THIRTY ASSOCIATION ITEMS
Owned by an Important Victorian Bookseller

1. [Arbuthnot, John (1667-1735)].
[Swift, Jonathan (1667-1745)].

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Disbound stab-stitched pamphlets, approximately 7" x 4-1/4", later bookplates of Harry Buxton Forman tipped onto title pages not affecting text. Moderate toning, light foxing, soiling, edgewear and faint dampstains in a few places, Forman's brief shelfmarks in pencil to first pages of titles I, II and IV. I: First and final leaves detached, trimming to foot of second leaf just touching catchword. II: Embossed seller stamps (John H.W. Cadby) to final blank, ms note in pencil dated 1841 to its verso. III: Final leaf starting at foot but secure, a few early ink annotations affected by trimming along with page numbers in places, small hole to text block of title page and following few leaves, no loss to legibility. IV: Bookplate torn at upper left corner and held to title page by lower left corner only, bottom-edge untrimmed, last two leaves unopened. V: Brief early annotations to title page and final leaf in ink, later note ("Arbuthnot") in pencil to title page. VI: First leaf detached, other leaves separating, bottom-edge untrimmed. A complete collection of an important work. $1,750.
I-III, V: Presumed first editions (among several issues, no edition statements given). IV and VI: Second editions. One of the most successful political satires of the period, this work is attributed to Arbuthnot in some sources, Swift in others. It is an attack on the Whig Party and its foreign policy grounded in a lengthy "law suit" (war with France) involving "Lord Strutt," "John Bull," "Nicholas Frog" and "Lewis Baboon." It is notable as one of the first uses of "John Bull" and for its sardonic view of contemporary legal practice. Issued independently with several editions of each in 1712, the works were compiled and published in 1727 as *Law is a Bottom-less Pit* or, *The History of John Bull.* The *Complete Key* is a separate title from a different publisher, possibly Edmund Curll, who sought to capitalize on the popularity of the John Bull series.

H. Buxton Forman [1842-1917], the former owner of our copies, was an important Victorian antiquarian bookseller known for his bibliographies of Shelley and Keats.
Larceny and Homicide Law at the End of the Eighteenth Century

2. Bevill, Robert [d. 1824].

Contemporary calf, blind fillets to boards, lettering piece and blind fillets to spine. Light rubbing and some minor nicks and scuffs to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities with some wear to spine ends and corners, rear joint cracked, armorial bookplate of Cadwallader David Colden to front pastedown, inscription, presumably his, to front free endpaper, Colden' signature in pencil to head of title page. Moderate toning and light foxing to text, faint dampstaining in a few places. A nice copy of a scarce title with an interesting association. $1,400.

* Only edition. "I have collected everything to be found in the books which appeared to be material; and I have endeavoured to extract all the principles by which the law, as to these offenses, is governed: and although no direct authority can be cited in support of one of these principles, in the form in which I have stated them, yet when every part of the subject is examined, I feel some confidence, that they will be found correct" [iii-iv]. Bevill was a barrister of the Inner Temple. The *Dictionary of National Biography* says this book "was terribly lacerated" by the *London Monthly Review*, but does not say why (II:450). The notable vehemence of this review suggests a personal or partisan motivation. A member of a distinguished New York City family, Colden [1769-1834] was a mayor of New York City from 1818-1821, a U.S. Representative from New York from 1821-1823 and a member of the New York State Senate from 1825 to 1827. The inscription on the front free endpaper reads: "Murder is a killing of malice-/ Malice is where there is a felonious and deliberate interest/ to do bodily harm by probably means."

*English Short-Title Catalogue* N14026.

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* First American edition, a reprint of the fourth Oxford edition (1770). This was a significant contribution to early American law and a landmark in the history of American publishing. The subscribers to this edition included John Adams, John Jay, John Dickinson, several colonial governors and many other leaders of colonial America. Sixteen of these were signers of the Declaration of Independence who went on to serve as members of the Continental Congress.

Leaming was a lawyer in Cape May, New Jersey, when he subscribed to this edition. He was a member of the fifth session of the Provincial Congress of New Jersey (June-August 1776), which ordered the arrest of royal governor William Franklin, approved the Declaration of Independence and produced New Jersey's first state constitution (1776). He played important roles in the Revolution by raising a battalion of militia, serving as an officer and contributing funds to build and outfit privateers.

Samuel W. Pennypacker [1843-1916] was a Pennsylvania politician, judge and historian. Governor of Pennsylvania from 1903 to 1907 and a long-serving judge of the court of common pleas, he published several books and articles on various aspects of Pennsylvania history. His inscription indicates that he presented Leaming's descendant with two volumes from this set.


Order This Item
Inscribed by Cardozo, "to the dear, dear Mother..."


Original cloth, gilt title to spine, blind frames to boards, gilt Columbia University Press crest to center of front board. Light rubbing to extremities, Cardozo memorial bookplate to front pastedown, unsigned inscription in pencil, apparently in Cardozo's hand, to front free endpaper, light toning to text. $1,750.

* First edition. One of Cardozo's most important books, The Paradoxes of Legal Science is a classic statement of juristic pragmatism. As Goodhart points out, it also reveals the non-legal sources, such as Greek philosophy, that informed his work. The bookplate was commissioned by Judge Irving Lehman, Cardozo's executor and close friend, to mark the books from Cardozo's library that were bequeathed to him. The inscription reads: "To the dear, dear Mother From the one who owes everything to her and loves her as befits the debt." We are not sure who the "dear, dear Mother" is. It cannot be Cardozo's mother; she died when he was a child. It may be his older sister, Ellen Ida, "Nell" Cardozo, who was mostly responsible for his upbringing and was a maternal figure in his life. She died in 1929. Posner notes that Benjamin and Nell's relationship "was a good deal closer than that of an average sister and brother [it was] perhaps more like that of a mother and a son."

