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An 1846 *Comic Blackstone* in a Zaehnsdorf Binding

**1. A'Beckett, Gilbert Abbott [1811-1856].**

**Cruikshank, George [1797-1878], Illustrator.**

*The Comic Blackstone. With Illustrations by Cruikshank.* London: Published at the Punch Office, 1846. xii, 252 pp. Frontispiece. Pictorial title page. Octavo (6-3/4" x 4-1/4").

Superb signed calf binding by Zaehnsdorf, gilt rules with corner fleurons to boards, gilt spine with raised bands, gilt rules to board edges, top edges gilt, gilt inside dentelles, ribbon marker, original pictorial boards mounted to rear endleaves. A few minor scratches and nicks to boards, joints just starting at ends, corners lightly bumped and rubbed, front hinge cracked, rear hinge starting, later bookplate of George and Nora Ranney to front pastedown, small bookseller stamp (Bartlett & Co., Boston) to verso of front free endpaper. Moderate toning to interior, faint offsetting to title page, early owner signature (Edward Palmer, Jr.) to head of title page. A very attractive copy. \$500.

\* Reissue of the first edition, 1844-1846, in a single volume. It is struck from the original plates, but the second part does not include the title page and frontispiece from the first issue.

Born into prominent Chicago families, George A. Ranney, Jr. [1912-2002] and Nora Ranney [1916-1987], his wife, were leading philanthropists who made important contributions to environmental, social and education causes and organizations in and around Chicago.

Not in Eller. Cohn, *Catalogue of Works Illustrated by George Cruikshank* 1. Laeuchli, *A Bibliographical Catalog of William Blackstone* 435.

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**Annotated Throughout by Its Early Owners, One of Them Possibly a Notable Seventeenth-Century Irish Judge**

**2. A[sh], T[homas] [c.1556-1618].  
[Dyer, Sir James (1510-1582)].**

*La Table al Lieur des Reports del Tresreverend Judge Sir James Dyer...* London: In Aedibus Richardi Tottelli, 1588. [viii], 167 ff. Lacking final leaf, a blank. Octavo (5" x 3-1/2").

Later morocco, raised bands, gilt title and gilt publication date to spine, endpapers renewed, "T Dyer" in early hand to fore-edge of text block. Light rubbing to extremities, front board and endleaves detached, later bookplates of Birmingham Law Society to front pastedown and endleaf following front free endpaper, rear hinge cracked. Moderate toning to interior, light dampstaining and soiling in places, fragment of early owner signature, "Rich: Ryve," to title page, library stamp (Birmingham Law Society) to title page and a few other leaves, text annotated throughout in three early hands. \$1,750.

\* First edition. Ashe was highly regarded for his treatises and indexes of reporters. Issued two years after the first edition of Dyer's Reports, this 1588 table was Ashe's first publication. Later editions were published in 1602 and 1609. Although there is no indication that Ashe ever practiced law, his several indexes were well-received in the profession.

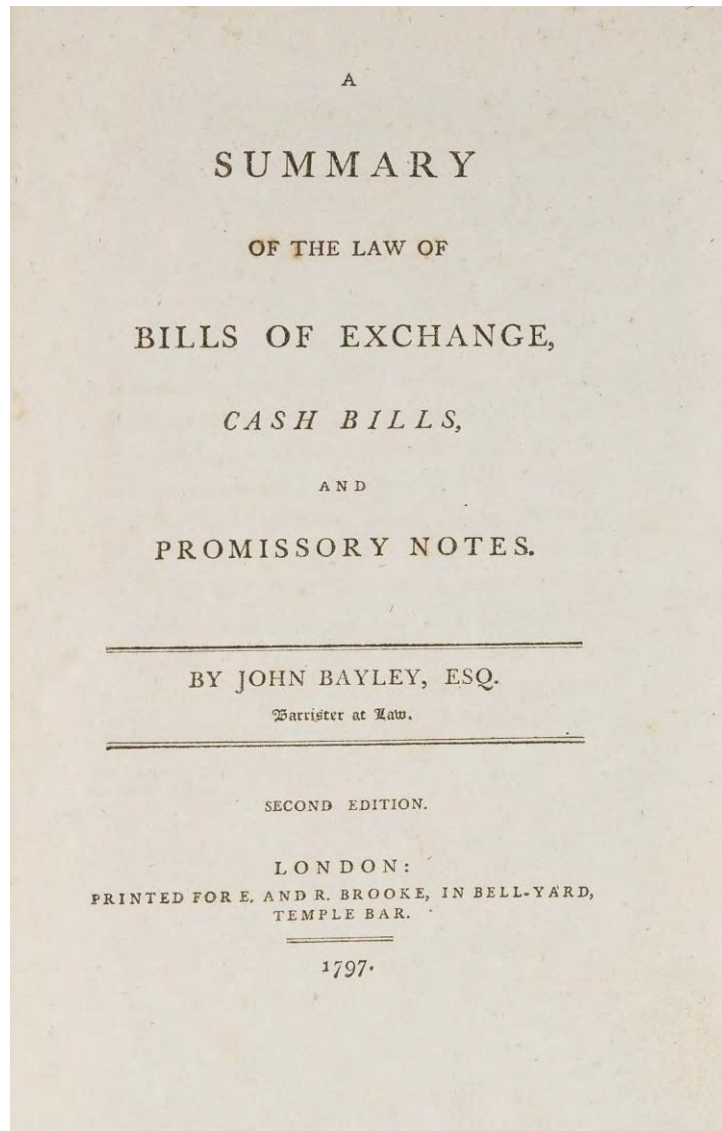
Our copy has about 600 annotations in three, possibly four, hands. Most of these are cross-references to other Dyer entries and statutes and cases in other sources. There are also several that provide additional details to the text and original topical entries, most of them set off with paragraph symbols. Most of the annotations are in Law-French, a few are in English, some are in a mixture of the two languages. Viewed as a whole, they indicate detailed review by early readers and demonstrate the usefulness of this book to students and practitioners.

One of these annotators may have been Sir Richard Ryves [1643-1693], a distinguished Irish judge and baron of the Exchequer who served as Recorder of Dublin and Commissioner of the Great Seal.

OCLC locates 10 copies of the first edition in North America, 6 in law libraries (Columbia, Georgetown, Harvard, Library of Congress, University of Minnesota, Yale). The *English Short-Title Catalogue* adds 1 more copy in North America (Folger Library) and 6 in the British Isles (Cambridge, Cashel Cathedral, National Library of Wales, Bodleian Library, Oxford, Peterborough Cathedral). *English Short-Title Catalogue* S100017. Beale, *Bibliography of Early English Law Books* R482a.

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**A Copy "The Best Book Upon Bills of Exchange" in Publisher Boards**

**3. Bayley, Sir John [1763-1841].**

*A Summary of the Law of Bills of Exchange, Cash Bills, And Promissory Notes.* London: Printed for E. and R. Brooke, In Bell-Yard, Temple Bar, 1797. [viii], 134 pp. Octavo (9" x 5-3/4").

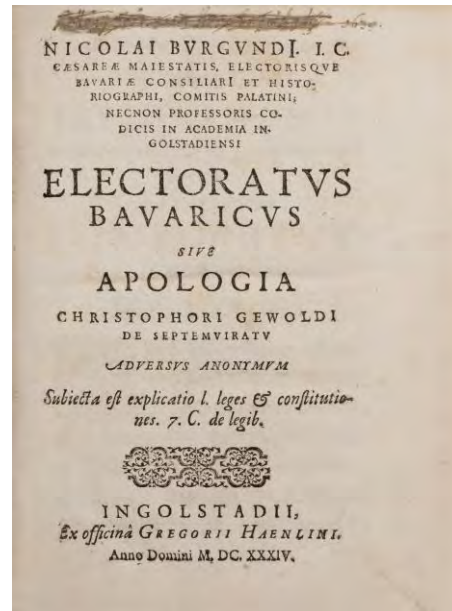
Original paper-covered publisher boards, spine perished, untrimmed edges. Light soiling and a few minor stains to boards, rubbing to extremities, corners and spine ends bumped, hinges starting, a few cracks to text block, all leaves secure. Light toning to interior, light foxing to a few leaves, small illegible early mark to upper outside corner of title page. \$650.

\* Second edition. First published in 1789, this was a standard work well into the nineteenth century. Its final edition, the sixth, was published in 1849. According to Holdsworth, it was "the best book upon bills of exchange."

Holdsworth, *History of English Law* XIII:389f. Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 2:23.

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#### The Duke of Bavaria and the Election of the Holy Roman Emperor

#### 4. Bourgogne, Nicolas de [1586-1649].

*Electoratus Bavaricus Sive Apologia Christophori Gewoldi De Septemviratu Adversus Anonymum. Subiecta est Explicatio L. Leges & Constitutiones 7 C. de Legib.* Ingolstadt: Ex Officinâ Gregorii Haenlini, 1634. [iv], 309 [i.e. 310] pp. Quarto (7-3/4" x 6").

Contemporary paneled pigskin, raised bands, blind fillets and early hand-lettered title to spine, beveled board edges, bronze clasps, one clasp lacking, its hasp and strap intact, edges of text block colored blue. Negligible light soiling, rubbing and a few tiny spots, spine ends bumped, light wear to corners, minor worming to pastedowns and hinges, bookplate of Karl Sebastian Heller von Hellersberg to front pastedown. Light toning to interior, light foxing and tiny stains to preliminaries and a few other places, early struck-through owner inscription of the Jesuit College of Ingolstadt, dated 1634, to head of title page. A handsome copy. \$2,500.

\* Only edition. Written by a law professor at the University of Ingolstadt and legal counselor to Maximilian I [1573-1651], Duke of Bavaria, this book defends the Duke's status as a prince-elect of the Holy Roman Empire, one of the small number of rulers empowered to elect the Holy Roman Emperor. Because Maximilian was granted this status in 1623 at the Diet of Regensburg, a convention of states on the Imperial side of the Thirty Years' War, there were some who questioned the Duke's legitimacy or dismissed it outright as an act of political expediency.

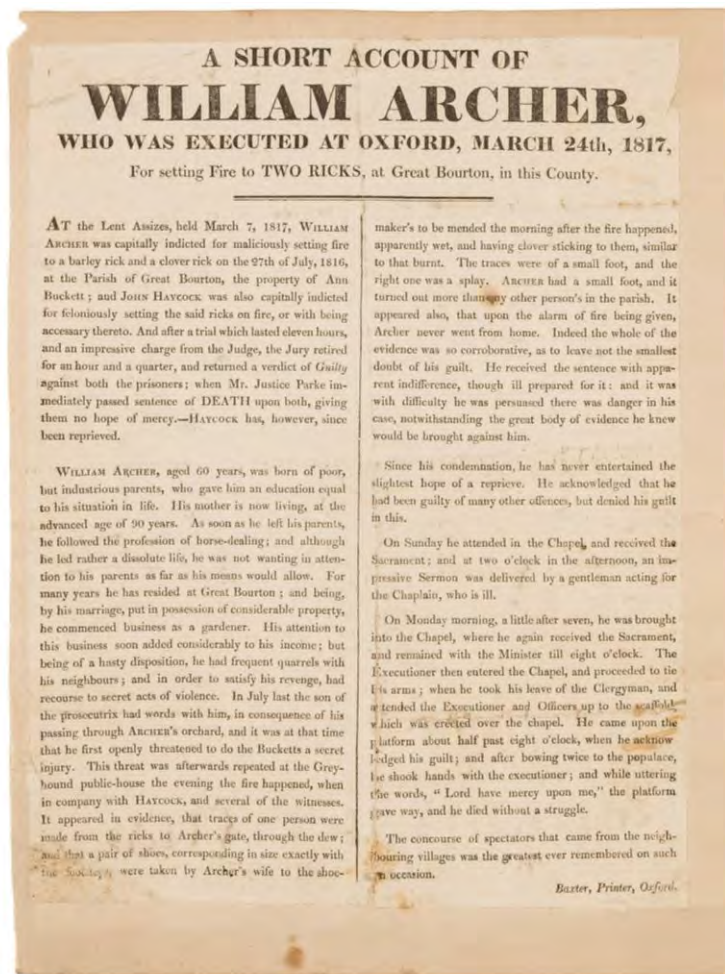
The book's argument is based on *De Sacri Romani Imperii Septemviratu Commentarius* (1616, second edition 1621) by Christoph Gewald [1556-1621], a detailed discussion of laws and agreements concerning the election of Holy Roman Emperors. As stated in the title, it also defends Gewald's book against an anonymous critic.

