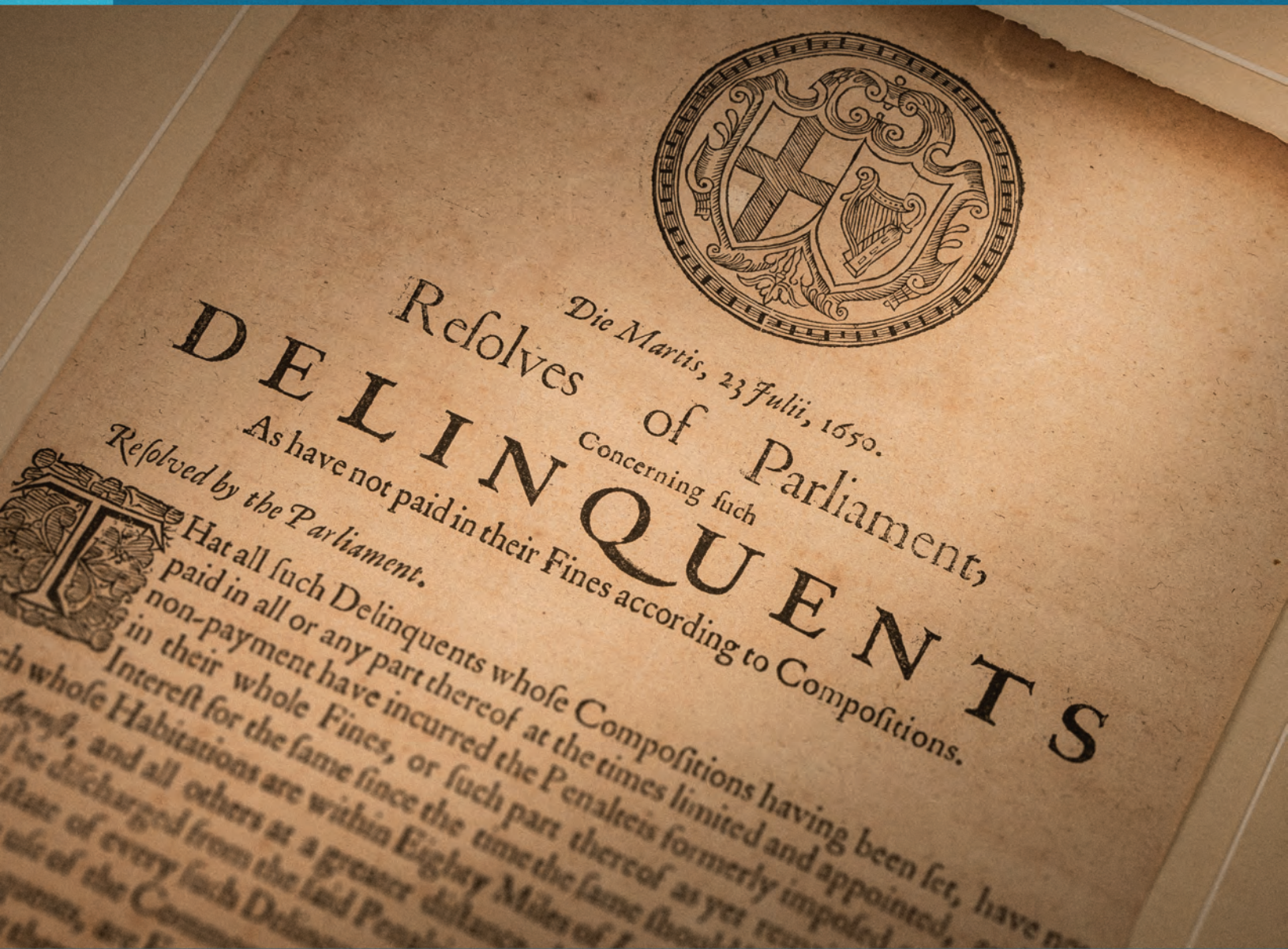


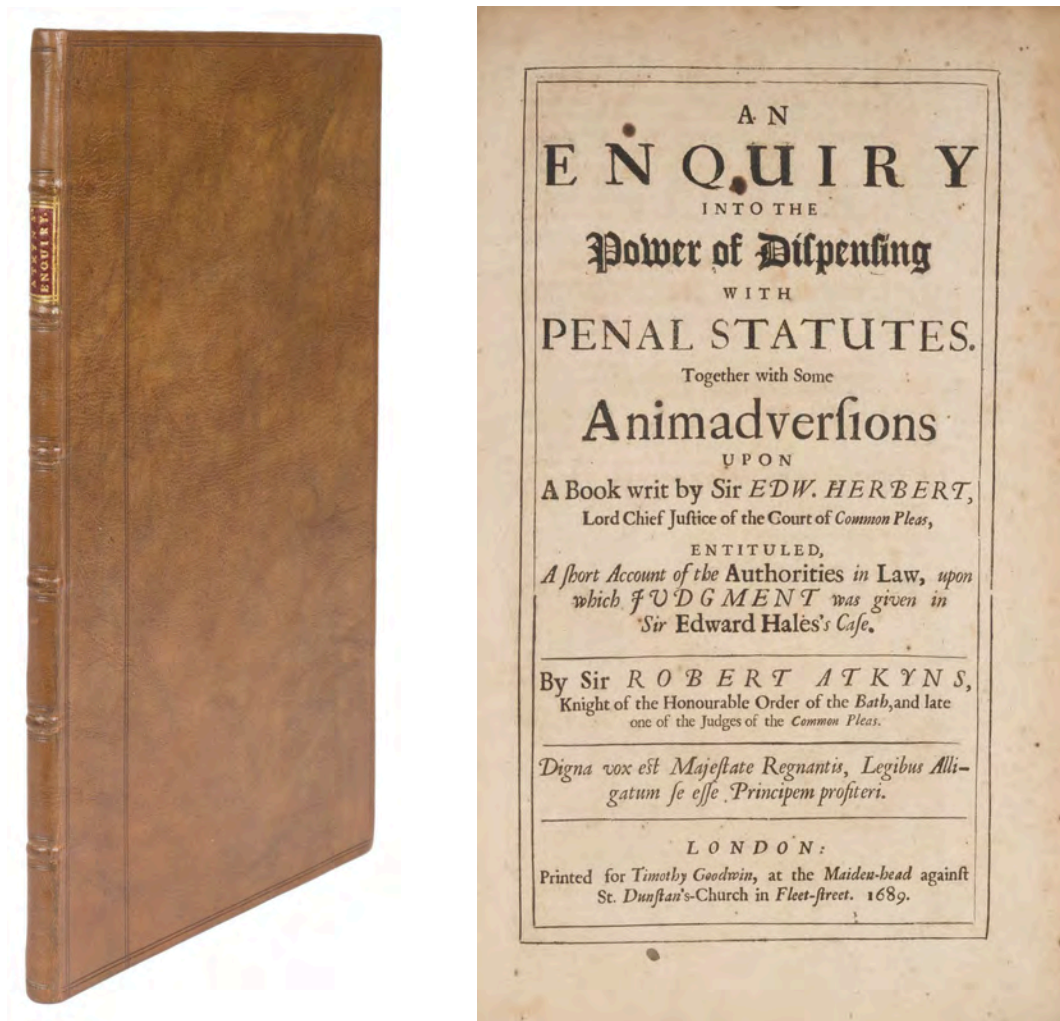
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A Work Central to the Political Theory of the Glorious Revolution

1. Atkyns, Sir Robert [1621-1710].

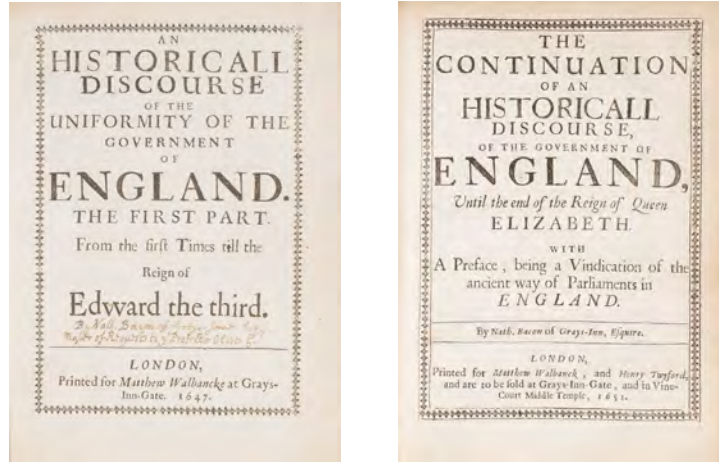
An Enquiry into the Power of Dispensing with Penal Statutes. Together with Some Animadversions upon A Book Writ by Sir Edw. Herbert, Lord Chief Justice of the Court of Common Pleas, Entituled, A Short Account of the Authorities in Law Upon Which Judgment Was Given in Sir Edward Hales's Case. London: Printed for Timothy Goodwin, 1689. [ii], 58 pp. Lacking initial leaf, a printer advertisement, and final leaf, a blank. Folio (11-1/4" x 7-1/2").

Superb recent period-style goatskin, blind rules to boards, raised bands, blind fillets and lettering piece to spine. Light browning and occasional light foxing to interior, negligible faint dampstaining to margins, underlining, annotations and tiny spark burns to a few leaves, light soiling to title page and verso of final leaf of text. An appealing copy in a notably handsome binding. \$750.

* First edition. A work central to the political theory of the Glorious Revolution, this essay refutes the Royalist claim that monarchs have the exclusive power to dispense with laws. Instead, it argues, this is a power shared equally with Parliament. A second edition was also published in 1689.

English Short-Title Catalogue R22814.

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The Suppressed Second Edition of a Controversial Work

2. [Bacon, Nathaniel (1593-1660), Attributed].

[Selden, John (1584-1654), Attributed].

An Historicall Discourse of the Uniformity of the Government of England. The First Part. From the First Times Till the Reign of Edward the Third. London: Printed for Matthew Walbancke at Grays-Inn-Gate, 1647 [i.e. 1672]. [xii], 323, [13] pp.

[Bound with]

Bacon, Nathaniel.

[Selden, John].

The Continuation of an Historicall Discourse, Of the Government of England, Until the End of the Reign of Queen Elizabeth. With a Preface, Being a Vindication of the Ancient Way of Parliaments in England. By Nath. Bacon of Grays-Inn, Esquire. London: Printed for Matthew Walbanck, and Henry Twyford, and are to be Sold at Grays-Inn-Gate, and in Vine-Court Middle Temple, 1651 [i.e. 1672]. [xxiv], 307, [9] pp.

Quarto (7-1/2" x 5-3/4"). Contemporary mottled calf, rebacked in later sheep, blind rules to boards, raised bands to spine, hinges mended. A few worm holes to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, rear joint partially cracked, twentieth-century owner bookplate (of John Francis Neylan [1885-1960], designed by W.H. Wilke) to front pastedown. Moderate toning to interior, light edgewear to endleaves, annotation in small early hand to title page of *An Historicall Discourse* attributing authorship to Bacon. \$1,000.

* Second editions. Nathaniel Bacon, the half-brother of Francis Bacon, was a supporter of Cromwell and Parliament, and an outspoken foe of royal prerogative. Originally published in 1647 and 1651, "Bacon's *Historicall Discourse* is a sort of constitutional history of England, showing much knowledge of the development of the institutions, civil and ecclesiastical, and pervaded by a strong spirit of hostility to the claims of the royal prerogative and to hierarchical pretensions. (...) The statement [that the present work was composed by Bacon from the manuscript notes of John Selden] seems to have no better foundation than a vague assertion of Chief Justice Vaughan, one of Selden's executors, that the 'groundwork' of the book was Selden's" (*DNB*).

Since this work opposed claims of royal prerogative, the second edition was printed secretly with false imprint dates. This edition was suppressed, however, and the publishers were prosecuted when they tried to publish it again in 1682. It was finally re-issued without interference in 1689. Its final edition, the fifth, was published in 1760.

Neylan, the former owner of this copy, was a journalist, prominent California lawyer and a member of the University of California Board of Regents. Publisher William Randolph Hearst was among his clients.

Dictionary of National Biography I:836-837. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R209024, R206424.