Cardozo was nominated to the Supreme Court by President Hoover in 1932. Cardozo, along with left-leaning justices Harlan Fiske Stone and Louis Brandeis, formed the "Three Musketeers" and voted in favor of many New Deal policies. From 1932 to 1937, they faced off against the conservative "Four Horsemen," George Sutherland, Willis Van Devanter, James Clark McReynolds and Pierce Butler.


Order This Item
5. Damhouder (Damhoudere), Josse (Joost) de [1507-1581].

Later signed binding (by Gustave Schildknecht of Brussels), three-quarter morocco over marbled boards, gilt fillets to morocco edges, gilt-edged raised bands, gilt title and date to spine, gilt ornaments to compartments, edges rouged, marbled (renewed) endpapers, silk ribbon bookmark. Text in two columns with a few woodcut tail-pieces and initials. Moderate rubbing to joints, light rubbing to board edges, armorial bookplate of Jules Vandenpeereboom to front pastedown, autograph letter, signed, from him dated 15 October 1880 and fragment of an additional autograph letter laid in. Light browning to interior, light foxing and soiling in a few places, occasional faint dampstaining to bottom margin from f. 45, just touching main text on a few pages without loss to legibility, trimming to bottom-edges of leaf ***3-4 (ff. [xi-xii]) with loss to catchwords but no loss to main text, a few brief annotations and corrections in an early hand. A handsome copy of a scarce title. $3,500.

* Only French edition. First published in 1544 in Latin as Pupillorum Patrocinium, this is a comprehensive treatise on the law of guardian and ward. Like Damhouder's works on civil and criminal law, it has woodcut illustrations, 10 in this case, that illustrate points in the text. One depicts three young orphans with their guardian, tutor, godfather, conservator and executor before a magistrate, facing preface. Other plates depict situations in later stages of life, such as a guardian introducing a child to a teacher, the guardian and child at a shoemaker's shop and the guardian making a record of his charge's assets with an accountant. The French edition includes an address to the reader in verse by Antoine Tiron. OCLC locates 7 copies of the French edition in North America, 3 in law libraries (Harvard, George Washington University, John Jay College of Criminal Justice).

Our copy was owned by Jules Vandenpeereboom [1843-1917], a politician who served as prime minister of Belgium in 1899. In 1880, he presented it to a friend along with a note addressed to "Mon cher Jean." This note is laid in to the volume along with a fragment of an 1884 letter that seems to identify the recipient as a Jean Bethune. Not in Adams.

Cockx-Indesteghe, Belgica Typographica 1541-1600 804. Dekkers, Bibliotheca Belgica Juridica 44.

Order This Item
William O. Douglas's Copy of the
U.S. House of Representatives Parliamentary Manual

Cannon, Clarence [1879-1964].

Flexible calf, gilt title to center of front cover, "Justice Douglas" gilt-stamped near lower outside corner. Light rubbing and a few minor scratches to covers and spine, moderate rubbing to extremities, small Library of Congress deaccession stamp to front free endpaper, minor creases and edgewear to thumb-tabs. $450.

* Known for his strong progressive views, Douglas was an associate justice of the U.S. Supreme Court from 1939 to 1975. Cannon's manual was first published in 1928, its last edition was issued in 1963.
7. Finch, Sir Henry [1558-1625].  

Contemporary calf, blind rules to boards, raised bands and blind fillets to spine, gilt rules to board edges. Worn, boards detached along with front free endpaper and leaves A1-3, some small scuffs, nicks and scratches to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, wear to spine ends and corners, which are bumped, early annotation (and ownership signature?) to rear free endpaper, its upper right corner lacking. Light toning to interior, light soiling in a few places, light edgewear to detached leaves, leaf A4 loosening at head but secure. Ownership signature of Sir Frederick Pollock ("F. Pollock/ Linc: Inn/ 1898") to verso of initial blank. Item housed in archival box. $750.

* Fourth edition in English, originally published in Law-French in 1613 as Nomotechnia: Un Description del Common Leyes D'Angleterre, "Finch's Law, till the publication of Blackstone's Commentaries, was regarded as the best elementary book to be placed in the hands of the law students. It is one of the few attempts that have been made to reduce the common law into system...[Finch's] definitions were exact, his style concise and nervous, and his illustrations clear and authentic. Most of the valuable parts of Finch are incorporated in Blackstone's Commentaries" (Sweet & Maxwell). The first English-language edition was published in 1627. Holdsworth says the English version was the "pioneer book on the institutes of English law" and a model for several writers.

Pollock [1845-1937] was one of the greatest British judges and legal scholars of his day. His treatises on contracts, jurisprudence, the common law and other subjects did much to clarify and systematize English law. Several of these were standard texts that went through several editions. He is also remembered for his collaboration with F.W. Maitland on The History of English Law Before the Time of Edward I and his correspondence with Oliver Wendell Holmes, which was published posthumously as The Holmes-Pollock Letters.


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Inscribed by Frankfurter to a Distinguished Female Social Worker

Greene, Nathan [c.1902-1964].

Original cloth, blind frames to boards, gilt title to spine. Light rubbing to extremities, corners and spine ends bumped, tiny tear near head of front joint. Light toning to interior, a few minor tears, creases and edgewear to tables, light browning to sections of endleaves, inscription from Frankfurter to Grace Abbott to front free endpaper. $1,000.