A lawyer by training, Heller von Hellersberg [1772-1818] was a professor of jurisprudence and political science at the University of Landshut, later at the University of Ingolstadt. He also played an important role in the reformation of Bavaria's political structures during the rule of Duke Maximilian I [1756-1825].

Established in 1556, the Jesuit College of Ingolstadt was a highly distinguished and influential institution. It was the central institution of German Jesuits and the Counter-Reformation in Bavaria.

OCLC locates 12 copies, 3 in North America, none in law libraries. *Allgemeine Deutsche Biographie* 11:697. *Verzeichnis der im Deutschen Sprachraum Erschienenen Drucke des 17. Jahrhunderts* 12:125519Q.

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Only Known Copy of This Oxford Execution Broadside

5. [Broadside].

[Execution].

Archer, William [d.1817].

*A Short Account of William Archer, Who was Executed at Oxford, March 24th, 1817, For Setting Fire to Two Ricks, At Great Bourton, In This County.* Oxford: Baxter, Printer, [1817].

9-3/4" x 7-1/2" broadside mounted to 11" x 8-1/4" backing sheet, text in two columns below headline. Moderate toning, light foxing and faint stains in a few places, faint fold lines to broadside, a few, mostly small, clean tears to broadside affecting text without loss to legibility, small chip to upper left corner of backing sheet. Rare. \$1,500.

\* Archer, a man "of a hasty disposition," quarreled with a neighbor after the neighbor accused him of trespassing. He publicly threatened to do the neighbor "a secret injury," and stacks of barley and clover were set on fire on the neighbor's farm that night. Archer was arrested and prosecuted for arson. He denied setting the fire, but the circumstantial evidence against him was so strong that he was convicted and hanged.

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

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"The Mills of God Grind Slowly":  
No Copies on OCLC or Library Hub

6. [Broadside].  
[Execution].  
Hardiment, William [d.1822].

*The Trial, Confession and Execution of W. Hardiment, Who was Executed on Monday, The First Day of April, 1822, On the Castle Hill, Norwich, For the Wilful Murder of Mr. Baker, Of Wells, Norfolk.* Norwich: Wakker [i.e. Walker?], Printer, [1822].

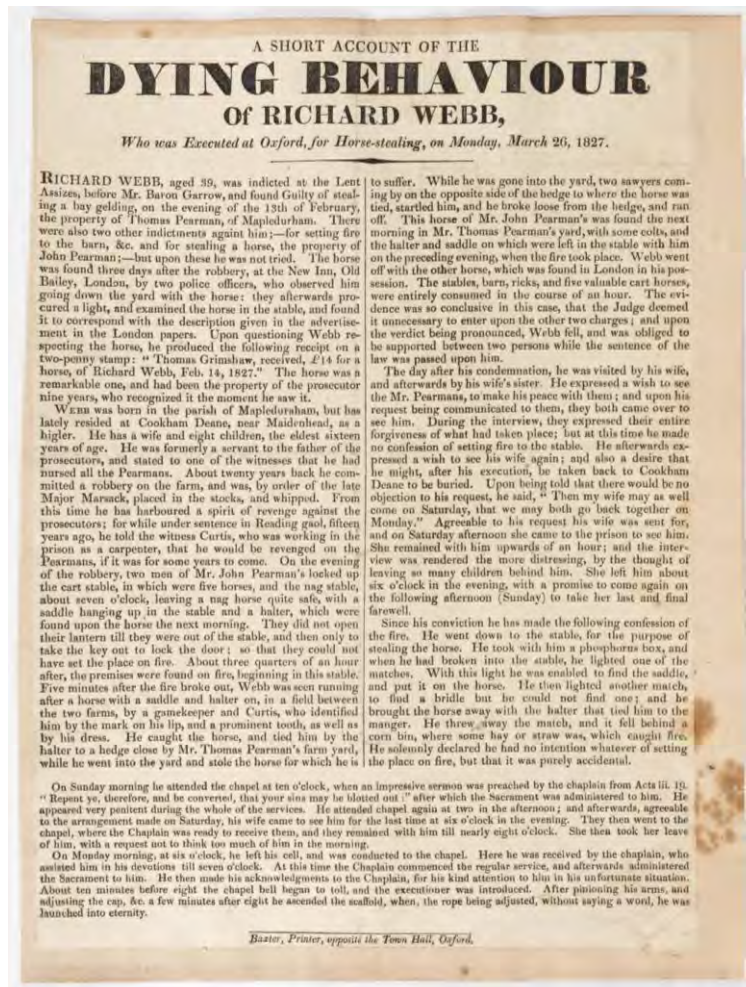
14-1/2" x 9-1/4" broadside, text in two columns below headline, two columns of verses below text. Moderate toning, right margin reinforced, several small holes and tears, text of imprint affected without loss, printing flaws to right column. Rare. \$1,250.

\* In 1817, Robert Baker was murdered on his way home from work after a robbery went wrong. Shortly after the murder, a man named James Johnson was apprehended and hanged for the crime, but Hardiment, his accomplice, went on the run. He evaded capture for nearly five years, but was caught, tried and hanged despite his protestations of innocence.

This is a rare item. No copies of this imprint located on OCLC or LibraryHub or in the catalogues of any institution, though an article on the printer Robert Walker references a broadside with this title and imprint. Brown, "Glimpses into the 19th Century Broadside Ballad Trade No. 27: Norfolk printings of murder and execution (2) Robert Walker," *Musical Traditions Internet Magazine* ([https://www.mustrad.org.uk/articles/bbals\\_27.htm](https://www.mustrad.org.uk/articles/bbals_27.htm)).

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**"He Has Harboured a Spirit of Revenge"**

7. [Broadside].  
[Execution].  
Webb, Richard [d.1827].

*A Short Account of the Dying Behaviour of Richard Webb, Who was Executed at Oxford, For Horse-Stealing, On Monday, March 26, 1827.* Oxford: Baxter, Printer, [1827].

10-1/4" x 7-1/2" broadside mounted to 10-3/4" x 8-1/4" backing sheet, text in two columns below headline. Moderate toning, two small stains to right edge, faint fold lines to broadside. Rare. \$1,500.

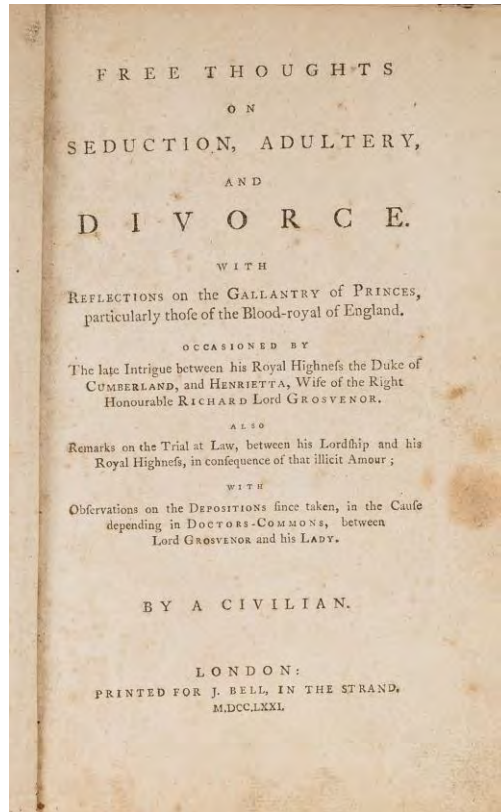
\* Webb, a long-time servant of the Pearman family, had been placed in the stocks and whipped after stealing from the family. After nursing a grudge for two decades, he decided to get his revenge: he set the stable on fire and stole two horses. The judge did not even need to consider the arson and second theft charge in order to convict him, and Webb was executed for one of the horse thefts.

This broadside is rare and appears to be unrecorded. No copies located on OCLC, LibraryHub or the online catalogue of the University of Oxford.

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**A Practical Treatise on Adultery and Divorce  
Illustrated by One of the Most Colorful Trials of the Day**

**8. A Civilian.**

**[Kenrick, William (1725?-1779), Attributed].**

*Free Thoughts on Seduction, Adultery, and Divorce. With Reflections on the Gallantry of Princes, Particularly Those of the Blood-Royal of England. Occasioned by the Late Intrigue Between His Royal Highness the Duke of Cumberland, And Henrietta, Wife of the Right Honourable Richard Lord Grosvenor....* London: Printed for J. Bell, 1771. [iv], 293, [1] pp. Final advertisement leaf lacking. Octavo (8-1/4" x 5-1/4").

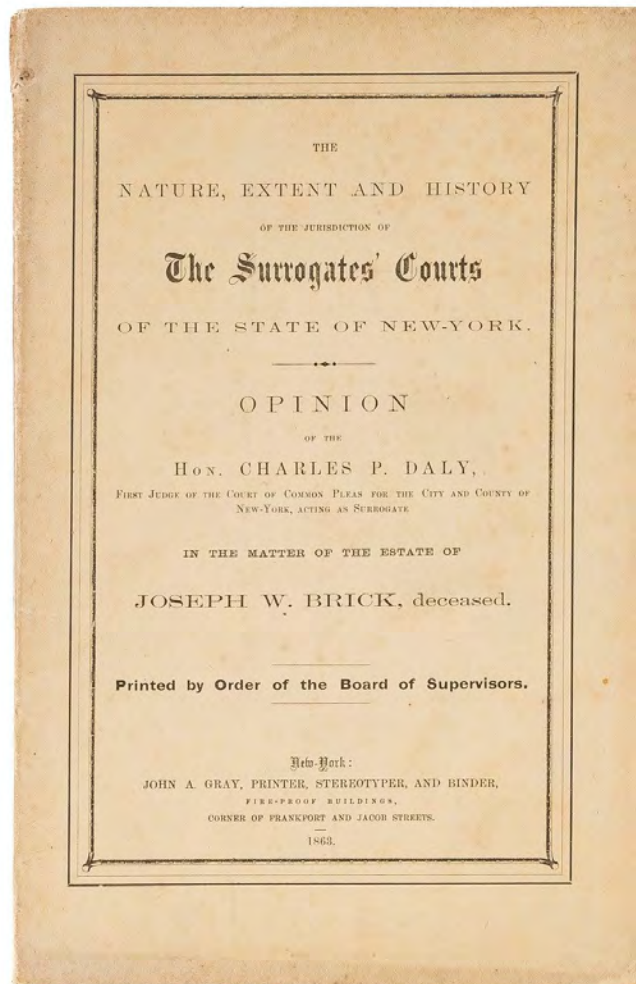
Later (nineteenth-century?) textured cloth, rebacked retaining existing spine with lettering piece, endpapers renewed, marbled edges, hinges mended. Fading to exterior, moderate rubbing to extremities, front joint cracked, a few holes to rear joint, chipping to lettering piece, corners bumped and worn. Moderate toning to interior, occasional light foxing and soiling, faint creasing to half title. \$300.