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A Piece of Restoration-Era Ephemera with an Interesting Publication History

4. [Broadside].

[L'Estrange, Sir Roger (1616-1704)].

[Brome, Joanna (d.1684), Publisher].

The Observator. Numb. 456. Great Pains Taken to Make the Conspiracy a Sham. Phanatical Sobriety. Their Scandalls, And the Intent of 'em. Qualifications of Witnesses. A Strange Fetch of a Gentleman to Give the King a Sum of Money. The Mischiefs of False News and Defamations. [London]: [Printed for Joanna Brome], Saturday, December 15, 1683.

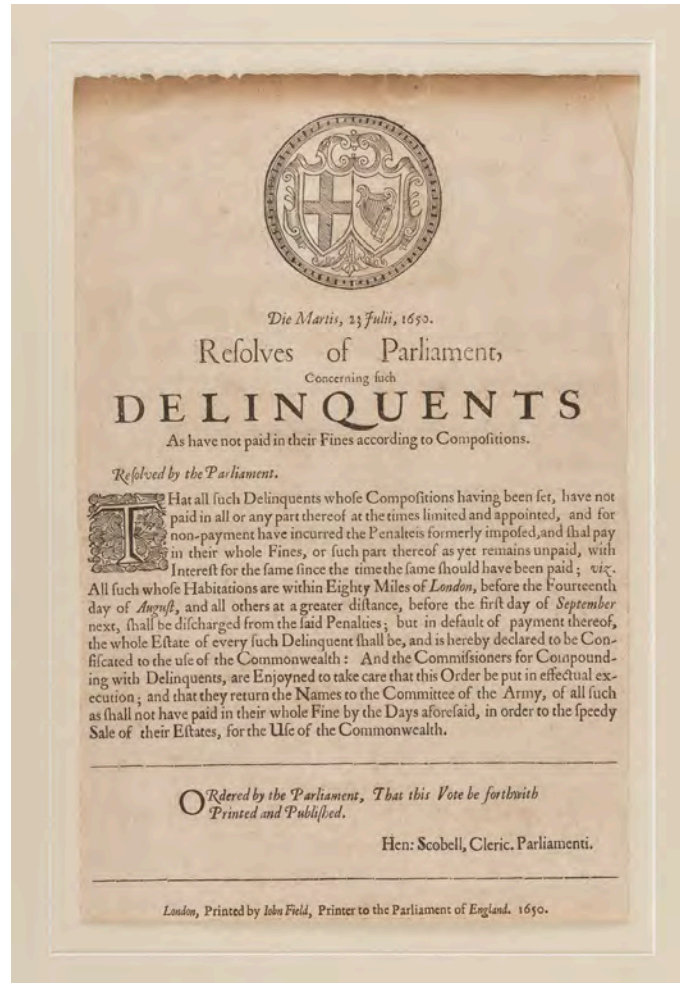
13-1/2" x 9" broadsheet, text to recto and verso in parallel columns below headline. Moderate toning, light soiling, a few holes to left margin, small tear to upper right corner, single horizontal fold line. \$350.

* Written by prominent Royalist Roger L'Estrange, *The Observator* was a newspaper written in the form of a dialogue between a Tory and a Whig, named in later issues, including our example, "Observer" and "Trimmer." Founded during the Restoration, the publication served as a vehicle for his anti-Whig agenda and represented an attempt to court a mass audience, ironic given L'Estrange's years as an enthusiastic public censor. The present issue discusses the aftermath of the Rye House Plot, likely inspired in part by the execution of the Whig Algernon Sidney as a conspirator ten days earlier. The "Observer" maintains that "so much pains has been taken, to Persuade the World, that This *Phanatical Plot* is only a *Trick of State*" like the debunked Meal-Tub Plot. The Rye House Plot was ultimately more substantive than many other "conspiracies" of this period; like the others, however, it became a vehicle for the prosecution of Charles and James's political enemies and the trials of conspirators were largely shams.

The Observator was published by notable printers Henry and Joanna Brome, with the latter taking over the business after her husband's death in 1681. Despite prosecution in 1681 and 1683 for her work with L'Estrange and rumors of an affair between the two, she continued to publish, uninterrupted, until her death.

English Short-Title Catalogue P1873 (all issues).

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Royalist Estates "Confiscated to the Use of the Commonwealth"

5. [Broadside]. [Parliament].

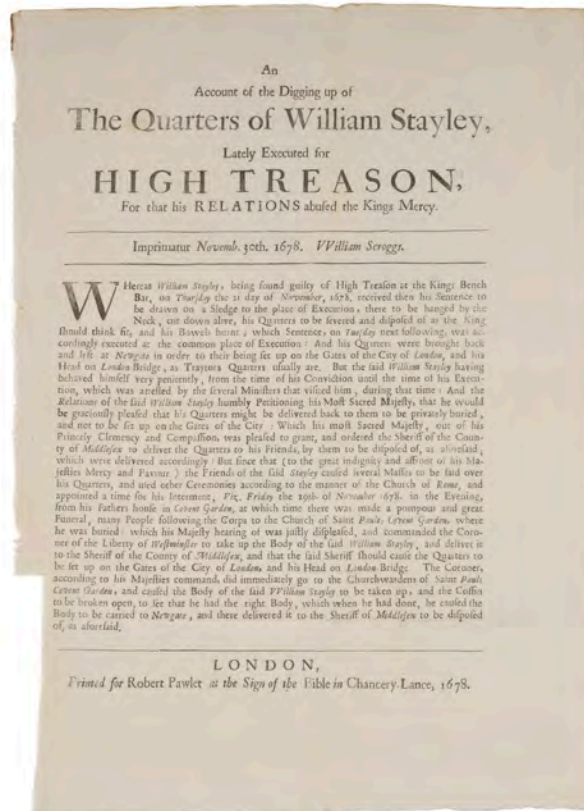
Die Martii, 23 Julii, 1650. Resolves of Parliament, Concerning Such Delinquents as Have Not Paid in their Fines According to Compositions. London: Printed by John Field, Printer to the Parliament of England, 1650.

13-1/4" x 8-3/4" broadside mounted and matted on 20" x 14-1/2" board, text in single column below headline and woodcut Parliamentary arms with a four-line woodcut initial, signed in type by Henry Scobell. Moderate toning, light soiling in places, light browning and wear to top-edge not affecting text or image, fold line to upper right corner. \$1,500.

* Near the beginning of the first English Civil War, Parliament established two committees to confiscate the estates of Royalists and process the fines owed by "delinquents" who could regain their land with a monetary fee and a promise of future loyalty to the Parliamentary cause. The fines were then used to fund the Parliamentary army. This order threatens total confiscation of land within eighty miles of London if the delinquents did not pay. Our broadside is one of three similar variants with the same date; the present variant lists John Field as the sole printer.

OCLC, Library Hub and the ESTC locate 3 copies of this variant worldwide (British Library, Trinity College Dublin, Yale University). *English Short-Title Catalogue (ESTC)* R225774.

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The Last Decapitated Head Displayed on London Bridge

6. [Broadside].

Stayley, William.

An Account of the Digging Up of the Quarters of William Stayley, Lately Executed for High Treason, For That His Relations Abused the Kings Mercy. Imprimatur Novemb. 30th. 1678. William Scroggs. London: Printed for Robert Pawlet at the Sign of the Bible in Chancery-Lance [sic], near Fleet-street, 1678.

11-1/2" x 16" broadside. Light toning, faint vertical and horizontal fold lines, 4-1/2" section excised from foot of left margin, old tear professionally repaired with no loss of printed surface. Rare in commerce. A well-preserved copy. \$850.

* William Stayley (or Stayley) was one of the victims of the Popish Plot, one of the cruellest hoaxes in British history and the inspiration for a wave of anti-Catholic violence. It was the invention of Titus Oates, an Anglican clergyman, and his friend, Dr. Israel Tonge, a cleric and passionate anti-Catholic. They pretended to have discovered a Jesuit plot to assassinate the King, massacre Protestants, and set James, Duke of York, the King's Catholic brother, on the throne. Convicted as a conspirator, Stayley was executed and quartered in 1678. "Instead of his quarters being set upon the city gates the king allowed them to be delivered to his relatives. Mass was said over his remains and a 'grand' funeral was arranged from his father's house on 29 November, before his burial in St Paul's, Covent Garden. This incensed the government so much that the coroner ordered the body to be dug up and delivered to the sheriff to be set upon the city gates" (ODNB). William Stayley's head has a small place in London's history; it was the last to be displayed on London Bridge.

Oxford Dictionary of National Biography (accessed online). *English Short-Title Catalogue* R211806.

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The Life and Martyrdom of Charles I

7. Charles I [1600-1649], King of England.

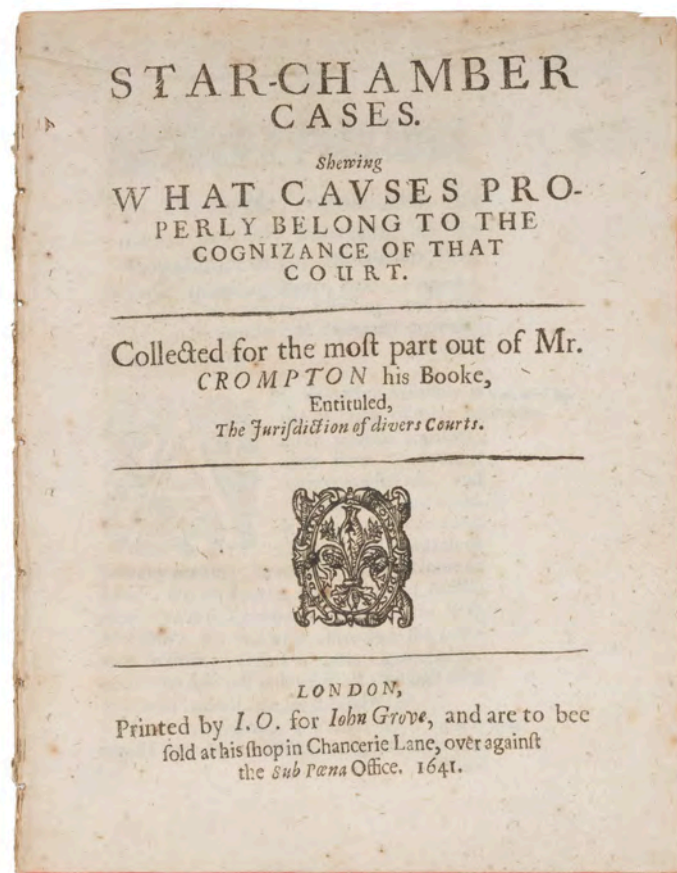
Basilika. The Works of King Charles the Martyr: With a Collection of Declarations, Treaties and Other Papers Concerning the Differences Betwixt His Said Majesty and His Two Houses of Parliament. With the History of His Life; As Also of His Tryal and Martyrdome. London: Printed for Ric. Chiswell, 1687. [viii], 720, [4] pp. With an armorial frontispiece, engraved title page and two folding plates. Folio (15-1/4" x 9-1/2").

Later paneled calf with corner fleurons and gilt fillets to boards, gilt-edged raised bands and lettering piece to spine, gilt ornaments to compartments, gilt tooling to board edges, edges rouged, marbled endpapers, blind inside dentelles. Moderate rubbing and a few small scuffs and stains to boards, which are detached (along with rear free endpaper and final leaf of text), somewhat heavier rubbing to extremities, spine varnished, chipping to spine ends, light wear to board edges and corners, which are bumped, armorial bookplate (likely of Sir Gilbert Greenall [1806-1894], a politician who served as High Sheriff and Deputy Lieutenant of Cheshire) and small shelf label to front) and small shelf label to front pastedown. Page 207 (the execution warrant for Charles I) printed in red and black. Light toning to interior, light foxing and soiling to a few pages, a few (mostly partial) cracks to text block. \$650.

* Second edition. In addition to other letters, treatises and historical accounts published during the English Civil Wars and their aftermath, the core of this work is the *Eikon Basilike*, the spiritual autobiography attributed to Charles I. First published ten days after his execution by Parliament in 1649, the *Eikon* combined religious and political styles of writing to portray Charles as a martyr paying for his political sins with his life. Wildly popular, the work went through many official and unofficial editions. The first edition of the present title appeared in 1662 after the Restoration of Charles II and was the first printing of the *Eikon* with royal approval.