* Only edition. The inscription reads: "To Grace Abbott/ With the high regards of/ Felix Frankfurter." A Nebraska native who spent most of her life in Chicago, Abbott [1878-1939] was a distinguished social worker known for her efforts to improve the lives of immigrants and children. She began her career at Hull House and went on to serve as the director of the child labor division of the U.S. Children's Bureau (1917-1919) and a professor of public welfare at the University of Chicago (1934-1939). During her time at the University of Chicago she helped to draft the Social Security Act and chaired several government committees on child welfare and social issues. The School of Social Work at the University of Nebraska at Omaha is named in her honor.

Order This Item
Rare Frankfurter Items About Harold Laski with Presentation Inscriptions to Garson Kanin and Ruth Gordon


8-3/4" x 5-3/4" bifolium. Light toning, two horizontal fold lines, two pinholes to upper margin, small rust marks to head of first page along with presentation inscription from Frankfurter: "Ruthie-stop inhaling the/ blue sky and liquid amber air of/ Paris for a few days and/ write us a review of these/ letters. Thine, Felix."

[Boxed with]
Frankfurter, Felix.

10-1/2" x 8" single-sided printed sheets with transmittal envelope. Light toning, two horizontal fold lines, traces of removed staples from upper-left corners, a few tiny spots to first leaf, which has an inscription from Frankfurter to its upper-right corner: "Dear Gar:/ You're no mean/ teacher yourself./ Thine,/ FF."

Items housed in cloth clamshell box, morocco lettering piece to spine, bookplate of Donald Scott Carmichael to inside front. $1,250.

* Laski [1893-1950], the English political theorist, economist and correspondent of Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr. [1841-1935], was one of Frankfurter's friends and an important intellectual influence. Kanin and Ruth Gordon [1896-1985], his wife, were close to Frankfurter in his later years. Both had successful careers in theater and film. Kanin was a playwright and film director. Gordon, the more famous of the two, was an actress, screenwriter and playwright.

Order This Item
An Examination of the Labor Injunction from the Early 1920s,
A Presentation Copy from a Group of Notable Chicago Union Leaders

10. Frey, John P. [1871-1957].

Cloth, gilt title to spine. Light rubbing to extremities. Presentation inscription to Dr. William E. Barton from John Fitzpatrick, Victor A. Olander and other members of the Chicago Federation of Labor and Illinois State Federation of Labor on front free endpaper, owner inscription (of Meredith B. Givens, dated 1924) to front pastedown, her stamp to margin of p. 196, interior otherwise fresh. $200.

* Only edition, first issued in 1922. With an introduction by Samuel Gompers. This book originated as a series of articles written for the International Labor News Service. The reception given these articles, and the requests that they be published in book form, prompted the preparation of this volume. The Rev. Dr. William Eleazar Barton [1861-1930] was a distinguished clergyman, teacher and authority on Abraham Lincoln. Fitzpatrick and Olander were prominent Chicago labor activists. Fitzpatrick was President of the Chicago Federation of Labor from 1904 to 1946, Olander was secretary-treasurer of the Illinois State Federation of Labor.

Order This Item
Volume of Three Eighteenth-Century Works on English Election Law With an Interesting Maryland Association

[Bound With]
The Statutes at Large Concerning Elections of Members to Serve in the House of Commons; Containing A Compleat Collection of All the Acts of Parliament Now in Force, Which Relate Thereto, Continued to the End of the Last Session of Parliament, 1734. London: Printed by John Baskett, Printer to the King's Most Excellent Majesty, And Sold by Him, Robert Gosling in Fleetstreet [sic], and John Stagg in Westminster-Hall, 1734. [vi], 73, 64-109, [17], 10 pp. The text is continuous despite pagination.
[And]

12mo. (6" x 4"). Contemporary calf, gilt spine with raised bands and lettering pieces. Moderate rubbing to extremities with some wear to spine ends, joints starting, some chipping to lettering pieces, one mostly defaced, corners bumped and somewhat worn, eighteenth-century copperplate armorial bookplate of Legh Master of Newhall. Light toning to text, a bit heavier in places. "No 2" and "John Hanson Thomas March 1815" in small early hand to front free endpaper, interior otherwise clean. An appealing volume with an interesting association. $750.
Second editions. An appealing volume with a choice dual Anglo-American provenance. John Hanson Thomas [1779-1815], eminent Maryland lawyer, acquired this volume two months before his death in 1815, the year in which he was appointed to the U.S. Senate selected by his party for a seat in the United States Senate. The volume originally belonged to the British aristocrat, Legh Master of Newhall [1717-1796], who came to Maryland in 1773 (other sources say ca. 1765) and established a plantation and pig-iron blast furnace on his estate in Frederick County. The estate was confiscated in 1775 when he was suspected of being a Loyalist. It was later restored to him. He committed a gruesome double murder after the war. "[He] was said to have sexually harassed a Negro slave girl. He became angry when another slave called Sam attempted to help her. He threw Sam into the furnace alive, then killed the girl and disposed of the body by bricking it up in an oven. During renovations of Avandale house in the 1930s, the oven was opened and a human skeleton was found inside.": Codner & District Local History and Heritage Website, The Master Family (available online).

English Short-Title Catalogue T73467, T78250, T73466.
Inscribed by Learned Hand to the Wife of Bertrand Russell


Cloth in lightly edgeworn dust jacket, light soiling to rear panel. Author inscription to Edith Finch Russell on front free endpaper, light toning to interior. $1,500.

* First edition. The inscription, dated August 16, 1952, reads: "To Edith Finch/ Whose unsullied/ spirit shines for all/ those who love her/ like a good deed in this/ particularly naughty/ world." One of the most significant American jurists of the twentieth century, Hand was a judge of the U.S. Southern District of New York from 1904-1924 and a judge of the Court of Appeals, Second Circuit, from 1924 to 1956. His judgments were renowned for their lucidity and elegance. Russell [1900-1978], an American writer and biographer, was the fourth and last wife of Bertrand Russell, the great British philosopher, mathematician and political activist.