\* Only edition. In 1770, Richard Grosvenor, first Earl Grosvenor, sued Henry Frederick, the Duke of Cumberland and brother of King George III for committing adultery (criminal conversation) with the Countess Grosvenor. Argued before the great jurist Lord Mansfield, it was one of the most colorful trials of the day. The court found in Grosvenor's favor and ordered the Duke to pay him 10,000 guineas in damages. *Free Thoughts* goes beyond sensationalism to offer a detailed legal analysis of this case. The result is a practical treatise on the English law of adultery and divorce as it stood in the late eighteenth century.

*English Short-Title Catalogue* T117150.

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### A Defense of New York's Surrogate's Court

#### 9. Daly, Charles P. [1816-1899].

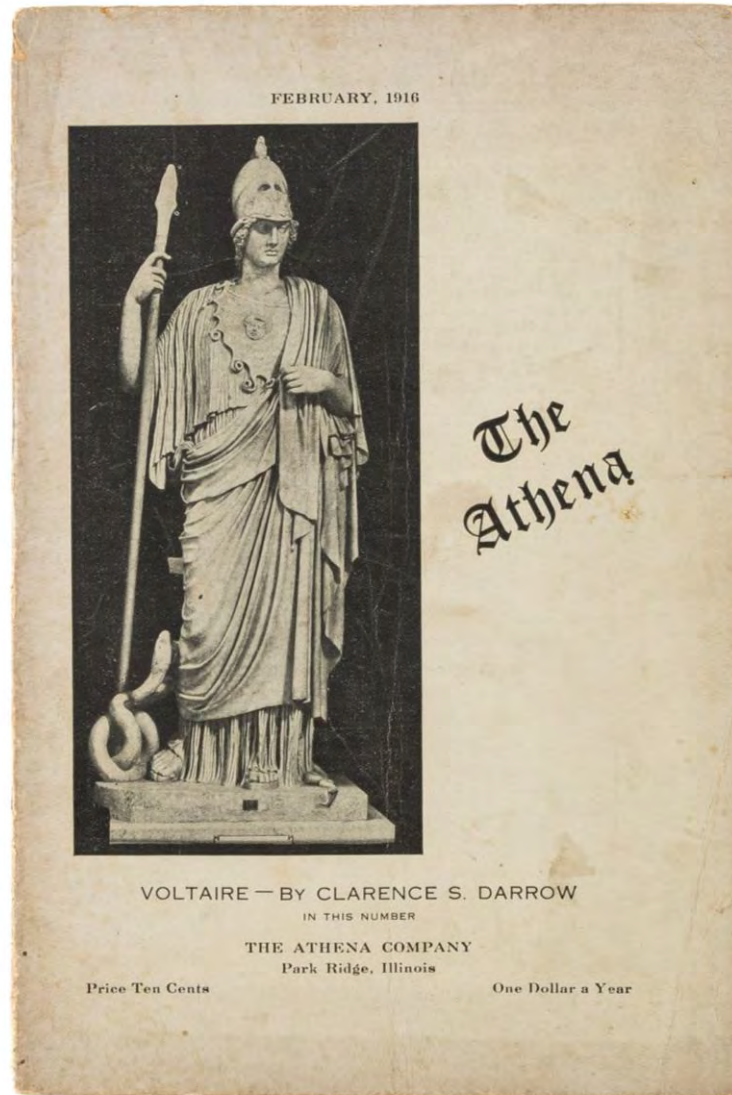
*The Nature, Extent and History of the Jurisdiction of the Surrogates' Courts of the State of New-York. Opinion of the Hon. Charles P. Daly, First Judge of the Court of Common Pleas for the City and County of New-York, Acting as Surrogate in the Matter of the Estate of Joseph W. Brick, Deceased. Printed by Order of the Board of Supervisors.* New York: John A. Gray, Printer, Stereotyper, and Binder, 1863. 54 pp. Octavo (9" x 5-3/4").

Stab-stitched pamphlet in printed wrappers. Moderate toning, light foxing and soiling to exterior, a few small tears to spine, spine ends partially abraded. \$250.

\* Only edition. The Surrogate's Court of the State of New York handles all probate and estate administration proceedings in the state court system. The court's jurisdiction has been subject to scrutiny, with some arguing for a redistribution of its duties to other state courts. This pamphlet provides a history of the court and a defense of its existence. It was occasioned by a lawsuit over the estate of Joseph Brick in which the petitioners argued that the court did not have sufficient jurisdiction to intervene. Daly was an eminent New York jurist and politician who served on the New York Court of Common Pleas from 1844-1885 (and as its chief justice from 1871).

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### Darrow on Voltaire

#### 10. Darrow, Clarence [1857-1938].

*The Athena*. Vol. 1, No. 7., February 1916. Park Ridge, IL: The Athena Company, 1916. 30 pp.

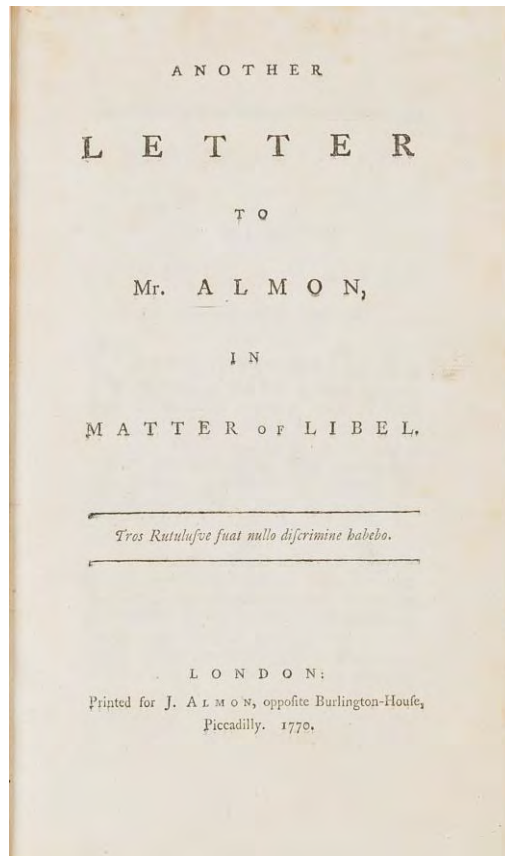
Stapled periodical in printed wrappers. Moderate toning, some soiling to wrappers, which are separating at ends but secure, faint vertical fold line, pencil checkmarks to a few pages. \$250.

\* Most of this issue (pp. 6-18) is dedicated to a reprint of Darrow's essay on the life and legacy of Voltaire, originally delivered as an address to the Chicago Society of Rationalism in January 1914 and published in *The Everyman* January-February 1914. *The Athena* was a Rationalist publication that began in August 1915 and likely stopped publication in 1916.

OCLC locates 4 copies (New York Public Library, DeKalb Community Unit School District 428, Kent State University, Newberry Library). See Hunsberger, *Clarence Darrow: A Bibliography* 112.

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### A Defense of Freedom of the Press

#### 11. [Grenville-Temple, Richard, 2nd Earl Temple (1711-1779), Attributed].

*Another Letter to Mr. Almon, In Matter of Libel.* London: Printed for J. Almon, 1770. 84, 99-198; 16 pp. Text continuous and complete despite pagination error. With a half-title and 16-pp. publisher catalogue. Octavo (8-1/2" x 5").

Later buckram, gilt fillets and title to spine, endpapers renewed, top-edge of text block gilt, fore and bottom edges untrimmed. Light shelfwear and some fading to exterior, later bookplates (of William Arthur Cavendish-Bentinck, 6th Duke of Portland and Anne and F.G. Renier) to front pastedown, owner initials "AR" in ink to rear free endpaper. Light toning to interior, light foxing in a few places. \$450.

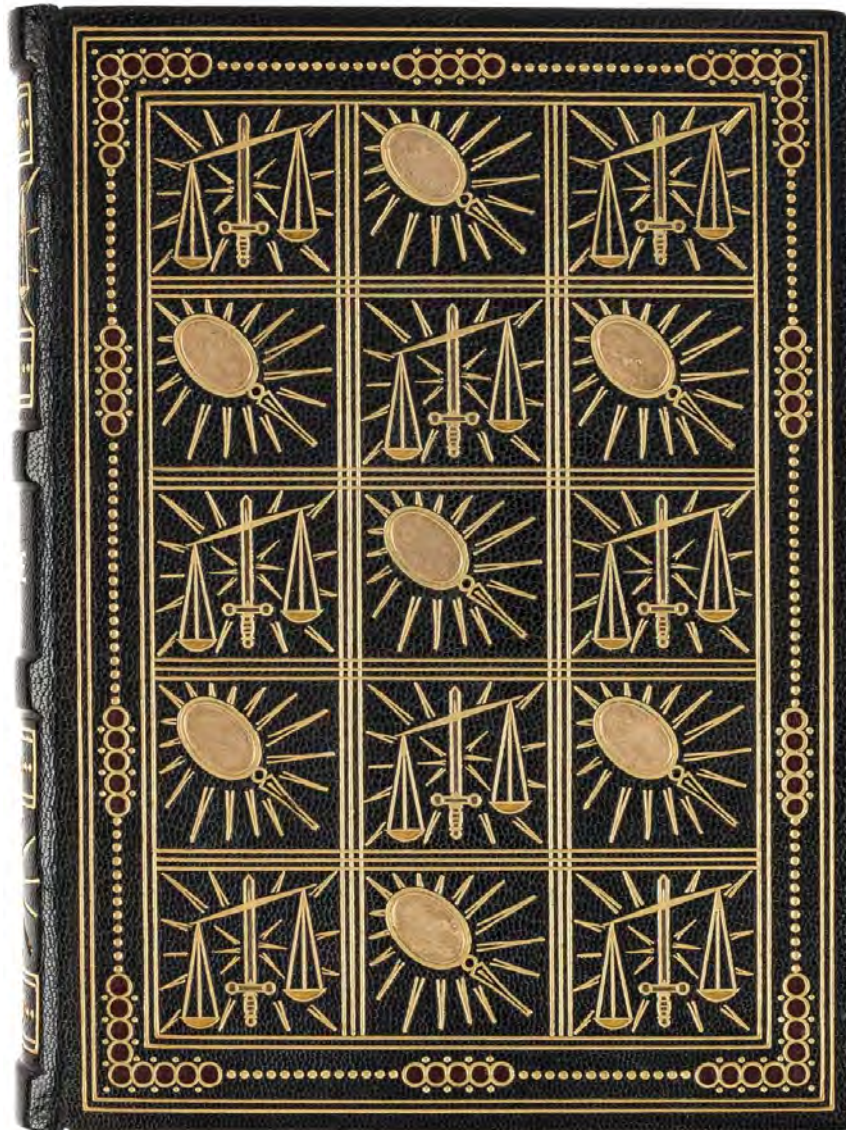
\* First edition. This book was written in response to the prosecutions of Henry Sampson Woodfall, John Almon and others for seditious libel for publishing *The Letters of Junius*, a collection of political tracts. The jury found Woodfall technically guilty of publishing the *Letters*, but Lord Mansfield, the presiding judge, declared a mistrial and Woodfall escaped imprisonment. Almon, a bookseller, was found guilty but not punished seriously (if at all). He was well-known as an advocate of press freedom and a friend of prominent politician Richard Grenville-Temple, to whom this work is sometimes attributed. A second edition appeared in 1771.

The former owners of this copy were William Cavendish-Bentinck [1857-1943], a landowner and Conservative politician, as well as Anne Renier [1911?-1988] and her husband, Fernand Gabriel Renier [1905-1988], important collectors of popular books, pamphlets and ephemera.

*English Short-Title Catalogue* T1509.