English Short-Title Catalogue R6734.

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An Important Study of the Court of Star Chamber

8. Crompton, [Richard] [fl. 1573-1599].

Star-Chamber Cases. Shewing What Causes Properly Belong to the Cognizance of That Court. Collected for the Most Part Out of Mr. Crompton, His Booke, Entituled The Jurisdiction of Divers Courts. London: Printed by I.O for John Grove, 1641. [ii], 55, [1] pp. Quarto (7-1/4" x 5-3/4").

Disbound, light soiling to title page, heavier soiling to verso of final leaf, which is blank. Moderate toning to text, faint dampspotting in a few places, leaves C2 and C3 (pp. 19-22) detached, faint crease to head of title page. \$950.

* Second and final edition. The Court of Star Chamber was established by the Crown in 1487 to try offences dealing with the safety of the state before a council. Its scope expanded over time to include a wider array of criminal matters and a limited number of civil matters, such as suits between corporations and prize cases. In its final years the court was infamous for its cruel, arbitrary nature and illegal extensions of power. First published in 1630, *Star-Chamber Cases* is derived from Crompton's *L'Authoritie et Jurisdiction des Courts de la Maïestie de la Roygne* (1594), perhaps the best source we have about the court system of his day. The 1641 edition coincided with the abolition of this court by an act of the Long Parliament, which was indignant at the court's treatment of such critics of the government as Bastwick, Burton, Lilburn and Prynne.

English Short-Title Catalogue R31335.

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An Artful Defense of King Charles I

9. Diggs, Dudley [1613-1643].

The Unlawfulness of Subjects Taking up Arms Against Their Sovereigne, In What Case Soever. Together with Answers to All Objections. A Work Very Seasonable for These Times, And May Serve as a Curb to the Treasonable Practices of Jesuits and Other State-Incendiaries. London: Printed for Peter Parker, 1679. [viii], 144, 155-170, 137-168 pp. Pagination irregular. Text complete. Octavo (6-1/2" x 4-1/4").

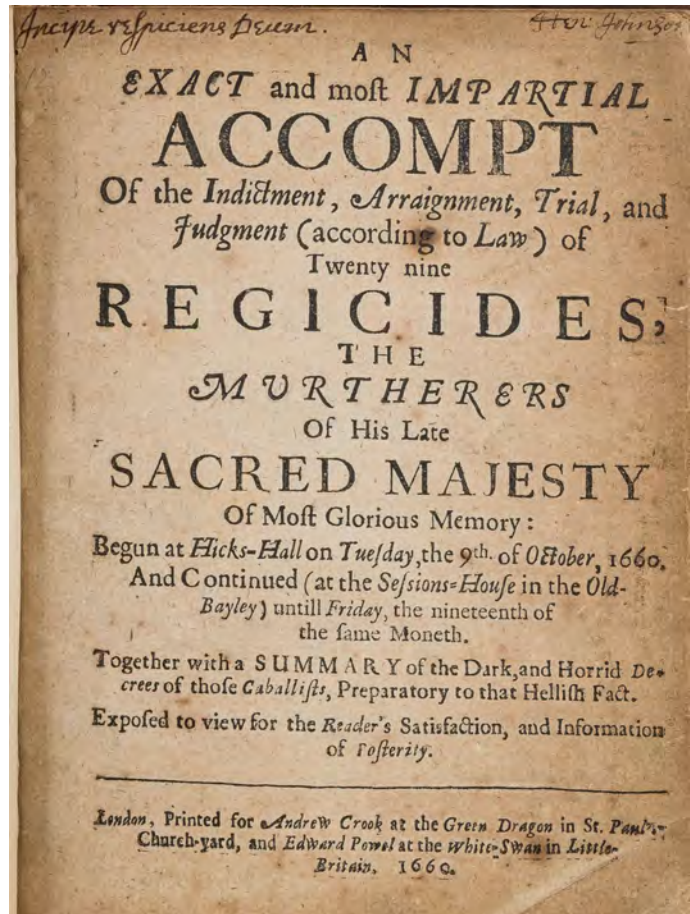
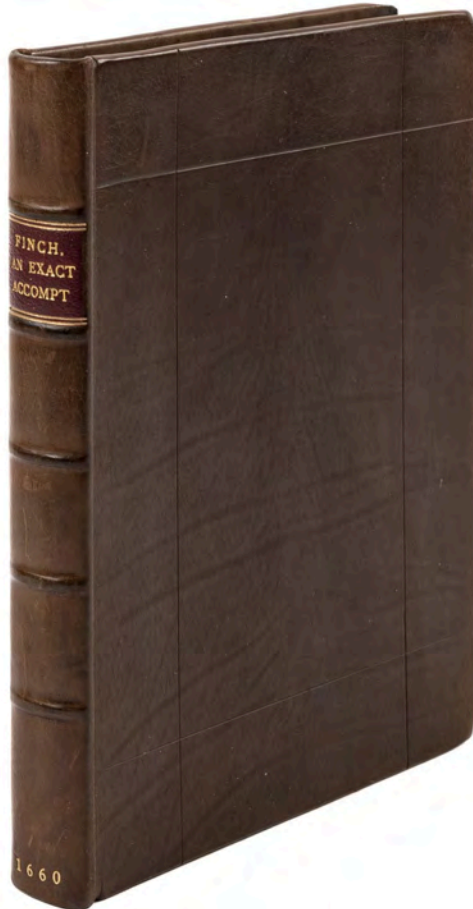
Recent period-style three-quarter calf over marbled boards, gilt-edged raised bands and lettering piece to spine. Moderate toning to text, faint dampstaining to a few leaves. Ex-library. Small inkstamp to title page and one other leaf. A handsome copy. \$950.

* Fifth and final edition. Derived in part from Bracton, Diggs's eloquent defense of the passive obedience of subjects contends that the king is under law as a moral proposition only, which precludes justified rebellion. Taking a Hobbesian view, "Digges argued that people were originally in a condition of complete liberty, but that it was rational for them to covenant to establish a civil sovereign. The renunciation of original rights was irreversible, and to suggest their continuance in civil society was subversive" (ODNB).

The work was originally published in Oxford in 1643/4 as a defense of Charles II. This 1679 reissue was probably a response to the decision of Charles II to dissolve Parliament to prevent its impeachment of Lord Danby, who supervised the investigation into the "Popish Plot." Danby dismissed the plot as a fabrication, which angered Parliament.

Oxford Dictionary of National Biography (accessed online). *English Short-Title Catalogue* R14579.

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The Fate of the Regicides

10. [Finch, Heneage, Earl of Nottingham (1621-1682)].

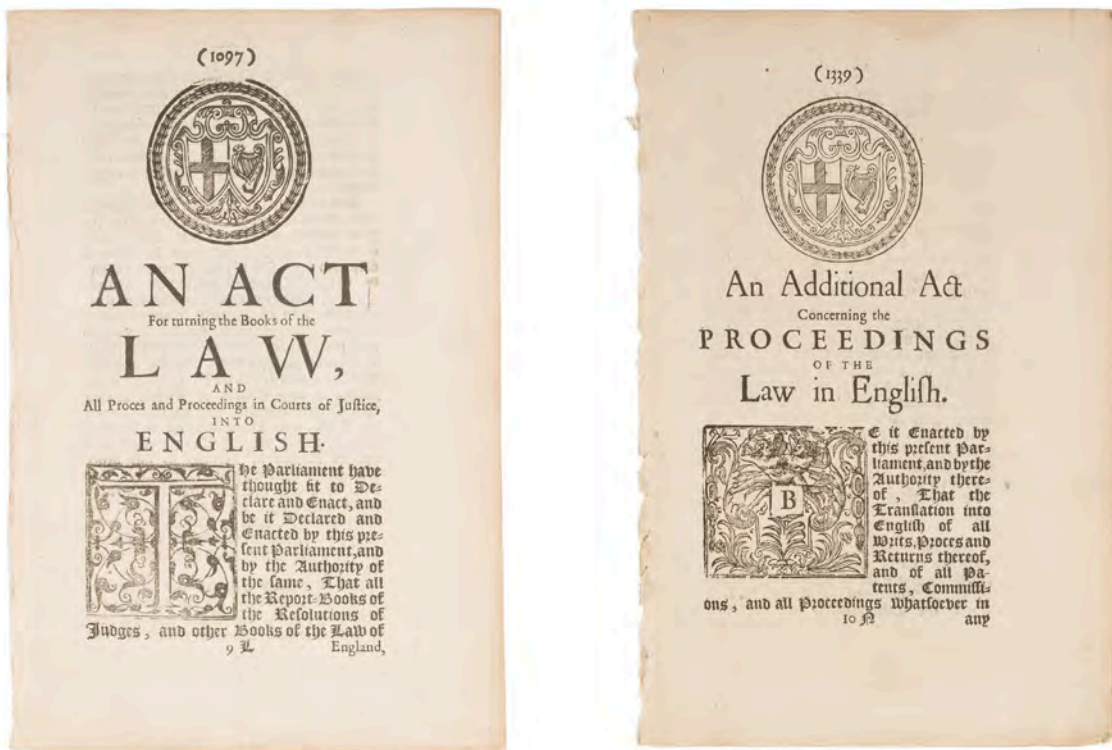
An Exact and Most Impartial Accompt of the Indictment, Arraignment, Trial, and Judgment (According to Law) of Twenty Nine Regicides; The Murtherers of His Late Sacred Majesty of Most Glorius Memory: Begun at Hicks-Hall on Tuesday, The 9th of October, 1660. And Continued (At the Sessions-House in the Old-Bayley) Untill Friday, The Nineteenth of the Same Month. Together with a Summary of the Dark, And Horrid Decrees of Those Caballists, Preparatory to That Hellish Fact. Exposed to View for the Reader's Satisfaction, And Information of Posterity. London: Printed for Andrew Crook at the Green Dragon in St. Paul's-Church-Yard, And Edward Powel at the White-Swan, 1660. [ii], 48 pp., 49-56 ff., 57-287, [1] pp. Quarto (7-1/4" x 5-1/2").

Recent period-style calf, blind rules to boards, raised bands and lettering piece to spine, endpapers renewed. Light browning to text, light foxing to a few leaves, early owner inscription (of Henry Johnson) in tiny hand to head of title page, later owner inscription to front endleaf. \$450.

* First edition, one of four issues from 1660. An extended account of the trial of those who precipitated the execution of King Charles I. Ten were condemned to death and hanged, drawn and quartered. Finch, a distinguished lawyer and Member of Parliament from an eminent family, held several high legal posts. He was Lord Chancellor of England from 1675 to 1682. At the time of this book's publication he was England's solicitor general. A second edition was published in 1679.

English Short-Title Catalogue R202957.

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In English, Please?

11. [Great Britain].

An Act for Turning the Books of the Law, And All Proces and Proceedings in Courts of Justice, Into English. [London: Printed by Edward Husband and John Field, Printers to the Parliament of England, 1650]. 1097-1099, [1] pp.

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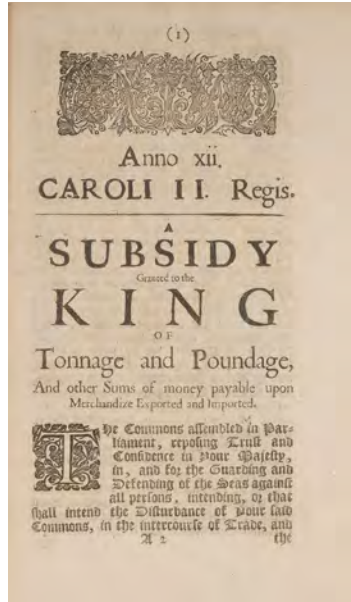
An Additional Act Concerning the Proceedings of the Law in English. [London: Printed by John Field, Printer to the Parliament of England, 1651]. 1339-1341, [1] pp. Page 1340 misnumbered 1339.