Order This Item
William W. Story's Copy of the Harvard Law Library Catalogue

13. [Harvard Law School].
[Sumner, Charles (1811-1874), Compiler].
[Woodward, William R., Compiler].

Recent period-style three-quarter calf (by Philip Dusel) retaining existing marbled boards and endpapers, lettering piece, gilt fillets and gilt-edged raised bands to spine. Light rubbing to boards, bookplate of William Wetmore Story to front pastedown. Light toning to interior, light foxing and offsetting to endleaves. $1,000.

* Second edition. Sumner, later an eminent statesman and U.S. senator, was the librarian of Harvard's law library when he was a student at Harvard Law School. His catalogue, the first published by the law school, was preceded in 1826 by an unofficial catalogue produced by students. Woodward, his successor, updated it and added a topical index.

The son of Joseph Story, William Wetmore Story [1819-1895] wrote two important legal treatises and a notable biography of his father. He also edited a collection of his father's writings. Abandoning the law around 1850, he moved to Rome and became a successful sculptor, art critic and poet and a prominent member of the Anglo-American expatriate community. His life and rich social circle was the subject of his friend Henry James's William Wetmore Story and His Friends (1903).

Cohen, Bibliography of Early American Law 1814.
Inscribed by Holmes to a Former Clerk Who Became
A Prominent Lawyer, Businessman and Philanthropist

14. Holmes, Oliver Wendell, Jr. [1841-1935].

Original cloth, printed paper title label to spine, deckle edges. Light fading to spine and joints, a few chips to edges of spine label, spine ends and corners bumped and lightly worn, hinges cracked. Moderate toning to interior, inscription "Irving S. Olds/ from his affectionate friend/ Oliver Wendell Holmes/ March 5, 1924" to front free endpaper. Book housed in later lightly edgeworn slipcase, quarter morocco over cloth, raised bands and gilt title to spine, which has a bit of fading, a few minor smudges to cloth. An appealing copy in an attractive slipcase. $3,500.

* First edition. A valuable compilation, this volume contains Holmes's most famous speeches and papers from 1885 to 1918. Its publication in 1920 was an important event in the legal community, and it was reviewed with great enthusiasm in the major journals and law reviews. Irving S. Olds [1887-1963], a New York lawyer and philanthropist, was chairman of the board and chief executive officer of U.S. Steel from 1940 to 1952, and a partner at White & Case. A graduate of Harvard Law School, he was Holmes's law clerk from 1910 to 1911.

Order This Item
Copy of a Principal English Treatise on Canon Law
Owned by a Liturgical Scholar and the Bishop of Bombay

15. [Lyndwood, William (c.1375-1446)].
[Badius, Josse (1462-1535), Editor].

Contemporary calf with later rebacking, lettering piece and gilt-edged raised bands to spine, corners repaired, endpapers renewed, hinges reinforced, lower portion of p. 77 (blank portion below text) and following rear endleaf renewed. Moderate rubbing and light scuffing to boards, heavier rubbing to extremities. Moderate toning to text, occasional light foxing. Numerous annotations and bookseller descriptions of different editions of this work to front and rear endleaves by Christopher Wordsworth, annotations and underlining to a few leaves of text. A leaf of notes in Wordsworth's hand and a 1950 letter from a bookbinder laid in. Ex-library. Small inkstamp to verso of title page. An appealing copy with interesting associations. $600.

* Later edition. Main text followed by nineteen-page, two-part index (Tabula). Compiled around 1433 and first published around 1483-1485, Provinciale is the main authority for early English canon law. Divided into five books, it is a digest of the synodal constitutions of the province of Canterbury, from the period of Archbishop Stephen Langton [c.1155-1228] to that of Archbishop Henry Chichele [1414-1443], with Lyndwood's gloss. It is considered the law of the Church of England by some authorities.

This book was owned and annotated by Christopher Wordsworth [1848-1938], the son of a notable bishop and a renowned liturgical scholar. One note indicates that he presented it in 1910 to Edwin James Palmer [1869-1954], Bishop of Bombay. The laid-in letter to Palmer, written in 1950 by the bookbinder A. Birdsall, concerns the rebinding of Palmer's copy of the Book of Common Prayer.

*English Short-Title Catalogue R11715.*

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From the Library of the Earls of Macclesfield

16. [Manuscript].
[House of Lords].

Contemporary gilt-paneled morocco, gilt royal arms to boards, raised bands and gilt decoration to spine, gilt tooling to board edges, gilt dentelles to inner boards, gilt edges, marbled endpapers, library bookplate of the Earls of Macclesfield to front pastedown. A few scuffs, nicks and scratches to boards, light rubbing to extremities, light fading to spine, joints starting at foot, rear joint just starting at head. Text with side notes written in two hands within red-ruled borders. Light toning to interior, small blind-embossed Macclesfield arms to first four leaves, light foxing and spotting in a few places. A handsome volume. $1,250.

* These standing orders, listing a variety of regulations for the proceedings of the House of Lords, are dated from June 9, 1660 to March 29, 1726. Topics include appropriate conduct for members when the king is present and procedures for trials of peers. The orders were read aloud at the beginning of each session, and the clerk produced copies for peers for a fee.

Our copy comes from the library of the Earls of Macclesfield and may have been produced for George Parker, the second Earl, when he succeeded to the title in 1732.