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**The Binder-Publisher's Extraordinary Personal Copy,  
From an Edition Limited to 50, of Hémard's *Code Civil***

**12. Hémard, Joseph [1880-1961], Illustrator.**

*Code Civil: Livre Premier, Des Personnes: Titres V. Du Mariage. VI. Du Divorce. VII. De la Paternité. VIII. De l'Adoption. IX. De la Puissance Paternelle. X. De la Minorité. XI. De la Majorité.* Paris: René Kieffer, Relieur-Éditeur, [1925]. [vi], 126, [4] pp., [65] plates. Pochoir color text illustrations. Added watercolor plate before title page. Quarto (7-3/4" x 5-3/4").

Original publisher wrappers bound into a superb contemporary morocco signed binding by René Kieffer featuring images of the mirror and scales of justice, raised bands to spine, top edge, gilt, deckle fore and bottom edges, gilt inside dentelles, marbled endpaper and ribbon marker. Negligible light toning to text, image colors vivid, small Kieffer bookplate to verso of front free endpaper, "aquarelle originale" in faint pencil below watercolor. Item housed in lightly shelfworn marbled slipcase with a morocco-trimmed opening. Two autograph letters and a postcard from Hémard to Kieffer, signed, and a proof sheet of a related foil-stamped image (for a promotional post card?) laid in. An extraordinary copy. \$3,500.

\* First edition on Japan paper with an original unpublished watercolor ("*aquarelle originale inédite*") by Hémard and an additional set of plates limited to 50 copies, this copy unnumbered, "reserved for my personal library, René Kieffer" written on limitation page.

Hémard presents the official text of the sections of the French Civil Code dealing with family law with witty, and often mildly erotic, color pochoir illustrations. Hémard applied this treatment to two other legal works *Code Penal* (1940) and *Code General des Impôts Directs et Taxes Assimilées* (1944). Hémard, a prolific artist, illustrator, designer and author, is best-known for his humorously illustrated editions of serious non-fiction books.

Kieffer [1875-1965] was a leading Parisian art bookbinder and publisher. He was known for his elaborately bound editions of classic works with original illustrations. He collaborated frequently with Hémard.

The witty letters from Hémard to Kieffer are dated April 26, 1927 and September 30, 1924. Addressing profession and personal matters, they reflect their long-standing friendly relationship. (One letter refers to a group of recently posted drawings as "your order of potatoes," another offers a playful take on Kieffer's name, "qu'y faire.")



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1805-1811 Daybook of a Leading Lawyer of Colebrook, New Hampshire

14. [Manuscript].

[Farrar, William (1780-1850)].

*Wm. Farrar's Day Book*. March 6, 1805. Colebrook, New Hampshire, 1805-1811. [ii], 143, [2] pp. Folio (15-1/2" x 6-1/4").

Contemporary quarter sheep over marbled boards. Moderate rubbing, a few shallow scuffs to spine, corners bumped and somewhat worn. Moderate toning, negligible faint dampstaining to fore-edge of text block, light foxing in a few places, clean tear to leaf containing pp. 35-36. Text in single neat hand within ruled lines to all leaves except one, which has a blank verso. \$1,500.

\* Farrar graduated from Dartmouth College in 1801, where he was one of Daniel Webster's classmates. Known as Squire or Deacon Farrar, he was a leading lawyer and civic leader in Colebrook.

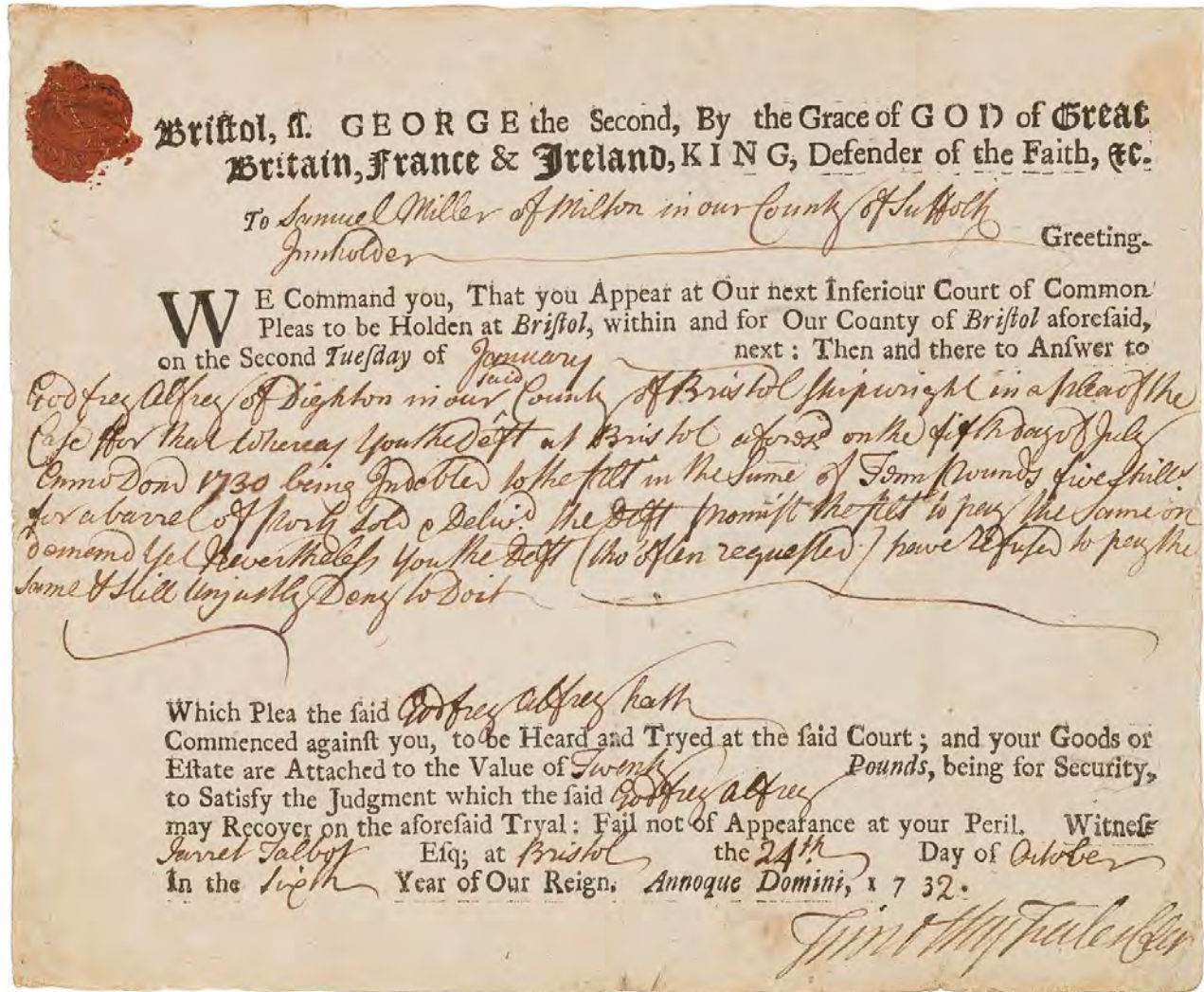
The daybook offered here, which covers a six-year period, indicates his broad clientele, the array of legal services he provided and the fees he charged and collected. Most of his services addressed routine legal matters involving transfers, sales and estates. Others concern suits. There are also numerous entries concerning bills of exchange and credit, an indication of the important commercial role of lawyers in communities that lacked easy access to currency. Other notes indicate where the cases were tried and periods when Farrar was not in Colebrook. Overall, this daybook offers a fascinating ground-level view of everyday legal and commercial life in a small New England town at the beginning of the nineteenth century.

"William Farrar" in Somers, *History of Lancaster, New Hampshire* (accessed online).

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"Fail Not of Appearance at Your Peril"

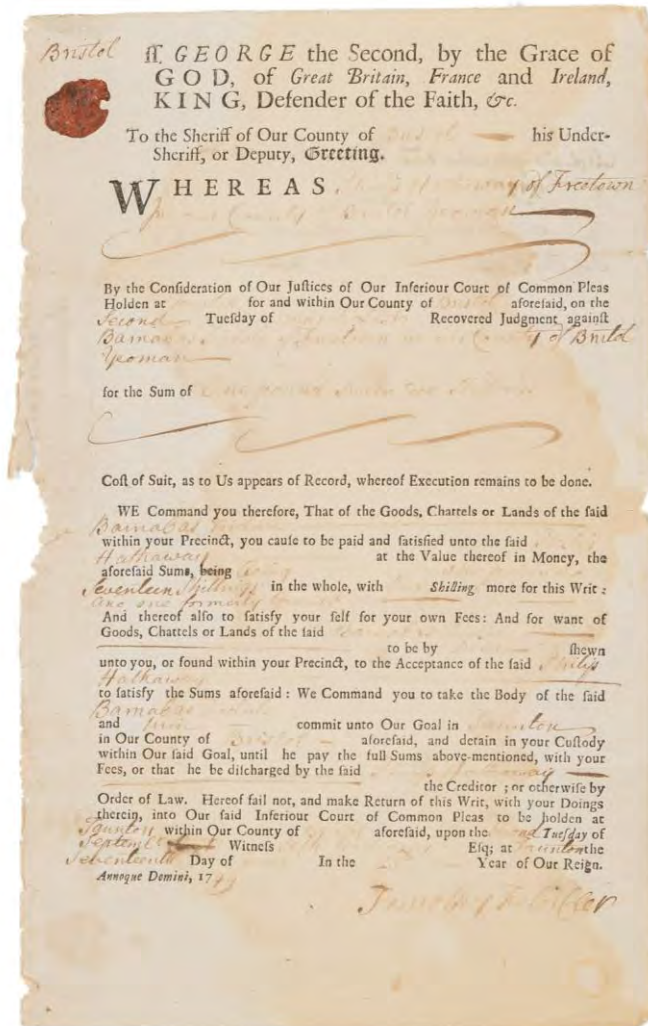
15. [Massachusetts].

Bristol, ff. George the Second, By the Grace of God of Great Britain, France & Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, &c. To [Samuel Miller of Milton in Our County of Suffolk Innholder] Greeting. Bristol, Massachusetts, October 24, 1732.

6-1/4" x 7-3/4" part-printed document completed in manuscript, manuscript text in single neat clerical hand with autograph signature in a different hand, wax seal to upper left corner, docket to verso. Moderate toning, fold lines, a few faint fox spots, very light soiling to verso. \$850.

\* This document summons the innkeeper Samuel Miller to appear before Bristol's Inferior Court of Common Pleas in answer to a charge brought against him by Godfrey Alfrey, a shipwright who accused Miller of refusing to pay for a barrel of pork he received from Alfrey in July 1730. Miller's bond was twenty pounds and the trial was set for the second Tuesday of the following January. The document is signed by Timothy Fales [1690-1777] in his capacity as the court clerk. Fales, a former sea captain educated at Harvard, served in various public offices from 1724 until at least 1774.