Folio (10-3/4" x 7"). Disbound, woodcut Parliamentary arms and large woodcut initials. Moderate toning, negligible light foxing, faint offsetting to last (blank) page of first act, small faint dampstain to top-edge of second act. Housed in modern 13-3/4" x 9-3/4" buckram folder with printed label to spine. \$1,500.

* The sweeping legislation forbidding the use of Law French and Latin in court proceedings and records and mandating translation of existing records. Earlier attempts at reform "had been directed principally at the language of oral pleading. The new law omitted the preambles of the old one, accepted its premises, and ordered a clean sweep--without the former exceptions--of everything but English in all law writings and proceedings" (Mellinkoff). The legal profession did not receive this widely ridiculed guidance with enthusiasm, but grudgingly submitted until the Restoration overturned Commonwealth-era legislation. The issue would not be revisited until the Proceedings in Courts of Justice Act of 1730, which finally mandated the use of English in all English courts except the exchequer. Acts such as these were issued individually over the course of a session and bound afterwards. They were issued with general title pages, which were often discarded as in the examples here.

Mellinkoff, *The Language of the Law* 127. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R209271, R209308.

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Tonnage and Poundage for Life

12. [Great Britain].

[Taxation].

Charles II [1630-1685], King of England.

A Subsidy Granted to the King of Tonnage and Poundage, And Other Sums of Money Payable Upon Merchandize Exported and Imported. London: Printed by John Bill and Christopher Barker, 1660. [ii], 11, [1] pp.

[Bound with]

An Act for Continuing the Excise until the Twentieth of August, 1660. [London: Printed by John Bill and Christopher Barker, 1660.] 13-14 pp.

[And]

An Act for the Present Nominating of Commissioners of Sewers. [London: Printed by John Bill and Christopher Barker, 1660.] 3, [1] pp.

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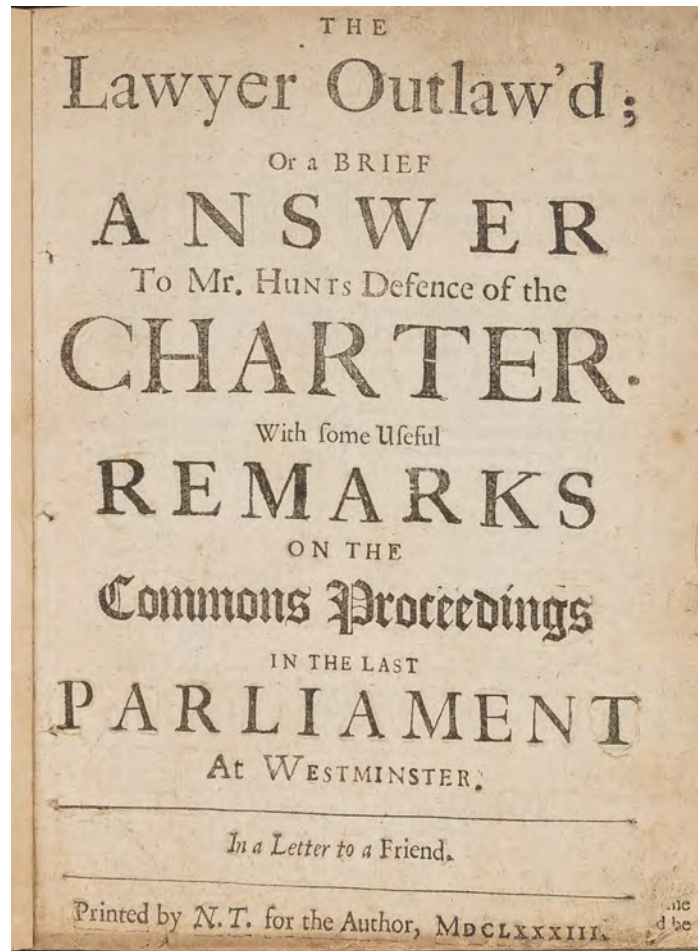
The Rates of Merchandise, That is to Say, The Subsidy of Tonnage, Subsidy of Poundage, And the Subsidy of Woollen Clothes or Old-Draperie, As they are Rated and Agreed on by the Commons House of Parliament.... London: Printed by Edward Husbands, and Thomas Newcomb, 1660. [ii], 58 pp.

Folio (10-1/4" x 6-1/4"). Contemporary mottled calf, gilt frames, corner fleurons and central gilt royal arms of Charles II to boards, recently rebacked with gilt fillets and ornaments to spine, gilt tooling to board edges, endpapers renewed, edges gilt. Light rubbing and a few minor nicks and scratches to boards, moderate rubbing to board edges, corners bumped, retained shelf label ("Inner 02-13") to front pastedown. Moderate toning to interior, occasional light foxing. \$1,500.

* Tonnage and poundage, duties levied on every cask of imported wine and on every pound of exported or imported merchandise and granted to a monarch, was a major constitutional issue in the mid-seventeenth century. These duties were traditionally granted to the king for life; when Parliament refused to do so for Charles I, he levied the taxes anyway. This became a major Parliamentary grievance in the lead-up to the English Civil War, and the voting of tonnage and poundage for life to Charles II and his successors was a significant conciliatory gesture.

English Short-Title Catalogue R231518, R474978, R176460, R208491.

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Can English Liberties Survive a Papist Monarchy?

13. [L'Estrange, Sir Roger (1616-1714)].

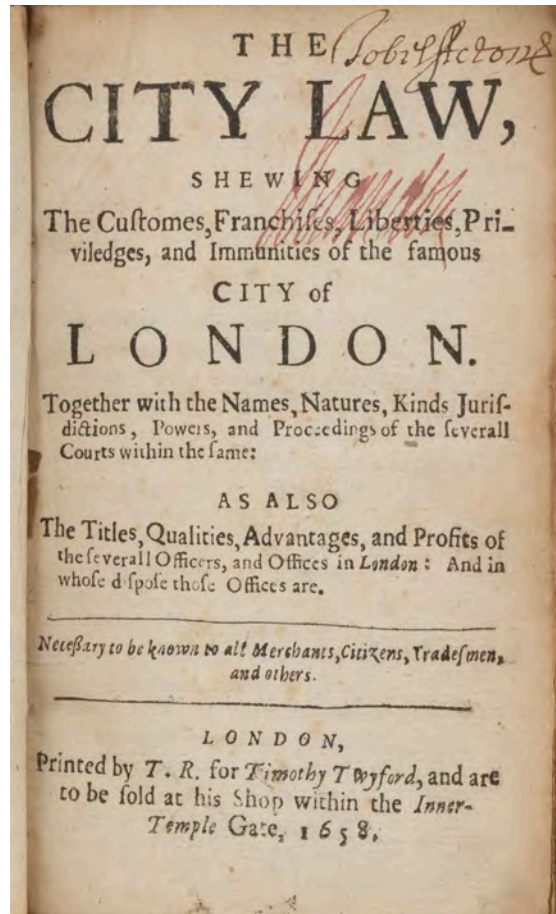
The Lawyer Outlaw'd; Or a Brief Answer to Mr. Hunts Defence of the Charter. With Some Useful Remarks on the Commons Proceedings in the Last Parliament at Westminster. In a Letter to a Friend. [London]: Printed by N[athaniel] T[hompson] for the Author, 1683. [iii], 38 pp. Quarto (7-3/4" x 5-1/2").

Stab-stitched pamphlet in recent quarter pebbled cloth over paper-covered boards. Light soiling, moderate wear to spine ends and corners, rear joint starting at head, hinges partially cracked. Moderate toning, light soiling to title page and verso of final leaf, margins trimmed close in places with minor loss to text, but not legibility, of a few leaves, small hole in lower corner of title with no loss to text. \$500.

* First edition, one of three issues from 1683. L'Estrange's essay was a response to Thomas Hunt's *Defence of the Charter, And Municipal Rights of the City of London* (1683), which claimed that when the Duke of York became king "the governments of all the once corporate towns, whose charters were lost, would be put in the hands of the papists whose ultimate aim was the extirpation of the Protestant religion" (Zook). Our pamphlet is one of two issues by Nathaniel Thompson. The other 1683 edition does not indicate a printer. A second and final edition was published later in 1683.

OCLC locates 2 copies of the first edition in North American law libraries, neither of this issue (Harvard, University of Minnesota). Zook, *Radical Whigs and Conspiratorial Politics in Late Stuart England* 44. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R25476.

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The Customary Law of Protectorate-Era London

14. [London].

The City Law, Shewing the Customes, Franchises, Liberties, Priviledges, And Immunities of the Famous City of London. Together With the Names, Natures, Kinds, Jurisdictions, Powers, And Proceedings of the Severall Courts Within the Same: As Also the Titles, Qualities, Advantages, And Profits of the Severall Officers, And Offices in London: And in Whose Dispose Those Offices Are. Necessary to be Known to All Merchants, Citizens, Tradesmen, And Others. London: Printed by T.R. for Timothy Twyford, 1658. [viii], 127, [1] pp. Octavo (5-1/4" x 3-1/2").

Contemporary sheep, rebacked, blind rules to boards, blind fillets and gilt title and publication date to spine, moderate rubbing and scuffing to boards, heavier rubbing to board edges with wear to corners, hinges cracked, offsetting and light edgewear to endleaves. Moderate toning to interior, brief annotations in early hand to a few leaves and front pastedown, early owner names (Robert Acton, Tobrill Acton, two others that are illegible) to title page and front free endpaper. \$650.

* Only edition. Rich in legal and historical interest, this handbook of London's customary law during the Protectorate (1653-1659) incorporates material from a brief book published at the end of the Civil War, *The City-Law: Or, The Course and Practice in All Manner of Juridicall Proceedings in the Hustings in Guildhall, London* (1647). It offers an interesting perspective on the relationship between London's old customary laws with the reforms introduced by Cromwell's government.

OCLC locates 5 copies in North American law libraries (Columbia, Harvard, SMU, University of Pennsylvania, Yale). *English Short-Title Catalogue* R24831.

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An Eminent Admiralty Lawyer Offers Legal Advice in Hope of Regaining Royal Favor

15. [Manuscript].

Godolphin, John [1617-1678].

[Maitland, John (1616-1682), 1st Duke of Lauderdale].

[Autograph Letter, Signed, To the Earl of Lauderdale, London, Doctors Commons, February 23, 1664]. Single leaf folded to form bifolium (12" x 8") with integral address leaf and red wax seal.

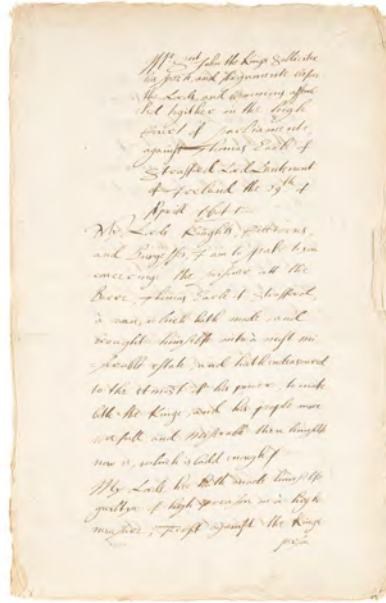
Light toning, very light foxing, some soiling to address panel, small tears along fold lines and under seal. Typed transcript included. \$1,250.

* John Godolphin had been a Parliamentarian from the early stages of his career and served as a judge of the admiralty court in the Commonwealth until the Restoration of Charles II in 1660 cost him the job. John Maitland, Earl, later First Duke, of Lauderdale became a favorite of Charles II after helping the king gain support in Scotland. Godolphin is perhaps best known for his treatise *A View of the Admiral Jurisdiction*, which appeared in 1661 and may have brought him to Maitland's attention.

This fascinating letter reflects both Godolphin's deep knowledge of admiralty law and his precarious political position after the English Civil Wars. Here, he uses the former to restore the latter, begging the influential Maitland to leverage the advice Godolphin has given into a formal "pardon of course" (or pardon *de cursu*). "And," he writes, "not only so, but heerby [I] also Crave Leave to preserv my humble supplication to your Lordshippe that by your Honor's Influence his Matie may be graciously pleased to make a farder & more publick use of his Loyall Subiect." It is unclear from available records whether Godolphin ever received such a pardon, but his legal career continued. Perhaps thanks to this letter, he was reportedly made a king's advocate (ODNB).