Order This Item
Scarce Treatise on Insurance Owned by Joseph P. Bradley

17. Millar, John [1760-1796].

Contemporary speckled calf with recent cloth rebacking, retained lettering piece to spine. Light rubbing to boards, two tiny cracks in joints, moderate rubbing to board edges, corners bumped and worn, hinges, which are reinforced with cloth, starting, faint ink property stamps to pastedowns, faint offsetting to endleaves. Moderate toning to interior, negligible light soiling to a few leaves, ownership signature of Joseph P. Bradley, dated 1839, to title page, contemporary newspaper clipping (dated August 12, 1797) tipped onto p. 501. $1,500.

* Only edition. "This work furnished, when it first appeared, a good exposition of the then existing Law of Insurance. The author collected what was to be found in Scotch Decisions, relevant to his subject, and examined and commented upon the English authorities with considerable acuteness. 'He appears to have been equally familiar with the Continental Civilians, and to have discussed the principles of Insurance with uncommon judgment and freedom of inquiry.' The volume, however, never obtained a great share of public favor, and is now rarely consulted" (Marvin).

Millar was the son of the jurist John Millar [1735-1801]. Joseph P. Bradley [1813-1892], the former owner of our copy, was an associate justice of the U.S. Supreme Court from 1870 to 1892. Admitted to the bar in 1839, Bradley also worked as an actuary for the Mutual Benefit Life Insurance Company and took an interest in patent, commercial and corporate cases during his career. OCLC locates 8 copies of this title in law libraries.


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18. [New Jersey].

Learning, Aaron, Compiler.
Spicer, Jacob Compiler.

The Grants, Concessions, And Original Constitutions of the Province of New Jersey: The Acts Passed During the Proprietary Governments, And Other Material Transactions Before the Surrender Thereof to Queen Anne, The Instrument of Surrender, And Her Formal Acceptance Thereof, Lord Cornbury's Commission and Instructions Consequent Thereon. Collected by Some Gentlemen Employed By the General Assembly, And Afterwards Published by Virtue of an Act of the Legislature of the said Province With Proper Tables Alphabetically Digested, Containing the Principal Matters in the Book. Philadelphia: Printed by W. Bradford, [1758]. [iv], 763 pp. Folio (11 1/4" x 7”).

Contemporary calf, blind rules to boards, blind fillets along joints, raised bands to spine. Moderate rubbing, boards partially detached, crack through center of backstrip, wear to spine ends, corners bumped and worn, later owner bookplate of Robert Learning Montgomery to front pastedown, front free endpaper detached and somewhat edgeworn. Moderate toning to text, faint dampspotting in places, dampstaining to margins of title page and a few other leaves, "J. Fisher Learning Esq/ from Henry Pennington/ May 13, 1850" to front free endpaper, tipped-in annotation in early hand (concerning the Monmouth Patent) to following endleaf, later owner inscription (of John Lawrence, dated 1812) to head of title page. Book housed in lightly rubbed recent cloth slipcase, morocco lettering piece to spine. An interesting association copy. $2,000.

* First edition. With indexes for East Jersey and West Jersey. The third official compilation of New Jersey law, and the scarcest according to Felcone, it is the first to print fundamental laws, constitutions and documents from 1663 to 1702 and session laws from 1668 to 1702. "This handsome volume, generally known as Learning and Spicer's Laws, was prepared under the authority of an act of Assembly passed in 1752, and is the largest work issued from the press of Wm. Bradford. Subscribers' names were first solicited in February, 1755, the compilers having spent nearly two years in its preparation. Three more years were consumed in printing, and it was not until May, 1758, that it was ready for delivery. Up to that time 170 copies had been subscribed for, and the editors say, in the Pennsylvania Journal, May 11. 1758, 'a number of copies yet remain not subscribed for,' and 'any person may be supplied' until 'the 17th of July next, after which we will not further extend the sale'" (Tower). Robert Learning Montgomery and J. Fisher Learning, both attorneys, were descendants of Aaron Learning.


Order This Item
Handsome 1789 Folio Edition of New York Laws
With Two Interesting Laid-In Manuscript Notes

19. [New York].
[Jones, Samuel (1734-1819), Compiler].
[Varick, Richard (1753-1819), Compiler].

Contemporary calf, blind fillets to boards, "Leonard Bronk" gilt-stamped to center of front board, rebacked retaining existing spine with raised bands and lettering piece, spine ends repaired, hinges mended. Light rubbing to boards and extremities, moderate rubbing to board edges, corners bumped. Moderate toning, light foxing in a few places, offsetting to margins of preliminaries and rear endleaves. $3,000.
* The first volume of collected New York laws printed after the ratification of the U.S. Constitution and the second issued after the American Revolution, the 1789 compilation contains laws passed 1778 through 1789, regulating such topics as governance, mortgages, debtors, land, slaves, New York City, criminal and marital law, rape, liquor and exports. Also includes an interesting law in King's county (Brooklyn) and Queen's county (Queens) establishing a 40 shilling fine to those carriages traveling from the City of New York that fail to give right of way to carriages going toward the city. Also includes the Constitution of the State of New York, passed April 20, 1777.

The laid-in notes are quite interesting. The first is a contract between New York City Mayor Richard Varick and Hugh Gaine dated February 7, 1792. It directs the city treasurer to pay Gaine 73 pounds for "printing an emission of notes for small change." Issued two months before the establishment of the U.S. Mint, this note is essentially an authorization by the State of New York to issue fractional currency. The U.S. Constitution prohibited states from issuing paper money, but it appears that a few states and municipalities issued notes, or at least authorized them, in the early 1790s. Backed by the faith and credit of the issuer, these notes for small change were a response to the scarcity of coinage and the fluctuating value of copper. Such documents are rare, especially ones from New York, and offer important insights into early U.S. banking history and the interplay of federal and state rights. The other document is a note of acknowledgement for interest received on a bond from the N.Y. City treasurer signed by Hugh Gaine. The former owner of this book, Leonard Bronk [1751-1828], was a judge and member of the New York State Assembly. He was descended from Jonas Bronck, the Dutch settler whose estate formed the basis of the present-day New York City Borough of the Bronx.