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**"Detain in Your Custody within Our Said Goal, Until He Pay the Full Sums Above-Mentioned"**

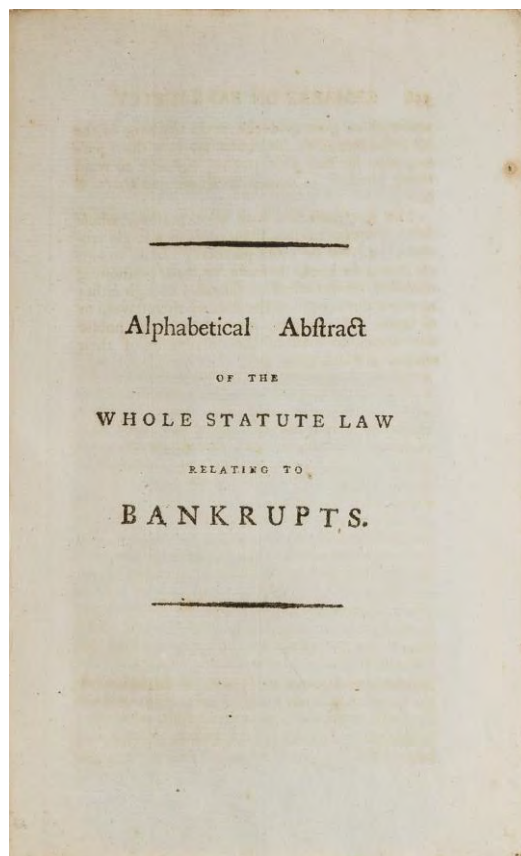
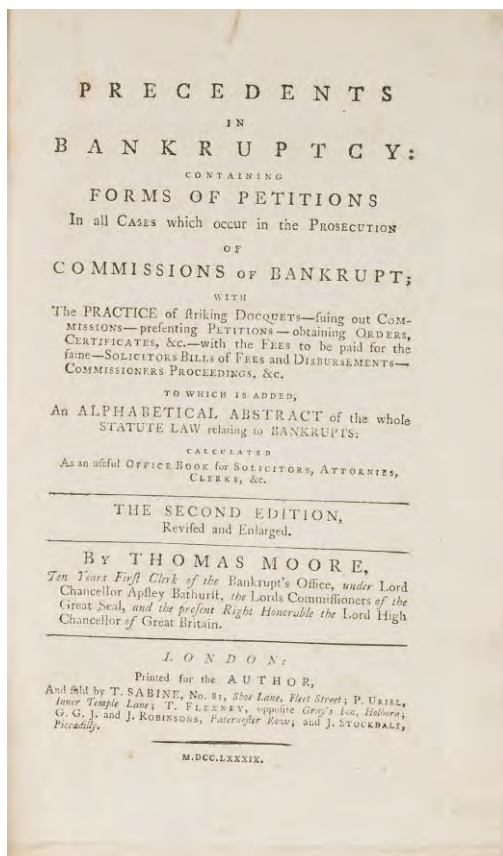
**16. [Massachusetts].**

[Bristol] ff. George the Second, By the Grace of God, Of Great Britain, France and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, &c. To the Sheriff of Our County of [Bristol] his Undersheriff, Or Deputy, Greeting. Taunton, Massachusetts, June 17, 1749. 1 pp.

12-1/4" x 7-1/2" part-printed document completed in manuscript, wax seal to upper left corner, annotations, signature and docket to verso. Moderate toning, horizontal fold lines, large dampstain causing fading to text, which remains legible, small clean tears starting along fold lines, light edgewear, small tear to left edge with minor loss to docket. \$850.

\* This document records that Philip Hathaway, a yeoman, successfully sued Barnabas Tisdale for one pound, seventeen shillings in the Bristol County Inferior Court of Common Pleas. It authorizes the sheriff's office to ensure the sum is paid to Hathaway, collect any fees and jail Tisdale for non-compliance. It is signed by Timothy Fales [1690-1777] in his capacity as the court clerk. Fales, a former sea captain educated at Harvard, served in various public offices from 1724 until at least 1774. The annotations and signature to the verso attest that the sum was collected by Samuel White and that Hathaway received the money.

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**A Rare Eighteenth-Century English Collection of Bankruptcy Precedents, No Copies Located in the United States**

**17. Moore, Thomas.**

*Precedents in Bankruptcy: Containing Forms of Petitions in All Cases which Occur in the Prosecution of Commissions of Bankruptcy...* London: Printed for the Author, And sold by T. Sabine [et al.], 1789. [xiv], 390, [3] pp. Title page followed by 9-pp. subscriber list, 3-pp. subscriber list after p. 390. Octavo (9" x 5-3/4").

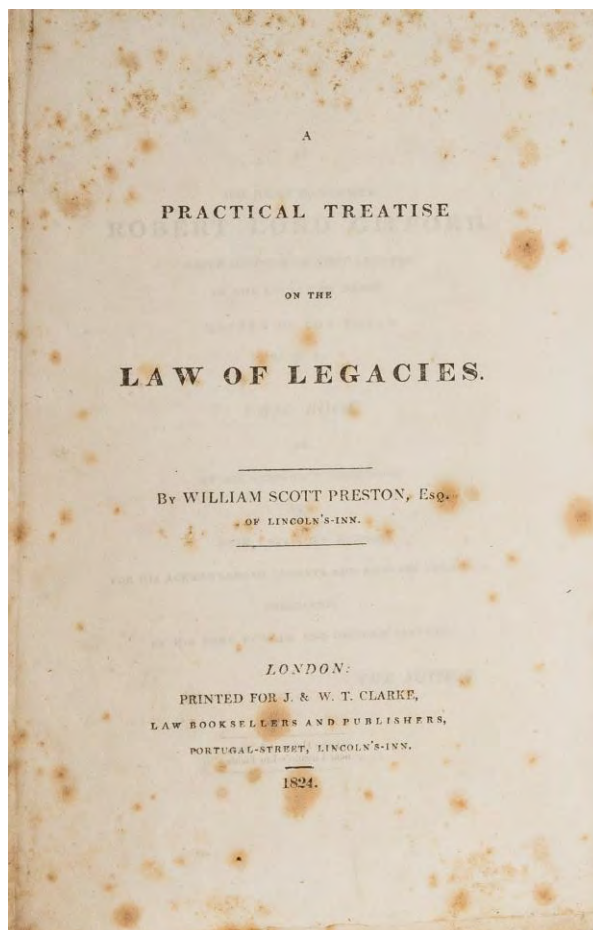
Original paper-covered publisher boards with contrasting paper spine and printed paper title label, untrimmed edges. Moderate soiling and a few minor stains and scuffs to boards, spine mostly perished, boards beginning to separate, text block secure, rubbing to extremities, corners and spine ends bumped and lightly worn. Light toning to interior, negligible light foxing in a few places, fold lines to a few leaves, section of fore edges of leaf K4 (pp. 139-140) neatly torn away, but laid in, small tear to head of title page. \$1,500.

\* Second and final edition of a work first published in 1788. Moore is identified on the title page as "Ten Years First Clerk of the Bankrupt's Office" and he clearly had a thorough knowledge of his field. The book has two parts. The first is a collection of different types of bankruptcy petitions and related documents with explanatory notes on procedure. The second is an alphabetical digest of bankruptcy law. The work is useful, overall, as a guide to English bankruptcy law as practiced at the end of the eighteenth century, a time of rapid economic growth.

Print copies of both editions are rare. OCLC and the *English Short-Title Catalogue* locate 1 of the second edition (York University, Canada). No additional copies located on Library Hub. *English Short-Title Catalogue* N20378.

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**Treatise on Legacies Praised by Kent,  
Few Printed Copies of This Edition Exist Today**

**18. Preston, William Scott.**

*A Practical Treatise on the Law of Legacies.* London: Printed for J. & W.T. Clarke, Law Booksellers and Publishers, Portugal-Street, Lincoln's Inn, 1824. lx, 387, [1] pp. Publisher advertisement to final page. Octavo (9" x 5-3/4").

Original paper-covered publisher boards with contrasting paper spine and printed paper title label, untrimmed edges. Light soiling and a few minor stains and scuffs to boards, spine mostly perished, boards beginning to separate, text block secure, rubbing to extremities, corners and spine ends bumped. Moderate toning and light foxing to interior, creases to final three leaves, chip to lower outside corner of final leaf. \$750.

\* Only edition. In *Commentaries on American Law*, James Kent says "the law of legacies has been well digested by Mr. Roper, but with more force, precision and accuracy by Mr. Preston." A reprint edition, star-paged to the London edition, was published in New York in 1827.

There are several microform or digital copies of the 1824 London edition, but few printed examples. OCLC locates 2 (National Library of Scotland, University of St. Andrews). LibraryHub adds 5 more (British Library, Cambridge University, Middle Temple, University of Aberdeen, University of Edinburgh). Kent cited in Marvin, *Legal Bibliography* 588. Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 2:290.

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**The TABLE of the LAWS, relative to HARES:**  
 Shewing the several OFFENCES; the ACTS creating the PENALTIES; the PERSONS to whom such PENALTIES are given; and the MANNER of recovering them.

A.	B.	C.	D.
HARES.	QUANTUM PENITENTIAE.	UNQUALIFIED PENITENTIAE.	QUALIFIED PENITENTIAE.
Single Offences.	Unqualified Penitents.	Unqualified Penitents.	Qualified Penitents.
For killing in the Night.	10 s.	10 s.	10 s.
The killing on a Sunday.	20 s.	20 s.	20 s.
For using Grey-hounds to kill.	5 s.	5 s.	5 s.
For keeping Grey-hounds, Nags, or other Engines to kill or destroy.	5 s.	5 s.	5 s.
For exposing to Sale.	10 s.	10 s.	10 s.
For killing within the Lord of the Maner's Curtilage.	10 s.	10 s.	10 s.
For Tracing in the Chase.	10 s.	10 s.	10 s.
For using Knowes.	10 s.	10 s.	10 s.
For using an Engine to kill or destroy.	10 s.	10 s.	10 s.
For killing between one Hour after Sun-setting, and one Hour before Sun-rising.	10 s.	10 s.	10 s.

*(Note: The table above is a simplified representation of the dense legal text in the image. The actual table contains numerous rows of specific offenses and their corresponding penalties.)*

**Laws Relating to Hares, Pheasants and Partridges**

**19. [Purlewent, Samuel].**  
*A Dialogue Between a Lawyer and a Country Gentleman, Upon the Subject of the Game Laws, Relative to Hares, Partridges, And Pheasants...* London: Printed for J. Wilkie, At No. 71. St. Paul's Church-Yard; And P. Uriel, In the Inner-Temple Lane, 1771. 54, [2] pp. Half-title (with an edition statement). Three folding tables, the third supplied from another copy and laid in. Octavo (7-1/2" x 5"; third table 8-1/2" x 5-1/2").

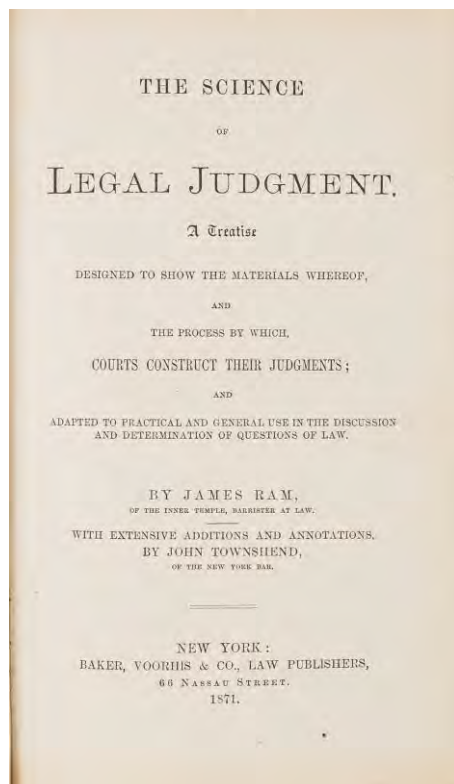
Disbound stab-stitched pamphlet. Light toning, light soiling to exterior and edges of first two folding tables, which have a few creases and minor tears, moderate toning, edgewear and a few minor chips and tears to third table. \$250.

\* Second edition, one of three editions, all issued in 1771. This review of the game laws in dialogue form was reprinted in 1775 and incorporated into a later work by John Purlewent, *Two Law Tracts* (1786). (*A Dialogue* is sometimes misattributed to him.)The three tables summarize the laws relating to hares, partridges and pheasants.

OCLC locates 9 copies in North American law libraries. Not in Sweet & Maxwell. *English Short-Title Catalogue* N6508.