Oxford Dictionary of National Biography (ODNB) (accessed online).

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A Unique Copy of St. John's Speech in Favor of Strafford's Attainder

16. [Manuscript].

St. John, Oliver [c.1598-1673].

[Strafford, Thomas Wentworth (1593-1641), 1st Earl of].

Mr. Snt. John the Kings Solliciter His Speech, And Argumente Before the Lords, And Commons Assembled Together in the High Court of Parliamente, Against Thomas Earle of Strafford Lord Lieutenant of Ireland the 29th. Of April. 1641. [London, 1641]. [12] pp. [ONLY].

12-1/4" x 7-3/4" unsewn bifolia, text in single neat scribal hand with catchwords. Moderate toning, light edgewear not affecting text, faint horizontal and vertical fold lines, light creasing at upper left corner, recent page numbers added in pencil. \$950.

* This manuscript records portions of St. John's passionate address in favor of the Parliamentary attainder of Thomas Wentworth, 1st Earl of Strafford. Wentworth was a leading supporter of King Charles I and a major figure in the period preceding the English Civil War. Scapegoated by Parliament for his "treasonous" role in the Second Bishops' War, one of the preliminary stages of the Civil War, he was condemned to death on shaky legal grounds via a bill of attainder in 1641. Feeling it necessary to yield to Parliament, whose case was led by his own solicitor general, Charles signed the death warrant.

A judge and skilled politician, St. John served in both the Short and Long Parliaments. His moderate leanings did not prevent him from delivering a thorough and vicious statement of the case against Wentworth. Our manuscript copy of his speech appears to be incomplete, concluding approximately one-third through the speech and in the middle of a sentence. Nevertheless, it is of great interest for its numerous and significant differences from licensed printed versions. Though it is similar to print copies in organization and themes, much of the phrasing is unique to this manuscript. A fair copy with a few minor corrections, it likely predates the printed editions which appeared the same year. Parliamentary proceedings were secret during this period, and our manuscript may have been made as a clerical copy or disseminated more widely in manuscript form to avoid licensing issues in print.

We located a similar (36 pp.) manuscript at the British Library (Add MS 25275).

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Testimony Given at the Trial of a Rye House Plotter

17. [Manuscript].

[Trial].

[Rye House Plot].

Walcot, Thomas [1625-1683], Defendant.

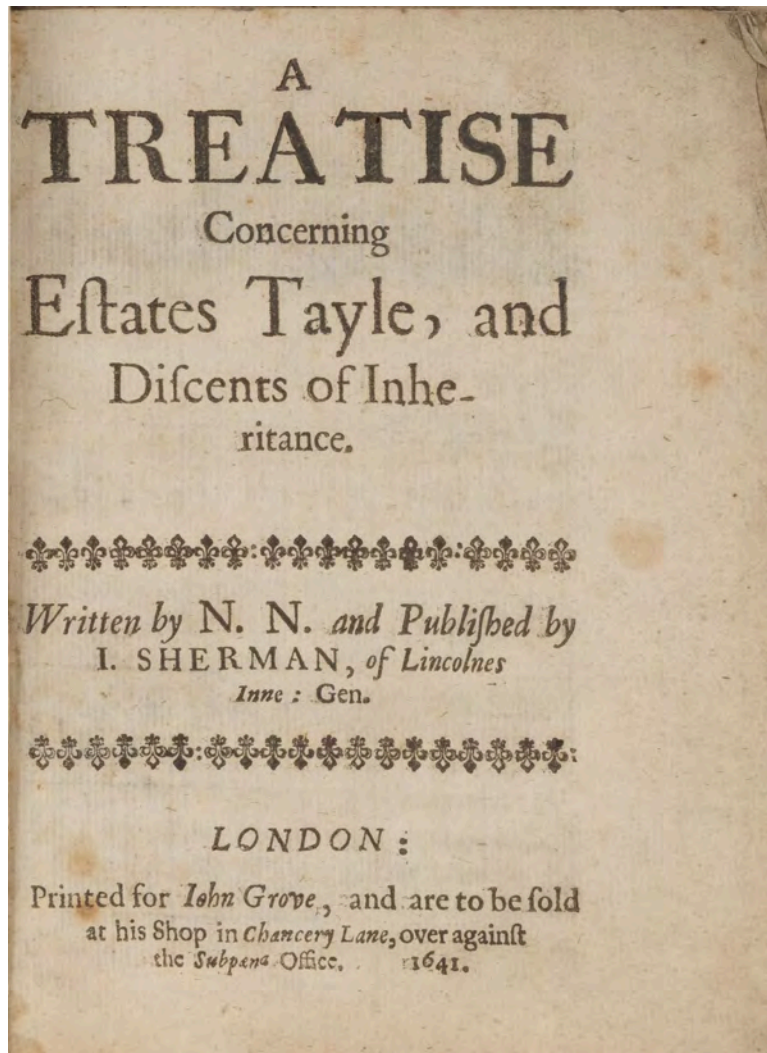
[Indenture of Testimony Given at the Trial of Thomas Walcot]. London, July 27, [1683]. 2 pp.

21" x 16-1/2" sheet with text in single neat hand to recto and verso, top and bottom-edges neatly scalloped. Disbound, light toning, horizontal and vertical fold lines, large clean tear across left side of text, no loss to legibility, portion of upper left margin folded over with minor loss to three words of text, light soiling in a few places, very minor chipping to edges. \$750.

* A fair copy of testimony given at the trial of Lieutenant Colonel Thomas Walcot for treason. Walcot was accused of being a member of the "Rye House Plot," an alleged conspiracy to assassinate Charles II and the Duke of York. He and his fellow defendants, William Hone, Lord Russell, John Rous and William Blagg, were found guilty and summarily hanged and drawn and quartered.

Our manuscript gathers testimony from the four principal witnesses in Walcot's trial: Colonel Rumsey, Mr. Keeling, Zachary Bourne and Mr. West. In some places, it copies the questions asked of the witnesses during cross examination, but omits them in others. The testimony of Rumsey and Bourne ends with page numbers corresponding to the official printing of the trial. It is unclear why the document is styled like an indenture. It may be a satirical point, or a pre-clipped piece of paper may have been the only available material for copying.

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Scarce 1641 Tract Calling for the Reform of Laws Concerning Inheritance and Succession

18. N.N.

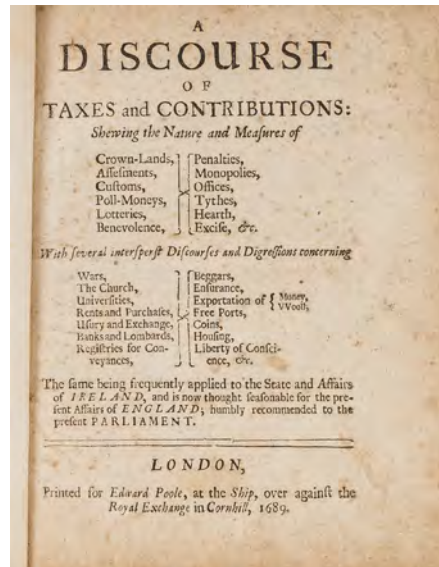
A Treatise Concerning Estates Tayle, And Discents of Inheritance. Written by N.N. And Published by I. Sherman, of Lincolnes Inne: Gen. London: Printed for Iohn Grove, 1641. [ii], 42, [i.e. 43], [1] pp. Lacking first leaf, a blank. Quarto (6-1/2" x 5-1/2").

Stab-stitched pamphlet with untrimmed edges bound into plain later plain wrappers. Light soiling, a few minor stains, moderate edgewear, tiny spark burn to rear wrapper, small tear to front wrapper near foot of spine. Moderate toning to text, light foxing to a few leaves, light soiling to title page. \$1,500.

* Only edition. The Civil War inspired several proposals to liberalize and modernize areas of the common law. A fine example of this literature, N.N.'s tract disputes the validity of primogeniture and other "ancient" aspects of inheritance and succession. A contentious piece, it offers a clever argument grounded in classic common-law sources and scripture.

OCLC locates 18 copies, 7 in North American law libraries (Harvard, Library of Congress, UC-Berkeley, University of Michigan, University of Virginia, University of Washington, York University-Osgoode Hall). *English Short-Title Catalogue* R32142.

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"One of the Handful of First-Rate Economic Treatises and a Classic on Its Subject"

19. [Petty, Sir William (1623-1687)].

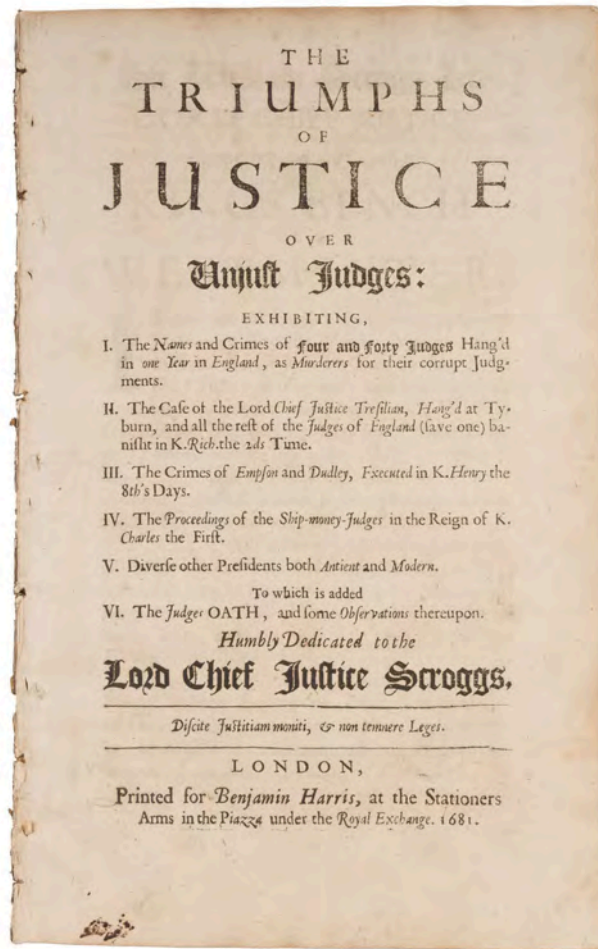
A Discourse of Taxes and Contributions: Shewing the Nature and Measures of Crown-Lands, Assessments, Customs, Poll-Moneys, Lotteries, Benevolence, Penalties, Monopolies, Offices, Tythes, Hearth, Excise, &c. With Several Intersperst Discourses and Digressions Concerning Wars, The Church, Universities, Rents and Purchases, Usury and Exchange, Banks and Lombards, Registries for Conveyances, Beggars, Ensurance, Exportation of Money, Wool, Free Ports, Coins, Housing, Liberty of Conscience, &c. The Same Being Frequently Applied to the State and Affairs of Ireland, And is Now Thought Seasonable for the Present Affairs of England; Humbly Recommended to the Present Parliament. London: Printed for Edward Poole, 1689. [x], 72 pp. Lacking half-title and two initial blank leaves. Quarto (7-3/4" x 6").

Stab-stitched pamphlet bound into later cloth, gilt title to spine, endleaves renewed. Light rubbing, a few minor stains, spine ends and corners bumped. Very light browning and light foxing to text, early repairs to margins of a few leaves. \$2,750.

* Sixth and final edition. Petty, an economist, scientist and philosopher, is considered the father of laissez-faire economic policy and an important theorist of the division of labor. Originally published in 1662, *A Discourse of Taxes and Contributions* addresses the theoretical foundations of value and wages, profit or surplus, interest, the value of land, and foreign exchange. "Written in the midst of urgent practical tasks, the *Treatise* was plainly occasioned by another question of great immediate importance - the reorganisation of the Revenue by the Restoration Parliament. However, in contrast to the many economic treatises written in defence of concrete interests, while professing to be unbiased theoretical pronouncements, Petty's work is even more remarkable for its theoretical digressions than for its acute and important analysis of its immediate subject. So far from making any claim to scientific detachment, it contains a devastating attack on his bêtes noires, the parasites on the body politic, primarily the clergy and the lawyers, but its greatest achievement is his searching treatment of the main problems of scientific economics. The book is brimful of brilliant ideas, although it inevitably suffers from the defects of its qualities - lack of system, prejudice and sometimes inconsistency. These blemishes cannot shake its position as one of the handful of first-rate economic treatises and a classic on its subject" (Strauss).