Order This Item
Inscribed by Pound to Melvin Belli

20. **Pound, Roscoe** [1870-1964].

Cloth, negligible light rubbing to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities with some wear to spine ends, corners lightly bumped. Light toning to interior. Signature of Melvin Belli to front pastedown, presentation inscription from Roscoe Pound to front free endpaper. $450.

* First printing. The inscription reads: "For Melvin M. Belli Esq./ Roscoe Pound." Pound, a professor and dean of Harvard Law School, was a deeply influential jurist associated with the establishment of sociological jurisprudence. Belli, a San Francisco attorney, was famous for his colorful personality, innovative use of graphic evidence and expert witnesses, and important class-action cases on behalf of consumers and celebrity clients, such as the Rolling Stones, Muhammad Ali, Jim and Tammy Faye Bakker and Zsa Zsa Gabor.

Order This Item
Prynne, William [1600-1669].

Brevia Parliamentaria Rediviva. In XIII Sections Containing Several Catalogues of the Numbers, Dates of All Bundles of Original Writs of Summons and Elections Newly Found, Or Formerly Extant in the Tower of London During the Reigns of King Edw. 1, 2, 3, R. 2, H. 4, 5, 6. And E. 4 Being 117 Bundles: Of All the Knights Names of Each County Returned on These Writs; And all Cities, Boroughs, Ports therin Summoned to Elect, Send, Or Actually Returning Citizens, Burgesses, Barons, And How oft They Did it During These Kings Reigns: With 3. Catalogues of All the Citizens, Burgesses Returned on These Writs for Bath, Bristol, London: The Ancient Forms of Elections, Returns Codules, Indentures Relating to Each County, City, Borough, Port; Besides Sundry Rare Writs, Records, Memorials, And Observations from them Touching Elections, Returns: The True Original Creation, Continuance, Discontinuance, Exemption of Antient Boroughs: The Late Erections of New, and Revival of Some Old Petty Boroughs; Most of Which Writs, Bundles, Records, Rarities (Long Buried in Dust and Darkness in Caesar's Chappel) Hitherto Unknown, Were Lately Discovered, And Here Published for the Benefit of Posterity.


Contemporary calf, gilt royal arms (dated 160II, i.e. 1662) and gilt frames with corner fleurs de lis to boards, raised bands lettering piece and gilt ornaments to spine. Moderate rubbing to boards and extremities, some scratches to rear board, corners bumped and somewhat worn, boards beginning to separate, but still secure, early shelf mark, shelf label and armorial bookplate of John Pratt, 1st Earl Camden, to front pastedown, front free endpaper partially detached. Moderate toning to text, light soiling and a few finger smudges to title page, early owner signature, and one blotted-out signature (John Cottam) to front free endpaper, extensive early annotations, most likely by Camden, to rear endleaves. $2,500.
Only edition. Complete in itself, this is the third part of a four-volume collection issued from 1659 to 1664 known collectively as the *Brief Register*. Our 1662 volume contains material from the reigns of King Edward I through King Edward IV. Other volumes collect material from different periods. 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 Star Chamber. After the Restoration Prynne was appointed Royal Archivist in the Tower of London. It was during this period that he compiled the latter volumes of the *Brief Register*.

Camden [1714-1794], an important lawyer, judge and Whig politician, was a leading proponent of civil liberties, jury rights and the limitation of state power. The annotations discuss passages in the book concerning writs and returns for knights (i.e. substantial landowners) and writs concerning the election of knights of shires (Members of Parliament representing a county). We were not able to determine the identity of John Cottom. The presence of the English royal arms on the binding suggests this book belonged to one of the royal libraries. The date 1662 above the royal arms, with a zero stamped in error instead of a second six, shows this book was added during the reign of Charles II in its year of publication. Prynne dedicated the book to him.

*English Short-Title Catalogue* R14426.
Indirect Influences on the Development of Copyright Law

22. [Ralph, James (d. 1762)].
The Case of Authors by Profession or Trade, Stated. With Regard to Booksellers, The Stage, And the Public. No Matter by Whom. London: Printed for R. Griffiths, 1758. [iv], 68 [i.e.76] pp.

[D'Israeli, Isaac [1766-1848]].

Octavo (7-3/4" x 4-3/4"). Contemporary calf, gilt rules to boards, rebacked and recornered, gilt titles to spine, marbled edges. Moderate rubbing to extremities, minor gattering to boards, hinges starting, later owner bookplate of George P. Philes to front pastedown, pocket, with nine leaves of bibliographical and critical notes by Philes, to rear pastedown. A few cracks to text block, moderate toning to text, light foxing in places, annotations and check marks in Philes's hand to some leaves, other owner signatures (J. Mitford and Chas. Wright, dated November 1853) to front endleaf, "By the ingenious Mr. Ralph" in early hand to title page of The Case. Ex-library. Shelf label to spine, small inkstamp to verso of title page of The Case. Two scarce titles with an interesting association. $1,500.

* First editions. Born in New Jersey, Ralph was a versatile writer of literary works, histories and political criticism. He began his career in Philadelphia, where he associated with Benjamin Franklin. He traveled with Franklin to London in 1725 and remained there for the rest of his life. An author of some stature, he worked closely with Henry Fielding and was one of the writers satirized in Pope's Dunciad. The Case of Authors is one of his most important and enduring works. It argues that the decline of aristocratic patronage has placed the writer at the mercy of the marketplace, with negative financial, artistic and intellectual consequences. Although it sold poorly, it went on to influence literary criticism and the development of copyright law. It was reissued in 1762. Cited in works by Oliver Goldsmith and Thomas Babington Macaulay, it also influenced the Essay on the Manners and Genius of the Literary Character. It was a popular book that reached its fourth edition in 1828. Its author, the father of the Prime Minister, was a notable literary scholar and essayist.