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**"There is Not a More Useful Law Book"**

**20. Ram, James [1793-1870].**

**Townshend, John [b.1819], Editor.**

*The Science of Legal Judgment*. . . . New York: Baker, Voorhis & Co., Law Publishers, 1871. 456 pp. Octavo (9" x 5-3/4").

Contemporary sheep, blind frames to boards, raised bands, blind fillets and red and black lettering pieces to spine, blind tooling to board edges. Light rubbing and a few minor nicks and scuffs to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities with wear to spine ends and corners, joints starting at ends, front hinge cracked, illegible early owner signature, bookseller stamp (Rees, Welsh & Co., Philadelphia) and later owner stamp of Benjamin A. Maslan to front pastedown, embossed bookseller stamp (of Bourquin & Welsh, Philadelphia) to front free endpaper. Moderate toning to interior, light foxing in a few places, offsetting and minor chipping to edges of endleaves. \$500.

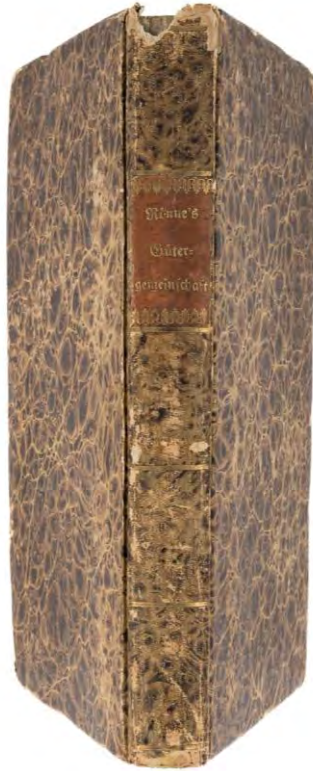
\* Final and best edition. First printed in London in 1834, this work was reissued in Philadelphia in 1835. As indicated by an anonymous review of the 1835 issue in the *American Law Journal*, this was a well-received work: "There is not a more useful law book.... It is brief yet comprehensive, concise yet clear. Its composition must have cost the author infinite research, and there is not a page which does not convey information necessary to be known by every member of the profession." Townshend added an appendix of related texts, an index and citations to later English and American reports, which are enclosed in brackets.

Maslan [1901-1979] was a prominent Seattle attorney and bibliophile who created an important collection of Bibles that was later donated to the American Jewish University, Los Angeles.

*American Law Journal* cited in Marvin, *Legal Bibliography* 597. This edition not in the *Harvard Law Catalogue* (1909) or Sweet & Maxwell.

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**A Scarce German Historical Study of Spousal Property, OCLC locates No Copies in North America**

**21. Rönne, [Friedrich Ludwig von] [1798-1865].**

*Die Allgemeine Eheliche Gütergemeinschaft im Herzogthum Cleve und der Grafschaft Mark eine mit Erläuternden Anmerkungen Begleitete Zusammenstellung der Darüber Vorhandenen Quellen.* Halle: Verlag der Buchhandlung des Waisenhauses, 1832. viii, 384 pp. Octavo (8" x 5").

Contemporary marbled paper-covered boards, lettering piece and gilt fillets to spine. Moderate rubbing to boards, heavier rubbing to extremities, chipping to head of spine, corners bumped and moderately worn, later bookplate of the J.H.W. Stuckenberg Library and earlier bookplate residue to front pastedown. Moderate toning to interior, faint dampspotting in a few places, light soiling to corners of a few leaves. \$350.

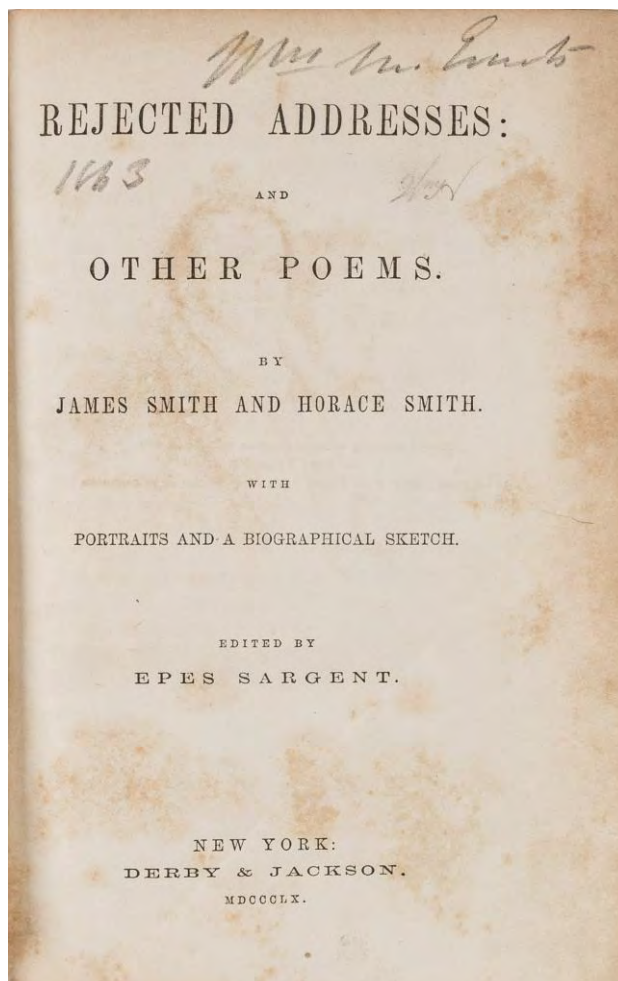
\* Only edition. This is a study of laws from 1636 to 1831 concerning spousal property in the Duchy of Cleves and the County of Mark, two adjacent states in present-day central Germany that were once part of the Holy Roman Empire and the Kingdom of Prussia. Rönne was a Prussian jurist, public servant, politician and diplomat who had an interest in marriage law. Among other achievements, he played a large part in the revision of the Prussian civil code from 1825-1828 and was Prussia's Ambassador to the United States from 1834-1844.

This book once belonged to John Henry Wilbrand Stuckenberg [1835-1903], a notable German-American Lutheran minister, college professor, philosopher and public intellectual associated with Gettysburg College. His will donated most of his estate to that college. His wife donated his library (which was later, for the most part, deaccessioned).

OCLC locates 14 copies, 10 in Germany, none in North America. *Allgemeine Deutsche Biographie* 29:133-136. Wink, *Guide to the John Henry Wilbrand Stuckenberg Papers* [1]-[4].

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22. Smith, James [1775-1839].

Smith, Horace [1779-1849].

Sargent, Epes [1813-1880], Editor.

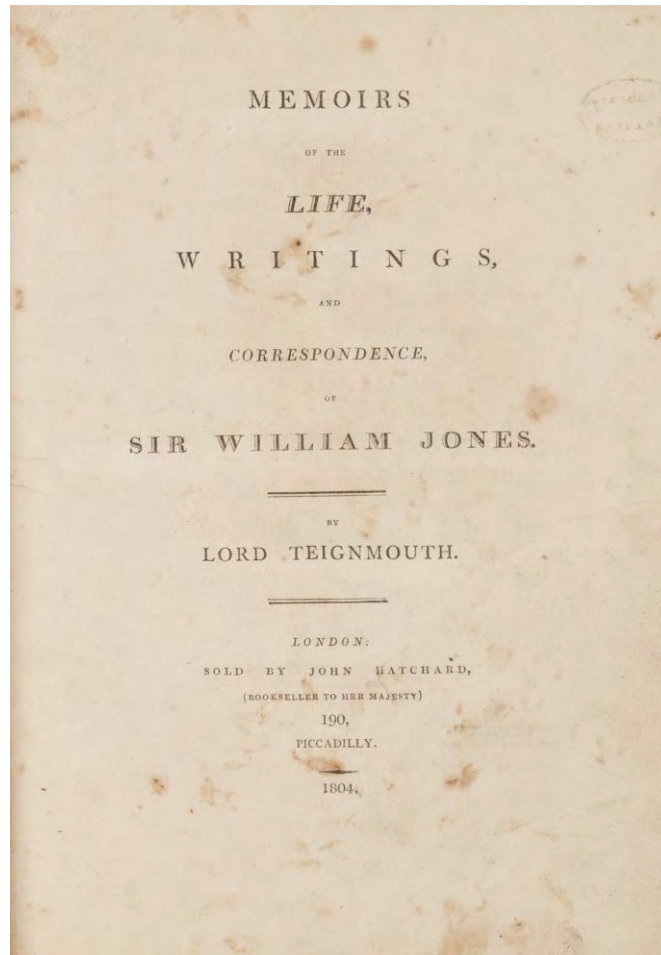
*Rejected Addresses: And Other Poems. With Portraits and a Biographical Sketch.* New York: Derby & Jackson, 1860. xxiii, 414 pp. Tissue-guarded portrait frontispiece of the Smith brothers. Octavo (7-1/4" x 4-3/4").

Publisher's blind-stamped pebbled cloth, gilt ornament to front board, gilt title to spine, colored endpapers. Light shelfwear, spine ends and corners bumped. Light toning and occasional light foxing to interior, corners of a few leaves folded, owner signature of William M. Evarts dated 1863 to title page. \$150.

\* Later edition. This popular collection of satirical addresses and poems, co-authored a lawyer and his brother, a stockbroker, was owned by William M. Evarts [1818-1901], one of the most important American lawyer-statesmen of the nineteenth century. He was Andrew Johnson's attorney general and defended Johnson during his impeachment trial. As a litigator, he played leading roles in the Alabama Claims (Geneva Arbitration) and the electoral commission to settle the contested presidential election of 1876. Later, he was Secretary State under Rutherford B. Hayes and a one-term U.S. Senator from New York.

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**The First Biography of Sir William Jones, The Eminent Linguist and Puisne Judge of Bengal**

**23. Teignmouth, John Shore, 1st Baron [1751-1834].**

*Memoirs of the Life, Writings and Correspondence, Of Sir William Jones.* London: Sold by John Hatchard, (Bookseller to Her Majesty) 190, Piccadilly, 1804. xiv, [2], 531 pp. Lacking portrait frontispiece. Quarto (11-1/4" x 9").

Later quarter morocco over pebbled cloth, endpapers renewed. Light rubbing, corners bumped, a few tiny spots to spine. Moderate toning to interior, light foxing and soiling to a few leaves, including title page, which has a tiny library stamp (C. Library/ Halifax), two more library stamps at rear of text. \$250.

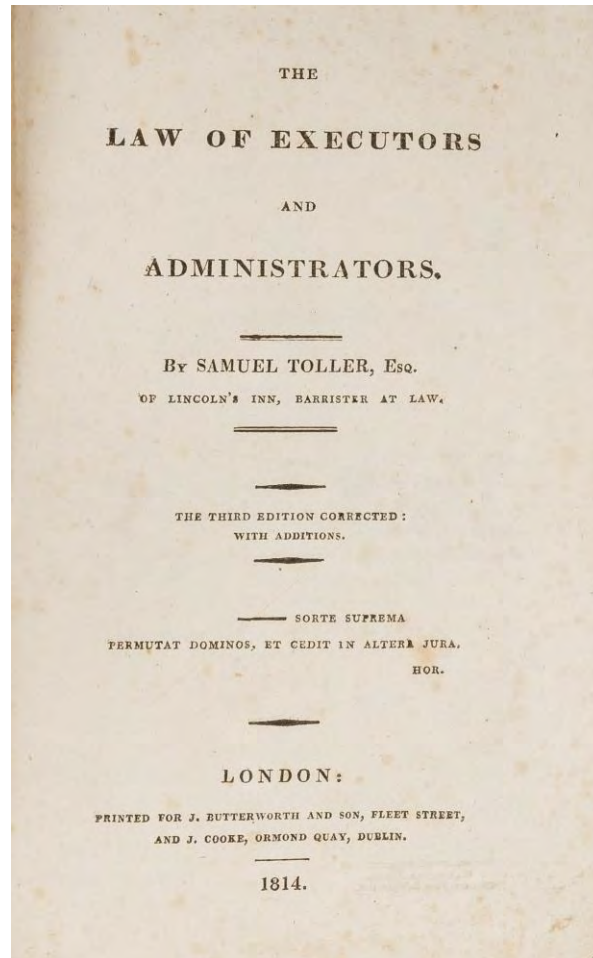
\* First edition. A man of wide interests, Jones was a philologist and scholar of ancient India in addition to his service as a puisne judge in Bengal. Jones is perhaps best known today for his studies on relationships between Indo-European languages, which were important contributions to linguistics.