All editions of this work are scarce. OCLC locates 16 copies of the sixth edition, 9 in North America, none in law libraries. Strauss, *Sir William Petty: Portrait of a Genius* 176. *Goldsmiths'-Kress Library of Economic Literature* 2749. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R20953.

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"Unjust Judges"

20. [Philo-Dicaio].

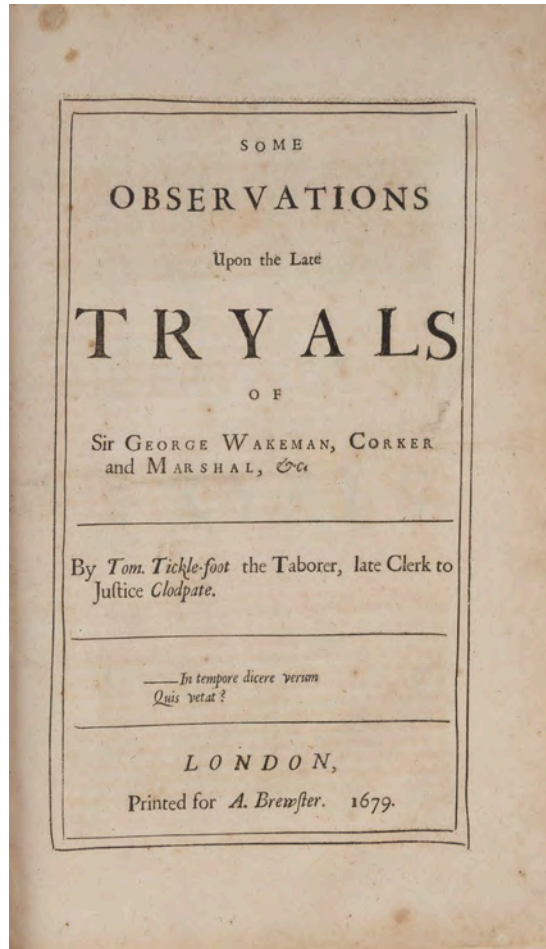
The Triumphs of Justice Over Unjust Judges: Exhibiting, I. The Names and Crimes of Four and Forty Judges, Hang'd in One Year in England, As Murderers for Their Corrupt Judgments. II. The Case of Lord Chief Justice Tresilian, Hang'd at Tyburn, And All the Rest of the Judges of England (Save One) Banished in K. Rich. The 2ds Time. III. The Crimes of Empson and Dudley, Executed in K. Henry the 8th's Days. IV. The Proceedings of the Ship-Money-Judges, In the Reign of K. Charles the First. V. Diverse Other Presidents, Both Ancient and Modern. To Which is Added, VI. The Judges Oath, And Some Observations Thereupon. Humbly Dedicated to the Lord Chief Justice Scroggs. London: Printed for Benjamin Harris, 1681. [iv], 36 pp. Octavo (12" x 7-3/4").

Disbound stab-stitched pamphlet. Light soiling to exterior, light wear to spine ends and corners, moderate toning to interior, light foxing and light browning to a few leaves. \$950.

* First edition. This essay on judicial error and judicial corruption reflects the tensions between King Charles II and his subjects near the end of his reign. It details the fates of Royalist judges during the reign of Charles I and earlier times. Later editions were published in 1732 and 1735.

OCLC locates 7 copies of the first edition in North American law libraries (Duke, Georgetown, Harvard, Library of Congress, University of Cincinnati, UT-Austin, York). *English Short-Title Catalogue* R3571.

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Perceptive Satirical Commentary on the Popish Plot of 1678

21. [Popish Plot].

[Smith, Francis (fl. 1657-1689)].

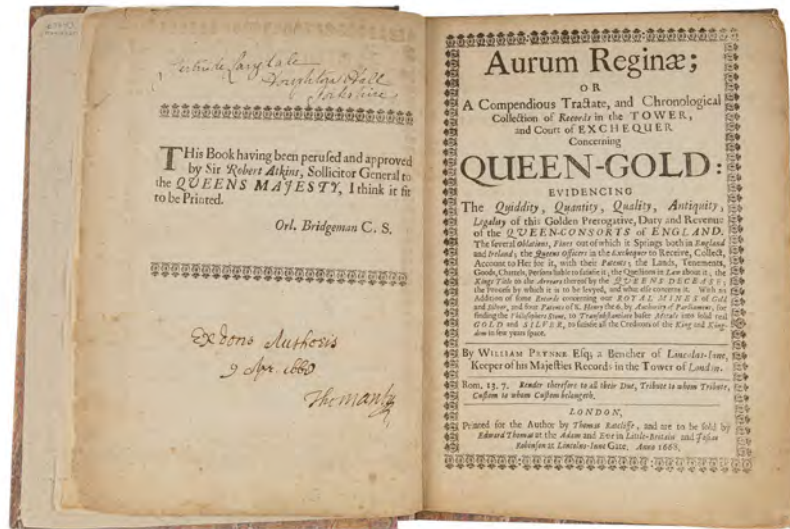
Some Observations Upon the Late Tryals of Sir George Wakeman, Corker and Marshall, &c. By Tom Tickle-Foot the Taborer, Late Clerk to Justice Clodpate. London: Printed for A. Brewster, 1679. 8, 7-9, [1] pp. Pagination irregular, text complete. Folio (11-3/4" x 7-3/4").

Stab-stitched pamphlet in recent plain wrappers. Light soiling to exterior, tiny stain to front wrapper, moderate toning and occasional faint spotting to interior, light soiling to title page. \$300.

* Only edition. Supposedly written by a clerk to "Justice Clodpate," this satirical and sensational account of the Popish Plot of 1678 is also a remarkably perceptive and interesting contemporary analysis. One of the cruelest hoaxes in British history and the inspiration for a wave of anti-Catholic violence, the Popish Plot was the invention of Titus Oates, an Anglican clergyman, and his friend, Dr. Israel Tonge, a cleric and passionate anti-Catholic. They pretended to have discovered a Jesuit plot to assassinate the King, massacre Protestants and set James, Duke of York, the King's Catholic brother, on the throne. After the hoax was discovered in 1685, Oates was convicted of perjury, severely flogged and imprisoned. Under William III he was released and pensioned.

English Short-Title Catalogue R12969.

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Prynne on the Monarch’s Right to Raise Revenue

22. Prynne, William [1600-1669].

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

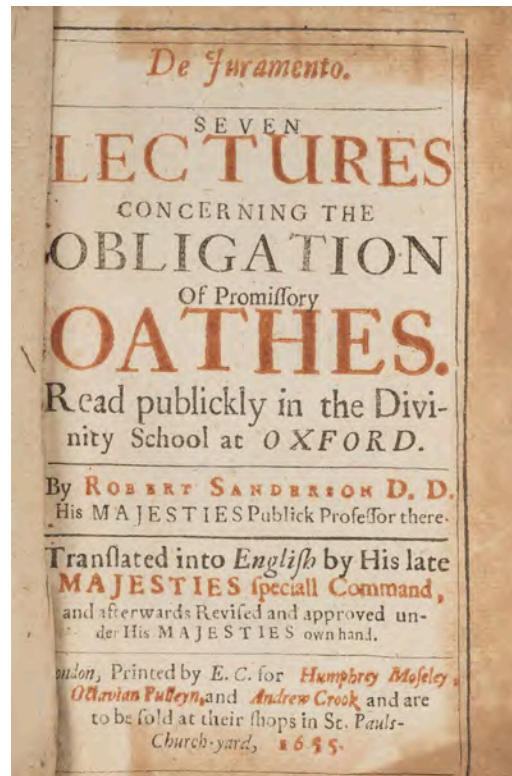
Recent marbled boards, calf lettering piece to spine, endpapers added, original endpapers retained. Title printed within typographical border. Moderate toning to text, some edgewear to preliminaries and final leaves of text, wormhole to fore-edges of final 18 leaves, early owner signature of Thomas Manby,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

* Only edition. Broadly a defense of the King's right to impose taxation on his subjects, these essays are a historical review and defense of the *aurum reginae*, or queen-gold, a revenue raised by the king to support the queen and her retainers. Prynne was a contentious and erudite Puritan attorney and legal antiquarian who wrote several books and pamphlets about legal history, religion and politics. He had an unrivalled ability to antagonize others. His personality and choice of targets eventually led to his disbarment, imprisonment, and mutilation (loss of ears) by the Court of Star Chamber. After the Restoration Prynne was appointed Royal Archivist in the Tower of London.

The owner who received this copy from Prynne was probably the Thomas Manby who was the lawyer and legal author who edited later editions of Pulton's *Collection of all the Statutes Now in Use*. Prynne and Manby were fellow barristers of Lincoln's Inn.

English Short-Title Catalogue R4976.

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A Notable Essay on Oaths

23. Sanderson, Robert [1587-1663].

De Juramento. Seven Lectures Concerning the Obligation of Promissory Oathes. Read Publickly in the Divinity School at Oxford. By Robert Sanderson D.D. His Majesties Publick Professor There. Translated into English by His Late Majesties Speciall Command, And Afterwards Revised and Approved Under His Majesties Own Hand. London: Printed by E.C. for Humphrey Moseley, Octavian Pulleyn, and Andrew Crook, 1655. [viii], 64, 63-272, [14] pp. Octavo (5-1/2" x 3-1/2").

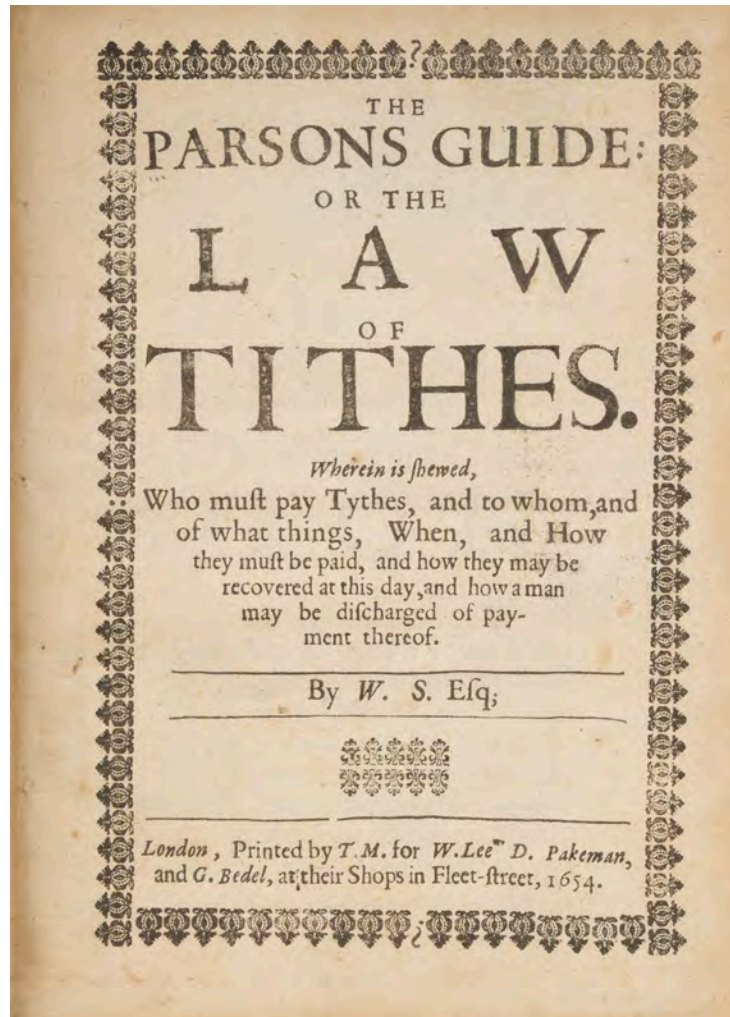
Contemporary sheep, blind rules to boards, blind fillets and later lettering piece to spine. Rubbing to extremities with wear corners, chipping to head of spine, boards beginning to separate, but secure, front pastedown and most of free endpaper neatly removed, a few tears to following endleaf. Title page printed in red and black within ruled border. Early owner inscription to verso of front board (Tittenhanger Library), light toning to text, offsetting to margins of title page. \$450.