George P. Philes, a previous owner of this volume, was a notable bibliographer, literary critic and bibliophile.

*English Short-Title Catalogue T19997 (Ralph), T10985 (D'Iulnerable).*
A Copy Owned by Joseph Story, Benjamin Butler and Henry Fowle Durant

23. Shower, Bartholomew. Leach, Thomas, Editor. Reports of Cases Adjudged in the Court of King’s Bench, During the Reigns of Charles the Second, James the Second, And William the Third. By Sir Bartholomew Shower, Knt. In Two Volumes. Volume the First: Containing, Cases Adjudged in the Court of King’s Bench, In the Reign of William the Third: With Several Learned Arguments-And with Two Tables; The First of the Names of the Cases; The Other of the Principal Matters. Corrected, With Notes and Marginal References. London: Printed for W. Clarke and Son, 1794. Two volumes. xii, 540, [40]; x, 510, [62] pp. Octavo (8-3/4" x 5-1/2").

Contemporary calf, blind fillets to boards and spines, lettering pieces lacking. Rubbing to boards and extremities with wear to spine ends and corners, boards detached, crack through spine of Volume II. Moderate toning and to interiors, light foxing in places, faint dampstaining to fore-edge of text block at rear of Volume II. A few struck-through signatures to front endleaves, signature of Joseph Story to title page of Volume I and front free endpaper of Volume II, signature of Henry F. Durant to front pastedowns, owner mark of ”Benjamin F. Butler/ Lowell, Mass.” to front pastedown of Volume I. Books housed in cloth clamshell box with morocco spine label. $2,000.

* Second edition. This well-regarded edition of an important set of reports from 1678-1694 had a notable series of owners. Foremost among these is Joseph Story [1779-1845], the distinguished U.S. Supreme Court justice, Harvard Law School professor and legal author best known for his Commentaries on the Constitution (first edition 1833), a landmark in American law. Another owner was Benjamin F. Butler [1818-1893], the Lowell, Massachusetts lawyer, businessman, politician and major general of the Union Army. At some point this book was acquired by Henry Fowle Durant [1822-1881], the Boston lawyer and philanthropist who, with his wife, founded Wellesley College.


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Treatise on Courts Martial Owned by Confederate General J.E.B. Stuart

24. [Stuart, J.E.B. (1833-1864)].
Simmons, Thomas Frederick.

Original cloth, blind frames to boards, blind fillets and gilt title to spine. Light rubbing, soiling and a few minor dampstains, chipping to spine ends, corners bumped, hinges cracked. "J.E.B. Stuart./ 1st Cavalry" in large penciled hand to front free endpaper. Moderate toning to text, light foxing in a few places, upper corners of a few leaves dog-eared. A copy with an interesting Civil War association. $2,500.

* Fourth edition. This copy of the standard nineteenth-century British treatise on courts martial belonged to James Ewell Brown "JEB" Stuart, the great Confederate general. The designation "1st Cavalry" dates his ownership of this book to 1855-1861, the period when he was a lieutenant, later Captain, in the U.S. Army. (He went on to lead the 1st Virginia Cavalry for the Confederacy in 1861-1862.) Stuart signatures and signed items are uncommon. The last three to appear at auction (in 2019), an undated clipped signature, a signed 1859 pay receipt and an 1863 letter with military content, received hammer prices of $2,250.00, $2,280.00 and $5,700.00.


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Thomas McDade’s Copy of a Scarce Trial Account
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25. [Trial].
Manning, Frederick George [1820-1849], Defendant.
Manning, Maria [1821-1849], Defendant.

[Bound with]

Octavo (8" x 5"). Stab-stitched pamphlets bound in later three-quarter sheep over marbled boards, gilt fillets and lettering piece to spine, edges rouged, marbled endpapers, later bookplate of Thomas McDade to front pastedown. Light rubbing to extremities, front joint and hinges starting, brief annotation to verso of front free endpaper. Blank leaves added before and after text block, 48 pp. of contemporary newspaper clippings about the trial, one with brief annotations, pasted onto blank leaves at rear. Light toning to interior, occasional light foxing, soiling and faint staining to top-edge of rear blank leaves, small tears to bottom-edge of leaf D5 (pp. 57-58) of Trial. $1,750.
Only (stated) editions, each one of two 1849 issues. O'Connor, a domestic servant, was the former lover of Marie DeRoux Manning. He was murdered by Marie and her husband, Frederick George Manning. The motivation was greed; O'Connor was a successful moneylender and investor. The case attracted a good deal of public attention and became known as the "Bermondsey Horror." Eventually apprehended, the husband and wife were hanged on November 13, 1849. This execution was the first time a husband and wife had been executed together in England since 1700. Dickens witnessed the execution and wrote an account of it that was published in *The Times*. He based a character on Marie Manning, Mademoiselle Hortense, Lady Dedlock's maid in *Bleak House*.

This volume was owned by Thomas M. McDade [1907-1996], an FBI agent and author of the seminal bibliography of American homicides *The Annals of Murder* (1961). The account of the trial had two 1849 issues with different page counts (64 and 80 pp.). It was sometimes bound with the account of the pair's confession and execution from the same publisher, marketed as the appendix in this issue. The latter title is scarce. OCLC locates 3 copies in North American law libraries (Library of Congress, Harvard, Yale).


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26. [Trial].