An official of the East India Company who served as governor of Bengal and a skilled philologist and translator, Lord Teignmouth was a close friend of Jones. His was the first biographical study of Jones. Written at the request of Jones's widow, it was a well-received work; its last edition was published in 1835.

*British Museum Catalogue* (Compact Edition) 23:459.

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**A Standard Treatise on Executors and Administrators in Great Britain and America**

**24. Toller, Sir Samuel [1764-1821].**

*The Law of Executors and Administrators. With Additions.* London: Printed for J. Butterworth and Son, Fleet Street, And J. Cooke, Ormond Quay, Dublin, 1814. xvi, 526, [84] pp. Octavo (9" x 5-1/2")

Original paper-covered publisher boards with contrasting paper spine and printed paper title label, untrimmed edges. Light soiling and a few minor stains and scuffs to boards, spine mostly perished, boards beginning to separate, text block secure, rubbing to extremities, corners and spine ends bumped. Moderate toning to interior, light foxing in places, notes in early hands to front and rear endleaves. \$250.

\* Third edition. Toller's treatise was the successor to Wentworth's *The Office and Dutie of Executors* (1641). It was first published in 1800 and became a standard work that had seven editions in Great Britain and four editions in America. The annotations to our copy are a table of probate duty fees (front free endpaper) and a copy of a report from Haggard's *Reports of Cases Argued and Determined in the Ecclesiastical Courts at Doctors' Commons, And in the High Court of Delegates* concerning a woman who died intestate (rear endleaf).

Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 1:494.

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### An 1860 Illinois Divorce Case that Dominated Headlines Throughout the United States

#### 25. [Trial].

#### **Burch v. Burch.**

*Only Complete Report of the Burch Divorce Case; Containing a History of the Case--The Preliminary Movements, The "Confession" of Mrs. Burch, Opening and Closing Speeches of Counsel, The Deposition of Parties Implicated, and All the Testimony in Full, With the Letters Offered in Evidence but Ruled Out by the Court.* New York: Robert M. DeWitt, Publisher, 30 Frankfort Street, [c.1860]. 116, [5]-8 pp. Main text in double columns. Pictorial wrappers lacking. Page [5] has drop-head title *The Beardsley Divorce, sub-titled History of the Case*, which is followed by a single-column account of that case. Octavo (6" x 9-1/2").

Stab-stitched pamphlet in pictorial wrappers, untrimmed edges. Light soiling, dampstaining, tears and notable edgewear to wrappers, front wrapper detached, moderate toning to interior, faint dampstaining to heads of a few leaves. \$125.

\* Only edition, one of two issues. This sensational Illinois divorce case dominated headlines throughout the United States. It involved a prominent Chicago banker and his socialite wife, who denied his accusations of adultery and countered with charges that he married her for her fortune and had mistreated her. The jury agreed and ruled in her favor.

Our copy is from the issue that includes a synopsis of the Beardsley divorce, a case that involved adultery claims by both spouses. It is not included in the other issue, which does not have any additional material. The synopsis is apparently a promotion for DeWitt's report of that case, which is advertised on rear wrappers of copies in wrappers that we have seen.

This issue not in Cohen or the *Harvard Law Catalogue* (1909), both of which record the issue with 116 pp.

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26. [Trial].

**Hodgson, Charles, Defendant.**

*Crim. Con. Between a Lawyer's Clerk and His Mistress. Fairburn's Edition of the Trial Between Joseph Fowler, An Attorney, And Chas. Hodgson, His Clerk, For Criminal Conversation with the Plaintiff's Wife, Which was Tried at the Court of Common Pleas, Before Lord Chief Justice Mansfield, And a Special Jury, July 13, 1808. Taken in Short Hand. Embellished with an Engraved Frontispiece, Representing "Her Dear Charles" Putting Her Ear-rings in Her Ears.* London: Published by John Fairburn, [1808]. 17, [1] pp. Folding frontispiece. Octavo (8-1/4" x 5").

Disbound stab-stitched pamphlet housed in recent card folder with annotations to front. Moderate toning, somewhat heavier to exterior, faint offsetting to title page, text block split between pp. 10-11. Owner signature "Renier" to verso of frontispiece, small ink "5" to upper outside corner of title page, owner initials "AR" to upper inside corner of last page. Rare. \$350.

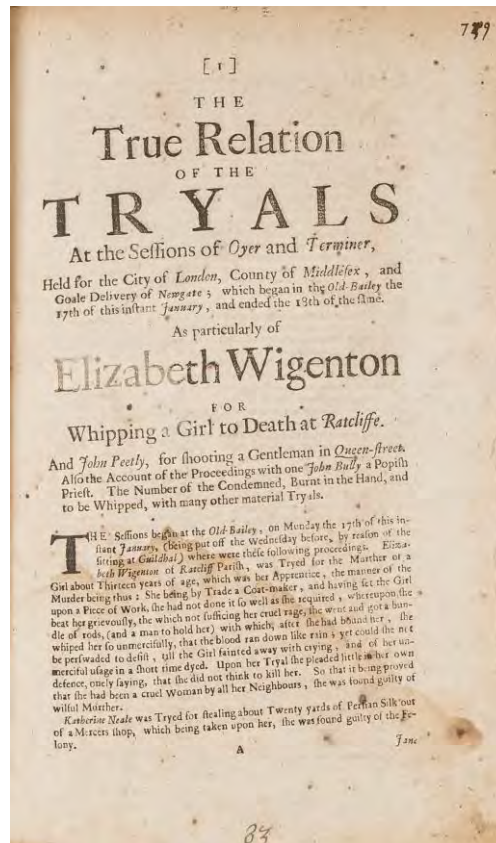
\* Only edition. When Joseph Fowler discovered an affair between his wife and his clerk, he sued for damages "for the loss of the society of his wife" (1). It was largely agreed at court that Mrs. Fowler had instigated the affair, and Lord Mansfield declined to make a large monetary award. Fowler was granted a modest £150 in damages.

This pamphlet belonged to Anne Renier [1911?-1988]. She and her husband, Fernand Gabriel Renier [1905-1988], were important collectors of popular books, pamphlets and ephemera.

OCLC locates 2 copies worldwide (University of British Columbia, University of Oxford). Library Hub locates no additional copies.

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### Cruel Employers and Popish Priests

#### 27. [Trials]. [Great Britain].

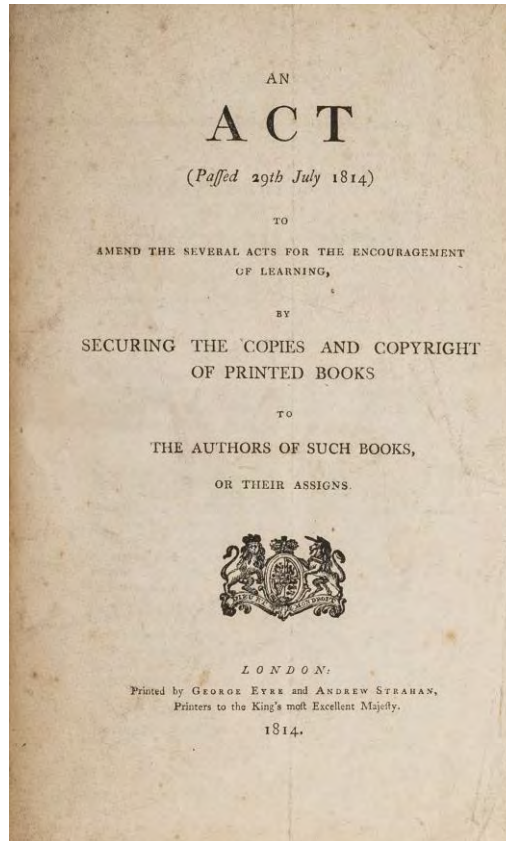
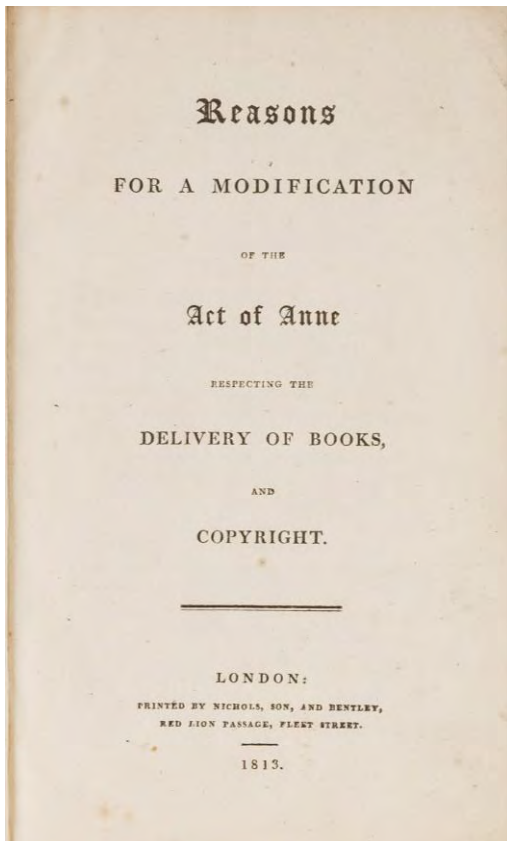
*The True Relation of the Tryals at the Sessions of Oyer and Terminer, Held for the City of London, County of Middlesex, And Goale Delivery of Newgate; Which Began in the Old-Bailey the 17th of This Instant January, And Ended the 18th of the Same. As Particularly of Elizabeth Wigenton for Whipping a Girl to Death at Ratcliffe....* [Caption Title]. [London: S.n., 1681?]. 4 pp. Folio (11-1/2" x 7").

Disbound bifolium in recent three-quarter calf over cloth, gilt title to spine. Some abrasions to cloth at head of front board, faint dampstaining to foot of rear board, light rubbing to extremities, light wear to spine ends and corners. Moderate toning and light foxing to text, faint dampstain to foot of text block, early manuscript folio numbers to upper corners. \$650.

\* Only edition. A report of proceedings of nineteen felony trials in the Old Bailey. The majority of the trials were for theft, with cases involving shoplifting, burglary, corpse-robbing and stealing "600 weight of Red-wood" from a docked ship. Among the assault and murder cases was that of Elizabeth Wigenton, a coat maker who whipped a servant girl to death and was convicted of wilful murder. Others concerned bigamy and recusancy. The trial of John Bully, "Popish priest," was apparently one of several; Bully pled that he had already been tried (for an unmentioned offense related to his Catholicism) and managed to put off his new trial.

This is a scarce title. OCLC and the ESTC locate 6 copies, 2 in North America (Harvard, Folger Shakespeare). *English Short-Title Catalogue (ESTC)* R222402.

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### Problems with Copyright in the Early Nineteenth Century

#### 28. [Turner, Sharon (1768-1847)].

*Reasons for a Modification of the Act of Anne Respecting the Delivery of Books, And Copyright.* London: Printed by Nichols, Son, and Bentley, 1813. [ii], 60 pp.