* First edition in English. Bishop of Lincoln, Chaplain to Charles I, Regius Professor of Divinity at Oxford University and subject of a biography by Izaak Walton, Sanderson was one of the most eminent Englishmen of the seventeenth century. His opinions are also discussed in Walton's *The Compleat Angler*. *De Juramento* is a conservative review of the "nature and teaching" of oaths to royal and government officials according to Scripture. It was first published in 1647 as *De Juramenti Promissorii*. King Charles I held this work in high regard and he may have been the author of the English translation. This work was suppressed during the Commonwealth and returned to print during the Restoration. Its final edition was published in 1722.

The Tittenhanger Library, situated in Hertfordshire, is commonly called Tyttenhanger House or Tittenhanger House. It was the family seat of several generations of the Blount family, a number of whom attained political prominence in the seventeenth century

English Short-Title Catalogue R30543.

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Paying Tithes to Cromwell

24. [Sheppard, William (d.1675?)].

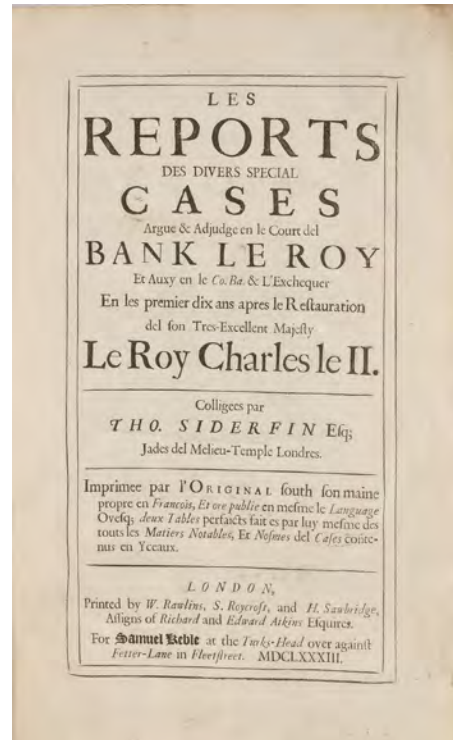
The Parsons Guide: Or the Law of Tithes: Wherein is Shewed, Who Must Pay Tithes, And to Whom, And of What Things, When, And How They Must be Paid, And How they May be Recovered at this Day, And How a Man May be Discharged of Payment Thereof. By W.S. Esq; London: Printed by T.M. for W. Lee, D. Pakeman, And G. Bedell, At Their Shops in Fleet-street, 1654. [vi], 31, [1] pp. Lacking first leaf, a blank. Quarto (7-1/4" x 5-1/2").

Stab-stitched pamphlet bound into recent half cloth over marbled boards, untrimmed edges. Moderate toning to interior, light soiling and a few tiny spots to title page. \$500.

* First edition, one of four issues from 1654. A pamphlet supporting Cromwell's financial demands for the clergy. Active in the Protectorate, where he was Cromwell's legal advisor, Sheppard aimed to reform English law. Ahead of his time in many ways, many of his proposals anticipate changes that were adopted in the nineteenth century. *The Parsons Guide* supported Cromwell's reforms of tithing laws, which were drafted by Sheppard. Two other editions were published in 1670 and 1671.

All editions and issues are scarce. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R203561.

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**First Edition of "A Reporter of Much Authority"
With Cases from the Commonwealth and Restoration Periods**

25. Siderfin, Thomas [1657-1670].

Les Reports des Divers Special Cases Argue & Adjudge en le Court del Bank le Roy, Et Auxy en le Co. Ba. & L'Exchequer en les Premier Dix ans Apres le Restauration Del son Tres-Excellent Majesty Le Roy Charles le II. Colligees par Tho. Siderfin Esq; Jades del Melieu-Temple Londres. Imprimee par L'Original South son Maine Propre en Francois, Et Ore Publie en Mesme le Language Ovesq; Deux Tables Perfaicts Fait es par Luy Mesme des Touts les Matiers Notables, Et Nosmes del Cases Contenus en Yceaux.. W. Rawlins, S. Roycroft, and H. Sawbridge, 1683. [iv], 467, [83] pp. Table.

[And]

Siderfin, Thomas.

Le Second Part {Mes le Primer en Temps} De les Reports du Thomas Siderfin... London: Printed by W. Rawlins, S. Roycroft, And H. Sawbridge, 1684. [viii], 179, [11] pp. Title words "Mes le Primer en Temps" are printed in the upper right corner of title page.

Folio (12" x 7-3/4"). Contemporary calf, blind rules to boards, raised bands, lettering pieces and blind fillets to spines, gilt tooling to board edges, early hand-lettered titles to fore-edges of text block. Light rubbing and some minor nicks, scuffs and stains to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, minor chipping to head of Volume I and foot of Volume II, corners bumped and somewhat worn, partial cracks to text block between free endpapers and following leaves. Light toning to interiors, light foxing to a few leaves, light soiling to title page of Volume II, offsetting to margins of endleaves, early annotations to front free endpaper of Volume I and rear free endpaper of Volume II. \$650.

* First editions. Reporting cases from 1657 to 1670, this reporter is unusual because it includes cases from both the Commonwealth and the Restoration eras. According to Wallace, this is a "reporter of much authority."

Wallace, *The Reporters* 295-297. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R5475, R216363.

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A Landmark Work on a Fundamental English Right

26. [Somers, John Somers, Baron (1651-1716), Attributed].

The Security of English-Mens Lives, Or the Trust, Power, And Duty of the Grand Jurys of England. Explained According to the Fundamentals of the English Government, And the Declarations of the Same Made in Parliament by Many Statutes. Published for the Prevention of Popish Designs Against the Lives of Many Protestant Lords and Commoners, Who Stand Firm to the Religion and Ancient Government of England. London: Printed for Benj. Alsop, 1682. 168 pp. Octavo (6" x 3-3/4").

Recent period-style quarter calf over marbled boards, lettering piece and gilt-edged raised bands to spine, endpapers renewed. Light toning to interior, light soiling and a few creases to title page, which has a ruled border. Head of text block trimmed with some loss to page numbers and rule at head of title page. A handsome copy. \$1,500.

* Second edition. First published in 1681, this influential essay defined a hearing before grand jury of peers as a fundamental English right. An assertion of the priority of the law over the English Crown, it was written to support the right of a grand jury to reject the bill of indictment against Anthony Ashley-Cooper, First Earl of Shaftesbury [1621-1683] issued by Charles II (a pro-Catholic monarch). Shaftesbury's charges were ultimately dropped.

Published anonymously, this work is attributed in most sources to Somers. A barrister of the Middle Temple and an important Whig statesman, he was Lord Chancellor of England during the reigns of William and Mary and Queen Anne and presided over the framing of the Bill of Rights (1689).

English Short-Title Catalogue R10363.

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Parliament Defends Its Case Against the Earl of Strafford

27. St. John, Oliver [c.1598-1673].

[Wentworth, Thomas, First Earl of Strafford (1593-1641)].

An Argument of Law Concerning the Bill of Attainder of High-Treason of Thomas Earle of Strafford: At a Conference in a Committee of Both Houses of Parliament. By Mr. St. John His Majesties Solicitor General. Published by Order of the Commons House. London: Printed by G.M. For John Bartlet at the Signe of the Gilt Cup, Neare S. Austins-Gate in Pauls Church-yard, 1641. [ii], 78 pp. Quarto (7" x 5").

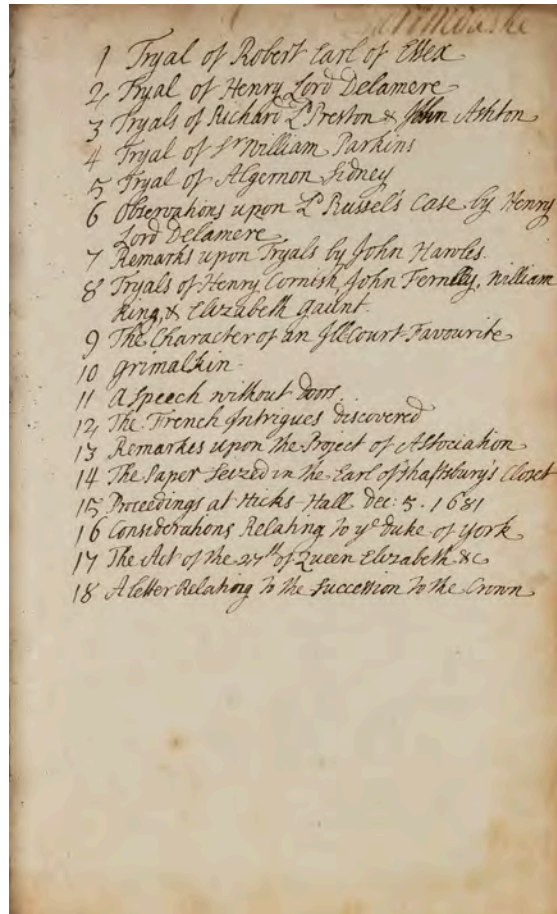
Recent period-style calf (by Philip Dusel), blind rules to boards, raised bands to spine, gilt tooling to board edges, printer waste visible under front pastedown. Title printed woodcut typographical border, woodcut initials and headpieces. Light toning to text, a few tiny worm holes through center of text block with no loss to legibility. A handsome copy. \$1,250.

* First edition, one of four printings from 1641 (priority unknown). Wentworth was a leading supporter of King Charles I and a major figure in the period leading up to the English Civil War. Scapegoated by Parliament for his "treasonous" role in the Second Bishops' War, one of the preliminary stages of the Civil War, he was condemned to death on shaky legal grounds via a bill of attainder in 1641. Feeling it necessary to yield to Parliament, Charles signed the death warrant.

An Argument is an enlarged transcription of Parliament's case. A lawyer and politician, St. John served in both the Short and Long Parliaments. Along with the Earl of Bedford, John Pym and John Hamden, he formed a reformist yet moderate coalition known as the "middle group." Since St. John occupied this middle ground in Parliament, Bedford eventually convinced Charles I to appoint him Solicitor General. It was in this capacity that he led the case against Strafford.

English Short-Title Catalogue R17730.

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A Sammelband of 18 Pamphlets Relating to Plots Against the Crown
From the Library of William Legge, 1st Earl of Dartmouth

28. [Trials].

[Great Britain].

[Plots Against the Crown].

The Arraignment, Tryal and Condemnation of Robert Earl of Essex, And Henry Earl of Southampton...For Rebelliously Conspiring and Endeavouring the Subversion of the Government, By Confederacy with Tyr-Owen, That Popish Traytor and His Complices; Of Whom, These Following, Viz: Sir Christopher Blunt, Sir Charles Danvers, Sir Gillie Merrick and Henry Cusse Were the 5th of March Following, By a Special Commission of Oyer and Terminer, Arraigned, Condemned, And Executed... London: Printed for Tho. Bassett, 1679. [ii], 30 pp. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R18141.

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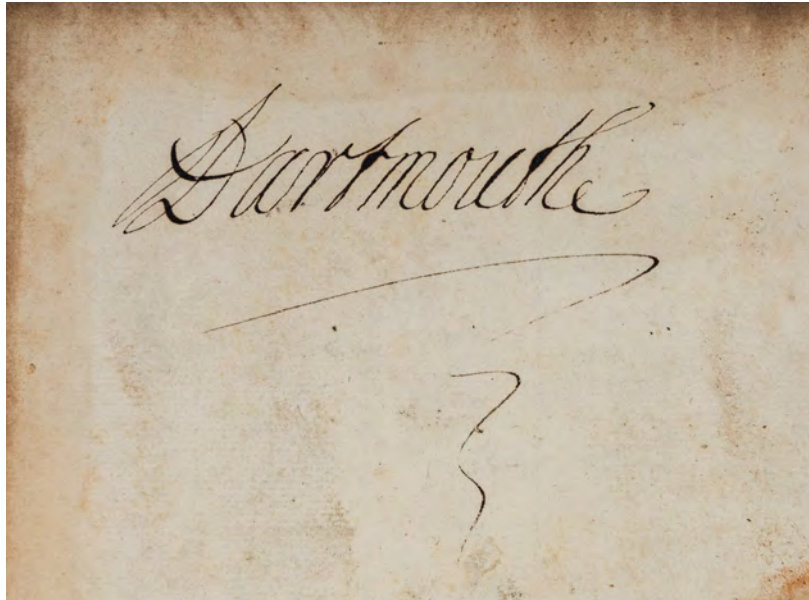
The Tryal of Henry Baron Delamere for High-Treason, In Westminster-Hall, The 14th Day of January, 1685. London: Printed for Dorman Newman, 1686. [iv], 87, [1] pp. With an imprimatur leaf. *ESTC* R23568.