Pritchard, Edward William [1825-1865], Defendant.

Roughead, William, [1870-1952], Editor.


Contemporary calf, blind rules to boards, gilt-edged raised bands and lettering piece to spine, gilt-stamped company name to foot of spine, top-edge gilt. Light rubbing to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, corners bumped. Light toning to interior, light foxing in places, offsetting to margins of endleaves, presentation inscription from Roughead to front free endpaper. $500.

* First edition. One of a few copies bound in calf for presentation, this one to Lord George Young [1819-1907], the solicitor-general who served as prosecutor. The inscription reads: "To The Right Hon: Lord Young, with the Editors/ compliments & thanks." Young is pictured in one of the plates (p. 220) and is thanked for revising his address to the jury in the Prefatory Note. Dr. Pritchard was tried in Glasgow, 1865, for the murder of his wife and mother-in-law. He was found guilty, and his execution, on July 28, 1865, was the last to be held in public in Scotland. Pritchard had a long afterlife in popular culture and his case inspired a number of dramatizations and fictional accounts.

Order This Item
Copy of the First American Treatise on Wills that Belonged to an Important Early Illinois Statesman

27. Vallette, Elie.
[Sparrow, Thomas (1746?-1780?), Engraver].
The Deputy Commissary’s Guide Within the Province of Maryland, Together with Plain and Sufficient Directions for Testators to Form, and Executors to Form Their Wills and Testaments, For Administrators to Complain Their Administrations, And for Every Person Any Way Concerned in Deceased Person’s Estates, To Proceed Therein with Safety to Themselves and Others. Annapolis: Printed by Ann Catherine Green and Son, 1774. [ii], iv, 248, [12] pp. Copperplate title page and table of descents. Octavo (7-3/4” x 5”).

Contemporary sheep, re-backed in calf, retaining original lettering piece, endpapers renewed. Light rubbing to boards, corners bumped and lightly worn. Moderate toning to text, somewhat darker in places, occasional dampstaining, mostly to margins. Early owner signature of Ninian Edwards to front endleaf and margin of p.50, interior otherwise clean. $1,400.

* The first original American legal guide, it is also the first American book on the law of wills. Dedicated to Maryland Governor Robert Eden, it was printed by Dutch immigrant Ann Catherine Hoof Green, wife of Jonas Green, whom she succeeded as public printer of Maryland from 1767 to 1775 (inheriting his bankruptcy debt along with his shop). The engraved title page, the only one issued from a colonial Maryland press, and the copperplate table are considered the finest work of Thomas Sparrow, the only engraver south of the Mason-Dixon Line prior to 1775. Vallette was registrar of the Prerogative Office of Maryland Province.

Originally from Maryland, Edwards [1775-1833] was an important early Illinois statesman and political leader. He was the only governor of the Illinois Territory from 1809 to 1818, one of the first two United States Senators from Illinois from 1818 to 1824 and the third Governor of that state from 1826 to 1830.


Order This Item
"How Diligent Our Wise Ancestors Were to Keep Out the French"

28. [Wagstaffe, Thomas (1645-1712)].

Disbound stab-stitched pamphlet housed in plain folder with the embossed library stamp of John Fowles. Light toning, foxing and soiling to folder, which has a small tear to its back. Moderate toning to pamphlet, a few leaves separating along spine but secure, occasional light foxing, light soiling in a few places, upper corner of leaf a4 (pp. 7-8) lacking without loss to text, print signature to the work ("D--f C--d") crossed out in ink on p. 26. $650.

* Only edition. Published anonymously but attributed to Wagstaffe, this xenophobic tract maintains that the English constitution bars all foreigners from any office or employment unless "under the governance of English men." It appears to have been written more or less out of an anti-French sentiment, exempting the Irish from "outlandish" status. The author cites a number of legal and historical precedents for the exclusion of foreigners dating back to the Spartans.

Fowles [1926-2005] was an important English novelist whose works include The Collector (1963), The Magus (1965) and The French Lieutenant's Woman (1969). He was drawn to historical source material, which often inspired his work. OCLC and the ESTC locate 1 copy of this title in a law library (Harvard).

*English Short-Title Catalogue* T61087.

Order This Item
Presentation Copy from Earl Warren to Robert Young, Jr.


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* First edition. The inscription reads: "For Robert Young, Jr./ with the best wishes of/ Earl Warren." Warren served as the 14th Chief Justice of the United States from 1953 to 1969 and is generally considered to be one of the most influential Supreme Court justices and political leaders in the history of the United States. "Robert Young, Jr." was probably the lawyer and former justice of the Michigan Supreme Court.

Order This Item
Clarence Darrow’s Copy


Publisher’s red textured cloth, central embossed vignette to front boards, gilt titles and volume numbers to spines. Light soiling and shelfwear, faint staining to front board of Vol. I and spine of Vol. II., light fading to spines, chipping to spine ends, corners bumped and lightly worn, front hinge of Vol. II cracked, moderate toning, pencil marks to margins of pp. 573-581 of Vol. I, text otherwise clean. Ownership signatures of Clarence Darrow ("C.S. Darrow") to front free endpapers of each volume. $1,500.

* New Republic edition, published the same year as the first collected American edition. Though best known for his science fiction, Wells was also a dedicated socialist and progressive thinker and wrote a number of non-fiction works discussing history, politics and society. Originally published in parts, his popular Outline of History documents world history from the origins of the Earth to World War I and "the next stage of history."

This copy was owned by American attorney Clarence Darrow [1857-1938], famous not only for his skill as a lawyer but for his intellectual contributions to progressive thought in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. The pencil markings to Vol. I are in the section "The Beginnings of Christianity" and highlight paragraphs discussing the life and personal characteristics of Jesus Christ.

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