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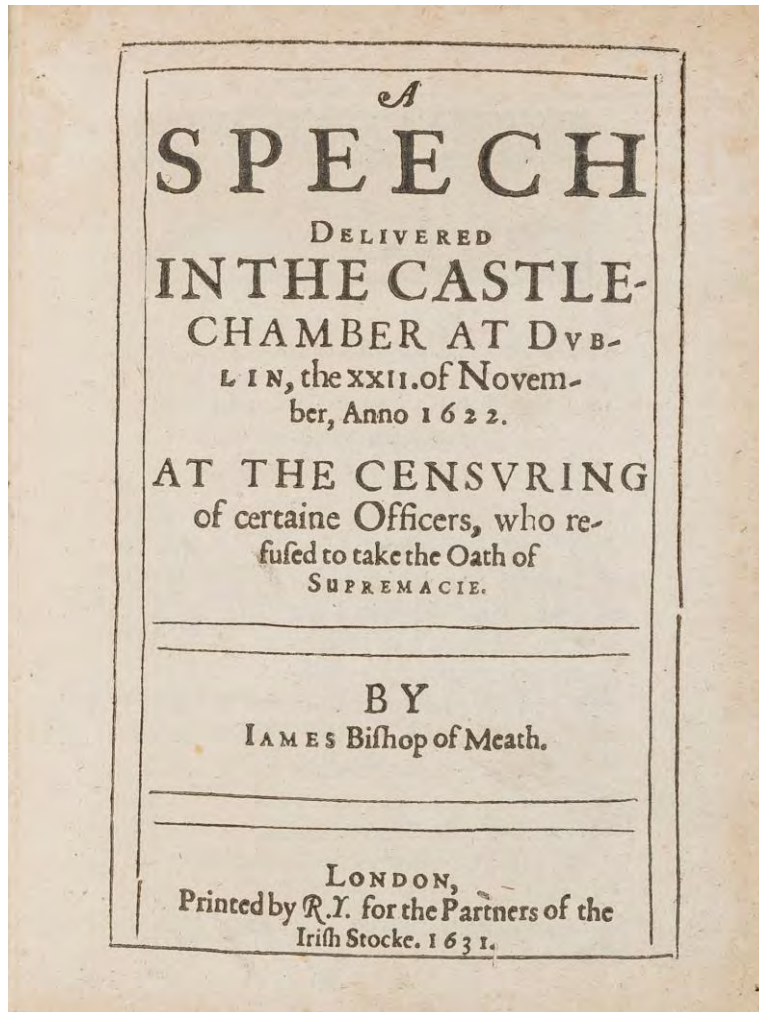
*An Act (Passed 29th July 1814) to Amend the Several Acts for the Encouragement of Learning, By Securing the Copies and Copyright of Printed Books to the Authors of Such Books, Or Their Assigns.* London: Printed by George Eyre and Andrew Strahan, Printers to the King's most Excellent Majesty, 1814. 12 pp.

Octavo (8" x 4-3/4"). Later cloth, some fading to exterior, front joint cracked, rear joint starting, large chip to head of spine. Light toning to interior, light foxing and soiling in a few places, faint fold lines to a few leaves. \$450.

\* *Reasons*: only edition. Formally titled An Act for the Encouragement of Learning, the 1710 Statute of Anne was the first in the world to create a system of government-regulated copyright. It initially granted authors a 14-year copyright term on every work registered at Stationer's Hall, which could then be extended for a second term if the author was still alive. The copyright deposit system required that eleven copies be sent to universities as well. *Reasons for a Modification of the Act of Anne* argues that the deposit system created a heavy cost burden on copyright holders and that they should be entitled to a longer term. It is attributed to Sharon Turner, a prominent English historian. The Copyright Act 1814 reformed the deposit system and set a copyright term of 28 years or the life of the author, whichever was longer.

OCLC locates 8 copies of *Reasons* in North America, 1 in a law library (Library of Congress)

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**"Submit Yourselves Unto Every Ordinance of Man for the Lords Sake"**

**29. Ussher, James [1581-1656].**

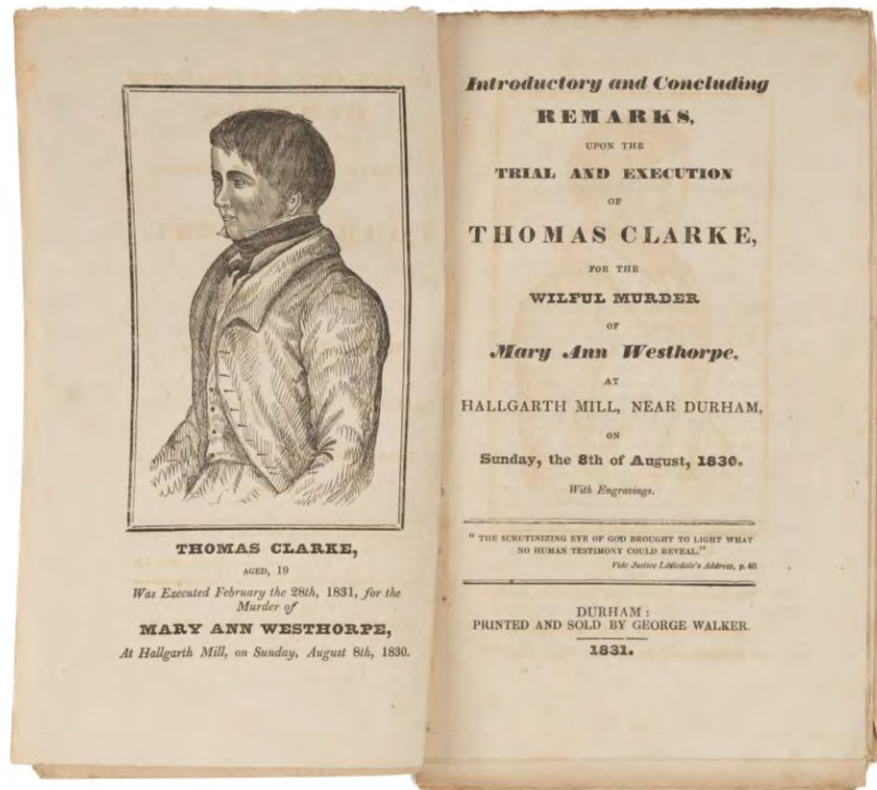
*A Speech Delivered in the Castle-Chamber at Dublin, The XXII. Of November, Anno 1622. At the Censuring of Certaine Officers, Who Refused to Take the Oath of Supremacie. By Iames Bishop of Meath.* London: Printed by R.Y. for the Partners of the Irish Stocke, 1631. [ii], 12, [2] pp. Quarto (7-1/4" x 5-1/2").

Disbound stab-stitched pamphlet in recent marbled boards. Moderate toning, minor worming to text block without loss to legibility, light edgewear to final leaf, its upper corner lacking. \$150.

\* Only edition. Ussher was appointed Bishop of Meath by James I in 1621 and later became Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland. In this speech, he condemns a number of prospective office-holders who refused to swear allegiance to James as Supreme Governor of the Church of England and reviews the history of and divine basis for oaths of supremacy. The *ESTC* notes that this pamphlet was likely issued both separately and as Part 5 of a collection of Ussher's speeches and works.

*English Short-Title Catalogue (ESTC)* S118952.

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### Unrecorded Remarks on a Brutal Durham Murder

30. Walker, George, Publisher.

[Clarke, Thomas (d.1831)].

*Introductory and Concluding Remarks, Upon the Trial and Execution of Thomas Clarke, For the Wilful Murder of Mary Ann Westhorpe, At Hallgarth Mill, Near Durham, On Sunday, The 8th of August, 1830. With Engravings.* Durham: Printed and sold by George Walker, 1831. [ii], 5, [2], 44-57, [1] pp. Portrait frontispiece of Thomas Clarke. Octavo (7-1/2" x 4-1/2").

Stab-stitched pamphlet in printed wrappers, publisher's advertisements to rear wrapper, edges untrimmed. Light toning, light soiling to exterior. A well-preserved copy of a rare item. \$850.

\* Clarke murdered Westhorpe, a fellow servant, in August 1830 and was convicted and hanged in February of 1831. This pamphlet consists of religious commentary on the crime and its aftermath. The author is particularly concerned with the crime as "a notorious and shameful violation of the Sabbath-day" and laments the public's lurid interest in Clarke's execution (and the inappropriate number of women present at the hanging).

Our pamphlet appears to consist of the first five pages of *The Trial and Execution of Thomas Clarke*, also published by Walker in 1831, with an 18-page appendix that does not appear to have been part of that work. (All recorded copies of *Trial and Execution* are 42 pp., and it is possible that the sheets in our pamphlet represent a planned but unpublished appendix. We could locate no other account of the Clarke trial published by Walker.) The title page calls for "Engravings," while the front wrapper mentions only "a Portrait."

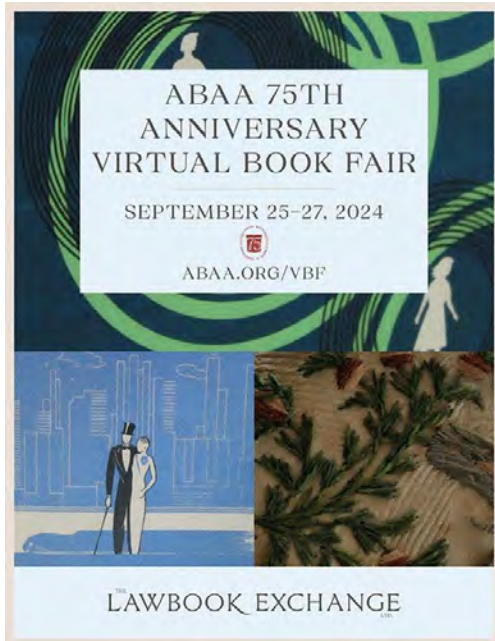
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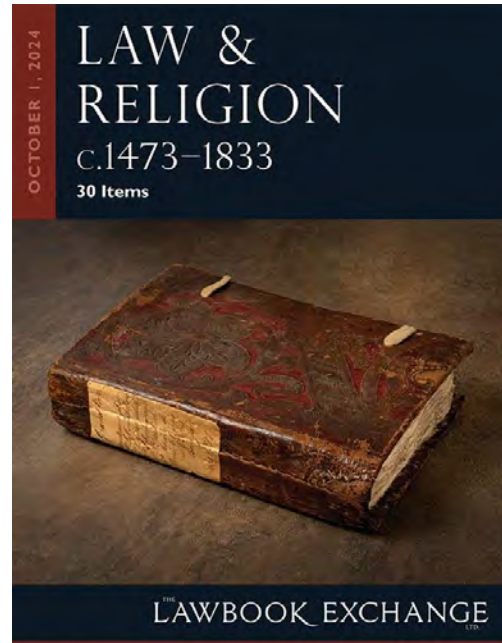
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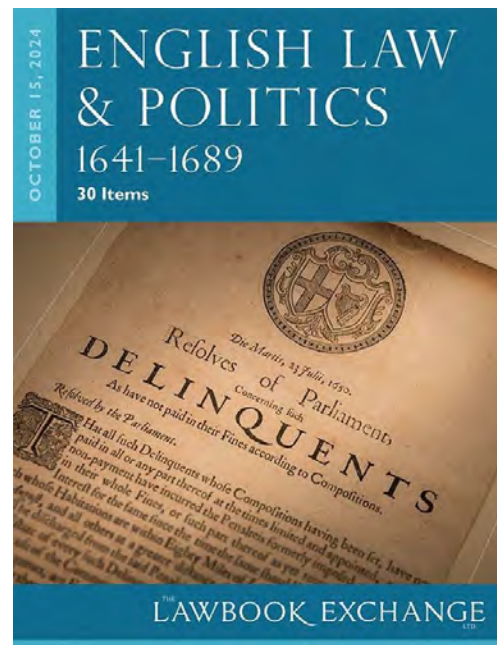
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