[And]

[*Sixteen Additional Trials and Essays Relating to Conspiracies Against the Crown*].

Folio (12" x 7-1/2"). Eighteen pamphlets bound into near-contemporary paneled calf, rebaked in period style with raised bands and lettering piece. A few light scuffs to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, corners bumped and lightly worn, hinges mended. Moderate toning to text, somewhat heavier in places, light soiling to a few leaves. Large early owner signatures of the Earl of Dartmouth to front pastedown and title pages (or preceding blank) of each pamphlet, which are also numbered in his hand, some signatures and numbers affected by trimming, manuscript table of contents in his hand to front free endpaper, doodles to a few other leaves. A unique collection with an interesting provenance. \$5,000.

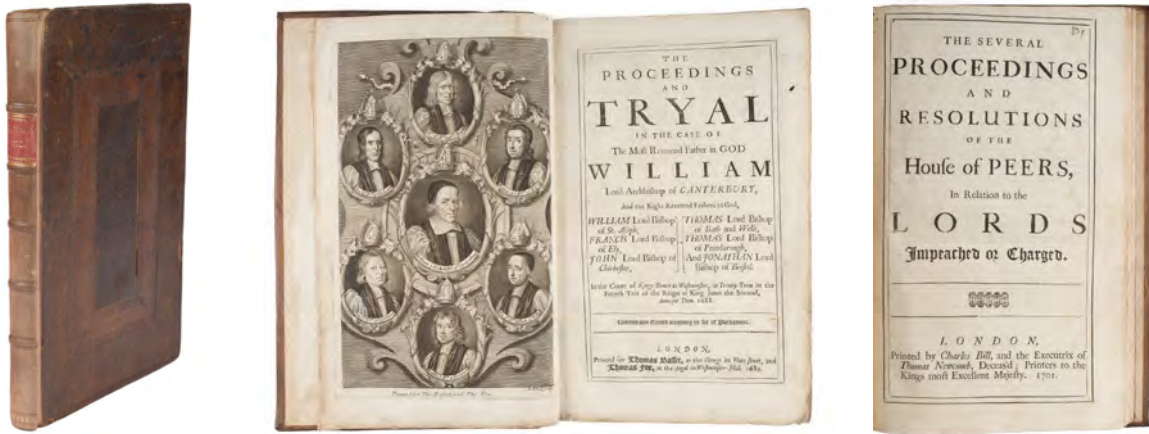
* This volume collects eighteen pamphlets relating to seventeenth-century plots against the English Crown, such as the Popish Plot, Rye House Plot and Tyrone's Rebellion. Seven are trial accounts, four discuss trials, the others address background issues. Based on the signatures to the title pages, the compiler was almost certainly William Legge, 1st Earl of Dartmouth [1672-1750]. Legge, an influential statesman and minister, held a number of important positions, including service on the Board of Trade and Plantations and the office of Lord Privy Seal from 1713-1714. He was close to Queen Anne and retired from public life after her death.



Two titles are identified above. The others are (in short-titles):

- *The Arraignment, Trials, Conviction of Sir Rich. Grabme...and John Ashton*. London, 1691. [iv], 26, [4], 27-138 pp., lacking final blank. ESTC R22452.
- *The Arraignment, Tryal and Condemnation of Sir William Parkins*. London, 1696. [iv], 48 pp. ESTC R11595.
- *The Arraignment, Tryal & Condemnation of Algernon Sidney*. London, 1684. [iv], 67, [1] pp. ESTC R23343.
- *The Late Lord Russel's Case, With Observations Upon It*. London, 1689. [iv], 15, [1] pp., first leaf blank. ESTC R27291.
- *Remarks Upon the Tryals of Edward Fitzharris, Stephen College, Count Coningsmark, The Lord Russell, Collonel Sidney, Henry Cornish, And Charles Bateman....* London, 1689. [iv], 104 pp., with errata slip. ESTC R10368.
- *The Tryals of Henry Cornish...And John Fernley, William Ring, And Elizabeth Gaunt*. London, 1685. [ii], 42 pp. ESTC R25662.
- *The Character of an Ill-Court-Favourite: Representing the Mischiefs that Flow from Ministers of State*. [London?], 1681. 19, [1] pp. ESTC R35809.
- *Grimalkin, Or, The Rebel-Cat: A Novell*. London, 1681. [ii], 13, [1] pp. ESTC R30323)
- *A Speech Without Doors. Made by A Plebeian to His Noble Friends*. [London, 1681]. 4 pp. ESTC R37582)
- *The French Intrigues Discovered*. London, 1681. [iv], 31, [1] pp., first leaf blank. ESTC R9404.
- *Remarques Upon a New Project of Association*. [London, 1682]. 8 pp. ESTC R3820)
- *The Oath and Covenant Signed by Several Members of the House of Commons* [Caption Title]. [London, 1681]? 8 pp. Not in the ESTC or Wing, may be lacking a title page.
- *The Proceedings Held at the Sessions of the Peace Held at Hicks-Hall*. London, 1682. [iv], 8 pp., first leaf blank. ESTC R6287.
- *The Great and Weighty Considerations, Relating to the Duke of York, Or Successor of the Crown...Considered*. London, 1680. [iv], 37, [1] pp., first leaf blank. ESTC R20436.
- *The Act of Parliament of the 27th. Of Queen Elizabeth, To Preserve the Queen's Person, And Protestant Religion, And Government*. [London], 1679. [ii], 6 pp. ESTC R34890.
- *A Letter from a Gentleman of Quality in the Country to His Friend*. [London], 1679. [ii], 18 pp. ESTC R19698.

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The Trial of the Seven Bishops and the Impeachment of Lord John Somers

29. [Trials].

[Sancroft, William (1617-1693), Et Al., Defendants].

The Proceedings and Tryal in the Case of The Most Reverend Father in God William Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, And the Right Reverend Fathers in God, William Lord Bishop of St. Asaph, Francis Lord Bishop of Ely, John Lord Bishop of Chichester, Thomas Lord Bishop of Bath and Wells, Thomas Lord Bishop of Peterborough, And Jonathan Lord Bishop of Bristol. In the Court of Kings-Bench at Westminster, In Trinity-Term in the Fourth Year of the Reign of King James the Second, Annoque Dom. 1688. London: Printed for Thomas Basset and Thomas Fox, 1689. [xiii], 140 pp. Copperplate portrait frontispiece of the seven bishops.

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[Parliament].

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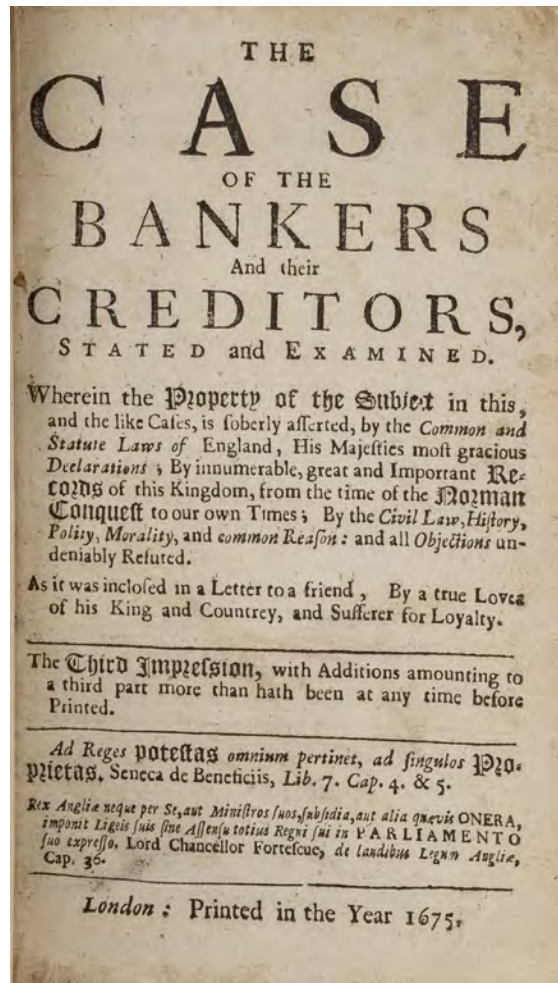
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The King and His Creditors

30. [Turner, Thomas (d. 1679)].

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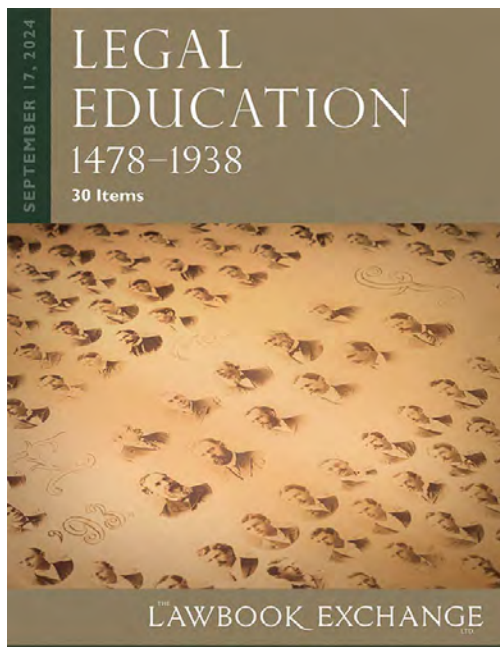
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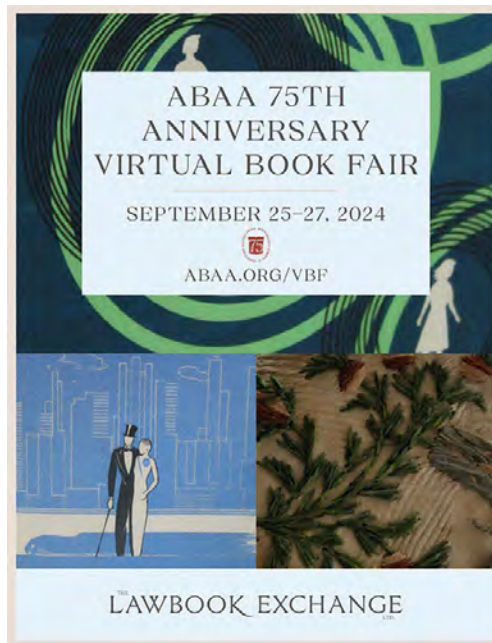
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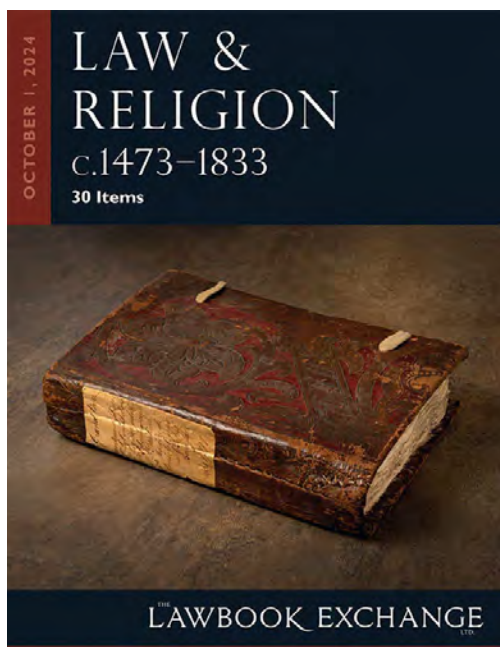
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